

IA159 Formal Verification Methods

LTL Model Checking of Pushdown Systems

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Focus

- pushdown systems
- representation of sets of configurations
- computing all predecessors: checking safety properties
- state-based LTL model checking

Sources

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Pushdown systems can be used to precisely model sequential programs with procedure calls, recursion, and both local and global variables.

Pushdown systems

A **pushdown system** is a triple $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$, where

- P is a finite set of **control locations**,
- Γ is a finite **stack alphabet**,
- $\Delta \subseteq (P \times \Gamma) \times (P \times \Gamma^*)$ is a finite set of **transition rules**.

We write $\langle q, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q', w \rangle$ instead of $((q, \gamma), (q', w)) \in \Delta$.

We do not consider any input alphabet as we do not use pushdown systems as language acceptors.

Definitions

- a **configuration** of \mathcal{P} is a pair $\langle p, w \rangle \in P \times \Gamma^*$, where w is a **stack content** (the topmost symbol is on the left)
- the set of all configurations is denoted by \mathcal{C}
- an **immediate successor relation** on configurations is defined in standard way
- **reachability relation** $\Rightarrow \subseteq \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$ is the reflexive and transitive closure of the immediate successor relation
- $\Rightarrow^+ \subseteq \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C}$ is the transitive closure of the immediate successor relation
- given a set $C \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ of configurations, we define the set of their **predecessors** as

$$pre^*(C) = \{c \in \mathcal{C} \mid \exists c' \in C. c \Rightarrow c'\}$$

\mathcal{P} -automata

- are finite automata used to represent sets of configurations
- use Γ as an alphabet
- have one initial state for every control location of the pushdown (we use P as the set of initial states)

Given a pushdown system $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$, a \mathcal{P} -**automaton** (or simply **automaton**) is a tuple $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Gamma, \delta, P, F)$ where

- Q is a finite set of **states** such that $P \subseteq Q$,
- $\delta \subseteq Q \times \Gamma \times Q$ is a set of **transitions**,
- $F \subseteq Q$ is a set of **final states**.

- a (reflexive and transitive) **transition relation** $\rightarrow_{\subseteq} Q \times \Gamma^* \times Q$ is defined in a standard way
- \mathcal{P} -automaton \mathcal{A} represents the set of configurations

$$\mathit{Conf}(\mathcal{A}) = \{\langle p, w \rangle \mid \exists q \in F . p \xrightarrow{w} q\}$$

- a set of configurations of \mathcal{P} is called **regular** if it is recognized by some \mathcal{P} -automaton

In the rest of this section, we use

- p, p', p'', \dots to denote initial states of an automaton (i.e. elements of P)
- s, s', s'', \dots to denote non-initial states, and
- q, q', q'', \dots to denote arbitrary states (initial or not).

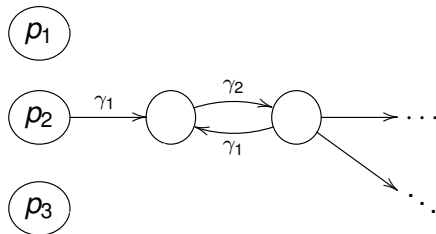
Computing $pre^*(C)$ for a regular set C

- 1 Given a pushdown system \mathcal{P} and a regular set of configurations C , the set $pre^*(C)$ is again regular.
- 2 If C is defined by a \mathcal{P} -automaton \mathcal{A} , then the automaton \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} representing $pre^*(C)$ is effectively constructible.

