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# Static and dynamic properties

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### Mutual exclusion

Safety properties are often static.

They can be reduced to reachability.

## Example: Dynamic properties

Every elevator request should be eventually granted.

The elevator should not cross a level for which a call is pending without stopping.

# Temporal Structures

## Definition: Flows of time

A *flow of time* is a **strict order**  $(\mathbb{T}, <)$  where  $\mathbb{T}$  is the nonempty set of *time points* and  $<$  is an irreflexive transitive relation on  $\mathbb{T}$ .

## Example: Flows of time

- $(\{0, \dots, n\}, <)$ : Finite runs of sequential systems.
- $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ : Infinite runs of sequential systems.
- $(\mathbb{R}, <)$ : runs of real-time sequential systems.
- **Trees**: Finite or infinite run-trees of sequential systems.
- **Mazurkiewicz traces**: runs of distributed systems (partial orders).
- and also  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$  or  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  or  $(\omega^2, <)$ , ...

## Definition: Temporal Structures

Let AP be a set of atoms (atomic propositions).

A *temporal structure* over a class  $\mathcal{C}$  of time flows and AP is a triple  $(\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  where  $(\mathbb{T}, <)$  is a time flow in  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $h : AP \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{T}}$  is an assignment.

If  $p \in AP$  then  $h(p) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$  gives the time points where  $p$  holds.

# Linear behaviors and specifications

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure.

## Definition: Runs as temporal structures

An infinite run  $\sigma = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots$  of  $M$  with  $(s_i, s_{i+1}) \in T$  for all  $i \geq 0$  defines a *linear temporal structure*  $\ell(\sigma) = (\mathbb{N}, <, h)$  where  $h(p) = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid p \in \ell(s_i)\}$ .

Such a temporal structure can be seen as an infinite word over  $\Sigma = 2^{AP}$ :  
 $\ell(\sigma) = \ell(s_0)\ell(s_1)\ell(s_2)\dots = (\mathbb{N}, <, w)$  with  $w(i) = \ell(s_i) \in \Sigma$ .

**Linear specifications** only depend on runs.

Example: The printer manager is fair.

**On each run**, whenever some process requests the printer, it eventually gets it.

## Remark:

Two Kripke structures having the same linear temporal structures satisfy the same linear specifications.

## Branching behaviors and specifications

The system has an infinite active run, but it may always reach an inactive state.

Definition: Computation-tree or run-tree : unfolding of the TS

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure. Wlog.  $I = \{s_0\}$  is a singleton.

Let  $D$  be a finite set with  $|D|$  the outdegree of the transition relation  $T$ .

The computation-tree of  $M$  is an unordered tree  $t : D^* \rightarrow S$  (partial map) s.t.

- ▶  $t(\varepsilon) = s_0$ ,
- ▶ For every node  $u \in \text{dom}(t)$  labelled  $s = t(u)$ , if  $T(s) = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$  then  $u$  has exactly  $k$  children which are labelled  $s_1, \dots, s_k$

Associated temporal structure  $\ell(t) = (\text{dom}(t), <, h)$  where

- ▶  $<$  is the strict prefix relation over  $D^*$ ,
- ▶ and  $h(p) = \{u \in \text{dom}(t) \mid p \in \ell(t(u))\}$ .

(Linear) runs of  $M$  are branches of the computation-tree  $t$ .

## First-order Specifications

Definition: Syntax of  $\text{FO}(AP, <)$

Let  $\text{Var} = \{x, y, \dots\}$  be first-order variables.

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p(x) \mid x = y \mid x < y \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists x \varphi$$

where  $p \in AP$ .

Definition: Semantics of  $\text{FO}(AP, <)$

Let  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  be a temporal structure over  $AP$ .

Let  $\nu : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  be an assignment of first-order variables to time points.

$$\begin{aligned} w, \nu \models p(x) & \quad \text{if} \quad \nu(x) \in h(p) \\ w, \nu \models x = y & \quad \text{if} \quad \nu(x) = \nu(y) \\ w, \nu \models x < y & \quad \text{if} \quad \nu(x) < \nu(y) \\ w, \nu \models \exists x \varphi & \quad \text{if} \quad w, \nu[x \mapsto t] \models \varphi \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{T} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu[x \mapsto t]$  maps  $x$  to  $t$  and  $y \neq x$  to  $\nu(y)$ .

