STL Notes

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1 Autonomous Vehicles
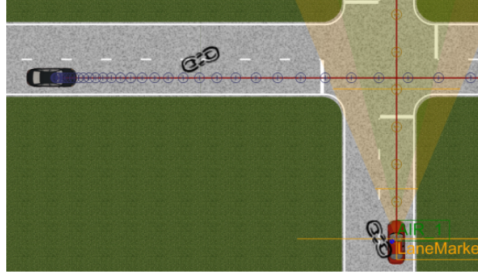
1.1 Intersection Management

Figure 1: Intersection Scenario

In [?] the ego-vehicle's behavior at an intersection is defined using STL. The system has a state:

$$\mathbf{x_t} = [x_t^{ego} \; y_t^{ego} \; x_t^{adv} \; y_t^{adv} \; v_t^{ego} \; v_t^{adv} \;]^T \tag{1}$$

Figure 1 shows the ego-vehicle in blue and the adversary-vehicle in red. The authors of [?] use the following specification to describe the behavior: ϕ_s: "When the ego-vehicle is within 2 meters of the adversary-vehicle the ego-vehicle will stop for two seconds."

$$\phi_s = \Box(|x_t^{ego} - x_t^{adv}| < 2) \implies \Box_{[0,2]}(|v_t^{ego}| < 0.1) \tag{2}$$

1.1.1 Alternate Formulation

The above STL specification relies on the adversary-vehicle to stop at the intersection, but a car should always stop at an intersection. Inspired from [?] the following specification describes: "When the ego-vehicle reaches an intersection it will stop for one second and only cross whens safe (ϕ_{cross}) otherwise it will stay stopped. ($\phi_{stopped}\mathcal{U}_{[1,3]}\phi_{stopped}$)."

$$\phi_{stopped} = (|v_t^{ego}| == 0) \tag{3}$$
$$\phi_{cross} = \Box_{[1,3]}(|y_t^{adv} - \mathbf{Y^{INT}}| > 0.1) \wedge (x_t^{ego} > 5) \tag{4}$$

$$\phi_{int} = \Box(|x_t^{ego} - \mathbf{X^{INT}}| < 0.1) \implies \Box[0.5,1](\phi_{stopped}) \wedge (\phi_{stopped}\mathcal{U}_{[1,3]}\phi_{cross} \vee \phi_{stopped}\mathcal{U}_{[1,3]}\phi_{stopped}) \tag{5}$$

Where $\mathbf{X^{INT}} = -5$ and $\mathbf{Y^{INT}} = -5$ are the positional coordinates of the intersection.
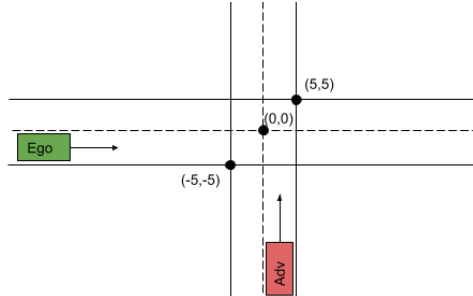

Figure 2: Alternate Scenario

2 STL for Hybrid Systems

2.1 Hybrid Time STL

2.1.1 Hybrid System Solutions

Solutions to hybrid systems are defined on ordinary and discrete time:

1. Ordinary Time: $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} := [0, \infty)$

2. Discrete Time: $j \in \mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, 2, ...\}$

Definition 2.1 (Hybrid Time Instance). A *hybrid time instance* is given by

$$(t, j) \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$$

Definition 2.2 (Compact Hybrid Domain). A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$ is a *compact hybrid domain* if it can be written as

$$E = \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} ([t_j, t_{j+1}] \times \{j\} \tag{6}$$

for a finite sequence of times $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq ... \leq t_J$.

Definition 2.3 (Hybrid Domain). A set $E \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times \mathbb{N}$ is a *hybrid domain* if for each $(T, J) \in E$

$$E \cap ([0, T] \times \{0, 1, ..., J\}$$

is a compact hybrid time domain.

