

ECE570 Lecture 12: Allen's Temporal Logic

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Motivation

Alice came to the party with Bob

Bob left the party with Carol

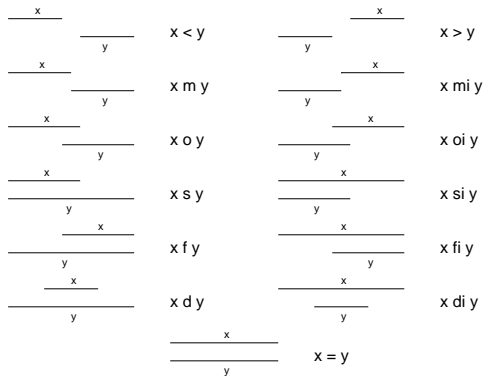
David met Bob at the party

David was not at the party when Alice was there

David was not at the party when Carol was there

Alice left before Carol arrived

The Thirteen Relations Between Two Intervals



Events as Intervals

$A \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \textit{Alice at party}$

$B \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \textit{Bob at party}$

$C \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \textit{Carol at party}$

$D \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \textit{David at party}$

Statements as Relations Between Intervals—I

Alice came to the party with Bob

$$A \text{ s } B \vee A = B \vee A \text{ si } B$$

Bob left the party with Carol

$$B \text{ f } C \vee B = C \vee B \text{ fi } C$$

David met Bob at the party

$$D = B \vee D \text{ s } B \vee D \text{ si } B \vee D \text{ f } B \vee D \text{ fi } B \vee D \text{ o } B \\ \vee D \text{ oi } B \vee D \text{ d } B \vee D \text{ di } B$$

David was not at the party when Alice was there

$$D < A \vee D \text{ m } A \vee D \text{ mi } A \vee D > A$$

David was not at the party when Carol was there

$$D < C \vee D \text{ m } C \vee D \text{ mi } C \vee D > C$$

Statements as Relations Between Intervals—II

Alice came to the party with Bob

$A \{s, =, si\} B$

Bob left the party with Carol

$B \{f, =, fi\} C$

David met Bob at the party

$D \{=, s, si, f, fi, o, oi, d, di\} B$

David was not at the party when Alice was there

$D \{<, m, mi, >\} A$

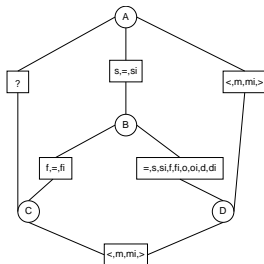
David was not at the party when Carol was there

$D \{<, m, mi, >\} C$

Temporal Relations as a CSP—First Try

Intervals as **variables**

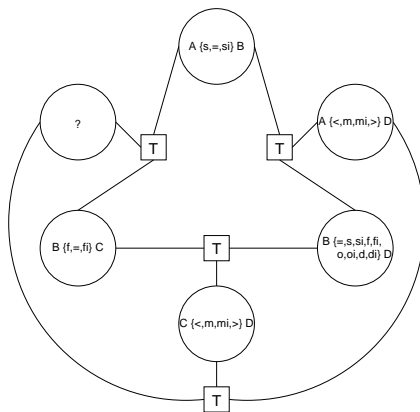
Relations as **constraints**



Problems: Infinite Domains

Asking for possible values of a constraint, not a variable

Temporal Relations as a CSP—Second Try



Transitivity Table—I

	<	>	d	di	o	oi	m	mi	s	si	f	fi
<	<	<> m mi o oi s si f fi d di =	< o m d s	<	<	< o m d s	<	< o m d s	<	<	< o m d s	<
>	<> m mi o oi s si f fi d di =	>	> oi mi d f	>	> oi mi d f	>	> oi mi d f	>	> oi mi d f	>	>	>
d	<	>	d	<> m mi o oi s si f fi d di =	< o m d s	> oi mi d f	<	>	d	> oi mi d f	d	< o m d s
di	< o m di fi	> oi di mi si	o oi s si f fi d di =	di	o di fi	oi di si	o di fi	oi di si	o di fi	di	oi di si	di

Transitivity Table—II

	<	>	d	di	o	oi	m	mi	s	si	f	fi
o	<	> oi di mi si	o d s	< o m di fi	< o m	o oi s si f fi d di =	<	oi di si	o	o di fi	o d s	< o m
oi	< o m di fi	>	oi d f	> oi di mi si	o oi s si f fi d di =	> oi mi	o di fi	>	oi d f	> oi mi	oi	oi di si
m	<	> oi di mi si	o d s	<	<	o d s	<	f fi =	m	m	o d s	<
mi	< o m di fi	>	oi d f	>	oi d f	>	s si =	>	oi d f	>	mi	mi
s	<	>	d	< o m di fi	< o m	oi d f	<	mi	s	s si =	d	< o m
si	< o m di fi	>	oi d f	di	o di fi	oi	o di fi	mi	s si =	si	oi	di
f	<	>	d	> oi di mi si	o d s	> oi mi	m	>	d	> oi mi	f	f fi =
fi	<	> oi di mi si	o d s	di	o	oi di si	m	oi di si	o	di	f fi =	fi

Encoding in Scheme—I

```
(define *transitivity-table*
  '((< (< <)
      (> = < > d di o oi m mi s si f fi) ; no info
      (d < o m d s)
      (di <)
      (o <)
      (oi < o m d s)
      (m <)
      (mi < o m d s)
      (s <)
      (si <)
      (f < o m d s)
      (fi <))
    (> (< = < > d di o oi m mi s si f fi) ; no info
      (> >)
      (d > oi mi d f)
      (di >)
      (o > oi mi d f)
      (oi >)
      (m > oi mi d f)
      (mi >)
      (s > oi mi d f)
      (si >)
      (f >)
      (fi >))
    ...))
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Encoding in Scheme—II

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(define (transitive? x y z)
  (memq z (rest (assq y (rest (assq x *transitivity-table*)))))
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Encoding in Scheme—III

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(define (party)
  (let ((ab (create-domain-variable '(s = si)))
        (bc (create-domain-variable '(f = fi)))
        (bd (create-domain-variable
              '(= s si f fi o oi d di)))
        (ad (create-domain-variable '(< m mi >)))
        (cd (create-domain-variable '(< m mi >)))
        (ac (create-domain-variable
              '(= < > m mi o oi s si f fi d di))))
    (assert-constraint! transitive? (list ab bc ac))
    (assert-constraint! transitive? (list ab bd ad))
    (assert-constraint! transitive? (list bc cd bd))
    (assert-constraint! transitive? (list ac cd ad))
    (write (domain-variable-domain ac))
    (newline)))
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Incompleteness of Arc Consistency for Allen's Temporal Logic

