

COMP4600 Advanced algorithms: Algorithms for verification (3 lectures)

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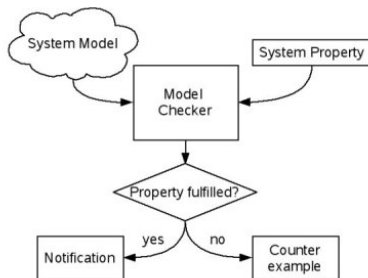
- Although model checking is my research area...
- ...this is the first time, I'm giving a comprehensive lecture on model checking.
- We will look at MC foremost from a technical/algorithmic point of view, not so much from a formal/logical one.
- However, there will be a wee bit of logic introduced/used that everyone should be able to follow who knows **standard propositional logic**.
- Let's see how we go...

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Let's be more formal!

What is M , what is φ , what is “satisfy”?

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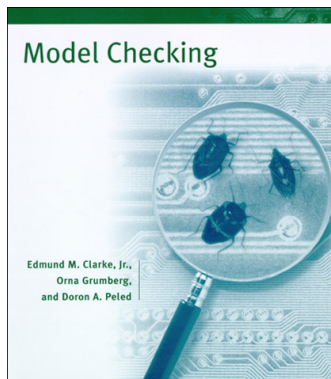
- MC “won” Turing award in 2007 (Clarke, Emmerson, Sifakis):



- Most widely used industrial design verification technique.
- Focus shifted from verification of simple designs (e.g., communication protocol specifications) to entire software systems (e.g., business information system).

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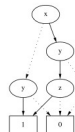
A lot (but not all) of the material in these lectures is based upon



(MIT Press, 2003)

An Introduction to Binary Decision Diagrams

Henrik Reif Andersen



Lecture notes for 40285 Advanced Algorithms E07, October 1997.
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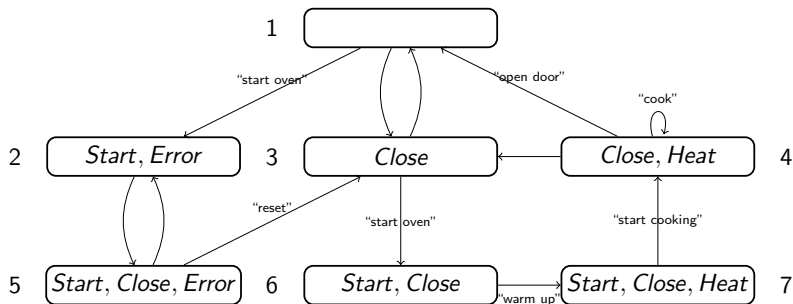
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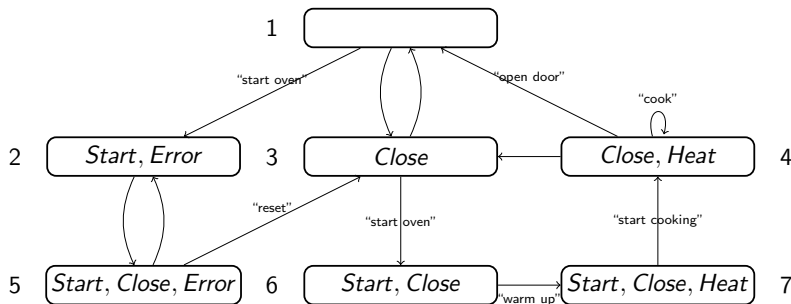
Modelling the behaviour of a microwave oven

- $AP = \{Start, Close, Heat, Error\}$
- $S = \{S_1, \dots, S_7\}$
- $R = \{(S_1, S_3), (S_1, S_2), (S_3, S_1), \dots\}$
- $L(S_1) = \emptyset, L(S_2) = \{Start, Error\}, \dots$

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Possible behaviour of microwave oven

Trace/word: $\{Close\}, \{Start, Close\}, \{Start, Close, Heat\}, \{Close, Heat\}, \{Close, Heat\}, \dots$

Kripke structures

- Behaviour of microwave = all possible **traces/words** of M .
- **Trace/word** = linear Kripke structure.
- Traces typically infinite due to loops (i.e., reactive system never switched off).

