

## Expressiveness of Temporal Logics

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## Branching-time temporal logics

In this lecture, we will consider the following questions:

- Which kind of properties can we express with BT-TL ?
- What is the difference between BT-TL and linear-time TL ?
- There are **a lot of** logics in BT... Why ?
- What is the relationship of BT TL with automata theory ?
- ...

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- $Q$  is a set of *states*,
- $q_{init} \in Q$  is the initial state,
- $R \subseteq Q \times Q$  is a total *transition relation*,
- $l : Q \rightarrow 2^{AP}$  labels every state with the propositions it satisfies.

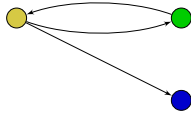
(+ **fairness constraints**)

( $qRq'$  is usually denoted  $q \rightarrow q'$ )

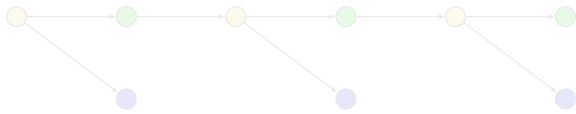


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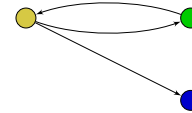


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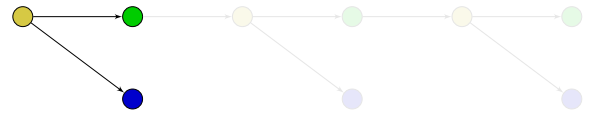


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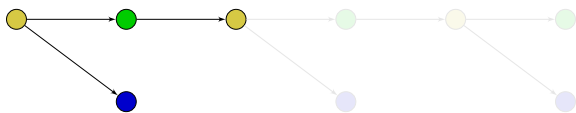


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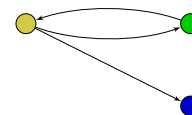


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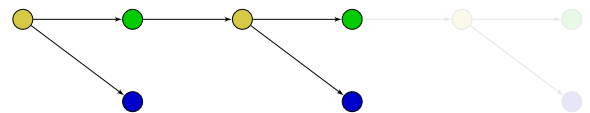


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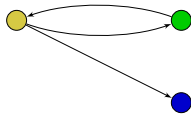


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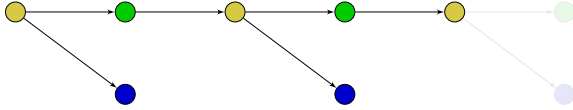


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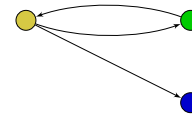
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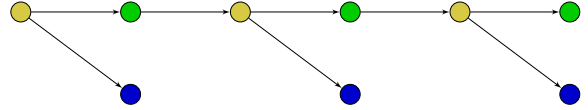
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Definition

These clauses define when a state  $q$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies a formula  $\varphi$ , written  $q \models_{\mathcal{S}} \varphi$ :

$q \models_{\mathcal{S}} P$	iff	$P \in I(q)$
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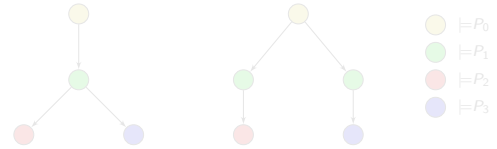
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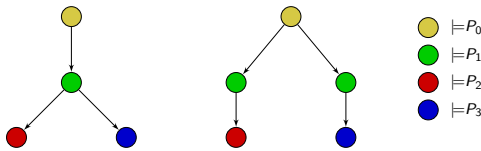
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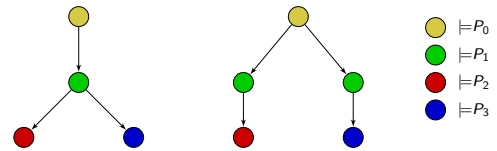
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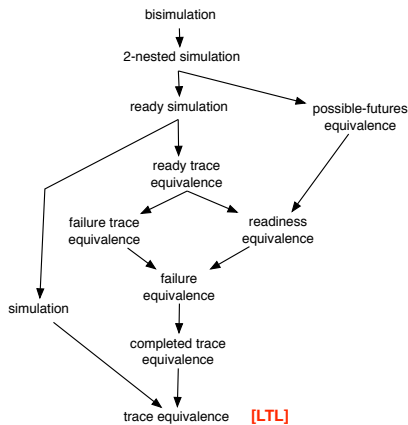
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# Behavioral equivalences (Van Glabbeek, 1990)



