Home Assignment 1: 
Temporal Logic with Binding 
Solutions

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This assignment is concerned with an extension of temporal logics that allows to save
visited time points in a temporal structure (through a binding operation $B_x$) and revisit
them later (through a jumping operation $J_x$).
This logic is actually called hybrid temporal logic, and the $B_x$ and $J_x$ constructs are
usually noted $\downarrow x$ and $\odot_x$ respectively.

1 Temporal Logic with Binding

Instead of the usual set of atomic propositions, we consider two disjoint infinite countable
sets of atomic symbols: propositions $P$ and variables $X$, and define accordingly $A \overset{\text{def}}{=} P \cup X$.

Syntax.  Formulae of temporal logic with binding are defined through the syntax

$$\varphi ::= \top | a | J_x \varphi | B_x \varphi | \neg \varphi | \varphi \land \varphi | \varphi U \varphi | \varphi S \varphi$$

where $a$ is in $A$ and $x$ in $X$. Thus, compared to the usual temporal logic $\text{TL}(P, U, S)$, the
temporal logic with binding $\text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S)$ features two new syntactic constructs
$B_x$ and $J_x$, and uses an extended set of atomic symbols $A$. 
We define as usual \( \bot \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg T \), \( \varphi \lor \varphi' \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg (\neg \varphi \land \neg \varphi') \), \( F\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \top \lor \varphi \), \( P\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \bot \land \varphi \), \( G\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg F\neg \varphi \), \( H\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg P\neg \varphi \), \( X\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \top \land \varphi \), and \( Y\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \bot \land \varphi \). Fragments of the temporal logic with binding are denoted by changing the elements in TL(...): for instance TL\((P,X,B,J,U)\) is the logic without the since modality \( S\), TL\((P,X,B,J,F,P)\) is the logic without \( U \) nor \( S \) but with \( F \) and \( P \), TL\((P,B,J,U,S)\) the logic without atomic variables (i.e. where \( a \) ranges over \( P \) in the syntax definition), etc.

**Semantics.** Given a temporal flow \((T, <)\) where \( T \) is a set and \( < \) a transitive irreflexive relation over \( T \), we consider temporal structures \( w = (T, <, h) \) where \( h : P \to 2^T \) associates to each atomic proposition a set of time points in \( T \). An assignment for \( w \) is a partial function \( \nu : X \to T \).

The satisfaction relation is defined inductively between an extended temporal structure \( w = (T, <, h) \), an assignment \( \nu \), a time point \( i \) in \( T \), and a TL\((P,X,B,J,U,S)\) formula \( \varphi \) by

\[
\begin{align*}
 w, i \models_\nu & T & \text{always} \\
 w, i \models_\nu & p & \text{if } i \in h(p) \\
 w, i \models_\nu & \neg \varphi & \text{iff } w, i \not\models_\nu \varphi \\
 w, i \models_\nu & \varphi \land \varphi' & \text{iff } w, i \models_\nu \varphi \text{ and } w, i \models_\nu \varphi' \\
 w, i \models_\nu & \varphi \lor \varphi' & \text{iff } \exists k. i < k \text{ and } k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } \forall j. (i < j < k) \to w, j \models \varphi \\
 w, i \models_\nu & \varphi \land \varphi' & \text{iff } \exists k. i > k \text{ and } k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } \forall j. (i > j > k) \to w, j \models \varphi \\
 w, i \models_\nu & x & \text{iff } i = \nu(x) \\
 w, i \models_\nu & J_x \varphi & \text{iff } w, \nu(x) \models_\nu \varphi \\
 w, i \models_\nu & B_x \varphi & \text{iff } w, i \models_{\nu[x\leftarrow i]} \varphi
\end{align*}
\]

where \( p \) ranges over \( P \), \( x \) over \( X \), and \( j, k \) over \( T \). The first six clauses of this definition are the same as for the basic temporal logic TL\((P,U,S)\). The next clause interprets variables as propositions that should hold at the current time point, \( J_x \) jumps to the time point denoted by \( x \), and \( B_x \) binds variable \( x \) to the current time point.

We denote by FV(\( \varphi \)) the set of free variables of a formula \( \varphi \), i.e. the set of variables \( x \) that appear in \( \varphi \), either as such or in a jump \( J_x \), without being under the scope of a binder \( B_x \). A temporal logic sentence is a formula \( \varphi \) with FV(\( \varphi \)) = \( \emptyset \), whereas a query is a formula with at least one free variable, usually written \( \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \) if \( \{x_1,\ldots,x_n\} \subset \text{FV}(\varphi) \).

We write that \( w \) satisfies \( \varphi \) at point \( i \), noted \( w, i \models \varphi \), if there exists an assignment \( \nu \) for every free variable of \( \varphi \), i.e. with FV(\( \varphi \)) as domain, s.t. \( w, i \models_{\nu} \varphi \).

Let \( \varphi \) and \( \varphi' \) be two formulæ with the same set of free variables. We write that \( \varphi \) is equivalent to \( \varphi' \), written \( \varphi \equiv \varphi' \), if for all temporal structures \( w \), time points \( i \), and assignments \( \nu \) for the free variables in FV(\( \varphi \)) = FV(\( \varphi' \)), \( w, i \models_\nu \varphi \) iff \( w, i \models_\nu \varphi' \).

