

# Linear Temporal Logic - Syntax

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi ::= & p \mid (\varphi) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi' \mid \varphi \vee \varphi' \\ & \mid \circ\varphi \mid \varphi \mathcal{U} \varphi' \mid \varphi \mathcal{V} \varphi' \mid \Box\varphi \mid \Diamond\varphi \end{aligned}$$

- $p$  – a proposition over state variables
- $\circ\varphi$  – “next”
- $\varphi \mathcal{U} \varphi'$  – “until”
- $\varphi \mathcal{V} \varphi'$  – “releases”
- $\Box\varphi$  – “box”, “always”, “forever”
- $\Diamond\varphi$  – “diamond”, “eventually”, “sometime”

# LTL Semantics: The Idea

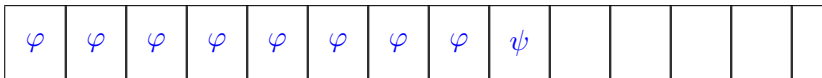
$p \rightarrow$



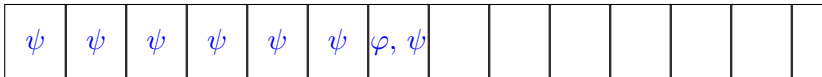
$\circ\varphi \rightarrow$



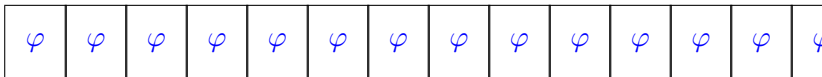
$\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi \rightarrow$



$\varphi \mathcal{V} \psi \rightarrow$



$\Box\varphi \rightarrow$



$\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow$



# Formal LTL Semantics

Given:

- $\mathcal{G} = (V, F, af, R, ar)$  signature expressing state propositions
- $Q$  set of states,
- $\mathcal{M}$  modeling function over  $Q$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ :  $\mathcal{M}(q, p)$  is true iff  $q$  models  $p$ .  
Write  $q \models p$ .
- $\sigma = q_0 q_1 \dots q_n \dots$  infinite sequence of state from  $Q$ .
- $\sigma^i = q_i q_{i+1} \dots q_n \dots$  the  $i^{th}$  tail of  $\sigma$

Say  $\sigma$  models LTL formula  $\varphi$ , write  $\sigma \models \varphi$  as follows:

- $\sigma \models p$  iff  $q_0 \models p$
- $\sigma \models \neg \varphi$  iff  $\sigma \not\models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \varphi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\sigma \models \varphi$  and  $\sigma \models \psi$ .
- $\sigma \models \varphi \vee \psi$  iff  $\sigma \models \varphi$  or  $\sigma \models \psi$ .

# Formal LTL Semantics

- $\sigma \models \circ\varphi$  iff  $\sigma^1 \models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \varphi\mathcal{U}\psi$  iff for some  $k$ ,  $\sigma^k \models \psi$  and for all  $i < k$ ,  $\sigma^i \models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \varphi\mathcal{V}\psi$  iff for some  $k$ ,  $\sigma^k \models \varphi$  and for all  $i \leq k$ ,  $\sigma^i \models \psi$ ,  
or for all  $i$ ,  $\sigma^i \models \psi$ .
- $\sigma \models \Box\varphi$  if for all  $i$ ,  $\sigma^i \models \varphi$
- $\sigma \models \Diamond\varphi$  if for some  $i$ ,  $\sigma^i \models \varphi$

# Some Common Combinations

- $\Box\Diamond p$  “ $p$  will hold infinitely often”
- $\Diamond\Box p$  “ $p$  will continuously hold from some point on”
- $(\Box p) \Rightarrow (\Box q)$  “if  $p$  happens infinitely often, then so does  $q$ ”

# Some Equivalences

- $\Box(\varphi \wedge \psi) = (\Box\varphi) \wedge (\Box\psi)$
- $\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) = (\Diamond\varphi) \vee (\Diamond\psi)$
- $\Box\varphi = \mathbf{F} \mathcal{V} \varphi$
- $\Diamond\varphi = \mathbf{T} \mathcal{U} \varphi$
- $\varphi \mathcal{V} \psi = \neg((\neg\varphi) \mathcal{U} (\neg\psi))$
- $\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi = \neg((\neg\varphi) \mathcal{V} (\neg\psi))$
- $\neg(\Diamond\varphi) = \Box(\neg\varphi)$
- $\neg(\Box\varphi) = \Diamond(\neg\varphi)$

# Some More Equivalences

- $\Box\varphi = \varphi \wedge \circ\Box\varphi$
- $\Diamond\varphi = \varphi \vee \circ\Diamond\varphi$
- $\varphi \mathcal{V} \psi = (\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\psi \wedge \circ(\varphi \mathcal{V} \psi))$
- $\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi = \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \circ(\varphi \mathcal{V} \psi))$
- $\Box, \Diamond, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}$  may all be understood recursively, by what they state about right now, and what they state about the future
- Caution:  $\Box$  vs  $\Diamond$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  vs  $\mathcal{V}$  differ in there limit behavior

# Traffic Light Example

## Basic Behavior:

- $\Box((NSC = Red) \vee (NSC = Green) \vee (NSC = Yellow))$
- $\Box((NSC = Red) \Rightarrow ((NSC \neq Green) \wedge (NSC \neq Yellow)))$
- Similarly for *Green* and *Red*
- $\Box(((NCS = Red) \wedge \circ(NCS \neq Red)) \Rightarrow \circ(NCS = Green))$
- Same as  $\Box((NCS = Red) \Rightarrow ((NCS = Red) \mathcal{U} (NCS = Green)))$
- $\Box(((NCS = Green) \wedge \circ(NCS \neq Green)) \Rightarrow \circ(NCS = Yellow))$
- $\Box(((NCS = Yellow) \wedge \circ(NCS \neq Yellow)) \Rightarrow \circ(NCS = Red))$
- Same for *EWG*



