

*For me context is the key - from that comes the understanding
of everything. - Kenneth Noland*

One-pass Context-based Tableaux Systems for CTL and ECTL.

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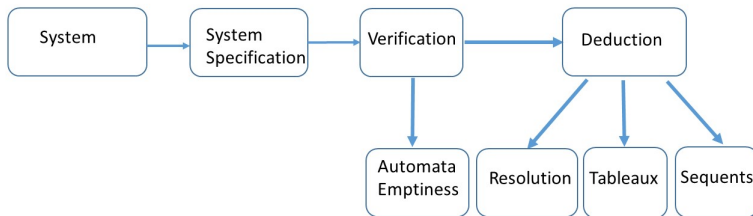
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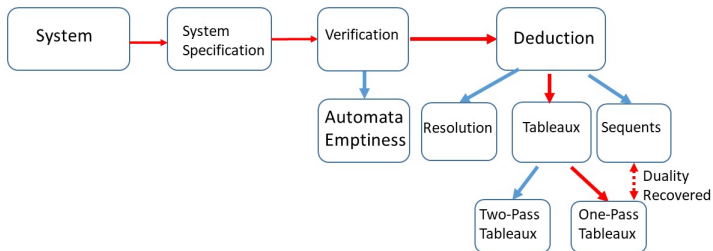
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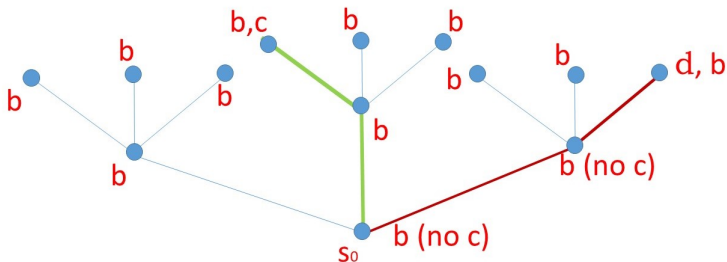
Branching-Time Framework

- Temporal operators:
 - - 'at the next moment of time', ◇ - 'eventually', □ - 'always' and \mathcal{U} - 'until'
- paths quantifiers: A - 'for all paths'; E - 'there exists a path'

$$s_0 \not\models A \square b$$

$$s_0 \not\models E \diamond c$$

$$s_0 \models E(\neg c \mathcal{U} d)$$



Tableaux: very general idea for one and two pass methods

- Labelled graph
- Expansion rules: α rules generate a successor node $\frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\phi, \psi}$
- β rules ‘split’ into alternative nodes $\frac{\phi \vee \psi}{\phi \mid \psi}$
- Use fixpoint properties of temporal operators:

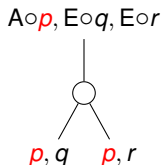
$$\mathbf{A}\Box\phi = \phi \wedge \mathbf{A}\circ\mathbf{A}\Box\phi \quad \mathbf{E}\phi\mathcal{U}\psi = \psi \vee (\phi \wedge \mathbf{E}\circ\mathbf{E}\phi\mathcal{U}\psi)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{A}\Box\phi}{\phi, \mathbf{A}\circ\mathbf{A}\Box\phi}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{E}\phi\mathcal{U}\psi}{\psi \mid \phi \wedge \mathbf{E}\circ\mathbf{E}\phi\mathcal{U}\psi}$$

Tableaux: building 'next' states

- A state is a node such that all its formulae are literals or of the form $A \circ \phi$ or $E \circ \phi$
- This allows to build successor nodes to propagate ϕ .
- In our construction the tableaux graph is an AND-OR TREE:



Motivation: 2 pass vs 1 pass

- Two-pass tableaux:

1st pass: checks the validity of the given formula by creating a graph

2d pass: checks if all eventualities are satisfied.

- One-pass tableaux:

one pass: checks the validity of the input without auxiliary constructions,

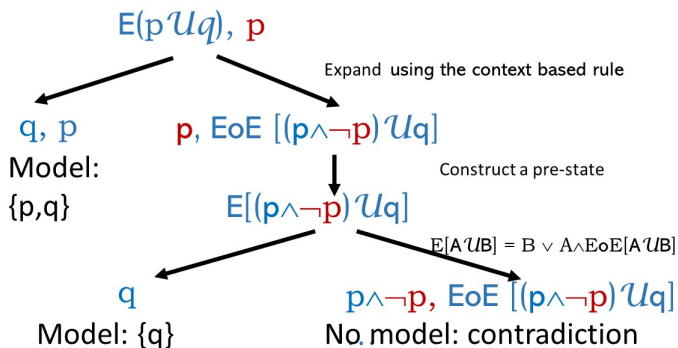
need: mechanism to ensure this.

