Formal Methods in software development

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The predicate calculus [H-R ch.2]

- The need for a richer language
- Terms and formulas

- quantifiers

Syntax

- Inductive term definition
- BNF

- $t ::= x \mid c \mid f(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)$

Syntax

- Inductive definition of wff

- BNF

$\varphi ::= p(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n) \mid t_1 = t_2 \mid (\neg \varphi) \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi) \mid (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \mid \forall x \varphi \mid \exists x \varphi$

Semantics

syntactical data

- $\mathcal{F}$ *functional symbols- constants*
- $\mathcal{P}$ *predicate symbols*

An interpretation $\mathcal{M}$

- a non empty set (domain) A
- $\mathcal{F}$ ➜ a set of functions $f^{\mathcal{M}}$ on A (A^n)
- $\mathcal{P}$ ➜ a set of relations $P^{\mathcal{M}}$ on A (A^n)

Semantics

A subset is the interpretation of a 1-ary predicate

A n-ary relation is the interpretation of a n-ary predicate

An example: arithmetics

syntactical data

- $\mathcal{F}$: $f_1(-,-)$, $f_2(-,-)$, $f_0(-)$, c
- $\mathcal{P}$: $- = -$, $P_1(-,-)$

An interpretation $\mathcal{M}$

- Natural numbers (domain)
- Functions : $- + -$, $- \cdot -$, $s(-)$, 0
- Predicates: $- = -$, $- \leq -$

Semantics

environments

Assigning values

- $l{:}\ var$ ➜   elements of A

Semantics

Summing up, we are given with

1. A non-empty set A, the universe of concrete values;
2. for each nullary function symbol $f \in \mathcal{F}$, a concrete element $f^{\mathcal{M}}$ of A
3. for each $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with arity $n > 0$, a concrete function $f^{\mathcal{M}} \colon A^n \to A$ from A^n, the set of n-tuples over A, to A; and
4. for each $P \in \mathcal{P}$ with arity $n > 0$, a subset $P^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq A^n$ of n-tuples over A.

An example: arithmetics 2

- $f_1(c,x)=x$ *always true in the interpretation*

- $f_2(c,x)=x$ *sometimes true sometimes false in the interpretation depending on the assignment*

- $\forall x(f_1(c,x)=x)$ *true in the interpretation*

- $\exists x(f_2(c,x)=x)$ *true in the interpretation*

- $\forall x(f_2(c,x)=x)$ *false in the interpretation*

- $\forall x(f_1(c,x)=f_1(c,x))$ *valid*

Semantics

An interpretation $\mathcal{M}$

is a model of φ $\qquad \mathcal{M} \models_I \varphi$:

Semantics: satisfiability

P: If ϕ is of the form $P(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)$, then we interpret the terms $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n$ in our set A by replacing all variables with their values according to l. In this way we compute concrete values $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ of A for each of these terms, where we interpret any function symbol $f \in \mathcal{F}$ by $f^{\mathcal{M}}$. Now $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l P(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)$ holds iff $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n)$ is in the set $P^{\mathcal{M}}$.

$\forall x$:   The relation $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \forall x \, \psi$ holds iff $\mathcal{M} \vDash_{l[x \mapsto a]} \psi$ holds for all $a \in A$.

$\exists x$:   Dually, $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \exists x \, \psi$ holds iff $\mathcal{M} \vDash_{l[x \mapsto a]} \psi$ holds for some $a \in A$.

$\neg$:   The relation $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \neg \psi$ holds iff it is not the case that $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi$ holds.

$\vee$:   The relation $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$ holds iff $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1$ or $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_2$ holds.

$\wedge$:   The relation $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ holds iff $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1$ and $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_2$ hold.

$\rightarrow$:   The relation $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2$ holds iff $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_2$ holds whenever $\mathcal{M} \vDash_l \psi_1$ holds.

Exercises

Let ϕ be the sentence $\forall x\, \forall y\, \exists z\, (R(x,y) \rightarrow R(y,z))$, where R is a predicate symbol of two arguments.

