

CS256/Winter 2009 Lecture #8

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Finding Inductive Assertions

Top-Down Approach

Assertion propagation

we have previously proven $\Box \chi$

and we want to prove $\Box \varphi$

but

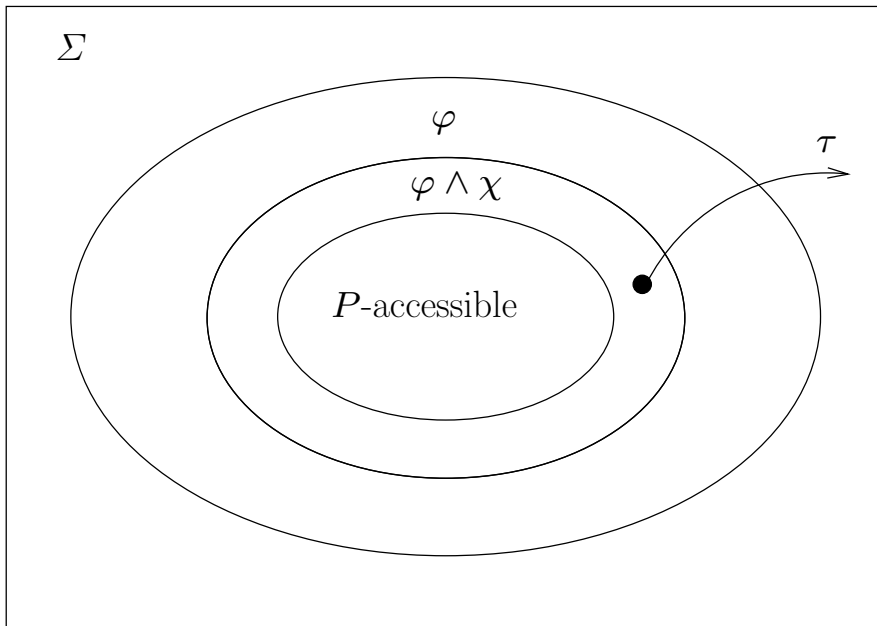
$$\{\chi \wedge \varphi\} \tau \{\varphi\}$$

is not state-valid for some $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$.

What is the problem?

(assuming that φ is indeed an invariant)

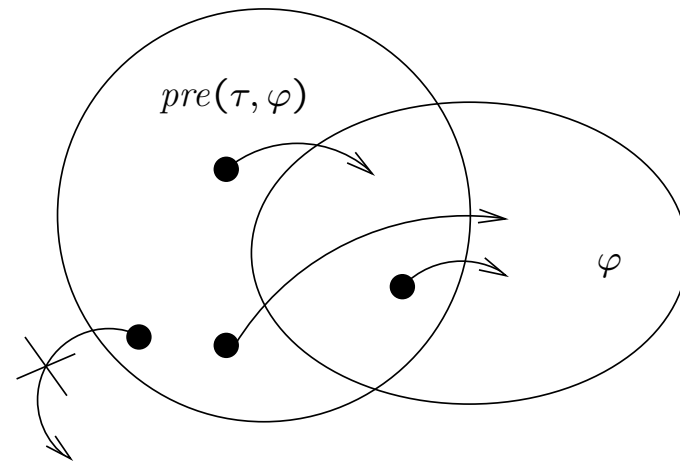
Top-Down Approach (Con'd)



Solution: Take the largest set of states that will result in a φ -state when τ is taken. How?

Precondition of φ w.r.t. τ

$$pre(\tau, \varphi) : \forall V'. \rho_{\tau} \rightarrow \varphi'$$



a state s satisfies $pre(\tau, \varphi)$
 iff
 all τ -successors of s satisfy φ .

Note:

s trivially satisfies $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ if it does not have any τ -successors (i.e., τ is not enabled in s).

Precondition of φ w.r.t. τ (Con'd)

Example:

$V : \{x\}$ integer

$\rho_\tau : x > 0 \wedge x' = x - 1$

$\varphi : x \geq 2$

$pre(\tau, \varphi) :$

$$\forall x'. \underbrace{x > 0 \wedge x' = x - 1}_{\rho_\tau} \rightarrow \underbrace{x' \geq 2}_{\varphi'}$$

