Verification



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Introduction

- The goal of verification
 - To ensure 100% correct in functionality and timing
 - Spend 50 ${\sim}70\%$ of time to verify a design
- Functional verification
 - Simulation
 - Formal proof
- Timing verification
 - Dynamic timing simulation (DTS)
 - Static timing analysis (STA)

Verification vs Test

Verification

- Verifies correctness of design i.e., check if the design meets the specifications.
- Simulation or formal methods.
- Performed once prior to manufacturing.
- Required for reliability of design.

Test

- Checks correctness of manufactured hardware.
- Two-stage process:
 - Test generation: CAD tools executed once during design for ATPG
 - Test application: TPs tests applied to ALL hardware samples
- Test application performed on every manufactured device.
- Responsible for reliability of devices.

Simulation

- Need to drive the circuit with the stimulus
 - Exhaustive simulation
 - Drive the circuit with all possible stimulus
 - Non-exhaustive simulations
 - Drive the circuit with selected stimulus
 - To find appropriate subset is a complex problem
 - May not cover all cases
- Number of test cases may be exponential

Verification of Combinational Circuits





- Are Y1 and Y2 equivalent?
 - Y1 = $\overline{(a \land \neg sel)} \land \overline{(b \land sel)}$
 - Y2 = (a $\land \neg sel$) \lor (b \land sel)
- Canonical structure of Binary Decision Diagram can be exploited to compare Boolean functions like Y1 & Y2

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- Need temporal logic to specify the behavior

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- $\forall t[r1(t) \rightarrow g1(t+1) \lor g1(t+2)]$
- In propositional temporal logic time (t) is implicit
 - always r1 \rightarrow (next g1) \lor (next next g1)

Temporal logic

- The truth value of a temporal logic is defined with respect to a model.
- Temporal logic formula is not statically true or false in a model.
- The models of temporal logic contain several states and a formula can be true in some states and false in others.
- Example:
 - I am always happy.
 - I will eventually be happy.
 - I will be happy *until* I do something wrong.
 - I am happy.

Kripke Structure



- $M = (AP, S, S_0, T, L)$
 - AP Set of atomic proposition
 - *S* Set of states
 - S₀ Set of initial states
 - T Total transition relation ($T \subseteq S \times S$)
 - L Labeling function $(S \rightarrow 2^{AP})$

Path

- A path $\pi = s_0, s_1, \ldots$ in a Kripke structure is a sequence of states such that $\forall i, (s_i, s_{i+1}) \in T$
- Sample paths
 - *S*0, *S*1, *S*2, *S*4, *S*1, ...
 - *S*0, *S*3, *S*4, *S*0, ...
 - *S*0, *S*1, *S*4, *S*1, ...
 - $\pi = \underbrace{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_k}_{\text{prefix of } \pi_k \text{ in } \pi}, s_{k+1} \dots$ • $\pi = \underbrace{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_k}_{\text{suffix of } \pi^k \text{ in } \pi}, \underbrace{s_k, s_{k+1} \dots}_{\text{suffix of } \pi^k \text{ in } \pi}$



Temporal operators

- Two fundamental path operators
 - Next operator
 - Xp property p holds in the next state
 - Until operator
 - p U q property p holds in all states upto the state where property q holds
- Derived operators
 - Eventual/Future operator
 - Fp property p holds eventually (in some future states)
 - Always/Globally operator
 - Gp property p holds always (at all states)
- All these operators are interpreted over the paths in Kripke structure under consideration
- All Boolean operators are supported by the temporal logics





- q holds eventually and p holds until q holds
- Formally
 - $\pi \models p \cup q$ iff $\exists k$ such that $\pi^k \models q$ and $\forall j, 0 \leq j < k$ we have $\pi^j \models p$





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- Formally
 - $\pi \models \mathsf{Gp} \text{ iff } \forall \mathsf{k} \text{ we have } \pi^{\mathsf{k}} \models \mathsf{p}$
 - This can be written as \neg (true U \neg p) or \neg F \neg p

Branching Time Logic

• Interpreted over computation tree



Path Quantifier

• A: "For all paths ..."



• E: "There exists a path ..."



Universal Path Quantification





In all the next states **p** holds.

Along all the paths **p** holds forever.

Universal Path Quantification





Along all the paths **p** holds eventually.

Along all the paths **p** holds until **q** holds.

Existential Path Quantification





There exists a next state where p holds.

there exists a path along which **p** holds forever.

Existential Path Quantification





There exists a path along which **p** holds eventually.

There exists a path along which **p** holds until **q** holds.

