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# Expressivity

Definition: complete linear time flows

A time flow  $(\mathbb{T},<)$  is linear if < is a total strict order.

A linear time flow  $(\mathbb{T},<)$  is complete if every nonempty and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  has a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound.

$$\begin{split} (\mathbb{N},<),\ (\mathbb{Z},<) \text{ and } (\mathbb{R},<) \text{ are complete.} \\ (\mathbb{Q},<) \text{ and } (\mathbb{R}\setminus\{0\},<) \text{ are not complete.} \end{split}$$

Theorem: Expressive completeness [11, Kamp 68]

For complete linear time flows,

 $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{SU},\mathsf{SS})=\mathrm{FO}_{\mathrm{AP}}(<)$ 

Elegant algebraic proof of  $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{SU})=\mathrm{FO}_{\mathrm{AP}}(<)$  over  $(\mathbb{N},<)$  due to Wilke 98.

See also Diekert-Gastin [17]: TL = FO = SF = AP = CFBA = VWAA.

#### Example:

$$\begin{split} \psi(x) &= \neg P_a(x) \land \neg P_b(x) \land \forall y \forall z \left( P_a(y) \land P_b(z) \land y < z \right) \rightarrow \\ \exists v \ y < v < z \land \begin{pmatrix} P_c(v) \land x < y \\ \lor \ P_d(v) \land z < x \\ \lor \ P_e(v) \land y < x < z \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

# Expressivity

Definition: Equivalence

Let  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$  be a class of time flows.

Two formulae  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP}, \mathsf{SU}, \mathsf{SS})$  are equivalent over  $\mathcal{C}$  if for all temporal structures  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  over  $\mathcal{C}$  and all time points  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  we have

 $w,t\models\varphi\quad\text{iff}\quad w,t\models\psi$ 

Two formulae  $\varphi \in \mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP}, \mathsf{SU}, \mathsf{SS})$  and  $\psi(x) \in \mathrm{FO}_{\mathrm{AP}}(<)$  are equivalent over  $\mathcal C$  if for all temporal structures  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  over  $\mathcal C$  and all time points  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  we have

 $w,t\models\varphi\quad\text{iff}\quad w,x\mapsto t\models\psi$ 

We also write  $w \models \psi(t)$ .

Remark:  $TL(AP, SU, SS) \subseteq FO_{AP}^{3}(<) \subseteq FO_{AP}(<)$  $\forall \varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS), \exists \psi(x) \in FO_{AP}^{3}(<)$  such that  $\varphi$  and  $\psi(x)$  are equivalent.

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# Stavi connectives: Time flows with gaps

Definition: Stavi Until:  $\overline{U}$ Let  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  be a temporal structure and  $i \in \mathbb{T}$ . Then,  $w, i \models \varphi \, \overline{U} \, \psi$  if

$$\begin{split} \exists k \ i < k \\ & \land \exists j \ (i < j < k \land w, j \models \neg \varphi) \\ & \land \exists j \ (i < j < k \land \forall \ell \ (i < \ell < j \rightarrow w, \ell \models \varphi)) \\ & \land \forall j \ \left[ i < j < k \land \forall \ell \ (i < \ell < j \rightarrow w, \ell \models \varphi)) \\ & \land \forall j \ \left[ i < j < k \rightarrow \left[ \bigvee_{i} [j < k' \land \forall j' \ (i < j' < k' \rightarrow w, j' \models \varphi)] \\ & \lor [\forall \ell \ (j < \ell < k \rightarrow w, \ell \models \psi) \land \exists \ell \ (i < \ell < j \land w, \ell \models \neg \varphi)] \right] \right] \end{split}$$

Similar definition for the Stavi Since  $\overline{S}$ .

#### Example:

Let  $w = (\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, <, h)$  with  $h(p) = \mathbb{R}_{-}$  and  $h(q) = \mathbb{R}_{+}$ . Then,  $w, -1 \not\models p \operatorname{SU} q$  but  $w, -1 \models p \overline{\operatorname{U}} q$ .