$$x > 0 \rightarrow x - 1 \geq 2$$

$$x \leq 0 \vee x \geq 3$$

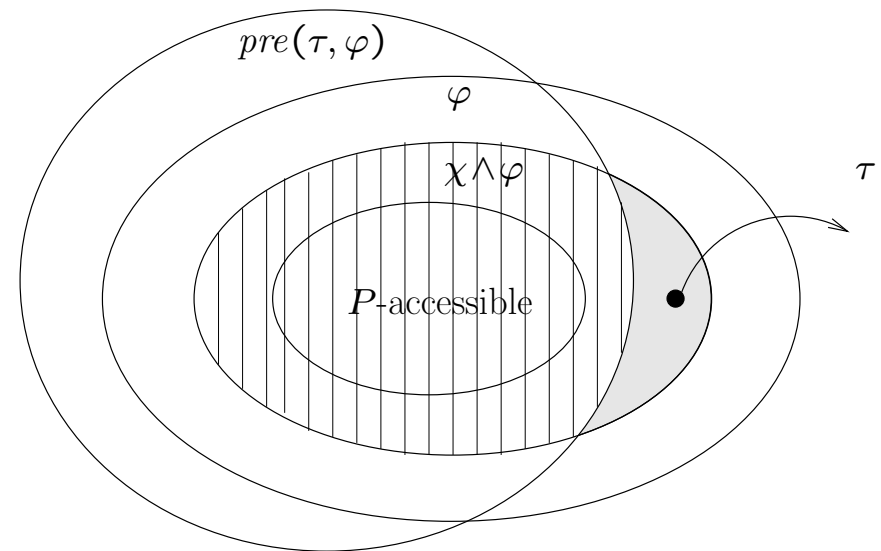
$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} j \\ x \leq 0 \vee x \geq 3 \end{array} \quad \tau \quad \begin{array}{c} j+1 \\ x \geq 2 \end{array}}{}$$

Properties of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$

By the definition of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$,

$$\{\chi \wedge \varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi)\} \tau \{\varphi\}$$

is guaranteed to be state-valid.



But we have to justify adding the conjunct $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ to the antecedent.

This can be done in two ways:

1. Incremental: prove $\square pre(\tau, \varphi)$
2. Strengthening: prove $\square(\varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi))$

Properties of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ (Con'd)

Claim: If φ is P -invariant then so is $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ for every $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$.

Proof:

Suppose φ is P -invariant, but $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ is not P -invariant.

Then there exists a P -accessible state s such that

$$s \not\models pre(\tau, \varphi).$$

But then, by the definition of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$, there exists a τ -successor s' of s such that $s' \not\models \varphi$.

Since s is P -accessible, s' is also P -accessible, contradicting that φ is a P -invariant.

Properties of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ (Con'd)

Definition: A transition τ is said to be self-disabling if for every state s , τ is disabled in all τ -successors of s .

Claim: For every assertion φ and self-disabling transition τ

$$\{\varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi)\} \tau \{\varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi)\}$$

is state-valid.

Proof:

Assume $s \models \varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi)$.

Then by definition of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$, for every s' , τ -successor of s ,

$$s' \models \varphi.$$

Since τ is self-disabling, τ is disabled in all τ -successors s' of s , and so trivially

$$s' \models pre(\tau, \varphi)$$

Thus for all τ -successors s' of s ,

$$s' \models \varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi).$$

Heuristic

If the verification condition

$$\{\chi \wedge \varphi\} \tau \{\varphi\}$$

is not state-valid:

Find $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ and then

- Strengthening approach:

strengthen φ by adding the conjunct $pre(\tau, \varphi)$

prove $\square(\varphi \wedge pre(\tau, \varphi))$

or,

- Incremental approach:

prove $\square pre(\tau, \varphi)$

and add $pre(\tau, \varphi)$ to χ .

Note:

$pre(\tau, \varphi)$ is not guaranteed to be an inductive invariant, so the premises of INV have to be checked again.

Example:

local x : integer where $x = 1$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \ell_0 : \text{request } x \\ \ell_1 : \text{critical} \\ \ell_2 : \text{release } x \end{array} \right]$$

We want to prove

$$\boxed{\square \underbrace{(at_l_1 \rightarrow x = 0)}_{\varphi}}$$

Problem:

$$\{at_l_1 \rightarrow x = 0\} \tau_{\ell_0} \{at_l_1 \rightarrow x = 0\}$$

is not state-valid.

