

# **Real-time Logics**

## ***Expressiveness and Decidability***

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# Timed Behaviours

- Observable propositions  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .
- Time frame  $(T, <)$  a linear order.
- Behaviour  $M$  such that  $M(X_i) : T \rightarrow \{\top, \perp\}$ .

Some commonly used notions of time and behaviour

- $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  the standard set of real numbers. Continuous time, **Canonical behaviors**.
- $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  the set of rational numbers.
- $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  the set of natural numbers. Discrete time.

Behaviours over  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  are called **canonical continous** and over  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  **canonical discrete**.

# Finite Variability

- $M$  such that in any finite interval  $M(X)$  changes finitely often for any  $X$  are called **Finitely variable behaviours**.  
**Interval based model**  $(s_0, I_0), (s_1, I_1), \dots$
- $(S, <)$  where  $S$  is countably infinite set of sampling points from  $R$  which is divergent  
**Point based models**  $(s_0, t_0), (s_1, t_1), \dots$

In this talk: **Canonical Continuous Models** and subclass **Finitely Variable models**.

# Logics of Qualitative Time

**Monadic First Order Logic *MFO*** First order logic with equality over linear order  $(T, <)$  and monadic predicates (observable propositions)  $X_i$ .

## Examples

●  $\forall x \exists y. (x < y \wedge X_1(y))$   
says that  $X_1$  never stops occurring!

●  $\forall x \forall y. (x < y \Rightarrow (\exists z. x < z < y))$

Let  $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  be a formula with given free variables. Its model has the form

$M = (T, <, P_1, \dots, P_n, t_1, \dots, t_k)$ . We can define  $M \models \phi$  as usual.

## Monadic Secondorder Logic (MSO)

# Temporal Logics

**Example**  $\Box(P \rightarrow QUR)$ .

A temporal logic  $TL(O_1, \dots, O_k)$  with modalities  $O_1, \dots, O_k$ .

**Truth Table** For each modality  $O_i$  of arity  $k$  we have a *MFO* formula  $[O_i(X_1, \dots, X_k)] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi(t_0, X_1, \dots, X_k)$  giving its behaviour.

## Examples

$$\bullet [\Diamond X] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists t. t_0 < t \wedge X(t)$$

$$\bullet [XUY] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists t. t_0 < t \wedge Y(t) \wedge \forall z. ((t_0 < z < y) \Rightarrow X(z)).$$

A popular temporal logic  $TL(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S})$  called *TL*.

# Correspondences

**Proposition** If every modality of a temporal logic  $TL'$  has a truth table then for every  $\phi(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in TL'$  we can construct a *MFO* formula  $\hat{\phi}(t_0, X_1, \dots, X_n)$  such that  $M \models \phi$  iff  $M \models \hat{\phi}$ .

Every such Temporal logic is a fragment of MFO!

# Expressive Completeness

**Definition** A subset  $L_1$  of logic  $L_2$  is **expressively complete** for  $L_2$  over class of models  $C$  provided for all  $\phi \in L_2$  there exists  $\hat{\phi}_2 \in L_1$  such that  $C \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \hat{\phi}_2$ .

**Theorems** ([Kamp68, GPSS80, GHR94]) Logic  $TL(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S})$  is expressively complete for  $MFO$  over canonical models (discrete or continuous).

There exists  $TL(\mathcal{U}_s, \mathcal{S}_s)$  which is expressively complete for  $MFO$  over the class of all linear order.

# Decidability

A logic  $L$  is **decidable** if there exists an algorithm for finding whether  $\phi \in L$  is satisfiable (valid).

## Results

- $MSO$  over  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  is decidable. [Buchi60]
- $MFO$  over  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  is decidable. [BG85]
- $MSO$  over  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  is undecidable.  $MSO$  with quantification over monadic predicates restricted to countable subsets of reals is decidable. [Shelah75]
- $MSO$  over  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  is decidable. [Rabin69]
- $MSO$  over  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$  with finitely variable behaviours is decidable. [Rabin69][Rabinovich98].



# Quantitative Realtime Logics

## Logic $MFO^+$

Constructs of  $MFO$ , together with  $+1$  function.

**Example**  $(\forall t. ((t_0 < t < t_0 + 1 \Rightarrow P(t))) \Rightarrow Q(t_0 + 1)$

**Theorem** Logic  $MFO^+$  is undecidable.

*Proof Method* We can encode accepting runs of a 2-counter machine by a formula.

- Encode each configuration within an interval of time length 1.
- Number of alternations of  $X_1, X_2$  represent value of counters  $C_1, C_2$ .
- The configuration can be copied from one unit interval to next.

# Guarded Measurements

**Logic QMFO** [Hirschfeld-Rabinovich]

MF<sub>O</sub> constructs together with two **bounded quantifiers** below.

● Let  $\phi(t)$  be a QMFO formula with only variable  $t$  free.

● Define  $(\exists t)_{>t_0}^{<t_0+1} \phi(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists t(t_0 < t < t_0 + 1 \wedge \phi(t))$ .

