Empirical Performance Investigation of a Büchi Complementation Construction

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Abstract

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Chapter 1

Introduction

At the beginning of the 1960s, a Swiss logician named Julius Richard Büchi at Michigan University was looking for a way to prove the decidability of the satisfiability of monadic second order logic with one successor (S1S). Büchi applied a trick that truly founded a new paradigm in the application of logic to theoretical computer science. He thought of interpretations of a S1S formula as infinitly long words of a formal language and designed a type of finite state automaton that accepts such a word if and only if the interpretation it represents satisfies the formula. After proving that every S1S formula can be translated to such an automaton and vice versa (Büchi's Theorem), the satisfiability problem of an S1S formula could be reduced to testing the non-emptiness of the corresponding automaton.

This special type of finite state automaton was later called Büchi automaton.

1.0.1 Context of Study

Büchi Automata and Büchi Complementation

Büchi automata are finite state automata that process words of infinite length, so called ω -words. If Σ is the alphabet of a Büchi automaton, then the set of all the possible ω -words that can be generated from this alphabet is denoted by Σ^{ω} . A word $\alpha \in \Sigma^{\omega}$ is accepted by a Büchi automaton if it results in at least one run that contains at least one accepting state infinitely often. A run of a Büchi automaton on a word is a sequence of states. Deterministic Büchi automata have exactly one run for each word in Σ^{ω} , whereas non-deterministic Büchi automata may have multiple runs for each word.

The complement of a Büchi automaton A is another Büchi automaton and is denoted by \overline{A} . Both, A and \overline{A} , share the same alphabet Σ . Regarding any word $\alpha \in \Sigma^{\omega}$, the relation between an automaton and its complement is as follows:

$$\alpha$$
 accepted by $A \iff \alpha$ not accepted by \overline{A}

That is, all the words that are *accepted* by an automaton are *rejected* by its complement, and all the words that are *rejected* by an automaton are *accepted* by its complement. In other words, there is no single word that is either accepted or rejected by *both* of an automaton and its complement.

The complementation of Büchi automata, in particular non-deterministic Büchi automata, is commonly known as "Büchi complementation" or the "Büchi complementation problem". It is a very complex problem because it exhibits a very high state growth, which is sometimes even called state explosion (in the following, we will use the terms state growth, state explosion, and state complexity interchangeably). State growth denotes the relation of the number of states of a complement \overline{A} (output of the complementation construction) to the number of states of the automaton A (input to the complementation construction². Even though the state growth that existing complementation constructions produce for many non-worst-case automata is not nearly as high as the worst case, it may still be very high. This is a serious problem, because Büchi complementation has important practical applications (as we will see next), and it is the reason that the quest for more efficient and more practical Büchi complementation constructions is still an active research topic today.

Language Containment

An important application of Büchi complementation is language containment of ω -regular languages. The ω -regular languages form the class of languages that is equivalent to non-deterministic Büchi automata. The language containment problem consists in determining whether $L_1 \subseteq L_2$, that is, whether a language L_1 is contained in another language L_2 . This is true if every word of L_1 is also in L_2 .

The way $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ is commonly resolved is by testing $L_1 \cap \overline{L_2} = \emptyset$. Here, $\overline{L_2}$ denotes the complement language of L_2 . This means, we have to create the intersection language, say $L_{1,\overline{2}}$ of L_1 and the complement of L_2 , and then test whether $L_{1,\overline{2}}$ is empty (that is, contains no words at all). If $L_{1,\overline{2}}$ is empty,

¹The fact that Büchi automata are closed under complementation has been proved by Büchi [4], who, to this end, described the first Büchi complementation construction in history.

²Yan proved in 2007 a lower bound for the worst-case state growth of Büchi complementation of $(0.76n)^n$, where n is the number of states of the initial automaton [55].

then there is no word of L_1 that is not also in L_2 , and $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ is true. If $L_{1,\overline{2}}$ is non-empty, then there is at least one word of L_1 that is not in L_2 , and $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ is false.