If we use the above heuristic we get

$$pre(\tau_{\ell_0}, \varphi) =$$

$$\forall x', \pi'. \underbrace{(move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \wedge x > 0 \wedge x' = x - 1)}_{\rho_{\ell_0}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(at_l_1 \rightarrow x' = 0)}_{\varphi'}$$

Example (Con'd):

$$pre(\tau_{\ell_0}, \varphi) = \forall x', \pi'. \underbrace{(move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \wedge x > 0 \wedge x' = x - 1)}_{\rho_{\ell_0}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(at'_{\ell_1} \rightarrow x' = 0)}_{\varphi'}$$

Since

$$move(\ell_0, \ell_1) \rightarrow at_{\ell_0} = \top, at'_{\ell_1} = \top \\ x' = x - 1 \wedge x' = 0 \rightarrow x = 1$$

it simplifies to

$$pre(\tau_{\ell_0}, \varphi): at_{\ell_0} \wedge x > 0 \rightarrow x = 1$$

Strengthened assertion

$$\varphi \wedge pre(\tau_{\ell_0}, \varphi): (at_{\ell_1} \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (at_{\ell_0} \rightarrow x = 1)$$

what we “guessed” before

Show that $\varphi \wedge pre(\tau_{\ell_0}, \varphi)$ is inductive
 (“strengthening approach”)

Substituted form of $pre(\tau, \varphi)$

Many transition relations have the form

$$\rho_{\tau}: C_{\tau} \wedge \bar{V}' = \bar{E}$$

where C_{τ} is the enabled condition of τ .

And so

$$pre(\tau, \varphi): \forall \bar{V}'. C_{\tau} \wedge \bar{V}' = \bar{E} \rightarrow \varphi'$$

can be simplified to

$$\forall \bar{V}'. C_{\tau} \rightarrow \varphi[\bar{E}/\bar{V}]$$

replacing all primed variables by its

corresponding expression,

thus the quantifier can be eliminated to obtain

$$pre(\tau, \varphi): C_{\tau} \rightarrow \varphi[\bar{E}/\bar{V}]$$

Example: Program mux-pet1(Fig. 2.25)

(Peterson's Algorithm for mutual exclusion)

local y_1, y_2 : **boolean** where $y_1 = F, y_2 = F$
 s : **integer** where $s = 1$

l_0 : **loop forever do**

$P_1 ::$ $\left[\begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{noncritical} \\ l_2 : (y_1, s) := (T, 1) \\ l_3 : \text{await } (\neg y_2) \vee (s \neq 1) \\ l_4 : \text{critical} \\ l_5 : y_1 := F \end{array} \right]$

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m_0 : **loop forever do**

$P_2 ::$ $\left[\begin{array}{l} m_1 : \text{noncritical} \\ m_2 : (y_2, s) := (T, 2) \\ m_3 : \text{await } (\neg y_1) \vee (s \neq 2) \\ m_4 : \text{critical} \\ m_5 : y_2 := F \end{array} \right]$

Example: Program mux-pet1 (Fig. 2.25) (Con'd)

We want to prove mutual exclusion:

$$\boxed{\square \underbrace{\neg(at_{l_4} \wedge at_{m_4})}_{\psi}}$$

Bottom-up invariants:

$$\varphi_0: s = 1 \vee s = 2$$

$$\varphi_1: y_1 \leftrightarrow at_{l_3..5}$$

$$\varphi_2: y_2 \leftrightarrow at_{m_3..5}$$

Problem: the verification conditions

$$\{\varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \psi\} l_3 \{\psi\}$$

$$\{\varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \psi\} m_3 \{\psi\}$$

are not state-valid

Example: Program mux-pet1 (Fig. 2.25) (Con'd)

$$pre(\tau_{l_3}, \psi): \forall \pi': \underbrace{move(l_3, l_4) \wedge (\neg y_2 \vee s \neq 1)}_{\rho_{l_3}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\neg(at'_{l_4} \wedge at'_{m_4})}_{\psi'}$$

since

$$move(l_3, l_4) \text{ implies } at'_{l_4} = T, at'_{m_4} = at_{m_4}$$

$pre(\tau_{l_3}, \psi)$ simplifies to:

$$at_{l_3} \wedge (\neg y_2 \vee s \neq 1) \rightarrow \neg at_{m_4}$$

$$\boxed{\varphi_3: at_{l_3} \wedge at_{m_4} \rightarrow y_2 \wedge s = 1}$$

$pre(\tau_{m_3}, \psi): \forall \pi' \dots\dots$

simplifies to:

