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On Verification of Linear Occurrence Properties of Real-Time Systems

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Abstract

Duration Calculus of Weakly Monotonic Time (WDC) is an extension of DC to allow description of discrete processes where several steps of computation can occur at the same time point. In this paper, we introduce Linear Occurrence Invariants (LOI) using WDC and give an algorithm to check real-time automata for LOI by solving integer programming problems. LOI can be used effectively to specify system requirements in some cases including when the system is considered under the true synchrony assumption. We also extend WDC probabilistically to express dependability requirements of real-time systems and develop a technique to check deterministic probabilistic real-time automata for a class of probabilistic WDC formulas.

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# Introduction

Duration Calculus (DC) was introduced in [[1](#_bookmark1)] as a logic for specification of real- time systems. It is then developed further in many other works that have been summarized in the monograph published recently [[8](#_bookmark4)]. Linear Duration Invariants (LDI) [[4](#_bookmark3)] is a decidable subclass of DC formulas, and many works were devoted to the verification of the requirements of real-time systems specified as a LDI, as well as to find out effective algorithms checking various models of real-time systems for LDI [[4](#_bookmark3)], [[10](#_bookmark7)], [[11](#_bookmark8)], [[12](#_bookmark9)], [[12](#_bookmark9)], [[13](#_bookmark10)].

The original DC was intended to specify the requirements of real-time systems. The externally observable behaviors of the system are specified in DC and the internal behaviors of the system may be hidden. However, the system can pass through a number of states within zero time when the behaviors of system are considered under the true synchrony assumption. To deal with such behaviors,

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a kind of logical extension of DC, called Duration Calculus of Weakly Monotonic Time (WDC) was suggested and a novel semantics of Timed CSP assuming that the communication and computation take no time was formulated using it [[7](#_bookmark5)]. WDC includes new formulas which can be used effectively to describe low level behaviors of system, as well as conserving DC formulas.

In this paper, we introduce Linear Occurrence Invariants (LOI) using WDC and give an algorithm to check real-time automata for LOI by solving integer program-

ming problems. An LOI has the form *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M*

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where *Pi* is the number of occurrences of *Pi* in the observation time inter-

val. As an example of LOI specification, a property for the communication sys- tems ”for any observation interval, the failure rate of transmission should not be more than 10 percent of the number of transmissions” can be represented as *l* ≥ 0 ⇒ 90 · *f ailure* − 10 · *success* ≤ 0. It is obvious that LDI having the semantics based on the state duration can not specify this kind of properties for the system model in which several states can occur at the same time point. We believe LOI could be used in like as successfully as LDI in many cases where the systems are considered under the true synchrony assumption.

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We also extend WDC to a logic named Probabilistic Duration Calculus of Weakly Monotonic Time (PWDC) to express dependability requirements of real-time sys- tems, such as ”with probability 0.7, sender transmits data frames without fail- ure in any observation interval”. The way of extension follows the recent work of Kwiatkowska et al [[9](#_bookmark6)] to extend CTL to a probabilistic timed CTL. In [[9](#_bookmark6)], au- thors proposed a variant of probabilistic timed automata that allows probabilistic choice only at discrete transitions and used the concept of adversary to resolve the nondeterminism between the passage of time and discrete transitions.

We consider deterministic probabilistic real-time automata model of real-time systems, having nondeterministic choice only for times, which is a subclass of prob- abilistic real-time automata. The extended logic PWDC consists of formulas repre- senting the constraints for the probability of the satisfaction of a WDC formula by a set of adversaries of the underlying model of a deterministic probabilistic real-time automaton for an observation interval. We then develop techniques to check deter- ministic probabilistic real-time automata for some subclass of PWDC formulas.

# Linear Occurrence Invariants and Checking Real- Time Automata against Linear Occurrence Invariants

In this section, we introduce *linear occurrence invariants (LOI)* and describe an algorithm to check a real-time automaton for a LOI using integer programming. We use WDC [[7](#_bookmark5)] to define LOI. We will recall WDC when we introduce the probabilistic WDC in the next section, but for now, we consider WDC formulas as DC formulas with the extension that we allow a term to be the number of occurrences of a state variable as well, and assume that several state changes can happen at the same time.

Definition 2.1 A formula of the form

Θ =^ *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M*

*i*=1

is called a linear occurrence invariant (LOI), where *cmin* and *cmax* are nonnegative real numbers, *cmax* could be ∞, *ki* (1 ≤ *i* ≤ *n*) and *M* are integer numbers, and *Pi* (1 ≤ *i* ≤ *n*) are atomic propositions, *Pi* denotes the number of occurrences of state *Pi* in the reference interval.

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The meanings of an LOI is that if the length of the observation interval is in between *cmin* and *cmax*, the numbers of occurrences of states in the observation

interval satisfy the linear constraint Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M* . The difference between

*i*=1

LOI and LDI is that the former has time-dependent premise and time-independent consequence, but both of premise and consequence of the latter are time-dependent. LOI is not a DC formula. It isa formula of WDC which is considered in Section 4. In continuous time DC, a state duration in an observation interval is defined as the integration of times in which state occurs. LDI which is a linear constraint on the state durations can not distinguish state changes occurring at the same time point when we consider systems under the true synchrony assumption. As we explained in Section 1, LOI will be especially useful for the system models in which the system passes through a number of states within zero time.

Now we describe an algorithm based on the integer programming to check real- time automata for linear occurrence invariants. Let I = { [*a, b*] ∈ R×(R∪{∞}) | *a* ≤ *b* } where R is the set of nonnegative real numbers. We consider [*a, b*] as a closed interval on R if *b* ∈ R, and semi-infinite interval on R otherwise. Let *AP* be the set of atomic propositions. Real-time automata is a subclass of timed automata of [[2](#_bookmark2)], where each automaton has one clock which is reset after every transition.

Definition 2.2 A real-time automaton V is a tuple (*S, T, L*) consisting of

* a finite set *S* of states,
* a transition relation *T* ⊆ *S* ×I × *S*.
* a function *L* : *S* → 2*AP* assigning to each state *s* ∈ *S* the set of atomic propositions which are true in *s*.

