

# CTL Model Checking

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# Background

- Example: verification of web applications → e.g. to prove existence of a path from page A to page B.

Use of **CTL** is popular → another variant of “temporal logic” → different way of model checking.

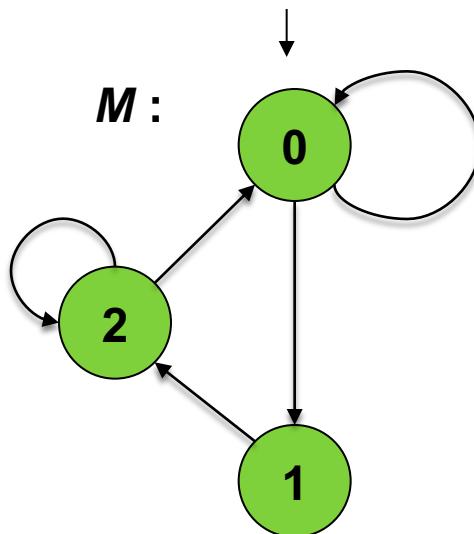
- Model checker for verifying CTL: **SMV**. Also uses a technique called “symbolic” model checking.
  - In contrast, SPIN model checking is called “explicit state”.
  - We’ll show you how this symbolic MC works, but first we’ll take a look at CTL, and the web application case study.

# Overview

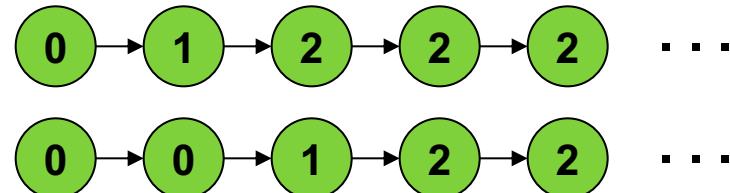
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  - Model checking
- Symbolic model checking
- BDD
  - Definition
  - Reducing BDD
  - Operations on BDD
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# CTL

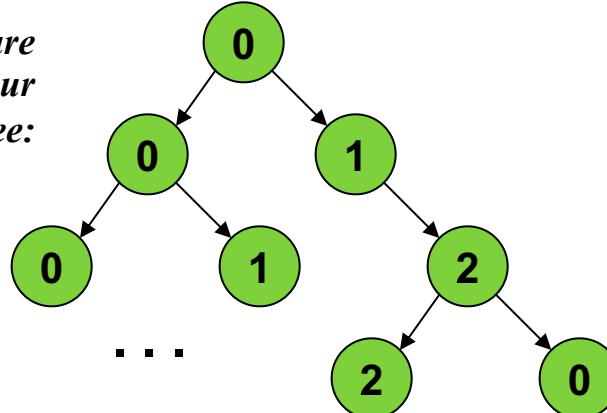
- Stands for *Computation Tree Logic*
- Consider this Kripke structure (labeling omitted) :



*In LTL, properties are defined over “executions”, which are sequences :*



*In CTL properties are defined in terms of your computation tree:*



# CTL

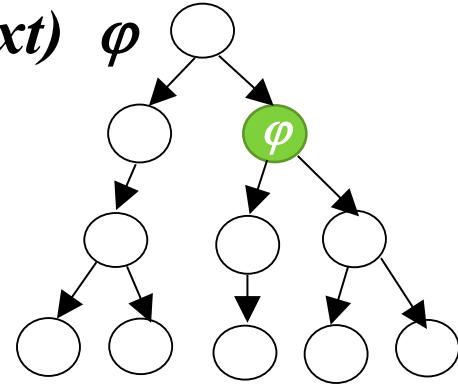
- Informally, CTL is interpreted over computation trees.

$M \models \varphi$  =  $M$ 's computation trees satisfies  $\varphi$

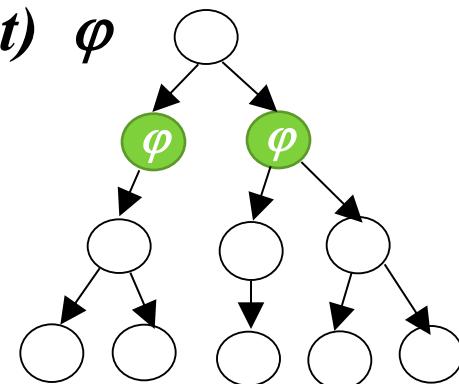
- We have path quantifiers :
  - **A** ... : holds for all path (starting at the tree's root)
  - **E** ... : holds for some path
- Temporal operators :
  - **X** ... : holds next time
  - **F** ... : holds in the future
  - **G** ... : always hold
  - **U** ... : until

# Intuition of CTL operators

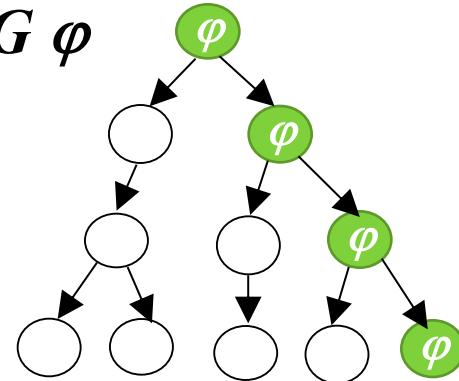
*EX (exists next)*



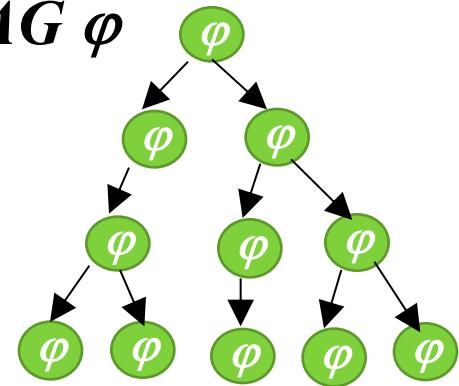
*AX (all next)*



*EG*  $\varphi$

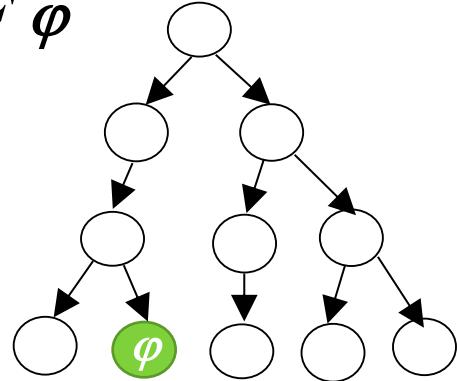


*AG*  $\varphi$

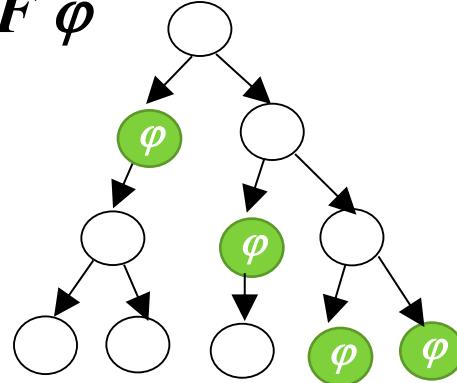


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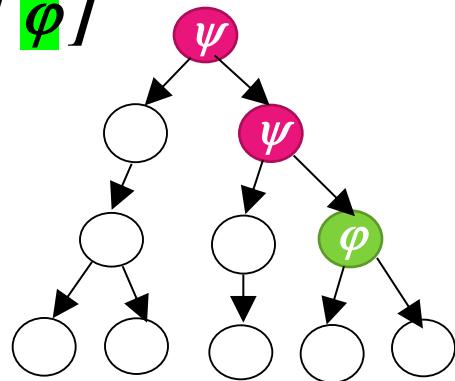
$EF \varphi$



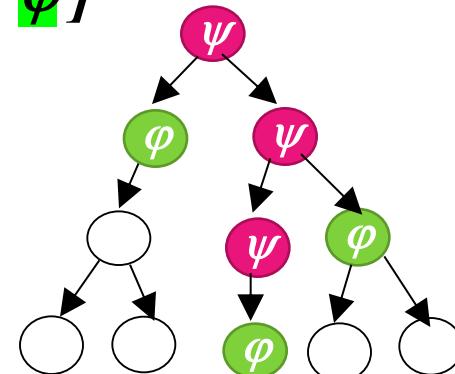
$AF \varphi$



$E[\psi U \varphi]$



$A[\psi U \varphi]$



# Syntax

$\varphi ::= p \quad // \text{atomic (state) proposition}$

|  $\neg\varphi$  |  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$

|  $\text{EX } \varphi$  |  $\text{AX } \varphi$

|  $\text{E}[\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2]$  |  $\text{A}[\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2]$

# Semantics

$R : S \rightarrow \{S\}$  : transition relation  
 $V : S \rightarrow \{Prop\}$  : observations



- Let  $M = (S, \{s_0\}, R, V)$  be a Kripke structure ☺
- $M, t \models \varphi$        $\varphi$  holds on the comp. tree  $t$
- $M \models \varphi$       is defined as  $M, \text{tree}(s_0) \models \varphi$
- $\textcolor{red}{M, t \models p} = p \in V(\text{root}(t))$
- $\textcolor{red}{M, t \models \neg \varphi} = \text{not } (M, t \models \varphi)$
- $\textcolor{red}{M, t \models \varphi \wedge \psi} = M, t \models \varphi \text{ and } M, t \models \psi$

# Semantic of “X”

- $M, t \models EX\varphi = (\exists v \in R(\text{root}(t)) :: M, \text{tree}(v) \models \varphi)$
- $M, t \models AX\varphi = (\forall v \in R(\text{root}(t)) :: M, \text{tree}(v) \models \varphi)$

This definition of the A-quantifier is a bit problematic if you have a terminal state  $t$  (state with no successor), because then you get  $t \models AX \varphi$  for free, for any  $\varphi$  (the above  $\forall$ -quantification would quantify over an empty domain). This can be patched; but we'll just assume that your  $M$  contains no terminal state (all executions are infinite).

