Compositional Reasoning Methods

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Motivation Verification

Complex systems, and especially safety-critical ones are in need of formal verification.

· Which style of proof method is more appropriate?

Recall (from lecture 2):

Verification involves checking a satisfaction relation, usually in the form of a sequent:

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi$$

where

- M is a model (or implementation)
- φ is a property (or specification)
- \models is a relationship that should hold between \mathcal{M} and ϕ , i.e., $(\mathcal{M},\phi)\in\models$

We say that the model satisfies or "has" the property, or that we can conclude the property from the model.

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Motivation Logic and Verification

Recall (from lecture 2):

Different logics give us different ways of expressing \mathcal{M} and ϕ define the pairs that are members of \models .

Hopefully the calculation of the satisfaction relation is compositional in either the property or the model. This decomposes the verification task.

The model and property both describes sets of "behaviours". The satisfaction relation is a relation between the set of behaviours of the model and the set of behaviours of the property.

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- Logic
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Modelling language

- Finite state machines
- Labelled transition systems
- Petri nets
- Timed automata
- Process algebra
- Operational semantics
- Denotational semantics
- Hoare's logic

Alternatives Verification alternatives

Logic

- Propositional logic
- Predicate logic
- Higher order logic
- Linear temporal logic (LTL)
- Computational tree logic (CTL).

Verification engine

- Theorem proving
- Model checking

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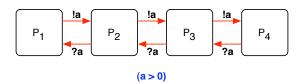
- Sequentiality: property of systems which consist of a computation that execute in order and consecutively without interruptions. (Program that runs on a single processor and has all the resources available)
- Concurrency: property of systems which consist of computations that execute overlapped in time, and which may permit the sharing of common resources between those overlapped computations. (Program that consists of a collection of processes and shared objects, such as shared channels and/or shared variables)

Sequentiality / Concurrency Characterization

 Sequential program: sufficient to observe their pairs of initial and corresponding final states (observable behaviour). Two different sequential programs having the same observational behaviour are regarded as equivalent, so from this point of view they are "atomic" units.

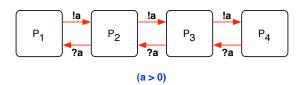
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Synchronization allows coordination with respect to time so meaningful communication between processes can occur.

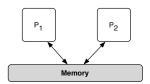
- Mutual exclusion: groups actions into critical sections that are never interleaved during execution. (transactions)
- Conditional synchronization: delays a process until the state satisfies some specified condition. (locks)
- Synchronous communication: gives the impression that communication between processes is simultaneous. (Server and receiver must be running)
- Asynchronous communication: the communication can be delayed. (Intermediate buffer or queue holds the message)

Communication allows one process to influence execution of another one and can be accomplished using:

- Shared variables: External processes have access to a pool of shared memory cells.
- Message passing: Every process has its local memory, and processes share channels.

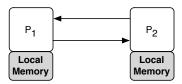
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Shared variables: External processes have access to a
pool of shared memory cells. What should be prevented is
that a process is able to access information in this shared
memory while the information is changed by another
process, and vice versa, since this would cause that
information become temporarily inconsistent.



Alternatives Communication

 Message passing: Every process has its local memory, and processes share channels. What we need to guarantee for message passing to work is that when a message is sent from one process along a channel, the next process in the chain receives the message and eventually reacts to it.



Types of concurrency

Recall (from lecture 5):

Maximum Parallelism (synchronous): All assignments are executed simultaneously, i.e., all modules perform all of their atomic assignments at the same time. This is the default in SMV.

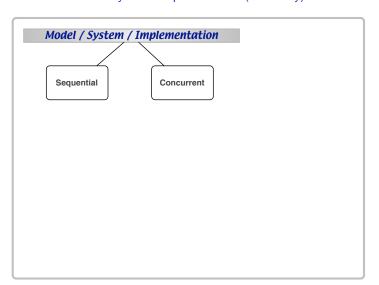
Interleaving Parallelism (asynchronous): Module executions are interleaved. Each module performs all of its atomic assignments in isolation. Multiple modules do not execute in the same step. In the modules that aren't executing in a step, the variables do not change their values.

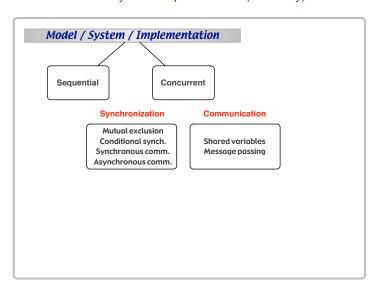
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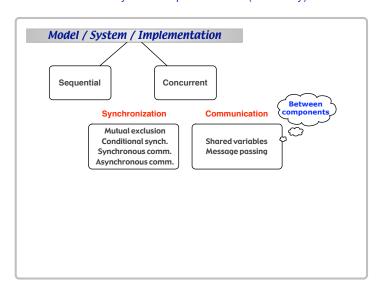
- Homogeneous: All components are alike, performing the same kind of computations.
- Heterogeneous: Components are unlike, performing different kinds of functions or computations.

