Risk-Driven Engineering of Requirements for Dependable Systems

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Requirements engineering (RE), roughly ...

- Identify & analyze problems with an existing system (system-as-is),
- Identify & evaluate objectives, opportunities, options for new system (system-to-be),
- Identify & define functionalities of, constraints on, responsibilities in system-to-be,
- Specify & organize all of these in a requirements document to be maintained throughout system development & evolution

System = software + environment

(people, devices, existing software)



Example:

transportation between airport terminals

- Problem (system-as-is):
 - passengers frequently missing flight connections among terminals; slow & inconvenient bus transportation
 - number of passengers increasing regularly
- Objectives, options (system-to-be):
 - support high-frequency trains between terminals
 - with or without train drivers?
- Functionalities, constraints:
 - software-based control of train accelerations, of doors opening etc. to achieve *prompt* and *safe* transportation
- RE deliverable: requirements document for system-to-be



The scope of RE is broad

- Composite system: software-to-be + environment
- Multiple system versions: as-is, to-be, to-be-next
- Multiple options (evaluation, selection)
- Multiple stakeholders to be involved
- Multiple dimensions: WHY, WHAT, WHO





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- ♦ High-level, strategic → low-level, technical
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- ♦ Implicit, hidden → explicit, adequate
- Conflicting \rightarrow consistent
- ♦ Partial → sufficiently complete
- ◆ Intended, ideal → unexpected, realistic (hazards, threats)



RE is critical

Major cause of software failure

Requirements-related errors are the most numerous, persistent, expensive, dangerous

- Severe consequences
 - accidents, environmental degradations cost overruns, delivery delays, dissatisfaction
- Multiple impact
 - legal, social, economical, technical
- Certification issues





Requirements **completeness** is a major challenge

- Missing requirements = major cause of software failure
- Often result from poor risk analysis
 - > lack of anticipation of what could go wrong
 - => over-ideal system,
 - no requirements on handling adverse events





Risks must be anticipated at RE time

- Risk = uncertain factor whose occurrence may result in loss
 of satisfaction of a corresponding objective
 - e.g. a passenger forcing doors opening while train moving a meeting participant not checking email regularly
- A risk has...
 - a likelihood of occurrence,
 - one or more undesirable consequences
 - e.g. passengers falling out of train moving with doors open
- Each risk consequence has ...
 - a likelihood of occurrence if the risk occurs
 - a severity: degree of loss of satisfaction of objective









Course outline

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Model-based RE

- To focus on key aspects
- To support early **analysis** & fix of critical errors
- To support explanation to stakeholders
- To support decisions among multiple options





Model building at RE time should be goal-oriented

To enable ...

- satisfaction arguments Specs, Assumptions Goal
- completeness & pertinence of the model
- early, incremental analysis
- model refinement & synthesis (deductive, inductive)
- reasoning about alternative options
- validation by stakeholders
- backward traceability
- generation of ...
 - requirements document
 - architectural fragments
 - runtime regirements monitors



Requirements Engineering



Declarative abstractions for system modeling at RE time



- prescriptive statement of intent about system

"Trains shall stop at stop signals"



- Domain property
 - descriptive statement about environment

"Train doors are either open or closed"



- Both used for model building
 - Goals may be refined, negotiated, weakened, prioritized ...
 unlike domain properties



Goals are formulated at different levels of abstraction

Higher-level goals

strategic, coarse-grained

"50% increase of transportation capacity"



♦ Lower-level goals

technical, fine-grained

"Acceleration command sent every 3 secs"





Goal satisfaction requires agent cooperation

 Agent: active component, controls behaviors software-to-be, device, human role, existing sw TrainController, Passenger, SpeedSensor, TrackingSystem The more fine-grained a goal, the fewer agents required for its satisfaction SafeTransportation vs. DoorsClosedWhileMoving



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Goal types & categories

- Two types of goals
 - Behavioral goals: prescribe intended behaviors can be satisfied in clear-cut sense used for deriving operational models & risk analysis





Behavioral goals: subtypes and specification patterns

Achieve [TargetCondition]:

[if CurrentCondition then] sooner-or-later TargetCondition

Achieve [FastJourney]:



if train is at some platform then within 5 minutes it is at next platform





Behavioral goals: subtypes and specification patterns (2)

Maintain [GoodCondition]:

[if CurrentCondition then] always GoodCondition always (if CurrentCondition then GoodCondition)

Maintain [DoorsClosedWhileMoving]:



always (if a train is moving then its doors are closed)





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"Stress conditions of air traffic controllers shall be reduced"





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- Two categories of goals
 - functional: underlying operation, feature, service, task
 - non-functional: quality goals e.g. security, accuracy, ...
 architectural goals, development goals,...



