

## CS256/Winter 2009 Lecture #1

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FORMAL METHODS FOR REACTIVE SYSTEMS

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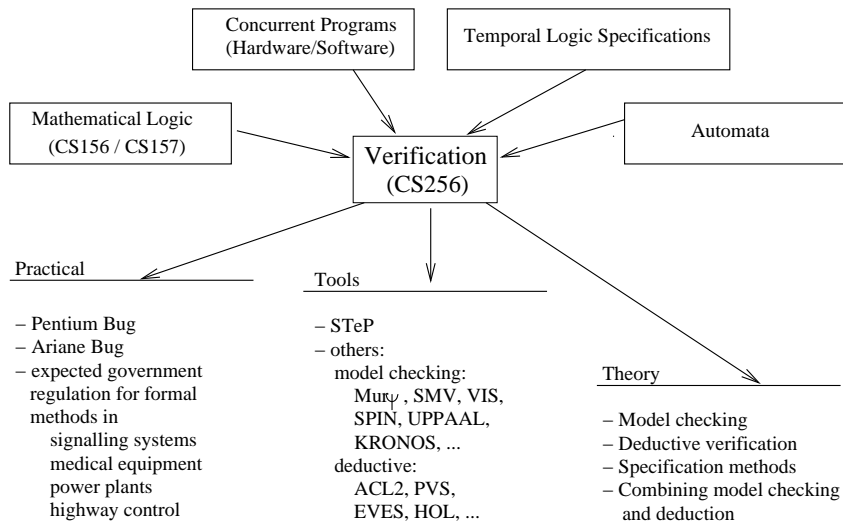
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Course Meetings: MW11:00-12:15, Gates B12

## Course work

- Weekly homework due Wed's before class.
- Final exam (8:30am-11:30am on Friday, March 20).
- No collaboration on homeworks and exam (but welcome otherwise).
- No late homeworks.



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## Textbooks

Manna & Pnueli Springer

Vol. I: “The Temporal Logic of Reactive and Concurrent Systems: Specification”  
Springer 1992

Vol II: “Temporal Verification of Reactive Systems: Safety”  
Springer 1995

Vol. III: “Temporal Verification of Reactive Systems: Progress”  
Chapters 1–3, on Manna’s web site.

Copies of lecture slides.

Papers.

## Textbook Overview

(Volume II)

**Chapter 0:** Preliminary Concepts  
[Summary of volume I]

**Chapter 1:** Invariance: Proof Methods

**Chapter 2:** Invariance: Applications

**Chapter 3:** Precedence

[**Chapter 4:** General Safety]

**Chapter 5:** Algorithmic Verification  
("Model Checking")

**Extra:**

- $\omega$ -automata
- branching time logic CTL; BDDs

## Transformational Systems

Observable only at the beginning and the end of their execution ("black box")



with no interaction with the environment.

- specified by

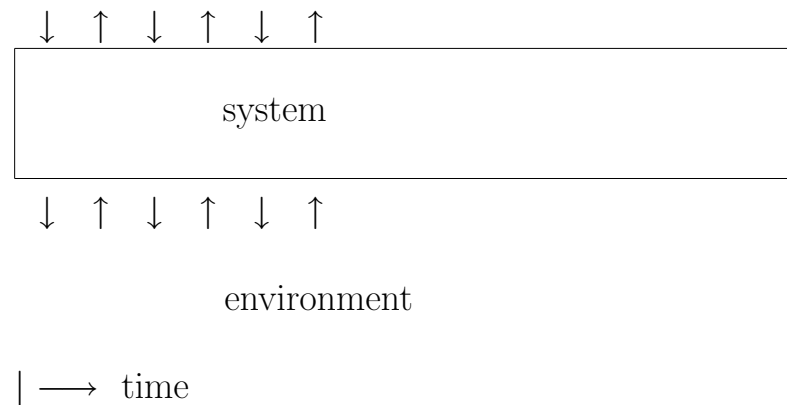
input-output relations  
 $\Downarrow$   
state formulas (assertions)  
First-Order Logic

- typically

terminating sequential programs  
e.g., input  $x \geq 0 \rightarrow$  output  $z = \sqrt{x}$

## Reactive Systems

Observable throughout their execution  
(“black cactus”)