Definition 2.4 (Compact Hybrid Shift). Given a compact hybrid domain E and (t^*, j^*), the forward compact hybrid shift of E by (t^*, j^*) is

$$(t^*, j^*) + E = \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} ([t_j + t^*, t_{j+1} + t^*] \times \{j + j^*\} \tag{7}$$

and the backward hybrid shift of E by (t^*, j^*) is

$$E - (t^*, j^*) = \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} ([t_j - t^*, t_{j+1} - t^*] \times \{j - j^*\} \tag{8}$$

for a finite sequence of times $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq ... \leq t_J$ and E satisfying (**??**).

Definition 2.5 (Compact hybrid Interval). A *compact hybrid interval* is defined by two hybrid time instances (t_A^*, j_A^*) and (t_B^*, j_B^*), where $t_A^* + j_A^* \leq t_B^* + j_B^*$, and an hybrid domain E, over the range $[t_A^*, t_B^*] \times \{j_A^*, ..., j_B^*\}$, by

$$\mathcal{I} := (t_A^*, j_A^*) + E = \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-1} ([t_j + t_A^*, t_{j+1} + t_A^*] \times \{j + j_A^*\} \tag{9}$$

Where $J = j_B^* - j_A^*$ and $t_0 = 0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq ... \leq t_J = t_B^* - t_A^*$

Definition 2.6 (Open Hybrid Interval). An open hybrid interval is defined by two hybrid time instances, (t_A^*, j_A^*) and (t_B^*, j_B^*), on hybrid domain E, over the range $[t_A^*, t_B^*] \times \{j_A^*, ..., j_B^*\}$, by the following cases:

1. Left open interval

$$\mathcal{I} := (t_A^*, t_1] \times \{j_A^*\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{J-1} ([t_j + t_A^*, t_{j+1} + t_A^*] \times \{j + j_A^*\} \tag{10}$$

Where $J = j_B^* - j_A^*$ and $t_0 = 0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq ... \leq t_J = t_B^* - t_A^*$

2. Right open interval

$$\mathcal{I} := \bigcup_{j=0}^{J-2} ([t_j + t_A^*, t_{j+1} + t_A^*] \times \{j + j_A^*\} \cup [t_{J-1}, t_B^*) \times \{j_B^*\} \tag{11}$$

Where $J = j_B^* - j_A^*$ and $t_0 = 0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq ... \leq t_J = t_B^* - t_A^*$

Remark: Authors of [**?**] denote a ordinary time interval $\mathcal{I}$, relative to ordinary time t as:

$$t + \mathcal{I} := \{t + t' : t' \in \mathcal{I}\}$$

The same notation can be used denoting a hybrid temporal interval, $\mathcal{I}$ relative to hybrid time instance (t, j):

$$(t, j) + I := \{(t + t', j + j') : (t', j') \in I\}$$

2.2 Continuous Time STL

A STL formula ϕ is defined recursively as:

$$\psi ::= p^\mu \mid \neg\psi \mid \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \mid \Diamond_\mathcal{I}\psi \mid \psi_1 U_\mathcal{I}\psi_2 \tag{12}$$

Where ψ_1, ψ_2 are STL formula and $\mathcal{I}$ is an ordinary time interval of form $\mathcal{I} = (t_a, t_b), (t_a, t_b], [t_a, t_b),$ or $[t_a, t_b]$ with $t_a < t_b$ and $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.

Inductive STL Definition

$$\phi \models \psi \qquad \Leftrightarrow (\phi, t) \models p$$
$$(\phi, t) \models p^\mu \qquad \Leftrightarrow \mu(\phi(t)) > 0$$
$$(\phi, t) \models \square_{[a,b]}\psi \Leftrightarrow \forall t' \in [t+a, t+b] \ s.t \ (\phi, t') \models \psi$$

2.2.1 Possible Notion of Hybrid STL

<div align="center">Recursive STL Definition</div>

$$\psi ::= p^{\mu} \mid \neg\psi \mid \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \mid \Diamond_I \psi \mid \psi_1 U_I \psi_2 \tag{13}$$

Where ψ_1, ψ_2 are STL formula and I is a hybrid time interval.