Previous specifications can be written in  $\text{FO}(<)$  (except the branching one).

## First-order vs Temporal

First-order logic

- ▶  $\text{FO}(<)$  has a good expressive power  
... but  $\text{FO}(<)$ -formulae are not easy to write and to understand.
- ▶  $\text{FO}(<)$  is decidable  
... but satisfiability and model checking are non elementary.

Temporal logics

- ▶ no variables: time is implicit.
- ▶ quantifications and variables are replaced by modalities.
- ▶ Usual specifications are easy to write and read.
- ▶ Good complexity for satisfiability and model checking problems.
- ▶ Good expressive power.

Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) over  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  introduced by Pnueli (1977) as a convenient specification language for verification of systems.

## Temporal Specifications

Definition: Syntax of  $\text{TL}(AP, \text{SU}, \text{SS})$

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \text{SU} \varphi \mid \varphi \text{SS} \varphi$$

Definition: Semantics:  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  temporal structure and  $i \in \mathbb{T}$

$$\begin{aligned} w, i \models p & \quad \text{if} \quad i \in h(p) \\ w, i \models \neg\varphi & \quad \text{if} \quad w, i \not\models \varphi \\ w, i \models \varphi \vee \psi & \quad \text{if} \quad w, i \models \varphi \text{ or } w, i \models \psi \\ w, i \models \varphi \text{SU} \psi & \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i < k \text{ and } w, k \models \psi \text{ and } \forall j \ (i < j < k \rightarrow w, j \models \varphi) \\ w, i \models \varphi \text{SS} \psi & \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i > k \text{ and } w, k \models \psi \text{ and } \forall j \ (i > j > k \rightarrow w, j \models \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

Previous specifications can be written in  $\text{TL}(AP, \text{SU}, \text{SS})$  (except the branching one).

## Temporal Specifications

Definition: non-strict versions of until and since

$$\varphi U \psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \varphi SU \psi) \quad \varphi S \psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \varphi SS \psi)$$

$$w, i \models \varphi U \psi \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i \leq k \ \text{and} \ w, k \models \psi \ \text{and} \ \forall j \ (i \leq j < k \rightarrow w, j \models \varphi)$$

$$w, i \models \varphi S \psi \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i \geq k \ \text{and} \ w, k \models \psi \ \text{and} \ \forall j \ (i \geq j > k \rightarrow w, j \models \varphi)$$

Definition: Derived modalities

$$X \varphi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp SU \varphi \quad \text{Next} \quad Y \varphi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp SS \varphi \quad \text{Yesterday}$$

$$w, i \models X \varphi \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i < k \ \text{and} \ w, k \models \varphi \ \text{and} \ \nexists j \ (i < j < k)$$

$$w, i \models Y \varphi \quad \text{if} \quad \exists k \ i > k \ \text{and} \ w, k \models \varphi \ \text{and} \ \nexists j \ (i > j > k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F \varphi &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \top U \varphi & P \varphi &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \top S \varphi \\ G \varphi &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg F \neg \varphi & H \varphi &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg P \neg \varphi \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi W \psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (G \varphi) \vee (\varphi U \psi) \quad \text{Weak Until}$$

$$\varphi R \psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (G \psi) \vee (\psi U (\varphi \wedge \psi)) \quad \text{Release}$$

## Temporal Specifications

Example: Specifications on the time flow  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$

- ▶ Safety:  $G \text{ good}$
- ▶ MutEx:  $\neg F(\text{crit}_1 \wedge \text{crit}_2)$
- ▶ Liveness:  $G F \text{ active}$
- ▶ Response:  $G(\text{request} \rightarrow F \text{ grant})$
- ▶ Response':  $G(\text{request} \rightarrow (\neg \text{request} SU \text{ grant}))$
- ▶ Release: reset R alarm
- ▶ Strong fairness:  $(G F \text{ request}) \rightarrow (G F \text{ grant})$
- ▶ Weak fairness:  $(F G \text{ request}) \rightarrow (G F \text{ grant})$

## Discrete linear time flows

Definition: discrete linear time flows  $(\mathbb{T}, <)$

A linear time flow is **discrete** if  $SF T \rightarrow X T$  and  $SP T \rightarrow Y T$  are **valid** formulae.