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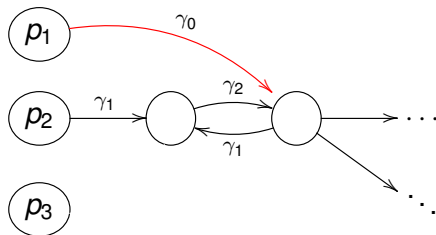
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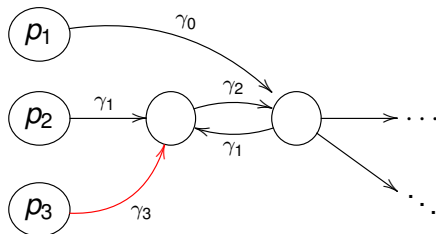
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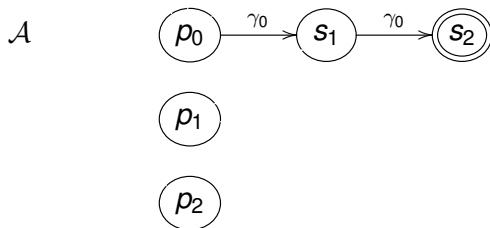
Let \mathcal{P} be a pushdown system and \mathcal{A} be a \mathcal{P} -automaton. We assume (w.l.o.g.) that \mathcal{A} has no transition leading to an initial state. The automaton \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} is obtained from \mathcal{A} by addition of new transitions according to the following rule:

Saturation rule

If $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle p', w \rangle$ and $p' \xrightarrow{w} q$ in the current automaton, add a transition (p, γ, q) .

- we apply this rule repeatedly until we reach a fixpoint
- a fixpoint exists as the number of possible new transitions is finite
- the resulting \mathcal{P} -automaton is \mathcal{A}_{pre^*}

Example



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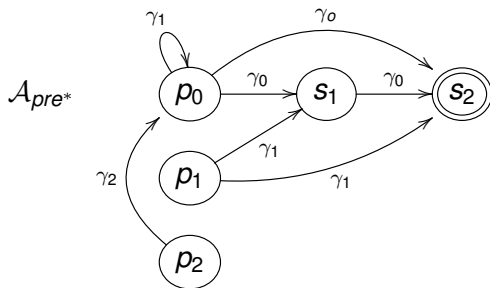
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A pushdown system is in **normal form** if every rule $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle p', w \rangle$ satisfies $|w| \leq 2$.

Any pushdown system can be transformed into normal form with only linear size increase.

Algorithm: notes

We give an algorithm that, for a given \mathcal{A} , computes transitions of \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} . The rest of the automaton \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} is identical to \mathcal{A} .

The algorithm uses sets *rel* and *trans* containing the transitions that are known to belong to \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} :

- *rel* contains transitions that have already been examined
- no transition is examined more than once
- when we have a rule $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle p', \gamma' \gamma'' \rangle$ and transitions $t_1 = (p', \gamma', q')$ and $t_2 = (q', \gamma'', q'')$ (where q, q' are arbitrary states), we have to add transition (p, γ, q'')
- we do it in such a way that whenever we examine t_1 , we check if there is a corresponding $t_2 \in rel$ and we add an extra rule $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle q', \gamma'' \rangle$ to a set of such extra rules Δ'
- the extra rule guarantees that if a suitable t_2 will be examined in the future, (p, γ, q'') will be added.

Algorithm

Input: a pushdown system $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$ in normal form
a \mathcal{P} -automaton $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Gamma, \delta, P, F)$ without transitions into P

Output: the set of transitions of \mathcal{A}_{pre^*}

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1  rel :=  $\emptyset$ ; trans :=  $\delta$ ;  $\Delta'$  :=  $\emptyset$ ;  
2  forall  $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle \in \Delta$  do trans := trans  $\cup$   $\{\langle p, \gamma, p' \rangle\}$ ;  
3  while trans  $\neq \emptyset$  do  
4      pop  $t = \langle q, \gamma, q' \rangle$  from trans;  
5      if  $t \notin rel$  then  
6          rel := rel  $\cup$   $\{t\}$ ;  
7          forall  $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q, \gamma \rangle \in (\Delta \cup \Delta')$  do  
8              trans := trans  $\cup$   $\{\langle p_1, \gamma_1, q' \rangle\}$ ;  
9              forall  $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q, \gamma \gamma_2 \rangle \in \Delta$  do  
10                  $\Delta' := \Delta' \cup \{\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q', \gamma_2 \rangle\}$ ;  
11                 forall  $\langle q', \gamma_2, q'' \rangle \in rel$  do  
12                     trans := trans  $\cup$   $\{\langle p_1, \gamma_1, q'' \rangle\}$ ;  
13  return rel
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Theorem