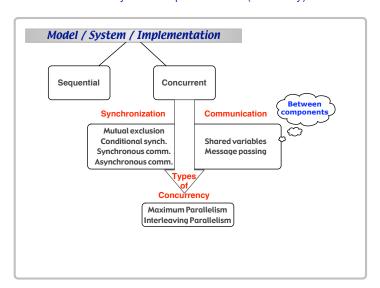
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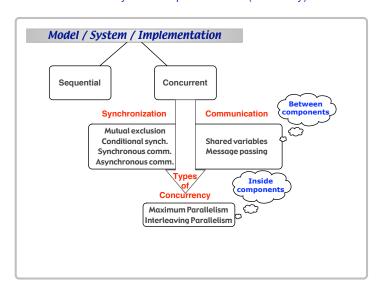
- Bounded: We know the total number of components in advance (related to static creation of processes).
- Unbounded: We do not know the total number of components in advance (related to dynamic creation of processes).

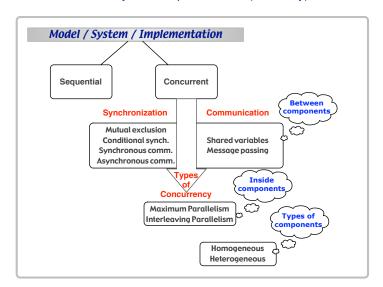


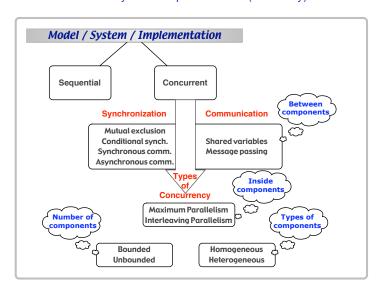












Assume-Guarantee: This technique verifies each component process separately.

- Suppose that there are two processes \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' .
- Behaviour of process M depends on the behaviour of process M'
 - \rightarrow user specifies a set of assumptions that must be satisfied by \mathcal{M}' in order to guarantee the correctness of process \mathcal{M} .
 - → vice versa.

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- Typically, a formula is a triple < g> M < f>, whenever M is part of a system satisfying the assumption g, the system must also guarantee the property f.
- The proof strategy, expressed as an inference rule:

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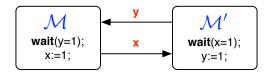
- It is important to avoid circularity in assume-guarantee proofs!
- The following rule is unsound:

$$< g > \mathcal{M} < f >$$

 $< f > \mathcal{M}' < g >$
 $\mathcal{M} || \mathcal{M}' \not\models < f \land g >$

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Example on assume-guarantee circularity:



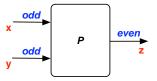
$$< AF(y = 1) > (\mathcal{M} : \mathbf{wait}(y = 1); x := 1;) < AF(x = 1) >$$

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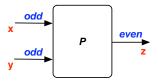
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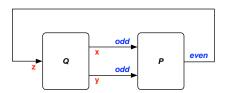


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P by itself cannot unconditionally guarantee the property that the output of z to be an even number!!!

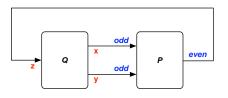


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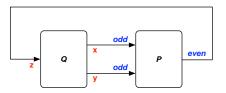
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Circularity!!!

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The circularity can be broken:

The **guarantee** that output **z** is even is satisfied by P as long as the **assumption** that its previous inputs **x** and **y** are odd has always been satisfied before (temporal induction) by P's environment.



Methods Assume-Guarantee variants

Main variants of the A-G paradigm:

- Assumption-Commitment: Variant for message passing systems, discovered by Jayadev Misra and Mani Chandy in 1981.
- Rely-Guarantee: Variant for shared-variable concurrency, discovered by Cliff Jones in 1981/1983.

Assumption-Commitment

Assumption-Commitment (A-C) → message passing systems Formally, an A-C formula has the form:

$$\langle A, C \rangle$$
 : { φ } P { Ψ }

where

- P denotes a program
- A, φ, Ψ, C denote predicates.

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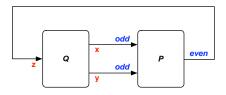
Informally:

If φ holds in the initial state, including the communication history, in which P starts its execution, then

- C holds initially, and C holds after every communication provided A holds after all preceding communications, and
- if P terminates and A holds after all previous communications (including the last one) then Ψ holds in the final state including the final communication history.

