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Abstract: One way to verify the concurrent system is to sort the read and write events and control events in the concurrent system according to the sequence relationship, either in a partial order, or in a strict order. Due to the concurrency of the events and the timing of the written data events, there is an overlap between the events, which requires an interval order for analysis. The order structure of the entire interval order is represented by the start and end sequences, and the order is observed for all equivalent interval orders. Mazurkiewicz traces, Comtraces are hierarchical traces, but neither can describe the interval trace. The petri interval trace with data is the technique to solve the problem in this paper, DPN, the Petri net with data, to describe the interval trace of read and write data. The method used is a BE (Beginnings and Endings) sequence to represent a class of runs based on the interval sequence. The case multi-threaded system represents the interval of writing events, and according to the unfolding of Petri net, the analysis of the running trace involved by read and write data events is successfully analyzed.

Keywords: concurrent systems; mazurkiewicz traces; interval order; style; Petri net with data

0. Introduction

In concurrent systems, most behavioral semantics are defined according to total order or stratified step order. If the causal relationship is considered, concurrent history is partial order [1–3] or Mazurkiewicz trace [4]. The Mazurkiewicz trace allows an equivalent single sequence, to represent the entire partial order. Traces provide a simple link between the observational and process semantics of concurrency systems. Another trace Comtraces represents the hierarchical sequence structure by a single step sequence, and its related observations can be obtained as a hierarchical or interval extension of the appropriate partial order [5,6]. A sequence of events that contains a causal relationship needs to be represented by a step-by-step sequence, or by a structure using a hierarchical order. An interval order structure is required when modeling the relationship, or when the observation is an interval order. Other relevant observations can be obtained as stratified or interval expansion of appropriate partial order. All observations of causality [7,8] are step sequences, which use stratified order structures. When modeling with the "no later than" relationship or all observations are interval order [9], the interval order structure should be employed to describe the observations.

When studying the behavior patterns of the concurrent system, the read and write data events in the concurrent system are sorted according to the sequence relationship, either in partial orders [10] or in total orders. Because of the concurrency of events [11–13] and the time required to writing events, there will be overlap between events, which requires interval order analysis. For most concurrency models, it is problematic to directly generate interval order. A very good way to represent sequences with feasible interval order is to use the beginnings and endings of events involved.

On a monoid-based model, the model will allow a sequence containing the beginning and end of written data events to represent the entire hierarchical order structure, and all equivalent observable interval orders. This completes the write data events by introducing the concept of an interval trace that combines the idea of Mazurkiewicz traces and comtrace, and proves that converting the write events into each interval trace at the beginning and end, uniquely identifies the interval order structure.

The impact of data on control flow cannot be described in ordinary Petri nets [14] or Petri nets with read arcs [10] or inhibitor arcs [15] for concurrent systems. This paper uses Petri nets with data, namely DPN, to describe the data participation in the modeling and simulation of concurrent systems [16–20]. This paper will also show how interval write data traces describe the interval orders semantics of Petri nets with data, so as to analyze the operation of concurrent systems. Through the analysis of the results, the interval trace is applied to the concurrent system with data Petri net description.

The main contributions are as follows:

1.Using Petri nets with data, namely DPN, to describe the data participation in the modeling and simulation of concurrent systems. 2.A BE (Beginnings and Endings) sequence representing an equivalent class of runs, or targets. The goal is to have a BE sequence to represent the entire hierarchical order structure, that is, all equivalent observable interval orders. 3.How interval write data traces describe the interval orders semantics of Petri nets with data, so as to analyze the operation of concurrent systems. Through the analysis of the results, the interval trace is applied to the concurrent system with data Petri net description.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Session II to III discuss the relevant concepts and modeling model work. Session II provides some basic mathematical knowledge about partial order, complete order, hierarchical order and interval order, as well as Mazurkiewicz traces and Comtraces. Then, the Petri net and the Petri network with the data are introduced in Session III. In Session IV, the addition of beginnings and endings of writing events in DPN for description, as well as experiments performed in netDraw. In Session V, the application of the interval trajectory is discussed, and the interval trajectory is analyzed to effectively represent the abstract interval order semantics of DPN. In Session VI, we present the running results of the interval of the case, indicating that the proposed interval sequence correctly describes the analysis of the control process based on the interval order.