- Our mechanism to ensure a one pass - *CONTEXT* (of the selected eventuality)

Branching-Time Logics Framework: context

- CTL well formed formulae are state formulae - every temporal operator is preceded by a path quantifier:
 - $E\Diamond p$ ✓
 - $E\Box\Diamond p$ ✗
- Context
 - is a collection of state formulae accompanying the eventuality in the node.
 - forces eventualities to be fulfilled as soon as possible.
- In the node $\{E(p\mathcal{U}q), p\}$ the context of $E(p\mathcal{U}q)$ is p

CONTEXT forces fulfilment of eventualities



Branching-Time Logics Framework: CTL-type logics

State formulae

$$\sigma ::= \mathbf{T} \mid \mathbf{p} \mid \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2 \mid \neg \sigma \mid \mathbf{E}\pi$$

Path formulae

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{\text{CTL}^*} &::= \sigma \mid \pi_1 \wedge \pi_2 \mid \neg \pi \mid \circ \pi \mid \pi \mathcal{U} \pi \\ \pi_{\text{ECTL}\#} &::= \sigma \mid \pi_1 \wedge \pi_2 \mid \neg \pi \mid \circ \sigma \mid \sigma \mathcal{U} (\sigma \wedge \diamond \sigma) \\ &\quad \mid \square (\sigma \vee \square \sigma) \mid \sigma \mathcal{U} (\square \sigma) \mid \square (\sigma \mathcal{U} \sigma) \\ \pi_{\text{ECTL}^+} &::= \sigma \mid \pi_1 \wedge \pi_2 \mid \neg \pi \mid \circ \sigma \mid \sigma \mathcal{U} \sigma \mid \square \sigma \mid \square \diamond \sigma \mid \diamond \square \sigma. \\ \pi_{\text{ECTL}} &::= \sigma \mid \neg \pi \mid \circ \sigma \mid \sigma \mathcal{U} \sigma \mid \square \sigma \mid \square \diamond \sigma \mid \diamond \square \sigma. \\ \pi_{\text{CTL}} &::= \sigma \mid \neg \pi \mid \circ \sigma \mid \sigma \mathcal{U} \sigma \mid \square \sigma. \end{aligned}$$

Development of One Pass Method for Branching Time

- Previous work - one pass tableaux for ECTL#
- This covers ECTL⁺
- However, too complex to cover simpler logics - CTL and ECTL
- We made a 'U-turn' from ECTL# (and ECTL⁺) to bridge this gap

BTL Logics	$E\Box\Diamond q$	$E(\Box\Diamond q \wedge \Diamond\Box\neg q)$	$A((p\mathcal{U}\Box q) \vee (s\mathcal{U}\Box\neg r))$	$A\Diamond(\Box p \wedge E\Box\neg p)$	One-pass Tableaux
$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{U}, \circ)$ (CTL)	X	X	X	X	This paper
$\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{U}, \circ, \Box\Diamond)$ (ECTL)	✓	X	X	X	This paper
$\mathcal{B}^+(\mathcal{U}, \circ, \Box\Diamond)$ (ECTL ⁺)	✓	✓	X	X	✓
$\mathcal{B}^+(\mathcal{U}, \circ, \mathcal{U}\Box)$ (ECTL#)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
$\mathcal{B}^*(\mathcal{U}, \circ)$ (CTL [*])	✓	✓	✓	✓	X



One-pass Tableau Method for CTL - α - and β -Rules

- Standard but preserve context

$$(\wedge) \frac{\Sigma, \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2}{\Sigma, \sigma_1, \sigma_2}$$

$$(\vee) \frac{\Sigma, \sigma_1 \vee \sigma_2}{\Sigma, \sigma_1 \mid \Sigma, \sigma_2}$$

$$(\mathcal{R}) \frac{\Sigma, \mathcal{Q}(\sigma_1 \mathcal{R} \sigma_2)}{\Sigma, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \mid \Sigma, \sigma_2, \mathcal{Q}\circ\mathcal{Q}(\sigma_1 \mathcal{R} \sigma_2)}$$

$$(\mathcal{Q}\Box) \frac{\Sigma, \mathcal{Q}\Box\sigma}{\Sigma, \sigma, \mathcal{Q}\circ\mathcal{Q}\Box\sigma}$$

$$(\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{U}) \frac{\Sigma, \mathcal{Q}(\sigma_1 \mathcal{U} \sigma_2)}{\Sigma, \sigma_2 \mid \Sigma, \sigma_1, \mathcal{Q}\circ\mathcal{Q}(\sigma_1 \mathcal{U} \sigma_2)}$$

