

# Linear Temporal Logic (Propositional)

(Propositional)

Amir Knebeli (1970ies Late) relative order of events precise limit time abstract

◇ "eventually"  
□ "always"

Syntax

$\varphi ::= \text{true} \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \neg \varphi$

Constants and logical connectives

Form(A)

$\bigcirc \varphi \mid \varphi \cup \varphi$

temporal modalities

definable: false,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\oplus$  - exclusive or / parity

false ::=  $\neg \text{true}$

$\varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2 ::= (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2) \wedge (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1)$   
 $= (\neg \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2) \wedge (\neg \varphi_2 \vee \varphi_1)$

$\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 ::= \neg \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$

$\varphi_1 \oplus \varphi_2 ::= (\varphi_1 \wedge \neg \varphi_2) \vee (\neg \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)$

◇, □ eventually, always

precedence: binary

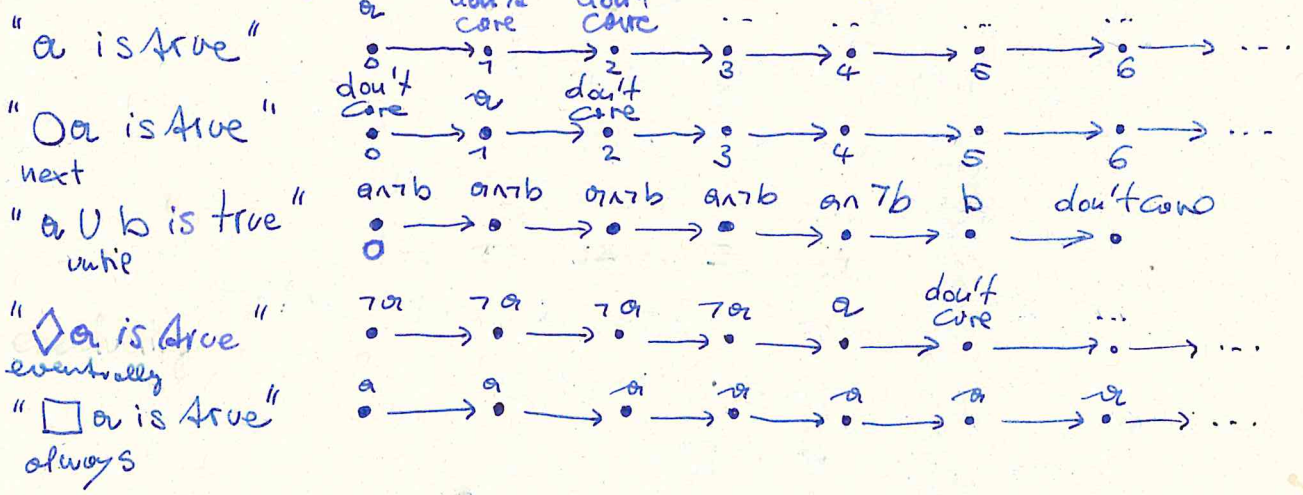
$\neg, \bigcirc$   
 $\cup$   
 $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$

$\{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\} < \{\cup\} < \{\neg, \bigcirc\}$

$\neg \varphi_1 \cup \bigcirc \varphi_2$      $\neg(\varphi_1 \cup \bigcirc \varphi_2)$   
 $\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \cup \varphi_3$      $\varphi_1 \cup (\varphi_2 \cup \varphi_3)$

## Intuitive semantics

An LTL formula expresses a property of an infinite path  $\sigma \in 2^{AP}$   
(i.e. models of LTL formulas are infinite sequences of sets  $\subseteq 2^{AP}$ )



## Formal semantics = Words

Let  $\sigma \in (2^{AP})^\omega$  and  $\sigma = A_0 \dots A_i A_{i+1} \dots$  then  $\sigma_{\geq i} = A_i A_{i+1} \dots$   
 $\sigma[i] = A_i$

$\sigma \models \varphi$  ("σ models φ") if the statement "σ F φ" follows from the following causes:

- $\sigma \models \text{true}$
- $\sigma \models a$  iff  $a \in \sigma[0]$
- $\sigma \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$  iff  $\sigma \models \varphi_1$  and  $\sigma \models \varphi_2$
- $\sigma \models \neg \varphi$  iff  $\sigma \not\models \varphi$  (that is,  $\sigma \models \varphi$  does not hold)
- $\sigma \models \bigcirc \varphi$  iff  $\sigma_{\geq 1} \models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \varphi \cup \psi$  iff  $\exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$  and  $\forall 0 \leq j < i: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \psi$
- $\sigma \models \bigcirc \varphi$  iff  $\exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \square \varphi$  iff  $\forall i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$

$$\text{Words} ::= (2^{AP})^{\omega}$$

$$\text{Words}(\varphi) ::= \{ \sigma \in \text{Words} \mid \sigma \models \varphi \}$$

