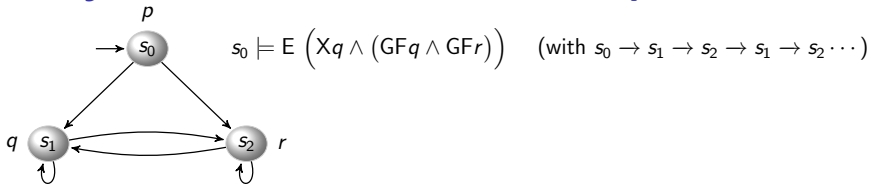


# Introduction to Temporal Logics with Concrete Domains

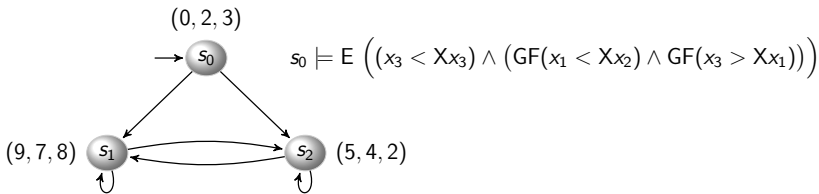
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# Beyond Boolean Atomic Properties



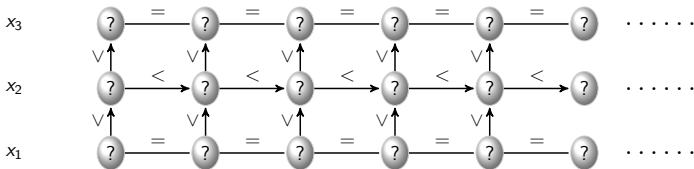
(E  $\approx$  “there Exists a path”, GF  $\approx$  “infinitely often”)



$x_1 < Xx_2$ : “current value of  $x_1$  is smaller than the value of  $x_2$  at the neXt position”.

# Introductory Example

Is  $E \underbrace{G(x_1 = Xx_1 \wedge x_3 = Xx_3 \wedge x_1 < x_2 < Xx_2 < x_3)}_{= \phi}$  satisfiable?

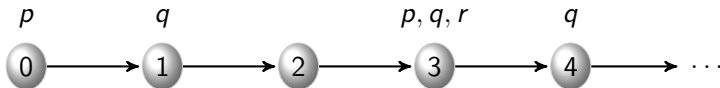


- $\left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \frac{i+1}{i+2} \\ 0 \end{array} \right)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \models \phi$  with  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ .
- $\left( \begin{array}{c} b \\ a^{i+1} \\ \varepsilon \end{array} \right)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \models \phi$  with  $\{a, b\}^*$  and lexico. ordering.
- No model for  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ .

# Linear-Time Temporal Logic *LTL* in a Nutshell

# Specifying Properties on $\omega$ -sequences

- Linear-time temporal logic LTL. [Pnueli, FOCS'77]
- LTL models  $\rho$  are  $\omega$ -sequences of propositional valuations of the form  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{PROP})$ .



- LTL formulae:

$$\phi, \psi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \psi \mid \phi \vee \psi \mid X\phi \mid \phi U \psi$$

- $X\phi$  states that the next position satisfies  $\phi$ :

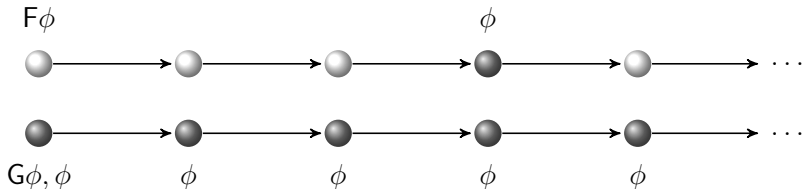


# Linear-Time Temporal Operators

- $\phi U \psi$  states that  $\phi$  is true until  $\psi$  is true.



- $F\phi$  states that some future position satisfies  $\phi$ .



( $G\phi$  states that  $\phi$  is always satisfied.)

# Satisfaction Relation

- $\rho, i \models p \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} p \in \rho(i),$
- $\rho, i \models \neg\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \rho, i \not\models \phi,$
- $\rho, i \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \rho, i \models \phi_1 \text{ and } \rho, i \models \phi_2,$
- $\rho, i \models \mathbf{X}\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \rho, i + 1 \models \phi,$
- $\rho, i \models \phi_1 \mathbf{U}\phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \text{there is } j \geq i \text{ such that } \rho, j \models \phi_2 \text{ and } \rho, k \models \phi_1 \text{ for all } i \leq k < j.$

$$\mathbf{F}\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \top \mathbf{U}\phi \quad \mathbf{G}\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \mathbf{F}\neg\phi \quad \phi \mathbf{R}\psi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\neg\phi \mathbf{U}\neg\psi)$$

# Examples

- $\phi$  holds infinitely often:  $GF\phi$ .
- Liveness:  $G(\text{messageSent} \Rightarrow F \text{ messageReceived})$ .
- Total correctness.

$$(\text{init} \wedge \text{precondition}) \Rightarrow F(\text{end} \wedge \text{postcondition})$$

- Strong fairness.

$$GF \text{ processEnabled} \Rightarrow GF \text{ processExecuted}$$



# Decision Problems

- Satisfiability problem for LTL.

**Input:** LTL formula  $\phi$ .

**Question:** Is there any model  $\rho$  such that  $\rho, 0 \models \phi$ ?

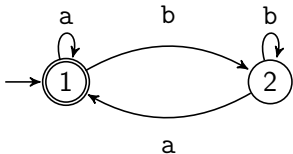
- Existential model-checking problem for LTL.

