

New developments in temporal team semantic

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Logic, databases and complexity: new methods and challenges

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Main references

- ▶ Team Semantics for the Specification and Verification of Hyperproperties.
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Logics for verification and specification of concurrent systems

Basic setting:

- ▶ **System** (e.g., piece of software or hardware)
 \rightsquigarrow **Kripke structure** depicting the behaviour of the system
- ▶ A single **run** of the system
 \rightsquigarrow a **trace** generated by the Kripke structure
- ▶ A **property** of the system (e.g., every request is eventually granted)
 \rightsquigarrow a **formula** of some formal language expressing the property.

Model checking:

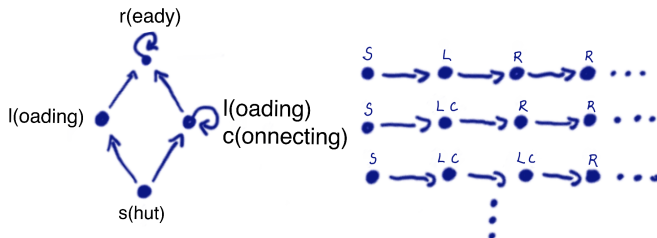
- ▶ Check whether a given **system satisfies** a given **specification**.

SAT solving:

- ▶ Check whether a given **specification** (or collection of) **can be realised**.

Traceproperties and hyperproperties

Opening your office computer after holidays:



Traceproperties hold in a system if **each trace** (in isolation) **has the property**:

- ▶ The computer will be **eventually ready** (or will be loading forever).

Hyperproperties are **properties of sets of traces**:

- ▶ The computer will be **ready in bounded time**.

Quantifier extensions vs. team semantics

Classical setting:

- ▶ LTL, QPTL, CTL, etc. vs. HyperLTL, HyperQPTL, HyperCTL, etc.
are prominent logics for **traceproperties** vs. **hyperproperties** of systems
 - ▶ Traceproperty: Each request is eventually granted (**properties of traces**)
 - ▶ Hyperproperty: Each request is granted in bounded time (properties of **sets of traces**)
- ▶ HyperLogics are of **high complexity** or undecidable.
Not well suited for properties involving **unbounded number** of traces.

Alternative way by using team semantics

- ▶ Temporal logics with **team semantics** for expressing hyperproperties
Purely modal logic & well suited for properties of **unbounded number** of traces.
- ▶ Expressivity: How TeamLTL variants relate to HyperLogics?
- ▶ Complexity: Where is the undecidability frontier of TeamLTL extensions?
 - ▶ A large EXPTIME fragment: **left-flat and downward closed** logics
 - ▶ Already TeamLTL with **inclusion atoms and Boolean disjunctions** is undecidable

Logics for **traceproperties** and hyperproperties

- ▶ **Linear-time temporal logic (LTL)** is one of the most **prominent logics** for the **specification and verification** of reactive and concurrent systems.
- ▶ Model checking **tools** like SPIN and NuSMV **automatically verify** whether a given computer system is correct with respect to its **LTL specification**.
- ▶ One reason for the success of LTL over first-order logic is that LTL is a **purely modal logic** and thus has many desirable properties.
 - ▶ LTL is decidable (**PSPACE-complete** model checking and satisfiability).
 - ▶ $\text{FO}^2(\leq)$ and $\text{FO}^3(\leq)$ SAT are **NEXPTIME-complete and non-elementary**.
- ▶ Caveat: LTL can specify **only traceproperties**.

Logics for traceproperties and hyperproperties

Recipe for logics for hyperproperties:

A logic for traceproperties \rightsquigarrow add trace quantifiers

In LTL the satisfying object is a trace: $T \models \varphi$ iff $\forall t \in T : t \models \varphi$

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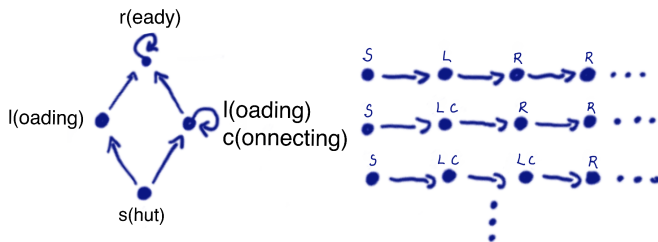
HyperQPTL extends HyperLTL by (uniform) quantification of propositions: $\exists p \varphi, \forall p \varphi$