In [[4](#_bookmark3)], authors had to assume *b >* 0 for the time constraints of the form [0*, b*] for a transition, when they develop an algorithm to check real-time automata for linear duration invariants using linear programming. We don’t have this assumption for real-time automata in this section. We also consider that every state of a real-time automaton is both an initial state and an accepting state.

For a transition *ρ* = (*s,* [*a, b*]*, s*'), the notations ←−*ρ* = *s* and −→*ρ* = *s*' are used. *Seq* = *ρ*1*ρ*2*...ρm* is called a *sequence* and *TSeq* = (*ρ*1*, t*1)(*ρ*2*, t*2)*...*(*ρm, tm*) is called a *time-stamped sequence*, in which *ρi* = (*si,* [*ai, bi*]*, s*' ) and *ti* ∈ [*ai, bi*] for all

*i*

*i* (1 ≤ *i* ≤ *m*). If a sequence *ρ*1*ρ*2*...ρm* satisfies −→*ρi* = ←−*ρ i*+1 for all *i* (1 ≤ *i < m*),

it is called a *behavior* and denoted by *Beh* = *ρ*1*ρ*2*...ρm*. If a time-stamped se-

quence (*ρ*1*, t*1)(*ρ*2*, t*2)*...*(*ρm, tm*) satisfies −→*ρi* = ←−*ρ i*+1 for all *i* (1 ≤ *i < m*), it is

called a *time-stamped behavior* and denoted by *TBeh* = (*ρ*1*, t*1)(*ρ*2*, t*2)*...*(*ρm, tm*).

The set of behaviors *L*V of a real-time automaton V is a regular language over

the alphabet *T* . Let *LF* = Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi*. For a *Seq* = *ρ*1*ρ*2 *... ρm* of V, we de-

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Σ*n* Σ

Σ Σ*m*

,⎨ 1 ←−*ρ j* = *Pi* ,⎬

fine *Seq*(*LF* )=

*i*=1 *ki* · *Seq*(

*Pi*) where *Seq* (

*Pi*)=

*j*=1

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, 0 otherwise ,

For a time-stamped sequence *TSeq* = (*ρ*1*, t*1)(*ρ*2*, t*2)*...*(*ρm, tm*) of V, we define

*TSeq*(*LF* )= *Seq*(*LF* ) where *Seq* = *ρ*1*ρ*2 *... ρm*, and *TSeq*(*l*)= Σ*m ti*.

*i*=1

Definition 2.3 (Satisfaction of Linear Occurrence Invariants) Let Θ be an LOI of

the form *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M* .

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* Θ is satisfied by a time-stamped sequence *TSeq* iff *cmin* ≤ *TSeq*(*l*) ≤ *cmax*

implies *Seq*(*LF* ) ≤ *M* . Otherwise, we say that Θ is violated by *TSeq*.

* Θ is satisfied by a sequence *Seq*, denoted by *Seq* |= Θ, iff it is satisfied by every time-stamped sequence obtained from *Seq*. Otherwise, we say that Θ is violated by *Seq*.
* Θ is satisfied by a language *L* ⊆ *T* ∗, denoted by *L* |= Θ, iff *Seq* |= Θ for every

*Seq* ∈ *L*. Otherwise, we say that Θ is violated by *L*.

* Θ is satisfied by a real-time automaton V iff *L*V |= Θ. Otherwise, we say that Θ is violated by V.

In the rest of this section we describe an algorithm to decide *L*V |= Θ using integer programming. Given two languages *L*1 and *L*2 over T. *L*1 and *L*2 are equivalent with respect to Θ (or simply equivalent), denoted by *L*1 ≡ *L*2, iff *L*1 |= Θ ⇔ *L*2 |= Θ*.* The theorem which is similar to Lemma [2.4](#_bookmark0) below was formalized and proved in [[4](#_bookmark3)]. Lemma [2.4](#_bookmark0) can be proved in the same way and its proof is omitted.

Lemma 2.4 *For languages L*1*, L*2 ⊆ *T* ∗*,*

* (*L*1*L*2) ≡ (*L*2*L*1)*.*
* (*L*1 ∪ *L*2)∗ ≡ (*L*∗*L*∗)*.*

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* (*L*1(*L*2)∗)∗ ≡ ({*ϵ*}∪ (*L*1(*L*1)∗(*L*2)∗)) *where ϵ is the empty sequence.*

In the following, we identify a regular expression with the language it denotes. Like in [[4](#_bookmark3)], we can transform the regular language *L*V into an equivalent finite

union of regular languages of the form *ρ*1 *... ρmSeq*∗ *... Seq*∗, using Lemma [2.4](#_bookmark0), the

1 *h*

distribution law (*L*1 ∪ *L*2)*L* = (*L*1*L*∪ *L*2*L*) and the idempotent law (*L*∗)∗ = *L*∗. The

readers are referred to [[4](#_bookmark3)] or [[8](#_bookmark4)] for the transformation procedure. Thus, to decide

*L*V |= Θ, it’s enough to develop a technique to decide whether a regular language of the form *ρ*1 *... ρmSeq*∗ *... Seq*∗ satisfies Θ.

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Given a time-stamped sequence *TSeq* = (*ρ*1*, t*1)*...*(*ρm, tm*) of V. For a *LDI*

*D* = *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ci* · ∫ *Pi* ≤ *M* , the linear function Σ*n ci* · ∫ *Pi*

*i*=1

*i*=1

does not change its value when the new tuples of the form (*ρ*'*,* 0) are concatenated to *TSeq*. Noticing this property, in [[4](#_bookmark3)] authors equivalently transformed regular

language *ρ*1 *... ρmSeq*∗ *... Seq*∗

further into another regular language *L*, so called

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normal form, which is simpler than former and *L* |= *D* is decidable using lin-

ear programming. For a *LOI* Θ = *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M* ,

*i*=1

the function Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* changes its value generally when the new tuples of

*i*=1

the form (*ρ*'*,* 0) are concatenated to *TSeq*. Therefore, we cannot use the same

technique in [[4](#_bookmark3)] for our case. However, Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* has the same value for all

*i*=1

time-stamped sequences which are obtained from a sequence. Using this prop- erty, we can develop an algorithm to decide *L* |= Θ by solving integer program-

ming problems, where *L* is a regular language of the form *ρ*1 *... ρmSeq*∗ *... Seq*∗.