**Input:** A finite transition system  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \mathcal{R}, \mathbf{v})$ ,  
 $s \in S$  and an LTL formula  $\phi$ .

**Question:** Is there any infinite run  $\rho$  from  $s$  such that  
 $\rho, 0 \models \phi$ ?

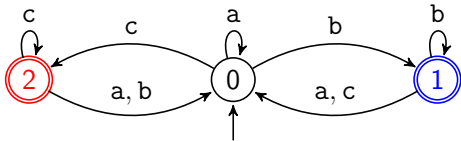
# Büchi Automata on Infinite Words

- Büchi automata accepts  $\omega$ -sequences in  $\Sigma^\omega$  with acceptance condition  $F$ .



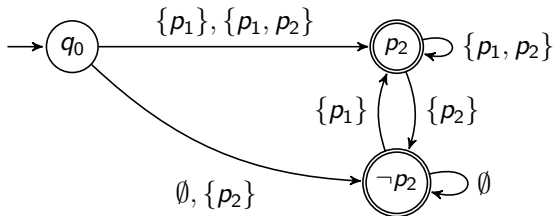
$$L(\mathbb{B}) = (b^* \cdot a)^\omega$$

- Generalised Büchi automata accepts  $\omega$ -sequences in  $\Sigma^\omega$  with acceptance condition  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$ .



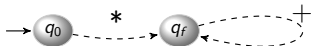
# Büchi Automaton For $G(p_1 \Leftrightarrow Xp_2)$

Letters are subsets of  $\{p_1, p_2\}$ .



# A Selection of Nice Properties

- Nonemptiness problem for Büchi automata is NLOGSPACE-complete.



[Emerson & Lei, SCP 1987; Vardi & Wolper, IC 1994]

- Büchi automata and monadic second-order logic MSO recognize the same class of  $\omega$ -languages. [Büchi, 1962]
- MSO is interpreted over  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma$  using variable assignments  $\mathcal{V} : (\text{VAR}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) + (\text{VAR}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}))$ .

# MSO Semantics

$\phi := a(x) \mid x < y \mid Y(x) \mid (\phi \wedge \psi) \mid \neg\phi \mid \exists x.\phi \mid \exists Y.\phi$

$\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} a(x)$  iff  $\rho(\mathcal{V}(x)) = a$

$\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} Y(x)$  iff  $\mathcal{V}(x) \in \mathcal{V}(Y)$

$\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} \phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} \phi$  and  $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} \psi$

$\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} \exists x.\phi$  iff there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}[x \mapsto n]} \phi$

$\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} \exists Y.\phi$  iff there is  $\mathcal{X}^{\dagger} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}[Y \mapsto \mathcal{X}^{\dagger}]} \phi$

- First-order logic FO over  $\Sigma^{\omega}$  obtained by removing second-order variables in  $\text{VAR}_2$ .

# Automata-Based Approach

- In general, to reduce logical problems to decision problems on automata. See e.g. [Büchi, 1962; Vardi & Wolper, IC 1994]
- Given an LTL formula  $\phi$  over  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ , design a Büchi automaton  $\mathbb{B}_\phi$  over  $\Sigma = \mathcal{P}(\{p_1, \dots, p_n\})$  s.t.  
for all  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma$ , we have  $\rho, 0 \models \phi$  iff  $\rho \in L(\mathbb{B}_\phi)$ .
- Model-checking problem admits a similar reduction by checking  $L(\mathbb{B}_{S,s}) \cap L(\mathbb{B}_\phi) \neq \emptyset$ .

# Preliminary Definitions

- $\phi$  in negation normal form (using release R dual of U), negation in front of propositional variables only.
- Closure set  $cl(\phi)$  is the smallest set
  - containing  $\phi$  and closed under subformulae,
  - $\phi_1 \text{U} \phi_2 \in cl(\phi)$  implies  $X(\phi_1 \text{U} \phi_2) \in cl(\phi)$ ,
  - $\phi_1 \text{R} \phi_2 \in cl(\phi)$  implies  $X(\phi_1 \text{R} \phi_2) \in cl(\phi)$ .
- $\mathcal{X} \subseteq cl(\phi)$  is *propositionally consistent* iff
  - (for no propositional variable  $p$ , we have  $\{p, \neg p\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ .)
  - if  $\phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\} \cap \mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$ ,
  - if  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,
  - if  $\phi_1 \text{U} \phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $\{\phi_1, X(\phi_1 \text{U} \phi_2)\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  or  $\phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ ,
  - if  $\phi_1 \text{R} \phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $\{\phi_1, X(\phi_1 \text{R} \phi_2)\} \cap \mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$  and  $\phi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ .

# A Construction of $\mathbb{B}_\phi$

- $\mathbb{B}_\phi = (Q, \Sigma, Q_{\text{in}}, \delta, F_1, \dots, F_k)$ .
- $Q$  is the set of propositionally consistent subsets of  $cl(\phi)$ .
- $\Sigma = \mathcal{P}(\{p_1, \dots, p_n\})$ ;  $Q_{\text{in}} = \{\mathcal{X} \in Q \mid \phi \in \mathcal{X}\}$ .
- $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{a} \mathcal{X}' \in \delta$  iff the conditions below hold.
  - $p \in \mathcal{X}$  implies  $p \in a$ ;  $\neg p \in \mathcal{X}$  implies  $p \notin a$ ,
  - for all  $X\psi \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have  $\psi \in \mathcal{X}'$ .