**Derived Modalities**

"eventually"  $\Diamond \varphi ::= \text{true} \cup \varphi$

$$\sigma \models \text{true} \cup \varphi \iff \exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi \text{ and } \forall 0 \leq j < i: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \text{true}$$

$$\iff \exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$$

$$\iff \sigma \models \Diamond \varphi$$

"always"  $\Box \varphi ::= \neg \Diamond \neg \varphi$   
 $= \neg (\text{true} \cup \neg \varphi)$

$$\sigma \models \neg (\text{true} \cup \neg \varphi) \iff \sigma \not\models \text{true} \cup \neg \varphi$$

$$\iff \neg \exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \neg \varphi \text{ and } \forall 0 \leq j < i: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \text{true}$$

$$\iff \neg \exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \not\models \varphi$$

$$\iff \forall i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$$

$$\iff \sigma \models \Box \varphi$$

$$\sigma \models \neg \Diamond \neg \varphi \iff \sigma \not\models \Diamond \neg \varphi$$

$$\iff \text{not} (\sigma \models \Diamond \neg \varphi)$$

$$\iff \text{not} (\exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \neg \varphi)$$

$$\iff \text{not} (\exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \not\models \varphi)$$

$$\iff \text{not} (\exists i \geq 0: \text{not } \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi)$$

$$\iff \forall i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$$

$$\iff \sigma \models \Box \varphi$$

Exercise: define  $\Box \varphi$  see above

Exercise: define "infinitely often  $\varphi$ "  
 "eventually forever  $\varphi$ "

$$\Box \Diamond \varphi$$

$$\Diamond \Box \varphi$$

$$\sigma \models \Box \Diamond \varphi \iff \forall i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \Diamond \varphi$$

$$\iff \forall i \geq 0: \exists j \geq i: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \varphi$$

$$\iff \exists j: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \varphi$$

$$\sigma \models \Diamond \Box \varphi \iff \exists i \geq 0: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \Box \varphi$$

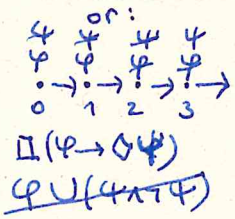
$$\iff \exists i \geq 0: \forall j \geq i: \sigma_{\geq j} \models \varphi$$

$$\iff \exists i: \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi$$

Exercises: Which of the following equivalences are correct? (3)

5. a)  $\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\varphi) \equiv \varphi \cup (\varphi \wedge \neg\varphi)$  (X)

Countermodel: let  $\sigma \models \varphi := p$  and  $\sigma \not\models p$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$



then  $\sigma \models \varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\varphi$

and hence  $\sigma \models \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\varphi)$

but  $\sigma \not\models \varphi \cup (\varphi \wedge \neg\varphi)$

because  $\sigma \models \varphi \wedge \neg\varphi$  due to  $\sigma \models \varphi$

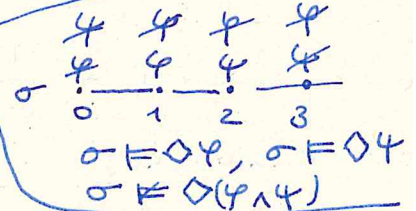
3. b)  $\Box\Diamond\varphi \equiv \Diamond\Box\varphi$  (✓)

4. c)  $\Box(\varphi \wedge \Box\Diamond\varphi) \equiv \Box\varphi$  (✓)

2. d)  $\Diamond(\varphi \wedge \varphi) \equiv \Diamond\varphi \wedge \Diamond\varphi$  (X)

7. e)  $\Box(\varphi \wedge \varphi) \equiv \Box\varphi \wedge \Box\varphi$  (✓)

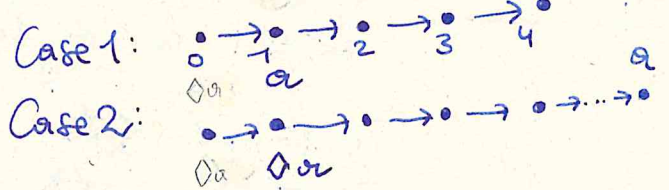
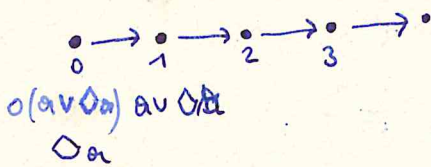
6. f)  $\Box\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \equiv \neg\Diamond(\neg\varphi \wedge \varphi)$  (✓)



Ex. 5.24: Check the following LTL-formulas whether they are (i) satisfiable, and/or (ii) valid.

(a)  $\Box\Box a \rightarrow \Box a$  satisfiable / not valid

(b)  $\Box(a \vee \Diamond a) \rightarrow \Diamond a$  valid



(c)  $\Box a \rightarrow \neg\Diamond(\neg a \wedge \Box\neg a)$  (valid)

(d)  $(\Box a) \cup (\Diamond b) \rightarrow \Box(a \cup \Diamond b)$  (satisfiable, but not valid)

(e)  $\Diamond b \rightarrow a \cup b$  (satisfiable, but not valid)

- $\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2$  equivalent :  $\Leftrightarrow$  Words( $\varphi_1$ ) = Words( $\varphi_2$ )
  - $\varphi$  satisfiable :  $\Leftrightarrow$  Words( $\varphi$ )  $\neq \emptyset$
  - $\varphi$  valid :  $\Leftrightarrow$  Words( $\varphi$ ) =  $(2^{AP})^\omega$
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- Lemma:  $\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \Leftrightarrow \varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2$  valid

Recall  $TS = \langle S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$  Transition System.  $L$

$S$ : states  
 $Act$ : actions  
 $I$ : initial states  
 $AP$ : atomic propositions  
 $L: S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$ : labeling function  
 $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ : transition relation

We may assume paths and all traces are infinite

$\pi \in Paths(TS)$ : infinite path segments  
 $s \in S$ :