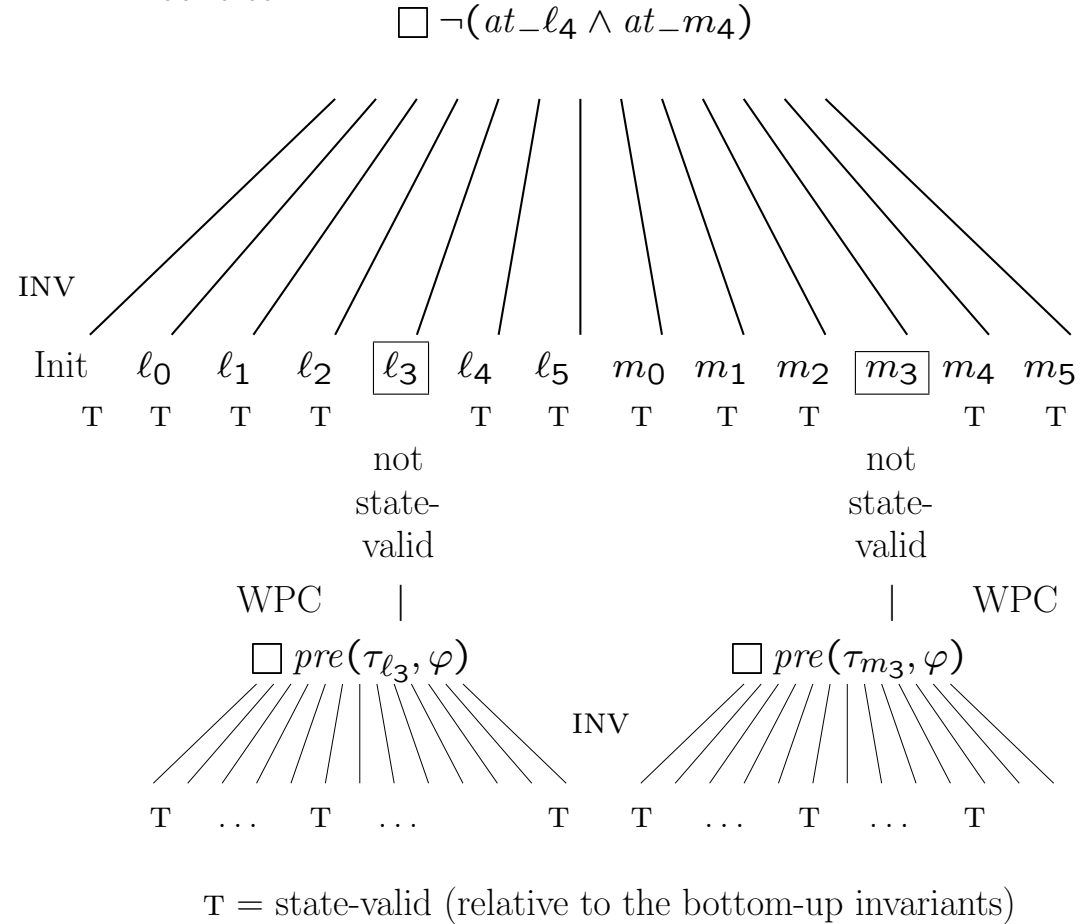
$$\boxed{\varphi_4: at_{l_4} \wedge at_{m_3} \rightarrow y_1 \wedge s = 2}$$

Show that $\varphi_3: pre(\tau_{l_3}, \psi)$ and $\varphi_4: pre(\tau_{m_3}, \psi)$ are inductive relative to $\varphi_0 \wedge \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ (“incremental approach”)

Then show that ψ is inductive relative to $\varphi_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_4$.

Example: Program mux-pet1 (Fig. 2.25) (Con'd)

Proof tree:



Example: *pre* may never terminate

The transition is

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

The property is

$$\varphi : x \geq 0$$

The VC is

$$\underbrace{x' = x + y \wedge y' = y}_{\rho_\tau} \wedge \underbrace{x \geq 0}_{\varphi} \rightarrow \underbrace{x' \geq 0}_{\varphi'}$$

which is not state valid.

Step 1: The precondition is

$$pre(\tau, x \geq 0) : \forall x', y' : x' = x + y \wedge y' = y \rightarrow x' \geq 0$$

that is $y \geq -x$.

Attempting to prove $\square pre(\tau, \varphi)$ state valid, the VC

$$\underbrace{x' = x + y \wedge y' = y}_{\rho_\tau} \wedge \underbrace{y \geq -x}_{pre} \rightarrow \underbrace{y' \geq -x'}_{pre'}$$

is not state-valid.

Step 2: Compute $pre(\tau, y \geq -x)$

$$\forall x', y' : \underbrace{x' = x + y \wedge y' = y}_{\rho_\tau} \rightarrow \underbrace{y' \geq -x'}_{pre'}$$

that is $y \geq -\frac{x}{2}$.

In general the precondition

$$pre\left(\tau, y \geq -\frac{x}{n}\right) : y \geq -\frac{x}{n+1}$$

Taking the limit as n approaches infinity, we obtain

$$y \geq 0$$

which is what we want.

Finite-State Algorithmic Verification

finite-state program P

each $x \in V$ assumes only finitely many values in all P -computations

Therefore,

there are only finitely many distinct P -accessible states.

