

Synchronous language for formal validation - application to CEP (complex event processing)

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- Middleware for IoT may be used to design critical applications.
- How ensure a correct behavior of applications and services sharing same device accesses ?
- Apply general techniques used to develop critical software



#### Outline

- 1. Critical system validation
- 2. Model-checking solution
  - 1. Model specification
  - 2. Model-checking techniques
- 3. Application to middleware for IoT
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#### **Critical Software**



- A critical software is a software whose failing has serious consequences:
  - Nuclear technology
  - Transportation
    - Automotive
    - •Train
    - Aircraft construction

### **Critical Software**



- In addition, other consequences are relevant to determine the critical aspect of software:
  - Financial aspect
    - Loosing equipment, bug correction
    - Equipment callback (automotive)
  - Bad advertising



- 9 Jul 1996 Ariane5 launcher explodes
- Same software as Ariane4
- Causes:
  - Variable to carry horizontal acceleration encoded with 8 bits (ok for Ariane4, not sufficient for Ariane5)
  - Result: variable overflow
  - The rocket had an incorrect trajectory and engineers blow it up
- Cost: > 1 million euros (2 satellites lost)

## **Software Classification**



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

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- A Catastrophic (human life loss)
- **B** Dangerous (serious injuries, loss of goods)
- **C** Major (failure or loss of the system)
- **D** Minor (without consequence on the system)
- E Without effect

## Software Classification



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



#### How Develop critical software ?

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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, less 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 model usage

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# **Critical Software Specification**



- First goal: must yield a formal description of the application needs.
- Second goal: allowing errors detection carried out upstream.
- Third goal: make easier the transition from specification to design



# **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



- 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.

# Program Testing





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# 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  $\mathbb{A}(\mathsf{P})$  "incorrect"  $\Rightarrow$  ?

# Static Analysis: example



abstraction: integer by intervals

1: 
$$x:= 1;$$
 $x1 = [1,1]$ 2: while  $(x < 1000)$  { $x2 = x1 U x3 \cap [-\infty, 999]$ 3:  $x := x+1;$  $x3 = x2 \oplus [1,1]$ 4: } $x4 = x1 U x3 \cap [1000, \infty]$ 

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

## **Formal Verification**



- 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: train timetable
  - Count the difference between marks and seconds
  - Decide when the train is ontime, late, early
    - ontime : difference = 0
    - late : 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 early before</li>

# 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



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### Safety and Liveness Properties Checking



- Use of model checking technique
- 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 againts the model (⇒ decidability)

# **Model Checking Techniques**

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- Model = automata which is the set of program behaviors
- Properties expression = temporal logic:
  - LTL : liveness properties
  - CTL: safety properties
- Algorithm =
  - LTL : algorithm exponential wrt the formula size and linear wrt automata size.
  - CTL: algorithm linear wrt formula size and wrt automata size

# **Model Checking Model**



- Model = finite state machine (automata) which is the set of program behaviors
- Kripke structure:
  - non deterministic automata
  - Oriented graph
  - Nodes are program states
  - To each state , a set of atomic (basic) properties is associated

# **Model Checking Model**



- Model = finite state machine (automata) which is the set of program behaviors
- Kripke structure over AP (set of atomic propositions)
  - A finite set of states (S)
  - A set of initial states  $I \subseteq S$
  - A transition relation R ⊆ S x S | ∀s ∈ S, ∃ s' ∈ S and (s,s') ∈ R
  - A labeling function L:  $S \rightarrow \mathbb{AP}$
- How specify such a model ?



- Model = Mealy automata which is the set of program behaviors (deterministic)
- A Mealy automata is composed of:
  - 1. A finite set of states (Q)
  - 2. A finite alphabet of triggers (T)
  - 3. A finite alphabet of actions (A)
  - 4. An initial state  $(q^{init} \in \mathbb{Q})$
  - 5. A transition function  $\delta: \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$
  - 6. An output function  $\lambda : \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{A}}$

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



 Model = Mealy automata which is the set of program behaviors



#### Example: Traffic Light

trigger: tick, reset

action:green,orange,red



#### Mealy automata = Kripke structure

- $AP = T \cup A$
- $S \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \ge \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb$
- $I = \{q^{init}\} \times 2^{AP} \cap S$
- $\mathbb{R} = \{(q,v), (q',v') \mid \exists q \xrightarrow{t/a} q' \text{ and } v = \{t\} \cup a \text{ and } (q',v') \in \mathbb{S}$
- L(q,v) = v



#### Mealy automata = Kripke structure



# Implicit vs Explicit Mealy Machine

- Mealy automata is an explicit Mealy Machine
- Implicit representation as Boolean equation system with registers.
- $M = \langle Q, q^{init}, T, A, \delta, \lambda \rangle$   $\xi(M) = \langle T \cup A, R, D \rangle$ :
  - R: Boolean registers
  - D : definitions or equations of the form x=e
    - $X \in A \cup R^+$  and e Boolean expr built from  $T \cup R$
    - States are encoded as register combination: {q<sub>1</sub>,q<sub>2</sub>,q<sub>3</sub>} is encoded with 2 registers r<sub>1</sub>, r<sub>2</sub> and a possible encoding is : 00, 01,10
    - For each state,  $\delta$  and  $\lambda$  encoded with truth tables

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## Implicit vs Explicit Mealy Machine





Registers: X0, X1 Initial values: X0 = 0 and X1 = 0

XOnext = not XO and not X1; X1next = X0;

orange = not X0 and not X1 and tick; green = not X0 and X1 and tick; red = X0 and not X1 and tick;





How design Mealy automata?

