

Lecture 10

Model Checking for CTMCs

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Overview

- **CSL model checking**
 - basic algorithm
 - untimed properties
 - time-bounded until
 - the S (steady-state) operator
- **Rewards**
 - reward structures for CTMCs
 - properties: extension of CSL
 - model checking

CSL: Continuous Stochastic Logic

- CSL syntax:

– $\phi ::= \text{true} \mid a \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg\phi \mid P_{\sim p}[\psi] \mid S_{\sim p}[\phi]$ (state formulae)

– $\psi ::= X\phi \mid \phi U^I \phi$ (path formulae)

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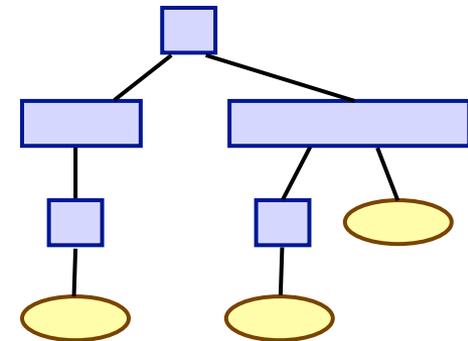
“time bounded until”

in the “long run” ϕ is true with probability $\sim p$

– where a is an atomic proposition, I an interval of $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $p \in [0,1]$ and $\sim \in \{<, >, \leq, \geq\}$

CSL model checking for CTMCs

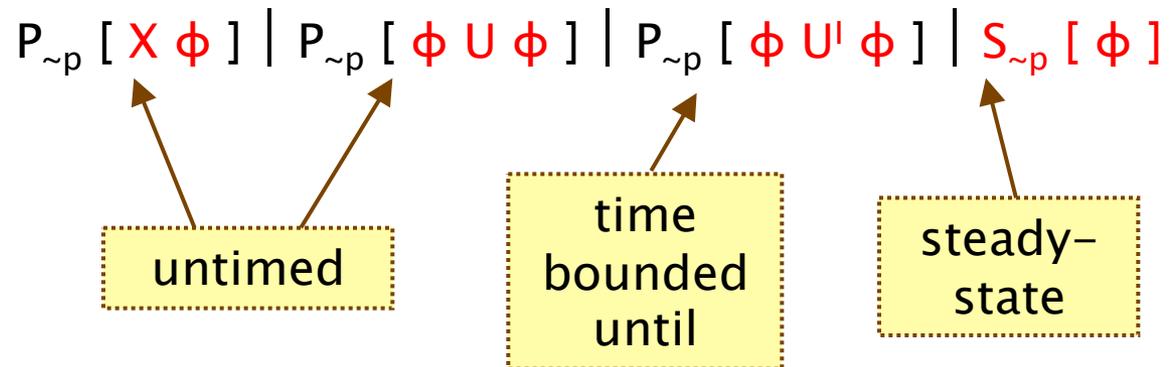
- Algorithm for CSL model checking [BHHK03]
 - inputs: CTMC $C=(S,s_{init},R,L)$, CSL formula ϕ
 - output: $Sat(\phi) = \{ s \in S \mid s \models \phi \}$, the set of states satisfying ϕ
- Often, also consider quantitative results
 - e.g. compute result of $P_{=?} [F^{[0,t]} \text{ minimum}]$ for $0 \leq t \leq 100$
- Basic algorithm similar to PCTL for DTMCs
 - proceeds by induction on parse tree of ϕ
- For the non-probabilistic operators:
 - $Sat(\text{true}) = S$
 - $Sat(a) = \{ s \in S \mid a \in L(s) \}$
 - $Sat(\neg\phi) = S \setminus Sat(\phi)$
 - $Sat(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) = Sat(\phi_1) \cap Sat(\phi_2)$



CSL model checking for CTMCs

- Main task: **computing probabilities** for $P_{\sim p} [\cdot]$ and $S_{\sim p} [\cdot]$

– $\phi ::= \text{true} \mid a \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg \phi \mid$



– where $\phi_1 U \phi_2 \equiv \phi_1 U^{[0, \infty)} \phi_2$

Untimed properties

- Untimed properties can be verified on the **embedded DTMC**
 - properties of the form: $P_{\sim p} [X \phi]$ or $P_{\sim p} [\phi_1 U \phi_2]$
 - use algorithms for checking PCTL against DTMCs
- Certain **qualitative** time-bounded until formulae can also be verified on the **embedded DTMC**
 - for any (non-empty) interval I
$$s \models P_{\sim 0} [\phi_1 U^I \phi_2] \text{ if and only if } s \models P_{\sim 0} [\phi_1 U^{[0, \infty)} \phi_2]$$
 - can use precomputation algorithm Prob0