Theorem: [13, Gabbay, Hodkinson, Reynolds]

 ${\rm TL}({\rm AP},{\sf SU},{\sf SS},\overline{{\sf S}},\overline{{\sf U}})$  is expressively complete for  ${\rm FO}_{\rm AP}(<)$  over the class of all linear time flows.

### Stavi connectives: Time flows with gaps

#### Exercise: Isolated gaps

Let  $\varphi_p = p \operatorname{SU} p \wedge \operatorname{SF} \neg p \wedge \neg (p \operatorname{SU} \neg p) \wedge \neg (p \operatorname{SU} \neg (p \operatorname{SU} \top)).$ Let  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  with  $\mathbb{T} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ . Show that if  $w, t \models \varphi_p$  then  $\mathbb{T}$  has a gap. Let  $\psi_{p,q} = \varphi_p \wedge (q \lor \varphi_p) \operatorname{SU} (q \wedge \neg p).$ Show that  $\psi_{p,q}$  is equivalent to  $p \overline{U} q$  over the time flow  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, <).$ Show that  $\operatorname{TL}(\operatorname{AP}, \operatorname{SU}, \operatorname{SS})$  is  $\operatorname{FO}_{\operatorname{AP}}(<)$ -complete over the time flow  $(\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}, <).$ 

### *k*-equivalence

#### Definition:

Let  $w_0 = (\mathbb{T}_0, <, h_0)$  and  $w_1 = (\mathbb{T}_1, <, h_1)$  be two temporal structures. Let  $i_0 \in \mathbb{T}_0$  and  $i_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1$ . Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We say that  $(w_0, i_0)$  and  $(w_1, i_1)$  are k-equivalent, denoted  $(w_0, i_0) \equiv_k (w_1, i_1)$ , if they satisfy the same formulae in TL(AP, SU, SS) of temporal depth at most k.

Lemma:  $\equiv_k$  is an equivalence relation of finite index.

#### Example:

Let  $a = \{p\}$  and  $b = \{q\}$ . Let  $w_0 = babaababaa$  and  $w_1 = baababaabaa$ .

$$(w_0,3) \equiv_0 (w_1,4)$$
$$(w_0,3) \equiv_1 (w_1,4) ?$$
$$(w_0,3) \equiv_1 (w_1,6) ?$$

Here,  $\mathbb{T}_0 = \mathbb{T}_1 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}.$ 

# Temporal depth

#### Definition: Temporal depth of $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{td}(p) &= 0 & \text{if } p \in \mathrm{AP} \\ \mathrm{td}(\neg \varphi) &= \mathrm{td}(\varphi) \\ \mathrm{td}(\varphi \lor \psi) &= \max(\mathrm{td}(\varphi), \mathrm{td}(\psi)) \\ \mathrm{td}(\varphi \: \mathsf{SS} \: \psi) &= \max(\mathrm{td}(\varphi), \mathrm{td}(\psi)) + 1 \\ \mathrm{td}(\varphi \: \mathsf{SU} \: \psi) &= \max(\mathrm{td}(\varphi), \mathrm{td}(\psi)) + 1 \end{split}$$

#### Lemma:

Let  $B \subseteq AP$  be finite and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . There are (up to equivalence) finitely many formulae in TL(B, SU, SS) of temporal depth at most k.

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### **EF-games for** TL(AP, SU, SS)

The EF-game has two players: Spoiler (Player I) and Duplicator (Player II). The game board consists of 2 temporal structures:  $w_0 = (\mathbb{T}_0, <, h_0)$  and  $w_1 = (\mathbb{T}_1, <, h_1)$ . There are two tokens, one on each structure:  $i_0 \in \mathbb{T}_0$  and  $i_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1$ . A configuration is a tuple  $(w_0, i_0, w_1, i_1)$ or simply  $(i_0, i_1)$  if the game board is understood. Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . The *k*-round EF-game from a configuration proceeds with (at most) k moves. There are 2 available moves for TL(AP, SU, SS): SU-move or SS-move (see below). Spoiler chooses which move is played in each round.

