– Erratum –

On the Expressiveness and Complexity of ATL

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The claim that ATL^+ model checking is Δ_3^P -complete is wrong (Theorem 19 in the conference version [LMO07], and Proposition 3.14 and Theorem 3.17 in the journal version [LMO08]). The error actually already appears in [Sch04]: the fact that ATL^+ can be translated into ATL does not imply that ATL^+ admits memoryless winning strategies. As an easy example, consider the formula $\langle\!\langle A \rangle\!\rangle$ ($\mathbf{F} a \wedge \mathbf{F} b$) in the one-player game depicted on Figure 1: memoryless strategies would only visit one side of the structure.



Figure 1: A one-player game

The correct result is proven in [WSH15]:

Theorem 1 ([WSH15]). Model checking ATL^+ is PSPACE-complete over explicit CGSs.

It is not difficult to extend this result to implicit CGSs. This can be proven e.g. by using a labelling algorithm relying on the translation of ATL^+ into ATL^+ proceeding bottom-up, we consider each strategy quantifier in the formula. It has the form $\langle\!\langle A \rangle\!\rangle \varphi$ where φ is a boolean combination of basic path formulas. Such a formula can be translated into a disjunction of several ATL formulas. It then suffices to enumerate these disjuncts and check for each state whether one of them holds true.

Hence:

Theorem 2. Model checking ATL^+ is PSPACE-complete over implicit CGSs and ATSs.

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