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# **pyModelChecking Documentation**

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*pyModelChecking* is a simple Python model checking package. Currently, it is able to represent *Kripke structures*, *Propositional Logics*, *CTL*, *LTL*, and *CTL\** formulas and it provides *model checking* methods for LTL, CTL, and CTL\*. In future, it will hopefully support symbolic model checking.



### 1.1 Reactive Systems

**Reactive systems** are systems that interact with their environment and evolve over an infinite time horizon. This chapter presents a natural model for them: Kripke structure.

#### 1.1.1 Directed Graphs

A **directed graph**, or **graph**, is pair  $(V, E)$  where:

- $V$  is a finite set of *nodes*
- $E \subseteq V \times V$  is a set of *edges*

If  $(s, d) \in E$ , then  $s$  and  $d$  are the *source* and the *destination* of  $(s, d)$ , respectively. The edge  $(s, d) \in E$  is said to *go from*  $s$  *to*  $d$ . If  $e \in E$  goes either from  $s$  to  $d$  or from  $d$  to  $s$ , then  $e$  is an edge **between**  $d$  and  $s$ . By extension, an edge  $e \in E$  goes from  $V_1 \subseteq S$  to  $V_2 \subseteq S$  if there exists a pair of nodes  $(v_1, v_2) \in V_1 \times V_2$  such that  $(v_1, v_2) \in E$ . Analogously,  $e \in E$  is between  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  if it is either from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  or from  $V_2$  to  $V_1$ .

The **reversed graph** of a graph  $(V, E)$  is the graph  $(V, E')$  where  $E' = (d, s) | (s, d) \in E$ .

A **subgraph** of a graph  $(V, E)$  is a graph  $(V', E')$  such that  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E \cap (V' \times V')$ . A subgraph  $(V', E')$  of  $(V, E)$  is a **proper subgraph** if either  $V' \subsetneq V$  or  $E' \subsetneq E$ . A subgraph  $G$  of  $(V, E)$  **respects** a set of nodes  $V' \subseteq V$  if  $G = (V', E \cap (V' \times V'))$ .

A sequence, either finite or infinite,  $\pi = v_0 v_1 \dots$  is a **path** for the graph  $(V, E)$  if  $(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$  for all  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  in  $\pi$ . The *length of a path*  $\pi$ , denoted by  $|\pi|$ , is the size of the sequence.

It is easy to see that if  $\pi = v_0 \dots v_n$  and  $\pi' = w_0 \dots$  are two paths for  $(V, E)$  such that  $(v_n, w_0) \in E$ , then  $\pi \cdot \pi' = v_0 \dots v_n w_0 \dots$  is path for  $(V, E)$ .

Let  $\pi$ ,  $\pi'$ , and  $\pi''$  be three paths such that  $\pi = \pi' \cdot \pi''$ . Then,  $\pi'$  is a **prefix** of  $\pi$  and  $\pi''$  is a **suffix** of  $\pi$ . We write  $\pi_i$  to denote the suffix of  $\pi$  for which  $\pi = \pi' \cdot \pi_i$  and  $|\pi'| = i$  for some  $\pi'$ .

If  $v_0 v_1 \dots v_n$  is a prefix for some path  $\pi$  of a graph  $(V, E)$ , then we say that either  $\pi$  *starts* from  $v_0$  and **reaches**  $v_n$  or, equivalently,  $v_n$  is **reachable** from  $v_0$  in  $(V, E)$ .

Every *subgraph*  $(V', E')$  of  $G$  such that:

1.  $v$  is reachable from  $v'$  for all pairs  $v, v' \in V'$  and
2. is not proper subgraph of any subgraph of  $G$  that satisfies 1.

is a **strongly connected component** of  $G$ . It is easy to see that the sets of nodes of each strongly connected component of a graph  $(V, E)$  is a partition of  $V$ . A strongly connected component  $(V', E')$  is **trivial** if  $|V'| = 1$  and  $|E'| = 0$ .

## Directed Acyclic Graphs and Trees

A **directed acyclic graph** or **DAG** is a directed graph whose strongly connected components are all trivial.

A graph  $(V, E)$  is **disconnected** if there exists a  $V' \subseteq V$  such that there are no edges between  $V'$  and  $V \setminus V'$ . If a graph is not disconnected, then is **connected**.

A **directed tree** is a connected DAG  $(V, E)$  whose subgraphs of the form  $(V, E')$ , where  $E' \subsetneq E$ , are disconnected.

### 1.1.2 Kripke Structures

A **Kripke structure** is a *directed graph*, equipped with a set of initial nodes, such that every node is source of some edge and it is labeled by a set of *atomic propositions* [CGP00]. The nodes of Kripke structure are called *states*.

A Kripke structure is a tuple  $(S, S_0, R, L)$  such that:

- $S$  is a finite set of states
- $S_0 \subseteq S$  is a set of *initial states*
- $R \subseteq S \times S$  is a set of *transitions* such that for all  $s \in S$  there exists a  $(s, s') \in R$  for some  $s' \in S$
- $L : S \rightarrow AP$  maps each state into a set of atomic propositions

Sometime, the set of initial states is omitted. In such cases,  $S$  and  $S_0$  coincide.

