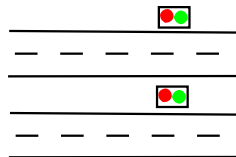
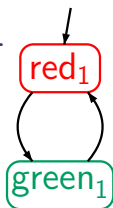


Two independent traffic lights

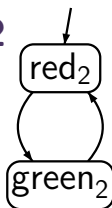
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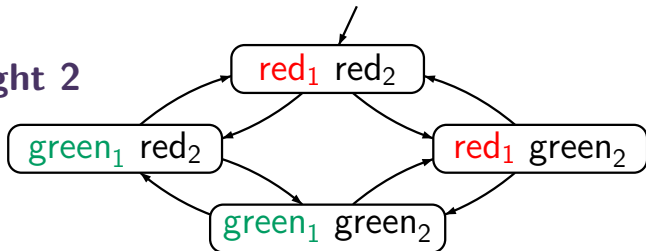
light 1



light 2



light 1 ||| light 2

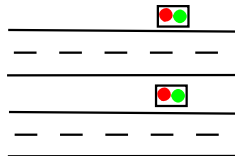


light 1 ||| light 2 $\not\models$ “infinitely often $green_1$ ”

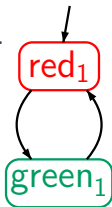
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Two independent traffic lights

LF2.6-3



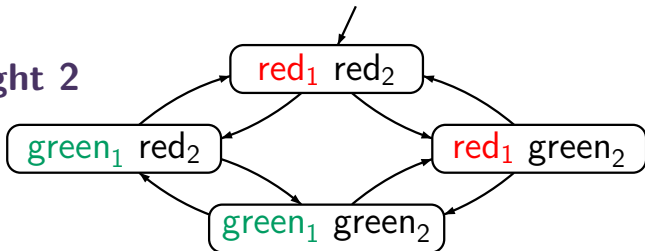
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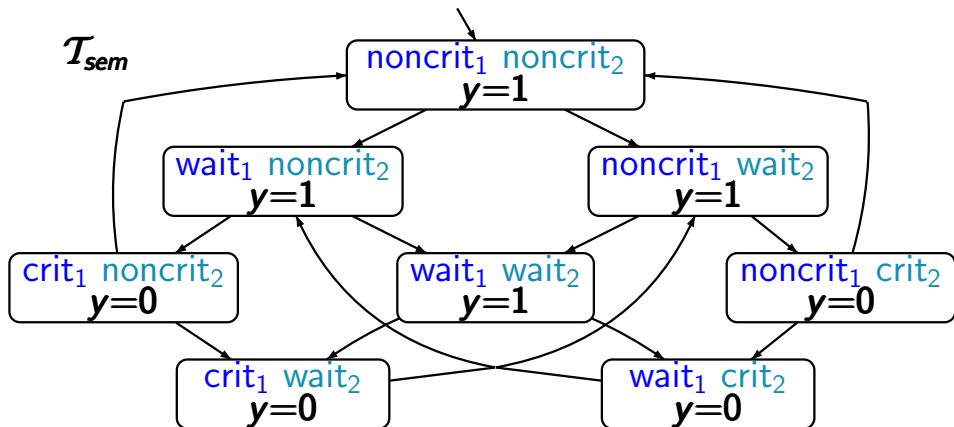


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interleaving is completely time abstract !