Interaction with the environment

- specified by

their on-going behaviors  
(histories of interactions with their environment)



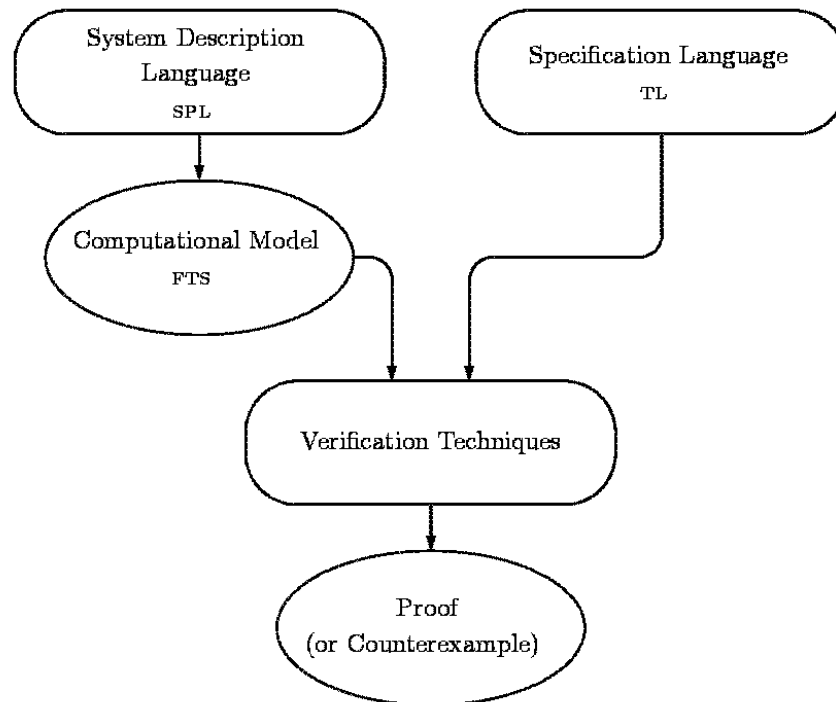
sequence formulas  
Temporal Logic

- Typically

- Airline reservation systems
- Operating systems
- Process control programs
- Communication networks

## The Components

### Overview of the Verification Process



- **System Description Language**  
SPL (Simple Programming Language)

Pascal-like high-level language with constructs for

- concurrency
- nondeterminism
- synchronous/asynchronous communication

- **Computational Model**  
FTS (Fair Transition System)

Compact first-order representation of all sequences of states that can be generated by a system

## The Components (cont.)

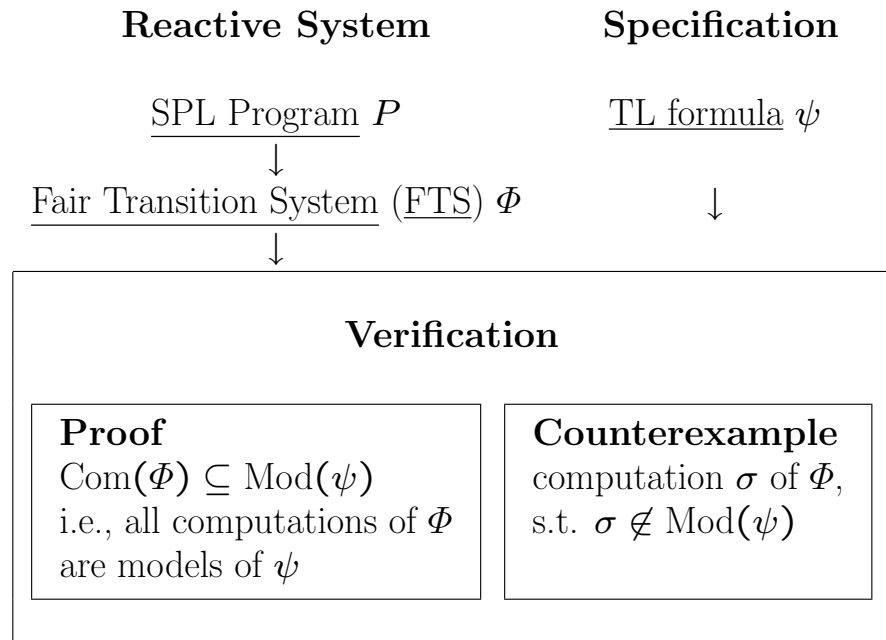
- **Specification Language**

TL (temporal logic)

models of a TL formula are infinite sequences of states

- **Verification Techniques**

- algorithmic (model checking)  
search a state-graph for counterexample
- deductive (theorem proving)  
prove first-order verification conditions



