

Real-Time Systems

Lecture 17: Automatic Verification of DC Properties for TA II

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

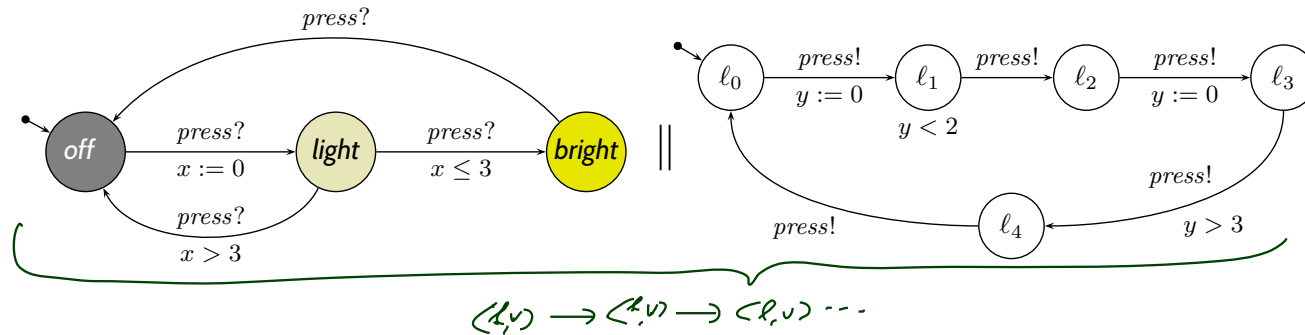
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$$\langle obs_0, \nu_0 \rangle, t_0 \xrightarrow{\lambda_0} \langle obs_1, \nu_1 \rangle, t_1 \dots$$

- **Automatic Verification...**
...whether a TA satisfies a DC formula, observer-based
- **Recent Results:**
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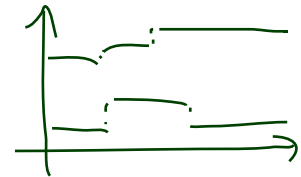
Model-Checking DC Properties with Uppaal



DC formula

$\models? F$

$I: Obs$
 $\rightarrow (\neg [light] \rightarrow \dots)$



- **Question 1:** what is the “ \models ”-relation here?
- **Question 2:** what kinds of DC formulae can we check with Uppaal?
 - **Clear:** Not every DC formula.
 (Otherwise contradicting undecidability results.)
 - **Quite clear:** $F = \square [off]$ or $F = \neg \diamond [light]$
 (Use Uppaal’s fragment of TCTL, something like (!) $\forall \square off$.)
 - **Maybe:** $F = \ell > 5 \implies \diamond [off]^5$
 - **Not so clear:** $F = \neg \diamond ([bright] ; [light])$

Observing Timed Automata

Observables of a Network of Timed Automata

Let \mathcal{N} be a network of n extended timed automata

$$\mathcal{A}_{e,i} = (L_i, C_i, B_i, U_i, X_i, V_i, I_i, E_i, \ell_{ini,i}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

For simplicity: assume that all L_i and V_i are pairwise disjoint (otherwise rename).

Definition. The **observables** $\text{Obs}(\mathcal{N})$ of \mathcal{N} are

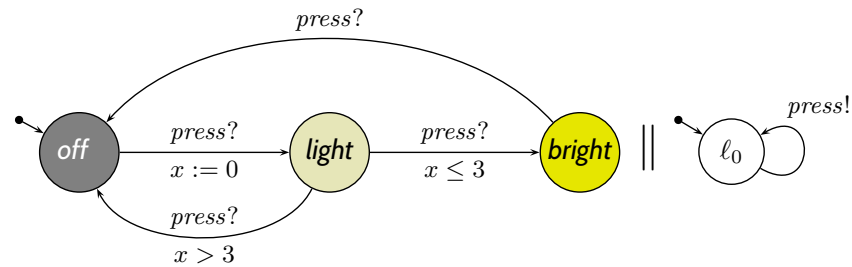
$$\{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n\} \dot{\cup} \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} V_i$$

with

$$\{\odot_1, \dots, \odot_n\}$$

- $\mathcal{D}(\ell_i) = L_i$,
- $\mathcal{D}(v)$ is the domain of data-variable v in $\mathcal{A}_{e,i}$.

Example

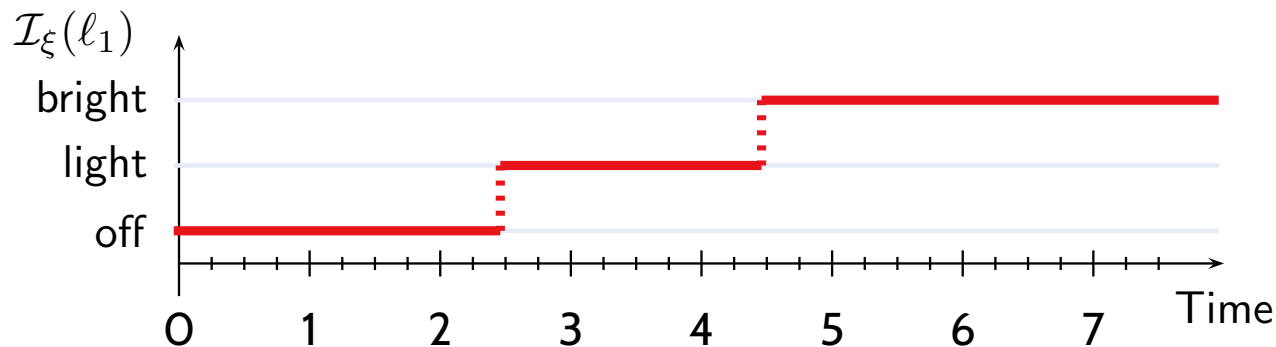


- **Observables:** $\text{Obs}(\mathcal{N}) = \{\ell_1, \ell_2\}$ with
 - $\mathcal{D}(\ell_1) = \{\text{off}, \text{light}, \text{bright}\}$, $\mathcal{D}(\ell_2) = \{\ell_0\}$. (No data variables in \mathcal{N} !)

