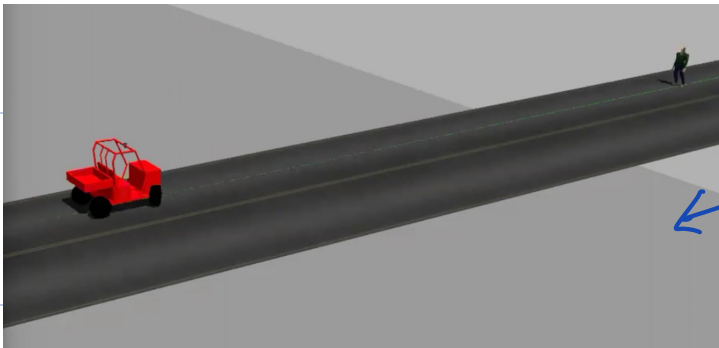
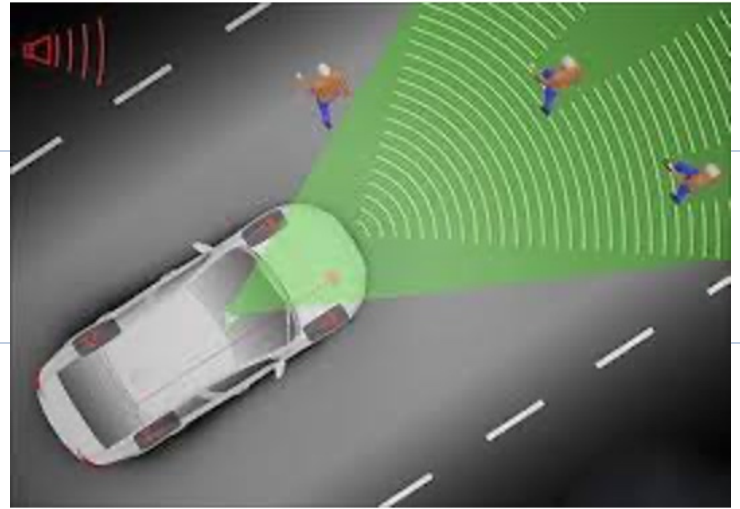


Lecture 2 : System-level Safety



← MPO Walkthrough in Lab tomorrow!

Today: Automata

Non-determinism

Executions - testing

Reachability / Post-computations

Invariance

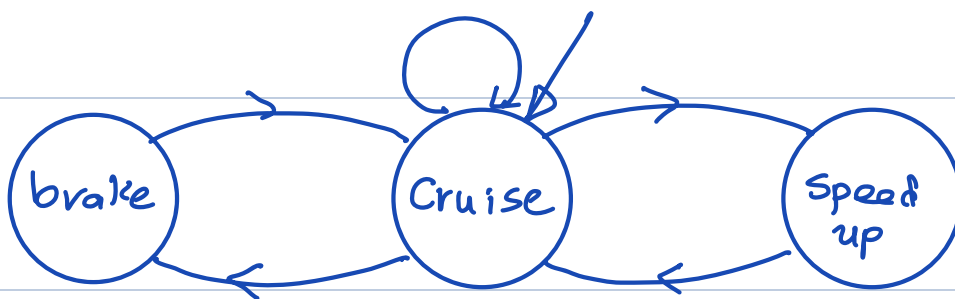
Def. A state machine or automaton A is defined by

(1) a set of states Q

(2) a set of start states $Q_0 \subseteq Q$

(3) a set of transitions $D \subseteq Q \times Q$
transition relation

Example.



$$Q = \{c, b, s\} \quad Q_0 = \{c\}$$

$$D = \{ \langle b, c \rangle, \langle c, b \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle, \langle c, s \rangle, \langle s, c \rangle \}$$

Nondeferministic.