**Chapter 0:**  
Preliminary Concepts

**States**

- vocabulary  $\mathcal{V}$  — set of typed variables  
(type defines the domain over which the values can range)
  - expression over  $\mathcal{V}$        $x + y$
  - assertion over  $\mathcal{V}$        $x > y$
- state  $s$  — interpretation over  $\mathcal{V}$

**Example:**

$$\mathcal{V} = \{x, y : \text{integer}\}$$

$$s = \{x : 2, y : 3\}$$

(also written as

$$s[x] = 2, \quad s[y] = 3)$$

$x + y$  is 5 on  $s$

$x > y$     false on  $s$

- $\Sigma$  — set of all states

### Fair Transition System (FTS)

$$\Phi = \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{C} \rangle$$

(represents a Reactive Program)

- $V = \{u_1, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  — vocabulary

A finite set of system variables

System variables = data variables +  
control variables

- $\Theta$  — initial condition

First-order assertion over  $V$  that characterizes all initial states

**Example:**

$$\Theta : x = 5 \wedge 3 \leq y \leq 5$$

$$\text{initial states: } \{x : 5, y : 3\}$$

$$\{x : 5, y : 4\}$$

$$\{x : 5, y : 5\}$$

- $\mathcal{T}$  — finite set of transitions

For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ ,

$$\tau : \Sigma \rightarrow 2^\Sigma$$

( $\tau$  is a function from states to sets of states)

- $s'$  is a  $\tau$ -successor of  $s$  if  $s' \in \tau(s)$

- $\tau$  is represented by the

transition relation

(“next-state” relation)  $\rho_\tau(V, V')$  where

$V$  – values of variables in the current state

$V'$  – values of variables in the next state

**Example:**

$$\rho_\tau : x' = x + 1 \text{ means}$$

$$s'[x] = s[x] + 1$$

- special idling (stuttering) transition  $\tau_I$ ,

$$\rho_{\tau_I} : V = V'$$



## Enabled/Disabled/Taken Transition

Example:

$$\langle x : 5, y : 3 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau} \{ \langle x : 5, y : 4 \rangle, \langle x : 5, y : 5 \rangle \}$$

“When in state  $\langle x : 5, y : 3 \rangle$   $\tau$  may increment  $y$  by either 1 or 2, and keep  $x$  unchanged.”

$\langle x : 5, y : 4 \rangle$  and  $\langle x : 5, y : 5 \rangle$  are  $\tau$ -successors of  $\langle x : 5, y : 3 \rangle$ .

- $\mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  : set of just (weakly fair) transitions
- $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  : set of compassionate (strongly fair) transitions

- For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ ,
  - $\tau$  is enabled on  $s$  if  $\tau(s) \neq \emptyset$
  - $\tau$  is disabled on  $s$  if  $\tau(s) = \emptyset$
- For an infinite sequence of states
  - $\sigma : s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k, s_{k+1}, \dots$
  - $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  is enabled at position  $k$  of  $\sigma$  if  $\tau$  is enabled on  $s_k$
  - $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$  is taken at position  $k$  of  $\sigma$  if  $s_{k+1}$  is a  $\tau$ -successor of  $s_k$

Example:

$$\rho_\tau : x = 5 \wedge x' = x + 1 \wedge y' = y$$

$\tau$  is enabled on all states s.t.  $s[x] = 5$   
and disabled on all other states

$$\sigma : \dots \overbrace{\langle x : 5, y : 3 \rangle}^{s_k}, \overbrace{\langle x : 6, y : 3 \rangle}^{s_{k+1}} \dots$$

$\tau$  is enabled at position  $k$

$\tau$  is taken at position  $k$

## Computation

Infinite sequence of states

$$\sigma : s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots$$

is a computation of an FTS  $\Phi$  ( $\Phi$ -computation),  
if it satisfies the following:

- Initiality:  $s_0$  is an initial state (satisfies  $\Theta$ )
- Consecution: For each  $i = 0, 1, \dots$ ,  
 $s_{i+1} \in \tau(s_i)$  for some  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$ .

