# Cyber-Physical Systems

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#### Lecture 19: STL applications

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## Terminology

- **Syntax**: A set of syntactic rules that allow us to construct formulas from specific ground terms
- Semantics: A set of rules that assign meanings to well-formed formulas obtained by using above syntactic rules
- Model-checking/Verification:  $M \models \phi \iff \forall \mathbf{x} \in trace(M) \ s(\varphi, \mathbf{x}, 0) = 1$
- Monitoring: computing s for a single trace  $\mathbf{x} \in trace(M)$
- Statistical Model Checking: "doing statistics" on s(φ, x, 0) for a finitesubset of trace(M)

## STL Monitor



An STL monitor is a transducer that transforms x into Boolean or a quantitative signal

#### Statistical Model Checking (SMC)

The probability satisfaction can be estimated as an average of the truth values  $T_i$  of the formula  $\varphi$  over many sample trajectories.



**Bayesian SMC** uses the fact the satisfaction probability of a formula given a model is a number in [0,1], and prior distributions on numbers between [0,1] exist (Beta distribution)}

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#### Statistical Model Checking

- Statistical Model Checking:  $p_{\phi}$  can be estimated as an average of the truth values  $T_i$  of the formula  $\phi$  over many sample trajectories.
- Bayesian SMC specifying (Beta) priors  $prob\{p_{\phi}\}$  and estimating a posteriori  $prob\{p_{\phi} | T_i\}$  using Bayes' theorem and the fact that  $prob\{T_i | p_{\phi}\}$  is Bernoulli.



### Average robustness degree



## The many uses of STL

- Requirement-based testing for closed-loop control models
- Falsification Analysis
- Parameter Synthesis
- Mining Specifications/Requirements from Models
- Online Monitoring

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## Example



Simulink model of a Car Automatic Gear Transmission Systems

## Black Box Assumption



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For simplicity, consider the composed plant model, controller and communication to be a model M that is excited by an input signal  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  and produces some output signal  $\mathbf{y}(t)$ 



## Falsification/Testing



## Verification vs. Testing

- For simplicity, **u** is a function from  $\mathbb{T}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ; let the set of all possible functions representing input signals be U
- Verification Problem:

Prove the following:  $\forall \mathbf{u} \in U: (\mathbf{y} = M(\mathbf{u})) \vDash \varphi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})$ 

Falsification/Testing Problem:

Find a witness to the query:  $\exists \mathbf{u} \in U : (\mathbf{y} = M(\mathbf{u})) \not\models \varphi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})$ 

These formulations are quite general, as we can include the following "model uncertainties" as input signals: Initial states, tunable parameters in both plant and controller, time-varying parameter values, noise, etc.,

## Falsification CPS



#### Goal:

Find the inputs (1) which falsify the requirements (4)

#### **Problems:**

- Falsify with a low number of simulations
- Functional Input Space

## Falsification re-framed

Given:

- Set of all such input signals : U
- ▶ Input signal  $\mathbf{u} : \mathbb{T} \to D_1 \times \cdots \times D_m$ , where  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq [0, T], D_i \subset \mathbb{R}$  compact set
- Model *M* s.t.  $M(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{y}: \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ *M* maps **u** to some signal **y** with the same domain as **u**, and co-domain some subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- Property  $\varphi$  that can be evaluated to true/false over given **u** and **y**

Check:  $\exists \mathbf{u} \in U : (\mathbf{y} = M(\mathbf{u})) \vDash \neg \varphi(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y})$ 

## Common input patterns used for testing



## Finite Parameterization



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## Step-by-step of how falsification works

- Given: a finite parameterization for input signals, a model that can be simulated and an STL property
- While the number of allowed iterations is not exhausted do:
  - pick values for the signal parameters
  - generate an input signal
  - run simulation with generated input signal to get output signal
  - compute robustness value of given property w.r.t. the input/output signals
  - if robustness value is negative, HALT
  - pick a new set of values for the signal parameters based on certain heuristics

## Falsification using Optimization



## Picking new parameter values to explore

- Pick random sampling as a (not very good) strategy!
- Basic method: locally approximate the gradient of the function ρ locally, and chose the direction of steepest descent (greedy heuristic to take you quickly close to a local optimum)
- Challenge 1: cost surface may not be convex, thus you could have many local optima
- Challenge 2: cost surface may be highly nonlinear and even discontinuous, using just gradient-based methods may not work well

#### Heuristics rely on:

- combining gradient-based methods with perturbing the search strategy (e.g. simulated annealing, stochastic local search with random restarts)
- evolutionary strategies: Covariance Matrix Adaptation Evolution Strategy (CMA-ES), genetic algorithms etc.
- probabilistic techniques: Ant Colony Optimization, Cross-Entropy optimization, Bayesian optimization

## Parameter Synthesis



## Parameter Synthesis

#### Problem

Given a model, depending on a set of parameters  $\theta \in \Theta$ , and a specification  $\phi$  (STL formula), find the parameter combination  $\theta$  s.t. the system satisfies  $\phi$  as more as possible

#### **Solution Strategy**

- **rephrase** it as a optimisation problem (maximizing  $\rho$ )
- evaluate the function to optimise
- solve the optimisation problem

## Parameter Synthesis

#### Problem

Find the parameter configuration that maximizes  $E[R_{\phi}](\theta)$ , of which we have few costly and noisy evaluations.

#### **Methodology**

- 1. Sample { $(\theta_{(i)}, y_{(i)})$ , i = 1,...,n}
- 2. Emulate (**GP Regression**):  $E[R_{\phi}] \sim GP(\mu,k)$
- 3. Optimize the emulation via **GP-UCB algorithm**, new  $\theta_{(n+1)}$

#### Gaussian Process Regression

Gaussian Processes can be used for Bayesian prediction and classification tasks.

Idea: put a **GP prior** on functions; condition on **observed data (training set)**  $(x_i, y_i)$ ; we compute a **posterior** distribution on functions; make **predictions**.

Latent function: f , GP ; Noise model:  $p(y_i|f(x_i))$ 

Prediction (latent function 
$$f^*$$
 at  $x^*$ )  
 $p(f^*|\mathbf{y}) \propto \int df(\mathbf{x}) p(f^*, f(\mathbf{x})) p(\mathbf{y}|f(\mathbf{x}))$ 

Under Gaussian noise  $y(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \in$  predictions have an analytic expression.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{f}_* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} K(X,X) + \sigma_n^2 I & K(X,X_*) \\ K(X_*,X) & K(X_*,X_*) \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_*|X, \mathbf{y}, X_* &\sim \mathcal{N}\big(\bar{\mathbf{f}}_*, \operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{f}_*)\big), \text{ where} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}_* &\triangleq \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{f}_*|X, \mathbf{y}, X_*] = K(X_*, X)[K(X, X) + \sigma_n^2 I]^{-1}\mathbf{y}, \\ \operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{f}_*) &= K(X_*, X_*) - K(X_*, X)[K(X, X) + \sigma_n^2 I]^{-1}K(X, X_*) \end{aligned}$ 



### (1) Sample

Collection of the training set {( $\theta^{(i)}, y^{(i)}$ ), i = 1,...,m} for parameters values  $\theta$ .



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We have noisy observations y of the function value distributed around an unknown true value f ( $\theta$ ) with spherical Gaussian noise

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