

Game-Theoretic Approach to Temporal Synthesis

Linear-Time Temporal Logic

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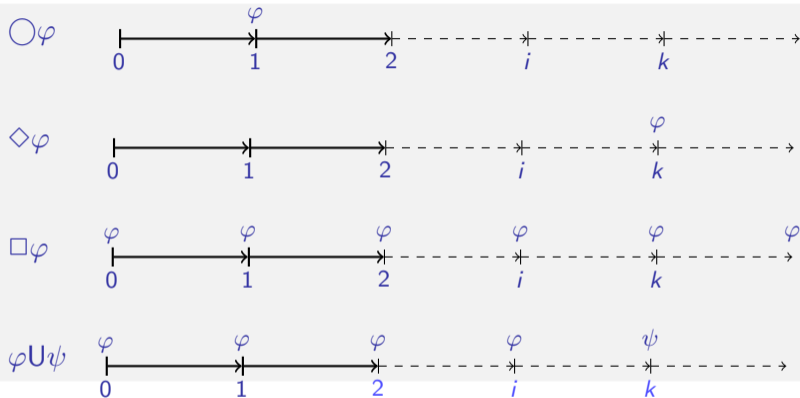
A standard language for talking about **infinite state sequences**.

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\top	truth constant	$\bigcirc\phi$	in the next state...
p	primitive propositions	$\diamond\phi$	will eventually be the case
$\neg\phi$	classical negation	$\square\phi$	is always the case
$\phi \vee \psi$	classical disjunction	$\phi\mathbf{U}\psi$	ϕ until ψ
$\phi \wedge \psi$	classical conjunction	$\phi\mathbf{R}\psi$	ϕ release ψ

Minimal syntax

$$\varphi := p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \bigcirc\varphi \mid \varphi\mathbf{U}\varphi$$



LTL formulas are evaluated on **infinite** traces, that is, obtained from an infinite path.

The language defined by an LTL formula φ is $\mathcal{L}(\varphi) = \{w \in \Sigma^\omega : w \models \varphi\}$.



Eventually I will graduate

\diamond degree

The plane will never crash

$\square \neg$ crash

I will eat pizza infinitely often

$\square \diamond$ eatPizza

... and they all lived happily ever after

$\diamond \square$ happy

We are not friends until you apologise

$(\neg \text{friends}) \text{U} \text{youApologise}$

Every time it is requested, a document will be printed

$\square (\text{print_req} \rightarrow \diamond \text{print})$

The two processes are never active at the same time

$\square \neg (\text{proc}_1 \wedge \text{proc}_2)$



Describe temporal modalities recursively

$$- \varphi U \psi \equiv \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \bigcirc \varphi U \psi)$$

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Define the **Release** operator **R** in a way that the following holds:

$$\varphi R \psi \equiv \neg(\neg\varphi U \neg\psi)$$

it also holds that

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(Release is **dual** of Until)

PNF

Positive Normal Form for LTL: for $a \in AP$

$$\varphi ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid a \mid \neg a \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \bigcirc\varphi \mid \varphi U \varphi \mid \varphi R \varphi$$

Theorem

Each LTL formula φ admits an equivalent in PNF sometimes denoted $\text{pnf}(\varphi)$

LTL_f

$$\varphi ::= A \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \bigcirc\varphi \mid \varphi_1 \mathbf{U}\varphi_2 \mid \bullet\varphi \mid \diamond\varphi \mid \square\varphi \mid \text{Last}$$

A : **atomic** propositions

$\neg\varphi, \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$: **boolean** connectives

$\bigcirc\varphi$: “**next step exists** and at **next** step (of the trace) φ holds”

$\varphi_1 \mathbf{U}\varphi_2$: “**eventually** φ_2 holds, and φ_1 holds **until** φ_2 does”

$\bullet\varphi \doteq \neg\bigcirc\neg\varphi$: “**if next step exists** then at **next** step φ holds” (*weak next*)

$\diamond\varphi \doteq \top\mathbf{U}\varphi$: “ φ will **eventually** hold”

$\square\varphi \doteq \neg\diamond\neg\varphi$: “from current till last instant φ will **always** hold”

$\text{Last} \doteq \neg\bigcirc\top$: denotes **last** instant of trace.



