

# Fault Diagnosis of Hierarchical Discrete-Event Systems Based on State-Tree Structures

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## APPENDIX

We need the following definitions and lemmas for the proofs later.

**Definition 1.** [Observation-Adjacency] For any two basic state-trees  $b, b' \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{ST})$  and two condition labels  $\ell, \ell' \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $(b', \ell')$  is said to be observation-adjacent to  $(b, \ell)$  (write as  $(b, \ell) \xrightarrow{\sigma} (b', \ell')$ ) if there exists a string  $sot$  in which  $s, t \in \Sigma_{uo}^*$  and  $\sigma \in \Sigma_o$  such that  $b' = \Delta(b, sot)$  and  $\ell' = \nabla(\ell, sot)$ .  $\diamond$

Assume in the diagnoser  $\mathbf{G}_d = (\mathcal{A}_d, \Sigma_o, \Delta_d, A_{d0})$   $cl = A_{d1} \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-2}} A_{d(n-1)} \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-1}} A_{dn} \xrightarrow{\sigma_n} A_{d1}$  with  $n \geq 1$  is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ). A cycle  $cl' = (b_1, \ell_1) \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-2}} (b_{n-1}, \ell_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-1}} (b_n, \ell_n) \xrightarrow{\sigma_n} (b_1, \ell_1)$  is called an *underlying faulty cycle* of  $cl$  if  $(b_j, \ell_j) \in A_{dj}$  and  $F_i \in \ell_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ). Intuitively, if there is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle, then the system has a cycle in the faulty condition  $F_i$  such that when it evolves on the cycle, it will generate the event sequence periodically. The cycle in the  $F_i$  and the corresponding event sequence keeps the diagnoser in the  $F_i$ -uncertain cycle indefinitely, and in this case, the system is not diagnosable.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $p = A_{d1} \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-2}} A_{d(n-1)} \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n-1}} A_{dn}$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) be a path in the diagnoser  $\mathbf{G}_d$  and each  $A_{dj}$  be  $F_i$ -uncertain ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ). For any  $(b_n, \ell_n) \in A_{dn}$ , there exist  $(b_k, \ell_k) \in A_{dk}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ ) such that  $(b_k, \ell_k) \xrightarrow{\sigma_k} (b_{k+1}, \ell_{k+1})$ .

### A. Proof of Theorem 2 in Section III

**Proof:** (only if): Suppose that  $\mathbf{G}$  is diagnosable, but there exists an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle  $cl$  in the diagnoser  $\mathbf{G}_d = (\mathcal{A}_d, \Sigma_o, \Delta_d, A_{d0})$ . Since  $\mathbf{G}_d$  is reachable, there exists an event sequence that can take the diagnoser into  $A_{dk}$  belonging to  $cl$ . Let  $(b_n, \ell_n) \in A_{dn}$  belong to an underlying faulty cycle of  $cl$ . By Lemma 1, there exist pairs  $(b_1, \ell_1), \dots, (b_{n-1}, \ell_{n-1})$  such that  $(b_j, \ell_j) \xrightarrow{\sigma_j} (b_{j+1}, \ell_{j+1})$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ ). After reaching  $b_n$  with condition label  $\ell_n$ , the system may remain on the underlying faulty cycle causing the diagnoser to stay on

the  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle indefinitely. Therefore, there exists a trajectory for the system leading to basic state-trees with fault label  $F_i$  such that the corresponding event sequence throws the diagnoser into a cycle of  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTAs and keeps it there indefinitely. Hence, the system is not diagnosable, which leads to a contradiction. So the necessity holds.

(if): Assume that no  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle exists in the diagnoser  $\mathbf{G}_d$ . After the occurrence of  $F_i$  and the generation of a new observable event, the diagnoser reaches either  $F_i$ -certain or  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTA. If it is an  $F_i$ -certain BSTA, then it will remain  $F$ -certain (because fault is permanent) and the system is diagnosable. If it is an  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTA, then the number of  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTAs is bounded. After the generation of a bounded number of observable events, the diagnoser will reach an  $F_i$ -certain BSTA (the diagnoser gets trapped indefinitely in a cycle of  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTAs only if the cycle is  $F_i$ -indeterminate).