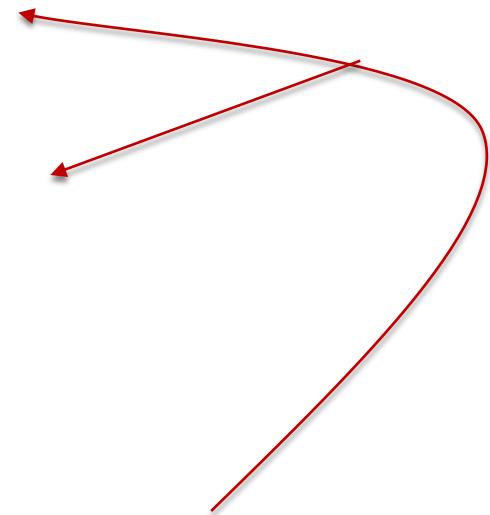
# Semantic of “U”

- $M, t \models E[\psi \mathbf{U} \varphi] =$

There is a path  $\sigma$  in  $M$ , starting in  $\text{root}(t)$  such that:

- For some  $i \geq 0$ ,  $M, \text{tree}(\sigma_i) \models \varphi$
  - For all previous  $j$ ,  $0 \leq j < i$ ,  $M, \text{tree}(\sigma_j) \models \psi$
- $M, s \models A[\psi \mathbf{U} \varphi] =$

For all path  $\sigma$  in  $M$ , starting in  $\text{root}(t)$ , these hold:



# Derived operators

- $\psi \vee \varphi = \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$
  - $\psi \rightarrow \varphi = \neg\psi \vee \varphi$
- 
- $\text{EF } \varphi = E[\text{ true } \mathbf{U} \varphi]$
  - $\text{AF } \varphi = A[\text{ true } \mathbf{U} \varphi]$
  - $\text{EG } \varphi = \neg \text{AF } \neg\varphi$
  - $\text{AG } \varphi = \neg \text{EF } \neg\varphi$

# LTL vs CTL

- They are not the same.
- Some properties can be expressed in both:

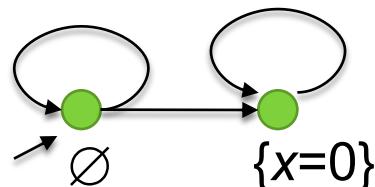
$$\mathbf{AG} (x=0) = \square(x=0)$$

$$\mathbf{AF} (x=0) = \diamond(x=0)$$

$$\mathbf{A}[x=0 \text{ U } y=0] = x=0 \text{ U } y=0$$

- Some CTL properties can't be expressed in LTL, e.g:

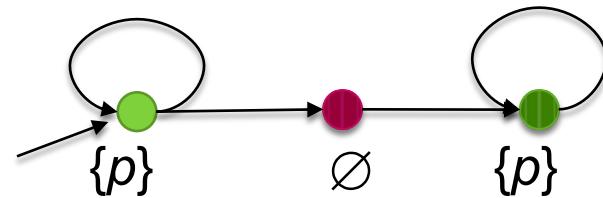
$$\mathbf{EF} (x = 0)$$



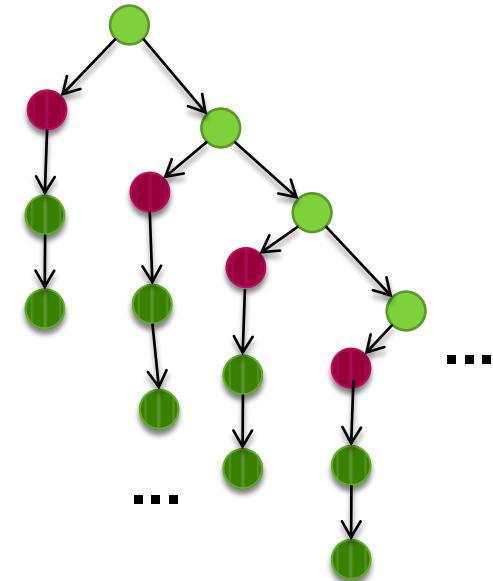
$Prop = \{ x = 0 \}$

# LTL vs CTL

- Some LTL properties cannot be expressed in CTL, e.g.

$$\diamond \square p$$


$Prop = \{ p \}$



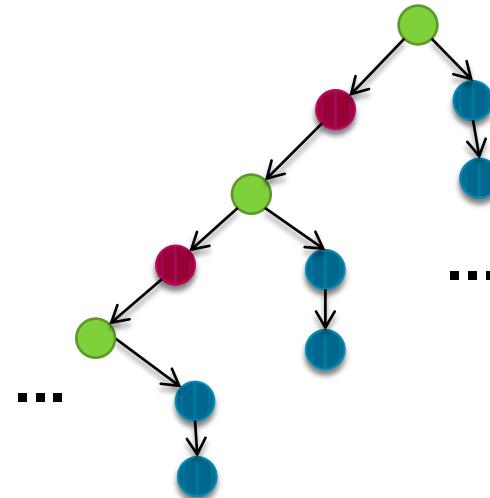
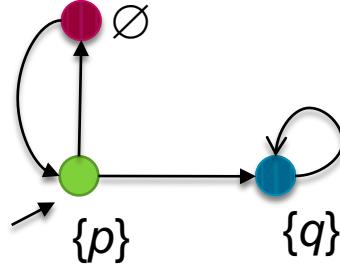
E.g. AF AG  $p$  does not express the property; the above Kripke does not satisfy it.

# LTL vs CTL

- Another example, fairness restriction:

$$(\Box \Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond q) \rightarrow \Diamond q$$

$$= \Box \Diamond p \vee \Diamond q$$



e.g. AGAF  $p \vee AF q$  does not hold on the tree.

$$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b = \sim(\sim a \vee b) \vee b = (a \wedge \sim b) \vee b = a \vee b$$

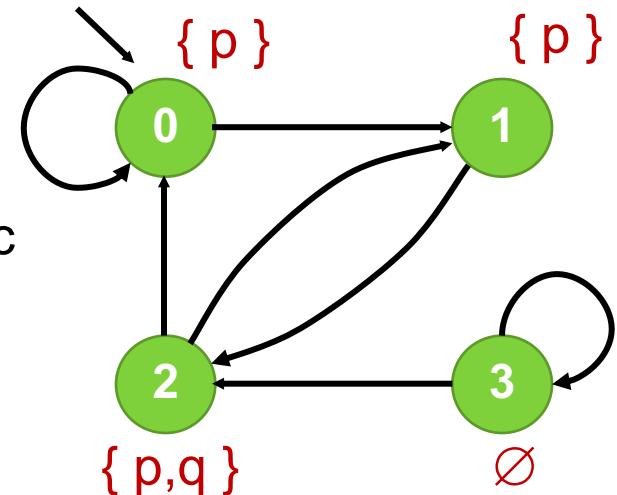
# Model checking CTL formulas

- Kripke  $M = (S, \{s_0\}, R, V)$
- We want to verify  $M \models \varphi$
- Assume  $\varphi$  is expressed in CTL's (chosen) basic operators.
- The verification algorithm works by systematically labeling  $M$ 's states with subformulas of  $\varphi$ ; bottom up.
- For a sub-formula  $f$  ; we inspect every state  $s$ :

*If  $\text{tree}(s) |= f$  , we label  $s$  with  $f$  (and otherwise we don't label it)*

- Eventually, when we are done with the labeling of the root formula  $\varphi$  :

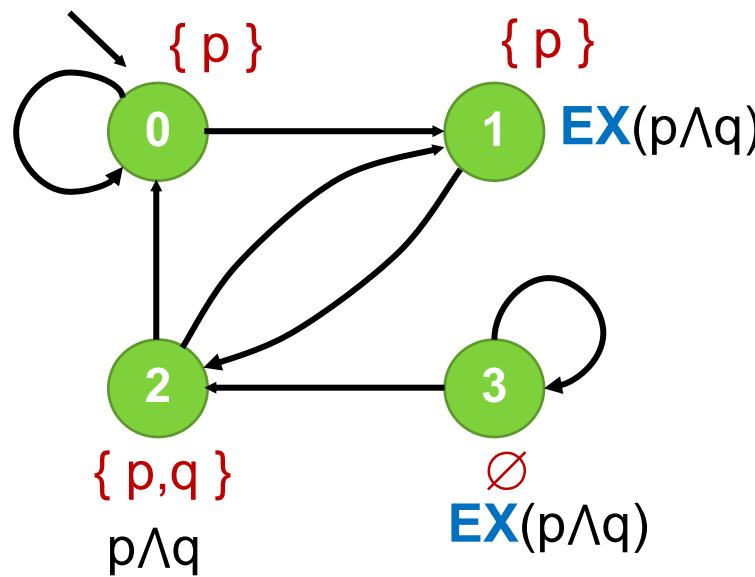
$M \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad s_0 \text{ is labeled with } \varphi$



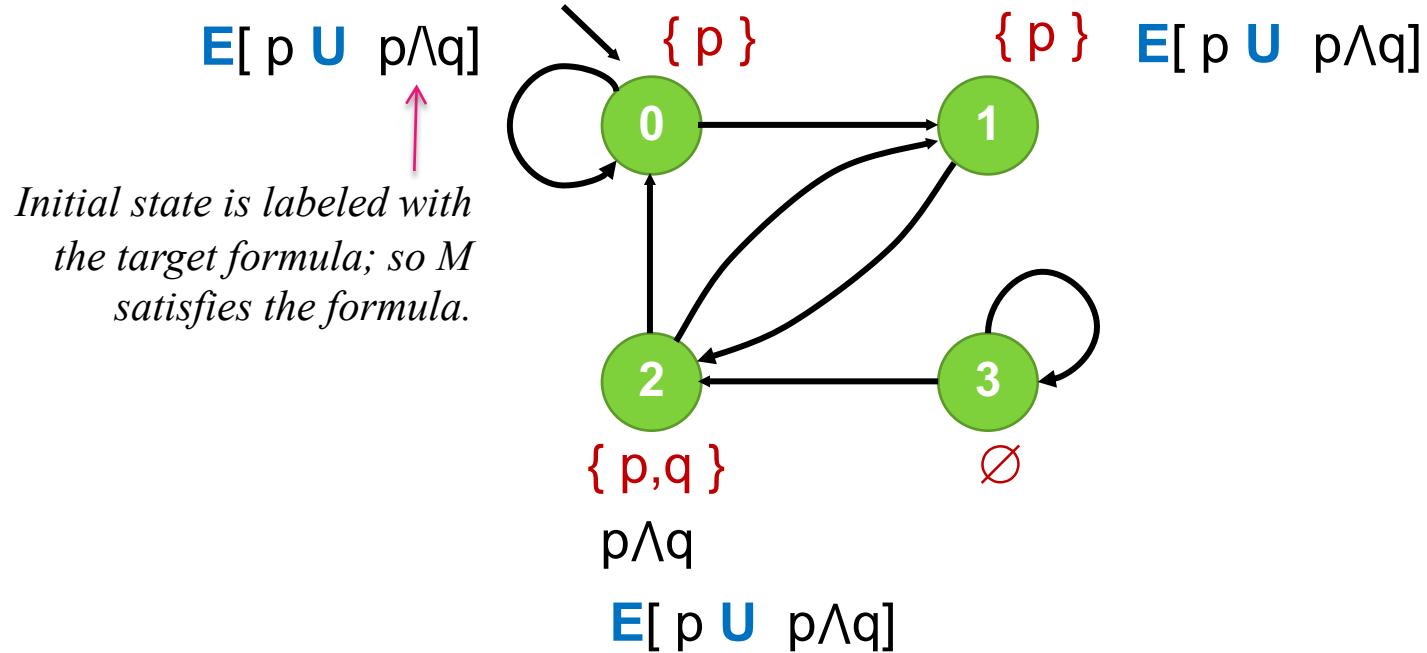
# Example, checking $\text{EX}(p \wedge q)$

$Prop = \{p, q\}$

*Initial state is not labeled with the target formula; so the formula is not valid.*