Use synchronous languages to specify critical systems.

Synchronous programs = Mealy automata



- Synchronous languages have a simple formal model (a finite state machine) 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 systems.

#### **Determinism & Reactivity**



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



- Well founded
- Liable to formal analysis

## Synchronous Hypothesis



- Synchronous languages work on a logical time.
- The time is
  - Discrete
  - Total ordering of instants.

Use N as time base

- 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.





- Different ways to "react" to the environment:
  - Event driven system:
    - Receive events
    - Answer by sending events
  - Data flow system:
    - Receive data continuously
    - Answer by treating data continuously also

Some systems have components of both kinds

## Event Driven Reactive System



#### Langing gear management





# Imperative and Declarative languages



- Different ways to express synchronous programs:
  - 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

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### **Properties Checking**

• Liveness Property  $\Phi$  :

- $\Phi \Rightarrow$  automata B( $\Phi$ )
- $L(B(\Phi)) = \emptyset$  decidable

$$-\Phi \mid = \mathcal{M} : L(\mathcal{M} \otimes B(\sim \Phi)) = \emptyset$$

#### Reference:

"LTL Model Checking, in All About Maude- A High-Performance Logical Framework: How to Specify, Program and Verify Systems in Rewriting Logic"

Pages 385-418, Ed: Springer Berlin Heidelberg

## Safety Properties

- CTL formula characterization:
  - Atomic formulas
  - Usual logic operators: not, and, or ( $\Rightarrow$ )
  - Specific temporal operators:
    - EX  $\varnothing$ , EF  $\varnothing$ , EG  $\varnothing$
    - AX  $\varnothing$ , AF  $\varnothing$ , AG  $\varnothing$
    - $EU(\emptyset_1, \emptyset_2), AU(\emptyset_1, \emptyset_2)$





We call Sat( $\varnothing$ ) the set of states where  $\varnothing$  is true.

$$\mathbf{M} \mid = \emptyset \quad \text{iff } s_{\text{init}} \in \text{Sat}(\emptyset).$$

Algorithm:

```
Sat(\Phi) = { s | \Phi |= s}
Sat(not \Phi) = S\Sat(\Phi)
Sat(\Phi1 or \Phi2) = Sat(\Phi1) U Sat(\Phi2)
Sat(EX \Phi) = {s | \exists t \in Sat(\Phi), s \rightarrow t} (Pre Sat(\Phi))
Sat (EG \Phi) = gfp (\Gamma(x) = Sat(\Phi) \cap Pre(x))
Sat (E(\Phi1 U \Phi2)) = lfp (\Gamma(x) = Sat(\Phi2) U (Sat(\Phi1) \cap Pre(x))
```



**EG (a or b)**  $gfp(\Gamma(x) = Sat(a or b) \cap Pre(x))$ 

 $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}) = \text{Sat (a or b)} \cap \Pr(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\})$   $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4\} \cap \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$   $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4\}$ 



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 $\Gamma(\{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4\}) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_4\}$  $S_0 \mid = EG(a \text{ or } b)$  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:
  - $f(x_0, x_1, ..., x_n) = f(1, x_1, ..., x_n) \vee f(0, x_1, ..., x_n)$

Model Checking Implementation



- 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  $\Leftrightarrow$  g)
  - Share common sub graphs



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Model Checking Implementation(3)



- 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

Model Checking Implementation (4)



- 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)

Model Checking Implementation (4)



- SAT-Solver algorithm:

  - heuristics to choose variables
  - deduction engine:
    - propagation
    - specific reduction rule application (unit clause)
    - Others reduction rules
  - conflict analysis + learning

Model Checking Implementation (5)



- 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  $\Phi$  a temporal property and  $\mathcal{M}$ a model, then  $\mathcal{M} \models \Phi \Rightarrow \exists n$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models_n \Phi$  (n < |S|. 2  $|\Phi|$ )

# **Bounded Model Checking**



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



#### Given a property p Is there a state reachable in *k* steps, which satisfies ¬p ?



## **Bounded Model Checking**



The reachable states in k steps are captured by:  $I(s_0) \wedge T(s_0, s_1) \wedge \dots \wedge T(s_{k-1}, s_k)$ The property p fails in one of the k steps

 $\neg p(s_0) V \neg p(s_1) V \neg p(s_2) \dots V \neg p(s_{k-1}) V \neg p(s_k)$ The safety property **p** is valid up to step k iff  $\Omega(k)$  is unsatisfiable:

