

Real-Time Systems

Lecture 3: Duration Calculus I

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$$obs : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(obs)$$

$$\langle obs_0, \nu_0 \rangle, t_0 \xrightarrow{\lambda_0} \langle obs_1, \nu_1 \rangle, t_1 \dots$$

- **Automatic Verification...**
...whether a TA satisfies a DC formula, observer-based
- **Recent Results:**
 - **Timed Sequence Diagrams**, or **Quasi-equal Clocks**, or **Automatic Code Generation**, or ...

Duration Calculus: Preview

- Duration Calculus is an **interval logic**.
- Formulae are evaluated in an **(implicitly given)** interval.

Strangest operators: $\lceil \text{Form} \rceil$

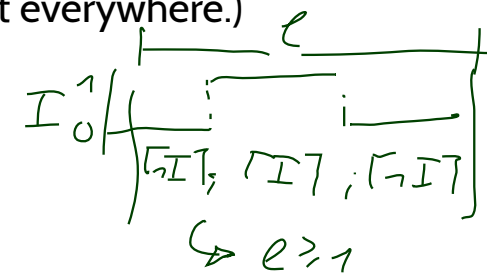
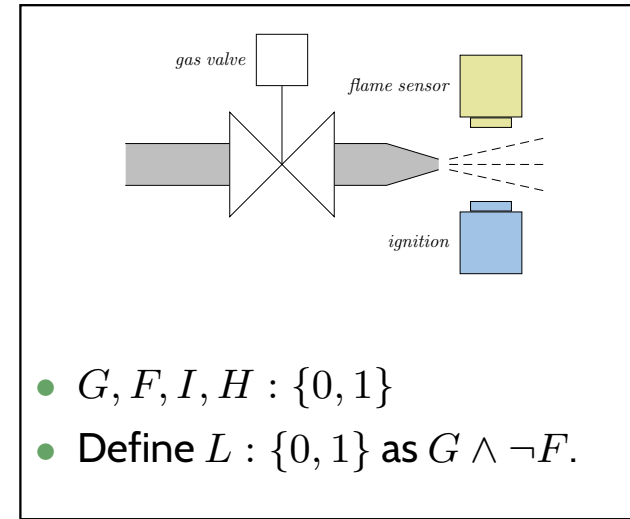
- **almost everywhere** – Example: $\lceil G \rceil$

(Holds in a given interval $[b, e]$ iff the gas valve is open almost everywhere.)

- **chop** – Example: $(\lceil \neg I \rceil ; \lceil I \rceil ; \lceil \neg I \rceil) \implies \ell \geq 1$
(Ignition phases last at least one time unit.)

- **integral** – Example: $\ell \geq 60 \implies \int L \leq \frac{\ell}{20}$

(At most 5% leakage time within intervals of at least 60 time units.)



- **Symbols**

- predicate and function symbols
- state variables and domain values
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Duration Calculus: Syntax Overview

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We will introduce **four syntactical categories** (and **abbreviations**):

(i) **Symbols:**

$\overbrace{true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq}^{p,q}$ $f, g,$ $X, Y, Z, d,$ $x, y, z,$

(ii) **State Assertions:**

$P ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid X = d \mid \neg P_1 \mid P_1 \wedge P_2$

(iii) **Terms:**

$\theta ::= x \mid \ell \mid f P \mid f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)$

(iv) **Formulae:**

$F ::= p(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \mid \neg F_1 \mid F_1 \wedge F_2 \mid \forall x \bullet F_1 \mid F_1 ; F_2$

(v) **Abbreviations:**

$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket, \llbracket P \rrbracket, \llbracket P \rrbracket^t, \llbracket P \rrbracket^{\leq t}, \diamond F, \square F$

Duration Calculus: Symbols

Symbols: Predicate Symbols

$\overbrace{true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq}^{p, q}, f, g, X, Y, Z, d, x, y, z,$

- We assume a set of **predicate symbols** to be given, typical elements p, q .
 - Each **predicate symbol** p has an **arity** $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$; shorthand notation: p/n .
 - A **predicate symbol** p/n is called a **constant** if and only if $n = 0$.
- In the following, we assume the following **predicate symbols**:
 - **constants**: $true, false$.
 - **binary** (i.e. $n = 2$): $=, <, >, \leq, \geq$.

