

# VPC 19-20

## Computational tree logic (CTL)

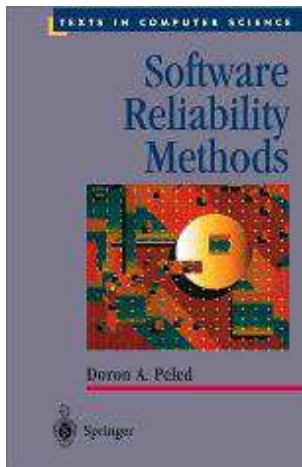
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for  
Model Checking

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# Steps in the verification process

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Check the kind of system to analyze.

Choose formalisms, methods and tools.

Express system properties.

Model the system.

Apply methods.

Obtain verification results.

Analyze results.

Identify errors.

Suggest correction.



# CTL main concepts

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Computational Tree Logic, has been introduced by Clarke&Emerson in 1980

The *linear notion* of time (one single successor for each event) is substituted by a *branching notion of time* (each event has many successors, at each time instant there are many possible futures)

CTL is interpreted over a model in which  $R(s)$  is a set of states

$$\underbrace{R: S \rightarrow S}_{LTL}$$

$$\underbrace{R: S \rightarrow 2^S}_{CTL}$$

# Possibility can't be expressed in LTL

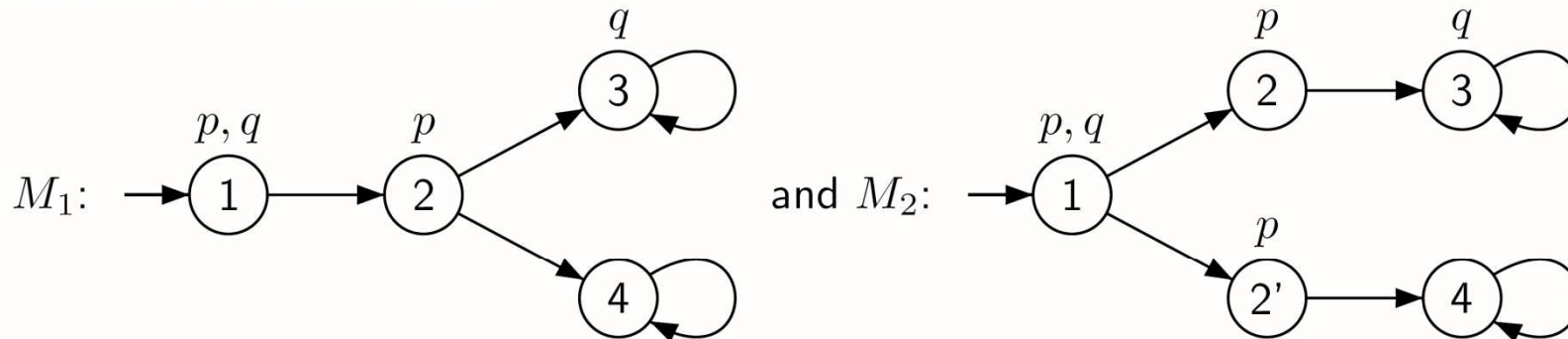
## Example

$\varphi$ : Whenever  $p$  holds, it is possible to reach a state where  $q$  holds.

$\varphi$  cannot be expressed in LTL.

AG  
( $p \Rightarrow \exists F q$ )

Consider the two models:



$M_1 \models \varphi$  but  $M_2 \not\models \varphi$

$M_1$  and  $M_2$  satisfy the same LTL formulas.



# CTL: Syntax

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AP, set of atomic proposition.  $p \in AP$ .

CTL formulae:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid EX\varphi \mid E[\varphi U \varphi] \mid A[\varphi U \varphi]$$

**E**: “for some path”

**A**: “for all paths”

**EX**: “for some path next”

**U**: until

Note: syntactically correct formulas quantifiers and temporal operators are in strict alternation



# Derived operators

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- $EF\varphi \equiv E[\text{true} \cup \varphi]$  “ $\varphi$  holds potentially” - “ $\varphi$  is possible”
- $AF\varphi \equiv A[\text{true} \cup \varphi]$  “ $\varphi$  is inevitable (unavoidable)”
- $EG\varphi \equiv \neg AF\neg\varphi$  “potentially always  $\varphi$ ” – “globally along some path”
- $AG\varphi \equiv \neg EF\neg\varphi$  “invariantly  $\varphi$ ”
- $AX\varphi \equiv \neg EX\neg\varphi$  “for all paths next”





# CTL vs LTL

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- LTL: statements about **all** paths starting in a state
- CTL: statements about **all or some** paths starting in a state
- Checking  $E\phi$  can be done in LTL using  $A\neg\phi$ ,  
(but it does not work for  $AGEF\phi$ )
- Incomparable expressiveness
  - there are properties that can be expressed in LTL, but not in CTL
  - there are properties that can be expressed in CTL, but not in LTL
- Distinct model-checking algorithms, and their time complexities
- Distinct treatment of fairness



# Semantic definition

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CTL formulas are interpreted over Kripke structures

$$M(S, R, L)$$

where

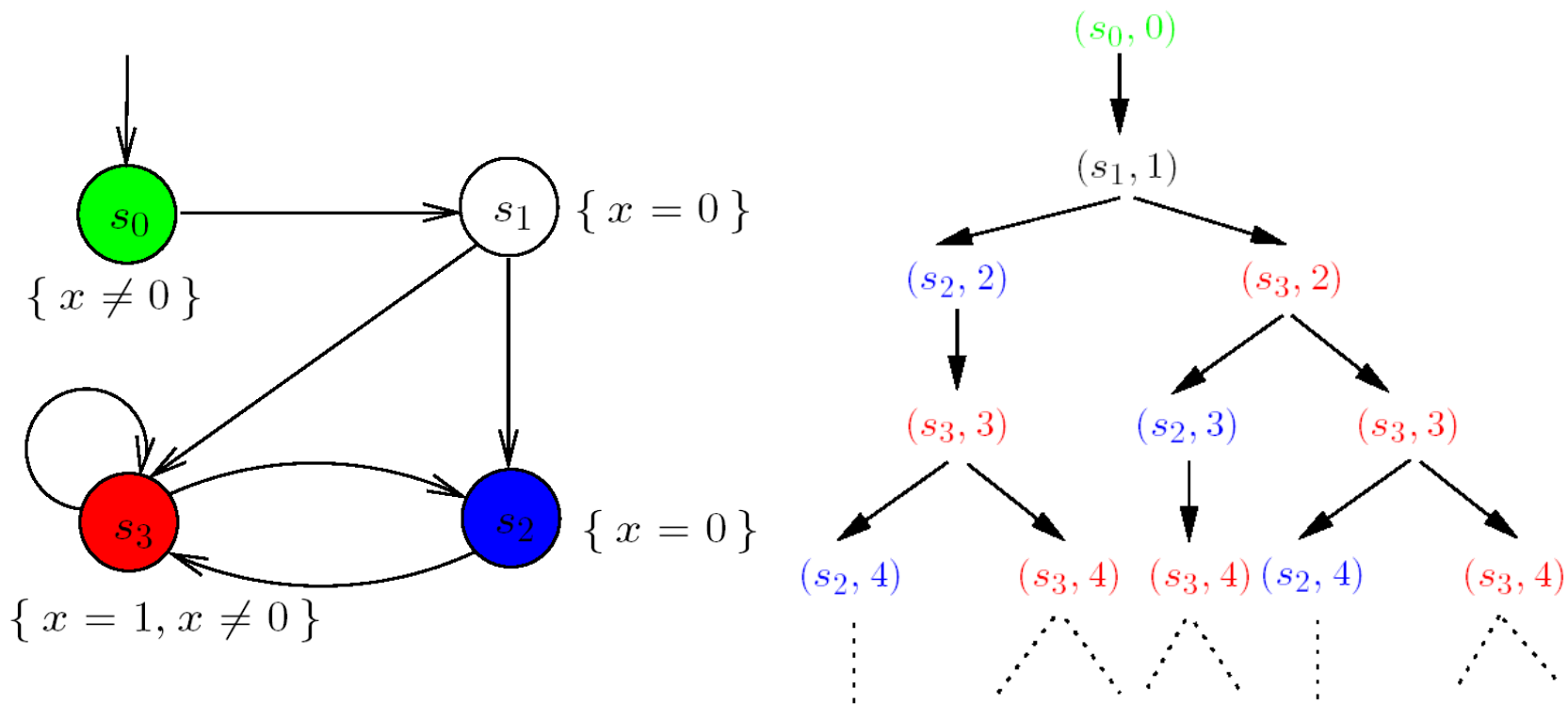
- $S$  is a set of states
- $R: S \rightarrow 2^S$  is a successor function, assigning to  $s$  its set of successors  $R(s)$
- $L: S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$ , is a labelling function

$M$  can be seen as a tree of executions.

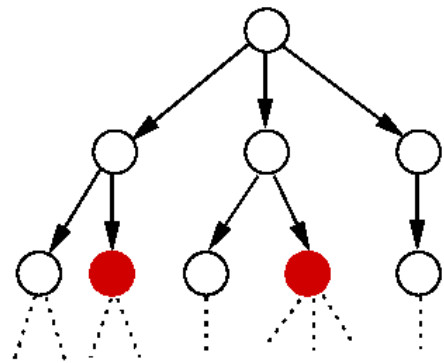
Given a model  $M$  and a formula  $\varphi$ , we define the satisfaction relation as  $(M, s, \varphi) \in \models$ , and we write  $(M, s) \models \varphi$ .

