

# Linear temporal logic(LTL)

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## Syntax

1. alphabet: a finite set of propositional variables (atoms) denoted as  $AP$ , logical operators  $\{\neg, \wedge\}$  (actually  $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$ ) and the temporal modal operator  $\{G, F, X, U\}$ , with binding priority  $\neg, X, F, G > U > \wedge, \vee > \rightarrow$ .
2. grammar (including the grammar of propositional logic): structural induction  
if  $p \in AP$ , then  $p$  is a formula;  
if  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  $\neg\phi, \phi \wedge \psi, X\psi, \phi U \psi, F\phi, G\phi$  are formulas.

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the model of LTL is defined as  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \rightarrow, L)$ , where  $S$  is the domain, representing a set of states; and instead of a function signature  $\sigma$ , there is only a transitive relation  $\rightarrow$  on  $S^2$  such that  $\forall s \in S, \exists s' \in S, (s, s') \in \rightarrow$ , and a function  $L : S \mapsto AP$ .

Note: Since  $\top$  and  $\perp$  are logical constants(null-ary logical connectives but not logical variables),  $\forall s \in S, \perp, \top \notin L(s)$ .

**Definition. (path and trace/word)** A path in a model  $\mathcal{M}(S, \rightarrow, L)$  is an infinite sequence of states  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  in  $S$  such that, for each  $i \geq 1, s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$ . A word/trace is an **infinite** sequence of subsets of  $AP$ . A word/trace on the path  $\pi : s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  is  $w = L(s_1), L(s_2), \dots$ .

$\pi^i$  means the path that starts from  $s_i$  (so  $\pi^1 = \pi$ ), and  $w^i$  means the suffix  $L(s_i), L(s_{i+1}), \dots$ ; and  $p$  is used to mean an atom.

## Definition. (Truth-assignment of LTL)

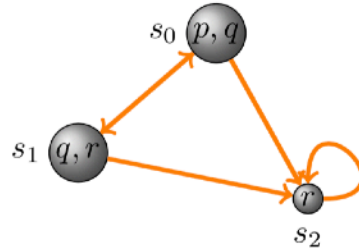
Let  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \rightarrow, L)$  be a model and  $\pi = s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  be a path in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\phi$  be an LTL formula. The notion  $\pi \models \phi$  ( $\pi$  satisfies  $\phi$ ) is defined by structural induction on  $\phi$  as follows:

- $\pi \models p$  iff  $p \in L(s_1)$ ;
- $\pi \models \neg\phi$  iff  $\pi \not\models \phi$
- $\pi \models \phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\pi \models \phi$  and  $\pi \models \psi$
- $\pi \models X\phi$  iff  $\pi^2 \models \phi$
- $\pi \models F\phi$  iff  $\pi^i \models \phi$  for some  $i \geq 1$
- $\pi \models G\phi$  iff  $\pi^i \models \phi$  for all  $i \geq 1$
- $\pi \models \phi U \psi$  iff  $\pi^i \models \psi$  for some  $i \geq 1$  and  $\pi^j \models \phi$  for all  $j = 1, \dots, i - 1$

$\pi \models p \vee q \Leftrightarrow \pi \models p$  or  $\pi \models q$ ,  $\pi \models p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \pi \models \neg p$  or  $\pi \models q$ .  
 $\pi \models \top$  and  $\pi \not\models \perp$  for all path.

Suppose  $s$  is a state and  $\phi$  is a LTL formula. We denote  $s \models \phi$  iff for any path which starts from  $s$ , we have  $\pi \models \phi$ .

e.g.



