Cost Problems for Parametric Time Petri Nets

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But that's not how it ended...



They won't wait!



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Is all hope lost?

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State Classes¹

- A state class C_σ is the (collapsed) set of states obtained by the transition sequence σ;
- Those states all share the same marking;
- The union of all points in the intervals in the valuations on the transitions can be represented by a convex polyhedron (encoded by a Difference Bound Matrix, DBM);
- A state class is thus a pair C = (m, D), where m is a marking, and D a DBM.

¹Berthomieu and Diaz. Modeling and verification of time dependent systems using time Petri nets. *IEEE trans. on soft. eng.*, 17(3):259–273, 1991. Didier Lime (ECN, LS2N) Cost Problems for Parametric Time Petri Nets SynCoP'22 7/44

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θ_1	\in	[0, 4]
θ_2	\in	[5, 6]
θ_4	\in	[1, 2]
θ_1	\leq	θ_2
θ_1	\leq	θ_{4}





Eliminate disabled: $\theta'_2 \in [3, 6]$ $\theta'_4 \in [0, 2]$ $\theta'_2 - \theta'_4 \in [3, 5]$







 $\theta_2' + \theta_1 \in [5, 6]$

 $\begin{aligned} \theta_4' + \theta_1 &\in [1, 2] \\ \theta_1 &\leq \theta_2' + \theta_1 \\ \theta_1 &\leq \theta_4' + \theta_1 \end{aligned}$

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Time Petri Nets and State Classes

Meeting optimally across the river

What is an **optimal** (common) strategy to meet?

- Pay 1 for each move;
- Pay 1 for each time unit they wait
 - either while being idle in a city
 - or globally until they meet

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The min/inf-cost Reachability Problem

Inf-cost reachability

Given a Cost-TPN ${\cal N}$ and a set of markings Goal, decide if Goal is reachable and if so compute:

 $\inf_{\substack{\rho \text{ s.t. last}(\rho) \in \text{Goal}}} \text{cost}(\rho)$

Symbolic Algorithm for Inf-cost Reachability ²³

- 1: Cost $\leftarrow \infty$
- 2: Passed $\leftarrow \emptyset$
- 3: WAITING $\leftarrow \{(m_0, D_0)\}$
- 4: while WAITING $\neq \emptyset$ do
- 5: select $C_{\sigma} = (m, D)$ from WAITING
- 6: if $m \in \text{Goal}$ and $\text{cost}(\mathbf{C}_{\sigma}) < \text{Cost}$ then
- 7: $\operatorname{Cost} \leftarrow \operatorname{cost}(C_{\sigma})$
- 8: end if
- 9: **if** for all $C' \in \text{PASSED}, C_{\sigma} \not\leq C'$ **then**
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- 12: end if
- 13: end while
- 14: return Cost

 $^{^2}$ Larsen et al. As cheap as possible: Efficient cost-optimal reachability for priced timed automata. In CAV'01, 2001.

 $^{^3}$ Rasmussen et al. On using priced timed automata to achieve optimal scheduling. *FMSD*, 29(1):97–114, 2006.

Cost State Classes

- From a transition sequence σ, we want to compute cost(σ) the inf-cost of all runs built on σ
- We extend state class firing domains with a new variable c: ⇒ Cost state classes: C_σ = (m, D)
- When firing t_i , c changes by $\omega(t_i) + \theta_i * cr(m)$
- An extended firing domain D is not a DBM anymore but still a convex polyhedron;
- ► $cost(\sigma) = cost(C_{\sigma}) = inf_{(\vec{\theta},c)\in D} c$ computable using linear programming.







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Can be checked with linear programming

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- We need to closely examine the variable elimination in the successor computation;
- It can be done by the Fourier-Motzkin algorithm: to eliminate θ₁ just write that all lower bounds of θ₁ are less than all upper bounds of θ₁:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \theta_1 \in [0,4] & 0 \leq 4 \\ \theta'_2 + \theta_1 \in [5,6] & 0 \leq 6 - \theta'_2 \\ \theta'_4 + \theta_1 \in [1,2] & \underbrace{ \text{eliminate } \theta_1 } & \dots \\ c' - 1 - 3 * \theta_1 \geq 0 & 3 * 0 \leq c' - 1 \\ 0 \leq \theta'_2 & 3 * (5 - \theta'_2) \leq c' - 1 \\ 0 \leq \theta'_4 & 3 * (1 - \theta'_4) \leq c' - 1 \end{array}$$

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⁵Bourdil et al. Symmetry reduction for time Petri net state classes. Science of Computer Programming, 132:209-225, 2016.

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Deciding Subsumption for Simple Cost State Classes

- ▶ To decide if $(m, D, c \ge \ell(\vec{\theta})) \preccurlyeq (m', D', c \ge \ell'(\vec{\theta}))$, we can check if ⁶:
 - 1. m = m';
 - 2. $D \subseteq D'$ (**DBM** inclusion);
 - 3. $\inf_{\vec{\theta} \in D} (\ell \ell')(\vec{\theta}) \geq 0$
- Minimization over a DBM can be done efficiently as an instance of the mincost flow graph problem⁶.