Syntax

- **Semantical domains**: **truth values** $\mathbb{B} = \{tt, ff\}$, and **real numbers** \mathbb{R} .
- The **semantics** of an n -ary **predicate symbol** p is a **function** from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{B} , denoted \hat{p} , i.e. $\hat{p} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$.
- For constants (arity $n = 0$) we have $\hat{p} \in \mathbb{B}$.
- **Examples**:
 - $\hat{true} = tt, \hat{false} = ff,$
 - $\hat{=} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}, \quad \hat{=}(a, b) = tt, \text{ iff } a = b, \quad \hat{=}(a, b) = ff, \text{ iff } a \neq b.$
 $\hat{=}(3, 17) = ff, \quad \hat{=}(2, 2) = tt.$

Semantics
(meaning)

Once Again: Syntax vs. Semantics

- **Predicate symbols** are principally **freely chosen**, we could also consider the following ones:

- $\heartsuit/1$

- $\clubsuit/3$

- $\hat{=}/2$

DC symbol/syntax

- To semantically work with a **predicate symbol**, we need to define a **meaning**.

One possible choice:

- $\hat{\heartsuit} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

$$\hat{\heartsuit}(a) = \begin{cases} \text{tt} & , \text{ if } a \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and digit sum of } a \text{ equals } 27 \\ \text{ff} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\hat{\clubsuit} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

$$\hat{\clubsuit}(a, b, c) = \begin{cases} \text{tt} & , \text{ if } ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ has at least one solution} \\ \text{ff} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\hat{=} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

$$\hat{=}(a, b) = \begin{cases} \text{tt} & , \text{ if } a \geq b \\ \text{ff} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

math. / semantics

Same Game: Function Symbols

$true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq, f, g, X, Y, Z, d, x, y, z,$

- We assume a set of **function symbols** to be given, typical elements f, g .
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 - A **function symbol** f/n is called a **constant** if and only if $n = 0$.

- In the following, we assume the following **function symbols**:

- **constants**: $i/0$ for each $i \in \mathbb{N}_0, \mathbb{R}$ (for each real number from \mathbb{R} we assume one function symbol)
- **binary** (i.e. $n = 2$): $+$, \cdot .

- The **semantics** of an n -ary **function symbol** f is a **function** from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R} , denoted \hat{f} , i.e. $\hat{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- For constants (arity $n = 0$) we have $\hat{f} \in \mathbb{R}$.

- **Examples**:

- $\hat{0} = 0 \in \mathbb{R}, \hat{27} = 27 \in \mathbb{R},$
- $\hat{+} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \hat{+}(a, b) = a + b,$
 $\hat{+}(1, 2) = 3.$

Syntax

Semantics
(meaning)

One More Time

To better distinguish **syntax** from **semantics**, we could choose to work with the following symbols for natural numbers:

- **Syntax:**

- zero, one, two, ..., twentyseven, ...

(all with arity 0)

- **Semantics:**

- $\hat{\text{zéro}} = 0 \in \mathbb{R}$,

- $\hat{\text{oñe}} = 1 \in \mathbb{R}$,

- $\hat{\text{two}} = 2 \in \mathbb{R}$,

- ...,

- $\hat{\text{twentyseven}} = 27 \in \mathbb{R}$,

- ...

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- $\hat{2} = 2 \in \mathbb{R},$
- $\dots,$
- $\hat{27} = 27 \in \mathbb{R},$
- \dots

Symbols: State Variables and Domain Values

$true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq, f, g, X, Y, Z, d, x, y, z,$

- We assume a set ‘Obs’ of **state variables** or **observables**, typical elements X, Y, Z .
 - Each **state variable** X has a **finite** (semantical) **domain** $\mathcal{D}(X) = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$.
 - A **state variable** with domain $\{0, 1\}$ is called **boolean observable**.
- For each domain $\{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$ of a state variable in ‘Obs’ we assume
 - **symbols** d_1, \dots, d_n
 - with $\hat{d}_i = d_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$.
- **Example:**
 - state variable F (“flame sensor”), domain $\mathcal{D}(F) = \{0, 1\}$, symbols $0, 1$ with $\hat{0} = 0 \in \mathbb{N}_0, \hat{1} = 1 \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
 - state variable T (“traffic lights”), domain $\mathcal{D}(T) = \{\text{red}, \text{green}\}$, symbols red, green with $\hat{\text{red}} = \text{red} \in \mathcal{D}(T), \hat{\text{green}} = \text{green} \in \mathcal{D}(T)$.