Example:

MUX-PET1 (Fig 2.25) is finite-state program:

$s = 1, 2$

$y_1 = T, F \quad y_2 = T, F$

π can assume at most 36 different values

Example: Program mux-pet1 (Fig. 2.25)

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Algorithm (transition-graph)

For a given finite-state program P
Incrementally construct the
state-transition graph G_P , where each node
represents a state.

- Initially

Place as nodes in G_P all initial states
(satisfy Θ)

- Repeat until no new nodes or

new edges can be added to G_P

For some $s \in G_P$, let s_1, \dots, s_k be its successors
Add to G_P all new nodes in $\{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$
and draw edges connecting s to s_i ,
 $i = 1, \dots, k$

Algorithmic Verification of Invariance

For assertion q ,

To check validity of $\Box q$ over finite-state program P :

1. Construct the state-transition graph G_P .
2. Check if q holds in each state of the graph.

Example: Program MUX-SEM (Fig 2.26)

Generates finite state-transition graph (Fig 2.27)

Check assertion

$$\varphi: \neg(at_l3 \wedge at_m3)$$

in the graph.

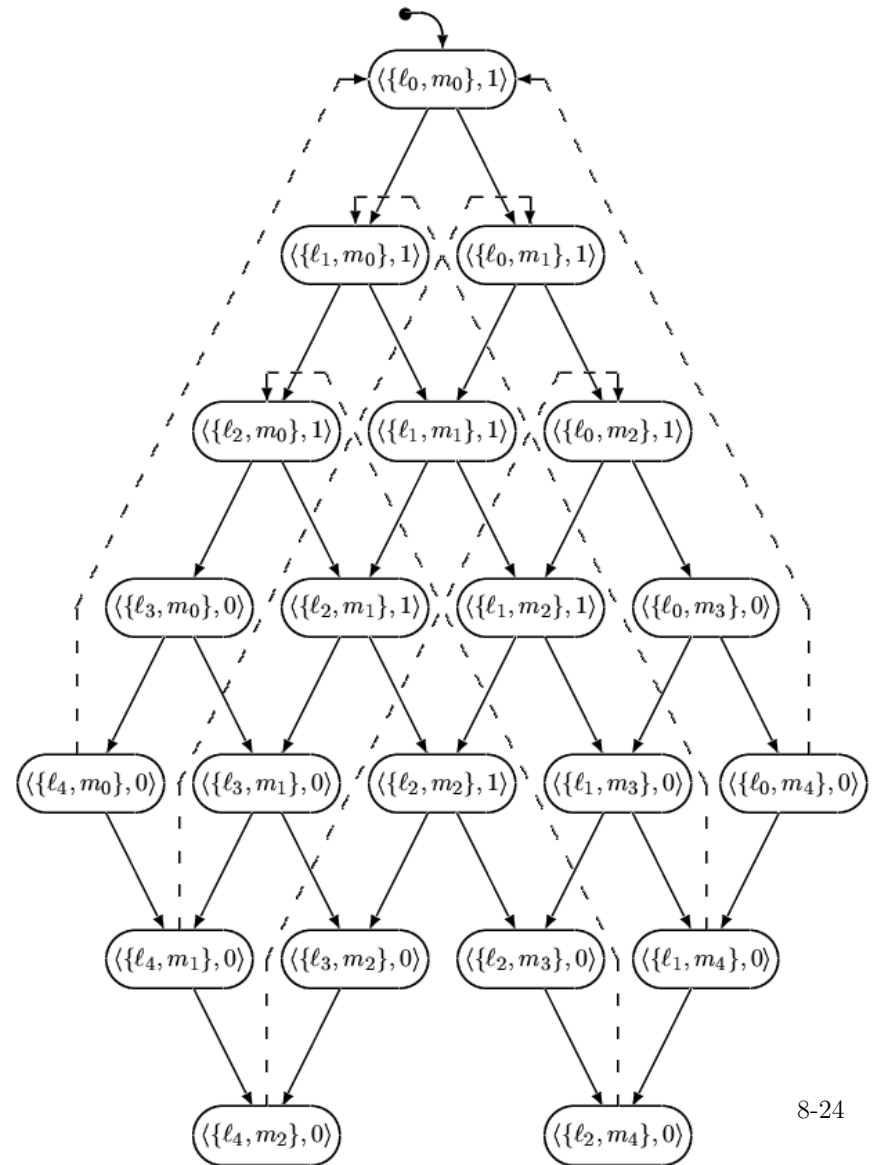
φ holds over all accessible states.

