

CS:4350 Logic in Computer Science

Linear Temporal Logic

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Credits

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Outline

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- Computation Tree

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- Using Temporal Formulas

- Equivalences of Temporal Formulas

- Expressing Transitions

- Full example

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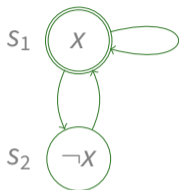
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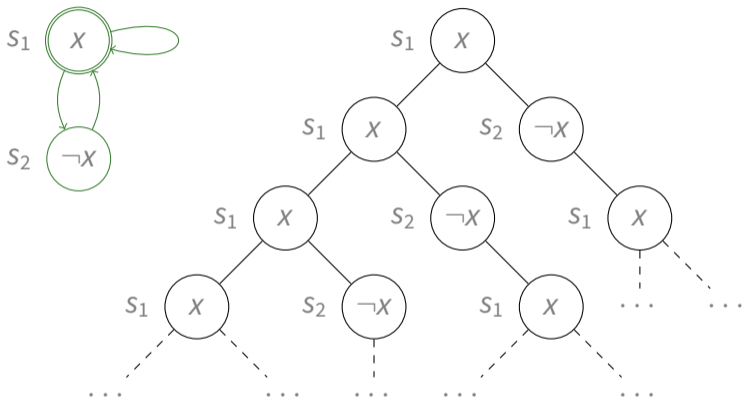
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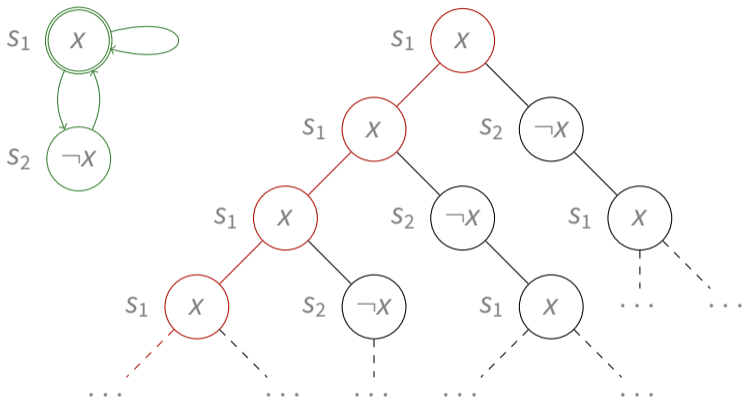
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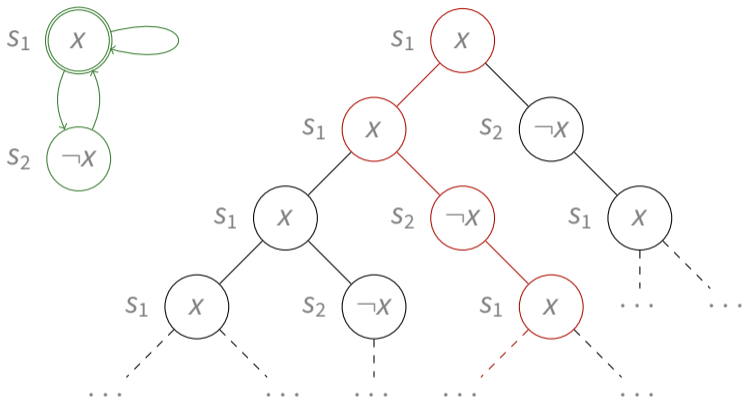