Interpretation of State Variables

- The last **semantical domain** we consider is
 - the set Time of **points in time**,
 - mostly, Time = \mathbb{R}_0^+ (**continuous / dense**), ~~Time~~
sometimes Time = \mathbb{N}_0 (**discrete time**).
- The **semantics** of a **state variable** is **time-dependent**.

It is given by an **interpretation** \mathcal{I} , i.e. a mapping

$$\mathcal{I} : \text{Obs} \rightarrow (\text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}), \quad \mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{X \in \text{Obs}} \mathcal{D}(X),$$

assigning to each **state variable** $X \in \text{Obs}$ a function

$$\mathcal{I}(X) : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$$

such that $\mathcal{I}(X)(t) \in \mathcal{D}(X)$ denotes the value that X has at time $t \in \text{Time}$.

- For convenience, we shall **abbreviate** $\mathcal{I}(X)$ to $X_{\mathcal{I}}$.

Evolutions over Time vs. Interpretation of State Variables

- Let $\text{Obs} = \{obs_1, \dots, obs_n\}$ be a set of state variables.
- **Evolution** (over time) of Obs:

$$\pi : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(obs_1) \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}(obs_n).$$

- **Interpretation** of Obs:

$$\mathcal{I} : \text{Obs} \rightarrow (\text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}).$$

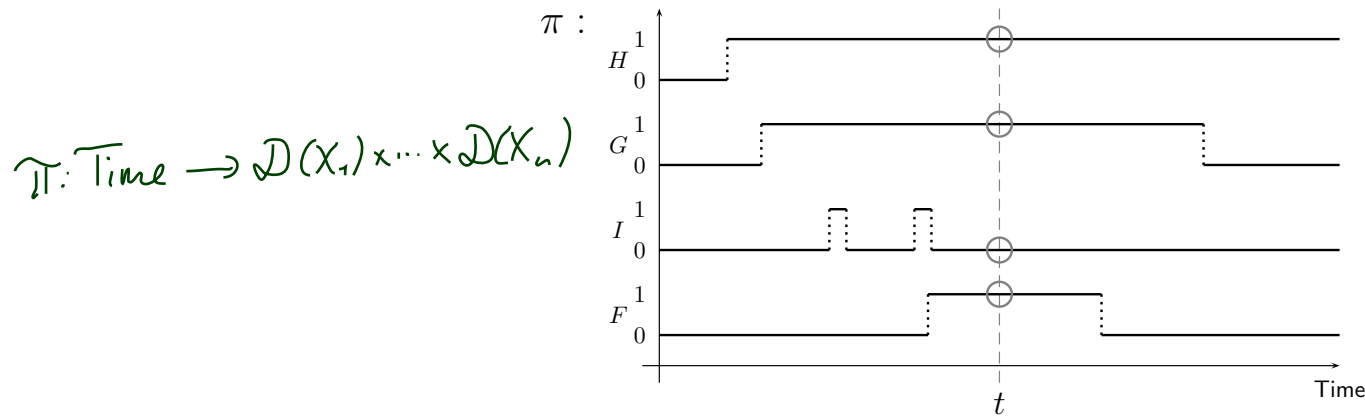
- Both, π and \mathcal{I} , represent **the same timed behaviour** if,

- for all $t \in \text{Time}$,

- $\mathcal{I}(obs_i)(t) = \pi(t) \downarrow i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$, or