With this procedure, we in fact reduce the language containment problem to three operations on languages: complementation, intersection, and emptiness testing. By translating the languages L_1 and L_2 to equivalent automata A_1 and A_2 , and mainpulating the automata instead of the languages, the problem becomes $L(A_1 \cap \overline{A_2}) = \emptyset$. That is, we complement A_2 , create the intersection automaton $A_{1,\overline{2}}$ of A_1 and the complement of A_2 , and test whether the language of $A_{1,\overline{2}}$ is empty, which is done by directly testing the automaton $A_{1,\overline{2}}$ for emptiness.

In this way, we reduce the language containment problem of ω -regular languages to three operations on non-deterministic Büchi automata: complementation, intersection, and emptiness testing. Büchi complementation is thus an integral part of the language containment problem. However, this does not yet answer our initial question of what is a *concrete* and *practical* application of Büchi complementation. To answer this question, we will in the following describe one important application of language containment of ω -regular languages.

Language Containment Approach to Automata-Theoretic Model Checking

The language containment approach to automata-theoretic model checking is an approach to automata-theoretic model checking, which is an approach to general model checking, which in turn is an approach to formal verification [?]. Figure 1.1 shows the branch of the family of formal verification techniques that contains the language containment approach to automata-theoretic model checking.

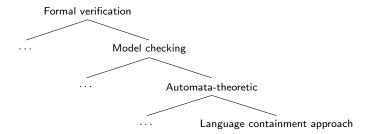


Figure 1.1: Branch of the family of formal verification techniques that contains the language containment approach to automata-theoretic model checking.

Formal verification is the use of mathematical techniques for proving the correctness of a system (software of hardware) with respect to a specified set of properties [?]. A typical example is to verify that a program is deadlock-free. In general, formal verification techniques consist of the following three parts [?]:

- 1. A framework for modelling the system to verify
- 2. A framework for specifying the properties that the system must satisfy
- 3. A verification method for testing whether the system satisfies the properties

For the language containment approach to automata-theoretic model checking, the frameworks for modelling the system to verify and for specifying the properties to be verified are both Büchi automata. The verification method is to test language containment of the languages corresponding to the two Büchi automata. In more detail, the approach works as we explain in the following.

The system s to be verified is modelled as a Büchi automaton, say S. Each word of the language L(S) defined by S corresponds to a possible computation trace of the system s. A computation trace is an infinite sequence of "combinations of properties" of the system s. Such properties can be for example variable values or statuses of individual processes. Each element of this sequence corresponds to a point in time during the execution of the system³

³The infinity of computation traces suggests that this type of formal verification (and model checking in general) is used for systems that are not expected to terminate and may run indefinitely. This type of systems is called *reactive* systems. They contrasts with systems that are expected to terminate, and, for example, produce a result. For this latter type of systems other formal verification techniques than model checking are used. See for example [?] and [?] for works that cover the formal verification of both types of systems.

Automata-theoretic model checking is an approach to model checking, which in turn is an approach to formal verification. Formal verification means the use of mathematical techniques for proving the correctness of a system (software of hardware) with respect to a specification [?]. A typical example is to prove that a system has no deadlocks.

The language containment approach to automata-theoretic model checking works as follows. The system, whose correctness is to prove, is represented as a Büchi automaton, say S. This automaton S defines a language L(S), and the words of this language correspond to all the possible computation traces that the system can produce.

On the other hand, the property that the system must satisfy (for example, deadlock-freeness) is represented as another Büchi automaton, say P. The words of the language L(P) correspond to all the possible computation traces that satisfy the property.

With these two representations in place, the verification step is done by testing whether $L(S) \subseteq L(P)$. That is, whether the language defined by the system automaton S is contained in the language defined by the property automaton P. As we have seen, this problem is solved by testing whether $L(S) \cap L(\overline{P}) = \emptyset$. This is in turn algorithmically done by testing $L(S \cap \overline{P}) = \emptyset$, which includes the following three steps:

- 1. Construct the complement \overline{P} of the property automaton P
- 2. Construct the intersection of S and $\overline{P},$ that is, $A_{S,\overline{P}}=S\cap\overline{P}$
- 3. Test whether $A_{S,\overline{P}}$ is empty

If the emptiness test is positive, then $L(S) \subseteq L(P)$ is true, and the system satsifies the property (for example, deadlock-freeness) with all its possible computation traces. If the emptiness test is negative, then $L(S) \subseteq L(P)$ is false, and there is at least one computation trace of the system that violates the property.