Definition

Let $\Sigma = 2^{AP}$ be a finite **alphabet**. Let Σ^ω denote set of all infinite traces over Σ . Behaviour of M can be given as

$$\{w \in \Sigma^\omega \mid \text{for all } i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ there are } m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } (S_m, S_n) \in R \\ \text{and } w(i) = L(S_m) \text{ and } w(i+1) = L(S_n)\}$$

(We could also demand that $L(S_0) = w(0)$, had we an S_0 .)

Kripke structures—where they come from

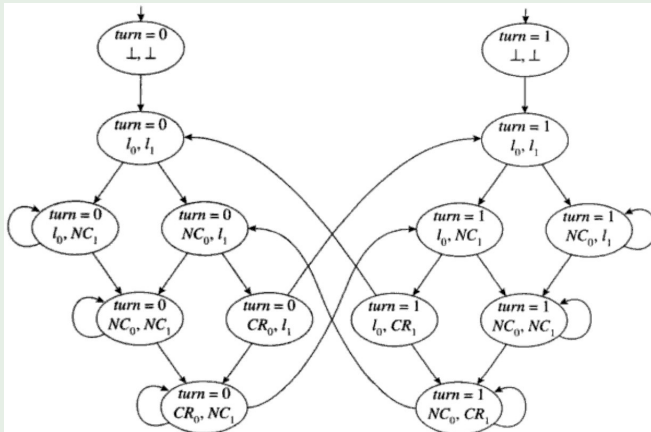
- If we model a system directly in terms of a Kripke structure, we are, sort of, performing the model checking by hand already.
- **Model generation:** Convert abstract system model (e.g., source code) into Kripke structure automatically.

Example program: $P = m : \text{cobegin } P_0 || P_1 \text{ coend } m'$

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Kripke structures—where they come from

The corresponding Kripke structure



cf. Clarke, Grumberg, Peled (2003): "Model Checking", MIT Press.

Linear-time temporal logic

- Pnueli, 1977; Turing award 1996.
- LTL = propositional logic + two temporal operators (**X**, **U**).
- Used as formal specification language for temporal order of events.

Propositional logic (recap)

- $\varphi = a \wedge \neg b \vee c$ has model $\{\alpha(a) = 1, \alpha(b) = 0, \alpha(c) = 1\}$
- We can write this as singleton “Kripke structure” $M = \{a, c\}$.
- Thus, $M \models \varphi$ (“ M satisfies/is a model for φ .”)

Linear-time temporal logic

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LTL semantics: w series of assignments/worlds, i position in w

$w, i \models p$	iff	$p \in w(i)$
$w, i \models \neg\varphi$	iff	$w, i \models \varphi$ is not true
$w, i \models \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	$w, i \models \varphi$ and $w, i \models \psi$
$w, i \models \mathbf{X}\varphi$	iff	$w, i+1 \models \varphi$
$w, i \models \varphi\mathbf{U}\psi$	iff	there is $k \geq i$ s.t. $w, k \models \psi$, and for all $i \leq j < k$ we have $w, j \models \varphi$

More generally, note how models of $\varphi \in LTL$ are elements from Σ^ω ($\Sigma = 2^{AP}$ is our alphabet).
 Let $\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \{w \in \Sigma^\omega \mid w, 0 \models \varphi\}$ be the [language](#) of φ .

Linear-time temporal logic

Some more useful LTL operators and shortcuts (syntactic “sugar”):

- $true = p \vee \neg p$
- $false = \neg true$
- $\varphi \vee \psi = \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$
- $\varphi \rightarrow \psi = \neg\varphi \vee \psi$
- $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi = (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$
- $\mathbf{F}\varphi = true\mathbf{U}\varphi$ (“eventually φ ”)
- $\mathbf{G}\varphi = \neg\mathbf{F}\neg\varphi$ (“always φ ”)
- $\varphi\mathbf{R}\psi = \neg(\neg\varphi\mathbf{U}\neg\psi)$ (“release ψ when φ becomes true”)

Linear-time temporal logic

Some LTL specifications:

Invariants:

- $\mathbf{G}\neg(crit_1 \wedge crit_2)$ (mutual exclusion)
- $\mathbf{G}(preset_1 \vee \dots \vee preset_n)$ (deadlock freedom)

Response, recurrence:

- $\mathbf{G}(try_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{F}crit_1)$ (eventual access to critical section)
- $\mathbf{GF}\neg crit_1$ (no starvation in critical section)

Strong fairness:

- $\mathbf{GF}(try_1 \wedge \neg crit_2) \rightarrow \mathbf{GF}crit_1$ (strong fairness)

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LTL model checking— ω -automata

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An ω -automaton is a five-tuple $\mathcal{A} = (\Sigma, Q, Q_0, \delta, \mathcal{F})$ where

- Σ is the input alphabet,
- Q a finite set of states,
- $Q_0 \subseteq Q$ a distinguished set of initial states,
- $\delta : Q \rightarrow 2^Q$ a transition relation, and
- $\mathcal{F}$ an acceptance condition.