Mutual exclusion (semaphore)

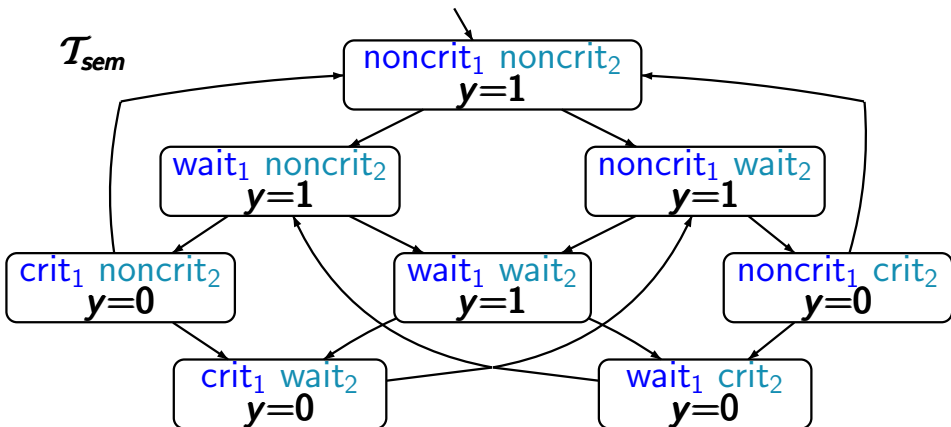
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liveness property $\hat{=}$ “each waiting process will eventually enter its critical section”

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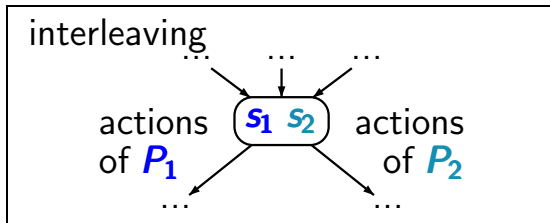
LF2.6-4



$\mathcal{T}_{sem} \not\models$ "each waiting process will eventually enter its critical section"

level of abstraction is **too coarse** !

two independent
non-communicating
processes P_1 ||| P_2



possible interleavings:

P_1	P_2	P_2	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_2	P_1	P_2	P_2	P_2	P_1	P_1	...	fair
P_1	P_1	P_2	P_1	P_1	P_2	P_1	P_1	P_2	P_1	P_1	P_2	P_1	...	fair
P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	P_1	...	unfair

process fairness assumes an appropriate resolution
of the nondeterminism resulting from
interleaving and competitions

- **unconditional fairness**, e.g.,
every process enters gets its turn **infinitely often**.
- **strong fairness**, e.g.,
every process that is **enabled infinitely often**
gets its turn **infinitely often**.
- **weak fairness**, e.g.,
every process that is **continuously enabled**
from a certain time instance on,
gets its turn **infinitely often**.

Let \mathcal{T} be a TS with action-set Act , $A \subseteq Act$ and
 $\rho = s_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_0} s_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} s_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots$ infinite execution fragment

- ρ is unconditionally A -fair, if $\exists i \geq 0. \alpha_i \in A$



“actions in A will be taken infinitely many times”

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$$\exists^{\infty} i \geq 0. \mathbf{A} \cap \mathbf{Act}(s_i) \neq \emptyset \implies \exists^{\infty} i \geq 0. \alpha_i \in \mathbf{A}$$

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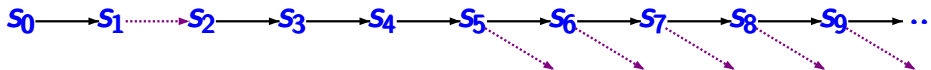
unconditionally A -fair	\implies	strongly A -fair
	\implies	weakly A -fair

strong **A**-fairness is *violated* if



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- **A**-actions are **enabled infinitely many times**

weak **A**-fairness is *violated* if

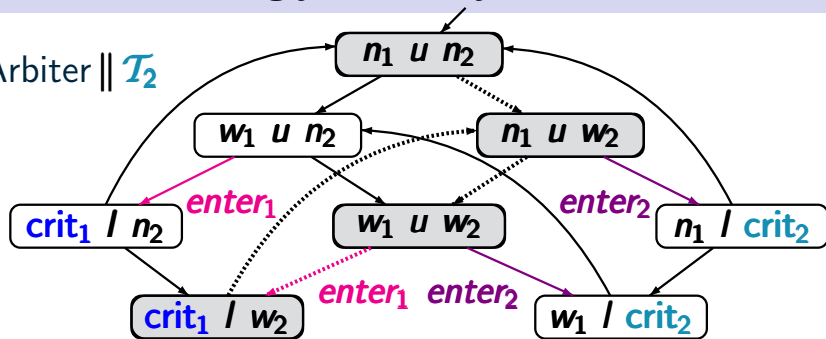


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- **A**-actions are **continuously enabled** from some moment on

Unconditional, strongly or weakly fair?

