

## Algorithms for Model Checking (2IW55)

### Lecture 2

Fairness & Basic Model Checking Algorithm for CTL and fair CTL  
– based on strongly connected components –  
Chapter 4.1, 4.2 + SIAM Journal of Computing 1(2), 1972

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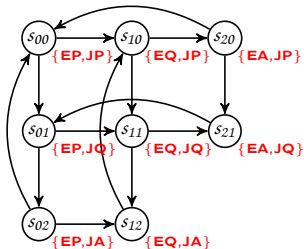
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## Temporal Logics: Fairness



- Atomic Propositions: EP, EQ, EA, JP, JQ, JA
- Intended meaning: John or Ella is either Playing, posing Questions, getting Answers
- To exclude that one child gets all attention, we want that both  $\neg EQ$  as well as  $\neg JQ$  hold infinitely often
- fairness constraints ensuring this:  $\mathcal{F} = \{\{s_{00}, s_{01}, s_{02}, s_{20}, s_{21}\}, \{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{02}, s_{12}\}\}$

## Temporal Logics: Fairness

Sometimes properties are violated by “unrealistic” paths only, for instance due to a scheduler. In this case, one may restrict to **fair** paths.

A Kripke Structure over  $AP$  **with fairness constraints** is a structure  $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ , where:

- $\langle S, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L} \rangle$  is an “ordinary” Kripke Structure as before
- $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^S$  is a set of fairness constraints

A **path is fair** if it “hits” each fairness constraint infinitely often:

$\text{fair}(\pi)$  iff  $\forall C \in \mathcal{F}. \{i \mid \pi(i) \in C\}$  is an infinite set

## Temporal Logics: Fairness

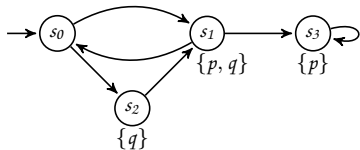
In CTL\* with fairness semantics ( $\models_{\mathcal{F}}$ ), only fair paths will be considered.

Given a fixed Kripke Structure with fairness constraints  $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ ,  $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} f$  means: formula  $f$  holds in state  $s$  in the fair CTL\* semantics.

The definition of  $\models_{\mathcal{F}}$  coincides with  $\models$  except for the following four clauses:

- $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} \text{true}$     iff    there is some fair path starting in  $s$
- $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} p$         iff     $p \in \mathcal{L}(s)$  and there is some fair path starting in  $s$
- $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{A} f$      iff    for all **fair** paths  $\pi$  starting in  $s$ , we have  $\pi \models_{\mathcal{F}} f$
- $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{E} f$      iff    for some **fair** path  $\pi$  starting in  $s$ , we have  $\pi \models_{\mathcal{F}} f$

## Temporal Logics: Fairness



Note that  $s_0 \models \text{E F G } p$ , but  $s_0 \not\models \text{A F G } p$

- First, consider as Fairness constraint:  $\mathcal{F} = \{ \{s_3\} \}$ 
  - then all fair paths contain  $s_3$  infinitely often
  - we have  $s_0 \models_{\mathcal{F}} \text{A F G } p$
- Next, consider as Fairness constraint:  $\mathcal{F} = \{ \{s_2\} \}$ 
  - then all fair paths contain  $s_2$  infinitely often
  - in particular, fair paths cannot contain  $s_3$
  - so  $s_0 \not\models_{\mathcal{F}} \text{E F G } p$

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## Strongly Connected Components

Given a directed graph  $\mathcal{G} = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$

- let  $s \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^* t$  mean that there is a path from node  $s$  to  $t$  in  $\mathcal{G}$
- a **strongly connected component** (SCC) is a **maximal** subgraph  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that for all  $s, t \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $s \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^* t$  and  $t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^* s$
- an SCC is **non-trivial** if it contains at least one edge

The SCCs of a graph (e.g. a Kripke Structure) can be computed in  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{V}| + |\mathcal{E}|)$  time with an algorithm based on depth-first search:

- Text book version (see Introduction to Algorithms, Corben *et al*)
- Tarjan's original algorithm (see SIAM Journal on Computing 1(2), 1972)

The second algorithm is most useful in model checking contexts



## Strongly Connected Components

Idea behind Tarjan's SCC algorithm

Given is a directed graph  $G = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$

- compute **spanning trees** by depth-first search; **number** the nodes in the order they are visited
- the other, non-tree edges are either:
  - **forward** edges (can be ignored)
  - **backward** edges (to an ancestor)
  - **cross** edges (to another subtree)

backward and cross edges lead to nodes with **smaller** numbers

- nodes are kept on a **stack**; the nodes of a discovered SCC will be popped immediately from this stack
- compute  $root[v]$ : the smallest node which is:
  - reachable from  $v$  by a sequence of tree-edges followed by at most **one non-tree edge**; and
  - if  $root[v] = v$ , the root of a new SCC is found, and the whole SCC is popped from the stack

## Strongly Connected Components

Procedure `find_scc` applies a repeated depth-first search on yet unprocessed nodes of the input graph  $\mathcal{G} = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$

The depth-first search is delegated to the procedure `dfs_scc`.

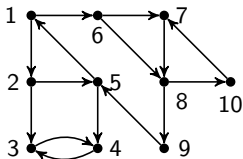
```
procedure find_scc
   $i := 0$ ;
  empty the stack;
  leave all nodes unnumbered;
  for vertices  $w \in \mathcal{V}$  do
    if  $w$  is not yet numbered then
      dfs_scc( $w$ );
    end if
  end for
end procedure
```

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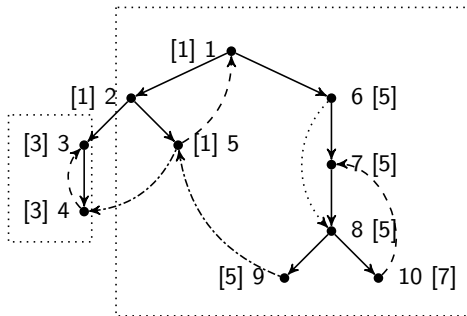
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procedure dfs_scc( $v$ )  
   $root[v] := number[v] := i := i + 1$ ;  
  push  $v$  on the stack;  
  for successor  $w$  of  $v$  do  
    if  $w$  is not yet numbered then {tree edge}  
      dfs_scc( $w$ );  
       $root[v] := \min(root[v], root[w])$ ;  
    else if  $number[w] < number[v]$  and  $w$  on the stack then {cross/back edge}  
       $root[v] := \min(root[v], number[w])$ ;  
    end if  
  end for  
  if  $root[v] = number[v]$  then {start new SCC}  
    while top of stack satisfies  $number(w) \geq number(v)$  do  
      pop  $w$  from stack;  
    end while  
  end if  
end procedure
```

## Strongly Connected Components

Example: SCC algorithm



A possible run of the SCC algorithm, with DFS node numbers, final root-values (in square brackets), tree edges (plain arrow), forward edges (dotted), back edges (dashed), cross edges (dash/dot). **Two SCCs are found: number and root value are equal**



## Strongly Connected Components

We analyse the space and time requirements for running `find_scc` on a graph  $G = \langle \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ :

- for every node:
  - `dfs_scc` is called exactly once
  - all its outgoing edges are explored exactly once
- each node is pushed and popped from the stack exactly once
- checking whether a node is on the stack can be done in constant time, for instance by maintaining a Boolean array

Conclusion: Tarjan's algorithm for finding strongly connected components runs in time and space  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{V}| + |\mathcal{E}|)$

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## CTL Model Checking Algorithm

Recall that CTL has the following ten temporal operators:

- $A X$  and  $E X$  : for all/some next state
- $A F$  and  $E F$  : inevitably and potentially
- $A G$  and  $E G$  : invariantly and potentially always
- $A [ U ]$  and  $E [ U ]$  : for all/some paths, until
- $A [ R ]$  and  $E [ R ]$  : for all/some paths, releases

Besides atomic propositions ( $AP$ ), the constant true and the Boolean connectives ( $\neg, \vee$ ), the following temporal operators are sufficient:  $E X, E G, E [ U ]$ .

Hence: only algorithms for computing formulae of the above form are needed.

## CTL Model Checking Algorithm

Main loop of model checking CTL: check formula  $f$  on a Kripke Structure  $\langle S, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L} \rangle$ .

By recursion on  $f$ , algorithm  $\text{mc\_ctl}(f)$  computes  $\text{label}(s)$  for all states  $s \in S$ , where  $\text{label}(s)$  shall contain those subformulae of  $f$  that hold in  $s$ .

Algorithm  $\text{mc\_ctl}(f)$  employs a case distinction on the structure of  $f$ :

$f = p$	add $p$ to $\text{label}(s)$ for those states $s$ with $p \in \mathcal{L}(s)$
$f = g_0 \vee g_1$	$\text{mc\_ctl}(g_0)$ ; $\text{mc\_ctl}(g_1)$ ; add $f$ to all states labelled with $g_0$ or $g_1$
$f = \neg g$	$\text{mc\_ctl}(g)$ ; add $f$ to all states not labelled with $g$
$f = E X g$	$\text{mc\_ctl}(g)$ ; add $f$ to all states with an $\mathcal{R}$ -successor labelled by $g$
$f = E [g_0 U g_1]$	$\text{mc\_ctl}(g_0)$ ; $\text{mc\_ctl}(g_1)$ ; check_eu( $g_0, g_1$ )
$f = E G g$	$\text{mc\_ctl}(g)$ ; check_eg( $g$ )

Upon termination,  $s \models f$  if and only if  $f \in \text{label}(s)$



## CTL Model Checking Algorithm

