

Semantics for (Hybrid) Programming

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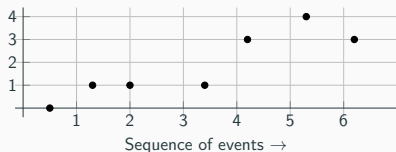
Explored a simple language (CCS) and its semantics

Used it to model and analyse **communicating** systems

Expanded our study to the **timed** setting, via UPPAAL

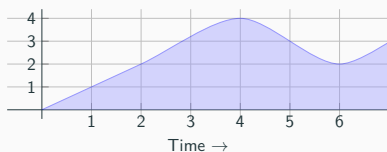
Used it to save us from zombies!

Going Beyond the Timed Setting



Described via classical methods of computation

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Described via differential equations

Computational devices now interact with **arbitrary** physical processes (and not just time)

Which Language?

This time we explore a simple **imperative language**

No concurrency, no communication, and no higher-order func.

(languages with such features are still underdeveloped)

Perhaps some of you would like to improve them :-)

The Hybrid While-Language

Fix a stock of variables $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$. Then we have,

Linear Terms

$\text{LTerm}(X) \ni r \mid r \cdot t \mid x \mid t + s$



real number

Atomic Programs

$\text{At}(X) \ni x := t \mid x'_1 = t_1, \dots, x'_n = t_n \text{ for } t$



"run" the system of differential equations for t seconds

Hybrid Programs

$\text{Prog}(X) \ni a \mid p ; q \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } p \text{ else } q \mid \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}$

First we tackle a **while-language** without differential equations and its semantics

Then we move to the hybrid case and see how the corresponding semantics helps the engineer to analyse hybrid programs

Throughout this journey, we will:

- write implementations in `HASKELL`
- do analyses in `LINCE`

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A Language of Linear Terms and its Semantics

Linear Terms

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Let $\sigma : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an **environment**, i.e. a memory on which the program performs computations

The expression $\langle t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r$ tells that the linear expression t outputs r if the current memory is σ

$$\frac{}{\langle x, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma(x)} \text{ (var)}$$

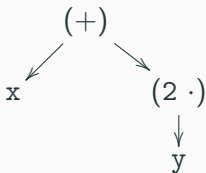
$$\frac{}{\langle r, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r} \text{ (con)}$$

$$\frac{\langle t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r}{\langle s \cdot t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow s \cdot r} \text{ (scl)}$$

$$\frac{\langle t_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_1 \quad \langle t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_2}{\langle t_1 + t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_1 + r_2} \text{ (add)}$$

The Semantics at Work

The linear term $x + 2 \cdot y$ corresponds to the tree



Consider an environment σ such that $\sigma(x) = 3$ and $\sigma(y) = 4$. We can then build the following derivation tree:

$$\frac{\langle x, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow 3 \quad \frac{\langle y, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow 4}{\langle 2 \cdot y, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow 8}}{\langle x + 2 \cdot y, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow 11}$$

- $\langle 2 \cdot x + 2 \cdot y, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow ?$
- $\langle 3 \cdot (2 \cdot x) + 2 \cdot (y + z), \sigma \rangle \Downarrow ?$

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Boring computations? If so why not implement the semantics in
HASKELL?

Equivalence of Linear Terms

The previous semantics yields the following notion of **equivalence**:
 $t \sim s$ if for all environments σ

$$\langle t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r \text{ iff } \langle s, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r$$

Examples of equivalent terms:

- $r \cdot (x + y) \sim r \cdot x + r \cdot y$
- $0 \cdot x \sim 0$
- $(r \cdot s) \cdot x \sim r \cdot (s \cdot x) ?$

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The expression $\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow v$ says that the Boolean term b outputs v if the current memory is σ

$$\frac{\langle t_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_1 \quad \langle t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_2 \quad r_1 \leq r_2}{\langle t_1 \leq t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{tt}} \text{ (leq)}$$

$$\frac{\langle t_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_1 \quad \langle t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r_2 \quad r_1 \not\leq r_2}{\langle t_1 \leq t_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{ff}} \text{ (gtr)}$$

$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow v}{\langle \neg b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \neg v} \text{ (not)}$$

$$\frac{\langle b_1, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow v_1 \quad \langle b_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow v_2}{\langle b_1 \wedge b_2, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow v_1 \wedge v_2} \text{ (and)}$$

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A While-language and its Semantics

While-Programs

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$$\frac{\langle t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r}{\langle x := t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma[r/x]} \text{ (asg)}$$

$$\frac{\langle p, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \quad \langle q, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''}{\langle p ; q, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''} \text{ (seq)}$$

