

Modeling & Verification

Hennessy-Milner Logic

Max Tschaikowski (tschaikowski@cs.aau.dk)

Slides Courtesy of Giorgio Bacci

in the last Lecture

- Properties of Strong Bisimilarity (review)
- Example: Buffer implementation in CCS
- Weak Bisimilarity (Properties & Game characterisation)
- Tool: Concurrency Workbench Aalborg Edition (CAAL)

in this Lecture

- Model Checking (idea & motivations)
- Hennessy-Milner Logic (syntax & semantics)
- Correspondence with Strong Bisimilarity
- example in CAAL

Verifying Correctness

Equivalence Checking Approach

$$\text{Impl} \equiv \text{Spec}$$

- \equiv is an abstract equivalence, e.g. \sim or \approx
- **Spec** & **Impl** often expressed in the same language
- **Spec** provides the full specification of the behaviour

Model Checking Approach

$$\text{Impl} \models \text{Property}$$

- \models is the *satisfaction* relation
- **Property** is often expressed via a logic
- **Property** is a specific feature of the behaviour

Example of Properties

$$CS \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{pub}}.\overline{\text{coin}}.(\text{coffee}.CS + \text{tea}.CS)$$

- is **not** willing to drink **tea**, **now**
- is willing to drink **both** **coffee** and **tea**, **now**
- is willing to drink **tea** **but not** **coffee**, **now**
- **never** drinks **alcoholic** beverages
- **always** produces a **publication** **after** drinking **coffee**

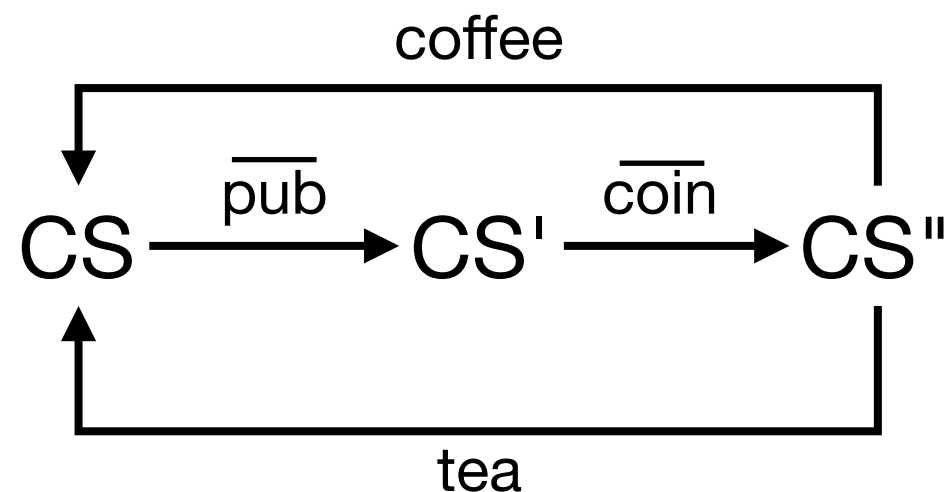
We need a logical language to formally express the above properties of reactive systems

Modal Logic

We need special logical connectives able to relate the current with the next states of a process

Modal connectives (possibility vs necessity)

- **can** drink a coffee now
- **cannot** drink coffee now
- **always** can produce a publication **after** drinking coffee