A run ρ of $\mathcal{A}$ over a word $w \in \Sigma^\omega$ is a mapping $\mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow Q$ s.t.

- $\rho(0) \in Q_0$, and
- $\rho(i+1) \in \delta(\rho(i), w(i))$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

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Streett automaton: $\mathcal{F} = \{(E_1, F_1), \dots, (E_n, F_n)\}$

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LTL-to-automata translation

GBA for $\varphi \in LTL$:

- Q : elements of $cl(\varphi)$, promised to be true.
- Q_0 : states containing φ .
- δ : repr. as graph $G = (V, E)$, where
 - V all **complete** subsets of $cl(\varphi)$
 (i.e., $c \in V$ iff for all $\psi \in cl(\varphi)$ either $\psi \in c$ or $\neg\psi \in c$, and for all $\varphi' = \psi \wedge \psi' \in cl(\varphi)$ we have that $\varphi' \in c$ iff $\psi \in c$ and $\psi' \in c$.)
 - $(c, d) \in E$ iff
 - for any $\varphi' = \psi \mathbf{U} \psi' \in cl(\varphi)$, $\varphi' \in c$ iff either $\psi' \in c$, or $\psi \in c$ and $\varphi' \in d$;
 - for any $\varphi' = \mathbf{X}\psi \in cl(\varphi)$, $\varphi' \in c$ iff $\psi \in d$.
- $\mathcal{F} = \{\{q \in Q \mid \psi \mathbf{U} \psi' \notin q \text{ or } \psi' \in q\} \mid \psi \mathbf{U} \psi' \in cl(\varphi)\}$

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That's why we do LTL model checking as $\mathcal{L}(M \times \mathcal{A}_{\neg\varphi}) = \emptyset$ rather than $\mathcal{L}(M) \cap \mathcal{L}(\overline{\mathcal{A}_\varphi}) = \emptyset$:

- Complementation of formula $O(1)$ vs.
- complementation of automaton $\approx O(2^{|Q|})$.

LTL-to-automata translation—optimisations

GBA acceptance more difficult to test than NBA acceptance:

- Turn all states into tuples (q, i) , where i is counter.
- Initially, $i = 0$; counter counts modulo $|\mathcal{F}|$.
- $i = i + 1$ if the i th set F_i of $\mathcal{F}$ is reached (i.e., if q not accepting counter doesn't do anything).
- Now, we only need to check one accepting set, $F_0 \times \{0\}$.

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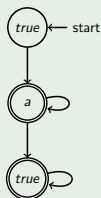
Edge-labelled vs. state-labelled NBA:

- Both used; arguably, edge-labelled more common.
- Easy translation between the two models.

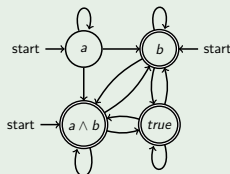
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Some example NBAs: (w/o redundant states)

$\neg a$:



$a \cup b$:



$G a$:



The temporal formulae inside of states are just used for constructing automata. Later we can merely remember the **Boolean formulae** that are satisfied in order to enter a state as above. (You should convince yourself that this is an equivalent representation wrt. the accepted languages!)

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Closure under complement and intersection are the prerequisites for what is known as automata-theoretic model checking.

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Given $M = (S, s_0, R, L)$ and $\mathcal{A}_\varphi = (\Sigma, Q, Q_0, \delta, F)$, we define the “product automaton” $M \times \mathcal{A}_\varphi = (\Sigma, Q', Q'_0, \delta', F')$ by

- $Q' = \{(s, q) \in S \times Q \mid L(s) \text{ satisfies } q\}$ (recall: q contains a Boolean formula!)
- $Q'_0 = \{(s_0, q) \in Q' \mid q \in Q_0\}$
- $\delta' = \{((s, q), (s', q')) \in Q' \times Q' \mid (s, s') \in R \text{ and } (q, q') \in \delta\}$
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Corollary

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... which is never the case in practice. :-)

Detour (I): Tarjan's algorithm for SCC identification

Idea: Does a forward DFS to visit all nodes once to assign increasing index, and upon returning from the recursive calls, assigns low-indices that point to the node with the smallest index reachable from each respective node.

