

Real-Time Systems

Lecture 9: DC Properties IIIa

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Contents & Goals

- Last Lecture:
 - DC Implementables
- This Lecture:
 - Educational Objectives: Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - Facts: (un)decidability properties of DC in discrete/continuous time.
 - What's the idea of the considered (un)decidability proofs?
- Content:
 - RDC in discrete time cont'd
 - Satisfiability and realisability from 0 is decidable for RDC in discrete time
 - Undecidable problems of DC in continuous time

RDC in Discrete Time Cont'd

Restricted DC (RDC)

$$F ::= [P] \mid \neg F_1 \mid F_1 \vee F_2 \mid F_1 : F_2$$

where F is a state assertion, but with **boolean observables only**.

- Note:
- No global variables, thus don't need γ .

Discrete Time Interpretations

- An interpretation \mathcal{I} is called **discrete time interpretation** if and only if, for each state variable X ,

$$X_{\mathcal{I}} : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$$

- with
- Time = \mathbb{R}_0^+ .
 - all discontinuities are in \mathbb{N}_0

- An interval $[b, e] \subset \text{Intv}$ is called **discrete** if and only if $b, e \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
- We say (for a discrete time interpretation \mathcal{I} and a discrete interval $[b, e]$)

$$\mathcal{I}, [b, e] \models F_1 : F_2$$

if and only if there exists $m \in [b, e] \cap \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$\mathcal{I}, [b, m] \models F_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{I}, [m, e] \models F_2$$

Differences between Continuous and Discrete Time

- Let P be a state assertion.

	Continuous Time	Discrete Time
$\models^c ([P] : [P])$	✓	✓
$\implies [P]$		✓
$\models^d [P]$	✓	✓
$\implies ([P] : [P])$		✗

- In particular: $\ell = 1 \iff (\top] \wedge \neg(\top] : \top])$ (in discrete time).

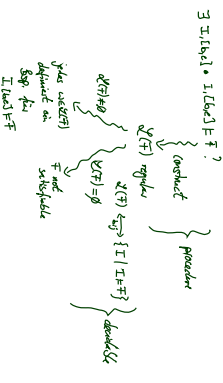
Expressiveness of RDC

- $\ell = 1 \iff [1] \wedge \neg([1]; [1])$
 - $\ell = 0 \iff \neg[1]$
 - $true \iff \ell = 0 \vee \neg(\ell = 0)$
 - $fP = 0 \iff \neg fP \vee \ell = 0$
 - $fP = 1 \iff (fP = 0); (\neg fP \wedge \ell = 0)$ ($fP = 0$)
 - $fP = k + 1 \iff \neg fP = k; \neg fP = 1$
 - $fP \geq k \iff (fP = k); true$
 - $fP > k \iff fP \leq k + 1$
 - $fP \leq k \iff \neg(fP > k)$
 - $fP < k \iff fP \leq k - 1$
- where $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Decidability of Satisfiability/Realisability from 0

Theorem 3.6.
The satisfiability problem for RDC with discrete time is decidable.

Theorem 3.9.
The realisability problem for RDC with discrete time is decidable.



Sketch: Proof of Theorem 3.6

- give a procedure to construct, given a formula F , a **regular** language $\mathcal{L}(F)$ such that
 - $\mathcal{I}, [0, n] \models F$ if and only if $w \in \mathcal{L}(F)$
 where word w describes \mathcal{I} on $[0, n]$ (suitability of the procedure: **Lemma 3.4**)
- then F is satisfiable in discrete time if and only if $\mathcal{L}(F)$ is not empty (**Lemma 3.5**)
- Theorem 3.6 follows because
 - $\mathcal{L}(F)$ can **effectively** be constructed,
 - the emptiness problem is **decidable** for regular languages.

Construction of $\mathcal{L}(F)$

- Idea:**
 - alphabet $\Sigma(F)$ consists of basic conjuncts of the state variables in F ,
 - a letter corresponds to an interpretation on an interval of length 1,
 - a word of length n describes an interpretation on interval $[0, n]$.
- Example:** Assume F contains exactly state variables X, Y, Z , then
 - $\Sigma(F) = \{ \overline{X} \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z}, X \wedge Y \wedge \overline{Z}, X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge Z, X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z}, \overline{X} \wedge Y \wedge Z, \overline{X} \wedge Y \wedge \overline{Z}, \overline{X} \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge Z, \overline{X} \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z} \}$

$w = (\overline{X} \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z}, X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z}, X \wedge Y \wedge \overline{Z}, X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge Z)$

Construction of $\mathcal{L}(F)$ more Formally

Definition 3.2. A word $w = a_1 \dots a_n \in \Sigma(F)^*$ with $n \geq 0$ describes a **discrete interpretation** \mathcal{I} on $[0, n]$ if and only if

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \forall \ell \in \{j-1, j\}: \mathcal{I}[a_j][\ell] = 1.$$

For $n = 0$ we put $w = \varepsilon$.

