

# TIMED AUTOMATA

## LECTURE II

## GOALS OF TODAY'S LECTURE

- 1. Recall zone graphs

- 2. Simulations between zones

↳ Finite zone graphs for reachability

$X$ : a set of clocks.

Zones: a set of valuations given by a conjunction of constraints:

$$\begin{array}{l} x - y \sim c \\ x \sim c \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} c \in \mathbb{N} \\ \sim \in \{<, \leq, =, \geq, >\} \end{array}$$

Eg:  $x - y \geq 14 \wedge y \leq 5$

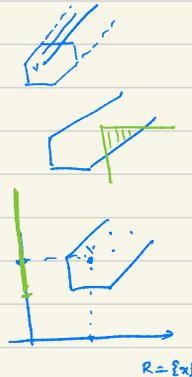
Operations on Zones:

Time-elapse:  $\vec{Z} = \{v + \delta \mid v \in Z, \delta \geq 0\}$

Intersection:  $Z \cap g = \{v \mid v \in Z \text{ and } v \in g\}$

Reset:  $[R]Z = \{[R]v \mid v \in Z\}$

$$[R]v(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in R \\ v(x) & \text{if } x \notin R \end{cases}$$



Symbolic transitions:

Suppose  $t := q \xrightarrow{g/R} q'$  is a transition

We have:

$$(q, Z) \xrightarrow{t} (q', Z')$$

where:  $Z' = \overrightarrow{[R](Z \cap g)}$

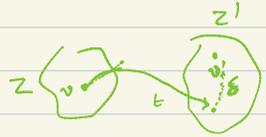
$$Z \xrightarrow{g} Z \cap g \xrightarrow{R} [R](Z \cap g) \xrightarrow{\text{time}} \overrightarrow{[R](Z \cap g)}$$

An important property of the symbolic transitions:

Lemma: Suppose  $(q, z) \xrightarrow{t} (q', z')$  is a symbolic transition.

For every valuation  $v' \in z'$ , there exists a valuation  $v \in z$  and a  $\delta \geq 0$  s.t.

$$(q, v) \xrightarrow{t, \delta} (q', v')$$



Proof:  $z' = \overrightarrow{[R](zng)}$

Pick  $v' \in z'$

$$\exists v_1 \in [R](zng) \text{ s.t. } v_1 \xrightarrow{\delta} v'$$

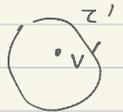
$$\exists v_2 \in (zng) \text{ s.t. } v_2 \xrightarrow{RS} v_1$$

$$v = v_2 \quad (q, v) \xrightarrow{t} (q', v_1) \xrightarrow{\delta} (q', v')$$

Is it true that  $\forall v \in z,$

$\exists v' \in z'$

$$\text{s.t. } (q, v) \xrightarrow{t, \delta} (q', v')$$



→ Not true. —  $Z \rightarrow$  only  $Zng$  pass the transition.

Zone graphs are sound and complete:

Soundness:

Lemma: For every run on zones:

$z_0 = \{v_0\}$

$$(q_0, z_0) \xrightarrow{t_0} (q_1, z_1) \xrightarrow{t_1} (q_2, z_2) \xrightarrow{t_2} \dots \xrightarrow{t_{n-1}} (q_n, z_n)$$

there exists a corresponding timed run over valuations:

$$(q_0, v_0) \xrightarrow{\delta_0, t_0} (q_1, v_1) \xrightarrow{\delta_1, t_1} (q_2, v_2) \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\delta_{n-1}, t_{n-1}} (q_n, v_n)$$

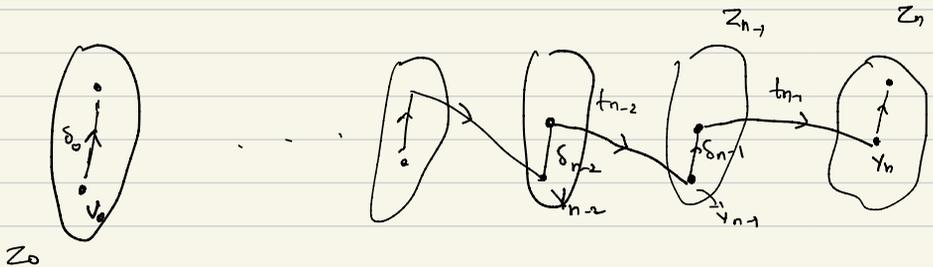
such that  $v_i \in z_i$

Proof: Pick some  $v'_i \in z_i$

From the symbolic transition  $(q_{n-1}, z_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{t_{n-1}} (q_n, z_n)$   
we have from previous lemma:

$$(q_{n-1}, v'_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{t_{n-1}} (q_n, v_n) \xrightarrow{\delta_n} (q_n, v'_n)$$