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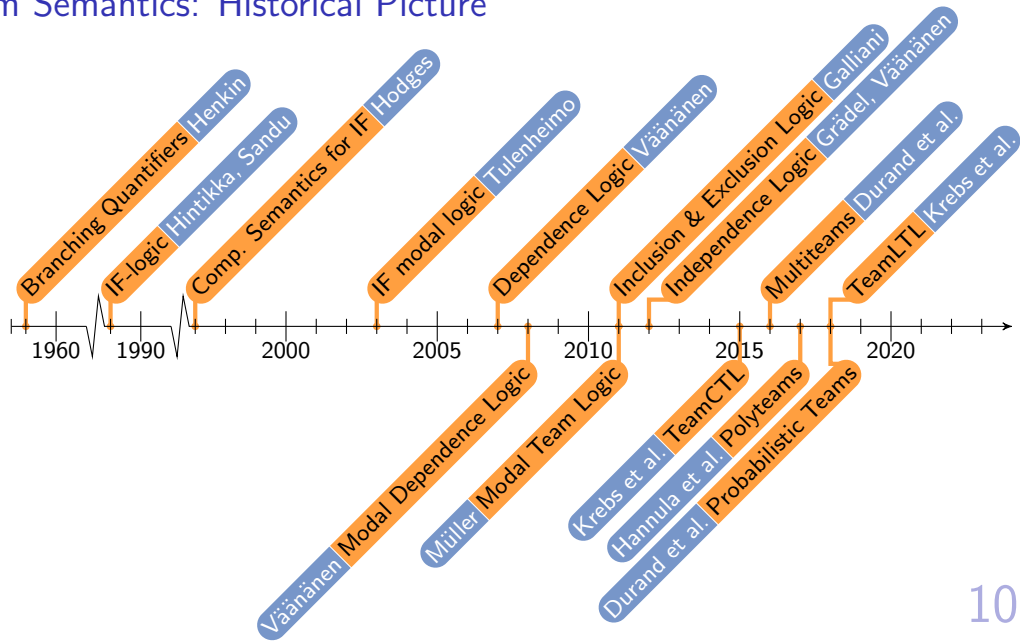


- ▶ Team semantics is a candidate for a purely modal logic without the above caveat.

Core of Team Semantics

- ▶ In most studied logics formulae are evaluated in a single state of affairs.
E.g.,
 - ▶ a first-order assignment in first-order logic,
 - ▶ a propositional assignment in propositional logic,
 - ▶ a possible world of a Kripke structure in modal logic.
- ▶ In **team** semantics **sets** of states of affairs are considered.
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- ▶ These sets of things are called **teams**.

Team Semantics: Historical Picture



LTL, HyperLTL, and TeamLTL

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In TeamLTL the satisfying object is a **set of traces**. We use **team semantics**: $(T, i) \models \varphi$

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi) \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \mid \varphi W \varphi$$

+ new atomic statements (**dependence** and **inclusion** atoms: $\text{dep}(\vec{p}, q)$, $\vec{p} \subseteq \vec{q}$)

+ additional connectives (Boolean disjunction, contradictory negation, etc.)

Extensions are a well-defined **way to delineate expressivity and complexity**

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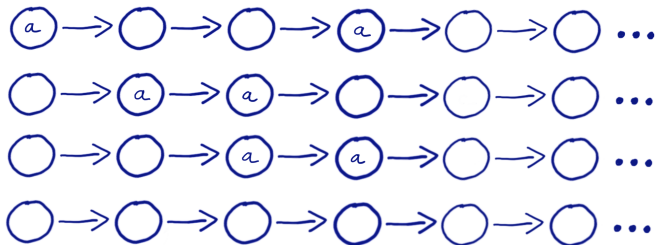
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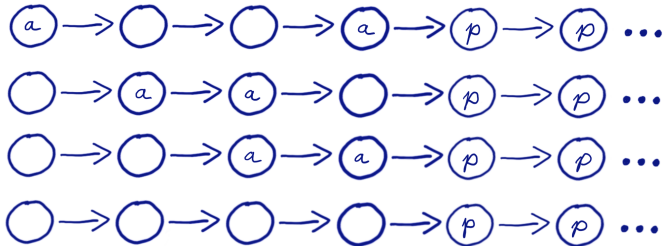