Duality between Always & Eventual operators

- $Gp = p \land (\text{next } p) \land (\text{next next } p) \land (\text{next next next } p) \dots$ $= \neg (\neg (p \land (\text{next } p) \land (\text{next next } p) \land (\text{next next next } p) \land \dots))$ applying De Morgan's law $= \neg (\neg p \lor (\text{next } \neg p) \lor (\text{next next } \neg p) \lor (\text{next next next } \neg p) \lor \dots)$ $= \neg (F \neg p)$
- Therefore we have
 - $Gp = \neg F \neg p$
 - $Fp = \neg G \neg p$

Computation Tree Logic (CTL)

- Syntax:
 - Given a set of Atomic Propositions (AP):
 - All Boolean formulas of over AP are CTL properties
 - If f and g are CTL properties then so are $\neg f$, AXf, $A(f \cup g)$, EXf and $E(f \cup g)$,
 - Properties like AFp, AGp, EGp, EFp can be derived from the above
- Semantics:
 - The property *Af* is true at a state *s* of the Kripke structure iff the path property *f* holds on all paths starting from *s*
 - The property *Ef* is true at a state *s* of the Kripke structure iff the path property *f* holds on some path starting from *s*

Nested properties in CTL

- AX AGp
 - From all the next state p holds forever along all paths
- EX EFp
 - There exist a next state from where there exist a path to a state where p holds
- AG EFp
 - From any state there exist a path to a state where p holds





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Real Time properties

- Real time systems
 - Predictable response time are necessary for correct operation
 - Safety critical systems like controller for aircraft, industrial machinery are a few examples
- It is difficult to express complex timing properties
 - Simple: "event p will happen in future"
 - *Fp*
 - Complex: "event p will happen within at most n time units"
 - $p \lor (Xp) \lor (XXp) \lor \dots ([XX \dots n \text{ times}]p)$

Bounded Temporal Operators

- Specify real-time constraints
 - Over bounded traces
- Various bounded temporal operators
 - $G_{[m,n]}p p$ always holds between mth and nth time step
 - $F_{[m,n]}p p$ eventually holds between mth and nth time step
 - $X_{[m]}p p$ holds at the mth time step
 - $p U_{[m,n]} q q$ eventually holds between mth and nth time step and p holds until that point of time








Timing properties

- Whenever request is recorded grant should take place within 4 time units
 - $AG(posedge(req) \rightarrow AF_{[0,4]} posedge(gr))$
- The arbiter will provide exactly 64 time units to high priority user in each grant
 - $AG(posedge(hpusing) \rightarrow$
 - $A(\neg negedge(hpusing) U_{[64,64]} negedge(hpusing)))$

Formal Verification



Formal Property Verification

- The formal method is called "Model Checking"
 - The algorithm has two inputs
 - A finite state state machine (FSM) that represents the implementation
 - A formal property that represent the specification
 - The algorithm checks whether the FSM "models" the property
 - This is an exhaustive search of the FSM to see whether it has any path / state that refutes the property

Example: Explicit State Model









































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• New states $= \exists \langle o_1 o_2 \rangle [S(\langle o_1 o_2 \rangle) \land \delta(\langle o_1 o_2 \rangle, \langle n_1 n_2 \rangle)]$



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CTL Model Checking

- It checks whether a given CTL formula f holds on a given Kripke structure M i.e., M ⊨ f
- Need to have modalities for EX, EU and EG
 - Other modalities can be expressed using EX, EU and EG
 - $AF f \equiv \neg EG \neg f$
 - $AG f \equiv \neg EF \neg f$
 - $A(f U g) \equiv (\neg EG \neg g) \land (\neg E[\neg g U (\neg f \land \neg g)])$
- Basic procedure
 - The set Sat(f) of all states satisfying f is computed recursively
 - $M \models f$ if and only if $S_0 \subseteq Sat(f)$



function CheckEX(f) 1. $S_f = \{s \in S \mid f \in L(s)\}$ 2. while $S_f \neq \emptyset$ Choose $s \in S_f$ 3. 4. $S_{f} = S_{f} - \{s\}$ 5. for all t such that $(t,s) \in T$ 6. **if** f ∉ L(t) 7. $L(t) = L(t) \cup \{EXf\}$ 8. endif 9 end for 10. end while









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```
function CheckEF(S_p)
  Q \leftarrow \phi:
  Q' \leftarrow S_n;
  while Q \neq Q' do
      Q \leftarrow Q'
      Q' \leftarrow Q \cup \{s \mid \exists s' [T(s, s') \land Q(s')]\}
  end while
  S_{f} \leftarrow Q'
  return S_f
```

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 2. for all s \in S_p do L(s) = L(s) \cup \{EFp\}
 3. while S_p \neq \emptyset
     Choose s \in S_n
 4.
 5. S_p = S_p - \{s\}
 6. for all t such that (t,s) \in T
 7. if {EFp} \notin L(t)
 8. L(t) = L(t) \cup \{EFp\}
 9.
           S_n = S_p \cup t
10.
     endif
11.
     end for
12. end while
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CTL Model Checking: f = EGp

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Q' \leftarrow Q \cap \{s \mid \exists s'[T(s, s') \land Q(s')]\}

end while
```

```
S_f \leftarrow Q'
return S_f
```