When low-index of a node = index of that node, we have a root of an SCC.

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algorithm tarjan is
  input: graph  $G = (V, E)$ 
  output: set of strongly connected components (sets of vertices)

  index := 0
  S := empty
  for each  $v$  in  $V$  do
    if ( $v.index$  is undefined) then
      strongconnect( $v$ )
    end if
  repeat

  function strongconnect( $v$ )
    // Set the depth index for  $v$  to the smallest unused index
     $v.index := index$ 
     $v.lowlink := index$ 
     $index := index + 1$ 
    S.push( $v$ )

    // Consider successors of  $v$ 
    for each ( $v, w$ ) in  $E$  do
      if ( $w.index$  is undefined) then
        // Successor  $w$  has not yet been visited; recurse on it
        strongconnect( $w$ )
         $v.lowlink := \min(v.lowlink, w.lowlink)$ 
      else if ( $w$  is in S) then
        // Successor  $w$  is in stack S and hence in the current SCC
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      end if
    repeat

    // If  $v$  is a root node, pop the stack and generate an SCC
    if ( $v.lowlink = v.index$ ) then
      start a new strongly connected component
      repeat
         $w := S.pop()$ 
        add  $w$  to current strongly connected component
      until ( $w = v$ )
      output the current strongly connected component
    end if
  end function

```

Some observations:

- strongconnect(x) is called once for every node.
- The for-each-loop at most considers each edge twice (to find neighbours of all nodes)
- (But not all nodes have necessarily an outgoing edge.)
- That is, runtime of $O(|V| + |E|)$.

Detour (II): On-The-Fly Bad-Cycle-Detection

Idea:

- Often M not given, so one needs to construct M from an abstract model (e.g., code, call it $\mathcal{M}$).
- Instead of doing it all at once, one can construct M **on-the-fly** (cf. Vardi et al, CAV'90).
- Observe, it is easy to obtain initial states (i.e., initial in M and $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$)
- Algorithm proceeds by expanding more states in an “as needed” manner, and looks if a cycle can be found which hosts an accepting state from $\mathcal{A}_\varphi$.
- In practice, there's a fair chance it will find an accepting cycle before having expanded all nodes of M .

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Input:  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{A}\phi$ ,
Initialize: Stack1:= $\emptyset$ , Stack2:= $\emptyset$ ,
           Table1:= $\emptyset$ , Table2:= $\emptyset$ ;
procedure Main() {
  foreach  $s \in \text{Init}^\otimes$ 
    { if  $s \notin \text{Table1}$  then DFS1(s); }
  output("no bad cycle");
  exit;
}
procedure DFS1(s) {
  push(s, Stack1);
  hash(s, Table1);
  foreach  $t \in \text{Succ}^\otimes(s)$ 
    { if  $t \notin \text{Table1}$  then DFS1(t); }
  if  $s \in F^\otimes$  then { DFS2(s); }
  pop(Stack1);
}

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procedure DFS2(s){
  push(s, Stack2);
  hash(s, Table2);
  foreach  $t \in \text{Succ}^\otimes(s)$  do {
    if  $t \notin \text{Table2}$  then
      DFS2(t)
    else if t is on Stack1 {
      output("bad cycle:");
      output(Stack1, Stack2, t);
      exit;
    }
  }
  pop(Stack2);
}

```

(Slide shamelessly stolen from Kousha Etessami.)

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The latter explains why model checking works in practice: the NBA can be fixed for most formulae, and the subsequent state-space exploration optimised.

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LTL model checking is PSpace-complete.

Proof.

Hardness: Reduction from LTL satisfiability, which is also PSpace-complete: $\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\varphi) \cap \Sigma^\omega = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \Sigma^\omega \models \neg\varphi$.

Membership: Nondeterministic algorithm: Expand NBA on-the-fly (similar to expansion of M earlier) and guess

- a path through M , and
- a state, l , in the NBA which lies on an accepting loop.

Each expansion step of the NBA can be done in PTime, and to check whether l is visited again is constant. If guessed path goes through l twice, we know that we have a counterexample. 