A **computation** of a Kripke structure  $(S, S_0, R, L)$  is an infinite path of  $(S, R)$  that starts from some  $s \in S_0$ .

## 1.2 Logics

### 1.2.1 Propositional Logics

**Propositional Logics** or **PL** is an extension of Boolean logics that handles propositional symbols. Beside the standard logical operators logical operators  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\rightarrow$ , it is also equipped with propositional variables whose Boolean values can be declared at evaluation time. An **atomic proposition** or **AP** is either a Boolean value –i.e.,  $\top$  (true) or  $\perp$  (false)– or a propositional variable.

#### Syntax

A PL formula is either:

- $\top$  or  $\perp$
- a propositional variable
- $\neg\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ ,  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$  where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are PL formulas



## Semantics

Since *pyModelChecking* is primary meant to support model checking, we provide the semantics of propositional formulas with respect to a *Kripke structure*. If  $K$  is a Kripke structure,  $s$  one of its states, and  $\varphi$  a propositional formula, we write  $K, s \models \varphi$  (to be read “ $K$  and  $s$  satisfy  $\varphi$ ”) meaning that  $\varphi$  holds at state  $s$  in  $K$ .

Let  $K$  be the Kripke structure  $(S, S_0, R, L)$ ; the relation  $\models$  is defined recursively as follows:

- $K, s \models \top$  and  $K, s \not\models \perp$  for any state  $s \in S$
- if  $p \in AP$ , then  $K, s \models p \iff p \in L(s)$
- $K, s \models \neg\varphi \iff K, s \not\models \varphi$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \iff K, s \models \varphi_1$  and  $K, s \models \varphi_2$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \iff K, s \models \varphi_1$  or  $K, s \models \varphi_2$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 \iff K, s \not\models \varphi_1$  or  $K, s \models \varphi_2$

### 1.2.2 Computational Tree Logic\*

The **Computational Tree Language\*** or **CTL\*** is a the temporal logic that describes the properties of computation trees over Kripke structures ([CE81], [CES86]). It is a proper extension of propositional logics and, beside a set of atomic propositions and the standard logical operators  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\rightarrow$ , the alphabet of CTL\* contains the two path quantifiers **A** (“for all paths”) and **E** (“for some path”) and the five temporal operators **X** (“at the next step”), **G** (“globally”), **F** (“in the future”), **U** (“until”), and **R** (“release”).

## Syntax

Any CTL\* formula is either a *state formula* (i.e., a formula that are evaluated in a single state) or a *path formula* (i.e., a formula whose truth value depend on an infinite path).

A CTL\* state formula is either:

- $\top$  or  $\perp$
- a propositional variable
- $\neg\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ ,  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$  where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are CTL\* state formulas
- **A** $\psi$  or **E** $\psi$  where  $\psi$  is a CTL\* path formula

A CTL\* path formula is either:

- a state formula
- $\neg\psi_1$ ,  $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ ,  $\psi_1 \vee \psi_2$ , or  $\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2$  where both  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are CTL\* path formulas
- **X** $\psi_1$ , **F** $\psi_1$ , **G** $\psi_1$ ,  $\psi_1$ **U** $\psi_2$ , or  $\psi_1$ **R** $\psi_2$  where both  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are CTL\* path formulas

## Semantics

The semantics of CTL\* formulas is given with respect to a *Kripke structure* and it is a proper extension of the semantics of propositional logics. If  $K$  is a Kripke structure,  $s$  one of its states, and  $\varphi$  a state formula, we write  $K, s \models \varphi$  meaning that  $\varphi$  holds at state  $s$  in  $K$ . Analogously, If  $K$  is a Kripke structure,  $\pi$  one of its computations, and  $\psi$  a path formula, we write  $K, \pi \models \psi$  meaning that  $\psi$  holds along  $\pi$  in  $K$ .

Let  $K$  be the Kripke structure  $(S, S_0, R, L)$ ; the relation  $\models$  is defined recursively as follows:

- $K, s \models \top$  and  $K, s \not\models \perp$  for any state  $s \in S$

- if  $p \in AP$ , then  $K, s \models p \iff p \in L(s)$
- $K, s \models \neg\varphi \iff K, s \not\models \varphi$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \iff K, s \models \varphi_1$  and  $K, s \models \varphi_2$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \iff K, s \models \varphi_1$  or  $K, s \models \varphi_2$
- $K, s \models \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 \iff K, s \not\models \varphi_1$  or  $K, s \models \varphi_2$
- $K, s \models \mathbf{A}\varphi \iff K, \pi \models \varphi$  for any computation  $\pi$  of  $K$  that starts from  $s$
- $K, s \models \mathbf{E}\varphi \iff K, \pi \models \varphi$  for some computation  $\pi$  of  $K$  that starts from  $s$
- $K, \pi \models \psi \iff K, s \models \psi$ , where  $\pi$  is a computation of  $K$  that starts from  $s$
- $K, \pi \models \neg\psi \iff K, \pi \not\models \psi$
- $K, \pi \models \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \iff K, \pi \models \psi_1$  and  $K, \pi \models \psi_2$
- $K, \pi \models \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \iff K, \pi \models \psi_1$  or  $K, \pi \models \psi_2$
- $K, \pi \models \psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \iff K, \pi \not\models \psi_1$  or  $K, \pi \models \psi_2$
- $K, \pi \models \mathbf{X}\psi \iff K, \pi_1 \models \psi$
- $K, \pi \models \mathbf{F}\psi \iff K, \pi_i \models \psi$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$
- $K, \pi \models \mathbf{G}\psi \iff K, \pi_i \models \psi$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$
- $K, \pi \models \psi_1 \mathbf{U} \psi_2 \iff$  there exists an  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K, \pi_i \models \psi_2$  and  $K, \pi_j \models \psi_1$  for all  $j \in [0, i - 1]$
- $K, \pi \models \psi_1 \mathbf{R} \psi_2 \iff$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $K, \pi_j \not\models \psi_1$  for all  $j \in [0, i - 1]$ , then  $K, \pi_i \models \psi_2$