LF2.6-10

$\mathcal{T}_1 \parallel \text{Arbiter} \parallel \mathcal{T}_2$



fairness for action set $A = \{\text{enter}_1\}$:

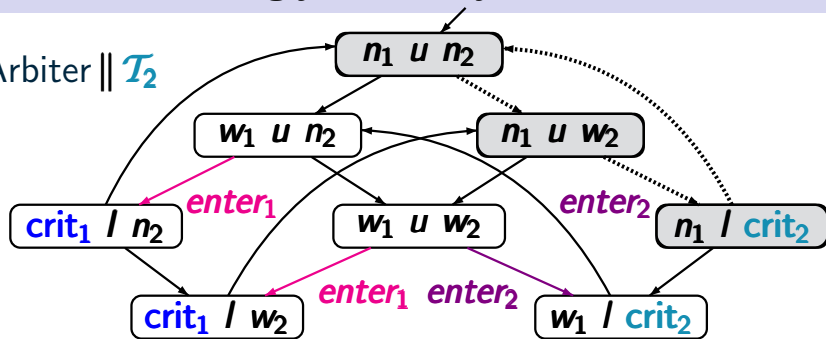
$$\langle n_1, u, n_2 \rangle \rightarrow \left(\langle n_1, u, w_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle w_1, u, w_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{crit}_1, l, w_2 \rangle \right)^w$$

- unconditional A -fairness: **yes**
- strong A -fairness: **yes** \leftarrow unconditionally fair
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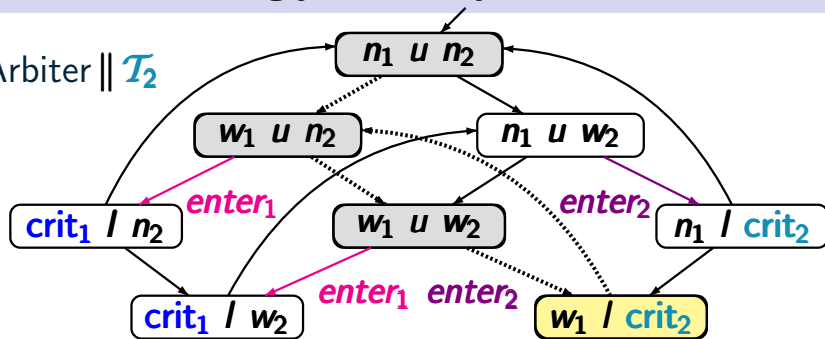
$$\left(\langle n_1, u, n_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n_1, u, w_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle n_1, l, \text{crit}_2 \rangle \right)^\omega$$

- unconditional A -fairness: **no**
- strong A -fairness: **yes** $\leftarrow A$ never enabled
- weak A -fairness: **yes** \leftarrow strongly A -fair

Unconditional, strongly or weakly fair?

LF2.6-10

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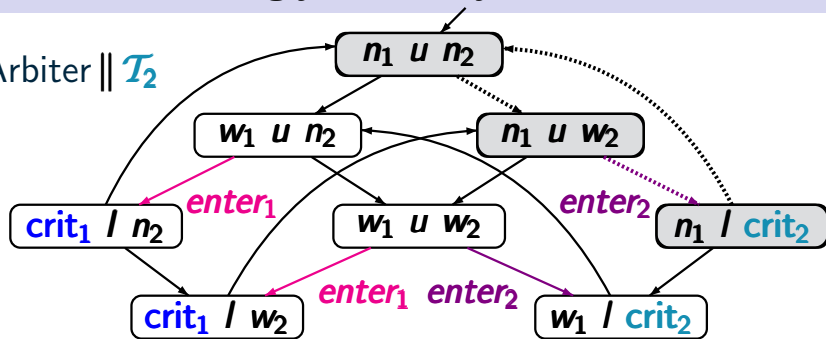
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Unconditional, strongly or weakly fair?