Model checking – Time-bounded until

- Compute $\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^I \phi_2)$ for all states where I is an arbitrary interval of the non-negative real numbers
- Note:
 - $\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^I \phi_2) = \text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^{\text{cl}(I)} \phi_2)$
where $\text{cl}(I)$ denotes the **closure** of the interval I
 - $\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^{[0, \infty)} \phi_2) = \text{Prob}^{\text{emb}(C)}(s, \phi_1 U \phi_2)$
where $\text{emb}(C)$ is the **embedded DTMC**
- Therefore, 3 remaining cases to consider:
 - $I = [0, t]$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $I = [t, t']$ for some $t \leq t' \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
and $I = [t, \infty)$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
- Two methods: 1. Integral equations; 2. Uniformisation

Time-bounded until (integral equations)

- Computing the probabilities reduces to determining the least solution of the following set of **integral equations**
 - (note similarity to bounded until for DTMCs)

- $\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2)$ equals

- 1 if $s \in \text{Sat}(\phi_2)$,
- 0 if $s \in \text{Sat}(\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2)$
- and otherwise equals

probability of moving from s to s' at time x

probability, in state s' , of satisfying until before $t-x$ time units elapse

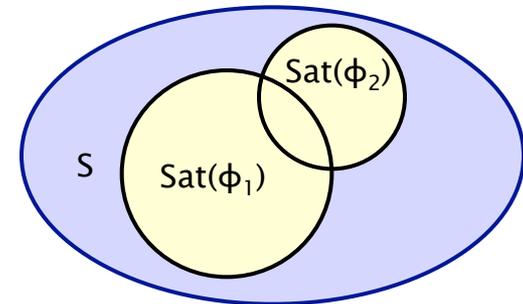
$$\int_0^t \sum_{s' \in S} \left(P^{\text{emb}(C)}(s, s') \cdot E(s) \cdot e^{-E(s) \cdot x} \right) \cdot \text{Prob}(s', \phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0, t-x]} \phi_2) dx$$

- **One possibility: solve these integrals numerically**
 - e.g. trapezoidal, Simpson and Romberg integration
 - expensive, possible problems with numerical stability

Time-bounded until (uniformisation)

- Reduction to transient analysis...

- Make all ϕ_2 states absorbing
 - from such a state $\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,x]} \phi_2$ holds with probability 1



- Make all $\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2$ states absorbing
 - from such a state $\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,x]} \phi_2$ holds with probability 0

- Formally: Construct CTMC $C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2]$
 - where for CTMC $C=(S,s_{\text{init}},R,L)$, let $C[\theta]=(S,s_{\text{init}},R[\theta],L)$ where $R[\theta](s,s')=R(s,s')$ if $s \notin \text{Sat}(\theta)$ and 0 otherwise

Time-bounded until (uniformisation)

- Problem then reduces to calculating **transient probabilities** of the CTMC $C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2]$:

$$\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2) = \sum_{s' \in \text{Sat}(\phi_2)} \underline{\pi}_{s,t}^{C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2]}(s')$$

transient probability: starting in state s , the probability of being in state s' at time t

Time-bounded until (uniformisation)

- Can now adapt **uniformisation** to computing the vector of probabilities $\underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2)$

- recall Π_t is matrix of transient probabilities $\Pi_t(s, s') = \underline{\pi}_{s,t}(s')$
- computed via uniformisation: $\Pi_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_{q \cdot t, i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C)} \right)^i$

- Combining with: $\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2) = \sum_{s' \in \text{Sat}(\phi_2)} \underline{\pi}_{s,t}^{C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2]}(s')$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2) &= \Pi_t^{C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2]} \cdot \underline{\phi_2} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_{q \cdot t, i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2])} \right)^i \right) \underline{\phi_2} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(Y_{q \cdot t, i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2])} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\phi_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Time-bounded until (uniformisation)

- Have shown that we can calculate the probabilities as:

$$\underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\gamma_{q \cdot t, i} \cdot \left(\mathbf{P}^{\text{unif}(C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2])} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\phi_2} \right)$$