1. Mathematical Foundations

We will introduce some relevant mathematical symbols and concepts such as partial order, hierarchical order, interval order, Mazurkiewicz trace and Comtraces and etc.

1.1. Partial orders, Stratified order and Interval order

Sort description of events running in a concurrent system, partial order is one of the tools to describe the relationship between events in a concurrent system. Will be used as a complete representation of events running in the concurrent system and a partial representation of concurrent events. There are also hierarchical sequences, complete sequences, and interval sequences, which can all sequence the events. Figure 1 presents the time-based orders. The definitions of different orders are presented as follows.

Definition 1 (Partial Orders). *The relation* $\leq E \times E$ *is a (strict) partial order if it is transitive and irreflexive, i.e., for all* $e_1, e_2, e_3 \in E$, $e_1 < e_2 < e_3 \Rightarrow e_1 < e_3$. *and:*

1)
$$e_1 \frown \langle e_2 \stackrel{df}{\Leftrightarrow} \neg (e_1 < e_2) \land \neg (e_2 < e_1) \land e_1 \neq e_2$$
,
2) $e_1 < \frown e_2 \stackrel{df}{\Leftrightarrow} e_1 < e_2 \lor e_1 \frown \langle e_2 \rangle$

Note that $e_1 < e_2$ means e_1 and e_2 are incomparable (w.r.t.<) elements E.

Definition 2 (Total order). For a relation $R_1 \subseteq E \times E$, any relation $R_2 \subseteq E \times E$ is an extension of R_1 if $R_1 \subseteq R_2$. we define Total $(<) \stackrel{df}{\Leftrightarrow} \{ \triangleleft \subseteq E \times E \}$, where \triangleleft is a total order and $< \subseteq \triangleleft$

Definition 3 (Stratified orders). Stratified orders are often defined in an alternative way,i.e., a partial order < on E is stratified iff there exists a total order < on some n and a mapping $O: m \to n$ such that $\forall m, n \in E$. $m < n \Leftrightarrow \phi(m) \triangleleft \phi(n)$. This definition is illustrated in Figure 1, where $\phi(1) = \{1\}$, $\phi(2) = \phi\{3\} = \{2,3\}$ and $\phi(4) = \{4\}$.

Theorem 1. (Fishburn [1970]) A partial order < on E is interval if and only if there exists a total order \triangleleft on some W, and two mappings $B, E: y \rightarrow W$ such that for all $a, b \in E$:

1) B(a) < E(b),

2)
$$a < b \Leftrightarrow E(a) \triangleleft B(b)$$
.

Usually B(a) is interpreted as the beginning and E(a) as the end of an interval a (Such events/actions consume time). The intuition of Fishburn's theorem is illustrated in Figure 1 with $<_3$ and $<_3$. For all $a,b \in \{1,2,3,4\}$, we have $B(a) \triangleleft_3 E(a)$ and $a <_3 b \Leftrightarrow E(a) \triangleleft_3 B(b)$. For better readability in the future we will skip parentheses in B(a) and E(a).

In summary, we can conclude that:

- 1) < is total if \sim <= O, In other words, for all $e_1, e_2 \in X$, $e_1 > e_2 \lor e_2 < e_1 \lor e_1 = e_2$. For clarity, we will reserve the symbol \triangleleft to denote total orders;
- 2) < is stratified if $e_1 \langle e_2 \smallfrown \langle e_3 \Rightarrow e_1 \smallfrown \langle e_3 \lor e_1 = e_3$, i.e., the relation $\smallfrown \langle \bigcup id_X$ is an equivalence relation on X;
 - 3) < is interval if for all $a, b, c, d \in E, e_1 < e_3 \land e_2 < e_4 \Rightarrow e_1 < e_4 \lor e_2 < e_3$.