<div align="center">Inductive STL Definition</div>

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\begin{aligned}
\phi &\models \psi & &\Leftrightarrow (\phi, (t,j)) \models p \\
(\phi, (t,j) &\models p^{\mu} & &\Leftrightarrow \mu(\phi(t)) > 0 \\
((\phi, (t,j)) &\models \Box_I \psi &&\Leftrightarrow \forall (t', j') \in (t,j) + I \ s.t. \ (\phi, (t', j')) \models \psi
\end{aligned}
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2.2.2 Previous Notions of Hybrid STL

From Atreya - Modeling Hybrid Systems using Signal Temporal Logic

<div align="center">Inductive STL Definition</div>

$$((\phi, (t,j)) \models \Box_{(t,j)} \psi \Leftrightarrow \forall (t', j') \in dom\ \phi, t' + j' > t + j \ s.t \ (\phi, (t', j')) \models \psi \tag{14}$$

.1 Lane Changing

The authors of [?] use STL and Hamilton Jacobi reachability to combine temporal specification with quantification of a reachable set: STL temporal specifications are related to reachability operators.
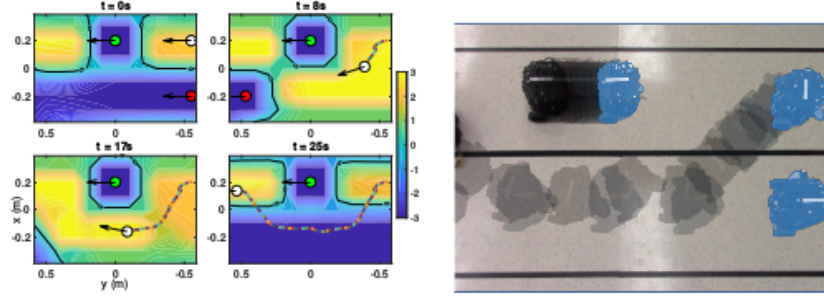
.1.1 Example

Figure 3: Lane Change Scenario

In Figure 3 white represents the autonomous car, green a slow car, and red an adjacent car. The white car's lane change specification is given as: "Within 25 seconds, satisfy general safety ϕ until you can pass. Otherwise stay within the lane. Also ensure you are always within 5 seconds from re-entering the lane.(ψ^{lane}.)"

$$\phi = \phi^{off-road} \wedge \phi^{on-road} \wedge \phi^{avoid} \tag{15}$$

$$\square_{[0,25]} \lozenge_{[0,5]} \psi^{lane} \wedge (\phi \mathcal{U}_{[0,25]} \psi^{pass} \vee \phi \mathcal{U}_{[0,25]} \psi^{stay}) \tag{16}$$

.2 Solutions for Discrete Systems

Consider a discrete system of the form:

$$x^+ \in G(x, \gamma) \tag{17}$$

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be states of the discrete system.
Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be input to the discrete system.
Discrete time is denoted: $k \in \mathbb{N}$
Then, given an initial state, x_0 and an input $k \mapsto \gamma(k)$, a state trajectory(solution) can be constructed. The domain of γ is given: $dom\ \gamma = \{0, 1, 2, ..., K\} \cap \mathbb{N}$ where $K \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$. Solutions are defined as: $k \mapsto \phi(k)$ such that the following are satisfied:

1. $\phi(0) = x_0$

2. $dom\ \phi = dom\ \gamma$ if $K = \infty$

3. $dom\ \phi \setminus \{max\ dom\ \phi\} = dom\ \gamma$ if K is finite

4. $\forall k \in dom\ \gamma$: $\phi(k+1) = G(\phi(k), \gamma(k))$

.2.1 Discrete Time STL

$$\psi ::= p^\mu \mid \neg \psi \mid \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \mid \lozenge_I \psi \mid \psi_1 U_I \psi_2 \tag{18}$$

Where ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are STL formula and I is an interval on $dom\ \phi$.

Inductive STL Definition

$$\sigma \models \psi \qquad \Leftrightarrow (\sigma, k) \models p$$
$$(\sigma, k) \models p^\mu \qquad \Leftrightarrow \mu(x_k, \gamma_k) > 0$$
$$(\sigma, k) \models \square_{[n,m]} \psi \Leftrightarrow \forall k' \in [k'+n, k'+m]\ s.t\ (\sigma, k') \models \psi$$