- From the same state A can go to different states

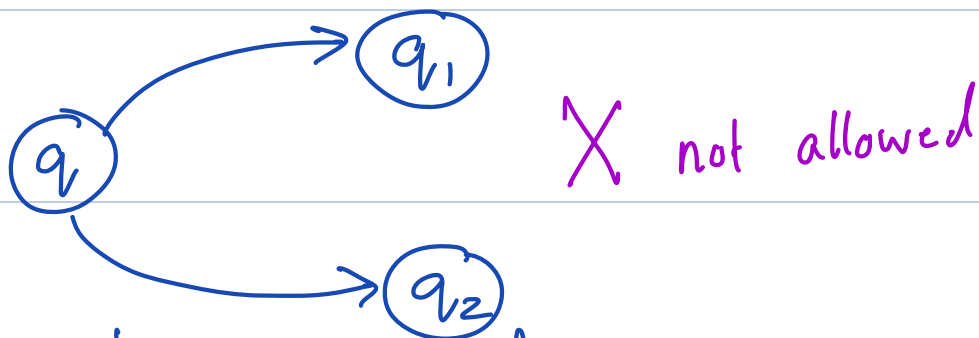
- Useful for modeling uncertainty
e.g. action of human driver
or environment.

Aside. If we add probabilities to transitions then we get a Markov Chain (MC).

$$D: Q \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$$

We can have both nondeterminism & probabilistic uncertainty
→ Markov Decision Processes

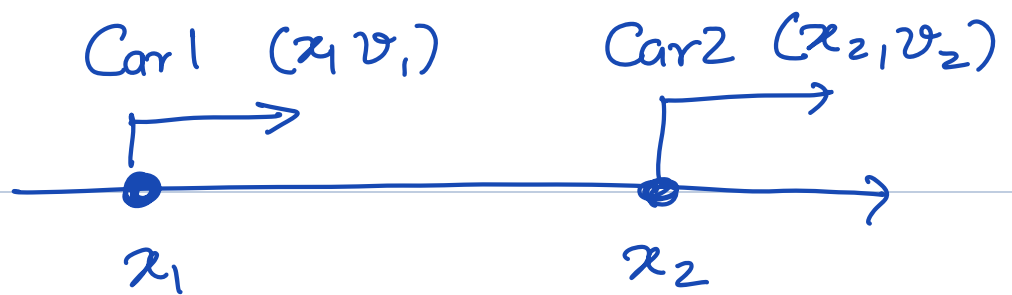
Deterministic automaton $|Q| = 1$ and
 $\forall q \in Q, q_1, q_2 \in Q$ if $\langle q, q_1 \rangle \in D$
and $\langle q, q_2 \rangle \in D$ then $q_1 = q_2$



For deterministic automata

$D: Q \rightarrow Q$ is a transition function.

Example 2



$$Q = \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$Q_0 = \{ x_{10}, v_{10}, x_{20}, v_{20} \} \quad x_{20} > x_{10} > 0$$

$$D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^4$$

Often D will be described by a program or a physics model (differential equations)

$$\text{If } x_2 - x_1 < d_s$$

$$v_1 := \max(0, v_1 - a_b)$$

$$\text{else } v_1 := v_1$$

$$x_1 := x_1 + v_1$$

$$x_2 := x_2 + v_2$$

Do you see how this defines D ?

Is it deterministic?

With some abuse of notation we can represent nondeterministic models also as programs

$$v_i := \underline{\text{choose}} [v_i - b_i, v_i - a_i]$$

Faulty sensor

Executions. An execution is a particular behavior of the automaton A .

$\alpha = q_0 q_1 q_2 \dots$ finite or infinite
Such that

(i) $q_0 \in Q_0$

(ii) $(q_i, q_{i+1}) \in D \quad \forall i$

Nondeterministic automata have many executions.

A "Test" \approx one execution

Requirements of a design

Examples? "Car 1 eventually catches up of C2" ^{5m}

"Car 1 and Car 2 never collide"

Safety Requirements

"Car 1 never goes backwards"

"Car 1 does not ^{never} exceed speed limits"

