

# **Logics of Programs**

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- Are modal logics that allow describing properties of transition systems
- Examples:
  - Hennessy-Milner Logic
  - Propositional Dynamic Logics
  - Mu-calculus
- Perfectly suited for describing transition systems: they can tell apart transition systems modulo **bisimulation**

# **Hennessy-Milner Logic**

*HM Logic aka (multi) modal logic K*

- Syntax:

$\Phi := p$

*(atomic propositions)*

$[a]\Phi \mid <a>\Phi$

*(modal operators)*

$\neg\Phi \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false}$

*(closed under booleans)*

- Propositions are used to denote atomic properties of states
- $<a>\Phi$  means there exists an a-transition that leads to a state where  $\Phi$  holds; i.e., expresses the capability of executing action a bringing about  $\Phi$
- $[a]\Phi$  means that all a-transitions lead to states where  $\Phi$  holds; i.e., express that executing action a brings about  $\Phi$

# **Hennessy-Milner Logic**

- Semantics: assigns meaning to the formulas.
- Given a TS  $T = \langle P, A, S, s_0, \delta, \Pi \rangle$ , a state  $s \in S$ , and a formula  $\Phi$ , we define (by structural induction) the “truth relation”

$T, s \models \Phi$

- $T, s \models p$  if  $p \in \Pi(s)$ ;
- $T, s \models [a] \Phi$  if **for all**  $s'$  such that  $s \rightarrow_a s'$  we have  $T, s' \models \Phi$ ;
- $T, s \models \langle a \rangle \Phi$  if **exists**  $s'$  such that  $s \rightarrow_a s'$  and  $T, s' \models \Phi$ ;
- $T, s \models \neg \Phi$  if it is not the case that  $T, s \models \Phi$ ;
- $T, s \models \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2$  if  $T, s \models \Phi_1$  or  $T, s \models \Phi_2$  ;
- $T, s \models \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2$  if  $T, s \models \Phi_1$  and  $T, s \models \Phi_2$  ;
- $T, s \models \text{true}$  always;
- $T, s \models \text{false}$  never.

# ***Hennessy-Milner Logic***

- Another way to give the same semantics to formulas: formulas extension in a transition system assigns meaning to the formulas.
- Given a TS  $T = \langle P, A, S, S^0, \delta, \Pi \rangle$  “the extension of a formula  $\Phi$  in  $T$ ”, denote by  $(\Phi)^T$ , is defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll} - (p)^T & = & p^T = \{s \mid p \in \Pi(s)\}; \\ - ([a] \Phi)^T & = & \{s \mid \forall s'. s \xrightarrow{a} s' \text{ implies } s' \in (\Phi)^T\}; \\ - (\langle a \rangle \Phi)^T & = & \{s \mid \exists s'. s \xrightarrow{a} s' \text{ and } s' \in (\Phi)^T\}; \\ - (\neg \Phi)^T & = & S - (\Phi)^T; \\ - (\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2)^T & = & (\Phi_1)^T \cup (\Phi_2)^T; \\ - (\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2)^T & = & (\Phi_1)^T \cap (\Phi_2)^T; \\ - (\text{true})^T & = & S; \\ - (\text{false})^T & = & \emptyset. \end{array}$$

- Note:  $T, s \models \Phi$  now written as  $s \in (\Phi)^T$

# Model Checking

- Given a TS  $T$ , one of its states  $s$ , and a formula  $\Phi$  verify whether the formula holds in  $s$ . Formally:

$$T, s \models \Phi \quad \text{or} \quad s \in (\Phi)^T$$

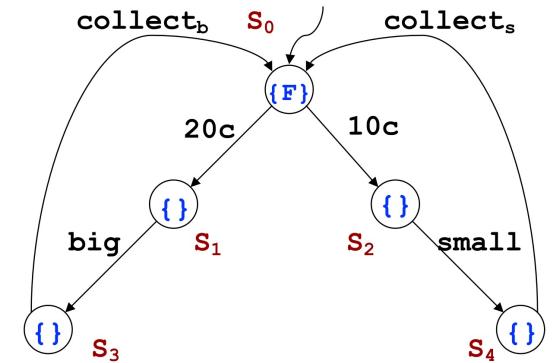
- Examples (TS is our vending machine):

- $S_0 \models \text{Final}$
- $S_0 \models \langle 10c \rangle \text{true}$  capability of performing action 10c
- $S_2 \models [\text{big}] \text{false}$  inability of performing action big
- $S_0 \models [10c][\text{big}] \text{false}$  after 10c cannot execute big

- Model checking variant (aka “query answering”):

- Given a TS  $T$  ...
  - the database
- ... compute the extension of  $\Phi$ 
  - the query