Let  $n$  denote the number of events that it takes the diagnoser to detect and isolate. After the occurrence of fault events in  $\Sigma_{fi}$ , the diagnoser can visit an  $F_i$ -uncertain BSTA  $A_d$  at most  $|N_{A_d}|$  times, where  $|N_{A_d}|$  is the number of basic state-trees with fault labels  $F_i$ . Then we have  $n \leq c \times M + M$ , where  $c = \sum_{A_d \in \mathcal{A}_d} |N_{A_d}|$  and  $M$  is the length of the longest path of faulty basic state-trees. Since  $M \leq |\mathcal{A}_d|$  and  $c \leq |\mathcal{A}_d| \cdot |\mathcal{A}_d|$ ,  $n \leq c \times M + M \leq |\mathcal{A}_d| \cdot |\mathcal{A}_d| \cdot |\mathcal{A}_d| + |\mathcal{A}_d| = |\mathcal{A}_d|(|\mathcal{A}_d|^2 + 1)$ . Consequently, the system is diagnosable with a finite delay  $n = |\mathcal{A}_d|(|\mathcal{A}_d|^2 + 1)$ . So the sufficiency holds.

### B. Proof of Proposition 1 in Section IV.B

**Proof:** Suppose no fault-free cycle exists in  $\mathbf{G}$ . Since faults are permanent, a cycle in  $\mathbf{G}$  composed of several faulty basic state-trees and normal basic state-trees can not exist. Hence, at least one faulty cycle exists in  $\mathbf{G}$ , which leads to the  $F_i$ -uncertain cycle  $cl$ . In this case, event  $\sigma_n$  is not eligible at normal basic state-trees satisfying  $P_{nN}$ . Hence, after the occurrence of  $\sigma_n$  the successor predicate of  $P_{nN}$  must be faulty, which leads to a contradiction.

### C. Proof of Proposition 2 in Section IV.B

**Proof:** From Proposition 1, there exists at least one fault-free cycle formed by basic state-trees in  $\mathbf{G}$  that has the same observation  $(\sigma_{o1}\sigma_{o2}\dots\sigma_{on})^*$ . Then, we only need to show that a corresponding faulty cycle formed by basic state-trees in  $\mathbf{G}$  also shares the same observation as  $cl$ . Suppose  $(\forall k \in [1, n], \forall \sigma_f \in \Sigma_{fi}) \Delta(P_{kN}, \sigma_f) \equiv \text{false}$ . Let  $P_k$  be the predicate satisfied by the state estimation after occurring event  $\sigma_{ok}$ . Then, we have  $P_{(k+1) \bmod n F_i} = \langle \Delta(P_{kF_i}, \sigma_{ok}) \rangle \vee \langle \Delta(P_k, \sigma_{ok}) \rangle_{F_i}$ . Based on Lemma 1, for

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any  $b_{n+1} \models P_{1F_i}$ , there exist  $b_k \models P_{kF_i}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) such that  $(b_k, \ell_k) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{ok}} (b_{k+1}, \ell_{k+1})$ . Let  $b_{n+1} = b_1$ . Then  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  forms an underlying faulty cycle, we can infer that a corresponding faulty cycle formed by basic state-trees in  $\mathbf{G}$  with the same observation as  $cl$  exists. Hence, the cycle  $cl$  is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate one as well.