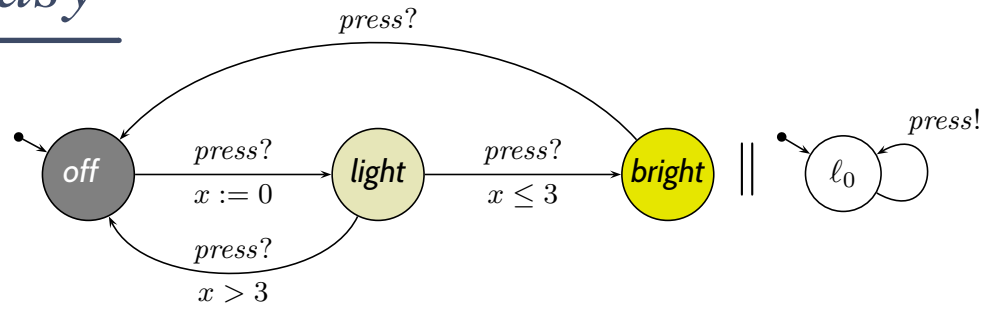
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and **construct interpretation** $\mathcal{I}_\xi : \text{Obs}(\mathcal{N}) \rightarrow (\text{Time} \rightarrow \mathcal{D})$:

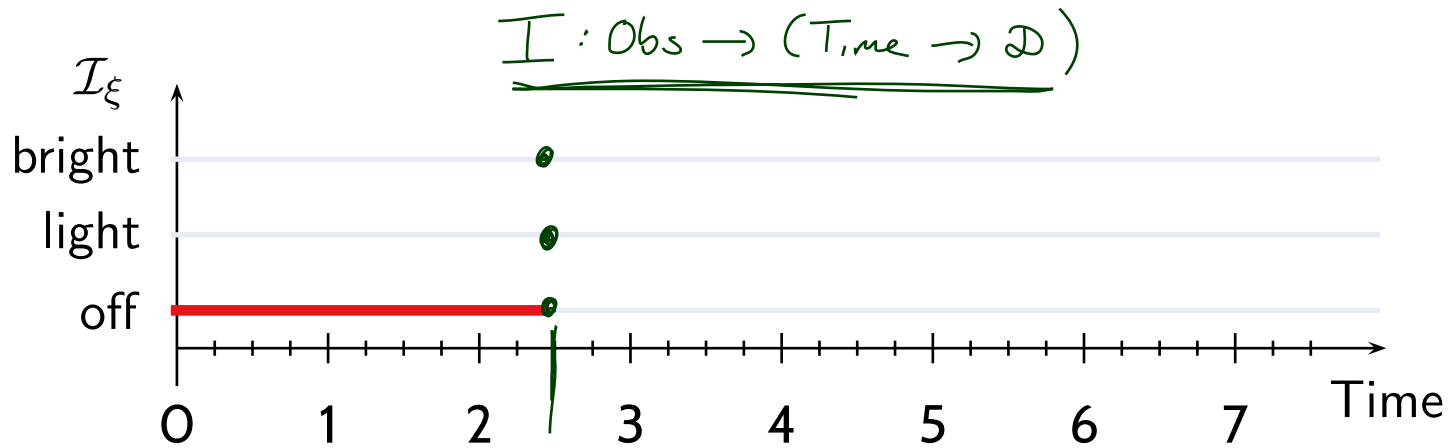


That'd be Too Easy



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Evolutions of TA Network

Our approach:

- **Consider** only those configurations assumed for more than 0 time units.
- **Extend** finite computation paths by keeping last discrete configuration.

Definition. Let

$$\xi = \langle \vec{\ell}_0, \nu_0 \rangle, t_0 \xrightarrow{\lambda_1} \langle \vec{\ell}_1, \nu_1 \rangle, t_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda_2} \langle \vec{\ell}_2, \nu_2 \rangle, t_2 \xrightarrow{\lambda_3} \dots$$

be a computation path of network \mathcal{N} (infinite or of length n).

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\xi} : \text{Time} &\rightarrow \text{Conf}(\mathcal{N}) \\ t &\mapsto \left(\langle \vec{\ell}_j, \nu_j + t - t_j \rangle \text{ where } j = \max\{i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid t_i \leq t\} \right) \\ &\quad \text{and} \left(\text{if } \xi \text{ finite} \right) \langle \vec{\ell}_n, \nu_n + t - t_n \rangle \text{ for } t > t_n \end{aligned}$$

Recall: $\xi(t)$ used for the query language yielded the set of all configurations at t .

