Critical Real Time Software Verification

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 - 2. Synchronous languages
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- Roughly speaking a critical system is a system whose failure could have serious consequences
- Nuclear technology
- Transportation
 - Automotive
 - Train
 - Avionics

Critical Software (2)

 In addition , other consequences are relevant to determine the critical aspect of a software:

□ Financial aspect

- Loosing of equipment, bug correction
- Equipment callback (automotive)

□ Bad advertising

Intel famous bug

Software Classification



Depending of the level of risk of the system, different kinds of verification are required Example of the aeronautics norm DO178B:

A

В

D

Ε

- Catastrophic (human life loss)
- Dangerous (serious injuries, loss of goods)
- C Major (failure or loss of the system)
 - Minor (without consequence on the system)

Without effect

Software Classification (avionics)

| Minor | | acceptable situation | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Major | | | | |
| Dangerous | Unacceptable situation | | | |
| catastrophic | 10 ⁻³ / hour | 10 -6 / hour | 10 ⁻⁹ /hour | 10 ⁻¹² /hour |
| probabilities | probable | rare | very rare | very improbable |



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How Develop Critical Software ?

Cost of critical software development:

- Specification : 10%
- Design: 10%
- Development: 25%
- Integration tests: 5%
- Validation: 50%

Fact:

Earlier an error is detected, more expensive its correction is.



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How Develop Critical Software ?

- Goals of critical software specification:
 - Define application needs
 - \Rightarrow specific domain engineers
 - Allowing application development
 - Coherency
 - Completeness
 - Allowing application functional validation
 - Express properties to be validated

\Rightarrow Formal models usage

Critical software specification

- First Goal: must yield a formal description of the application needs:
 - Standard to allowing communication between computer science engineers and non computer science ones
 - General enough to allow different kinds of application:
 - Synchronous (and/or)
 - Asynchronous (and/or)
 - Algorithmic

Critical software specification

Second Goal: allowing errors detection carried out upstream:

□ Validation of the specification:

- Coherency
- Completeness
- Proofs

□Test

- Quick prototype development
- Specification simulation

Example of non completeness

From Ariane 5:



Critical Software Specification (3)

- Third goal: make easier the transition from specification to design (refinement)
 Reuse of specification simulation tests
 Formalization of design
 - □Code generation
 - Sequential/distributed
 - Toward a target language
 - Embedded/qualified code

Relying on Formal Methods



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Critical Software Validation

What is a correct software?

No execution errors, time constraints respected, compliance of results.

Solutions:

- □ At model level :
 - Simulation
 - Formal proofs
- □ At implementation level:
 - Test
 - Abstract interpretation

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Validation Methods

Testing

Run the program on set of inputs and check the results

Static Analysis

Examine the source code to increase confidence that it works as intended

Formal Verification

Argue formally that the application always works as intended



- Dynamic verification process applied at implementation level.
- Feed the system (or one if its components) with a set of input data values:
 - Input data set not too large to avoid huge time testing procedure.
 - □ Maximal coverage of different cases required.



Static Analysis

- The aim of static analysis is to search for errors without running the program.
- Abstract interpretation = replace data of the program by an abstraction in order to be able to compute program properties.
- Abstraction must ensure :
 - A(P) "correct" \Rightarrow P correct
 - But $\mathbb{A}(P)$ "incorrect" \Rightarrow ?

Static Analysis: example

abstraction: integer by intervals

1:
$$x:= 1;$$

2: while $(x < 1000)$ {
3: $x := x+1;$
4: }
 $x_1 = [1,1]$
 $x_2 = x_1 \cup x_3 \cap [-\infty, 999]$
 $x_3 = x_2 \oplus [1,1]$
 $x_4 = x_1 \cup x_3 \cap [1000, \infty]$

Abstract interpretation theory \Rightarrow values are fix point equation solutions.