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For a sequence *Seq* = *ρ*1 *... ρm*, we define the function *lSeq* : *T* → R, where

*T* = {(*t*1*,... , tm*) | (*ρ*1*, t*1) *...* (*ρm, tm*) ∈ *TSeq*}, as *lSeq*(*t*1*,... , tm*) = Σ*m*

*i*=1

*ti*. *lSeq*

is a continuous function. We denote the minimal value of *lSeq* by *lmin*

*Seq*

and the

maximal value by *lmax*. The minimal value always exists, but the maximal value

*Seq*

may not exist in some cases. *lmax <* ∞ denotes that the maximal value of *lSeq*

*Seq*

exists and *lmax* = ∞ denotes that the maximal value of *lSeq* does not exist.

*Seq*

Theorem 2.5 *The problem L* |=Θ *is decidable using integer programming, where*

*L* = *ρ*1 *... ρmSeq*∗ *... Seq*∗ *and* Θ= *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi* ≤ *M.*

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*h*

*i*=1

Proof. Let *ai* = *Seqi*(*LF* ) (1 ≤ *i* ≤ *h*) and *bj* = *ρj*(*LF* ) (1 ≤ *j* ≤ *m*). We first prove theorem in case that *cmax <* ∞, *lmax <* ∞ for all *i*(1 ≤ *i* ≤ *h*) and *lmax <* ∞

*Seqi ρj*

for all *j*(1 ≤ *j* ≤ *m*). Consider the following integer programming problem:

*k*1 ≥ 0*,... , kh* ≥ 0*.*

*lmin* × *k*1 + *...* + *lmin* × *kh* + *lmin* + *...* + *lmin* ≤ *cmax.*

*Seq*1

*Seqh ρ*1 *ρm*

*lmax* × *k*1 + *...* + *lmax* × *kh* + *lmax* + *...* + *lmax* ≥ *cmin.*

*Seq*1

*Seqh ρ*1 *ρm*

*a*1*k*1 + *...* + *ahkh* + *b*1 + *...* + *bm* → *max.*

It is obvious that *L* |= Θ if the maximal value of the objective function is less than or equal to *M* . We prove that *L* |= Θ if the maximal value of the objective function is greater than *M* . From the assumption, there exist nonnegative integers

*k*' *,... , k*'

satisfying *lmin* ≤ *c*

, *lmax* ≥ *c*

and *Seq* '(*LF* ) *> M* for *Seq* ' =

1 *h Seq* '

*k*' *k*'

*max*

*min*

*Seq* '

*min*

*min*

'

*min*

' *min*

*min*

*ρ*1 *... ρmSeq* 1 *... Seq h* . Here, *l*

' = *l*

× *k* + *...*+ *l*

× *k* + *l* + *...*+ *l* ,

1 *h Seq*

*Seq*1 1

*Seqh*

*h ρ*1 *ρm*

*lmax* = *lmax* × *k*' + *...* + *lmax* × *k*' + *lmax* + *...* + *lmax* and *Seq* '(*LF* )= *a k*' + *...* +

*Seq* '

*Seq*1 1

*Seqh h ρ*1 *ρm* 1 1

*a k*' + *b*

*h*

*h*

1

*m*

+ *...* + *b*

. Therefore, [ *c , c*

] [ *lmin , lmax* ] /= ∅ and there exists

a nonnegative real number *c* satisfying *cmin*

and *l*

*Seq* '

*min*

*max*

*Seq* '

*Seq* '

≤ *c* ≤ *cmax*

*min Seq* '

≤ *c* ≤ *lmax .* From

the continuity of the function *lSeq* ' there exists a time-stamped sequence *T* '*Seq* '

satisfying *T* '*Seq* '(*l*)= *c*. This means that for *T* '*Seq* ', *cmin* ≤ *T* '*Seq* '(*l*) ≤ *cmax* but *T* '*Seq* '(*LF* ) *> M* . That is, *L* |= Θ. For the proof of the other cases, we introduce the following convention.

0 ·∞ = 0*, n* ·∞ = ∞*, n* + ∞ = ∞*, n* ≤ ∞ for all n*.*

Using this convention, the general case is proved in the same way as above, but the integer programming problem for the general case in which there is an occurrence of ∞ can generate several integer programming problems with no occurrences of ∞.

For example, in case that *cmax* = ∞, *lmin* × *k*1 + *...*+ *lmin* × *kh* + *lmin* + *...*+ *lmin* ≤

*Seq*1

*Seqh ρ*1 *ρm*

*cmax* is true for all *k*1 ≥ 0*,... , kh* ≥ 0. Thus, we can decide *L* |= Θ by solving the

following integer programming problem

*k*1 ≥ 0*,... , kh* ≥ 0*.*

*lmax* × *k*1 + *...* + *lmax* × *kh* + *lmax* + *...* + *lmax* ≥ *cmin.*

*Seq*1

*Seqh ρ*1 *ρm*

*a*1*k*1 + *...* + *ahkh* + *b*1 + *...* + *bm* → *max.*

# Deterministic Probabilistic Real-Time Automata

In this section, we consider a subclass of probabilistic real-time automata, named *deterministic probabilistic real-time automata* in this paper, where each automaton has nondeterministic choice only for times. The probabilistic timed structures are used as the underlying model of deterministic probabilistic real-time automata. A discrete probability distribution over a set *X* is a mapping *p* : *X* → [0*,* 1] such that the set {*x* | *x* ∈ *X* and *p*(*x*) *>* 0} is finite and *x*∈*X p*(*x*)= 1. *Dist*(X) denotes the set of discrete probability distributions over *X*.