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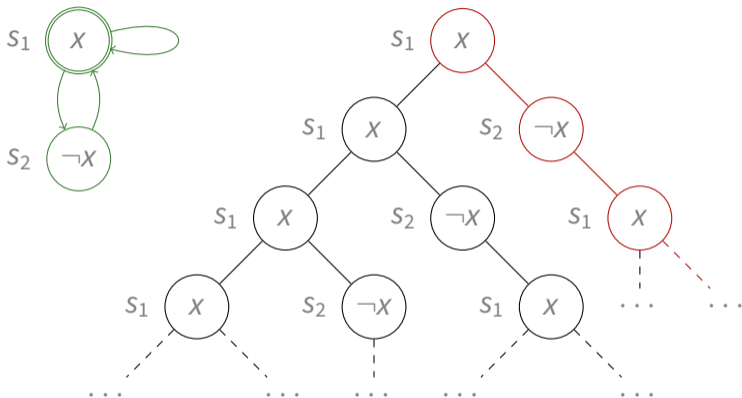
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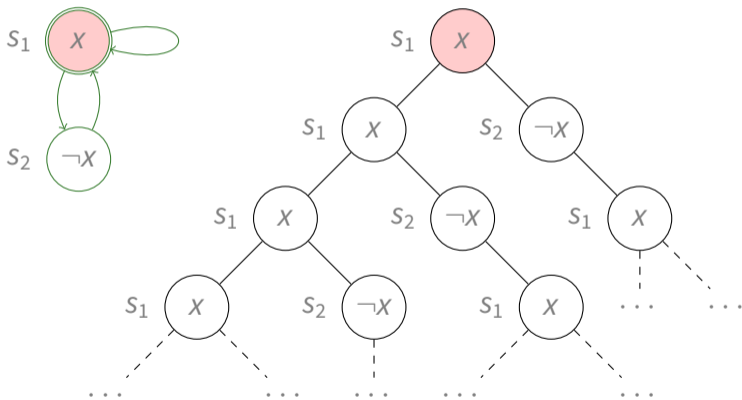
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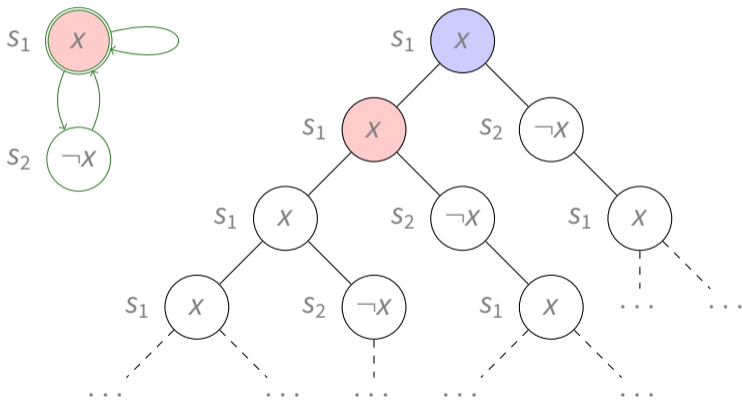
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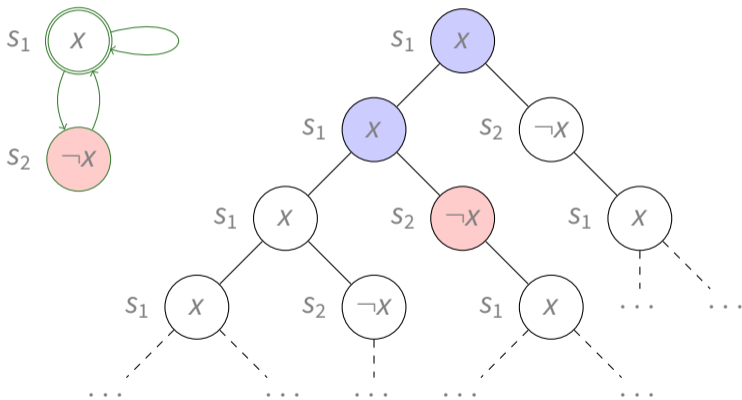
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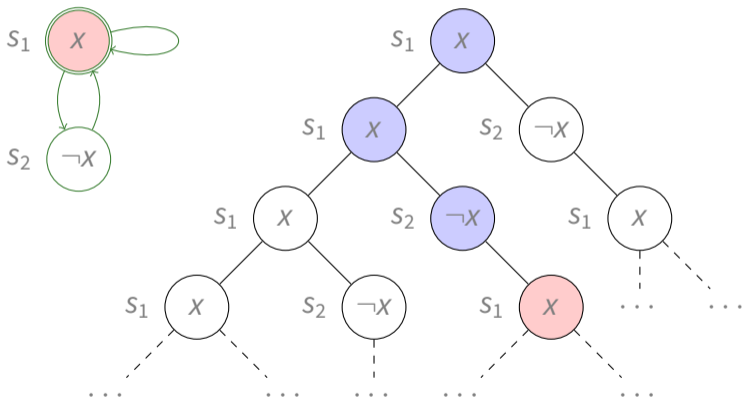
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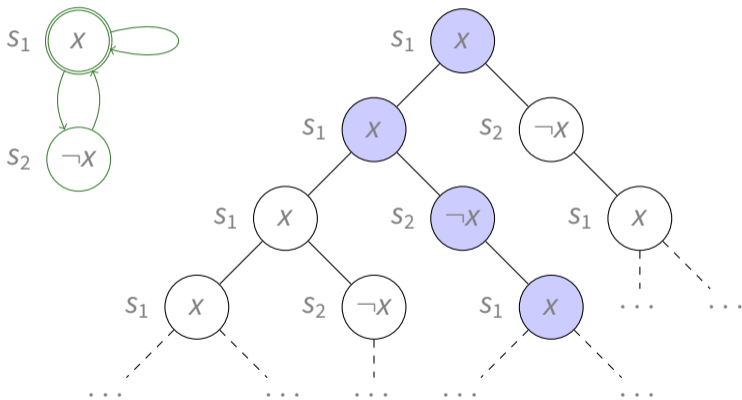
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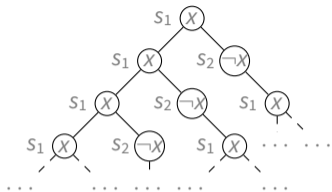


