# The $\mu$ -calculus' collapse on variations of S5

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## $\mu$ -CALCULUS

## $\mu$ -calculus = modal logic + fixed points

$$\varphi := P \mid X \mid \bot \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \rightarrow \varphi \mid \Box \varphi \mid \Diamond \varphi \mid \mu X.\varphi \mid \nu X.\varphi$$

## Example

$$\nu X.P \wedge \Diamond \mu Y.(X \vee \Diamond Y)$$

holds at M, w iff there is a path starting from w where P holds infinitely many times.

## **ALTERNATION HIERARCHY**

Let  $\Sigma_n^{\mu}$  be the set of formulas with n-many alternating least and greatest fixed-point operators and starting with  $\mu$ .

## Theorem (Bradfield)

For all n, there is a  $\mu$ -formula in  $\Sigma_{n+1}^{\mu}$  which is not equivalent to any formula in  $\Sigma_n^{\mu}$ .

## Theorem (Alberucci, Facchini)

Over equivalence relations, every  $\mu$ -formula is equivalent to a modal formula.

## **SEMANTICS**

Fix a Kripke model  $M = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ . Given  $\varphi(X)$  where X is positive, define

$$\Gamma_{\varphi}: A \mapsto \|\varphi(A)\|.$$

#### Then

- ▶  $\|\mu X.\varphi\|$  is the least fixed-point of  $\Gamma_{\varphi}$ .
- ▶  $\|\nu X.\varphi\|$  is the greatest fixed-point of  $\Gamma_{\varphi}$ .

# The evaluation game $\mathcal{G}(M, w \models \varphi)$

- ► Two players: Verifier and Refuter.
- ▶ Positions are of the form  $\langle v, \psi \rangle$  with:
  - $\triangleright v \in W$ ,
  - $\blacktriangleright \ \psi \in \operatorname{Sub}(\varphi).$
- ▶ Game starts at  $\langle w, \varphi \rangle$
- ► Some types of play:
  - ▶ at  $\langle v, P \rangle$ , V wins iff  $v \in V(P)$ .
  - ▶ at  $\langle v, \psi_0 \lor \psi_1 \rangle$ , V chooses one of  $\langle v, \psi_0 \rangle$  and  $\langle v, \psi_1 \rangle$ .
  - ightharpoonup at  $\langle v, \Box \psi \rangle$ , R moves to  $\langle v', \psi \rangle$  with vRv'.
  - ightharpoonup at  $\langle v, \mu X. \psi \rangle$ , move to  $\langle v, \psi \rangle$ .
  - ightharpoonup at  $\langle v, \psi \rangle$ , move to  $\langle v, \mu X. \psi \rangle$ .
- ▶ V wins a play iff the outermost infinitely often regenerating operator is  $\nu$ .

#### Theorem

V wins  $G(M, w \models \varphi)$  iff  $M, w \models \varphi$ .

## Intuitionistic semantics for \$5

An intuitionistic Kripke model is a tuple  $M = \langle W, \preceq, \equiv, V \rangle$  where

- ► *W* is a set of worlds;
- $ightharpoonup \leq$  is reflexive and transitive relation on *W*;
- ightharpoonup  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on W;
- ► *V* is a valuation function.

#### Furthermore, we require:

- ▶  $w \leq w'$  and  $w \in V(P)$  imply  $w' \in V(P)$ ;
- $w \leq w'$  and  $w \equiv v$  imply there is v' such that  $v \leq v'$  and  $w' \equiv v'$ ;
- $w \equiv w' \leq v'$  implies there is v such that  $w \leq v \equiv v'$ .

### **SEMANTICS**

The modal semantics are defined as follows:

- ►  $M, w \models \Diamond \varphi$  iff, for all  $v \succeq w$ , there is  $u \equiv v$  such that  $M, u \models \varphi$ ;
- ►  $M, w \models \Box \varphi$  iff, for all v and u, if  $w \leq v \equiv u$  then  $M, u \models \varphi$ .