```
procedure check_eu(f,g)
   $\mathcal{T} := \{s \mid g \in \text{label}(s)\};$ 
  for all  $s \in \mathcal{T}$  do  $\text{label}(s) := \text{label}(s) \cup \{E [f \text{ U } g]\};$ 
  end for
  while  $\mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset$  do
    choose  $s \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
     $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T} \setminus \{s\}$ ;
    for all  $t$  satisfying  $t \mathcal{R} s$  do
      if  $E [f \text{ U } g] \notin \text{label}(t)$  and  $f \in \text{label}(t)$  then
         $\text{label}(t) := \text{label}(t) \cup E [f \text{ U } g];$ 
         $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T} \cup \{t\}$ ;
      end if
    end for
  end while
end procedure
```

Observations:

- label all states where  $g$  holds
- search backwards over states where  $f$  holds

## CTL Model Checking Algorithm

```
procedure check_eg(f)
   $S' := \{s \mid f \in \text{label}(s)\};$ 
   $\text{SCC} := \{C \mid C \text{ is a nontrivial SCC of } S'\};$ 
   $\mathcal{T} := \bigcup_{C \in \text{SCC}} \{s \mid s \in C\};$ 
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      end if
    end for
  end while
end procedure
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Observations:

- restrict attention to subgraph where  $f$  holds
- an infinite path in a finite graph eventually reaches a non-trivial SCC

## CTL Model Checking Algorithm

We analyse the time complexity for the standard CTL model checking algorithm of formula  $f$  (with  $|f|$  the number of subformulae) on Kripke Structure  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L} \rangle$ .

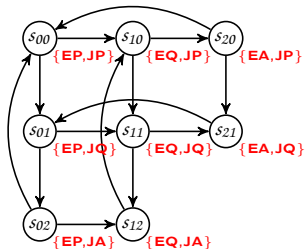
- There are at most  $|f|$  calls to `mc_ctl`
- Backward reachability and detecting strongly connected components can be done in time linear to the Kripke Structure:  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{S}| + |\mathcal{R}|)$
- Hence, each recursive call takes at most  $\mathcal{O}(|\mathcal{S}| + |\mathcal{R}|)$  time

So, the complexity of this CTL model checking algorithm is  $\mathcal{O}(|f| \cdot (|\mathcal{S}| + |\mathcal{R}|))$ , which is **linear** in both the formula and the state space.

