Cyber Physical Systems - Hybrid Control

Lecture 2: Introduction: Hybrid Automata,

Finite-State Machines (FSM)

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Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

networked computational resources interacting with physical systems

CPS vs. Embedded Systems

embedded systems view:

software on small computers => limited resources

technical problem: extract performance

CPS view:

computation and networking integrated with physical processes

technical problem: manage dynamics, time, and concurrency

Fundamental problems

time matters

• "as fast as possible" is not good enough

concurrency is intrinsic

- it's not an illusion (as in time sharing), and
- it's not (necessarily) about exploiting parallelism

environment is physical

- behavior obeys physical laws
- depends on continuous variables (force, acceleration, speed, position)

CPS is Multidisciplinary



First Challenge

Models for the physical world and for computation diverge.

- physical: time continuum, differential equations, dynamics
- computational: algorithm, procedure, state transitions, logic

bridge the gap:

- use physical world models to specify behavior of systems
- use computational view to study dynamics of physical system

Model

artifact that imitates the system

mathematical model:

- definitions in terms of mathematical formulas
- mathematical correctness statement
- formal, automatic correctness proof

formal: mathematical, logical, machine checkable automatic: push-button, scalable

Model = abstraction of **system dynamics**

- physical phenomena: differential equations
- o computation / discrete mode change: finite-state automata
- o combination:
 - hybrid automata



Next: The Hybrid Automaton Model

Thermostat

State has both discrete and continuous components:

 $x \in \mathbb{R}$ temperature $h \in \{\mathsf{on}, \mathsf{off}\}$ heating mode

Flow in each mode is:

$$h = \mathsf{on} \land x < 82 \qquad \dot{x} = K(100 - x)$$
$$h = \mathsf{off} \land x > 68 \qquad \dot{x} = -Kx$$

Jumps between modes:

(happen instantaneously)

$$\begin{array}{ll} h = \mathsf{on} \land x \geq 80 & \longrightarrow & h := \mathsf{off} \\ h = \mathsf{off} \land x \leq 70 & \longrightarrow & h := \mathsf{on} \end{array}$$

Dynamics of Thermostat



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Hybrid Automaton for Thermostat



Automaton not deterministic: for some values of x, non-deterministic choice between continuous evolution and jump

Hybrid Automata

o Digital controller of physical "plant"

- thermostat
- controller for power plant
- intelligent cruise control in cars
- aircraft auto pilot
- o Phased operation of natural phenomena
 - bouncing ball
 - biological cell growth
- o Multi-agent systems
 - ground and air transportation systems
 - interacting robots (e.g., RoboSoccer)

Another example

Nuclear reactor example

Without rods	
\Alithe mod 1	$\dot{T} = 0.1 T - 50$
with roa 1	$\dot{T} = 0.1 T - 56$
With rod 2	
	$\dot{T} = 0.1 T - 60$



Rod 1 and 2 cannot be used simultaneously Once a rod is removed, you cannot use it for 10 minutes

Specification : Keep temperature between 510 and 550 degrees. If T=550 then either a rod is available or we shutdown the plant.

Example due to George Pappas, UPenn

Nuclear reactor example (contd.)



Example due to George Pappas, UPenn

Hybrid Automaton for Bouncing Ball



x – vertical distance from ground (position) v – velocity

c – coefficient of restitution, $0 \cdot c \cdot 1$



Behavior of bouncing ball model in form of hybrid automaton = expected behavior?

Next: plot position x as a function of time t, where x starts at height x_{max}

Simulation of Bouncing Ball Automaton in Ptolemy II / HyVisual



Zeno Behavior

system makes infinite number of jumps in finite time



A Run/Execution of a Hybrid Automaton

time

 \mathbf{v}

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Zeno Behavior: Formal Definition

time

$$\begin{array}{ll} \tau_{0} & (q_{0},\mathbf{x}_{0}) \\ \tau_{0}' & \rightsquigarrow (q_{0},\mathbf{x}_{0}') \\ = & \downarrow \\ \tau_{1} & (q_{1},\mathbf{x}_{1}) \\ \tau_{1}' & \rightsquigarrow (q_{1},\mathbf{x}_{1}') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{An execution of a hybrid automaton} \\ \text{with time set } \tau \text{ is zeno} \\ \text{iff } \langle \tau \rangle = \infty \text{ but } |\tau| < \infty. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ \tau_{N} & (q_{N},\mathbf{x}_{N}) \\ \tau_{N}' & \rightsquigarrow (q_{N},\mathbf{x}_{N}') \\ \downarrow \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Analysis of Zeno Behavior of Bouncing Ball

If c < 1 all infinite executions are Zeno. The first bounce occurs at time:

$$\tau_1 = \tau_0 + \frac{v(\tau_0) + \sqrt{v^2(\tau_0) + 2gx(\tau_0)}}{g}$$

The second bounce occurs at time:

$$\tau_2 = \tau_0 + \tau_1 + \frac{2v(\tau_1)}{g}$$

where $v(\tau_1) = -cv(\tau'_0) = \sqrt{v^2(\tau_0) + 2gx(\tau_0)}$.