$$\{p, \neg q, pUq, X(pUq)\} \xrightarrow{\{p,r\}} \{q, pUq\}$$

- If the U-formulae in  $\phi$  are  $\phi_1 U \psi_1, \dots, \phi_k U \psi_k$ ,

$$F_i = \{\mathcal{X} \mid \psi_i \in \mathcal{X} \text{ or } \phi_i U \psi_i \notin \mathcal{X}\}.$$



## About $\mathbb{B}_\phi$

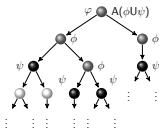
- The location  $\mathcal{X}$  is understood as an obligation for the remaining of the  $\omega$ -word to satisfy all the formulae in  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- Many other constructions exist ...  
See e.g. [Gastin & Oddoux, CAV'01]
- $\text{card}(Q)$  is exponential in the size of  $\phi$ .
- Nonemptiness of  $L(\mathbb{B}_\phi)$  can be checked in polynomial space in the size of  $\phi$ .

# Time to Wrap Up

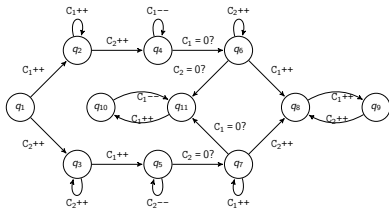
- Satisfiability problem for LTL is PSPACE-complete.  
[Sistla & Clarke, JACM 85]
- Model-checking problem for LTL is PSPACE-complete.  
[Sistla & Clarke, JACM 85]
- LTL has good expressive power.
  - LTL expressively equivalent to FO. [Kamp, PhD 1968]
  - Other characterisations in [Diekert & Gastin, Chapter 2008]

# Beyond plain LTL

- Branching-time temporal logics.



- Enriched operational models (counter machines, timed automata, pushdown systems).



- More linear-time temporal connectives, LTL games, ...

# **LTl with Concrete Domains**

# Concrete Domains in TCS

- Constraint satisfaction problems (CSP).
- Satisfiability Modulo Theory (SMT) solvers.  
String theories, arithmetical theories, array theories, etc.  
See e.g. [Barrett & Tinelli, Handbook 2018]
- Description logics with concrete domains.  
[Baader & Hanschke, IJCAI'91, Lutz, PhD 2002]
- Temporal logics with arithmetical constraints.  
See e.g. [Bouajjani et al., LiCS 95; Comon & Cortier, CSL'00]
- Verification of database-driven systems.  
[Deutsch et al., SIGMOD 2014; Felli et al., AAI'22]

# A Fundamental Model: Data Words

(term coined by [Bouyer & Petit & Thérien, CONCUR'01])

- Timed word [Alur & Dill, TCS 1994]

a	b	c	a	a	b
0	0.3	1	2.3	3.5	3.51

- Runs from counter machines

$q_0$	$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_2$
0	0	1	2	3	4

- Abstract data words [Bouyer & Petit & Thérien, IC 03]

- Extension to trees, e.g. data trees for XML documents

[Bojańczyk et al., PODS'06; Jurdzinski & Lazić, LiCS'07]

# Concrete Domains

- Concrete domain  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{D}, R_1, R_2, \dots)$ : fixed non-empty domain with a family of relations.
- $(\mathbb{N}, <, +1)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, <, =)$ ,  $(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$ ,  $(\{0, 1\}^*, \preceq_{\text{pre}}, \preceq_{\text{suf}})$ .
- Concrete domain RCC8 with space regions in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  contains topological relations between spatial regions.

See e.g. [Wolter & Zakharyashev, KR'00]

# Constraints

- Terms are built from variables  $x$ .
- Constraint  $\Theta$ : Boolean combination of atomic constraints of the form  $R(t_1, \dots, t_d)$ .

$$(x_1 = x_2 + x_3) \vee (x_1 > x_4)$$

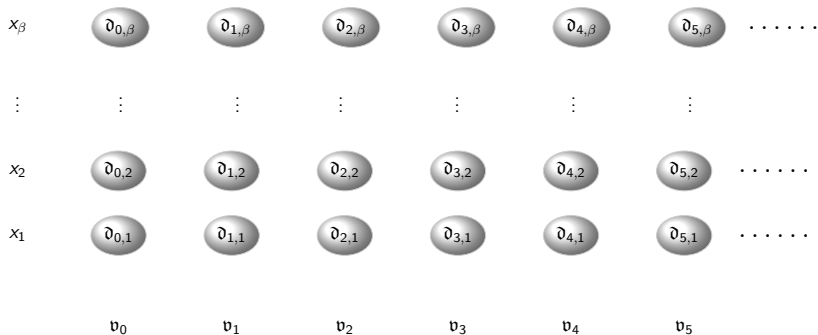
- Constraints are interpreted on valuations  $\mathbf{v}$  that assign elements from  $\mathbb{D}$  to the terms and

$$\mathbf{v} \models R(t_1, \dots, t_d) \text{ iff } (\mathbf{v}(t_1), \dots, \mathbf{v}(t_d)) \in R^{\mathcal{D}}.$$

- A constraint  $\Theta$  over  $\mathcal{D}$  is satisfiable  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$  there is a valuation  $\mathbf{v}$  such that  $\mathbf{v} \models \Theta$ .



# Linear Models in $(\mathbb{D}^\beta)^\omega$



$$v_i : \{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}.$$

# LTL( $\mathcal{D}$ ): LTL with Concrete Domain $\mathcal{D}$

$$\phi ::= R(\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_d) \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg\phi \mid \mathbf{X}\phi \mid \phi \mathbf{U}\phi$$

- The  $\mathbf{t}_i$ 's are terms of the form  $\mathbf{X}^j x$  and ' $\mathbf{X}x$ ' refers to the next value of  $x$ .
- LTL( $\mathcal{D}$ ) model  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \times \text{VAR} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ .

Satisfaction relation

- $\rho(i, \mathbf{X}^j x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho(i + j, x)$ .
- $\rho, i \models R(\mathbf{t}_1, \dots, \mathbf{t}_d) \Leftrightarrow (\rho(i, \mathbf{t}_1), \dots, \rho(i, \mathbf{t}_d)) \in R^{\mathcal{D}}$
- $\rho, i \models \mathbf{X}\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \rho, i + 1 \models \phi$

$x_1$	0	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{9}$	3	...
$x_2$	$\frac{1}{2}$	<b>0</b>	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	...
$x_3$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	<b>1</b>	...
$x_4$	1	2	3	4	...

$\models F(x_2 < \mathbf{X}x_3)$

# Simple Properties

- “Infinitely often  $x$  is a prefix of the next value for  $y$ ”

$$GF(x \preceq_{\text{pre}} Xy)$$

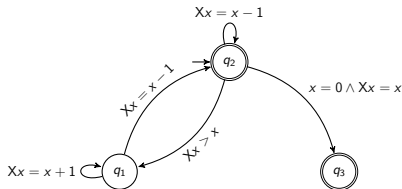
- “The value for  $x$  is strictly decreasing”

$$G(x > Xx)$$

- “The value for  $x$  is equal to some future value of  $y$ ”

$$G(x^{\text{new}} = Xx^{\text{new}}) \wedge x = x^{\text{new}} \wedge F(x^{\text{new}} = y)$$

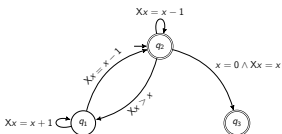
# Back to (Constraint) Automata



$q_2 \xrightarrow{Xx = x - 1} q_2 \xrightarrow{Xx > x} q_1 \xrightarrow{Xx = x + 1} q_1 \xrightarrow{Xx = x - 1} q_2 \xrightarrow{Xx > x} q_1 \xrightarrow{Xx = x + 1} q_1 \dots$

$3 \longrightarrow 2 \longrightarrow 28 \longrightarrow 29 \longrightarrow 28 \longrightarrow 35 \longrightarrow 36 \dots$

# Definition



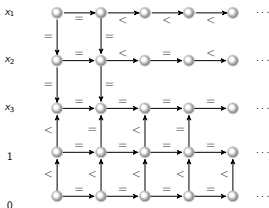
- $\mathcal{D}$ -automaton  $\mathbb{A} = (Q, \beta, Q_{\text{in}}, \delta, F)$  with  $\beta$  variables:
  - $Q$  is a non-empty finite set of locations,
  - Set  $Q_{\text{in}} \subseteq Q$  of initial states; set  $F \subseteq Q$  of accepting states,
  - $\delta$  is a finite subset of  $Q \times \text{Bool}(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \times Q$ , where  $\text{Bool}(\mathcal{D}, \beta)$  is the set of  $\mathcal{D}$ -constraints over  $\{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\} \cup \{Xx_1, \dots, Xx_\beta\}$ .
- $v_0 v_1 \dots \in L(\mathbb{A}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  there is  $q_0 \xrightarrow{\Theta_0} q_1 \xrightarrow{\Theta_1} \dots$  such that
  - $q_0 \in Q_{\text{in}}$  and some  $q \in F$  occurs  $\infty$ -often in  $q_0 q_1 q_2 \dots$ .
  - for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q_i \xrightarrow{\Theta_i} q_{i+1} \in \delta$  and  $v_i, v_{i+1} \models \Theta_i$ .

# Decision Problems

- Nonemptiness problem for  $\mathcal{D}$ -automata.  
**Instance:** A  $\mathcal{D}$ -automaton  $\mathbb{A}$ .  
**Question:** Is  $L(\mathbb{A}) \neq \emptyset$ ?
- Satisfiability problem for  $LTL(\mathcal{D})$ :  
**Instance:** A  $LTL(\mathcal{D})$  formula  $\phi$ .  
**Question:** Is there a model  $\rho$  such that  $\rho, 0 \models \phi$ ?
- Existential model-checking problem for  $LTL(\mathcal{D})$ :  
**Instance:** A  $\mathcal{D}$ -automaton  $\mathbb{A}$  and a  $LTL(\mathcal{D})$  formula  $\phi$ .  
**Question:** is there a model  $\rho$  such that  $\rho, 0 \models \phi$  and  $\rho \in L(\mathbb{A})$ ?
- Satisfiability for  $LTL(\mathbb{N}, =, +1)$  is undecidable.  
Flat Presburger  $LTL$  is decidable. [Comon & Cortier, CSL'00]

# Symbolic Models

- $Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta)$ : set of atomic constraints built over  $\{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\}$  and  $\{Xx_1, \dots, Xx_\beta\}$ .
- $\mathcal{X} \subseteq Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta)$  is understood as the constraint  $(\bigwedge_{\theta \in \mathcal{X}} \theta) \wedge (\bigwedge_{\theta \in (Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \setminus \mathcal{X})} \neg \theta)$ .
- Symbolic model  $w : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta))$ .



- $w$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -satisfiable  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$  there is  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \times \{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  such that for all  $i$ ,  $\{\theta \in Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \mid \rho, i \models \theta\} = w(i)$ .
- $\rho, i \models x = Xy$  iff  $\rho(i, x) = \rho(i + 1, y)$ .