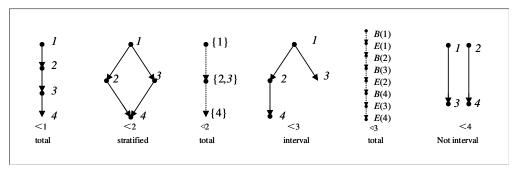


Figure 1. Time-based orders. [5]

1.2. Mazurkiewicz Traces

In 1970, Anthony Mazurkiewicz first proposed the trace theory [21–27] due to the generation, which was also driven by Petri Nets [28–37] and the formal language with automata. The aim is to circumvent some of the problems in the theory of concurrent computation, initially, the most popular way to deal with concurrency is interweaving. Includes interleaved and non-deterministic selection issues regarding process computational refinement. Mazurkiewicz Traces, often abbreviated as traces, correspond to a sequence of atomic actions of concurrent systems and are used to model the execution. The concurrent system can then be described by the execution set, called the language in the framework. Currently, the concept of a trace [38] is usually used to describe the non-sequential behavior of a concurrent system through its sequential observation. In this approach, concurrency is replaced by non-deterministic, where concurrent execution of actions is considered as an uncertain choice of the order of execution of these actions. The trace always represents a concurrent process in a sequence associated with a string.

For a concurrent system, the different actions executed are not formed in a linear order, but the events are arranged in partial order. Therefore, the sequential relationship of the execution events of the concurrent system is defined as the partial order.

Definition 4 (Partia1 order set, poset). *Let* (Ev, \leq, λ) *be a poset where* Ev *is countable.*

For $e \in \text{Ev}$, we define $\downarrow e = \{e_1 \in \text{Ev} \mid e_1 \leq e\}$ and $\uparrow e = \{e_1 \in \text{Ev} \mid e \leq e_1\}$. We call $\downarrow e$ the history of the event e and $\uparrow e$ the future of the event e.

Let $\not<$ be the covering relation given by $e_1 < e_2$ if $e_1 \le e_2$, $e_1 \ne e_2$, and for all $e_3 \in Ev$, $e_1 \le e_3 \le e_2$ implies $e_1 = e_3$ or $e_3 = e_2$.

Moreover, let the concurrency relation (co) be defined as e_1 *co* e_2 *iff* $e_1 \nleq e_2$ *and* $e_2 \nleq e_1$.

The definition of the Mazurkiewicz trace is given below

Definition 5 (Mazurkiewicz trace). *A Mazurkiewicz trace over the independence alphabet* $(\Sigma x, In)$ *is a* Σ -labeled poset $T = (Ev, \leq, \lambda)$ satisfying:

- 1) For $\forall e_1 \in Ev, \downarrow e_1$ is a finite set.
- 2) For $\forall e_1, e_2 \in Ev, e_1 \lessdot e_2$ implies $\lambda(e_1) \preceq \lambda(e_2)$, where \preceq refers to dependence relation.
- 3) For $\forall e_1, e_2 \in Ev$, $\lambda(e_1) \leq \lambda(e_2)$ implies $e_1 \leq e_2$ or $e_2 \leq e_1$.

The monoid of Mazurkiewicz traces are on the sequence, equivalent monoid. The application of traces in concurrency theory stems from the fact that traces are sequential representations of partial order. The theory of the traces has been used to solve problems from a number of different fields, which enables the traces to model the "true concurrency" semantics. Including combinatorial theory, graph theory, algebra theory, logic, and especially concurrency theory.

2. The proposed model

Multi-threaded concurrent system is multi-threaded in a multi-core processor, in a certain storage mode, based on the shared memory, under the operation process. Before analyzing the operation of multi-threaded system, give the semantic rules of multi-threaded system, the storage rules of running storage mode, the memory access rules and data transformation rules.