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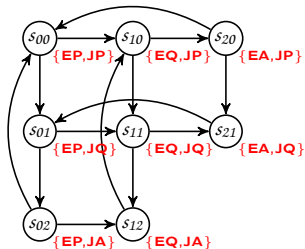


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**Requirement:** Whenever John asks a question, he eventually gets an answer

**Formula:**  $A G (JQ \rightarrow A F JA)$

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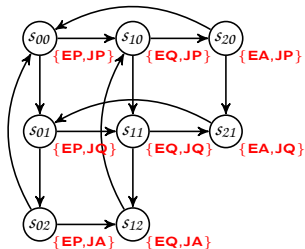
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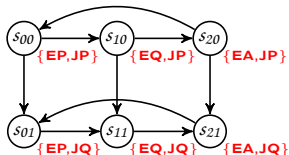
$$\neg E [true U \neg(\neg JQ \vee \neg E G \neg JA)]$$

## Example: demanding children



- Step 2: treat  $E \setminus G \setminus \mathcal{A}$ 
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  - Backward reachability

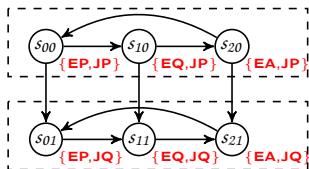
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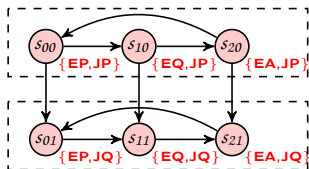


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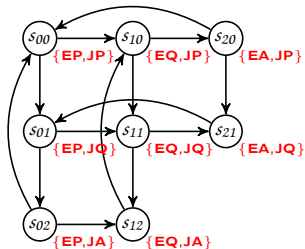
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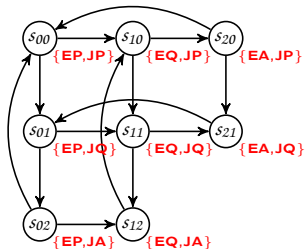
No new states are found. So,  $E G \neg \mathcal{A}$  holds in the states  $\{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{01}, s_{11}, s_{21}\}$ ;

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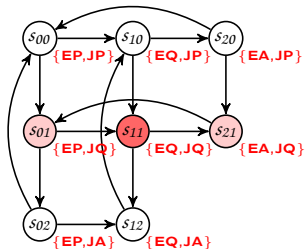
- Step 3: treat  $\neg E \ G \ \neg J\mathcal{A}$ 
  - $E \ G \ \neg J\mathcal{A}$  holds in  $\{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{01}, s_{11}, s_{21}\}$ , so  $\neg E \ G \ \neg J\mathcal{A}$  holds in  $\{s_{02}, s_{12}\}$
- Step 4: treat  $\neg JQ$ 
  - $\neg JQ$  holds in  $\{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{02}, s_{12}\}$
- Step 5: treat  $\neg JQ \vee \neg E \ G \ \neg J\mathcal{A}$ 
  - $\neg JQ \vee \neg E \ G \ \neg J\mathcal{A}$  holds in  $\{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{02}, s_{12}\} \cup \{s_{02}, s_{12}\} = \{s_{00}, s_{10}, s_{20}, s_{02}, s_{12}\}$

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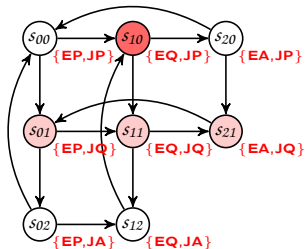
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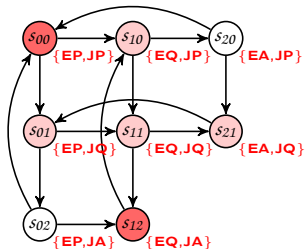
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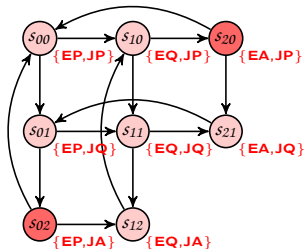
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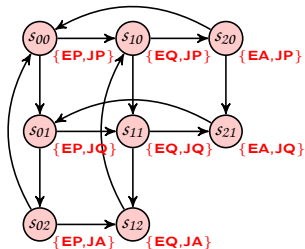
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### Conclusion:

- So,  $E [\text{true } U \neg(\neg \mathcal{I}Q \vee \neg E G \neg \mathcal{I}A)]$  holds in all states
- Hence, its negation  $A G (\mathcal{I}Q \rightarrow A F \mathcal{I}A)$  holds in no state
- The requirement does not hold for the full Kripke Structure
- Why? Because in this case, there is a path in which only Ella progresses while John is not being served.
- Next, we look at the Kripke Structure with Fairness Constraints

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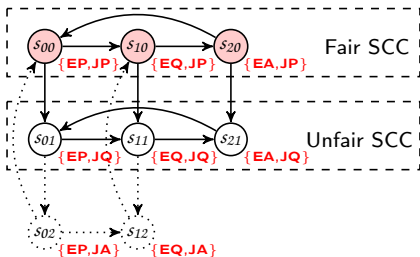
Recall: Kripke Structure  $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$  with fairness constraints  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^S$ .

- A **path is fair** if it “hits” each fairness constraint infinitely often
- A **fair** SCC is an SCC that contains an element from each constraint  $C \in \mathcal{F}$

Main idea of fair model checking for CTL:

- Special treatment for  $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} E G f$ : **check\_fair\_eg**
  - Restrict attention to  $S' \subseteq S$  where  $f$  holds
  - Find a path to a **fair** non-trivial SCC in  $S'$
- Label states where  $E G$  true **fairly** holds with a new proposition symbol **fair**
- Treat the other operators using the original “unfair” procedures:
  - $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} p$  .....  $s \models p \wedge \mathit{fair}$
  - $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} E X f$  .....  $s \models E X (f \wedge \mathit{fair})$
  - $s \models_{\mathcal{F}} E [f U g]$  .....  $s \models E [f U (g \wedge \mathit{fair})]$

## CTL Model Checking with Fairness



- Assume fairness constraints  $\neg EQ$  and  $\neg JQ$ .
- Remark: full graph is one big fair SCC, so  $E G$  true holds everywhere

- $E G \neg JA$ :
  - Restrict to subgraph with  $\neg JA$
  - Find **fair** non-trivial SCCs
  - Do backward reachability
- Hence:  $JQ \wedge E G \neg JA$  holds fairly in **NO** state
- Hence  $E F (JQ \wedge E G \neg JA)$  holds nowhere fairly
- Hence, its negation, the requirement  $A G (JQ \rightarrow A F JA)$  fairly holds everywhere!

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CTL model checking:

- SCC algorithm is used
- Tarjan's SCC algorithm runs one depth-first search, computing SCCs **on-the-fly**. Time complexity is linear
- CTL model checking can be done in time linear in the size of the formula as well as in the Kripke Structure
- Extension with Fairness Constraints is straightforward and is useful in practice
- Why not treat fairness in formulae?

$$A [(G F C_1 \wedge G F C_2) \rightarrow \textit{Requirement}]$$

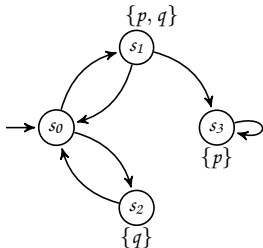
- fairness cannot be expressed in CTL
- for LTL all known algorithms are exponential in the size of the formula

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CTL formulae:  $p$ ,  $E [q R p]$ ,  $A G E F p$ ,  
 $A G p \vee A F q$

- Determine for each formula in which states of the above Kripke Structure it holds; use both the semantics and use the appropriate algorithms
- Extend the Kripke structure with the Fairness constraints  $\mathcal{F} = \{ \{s_1\}, \{s_2\} \}$ . In which states do the above formulae *fairly* hold?
- Similarly for the Fairness constraint  $\mathcal{F} = \{ \{s_3\} \}$