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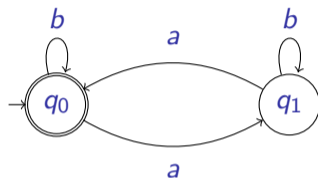
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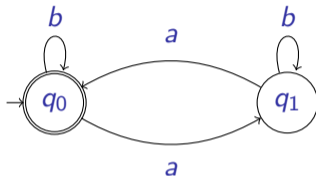


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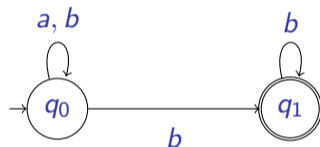
We say $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}) \subseteq \Sigma^*$ if the corresponding run ρ ends in a **final state**.

Sample execution:

$$q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_0 \xrightarrow{b} q_0 \xrightarrow{b} q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_1$$

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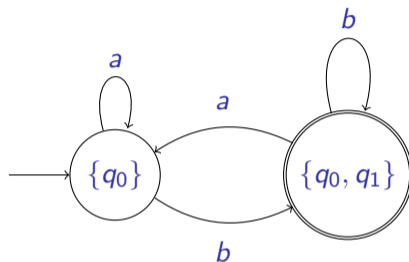
More than one **run** is possible on the same trace $w \in \Sigma^*$.

The automaton \mathcal{N} accepts $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N})$ if **at least one** run is accepting.

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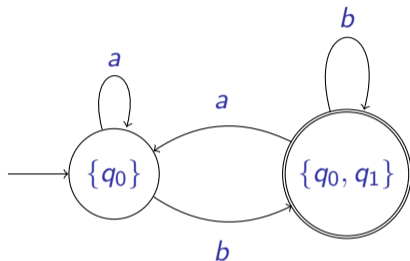
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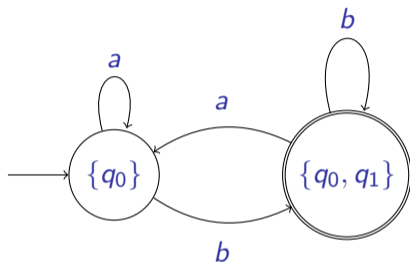
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Observation: $|Q_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{N}}}| = 2^{|Q_{\mathcal{N}}|}$.

Unfortunately, this exponential blow-up **cannot be avoided**.



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- \mathcal{D}_1 recognizes the traces with an even number of b 's
- \mathcal{D}_2 recognizes the traces with at least an occurrence of a
- The product automaton $\mathcal{D}_1 \times \mathcal{D}_2$.

Regular expressions

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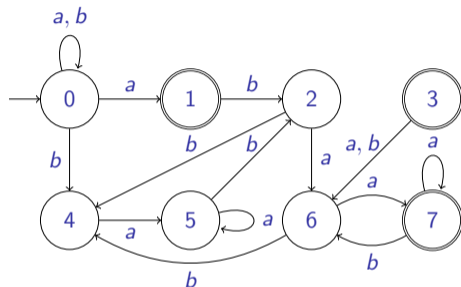
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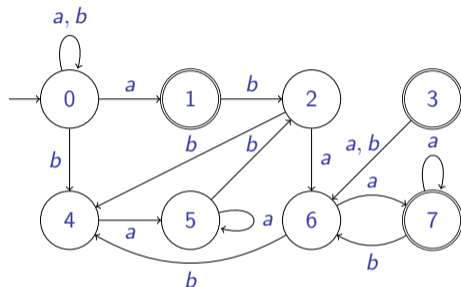


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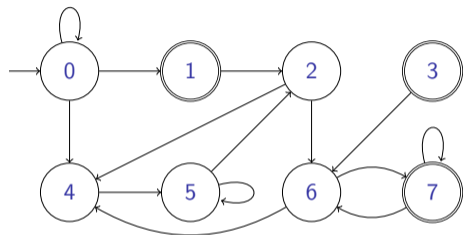
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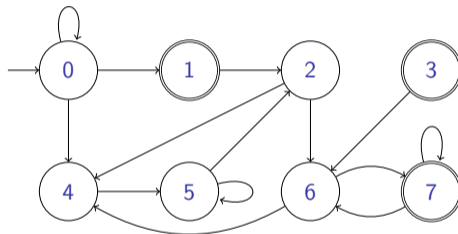
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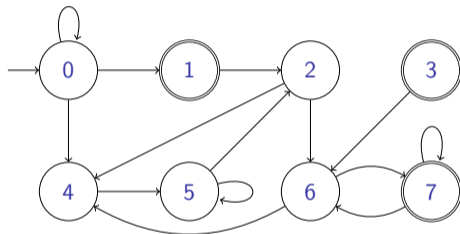
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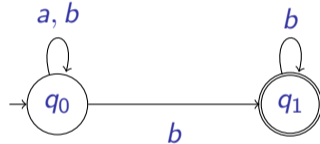
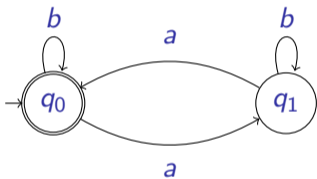