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- Note, there's no arbitrary nesting of path quantifiers (cf. CTL*).
- For example, you can't say $\mathbf{XAF}\varphi$ in CTL.
- But $\mathbf{EFEG}\varphi$ is OK.

CTL—syntactic sugar and equalities

- $\mathbf{AX}\varphi = \neg\mathbf{EX}(\neg\varphi)$
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Corollary

*Any CTL formula can be expressed in terms of $\neg$, $\vee$, **EX**, **EU** and **EG** alone.*

CTL—semantics

CTL semantics: Let $M = (S, R, L)$ be defined as usual; $s \in S$.

$M, s \models p$	iff	$p \in L(s)$
$M, s \models \neg\varphi$	iff	$M, s \models \varphi$ is not true
$M, s \models \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	$M, s \models \varphi$ and $M, s \models \psi$
$M, s \models \mathbf{AX}\varphi$	iff	for all $s \rightarrow s_1$, $M, s_1 \models \varphi$
$M, s \models \mathbf{EX}\varphi$	iff	there is a $s \rightarrow s_1$, s.t. $M, s_1 \models \varphi$
$M, s \models \mathbf{A}(\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi)$	iff	for all $s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$, where $s_1 = s$, there is a s_k , s.t. $M, s_k \models \psi$, and $M, s_j \models \varphi$ for all s_j , where $0 \leq j < k$
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CTL—examples

Some CTL specifications:

- **EF**($Start \wedge \neg Ready$): It is possible to reach a state in which *Start* but not *Ready* holds.
- **AG**($Req \rightarrow \mathbf{AF} Ack$): Every req. is eventually answered.
- **AG**(**AF** *DeviceEnabled*): The device is enabled infinitely often on all paths.
- **AG**(**EF** *Restart*): From any state it is possible to reach a state in which *Restart* holds.

CTL model checking—labelling algorithm

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- Initially, $label(s_0) = L(s_0)$; algorithm goes through states, at stage i , CTL subformulae with $i - 1$ nested temporal operators are processed.
- When a formula is processed it is added to the labelling of those states where it is true.

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By structural induction¹ (that is, algorithm starts with innermost formulae and works its way “outwards”):

- $\Phi = \neg\varphi$: label all states with Φ that are not labelled by φ .
- $\Phi = \varphi \vee \psi$: label all states with Φ that are labelled by either φ or ψ .
- $\Phi = \mathbf{EX}\varphi$: label all states with Φ that have a successor labelled by φ .
- $\Phi = \mathbf{E}(\varphi\mathbf{U}\psi)$: find all states labelled by ψ ; then work **backwards** until you hit a state labelled by φ ; all intermediate states on these paths should be labelled by Φ .

¹Only few cases due to earlier corollary!

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procedure CheckEU( $f_1, f_2$ )  
   $T := \{ s \mid f_2 \in \text{label}(s) \};$   
  for all  $s \in T$  do  $\text{label}(s) := \text{label}(s) \cup \{ \mathbf{E}[f_1 \mathbf{U} f_2] \};$   
  while  $T \neq \emptyset$  do  
    choose  $s \in T;$   
     $T := T \setminus \{s\};$   
    for all  $t$  such that  $R(t, s)$  do  
      if  $\mathbf{E}[f_1 \mathbf{U} f_2] \notin \text{label}(t)$  and  $f_1 \in \text{label}(t)$  then  
         $\text{label}(t) := \text{label}(t) \cup \{ \mathbf{E}[f_1 \mathbf{U} f_2] \};$   
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Lemma

$M, s \models \mathbf{EG}\varphi$ iff the following two conditions are satisfied:

- 1 $s \in S'$
- 2 There is a path in M' , starting in s , to some node t in some SCC of graph (S', R') .

CTL model checking—labelling algorithm

Proof.

($\Rightarrow$) As for 1.: Clearly, $s \in S'$.

Now we need to show 2. Let $w' = uw$ be a path in M such that φ is true in each state. u is the prefix and w the infinite suffix. For w to repeat, it must lie inside a SCC. And since φ is true along the path, we have for u and w that they're both contained in S' by the construction of M' .