$(\mathbb{N}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$  are discrete.

$(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  and  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  are **not** discrete.

Exercise: For discrete linear time flows  $(\mathbb{T}, <)$

$$\varphi SU \psi \equiv X(\varphi U \psi)$$

$$\varphi SS \psi \equiv Y(\varphi S \psi)$$

$$\neg X \varphi \equiv \neg X \top \vee X \neg \varphi$$

$$\neg Y \varphi \equiv \neg Y \top \vee Y \neg \varphi$$

$$\neg(\varphi U \psi) \equiv (G \neg \psi) \vee (\neg \psi U (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi))$$

$$\equiv \neg \psi W (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$$

$$\equiv \neg \varphi R \neg \psi$$

## Model checking for linear behaviors

Definition: Model checking problem

**Input:** A Kripke structure  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$   
A formula  $\varphi \in \text{LTL}(AP, SU, SS)$

**Question:** Does  $M \models \varphi$  ?

- ▶ **Universal MC:**  $M \models \forall \varphi$  if  $\ell(\sigma), 0 \models \varphi$  for **all initial infinite** runs  $\sigma$  of  $M$ .
- ▶ **Existential MC:**  $M \models \exists \varphi$  if  $\ell(\sigma), 0 \models \varphi$  for **some initial infinite** run  $\sigma$  of  $M$ .

$$M \models \forall \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad M \not\models \exists \neg \varphi$$

Theorem [10, Sistla, Clarke 85], [9, Lichtenstein & Pnueli 85]

The Model checking problem for LTL is PSPACE-complete.

**Proof later**

## Weaknesses of linear behaviors

Example:

$\varphi$ : Whenever  $p$  holds, it is possible to reach a state where  $q$  holds.

$\varphi$  cannot be checked on linear behaviors.

We need to consider the computation-trees.

## Weaknesses of FO specifications

Example:

$\psi$ : The system has an infinite active run, but it may always reach an inactive state.

$\psi$  cannot be expressed in FO.

We need quantifications on runs:  $\psi = EG(\text{Active} \wedge EF \neg \text{Active})$

- ▶ E: for some infinite run
- ▶ A: for all infinite runs

## MSO Specifications

Definition: Syntax of  $\text{MSO}(\text{AP}, <)$

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p(x) \mid x = y \mid x < y \mid x \in X \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists x \varphi \mid \exists X \varphi$$

where  $p \in \text{AP}$ ,  $x, y$  are first-order variables and  $X$  is a second-order variable.

Definition: Semantics of  $\text{MSO}(\text{AP}, <)$

Let  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  be a temporal structure over AP.

An assignment  $\nu$  maps first-order variables to time points in  $\mathbb{T}$  and second-order variables to sets of time points.

The semantics of first-order constructs is unchanged.

$$\begin{aligned} w, \nu \models x \in X & \quad \text{if} \quad \nu(x) \in \nu(X) \\ w, \nu \models \exists X \varphi & \quad \text{if} \quad w, \nu[X \mapsto T] \models \varphi \text{ for some } T \subseteq \mathbb{T} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nu[X \mapsto T]$  maps  $X$  to  $T$  and keeps unchanged the other assignments.

## MSO vs Temporal

MSO logic

- ▶  $\text{MSO}(<)$  has a good expressive power  
... but  $\text{MSO}(<)$ -formulae are not easy to write and to understand.
- ▶  $\text{MSO}(<)$  is decidable on computation trees  
... but satisfiability and model checking are non elementary.

We need a temporal logic

- ▶ with no explicit variables,
- ▶ allowing quantifications over runs,
- ▶ usual specifications should be easy to write and read,
- ▶ with good complexity for satisfiability and model checking problems,
- ▶ with good expressive power.

Computation Tree Logic  $\text{CTL}^*$  introduced by Emerson & Halpern (1986).

