Modeling and Analysis of Data Flow Graphs using the Digraph Real-Time Task Model

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 - Signal processing
 - Stream processing
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Throughput maximization

Design Constraints

- Buffer overflow/underflow avoidance
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Outline









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(Static) Data Flow Graphs



- Fixed token production (consumption) rate
- Fixed execution time

- Variable token production (consumption) rate
- Variable execution time

• Empty buffer



- Empty buffer
- 'a' can be fired



• Full buffer



- Full buffer
- 'a' cannot be fired
- 'b' can be fired



- 'a' cannot be fired
- 'b' can be fired



- Empty buffer
- 'a' can be fired



Design Constraints

- Underflow/overflow avoidance
- Schedulability

• Underflow avoidance



• Underflow avoidance



- Produce token as **soon** as possible
- Consume token as late as possible



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Unschedulable!

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Method

The Problem

Design Parameters

- Periods
- Offsets

Constraints

- No underflow
- No overflow
- Schedulability

Objective

Throughput maximization

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• Repeating pattern



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We need a non-periodic task model

Scheduling Data Flow Graphs

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Example

• MP3 playback application



• DRT task for the actor MP3



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DRT task for the actor SRC



Obtained DRT tasks



Table: Task set parameters for the DRT tasks (μs)

	Period	Offset
SRC	25061.809	60649.578
APP	56.829	110801.612
DAC	56.829	110943.686

Evaluation

Table: Total buffer requirement and throughput for each method

	Buffer Requirement	Throughput (s^{-1})
Periodic Task Set	2273	16013
DRT Task Set	2155	17596
Improvement	5%	9.8%

Conclusion

- Using a more general task model
 - More flexibility
 - Larger state-space



• Coverage of the solution space

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Thanks!