($\Leftarrow$) Every path that in M' is also a path in M . And if there is a path that loops infinitely through some SCC, and on which φ holds, then it is a model for **EG** φ . Since the initial state of that path, $s \in S'$ is clearly also in S , the lemma follows. $\square$

CTL model checking—labelling algorithm

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procedure CheckEG( $f_1$ )
   $S' := \{ s \mid f_1 \in \text{label}(s) \};$ 
   $\text{SCC} := \{ C \mid C \text{ is a nontrivial SCC of } S' \};$ 
   $T := \bigcup_{C \in \text{SCC}} \{ s \mid s \in C \};$ 
  for all  $s \in T$  do  $\text{label}(s) := \text{label}(s) \cup \{ \mathbf{EG} f_1 \};$ 
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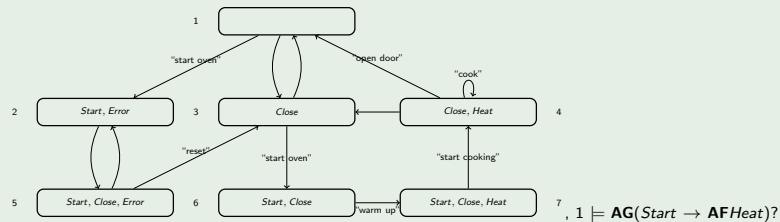
Since we have at most $|\varphi|$ subformulae, CTL model checking against a Kripke structure takes time $O(|\varphi| \cdot (|S| + |R|))$.

Theorem

To decide the CTL model checking problem one only needs an algorithm that runs in PTime.

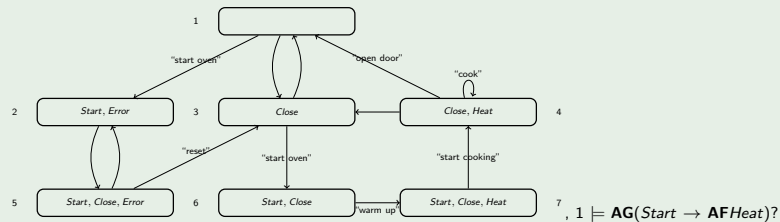
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Observe:

- $\mathbf{AG}(Start \rightarrow \mathbf{AF}Heat)$ equiv. to $\neg \mathbf{EF}(Start \wedge \mathbf{EG}\neg Heat)$
- We use $\mathbf{EF}\varphi$ as shorthand for $\mathbf{E}(true\mathbf{U}\varphi)$.

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Binary decision diagrams

- Popular data structure for compactly and uniquely representing Boolean functions.
- Efficient algorithms known to manipulate BDDs according to the operations in Boolean logic.
- **Applications:** there are many! In our context: to compactly represent Kripke structures.

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Definition

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Binary decision diagrams—how to obtain INF?

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Shannon expansion: Given Boolean expression t ,

$$t = x \rightarrow t[1/x], t[0/x] \quad (\text{“Shannon expansion of } t \text{ wrt. } x\text{”}).$$

- If t contains no variables, it is equivalent to 0 or 1, i.e., in INF.
- Otherwise, perform Shannon expansion of t wrt. any of its variables x .
- Since $t[0/x]$ and $t[1/x]$ contain one variable less than t , one can recursively find INFs for both of these new terms; call them t_0 and t_1 .
- INF for t is thus $x \rightarrow t_1, t_0$.

Binary decision diagrams—how to obtain INF?

Theorem

Any Boolean expression is equivalent to an expression in INF.

Proof.

See inductive INF construction. □

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Example: $t = (x_1 \Leftrightarrow y_1) \wedge (x_2 \Leftrightarrow y_2)$

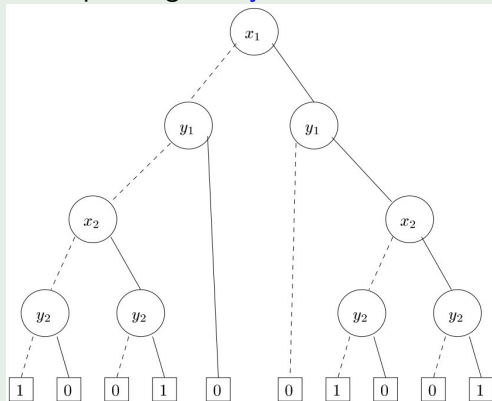
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(Source: Henrik Reif Andersen's lecture notes.)



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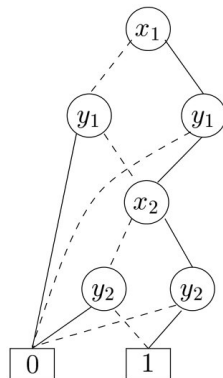
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- a set of variable nodes u of out-degree two. The two outgoing edges are given by two functions $low(u)$ and $high(u)$. (In pictures, these are shown as dotted and solid lines, respectively). A variable $var(u)$ is associated with each variable node.

