



Concurrency Theory

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Lecture 4: Hennessy-Milner Logic with Recursion

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The set HMF of **Hennessy-Milner formulae** over a set of actions Act is defined by the following syntax:

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$F_1 \vee F_2$	(disjunction)
$\langle \alpha \rangle F$	(diamond)
$[\alpha] F$	(box)

where $\alpha \in Act$.

Abbreviations for $L = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$):

- $\langle L \rangle F := \langle \alpha_1 \rangle F \vee \dots \vee \langle \alpha_n \rangle F$
- $[L] F := [\alpha_1] F \wedge \dots \wedge [\alpha_n] F$
- In particular, $\langle \emptyset \rangle F := ff$ and $[\emptyset] F := tt$

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Let $(S, Act, \longrightarrow)$ be an LTS and $F \in HMF$. The set of processes in S that **satisfy** F ,

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket F \rrbracket \subseteq S, \text{ is defined by:} \quad & \llbracket tt \rrbracket := S & \llbracket ff \rrbracket &:= \emptyset \\ & \llbracket F_1 \wedge F_2 \rrbracket := \llbracket F_1 \rrbracket \cap \llbracket F_2 \rrbracket & \llbracket F_1 \vee F_2 \rrbracket &:= \llbracket F_1 \rrbracket \cup \llbracket F_2 \rrbracket \\ & \llbracket \langle \alpha \rangle F \rrbracket := \langle \cdot \alpha \cdot \rangle(\llbracket F \rrbracket) & \llbracket [\alpha] F \rrbracket &:= [\cdot \alpha \cdot](\llbracket F \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

where $\langle \cdot \alpha \cdot \rangle, [\cdot \alpha \cdot] : 2^S \rightarrow 2^S$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cdot \alpha \cdot \rangle(T) &:= \{s \in S \mid \exists s' \in T : s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'\} \\ [\cdot \alpha \cdot](T) &:= \{s \in S \mid \forall s' \in S : s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s' \implies s' \in T\} \end{aligned}$$

We write $s \models F$ iff $s \in \llbracket F \rrbracket$. Two HML formulae are **equivalent** (written $F \equiv G$) iff they are satisfied by the same processes in every LTS.

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Closure under Negation

Observation: **negation** is not one of the HML constructs

Reason: HML is **closed under negation**

Lemma

For every $F \in \text{HMF}$ there exists $F^c \in \text{HMF}$ such that $\llbracket F^c \rrbracket = S \setminus \llbracket F \rrbracket$ for every LTS $(S, \text{Act}, \longrightarrow)$.

Proof.

Definition of F^c :

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{tt}^c := \text{ff} & \text{ff}^c := \text{tt} \\ (F_1 \wedge F_2)^c := F_1^c \vee F_2^c & (F_1 \vee F_2)^c := F_1^c \wedge F_2^c \\ (\langle \alpha \rangle F)^c := [\alpha] F^c & ([\alpha] F)^c := \langle \alpha \rangle F^c \end{array}$$

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Process Traces

Goal: reduce processes to the action sequences they can perform

Definition (Trace language)

For every $P \in Prc$, let

$$Tr(P) := \{w \in Act^* \mid \text{ex. } P' \in Prc \text{ such that } P \xrightarrow{w} P'\}$$

be the **trace language** of P (where $\xrightarrow{w} := \xrightarrow{a_1} \circ \dots \circ \xrightarrow{a_n}$ for $w = a_1 \dots a_n$).

$P, Q \in Prc$ are called **trace equivalent** if $Tr(P) = Tr(Q)$.

Example (One-place buffer)

$$B = in.\overline{out}.B$$

$$\implies Tr(B) = (in \cdot \overline{out})^* \cdot (in + \varepsilon)$$

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HML and Process Traces

Lemma

Let $(Prc, Act, \longrightarrow)$ be an LTS, and let $P, Q \in Prc$ satisfy the same HMF (i.e., $\forall F \in HMF : P \models F \iff Q \models F$). Then $Tr(P) = Tr(Q)$.

Proof.

on the board □

Remark: the converse does not hold.

Example

- Let $P := a.(b.nil + c.nil) \in Prc$, $Q := a.b.nil + a.c.nil \in Prc$
- Then $Tr(P) = Tr(Q) = \{\varepsilon, a, ab, ac\}$
- Let $F := [a](\langle b \rangle tt \wedge \langle c \rangle tt) \in HMF$
- Then $P \models F$ but $Q \not\models F$
- [Later: $P, Q \in Prc$ HML-equivalent iff bismilar]

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But: sometimes necessary to refer to **arbitrarily long computations** (e.g., “no deadlock state reachable”)

- possible solution: support **infinite conjunctions and disjunctions**

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- Conclusion: no single HML formula can distinguish C and all D_n
 - unsatisfactory as behaviour clearly different
- Generally: **invariant** property “always $\langle a \rangle tt$ ” not expressible
- Requires **infinite conjunction**:

$$Inv(\langle a \rangle tt) = \langle a \rangle tt \wedge [a]\langle a \rangle tt \wedge [a][a]\langle a \rangle tt \wedge \dots = \bigwedge_{k \in \mathbb{N}} [a]^k \langle a \rangle tt$$

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Problem: infinite formulae not easy to handle

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Open questions

- Do such recursive equations (always) have **solutions**?
- If so, are they **unique**?
- How can we **decide** whether a process satisfies a recursive formula (“model checking”)?

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 - greatest solution: $Y = \{C, D, nil\}$
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- **Eventuality:** $Evt(F) \equiv Y$ for $Y \stackrel{min}{=} F \vee (\langle Act \rangle tt \wedge [Act]Y)$
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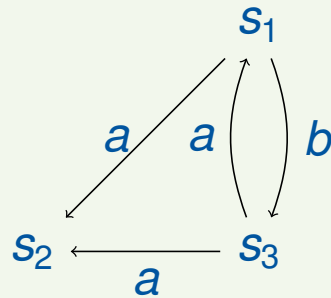
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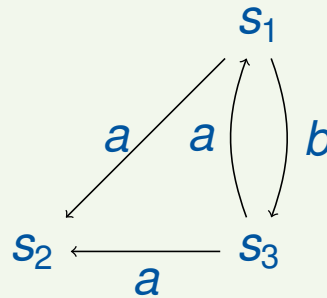
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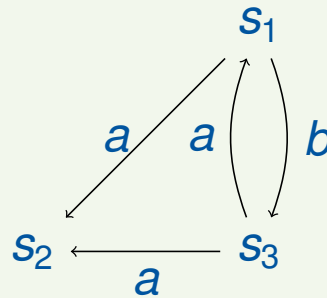
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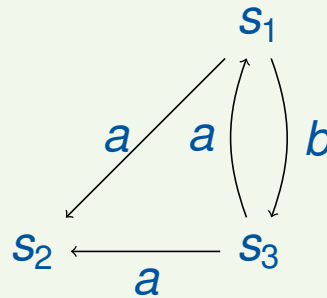
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- In the following we will see:
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 2. Least and greatest solutions are **unique** and can be obtained by **fixed-point iteration**

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