# Tools and Algorithms for Deciding Timed Relations

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#### Overview

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## Bisimilarity and related notions

- ► Labeled Transition System: This is a triple  $(Proc, Act, \{\stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} | a \in Act\})$  where
  - Proc is a set of states (also called processes or configurations.)
  - Act is a set of actions (also called labels.)
  - ▶  $\stackrel{a}{\rightarrow}$  ⊆  $Proc \times Proc$  is a transition relation.
- ▶ CCS expression: Defined by the following grammar:
  - ▶ *P* ::= *K*
  - $P := \alpha.P$
  - $\triangleright$   $P ::=_{i \in I} P_i$
  - P := P | Q
  - ▶ P ::= P[f]
  - ▶ *P* ::= *P*Ł

## Bisimilarity and related notions

- Equivalence for CCS processes.
- ▶ Trace equivalence: Traces(P) = Traces(Q)
- Unsatisfactory (differences in deadlock behaviour.)
- ▶ Strong bisimulation: A binary relation R is a strong bisimulation if and only if, for all  $(s_1, s_2)\epsilon R$  and  $a\epsilon Act$ .  $\forall s_1'(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \Rightarrow \exists s_2'.(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \land (s_1', s_2')\epsilon R)) \land \forall s_2'(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \Rightarrow \exists s_1'.(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \land (s_1', s_2')\epsilon R))$
- It can be shown that the union of all strong bisimulations over the set of states is a strong bisimulation. This binary relation is called *strong bisimilarity*, denoted by  $\sim$ .

### Bisimilarity and related notions

- Better notion of equivalence than trace equivalence: picks up differences in the deadlock behaviour of processes under study.
- ightharpoonup Failing: does not account for the invisible nature of au transitions in CCS processes.
- ▶ Weak bisimulation: A binary relation R is a weak bisimulation if and only if, for all  $(s_1, s_2) \in R$  and  $a \in Act$ .

$$\forall s_1'(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \Rightarrow \exists s_2'.(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R)) \land \forall s_2'(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \Rightarrow \exists s_1'.(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R))$$

- It can be shown that the union of all weak bisimulations over the set of states is a weak bisimulation. This binary relation is called *weak bisimilarity*, denoted by  $\approx$ .
- ▶ Better suited to CCS processes, as it ignores  $\tau$  transitions, thus disregarding hidden behaviour within a process.

#### Kanellakis and Smolka's algorithm

- This is a naive algorithm for determining the bisimilarity relation for the set of processes in a labelled transition system.
- ▶ This relies on the notion of a splitter.
- Let  $\pi = \{B_0, ..., B_k\}, k \ge 0$  be a partition of the set of states Pr in a labeled transition system.
- ▶ A splitter for a block  $B_i$   $\epsilon$   $\pi$  is a block  $B_j$   $\epsilon$   $\pi$  such that for some action a  $\epsilon$  Act, some states in  $B_i$  have a-labelled transitions whose targets lie in  $B_j$  while other states in  $B_i$  do not.
- ▶ This suggests a refinement of  $\pi$ : replace block  $B_i$  with  $B_i^1 = B_i \cap T_a^{-1}[B_j]$   $B_i^2 = B_i B_i^1$
- ▶ Refinements of this kind constitute the steps of this algorithm.

## Kanellakis and Smolka's algorithm

Return  $\pi$ ;

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Initialise \pi to Pr;

while there exist splitters among the elements of \pi do

Pick a splitter B;

foreach B_j \in \pi do

foreach a \in Act do

Split B_j with respect to B for action a;

end

end

end
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▶ The time complexity of this algorithm is O(mn), since there can be at most n iterations, and all m edges are scanned in each iteration.

### Fernandez' algorithm

- ▶ More efficient algorithm (O(m log n)).
- Relies on Paige and Tarjan's technique of three-way splitting.
- Splitters can now be 'simple' or 'compound'.
- Stability: A partition  $\pi$  is said to be stable with respect to a compound block S if S is not a splitter for any block in  $\pi$  for any action.
- ▶ For a compound block S, having a constituent simple block B satisfying  $n(B) \le 0.5 * n(S)$ , and with respect to which  $\pi$  is stable, we can split a block  $B_i$  on an action a as follows:

$$B_{i}^{1} = (B_{i} \cap T_{a}^{-1}[B]) - T_{a}^{-1}[S - B]$$
  

$$B_{i}^{2} = (B_{i} \cap T_{a}^{-1}[S - B]) - T_{a}^{-1}[B]$$
  

$$B_{i}^{3} = B_{i} \cap T_{a}^{-1}[B] \cap T_{a}^{-1}[S - B]$$

#### Fernandez' algorithm

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Initialise \pi = \{Pr\};
Initialise W = \{Pr\} while W is not empty do
   Choose a splitter B from W, removing it;
   if B is a simple splitter then
       Perform a two-way split on each action with respect to B
       and update W;
   else
       Perform a three-way split on each action with respect to B
       and update W;
   end
end
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## Paige and Tarjan's Algorithm

- ► Technique of three way splitting came from here.
- Special case of Fernandez' algorithm when there's only one kind of action.

#### Timed Automata

- ▶ Formally, a timed automaton over a finite set of clocks C and a finite set of actions Act is a 4-tuple  $(L, I_0, E, I)$ .
- L is a finite set of locations.
- I<sub>0</sub> is the initial location.
- ▶  $E \subseteq L \times B(C) \times Act \times 2^C \times L$  is a finite set of edges.
- ▶  $I: L \rightarrow B(C)$  assigns invariants to each edge location.
- ▶ B(C) is the set of clock constraints over C. An element of B(C) can be an equality, a slack inequality, a strict inequality, or an AND combination of such constraints.