# Semantic definition

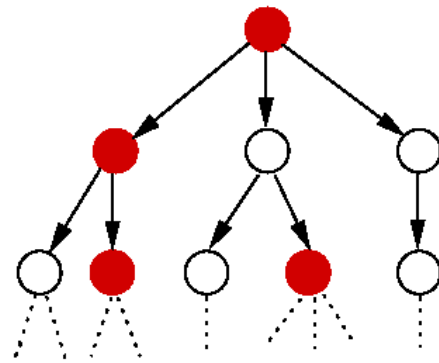
A model M and its computation tree



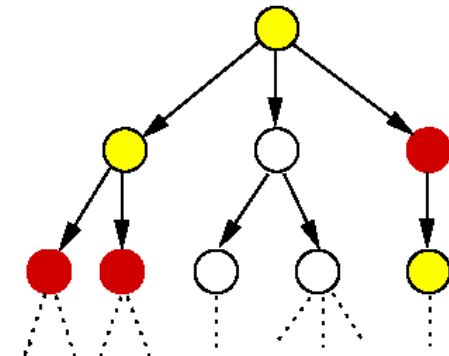
# Semantic visualization



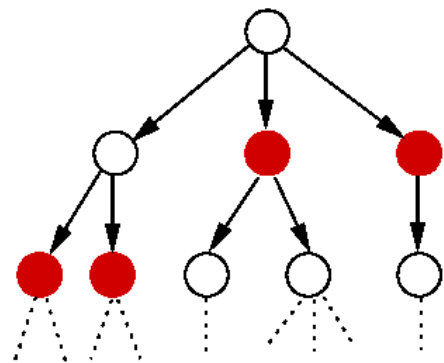
$\exists \diamond red$  (EF *red*)



$\exists \square red$  (EG *red*)

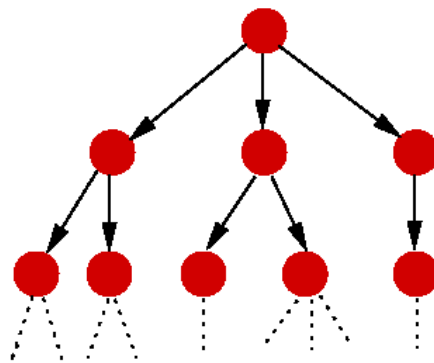


$\exists (yellow \cup red)$

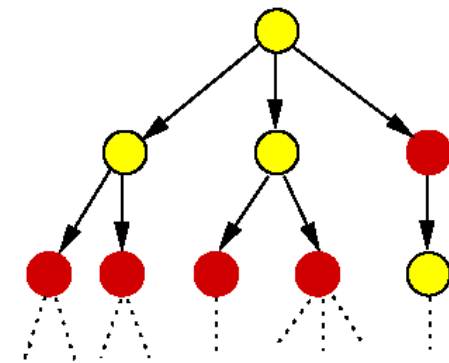


$\forall \diamond red$

AF *red*



$\forall \square red$



$\forall (yellow \cup red)$



# Formal semantics

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Let  $M(S, R, L)$  be a Kripke structure

Def: a **path** is an infinite sequence of states  $s^0s^1s^2\dots$  such that  $(s^i, s^{i+1}) \in R$

Def: if  $\sigma$  is a path,  $\sigma[i]$  is the  $(i+1)$ -th element of the sequence

Def:  $\mathcal{P}_M(s)$  is the set of all paths starting in  $s$ ,

$$\mathcal{P}_M(s) = \{\sigma \in S^\omega \mid \sigma[0] = s\}$$

Def:  $s$  is a **p-state** if  $p \in L(s)$

Def:  $\sigma$  is a p-path if it consists solely of p-states



# Formal semantics

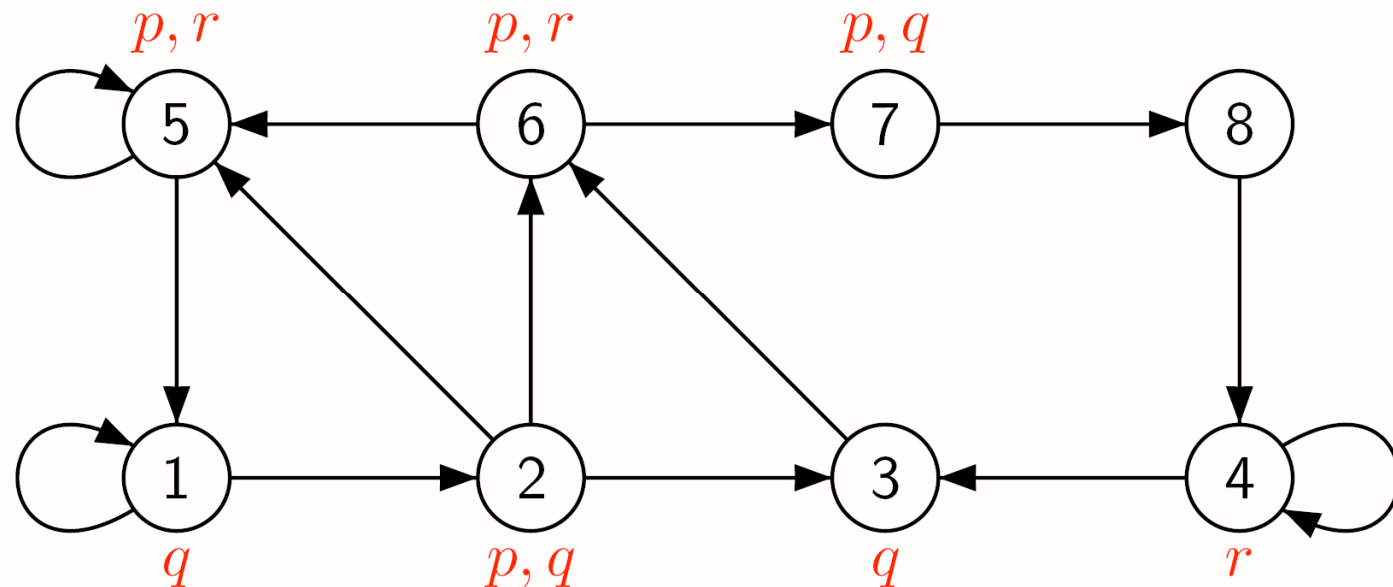
Given a Kripke structure  $M$

- $s \models p$  iff  $p \in L(s)$ .
- $s \models \neg\varphi$  iff  $\neg(s \models \varphi)$ .
- $s \models \varphi \vee \psi$  iff  $s \models \varphi \vee s \models \psi$ .
- $s \models EX\varphi$  iff  $\exists\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M(s): \sigma[1] \models \varphi$ .
- $s \models E[\varphi U \psi]$  iff  $\exists\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M(s): \exists j \geq 0, \sigma[j] \models \psi$   
 $\wedge$  for each  $0 \leq k < j, \sigma[k] \models \varphi$ .
- $s \models A[\varphi U \psi]$  iff  $\forall\sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M(s): \exists j \geq 0, \sigma[j] \models \psi$   
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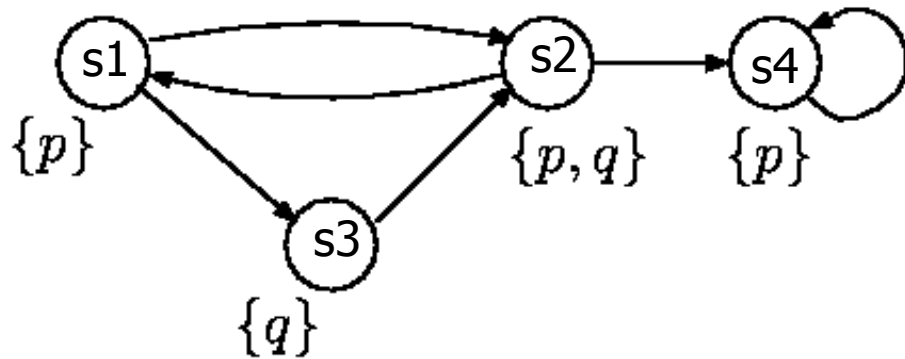
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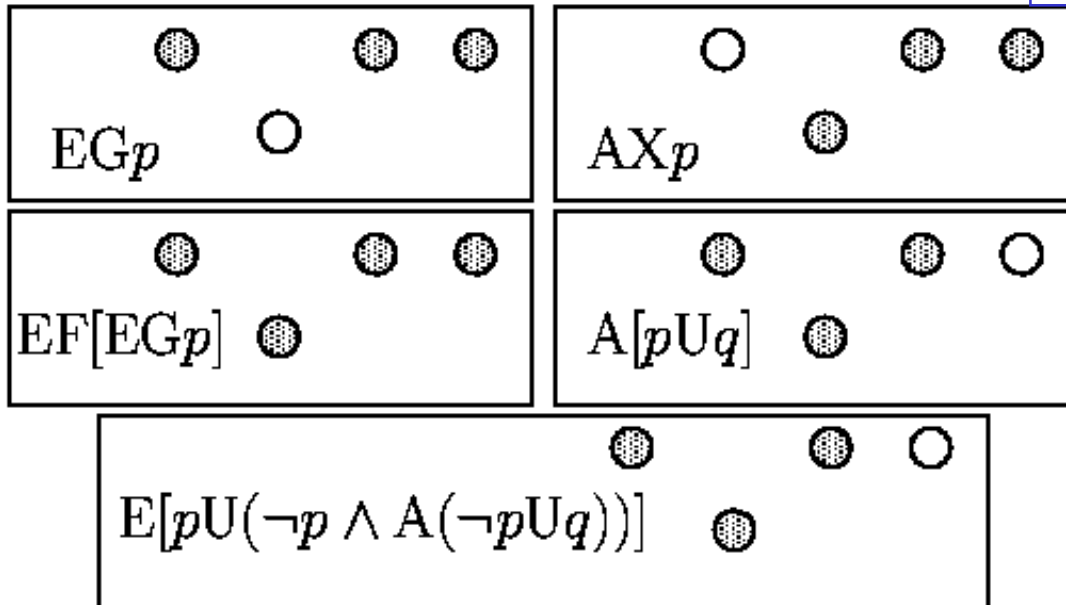
- EX p
- AX p
- EF p
- AF p
- E  $q \cup r$
- A  $q \cup r$



