

Computation Tree Logic CTL

Motivation LTL-formulas quantify universally over paths

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

thus LTL permits to quantify over all paths, but not directly over some.

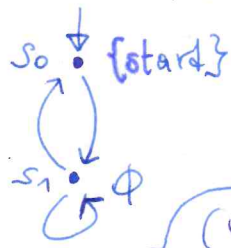
OK: path existence can be modeled by checking $\neg \varphi$:

$$S \not\models \neg \varphi \iff \text{not } \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \pi \models \neg \varphi$$

$$\iff \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \text{not } \pi \models \varphi$$

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

Yet more complicated statements like "it is always possible to return to start"



cannot be specified in LTL

in particular: $s_0 \not\models \square \diamond \text{start}$ (LTL) since $s_0, s_1 \not\models \square \diamond \text{start}$

$s_0 \models \forall \square \exists \diamond \text{start}$ (CTL)

Syntax

CTL (Qveille and Sifakis, 1982) (Clarke & Emerson 1986)

for some path / for all paths

CTL-formulas	STATE formulas	$\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \exists \Psi \mid \forall \Psi$
	PATH formula	$\varphi ::= \square \Phi \mid \Phi \cup \Phi$

Defined operators (path formula)

eventually:

potentially $\exists \diamond \Phi ::= \exists (\text{true} \cup \Phi)$

inevitably $\forall \diamond \Phi ::= \forall (\text{true} \cup \Phi)$

CTL
$\diamond \Phi ::= \text{true} \cup \Phi$

always:

potentially invariantly $\exists \square \Phi ::= \neg \forall \diamond \neg \Phi$

invariantly $\forall \square \Phi ::= \neg \exists \diamond \neg \Phi$

$\square \Phi ::= \neg \diamond \neg \Phi$
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Examples of formulas over AP = {x=1, x<2, x≥3}

$\exists \square (x=1)$, $\forall \square (x=1)$, $x < 2 \vee x = 1$, $\exists ((x < 2) \cup (x \geq 3))$, $\forall (\text{true} \cup (x < 2))$

Non-examples:

$\exists (x=1 \wedge \forall (x \geq 3))$ (state formula, state, but not path formula, incorrect as CTL-formula)

$\exists \square (\text{true} \cup (x=1))$ (path, but not a state formula, incorrect as CTL-formula)

Examples:

Safety $\forall \square \neg (c_1 \wedge c_2)$ (mutual exclusion)

Liveness $\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \square \diamond c_i$ (req. \rightarrow res)

Semantics

$$TS \models \Phi : \Leftrightarrow \forall s \in I : s \models \Phi \quad \text{Sat}(\Phi) = \{s \in S \mid s \models \Phi\} \quad (2)$$

For $TS = \langle S, A, \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$, all $s \in S$, state formulas Φ, Ψ and paths π and path formulas φ :

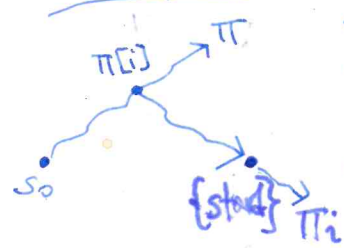
$s \models \text{true}$ $s \models a : \Leftrightarrow a \in L(s)$ $s \models \neg \Phi : \Leftrightarrow \text{not } s \models \Phi$ $s \models \Phi \wedge \Psi : \Leftrightarrow s \models \Phi \text{ and } s \models \Psi$ $s \models \exists \varphi : \Leftrightarrow \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \pi \models \varphi$ $s \models \forall \varphi : \Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \pi \models \varphi$	$\pi \models \bigcirc \Phi : \Leftrightarrow \pi(0) \models \Phi$ $\pi \models \Phi \cup \Psi : \Leftrightarrow \Leftrightarrow \exists j \geq 0 : \pi[j] \models \Psi \text{ and } \forall 0 \leq i < j. \pi[i] \models \Phi$
state formulas	path formulas

For the defined path formulas $\bigcirc \Phi$ and $\square \Phi$ it follows, for all paths π :

$$\pi \models \bigcirc \Phi \Leftrightarrow \exists j \geq 0 : \pi[j] \models \Phi$$

$$\pi \models \square \Phi \Leftrightarrow \forall j \geq 0 : \pi[j] \models \Phi$$