$\in z_n$



## Completeness:

Lemma: For every timed run

$$(q_0, v_0) \xrightarrow{\delta_0, t_0} (q_1, v_1) \xrightarrow{\delta_1, t_1} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta_{n-1}, t_{n-1}} (q_n, v_n)$$

there exists a run over zones:

$$(q_0, z_0) \xrightarrow{t_0} (q_1, z_1) \xrightarrow{t_1} \dots \xrightarrow{t_{n-1}} (q_n, z_n)$$

such that  $v_i \in z_i$

Proof: First:  $z_0 = \overline{\{v_0\}}$ . Therefore  $v_0 \in z_0$

Assume that we have constructed a zone-run for  $i$  steps:

$$(q_0, z_0) \xrightarrow{t_0} (q_1, z_1) \xrightarrow{t_1} \dots (q_i, z_i)$$

s.t.  $v_i \in z_i$



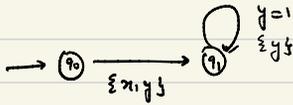
We know from the run that  $v_i + \delta_i \models \text{guard of } t_i$  ( $g_i$ )

$$v_i + \delta_i \in \underbrace{(z_i \cap g_i)}$$

$$(q_i, z_i) \xrightarrow{t_i} (q_{i+1}, z_{i+1})$$

$\hookrightarrow$  non-empty  
and it contains  $v_{i+1}$ .

Zone graphs could be infinite:



$$q_0, 0 \leq x = y$$

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$$q_1, 0 \leq x = y$$

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$$q_1, x - y = 1, (x, y \geq 0)$$

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$$q_1, x - y = 2$$

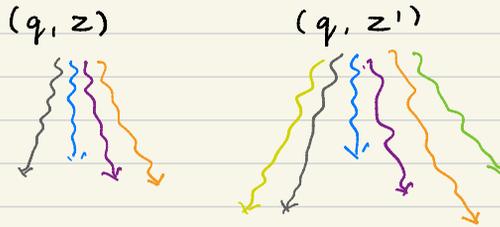
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Our main goal is to solve the reachability problem. We need an object that can detect all "reachable states" of the automaton.

Question: How do we get a finite "object" that is sound and complete for reachability?

Coming next: A framework for solving this question.

## Simulations between zones:



Core idea:  $(q, z)$  is simulated by  $(q, z')$  if

every path from  $(q, z)$  has a "corresponding" path from  $(q, z')$

## Formalizing this idea:

which is "reflexive and transitive"

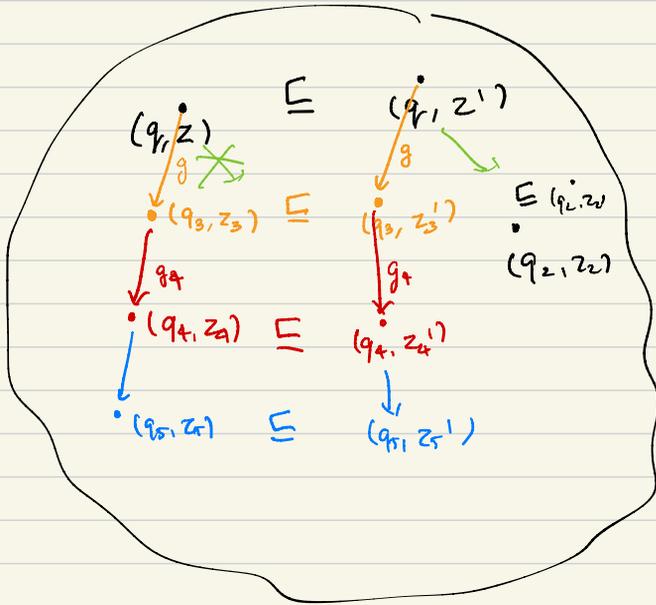
Define a binary relation  $\sqsubseteq$  between nodes  $(q, z)$  and  $(q, z')$   
same discrete state  $q$ .

- that satisfies the following condition:

$$\forall \begin{array}{ccc} (q, z) & \sqsubseteq & (q, z') \\ \downarrow t & & \downarrow t \\ (q_1, z_1) & \sqsubseteq & (q_1, z'_1) \end{array}$$

For every transition  $(q, z) \xrightarrow{t} (q_1, z_1)$  there

exist a transition  $(q, z') \xrightarrow{t} (q_1, z'_1)$  s.t.  
 $(q_1, z_1) \sqsubseteq (q_1, z'_1)$



For example let us define  $(q_i, z) \vDash (q_i, z')$

when  $z \subseteq z'$



→ This is a simulation. But this need not give finiteness.