$\pi \models \varphi \iff trace(\pi) \models \varphi$   
 $s \models \varphi \iff \forall \pi \in Paths(s) : \pi \models \varphi$   
 $TS \models \varphi \iff \forall s \in I : s \models \varphi$

examples

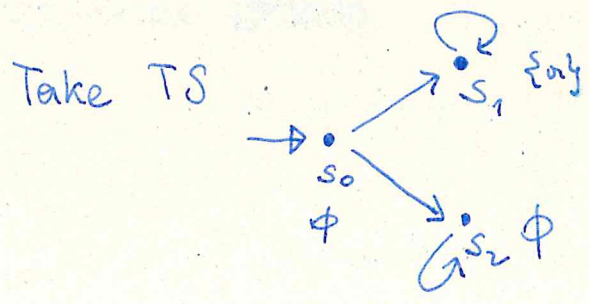
A note on negation:

$Words(\varphi) = \{ \sigma \in (2^{AP})^\omega \mid \sigma \models \varphi \}$   
 $Words(\neg\varphi) = (2^{AP})^\omega \setminus Words(\varphi)$  due to  $\sigma \models \varphi \iff \sigma \not\models \neg\varphi$   
 $\sigma \not\models \varphi \iff \sigma \models \neg\varphi$

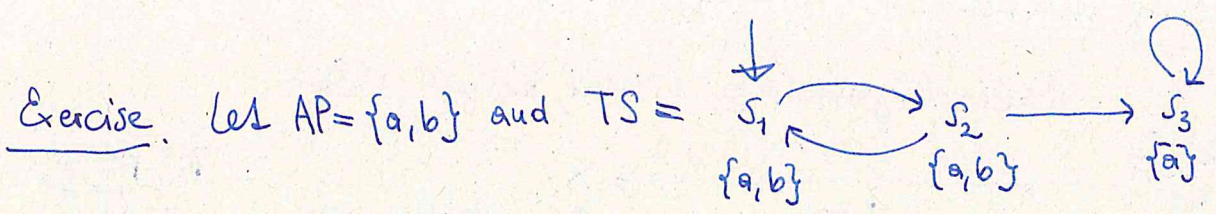
traces decide formulas  
(a LTL formula is either true or false for a trace)

However: transition systems do not decide formulas

$TS \models \varphi \not\iff TS \not\models \neg\varphi$   
 $TS \not\models \varphi \not\iff TS \models \neg\varphi$



$TS \not\models \Diamond a$  because  $s_0 s_2 s_2 \dots \not\models \Diamond a$   
 $TS \not\models \neg \Diamond a$  because  $s_0 s_1 s_1 \dots \not\models \neg \Diamond a$   
 due to  $s_0 s_1 s_1 \dots \models \Diamond a$



- a) Is TS deterministic? ~~no~~, neither action-deterministic nor AP-deterministic
- b)  $s_1 \models \square(a \wedge b)$ ? (✓)
- c)  $s_2 \models \square(a \wedge b)$ ? (x) because  $s_2 s_3^w \neq \square b$  and hence  $s_2 s_3^w \neq \square(a \wedge b)$
- d)  $TS \models \square a$ ? (✓)
- e)  $TS \models \square(\neg b \rightarrow a)$ ? (✓)
- f)  $TS \models \Diamond \neg b$ ? (x) since  $s_1 s_2 s_1 s_2 \dots \neq \neg b$   
 $TS \models \square b$  (x) since  $s_1 s_2 s_3^w \neq \square b$

$Words(\varphi) = \{ \sigma \in (L^{AP})^w \mid \sigma \models \varphi \}$

$\pi$  infinite path fragment of TS  
 $\pi \models \varphi \iff trace(\pi) \models \varphi$   
 $\iff trace(\pi) \in Words(\varphi)$

For all states we can define  
 $S \models \varphi \iff \forall \pi \in Paths(s). \pi \models \varphi$  where  $s \in S$

And finally  
 $TS \models \varphi \iff \forall s \in I. S \models \varphi$

g)  $TS \models \Diamond \square \neg b$ ? (x)

Input:  $\varphi$  LTL formula & TS finite without terminal states.

Output: "yes" if  $TS \models \varphi$ , otherwise counterexample

$A_{\varphi} :=$  NBA s.t.  $L(A_{\varphi}) = Words(\neg \varphi)$  Rim. Büchi automata accept w.r.p. languages

$A := TS \otimes A_{\varphi}$  emptiness-checking  
 if  $\exists \pi \in paths(A) : \pi$  satisfies the acceptance condition of  $A$