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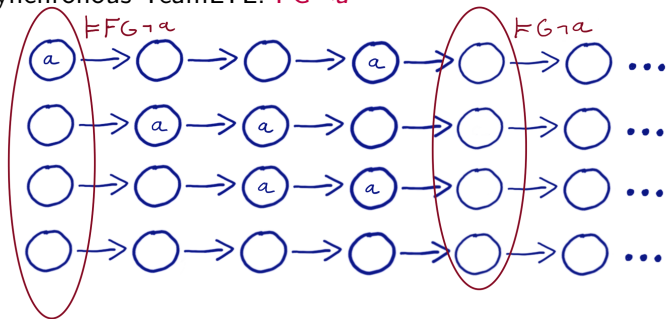
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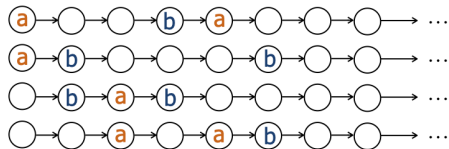
A **trace-set** T satisfies $\varphi \vee \psi$ if it **decomposed** to sets T_φ and T_ψ satisfying φ and ψ .

$(T, i) \models \varphi \vee \psi$ iff $(T_1, i) \models \varphi$ and $(T_2, i) \models \psi$, for some $T_1 \cup T_2 = T$

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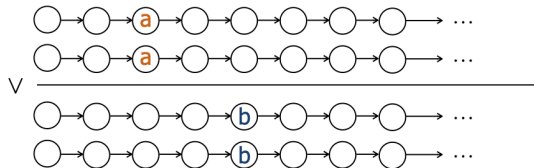
HyperLTL:

$\forall \pi. \forall \pi'. F((a_\pi \wedge a_{\pi'}) \vee (b_\pi \wedge b_{\pi'}))$



TeamLTL:

$(F a) \vee (F b)$



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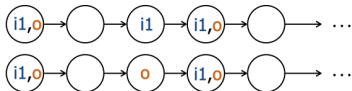
Dependence atom $\text{dep}(p_1, \dots, p_m, q)$ states that p_1, \dots, p_m functionally determine q :

$$(T, i) \models \text{dep}(p_1, \dots, p_m, q) \text{ iff } \forall t, t' \in T \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^m t[i](p_j) = t'[i](p_j) \right) \Rightarrow (t[i](q) = t'[i](q))$$

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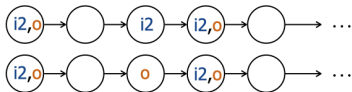
$$(G \text{ dep}(i1, o)) \vee (G \text{ dep}(i2, o))$$

Nondeterministic dependence: “ o either depends on $i1$ or on $i2$ ”



“whenever the traces agree on $i1$, they agree on o ”

\vee



“whenever the traces agree on $i2$, they agree on o ”

Temporal team semantics

Definition

Temporal team is (T, i) , where T a set of traces and $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

$(T, i) \models p$	iff	$\forall t \in T : t[0](p) = 1$
$(T, i) \models \neg p$	iff	$\forall t \in T : t[0](p) = 0$
$(T, i) \models \phi \wedge \psi$	iff	$(T, i) \models \phi$ and $(T, i) \models \psi$
$(T, i) \models \phi \vee \psi$	iff	$(T_1, i) \models \phi$ and $(T_2, i) \models \psi$, for some T_1, T_2 s.t. $T_1 \cup T_2 = T$
$(T, i) \models X\varphi$	iff	$(T, i+1) \models \varphi$
$(T, i) \models \phi U \psi$	iff	$\exists k \geq i$ s.t. $(T, k) \models \psi$ and $\forall m : i \leq m < k \Rightarrow (T, m) \models \phi$
$(T, i) \models \phi W \psi$	iff	$\forall k \geq i : (T, k) \models \phi$ or $\exists m$ s.t. $i \leq m \leq k$ and $(T, m) \models \psi$

As usual $F\varphi := (\top U \varphi)$ and $G\varphi := (\varphi W \perp)$.

TeamLTL(\otimes, \subseteq) is the extension with the atoms and extra connectives in the brackets.

Generalised atoms and complete logics

Let B be a set of n -ary Boolean relations. We define the property $[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n]_B$ for an n -tuple $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ of LTL-formulae:

$$(T, i) \models [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n]_B \quad \text{iff} \quad \{(\llbracket \phi_1 \rrbracket_{(t,i)}, \dots, \llbracket \phi_n \rrbracket_{(t,i)}) \mid t \in T\} \in B.$$

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- ▶ B is downward closed if $S_1 \in B$ & $S_2 \subseteq S_1$ imply $S_2 \in B$.
- ▶ $(T, i) \models \varphi \otimes \psi$ iff $(T, i) \models \varphi$ or $(T, i) \models \psi$
- ▶ $(T, i) \models \text{NE}$ iff $T \neq \emptyset$.
- ▶ $(T, i) \models A\varphi$ iff $(T', i) \models \varphi$, for all $T' \subseteq T$.
- ▶ $(T, i) \models \overset{1}{A}\varphi$ iff $(\{t\}, i) \models \varphi$, for all $t \in T$.