# Examples

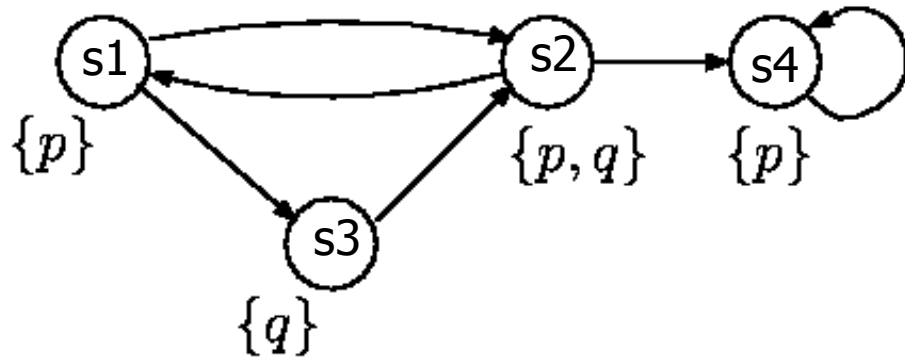


Color each state that satisfy the formula.  
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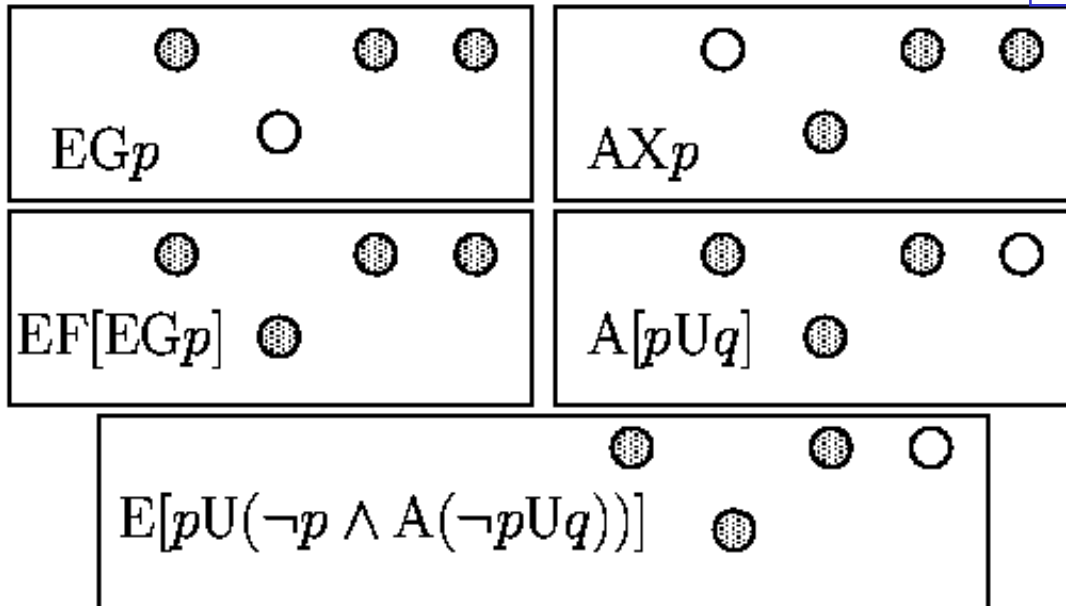