[1] **Exercise 1** (Basic Equivalences). Show the following equivalences for all formulæ \( \varphi \):
\[ \neg \Delta x \varphi \equiv \Delta x \neg \varphi \quad \neg B x. \varphi \equiv B x. \neg \varphi \]

For any temporal structure \( w \), time point \( i \), and assignment \( \nu \) for \( FV(\Delta x. \varphi) \):

\[
\begin{align*}
  w, i \models \neg J x. \varphi & \iff w, i \not\models J x. \varphi \\
  w, i \not\models \neg J x. \varphi & \iff w, i \models J x. \varphi \\
  w, \nu(x) \not\models \varphi & \iff w, i \models \neg J x. \varphi \\
  w, \nu(x) \models \neg \varphi & \iff w, i \not\models J x. \varphi 
\end{align*}
\]

(Note that this does not depend on \( i \)!) Now with an assignment \( \nu \) for \( FV(B x. \varphi) \):

\[
\begin{align*}
  w, i \models \neg B x. \varphi & \iff w, i \not\models B x. \varphi \\
  w, i \not\models \neg B x. \varphi & \iff w, i \models B x. \varphi \\
  w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \not\models \varphi & \iff w, i \models \neg B x. \varphi \\
  w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models \neg \varphi & \iff w, i \not\models B x. \varphi 
\end{align*}
\]

3. Exercise 2 (Natural Language Queries). Temporal logics have historically been invented for the representation of temporal events in formal semantics. Using atomic propositions such as \( \text{Mary run} \), \( \text{Droopy laugh} \), or \( \text{it rain} \), we can model e.g. the sentence “Mary ran” as \( P(\text{Mary run}) \).

One might however want to explicit three (or more) points in a typical natural language sentence, which we might want to query:

- the point of speech \( s \), i.e. the speech utterance time, typically taken to be the point of satisfaction,
- the point of event \( e \), i.e. the point at which the event occurred, typically taken to be the point where the main proposition holds,
- the point of reference \( r \), i.e. the point we are talking about.

For instance, the past perfect sentence “Mary was going to run” can be queried over \( X = \{ s, e, r \} \) by

\[
\varphi(s, r, e) = s \wedge P(r \wedge F(e \wedge \text{Mary run}))
\]

and similarly “Mary had run” by

\[
\varphi(s, r, e) = s \wedge P(r \wedge P(e \wedge \text{Mary run}))
\]

1. Propose TL(\( P, X, F, P \)) queries for the sentences “Mary runs”, “Mary will run”, “Mary will be going to run”, and “Mary will have run”.

As usual with specifications, and even more so with formal semantics of natural language, there is no “perfect answer”.

- “Mary runs”: \( s \wedge r \wedge e \wedge \text{Mary run} \)
- “Mary will run”: \( s \wedge r \wedge F(e \wedge \text{Mary run}) \)
- “Mary will be going to run”: \( s \wedge F(r \wedge F(e \wedge \text{Mary run})) \)
- “Mary will have run”: \( s \wedge F(r \wedge P(e \wedge \text{Mary run})) \)

The last query could be refined as \( s \wedge F(r \wedge P(e \wedge Pr \wedge \text{Mary run})) \) if we want to insist that \( e \) takes place after \( s \).
2. What about “Mary will have been going to run”?

The sentence would require two reference points:

\[ s \land F(r_1 \land P(r_2 \land F(e \land Mary_{run}))) . \]

3. Let us assume that our temporal flow is endowed with a binary relation `nextday` corresponding to the notion of “next day”. For instance, we could assume to be working over \((\mathbb{Q}, <)\) and that \( i \text{ nextday } j \iff \lfloor i \rfloor + 1 = \lfloor j \rfloor \). Add a modality `Xd` with semantics \( w, i \models \text{Xd}\varphi \iff \exists j. i \text{ nextday } j \) and \( w, j \models \varphi \). How would you model “Mary had run yesterday”, “Mary had run the previous day”, and “Mary will run yesterday”?

Taking an internal perspective (more natural with temporal logic), we translate “yesterday” as `Xd s` and “the previous day” as `Xd r` in the context of the event or of the reference point (which one is modified is indeed unsure).

“Mary had run yesterday”:

\[ s \land P(r \land P(e \land Xd_{s} \land Mary_{run})) \]

or (there are two possible readings):

\[ s \land P(r \land Xd_{s} \land P(e \land Mary_{run})) \]

“Mary had run the previous day”:

\[ s \land P(r \land Xd_{r} \land Mary_{run}) \]

“Mary will run yesterday”:

\[ s \land r \land F(e \land Xd_{s} \land Mary_{run}) \]

As expected, the last query is unsatisfiable.

2 Temporal Logic Fragments

Exercise 3 (Expressiveness of TL(\(P, X, B, J, F, P\)).

[1] 1. Express \( \varphi \lor \varphi' \) by an equivalent formula using \( \varphi, \varphi' \), atomic variables, and the \( B, J \), and \( F \) constructs. (Note that the case of \( S \) is symmetric, using \( P \) instead of \( F \).)

For fresh variables \( x, y \notin \text{FV}(\varphi \lor \varphi') \):

\[ \varphi \lor \varphi' \equiv Bx.F(\varphi' \land By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi)) . \]

[2] 2. Prove the equivalence of your formula with \( \varphi \lor \varphi' \).