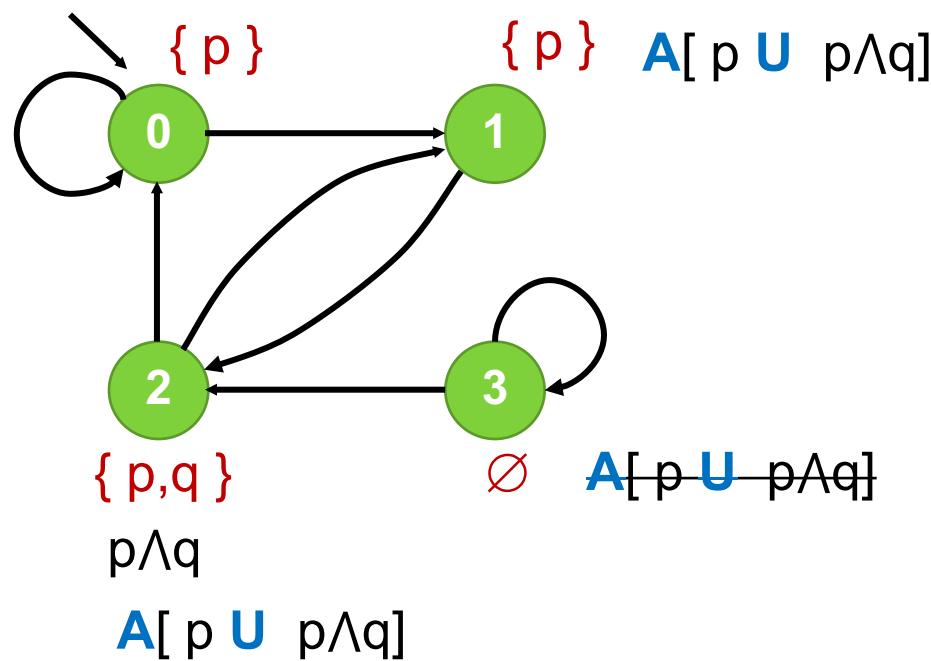


# Example, checking: $E[ p \mathbf{U} (p \wedge q) ]$



# Example, checking $A[ p \mathbf{U} (p \wedge q) ]$

*At the end, initial state is  
not labeled with the target  
formula; so the formula is  
not valid*

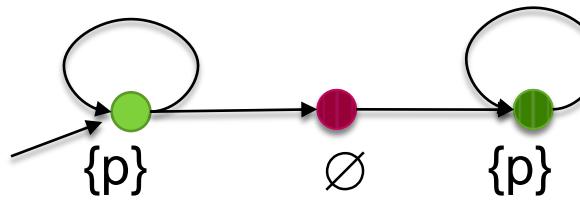


# Can we apply this to LTL ?

- Consider  $\diamond \square p$

$Prop = \{ p \}$

- Applying labeling :



we can't label this with  $\square p$ ;  
thus also not with  $\diamond \square p$

$\diamond \square p$

$\square p$

$\diamond \square p$

# CTL\*

- CTL formulas are also CTL\* formulas. LTL formulas can also be expressed in CTL\*. Syntax:

(State formula)

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \varphi :: p & & // p \text{ is atomic proposition} \\ | \quad \neg\varphi & | \quad \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \\ | \quad \mathbf{E} f & | \quad \mathbf{A} f & // f \text{ is a path formula} \end{array}$$

(Path formula)

$$\begin{array}{l} f :: \varphi \\ | \quad \neg f \quad | \quad f \wedge g \quad | \quad \mathbf{X} f \quad | \quad \mathbf{F} f \quad | \quad \mathbf{G} f \quad | \quad f_1 \mathbf{U} f_2 \end{array}$$

- An example of CTL\* formulas that is not CTL: EFG(x=0).

# CTL\*

- The meaning of state formulas:

$t \models p$	= $p$ holds at <b>root</b> ( $t$ )
$t \models \neg\varphi$	= not $t \models \varphi$
$t \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$	= $t \models \varphi_1$ and $t \models \varphi_2$
$t \models \mathbf{A} f$	= for <b>all</b> paths $\sigma$ starting in <b>root</b> ( $t$ ), $\sigma, 0 \models f$

- **Ef** can be defined as  $\neg\mathbf{A}\neg f$ .

- The meaning of path formulas:

$\sigma, i \models \varphi$	= <b>tree</b> ( $\sigma_i$ ) $\models \varphi$
$\sigma, i \models \neg f$	= not $\sigma, i \models f$
$\sigma, i \models \mathbf{X} f$	= $\sigma, i+1 \models f$

*the defs. of other operators as in LTL.*

# Checking CTL\*

- Let  $M/s$  be the same Kripke structure as  $M$ , but  $s$  as the initial state.
- **Idea:** we again perform labelling, such that a state  $s \in M$  is labelled by some formula  $\psi$  if and only if  $M/s \models \psi$ .
- After the labelling process is finished,  $M \models \varphi$  holds if and only if the initial state  $s_0$  is labelled by the original formula  $\varphi$ .

# Checking CTL\*

- Can we label  $s$  with  $\varphi$ ? Yes, if  $M/s \models \varphi$ . In other words, if  $\text{tree}(s) \models \varphi$ .
- Case 1:  $\varphi$  is an atomic proposition  $p$ :  $\text{tree}(s) \models p$  iff  $p$  holds at  $s$ .
- Case-2: labelling with  $\neg\varphi$  and  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  ... well these should be obvious.  
We label  $s$  with  $\neg\varphi$  if it cannot be labelled with  $\varphi$ . We label  $s$  with  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  if it can be labelled with both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ .
- Case-3: a single path quantifier followed by a formula  $f$  that does not contain any path quantifier.
  - Case-3a:  $\text{tree}(s) \models \mathbf{A} f$   
e.g.  $\text{tree}(s) \models \mathbf{AGF}q \rightarrow$  by checking  $M/s \models \Box\Diamond q$  in LTL.
  - Case-3b:  $\text{tree}(s) \models \mathbf{E} f$   
Well,  $\mathbf{E} f = \neg\mathbf{A} \neg f$  ... see case-2.

# Checking CTL\*

- Case-4: a formula  $\varphi$  that contains a subformula  $f$  that starts with a path quantifier.

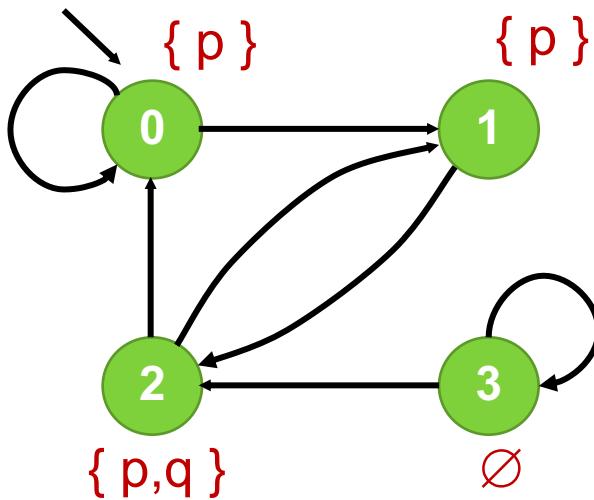
e.g. tree(s)  $\models \mathbf{AGF}(\mathbf{EFq})$

- First recursively label the states of M with  $\mathbf{EFq}$ .
- Pretend  $\mathbf{EFq}$  is a fresh state-predicate r; replace the labelling with  $\mathbf{EFq}$  with r.
- Now check  $t \models \mathbf{AGF} r$ .

# Symbolic representation

- You need the full state space to do the labeling!
- Idea:
  - Use formulas to encode sets of states (e.g. to express the set of states labeled by something)
  - A small formula can express a large set of states → suggest a potential of space reduction.

# Example



4 states, can be encoded by 2 boolean variables x and y.

St-0	$\neg x \neg y$
St-1	$\neg x y$
St-2	$x \neg y$
St-3	$x y$

E.g. the set of states where q holds is encoded by the formula:

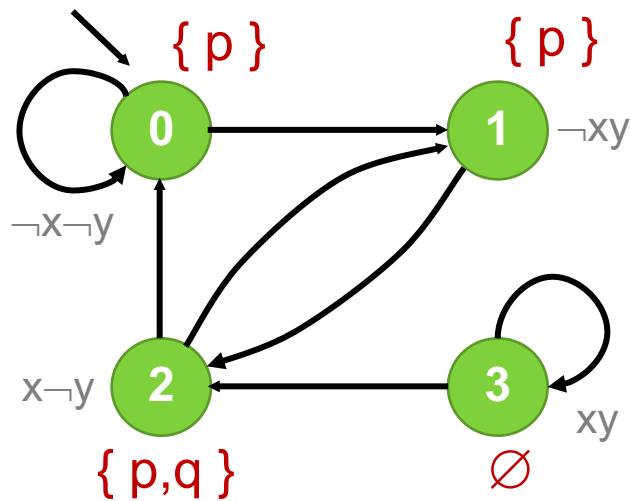
$$x \neg y$$

Similarly, the set of states where p holds :  $\{0,1,2\}$ , can be encoded by formula:

$$\neg(x y)$$

More generally, a boolean formula  $f$  represents the set of states, formed by value-combinations that satisfies  $f$ .

# Example



States encoding:

St-0	$\neg x \neg y$
St-1	$\neg xy$
St-2	$x \neg y$
St-3	$xy$

We can also describe this more program-like:

```
if state ∈ {0,2} → goto {0,1}
[] state ∈ {1,3} → goto 2
[] state = 3 → goto {2,3}
fi
```

N.D.

which can be encoded with this boolean formula:

$$\neg y \neg x' \vee y x' \neg y' \vee x y x'$$

# Example

```
byte x ; // unspecified initial value  
if x≠255 → x=0 ;
```

The automaton has 256 states,  
with 256 arrows.

- Bit matrix : 8.2 Kbyte
- List of arrows: 510 bytes

With boolean formula:

$$\neg(x_0 \dots x_7) \wedge \neg x'_0 \dots \neg x'_7$$

# Model checking

- When we label states with a formula  $f$ , we are basically calculating the set of states (of  $M$ ) that satisfy  $f$ .
- Introduce this notation:

$W_f$  = the set of states (whose comp. trees) satisfy  $f$

$$= \{ s \mid s \in S, M, \text{tree}(s) \models f \}$$

- We now encode  $W_f$  as a boolean “*formula*”

$M \models f$  if and only if  $W_f$  evaluated on  $s_0$  returns true

# Labeling

- If  $p$  is an atomic formula:

$W_p$  = boolean formula representing the set of states where  $p$  holds.