Let $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$ be a pushdown system and $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Gamma, \delta, P, F)$ be a \mathcal{P} -automaton. There exists an automaton \mathcal{A}_{pre^} recognizing $pre^*(Conf(\mathcal{A}))$. Moreover, \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} can be constructed in $\mathcal{O}(|Q|^2 \cdot |\Delta|)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(|Q| \cdot |\Delta| + |\delta|)$ space.*

- We can assume that every transition is added to *trans* at most once. This can be done (without asymptotic loss of time) by storing all transitions which are ever added to *trans* in an additional hash table.
- Further, we assume that there is at least one rule in Δ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$ (transitions of \mathcal{A} under some γ not satisfying this assumption can be moved directly to *rel*).
- The number of transitions in δ as well as the number of iterations of the **while**-loop is bounded by $|Q|^2 \cdot |\Delta|$.

Proof: time complexity

- **Line 10** is executed for each combination of a rule $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q, \gamma_2 \rangle$ and a transition $(q, \gamma, q') \in \text{trans}$, i.e. at most $|Q| \cdot |\Delta|$ times.
- Hence, $|\Delta'| \leq |Q| \cdot |\Delta|$.
- For the loop starting at **line 11**, q' and γ_2 are fixed. Thus, **line 12** is executed at most $|Q|^2 \cdot |\Delta|$ times.
- **Line 8** is executed for each combination of a rule $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle q, \gamma \rangle \in (\Delta \cup \Delta')$ and a transition $(q, \gamma, q') \in \text{trans}$. As $|\Delta'| \leq |Q| \cdot |\Delta|$, line 8 is executed at most $\mathcal{O}(|Q|^2 \cdot |\Delta|)$ times.

As a conclusion, the algorithm takes $\mathcal{O}(|Q|^2 \cdot |\Delta|)$ time.

Proof: space complexity

Memory is needed for storing *rel*, *trans*, and Δ' .

- The size of Δ' is in $\mathcal{O}(|Q| \cdot |\Delta|)$.
- Line 1 adds $|\delta|$ transitions to *trans*.
- Line 2 adds at most $|\Delta|$ transitions to *trans*.
- In lines 8 and 12, p_1 and γ_1 are given by the head of a rule in Δ (note that every rule in Δ' have the same head as some rule in Δ). Hence, lines 8 and 12 add at most $|Q| \cdot |\Delta|$ different transitions.

We directly get that the algorithm needs $\mathcal{O}(|Q| \cdot |\Delta| + |\delta|)$ space. As this is also the size of the result *rel*, the algorithm is optimal with respect to the memory usage.

- the algorithm can be used to verify **safety property**: given an automaton \mathcal{A} representing **error** configurations, we can compute \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} , i.e. the set of all configurations from which an error configuration is reachable
- there is a similar algorithm computing, for a given regular set of configurations C , the set of all **successors**

$$post^*(C) = \{c' \in \mathcal{C} \mid \exists c \in C . c \Rightarrow c'\}$$

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LTL model checking

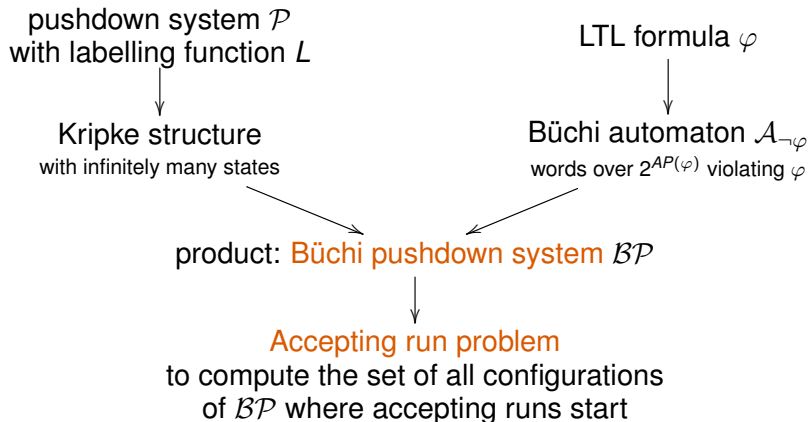
The global state-based LTL model checking problem for pushdown processes

Compute the set of all configurations of a given pushdown system \mathcal{P} that violate a given LTL formula φ (where a configuration c violates φ if there is a path starting from c and not satisfying φ).