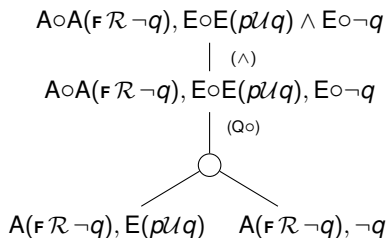
$$(\mathcal{Q}\Diamond) \frac{\Sigma, \mathcal{Q}\Diamond\sigma}{\Sigma, \sigma \mid \Sigma, \mathcal{Q}\circ\mathcal{Q}\Diamond\sigma}$$

One-pass Tableau Method for CTL: Next-state Rule

- Responsible for obtaining AND-OR tree

$$(Q\circ) \frac{\Sigma, A\circ\sigma_1, \dots, A\circ\sigma_\ell, E\circ\sigma'_1, \dots, E\circ\sigma'_k}{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell, \sigma'_1 \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell, \sigma'_k}$$

where Σ is a set of literals.



One-pass Tableau Method for CTL: CONTEXT

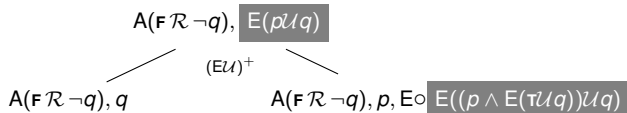
- β^+ -Rule – manages CONTEXT

$$(\text{QU})^+ \frac{\Sigma, \text{Q}(\sigma_1 \mathcal{U} \sigma_2)}{\Sigma, \sigma_2 \mid \Sigma, \sigma_1, \text{Q} \circ \text{Q}((\sigma_1 \wedge \sim \Sigma') \mathcal{U} \sigma_2)}$$

where

$\Sigma' = \Sigma \setminus \{(A \circ)^i A \Box \sigma \mid i \geq 0 \text{ and } (A \circ)^i A \Box \sigma \in \Sigma\}$ and

$(A \circ)^i$ stands for i times $A \circ$.



Tableaux Algorithm $\tau(\sigma)$

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1: procedure SYSTEMATIC_TABLEAU( $\Sigma_0$ )           ▷ where  $\Sigma_0$ : set of CTL state formulae
2:   if  $\Sigma_0$  is not uniform then  $T := \text{Uniform\_Tableau}(\Sigma_0)$ 
3:   while  $T$  has at least one expandable node do
4:     ▷ Invariant: Any expandable node of  $T$  is labelled by an uniform set
5:     Choose any node  $\ell$  in  $T$  such that  $\tau(\ell)$  is expandable           ▷  $\tau(\ell)$  is uniform
6:     if there is no eventuality in  $\tau(\ell)$  then  $T := T[\ell \leftarrow \text{Uniform\_Tableau}(\tau(\ell))]$ 
7:     else
8:       Eventuality_Selection( $\tau(\ell)$ )
9:       Apply_ $\beta^+$ -rule( $\tau(\ell)$ )
10:      Let  $\ell_1, \ell_2$  the two children of  $\ell$ 
11:      for  $i = 1 \dots 2$  do
12:        if  $\ell_i$  is expandable and  $\tau(\ell_i)$  is not uniform then
13:           $T := T[\ell_i \leftarrow \text{Uniform\_Tableau}(\tau(\ell_i))]$ 
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Tableau Extension to ECTL

Two additional rules

$$(Q\Box\Diamond) \frac{\Sigma, Q\Box\Diamond\sigma}{\Sigma, Q\Diamond\sigma, Q\circ Q\Box\Diamond\sigma} \quad (Q\Diamond\Box) \frac{\Sigma, Q\Diamond\Box\sigma}{\Sigma, Q\Box\sigma \mid \Sigma, Q\Diamond\sigma, Q\circ Q\Diamond\Box\sigma}$$

that are based on these logical equivalences:

$$E\Box\Diamond\sigma \equiv E\Diamond\sigma \wedge E\circ E\Box\Diamond\sigma$$

$$A\Box\Diamond\sigma \equiv A\Diamond\sigma \wedge A\circ A\Box\Diamond\sigma$$

$$E\Diamond\Box\sigma \equiv E\Box\sigma \vee (E\Diamond\sigma \wedge E\circ E\Diamond\Box\sigma)$$

$$A\Diamond\Box\sigma \equiv A\Box\sigma \vee (A\Diamond\sigma \wedge A\circ A\Diamond\Box\sigma)$$

Conclusions and Future Work

- Context-based tableau extends naturally from linear-time to branching-time.
 - CTL tableau is much simpler than ECTL[#] one, where two types of context (outer and inner) are used.
- Context-based tableau keeps the duality with sequent calculus.
 - Application in certified model checking: sequent proofs as certificates.
- Intuitive tableau method for CTL and ECTL.
 - Well suited for the automation and amenable for the implementation.