Formally: compute the set  $(\Phi)^T$  which is equal to  $\{s \mid T, s \models \Phi\}$



# Examples

- Useful abbreviation (let actions  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ ):
  - $\langle \text{any} \rangle \Phi$  stands for  $\langle a_1 \rangle \Phi \vee \dots \vee \langle a_n \rangle \Phi$
  - $[\text{any}] \Phi$  stands for  $[a_1] \Phi \wedge \dots \wedge [a_n] \Phi$
  - $\langle \text{any} - a_1 \rangle \Phi$  stands for  $\langle a_2 \rangle \Phi \vee \dots \vee \langle a_v \rangle \Phi$
  - $[\text{any} - a_1] \Phi$  stands for  $[a_2] \Phi \wedge \dots \wedge [a_v] \Phi$
- Examples:
  - $\langle a \rangle \text{true}$  *capability of performing action a*
  - $[a] \text{false}$  *inability of performing action a*
  - $\neg \text{Final} \wedge \langle \text{any} \rangle \text{true} \wedge [\text{any}-a] \text{false}$  *necessity/inevitability of performing action a  
(i.e., action a is the only action possible)*
  - $\neg \text{Final} \wedge [\text{any}] \text{false}$  *deadlock!*

# **Satisfiability**

- Observe that a formula  $\Phi$  may be used to select among all TS T those such that for a given state  $s$  we have that  $T,s \models \Phi$
- **SATISFIABILITY:** Given a formula  $\Phi$  verify whether there exists a TS T and a state  $s$  such that. Formally:  
check whether exists  $T, s$  such that  $T,s \models \Phi$

# Satisfiability

- Satisfiability: given a formula  $\Phi$  verify whether there exists a (finite/infinite) TS T and a state of T such that the formula holds in s.

SAT: check the existence of  $T, s$  such that  $T, s \models \Phi$

- Validity: given a formula  $\Phi$  verify whether in every (finite/infinite) TS T and in every state of T the formula holds in s.

VAL: check the nonexistence of  $T, s$  such that  $T, s \models \neg\Phi$

Note: VAL = UNSAT

Examples: check the satisfiability/validity of the following formulas:

-  $\langle 10p \rangle \langle \text{small} \rangle \langle \text{collect}_s \rangle \text{Final}$  ✓

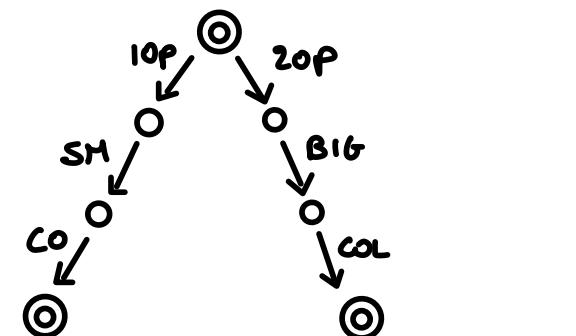


-  $\text{Final} \rightarrow ((\langle 10p \rangle \langle \text{small} \rangle \langle \text{collect}_s \rangle \text{Final}) \wedge (\langle 20p \rangle \langle \text{big} \rangle \langle \text{collect}_b \rangle \text{Final}))$  ✓

-  $\langle 10p \rangle \langle \text{small} \rangle \langle \text{collect}_s \rangle \text{Final} \wedge [10p] \text{false}$  ✗ UNSAT

$$\neg(x) = [10p][\text{small}][\text{collect}_s] \neg \text{FINAL} \vee \langle 10p \rangle \text{TRUE}$$

VALID



# **Logic of Programs and Bisimulation**

- Consider two TS,  $T = (P, A, S, s_0, \delta, F)$  and  $T' = (P, A, S', t_0, \delta', F')$ .
- Let  $L$  be the language formed by all Hennessy-Milner Logic formulas.
- We define:
  - $\sim_L = \{(s, t) \mid \text{for all } \Phi \text{ of } L \text{ we have } T, s \models \Phi \text{ iff } T', t \models \Phi\}$
  - $\sim = \{(s, t) \mid \text{exists a bisimulation } R \text{ s.t., } R(s, t)\}$
- **Theorem:**  $s \sim_L t \text{ iff } s \sim t$
- Proof: we show that
  - $s \sim t$  implies  $s \sim_L t$  by structural induction on formulas of  $L$ .
  - $s \sim_L t$  implies  $s \sim t$  by co-induction showing that  $s \sim_L t$  is a bisimulation.

*This theorem says that Hennessy-Milner Logic has exactly the same distinguishing power of bisimulation.  
So, it is the right logic to predicate on transition systems.*

*The same result holds also for PDL and Mu-Calculus introduced below.*

# **Logic of Programs and Bisimulation**

Show:  $s \sim t$  implies  $s \sim_L t$  by structural **induction** on formulas of L.