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Reasoning using the Assumption-Commitment paradigm

Assumption-Commitment Example

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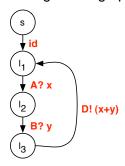
$$< A_1, C_1 >: \{\varphi_1\}P\{\Psi_1\}$$

 $< A_2, C_2 >: \{\varphi_2\}Q\{\Psi_2\}$

$$< A_1, C_2 >: \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2\}P \parallel Q\{\Psi_1 \wedge \Psi_2\}$$

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An implementation of *P* using message passing:

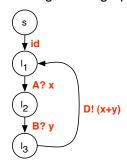


#chan – number of communications via chan last(chan) – latest value sent via chan



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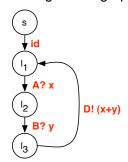
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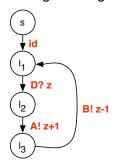


We obtain for *P* the following A-C correctness formula:

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<(#A \geq 1 \rightarrow odd(last(A))) \wedge (#B \geq 1 \rightarrow odd(last(B))), (#A \geq 1) \wedge(#B \geq 1) \wedge (#D \geq 1) \rightarrow even(last(D)) > : { #D = #A = #B = 0 } P { false }
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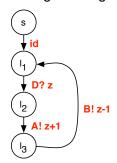
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Methods Rely-Guarantee

Formally an R-G formula has the form:

$$\langle rely, guar \rangle : \{ \varphi \} P \{ \Psi \}$$

Traditionally,

- φ and Ψ impose conditions upon the initial and final state of the computation of P
- rely and guar impose conditions upon environmental transitions and transitions on P itself.

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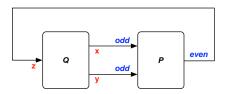
If,

- P is invoked in an initial state which satisfies φ , and
- whenever at some moment during the computation of P all past environmental transitions satisfy rely,

then,

- all transitions by P up to that moment satisfy guard, and
- if this computation terminates, its final state satisfy Ψ.

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An implementation of *P* using shared-variable:



 σ' – action produced by σ .

R-G correctness formula for *P* in an arbitrary environment:

$$< true, z' = x + y > : \{ true \} P \{ false \}$$

An implementation of *P* using shared-variable:



We obtain for *P* the following A-C correctness formula:

$$\langle z = z' \land odd(x') \land odd(y'), even(z') \rangle :$$

{ $odd(x) \land odd(y) \} P \{ false \}$

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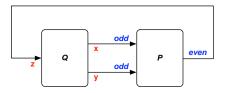
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:
{ $even(z)$ } Q { $false$ }

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<R<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>2</sub>>: { \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2 } P \parallel Q { \Psi_1 \land \Psi_2 } <z = z' \land odd(x') \land odd(y'), odd(y') \land z = z' > : { odd(x) \land odd(y) \land even(z) } P \parallel Q { false }
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The extra element for the network to function is:

- guarantee-part of Q's specification should imply the rely-part of P's specification.
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Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

Recall (from lecture 5):

Definition of Simulation

Two Kripke structures,

$$\mathcal{M} = (AP, S, R, S_0, L)$$
 and

$$\mathcal{M}' = (AP', S', R', S'_0, L')$$
, where $AP' \subseteq AP$,

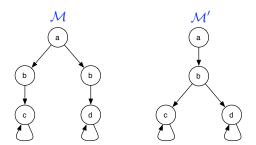
 $\mathcal{M} \prec \mathcal{M}'$ if there exists a $H \subset S \times S'$ such that:

- initial states:
 - $\forall s_0 \in S_0 \cdot \exists s_0' \in S_0' \cdot H(s_0, s_0')$
- steps: ∀s, s' · if H(s, s'), then
 - $L(s) \cap AP' = L(s')$
 - $\forall s_1 \cdot R(s, s_1) \Rightarrow \exists s'_1 \cdot R'(s', s'_1) \land H(s_1, s'_1)$

H is called a simulation relation. We say \mathcal{M}' simulates \mathcal{M} .

Methods Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

Simulation



Lem33: \prec is a preorder on the set of structures.

Thm16: Suppose $\mathcal{M} \leq \mathcal{M}'$. Then for every ACTL* formula f (with atomic propositions in AP'):

Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

$$\mathcal{M}' \models f$$
 implies $\mathcal{M} \models f$

• \leq_F is a preorder on fair structures.

Thm17: If $\mathcal{M} \leq_F \mathcal{M}'$, then for every ACTL* formula f interpreted over fair paths, $\mathcal{M}' \models_F f$ implies $\mathcal{M} \models_F f$.

From Clark, et.al. "Model Checking"

Methods Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

• For any ACTL* formula f it is possible to construct a special model \mathcal{T}_f , called **tableau**.

