





Test and Evaluation of Autonomous Systems in a Model Based Engineering Context



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- Model Traceability
- SysML Representation of Autonomous System and Autonomous System Development
- Basic example of Autonomous Systems T&E in MBE context
- Summary





Motivation



Introduction, Discovery, and Cost of Software Faults^{1,2,3}



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Trust and Certification Products / Process









Formal Analysis



Formal Methods refers to mathematically rigorous techniques and tools for the specification, design and verification of software and hardware systems. - Langley Formal Methods (http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/fm/fm-what.html)

- What is Formal Analysis?
 - Analysis performed on mathematically precise models utilizing elegant Computer Science algorithms and tools
 - Model-Checking
 - Theorem Proving
- Why do we want to do it?
 - We can exhaustively search the behavior of models to prove or disprove desired properties
 - Removal of ambiguity due to required mathematical rigor
 - Can identify unintended and unspecified behaviors





Analysis Advantage of Model Checking



Testing Checks Only the Values We Select

Model Checker Tries Every Possible Value!



Even Small Systems Have Trillions (of Trillions) of Possible Tests!

Finds every exception to the property being checked!









REQUIREMENTS DEV. AND ANALYSIS

Precise, structured standards to automate requirement evaluation for testability, tractability, and deconfliction Precise, structured standards to automate requirement evaluation for testability, traceability, and de-confliction









- Natural language requirements are difficult to process logically and mathematically especially if they are not written with a formal basis
 - "The flight control function that performs the automatic avoidance maneuver shall be of a level of redundancy equivalent to the primary flight control system"
 - What is the formal definition of this constraint on the system?
 - Not a trivial definition on the system

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Temporal logic definitions are not obvious to write for most individuals and takes years of practice to master effectively

 $\Box(p \rightarrow a)$

 $\Box(p \rightarrow \Diamond a)$

$\Box(p \to (\neg b \ U((a \lor \neg p) \lor \Box \neg b)))$
$\Box (p \to ((b \to (p \ U (a \land p))) \ U$

 $(\neg p \lor | ((b \rightarrow (p U(a \land p)))))))$

What does that mean?

There may be logical basis but it's not accessible to others.







- Our Approach *Pattern Implementation*
 - Constrain natural language to patterns which contain a scope and a predicate
 - Enforces the formal basis necessary to ensure mathematical rigor



while (pump_state == ON) :: always (pump_flow == MAX_FLOW)

Chain Response



Architecture





EVIDENCE GENERATION DURING DESIGN

Guarantee appropriate decisions with traceable evidence

Guarantee appropriate decisions with traceable evidence during the system architectural design









- The Architecture Analysis & Design Language (AADL)
 - Developed by SAE
 - Architecture modeling notation with well-defined semantics
- Assume Guarantee REasoning Environment (AGREE) plugins
 - Developed by University of Minnesota and Rockwell Collins
 - Part of the DARPA High-Assurance Cyber Military Systems (HACMS) program¹



 Kathleen Fisher, "Using Formal Methods to Enable More Secure Vehicles: Tufts University", 16 September, 2014 DARPA's HACMS Program, URL: http://wp.doc.ic.ac.uk/riapav/wpcontent/uploads/sites/28/2014/05/HACMS-Fisher.pdf [cited 27 Jul. 2015].



AGREE



Assume Guarantee REasoning Environment

• Assume-Guarantee Contract - Verifiable set of Assumptions and Guarantees that

abstracts the behavior of a system component implementation

Assumptions

response to its environment



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Compositional Verification

Sensors

Pump



- A series of techniques to allow for systems to be decomposed into less complex modules to be enforce a hierarchical structure that can be leveraged for compositional techniques
- Systems can be hierarchically organized¹
 - Requirements vs. architectural design must be a matter of perspective
 - Need better support for *N*-level decompositions for requirements and architectural design



1. Whalen, Michael W., et al. "Your "What" Is My "How": Iteration and Hierarchy in System Design." Software, IEEE 30.2 (2013): 54-60.



Model Development





CUMULATIVE EVIDENCE THROUGH RDT&E, DT & OT

Progressive sequential modeling, simulation, test and evaluation

Cumulative Evidence Through Research, Developmental, and Operational Test











- Uses formal methods to find violations of design properties and assumptions
- Formal Analysis techniques from:
 - Prover Plug-In
 - Polyspace formal analysis engine from MathWorks



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SLDV Analysis







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Requirement - SpeAR Property

```
g04 = while sensor_high
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:: always not pump_state and valve_state;

Architecture - AGREE Guarantee

guarantee "G04: After the initial time step, When the SH_Input is true, the Pump shall be off and Valve shall be open" : true -> ((tank1_SH_value = 1.0) => ((Valve_State = 1.0) and Pump_State = 0.0));

Modeling - Simulink Design Verifier Property

g4 = sh_input_true_cond(SH_Input, Pump_State, Valve_State);
function result = sh_input_true_cond(SH_Input, Pump_State, Valve_State)
 UnderThisCondition = (SH_Input == 1);
 ResultShouldBe = (Valve_State == 1) && (Pump_State == 0);
 result = implies(UnderThisCondition, ResultShouldBe);



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Model Lifecycle Management Perspective



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TestConfigurations
 Ton_StopWatch_TestControl

Models are executable within modeling environment at chosen level of fidelity



- Basic Machine Learning algorithm hosted in Simulink
- Data sets for nominal autonomous system developed
- Simulink components integrated within Rhapsody (SysML)
- Model executed in the SysML environment
- SysML test utilities placed around test and test results
 IBM Test Conductor or potentially RQM wrapper
- Systems trained with different data sets behaved differently
- MBE considerations
 - Configuration management, Data management
 - Flexibility, product family architecture support
 - Training Data is paired with the autonomous system
 - Ability to trace system development back to the training data set used

Autonomous systems development requires additional MBSE considerations







- Discovery of critical flaws early in the design process can save time and money
- Formal requirement traceability throughout design process
- Composability for reuse and modular verification
- Autonomous systems development requires additional MBSE considerations





Future Directions of Work



- Continued research in the Development Process
 - Requirements
 - Realizability arguments could identify early conflicts
 - Natural language masking of formal representations
 - Architecture
 - Abstraction of different compositional levels across different teams
 - Modeling
 - Bounding nonlinear behavior within discrete defined systems
- Assurance Case Construction
 - Utilize the artifacts from the Development Process to provide evidence of behavior
 - Move the formulation forward with these artifacts
- Implementing the Development Process on more complex systems
 - Testing the scalability of the techniques
 - Designing challenges that approach the complexity of Air Force domain systems
 - Potentially build on MBSE autonomy structure
- Run-time Assurance for nonlinear autonomy
 - If we can't formally prove or test can we bound?
 - How can we safely bound a system?







Questions?



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