$$\text{Reach}(F) = \mu Z.(F \vee \langle \text{next} \rangle Z)$$



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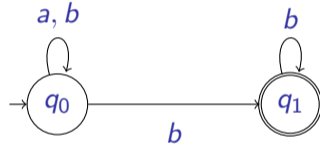
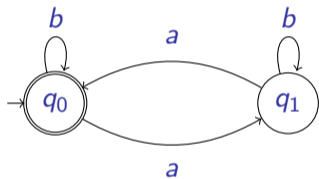


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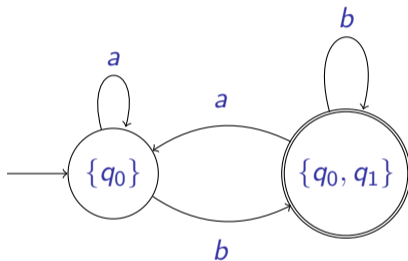
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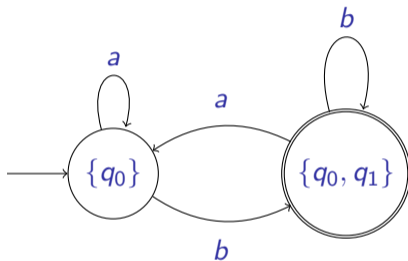
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$$(\Sigma^* \cdot b)^\omega.$$



Theorem

The language $L = \{w \in \Sigma^\omega : w \text{ contains finitely many } a\text{'s}\}$ can be recognized by a NBA but not by any DBA.

Corollary

NBAs are **strictly more expressive** than DBAs.



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An entire research area in Formal Methods has been tackling this problem for many decades.

Luckily, we are not going to need this in our course.

Just note that, as for NFAs, there is an **unavoidable** exponential blow-up.



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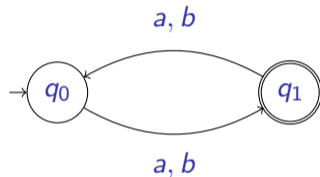
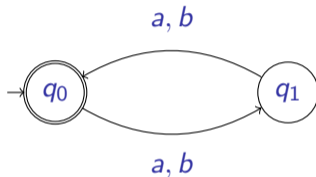
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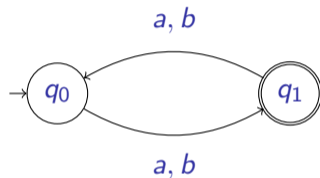
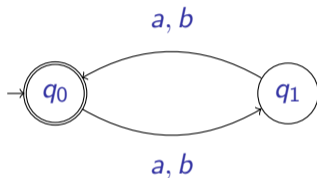


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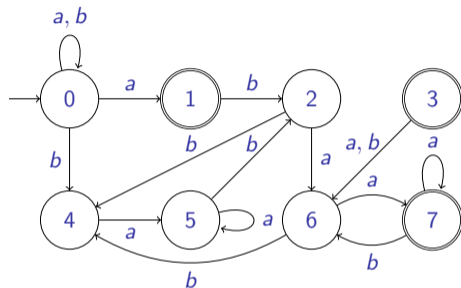
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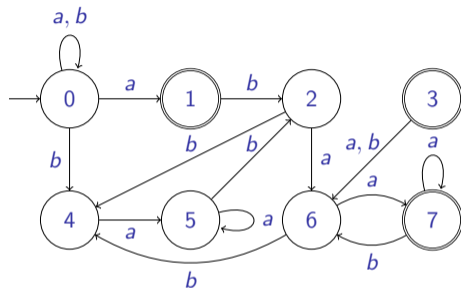


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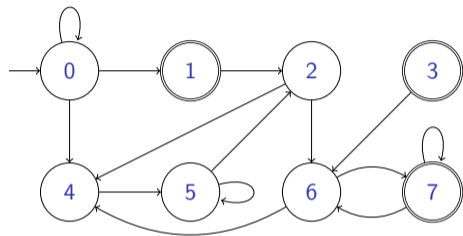
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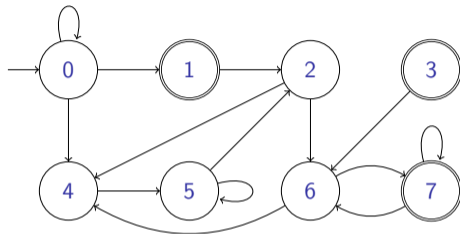
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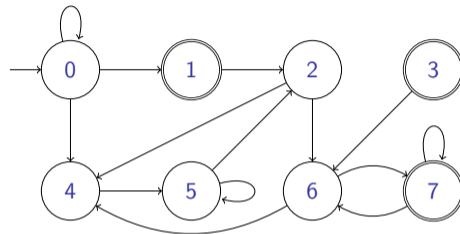
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A run ρ in \mathcal{N} is **accepting** iff it visits every F_i infinitely often.