(a) Let $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{a,b,c,d\}$ and $R^{\mathcal{M}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(b,c),(b,b),(b,a)\}$. Do we have $\mathcal{M} \vDash \phi$? Justify your answer, whatever it is.

(b) Let $A' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{a,b,c\}$ and $R^{\mathcal{M}'} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(b,c),(a,b),(c,b)\}$. Do we have $\mathcal{M}' \vDash \phi$? Justify your answer, whatever it is.

Semantics: validity

φ is valid if for every intepretation and
for every environment

$$\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$$

Properties

- Soundness $\Gamma \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi$

- Completeness $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \varphi$

- Indecidability

- Compactness

Theorem 2.24 (Compactness Theorem) Let Γ be a set of sentences of predicate logic. If all finite subsets of Γ are satisfiable, then so is Γ.

- Expressivity

Second order logic

- Existential second order logic
- $$\exists P \, \phi$$
- Universal second order logic
- Peano's arithmetics

Specification, verification and logics

[H-R ch.3]

Logic provides:

- A framework for modelling systems

- A specification language for describing properties to be verified

- A verification method to ascertain whether the description of the system satisfies the properties

Possibilities of approaching model verification

- Proof-based

$\Gamma \vdash \varphi$

Γ is the description while φ is the property to be satisfied

- Degree of automation:

Fully automatic

- Full behaviour
  - Sequential
  - Reactive

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- A priori

- Model based

$\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$

$\mathcal{M}$ is a finite model
(only one)

Manual

- One property
  - Concurrent
  - Terminating

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- A posteriori

We are possibly dealing with

- $\Gamma \mathrel{|}{-\!-} \varphi$ proof theory

- $\Gamma \models \varphi$ semantic entailment

- $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ satifiability

We are possibly dealing with

- ~~$\Gamma \vdash \varphi$~~

- $\Gamma \models \varphi$

- $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$

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Model Checking

- Automatic

- Based on a builded model

- Verifying satisfiability of properties

- A posteriori

- Provides a counterexample

- Concurrent systems

- Reactive systems

- Temporal aspects

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A formula can change its truth value

- We build a model $\mathcal{M}$

  - We model our system using the description language of the model checker
  - We code the property to be verified in the same language and the model checker should say whether $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ or not

  - Time could change the truth value of a formula

- $\mathcal{M},s \models \varphi$ or not for a given state s
  - In this last case it is often possible using the model checker to have a counterexample
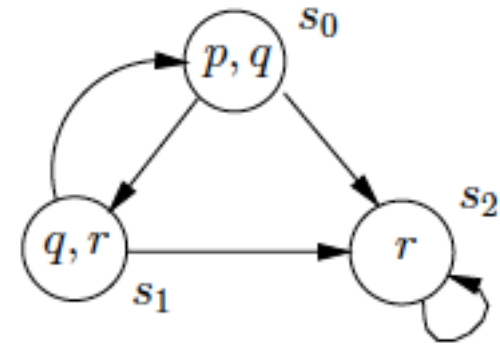
Models and states

- A model $\mathcal{M}$ is an abstraction: it can describe very different things and omits lot of particulars

- A model $\mathcal{M}$ is a transition system

- We have states and and transitions between them. An assignment statement can make the model move from one state to another one

