Multidimensional Synchronous Dataflow

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Synchronous Dataflow

Properties

- Flow of control is predictable at compile time
- Schedule can be constructed once and repeatedly executed
- Suitable for synchronous multirate signal processing





Solve for the smallest integers r_i .

Then schedule according to data dependencies until repetitions r_i have been met for all actors.

The balance equations have no solution if the graph is *inconsistent*. For example:



Multidimensional Dataflow Extension

$$A \xrightarrow{(O_{A,1}, O_{A,2})} (I_{B,1}, I_{B,2}) B$$

Balance equations:

$$r_{A, 1}O_{A, 1} = r_{B, 1}I_{B, 1}$$

 $r_{A, 2}O_{A, 2} = r_{B, 2}I_{B, 2}$

Solve for the smallest integers $r_{X,i}$, which then give the number of repetitions of actor X in dimension *i*.

Higher dimensionality follows similarly.





One limitation of 1-D SDF

Suppose we want data exchanged in the following order:



1-D SDF has no compact, scalable representation of this. Multidimensional dataflow solves this problem.



Example: Multilayer Perceptron



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MDSDF Example in Ptolemy



Generalize streams to multidimensional partial orderings for representing multidimensional operations.





Generalization to Arbitrary Lattices

- MDSDF handles only rectanglularly sampled signals.
- GMDSDF handles signals on arbitrary lattices, *without sacrificing compile-time schedulability*.



Uses of Non-rectangular Systems

Non-rectangular systems are used in a variety of contexts:

- 2:1 interlaced TV (NTSC) [Dub85][ManCorMia93].
- Directional decompositional filterbanks [Bam90].
- Digital TV with FCO and quincunx sampling [KovVet93].
- Filterbanks for interlaced to progressive conversion [VetKovLeG90].
- Array signal processing with hexagonal geometries [DudMer84].
- Filter design techniques for non-rectangular lattices [AnsLee91][EvaMcc94].



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Non-rectangular Sampling



Definition: The set of all sample points given by $\hat{t} = V\hat{n}, \hat{n} \in \mathbb{X}$ is called the *lattice* generated by V. It is denoted LAT(V).

The Fundamental Parallelpiped

The *fundamental parallelpiped*, denoted by FPD(V), is the set of points given by Vx where $x = [x_1, x_2]^T$ with $0 \le x_1, x_2 < 1$.



Definition: The set of integer points in FPD(V) is denoted as N(V).

Lemma: J(V) = |N(V)| = |det(V)| for an integer matrix V.

Multidimensional Decimators

M-D decimation is given by the relationship:

 $y(\hat{n}) = x(\hat{n}), \hat{n} \in LAT(V_I M)$

where x is defined on the points $V_I k$, V_I being the sampling matrix.



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Multidimensional Expanders

M-D expander:

$$y(n) = \begin{pmatrix} x(n) & n \in LAT(V_I) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{pmatrix} \forall n \in LAT(V_I L^{-1})$$

where x is defined at the points $V_I k$, V_I being the sampling matrix.



Genarlized MDSDF (GMDSDF): Sources

Definition: The **containability condition:** let X be a set of integer points in \Re^m . We say that X satisfies the *containability condition* if there exists an $m \times m$ matrix W such that N(W) = X.

Definition: We will assume that any source actor in the system produces data in the following manner. A source S will produce a set of samples ζ on each firing such that each sample in ζ will lie on the lattice $LAT(V_S)$. We assume that the renumbered set $\overline{\zeta}$ satisfies the containability condition.



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Concise Problem Statement

MDSDF

• Rectangular lattice



- Regions of data produced = rectangular arrays
- Rectangular arrays specified concisely by tuples of produced/ consumed.

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• Coordinate axes for dataflow along arcs orthogonal to each other (x and y axes).

GMDSDF

- Arbitrary lattice
- Regions of data produced = parallelograms
- Parallelograms specified concisely as the set of integer points inside a support matrix.
- Coordinate axes for dataflow along arcs not necessarily othogonal.



Support Matrices

Want to describe regions where the data is contained.

- In MDSDF, these are ordinary arrays
- In the extension, these are *support matrices*.



Theorem:

For the decimator,

$$V_f = V_e M$$
 and $W_f = M^{-1} W_e$.

For the expander,

$$V_f = V_e L^{-1}$$
, and $W_f = L W_e$.



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GMDSDF — Balance Equations

- We don't know yet exactly how many samples on each firing the decimator will produce.
- Idea: *Assume* that it produces (1,1) and solve balance equations:

$$3r_{S,1} = 1r_{A,1} \quad 5r_{A,1} = 2r_{B,1} \quad r_{B,1} = r_{T,1}$$
$$3r_{S,2} = 1r_{A,2} \quad 2r_{A,2} = 2r_{B,2} \quad r_{B,2} = r_{T,2}$$

• Solution:

$$r_{S,1} = 2, r_{S,2} = 1$$

$$r_{A,1} = 6, r_{A,2} = 3$$

$$r_{B,1} = 15, r_{B,2} = 3$$

$$r_{T,1} = 15, r_{T,2} = 3$$

Dataspace on arc AB



Balance equations cont'd

Question: Have we really "balanced"?