## **Proofs by induction**

Show that **property** ( $s \sim t$ ) **is closed wrt the rules of the inductively defined set** (formation rules for formulas in L)

That is:

- Show **Base Cases** (atomic formulas)
- Show **Recursive Cases** by assuming property holds for smaller cases (**inductive hypothesis**)

# *Logic of Programs and Bisimulation*

Show:  $s \sim_L t$  implies  $s \sim t$  by **coinduction** showing that  $s \sim_L t$  is a bisimulation.

## **Proofs by coinduction**

Show that **property** ( $s \sim_L t$ ) *is closed wrt the rules of the coinductively defined set* (bisimulation  $s \sim t$ )

That is:

- Assume **property** holds, show that applying the **recursive rules** it continues to hold.

*Notice: no base cases, only recursive cases!!!*

# **Propositional Dynamic Logic**

- $\Phi := p \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid [r]\Phi \mid <r>\Phi$  (atomic propositions)  
(closed under boolean operators)  
(modal operators)
- $r := a \mid r_1 + r_2 \mid r_1;r_2 \mid r^* \mid \Phi?$  (complex actions as regular expressions)
- Essentially add the capability of expressing partial correctness assertions via formulas of the form
  - $\Phi_1 \rightarrow [r]\Phi_2$  under the conditions  $\Phi$ , all possible executions of  $r$  that terminate reach a state of the TS where  $\Phi_2$  holds
- Also add the ability of asserting that a property holds in all nodes of the transition system
  - $[(a_1 + \dots + a_v)^*]\Phi$  in every reachable state of the TS  $\Phi$  holds
- Useful abbreviations:
  - any stands for  $(a_1 + \dots + a_v)$
  - u stands for any\*Note that + can be expressed also in Hennessy-Milner Logic  
any\* is often referred as the «master/universal modality»

# Mu-Calculus

- $\Phi := P \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid [r]\Phi \mid <r>\Phi \mid \mu X.\Phi(X) \mid \nu X.\Phi(X)$ 
  - (atomic propositions)
  - (closed under boolean operators)
  - (modal operators)
  - (fixpoint operators)
- It is the most expressive logic of the family of logics of programs.
- It subsumes
  - PDL (modalities involving complex actions are translated into formulas involving fixpoints)
  - LTL (linear time temporal logic),
  - CTS, CTS\* (branching time temporal logics)

## Examples:

- $[any^*]\Phi$  can be expressed as  $\nu X. \Phi \wedge [any]X$
- $\mu X. \Phi \vee [any]X$  along all runs eventually  $\Phi$
- $\mu X. \Phi \vee <any>X$  along some run eventually  $\Phi$
- $\nu X. [a](\mu Y. <any>true \wedge [any-b]Y) \wedge X$  every run that contains a contains later b

# Mu-Calculus

- To understand fixpoint operators one has to consider them as fixpoint of equations:
- Namely given  $\mu X. \Phi(X)$  and  $\nu X. \Phi(X)$  consider the equation

$$X = \Phi(X)$$

Then:

- $\mu X. \Phi(X)$  stands for the smallest predicate  $X$  such that  $X = \Phi(X)$  – or  $\Phi(X) \rightarrow X$
- $\nu X. \Phi(X)$  stands for the largest predicate  $X$  such that  $X = \Phi(X)$  – or  $X \rightarrow \Phi(X)$

Notice:

- $\mu X. \Phi(X)$  is defined by induction and computed by the least fixpoint algorithm over the TS
- $\nu X. \Phi(X)$  is defined by coinduction and computed by the greatest fixpoint algorithm over the TS

- Examples:

- $\nu X. \Phi \wedge [\text{any}]X$  - gfp of  $X = \Phi \wedge [\text{any}]X$
- $\mu X. \Phi \vee [\text{any}]X$  - lfp of  $X = \Phi \vee [\text{any}]X$
- $\mu X. \Phi \vee <\text{any}>X$  - lfp of  $X = \Phi \vee <\text{any}>X$
- $\nu X. [a](\mu Y. <\text{any}>\text{true} \wedge [\text{any}-b]Y) \wedge X$ 
  - lfp of  $y = <\text{any}>\text{true} \wedge [\text{any}-b]Y$
  - gfp of  $X=[a](\text{lfp above}) \wedge X$

# **Examples of Mu-Calculus**

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- $S_0 \models [10c][\text{big}] \text{false}$       *after 10c cannot execute big*
- $S_i \models \mu X. \text{Final} \vee [\text{any}] X$       *eventually a final state is reached*
- $S_0 \models \nu Z. (\mu X. \text{Final} \vee [\text{any}] X) \wedge [\text{any}] Z$       *or equivalently*  
  
 $S_0 \models [\text{any}^*](\mu X. \text{Final} \vee [\text{any}] X)$       *from everywhere eventually final*

# **Mu-Calculus extends PDL**

We can easily translate in Mu-Calculus all PDL formulas.