Let \( \nu \) be an assignment for \( \text{FV}(\varphi \lor \varphi') \). Then, for all \( w, i, \nu \), using the semantics:

\[ w, i \models \nu Bx.F(\varphi' \land By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi)) \]

\[ \iff w, i \models \nu_{[x \leftarrow i]} F(\varphi' \land By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi)) \]

\[ \iff \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models \nu_{[x \leftarrow i]} \varphi' \land By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

\[ \iff \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models \nu_{[x \leftarrow i]} \varphi' \text{ and } w, k \models \nu_{[x \leftarrow i]} By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

\[ \iff \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models \nu \varphi' \text{ and } w, k \models \nu_{[x \leftarrow i]} By.J_x.G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

\[ \text{ (since } x \notin \text{FV}(\varphi')) \]
and focusing on the latter satisfaction relation,

\[ w, k \models_\nu [x \leftarrow i] B y J_x G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

if \[ w, k \models_\nu [x \leftarrow i, y \leftarrow k] J_y G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

if \[ w, i \models_\nu [x \leftarrow i, y \leftarrow k] G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \]

if \[ w, i \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi) \quad \text{(since } x \notin \text{FV}(G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi)) \text{)} \]

if \[ \forall j. (i < j) \rightarrow w, j \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] Fy \rightarrow \varphi \]

if \[ \forall j. (i < j) \rightarrow ((w, j \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] Fy) \rightarrow (w, j \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] \varphi)) \]

if \[ \forall j. (i < j) \rightarrow ((\exists \ell, j < \ell \text{ and } w, \ell \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] y) \rightarrow (w, j \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] \varphi)) \]

if \[ \forall j. (i < j) \rightarrow ((\exists \ell, j < \ell \text{ and } \ell = k) \rightarrow (w, j \models_\nu [y \leftarrow k] \varphi)) \]

if \[ \forall j. (i < j < k) \rightarrow w, j \models_\nu \varphi \quad \text{(since } y \notin \text{FV}(\varphi)) \]

which yields the proof:

\[ w, i \models_\nu B x. (\varphi' \land B y J_x G(Fy \rightarrow \varphi)) \]

if \[ \exists k, i < k \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } \forall j. (i < j < k) \rightarrow w, j \models_\nu \varphi \]

if \[ w, i \models_\nu \varphi \land \varphi'. \]


We proceed by induction on \( \varphi \). The cases where \( \varphi \) is neither an \( U \) nor an \( S \) formula are trivial by induction hypothesis. If it is an \( U \) formula (the case of \( S \) is symmetric), i.e. if \( \varphi = \psi \cup \psi' \), then by induction hypothesis we can find \((\psi)_U \equiv \psi \) and \((\psi')_U \equiv \psi' \) in TL\((P, X, B, J, F, P)\), thus \( \varphi \equiv (\psi)_U \cup (\psi')_U \). **Exercise 3:** Question 2 shows that \( (\varphi)_U \equiv \text{def} B x. (\varphi')_U \land B y J_x G(Fy \rightarrow (\psi)_U) \) is a formula TL\((P, X, B, J, F, P)\) equivalent to \( \varphi \).

[1] **Exercise 4** (Expressiveness of TL\((P, X, B, F, P)\)). Show that for any formula \( \varphi \) of TL\((P, X, B, J, F, P)\), there exists a formula \( (\varphi)_J \) of TL\((P, X, B, F, P)\) which is equivalent over linear temporal flows \((\mathbb{T}, <)\), i.e. flows s.t. that \( < \) is a strict linear ordering over \( \mathbb{T} \). First, let us show

\[
J_x \varphi \equiv P(x \land \varphi) \lor (x \land \varphi) \lor F(x \land \varphi)
\]

over linear temporal flows: for any linear temporal structure \( w \), time point \( i \), and as-
assignment \( \nu \) for the variables in \( \text{FV}(J_x \varphi) \),
\[
\begin{align*}
w, i &\models \nu J_x \varphi \\
&\text{iff } w, \nu(x) \models \varphi \\
&\text{iff } \exists j. \nu(x) = j \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \\
&\text{iff } \exists j. w, j \models \varphi \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \\
&\text{iff } \exists j. w, j \models \varphi \\
&\text{iff } \exists j. (j < i \text{ or } j = i \text{ or } j > i) \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \land \varphi \\
&\text{(since } < \text{ is linear)} \\
&\text{iff } (\exists j. (j < i) \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \land \varphi) \text{ or } (\exists j. (j = i) \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \land \varphi) \\
&\text{or } (\exists j. (j > i) \text{ and } w, j \models \varphi \land \varphi) \\
&\text{iff } w, i \models \nu P(x \land \varphi) \text{ or } w, i \models \nu x \land \varphi \text{ or } w, i \models \nu F(x \land \varphi) \\
&\text{iff } w, i \models \nu P(x \land \varphi) \lor (x \land \varphi) \lor F(x \land \varphi).
\end{align*}
\]

Second, by induction on \( \varphi \) in \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, F, P) \), we construct the desired formula \( (\varphi)_j \) in \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, F, P) \) in the obvious way.

Linearity is essential: Consider the temporal structure
\[
w = ((i, j, k), (j, i), (j, k)), p \mapsto \{i\})
\]

for the set of atomic propositions \( P = \{p\} \), and the formula
\[
\varphi = Bx.PF(\neg p \land J_x p).
\]

Clearly, \( w, i \models \varphi \), but neither \( w, i \models Bx.PF(\neg p \land P(x \land p)) \) (because \( w, k \not\models x \rightarrow i, P(x \land p) \) since \( w, j \not\models x \rightarrow i, x \land p \)), nor \( w, i \models Bx.PF(\neg p \land x \land p) \) (it is unsatisfiable), nor \( w, i \models Bx.PF(\neg p \land F(x \land p)) \) (there is no point \( > k \)).

