

Motivation



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2.1 Preliminaries

➤ A **Boolean Transition System** $S = (X, I, T)$ consists of

- Set of **boolean variables** X
- A conjunction representing the **initial state** I
- A propositional formula T over variables in X and $X' = \{x' \in X \mid x' \in X'\}$, called **Transition Relation**

➤ **States** in S are cubes containing each variable from X with a boolean valuation of it

➔ Finite number of states: $2^{|X|}$

➤ Transitions @Todo

2.1 Preliminaries

- Given a formula φ over X , we get a primed formula φ' by replacing each variable with its corresponding variable in X'
- A literal is a variable or its negation
- A cube is a conjunction of literals
- A clause is a disjunction of literals
 - ➔ Negation of a cube is a clause and vice versa
- A Safety Property P is a formula over X that should be satisfiable by every state reachable from I
 - ➔ \bar{P} being a set of bad states

2.2 Algorithm

- PDR on hardware checks if states in \bar{P} are reachable from I
- For that it uses cubes of clauses, called Frames
 - Frame F_i represents an over-approximation of reachable states in at most i transitions from I
- PDR maintains sequence of frames $[F_0, F_1, \dots, F_k]$, called trace

2.2 Algorithm: Pseudo-Code

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2:   check for 0-counter-example
3:   trace.push(new frame(I))

4:   loop
5:     while  $\exists$  cube  $c$ , s.t. trace.last()  $\wedge T \wedge c'$  is SAT and  $c \Rightarrow \bar{P}$  do
6:       recursively block proof-obligation( $c$ , trace.size() - 1)
7:       and strengthen the frames of the trace.
8:       if a proof-obligation( $p$ , 0) is generated then
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2.2 Algorithm: Checking for 0-counter-example

➤ Is $I \wedge \bar{P}$ satisfiable?

➔ If satisfiable:

- Algorithm terminates and returns that a bad state is reachable

➔ If unsatisfiable:

- Algorithm initializes the first frame in the trace: $F_0 = I$ and continues

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- Checking if the next state is a good state:
 - Let $[F_0, F_1, \dots, F_k]$ be the current trace
 - Is $F_k \wedge T \wedge \overline{P'}$ satisfiable?
 - ➔ If unsatisfiable:
 - Continue with the next phase

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- Take satisfying assignment $\vec{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{|X|}, x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_{|X'|}\}$
- The algorithm gets new bad state: $b = x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_{|X|}$
- Construct the tuple $t = (b, k)$, called proof-obligation

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Blocking-Phase


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2.2 Algorithm: Blocking-Phase

- Proving that new bad states are not reachable
- If there are proof-obligations:
 - Algorithm takes proof-obligation (b , i)
 - Tries to block bad state b by checking $F_{i-1} \wedge T \wedge b'$ for satisfiability
 - ➔ If satisfiable:
 - Frame F_{i-1} is not strong enough to block b
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- ➔ If unsatisfiable:
 - Algorithm strengthens F_i with \bar{b}
 - ➔ $F_i = F_i \wedge \bar{b}$
 - Blocking bad state b at F_i

2.2 Algorithm: Blocking-Phase

- Proving that new bad states are not reachable
- This continues recursively until:
 - There are no proof-obligations left
 - ➔ Algorithm continues with the next phase
 - A proof-obligation $(d, 0)$ is created
 - ➔ Proving that a bad state can be reached, terminating the algorithm

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Propagation-Phase

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2.3 Example

2.4 Possible Improvements

- Blocking one state at a time is ineffective.
 - ➔ Generalize blocked states by removing cubes not used in the proof, delivered by Unsat-cores
- Ternary simulation to generalize proof-obligations
 - Extend binary variables with a new unknown value and check variables for importance

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3.2 Lifted Algorithm

- Algorithm Pseudocode here

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