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DryVR is a framework for verifying cyber-physical systems. It specifically handles systems that are described by a combination of a *Black-box Simulator* for trajectories and a white-box *Transition Graph* specifying mode switches. The framework uses a probabilistic algorithm for learning sensitivity of the continuous trajectories from simulation data and includes a bounded reachability analysis algorithm that uses the learned sensitivity.

CHAPTER 1

Status

Jan 24.2018. DryVR 2.0 is done. Adding state dependent transition and control synthesis.

April 18.2017. The installation is tested on Ubuntu 16.04 (64 bit version).

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CHAPTER 2

Installation

To install the required packages, please run:

```
sudo ./installRequirement.sh
```

The current version of installation file has been tested on a clean install of Ubuntu 16.04. If you wish to install DryVR on other versions of Linux operation system, please make sure the following packages are correctly installed.

To install packages indepently, the following will be required:

- python 2.7
- numpy
- scipy
- sympy
- matplotlib
- python igraph
- python Z3
- glpk(4.39 or ealier eversion)
- pyglpk
- python-cairo
- python tk
- gmpc
- graphviz
- pygraphviz

3.1 Run DryVR Verification

To run DryVR verification, please run:

```
python main.py input/*/[input_file]
```

for example:

```
python main.py input/daginput/input_thermo.json
```

3.2 Run DryVR Control Synthesis

To run DryVR graph search algorithm, please run:

```
python rrt.py input/*/[input_file]
```

for example:

```
python rrt.py input/rrtinput/mazefinder.json
```

3.3 Plotter

After you run the our tool, a reachtube.txt file will be generated in output folder unless the model is determined unsafe during simulation test.

To plot the reachtube, please run:

```
python plotter.py -x [x dimension number] -y [y dimension number list] -f [input file_  
↪name] -o [output file name]
```

-x is the dimension number for x-axis, the default value will be 0, which is the dimension of time.

-y is dimension number lists indicates the dimension you want to draw for y-axis. For example -y [1,2]. The default value will be [1].

-f is the file path for reach tube file that you want to plot, the default value will be output/reachtube.txt.

-o is output file option, the default value is plotResult.png.

To get help for plotter, please run:

```
python plotter.py -h
```

Note that the dimension 0 is local time and last dimension is global time. For example, input_AEB's initial set is [[0.0,-23.0,0.0,1.0,0.0,-15.0,0.0,1.0],[0.0,-22.8,0.0,1.0,0.0,-15.0,0.0,1.0]]. Therefore, it has 8 dimensions in total. You can choose to plot dimension from 0 to 9. Where dimension 0 is the local time and dimension 9 is global time. Dimension 1~8 is corresponding to the dimension you specify in initial set.

for example:

```
python plotter.py -y [1,2] -f output/reachtube.txt
```

More plot results can be found at the [Examples and Performance Evaluation](#) page.

DryVR's Verification Language

In DryVR, a hybrid system is modeled as a combination of a white-box that specifies the mode switches (*Transition Graph*) and a black-box that can simulate the continuous evolution in each mode (*Black-box Simulator*).

4.1 Black-box Simulator

The black-box simulator for a (deterministic) takes as input a mode label, an initial state x_0 , and a finite sequence of time points t_1, \dots, t_k , and returns a sequence of states $\text{sim}(\text{mode}, x_0, t_1), \dots, \text{sim}(\text{mode}, x_0, t_k)$ as the simulation trajectory of the system in the given mode starting from x_0 at the time points t_1, \dots, t_k .

DryVR uses the black-box simulator by calling the simulation function:

```
TC_Simulate(Modes, initialCondition, time_bound)
```

Given the mode name “Mode”, initial state “initialCondition” and time horizon “time_bound”, the function TC_Simulate should return an python array of the form:

```
[[t_0, variable_1(t_0), variable_2(t_0), ...], [t_1, variable_1(t_1), variable_2(t_1), ...], .  
↪ ...]
```

We provide several example simulation functions and you have to write your own if you want to verify systems that use other black-boxes. Once you create the TC_Simulate function and corresponding input file, you can run DryVR to check the safety of your system. To connect DryVR with your own black-box simulator, please refer to section *Advanced Tricks: Verify your own black-box system* for more details.