- For conjunction:

$$W_{f \wedge g} = W_f \wedge W_g$$

- Negation:

$$W_{\neg f} = \neg W_f$$

- For  $\exists$ :

$$W_{\exists x f} = \exists x', y' :: R \wedge W_f [x', y' / x, y]$$

(The relation  $R$  is assumed to be defined in terms of  $x, y$  and  $x', y'$ )

- $\forall x f = \neg \exists x \neg f$  So:  $W_{\forall x f} = \neg W_{\exists x \neg f}$

# Restricting the arrows over the destinations

States encoding:

St-0	$\neg x \neg y$
St-1	$\neg xy$
St-2	$x \neg y$
St-3	$xy$

Suppose we have these arrows,  $R = \{1,3\} \rightarrow \{2\}$

$y x' \neg y' \vee xyy'$

$\{3\} \rightarrow \{1,3\}$

The set  $U$  of all states that has at least one outgoing arrow to one of  $\{2,3\}$

$\{ s \mid (\exists t :: t \in R(s) \wedge t \in \{2,3\}) \}$

Encoding  $U$  in Boolean formula:

$(\exists x', y' :: (y x' \neg y' \vee xyy') \wedge x')$

# Restricting the arrows over the destinations

The set  $U$  of all states whose all outgoing arrows go to one of  $\{2,3\}$  :

$$\{ s \mid (\forall t:: t \in R(s) \Rightarrow t \in \{2,3\}) \}$$

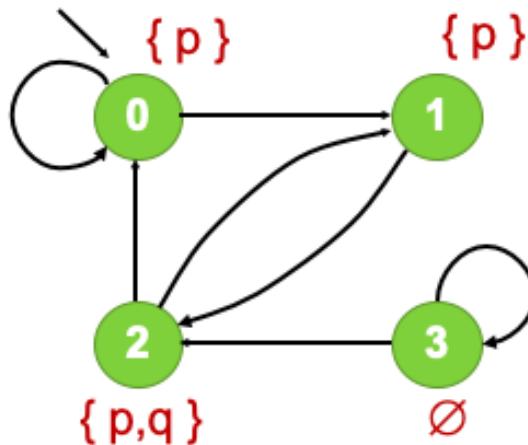
Encoding  $U$  in Boolean formula :

$$(\forall x',y' :: R(x,y,x',y') \Rightarrow x')$$

Note:

- Some state-encoding may be invalid (e.g. what if state 0 does not exist?) Some care need to be taken, not to quantify over invalid states.
- In the  $\forall$  example, all terminal states in  $M$  will automatically be included in the set  $U$  ... weird, but we discussed this before. We assumed  $M$  does not contain terminals.

# Example



States encoding:

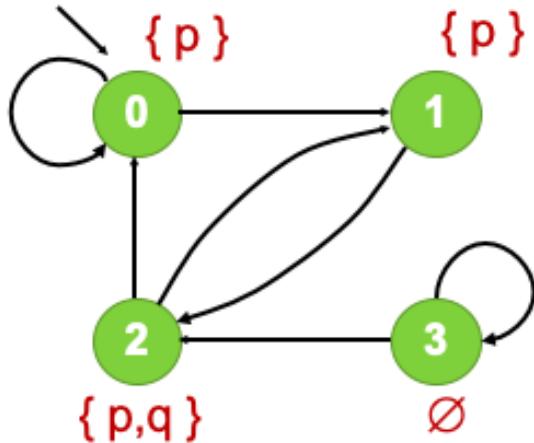
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St-3	$xy$

- $W_p = \neg(xy)$
- $W_q = x \neg y$
- $W_{p \wedge q} = W_p \wedge W_q = \neg(xy) \wedge x \neg y$

$R$

- $W_{\text{EX}(p \wedge q)} = \exists x', y' :: \neg y \neg x' \vee yx' \neg y' \vee x y x' \wedge W_{p \wedge q}[x', y' / x, y]$
- $= \exists x', y' :: \neg y \neg x' \vee yx' \neg y' \vee x y x' \wedge \neg(x'y') \wedge x' \neg y'$

# Another Example, $\text{AXp} \wedge \neg q$



States encoding:

St-0	$\neg x \neg y$
St-1	$\neg xy$
St-2	$x \neg y$
St-3	$xy$

$$W_{p \wedge \neg q} = \neg x$$

$$W_{\text{AXp} \wedge \neg q}$$

$$= \forall x', y' :: R \Rightarrow W_{p \wedge \neg q}[x', y' / x, y]$$

$$= \forall x', y' :: (\neg y \neg x' \vee y x' \neg y' \vee x y x')$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\neg x'$$

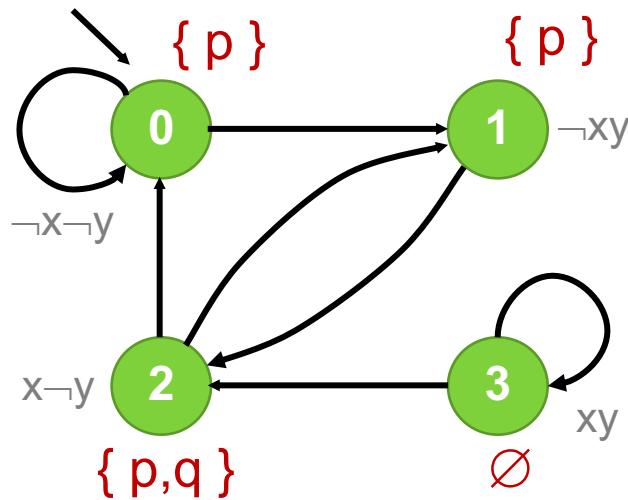
# Labeling

- E.g. the states satisfying  $E[f \mathbf{U} g]$  can be computed by:
  - Let  $Z_1 = W_{\mathbf{g}}$
  - Iteratively construct  $Z_i$ , for  $i \geq 1$  :

$$Z_{i+1} = Z_i \vee (W_{\mathbf{f}} \wedge (\exists x', y' :: R \wedge Z_i[x', y'/x, y]))$$

- Stop when  $Z_{i+1} = Z_i$  (we mean semantical equality!); then  $W_{E[p \mathbf{U} q]} = Z_i$

# Example, $E[ p \mathbf{U} q ]$



States encoding:

St-0	$\neg x \neg y$
St-1	$\neg xy$
St-2	$x \neg y$
St-3	$xy$

$$Z_1 = W_q = x \neg y$$

$$Z_2 = Z_1 \vee (W_p \wedge (\exists x', y' :: R \wedge Z_1[x', y' / x, y]))$$

$$x \neg y \vee (\neg(xy) \wedge (\exists x', y' :: \dots \wedge x' \neg y'))$$

$$\bullet Z_3 = \dots$$

Till fix point.

# But how to efficiently do this fix point iteration ?

- Firstly, we need a way to efficiently check the equivalence of two boolean formulas:  $f \leftrightarrow g$   
So, we can decide when to we have reached a fix-point.
- In general this is an NP-hard problem.
- We can use a SAT-solver to check if  $\neg(f \leftrightarrow g)$  is unsatisfiable.
- But **in addition** to that, your formulas grow as we iterate over the fix point! We also need a **space efficient** way represent them.
- We'll discuss BDD approach

# Canonical representation

- = standard form.
- Here, a canonical representation  $C_f$  of a formula  $f$  is a representation such that:

$$f \leftrightarrow g \quad \text{iff} \quad C_f = C_g$$

- Gives us a way to check equivalence.
- Only useful if the cost of constructing  $C_f$ ,  $C_g$  + checking  $C_f = C_g$  is cheaper than directly checking  $f \leftrightarrow g$ .
- Some possibilities:
  - Truth table  $\rightarrow$  exponentially large.
  - DNF/CNF  $\rightarrow$  can also be exponentially large.

# BDD

- *Binary Decision Diagram*; a compact, and canonical representation of a boolean formula.
- Can be constructed and combined efficiently.
- Invented by Bryant:

"Graph-Based Algorithms for Boolean Function Manipulation". Bryant, in IEEE Transactions on Computers, C-35(8), 1986.

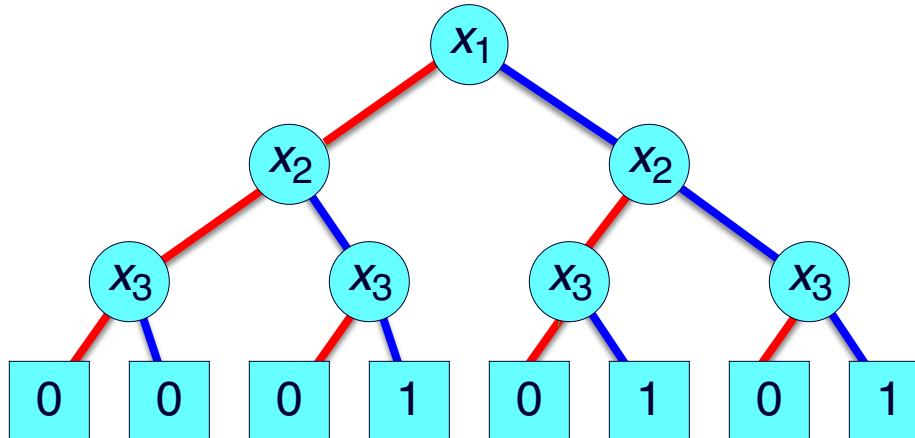
# Decision Tree

$$\neg x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \quad \vee \quad x_1 \ \neg x_2 \ x_3 \quad \vee \quad x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3$$

with truth table :

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$f$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Or representing the table with a (binary decision) tree :

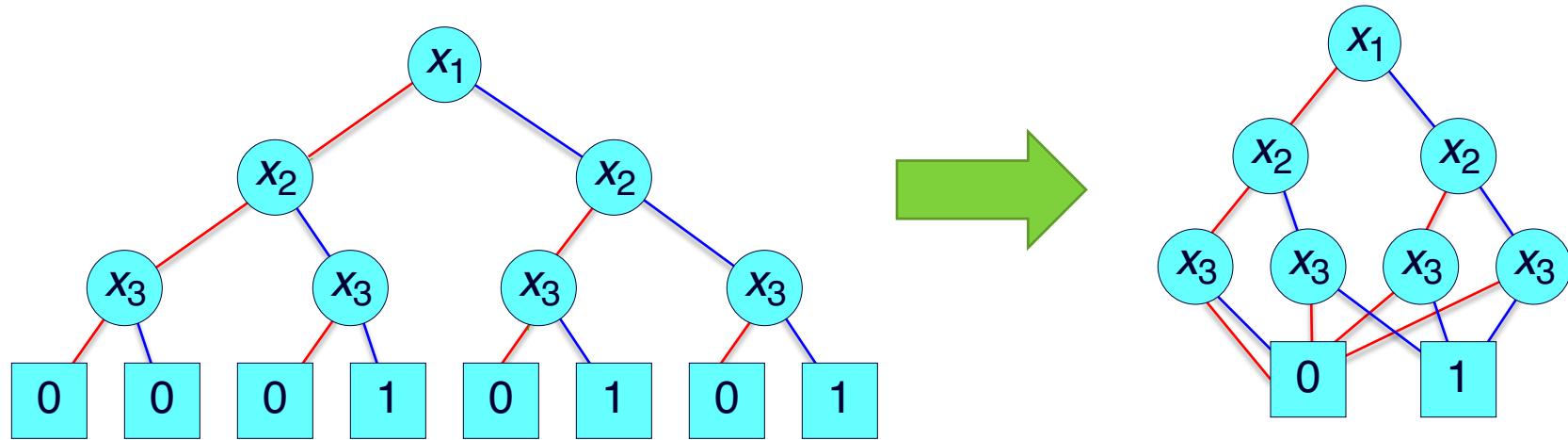


TT is canonical if we fix the order of the columns.

- Each node  $x_i$  represents a decision:
  - **Blue** out-edge from  $x_i \rightarrow$  assigning 1 to  $x_i$
  - **Red** out-edge from  $x_i \rightarrow$  assigning 0 to  $x_i$
- Function value is determined by leaf value.