2.1. Multithreaded system

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Here presents the syntax of concurrent programming language.
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a,b \in \text{Values } oX \in \text{Mod} X \text{ where } X \in \{R,W\} \text{ Access modes } r,s,t \in \text{Loc} \subseteq \{r,s,\ldots\} \text{ Locations sPr} \in \text{SProg} \triangleq \{0,1,\ldots,N\} \rightarrow \text{Inst Sequential programs } x \in \text{Reg} \subseteq \{x,y,\ldots\} \text{ Registers Pr} : \text{Tid} \rightarrow \text{SProg (Concurrent) programs } \tau,\pi \in \text{Tid} \subseteq \{T_1,T_2,\ldots\} \text{ Thread identifiers } e ::= r|v|e + e|e = e|e \neq e|\ldots Inst \ni \text{inst} ::= r := e \mid \text{if } e \text{ goto pc1},\ldots,\text{pc} n \mid \text{assert}(e) \mid x.store(e,oW)|r := x \cdot \text{load}(oR)
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A finite set Loc of memory location; a finite set Reg of (local) register; a finite set Val of value; a finite set Tld of thread identifier;

Owicki Gries inference logic is used for concurrency. OG inference extends Hoare's proof rule logic and rules to infer the concurrent program form $C_1 \mid C_2$, allowing the combination of verified programs C_1 and C_2 into a verified concurrent program, provided that the two C1 and C2 proofs do not interfere with each other:

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READ: \frac{P_{1} \Rightarrow P_{2} [x_{v}/a]}{\langle \{P_{1}, P_{2}\}, \varnothing \rangle \vdash \{P_{1}\}a := x\{P_{1}\}.}
WRITE: \frac{P_{1} \Rightarrow P_{1} [e/x_{v}]}{\langle \{P_{1}, Q_{1}\}, \{\langle x_{v}, e, P_{1} \rangle \} \rangle \vdash \{P_{1}\}x := e\{P_{1}\}}
SEQ: \frac{\langle \mathcal{R}_{2}; \mathcal{G}_{2} \rangle \vdash \{R\}c_{2}\{Q\}}{\langle \mathcal{R}_{1} \cup \mathcal{R}_{2}; \mathcal{G}_{1} \cup \mathcal{G}_{2} \rangle \vdash \{P\}c_{1}; c_{2}\{Q\}}
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 \frac{\langle \mathcal{R}; \mathcal{G} \rangle \vdash \{P \land e = 0\} c_2 \{Q\}}{\langle \mathcal{R} \cup \{P\}; \mathcal{G} \rangle \vdash \{P\} \text{ if (e) then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2 \{Q\}} 
 P \land e = 0 \Rightarrow Q \quad P \Rightarrow P \quad \mathcal{R}' \subseteq \mathcal{R} \quad \mathcal{G}' \subseteq \mathcal{G} \quad Q' \Rightarrow Q 
 WHILE: 
 \frac{\langle \mathcal{R}; \mathcal{G} \rangle \vdash \{P \land e \neq 0\} c \{P\}}{\langle \mathcal{R} \cup \{Q\}; \mathcal{G} \rangle \vdash \{P\} \text{ while (e)} c \{Q\}.} 
 CONSEQ: 
 \frac{\langle \mathcal{R}'; \mathcal{G}' \rangle \vdash \{P'\} C \{Q\}}{\langle \mathcal{R} \cup \{P, Q\}; \mathcal{G} \rangle \vdash \{P\} C \{Q\}}
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With the advent of non-volatile memory, the presence of permanent memory in the storage system requires new storage modes to verify multithreaded concurrent systems. volatile memory storage mode of random access memory (RAM), and non-volatile permanent storage mode(NVM) have emerged in the storage system, as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

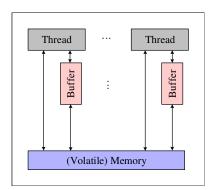


Figure 2. Volatile Memory.

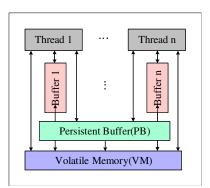


Figure 3. Non-Volatile Memory.

In persistent memory model [39–42], Multithreaded system verification [39,43] is very important, since it is difficult to verify the correctness of a Multithreaded system [44,45] sharing variables [46,47], [47], [48–52]. Prior work fails to well consider the impact of data on control flow, which makes verification more difficult [17–20]. Figure 4 is the two multi-thread systems sharing x and y in the persistent memory mode, r_1 , r_2 are local variables, where x, y are shared variables, thread 1 and thread 2 run concurrently, thread 1 and thread 2 assign 2 and 1 respectively to x, and thread 1 reads the value of x, which may be 1 or 2. If the read value of x is 2, 1 is written to the y. thread 2 may read the value of y as 1 or 0 (initial), and judge the value of r_2 . If the read value r_2 of y is 0, Number 3 is assigned as the value of x.