Extending pushdown systems

- state-based \implies validity of atomic propositions
- **labelling function** $L : (P \times \Gamma) \rightarrow 2^{AP}$ assigns valid atomic propositions to every pair (p, γ) of a control location p and a topmost stack symbol γ
- pushdown system \mathcal{P} and L define Kripke structure
 - states = configurations of \mathcal{P}
 - transition relation = immediate successor relation
 - no initial states (global model checking)
 - labelling function is an extension of L : $L(\langle p, \gamma w \rangle) = L(p, \gamma)$

The schema



Büchi pushdown system = pushdown system with a set of accepting control locations.

An **accepting run** of a Büchi pushdown system is a path passing through some accepting control location infinitely often.

Product of

- a pushdown system $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$ with a labelling L and
- a Büchi automaton $\mathcal{A}_{\neg\varphi} = (2^{AP(\varphi)}, Q, \delta, q_0, F)$

is a **Büchi pushdown system** $\mathcal{BP} = ((P \times Q), \Gamma, \Delta', G)$, where

$$\langle (p, q), \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle (p', q'), w \rangle \in \Delta' \quad \text{if} \quad \langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', w \rangle \in \Delta \quad \text{and} \\ q' \in \delta(q, L(p, \gamma) \cap AP(\varphi))$$

and $G = P \times F$.

Clearly, a configuration $\langle p, w \rangle$ of \mathcal{P} violates φ if \mathcal{BP} has an accepting run starting from $\langle (p, q_0), w \rangle$.

The original model checking problem reduces to the following:

The accepting run problem

Compute the set \mathcal{C}_a of configurations c of \mathcal{BP} such that \mathcal{BP} has an accepting run starting from c .

Repeating heads

\Rightarrow denotes the (reflexive and transitive) reachability relation.

$\xRightarrow{+}$ denotes the (transitive) reachability relation.

We define the relation \xRightarrow{r} on configurations of \mathcal{BP} as

$$c \xRightarrow{r} c' \quad \text{if} \quad c \Rightarrow \langle g, u \rangle \xRightarrow{+} c' \\ \text{for some configuration } \langle g, u \rangle \text{ with } g \in G.$$

The **head** of a rule $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', w \rangle$ is the configuration $\langle p, \gamma \rangle$.

A head $\langle p, \gamma \rangle$ is **repeating** if $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \xRightarrow{r} \langle p, \gamma v \rangle$ for some $v \in \Gamma^*$.

The set of repeating heads of \mathcal{BP} is denoted by R .

Lemma

Let c be a configuration of a Büchi pushdown system \mathcal{BP} . \mathcal{BP} has an accepting run starting from $c \iff$ there exists a repeating head $\langle p, \gamma \rangle$ such that $c \Rightarrow \langle p, \gamma w \rangle$ for some $w \in \Gamma^$.*

The implication “ \Leftarrow ” is obvious.

We prove “ \Rightarrow ”.

