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- \mathcal{M} , s, $\vDash EF\varphi$ iff exists some path $s_1 \to s_2 \to s_3 \to ...$ in which $s = s_1$, that exists s_i , \mathcal{M} , $s_i \vDash \varphi$. Thus, EF says: "In some path from now on, in some next state..."
- $\mathcal{M}, s, \models A[\varphi_1 U \varphi_2]$ iff for all paths $s_1 \to s_2 \to s_3 \to ...$ in which $s = s_1$, this path satisfies $\varphi_1 U \varphi_2$, i.e., exists s_i in the path such that $\mathcal{M}, s_i \models \varphi_2$ and, for all j < i, $\mathcal{M}, s_j \models \varphi_1$. Thus, AU says: "For all paths from now on, until some state..."

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 $AG(floor2 \land directionup \land button5 \rightarrow A[directionup Ufloor5])$

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Notation: we denote the semantic equivalence of φ and ψ by $\varphi \equiv \psi$

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Improving ou language Because of the equivalences shown and the ones in propositional logic, we can have some minimum sets of conectives for the CTL syntax. One of them is defined in Backus-Naur formalism below:

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi \rightarrow \phi \mid AX\phi \mid A[\phi U\phi] \mid E[\phi U\phi]$$

That's all we need?

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Even if CTL allow explicit quantification over paths, it cannot allow some expressions to be formed. For example, we cannot say, as in LTL: "All paths in which have p on them, also have q on them".

This expression can be translated in LTL as follows:

$$Fp \rightarrow Fq$$

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We can try expressing it as $AFp \to AFq$ but it does not have the same meaning. This one statement means "If all paths have a p along them, then all paths have a q along then" We can try to translate it as $AG(p \to AFq)$ which is closer, but not exactly the same. This one means "for all paths, in all states on the future, if they hold p then, all paths will eventually hold q"

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This allows us to generate some statements:

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- "In all paths, p will occur in the next state or in the next of the next": $A[Xp \lor XXp]$

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The syntax of CTL* can be defined with the BNF bellow:

$$\phi ::= \bot \mid \top \mid p \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi \land \phi \mid \phi \lor \phi \mid \phi \rightarrow \phi \mid A[\alpha] \mid E[\alpha] \mid$$

$$\alpha ::= \phi | \ \neg \alpha \ | \ \alpha \wedge \alpha \ | \ \alpha \vee \alpha \ | \ \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \ | \ \alpha \textit{U}\alpha \ | \ \textit{G}\alpha \ | \ \textit{F}\alpha \ | \ \textit{X}\alpha |$$

With the same meanings of each operator.

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