$\mathcal{P} = X \wedge \overline{Y} \iff (X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge \overline{Z}) \vee (X \wedge \overline{Y} \wedge Z)$

- Each state assertion P can be transformed into an equivalent disjunctive **normal form** $\bigvee_{i=1}^m a_i$ with $a_i \in \Sigma(F)$
- Set $DNF(F) := \{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \subseteq \Sigma(F)$
- Define $\mathcal{L}(F)$ inductively:
 - $\mathcal{L}(\varepsilon) = DNF(F)$
 - $\mathcal{L}(F_1 \vee F_2) = \mathcal{L}(F_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(F_2)$
 - $\mathcal{L}(F_1; F_2) = \mathcal{L}(F_1) \cdot \mathcal{L}(F_2)$

Lemma 3.4

Lemma 3.4. For all RDC formulae F , discrete interpretations I , $n \geq 0$, and all words $w \in \Sigma(L(F)^n)$ which describe I on $[0, n]$,
 $I \models [0, n] \models F$ if and only if $w \in L(F)$.

Bsp: Structural induction.
 See $F = P1$. Use $u = x_1, \dots, x_n, n \geq 0$, decide $I \models [0, n]$.
 $I \models [0, n] \models F1$ $\Leftrightarrow I \models [0, n] \models P1$ and $n \geq 0$.
 $\Leftrightarrow n \geq 0$ and $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}^n: P1$
decide $\Leftrightarrow n \geq 0$ and $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}^n: P1 \wedge Q1$ and $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}^n: P1$
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Skiz: $n \geq 0$
 • $F1, Q1$
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Sketch: Proof of Theorem 3.9

Theorem 3.9. The realisability problem for RDC with discrete time is decidable.

- $\text{kernel}(L)$ contains all words of L whose prefixes are again in L .
 - If L is regular, then $\text{kernel}(L)$ is also regular.
 - $\text{kernel}(L(F))$ can effectively be constructed.
 - We have
- Lemma 3.8. For all RDC formulae F , F is realisable from 0 in discrete time if and only if $\text{kernel}(L(F))$ is infinite.
- Infinity of regular languages is decidable.

Recall: Restricted DC (RDC)

$F ::= [P1] \mid \neg F1 \mid F1 \vee F2 \mid F1 : F2$
 where $F1$ is a state assertion, but with **boolean observables only**.
 From now on: $\text{RDC} + \ell = \lambda, \forall x^n$
 $F ::= [P1] \mid \neg F1 \mid F1 \vee F2 \mid F1 : F2 \mid \ell = 1 \mid \ell = x \mid \forall x \bullet F1$

Undecidability of Satisfiability/Realisability from 0

Theorem 3.10. The realisability from 0 problem for DC with **continuous time** is undecidable, not even semi-decidable.

Theorem 3.11. The satisfiability problem for DC with continuous time is undecidable.

Variants of RDC in Continuous Time

- Reduce divergence of **two-counter machines** to realisability from 0.
- Given a two-counter machine M with final state q_{fin}
 - construct a DC formula $F(M) := \text{encoding}(M)$
 - such that
- M diverges if and only if the DC formula $F(M) \wedge \neg 0/q_{fin}$ is realisable from 0.
- If realisability from 0 was (semi-)decidable, divergence of two-counter machines would be (which it isn't).

Recall: Two-counter machines

A two-counter machine is a structure

$$\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{Q}, q_0, q_{fin}, Prog)$$

where

- \mathcal{Q} is a finite set of states,
- comprising the initial state q_0 and the final state q_{fin}
- $Prog$ is the machine program, i.e. a finite set of commands of the form

$$q : inc_i : q' \quad \text{and} \quad q : dec_i : q', q'', \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$



- We assume deterministic 2CM: for each $q \in \mathcal{Q}$, at most one command starts in q , and q_{fin} is the only state where no command starts.