Example: $s_0 \models \forall \square \exists \bigcirc \text{start}$

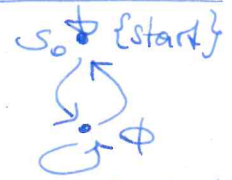


$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s_0) : \pi \models \square \exists \bigcirc \text{start}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s_0) \forall i \geq 0 : \pi[i] \models \exists \bigcirc \text{start}$$

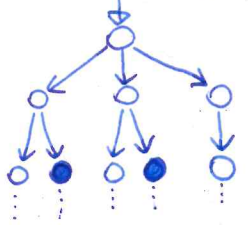
$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s_0) \forall i \geq 0 \exists \pi_i \in \text{Paths}(\pi[i]) : \pi_i \models \bigcirc \text{start}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s_0) \forall i \geq 0 \exists \pi_i \in \text{Paths}(\pi[i]) \exists j \geq 0 : \pi_i[j] \models \text{start}$$

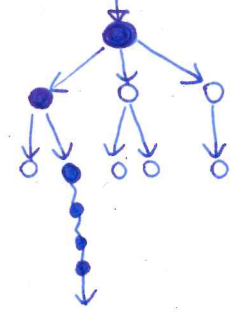


for every state $\pi[i]$ on a path from s_0 there is a path π_i that reaches a state in which start holds

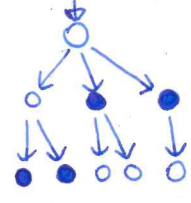
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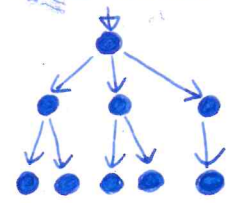
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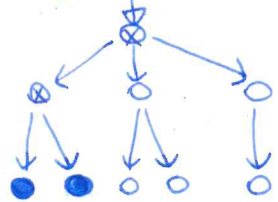
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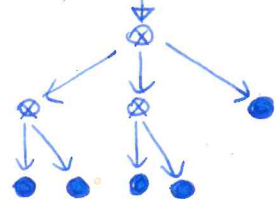
invariantly $\forall \square$ block



\exists (crossed U block)



\forall (crossed U block)

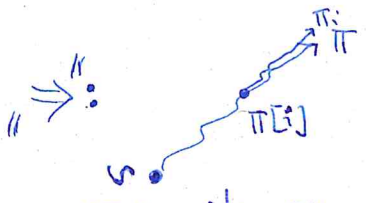


Example: Infinitely Often

$$S \models \forall \square \forall \diamond a$$



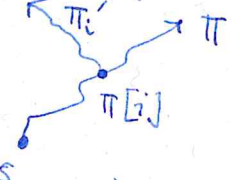
$\forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(S): \pi[i] \models a$ for infinitely many i .



" \Rightarrow ": we consider an arbitrary path π from s .
Let $i \geq 0$. We have to show (it suffices!) that $j \geq i$ exists with $L(\pi[j]) \ni a$.

Since $S \models \forall \square \forall \diamond a$, we have $\pi \models \forall \square \forall \diamond a$, which implies $\pi[i] \models \forall \diamond a$. Then for $\pi'_i := \pi[i] \pi[i+1] \dots$ it holds: $\pi'_i \models \diamond a$, which implies $\pi[j] \models a$ for some $j \geq i$.
 $a \in L(\pi[j])$

" \Leftarrow ": To show $S \models \forall \square \forall \diamond a$, we have to show: for all paths π from s , and for all paths π'_i from $\pi[i]$, for i there is some $j \geq 0$ such that $a \in L(\pi'_j)$.



But then $\pi'_i := \pi[0] \dots \pi[i] \cdot \pi'_i$ is a path from s , on which by assumption a is true infinitely often. Consequently a holds at least once on π'_i (and in fact infinitely often).