- $\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models p \wedge q$
- $\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models Xr$
- $\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models G\neg(p \wedge r)$
- $\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models F(\neg q \wedge r) \rightarrow FGr$
- $\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models GFp \rightarrow GFr$

**Definition.** We say that two LTL formulas  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are equivalent, written  $\phi \equiv \psi$ , if for all models  $\mathcal{M}$  and all paths  $\pi$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\pi \models \phi$  iff  $\pi \models \psi$ . e.g.,

- $\neg F\phi \equiv G\neg\phi$ ,  $\neg G\phi \equiv F\neg\phi$ ,  $\neg X\phi \equiv X\neg\phi$
- $F(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv F\phi \vee F\psi$ ,  $G(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv G\phi \wedge G\psi$
- $F\phi \equiv \top U \phi$

**recursion law:**

$$\psi_1 U \psi_2 \equiv \psi_2 \vee (\psi_1 \wedge X(\psi_1 U \psi_2))$$

As we can see,  $\{X, U\}$  is an adequate to express  $\{G, F, X, U\}$ ;  $\{\neg, \vee, X, U\}$  is an **adequate set**.

infinite, infinitely means GF ; eventually permanently means FG.

Limits of LTL: can not express  $AGEF\phi$  and its negation  $EFAG\neg\phi$  as in CTL. But LTL can express single E :  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \neg X\neg\phi$  is equal to  $\mathcal{M}, s \models EX\phi$  in CTL.

# Computation tree logic (CTL)

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2. grammar (well-formed formulas): structural induction  
if  $p \in AP$ , then  $p$  is a formula;  
if  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  
 $\neg\phi, \phi \vee \psi, AX\psi, EX\phi, AF\phi, EF\phi, EG\phi, A[\phi U \psi], E[\phi U \psi], AG\phi, EG\phi$   
are formulas. (Note: the formulas of LTL is not a subset of formulas of CTL)

Binding priorities:  $\neg, AG, EG, AF, EF, AX, EX > \wedge, \vee > \rightarrow, AU, EU$

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## Semantics:

The definition of model of CTL is the same as LTL.

In the following,  $i \geq 1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \rightarrow, L)$  be a model,  $s \in S$ , and  $\phi$  a CTL formula. The notion  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi$  is defined by structural induction on  $\phi$  as follows:

- $\mathcal{M}, s \models p$  iff  $p \in L(s)$ ;
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models \neg\phi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi$  and  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \psi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models AX\phi$  iff for all  $s_1$  such that  $s \rightarrow s_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s_1 \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models EX\phi$  iff for some  $s_1$  such that  $s \rightarrow s_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s_1 \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models AF\phi$  iff for all paths  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , there is some  $s_i$  such that  $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models EF\phi$  iff there is a path  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , and there is some  $s_i$  such that  $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \phi$

- $\mathcal{M}, s \models AG\phi$  iff for all paths  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , and all  $s_i$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models EG\phi$  iff there is a path  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , and for all  $s_i$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models A[\phi U \psi]$  iff for all paths  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , that path satisfies  $\phi U \psi$ , i.e., there is some  $s_i$  such that  $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \psi$ , and for all  $j < i$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s_j \models \phi$
- $\mathcal{M}, s \models E[\phi U \psi]$  iff there is a path  $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $s_1 = s$ , and that path satisfies  $\phi U \psi$

Definition. We say that two CTL formulas  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are equivalent, written  $\phi \equiv \psi$ , if for all models  $\mathcal{M}$  and all states  $s$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \psi$ . e.g.,

- $\neg AF\phi \equiv EG\neg\phi$ ,  $\neg EF\phi \equiv AG\neg\phi$ ,  $\neg AX\phi \equiv EX\neg\phi$
- $AF\phi \equiv A[\top U \phi]$ ,  $EF\phi \equiv E[\top U \phi]$

注: CTL 和 LTL **equivalent expressions** 的不同定义导致了有互相不能表示的公式。

$$A[\phi U \psi] \equiv \neg(E[\neg\psi U (\neg\psi \wedge \neg\phi)] \vee \neg AF\psi)$$

EX 相当于表明存在某个 next state

AX 相当于对于任意的 next state

limit of CTL: we can not focus on an arbitrary path and state its properties in CTL.  
e.g. CTL can not express  $FG\phi$  and  $Fp \rightarrow Fq$  as in LTL.

