Mutual Exclusion Property Verification of FLASH Cache Coherence Protocol by Inductive Invariant Checking

Sudhindra Pandav, Konrad Slind, and Ganesh Gopalakrishnan

UUCS-04-010

School of Computing University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT 84112 USA July 29, 2004

Abstract

We discuss a verification of the cache coherence protocol of the Stanford FLASH multiprocessor for arbitrary number of processors using the UCLID system to specify and verify the protocol. UCLID has a SAT-based decision procedure for a logic of counter arithmetic with lambda expressions and uninterpreted functions. We verified the mutual exclusion property for the protocol using just 8 inductive invariants. We discovered the invariants frugally, and solely from the analysis of counterexamples that UCLID returns, on deciding a property. The proof process is described step by step.