

# CTL Model Checking

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# Fixed Point Theory



# Fixed Points Definition

## Definition

Let  $f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  be a set valued function and  $Z$  a subset of  $G$ .

1.  $Z$  is called a *fixed point* of  $f$  if  $f(Z) = Z$ .
2.  $Z$  is called the *least fixed point* of  $f$  if  $Z$  is a fixed point and for all other fixed points  $U$  of  $f$  the relation  $Z \subseteq U$  is true.
3.  $Z$  is called the *greatest fixed point* of  $f$  if  $Z$  is a fixed point and for all other fixed points  $U$  of  $f$  the relation  $U \subseteq Z$  is true.



## Finite Fixed Point Lemma

Let  $G$  be an arbitrary set, Let  $\mathcal{P}(G)$  denote the *power set* of a set  $G$ . A function  $f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  is called monotone if for all  $X, Y \subseteq G$

$$X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow f(X) \subseteq f(Y)$$

Let  $f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  be a monotone function on a *finite* set  $G$ .

1. There is a least and a greatest fixed point of  $f$ .
2.  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(\emptyset)$  is the least fixed point of  $f$ .
3.  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} f^n(G)$  is the greatest fixed point of  $f$ .



# Proof

of part (2) of the finite fixed point Lemma

Monotonicity of  $f$  yields

$$\emptyset \subseteq f(\emptyset) \subseteq f^2(\emptyset) \subseteq \dots \subseteq f^n(\emptyset) \subseteq \dots$$

Since  $G$  is finite there must be an  $i$  such that  $f^i(\emptyset) = f^{i+1}(\emptyset)$ .

Then  $Z = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(\emptyset) = f^i(\emptyset)$  is a fixed point of  $f$ :

$$f(Z) = f(f^i(\emptyset)) = f^{i+1}(\emptyset) = f^i(\emptyset) = Z$$

Let  $U$  be another fixed point of  $f$ .

From  $\emptyset \subseteq U$  we infer by monotonicity of  $f$  at first  $f(\emptyset) \subseteq f(U) = U$ .

By induction on  $n$  we conclude  $f^n(\emptyset) \subseteq U$  for all  $n$ .

Thus also  $Z = f^i(\emptyset) \subseteq U$ .



# Continuous Functions

## Definition

A function  $f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  is called

1.  $\cup$ -**continuous** (upward continuous), if for every ascending sequence  $M_1 \subseteq M_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq M_n \subseteq \dots$

$$f\left(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} M_n\right) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f(M_n)$$

2.  $\cap$ -**continuous** (downward continuous) , if for every descending sequence  $M_1 \supseteq M_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq M_n \supseteq \dots$

$$f\left(\bigcap_{n \geq 1} M_n\right) = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} f(M_n)$$



# Fixed Points For Continuous Functions

Let

$f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  be an upward continuous functions and  
 $g : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  a downward continuous function.

The for all  $M, N \in \mathcal{P}(G)$  such that  $M \subseteq f(M)$  and  $g(N) \subseteq N$  the following is true.

1.  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(M)$  is the least fixed point of  $f$  containing  $M$ ,
2.  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} g^n(M)$  is the greatest fixed point of  $g$  contained in  $M$ .



## Proof of (1)

By monotonicity we first obtain

$$M \subseteq f(M) \subseteq f^2(M) \subseteq \dots \subseteq f^n(M) \subseteq \dots$$

Let  $P = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(M)$ . This immediately gives  $M \subseteq P$ . Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned} f(P) &= f\left(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(M)\right) \\ &= \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^{n+1}(M) && \text{by continuity} \\ &= \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(M) && \text{since } f(M) \subseteq f^2(M) \\ &= P \end{aligned}$$

Assume now that  $Q$  is another fixed point of  $f$  satisfying  $M \subseteq Q$ .

By Monotonicity and the fixed point property  $f(M) \subseteq f(Q) = Q$  and furthermore for every  $n \geq 1$  also  $f^n(M) \subseteq Q$ .

Thus we obtain  $P = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} f^n(M) \subseteq Q$





# Knaster-Tarski-Fixed-Points Theorem

Let  $f : \mathcal{P}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(G)$  be a monotone function. Then

$f$  has a least and a greatest fixed point.

Note,  $G$  need not be finite.



# Proof

## Fixed Point

Let  $L = \{S \subseteq G \mid f(S) \subseteq S\}$ , e.g.,  $G \in L$ .

Let  $U = \bigcap L$ . Show  $f(U) = U$ !

For all  $S \in L$  by the property of an intersection:  $U \subseteq S$ .

By monotonicity and definition of  $L$   $f(U) \subseteq f(S) \subseteq S$ .

Thus  $f(U) \subseteq \bigcap L = U$  and we have already established half of our claim.

