A New Course in Hybrid and Embedded Systems

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Background



Currently:

- [Berkeley] EECS 291e/ME 2915
 Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control http://robotics.eecs.berkeley.edu/~sastry/ee291e/HSCC05.htm
- [Stanford] AA 278A
 Hybrid Systems: Modeling, Analysis, and Control http://www.stanford.edu/class/aa278a/



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Current coverage includes:



- Modeling: finite state machines, ODEs, PDEs
- Bisimulations: timed automata
- Stability analysis for switched systems
- Reachability analysis for verification and controller synthesis
- Tools:
 - HyTech
 - PtolemyII
 - HyVisual
 - Level Set Toolbox
 - Requiem, d/dt, CheckMate



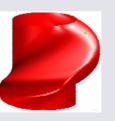
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Projects



- Course projects
 - In depth analysis or design in any of the areas covered in class
 - Midterm: preliminary design review
 - Final: a short (10 page) paper and 15-20 minute presentation of project and results
- Examples
 - Hybrid optimization applied to path planning
 - Stability analysis and control of inverted pendulum
 - Lane-keeping/lane-changing control
 - Autonomous space station rendezvous and docking
 - Multimode engines (HCCI)
 - Four person soccer game
 - Pursuit evasion with 2 (time varying) players







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- "Mezzanine" level course in hybrid and embedded systems
- Open to upper level undergraduates, and graduate students
- Lectures, and strong focus on semesterlong project
- Project based on real examples developed with Industry partners

- Examples: Boeing DemoSim, "Airbus-like" code

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Needs: a stronger link with design cycle for real embedded systems



- A methodology that integrates verification, validation, and test procedures throughout the requirements, design, implementation, and testing cycle:
 - High level design tools (such as HyVisual, Ptolemy II, Simulink) for specifying the semantics of these components and their interfaces, generation of corresponding test suites
 - High level programming language (like C, Java) to implement these components, generation of corresponding test suites
 - Automatic code generation tools (ideally, for both the high level code and the low level implementation)
 - Automatic test suite generation
- How to bring certification into the classroom? [Frank McCormick, Certification Services, Inc.]



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Timeline



- Full fledged course in 2006-07 (some components tested in Spring 2006)
- Request input and mentorship from industrial partners for individual project design
 - Automotive
 - Aviation
 - Industrial automation
 - Manufacturing
 - Critical infrastructures (California Energy Commission)

