

4. Modal Logic & Verification

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Recall: What's in a logic?

A language

i.e. a collection of well-formed expressions to which meaning can be assigned.

A semantics

describing how language expressions are interpreted as statements about something.

A deductive system

i.e. a collection of rules to derive in a purely syntactic way facts and relationships among semantic objects described in the language.

Note

- a purely syntactic approach (up to the 1940's; the **sacred form**)
- a model theoretic approach (A. Tarski legacy)

- **sentences**
- **models & satisfaction**: $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$
- **validity**: $\models \phi$ (ϕ is satisfied in every possible structure)
- **logical consequence**: $\Phi \models \phi$ (ϕ is satisfied in every model of Φ)
- **theory**: $Th \Phi$ (set of logical consequences of a set of sentences Φ)

Deductive systems \vdash

- sequents
 - Hilbert systems
 - natural deduction
 - tableaux systems
 - resolution
 - ...
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- **derivation** and **proof**
 - **deductive consequence**: $\Phi \vdash \phi$
 - **theorem**: $\vdash \phi$

- A deductive system \vdash is **sound** wrt a semantics \models if for all sentences ϕ

$$\vdash \phi \implies \models \phi$$

(every theorem is valid)

- ... **complete** ...

$$\models \phi \implies \vdash \phi$$

(every valid sentence is a theorem)

For logics with **negation** and a **conjunction** operator

- A sentence ϕ is **refutable** if $\neg\phi$ is a theorem (i.e. $\vdash \neg\phi$)
- A set of sentences Φ is **refutable** if some finite conjunction of elements in Φ is refutable
- ϕ or Φ is **consistent** if it is not refutable.

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi$$

- Propositional logic (logic of **uninterpreted assertions**; models are **truth assignments**)
- Equational logic (formalises **equational** reasoning; models are **algebras**)
- First-order logic (logic of **predicates** and **quantification** over structures; models are **relational structures**)
- **Modal logics**
- ...

Modal Logic

*Over the years modal logic has been applied in many different ways. It has been used as a tool for reasoning about **time**, **beliefs**, **computational systems**, **necessity** and **possibility**, and much else besides.*

*These applications, though diverse, have something important in common: the key ideas they employ (flows of time, relations between epistemic alternatives, transitions between computational states, networks of possible worlds) can all be represented as **simple graph-like structures**.*

Modal logics are

- **tools to talk about relational, or graph-like structures.**
- **fragments of classical ones**, with restricted forms of quantification ...
- ... which tend to be **decidable** and described in a pointfree notations.

Syntax

$$\phi ::= p \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \mid \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2 \mid \langle \alpha \rangle \phi \mid [\alpha] \phi$$

where $p \in \text{PROP}$ and $\alpha \in \text{ACT}$

Disjunction (\vee) and equivalence (\leftrightarrow) are defined by abbreviation.

The *signature* of the basic modal language is determined by sets:

- **PROP** of **propositional** symbols (typically assumed to be denumerably infinite) and
- **ACT** of **structured actions** (or programs), also called **modality** symbols.

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- $[\text{drink}] \neg \text{thirsty}$: If I **drink** anything now, I will not be in a **thirsty** state

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- $[\text{something}^*] [\text{pressCoffee}] \langle \text{getCoffee} \rangle \text{true}$:
If do *something* any number of times, and then
I *press the coffee* button, then
I will *get my coffee* – and **that's it**.

Notes

- if there is only one modality in the signature (i.e., ACT is a singleton), write simply $\Diamond\phi$ and $\Box\phi$
- the language has some redundancy: in particular modal connectives are **dual** (as quantifiers are in first-order logic): $[\alpha]\phi$ is equivalent to $\neg\langle\alpha\rangle\neg\phi$

Example

Models as LTSs over Act.

$ACT = Act$ (sets of actions)

$\langle a \rangle \phi$ can be read as “it **must** observe a , and ϕ must hold after that.”

$[a]\phi$ can be read as “**if** it observes a , then ϕ must hold after that.”

