

Proyecto de Ingeniería del Software II 2019

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- Preparar un informe preliminar según las pautas dadas a continuación
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Herramientas posibles:

TLA+ Proof System	http://tla.msr-inria.inria.fr/tlaps/
xSAP	https://es-static.fbk.eu/tools/xsap/
CBMC	http://www.cprover.org/cbmc/
BAP	http://bap.ece.cmu.edu
mCRL2	http://www.mcrl2.org
Event-B/Rodin	http://www.event-b.org
Modest Toolset	http://www.modestchecker.net
Prism	http://www.prismmodelchecker.org
Storm	http://www.stormchecker.org
Uppaal	http://uppaal.org
EasyCrypt	https://www.easycrypt.info
JPF	http://javapathfinder.sourceforge.net

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1. Contexto de creación de la herramienta
2. Objetivo de la herramienta
3. Descripción de la herramienta del lado del usuario
4. Aspectos técnicos de la herramienta
5. Casos de estudio (exitosos o no) de la herramienta
6. Comparación con otras herramientas
7. Caso de estudio elegido
8. Conclusiones particulares

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1. Contexto de creación de la herramienta
 - o ¿Se creó en un contexto académico, industrial?
2. Objetivos
 - o ¿Dónde?
3. Descripción
 - o ¿Quiénes la desarrollaron?
 - o ¿En qué estado se encuentra?
4. Aspectos de desarrollo
 - o prototipo, prueba de concepto, uso académico, uso industrial
5. Casos de uso
 - o ¿Quiénes la utilizan?
 - o academia independientemente, academia bajo contratos, industria, los mismos desarrolladores, otros usuarios aparte de los desarrolladores)
7. Caso de uso ...
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1. Contexto de creación de la herramienta

2. Objetivo **Objetivo de la herramienta**

- o ¿A qué tipos de problema apunta la herramienta?

3. Descripción

- o protocolos, tiempo real, dependibilidad, desempeño, seguridad,...

4. Aspectos

- o ¿En cual etapa del proceso de desarrollo es útil la herramienta?

5. Casos de uso

- o especificación, arquitectura, diseño, implementación, testing, mantenimiento,...

6. Comparación

- o ...

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Descripción de la herramienta del lado del usuario

1. Contexto
 - o ¿Tiene interfaz gráfica?
2. Objetivos
 - o ¿Trabaja sobre línea de comando?
3. Descripción
 - o ¿Como es el lenguaje de especificación de modelos?
 - o ¿y el de propiedades?
 - o LTL, CTL, asercional,...
4. Aspectos de análisis
 - o ¿Que tipo de análisis permite permite?
5. Casos de uso
 - o deadlock, progreso, invariantes, control de algún tipo de fairness,...
 - o ¿Trabaja directamente sobre código? ¿Cuál lenguaje?
6. Componentes
 - o ¿Es necesario anotar el modelo/programa?
7. Caso de prueba
 - o ¿Reporta contraejemplos?
 - o ¿Permite simulación?
8. Conclusiones
 - o ¿Cómo visualiza?
 - o ...

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Aspectos técnicos de la herramienta

- ¿Cómo representa el espacio de estado?
 - simbólico, explícito,...
- ¿Que estructura de datos utiliza?
 - BDD, MTBDD, Bitstate hashing, zonas...
- ¿Usa técnicas de reducción?
 - simetría, reducción de orden parcial,...
- ¿Usa técnicas de abstracción/refinamiento? ¿Cuáles?
- ¿Considera todo el espacio de estado? ¿una parte de éste?
- ¿La respuesta es correcta? ¿es exhaustiva? ¿es aproximada?
- ¿Tiene falsos positivos/negativos?
- ...

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o ¿Para que tipos de sistemas se utilizó la herramientas?

4. Aspectos

o hardware, protocolos de comunicación, sistemas embebidos, sistemas espaciales, control industrial, aviónica,...

5. Casos

o Enumerar algunos casos de estudios concretos

6. Comparación

o Reportar resultados concretos del desempeño de la herramienta

7. Caso de

o tamaño de los casos de estudios, uso de memoria, tiempos de ejecución,...

8. Conclusión

o ...

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- En la medida de lo posible reportar comparación con otras herramientas.

5. Casos de uso

- Buscar en los artículos

6. Comparación

- usualmente tienen secciones de trabajos relacionados o lo mencionan en la introducción/conclusión

7. Caso de estudio

- Usar su propio conocimiento (al menos conocen LTSA)

- ...