#### D. Proof of Proposition 3 in Section IV.B

**Proof:** It can be proved using mathematical induction.

**BASIS STEP:** For  $k = 1$ ,  $S_{n+1}^{cl} \preceq S_1^{cl}$  is true because  $S_1^{cl} = P_{1F_i}$  and  $S_2^{cl} = \langle \Delta(S_1^{cl}, \sigma_{o1}) \rangle \preceq P_{2F_i} = \langle \Delta(P_{1F_i}, \sigma_{o1}) \rangle \vee \langle \Delta(P_1, \sigma_{o1}) \rangle_{F_i}$ , with the same reasoning along the event sequence  $\sigma_{o1}, \dots, \sigma_{on}$ , we have  $S_n^{cl} = \langle \Delta(S_{n-1}^{cl}, \sigma_{o(n-1)}) \rangle \preceq P_{nF_i} = \langle \Delta(P_{(n-1)F_i}, \sigma_{o(n-1)}) \rangle \vee \langle \Delta(P_{n-1}, \sigma_{o(n-1)}) \rangle_{F_i}$ . Hence,  $S_{n+1}^{cl} = \langle \Delta(S_n^{cl}, \sigma_{on}) \rangle \preceq P_{1F_i} = S_1^{cl}$ .

**INDUCTIVE STEP:** Suppose  $S_{1+kn}^{cl} \preceq S_{1+(k-1)n}^{cl}$ . We need to show  $S_{1+(k+1)n}^{cl} \preceq S_{1+kn}^{cl}$ . Since  $S_{1+kn}^{cl} = \langle \Delta(S_{kn}^{cl}, \sigma_{on}) \rangle$  and  $S_{(k+1)n}^{cl} \preceq S_{kn}^{cl}$ ,  $S_{(k+1)n}^{cl} = \langle \Delta(S_{(k+1)n}^{cl}) \rangle \preceq \langle \Delta(S_{kn}^{cl}, \sigma_{on}) \rangle = S_{1+kn}^{cl}$ .

#### E. Proof of Theorem 4 in Section IV.B

**Proof:** (only if): Suppose that  $cl$  is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle. Then we need to show that the fixed point reached by sequence  $S'^{cl}$  associated with  $cl$  is non-empty.

Since  $cl$  is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle, at least one faulty cycle formed by basic state-trees in  $\mathbf{G}$  exists. Assume there exist exactly  $M$  faulty cycles ( $M \geq 1$ ). There exist a string  $s_l^j$  in  $\Sigma_{uo}^*$  and a basic state-tree  $b_l^j$  satisfying  $P_{lF_i}$  such that  $b_{(l+1) \bmod n}^j = \Delta(b_l^j, s_l^j \sigma_l)$  and  $b_1^j = \Delta(b_n^j, s_n^j \sigma_n)$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq M$ ). Thus,  $(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}^*) b_l^j \models S_{l+kn}^{cl}$ , indicating that all the terms of  $S'^{cl}$  are non-empty. Clearly, the reached fixed point is also non-empty.

(if): Suppose that sequence  $S'^{cl}$  associated with  $cl$  has a non-empty fixed point. Now, we need to show that  $cl$  is an  $F_i$ -indeterminate cycle. From Proposition 1, the existence of a faulty cycle sharing the same observation with  $cl$  is sufficient.

We know that there exists an integer  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $S_{1+kn}^{cl} = S_{1+(k-1)n}^{cl}$ . Due to  $S_{1+kn}^{cl} \neq false$ , we assume that the predicate  $S_{1+kn}^{cl}$  holds exactly on the basic state-tree subset  $B_{S_{1+kn}^{cl}} = \{b_1, \dots, b_N\}$ . According to the definition of sequence  $S^{cl}$ , there exist  $b_r, b_j \in B_{S_{1+kn}^{cl}}$ , and  $t = s_1 \sigma_1 s_2 \sigma_2 \dots s_{n-1} \sigma_{n-1} s_n \sigma_n$  with  $s_l \in \Sigma_{uo}^*$  such that  $b_r = \Delta(b_j, t)$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n, 1 \leq r, j \leq N$ ). By repeating this procedure to  $b_r$  at least  $N$  times, we can infer that  $b_r$  is certainly visited twice, which indicates the existence of at least one faulty cycle. Therefore, the cycle  $cl$  is  $F_i$ -indeterminate.