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- What about functional validation ?
 - Does the program compute the expected outputs?
 - Respect of time constraints (temporal properties)
 - □ Intuitive partition of temporal properties:
 - Safety properties: something bad never happens
 - Liveness properties: something good eventually happens

Safety and Liveness Properties

- Example: the beacon counter in a train:
 - Count the difference between beacons and seconds
 - □ Decide when the train is ontime, late, early
 - ontime : difference = 0
 - Iate : difference > 3 and it was ontime before or difference > 1 and it was already late before
 - early : difference < -3 and it was ontime before or difference < -1 and it was ontime before</p>

Safety and Liveness Properties

- Some properties:
 - 1. It is impossible to be late and early;
 - 2. It is impossible to directly pass from late to early;
 - 3. It is impossible to remain late only one instant;
 - 4. If the train stops, it will eventually get late
- Properties 1, 2, 3 : safety
- Property 4 : liveness

It refers to unbound future

Safety and Liveness Properties Checking

- Use of model checking techniques
- Model checking goal: prove safety and liveness properties of a system in analyzing a model of the system.
- Model checking techniques require:
 - model of the system
 - express properties
 - □ algorithm to check properties on the model (\Rightarrow decidability)

Model Checking Techniques

Model = automata which is the set of program behaviors

Properties expression = temporal logic: LTL : liveness properties CTL: safety properties

\Box Algorithm =

LTL : algorithm exponential wrt the formula size and linear wrt automata size.

CTL: algorithm linear wrt formula size and wrt automata size

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Model Checking Model Specification

 Model = automata which is the set of program behaviors **Model Specification**

- Model = automata which is the set of program behaviors
- An automata is composed of:
 - 1. A finite set of states (Q)
 - 2. A finite alphabet of actions (A)
 - 3. An initial state (q^{init} $\in \mathbb{Q}$)
 - 4. A transition relation (\mathbb{R} in $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$)
 - 5. A labeling function $\lambda : \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{A}$

Notation: a transition is denoted $q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_2$

Model Specification

 Model = automata which is the set of program behaviors

Example: Traffic Light



trigger: tick, reset

action:green,orange,red



Model Specification

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How design automata as system behaviors ?

Use synchronous languages to specify critical systems.

Synchronous programs = automata

Model Specification with Synchronous Languages

- 1. Synchronous languages have a simple formal model (a finite automaton) making formal reasoning tractable.
- 2. Synchronous languages support concurrency and offer an implicit or explicit means to express parallelism.
- 3. Synchronous languages are devoted to design reactive real-time systems.

- Synchronous languages are deterministic and reactive
- Determinism:
 - The same input sequence always yields the same output sequence
- Reactivity:
 - The program must react^(*) to any stimulus
 - Implies absence of deadlock
 - (*) Does not necessary generate outputs, the reaction may change internal state only.

Synchronous Reactive Systems (1)



Read

Synchronous Reactive Systems (2)



Computations

Synchronous Reactive Systems (3)



Atomic execution: read, compute, write
Synchronous Hypothesis

- Synchronous languages work on a logical time.
- The time is
 - Discrete

Use N as time base

- Total ordering of instants.
- A reaction executes in one instant.
- Actions that compose the reaction may be partially ordered.

Synchronous Hypothesis

- Communications between actors are also supposed to be instantaneous.
- All parts of a synchronous model receive exactly the same information (instantaneous broadcast).
- Outcome: Outputs are simultaneous with Inputs (they are said to be synchronous)
- Thanks to these strong hypotheses, program execution is fully deterministic.

Reactive ?

• Different ways to "react" to the environment:

- Event driven system:
 - Receive events
 - Answer by sending events

Some systems have components of both kinds

- Data flow system:
 - Receive data continuously
 - Answer by treating data continuously also



Langing gear management



Data Flow Reactive System (Example)



Control/Command vehicle

• where am I?

- command computation

command to operators

Imperative and Declarative languages

- Different ways to express synchronous programs:
 - 1. Imperative languages rely on implicitly or explicitly **finite state machines**, well suited to design event driven reactive system
 - 2. Declarative languages rely on operator networks computing **data flows**, well suited to design data flow reactive system

Event Driven = FSM

Event driven applications can be designed:
1. As simple finite sate machines (= automata)
2. As the synchronous product of finite state machines



Data Flow = Operator Networks

LUSTRE programs can be interpreted as networks of operators.