No: by counting the number of samples that have been kept in the previous slide.

More systematically:

$$W_{SA} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{S,1} & 0 \\ 0 & r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3r_{S,1} & 0 \\ 0 & 3r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_{AB} = LW_{SA} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3r_{S,1} & 0 \\ 0 & 3r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6r_{S,1} & -6r_{S,2} \\ 9r_{S,1} & 6r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W_{BT} = M^{-1}W_{AB} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6r_{S,1} & -6r_{S,2} \\ 9r_{S,1} & 6r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 21r_{S,1} & -6r_{S,2} \\ 3r_{S,1} & -18r_{S,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Balance equations cont'd

Want to know if

$$N(W_{BT}) \Big| = \frac{\left| N(W_{AB}) \right|}{|M|}$$

We have

$$|N(W_{AB})| = |det(W_{AB})| = 90r_{S,1}r_{S,2}$$

The right hand side becomes

$$\frac{90r_{S,1}r_{S,2}}{4} = \frac{45r_{S,1}r_{S,2}}{2}$$

Therefore, we need

$$r_{S, 1}r_{S, 2} = 2k$$
 $k = 0, 1, 2, ...$

The balance equations gave us $r_{S,1} = 2, r_{S,2} = 1$. With these values, we get

$$W_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} 21/2 & -3/2 \\ 3/2 & -9/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This matrix has 47 points inside its FPD (determined by drawing it out).

==> Balance equation solution is not quite right.

Augmented Balance Equations

To get the correct balance, take into account the constraint given by

$$\left|N(W_{BT})\right| = \frac{\left|N(W_{AB})\right|}{\left|M\right|}$$

Sufficiency: force W_{BT} to be an integer matrix.

$$=> r_{S,1} = 4k, k = 1, 2, \dots$$
$$=> r_{S,2} = 2k, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore,

$$r_{S,1} = 4, r_{S,2} = 2.$$

• So decimator produces (1,1) on average but has cyclostatic behavior.

Production sequence: 2,1,1,2,1,0,1,1,0,1,2,1,1,2,1,...

Theorem:

Always possible to solve these *augmented* balance equations.

Effect of Different Factorizations

Suppose we let $|det(M)| = 1 \times 4$ instead. Balance equations give:

$$r_{S,1} = 1, r_{S,2} = 2$$

 $r_{A,1} = 3, r_{A,2} = 6$
 $r_{B,1} = 15, r_{B,2} = 3$
 $r_{T,1} = 15, r_{T,2} = 3$

Also,

$$W_{BT} = \begin{bmatrix} 21/4 & -3 \\ 3/4 & -9 \end{bmatrix}$$

It turns out that

$$\left|N(W_{BT})\right| = 45$$

as required.

==> Lower number of overall repetitions with this factoring choice.



Summary of Extended Model

- Each arc has associated with it a lattice-generating matrix, and a support matrix.
- The source actor for an arc establishes the ordering of the data on that arc.
- Expander: consumes (1,1) and produces FPD(L), ordered as an (L_1, L_2) rectangle where $L_1L_2 = |det(L)|$.
- Decimator: consumes an (M_1, M_2) rectangle, where $M_1M_2 = |det(M)|$ and produces (1,1) on average.
- Write down balance equations.
- Additional equations for support matrices on decimator outputs.
- The above two sets are simultaneously solved to determine the smallest nonzero number of times each node is to be invoked in a periodic schedule.
- Actors are then scheduled as in SDF or MDSDF.

Aspect Ratio Conversion

Format conversion of 2:1 interlaced video from 4/3 aspect ratio to 16/9 aspect ratio.





Future Work in GMDSDF

Concrete Data Structures (Semantics)



GMDSDF (Scheduling)



Array-oriented language (graphical syntax for enabling rules ?)



Concrete Data Structures

- "Cells" can have specific "Values"
- Enabling relationship says when a cell can be filled.
- "Cell" dependency partial order can be arbitrary
- Formalizes most forms of "real-world" data structures: lists, trees, arrays etc.
- Kahn-Plotkin sequential functions on CDS provide an elegant model of computation with many formal properties, like full abstraction.
- CDS approach has been mostly semantic; need to sort out operational issues (like scheduling).



Array-OL

- Array-oriented language developed at Thomson
- Graphical syntax for specifying "array access patterns"
 - In many multidimensional programs, manipulating data aligned in various dimensions is a challenge. For example: Transpose.
 - Patterns specified by "fitting" and "paving" relationships.
- Combine with MDSDF...



