



A Process Modeling Framework for Formal Validation of Panama Canal System Operations

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The Panama Canal has been operational since 1914.







Left: Congestion in the Miraflores lock and lake.

Right: Limitations of present-day canal capacity...







The Panama Canal is currently undergoing a US \$5.25 billion renovation.



Cross section of water saving basins and a laterally filled lock chamber



SE Education at UMCP



Industrial-Age Systems	Information-Age Systems
Small, simple, Linear	Large, complex, nonlinear
Systems of Components	System of systems
Dominated by hardware	Combinations of hardware, software and communications

Many present-day systems are limited in their situation awareness and ability to look ahead and predict events.





Early Validation of Systems





Traditional Approach to Airportal Design and Test.











The labeled transition system analyzer (LTSA) is...

verification tool for concurrent systems. It mechanically checks that the specification of a concurrent system satisfies the properties required of its behavior.

It is particularly suitable for high-level modeling and verification of systems dominated by processes that have concurrent behaviors, including interaction with other processes.

LTSA supports specification animation to facilitate interactive exploration of system behavior.











From requirements to architectures....







Two friends talk over coffee

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Framework for Model Development















Basic Processes In Canal Model LOCKSET GATE opengate 1 G (Pacific closegate Ocean) pumpup PUMP \mathbf{P} 0 request SHIP antive acquire enterlock1 enterlock2 exitlock2 pumpdown 6 clear











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SCHEDULER = SCHEDULER[0][0][East][Low],
SCHEDULER[we:0..NoShips][ww:0..NoShips][td:TrafficDirection][wl:WaterLevel] = (
  // Register requests to transit lock in east- and west-bound directions.
      when (we <= NoShips ) [S].east.request -> SCHEDULER[we+1][ ww][td][wl]
     | when ( ww <= NoShips ) [S].west.request -> SCHEDULER[ we][ww+1][td][wl]
  // East-bound assignments to ascend the lock system.
     when (we >= 1 & td == East & wl == Low ) [i:S].east.acquire \rightarrow
              ascend -> [i].east.depart -> SCHEDULER[we-1][ ww][West][w1]
     when (ww == 0 & we >= 1 & wl == Low ) [i:S].east.acquire \rightarrow
              ascend -> [i].east.depart -> SCHEDULER[we-1][ ww][East][wl]
     when (we >= 1 && td == East && wl == High ) [i:S].east.acquire \rightarrow
             resetlow -> [i].east.depart -> SCHEDULER[we-1][ ww][West][Low]
     when (ww == 0 & we >= 1 & wl == High ) [i:S].east.acquire \rightarrow
             resetlow -> [i].east.depart -> SCHEDULER[we-1][ ww][East][Low]
  // West-bound assignments to descend the lock system.
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We would like to design systems that have properties that are guaranteed to be satisfied.

Safety	A safety property asserts that nothing bad happens
Liveliness	A liveliness property asserts some good "eventually" happens
Progress	A progress property asserts that it is always the case that eventually an "action" will be executed





In practice the model checking procedure has two steps: (1) unfold the finite state machines into trees, and (2) exhaustively search the tree to see if the property specification is violated.







Subsystem-level Process Hierarchies





Plan View of Networked Processes







Sequence of Simplified Process Hierarchies

Problem 1. Validate Behavior of Subsystem C $\,$



Problem 2. Validate Behavior of Subsystem D













This is a work in progress -- so what's next?

- •Models for System-Level Operations (I.e., the Full Canal)
- •Sensors, Non-Deterministic Models of Travel Demand
- •Use of abstraction to simplify complexity of validation computations

How to systematically simplify the validation of system-level concerns?

