Homework 6

EE 290n - Advanced Topics in Systems Theory

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- 1. For two posets A and B, a function $f: A \to B$ is an **order embedding** if $a \le a' \iff f(a) \le f(a')$. A function $f: A \to B$ is an **order isomorphism** if it is **onto** and an order embedding. Two posets are **order isomorphic** if there is a order isomorphism from one to the other.
 - (a) Show that if $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an order embedding, then f is one-to-one.
 - (b) Show that if $f: A \to B$ is an order isomorphism, then there is an order isomorphism $g: B \to A$.
- 2. Consider the model shown in figure 1. This model is accessible at the following URL:

http://embedded.eecs.berkeley.edu/concurrency/2009/homework/HW6/Zeno.xml

- (a) Prove that this system is not discrete.
- (b) Construct a model in the DE domain in Ptolemy II similar to the one in figure 1 with the following properties:
 - i. it has a feedback loop where no actor is delta causal,
 - ii. time diverges (it has events at times greater than any finite time), and
 - iii. the system is discrete (there is no Zeno condition).

This demonstrates that the condition requiring a delta-causal actor in a feedback loop is only sufficient, not necessary, to prevent Zeno conditions.

- 3. Given a metric space (A,d), show that for all $a, b \in A$ $d(a,b) \ge 0$.
- 4. Prove that an ultrametric is a metric.

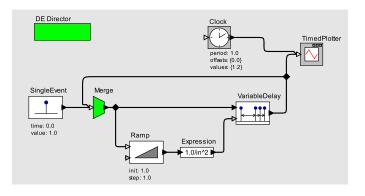


Figure 1: A discrete-event model that exhibits Zeno behavior.