By monotonicity  $f(U) \subseteq U$  implies  $f(f(U)) \subseteq f(U)$

which yields  $f(U) \in L$  and furthermore  $U \subseteq f(U)$ .

We thus have indeed  $U = f(U)$ .



# Proof

## Least Fixed Point

Now assume  $W$  is another fixed point of  $f$ , i.e.,  $f(W) = W$ .

This yields  $W \in L = \{S \subseteq G \mid f(S) \subseteq S\}$  and

$U = \bigcap L \subseteq W$ .

Thus  $U$  is the least fixed point of  $f$ .

Following the same line of argument one can show that

$\bigcup \{S \subseteq G \mid S \subseteq f(S)\}$  is the greatest fixed point of  $f$ .



# CTL Model Checking Algorithm



## Two Auxiliary Concepts

Let  $\mathcal{T} = (S, R, v)$  be a transition system and  $F$  an CTL formula.  
The set

$$\tau(F) = \{s \in S \mid s \models F\}$$

is called the **characteristic region** of  $F$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

The universal and existential next **step functions**

$f_{AX}, f_{EX} : \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f_{AX}(Z) &= \{s \in S \mid \text{for all } t \text{ with } sRt \text{ we get } t \in Z\} \\ f_{EX}(Z) &= \{s \in S \mid \text{there exists a } t \text{ with } sRt \text{ and } t \in Z\} \end{aligned}$$



# CTL Model Checking Algorithm

Let  $\mathcal{T} = (S, R, v)$  be a transition system and  $F$  an CTL formula.  $\tau(F)$  is computed by the following high-level recursive algorithm:

- 1  $\tau(p)$  =  $\{s \in S \mid v(s, p) = \mathbf{1}\}$
- 2  $\tau(F_1 \wedge F_2)$  =  $\tau(F_1) \cap \tau(F_2)$
- 3  $\tau(F_1 \vee F_2)$  =  $\tau(F_1) \cup \tau(F_2)$
- 4  $\tau(\neg F_1)$  =  $S \setminus \tau(F_1)$
- 5  $\tau(\mathbf{A}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2))$  =  $\text{lfp}[\tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(Z))]$
- 6  $\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2))$  =  $\text{lfp}[\tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(Z))]$
- 7  $\tau(\mathbf{A}FF_1)$  =  $\text{lfp}[\tau(F_1) \cup f_{AX}(Z)]$
- 8  $\tau(\mathbf{E}FF_1)$  =  $\text{lfp}[\tau(F_1) \cup f_{EX}(Z)]$
- 9  $\tau(\mathbf{E}GF_1)$  =  $\text{gfp}[\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(Z)]$
- 10  $\tau(\mathbf{A}GF_1)$  =  $\text{gfp}[\tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(Z)]$



# Correctness Proof

## Case 10 $\mathbf{AG} F_1$

By definition

$$\tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1) = \{s \in S \mid s \in \tau(F_1) \text{ and } h \in \tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1) \text{ for all } h \text{ with } gRh\}$$

Using Definition of the universal next step function:

$$\tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1) = \tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(\tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1))$$

So,  $\tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1)$  is a fixed point of the function  $\tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(Z)$ .

It remains to see that it is the greatest fixed point.



# Correctness Proof

## Case 10 $\mathbf{AG} F_1$ (continued)

Let  $H$  be another fixed point, i.e.,  $H = \tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(H)$ .

We need to show  $H \subseteq \tau(\mathbf{AG} F_1)$ .

Consider  $g_0 \in H$  with the aim of showing that for all  $n \geq 0$  and all  $g_i$  satisfying  $g_{i-1}Rg_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$  we obtain  $g_n \in \tau(F_1)$ .

Observe  $H = \tau(F_1) \cap f_{AX}(H) \subseteq \tau(F_1)$ .

Thus it suffices to show for all  $n \geq 0$  that  $g_n \in H$ .

For  $n = 0$  that is true by assumptions.

Assume  $g_{n-1} \in H$ .

$g_{n-1} \in H \subseteq f_{AX}(H) = \{g \mid \text{for all } h \text{ with } gRh \text{ we have } h \in H\}$ .

Thus  $g_n \in H$ .





# Correctness Proof

## Case 6 $\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2)$

By definition

$$\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2)) = \{g \in S \mid s \models F_2 \text{ or } s \models F_1 \text{ and} \\ \text{there exists } h \text{ with } gRh \text{ and } h \models F_2\}$$

Using next step function:

$$\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2)) = \tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2))))$$

Thus  $\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2))$  is a fixed point of the function

$$\tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(Z)).$$

It remains to show that it is the least fixed point.



# Correctness Proof

## Case 6 $\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2)$ (continued)

Consider  $H \subseteq S$  with  $H = \tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(H))$ .

We need  $\tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2)) \subseteq H$ .