#### Spoiler wins if

- Either duplicator cannot answer during a move (see below).
- Or a configuration such that  $(w_0, i_0) \neq_0 (w_1, i_1)$  is reached.

Otherwise, duplicator wins.

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### Strict Until and Since moves

#### Definition: SU-move

- Spoiler chooses  $\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}$  and  $k_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{\varepsilon} < k_{\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $k_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{1-\varepsilon} < k_{1-\varepsilon}$ . Spoiler wins if there is no such  $k_{1-\varepsilon}$ . Either spoiler chooses  $(k_0, k_1)$  as next configuration of the EF-game, or the move continues as follows
- Spoiler chooses  $j_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  with  $i_{1-\varepsilon} < j_{1-\varepsilon} < k_{1-\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $j_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  with  $i_{\varepsilon} < j_{\varepsilon} < k_{\varepsilon}$ . Spoiler wins if there is no such  $j_{\varepsilon}$ . The next configuration is  $(j_0, j_1)$ .

Similar definition for the SS-move.

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# EF-games for $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{SU},\mathsf{SS})$

#### Lemma: Determinacy

The k-round EF-game for TL(AP, SU, SS) is determined: For each initial configuration, either spoiler or duplicator has a winning strategy.

#### Theorem: Soundness and completeness of EF-games

For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and all configurations  $(w_0, i_0, w_1, i_1)$ , we have

 $(w_0, i_0) \sim_k (w_1, i_1) \text{ iff } (w_0, i_0) \equiv_k (w_1, i_1)$ 

#### Example:

Let  $a = \{p\}$ ,  $b = \{q\}$ ,  $c = \{r\}$ . Then,  $aaabbc, 0 \models p \text{SU} (q \text{SU} r)$  but  $aababc, 0 \not\models p \text{SU} (q \text{SU} r)$ . p SU (q SU r) cannot be expressed with a formula of temporal depth at most 1.  $p \text{SU} (q \land Xq)$  cannot be expressed with a formula of temporal depth at most 1.

#### Exercise:

On finite linear time flows, "even length" cannot be expressed in TL(AP, SU, SS).

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### Winning strategy

#### Definition: Winning strategy

Duplicator has a winning strategy in the k-round EF-game starting from  $(w_0, i_0, w_1, i_1)$  if he can win all plays starting from this configuration. This is denoted by  $(w_0, i_0) \sim_k (w_1, i_1)$ .

Spoiler has a winning strategy in the k-round EF-game starting from  $(w_0, i_0, w_1, i_1)$  if she can win all plays starting from this configuration.

#### Example:

Let  $a = \{p\}$ ,  $b = \{q\}$ ,  $c = \{r\}$ . Let  $w_0 = aaabbc$  and  $w_1 = aababc$ .

 $(w_0, 0) \sim_1 (w_1, 0)$  $(w_0, 0) \not\sim_2 (w_1, 0)$ 

Here,  $\mathbb{T}_0 = \mathbb{T}_1 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 5\}.$ 

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# **Moves for Strict Future and Past modalities**

#### Definition: SF-move

- Spoiler chooses  $\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}$  and  $j_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{\varepsilon} < j_{\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $j_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{1-\varepsilon} < j_{1-\varepsilon}$ .
- Spoiler wins if there is no such  $j_{1-\varepsilon}$ .
- The new configuration is  $(j_0, j_1)$ .

#### Similar definition for the SP-move.

#### Example:

p SU q is not expressible in TL(AP, SP, SF) over linear flows of time.

Let  $a = \emptyset$ ,  $b = \{p\}$  and  $c = \{q\}$ .