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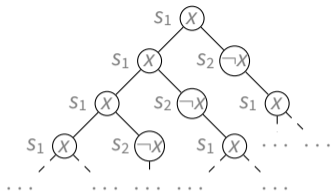
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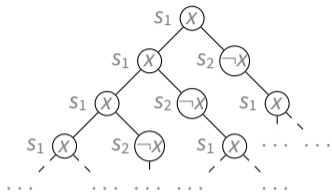
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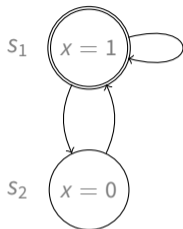
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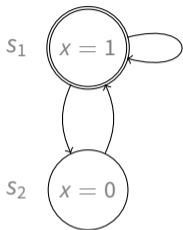


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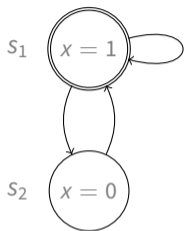
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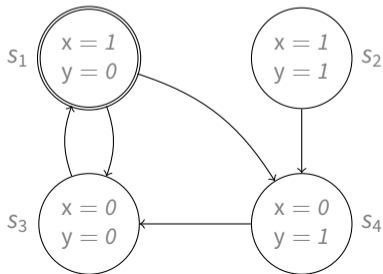


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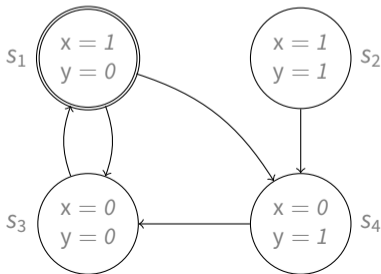
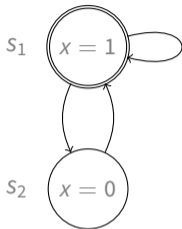
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Precedences of Connectives and Temporal Operators

Connective	Precedence
$\neg, \bigcirc, \diamond, \square$	5
U, R	4
\wedge, \vee	3
\rightarrow	2
\leftrightarrow	1

- unary temporal operators have the same precedence as \neg
- binary temporal operators have higher precedence than binary Boolean connectives

Semantics (intuitive)

