

# Temporal Logic

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# Purpose

The variable *foo* at some time equals 1, and later equals 2

- $(foo = 1) \vee (foo = 2)$
- $(foo = 1) \wedge (foo = 2)$
- $\mathcal{E}t_1\mathcal{E}t_2(t_1 \leq t_2 \wedge ValueAt(foo, t_1) = 1 \wedge ValueAt(foo, t_2) = 2)$
- $\Diamond(foo = 1 \wedge \Diamond(foo = 2))$

# Modal Logic

- Formal logic including *modalities*
- Operators for **necessarily** and **possibly**
- Can be written in terms of each other (they form a “**dual pair**”)
  - $\Diamond P \leftrightarrow \neg \Box \neg P$
  - $\Box P \leftrightarrow \neg \Diamond \neg P$

# Temporal Logic

- A form of modal logic
  - *possibly*  $\rightarrow$  *eventually/in the future*
  - *necessarily*  $\rightarrow$  *always/globally*
- Propositional logic +  $\Diamond$  +  $\Box$  = Propositional temporal logic
- Linear Temporal Logic
- Computational Tree Logic
  - $\mathcal{E}\Box Hungry()$
- Probabilistic CTL

# Future ( $\Diamond$ )

$\Diamond\psi$ :  $\psi$  must be true sometime in the future



If the user clicks the print button, **eventually** the file will be printed  
 $\forall\Box(PrintButtonPressed() \rightarrow \Diamond Printed())$

# Globally ( $\Box$ )

$\Box\psi$ :  $\psi$  must be true at all times in the future



The system will **always** work and **never** crash

$\forall \Box(\text{SystemWorking}() \wedge \neg \text{SystemCrashed}())$

# Next ( $\bigcirc$ )

$\bigcirc\psi$ :  $\psi$  must be true in the immediate future

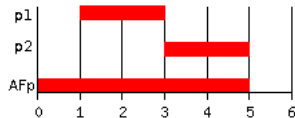


I'm **about to** eat

$\bigcirc$ *Eating*

## All ( $\mathcal{A}$ ) and Exists ( $\mathcal{E}$ )

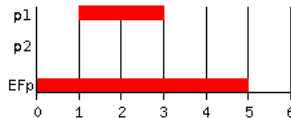
$\mathcal{A}\psi$ :  $\psi$  must be true in all possible futures



No matter what I will be hungry at some point

$\mathcal{A}\Diamond \text{Hungry}()$

$\mathcal{E}\psi$ :  $\psi$  must be true in at least one possible future



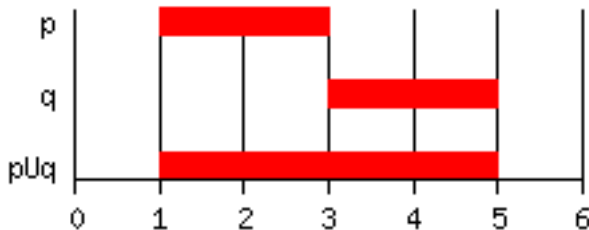
There's a possibility I'll be hungry at some point

$\mathcal{E}\Diamond \text{Hungry}()$



## Until ( $\mathcal{U}$ )

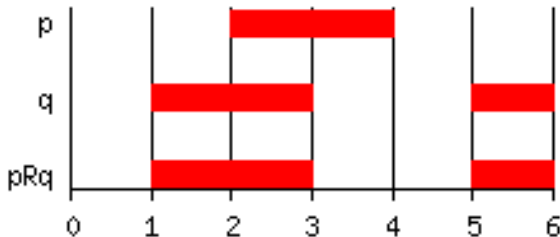
$\phi\mathcal{U}\psi$ :  $\psi$  is true at some point.  $\phi$  is true at least until that time



I'll be studying until class starts  
*Studying()* $\mathcal{U}$ *ClassStarts()*

## Release ( $\mathcal{R}$ )

$\phi\mathcal{R}\psi$ :  $\phi$  is true until  $\psi$  is true, if ever



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## Laws of Inference

- All predicate logic inference rules
- Distribution of  $\Box$  over  $\rightarrow$ :  $\Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$
- Distribution of  $\bigcirc$  over  $\rightarrow$ :  $\bigcirc(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\bigcirc A \rightarrow \bigcirc B)$
- Expansion of  $\Box$ :  $\Box A \rightarrow (A \wedge \bigcirc A \wedge \bigcirc \Box A)$
- Induction:  $\Box(A \rightarrow \bigcirc A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \Box A)$
- Linearity:  $\bigcirc A \leftrightarrow \neg \bigcirc \neg A$
- Transitivity:  $\Box \Box A \leftrightarrow \Box A$
- Distribution:  $\bigcirc(A \wedge B) \leftrightarrow (\bigcirc A \wedge \bigcirc B)$
- Distribution:  $\Box(A \wedge B) \rightarrow (\Box A \wedge \Box B)$
- Contraction:  $A \wedge \bigcirc \Box A \rightarrow \Box A$
- Distribution:  $(\Box A \wedge \Box B) \rightarrow \Box(A \wedge B)$
- Exchange:  $\Box \bigcirc A \leftrightarrow \bigcirc \Box A$

# Soundness/Completeness

**Syntactic Consequence:**  $A \vdash B$

**Semantic Consequence:**  $A \models B$

**Soundness:** No false positives.  $\vdash \rightarrow \models$

**Completeness:** No false negatives.  $\models \rightarrow \vdash$

$$\models \Box(A \rightarrow \bigcirc A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \Box A)$$

$$s \models \Box(A \rightarrow \bigcirc A) \wedge A \wedge \neg \Box A$$

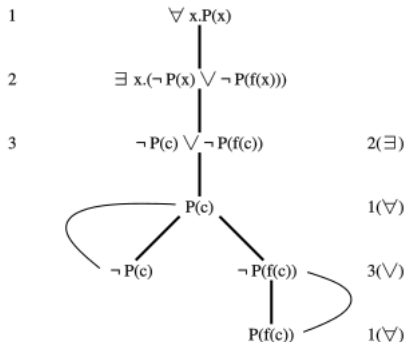
$$s \models \neg \Box A \rightarrow s' \models \neg A$$

$$s, s_1, s_2, \dots, s'$$

$$s \models A \wedge (A \rightarrow \bigcirc A) \rightarrow s_1 \models A$$

$$s' \models A \wedge s' \models \neg A \rightarrow \perp$$

# Soundness/Completeness



# Strengths and Weaknesses

## Strengths

- Easier to represent common situations
- Easy to learn; few operators
- Works well with existing techniques

## Weaknesses

- Not strictly necessary
- Can't represent potentials

# Applications

- Natural Language
- Artificial Intelligence
  - Frame problem
  - Event calculus
- Program Specification/Verification

Statement	Progress axioms
li: $v := \text{expression}$	$\vdash l_i \rightarrow \Diamond l_{i+1}$
li: if B then lt: S1 else lf: S2	$\vdash (l_i \wedge \Box B) \rightarrow \Diamond l_i$ $\vdash (l_i \wedge \Box \neg B) \rightarrow \Diamond l_f$
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