LF2.6-10

$\mathcal{T}_1 \parallel \text{Arbiter} \parallel \mathcal{T}_2$



fairness for action set $\mathbf{A} = \{\text{enter}_1, \text{enter}_2\}$:

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- unconditional \mathbf{A} -fairness: yes
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- weak \mathbf{A} -fairness: yes

Let \mathcal{T} be a transition system with action-set Act .
A fairness assumption for \mathcal{T} is a triple

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

where $\mathcal{F}_{ucond}, \mathcal{F}_{strong}, \mathcal{F}_{weak} \subseteq 2^{Act}$.

An execution ρ is called \mathcal{F} -fair iff

- ρ is unconditionally A -fair for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_{ucond}$
- ρ is strongly A -fair for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_{strong}$
- ρ is weakly A -fair for all $A \in \mathcal{F}_{weak}$

$$FairTraces_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{T}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ trace(\rho) : \rho \text{ is a } \mathcal{F}\text{-fair execution of } \mathcal{T} \}$$

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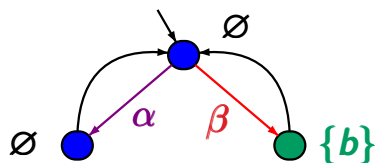
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If \mathcal{T} is a TS and E a LT property over AP then:

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} E \iff \text{def} \quad FairTraces_{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{T}) \subseteq E$$

Example: fair satisfaction relation

LF2.6-11

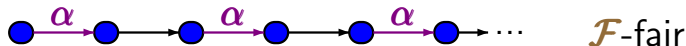


$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}}$ “infinitely often b ” ?

answer: **no**

fairness assumption \mathcal{F}

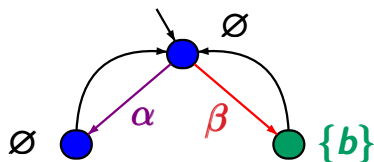
- no unconditional fairness condition $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{ucond} = \emptyset$
- strong fairness for $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{strong} = \{\{\alpha, \beta\}\}$
- no weak fairness condition $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{weak} = \emptyset$



actions in $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ are executed infinitely many times

Example: fair satisfaction relation

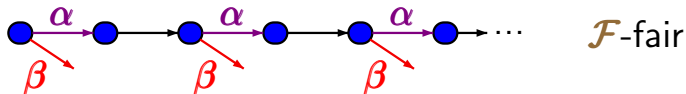
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$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}}$ “infinitely often b ” ?
answer: **no**

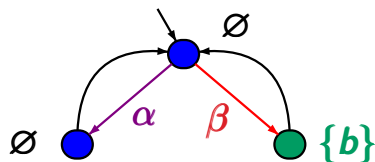
fairness assumption \mathcal{F}

- strong fairness for α $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{strong} = \{\{\alpha\}\}$
- weak fairness for β $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{weak} = \{\{\beta\}\}$
- no unconditional fairness assumption



Example: fair satisfaction relation

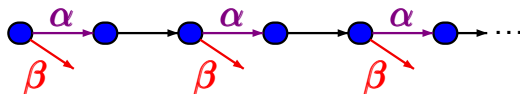
LF2.6-12A



$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}}$ “infinitely often b ”

fairness assumption \mathcal{F}

- strong fairness for β $\leftarrow \mathcal{F}_{strong} = \{\{\beta\}\}$
- no weak fairness assumption
- no unconditional fairness assumption