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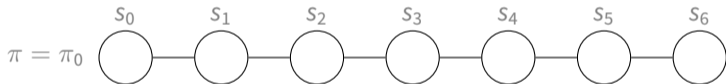
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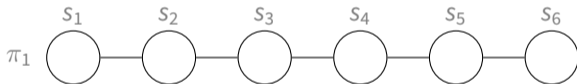
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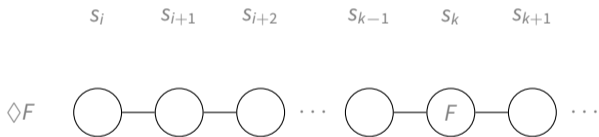
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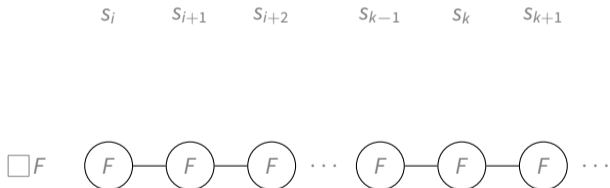
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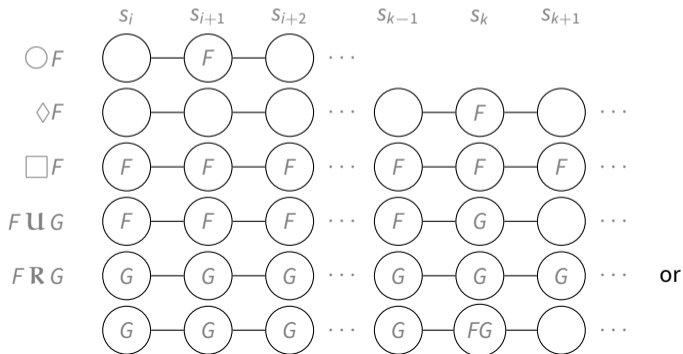
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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	...
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q	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0^ω
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b	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1^ω
$a \mathbf{R} b$	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0^ω

Notation: v^ω denotes the infinite repetition of v

Standard properties?

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Equivalences: Negation of Temporal Operators

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Hence, all operators can be expressed using \bigcirc and \mathbf{U}

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Example 1: for $\Box(F \vee G)$ and $\Box F \vee \Box G$



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Back to the Vending Machine

variable	domain	explanation
st_coffee	{ 0, 1 }	drink storage contains coffee
st_soda	{ 0, 1 }	drink storage contains soda
disp	{ <i>none, soda, coffee</i> }	content of drink dispenser
coins	{ 0, 1, 2, 3 }	number of coins in the slot
customer	{ <i>none, student, prof</i> }	customer

Talking about the vending machine in LTL, Examples

1. If the machine runs out of soda, it gets restocked immediately.
2. The machine eventually runs out of drinks.
3. The machine runs out of soda infinitely often.
4. Students never leave without a drink.
5. Professors sometimes leave a drink in the dispenser.
6. If students forget a coin in the coin slot, they (or other students) will use this coin to get a drink before any professor does the same.
7. If professors forget coins or their drink in the machine, a student will immediately arrive at the machine.
8. If there is a coin in the coin slot when a professor arrives, they will leave without getting a drink.
9. If a professor is currently at the machine, there will be no student at the machine for at least the next three transitions.
10. ...

Transitions

1. *Restock* which results in the drink storage having both soda and coffee.
2. *Customer_arrives*, after which a customer appears at the machine.
3. *Customer_leaves*, after which the customer leaves.
4. *Coin_insert*, when the customer inserts a coin in the machine.
5. *Dispense_soda*, when the customer presses the button to get a can of soda.
6. *Dispense_coffee*, when the customer presses the button to get a cup of coffee.
7. *Take_drink*, when the customer removes a drink from the dispenser.

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tr with domain $\{restock, customer_arrives, coin_insert, \dots\}$

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 $only(st_coffee, st_soda, tr)$

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Exercise, Temporal properties about the lamp

1. The lamp is initially off.
2. Resetting when the lamp is on turns it off.
3. Resetting always turns the lamp off.
4. Setting when the lamp is off turns it on.
5. Setting when the lamp is half-on turns it fully on.
6. A reset cannot immediately follow a set and vice versa.
7. Setting when the lamp is fully on has no effect on the light.
8. The lamp is initially off and stays off until the first set.
9. Once off, the lamp stays off until the next set.
10. Two consecutive set actions are enough to turn the lamp fully on.
11. If the lamp is on at any point, it must have been turned on some time before.
12. If the lamp is on, it will eventually be off.
13. The lamp will be on repeatedly.
14. At some point the lamp will burn and stay permanently off.
15. If set occurs infinitely often the lamp will be on infinitely often.

Exercise, formalization of properties

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Which of these properties are satisfied by **every** execution path of the transition system?