As can be seen from these three steps, the verification problem is reduced to three operations on nondeterministic Büchi automata: (1) complementation, (2) intersection, and (3) emptiness testing. It turns out that intersection and emptiness testing have efficient solutions [49], whereas

Where Büchi complementation is used and why it is important

- What are Büchi automata (very short)
- What is Büchi complementation (very short)
- Application of Büchi complementation (longer)

 - Main usage in anguage containment: $L_1 \subseteq L_2$ done by testing whether $L_1 \cap \overline{L_2} = \emptyset$ * In terms of automata: $L(A) \subseteq L(A')$ by testing $L(A) \cap L(\overline{A'}) = \emptyset$, that is A' must be complemented
 - Important application of language containment: language containment approach to automatatheoretic model checking
 - * Model system as Büchi automaton M
 - * Represent specification properties as Büchi automaton P
 - * Test $L(M) \subseteq L(P)$, that is, $L(M) \cap L(\overline{P}) = \emptyset$
 - * Need to complement Büchi automaton P, which is very difficult. Alternatives:
 - · Specify property as deterministic Büchi automaton (complementation is easy). Disadvantage: DBW less expressive, less intuitive, larger automata
 - · Directly represent negation of properites as Büchi automaton. Disadvantage: difficult
 - · Different approach to automata-theoretic model checking: specify properties as LTL formulas, negate them, and translate to Büchi automaton, model system as labelled transition system and translate to Büchi automaton (used by SPIN). Disadvantage: LTL is less expressive than Büchi automata
 - * Importance of more efficient Büchi complementation: so far no tool includes complementation of Büchi automata [?]

A Büchi complementation construction takes as input a Büchi automaton A and produces as output another Büchi automaton B which accepts the complement language of the input automaton A. Complement language denotes the "contrary" language, that is, B must accept (over a given alphabet) every word that A does not accept, and must in turn not accept every word that A accepts.

Büchi automata are finite automata (that is, having a finite number of states) which operate on infinite words (that is, words that "never end"). Operating on infinite words, they belong thus to the category ω -automata. An important application of Büchi automata is in model checking which is a formal system verification technique. There, they are used to represent both, the description of the system to be checked for the presence of a correctness property, and (the negation of) this correctness property itself.

In one approach to model checking, the correctness property is directly specified as a Büchi automaton One approach to model checking requires that the Büchi automaton representing the correctness property is complemented. It is here that the problem of Büchi complementation has one of its practical applications.

1.0.2 Stating the problem, reason the research is worth tackling

Regarding the state complexity of Büchi complementation constructions, only the worst-case state growths have been investigated. However, they are a poor guide to actual performance of constructions [42]. Need for empirical complexity investigations to see the *actual* performance of complementation constructions.

The complementation of non-deterministic Büchi automata is hard. It has been proven to have an exponential lower bound in the number of generated states [cite]. That is, the number of states of the output automaton is, in the worst case, an exponential function of the number of states of the input automaton. However, since the introduction of Büchi automata in the 1960's, significant process in reducing the complexity (in other words, the degree of exponentiality) of the Büchi complementation problem has been made. Some numbers [list complexities of the different constructions].

1.0.3 Aim and Scope

Aim: empirical performance investigation of a specific Büchi complementaiton construction, comparison with other constructions

Scope: two test sets, relatively small automata, no real world or "typical" examples,

1.0.4 Overview

Appendix A

Plugin Installation and Usage

Since between the 2014–08–08 and 2014–11–17 releases of GOAL certain parts of the plugin interfaces have changed, and we adapted our plugin accordingly, the currently maintained version of the plugin works only with GOAL versions 2014-11-17 or newer. It is thus essential for any GOAL user to update to this version in order to use our plugin.

