

VAS Reachability by Semi-linear Invariants

Goal: Show that semi-linear inductive invariants exists if target is not reachable.

Let $V = (C, T)$ be a VAS with initial configuration $m_s \in \mathbb{N}^C$ and final configuration $m_f \in \mathbb{N}^C$

A **semi-linear inductive invariant** is a set $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}^C$ so that:

- (semi-linear) I semi-linear
 - (initial) $m_s \in I$
 - (inductive) $\text{post}(I) \subseteq I$
 - (safe) $m_f \notin I$
- with $\text{post}(S) = \{s + t \in \mathbb{N}^C \mid s \in S, t \in T\}$

Then reachability set is $\text{post}^*(\{m_s\})$ where $\text{post}^*(S) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{post}^i(S)$

Similarly, we will use $\text{pre}(S) = \{s - t \in \mathbb{N}^C \mid s \in S, t \in T\}$
and $\text{pre}^*(S) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{pre}^i(S)$

Theorem: There is a semi-linear inductive invariant if $m_f \notin \text{post}^*(\{m_s\})$

Then we can solve VAS reachability by running two semi algorithms in parallel:

- (1) Enumerate runs from m_s and return YES if m_f is reached
- (2) Enumerate Presburger formula $q(x)$ and return NO if it is an inductive invariant:

- (initial) $q(m_s)$ is true
- (inductive) $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}^C, \forall t \in T, q(x) \wedge x + t \geq 0 \rightarrow q(x + t)$ is true
- (safe) $q(m_f)$ is false

Correctness of this algorithm follows from $\text{post}^*(\{m_s\}) \subseteq I$ and termination by above theorem.

Semi pseudo-linear sets

A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is **pseudo-linear** if there is a linear set $b + P^*$ so that

$$(OVER) \quad S \subseteq b + P^*$$

$$(UNDER) \quad \forall \text{ finite } I \subseteq \text{interior}(\text{cone}(P)) \quad \exists b' \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

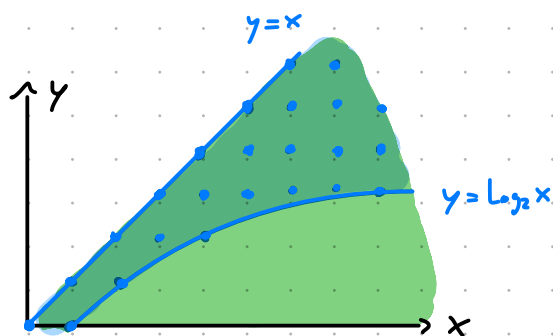
$$b' + I^* \subseteq S$$

where $\text{interior}(\text{cone}(P)) = P^* \cap (\mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_k)$ where $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$

We then call $b + P^*$ a **linearization** of S .

A set is **semi pseudo-linear** if it is a finite union of pseudo-linear sets.

Example:



$$PL = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid \log_2(x) \leq y \leq x\}$$

is pseudo-linear with linearization

$$L = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid y \leq x\}$$

Lemma semi pseudo-linear sets are closed under linear functions.

Proof: Homework

Dimension: We assign a dimension $\dim(S) = \dim(V(S))$ to a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$.
 $\uparrow$ vector space of S

Lemma $\dim(PL) = \dim(L)$ for pseudo-linear set PL with linearization L

Proof: (OVER) implies $\dim(PL) \leq \dim(L)$

For converse let $L = b + P^*$ and $x \in \text{interior}(\text{cone}(P))$

Then, $x + P \subseteq \text{interior}(\text{cone}(P))$ and (UNDER) implies $\exists y \in PL$.

$$y + (x + P)^* \subseteq PL$$

$$\text{Thus } \dim(L) = \dim(y + (x + P)^*) \leq \dim(PL).$$

Later to construct semi-linear inductive invariants we will use the following result shown in "The general vector addition system reachability problem by Peanburger inductive invariants" by Leroux.

