

Reachability Analysis of Quantum Markov Decision Processes

Not Using It to Verify Quantum Robots is Foolish

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Warning!!!

- Research publications on formal verification or formal methods have lots of definitions.
- Exact/Approximate algorithms and heuristics for formal verification or formal methods are based on these definitions.
- Hence, exact definitions of terms in formal verification or formal methods are required for proving these algorithms and heuristics and theorems.

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Classical Reachability Analysis

- Reachability Analysis is :
 - Definition of reachable state in a Petri Net or FSM.
 - Define reachability analysis, based on the definition of the reachability of a state in a Petri Net or FSM.
 - E.g., A small bounded Petri Net can have many states, which are represented in the state/reachability graph. Use symmetry or stubborn set reductions, followed by creating and checking CTL formulae and predicates. Determine if a target state/marking is reachable from the initial state/marking, not necessarily via the minimal path. Check CTL properties/predicates for testing liveness properties.
 - Give more examples of reachability analysis
- Explain the importance of reachability analysis
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Problem Statement

- Models of concurrent and nondeterministic quantum systems need to be verified.
- Quantum Markov decision processes (qMDPs) can model such quantum systems.
- Question: How can we carry out reachability analysis on concurrent and nondeterministic quantum systems, modeled as qMDPs?
- Input: qMDP \mathcal{M}
- Input: state space \mathcal{H} , which is a Hilbert space
- Input: state space $B \in \mathcal{H}$
- Output: Scheduler \mathcal{G}
- Output: Non-negative integer, n .



Shortcomings of Classical Reachability Analysis

- Classic Markov chains cannot capture concurrency.
- A Markov chain only allows one “choice” of action per state, which implies that all “rewards” of the Markov chain are the same.
- Cannot formalize behavior/functionality of quantum systems
 - Discrete state spaces of classical systems are finite or countably finite
 - Continuous state spaces of quantum systems cannot be addressed by discrete state spaces
 - State spaces of quantum systems are continuous, even for finite-dimensional quantum systems
 - Need to examine a finite number of representative elements (in an orthonormal basis) of the state space of a quantum system
 - Or, at most, examine countably infinitely many representative elements of this state space
 - Always preserve the linear algebraic structure of the representative elements [& linear-time properties]



Prior and Related Work

- Almost all previous work use model checking to verify quantum communication protocols
- Use quantum process algebra to verify quantum communication systems, including quantum error correction codes
- Use simulation tools for quantum systems to verify their behavior/functionality, especially their correctness and safety properties
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Design Decisions

- Quantum model checking framework for the formal verification of generic quantum engineering systems
 - Not just quantum communication systems
- Use a formal method based on modeling quantum systems with quantum automaton
 - Exploit similar work in quantum Markov chains, quantum dot automata, & quantum cellular automata
- Only consider linear-time properties of generic quantum systems
 - Describe these linear-time properties as infinite sequences of sets of atomic propositions, just like LTL model checking
- Extend this to verify safety properties for reversible automata
- Extend this to verify ω -properties for reversible Büchi automata
- Meet requirements for correctness, safety, & reliability

Key Contributions of (Ying 2014)

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- Extensions of