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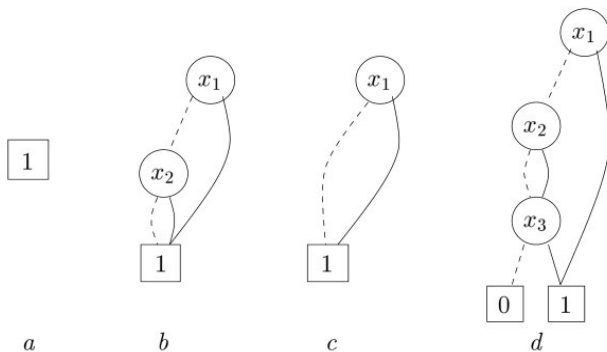
- (**uniqueness**) no two distinct nodes u and v have the same variable name and low- and high-successor, i.e.,

$$\text{var}(u) = \text{var}(v), \text{low}(u) = \text{low}(v), \text{high}(u) = \text{high}(v) \Rightarrow u = v$$

- (**no redundancy**) no variable node u has identical low- and high-successor, i.e., $\text{low}(u) \neq \text{high}(u)$.

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*For any function $f : \mathbb{B}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ there is **exactly one** ROBDD u with variable ordering $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ s.t. $f^u = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.*

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Proof.

By induction (cf. Andersen lecture notes p. 13f.).



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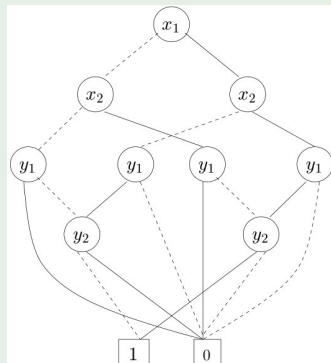
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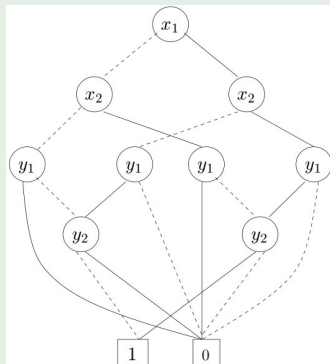
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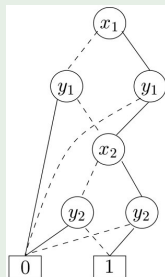
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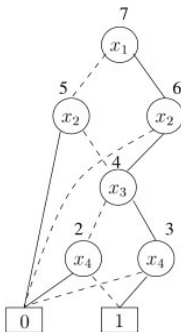
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5	2	4	0
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7	1	5	6

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Can be implemented in $O(1)$ using [hash tables](#).

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BUILD[T, H](t)

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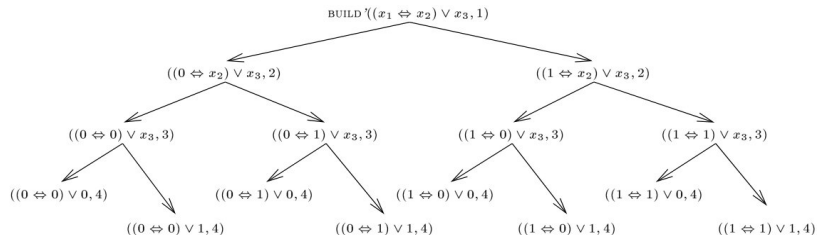
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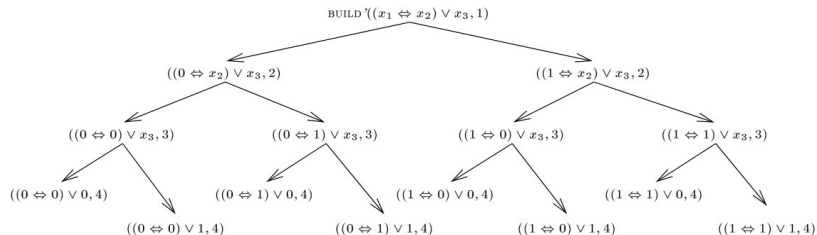


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2:

3: **function** APP(u_1, u_2) =

4: **if** $G(u_1, u_2) \neq \text{empty}$ **then return** $G(u_1, u_2)$

5: **else if** $u_1 \in \{0, 1\}$ **and** $u_2 \in \{0, 1\}$ **then** $u \leftarrow op(u_1, u_2)$

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13: **return** u

14: **end** APP

15:

16: **return** APP(u_1, u_2)

Uses Shannon expansion:

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SATCOUNT $[T](u)$

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4:      else  $res \leftarrow 2^{var(low(u)) - var(u) - 1} * count(low(u))$ 
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6:  end count

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ROBDDs—AnySat & AllSat

ANYSAT(u)

```
1:      if  $u = 0$  then Error
2:      else if  $u = 1$  then return  $\square$ 
3:      else if  $low(u) = 0$  then return  $[x_{var(u)} \mapsto 1, \text{ANYSAT}(high(u))]$ 
4:      else return  $[x_{var(u)} \mapsto 0, \text{ANYSAT}(low(u))]$ 
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ALLSAT(u)

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1:      if  $u = 0$  then return  $\langle \rangle$ 
2:      else if  $u = 1$  then return  $\langle [ ] \rangle$ 
3:      else return
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$\text{RESTRICT}(u, j, b)$	$O(u)$
$\text{SATCOUNT}(u)$	$O(u)$
$\text{ANYSAT}(u)$	$O(p)$
$\text{ALLSAT}(u)$	$O(r * n)$
$\text{SIMPLIFY}(d, u)$	$O(d u)$

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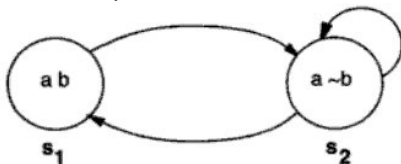
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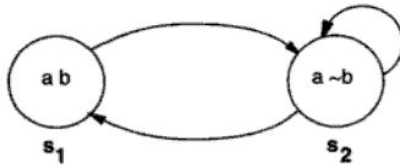
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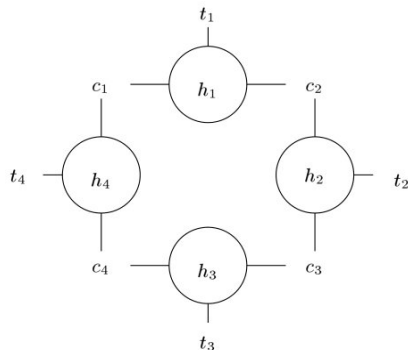
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Milner's scheduler:



- $t_i = 1$ iff task i is running
- $h_i = 1$ iff task i has token
- $c_i = 1$ iff task $i - 1$ has released token (and i not picked it up yet)

Scheduler job: start at task 1, and schedule all tasks such that all are executed. Tasks can terminate in any order.

Symbolic model checking—example

- Each task can be described as an individual state-transition system over variables t_i , h_i , c_i , respectively.
- First, formalise behaviour:
 - if $c_i = 1 \wedge t_i = 0$ then $t_i, c_i, h_i := 1, 0, 1$
 - if $h_i = 1$ then $c_{(i \bmod N)+1}, h_i := 1, 0$

S subset of unprimed vars. Useful to state something about vars that changed:

$$unchanged_S = \bigwedge_{x \in S} x = x'$$

(Or, $assigned_{S'} = unchanged_{\bar{x} \setminus S'}$, i.e., all vars not in S' are unchanged.)

Symbolic model checking—example

We can now define P_i , the transitions of task i over the vars $\vec{x}, \vec{x}'$ as:

$$P_i = (c_i \wedge \neg t_i \wedge t'_i \wedge \neg c'_i \wedge h'_i \wedge \text{assigned}_{\{c_i, t_i, h_i\}}) \\ \vee (h_i \wedge c'_{(i \bmod N)+1} \wedge \neg h'_i \wedge \text{assigned}_{\{(c_i \bmod N)+1, h_i\}})$$

Termination of task:

$$E_i = t_i \wedge \neg t'_i \wedge \text{assigned}_{\{t_i\}}$$

All possible transitions:

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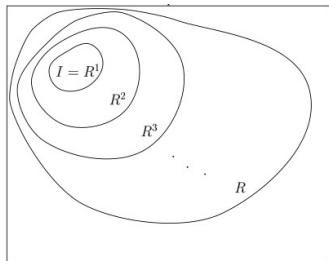
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5:  until  $R' = R$ 
6:  return  $R$ 

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