Thus, $\Box \varphi$ for MUX-SEM.

Program MUX-SEM state-transition graph (Fig. 2.27)

Program MUX-SEM (Fig. 2.26)
 (mutual exclusion by semaphores)

local y : integer where $y = 1$

$$P_1 :: \left[\begin{array}{l} \ell_0: \text{loop forever do} \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} \ell_1 : \text{noncritical} \\ \ell_2 : \text{request } y \\ \ell_3 : \text{critical} \\ \ell_4 : \text{release } y \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \parallel P_2 :: \left[\begin{array}{l} m_0: \text{loop forever do} \\ \left[\begin{array}{l} m_1: \text{noncritical} \\ m_2: \text{request } y \\ m_3: \text{critical} \\ m_4: \text{release } y \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$


Example: Program MUX-PET1 (Fig 2.25)

State-transition graph G_P (Fig 2.28)

(i, j, v) means $\pi: \{l_i, m_j\}, s: v$

No y_1, y_2 since

$y_1 = T$ iff $3 \leq i \leq 5$

$y_2 = T$ iff $3 \leq j \leq 5$

Property checked

$$\square \underbrace{\neg(at_{l_4} \wedge at_{m_4})}_{\psi}$$

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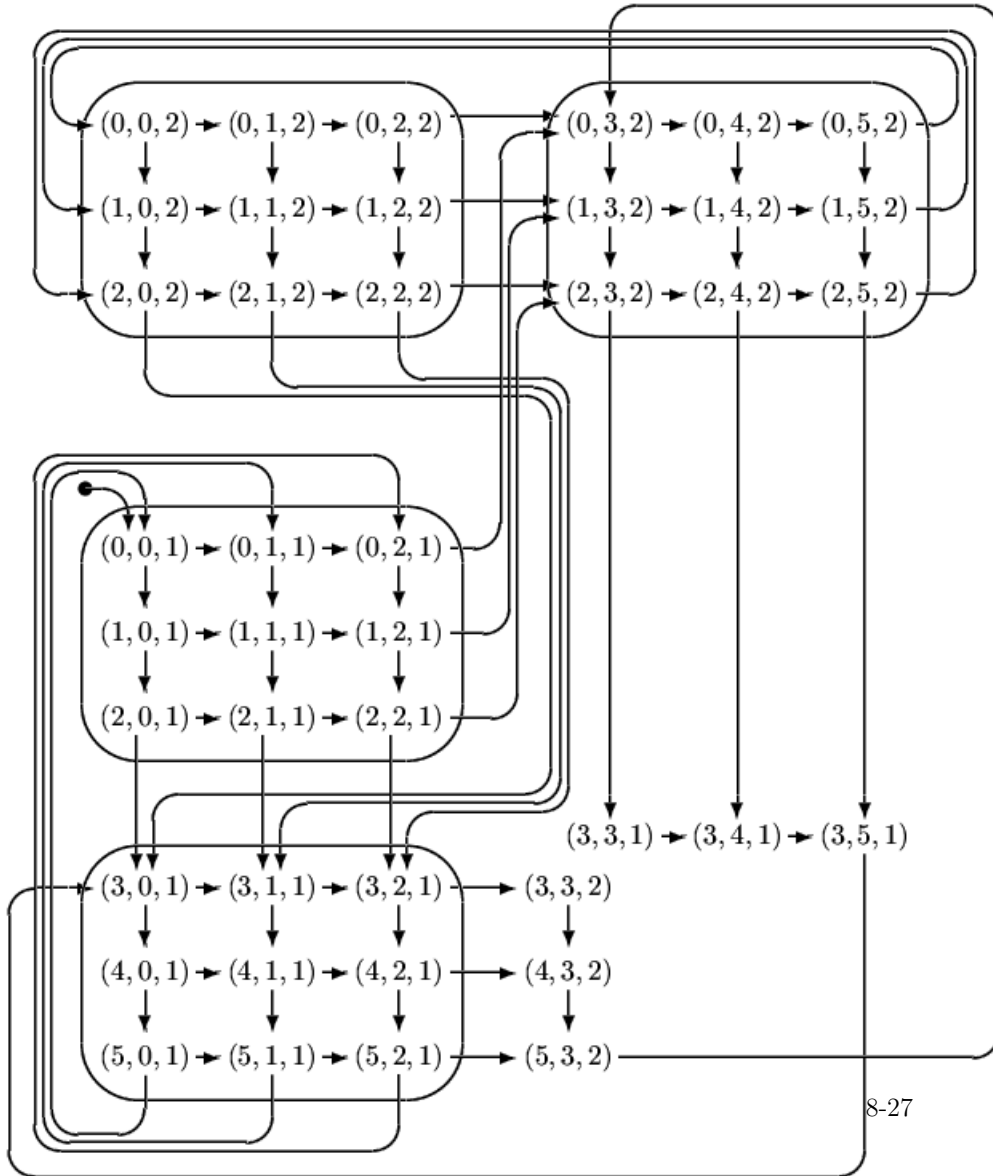
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MUX-PET1 State-transition graph (Fig 2.28)



