

LTL f.l.e implicitly universally quantify on paths

$$s \models \varphi \iff \text{for all } \pi \in \text{Paths}(s). \pi \models \varphi$$

Example: LTL cannot precisely express

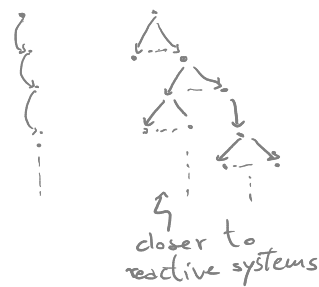
"for all computations it is possible φ "

$$\vdash \forall \Box \vdash \exists \Diamond \vdash \varphi$$

$$\text{CTL} = \text{LTL} + \exists \text{ path}$$

(Clarke & Emerson 81, Amarel & Sipakis 82-83)

Natures of (discrete) Time



Syntax

STATE F.L.E

$$\Phi ::= \text{true} \mid \overset{AP}{\omega} \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \forall \varphi \mid \exists \varphi$$

path f.l.e

$$\varphi ::= \circ \Phi \mid \Phi \cup \Phi$$

for all paths

for some path

Example Safety

$$\forall \Box (\neg c_1 \vee \neg c_2)$$

$$\forall \Box (\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \neg c_i \vee \neg c_j)$$

Liveness

$$\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \forall \Box \forall \Diamond c_i$$

Mutex in CTL

Another CTL liveness f.l.e: $\forall \Box (\text{req} \rightarrow \forall \Diamond \text{res})$

Obs

Temporal operators cannot be immediately preceded by other temporal operators:

- $\exists \Box \Diamond \varphi$ X
- $\exists \Box \forall \Diamond \varphi$ ✓

Also, $\forall (\dots \wedge \dots)$ $\exists \neg \dots$ are not legal!

Semantics

$$\mathcal{T}S \models \Phi \iff \forall s \in \mathcal{I}. s \models \Phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} s \models \text{true} \\ s \models a &\iff a \in L(s) \\ s \models \neg \Phi &\iff \text{not } s \models \Phi \\ s \models \Phi \wedge \Psi &\iff s \models \Phi \ \& \ s \models \Psi \\ s \models \exists \varphi &\iff \text{for a } \pi \in \mathcal{P}th(s) : \pi \models \varphi \\ s \models \forall \varphi &\iff \text{for all } \pi \in \mathcal{P}th(s) : \pi \models \varphi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \models \bigcirc \Phi &\iff \pi[1] \models \Phi \\ \pi \models \Phi \cup \Psi &\iff \exists j \geq 0 : \pi[j] \models \Psi \ \& \ \forall 0 \leq i < j : \pi[i] \models \Phi \end{aligned}$$

Eventually

$$\begin{cases} \exists \Diamond \Phi \equiv \exists (\text{true} \cup \Phi) \\ \forall \Diamond \Phi \equiv \forall (\text{true} \cup \Phi) \end{cases}$$

potentially Φ
inevitably Φ

Always

$$\begin{cases} \exists \Box \Phi \equiv \neg \forall \Diamond \neg \Phi \\ \forall \Box \Phi \equiv \neg \exists \Diamond \neg \Phi \end{cases}$$

potentially invariantly Φ
invariantly Φ

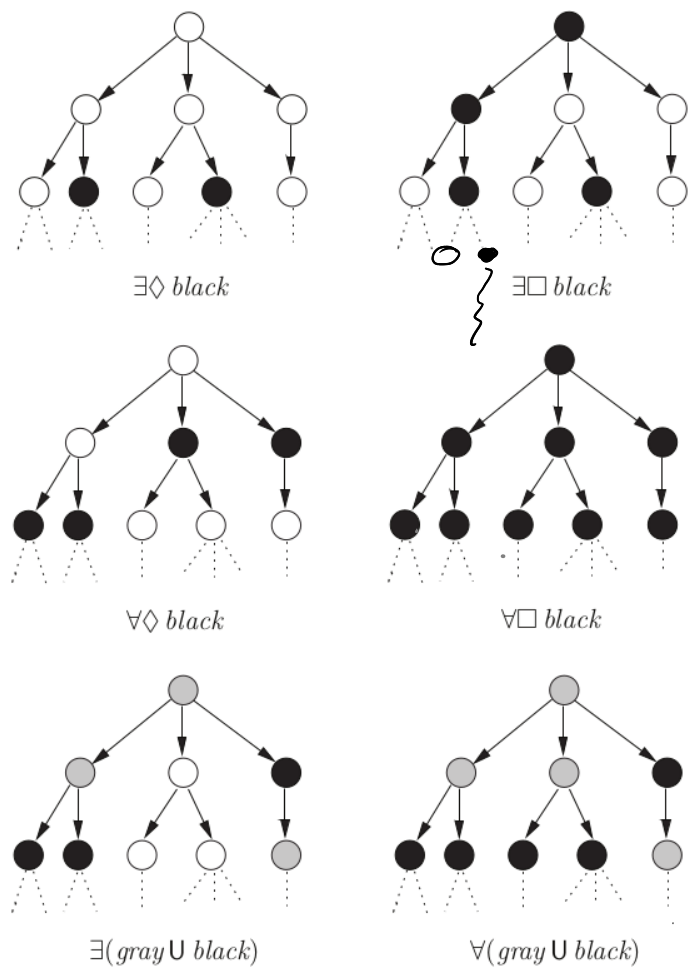


Figure 6.2: Visualization of semantics of some basic CTL formulae.
Fig. 6.2 borrowed from [1]

The syntactic restrictions of CTL forbid writing e.g.

$$\text{fairness } \bigwedge_{0 \leq i \leq n} (\Box \Diamond w_i \rightarrow \Box \Diamond c_i) \text{ is \underline{not} a CTL f.l.}$$

which is not in CTL because of the consecutive temporal operators.

[Emerson & Halpern 86] propose CTL*

Syntax

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &::= \text{true} \mid \overset{AP}{a} \mid \neg \Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \Box \varphi \mid \Diamond \varphi & \text{state f.l.} \\ \varphi &::= \Phi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \neg \varphi \mid \circ \varphi \mid \varphi \cup \varphi & \text{path f.l.} \end{aligned}$$

Semantics

$$\top S \models \Phi \iff \forall s \in I. s \models \Phi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s \in S \quad s \models \text{true} & \quad ; \quad s \models a \iff a \in L(s) \\ s \models \neg \Phi & \iff \text{not } s \models \Phi \\ s \models \Phi \wedge \Psi & \iff s \models \Phi \ \& \ s \models \Psi \\ s \models \Box \varphi & \iff \{ \pi \in \text{Paths}(s) : \pi \models \varphi \} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} s \models \neg \Phi \\ s \models \Phi \wedge \Psi \\ s \models \Box \varphi \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{as for CTL}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \models \Phi & \iff \pi[0] \models \Phi \\ \pi \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 & \iff \pi \models \varphi_1 \ \& \ \pi \models \varphi_2 \\ \pi \models \neg \varphi & \iff \pi \not\models \varphi \\ \pi \models \circ \varphi & \iff \pi_{\geq 1} \models \varphi \\ \pi \models \varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 & \iff \exists j \geq 0 : \pi_{\geq j} \models \varphi_2 \ \& \ (\forall 0 \leq h < j : \pi_{\geq h} \models \varphi_1) \end{aligned}$$