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



# **Bounded Model Checking**



- Computing CT is as hard as model checking.
- Idea: Compute an over-approximation to the actual CT
  - Consider the system as a graph.
  - Compute CT from structure of the graph.
- Example: for **AGp** properties, CT is the longest shortest path between any two reachable states, starting from initial state

## Model Checking 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


# Model Checking with observers (2)



P: aircraft autopilot and security system



#### **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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#### Application to Middleware for IoT





#### To sum up :

- Synchronous models can be designed as event-driven controllers or as data flow operator networks
- 2. They always represent automata
- 3. Model-checking techniques apply



- Our goal is to ensure safety for applications using and managing services.
- Devices will have a synchronous component to allow model-checking techniques application as validation
- Synchronous component to express constraints between concurrent services
- Synchronous parallelism as composition











- Use case: manage a crossroad
  - 1. 2 roads (EW and NS) with a traffic light each
  - 2. Each traffic light has 3 exclusive outputs: red, yellow, green.
  - 3. Constraints:
    - each traffic light works following the sequence: green -> yellow -> red
    - traffic lights work in a consistent way (no 2 green lights simultaneously)



#### **Use Case Implementation**

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How specify the traffic light synchronous model?

How specify both device and application constraints as synchronous models ?

Solution: use a synchronous language

### First Solution: SCADE



- Scade (Safety-Critical Application Development Environment) has been developed 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 Aviation 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



### **CLEM versus SCADE**



- SCADE suite:
  - Complex design environment
  - C code not embedded easily
  - closed compilation environment
- Solution: use CLEM toolkit to specify and verify synchronous monitor before integration:
  - own compilation means
  - C code generation easily adapted



# CLEM ISSUE



- Modular compilation
- Simulation
- Verification
- Code generation for hardware and software targets (C)



#### LE Language



- LE synchronous language
  - Textual imperative language
    - Usual synchronous languages operators:
      - || ; abort ; strong abort; sequence (>>); present; loop; emit
      - wait pause
    - run to call external module
  - Explicit Mealy machine (automata designed with Galaxy)
  - Implicit Mealy machine (~data flow)

#### LE Language





#### LE Language



module Parallel: Input:I; Output: 01, 02,03; state0 Mealy Machine Register: X0: 0: X0next; 1/01,03 X1: 0 : X1next; X0next = X0 and not X1; X1next = X0 and X1 or not X1 and I state 1 state I/O2 or not X0 and X1; O1 = not X0 and not X1;O2 = X0 and not X1 and I; O3 = not X0 and not X1;

### **LE Compilation**



- Compilation into implicit Mealy machines (Boolean equation systems with registers)
- Compilation  $\Rightarrow$  sort equation systems
- Challenge: modular compilation ?
  - $\Rightarrow$  face causality problem
  - causality = no evaluation cycle in equation systems
  - total order prevents modularity
  - issue: compute partial orders

## LE Compilation



- Sorting algorithms:
  - Apply CPM on dependency graphs of equation systems to compute ranges of evaluation levels for variables (efficient)
  - 2. apply fix point theory:
    - Compute variable evaluation levels as fix point of a monotonic increasing function
    - Uniqueness of fixpoints we can consider a global sorting as well as a local and separate sorting

# CLEM Simulation and Verification

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- Simulation:
  - Based on either blif\_simul an interpretor for blif code generated by CLEM or cles a lec code interpretor
- Verification:
  - 1. NuSMV model checker (code generated)
  - 2. blif\_check for small application

#### Synchronous Component Design with CLEM





### Validation with CLEM





#### Generate C code



#### Use Case Issue in CLEM





TrafficLight NS





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#### Constraint Expression in CLEM



```
module CrossRoadConstraint:
Input: greenNS, redNS, yellowNS, greenEW, redEW, yellowEW;
Output: greenNSC, redNSC, yellowNSC, greenEWC, redEWC,
yellowEWC;
local isNS, isEW
Mealy Machine
  isNS = greenNS or redNS or yellowNS;
  isEW = greenEW or redEW or yellowEW;
  greenNSC = greenNS and isEW;
  redNSC = redNS and isEW;
  yellowNSC = yellowNS and isEW;
  greenEWC = greenEW and isNS;
  redEWC = redEW and isNS;
  yellowEWC = yellowEW and isNS;
}
end
```





### C Code Generation





#### CrossRoad.h:

extern void CrossRoad\_reset\_automaton

(int top, int\*yellowNS, int\*redNS, int\*greenNS, int\*yellowEW, int\*greenEW, int\*redEW); extern void CrossRoad\_automaton

(int top, int\*yellowNS, int\*redNS, int\*greenNS, int\*yellowEW, int\*greenEW, int\*redEW);

#### CrossRoad.c:

Register definition as global variables; CrossRoad\_reset\_automaton; CrossRead\_automaton.

# Creating a CEP using MQTT Approach



