# Reachability Analysis Using Octagons 

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## Digitally Intensive Analog Circuits

- Digitally intensive analog circuits attempt to replace analog components with digital ones whenever possible.

- Result is optimized power efficiency and performance as well as improved robustness to process variability.
- These circuits though further complicate the verification problem.


## Simulation-Based Verification

- Digital verification typically uses switch or RTL-level simulations.
- AMS verification uses detailed transistor-level (SPICE) simulations.
- SPICE simulation of a PLL can take weeks or even months.
- Long simulation time makes system-level simulation difficult.
- Functional bugs can be missed resulting in catastrophic failures.


## Analog Verification



If the digital designers did verification the way analog designers do verification, no chip would ever tape out. (DACezine, January 2008)

Sandipan Bhanot CEO of Knowlent

## Model Checking

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## Zones

- Used for formal verification of timed automata and time(d) Petri nets.
- Simple geometric polyhedra formed by the intersection of hyper-planes representing inequalities of the form $y-x \leq c$.
- Implies polyhedra with only $0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ}$, and positive $45^{\circ}$ angles.
- For timed systems, all variables evolve at a rate of 1 , and zone evolves along a positive $45^{\circ}$ angle.
- Algorithms to restrict, project, and advance time are fast and simple.
- Can use Floyd's all pairs shortest-path algorithm to construct a canonical maximally tight representation.
- Conveniently represented using a difference bound matrix (DBM).


## Zones



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\begin{aligned}
y-t 0 & \leq M_{y} \\
x-t 0 & \leq M_{x} \\
t 0-x & \leq-m_{x} \\
t 0-y & \leq-m_{y} \\
y-x & \leq b_{1} \\
x-y & \leq-b_{2}
\end{aligned}
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\\
t 0 \\
x \\
y
\end{array} \begin{array}{ccc}
t 0 & x & y \\
0 & M_{x} & M_{y} \\
-m_{x} & 0 & b_{1} \\
-m_{y} & -b_{2} & 0
\end{array}\right)
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## Zones



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\begin{aligned}
& y-t 0 \leq 3 \\
& x-t 0 \leq 3 \\
& t 0-x \leq 0 \\
& t 0-y \leq 0 \\
& y-x \leq 1 \\
& x-y \leq 1 \\
& \text { t0 } x \text { y } \\
& \begin{array}{l}
t 0 \\
x \\
y
\end{array}\left(\begin{array}{lll}
0 & 3 & 3 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
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## Zone Warping

- To verify AMS circuits, need variables that evolve at non-unity rates.
- Zones can be used with a variable substitution.
- Replace variable $v$ with non-zero rate $r$ with a variable $\frac{v}{r}$.
- The new variable $\frac{v}{r}$ evolves at a rate of 1 .
- Resultant polyhedra is no longer a zone.
- Warping creates the smallest zone that contains it.


## Positive Zone Warping



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## Negative Zone Warping



## Negative Zone Warping



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## Negative Zone Warping: False Negative



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## Octagons

- Extension of zones that allow negative $45^{\circ}$ degree angles.



## Octagon DBM

- Can be represented using a DBM (Mine, 2001) and manipulated with efficient algorithms.


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\begin{array}{ll}
x^{+}-x^{-} \leq 2 M_{x} & x^{+} \\
x^{-}-x^{+} \leq-2 m_{x} & x^{-} \\
y^{+}-y^{-} \leq 2 M_{y} & y^{+} \\
y^{-}-y^{-} \leq-2 m_{y} & y^{-}
\end{array}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & -2 m_{x}^{-} & y^{+} & y^{-} \\
2 M_{x} & 0 & & \\
& & 0 & -2 m_{y} \\
& & 2 M_{y} & 0
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& x^{+}-y^{+} \leq-b_{2} \\
& y^{+}-x^{-} \leq b_{3} \\
& x^{+}-y^{-} \leq b_{3}
\end{aligned}
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x^{+} \quad x^{-} \quad y^{+} \quad y^{-}
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y^{-}-x^{+} \leq-b_{4} & x^{+} \\
x^{-}-y^{+} \leq-b_{4} & y^{+}\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & -2 m_{x} & b_{1} & -b_{4} \\
2 M_{x} & 0 & b_{3} & -b_{2} \\
-b_{2} & -b_{4} & 0 & -2 m_{y} \\
b_{3} & b_{1} & 2 M_{y} & 0
\end{array}\right) .
\end{array}
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## Reachability Analysis Using Octagons

- Utilized for software checking, and efficient restriction, projection, and constraint tightening algorithms have been developed.
- New algorithms are needed to add new continuous variables, advance time, and warp the octagon.


## Adding Variables to Octagons

- Adding new continuous variables and clocks is simply a matter of re-interpreting the algorithms for zones in the language for octagons.
- When adding a continuous variable $v$ with rate $r$, the maximum and minimum values for $v$ are divided by $r$ and added to the DBM (after multiplying by 2 ).
- Relational entries are set to infinity, indicating no relationship.


## Octagon Time Advancement

- Extend the octagon along the $45^{\circ}$ lines.
- For zones, to advance time, simply set the upper bounds for all the variables to the maximum allowed value before an event occurs.
- For octagons, $-45^{\circ}$ line slicing the upper right hand corner has a limiting effect on the upper bounds of the two variables involved.
- Entries associated with inequalities $y+x \leq c$ must also be set to their maximum allowed value in relation to the maximums of $x$ and $y$.




## Octagon Warping

- Again replace every variable $v$ by $\frac{v}{r}$ where $r$ is the rate of $v$.
- Replace resulting polyhedra with smallest octagon that contains it.
- Accomplished by using a few algebraic equations that determine where the new axis intercepts are in terms of the old intercept values.



## Octagon Example



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## Comparison with Zones



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## False Negatives

- Octagons do not eliminate the possibility of false negatives even in the case where rates are only $\pm 1$.
- Time advancement also introduces a degree of over-approximation, related to the negative $45^{\circ}$ lines.
- Advancement in three dimensions of one of these negative $45^{\circ}$ line segments belongs to a plane of the form $a x+b y+c z=d$.
- The bounding hyper-planes are of the form $\pm v_{i} \pm v_{j} \leq c$ and not able to capture this plane produced by advancing time.


## False Negative Example



False Negative Example


## LEMA: LPN Embedded Mixed-Signal Analyzer



Fisher et al., MWSCAS (2014)

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## Octagon DBM

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0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
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4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
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2 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 5 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
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0 & 0 & 5 & -5 & 6 & -3 \\
-5 & -5 & 0 & -10 & 1 & -8 \\
5 & 5 & 10 & 0 & 11 & 2 \\
-3 & -3 & 2 & -8 & 0 & 2 \\
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