

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 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: $2^{|X|}$

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
- Algorithm repeats three phases until termination
 - Next Transition
 - Blocking-Phase
 - Propagation-Phase

2.2 Algorithm

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1: procedure PDR-PROVE( $I, T, P$ )
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
9:         return false

10:     $F_{k+1} = new\ frame(P)$ 
11:    for all clause  $c \in trace.last()$  do
12:      if  $trace.last() \wedge T \wedge \bar{c}'$  is UNSAT then
13:         $F_{k+1} = F_{k+1} \wedge c$ 
14:      if  $trace.last() == F_{k+1}$  then
15:        return true
16:     $trace.push(F_{k+1})$ 
```

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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