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Verifying and Assuring Robotic Systems with Isabelle/UTP





A hybrid automaton with differential equations in each mode

THE CHALLENGE

- Robotic Systems share variables with the real-word corresponding to **physical quantities**.
- Challenging to verify due to heterogeneous paradigms: reactive, concurrent, cyber-physical.
- We cannot compute every possible behaviour (state explosion), but only **approximate** them.
- Alternatively, we can model **all** behaviours by characterising them **symbolically**.
- We need a scalable tool that can handle their inherent semantic heterogeneity.



A RoboChart safety controller state machine

VERIFYING ROBOTIC SYSTEMS WITH ISABELLE/UTP

- Isabelle/UTP is our library for verification tools based on "Unifying Theories of Programming".
- Uses heterogeneous semantics for combining varied programming and modelling notations. ▶ e.g. Z notation (ISO 13568), CSP, RoboChart, hybrid programs (used for modelling robots).
- Applied to creation of usable, efficient, and scalable automated verification tools.
- e.g. differential induction: verifying non-linear ODEs without needing explicit solutions.





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variables p:::\mathbb{R} vec[2]" v:::\mathbb{R} vec[2]"
    a::"\mathbb{R} vec[2]" \phi::\mathbb{R} s::\mathbb{R}
  "ODE \equiv { p' = v, v' = a, a' = 0, \phi' = \omega }"
lemma "\{s^2 = v \cdot v\} ODE \{s^2 = v \cdot v\}"
  by (dWeaken, metis orient_vec_mag_n)
lemma "\{a = \emptyset \land v = V\} ODE \{a = \emptyset \land v = V\}"
 Verifying the kinematics with differential induction
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Verifying a robot model in the Z abstract machine notation

THE SOLUTION: THEOREM PROVING WITH ISABELLE/HOL

- Isabelle/HOL: a state-of-the-art interactive theorem prover and assured development platform.
- Trustworthy by design (LCF), highly flexible, and scalable to large developments.
- High degree of **automation**, including SMT solvers, Computer Algebra Systems, etc.
- Allows us to model any mathematical concept symbolically, and prove theorems about it.
- Can model and verify CPSs, including a controller model, the differential equations, and code.



Can we model a complex autonomous transport network?

FUTURE WORK

- Integrating Isabelle into development processes with bidirectional model transformations.
- Verifying complex concurrent robots (e.g. fleets, swarms) using compositional verification.
- CyPhyCircus: a semantically heterogeneous formal robotics modelling language.
- Verified code generation for deployment on a physical robotic platform (e.g. ROS).





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Verifying imperative code with Hoare logic and VCG

Code generation via Haskell

• Animation and visualisation using code generation and the Functional Mockup Interface (FMI).



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