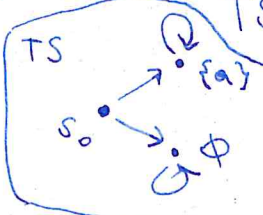
S "decides" formula $\varphi: \Leftrightarrow S \models \varphi$ or $S \models \neg \varphi$

(LTL: $S \models \square \diamond a$) $\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(S): \pi[i] \models a$ for infinitely many i)

(LTL: traces decide formulas, but ^{states, and} transition systems do not)

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \models \varphi &\Leftrightarrow \sigma \not\models \neg \varphi \\ \sigma \not\models \varphi &\Leftrightarrow \sigma \models \neg \varphi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} TS \models \varphi &\not\Leftrightarrow TS \not\models \neg \varphi \\ TS \not\models \varphi &\not\Leftrightarrow TS \models \neg \varphi \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} s_0 \not\models \diamond a &\quad TS \not\models \diamond a \\ s_0 \not\models \neg \diamond a &\quad TS \not\models \neg \diamond a \end{aligned}$$

Hence again

$$\begin{aligned} TS \models \varphi &\not\Leftrightarrow TS \not\models \neg \varphi \\ TS \not\models \varphi &\not\Leftrightarrow TS \models \neg \varphi \end{aligned}$$

In CTL:

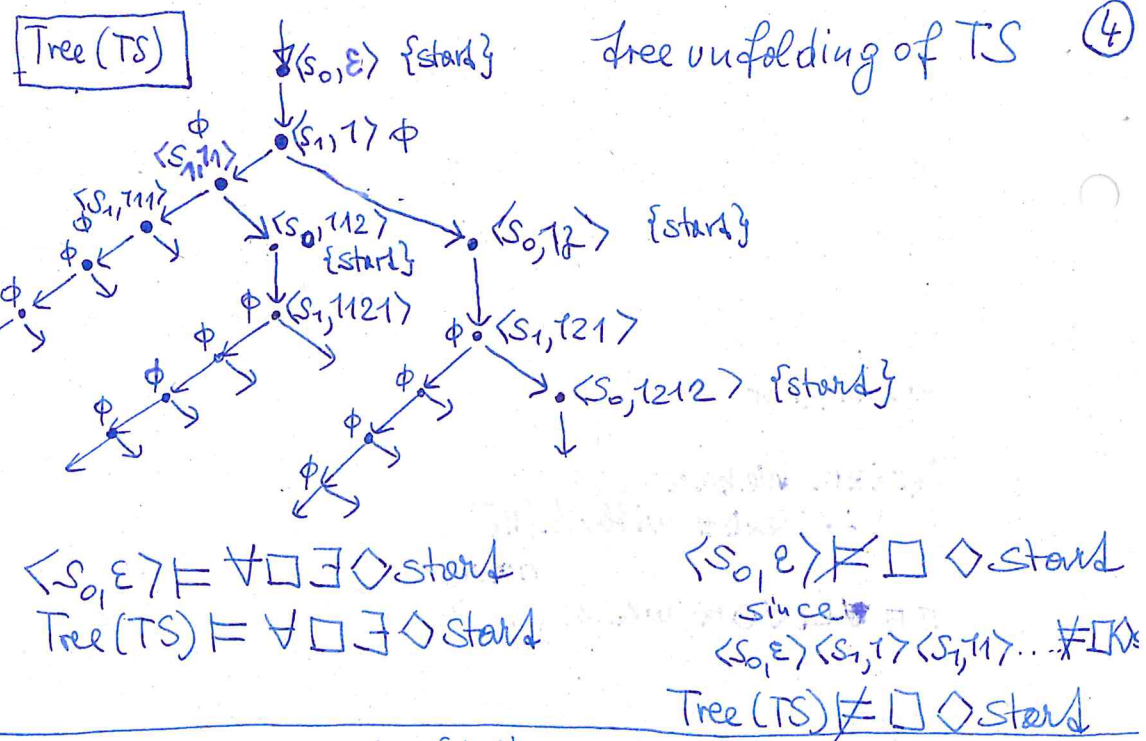
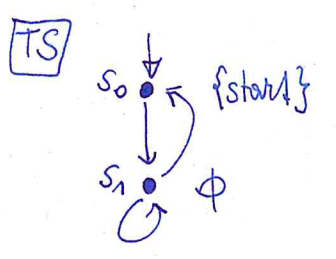
States decide CTL(-state)-formulas, paths decide CTL-path-formulas
but: transition systems do not if they have ≥ 2 initial states (they do decide formulas if there is just 1 initial state)
note: 2 initial states



$$\begin{aligned} s_0 \models \exists \square a &\quad s_0' \not\models \exists \square a && \text{Hence: } TS \not\models \exists \square a \\ s_0 \not\models \neg \exists \square a &\quad s_0' \models \neg \exists \square a && TS \not\models \neg \exists \square a \end{aligned}$$

