

# Concurrency Theory

## Lecture 4: Hennessy-Milner Logic with Recursion

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## Definition (Syntax of HML)

The set *HMF* of **H**ennessy-**M**ilner **f**ormulae over a set of actions *Act* is defined by the following syntax:

$F ::=$	$\text{tt}$	(true)
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	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	(conjunction)
	$F_1 \vee F_2$	(disjunction)
	$\langle \alpha \rangle F$	(diamond)
	$[\alpha] F$	(box)

where  $\alpha \in \text{Act}$ .

**Abbreviations** for  $L = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ):

- $\langle L \rangle F := \langle \alpha_1 \rangle F \vee \dots \vee \langle \alpha_n \rangle F$
- $[L] F := [\alpha_1] F \wedge \dots \wedge [\alpha_n] F$
- In particular,  $\langle \emptyset \rangle F := \text{ff}$  and  $[\emptyset] F := \text{tt}$

## Definition (Semantics of HML)

Let  $(S, Act, \longrightarrow)$  be an LTS and  $F \in HMF$ . The set of processes in  $S$  that **satisfy**  $F$ ,  $\llbracket F \rrbracket \subseteq S$ , is defined by

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where  $\langle \cdot \alpha \cdot \rangle, [\cdot \alpha \cdot] : 2^S \rightarrow 2^S$  are given by

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle \cdot \alpha \cdot \rangle (T) := \{s \in S \mid \exists s' \in T : s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'\} \\ [\cdot \alpha \cdot] (T) := \{s \in S \mid \forall s' \in S : s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s' \implies s' \in T\} \end{array}$$

We write  $s \models F$  iff  $s \in \llbracket F \rrbracket$ . Two HML formulae are **equivalent** (written  $F \equiv G$ ) iff they are satisfied by the same processes in every LTS.

**Goal:** reduce processes to the action sequences they can perform

## Definition (Trace language)

For every  $P \in \text{Prc}$ , let

$$\text{Tr}(P) := \{w \in \text{Act}^* \mid \text{ex. } P' \in \text{Prc} \text{ such that } P \xrightarrow{w} P'\}$$

be the **trace language** of  $P$

(where  $\xrightarrow{w} := \xrightarrow{a_1} \circ \dots \circ \xrightarrow{a_n}$  for  $w = a_1 \dots a_n$ ).

$P, Q \in \text{Prc}$  are called **trace equivalent** if  $\text{Tr}(P) = \text{Tr}(Q)$ .

## Example (One-place buffer)

$$B = in.\overline{out}.B$$

$$\implies \text{Tr}(B) = (in \cdot \overline{out})^* \cdot (in + \epsilon)$$

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**But:** sometimes necessary to refer to **arbitrarily long computations** (e.g., “no deadlock state reachable”)

- possible solution: support **infinite conjunctions and disjunctions**

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- Conclusion: no HML formula can distinguish  $C$  and all  $D_n$
- Generally: **invariance** property “always  $\langle a \rangle tt$ ” not expressible
- Requires **infinite conjunction**:

$$Inv(\langle a \rangle tt) = \langle a \rangle tt \wedge [a]\langle a \rangle tt \wedge [a][a]\langle a \rangle tt \wedge \dots = \bigwedge_{k \in \mathbb{N}} [a]^k \langle a \rangle tt$$

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**Problem:** infinite formulae not easy to handle

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## Open questions

- Do such recursive equations (always) have solutions?
- If so, are they unique?
- How can we compute whether a process satisfies a recursive formula?



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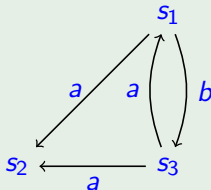
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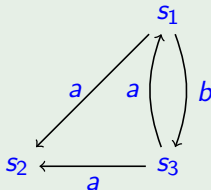
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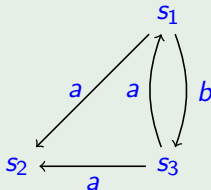
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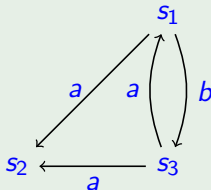


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  - Least and greatest solutions are **unique** and can be obtained by **fixed-point iteration**