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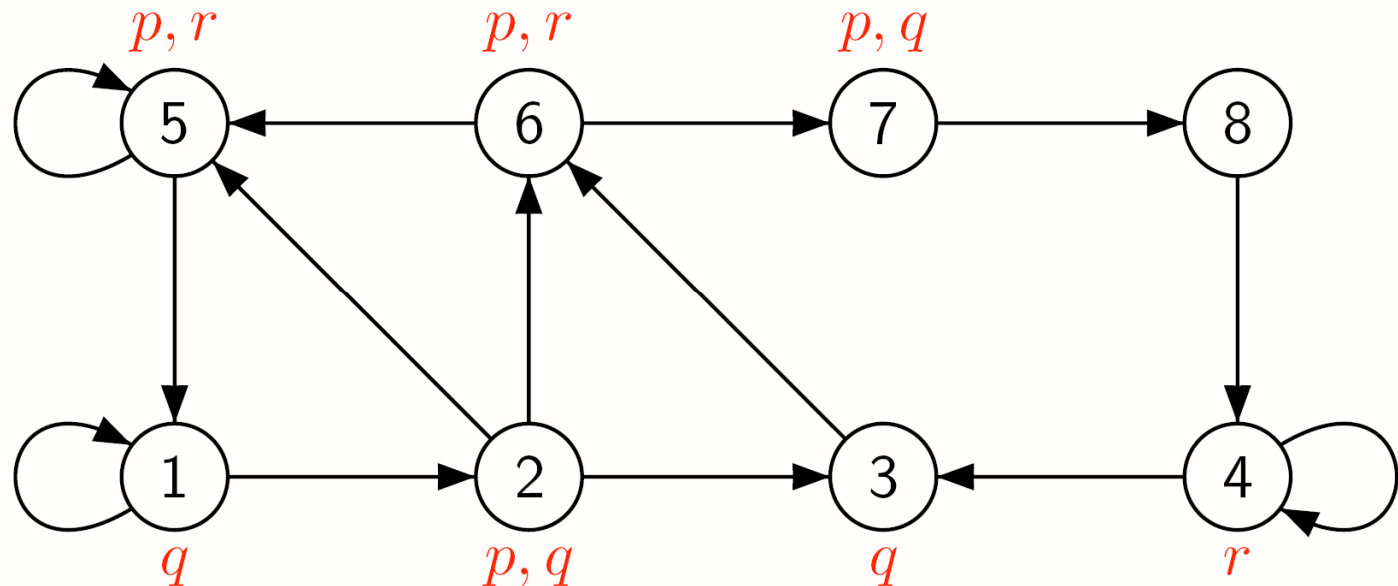
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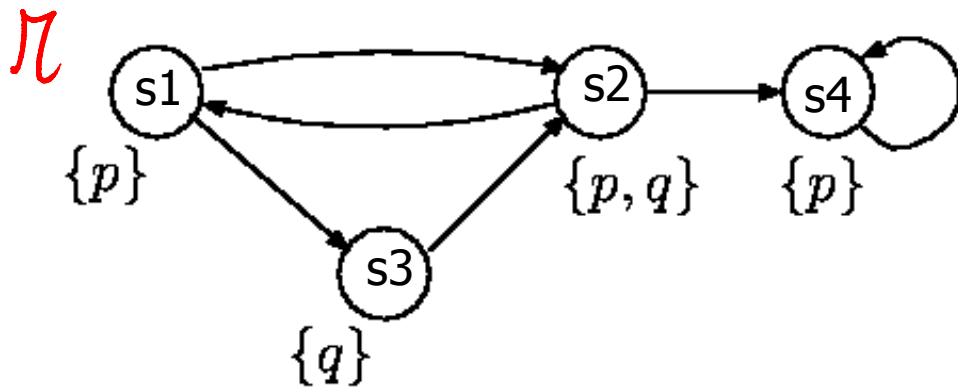
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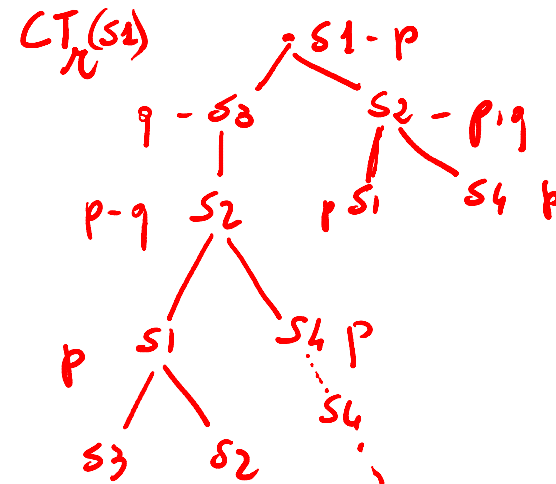
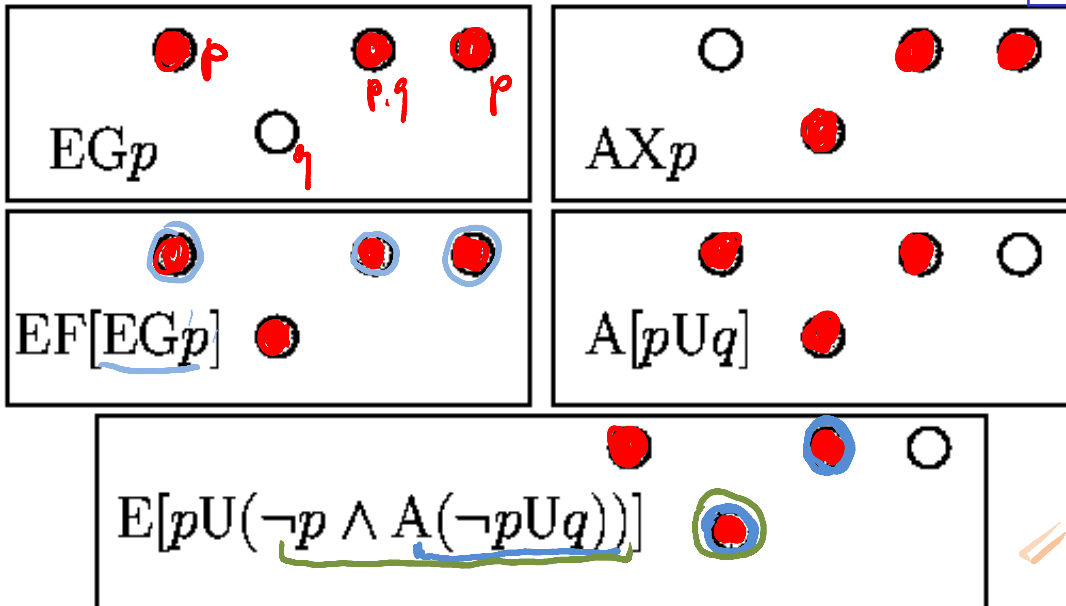
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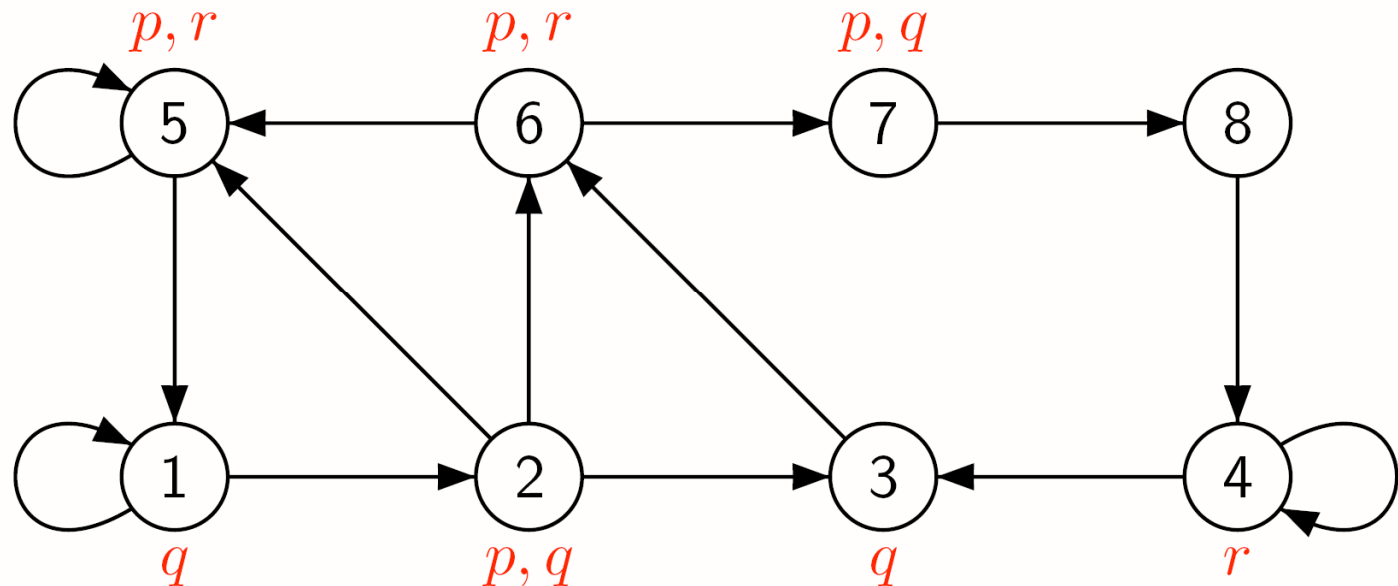
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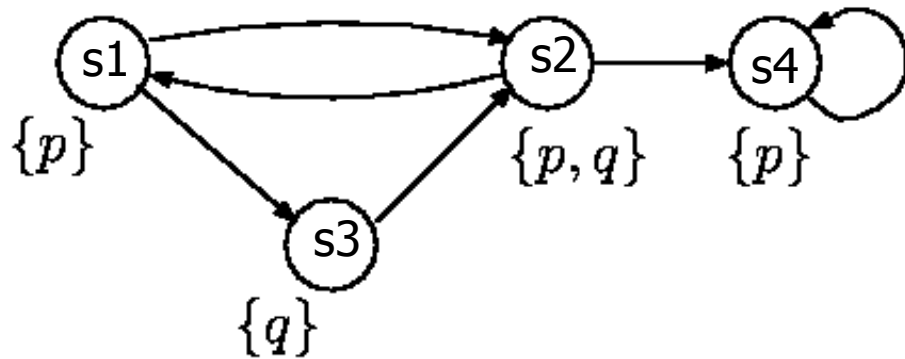
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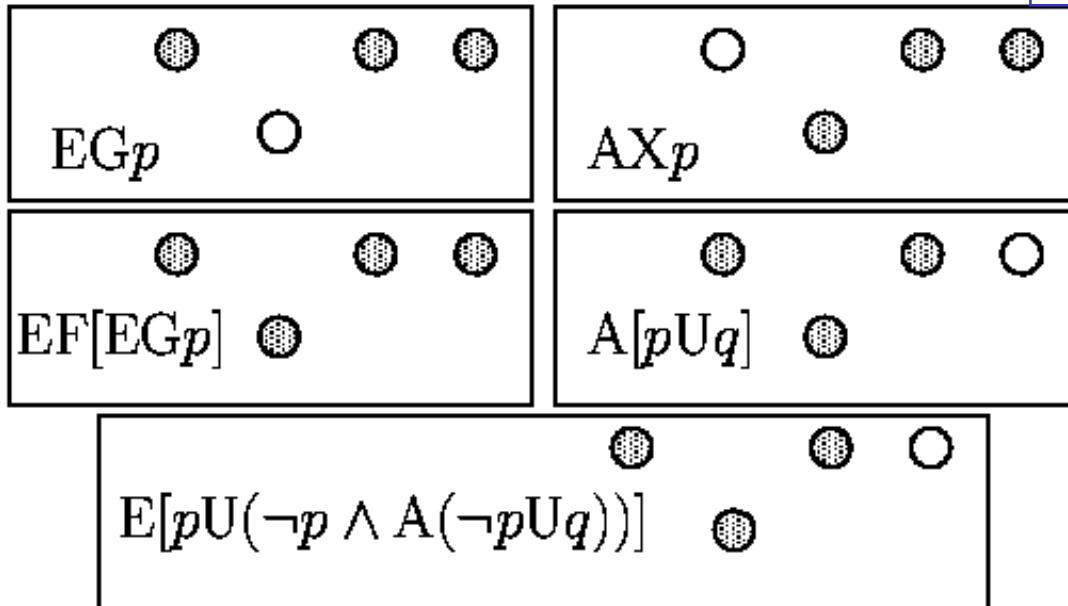
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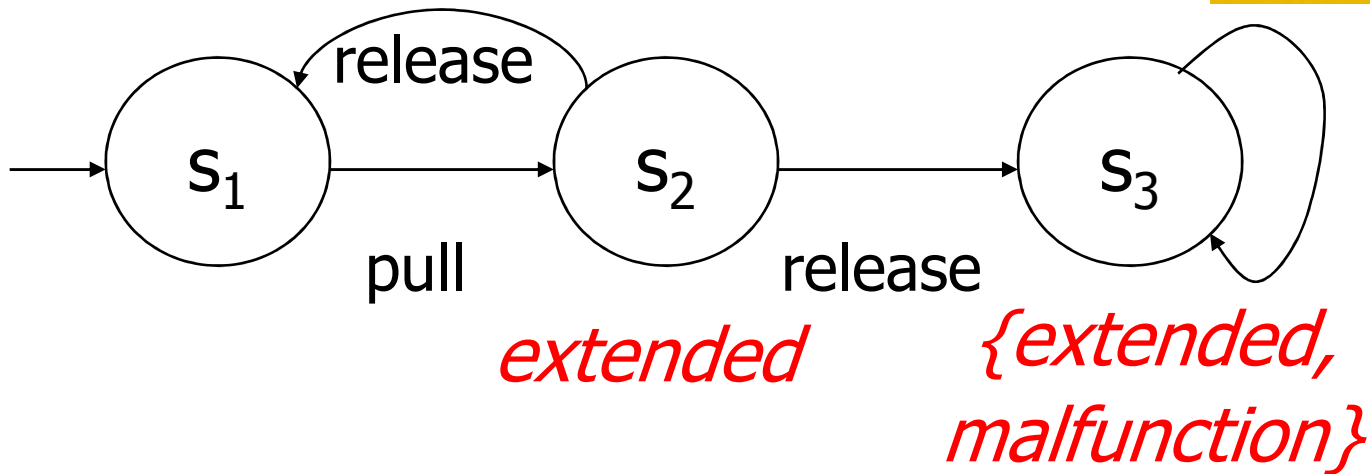
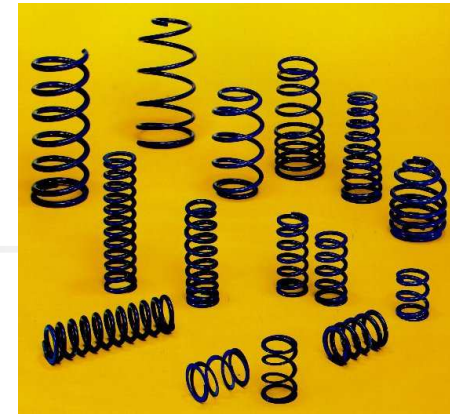
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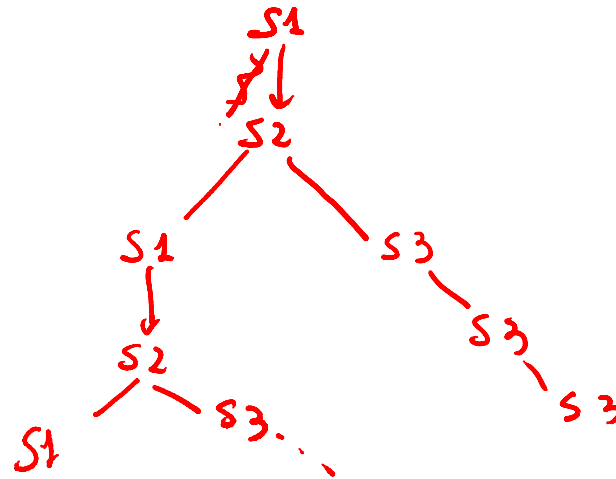


# Spring Example

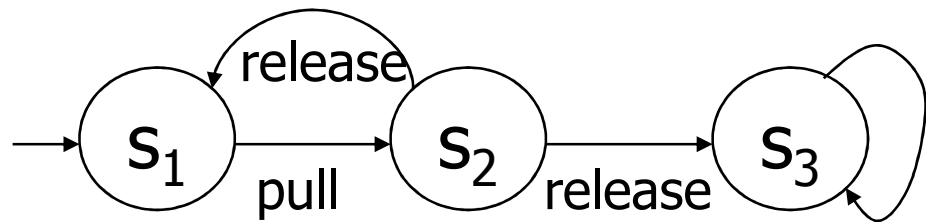


Computation tree?

