

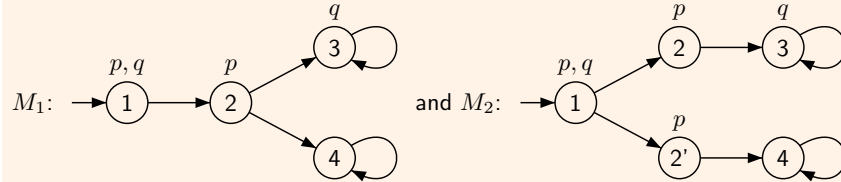
## Possibility is not expressible in LTL

Example:

$\varphi$ : Whenever  $p$  holds, it is possible to reach a state where  $q$  holds.

$\varphi$  cannot be expressed in LTL.

Consider the two models:



$M_1 \models \varphi$  but  $M_2 \not\models \varphi$

$M_1$  and  $M_2$  satisfy the same LTL formulae.

We need quantifications on runs:  $\varphi = \text{AG}(p \rightarrow \text{EF } q)$

- ▶ E: for some infinite run
- ▶ A: for all infinite runs

## CTL\* (Emerson & Halpern 86)

Definition: Syntax of the Computation Tree Logic CTL\*

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in \text{AP}) \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \text{X} \varphi \mid \varphi \cup \varphi \mid \text{E} \varphi \mid \text{A} \varphi$$

Definition: Semantics:

Let  $M = (S, T, I, \text{AP}, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\sigma$  an infinite run of  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} M, \sigma, i \models \text{E} \varphi & \text{ if } M, \sigma', 0 \models \varphi \text{ for some infinite run } \sigma' \text{ such that } \sigma'(0) = \sigma(i) \\ M, \sigma, i \models \text{A} \varphi & \text{ if } M, \sigma', 0 \models \varphi \text{ for all infinite runs } \sigma' \text{ such that } \sigma'(0) = \sigma(i) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Some specifications

- ▶ EF  $\varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is possible
- ▶ AG  $\varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is an invariant
- ▶ AF  $\varphi$ :  $\varphi$  is unavoidable
- ▶ EG  $\varphi$ :  $\varphi$  holds globally along some path

Remark:

$$\text{A} \varphi \equiv \neg \text{E} \neg \varphi$$

## State formulae and path formulae

Definition: State formulae

$\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$  is a **state formula** if  $\forall M, \sigma, \sigma', i, j$  such that  $\sigma(i) = \sigma'(j)$  we have

$$M, \sigma, i \models \varphi \iff M, \sigma', j \models \varphi$$

If  $\varphi$  is a state formula and  $M = (S, T, I, \text{AP}, \ell)$ , define

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \varphi\}$$

Example: State formulae

Formulae of the form  $p$  or  $\text{E} \varphi$  or  $\text{A} \varphi$  are state formulae.  
State formulae are closed under boolean connectives.

$$\llbracket p \rrbracket = \{s \in S \mid p \in \ell(s)\} \quad \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket = S \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \quad \llbracket \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \cup \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket$$

Definition: Alternative syntax

$$\begin{aligned} \text{State formulae } \varphi &::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in \text{AP}) \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \text{E} \psi \mid \text{A} \psi \\ \text{Path formulae } \psi &::= \varphi \mid \neg \psi \mid \psi \vee \psi \mid \text{X} \psi \mid \psi \cup \psi \end{aligned}$$

## Model checking of CTL\*

Definition: Existential and universal model checking

Let  $M = (S, T, I, \text{AP}, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$  a formula.

$$\begin{aligned} M \models_{\exists} \varphi & \text{ if } M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi \text{ for some initial infinite run } \sigma \text{ of } M. \\ M \models_{\forall} \varphi & \text{ if } M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi \text{ for all initial infinite run } \sigma \text{ of } M. \end{aligned}$$

Remark:

$$\begin{aligned} M \models_{\exists} \varphi & \text{ iff } I \cap \llbracket \text{E} \varphi \rrbracket \neq \emptyset \\ M \models_{\forall} \varphi & \text{ iff } I \subseteq \llbracket \text{A} \varphi \rrbracket \\ M \models_{\forall} \varphi & \text{ iff } M \not\models_{\exists} \neg \varphi \end{aligned}$$

Definition: Model checking problems  $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}^*}^{\forall}$  and  $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}^*}^{\exists}$

**Input:** A Kripke structure  $M = (S, T, I, \text{AP}, \ell)$  and a formula  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}^*$

**Question:** Does  $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$ ? or Does  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$ ?