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2CM Configurations and Computations

- a configuration of \mathcal{M} is a triple $K = (q, n_1, n_2) \in \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0$
- The transition relation \rightarrow on configurations is defined as follows:

Command	Semantics: $K \mapsto K'$
$q : inc_i : q'$	$(q, n_1, n_2) \mapsto (q', n_1 + 1, n_2)$
$q : dec_i : q', q''$	$(q, 0, n_2) \mapsto (q', 0, n_2)$ $(q, n_1 + 1, n_2) \mapsto (q'', n_1, n_2)$
$q : time : q'$	$(q, n_1, n_2) \mapsto (q', n_1, n_2 + 1)$
$q : dec_i : q', q''$	$(q, n_1, 0) \mapsto (q', n_1, 0)$ $(q, n_1, n_2 + 1) \mapsto (q'', n_1, n_2)$

- The (1) computation of \mathcal{M} is a finite sequence of the form ("M halts")

$$K_0 = (q_0, 0, 0) \mapsto K_1 \mapsto K_2 \mapsto \dots \mapsto (q_{fin}, n_1, n_2)$$

or an infinite sequence of the form

$$K_0 = (q_0, 0, 0) \mapsto K_1 \mapsto K_2 \mapsto \dots$$

("M diverges")

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2CM Example

- $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{Q}, q_0, q_{fin}, Prog)$
- commands of the form $q : inc_i : q'$ and $q : dec_i : q', q'', i \in \{1, 2\}$
- configuration $K = (q, n_1, n_2) \in \mathcal{Q} \times \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0$

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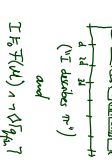
Reducing Divergence to DC realizability: Idea In Pictures

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2CM \mathcal{M} diverges

if \dots
 encodes $n_1 \cdot 10^k + k + 1 \dots$
 if \dots
 - [end, (n1) d] encodes a configuration
 - [end, (n1) d] and [end, d, (n1) d] encode configurations
 which are in τ -Relation

- if q_{fin} is reached, we stop here



It is $\tau(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \exists! q_{fin}$

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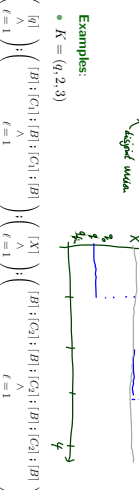
Reducing Divergence to DC realizability: Idea

- A single configuration K of \mathcal{M} can be encoded in an interval of length k , being an encoding interval can be characterised by a DC formula.
- An interpretation on "Time" encodes the computation of \mathcal{M} if
 - each interval $[n_i, 4(n_i + 1)]$, $n_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, encodes a configuration K_{n_i} ,
 - each two subsequent intervals $[n_i, 4(n_i + 1)]$ and $[4(n_i + 1), 4(n_i + 2)]$, $n_i \in \mathbb{N}_0$, encode configurations $K_{n_i} \mapsto K_{n_i+1}$ in transition relation.
- Being encoding of the run can be characterised by DC formula $F(\mathcal{M})$.
- Then \mathcal{M} diverges if and only if $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \exists! q_{fin}$ is realisable from 0.

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Encoding Configurations

- We use Obs \mathcal{D} (obs) with $\mathcal{D}(\text{obs}) = \mathcal{Q}_{fin} \cup \{C_1, C_2, B, X\}$.



Examples:
 $K = (q, 2, 3)$
 $[q]_{\ell=1}^k$, $[B]_1$, $[C_1]_1$, $[C_2]_1$, $[B]_1$, $[X]_1$
 or, using abbreviations, $[q]_1^{-1}$, $[B]_1^{-1}$, $[X]_1^{-1}$, $[B]_1$

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Construction of $F(\mathcal{M})$

In the following, we give DC formulae describing

- the initial configuration,
 - the general form of configurations,
 - the transitions between configurations,
 - the handling of the final state.
- $F(\mathcal{M})$ is the conjunction of all these formulae.

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Initial and General Configurations

$$init : \Leftrightarrow (\ell \geq 4 \Rightarrow [q_0]^1 : [B]^1 : [X]^1 : [B]^1 : true)$$

$$\begin{aligned} keep : &\Leftrightarrow \Box([Q]^1 : [B \vee C_1]^1 : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1 : \ell = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow \ell = 4 : [Q]^1 : [B \vee C_1]^1 : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1) \\ \text{where } Q &:= \neg(X \vee C_1 \vee C_2 \vee B). \end{aligned}$$