# CTL\* (Emerson & Halpern 86)

Definition: Syntax of the Computation Tree Logic CTL\*(AP, SU)

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \text{SU} \varphi \mid \mathbf{E}\varphi \mid \mathbf{A}\varphi$$

We may also add the past modality SS

Definition: Semantics of CTL\*(AP, SU)

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure.  
Let  $\sigma = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots$  be an infinite run of  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M, \sigma, i \models p & \quad \text{if } p \in \ell(s_i) \\ M, \sigma, i \models \varphi \text{SU} \psi & \quad \text{if } \exists k > i, M, \sigma, k \models \psi \text{ and } \forall i < j < k, M, \sigma, j \models \varphi \\ M, \sigma, i \models \mathbf{E}\varphi & \quad \text{if } M, \sigma', i \models \varphi \text{ for some infinite run } \sigma' \text{ such that } \sigma'[i] = \sigma[i] \\ M, \sigma, i \models \mathbf{A}\varphi & \quad \text{if } M, \sigma', i \models \varphi \text{ for all infinite runs } \sigma' \text{ such that } \sigma'[i] = \sigma[i] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma[i] = s_0 \dots s_i$ .

Remark:

- ▶  $\sigma'[i] = \sigma[i]$  means that future is branching but past is not.

# CTL\* (Emerson & Halpern 86)

Example: Some specifications

- ▶  $\mathbf{EF} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is **possible**
- ▶  $\mathbf{AG} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is an **invariant**
- ▶  $\mathbf{AF} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is **unavoidable**
- ▶  $\mathbf{EG} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  holds **globally along some path**

Remark: Some equivalences

- ▶  $\mathbf{A}\varphi \equiv \neg \mathbf{E} \neg \varphi$
- ▶  $\mathbf{E}(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \mathbf{E}\varphi \vee \mathbf{E}\psi$
- ▶  $\mathbf{A}(\varphi \wedge \psi) \equiv \mathbf{A}\varphi \wedge \mathbf{A}\psi$

# Model checking of CTL\*

Definition: Existential and universal model checking

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$  a formula.

$$\begin{aligned} M \models_{\exists} \varphi & \quad \text{if } M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi \text{ for some initial infinite run } \sigma \text{ of } M. \\ M \models_{\forall} \varphi & \quad \text{if } M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi \text{ for all initial infinite runs } \sigma \text{ of } M. \end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $M \not\models_{\exists} \neg \varphi$

Definition: Model checking problems  $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}^*}^{\forall}$  and  $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}^*}^{\exists}$

**Input:** A Kripke structure  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  and a formula  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$

**Question:** Does  $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$ ? or Does  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$ ?

Theorem:

The model checking problem for CTL\* is PSPACE-complete. Proof later

# State formulae and path formulae

Definition: State formulae

$\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$  is a **state formula** if  $\forall M, \sigma, \sigma', i, j$  such that  $\sigma(i) = \sigma'(j)$  we have

$$M, \sigma, i \models \varphi \iff M, \sigma', j \models \varphi$$

If  $\varphi$  is a state formula and  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$ , define

$M, s \models \varphi$  if  $M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi$  for some infinite run  $\sigma$  of  $M$  with  $\sigma(0) = s$

and  $[[\varphi]]^M = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \varphi\}$

Example: State formulae

Atomic propositions are state formulae:  $[[p]] = \{s \in S \mid p \in \ell(s)\}$

State formulae are closed under boolean connectives.

$$[[\neg\varphi]] = S \setminus [[\varphi]] \quad [[\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2]] = [[\varphi_1]] \cup [[\varphi_2]]$$

Formulae of the form  $\mathbf{E}\varphi$  or  $\mathbf{A}\varphi$  are state formulae, provided  $\varphi$  is future.

Remark:  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  iff  $I \cap [[\mathbf{E}\varphi]] \neq \emptyset$   $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $M \not\models_{\exists} \neg \varphi$

Definition: Alternative syntax

State formulae  $\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \mathbf{E}\psi \mid \mathbf{A}\psi$

Path formulae  $\psi ::= \varphi \mid \neg\psi \mid \psi \vee \psi \mid \psi \text{SU} \psi$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

Definition: Computation Tree Logic CTL(AP, X, U)

Syntax:

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \text{EX}\varphi \mid \text{AX}\varphi \mid \text{E}\varphi \text{U}\varphi \mid \text{A}\varphi \text{U}\varphi$$

The semantics is inherited from CTL\*.