Whenever  $K, \sigma \models \psi \iff K, \sigma \models \varphi$  for any  $\sigma$  and any  $K$ , we say that  $\psi$  and  $\varphi$  are **equivalent** and we write  $\varphi \equiv \psi$ .

Two set of formulas  $\mathcal{F}$  and any  $\mathbf{G}$  are **equivalent** if any formula  $\mathbf{G}$  has an equivalent formula in  $\mathcal{F}$  and vice versa.

## Restricted Syntax

It is easy to prove that  $\perp$ ,  $\mathbf{F}\psi$ ,  $\mathbf{G}\psi$ ,  $\varphi \mathbf{R} \psi$ ,  $\mathbf{A}\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \wedge \psi$ , and  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  are equivalent to  $\neg\top$ ,  $\top \mathbf{U} \psi$ ,  $\neg(\top \mathbf{U} \neg\psi)$ ,  $\neg(\neg\varphi \mathbf{U} \neg\psi)$ ,  $\neg\mathbf{E}\neg\varphi$ ,  $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi)$ , and  $\neg\varphi \vee \psi$ , respectively. Thus, the CTL\* language whose alphabet is restricted to  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\top$ , and atomic propositions is equivalent to the full CTL\* language (e.g., see [CGP00]).

## 1.2.3 Computational Tree Logic

The **Computational Tree Language** or **CTL** is a subset of  $\text{CTL}^*$  ([BMP83], [CE81], [CE80]). In CTL, each occurrence of the two path quantifiers  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  should be coupled to one of the temporal operators  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ , or  $\mathbf{U}$ .

### Syntax

More formally, a CTL state formula is either:

- $\top$  or  $\perp$
- propositional variable
- $\neg\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ ,  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ , where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are CTL state formulas
- $\mathbf{A}\psi$  or  $\mathbf{E}\psi$  where  $\psi$  is a CTL path formula

A CTL path formula is either  $\mathbf{X}\varphi_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}\varphi_1$ ,  $\mathbf{G}\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{U}\varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{R}\varphi_2$  where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are CTL state formulas.

## Semantics

CTL has the same *semantics of CTL\**.

## Restricted Syntax

Despite the apperent syntatic complexity of CTL, any possible property definable in it can be expressed by a CTL formula whose syntax is restricted to the use of  $\top$ ,  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$ , and  $\mathbf{E}$  coupled to either  $\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$ , or  $\mathbf{G}$  (e.g., see [CGP00]). As a matter of the facts, it is easy to prove that:

- $\perp \equiv \neg\top$
- $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \equiv \neg(\neg\varphi_1 \vee \neg\varphi_2)$
- $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2 \equiv \neg\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$
- $\mathbf{AX}\varphi \equiv \neg\mathbf{EX}(\neg\varphi)$
- $\mathbf{EF}\varphi \equiv \mathbf{E}(\top \mathbf{U}\varphi)$
- $\mathbf{AG}\varphi \equiv \neg\mathbf{E}(\top \mathbf{U}\neg\varphi)$
- $\mathbf{AF}\varphi \equiv \neg\mathbf{EG}(\neg\varphi)$
- $\mathbf{A}(\varphi_1 \mathbf{U}\varphi_2) \equiv \neg(\mathbf{E}((\neg\varphi_2) \mathbf{U}\neg(\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2)) \vee \mathbf{EG}(\neg\varphi_2))$
- $\mathbf{A}(\varphi_1 \mathbf{R}\varphi_2) \equiv \neg\mathbf{E}((\neg\varphi_1) \mathbf{U}(\neg\varphi_2))$
- $\mathbf{E}(\varphi_1 \mathbf{R}\varphi_2) \equiv (\mathbf{E}(\varphi_2 \mathbf{U}(\neg\varphi_1 \vee \neg\varphi_2)) \vee \mathbf{EG}(\varphi_2))$

### 1.2.4 Linear Time Logic

The **Linear Time Logic** or **LTL** is a subset of of *CTL\** ([P77]).

