

EECS498-008 Formal Verification of Systems Software

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Administrivia

- Midterm exam next Wednesday, 10/12
 - 6-8pm, EECS1303
 - No lecture that day
- Closed books
 - Allowed one double-sided cheat-sheet, 10pt minimum
- Covers everything up to Chapter 4 (i.e. excluding distributed systems)
- Problem set 3 (Chapter 5) will be released on Monday, 10/10

Introduction to distributed systems

What is a distributed system?

A collection of distinct processes that:

- are spatially separated
- communicate with one another by exchanging messages
- have non-negligible communication delay
- do not share fate
- have separate, imperfect, unsynchronized physical clocks



Leader election

...as a distributed, asynchronous system





New Dafny syntax: modules

Modules allow us to break up our code into multiple parts

```
module A {
    predicate MyPredicate() { ... }
}
module B {
    import A
    predicate MySecondPredicate() { A.MyPredicate() }
}
```

Modeling distributed systems

A distributed system is composed of multiple hosts



Distributed System: attempt #1

module DistributedSystem {

```
datatype Variables =
```

Variables(hosts:seq<Host.Variables>)

predicate Next (v:Variables, v':Variables, hostid: nat) {
 && Host.Next(v.hosts[hostid],v'.hosts[hostid]))
 && forall otherHost:nat | otherHost != hostid ::
 v'.hosts[otherHost] == v.hosts[otherHost]

}



A distributed system is composed of multiple hosts and a network

}

}

}



Distributed system: attempt #2

module DistributedSystem {
 datatype Variables =
 Variables(hosts:seq<Host.Variables>,

network: Network.Variables)

```
predicate HostAction(v, v', hostid, msgOps) {
   && Host.Next(v.hosts[hostid],v'.hosts[hostid],msgOps))
   && forall otherHost:nat | otherHost != hostid ::
        v'.hosts[otherHost] == v.hosts[otherHost]
```

```
predicate Next(v, v', hostid, msgOps: MessageOps) {
    && HostAction(v, v', hostid, msgOps) Binding variable
    && Network.Next(v, v', msgOps)
```

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Defining the network



Network module

```
module Network {
```

```
datatype Variables =
```

Variables(sentMsgs: set<Message>)

```
predicate Next(v, v', msgOps:MessageOps) {
```

```
// can only receive messages that have been sent
```

```
&& (msgOps.recv.Some? ==> msgOps.recv.value in v.sentMsgs)
```

```
// Record the sent message, if there was one
```

```
&& v'.sentMsgs ==
```

```
v.sentMsgs + if msgOps.send.None? then {}
        else {msgOps.send.value}
```



A distributed system is composed of multiple hosts, a network and clocks



Distributed system: attempt #3

module DistributedSystem {

datatype Variables =

Variables(hosts:seq<Host.Variables>,

network: Network.Variables,

time: Time.Variables)

}

}



A "distributed" system



```
module DistributedSystem {
  datatype Variables =
    Variables(fs: FileSystem.Variables,
        disk: Disk.Variables)
```

```
predicate Next(v, v') {
```

```
|| (exists io ::
```

```
&& FileSystem.Next(v.fs, v'.fs, bolding variable
```

```
&& Disk.Next(v.disk, v'.disk, io)
```

```
|| ( // Crash!
```

```
&& FileSystem.Init(v'.fs)
```

```
&& v'.disk == v.disk
```

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Trusted vs proven







Specification sandwich



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