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- 4. \supseteq implies \supseteq , implies \succ for relaxed classes.

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Waiting time

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Trace: go36_1, go45_0, d45_0, go56_0, d56_0, go65_0, d65_0, go56_0, d56_0, go55_0, d65_0, go56_0, d56_0, d56_1

Global time

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Can we do better? Meeting optimally and parametrically



Let b be the maximum time they accept to wait in a city;

They can accept to go more slowly (except on the river) by a common factor a;

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Parametric Bounded-Cost Problems

- **Existential problem**: given c_{max} and a marking *m*, does there exist a value of the parameters such that *m* is reachable with cost less or equal to c_{max} .
- **Bounded-cost Synthesis problem**: find all such parameter values.
- Infcost problem: What is the infimum cost we can achieve over all parameter values?
- Infcost synthesis problem: find all parameter values for which the infimum cost (over all parameter values) can be achieved.

Undecidability of the existential problem

Theorem

The existential problem is undecidable for bounded parametric time Petri nets.

Encode the halting problem of two-counter machines in the existential problem for **time bounded** reachability.

- Start from an encoding for reachability in Parametric Timed Automata⁸
- Adapt to time Petri nets;
- ▶ Make all instructions execute in *b* time units instead of 1.



 $^{8}\mathrm{Andr\acute{e}}$ et al. Decision problems for parametric timed automata. In ICFEM, 2016.

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Parametric Cost State Classes

- We can compute state classes as before;
- The polyhedra obtained are parametric DBMs plus cost inequalities;
- Instantiating parameters with integer (or rational) values gives again a cost state class;
- Class subsumption is extended naturally: subsumed if subsumed for all parameter valuations.









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- 6: **if** $m \in \text{Goal then}$
- 7: PolyRes \leftarrow PolyRes $\cup (\mathbf{D} \cap (\mathbf{c} \leq \mathbf{c}_{\max}))_{\mathbb{IP}}$
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- 7: if $m \in \text{Goal then}$
- 8: **if** $cost(C_{\sigma}) < Cost$ **then**
- 9: $\operatorname{Cost} \leftarrow \operatorname{cost}(C_{\sigma})$
- 10: $\operatorname{PolyRes} \leftarrow \left(\mathsf{D} \cap (\mathsf{c} = \operatorname{Cost}) \right)_{|\mathbb{P}}$
- 11: else if $cost(C_{\sigma}) = COST$ then

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- 18: end if
- 19: end while
- 20: return (COST, PolyRes)

Symbolic Parameter Synthesis Algorithms

When they terminate, the previous algorithms are sound and complete:

Lemma

For all classes $C_{\sigma} = (m, D)$, $(\vec{\theta}, c, v) \in D$ if and only if there exists a run ρ in $v(\mathcal{N})$, and $I : en(m) \to \mathcal{I}(\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0})$, such that $equence(\rho) = \sigma$, $(m, I, c) = last(\rho)$, and $\vec{\theta} \in I$.

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Termination is not guaranteed;

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We use the **integer hull** trick⁹ to:

- 1. make them compute integer parameter valuations;
- 2. ensure termination when parameters are **bounded**.



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- Termination is still not guaranteed, except when parameters are bounded;
- When parameters are bounded, ≽ is again a well-quasiorder;
- ▶ Integer hull can also be computed as part of the successor class computation.

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Infcost

Checking property mincost (C1(8) + C1(1) = 2 or C2(8) + C2(1) = 2 or C3(8) + C3(1) = 2 or C4(8) + C4(1) = 2 or C5(8) + C5(1) = 2 or C6(8) + C6(1) = 2) on TPN; /home/did/Desktop/romeo-3.8.6/meeting-simple2.xml Maiting for response (kill the romeo-cli process to interrupt)... [warning] Real-valued parameters: no (theoretical) termination guarantee in CTS file: /home/did/.romeo/temp/ctsfile.cts =23 a in [1, 20/17] b in [0, 10] 17*a + 3*b >= 28 a in [1, 5/2] b in [0, 10] 8*a + 3*b >= 28 Traces: -> go41_0, go32_1, d32_1, go21_1, d41_0, d21_1 -> go45 8, go36 1, d45 8, go56 8, d56 8, d36 1 -> go32 1, go41 0, d32 1, go21 1, d41 0, d21 -> go32 1, go41 0, d32 1, go21 1, d21 1, d41 0 -> go41_0, go32_1, d32_1, go21_1, d21_1, d41_0 -> go41_0, go32_1, d32_1, go21_1, d21_1, d41_0 -> go45_0, go36_1, d45_0, go56_0, d36_0, d36_1 -> go45_0, go36_1, d45_0, go56_0, d36_1, d56_0 -> g036 1, g045 0, d45 0, g056 0, d36 1, d56 0

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-4*a * b >= -10

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- Computing the integer hull is expensive:
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- The integer hull can cut a lot of paths off:
- ▶ By setting discrete costs to 0, with $a \le 10, b = 0$ and a bounded cost of 40, IH terminates in 3s, Real in 55s.

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Conclusion and Perspective

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Future work:

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