ECE597/697MB Special Topic – Modeling and Verification of Embedded Systems

- **Lecture:** MWF 10:10-11:00AM ELAB 323
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**Description**

Embedded systems sense, actuate, compute, and communicate to accomplish tasks in domains such as medical, automotive, and industrial controls. Informal methods of hacking together embedded systems are at odds with the criticality of their applications. This course will introduce recent developments toward more rigorous modeling and verification of embedded and cyber-physical systems. By the end of the course, students should understand the capabilities and limitations of different representations of embedded systems, and should be able to model (and sometimes verify) systems using appropriate abstractions.

**Major Course Topics**

- Introduction
- Discrete Dynamics and FSMs (ch 3, 5)
- Basic Reachability Analysis
- Invariants, Temporal Logic (ch 13)
- Equivalence, Refinement/Abstraction, Simulation Relations (ch 14)
- Model Checking (ch 15)
- Hybrid Systems and Timed Automata (ch 4)
- Continuous Dynamics, Sensors, ADC (ch 2, 7)
- Models of Computation (ch 6)
- Scheduling (ch 12)
- Case Studies
- Security
- Project Presentations

**Grading Policy (Subject to change)**

In-class participation is expected, especially pertaining to reading and discussing research papers. Students will be required to lead the discussion of research papers. All students taking 697MB will be required to complete a project individually or with a partner. The project is optional for students taking 597MB; if not doing a project, the weights of other grade components will scaled up proportionally.

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Lab Assignments

The course will involve a number of tool-based lab assignments. The focus of these labs is modeling and verification. No advance familiarity with any tools is expected.

1. Reachability Analysis (explicit and SAT-based symbolic)
2. Verification of timed automata (using UPPAAL)
3. Hybrid verification (using PHAVER)

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