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# CTL satisfaction examples



*extended*

*extended  
malfunction*

$s_i \models \text{EG extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AG extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AX extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AX EX extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AF extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AG extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AFEG extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{AGEF extended} \quad ??$

$s_i \models \text{A}((\neg \text{extended}) \cup \text{malfunction})$

$s_i \models \text{EG}(\neg \text{extended} \rightarrow \text{AX extended})$

$\text{EG}(\text{extended} \vee \text{A X extended})$

# Some axioms (Peled's book notation)

$m[t]$   
 $m \models$

Next

Recall in LTL:  $\varphi U \psi \equiv \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \bigcirc (\varphi U \psi))$

In CTL:

A	→	$\forall(\Phi U \Psi) \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \forall \bigcirc \forall(\Phi U \Psi))$
AF	→	$\forall \diamond \Phi \equiv \Phi \vee \forall \bigcirc \forall \diamond \Phi$
AG	→	$\forall \square \Phi \equiv \Phi \wedge \forall \bigcirc \forall \square \Phi$
E	→	$\exists(\Phi U \Psi) \equiv \Psi \vee (\Phi \wedge \exists \bigcirc \exists(\Phi U \Psi))$
		$\exists \diamond \Phi \equiv \Phi \vee \exists \bigcirc \exists \diamond \Phi$
		$\exists \square \Phi \equiv \Phi \wedge \exists \bigcirc \exists \square \Phi$





# Some axioms

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Recall in LTL:  $\Box(\varphi \wedge \psi) \equiv \Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi$  and  $\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi$

In CTL:

$$\forall\Box(\Phi \wedge \Psi) \equiv \forall\Box\Phi \wedge \forall\Box\Psi$$

$$\exists\Diamond(\Phi \vee \Psi) \equiv \exists\Diamond\Phi \vee \exists\Diamond\Psi$$

note that  $\exists\Box(\Phi \wedge \Psi) \not\equiv \exists\Box\Phi \wedge \exists\Box\Psi$  and  $\forall\Diamond(\Phi \vee \Psi) \not\equiv \forall\Diamond\Phi \vee \forall\Diamond\Psi$



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$$\rightarrow AG(a \wedge b) \equiv AGa \wedge AGb$$

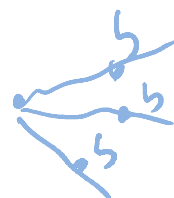
$$\rightarrow EF(a \vee b) \equiv EFa \vee EFB$$



note that  $\exists\Box(\Phi \wedge \Psi) \not\equiv \exists\Box\Phi \wedge \exists\Box\Psi$  and  $\forall\Diamond(\Phi \vee \Psi) \not\equiv \forall\Diamond\Phi \vee \forall\Diamond\Psi$

$$\exists G(a \wedge b) \not\equiv \exists G a \wedge \exists G b$$

$$AF(a \vee b) \not\equiv AFb \vee AFa$$





# Comparing LTL and CTL

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- Rewrite the syntax in state formulae and path formulae

- PLTL:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \varphi$$

- CTL (existential form)

state	$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid E\psi$
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path	$\psi ::= \neg\psi \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \varphi$
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# Meaning of LTL on Kripke structures

## Definition 5.7. Semantics of LTL over Paths and States

Let  $TS = (S, Act, \rightarrow, I, AP, L)$  be a transition system without terminal states, and let  $\varphi$  be an LTL-formula over  $AP$ .

- For infinite path fragment  $\pi$  of  $TS$ , the satisfaction relation is defined by

$$\pi \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{trace}(\pi) \models \varphi.$$

- For state  $s \in S$ , the satisfaction relation  $\models$  is defined by

$$s \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad (\forall \pi \in \text{Paths}(s). \pi \models \varphi).$$

- $TS$  satisfies  $\varphi$ , denoted  $TS \models \varphi$ , if  $\text{Traces}(TS) \subseteq \text{Words}(\varphi)$ .

Dal testo di Baier e Katoen "Principles of Model Checking"

# Meaning of LTL on Kripke structures

Need to be careful....

*Remark 5.9. Semantics of Negation*

For paths, it holds  $\pi \models \varphi$  if and only if  $\pi \not\models \neg\varphi$ . This is due to the fact that

$$\text{Words}(\neg\varphi) = (2^{AP})^\omega \setminus \text{Words}(\varphi).$$

However, the statements  $TS \not\models \varphi$  and  $TS \models \neg\varphi$  are *not* equivalent in general. Instead, we have  $TS \models \neg\varphi$  implies  $TS \not\models \varphi$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} TS \not\models \varphi & \text{ iff } \text{Traces}(TS) \not\subseteq \text{Words}(\varphi) \\ & \text{ iff } \text{Traces}(TS) \setminus \text{Words}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset \\ & \text{ iff } \text{Traces}(TS) \cap \text{Words}(\neg\varphi) \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

# Meaning of LTL on Kripke structures

Thus, it is possible that a transition system (or a state) satisfies neither  $\varphi$  nor  $\neg\varphi$ . This is caused by the fact that there might be paths  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  in  $TS$  such that  $\pi_1 \models \varphi$  and  $\pi_2 \models \neg\varphi$  (and therefore  $\pi_2 \not\models \varphi$ ). In this case,  $TS \not\models \varphi$  and  $TS \not\models \neg\varphi$  holds.

To illustrate this effect, consider the transition system depicted in Figure 5.4. Let  $AP = \{a\}$ . It follows that  $TS \not\models \Diamond a$ , since the initial path  $s_0(s_2)^\omega \not\models \Diamond a$ . On the other hand,  $TS \not\models \neg\Diamond a$  also holds, since the initial path  $s_0(s_1)^\omega \models \Diamond a$ , and thus,  $s_0(s_1)^\omega \not\models \neg\Diamond a$ . ■

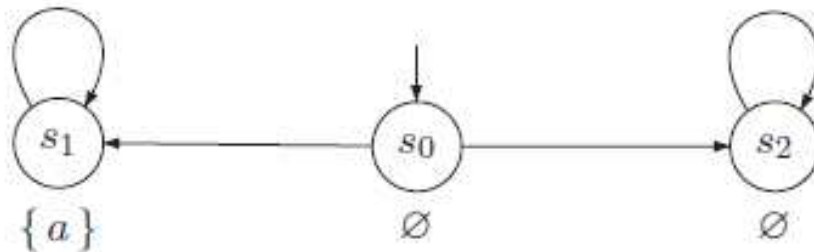


Figure 5.4: A transition system for which  $TS \not\models \Diamond a$  and  $TS \not\models \neg\Diamond a$ .



# Comparing LTL and CTL

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Def: a CTL formula  $\varphi$  is equivalent to an LTL formula  $\psi$  ( $\varphi \equiv \psi$ ) if, for any model  $M$ , we have

$$M \models_{\text{CTL}} \varphi \text{ iff } M \models_{\text{LTL}} \psi$$

Theorem: let  $\varphi$  be a CTL formula and  $\psi$  an LTL formula obtained from  $\varphi$  eliminating all paths quantifiers, then

- $\varphi \equiv \psi$  or
- an LTL formula equivalent to  $\varphi$  does not exist



# LTL and CTL are incomparable

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- There are LTL formula that *cannot be expressed* in CTL (an equivalent CTL formula does not exist)
  - $FG p$
  - $F(p \wedge X p)$
  - $G F p \Rightarrow Fq$  if  $p$  holds infinitely often, then  $q$  will eventually hold
- There are CTL formula that *cannot be expressed* in LTL (an equivalent LTL formula does not exist)
  - $AF AG p$
  - $AF(p \wedge AX p)$
  - $AG EF p$





# LTL and CTL are incomparable

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To show that they are incomparable we need to exhibit

- a formula LTL for which no corresponding equivalent CTL formula exists

AND

- a formula CTL for which no corresponding equivalent LTL formula exists

The proof relies on the "syntactical theorem" that limits the state space of the search for equivalent formulas of a given formula (remember that all LTL formula are implicitly quantified as "forall", as we are verifying the all model M, and not only an execution)



# LTL and CTL are incomparable

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Sketch of proof

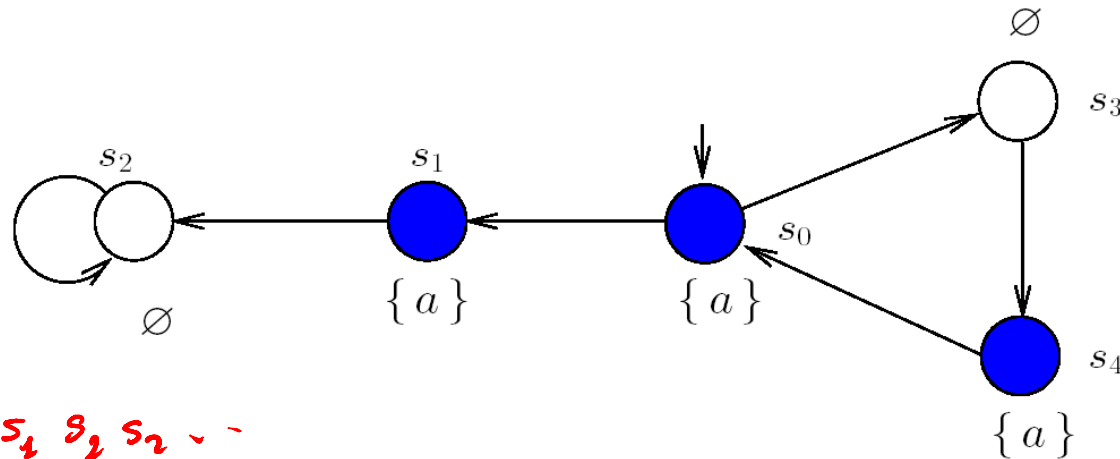
LTL does not imply CTL: given a formula LTL show that for all choices of quantifiers "addition" it is possible to exhibit a model for which one formula is satisfied and the other is not

CTL does not imply LTL: remove all quantifiers and exhibit a model for which one formula is satisfied and the other is not

# LTL and CTL are incomparable

The LTL formula  $F(a \wedge X a)$  is not equivalent to the CTL formula  $AF(a \wedge AX a)$

$\diamond(a \wedge \bigcirc a)$  is not equivalent to  $\forall \diamond(a \wedge \forall \bigcirc a)$