What kind of system model for RE?

Multi-view

- complementary facets, for model comprehensiveness intentional, structural, responsibility, operational, behavioral
- inter-view rules for structural consistency
- Multi-formalism
 - Diagrammatic

Goal AND/OR refinement graphs UML subset: class, sequence, state diagrams Event-based behaviors: Labeled Transition Systems (LTS)

- Formal (when & where needed): real-time temporal logic
- Quantitative: propagation equations

What models for RE?



What models for RE ?





Goal-oriented model building

system-as-is

1. Domain analysis: refine/abstract goals









Goal-oriented model building





Goal-oriented model building

1. Domain analysis: refine/abstract goals

2. Domain analysis: derive/structure objects





3. System-to-be: enriched goals (alternatives)




3. S2B analysis: enriched goals (alternatives)











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Specifying model items formally

- To support more accurate analysis & derivations
- Optional "button": only when and where needed
- Declarative formalism for goals & domain properties
 - real-time temporal logic
- More operational formalism for operations
 - goal-oriented pre-/postconditions



Some bits of real-time linear temporal logic

- P: P shall hold in the **immediately next** state
- P: P shall hold in some future state
- P: P shall hold in every future state
- PUN: P shall hold in every future state *until* N holds
- PWN: P shall hold in every future state *unless* N holds



Some bits of real-time linear temporal logic (2)

Propositional connectives

$$\land, ~\lor, ~\neg, ~\rightarrow, ~\leftrightarrow$$

First-order language

quantifiers on *object instance* variables \forall , \exists

 $\mathsf{P} \Rightarrow \mathsf{Q} : \Box (\mathsf{P} \rightarrow \mathsf{Q})$

 $P \Leftrightarrow Q : \square (P \leftrightarrow Q)$



Some bits of real-time linear temporal logic (3)

Real-time constructs:

- □≤TP: P shall hold in every future state up to T time units
- ♦ P: P shall hold within T time units

Operators on past:

- P: P did hold in the previous state (right before)
- \bullet P, \blacksquare P, P S O, P B O: always P since/back to O

$$\blacklozenge_{\leq_T} \mathsf{P}, \ \blacksquare_{\leq_T} \mathsf{P}, \ \mathsf{etc}$$



Interpretation over historical state sequences

- H: historical sequence of states (behavior)
- *i*: time position (time is isomorphic to naturals)

(H, i) |= o P iff (H, next(i)) |= P smallest time unit

 $(H, i) \models \Diamond P$ iff $(H, j) \models P$ for some $j \ge i$

 $(H, i) \models \Box P$ iff $(H, j) \models P$ for all $j \ge i$



Interpretation over historical state sequences (2)

 $(H, i) \models P U \text{ N iff } (H, j) \models \text{ N for some } j \ge i$ and $(H, k) \models P \text{ for all } k: i \le k < j$

 $(H, i) \models P W N \text{ iff } (H, i) \models P U N \text{ or } (H, i) \models \Box P$

 $(H, i) \models \bigotimes_{\leq T} P$ iff $(H, j) \models P$ for some $j \ge i$ with dist $(i, j) \le T$





goal

/DoorsClosedBetweenPlatforms/

annotation

Goal Maintain [DoorsClosedBetweenPlatforms]

Def All train doors shall be kept closed at any time between two successive platforms

FormalSpec ?