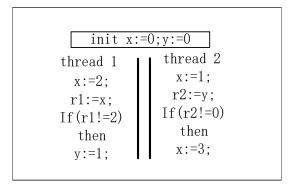


Figure 4. Concurrent code.

2.2. Petri net with read-write data

Definition 6 (Petri net). Petri net [53,54] is a triplet PN_i =(Pl, Tr, Fl), where Pl and Tr are respectively finite sets of places and transitions $Pl \cap Tr = \emptyset$ and $Pl \cup Tr \neq \emptyset$). while $Fl \subseteq (Pl \times Tr) \cup (Tr \times Pl)$ is a set of arcs (flow relationships). • $x = \{y \in Pl \cup T \mid (y,x) \in Fl\}; x^{\bullet} = \{y \in Pl \cup Tr \mid (x,y) \in Fl\}. \forall x \in Pl \cup Tr: \bullet x \cup x^{\bullet} \neq \emptyset.$

Figure 5 is a simple example of Petri net, where $Tr = \{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$; $Pl = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$; $In(t_1, p_1) = 2$, $In(t_1, p_i) = 0$ for i = 2, 3, 4; $Oc(t_1, p_2) = 2$, $Oc(t_1, p_3) = 1$, $Oc(t_1, p_i) = 0$ for i = 1, 4; $In(t_2, p_2) = 1$, $In(t_2, p_i) = 0$ for i = 1, 3, 4; $Oc(t_2, p_4) = 1$, $Oc(t_2, p_i) = 0$ for i = 1, 2, 3; $In(t_3, p_3) = 1$, $In(t_3, p_i) = 0$ for i = 1, 2, 4; $Oc(t_3, p_4) = 1$, $Oc(t_3, p_i) = 0$ for i = 1, 2, 3; $M_0 = (2, 0, 0, 0)$.

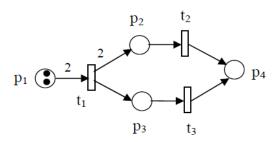


Figure 5. A simple Petri net.

Definition 7 (PN transition rules). Let $PN_i=(N, M)$ be a simple Petri net and the transition rules:

- (1) For transition $t_1 \in T_i$, if $\forall p_i \in {}^{\bullet}t_i : M_i(p_i) \ge 1$, it is said that transition t_i is enabled under the marking M_i , which is recorded as $M_i[t_i\rangle$;
- (2) If $M_i[t_i]$, the transition t_i can take place under the marking M_i' , and a new marking M_i' can be obtained from the transition t_i caused by the marking M_i , which is marked as $M_i[t_i]M_i'$ for $\forall p_i \in P$,

The whole state space of PN_i =(N, M_0) is determined by its network N and initial marking M_0 . Figure 6 shows a transition t_1 firing based on Figure 5, which presents new tokens distribution of this Petri net.

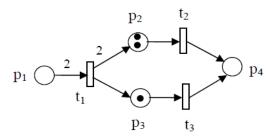


Figure 6. Firing of transition t_1 .

We can find that under marking, $M_0 = (2, 0, 0, 0)$. Firing of t_1 results in a new marking, i.e., $M_2 = (0, 2, 1, 0)$. Again , It follows the firing rule that M_1 In marking $M_1 = (0, 2, 1, 0)$, both transitions of t_3 and t_2 are enabled. If t_3 fires, the new marking, i.e., $M_3 = (0, 2, 0, 1)$. If t_2 fires, the new marking, i.e., $M_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1)$.

