Cyber-Physical Systems

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Lecture 4: Timed Models

Time Trigger Machine



Thermostat FSM



It could be event triggered, like the garage counter, in which case it will react whenever a *temperature* input is provided. Alternatively, it could be time triggered, meaning that it reacts at regular time intervals

Timed Models

- Like Asynchronous models, but with explicit time information
- Can make use of global time for coordination

Timed ESMs: a Light Switch



Like asynchronous ESMs, have input, output channels, state variables

- Special type of state variable called "clock"
- Clock variables evolve continuously in time
- ESM can "stay" in a mode with clock increasing monotonically from the start value

Transitions of a timed ESM



	(press==1)?
(off,0.5)	• ── →(dim,0)

- Mode switch: discrete action
 - machine moves from one mode to another
 - guard on the transition must be true for mode switch to occur
 - update specified by the transition will update/reset clock variables

Transitions of a timed ESM



In a mode: Timed action

- When machine stays in any given mode for time δ , each clock variable increases by δ and all other state variables remain unchanged
- Captures timing constraints
 - ▶ Resetting c to 0 from off→dim and guard c≥1 from dim→off specifies that these mode switches are ≥1 second apart

Timed Processes: explicit clock variables



Clock variables

- Like other state variables, can be used in guards
- Can be reset to 0 during mode switches
- When the machine is in a given mode for duration δ , the clock variable increases by δ

Timed Process Execution



Timed Buffer



- Input channel in of type bool
- Output channel out of type bool
- State variable x of type bool+Ø. The value Ø indicates empty
- If x is Ø, then read new value into x, and set clock to 0
- ▶ If clock value is ≥ 2 seconds, output value of x, and set x to Ø

Timed State Machine representation



- Mode captures whether x==Ø
 - Clock variable tracks the time that elapsed since x received a value
 - Guard ensures that at least 2 seconds pass before the value of x is output
- Guard does not force transitions
 - c can keep increasing while process remains in mode full
- How do we make sure that process does not remain in full mode for at most 3 seconds?

Clock invariants



- Attempt 1: we could make the guard $2 \le c \le 3$
- Attempt 1 fails because:
 - ▶ You could keep getting new input (selfloop executes) till $c \ge 3$
- Larger problem: Guards are non-forcing: nothing requires the guard to be executed
- We can fix this by introducing clock invariants
- Clock invariant of any mode: symbolic expression that must evaluate to true at all times, and if not, the process must exit that mode

Clock invariants



Add clock invariant:

(mode==full) \Rightarrow (c \leq 3)

- Forces process to leave mode full if c
 becomes greater than 3
- Staying in mode full when $c \ge 3$ would violate the clock invariant
- Useful construct to limit how long a process stays in a certain mode

Why model using invariants and guards?

- Each mode is a guard-enabled task; if guard is true, task is executed
 - Going from one mode to another is a task switch
- Checking if process leaves mode m_1 and goes to m_2 depends on if incoming guard of m_2 is true
- Staying in m_1 does not/should not depend on the *guard* of m_1
- So, we use invariants:
 - a condition always checked in a given mode

mode $m \coloneqq m_1$, clock c $T_{1 \rightarrow 2}$: $g_1(c) \land (m = m_1) \rightarrow$ $m \coloneqq m_2$ $T_{2 \rightarrow 1}$: $g_2(c) \land (m = m_2) \rightarrow$ $m \coloneqq m_1$



Example with two clocks



- Model with one input channel and two output channels: out₁ and out₂
- Clock c tracks time elapsed since occurrence of the input task execution
 - Clock d tracks time elapsed since occurrence of output task for out₁
 - Behavior of process: If input event occurs at some time t, then process issues output # on out_1 some time t' \in [t,t+1] and then issues output * on out_2 at time t'' \in [t'+1, t+2]

 $\begin{array}{cccc} (\texttt{Idle},0,0) \xrightarrow{5.7}, (\texttt{Idle},5.7,5.7) \xrightarrow{in?} (\texttt{Wait1},0,5.7) \xrightarrow{0.6} (\texttt{Wait1},0.6,6.3) \xrightarrow{out_1!} \\ (\texttt{Wait2},0.6,0) \xrightarrow{0.5} (\texttt{Wait2},1.1,0.5) \xrightarrow{0.8} (\texttt{Wait2},1.9,1.3) \xrightarrow{out_2!} (\texttt{Idle},1.9,1.3). \end{array}$

Composing Timed Processes





- Each process stays in mode full for $t \in [B_i, A_i]$
- Need to construct a new process with 4 new modes
- Each new mode is a pair consisting of modes from process 1 and 2
- Mode switches in the new machine correspond to mode switches in the old machine
- Interesting timing behavior can arise!

