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# Modal and Temporal Logics

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# Summary: Temporal Operators as Fixed points

1.  $E(\Phi U \Psi) \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle E(\Phi U \Psi))$
2.  $A(\Phi U \Psi) \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle \text{tt} \wedge [-] A(\Phi U \Psi))$

**Syntactically:** property  $X$  such that

1.  $X \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle X)$
2.  $X \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle \text{tt} \wedge [-] X)$

## Summary: Temporal Operators as Fixed points

**Semantically:** set of states  $S = f(S)$  where  $f$  is

1.  $\lambda x. \|\Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle x)\|$
2.  $\lambda x. \|\Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle \text{tt} \wedge [-]x)\|$

If  $S = f(S)$  then  $S$  is a **fixed point** of  $f$ .

In both cases  $f$  is **monotonic**:  $S \subseteq S' \rightarrow f(S) \subseteq f(S')$

$f$  is essentially modal (using  $\langle - \rangle$  and  $[-]$ ).

## Summary: Fixed points

$S$  is a **prefixed point** of  $f$ , if  $f(S) \subseteq S$

$S$  is a **postfixed point** of  $f$ , if  $S \subseteq f(S)$

**Proposition** If  $f$  is monotonic (w.r.t  $\subseteq$ ) then  $f$

1. has a **least** fixed point,  $\bigcap\{S : f(S) \subseteq S\}$

2. has a **greatest** fixed point,  $\bigcup\{S : S \subseteq f(S)\}$

## Exercise

What property is defined by the following fixed points?

1.  $X \equiv \Phi \vee \langle - \rangle X$  least      Answer:  $EF\Phi$

2.  $X \equiv \Phi \wedge \langle - \rangle X$  greatest

3.  $X \equiv \Phi \wedge [-][-]X$  greatest

## A Scheduler

Problem: assume  $n$  tasks when  $n > 1$ .

$a_i$  initiates the  $i$ th task and  $b_i$  signals its completion

The scheduler plans the order of task initiation, ensuring

1. actions  $a_1 \dots a_n$  carried out cyclically and tasks may terminate in any order
2. but a task can not be restarted until its previous operation has finished.  
( $a_i$  and  $b_i$  happen alternately for each  $i$ .)

More complex temporal properties. Not expressible in CTL\* (“not first order” but are “regular”).

Expressible using fixed points

## Modal Logic+

$Z$  ranges over propositional variables

$\Phi ::= Z \mid \text{tt} \mid \text{ff} \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid [K]\Phi \mid \langle K \rangle \Phi$

- $\models$  refined to  $\models_V$  where  $V$  is a **valuation** that assigns a set of states  $V(X)$  to each variable  $X$

$$E \models_V X \text{ iff } E \in V(X)$$

- $\|\Phi\|$  refined too:  $\|\Phi\|_V = \{E : E \models_V \Phi\}$
- $V[S/X]$  is valuation  $V'$  like  $V$  except  $V'(X) = S$ .

## Modal Logic+ II

Proposition The function  $\lambda x. \|\Phi\|_{V[x/X]}$  is monotonic for any modal  $\Phi$ .

- If  $\neg$  explicitly in logic then above not true:  $\neg X$ :  $\lambda x. \neg x$  not monotonic.

However, define when  $\Phi$  is **positive** in  $X$ : if  $X$  occurs within an even number of negations in  $\Phi$

Proposition If  $\Phi$  is positive in  $X$  then  $\lambda x. \|\Phi\|_{V[x/X]}$  is monotonic.

1. Property given by **least** fixed point of  $\lambda x. \|\Phi\|_{V[x/X]}$  is written  **$\mu X. \Phi$** .
2. Property given by **greatest** fixed point of  $\lambda x. \|\Phi\|_{V[x/X]}$  is written  **$\nu X. \Phi$** .

Alternative basis for temporal logic: **modal logic + fixed points**



# Modal $\mu$ -calculus

## Syntax

$\Phi ::= \text{tt} \mid \text{ff} \mid Z \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid [K]\Phi \mid \langle K \rangle \Phi \mid \nu Z. \Phi \mid \mu Z. \Phi$

- let  $\sigma$  range over the set  $\{\mu, \nu\}$ .
- An occurrence of  $Z$  is **free** within  $\Phi$  if it is not within the scope of an occurrence of  $\sigma Z$ .  $\sigma Z$  in  $\sigma Z. \Phi$  binds free occurrences of  $Z$  in  $\Phi$ .
- Formulas may have multiple fixed points:  $\nu Z. \mu Y. ([b]Y \wedge [K]Z)$
- $\sigma Z$  may bind more than one occurrence of  $Z$ :  $\nu Z. \langle \text{tick} \rangle Z \wedge \langle \text{tock} \rangle Z$ .