8. Conclusión

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5. Casos de uso

- o Presentar el caso de estudio: Qué es y a dónde se usa
- o Explicar cómo funciona

6. Comparación

- o Reportar las propiedades a verificar

7. Caso de prueba

- o ¿Reportó algún error? en tal caso, mostrar contraejemplo y explicar como se soluciona (si es que es posible)

8. Conclusión

- o ...

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Conclusiones particulares

Reportar opinión propia de la herramienta en diversos aspectos, por ejemplo:

- complejidad de instalación
- complejidad en la comprensión de la herramienta
- "amigabilidad"
- usabilidad
- versatilidad
- eficiencia
- ...

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Organization of the paper. Section 2 and Section 3 introduce the theoretical foundations of the implemented tool. The algorithms, data structure, and methodological techniques are explained in Sections 4 and 5. An example is reported in Section 6. Finally we present our conclusions and discuss further work. Proofs and further details are reported in [8].

The verification of systems has been a central topic in computer science. Fully automatic tools, in particular model checkers, have been developed and successfully used in industrial cases. A model checker is a tool that can answer whether the system under study satisfies some required property. Many times, however, these type of properties are not expressive enough to assert adequately the correctness of a system. Nevertheless, it is desirable that the probability of reaching the unavoidable error is small enough. *Quantitative model checking*, that is, model checking of probabilistic models with respect to *probabilistic* properties, has already been studied during the last decade [13,2,5,20,4, etc.]. However, it was not until recently that attention was drawn to efficient tool implementations. In this paper we report on a novel development to model check quantitative properties.

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The method we present is based on automatic abstraction and refinement techniques. The basic idea is to use abstraction to reduce the high cost of probabilistic analysis. The difficulty lies in finding the right abstraction level, depending on the property to prove. To address it, the method starts with a coarse abstraction of the system which is obtained by *partitioning* the state space, according to the property under study. The property is then checked on the obtained abstract model. The verdict may be inconclusive, that is, p happens to be between the calculated upper bound of the minimum and the lower bound of the maximum actual probabilities. In this case the previous abstraction is refined and the question posed again. The process is successively repeated until a satisfactory answer is given, or no further refinement is possible. To efficiently store the state space, perform abstractions and process the refinement steps, we use BDDs and MTBDDs (more precisely ADDs) [10,3]. The soundness of the method is asserted by considering a suitable probabilistic simulation [22,28] (which preserves the kind of property we consider), and by showing that abstraction by partitioning respects this simulation relation.

The contributions of this paper are first the definition of the probabilistic simulation relation that allows to prove the soundness of our method, and secondly, the design of efficient algorithms to abstract PTSs, to analyse and to refine them. Finally, experimental results shows the effectiveness of the method.

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Trabajos relacionados: usualmente antes de las conclusiones, a veces en la introducción

7 Concluding Remarks

In this article we introduced an efficient technique for quantitative model checking. The method relies on automatic abstraction of the original system. This allows to significantly reduce the size of the problem to which numerical analysis is applied in order to compute the quantitative factor of the property under study. Since the numerical analysis is the most costly part of the whole process this reduction is of high importance. This reduction is achieved first because bisimilar states are never distinguished, and secondly because using incremental abstraction refinement and confronting the analysis against a desired (or undesired) probability allows prompt answers on very compact spaces.

The execution time is currently not the best as the tool should be optimised. Table 3 reports the tool performance for a set of properties¹. The current implementation performs numerical analysis using linear programming techniques under exact rational arithmetics. This method is very fast (compared to the painfully slow iterative methods) and it does not suffer of numerical instability since numbers are represented in its exact form. Two remarks are in order. First, numerical analysis is applied in each refinement step, which is inefficient since a refinement step may add only few partitions with low chances of sensibly affecting the result of the previous iteration. Second, the already mentioned asymmetric convergence in which only the minimum or the maximum gradually converges to the actual value while the other does not until the last refinements.

It is in our near future plans to develop efficiency improvements. One of these improvements concerns the refinement strategy and the suitable alternation of refinement and analysis that should be used. Another improvement would be to take advantage of the fact that probabilities usually appears only in some part of the modelled system: failures do not appear everywhere!

On a long term agenda, we plan to use this incremental refinement technique to check probabilistic timed automata. Model checking of PTCTL properties on such model was proven decidable by resorting to their region graphs [25]. However, region graphs are known to be impractical. Our technique would allow to generate progressively a minimal *probabilistic* model, in the spirit of [1].

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