4.2 Transition Graph

A transition graph is a labeled, directed graph as shown on the right. The vertex labels (red



nodes in the graph) specify the modes of the system, and the edge labels specify the guard and reset from the predecessor node to the successor node.

The transition graph shown on the right defines an automatic emergency braking system. Car1 is driving ahead of Car2 on a straight lane. Initially, both car1 and car2 are in the constant speed mode (Const;Const). Within a short amount of time ([0,0.1]s) Car1 transits into brake mode while Car2 remains in the cruise mode (Brk;Const). After [0.8,0.9]s, Car2 will react by braking as well so both cars are in the brake mode (Brk;Brk).

The transition graph will be generated automatically by DryVR and stored in the tool's root directory as curGraph.png

4.3 Input Format

The input for DryVR is of the form

```
{
  "vertex":[transition graph vertex labels (modes)]
  "edge":[transition graph edges, (i,j) means there is a directed edge from vertex i_
↳to vertex j]
  "variables":[the name of variables in the system]
  "guards":[transition graph edge labels (transition condition)]
  "resets":[reset condition after transition] # This is optional if you do not want_
↳reset
  "initialVertex":integer indicates the vertex to start # This is optional for DAG_
↳graph
  "initialSet":[two arrays defining the lower and upper bound of each variable]
  "unsafeSet":@[mode name]:[unsafe region]
  "timeHorizon":[Time bound for the verification]
  "directory": directory of the folder which contains the simulator for black-box_
↳system
}
```

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```

    "bloatingMethod": specify the bloating method, which can be either "PW" or "GLOBAL"
    ↪ # This is optional, if you don't have this field in input file, DryVR will use
    ↪ GLOBAL as default bloating method.
    "kvalue": specify the k-value that used by piecewise bloating method # This field
    ↪ must be specified if you choose the bloatingMethod to "PW"
}

```

Some fields are optional in DryVR's input language such as resets, initialVertex, bloatingMethod and kvalue under some conditions. Please read the comment.

Example input for the Automatic Emergency Braking System

```

{
  "vertex": ["Const;Const", "Brk;Const", "Brk;Brk"],
  "edge": [[0,1], [1,2]],
  "variables": ["car1_x", "car1_y", "car1_vx", "car1_vy", "car2_x", "car2_y", "car2_vx",
    ↪ "car2_vy"],
  "guards": [
    "And(t>0.0,t<=0.1)",
    "And(t>0.8,t<=0.9)"
  ],
  "initialSet": [[0.0,0.5,0.0,1.0,0.0,-17.0,0.0,1.0], [0.0,1.0,0.0,1.0,0.0,-15.0,0.0,1.
    ↪ 0]],
  "unsafeSet": "@Allmode:And(car1_y-car2_y<3, car2_y-car1_y<3)",
  "timeHorizon": 5.0,
  "directory": "examples/cars"
}

```

4.4 Output Interpretation

The tool will print background information like the current mode, transition time, initial set and discrepancy function information on the run. The final result about safe/unsafe will be printed at the bottom.

The whole verification algorithm will start from doing a few simulations to quickly find the counter-example. If the simulations are all safe, then the main verification process will start. The number of initial simulation can be changed by the user (See {[Parameters configuration](#)})

When the system is safe, the final result will look like

```
System is Safe!
```

If the verification result is safe, the cooresponding reachtubes are stored in "output/reachtube.txt"

When the system is unsafe from the initial simulations, the final result will look like

```
Current simulation is not safe. Program halt
```

When the system is unsafe from the verification process, the final result will look like