Data « flow » to operators where they are consumed. Then, the operators generate new data. (Data Flow description)











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Functional Point of View



$$P' = P + W_N^k * Q$$
$$Q' = P - W_N^k * Q$$

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Flows, Clocks

□ A flow is a pair made of

- A possibly infinite sequence of values of a given type
- □A clock representing a sequence of instants

X:T
$$(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n, ...)$$

Data Flow Synchronous Languages

- 1. Data flow programs compute output flows from input flows using:
 - 1. Variables (= flows)
 - 2. Equation: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{E}$ means $\forall k \ \mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{E}_k$
 - 3. Assertion: Boolean expression that should be always true.
- 2. Data flow programs define new data flow operators.

Data Flow Synchronous Languages

Substitution principle: if **X** = **E** then **E** can be substituted for **X** anywhere in the program and conversely

Definition principle:

A variable is fully defined by its declaration and the equation in which it appears as a left-hand side term

Data Flow Synchronous Languages



operator Average (X,Y:int) returns (M:int) M = (X + Y)/2 $X = (X_1, X_2, ..., X_n,)$ $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_n,)$ $M = ((X_1+Y_1)/2, X_2+Y_2)/2,, (X_n+Y_n)/2,)$





 $C: \alpha \equiv \forall k \in N, C_k = C$

« Combinational » Operators

Data operators

Arithmetical: +, -, *, /, div, mod Logical: and, or, not, xor, => Conditional: if ... then ... else ... Casts: int, real

« Point-wise » operators

$X \text{ op } Y \Leftrightarrow \forall k, (X \text{ op } Y)_k = X_k \text{ op } Y_k$

« Combinational » Operator IF

□ if operator

operator **Max** (a,b : real) returns (m: real) let

$$m = if (a >= b)$$
 then a else b; tel

functional «if then else »; it is not a statement

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« Combinational » Operator IF

□ if operator

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Memorizing

Take the past into account! pre (previous):

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n, \cdots) : pre(X) = (nil, x_1, \cdots, x_{n-1}, \cdots)$$

Undefined value denoting uninitialized memory: nil

-> (initialize): sometimes call "followed by"

$$X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots)$$
, $Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots)$:
 $(X -> Y) = (x_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots)$

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Sequential » Examples

operator MinMax (X:int) returns (min,max:int);

min = X -> if (X < pre min) then X else pre min;

max = X -> if (X > pre max) then X else pre max;



operator CT (init:int) returns (c:int): $c = init \rightarrow pre(c) + 2$

operator DoubleCall (even:bool) returns
(n:int)
 n= if (even) then CT(0) else CT(1)
DoubleCall (ff,ff,tt,tt,ff,ff,tt,tt,ff) = ?

Sequential examples

operator CT (init:int) returns (c:int): $c = init \rightarrow pre(c) + 2$ CT(0) = (0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,...) CT(1) = (1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,...)operator DoubleCall (even:bool) returns (n:int)

n= if (even) then CT(0) else CT(1) DoubleCall (ff,ff,tt,tt,ff,ff,tt,tt,ff) = ? (1,3,4,6,9,11,12,14,17) **Recursive definitions**

Temporal recursion Usual. Use pre and -> e.g.: nat = 1 -> pre nat + 1

Instantaneous recursion

e.g.:
$$X = 1.0 / (2.0 - X)$$

Forbidden in Lustre, even if a solution exists!

Be carefull with cross-recursion.

