Synchronous Languages—Lecture 17

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Lustre

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Overview

A Short Tour

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Clock Consistency

Arrays and Recursive Nodes

Lustre

- A synchronous data flow language
- Developed since 1984 at IMAG, Grenoble [HCRP91]
- Also graphical design entry available (SAGA)
- Moreover, the basis for SCADE, a tool used in software development for avionics and automotive industries
- → Translatable to FSMs with finitely many control states
 - ► Same advantages as Esterel for hardware and software design

Lustre Modules

General form:

```
node f(x_1:\alpha_1, \ldots, x_n:\alpha_n) returns (y_1:\beta_1, \ldots, y_m:\beta_m) var z_1:\gamma_1, \ldots, z_k:\gamma_k;
let z_1 = \tau_1; \ldots; z_k = \tau_k; y_1 = \pi_1; \ldots; y_m = \pi_k; assert \varphi_1; \ldots; assert \varphi_\ell; tel
```

where

- ▶ f is the name of the module
- ▶ Inputs x_i , outputs y_i , and local variables z_i
- Assertions φ_i (boolean expressions)

Lustre Programs

- ► Lustre programs are a list of modules that are called nodes
- ▶ All nodes work synchronously, i. e. at the same speed
- Nodes communicate only via inputs and outputs
- ▶ No broadcasting of signals, no side effects
- ▶ Equations $z_i = \tau_i$ and $y_i = \pi_i$ are not assignments
- Equations must have solutions in the mathematical sense

Lustre Programs

- As $z_i = \tau_i$ and $y_i = \pi_i$ are equations, we have the Substitution Principle:
 - The definitions $z_i = \tau_i$ and $y_i = \pi_i$ of a Lustre node allow one to replace z_i by τ_i and y_i by π_i .
- ▶ Behavior of z_i and y_i completely given by equations $z_i = \tau_i$ and $y_i = \pi_i$

Assertions

- \blacktriangleright Assertions assert φ do not influence the behavior of the system
- \blacktriangleright assert φ means that during execution, φ must invariantly hold
- Equation X = E equivalent to assertion assert(X = E)
- Assertions can be used to optimize the code generation
- Assertions can be used for simulation and verification

Data Streams

- All variables, constants, and all expressions are streams
- Streams can be composed to new streams
- ► Example: given x = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...) and y = (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, ...), then x + y is the stream (0, 3, 6, 9, 12, ...)
- However, streams may refer to different clocks
- → Each stream has a corresponding clock

Data Types

- ▶ Primitive data types: bool, int, real
 - Semantics is clear?
- Imported data types: type α
 - Similar to Esterel
 - Data type is implemented in host language
- ▶ Tuples of types: $\alpha_1 \times ... \times \alpha_n$ is a type
 - Semantics is Cartesian product

Expressions (Streams)

- Every declared variable x is an expression
- Boolean expressions:
 - ightharpoonup au_1 and au_2 , au_1 or au_2 , not au_1
- ► Numeric expressions:
 - ightharpoonup $au_1+ au_2$ and $au_1- au_2$, $au_1* au_2$ and au_1/ au_2 , au_1 div au_2 and au_1 mod au_2
- Relational expressions:

$$\bullet$$
 $\tau_1 = \tau_2, \ \tau_1 < \tau_2, \ \tau_1 \le \tau_2, \ \tau_1 > \tau_2, \ \tau_1 \ge \tau_2$

- Conditional expressions:
 - if b then τ_1 else τ_2 for all types

Node Expansion

- Assume implementation of a node f with inputs $x_1 : \alpha_1, \ldots, x_n : \alpha_n$ and outputs $y_1 : \beta_1, \ldots, y_m : \beta_m$
- ▶ Then, f can be used to create new stream expressions, e.g., $f(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n)$ is an expression
 - Of type $\beta_1 \times \ldots \times \beta_m$
 - If (τ_1, \ldots, τ_n) has type $\alpha_1 \times \ldots \times \alpha_n$

Vector Notation of Nodes

By using tuple types for inputs, outputs, and local streams, we may consider just nodes like

```
node f(x:\alpha) returns (y:\beta)

var z:\gamma;

let

z = \tau;

y = \pi;

assert \varphi;

tel
```

Clock-Operators

- ► All expressions are streams
- Clock-operators modify the temporal arrangement of streams
- Again, their results are streams
- ► The following clock operators are available:
 - pre au for every stream au
 - $au_1 o au_2$, (pronounced "followed by") where au_1 and au_2 have the same type
 - $ightharpoonup au_1$ when au_2 where au_2 has boolean type (downsampling)
 - current τ (upsampling)

- As already mentioned, streams may refer to different clocks
- We associate with every expression a list of clocks
- lacktriangle A clock is thereby a stream φ of boolean type

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 - $\{t_0, t_1, \ldots\}$ is the set of points in time where the highest clock of current (τ) holds

φ	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
au	$ au_0$	$ au_1$	$ au_2$	$ au_3$	$ au_{ extsf{4}}$	$ au_5$	$ au_6$
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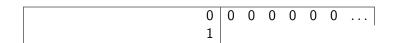
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- Note: $[\tau \text{ when } \varphi] = (\tau_1, \tau_3, \tau_6, \ldots)$, *i. e.*, gaps are not filled!
- ▶ This is done by current(τ when φ)