Evolutions of TA Network Cont'd

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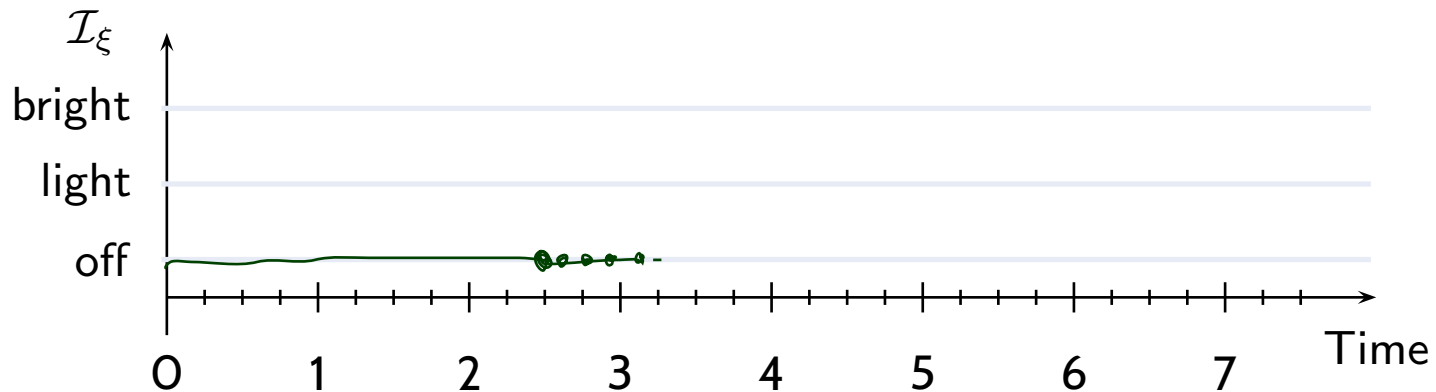
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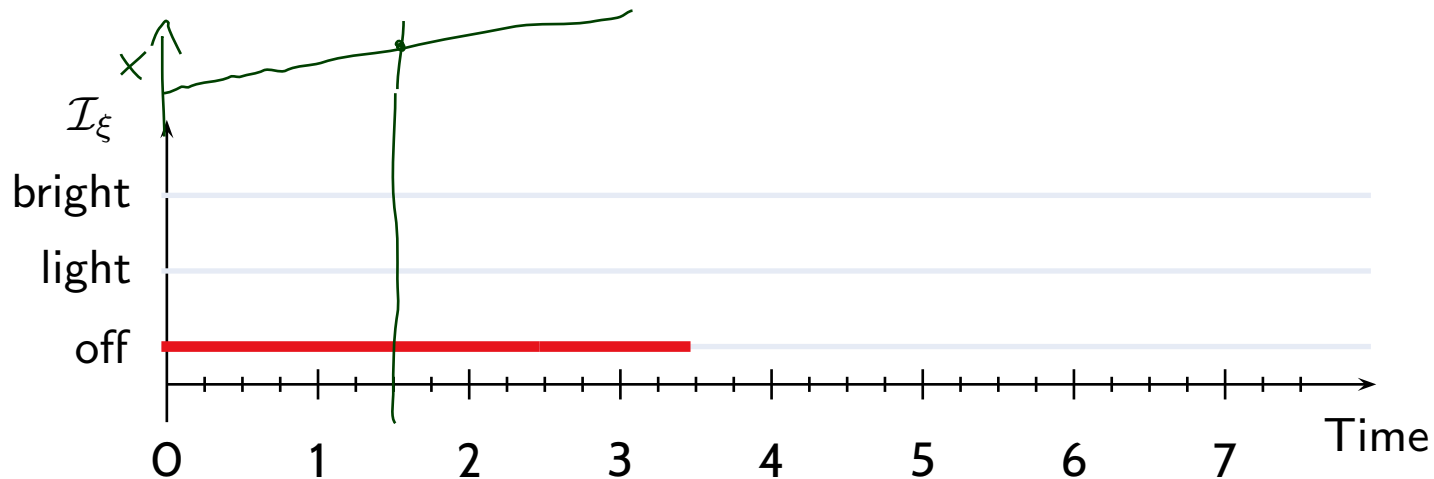
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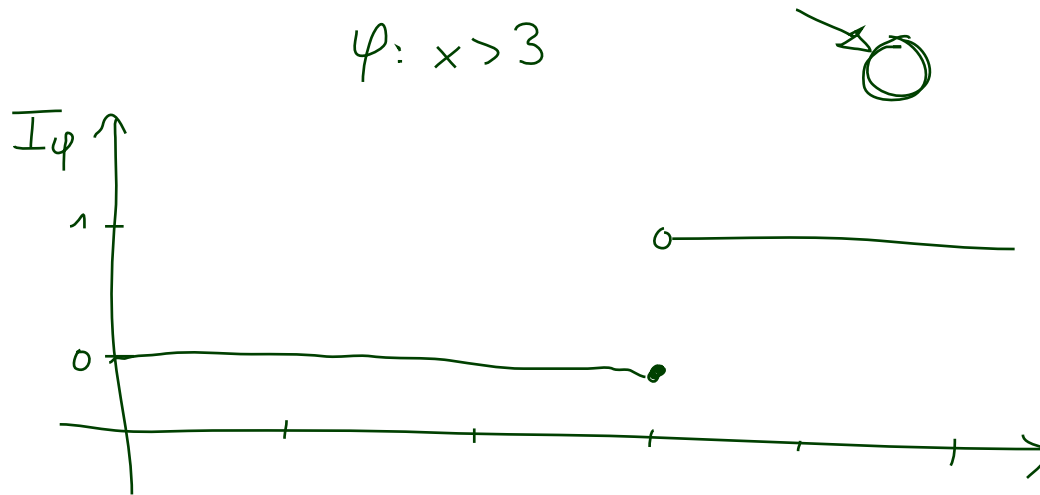


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- But **what about clocks**? Why not $x \in \text{Obs}(\mathcal{N})$ for $x \in X_i$?
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- But... $\mathcal{I}_\xi(x)(t)$ changes too often.

Better (if needed):

- add (a finite subset of) $\Phi(X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_n)$ to $\text{Obs}(\mathcal{N})$,
with $\mathcal{D}(\varphi) = \{0, 1\}$ for $\varphi \in \Phi(X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_n)$.
- set

$$\mathcal{I}_\xi(\varphi)(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \nu(x) \models \varphi, \bar{\xi}(t) = \langle \vec{\ell}, \nu \rangle \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The truth value of constraint φ may persist over non-point intervals.

