Pushdown Systems with Stack Manipulation

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Pushdown System(PDS)

PDS \mathcal{P} is a structure (Q, Γ, Δ) :

- Q is a finite set of control locations,
- Γ is a finite set of stack alphabets,
- $\Delta \subseteq Q \times (\Gamma \times \Gamma^*) \times Q$ is a finite set of transition rules.
- $\diamond\,$ A pair of control location and stack is called $\mathit{configuration},$
- $\diamond \ Conf(\mathcal{P}) = Q \times \Gamma^* \text{ are configurations of } \mathcal{P}.$
- $\diamond \text{ Transition relation} \rightarrow \subseteq Conf(\mathcal{P}) \times Conf(\mathcal{P}):$

$$\left\langle p, \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ v \end{array} \right\rangle \rightarrow \left\langle q, \begin{array}{c} w \\ v \end{array} \right\rangle \quad if \ p \xrightarrow{\gamma/w} q \in \Delta$$

Reachability problem of PDS

Reachability problem :

For a PDS \mathcal{P} , configurations $\mathbf{c}_{initial}$ and \mathbf{c}_{final} , is \mathbf{c}_{final} reachable from $\mathbf{c}_{initial}$ in \mathcal{P} ?

Decidability[Finkel et al., 1997, Bouajjani et al., 1997]

The reachability problem of PDS is decidable.

- The reachability problem of PDS is not only fundamental problem, but also useful for software model checking.
- Extended pushdown systems that preserve decidability of reachability problems have been introduced for reasoning more complex systems.

Conditional Pushdown System [Esparza et al., 2003]

- Extending rules by regular expressions : $p \xrightarrow[R]{\gamma/w} q$,
- R inspects the entire stack except the top.

Example:
$$p \xrightarrow[1]{\varepsilon} q$$

•
$$p \xrightarrow{1}{1} \rightarrow q \xrightarrow{1}{1} (\because \xrightarrow{1}{1} \in 1^*)$$

• $p \xrightarrow{1}{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{X} (\because 2 \notin 1^*)$

Every conditional PDS is simulated by ordinary PDS and reachability problem of conditional PDS is decidable. Discrete Timed PDS[Abdulla et al., 2012b]

Timed PDS can modify the entire stack.

• $(\gamma, \alpha) \in \Gamma \times \mathbb{N}_{\leq m}^{\omega}$: α is the age of the symbol γ

$$\mathbb{N}_{\leq m}^{\omega} = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \leq m\} \cup \{\omega\}$$

• delay transitions increment the age of every symbol (b,1) $\xrightarrow{\text{push}}$ (a,0) delay (a,1) delay (a,2) (b,3) $\xrightarrow{\text{pop}}$ (b,3)

Every timed PDS is simulated by ordinary PDS and reachability problem of timed PDS is decidable.

Contribution

1 We introduce an extended PDS, TrPDS

- TrPDS modifies the entire stack by using *transduction*
- Conditional PDS and Timed PDS are simple instances of TrPDS
- **2** We show that *finite* TrPDS can be simulated by PDS
 - TrPDS is finite if the closure of transductions appearing in the transitions is finite.
 - as a corollary, we show the reachability problem of *finite* TrPDS is decidable.

Outline

1 TrPDS : Extending PDS with transductions

2 Simulating TrPDS by ordinary PDS

3 Decidability of reachability problem of finite TrPDS































(Length-preserving) Transduction

A function \mathfrak{t} is a transduction if \mathfrak{t} can be realized by a transducer.

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Example :
$$p \xrightarrow{c/\varepsilon} \mathfrak{t} q$$
 $(aa\mathfrak{t} = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}, ab\mathfrak{t} = \varnothing)$
 $p \xrightarrow{a} a \rightarrow \left\{ q \xrightarrow{a}, q \xrightarrow{b}, q \xrightarrow{b}, q \xrightarrow{b} \right\}, p \xrightarrow{c} a \rightarrow \varnothing$

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$$\gamma_1|\gamma_1 + \gamma_2|\gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n|\gamma_n$$

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- The transduction delay is realized by a transducer \mathbb{D} .

$$delay(n) = \begin{cases} n+1 & \text{if } 0 \le n \le (m-1) \\ \omega & \text{if } n = m \text{ or } n = \omega \end{cases}$$

$$0|1 + 1|2 + \dots + (m - 1)|m + m|\omega + \omega|\omega$$

$$\longrightarrow_{\text{transducer } \mathbb{D}}$$

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Finite TrPDS TrPDS $\mathcal{P} = (Q, \Gamma, T, \Delta)$ is finite \iff the closure $\langle T \rangle$ generated by $(T, ;, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{-1})$ is finite.

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 $\langle T \rangle$ is inductively defined as follows:

- $\forall \mathfrak{t} \in T, \mathfrak{t} \in \langle T \rangle$
- $\forall \mathfrak{t}_1, \mathfrak{t}_2 \in \langle T \rangle, \mathfrak{t}_1 \ \mathfrak{s} \ \mathfrak{t}_2 \in \langle T \rangle$
- $\forall \mathfrak{t} \in \langle T \rangle, \forall \gamma, \gamma' \in \Gamma, \langle \gamma, \gamma' \rangle^{-1} \mathfrak{t} \in \langle T \rangle$

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Main theorem If TrPDS \mathcal{P} is finite, then \mathcal{P} is simulated by ordinary PDS.

