

# Cyberphysical Systems: Invariants

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- (Transition closure) For any action  $a \in A$ , if  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow_a \mathbf{x}'$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in I$  then  $\mathbf{x}' \in I$ , and
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**Proof.** Consider any reachable state  $x \in \text{Reach}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . By the definition of a reachable state, there exists an execution  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\alpha.lstate = x$ . We proceed by induction on the length of the execution  $\alpha$ . For the base case,  $\alpha$  consists of a single starting state  $x \in \Theta$ , and, by the *start condition*,  $x \in I$ . For the inductive step, we consider two subcases:

**Case 1:**  $\alpha = \alpha' a p(x)$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $p(x)$  is a point trajectory at  $x$ .

By the induction hypothesis, we know that  $\alpha'.lstate \in I$ .

By invoking the *transition closure*, we obtain  $x \in I$ .

**Case 2:**  $\alpha = \alpha' \tau$ , where  $\tau$  is a trajectory of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\tau.lstate = x$

By the *induction hypothesis*,  $\alpha'.lstate \in I$  and by

invoking the *trajectory closure*, we deduce that  $\tau.lstate = x \in I$

# An application

**automaton** Bouncingball(c,h,g)

**variables:** x: Reals := h, v: Reals := 0

**actions:** bounce

**transitions:**

bounce

**pre**  $x = 0 \wedge v < 0$

**eff**  $v := -cv$

**trajectories:**

Loc1

**evolve**  $d(x) = v; d(v) = -g$

**invariant**  $x \geq 0$

Candidate invariant: “stays above ground”

$I_0: x \geq 0 \equiv \{ \mathbf{u} \in \text{val}(\{x, v\}) \mid \mathbf{u}[x \geq 0] \}$

Applying Theorem 7.1:

- Consider any initial state  $\mathbf{u} \in \Theta; \mathbf{u}[x = h \geq 0]$ 
  - $\mathbf{u} \in I_0$
- Consider any transition  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow_{\text{bounce}} \mathbf{u}'$ 
  - From precondition we know  $\mathbf{u}[x = 0]$ ; from effect we know  $\mathbf{u}'.x = \mathbf{u}.x$  therefore  $\mathbf{u}'[x = 0 \geq 0]$
  - $\mathbf{u}' \in I_0$
- Consider any trajectory  $\tau \in T$ 
  - From mode invariant we know that for  $\forall t \in \tau.\text{dom}, \tau(t)[x \geq 0]$
  - It follows that  $\tau.\text{lstate}[x \geq 0]$
- What part of Bouncingball was used? What could be changed?

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Candidate invariant: “stays above ground and below h”

$$I_h: h \geq x \geq 0$$

Applying Theorem 7.1:

- Consider any initial state  $\mathbf{u} \in \Theta$ ;  $\mathbf{u}[x = h$ 
  - $\mathbf{u} \in I_h$
- Consider any transition  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow_{\text{bounce}} \mathbf{u}'$ 
  - From precondition we know  $\mathbf{u}[x = 0$ ; from effect we know  $\mathbf{u}'.x = \mathbf{u}.x$  therefore  $\mathbf{u}'[x = 0$
  - $\mathbf{u}' \in I_h$
- Consider any trajectory  $\tau \in T$ 
  - From mode invariant and inductive hypothesis we know that for  $\forall t \in \tau.\text{dom}$ ,  $\tau(t)[x \geq 0$  **and**,  $\tau(0)[x \in [0, h]$  and that  $\tau$  is a solution of  $d(x) = v; d(v) = -g$
  - Is this adequate to infer  $\tau.\text{lstate} \in I_h$ ?

# Strengthened invariant

**automaton** Bouncingball(c,h,g)

**variables:** x: Reals := h, v: Reals := 0

k: Nat := 0

**actions:** bounce

**transitions:**

bounce

**pre**  $x = 0 \wedge v < 0$

**eff**  $v := -cv; k := k + 1$

**trajectories:**

Loc1

**evolve**  $d(x) = v; d(v) = -g$

**invariant**  $x \geq 0$

Candidate invariant: “stays above ground and below h”

$$I_v: v^2 - 2g(hc^{2k} - x) = 0$$

Applying Theorem 7.1:

- Consider any initial state  $\mathbf{u} \in \Theta$ ;  $\mathbf{u}[x = h; \mathbf{u}[k = 0$ 
  - $\mathbf{u} \in I_v$
- **Exercise:** Finish the rest