Some Checkable Properties

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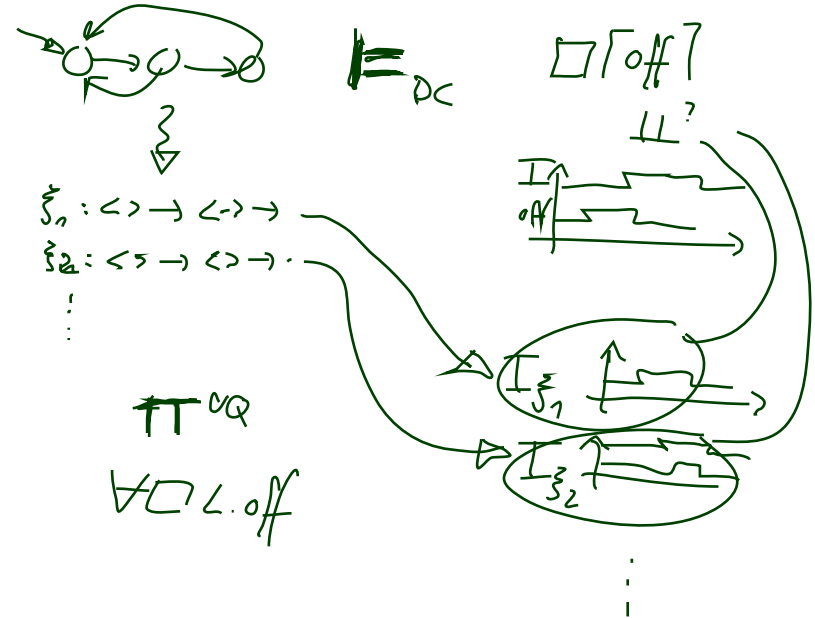
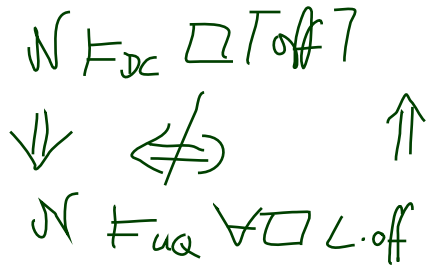
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- $\forall \square \mathcal{L}.\text{off}$ and $\exists \diamond \mathcal{L}.\text{light?}$

iff for all comp. paths ξ of \mathcal{N} ,

$$\boxed{\mathbb{I}_{\xi} \models_{DC} F}$$



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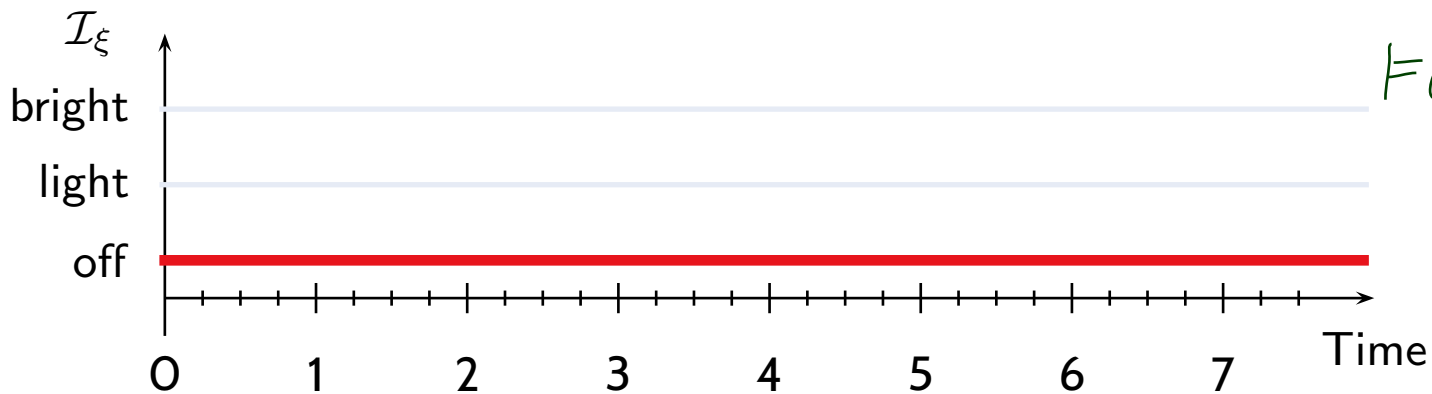
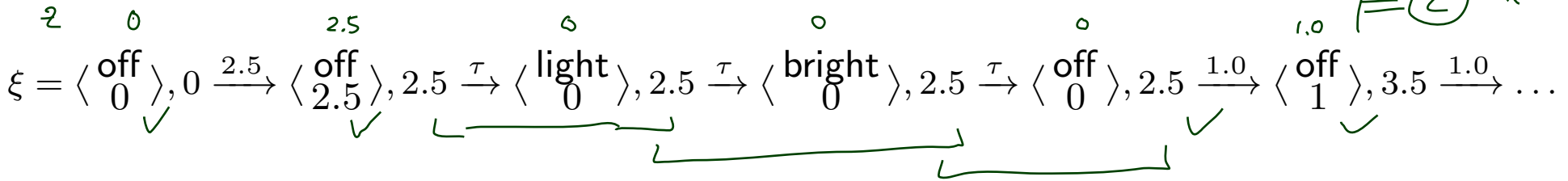
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Well, we have $\mathcal{N} \models \forall\square \mathcal{L}.\text{off}$ ^② **implies** $F = \square[\text{off}]$, ^① but **not vice versa**.



Model-Checking Invariants with Uppaal

- Ad-hoc fix: measure duration explicitly, transform \mathcal{N} by



and obtain \mathcal{N}' .

Then check

$$\mathcal{N}' \models \forall \square (z > 0 \implies P) \\ (z=0 \vee \hat{P})$$

to verify

$$\mathcal{N} \models \square [P].$$

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Testable DC Properties

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$$\mathcal{N} \models_{\exists} F \quad \text{iff} \quad \left(\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}'_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}'_n, \mathcal{A}_F) \right) \models_{\forall} \forall \square \neg (\mathcal{A}_F \cdot q_{bad})$$

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Proposition 6.3. There exist untestable DC formulae.

