Computation Tree Logic

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- $\varphi\mathtt{U}\psi$: φ is true at least until ψ becomes true;

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Notes

Notice that, in CTL, the combination of path specific operators and temporal operators are atomic, i.e., $\mathtt{AF}$ is a operator that can be read as "In all paths in the future there is some state where..."

Notice as well that the binary operators $\mathtt{A}[\varphi \mathtt{U} \psi]$ and $\mathtt{E}[\varphi \mathtt{U} \psi]$ can be represented as $\mathtt{AU}$

We assume that, similarly to the $\neg$ operator, the "new" unary operators ($\mathtt{AX}, \mathtt{EX}, \mathtt{AF}, \mathtt{EF}, \mathtt{AG}$, and $\mathtt{EG}$) have the first precedence. Next comes the $\wedge$ and $\vee$ operators. And at last the $\rightarrow$, $\mathtt{AU}$ and $\mathtt{EU}$

Semanthics