```
System is not safe in Mode [Mode name]
```

When the system is unknown from verification, the final result will look like

```
Hit refine threshold, system halt, result unknown
```

If the simulation result is not safe from the initial simulations, the unsafe simulation trajectory will be stored in “output/Traj.txt”.

If the verification result is not safe from the verification process, the counter example reachtube will be stored in “output/unsafeTube.txt”.

4.5 Advanced Tricks: Verify your own black-box system

We use a very simple example of a thermostat as the starting point to show how to use DryVR to verify your own black-box system.

The thermostat is a one-dimensional linear hybrid system with two modes “On” and “Off”. The only state variable is the temperature x . In the “On” mode, the system dynamic is

$$\dot{x} = 0.1x,$$

and in the “Off” mode, the system dynamic is

$$\dot{x} = -0.1x,$$

As for DryVR, of course, all the information about dynamics is hidden. Instead, you need to provide the simulator function TC_Simulate as discussed in [Black-box Simulator](#).

Step 1: Create a folder in the DryVR root directory for your new model and enter it.

```
cd examples
mkdir Thermostats
cd Thermostats
```

Step 2: Inside your model folder, create a python script for your model.

```
touch Thermostats_ODE.py
```

Step 3: Write the TC_Simulate function in the python file Thermostats_ODE.py.

For the thermostat system, one simulator function could be:

```
def thermo_dynamic(y,t,rate):
    dydt = rate*y
    return dydt

def TC_Simulate(Mode,initialCondition,time_bound):
    time_step = 0.05;
    time_bound = float(time_bound)
    initial = [float(tmp) for tmp in initialCondition]
    number_points = int(np.ceil(time_bound/time_step))
    t = [i*time_step for i in range(0,number_points)]
    if t[-1] != time_bound:
        t.append(time_bound)

    y_initial = initial[0]

    if Mode == 'On':
        rate = 0.1
    elif Mode == 'Off':
        rate = -0.1
```

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```

else:
    print('Wrong Mode name!')
sol = odeint(thermo_dynamic,y_initial,t,args=(rate,),hmax = time_step)

# Construct the final output
trace = []
for j in range(len(t)):
    tmp = []
    tmp.append(t[j])
    tmp.append(sol[j,0])
    trace.append(tmp)
return trace

```

In this example, we use odeint simulator from Scipy, but you use any programming language as long as the TC_Simulate function follows the input-output requirement:

```

TC_Simulate(Mode,initialCondition,time_bound)
Input:
    Mode (string) -- a string indicates the model you want to simulate. Ex. "On"
    initialCondition (list of float) -- a list contains the initial condition. Ex.
    ↪ "[32.0]"
    time_bound (float) -- a float indicates the time horizon for simulation. EX. '10.0
    ↪ '
Output:
    Trace (list of list of float) -- a list of lists contain the trace from a
    ↪ simulation.
    Each index represents the simulation for certain time step.Represents as [time,
    ↪ v1, v2, .....].
    Ex. "[[0.0,32.0],[0.1,32.1],[0.2,32.2].....[10.0,34.3]]"

```

Step 4: Inside your model folder, create a Python initiate script.

```
touch __init__.py
```

Inside your initiate script, import file with function TC_Simulate.

```
from Thermostats_ODE import *
```

Step 5: Go to inputFile folder and create an input file for your new model using the format discussed in *Input Format*.

Create a transition graph specifying the mode transitions. For example, we want the temperature to start within the range [75,76] in the “On” mode. After [1,1.1] second, it transits to the “Off” mode, and transits back to the “On” mode after another [1,1.1] seconds. For bounded time 3.5s, we want to check whether the temperature is above 90.