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Definition 3.1 A deterministic probabilistic real-time automaton Q is a tuple (*Q, prob, L*) consisting of

* a finite set *Q* of states,
* a function *prob* : *Q* → I × *Dist*(*Q*) assigning to each state *q* ∈ *Q* a pair of the form ([*a, b*]*, p*), where [*a, b*] ∈ I and *p* ∈ *Dist*(*Q*),
* a function *L* : *Q* → 2*AP* assigning to each state *q* ∈ *Q* the set of atomic proposi- tions that are true in that state.

Example 3.2 The Bounded Retransmission Protocol (BRP) is an extended version of the Alternating Bit Protocol (ABP) retransmitting corrupted messages. When the sender of ABP sends a message, it sends the message repeatedly until it receives an acknowledgement indicating successful delivery. When that happens, it starts transmitting the next message. There is no constraint on the number of retrans- mission of a message. Unlike ABP, BRP allows bounded number of retransmission of a message. Fig.1 shows a deterministic probabilistic real-time automaton model for the sender of BRP, having the maximal number of retransmission 2.

The system starts in state *q*0 and waits for a message delivery request from environment. If a request is received, the system moves to state *q*1 and delivers message immediately. After delivering message, there are two probabilistic choices in state *q*1. The first choice is that with probability 0.9, the acknowledgement arrives from receiver between one and two time units, and the system moves to state *q*2. The second choice is that with probability 0.1, the system fails to receive acknowledgement and moves to state *q*3. In state *q*3, the system delivers message again and moves to the next state in the same way of *q*1. If a message delivery is successful, the system moves to state *q*0 and sends the next message. In state *q*4, the system delays one time unit for the proper reaction of receiver to the failure, and moves to state *q*0. In every transition, the system clock is reset to zero.



[ 0, 0 ]

1

q

q

1 [ 0, oo]

1

[ 1, 2 ]

q

2

0

trans

0.9

success

0.1

[ 1, 2 ]

[ 1, 2 ]

q 3

retrans

0.9

0.1 [ 1, 2]

q 4

failure

1

[ 1, 1 ]

Fig. 1. Sender of Bounded Retransmission Protocol

Definition 3.3 A probabilistic timed structure is a tuple ł = (*Q, Step, L*) con- sisting of

* + a set *Q* of states,
  + a function *Step* : *Q* → 2R×*Dist*(*Q*) assigning to each state *q* ∈ *Q* a set *Step*(*q*) of pairs of the form (*t, p*), where *t* ∈ R and *p* ∈ *Dist*(*Q*),
  + a function *L* : *Q* → 2*AP* assigning to each state *q* ∈ *Q* the set of atomic proposi- tions that are true in that state.

*t*0*,p*0

A path of ł is a nonempty finite or infinite sequence of the form *ω* = *q*0 —→

*t*1*,p*1

*t*2*,p*2

*t*3*,p*3

*q*1 —→ *q*2 —→ *q*3 —→ *...* where *qi* ∈ *Q*, (*ti, pi*) ∈ *Step*(*qi*), and *pi*(*qi*+1) *>* 0. We use

the following notations for a path *ω*. The first state of *ω* is denoted by *f irst*(*ω*), and if *ω* is finite then the last state of *ω* is denoted by *last*(*ω*). |*ω*| denotes the length of *ω* and is defined as the number of transition occurrences in *ω*, which is

∞ if *ω* is infinite. For *k* ≤ |*ω*|, *ω*(*k*) denotes the *k*th state of *ω*, and *step*(*ω, k*) denotes the label of the *k*th transition in *ω*. *ω*(*i*) denotes the *i*th prefix of *ω* and *ωω*' denotes the concatenation of two paths *ω* and *ω*' when *last*(*ω*) = *f irst*(*ω*'). A position of *ω* is a pair (*i, t*), where *i* ∈ N and *t* ∈ R such that *t* = 0 if *ti* = 0, otherwise 0 ≤ *t < ti*. Here and below, N is the set of nonnegative integer numbers. *Pos*(*ω*) denotes the set of positions of *ω*. The state at position (*i, t*) is denoted by

*stateω*(*i, t*). For a path *ω*, we define Ð*ω*(*i, t*), the elapsed time until the position (*i, t*),

*ω*

as Ð

(*i, t*)= ,⎨ Ð*ω*(*i*) *t* =0

where Ð

(*i*) = ,⎨ 0 *i* =0

is the

, Ð*ω*

*ω*

(*i*) + *t t* /= 0.

, Ð*ω*

(*i*) = Σ*i*−1 *tj*

*i* /=0

elapsed time until the *i*th transition. From the definition of Ð*ω*(*i, t*) it is possible that the two different positions have the same elapsed time until that positions. This occurs when a system passes through a number of states within zero time.

*j*=0

*Pathfin* denotes the set of finite paths of ł and *Pathinf* denotes the set of infinite paths of ł. *Pathfin*(*q*) denotes the set of finite paths starting from state *q* and *Pathinf* (*q*) denotes the set of infinite paths starting from state *q*. Adversaries of a probabilistic timed structure resolve all the nondeterministic choices of the model.

Definition 3.4 An adversary of a probabilistic timed structure ł = (*Q, Step, L*)

is a function *A* mapping every finite path *ω* of ł to a pair (*t, p*) such that *A*(*ω*) ∈

*Step*(*last*(*ω*)).

The set of adversaries is denoted by A. For an adversary *A*, we define

*PathA PathA*

*fin*

*inf*

= {*ω* ∈ *Pathfin* | *A*(*ω*(*i*))= *step*(*ω, i*) for 0 ≤ *i <* |*ω*|}*,*

= {*ω* ∈ *Pathinf* | *A*(*ω*(*i*))= *step*(*ω, i*) for 0 ≤ *i*}*.*

Let *PathA*

*fin*

(*q*) = *PathA*

∩ *Pathfin*(*q*) and *PathA*

(*q*) = *PathA*

∩ *Pathinf* (*q*).