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- **Initialisation:**
- **Sequencing:**
- **Progress:**
- **Synchronisation:**
- **Bounded Stability:**
- **Unbounded Stability:**
- **Bounded initial stability:**
- **Unbounded initial stability:**

Proof Sketch:

- For each implementable F , construct \mathcal{A}_F .
- Prove that \mathcal{A}_F is a test automaton.

$$\begin{aligned} & [\] \vee [\pi] ; true \\ [\pi] & \longrightarrow [\pi \vee \pi_1 \vee \dots \vee \pi_n] \\ & \underbrace{[\pi] \xrightarrow{\theta} [\neg\pi]} \\ & [\pi \wedge \varphi] \xrightarrow{\theta} [\neg\pi] \\ [\neg\pi] ; [\pi \wedge \varphi] & \xrightarrow{\leq \theta} [\pi \vee \pi_1 \vee \dots \vee \pi_n] \\ [\neg\pi] ; [\pi \wedge \varphi] & \longrightarrow [\pi \vee \pi_1 \vee \dots \vee \pi_n] \\ [\pi \wedge \varphi] & \xrightarrow{\leq \theta} \rightarrow_0 [\pi \vee \pi_1 \vee \dots \vee \pi_n] \\ [\pi \wedge \varphi] & \longrightarrow_0 [\pi \vee \pi_1 \vee \dots \vee \pi_n] \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Theorem 6.4: Preliminaries

- **Note:** DC does not refer to communication between TA in the network, but only to data variables and locations.

Example: $\diamond([v = 0] ; [v = 1])$

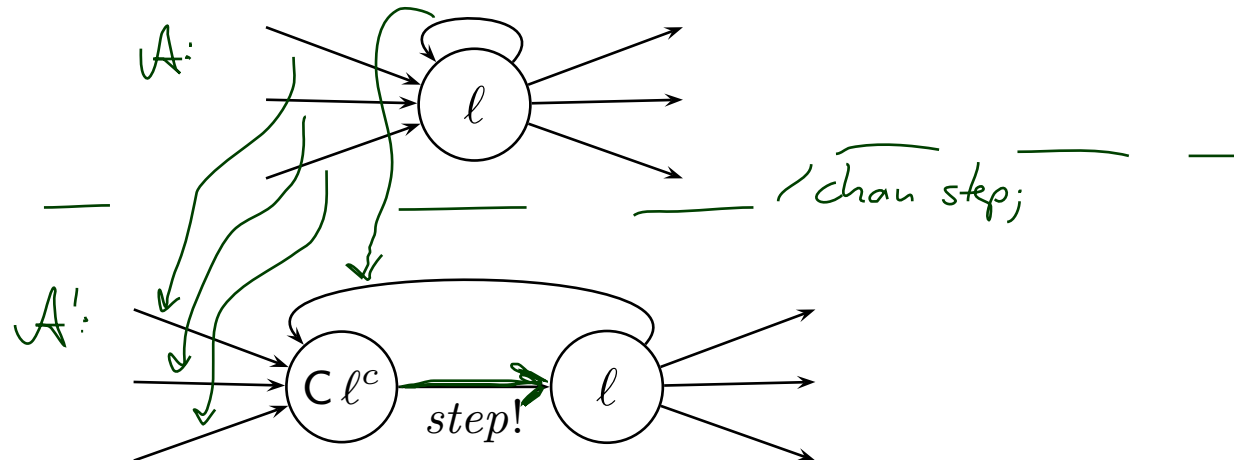
- **Recall:** transitions of TA are only triggered by synchronisation, not by changes of data-variables.

- **Approach:** have **auxiliary** *step* action.