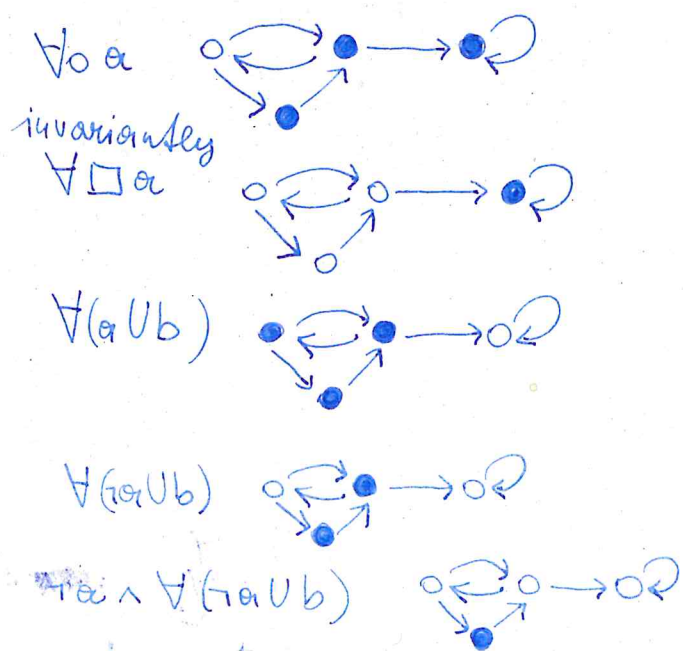
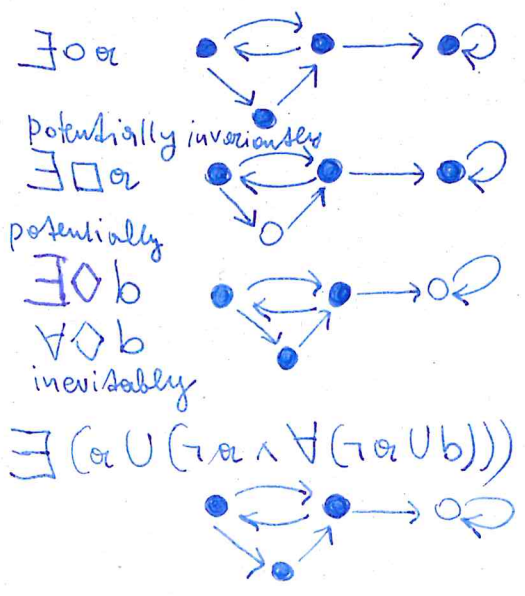
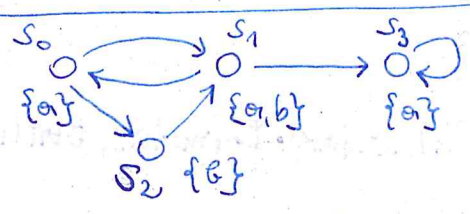
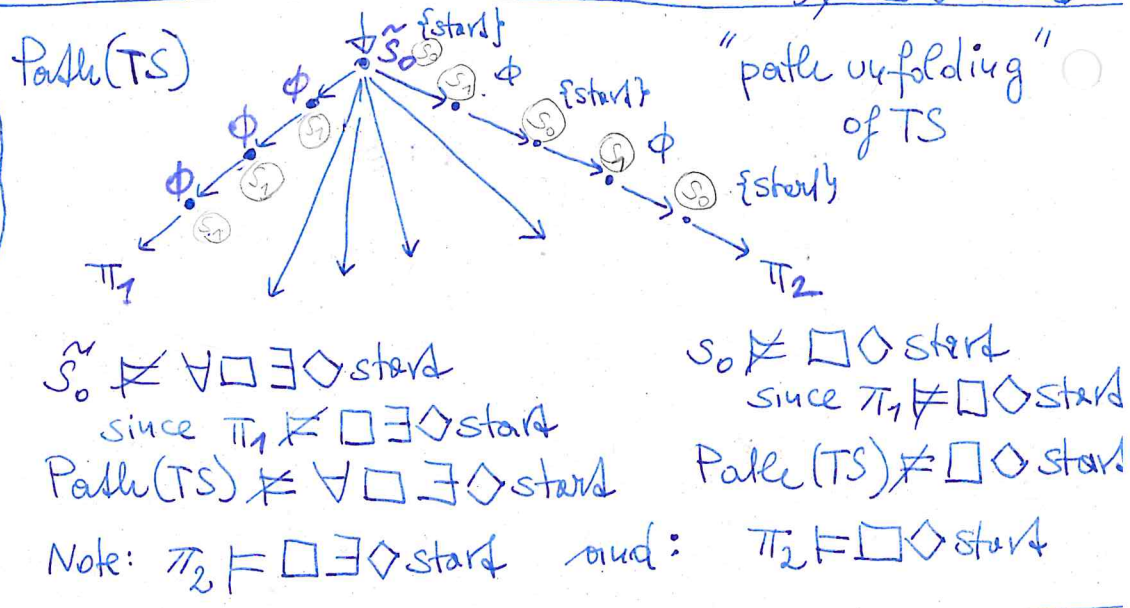
in general: $TS \models \exists \varphi \Leftrightarrow \forall s \in I: \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(s): \pi \models \varphi$
 $TS \not\models \neg \exists \varphi \Leftrightarrow \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(TS): \pi \not\models \varphi$