## Complexity of CTL\*

**Definition:** Syntax of the Computation Tree Logic CTL\*

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid X\varphi \mid \varphi U \varphi \mid E\varphi \mid A\varphi$$

**Theorem**

The model checking problem for CTL\* is PSPACE-complete

**Proof:**

PSPACE-hardness: follows from  $LTL \subseteq CTL^*$ .

PSPACE-easiness: reduction to LTL-model checking by inductive eliminations of path quantifications.

## $MC_{CTL^*}^{\forall}$ in PSPACE

**Proof:**

For  $Q \in \{\exists, \forall\}$  and  $\psi \in LTL$ , let  $MC_{LTL}^Q(M, t, \psi)$  be the function which computes in polynomial space whether  $M, t \models_Q \psi$ , i.e., if  $M, t \models Q\psi$ .

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure,  $s \in S$  and  $\varphi \in CTL^*$ .

$MC_{CTL^*}^{\forall}(M, s, \varphi)$

If  $E, A$  do not occur in  $\varphi$  then return  $MC_{LTL}^{\forall}(M, s, \varphi)$  fi

Let  $Q\psi$  be a subformula of  $\varphi$  with  $\psi \in LTL$  and  $Q \in \{E, A\}$

Let  $p_{Q\psi}$  be a new propositional variable

Define  $\ell' : S \rightarrow 2^{AP'}$  with  $AP' = AP \uplus \{p_{Q\psi}\}$  by

$\ell'(t) \cap AP = \ell(t)$  and  $p_{Q\psi} \in \ell'(t)$  iff  $MC_{LTL}^Q(M, t, \psi)$

Let  $M' = (S, T, I, AP', \ell')$

Let  $\varphi' = \varphi[p_{Q\psi}/Q\psi]$  be obtained from  $\varphi$  by replacing each  $Q\psi$  by  $p_{Q\psi}$

Return  $MC_{CTL^*}^{\forall}(M', s, \varphi')$

## Satisfiability for CTL\*

**Definition:** SAT(CTL\*)

**Input:** A formula  $\varphi \in CTL^*$

**Question:** Existence of a model  $M$  and a run  $\sigma$  such that  $M, \sigma, 0 \models \varphi$ ?

**Theorem**

The satisfiability problem for CTL\* is 2-EXPTIME-complete

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

**Definition:** Computation Tree Logic (CTL)

**Syntax:**

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid EX\varphi \mid AX\varphi \mid E\varphi U \varphi \mid A\varphi U \varphi$$

The semantics is inherited from CTL\*.

**Remark:** All CTL formulae are **state formulae**

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^M = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \varphi\}$$

**Examples: Macros**

- ▶  $EF\varphi = E T U \varphi$  and  $AF\varphi = A T U \varphi$
- ▶  $EG\varphi = \neg AF \neg\varphi$  and  $AG\varphi = \neg EF \neg\varphi$
- ▶  $AG(\text{req} \rightarrow EF \text{grant})$
- ▶  $AG(\text{req} \rightarrow AF \text{grant})$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

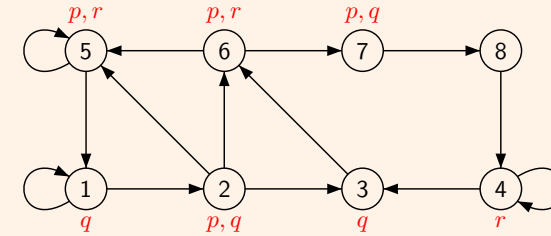
### Definition: Semantics

All CTL-formulae are **state** formulae. Hence, we have a simpler semantics.  
Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure **without deadlocks** and let  $s \in S$ .