**Exercise 5 (The N Modality).** We restrict ourselves in this exercise to the \((N, <)\) temporal flow. A temporal structure \( w \) can then be seen as an infinite word in \( \Sigma^w \), where \( \Sigma = 2^P \). Let us note \( w[i] \) for the suffix of \( w \) starting at position \( i \) and \( w[i] \) of the symbol of \( w \) at position \( i \).

We consider the “now” modality \( N \), with semantics \( w, i \models \nu N \varphi \) iff \( w[i], 0 \models \varphi \). Thus, this modality “forgets” about the past.

1. Let \( P_{n+1} = \{p_0, \ldots, p_n\} = P_n \cup \{p_n\} \) be a set of atomic propositions, defining the alphabet \( \Sigma_{n+1} = 2^{P_{n+1}} \). We want to show the existence of an \( O(n) \)-sized \( \text{TL}(P_{n+1}, N, U, S) \) formula such that any equivalent \( \text{TL}(P_{n+1}, U, S) \) formula is of size \( \Omega(2^n) \).

2a. First consider the following \( \text{TL}(P_{n+1}, U) \) formula of exponential size:
\[
\bigwedge_{S \subseteq P_n} \left( \bigwedge_{p_i \in S} p_i \land \bigwedge_{p_j \notin S} \neg p_j \land p_n \right) \rightarrow G(\left( \bigwedge_{p_i \in S} p_i \land \bigwedge_{p_j \notin S} \neg p_j \right) \rightarrow p_n) \\
\land \left( \bigwedge_{p_i \in S} p_i \land \bigwedge_{p_j \notin S} \neg p_j \land \neg p_n \right) \rightarrow G(\left( \bigwedge_{p_i \in S} p_i \land \bigwedge_{p_j \notin S} \neg p_j \right) \rightarrow \neg p_n) \quad (\varphi_n)
\]

Provide a TL(P_{n+1}, U, S) formula \( \psi_n \) of size \( O(n) \) initially equivalent to \( \varphi_n \).

Define
\[
G \left( \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i \leftrightarrow P'(H \perp \land p_i) \right) \rightarrow (p_n \leftrightarrow P'(H \perp \land p_n)) \quad (\psi_n)
\]

Claim 5.1. For any \( \varphi \) in TL(P, X, B, J, S, U), any \( w \) in \( \Sigma^\omega \), any assignment \( \nu \), and any \( k \) in \( \mathbb{N} \),

\[
w, k \models_\nu P'(\varphi \land H) \text{ iff } w, 0 \models \varphi.
\]

Proof of Claim 5.1

\[
w, k \models_\nu P'(\varphi \land H)
\]

if \( \exists j, j \leq k \) and \( w, j \models_\nu \varphi \) and \( w, j \models H \perp \)

if \( \exists j, j \leq k \) and \( w, j \models_\nu \varphi \) and \( j = 0 \)

if \( w, 0 \models_\nu \varphi \). \( \square \)

Given \( a \) in \( \Sigma_{n+1} \), i.e. \( a \subseteq P_{n+1} \), we write \( a|_n \) for the projection of \( a \) over \( P_n \).

For the initial equivalence, for all \( w \) in \( \Sigma_{n+1}^\omega \):

\[
w, 0 \models \varphi_n
\]

iff \( \bigwedge_{S \subseteq P_n} \left( w[0]|_n = S \land w, 0 \models p_n \rightarrow (\forall k, k > 0 \rightarrow (w[k]|_n = S \rightarrow w, k \models p_n)) \right) \)

iff \( \forall k, k \geq 0 \rightarrow \bigwedge_{S \subseteq P_n} \left( w[0]|_n = S \land w[k]|_n = S \rightarrow (w, 0 \models p_n \iff w, k \models p_n) \right) \)

iff \( \forall k, k \geq 0 \rightarrow \left( \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} w, 0 \models p_i \iff w, k \models p_i \right) \rightarrow (w, 0 \models p_n \iff w, k \models p_n) \)

iff \( \forall k, k \geq 0 \rightarrow \left( w, k \models \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} P'(H \perp \land p_i) \iff p_i \right) \rightarrow (w, k \models P'(H \perp \land p_n) \iff p_n) \) \( \text{(by Claim 5.1)} \)

iff \( \forall k, k \geq 0 \rightarrow w, k \models \left( \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i \leftrightarrow P'(H \perp \land p_i) \right) \rightarrow (p_n \leftrightarrow P'(H \perp \land p_n)) \)

iff \( w, 0 \models \psi_n \).
(b) Provide a TL($P_{n+1}$, $N$, $U$, $S$) formula of size $O(n)$ equivalent to $G\varphi_n$.

The formula $GN\psi_n$ is equivalent to $G\varphi_n$: for any $w$ in $\Sigma_{n+1}$ and any $i$:

\[
\begin{align*}
   w, i & = GN\psi_n \\
   \text{if } \forall k. k > i \rightarrow w, k & = N\psi_n \\
   \text{if } \forall k. k > i \rightarrow w[k], 0 & = \psi_n \\
   \text{if } \forall k. k > i \rightarrow w[k], 0 & = \varphi_n \quad \text{(by Exercise 5, Question 1a)} \\
   \text{if } w, i & = G\varphi_n.
\end{align*}
\]

(by $\varphi_n$ is pure future)

Exercise 6 of TD 2 shows that any formula of TL($P_{n+1}$, $U$, $S$) equivalent to $G\varphi_n$ has size $\Omega(2^n)$, which allows to conclude.

