CIS 842: Specification and Verification of Reactive Systems

Lecture Specifications: Progress Properties

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Objectives

- To understand the essential difference between safety and liveness properties
- To understand the algorithm used to check for progress properties

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Cyclic Behavior

- It is clear from looking at nearly all of our examples that systems can cycle indefinitely
 - e.g., dining philosophers
- This is a characteristic of reactive systems
- We will want to be able to characterize the fact that we expect the system to eventually perform some action

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Safety Properties

Are fundamentally about not reaching certain undesirable states

Progress ...

- Intuitively means that the system eventually will do something
- From every state we should be able to make progress

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Specifying Progress

- A simple way to designate progress is to name labels of actions that should eventually be performed
- For example
 - {Philosopher1.eating, Philosopher2.eating}
- Property states
 - From all states in the system, eventually a (all) progress labeled action (s) will be executed

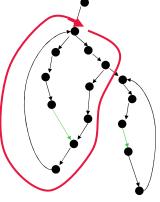
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Progress

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Progress Violations

 A cyclic behavior on which no progress label occurs



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Checking for Progress

- Reachability works well for predecessors of progress actions
- Cycle detection works well for successors of progress actions
- Need to combine both checks in a single algorithm

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Recall: DFS Algorithm

```
1 seen := \{s_0\}
    2 pushStack(s_0)
    3 DFS(s_0)
     DFS(s)
     4 \ workSet(s) := enabled(s)
     5 while workSet(s) is not empty
           let \alpha \in workSet(s)
           workSet(s) := workSet(s) \setminus \{\alpha\}
     7
     8
           s' := \alpha(s)
           if s' \not\in seen then
     10
                seen := seen \cup \{s'\}
     11
                 pushStack(s')
                 DFS(s')
     12
     13
                 popStack()
     \quad \text{end } DFS
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Nested DFS Algorithm

```
1 seen := \{s_0\}
2 pushStack(s_0)
3 DFS(s_0)
                                        Deleted stack maintaining
                                        statements for brevity
DFS(s)
4 \ workSet(s) := enabled(s)
5 while workSet(s) is not empty
      let \alpha \in workSet(s)
6
7
      workSet(s) := workSet(s) \setminus \{\alpha\}
8
      s' := \alpha(s)
9
      if s' \not\in seen then
10
           seen := seen \cup \{s'\}
12
           DFS(s')
           if \alpha is not progress then
13.1
             NDFS(s', s')
13.2
{\rm end}\ DFS
```

Nested DFS Algorithm

```
NDFS(s, seed)
                                                 milar to DFS (with
  14 \ workSet2(s) := enabled(s)
                                                 parate data structures)
  15 while workSet2(s) is not empty
  16
          let \alpha \in workSet2(s)
  17
          if \alpha is progress
  18
            return
  19
          workSet2(s) := workSet2(s) \setminus \{\alpha\}
          s' := \alpha(s)
  20
  21
          if s' =seed then
  22
            Non-progress cycle detected
          if s' \not\in seen' then
  23
  24
              seen' := seen' \cup \{s'\}
  25
              NDFS(s', seed)
  \quad \text{end } DFS
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For You To Do

- Take the dining philosophers example, with eating progress labels and apply the nested DFS algorithm to it
- Do you find an error?

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