- $s \models p$  if  $p \in \ell(s)$
- $s \models \text{EX } \varphi$  if  $\exists s \rightarrow s' \text{ with } s' \models \varphi$
- $s \models \text{AX } \varphi$  if  $\forall s \rightarrow s' \text{ we have } s' \models \varphi$
- $s \models \text{E } \varphi \text{ U } \psi$  if  $\exists s = s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots s_j$  **finite path**, with  
 $s_j \models \psi$  and  $s_k \models \varphi$  for all  $0 \leq k < j$
- $s \models \text{A } \varphi \text{ U } \psi$  if  $\forall s = s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \dots$  **infinite path**,  $\exists j \geq 0$  with  
 $s_j \models \psi$  and  $s_k \models \varphi$  for all  $0 \leq k < j$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

### Example:



$$\llbracket \text{EX } p \rrbracket = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6\}$$

$$\llbracket \text{AX } p \rrbracket = \{3, 6\}$$

$$\llbracket \text{EF } p \rrbracket = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$\llbracket \text{AF } p \rrbracket = \{2, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$\llbracket \text{E } q \text{ U } r \rrbracket = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

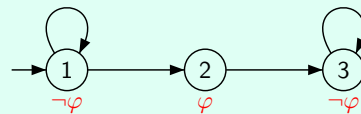
$$\llbracket \text{A } q \text{ U } r \rrbracket = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

## CTL (Clarke & Emerson 81)

### Remark: Equivalent formulae

- ▶  $\text{AX } \varphi = \neg \text{EX } \neg \varphi$ ,
- ▶  $\neg(\varphi \text{ U } \psi) = \text{G } \neg \psi \vee (\neg \psi \text{ U } (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi))$
- ▶  $\text{A } \varphi \text{ U } \psi = \neg \text{EG } \neg \psi \wedge \neg \text{E } \neg \psi \text{ U } (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$
- ▶  $\text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{F grant}) = \text{AG}(\text{req} \rightarrow \text{AF grant})$
- ▶  $\text{AGF } \varphi = \text{AGAF } \varphi$
- ▶  $\text{EFG } \varphi = \text{EFEG } \varphi$
- ▶  $\text{EGEF } \varphi \neq \text{EGF } \varphi$
- ▶  $\text{AFAG } \varphi \neq \text{AFG } \varphi$
- ▶  $\text{EGEX } \varphi \neq \text{EGX } \varphi$

infinitely often  
ultimately



## Model checking of CTL

### Definition: Existential and universal model checking

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$  a formula.

$M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  if  $M, s \models \varphi$  for **some**  $s \in I$ .

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  if  $M, s \models \varphi$  for **all**  $s \in I$ .

### Remark:

$M \models_{\exists} \varphi$  iff  $I \cap \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \neq \emptyset$

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $I \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$

$M \models_{\forall} \varphi$  iff  $M \not\models_{\exists} \neg \varphi$

### Definition: Model checking problems $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}}^{\forall}$ and $\text{MC}_{\text{CTL}}^{\exists}$

**Input:** A Kripke structure  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  and a formula  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$

**Question:** Does  $M \models_{\forall} \varphi$ ? or Does  $M \models_{\exists} \varphi$ ?

## Model checking of CTL

### Theorem

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell)$  be a Kripke structure and  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$  a formula.  
The model checking problem  $M \models \varphi$  is decidable in time  $\mathcal{O}(|M| \cdot |\varphi|)$

### Proof:

Compute  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \varphi\}$  by induction on the formula.

The set  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$  is represented by a boolean array:  $L[s][\varphi] = \top$  if  $s \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$ .

The labelling  $\ell$  is encoded in  $L$ : for  $p \in AP$  we have  $L[s][p] = \top$  if  $p \in \ell(s)$ .