Fix  $g_0 \in \tau(\mathbf{E}(F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2))$ , try to arrive at  $g_0 \in H$ .

There is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and there are  $g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  satisfying

1.  $g_i R g_{i+1}$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ .
2.  $g_n \in \tau(F_2)$ .
3.  $g_i \in \tau(F_1)$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ .

We set out to prove  $g_n \in H$  by induction on  $n$ .

**$n = 0$**  Since  $H = \tau(F_2) \cup (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(H)) \supseteq \tau(F_2)$  and  
 $g_0 = g_n \in \tau(F_2)$ .

**$n - 1 \rightsquigarrow n$**  By induction hypothesis we have  $g_1 \in H$

Since  $g_0 \in \tau(F_1)$  and  $g_0 R g_1$  we obtain  $g_0 \in (\tau(F_1) \cap f_{EX}(H)) \subseteq H$   
and thus also  $g_0 \in H$ .

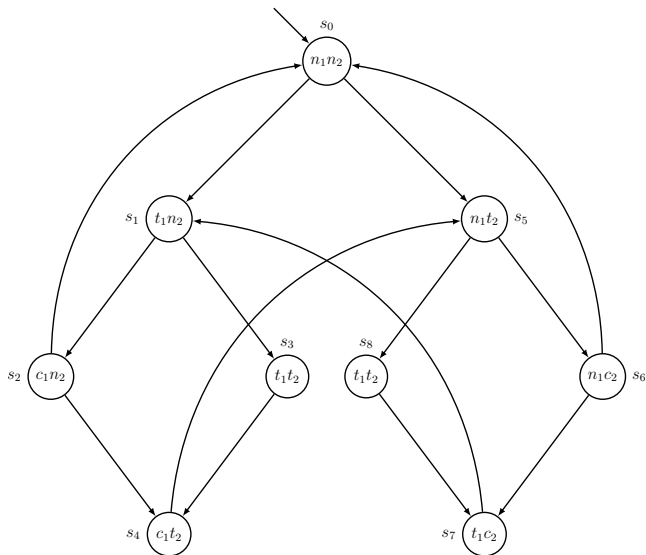


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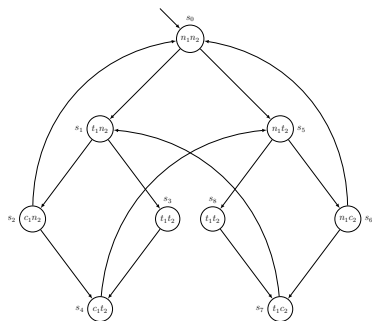
## Example



# Transition System



# The Task



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$N_1$	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
$N_2$	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
$T_1$	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
$T_2$	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
$C_1$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
$C_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Check if the following the formula is true in state 1.

$$F = T_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{AFC}_1 \equiv \neg T_1 \vee \mathbf{AFC}_1$$



# The Set-up

## Goal

$$1 \models T_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{AFC}_1 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad 1 \models \neg T_1 \vee \mathbf{AFC}_1$$

We will present the computations starting with the innermost subformulas first, i.e., in the order

$$\tau(T_1), \tau(C_1), \tau(\neg T_1), \tau(\mathbf{AFC}_1), \text{ and } \tau(F).$$

This will make it much easier to follow the algorithm, since when a recursive call is started, we know already its result.

In the end we check  $1 \in \tau(F)$ .



## The First Steps

$$\tau(T_1) = \{1, 3, 7\} \quad (1)$$

$$\tau(C_1) = \{2, 4\} \quad (2)$$

From which we get easily

$$\tau(\neg T_1) = \{0, 2, 4, 5, 6\} \quad (3)$$



## Fixed Point Computation

The next step is to compute  $\tau(\mathbf{AFC}_1)$

according to the algorithm this amounts to the computation of the least fixed point of  $f(Z) = \tau(C_1) \cup f_{AX}(Z) = f_{AX}(Z) \cup \{2, 4\}$ .

We thus compute  $f(\emptyset), f^2(\emptyset), \dots, f^n(\emptyset)$  till we reach a stationary value, i.e.  $f^n(\emptyset) = f^{n+1}(\emptyset)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}f^1(\emptyset) &= \{2, 4\} \\f^2(\emptyset) &= \{2, 3, 4\} \\f^3(\emptyset) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \\f^4(\emptyset) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7\} \\f^5(\emptyset) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8\} \\f^6(\emptyset) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8\}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\tau(\mathbf{AFC}_1) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8\}$$

(4) 



## End of the Computation

$$\tau(F) = \tau(\neg T_1) \cup \tau(\mathbf{AFC}_1) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} = S \quad (5)$$

Since  $1 \in \tau(F)$  we conclude

$$s_1 \models F \quad (6)$$



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END