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Example: Counter Example: ABRO



```
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...

n = (0 -> pre(n)+1) 0 1 2 3 4 5 ...

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n = 0 \rightarrow pre(n)+1
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                                                                         11
     d2 = (n \ div \ 2)*2 = n
                                                                         0
                                                             8
                                                                    10
            n2 = n when d2
     d3 = (n \ div \ 3)*3 = n
                                              0
                                                                    0
                                                                         0
                                                     6
            n3 = n when d3
                                              0
                                                                    0
          d3' = d3 when d2
                                       0
                                                             0
          n6 = n2 when d3,
c3 = current(n2 when d3')
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$n = 0 \rightarrow pre(n)+1$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
d2 = (n div 2)*2 = n	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
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d3 = (n div 3)*3 = n	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
n3 = n when $d3$				3			6			9		
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n6 = n2 when d3'							6					
c3 = current(n2 when d3')			0		0		6		6		6	

Example: Counter

```
node Counter(x0, d:int; r:bool) returns (n:int)
let
  n = x0 → if r then x0 else pre(n) + d
tel
```

ABRO in Lustre

```
node EDGE(X:bool) returns (Y:bool);
let.
 Y = false \rightarrow X \text{ and not pre}(X);
tel
node ABRO (A,B,R:bool) returns (O: bool);
 var seenA. seenB : bool:
let
 0 = EDGE(seenA and seenB):
  seenA = false → not R and (A or pre(seenA));
  seenB = false → not R and (B or pre(seenB));
tel
```

- Synchronous languages have causality problems
- They arise if preconditions of actions are influenced by the actions
- Therefore they require to solve fixpoint equations
- Such equations may have none, one, or more than one solutions
- Analogous to Esterel, one may consider reactive, deterministic, logically correct, and constructive programs

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 - a = b and pre(a) is acyclic
- Acyclic equations have a unique solution!
- Analyze cyclic equations to determine causality?
- But: Lustre only allows acyclic equation systems
- Sufficient for signal processing

Malik's Example

▶ However, some interesting examples are cyclic

```
y = if c then y_f else y_g;
y_f = f(x_f);
y_g = g(x_g);
x_f = if c then y_g else x;
x_g = if c then x else y_f;
```

- ► Implements if c then f(g(x)) else g(f(x)) with only one instance of f and g
- Impossible without cycles



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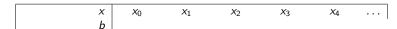
Analysis of cyclic combinatorial circuits.

in IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design, 1994

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Ь	0	1	0	1	0	
x when b		<i>X</i> ₁		<i>X</i> 3		
x + (x when b)	$x_0 + x_1$	$x_1 + x_3$	$x_2 + x_5$	$x_3 + x_7$	$x_4 + x_9$	

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We obtain the following:

- ▶ To compute $y_i := x_i + x_{2i+1}$, we have to store x_i, \ldots, x_{2i+1}
- Problem: not possible with finite memory

- **Expressions** like x + (x when b) are not allowed
- Only streams at the same clock can be combined
- What is the 'same' clock?
- Undecidable to prove this semantically
- Check syntactically

- Two streams have the same clock if their clock can be syntactically unified
- Example:

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- x and v do not have the same clock

Arrays

- ▶ Given type α , α ⁿ defines an array with n entries of type α
- ▶ Example: x: boolⁿ
- ► The bounds of an array must be known at compile time, the compiler simply transforms an array of n values into n different variables.
- ▶ The i-th element of an array X is accessed by X[i].
- ▶ X[i..j] with $i \le j$ denotes the array made of elements i to j of X.
- ▶ Beside being syntactical sugar, arrays allow to combine variables for better hardware implementation.

Example for Arrays

```
node DELAY (const d: int; X: bool) returns (Y: bool);
  var A: bool^(d+1);
let
  A[0] = X;
  A[1..d] = (false^(d)) \rightarrow pre(A[0..d--1]);
  Y = A[d];
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- ▶ The node outputs each input delayed by *d* steps.
- ▶ So $Y_n = X_{n-d}$ with $Y_n = false$ for n < d

Static Recursion

- Functional languages usually make use of recursively defined functions
- Problem: termination of recursion in general undecidable
- → Primitive recursive functions guarantee termination
 - Problem: still with primitive recursive functions, the reaction time depends heavily on the input data
- → Static recursion: recursion only at compile time
 - Observe: If the recursion is not bounded, the compilation will not stop.

Example for Static Recursion

Disjunction of boolean array

```
node BigOr(const n:int; x: bool^n) returns (y:bool)
let
y = with n=1 then x[0]
    else x[0] or BigOr(n--1,x[1..n--1]);
tel
```

- ▶ Constant *n* must be known at compile time
- ▶ Node is unrolled before further compilation

Example for Maximum Computation

Static recursion allows logarithmic circuits:

```
node Max(const n:int; x:int^n) returns (y:int)
   var y_1,y_2: int;
let
   y_1 = with n=1 then x[0]
        else Max(n div 2,x[0..(n div 2)--1]);
   y_2 = with n=1 then x[0]
        else Max((n+1) div 2, x[(n div 2)..n--1]);
   y = if y_1 >= y_2 then y_1 else y_2;
tel
```

Delay node with recursion

```
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Summary

- Lustre is a synchronous dataflow language.
- ► The core Lustre language are boolean equations and clock operators pre, ->, when, and current.
- Additional datatypes for real and integer numbers are also implemented.
- User types can be defined as in Esterel.
- Lustre only allows acyclic programs.
- Clock consistency is checked syntactically.
- Lustre offers arrays and recursion, but both array-size and number of recursive calls must be known at compile time.

To Go Further

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