$$\begin{aligned} TS \not\models \neg \exists \varphi &\Leftrightarrow \text{not } TS \models \neg \exists \varphi \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{not } \forall s \in I: S \models \neg \exists \varphi \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{not } \forall s \in I: S \not\models \exists \varphi \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{not } \forall s \in I: \text{not } \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(s): \pi \models \varphi \\ &\Leftrightarrow \exists \pi \in \text{Paths}(TS): \pi \not\models \varphi \end{aligned}$$



$s_0 \models \forall \square \exists \diamond \text{start}$
 $\text{TS} \models \forall \square \exists \diamond \text{start}$
 $\text{IL} \models s_0 \not\models \square \diamond \text{start}$
 or $\text{TS} \not\models \square \diamond \text{start}$

"forcing CTL to look at TS like LTL does"



Aspect	Linear time	Branching time
"behaviour" in a state s	path-based: Trace (s)	state-based Computation tree of s
temporal logic	LTL: path formula φ $SF\varphi \Leftrightarrow$ $\Leftrightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s): \pi \models \varphi$	CTL: state formulae existential path quantification universal path quantification
Complexity of model checking problems	PSPACE-complete $O(TS \cdot \exp(\varphi))$	PTIME $O(TS \cdot \varphi)$
adequate subsumption and equivalence relations	Trace inclusion and Trace equivalence (can be checked in PSPACE-complete)	bisimulation subsumption bisimulation equivalence (can be checked in polynomial time)
fairness	no special techniques needed	special techniques needed

Normal Forms

CTL-formulas Φ and Ψ are ^{over AP} equivalent (denoted $\Phi \equiv \Psi$) if $\text{Sat}(\Phi) = \text{Sat}(\Psi)$ for all transition systems TS over AP

Existential Normal Form (ENF)

$$\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \perp \mid \bigwedge_{AP} \Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \neg \Phi \mid \exists \bigcirc \Phi \mid \exists (\Phi \cup \Phi) \mid \exists \square \Phi$$

Thm. For every CTL-formula there is an equivalent CTL-formula in ENF.

Positive Normal Form

$$\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \perp \mid \neg \perp \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi$$

$$\varphi ::= \bigcirc \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \text{W} \Phi_2$$

Weak until

Thm. For each CTL-formula there is an equivalent CTL-formula in PNF

Weak Until:

$$\pi \models \Phi \text{W} \Psi \Leftrightarrow \pi \models \Phi \cup \Psi \text{ or } \pi \models \square (\Phi \wedge \neg \Psi)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi \models \Phi \cup \Psi \text{ or } \pi \models \square \Phi$$

Can be obtained by defining:

$$\exists (\Phi \text{W} \Psi) ::= \neg \forall ((\Phi \wedge \neg \Psi) \cup (\neg \Phi \wedge \neg \Psi))$$

$$\forall (\Phi \text{W} \Psi) ::= \neg \exists ((\Phi \wedge \neg \Psi) \cup (\neg \Phi \wedge \neg \Psi))$$

CTL⁺

Extending CTL with Boolean Connections ^{path-formulas}

Syntax $\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \overset{\Delta P}{a} \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \neg \Phi \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi$ Same as for CTL

