## 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 Y 1 and Y 2 equivalent?
- $\mathrm{Y} 1=\overline{\overline{(\mathrm{a} \wedge \neg \mathrm{sel})} \wedge \overline{(\mathrm{b} \wedge \mathrm{sel})}}$
- $\mathrm{Y} 2=(\mathrm{a} \wedge \neg \mathrm{sel}) \vee(\mathrm{b} \wedge$ 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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- $\forall t[r 1(t) \rightarrow g 1(t+1) \vee g 1(t+2)]$
- In propositional temporal logic time ( t ) is implicit
- always $\mathrm{r} 1 \rightarrow($ next g1) $\vee$ (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



- $M=\left(A P, S, S_{0}, T, L\right)$
- $A P$ - Set of atomic proposition
- $S$ - Set of states
- $S_{0}$ - Set of initial states
- $T$ - Total transition relation $(T \subseteq S \times S)$
- L-Labeling function $\left(S \rightarrow 2^{A P}\right)$


## Path

- A path $\pi=s_{0}, s_{1}, \ldots$ in a Kripke structure is a sequence of states such that $\forall i,\left(s_{i}, s_{i+1}\right) \in T$
- Sample paths
- $S 0, S 1, S 2, S 4, S 1, \ldots$
- S0, S3, S4, S0,
- S0, S1, S4, S1,
- $\pi=\underbrace{s_{0}, s_{1}, \ldots, s_{k}}, s_{k+1} \cdots$
prefix of $\pi_{k}$ in $\pi$
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## Temporal operators

- Two fundamental path operators
- Next operator
- Xp - property $p$ holds in the next state
- Until operator
- pUq - 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


## The next operator ( X )



- $p$ holds in the next state of the path
- Formally
- $\pi \models \mathrm{Xp}$ iff $\pi^{1} \models \mathrm{p}$


## The until operator (U)


$q$ holds

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


## The eventual operator (F)


p holds

- p holds eventually (in future)
- Formally
- $\pi \models$ Fp iff $\exists \mathrm{k}$ such that $\pi^{\mathrm{k}} \models \mathrm{p}$
- This can be written as true Up


## The always operator (G)


p holds

- p holds always (globally)
- Formally
- $\pi \models \mathrm{Gp}$ iff $\forall \mathrm{k}$ we have $\pi^{\mathrm{k}} \models \mathrm{p}$
- 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

- $G p=p \wedge($ next $p) \wedge(\operatorname{next} \operatorname{next} p) \wedge($ next next next $p) \ldots$ $=\neg(\neg(p \wedge($ next $p) \wedge($ next next $p) \wedge($ next next next $p) \wedge \ldots))$ applying De Morgan's law
$=\neg(\neg p \vee($ next $\neg p) \vee($ next next $\neg p) \vee($ next next next $\neg p) \vee \ldots)$
$=\neg(F \neg p)$
- Therefore we have
- $G p=\neg F \neg p$
- $F p=\neg G \neg p$


## 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 $\neg f, A X f, A(f U g), E X f$ and $E(f U g)$,
- Properties like $A F p, A G p, E G p, E F p$ can be derived from the above
- Semantics:
- The property $A f$ is true at a state $s$ of the Kripke structure iff the path property $f$ holds on all paths starting from $s$
- The property $E f$ 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

- $A X A G p$
- 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
- $A G E F p$
- 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"
- $p \vee(X p) \vee(X X p) \vee \ldots([X X \ldots n$ times $] p)$


## Bounded Temporal Operators

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


## Examples



- p holds always between 2nd and 4th time step


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- p holds in the 3rd time step


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- $q$ holds eventually between 2 nd and 4th time step and $p$ holds until $q$ holds


## Timing properties

- Whenever request is recorded grant should take place within 4 time units
- $A G\left(\right.$ posedge $(r e q) \rightarrow A F_{[0,4]}$ posedge $\left.(g r)\right)$
- The arbiter will provide exactly 64 time units to high priority user in each grant
- AG(posedge(hpusing) $\rightarrow$

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## 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



Example: EX


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- New states $=\exists\left\langle\mathrm{o}_{1} \mathrm{o}_{2}\right\rangle\left[\mathrm{S}\left(\left\langle\mathrm{o}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right\rangle\right) \wedge \delta\left(\left\langle\mathrm{o}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right\rangle,\left\langle\mathrm{n}_{1} \mathrm{n}_{2}\right\rangle\right)\right]$


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## CTL Model Checking

- It checks whether a given CTL formula $f$ holds on a given Kripke structure $M$ i.e., $M \models f$
- Need to have modalities for $E X, E U$ and $E G$
- Other modalities can be expressed using $E X, E U$ and $E G$
- $A F f \equiv \neg E G \neg f$
- $A G f \equiv \neg E F \neg f$
- $A(f U g) \equiv(\neg E G \neg g) \wedge(\neg E[\neg g U(\neg f \wedge \neg g)])$
- Basic procedure
- The set $\operatorname{Sat}(f)$ of all states satisfying $f$ is computed recursively
- $M \models f$ if and only if $S_{0} \subseteq \operatorname{Sat}(f)$


## CTL Model Checking: EXf



- $\operatorname{Post}(s)=\left\{s^{\prime} \in S \mid\left(s, s^{\prime}\right) \in T\right\}$
- $\operatorname{Sat}(E X f)=\{s \in S \mid \operatorname{Post}(s) \cap \operatorname{Sat}(f) \neq \emptyset\}$