# A Selection of Problems

- $L(\mathbb{A}) \neq \emptyset$  iff for some  $w : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Atoms}(\mathcal{D}, \beta))$ ,
  - $w$  is  $\mathcal{D}$ -satisfiable and,
  - there is an accepting run  $q_0 \xrightarrow{\Theta_0} q_1 \xrightarrow{\Theta_1} \dots$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $w(i) \models \Theta_i$ .
- $w(i) \models \Theta_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} (\bigwedge_{\theta \in w(i)} \theta) \wedge (\bigwedge_{\theta \in (\text{Atoms}(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \setminus w(i))} \neg \theta) \Rightarrow \Theta_i$  is valid.
- Given  $\mathcal{D}$ , how to characterise the class of  $\mathcal{D}$ -satisfiable symbolic models? ( $\{x > Xx\}^\omega$  not  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable)
- Can the class of  $\mathcal{D}$ -satisfiable symbolic models be expressed with a given formalism? (e.g. with Büchi automata)



# Automata-Based Approach Still Applies!

- In the presence of equality, renaming technique allows us to restrict to  $x$ 's and  $Xx$ 's.

$$x < XXy \mapsto G(y_1 = Xy_0 \wedge y_2 = Xy_1) \wedge x < y_2$$

- Given  $\phi \in \text{LTL}(\mathcal{D})$ , there is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -automaton  $\mathbb{A}_\phi$  such that

$$L(\mathbb{A}_\phi) = \{\rho : \mathbb{N} \times \{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\} \rightarrow \mathbb{D} \mid \rho, \mathbf{0} \models \phi\}$$

# Automata Construction

- $\phi$  in negation normal form (using R), negation only in atomic constraints in  $Bool(\mathcal{D}, \beta)$ .
- Closure set  $cl(\phi)$  and propositionally consistent sets defined as for LTL.
- $\mathbb{A}_\phi = (Q, \beta, Q_{in}, \delta, F_1, \dots, F_k)$ .
- $Q$  is the set of propositionally consistent subsets of  $cl(\phi)$ ,  $Q_{in} = \{\mathcal{X} \in Q \mid \phi \in \mathcal{X}\}$  and the  $F_i$ 's are defined as for LTL formulae.
- $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\Theta} \mathcal{X}' \in \delta$  iff  $\Theta$  is equal to  $(\bigwedge_{\Theta' \in \mathcal{X}} \Theta')$  and for all  $X\psi \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have  $\psi \in \mathcal{X}'$ .

$$\{x < Xy, \neg(z = 0), X(x < Xy \cup \neg(z = 0))\} \xrightarrow{x < Xy \wedge \neg(z = 0)} \{\neg(z = 0), x < Xy \cup \neg(z = 0)\}$$

## Three Ways for Deciding $LTL(\mathcal{D})$

# Dense and Open ( $\mathbb{Q}, <, =$ ): the Easy Way

- Symbolic model  $w$  is  $\mathbb{Q}$ -satisfiable iff for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
**(LocalSat)**  $(\bigwedge_{\theta \in w(i)} \theta) \wedge (\bigwedge_{\theta \in (Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \setminus w(i))} \neg \theta)$  is satisfiable,  
**(OneShift)**  $\{X_{x_1}, \dots, X_{x_\beta}\}$  in  $w(i)$  and  $\{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\}$  in  $w(i+1)$  coincide.
- The set of  $\mathbb{Q}$ -satisfiable symbolic models is  $\omega$ -regular.
- $SAT(LTL(\mathbb{Q}, <, =))$  is PSPACE-complete.  
[Balbiani & Condotta, FroCoS'02]
- $SAT(LTL(RCC8))$  is PSPACE-complete too.  
[Balbiani & Condotta, FroCoS'02]

# How to Handle Non- $\omega$ -Regularity?

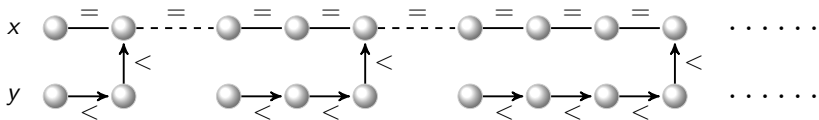
- Given  $(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$ , the set  $\text{SatSMod}(\mathbb{N})$  of  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable symbolic models is not  $\omega$ -regular. (forthcoming hints)
- Option 1: Go beyond Büchi automata (equivalently extend MSO with new features).
- Option 2: Perform an analysis on accepting runs for  $\mathbb{N}$ -constraint automata.
- Option 3: Stick to Büchi automata but use adequate approximations.

# What's Next?

- Characterisation of  $\mathcal{D}$ -satisfiable symbolic models for  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{N}, <, =)$ .
- EHD approach with MSO extensions. (Option 1)
- Analysis of runs in constraint  $\mathbb{N}$ -automata. (Option 2)
- Approximation condition (Approx) for  $(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$  with ultimately periodic symbolic models. (Option 3)
- If time permits, global constraints on data values.

## Characterisation for $(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$

- Symbolic model  $w : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Atoms(\mathbb{N}, \beta))$  understood as an infinite labelled graph on  $\mathbb{N} \times \{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\}$ .
- A simple non  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable symbolic model.