Definition 8 (Petri net with data: DPN). *An 8-tuple DPN*_i = $(Pc, Pd, Tc, Td, Fc, Fd, Pc_0, Pd_0)$ *is called Data Petri net if it meets:*

- (1) (Pc, Tc, Fc, Pc_0) is a Petri net;
- (2) $Pd = pd_1 = [D_1, val_1], pd_2 = [D_2, val_2] \dots pd_n = [D_n, val_n].$ $[D_i, val_i]$ is the data place, Pd is a finite set of elements D_i , where val_i is the value of D_i , and the token of the initial $pd_i = 1$, $val_i = 0$.
- (3) $Fd: Td \times Pd \cup Pd \times Td$. Fd includes read data (Rd) and write data (Wr) arcs, namely $Rd: Pd \times Td$ and $Wr: Td \times Pd$;
- (4) Wr writing data transition: write the value to D_i . Rd read data transition: read the value val_i from the data place D_i .
 - (5) $Td: Td \times Pd \cup Pd \times Td$. Write data transition $Td \xrightarrow{Fd} Pd$, read data transition: $Pd \xrightarrow{Fd} Td$.
- (6) Configuration: $Pc \rightarrow \{0,1,2...\}$ and $Pd \rightarrow \{1\}$ represent the configuration or state, where $c = (m,\sigma)$, M is the control marking, σ is the data status. Pc_0 is the initial configuration of the control place, and Pd_0 is the initial configuration of the data place, $pd_i = 1$, $val_i = 0$.

For the data place $pd_i \in Pd$ in DPN, its value is obtained by using the function getValue(pd). For convenience, a pair of data transition functions on conversion are also provided, namely Read: $getValue(D_i)$, Write: $setValue(pd_i)=value$.

Definition 9 (DPN transition rule). *and set DPN=*(DN,M, Σ) *It is a Petri net and has the following transition rules:*

- (1) For transition $t \in Tc$, if $\forall p \in {}^{\bullet}t : M(p) \ge 1$, control transition t is said to be enabled under the marking M_1 , which is recorded as $M_1[t]$;
- (2) If $M_1[t]$, the control transition t can occur under the marking M_1 , and the transition t caused by the marking M_1 can get a new marking M_1' , which is recorded as $M_1[t]M_1'$, and for $\forall p \in Pc \cup Pd$.

$$(M', \Sigma') = \begin{cases} (M(p) - 1, \Sigma) & if \quad p \in {}^{\bullet}t - t^{\bullet} \\ (M(p) + 1, \Sigma') & if \quad p \in t^{\bullet} - {}^{\bullet}t \\ M(p) & else \end{cases}$$
(1)

For the transition $t \in Tc$, if $\forall p \in {}^{\bullet}t : M(p) \ge 1$, the data transition t in marking (M_i, Σ) is enabled, which is recorded as $(M_i, \Sigma)[t\rangle(M_i', \Sigma)$;

(3) In the marking (M_i, Σ) , if $(M_i, \Sigma)[td\rangle$, data transition $td \in Td$ is enabled and triggered to get a new marking (M'_i, Σ') , i.e., $(M_i, \Sigma)[td > (M'_i, \Sigma')]$.

$$(M', \Sigma') = \begin{cases} (M(p) - 1, \Sigma) & if \quad p \in {}^{\bullet}t - t^{\bullet} \\ (M(p) + 1, \Sigma) & if \quad p \in t^{\bullet} - {}^{\bullet}t \wedge t \in Pc \\ (M(p) + 1, \Sigma') & if \quad p \in t^{\bullet} - {}^{\bullet}t \wedge t \in Pd \\ M(p) \in else \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Wherein, $\Sigma[Fd \xrightarrow{(Di,value)} Pd > \Sigma'$.

(4) Finally, the entire state space of DPN_i =(DN_i ,(M_i , Σ)) is determined by its network DPN_i and initial marking M_0 .

In Figure 7, T_1 is the write data transition, which realizes the write data value 2 to the data place x (there is a green arrow line between the write transition and the data place office). t_8 and t_9 are control transitions. The first step is to obtain the write permission in x, i.e., the token of x. After obtaining the write permission in x, write the value 2 to x, and then return the write permission of the token to x; t_2

is the change of write data. Write the data value 1 to the data place x, and the process is the same as the change of write data t_1 . t_3 is read data transition. Read the value of data place t_4 (there is a blue line between the data place object and the change of read data, and the end of the read data place object is a solid circle). First, judge whether data place object t_4 has read permission, i.e., whether there is a token in t_4 , if hold, it can be read. Read the value of t_4 through the reading arc, if there is no token in t_4 , t_4 cannot be read. The semantics of read data transition t_4 are the same as that of read data transition t_4 .