For each state *q* ∈ *Q*, a probability measure *ProbA* over *PathA* (*q*) is defined in the

*fin*

*inf*

*inf*

*q inf*

following way. A sequential Markov chain *MCA* = (*P athA ,* P*A*) is associated with

*fin*

,⎨ *p*(*q*) if *A*(*ω*)= (*t, p*) and *ω*' = *ω t,p q*,

—→

an adversary *A*, where P*A*(*ω, ω*')=

, 0 otherwise.

*A*

Let F

*P ath*

*inf*

*fin*

(*q*) be the smallest *σ*-algebra on *PathA*

(*q*) which for all *ω*' ∈ *PathA*

(*q*)

contains the sets {*ω* | *ω* ∈ *PathA* (*q*) and *ω*' is a prefix of *ω*}. Let *ProbA* :

*inf*

*fin*

*PathA*

*fin*

(*q*) → [0*,* 1] be the mapping defined inductively on the length of paths

in *PathA*

*fin*

(*q*) as follows. If |*ω*| = 0 then *ProbA*

(*ω*) = 1. If *ω*' = *ω t,p*

*q* for

some *ω* ∈ *PathA*

*fin*

—→

*fin*

(*q*), then we let *ProbA*

(*ω*')= *ProbA*

(*ω*)P*A*(*ω, ω*'). The proba-

bility measure *ProbA* on F*A* (*q*) is the unique measure such that *ProbA*({*ω* | *ω* ∈

*fin*

*fin*

*q P ath q*

*fin*

*PathA*

*inf*

(*q*) and *ω*' is a prefix of *ω*})= *ProbA* (*ω*'). In this paper, we only consider

divergent adversaries. That is, for any infinite paths under our consideration the number of state changes occurring at finite time intervals are always finite.

Definition 3.5 Underlying model of a deterministic probabilistic real-time au- tomaton Q = (*Q, prob, L*) is the probabilistic timed structure łQ = (*Q, Step, L*) in which *Step*(*q*)= {(*t, p*) | *t* ∈ [*a, b*] and ([*a, b*]*, p*) ∈ *prob*(*q*)}

# Probabilistic Duration Calculus of Weakly Mono- tonic Time

In this section, we conservatively extend WDC to a logic that allows to specify dependability properties for real-time systems, such as the constraints for the prob- ability of satisfaction of a WDC formula by the set of adversaries of system model. We call N × R the macro -micro time plane, and each (*k, t*) ∈ N × R a macro -micro time point. *θ* is used to denote the original point of this plane, i.e., *θ* = (0*,* 0), and *τ* is used to range over N × R. A partial order ≤ on N × R is defined as *τ*1 ≤ *τ*2 iff *k*1 ≤ *k*2 and *t*1 ≤ *t*2 where *τ*1 = (*k*1*, t*1) and *τ*2 = (*k*2*, t*2). We define weakly monotonic time frames on N × R in the following way.

Definition 4.1 A weakly monotonic time frame WT on N × R is a subset of N × R

satisfying the following conditions:

* WT is a linearly ordered subset of N × R with respect to ≤.
* *π*1(*WT* )= N or *π*2(*WT* )= R where *π*1(*WT* )= {*k* | (*k, t*) ∈ *WT* } and *π*2(*WT* )=

{*t* | (*k, t*) ∈ *WT* }.

* + If *k* ∈ *π*1(*WT* ) and *k*' *< k*, then *k*' ∈ *π*1(*WT* ). Similarly, if *t* ∈ *π*2(*WT* ) and *t*' *< t*, then *t*' ∈ *π*2(*WT* ).
  + If *t*1 *< t*2, (*k*1*, t*1) ∈ *WT* and (*k*2*, t*2) ∈ *WT* , then *k*1 ≤ *k*2.

For each infinite path *ω* of a probabilistic timed structure ł, the set *W Tω* =

{ (*k, t*) | (*i, t*') ∈ *Pos*(*ω*), *k* = *i* and *t* = Ð*ω*(*i, t*') } is a weakly monotonic time frame. Given an infinite path *ω* and an atomic proposition *P* ∈ *AP* . We define a

{0*,* 1}-valued function *Pω* : *W Tω* → {0*,* 1} as

, 1 *stateω*(*k, t*')= *q* and *P* ∈ *L*(*q*) *Pω*(*k, t*)=

⎨

, 0 otherwise,

where *t*' is such that *t* = Ð*ω*(*i, t*'). We also define a function *P* 1 : *π*1(*W Tω*) → {0*,* 1} as *P* 1(*k*)= *Pω*(*k,* 0) and a partial function *P* 2 : *π*2(*W Tω*) → {0*,* 1} as

*ω*

*ω ω*

*P* 2(*t*)= ,⎨ *Pω*(*k, t*) { *k* | (*k, t*) ∈ *W Tω*} is singleton

*ω*

, ⊥ otherwise.

For a macro -micro time point *τ* = (*k*'*, t*'), let *Rτ* = { (*k, t*) | 0 ≤ *k* ≤ *k*' and 0 ≤ *t* ≤ *t*'}. We define the restriction of a weakly monotonic time frame *W Tω* to *Rτ* as *WTω* ] *Rτ* = *W Tω Rτ . WTω* ] *Rτ* is a linear order subset of *W Tω* and has the maximal element which is denoted by *τω*.

Definition 4.2 The syntax of PWDC is defined as:

Φ ::= ∀[Ψ]*op λ* | ∃[Ψ]*op λ* | ¬Φ | Φ ∧ Φ*,*

Ψ ::= [*P* |0 | [*P* | | *F op c* | ¬Ψ | Ψ ∧ Ψ | Ψ*-*Ψ*,*

*F* ::= *η* | Σ*n*

*i*=1

*ki* · Σ *Pi* | *l* | Σ*n*

*ci* · ∫ *Pi,*

where *op* ∈ {=*,* ≤*,* ≥}, *λ* ∈ [0*,* 1], *ki* ∈ Z and *ci* ∈ R. Here, *c* takes integer number

*i*=1

when *F* is *η* or Σ*n ki* · Σ *Pi*, and real number otherwise.