The input file can be written as:

```

{
  "vertex":["On","Off","On"],
  "edge": [[0,1],[1,2]],
  "variables":["temp"],
  "guards":["And(t>1.0,t<=1.1)","And(t>1.0,t<=1.1)"],
  "initialSet": [[75.0],[76.0]],
  "unsafeSet": "@Allmode:temp>91",
  "timeHorizon":3.5,
  "directory":"examples/Thermostats"
}

```

Save the input file in the folder input/daginput and name it as input_thermo.json.

Step6: Run the verification algorithm using the command:

```
python main.py input/daginput/input_thermo.json
```

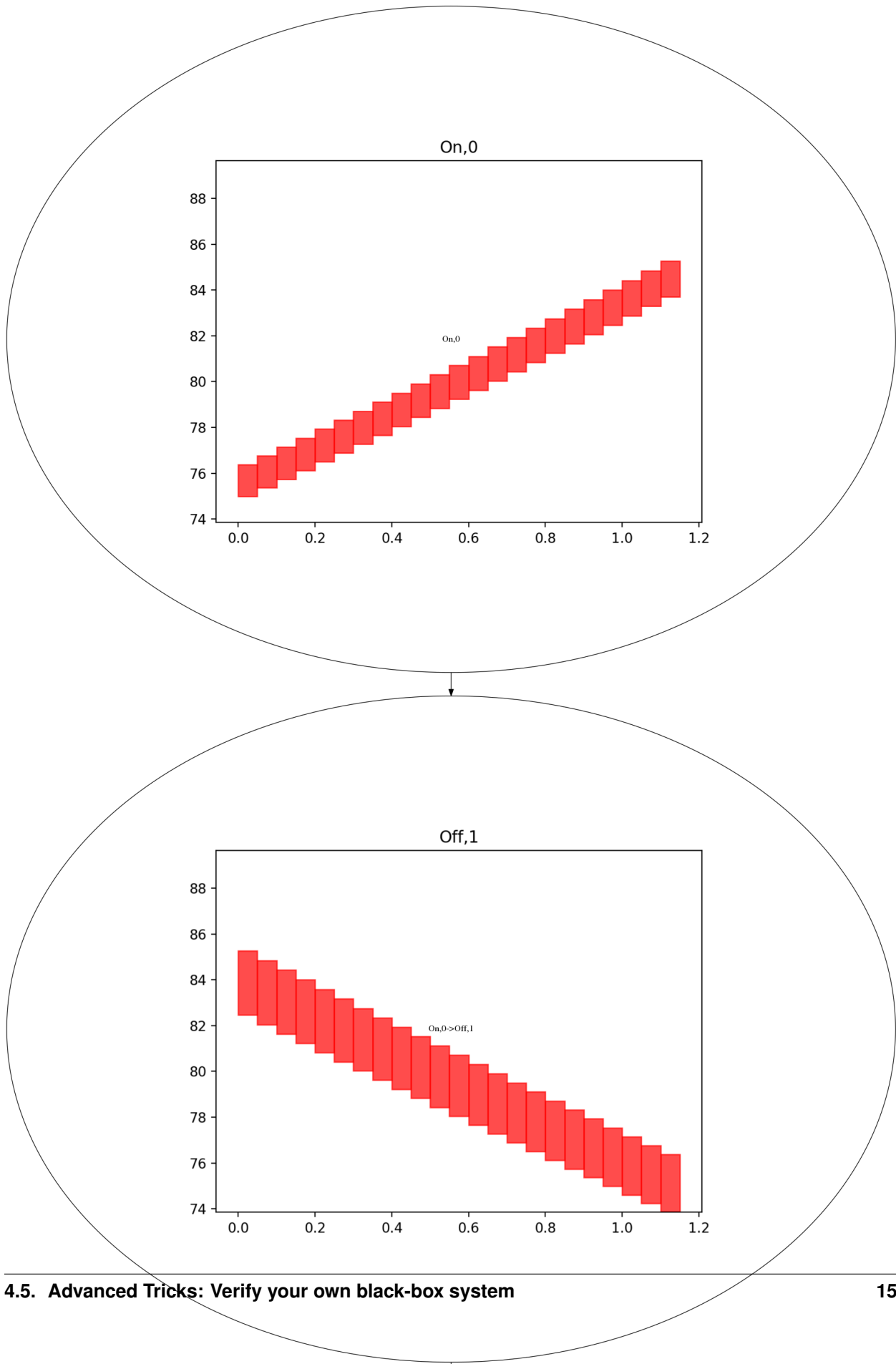
The system has been checked to be safe with the output:

```
System is Safe!
```