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi \quad - \quad \text{what does it mean?}$$

Model definition

A **model** for the language is a pair $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{L}, V \rangle$, where

- $\mathcal{L} = \langle S, \text{ACT}, \longrightarrow \rangle$ is an **LTS**:
 - S is a non-empty set of states (or points)
 - ACT are the labels consisting of (structured) action symbols (or modality symbols)
 - $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times \text{ACT} \times S$ is the transition relation
- $V : \text{PROP} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ is a **valuation**.

When **ACT = 1**

- $\diamond\phi$ and $\square\phi$ instead of $\langle \cdot \rangle \phi$ and $[\cdot] \phi$
- $\mathcal{L} = \langle S, \longrightarrow \rangle$ instead of $\mathcal{L} = \langle S, \text{ACT}, \longrightarrow \rangle$
- $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times S$ instead of $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times \text{ACT} \times S$

Satisfaction: for a model \mathcal{M} and a state s

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \text{true}$

$\mathcal{M}, s \not\models \text{false}$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models p$ iff $s \in V(p)$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \neg\phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \not\models \phi$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_1$ and $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_2$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \not\models \phi_1$ or $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_2$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \langle \alpha \rangle \phi$ iff **there exists** $v \in S$ st $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} v$ and $\mathcal{M}, v \models \phi$

$\mathcal{M}, s \models [\alpha] \phi$ iff **for all** $v \in S$ st $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} v$ and $\mathcal{M}, v \models \phi$

Satisfaction

A formula ϕ is

- **satisfiable in a model** \mathcal{M} if it is satisfied at some point of \mathcal{M}
- **globally satisfied** in \mathcal{M} ($\mathcal{M} \models \phi$) if it is satisfied at all points in \mathcal{M}
- **valid** ($\models \phi$) if it is globally satisfied in all models
- **a semantic consequence** of a set of formulas Γ ($\Gamma \models \phi$) if for all models \mathcal{M} and all points s , if $\mathcal{M}, s \models \Gamma$ then $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi$

Process logic (**Hennessy-Milner logic**)

- $\text{PROP} = \emptyset$ (hence $V = \emptyset$)
- $S = \mathcal{P}$ is a set states in a labelled transition system, typically process terms
- structured actions are built by the grammar $K := a \in \text{Act} \mid K + K$
- the underlying LTS is given by $\mathcal{L} = \langle \mathcal{P}, \text{Act}, \{\langle p, a, p' \rangle \mid a \in \text{Act}\} \rangle$

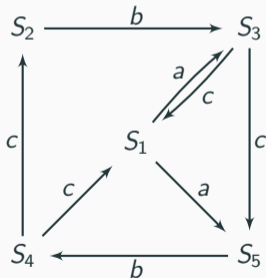
Satisfaction is abbreviated as

$$\begin{aligned} p \models \langle K \rangle \phi & \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists_{q \in \{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a} p' \wedge a \in K\}} \cdot q \models \phi \\ p \models [K] \phi & \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall_{q \in \{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a} p' \wedge a \in K\}} \cdot q \models \phi \end{aligned}$$

Process Logic Syntax (Hennessy-Milner Logic)

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Ex. 4.2: Prove:

1. $S_1 \models [a + b + c] (\langle b + c \rangle \text{true})$
2. $S_2 \models [a] (\langle b \rangle \text{true} \wedge \langle c \rangle \text{true})$
3. $S_1 \not\models [a] (\langle b \rangle \text{true} \wedge \langle c \rangle \text{true})$
4. $S_2 \models [b][c] (\langle a \rangle \text{true} \vee \langle b \rangle \text{true})$
5. $S_1 \models [b][c] (\langle a \rangle \text{true} \vee \langle b \rangle \text{true})$
6. $S_1 \not\models [a + b] \langle b + c \rangle (\langle a \rangle \text{true})$

$(P, <)$ a strict partial order with infimum 0

i.e., $P = \{0, a, b, c, \dots\}$,

$a \rightarrow b$ means $a < b$,

$a < b$ and $b < c$ implies $a < c$

$0 < x$, for any $x \neq 0$

there are no loops

some elements may not be comparable

- $P, x \models \Box \text{false}$ if x is a maximal element of P
- $P, 0 \models \Diamond \Box \text{false}$ iff ...
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Temporal logic

- $\langle T, < \rangle$ where T is a set of time points (instants, execution states , ...) and $<$ is the **earlier than** relation on T .
- Thus, $\Box\varphi$ (respectively, $\Diamond\varphi$) means that φ holds in all (respectively, some) time points.