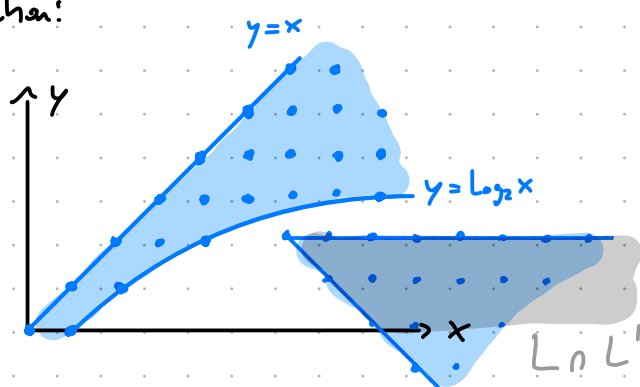
Lemma Let PL and PL' be pseudo-linear set with linearizations L and L' .

Then $L \cap L'$ is a semi-linear set $\bigcup_{i=1..k} b_i + p_i$ and

$PL \cap PL' = \emptyset$ implies $\dim(p_i) < \dim(PL \cup PL')$

for all $i=1, \dots, k$.

Illustration:



$$PL \cap PL' = \emptyset$$

$$L = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid y \leq x\}$$

$$L' = PL'$$

$$L \cap L' = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^*$$

$$\dim(\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}^*) = 1 < 2 = \dim(PL \cup PL')$$

VAS reachability set is semi pseudo-linear

Recall the Iteration Lemma:

Let $\mu = G_0 z_1 \dots z_k G_k$ be a perfect MGTs with feasible Char_μ .

Let $u_i \in \text{Pump}_{\text{up}}(G_i)$ and $v_i \in \text{Pump}_{\text{dn}}(G_i)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.

There are $\gamma_i, w_i \in G_i T^*$ and $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ so that

$u_0^n w_0^n \gamma_0 v_0^n z_1 \dots z_k u_k^n w_k^n \gamma_k v_k^n$ is an $\mathbb{N}$ -run for all $n \geq n_0$.

Let m_i be the configuration reached by $u_0^n w_0^n \gamma_0 v_0^n z_1 \dots z_i u_i^n$.

The proof of the iteration lemma also shows that:

(*) $m_i[j] \geq n$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$ and all $j \in \Omega(G_i)$

Indeed: If $j \in \Omega_{\text{up}}(G_i)$: $m_i[j] \geq S_n[\text{in}, i, j] - t \cdot n \cdot |u_i| \geq n$

$\uparrow$ input confs of G_i in confs j $\uparrow$ max neg. effect of u_i

If $j \in \Omega_{\text{up}}(G_i) \setminus \Omega_{\text{up}}(G_i)$: $m_i[j] \geq S_n[\text{in}, i, j] + n \cdot |u_i| \geq n$

We will exploit this to show that VAS runs have semi pseudo-linear Parikh image.

Lemma Let $V = (C, T)$ be a VAS and $m_s, m_t \in \mathbb{N}^C$.
Then $\Psi(\text{Run}_{\mathbb{N}}(V, m_s, m_t))$ is semi-pseudo-linear.

Corollar $\text{post}^*(S)$ is semi pseudo-linear for semi-linear $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^C$.

The corollar follows because $\text{post}^*(S)$ is a linear function applied to $\Psi(\text{Run}_{\mathbb{N}}(V))$.

Proof for Lemma:

We show that $\Psi(\text{Run}_{\mathbb{N}}(\mu))$ is pseudo-linear for a perfect MGTs $\mu = G_0 z_1 \dots z_k G_k$ with feasible Char_μ .

Then, the lemma follows by decomposition.

We choose $P := \min \{ x \in \text{sol}(H(\text{Char}_\mu)) \mid x \neq 0 \}$
and show (OVER) and (UNDER):

(OVER) $\exists b \in \mathbb{R}^C$. $\Psi(\text{Rms}_M(M)) \subseteq b + P^*$:

Since M is perfect and Char_M is feasible there is

- a solution s of Char_M and
- a full support solution h of $H\text{Char}_M$.