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Basic clock

Discrete time induced by the input sequence Derived clocks (slower)

when (filter operator):

E when C is the sub-sequence of **E** obtained by keeping only the values of indexes e_k for which $c_k = true$

Examples of clocks

| Basic cycles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| C1 | true | false | true | true | false | true | false | true |
| Cycles of C1 | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | 4 | | 5 |
| C2 | false | | true | false | | true | | true |
| Cycles of C2 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | 3 |

Example of sampling

nat,odd:int

halfBaseClock:bool

nat = 0 -> pre nat +1;

halfBaseClock =

true -> not pre halfBaseClock;

odd = nat when halfBaseClock; nat is a flow on the basic clock; odd is a flow on halfBaseClock

Exercice: write even



operator MCounter (incr:bool; modulo : int) returns (cpt:int);

var count : int;



operator MCounterClock (incr:bool; modulo : int) returns(cpt:int; modulo_clock: bool); var count : int; $count = 0 \rightarrow if incr pre(cpt) + 1$ else pre (cpt); cpt = count mod modulo;modulo clock = count != cpt;

Modulo Counter Clock

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var count : int;
count = 0 -> if incr pre (cpt) + 1
else pre (cpt);
cpt = count mod modulo;
modulo_clock = count != cpt;
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operator Timer returns (hour, minute, second:int);

var hour_clock, minute_clock, day_clock : bool;

(second, minute_clock) =
 MCounterClock(true, 60);
(minute, hour_clock) =
 MCounterClock(minute_clock,60);
(hour, dummy_clock) =
 MCounterClock(hour_clock, 24);


Data flow programs are compiled into automata

- operator WD (set, reset, deadline:bool) returns (alarm:bool);

First, the program is translated into pseudo code:

- if _init then // first instant (or reaction)
 - is_set := false; alarm := false;
 - _init := false;
- else // following reactions
 - if set then is_set := true
 - else
 - if reset then is_set := false;
 endif
 - endif
 - alarm := is_set and deadline;
- endif

Choose state variables : _init and variables which have pre.

For WD, we consider 2 state variables: _init (true, false, false,) and pre_is_set

3 states: **SO**: _init = true and pre_is_set = nil **S1**: _init = false and pre_is_set = false **S2**: _init = false and pre_is_set = true







Lustre Program Compilation



Lustre Program Compilation



Model Checking of Data Flow programs with Observers

- Express safety properties as observers.
- An observer is a program which observes the program and outputs ok when the property holds and failure when its fails



Properties Validation

- Taking into account the environment
 - without any assumption on the environment, proving properties is difficult
 - but the environment is indeterminist
 - Human presence no predictable
 - Fault occurrence
 - ...

Solution: use assertion to make hypothesis on the environment and make it determinist Properties Validation (2)

- Express safety properties as observers.
- Express constraints about the environment as assertions.



Properties Validation (3)

if assume remains true, then ok also remains true (or failure false).



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Safety and Liveness Properties

Example: the beacon counter in a train:
 Count the difference between beacons and seconds

□ Decide when the train is ontime, late, early

operator train (sec, bea : bool) returns (ontime, early, late: bool)

Train Safety Properties

- It is impossible to be late and early;
 ok = not (late and early)
- It is impossible to directly pass from late to early;
 - □ ok = true -> (not early and pre late);
- It is impossible to remain late only one instant;
 - Plate = false -> pre late;
 PPlate = false -> pre Plate;
 ok = not (not late and Plate and not PPlate);

Train Assumptions

property = assumption + observer: " if the train keeps the right speed, it remains on time"

 \Box observer = ok = ontime

assumption:

□ naïve: assume = (bea = sec);

- □ more precise : bea and sec alternate:
 - SF = Switch (sec and not bea, bea and not sec);
 BF = Switch (bea and not sec, sec and not bea);
 assume = (SF => not sec) and (BF => not bea);

SCADE: Safety-Critical Application Development Environment

- Scade has been developped to address safety-critical embedded application design
- The Scade suite KCG code generator has been qualified as a development tool according to DO-178B norm at level A.



