Efficient Handling of Obligation Constraints in Synthesis from Omega-Regular Specifications

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Realizability of an ω -regular property

Let ϕ be an ω -regular property describing the relation between inputs X_I and outputs X_O where $\Sigma_I = 2^{X_I}$ and $\Sigma_O = 2^{X_O}$.

The realizability problem for ϕ is to decide whether there is a strategy $\tau : \Sigma_I^* \to \Sigma_O$ which generates an output word $\sigma_O \in \Sigma_O^{\omega}$ for every input word $\sigma_I \in \Sigma_I^{\omega}$ such that the input-output word

$$\sigma = (\sigma_I^0, \sigma_O^0), (\sigma_I^1, \sigma_O^1), (\sigma_I^2, \sigma_O^2), \dots$$

satisfies ϕ .

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Realizability and Synthesis

If a specification (set of ω -regular properties) is realizable then from the winning strategy we can generate an implementation (transducer) which guarantees the satisfaction of the specification.

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Various approaches of checking Realizability

- Pnueli and Rosner (POPL'89) Requires determinization
- "Safraless" approach Vardi *et al.* (FOCS'05)
 Same worst case complexity but avoids determinization
- Reactive(1) Designs Piterman et al. (VMCAI'06) Subset of ω-regular languages that can be synthesized efficiently
- SAFETY-FIRST Sohail et al. (VMCAI'08, FMCAD'09)
 - Two-stage approach improves efficiency
 - Achieved efficiency without sacrificing generality
- **BOUNDED SYNTHESIS and its variants Ehlers, Raskin** *et al.* Sequence of safety games

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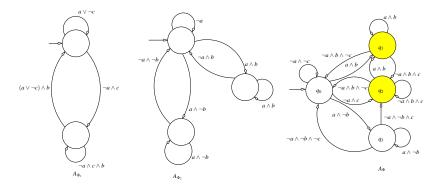
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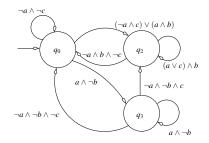


In this example, q_1 and q_2 are simulation equivalent.

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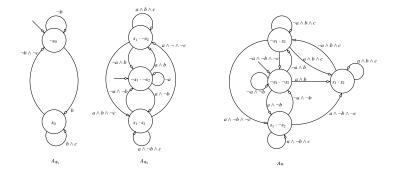
Unreachable and simulation equivalent states... (continued)

$$q_0 = s_0 \qquad q_2 = \neg s_0 \land \neg s_1 \qquad q_3 = \neg s_0 \land s_1$$
$$\overline{s_0} = (s_0 \lor b) \land \neg a \land \neg c$$
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Cyclic Dependencies – bad for BDDs



 $\overline{s}_0 = b, \quad \overline{s}_1 = a, \quad \overline{s}_2 = (a \wedge c \wedge s_2) \vee (a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg s_1) \vee (a \wedge b \wedge \neg c \wedge s_1)$ $\overline{S}_1 = a \vee (\neg S_2 \wedge b)$ $\overline{S}_2 = (\neg a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg S_2) \vee (a \wedge c \wedge S_1) \vee (a \wedge \neg c \wedge S_1)$

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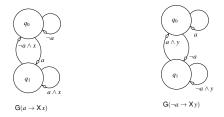
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The existing approaches are often unable to take advantage of useful information because it is often obscured and hard to recover.

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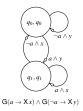
The states of the game represent the memory that is required to remember some past event.



The state space of each game is encoded with a single binary variable.

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Automata Based conversion ... (continued)



The composed game has two reachable states. However, it is encoded by two binary variables.

\mathcal{R} -Generable languages

An \mathcal{R} -generable language *L* can be generated by a relation such that every two consecutive letters of a word in the language satisfy some relation *R*.

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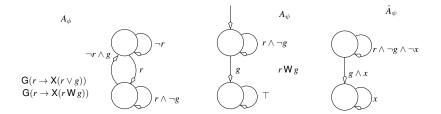
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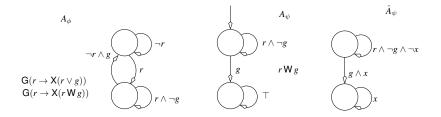


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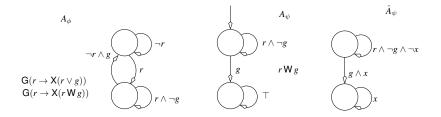


$$R = \neg r_L \lor r \lor g$$

where r_L and g_L represent the previous values of the inputs r and g.

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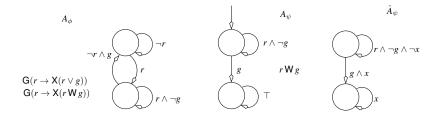


 $\Gamma: \hat{\Sigma} \to \Sigma \qquad \qquad \Gamma: \hat{\Sigma}^{\omega} \to \Sigma^{\omega}$

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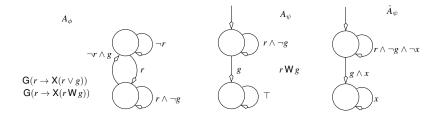


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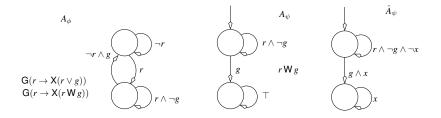
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$$\Gamma(L(\hat{A}_{\phi})) = L(A_{\phi})$$

The projection function Γ when restricted to $L(A_{\phi})$ and $L(\hat{A}_{\phi})$ is a bijection.

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Boolean Equations and Combinational Synthesis

The equation is

$$R \wedge Z = \top$$

where \mathcal{O} are the unknowns and $\mathcal{O}_L \cup \mathcal{I}_L \cup \mathcal{I}$ are the independant variables.

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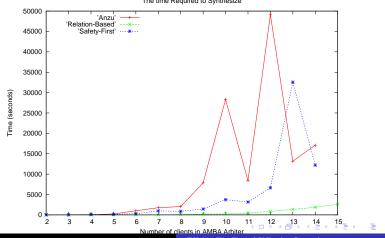
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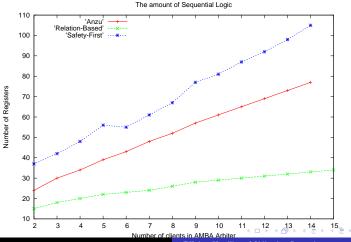
Results - Time



The time Required to Synthesize

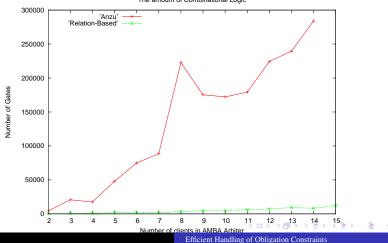
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Results - Sequential Logic



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Results - Combinational Logic



The amount of Combinational Logic

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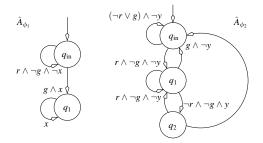
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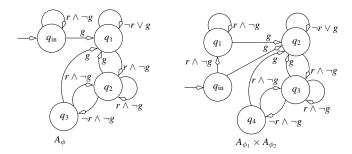
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Retiming...(continued)

The efficiency of retiming heuristic is dependent on the factorization of the function.

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