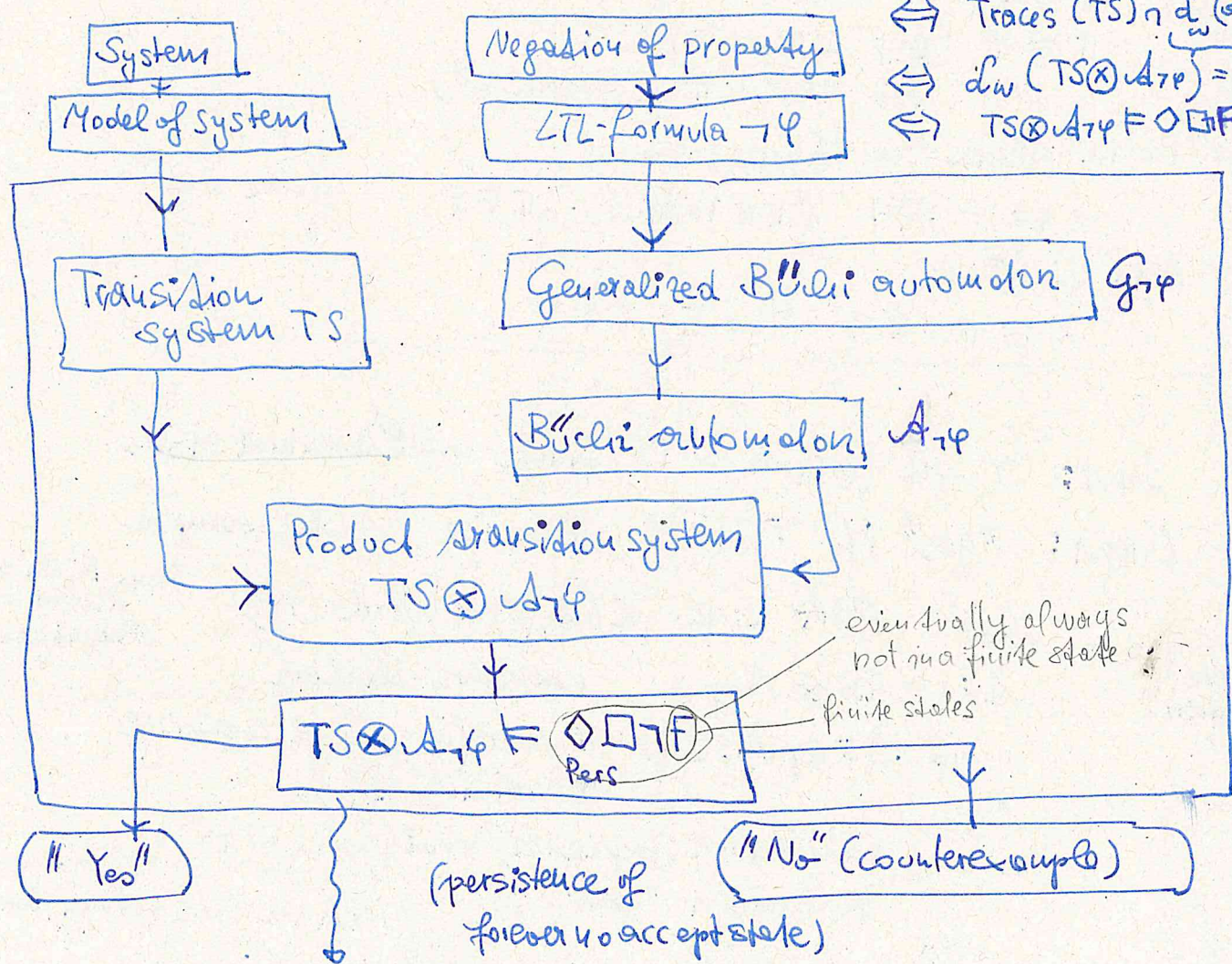
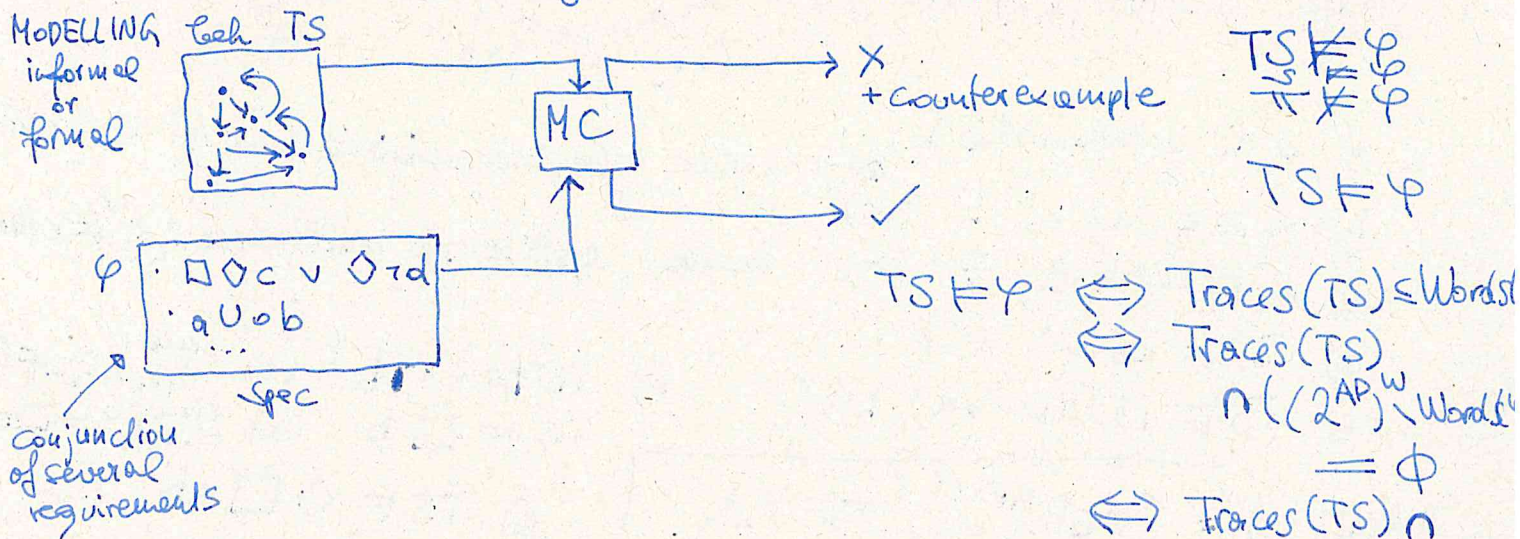
then return (expressive) word prefix of  $\pi$   
 else return "yes"

state explosion

NBA  $A$  has empty language  
 $\iff$  Reachable accepting state on a cycle  
 $\iff$  ... is recognisable in linear time