- We can think of a transition system as a set S of states together with a binary relation
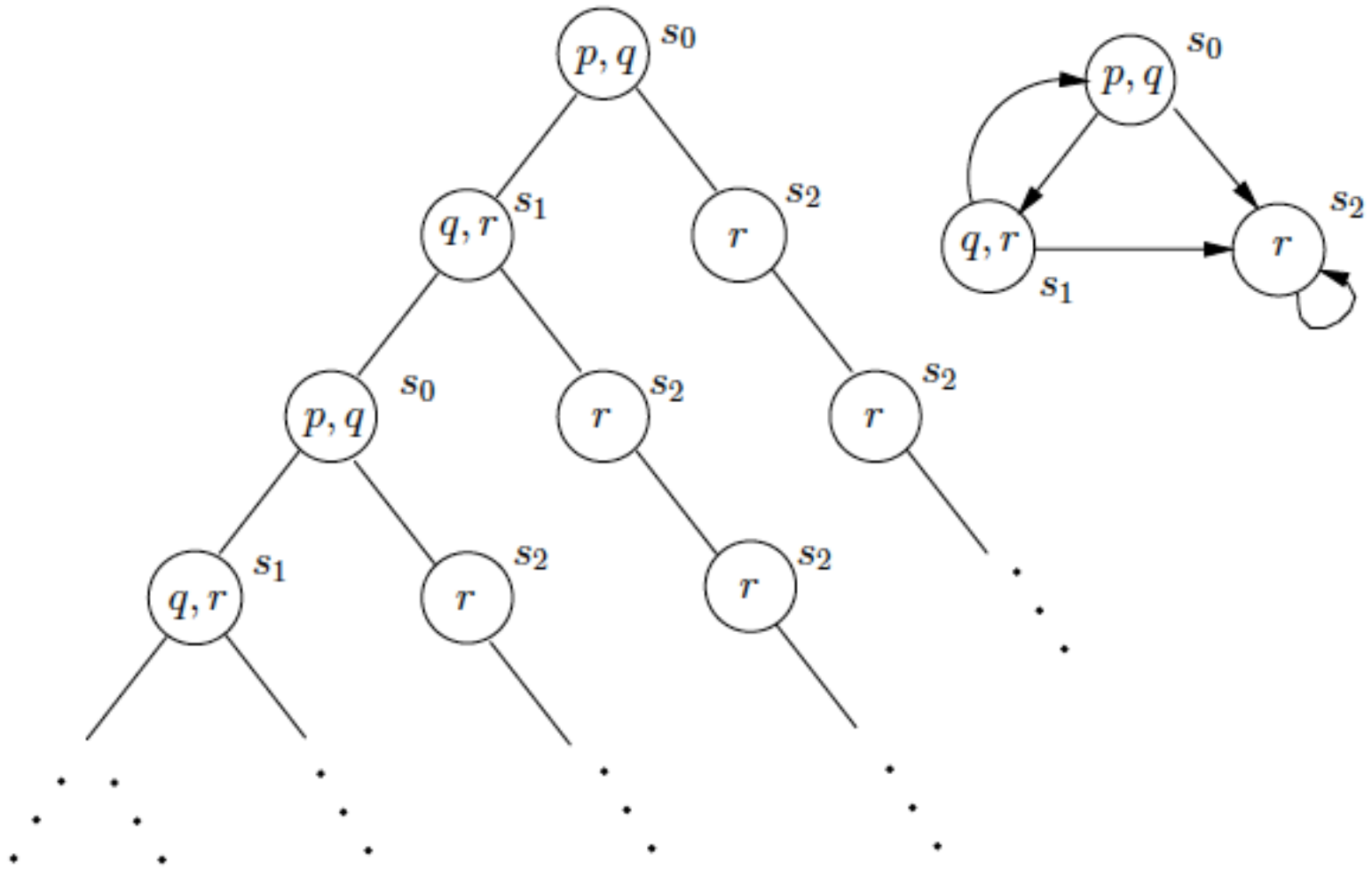
$$\rightarrow \subseteq S \times S$$

and a labeling function L: S $\rightarrow \mathcal{P}$(atoms)

A transition system 1

A transition system 2

unwinding

Linear and branching time

Exercises

Theorem 2.13 Let ϕ and ψ be formulas of predicate logic. Then we have the following equivalences:

1.   (a) $\neg \forall x\, \phi \dashv\vdash \exists x\, \neg\phi$
       (b) $\neg \exists x\, \phi \dashv\vdash \forall x\, \neg\phi$.

Provide proofs for the following sequents:

(a) $\forall x\, P(x) \vdash \forall y\, P(y)$; using $\forall x\, P(x)$ as a premise, your proof needs to end with an application of $\forall$i which requires the formula $P(y_0)$.

(b) $\forall x\, (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \vdash (\forall x\, \neg Q(x)) \rightarrow (\forall x\, \neg P(x))$

(c) $\forall x\, (P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)) \vdash \neg(\exists x\, (P(x) \wedge Q(x)))$.