Scade has been used to develop, validate and generate code for:

□ avionics:

- Airbus A 341: flight controls
- Airbus A 380: Flight controls, cockpit display, fuel control, braking, etc,..
- Eurocopter EC-225 : Automatic pilot
- Dassault Aviaation F7X: Flight Controls, landing gear, braking
- Boeing 787: Landing gear, nose wheel steering, braking



- System Design
 - Both data flows and state machines
- Simulation
 - □ Graphical simulation, automatic GUI integration
- Verification
 - Apply observer technique
- □ Code Generation
 - □ certified C code





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SCADE: state machines

- Input and output: same interface
- States:
 - Possible hierarchy
 - Start in the initial state
 - Content = application behavior
- Transitions:
 - From a state to another one
 - Triggered by a Boolean condition



When ON, ison = true



When off, ison = false

SCADE: model checking

Observers in Scade

P: aircraft autopilot and security system



SCADE: model checking

Observer technique

posture model specification in scade



SCADE: model checking

Observer technique



posture verification

lying: true; sitting:true; standing:true



Observer technique



posture verification

assume (lying # sitting # standing)



- KCG generates certifiable code (DO-178 compliance)
- Clean code, rigid structure (easy integration)
- Interfacing potential with user-defined code (c/c++)

SCADE: code generation structures

InC_<operator_name>

 structure C
 one member for each input

 OutC_<operator_name>

 Structure C

one member for each output and each state
 Other members for output/state computations

SCADE: code generation structures

Reaction function

- for a transition (or a reaction) computes the output and the new state
- void <operator_name>
 (Inc_<operator_name> * inC,
 outC_<operator_name>* outc)
- Reset function
 - □ To reset the reaction and the structures

void <operator_name>_reset
(outC_<operator_name>* outc

SCADE: code generation

Generated files

- □ kcg_types.(h,c) to define types in C
- kcg_conts.(h,c) to define contants



CHECKING TEMPORAL PROPERTIES

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Properties Checking

 $\hfill\square$ Liveness Property Φ :

- $\Box \Phi \Rightarrow \text{automata} \ \mathsf{B}(\Phi)$
- □ $L(B(\Phi)) = \emptyset$ décidable
- $\Box \Phi \models \mathcal{M} : L(\mathcal{M} \otimes B(\sim \Phi)) = \emptyset$
- Scade allows only to verify safety properties, thus we will study such properties verification techniques.

Safety Properties

CTL formula characterization: Atomic formulas Usual logic operators: not, and, or (⇒) Specific temporal operators:

- EX Ø, EF Ø, EG Ø
- AX \varnothing , AF \varnothing , AG \varnothing
- EU(\varnothing_1 , \varnothing_2), AU(\varnothing_1 , \varnothing_2)

Safety Properties Verification (1)

Mathematical framework:

□ S : finite state, ($\mathscr{P}(S), \subseteq$) is a complete lattice with S as greater element and \varnothing as least one.

$$\neg f: \mathscr{P}(S) \longrightarrow \mathscr{P}(S):$$

• f is monotonic iff $\forall x,y \in \mathscr{F}(S), x \subseteq y \Rightarrow f(x) \subseteq f(y)$

- f is ∩-continue iff for each decreasing sequence
 f(∩ x_i) = ∩ f(x_i)
- f is ∪-continue iff for each increasing sequence
 f(∪ x_i) = ∪ f(x_i)

Safety Properties Verification (2)

Mathematical framework:

- □ if S is finite then monotonic \Rightarrow \bigcirc -continue et \bigcirc -continue.
- \Box x is a fix point iff of f iff f(x) = x
- □ x is a least fix point (lfp) iff $\forall y$ such that $f(y) = y, x \subseteq y$
- □ x is a greatest fix point (gfp) iff $\forall y$ such that $f(y) = y, y \subseteq x$

Safety Properties Verification (3)

Theorem:

If monotonic ⇒ f has a lfp (resp glp)
Ifp(f) = ∪ fⁿ(Ø)
gfp(f) = ∩ fⁿ(S)

Fixpoints are limits of approximations

Safety Properties Verification (4)

- □ We call Sat(∅) the set of states where ∅ is true.
- □ $M \models \emptyset$ iff $s_{init} \in Sat(\emptyset)$.