- Strict length of the finite path  $\pi$ :

$$\text{slen}(\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{number of edges labelled by } < .$$

- Strict length of  $(i, x)$ :

$$\text{slen}((i, x)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup \{ \text{slen}(\pi) : \text{finite path } \pi \text{ leading to } (i, x) \}$$

# $\mathbb{N}$ -Satisfiable Symbolic Models

- Symbolic model  $w$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable iff

**(LocalSat)**  $(\bigwedge_{\theta \in w(i)} \theta) \wedge (\bigwedge_{\theta \in (Atoms(\mathcal{D}, \beta) \setminus w(i))} \neg \theta)$  is satisfiable for all  $i$ ,

**(OneShift)**  $\{X_{x_1}, \dots, X_{x_\beta}\}$  in  $w(i)$  and  $\{x_1, \dots, x_\beta\}$  in  $w(i+1)$  coincide for all  $i$ ,

**(FiniteSLength)** any node has a finite strict length.

[Cerans, ICALP'94; Demri & D'Souza, IC 07; Carapelle & Kartzow & Lohrey, CONCUR'13; Exibard & Filiot & Khalimov, STACS'21]



# The EHD Approach

- The set of  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable symbolic models is not  $\omega$ -regular but can it be captured by decidable extensions of MSO?
- Starting point of the EHD approach with the bounding quantifier  $B$ . [Carapelle & Kartzow & Lohrey, CONCUR'13]
- $\rho : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma, \mathcal{V} : (\text{VAR}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) + (\text{VAR}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}))$ .
- $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}} BY.\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  there is bound  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that whenever  $\rho \models_{\mathcal{V}[\mathcal{Y} \mapsto \mathcal{X}^\dagger]} \phi$  for some finite set  $\mathcal{X}^\dagger \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\text{card}(\mathcal{X}^\dagger) \leq b$ .  
[Bojańczyk, CSL'04]
- $B$  well-designed to express (StrictSLength).  
(Idea: “for any node  $n$ , any path labelled by  $(< \cup =)^+$  leading to  $n$  has a bounded number of edges  $\xrightarrow{\leq}$ ”)

# Decidable MSO Extensions with B

- Satisfiability  $\text{MSO}+\text{B}$  is undecidable over  $\omega$ -words.  
[Bojańczyk & Parys & Toruńczyk, STACS'16]
- Satisfiability  $\text{WMSO}+\text{B}$  is decidable over infinite trees of finite branching degree. [Bojańczyk & Toruńczyk, STACS'12]
- Boolean combinations of  $\text{MSO}$  and  $\text{WMSO}+\text{B}$  (BMW) is decidable over infinite trees of finite branching degree.  
[Carapelle & Kartzow & Lohrey, JCSS 2016]
- Negation-closed  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $\text{EHD}(\text{BMW})$ -property.  
Satisfiability problem for  $\text{CTL}^*(\mathcal{D})$  is decidable.  
[Carapelle & Kartzow & Lohrey, JCSS 2016]  
(tree model property + decidability of BMW)

# EHD Approach: Two Conditions

- 1)  $\mathcal{D}$  negation-closed if complements of relations definable by positive existential first-order formulae over  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$$(\neg(x = n) \Leftrightarrow \exists y (y = n) \wedge ((x < y) \vee (y < x)))$$

- 2) EHD(BMW) property for symbolic models.

There is  $\phi_{\text{SAT}}$  in BMW for  $\omega$ -words such that

$$w \text{ is } \mathbb{N}\text{-satisfiable iff } w \models \phi_{\text{SAT}}.$$

- EHD = “the Existence of a Homomorphism is Definable”.
- 2) EHD(BMW) property (complete version).

For every finite subsignature  $\tau$ , one can compute  $\phi_\tau$  such that for every countable  $\tau$ -structure  $\mathcal{S}$ ,

there is an homomorphism from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$  iff  $\mathcal{S} \models \phi_\tau$ .

$\approx \mathcal{D}$ -satisfiability

# New Decidability Results

- $(\mathbb{Z}, <, =, (=_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}})$  has the EHD(BMW)-property.
- The satisfiability problem for  $\text{CTL}^*(\mathbb{Z}, <, =, (=_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}})$  is decidable. [Carapelle & Kartzow & Lohrey, JCSS 2016]
- Concept satisfiability w.r.t. general TBoxes for description logic  $\mathcal{ALCF}^P(\mathbb{Z}, <, =, (=_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}})$  is decidable. [Carapelle & Turhan, ECAI'16]

# N-automata

- EHD powerful for decidability, unsatisfactory for complexity!
- Concrete domains  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{D}, <, P_1, \dots, P_l, =_{d_1}, \dots, =_{d_m})$ , where  $(\mathbb{D}, <)$  is a linear ordering and the  $P_i$ 's are unary relations. [Segoufin & Toruńczyk, STACS'11]
- Existence of accepting runs characterised by existence of extensible lassos.

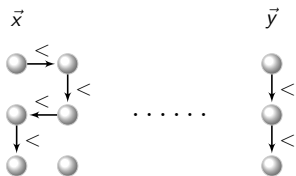


# N-Automata: Extensible Lassos

$\mathbb{A}$  has an accepting run iff there are finite runs  $\pi, \lambda$  s.t.

- 1  $\pi = (q_I, \vec{x}_0) \xrightarrow{*} (q_F, \vec{x})$  and  $\lambda = (q_F, \vec{x}) \xrightarrow{+} (q_F, \vec{y})$
- 2 "type( $\vec{x}$ ) = type( $\vec{y}$ )",  $\vec{x} \leq \vec{y}$  and  $\text{dv}(\vec{x}) \leq \text{dv}(\vec{y})$ .

$$0^7 7^2 9^6 15 \quad \text{dv}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 9 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$



Conditions (2) and (3) allow us to repeat infinitely  $\lambda$ .

