Specification Mining for Cyberphysical Systems

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Problem formulation

What specifications does this system satisfy ?



Modeling an Automatic Transmission Controller

- Documentation of legacy code/model
- Mining specifications of prototype models can lead to bugs or undesired behaviors discoveries

Formalizing Specifications

Parametric Signal Temporal Logic (PSTL)

• "The speed never exceeds 120 and RPM never exceeds 4500"

 $\Box(\mathtt{speed} \leq \pi_{speed}) \land \Box(\mathtt{RPM} \leq \pi_{rpm})$

where, e.g., $(\pi_{\text{speed}} \mapsto 120, \pi_{rpm} \mapsto 4500)$

• "Eventually between time 0 and some unspecified time τ_1 , the signal x is less than some value π_1 , and from that point for some τ_2 seconds, it remains less than some value π_2 "

$$\diamondsuit_{[0,\tau_1]}(\mathtt{x} < \pi_1 \land \Box_{[0,\tau_2]}(\mathtt{x} < \pi_2))$$

• "Whenever the system shifts to gear 2, it dwells in gear 2 for at least τ seconds"

$$\Box \left(\left(\begin{array}{c} \texttt{gear} \neq 2 \land \\ \diamondsuit_{[0,\varepsilon]}\texttt{gear} = 2 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \Box_{[\varepsilon,\tau]}\texttt{gear} = 2 \right)$$

Mining Algorithm

Iterative procedure alternating synthesis and falsification of candidate specifications



Exploits the **quantitative satisfaction** of STL formulas

 $\rho(\varphi, \mathbf{x}, t) \geq 0 \text{ iff } (\mathbf{x}, t) \models \varphi$

Falsification of STL

Looking for an input of the system leading to a violation of candidate specifications



Minimizing of the quantitative satisfaction function over the space of input signals

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}\in\mathcal{U}}\rho(\varphi,\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{u}),0)$$

Parameter Synthesis

Looking for parameters values for a candidate specification

• Exploits monotonicity of formulas with respect to its parameters

 $\forall v, v', \mathbf{x} : [\mathbf{x} \models \psi(v(\tau)) \land v(\tau) \le v'(\tau)] \Rightarrow \mathbf{x} \models \psi(v'(\tau))$

We developed an SMT-based approach to check monotonicity
=> Enables dramatically efficient binary search of parameters



 $\varphi(\pi,\tau) = \Box_{[0,\ \tau]}(\texttt{speed} < \pi)$

 Avoids over-conservative specifications by tightening around the satisfaction boundary

Implementation and Results

Approach implemented as an extension of Breach toolbox

• Provides Simulink models with a sophisticated test harness supporting PSTL formulas and now specification mining





- Approach validated on an industrial model from Toyota (~4000 blocks)
- We found a suspicious behavior in a closed-loop prototype model of a diesel engine and an actual bug that was causing it