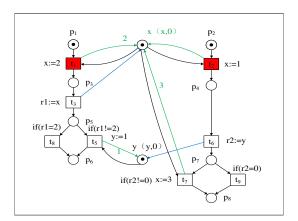


Figure 7. Concurrent code of Figure 4 described in DPN.

In Figure 7, if P_1 has a token and the data place Dx has a token, t_1 can occur. After the occurrence, the value of x(x, 2) in the data place change to number 2, and the status is shown in Figure 8; If there is a token in P_2 , and there is a token in data place x(x, 2), t_2 can occur. After t_2 transition occur, the value in data place x(x, 1) change to number 1; When P_3 has a token, and the data place has a token in x(x, 1), then t_3 transition can occur. Read the value in x(x, 1) of the data place, and the token in x(x, 1) of the data place remains unchanged, and read the value of data place x is number 1.

In Figure 8, if t_3 is triggered again (i.e., t_1 is triggered first, then t_3 is triggered), the state is shown in Figure 9.

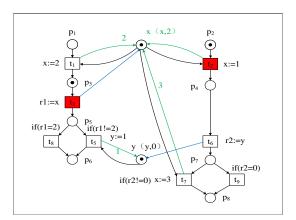


Figure 8. Concurrent code of Figure 7 after t_1 is fired.

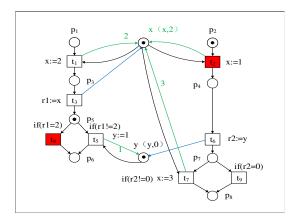


Figure 9. Concurrent code of Figure 7 after t_1 and t_3 is fired.

3. Convert the writing event to the Beginning and Ending event

Writing events takes time in theory, so when we study the sequence of reading and writing events, we consider the time of writing events and convert the writing events into two events: starting and ending [55,56]. BE for a given writing event $\Sigma = \{\text{Beg a} | a \in \Sigma\} \cup \{\text{End a} | a \in \Sigma\}$. The write data event is converted to the Beginning and Ending events according to Figure 10. For each writing event in Σ , it is transferred into beginning and ending event following by $\text{BE}\Sigma = \{\text{Ba} | a \in \Sigma\} \cup \{\text{Ea} | a \in \Sigma\}$, where B refers to the beginning event and E refers to the ending one.

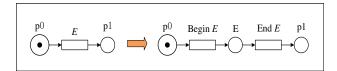


Figure 10. Conversion from writing event to beginning and ending one.

Definition 10. Let Petri $PN_i = (P, T, TR, TW, D, m_0)$ be a Petri net with data.

- (1) For each $t_i \in TW$,now,we define $Beg t_i$ the beginning of t_i and $Endt t_i$ the end of t_i , and the set $BegT = \{Begt \mid t \in Tw\} \cup \{Endt \mid t \in Tw\}$. The elements of TW are called BE-transitions.
 - (2) For each $t_i \in TW$, we define: (a) ${}^{\bullet}Bt = {}^{\bullet}t$, (b) $Bt^{\bullet} = \{t\}$, (c) ${}^{\bullet}Et = \{t\}$, (d) $Et^{\bullet} = t^{\bullet}$.
 - (3) We say that a set $m \subseteq P \cup T$ is an extended marking if $m \cap ({}^{\bullet}m \cup m^{\bullet}) = \emptyset$.
 - (4) An enabled BE-transition same enabling capacity as Petri net
 - (5) An extended firing sequence same enabling capacity as Data Petri net

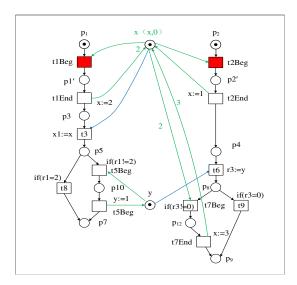


Figure 11. The writing events of concurrent code in Figure 7 to beginning and ending ones.

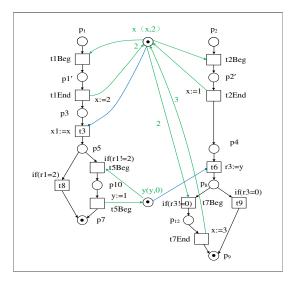


Figure 12. result[x=2,y=0].