Algorithm:

- Sat(Φ) = { s | Φ |= s}
- Sat(not Φ) = S\Sat(Φ)
- Sat(Φ1 or Φ2) = Sat(Φ1) U Sat(Φ2)
- Sat (EX Φ) = {s | $\exists t \in Sat(\Phi), s \rightarrow t$ } (Pre Sat(Φ))
- Sat (EG Φ) = gfp ($\Gamma(x)$ = Sat(Φ) \cap Pre(x))
- Sat $(E(\Phi 1 \cup \Phi 2)) = Ifp(\Gamma(x) = Sat(\Phi 2) \cup (Sat(\Phi 1) \cap Pre(x)))$ O8/01/2014 Critical Software



EG (a or b) $gfp(\Gamma(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{Sat}(\Phi) \cap \operatorname{Pre}(\mathbf{x}))$

 $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}) = Sat (a or b) \cap Pre(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\})$ $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4\} \cap \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$ $\Gamma(\{S_0, S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4\}) = \{S_0, S_1, S_2, S_4\}$ 08/01/2014



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Model checking implementation

- Problem: the size of automata
- Solution: symbolic model checking
- Usage of BDD (Binary Decision Diagram) to encode both automata and formula.
- Each Boolean function has a unique representation
- Shannon decomposition:

• $f(x_0, x_1, ..., x_n) = f(1, x_1, ..., x_n) \vee f(0, x_1, ..., x_n)$

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- When applying recursively Shannon decomposition on all variables, we obtain a tree where leaves are either 1 or 0.
- BDD are:
 - □ A concise representation of the Shannon tree
 □ no useless node (if x then g else g ⇔ g)
 □ Share common sub graphs

 $(x_1 \land x_0) \lor ((x_1 \lor y_1) \land (x_0 \land y_0))$



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 $(x_1 \land y1) \lor (x_0 \land y_0 \land x_1)$



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 $(x_1 \wedge y1) \vee (x_0 \wedge y_0 \wedge x_1)$



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 $(x_1 \wedge y1) \vee (x_0 \wedge y_0 \wedge x_1)$









- Implicit representation of the of states set and of the transition relation of automata with BDD.
- BDD allows
 - canonical representation
 - test of emptiness immediate (bdd =0)
 - complementarity immediate (1 = 0)
 - union and intersection not immediate
 - Pre immediate

But BDD efficiency depends on the number of variables

Other method: SAT-Solver

- Sat-solvers answer the question: given a propositional formula, is there exist a valuation of the formula variables such that this formula holds
- □ first algorithm (DPLL) exponential (1960)

□ SAT-Solver algorithm:

- \Box formula \rightarrow CNF formula \rightarrow set of clauses
- heuristics to choose variables
- deduction engine:
 - propagation
 - specific reduction rule application (unit clause)
 - Others reduction rules
- □ conflict analysis + learning

• SAT-Solver usage:

- encoding of the paths of length k by propositional formulas
- □ the existence of a path of length k (for a given k) where a temporal property Φ is true can be reduce to the satisfaction of a propositional formula
- □ theorem: given Φ a temporal property and Ma model, then $M \models \Phi \Rightarrow \exists n$ such that $M \models_n \Phi$ (n < |S| . 2 $|\Phi|$)

- SAT-Solver are used in complement of implicit (BDD based) methods.
- **□ M** |= Φ
 - □ verify ¬ Φ on all paths of length k (k bounded)
 □ useful to quickly extract counter examples

Bounded Model Checking

Given a property p

Is there a state reachable in *k* cycles, which satisfies $\neg p$?



The reachable states in *k* steps are captured by:

 $I(s_0) \land T(s_0, s_1) \land \dots \land T(s_{k-1}, s_k)$

The property p fails in one of the k steps

 $\neg p(s_0) \lor \neg p(s_1) \lor \neg p(s_2) \dots \lor \lor \neg p(s_{k-1}) \lor \neg p(s_k)$

The safety property p is valid up to step k iff $\Omega(k)$ is unsatisfiable:

$$\Omega(k) = I(s_0) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^{k-1} T(s_i, s_{i+1}) \wedge \bigvee_{i=0}^{k} \neg p(s_i)$$

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