Thm18: the tableau \mathcal{T}_f has the property that:

$$\mathcal{M} \models_{F} f \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}' \preceq_{F} \mathcal{T}_{f}$$

Methods Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

Now, the first inference:

$$< true > \mathcal{M} < g >$$

 $< g > \mathcal{M}' < f >$
 $< true > \mathcal{M} || \mathcal{M}' < f >$

can be rewritten using the logic fair ACTL* and \leq_F

$$\mathcal{M} \leq_{F} \mathcal{T}_{g}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}' \| \mathcal{T}_{g} \models_{F} f}{\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \models_{F} f}$$

Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

Thm19: For all \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' , $\mathcal{M} \parallel \mathcal{M}' \leq_F \mathcal{M}$.

Thm20: For all \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' ,

If $\mathcal{M} \leq_F \mathcal{M}'$ then $\mathcal{M} \parallel \mathcal{M}'' \leq_F \mathcal{M}' \parallel \mathcal{M}''$.

Thm21: For all \mathcal{M} , $\mathcal{M} \leq_F \mathcal{M} \parallel \mathcal{M}$.

Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

To justify the A-G rule:

$$<$$
 true $> \mathcal{M} < \mathcal{A} >$
 $< \mathcal{A} > \mathcal{M}' < g >$
 $< g > \mathcal{M} < f >$
 $<$ true $> \mathcal{M} || \mathcal{M}' < f >$

where A, M, M' represent finite state models and g and f represent fair ACTL* formulas. This corresponds to the proof rule:

$$\mathcal{M} \leq_F \mathcal{A}$$

$$\mathcal{A} || \mathcal{M}' \leq_F g$$

$$\mathcal{T}_g || \mathcal{M} \models_F f$$

$$\mathcal{M} || \mathcal{M}' \models_F f$$

Justifying Assume-Guarantee Proofs

1.
$$\mathcal{M} \prec_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{A}$$

2.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{A} \| \mathcal{M}'$$

3.
$$\mathcal{A} || \mathcal{M}' \models_{\mathcal{F}} g$$

4.
$$\mathcal{A} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{T}_g$$

5.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_F \mathcal{T}_g$$

6.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_{\mathsf{F}} \mathcal{T}_g \| f$$

7.
$$\mathcal{T}_g || f \leq_F f$$

8.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_{\mathcal{F}} f$$

9.
$$\mathcal{M} \leq_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{M} || \mathcal{M}$$

10.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_F \mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}'$$

11.
$$\mathcal{M} \| \mathcal{M}' \leq_{\mathsf{F}} f$$

HYP1

L1, Thm 20

HYP2

L3, **Thm 18**

L2, L4, Tr \leq_F

L5, Thm 20

HYP3

L6, L7, Thm 17

Thm 21

L9, **Thm 20**

L8, L10, Thm 17

The theory of *computability* shows that there cannot be an algorithms that decides whether an arbitrary program terminates.

→ Most proof systems cannot be completelly automated.

Deductive verification: can be used for reasoning about systems with infinitely many reachable states and can handle unrestricted programs with rich data-structures.

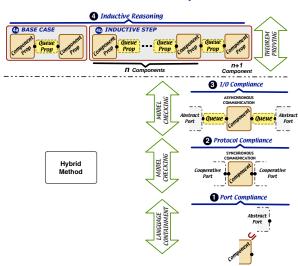
Technique: not fully automatic, user interaction to guide a theorem proving tool.

Model checking: technique for verifying finite state concurrent systems, and verification can be performed automatically by using an exhaustive search of the state space of the system.

Technique: performed automatically, preferable to deductive verification.

Challenges: unbounded message queues, bounded but unknown number of components, dynamic process creation, unlike components.

New method: Hybrid verification – integrate deductive verification and model checking, so that the finite state parts can be verified automatically.



From Juarez, "Verification of DFC Call Protocol Correctness Criteria"

Summary

- Compositional methods enable reasoning about complex systems by reducing their properties to the properties of their components.
- Key idea: If
 - we can deduce that the system satisfies each local property,
 - we know that the conjunction of the local properties implies the overall specification,

then we can conclude that the complete system satisfy this specification as well.

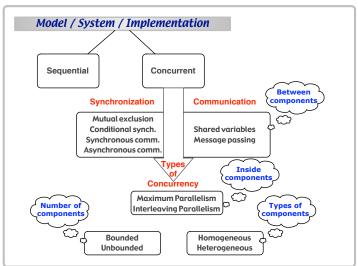
Summary

To remember:

- Compositional methods enable reasoning about complex systems by reducing their properties to the properties of their components.
- Verification involves 4 steps, related to:
 Modelling language, Logic, Formula in logic,
 Verification engine.
- The calculation of the satisfaction relation could be compositional in either the property or the model, decomposing the verification tasks.
- Main methods: Based on Assume-Guarantee paradigm, Hybrid.

Summary

To remember: (Alternatives)



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