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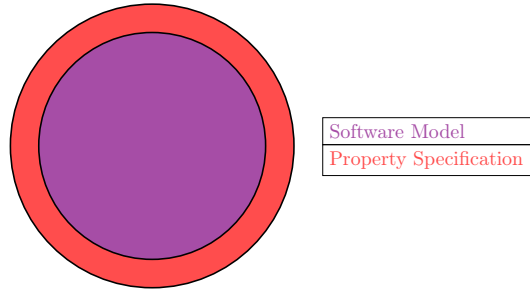
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## Basic Principle

given:

- Software Model  $M$
- Property Specification  $S$



does  $M \models S$

## Classification of Software Systems

**Transformational Systems** transforms set of (empty) input data into output data, function from state  $S_i$  to  $S_k$

correctness:

- termination
- correctness of function  $S_i \rightarrow S_k$
- correctness of input - output transformation

**Reactive Systems** ongoing interaction with environment, driven by environment

correctness:

- non-termination (normally)
- correctness of stimuli-response pairs

**Embedded Systems** usually reactive, directly connected to hardware

**Cyber-Physical Systems** integration of computation and physical processes

**Real-Time Systems** systems, where correctness depends on time a result is delivered

**Soft Real-Time Systems** missed deadlines will decrease result, not lead to failure, propabilities

**Hard Real-Time Systems** missed deadlines will lead to failure

**Hybrid Systems** state is characterized by discrete and continuous variables

**Safety-Critical Systems** systems failure may entail, death, serious injury, environmental harm, damage to property/assets

## Requirement Specification

**Natural Language**

- + very expressive
- + understood by all parties

⚡ ambiguous

## Formal Language

- + unambiguous
- + machine-analyzable
- ⚡ limited expressiveness
- ⚡ hard to understand

## Software Verification Method

### Requirements

- formal foundation (automatic procedures)
- should be capable of relating artifacts from different stages in design cycle (formal vs informal req, design vs req, ...)
- should be easy to integrate in design cycle (high degree of automation, low degree of interaction)
- scalable

### Model Checking Process

1. provide model (e.g. Promela), involves abstraction
2. simulate (check if model does, what you want)
3. elicit and formalize requirements  $\Rightarrow$  property specification
4. model execution: run model checker with model and specification  
outcome:
  - property is valid (check next property)
  - property is invalid (counterexample, check model for errors, check properties for errors, rethink design)
  - exhaust of memory (use more abstraction, state space reduction, incomplete methods)
  - exhaust of time (smaller model, faster computer)

## SPIN

- designed for communication protocols
- Open Source
- still in development
- Promela (PROTOCOL/PROCESS META LANGUAGE)
  - concurrent modeling language
  - guarded commands
  - modeling of reactive systems

## State-Based Modeling

### State

- salient features of a system at given point of observation
- states can be observed, as long as features of interest unchanged

- features of interest

**point of control** “program counter” (of all processes)

**values** of local and global variables

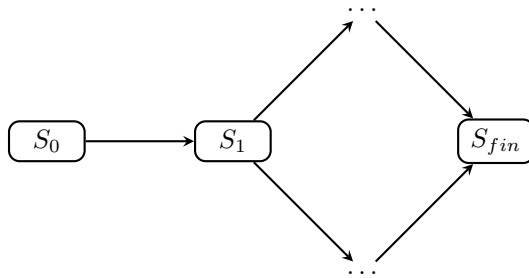
**communication channels** (messages sent but not received)

- state vector (byte-wise representation of features of interest)



## State Transition

- instantaneous change of observed features of the system (“something happens”)
- represents computation step
- sequence of state transitions characterize system computation



- in real-time systems, time passes in states
- in stochastic systems, transitions are labeled with probability distributions
- in hybrid systems, continuous and discrete state variables change during state transition
- transitions show the possible events
- transition sequences are valid computations sequences
- transitions encode history ( $S_0$  has been visited before  $S_1$ )

## Devising State-Machines

- “programm a model”
- abstraction: focus on relevant, can lead to non-determinism
- simplicity: find most simple abstraction that still reveals phenomena

## Deadlock

- concurrent processes wait for each other in a circular wait with no pre-emption
- highly undesired

## Closed System Modeling

- model checker can only validate all possible system executions under assumed environment
- model includes also environment

## Transition Systems

Transition System  $TS$  is a tuple  $(S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  where

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

- where  $S$  and  $Act$  are finite or countably infinite
- we write  $s \rightarrow^\alpha s'$  for  $(s, \alpha, s') \in \rightarrow$
- Atomic Propositions: Facts that we want to observe/that are observable in the system in any given state.
- Labeling Function: shows, which atomic propositions hold in given state.

$$Post(s, \alpha) = \{s' \in S \mid s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'\}$$

$$Pre(s, \alpha) = \{s' \in S \mid s' \xrightarrow{\alpha} s\}$$

$$Post(C, \alpha) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Post(s, \alpha),$$

$$Pre(C, \alpha) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Pre(s, \alpha),$$

$$Post(s) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Act} Post(s, \alpha)$$

$$Pre(s) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Act} Pre(s, \alpha)$$

$$Post(C) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Post(s) \text{ for } C \subseteq S$$

$$Pre(C) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Pre(s) \text{ for } C \subseteq S$$

a state is **terminal** or **final** iff  $Post(s) = \emptyset$

### 0.0.1 (Non)Determinism

A transition system  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  is **action-deterministic**, iff for all  $s, \alpha$

- $|I| \leq 1$  and
- $|Post(s, \alpha)| \leq 1$

else it is **action-nondeterministic**

there is at most one outgoing transition from each state labeled  $\alpha$

A transition system  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  is **AP-deterministic**, iff for all  $s, A \in 2^{AP}$

- $|I| \leq 1$  and
- $|Post(s) \cap \{s' \in S \mid L(s') = A\}| \leq 1$

else it is **AP-nondeterministic**

every successor of a state  $s$  has a unique  $AP$  labeling

- Nondeterminism can lead to potentially smaller representation.
- in Software Engineering/Modeling: Abstraction
  - avoid overspecification
  - what does the system do, not how is it done
  - concurrency
    - \* simulate concurrency by nondeterminism
    - \* either nondeterministic action can be executed first

## System Execution

Given a transition system  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$

**finite execution fragment**  $\varrho$  of  $TS$  is an alternating sequence of states and actions ending with a state:

$$\varrho = s_0 \alpha_1 s_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n s_n \text{ s.t. } s_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i+1}} s_{i+1} \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < n$$

**infinite execution fragment**  $\varrho$  of  $TS$  is an infinite, alternating sequence of states and actions:

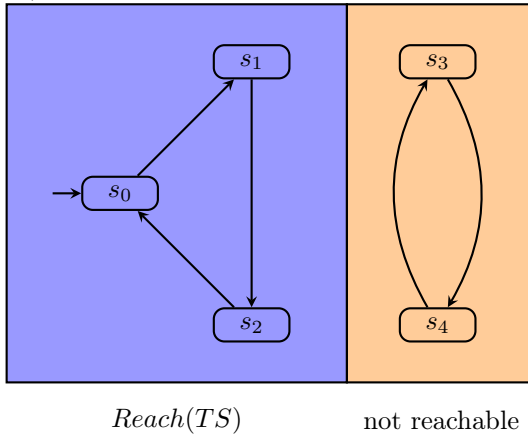
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**execution** of  $TS$  is an initial, maximal execution fragment

- an execution fragment is maximal, iff it is either
  - finite and ending in a terminal state
  - or
  - infinite
- an execution fragment is initial, iff  $s_0 \in I$

**reachable state** is a state  $s \in S$  if there exists an initial, finite execution fragment  $s_0 \alpha_1 s_1 \dots \alpha_n s_n$  so that  $s_n = s$

$Reach(TS)$  denotes the set of all reachable states in  $TS$



## Program Graphs PG

- want to include things like variables, assignments, etc  $\Rightarrow$  Program Graphs
- introduce conditional transitions (transition can only be executed, if condition is true)

$$s \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} s'$$

- $g$ : a boolean condition on data variables (“guard”)
- $\alpha$ : an action, that is possible, if  $g$  is satisfied

- assume domain of variables as infinite
  - practical implementations use variables over finite domains
- Stepwise unfolding of  $PG$ s lead to  $TS$

**valuation:** assign values to variables (e.g.  $\eta(x) = 17$ )

**propositional logic formulae**

**effect** of actions:

$$Effect : Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$$

Effects define **operational semantics**

A **program graph**  $PG$  over set  $Var$  of typed variables is a tuple  $(Loc, Act, Effect, \rightarrow, Loc_0, g_0)$  where

- $Loc$  is a set of locations with initial locations  $Loc_0 \subseteq Loc$
- $Act$  is a set of actions
- $Effect : Act \times Eval(Var) \rightarrow Eval(Var)$  is the effect function
- $\rightarrow \subseteq Loc \times (Cond(Var) \times Act) \times Loc$ , transition relation cond = boolean condition
- $g_0 \in Cond(Var)$  is the initial condition

Notation  $\ell \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \ell'$  denotes  $(\ell, g, \alpha, \ell') \in \rightarrow$

## Semantics for Program Graphs

- Unfolding: Transformation of  $PG$  to equivalent  $TS$ 
  - states:
    - \*  $\langle l, \eta \rangle$ : current control location  $l$  + data valuation  $\eta$
    - \* initial state: initial location satisfying condition  $g_0$
  - propositions:
    - \*  $at\_l$ : control is at location  $l$
    - \*  $x \in D$  iff  $D \subseteq dom(x)$
  - labeling
    - \*  $\langle l, \eta \rangle$  is labeled with  $at\_l$  and all conditions that hold in  $\eta$
- from transitions in  $PG$  to transitions in  $TS$ 
  - if  $\ell \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \ell'$  and  $g$  holds in  $\eta$ , then  $\langle l, \eta \rangle \rightarrow^\alpha \langle l', Effect(\alpha, \eta) \rangle$

## Structured Operational Semantics SOS

- definition of **operational semantics** of a program in terms of computations steps defined by a transition system
- whether a step happens is determined by inference rules:
$$\frac{premise}{conclusion}$$
  - if the premise holds, the conclusion holds (and can trigger further inference rules)
  - if the premise is a **tautology**, it may be omitted  
the rule is then called an **axiom**
- semantics is structural, because it applies inference rules recursively to syntactic structure

## Transition Systems for Program Graphs

The transition system  $TS(PG)$  of program graph

$$PG = (Loc, Act, Effect, \rightarrow, Loc_0, g_0)$$

over set  $Var$  of variables is the tuple

$$(S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$$

where

- $S = Loc \times Eval(Var)$
- $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times Act \times S$  is defined by  $\frac{\ell \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \ell' \wedge \eta \models g}{\langle \ell, \eta \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \ell', Effect(\alpha, \eta) \rangle}$
- $I = \{ \langle \ell, \eta \rangle \mid \ell \in Loc_0, \eta \models g_0 \}$
- $AP = Loc \cup Cond(Var)$  and  $L(\langle \ell, \eta \rangle) = \{ \ell \} \cup \{ g \in Cond(Var) \mid \eta \models g \}$

### Data in Transition Systems

- $TS$  do not possess data variables, data values and their changes need to be encoded in states
- assume  $i = 1, \dots, n$  variables of domain  $s_i \Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n s_i$   
**combinatorial, exponential state space explosion**
- variables over infinite domains  $\Rightarrow$  infinite number of states

## Modelling Concurrency

### Concurrent Event

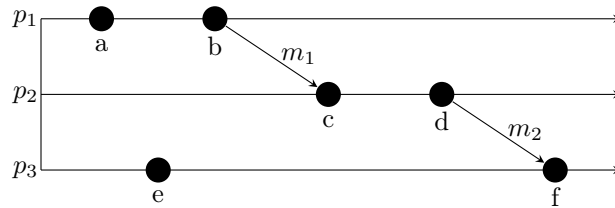
- logically independent events in separate autonomous system

### Lamport's happened-Before Relation $\rightarrow$

**HB1:** for any pair of events  $e$  and  $e'$ , if there is a process  $p_i$  such that  $e \rightarrow_i e'$ , then  $e \rightarrow e'$

**HB2:** for any pair of events  $e$  and  $e'$  and for any message  $m$ , if  $e = send(m)$  and  $e' = receive(m)$ , then  $e \rightarrow e'$

**HB3:** if  $e, e'$  and  $e''$  are events and if  $e \rightarrow e'$  and  $e' \rightarrow e''$ , then  $e \rightarrow e''$  (HB is identical to its transitive closure)



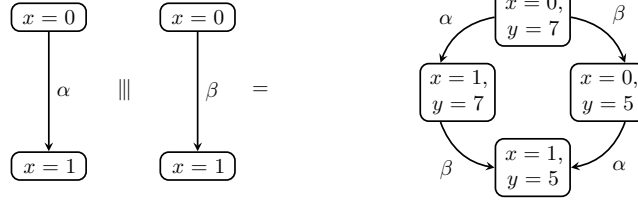
### Concurrency

- two events are  $E_1, E_2$  are concurrent, if each ordering of them is possible

### Interleaving

- concurrent actions  $\alpha, \beta$  are executed in arbitrary order
- $Effect(\alpha \parallel \beta, \nu) = Effect((\alpha; \beta) + (\beta; \alpha), \nu)$ 
  - $\parallel$  is binary interleaving operator
  - $;$  is sequential execution
  - $+$  is nondeterministic choice

$$- \underbrace{x := x + 1}_{=\alpha} \parallel \parallel \underbrace{y := y - 2}_{=\alpha}$$



Let  $TS_i = (S_i, Act_i, \rightarrow_i, I_i, AP_i, L_i), i = 1, 2$  be two transition systems.

$$TS_1 \parallel TS_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, Act_1 \uplus Act_2, \rightarrow, I_1 \times I_2, AP_1 \uplus AP_2, L)$$

where  $L(\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle) = L_1(s_1) \cup L_2(s_2)$  and the transition relation  $\rightarrow$  is defined by the rules:

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s_2 \rangle} \text{ and } \frac{s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s_1, s'_2 \rangle}$$

– Interleaving of Program Graphs

let  $PG_1$  and  $PG_2$  be program graphs

**without shared variables:**

i.e.  $Var_1 \cap Var_2 = \emptyset$

concurrent behaviour:  $TS(PG_1) \parallel TS(PG_2)$

**with shared variables:**

concurrent behaviour:  $TS(PG_1 \parallel PG_2)$

**in general:**

$$TS(PG_1) \parallel TS(PG_2) \neq TS(PG_1 \parallel PG_2)$$

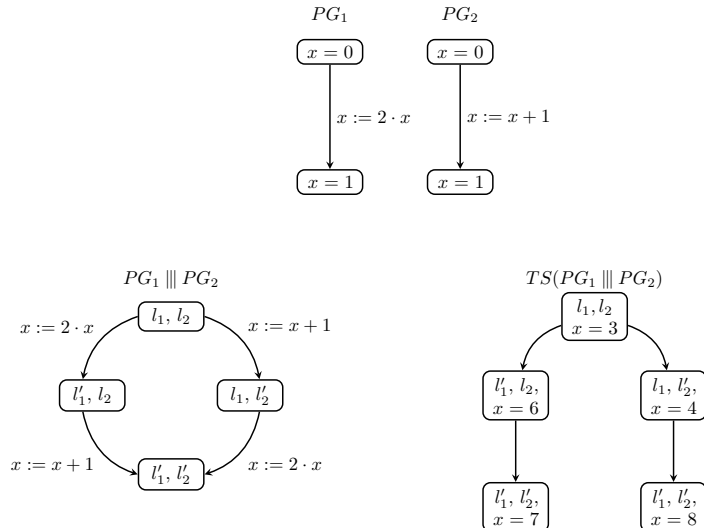
For program graph  $PG_i = (Loc_i, Act_i, Effect_i, \longrightarrow_i, Loc_{0,i}, g_{0,i})$  over variables  $Var_i$ , the Program graph  $PG_1 \parallel PG_2$  over  $Var_1 \cup Var_2$  is defined by:

$$(Loc_1 \times Loc_2, Act_1 \uplus Act_2, Effect, \longrightarrow, Loc_{0,1} \times Loc_{0,2}, g_{0,1} \wedge g_{0,2})$$

where  $\longrightarrow$  is defined by the inference rules:

$$\frac{l_1 \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l'_1}{\langle l_1, l_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \langle l'_1, l_2 \rangle} \text{ and } \frac{l_2 \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} l'_2}{\langle l_1, l_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \langle l_1, l'_2 \rangle}$$

and  $Effect(\alpha, \eta) = Effect_i(\alpha, \eta)$  if  $\alpha \in Act_i$ .