# Model checking in LTL

## Basic Algorithm (Vardi, Wolper 1986)

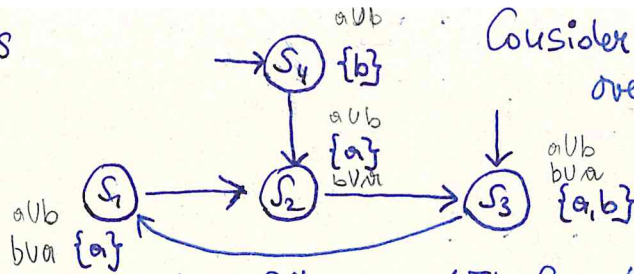


Check whether there is a reachable final state on a cycle of  $TS \otimes A_{\neg \phi}$  (can be checked in linear time)

Complexity  $O(|TS| \cdot 2^{|\phi|})$  PSPACE-Complete

# 5.5 Exercises

## Exercise 5.1.



Consider the following transition system over set  $\{a,b\}$  of atomic propositions: (7)

$$T = (\{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}, \{a,b\}, \rightarrow, \{s_3, s_4\}, \{a,b\}, L)$$

Indicate for each of the following LTL-formulae the set of states for which these formulae are fulfilled:

(a)  $\Box a \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\} = \{s \in S / s \models \Box a\}$

$\pi \models \varphi : \Leftrightarrow \text{trace}(\pi) \models \varphi$

$s \models \varphi : \Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s). \pi \models \varphi$

$TS \models \varphi : \Leftrightarrow (\forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s_i), s_i \text{ initial state of TS}) \pi \models \varphi$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall s_i \in TS, s_i \text{ initial state: } s_{\text{init}} \models \varphi$

$\Leftrightarrow \text{Traces}(TS) \subseteq \text{Words}(\varphi)$

$\text{Words}(\varphi) := \{ \sigma \in (2^{AP})^\omega / \sigma \models \varphi \}$

$\text{Traces}(TS) := \{ \text{trace}(\pi) / \pi \in \text{Paths}_{TS}(s_{\text{init}}), s_{\text{init}} \in I \}$

$TS = \langle S, \Delta \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$

$\rightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times S$  transition relation

$I \subseteq S$  initial states

$AP$  atomic propositions

$L: S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$

$\pi = s_1 s_2 s_3 \dots$   
 $\text{trace}(\pi) = L(s_1)L(s_2)L(s_3)\dots$

(b)  $\Box \Box \Box a$

$\{s \in S / s \models \Box \Box \Box a\} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$

(c)  $\Box b$

$\{s \in S / s \models \Box b\} = \{ \}$

(d)  $\Box \Diamond a$

$\{s \in S / s \models \Box \Diamond a\} = S$

(e)  $\Box (b \cup a)$

$\{s \in S / s \models \Box (b \cup a)\} = S$

(f)  $\Diamond (a \cup b)$

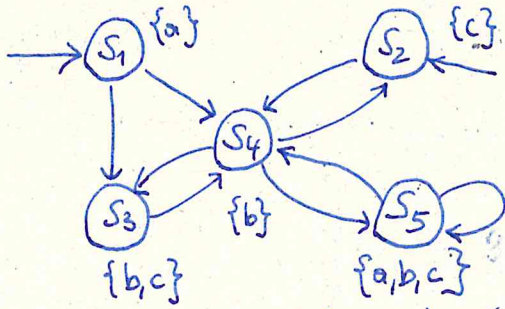
$\{s \in S / s \models \Diamond (a \cup b)\} = S$

(g)  $\Box a$

$\{s \in S / s \models \Box a\} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$

Exercise 5.2 Consider the transition system over the set of atomic propositions  $AP = \{a, b, c\}$ :

(8)



Decide for each LTL formulae  $\varphi_i$  below, whether  $TS \models \varphi_i$  holds. Justify your answers. If  $TS \not\models \varphi_i$  provide a path  $\pi \in \text{Paths}(TS)$  such that  $\pi \not\models \varphi_i$ :

$\varphi_1 = \Diamond \Box c$      $TS \not\models \varphi_1$      $s_1 s_3 s_4 s_3 s_4 \dots \not\models \Diamond \Box c$

$\varphi_2 = \Box \Diamond c$      $TS \models \varphi_2$

$\varphi_3 = \Box \neg c \rightarrow \Box \Box c$      $TS \models \varphi_3$

$\varphi_4 = \Box a$      $TS \not\models \varphi_4$      $s_2 s_4 \dots \not\models a$   
hence  $s_2 s_4 \dots \not\models \Box a$

$\varphi_5 = a \cup \Box (b \vee c)$      $TS \models \varphi_5$   
 $s_2, \dots, s_5 \models \Box (b \vee c)$  }  $\Rightarrow s_2 \models a \cup (b \vee c)$   
 $s_1 \models a$  }  $\Rightarrow s_1 \models a \cup (b \vee c)$   
 $\Rightarrow TS \models \varphi_5$

$\varphi_6 = (\Box \Box b) \cup (b \vee c)$      $TS \not\models \varphi_6$  because  $s_1 s_4 s_2 \dots \not\models \Box \Box b$   
 $\not\models b \vee c$