$A \rightsquigarrow A'$

Technically, replace each location

with

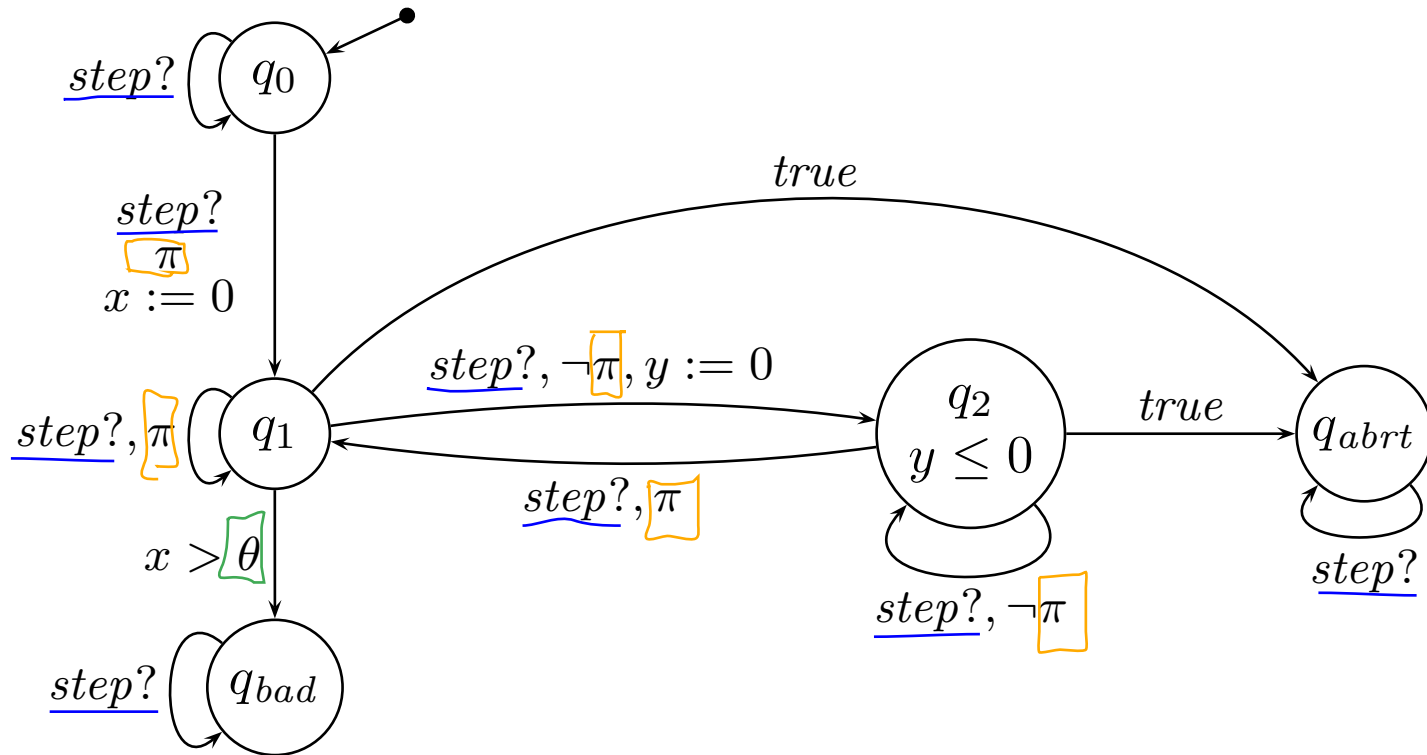


Note: the observer will consider data variables **after** all updates.

Proof of Theorem 6.4: Sketch

- Example: $\boxed{\pi} \xrightarrow{\boxed{\theta}} \boxed{\neg\pi} =: \bar{F}$

$A_{\bar{F}}$:



Counterexample Formulae

Definition 6.5.

- A **counterexample formula** (CE for short) is a DC formula of the form:

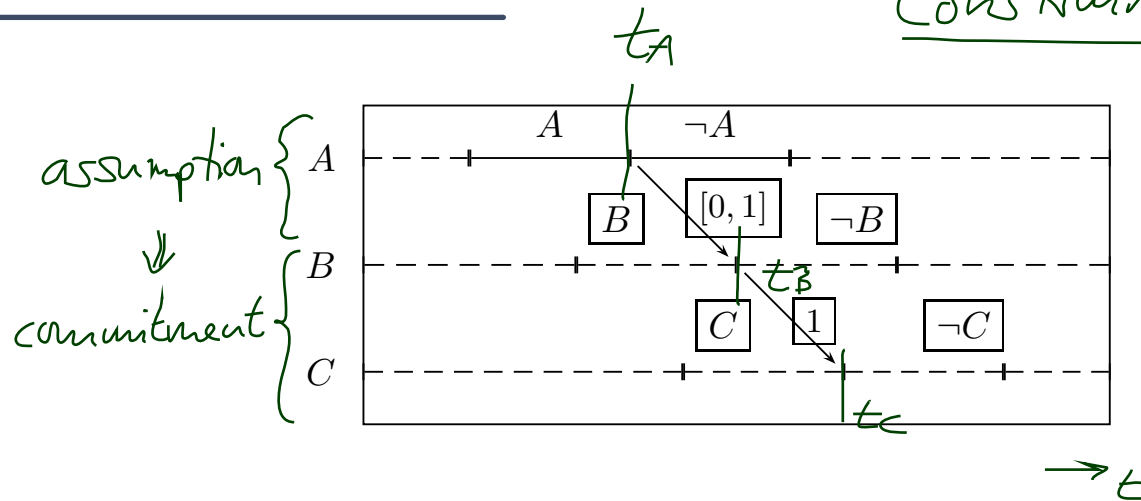
$$true ; ([\pi_1] \wedge \ell \in I_1) ; \dots ; ([\pi_k] \wedge \ell \in I_k) ; true$$

where for $1 \leq i \leq k$,

- π_i are state assertions,
 - I_i are non-empty, and open, half-open, or closed time intervals of the form
 - (b, e) or $[b, e)$ with $b \in \mathbb{Q}_0^+$ and $e \in \mathbb{Q}_0^+ \dot{\cup} \{\infty\}$,
 - $(b, e]$ or $[b, e]$ with $b, e \in \mathbb{Q}_0^+$.
- (b, ∞) and $[b, \infty)$ denote unbounded sets.

- Let F be a DC formula. A DC formula F_{CE} is called **counterexample formula for F** if $\models F \iff \neg(F_{CE})$ holds.

Theorem 6.7. CE formulae are testable.



“Whenever we observe a change from A to $\neg A$ at time t_A , the system has to produce a change from B to $\neg B$ at some time $t_B \in [t_A, t_A + 1]$ and a change from C to $\neg C$ at time $t_B + 1$.”

Sketch of Proof: Assume there is \mathcal{A}_F such that, for all networks \mathcal{N} , we have

$$\mathcal{N} \models F \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{A}'_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}'_n, \mathcal{A}_F) \models \forall \square \neg (\mathcal{A}_F \cdot q_{bad})$$

