Strategies

Notes related to design problems and strategies.

$\mathbf{Z}3$

Z3 looks for models that satisfy a set of specified constraints.

- 1. Input parameters determine constraints on frames, models, and worlds.
- 2. The semantics for the language will impose a number of further constraints.
- 3. Each sentence of the language being interpreted will determine an additional constraint on models and worlds.
- 4. Z3 models that satisfy the general constraints and sentence constraints may then be stored in an output file.

Input Parameters

Variables to be specified by the user include:

- 1. Let N be the number of atomic states under consideration.
- 2. Let Atoms be a finite set of sentence letters, e.g., {A,B,C,D}.
- 3. Let Gamma be a finite set of infix sentences with sentence letters in Atoms.
- 4. Let Opts be a finite set of sentential operators, e.g., {\neg, \wedge, \rightarrow, \Box, \boxright}.

Glossary

These definitions indicate the intended meanings of the elements employed blow.

- 1. State(x) includes the predicate State whose extension is to be determined by Z3 given the constraints below.
- 2. Or(x,y) indicates the bitwise operation which takes the greatest value for each index of the bit vectors x and y.
- 3. Possible(x) includes the predicate Possible whose extension is to be determined by Z3 given the constraints below.
- 4. Proposition(X) is a set of Z3 constraints that require X to be a proposition.
- 5. Semantics(w, X) is a set of Z3 constraints that require X to be true in w.
- 6. Alternative(u, w, X) is a set of constraints that require u to be a (perhaps non-unique) result of minimally changing w to include a verifier for X.
- 7. Prefix(X) and Infix(X) will translate between prefix and infix notations.

Frame Constraints

The following constraints only depend on N, and are always to be included.

- 1. If State(x), then BitVec(x,N) i.e., 'x is a bitvector of length N'.
- 2. If State(x) and State(y), then State(Or(x,y)).
- 3. If Possible(x), then State(x).
- 4. If Possible(x), State(y), and Or(x,y) = x, then Possible(y).

Model Constraints

The following constraints depend on the functions Proposition(X) and Semantics(w,X) defined in the following section for Python.

- 1. For each sentence letter X in Atoms, include the output of Proposition(X).
- 2. Possible(w) and Or(x, w) = w whenever Possible(x) and Possible(Or(x, w)).
- 3. For each sentence X in Gamma, include the output of Semantics (w, Prefix(X)).

Whereas (1) assigns sentence letters to a propositions, (2) requires w to be a world, and (3) requires each sentence included in Gamma to be true at w.

Python

Python will provide translations between readable sentences and Z3 model constraints as well as between Z3 models and readable model structures.

Syntax

Given a set of sentence letters Atoms and set of operators Opts, we may define the set of infix sentences of the language.

- 1. To avoid further translation, use LaTeX commands for the operators \neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \Box, and \boxarrow in Opts.
- 2. Every sentence letter X in Atoms is an infix sentence.
- 3. If X and Y are infix sentences, then \neg X, X \wedge Y, X \vee Y, X \rightarrow Y, \Box X, and X \boxright Y are also infix sentences.

Infix/Prefix Translators

Define translation functions to convert between infix and prefix notation.

- 1. Given a sentence A in infix notation (e.g., (A \wedge B) \boxright C), the Prefix(A) function will output a unique sentences in prefix notation using lists (e.g., [\boxright, [\wedge, A, B]]).
- 2. Given a sentence A in prefix notation, the Infix(A) function will output a unique sentence in infix notation.
- 3. For any sentence A in infix notation, A = Infix(Prefix(A)).

Proposition Constraints

Given any sentence letter X in Atoms, the function Proposition(X) yields the following Z3 constraints as outputs:

- 1. If Verify(x,X) or Falsify(x,X), then State(x).
- 2. If Verify(x,X) and Verify(y,X), then Verify(Or(x,y,X)).
- 3. If Falsify(x,X) and Falsify(y,X), then Falsify(Or(x,y,X)).
- 4. If Verify(x,X) and Falsify(y,X), then not Possible(Or(x,y)).
- 5. If Possible(x), then Possible(Or(x,y)) where either Verify(y,X) or Falsify(y,X).

The constraints on Verify and Falsify may be extended to complex prefix sentences by way of the following general constraints:

- 1. If Verify(z,[\neg, X]), then Falsify(z,X).
- 2. If Falsify(z,[\neg, X]), then Verify(z,X).
- 3. If $Verify(z, [\wedge, X,Y])$, then z = Or(x,y) where Verify(x,X) and Verify(y,Y).
- If Falsify(z,[\wedge, X,Y]), then Falsify(z,X) or Falsify(z,Y) (or both).
- 5. If Verify(z,[\vee, X,Y]), then Verify(z,X) or Verify(z,Y) (or both).
- 6. If Falsify(z,[\vee, X,Y]), then z = Or(x,y) where Falsify(x,X) and Falsify(y,Y).
- If Verify(z,[\rightarrow, X,Y]), then Falsify(z,X) or Verify(z,Y) (or both).
- 8. If Falsify(z,[\rightarrow, X,Y]), then z = Or(x,y) where Verify(x,X) and Falsify(y,Y).

World Alternatives

Given a world w and sentence X, the function Alternatives(u, w, X) yields the following Z3 constraints:

- 1. State(x) where Verify(x,X) and Or(x,u) = u.
- 2. State(y) where Or(y,w) = w and Or(y,u) = u.
- 3. If State(z), Or(z, w) = w, Possible(Or(x,z)), and Or(y,z) = z, then y = z.

Semantic Constraints

The function Semantics(w, X) may be defined recursively as follows:

- 1. If X is in Atoms, then Semantics(w, X) is: Verify(x, X) and Or(x, w)=w.
- 2. If $X = [\neg y]$, then Semantics(w, X) is: not Semantics(w, Y).
- 3. If X = [\wedge,Y,Z], then Semantics(w,X) is: Semantics(w,Y) and Semantics(w,Z).
- 4. If $X = [\vee, Y, Z]$, then Semantics(w, X) is: Semantics(w, Y) or Semantics(w, Z).
- 5. If X = [\Box,Y] and neither \Box nor \boxright occur in Y, then Semantics(w,X) is: Semantics(u,Y) whenever World(u).
- 6. If X = [\boxright,Y,Z] and neither \Box nor \boxright occur in Y, then Semantics(w,X) is: Semantics(u,Z) whenever Alternative(u,w,Y) and World(u).

Model Builder

Z3 models will be translated back into a natural representation.

1. The python representation of a Z3 model should specify the states, possible

- states, worlds, and the propositions assigned to the sentence letters in question where further visualization can be added later.
- $2.\,$ A function should specify the propositions assigned to all subsentences of the sentences under evaluation.
- 3. These details may then be stored in an output file, prompting the user whether to search for another model to add to the file.