- Infinite summation can be **truncated** using the techniques of Fox and Glynn [FG88]
- Can compute **iteratively** to avoid matrix powers:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\mathbf{P}^{\text{unif}(C)} \right)^0 \cdot \underline{\phi_2} &= \underline{\phi_2} \\ \left(\mathbf{P}^{\text{unif}(C)} \right)^{i+1} \cdot \underline{\phi_2} &= \mathbf{P}^{\text{unif}(C)} \cdot \left(\left(\mathbf{P}^{\text{unif}(C)} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\phi_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

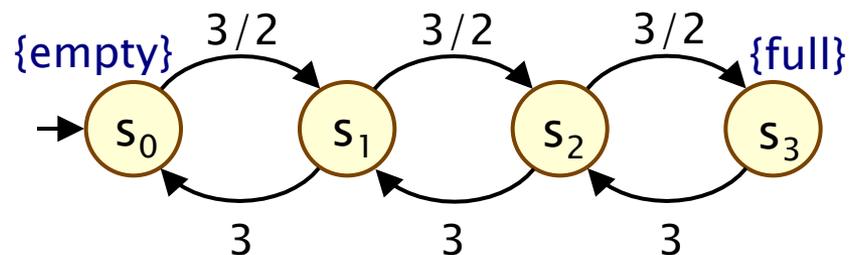
Time-bounded until – Example

- $P_{>0.65} [F^{[0,7.5]} \text{ full}] \equiv P_{>0.65} [\text{true } U^{[0,7.5]} \text{ full}]$
 - “probability of the queue becoming full within 7.5 time units”
- State s_3 satisfies full and no states satisfy $\neg \text{true}$
 - in $C[\text{full}][\neg \text{true} \wedge \neg \text{full}]$ only state s_3 made absorbing

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix of $\text{unif}(C[\text{full}][\neg \text{true} \wedge \neg \text{full}])$
with uniformisation rate $\max_{s \in S} E(s) = 4.5$

s_3 made absorbing



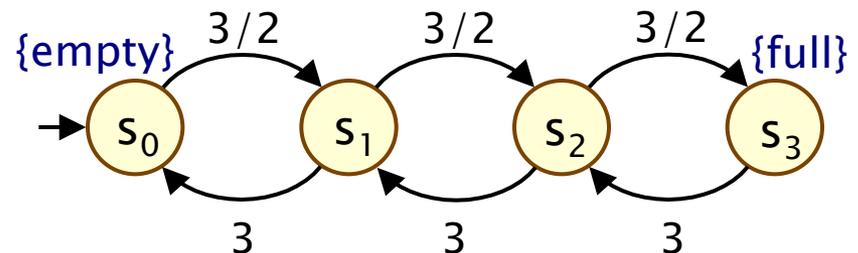
Time-bounded until – Example

- Computing the summation of matrix-vector multiplications

$$\underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 \text{ U}^{[0,t]} \phi_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\gamma_{q,t,i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[\phi_2][\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2])} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\phi_2} \right)$$

– yields $\underline{\text{Prob}}(F^{[0,7.5]} \text{ full}) \approx [0.6482, 0.6823, 0.7811, 1]$

- $P_{>0.65}[F^{[0,7.5]} \text{ full}]$ satisfied in states s_1, s_2 and s_3



Time-bounded until – $P_{\sim p} [\phi_1 U^{[t,t']} \phi_2]$

- In this case the computation can be split into two parts:
- 1. Probability of remaining in ϕ_1 states until time t
 - can be computed as **transient probabilities** on the CTMC where are **states satisfying $\neg\phi_1$** have been made **absorbing**
- 2. Probability of reaching a ϕ_2 state, while remaining in states satisfying ϕ_1 , within the time interval $[0, t'-t]$
 - i.e. computing **Prob**($\phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2$)

$$\text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^{[t,t']} \phi_2) = \sum_{s' \in \text{Sat}(\phi_1)} \pi_{s,t}^{C[-\phi_1]}(s') \cdot \text{Prob}(s', \phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2)$$

sum over states satisfying ϕ_1

Probability of reaching state s' at **time t** and satisfying ϕ_1 up until this point

probability $\phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2$ holds in s'