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AND-refinements

- AND-refinement of goal G into subgoals SG₁, ..., SG_n means:
 G can be satisfied by satisfying SG₁, ..., SG_n
- AND-refinements should be ...
 - complete: {SG₁, ..., SG_n, Dom} |= G
 essential for requirements completeness
 - consistent: $\{SG_1, ..., SG_n, Dom\} \neq false$
 - minimal: {SG₁, ..., SG_{j-1}, SG_{j+1}, ..., SG_n, Dom} |≠ G
 to avoid unnecessarily restrictive requirements/expectations



OR-refinements

- OR-refinement of goal G into refinements R₁, ..., R_m means:
 G can be satisfied by satisfying all subgoals from
 any of the alternative refinements R_i
- Alternative goal refinements yield different options (system variants)
 - pros/cons to be evaluated against soft goals for selection







Checking goal refinements

- Aim: show that refinements are correct and complete
 Subgoals, Assumptions, DomainProps ParentGoal
- (Approach 1: use theorem prover) heavyweight, non-constructive
- Approach 2: front end to bounded SAT solver
 - incremental check/debug of goal model fragments
 - on selected object instances (propositionalization)

Input: $SubG_1 \land ... \land SubG_n \land Dom \land \neg ParentGoal$ Output: OK

KO + counter-example scenario



Approach 3: reuse refinement patterns

- Catalogue of patterns encoding refinement tactics
- Generic refinements proved formally, once for all
- Reuse through instantiation, in matching situation

Can be used informally (natural language templates)









Some other frequent patterns

Refinement by case

 applicable when the goal satisfaction space can be partitioned into cases (disjoint, covering all possibilities)



(Similar pattern for *Maintain* goals)









Operationalization pattern: example





Operationalization pattern: example

HighWaterSignal = 'On' $\Rightarrow \bigcirc$ PumpSwitch = 'On'

C: HighWaterSignal = 'On' T: PumpSwitch = 'On'

Operation SwitchPumpOn DomPre PumpSwitch ≠ On DomPost PumpSwitch = On ReqTrig for RootGoal HighWaterSignal = 'On' Operation SwitchPumpOff DomPre PumpSwitch = On DomPost PumpSwitch ≠ On ReqPre for RootGoal HighWaterSignal ≠ 'On'
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Obstacle analysis for risk-driven RE

 Motivation: goals in refinement graph are often too ideal, likely to be violated under abnormal conditions (unintentional or intentional agent behaviors)

Risk analysis can be anchored on goal models







What are obstacles ?

Obstacle to goal = condition on system for goal violation

- {**O**, *Dom* } |= ¬*G* obstruction
- {**O**, *Dom* } ≠ **false** *domain consistency, obstacle satisfiability*
- e.g. G: StopSignal \Rightarrow TrainStopsAtBlockSignal



Dom: TrainStopsAtStopSignal ⇒ DriverResponsive

- *O:* \diamond (StopSignal $\land \neg$ DriverResponsive)
- For behavioral goal: existential property capturing unadmissible behavior (negative scenario)

[van Lamsweerde & Letier, TSE'2000]



Completeness of a set of obstacles

Ideally, a set of obstacles to G should be complete

 $\{\neg O_1, ..., \neg O_n, Dom\} \models G$ domain completeness

e.g.

DriverResponsive ∧ ¬ BrakeSystemDown ∧ SignalVisible ∧ StopSignal ⇒ TrainStopsAtBlockSignal ???

- Completeness is highly desirable for mission-critical goals
 - but bounded by what we know about the domain
- Obstacle analysis may help elicit relevant domain properties



Obstacle categories for heuristic identification

Correspond to goal categories & their refinement ...

- Hazard obstacles obstruct Safety goals
- Threat obstacles obstruct Security goals



- Inaccuracy obstacles obstruct Accuracy goals
- Misinformation obstacles obstruct Information goals
 - NonInformation, WrongInformation, TooLateInformation, ...
- Dissatisfaction obstacles obstruct Satisfaction goals
 - NonSatisfaction, PartialSatisfaction, TooLateSatisfaction, ...
- Unusability obstacles obstruct Usability goals





Obstacle refinement

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 - minimal: $\{subO_{1},...,subO_{j-1},subO_{j+1},...,subO_{n},Dom\} \models O$
- OR-refinement of obstacle O should be ...
 - entailments: {subO_i, Dom } |= 0
 - domain-consistent: {subO_i, Dom } ≠ false
 - domain-complete: $\{\neg subO_1, \dots, \neg subO_n, Dom\} \mid = \neg O$
 - disjoint: {subO_i, subO_j, Dom } |= false
- If subO_i OR-refines O and O obstructs G
 then subO_i obstructs G



Obstacle diagrams as AND/OR refinement trees

- Anchored on leafgoals in goal model
 - root: $\neg G$
 - obstacle AND/OR-refinement: same semantics as goals
 - leaf obstacles: feasibility, likelihood, resolution easier to determine



Obstacle diagrams as AND/OR refinement trees (2)



can be used informally





Obstructions propagate bottom-up in goal AND-refinement trees

• Cf. De Morgan's law: \neg (G1 \land G2) equivalent to \neg G1 \lor \neg G2



=> Severity of consequences of an obstacle can be assessed in terms of higher-level goals obstructed



Obstacle analysis for increased system robustness

- Anticipate obstacles ...
 - ⇒ more realistic goals,
 - new goals as countermeasures to abnormal conditions
 - ⇒ more complete, realistic goal model

Obstacle analysis:

For selected goals in the goal model ...