Epistemic logic (J. Hintikka, 1962)

- W is a set of agents
- $\alpha \models [K_i] \phi$ means that agent i always knows that ϕ is true.
- $\alpha \models \langle K_i \rangle \phi$ means that agent i can reach a state where he knows ϕ .
- $\alpha \models (\neg[K_i] \phi) \wedge (\neg[K_i] \neg\phi)$ means that agent i does not know whether ϕ is true or not.

Many variations exist, modelling **knowledge** and **believes**, knowledge of **who knows what**, **distributed** knowledge, etc.

Deontic logic (G.H. von Wright, 1951)

- Obligations and permissions: **must** and **can** do.
- $\alpha \models \Box \phi$ means ϕ is obligatory.
- $\alpha \models \Diamond \phi$ means ϕ is a possibility.

Each logic accepts a different set of *principles* or *rules* (with variations), that makes their interpretation different.

Ex. 4.3: Express the properties in Process Logic

- inevitability of a :
- progress (can act):
- deadlock or termination (is stuck):

Ex. 4.4: What does this mean?

1. $\langle - \rangle$ false
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Ex. 4.5: Coffee-machine

1. The user can have **tea** or **coffee**.
2. The user can have **tea** but not **coffee**.
3. The user can have **tea** after having 2 consecutive **coffees**.

Ex. 4.6: *a*'s and *b*'s

1. It is possible to do ***a*** after 3 ***b***'s, but not more than 1 ***a***.
2. It must be possible to do ***a*** after [doing ***a*** and then ***b***].
3. After doing ***a*** and then ***b***, it is not possible to do ***a***.

Ex. 4.7: Taxi network

- $\phi_0 =$ In a taxi network, a car can *collect* a passenger or be *allocated* by the Central to a pending service
- $\phi_1 =$ This applies only to cars already *on-service*
- $\phi_2 =$ If a car is *allocated* to a service, it must first *collect* the passenger and then *plan* the route
- $\phi_3 =$ On detecting an *emergency* the taxi becomes inactive
- $\phi_4 =$ A car *on-service* is not inactive

Process Logic with regular expressions

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where $\alpha \in ACT$ are structured actions over a set Act :

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More expressive than Process Logic. Used by mCRL2.

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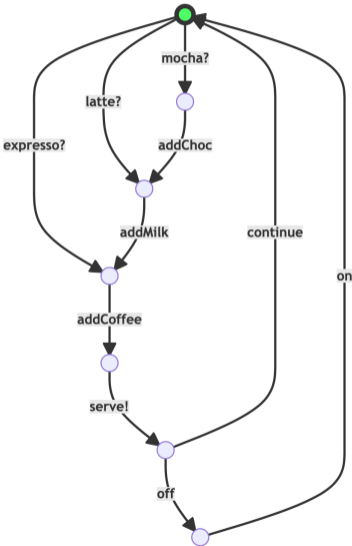
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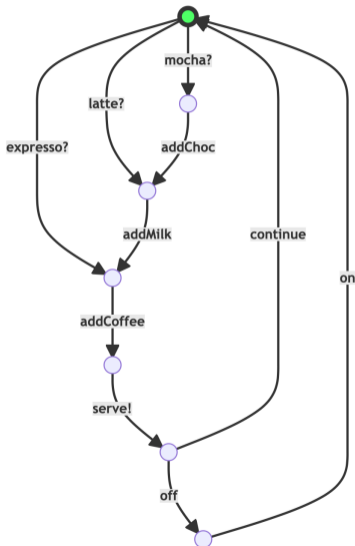
- “ $\langle a; b; c \rangle \text{true}$ ” means “ $\langle a \rangle \langle b \rangle \langle c \rangle \text{true}$ ”
- “ $[a; b; c] \text{false}$ ” means “ $[a][b][c] \text{false}$ ”
- “ $\langle a^*; b \rangle \text{true}$ ” means that b can be taken after some number of a 's.
- “ $\langle -^*; a \rangle \text{true}$ ” means that a can **eventually** be taken
- “ $[-^*] \langle a + b \rangle \text{true}$ ” means it is **always** possible to do a or b



Ex. 4.8: What does this mean?