$\varphi'_1 = \Diamond \Box b$      $TS \not\models \varphi'_1$

$\varphi'_2 = \Box \Diamond b$      $TS \models \varphi'_2$

$TS = \langle S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$

$\pi \in \text{Paths}(TS)$ :     $\pi \models \varphi \iff \text{trace}(\pi) \models \varphi$

$s \in S$ :     $s \models \varphi \iff \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \pi \models \varphi$

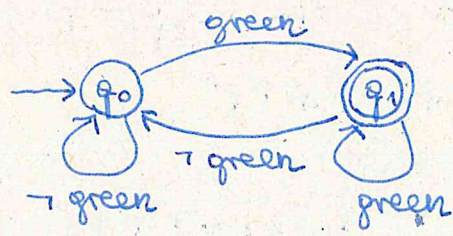
$TS \models \varphi \iff \forall s \in I. s \models \varphi$

$\sigma \models \varphi \cup \varphi \iff \exists j \geq 0 : \sigma_{\neq j} \models \varphi \text{ and } \forall 0 \leq i < j : \sigma_i \models \varphi$



non-deterministic Buchi automaton

NBA for  $\square \diamond \text{green}$

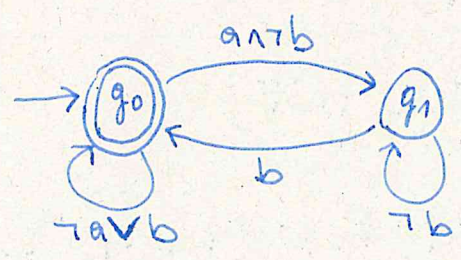


deterministic

$\{ \text{green} \} \neq \{ \text{green} \} \neq \dots$

$q_0 \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_0 \rightarrow q_1$  infinitely often visits state  $q_1$

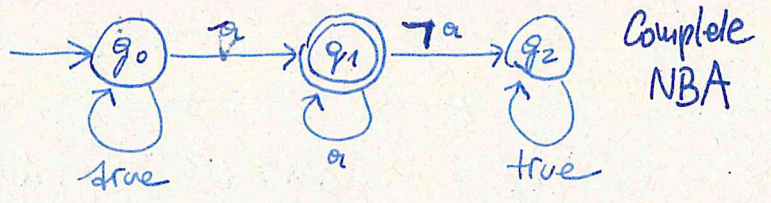
NBA for  $\square (a \rightarrow \diamond b)$



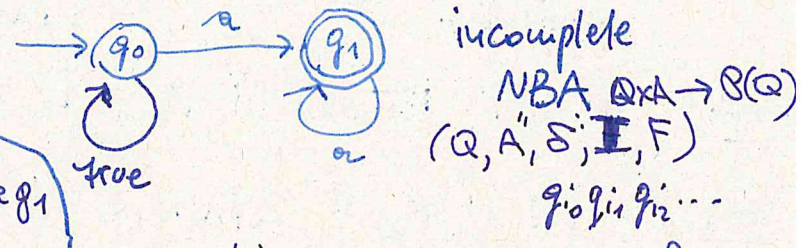
is accepting complete.

almost always  $\square$

NBA for  $\diamond \square a$



Complete NBA



incomplete NBA  $Q \times A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$   
 $(Q, A, \delta, I, F)$   
 $q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots$

$\sigma \in (2^A)^\omega$  an accepting run of Buchi automaton  $\mathcal{A}$

if  $\exists j \geq 0: q_{i_j} \in F$

$\sigma = A_0 A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots$

Büchi-automata accept  $\omega$ -regular languages.

Julius Richard Büchi  
 (1924-1984)

$G = E_1 \cdot F_1^\omega + \dots + E_n \cdot F_n^\omega$

where  $E_1, \dots, E_n, F_1, \dots, F_n$  are reg. express.

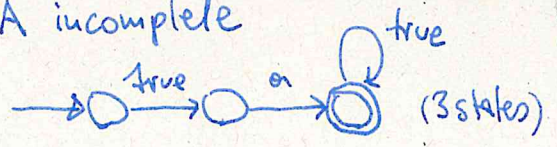
$E_1, E_2 ::= \emptyset \mid \hat{a} \mid E_1 + E_2 \mid E_1 \cdot E_2 \mid E_1^*$

NBA for  $\square a$

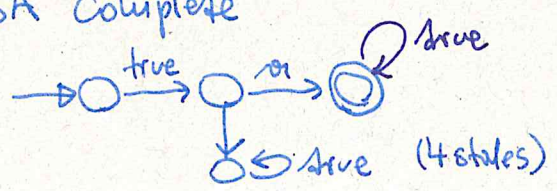
possible with 2 states?

(probably still yes with 2 initial states)

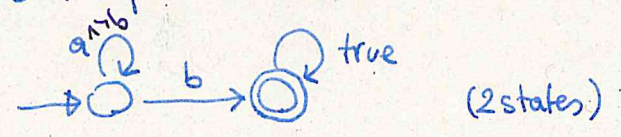
DBA incomplete



DBA complete



DBA complete NBA for  $\square a \cup b$



Baier/Kaloen, p285:

"For example, for the LTL formulae  $\square a$  and  $\square a \cup b$  an NBA with 2 states suffices. (It is left to the reader to provide these NBAs.)"