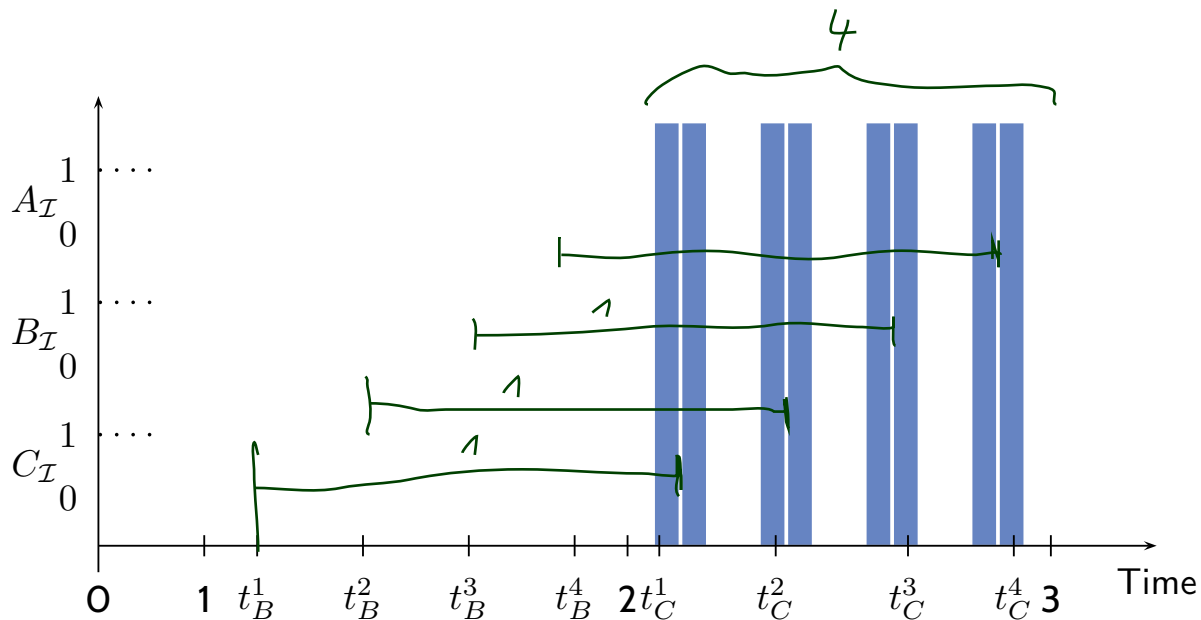
Assume the number of clocks in \mathcal{A}_F is $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Unstable DC Formulae Cont'd

Consider the following time points:

- $t_A := 1$
- $t_B^i := t_A + \frac{2i-1}{2(n+1)}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n+1$
- $t_C^i \in]t_B^i + 1 - \frac{1}{4(n+1)}, t_B^i + 1 + \frac{1}{4(n+1)}[$ for $i = 1, \dots, n+1$
with $t_C^i - t_B^i \neq 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n+1$.