## Computation tree logic\* (CTL\*)

**superset** of CTL and LTL; so include all the symbols of them.

there are two kinds of formulas in CTL\*:

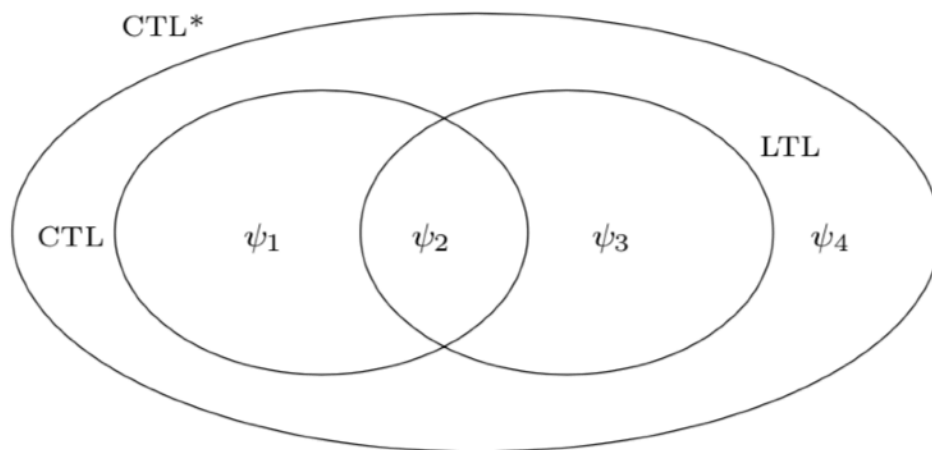
structural induction ( $p$  is any atom,  $\phi, \psi$  are state formulas,  $\alpha, \beta$  are path formulas):

state formulas:  $p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \psi \mid A[\alpha] \mid E[\alpha]$  (based on CTL)

path formulas:  $\phi \mid \neg\alpha \mid \alpha \wedge \beta \mid X\alpha \mid F\alpha \mid G\alpha \mid \alpha U \beta$  (based on LTL)

semantics see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CTL\\*#Semantics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CTL*#Semantics)



**Figure 3.23.** The expressive powers of CTL, LTL and CTL\*.

- $\psi_1 = AGEFp$ ,  $\psi_2 = G(p \rightarrow Fq)$
- $\psi_3 = Fp \rightarrow Fq$ ,  $\psi_4 = E[GFp]$
- The proof that  $\psi_4$  is not expressible in CTL is quite complex

即LTL不能表示存在，任意或者任意，存在; CTL不能聚焦于某一条特定的路上  
 $\psi_2$  在 CTL 中 相当于  $AG(p \rightarrow AFq)$ .

$s \models Fp \rightarrow Fq \Leftrightarrow s \models \neg Fp \text{ or } s \models Fq \Leftrightarrow s \models G \neg p \text{ or } s \models Fq$  考虑所有可能的情形，可以发现CTL无法表达。

$\psi_4$  相当于  $\exists \pi, \forall i, \exists j > i, \pi^j \models p$ .

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translation of properties:

LTL:

after any state satisfying  $p$  (after  $p$ ) :  $p \rightarrow X$  or  $p \rightarrow XF$

for all paths,  $p$  precedes  $q$  (if  $q$  occurs, then  $p$  must also occur and precede  $q$ ):

$G(Fq \rightarrow (Fp \wedge G(q \rightarrow G\neg p)))$

$p$  doesn't occur after  $q$  :  $q \rightarrow XG\neg p$

$p$  occurs at least twice:  $F(p \rightarrow XFp)$

CTL:

after any state satisfying  $p$  (after  $p$ ) :  $p \rightarrow AX$  or  $p \rightarrow AF$

for all paths,  $p$  precedes  $q$  :  $\neg E[\neg p U q]$

$p$  doesn't occur after  $q$  :  $q \rightarrow AXAG\neg p$

$p$  occurs at least twice:  $EF(p \wedge EXEFp)$

reference:

<http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~chechik/courses07/csc2108/Assignments/assign1Sol.pdf>

follow/after 意味着此状态之后的状态(要用X)

between 意味着包含两个端点

some comments.

LTL is a kind of temporal logic:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temporal\\_logic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temporal_logic)

and it's also a kind of modal logic.

CTL is a kind of branching-time logic.