Time-bounded until – $P_{\sim p} [\phi_1 U^{[t,t']} \phi_2]$

- Let $\text{Prob}_{\phi_1}(s, \phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2) = \text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2)$ if $s \in \text{Sat}(\phi_1)$ and 0 otherwise
- From the previous slide we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 U^{[t,t']} \phi_2) &= \prod_t^{C[-\phi_1]} \cdot \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}(\phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2) \\
 &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_{q,t,i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[-\phi_1])} \right)^i \right) \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}(\phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(Y_{q,t,i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[-\phi_1])} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}(\phi_1 U^{[0,t'-t]} \phi_2) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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- can compute iteratively (only scalar and matrix-vector operations)

Time-bounded until – $P_{\sim p} [\phi_1 U^{[t, \infty)} \phi_2]$

- Similar to the case for $\phi_1 U^{[t, t']} \phi_2$ except second part is now **unbounded**, and hence the embedded DTMC can be used
- 1. Probability of remaining in ϕ_1 states until time t
- 2. Probability of reaching a ϕ_2 state, while remaining in states satisfying ϕ_1
 - i.e. computing **Prob**($\phi_1 U^{[0, \infty)} \phi_2$)

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Probability of reaching state s' at time t and satisfying ϕ_1 up until this point

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Time-bounded until – $P_{\sim p} [\phi_1 U^{[t,\infty)} \phi_2]$

- Letting $\text{Prob}_{\phi_1}(s, \phi_1 U^{[0,\infty)} \phi_2) = \text{Prob}(s, \phi_1 U^{[0,\infty)} \phi_2)$ if $s \in \text{Sat}(\phi_1)$ and 0 otherwise, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Prob}}(\phi_1 U^{[t,\infty)} \phi_2) &= \Pi_t^{C[-\phi_1]} \cdot \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}^{\text{emb}(C)}(\phi_1 U \phi_2) \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_{q,t,i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[-\phi_1])} \right)^i \right) \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}^{\text{emb}(C)}(\phi_1 U \phi_2) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(Y_{q,t,i} \cdot \left(P^{\text{unif}(C[-\phi_1])} \right)^i \cdot \underline{\text{Prob}}_{\phi_1}^{\text{emb}(C)}(\phi_1 U \phi_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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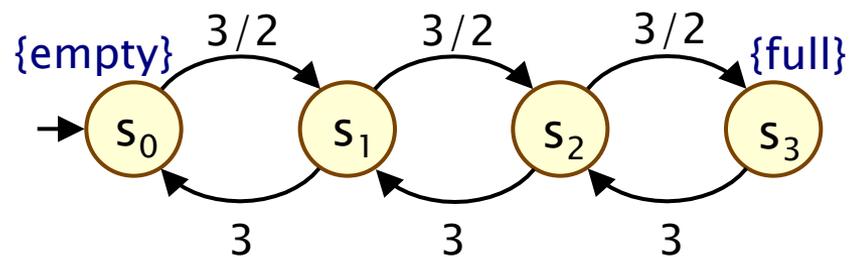
Model Checking – $S_{\sim p}[\phi]$

- A state s satisfies the formula $S_{\sim p}[\phi]$ if $\sum_{s' \models \phi} \underline{\pi}_s^C(s') \sim p$
 - $\underline{\pi}_s^C(s')$ is probability, having started in state s , of being in state s' in the long run
- Thus reduces to computing and then summing steady-state probabilities for the CTMC
- If CTMC is irreducible:
 - solution of one linear equation system
- If CTMC is reducible:
 - determine set of BSCCs for the CTMC
 - solve two linear equation systems for each BSCC T
 - one to obtain the vector $\underline{\text{ProbReach}}^{\text{emb}(C)}(T)$
 - the other to compute the steady state probabilities $\underline{\pi}^T$ for T

$S_{\sim p} [\phi]$ – Example

- $S_{<0.1}[\text{full}]$
- CTMC is irreducible (comprises a single BSCC)
 - steady state probabilities independent of starting state
 - can be computed by solving $\underline{\pi} \cdot Q = 0$ and $\sum \underline{\pi}(s) = 1$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -3/2 & 3/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -9/2 & 3/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & -9/2 & 3/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$