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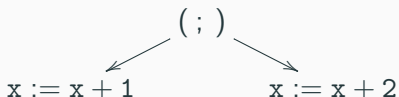
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$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{tt} \quad \langle p, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \quad \langle \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}, \sigma' \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''}{\langle \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma''} \text{ (wh1)}$$

$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{ff}}{\langle \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma} \text{ (wh2)}$$

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The program $x := x + 1 ; x := x + 2$ corresponds to the tree



Consider the environment $\sigma = x \mapsto 3$. We build the following derivation tree:

$$\frac{\frac{\langle x + 1, x \mapsto 3 \rangle \Downarrow 4}{\langle x := x + 1, x \mapsto 3 \rangle \Downarrow x \mapsto 4} \quad \frac{\langle x + 2, x \mapsto 4 \rangle \Downarrow 6}{\langle x := x + 2, x \mapsto 4 \rangle \Downarrow x \mapsto 6}}{\langle x := x + 1 ; x := x + 2, x \mapsto 3 \rangle \Downarrow x \mapsto 6}$$

Exercise

- `x := 0 ; y := 1 ; while x ≤ y do {x := x + y ; y := y + 1} ↓↓ ?`

Equivalence of While-Programs

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$$\langle p, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma' \text{ iff } \langle q, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'$$

Examples of equivalent terms:

- $x := x + 1 ; x := x + 2 \sim x := x + 3$
- $(p ; q) ; r \sim p ; (q ; r)$

Pause for Meditations

We have just built and implemented our first progr. language

Note that we used its semantics to **run** our programs and also to **prove** properties about them

Which features would you like to add to this language next?

Probabilistic operations or perhaps concurrency?

Next step: add **differential operations**

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Preliminaries about Differential Equations

Consider a stock $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ of variables

Systems of differential equations $x_1' = t_1, \dots, x_n' = t_n$ always have unique **solutions**

$$\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



Systematically obtained via linear algebra tools

Example (The Continuous Dynamics of a Vehicle)

$p' = v, v' = a$ which admits the solution

$$\phi((x_0, v_0), t) = \left(x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2, v_0 + a t \right)$$

Conventions

We will often abbreviate a list v_1, \dots, v_n simply to \bar{v}

$\sigma[\bar{v}/\bar{x}]$ denotes the environment that maps each x_i in \bar{x} to v_i in \bar{v} and all other variables the same way as σ

Example

$$\sigma[v_1, v_2/x_1, x_2](y) = \begin{cases} v_1 & \text{if } y = x_1 \\ v_2 & \text{if } y = x_2 \\ \sigma(y) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We will often treat an environment $\sigma : \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as a list $[\sigma(x_1), \dots, \sigma(x_n)]$

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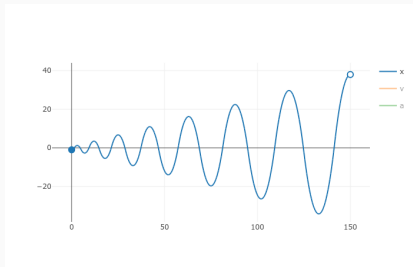
... its semantics

The evaluation of programs is now **time-dependent**

$$\langle p, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \sigma'$$

... different time instants, different outputs

LINCE relies on such a semantics: evaluating $\langle p, \sigma, t_i \rangle$ for a "big" sequence t_1, \dots, t_k results in a trajectory, such as



The Semantic Rules pt. 1

$$\frac{\langle s, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r \quad t < r}{\langle \bar{x}' = \bar{t} \text{ for } s, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma[\phi(\sigma, t)/\bar{x}]}$$


$$\frac{\langle s, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r \quad t = r}{\langle \bar{x}' = \bar{t} \text{ for } s, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \text{skip}, \sigma[\phi(\sigma, t)/\bar{x}]}$$

$$\frac{\langle t, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow r}{\langle x := t, \sigma, 0 \rangle \Downarrow \sigma[r/x]} \quad \frac{\langle p, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma'}{\langle p ; q, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \text{stop}, \sigma'}$$


$$\frac{\langle p, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow \text{skip}, \sigma' \quad \langle q, \sigma, t' \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma''}{\langle p ; q, \sigma, t + t' \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma''}$$

Examples

$$\frac{\frac{\langle 1, (x \mapsto 2) \rangle \Downarrow 1 \quad \frac{1}{2} < 1}{\langle x' = 0 \text{ for } 1, (x \mapsto 2), \frac{1}{2} \rangle \Downarrow \text{stop}, (x \mapsto 2)}}{\langle (x' = 0 \text{ for } 1) ; (x' = 1 \text{ for } 1), (x \mapsto 2), \frac{1}{2} \rangle \Downarrow \text{stop}, (x \mapsto 2)}$$


