Model-based Safety Assessment using OCL and Petri Nets

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Introduction (I): Motivation

Safety assessment

- Needed by some systems (e.g. critical systems)
 - Industrial equipment, road vehicles, avionics...
 - Requirements specified by industrial standards (IEC-61508, ISO-26262, DO-178C)
- Later verification induces budget overruns
 - Example: Half of the overall costs in avionics software domain







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Introduction (II): Motivation

Contracts

- Commonly used to specify relationships between system components
- Pre- and post-conditions of a system component
- Refinement idea: safety contract
 - Assumptions; Guarantees
 - Aim: to assure a certain level of confidence of a component

Safety contracts can be used to specify safety standard requirements



Introduction (III): Our Approach

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- Verification through formal models
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Introduction (IV): Related Work

Related Work

• Specification

- OCL already used: Either without verification, or without "formal" specification
- UML profiles (SysML, OMEGA) : Express safety (or correctness) contracts

• Verification

• Model-checking (ATL, Timed I/O Automata, AADL)







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- Profile examples:
 - Modelling and Analysis of RT and Embedded systems (MARTE)
 - Generic Quantitative Analysis Model framework, gaStep stereotype (activity durations)
 - Dependability Analysis and Modelling (DAM)
 - Security Analysis and Modelling (SecAM)



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GSPN

- Bipartite graph
- Places (circles, p_X)
- Transitions (bars, t_X)
 - Immediate (t = 0)
 - Timed (exponential, deterministic firing distributions)
- Arcs (with directions, and weight)
- Tokens

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Safety Contracts Specification and Verification (II) Running example: Fire prevention system in a hospital building (1)



• Building Management System (BMS)

- Controls air conditioner, lights and elevators, etc.
- Fire Alarm Control Panel (FACP): communicates with BMS via a Gateway
 - An area is divided in sectors
 - A sector is composed of:
 - Environmental detectors, fire doors, lockgates and ventilation system fans



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 UML-SM for each state change: Firewall doors, air lockgates, air fan system



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- UML-SM: red-dashed boxes
- Validation of S_1, S_2 by checking place marking probabilities (light-grey highlighted)
 - S1: places *p*_{fireDetFACP} and *p*_{emergencyBMS}
 - S₂: places *p*_{fireDetFACP} and *p*_{closedLock} (second constraint of the assumption assumed to be always fulfilled)





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• Early safety verification helps to:

- Detect potential problems contradicting safety requirements
- Save budget overruns
- Safety requirements expressed as safety contracts

Contributions

- UML diagrams to describe the system
 - UML-CD: Static part
 - UML-SD, UML-SM: dynamic part
 - UML profiles: Performance specification
 - OCL: Express safety contracts
 - Safety Contract Fragments: Assumptions, guarantees
- Formal model to verify safety contracts
 - Petri nets (namely, GSPN)
 - Verification by checking marking probabilities

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Work improved

Last improvements done...

• UML Composite diagram to specify the system

• $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{G} \rangle$

- \mathcal{A} : Relates input ports of a component
- \mathcal{G} : Relates output ports of a component
- Still AND/OR formulae...
- Transformation to OCL invariant (with A implies G)
- $p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \lor q$
 - The latter conditions are verified in PN (marking probability)



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