# Limit-Deterministic Büchi Automata for Probabilistic Model Checking

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#### PROBABILISTIC MODEL CHECKING

• Markov Decision Process (MDP) .

At each state, a scheduler chooses a probability distribution, and then the next state is chosen stochastically according to the distribution.

Fixed scheduler: MDP  $\rightarrow$  Markov chain

- Qualitative Model Checking:
  - Input: MDP, LTL formula
  - Does the formula hold for all schedulers with probability 1?
- Quantitative Model Checking:
  - Input: MDP, LTL formula, threshold c
  - Does the formula hold for all schedulers with probability at least c?

### LIMIT-DETERMINISTIC BÜCHI AUTOMATA



non-deterministic

### QUALITATIVE PROB. MODEL CHECKING



### QUANTITATIVE PROB. MODEL CHECKING



#### QUANTITATIVE PROB. MODEL CHECKING



#### LIMIT-DETERMINISM

In our construction:



Every runs "uses" nondeterminism at most once

#### PRELIMINARIES

Linear Temporal Logic in Negation Normal Form

 $\varphi ::= \mathbf{tt} \mid \mathbf{ff} \mid a \mid \neg a \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid \mathbf{F}\varphi \mid \varphi \mathbf{U}\varphi \mid \mathbf{X}\varphi \mid \mathbf{G}\varphi$ 

Only liveness operator.

- Monotonicity of NNF:
  - if w satisfies  $\varphi$

w' satisfies all the subformulas of  $\varphi$  satisfied by w, and perhaps more

**then** w' satisfies  $\varphi$ 

### FIRST STEP: A DETERMINISTIC "TRACKING" AUTOMATON





- The automaton "tracks" the property that must hold now for the original property to hold at the beginning
- Formulas with F, X, U:
- Formulas with *G*: not good enough.

#### **G-SUBFORMULAS**

• Fix a formula  $\varphi$  and a word w. Let  $G\psi$  be a *G*-subformula of  $\varphi$ .



• Informally: while reading the word w, the set of G-subformulas that hold cannot decrease, and eventually stabilizes to a set  $TrueGs(w, \varphi)$ .

## SECOND STEP: JUMPING

- We modify the tracking automaton so that at any moment it can nondeterministically jump to an accepting component.
- From each state  $\psi$  we add a jump for every set G of G-subformulas of  $\psi$ .
- "Meaning" of a G-jump at state  $\psi$ : The automaton "guesses" that the rest of the word satisfies
  - 1. **G** (every formula of **G**), and
  - 2.  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\psi}$

even if no other *G*-subformula of  $\psi$  ever becomes true.

 After the jump, the task of the accepting component is to "check that the guess is correct", i.e., accept iff the guess is correct.

### SECOND STEP: JUMPING

- "Meaning" of the G-jump at state  $\psi$ : The automaton "guesses" that the rest of the run satisfies
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- $w \models \varphi$  iff the automaton can make a right guess.
  - Right guess before suffix  $w' \to w' \vDash \psi \to w \vDash \varphi$  (tracking!)
  - $w \vDash \varphi \rightarrow w' \vDash \text{True}Gs(w, \varphi)$  for some suffix  $w' \rightarrow \text{jump before } w' \text{ with } \mathcal{G} \coloneqq \text{True}Gs(w, \varphi)$  satisfies 1. and 2.

#### A DBA THAT CHECKS 1. & 2.

• Since DBA are closed under intersection, it suffices to construct two DBAs for 1. and 2.

### CHECKING 2.

- $_{,,G} \Rightarrow \psi$  holds even if no other *G*-subformula of  $\psi$ ever becomes true"
- Reduces to checking the *G*-free formula  $\psi[\ \mathbf{G} \setminus \mathrm{tt} \ , \ \mathbf{\overline{G}} \setminus \mathrm{ff} \ ]$
- Example:  $\psi = G(a \lor Fb) \land (Gc \lor Xd)$

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \{ \, G(a \lor Fb) \, \}$ 

reduces to checking Xd

• Since the formula is *G*-free, use the tracking automaton.

### CHECKING 1.

- "*G* holds even if no other *G*-subformula of  $\psi$  ever becomes true"
- Reduces to checking a formula  $G\rho$  where  $\rho$  is G-free.
- Example:  $\psi = Fc \land GF(a \land (Gb \lor FGc))$  $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{G}} = \{Gb, GF(a \land (Gb \lor FGc))\}$

reduces to checking  $Gb \wedge GFa \equiv G(b \wedge Fa)$ 



• We use the well-known breakpoint construction.



#### DBA FOR $G(a \lor Fb)$



#### COMPLETE LDBS FOR $\varphi = c \lor XG(a \lor Fb)$

- 1.Tracking DBA for  $\varphi$ (abbr.  $\psi \coloneqq a \lor Fb$ )
- 2. For every set *G* add a *G*-jump to the product
  of the automata
  checking *G* and the *G*-remainder



## LDBA SIZE FOR A FORMULA OF LENGTH N

Part	Size		
Initial Component	2 <sup>2<sup>n</sup></sup>		
G-Monitor	2 <sup>2<sup>n+1</sup></sup>		
Accepting Component	2 <sup>2<sup>O(n)</sup></sup>		
Total	2 <sup>2<sup>O(n)</sup></sup>		

#### SIZES OF AUTOMATA

#### MODEL CHECKING RUNTIME PNUELI-ZUCK MUTEX PROTOCOL

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(12) $\mathbb{P}_{max=?}[f_{0,4}] = \mathbb{P}_{max=?}[(\mathbf{GF}_{p1=10})\mathbf{U}]_{(\mathbf{XXXX}_{p2=10})}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4\\5 \end{bmatrix}$	$< 1 \\ 5$	$3 \\ 20$	< 1 2	$\frac{1}{20}$	

### CONCLUSION

- We have presented a translation from LTL to LDBA that
  - uses formulas as states
  - is modular



- optimisations of any module helps to reduce state space!
- yields in practice small  $\omega$ -automata
- is usable for quantitative prob. model checking without changing the algorithm!
- Website: <a href="https://www7.in.tum.de/~sickert/projects/ltl2ldba/">https://www7.in.tum.de/~sickert/projects/ltl2ldba/</a>