$S_{\sim p} [\phi]$ – Example

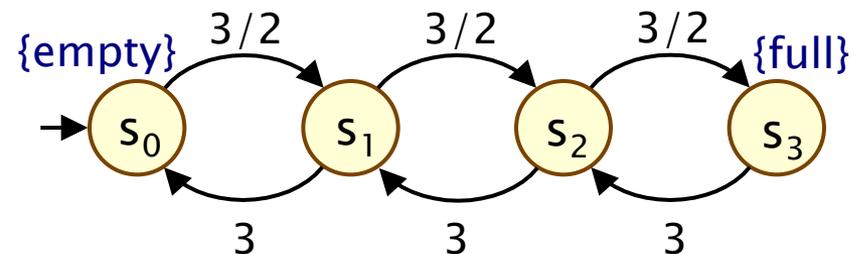
$$-3/2 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_0) + 3 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_1) = 0$$

$$3/2 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_0) - 9/2 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_1) + 3 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_2) = 0$$

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$$3/2 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_2) - 3 \cdot \underline{\pi}(s_3) = 0$$

$$\underline{\pi}(s_0) + \underline{\pi}(s_1) + \underline{\pi}(s_2) + \underline{\pi}(s_3) = 1$$



– solution: $\underline{\pi} = [8/15, 4/15, 2/15, 1/15]$

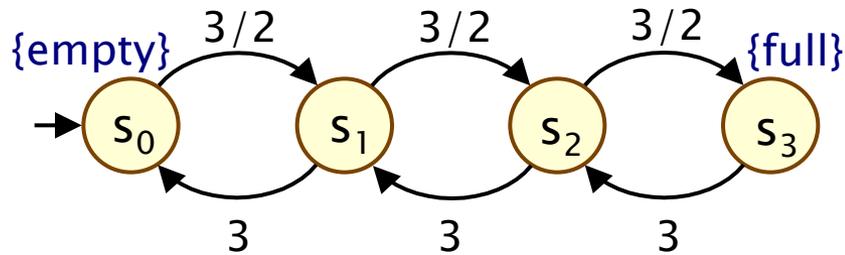
– $\sum_{s' \models \text{Sat}(\text{full})} \underline{\pi}(s') = 1/15 < 0.1$

– so all states satisfy $S_{<0.1}[\text{full}]$

Rewards (or costs)

- Like DTMCs, we can augment CTMCs with rewards
 - real-valued quantities assigned to states and/or transitions
 - can be interpreted in two ways: instantaneous/cumulative
 - properties considered here: expected value of rewards
 - formal property specifications in an extension of CSL
- For a CTMC $(S, s_{\text{init}}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{L})$, a reward structure is a pair $(\underline{\rho}, \mathbf{r})$
 - $\underline{\rho} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is a vector of state rewards
 - $\mathbf{r} : S \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is a matrix of transition rewards
- For **cumulative** reward-based properties of **CTMCs**
 - state rewards interpreted as **rate** at which reward gained
 - if the CTMC remains in state s for $t \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ time units, a reward of $t \cdot \underline{\rho}(s)$ is acquired

Reward structures – Examples



- Example: “size of message queue”

– $\rho(s_i) = i$ and $\iota(s_i, s_j) = 0 \quad \forall i, j$

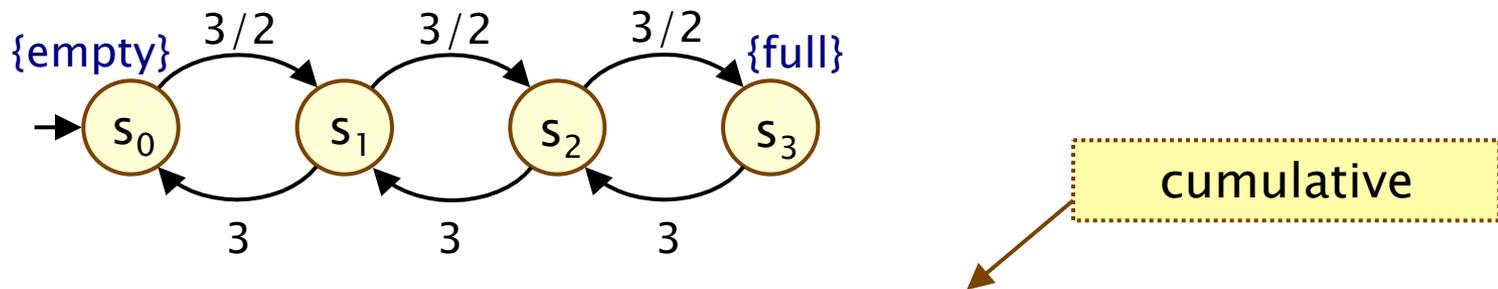
instantaneous

- Example: “time for which queue is not full”