## Syntax

LTL formulas have the form  $A\rho$  where  $\rho$  is a LTL path formula and a LTL path formula is either:

- $\top$  or  $\perp$
- propositional variable
- $\neg\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ ,  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ , where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are LTL path formulas
- $\mathbf{X}\varphi_1$ ,  $\mathbf{F}\varphi_1$ ,  $\mathbf{G}\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{U}\varphi_2$ , or  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{R}\varphi_2$  where both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are LTL path formulas.

## Semantics

LTL has the same *semantics of CTL\**.

## Restricted Syntax

It is easy to prove that:

- $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \equiv \neg(\neg\psi_1 \vee \neg\psi_2)$
- $\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \equiv \neg\psi_1 \vee \psi_2$
- $\mathbf{F}\psi \equiv \top \mathbf{U} \psi$
- $\mathbf{G}\psi \equiv \neg(\top \mathbf{U} \neg\psi)$
- $\psi_1 \mathbf{R} \psi_2 \equiv \neg((\neg\psi_1) \mathbf{U} (\neg\psi_2))$

Hence, the LTL restricted language that allows exclusively the path formulas whose operators are  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\mathbf{X}$ , or  $\mathbf{U}$  is equivalent to the full LTL language (e.g., see [CGP00]).

## 1.3 Model Checking

Model checking is a technique to establish the set of states in Kripke structure that satisfy a given temporal formula. More formally, provided a Kripke structure  $K = (S, S_0, R, L)$  and a temporal formula  $\varphi$ , model checking aims to identify  $S' \subseteq S$  such that

$$K, s_i \models \varphi$$

for all  $s_i \in S'$ .

Model checking problem for *CTL\**, *CTL* and *LTL* is decidable even though the time complexity of the algorithm is logics dependent: the complexities of the *CTL*, *LTL* and *CTL\** decision procedures are  $O(|\varphi| * (|S| + |R|))$ ,  $O(2^{O(|\varphi|)} * (|S| + |R|))$  and  $O(2^{O(|\varphi|)} * (|S| + |R|))$ , respectively.

### 1.3.1 Fair Model Checking

A *fair Kripke structure* is a Kripke structure  $(S, S_0, R, L)$  added with a set of *fair states*  $F \subseteq S$ . A *fair path* for it is an infinite path that passes through all the fair states infinitely often.

*Fair model checking* only considers fair paths. A *fair state* is a path from which at least one fair path originates.

## 1.4 Symbolic Representation

*Binary Decision Diagrams* (BDDs) and *Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams* (OBDDs) are data structures to represent binary functions [Bryant86].

### 1.4.1 Binary Decision Diagrams

BDDs are *directed graphs* whose nodes can be either **terminal** or **non-terminal**. Terminal nodes are labelled by a *binary value* and they are not source of any edge. If  $t$  is a terminal node, we write  $t.value$  to denote the value of  $t$ . Non-terminal nodes are labelled by a *variable* name and they are source of two edges called *low* and *high*. If  $n$  is a non-terminal node, we write  $n.var$ ,  $n.low$ , and  $n.high$  to denote the variable name, the edge low, and the edge high of the node  $n$ .

Any terminal node  $t$  represents the binary function  $t.value$ , while any non-terminal node  $n$  encodes the binary function  $(n.var \& f_l) \vee (n.var \& f_h)$  where  $f_l$  and  $f_h$  are the binary functions associated to  $n.low$  and  $n.high$ , respectively.

A BDD **respects a variable ordering**  $<$  whenever  $n.var < n.low.var$  for all non-terminal nodes  $n$  and  $n.low$  and  $n.var < n.high.var$  for all non-terminal nodes  $n$  and  $n.high$ .

### 1.4.2 Ordered Binary Decision Diagrams

The logical equivalence of two binary functions can be reduced to the existence of an isomorphism between the BDD encoding them under three conditions:

1. the two BDDs respect the same variable ordering;
2.  $n.low$  and  $n.high$  are different nodes for any non-terminal node  $n$  in both the BDDs;
3. for each of the BDDs and for all pairs of nodes in it, there is no isomorphism between them.

OBDDs are BDDs equipped of a variable ordering and satisfying condition 2. and 3.

Whenever two binary functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are stored as OBDD and they share the same variable ordering, it is possible to:

- test logical equivalence between  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in time  $O(1)$ ;
- compute the OBDD that represents:
  - the bitwise negation of the formula  $f_1$  in time  $O(|f_1|)$ ;
  - the bitwise binary combinations of the functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  in time  $O(|f_1| + |f_2|)$ .



## 2.1 Modelling Reactive Systems

### 2.1.1 Directed Graphs

*Directed graphs* can be represented in *pyModelChecking* by using the class `DiGraph` (see *Graph API*).

```
>>> from pyModelChecking import *
>>> G = DiGraph(V=['a',3],
...             E=[('a','a'), ('a','b')])
>>> print(G)

(V=['a', 3, 'b'], E=[('a', 'a'), ('a', 'b')])

>>> G.nodes()

['a', 3, 'b']

>>> G.edges()

[('a', 'a'), ('a', 'b')]

>>> G.add_edge('c','b')
>>> G.nodes()

['a', 'c', 3, 'b']

>>> G.edges()

[('a', 'a'), ('a', 'b'), ('c', 'b')]
```