$\varphi ::= \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \neg \varphi \mid \bigcirc \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2$ (CTL path formulas)

Examples

$\exists (a W b) \equiv \exists ((a \cup b) \vee \bigcirc a)$
 (after using the definition of W) CTL⁺-formula but not a CTL-formula

$\exists (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc b) \equiv \exists \bigcirc (a \wedge \exists \bigcirc b) \vee \exists \bigcirc (b \wedge \exists \bigcirc a)$
CTL⁺-formula CTL-formula

Thm. Every CTL⁺-formula is equivalent to a CTL-formula.

Incomparable expressiveness of LTL and CTL

Lemma. Φ a CTL-formula, φ a LTL-formula that results by eliminating all path quantifiers from Φ .

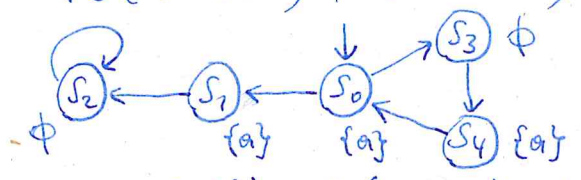
Then: $\Phi \equiv \varphi$ or there is no LTL-formula that is equivalent to Φ .
 For all TS: $TS \models \Phi \Leftrightarrow TS \models \varphi$

Examples:

$\forall \bigcirc a \equiv \bigcirc a, \forall (a \cup b) \equiv a \cup b, \forall \bigcirc a \equiv \bigcirc a, \forall \square a \equiv \square a$
 $\forall \square \forall \bigcirc a \equiv \square \bigcirc a$

Proposition. $\forall \square \forall \square a \not\equiv \square \square a$

$\forall \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a) \not\equiv \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a)$



$S_0 S_1 S_2^w \models_{CTL} \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a)$ since $S_0 S_1 S_2^w \models \bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a$

$S_0 S_1 S_2^w \not\models_{CTL} \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a)$ since $S_0 \not\models_{CTL} \forall \bigcirc a, S_1 \not\models_{CTL} \forall \bigcirc a, S_2 \not\models_{CTL} \forall \bigcirc a$

Hence $S_0 \not\models_{CTL} \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a)$, yet $S_0 \models_{CTL} \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a)$

Proof

$S_0 \models_{CTL} \square \square a$ because $\pi = S_0 \dots$

$S_0 \not\models \square \square \forall a$ because $S_0^w \not\models \square \forall a$

$\pi = S_0^w F \square \square a$
 $\pi = S_0^* S_1 S_2^w F \square \square a$

Thm. Incomparable Expressiveness LTL/CTL since $(S_0 S_3 S_4)^* S_1 S_2^w \models \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a)$
 $(S_0 S_3 S_4)^w \models \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a)$

(a) There are LTL-formulas for which no equivalent CTL-formulas exist
 e.g. $\square \square a$ and $\square (\bigcirc a \wedge \bigcirc a)$.

(b) There are CTL-formulas for which no equivalent LTL-formulas exist
 e.g. $\forall \square \forall \square a$ and $\forall \square (\bigcirc a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a)$ and $\forall \square \exists \bigcirc a$

CTL* (Emerson, Halpern, 1985/86)

Syntax $\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \overset{AP}{a} \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \neg \Phi \mid \exists \Psi$
 $\Psi ::= \Phi \mid \Psi \wedge \Psi \mid \neg \Psi \mid \bigcirc \Psi \mid \Psi \cup \Psi$

(CTL* formulas, state formulas)
 path formulas

defined: $\Diamond \varphi := \text{true} \cup \varphi$ $\forall \varphi := \neg \exists \neg \varphi$
 $\Box \varphi := \neg \Diamond \neg \varphi$

Example $\forall \Box (\bigcirc \Diamond a \wedge \neg (b \cup \Box c))$,
 $\forall \bigcirc \Box \neg a \wedge \exists \Diamond \Box (a \vee \forall (b \cup \Box a))$

not CTL-formula

Semantics

For $a \in AP$ and $TS = \langle S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$ a transition system, and all $s \in S$:

$s \models a \iff a \in L(s)$
 $s \models \neg \Phi \iff \text{not } s \models \Phi$ (i.e. $s \not\models \Phi$)
 $s \models \Phi \wedge \Psi \iff (s \models \Phi) \text{ and } (s \models \Psi)$
 $s \models \exists \Psi \iff \pi \models \Psi \text{ for some } \pi \in Paths(s)$

} same as for CTL

For all paths π in S :

$\pi \models \Phi \iff \pi[0] \models \Phi$
 $\pi \models \Psi_1 \wedge \Psi_2 \iff \pi \models \Psi_1 \text{ and } \pi \models \Psi_2$
 $\pi \models \neg \Psi \iff \pi \not\models \Psi$
 $\pi \models \bigcirc \Psi \iff \pi_{\geq 1} \models \Psi$
 $\pi \models \Psi_1 \cup \Psi_2 \iff \exists j \geq 0. (\pi_{\geq j} \models \Psi_2 \wedge \forall 0 \leq k < j : \pi_{\geq k} \models \Psi_1)$

} NEW for CTL*

} same as for CTL+

} same as for CTL

$Sat(\Phi) := \{s \in S \mid s \models \Phi\}$

$TS \models \Phi \iff \forall s_0 \in I : s_0 \models \Phi$

Embedding of LTL in CTL*

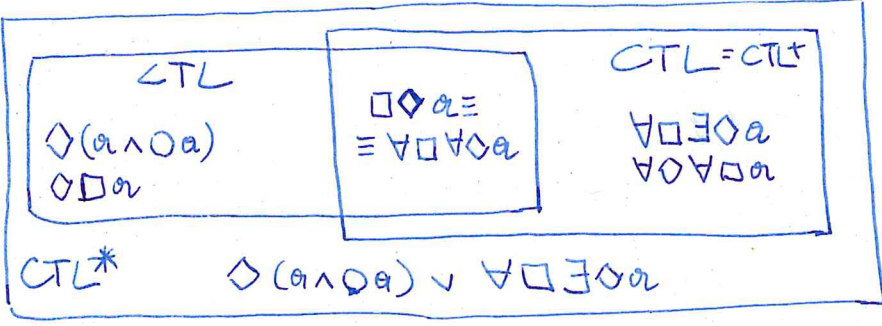
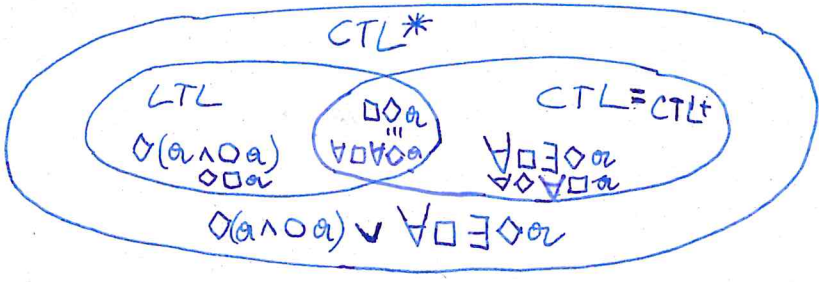
Thm. $TS = \langle S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L \rangle$ a transition system without terminal states

For every LTL-formula φ and for each $s \in S$:

$s \models \varphi$ (LTL-semantics) \iff $s \models \forall \varphi$ (CTL*-semantics)

$TS \models \varphi$ (LTL) \iff $TS \models \forall \varphi$ (CTL*)

Relationship between LTL, CTL, and CTL*



Thm. For the CTL* formula $\diamond(a \wedge \neg a) \vee \forall \square \exists a$ there does not exist any equivalent LTL or CTL formula.

	CTL	LTL	CTL*
model checking	P TIME	PSPACE-complete	PSPACE-complete
without fairness	$size(TS) \cdot \Phi $	$size(TS) \cdot exp(\Phi)$	$size(TS) \cdot exp(\Phi)$
with fairness	$size(TS) \cdot \Phi \cdot fair $	$size(TS) \cdot exp(\Phi) \cdot fair $	$size(TS) \cdot exp(\Phi) \cdot fair $
for fixed specifications	$O(size(TS))$	$O(size(TS))$	$O(size(TS))$
satisfiability check	EXPTIME	PSPACE-complete	2EXPTIME
best known technique upper bound	$O(exp(\Phi))$	$exp(\Phi)$	$exp(exp(\Phi))$

Exercises from Last time

Ex 5.24(d) $\mathcal{L}_S \Phi := \Box a \cup \Diamond b \rightarrow \Box (a \cup \Diamond b)$ valid/satisfiable?