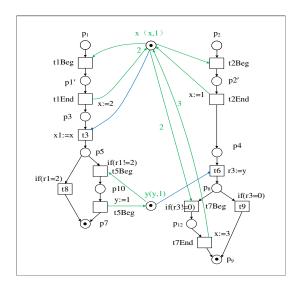


Figure 13. result[x=1,y=1].

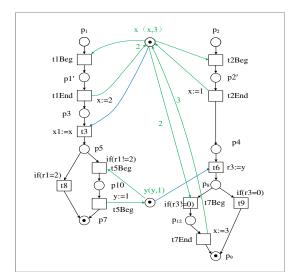


Figure 14. result[x=3,y=1].

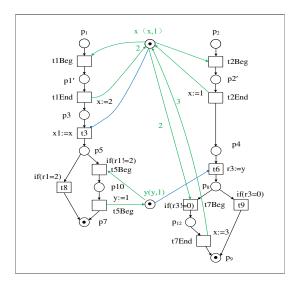


Figure 15. result[x=3,y=0].

Table 1. The firing trace of transition and the final results of shared variables *x* and *y*.

Firing trace of transition	x, y
T1: Bt1, Et1, Bt2, Et2, t3, Bt5, Et5, t6, Bt7, Et7	3,0
T2: Bt1, Et1, Bt2, Et2, t3, t6, t8, Bt5, Et5	1,1
<i>T</i> 3 : <i>Bt</i> 1, <i>Et</i> 1, <i>t</i> 3, <i>t</i> 4, <i>Bt</i> 2, <i>Et</i> 2, <i>t</i> 6, <i>t</i> 8	1,1
<i>T</i> 5 : <i>Bt</i> 2, <i>Et</i> 2, <i>t</i> 6, <i>Bt</i> 1, <i>Et</i> 1, <i>t</i> 8, <i>t</i> 3, <i>Bt</i> 5, <i>Et</i> 5	1,1
T4: Bt2, Et2, t6, Bt1, Et1, t3, Bt5, Et5, Bt7, Et7	3,1
T7: Bt2, Et2, Bt1, Et1, t3, Bt5, Et5, t6, Bt7, Et7	3,1
T6: Bt2, Et2, t6, t8, Bt1, Et1, t3, t4	2,0

4. Conclusion

The verification of concurrent system has always been a hot topic of academic research. The verification of concurrent system based on trace realizes the detection of stateless model, which can well reduce the state space and memory consumption. The concept of trace itself is based on state equivalence classification, and again based on the equivalence of numerical traces, classification will further reduce the number of traces.

This paper first introduces the sequence of events describing the operation of a multithreaded concurrent system. The sequence of events has order, bias order, complete order, and hierarchical sequence, interval sequence. In a concurrent multi-threaded system, the events of writing the data need some time, and an interval sequence can be formed between the events of writing the written data. In order to better analyze the running of multi-threading of the concurrent system, the events of read and write data are presented as interval sequence, presented in the form of trace, describing the results of multi-threading running. With a multi-threaded case as the motivation, describe multi-threaded system as Petri net with data, in writing data event x to B (x) and E (x), the event interval sequence, gives the trajectory of the case, and present the state of the data, perfect trajectory with data.

The research [57] in this paper only realizes the interval sequence [4] of events in multi-threaded systems, and analyzed the operation results, which has achieved initial success. However, the data consistency analysis still needs further analysis, and there are still many research work to be further conducted. One is to add the time label to analyze the amount of time. Second, the new permanent storage mode brings a new storage access mode to the concurrent system, which gives new challenges to the model detection of the concurrent system. Further research will be done from the above two aspects.

The equivalence of traces is also the focus of recent research. Based on numerical equivalence trace, some studies have shown that based on numerical trace number less than M trace, especially based on read equivalent trace, less than the number of M trace, this paper has realized the numerical involved in the trace of the trace, the next step, whether can be based on read equivalence, or based on numerical equivalence applied to the Petri net trace, reduce the number of traces, is also a good research idea.

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