

- Hennessy-Milner logic
- syntax and semantics
- correspondence with strong bisimilarity

# Verifying Correctness of Reactive Systems

Let *Impl* be an implementation of a system (e.g. in CCS syntax).

## Equivalence Checking Approach

$$Impl \equiv Spec$$

- $\equiv$  is an abstract equivalence, e.g.  $\sim$  or  $\approx$
- *Spec* is often expressed in the same language as *Impl*
- *Spec* provides the full specification of the intended behaviour

## Model Checking Approach

$$Impl \models Property$$

- $\models$  is the satisfaction relation
- *Property* is a particular feature, often expressed via a logic
- *Property* is a partial specification of the intended behaviour

## Our Aim

Develop a logic in which we can express interesting properties of reactive systems.

# Logical Properties of Reactive Systems

## Modal Properties – what can happen now (possibility, necessity)

- drink a coffee (can drink a coffee now)
- does not drink tea
- drinks both tea and coffee
- drinks tea after coffee

## Temporal Properties – behaviour in time

- never drinks any alcohol  
(**safety property**: nothing bad can happen)
- eventually will have a glass of wine  
(**liveness property**: something good will happen)

Can these properties be expressed using equivalence checking?

## Syntax of the Formulae ( $a \in Act$ )

$$F, G ::= tt \mid ff \mid F \wedge G \mid F \vee G \mid \langle a \rangle F \mid [a]F$$

Intuition:

$tt$  all processes satisfy this property

$ff$  no process satisfies this property

$\wedge, \vee$  usual logical AND and OR

$\langle a \rangle F$  there is at least one  $a$ -successor that satisfies  $F$

$[a]F$  all  $a$ -successors have to satisfy  $F$

## Remark

Temporal properties like always/never in the future or eventually are not included.

Let  $(Proc, Act, (\xrightarrow{a})_{a \in Act})$  be an LTS.

Validity of the logical triple  $p \models F$  ( $p \in Proc$ ,  $F$  a HM formula)

$p \models tt$  for each  $p \in Proc$

$p \models ff$  for no  $p$  (we also write  $p \not\models ff$ )

$p \models F \wedge G$  iff  $p \models F$  and  $p \models G$

$p \models F \vee G$  iff  $p \models F$  or  $p \models G$

$p \models \langle a \rangle F$  iff  $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$  for some  $p' \in Proc$  such that  $p' \models F$

$p \models [a]F$  iff  $p' \models F$ , for all  $p' \in Proc$  such that  $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$

We write  $p \not\models F$  whenever  $p$  does not satisfy  $F$ .

# What about Negation?

For every formula  $F$  we define the formula  $F^c$  as follows:

- $tt^c = ff$
- $ff^c = tt$
- $(F \wedge G)^c = F^c \vee G^c$
- $(F \vee G)^c = F^c \wedge G^c$
- $(\langle a \rangle F)^c = [a]F^c$
- $([a]F)^c = \langle a \rangle F^c$

**Theorem** ( $F^c$  is equivalent to the negation of  $F$ )

For any  $p \in Proc$  and any HM formula  $F$

- 1  $p \models F \implies p \not\models F^c$
- 2  $p \not\models F \implies p \models F^c$

# Hennessy-Milner Logic – Denotational Semantics

For a formula  $F$  let  $\llbracket F \rrbracket \subseteq Proc$  contain all states that satisfy  $F$ .

Denotational Semantics:  $\llbracket \_ \rrbracket : Formulae \rightarrow 2^{Proc}$

- $\llbracket tt \rrbracket = Proc$
- $\llbracket ff \rrbracket = \emptyset$
- $\llbracket F \vee G \rrbracket = \llbracket F \rrbracket \cup \llbracket G \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket F \wedge G \rrbracket = \llbracket F \rrbracket \cap \llbracket G \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket \langle a \rangle F \rrbracket = \langle \cdot a \cdot \rangle \llbracket F \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket [a] F \rrbracket = [\cdot a \cdot] \llbracket F \rrbracket$

where  $\langle \cdot a \cdot \rangle, [\cdot a \cdot] : 2^{(Proc)} \rightarrow 2^{(Proc)}$  are defined by

$$\langle \cdot a \cdot \rangle S = \{p \in Proc \mid \exists p'. p \xrightarrow{a} p' \text{ and } p' \in S\}$$

$$[\cdot a \cdot] S = \{p \in Proc \mid \forall p'. p \xrightarrow{a} p' \implies p' \in S\}.$$



# The Correspondence Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $(Proc, Act, (\xrightarrow{a})_{a \in Act})$  be an LTS,  $p \in Proc$  and  $F$  a formula of Hennessy-Milner logic. Then*

$$p \models F \quad \text{if and only if} \quad p \in \llbracket F \rrbracket.$$

Proof: by structural induction on the structure of the formula  $F$ .

## Image-Finite System

Let  $(Proc, Act, (\xrightarrow{a})_{a \in Act})$  be an LTS. We call it **image-finite** if for every  $p \in Proc$  and every  $a \in Act$  the set

$$\{p' \in Proc \mid p \xrightarrow{a} p'\}$$

is finite.

## Theorem (Hennessy-Milner)

Let  $(Proc, Act, (\xrightarrow{a})_{a \in Act})$  be an image-finite LTS and  $p, q \in Proc$ . Then

$$p \sim q$$

if and only if

for every HM formula  $F$ :  $(p \models F \iff q \models F)$ .