

# Synchronous Languages—Lecture 18

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*Lustre*

# 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( $x_1:\alpha_1, \dots, x_n:\alpha_n$ ) returns ( $y_1:\beta_1, \dots, y_m:\beta_m$ )  
var  $z_1:\gamma_1, \dots, z_k:\gamma_k$ ;  
let  
   $z_1 = \tau_1; \dots; z_k = \tau_k$ ;  
   $y_1 = \pi_1; \dots; y_m = \pi_m$ ;  
  assert  $\varphi_1; \dots; \text{assert } \varphi_\ell$ ;  
tel
```

where

- ▶  $f$  is the name of the **module**
- ▶ **Inputs**  $x_i$ , **outputs**  $y_i$ , and **local variables**  $z_j$
- ▶ **Assertions**  $\varphi_i$  (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  $\tau_i$  and  $y_i$  by  $\pi_i$ .
- ▶ Behavior of  $z_i$  and  $y_i$  completely given by equations  $z_i = \tau_i$  and  $y_i = \pi_i$

## Assertions

- ▶ Assertions assert  $\varphi$  do not influence the behavior of the system
- ▶ assert  $\varphi$  means that during execution,  $\varphi$  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  $x = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$  and  $y = (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots)$ , then  $x + y$  is the stream  $(0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots)$
  - ▶ 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  $\alpha$` 
  - ▶ Similar to Esterel
  - ▶ Data type is implemented in host language
- ▶ Tuples of types:  $\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_n$  is a type
  - ▶ Semantics is Cartesian product

## Expressions (Streams)

- ▶ Every declared variable  $x$  is an expression
- ▶ Boolean expressions:
  - ▶  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1$  or  $\tau_2$ , not  $\tau_1$
- ▶ Numeric expressions:
  - ▶  $\tau_1 + \tau_2$  and  $\tau_1 - \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 * \tau_2$  and  $\tau_1 / \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 \text{ div } \tau_2$  and  $\tau_1 \text{ mod } \tau_2$
- ▶ Relational expressions:
  - ▶  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 > \tau_2$ ,  $\tau_1 \geq \tau_2$
- ▶ Conditional expressions:
  - ▶ if  $b$  then  $\tau_1$  else  $\tau_2$  for all types

## Node Expansion

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

## 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  $\varphi$ ;  
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## 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**  $\tau$  for every stream  $\tau$
  - ▶  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$ , (pronounced “followed by”) where  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  have the same type
  - ▶  $\tau_1$  **when**  $\tau_2$  where  $\tau_2$  has boolean type (**downsampling**)
  - ▶ **current**  $\tau$  (**upsampling**)

## Clock-Hierarchy

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

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where  $\text{clocks}(\tau) = [c_1, \dots, c_n]$

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provided that
  - ▶  $\llbracket \tau \rrbracket = (\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots)$
  - ▶  $\{t_0, t_1, \dots\}$  is the set of points in time where the highest clock of  $\text{current}(\tau)$  holds

## Example for Semantics of Clock-Operators

$\varphi$	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
$\tau$	$\tau_0$	$\tau_1$	$\tau_2$	$\tau_3$	$\tau_4$	$\tau_5$	$\tau_6$
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$\text{current}(\tau \text{ when } \varphi)$	$\perp$	$\tau_1$	$\tau_1$	$\tau_3$	$\tau_3$	$\tau_3$	$\tau_6$

- Note:  $\llbracket \tau \text{ when } \varphi \rrbracket = (\tau_1, \tau_3, \tau_6, \dots)$ , i. e., **gaps are not filled!**
- This is done by  $\text{current}(\tau \text{ when } \varphi)$

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...
	1							

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	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
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e = (1 -> not pre(e))							



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n when e							

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current(n when e)	0	0	2	2	4	4	...
current (n when e) div 2							

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current(n when e)	0	0	2	2	4	4	...
current (n when e) div 2	0	0	1	1	2	2	...

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$d2 = (n \text{ div } 2)*2 = n$												

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$n2 = n \text{ when } d2$	0		2		4		6		8		10	
$d3 = (n \text{ div } 3)*3 = n$												



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$n2 = n \text{ when } d2$	0		2		4		6		8		10	
$d3 = (n \text{ div } 3)*3 = n$	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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$d3 = (n \text{ div } 3)*3 = n$	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
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$d3' = d3 \text{ when } d2$												

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$d3' = d3 \text{ when } d2$	1		0		0		1		0		0	
$n6 = n2 \text{ when } d3'$												

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$d3 = (n \text{ div } 3)*3 = n$	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
$n3 = n \text{ when } d3$	0			3			6			9		
$d3' = d3 \text{ when } d2$	1		0		0		1		0		0	
$n6 = n2 \text{ when } d3'$	0						6					
$c3 = \text{current}(n2 \text{ when } d3')$												

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tel  
  
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  var seenA, seenB : bool;  
let  
  O = EDGE(seenA and seenB);  
  seenA = false → not R and (A or pre(seenA));  
  seenB = false → not R and (B or pre(seenB));  
tel
```

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- ▶ Synchronous languages have causality problems
  - ▶ They arise if preconditions of actions are influenced by the actions
  - ▶ Therefore they require to solve fixpoint equations
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- ▶ 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  $\text{if } c \text{ then } f(g(x)) \text{ else } g(f(x))$  with only one instance of  $f$  and  $g$
- ▶ **Impossible without cycles**



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

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- ▶ Expressions like  $x + (x \text{ when } b)$  are not allowed
- ▶ **Only streams at the same clock can be combined**
- ▶ What is the 'same' clock?
- ▶ Undecidable to prove this semantically
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## Arrays

- ▶ Given type  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^n$  defines an array with  $n$  entries of type  $\alpha$
- ▶ Example:  $x: \text{bool}^n$
- ▶ 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  $i \leq j$  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  
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- ▶ The node outputs each input delayed by  $d$  steps.
- ▶ So  $Y_n = X_{n-d}$  with  $Y_n = \text{false}$  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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node REC_DELAY (const d: int; X: bool) returns (Y: bool);  
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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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