CTL Model Checking: EGp

```
function CheckEG(p)
  1. S_p = \{s \in S \mid p \in L(s)\}
 2. SCC = {C | C is nontrivial SCC of S_n}
 3. R = \{ s | s \in C \}
         CESCC
  4. for all s \in R do L(s) = L(s) \cup \{EGp\}
  5. while R \neq \emptyset
     Choose s \in R
  6.
     R = R - \{s\}
  7.
     for all t such that (t,s) \in T and t \in S_p
  8.
 9. if \{EGp\} \notin L(t)
10. L(t) = L(t) \cup \{EGp\}
11. R = R \cup \{t\}
 12. endif
 13.
       end for
 14. end while
```









Example: $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{EG} \mathbf{b}$











Example: $\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{b}$ ϕ С *S*6 *S*7 a,b,c а g *S*3 *S*0 a,c <u>5</u>5 *S*4 b g →<u>S1</u> a,b b,c <mark>S2</mark> $S_g = \{S0, S2\}$ $R = \{S0, S2\}$

















CTL Model Checking: E(**p U q**)



CTL Model Checking: E(pUq)



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$$\begin{array}{c} f_2 = q \lor \\ (p \land EXf_1) \end{array} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 = q \lor \\ (p \land EXf_0) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_0 = q \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$





CTL Model Checking: E(pUq)

```
function CheckEU(p,q)
  1. S_q = \{s \in S \mid q \in L(s)\}
  2. for all s \in S_q do L(s) = L(s) \cup \{E(p \cup q)\}
  3. while S_a \neq \emptyset
      Choose s \in S_{\alpha}
  4.
  5. S_a = S_a - \{s\}
  6.
      for all t such that (t, s) \in T
  7. if \{E(p \cup q)\} \notin L(t) and p \in L(t)
  8. L(t) = L(t) \cup \{E(p \cup q)\}
  9.
             S_{a} = S_{a} \cup \{t\}
 10.
           endif
 11
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Nested CTL query




















Verification of RTCTL query

- $\mathsf{A}(p\,\mathsf{U}_{\leq k}\,q)\equiv q\lor (p\land\mathsf{AX}\,\mathsf{A}(p\,\mathsf{U}_{\leq k-1}\,q))\;\;\text{if}\;k>1$
- $\bullet \ \mathsf{E}(p \, \mathsf{U}_{\leq k} \, q) \equiv q \lor (p \land \mathsf{EX} \, \mathsf{E}(p \, \mathsf{U}_{\leq k-1} \, q)) \ \text{ if } k > 1$
- $A(p U_{\leq 0} q) \equiv q \equiv E(p U_{\leq 0} q)$
- Similar fix point characterization of CTL modalities can be used
- For qualative CTL queries k = |S|

RTCTL Model Checking: $f = E(p U_{\leq k} q)$

```
function CheckEU(p,q,k)
 1. N_{f}^{0} = \{s \in S \mid q \in L(s)\}
 2. for all s \in N_f^0 do L(s) = L(s) \cup \{E(p \cup U_{\leq k} q)\}
 3. i = 0;
 4. while j < k
      \mathsf{TEMP} = \mathsf{N}_{\mathsf{f}}^{\mathsf{j}}
 5.
      while N_{f}^{j} \neq \emptyset
 6.
 7.
      Choose s \in TEMP; TEMP = TEMP - \{s\}
     for all t such that (t,s) \in T
 8.
 9.
              if \{E(p \cup \leq_k q)\} \notin L(t) and p \in L(t)
                 L(t) = L(t) \cup \{E(p \cup \{k, q)\}; N_{\epsilon}^{j+1} = N_{\epsilon}^{j+1} \cup \{t\}\}
10.
11.
              endif
12.
       end for
13. end while
14.
      i = i + 1:
15. end while
```

Verification of RTCTL query

- $\mathsf{E}(p\,\mathsf{U}_{[a,b]}\,q)\equiv p\wedge(\mathsf{EX}\,\mathsf{E}(p\,\mathsf{U}_{[a-1,b-1]}\,q))\;\;\text{if}\;a>0\;\text{and}\;b>0$
- $\bullet \ \mathsf{E}(p \, \mathsf{U}_{[0,b]} \, q) \equiv q \vee (p \wedge \mathsf{EX} \, \mathsf{E}(p \, \mathsf{U}_{[0,b-1]} \, q)) \quad \text{if } b > 0$
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- $E(p U_{[0,0]} q) \equiv q$
- Steps:
 - Compute set of states where p is true for a steps
 - If fix point is reached before a steps, skip to the second case
 - Compute set of states where $E(p \cup q)$ is true for b steps
 - If fix point is reached before (b-a) steps, skip to the third case

Complexity

- Linear in the size of the model
- Linear in the size of the CTL formula
- Complexity is $O(|F| \times M)$
 - Model size M
 - Formula size |F|