Example: $n = 3$

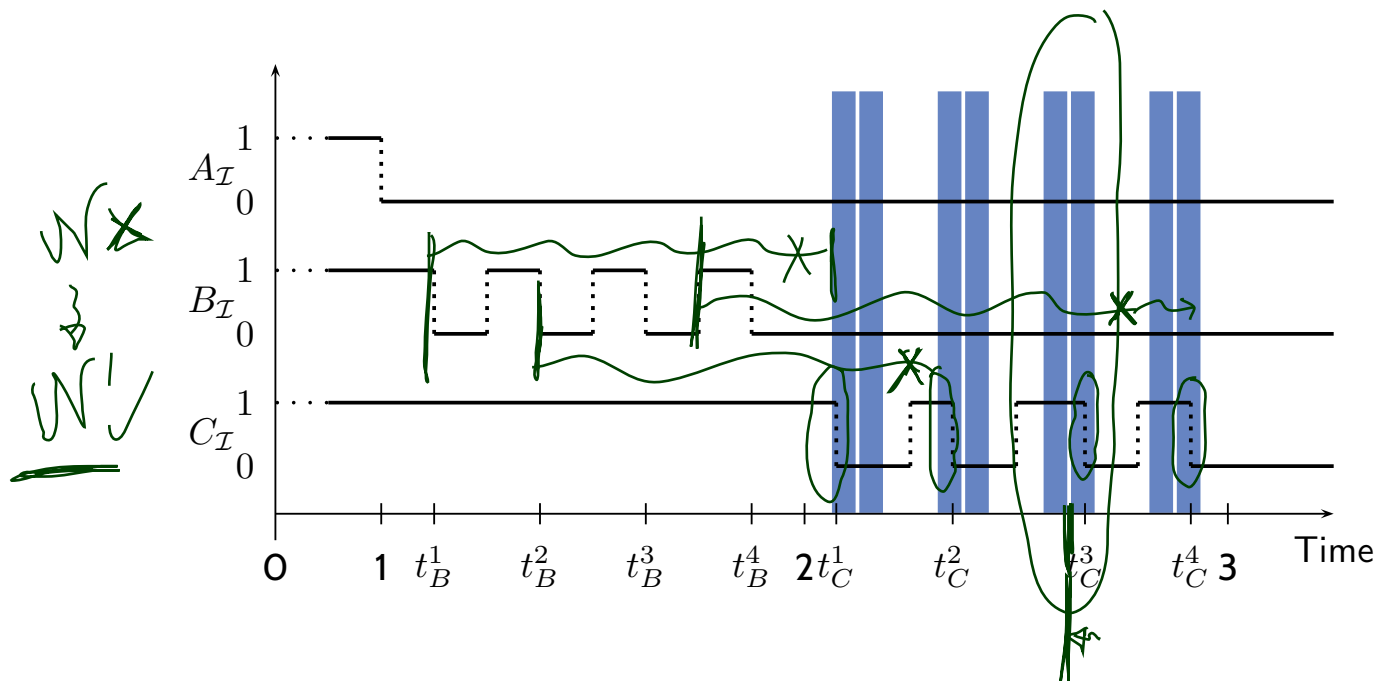


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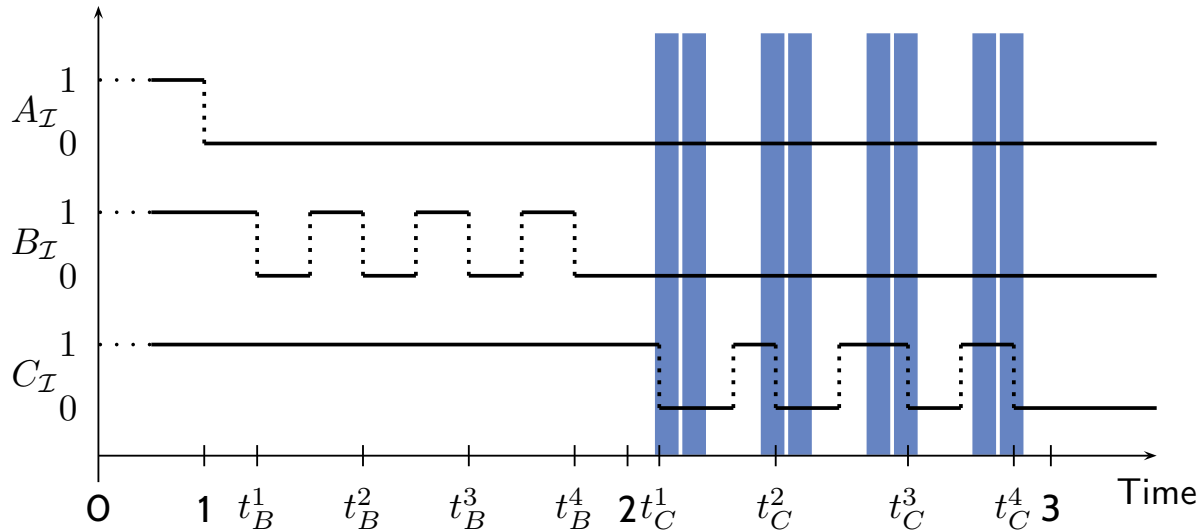
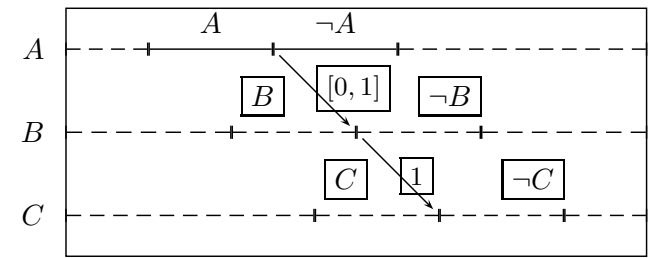
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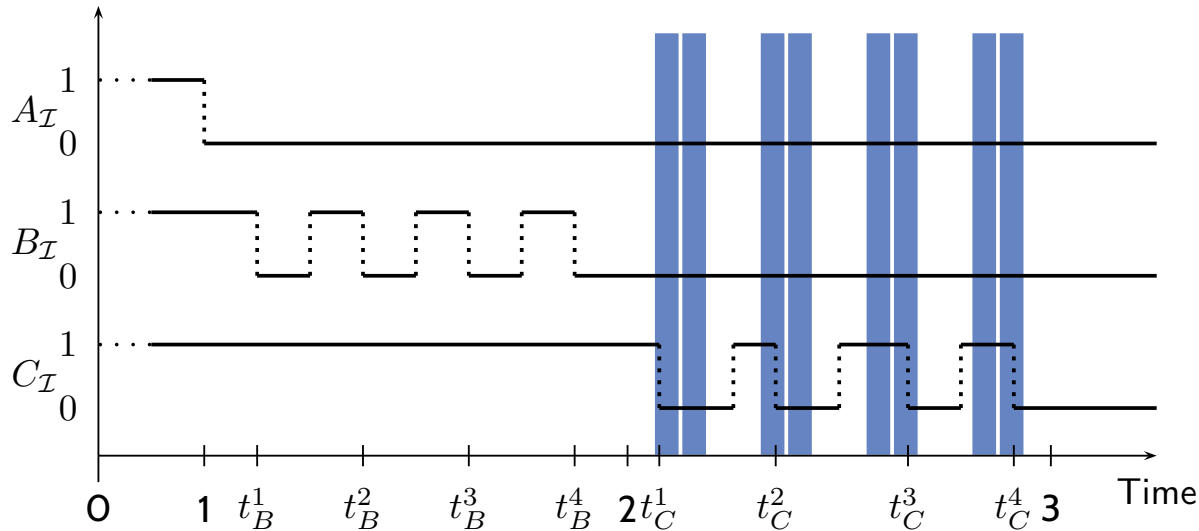
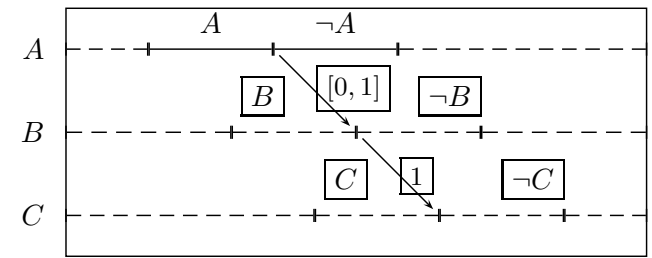
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- The shown interpretation \mathcal{I} satisfies the **assumption** of the property.
- It has $n + 1$ candidates to satisfy the **commitment**.
- By choice of t_C^i , the commitment is not satisfied; so F is not satisfied.
- Because \mathcal{A}_F is a test automaton for F , it has a computation path to q_{bad} .
- Because $n = 3$, \mathcal{A}_F can not save all $n + 1$ time points t_B^i .
- Thus there is $1 \leq i_0 \leq n$ such that all clocks of \mathcal{A}_F have a valuation which is not in $2 - t_B^{i_0} + \left(-\frac{1}{4(n+1)}, \frac{1}{4(n+1)}\right)$

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- Modify the computation to \mathcal{I}' such that $t_C^{i_0} := t_B^{i_0} + 1$.
- Then $\mathcal{I}' \models F$, but \mathcal{A}_F reaches q_{bad} via the same path.
- That is: \mathcal{A}_F claims $\mathcal{I}' \not\models F$.
- Thus \mathcal{A}_F is not a test automaton. **Contradiction.**

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Tell Them What You've Told Them...

- For **testable** DC formulae F , we can automatically verify whether a network \mathcal{N} satisfies F .
 - by constructing an observer automaton
 - and **transforming** \mathcal{N} appropriately.
- There are **untestable** DC formulae.
(Everything else would be surprising.)



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