Combined I-V Table Checking Problem

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Real Data from BUG140 and Cadence Presentations

• BUG140:  http://www.eda.org/ibis/bugs/ibischk/bug140.txt
• (In all test cases, the [Gnd Clamp] data is 0.0 in the region of interest)
• Presentations
  – “Golden Parser Non-monotonic Warning’s Investigation” by Yingxin Sun and Joy Li, November 9, 2012: http://tinyurl.com/byqu7yn (Presented at the IBIS Quality Committee November 27, 2012)
  – “Combined I-V Table Checks (BUG140)”, January 31, 2013 IBIS Summit, Bob Ross, Yingxin Sun, and Joy Li
  – “Ibischk5 Specification and Parser”, May 15, 2013 IBIS Summit, Bob Ross and Mike LaBonte (Signal Integrity Software)
BUG140 Issue

• Unexpected Non-Monotonic Warnings for Combined I-V Tables (derived from monotonic data)

• Combined I-V table checks:
  – [Pulldown] + [Gnd Clamp] + [Power Clamp]
  – [Pullup] + [Gnd Clamp] + [Power Clamp]

• Ibischk5 parser is de facto standard for IBIS model correctness (and ibischk5 is embedded in tools)

• Some companies require 0 Errors, 0 Warnings

• IBIS Quality Spec, recommends 0 Errors and 0 Warnings

• Warning messages create support issue for model authors or automatic modeling utilities
Facts

- No specification REQUIREMENT that individual or combined I-V tables be monotonic
- No stated method to sum mismatched voltage points (piecewise linear interpolation is allowed and used)
- Non-monotonicity often occurs outside of normal simulation region – in clamping region and not a problem
- Ibischk5 parser is working correctly
Observations

• Non-monotonic behavior can occur
  – Combined I-V table slope is small
  – I-V table points are misaligned due to
    • Offset V intervals due to Gnd, Vdd and delta V
    • Different reference voltages (min/max)
    • Extraction done with piecewise linear interpolation calculations (if not done right)
  – Combination of above cases
• Example \( y = x^2 \) next shows monotonic tables yielding non-monotonic summations
Example: x Step 2, Offset by 1

(\textcolor{red}{\text{Red: Interpolated Value}})

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>x</th>
<th>y_1</th>
<th>y_2</th>
<th>y_1 - y_2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>\textcolor{red}{1}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>36</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Non-monotonic due to piecewise linear interpolation on both columns
x Step 0.02, Offset by 0.01
(\textbf{Red}: Interpolated Value)

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline
x & y_1 & y_2 & y_1 - y_2 \\
\hline
0.00 & 0.0000 & 0.0000 & \\
0.01 & 0.0002 & 0.0001 & 0.0001 \\
0.02 & 0.0004 & 0.0005 & -0.0001 \\
0.03 & 0.0010 & 0.0009 & 0.0001 \\
0.04 & 0.0016 & 0.0017 & -0.0001 \\
0.05 & 0.0026 & 0.0025 & 0.0001 \\
0.06 & 0.0036 & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Still non-monotonic with higher resolution data
### x Steps 0.02 and 0.01, 0.00 Offset

**(Red: Interpolated Value)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>x</th>
<th>y1 = x^2</th>
<th>y2 = x^2</th>
<th>y1−y2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0.00</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
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<td>0.0026</td>
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<td>0.0001</td>
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<tr>
<td>0.06</td>
<td>0.0036</td>
<td>0.0036</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Different resolution data causes non-monotonic combination
bug140a.ibs Maximum Data (Vdd = 1.3 V)
Example 1 (Cont.2)

- Pulldown curve: Interpolation is lower than actual
- Zoom-in view: Error introduced by piecewise linear interpolation
- Clamp curve (gnd referenced): Interpolation is higher than actual
Example 1 (Cont. 3)

Zoom-in view: Errors introduced in the combined pulldown curve
BUGI40 Resolution

• Change WARNING to NOTE
  – Valid solution for user
  – Avoids tool and model developer support issues

• Add “based on piecewise linear interpolation” to message

• No practical fix
  – Still issues with higher resolution or choosing percentage threshold for non-monotonic warning
  – Piecewise linear interpolation is legal, and spline fitting would just hide information
Checking bug140a.ibs

IBISCHK5 V5.1.2

Checking bug140a.ibs for IBIS 3.2 Compatibility...

NOTE (line 39) - Pulldown Typical data is non-monotonic
NOTE (line 42) - Pulldown Minimum data is non-monotonic
NOTE (line 42) - Pulldown Maximum data is non-monotonic
NOTE (line 135) - Pullup Typical data is non-monotonic
NOTE (line 137) - Pullup Maximum data is non-monotonic
NOTE (line 138) - Pullup Minimum data is non-monotonic

WARNING - Combined Pulldown for Model: iobuf Maximum data is non-monotonic

Errors : 0
Warnings: 1

File Passed
Fixed bug140a.ibs in Version 5.1.3

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NOTE - Combined Pulldown for Model: iobuf Maximum data is non-monotonic
based on piece-wise linear interpolation

Errors : 0

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Closure

• For best checking results, use the latest version of ibischk5
• Parser being updated as new BUG reports are submitted and processed.