Fact (*Please see our paper*)

- Conditional and Timed PDS are finite TrPDS.
- CTPDS which equips inspecting(by regular expression)-transition and delay-transition is finite TrPDS.

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 - When (γ, β) gets popped, β should be added to the immediately lower element.

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- Two configurations are equivalent
- \mathfrak{t}_1 was accumulated before \mathfrak{t}_2

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Simulating Timed PDS by PDS with transduction



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Concretization of stack Concretizing function

Obtaining stacks of TrPDS from a stack of simulating PDS.

$$\begin{aligned} \| \cdot \| &: \quad (\Gamma \cup \langle T \rangle)^* \to \mathcal{P}(\Gamma^*) \\ \| \varepsilon \| &= \{ \varepsilon \} \\ \| \gamma w \| &= \{ \gamma w' \mid w' \in \| w \| \} \\ \| \mathfrak{t} w \| &= \{ w' \mathfrak{t} \mid w' \in \| w \| \} \end{aligned}$$





- Two effects of delay $\mathbb D$ were accumulated
- By concretizing, we obtain the expected stack
- Simulating PDS does not detect a failure of application $\widetilde{1^*}$
- By concretizing, we notice a failure of application

Simulation theorem

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Theorem (Simulation theorem)

For a given $C \subseteq Q \times \Gamma^*$, $post^*(C) = \|Post^*(C)\|$

- $post^*(C)$ is the set of forward-reachable configurations from C in (simulated) TrPDS,
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- \Rightarrow We can solve the reachability problem of finite TrPDS.

Conclusion and Future works

We have

- introduced extended pushdown system TrPDS in a more general and uniform manner,
 - Conditional and Timed PDSs and two-counter system without input are instances of TrPDS
- shown finite TrPDS can be simulated by PDS,
 - the reachability problem of finite TrPDS is decidable.
 - as the result, we have clarified why conditional and timed PDSs can be simulated by ordinary PDS.

Future works

- Proving the undecidability of checking finiteness of $\langle T \rangle$
 - the closure $\langle T \rangle$ generated by $\left(T, \mathfrak{g}, \left\langle \cdot, \cdot \right\rangle^{-1}\right)$
- Using rational transducers as stack manipulators rather than letter-to-letter transducers

Finiteness of checking+homomorphism

TrPDS
$$S = (Q, \Gamma, T, \Delta)$$

 $T = \text{checking} \uplus H$
 $\text{checking} = \left\{ \widehat{R} \mid R \in \mathcal{R} \right\}$
 H is a finite set of homomorphism over Γ

Lemma (exchanging law)

$$h$$
; $\widetilde{R} = \widetilde{h^{-1}(R)}$; h

We can reduce any composition sequences into the following normal form: \sim

$$(\widetilde{R_1}\,$$
; \cdots ; $\widetilde{R_m}$); $(h_1\,$; \cdots ; $h_n)$.

Another Applications

- We can use TrPDS to formalize a larger part of the HTML5 parser specification more than the existing work: Ref Reachability Analysis of the HTML5 Parser Specification and Its Application to Compatibility Testing.[Minamide and Mori, 2012]
- I think TrPDS is useful for pushdown-analysis:
 - Ref Introspective pushdown analysis of higher-order programs[Earl et al., 2012]
 - Ref Concrete Semantics for Pushdown Analysis: The Essence of Summarization[Johnson and Horn,]
- We have not yet adopted TrPDS to *Dense Timed PDS*[Abdulla et al., 2012a].

Time complexity of reachability problem

PDS **PTIME**[Bouajjani et al., 1997, Esparza et al., 2000]

Conditional PDS **EXPTIME**-complete[Esparza et al., 2003]

At least, from the result of Conditional PDS, time complexity of reachability problem of TrPDS is **EXPTIME**-hard. We cannot estimate the size of $\langle T \rangle$ from T, so we have not ingestigated the precise analysis. We have shown undecidability of checking finiteness of the closure (T, \mathfrak{z}) by using the old result *uniform halting* problem[Hughes and Selkow, 1981].

On the other hand, undecidability of checking finiteness of the closure $(T, \mathfrak{z}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{-1})$ is not derived from undecidability of checking finiteness of (T, \mathfrak{z}) .

Rational transducer

If we employ general transducer or transduction as stack manipulator, then we should use transducer rather than transduction to treat ε -transitions.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{t}) &= \{ \begin{array}{ll} (\varepsilon, a), (\varepsilon, aa), (\varepsilon, aaa), \dots, \\ (a, aa), (a, aaa), (a, aaaa), \dots, \\ (a, ba), (a, baa), (a, baaa), \dots, \\ (a, ab), (a, aab), (a, aaab), \dots, \} \end{aligned}$$

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