## Theorem (Ono, Fischer Servi)

**IS5** is complete over birelational models  $M = \langle W, \preceq, \equiv, V \rangle$ , where  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation.

## KEY LEMMA FOR S5

#### Lemma

Let  $M = \langle W, R, V \rangle$  be an S5 model, w' be accessible from  $w, \varphi$  be a  $\mu$ -formula, and  $\Delta \in \{\Box, \Diamond\}$ . Then  $w \in \|\Delta \varphi\|^M$  iff  $w' \in \|\Delta \varphi\|^M$ .

## Theorem (Alberucci, Facchini)

 $\mu X.\varphi$  is equivalent to  $\varphi(\varphi(\bot))$ .

Intuitively, given a long enough game on an S5 frame:

$$\cdots \rightarrow \langle w, \Diamond \psi \rangle \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \langle w', \Diamond \psi \rangle \rightarrow \cdots$$

then V wins at  $\langle w, \Diamond \psi \rangle$  iff they win at  $\langle w', \Diamond \psi \rangle$ .

## KEY LEMMA FOR IS5

This lemma does not hold on intuitionistic semantics, but we can get a good enough version:

#### Lemma

Let  $M = \langle W, \prec, \equiv, V \rangle$  be a bi-relational model and  $w \prec \equiv w'$ . Then

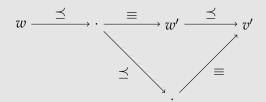
$$M, w \models \triangle \varphi \text{ implies } M, w' \models \triangle \varphi,$$

where  $\triangle \in \{\Box, \Diamond\}$ .

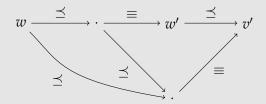
- ► Suppose  $w \leq :\equiv w'$  and  $M, w \models \Diamond \varphi$ .
- ► For all  $v \succeq w$ , there is  $u \equiv v$  such that  $M, u \models \varphi$ .
- ▶ Let  $v' \succeq w'$ , then:

$$w \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow w' \longrightarrow v'$$

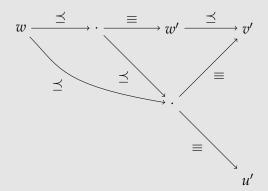
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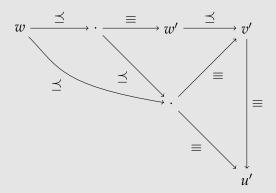
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▶ So  $M, w' \models \Diamond \varphi$ .

## THE COLLAPSE

- ▶ Suppose  $M, w \models \varphi(\varphi(\top))$  and  $M, w \not\models \varphi(\varphi(\varphi(\top)))$ .
- ▶ Play games for both  $\varphi(\varphi(\top))$  and  $\varphi(\varphi(\varphi(\top)))$  simultaneously.
- ▶ Write  $\varphi$  as  $\theta(\triangle \psi(X))$ .
- ► Eventually, the players will reach positions as follows:

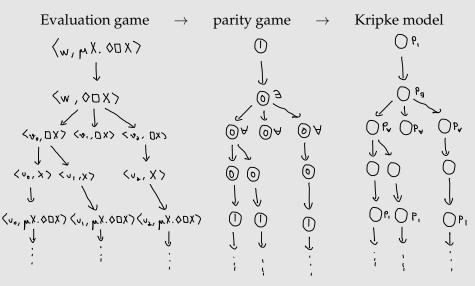
$$\mathcal{G}(M, w \models \varphi(\varphi(\top))) : 
\cdots \to \langle w', \triangle \psi(\varphi(\top)) \rangle \to \cdots \to \langle w'', \triangle \psi(\top) \rangle 
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- ▶ By the key lemma,  $M, w'' \models \triangle \psi(\varphi(\top))$ ; since  $w' \preceq ;\equiv w''$  and  $M, w' \models \triangle \psi(\varphi(\top))$ .
- ► Therefore  $\|\varphi(\varphi(\top))\| = \|\varphi(\varphi(\varphi(\top)))\|$ .

