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Peak Demand Reduction in Energy Usage



- 1. Absence of bulk energy storage technology
- 2. Base-load vs peaking power plants
- 3. Energy peaks are expensive:
 - For environment (peaking power plants are typically fossil-fueled)
 - For energy providers
 - For customers (peak power pricing)
- 4. Energy peaks are often avoidable:
 - Extreme weather and energy peaks
 - Heating, Ventilation, and Air-conditioning (HVAC) Units
- 5. Load-balancing methods:
 - Load shedding
 - Load shifting
 - Green scheduling [NBPM11]



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Problem

Find an "implementable" switching schedule that keeps the temperatures within comfort zone and peak usage within 4 units?

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Safe Schedulability Problem

Does there exist a switching schedule using these modes such that the temperatures of all zones stays in comfortable region?





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- 1. Temperature and humidity control in cloud servers
- 2. Robot motion planning
- 3. Autonomous vehicles navigation
- 4. and more ..

Motivation

Constant-Rate Multi-Mode Systems

Optimization, Discretization, and Undecidability

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$$s_0, (m_1, t_1), s_1, \ldots, (m_k, t_k), s_k$$

such that $s_i = s_{i-1} + t_i \cdot R(m_i)$ for all for all $1 \le i \le k$.

- A schedule is safe at s_0 if all states of its trajectory from s_0 are safe.
- A mode m is t-safe at a state $s \in S$ if the schedule (m, t) is safe.

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Safe Schedulability Problem: Interior Case

Lemma

Assume that the starting state lies in the interior of the safety set. A safe non-Zeno schedule exists if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|M|} R(i) \cdot f_i = 0$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{|M|} f_i = 1.$$

for some $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_{|M|} \ge 0$. Moreover, such a schedule is periodic.
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- 2. Consider the periodic schedule

$$(m_1, t \cdot f_1), (m_2, t \cdot f_2), \dots, (m_{|M|}, t \cdot f_{|M|})$$

- 3. Notice that the schedule is non-Zeno.
- 4. Consider the trajectory of the schedule

$$s_0, (m_1, t_1), s_1(m_2, t_2), \dots, s_{|M|}, (m_1, t_1) \dots$$

- 5. Notice that $s_{i \cdot |M|+j} = s_j$ for all $i \ge 0$.
- 6. We show that $s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{|M|-1}$ are safe.

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Corollary: All intermediate states visited in the following periodic schedule are safe if each mode is safe for time t > 0.

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 $(v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n) \cdot R(i) > 0$ for all modes *i*.

- 3. Taking any mode contributes to some progress in the direction (v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n)
- 4. Any non-Zeno schedule will eventually leave the safety set.

Farkas's Lemma



Gyula Farkas (1847–1930)

Theorem

Let A be a real $N \times M$ matrix and b be an N-dimensional vector. Then exactly one of the following two statements is true.

- There exists a vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^M$ such that Ax = b and $x \ge 0$.
- There exists a vector $y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ such that $A^T y \ge 0$ and $b^T y < 0$.

Farkas's lemma application

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Proof Sketch:

"Only if" direction is trivial.

Safe Reachability Problem

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- 2. Let ℓ be a natural number greater than $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|M|} t_i}{t}$.
- 3. The periodic schedule $(m_1, t_1/\ell), (m_2, t_2/\ell), \dots, (m_M, t_{|M|}/\ell)$ reaches the target in $\ell \cdot |M|$ steps.
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2. Angle at s' is 30° .

3.
$$||s_k, s|| = ||s, s'|| \cdot (\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{3}+1})^k$$
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- 1. Compute the sequence of set of modes M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_k such that
 - M_1 is the set of safe modes at x_0 , and
 - M_i is the set of safe modes at states reachable from x_0 using only modes from M_{i-1} .
- 2. $M_1 \subset M_2 \subset \cdots \subset M_k$.
- 3. Modes outside M_k are never reachable from x_0 .
- 4. The set M_k can be computed in polynomial time.
- 5. MMS is schedulable from x_0 if and only if:

$$\sum_{m\in M_k} R(m)\cdot f_m = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{m\in M_k} f_m = 1$$

6. That can, again, be checked in polynomial time.

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Generalizations:

- One can add some structure to the system by adding
 - guards on mode-switches
 - mode-dependent invariants
- Corresponds to a variant (singular) of hybrid automata [HKPV98]
- Each of these generalizations lead to undecidability of the reachability problem.



Marvin Minsky (1927)

A Minsky machine \mathcal{A} is a tuple (L, C, D) where:

- $L = \{\ell_0, \ell_1, \dots, \ell_n\}$ is the set of states including the distinguished terminal state ℓ_n ;
- $C = \{c_1, c_2\}$ is the set of two counters;
- $D = \{\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}\}$ is the set of transitions of the following type: 1. c := c + 1; goto ℓ_k , 2. if (c > 0) then (c := c - 1; goto $\ell_k)$ else goto ℓ_m ,

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- 1. Discussed a model for constant-rate multi-mode systems
- 2. Polynomial-time algorithms for safe schedulability and safe reachability
- 3. Energy peak demand reduction problem
- 4. Discrete schedulers lead to PSPACE-hardness
- 5. Adding either local invariants or guards lead to undecidability
- 6. Bounded-rate Multi-mode systems

Course overview

- 1. Formal Modeling of CPS
 - Discrete Dynamical Systems (Extended Finite State Machines)
 - Continuous Dynamical Systems (Ordinary Differential Equations)
 - Hybrid Dynamical Systems
 - Timed automata,
 - Hybrid automata,
 - PCDs, Multi-mode systems, and other decidable subclasses
- 2. Tools for modeling CPS
 - UPPAAL
 - HyTech
 - Stateflow/Simulink
- 3. Verification and Synthesis
 - Classical temporal logics LTL and CTL
 - Real-time extensions of these logics, in particular MTL
 - Model-Checking for timed and hybrid automata
 - Automatic Synthesis for CPS (satisfiability, controller-environment games, code-generations, etc.)

Grading



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