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Let  $S_1 = \langle Q_1, q_{init}^1, R_1, I_1 \rangle$  and  $S_2 = \langle Q_2, q_{init}^2, R_2, I_2 \rangle$  be two Kripke structures.

A relation  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq Q_1 \times Q_2$  is a **bisimulation** iff  $q_1 \mathcal{R} q_2$  implies:

- $I_1(q_1) = I_2(q_2)$ ,
- $\forall q_1 \rightarrow q_1', \exists q_2 \rightarrow q_2'$  such that  $q_1' \mathcal{R} q_2'$ ,
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$S_1$  and  $S_2$  are bisimilar (written  $S_1 \approx S_2$ ) iff there exists a bisimulation  $\mathcal{R}$  s.t.  $q_{init}^1 \mathcal{R} q_{init}^2$ .

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## Definition of $CTL^*$ (Emerson & Halpern, 1986)

Idea: merging linear-time TL and branching-time TL...

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with  $P \in AP$

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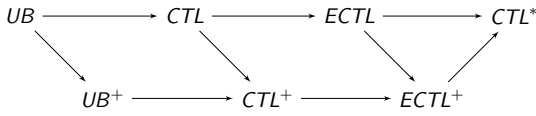
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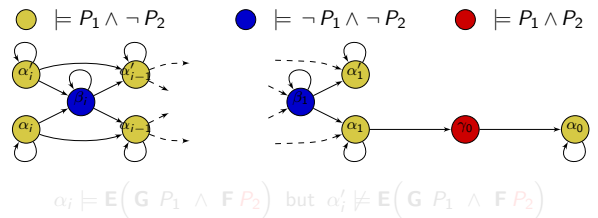
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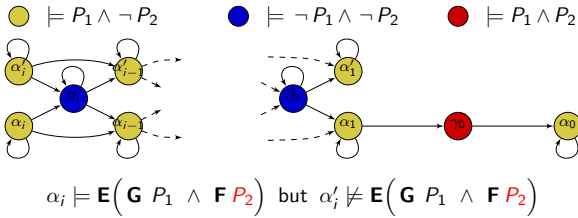
