

Refactoring-as-Propositions: Proved Refactoring of Hybrid Systems via Proved Refinements

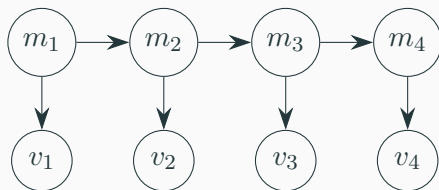
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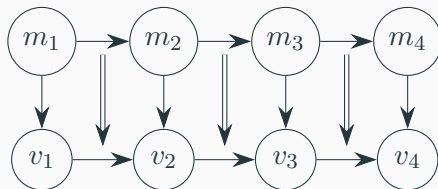


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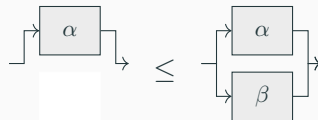
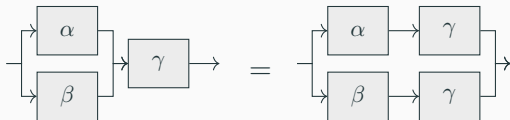
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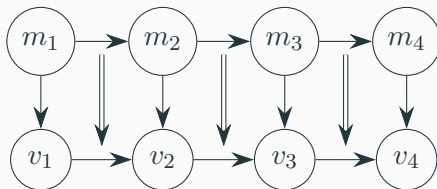
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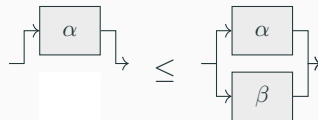
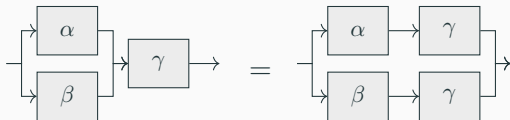
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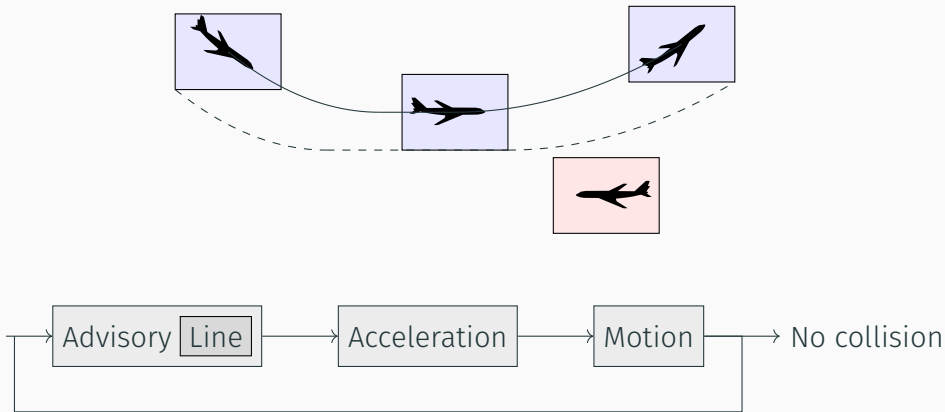
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Refactoring-as-propositions are refinements: $\alpha \leq \beta$

Example: Airborne Collision Avoidance System X¹



¹Jeannin et al. A formally verified hybrid system for safe advisories in the next-generation airborne collision avoidance system. STTT 2017

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Two versions of **Line**:

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bool case1(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> -rp <= r & r < -rp - rv + minf(v,w)/alo;
bool bound1(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> w + rv^2 + h < alo/2 + (r + rp)^2 + w + rv + v + (r-rp) - rv^2 + hp;
bool case2(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> -rp - rv + minf(v,w)/alo <= r & r <= rp - rv + minf(v,w)/alo;
bool bound2(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> w + h < (-minf(v,w)^2)/(2*alo) - hp;
bool case3(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> rp - rv + minf(v,w)/alo <= r & r <= rp + rv + maxf(v,w,vto)/alo;
bool bound3(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> w + rv^2 + h < alo/2 + (r - rp)^2 + w + rv + v + (r - rp) - rv^2 + hp;
bool case4(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> rp - rv + maxf(v,w,vto)/alo <= r;
bool bound4(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> w + h < w + vto + (r - rp) - rv + maxf(v,w,vto)^2/(2*alo) - rv + hp;
bool case5(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> -rp <= r & r <= rp - rv + maxf(v,w,vto)/alo;
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bool case6(Real r, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> -rp + rv + maxf(v,w,vto)/alo <= r;
bool bound6(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real vto, Real rv) <-> ( rv <= 0 & r > rp )
    | w + rv + h < w + vto + (r + rp) - rv + maxf(v,w,vto)^2/(2*alo) - rv + hp );
bool Loop1(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real w, Real vto, Real rv) <-> {
    (w + vto >= 0 ->
        (case1(r,v,w,vto,rv) -> bound1(r,h,v,w,vto,rv))
        & (case2(r,v,w,vto,rv) -> bound2(r,h,v,w,vto,rv))
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    &
    (w + vto < 0 ->
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};
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    \forall r1 t \forall r2 ro \forall r3 ho {
        (0 <= t & t <= maxf(v,w,vto)/alo & ro + rv + t & ho = (w + alo)/2 + t^2 + v + t)
        | (t >= maxf(v,w,vto)/alo & ro + rv + t & ho + vto + t - w + maxf(v,w,vto)^2/(2*alo)
        -> (abs(r - ro) > rp | w + h < w + ho - hp)
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Node2 case01(Real r, Real h, Real v, Real vln, Real rv) <-> w <= r*r/2 + h <= a1a/2 & (r - rp)/2 + u = rv + v & (r-rp) - rv/2 + hp;
Node3 case01(Real r, Real v, Real u, Real vln, Real rv) <-> -rp - rv <= min(v,w,vln)/a1a & h <= c & r - rp - rv <= min(v,w,vln)/a1a;
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Node6 case1(Real h, Real h, Real v, Real vln, Real vln, Real rv) <-> w <= r & h <= a1a/2 & (r - rp)/2 + u = rv + v & (r - rp) - rv/2 + hp;
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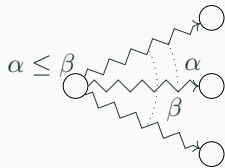
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Safety transfer using refinements:
⇒ Manual steps reduced from 200 to 20

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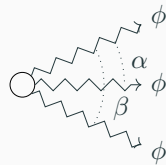
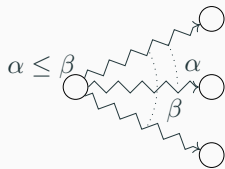


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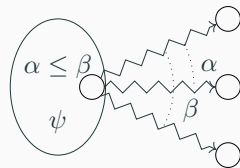
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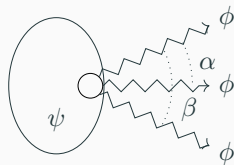
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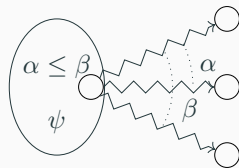
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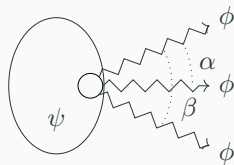
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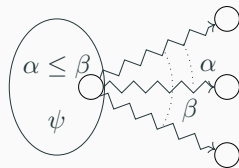
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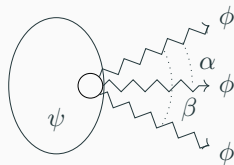
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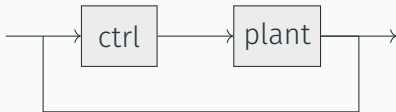
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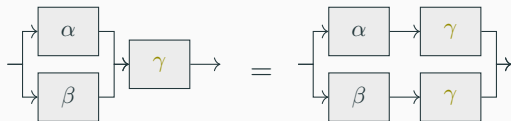
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Implemented in the KeYmaera X¹ theorem prover

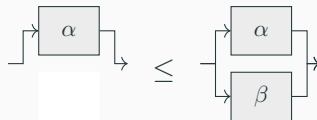
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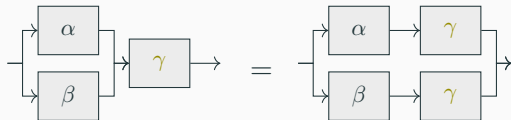


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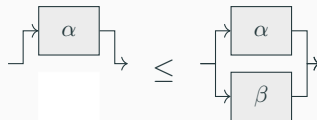
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Scalable: inference derivations automated

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Result: Local refinement automatically ensures safety of whole systems ✓

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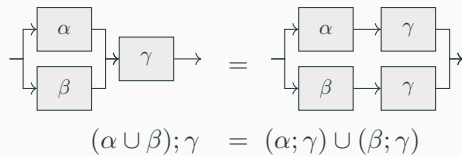
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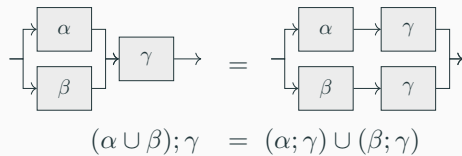
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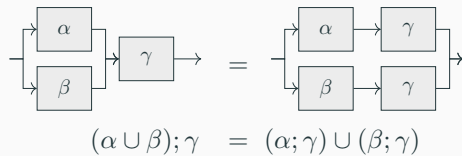
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