

DejaVu: Checking Event Streams against Temporal Logic Formulas

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- The tool is generally used for distributed systems and data processing

Overview

- Past-time first-order LTL
- DeJaVu's syntax
- How it Works
- Examples

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- *Claim*: LTL satisfiability is P -complete (w.r.t. formula length)

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Here, choose

- Boolean connectives
- existential quantifier
- modalities: Previously and Since

\Rightarrow past-time LTL

FOPLTL it can be defined by the following grammar:

$$\phi = T \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \mid \phi_1 \ S \ \phi_2 \mid @ \ \phi \mid \exists x. \phi \mid (x = \lambda)$$

Other modalities can be derived:

- Once $O \phi := TS\phi$
- Historically $H \phi := \neg(O(\neg\phi))$

$(s, i, \gamma) \vdash \phi$: given that γ is an assignment over all free variables in ϕ , the sequence s of events satisfies ϕ at position i .

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Aside: Future-time LTL vs Past-time LTL

- Recall: Future-time LTL had the modalities Always, Eventually, Next, Until
- Gabbay[1980]: past-time modalities do not expressive power to pure future LTL (derived an an for translating formulas with past-time modalities into equivalent pure future ones)
- Markey: But past-time LTL is more succinct
There exists a family of PLTL formulas ϕ_n with size $O(n)$ such that the equivalent equivalent LTL formulas have size $\Omega(2^n)$.

Syntax

```
true, false
id(v1,...,vn) : event or call of predicate macro, where vi can be a constant or variable
p -> q        : p implies q
p | q         : p or q
p & q         : p and q
! p           : not p
p S q         : p since q (q was true in the past, and since then, including that point in time)
p S[<=d] q     : p since q but where q occurred within d time units
p S[>d] q     : p since q but where q occurred earlier than d time units
p Z[<=d] q     : p since q but where q did not occur at the current time
[p,q]         : interval notation equivalent to: !q S p
@ p           : in previous state p is true
P p           : in some previous state p is true
P[<=d] p      : in some previous state within d time units p is true
P[>d] p       : in some previous state earlier than d time units p is true
H p           : in all previous states p is true
H[<=d] p      : in all previous states within d time units p is true
H[>d] p       : in all previous states earlier than d time units p is true
x op k        : x is related to variable or constant k via op. E.g.: x < 10,
                x <= y, x = y, x >= 10, x > z
// -- quantification over seen values in the past, see (*) below:
exists x . p(x) : there exists an x such that seen(x) and p(x)
forall x . p(x) : for all x, if seen(x) then p(x)
// -- quantification over the infinite domain of all values:
Exists x . p(x) : there exists an x such that p(x)
Forall x . p(x) : for all x p(x)
(*) seen(x) holds if x has been observed in the past
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- The tool utilizes BDDs (**B**inary **D**ecision **D**igrams) for assigning variables to quantifiable entities.

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- a thread can only release a lock it has acquired (and not already released)
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Observe: taking the forks in a cyclic manner cannot be part of such a protocol.

fork \Leftrightarrow lock

philosopher \Leftrightarrow thread

dining philosopher problem \Leftrightarrow avoiding deadlocks

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It should not be the case the threads wait in a circular fashion for the locks to be released.

```
(@ [acq(t1,l1),rel(t1,l1)) & acq(t1,l2))  
-> (! @ P (@ [acq(t2,l2),rel(t2,l2)) & acq(t2,l1)))
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\Leftrightarrow `prop p : forall u . logout(u) -> isLoggedIn(u)`

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We cannot. But we have recursive rules! Define:

```
spawned(x,y) := @ spawned(x,y)
               | spawn(x,y)
               | Exists z . (@spawned(x,z) & spawn(z,y))
```

And now we can just write

```
report(y,x,d) -> spawned(x,y)
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5. Telmetry Contd.

- Use these rules to design the prop.

```
⇔ prop telemetry2:
  forall x .
    closed(x) -> !telem(x)
  where
    closed(x) :=
      (!@true & !toggle(x))
      | (@closed(x) & !toggle(x))
      | (@open(x) & toggle(x)),
    open(x) :=
      (@open(x) & !toggle(x))
      | (@closed(x) & toggle(x))
```

6. Money request

Here, a user sends over and requests money from other users.

- Define a specification that states a user can only request money that is sent over by another user to the user requesting it.

```
⇔ prop MoneyReqAdv:  
    forall r . req(r) -> P exists s .  
    [req(r), send(s,r))
```