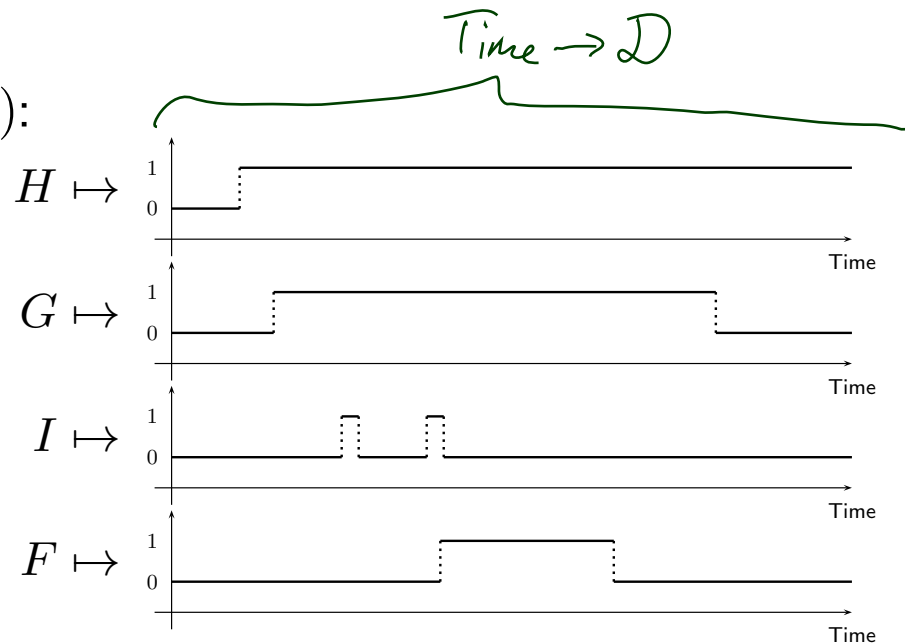
- $\pi(t) = (\underbrace{\mathcal{I}(obs_1)(t)}, \dots, \underbrace{\mathcal{I}(obs_n)(t)}) = (obs_{1_{\mathcal{I}}}(t), \dots, obs_{n_{\mathcal{I}}}(t)).$

Example: Evolutions vs. Interpretation of State Variables



- $obs_1 = H, obs_2 = G, obs_3 = I, obs_4 = F$
- $\pi(t) = (1, 1, 0, 1), \quad \mathcal{I}(H)(t) = H_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = \pi(t) \downarrow 1 = 1,$
 $\mathcal{I}(I)(t) = I_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = \pi(t) \downarrow 3 = 0,$

- $\mathcal{I} : \text{Obs} \rightarrow (\text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}) :$



Predicate / Function Symbols vs. State Variables

$true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq, f, g, X, Y, Z, d, x, y, z,$

Note:

- The choice of **function and predicate symbols** introduced earlier, i.e.

- $true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq,$
- $0, 1, \dots,$
- $+, \cdot$

and their **semantics**, i.e.

- \hat{true} is the truth value $tt \in \mathbb{B}$,
- $\hat{=} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ is the **equality** relation on real numbers,
- $\hat{0}$ is the (real) number **zero** from \mathbb{R} ,
- $\hat{+} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the **addition function** on real numbers,

is **fixed throughout the lecture.**

- The choice of **observables** and their **domains** **depends on the system we want to describe.** 

Symbols: Global Variables

$true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq, f, g, X, Y, Z, d, x, y, z,$

- We assume a set 'GVar' of **global** (or logical) **variables**, typical elements x, y, z .
- The semantics of a **global variable** is given by a **valuation**, i.e. a mapping

$$\mathcal{V} : \text{GVar} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

assigning to each global variable $x \in \text{GVar}$ a real number $\mathcal{V}(x) \in \mathbb{R}$.

We use Val to denote the set of all valuations, i.e. $\text{Val} = (\text{GVar} \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$.

Global variables are **fixed over time** in system evolutions.

$$\text{GVar} = \{x, y\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_1 = \{x \mapsto 0, y \mapsto 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_2 = \{x \mapsto 3.14, y \mapsto 27\}$$

Symbols: Overview


Syntax	Semantics (meaning)
predicate symbols $true, false, =, <, >, \leq, \geq$	$\hat{true} = tt \in \mathbb{B}, \hat{=} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$
function symbols $f/n, g$	$\hat{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
state variables X, Y, Z	$\mathcal{I}(X) : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$
domain values d	$\hat{d} \in \mathcal{D}(X)$
global variables x, y, z	$\mathcal{V}(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

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State Assertions: Syntax

- The set of **state assertions** is defined by the following grammar:

$$P ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid X = d \mid \neg P_1 \mid P_1 \wedge P_2$$

where

- $X \in \text{Obs}$ is a state variable,
- d denotes a value from X 's domain,

We shall use P, Q, R to denote state assertions.

- Here, '0', '1', '=', '¬', and '∧' are like **keywords** (or terminal symbols) in programming languages.
- **Abbreviations:**
 - We shall write X instead of $\underbrace{X = 1}$ if X is **boolean**, i.e. if $\mathcal{D}(X) = \{0, 1\}$,
 - Assume the **usual precedence**: \neg binds stronger than \wedge
 - Define \vee, \implies, \iff as usual.