- identify as many obstacles to it as possible;
- assess their likelihood & severity;



- resolve them according to likelihood & severity

=> new goals as countermeasures in the goal model



- Goal-obstacle analysis loop terminates when remaining obstacles can be tolerated
 - unlikely or acceptable consequences
- Which goals to consider in the goal model?
 - leafgoals (requirements or expectations): easier to find how to break finer-grained goals
 - mission-critical goals

Obstacle analysis : a motivating example



Real air traffic control project, CEDITI, completed March 2002

Uberlingen mid-air collision, July 2002

Facts

- July 1st 2002, southern Germany
- DHL Boeing 757 × Russian Tu-154
- 71 people killed, incl. 52 children

Preliminary analysis shows:

- STCA out of order at Swiss ATC
- Only 1 controller on duty at crash time (the other one was taking a break) → controller overloaded
- Problem between air traffic handover between Switzerland and Germany for another flight landing
- German ATC failed to call Swiss ATC
- Conflict between Tu's TCAS embedded system and tower's order
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Obstacle analysis : a motivating example



Communication controllers adjacent sector possible

Communication pilot-controller possible

Communication controllers same sector possible

Accurate air traffic representation
Accurate air traffic awareness
Air traffic modelled
Air traffic model updated
Deviation from planned route identified
Good communication between planner and tactical

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Obstacle identification

- ♦ For obstacle to goal G ...
 - negate G;
 - find as many AND/OR refinements of ¬G as possible in view of domain properties ...
 - ... until reaching obstruction preconditions
 - that are *feasible* by the environment of the agents assigned to *G*
 - whose likelihood & severity is easy to assess
 - = goal-anchored construction of fault-tree













Can we identify obstacles systematically?

• The problem: generate obstacles O such that O, Dom $\neg G$

Dom **|**≠ ¬ O

- Various techniques available ...
 - tautology-based refinement from ¬G
 - regression of ¬ G through Dom
 - reuse of formal obstruction patterns
 - combine model checking and inductive learning





Generating obstacles: tautology-based refinement

- Take goal negation as root
- Use tautologies to drive refinements

e.g.

- \neg (A \land B) equiv \neg A \lor \neg B
- ¬ (A v B) equiv ¬ A ∧ ¬ B

 \neg (A \Rightarrow B) equiv A $\land \neg$ B

 \neg (A \Leftrightarrow B) equiv (A $\land \neg$ B) \lor (\neg A \land B)

=> complete OR-refinements when v-connective gets in



Tautology-based refinement: A320 braking logic example





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Recall: obstacle analysis for increased system robustness

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Find precondition for obstruction of ... MovingOnRunway \Rightarrow WheelsTurning

Warsaw obstacle



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 \rightarrow RHS unifiable:

MovingOnRunway
 Aquaplaning
 A

Resulting obstacle trees





The regression procedure

- Initial step:
 - take 0 := ¬ G
- Inductive step:
 - let

A ⇒ C be the domain property selected
with C matching some L in O whose occurrences are all positive in O
then μ := mgu (L, C) (most general unifier)
O := O [L/A. μ]

Every iteration produces finer sub-obstacles



Generating obstacles: reusing formal obstruction patterns

• Same idea as goal refinement patterns - *obstructions* here



- Useful pattern for eliciting relevant domain properties
 - "what are necessary conditions for TargetCondition?"



Generating obstacles: reusing formal obstruction patterns

Very frequent pattern ...