The same class provides methods to compute **reachable sets**, **reversed graphs** and **subgraphs** of a given directed graph.

```
>>> print(G.get_reversed_graph())

(V=['a', 'c', 3, 'b'], E=[('a', 'a'), ('b', 'a'), ('b', 'c')])

>>> print(G.get_subgraph(['a', 'b', 3]))

(V=['a', 3, 'b'], E=[('a', 'a'), ('a', 'b')])

>>> print(G.get_reachable_set_from(['a', 3]))

set(['a', 3, 'b'])

>>> print(G.get_reachable_set_from(['d']))
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "pyModelChecking/graph.py", line 203, in get_reachable_set_from
    for d in self.next(s):
  File "pyModelChecking/graph.py", line 120, in next
    'of this DiGraph')
RuntimeError: src = 'd' is not a node of this DiGraph
```

*pyModelChecking* can also compute the strongly connected components of a directed graph.

```
>>> G.add_edge('b', 'a')
>>> print(list(compute_strongly_connected_components(G)))
[['a', 'b'], ['c'], [3]]
```

Refer to *Graph API* for more details.

## 2.1.2 Kripke Structures

*Kripke structures* are representable by using the class *Kripke* (see *Kripke API*).

```
>>> from pyModelChecking import *
>>> K = Kripke(S=[0, 1, 3],
...           R=[(0, 2), (2, 2), (0, 1), (1, 0), (3, 2)],
...           L={1: ['p', 'q'], 2: ['p', 'q'], 3: ['q']})
>>> print(K)

(S=[0, 1, 2, 3], S0=set([0]), R=[(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (2, 2), (3, 2)], L={0: set([0]),
→1: set(['q', 'p']), 2: set(['q', 'p']), 3: set(['q'])})
```

The sets of Kripke's states and transitions can be obtained by using the following syntax:

```
>>> K.states()

[0, 1, 2, 3]

>>> K.transitions()

[(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (2, 2), (3, 2)]
```

It is possible to get the successors of a given state with respect to the Kripke's transitions:



```
>>> K.next(0)

set([1, 2])
```

Finally, the API provides a method for getting the labels of Kripke's states.

```
>>> K.labels()

set(['q', 'p'])

>>> K.labels(3)

set(['q'])
```

## 2.2 Encoding Formulas and Model Checking

*pyModelChecking* provides a user friendly support for building *CTL\**, *CTL* and *LTL* formulas. Each of these languages corresponds to a *pyModelChecking*'s sub-module which implements all the classes required to encode the corresponding formulas.

Propositional logic is also supported by *pyModelChecking* as a shared basis for all the possible temporal logics.

### 2.2.1 Propositional Logics

Propositional logics support is provided by including the *pyModelChecking.language* sub-module. This sub-module allows to represents atomic propositions and Boolean values through the `pyModelChecking.formula.AtomicProposition` and `pyModelChecking.formula.Bool` classes, respectively.

```
>>> from pyModelChecking.PL import *
>>> AtomicProposition('p')

p

>>> Bool(True)

true
```

Moreover, the *pyModelChecking.PL* sub-module implements the logic operators  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$  and  $\neg$  by mean of the classes `pyModelChecking.PL.And`, `pyModelChecking.PL.Or`, `pyModelChecking.PL.Imply` and `pyModelChecking.PL.Not`, respectively. These classes automatically wrap strings and Boolean values as objects of the classes `pyModelChecking.PL.AtomicProposition` and `pyModelChecking.PL.Bool`, respectively. All cited classes are subclasses of the class `pyModelChecking.PL.Formula`.

```
>>> And('p', true)

(p and true)

>>> And('p', true, 'p')

(p and true and p)

>>> f = Implies('q', 'p')
>>> And('p', f, Implies(Not(f), Or('q', 's', f)))
```

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```
(p and (q --> p) and (not (q --> p) --> (q or s or (q --> p))))

>>> Imply('p', 'q', 'p')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: __init__() takes exactly 3 arguments (4 given)
```

In order to simplify formula encoding, the operators `~`, `&`, and `|` –i.e., `pyModelChecking.PL.__not__()`, `pyModelChecking.PL.__and__()`, and `pyModelChecking.PL.__or__()`– were overwritten to be used as shortcuts to `pyModelChecking.PL.Not`, `pyModelChecking.PL.And`, and `pyModelChecking.PL.Or` constructors, respectively. At least one of the operator parameters should be an object of the class `pyModelChecking.PL.Formula`.

```
>>> AtomicProposition('p') & True

(p and true)

>>> True & AtomicProposition('p')

(true and p)

>>> f = 'p' & Bool(True)
>>> f

(p and true)

>>> True & 'p' & Bool(True)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for &: 'bool' and 'str'

>>> 'p' & Bool(True) & 'p'

((p and true) and p)

>>> ~( 'p' & Bool(True)) | And(~f, 'b')

(not (p and true) or (not (p and true) and b))
```

For user convenience, the function `pyModelChecking.PL.LNot()` is also provided. This function returns a formula equivalent to logic negation of the parameter and minimise the number of outermost `¬`.