*i*=1

Φ is called a PWDC formula, Ψ is called a WDC formula, and *F* is called a measurement term. The reason of restriction to linear terms is for simplicity. The set of intervals over *WTω* is defined as *Intv*(*W Tω*)= {[*τ*1*, τ*2] ∈ *W Tω* × *W Tω* | *τ*1 ≤ *τ*2}. *η*, Σ*P* , *l*, *P* are called atomic measurement terms. The interpretation of an atomic measurement term on *Intv*(*W Tω*) is defined as *Iω*([*τ*1*, τ*2]) = *π*1(*τ*2)— *π*1(*τ*1),

∫

*η*

*I*P*ω* ([*τ ,τ* ]) = Σ*π*1(*τ*2 ) *P* 1(*i*), *Iω*([*τ ,τ* ]) = *π* (*τ* ) — *π* (*τ* ) and *I*R*ω* ([*τ ,τ* ]) =

*P*

1

2

*i*=*π*1(*τ*1)

*ω*

*l*

1

2

2

2

2

1

*P*

1

2

∫ *π*2(*τ*2 ) *P* 2*dt*. The interpretation *Iω* ([*τ ,τ* ]) of non-atomic measurement terms *F* on

*π*2(*τ*1)

*ω*

*F*

1

2

*Intv*(*W Tω*) is defined in the standard way and omitted here. Given a probabilistic timed structure ł and a WDC formula Ψ. Let *q* be a state of ł and [*τ*1*, τ*2] be a weakly monotonic time interval [*τ*1*, τ*2] of *ω* ∈ *Pathinf* (*q*).

Definition 4.3 (Semantics of WDC Formulas)

The satisfaction relation (*q, ω,* [*τ*1*, τ*2]) |= Ψ is defined inductively as follows: (*q, ω,* [*τ*1*, τ*2]) |= [*P* |0 iff *τ*1 = *τ*2 and *Pω*(*τ*1)=1

(*q, ω,* [*τ*1*, τ*2]) |= [*P* | iff *τ*1 *< τ*2 and *Pω*(*τ* ) = 1 for all *τ* : *τ*1 *< τ < τ*2

(*q, ω,* [*τ*1*, τ*2]) |= *F op c* iff *Iω* ([*τ*1*, τ*2]) op *c*

*F*

For an infinite path *ω* and a nonnegative real number *t*, let *τt* = (*k, t*) where *k* = min{ *k*' | (*k*'*, t*) ∈ *W Tω*}*.* For a nonnegative integer *k*, let *τk* = (*k,* 0). We define the semantics of PWDC formulas in three different ways. Given a probabilistic timed structure ł,a state *q* of ł, and a PWDC formula Φ.

Definition 4.4 (Macro-micro/Macro/Micro Time Semantics of PWDC Formulas) Let *τ* ((*t, k*)) be a macro-micro (macro or micro respectively) time point. The satisfaction relation (A*, q,τ* (*t, k*)) |= Φ is defined inductively as follows:

(A*, q,τ* (*t, k*)) |= ∀[Ψ]*op λ* iff *ProbA*({*ω* | *ω* ∈ *PathA*

(*q*) and

*q inf*

(*q, ω,* [*θ, τω*(*t, k*)]) |= Ψ}) *op λ* for all *A* ∈ A

(A*, q,τ* (*t, k*)) |= ∃[Ψ]*op λ* iff *ProbA*({*ω* | *ω* ∈ *PathA*

(*q*) and

*q inf*

(*q, ω,* [*θ, τω*(*t, k*)]) |= Ψ}) *op λ* for some *A* ∈ A

Macro time semantics and Micro time semantics are natural adaptations to probabilistic domain of the ways to define semantics in the original DC and its variant logics. But, macro-micro time semantics is a combination of macro time semantics and micro time semantics. The problem (A*, q, t*) |= ∀[Ψ]*op λ* can be decided by deciding (A*, q,* (*k*'*, t*)) |= ∀[Ψ]*op λ* for some *k*' and the problem (A*, q, k*) |=

∀[Ψ]*op λ* can be decided by deciding (A*, q,* (*k, t*')) |= ∀[Ψ]*op λ* for some *t*'. For this reason, we concentrate on the development of model checking algorithms relating to Macro-micro time semantics.

# Checking Deterministic Probabilistic Real-Time Au- tomata for PWDC formulas

In this section, we consider the problem to check deterministic probabilistic real- time automata for some subclass of PWDC formulas. We give two algorithms. The first algorithm is to decide (A*, q,τ* ) |= ∀[Θ]*op λ* using linear programming, where Θ is a linear occurrence invariant, and the second algorithm is to decide

(A*, q,τ* ) |= ∀[ Θ]*op λ* for all *τ* by solving the system of linear equations, where Θ is a linear occurrence invariant of the form *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ Σ *P* = 0*.*

*t*0

Let *ω* = *q*0 —→

*t*1

*q*1 —→

*t*2

*q*2 —→

*...* be a path of a deterministic probabilistic

real-time automaton. Here, we dropped the scripts denoting probability values

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from the path for simplicity. Let *t* = *t*0 + *t*1 + *t*'

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where *t*'

*< t*2 and *τ* = (2*, t*).

Then for any linear occurrence invariant Θ, (*q*0*, ω,* [*θ, τ* ]) |= Θ if and only if (*ρ*0*, t*0)(*ρ*1*, t*1)(*ρ*2*, t*' ) |= Θ. For this reason, we consider paths as time-stamped behaviors in this section for the development of checking algorithm.