- ▶ Timed bisimulation: A binary relation R is a timed bisimulation if and only if, for all  $(s_1, s_2) \in R$ ,  $a \in Act$ ,  $d \in R_{\geq 0}$   $\forall s_1'(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \Rightarrow \exists s_2'.(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R)) \land \forall s_2'(s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s_2' \Rightarrow \exists s_1'.(s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s_1' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R)) \land \forall s_1'(s_1 \xrightarrow{d} s_1' \Rightarrow \exists s_2'.(s_2 \xrightarrow{d} s_2' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R)) \land \forall s_2'(s_2 \xrightarrow{d} s_2' \Rightarrow \exists s_1'.(s_1 \xrightarrow{d} s_1' \land (s_1', s_2') \in R))$
- ▶ It can be shown that the union of all timed bisimulations over the set of (location, valuation) pairs is a timed bisimulation. This binary relation is called *timed bisimilarity*, denoted by ~.

► Time abstracted bisimulation: A binary relation R is a time abstracted bisimulation if and only if, for all  $(s_1, s_2)\epsilon R$ ,  $a\epsilon Act$ ,  $d\epsilon R_{>0}$ 

$$\forall s_{1}'(s_{1} \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} s_{1}' \Rightarrow \exists s_{2}'.(s_{2} \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} s_{2}' \wedge (s_{1}', s_{2}') \epsilon R)) \wedge \forall s_{2}'(s_{2} \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} s_{2}' \Rightarrow \exists s_{1}'.(s_{1} \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} s_{1}' \wedge (s_{1}', s_{2}') \epsilon R)) \wedge \forall s_{1}'(s_{1} \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} s_{1}' \Rightarrow \exists (s_{2}', d').(s_{2} \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} s_{2}' \wedge (s_{1}', s_{2}') \epsilon R)) \wedge \forall s_{2}'(s_{2} \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} s_{2}' \Rightarrow \exists (s_{1}', d').(s_{1} \stackrel{d}{\rightarrow} s_{1}' \wedge (s_{1}', s_{2}') \epsilon R))$$

It can be shown that the union of all time abstracted bisimulations over the set of (location, valuation) pairs is a time abstracted bisimulation. This binary relation is called time abstracted bisimilarity, denoted by  $\sim_u$ .

- ▶ Equivalence of valuations: Two valuations v and v' of a timed automaton are said to be equivalent  $(v \equiv v')$  if and only if:
  - ► For each  $x \in C$ , either both v(x) and v'(x) are greater than  $c_x$  or  $\lfloor v(x) \rfloor = \lfloor v'(x) \rfloor$
  - ▶ For each  $x \in C$  such that  $v(x) \le c_x$ , frac(v(x)) = 0 if and only if frac(v'(x)) = 0.
  - For all  $x, y \in C$  such that  $v(x) \le c_x$  and  $v(y) \le c_y$ , we have  $frac(v(x)) \le frac(v(y))$  if and only if  $frac(v'(x)) \le frac(v'(y))$ .
- ▶ Under this notion of equivalence, an equivalence class is known as a *region*. The equivalence class containing a valuation v is denoted by  $\lceil v \rceil_{\equiv}$ .

Region graph: the region graph of a timed automaton A with clock set C and action set Act is an LTS

clock set 
$$C$$
 and action set  $Act$  is an LTS  $T_r(A) = (Proc, Act \cup \{\varepsilon\}, \{\stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} | a\epsilon Act \cup \{\varepsilon\}\})$  where  $Proc = \{(I, [v]_{\equiv}) | I\epsilon L, v : C \rightarrow R_{\geq 0}\}$  (these states are called symbolic states)

The transitions are defined as follows:

- ► For each  $a \in A$ ,  $(I, [v]_{\equiv}) \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} (I', [v']_{\equiv})$  iff  $(I, v) \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} (I', v')$
- ▶  $(I, [v]_{\equiv}) \xrightarrow{a} (I, [v']_{\equiv})$  if for some  $d \in R_{\geq 0}$ ,  $(I, v) \xrightarrow{d} (I, v')$

► Extended Clock Constraints: These are described by the grammar

$$g ::= x \bowtie n | x - y \bowtie n | g_1 \wedge g_2$$

- ▶ The set of extended clock constraints is denoted by  $B^+(C)$
- Zones: A zone is a set of valuations represented by an extended clock constraint.

$$Z = v | v \epsilon g_Z$$

▶ Symbolic state: For a timed automaton A, a symbolic state is an ordered pair of a location and a zone, that is, (I, Z).

- Reachability graph: The reachability graph of a timed automaton is a directed graph in which the nodes are symbolic states and the edges are given by the reachability relation:
  - (I, Z') is reachable from (I, Z) if there exists a valuation belonging Z' which can be obtained from Z by applying a time delay which does not violate the invariant at I.
  - (I', Z') is reachable from (I, Z) if I has an action transition to I' and there exists a valuation in Z' which violates neither the guard of the transition nor the invariant at I'.

#### Code written so far

- ► Fernandez' algorithm: We expect to need this algorithm while building the software, so we built a module implementing it in Ocaml (primary language for this project.)
- ► Grammar: We implemented a lexer and parser in Ocaml to build a representation of a timed automaton from a specification in a text file.

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