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Auxiliary Formula Pattern copy

$$\begin{aligned} copy(F, \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}) : &\Leftrightarrow \\ \forall c, d \bullet \Box((F \wedge \ell = 0) : ([R_1 \vee \dots \vee R_n] \wedge \ell = d) : [R_1] : \ell = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow \ell = c + d + 4 : [R_1]) \\ \dots \\ \forall c, d \bullet \Box((F \wedge \ell = 0) : ([R_1 \vee \dots \vee R_n] \wedge \ell = d) : [R_n] : \ell = 4 \\ &\Rightarrow \ell = c + d + 4 : [R_n]) \end{aligned}$$

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$q : inc_1 : q'$ (Increment)

(i) Change state

$$\Box([q]^1 : [B \vee C_1]^1 : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1 : \ell = 4 \Rightarrow \ell = 4 : [q']^1 : true)$$

(ii) Increment counter

$$\begin{aligned} \forall d \bullet \Box([q]^1 : [B]^d : (\ell = 0 \vee [C_1] : \neg X) : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1 : \ell = 4 \\ \Rightarrow \ell = 4 : [q']^1 : ([B]^1 : [C_1] : [B] \wedge \ell = d) : true \end{aligned}$$

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$q : inc_1 : q'$ (Increment)

(i) Keep rest of first counter

$$copy([q]^1 : [B \vee C_1] : [C_1], [B, C_1])$$

(ii) Leave second counter unchanged

$$copy([q]^1 : [B \vee C_1] : [X]^1, [B, C_2])$$

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$q : dec_1 : q', q''$ (Decrement)

(i) If zero

$$\Box([q]^1 : [B]^1 : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1 : \ell = 4 \Rightarrow \ell = 4 : [q']^1 : [B]^1 : true)$$

(ii) Decrement counter

$$\begin{aligned} \forall d \bullet \Box([q]^1 : ([B]^1 : [C_1] \wedge \ell = d) : [B] : [B \vee C_1] : [X]^1 : [B \vee C_2]^1 : \ell = \\ \Rightarrow \ell = 4 : [q'']^1 : [B]^d : true) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Keep rest of first counter

$$copy([q]^1 : [B] : [C_1] : [B], [B, C_1])$$

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Final State

$\text{copy}(q_{\text{final}}) := \{B \vee C_1\}^k; \{X\}^k; \{B \vee C_2\}^k; \{q_{\text{final}}, B, X, C_1, C_2\}$

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Satisfiability

- Following [Chaochen and Hansen, 2004] we can observe that \mathcal{M} halts **if and only** if the DC formula $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \diamond[q_{\text{final}}]$ is satisfiable. This yields

Theorem 3.11. The satisfiability problem for DC with continuous time is undecidable.

(It is semi-decidable.)

- Furthermore, by taking the contraposition, we see \mathcal{M} **diverges** **if and only** if \mathcal{M} does not halt **if and only** if $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \diamond[q_{\text{final}}]$ is not satisfiable.
- Thus whether a DC formula is **not satisfiable** is not decidable, not even semi-decidable.

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Validity

- By Remark 2.13, F is valid iff $\neg F$ is not satisfiable so

Corollary 3.12. The validity problem for DC with continuous time is undecidable, not even semi-decidable.

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- This provides us with an alternative proof of Theorem 2.23 (“there is no sound and complete proof system for DC”):
- Suppose** there were such a calculus \mathcal{C} .
- By Lemma 2.22 it is semi-decidable whether a given DC formula F is a theorem in \mathcal{C} .
- By the soundness and completeness of \mathcal{C} , F is a theorem in \mathcal{C} **if and only** if F is valid.
- Thus it is semi-decidable whether F is valid: **Contradiction**.

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Discussion

- Note: the DC fragment defined by the following grammar is **sufficient** for the reduction

$F ::= [P] \mid \neg F_1 \mid F_1 \vee F_2 \mid F_1 : F_2 \mid \ell = 1 \mid \ell = x \mid \forall x. \bullet F_1,$

P a state assertion, x a global variable.

- Formulae used in the reduction are abbreviations:

$$\ell = 4 \iff \ell = 1; \ell = 1; \ell = 1; \ell = 1; \ell = 1$$

$$\ell \geq 4 \iff \ell = 4; \text{true}$$

$$\ell = x + y + 4 \iff \ell = x; \ell = y; \ell = 4$$

- Length 1** is not necessary — we can use $\ell = z$ instead, with fresh z .
- This is RDC augmented by “ $\ell = x$ ” and “ $\forall x. x$ ”, which we denote by **RDC** + $\ell = x. \forall x.$

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