Let  $w_0 = (abc)^n a(abc)^n$  and  $w_1 = (abc)^n (abc)^n$ .

If n > k then, starting from  $(w_0, 3n, w_1, 3n)$ , duplicator has a winning strategy in the k-round EF-game using SF-moves and SP-moves.

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### Moves for Next and Yesterday modalities

Notation:  $i \lessdot j \stackrel{\text{\tiny def}}{=} i < j \land \neg \exists k \ (i < k < j).$ 

#### Definition: X-move

- Spoiler chooses  $\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}$  and  $j_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{\varepsilon} \lessdot j_{\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $j_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{1-\varepsilon} < j_{1-\varepsilon}$ . Spoiler wins if there is no such  $j_{1-\varepsilon}$ . The new configuration is  $(j_0, j_1)$ .

Similar definition for the Y-move.

#### Exercise:

Show that p SU q is not expressible in TL(AP, Y, SP, X, SF) over linear time flows.

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### **Semantic Separation**

#### Definition:

Let  $w=(\mathbb{T},<,h)$  and  $w'=(\mathbb{T},<,h')$  be temporal structures over the same time flow, and let  $t\in\mathbb{T}$  be a time point.

- w, w' agree on t if  $\ell(t) = \ell'(t)$
- ▶ w, w' agree on the past of t if  $\ell(s) = \ell'(s)$  for all s < t
- w, w' agree on the future of t if  $\ell(s) = \ell'(s)$  for all s > t
- Recall:  $h: AP \to 2^{\mathbb{T}}$  and we let  $\ell(t) = \{p \in AP \mid t \in h(p)\}.$

#### Definition: Pure formulae and separation

Let C be a class of time flows. A formula  $\varphi$  over some logic  $\mathcal{L}$  is pure past (resp. pure present, pure future) over C if

 $w,t \models \varphi$  iff  $w',t \models \varphi$ 

for all temporal structures  $w=(\mathbb{T},<,h)$  and  $w'=(\mathbb{T},<,h')$  over  $\mathcal C$  and all time points  $t\in\mathbb{T}$  such that

w, w' agree on the past of t (resp. on t, on the future of t).

A logic  $\mathcal{L}$  is separable over a class  $\mathcal{C}$  of time flows if each formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$  is equivalent to some (finite) boolean combination of pure formulae.

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### Non-strict Until and Since moves

#### Definition: U-move

- Spoiler chooses  $\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}$  and  $k_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{\varepsilon} \leq k_{\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $k_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  such that  $i_{1-\varepsilon} \leq k_{1-\varepsilon}$ . Either spoiler chooses  $(k_0, k_1)$  as new configuration of the EF-game, or the move continues as follows
- Spoiler chooses  $j_{1-\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{1-\varepsilon}$  with  $i_{1-\varepsilon} \leq j_{1-\varepsilon} < k_{1-\varepsilon}$ .
- Duplicator chooses  $j_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{T}_{\varepsilon}$  with  $i_{\varepsilon} \leq j_{\varepsilon} < k_{\varepsilon}$ . Spoiler wins if there is no such  $j_{\varepsilon}$ . The new configuration is  $(j_0, j_1)$ .
- If duplicator chooses  $k_{1-\varepsilon} = i_{1-\varepsilon}$  then the new configuration must be  $(k_0, k_1)$ .
- ▶ If spoiler chooses  $k_{\varepsilon} = i_{\varepsilon}$  then duplicator must choose  $k_{1-\varepsilon} = i_{1-\varepsilon}$ , otherwise he loses.

#### Similar definition for the S-move.

#### Exercise:

- 1. Show that SU is not expressible in TL(AP, S, U) over  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$ .
- 2. Show that SU is not expressible in  $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{S},\mathsf{U})$  over  $(\mathbb{N},<)$ .