We can plot the reachtube using the command:

```
python plotter.py
```

And the reachtube for the temperature is shown as



DryVR's Synthesis Language

In DryVR, a hybrid system is modeled as a combination of a white-box that specifies the mode switches (*Transition Graph*) and a black-box that can simulate the continuous evolution in each mode (*Black-box Simulator*).

The control synthesis problem for DryVR is to find a white-box transition graph given the black-box simulator with addition inputs listed in (*Input Format*).

5.1 Input Format

The input for DryVR control synthesis is of the form

```
{
  "modes": [modes that black simulator takes]
  "variables": [the name of variables in the system]
  "initialSet": [two arrays defining the lower and upper bound of each variable]
  "unsafeSet": @[mode name]: [unsafe region]
  "goalSet": [A z3 expression for target set]
  "timeHorizon": [time bound for control synthesis, the graph should be bounded in
↪ time horizon]
  "directory": directory of the folder which contains the simulator for black-box
↪ system
  "minTimeThres": minimal staying time for each mode to limit number of trainsition.
  "goal": [[goal variables], [lower bound] [upper bound]] # This is a rewrite for goal
↪ set for dryvr to calculate distance.
}
```

Example input for the robot in maze example

```
{
  "modes": ["0", "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7"],
  "variables": ["x", "y", "vx", "vy"],
  "initialSet": [[1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0], [1.1, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]],
  "unsafeSet": "@Allmode: Or(And(x>=2.0, x<3.0, y>=3.0, y<=4.0), And(x>=3.0, x<=4.0, y>
↪ =2.0, y<3.0), x<0, x>5, y<0, y>5)",
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```

"goalSet": "And(x>=3.0, x<=4.0, y>=3.0, y<=4.0)",
"timeHorizon": 10.0,
"minTimeThres": 1.0,
"directory": "examples/carinmaze",
"goal": [{"x", "y"}, [3.0, 3.0], [4.0, 4.0]]
}

```

5.2 Output Interpretation

The tool will print background information like the current mode, transition time, initial set on the run. The final result about goal reached or not reached will be printed at the bottom.

When the system find the transition graph that satisfy the requirement, the final result will look like

```
goal reached
```

When the system cannot find graph, the final result will look like

```
could not find graph
```

Note that DryVR's algorithm is searching the graph randomly, if the system cannot find the graph, it does not mean the graph is not exist with current input. You can try run the algorithm multiple times to get more accurate result. Increase RANDSECTIONNUM in DryVR's configuration will increase the chance of finding the transition graph. (See [{Parameters configuration}](#)) If the the system find the transition graph, the system will plot the transition graph and will be stored in "output/rrtGraph.png"

5.3 Advanced Tricks: Making control synthesis work on your own black-box system

Creating black box simulator is exactly same as we introduced in DryVR's language page ([Advanced Tricks: Verify your own black-box system](#)) up to Step 4.

For the Step 5, instead of creating a verification input file, you need to create control synthesis input file we have discussed in [Input Format](#).