Then for every solution s' of Char_M there is $c \in M$ so that

$$s' + c \cdot h \geq s$$

Since $\min(\text{sol}(\text{Char}_M))$ is finite, by scaling h we can assume

$$s' + h \geq s \quad \text{for all } s' \in \text{sol}(\text{Char}_M)$$

$$\text{Then } \Psi(\text{Rms}_M(M)) \subseteq (s - h) + P^*$$

(UNDER) $\forall h_1, \dots, h_\ell \in \text{interiorCone}(P) \exists b' \in \mathbb{R}^C$. $b' + \{h_1, \dots, h_\ell\}^* \subseteq \Psi(\text{Rms}_M(M))$:

$$\text{let } h_1, \dots, h_\ell \in \text{interiorCone}(P) = P^* \cap (\mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_\ell)$$

Note that $h_1, \dots, h_\ell$ are support solutions by $\text{interiorCone}(P) \subseteq P^*$

and have full support by $\text{interiorCone}(P) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Q}_{>0} p_\ell$.

By Euler-Kirchhoff there are cycles $\gamma_{j,i}$ in G_i for all $i \leq k$ so that

$$h_j[\text{out}, i] = h_j[\text{in}, i] + \text{eff}(\gamma_{j,i}).$$

We use the Herdion Lemma to construct a run $\gamma = u_0^n w_0^n r_0^n v_0^n z_1^n \dots z_\ell^n u_\ell^n w_\ell^n r_\ell^n v_\ell^n$ and choose $n \geq n_0$ sufficiently large so that

see (*) above

$$\gamma_{j,i} \text{ is enabled in } m_i \quad \forall j=1, \dots, \ell \quad \forall i=1, \dots, k$$

where m_i is the configuration reached by $u_0^n w_0^n r_0^n v_0^n z_1^n \dots z_i^n u_i^n$

We choose $b' = S_\gamma$ where S_γ is the solution of Char_M corresponding to γ .

Since, the transition relation is monotone and $h_j[\text{in}, i] \geq 0$ we can insert $\gamma_{j,i}$ into s :

$$m_i + h_j[\text{in}, i] \xrightarrow{\gamma_{j,i}} m_i + h_j[\text{out}, i]$$

As $h_j[\text{out}, i] \geq 0$ a straightforward induction shows

$$m_i + \sum_{j=1, \dots, \ell} n_j \cdot h_j[\text{in}, i] \xrightarrow{\gamma_{1,i}^{n_1} \cdot \gamma_{2,i}^{n_2} \cdot \dots \cdot \gamma_{\ell,i}^{n_\ell}} m_i + \sum_{j=1, \dots, \ell} n_j \cdot h_j[\text{out}, i]$$

for any linear combination $u_1 \cdot h_1 + \dots + u_\ell \cdot h_\ell \in \{h_1, \dots, h_\ell\}^*$

Then, any solution in $S_\gamma + \{h_1, \dots, h_\ell\}^*$ has a realization and

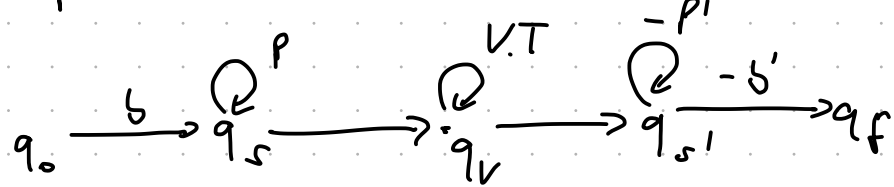
$$\text{thus } S_\gamma + \{h_1, \dots, h_\ell\}^* \subseteq \Psi(\text{Rms}_M(M)).$$

While semi-pseudo-linear sets are not closed under intersections with semi-linear sets, we can show that $\text{post}^*(S) \cap S'$ is semi-pseudo-linear for semi-linear sets S and S' :

Lemma $\text{post}^*(S) \cap S'$ and $S \cap \text{pre}^*(S')$ are semi-pseudo-linear for semilinear $S, S' \subseteq \mathbb{N}^d$.

proof: let $S = \delta + P^*$ and $S' = \delta' + P'^*$

Implement $\text{post}^*(S) \cap S'$ into VASS $V_{S,S'}$



Then, $V_{S,S'}$ can be turned into a VAS $W_{S,S'}$

and $\text{post}^*(S) \cap S'$ and $S \cap \text{pre}^*(S')$ are

by a linear function applied to $\mathcal{U}(\text{Runs}_{\mathbb{N}}(W_{S,S'}))$,

which is semi-pseudo-linear.