Complexity results

Logic	Model Checking Result
TeamLTL without \vee	in PSPACE
k -coherent TeamLTL(\sim)	in EXPSPACE
left-flat TeamLTL($\oplus, \overset{1}{A}$)	in EXPSPACE
TeamLTL(\subseteq, \oplus)	Σ_1^0 -hard
TeamLTL(\subseteq, \oplus, A)	Σ_1^1 -hard
TeamLTL(\sim)	complete for third-order arithmetic [Luck 2020]

Table: Complexity results.

- ▶ k -coherence: $(T, i) \models \varphi$ iff $(S, i) \models \varphi$ for all $S \subseteq T$ s.t. $|S| \leq k$
- ▶ left-flatness: Restrict U and W syntactically to $(\overset{1}{A}\varphi U\psi)$ and $(\overset{1}{A}\varphi W\psi)$
- ▶ \sim is contradictory negation and TeamLTL(\sim) subsumes all the other logics

Source of inclusion results

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{TeamLTL}(\mathbb{Q}, \overset{1}{\mathbb{A}}) & \leq & \overset{u}{\exists}_q^* \forall_\pi \text{HyperQPTL} \text{ (assuming left-flatness)} \\
 & \leq & \exists_p \overset{u}{Q}_p^* \forall_\pi \text{HyperQPTL}^+ \text{ (general case)} \\
 \wedge^\dagger & & \\
 \text{TeamLTL}(\mathbb{Q}, \text{NE}, \overset{1}{\mathbb{A}}) & \leq & \exists_p \overset{u}{Q}_p^* \exists_\pi^* \forall_\pi \text{HyperQPTL}^+ \\
 |\wedge \quad [\text{Luck 2020}] & & \text{(assuming } k\text{-coherence)} \\
 \text{TeamLTL}(\sim) & \leq & \forall^k \text{HyperLTL}
 \end{array}$$

Table: Expressivity results. \dagger holds since $\text{TeamLTL}(\overset{1}{\mathbb{A}}, \mathbb{Q})$ is downward closed.

- ▶ \exists_p is a quantification of a new proposition
- ▶ $\overset{u}{Q}_p^*$ is quantification of new **uniform** propositions (**unique value for each time step**)
- ▶ \forall_π is a quantification of a trace variable

Source of Undecidability

Definition

A **non-deterministic 3-counter machine** M consists of a list I of n instructions that manipulate three counters C_l , C_m and C_r . All instructions are of the following forms:

- ▶ C_a^+ goto $\{j_1, j_2\}$, C_a^- goto $\{j_1, j_2\}$, if $C_a = 0$ goto j_1 else goto j_2 ,

where $a \in \{l, m, r\}$, $0 \leq j_1, j_2 < n$.

- ▶ **configuration**: tuple (i, j, k, l) , where $0 \leq i < n$ is the next instruction to be executed, and $j, k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ are the current values of the counters C_l , C_m and C_r .
- ▶ **computation**: infinite sequence of consecutive configurations starting from the initial configuration $(0, 0, 0, 0)$.
- ▶ computation **b -recurring** if the instruction labelled b occurs infinitely often in it.
- ▶ computation is **lossy** if the counter values can non-deterministically decrease

Theorem (Alur & Henzinger 1994, Schnoebelen 2010)

Deciding whether a given non-deterministic 3-counter machine has a (lossy) b -recurring computation for a given b is $(\Sigma_1^0\text{-complete})$ $\Sigma_1^1\text{-complete}$.

Undecidability results

Theorem

Model checking for $\text{TeamLTL}(\emptyset, \subseteq)$ is Σ_0^1 -hard.

Model checking for $\text{TeamLTL}(\emptyset, \subseteq, A)$ is Σ_1^1 -hard.