# Parity game: $\mathcal{P} = \langle V_{\exists}, V_{\forall}, v_0, E, \Omega \rangle$

- ▶ Two players:  $\exists$  and  $\forall$
- ▶ Positions on the graph  $\langle V_\exists \cup V_\forall, E \rangle$
- ▶ Game starts at  $v_0$ .
- ▶  $\exists$  moves at nodes of  $V_{\exists}$ .
- ▶  $\forall$  moves at nodes of  $V_{\forall}$ .
- ▶  $\Omega: V_{\exists} \cup V_{\forall} \rightarrow n$  assigns parities to nodes.
- ▶  $\exists$  wins  $\rho = v_0, v_1, v_2, ...$  iff the greatest  $\Omega(v_i)$  which appears infinitely often in  $\rho$  is even.

## **EVALUATION GAMES AS KRIPKE MODELS**



## WINNING REGION FORMULAS

Bradfield described  $W_n$ , which defines the winning region for  $\exists$  in parity games with  $\Omega(v) \le n$ :

$$W_n := \eta X_n \dots \nu X_0. \bigvee_{0 \le j \le n} [(P_j \wedge P_{\exists} \wedge \Diamond X_j) \vee (P_j \wedge P_{\forall} \wedge \Box X_j)].$$

## Theorem (Bradfield)

Let  $n \in \omega$ , then  $W_n$  is not equivalent to any formula in  $\Sigma_n^{\mu} \cup \Pi_n^{\mu}$ . Therefore the alternation hierarchy is strict (over K).

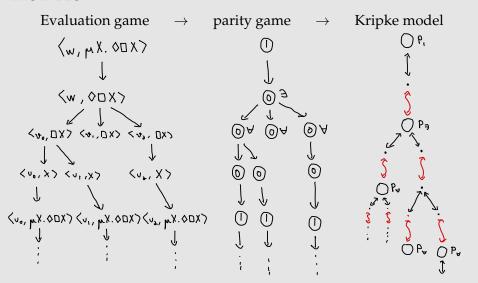
#### Proof sketch.

- ▶ Let *n* be even. Then  $W_n \in \Pi_{n+1}^{\mu}$ .
- Suppose that  $W_n$  is equivalent to some formula in  $\Pi_n^{\mu}$ . Let  $\varphi \in \Sigma_n^{\mu}$  be equivalent to  $\neg W_n$ .
- ▶ Define  $f_{\varphi}(M, w) = (\mathcal{G}^{K}(M, w \models \varphi), \langle w, \varphi \rangle).$
- ▶ Let (M, w) be a fixed-point of  $f_{\varphi \land \varphi}$ . Then

$$M, w \models \neg W_n \iff M, w \models \varphi \land \varphi$$
$$\iff f_{\varphi \land \varphi}(M, w) \models W_n$$
$$\iff M, w \models W_n.$$

► This is a contradiction.

# EVALUATION GAMES AS MULTIMODAL KRIPKE MODELS



## MULTIMODAL WINNING REGION FORMULAS

$$W'_n := \eta X_n \dots \nu X_0. \bigvee_{0 \le j \le n} [(P_j \wedge P_{\exists} \wedge \blacklozenge X_j) \vee (P_j \wedge P_{\forall} \wedge \blacksquare X_j)].$$

#### Where

- ▶ **■** $\varphi := \nu Y.\text{pre}_0 \wedge \text{bd} \rightarrow \square_0(\text{nxt}_0 \wedge \text{pre}_1 \wedge \text{bd} \rightarrow \square_1(\text{nxt}_1 \wedge \text{bd} \rightarrow ((Y \wedge \neg \text{st}) \wedge (\varphi \wedge \text{st})))),$

#### Theorem

Let  $n \in \omega$ , then  $W'_n$  is not equivalent to any formula in  $\Sigma^{\mu}_n \cup \Pi^{\mu}_n$ . Therefore the alternation hierarchy is strict (over bimodal S5).

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