# But we can compact the tree...

E.g. by merging the duplicate leaves:



*We can compact this further by merging  
duplicate subgraphs ...*

# Results

Word Size	Gates	Patterns	CPU Minutes	A=B Graph
4	52	$1.6 \times 10^4$	1.1	197
8	123	$4.2 \times 10^6$	2.3	377
16	227	$2.7 \times 10^{11}$	6.3	737
32	473	$1.2 \times 10^{21}$	22.8	1457
64	927	$2.2 \times 10^{40}$	95.8	2897

Table 2.ALU Verification Examples

*Note: this is from Bryant's paper in 1986.  
They use their version of MC at that time,  
running it on an DEC VAX 11/780, with  
about 1 MIP speed ☺*

# Boolean formula

- A boolean formula (proposition logic formula) e.g.  $x \cdot y \vee z$  can be seen as a function :

$$f(x,y,z) = x \cdot y \vee z$$

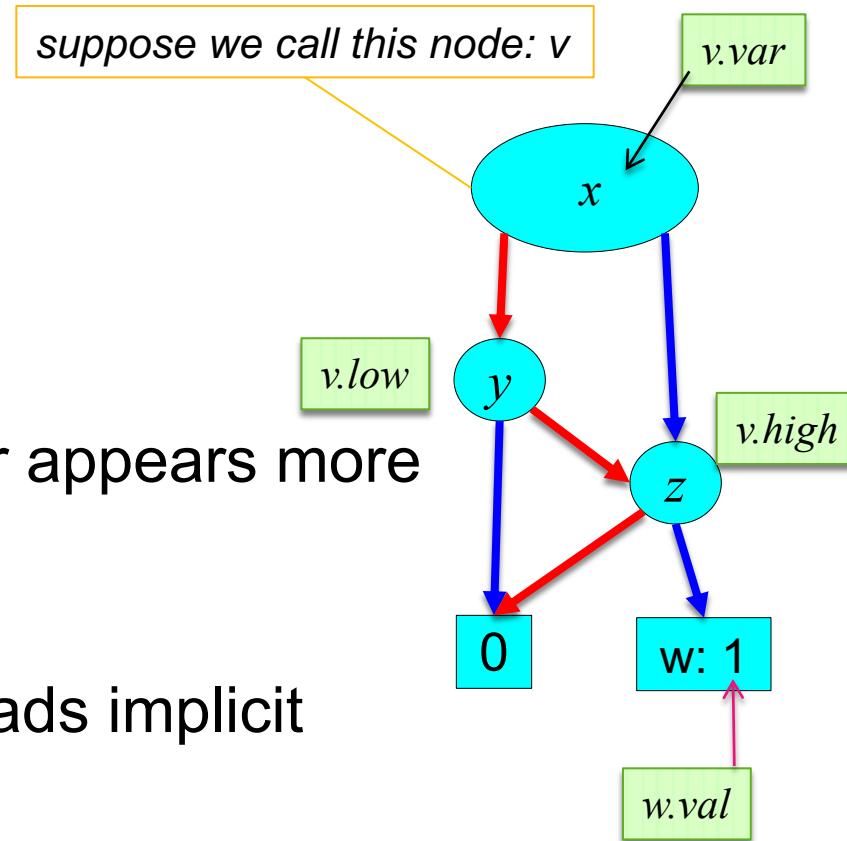
- In Bryant's paper this is called a : boolean function.
- E.g. 'composing' functions as in

“ $f(x, y, g(x,y,z))$ ”

is the same as the corresponding substitution.

# Binary Decision Diagram

- A BDD is a directed acyclic graph, with
  - a single root
  - two ‘leaves’  $\rightarrow 0/1$
  - non-leaf node
    - labeled with ‘varname’
    - has 2 children
- Along every path, no var appears more than 1x
- We’ll keep the arrow-heads implicit
  - always from top to bottom

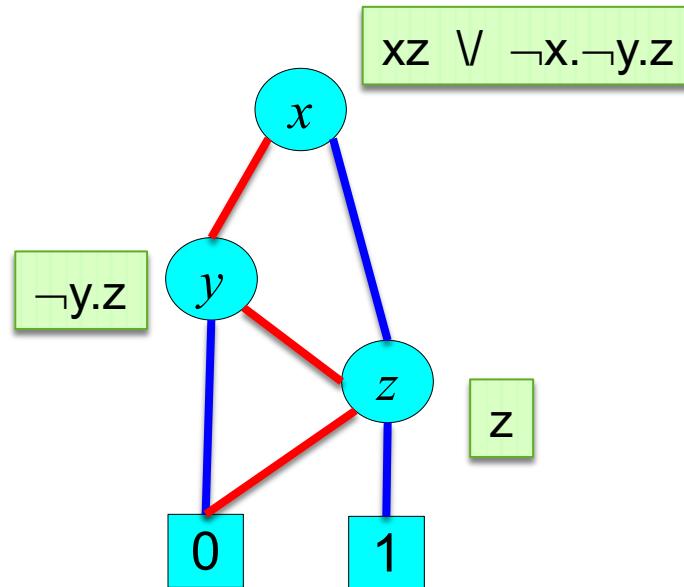


# func(G)

$x = \text{var}(v)$

- $\text{func}(v) = \neg x . \text{func}(v.\text{low}) \vee x . f(v.\text{high})$

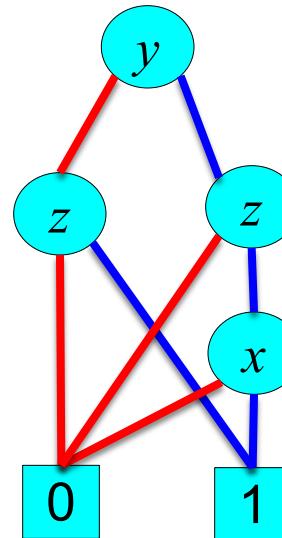
$\text{func}(G) = \text{func}(\text{root})$



$\text{func}(0) = 0, \quad \text{func}(1) = 1$

# Ordered BDD

- OBDD → fix an ordering on the variables
  - let  $\text{index}(v) \rightarrow$  the order of  $v$  in this ordering ☺
  - $\text{index}(v) < \text{index}(v.\text{low})$
  - *same with v.high*



satisfies ordering  
[y,z,x] but not [y,x,z]

# Reduced BDD

- Two BDDs  $F$  and  $G$  are *isomorphic* if you can obtain  $G$  from  $F$  by renaming  $F$ 's nodes, vice versa.

But you are not allowed to rename  $v.\text{var}$  nor  $v.\text{val}$  !

then:  $\text{func}(F) = \text{func}(G)$

- A BDD  $G$  is *reduced* if:
  - for any non-leaf node  $v$ ,  $v.\text{low} \neq v.\text{high}$ .
  - for any distinct nodes  $u$  and  $v$ , the sub-BDDs rooted at them are not isomorphic.

}

otherwise  $G$  can be reduced!

# Reduced OBDD

- Reduced OBDD is canonical:

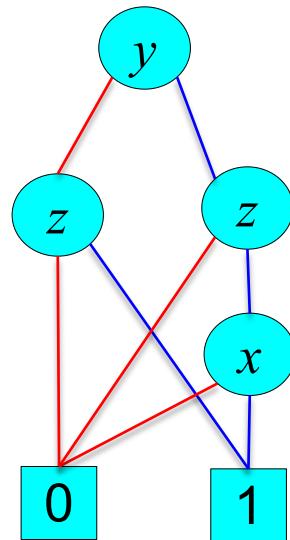
*If we fix the variable ordering, every boolean function is uniquely represented by a reduced OBDD (up to isomorphism).*

- Same idea as in truth tables: canonical if you fix the order of the columns.
- However, the chosen ordering may influence the size of the OBDD.

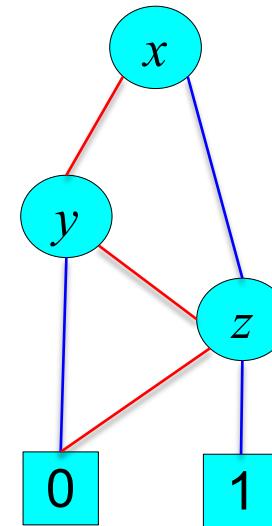
# Effect of ordering

Consider:

$$xyz \vee \neg yz$$



Order: y,z,x

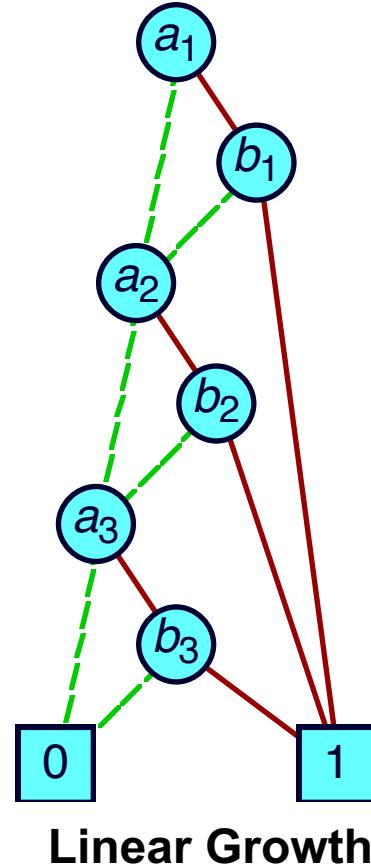


Order: x,y,z

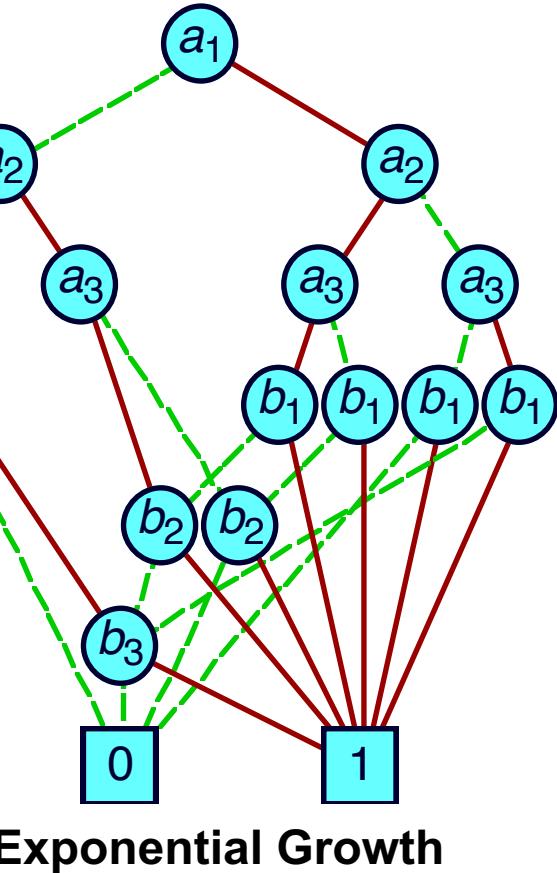
$$xyz \vee \neg yz = (xy \vee \neg y)z = (x \vee \neg y)z = (x \vee \neg x \neg y)z = xz \vee \neg x \neg yz$$

# The difference can be huge...

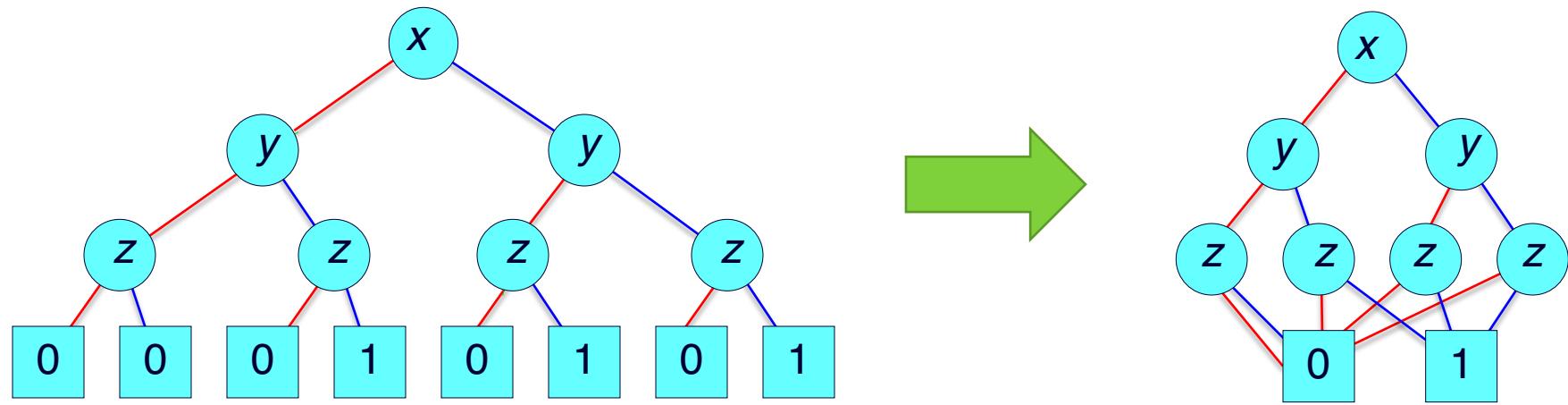
consider:  $a_1b_1 \vee a_2b_2 \vee a_3b_3$



In these pictures:  
— (red) : true/1  
- - - (green) : false/0

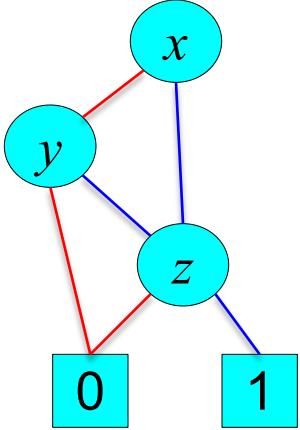
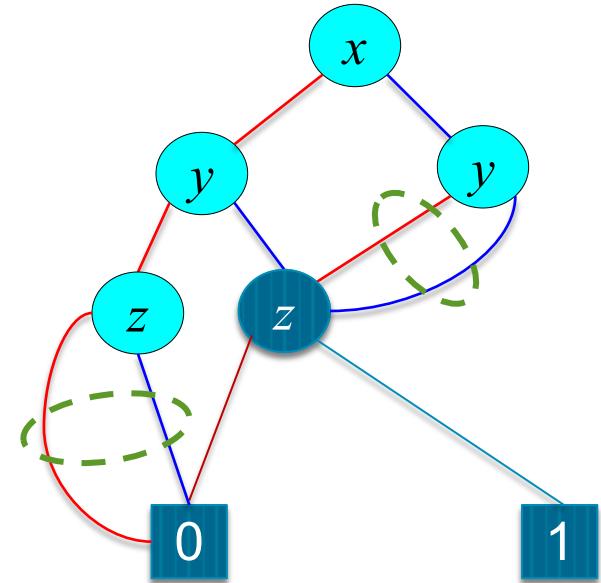
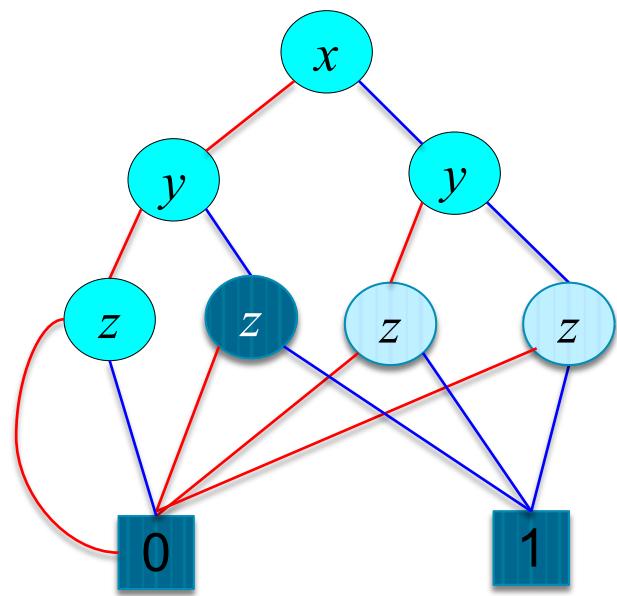


# Reducing BDD



*By sharing leaves...*

# Reducing BDD



# The reduction algorithm

- Introduce a “class” Node to represent the nodes in a BDD.
- If v is an instance of Node and it has these fields
  - v.var (non-leaf)
  - v.low , v.high : Node (non-leaf)
  - v.value (leaf)
- A BDD can be represented by a single instance of Node, which is to be the root of the BDD.

# The reduction algorithm

- Introduce  $\mathbf{id}$ , mapping/function  $\text{Node} \rightarrow \text{Node}$

Use it to keep track which nodes actually represent the same formula.

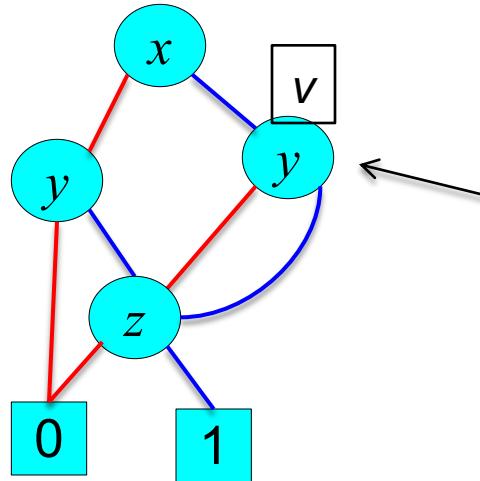
Iterate/recurse and maintain this invariant:

$$\mathit{func}(u) = \mathit{func}(\mathbf{id}(u))$$

- Initially,  $\mathbf{id}(u) = u$ , for all  $u$ .
- So, we can remove  $u$  from the graph, and re-route arrows to it, to go to  $\mathbf{id}(u)$  instead.
- Work bottom up, and such that a node decorated with  $x$  is processed after all nodes whose decorations come later in the var-ordering are processed first.

# The reduction algorithm

- We'll work recursively, bottom-up.
- Keep track of  $V$  = set of visited/processed nodes.
- Now suppose we are at a node  $v$  labeled with  $y$ ,  $\text{index}(y)=i$ .
- Note that this implies that we must have done the work for all non-leaves labeled with  $z$  with  $\text{index}(z)>i$ .
  - **Case-1**,  $\text{id}(v.\text{low}) = \text{id}(v.\text{high})$  ; suppose  $v.\text{var} = "y"$



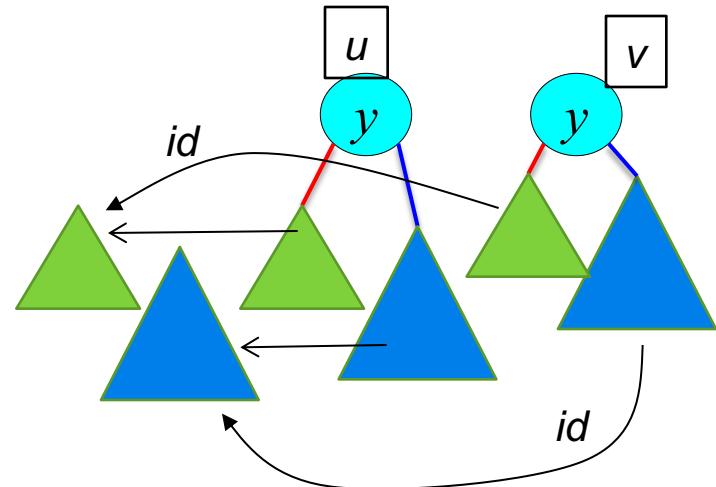
$$\begin{aligned}\text{func}(v) &= \neg y . \boxed{\text{func}(v.\text{low})} \vee y . \boxed{\text{func}(v.\text{high})} \\ &= \neg y . \text{func}(\text{id}(v.\text{low})) \vee y . \text{func}(\text{id}(v.\text{high})) \\ &= \neg y . \text{func}(\text{id}(v.\text{low})) \vee y . \text{func}(\text{id}(v.\text{low})) \\ &= \text{func}(\text{id}(v.\text{low}))\end{aligned}$$

• update:  $\text{id}(v) := \text{id}(v.\text{low})$

# The reduction algorithm

- **Case-2:** there is another non-leaf  $u \in V$  ( $u$  has been processed) such that:

1.  $u.\text{var} = v.\text{var}$  ; suppose this is “y”
2.  $\text{id}(u.\text{low}) = \text{id}(v.\text{low})$
3.  $\text{id}(u.\text{high}) = \text{id}(v.\text{high})$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{func}(v) &= \neg y . \text{func}(u.\text{low}) \vee y . \text{func}(v.\text{high}) \\ &= \neg y . \text{func}(u.\text{low}) \vee y . \text{func}(u.\text{high}) // \text{by inv} \\ &= \text{func}(u) \\ &= \text{func}(\text{id}(u))\end{aligned}$$

- *update:  $\text{id}(v) := \text{id}(u)$*

# The reduction algorithm

- **Case 3 :** otherwise we can't reduce  $v$  , if  $v$  is not a leaf, update :
  - $v.\text{high} := \text{id}(v.\text{high})$
  - $v.\text{low} := \text{id}(v.\text{low})$
- We are done if we have processed the root Node; return the graph induced by  $\text{id}(v)$ , rooted at  $\text{id}(\text{root})$ , as the new graph.
- Orphan nodes can be garbage-collected.

# Building a BDD

- So far: we can reduce a BDD.
- Recall in CTL model checking, e.g. to the set of states satisfying **EX** p is calculated by constructing this formula:

$$\exists x',y' :: R \wedge W_p [x',y'/x,y]$$

Since formulas are now represented as BDDs, this implies the need to combine BDDs.

- The combinators should be efficient!

# Basic operations to combine BDDs

- *Apply*                     $f_1 \text{ <op> } f_2$
- *Restrict*                 $f|_{x=b}$                     *// b is constant*
- *Compose*                 $f_1|_{x=f_2}$                 *// f2 is another function*
- *Satisfy-one*

*Return a single combination of the variables off that would make it true, else return nothing.*

# Quantification

- With restriction we can encode boolean quantifications :

$$(\exists y :: f(x,y)) = f(x,y) \mid_{y=0} \vee f(x,y) \mid_{y=1}$$

$$(\forall y :: f(x,y)) = \neg (\exists y :: \neg f(x,y))$$

(Recall that we need this in the MC algorithm).

# Restriction

- $f(x,y,z) \mid_{y=c}$  how to construct the BDD of the new function??

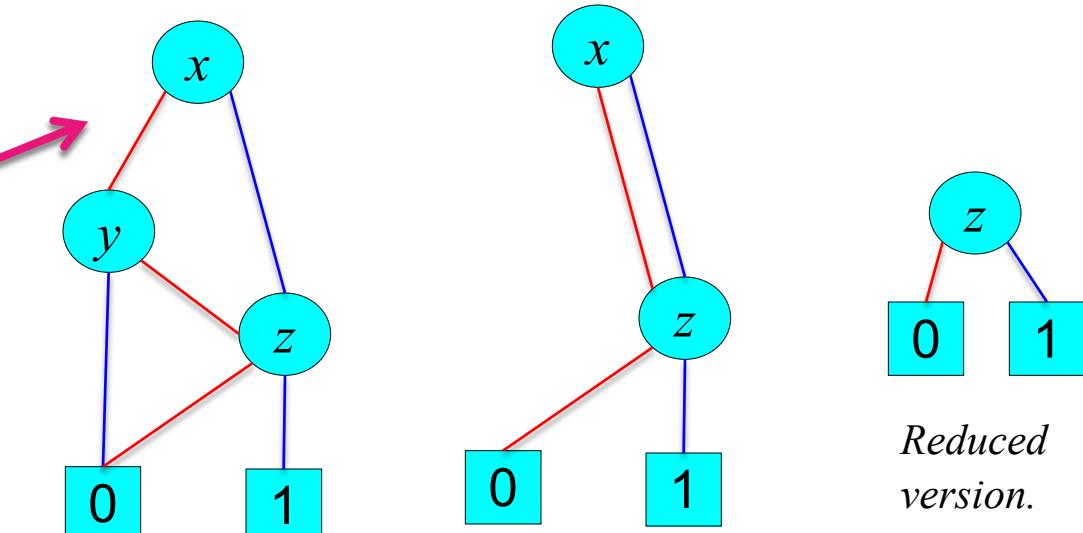
$f(x,y,z) \mid_{y=0} \rightarrow$  replace all y nodes by low-sub-tree

$f(x,y,z) \mid_{y=1} \rightarrow$  replace all y nodes by high-sub-tree

Example:

$$f(x,y,z) = xz \vee \neg x \neg yz$$

$$\text{So, } f(x,y,z) \mid_{y=0} = z$$



Reduced  
version.

After replacing "y"

# Apply

- “Apply”, denoted by  $f \text{ <op> } g$ , means the boolean function obtained by applying op to f and g.

E.g. assuming they take x,y as parameters,  $f \text{ <and> } g$  means the function that maps x,y to  $f(x,y) \wedge g(x,y)$ .

  - A single algorithm to implement  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , xor
  - We can even implement  $\neg f$ , namely as  $f \text{ <xor> } 1$

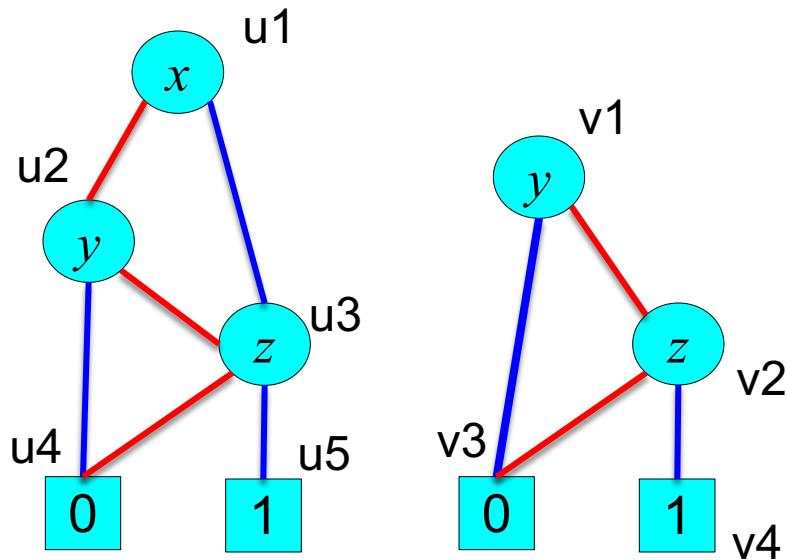
# Apply

- So, given the BDDs of  $f$  and  $g$ , how to construct the BDD of  $f \text{ } \langle \text{op} \rangle \text{ } g$  ?
- There is this ‘*Shannon expansion*’ :

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ } \langle \text{op} \rangle \text{ } g \\ = \\ \neg x . (f|_{x=0} \text{ } \langle \text{op} \rangle \text{ } g|_{x=0}) \quad \vee \quad x . (f|_{x=1} \text{ } \langle \text{op} \rangle \text{ } g|_{x=1}) \end{aligned}$$

- This tells us how to implement “apply” recursively !
- Detail, see LN.

# Example



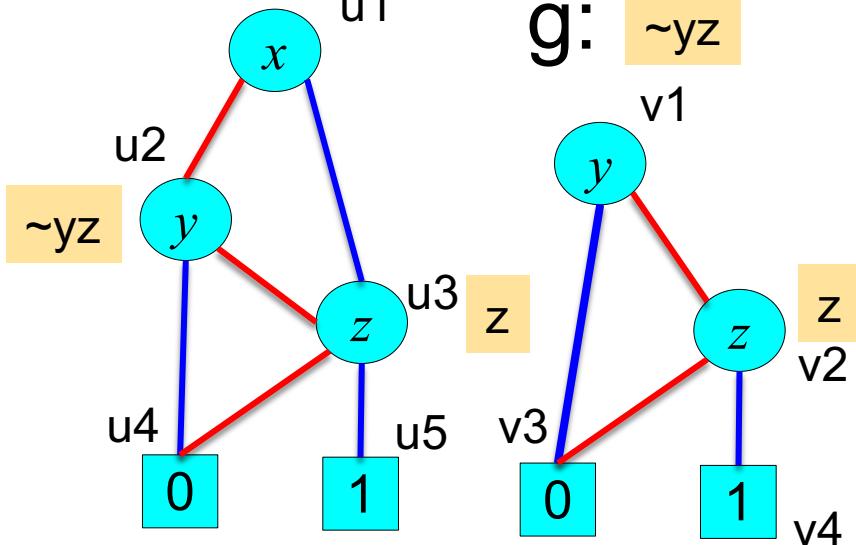
We name the nodes, just so that we can refer to them.

We'll do this by hand.

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ } g \\ = \\ \neg x . (f|_{x=0} \text{ } g|_{x=0}) \vee x . (f|_{x=1} \text{ } g|_{x=1}) \end{aligned}$$

# Example

$$f: xz \vee \neg x \neg yz$$

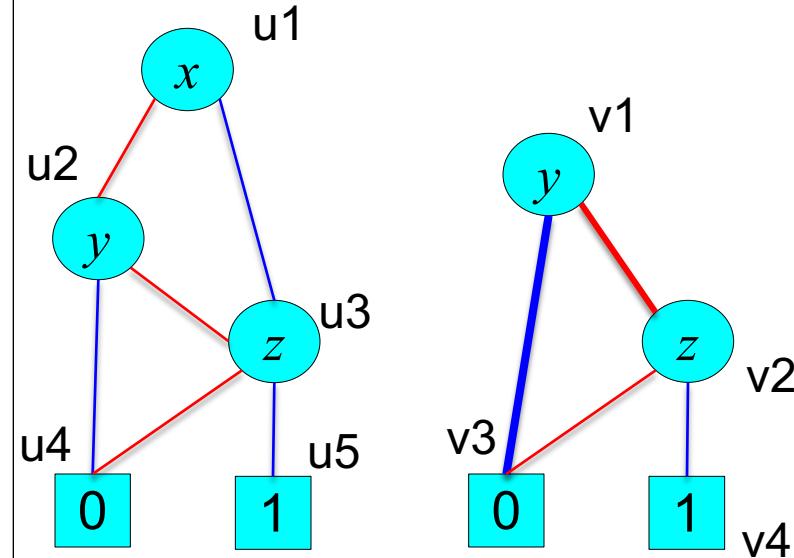


$$\begin{aligned}
 f \wedge g &= \\
 &= \neg x . (f|_{x=0} \wedge g|_{x=0}) \vee x . (f|_{x=1} \wedge g|_{x=1}) \\
 &= \\
 &= \neg x (\neg yz \wedge g) \vee x (z \wedge g) \\
 &= \\
 &\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

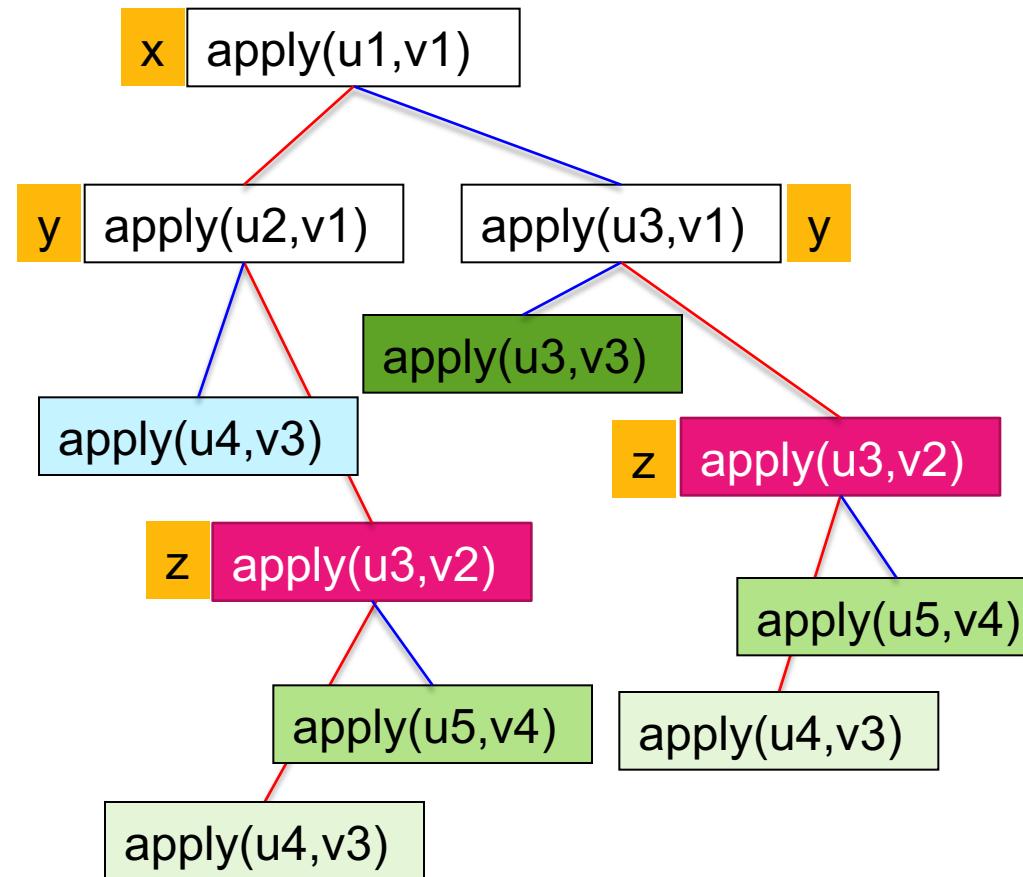
$$\begin{aligned}
 f \text{ <and>} g &= \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\neg x . (f|_{x=0} \text{ <and>} g|_{x=0}) \vee x . (f|_{x=1} \text{ <and>} g|_{x=1})$$

# Example



*Repeated call in recursion! To avoid this, maintain a table to keep track of already computed results.*



# Satisfy and Compose

- Compose, constructed through :

$$f_1|_{x=f_2} = f_2 \cdot f_1|_{x=1} \vee \neg f_2 \cdot f_1|_{x=0}$$

- In a reduced graph of a satisfiable formula, every non-terminal node must have both leaf-0 and leaf-1 as descendants.

It follows that satisfy-one can be implemented in  $O(n)$  time (e.g. run a DFS from root to find a path leading to 1)

# And substitution...

- Recall in CTL model checking, e.g. to the set of states satisfying **EX** p is calculated by constructing this formula:

$$\exists x',y' :: R \wedge W_p [x',y'/x,y]$$

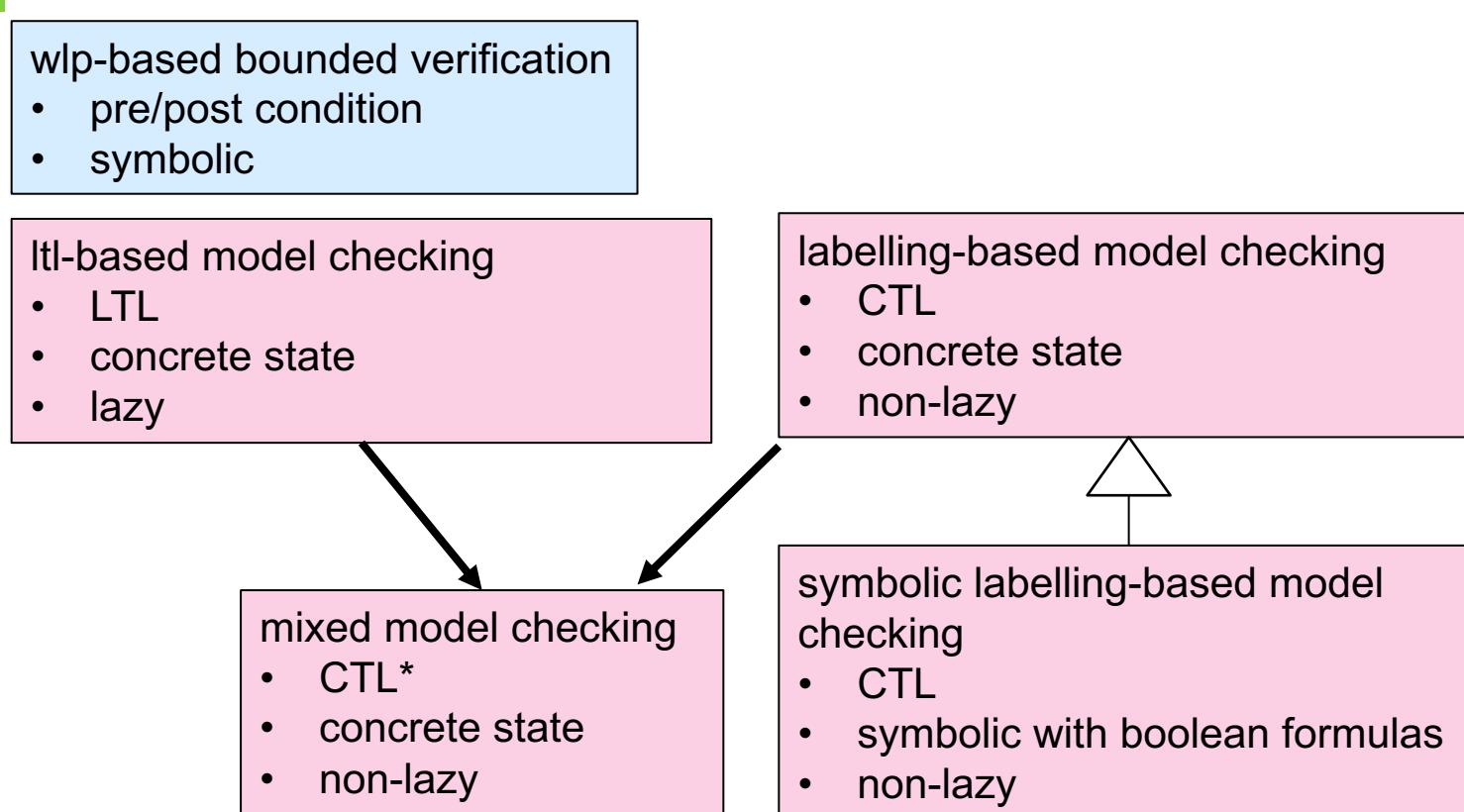
So, how to we construct the BDD representing e.g.  
 $f[x',y'/x,y]$  ?

- Just replace  $x,y$  in the BDD with  $x',y'$ , assuming this does not violate the BDD's ordering constraint (e.g. if  $x < y$  but  $x' > y'$ ). Else use compose.

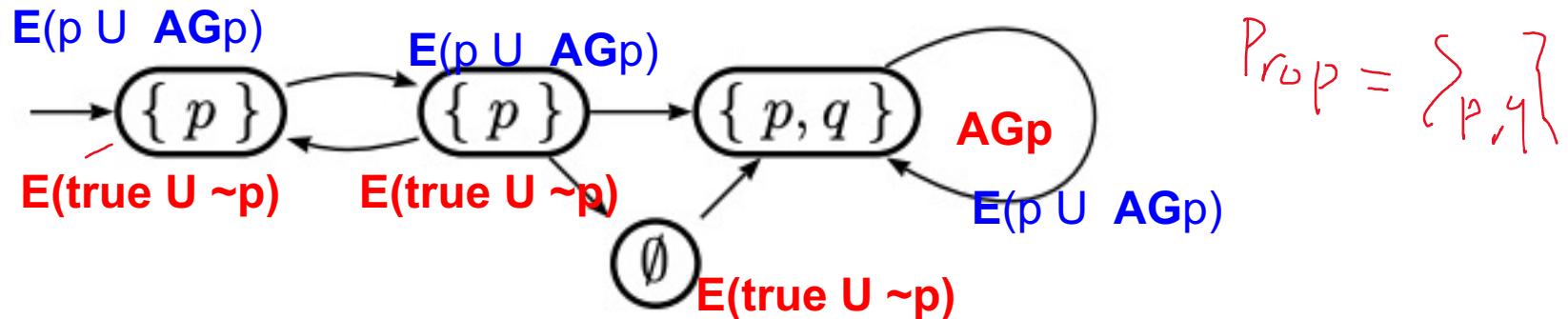
# The cost of various operations

- *Reduce f*  $O(|G| \times \log |G|)$   
where G is the graph of f's BDD.
- *Apply*  $f_1 <\text{op}> f_2$   $O(|G_1| \times |G_2|)$
- *Restrict*  $f|_{x=b}$   $O(|G| \times \log |G|)$
- *Compose*  $f_1|_{x=f_2}$   $O(|G_1|^2 \times |G_2|)$
- *Satisfy-one*  $O(|G|)$

# Overview of all verification algorithms we learned



**Didn't cover:** separation logic, refinement checking (CSP, real time model checking,



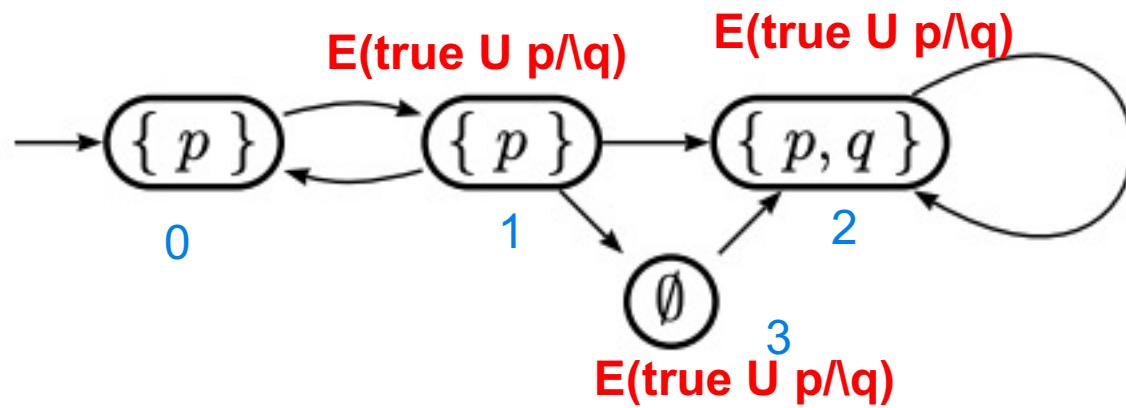
- (a) Do LTL model checking to verify the LTL property  $\diamond \Box p$ .
- (b) Can the above property be expressed in CTL? How about in CTL\*?
- (c) Do CTL model checking to verify  $\mathbf{EF}(p \wedge q)$ .
- (d) Ok, now try these properties:

- $\mathbf{EF} \neg p$
- $\mathbf{AG} p$
- $\mathbf{E}[p \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{AG} p)]$
- $\mathbf{A}[p \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{AG} p)]$
- $\mathbf{AFAG} p$

$\mathbf{E}(p \mathbf{U} \mathbf{AG} p)$

$\mathbf{AG} p$   
=   
 $\sim \mathbf{EF} \sim p$   
=   
 $\sim \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{true} \mathbf{U} \sim p)$

0:  $\sim x \sim y$   
 1:  $\sim xy$   
 2:  $x \sim y$   
 3:  $xy$



$$EF(p \wedge q) = E(true \cup p \wedge q)$$

$$W_{p \wedge q} = x \sim y$$

$$W_{EF(p \wedge q)} = ??$$

$$Z_1 = W_{p \wedge q}$$

$$Z_2 = Z_1 \vee (true \wedge (\text{Exists } x', y' :: R(x, y, x', y) \wedge Z_1))$$

$$Z_3 = Z_2 \vee (true \wedge (\text{Exists } x', y' :: R(x, y, x', y) \wedge Z_2))$$

....

$$Z_{k+1} = Z_k$$

$$\text{Suppose } L(0) = \{p, q\}$$

$$W_{(p \wedge q)} = \{0, 2\} = \sim x \sim y \vee x \sim y = \sim y$$

$R(x, y, x', y') =$   
 $\sim xy \cdot \sim(\sim x'y')$   
 $\vee x x' \sim y'$   
 $\vee \sim x \sim y \sim x'y'$