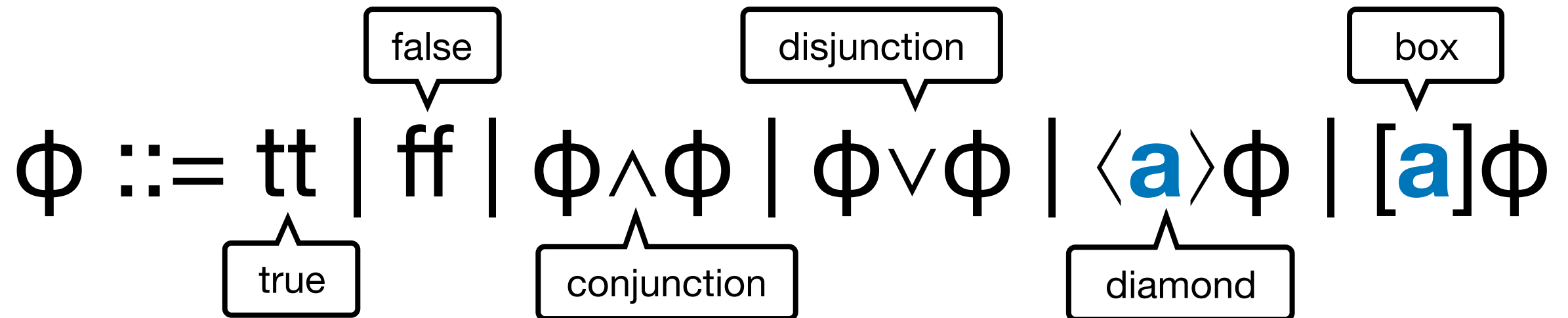


Hennessy-Milner Logic



syntax & semantics

Syntax of HML



We denote by \mathcal{M} the set of all HML formulas

Intuition

- **tt** all processes satisfy this property
- **ff** no processes satisfy this property
- \wedge and \vee , usual Boolean connectives (AND and OR)
- $\langle a \rangle \phi$ there is at least one a -successor that satisfies ϕ
- $[a] \phi$ all a -successors satisfy ϕ

Semantics of HML

Let $(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \text{Act}\})$ be an LTS

Definition (Satisfiability Relation $\models \subseteq \text{Proc} \times \mathcal{M}$)

- $p \models \text{tt}$ always (i.e., for all $p \in \text{Proc}$)
- $p \models \text{ff}$ never (i.e., for no $p \in \text{Proc}$)
- $p \models \phi \wedge \psi$ iff $p \models \phi$ and $p \models \psi$
- $p \models \phi \vee \psi$ iff $p \models \phi$ or $p \models \psi$
- $p \models \langle a \rangle \phi$ iff $\exists p' \in \text{Proc}$ such that $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ and $p' \models \phi$
- $p \models [a] \phi$ iff $\forall p' \in \text{Proc}$ such that $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ then $p' \models \phi$

We write $p \not\models \phi$ whenever p does not satisfy ϕ

Examples

How can we formally express the properties seen before?

Informal Description	HML
can drink a coffee now	$\langle \text{coffee} \rangle tt$
cannot drink coffee now	??
always can produce a publication after drinking coffee	$[\text{coffee}] \langle \overline{\text{pub}} \rangle tt$

Expressing Negation

For every formula ϕ we define the formula ϕ^c as follows:

Definition (Complement)

$$tt^c = ff$$

$$ff^c = tt$$

$$(\phi \wedge \psi)^c = \phi^c \vee \psi^c$$

De Morgan's laws

$$(\phi \vee \psi)^c = \phi^c \wedge \psi^c$$

$$(\langle a \rangle \phi)^c = [a] \phi^c$$

note the switching
of the modalities

$$([a] \phi)^c = \langle a \rangle \phi^c$$

"cannot drink coffee now"
can be expressed as
 $(\langle \text{coffee} \rangle tt)^c = [\text{coffee}]ff$

Theorem

For any $p \in \text{Proc}$ any ϕ HML formula, $p \not\models \phi$ iff $p \models \phi^c$

Denotational Semantics

For a formula ϕ , let $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \subseteq \text{Proc}$ contain all states that satisfy ϕ

Definition (Denotation $\llbracket - \rrbracket: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow 2^{\text{Proc}}$)

$$\llbracket \text{tt} \rrbracket = \text{Proc}$$

$$\llbracket \text{ff} \rrbracket = \emptyset$$

$$\llbracket \phi \wedge \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket \cap \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \phi \vee \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket \cup \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \langle a \rangle \phi \rrbracket = \langle \cdot a \cdot \rangle \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket [a] \phi \rrbracket = [\cdot a \cdot] \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$$

where for all $S \subseteq \text{Proc}$ we define

$$\langle \cdot a \cdot \rangle S = \{ p \in \text{Proc} \mid \exists p'. p \xrightarrow{a} p' \text{ and } p' \in S \}$$

$$[\cdot a \cdot] S = \{ p \in \text{Proc} \mid \forall p'. p \xrightarrow{a} p' \text{ implies } p' \in S \}$$

Equivalence of Semantics

Theorem

Let $(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \text{Act}\})$ be an LTS, $p \in \text{Proc}$ and ϕ a formula of Hennessy-Milner Logic, then

$$p \models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad p \in \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$$

Proof: by induction on the structure of the formula ϕ
(see Exercise 5.6 in the textbook)

break?