(StopSignal $\land \neg$ DriverResponsive) TrainStops \Rightarrow DriverResponsive




Some other frequent obstruction patterns



Instantiating the starvation pattern









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Combining model checking & inductive learning for obstacle generation



[Alrajeh, Kramer, van Lamsweerde, Russo & Uchitel, ICSE'2012]





Inductive logic programming

Machine learning technique for constructing concept descriptions from examples + logical domain theory [Muggleton 1994]

Given:		
K	knowledge base	
E +	set of positive examples	
E -	set of negative examples	
IC	integrity constraints	Ina
Find:		sys
Η	generalisation such that {K, H} ⊨ E+ {K, H} ⊭ E- {K, H, IC} ⊭ false	

Inductive Logic Programming systems available (XHAIL, TAL)

- scalable for finite domains
- sound and complete
- fully automated

[Ray 2009, Corapi et al 2010]



The problem, more precisely

Given

A declarative model: set of LTL goals G + domain properties $D \nvDash G$, $\{D, G\} \nvDash false$

Find

A domain-complete set of obstacles $\{O_1, ..., O_n\}$ such that $\{O_i, D\} \vDash \neg G, \{O_i, D\} \nvDash false$ $\{\neg O_1, ..., \neg O_n, D\} \vDash G$ where \vDash is interpreted as LTL satisfaction relation wrt all LTS traces













Back to trains and signals ...







Input: goals

General form

 $C \Rightarrow \Theta T$

 Θ : temporal LTL operator $\mathbf{o}, \diamondsuit, \Box, \Rightarrow, \dots$

Goal Achieve [TrainStoppedAtBlockSignal If StopSignal] StopSignal ⇒ o TrainStopped



Input: domain properties

Temporal assertions (necessary conditions for goal target)

+ fluent definitions

Dom props: TrainStopped ⇒ DriverResponsive TrainStopped ⇒ SignalVisible



Fluent Definitions:

TrainStopped = < stop_train, start_train, false >
StopSignal = < set_to_stop, set_to_go, false >
SignalVisible = < clear_signal, obstruct_signal, true >
DriverResponsive = < driver_responds, driver_ignores, true >



Synthesizing LTL domain props and model checking

• Checking for obstacle feasibility

$$LTL(D) \models C \Rightarrow \Theta \top \longrightarrow counterexample$$

• Checking for goal satisfiability

$$\mathsf{LTL}(\mathsf{D}) \models \mathsf{C} \Rightarrow \neg \Theta \mathsf{T} \longrightarrow witness$$



Counterexample generation

TrainStopped \Rightarrow DriverResponsive \land TrainStopped \Rightarrow SignalVisible







Preparation for learning

Domain properties, goals, counterexample and witness(es) are automatically translated into the logic programming formalism understood by learning tool

TrainStopped ⇒ DriverResponsive TrainStopped ⇒ SignalVisible TrainStopped = <stop_train, start_train, false> StopSignal = <set_to_stop, set_to_go, false> SignalVisible = <clear_signal, obstr_signal, true> DriverResponsive = <responds, ignores, true>

StopSignal ⇒ o TrainStopped

set_to_stop, driver_ignores
set_to_stop, stop_train

:- holdsAt(trainStopped,T,S),
 not holdsAt(driverResponsive,T,S).

initiates(stop_train,trainStopped).
terminates(start_train,trainStopped).

initiates(driver_responds,driverResponsive).
terminates(driver_ignores,driverResponsive).

initially(driverResponsive).

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holdsAt(trainStopped,T2,S):-
holdsAt(stopSignal,T1,S), next(T2,T1),
not obstructed_next(trainStopped,T1,S).
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Domain properties: fluent definitions ...

DriverResponsive = < driver_responds, driver_ignores, true >

... add facts to knowledge base K

initiates(driver_responds,driverResponsive).
terminates(driver_ignores,driverResponsive).
initially(driverResponsive).





Domain properties: temporal assertions ...

TrainStopped \Rightarrow DriverResponsive



- ... add to integrity constraints IC the rule
 - :- holdsAt(trainStopped,T,S),

not holdsAt(driverResponsive,T,S).



no obstacle that would prevent the train from stopping





Learner output: obstacle condition

 Generalised assertion covering counterexample, excluding witness

obstructed_next(trainStopped,T,S): holdsAt(stopSignal,T,S),
 not holdsAt(driverResponsive,T,S).

