Computing Linear Arithmetic Representation of Reachability Relation of One-counter Automata

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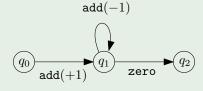
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$$(q_1,c_1) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{A}} (q_2,c_2)$$

if $q_1 \stackrel{\mathrm{add}(+1)}{\longrightarrow} q_2$ in the OCA and $c_1+1=c2$, or if $q_1 \stackrel{\mathrm{zero}}{\longrightarrow} q_2$ and $c_1=c_2=0$.

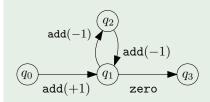
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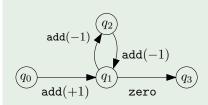


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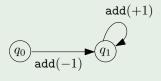
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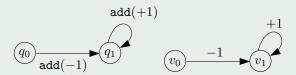
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- path: v₀ · v₁ · v₁
- weight: +1, drop: -1



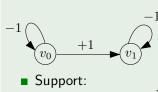
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- Weight: $weight(f) = \sum_{e \in E} f(e) \cdot \eta(e)$

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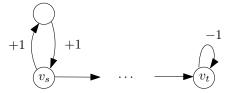
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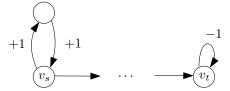
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This definition implies the non-negative requirement of Type-1 certificate.



Decidability of Reachability of OCA

Theorem (Haase)

The reachability can be solved iff we can find a certificate that is of the form

$$(Type-1)^{n_1}(Type-3)^{n_3}(Type-2)^{n_2}$$

where $n_i \in \{0,1\}$

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$$\phi_{\mathcal{A},q_s,q_t}(x_s,x_t)$$

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 is true iff $(q_s,c_s) \to_{\mathcal{A}}^* (q_t,c_t)$.

$$\phi_{\mathcal{A},q_s,q_t}(x_s,x_t) = \exists (y_e)_{e \in E}.\phi^{T1RC} \lor \phi^{T2RC} \lor \phi^{T3RC} \lor \cdots$$

Type-3 certificate:

$$\phi_{q_s,q_t}^{T3RC}(x_s,x_t,(y_{e,1})_{e\in E})$$

- Positive Cycle.
- Weight of Path flow equals to the change.
- Negative Cycle.

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 - Correct concatenation of the splitted path flows.

OCAREACH: Experimental Evaluation

Implemented in Java.

INPUT: file describing the OCA.

OUTPUT: A PA formula ϕ representing reachability relation.

■ Experiment on handcrafted cases.

state num.	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4
transtion num.	1	2	2	5	2	3	3	3	6
zero-test num.	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
time (s)	0.066	0.062	0.078	0.076	0.066	0.072	0.061	0.079	0.093
size (kB)	0.302	0.404	0.697	0.302	0.133	0.929	0.348	0.325	2.592
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On random cases.

Conclusion and Future Work

We built the gap between the theory and implementation by the tool $\operatorname{OCAREACH}$

Future work:

- Optimize the efficiency of our tool.
- More cases and benchmark for experiment.