Logics for processes (II)

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$$A \triangleq \sum_{i \geq 0} A_i \quad \text{with} \quad A_0 \triangleq \mathbf{0} \text{ e } A_{i+1} \triangleq a.A_i$$

$$A' \triangleq A + D \quad \text{with} \quad D \triangleq a.D$$

- $A \nsim A'$
- but there is no modal formula in $\mathcal{M}$ to distinguish A from A'
- notice $A' \models \langle a \rangle^{i+1}\text{true}$ which A_i fails
- a distinguishing formula would require infinite conjunction
- what we want to express is the possibility of doing a in the long run

Temporal properties as limits

idea: introduce recursion in formulas

$$X \triangleq \langle a \rangle X$$

meaning?

- the recursive formula is interpreted as the fixed points of function

  $$\|\langle a \rangle\|$$

  in n $\mathcal{P}\mathbb{P}$
- i.e., the solutions, i.e., $S \subseteq \mathbb{P}$ such that of

  $$S = \|\langle a \rangle\|(S)$$

- how do we solve this equation?

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leading to the following set of post-fixed points

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The general case

- The meaning (i.e., set of processes) of a formula $X \triangleq \phi X$ where X occurs free in ϕ
- is a solution of equation

$$X = f(X) \qquad \text{with} \quad f(S) = \|\{S/X\}\phi\|$$

in $\mathcal{PP}$, where $\|.\|$ is extended to formulae with variables by $\|X\| = X$

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The modal μ-calculus: denotational semantics

- Presence of variables requires models parametric on valuations:

$$V : X \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}\mathbb{P}$$

- Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|X\|_V &= V(X) \\
\|\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2\|_V &= \|\phi_1\|_V \cap \|\phi_2\|_V \\
\|\phi_1 \vee \phi_2\|_V &= \|\phi_1\|_V \cup \|\phi_2\|_V \\
\|[K]\phi\|_V &= \|[K]\|(\|\phi\|_V) \\
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Notes

The modal μ-calculus [Kozen, 1983] is

- decidable
- strictly more expressive than PDL and CTL*

Moreover

- The correspondence theorem of the induced temporal logic with bisimilarity is kept

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Variant:

- ϕ holds along a finite or infinite a-computation:

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In general:

- weak safety:

$$\nu X \,.\, \phi \wedge (\langle K \rangle X \vee [K]\mathsf{false})$$

- weak safety, for $K = Act$:

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- strong safety

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cf, liner time vs branching time

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(a state where the complement of ϕ holds can be finitely reached)

State-oriented vs action-oriented

Consider the following strong liveness requirement:
$\phi_0 \;=\;$ *a taxi will end up returning to the Central*

- state-oriented:

$$\mu X \,.\, \langle reg \rangle \mathsf{true} \vee ([-]X \wedge \langle - \rangle \mathsf{true})$$

(all computations reach a state where *reg* can happen)

- action-oriented

$$\mu X \,.\, [-reg]X \wedge \langle - \rangle \mathsf{true}$$

(action *reg* occurs)

Its dual is the action-oriented weak safety:

$$\nu X \,.\, \langle -reg \rangle X \vee [-]\mathsf{false}$$

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$$B_0 \triangleq a.\sum_{i\geq 0} B_i + \sum_{i\geq 0} B_i \quad \text{with} \quad B_{i+1} \triangleq b.B_i$$

Process $(B_k \mid B_k)$, for $k > 0$, fails both properties but verifies

$$\mu X\,.\,\langle a\rangle \mathsf{true} \;\vee\; (\langle -\rangle \mathsf{true} \wedge [-]X)$$

a liveness property stating that a state in which a is possible can be reached (which however is not inevitable!)

Conditional properties

$\phi_1 =$
After collecting a passenger (icr), the taxi drops him at destination (fcr)
Second part of ϕ_1 is strong liveness:

$$\mu X \,.\, [-fcr]X \wedge \langle - \rangle \mathsf{true}$$

holding only after icr.
Is it enough to write:

$$[icr](\mu X \,.\, [-fcr]X \wedge \langle - \rangle \mathsf{true})$$

?
what we want does not depend on the initial state: it is liveness embedded into strong safety:

$$\nu Y \,.\, [icr](\mu X \,.\, [-fcr]X \wedge \langle - \rangle \mathsf{true}) \;\wedge\; [-]Y$$

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(whenever ϕ holds, ψ cannot cease to hold)

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