- Justice: For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{J}$ , it is not the case that  $\tau$  is continually enabled beyond some position  $j$  in  $\sigma$  but not taken beyond  $j$ .

**Example:**

$V : \{x : \text{integer}\}$

$\Theta : x = 0$

$\mathcal{T} : \{\tau_I, \tau_{\text{inc}}\}$  with  $\rho_{\tau_{\text{inc}}} : x' = x + 1$

$\mathcal{J} : \{\tau_{\text{inc}}\}$

$\mathcal{C} : \emptyset$

$\sigma : \langle x : 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_I} \langle x : 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_I} \langle x : 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_I} \dots$

satisfies Initiality and Consecution, but not Justice.

Therefore  $\sigma$  is not a computation.

(In any computation of this system,  $x$  grows beyond any bound.)

$$\sigma : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \langle x : 0 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 1 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 2 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 2 \rangle \longrightarrow \\ \langle x : 3 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 3 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 3 \rangle \longrightarrow \\ \langle x : 4 \rangle \longrightarrow \dots \end{array} \right.$$

is a computation

**Question:**  $\rho_{\tau_{\text{inc}}} : (x = 0 \vee x = 1) \wedge x' = x + 1$

Is

$$\sigma : \left[ \begin{array}{l} \langle x : 0 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 1 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 2 \rangle \longrightarrow \\ \langle x : 2 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle x : 2 \rangle \longrightarrow \dots \end{array} \right.$$

a computation?

- Compassion: For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{C}$ , it is not the case that  $\tau$  is enabled at infinitely many positions in  $\sigma$ , but taken at only finitely many positions in  $\sigma$ .

**Example:**

$V : \{x, y : \text{integer}\}$

$\Theta : x = 0 \wedge y = 0$

$\mathcal{T} : \{\tau_x, \tau_y\}$  with

$\rho_{\tau_x} : x' = x + 1 \pmod{2}$

$\rho_{\tau_y} : x = 1 \wedge y' = y + 1$

$\mathcal{J} : \{\tau_x\}$

$\mathcal{C} : \{\tau_y\}$

$\sigma : \langle \overset{x}{0}, \overset{y}{0} \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_x} \langle 1, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_x} \langle 0, 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau_x} \dots$

is not a computation:  $\tau_y$  is infinitely often enabled, but never taken.

(**Note:** If  $\tau_y$  had only been just,  $\sigma$  would have been a computation, since  $\tau_y$  is not continually enabled.)

FTS  $\Phi = \langle V, \Theta, \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{C} \rangle$

**Run** = Initiality + Consecution

**Fairness** = Justice + Compassion

**Computation** = Run + Fairness

Notation:  $s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau_2} s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau_3} s_3 \rightarrow \dots$

**Note:** For every two consecutive states  $s_i, s_{i+1}$ , there may be more than one transition that leads from  $s_i$  to  $s_{i+1}$ .

Therefore, several different transitions can be considered as taken at the same time.

## Finite-State

- For a computation  $\sigma$  of  $\Phi$

$$\sigma : s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i, \dots ,$$

state  $s_i$  is a  $\Phi$ -accessible state.

- $\Phi$  is finite-state if the set of  $\Phi$ -accessible states is finite. Otherwise, it is infinite-state.
  - If the domain of all variables of  $\Phi$  is finite, (e.g., booleans, subranges, etc.), then  $\Phi$  is finite-state.
  - Even if the domain of some variables of  $\Phi$  is infinite (e.g., integer),  $\Phi$  may still be finite-state.

**Example:**

$V : \{x : \text{integer}\}$

$\Theta : x = 1$

$\mathcal{T} : \{\tau_I, \tau_1, \tau_2\}$  with

$$\rho_{\tau_1} : x = 1 \wedge x' = 2$$

$$\rho_{\tau_2} : x = 2 \wedge x' = 1$$

$\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{C} : \emptyset$

has 2 accessible states:

$\langle x : 1 \rangle$  and  $\langle x : 2 \rangle$