Dually,  $(\forall t)_{>t_0}^{<t_0+1} \phi(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall t(t_0 < t < t_0 + 1 \Rightarrow \phi(t))$ .

● Define  $(\exists t)_{>t_0-1}^{<t_0} \phi(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists t(t < t_0 < t + 1 \wedge \phi(t))$ .

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**Example**  $\text{Timer}(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall t(Y(t) \Leftrightarrow (\forall t_1)_{>t_0-1}^{<t_0} X(t_1))$ .

$Y$  is true at a time iff  $X$  has been invariantly true for the previous (open) unit interval.

# Temporal Logic QTL

**Logic QTL**  $TL(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S}, \overrightarrow{\Diamond}_1, \overleftarrow{\Diamond}_1)$  with two constrained modalities below.

•  $\overrightarrow{\Diamond}_1 X$  has truth table  $(\exists t)_{>t_0}^{<t_0+1} X(t)$

•  $\overleftarrow{\Diamond}_1 X$  has truth table  $(\exists t)_{>t_0-1}^{<t_0} X(t)$

• Define duals  $\overrightarrow{\Box}_1 \phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \overrightarrow{\Diamond}_1 \neg \phi$  and  $\overleftarrow{\Box}_1 \phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg \overleftarrow{\Diamond}_1 \neg \phi$ .

**Example:**  $\Box(Y \Rightarrow \overleftarrow{\Box}_1 X)$ .

# Expressive Completeness

**Theorem** For any temporal logic  $TL(\tau)$  which is expressively complete for  $MFO$ , the logic  $TL(\tau, \overrightarrow{\Diamond}_1, \overleftarrow{\Diamond}_1)$  is expressively complete for  $QMFO$ .  
Specifically,  $QTL$  is expressively complete for  $QMFO$ .

**Consequence:** Any temporal modality which has a truth-table in  $QMFO$  can be expressed within  $QTL$ .

**Notation** Denote  $\overrightarrow{\Diamond}_1 X$  by  $\overrightarrow{\Diamond}_{(0,1)} X$  and  $\overleftarrow{\Diamond}_1 X$  by  $\overleftarrow{\Diamond}_{(-1,0)} X$ .

# Interval Bounded Modalities

$$\bullet (\exists t)_{\geq t_0}^{\leq t_0+1} X(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X(t_0) \vee (\exists t)_{\geq t_0}^{\leq t_0+1} X(t).$$

$$\diamond_{[0,1)} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \vee \diamond_{(0,1)} X$$

$$\bullet (\exists t)_{> t_0}^{\leq t_0+1} X(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\exists t)_{> t_0}^{\leq t_0+1} X(t) \vee \text{First}(t_0, X) \wedge (\forall t_1)_{> t_0}^{\leq t_0+1} (\exists t)_{> t_1}^{\leq t_1+1} X(t)$$

$$\diamond_{(0,1]} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \diamond_{(0,1)} X \vee [(\neg X \mathcal{U} X) \wedge \square_{(0,1)} \diamond_{(0,1)} X]$$

$$\bullet \diamond_{(1,\infty)} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \square_{(0,1]} \diamond X.$$

$$\bullet \square_{(n,n+1)} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \square_{(n-1,n)} \diamond_{(0,1)} \square_{(0,1)} X.$$

# A Variety of Modalities

Thus, we can define constrained modality  $\Diamond_I$  where  $I$  is **non-singular**

- interval  $I$  has integer end-point or infinity as end-points.
- **Non-singular**, i.e. not a singleton set or empty.
- Can be closed, open, partially closed.

**Logic MITL**  $TL(\mathcal{U}_I, \mathcal{S}_I)$  where  $I$  is non-singular interval.

Let  $X \mathcal{U}_{(n, n+m)} Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Box_{(0, n]}(X \wedge X\mathcal{U}Y)) \wedge \Diamond_{(n, n+m)} Y$ .

**Theorem** *MITL* and *QTL* have same expressive power.

# A Variety of Modalities (Cont)

- **Nearest Next [Wilke,Raskin]**

$$\triangleright_{(n,n+m)} X \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\neg X \mathcal{U} X) \wedge \diamond_{(m,m+n)} X \wedge \neg \diamond_{(0,n]} X.$$

- **Age Constraints [MP93]**  $\text{Age}(X) > n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \diamond_{(-n,0)} X.$

$$\text{Age}(X) = n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \square_{(-n,0)} X \wedge \square_{(-n, -(n-1))} \diamond_{(-1,0)} \neg X.$$

# Summary

- Logic  $QTL$  is expressively complete for  $QMSO$ .
- Modalities from most known decidable timed logics can be defined within  $QTL$  and  $QMSO$
- **Question** Is  $QMSO$  decidable?