## CTL Model Checking: EXf

```
    function CheckEX(f)
    1. \(\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{f}}=\{\mathrm{s} \in \mathrm{S} \mid \mathrm{f} \in \mathrm{L}(\mathrm{s})\}\)
    2. while \(\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{f}} \neq \emptyset\)
    3. Choose \(s \in S_{f}\)
    4. \(\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{f}}=\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{f}}-\{\mathrm{s}\}\)
    5. for all \(t\) such that \((t, s) \in T\)
    6. if \(f \notin L(t)\)
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    Q\leftarrow\phi;
    Q'\leftarrow Sp;
    while }Q\not=\mp@subsup{Q}{}{\prime}\mathrm{ do
        Q\leftarrow\mp@subsup{Q}{}{\prime}
        Q}\leftarrow\leftarrowQ\cup{s|\exists\mp@subsup{s}{}{\prime}[T(s,\mp@subsup{s}{}{\prime})\wedgeQ(\mp@subsup{s}{}{\prime})]
    end while
    Sf}\leftarrow\mp@subsup{Q}{}{\prime
    return Sf
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    3. while }\mp@subsup{S}{p}{}\not=
    4. Choose s\in Sp
    5. }\mp@subsup{S}{p}{}=\mp@subsup{S}{p}{}-{s
    6. for all t such that (t,s)\inT
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    8. L(t)=L(t)\cup{EFp}
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function CheckEG(p)
    1. \(S_{p}=\{s \in S \mid p \in L(s)\}\)
    2. \(\operatorname{SCC}=\left\{C \mid C\right.\) is nontrivial SCC of \(\left.S_{p}\right\}\)
    3. \(R=\bigcup_{C \in S C C}\{s \mid s \in C\}\)
    4. for all \(s \in R\) do \(L(s)=L(s) \cup\{E G p\}\)
    5. while \(R \neq \emptyset\)
    6. Choose \(s \in R\)
    7. \(R=R-\{s\}\)
    8. for all \(t\) such that \((t, s) \in T\) and \(t \in S_{p}\)
    9. if \(\{E G p\} \notin L(t)\)
    10. \(L(t)=L(t) \cup\{E G p\}\)
    11. \(\quad \mathrm{R}=\mathrm{R} \cup\{\mathrm{t}\}\)
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    14. end while
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Find states satisfying $b$.

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\begin{aligned}
& f_{1}=q \vee \\
& \left(p \wedge E X f_{0}\right)
\end{aligned}
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f_{3}=q \vee\left(p \wedge E X f_{2}\right)
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## CTL Model Checking: E(p Uq)



## Least Fix Point

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

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## Verification of RTCTL query

- $A\left(p U_{\leq k} q\right) \equiv q \vee\left(p \wedge A X A\left(p U_{\leq k-1} q\right)\right)$ if $k>1$
- $E\left(p U_{\leq k} q\right) \equiv q \vee\left(p \wedge E X E\left(p U_{\leq k-1} q\right)\right)$ if $k>1$
- $A\left(p U_{\leq 0} q\right) \equiv q \equiv E\left(p U_{\leq 0} q\right)$
- Similar fix point characterization of CTL modalities can be used
- For qualative CTL queries $k=|S|$


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

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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 \(L(s)=L(s) \cup\left\{E\left(p U_{\leq k} q\right)\right\}\)
    3. \(j=0\);
    4. while \(\mathrm{j}<\mathrm{k}\)
    5. \(\quad\) TEMP \(=N_{f}^{j}\)
    6. while \(N_{f}^{j} \neq \emptyset\)
    7. \(\quad\) Choose \(s \in\) TEMP; TEMP \(=\) TEMP \(-\{s\}\)
    8. for all \(t\) such that \((t, s) \in T\)
    9. if \(\left\{\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{p} \mathrm{U}_{\leq \mathrm{k}} \mathrm{q}\right)\right\} \notin \mathrm{L}(\mathrm{t})\) and \(\mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{L}(\mathrm{t})\)
    10. \(\mathrm{L}(\mathrm{t})=\mathrm{L}(\mathrm{t}) \cup\left\{\mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{p} \mathrm{U}_{\leq \mathrm{k}} \mathrm{q}\right)\right\} ; \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}^{j+1}=\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{f}}^{j+1} \cup\{\mathrm{t}\}\)
    11. endif
    12. end for
    13. end while
    14. \(j=j+1\);
    15. end while
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- $E\left(p U_{[a, b]} q\right) \equiv p \wedge\left(\operatorname{EXE}\left(p U_{[a-1, b-1]} q\right)\right)$ if $a>0$ and $b>0$
- $E\left(p U_{[0, b]} q\right) \equiv q \vee\left(p \wedge E X E\left(p U_{[0, b-1]} q\right)\right)$ if $b>0$
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- $E\left(p U_{[0, b]} q\right) \equiv q \vee\left(p \wedge E X E\left(p U_{[0, b-1]} q\right)\right) \quad$ if $b>0$
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- 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 $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{p} \cup \mathrm{q})$ 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 $\mathrm{O}(|\mathrm{F}| \times \mathrm{M})$
- Model size - M
- Formula size - $|F|$