## Weak Until

$$\sigma \models \varphi W \psi : \Leftrightarrow \left( \exists i \geq 0 : \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi \wedge \forall 0 \leq j < i. \sigma_{\geq j} \models \psi \right) \\ \vee \forall i \geq 0 : \sigma_{\geq i} \models \varphi \wedge \neg \psi$$

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$$\neg(\varphi U \psi) \equiv \underbrace{(\varphi \wedge \neg \psi) \cup (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)}_{(\varphi \wedge \neg \psi) W (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)} \vee \Box(\varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$$

motivation.

Def.  $\varphi W \psi := (\varphi U \psi) \vee \Box \varphi$

Then

$$\neg(\varphi U \psi) \equiv (\varphi \wedge \neg \psi) W (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$$
$$\neg(\varphi W \psi) \equiv (\varphi \wedge \neg \psi) \cup (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$$

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## Positive Normal Form for LTL (Weak-Until PNF)

$$\varphi ::= \text{true/false} \mid a \mid \neg a \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \Box \varphi \mid \varphi_1 U \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 W \varphi_2$$

Fairness in LTL

Definition. Let  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  be propositional logic formulae over AP.

1. An unconditional LTL Fairness Constraint is an LTL-formula of the form

$$u_{fair} = \Box \Diamond \Psi$$

2. A strong LTL fairness condition:

$$s_{fair} = \Box \Diamond \Phi \rightarrow \Box \Diamond \Psi.$$

3. A weak LTL-fairness condition:

$$w_{fair} = \Diamond \Box \Phi \rightarrow \Box \Diamond \Psi.$$

" $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} s_2 \dots$ "  
 $p$  is unconditionally A-fair  
 if  $\exists j \geq 0: \alpha_j \in A$   
 $p$  is strongly A-fair  
 if  $\exists j \geq 0: \text{AnAct}(s_j) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists j \geq 0: \alpha_j \in A$   
 $p$  is weakly A-fair  
 if  $\forall j \geq 0: \text{AnAct}(s_j) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists j \geq 0: \alpha_j \in A$

An LTL fairness assumption is a conjunction of LTL fairness

constraints of arbitrary type

$$s_{fair} = \bigwedge_{0 < i \leq k} (\Box \Diamond \Phi_i \rightarrow \Box \Diamond \Psi_i)$$

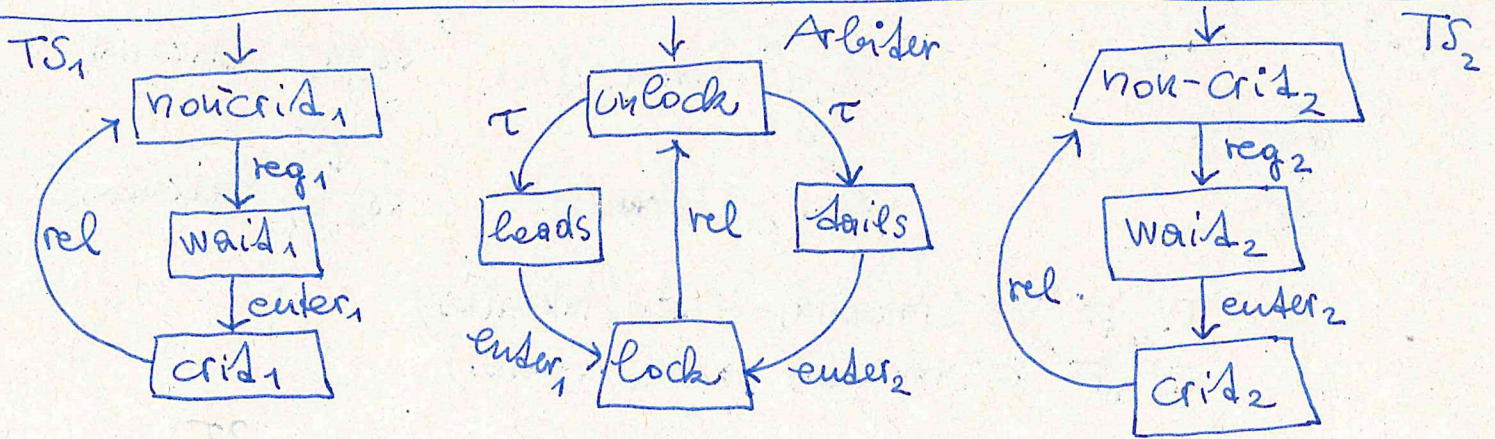
$$fair = u_{fair} \wedge s_{fair} \wedge w_{fair}.$$

$$\text{Fair Paths}(s) = \{ \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) / \pi \models fair \}$$

$$\text{Fair Traces}(s) = \{ \text{trace}(\pi) / \pi \in \text{Fair Paths}(s) \}$$

$$S \models_{fair} \Psi : \Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Fair Paths}(s): \pi \models \Psi$$

$$TS \models_{fair} \Psi : \Leftrightarrow \forall s_0 \in I: s_0 \models_{fair} \Psi$$



$$TS_1 \parallel \text{Arbiter} \parallel TS_2 \not\models \Box \Diamond \text{crit}_1$$

$$fair = \Box \Diamond \text{heads} \wedge \Box \Diamond \text{tails}$$

$$TS_1 \parallel \text{Arbiter} \parallel TS_2 \models_{fair} \Box \Diamond \text{crit}_1 \wedge \Box \Diamond \text{crit}_2$$