```
>>> f = Not(Not(Not(And('p', Not('q')))))
>>> f

not not not (p and not q)

>>> LNot(f)

(p and not q)

>>> LNot(Not(f))

not (p and not q)
```

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```
>>> LNot (LNot (f))

not (p and not q)
```

## Parsing Formulas

The module `pyModelChecking.PL` also provides a parsing class `pyModelChecking.PL.Parser` for propositional formula. Its objects read a formula from a string and, when it is possible, translate it into a corresponding `pyModelChecking.PL.Formula` objects.

```
>>> p = Parser()

>>> p('p and true')

(p and true)

>>> p('~p and q --> ((q | p))')

((not p and q) --> (q or p))
```

A complete description of the parser grammar is contained in class member `pyModelChecking.PL.Parser.grammar`

```
>>> print(p.grammar)

s_formula: "true"      -> true
          | "false"    -> false
          | a_prop
          | "(" s_formula ")"

u_formula: ("not"|"~") u_formula -> not_formula
          | "(" b_formula ")"
          | s_formula

b_formula: u_formula
          | u_formula ( ("or"|"|") u_formula )+ -> or_formula
          | u_formula ( ("and"|"&") u_formula )+ -> and_formula
          | u_formula ("-->") u_formula -> imply_formula

a_prop: /[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z_0-9]*/ -> string
       | ESCAPED_STRING         -> e_string

formula: b_formula

%import common.ESCAPED_STRING
%import common.WS
%import WS
```

## 2.2.2 Temporal Logics Implementation

CTL\* formulas can be defined by using the `pyModelChecking.CTLS` sub-module.

```
>>> from pyModelChecking.CTLS import *
```

Path quantifiers  $A$  and  $E$  as well as temporal operators  $X$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$ ,  $U$  and  $R$  are provided as classes (see *CTLS sub-module* for more details). As in the case of propositional logics, these classes wrap strings and Boolean values as objects of the classes `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.AtomicProposition` and `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Bool`, respectively.

```
>>> phi = A(G(
...     Imply(And(Not('Close'),
...               'Start'),
...           A(Or(G(Not('Heat')),
...                 F(Not('Error')))))
...     ))
>>> phi
A(G(((not Close and Start) --> A((G(not Heat) or F(not Error)))))
```

As far as parsing capabilities and simplifying syntax concern, `pyModelChecking.CTLS` has the same facilities `pyModelChecking.PL` had and implements *CTL\** specific version of both class `pyModelChecking.CTLS.Parser` and operators `~`, `&`, and `|`.

```
>>> p=Parser()
>>> p('G(not Heat)') | p('A(F(not Error))')
(G(not Heat) or A(F(not Error)))
```

## 2.2.3 Model Checking Formulas

The sub-module also implements the *CTL\** model checking and fair model checking algorithms described in [CGP00].

```
>>> from pyModelChecking import Kripke
>>> K = Kripke(R=[(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (2, 0),
...               (3, 2), (3, 0), (3, 3), (6, 3), (2, 5), (5, 6)],
...           L={0: set(), 1: set(['Start', 'Error']), 2: set(['Close']),
...               3: set(['Close', 'Heat']),
...               4: set(['Start', 'Close', 'Error']),
...               5: set(['Start', 'Close']),
...               6: set(['Start', 'Close', 'Heat'])})
>>> modelcheck(K, psi)
set([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
>>> modelcheck(K, psi, F=[6])
set([])
```

It is also possible to model check a string representation of a *CTL\** formula by either passing an object of the class `pyModelChecking.CTLS.Parser` or leaving the remit of creating such an object to the function `pyModelChecking.CTLS.modelcheck()`.

```
>>> modelcheck(K, psi_str)
set([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
>>> modelcheck(K, psi_str, parser=parser)
set([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
```

Analogous functionality are provided for *CTL* and *LTL* by the sub-modules *pyModelChecking.CTL* and *pyModelChecking.LTL*, respectively.



## 3.1 Models API

*pyModelChecking* provides implementations for *directed graph* and *Kripke structures*.

### 3.1.1 Graph API

It is used to define *directed graphs* and provides a method to compute the strongly connected components of a directed graph.

```
class pyModelChecking.graph.DiGraph (V=None, E=None)
```

Bases: object

A class to represent directed graphs.

A *directed graph* is a couple (V,E) where V is a set of vertices and E is a set of edges (i.e., pairs of vertices). If (s,d) in E, then s and d are said *source* and *destination* of (s,d).

```
add_edge (src, dst)
```

Add a new edge to a DiGraph

**Parameters**

- **src** – the source node of the edge
- **dst** – the destination node of the edge

```
add_node (v)
```

Add a new node to a DiGraph

**Parameters**

- **self** (*DiGraph*) – the DiGraph object
- **v** – a node

**clone()**

Clone a DiGraph

**Returns** a clone of the DiGraph**Return type** *DiGraph***edges()**

Return the edges of a DiGraph

**Returns** a list of edges of the DiGraph**Return type** list**edges\_iter()**

Return the edges of a DiGraph

**Returns** the generator of edges of the DiGraph**Return type** generator**get\_reachable\_set\_from(nodes)**

Compute the reachable set

**Parameters** **nodes** (*a container of nodes*) – the set of nodes from which the reachability should be evaluated**Returns** the set of the reachable nodes**Return type** set**get\_reversed\_graph()**