- $\langle -^* ; serve! \rangle$ true
- $[-^* ; (addChoc + addMilk) ; serve!]$ false
- $[-^* ; addCoffee] \langle serve! \rangle$ true

- $\langle - \rangle$ true
- $[-^*] \langle - \rangle$ true
- $[-^* ; a] \langle b \rangle$ true
- $[-^* ; send] \langle (-send)^* ; recv \rangle$ true



Ex. 4.9: Express using logic

1. The user can only have coffee after the coffee button is pressed.
2. The user must have coffee after the coffee button is pressed.
3. It is always possible to turn off the coffee machine.
4. It is always possible to reach a state where the coffee machine can be turned off.
5. It is never possible to add chocolate right after pressing the latte button.

mCRL2 Tools

Slides 3:

<https://fm-dcc.github.io/sv2425/slides/3-mcrl2.pdf>

Bisimulation and modal equivalence

Definition

Given two models $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{L}, V \rangle$ and $\mathcal{M}' = \langle \mathcal{L}', V' \rangle$, a **bisimulation of \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L}'** is also a **bisimulation of \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}'** if,

whenever $s R s'$, then $V(s) = V'(s')$

Lemma (invariance: bisimulation implies modal equivalence)

Given two models \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' , and a bisimulation R between their states:

if two states s, s' are related by R (i.e. sRs'),

then s, s' satisfy the same basic modal formulas.

(i.e., for all ϕ : $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}', s' \models \phi$)

Hence

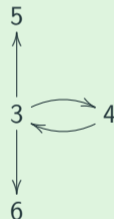
Given 2 models \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' , if you can find ϕ such that

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M}' \not\models \phi$$

(or vice-versa) then they are NOT bisimilar.

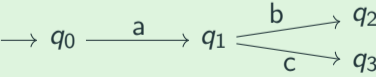
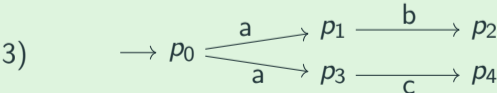
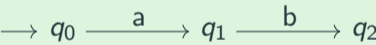
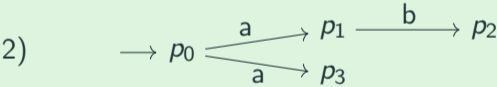
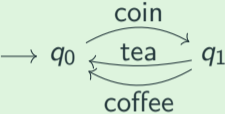
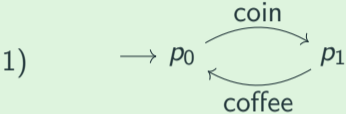
Ex. 4.10: Bisimilarity and modal equivalence

Consider the following transition systems:



Give a modal formula that can be satisfied at point 1 but not at 3.

Ex. 4.11: Find distinguishing modal formula



To prove the converse of the invariance lemma requires passing to an **infinitary** modal language with arbitrary (countable) conjunctions and disjunctions. Alternatively, and more usefully, it can be shown for **finite** models:

Lemma (modal equivalence implies bisimulation)

If two states s, s' from two finite models $\mathcal{M} = \langle \langle S, R \rangle, V \rangle$ and $\mathcal{M}' = \langle \langle S', R' \rangle, V' \rangle$ satisfy the same modal formulas,
then there is a bisimulation $B \subseteq S \times S'$ such that sBs' .

Note

- The result can be **weakened** to **image-finite** models.
- Combining this result with the invariance lemma one gets the so-called **modal equivalence theorem** stating that, for image-finite models, bisimilarity and modal equivalence coincide. The result is also known as the **Hennessy-Milner theorem** who first proved it for process logics.

Exercise

- Give an example of modally equivalent states in different Kripke structures which fail to be bisimilar.

Richer modal logics

can be obtained in different ways, e.g.

- axiomatic extensions
- introducing more complex satisfaction relations
- support novel semantic capabilities
- ...