More generally, the Nth bounce occurs at time:

$$\tau_N = \tau_0 + \tau_1 + \frac{2v(\tau_1)}{g} \sum_{i=1}^N c^{i-1}$$

For $c \in [0, 1)$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c^{i-1} = \frac{1}{1-c}$.

Thus $\lim_{N\to\infty} \tau_N < \infty$.

Why does Zeno Behavior Arise?

Our model is a mathematical artifact

Zeno behavior is possible mathematically

but impossible in real (in physical world).

Some assumption in the model is unrealistic ...

Hybrid Automaton for Bouncing Ball What's Unrealistic about this model?



x – vertical distance

c – coefficient of restitution, 0 < c < 1

v – velocity

Eliminating Zeno Behavior: Regularization



What happens as ε goes to 0?



Simulation for $\varepsilon = 0.3$



Simulation for $\varepsilon = 0.15$

Next: Timed Automata

- sub-class of hybrid automata
- models of real-time systems

Capturing a "Double-Click" of a Mouse with a Finite-State Machine (FSM)



Capturing a "Double-Click" of a Mouse with a Timed Automaton



Timed Automata

- RHS of all differential equations is $1 ("\dot{x} = 1")$
- Single-speed clocks that precisely tracks real time
- Reset of a clock is possible in jump (" x := 0 ")

Systems modeled as Timed Automata:

o Real-time controllers

o Self-timed circuits (clock-less circuits)

o Network protocols with timing-dependent behavior

o Scheduling of jobs

A 'Tick' Generator



What does x(t) look like?

A 'Tick' Generator



Timed Traces and Time-Abstract (Untimed) Traces

time

Untimed vs. Timed Automata



Do these automata have the same untimed traces?

Two Problems

Verification

o Does the system do what it's supposed to do?

Does the system satisfy its specifications?

Synthesis/Control

o Construct a system that satisfies its specifications

e.g. by synthesizing a controller

In both cases: we need to specify the objective

Untimed Specifications

specifications that do not mention time "parking meter reaches 'safe' state when coins are added"



Next: Finite-State Machines (FSM)

Discrete System: Counter

count number of cars that enter or leave parking garage



Pure signal: $up: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{absent, present\}$ Discrete actor:

Counter:
$$(\mathbb{R} \to \{absent, present\})^P \to (\mathbb{R} \to \{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N})$$

 $P = \{up, down\}$

Reaction

For any $t \in \mathbb{R}$ where $up(t) \neq absent$ or $down(t) \neq absent$ the Counter **reacts**. It produces an output value in \mathbb{N} and changes its internal **state**.



Counter: $(\mathbb{R} \to \{absent, present\})^P \to (\mathbb{R} \to \{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N})$ $P = \{up, down\}$

Input and Output Valuations at a Reaction

For $t \in \mathbb{R}$ a port *p* has a **valuation**, which is an assignment of a value in V_p (the **type** of port *p*). A valuation of the input ports $P = \{up, down\}$ assigns to each port a value in $\{absent, present\}$.

A **reaction** gives a valuation to the output port *count* in the set $\{absent\} \cup \mathbb{N}$.



State Space

A practical parking garage has a finite number *M* of spaces, so the state space for the counter is

$$States = \{0, 1, 2, \cdots, M\}$$
.



Finite State Machine (FSM)



Guard g is specified using the predicate

 $up \wedge \neg down$

which means that *up* has value *present* and *down* has value *absent*.

Garage Counter Mathematical Model



Formally: (*States*, *Inputs*, *Outputs*, *update*, *initialState*), where

- *States* = $\{0, 1, \dots, M\}$
- *Inputs* is a set of input valuations
- *Outputs* is a set of output valuations
- update : States × Inputs → States × Outputs

update function defined by labeled edges

• initialState = 0

FSM Notation



Guards for Pure Signals

trueTransition is always enabled. p_1 Transition is enabled if p_1 is present. $\neg p_1$ Transition is enabled if p_1 is absent. $p_1 \land p_2$ Transition is enabled if both p_1 and p_2 are present. $p_1 \lor p_2$ Transition is enabled if either p_1 or p_2 is present. $p_1 \land \neg p_2$ Transition is enabled if p_1 is present and p_2 is absent.

Guards for Signals with Numerical Values

 p_3 Transition is enabled if p_3 is present (not absent). $p_3 = 1$ Transition is enabled if p_3 is present and has value 1. $p_3 = 1 \land p_1$ Transition is enabled if p_3 has value 1 and p_1 is present. $p_3 > 5$ Transition is enabled if p_3 is present with value greater than 5.

Example: Thermostat

input: *temperature* : ℝ **outputs:** *heatOn*, *heatOff* : pure



From this picture, one can construct the formal mathematical model.