- 3 For all  $j \in [1, k]$  such that  $\vec{x}[j] = \vec{y}[j]$ , there is no  $j'$  such that  $\vec{x}[j'] < \vec{y}[j']$  and  $\vec{x}[j'] < \vec{x}[j]$ .

# $\mathbb{N}$ -Automata: Lasso Detection in PSPACE

- Existence of finite runs  $\pi, \lambda$  can be checked in PSPACE.
- The non-emptiness problem for  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ -automata is PSPACE-complete. [Segoufin & Toruńczyk, STACS'11]
- A similar method used in [Kartzow & Weidner, arXiv 2015].
- PSPACE-completeness with the concrete domains
  - $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Q}^*} = (\mathbb{Q}^*; \preceq_{\text{pre}}, \preceq_{\text{lex}}, =_{\mathfrak{d}_1}, \dots, =_{\mathfrak{d}_m})$ .
  - $\mathcal{D}_{[1, \alpha]^*} = ([1, \alpha]^*; \preceq_{\text{pre}}, \preceq_{\text{lex}}, =_{\mathfrak{d}_1}, \dots, =_{\mathfrak{d}_m}), \alpha \geq 2$ .[Kartzow & Weidner, arXiv 2015]

# Ultimately Periodic Models

- A symbolic model  $w$  is ultimately periodic iff  $w$  of the form

$$w(0) \cdots w(I-1) \cdot \left( w(I) \cdots w(I+J) \right)^\omega$$

- Characterisation for  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable ultimately periodic models might be simpler than the general case.
- Reminder:  $L(\mathbb{A}) \neq \emptyset$  iff  $\exists w : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Atoms}(\mathbb{N}, \beta))$ ,
  - 1)  $w$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable and,
  - 2) there is an accepting run  $q_0 \xrightarrow{\Theta_0} q_1 \xrightarrow{\Theta_1} \dots$  such that for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $w(i) \models \Theta_i$  (Büchi automaton  $\mathbb{B}_2$ ).



# Forthcoming Features of (Approx)

**If**

- Condition (Approx) is  $\omega$ -regular (Büchi automaton  $\mathbb{B}_1$ ).
- For all ultimately periodic symbolic models  $w$ ,  
 $w$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable iff  $w$  satisfies (Approx).
- Symbolic models built from  $(\mathbb{N}^\beta)^\omega$  satisfy (Approx).

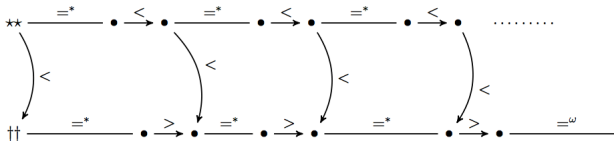
**Then**

$$L(\mathbb{B}_1) \cap L(\mathbb{B}_2) \neq \emptyset \text{ iff } L(\mathbb{A}) \neq \emptyset.$$

# Condition (Approx)

Symbolic model  $w$  satisfies the condition (Approx) iff

- ① (LocalSat) and (OneShift).
- ② There is no infinite  $(j_1, z_1) \xrightarrow{a_1} (j_2, z_2) \xrightarrow{a_2} (j_3, z_3) \cdots$  s.t.  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\} \subseteq \{=, >\}$  and infinitely often  $a_j$ 's equals  $>$ .
- ③ There do not exist nodes  $\star\star$  and  $\dagger\dagger$  such that



with infinite amount of  $\xrightarrow{<}$  from  $\star\star$  on top path and finite amount of  $\xrightarrow{>}$  from  $\dagger\dagger$  on bottom path

$$(\text{LocalSat}) \wedge (\text{OneShift}) \wedge (\text{FiniteSLength}) \Rightarrow (\text{Approx})$$

# Properties of (Approx)

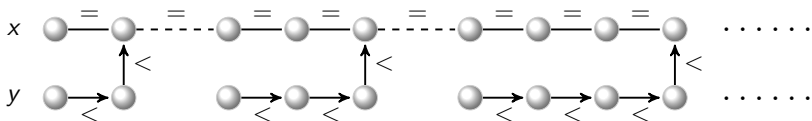
- Ultimately periodic symbolic model  $w$ . Equivalence btw.
  - $w$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable.
  - $w$  satisfies (Approx).

[Demri & D'Souza, IC 2007; Exibard & Filiot & Reynier, STACS'21]

- The class of symbolic models satisfying (Approx) is  $\omega$ -regular.
- By-products:
  - Non-emptiness problem for  $\mathbb{N}$ -automata is in PSPACE.
  - Satisfiability problem for  $LTL(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$  is in PSPACE.
- Results apply to  $(\mathbb{Z}, <, =)$  with adequate adaptations.

# SatSMod( $\mathbb{N}$ ) is Not $\omega$ -Regular

- Non  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable symbolic model  $w^*$  satisfying (Approx).



- *Ad absurdum*, suppose  $\text{SatSMod}(\mathbb{N})$  is  $\omega$ -regular.
- $\overline{\text{SatSMod}(\mathbb{N})} \cap (\text{Approx})$  is  $\omega$ -regular and contains  $w^*$ .
- $\overline{\text{SatSMod}(\mathbb{N})} \cap (\text{Approx})$  contains an ultimately periodic symbolic model  $w^\dagger$  satisfying (Approx).
- So,  $w^\dagger$  is  $\mathbb{N}$ -satisfiable, contradiction.

## **Global Constraints on Data Values**

# Global Constraints

- So far, constraints have a local scope.

x	0	8	1	1	<	0	0	0	.....	
y	0	8	1	2		3	=	7	2	.....
z	6	9	4	3		3		3	8	.....