$s_0 s_1 s_2 s_2 \dots$

$(s_0 s_3 s_4)^+ s_0 s_1 s_2 s_2 \dots$

$(s_0 s_3 s_4)^+$

$s_0 \models F(a \wedge X a)$

but

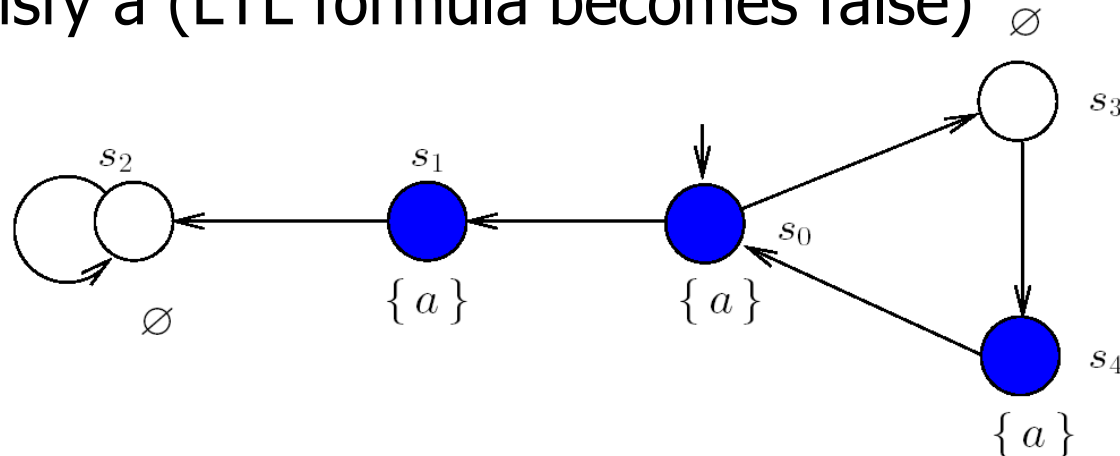
not  $s_0 \models AF(a \wedge AX a)$

path  $s_0 s_1 (s_2)^\omega$  violates it

# LTL and CTL are incomparable

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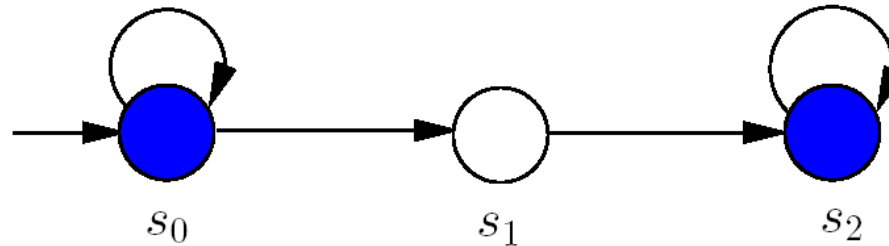
It is enough to take a model in which  $s_4$  does not satisfy  $a$  (LTL formula becomes false)



Prop: the LTL formula  $F(a \wedge X a)$  has no equivalent in CTL

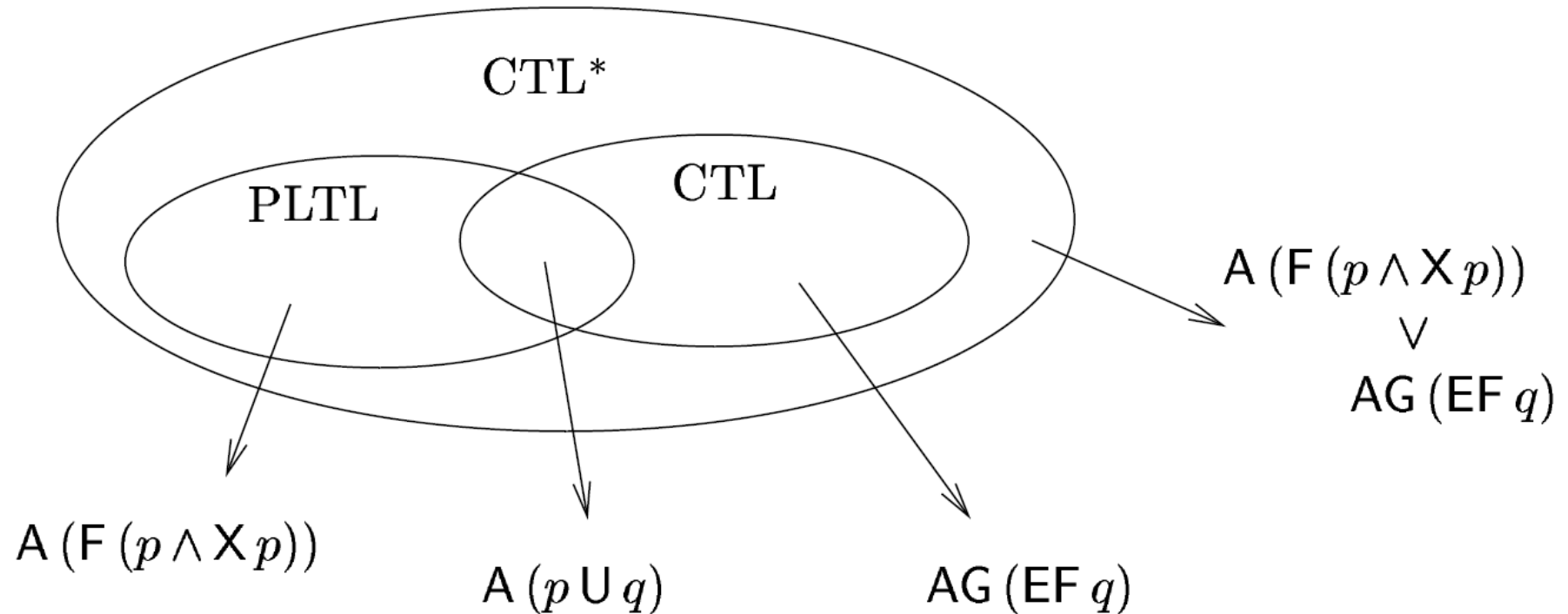
# LTL and CTL are incomparable

The CTL formula  $AF\ AG\ a$  is not equivalent to the LTL formula  $F\ G\ a$



$s_0 \models F\ G\ a$     **but**     $\underbrace{\text{not } s_0 \models AF\ AG\ a}_{\text{path } s_0^\omega \text{ violates it}}$

# LTL and CTL are incomparable



CTL\* (existential form)

state  $\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid E\psi$

path  $\psi ::= \varphi \mid \neg\psi \mid \psi \vee \psi \mid X\psi \mid \psi U \psi$



# Model checking CTL

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Problem definition: given a model  $M$ , a state  $s$ , and a CTL formula  $\varphi$ , does  $(M,s) \models \varphi$ ?

In practice the algorithm solves the problem: given a model  $M$  and a CTL formula  $\varphi$ , which are the states  $s$ , for which  $(M,s) \models \varphi$ ?

As a by-product, at zero cost, the algorithm also computes all states that satisfy the subformulae of  $\varphi$ .



# Model checking CTL

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Definition of sub-formulae. Let  $p$  in  $AP$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be CTL formulae, then the set of sub-formulae is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sub}(p) &= \{p\} \\ \text{Sub}(\neg\varphi) &= \text{Sub}(\varphi) \cup \{\neg\varphi\} \\ \text{Sub}(\varphi \vee \psi) &= \text{Sub}(\varphi) \cup \text{Sub}(\psi) \cup \{\varphi \vee \psi\} \\ \text{Sub}(\text{EX}\varphi) &= \text{Sub}(\varphi) \cup \{\text{EX}\varphi\} \\ \text{Sub}(\text{E}[\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi]) &= \text{Sub}(\varphi) \cup \text{Sub}(\psi) \cup \{\text{E}[\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi]\} \\ \text{Sub}(\text{A}[\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi]) &= \text{Sub}(\varphi) \cup \text{Sub}(\psi) \cup \{\text{A}[\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi]\} \end{aligned}$$





# Model checking CTL

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The algorithm starts with sub-formulae of length 1, and proceeds by induction, until the formula of length  $|\varphi|$  is computed

Usually  $S$ : *set of State*, is global

*function* Sat( $\varphi$ : *CTL formula*,  $S$ : *set of State*): *set of State*

(\* precondition: true\*)

*begin*

if  $\varphi = \text{true}$  --> return  $S$

[]  $\varphi = \text{false}$  --> return  $\emptyset$

[]  $\varphi \in AP$  --> return  $\{s \mid \varphi \in L(s)\}$



# Model checking CTL

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[]  $\varphi = \neg\varphi_1 \rightarrow \text{return } S - \text{Sat}(\varphi_1)$

[]  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \rightarrow \text{return } \text{Sat}(\varphi_1) \cup \text{Sat}(\varphi_2)$

[]  $\varphi = \text{EX}\varphi_1 \rightarrow \text{return } \{s \in S \mid \exists (s, s') \in R \wedge s' \in \text{Sat}(\varphi_1)\}$

[]  $\varphi = \text{E}[\varphi_1 \text{U}\varphi_2] \rightarrow \text{return } \text{Sat}_{\text{EU}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$

[]  $\varphi = \text{A}[\varphi_1 \text{U}\varphi_2] \rightarrow \text{return } \text{Sat}_{\text{AU}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$

(\* postcondition:  $\text{Sat}(\varphi) = \{s \in S \mid (M, s) \models \varphi\}$

*end*



# Model checking CTL

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$\text{Sat}_{\text{EU}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  and  $\text{Sat}_{\text{AU}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  are fixed point algorithms that use the axiom of the Until in terms of neXt and Until

$$E[\phi \cup \psi] = \psi \vee (\phi \wedge \exists X \exists \phi \cup \psi)$$

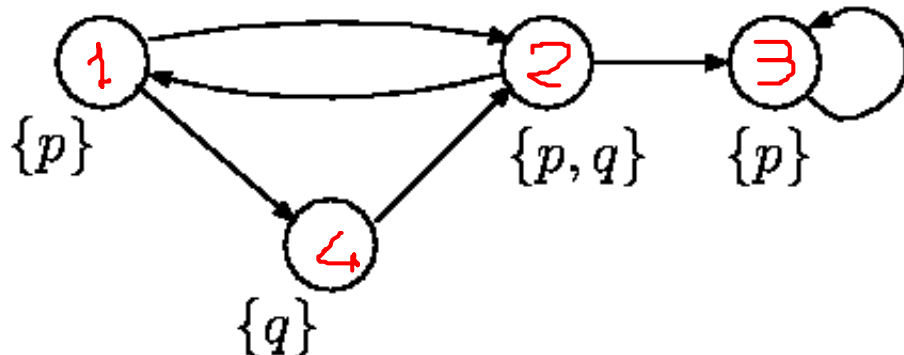
# Model checking CTL

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function  $Sat_{EU}(\phi, \psi : \text{Formula}) : \text{set of State};$   
(* precondition: true *)  
begin var  $Q, Q' : \text{set of State};$   
     $Q, Q' := Sat(\psi), \emptyset;$   
    do  $Q \neq Q' \longrightarrow$  //  $\forall s \in Q, s \models E[\phi \cup \psi]$   
         $Q' := Q;$   
         $Q := Q \cup (\{s \mid \exists s' \in Q. (s, s') \in R\} \cap Sat(\phi))$   
    od;  
    return  $Q$   
(* postcondition:  $Sat_{EU}(\phi, \psi) = \{s \in S \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models E[\phi \cup \psi]\}$  *)  
end
```

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function  $Sat_{EU}(\phi, \psi : Formula) : \text{set of State};$ 
(* precondition: true *)
begin var  $Q, Q' : \text{set of State};$ 
     $Q, Q' := Sat(\psi), \emptyset;$ 
    do  $Q \neq Q' \longrightarrow$ 
         $Q' := Q;$ 
         $Q := Q \cup (\{s \mid \exists s' \in Q. (s, s') \in R\} \cap Sat(\phi))$ 
    od;
    return  $Q$ 
(* postcondition:  $Sat_{EU}(\phi, \psi) = \{s \in S \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models E[\phi U \psi]\}$  *)
end