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Now we describe the first algorithm. We explain the main ideas of our al- gorithm using an example and formalize it later. Let Q = (*Q, prob, L*) be the

deterministic probabilistic real-time automaton given in Fig.1, *q*0 be the start-

ing state of Q, *τ* = (7*,* 9), and Θ =^ 0 ≤ *l* ⇒ Σ *f ailure* ≤ 0. The problem

(A*, q*0*,τ* ) |= ∀ [ Θ] ≥ 0*.*9 is decided using linear programming as follows. Let *T* =

{*ρ*01*, ρ*12*, ρ*13*, ρ*20*, ρ*32*, ρ*34*, ρ*40} where *ρ*01 = (*q*0*,* [0*,* ∞)*, q*1), *ρ*12 = (*q*1*,* [1*,* 2 ]*, q*2),

*ρ*13 = (*q*1*,* [1*,* 2 ]*, q*3), *ρ*20 = (*q*2*,* [0*,* 0 ]*, q*0), *ρ*32 = (*q*3*,* [1*,* 2 ]*, q*2), *ρ*34 = (*q*3*,* [1*,* 2 ]*, q*4)

and *ρ*40 = (*q*4*,* [1*,* 1 ]*, q*0). Then V = (*Q, T, L*) becomes a real-time automaton. We designate *q*0 as the starting state of V. For a sequence *Seq* = *ρi*1*j*1 *ρi*2*j*2 *... ρimjm* of V, we define *P* (*Seq*) = *p*1(*qj*1 ) × *p*2(*qj*2 ) × *...* × *pm*(*qjm* ) where *pk* (*k* = 1*,... , m*) satisfies *prob*(*qik* )= ([*ak, bk*]*, pk*) in Q. From Fig.1, we can easily see that

*L*V = *R*∗ ∪ (*R*∗ · *ρ*01) ∪ (*R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*12) ∪ (*R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*13) ∪ (*R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32) ∪

(*R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)*,*

where *R* = *R*1 ∪ *R*2 ∪ *R*3, *R*1 = *ρ*01*ρ*12*ρ*20, *R*2 = *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32*ρ*20 and *R*3 = *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34*ρ*40. From *L*V , we can pick out sequences having length smaller than or equal to 7(= *π*2(*τ* )) and not satisfying *f ailure* ≤ 0 by solving linear equations. Let us consider *R*∗. The linear equation 3*k*1 + 4*k*2 + 4*k*3 = 7 on the nonnegative integer numbers has two solutions (1*,* 1*,* 0) and (1*,* 0*,* 1), where 3 is the length of *R*1 and 4 is the length of *R*2 and *R*3. The solution (1*,* 1*,* 0) means that *R*1*R*2 and *R*2*R*1 are the sequences of length 7 in *R*∗. The solution (1*,* 0*,* 1) means that *R*1*R*3 and *R*3*R*1 are another sequences of length 7 in *R*∗. For the sequence *R*1*R*3, the prefix (*R R* )(7) do not satisfy *f ailure* ≤ 0. Also for the sequence *R R* , the pre- fixes (*R*3*R*1)(4), (*R*3*R*1)(5), (*R*3*R*1)(6) and (*R*3*R*1)(7) do not satisfy *f ailure* ≤

Σ

1 3 Σ 3 1

Σ

0. We denote these prefixes respectively by *E*1 = {(*R*1*R*3)(7)} and *E*2 =

{(*R*3*R*1)(4)*,* (*R*3*R*1)(5)*,* (*R*3*R*1)(6)*,* (*R*3*R*1)(7)}. Applying the same procedure to *R*∗·*ρ*01*, R*∗·*ρ*01*ρ*12*, R*∗·*ρ*01*ρ*13*, R*∗ ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32*, R*∗·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34, we can pick out two more sets *E*3 = {(*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32)(4)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32)(5)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32)(6)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32)(7)} and *E*4 = {(*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)(4)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)(5)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)(6)*,* (*R*3 ·*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)(7)}

from *R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32 and *R*∗ · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34 respectively, in which every sequence does not satisfy Σ *f ailure* ≤ 0.

We make tuples by taking at most one element from each *Ei* (*i* = 1*,* 2*,* 3*,* 4) with- out considering order. For example, the tuple Σ*min* = ((*R*1*R*3)(7)*,* (*R*3*R*1)(4)*,* (*R*3 · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*32)(4)*,* (*R*3 · *ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34)(4)) is a tuple consisting of first element of each *Ei*. The remaining procedure is to generate linear constraints over the nonnegative real numbers for each tuple and do probability calculation if it is feasible. We use an example to demonstrate the procedure. The following is the linear constraints over

the nonnegative real numbers generated from Σ*min* and *π*2(*τ* )= 9.

,⎪ *t*1

+ *t*2

+ *t*3

+ *t*4

+ *t*5

+ *t*6

+ *t*7

= 9*,*

01 12

⎪

1 2

20 01 13

34 40

3

⎪ 0 ≤ *t ,* 1 ≤ *t* ≤ 2*,* 0 ≤ *t*

⎪⎨

≤ 0*,* 0 ≤ *t*4 *,*

01 12

1 ≤ *t*5 ≤ 2*,* 1 ≤ *t*6

13

34

20 01

≤ 2*,* 0 ≤ *t*7 ≤ 1*,*

40

⎪ *t*1

+ *t*2

+ *t*3

+ *t*4

= 9*,*

01 13

40

⎪

, 1 ≤ *t*2

≤ 2*,* 1 ≤ *t*3

13

34 40

34

≤ 2*,* 0 ≤ *t*4

≤ 1*.*

The first line is generated from the first sequence of Σ*min* by changing *ρij* to *tk* where *k* denotes the position of *ρij*, and changing concatenation operation to plus operation. The second line and third line are time constraints for the transitions occurring in the first element of Σ*min*, given in the definition of V. The fourth line and fifth line are generated from the second sequence of Σ*min* in the same way. The third sequence and fourth sequence of Σ*min* are equal with the second sequence of Σ*min* and we don’t consider it.

