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Preface

The 12th International Workshop on Numerical Software Verification (NSV 2019) was held during July 13–14, 2019, in New York, USA. NSV 2019 was co-located with CAV 2019, the 31st International Conference on Computer-Aided Verification.

Numerical computations are ubiquitous in digital systems: Supervision, prediction, simulation, and signal processing rely heavily on numerical calculus to achieve desired goals. Design and verification of numerical algorithms has a unique set of challenges, which set it apart from rest of software verification. To achieve the verification and validation of global properties, numerical techniques need to precisely represent local behaviors of each component. The implementation of numerical techniques on modern hardware adds another layer of approximation because of the use of finite representations of infinite precision numbers that usually lack basic arithmetic properties, such as commutativity and associativity. Finally, the development and analysis of cyber-physical systems (CPS), which involve the interacting continuous and discrete components, pose a further challenge. It is hence imperative to develop logical and mathematical techniques for the reasoning about programmability and reliability. The NSV workshop is dedicated to the development of such techniques.

This edition of NSV put more emphasis on the challenges related to the automation of driving tasks. This subject was discussed both by invited speakers (from academia and industry) and in contributed papers.

A highlight of NSV 2019 is the presence of high-profile invited speakers from computer science, control theory, and industry: Calin Belta from Boston University, Karl Henrik Johansson from KTH, Jens Oehlerking from Robert Bosch GmbH, and Martin Rinard from MIT. NSV 2019 also added two tutorials, one given by Susmit Jha from SRI International, and the other one by Ashutosh Trivedi from CU Boulder. Regarding the contributed papers, NSV 2019 had 10 submissions which each received 3 reviews, and 7 of them were accepted.

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Abstracts of Invited Talks

Correctness and Optimality for Control Systems

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Abstract. In control theory, complicated dynamics such as systems of (non-linear) differential equations are mostly controlled to achieve stability. This fundamental property is often linked with optimality, which requires minimization of a certain cost along the trajectories of a stable system. In formal synthesis, simple systems such as finite state transition graphs modeling computer programs or digital circuits are controlled from specifications such as safety, liveness, or richer requirements expressed as formulas of temporal logics. With the development and integration of cyber physical and safety critical systems, there is an increasing need for computational tools for controlling complex systems from rich, temporal logic specifications. In this talk, I will introduce some recent results on the connection between optimal control and formal synthesis. Specifically, I will focus on the following problem: given a cost and a correctness temporal logic specification for a dynamical system, generate an optimal control strategy that satisfies the specification. I will first talk about automata-based methods, in which the dynamics of the system are mapped to a finite abstraction that is then controlled using an automaton corresponding to the specification. I will then focus on optimization-based methods, which rely on mapping the specification and the dynamics to constraints of an optimization problem. I will illustrate the usefulness of these approaches with examples from robotics and traffic control.

Modeling, Control, and Verification of an Automated Transport System

Karl H. Johansson

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Abstract. Freight transportation is of utmost importance for our society. It accounts for a significant amount of all energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. In this talk, we will discuss the potential future of road goods transportation and how it can be made more robust and efficient, from the automation of individual long-haulage trucks to the optimisation of fleet management and logistics. Such an integrated transportation system benefits from having trucks travelling together in vehicle platoons. From the reduced air drag, platooning trucks travelling close together can save more than 10% of their fuel consumption. In addition, by automating the driving, it is possible to change driver regulations and thereby increase the efficiency even more. Control and optimization problems on various level of this transportation system will be presented. It will be argued that a system architecture utilising vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication enable robust and safe control of individual trucks as well as optimised vehicle fleet collaborations and new market opportunities. Extensive experiments done on European highways will illustrate system performance and safety requirements. The presentation will mainly be based on joint work over the last ten years with collaborators at KTH and with the truck manufacturers Scania and Volvo.

Formal Methods for Highly Automated Driving Applications

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Abstract. In highly automated driving (HAD), the complexity of the environment leads to challenges in perception, planning, and control that go beyond those encountered in classical cyber-physical systems. These include the need to certify systems including artificial neural networks for perception, the need to predict human behavior in complex situations and the need to give safety guarantees without a human driver as a fallback.

Coming from concepts that are heavily used in the design of HAD system, such as criticality metrics, this talk gives perspectives on the applicability of formal methods. Formal methods of interest include hybrid systems, reachability computations, control invariants and the formal analysis of neural networks. Drawing from this discussion, a case is made for new specification languages that are tailored to the domain of autonomous systems.

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