

Mixed-Criticality Scheduling of Processing Pipelines

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Motivation

Mixed-Criticality

- Certification standards (DO-178B/C)
 - Different assurance rigor depending on severity of failure (criticality)
 - If proven that low-criticality task cannot interfere with higher-criticality ones

Distributed Scheduling

End-to-end threads running across multiple processors



Distributed Mixed-Criticality Scheduling

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Zero-Slack Scheduling (1)

Tasks : $\tau_i = (C_i, C_i^o, T_i, D_i, \zeta_i)$

• C_i : nominal WCET, C_i^o : overloaded WCET, T_i : period, D_i : deadline, ζ_i :criticality

Start with DM

- Calculate last instant to stop lower-critical task Z_i: zero-slack instant
- Stop lower-criticality tasks



Zero-Slack Scheduling (2)

Guarantee

- τ_i guaranteed to execute for C_i^o before its deadline D_i
 - If no higher criticality task τ_i executes for more than C_i



Calculating The Zero-Slack Instant



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Calculating The Zero-Slack Instant



New slack can open after each iteration

Needs to repeat until no new slack opens



Distributed Scheduling

Multi-period end-to-end deadlines

- Start of receiver task not synchronized
- Message reception guaranteed after two periods





Fixed-Priority Pipelines



$$\begin{aligned} Delay(J_i) &\leq \sum_{j=i}^n C_{eq_j} + \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} \max_{j=i}^n (C_{j,s}) \\ C_{eq_j} &= \begin{cases} C_{j,max1} + C_{j,max2} & \text{if } A_i < A_j \\ C_{j,max1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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Real-Time Pipelines Response Time

Synthetic Taskset

• τ_i execution:

$$-C_{e}^{*}(i) = \sum_{(j|\rho_{j} \ge \rho_{i})} C_{j,max1} + \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} \max_{(j|\rho_{j} \ge \rho_{i})} (C_{j,2})$$

- Preemption on others
 - $-C_{j}^{*}=C_{j,max1}+C_{j,max2}$
- Response time

$$-R_{i}^{(k)} = C_{e}^{*}(i) + \sum_{(j|\rho_{j} > \rho_{i})} \left[\frac{R_{i}^{k-1}}{T_{j}}\right] C_{j}^{*}$$



ZSRM Response Time Equations



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ZSRM Pipeline Response Time (1)

Stages in normal and critical mode

- σ_i^z : stage where Z_i occurs
- $\Pi_i^c = \{ \pi_j | \sigma_i^z \le j \le N \} \ ; \ \Pi_i^n = \{ \pi_j | 1 \le j < \sigma_i^z \}$

Critical mode synthetic task

- $C_e^c(i) = C_e^K(i)$
- $C_e^K(i) \sum_{\tau_i \in \Gamma_i^c \cup \tau_i} C_{j,max1}^{C_i} + \sum_{\pi_{i,s} \in \Pi_i^c \setminus \pi_N} \max_{\tau_j \in \Gamma^c \cup \tau_i} C_{j,s}^{e_i}$
- To calculate which stages overload $C_{i,s}^{e_i}$ is calculated solving optimization
 - Maximize $\sum_{s \in \Pi_i^c \setminus \pi_N} \max_{j \in \Gamma_i^c \cup \tau_i} x_{j,s}$
 - Subject to:

• $C_i^{*c_i} = C_{i,max1}^{c_i} + C_{i,max2}^{c_i}$

- $\forall \langle j, s \rangle$ s.t. $(j \in \Gamma_i^c \cup \tau_i) \land (s \in \Pi_i^c), x_{j,s} \leq C_{j,s}^o$
- $\forall j \text{ s.t. } (j \in \Gamma_i^c \cup \tau_i) \land (\zeta_j > \zeta_i), \sum_{s \in \Pi_i^c} x_{j,s} \le \sum_{s \in \Pi_i^c} C_{j,s}$
- $R_i^c = C_e^c(i) + \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i^c} \left[\frac{R_i^c}{T_j} \right] C_j^{*C_i}$ **Software Engineering Institute** Ca

ZSRM Pipeline Response Time (2)

Normal mode

- $Z_i = D_i R_i^c$
- $I_i = \sum_{j \in \Gamma_i^n} \left[\frac{Z_i}{T_j} \right] C_j^{*n_i}$
- $S_i^n = \max(0, Z_i I_i C_e^n(i))$
- $C_e^C(i) = \max(0, C_e^C(i) S_i^n)$
- $C_e^n(i) = \min(C_i^o, C_e^n(i) + S_i^n)$
- $\sigma_i^z = \min_{1 \le j \le N} \{ j \mid \sum_{s=1}^j C_{i,s}^o > C_e^n(i) \}$



Average Utilization With Increasing Stages



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Increasing Overload



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Implementation

Linux Kernel Module

- Periodic Activation of Root Stage
 - wait_next_root_period()
 - Wait for periodic timer to activate
- Middle Stage Activation
 - wait_next_stage_arrival()
 - Wait for message and enforce minimum inter-arrival
 - Execute stage computation
 - Send message to next stage
- Leaf Stage Activation
 - wait_next_leaf_arrival()
 - Wait for minimum interarrival
 - Execute stage computation
- End-to-end overload monitoring
- Defer after overload enforcement

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Synthetic Avionics Taskset

Stage\Task	Stall Warning $\zeta = 4, \rho = 1$	Runway Overrun $\zeta = 2, \rho = 3$	Traffic Aware $\zeta = 1, \rho = 4$	Terrain Aware $\zeta = 3, \rho = 2$
IOM	Airspeed	GPS Pos.	Air Radar	Ground Radar
CPIOM1	Lift	Stop Distance	Object Ident.	Terrain Distance
CPIOM2	Stall threshold	Stop location	Track build.	Time to terrain
CPIOM3	Angle attack	Virtual runway	Traffic warn.	Terrain warn.
Т	14534(ms)	3174(ms)	7002(ms)	5164(ms)
С	1090(ms)	238(ms)	525(ms)	387(ms)
C°	1362(ms)	297(ms)	656(ms)	484(ms)
Z	8000(ms)	3174(ms)	7002(ms)	5164(ms)

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Avionics Taskset Execution Timeline



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Conclusions

Pipeline Scheduling Improves Utilization

- In contrast to unsynchronized activation
- Response-Time Pipeline Model by Jayachandran and Abdelzaher

Created First Mixed-Criticality Scheduling

- ZSRM
 - Reformulated Response Time Z Calculation
 - End-to-end overload
 - End-to-end enforcement

Improved Performance

- 4X average state utilization
- Increase overload tolerance