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### Syntactic Separation

Definition: Syntactically pure formulae and separation

A formula  $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$  is

- syntactically pure present if it is a boolean combinations of formulae in AP,
- syntactically pure future if it is a boolean combinations of formulae of the form  $\alpha$  SU  $\beta$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in TL(AP, SU)$ ,
- syntactically pure past if it is a boolean combinations of formulae of the form  $\alpha SS \beta$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in TL(AP, SS)$ .
- syntactically separated if it is a boolean combinations of syntactically pure formulae.

#### Example:

The formulae  $\varphi_1 = SF(q \land SP p)$  and  $\varphi_2 = SF(q \land \neg SP \neg p)$  are not separated but there are equivalent syntactically separated formulae.

#### Remark: Syntax versus semantic

Every formula  $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$  which is syntactically pure present (resp. future, past) is also semantically pure present (resp. future, past).

### Separation

Theorem: [8, Gabbay, Pnueli, Shelah & Stavi 80]

 $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{SU},\mathsf{SS})$  is syntactically separable over discrete and complete linear orders.

#### Definition: Discrete linear order

A linear time flow  $(\mathbb{T},<)$  is discrete if every non-maximal element has an immediate successor and every non-minimal element has an immediate predecessor.

- $\blacktriangleright$   $(\mathbb{N},<)$  is the unique (up to isomorphism) discrete and complete linear order with a first point and no last point.
- ► (Z, <) is the unique (up to isomorphism) discrete and complete linear order with no first point and no last point.
- Any discrete and complete linear order is isomorphic to a sub-flow of  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$ .

#### Theorem: Gabbay, Reynolds, see [7]

 $\mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP},\mathsf{SU},\mathsf{SS})$  is syntactically separable over  $(\mathbb{R},<).$ 

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# Initial equivalence

Example: TL(AP, SU, SS) versus TL(AP, SU)

 $G(\text{grant} \rightarrow (\neg \text{grant} SS \text{ request}))$ 

is initially equivalent to

 $(\operatorname{request} \mathsf{R} \neg \operatorname{grant}) \land \mathsf{G}(\operatorname{grant} \rightarrow (\operatorname{request} \lor (\operatorname{request} \mathsf{SR} \neg \operatorname{grant})))$ 

Theorem: (Laroussinie & Markey & Schnoebelen 2002) TL(AP, SU, SS) may be exponentially more succinct than TL(AP, SU) over  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ .

### **Initial equivalence**

#### Definition: Initial Equivalence

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of time flows having a least element (denoted 0). Two formulae  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathrm{TL}(\mathrm{AP}, \mathrm{SU}, \mathrm{SS})$  are initially equivalent over  $\mathcal{C}$  if for all temporal structures  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  over  $\mathcal{C}$  we have

 $w,0\models\varphi\quad\text{iff}\quad w,0\models\psi$ 

Two formulae  $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$  and  $\psi(x) \in FO_{AP}(<)$  are initially equivalent over C if for all temporal structures  $w = (\mathbb{T}, <, h)$  over C we have

 $w, 0 \models \varphi$  iff  $w \models \psi(0)$ 

#### Corollary: of the separation theorem

For each  $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$  there exists  $\psi \in TL(AP, SU)$  such that  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are initially equivalent over  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ .

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# Separation and Expressivity

Theorem: [12, Gabbay 89] (already stated by Gabbay in 81)
Let ${\mathcal C}$ be a class of linear time flows.
Let $\mathcal L$ be a temporal logic able to express SF and SP.
Then, $\mathcal{L}$ is separable over $\mathcal{C}$ iff it is expressively complete for $\mathrm{FO}_{\mathrm{AP}}(<)$ over $\mathcal{C}$ .
Exercise: Checking semantically pure
Is the following problem decidable? If yes, what is his complexity?
Input: A formula $\varphi \in TL(AP, SU, SS)$

Question: Is the formula  $\varphi$  semantically pure future?

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