Appendix B

Median Complement Sizes of the GOAL Test Set

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| 1 | 2.4 924 1,23 | 32 1,319 | 1,317 | 1,056 | 886 | 514 | 314 | 182 | 59 | 2.4 | 884 | 1,200 | 1,234 | 1,184 | 939 | 806 | 373 | 256 | 165 | 55 |
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| (g) Fribourg+M1+R2C+C (h) Fribourg+R | (g) Fribourg+M1+R2C+C | | | | | | | | | | | (h) F | ribou | rg+R | | | | | | |

Figure B.1: Median complement sizes of the 10,939 effective samples of the internal tests on the GOAL test set. The rows (1.0 to 3.0) are the transition densities, and the columns (0.1 to 1.0) are the acceptance densities.

| | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
|-----|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1.0 | 130 | 117 | 109 | 77 | 69 | 61 | 56 | 40 | 40 | 29 | 1.0 | 171 | 174 | 166 | 124 | 118 | 117 | 100 | 67 | 84 | 35 |
| 1.2 | 387 | 456 | 352 | 281 | 155 | 136 | 101 | 105 | 75 | 45 | 1.2 | 622 | 833 | 803 | 877 | 529 | 398 | 320 | 372 | 215 | 53 |
| 1.4 | 822 | 683 | 394 | 376 | 230 | 204 | 151 | 120 | 105 | 63 | 1.4 | 2,086 | 1,618 | 1,367 | 1,676 | 1,065 | 967 | 664 | 682 | 494 | 78 |
| 1.6 | 890 | 594 | 458 | 321 | 237 | 178 | 134 | 114 | 113 | 61 | 1.6 | 2,465 | 2,073 | $2{,}182$ | 1,959 | 1,518 | $1,\!259$ | 767 | 545 | 623 | 78 |
| 1.8 | 624 | 507 | 324 | 275 | 196 | 136 | 110 | 92 | 89 | 41 | 1.8 | 2,310 | 1,963 | 1,950 | 1,988 | 1,485 | 1,095 | 746 | 418 | 346 | 57 |
| 2.0 | 362 | 286 | 211 | 176 | 117 | 103 | 79 | 64 | 59 | 34 | 2.0 | 1,318 | $1,\!482$ | 1,393 | 1,461 | 981 | 871 | 434 | 338 | 228 | 50 |
| 2.2 | 248 | 222 | 124 | 116 | 82 | 73 | 56 | 52 | 50 | 28 | 2.2 | 1,068 | 1,145 | 1,085 | 1,067 | 772 | 747 | 263 | 235 | 158 | 40 |
| 2.4 | 147 | 145 | 114 | 87 | 56 | 48 | 43 | 39 | 35 | 19 | 2.4 | 689 | 838 | 809 | 751 | 524 | 466 | 240 | 159 | 93 | 30 |
| 2.6 | 115 | 117 | 67 | 61 | 47 | 42 | 32 | 29 | 29 | 15 | 2.6 | 469 | 531 | 555 | 565 | 437 | 360 | 169 | 94 | 71 | 23 |
| 2.8 | 95 | 71 | 52 | 45 | 38 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 13 | 2.8 | 369 | 421 | 536 | 405 | 329 | 224 | 130 | 81 | 58 | 21 |
| 3.0 | 59 | 60 | 47 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 10 | 3.0 | 244 | 327 | 360 | 322 | 219 | 176 | 85 | 64 | 49 | 16 |
| | (a) Piterman+EQ+RO | | | | | | | | | | | | (b |) Slic | e+P | +RO | +MAl | DJ+E | EG | | |

Figure B.2: Median complement sizes of the 10,998 effective samples of the external tests without the Rank construction. The rows (1.0 to 3.0) are the transition densities, and the columns (0.1 to 1.0) are the acceptance densities.