State Assertions: Examples

$$P ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid X = d \mid \neg P_1 \mid P_1 \wedge P_2$$

Observables $F, G, \mathcal{D}(F) = \{0, 1\}, \mathcal{D}(G) = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

- $0 \checkmark$ ①
- $F = 1 \checkmark$ ②
- $F \checkmark$ ③ + abbrev.
- $\neg(F = 1) \checkmark$ ④, ③
- $\neg F \checkmark$ ④ + abbr
- $G \times$
- $G = 2, \checkmark \quad F = 2 \times$
- $F = G \times$ typing
- $F = 1 \wedge G = 1 \checkmark$ ⑤
- $((\neg(F = 1)) \wedge (G = 1)) \checkmark$
- $\neg(F = 1 \wedge G = 1), \checkmark$

$X, \mathcal{D}(X) = \{ \boxed{F=0} \}$ } state var. ✓
 } dom. value
 $X = \boxed{F=0}$ } state assertion

$(F=1) = (G=1) \times$
 $G = \underbrace{(F=1)}_{\text{st. ass}} \times$

\times
 $(\neg F) = 1 \wedge G = 1, \quad (\neg(F = 1)) \wedge G = 1 \checkmark$

State Assertions: Semantics

- The **semantics** of **state assertion** P is a function

$$\mathcal{I}[[P]] : \text{Time} \rightarrow \{0, 1\},$$

i.e., $\mathcal{I}[[P]](t)$ denotes the truth value of P at time $t \in \text{Time}$.

- The value $\mathcal{I}[[P]](t)$ is defined **inductively** over the structure of P :

$$\mathcal{I}[[0]](t) = 0$$

$$\mathcal{I}[[1]](t) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{I}[[X = d]](t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = d \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

base cases

induction
steps

$$\mathcal{I}[[\neg P_1]](t) = 1 - \mathcal{I}[[P_1]](t)$$

$$\mathcal{I}[[P_1 \wedge P_2]](t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathcal{I}[[P_i]](t) = 1, i \in \{1, 2\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

State Assertions: Notes

- If X is a boolean observer. the following equalities hold:

$$\mathcal{I}[\![X]\!](t) = \mathcal{I}[\![X = 1]\!](t) = \mathcal{I}(X)(t) = X_{\mathcal{I}}(t).$$

abbrev *boolean values (0, 1)* *abbrev.*

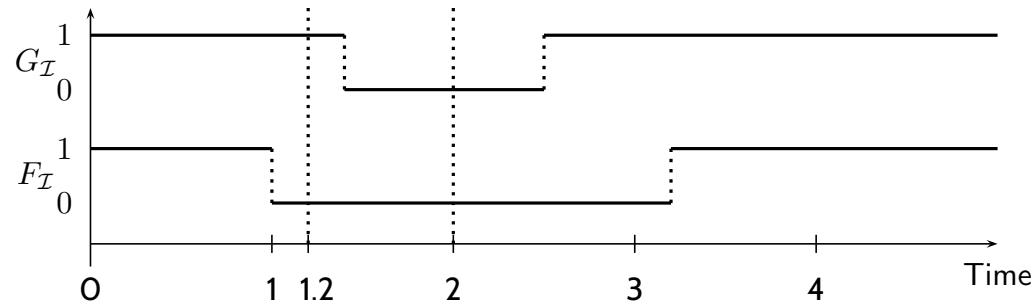
- $\mathcal{I}[\![P]\!]$ is also called **interpretation** of P .

We shall write $P_{\mathcal{I}}$ as a **shorthand notation**.

- Here, the state assertions 0 and 1 are treated like boolean values (like tt and ff), it will become clear in a minute, why 0, 1 is a better choice than tt and ff.

State Assertions: Example

- Interpretation \mathcal{I} of **boolean observables** G and F :



- Consider **state assertion** $L := G \wedge \neg F$. ($(G=1) \wedge \neg (F=1)$)

- $L_{\mathcal{I}}(1.2) = 1$, because

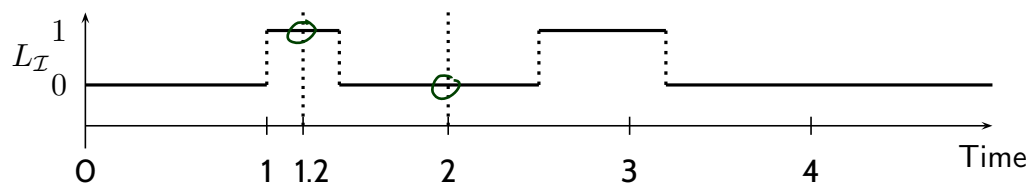
$$\mathcal{I}[\![G \wedge \neg F]\!](t) = 1 \quad \text{because} \quad \mathcal{I}[\![G]\!](t) = \mathcal{I}[\![G=1]\!](t) = G_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = 1 = 1$$