- assume that \mathcal{BP} has an accepting run

$$\langle p_0, w_0 \rangle, \langle p_1, w_1 \rangle, \langle p_2, w_2 \rangle, \dots$$

starting from from c

- let i_0, i_1, \dots be an increasing sequence of indices such that
 - $|w_{i_0}| = \min\{|w_j| \mid j \geq 0\}$
 - $|w_{i_k}| = \min\{|w_j| \mid j > i_{k-1}\}$ for $k > 0$
- once a configuration $\langle p_{i_k}, w_{i_k} \rangle$ is reached, the rest of the run never looks at or changes the bottom $|w_{i_k}| - 1$ stack symbols

- let γ_{i_k} be the topmost symbol of w_{i_k} for each $k \geq 0$
- as the number of pairs (p_{i_k}, γ_{i_k}) is bounded by $|P \times \Gamma|$, there has to be a pair (p, γ) repeated infinitely many times
- moreover, since some $g \in G$ becomes a control location infinitely often, we can select two indices $j_1 < j_2$ out of i_0, i_1, \dots such that

$$\langle p_{j_1}, w_{j_1} \rangle = \langle p, \gamma w \rangle \xrightarrow{r} \langle p_{j_2}, w_{j_2} \rangle = \langle p, \gamma vw \rangle$$

for some $w, v \in \Gamma^*$

- as w is never looked at or changed in the rest of the run, we have that $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \xrightarrow{r} \langle p, \gamma v \rangle$
- this proves “ \implies ”

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- the set of all configurations violating the considered formula φ can be computed as $pre^*(R\Gamma^*)$, where $R\Gamma^* = \{\langle p, \gamma w \rangle \mid \langle p, \gamma \rangle \in R, w \in \Gamma^*\}$
- as R is finite, $R\Gamma^*$ is clearly regular
- $pre^*(C)$ can be easily computed for regular sets C
- the only remaining step to solve the model checking problem is the **algorithm computing R**

Computing R is reduced to a graph-theoretic problem.

Given a $\mathcal{BP} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta, G)$, we construct a graph $\mathcal{G} = (P \times \Gamma, E)$ representing the **reachability relation between heads**, i.e.

- nodes are the heads of \mathcal{BP} ,
- $E \subseteq (P \times \Gamma) \times \{0, 1\} \times (P \times \Gamma)$ is the smallest relation satisfying the following rule:

Rule

If $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p'', v_1 \gamma' v_2 \rangle$ and $\langle p'', v_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$ then

- 1 $((p, \gamma), 1, (p', \gamma')) \in E$ if $\langle p'', v_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{r} \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$ or $p \in G$
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Edges are labelled with 1 if an accepting control state is passed between the heads, by 0 otherwise.

Conditions $\langle p'', v_1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$ or $\langle p'', v_1 \rangle \xRightarrow{r} \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$ can be checked by the algorithm for $pre^*(\{\langle p', \varepsilon \rangle\})$ or its small modification, respectively.

Once \mathcal{G} is constructed, R can be computed using the fact that:

a head $\langle p, \gamma \rangle$ is repeating $\iff (p, \gamma)$ is in a strongly connected component of \mathcal{G} which has an internal edge labelled with 1

Example

The graph \mathcal{G} for $\mathcal{BP} = (\{p_0, p_1, p_2\}, \{\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2\}, \Delta, \{p_2\})$, where

$$\Delta = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle p_0, \gamma_0 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p_1, \gamma_1 \gamma_0 \rangle, \quad \langle p_2, \gamma_2 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p_0, \gamma_1 \rangle, \\ \langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p_2, \gamma_2 \gamma_0 \rangle, \quad \langle p_0, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p_0, \varepsilon \rangle \end{array} \right\}.$$

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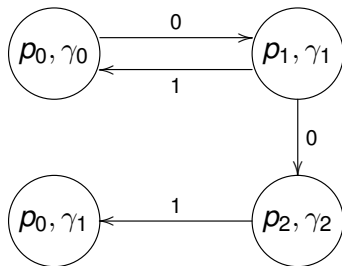
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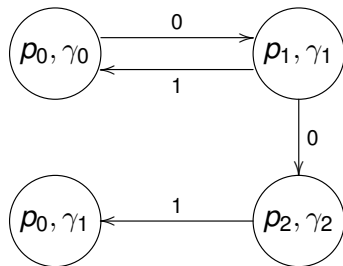
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Repeating heads: $\langle p_0, \gamma_0 \rangle, \langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle$

Algorithm: notes

We give an algorithm computing R for a given \mathcal{BP} in normal form.

