

# One-pass Tableaux for Computation Tree Logic

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# Overview

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# Syntax and Semantics of Computational Tree Logic

**Atoms:**  $p ::= p_0 \mid p_1 \mid p_2 \cdots$

**Fml:**  $\varphi ::= p \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid E(\varphi U \varphi) \mid A(\varphi U \varphi) \mid A(\varphi B \varphi) \mid E(\varphi B \varphi)$

**Transition Frame:** pair  $(W, R)$  where  $W$  is a non-empty set of worlds and  $R$  is a total binary relation over  $W$   $(\forall w \in W. \exists v \in W. w R v)$ .

**Transition Sequence:**  $\sigma$  in  $(W, R)$  is an infinite sequence  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$  of worlds in  $W$  such that  $\sigma_i R \sigma_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**$w$ -sequence:**  $\sigma$  in  $(W, R)$  is a transition sequence in  $(W, R)$  with  $\sigma_0 = w$ .

**$\mathcal{B}(w)$ :** for  $w \in W$  is the set of all  $w$ -sequences in  $(W, R)$

# Kripke Semantics

**Model:**  $M = (W, R, L)$  is a transition frame  $(W, R)$  and a labelling function  $L : W \rightarrow 2^{\text{AP}}$  which associates with each world  $w \in W$  a set  $L(w)$  of propositional variables true at world  $w$

$M, w \Vdash p$	iff	$p \in L(w)$ , for $p \in \text{AP}$
$M, w \Vdash \neg\psi$	iff	$M, w \not\Vdash \psi$
$M, w \Vdash \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	$M, w \Vdash \varphi$ & $M, w \Vdash \psi$
$M, w \Vdash \varphi \vee \psi$	iff	$M, w \Vdash \varphi$ or $M, w \Vdash \psi$
$M, w \Vdash EX\varphi$	iff	$\exists v \in W. w R v$ & $M, v \Vdash \varphi$
$M, w \Vdash AX\varphi$	iff	$\forall v \in W. w R v \Rightarrow M, v \Vdash \varphi$
$M, w \Vdash E(\varphi U \psi)$	iff	$\exists \sigma \in \mathcal{B}(w). \exists i \in \mathbb{N}. [M, \sigma_i \Vdash \psi \text{ \& } \forall j < i. M, \sigma_j \Vdash \varphi]$
$M, w \Vdash A(\varphi U \psi)$	iff	$\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{B}(w). \exists i \in \mathbb{N}. [M, \sigma_i \Vdash \psi \text{ \& } \forall j < i. M, \sigma_j \Vdash \varphi]$
$M, w \Vdash E(\varphi B \psi)$	iff	$\exists \sigma \in \mathcal{B}(w). \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. [M, \sigma_i \Vdash \psi \Rightarrow \exists j < i. M, \sigma_j \Vdash \varphi]$
$M, w \Vdash A(\varphi B \psi)$	iff	$\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{B}(w). \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. [M, \sigma_i \Vdash \psi \Rightarrow \exists j < i. M, \sigma_j \Vdash \varphi]$

## Smullyan's $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -notation

$\alpha$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
$\varphi \wedge \psi$	$\varphi$	$\psi$
$E(\varphi B \psi)$	$\sim \psi$	$\varphi \vee EXE(\varphi B \psi)$
$A(\varphi B \psi)$	$\sim \psi$	$\varphi \vee AXA(\varphi B \psi)$

$\beta$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$\varphi \vee \psi$	$\varphi$	$\psi$
$E(\varphi U \psi)$	$\psi$	$\varphi \wedge EXE(\varphi U \psi)$
$A(\varphi U \psi)$	$\psi$	$\varphi \wedge AXA(\varphi U \psi)$

**Proposition:** the formulae of the form  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2$  and  $\beta \leftrightarrow \beta_1 \vee \beta_2$  are valid

**Eventualities:** formulae  $\psi$  in  $E(\varphi U \psi)$  and  $A(\varphi U \psi)$

## Known Decision Procedures

**Complexity:** satisfiability problem is EXPTIME-complete

**Ladner-like:** consider all consistent subsets of the Fisher-Ladner closure, insert edges representing  $R$  as appropriate and then prune resulting graph

**Two-pass Tableaux:** construct a cyclic graph by applying tableau rules, then make multiple passes of this graph pruning inconsistent nodes and nodes containing unfulfilled eventualities (Ben-Ari, Manna, Emerson, Clarke)

**Resolution Based:** puts formulae into SNF and then uses multiple resolution rules specially designed rules (Fisher, Dixon, Peim, Basukoski, Bolotov)

**Automata-Based:** build a Büchi automaton and check whether the language accepted by the automaton is empty (Vardi, Wolper)

**Advantage:** meets the worst-case EXPTIME complexity

**Disadvantage:** average-case and best-case is also EXPTIME

# The Description Logic Experience

**Description Logics:** very expressive extensions of multi-modal K

**Complexity:** EXPTIME-complete logics

**Tableaux Decision Procedures:** suboptimal but “practical”

**Optimisations:** are crucial for efficiency

**Ease of Implementation:** is crucial for effective optimisations

**Average Case:** complexity is significantly better than EXPTIME

**Worst-case:** complexity is sometimes worse than EXPTIME but worst-case rarely arises in real-world examples

## Properties of Our Tableaux for CTL

**One-pass:** we build a single-rooted finite tree with ancestor loops

**Cut-free:** there is no cut rule

**Omega Rule Free:** there is no “finitised omega” rule

**Worst-case Complexity:** is  $2EXPTime$  (for an  $EXPTime$ -complete problem)

**Average-case Complexity:** is much better because there is no initial phase which builds an exponential-sized data structure

**Easy to Implement:** involves simple operations like set-comparison, set-intersection, min and max on integers,

**Easy to Optimise:** using the techniques from description logics

**Naive Implementation:** `twb.rsise.anu.edu.au/demo`