- $L_{\mathcal{I}}(2) = 0$, because

$$\mathcal{I}[\![\neg F]\!](t) = 1 - \mathcal{I}[\![F=1]\!](t) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{I}[\![F=1]\!](t) = (F_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = 1) = 0$$

- Interpretation of L as timing diagram:



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Terms: Syntax

- **Duration terms** (or DC terms, or just terms) are defined by the following grammar:

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where

- x is a **global variable** from GVar,
- P is a **state assertion**, and
- ‘ ℓ ’ and ‘ f ’ are like **keywords** (or terminal symbols) in programming languages.
- ℓ is called **length operator**,
- f is called **integral operator**.
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prefix normal form

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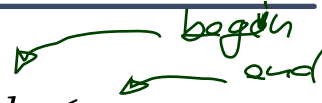
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Definition 1. [*Rigid*]

A term **without** length and integral operators is called **rigid**.

Towards Semantics of Terms: Intervals



- Let $b, e \in \text{Time}$ be points in time s.t. $b \leq e$.

Then $[b, e]$ denotes the **closed interval** $\{x \in \text{Time} \mid b \leq x \leq e\}$.

- We use 'Intv' to denote the set of **closed intervals** in the time domain, i.e.

$$\text{Intv} := \{[b, e] \mid b, e \in \text{Time}\}.$$

- **Closed intervals** of the form $[b, b]$ are called **point intervals**.

Terms: Semantics

- The **semantics** of a **term** θ is a function

$$\mathcal{I}[\theta] : \text{Val} \times \text{Intv} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

that is, $\mathcal{I}[\theta]$ maps a pair consisting of a **valuation** and an **interval** to a real number.

- $\mathcal{I}[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [b, e])$ is called
 - the **value** (or **interpretation**) of θ
 - under interpretation** \mathcal{I} and **valuation** \mathcal{V}
 - in the interval** $[b, e]$.
- The value $\mathcal{I}[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [b, e])$ is defined **inductively** over the structure of θ :

$$\mathcal{I}[x](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) = \mathcal{V}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{I}[\ell](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) = e - b$$

Riemann integral

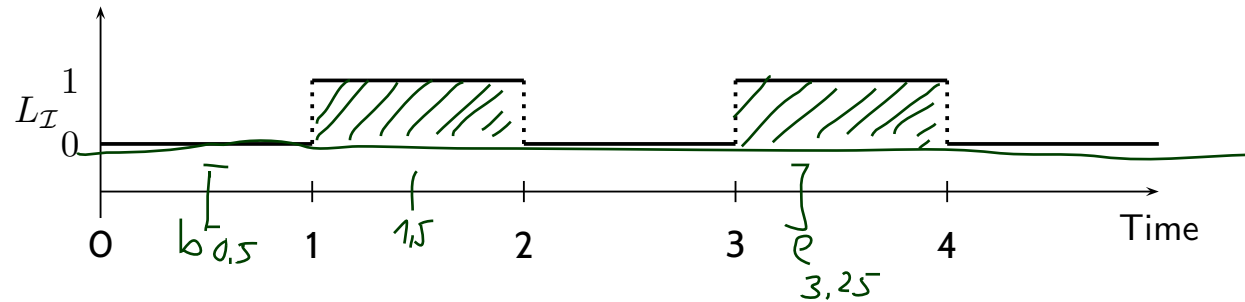
base case
induct. steps

$$\mathcal{I}[f P](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) = \int_b^e P_{\mathcal{I}}(t) dt$$

$$\mathcal{I}[f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n)](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) = f(\mathcal{I}[\theta_1](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]), \dots, \mathcal{I}[\theta_n](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]))$$

Terms: Example

$$\mathcal{V}(x) = 20.$$



Consider the **term** $\theta = x \cdot \int L$.