```



$E p \vee q$

$$A(\phi \cup \psi) \equiv \psi \vee (\phi \wedge AX A(\phi \cup \psi))$$

# Model checking CTL

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function  $Sat_{AU}(\phi, \psi : \text{Formula}) : \text{set of State};$ 
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(* precondition: true *)
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begin var  $Q, Q' : \text{set of State};$ 
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   $Q, Q' := Sat(\psi), \emptyset;$ 
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  do  $Q \neq Q' \longrightarrow$ 
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     $Q' := Q;$ 
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$\{s \mid \forall s': (s, s') \in R, s' \in Q\}$

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     $Q := Q \cup (\{s \mid \forall s' \in Q. (s, s') \in R\} \cap Sat(\phi))$ 
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  od};
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  return  $Q$ 
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(* postcondition:  $Sat_{AU}(\phi, \psi) = \{s \in S \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models A[\phi U \psi]\}$  *)
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end
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**function**  $Sat_{AU}(\phi, \psi : Formula) : \text{set of State};$

(\* precondition: true \*)

**begin** var  $Q, Q' : \text{set of State};$

$Q, Q' := Sat(\psi), \emptyset;$

**do**  $Q \neq Q' \rightarrow$

$Q' := Q;$

$\{s \mid \forall s': (s, s') \in R \text{ and } s' \in Q\}$

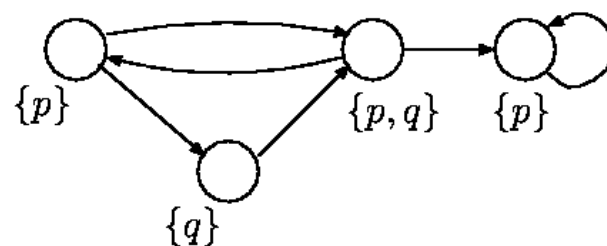
$Q := Q \cup (\{s \mid \forall s' \in Q. (s, s') \in R\} \cap Sat(\phi))$

**od;**

**return**  $Q$

(\* postcondition:  $Sat_{AU}(\phi, \psi) = \{s \in S \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models A[\phi U \psi]\}$  \*)

**end**



$EGp$ 	$AXp$ 
$EF[EGp]$ 	$A[pUq]$ 

# Complexity of CTL model checking

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$\text{Sat}(\varphi)$  is computed  $|\text{Sub}(\varphi)|$  times, and  $|\text{Sub}(\varphi)|$  is proportional to  $|\varphi|$

$\text{Sat}_{\text{AU}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is proportional to  $|\text{Sys}|^3$ , since the iteration is traversed at most  $|\text{Sys}|$  and the “forall” inside depend on the pairs in  $R$  (at most  $|\text{Sys}|^2$ )

Total complexity amounts to  $O(|\varphi| \times |\text{Sys}|^3)$

More efficient algorithms gets to  $O(|\varphi| \times |\text{Sys}|^2)$





# CTL and fairness: motivations

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Recall the following piece of code:

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process Inc = while  $\langle x \geq 0 \rangle$  do  $x := x + 1$  od  
process Reset =  $x := -1$ 
```

where  $\langle .. \rangle$  means “atomic execution”.

Does the program satisfy “F terminates”? No, since there is an execution in which only Inc is executed.

This situation is not possible if the OS schedule is fair, and we would like to rule-out from the model checking those executions that are not fair



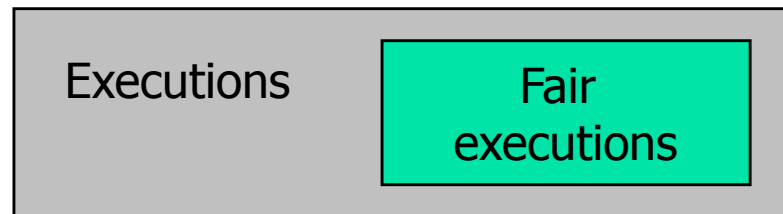
# Fair executions: solutions

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We want to consider only execution with fair behaviour.

Can be done:

- enforcing fairness in the formula: we should check whether fairness can be expressed in CTL
- modifying the MC algorithm as to consider only fair executions





# Recall the LTL fairness definitions

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- *Unconditional fairness:*
  - $GF \psi$  also stated as  $true \Rightarrow GF \psi$
- *Weak fairness (justice):*
  - $FG \varphi \Rightarrow GF \psi$  (as in:  $FG \text{enab}(a) \Rightarrow GF \text{exec}(a)$ )
- *Strong transition fairness:*
  - $GF \varphi \Rightarrow GF \psi$

Weak and strong cannot be expressed in CTL

Therefore: modify the model checking algorithm, defining a Fair-model for CTL



# Fair executions: solutions

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A fair CTL-model is a quadruple  $M = (S, R, L, F)$ , where  $(S, R, L)$  is a CTL-model and  $F \subseteq 2^S$  is a set of fairness constraints

$$F = \{F^1, F^2, \dots\}$$

A path  $\sigma = s^0 s^1 s^2 \dots$  is  $F$ -fair if for every set of states  $F^i \in F$ , there are infinitely many states in  $\sigma$  that belong to  $F^i$

If  $\lim(\sigma)$ : set of states of  $\sigma$  visited infinitely often, then  $\sigma$  is  $F$ -fair if  $\lim(\sigma) \cap F^i \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $i$

$\mathcal{P}_M^f(s)$ : set of  $F$ -fair paths starting in  $s$



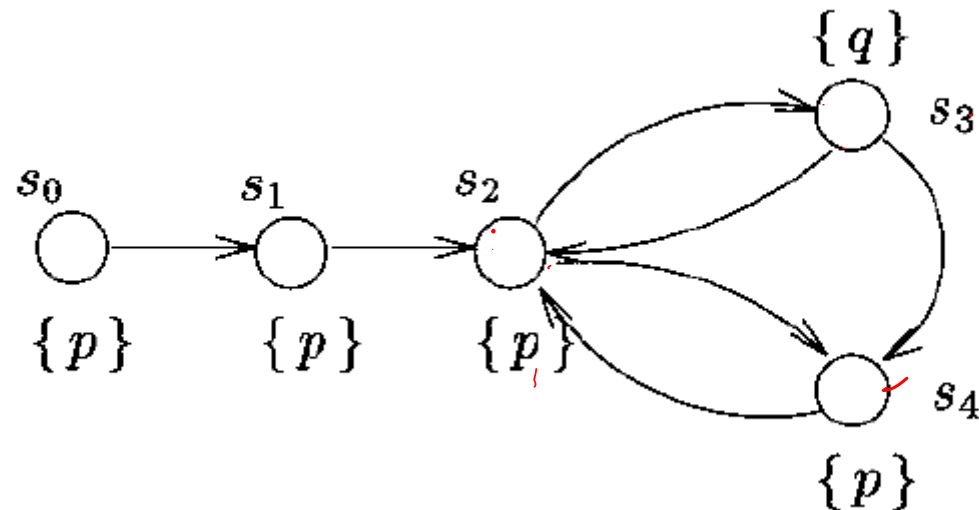
# Fair executions: modified semantics

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Given a Kripke structure  $M$

- $s \models_f p$  iff  $p \in L(s)$ .
- $s \models_f \neg\varphi$  iff  $\neg(s \models_f \varphi)$ .
- $s \models_f \varphi \vee \psi$  iff  $s \models_f \varphi \vee s \models_f \psi$ .
- $s \models_f EX\varphi$  iff  $\exists \sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M^f(s): \sigma[1] \models_f \varphi$ .
- $s \models_f E[\varphi U \psi]$  iff  $\exists \sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M^f(s): \exists j \geq 0, \sigma[j] \models_f \psi$   
 $\wedge$  for each  $0 \leq k < j, \sigma[k] \models_f \varphi$ .
- $s \models_f A[\varphi U \psi]$  iff  $\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{P}_M^f(s): \exists j \geq 0, \sigma[j] \models_f \psi$   
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# Fair executions: example



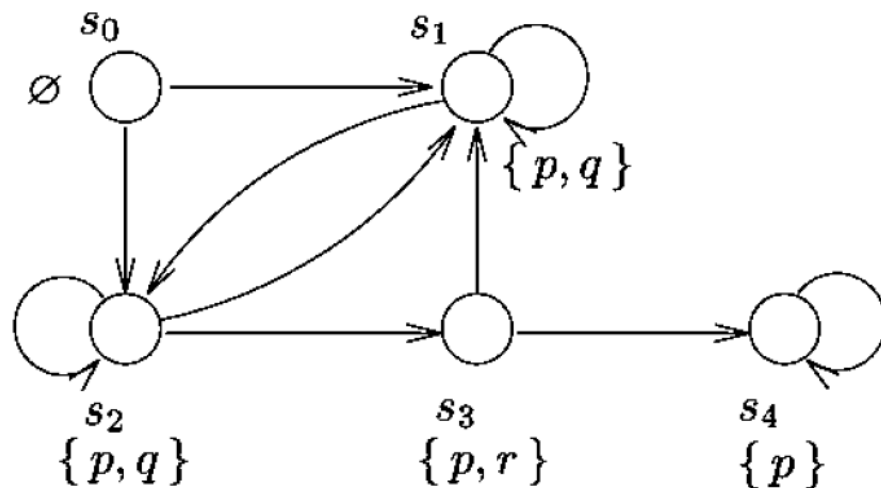
$(M, s_0) \models AG[p \rightarrow AF q]$  - false,

but with  $F = \{F^1, F^2\}$ , with  $F^1 = \{s_3\}$  and  $F^2 = \{s_4\}$

$(M, s_0) \models_f AG[p \rightarrow AF q]$

*Posso togliere  $F_2$ ?*

# Exercise on CTL



1.  $EG p$
2.  $AG p$
3.  $EF [AG p]$
4.  $AF \overset{A}{\checkmark} [p \overset{E}{\checkmark} U EG (p \Rightarrow q)]$
5.  $EG \overset{\checkmark} [((p \wedge q) \vee r) U \overset{\checkmark} (r U AG p)]$

Check the validity of the formulae in each state

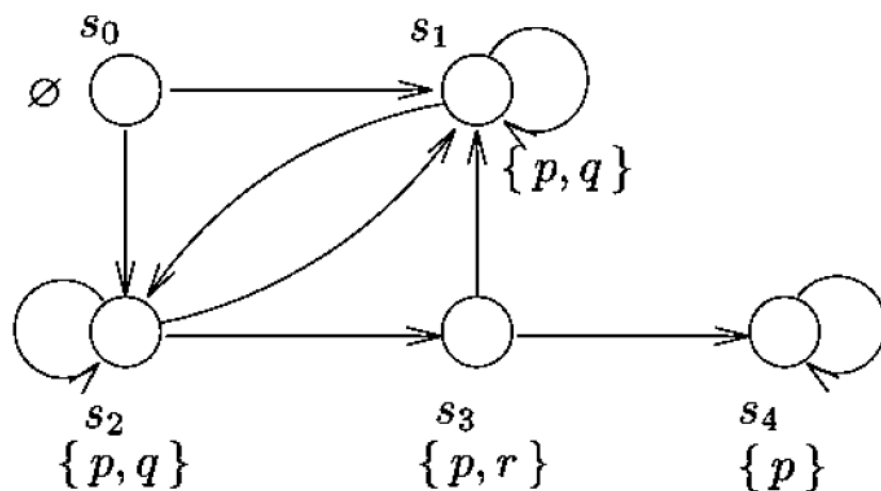
$EF\phi \equiv E[\text{true} U \phi]$  “ $\phi$  holds potentially”

$AF\phi \equiv A[\text{true} U \phi]$  “ $\phi$  is inevitable”

$EG\phi \equiv \neg AF\neg\phi$  “potentially always  $\phi$ ”

$AG\phi \equiv \neg EF\neg\phi$  “invariantly  $\phi$ ”

# Exercise on CTL



$EFp \equiv E[\text{true} \cup p]$

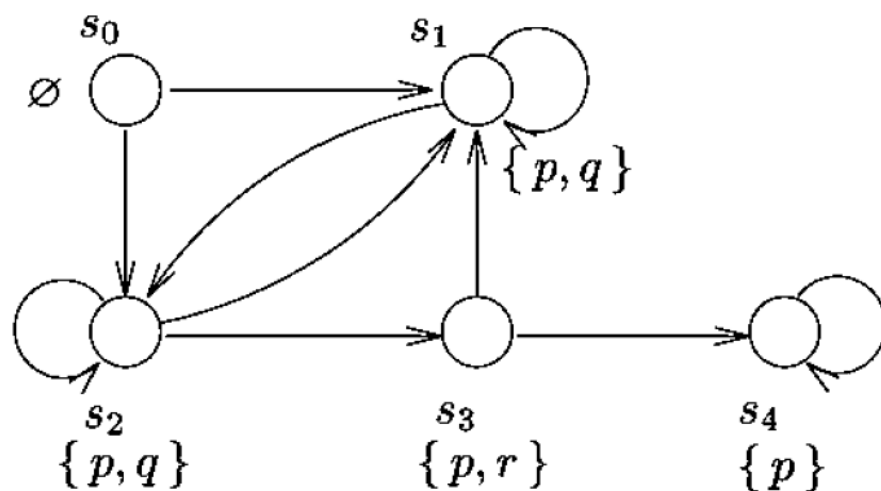
$AFp \equiv A[\text{true} \cup p]$

EFp: start with  $Q = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$  and in one step add  $s_0$ , and at the next iteration the algorithm stops

AFp: start with  $Q = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$  and in the next step consider  $s_0$ .  $s_0$  can be added only if all arcs out of  $s_0$  are in  $Q$



# Exercise on CTL



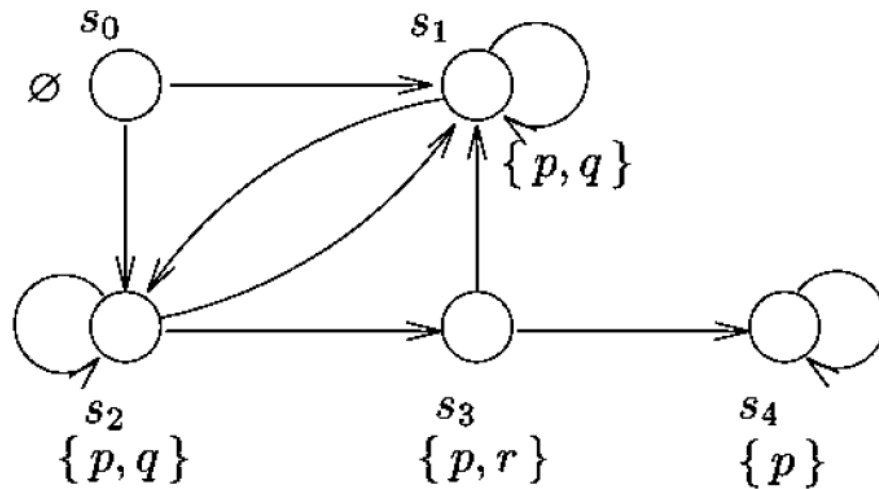
$$EGp \equiv \neg AF\neg p \equiv \neg A[\text{true} \cup \neg p]$$

$$AGp \equiv \neg EF\neg p \equiv \neg E[\text{true} \cup \neg p]$$

EGp: the result is the complement of the states that satisfy  $AF\neg p$  that can be computed as before

AGp: the result is the complement of the states that satisfy  $EF\neg p$

# Exercise on CTL



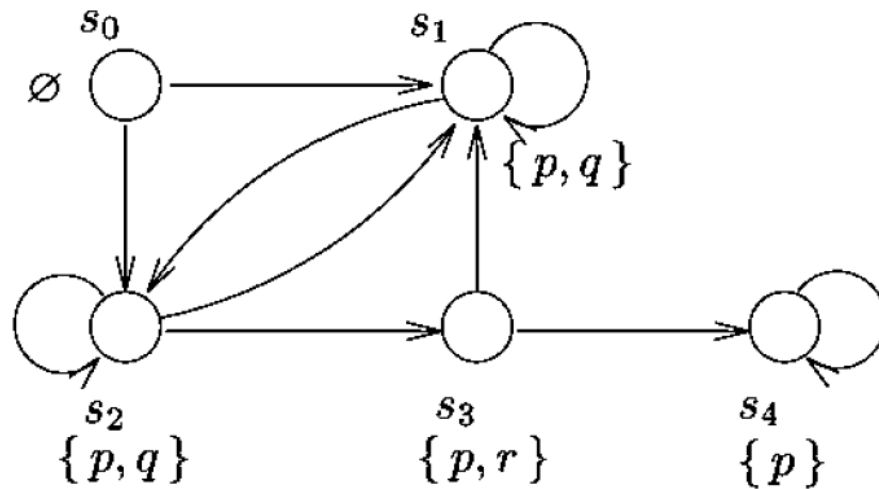
$EFq \equiv E[\text{true} \cup q]$

$AFq \equiv A[\text{true} \cup q]$

$EFq$ : start with  $Q = \{s_1, s_2\}$  and in one step add  $s_0$ , and  $s_3$ , and at the next iteration the algorithm stops

$AFq$ : start with  $Q = \{s_1, s_2\}$  and in the next step  $s_0$  is added. At the next iteration no new element is added and the algorithm stops.

# Exercise on CTL



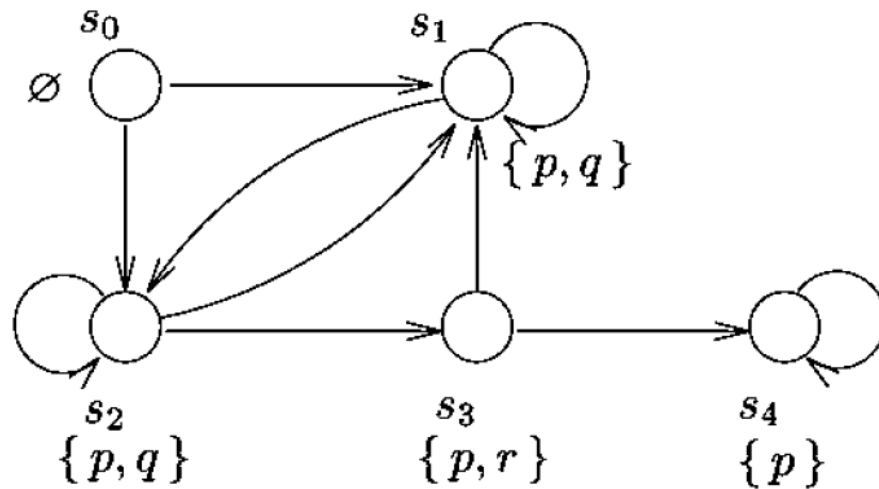
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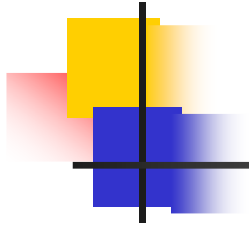
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E  
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End of CTL