Build the reversed graph

**Returns** the reversed graph**Return type** *DiGraph***get\_subgraph(nodes)**

Build the subgraph that respects a set of nodes

**Returns** the subgraph that respects :param nodes:**Return type** *DiGraph***next(src)**

Return the next of a node

Given a DiGraph  $(V, E)$  and one of its node  $v$ , the *next* of  $v \in V$  is the set of all those nodes  $v'$  that are destination of some edge  $(v, v') \in E$ .**Returns** the set of nodes  $\{v' | (v, v') \in E\}$ **Return type** set**nodes()**

Return the nodes of a DiGraph

**Returns** the list of the nodes of the DiGraph**Return type** list**sources()**

Return the sources of a DiGraph.

The *sources* of a DiGraph  $G$  are the nodes that are sources of some edges in  $G$  itself.**Returns** a generator of all the nodes that are sources of some edges



**Return type** generator

`pyModelChecking.graph.compute_SCCs(G)`

Compute the strongly connected components of a DiGraph

This method implements a non-recursive version of the Nuutila and Soisalon-Soinen's algorithm ([ns94]) to compute the strongly connected components of a DiGraph.

**Parameters** *G* (`DiGraph`) – the DiGraph object

**Returns** a generator of the sets of nodes of the strongly connected components of the DiGraph

**Return type** generator

### 3.1.2 Kripke API

It is used to define *Kripke structures*.

**class** `pyModelChecking.kripke.Kripke` (*S=None, S0=None, R=None, L=None*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.graph.DiGraph`

A class to represent Kripke structures.

A Kripke structure is a directed graph equipped with a set of initial nodes, *S0*, and a labelling function that maps each node into the set of atomic propositions that hold in the node itself. The nodes of Kripke structure are called *states*.

**clone** ()

Clone a Kripke structure

**Returns** a clone of the current Kripke structure

**Return type** *Kripke*

**get\_fair\_states** (*F*)

Return a set of states from which leaves a fair path.

**Parameters** *F* (*a container*) – a container of fairness constraints

**Returns** the set of states from which leaves a fair path

**Return type** set

**get\_substructure** (*V*)

Return the sub-structure that respects a set of states

The sub-structure of a Kripke structure  $(V', E', L')$  that respects a set of states *V* is the Kripke structure  $(V, E, L)$  where  $E = E' \cap (V \times V)$  and  $L(v) = L'(v)$  for all  $s \in V$ .

**Parameters** *V* (*set*) – a set of states

**Returns** the sub-structure that respects *V*

**Return type** *Kripke*

**label\_fair\_states** (*F*)

Label all the fair states by a new atomic proposition.

This method labels all the states from which a fair path exists by using a new atomic proposition that means “there exists a fair path from here”. The new label is returned.

**Parameters** *F* (*a container*) – a container of fairness constraints

**Returns** a new label that means “there exists a fair path from here”

**Return type** str

**labelling\_function()**

Return the labelling function

**Returns** the labelling function

**Return type** dict

**labels** (*state=None*)

Get the atomic propositions labelling either a state or the whole structure

**Parameters** *state* – either a state of the Kripke structure or None

**Returns** the atomic propositions that label either a *state*, whenever a parameter *state* is passed, or at least one state of the Kripke structure, otherwise

**Return type** set

**next** (*src*)

Return the next of a state

Given a Kripke structure  $K = (S, S_0, R, L)$  and one of its state  $s$ , the *next* of  $s$  in  $K$  is the set of all those states that are destination of some edges whose source is  $s$  itself i.e.,  $K.next(s) = \{s' | (s, s') \in R\}$ .

**Returns** the set of nodes  $\{s' | (s, s') \in R\}$

**Return type** set

**replace\_labelling\_function** (*L*)

Replace the labelling function

**Parameters** *L* (*dict*) – a new labelling function for this Kripke structure

**Returns** the former labelling function

**Return type** dict

**states** ()

Return the states of a Kripke structure

**Returns** the states of the Kripke structure

**Return type** set

**transitions** ()

Return the edges of a Kripke structure

**Returns** the set of edges of the Kripke structure

**Return type** set

**transitions\_iter** ()

Return an iterator of the edges of a Kripke structure

**Returns** an iterator of the set of edges of the Kripke structure

**Return type** iterator

## 3.2 Logics and Model Checking API

The implementations of specific languages and their model checking routines are contained in *pyModelChecking* sub-modules. CTL\*, CTL, and LTL are handled by *CTLS sub-module*, *CTL sub-module* and *LTL sub-module*, respectively.

### 3.2.1 Propositional Logics sub-module API

It represents *Proposition Logics formulas*.

#### Language

**class** pyModelChecking.PL.language.**And**(\*phi)  
 Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.language.And`

Represents logic conjunction.

**class** pyModelChecking.PL.language.**AtomicProposition**(name)  
 Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Formula`, `pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol`

The class representing atomic propositionic propositions.

**clone**()

Clones an atomic proposition

**Returns** a clone of the current atomic proposition

**Return type** PL.AtomicProposition

**subformula**(i)

Returns the *i*-th subformula.