2. Give a translation from TL($P$, $N$, $U$, $S$) formulæ into equivalent TL($P$, $\{x, y\}$, $B$, $F$, $P$) sentences with two (non-free) variables $x$ and $y$. What is your translation for the formula $p \land F(\neg NPp)$?

The idea is to always keep the point of origin bound by the variable $x$. Let $P'\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \varphi \lor P\varphi$; we define the inductive translation $(.)_N$ by

\[
\begin{align*}
   (\top)_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} \top \\
   (p)_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} p \\
   (\neg \varphi)_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\varphi)_N \\
   (\varphi \land \varphi')_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\varphi)_N \land (\varphi')_N \\
   (N\varphi)_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} Bx.(\varphi)_N \\
   (\varphi \lor \varphi')_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\varphi)_N \lor (\varphi')_N \\
   (\varphi S \varphi')_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\varphi)_N S ((\varphi')_N \land P'x).
\end{align*}
\]

By applying the previous exercises we can later express our formulæ into TL($P$, $X$, $B$, $F$, $P$). In order to use only two variables $x$, $y$ however, an alternative translation of $\varphi U \varphi'$ and $\varphi S \varphi'$ is required, which exploits the fact that $y$ is only used at the “root” of the formula and can later be overloaded:

\[
\begin{align*}
   (\varphi U \varphi')_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} By.F((\varphi')_N \land H(Py \rightarrow (\varphi)_N)) \\
   (\varphi S \varphi')_N & \overset{\text{def}}{=} By.P(P'x \land (\varphi')_N \land G(Fy \rightarrow (\varphi)_N))
\end{align*}
\]

One can check that $y$ never appears free in a translated formula. The equivalence between the two translations of $U$ and $S$ formulæ can be proved as in Exercise 3 for $\varphi, \varphi'$ two formulæ of TL($P$, $\{x, y\}$, $B$, $F$, $P$) where $y \notin \text{FV}(\varphi) \cup \text{FV}(\varphi')$, $w$ in $\Sigma_\omega$, and $\varphi_n$.
and $i \geq 0$:

\[
\begin{align*}
  & w, i \models_\nu B_y.F(\varphi' \land H(P_y \rightarrow \varphi)) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] F(\varphi' \land H(P_y \rightarrow \varphi)) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] \varphi' \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] H(P_y \rightarrow \varphi) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] H(P_y \rightarrow \varphi) \quad \text{(since } y \not\in \text{FV}(\varphi')) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } \forall j. j < k \rightarrow w, j \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] P_y \rightarrow \varphi \\
  \text{iff} & \quad \exists k. i < k \text{ and } w, k \models_\nu \varphi' \text{ and } \forall j. i < j < k \rightarrow w, j \models_\nu[y\leftarrow i] \varphi \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models_\nu \varphi \cup \varphi'; \\
\end{align*}
\]

and similarly for the two translations of $S$.

**Claim 5.2.** For all formulæ $\varphi$ in $\text{TL}(P, N, U, S)$, for all $w$ in $\Sigma^\omega$, and all $i \geq k$ in $\mathbb{N}$,

\[ w[k], i - k \models \varphi \text{ iff } w, i \models_{x\rightarrow k}(\varphi)_N. \]

Note that **Claim 5.2** allows to conclude. Define $F'\varphi \overset{\text{def}}{=} \varphi \lor F\varphi$; setting $k = 0$ in **Claim 5.2** yields

\[
\begin{align*}
  & w, i \models \varphi \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w[0], i \models \varphi \quad \text{(since } w[0] = w) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models_{x\rightarrow 0}(\varphi)_N \quad \text{(by Claim 5.2)} \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, 0 \models_{x\rightarrow 0, y\rightarrow i} F(y \land (\varphi)_N) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, 0 \models_{y\rightarrow i} B_x.F(y \land (\varphi)_N) \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models_{y\rightarrow i} P'(H_\bot \land B_x.F(y \land (\varphi)_N)) \quad \text{(by Claim 5.1)} \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models B_y.P'(H_\bot \land B_x.F(y \land (\varphi)_N)) \\
\end{align*}
\]

for all $w$ in $\Sigma^\omega$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\varphi$ in $\text{TL}(P, N, U, S)$, hence proving the desired equivalent sentence of $\text{TL}(P, \{x, y\}, B, U, S)$.

A handful fact is the following:

**Claim 5.3.** For all $w$ in $\Sigma^\omega$, and all $i, k$ in $\mathbb{N}$,

\[ w, i \models_{x\rightarrow k} P'x \text{ iff } i \geq k. \]

**Proof of Claim 5.3**

\[
\begin{align*}
  & w, i \models_{x\rightarrow k} x \lor Px \\
  \text{iff} & \quad w, i \models_{x\rightarrow k} x \text{ or } w, i \models_{x\rightarrow k} Px \\
  \text{iff} & \quad k = i \text{ or } \exists j. j < i \text{ and } w, j \models_{x\rightarrow k} x \\
  \text{iff} & \quad k = i \text{ or } \exists j. j < i \text{ and } j = k \\
  \text{iff} & \quad k = i \text{ or } k < i. \quad \Box
\end{align*}
\]
Proof of Claim 5.2. We proceed by induction on formulæ of TL($P$, $N$, $U$, $S$). Most cases are very easy, and we only treat the cases of $N\varphi$ and $\varphi S \varphi'$. Consider any $w$ in $\Sigma^\omega$ and any $i \geq k$ in $N$:

For $N\varphi$:

\[ w, i \models_{x \mapsto k} Bx. (\varphi)_N \]
\[
\text{iff } w, i \models_{x \mapsto i} (\varphi)_N \]
\[
\text{iff } w[i], 0 \models \varphi \quad \text{(by ind. hyp. since } i \geq k) \]
\[
\text{iff } w[k], i - k \models N\varphi. \]

For $\varphi S \varphi'$:

\[ w, i \models_{x \mapsto k} (\varphi)_N \] $S$ $(P'x \land (\varphi')_N)$
\[
\text{iff } \exists j. j < i \text{ and } w, j \models_{x \mapsto k} (\varphi')_N \text{ and } w, j \models_{x \mapsto k} P'x \]
\[
\quad \text{and } \forall \ell. j < \ell < i \rightarrow w, \ell \models_{x \mapsto k} (\varphi)_N \]
\[
\text{iff } \exists j. k \leq j < i \text{ and } w, j \models_{x \mapsto k} (\varphi')_N \]
\[
\quad \text{and } \forall \ell. j < \ell < i \rightarrow w, \ell \models_{x \mapsto k} (\varphi)_N \quad \text{(by Claim 5.3)} \]
\[
\text{iff } \exists j. k \leq j < i \text{ and } w[k], j - k \models \varphi' \]
\[
\quad \text{and } \forall \ell. j < \ell < i \rightarrow w[k], \ell - k \models \varphi \quad \text{(by ind. hyp. since } \ell > j \geq k) \]
\[
\text{iff } w[k], i - k \models \varphi S \varphi'. \]

The translation of $p \land F(\neg \text{NFP}p)$ is

\[ B_y. P'(H \bot \land Bx. F(y \land p \land F(\neg Bx. FP(p \land P'x)))) \]
\[ \equiv p \land F(\neg Bx. FP(p \land P'x)) \]
\[ \equiv p \land F(Bx. GH(P'x \rightarrow \neg p)) \]
\[ \equiv p \land \text{FG}\neg p. \]

3 Guarded First-Order Logic

For a temporal structure ($T, <, h$) over $P = \{p_1, \ldots, p_m\}$, we consider as usual the signature ($T, <, P_{p_1}, \ldots, P_{p_m}$) where each $P_p$ for $p$ in $P$ is a unary relation such that $P_p(i)$ holds in time point $i$ iff $i \in h(p)$. The guarded fragment of first-order logic over this signature is usually defined by restricting existential quantifications to be of form $\exists x. g \land \psi$ where $g$ is an atomic formula (i.e. of form $x = y$, $x < y$, or $P_p(x)$) with $\text{FV}(\psi) \subseteq \text{FV}(g)$. We consider here a slightly different syntactic restriction: let

\[
g ::= x = z \mid x < z \quad \text{(guards)} \]
\[
\psi ::= x = y \mid x < y \mid P_p(x) \mid \neg \psi \mid \psi \land \psi \mid \exists x.(g \land \psi) \quad \text{(formulæ)} \]
where \( p \) ranges over \( P \), \( x, y, z \) over \( X \) with \( x \neq z \), and existential quantification assumes \( x \in \text{FV}(g) \) (\( \text{FV}(\psi) \subseteq \text{FV}(g) \) is not required). We note \( \text{gFO}_P(<) \) for the set of formulae in this fragment.

This is known in the literature as the bounded fragment of FO.

**Exercise 6** (Guarded Completeness). We want to prove the expressive completeness of temporal logic with binding with the strongly guarded fragment we just defined. The equivalence between a \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S) \) formula \( \varphi \) and a \( \text{gFO}_P(<) \) formula \( \psi(x) \) is defined as usual by: for any temporal structure \( w \), any time point \( i \), and any assignment \( \nu \) for \( \text{FV}(\psi) = \text{FV}((\varphi)) \cup \{x\} \),

\[
w, i \models_{\nu} \varphi \iff w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models \psi(x).
\]

**Exercise 3**

1. Show that any \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S) \) formula \( \varphi \) can be translated into an equivalent \( \text{gFO}_P(<) \) formula \( (\varphi) \) \( \text{FV}(x) = \{x\} \cup \text{FV}(\varphi) \).

We merely need to extend the usual first-order translation for temporal logics. Thanks to **Exercise 3** we can define this translation for \( \varphi \) in \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, F, P) \):

\[
(\top)_{\text{FO}}(x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} (x = x)
\]

\[
(y)_{\text{FO}}(x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} x = y
\]

\[
(p)_{\text{FO}}(x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} P_p(x)
\]

\[
(J_y \varphi)_{\text{FO}}(x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\varphi)_{\text{FO}}(y)
\]

\[
(\neg \varphi)_{\text{FO}}(x) \overset{\text{def}}{=} \neg (\varphi)_{\text{FO}}(x)
\]

\[
(\exists x'. x < x' \land (\varphi)_{\text{FO}}(x'))
\]

where \( x \neq x' \) are fresh variables and \( y \in \text{FV}(\varphi) \) (thus \( x \neq y \) in the translation of \( B_y \varphi \)).

The equivalence is proved by induction over \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, F, P) \): for all \( w, i, \nu \),

For \( \top \):

\[
w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models (x = x)(x)
\]

iff \( w, i \models_{\nu} \top \).