Composing Timed Processes



Semi-synchrony



If $B_1 < A_1 < B_2$:

(full,full) →(full,empty) can never be enabled!

Why?

- c_1 reaches A_1 and the process gets kicked out of state (full, full)
- But c₁ cannot be greater than B₂ so, guard from (full,full) to (full,empty) is not enabled!

Semi-synchrony



- If $B_1 < A_1 < B_2$:
 - ► (full,full) → (full,empty) cannot happen
- If $B_1 < A_1 < B_2$:
 - (full, full) → (empty, full) will happen eventually
 - out₁ guaranteed to happen before out₂
- Implicit coordination based on delays
 - Both process clocks increase in tandem
 - Global clock-based synchronization
- Reason why timed models are called semisynchronous or partially synchronous

Formal recap of a timed process

- Timed process consists of:
 - An asynchronous process, where some of the state variables are of type clock (ranging over nonnegative reals)
 - ▶ A clock invariant *I* which is a Boolean expression over the state variables
- Inputs, Outputs, States, Initial states, Actions: Internal, Input and Output: same as for asynchronous processes
- Timed Action: Given a state q and time $\delta > 0$, action $q \rightarrow q'$ specifies a transition of duration δ if:
 - > q' represents a state where the non-clock variables have the same value as in q, i.e. q'(x) = q(x)
 - q' represents a state where the clock variables in q are incremented by δ , i.e. q'(c) = q(c) + δ , and
 - For all times $t \in [q(c), q(c)+\delta]$, the clock invariant I is satisfied
 - If clock invariant is *convex*, enough to check clock invariant at q(c) and q(c)+ δ

Pacemaker Modeling as a Timed Process

Most material that follows is from this paper:

Z. Jiang, M. Pajic, S. Moarref, R. Alur, R. Mangharam, *Modeling and Verification of a Dual Chamber Implantable Pacemaker*, In Proceedings of Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), 2012.

The textbook has detailed descriptions of some other pacemaker components

How does a healthy heart work?



Electrical Conduction System of the Heart

- SA node (controlled by nervous system) periodically generates an electric pulse
- This pulse causes both atria to contract pushing blood into the ventricles
- Conduction is delayed at the AV node allowing ventricles to fill
 - Finally the His-Pukinje system spreads electric activation through ventricles causing them both to contract, pumping blood out of the heart

What do pacemakers do?



- Aging and/or diseases cause conduction properties of heart tissue to change leading to changes in heart rhythm
- Tachycardia: faster than desirable heart rate impairing hemo-dynamics (blood flow dynamics)
- Bradycardia: slower heart rate leading to insufficient blood supply
- Pacemakers can be used to treat bradycardia by providing pulses when heart rate is low

Implantable Pacemaker modeling



How dual-chamber pacemakers work

- Two fixed leads on wall of right atrium and ventricle respectively
- Activation of local tissue sensed by the leads (giving rise to events Atrial Sense (AS) and Ventricular Sense (VS))
- Atrial Pacing (AP) or Ventricular Pacing (VP) are delivered if no sensed events occur within deadlines



The Lower Rate Interval (LRI) mode

LRI component keeps heart rate above minimum level



K= 850ms

- LRI = lower rate interval
- LRI component keeps heart rate above minimum level
 - One of the pacemaker modes of operation that models the basic timing cycle
 - Measures the longest interval between ventricular events
- Clock reset when VS or VP received
- No AS received ⇒ LRI outputs AP after K time units

FSM Software Tools

- Statecharts (Harel, 1987), a notation for concurrent composition of hierarchical FSMs, has influenced many of these tools.
- One of the first tools supporting the Statecharts notation is STATEMATE (Harel et al., 1990), which subsequently evolved into Rational Rhapsody, sold by IBM.
- Almost every software engineering tool that provides UML (unified modeling language) capabilities (Booch et al., 1998).
- SyncCharts (André, 1996) is a particularly nice variant in that it borrows the rigorous semantics of Esterel (Berry and Gonthier, 1992) for composition of concurrent FSMs.
- LabVIEW supports a variant of Statecharts that can operate within dataflow diagrams
- Simulink with its Stateflow extension supports a variant that can operate within continuous-time models.
- UPPAAL (Yi, Pettersson, Larseń, mid-1990s) is is a tool for modeling, simulation, and verification of real-time systems. It was jointly developed by Uppsala University in Sweden and Aalborg University in Denmark.