 $O_1 = \langle (StopSignal \land \neg DriverResponsive) \rangle$





Second process iteration

Given

A declarative model: set of LTL goals G + domain properties D+ obstacle O_1 {D, $\neg O_1$ } \nvDash G , {D, G} \nvDash false

Find

A set of obstacles $\{O_2, ..., O_n\}$ such that $\{O_i, D\} \vDash \neg G$, $\{O_i, D\} \nvDash$ false $\{D, \neg O_1, ..., \neg O_n\} \vDash G$ where \vDash is interpreted as satisfaction relation wrt all LTS traces

Second process iteration (2)

Domain Properties:

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TrainStopped ⇒ DriverResponsive

TrainStopped ⇒ SignalVisible

TrainStopped = < stop_train, start_train, false>

StopSignal = < set_to_stop, set_to_go, false >

SignalVisible = < clear_signal, obstruct_signal, true >

DriverResponsive = < driver_responds, driver_ignores, true >
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Goal:

StopSignal ⇒ o TrainStopped

Negated Obstacle Condition: □ (¬StopSignal V DriverResponsive)



 $O_2 = \Diamond$ (StopSignal $\land \neg$ SignalVisible)



Getting new domain properties into the loop

- WHEN? After obstacles are generated
- WHY?
 - expand scope of obstructions
 - refine obstacles
- Focussed, goal-directed ...
 - for other goal obstructions: look for properties $T \Rightarrow N$ N: necessary condition for target of goal $C \Rightarrow \Theta T$
 - for obstacle refinement: look for properties $S \Rightarrow O$ S: sufficient condition for obstacle to be refined



Benefits of combining model checking & inductive learning

- Tool-supported approach for incremental generation of domain-complete set of obstacles
 - no user intervention required for example provision
- Domain-feasibility of generated obstacles granted for free
 - no need for separate check as in [Lamsweerde&Letier 2000]
- Assists in eliciting relevant domain properties
- Can be integrated with generation of operational reqs [Alrajeh et al 2009]
- Evaluation on LAS case study
 - generation of all formal obstacles that were derived manually in [van Lamsweerde&Letier00], and more



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Assessment is aimed at focussing resolution on *critical* obstacles
 [Cailliau & van Lamsweerde, RE'2012]


Obstacle assessment calls for a probabilistic framework

- Goals most often will be satisfied only partially
 - degree of goal satisfaction depends on probability of obstructing obstacles
- Goals are sometimes stated probabilistically
 - e.g. ORCON standards ...



"ambulances shall be on incident scene within 14 minutes in 95% of cases"

Severity of consequences then depends on difference between

- *required* degree of satisfaction
- estimated probability of satisfaction



Probabilistic goals



- Proba of satisfaction of $C \Rightarrow O T$: proportion between ...
 - # possible behaviors satisfying C, Θ T
 - # possible behaviors satisfying C
 - e.g. P (Achieve [AmbulanceMobilizedWhenAllocated]) = # behaviors where allocated ambulance is mobilized # behaviors where ambulance is allocated
- Two goals are dependent if the set of behaviors non-vacuously satisfying one is also non-vacuously satisfying or denying the other
 - in goal model: if one of them is descendant or conflicting
 - subgoals are independent in complete, consistent, minimal refinements:

 $P(SG_{1} | SG_{2}) = P(SG_{1} | \neg SG_{2}) = P(SG_{1}),$ $P(SG_{2} | SG_{1}) = P(SG_{2} | \neg SG_{1}) = P(SG_{2})$



Probabilistic goals (2)



 Required degree of satisfaction (RDS) of G : minimal admissible P(G) (obtained by req elicitation)

- specifiable in probabilistic TLs

e.g. $C \Rightarrow \Pr_{\geq RDS}[\Theta T]$ [Kwiatko

[Kwiatkowska et al 2002]

- G is probabilistic if 0 < RDS(G) < 1

Estimated proba of satisfaction (EPS) of G :

P (G) computed from the goal/obstacle models from estimates on leaf nodes

Severity of violation of G :
 SV(G) = RDS (G) - EPS (G)



Probabilistic goals (3)



Desirable conditions extended to probabilistic goals :

 $P(G \mid Dom) > 0$

 $P(G | SG_1, ..., SG_n, Dom) > 0$

 $P(SG_1, ..., SG_n | Dom) > 0$

domain-consistency

complete refinement

consistent refinement

 $P(G | SG_1, ..., SG_{i-1}, SG_{i+1}, ..., SG_n, Dom)$ < P(G | SG₁, ..., SG_n, Dom) minimal refinement





Probability of obstacle : proportion between ...