For \( y \) in \( X \):

\[
w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models x = y
\]

iff \( \nu(y) = i \)

iff \( w, i \models_{\nu} y \).

For \( p \) in \( P \):

\[
w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models P_p(x)
\]

iff \( i \in h(p) \)

iff \( w, i \models_{\nu} p \).
For \( J_y \phi \):
\[
\begin{align*}
  w, \nu [x \leftarrow i] & \models (\phi)_{\text{FO}}(y) \\
  & \text{iff } w, \nu(y) [x \leftarrow i] \models \phi \\
  & \text{iff } w, \nu(y) \models \nu \phi \\
  & \text{iff } w, i \models \nu J_y \phi.
\end{align*}
\]

For \( B x \phi \):
\[
\begin{align*}
  w, \nu [x \leftarrow i] & \models \exists y. x = y \land (\phi)_{\text{FO}}(x) \\
  & \text{iff } w, \nu [x \leftarrow i, y \leftarrow i] \models (\phi)_{\text{FO}}(x) \\
  & \text{iff } w, i \models \nu [x \leftarrow i] \phi \\
  & \text{iff } w, i \models \nu B y \phi.
\end{align*}
\]
The cases of \( \neg \psi \) and \( \psi \land \psi' \) are immediate by induction hypothesis, and it remains to treat \( F \phi \) (\( P \phi \) is symmetric):
\[
\begin{align*}
  w, \nu [x \leftarrow i] & \models \exists y. x' < x \land (\phi)_{\text{FO}}(x') \\
  & \text{iff } \exists j, i < j \text{ and } w, \nu [x \leftarrow i, x' \leftarrow j] \models (\phi)_{\text{FO}}(x') \\
  & \text{iff } \exists j, i < j \text{ and } w, j \models \nu [x \leftarrow i] \phi \\
  & \text{by ind. hyp. since } x' \not\in \text{FV}(\phi) \\
  & \text{iff } w, i \models \nu J_{x'} \phi \\
  & \text{iff } w, i \models \nu F \phi. \\
\end{align*}
\]

2. Prove the converse: for any \( g_{\text{FO}}(\cdot_<) \) formula \( \psi \) with a free variable \( x \), there exists an equivalent formula \( Bx.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \) in \( \text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S) \) with \( \text{FV}(\psi) = \text{FV}((\psi)_{\text{TL}}) \).

Let us first consider the different possibilities for \( \exists x.(g \land \psi) \). Since \( x \in \text{FV}(g) \), there exists a variable \( y \neq x \) s.t. \( g = (x < y) \) or \( g = (y < x) \) or \( g = (x = y) \). The translation \( (\cdot)_{\text{TL}} \) from \( g_{\text{FO}}(\cdot_<) \) formulae is then defined inductively:
\[
\begin{align*}
  (x = y)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_x y \\
  (x < y)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_x F y \\
  (P_p(x))_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_x p \\
  (\exists x.(x = y) \land \psi)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_y B x.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \\
  (\exists x.(x < y) \land \psi)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_y P B x.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \\
  (\exists x.(x = y) \land \psi)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_y P B x.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \\
  (\exists x.(x < y) \land \psi)_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} J_y B x.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \\
  (-\psi')_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} -(\psi')_{\text{TL}} \\
  (\psi \land \psi')_{\text{TL}} & \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\psi)_{\text{TL}} \land (\psi')_{\text{TL}}.
\end{align*}
\]

Because every \( (\cdot)_{\text{TL}} \) formula is guarded by a \( J \) modality, it will be easier to prove
\[
  w \models \nu (\phi)_{\text{TL}} \text{ iff } w, \nu \models \phi,
\]
i.e. to ignore time points \( i \). This immediately yields the desired equivalence between \( \psi \) and \( B x.(\psi)_{\text{TL}} \).

The equivalence [4] is proven by induction on \( g_{\text{FO}}(\cdot_<) \) formulae:
For $x = y$:

$$w \models_{\nu} J_{x}y$$  
iff  $$w, \nu(x) \models_{\nu} y$$  
iff  $$\nu(x) = \nu(y)$$  
iff  $$w, \nu \models x = y.$$  

For $x < y$:

$$w \models_{\nu} J_{x}F_{y}$$  
iff  $$w, \nu(x) \models_{\nu} F_{x}$$  
iff  $$\exists j. \nu(x) < j \text{ and } w, \nu \models x = y$$  
iff  $$\exists j. \nu(x) < j \text{ and } j = \nu(y)$$  
iff  $$\nu(x) < \nu(y)$$  
iff  $$w, \nu \models x < y.$$  

For $P_{p}(x)$:

$$w \models J_{x}p$$  
iff  $$w, \nu(x) \models p$$  
iff  $$\nu(x) \in h(p)$$  
iff  $$w, \nu \models P_{p}(x).$$  

For $\exists x.(x < y) \land \psi$ (the other existential quantifications are similar):

$$w \models_{\nu} J_{y}P_{Bx}.(\psi)_{\text{TL}}$$  
iff  $$w, \nu(y) \models_{\nu} P_{Bx}.(\psi)_{\text{TL}}$$  
iff  $$\exists j. \nu(y) < j \text{ and } w, \nu \models x < y$$  
iff  $$\exists j. \nu(y) < j \text{ and } j = \nu(x)$$  
iff  $$\nu(y) < \nu(x)$$  
iff  $$w, \nu \models x < y.$$  

The equivalence holds trivially for boolean connectives.