## Semantics

$$E \models_v \text{tt}$$

$$E \not\models_v \text{ff}$$

$$E \models_v Z \quad \text{iff} \quad E \in V(Z)$$

$$E \models_v \Phi \wedge \Psi \quad \text{iff} \quad E \models_v \Phi \text{ and } E \models_v \Psi$$

$$E \models_v \Phi \vee \Psi \quad \text{iff} \quad E \models_v \Phi \text{ or } E \models_v \Psi$$

$$E \models_v [K]\Phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall F \in \{E' : E \xrightarrow{a} E' \text{ and } a \in K\}. F \models_v \Phi$$

$$E \models_v \langle K \rangle \Phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists F \in \{E' : E \xrightarrow{a} E' \text{ and } a \in K\}. F \models_v \Phi$$

$$E \models_v \nu Z. \Phi \quad \text{iff} \quad E \in \bigcup \{S : S \subseteq \|\Phi\|_{V[S/Z]}\}$$

$$E \models_v \mu Z. \Phi \quad \text{iff} \quad E \in \bigcap \{S : \|\Phi\|_{V[S/Z]} \subseteq S\}$$

If  $f$  is monotonic (w.r.t  $\subseteq$ ) then  $\bigcap \{S : f(S) \subseteq S\}$  is **least** fixed point and  $\bigcup \{S : S \subseteq f(S)\}$  is **greatest** fixed point of  $f$ .

## Semantics II

A slightly different presentation of the clauses for the fixed points dispenses with explicit use of sets  $\| \Phi \|_V$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E \models_V \nu Z. \Phi & \text{ iff } \exists S. E \in S \text{ and } \forall F \in S. F \models_{V[S/Z]} \Phi \\ E \models_V \mu Z. \Phi & \text{ iff } \forall S. \text{ if } E \notin S \text{ then } \exists F \notin S. F \models_{V[S/Z]} \Phi \end{aligned}$$

Looks **second-order** because of quantification over sets. Better:  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -order

If  $\Phi$  does not contain free variables omit index  $V$ :  **$E \models \Phi$**

# Variant

Define modal  $\mu$ -calculus on Kripke models

## Syntax

$\Phi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid Z \mid \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2 \mid \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \mid [-]\Phi \mid \langle - \rangle \Phi \mid \nu Z. \Phi \mid \mu Z. \Phi$

$$\begin{aligned} E \models_{\nu} p & \text{ iff } E \in L(p) \\ E \models_{\nu} \neg p & \text{ iff } E \notin L(p) \end{aligned}$$

# Unfolding

- An **unfolding** of  $\sigma Z. \Phi$  is  $\Phi\{\sigma Z. \Phi / Z\}$

Unfolding of  $\nu Z. \langle - \rangle Z$  is  $\langle - \rangle (\nu Z. \langle - \rangle Z)$ .

- Proposition  $E \models_{\nu} \sigma Z. \Phi$  iff  $E \models_{\nu} \Phi\{\sigma Z. \Phi / Z\}$ .

# Expressiveness I

Modal  $\mu$ -calculus contains LTL, CTL, CTL\*

It also contains Propositional Dynamic Logic (PDL). PDL is modal logic when there is some structure on labels A: **closed under operations  $+$ ,  $;$  and  $*$**

$$E \xrightarrow{w+v} F \quad \text{iff} \quad E \xrightarrow{w} F \text{ or } E \xrightarrow{v} F$$

$$E \xrightarrow{w;v} F \quad \text{iff} \quad E \xrightarrow{w} E_1 \xrightarrow{v} F \text{ for some } E_1$$

$$E \xrightarrow{w^*} F \quad \text{iff} \quad E = F \text{ or } E \xrightarrow{w} E_1 \xrightarrow{w} \dots \xrightarrow{w} E_n \xrightarrow{w} F \text{ for some } n \geq 0 \text{ and } E_1, \dots, E_n$$

## Exercise

What properties are expressed by the following formulas?

1.  $\mu Z. [-]Z$

2.  $\nu Z. [-]\langle \text{tick} \rangle Z$

3.  $\nu Z. \langle \text{tick} \rangle Z \wedge \langle \text{tock} \rangle Z$

4.  $\mu Z. \nu Y. [a]Z \wedge [-a]Y$

5.  $\nu Z. (\mu X. [b](\nu Y. [c](\nu Y_1. X \wedge [-a]Y_1) \wedge [-a]Y) \wedge [-]Z)$

## Bisimulation Invariance

$E \equiv F$  if for all **closed** modal  $\mu$ -calculus formulas  $\Phi$ ,  $E \models \Phi$  iff  $F \models \Phi$ .

Proposition if  $E \sim F$  then  $E \equiv F$



## Exercise

Express the following properties in modal  $\mu$ -calculus

1. Eventually either `tick` happens or  $\Phi$  becomes true
2. In some run  $\Phi$  is always true
3. `tick` happens until  $\Phi$
4. `tick` happens until `tock` happens
5. In exactly three runs,  $\Phi$  is true

## Expressiveness II

**Proposition** Modal  $\mu$ -calculus equals bisimulation invariant properties expressible in monadic 2nd-order logic of transition graphs/Kripke models.

