Fault-tolerant Distributed Runtime Monitoring

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 - The monitor can be centralized or decentralized.



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Applications

Facebook developed Cassandra as an open-source, distributed, No-SQL database management system (no normalization).



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Motivating Applications

 Global predicates on analog signals like UAV position and velocity must be monitored by the ATC, e.g., *mutual separation*:

$$\bigwedge_{i\neq j} \Box d(x_i, x_j) \geq \delta,$$



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- Enumerating all possible orders at run time is not practical.



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We need to deal with a *combinatorial* blowup at *run time!*

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Technical Challenge 3: Continuous Signals



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Technical Challenge 3: Continuous Signals



Even combinatorial enumeration doesn't work!

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- This limits the impact of asynchrony within *ε*.



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• Monitoring Distributed Systems under Partial Synchrony (OPODIS'20)

• Runtime Verification of Partially-Synchronous Distributed System (FMSD'23)

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3-Valued LTL Example



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LTL₃ Monitor

The *LTL*₃ *monitor* for a formula φ is the unique deterministic finite state machine $\mathcal{M}_{\varphi} = (\Sigma, Q, q_0, \delta, \lambda)$, where Q is the set of states, q_0 is the initial state, $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$ is the transition function, and $\lambda : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{B}_3$ is a function such that $\lambda(\delta(q_0, \alpha)) = [\alpha \models_3 \varphi]$, for every finite trace $\alpha \in \Sigma^*$.



A. Bauer, M. Leucker, and C. Schallhart. *Runtime Verification for LTL and TLTL*. ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM), 20(4):14:1-14:64, 2011. ()

Distributed Computation

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- Communication between processes is represented by send and receive message transmissions.



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• In every process P_i , all events are totally ordered. That is, $\forall \tau, \tau' \in \mathbb{R}_+. \forall \sigma, \sigma' \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}. (\sigma < \sigma') \rightarrow (e^i_{\tau,\sigma} \rightsquigarrow e^i_{\tau',\sigma'}).$



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• The *frontier* of a consistent cut *C*, denoted front(*C*) is the set of events that happen last in the cut.



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Formal Problem Statement

• A valid sequence of consistent cuts is of the form $C_0 C_1 C_2 \cdots$, where for all $i \ge 0$, we define the set of all traces as:

$$\mathsf{Tr}(\mathcal{E}, \rightsquigarrow) = \left\{\mathsf{front}(C_0)\mathsf{front}(C_1)\cdots \mid C_0 C_1 C_2 \cdots \in \mathcal{C}\right\}$$
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Given a finite distributed computation ($\mathcal{E}, \rightsquigarrow$) and an LTL formula φ , compute the following:

$$[(\mathcal{E}, \leadsto) \models_{\mathbf{3}} \varphi] = \Big\{ [(\alpha, \leadsto) \models_{\mathbf{3}} \varphi] \mid \alpha \in \mathsf{Tr}(\mathcal{E}, \leadsto) \Big\}$$

SMT-Based Solution

Solving the Problem

- Given a *distributed computation* (E, →) and an LTL formula φ, our goal is to transform the monitoring problem into an SMT problem.
- In order to ensure that all possible verdicts are explored, we generate an SMT instance for:
 - **1** The distributed computation $(\mathcal{E}, \rightsquigarrow)$.
 - Each possible path in the LTL₃ monitor.
- SMT example: Is $\forall x. \exists y. f(x) = y + 3$ satisfiable?

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$$\forall i \in [0, m]. \ \rho(i) \subseteq \rho(i+1)$$

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Impact of Partial Synchrony and Predicate Structure



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Parallelization and Segment Count



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How realistic is it?

- Extreme load scenario: Netflix, where 1 million writes per second
- Moderate load scenario: Google Drive, which allows maximum 500 requests per 100 seconds per project and 100 requests per seconds per user, i.e.,5events/sec per project and a user can generate1event/sec on an average

Cassandra Setup

Cassandra is a open-source, distributed, *no-SQL* database.



- The fastest datacenter ping was received at 41ms.
- We use a private broadband that offers a speed of 100 Mbps with 100*ms* latency.
- Processes are capable of reading, writing, and updating all entries of the database with uniform distribution.
- Each process selects the available node at run time.

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Cassandra Specification

• Eventual consistency:

$$\varphi_{\mathsf{rw}} = \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n} \Box \left(write(i) \rightarrow \diamondsuit read(i) \right)$$

• Cassandra does not implicitly support *normalization*.

Student(*id*, *name*) Enrollment(*id*, *course*).

$$\varphi_{\mathsf{wrc}} = \neg \Big(\neg write(\mathsf{Student.}id) \ \mathcal{U} \ write(\mathsf{Enrollment.}id) \Big)$$
$$\varphi_{\mathsf{drc}} = \neg \Big(\neg delete(\mathsf{Enrollment.}id) \ \mathcal{U} \ delete(\mathsf{Student.}id) \Big)$$

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Cassandra Experiments


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• Distributed RV of MetricTemporal Properties for Cross-Chain Protocols (ICDCS'22)

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Vulnerabilities in Blockchain Transactions

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- If the smart contract has bugs and does not do what is expected, then lack of human intervention may lead to massive financial losses.
- Parity Multisig Wallet smart contract ² version 1.5 included a vulnerability which led to the loss of 30 million US dollars.

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Blockchain Transactions

- We generate transaction logs with different values for deadline (Δ) and time synchronization constant (ϵ)
- We observe both true and false verdict when $\epsilon \gtrsim \Delta$

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Runtime (s)

No. of events

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two events $e_t^i, e_{t'}^j \in E$.



Retiming Functions

Proposition 1. Given an STL formula φ and distributed signals (E, ~) over N agent, there exists a consistent cut C ⊆ E that violates φ if and only if there exists a finite A₁-local clock value t and N − 1 ε-retimings ρ_n: I_n → I₁ that respect ~, 2 ≤ n ≤ N, such that:

$$\varphi\Big(x_1(t), x_2 \circ \rho_2^{-1}(t), \dots, x_N \circ \rho_N^{-1}(t)\Big) = \texttt{false} \tag{1}$$

and such that $\rho_m^{-1} \circ \rho_n : I_n \to I_n$ is an ε -retiming for all $n \neq m$. Here, ' \circ ' denotes the function composition operator.

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Solution: Transformation to SMT solving using *uninterpreted real functions* to find a violating retiming.
Monitoring Real Distributed CPS



Figure: Effect of clock skew ϵ in a network of cars.

Figure: Monitoring water distribution.

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Exploiting Knowledge of System Dynamics



$$arphi = (v_1 > 1.6) \lor (v_2 > 1.3)$$

Knowledge of acceleration bounds

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- Decentralized Asynchronous Crash-Resilient Runtime Verification (CONCUR'16)
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General Lower bound Results

Lemma

Not all LTL formulas can be consistently monitored by a distributed monitor with 4 truth values, even if monitors satisfy state coverage, and even if no monitor crashes.

Theorem

Not all LTL formulas can be consistently monitored by a distributed monitor with 4 truth values, even if monitors satisfy state coverage, even if no monitor crashes and even if the monitors perform an arbitrarily large number of rounds.

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The *alternation number* of an LTL formula φ is the following:

$$\mathit{AN}(arphi) = \maxig\{\mathit{A}(w) \mid w \in \Sigma^*ig\}$$

where

$$A(w) = \begin{cases} A(w') + 1 & \text{if} \qquad [w \models_F \varphi] \neq [w' \models_F \varphi] \\ 0 & \text{if} \qquad length(w) = 1 \end{cases}$$

where w' denotes the longest proper prefix of w.

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Global Consistency

Lower Bound Theorem

In order to monitor an LTL formula φ by a wait-free distributed monitor, we need *at least* $AN(\varphi) + 1$ truth values to ensure global consistency.

Upper Bound Theorem

An LTL formula can consistently be monitored by a wait-free distributed monitor in LTL_{2k+4}, if $k \ge [\frac{1}{2}(\min(AN(\varphi), n) - 1)]$.

LTL_k Monitor Construction



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Summary

- Distributed RV under *partial synchrony*.
- SMT-based solution.
- Multicore optimization
- Monitoring *blockchains*
- Distributed RV for *analog* signals.
- Crash-resilient RV.

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Ongoing Work

- Trade-off between *accuracy* and scalability.
 - Over/under-approximation
- *Byzantine* distributed RV.
- Stream-based (I/O) distributed RV for network of DNNs.
- Private distributed RV

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Commercials!

- I am looking for *PhD students* to work on:
 - Runtime monitoring
 - Information-flow security
 - Causality
- CSE@MSU has four open faculty positions in all areas of computer science.

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