- **atomicity** a sequence of statements is called **atomic**, if it cannot be interleaved with program statements from a concurrently executing program.

$$\underbrace{\langle x := x + 1; y := 2x + 1 \rangle}_{atomic}; x := 0$$

## Inter Process Synchronisation

- concurrent processes need to synchronize their computations
  - adjust relative speed
  - exchange data, that may be needed by other processes
- common synchronization methods:
  - shared variables
  - message passing
    - \* synchronous (rendez-vous, handshaking)  
wait till other party is ready

Let  $TS_i = (S_i, Act_i, \longrightarrow_i, I_i, AP_i, L_i), i = 1, 2$  and  $H \subseteq Act_1 \cap Act_2$ .

Introducing: The **handshake-operator**  $\parallel_H$  for an action set  $H$  in the following way:

$$TS_1 \parallel_H TS_2 = (S_1 \times S_2, Act_1 \cup Act_2, \longrightarrow, I_1 \times I_2, AP_1 \uplus AP_2, L)$$

where  $(\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle) = L_1(s_1) \cup L_2(s_2)$  and  $\longrightarrow$  is defined as follows

- for  $\alpha \notin H$  (interleaving)

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'_1}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s_2 \rangle} \quad \frac{s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s_1, s'_2 \rangle}$$

- for  $\alpha \in H$  (handshaking)

$$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 s'_1 \wedge s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 s'_2}{\langle s_1, s_2 \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle s'_1, s'_2 \rangle}$$

- $\parallel$  is shorthand for  $\parallel_H$  when  $H = Act_1 \cap Act_2$

- \* asynchronous (typically fifo, queue)
  - $c!e$ : send the value of expression  $e$  along the channel  $c$
  - $c?x$ : receive a message from channel  $c$  and assign it to variable  $x$
  - channels have storage capacity  $cap(c)$ 
    - if  $cap(c) \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $c$  is a channel with finite capacity
    - if  $cap(c) = \infty$ , then  $c$  has infinite capacity
    - $cap(c) = 0$  sometimes means, that the channel uses synchronous handshake communication
  - types of communication:
    - non-blocking**: execution never delays invoker
    - blocking**: otherwise
  - when is blocking taking place?
    - asynchronous message passing with unbounded buffers  $\Rightarrow$  sender never blocks
    - synchronous message passing: no buffering
    - buffered message passing with bounded, finite capacity
    - sender blocks** on full buffer
    - sender does not block** on full buffer (entails message loss)

## Channel System

A **channel system**  $CS$  over  $(Var, Chan)$  consists of  $i$  program graphs  $PG_i$  over  $(Var_i, Chan_i)$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , with  $Var = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} Var_i$  and is denoted by  $CS = [PG_1 | \dots | PG_n]$ . Global states are tuples of the form  $\langle l_1, \dots, l_n, \eta, \xi \rangle$  where

$l_i$  current control location of process  $i$

$\eta$  current valuation of variables

$\xi$  current valuation of channels

- A **channel evaluation**  $\xi$  is a mapping from channel  $c \in Chan$  onto sequence  $\xi(c) \in dom(c)^*$  such that
  - current length cannot exceed the capacity of  $c$ :  $len(\xi(c)) \leq cap(c)$
  - $\xi(x) = v_1 v_2 \dots v_k$ ,  $cap(c) \geq k$  denotes,  $v_1$  is at front of buffer, etc.
  - $\xi[c := v_1 \dots v_k]$  denotes channel evaluation

$$\xi[c := v_1 \dots v_k](c') = \begin{cases} \xi(c') & \text{if } c \neq c' \\ v_1 \dots v_k & c = c' \end{cases}$$

- initial channel evaluation  $\xi_0$  equals  $\xi_0(c) = \varepsilon$  for any  $c$ .

Let  $CS = [PG_1 | \dots | PG_n]$  be a **channel system** over  $(Chan, Var)$  with

$$PG_i = (Loc_i, Act_i, Effect_i, ) \rightsquigarrow_i, Loc_{0,i}, g_{0,i}, \text{ for } 0 < i \leq n$$

$TS(CS)$  is the **transition system**  $(S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  where

- $S = (Loc_1 \times \dots \times Loc_n) \times Eval(Var) \times Eval(Chan)$
- $Act = (\biguplus_{0 < i \leq n} Act_i) \uplus \{\tau\}$
- $I = \{ \langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi_0 \rangle \mid \forall i. (l_i \in Loc_{0,i} \wedge \eta \models g_{0,i}) \wedge \forall c. \xi_0(c) = \varepsilon \}$
- $AP = \biguplus_{0 < i \leq n} Loc_i \uplus Cond(Var) >$
- $L(\langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi \rangle) = \{ \ell_1, \dots, \ell_n \} \cup \{ g \in Cond(Var) \mid \eta \models g \}$
- $\rightarrow$  is defined by the inference rules:

**Interleaving for  $\alpha \in Act_i$ :**

$$\frac{\ell_i \xrightarrow{g:\alpha} \ell'_i \wedge \eta \models g}{\langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell'_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta', \xi \rangle}, \text{ where } \eta' = Effect(\alpha, \eta)$$

**Synchronous message passing over  $c \in Chan$ ,  $cap(c) = 0$ :**

$$\frac{\ell_i \xrightarrow{g:c?x} \ell'_i \wedge \ell_j \xrightarrow{g:c!e} \ell'_j \wedge \eta \models g \wedge g' \wedge i \neq j}{\langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_i, \dots, \ell_j, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau} \langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell'_i, \dots, \ell'_j, \dots, \ell_n, \eta', \xi \rangle}, \text{ where } \eta' = \eta[x := \eta(e)]$$

**Asynchronous message passing over  $c \in Chan$ ,  $cap(c) < 0$ :**

$$\frac{\ell_i \xrightarrow{g:c?x} \ell'_i \wedge \eta \models g \wedge len(\xi(c)) = k > 0 \wedge \eta(c) = v_1 \dots v_k}{\langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell'_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta', \xi' \rangle}, \text{ where } \eta' = \eta[x := v_1] \text{ and } \xi' = \xi[c := v_2 \dots v_k]$$

**transmit value  $\eta(e) \in dom(c)$  over channel  $c$ :**

$$\frac{\ell_i \xrightarrow{g:c!e} \ell'_i \wedge \eta \models g \wedge len(\eta(c)) = k < cap(c) \wedge \eta(c) = v_1 \dots v_k}{\langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta, \xi \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha} \langle \ell_1, \dots, \ell'_i, \dots, \ell_n, \eta', \xi' \rangle}, \text{ where } \xi' = \xi[c := v_1 v_2 \dots v_k \eta(e)]$$

## nanoPromela

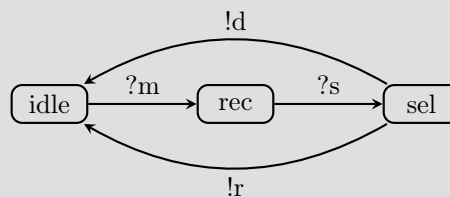
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### State Machine Based Modeling

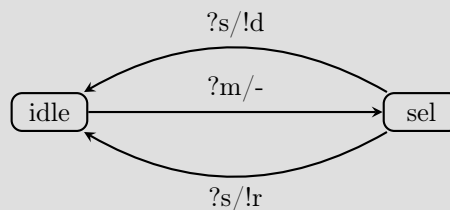
- Practical use: no TS or PG  $\Rightarrow$  state machine models  
can all be modelled as Program Graphs, Channel Systems or Transition Systems  
 $\text{UML-RT} \subset \text{UML}$  : state charts
- Mealy and Moore Machines
  - expressively equivalent
  - non-deterministic

$Q$  : finite set of states  
 $q_0 \in Q$  : initial state  
 $I$  : an alphabet (input symbols)  
let  $O$  with  $I \cap O = \emptyset$  : an alphabet (output symbols)  
 $A = I \cup O$  : event alphabet  
 $\delta : Q \times A \rightarrow Q$  : a relation  
 $\rho : Q \times I \rightarrow O \times Q$  : a relation

**Moore machine:** we call  $(Q, q_0, A, \delta)$  a **finite Moore machine**



**Mealey machine:** we call  $(Q, q_0, I, O, \rho)$  a **finite Mealey machine**



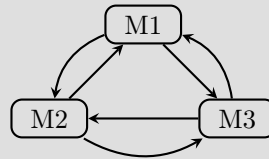
- Desiderata for Reactive System Models:
  1. representation of **data**
  2. representation of **concurrency**
  3. representation of **communication**  
especially: asynchronous communication / message passing
- Communicating Finite State Machines CFSMs
  - groups of independent, concurrently executing state machines
  - communication and synchronization by message passing over unbounded buffers
- Extended Finite State Machines EFSM
  - data variables
  - predicates
  - operations

- CFSMs after Brand and Zafiropulo

- concurrent FSM ( $\geq 2$ ) + communication channels
- every FSM represents a concurrent communicating process with a finite number of control states
- every communication channel is:
  1. full duplex
  2. error-free
  3. has a first-in-first-out strategy
  4. has unbounded capacity

1.-3. characterize a **perfect full-duplex** channel

- one pair of channels ( $c_{ij}$  and  $c_{ji}$ ) for each pair  $(i, j)$  of machines



$N$  : a positive integer  
 $i, j = 1, \dots, N$ : index over processes  
 $\langle Q_i \rangle_{i=1}^N$ :  $N$  disjoint, finite sets,  $Q_i$  denotes the state set of process  $i$   
 $\langle A_{ij}^N \rangle_{i,j=1}^N$ :  $N^2$  disjoint sets, with  $(\forall i)(A_{ii} = \emptyset)$   $A_{ij}$  denotes the message alphabet for the channel  $i \rightarrow j$

- formalisation:  $\delta$ : relation, determining, for each pair  $i, j$  the following function:

$$- Q_i \times A_{ij} \rightarrow Q_i$$

$$- Q_i \times A_{ji} \rightarrow Q_i$$

$\langle q_i^0 \rangle$ : tuple of initial states,  $(\forall i)(q_i^0 \in Q_i)$

- we call  $(\langle Q_i \rangle, \langle q_i^0 \rangle, \langle A_{ij} \rangle, \delta)$  a **protocol**

$s_i \in Q_i$  : state of process  $i$

$x_{ij} \in A_{ij}$  : a message

–  $?x_{ij}$  reception of a message

- Notation:
  - $!y_{ji}$  sending of a message
  - $f((s_i, \dots, s_n)) = (f(s_i), \dots, f(s_n))$

$x, y$ : message

$X, Y$ : sequence of messages

$x, xy, xY, xXY$ : concatenated sequences of messages

## Formal Semantics for a Promela-like

**Semantics** of a protocol: set of admissible state sequences

**State** of a protocol?

- sum of
  - local state of each of the  $1 \dots N$  processes
  - state of all channels  $c_{ij} \in A_{ij}^*$   
each  $c_{ij}$  corresponds to a sequence of messages that have been sent, but not yet received
- we call this the **global system state**
- obtain set of all computations of a protocol:
  - initially: all processes in  $q_i^0$  and all  $c_{ij} = \emptyset$

- system is in current state  $s$
- state transition triggered by **send** and **receive** events
  - send event:** \* add a message to the tail of the corresponding message queue
  - \* change local system state of sending process
  - receive event:** \* take the message to be received from the head of the message queue
  - \* change local system state of receiving process
- leads into new global system state  $s'$

- Global System State

- $P = (\langle Q_i \rangle, \langle q_o^0 \rangle, \langle A_{ij} \rangle, \delta)$  a protocol
- $S = (S_1, \dots, S_N)$  an  $N$ -tuple of local process states
- $C$  an  $N^2$  tuple

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} & c_1 & \cdots & c_N \\ c_1 & \epsilon & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ c_N & & & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

so that for all  $i, j : c_{ij} \in A_{ij}^*$

- we call  $(S, C)$  a **global system state**
- **State Transition Relation** let  $P$  a protocol and  $G = \{(S, C) | (S, C) \text{ is a global system state}\}$   
 $\vdash : G \rightarrow G$  is defined as follows  
 $(S, C) \vdash (S', C')$  iff  $\exists i, k, x_{ik}$  such that either
  1.  $(S, C)$  and  $(S', C')$  are identical except for the following exceptions

$$s'_i = \delta(s_i, !x_{ik}) \text{ (sending by i)}$$

$$c'_{ik} = c_{ik}x_{ik}$$

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$$c_{ik} = x_{ik}c'_{ik}$$

- Reachable Global System State, Paths and Acceptance
  - \*  $G^0$  the initial global system state of a protocol
  - \*  $G$  a global system state of the same protocol
  - \*  $\vdash$  the state transition relation of this same protocol
  - \*  $\vdash^*$  denotes the transitive closure of  $\vdash$
- we say that  $G$  is reachable if

$$G^0 \vdash^* G$$

- When is a Problem  $P$  decidable?  
There exists an algorithm which terminates after a finite number of steps whether  $P = \emptyset$  or not.
- What is a Turing machine? you should know ...
- Example of an undecidable problem?  
There is no TM that will decide whether an arbitrary given TM will halt or not.
- When is a formalism Turing-complete?  
When you can simulate a TM in this formalism.
- CFSM are Turing-complete
  - three processes:  $P_1, P_2, P_3$
  - simulate the control of the TM in the state machine of  $P_2$

- use  $P_1$  and the channels  $c_{21}$  and  $c_{c12}$  to simulate the left half tape, use  $P_3$  and  $c_{23}$  and  $c_{c32}$  to simulate the right half tape
- note: all  $c_{ik}$  have unbounded length  
 $\Rightarrow$  infinite state space (globally)  
 $\Rightarrow$  undecidable problems:
  - \* termination
  - \* will some communication event ever be executed?
  - \* is some system state reachable
  - \* is the protocol deadlock-free?
- a channel  $c_{ij}$  is **bounded** if, for every reachable global system state  $(C, S)$ , the length of  $c_{ik}$  is bounded by a constant  $h$   
 with bounded channels above problems are decidable, however deadlocks may be introduced due to bounded chans.