Relation between HML & Strong Bisimilarity

Hennessy-Milner Theorem

There is a fruitful connection between the apparently unrelated concepts of strong bisimilarity and HML

Theorem

Let $(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \text{Act}\})$ be an image-finite LTS,
 $p, q \in \text{Proc}$ two states. Then

$$p \sim q \quad \text{iff} \quad \underbrace{\text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{M}. (p \models \phi \Leftrightarrow q \models \phi)}$$

logical equivalence!

Hence, if $p \not\sim q$, there exists a **distinguishing** HML formula!

Image-finite LTS

Definition (Image-finite LTS)

An LTS $(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \text{Act}\})$ is image-finite if for every $p \in \text{Proc}$ and every $\alpha \in \text{Act}$, the set

$$\{p' \in \text{Proc} \mid p \xrightarrow{\alpha} p'\} \text{ is finite}$$

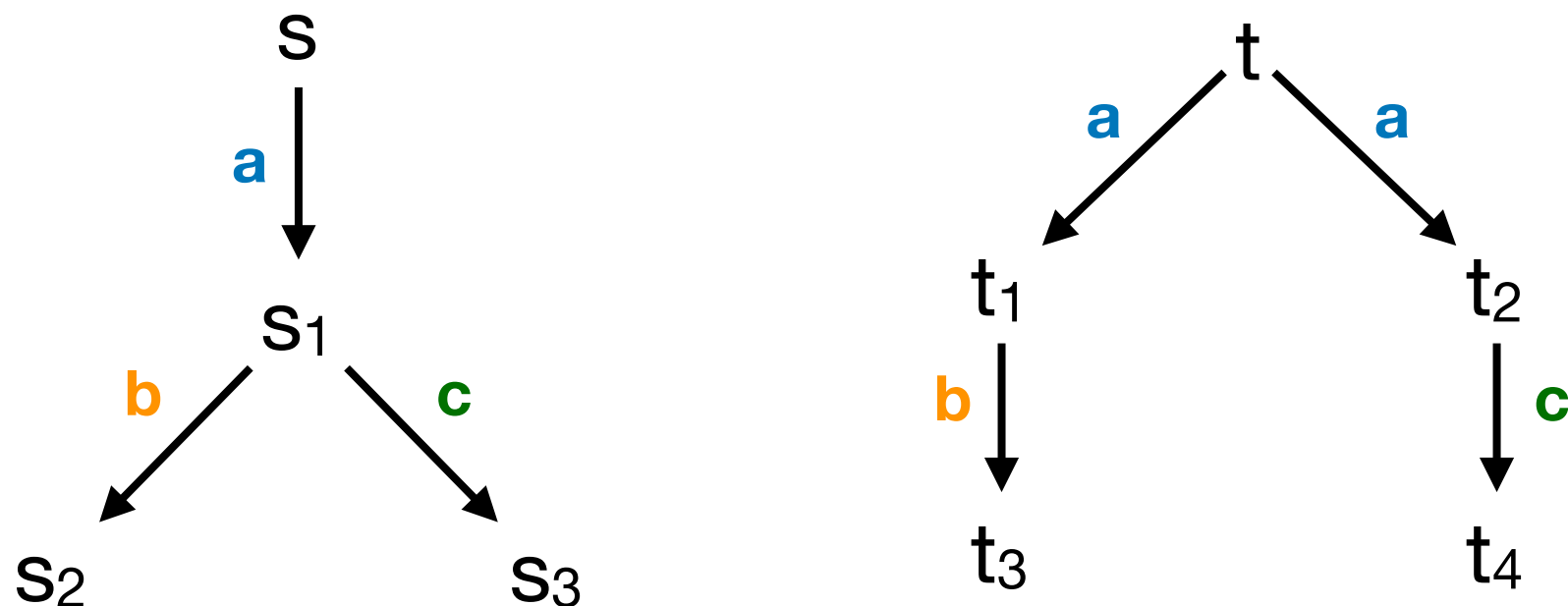
The following CCS processes are not image finite

$$\text{Rep} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{a}.0 \mid \text{Rep}$$

$$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i \geq 0} \mathbf{a}.0$$

Distinguishing formulas

We have already showed that $s \not\sim t$ by using the game characterisation of strong bisimilarity.



Can we do the same by using Hennessy-Milner theorem?

Example Session in CAAL

<http://caal.cs.aau.dk>