# Summary

- Theorem 7.1 gives a sufficient condition for proving **inductive** invariants
- Not all invariants are inductive
- We often have to **strengthen** invariants to make them inductive
- Read examples in Chapter 7

# Floyd-Hoare Proofs

The core idea of inductive invariants dates back to the classical program analysis technique called **Floyd-Hoare logic**

The logic provides a set of rules for deducing correctness of automata, programs

The logic is built on **Hoare triples**, which describes how the execution of a statement (or line of code) changes the state of the automaton:

$P \ c \ Q$  where

- $P$  and  $Q$  are predicates on the program variables and are called the **precondition** and **postcondition**
- $c$  is a statement describing program variable change

The triple implies that when the precondition  $P$  is met, execution of  $c$  establishes the postcondition  $Q$

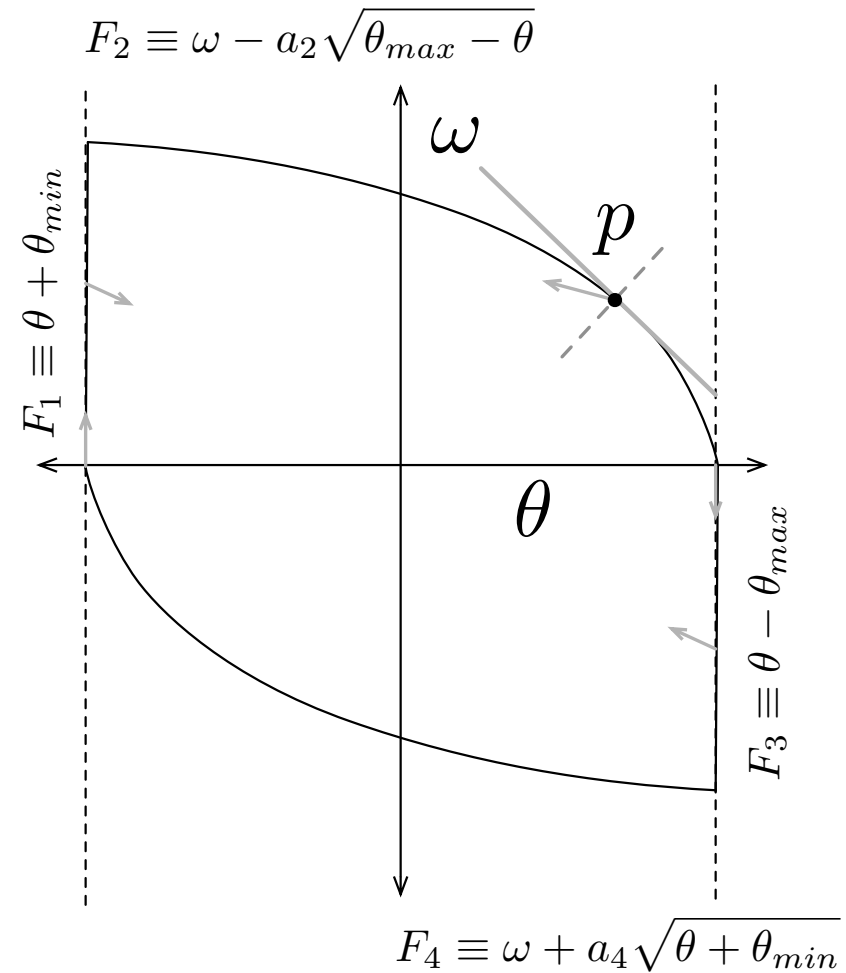


## Sub-tangential conditions. Checking trajectory conditions without solving ODEs

(Trajectory closure) For any trajectory  $\tau \in \mathbf{T}$  if  $\tau.fstate \in I$  then  $\tau.lstate \in I$

**Lemma.** Consider the ODE  $\dot{x} = f(x)$  for state variable  $x$ , describing  $\mathbf{T}$ . Let  $I$  be a compact set containing the initial set  $\Theta$ . Then,  $I$  is an inductive invariant of the above ODE if at every state  $x$  on the boundary of  $I$ , the vector  $f(x)$  is pointing inwards from the boundary. That is  $\frac{\partial P(x)}{\partial x} \cdot f(x) \geq 0$ , where the boundary of  $I$  is defined by  $P(x) = 0$

# Checking sub-tangential condition



# Assignments

- Chapter 7
  - Examples: Mutual exclusion, helicopter model
  - Barrier certificates
- Project proposals due thursday