$x < Xy \wedge XXz = Xy$

- Global constraints have unbounded scope.

x	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	.....
y	0	8	1	2	3	7	2	.....
z	6	9	4	3	3	3	8	.....

$x = \langle T \rangle z$

- “The variable  $x$  never takes twice the same value.”

$$G(\neg(x = \langle T \rangle x))$$

# LTL with Registers

- $\downarrow_{r=x} \phi$  states that freezing the value of  $x$  in the register  $r$  makes true the formula  $\phi$ .
- Registers in  $\text{RVAR} = \{r, s, t, \dots\}$ .
- LTL $^\downarrow(\mathcal{D})$  formulae:  
$$\phi ::= R(t_1, \dots, t_d) \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg \phi \mid \uparrow_{r=y} \mid \downarrow_{r=x} \phi \mid X\phi \mid \phi U \phi,$$
- Environment  $env : \text{RVAR} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ ,  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \times \text{VAR} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ .
- $\rho, i \models_{env} \downarrow_{r=x} \phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \rho, i \models_{env[x \mapsto \rho(i,x)]} \phi$ .
- $\rho, i \models_{env} \uparrow_{r=y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} env(r) = \rho(i, y)$ .
- We use  $\uparrow_y$  and  $\downarrow_x$  when there is a single register.
- All values for  $x$  at distinct positions are distinct:

$$G(\downarrow_x XG\neg \uparrow_x)$$

# Similar Storing Mechanisms

- Freeze quantifier in hybrid logics.

[Goranko 94; Blackburn & Seligman, JOLLI 95]

- Freeze quantifier in real-time logics.

[Alur & Henzinger, JACM 94]

$y \cdot \phi(y)$  binds the variable  $y$  to the current time  $t$ .

- Past LTL with Now operator (forgettable past).

[Laroussinie & Markey & Schnoebelen, LiCS'02]



# Complexity of Satisfiability Problems

- Satisfiability for  $LTL^\downarrow(\mathbb{N}, =)$  restricted to one register and to the temporal operator F is undecidable.

[Figueira & Segoufin, MFCS'09]

- Satisfiability for  $LTL^\downarrow(\mathbb{N}, =)$  restricted to one register and all occurrences of U are under an even number of negations is EXPSpace-complete.

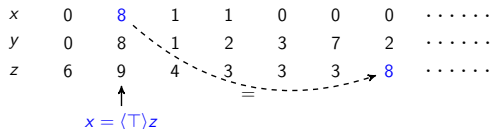
[Lazić, FSTTCS'11]

- More results about FO over (infinite) data words.

[Bojańczyk et al., LiCS 06]

# Repeating Values as a Storing Mechanism

- $\text{LTL}^{\langle T \rangle}(\mathcal{D})$ : extension of  $\text{LTL}(\mathcal{D})$  with  $x = \langle T \rangle y$ .



- $x = \langle T \rangle y \approx \downarrow_{r=x} \text{XF} \uparrow_{r=y}$ .
- Satisfiability problem for  $\text{LTL}^{\langle T \rangle}(\mathbb{N}, <, =)$  is undecidable.

[Carapelle, PhD 2015]

## Repeating Values with $(\mathbb{N}, =)$

- $LTL^{\diamond}(\mathbb{N}, =)$ : extension of  $LTL(\mathbb{N}, =)$  with  $x = \langle \phi \rangle y$  and  $x \neq \langle \phi \rangle y$ .

x	0	8	8	8	0	8	0	.....
y	0	8	1	2	3	→ 3	2	.....
z	6	9	4	3	4	→ 4	8	.....
		↑						
		$x \neq \langle y = Xy \wedge z = Xz \rangle x$						

$\overset{\neq}{\curvearrowright}$

- $x = \langle \phi \rangle y \approx \downarrow_{r=x} XF (\uparrow_{r=y} \wedge \phi)$ .
- Satisfiability for  $LTL^{\diamond}(\mathbb{N}, =)$  is 2EXPSpace-complete.  
[Demri & Figueira & Praveen, LMCS 2016]
- Lower bound by reduction from control-state reachability for chained systems.

4	6	28	17	14	6	0	1	11	23	...
$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$	$C_7$	$C_8$	$C_9$	$C_{10}$	...
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## Conclusion

# Recapitulation

- Introduction to LTL with concrete domain  $\mathcal{D}$  and to constraint  $\mathcal{D}$ -automata.
- Presentation of several methods for handling classes of satisfiable symbolic models that are not  $\omega$ -regular.
  - ① Extending MSO while preserving decidability: EHD approach.
  - ② Analysis of runs for  $\mathcal{D}$ -automata (for linear domains or string domains).
  - ③ Overapproximation using standard Büchi automata over finite alphabets.
- Brief introduction to global constraints including the freeze operator and its restrictions for repeating values.

# Other Extensions

- Tree-like extensions, description logics.

[Bozzelli & Gascon, LPAR'06; Figueira, ToCL 2012; Labai et al., KR'20]

- More concrete domains such as string domains.

[Kartzow & Weidner, arXiv 2015; Peteler & Quaas, MFCS'22]

(N. Dumange –LMF– works on regularity constraints)

- Beyond satisfiability: model-checking, synthesis etc..

[Gascon, M4M'09; Bollig et al., LMCS 2019]

[Exibard et al., STACS'21; Bhaskar & Praveen, TIME'22]

- Relationships with counter machines, register automata, constraint automata, etc.

[Segoufin, CSL'06; Kartzow & Weidner, arXiv 2015]