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It holds that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N}_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{N}_n)$, where $\mathcal{N}_i = \langle Q, \Sigma, q_0, \delta, F_i \rangle$.



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For an LTL formula φ , we can construct a generalized nondeterministic Büchi automaton $\mathcal{N}_\varphi = \langle Q, \Sigma, I, \delta, \mathcal{F} \rangle$ such that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{N}_\varphi) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$.

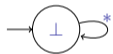
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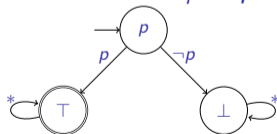
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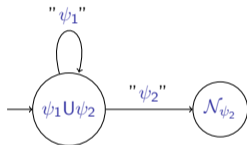
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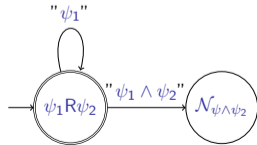
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Several constructions of \mathcal{N}_φ are available in the literature, including online tools:

- <https://spot.lrde.epita.fr/app/>
- <http://www.lsv.fr/~gastin/ltl2ba/index.php>
- <https://owl.model.in.tum.de/try/>

These constructions are always **hard to handle manually**, as they provide exponentially sized automata.

However, the general construction is not always necessary **in practice**.

A **Deterministic Parity Automaton** (DPA) is a tuple $\mathcal{D} = \langle Q, \Sigma, s, \delta, \alpha \rangle$ with:

- Q finite set of **states**
- Σ finite **alphabet**
- $q_0 \in Q$ **initial state**
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$ **transition function**
- $\alpha : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ **coloring function**

- $\text{inf}(\rho) = \{\alpha(q) \in \mathbb{N} : q \text{ occurs infinitely often in } \rho\}$.
- ρ is **accepting** if the max value in $\text{inf}(\rho)$ is **even**.

Observe: Büchi acceptance condition is a special case of parity with $\alpha^{-1}(2) = F$ and $\alpha^{-1}(1) = Q \setminus F$.

Theorem

For every Nondeterministic Büchi automaton \mathcal{N} , there exists a *Deterministic Parity Automaton* \mathcal{D} of size *exponential* w.r.t. \mathcal{N} , such that

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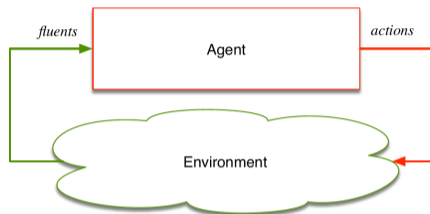
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Synthesis

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- ▷ **Task** is given to **agent**
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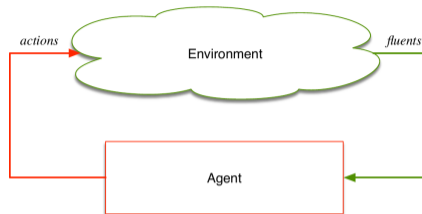
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Traces

Observe that both the **agent** process and the **environment** process:

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cannot be executed in isolation.

But they **can be executed together**, generating a **trace** (sometime also call a “play”):

$$\text{trace}(\sigma_a, \sigma_e) = F_0 \cup A_0; F_1 \cup A_1; \dots$$

- **Agent** controlling truth-value of set of variables \mathcal{Y}
- **Environment** controlling truth-value of set of variables \mathcal{X}
- An LTL (or LTL_f) formula φ over variables $\mathcal{X} \cup \mathcal{Y}$ specifying *correctness*

Find a strategy σ_a for the agent such that, **for each** strategy σ_e of the environment:

$$\text{trace}(\sigma_a, \sigma_e) \models \varphi$$

Turn the specification into a corresponding **Deterministic Automaton**

$$\varphi \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{D}_\varphi$$

Turn the Deterministic Automaton into a 2-player game

$$\mathcal{D}_\varphi \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{D}_\varphi}$$

Solve the 2-player game and extract a strategy σ_0 for player 0;

Strategy σ_0 corresponds to the one σ_a for the agent in the original synthesis problem!