**Bisimulation invariant property:** if  $E$  has property and  $E \sim F$  then  $F$  has the property

# Fixed points

Assume  $g$  is monotonic

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{least fixed point} & \mu g = \bigcap \{S : g(S) \subseteq S\} \\ \text{greatest fixed point} & \nu g = \bigcup \{S : S \subseteq g(S)\} \end{array}$$

# Approximants I

Let  $\nu^i g$  for  $i \geq 0$  be defined as follows where  $S'$  is the set of states of the transition system  $\nu^0 g = S'$  and  $\nu^{i+1} g = g(\nu^i g)$ .

- $\nu^{i+1} g \subseteq \nu^i g$  for all  $i$
- Moreover,  $\nu g \subseteq \nu^i g$  for all  $i$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \nu^0 g & \supseteq & \nu^1 g & \supseteq & \dots & \supseteq & \nu^i g & \supseteq & \dots \\
 \cup & & \cup & & & & \cup & & \\
 \nu g & & \nu g & & \dots & & \nu g & & \dots
 \end{array}$$

- If  $\nu^i g = \nu^{i+1} g$ , then  $\nu g$  is  $\nu^i g$

## Approximants II

- If  $S'$  is not a finite set, then use ordinals  
 $0, 1, \dots, \omega, \omega + 1, \dots, \omega + \omega, \omega + \omega + 1, \dots$
- $\omega$  is the initial limit ordinal
- $\nu^0 g = S'$  and  $\nu^{\alpha+1} g = g(\nu^\alpha g)$  and if  $\lambda$  is a limit ordinal

$$\nu^\lambda g = \bigcap \{ \nu^\alpha g : \alpha < \lambda \}$$

## Approximants III

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \nu^0 g & \supseteq & \dots & \supseteq & \nu^\omega g & \supseteq & \nu^{\omega+1} g & \supseteq & \dots \\ \cup & & & & \cup & & \cup & & \\ \nu g & & \dots & & \nu g & & \nu g & & \dots \end{array}$$

The fixed point  $\nu g$  appears somewhere in the sequence, at the first point when  $\nu^\alpha g = \nu^{\alpha+1} g$

## Approximants IV

- $\mu^0 g = \emptyset$  and  $\mu^{\alpha+1} g = g(\mu^\alpha g)$  and  $\mu^\lambda g = \bigcup \{ \mu^\alpha g : \alpha < \lambda \}$
- There is the following possibly increasing sequence of sets.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 \mu g & & \dots & & \mu g & & \mu g & & \dots \\
 \cup & & & & \cup & & \cup & & \\
 \mu^0 g \subseteq & \dots \subseteq & \mu^\omega g \subseteq & \mu^{\omega+1} g \subseteq & \dots
 \end{array}$$

- The first time  $\mu^\alpha g = \mu^{\alpha+1} g$  is  $\mu g$

## Syntactic Approximants

$$\begin{array}{ll} \nu Z^0. \Phi & = \text{tt} & \mu Z^0. \Phi & = \text{ff} \\ \nu Z^{\alpha+1}. \Phi & = \Phi\{\nu Z^\alpha. \Phi / Z\} & \mu Z^{\alpha+1}. \Phi & = \Phi\{\mu Z^\alpha. \Phi / Z\} \\ \nu Z^\lambda. \Phi & = \bigwedge \{\nu Z^\alpha. \Phi : \alpha < \lambda\} & \mu Z^\lambda. \Phi & = \bigvee \{\mu Z^\alpha. \Phi : \alpha < \lambda\} \end{array}$$

### Proposition

1. If  $E \models_V \mu Z. \Phi$ , then there is a least ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $E \models_V \mu Z^\alpha. \Phi$  and for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $E \not\models_V \mu Z^\beta. \Phi$
2. If  $E \not\models_V \nu Z. \Phi$ , then there is a least ordinal  $\alpha$  such that  $E \not\models_V \nu Z^\alpha. \Phi$  and for all  $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $E \models_V \nu Z^\beta. \Phi$



# Computational Properties

- **Satisfiability Problem:** “Given a modal  $\mu$ -calculus formula  $\Phi$ , is  $\Phi$  satisfiable?” is **EXPTIME**-complete.
- **Tree Model Property** If  $\Phi$  is satisfiable then  $\Phi$  is satisfiable in a transition system/Kripke model that is a (regular) infinite tree.
- **Finite Model Property** If  $\Phi$  is satisfiable then  $\Phi$  is satisfiable in a finite transition system/Kripke model.
- **Model Checking Problem** “Given a finite model, a state  $E$  and closed  $\Phi$ , does  $E \models \Phi$  ?” Its exact complexity is a long standing **OPEN** problem.

Best known upper bound is **NP  $\cap$  co-NP**