Remark: All CTL formulae are **state formulae**

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \varphi\}$$

Examples: Macros

- ▶  $\text{EF}\varphi = \text{E T U}\varphi$  and  $\text{AG}\varphi = \neg \text{EF}\neg\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{AF}\varphi = \text{A T U}\varphi$  and  $\text{EG}\varphi = \neg \text{AF}\neg\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{EF grant})$
- ▶  $\text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{AF grant})$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

Definition: Semantics

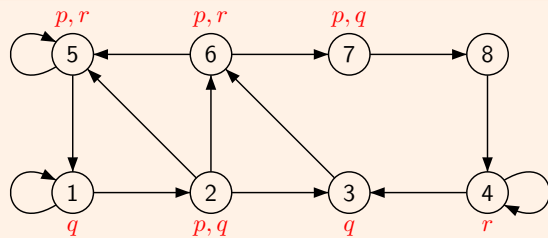
All CTL-formulae are **state** formulae. Hence, we have a simpler semantics.

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure **without deadlocks** and let  $s \in S$ .

- $M, s \models p$  if  $p \in \ell(s)$
- $M, s \models \text{EX}\varphi$  if  $\exists s \rightarrow s'$  with  $M, s' \models \varphi$
- $M, s \models \text{AX}\varphi$  if  $\forall s \rightarrow s'$  we have  $M, s' \models \varphi$
- $M, s \models \text{E}\varphi \text{U}\psi$  if  $\exists s = s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow s_k$  **finite path**, with  $M, s_k \models \psi$  and  $M, s_j \models \varphi$  for all  $0 \leq j < k$
- $M, s \models \text{A}\varphi \text{U}\psi$  if  $\forall s = s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  **infinite paths**,  $\exists k \geq 0$  with  $M, s_k \models \psi$  and  $M, s_j \models \varphi$  for all  $0 \leq j < k$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

Example:



- $\llbracket \text{EX} p \rrbracket =$
- $\llbracket \text{AX} p \rrbracket =$
- $\llbracket \text{EF} p \rrbracket =$
- $\llbracket \text{AF} p \rrbracket =$
- $\llbracket \text{E} q \text{U} r \rrbracket =$
- $\llbracket \text{A} q \text{U} r \rrbracket =$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

Remark: Equivalent formulae

- ▶  $\text{AX}\varphi \equiv \neg \text{EX}\neg\varphi$ ,
- ▶  $\neg(\varphi \text{U}\psi) \equiv \text{G}\neg\psi \vee (\neg\psi \text{U}(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi))$
- ▶  $\text{A}\varphi \text{U}\psi \equiv \neg \text{EG}\neg\psi \wedge \neg \text{E}(\neg\psi \text{U}(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi))$
- ▶  $\text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{F grant}) \equiv \text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{AF grant})$
- ▶  $\text{A G F}\varphi \equiv \text{AGAF}\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{E F G}\varphi \equiv \text{EFEG}\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{EGEF}\varphi \not\equiv \text{E G F}\varphi \not\equiv \text{EGAF}\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{AFAG}\varphi \not\equiv \text{A F G}\varphi \not\equiv \text{AFEG}\varphi$
- ▶  $\text{EGEX}\varphi \not\equiv \text{E G X}\varphi \not\equiv \text{EGAX}\varphi$

## Model checking of CTL

### Definition: Existential and universal model checking

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$  a formula.

$M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  if  $M, s \models \varphi$  for some  $s \in I$ .

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  if  $M, s \models \varphi$  for all  $s \in I$ .

### Remark:

$M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  iff  $I \cap \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \neq \emptyset$

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $I \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $M \not\models_{\exists} \neg\varphi$

### Definition: Model checking problems $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}}^{\forall}$ and $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}}^{\exists}$

**Input:** A Kripke structure  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  and a formula  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$

**Question:** Does  $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$ ? or Does  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$ ?

### Theorem:

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$  a formula.

The model checking problem  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  is decidable in time  $\mathcal{O}(|M| \cdot |\varphi|)$

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