## Extended Finite State Machines (EFSM)

An EFSM is a FSM extended by

- data abstraction
- operations on variables
- symbolic (explicit states)
- boolean transition conditions

A (symbolic) state of an EFSM represents an **equivalence class** of system states.

we call  $E = (S, D, V, O, I, T, C)$  an extended finite state machine EFSM, where

$S$ : set of symbolic states  
 $D$ :  $n$ -dimensional linear space, each  $D_i$  is an (infinite) data domain  
 $V = \{\Pi, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ : finite set of programme variables

- $\Pi$ : control variable over domain  $S$
- $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\} \in D$ : data variables

$O$ : finite set of output signal types  
 $I$ : finite set of input signal types  
 $T: S \times 2^D \times I \rightarrow S \times 2^D \times O$   
 $C$ : an initial condition over  $S \times 2^D$

## Communicating Extended Finite State Machines

- foundation for many practical specifications and modeling languages
  - Specification and Description Language SDL (now part of UML)
  - Estelle (ISO)
  - ROOM/UML-RT
  - UML-RT
  - SysML

## State Explosion Problem

- Size of Transition System
  - size of  $TS = |S| + |\rightarrow|$ 
    - \* depend on
      - use of data (variables) (exponentially larger)
      - use of concurrent composition

- use of communication channels
- Program Graphs
  - \* number of states of  $TS(PG) = |\#programm\ locations| \cdot \prod_{variable\ x} |dom(x)|$
  - \* growth of  $TS(PG)$ 
    - assume  $N$  variables, each with  $k = |dom(x)|$  possible values  
 $\Rightarrow k^N$  states exponential growth
    - Programm with 10 locations, 3 boolean variables, 5 integer variables ranging 1 – 10  
 $10 \times 2^3 \times 10^5 = 8\,000\,000 = 8 \times 10^6$  states
- Concurrent Composition of Transition Systems
  - derived from concurrent programs
  - size:
    - \* Cartesian product of state spaces of components  $TS$ s, i.e.  $\#states\ of\ P_1 \times \dots \times \#states\ of\ P_2$
    - \* assume  $N$  components of size  $k$  each  $\Rightarrow$  size of  $TS = k^N$
- Channel Systems:
  - asynchronous communication channels  $c$  with capacity  $cap(c)$
  - assume  $K$  components and  $N$  channels  
 $\Rightarrow$  worst case size:  $\prod_{i=1}^N \left( |\#programm\ locations| \prod_{variable\ x} |dom(x)| \right) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^K |dom(c_j)|^{cap(c_j)}$

## Linear-Time Properties and Invariants

**Property:** A system execution (computation) will be modeled as a **sequence of states or events**.

- $\sigma_0 = \langle g, a, z, g, \dots \rangle$
- $\sigma_1 = \langle g, a, d, g, \dots \rangle$

A (model of the system/system/program)  $P$  has the property  $\Pi$  if all its computations are in  $\Pi$ .

**Property Representation:** too cumbersome to enumerate all infinite computations  $\Rightarrow$  use mathematical formalisms:

- $\omega$ -automata (property corresponds to accepted language)
- $\omega$ -regular expressions
- temporal logic

## State Graph

- The **state graph** of  $TS$  ( $G(TS)$ ), is the digraph  $(V, E)$  with vertices  $V = S$  and edges  $E = \{(s, s') \in S \times S \mid s' \in Post(s)\} \Rightarrow$  omit all state and transition labels in  $TS$  and ignore being initial
- $Post^*(s)$  is the set of reachable states  $G(TS)$  from  $s$ :

$$Post^*(C) = \bigcup_{s \in C} Post^*(s) \text{ for } C \subseteq S$$

- $Pre^*(C)$  has analogous meaning
- set of reachable states:  $Reach(TS) = Post^*(I)$

## Path Fragment

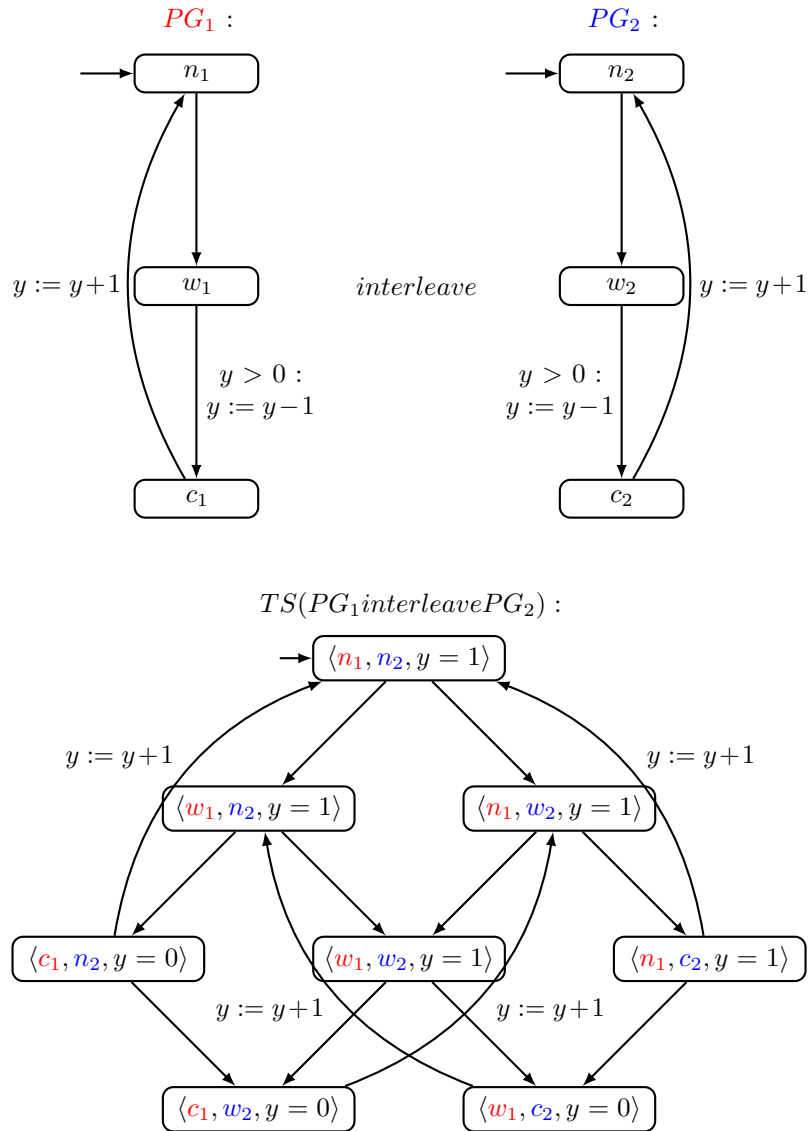
- A **path fragment** is an execution fragment without actions
- A **finite path fragment**  $\hat{\pi}$  of  $TS$  is a state sequence:

$$\hat{\pi} = s_0 s_1 \dots s_n \text{ such that } s_{i+1} \in Post(s_i) \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < n \text{ where } n \geq 0$$

- An **infinite path fragment**  $\pi$  of  $TS$  is an infinite state sequence:

$$\pi = s_0 s_1 \dots \text{ such that } s_{i+1} \in Post(s_i) \text{ for all } i \geq 0$$

- A **path** of  $TS$  is an initial, maximal path fragment
  - a **maximal** path fragment is either finite ending in a terminal state or infinite
  - a path fragment is **initial** if  $s_0 \in I$
  - $Paths(s)$  is the set of maximal path fragments  $\pi$  with  $first(\pi) = s$





## Traces

- Let  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  without terminal states all maximal paths (and executions) are infinite
- The **trace** of the infinite path fragment  $\pi = s_0 s_1 \dots$  is  $trace(\pi) = L(s_0)L(s_1)\dots$
- The **trace** of the finite path fragment  $\pi = s_0 s_1 \dots s_n$  is  $(s_n)$
- The set of traces of a set  $\Pi$  of paths:  $trace(\Pi) = \{trace(\pi) | \pi \in \Pi\}$
- 

$$\begin{aligned} Traces(s) &= trace(Paths(s)) & Traces(TS) &= \bigcup_{s \in I} Traces(s) \\ Traces_{fin}(s) &= trace(Paths_{fin}(s)) & Traces_{fin}(TS) &= \bigcup_{s \in I} Traces_{fin}(s) \end{aligned}$$

**Example**  $AP = \{crit_1, crit_2\}$

path:  $\pi = \langle n_1, n_2, y = 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle w_1, n_2, y = 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle c_1, n_2, y = 0 \rangle \rightarrow$   
 $\langle n_1, n_2, y = 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n_1, 2_2, y = 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n_1, c_2, y = 0 \rangle \rightarrow \dots$

trace:  $trace(\pi) = \emptyset \emptyset \{crit_1\} \emptyset \emptyset \{crit_2\} \emptyset \emptyset \{crit_1\} \emptyset \emptyset \{crit_2\} \dots$

## Linear Time Properties for Transition Systems

- for a given  $TS$  a linear time property  $\Pi$  over  $AP$  is a subset of the set of all infinite strings formed over subset of  $AP$ :  $\Pi \subseteq (2^{AP})^\omega$
- $\Pi$  specifies the set of all admissible observable behaviour of the system
- satisfaction:  $TS \models S$  iff  $Traces(TS) \subseteq \Pi$
- notation: state  $s \in S$  satisfies  $\Pi$ , written as  $s \models \Pi$ , iff  $Traces(s) \subseteq \Pi$

## Trace Equivalence

- Let  $TS$  and  $TS'$  be two transition systems over  $AP$  without terminal state
- **trace inclusion**  $Traces(TS) \subseteq Traces(TS')$  iff for **any** LT property  $P$ :  $TS \models P$  **implies**  $TS' \models P$
- **trace equivalence**  $Traces(TS) = Traces(TS')$  iff  $TS$  and  $TS'$  satisfy the **same** LT properties
- i.e. there is **no** LT property that can distinguish between  $TS$  and  $TS' \Rightarrow TS$  and  $TS'$  are trace equivalent

## Invariant LT properties

- Properties over  $AP$  that hold for all reachable states, including the initial state (e.g. mutual exclusion, deadlock freedom)

An LT property  $P_{inv}$  over  $AP$  is called an **invariant** if there is a propositional formula  $\psi$  over  $AP$  such that

$$P_{inv} = \{A_0, A_1, \dots \in (2^{AP})^\omega | (\forall j \geq 0)(A_j \models \psi)\}$$

$\psi$  is then referred to as the **invariant condition** for invariant  $P_{inv}$

- $TS \models P_{inv}$   
 iff  $trace(\pi) \in P_{inv} \forall \pi$  in  $TS$   
 iff  $L(s) \models \psi \forall$  states  $s$  that belong to a path of  $TS$   
 iff  $L(s) \models \psi \forall$  states  $s \in Reach(TS)$

- Model Checking Invariants
  - perform systematic forward search
    - depth first search** DFS
    - breadth first search** BFS
  - alternative: backwards search
    - \* compute all states violating invariant condition  $\psi$
    - \* starting here, compute  $Pre = \bigcup_{S \in \mathcal{S}, S \not\models \psi} Pre^*(s)$
    - \* Check if  $Pre$  contains an initial state
  - Time complexity of DFS:  $\mathcal{O}(N \times (|\Phi| + 1) + M)$ 
    - \*  $N$ : number of reachable states
    - \*  $(|\Phi| + 1)$  length of formula
    - \*  $M = \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} |Post(s)|$ : number of transitions in the reachable part of  $TS$ $\Rightarrow$  time complexity of DFS is linear
- Computation and representation of successor states:
  - explicit state model checking** – successor states are implicitly given (program graph, Promela code, ... )
    - $Post(s)$  is typically stored as adjacency list
    - successor states are explicitly computed (state vectors)
  - symbolic model checking** –  $Post(s)$  is represented symbolically (binary decision diagrams (BDD))
    - reachability computation is fixed point computation

## Safety and Liveness

According to Leslie Lamport

**safety**: something bad will never happen

**liveness**: something good will eventually happen

- Property  $P$  corresponds to a language
  - $P \subseteq (2^{AP})^*$ : the property is finitary
  - $P \subseteq (2^{AP})^\omega$ : the property is infinitary
- often convenient to express property by  $\omega$ -regular expressions

## Safety Properties

- An LT property  $P_{safe}$  is a **safety property**, iff  $\forall \sigma \in (2^{AP})^\omega \setminus P_{safe}$  there exists a finite prefix  $\hat{\sigma}$  of  $\sigma$  such that  $P_{safe} \cap \{\sigma' \in (2^{AP})^\omega | \hat{\sigma} \text{ is a prefix of } \sigma'\} = \emptyset$   
If we violate the safety property, there is no way to fix it. OR: Violation can be confirmed by a finite prefix.
- $\hat{\sigma}$  is called a **bad prefix** of  $P_{safe}$ , and we let  $BadPref(P_{safe})$  denote the set of all bad prefixes of  $P_{safe}$ .
- $\hat{\sigma}$  is a **minimal bad prefix** for  $P_{safe}$  iff  $\hat{\sigma} \in BadPref(P_{safe})$  and no proper prefix of  $\hat{\sigma}$  is in  $BadPref(P_{safe})$ .
- Any invariant is a safety property. There are safety properties, that are not invariants.
- For a transition system  $TS$  without final states and safety property  $P_{safe}$  the following holds:

$$TS \models P_{safe} \text{ iff } Traces_{fin}(TS) \cap BadPref(P_{safe}) = \emptyset$$

- The **closure** of an *LT* property  $P$  is defined as:

$$closure(P) = \{\sigma \in (2^{AP})^\omega \mid pref(\sigma) \subseteq pref(P)\}$$

This denotes the set of all infinite traces whose finite prefixes are also prefixes of  $P$  Example:  $closure(a^+b^\omega) = a^\omega + a^+b^\omega$

- $P$  is a safety property iff  $closure(P) = P$

- Finite traces and safety properties:

- $Traces_{fin}(TS) \subseteq Traces_{fin}(TS')$  iff for any safety property  $P_{safe} : TS' \models P_{safe} \Rightarrow TS \models P_{safe}$
- $Traces_{fin}(TS) \subseteq Traces_{fin}(TS')$  iff  $TS$  and  $TS'$  satisfy the same set of safety properties
- for  $TS$  without terminal states and finite  $TS'$  the following holds:

$$Traces(TS) \subseteq Traces(TS') \iff Traces_{fin}(TS) \subseteq Traces_{fin}(TS')$$

- trace inclusion  $\neq$  finite trace inclusion

## Liveness Properties

Safety properties can be satisfied by never doing anything.  $\Rightarrow$  We want some property that ensures something will happen eventually.

An *LT* property  $P_{live}$  over  $AP$  is a **liveness** property whenever  $pref(P_{live}) = (2^{AP})^*$

$\Rightarrow$  Any finite computation can be extended to an execution satisfying the property.

## Safety and Liveness component

Many properties are not pure, but a combination of safety and liveness properties.

- let  $S$  denote an atomic predicate that holds in a “sent” state, and let  $R$  denote an atomic predicate that holds in a “received” state.
- let  $S, R \in \Sigma$   $\Sigma$  is the alphabet
- Property: when a message has been “sent” eventually it will be “received”:

$$\Pi = S^* R \Sigma^\omega$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &\neq closure(\Pi) \\ &= S^\omega \cup S^* R \Sigma^\omega \\ &= \Pi_s \end{aligned}$$

We call  $\Pi_s$  the **safety closure** of  $\Pi$

- decomposition into safety and liveness property:

**liveness:**  $\Pi_l$  eventually  $R$  will hold:  $\Pi_l = \Sigma^* R \Sigma^\omega$

**safety:**  $\Pi_s = closure(\Pi)$

**will hold:**  $\Pi = \Pi_s \cap \Pi_l = (S^\omega \cup S^* R \Sigma^\omega) \cap (\Sigma^* R \Sigma^\omega)$

- Safety and Liveness properties are **disjoint** except for the trivial property  $\Sigma^\omega$
- Every property  $\Pi$  can be represented as the **intersection:**  $\Pi = \Pi_s \cap \Pi_l$
- let  $\Pi$  be an infinitary and  $\Phi$  be a finitary property

- $PREF(\Pi)$  denotes the set of all finite prefixes of  $\Pi$
- $A(\Phi)$  corresponds to all infinite  $\sigma \in \Sigma^\omega$  so that all finite prefixes of  $\sigma$  are in  $\Phi$

$$\text{Example: } \Phi = a^+b^* \Rightarrow \underset{(closure)}{A(\Phi)} = a^\omega + a^+b^\omega$$

- $E(\Phi)$  consists of all infinite  $\sigma \in \Sigma^\omega$  so that there exists a prefix of  $\sigma$  that belongs to  $\Phi$

$$\text{Example: } \Phi = a^+b^* \Rightarrow E(\Phi) = a^+b^* \cdot \Sigma^\omega$$

- Other Classifications:

- topological  $\Rightarrow$  safety (closed sets), liveness (dense sets)  
Note: for every finite property  $\Phi : E(\Phi) = \Phi / \Sigma^\omega$
- temporal logic
- automata theoretic

- Safety/Liveness is intuitive:

- checking safety properties: simple exploration of all states
- checking liveness property: exploration of all states, checking in every state whether any continuation of prefix will satisfy property

## Fairness

Fairness ensures, that each process wanting to do something at one point will eventually be able to do so.

### Types of Fairness

**unconditional fairness:** an activity is executed **infinitely often**

**strong fairness:** if an activity is **infinitely often enabled**, it will **infinitely often be executed**

**weak fairness** if an activity is **continuously enabled**, it will **infinitely often be executed**

- Fairness violations often occur due to an unjustified high level of abstraction (e.g. one process indefinitely faster than other)
- or due to unjustified assumptions about environment behaviour

For  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  without terminal states,  $A \subseteq Act$ , and infinite execution fragment  $\rho = s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \dots$  of  $TS$  where  $Act(s) = \{\alpha \in Act \mid \exists s' \in S. s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'\}$

1.  $\rho$  is **unconditionally A-fair** whenever:  $true \Rightarrow \underbrace{\forall k \geq 0. \exists j \geq k. \alpha_j \in A}_{\text{infinitely often } A \text{ is taken}}$
2.  $\rho$  is **strongly A-fair** whenever:  $\underbrace{(\forall k \geq 0. \exists j \geq k. Act(s_j) \cap A \neq \emptyset)}_{\text{infinitely often } A \text{ is enabled}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\forall k \geq 0. \exists j \geq k. \alpha_j \in A}_{\text{infinitely often } A \text{ is taken}}$
3.  $\rho$  is **weakly A-fair** whenever:  $\underbrace{(\exists k \geq 0. \forall j \geq k. Act(s_j) \cap A \neq \emptyset)}_{\text{infinitely often } A \text{ is enabled}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\forall k \geq 0. \exists j \geq k. \alpha_j \in A}_{\text{infinitely often } A \text{ is taken}}$

## Which Fairness Notion to Use?

Fairness filters out “unreasonable” runs (may be too strong, unfair)

- Too Strong?  $\Rightarrow$  relevant computations may be ruled out, verification yields:

**false:** error found

**true:** may still be false, if relevant executions may be considered “unfair”

- Too Weak?  $\Rightarrow$  too many computations considered, verification yields:

**true:** property holds

**false:** may still be true, if violating run was unfair

- Relationship: unconditional  $\Rightarrow$  strong  $\Rightarrow$  weak

## Fairness Assumptions

A **fairness assumption** for  $Act$  is a triple

$$\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_{uncond}, \mathcal{F}_{strong}, \mathcal{F}_{weak})$$

with  $\mathcal{F}_{uncond}, \mathcal{F}_{strong}, \mathcal{F}_{weak} \subseteq 2^{Act}$

- unconditionally  $A$ -fair **for all**  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{uncond}$
- strongly  $A$ -fair **for all**  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{strong}$
- weakly  $A$ -fair **for all**  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{weak}$

e.g.  $(\emptyset, \mathcal{F}', \emptyset)$  denotes strong fairness

- A Path  $s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -fair, if
  - there exists an  $\mathcal{F}$ -fair execution  $s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \dots$
  - $FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(s)$  denotes the set of  $\mathcal{F}$ -fair paths that start in  $s$
  - $FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(TS) = \bigcup_{s \in I} FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(s)$
- Trace  $\sigma$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -fair if there exists an  $\mathcal{F}$ -fair execution  $\rho$  with  $trace(\rho) = \sigma$ 
  - $FairTraces_{\mathcal{F}}(s) = trace(FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(s))$
  - $FairTraces_{\mathcal{F}}(TS) = trace(FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(TS))$
- $TS$  **satisfies**  $LT$ -property  $P$ :
 
$$TS \models P \text{ iff } Traces(TS) \subseteq P$$
- $TS$  **fairly satisfies**  $LT$ -property  $P$  wrt. fairness assumption  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$TS \models_{\mathcal{F}} P \text{ iff } FairTraces_{\mathcal{F}}(TS) \subseteq P$$

## Fairness and Safety

- for  $TS$  with set of Actions  $Act$  and fairness assumption  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $Act$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  is defined as **realizable** for  $TS$  if for any  $s \in Reach(TS)$ :

$$FairPaths_{\mathcal{F}}(s) \neq \emptyset$$

- for  $TS$  and safety property  $P_{safe}$  over  $AP$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  a realizable fairness assumption for  $TS$  the following holds true:

$$TS \models P_{safe} \text{ iff } TS \models_{\mathcal{F}} P_{safe}$$

i.e. safety properties are preserved by realizable fairness assumption, non-realizable fairness assumptions may harm safety properties

## Model Checking Regular Safety Properties

A safety property  $P_{safe}$  is **regular** if

- $BadPref(P_{safe})$  is a regular language.
- there exists a finite automaton over  $2^{AP}$  recognizing  $BadPref(P_{safe})$

- $bp(P_{safe}) \equiv BadPref(P_{safe})$
- $mbp(P_{safe}) \Rightarrow$  set of minimal bad prefixes for  $P_{safe}$
- not regular safety properties: something to do with counting

## Regular Languages

A **nondeterministic finite automaton** NFA  $\mathcal{A}$  is a tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  where

- $Q$  is a finite set of states
- $\Sigma$  is an alphabet
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  is a transition function (nondeterministic)
- $Q_0 \subseteq Q$  a set of initial states
- $F \subseteq Q$  is a set of accept (or: final) states

assume word  $w = A_1 \dots A_n \in \Sigma^*$

- A **run** for  $w$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a finite sequence  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n$  such that:

$$q_0 \in Q_0 \text{ and } q_i \xrightarrow{A_{i+1}} q_{i+1} \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < n$$

- Run  $q_0 q_1 \dots q_n$  is **accepting** if  $q_n \in F$
- $w \in \Sigma^*$  is **accepted** by  $\mathcal{A}$  if there exists an accepting run for  $w$ .
- The **accepted language** of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{there exists an accepting run for } w \text{ in } \mathcal{A}\}$$

- NFA  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}'$  are **equivalent** if  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$

## Synchronous Product

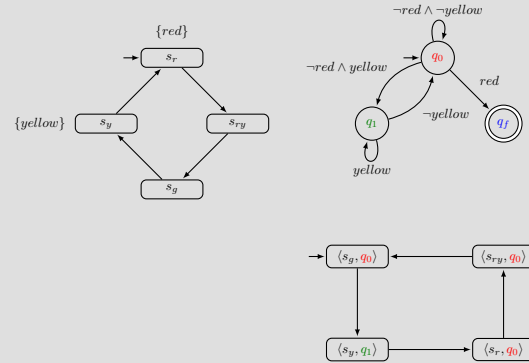
For transition system  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  without terminal states and  $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  and NFA with  $\Sigma = 2^{AP}$  and  $Q_0 \cap F = \emptyset$ , let:

$$TS \otimes \mathcal{A} = (S', Act, \rightarrow', I', AP', L')$$

where

- $S' = S \times Q$ ,  $AP' = Q$  and  $L'(\langle s, q \rangle) = \{q\}$
- $\rightarrow'$  is the smallest relation defined by
$$\frac{s \xrightarrow{\alpha} t \wedge q \xrightarrow{L(t)} p}{\langle s, q \rangle \xrightarrow{\alpha'} \langle t, p \rangle}$$
- $I' = \{\langle s_0, q \rangle \mid s_0 \in I \wedge \exists q_0 \in Q_0. q_0 \xrightarrow{L(s_0)} q\}$

without loss of generality it may be assumed that  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A}$  has no terminal states



## Properties of NFA

- They are as expressive as regular languages
- They are closed under  $\cap$  and **complementation**
  - NFA  $\mathcal{A} \otimes B$  (=cross product) accepts  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B})$
  - Total DFA  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  (=swap all accept and normal states) accepts  $\overline{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})} = \Sigma^* \setminus \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$
- They are closed under **determinization** (=removal of choice) (although exponentially more runtime)

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A} = \emptyset \Rightarrow \text{check for a reachable accept state in } \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \text{simple DFS}$
- For regular language  $\mathcal{L}$  there is a unique minimal DFA accepting  $\mathcal{L}$

## Model Checking regular safety properties

- let  $P_{safe}$  be a regular safety property over Model Checking Procedure  $AP$
  - let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an NFA recognizing the bad prefixes of  $P_{safe}$ 
    - assume that  $\varepsilon \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$  (otherwise all finite words over  $2^{AP}$  are bad prefixes and  $P_{safe} = \emptyset$ )
  - let  $TS$  be a finite transition system over  $AP$  without terminal states
  - $TS \models P_{safe}$ 
    - iff  $Traces_{fin}(TS) \cap bp(P_{safe}) = \emptyset$
    - iff  $Traces_{fin}(TS) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$
    - iff  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A} \models \text{“always } \Phi \text{”}$ 
      - \* invariant checking  $\Rightarrow$  DFS
1. Model transition system out of the model
  2. LTL needs to be created an negated
  3. Create NNF from this negated LTL
  4. Create Büchi Automaton from this NNF
  5. Synchronous product of TS and Büchi automaton needs to be created, Endstates are endstates of Büchi-automaton
  6. conduct NDFS to find loops touch endstates in this system

The following statements are equivalent

- \*  $TS \models P$
  - \*  $Traces_{fin}(TS) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$
  - \*  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A} \models P_{inv(\mathcal{A})} = \bigwedge_{q \in F} \neg q$
- $\Rightarrow$  checking safety properties is like checking an invariant

## Counterexample

For each initial path fragment  $\langle s_0, q_1 \rangle \dots \langle s_n, q_{n+q} \rangle$  of  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A}$ :

$$q_1, \dots, q_n \notin F \text{ and } q_{n+1} \in F \Rightarrow \underbrace{trace(s_0 s_1 \dots s_n) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})}_{\text{bad prefix for } P_{safe}}$$

**Input:** finite transition system  $TS$  and regular safety property  $P_{safe}$

**Result:** true if  $TS \models P_{safe}$ . Otherwise false plus a counterexample for  $P_{safe}$

**if**  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A} \models P_{inv(\mathcal{A})}$  **then**

  | **return true**

**else**

  | Determine initial path fragment  $\langle s_0, q_1 \rangle \dots \langle s_n, q_{n+1} \rangle$  of  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A}$  with  $q_{n+q} \in F$

  | **return (false,  $s_0 s_1 \dots s_n$ )**

**end**

**Algorithm 1:** Basic Model Checking algorithm

## Time Complexity

The time and space complexity of checking  $TS \models P_{safe}$  is in:

$$\mathcal{O}(|TS| \cdot |\mathcal{A}|)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is an NFA with  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A} = mbp(P_{safe}))$

The **size** of NFA  $\mathcal{A}$ , denoted  $|\mathcal{A}|$  is the number of states and transitions in  $\mathcal{A}$  :

$$|\mathcal{A}|_{\text{rel. small}} = |Q| + \sum_{q \in Q} \sum_A \in \Sigma |\delta(q, A)|$$

## Büchi Automata & $\omega$ -Regular Languages

- Properties of reactive systems contain liveness elements, need to be described with infinite sequences
- Need acceptance of languages of infinite words

### Regular Expression

- Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet with  $A \in \Sigma$
- Regular Expressions over  $\Sigma$  have the **syntax**:

$$E := \emptyset \mid \varepsilon \mid A \mid E + E' \mid E.E' \mid E^*$$

- The **semantics** of regular expression  $E$  is a language  $\mathcal{L}(E) \subseteq \Sigma^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(\emptyset) &= \emptyset, \mathcal{L}(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\}, \mathcal{L}(A) = \{A\} \\ \mathcal{L}(E + E') &= \mathcal{L}(E) \cup \mathcal{L}(E') \quad \mathcal{L}(E.E') = \mathcal{L}(E).\mathcal{L}(E') \quad \mathcal{L}(E^*) = \mathcal{L}(E)^* \end{aligned}$$

### $\omega$ -Regular Expressions

- denote languages of infinite words
- An  $\omega$ -regular expression  $G$  over  $\Sigma$  has the form

$$G = E_1.F_1^\omega + \dots + E_n.F_n^\omega \quad \text{for } n > 0$$

where  $E_i, F_i$  are regular expressions over  $\Sigma$  with  $\varepsilon \notin \mathcal{L}(F_i)$

- The **semantics** of  $G$  is a language  $\mathcal{L}(G) \subseteq \Sigma^\omega$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_\omega(G) = \mathcal{L}(E_1).\mathcal{L}(F_1)^\omega \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{L}(E_n).\mathcal{L}(F_n)^\omega$$

- $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are **equivalent**, denoted  $G_1 \equiv G_2$ , if  $\mathcal{L}_\omega(G_1) = \mathcal{L}_\omega(G_2)$
- $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\omega$ -regular if  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_\omega(G)$  for some  $\omega$ -regular expression  $G$ .
- $\omega$ -Regular languages are closed under  $\cup, \cap$  and **complementation**

### $\omega$ -Regular Properties

An *LT* property  $P$  over  $AP$  is  **$\omega$ -regular** if  $P$  is an  $\omega$ -regular language over the alphabet  $2^{AP}$

### Acceptance conditions for words in $(2^{AP})^\omega$

1. finite acceptance (the automaton accepts a prefix of  $a \in (2^{AP})^\omega$ ), **does not ensure liveness, note even infiniteness**



2. looping acceptance (the automaton has an infinite execution when reading the word) **does not ensure liveness, as the automaton may do anything**
3. repeating acceptance (looping acceptance + the set of states that the automaton reaches infinitely often an additional acceptance condition) **also called “Büchi acceptance condition”**

## $\omega$ -Automata

- Definition as for NFA
- + Büchi acceptance condition: **An infinite word  $a \in (2^{AP})^\omega$  will be accepted by a Büchi Automaton iff the automaton reaches at least one of the states in the acceptance set  $F$  infinitely often when reading  $a$ .**

A **nondeterministic Büchi automaton** NBA  $\mathcal{A}$  is a tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  where:

- $Q$  is a finite set of states with  $Q_0 \subseteq!$  a set of initial states
- $\Sigma$  is an alphabet
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  is a transition function (nondeterministic)
- $F \subseteq Q$  is a set of accept (or final) states

### Language accepted by NBA

- NBA  $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  and word  $\sigma = A_0 A_1 A_2 \dots \in \Sigma^\omega$
- A **run** for  $\sigma$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  is an **infinite** sequence  $q_0 q_1 q_2 \dots$  such that:

$$q_0 \in Q_0 \text{ and } \underbrace{q_i \xrightarrow{A_{i+1}} q_{i+1}}_{\delta \text{ of the NBA}} \text{ for all } 0 \leq i$$

- Run  $q_0 q_1 q_2 \dots$  is **accepting** if  $q_i \in F$  for **infinitely** many  $i$
- $\sigma \in \Sigma^\omega$  is **accepted** by  $\mathcal{A}$  if there exists an accepting run for  $\sigma$
- The **accepted language** of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_\omega(\mathcal{A}) = \{\sigma \in \Sigma^\omega \mid \text{there exists an accepting run for } \sigma \text{ in } \mathcal{A}\}$$

- NBA  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}'$  are **equivalent** if  $\mathcal{L}_\omega(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{L}_\omega(\mathcal{A}')$

### More facts about Büchi Automata

- assume: the final state will be repeated infinitely often
- finite equivalence  $\not\equiv$   $\omega$ -equivalence
- $\omega$ -equivalence  $\not\equiv$  finite equivalence
- The class of languages accepted by NBA is **identical** to the class of  $\omega$ -regular languages
- A Büchi automaton is **deterministic**, if  $|Q_0| \leq 1$  and  $|\delta(q, A)| \leq 1$  for all  $q \in Q$  and  $A \in \Sigma$   
NBA and DBA are not equally expressive  $\Rightarrow$  NBA are more expressive  $\Rightarrow$  need for nondeterminism
- There is no canonic representation for NBA  $\Rightarrow$  there is no minimal NBA for a given  $\omega$ -regular language
- alternative: “Muller, Rabin and Streett automata” with deterministic/nondeterministic variants  
 $\Rightarrow$  same expressiveness as N/DBA
- Generalized Nondeterministic Büchi Automaton GNBA:
  - acceptance condition expressed in terms of a set  $\mathcal{F}$  consisting of sets  $F_1, \dots, F_k$  with  $F_i \subseteq Q$
  - GNBA accepts a word, if it visits all sets  $F_i$  infinitely often

# Linear Temporal Logic LTL

- Büchi automata use operational approach, want to have Logic for the description of temporal requirements
- first order logic quite complicated for this

⇒ need explicit quantification over state sequences

- modalities:
 

$Lp$ :	it is necessary, that $p$	<small>for all visible worlds <math>p</math></small>
$Mp$ :	it is possible, that $p$	<small>there exists a visible world with <math>p</math></small>
$\neg Lp$ :	it is not necessary, that $p$	
$\neg Mp$ :	it is not possible, that $p$	

- Formulae of Modal Logic:

- $p$  is a formula
- if  $\Phi$  is a formula, then  $\neg\Phi$  is a formula
- if  $\Phi$  and  $\rho$  are formulae, then  $\Phi \wedge \rho, \Phi \supset \rho$  (implication),  $\Phi \equiv \rho, L\Phi, M\Phi$  are formulae

Let  $\Pi$  a set of atomic propositions. Further let

- –  $W$  a set of worlds
- $R \subseteq W \times W$  a visibility relation on worlds
- $A : W \times \Pi \rightarrow \{true, false\}$  a truth value assignement

then we call  $(W, R, A)$  a **model** or **Kripke-Structure**

## Model-theoretic Semantics of Modal Logic

Let

- $M = (W, R, A)$  a Kripke-structure
- $\Pi$  a set of atomic propositions and  $p \in \Pi$
- $w$  and  $v \in w$
- $\Phi$  and  $\rho$  formulae

then we define the relation  $\models$  for  $M$ :

$(M, w) \models p$	<i>iff</i> $A(w, p) = true$
$(M, w) \models \neg p$	<i>iff</i> $A(w, p) = false$
$(M, w) \models \Phi \wedge \rho$	<i>iff</i> $(M, w) \models \Phi$ and $(M, w) \models \rho$
$(M, w) \models L\Phi$	<i>iff</i> $(\forall v : (w, v) \in R)((M, v) \models \Phi)$
$(M, w) \models M\Phi$	<i>iff</i> $(\exists v : (w, v) \in R)((M, v) \models \Phi)$

Further we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi \vee \rho &\cong \neg(\neg\Phi \wedge \neg\rho) \\
 \Phi \supset \rho &\cong \neg\Phi \vee \rho \\
 \Phi \equiv \rho &\cong (\Phi \supset \rho) \wedge (\Phi \subset \rho) \\
 M\Phi &\cong \neg L\neg\Phi
 \end{aligned}$$

Axiomatisation:

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| 1. $(\Phi \vee \Phi) \supset \Phi$   | 5. $L\Phi \supset \Phi$                                 |
| 2. $\rho \supset (\Phi \vee \rho)$   | 6. $L(\Phi \supset \rho) \supset (L\Phi \supset L\rho)$ |
| 3. $(\Phi \vee \rho) \supset (\rho \supset \Phi)$                              | 7. $L\Phi \supset LL\Phi$                               |
| 4. $(\Phi \supset \rho) \supset ((\rho \vee \Phi) \supset (\sigma \vee \rho))$ | 8. $M\Phi \supset LM\Phi$                               |

We call a formula  $\Phi$  a **theorem** if it can be derived from the axioms, notation:  $\vdash \Phi$

1.  $\vdash \Phi$  and  $\vdash (\Phi \supset \rho)$  imply  $\vdash \rho$  (modus ponens)
2.  $\vdash \Phi$  implies  $\vdash L\Phi$

## Temporal Interpretation of Modal Logic

- worlds correspond to system states
- visibility relation corresponds to sequences of system states
  - system sees its current state  $\Rightarrow$  reflexivity
  - state  $s_3$  follows  $s_2$  and  $s_2$  follows  $s_1$ , then  $s_3$  follows  $s_1 \Rightarrow$  transitivity
- linear time temporal logic LTL:
 

– reflexivity	– connectivity
– transitivity	– discreteness

## satisfiability and Validity

- $p$  is **state-satisfiable** if there is a state so that  $s \models p$
- $p$  is **state-valid** if  $s \models p$  for all states  $s$

## Linear Temporal Logic LTL

$p, q$  are formulae, the following are formulae:

- $\circ p$  (next)
- $\diamond$  (eventually)
- $\square$  (always)
- $p\mathcal{U}q$  (until)
- $p\mathcal{W}q$  (unless/weak until) either once  $q$  or always  $p$

## Satisfaction

given a state sequence (model)  $\sigma$  and formula  $p$

- $p$  **holds at position**  $i$  of sequence  $\sigma$  iff  $(\sigma, i) \models p$

we write  $\sigma \models p$

## Validity

a formula  $p$  is **valid**, iff

$$(\forall \sigma)(\sigma \models p)$$

we write  $\models p$

## Finite Model Property

LTL has the finite model property, there are only 4 distinct temporal modalities

$$\Box p, \Diamond p, \Box \Diamond p, \Diamond \Box p$$

$$\Box \Box \Diamond p \equiv \Box \Diamond p, \Box \Diamond \Diamond p \equiv \Box \Diamond p$$

## LTL-example

- $\Box(p \rightarrow \Diamond q) \cong p \leadsto q$  “response-property”, “p leads-to q”
- “between process A updating a value and process B reading the cache, the value must be flushed from A’s cache”

$$\Box((UpdateA \wedge \Diamond ReadB) \rightarrow (\neg ReadB \vee FlushA))$$

## Property Expansion

- $\Box p \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \Box \neg p)$
- $\Diamond p \Leftrightarrow (p \vee \Diamond \neg p)$
- $p \mathcal{U} q \Leftrightarrow (q \vee [p \wedge \Box (p \mathcal{U} q)])$
- $p \mathcal{W} q \Leftrightarrow (q \vee [p \vee \Box (p \mathcal{W} q)])$

## Dualities

- $\neg \Box p \Leftrightarrow \Diamond \neg p$
- $\neg \Diamond p \Leftrightarrow \Box \neg p$
- $\neg(p \mathcal{U} q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q) \mathcal{W} (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
- $\neg(p \mathcal{W} q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q) \mathcal{U} (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
- $\neg \Box p \Leftrightarrow \Diamond \neg p$

## Strong and Weak Operators

- $p \mathcal{U} q \Leftrightarrow (p \mathcal{W} q \wedge \Diamond q)$
- $p \mathcal{W} q \Leftrightarrow (p \mathcal{U} q \wedge \Box q)$
- $p \mathcal{U} q \Rightarrow p \mathcal{W} q$

## Indempotence

Two-fold application yields result identical to single application:

- $\Box \Box p \Leftrightarrow \Box p$
- $\Diamond \Diamond p \Leftrightarrow \Diamond p$
- $p \mathcal{U} (p \mathcal{U} q) \Leftrightarrow p \mathcal{U} q$
- $p \mathcal{W} (p \mathcal{W} q) \Leftrightarrow p \mathcal{W} q$
- $(p \mathcal{U} q) \mathcal{U} q \Leftrightarrow p \mathcal{U} q$
- $(p \mathcal{W} q) \mathcal{W} q \Leftrightarrow p \mathcal{W} q$

## Absorption

- $\Diamond \Box \Diamond p \Leftrightarrow \Box \Diamond p$
- $\Box \Diamond \Box p \Leftrightarrow \Diamond \Box p$

Absorption and Indempotence also lead to only 4 different unary modalities (compare finite-model property):

$$\Box p, \Diamond p, \Box \Diamond p, \Diamond \Box p$$

## 0.0.2 Commutativity of the next-operator

- $\circ(\neg p) \Leftrightarrow \neg \circ p$
- $\circ(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \circ p \vee \circ q$
- $\circ(p \mathcal{W} q) \Leftrightarrow \circ p \mathcal{W} \circ q$

## Distribution of Temporal Operators

- $\Box(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \Box p \wedge \Box q$
- $\Diamond(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \Diamond p \vee \Diamond q$
- $\Box \Diamond(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \Box \Diamond p \vee \Box \Diamond q$
- $\Diamond \Box(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \Diamond \Box p \wedge \Diamond \Box q$

## Possible Base set of Operators

$\circ, \mathcal{W}, \neg$ , derived operators:

- $\Box p = p \mathcal{W} false$
- $\Diamond p = \neg \Box \neg p = \neg(\neg p \mathcal{W} false)$
- $p \mathcal{U} q = p \mathcal{W} q \wedge \Diamond q = p \mathcal{W} q \wedge \neg(\neg \mathcal{W} false)$

## Possible Axiomatisation

- $\Box p \rightarrow p$
- $\circ \neg p \Leftrightarrow \neg \circ p$
- $\circ(p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\circ p \rightarrow \circ q)$
- $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q)$
- $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \circ p$
- $(p \Rightarrow \circ p) \rightarrow (p \Rightarrow \Box p)$
- $p \mathcal{W} q \Leftrightarrow [q \vee (p \wedge \circ(p \mathcal{W} q))]$
- $\Box p \Rightarrow p \mathcal{W} false$

## Safety-Progress Classification

- Temporal Logic Property Classes

- classification based on syntactic form of formulae
- A property  $\Pi \subseteq \Sigma^\omega$  will be specified by temporal logic formula  $\Phi$  if  $\Phi$  is defined over the state vocabulary  $\Sigma$  and the following condition holds:

$$\sigma \in \Pi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma \models \Phi$$

- hence,  $\Phi$  describes a decision mechanism determining whether a state sequence belongs to the set of valid executions of a system

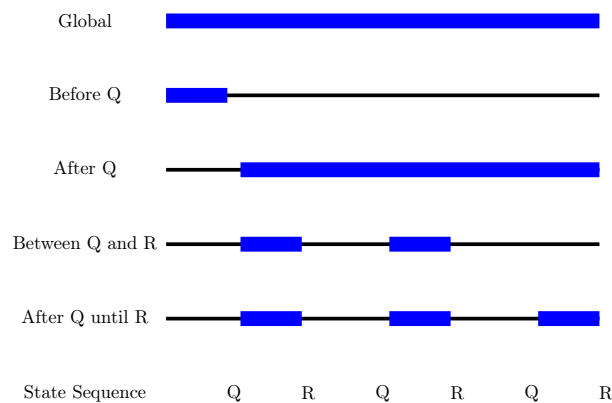
- alternative (Manna and Pnueli)

- orthogonal to safety-liveness classification
- classes:

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| * safety $\Box p$  | * response $\Box \Diamond p$                        |
| * guarantee $\Diamond p$   | * persistence $\Diamond \Box p$                     |
| * obligation $\Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond q$ oder $\Box \vee \Diamond q$ | * reactivity $\Box \Diamond p \vee \Diamond \Box q$ |

- Temporal Logic Specification Patterns: <http://www.cis.ksu.edu/santos/spec-patterns/index.html>

- Scopes used in Specification Patterns



## Büchi Automata and LTL

### Relationship of Büchi-Automata and LTL

- Büchi-Automata more expressive.
  - LTL can not count
- ETL Not counter-free Büchi-Automata  $\approx \omega$ -regular languages
- LTL Counter-free Büchi-Automata  $\approx *$  – *freew*-regular languages

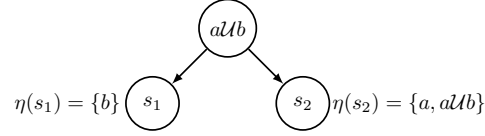
### LTL to Büchi-Automaton Translation

- LTL often more abstract / easier than to directly specify as Büchi-Automata
- next-operator free LTL specified properties are guaranteed to be stutter invariant  $\Rightarrow$  Partial Order Reduction

### Overview

- synthesize an automaton that uses Büchi acceptance criteria to represent the same set of models that satisfy the LTL formula

- let every node  $s$  of this automaton be labeled with an LTL formula  $\eta(s)$ 
  - for some accepting run  $\sigma$ , if the automaton reaches state  $s$ , then the suffix  $\sigma[s \dots]$  must satisfy  $\eta(s)$ , i.e.,  $\sigma[s \dots] \models \eta(s)$
  - the  $\eta(s)$  are of the form  $(\wedge_{i=1 \dots m} \nu_i \wedge \circ(\wedge_{j=1 \dots n} \kappa_j))$ , i.e. the successor nodes of  $s$  have to satisfy  $(\wedge_{j=1 \dots n} \kappa_j)$
  - refine  $\eta(s)$  into shorter subformulas  $\nu_i$  until all  $\nu_i$  are propositional variables in positive or negative form



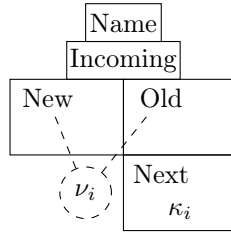
- for  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$ 
  - \* either satisfy  $\Psi$  now or  $\Phi$  now and  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$  later
  - \* split current node
    - first resulting node, add  $\Psi$  to  $\nu_i$
    - second resulting node, add  $\Phi$  to  $\nu_i$  and  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$  to  $\kappa_i$
  - \* keep all  $\nu_i$  and  $\kappa_i$  formulas that are not affected by current splitting
  - \* when all formulas have been split, generate successor node  $s'$  to  $s$
  - \*  $\nu_i$  of  $s'$  are the  $\kappa_i$  of  $s$
  - \*  $\kappa_i$  of  $s'$  are initially empty
  - \* no more splitting? define acceptance condition
- Not necessarily the most effective algorithm, but no proof for more effective exists
- steps of translation
  1. preprocessing: bring formulae into negation normal form
  2. construction of node data structure for Büchi Automaton: recursively decompose
  3. define acceptance criteria to turn node data structure into Büchi Automaton: Use acceptance criterion for GNBA
  4. translate the GNBA into a “simple” NBA
- convert into **negation normal form**, where negation only applies to propositional variables

$$\begin{aligned}
\neg \Box \Phi &\Rightarrow \Diamond \neg \Phi \\
\neg \Diamond \Phi &\Rightarrow \Box \neg \Phi \\
\neg(\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi) &\Rightarrow (\neg \Phi) \mathcal{V} (\neg \Psi) \\
\neg(\Phi \mathcal{V} \Psi) &\Rightarrow (\neg \Phi) \mathcal{U} (\neg \Psi) \\
\neg(\Phi \vee \Psi) &\Rightarrow (\neg \Phi) \wedge (\neg \Psi) \\
\neg(\Phi \wedge \Psi) &\Rightarrow (\neg \Phi) \vee (\neg \Psi) \\
\Phi \rightarrow \Psi &\Rightarrow (\neg \Phi) \vee \Psi \\
\Diamond \Phi &\Rightarrow true \mathcal{U} \Phi \\
\Box &\Rightarrow false \mathcal{V} \Phi
\end{aligned}$$

- Semantics of  $\mathcal{V}$  (unless):  $\Phi$  is false when  $\Psi$  is true
- node data structure

Is this true?

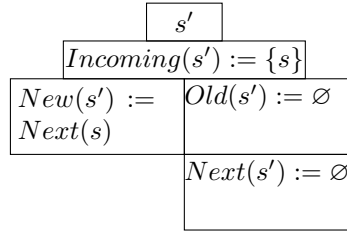
<b>Name</b>	unique identifier for the node	tions
<b>Incoming</b>	list of node names that lead into this node	* $New(s)$ sup $Old(s)$ : $\nu_i$ formulas
<b>New, Old, Next</b>	each is a set of subformulas for $\Phi$	* $New(s)$ : unprocessed formulas
		* $Old(s)$ : processed formulas
	* each node represents suffixes of execu-	* $Next(s)$ : $\kappa_i$ formulas
	<b>Nodes_Set</b>	set of all existant nodes



**Observation** \* assumption:  $\sigma[\dots s]$  satisfies all subformulae in Old or New  
 \* obligation:  $\sigma[(s + 1) \dots]$  satisfies all subformulae in Next

- Nodes can be split (two nodes after) or evolved (one node after)
- Processing of Current node  $s$ : is there a subformula to be processed in *New* of node  $s$ ?
  - no**: node  $s$  is completely processed
    - is there another node  $r$  with the same subformulae as  $s$  in both *Old* and *Next* field?  $\Rightarrow s$  is discarded and incoming edges of  $s$  are added to  $r$
    - else: add node  $s$  to *Nodes\_Set*, continue with new subnode  $s'$

evolve  $\rightarrow$   
 node gets  
 changed  
 only?



- yes**: select subformula  $\eta$  from *New*
  - \* remove  $\eta$  from  $New(s) := New(s) - \{\eta\}$
  - \* determine main Boolean operator in  $\eta \Rightarrow$  determine which rule to apply
  - \* perform split into  $s_1, s_2$  or evolve to  $s'$ 
    - if  $\eta$  is  $\Phi \wedge \Psi$ , **proposition**, **negated proposition** or **Boolean constant**:
      - if  $\eta$  is *false* or if  $\neg\eta$  is in old  $\Rightarrow$  contradiction, discard
      - else:  $s$  evolves into  $s'$
    - if  $\eta = \Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \mathcal{V} \Psi$ ,  $\Phi \vee \Psi$ , split into  $s_1, s_2$

- Automaton construction from node structure

- initial node is initial state
- make transitions to states from all states in *Incoming*
- GNBA Acceptance Conditions
  - \* create set  $F_i$  for each subformula of the form  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$
  - \* this ensures that if  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$  holds in some run,  $\Psi$  must hold later
  - \*  $F_i$  contains all states that either:
    - contain  $\Psi$  in its label
    - does not contain  $\Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$  in its label

- Translation from GNBA  $\mathcal{B} = (\Sigma, S, \delta, I, L, F)$  to NBA  $\mathcal{A}' = (\Sigma, S', \delta', I', F')$ ,  $F = \{F_1 \dots F_n\}$

- $S' = S \times \{1 \dots n\}$
- $I' = I \times \{1\}$
- $\delta'$  is defined by  $(t, i) \in \delta'((s, k), a)$  if  $t \in \delta(s, a)$  and

$$i = k \text{ if } s \notin F_k$$

$$i = (k \bmod n) + 1 \text{ if } s \in F_k$$

- $F' = F_1 \times \{1\}$

- the construction labels states with numbers from  $1 \dots n$

- if the current number is  $k$ , then it will keep  $k$  if we do not go through an acceptance state of  $F_k$
- if we do go through an acceptance state  $F_k$ , then the new value is  $\underbrace{(k \bmod n) + 1}_{\text{the next } k}$
- As soon as we reach an acceptance set from  $F_1$  we look for one from  $F_2$  next and thus go through all acceptance sets

## Complexity of Algorithm

- some optimization possible (redundancies, bisimulation reduction, weak alternating automata, prune parts that don't lead to acceptance cycle)
- number of nodes and runtime is exponential in the length of the LTL formula
- LTL are typically small  $\Rightarrow$  Büchi automaton typically less than 10 states
- LTL model checking is polynomial in the size of the Büchi automaton

## Algorithms for Checking Safety Properties

### Basic DFS

```
Start() begin
| // s0 is initial state of TS
| Add_Statespace(P.T.s0)
| Push_Stack(P.T.s0)
| Search()
end

Search() begin
| s=Top_Stack()
| // this checks the property and prints the counterexample if violated
| if !Safety(s) then
| | Print_Stack(D)
| end
| // P.T.E  $\Rightarrow$  successors(s)
| forall the (s, s')  $\in$  P.T.E do
| | // state not yet visited (uses hashtable)
| | if In_statespace(s' (== false)) then
| | | Add_Statespace(s')
| | | Push_Stack(s')
| | | Search()
| | end
| | Pop_Stack()
| end
end
```

**Algorithm 2:** Basic Depth First Search

- properties for finite state spaces
  - complete exploration of state space
  - termination can be proven
- complexity
  - linear in the number of nodes (which can be exponential in number of components)
- efficiency problem
  - ever node needs to be visited twice, once during generation of asynchronous product LTS, once during state space search  $\Rightarrow$  requires storage of complete reachable state space
  - on-the-fly algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  expand asynchronous product and search



## On-the-fly DFS

```
Start() begin
| //  $s_0$  is initial state of TS
| Add_Statespace( $z_0$ )
| Push_Stack( $z_0$ )
| Search()
end

Search() begin
|  $z = \text{Top\_Stack}()$ 
| // all successor states in all components
| forall the  $i$  with  $i \leq i \leq n$  do
| |  $s = \text{Control}(z, i)$ 
| |  $v = \text{Data}(z)$ 
| | // all successor states in component  $i$ 
| | forall the  $(s, s') \in P.T.E$  do
| | | if  $F(s, s').C(v) == \text{true}$  then
| | | |  $z' = \text{Update}(z, i, s', F(s, s').A(V))$  if  $\text{In\_Statespace}(z') == \text{false}$  then
| | | | | Add_Statespace( $z'$ )
| | | | | Push_Stack( $z'$ )
| | | | | Search()
| | | | end
| | | end
| | end
| end
| end
| Pop_Stack()
end
```

**Algorithm 3:** On-the-fly Depth First Search

- $\text{Control}(z, i)$ : return control state of  $i$  – *th* component
- $\text{Data}(z)$ : return data values  $v_1, \dots, v_n$
- $\text{Update}(z, i, s, f)$ : take  $z$ , replace control of  $i$  – *th* component with  $s$ , apply data action  $f \Rightarrow$  check property

## Basic-DFS vs. On-the-fly DFS

- Trade space complexity (memory) for time-complexity
  - On-the-fly DFS erases the parts of the state space **not on the stack**
  - danger of multiple generation of some states if erased and need to be visited again
- in practical situations: Size (exponential in ...) prevents use of basic dfs algorithm

## BFS

```

Queue  $D = \{\}$ 
Statespace  $V = \{\}$ 
Start() begin
    //  $s_0$  is initial state of TS
    Add_Statespace( $V, A.s_0$ )
    Add_Queue( $D, A.s_0$ )
    Search()
end

Search() begin
    z=Del_Queue()
    foreach  $(s, l, s') \in A.T$  do
        if In_Statespace( $V, s'$ ) == false then
            Add_Statespace( $V, s'$ )
            Add_Queue( $D, s'$ )
            Search()
        end
    end
end

```

**Algorithm 4:** Basic Breadth-First Search

## Depth-First vs. Breadth-First Search

**BFS** always finds shortest counterexample

- otf-DFS**
- easy extension to detect cycles (liveness properties)
  - stack contents automatically yield counterexample
  - memory efficiency, only need to store portion of state space

**conclusion** DFS will be used in most cases, moderately sized models with BFS

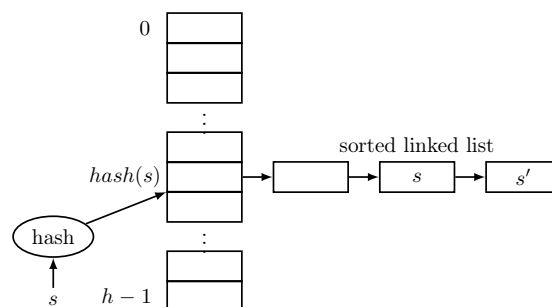
**SPIN** Depth-Bounded Breadth First Search

- May lead to incomplete search

### 0.1 Bitstate Hashing (Supertrace)

Don't want to revisit states, that have previously been visited. To efficiently determine, whether a state was visited before: use a **hashtable**

- $h$  slots with lists of zero or more states
  - store new state  $s$ : compute  $hash(s)$  out of  $0 \dots (h-1)$
  - lookup state  $s$ : compute  $hash(s)$ , search for  $s$  in sorted linked list, if not found add  $s$  to linked list
  - SPIN uses checksum-polynomial as well as Jenkin's hashing
- impact of hash collisions:
  - $r$  number of states stored in hash table
  - $h$  number of slots in table
  - if  $h \gg r$  then each state can be stored in different slot for equal distribution
    - $\Rightarrow$  linked list in every slot either empty or just one element
    - $\Rightarrow$  almost no storage and time overhead



- if  $h < r$ , then hash collisions lead to lists with  $length \geq 1$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  on average  $\frac{r}{h}$  comparisons in linked list required per state access
  - $\Rightarrow$  overhead grows linearly with  $\frac{r}{h}$
- if  $h \gg r$ : what should we do
  - \* store just **one bit**, indicating whether state was visited before, or not
  - \* dramatic savings in state space consumption
  - \* problem of duplicates:
    - renders method incomplete, when  $hash(s) = hash(s')$  for  $s \neq s'$  (two different states with same hash, algo will assume, that state was visited before)
    - does not compromise soundness of method (every error, that is found is indeed an error, not all errors may be found)
- increased coverage due to bistate hashing
  - \*  $m$  : bit to store in hash table
  - \*  $S$  : bits per state description
  - \*  $r$  : number of reachable states
  - \*  $h$  : slots in hash table
- less than  $\frac{m}{s}$  will fit in memory, since hash table itself requires space
- if  $r > \frac{m}{S}$ , search will abort after exploring a fraction of  $\frac{m}{r*S}$  of the state space
- practical experience shows, that bitstate hashing produces greater coverage due to ability to store more states

## Model Checking $\omega$ -Regular Properties

To validate liveness-properties we need to visit every state and check, whether a cycle violating the condition can be found. This can be achieved by two nested DFS'

### Persistence

We call “**eventually forever  $\neg F$** ” a **persistence** property:  
 Let  $P_{pers} \subseteq (2^{AP})^\omega$  an LT property and  $\Phi$  some propositional logic formula over  $AP$ . We call

$$P_{pers} = \{A_0 A_1 A_2 \dots \in (2^{AP})^\omega \mid \exists i \geq 0. \forall j \geq i. A_j \models \Phi\}$$

a **persistence property** and  $\Phi$  a **persistence** (or state) **condition** of  $P_{pers}$ .  $\Phi$  represents a propositional property that after a while (=a finite number of steps) becomes an invariant

### Persistence Checking

- Check wheter  $TS \not\models P_{pers}$  with persistence condition  $\Phi$
- Algorithmic Idea
  - Let  $s$  a state reachable in  $TS$  with  $S \not\models \Phi \Rightarrow$  then  $TS$  has an initial path fragment leading into  $s$
  - If  $s$  is on a cycle
    - $\Rightarrow$  this path fragment can be continued by an infinite path in  $TS$  by re-visiting  $s$  infinitely often
    - $\Rightarrow TS$  may visit the  $\neg\Phi$ -state  $s$  infinitely often, which hence means

$$TS \not\models P_{pers}$$

- If no  $\neg\Phi$ -state  $s$  on a cycle can be found, then  $TS \models P_{pers}$

$TS \not\models P_{pers}$  iff  $\exists s \in Reach(TS). s \not\models \Phi \wedge s$  is on a cycle in  $G(TS)$   
The following statements are equivalent

1.  $TS \not\models P$
2.  $Traces(TS) \cap \mathcal{L}_\omega(\mathcal{A}) = \emptyset$
3.  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A} \models P_{pers(\mathcal{A})}$

- model checking  $\omega$ -regular properties is reduced to checking persistence properties and thus finding cycles in  $TS \otimes \mathcal{A}$

## Nested Depth First Search NDfs

performs two nested DFS searches, post-order traversal for the first DFS.

```
// emptiness of  $\mathcal{L}(TS \otimes \mathcal{A})$ 
emptiness() begin
  dfs1( $q_0$ )
  terminate(false)
end

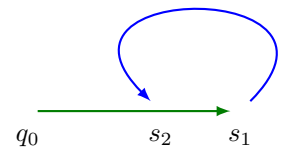
dfs1( $q$ ) begin
  local  $q'$ 
  // mark  $q$  as visited by dfs1
  hash( $q$ )
  // on-the-fly
  forall the successors  $q'$  of  $q$  do
    if  $q'$  not in hashtable then
      | dfs1( $q'$ )
    end
  end
  // acceptance state
  if  $q \in F$  then
    | dfs2( $q$ )
  end
end

// All states visited by dfs2 have previously been generated by dfs1
dfs2( $q$ ) begin
  local( $q'$ )
  // mark  $q$  as visited by dfs2
  flag( $q$ )
  forall the successors  $q'$  of  $q$  do
    if  $q'$  on dfs1-stack then
      | terminate(true)
    else
      | if  $q'$  not flagged then
        | | dfs2( $q'$ )
      | end
    end
  end
end
end
```

### Algorithm 5: Nested Depth First Search

Derivation of counterexample for **terminate(true)**

- dfs2( $s_1$ )
- $s_2$  is found by dfs2 on dfs1-stack
- counterexample construction:  $(q_0 \dots s_2)(s_2 \dots s_2)^\omega$



## Observations

- NDFS will not produce all accepting runs, but just one, iff there is one (i.e. completeness is not compromised)
- DFS2 will only encounter states that have previously been reached by DFS1 (post-order traversal)  
 $\Rightarrow$  a state, once flagged will not be re-expanded during cycle detection
- Post-Order vs. Pre-Order Traversal Strategy
  - alternative: pre-ordered nested search
    - \* search an acceptance state and once encountered, find a cycle
    - \* quadratic worst case time overhead, linear worst case space overhead  $\Rightarrow$  since second search has to be invoked with a newly initialized list of flagged states $\Rightarrow$  post-order traversal strategy of NDFS is more efficient

## Nested DFS vs. Tarjans's SCC Detection

	NDfs
Tarjan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• same worst case complexity</li> <li>• memory overhead: 2 – <i>bits</i> per state (hash + flag)</li> <li>• enables supertrace / bitstate hashing</li> <li>• finds one accepting path, if one exists (suffices to refute claimed property)</li> </ul>

## Property Specification in Promela

- Progress State Labels
  - processes may diverge in infinite loops without ever making any visible progress
  - prepending “progress” in front of a name of a control state label means, that any cyclic execution of the Promela model must lead though at least on progress labeled state, otherwise “non-progress-cycle”
- Temporal or Never Claims
  - possibility to specify temporal properties directly as Büchi automata
  - Promela model and never claim are executed as synchronous product
- also permitted: end, progress, assert
- LTL gets translated to never claim, as those are often unintuitive

## Path Properties

- evaluated along execution paths
- Let  $R$  an asynchronous product of a set of MTS

- $R$  is **free of non-progress cycles** if at least one state in the cyclic suffix of any cyclic trace of  $R.P.T.E$  in  $R.PR\bar{G}$  (progress states)
- $R$  is **free of accepting cycles** if no state of the cyclic suffix of any cyclic trace of  $R.P.T.E$  is in  $R.ACC$  (acceptance states  $F$ )

- need for cycle-searching algorithm for accepting cycle detection
  - traverse state space to find an accepting state  $x \Rightarrow$  a procut state  $z$  is accepting if at least oine of the component  $MTS$  is in  $M_i.ACC$
  - change to second state space, set  $x$  as seed, check whether  $x$  is reachable form itself  $\Rightarrow$  post-order traversal

$\Rightarrow$  NDfs

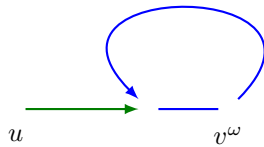
- on-the-fly Non-Progress Cycle Detection  
let  $x \in M_i.PR\bar{G}$  for all  $i$ 
  - check, whether  $x$  is reachable from itself
  - if so, and if for all states  $y$  in this cycle  $y \notin M_i.PR\bar{G}$  for all  $i$ , then a non-progress cycle has been detected

## Automata-based Model Checking

- Computing  $L(M) \subseteq L(S)$
- let  $\Sigma^\omega - L(S) = \overline{L(S)}$  then

$$L(M) \subseteq L(S) \leftrightarrow L(M) \cap \overline{L(S)} = \emptyset$$

- implementation variants:
  - direct complementation of  $S$ : non-trivial operation  
for NBA  $S$  with  $n$  states, complement has  $2^{\mathcal{O}(n \log n)}$  states
  - direct specification of  $\bar{S}$
  - specify LTL formula  $\varphi$ , obtain  $\neg\varphi$ , tranlaste  $\neg\varphi$  into equivalent NBA
- Existence of counterexample
  - $L(M) \cap \overline{L(S)} = \emptyset \Rightarrow A$  satisfies  $S$
  - $L(M) \cap \overline{L(S)} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow C$  is counterexample for the non-satisfaction of  $S$  by  $M$
  - it can be shown, that any word in  $C$  can be represented by an  $\omega$ -regular expression of the form  $uv^\omega$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are finite state event sequences



- Construction of the Intersection of Büchi Automata
  - let  $M_1 = (Q_1, q_0, q_{0,1}, A, \delta_1, F_1)$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, q_2, q_{0,2}, A, \delta_2, F_2)$  be two Büchi automata
  - the Büchi automaton accepting  $L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$  can be defined as

$$M_1 \cap M_2 = (Q_1 \times Q_2 \times \{0, 1, 2\}, (q_{0,1}, q_{0,2}, 0), A, \delta, Q_1 \times Q_2 \times \{2\})$$

such that  $(\langle r_i, q_i, x \rangle, a, \langle r_k, q_n, y \rangle) \in \delta$  iff all of the following contidions hold:

1.  $(r_i, a, r_k) \in \delta_1$  and  $(q_j, a, q_n) \in \delta_2$  (the transition of the intersection automaton agree with the transition of the operand automata)
  2. The third component of the state tuples can be computed as follows:
    - \* if  $x = 0$  and  $r_k \in F_1$ , then  $y = 1$
    - \* if  $x = 1$  and  $q_n \in F_2$ , then  $y = 2$
    - \* if  $x = 2$  then  $y = 0$
    - \* else,  $y = x$
- third component in state ensures, that acceptance states of both operand automata  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  occur infinitely often in accepting cycle
  - construction is generally considered to inefficient

## Emptiness Check for Büchi Automata

- Let  $M = (Q, q_0, A, \delta, F)$  a Büchi automaton, let  $\rho$  a run on  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma$  is being accepted by  $M$
- $\rho$  contains infinitely many accepting states from  $F$
- since  $Q$  is finite, there is a suffix  $\rho'$  of  $\rho$  such that every state in  $\rho'$  occurs infinitely often
- Every state in  $\rho'$  is reachable from every other state in  $\rho' \Rightarrow$  states in  $\rho'$  form an SCC

## Promela Never Claim

- just one instance per Promela model
- executed synchronously with the rest of the model
- can perform a step when condition label on transition is satisfied in current state of Promela model
- the final state of never claim is always indicating a property violation: stuttering semantics: final state repeated forever
- there is something missing here: part 15.44-47

## Fairness

**strong fairness:** a  $\omega$ -run  $\sigma$  satisfies the property of **strong fairness** if it contains infinitely many transitions from every componen automaton (proctype), which is infinitely often enabled in  $\sigma$

$$\forall \text{ component automata } i : \Box \diamond \text{enabled}(i) \Rightarrow \Box \diamond \text{taken}(i)$$

**weak fairness:** a  $\omega$ -run  $\sigma$  satisfies the property of **weak fairness** if it contains infinitely many transitions from every componen automaton (proctype), which is enabled infinitely long in  $\sigma$

$$\forall \text{ component automata } i : \diamond \Box \text{enabled}(i) \Rightarrow \Box \diamond \text{taken}(i)$$

- avoidance of explicit specification of fairness constraints using LTL formulae by **built-in** fairness checking algorithms

**strong fairness:** runtime increase by factor  $n^2$ , where  $n$  is the number of concurrent components

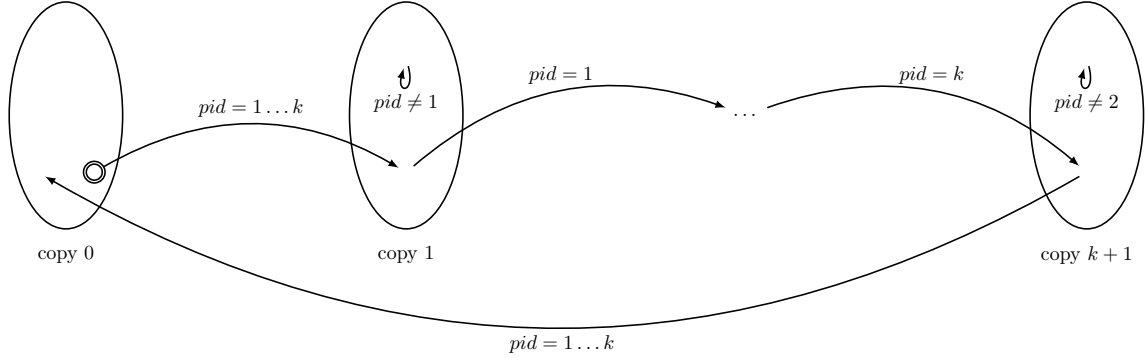
**weak fairness** runtime increase by factor  $n$

implemented in SPIN

in practice the factor is often 2

- Construction: based on Chouekas flag construction
- NDFS checks LTS consisting of  $k$  component LTSs
- create  $k + 2$  copies of the LTS that is obtained from the asynchronous product of the component LTSs
- preserve acceptance labels only in copy 0

- change outgoing transitions from acceptance states in copy 0 to point to corresponding state in copy 1
- in  $i$ th component ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) component, destination state of each transition contributed by  $LTS_i$  to corresponding state in  $LTS_{i+1}$ , transitions contributed by other LTSs remain in same component
- all outgoing transition in copy  $k + 1$  are pointing to copy 0
- a component LTS that has no enabled transition in some state  $s$  does not need to participate in infinite run that traverses  $s$
- add a null transition from every state  $s$  in copy  $i$  to the same state  $S$  in copy  $i$



- effect:
  - no change in behaviour
  - accepting  $\omega$  run now contains transitions from all  $k$  component LTSs
  - there can be no accepting cycles in copy 0
- use NDFS on undolded graph to detect weakly fair acceptance cycles
- Implementation optimizations:
  - do not store  $n + 2$  copies, but a  $k - bit$  vector indicating in which copy this state has been reached
- worst case time penalty  $2(k + 2)$   
in practice: factor = 2

## Partial Oder Reduction

for concurrent events  $a||b$  any possible interleaving will be part of set of valid system executions that the model checkers explores. Partial Order Reduction tries to prune execution sequences, that don't change the effect with respect to the property to be checked (i.e. reduces redundancy w.r.t. property).

```

explore_statespace() begin
  | set on_stack( $q_0$ )
  | dfs( $q_0$ )
end
dfs() begin
  | work_set( $q$ ) := ample( $q$ )
  | local  $q'$ 
  | hash( $q$ )
  | forall the elements  $q'$  not in hashtable do
  |   | on_stack( $q'$ )
  |   | dfs( $q'$ )
  | end
  | set completed( $q$ )
end

```

**Algorithm 6:** On-the-fly Depth-First-Search with Partial Order Reduction



## Ample Set

Calculation of  $ample(q) \subseteq enabled(q)$

- include sufficiently many elements from  $enabled(q)$  so that model checking algorithm delivers **correct results**
- use of  $ample(q)$  should lead to a **significantly smaller** state graph (in terms of states and transitions)
- computation of  $ample(q)$  should be doable with **acceptable computation overhead**

A **state transition system** is a tuple  $(S, T, S_0, L)$  where

- $S$  : finite set of states
- $S_0 \subseteq S$  : finite set of initial states
- $L : S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$  : function that labels every state with the  $AP$  true in that state
- $T$  : finite set of transition relations so that for each  $\alpha \in T, \alpha \subseteq S \times S$

let  $\alpha \in T, s \in S$  then

- $\alpha \in enabled(s)$  iff  $(\exists s' \in S)((s, s') \in \alpha)$
- $\alpha$  is deterministic if for every  $s$ , there is at most one  $s'$  so that  $(s, s') \in \alpha$  (consider only deterministic transitions)
- we write  $s' = \alpha(s)$  for  $(s, s') \in \alpha$

## Independence

$I \subseteq T \times T$  is an independence relation if  $I$  is symmetric and antireflexive and the following conditions hold for each  $s \in S$  and for each  $(\alpha, \beta) \in I$  :

1. if  $\alpha, \beta \in enabled(s)$  then  $\alpha \in enabled(\beta(s))$   
**enabledness**: a pair of independent transitions do not disable each other when taken
2. if  $\alpha, \beta \in enabled(s)$  then  $\alpha(\beta(s)) = \beta(\alpha(s))$   
**commutativity**: executing pair of independent transitions in any order result in same state

**Dependence Relation**:  $D := (T \times T) - I$

## Correctness of Pruning

Elimination may still deliver incorrect results (even if you show independence before) if:

1.  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  may influence the outcome of the property check (the property is not insensitive to whether  $s_1$  or  $s_2$  is being reached)
2.  $s_1$  or  $s_2$  may have successor states other than  $r$  that would be pruned in case either of the two states did not belong to the reduced state space

## 0.2 Invisibility

$T = (S, T, S_0, L)$  a state transition system,  $AP' \subseteq AP$   
 $\alpha \in T$  is **invisible** w.r.t  $AP'$  if

$$(\forall s, s' \in S | s' = \alpha(s)) ((L(s) \cap AP') = (L(s') \cap AP'))$$

(i.e. a transition is invisible w.r.t. some selected set of propositions if its execution doesn't change the truth value for the selected set of propositions)

### 0.3 Invariance under Stuttering

two paths  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  through a state transition system are **stuttering equivalent** (written as  $\sigma \sim_{st} \rho$ ) if the following condition holds:

- there are two infinite sequences of integers

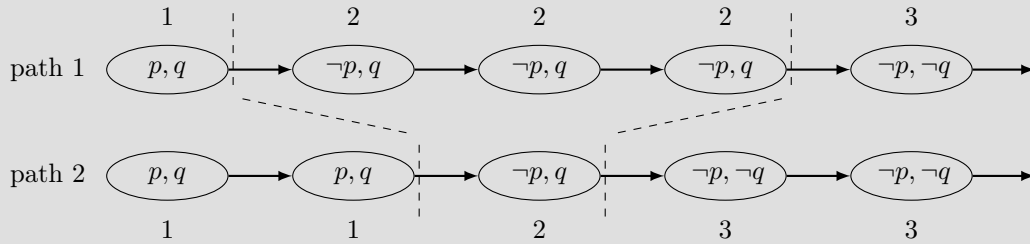
$$0 = i_0 < i_2 < \dots$$

$$0 = j_0 < j_1 < \dots$$

such that for every  $k \geq 0$

$$L(s_{i_k}) = L(s_{i_{k+1}}) = L(s_{i_{k+1}-1}) = L(r_{j_k}) = L(r_{j_{k+1}}) = L(r_{j_{k+1}-1})$$

- identically labeled sequences of states are called blocks



### Invariance under Stuttering

An LTL formula  $f$  is invariant under stuttering, if for each pair of paths  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  such that  $\pi \sim_{st} \pi'$ :

$$\pi \models f \text{ iff } \pi' \models f$$

- let  $LTL_\chi$  denote the set of all LTL formulae free of the nexttime operator  $\circ$
- any property expressible in  $LTL_\chi$  is invariant under stuttering
- any stutter invariant property that is expressible with LTL can be expressed in  $LTL_\chi$

#### Stutter Invariance for Transition Systems

Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be state transition systems.  $M$  and  $M'$  are **stutter invariant** iff

- they have the same set of initial states
- for each path  $\sigma$  of  $M$  that starts in an initial state of  $M$  there is a path  $\sigma'$  of  $M'$  that starts in an initial state of  $M'$  such that  $\sigma \sim_{st} \sigma'$
- the same for the other way around
- Let  $M$  and  $M'$  two stuttering equivalent state transition systems. For ever property expressed by an  $LTL_\chi$  formula  $f$  and every initial state  $s \in S_0$  the following holds true:

$$(M, s) \models f \text{ iff } (M', s) \models f$$

( $LTL_\chi$  formulae cannot distinguish between stuttering equivalent state transition systems)

## Partial Order Reduction for $LTL_\chi$

- $s$  is fully expanded, iff  $enabled(s) = ample(s)$
- else: provide conditions for selecting  $ample(s)$  such that reduced state space satisfies property expressed by  $LTL_\chi$  formula  $f$

**C0:** at-least-one-successor rule

$$(\forall s \in S)(ample(s) = \emptyset \text{ iff } enabled(s) = \emptyset)$$

if a state has at least one successor in the full state space, it has at least one successor in the reduced state space

**C1:** dependent-transition rule

Along every path in the full state space that starts at  $s$ , a transition that is dependent on a transition in  $ample(s)$  cannot be executed without a transition in  $ample(s)$  occurring first.

for all paths in the full state space starting at  $s$ , the following holds true:

need to check for C1 without actually computing full state space in order to enable on-the-fly model checking, will later be done by approximation

- a transition  $\alpha'$  that is dependent on a transition  $\alpha \in ample(s)$  cannot be executed without a transition from  $ample(s)$  occurring first
- the transition in  $enabled(s) - ample(s)$  are all independent of those in  $ample(s)$

**C2:** invisibility rule

for all states  $s \in S$ : if  $s$  is not fully expanded, then every  $\alpha \in ample(s)$  is invisible

**C3:** cycle condition (also called "Cycle Proviso")

The reduced state graph may not contain a cycle in which  $\alpha \in enabled(s)$  for some state  $s$  of the cycle so that  $\alpha \notin ample(s')$  for all states  $s'$  of the cycle

- for  $LTL_\chi$  property  $f$ , reduction depends on the set  $AP_f$  of atomic propositions occurring in  $f$

## Preservation of Correctness

**C1: dependent transition rule**

Ensure, that the DFS algorithm, when applied to the reduced statespace does not prune any parts of the graph, that are essential to the property when choosing the next transition to explore from  $ample(s)$

C1 ensures that:

**case 1:**  $\beta_0\beta_1 \dots \beta_m\alpha$ , where  $\alpha \in ample(s)$  and each  $\beta_i$  is independent of all transitions in  $ample(s)$ , including  $\alpha$

**case 2:**  $\beta_0\beta_1 \dots$  where  $\beta_i$  is independent of all transitions in  $ample(s)$

$\Rightarrow \beta_i$  is independent from transitions on  $ample(s) \Rightarrow$  cannot disable them

**C2: Invisibility rule**

as alls transitions in  $ample(s)$  are invisible, for  $\alpha \in ample(s)$ :

$$\alpha\beta_0\beta_1 \dots \text{ is stuttering equivalent to } \beta_0\beta_1$$

## Partial Order Reduction and Search

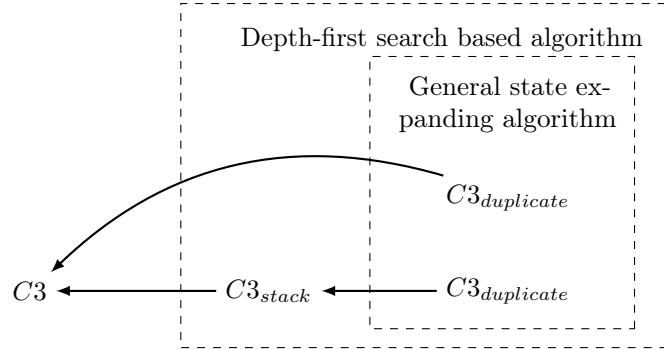
Conditions C0, C1, C2 are independent of search algorithm, C3 is global condition and as expensive to check as model checking itself

- C3 can be over-approximated as  $C3_{cycle}$  :
  - every cycle in the reduced state space contains at least one state, that is fully expanded ( $enabled(s) = ample(s)$ )
  - expensive, since it requires cycle detection

- not on-the-fly
- $C3$  further over-approximated for safety-properties as  $C3_{stack}$ 
  - if a state is not fully expanded, then at least one transition in  $ample(s)$  does not lead to a state that is on the search stack
  - only applicable to stack-based DFS search
  - stronger than  $C3$ , less reduction
- Overapproximation of  $C3$  for non-DFS (e.g. BFS,  $A^*$ )

$C3_{duplicate}$ : if a state is not entirely expanded, then at least one transition in  $ample(s)$  does not lead into a previously visited state  $\Rightarrow$  will not necessarily close a cycle

$C3_{static}$ : if a state is not fully expanded, then there is no transition in  $ample(s)$  which closes a cycle in the control flow of a local process



## Computational effort:

**C0** easy, constant time

**C1** checking this is at least as hard as checking reachability for full state space  $\Rightarrow$  over-approximation heuristics

**C2** easy, static analysis of the transitions in the set

## Heuristics for C1

- $pc_i(s)$  : program counter for process  $P_i$  in state  $s$
- $pre(\alpha)$  : all transitions  $\beta$ , such that there is a state  $s$  for which  $\alpha \notin enabled(s), \beta \in enabled(s)$  and  $\alpha \in enabled(\beta(s))$
- $dep(\alpha) = \{\beta | (\beta, \alpha) \in D\}$ , the set of all dependent transitions of  $\alpha$
- $T_i(s)$  : transitions of process  $i$  enabled in state  $s$
- $current(s)$  : set of transitions of  $P_i$  that are enabled in some state  $s'$  such that  $pc_i(s') = pc_i(s)$

Definition of  $pre(\alpha)$  and  $D$  may not be exact

$pre(\alpha)$  may contain transitions that do not enable  $\alpha$

$D$  may contain transitions that are actually independent

This allows for efficient computation of ample sets while preserving correctness of p.o. reduction.

## Specialization of $pre(\alpha)$ for different Modles of Computation

- $pre(\alpha)$  includes transitions of processes that contain  $\alpha$  and that can change some  $pc_i$  to a value from which  $\alpha$  can execute
- if enabling condition for  $\alpha$  involves shared variables, then  $pre(\alpha)$  contains all other transitions that can change these shared variables
- if  $\alpha$  involves sending/receiving to/from quere  $d$ , then all transitions from other processes sending or receiving to/from  $d$  are in  $pre(\alpha)$

## Statically computing $D$ for Different Model of Computation

$D$  includes:

- pairs of transitions that share a variable that is changed by at least one of them
- pairs of transitions belonging to the same process  $i$ 
  - transitions in  $P_i$  share “variable”  $pc_i$
  - includes in particular pairs of transitions in  $current_i(s)$  for given  $s$  and  $P_i$
  - rendez-vous communication: common transition of two processes, all transitions of both processes included in  $D$

not included in  $D$

- pair of send and receive transitions in different processes referring to the same channel d. they can enable, but never diable each other

Ample Set Construction:

- candidate for  $ample(s) : T_i(s)$ 
  - all transitions in  $T_i(s)$  are interdependent
  - $ample(s)$  must contain either all of the transitions in  $T_i(s)$ , or none of them
- select  $P_i$  such that  $T_i(s) \neq \emptyset$  and use  $T_i(s)$  as a candidate for  $ample(s)$
- what if this candidate  $ample(s)$  does not satisfy  $C1$ ?
  - some transitions independent of  $T_i(s)$  are executed, eventually enabling transition  $\alpha$  that is dependent on  $T_i(s)$
  - the interdependent transitions cannot be in  $T_i$ , since all the transitions of  $P_i$  are interdependent
- cases in which  $ample(s)$  does not satisfy  $C1$ 
  1.  $\alpha$  belongs to some other process  $P_k$ 
    - then necessarily  $dep(T_i(s))$  includes a transition of some process  $P_k$
    - this condition can easily be checked by examining  $D$
  2.  $\alpha$  belongs to  $P_i$ 
    - suppose that some  $\alpha \in T_i$ , violating  $C1$ , is executed from state  $s'$
    - transition on path  $s, \dots, s'$  are independent of  $T_i(s)$  and hence, belong to other processes
    - hence  $pc_i(s) = pc_i(s')$  and  $\alpha \in current_i(s)$
    - also,  $\alpha \notin T_i(s)$  otherwise no  $C1$  violation
    - hence  $\alpha \in current_i(s) - T_i(s)$
    - $\alpha \notin T_i(s) \Rightarrow \alpha$  is disabled in  $s$
    - therefore, transition in  $pre(\alpha)$  must be in  $s, \dots, s'$
    - then necessarily,  $pre(current_i(s) - T_i(s))$  includes transition of processes other than  $P_i$
    - can be checked efficiently
- if one of these tests fails:
  - discard  $T_i(s)$  as candidate
  - try other process, i.e.  $T_k(s)$
- approach is over-approximating:  
ample sets might be discarded even though they would not actually violate  $C1$  if the program was executed dynamically