Examples

- richer temporal logics
- hybrid logic
- modal μ -calculus

Until and Since

$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi \mathcal{U} \psi$ iff there **exists** r st $s \leq r$ and $\mathcal{M}, r \models \psi$, and
for **all** t st $s \leq t < r$, one has $\mathcal{M}, t \models \phi$

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- Defined for temporal frames $\langle T, < \rangle$ (transitive, asymmetric).
- note the $\exists \forall$ qualification pattern: these operators are neither diamonds nor boxes.
- More general definition for other frames – it becomes more expressive than modal logics.

Temporal logics - rewrite using \mathcal{U}

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$$\phi ::= \text{true} \mid p \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \mid \neg\phi \mid \bigcirc\phi \mid \phi_1 \mathcal{U} \phi_2$$

mutual exclusion	$\square(\neg c_1 \vee \neg c_2)$
liveness	$\square\Diamond c_1 \wedge \square\Diamond c_2$
starvation freedom	$(\square\Diamond w_1 \rightarrow \square\Diamond c_1) \wedge (\square\Diamond w_2 \rightarrow \square\Diamond c_2)$
progress	$\square(w_1 \rightarrow \Diamond c_1)$
weak fairness	$\Diamond\square w_1 \rightarrow \square\Diamond c_1$
eventually forever	$\Diamond\square w_1$

- First temporal logic to reason about reactive systems [Pnueli, 1977]
- Formulas are interpreted over **execution paths**
- Express **linear-time properties**

state formulas to express properties of a state:

$$\Phi := \text{true} \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \neg\Phi \mid \exists\psi \mid \forall\psi$$

path formulas to express properties of a path:

$$\psi := \bigcirc\Phi \mid \Phi \mathcal{U} \Psi$$

mutual exclusion	$\forall \square (\neg c_1 \vee \neg c_2)$
liveness	$\forall \square \forall \diamond c_1 \wedge \forall \square \forall \diamond c_2$
order	$\forall \square (c_1 \vee \forall \bigcirc c_2)$

- Branching time structure encode transitive, irreflexive but not necessarily linear flows of time
- flows are **trees**: past linear; branching future

Motivation

Add the possibility of **naming** points and reason about their **identity**

Compare:

$$\Diamond(r \wedge p) \wedge \Diamond(r \wedge q) \rightarrow \Diamond(p \wedge q)$$

with

$$\Diamond(i \wedge p) \wedge \Diamond(i \wedge q) \rightarrow \Diamond(p \wedge q)$$

for $i \in \text{NOM}$ (a **nominal**)

Syntax

$$\phi ::= \dots \mid p \mid \langle \alpha \rangle \phi \mid [\alpha] \phi \mid i \mid @_i \phi$$

where $p \in \text{PROP}$ and $\alpha \in \text{ACT}$ and $i \in \text{NOM}$

Nominals i

- Are special propositional symbols that hold exactly on one state (the state they **name**)
- In a model the **valuation** V is extended from

$$V : \text{PROP} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$$

to

$$V : \text{PROP} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(S) \quad \text{and} \quad V : \text{NOM} \longrightarrow S$$

where NOM is the set of nominals in the model

- Satisfaction:

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models i \quad \text{iff } s = V(i)$$

The @_{*i*} operator
$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \text{true}$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \not\models \text{false}$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models p \quad \text{iff} \quad s \in V(p)$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \neg\phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}, s \not\models \phi$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_1 \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, s \models \phi_2$$

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$$\mathcal{M}, s \models [\alpha] \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } v \in S \text{ st } s \xrightarrow{\alpha} v \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, v \models \phi$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models @_i \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}, u \models \phi \text{ and } u = V(i)$$

[*u* is the state denoted by *i*]

Increased frame definability

- **irreflexivity**: $i \rightarrow \neg \Diamond i$
- **asymmetry**: $i \rightarrow \neg \Diamond \Diamond i$
- **antisymmetry**: $i \rightarrow \Box (\Diamond i \rightarrow i)$
- **trichotomy**: $@_j \Diamond i \vee @_i \Diamond j \vee @_i \Diamond j$

Summing up

- basic hybrid logic is a simple notation for capturing the **bisimulation-invariant fragment of first-order logic with constants and equality**, i.e., a mechanism for equality reasoning in propositional modal logic.
- comes **cheap**: up to a polynomial, the complexity of the resulting decision problem is no worse than for the basic modal language