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Temporal Logic



Outline

- *Propositional Logic*
- *Linear Temporal Logic (LTL)*
- *Branching Temporal Logic (CTL)*
- *Formal Verification*

EMACS Propositions

It is two o'clock.
 The mind is the brain.
 The mind is not the brain.
 He believes in God.

Where have you been?
 Oh no, not logic again.
 Thank you.
 Help!

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Propositions:

- Things we can believe
- Things which can be true or false
- Things expressed by declarative sentences

EMACS Propositional Logic

- *Proposition letters:* p, q, r, s etc.
- *Logical connectives:* \wedge and
 \vee or
 \neg not
 \rightarrow implies
- *Syntax:*
 $\varphi := p \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi \mid \varphi \rightarrow \psi$

EMACS **Propositional Logic**

- Proposition letters: p, q, r, s etc.
 - p = It's raining.
 - q = Everything is determined.
 - r = People are free.
 - s = It's snowing
- Sentences:
 - It is not true that it is raining: $\neg p$
 - Everything is determined and it is snowing: $q \wedge s$
 - If it's raining then people are free: $p \rightarrow r$
 - People are free or everything is determined: $r \vee q$
 - It is not true that people are free and everything is determined: $\neg(r \wedge q)$

EMACS **Propositional Logic: exercises**

Translate the following sentences in propositional logic:

- If The Netherlands will win the world cup (w), then pigs will fly (p).
- Pigs will not fly, and bacon will be free (q).
- The Netherlands will win the world cup, or bacon will be free, but not both.

EMACS **Temporal logic**

Temporal logic: a notation for the representation of temporal information.

I will be happy.
 She will study until she passes the exam.
 He did not do the dishes, but he will have to at some point.

EMACS Time

What does time look like?

Is it linear?

→ → → → →

Or, is it branching?

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EMACS Linear Temporal Logic (LTL)

Syntax:
 $\phi := p \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi \vee \psi \mid \phi \wedge \psi \mid X\phi \mid F\phi \mid G\phi \mid \phi U \psi$

Temporal Operators:

- $X\phi$ **neXt** $\cdot \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \phi \cdots \rightarrow$
- $F\phi$ **Finally** $\cdot \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \phi \cdots \rightarrow$
- $G\phi$ **Globally** $\phi \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \phi \rightarrow \phi$
- $\psi U \phi$ **Until** $\psi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \phi \cdots \rightarrow$

EMACS Linear Temporal Logic (LTL)

Some LTL fomulas:

- I am always hungry
 $G h$
- I will eventually be hungry
 $F h$
- I will be hungry until I eat something
 $h U e$
- In the future, I will eat something, and then I will never be hungry again
 $F(e \wedge G \neg h)$

EMACS LTL: Exercises

Let p = 'I drink something' and t = 'I am thirsty'. Write in LTL

1. *I will drink something in the future.*
2. *I am thirsty until I drink something.*
3. *I will drink something and then I will not be thirsty anymore.*
4. *There will always be a future moment in which I am thirsty.*
5. *There will always be a future moment in which I am thirsty, and then I will eventually drink something.*
6. *I will always be thirsty (Without using G)*
7. ** I am thirsty, and If I ever drink something, I will not be thirsty again.*
8. ** Do 1. without using F*

EMACS LTL: Exercises

1. *I will be thirsty over and over again, forever.*
2. *I will drink something over and over again, forever.*
3. *I will be thirsty until I drink repeatedly, forever.*

EMACS Adding relational statements to LTL

We can add constants (0,1), variables (x, y, z), and relation symbols (\leq, \geq) to our language.

- Some time in the future, the x will be smaller than 1
 $F(x < 1)$
- The value of x never drops below 0
 $G(x \geq 0)$

EMACS More exercises:

Write in LTL:

1. The value of x will always be between 0 and 1.
2. It will happen infinitely often that x is greater than 1, and that x is below 0.

EMACS Branching Temporal Logic (CTL)

Syntax:
 $\phi := p \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi \vee \psi \mid \phi \wedge \psi \mid X\phi \mid F\phi \mid G\phi \mid \phi U \psi \mid$
 $E Z \phi \mid A Z \phi$

Where $Z = X, F, G, U$.

Two path quantifiers:
 E = for some path
 A = for all paths

EMACS Branching Temporal Logic (CTL)

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The diagrams show four different branching structures:

- AGp:** A root node 'p' with two children, each of which has two children, all of which are 'p'.
- AFp:** A root node with two children. The left child is 'p', and the right child has two children, one of which is 'p'.
- EGp:** A root node 'p' with two children. The left child is 'p', and the right child has two children, one of which is 'p'.
- EFp:** A root node with two children. The left child has two children, one of which is 'p'. The right child has two children, one of which is 'p'.

EMACS Some CTL formulas

- I will like chocolate from now on, no matter what happens.
AGp
- It is possible I may like chocolate some day, at least for one day.
EFp
- No matter what happens now, In the future it is possible that I will suddenly start liking chocolate for the rest of time.
AFEGp

EMACS CTL: Exercises

Let p = 'I like chocolate' and q = 'It is warm outside'.
 Write in CTL:

- I will never like chocolate.
- From now until it's warm outside, I will like chocolate every single day (no matter what happens).
- * It's possible that: there will eventually come a time when it will be warm forever, and that before that time there will always be some way to get me to like chocolate the next day.

EMACS Nice, this logic..

But what is it good for?

One application is *Formal Verification*:
the use of mathematical techniques to ensure that a design conforms to some precisely expressed notion of functional correctness.

EMACS Formal Verification

System → A mathematical model M
Desired behavior → A formal specification ϕ
Correctness → Check whether M meets ϕ

[Chris Langmead's presentation this afternoon!](#)

EMACS Temporal statements can be tricky

Suppose professor Griffeth tells you:

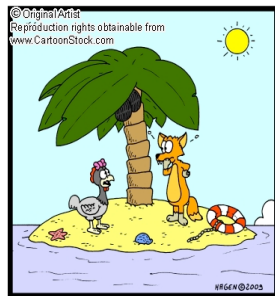
“There will be an exam (next week), but you will not know in advance which day.”

What is strange about this statement?

EMACS Temporal statements can be tricky

Well, the exam cannot be on Friday, since we would know it by Thursday night.
But the exam cannot be on Thursday either, since we would know this by Wednesday night (we eliminated Friday above, so the only possibility would be Thursday).
Similarly, we can eliminate the other days of the week... Therefore, we cannot have an exam next week.
So, surprise examinations do not exist!

EMACS Questions?



Think about it:
If you eat me now, you won't get an egg every day...

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