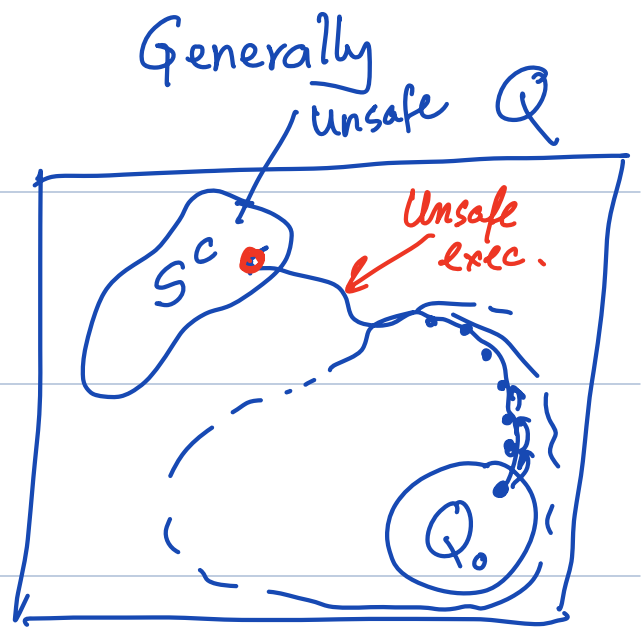
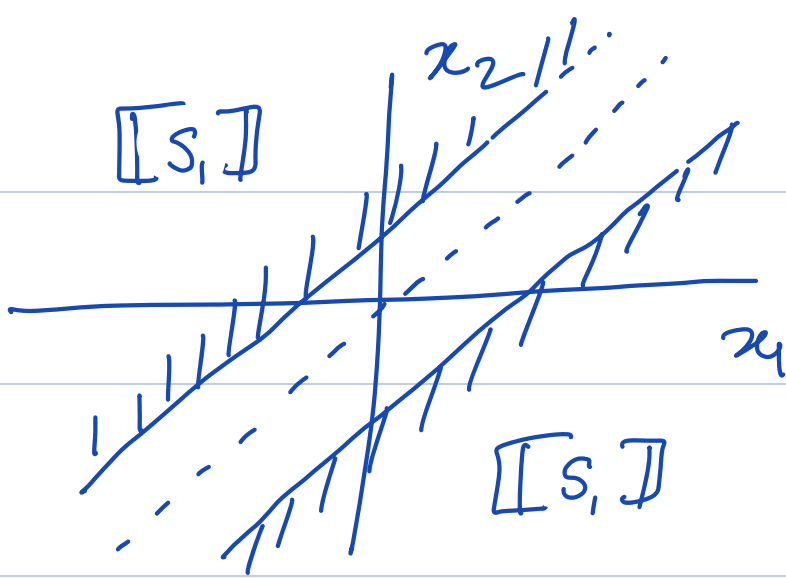
These are safety requirements because we want A to always satisfy them.

We can express the safety requirements as

(1) A formula involving the state variables. e.g. $S_1 := |x_1 - x_2| \geq 0.1$

(2) A subset of Q

$$\llbracket S_1 \rrbracket \subseteq Q = \mathbb{R}^4 = \left\{ \langle x_1, v_1, x_2, v_2 \rangle \mid \overbrace{|x_1 - x_2| \geq 0.1} \right\}$$



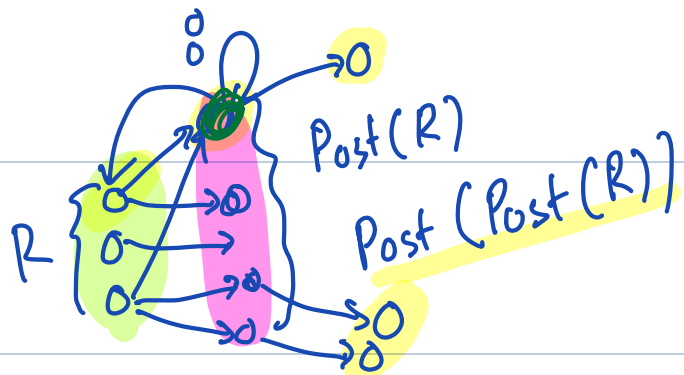
Safety Verification Problem

Does there exist any execution $\alpha = q_0 \dots q_k$ of A such that $q_k \notin S^c$?

Such an execution is called a Counter-example

Def.

If for every finite execution $\alpha = q_0 \dots q_k$ of A and for every q_i in α , $q_i \in S$ then we say A is safe w.r.t. S .



Reasoning about all executions

Def. For any set of states $R \subseteq Q$

$$\text{Post}(R) := \{ q' \in Q \mid \exists q \in R \text{ and } \langle q, q' \rangle \in D \}$$

Exercise The $\text{Post}()$ operator is monotonic
if $R_1 \subseteq R_2$ then $\text{Post}(R_1) \subseteq \text{Post}(R_2)$

Proof. Choose any $R_1 \subseteq R_2 \subseteq Q$

Choose any $x \in \text{Post}(R_1)$

[we have to show $x \in \text{Post}(R_2)$]

By def of Post $\exists x_0 \in R_1$ $\langle x_0, x \rangle \in D$

Since $R_1 \subseteq R_2 \Rightarrow x_0 \in R_2$

$\Rightarrow x \in \text{Post}(R_2)$ \square

We can apply Post recursively.