– $\rho(s_i) = 1$ for $i < 3$, $\rho(s_3) = 0$ and $\iota(s_i, s_j) = 0 \quad \forall i, j$

cumulative

Reward structures – Examples

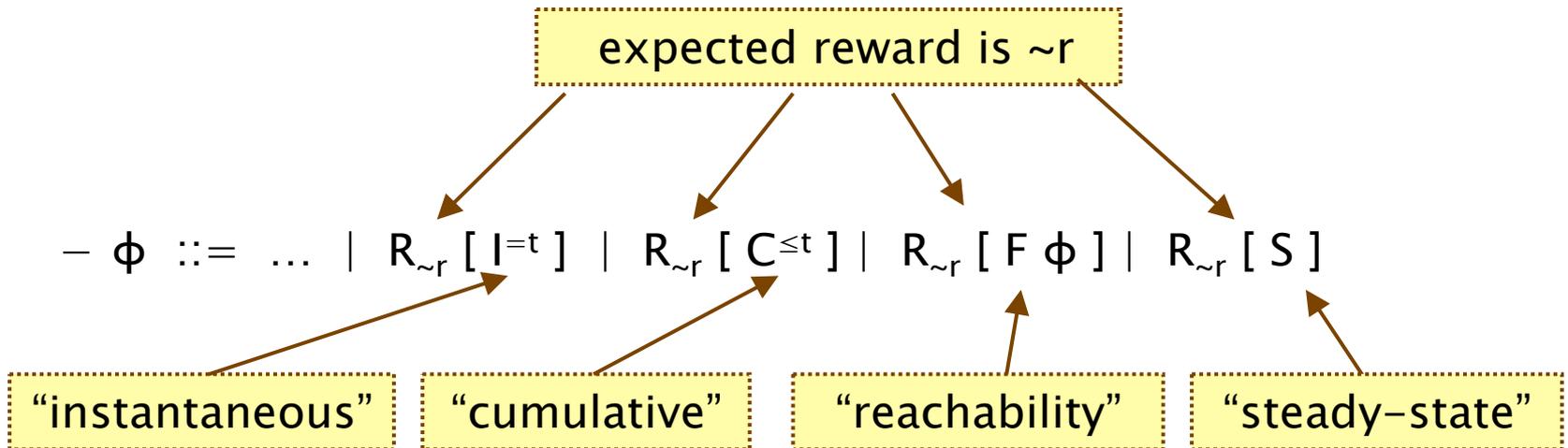


- Example: “number of requests served”

$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \iota = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

CSL and rewards

- PRISM extends CSL to incorporate reward-based properties
 - adds R operator like the one added to PCTL



– where $r, t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, $\sim \in \{<, >, \leq, \geq\}$

- $R_{\sim r} [\cdot]$ means “the expected value of \cdot satisfies $\sim r$ ”

Types of reward formulae

- **Instantaneous:** $R_{\sim r} [I^t]$
 - the expected value of the reward at time-instant t is $\sim r$
 - “the expected queue size after 6.7 seconds is at most 2”
- **Cumulative:** $R_{\sim r} [C^{\leq t}]$
 - the expected reward cumulated up to time-instant t is $\sim r$
 - “the expected requests served within the first 4.5 seconds of operation is less than 10”
- **Reachability:** $R_{\sim r} [F \phi]$
 - the expected reward cumulated before reaching ϕ is $\sim r$
 - “the expected requests served before the queue becomes full”
- **Steady-state** $R_{\sim r} [S]$
 - the long-run average expected reward is $\sim r$
 - “expected long-run queue size is at least 1.2”

Reward properties in PRISM

- Quantitative form:
 - e.g. $R_{=?} [C^{\leq t}]$
 - what is the expected reward cumulated up to time-instant t ?
- Add labels to R operator to distinguish between multiple reward structures defined on the same CTMC
 - e.g. $R_{\{\text{num_req}\}=?} [C^{\leq 4.5}]$
 - “the expected number of requests served within the first 4.5 seconds of operation”
 - e.g. $R_{\{\text{pow}\}=?} [C^{\leq 4.5}]$
 - “the expected power consumption within the first 4.5 seconds of operation”