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Completeness of rule INV

Rule INV (general invariance)

For assertions φ, q ,

- I1. $\models \varphi \rightarrow q$
- I2. $\models \Theta \rightarrow \varphi$
- I3. $\models \{\varphi\} \mathcal{T} \{\varphi\}$

$$\models \Box q$$

Theorem (Relative completeness of rule INV)

For every assertion q such that

$$\Box q \text{ is } P\text{-valid}$$

there exists an assertion φ such that I1 – I3 are provable from state validities

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We actually show

“completeness relative to
first-order reasoning”

taking all state-valid assertions as axioms

Outline of proof

Given FTS P with system variables (program + control variables)

$$\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

- Assume $\Box q$ is P -valid, i.e.,
(†) q holds over every P -accessible state
- Construct (to be shown) accessibility assertion
 $acc_P(\bar{y})$
such that for any state s ,
(*) s is P -accessible state iff $s \models acc_P$
- Take $\varphi = acc_P$

We have to show :

1. acc_P satisfies I1 – I3
2. acc_P can be “constructed”

1. acc_P satisfies I1 – I3

- Premise I1: $\underbrace{acc_P}_{\varphi} \rightarrow q$

$$s \models acc_P \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow} s \text{ is } P\text{-accessible state}$$

$$\stackrel{(\dagger)}{\Rightarrow} s \models q$$

Thus

$$\underbrace{acc_P}_{\varphi} \rightarrow q$$

is state-valid

- Premise I2: $\Theta \rightarrow \underbrace{acc_P}_{\varphi}$

$$s \models \Theta \Rightarrow s \text{ is } P\text{-accessible}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow} s \models \underbrace{acc_P}_{\varphi}$$

Thus

$$\Theta \rightarrow \underbrace{acc_P}_{\varphi}$$

is state-valid

- Premise I3: for every $\tau \in \mathcal{T}$,

$$\rho_\tau \wedge acc_P \rightarrow acc'_P$$

where $acc'_P = acc_P(\bar{y}')$.

Take s' to be a \bar{y} -variant of s (s agrees with s' on all variables other than \bar{y}) and for each y_i take

$$s'[y_i] = s[y_i]$$

Then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} s \models \rho_\tau \Rightarrow s' \text{ is a } \tau\text{-successor of } s \\ s \models acc_P \xrightarrow{(*)} s \text{ is } P\text{-accessible} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow s' \text{ is } P\text{-accessible}$$

$$\xrightarrow{(*)} s' \models acc_P$$

$$\Rightarrow s \models acc'_P$$

Example:

$$V: \{y\} \quad \Theta: y = 0$$

$$\mathcal{T}: \{\tau_I, \tau\}, \text{ where } \rho_\tau: y' = y + 2$$

$$\text{For this program: } acc_P(y): y \geq 0 \wedge even(y)$$

2. Construction of acc_P

Assume assertion language includes

dynamic array \underline{a} over D

Array \underline{a} is viewed as function,

$$a: [1..n] \mapsto D$$

where n is the size of the array

The assumption is not essential

We can use Gödel numbering

$$(k_1, \dots, k_n) \mapsto n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_n^{k_n}$$

where p_i is the i th prime number

Case: single-variable y

Define

$$acc_P(y): (\exists n > 0) (\exists a \in [1..n] \mapsto D) . \\ \text{init} \wedge \text{last} \wedge \text{evolve}$$

where

$$\text{init}: \Theta(a[1])$$

$$\text{last}: a[n] = y$$

$$\text{evolve}: \forall i . 1 \leq i < n . \bigvee_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \rho_{\tau}(a[i], a[i+1])$$

i.e., there exists an array a , such that

- $a[1]$ is an initial state
- $a[n]$ has value y (last element)
- every two consecutive elements are related by some transition relation

array a represents a prefix

$$s_1, \dots, s_n$$

of a computation where $a[i]$ stands for
the value of y at state s_i

Claim:

For any value $d \in D$,

$$acc_P(d) = \text{T}$$

iff

d is a possible value of y in a P -accessible state

$acc_P(d)$ asserts the existence of a computation prefix that leads to a state where $y = d$.