Proof Idea:

- ▶ reduce existence of b -recurring computation of given 3-counter machine M and instruction label b to model checking problem of $\text{TeamLTL}(\emptyset, \subseteq, A)$
- ▶ $\text{TeamLTL}(\emptyset, \subseteq)$ suffices to enforce lossy computation
- ▶ $(T[i, \infty], 0)$ encodes the value of counters of the i th configuration
the value of C_a is the cardinality of the set $\{t \in T[i, \infty] \mid t[0](c_a) = 1\}$

Modes of asynchronicity

- ▶ Synchronous TeamLTL:
 - ▶ $(T, i) \models \varphi$
 - ▶ Collection of traces T with one **global clock** i .
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- ▶ TeamLTL with time evaluation functions (tefs):
 - ▶ $(T, \tau) \models \varphi$
 - ▶ Collection of traces T and a tef $\tau: \mathbb{N} \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ relating a **global clock** to **local clocks**.
 - ▶ The behaviour of local clocks is determined by a tef.
 - ▶ Synchronous TeamLTL is an instance, where the tef is synchronous!
 - ▶ (cf. trajectories of Bonakdarpour, Prabhakar, Sánchez, NASA Formal Methods 2020)

Properties of tefs

Property	Definition
Monotonicity	$\forall i \in \mathbb{N} : \tau(i) \leq \tau(i+1)$
Strict Monotonicity	$\forall i \in \mathbb{N} : \tau(i) < \tau(i+1)$
Stepwiseness	$\forall i \in \mathbb{N} : \tau(i) \leq \tau(i+1) \leq \tau(i) + \vec{1}$
*Fairness	$\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \forall t \in T \exists j \in \mathbb{N} : \tau(j, t) \geq i$
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- ▶ **stuttering tef** satisfies **monotonicity**
- ▶ **tef** satisfies **strict monotonicity** and **stepwiseness**
- ▶ **synchronous tef** satisfies **strict monotonicity**, **stepwiseness**, and **synchronicity**
- ▶ tef is **initial**, if $\tau(0, t) = 0$ for each $t \in T$.
- ▶ **k-shifted tef** if defined by $\tau[k, \infty](i, t) := \tau(i + k, t)$, for all $t \in T, i \in \mathbb{N}$.

Team semantics with tefs

A **temporal team** is a pair (T, τ) , where T is a multiset of traces and τ is a tef for T .
A pair (T, τ) is called a **stuttering temporal team** if τ is a stuttering tef for T .

$(T, \tau) \models p$	iff	$\forall t \in T : p \in t[\tau(0, t)]$
$(T, \tau) \models \neg p$	iff	$\forall t \in T : p \notin t[\tau(0, t)]$
$(T, \tau) \models (\varphi \wedge \psi)$	iff	$(T, \tau) \models \varphi$ and $(T, \tau) \models \psi$
$(T, \tau) \models (\varphi \vee \psi)$	iff	$\exists T_1 \uplus T_2 = T : (T_1, \tau) \models \varphi$ and $(T_2, \tau) \models \psi$
$(T, \tau) \models X\varphi$	iff	$(T, \tau[1, \infty]) \models \varphi$
$(T, \tau) \models [\varphi U \psi]$	iff	$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $(T, \tau[k, \infty]) \models \psi$ and $\forall m : 0 \leq m < k \Rightarrow (T, \tau[m, \infty]) \models \varphi$
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Variants of TeamLTL

\exists TeamLTL

- ▶ $T \models_{\exists} \varphi$ if $(T, \tau) \models \varphi$ for **some initial tef** of T .

\forall TeamLTL

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Theorem

A formula is satisfiable in \exists TeamLTL iff it is satisfiable in synchronous TeamLTL.

A formula is valid in \forall TeamLTL iff it is valid in synchronous TeamLTL.

Theorem

Model checking of synchronous TeamLTL reduces in linear time to the model checking of \exists TeamLTL and \forall TeamLTL(\otimes , NE).

Quantifier extensions of TeamLTL

- TeamCTL* has the same syntax as CTL*:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \varphi \mid \varphi W \varphi \mid \exists \varphi \mid \forall \varphi$$

The quantifiers \exists and \forall range over tefs:

$(T, \tau) \models \exists \varphi$ iff $(T, \tau') \models \varphi$ for some tef τ' of T s.t. $\tau'(0) = \tau(0)$,

$(T, \tau) \models \forall \varphi$ iff $(T, \tau') \models \varphi$ for all tefs τ' of T s.t. $\tau'(0) = \tau(0)$.

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Table: Complexity results overview. The Σ_1^0 -hardness results follow via embeddings of synchronous TeamLTL, whereas the Σ_1^1 -hardness truly relies on asynchronicity. ALL is the set of all generalised atoms and $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbb{V}, \text{NE}, \dot{\mathbb{A}}, \text{dep}, \subseteq\}$.

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