The algorithm runs in two phases.

- 1 It computes \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} recognizing $pre^*(\{\langle p, \varepsilon \rangle \mid p \in P\})$. Every transition (p, γ, p') of \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} signifies that $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \Rightarrow \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$.

We enrich the transitions of \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} : transitions (p, γ, p') are replaced by $(p, [\gamma, b], p')$ where b is a boolean. The meaning of $(p, [\gamma, 1], p')$ should be that $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \xrightarrow{r} \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle$.

- 2 It constructs the graph \mathcal{G} , identifies its strongly connected components (e.g. using Tarjan's algorithm), and determines the set of repeating heads.

We define $G(p) = 1$ if $p \in G$ and $G(p) = 0$ otherwise.

Algorithm

Input: $\mathcal{BP} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta, G)$ in normal form

Output: the set of repeating heads in \mathcal{BP}

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1   $rel := \emptyset; trans := \emptyset; \Delta' := \emptyset;$ 
2  forall  $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', \varepsilon \rangle \in \Delta$  do  $trans := trans \cup \{(p, [\gamma, G(p)], p')\};$ 
3  while  $trans \neq \emptyset$  do
4    pop  $t = (p, [\gamma, b], p')$  from  $trans;$ 
5    if  $t \notin rel$  then
6       $rel := rel \cup \{t\};$ 
7      forall  $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p, \gamma \rangle \in \Delta$  do  $trans := trans \cup \{(p_1, [\gamma_1, b \vee G(p_1)], p')\};$ 
8      forall  $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{b'} \langle p, \gamma \rangle \in \Delta'$  do  $trans := trans \cup \{(p_1, [\gamma_1, b \vee b'], p')\};$ 
9      forall  $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p, \gamma_2 \rangle \in \Delta$  do
10          $\Delta' := \Delta' \cup \{\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{b \vee G(p_1)} \langle p', \gamma_2 \rangle\};$ 
11         forall  $(p', [\gamma_2, b'], p'') \in rel$  do
12            $trans := trans \cup \{(p_1, [\gamma_1, b \vee b' \vee G(p_1)], p'')\};$   % end of part 1
13   $R := \emptyset; E := \emptyset;$   % beginning of part 2
14  forall  $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', \gamma' \rangle \in \Delta$  do  $E := E \cup \{((p, \gamma), G(p), (p', \gamma'))\};$ 
15  forall  $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \xrightarrow{b} \langle p', \gamma' \rangle \in \Delta'$  do  $E := E \cup \{((p, \gamma), b, (p', \gamma'))\};$ 
16  forall  $\langle p, \gamma \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p', \gamma' \gamma'' \rangle \in \Delta$  do  $E := E \cup \{((p, \gamma), G(p), (p', \gamma'))\};$ 
17  find all strongly connected components in  $\mathcal{G} = ((P \times \Gamma), E);$ 
18  forall components  $C$  do
19    if  $C$  has a 1-edge then  $R := R \cup C;$ 
20  return  $R$ 
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Theorem

Let $\mathcal{BP} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta, G)$ be a Büchi pushdown system. The set of repeating heads R can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(|P|^2 \cdot |\Delta|)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(|P| \cdot |\Delta|)$ space.

The first part is similar to the algorithm computing \mathcal{A}_{pre^*} . The size of \mathcal{G} is in $\mathcal{O}(|P| \cdot |\Delta|)$. Determining the strongly connected components takes linear time in the size of the graph [Tarjan1972]. The same holds for searching each component for an internal 1-edge.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{P} be a pushdown system and φ be an LTL formula. The global model checking problem can be solved in $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{P}|^3 \cdot |\mathcal{B}|^3)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{P}|^2 \cdot |\mathcal{B}|^2)$ space, where \mathcal{B} is a Büchi automaton corresponding to $\neg\varphi$.

LTL \rightarrow BA via alternating 1-weak automata

- What is an alternating automaton?
- How to translate it to a nondeterministic one?