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Exercise

$\langle (x' = 1 \text{ for } 1); (x' = -1 \text{ for } 1), (x \mapsto 5), \frac{1}{2} \rangle \Downarrow ?$

$\langle (x' = 1 \text{ for } 1); (x' = -1 \text{ for } 1), (x \mapsto 5), 2 \rangle \Downarrow ?$

The Semantic Rules pt. II

$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{tt} \quad \langle p, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'}{\langle \text{if } b \text{ then } p \text{ else } q, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'} \quad \frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{ff} \quad \langle q, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'}{\langle \text{if } b \text{ then } p \text{ else } q, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'}$$

$$\frac{\langle b, \sigma \rangle \Downarrow \text{tt} \quad \langle p ; \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'}{\langle \text{while } b \text{ do } \{ p \}, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'}$$

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$$\langle p, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma' \text{ iff } \langle q, \sigma, t \rangle \Downarrow s, \sigma'$$

Examples of equivalent terms:

- $(x' = 1 \text{ for } 1) ; (x' = 1 \text{ for } 1) \sim x' = 1 \text{ for } 2$
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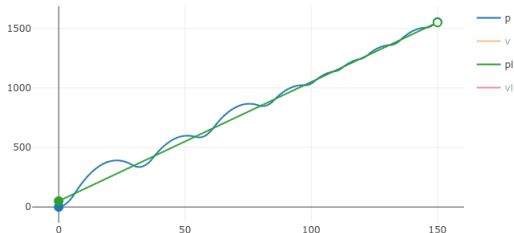
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- Traffic lights
- Cruise controller (speed regulation)
- Landing system
- Move a particle from A to B
- Follow the leader

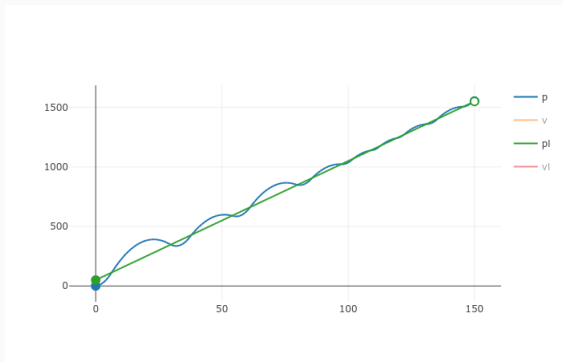
Analytical Testing and Following the Leader pt. I

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p:=0; v:=2; pl:=50; vl:=10;  
while true do {  
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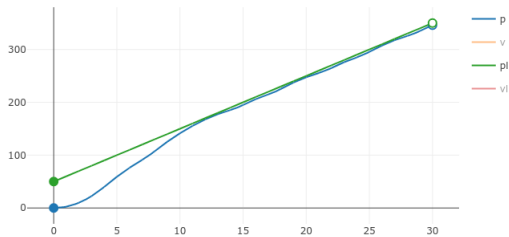
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Problem: Even if behind the leader in the next iteration, we might generate a velocity so high that we won't brake in time

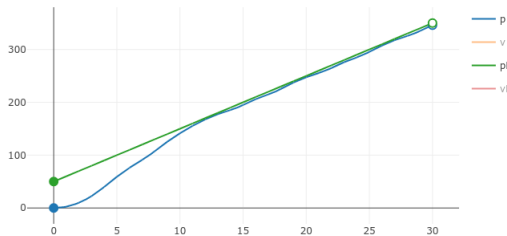
Analytical Testing and Following the Leader pt. II

```
// Adaptive cruise control
// -- Follower --
p:=0; v:=0; // position and velocity
// -- Leader --
pl:=50; vl:=10; // position and velocity
while true do{
  if (p+v+2.5 < pl+10) &&
    ((v-5)^2 +
     4*(p+v+2.5-pl-10) < 0)
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The conditional now arises from **solving** the equation for t

$$x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}(-2)t^2 = y_0 + 10t$$

No solutions, means no collisions!!

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What next?

A Million-Dollar Question

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For this lecture we take a (naive) approach:

$$(x' = \bar{t} \text{ until}_\epsilon b) \hat{=} \text{while } \neg b \{x' = \bar{t} \text{ for } \epsilon\}$$

(Another) Zoo of Hybrid Programs

- Bouncing Ball
- Fireflies

Studied **semantics** for (hybrid) prog. lang.

Needed to interpret/analyse programs **mathematically**

Several case-studies left unexplored (e.g. movement in n -dimensions, orbital trajectories, trajectory correction)

Several challenges left open (e.g. precise simulations, stability, uncertainty, recursion, concurrency, logical verification)