We want a simulation which is finite.

A particular simulation relation:

Let  $M$  be the maximum constant appearing in the automaton

Regions  $(Z) \subseteq \text{Regions}(Z')$

$$(q, z) \leq_M (q, z') \text{ if}$$

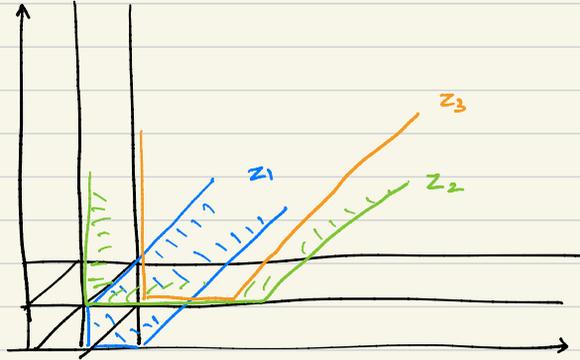


$$\forall v \in Z, \exists v' \in Z' \text{ s.t. } v \sim_M v'$$

$\sim_M$  denotes region equivalence

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Theorem:  $\leq_M$  is a simulation relation on nodes.



$$M = 2$$

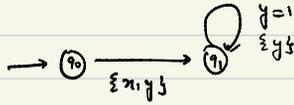
1.  $z_1 \leq_M z_2$  ? False

2.  $z_2 \leq_M z_1$  ? False

3.  $z_1 \leq_M z_3$  ? False

4.  $z_3 \leq_M z_1$  ? False.  $(x=2, y>1)$

Example 1:



$$q_0, 0 \leq x = y$$

$$q_1, 0 \leq x = y \quad \bar{Z}_1$$

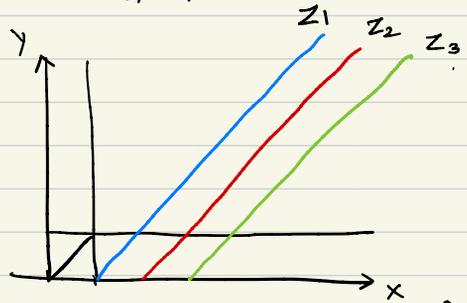
$$q_1, x - y = 1, (x, y \geq 0) \quad Z_1$$

$$q_1, x - y = 2 \quad Z_2$$

$$q_1, x - y = 3$$

$$M = 1$$

Regions:



Regions intersected by red:

$$\{(x > 1, y = 0), (x > 1, 0 < y < 1), (x > 1, y = 1), (x > 1, y > 1)\} \rightarrow \text{Regions}(Z_1)$$

blue:

$$\{(x = 1, y = 0), (x > 1, 0 < y < 1), (x > 1, y = 1), (x > 1, y > 1)\} \rightarrow \text{Regions}(Z_2)$$

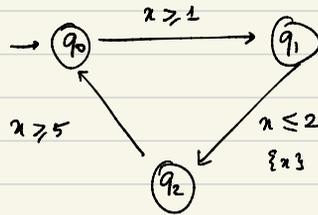
green:

$$\{(x > 1, y = 0), (x > 1, 0 < y < 1), (x > 1, y = 1), (x > 1, y > 1)\} \rightarrow \text{Regions}(Z_3)$$

$$Z_2 \preceq_M Z_3 \quad \text{and} \quad Z_3 \preceq_M Z_2$$

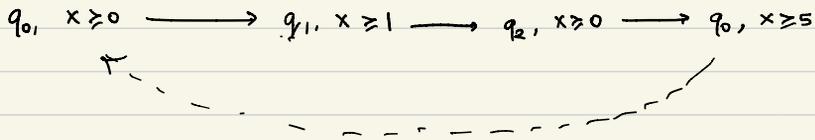
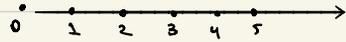
$$\text{Regions}(Z_2) \subseteq \text{Regions}(Z_3)$$

Example 2:



$M=5$ , single clock.

Build the zone graph and draw the simulation edges.



Summary:

- We have seen a relation  $\leq_M$  between zones:

$$Z \leq_M Z' \text{ if}$$

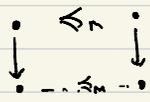
$$\text{Regions}(Z) \subseteq \text{Regions}(Z')$$

set of regions  
that Z intersects

$$(q, Z) \leq_M (q, Z') \text{ if } Z \leq_M Z'$$

- What we have not seen:

→  $\leq_M$  is a simulation



→  $\leq_M$  is "finite"

In every sequence of zones:



$$Z_j \leq_M Z_i \text{ for } j > i$$