Def $\text{Post}^k : 2^Q \rightarrow 2^Q$

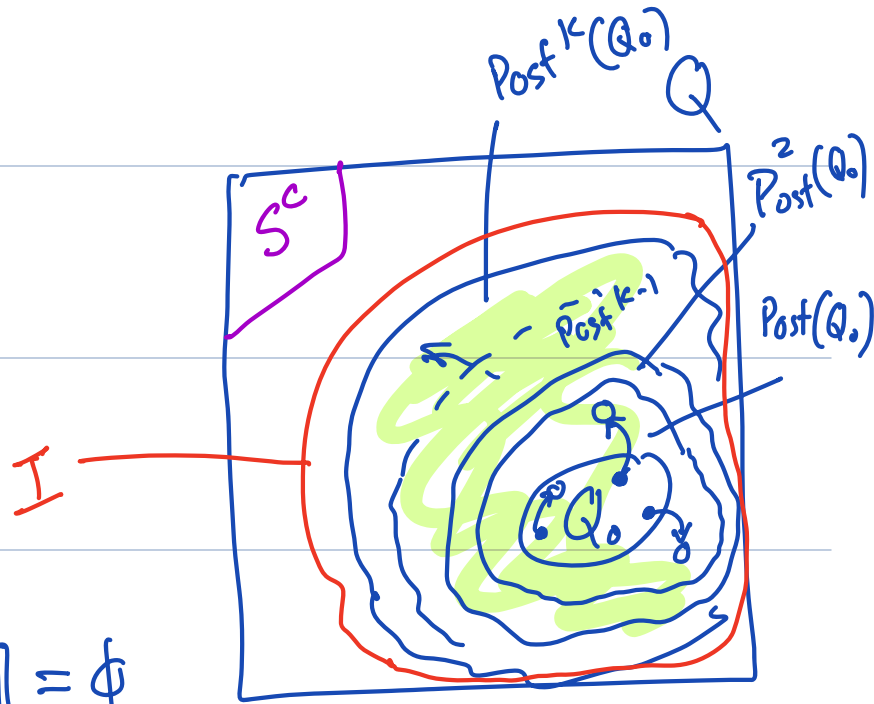
$$\text{Post}^0(R) = R \quad k=0$$

$$\text{Post}^k(R) = \text{Post}(\text{Post}^{k-1}(R)) \quad k > 0$$

Exercise $\text{Post}^k(Q_0)$

is exactly the set of states that the automaton can reach after executions of length k .

Proof.



$$\left[\bigcup_{k=0}^T \text{Post}^k(Q_0) \right] \cap [S^c] = \emptyset$$

Reachability analysis tools can
compute or over approximate $\text{post}^k()$
E.g. Verse, SpaceEx, Flow*

In general computing $\text{Post}^k(R)$ can be
hard (1) Q high dimensional
(2) D complex, (3) k large

Alternative Solution to Safety verification Problem

Find an inductive invariant for
Proving safety of S .

inductive
invariant

Thm if there exists $I \subseteq Q$
Such that

(1) $Q_0 \subseteq I$ (2) $\text{Post}(I) \subseteq I$

Then all executions of A stay in I .

Further if $I \subseteq S$ then

Then A is safe w.r.t S .

Sufficient condition for proving
safety

Requires us to find I

existential not constructive

not unique I necessarily

Proof. Consider any execution of A
 $\alpha = q_0 q_1 \dots q_k$. We will prove by induction
on k that $\forall i, q_i \in I$.

Base Case. $k=0$ $\alpha = q_0 \in Q_0 \subseteq I$ by (1)

Inductive step. $\alpha = q_0 \dots q_{k-1} q_k$
and $q_{k-1} \in I$. We will show $q_k \in I$.

By (2) $\text{Post}(I) \subseteq I$

as $q_{k-1} \in I \Rightarrow q_k \in I$

Therefore $\forall i, q_i \in I$

Further if $I \subseteq S$ then $\forall i, q_i \in S$


Simple invariant and Safety

$$S_1 := v_1 \geq 0$$

How to prove that Carl never moves back?

Choose $I_1 = \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket$ This may not always work

Use inductive invariance theorem

Does I_1 meet the conditions (1) ... (3)?

$$(1) \forall q_0 \in Q_0$$

$$q_0 \cdot v_{10} > 0 \quad [\text{we assumed this}]$$

$$\Rightarrow q_0 \in \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket$$

$$(2) \text{Post}(I) := \{q' \mid q \in I \text{ and } (q, q') \in D\}$$

For any state $q \in I$ if $q \cdot v_1 \geq 0$

and $(q, q') \in D$ then we have to

show that $q' \cdot v_1$ is also ≥ 0

How are q and q' related by D ?

Note

$$q'.v_i = \max(0, q.v_i - a_b) \geq 0$$

$$q' \in [s, \infty] = I$$

$$\text{Post}(I) \subseteq I$$

It follows that S_1 is indeed an invariant; Car 1 never goes backwards.

If $x_2 - x_1 < d_s$ — Sensor distance
 $v_i := \max(0, v_i - a_b)$
else $v_i = v_i$
 $x_1 := x_1 + v_1$
 $x_2 := x_2 + v_2$
braking deceleration

Another Safety requirement

$$S_2 : x_1 < x_2$$

Is S_2 an inductive invariant?

$$(1) Q_0 \subseteq S_2 \quad \checkmark \quad 0 < x_{10} < x_{20}$$

$$(2) \text{Post}(S_2) \subseteq S_2 ?$$

Not necessarily true

$$\text{if } q.v_1 \gg q.x_2 - q.x_1$$

then $q'.x_1$ may exceed $q'.x_2$

We cannot prove S_2

We need to add or "discover" assumptions about $d_s, a_b \dots$ to prove S_2 .

Add more information in the model

timer := 0

If $x_2 - x_1 < d_s$

Sensor distance

if $v_1 > a_b$ then

$$v_1 := v_1 - a_b$$

$$\text{timer} := \text{timer} + 1 \quad \} \textcircled{A}$$

else $v_1 := 0$ — \textcircled{B}

else $v_1 := v_1$ — \textcircled{C}

$$x_1 := x_1 + v_1$$

$$x_2 := x_2 + v_2$$

$$I_3 \text{ timer} \leq \frac{v_{10} - v_1}{a_b}$$

$$(1) q_0 \text{ timer} = 0 \leq \frac{v_{10} - v_{10}}{a_b} \leq 0$$

$$(2) q \in I_3 \Rightarrow q' \in I_3$$

Three cases to consider

A. if $q.x_2 - q.x_1 < d_s$ and $q.v_1 > a_b$

$$\text{then } q' \text{ timer} = q \text{ timer} + 1$$

$$\leq \frac{v_{10} - q.v_1}{a_b} + 1 \quad [\text{ind hyp}]$$

$$= \frac{v_{10} - (q'.v_1 + a_b)}{a_b} + 1$$

$$= \frac{v_{10} - q'.v_1}{a_b}$$

B. if $q.x_2 - q.x_1 < d_s$ and $q.v_1 \leq a_b$

$$q' \text{ timer} = q \text{ timer}$$

$$\leq \frac{v_{10} - q.v_1}{a_b} + 1$$

$$\leq \frac{v_{10} + 0}{a_b} + 1 \quad \text{Uses } v_1 \geq 0$$

C. if. $q.x_2 - q.x_1 \geq d_s$

$$q'.\text{timer} = q.\text{timer} \leq \frac{v_{10} - q.v_1}{a_b} + 1$$

$$\leq \frac{v_{10} - q'.v_1}{a_b} + 1$$

$$I_3: \text{timer} \leq \frac{v_{10} - v_1}{a_b} \quad \text{and } v_1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{timer} \leq \frac{v_{10}}{a_b}$$

Still not enough to prove $x_2 - x_1 > 0$

Max distance traversed by Carl after detection $\leq v_{10} \cdot \text{timer} \leq \frac{v_{10}^2}{a_b}$

So, if $d_s > v_{10}^2 / a_b$ and $v_2 \geq 0$

then $I_3 \Rightarrow S_0: x_2 > x_1$

That is, if $d_s > v_{10}^2/a_b$ then in any
execution α of \mathcal{A} and all states $q_1 \dots q_k$
in α , $q_i.x_2 > q_i.x_1$.