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## Homework 2 (CTL): ComS/CprE/SE 412, ComS 512

Due-date: Feb 17 at 11:59PM.

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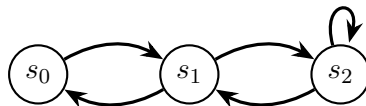
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1. Consider the following Kripke structure, with  $p \in L(s_0) \cap L(s_2)$  and  $q \in L(s_2)$ .



Identify the set of states that satisfy each of the following and justify your answer:

- (a)  $AG(p) = \{\}$
- (b)  $AF(p) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2\}$
- (c)  $AG(AF(p)) = \{s_0, s_1, s_2\}$
- (d)  $AF(AG(p)) = \{\}$

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2. Express the following statements as CTL formula:

- (a) There exists an execution sequence such that from every configuration in the sequence, it is possible to eventually satisfy the property  $p$ .

**Answer:**  $EG(EF(p))$

- (b) Along all paths, whenever  $p$  is true, it is followed by a state where  $p$  is false, and whenever  $p$  is false, it is followed by a state where  $p$  is true.

**Answer:**  $AG((p \rightarrow AX(\neg p)) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow AX(p)))$

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3. Prove or disprove the following:

- (a) If a state satisfies  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  then along all paths from that state the property  $p$  holds infinitely often.

**Answer:** Let's assume,

$$s_0 \in [[\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))]]$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Path}(s_0). \exists i \geq 0. \pi(i) \in [[\text{AG}(p)]]$$

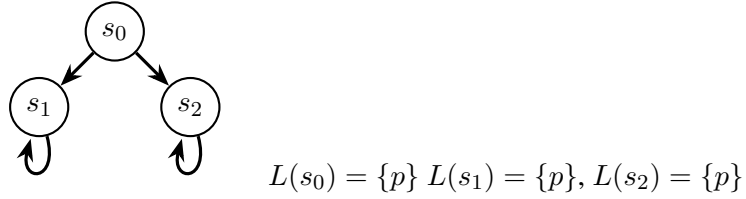
$$\Rightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Path}(s_0). \exists i \geq 0. \forall \pi' \in \text{Path}(\pi(i)). \forall j \geq i. \pi'(j) \in [[p]]$$

This simplification tells that in all evaluations starting from the initial state, there exists a state from where  $p$  holds in all paths globally. Due to the property of  $\text{AF}()$ ,  $\text{AG}()$  might be satisfied at the very initial state, therefore, we can write the following if it is satisfied in the initial state.

$$\Rightarrow \forall \pi \in \text{Path}(s_0). \forall j \geq 0. \pi(j) \in [[p]]$$

However, the question asks whether this CTL formula satisfies  $p$  holds infinitely often. Since  $p$  holds globally in all paths,  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  disproves the property  $p$  holds infinitely often.

The following Kripke structure satisfies  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  but it does not satisfies that the property  $p$  holds infinitely often.



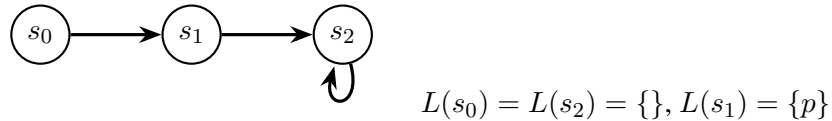
- (b) If a state satisfies  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  then along all paths from that state the property  $\neg p$  holds finitely many times.

**Answer:** It is immediate from question 3.a that,  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  does not guarantee to hold  $\neg p$  finitely many times, because the value of  $i$  might be anything greater than or equal to 0. If  $i$  becomes 0,  $\text{AG}(p)$  holds in the initial state. Therefore,  $\text{AF}(\text{AG}(p))$  does not ensure  $\neg p$  holds finitely many times. The Kripke structure provided in the same question also corroborates that the property  $\neg p$  does not hold finitely many times.

- (c) If a state satisfies  $\text{EG}(\text{EF}(p))$  then there exists at least one path starting from that state where  $p$  holds infinitely often.

**Answer:**

If a state satisfies  $\text{EG}(\text{EF}(p))$ , it does not necessarily true that  $p$  holds infinitely often. Consider the following Kripke structure-



This Kripke structure satisfies  $\text{EG}(\text{EF}(p))$  at  $s_0$ , but it does not satisfy  $p$  to be true infinitely often in this path.

(d)  $A(p \cup AX(q))$  is equivalent to  $p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q))$

**Answer:** Let's simplify  $A(p \cup AX(q))$  and  $p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q))$  first.

We know  $A(\varphi \cup \psi)$  can be written as  $\psi \vee (\varphi \wedge AX(A(\varphi \cup \psi)))$ . So, we can write,

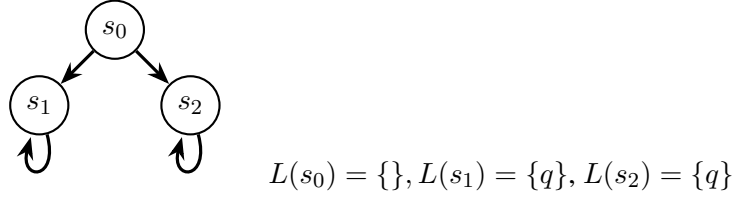
$$A(p \cup AX(q)) \Leftrightarrow AX(q) \vee (p \wedge AX(A(p \cup AX(q))))$$

We can claim a state  $s$  satisfies  $A(p \cup AX(q))$  if it satisfies either  $AX(q)$  or  $p \wedge AX(A(p \cup AX(q)))$ .

Similarly,

$$p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q)) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge AX(q \vee (p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q))))$$

Now, let's construct the following Kripke structure satisfying  $A(p \cup AX(q))$ .



From the above simplification, we know the above Kripke structure satisfies  $A(p \cup AX(q))$  because it holds  $AX(q)$ . However, it does not satisfy  $p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q))$  because it requires  $p$  to be true at the initial state.

Therefore, we can say that  $A(p \cup AX(q))$  is not equivalent to  $p \wedge AX(A(p \cup q))$ .

(e) *For 512. Extra credit for 412 students* The property, for all paths of the form  $\pi$ ,  $p$  is true in every  $\pi[i]$  where  $i$  is even, can be expressed in CTL.

**Answer:**

This question did not explicitly say about the odd position. Therefore, there are two cases to consider in the odd position. Odd position may either hold  $p$  or  $\neg p$ . Even if the odd position holds any of  $p$  or  $\neg p$ , it does not have an impact on the even position.

Let's consider a path,  $\pi = s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n, s_{n+1}, \dots, s_{n+k}, \dots$ . Considering  $p$  holds in the even and odd position, we get the trace of the paths,  $trace(\pi) = \{p, p, p, p, p, p, \dots\}$ , which we can represent as  $AG(p)$ . Again, considering  $\neg p$  holds in the odd position, we get the trace,  $trace(\pi) = \{p, \neg p, p, \neg p, p, \neg p, \dots\}$ , which can be represented as  $AG(AF(p))$ .

Now the question is- does this formula enough to represent  $p$  to be true in the even position? What if the trace becomes  $trace(\pi) = \{\neg p, p, \neg p, p, \neg p, p, \dots\}$ . We can also represent this path using  $AG(AF(p))$ . However, these CTL formulas cannot restrict the path to hold  $p$  in the even position. Therefore, we cannot write a CTL formula that can represent a path that satisfies  $p$  to be true in the even position.

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