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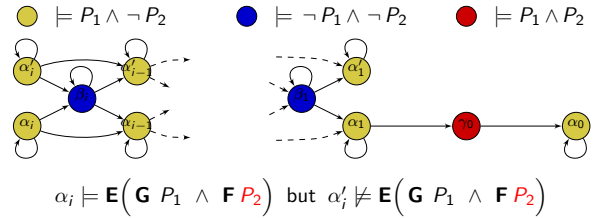
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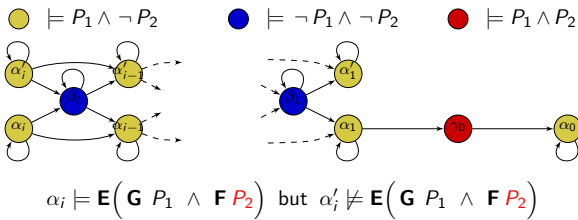
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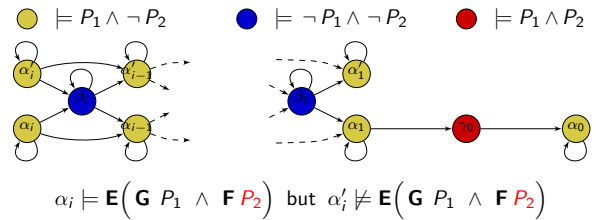
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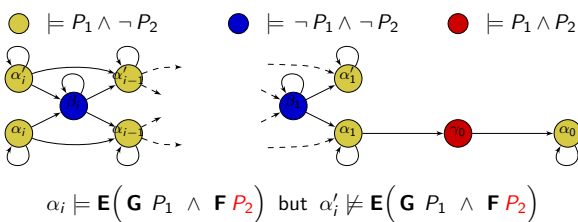
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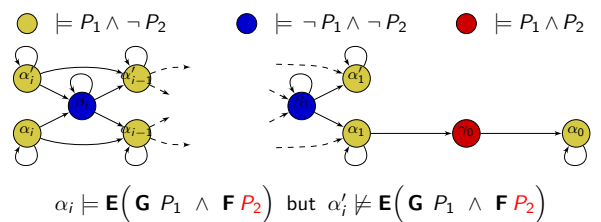
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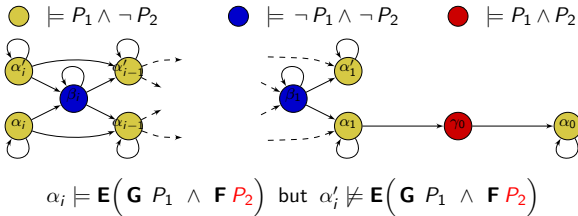
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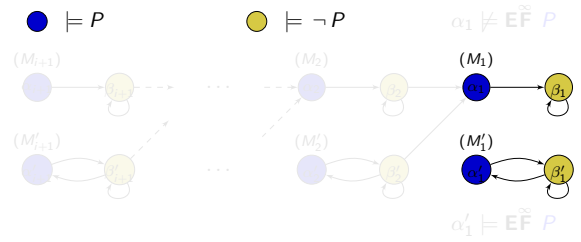
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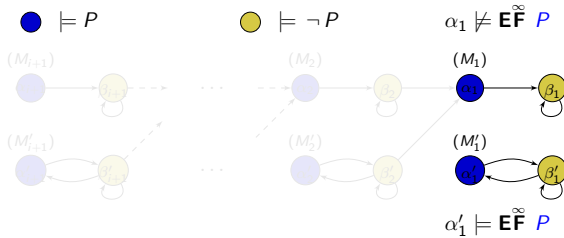
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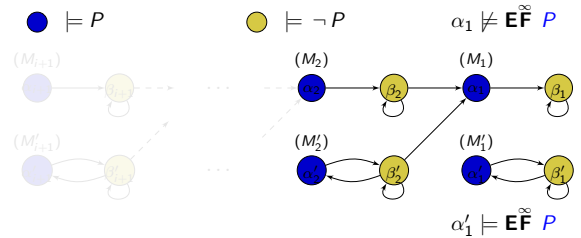
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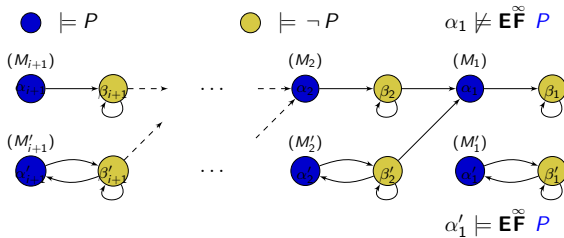
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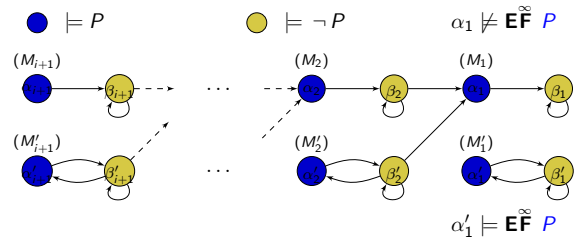
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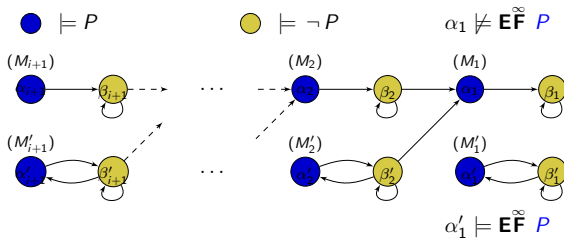
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