Example: Transition system EVEN

$V: \{y\}$ ranges over \mathbb{Z} (the integers)

$\Theta: y = 0$

$\rho_\tau: y' = y + 2$

$acc_P(y):$

$(\exists n > 0)(\exists a \in [1..n] \mapsto \mathbb{Z}).$

$$\left(a[1] = 0 \wedge a[n] = y \wedge \right. \\ \left. \forall i. 1 \leq i < n. a[i+1] = a[i] + 2 \right)$$

simplifies to

$(\exists n > 0)(\exists a \in [1..n] \mapsto \mathbb{Z}).$

$$\left(a[n] = y \wedge \right. \\ \left. \forall i. 1 \leq i \leq n. a[i] = 2 \cdot (i - 1) \right)$$

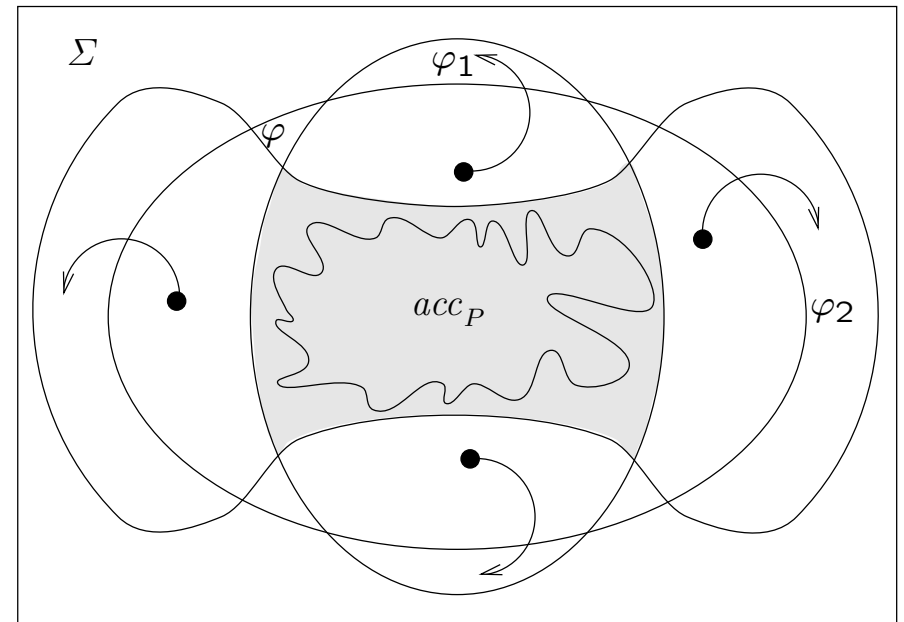
simplifies to

$$y \geq 0 \wedge \text{even}(y)$$

Precisely characterizes the values that y may assume in P -accessible states of EVEN

Discussion

Although the assertion acc_P is inductive and strengthens any P -invariant, it is not very useful in practice.



The shaded area is preserved by all transitions. Its description is much simpler than that of acc_P .

Multivariable $\bar{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$ case

Use 2-dimensional array a

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & \underline{y_1} & & \underline{y_m} \\
 a[1, 1] & \dots & \dots & a[1, m] \\
 a[2, 1] & \dots & \dots & a[2, m] \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots \\
 \vdots & & & \vdots
 \end{array}$$

Example: Transition system FACT

y, z ranging over \mathbb{N} (the nonnegative integers)

$$\Theta: y = 1 \wedge z = 1$$

$$\rho_\tau: y' = y + 1 \wedge z' = (y + 1) \cdot z$$

Construction of acc_P :

$$(\exists n > 0)(\exists a \in [1..n] \times [1, 2] \mapsto \mathbb{N}).$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l}
 a[1, 1] = 1 \wedge a[1, 2] = 1 \wedge \\
 a[n, 1] = y \wedge a[n, 2] = z \\
 \wedge \\
 \forall i: 1 \leq i < n: a[i + 1, 1] = a[i, 1] + 1 \wedge \\
 a[i + 1, 2] = (a[i, 1] + 1) \cdot a[i, 2]
 \end{array} \right)$$

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simplifies to

$(\exists n > 0)(\exists a \in [1..n] \times [1, 2] \mapsto \mathbb{N}) .$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} a[n, 1] = y \wedge a[n, 2] = z \\ \wedge \\ \forall i: 1 \leq i \leq n: a[i, 1] = i \wedge a[i, 2] = i! \end{array} \right)$$

simplifies to

$$\boxed{y \geq 1 \wedge z = y!}$$

Precisely characterizes the P -accessible states
for the transition system FACT