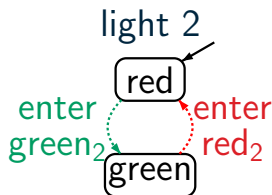
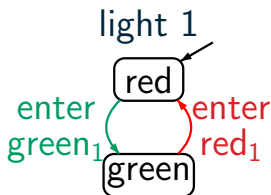
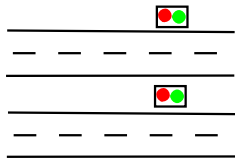


is not
 \mathcal{F} -fair

fairness assumptions should be
as weak as possible

Two independent traffic lights

LF2.6-13



A_1 = actions of light 1

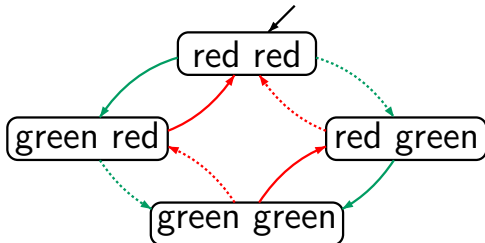
A_2 = actions of light 2

fairness assumption \mathcal{F} :

$$\mathcal{F}_{ucond} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{strong} = \emptyset$$

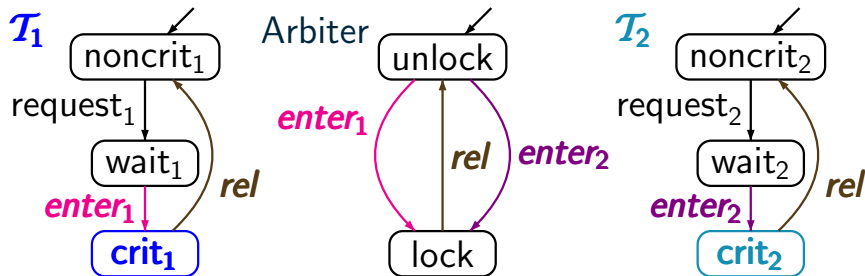
$$\mathcal{F}_{weak} = \{A_1, A_2\}$$



light 1 ||| light 2 $\models_{\mathcal{F}} E$

$E \triangleq$ “both lights are infinitely often green”

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_1 \parallel \text{Arbiter} \parallel \mathcal{T}_2$$

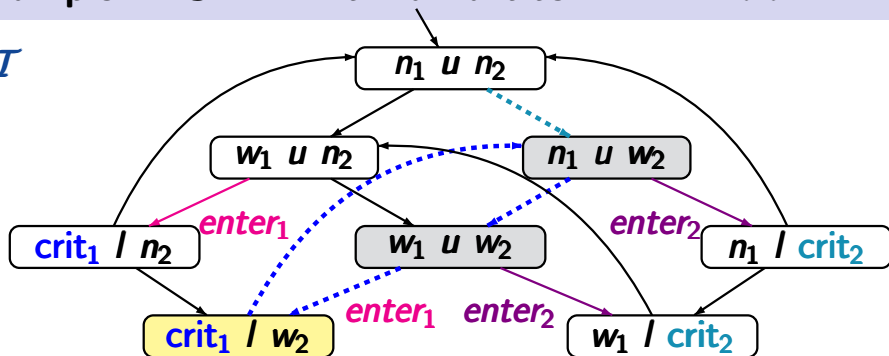


\mathcal{T}_1 and \mathcal{T}_2 compete to communicate with the arbiter by means of the actions `enter1` and `enter2`, respectively

