TEMPEST - Shielding Against the Storm

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Motivation

Are you interested in logic and reinforcement learning?
Do you like working with high-performant code?
Let's combine all three!

In settings in which a reinforcement agent operates in environments with inherent randomization, **probabilistic model checking** allows us to make precise, real-time capable analysis of the safety of all available actions at runtime. This information can be used to mask unsafe actions from the agent in order to guarantee safety.

TEMPEST [1] is the new tool for synthesis of both strategies and shields for different types of models. It is built on top of the powerful model checker **STORM** [2]. Our aim is that our tool becomes a leading synthesis tool, especially designed to be easily usable in reinforcement learning settings. We are extending our tool with a wider range of model checking algorithms and additional features. If you're interested to become a part of this project, please contact us! For a more detailed overview visit: tempest-synthesis.org.

Goals and Tasks

- Chat with us and pick the topic that is the most interesing for you.
- We will discuss the principles of probabilistic model checking.
- Implement an algorithm to construct strategies.
- Test your implementation.

Literature

- S. Pranger et al.
  TEMPEST–Synthesis Tool for Reactive Systems and Shields in Probabilistic Environments
  arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.12588 2021
- C. Dehnert et al.
  A storm is coming: A modern probabilistic model checker
  International Conference on Computer Aided Verification

Courses & Deliverables

☑ **Master Project**
Project code
Report
Presentation

– OR –

☑ **Master's Thesis**
+ DiplomandInnenseminar (CS)
Initial presentation
Project code
Thesis (60+ pages)
Final presentation

Recommended if you're studying

☑ CS ☑ ICE ☑ SEM

Prerequisites

- Interest in Logics and Mathematics
- Interest in C++-Programming

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