- # possible behaviors satisfying obstacle condition
- # possible system behaviors
- e.g. G: AmbulanceAllocated $\Rightarrow \diamondsuit_{\leq 2 \min}$ AmbulanceMobilized

P (\diamond (AmbulanceAllocated $\land \square_{\geq 2 \min} \neg$ CrewResponsive) =

behaviors with ambulance allocated without 2-min response
possible system behaviors





Probabilistic obstacles (2)



- Conditions extended for probabilistic (sub-)obstacles:
 - $P(\neg G \mid O, Dom) > O$
 - $P(O \mid Dom) > 0$

e.g.

- $P(O \mid SO_i) > 0$ for all SO_i
- $P(O \mid \neg SO_1, ..., \neg SO_n, Dom) = 0$ domain completeness

potential obstruction

domain consistency

entailment



P (MobilizedAmbulanceNotOnScene

- StuckInTrafficJam, - AmbulanceLost, - AmbulanceBrokenDown) = 0 ?

 $P(SO_{i} | SO_{i}) = P(SO_{i} | \neg SO_{i}) = P(SO_{i}),$ $P(SO_i | SO_i) = P(SO_i | \neg SO_i) = P(SO_i)$ independence



Assessing obstacles



• For leaf obstacles: use statistical data, domain expertise

e.g. P (◊ (AmbulanceMobilized ∧ □ ¬ CrewInFamiliarArea):
 occurs in 20% of cases

For parent obstacle: up-propagation through refinement tree

- AND-refinement: $P(O) = P(SO_1) \times P(SO_2) \times P(O | SO_1, SO_2)$
- OR-refinement: $P(O) = 1 (1 P(SO_1) \times P(O \mid SO_1)) \times (1 P(SO_2) \times P(O \mid SO_2))$

(for complete refinement in independent obstacles)

Up-propagation until root ¬ G is reached







P (AmbulanceLost | NotInFamiliarArea, GPS NotWorking)) = 0.95









- Obstacle consequence = lower degree of satisfaction of ...
 - obstructed leaf goal,
 - its parent/ancestor goals
- Propagation from root obstacle to obstructed leaf goal:
 1 P (LG) = P (RO) × P (¬ LG | RO)







Assessing obstacle consequences:

- Up-propagation through goal refinement graph ...
 - for single system with complete AND-refinements:
 - $P(G) = P(SG_1, SG_2) + P(SG_1, \neg SG_2) \times P(G \mid SG_1, \neg SG_2) + P(SG_2, \neg SG_1) \times P(G \mid SG_2, \neg SG_1)$
 - further simplification for refinement patterns
 (complete, minimal, consistent => independent subgoals)
 P(G) = P(SG₁) × P(SG₂) milestone-driven
 P(G) = P(CS) × P(SG₁) + (1 P(CS)) × P(SG₂) case-driven
- Two kinds of consequence assessment
 - global: severity SV (G) computed from all leaf goal obstructions
 - local: single leaf goal obstruction, all other leaf goals with P(LG) = 1













Identifying critical obstacle combinations



- Aim: focus resolution on most problematic leaf obstacles
- Multi-criteria optimization problem
 - minimal sets of leaf obstacles maximizing severity of goal violations ?
- Brute force solution
 - generate all leaf obstacle combinations
 - compute SV(G) for each obstructed G
 - weighted according to goal priority
 - sort leaf obstacle combinations by severity
- Optimized techniques available for generating Pareto fronts [Kung et al, 1975]



Identifying critical obstacle combinations: example

Amb. Lost	Amb. Stuck In Traffic	Amb. Broken Down	EPS	RDS	SV	n
1	1	1	92,77%	95%	2,23%	
1	1	0	93,20%		1,80%	
0	1	1	94,54%		0,46%	
1	0	1	94,61%		0,39%	
0	1	0	95,02%		-0,02%	
1	0	0	95,10%		-0,10%	
0	0	1	96,44%		-1,44%	
0	0	0	96,92%		-1,92%	
			3% 2% 1% 0% -1% -2% -3% -3% 0			

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Number of obstacles

TABLE I.Violation severity forAchieve [AmbulanceOnSceneInTimeWhenIncidentReported]