Reward formula semantics

- Formal semantics of the four reward operators:

$$\begin{array}{lll} - s \models R_{\sim r} [I^=t] & \Leftrightarrow & \text{Exp}(s, X_{I^=t}) \sim r \\ - s \models R_{\sim r} [C^{\leq t}] & \Leftrightarrow & \text{Exp}(s, X_{C^{\leq t}}) \sim r \\ - s \models R_{\sim r} [F \Phi] & \Leftrightarrow & \text{Exp}(s, X_{F\Phi}) \sim r \\ - s \models R_{\sim r} [S] & \Leftrightarrow & \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1/t \cdot \text{Exp}(s, X_{C^{\leq t}})) \sim r \end{array}$$

- where:

- $\text{Exp}(s, X)$ denotes the **expectation** of the **random variable** $X : \text{Path}(s) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ with respect to the **probability measure** Pr_s

Reward formula semantics

- Definition of random variables:

– path $\omega = s_0 t_0 s_1 t_1 s_2 \dots$

state of ω at time t

$$X_{I=k}(\omega) = \underline{\rho}(\omega @ t)$$

time spent in state s_i

time spent in state s_{j_t} before t time units have elapsed

$$X_{C \leq t}(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^{j_t-1} (t_i \cdot \underline{\rho}(s_i) + \iota(s_i, s_{i+1})) + \left(t - \sum_{i=0}^{j_t-1} t_i \right) \cdot \underline{\rho}(s_{j_t})$$

$$X_{F\phi}(\omega) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s_0 \in \text{Sat}(\phi) \\ \infty & \text{if } s_i \notin \text{Sat}(\phi) \text{ for all } i \geq 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{k_\phi-1} t_i \cdot \underline{\rho}(s_i) + \iota(s_i, s_{i+1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

– where $j_t = \min\{ j \mid \sum_{i \leq j} t_i \geq t \}$ and $k_\phi = \min\{ i \mid s_i \models \phi \}$

Model checking reward formulae

- Instantaneous: $R_{\sim r} [I^t]$
 - reduces to transient analysis (state of the CTMC at time t)
 - use **uniformisation**
- Cumulative: $R_{\sim r} [C^{\leq t}]$
 - extends approach for time-bounded until
 - based on **uniformisation**
- Reachability: $R_{\sim r} [F \phi]$
 - can be computed on the embedded DTMC
 - reduces to solving a **system of linear equations**
- Steady-state: $R_{\sim r} [S]$
 - similar to steady state formulae $S_{\sim r} [\phi]$
 - **graph based analysis** (compute BSCCs)
 - **solve systems of linear equations** (compute steady state probabilities of each BSCC)

CSL model checking complexity

- For model checking of a CTMC complexity:
 - **linear in $|\Phi|$** and **polynomial in $|S|$**
 - **linear in $q \cdot t_{\max}$** (t_{\max} is maximum finite bound in intervals)
- $P_{\sim p}[\Phi_1 \ U^{[0, \infty)} \ \Phi_2]$, $S_{\sim p}[\Phi]$, $R_{\sim r} [F \ \Phi]$ and $R_{\sim r} [S]$
 - require solution of linear equation system of size $|S|$
 - can be solved with Gaussian elimination: **cubic** in $|S|$
 - precomputation algorithms (max $|S|$ steps)
- $P_{\sim p}[\Phi_1 \ U^t \ \Phi_2]$, $R_{\sim r} [C^{\leq t}]$ and $R_{\sim r} [I^t]$
 - at most two iterative sequences of matrix–vector products
 - operation is **quadratic** in the size of the matrix, i.e. $|S|$
 - total number of iterations bounded by Fox and Glynn
 - the bound is **linear** in the size of $q \cdot t$ (q **uniformisation rate**)

Summing up...

- Model checking a CSL formula ϕ on a CTMC
 - recursive: bottom-up traversal of parse tree of ϕ
- Main work: computing probabilities for P and S operators
 - untimed ($X \phi$, $\phi_1 U \phi_2$): perform on embedded DTMC
 - time-bounded until: use uniformisation-based methods, rather than more expensive solution of integral equations
 - other forms of time-bounded until, i.e. $[t_1, t_2]$ and $[t, \infty)$, reduce to two sequential computations like for $[0, t]$
 - S operator: summation of steady-state probabilities
- Rewards – similar to DTMCs
 - except for continuous-time accumulation of state rewards
 - extension of CSL with R operator
 - model checking of R comparable with that of P