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- Last Lecture:**
 - Satisfiability and realizability from 0 is decidable for RDC in discrete time
 - Undecidable problems of DC in continuous time

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:**
 - Undecidable problems of DC in continuous time cont'd

(Variants of) RDC in Continuous Time

Sketch: Proof of Theorem 3.10

Reduce divergence of two-counter machines to realizability from 0:

- Given a two-counter machine \mathcal{M} with final state q_{fin} ,
- construct a DC formula $F(\mathcal{M}) := encoding(\mathcal{M})$
- such that

\mathcal{M} diverges if and only if the DC formula

$$F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \langle q_{fin} \rangle$$

is realisable from 0.

- If realizability from 0 was (semi-)decidable, divergence of two-counter machines would be (which it isn't).

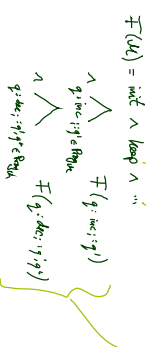
Reducing Divergence to DC realizability: Idea

- A single configuration K of \mathcal{M} can be encoded in an interval of length 4: being an encoding interval can be characterised by a DC formula.
- An interpretation on 'Time' encodes the computation of \mathcal{M} if
 - each interval $[n, 4(n+1)]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, encodes a configuration K_n ,
 - each two subsequent intervals $[n, 4(n+1)]$ and $[(n+1), 4(n+2)]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, encode configurations K_n, K_{n+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 $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \langle q_{fin} \rangle$ is realisable from 0.

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.



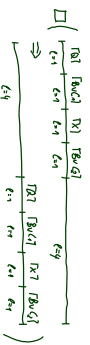
Initial and General Configurations

$$mid := (l \geq 4 \Rightarrow [a_0]^{-1}; [B]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B]^{-1}; true)$$

$$keep := \Box([Q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; \ell = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = 4; [Q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1})$$

where $Q := \neg(X \vee C_1 \vee C_2 \vee B)$.



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Auxiliary Formula Pattern copy

formula
add nodes

$$copy(\ell; [P_1 \dots P_n]) \Leftrightarrow$$

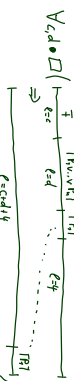
$$\forall c,d \bullet \Box((P \wedge \ell = 0); ([P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n] \wedge \ell = d); [P_1]; \ell = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = c+d+4; [P_1]$$

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$$\forall c,d \bullet \Box((P \wedge \ell = 0); ([P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n] \wedge \ell = d); [P_n]; \ell = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = c+d+4; [P_n]$$



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(q) : inc_q : (q) (Increment)

Change state

$$\Box([q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; \ell = 4 \Rightarrow \ell = 4; [q]^{-1}; true)$$

$$\Box([q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; \ell = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = 4; [q]^{-1}; ([B]^{-1}; [C_1]^{-1}; [B] \wedge \ell = d); true)$$

...

$$\forall d \bullet \Box([q]^{-1}; [B]^{-1}; (\ell = 0 \vee [C_1]^{-1}; \neg X); [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; \ell = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = 4; [q]^{-1}; ([B]^{-1}; [C_1]^{-1}; [B] \wedge \ell = d); true)$$

Increment counter



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q : inc_q : q' (Increment)

(i) Keep rest of first counter

$$copy([q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [C_1]^{-1}; [B, C_1])$$

(ii) Leave second counter unchanged

$$copy([q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B, C_2])$$

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q : dec_q : 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

$$\forall d \bullet \Box([q]^{-1}; ([B]^{-1}; [C_1] \wedge \ell = d); [B]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; \ell =$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell = 4; [q]^{-1}; [B]^{-1}; true)$$

(iii) Keep rest of first counter

$$copy([q]^{-1}; [B]^{-1}; [C_1]^{-1}; [B, C_1])$$

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Final State

$$copy([q]^{-1}; [B \vee C_1]^{-1}; [X]^{-1}; [B \vee C_2]^{-1}; (q_{true}, B, X, C_1, C_2))$$

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Satisfiability

- Following [Chaochen and Hansen, 2004] we can observe that \mathcal{M} halts if and only if the DC formula $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \diamond \lceil \eta_{\text{halt}} \rceil$ 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 $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \diamond \lceil \eta_{\text{halt}} \rceil$ 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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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:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell = 4 &\iff \ell = 1; \ell = 1; \ell = 1; \ell = 1 \\ \ell \geq 4 &\iff \ell = 4; true \\ \ell = x + y + 4 &\iff \ell = x; \ell = y; \ell = 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

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