## Model checking of CTL

### Definition: procedure semantics( $\varphi$ )

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case  $\varphi = \neg\varphi_1$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ )
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := S \setminus \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 

case  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ ); semantics( $\varphi_2$ )
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \cup \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 

case  $\varphi = EX\varphi_1$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ )
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \emptyset$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  for all  $(s, t) \in T$  do if  $t \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket$  then  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cup \{s\}$   $\mathcal{O}(|T|)$ 

case  $\varphi = AX\varphi_1$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ )
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := S$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  for all  $(s, t) \in T$  do if  $t \notin \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket$  then  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \setminus \{s\}$   $\mathcal{O}(|T|)$ 

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## Model checking of CTL

### Definition: procedure semantics( $\varphi$ )

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case  $\varphi = E\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2$   $\mathcal{O}(|S| + |T|)$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ ); semantics( $\varphi_2$ )
   $L := \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket$  // the set  $L$  is the "todo" list  $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
   $Z := \emptyset$  // the set  $Z$  is the "done" list  $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  while  $L \neq \emptyset$  do  $|S|$  times
    Invariant:  $\llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \cap T^{-1}(Z)) \subseteq Z \cup L \subseteq \llbracket E\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \rrbracket$ 
    take  $t \in L$ ;  $L := L \setminus \{t\}$ ;  $Z := Z \cup \{t\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
    for all  $s \in T^{-1}(t)$  do  $|T|$  times
      if  $s \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \setminus (Z \cup L)$  then  $L := L \cup \{s\}$ 
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := Z$ 

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$Z$  is only used to make the invariant clear.

$Z \cup L$  can be replaced by  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$ .

## Model checking of CTL

### Definition: procedure semantics( $\varphi$ )

Replacing  $Z \cup L$  by  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$

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    take  $t \in L$ ;  $L := L \setminus \{t\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
    for all  $s \in T^{-1}(t)$  do  $|T|$  times
      if  $s \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$  then  $L := L \cup \{s\}$ ;  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cup \{s\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 

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## Model checking of CTL

Definition: procedure semantics( $\varphi$ )

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case  $\varphi = A\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2$   $\mathcal{O}(|S| + |T|)$ 
  semantics( $\varphi_1$ ); semantics( $\varphi_2$ )
   $L := \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket$  // the set  $L$  is the "todo" list  $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
   $Z := \emptyset$  // the set  $Z$  is the "done" list  $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  for all  $s \in S$  do  $c[s] := |T(s)|$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  while  $L \neq \emptyset$  do  $|S|$  times
    Invariant:  $\forall s \in S, c[s] = |T(s) \setminus Z|$  and
                $\llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \cap \{s \in S \mid T(s) \subseteq Z\}) \subseteq Z \cup L \subseteq \llbracket A\varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2 \rrbracket$ 
    take  $t \in L$ ;  $L := L \setminus \{t\}$ ;  $Z := Z \cup \{t\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
    for all  $s \in T^{-1}(t)$  do  $|T|$  times
       $c[s] := c[s] - 1$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
      if  $c[s] = 0 \wedge s \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \setminus (Z \cup L)$  then  $L := L \cup \{s\}$ 
   $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := Z$ 

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  for all  $s \in S$  do  $c[s] := |T(s)|$   $\mathcal{O}(|S|)$ 
  while  $L \neq \emptyset$  do  $|S|$  times
    take  $t \in L$ ;  $L := L \setminus \{t\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
    for all  $s \in T^{-1}(t)$  do  $|T|$  times
       $c[s] := c[s] - 1$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
      if  $c[s] = 0 \wedge s \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$  then  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 
         $L := L \cup \{s\}$ ;  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket := \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cup \{s\}$   $\mathcal{O}(1)$ 

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## Complexity of CTL

Definition: SAT(CTL)

**Input:** A formula  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$

**Question:** Existence of a model  $M$  and a state  $s$  such that  $M, s \models \varphi$ ?

Theorem: Complexity

- ▶ The model checking problem for CTL is PTIME-complete.
- ▶ The satisfiability problem for CTL is EXPTIME-complete.

## fairness

Example: Fairness

Only fair runs are of interest

- ▶ Each process is enabled infinitely often:  $\bigwedge_i \text{GF run}_i$
- ▶ No process stays ultimately in the critical section:  $\bigwedge_i \neg \text{FG CS}_i = \bigwedge_i \text{GF } \neg \text{CS}_i$

Definition: Fair Kripke structure

$M = (S, T, I, \text{AP}, \ell, F_1, \dots, F_n)$  with  $F_i \subseteq S$ .