Appendix C

Execution Times

| Construction | Mean | Min. | P25 | Median | P75 | Max. | Total | $\approx \text{hours}$ |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|--------|-----|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| Fribourg | 8.5 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 586.0 | 93,351.2 | 259 |
| Fribourg+R2C | 6.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 6.4 | 219.7 | $72,\!545.7$ | 202 |
| Fribourg+R2C+C | 8.5 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 6.4 | 582.9 | $93,\!396.2$ | 259 |
| Fribourg+M1 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 55.1 | $54,\!061.3$ | 150 |
| Fribourg+M1+M2 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 38.4 | 49,848.0 | 138 |
| Fribourg+M1+R2C | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 42.5 | $48,\!572.0$ | 135 |
| Fribourg+M1+R2C+C | 5.6 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 147.4 | 60,918.9 | 169 |
| Fribourg+R | 7.5 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 470.5 | $82,\!387.3$ | 229 |

Table C.1: Execution times in CPU time seconds for the 10,939 effective samples of the GOAL test set.

| Construction | Mean | Min. | P25 | Median | P75 | Max. | Total | $\approx \text{hours}$ |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|--------|-----|-------|---------------|------------------------|
| Piterman+EQ+RO | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 42.9 | 21,410.6 | 59 |
| Slice+P+RO+MADJ+EG | 3.7 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 36.7 | $26,\!398.9$ | 73 |
| Rank+TR+RO | 16.0 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 443.3 | $115,\!563.9$ | 321 |
| Fribourg+M1+R2C | 4.0 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 410.4 | 28,970.8 | 80 |

Table C.2: Execution times in CPU time seconds for the 7,204 effective samples of the GOAL test set.

| Construction | Mean | Min. | P25 | Median | P75 | Max. | Total | $\approx \text{hours}$ |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|--------|-----|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| Piterman+EQ+RO | 3.6 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 365.7 | 39,663.4 | 110 |
| Slice+P+RO+MADJ+EG | 4.3 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 42.4 | $47,\!418.2$ | 132 |
| Fribourg+M1+R2C | 4.7 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 410.4 | $52,\!149.0$ | 145 |

Table C.3: Execution times in CPU time seconds for the 10,998 effective samples of the GOAL test set without the Rank construction.

| Construction | Michel 1 | Michel 2 | Michel 3 | Michel 4 | Fitted curve | Std. error |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Fribourg | 2.3 | 4.0 | 88.8 | 100,976.0 | $(1.14n)^n$ | 0.64% |
| Fribourg+R2C | 2.3 | 3.4 | 27.4 | 27,938.3 | $(0.92n)^n$ | 0.64% |
| Fribourg+M1 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 17.9 | $6,\!508.4$ | $(0.72n)^n$ | 0.63% |
| Fribourg+M1+M2 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 13.8 | 2,707.4 | $(0.62n)^n$ | 0.62% |
| ${\rm Fribourg}{+}{\rm M1}{+}{\rm M2}{+}{\rm R2C}$ | 2.5 | 3.5 | 10.8 | 2,332.6 | $(0.61n)^n$ | 0.62% |
| Fribourg+R | 2.4 | 3.7 | 86.0 | 101,809.6 | $(1.14n)^n$ | 0.64% |

Table C.4: Execution times in CPU time seconds for the four Michel automata.

| Construction | Michel 1 | Michel 2 | Michel 3 | Michel 4 | Fitted curve | Std. error |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Piterman+EQ+RO | 2.5 | 3.8 | 42.6 | 75,917.4 | $(1.08n)^n$ | 0.64% |
| Slice+P+RO+MADJ+EG | 2.3 | 3.6 | 11.4 | 159.5 | $(0.39n)^n$ | 0.38% |
| Rank+TR+RO | 2.2 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 | $(0.29n)^n$ | 0.18% |
| ${\rm Fribourg+M1+M2+R2C}$ | 2.5 | 3.5 | 10.8 | 2,332.6 | $(0.61n)^n$ | 0.62% |

Table C.5: Execution times in CPU time seconds for the four Michel automata.

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