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Resolving obstacles

At RE time: integrate countermeasures in the goal model

- new or modified goals in goal model
- often to be refined
- For every critical obstacle ...
 - explore alternative resolutions
 - select "best" resolution based on ...

likelihood/severity of obstacle non-functional/quality goals in goal model

 At system run-time: obstacle monitoring, run-time resolution (non-severe, occasional obstacles) [Feather et al, 1998]





Exploring alternative countermeasures

By use of model transformation operators

- encode resolution tactics

Goal substitution:

consider alternative refinement of parent goal to avoid obstruction of child goal













 Agent substitution: consider alternative responsibilities for obstructed goal so as to make obstacle unfeasible





Exploring alternative countermeasures (3)

- Goal weakening: weaken the obstructed goal so that the weaker version is no longer obstructed
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Exploring alternative countermeasures (4)

Obstacle prevention:

- introduce new goal: Avoid [obstacle]
- to be further refined
- standard resolution tactics for security threats

Avoid [VulnerabilityCondition]







Goal restoration:

enforce goal's target condition as obstacle occurs => new goal: $O \Rightarrow \Diamond$ TargetCondition





Exploring alternative countermeasures (7)

Obstacle mitigation:

introduce new goal to mitigate consequences of obstacle

- Weak mitigation:

new goal ensures weaker goal version when obstructed



Exploring alternative countermeasures (7)

Obstacle mitigation:

introduce new goal to mitigate consequences of obstacle

- Strong mitigation:

new goal ensures *parent* of goal when obstructed



Resolution goals must then be further refined in the goal model




An interesting perspective: obstacle resolution as theory revision

• Given:

- B: knowledge base (domain properties)
- E: examples (traces)
- M: mode declaration (language bias)
- RM: a rule space
- $R \subseteq R_M$: a revisable theory (goal model)

• Find:

- R' : a revised theory with distance c (R,R')
 - obtained by deleting rules, adding/deleting & conditions to/from rules
 - $\cdot \quad \mathsf{R}' \subseteq \mathsf{R}_\mathsf{M}$
 - $B \cup R' \models E$
 - c (R, R') is minimal



Selecting best resolution

- Evaluation criteria for comparing alternative resolutions ...
 - number of obstacles resolved by the alternative
 - their likelihood & criticality
 - the resolution's contribution to soft goals
 - its cost
- May be based on estimates of ...
 - risk-reduction leverage
 - qualitative/quantitative contribution to soft goals [Mylopoulos et al]
- If obstacle not eliminated, multiple alternatives may be taken
 e.g. FineCharged + ReminderSent (for book copies not returned in time)
- Selected alternative => new/weakened goal in goal model
 - resolution link to obstacle for traceability
 - weakening may need to be propagated in goal model
 - to be refined & checked for conflicts & new obstacles

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Beyond unintentional obstacles: threat analysis

Threat analysis for more secure model



Threat analysis for more secure model



Threat analysis for more secure model



Model completed with countermeasures





Industrial application:

Security of <u>A</u>ircraft in the <u>F</u>uture <u>E</u>uropean <u>E</u>nvironment





with Airbus, British Aerospace, SAGEM, Marconi, ...

Threats from baggage area

- Modeling terrorist threats (huge anti-goal model)
- For on-board detection & reaction system

Conclusion



- It is important to verify that your software implements its specs correctly... *BUT*...
- ... are those specs meeting the software requirements (including non-functional ones)?
- ... are those requirements meeting the system's goals ?
 ... under realistic assumptions ?
- ... are such goals, requirements & assumptions complete, consistent, adequate and realistic ?

this is a critical though still largely unexplored area with many challenging issues for formal methods

Conclusion



- Problem-oriented abstractions, declarative specs are needed for ... communication with stakeholders early, incremental analysis of partial models
- Systematic techniques are needed for model construction
 - from high-level goals to detailed operational specs
 from detailed operational specs to high-level goals
 - appropriate mix of deductive & inductive techniques
- Importance of capturing the right assumptions
 (+ satisfaction args)

Conclusion



- Be pessimistic from beginning about software and environment, anticipate what could go wrong hazards, threats, conflicts, ...
- Multi-button approach
 - semi-formal
 - for navigation, traceability ... and accessibility
 - formal, when and where needed
 for precise, automated reasoning on model pieces

Rigorous approaches needed Many opportunities for interesting research!

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