Example: MUTEX with fair arbiter

LF2.6-15

\mathcal{T}



LT property E : each waiting process eventually enters its critical section

fairness assumption \mathcal{F}

$\mathcal{F}_{ucond} = \mathcal{F}_{strong} = \emptyset$

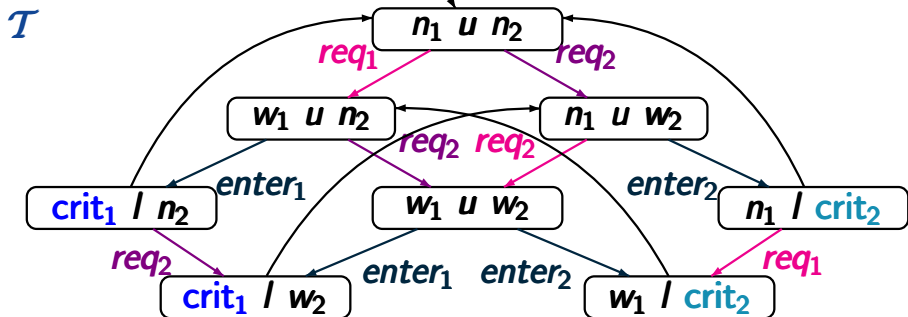
$\mathcal{F}_{weak} = \{\{\text{enter}_1\}, \{\text{enter}_2\}\}$

$\mathcal{T} \not\models_{\mathcal{F}} E$

as enter_2 is not enabled in $\langle \text{crit}_1, l, w_2 \rangle$

Example: MUTEX with fair arbiter

LF2.6-16



\mathcal{E} : each waiting process eventually enters its crit. section

\mathcal{D} : each process enters its critical section infinitely often

$$\mathcal{F}_{ucond} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{strong} = \{\{enter_1\}, \{enter_2\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{weak} = \{\{req_1\}, \{req_2\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{E},$$

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{D}$$

For asynchronous systems:

$$\text{parallelism} = \text{interleaving} + \text{fairness}$$

↑
should be as weak as possible

rule of thumb:

- **strong fairness** for the
 - * choice between **dependent actions**
 - * resolution of **competitions**
- **weak fairness** for the nondeterminism obtained from the interleaving of **independent actions**
- **unconditional fairness**: only of theoretical interest

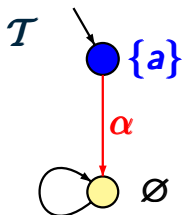
parallelism = interleaving + fairness

Process fairness and other fairness conditions

- can compensate **information loss** due to interleaving
or rule out other **unrealistic pathological cases**
- can be **requirements for a scheduler**
or **requirements for environment**
- can be **verifiable system properties**

liveness properties: fairness can be **essential**

safety properties: fairness is **irrelevant**



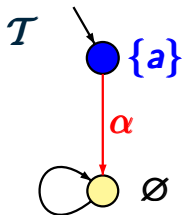
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unconditional fairness
for action set $\{\alpha\}$

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not realizable

does $\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}}$ “infinitely often a ” hold ?

answer: **yes** as there is no fair path

Realizability requires that each initial finite path
fragment can be extended to a \mathcal{F} -fair path



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Fairness assumption \mathcal{F} is said to be **realizable** for a transition system \mathcal{T} if for each reachable state s in \mathcal{T} there exists a \mathcal{F} -fair path starting in s

fairness assumption $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{F}_{ucond}, \mathcal{F}_{strong}, \mathcal{F}_{weak})$ for TS \mathcal{T}

- unconditional fairness for $A \in \mathcal{F}_{ucond}$
 \rightsquigarrow might not be realizable

- strong fairness for $A \in \mathcal{F}_{strong}$
- weak fairness for $A \in \mathcal{F}_{weak}$



can always be guaranteed by a scheduler, i.e.,
an instance that resolves the nondeterminism in \mathcal{T}

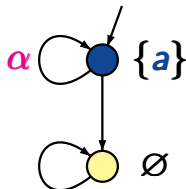
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If \mathcal{F} is a **realizable** fairness assumption for TS \mathcal{T}
and E a **safety property** then:

$$\mathcal{T} \models E \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} E$$

... wrong for non-realizable fairness assumptions



\mathcal{F} : unconditional fairness for $\{\alpha\}$

E = invariant “always a ”

$\mathcal{T} \not\models E$, but $\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} E$