

Formal Method on Hardware Security

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1 Compare the Property in Rosette and in Coq

1.1 Property in Rosette.

Property to verify. Last week, we have a state machine and want to verify a property hold for each state of the machine. Formally,

\forall input $in_0, in_1, \dots, in_n,$
Let $S_0 \xrightarrow{in_0} S_1 \xrightarrow{in_1} \dots \xrightarrow{in_n} S_{n+1}$
If No smash in the in_0, in_1, \dots, in_n
We have $PropertyHold(S_0), PropertyHold(S_1), \dots, PropertyHold(S_n)$

Property for induction step. The property I verify for the induction step is:

\forall state S_i , input $in_i, in_{i+1},$
Let $S_i \xrightarrow{in_i} S_{i+1} \xrightarrow{in_{i+1}} S_{i+2}$
If No smash in the in_i, in_{i+1}
We have $PropertyHold(S_{i+1}) \Rightarrow PropertyHold(S_{i+2})$

It is a little weird since why not just use:

\forall state S_i , input $in_i,$
Let $S_i \xrightarrow{in_i} S_{i+1}$
If No smash in the in_i
We have $PropertyHold(S_i) \Rightarrow PropertyHold(S_{i+1})$

1.2 Property in Coq.

Property to verify. Let's translate the property in following way:

\forall input $in_0, in_1, \dots, in_n,$
We have $PropertyHold'(in_0, in_1, \dots, in_n)$

Property for induction step.

\forall input $in_0, in_1, \dots, in_i, in_{i+1},$
We have $PropertyHold'(in_0, in_1, \dots, in_i) \Rightarrow PropertyHold'(in_0, in_1, \dots, in_i, in_{i+1})$

Relate the coq property with Rosette property. We can try to expand this property a little bit.

\forall input $in_0, in_1, \dots, in_i, in_{i+1},$
Let $S_0 \xrightarrow{in_0} S_1 \xrightarrow{in_1} \dots \xrightarrow{in_n} S_n \xrightarrow{in_{n+1}} S_{n+2} \xrightarrow{in_{n+1}} S_{n+2}$
We have $PropertyHold(S_{n+1}) \Rightarrow PropertyHold(S_{n+2})$

To further become identical to the Rosette property we are verifying, we actually conservatively think the S_n here can be an arbitrary state.