# Traffic Light Example

## Basic Safety

- $\Box((NSC = Red) \vee (EWC = Red))$
- $\Box( ((NSC = Red) \wedge (EWC = Red)) \vee ((NSC \neq Green) \Rightarrow (\circ(NSC = Green))))$

## Basic Liveness

- $(\Diamond(NSC = Red)) \wedge (\Diamond(NSC = Green)) \wedge (\Diamond(NSC = Yellow))$
- $(\Diamond(EWC = Red)) \wedge (\Diamond(EWC = Green)) \wedge (\Diamond(EWC = Yellow))$

# Proof System for LTL

- First step: View  $\varphi \vee \psi$  as macro:  $\varphi \vee \psi = \neg((\neg\varphi) \wedge (\neg\psi))$
- Second Step: Extend all rules of Prop Logic to LTL
- Third Step: Add one more rule: 
$$\frac{\Box\varphi}{\varphi} \text{ Gen}$$
- Fourth Step: Add a collection of axioms (a sufficient set of 8 exists)
  - A1:  $\Box\varphi \Leftrightarrow \neg(\Diamond(\neg\varphi))$
  - A2:  $\Box(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\psi)$
  - A3:  $\Box\varphi \Rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \bigcirc\Box\varphi)$
  - A4:  $\bigcirc\neg\varphi \Leftrightarrow \neg\bigcirc\varphi$
  - A5:  $\bigcirc(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\bigcirc\varphi \Rightarrow \bigcirc\psi)$
  - A6:  $\Box(\varphi \Rightarrow \bigcirc\varphi) \Rightarrow (\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi)$
  - A7:  $\varphi \wedge \psi \Leftrightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\varphi \wedge \bigcirc(\varphi \vee \psi))$
  - A8:  $\varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \Diamond\psi$
- Result: a **sound** and **relatively complete** proof system
- Can implement in Isabelle in much the same way as we did Hoare Logic

# Important Meta-Definitions

- $A$  is **sound** with respect to  $B$  if things that are “true” according to  $A$  are things that are “true” according to  $B$ .
- $A$  is **complete** with respect to  $B$  if things that are “true” according to  $B$  are things that are “true” according to  $A$ .
- $A$  is **sound** if things that are “true” according to  $A$  are true.
- $A$  is **complete** everything that is true (that is in the scope of  $A$ ) is “true” according to  $A$ .
- $A$  is **relatively complete** with respect to  $B$  if  $A$  is complete when  $B$  is. Think:  $A$  proof system,  $B$  mathematical model; or  $A$  a proof system,  $B$  a subsystem.

Exercise:  $\varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi$

# What is Model Checking?

Most generally **Model Checking** is

- an **automated** technique, that given
- a **finite-state model**  $M$  of a system
- and a **logical** property  $\varphi$ ,
- **checks** whether the property holds of model:  $M \models \varphi$ ?

# Model Checking

- Model checkers usually give example of failure if  $M \not\models \varphi$ .
- This makes them useful for **debugging**.
- **Problem:** Can only handle finite models: unbounded or continuous data sets can't be directly handled
  - Symbolic model checking can handle limited cases of finitely presented models
- **Problem:** Number of **states** grows exponentially in the size of the system.
- **Answer:** Use **abstract** model of system
- **Problem:** Relationship of results on abstract model to real system?

# LTL Model Checking

- **Model Checking Problem:** Given model  $\mathcal{M}$  and logical property  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ , does  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ ?
- Given transition system with states  $Q$ , transition relation  $\delta$  and initial state  $I$ , say  $(Q, \delta, I) \models \varphi$  for LTL formula  $\varphi$  if every run of  $(Q, \delta, I)$ ,  $\sigma$  satisfies  $\sigma \models \varphi$ .

## Theorem

*The Model Checking Problem for finite transition systems and LTL formulae is decidable.*

- Treat states  $q \in Q$  as letters in an alphabet.
- Language of  $(Q, \delta, I)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(Q, \delta, I)$  (or  $\mathcal{L}(Q)$  for short) is set of runs in  $Q$
- Language of  $\varphi$ ,  $\mathcal{L}\varphi = \{\sigma \mid \sigma \models \varphi\}$
- Question:  $\mathcal{L}(Q) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$ ?
- Same as:  $\mathcal{L}(Q) \cap \mathcal{L}(\neg\varphi) = \emptyset$ ?

# How to Decide the Model Checking Problem?

- How to answer  $\mathcal{L}(Q) \cap \mathcal{L}(\neg\varphi) = \emptyset$ ?
- Common approach:
  - Build automaton  $A$  such the  $\mathcal{L}(A) = \mathcal{L}(Q) \cap \mathcal{L}(\neg\varphi)$
  - Are accepting states of  $A$  reachable? (Infinitely often?)
- How to build  $A$ ?
  - One possible answer: Build a series of automata by recursion on structure of  $\neg\varphi$ .
  - Another possible answer: Build an automaton  $B$  such  $\mathcal{L}(B) = \mathcal{L}(\neg\varphi)$ ; take  $A = B \times Q$
- Will do at least one approach if time after Spin