Here is the translation function  $T: \text{PDL} \rightarrow \text{Mu Calculus}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(<\alpha>\Phi) &= <\alpha>T(\Phi) \\ T(<r_1 + r_2>\Phi) &= T(<r_1>\Phi) \vee T(<r_2>\Phi) \\ T(<r_1; r_2>\Phi) &= T(<r_1> <r_2>\Phi) \\ T(<r^*>\Phi) &= \mu X. T(\Phi) \vee T(<r>X) \\ T(<\Phi_1?>\Phi_2) &= T(\Phi_1) \wedge T(\Phi_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T([a]\Phi) &= [a]T(\Phi) \\ T([r_1 + r_2]\Phi) &= T([r_1]\Phi) \wedge T([r_2]\Phi) \\ T([r_1; r_2]\Phi) &= T([r_1][r_2]\Phi) \\ T([r^*]\Phi) &= \nu X. T(\Phi) \wedge T([r]X) \\ T([\Phi_1?]\Phi_2) &= T(\Phi_1) \rightarrow T(\Phi_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(p) &= p \\ T(\neg\Phi) &= \neg T(\Phi) \\ T(\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2) &= T(\Phi_1) \wedge T(\Phi_2) \\ T(\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2) &= T(\Phi_1) \vee T(\Phi_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(X) = X$$

(although  $X$  is not a PDL formula we need this auxiliary definition in the translation)

*Notice: no alternation of least and greatest fixpoints!!!*

# Mu-Calculus extends CTL

We can easily translate in Mu-Calculus all CTL formulas.

Here is the translation function  $T: \text{CTL} \rightarrow \text{Mu Calculus}$ :

CTL formulas:

$$\Phi := p \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid$$

(atomic propositions)

$$EX\Phi \mid EF\Phi \mid EG\Phi \mid \Phi_1 EU \Phi_2 \mid$$

(boolean operators)

$$AX\Phi \mid AF\Phi \mid AG\Phi \mid \Phi_1 AU \Phi_2$$

(temporal (modal) operators on a path)

(temporal (modal) operators on all paths)

$$T(EX \Phi) = \langle \neg \rangle T(\Phi)$$

$$T(AX \Phi) = [-]T(\Phi)$$

$$T(EF\Phi) = \mu Z. T(\Phi) \vee \langle \neg \rangle Z$$

$$T(AF\Phi) = \mu Z. T(\Phi) \vee [-]Z$$

$$T(EG\Phi) = \nu Z. T(\Phi) \wedge \langle \neg \rangle Z$$

$$T(AG\Phi) = \nu Z. T(\Phi) \wedge [-]Z$$

$$T(\Phi_1 EU \Phi_2) = \mu Z. T(\Phi_2) \vee \Phi_1 \wedge \langle \neg \rangle Z$$

$$T(\Phi_1 AU \Phi_2) = \mu Z. T(\Phi_2) \vee \Phi_1 \wedge [-]Z$$

$$T(p) = p$$

$$T(\neg \Phi) = \neg T(\Phi)$$

$$T(\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2) = T(\Phi_1) \wedge T(\Phi_2)$$

$$T(\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2) = T(\Phi_1) \vee T(\Phi_2)$$

*Notice: no alternation of least and greatest fixpoints!!!*

## **Mu-Calculus extends CTL\***

We can translate in Mu-Calculus all CTL\* formulas.

Here is the translation function T: CTL  $\rightarrow$  Mu-Calculus:

CTL formulas:

$\Phi := P \mid$	(atomic propositions)
$\neg \Phi \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid$	(boolean operators)
$E\Theta \mid A\Theta$	(Exist a path/Forall paths)
where $\Theta$ any LTL formula	(LTL temporal formula on a path)

The translation function is not trivial (the translation may generate an exponential formula).

Important: the resulting formula has at most one alternation of the least and greatest fixpoint.

# ***Model Checking/Satisfiability***

- Model checking is polynomial in the size of the TS for
  - Hennessy-Milner Logic
  - PDL
  - Mu-Calculus
- Also, model checking wrt the formula is
  - Polynomial for Hennessy-Miner Logic
  - Polynomial for PDL
  - Polynomial for Mu-Calculus with bounded alternation of nested fixpoints, and  $\text{NP} \cap \text{coNP}$  in general
- Satisfiability is decidable for the three logics, and the complexity (in the size of the formula) is as follows:
  - Hennessy-Milner Logic: PSPACE-complete
  - PDL: EXPTIME-complete
  - Mu-Calculus: EXPTIME-complete

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