# Decidability of QMFO

## Overview

- Timer Normal Form  $TNF \subset QMFO$
- Transform  $QMFO \rightarrow TNF$  (equivalent formula)
- Transform  $TNF \rightarrow MFO$  (equisatisfiable formula)
- Decidability of  $MFO$

# Timer Normal Form (TNF)

- In QTL, define  $TIMER(X, Y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Box(Y \Leftrightarrow \Box_1^{\leftarrow} X)$ .

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- If in above definition, if  $\phi \in MSO$  we have second order TNF. If  $\phi \in TL$  we have TL TNF.

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• Hence,  $\Box(Y \Leftrightarrow \vec{\Diamond}_1 Y) \Leftrightarrow \psi.$

•  $\vec{\Diamond}_1 Y \Leftrightarrow \exists Y.(Y \wedge \psi).$

# Reducing $\psi$

$$\Box(Y \Rightarrow Y\mathcal{U}X) \wedge \Box(X \Rightarrow \Box_1^{\leftarrow} Y) \wedge \Box((\Box_1^{\leftarrow} \neg X) \Rightarrow \Diamond_{[-1,0)} \neg Y).$$

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- $\Diamond_{[-1,0)} \neg Y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\Box_1^{\leftarrow} \neg Y \vee (Y\mathcal{S}\neg Y) \wedge \Box_1^{\leftarrow} \Box_1^{\leftarrow} \neg Y)$  and
- $\Box_1^{\leftarrow} Z \Leftrightarrow \neg \Box_1^{\leftarrow} \neg Z.$

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Hence,  $\psi \Leftrightarrow$

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Recall that  $\Diamond_1^{\leftarrow} X \Leftrightarrow \exists Y.(Y \wedge \psi)$



# Reduction to Timer Normal Form

**Theorem** For any  $\phi(\bar{t}, \bar{Z})$  in  $QMFO$ , we can associate auxiliary monadic predicates  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}$  and formula  $\bar{\phi}(\bar{t}, \bar{Z}, \bar{X}, \bar{Y})$  in  $MFO$  such that

$$\phi(\bar{t}, \bar{Z}) \Leftrightarrow \exists \bar{X}, \bar{Y}. (Timer_n(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) \wedge \bar{\phi}(\bar{t}, \bar{Z}, \bar{X}, \bar{Y}))$$

- The theorem is true even when  $\phi \in QMSO$  and gives a reduction to  $MSO$ .
- The theorem is true even when  $\phi \in QTL$  and gives a reduction to  $TL(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{S})$ .

# Elimination of Metric

Let  $\overline{X} = X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $\overline{Y} = Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ . We transform  $Timer(\overline{X}, \overline{Y})$  into  $\overline{Timer}(\overline{X}, \overline{Y})$  in *MFO* such that satisfiability is preserved (equisatisfiable).

**MFO Properties of Timers** Formula  $A_i$  is conjunction of

- $Y_i$  is true at 0
- $Y_i$  is finitely variable.
- Set of point where  $Y_i$  is true is closed. I.e. if  $Y_i$  holds for  $(a, b)$  it also holds for  $[a, b]$ .

Formula  $B_i$  is conjunction of

- For  $t > 0$  if  $Y_i(t)$  then  $X_i$  is true in small left neighbourhood of  $t$ .

# Metric Elimination (Cont)

- If  $X_i$  continuously true from  $t$  onwards then  $Y_i$  becomes continuously true from some future point  $t' > t$ .
- If  $Y_i(t)$  and  $X_i$  holds in  $[t, t')$  then  $Y_i(t')$ .

Formula  $C_{i,j}$  is conjunction of

- If  $Y_i(t) \wedge \neg Y_j(t)$  then for some  $t' < t$  we have  $X_i$  holds invariantly for  $(t', t)$  but  $X_j$  does not hold invariantly in  $(t', t)$ .
- If  $Y_i$  and  $Y_j$  become true at  $t$  then for every previous  $t'$  we have  $X_i$  is true over  $(t', t)$  iff  $X_j$  is true over  $(t', t)$ .

Let  $\overline{Timer}(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_i A_i \wedge B_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i,j} C_{i,j}$ .

# Timer Elimination Theorem

**Theorem** [HR03] The predicates

$P_1, \dots, P_n, Q_1, \dots, Q_n \models \overline{Timer}(\overline{X}, \overline{Y})$  iff there is an order preserving bijection  $\rho : \Re \rightarrow \Re$  such that  
 $\rho(P_1), \dots, \rho(P_n), \rho(Q_1), \dots, \rho(Q_n) \models Timer(\overline{X}, \overline{Y})$

For  $\phi \in MFO$ , we have  $M \models \phi$  iff  $\rho(M) \models \phi$ .

# Decidability of QMFO

**Theorem** For every  $\phi \in QMFO$  (or  $QMSO, QTL$ ) we can construct  $\bar{\phi} \in MFO$  (or  $MSO, TL$ ) which is equisatisfiable.

## Corollary

- $QMFO$  is decidable over continuous canonical models.
- $QMSO$  is decidable over finitely variable models.  
(Alternative proof of  $MITL$  decidability.)
- $QTL$  is decidable over continuous canonical models.

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