- $$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]) &= \mathcal{I}[\cdot(x, \int L)](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]) \\ &= \hat{\cdot} \left(\mathcal{I}[x](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]), \mathcal{I}[\int L](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]) \right) \\ &= \hat{\cdot} \left(\mathcal{V}(x), \mathcal{I}[\int L](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]) \right) \\ &= \hat{\cdot} \left(20, \mathcal{I}[\int L](\mathcal{V}, [0.5, 3.25]) \right) \\ &= \hat{\cdot} \left(20, \int_{0.5}^{3.25} L_{\mathcal{I}}(t) dt \right) = \hat{\cdot} \left(20, 1.25 \right) = 20 \cdot 1.25 = 25 \end{aligned}$$
- $$\mathcal{I}[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [1.5, 1.5]) = \mathcal{O}$$

Terms: Is the Semantics Well-defined?

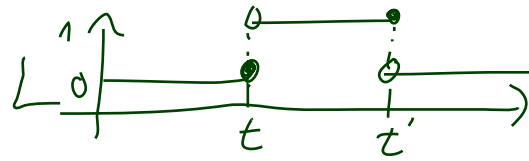
- So, $\mathcal{I}[[f P]](\mathcal{V}, [b, e])$ is $\int_b^e P_{\mathcal{I}}(t) dt$ – but **does the integral always exist?**
- IOW: is there a $P_{\mathcal{I}}$ which is **not (Riemann-)integrable**? Yes. For instance

$$P_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } t \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & , \text{if } t \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

- To exclude such functions, DC considers only interpretations \mathcal{I} satisfying the following condition of **finite variability**:

For each state variable X and each interval $[b, e]$ there is a **finite partition** of $[b, e]$ such that the interpretation $X_{\mathcal{I}}$ is **constant on each part**.

Thus a function $X_{\mathcal{I}}$ is of **finite variability** if and only if, on each interval $[b, e]$, the function $X_{\mathcal{I}}$ has only **finitely many points of discontinuity**.



Remark 2.5. The semantics $\mathcal{I}[\theta]$ of a term is insensitive against changes of the interpretation \mathcal{I} at individual time points.

More formally:

- Let $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2$ be interpretations of Obs such that $\mathcal{I}_1(X)(t) = \mathcal{I}_2(X)(t)$ for all $X \in \text{Obs}$ and all $t \in \text{Time} \setminus \{t_0, \dots, t_n\}$.
Then $\mathcal{I}_1[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) = \mathcal{I}_2[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [b, e])$ for all terms θ and intervals $[b, e]$.

Remark 2.6. The semantics $\mathcal{I}[\theta](\mathcal{V}, [b, e])$ of a **rigid** term does not depend on the interval $[b, e]$.

Syntax / Semantics Overview

Syntax	Semantics (meaning)
predicate symbols <i>true, false, =, <, >, ≤, ≥</i>	$\hat{true} = tt \in \mathbb{B}, \hat{=} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$
function symbols <i>f/n, g</i>	$\hat{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
state variables <i>X, Y, Z</i>	$\mathcal{I}(X) : \text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(X)$
domain values <i>d</i>	$\hat{d} \in \mathcal{D}(X)$
global variables <i>x, y, z</i>	$\mathcal{V}(x) \in \mathbb{R}$
state assertions <i>P</i>	$\mathcal{I}[[P]] : \text{Time} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ $\mathcal{I}[[P]](t) \in \{0, 1\}$
terms <i>θ</i>	$\mathcal{I}[[\theta]] : \text{Val} \times \text{Intv} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $\mathcal{I}[[\theta]](\mathcal{V}, [b, e]) \in \mathbb{R}$
<i>formula</i> \mathbb{F}	$\mathcal{I}[[\mathbb{F}]] : \text{Val} \times \text{Intv} \rightarrow \{tt, ff\}?$

- **Symbols**

- predicate and function symbols
- state variables and domain values
- global (or logical) variables

- **State Assertions**

- syntax
- semantics

- **Terms**

- syntax
- rigid terms
- intervals
- semantics
- remarks

Tell Them What You've Told Them. . .

- **State assertions** over
 - **state variables** (or **observables**), and
 - **predicate symbols**

are **evaluated** at **points in time**.

The **semantics** of a **state assertion** is a **truth value**.

- **Terms** are **evaluated** over **intervals** and can
 - measure the **accumulated duration** of a **state assertion**,
 - measure the **length** of intervals, and
 - use **function symbols**.

The **semantics** of a **term** is a **real number**.

- The value of **rigid terms** is independent from the considered interval.
- The semantics of **terms** is **insensitive** against changes at finitely many **points in time**.

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