Φ is satisfiable: $\underbrace{\phi\phi\phi\dots}_{\phi^\omega \in (2AP)^\omega} \models \Phi$ because $\phi^\omega \models \Diamond b$
 $\phi^\omega \models \Box a \cup \Diamond b$
 hence $\phi^\omega \models \Box a \cup \Diamond b \rightarrow \dots$

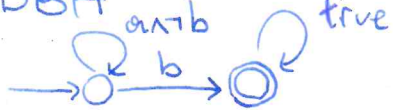
Φ is not valid: $\sigma := \underbrace{\{b\}\phi\phi\dots}_{\{b\}\phi^\omega} \not\models \Phi$ because $\sigma = \{b\}\phi^\omega \models \Diamond b$
 $\sigma = \{b\}\phi^\omega \models \Box a \cup \Diamond b$
 $\sigma \not\models \Box (a \cup \Diamond b)$
 since $\sigma_{\geq 1} \not\models \Diamond b$

Marokhi's argumentation: $\Psi \cup \Diamond \Phi \equiv \Diamond \Phi$ for all $\Phi, \Psi!$ which is obviously not valid!
 Hence $(\Box a \cup \Diamond b \rightarrow \Box (a \cup \Diamond b)) \equiv \Diamond b \rightarrow \Box \Diamond b$ since $\sigma_{\geq 1} \not\models \Diamond b$

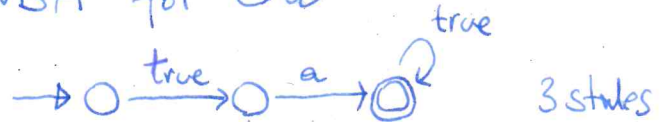
nondeterministic Büchi automaton
 NBA for $a \cup b$ with 2 states



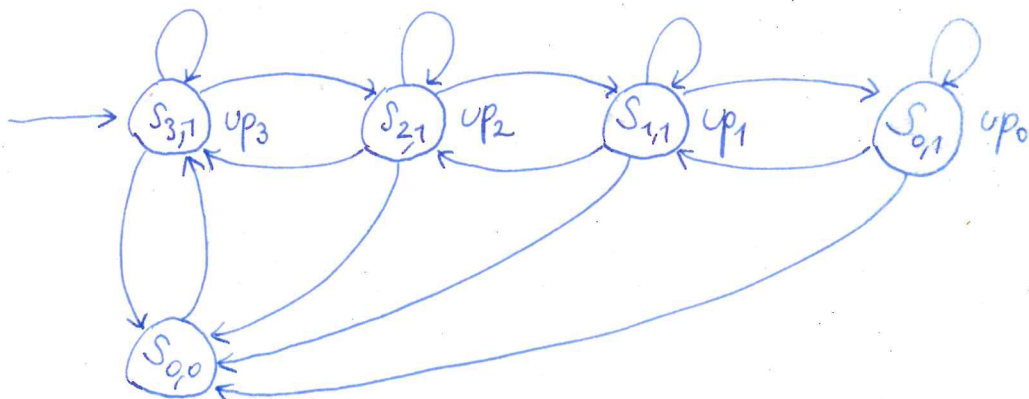
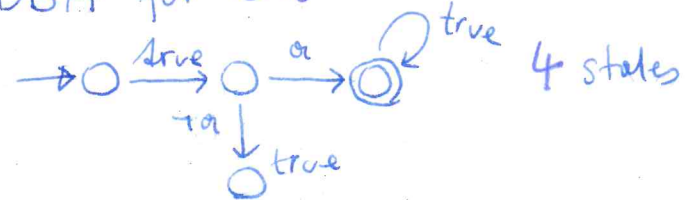
deterministic Büchi-automaton with
 DBA $a \cup b$ 2 states



NBA for $\Box a$



DBA for $\Box a$



Possibly the system never goes down $\exists \Box \neg \text{down}$

Invariably the system never goes down $\forall \Box \neg \text{down}$

It is always possible to start as new $\forall \Box \exists \Diamond \text{up}_3$

The system always eventually goes down
 and is operational until going down

$\forall ((\text{up}_3 \vee \text{up}_2) \cup \text{down})$