For example, Let's set the initial temperature within the range [75, 76], and we want to reach the target temperature within the range [68, 72], while avoiding temperature that is larger than 90. We want to start our search from "On" mode and reach our goal in bounded time 4s, and set the minimal staying time to 1s.

the input file can be written as:

```

{
  "modes": ["On", "Off"],
  "initialMode": "On",
  "variables": ["temp"],
  "initialSet": [[75.0], [76.0]],
  "unsafeSet": "@Allmode:temp>90",
  "goalSet": "And(temp>=68.0, temp<=72.0)",
  "timeHorizon": 4.0,
  "minTimeThres": 1.0,
  "directory": "examples/Thermostats",
}

```

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```
"goal": [{"temp"}, [68.0], [72.0]]
}
```

Save the input file in the folder `input/rrtinput` and name it as `temp.json`.

Run the graph search algorithm using the command:

```
python rrt.py input/rrtinput/temp.json
```

The graph has been found with the output:

```
goal reached!
```

If you check the the `output/rrtGraph.png`, you would get a transition graph for this problem. As you can see the system turn from On state to Off state to reach the goal.

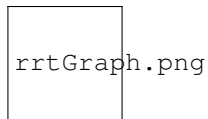


Fig. 1: The white box transition graph of the thermostat system

6.1 Getting started: Simple Automatic Emergency Braking

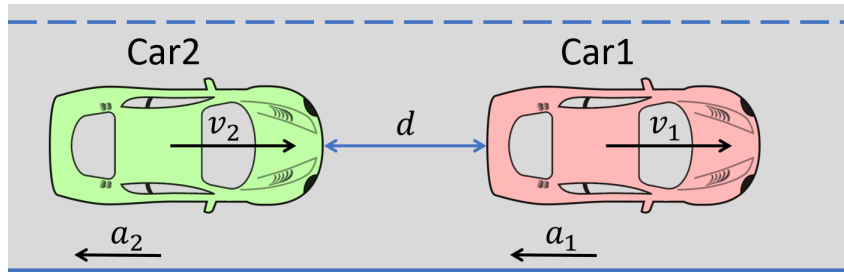


Fig. 1: An illustration of Automatic Emergency Braking System

Consider the example an AEB as shown above: Cars 1 and 2 are cruising down the highway with zero relative velocity and certain initial relative separation; Car 1 suddenly switches to a braking mode and starts slowing down according, certain amount of time elapses, before Car 2 switches to a braking mode. We are interested to analyze the severity (relative velocity) of any possible collisions.

6.1.1 Safety Verification of the AEB System

The black-box of the vehicle dynamics is described in *The Autonomous Vehicle Benchmark*, and the transition graph of the above AEB is shown in *Transition Graph*. The unsafe region is that the relative distance between the two cars are too close ($|sy_1 - sy_2| < 3$). The input files describing the hybrid system is shown in *Input Format*.

6.1.2 Verification Result of the AEB System

Run DryVR's verification algorithm for the AEB system:

```
python main.py input/daginput/input_brake.json
```

The system is checked to be safe. We can also plot the reachtubes for different variables. For example, the reachtubes for the position of Car1 and Car2 along the road the direction are shown below. From the reachtube we can also clearly see that the relative distance between the two cars are never too small.

6.2 The Autonomous Vehicle Benchmark

The hybrid system for a scenario is constructed by putting together several individual vehicles. The higher-level decisions (paths) followed by the vehicles are captured by the transition graphs discussed in [Transition Graph](#).

Each vehicle has the following modes

- Const: move forward at constant speed,
- Acc1: constant acceleration,
- Brk or Dec: constant (slow) deceleration,
- TurnLeft and TurnRight: the acceleration and steering are controlled in such a manner that the vehicle switches to its left (resp. right) lane in a certain amount of time.

The mode for the entire system consists of n vehicles are the mode of each vehicle separated by semicolon. For example, Const;Brk means the first car is in the const speed mode, while the second car is in the brake mode. For each vehicle, we mainly analyze four variables: absolute position (sx) and velocity (vx) orthogonal to the road direction (x -axis), and absolute position (sy) and velocity (vy) along the road direction (y -axis). The throttle and steering is captured using the four variables.

6.3 Verification Examples

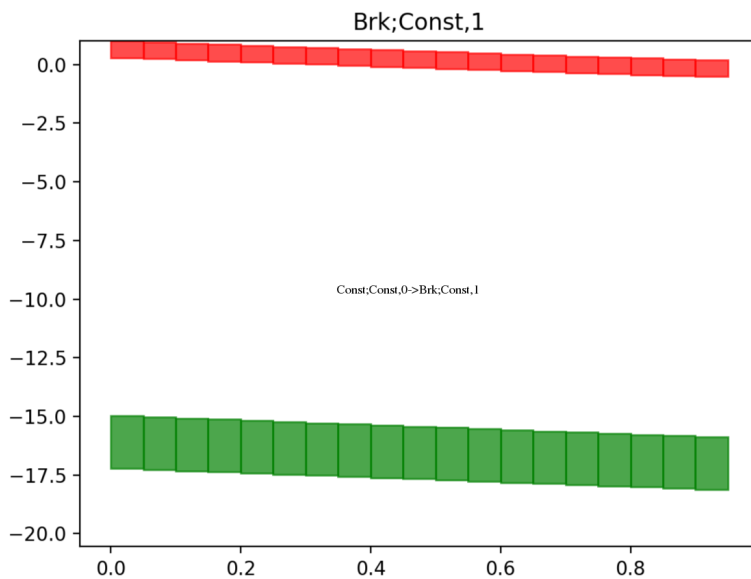
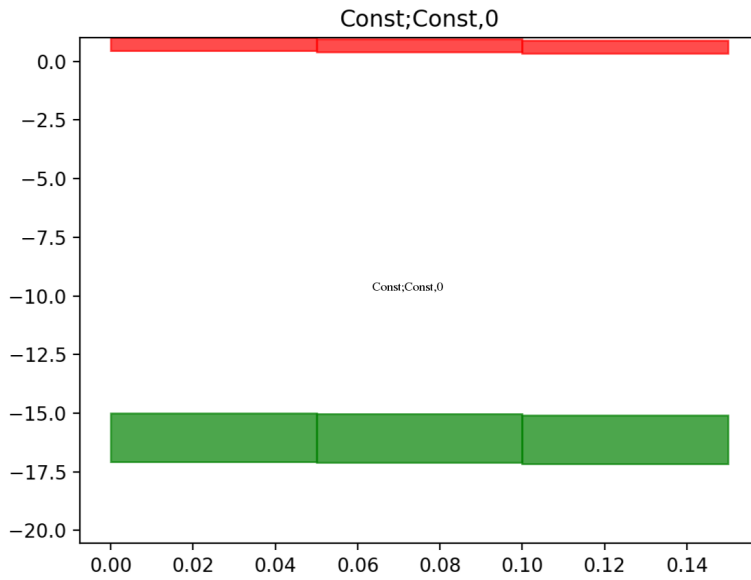
DryVR now comes with more than two dozen interesting examples, including

- 6 mixed-signal circuit models with hundreds of nonlinear terms in the dynamics and both time and state dependent transitions
- 6 high dimensional linear system models (up to 384 dimensions) derived from fields such as civil engineering and robotics
- an 8-dimensional hybrid vehicle lane switch model modeling a vehicle switches its lane on highway if it get too close to another vehicle in front of it
- a set of standard 2-7 dimensional benchmarks

The simulators for these models are also available in the folder “examples” under the root directory, and the input files are in the folder “input/daginput” and “input/nondaginput”.

6.4 Verification Performance Evaluation

We have measured performance for examples come with DryVR 2.0. Performance is measured using computer with i7 6600u, 16gb ram, Ubuntu 16.04 OS.



Model	Dimension	Time for 1 simulation	Total Time	Flow* time
Biological model I	7	0.01s	0.04s	66.4s
Biological model II	7	0.01s	0.04s	223.4s
Coupled Vanderpol	4	0.03s	0.14s	1038.3s
Spring pendulum	4	0.05s	0.16s	1377.5s
Roessler	3	0.02s	0.36s	17.1s
Lorentz system	3	0.34s	1.07s	316.7s
Lac operon	2	0.47s	171.35s	44.2s
Lotka-Volterra	2	0.02s	0.10s	3.9s
Buckling column	2	0.04s	0.43s	26.4s
Jet engine	2	0.07s	12.1s	6.8s
Brusselator	2	0.10s	3.02s	5.2s
Vanderpol	2	0.05s	2.92s	6.4s
Vehicle platoon 3	9	0.32s	4.28s	21.08s
Uniform nor sigmoid	3	120.91s	1314.22s	Exception