3. Deduce that $\text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S)$ is first-order complete over $(\mathbb{N}, <)$.

Of course, since $\text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S)$ encompasses $\text{TL}(P, U, S)$, we already know it is first-order complete over $(\mathbb{N}, <)$. The idea here is to provide a simple proof, which carries over to more complex time flows (it works for instance for branching time flows) and to more than one free variable.

Consider a time flow $(T, <)$ where there exists a minimal element $i_{0}$ in $T$, for instance $0$ in $\mathbb{N}$ or the root $\varepsilon$ of a branching flow. Then any $\text{FO}_{P}(<)$ formula $\psi$ can be translated into an equivalent formula

$$\psi \equiv \exists x_{0}.(\psi)_{g} \land \neg \exists x.x < x_{0} \quad (\dagger)$$
where \((\psi)_g\) is in \(g\text{FO}_P(\prec)\) and \(x_0\) does not appear in \(\psi\). By the previous question, \((\psi)_g\) has an equivalent \(\text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S)\) formula \(Bx.((\psi)_g)_{\text{TL}}\), hence
\[
\psi \equiv Bx.P'(H \perp \wedge Bx_0.F'(x \wedge ((\psi)_g)_{\text{TL}}))
\]
(\(\dag\))

where \(x\) is a free variable of \(\psi\).

Let us define the translation \((\cdot)_g\): we set \((\psi)_g \overset{\text{def}}{=} \psi\) except for the case of existential quantification, which is
\[
(\exists x.\psi)_g \overset{\text{def}}{=} (\exists x x_0 < x \wedge (\psi)_g) \lor (\exists x x_0 = x \wedge (\psi)_g)
\]

Claim 6.1. For every \(w\) with minimal point \(i_0\), every \(\text{FO}_P(\prec)\) formula \(\psi\) where \(x_0\) does not appear, and every assignment \(\nu\) for \(\text{FV}(\psi)\)
\[
w, \nu \models \psi \iff w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i_0] \models (\psi)_g
\]

Although \(\dag\) is not needed for the answer, it is still worth proving as a sanity check, using Claim 6.1 for all \(w\) with minimal point \(i_0\) and every assignment \(\nu\) for \(\text{FV}(\psi)\),
\[
w, \nu \models \exists x_0.(\psi)_g \wedge \neg \exists x. x < x_0
\]
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i] \models (\psi)_g\) and \(w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i] \models \neg \exists x. x < x_0\)
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i] \models (\psi)_g\) and \(\forall j\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i, x \leftarrow j] \models \neg x < x_0\)
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i] \models (\psi)_g\) and \(\forall j\.j \not< i\)
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i] \models (\psi)_g\) and \(i = i_0\) (since \(i_0\) is the minimal element of \(T\))
iff \(w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i_0] \models (\psi)_g\)
iff \(w, \nu \models \psi\). (by Claim 6.1)

Proof of Claim 6.1 We proceed by induction over \(\text{FO}_P(\prec)\) formulæ. The only case of interest is that of a formula \(\exists x.\psi\):
\[
w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i_0] \models (\exists x. x_0 < x \wedge (\psi)_g) \lor (\exists x. x_0 = x \wedge (\psi)_g)
\]
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i_0, x \leftarrow i] \models (x_0 < x) \lor (x_0 = x)\) and \(w, \nu[x_0 \leftarrow i_0, x \leftarrow i] \models (\psi)_g\)
iff \(\exists i\.i_0 < i\) or \(i_0 = i\) and \(w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models \psi\) (by ind. hyp.)
iff \(\exists i\.w, \nu[x \leftarrow i] \models \psi\) (since \(i_0\) is the minimal element)
iff \(w, \nu \models \exists x.\psi\).

It remains to prove \(\dag\) for all \(w\) with minimal element \(i_0\), for all assignments \(\nu\).
for $\text{FV}(\psi)$, and all time points $i$,

\[
\forall w, i \models \nu B x. P'(H \bot \land B x_0. F'(x \land ((\psi)_g)_\text{TL})) \\
\text{iff } \exists j. (j = i \lor j < i) \text{ and } w, j \models \nu[x\leftarrow i] B x_0 \\
\text{and } w, j \models \nu[x\leftarrow i] F'(x \land ((\psi)_g)_\text{TL})
\]

\[
\text{iff } \exists j. (j = i \lor j < i) \text{ and } j = i_0 \text{ and } w, j \models \nu[x\leftarrow i] B x_0.F'(x \land ((\psi)_g)_\text{TL})
\]

(using the same arguments as in Claim 5.1)

\[
\text{iff } w, i_0 \models \nu[x\leftarrow i] B x_0.F'(x \land ((\psi)_g)_\text{TL}) \quad \text{(since } i_0 \text{ is the minimal element)}
\]

\[
\text{iff } \exists k. (k = i_0 \lor k > i_0) \text{ and } w, k \models \nu[x\leftarrow i, x_0\leftarrow i_0] x \\
\text{and } w, k \models \nu[x\leftarrow i, x_0\leftarrow i_0] ((\psi)_g)_\text{TL}
\]

As a conclusion, observe that $\text{TL}(P, X, B, J, U, S)$ with $|P| > 0$ has non elementary satisfiability problem over infinite words, by straightforward reduction from the corresponding problem for $\text{FO}_P(<)$.

Note: I just found a paper on hybrid logics for linear frames: