The Significance of Symbolic Logic for Scientific Education

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Which control decisions are safe for aircraft collision avoidance?



Cyber-Physical Systems

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Cyber-Physical Systems Promise Transformative Impact!

Prospects: Safety & Efficiency

(Autonomous) cars

(Auto)Pilot support

Robots near humans



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Depends on how it has been programmed

And on what will happen if it malfunctions

Rationale

- Safety guarantees require analytic foundations.
- A common foundational core helps all application domains.
- Foundations revolutionized digital computer science & our society.
- Need even stronger foundations when software reaches out into our physical world.

CPSs deserve proofs as safety evidence!

\mathcal{R} CPSs are Multi-Dynamical Systems

CPS Dynamics

CPS are characterized by multiple facets of dynamical systems.



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Challenge (CPS)

Fixed rule describing state evolution with both

- Discrete dynamics (control decisions)
- Continuous dynamics



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\cancel{R} Hybrid Systems Versus Cyber-Physical Systems

Mathematical model for complex physical systems:

Definition (Hybrid Systems)

Systems with interacting discrete and continuous dynamics

Technical characteristics:

Definition (Cyber-Physical Systems)

(Distributed networks of) computerized control for physical system Communication, computation, and control for physics



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How to Teach Cyber-Physical Systems?

Onion Model

- Going outside in
- Onpeel layer by layer
- Progress when all prereqs are covered
- First study CS medskip math medskip engineering
- Talk about CPS in the big finale

Scenic Tour Model

- Start at the heart: CPS
- Go on scenic expeditions into various directions
- Explore the world around us as we find the need
- Stay on CPS the whole time
- Leverage CPS as the guiding motivation for understanding more about connected areas



Logical scrutiny, formalization, and correctness proofs are critical for CPS!

- CPSs are so easy to get wrong.
- Petrofitting CPSs for safety is not possible.
- These logical aspects are an integral part of CPS design.
- Oritical to your understanding of the intricate complexities of CPS.
- Solution Tame complexity by a simple programming language for core aspects.

- Foundations!
- Modeling & Control
 - Understand the core principles behind CPSs.
 - 2 Develop models and controls.
 - Identify the relevant dynamical aspects.
- Computational Thinking
 - Identify safety specifications and critical properties of CPSs.
 - Inderstand abstraction in system design.
 - Express pre- and postconditions for CPS models.
 - Use design-by-invariant.
 - Season rigorously about CPS models.
 - Solution Verify CPS models of appropriate scale.
- CPS Skills
 - Understand the semantics of a CPS model.
 - 2 Develop an intuition for operational effects.
 - Identify control constraints.
 - Understand opportunities and challenges in CPS and verification.
- Byproducts
 - Well-motivated exposure to numerous math and science areas in action.

identify safety specifications for CPS rigorous reasoning about CPS understand abstraction & architectures programming languages for CPS verify CPS models at scale



cyber+physics models core principles of CPS relate discrete+continuous semantics of CPS models operational effects identify control constraints opportunities and challenges

\mathcal{R} Textbook and Course Outline

- I Part: Elementary Cyber-Physical Systems
- 2. Differential Equations & Domains
- 3. Choice & Control
- 4. Safety & Contracts
- 5. Dynamical Systems & Dynamic Axioms
- 6. Truth & Proof
- 7. Control Loops & Invariants
- 8. Events & Responses
- 9. Reactions & Delays

II Part: Differential Equations Analysis

- 10. Differential Equations & Differential Invariants
- 11. Differential Equations & Proofs
- 12. Ghosts & Differential Ghosts
- 13. Differential Invariants & Proof Theory
- III Part: Adversarial Cyber-Physical Systems
- -17. Hybrid Systems & Hybrid Games
 - IV Part: Comprehensive CPS Correctness



Logical Foundations of Cyber-Physical Systems





R CPS Analysis



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- $\mathbb{C} \ [\alpha^*] \forall v > 0 (P(v) \to \langle \alpha \rangle P(v-1)) \to \forall v (P(v) \to \langle \alpha^* \rangle \exists v \leq 0 P(v))$
- $| [\alpha^*] P \leftrightarrow P \land [\alpha^*] (P \to [\alpha] P)$
- $\mathsf{K} \ [\alpha](P \to Q) \to ([\alpha]P \to [\alpha]Q)$
- [*] $[\alpha^*]P \leftrightarrow P \land [\alpha][\alpha^*]P$
- [;] $[\alpha; \beta] P \leftrightarrow [\alpha][\beta] P$
- $[\cup] [\alpha \cup \beta] P \leftrightarrow [\alpha] P \land [\beta] P$
- $['] [x' = f(x)]P \leftrightarrow \forall t \ge 0 [x := y(t)]P$
- $[?] [?Q]P \leftrightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$
- $[:=] [x:=e] P(x) \leftrightarrow P(e)$
- R Differential Dynamic Logic dL: Axiomatization

laws of logic of laws of physics

(y'(t) = f(y))

equations of truth

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- Instead: face blank page syndrome on every question
- Free text easy but cannot autograde accurately
- Free program and formula input, autograded by KeYmaera X proof
- Succinctly convey a lot of understanding

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Answer: {a; {b; }* }*

Inverts definitions, requires reflection, and practices deeper understandings of the inner working principles.

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Check physical intuition as a logical formula, prepare for safe veribot design

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Figure out why a control loop works correctly

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\mathcal{R} Course Evaluation

- Essentially perfect course evaluations
- Students stay despite huge workload (≈20h/week with all parts)
- Resources: Lectures, videos, textbook, slides, quiz, KeYmaera X prover
- Active learning quiz introduction correlates with significant learning and deep understanding advances. But also at start of pandemic ...
- Active learning quiz scores strongest predictor of course grade
- CPS V&V Grand Prix independent way to become verification rockstar
- Experimenting with different setups to reduce workload

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Summary

ℜ Course: Programming Language Semantics

- Programs reach or influence important decisions
- Guarantees for program computations begin with program semantics
- Justify correctness of understanding / analysis / compilation of programs
- Characterize prog. languages syntactically, semantically, axiomatically
- Denotational semantics, operational semantics, axiomatic semantics
- Soundness & completeness
- Program specification and proof
- Interactive and game programming
- Concurrent programming
- Correct compilation and interpretation
- Use logic to simplify core concepts and avoid technicalities
- Key tricks: Dynamic logic and uniform substitution

ℛ Logic Simplifies Program Program Semantics

Partial Semantics from Programming Langue Implementations

- State $\omega : \mathscr{V} \dashrightarrow \mathscr{D}$ is **partial** function from variables in \mathscr{V} to values in \mathscr{D}
- Meaning ω[[x + 1]] of term x + 1 in state ω only defined if ω gives value to x. Then ω[[x + 1]] = ω(x) + 1
- + Teaches delicacy + precision, e.g., for null-pointer or array out of bounds
- Every step conditional as syntax & semantics connection needs guards

Impartial Semantics from Logic

- State $\omega: \mathscr{V} \to \mathscr{D}$ is **total** function from variables in \mathscr{V} to values in \mathscr{D}
- Meaning $\omega[x+1] = \omega(x) + 1$ of term x + 1 in state ω always defined
- + Everything always has a value
- Wastes information until coincidence lemma proves FV() dependency

Lemma (Coincidence lemma)

If
$$\omega = v$$
 on $FV(\theta)$, then $\omega\llbracket \theta
rbracket = v\llbracket \theta
rbracket$.

\mathcal{R} Logic Simplifies Syntactic Program Transformations

Syntactic Transformation $\alpha(e) \sim \alpha(k)$ via Special Semantics

- define syntactic transformation mechanism lpha(e)
 ightarrow lpha(k)
- define program context $\alpha(_)$ and semantics $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{cxt}$ for every type of hole
- prove $\llbracket \alpha(e) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{prg}} = \llbracket \alpha(_) \rrbracket_{\mathsf{cxt}} (\llbracket e \rrbracket_{\mathsf{part}})$ for every type of hole
- technical and repetitive proofs (even if they teach precision)

Syntactic Transformation $\alpha(e) \rightsquigarrow \alpha(k)$ via Logic

$$\operatorname{CQ} \ \frac{f=g}{p(f) \leftrightarrow p(g)} \qquad \operatorname{CT} \ \frac{f=g}{c(f)=c(g)} \qquad \operatorname{CE} \ \frac{P \leftrightarrow Q}{C(P) \leftrightarrow C(Q)}$$

+ Substituting equals for equals, no special mechanisms or proofs

Theorem (Soundness of uniform substitution)

$$\frac{\psi}{\sigma(\varphi)} \qquad \qquad \frac{\varphi_1 \ \dots \ \varphi_n}{\psi} \text{loc.sound} \ \stackrel{US}{\Rightarrow} \ \frac{\sigma(\varphi_1) \ \dots \ \sigma(\varphi_n)}{\sigma(\psi)} \text{loc.sound}$$

R Logic Simplifies Compiler Optimizations

Logic reduces CSE/prop to simple axiom: [:=]
$$[x := e]p(x) \leftrightarrow p(e)$$

CSE $[while(y^2 < a^2 + b) \{z := z + y^2 * (a^2 + b); y := y + 2 * 3\}]P \leftrightarrow [x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 2 * 3\}]P$
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Logic reduces fold to simple rule: CQ $\frac{f = g}{p(f) \leftrightarrow p(g)}$ CP $\frac{\alpha = \beta}{C(\alpha) \leftrightarrow C(\beta)}$
Fold $[x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 2 * 3\}]P \leftrightarrow [x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 2 * 3\}]P \leftrightarrow [x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 2 * 3\}]P \leftrightarrow [x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 6\}]P$
Unfold $[x := a^2 + b; while(y^2 < x) \{z := z + y^2 * x; y := y + 6\}]P$

 $[\cdot -]$ $[\mathbf{x} \cdot - \mathbf{o}]\mathbf{o}(\mathbf{x}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{o}(\mathbf{o})$

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Summary

\checkmark Significance of Symbolic Logic for Scientific Education

Logical foundations make a big difference

differential dynamic logic dL = DL + HP

- Logic identifies core ideas
- Logic simplifies concepts
- Logic helps CS intro programming, logic courses, CPS, program semantics
- Logic helps (in)formally or with tools
- Dynamic logic
- Uniform substitution



- Active learning quizzes
- Theorem prover autogrades
- 1 Principles Imperative Comput.
- 3 Constructive Logic
- 3+ Compiler Design
- 3+ Logical Foundations of CPS
- MS+ Progr. Lang. Semantics

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