

Real-Time Systems

Lecture 10: DC Properties IIb

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Contents & Goals

Last Lecture:

- Satisfiability and realisability 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

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(Variants of) RDC in Continuous Time

Sketch: Proof of Theorem 3.10

Reduce divergence of **two-counter machines** to realisability from 0:

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

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

$$F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \diamond [q_{fin}]$$

is **realisable from 0**.

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

Reducing Divergence to DC realisability: 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 $[4n, 4(n+1)]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, **encodes** a configuration K_n ,
 - each two subsequent intervals $[4n, 4(n+1)]$ and $[4(n+1), 4(n+2)]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, encode configurations $K_n \vdash K_{n+1}$ **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 $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg \diamond [q_{fin}]$ 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.

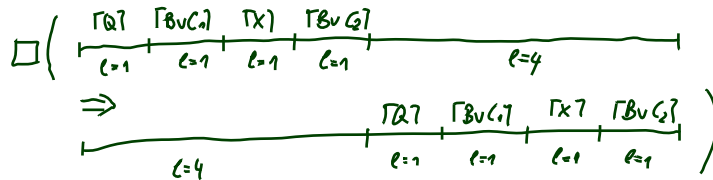
$$F(\mathcal{M}) = \text{init} \wedge \text{keep} \wedge \dots$$
$$\wedge \bigwedge_{q: \text{inc}; i; q' \in \text{Prog}_{inc}} F(q: \text{inc}; i; q')$$
$$\wedge \bigwedge_{q: \text{dec}; i; q', q'' \in \text{Prog}_{dec}} F(q: \text{dec}; i; q', q'')$$

Initial and General Configurations

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

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

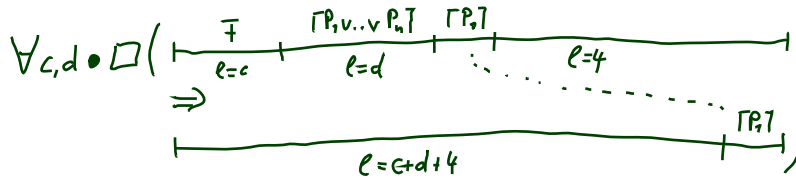
where $Q := \neg(X \vee C_1 \vee C_2 \vee B)$.



Auxiliary Formula Pattern copy

\swarrow formula
 \swarrow state assertions

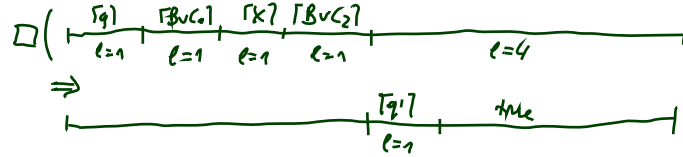
$$\begin{aligned} \text{copy}(F, \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}) : \Leftrightarrow & \\ \forall c, d \bullet \Box((F \wedge \ell = c); ([P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n] \wedge \ell = d); [P_1]; \ell = 4 & \\ \Rightarrow \ell = c + d + 4; [P_1] & \\ \dots & \\ \forall c, d \bullet \Box((F \wedge \ell = c); ([P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n] \wedge \ell = d); [P_n]; \ell = 4 & \\ \Rightarrow \ell = c + d + 4; [P_n] & \end{aligned}$$



$q : inc_1 : q'$ (Increment)

(i) Change state

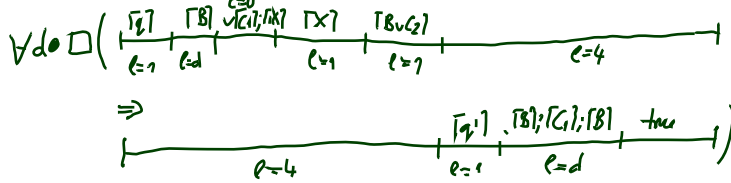
$$\Box([\bar{q}]^1; [B \vee C_1]^1; [X]^1; [B \vee C_2]^1; \ell = 4 \implies \ell = 4; [q']^1; true)$$



(ii) Increment counter

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

$$\implies \ell = 4; [q']^1; ([B]; [C_1]; [B] \wedge \ell = d); true$$



$q : inc_1 : q'$ (Increment)

(i) Keep rest of first counter

$$\overbrace{copy([\bar{q}]^1; [B \vee C_1]; [C_1], \{B, C_1\})}^{\overline{F}} \quad \overbrace{\{p_1, p_2\}}$$

(ii) Leave second counter unchanged

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

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

(i) If zero

$$\Box(\lceil q \rceil^1; \lceil B \rceil^1; \lceil X \rceil^1; \lceil B \vee C_2 \rceil^1; \ell = 4 \implies \ell = 4; \lceil q' \rceil^1; \lceil B \rceil^1; true)$$

(ii) Decrement counter

$$\forall d \bullet \Box(\lceil q \rceil^1; (\lceil B \rceil; \lceil C_1 \rceil \wedge \ell = d); \lceil B \rceil; \lceil B \vee C_1 \rceil; \lceil X \rceil^1; \lceil B \vee C_2 \rceil^1; \ell = \\ \implies \ell = 4; \lceil q'' \rceil^1; \lceil B \rceil^d; true)$$

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(iii) Keep rest of first counter

$$copy(\lceil q \rceil^1; \lceil B \rceil; \lceil C_1 \rceil; \lceil B_1 \rceil, \{B, C_1\})$$

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Final State

$$copy(\lceil q_{fin} \rceil^1; \lceil B \vee C_1 \rceil^1; \lceil X \rceil; \lceil B \vee C_2 \rceil^1, \{q_{fin}, B, X, C_1, C_2\})$$

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Satisfiability

- Following [Chaochen and Hansen, 2004] we can observe that

\mathcal{M} **halts if and only if** the DC formula $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \diamond[q_{fin}]$ 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 $F(\mathcal{M}) \wedge \neg\diamond[q_{fin}]$ 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:

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

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

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