An infinite run  $\sigma$  is **fair** if it visits infinitely often each  $F_i$

## fair CTL

### Definition: Syntax of fair-CTL

$$\varphi ::= \perp \mid p \ (p \in AP) \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \mathbf{E}_f \mathbf{X} \varphi \mid \mathbf{A}_f \mathbf{X} \varphi \mid \mathbf{E}_f \varphi \mathbf{U} \varphi \mid \mathbf{A}_f \varphi \mathbf{U} \varphi$$

### Definition: Semantics as a fragment of CTL\*

Let  $M = (S, T, I, AP, \ell, F_1, \dots, F_n)$  be a fair Kripke structure.

Then,  $\mathbf{E}_f \varphi = \mathbf{E}(\text{fair} \wedge \varphi)$  and  $\mathbf{A}_f \varphi = \mathbf{A}(\text{fair} \rightarrow \varphi)$

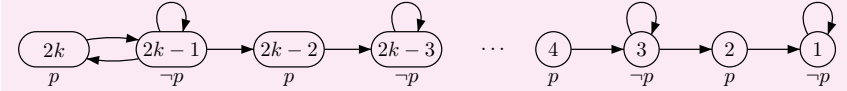
where  $\text{fair} = \bigwedge_i \mathbf{G} F_i$

### Lemma: $\text{CTL}_f$ cannot be expressed in CTL

## fair CTL

### Proof: $\text{CTL}_f$ cannot be expressed in CTL

Consider the Kripke structure  $M_k$  defined by:



▸  $M_k, 2k \models \mathbf{E} \mathbf{G} F p$  but  $M_k, 2k-2 \not\models \mathbf{E} \mathbf{G} F p$

▸ If  $\varphi \in \text{CTL}$  and  $|\varphi| \leq m \leq k$  then

$M_k, 2k \models \varphi$  iff  $M_k, 2m \models \varphi$

$M_k, 2k-1 \models \varphi$  iff  $M_k, 2m-1 \models \varphi$

If the fairness condition is  $\ell^{-1}(p)$  then  $\mathbf{E}_f \top$  cannot be expressed in CTL.

## Model checking of $\text{CTL}_f$

### Theorem

The model checking problem for  $\text{CTL}_f$  is decidable in time  $\mathcal{O}(|M| \cdot |\varphi|)$

### Proof: Computation of $\text{Fair} = \{s \in S \mid M, s \models \mathbf{E}_f \top\}$

Compute the SCC of  $M$  with **Tarjan's algorithm** (in time  $\mathcal{O}(|M|)$ ).

Let  $S'$  be the union of the (non trivial) SCCs which intersect each  $F_i$ .

Then, Fair is the set of states that can reach  $S'$ .

Note that **reachability** can be computed in linear time.

## Model checking of $\text{CTL}_f$

### Proof: Reductions

$\mathbf{E}_f \mathbf{X} \varphi = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{X} (\text{Fair} \wedge \varphi)$  and  $\mathbf{E}_f \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi = \mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} (\text{Fair} \wedge \psi)$

It remains to deal with  $\mathbf{A}_f \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$ .

Recall that  $\mathbf{A} \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi = \neg \mathbf{E} \mathbf{G} \neg \psi \wedge \neg \mathbf{E} \neg \psi \mathbf{U} (\neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi)$

This formula also holds for fair quantifications  $\mathbf{A}_f$  and  $\mathbf{E}_f$ .

Hence, we only need to compute the semantics of  $\mathbf{E}_f \mathbf{G} \varphi$ .

### Proof: Computation of $\mathbf{E}_f \mathbf{G} \varphi$

Let  $M_\varphi$  be the restriction of  $M$  to  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_f$ .

Compute the SCC of  $M_\varphi$  with **Tarjan's algorithm** (in linear time).

Let  $S'$  be the union of the (non trivial) SCCs of  $M_\varphi$  which intersect each  $F_i$ .

Then,  $M, s \models \mathbf{E}_f \mathbf{G} \varphi$  iff  $M, s \models \mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} S'$  iff  $M_\varphi, s \models \mathbf{E} F S'$ .

This is again a **reachability** problem which can be solved in linear time.