Uniform inverter loop	2	10.94s	278.56s	Exception
Uniform inverter sigmoid	2	24.87s	246.76s	Exception
Uniform nor ramp	3	173.77s	1765.55s	Exception
Uniform or ramp	4	176.70s	1778.87s	Exception
Uniform or sigmoid	4	168.75s	2186.00s	Exception
Clamped beam	348	540.80s	5717.63s	Time out
Building model	48	3.28s	20.24s	Time out
Partial differential equation	20	12.05s	41.21s	Time out
FOM	20	12.18s	40.9s	Time out
Motor control system	8	5.22s	17.89s	Time out
International space station	25	79.99s	243.60s	Time out
Lane switch	8	0.29s	563.52s	N/A

6.5 Synthesis Examples

We provide 6 controller synthesis benchmarks examples, including:

- A vehicle collision avoidance model where a car driving on the highway is asked to avoid an obstacle in front of it.
- Robot find a path in a maze.
- Motion planning from synthesis tool Pessoa with specification similar to Example 2.
- DC motor where the velocity of a DC motor needs to be regulated.
- Room heating where the task is to control the temperature of 3 rooms and keep them around 21.
- Inverted pendulum as a classical reach-avoid problem.

6.6 Synthesis Performance Evaluation

Performance is measured using computer with i7 6600u, 16gb ram, Ubuntu 16.04 OS. Note the running time for graph search can be very different since the algorithm is randomly search for the graph. It may also return nothing as well. Try to run algorithm multiple times if it does not return the graph.

Example	Dimension	Time horizon	Min staying time	Running Time
vehicle collision avoidance	4	50.0s	2.0s	1896.26s
robot in maze	4	10.0s	1.0s	98.93s
motion plan	3	6.0s	1.0s	4.55s
DC motor	2	1.0s	0.1s	0.35s
room heating	3	25.0s	2.0s	2.66s
inverted pendulum	2	2.0s	0.2s	6.06s

Parameters configuration

Parameters in DryVR can be changed by users to get desire result for verification and synthesis. The configuration file is stored in

```
src/common/constant.py
```

The following parameters can be changed by users

```
# Verification constant
SIMUTESTNUM = 1
SIMTRACENUM = 10
REFINETHRES = 10
CHILDREFINETHRES = 2

# Synthesis Constant
RANDMODENUM = 3
RANDSECTIONNUM = 3
```

Verification constant:

- **SIMUTESTNUM** is the number of hybrid simulation runs at beginning of the verification algorithm to find counter examples.
- **SIMTRACENUM** is the number of sumulation traces generated to learn the sensitivity (discrepancy function).
- **REFINETHRES** is the refine threshold for initial set given by user.
- **CHILDREFINETHRES** is threshold of the refinement times for non-initial vertices of the transition graph

Synthesis Constant:

- **RANDMODENUM** is the number of random modes picked at each time for each candidate guard
- **RANDSECTIONNUM** is number of time intervals picked as the next set of candidate guards

CHAPTER 8

Publications

- Chuchu Fan, Bolun Qi, Sayan Mitra and Mahesh Viswanathan, [DRYVR:Data-driven verification and compositional reasoning for automotive systems](#), CAV 2017. [[Video](#)]
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CHAPTER 9

People Involved

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