Using linear programming, we can decide that the linear constraints above is fea- sible. We calculate *P* (Σ*min*)= 1 — (*P* (*ρ*01*ρ*12*ρ*20*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34*ρ*40)+ *P* (*ρ*01*ρ*13*ρ*34*ρ*40)) = 1 — ((1 × 0*.*9 × 1 × 1 × 0*.*1 × 0*.*1 × 1) + (1 × 0*.*1 × 0*.*1 × 1)) = 1 — (0*.*009 + 0*.*01) = 0*.*981.

*ij*

From the definition of satisfaction for PWDC formulas, the above procedure applied to Σ*min* and the resulting value 0.981 mean that for some adversary *A*

of łQ, *ProbA* ({*ω* | *ω* ∈ *PathA*

(*q*0) and (*q, ω,* [*θ, τω*]) |= Θ}) = 0*.*981*.* We apply

*q*0 *inf*

the above procedure to every tuple Σ and calculate *P* (Σ) if the generated linear

constraints from Σ is feasible. The minimum of these values is not less than 0.9 and we can conclude (A*, q*0*,τ* ) |= ∀ [ Θ] ≥ 0*.*9.

Remark 5.1 In fact, we can directly conclude (A*, q*0*,τ* ) |= ∀ [ Θ] ≥ 0*.*9 only with value *P* (Σ*min*) = 0*.*981. This is because the value 0.981 which is calculated from the tuple Σ*min* consisting of first element of each *Ei* is the minimum of the values calculated from each feasible tuple, i.e., the tuple generating feasible linear con- straints. In this paper, we don’t consider technical details relating to the complexity of algorithm.

Given a deterministic probabilistic real-time automaton Q = (*Q, prob, L*) and a state *q*. We define *T* = { (*q*'*,* [*a, b*]*, q*'') | *q*' ∈ *Q, q*'' ∈ *Q, prob*(*q*')= ([*a, b*]*, p*)*, p*(*q*'') *>* 0 }. Then, (*Q, T, L*) becomes a real-time automaton. We designate *q* as starting state of (*Q, T, L*) and denote this real-time automaton by Q*q*. *L*Q*q* denotes the set of behaviors of Q*q* and *H*(*L*Q*q* ) denotes the star-height of *L*Q*q* .

Theorem 5.2 *Let us assume that H*(*L*Q*q* ) ≤ 1 *. The problem* (A*, q,τ* ) |= ∀[Θ]*op λ*

*is decidable using linear programming, where* Θ *is a linear occurrence invariants.*

The details of the proof is in [[14](#_bookmark11)]. Now we describe second algorithm. Given a deterministic real-time automaton Q and its state *q*.

Theorem 5.3 *The problem* (A*, q,τ* ) |= ∀[ Θ]*op λ for all τ, where* Θ= (*cmin* ≤ *l* ≤

*cmax* ⇒ Σ *P* = 0)*, is decidable by solving the system of linear equations.*

Proof. Note that from the assumption for Θ, it simply says that the probability *p*

that *P* never occurs in a run satisfies *popλ*. For each adversary *A* of łQ we define

*Path*¬*P* (*q*)= {*ω* | *ω* ∈ *PathA*

*inf*

(*q*) and *L*(*ω*(*k*)) /e *P* for all *k*}*,*

*Pr*¬*P* (*q*)= {*ProbA*(*Path*¬*P* (*q*))}*.*

*q*

*Pr*¬*P* (*q*) has the same value for all adversaries because of the determinism for dis- crete transitions, and (A*, q,τ* ) |= 6[ Θ]*op λ* for all *τ* if and only if *P r*¬*P* (*q*) *op λ*. Note that the premise *cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* of Θ and *τ* need not be considered in our case. Thus, it’s enough to develop a technique to calculate *P r*¬*P* (*q*). Let *q*1*, q*2*,... , qm* be the states of Q satisfying *L*(*qi*) /e *P* and *p*(*qi*) *>* 0 for all *i* (1 ≤ *i* ≤ *m*). Here, *p* is the probability distribution satisfying *prob*(*q*)= ([*a, b*]*, p*). We have the following set constraint

—→

*Path*

(*q*) = *m*

(*q ti,p q* ) · *Path*

(*q* )

relating to the states *q, q*1*, q*2*,... , qm*. From this set relation, we also have the following linear equation

¬*P*

*i*=1

*i*

¬*P*

*i*

*P r*¬*P* (*q*)= Σ*m*

*i*=1

*p*(*qi*) · *Pr*¬*P* (*qi*)*.*

Applying this procedure to all states of Q, we have the system of linear equations. Solving this system of linear equations we can obtain the value of *P r*¬*P* (*q*).

Example 5.4 Let us consider the sender of BRP and a PWDC formula 6[ Θ]≥ 0*.*6, where Θ= (*cmin* ≤ *l* ≤ *cmax* ⇒ *f ailure* = 0). Applying the procedure given in the proof of theorem, we have the following system of linear equations.

Σ

,, *P r*¬*failure*(*q*0)= *P r*¬*failure*(*q*1)*,*

,⎨ *Pr*¬*failure*(*q*1)= 0*.*9 · *P r*¬*failure*(*q*2)+ 0*.*1 · *Pr*¬*failure*(*q*3)*, Pr*¬*failure*(*q*2)= *P r*¬*failure*(*q*0)*,*

,,, *Pr*¬*failure*(*q*3)= 0*.*9 · *P r*¬*failure*(*q*2)*.*

Solving this system of linear equation, we have *Pr*¬*failure*(*q*0) = 0. This means that the problem (A*, q*0*,τ* ) |= 6[Θ]≥ 0*.*6 for some *τ* .

# Conclusion and Future Work

We have studied a subclass of WDC (Duration Calculus of Weakly Monotonic Time) called LOI (Linear Occurrence Invariants) and and presented an algorithm to check real-time automata for LOI using integer programming techniques. We have also introduced PWDC (Probabilistic Duration Calculus of Weakly Monotonic Time) to specify dependability requirements of real-time system and presented some tech- niques to check deterministic probabilistic real-time automata for PWDC formulas. Though these algorithms work only for simple class of PWDC formulas, we believe

that they can be impvoved for a large class of PWDC formulas, and this will be presented in our future work.

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