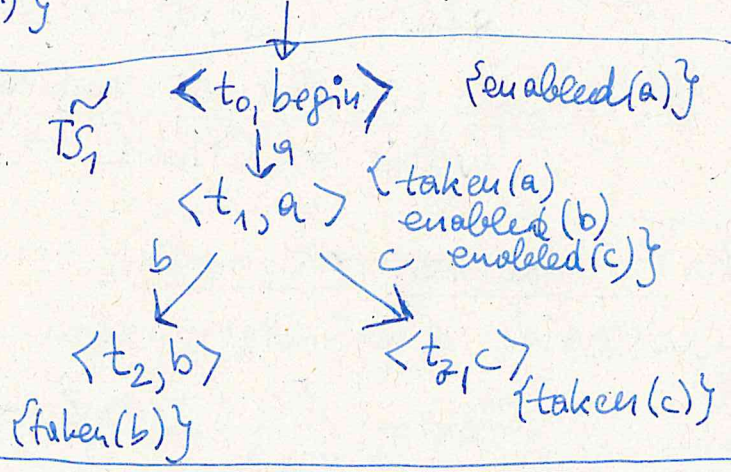
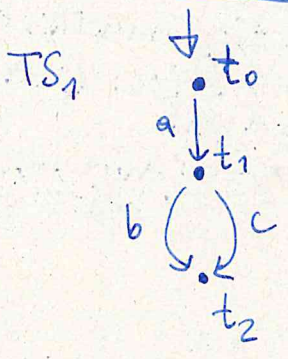
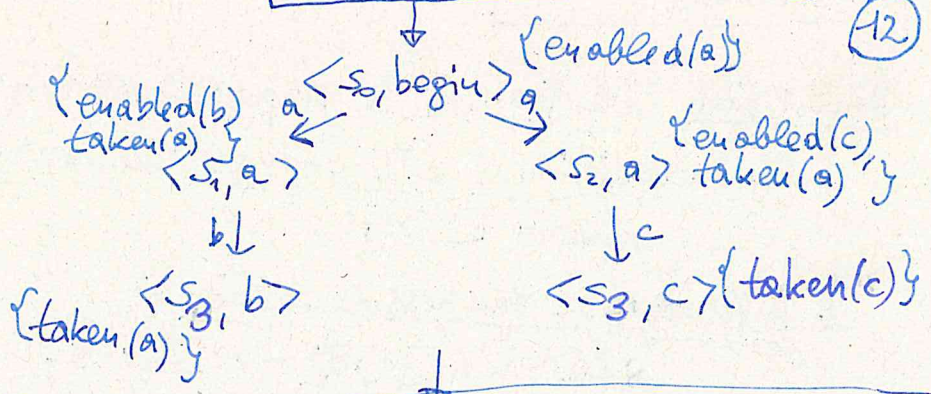
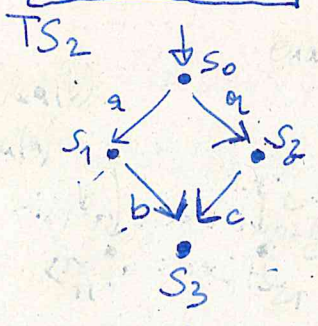
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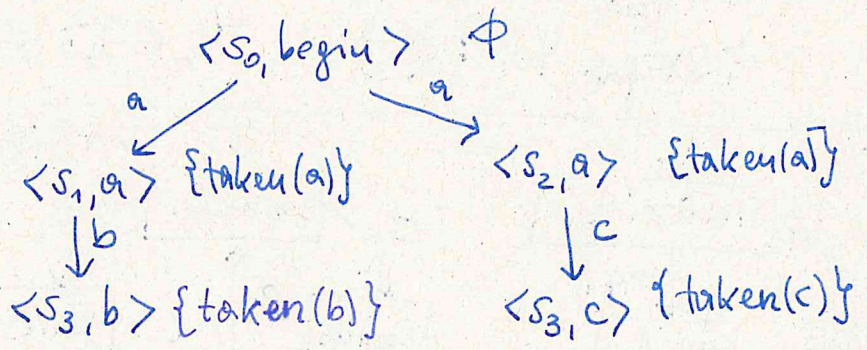
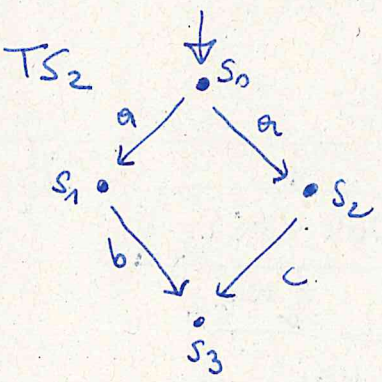
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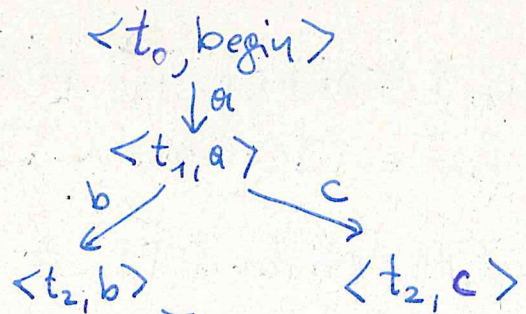
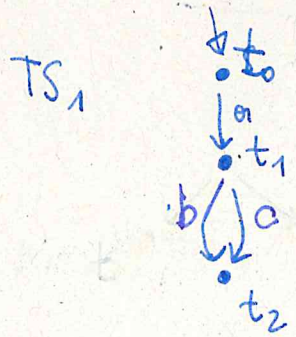
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$TS_1 \models \forall o (\text{taken}(a) \rightarrow \exists o (\text{taken}(b)))$

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