**Parameters** *i* (*Integer*) – the index of the subformula to be returned

**Raises** **TypeError** – atomic propositions have not subformulas

**subformulas**()

Returns the list of all the subformulas.

**Returns** returns the empty list of the subformulas of the current formula

**Return type** list

**class** pyModelChecking.PL.language.**Bool**(value)  
 Bases: `pyModelChecking.language.Bool`, `pyModelChecking.PL.language.AtomicProposition`

The class of Boolean atomic propositions.

**class** pyModelChecking.PL.language.**Formula**(\*phi)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.language.Formula`

A class to represent propositional formulas.

Formulas are represented as nodes in labelled trees: leaves are terminal symbols (e.g., atomic propositions and Boolean values), while internal nodes correspond to operators and quantifiers. The ariety of internal nodes depends on the kind of operator or quantifier must be represented. For instance, the arity of a node representing the formula  $\text{not}(p \vee \text{True})$  is one because the formula has exclusively one sub-formula, i.e.,  $p \vee \text{True}$ . On the contrary, this last formula has two sub-formulas, i.e.,  $p$  and  $\text{True}$ , thus, the node representing it has two sons.

**cast\_to**(Lang)

Casts the current object in a formula of a different class.

**Parameters**

- **self** (*class*) – this formula
- **Lang** – a class representing a language

**Returns** a syntactically equivalent formula in language represented by `Lang`

**Return type** `Lang`

**wrap\_subformulas** (*subformulas*, *FormulaClass*)

Replaces subformulas of the current object

This method replaces the subformulas of the current object by using the `FormulaClass` objects representing the elements of `:param subformulas:`.

#### Parameters

- **self** (*PL.Formula*) – this object
- **subformulas** (*Container*) – the set of objects to be used as model for the replacement
- **FormulaClass** (*class*) – the final class of the new subformulas

**class** `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Imply` (\**phi*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.language.Imply`

Represents logic implication.

**class** `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator` (\**phi*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Formula`, `pyModelChecking.language.LogicOperator`

A class to represent logic operator such as  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$ .

**class** `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Not` (\**phi*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.language.Not`

Represents logic negation.

**class** `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Or` (\**phi*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.language.Or`

Represents logic non-exclusive disjunction.

`pyModelChecking.PL.language.get_symbols` (*alphabet*)

## 3.2.2 CTLS sub-module API

It represents *CTL\* formulas* and provides model checking methods for them.

### Language

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.A` (*phi*)

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathQuantifier`, `pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol`

A class representing CTL\* A-formulas.

**get\_equivalent\_non\_fair\_formula** (*fairAP*)

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula** ()

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids *A*, *F*, *R*,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.Not

**symbols** = ['A']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.And(\*phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.LogicOperator](#), [pyModelChecking.PL.language.And](#)

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.Not

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.AtomicProposition(name)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.PL.language.AtomicProposition](#), [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.StateFormula](#)

The class representing atomic propositionic propositions.

**get\_equivalent\_non\_fair\_formula(fairAP)**

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula. Since this is a method of the class CTLS.AtomicProposition, a clone of the current object is always returned.

**Returns** a clone of the current atomic proposition.

**Return type** CTLS.AtomicProposition

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Bool(value)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.PL.language.Bool](#), [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.AtomicProposition](#)

The class of Boolean atomic propositions.

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.E(phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathQuantifier](#), [pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol](#)

A class representing CTL\* A-formulas.

**get\_equivalent\_non\_fair\_formula(fairAP)**

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A, F, R, \wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.E

**symbols** = ['E']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.F(\*phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.TemporalOperator](#), [pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol](#)

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.U

**symbols** = ['F']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**Formula**(\*phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.PL.language.Formula](#)

A class to represent CTL\* formulas.

Formulas are represented as nodes in labelled trees: leaves are terminal symbols (e.g., atomic propositions and Boolean values), while internal nodes correspond to operators and quantifiers. The arity of internal nodes depends on the kind of operator or quantifier must be represented. For instance, the arity of a node representing the formula  $\text{not}(A(pUq) \vee \text{True})$  is one because the formula has exclusively one sub-formula, i.e.,  $A(pUq) \vee \text{True}$ . On the contrary, this last formula has two sub-formulas, i.e.,  $A(pUq)$  and  $\text{True}$ , thus, the node representing it has two sons.

**get\_equivalent\_non\_fair\_formula**(fairAP)

**is\_a\_state\_formula()**

Returns True if and only if the object represents a state formula.

This method should return True if and only if the current object represents a state formula. Since this is a general class meant to represent both state and path formulas, an implementation for this method cannot be provided. Thus, any call to it raise a `RuntimeError`.

**Parameters** **self** (CTLS.Formula) – this formula

**Raises** **RuntimeError** – this method cannot be implemented by this general class

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**G**(\*phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.TemporalOperator](#), [pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol](#)

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.Not

**symbols** = ['G']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**ImPLY**(\*phi)

Bases: [pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.LogicOperator](#), [pyModelChecking.PL.language.ImPLY](#)

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.Not

```
class pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.LogicOperator(*phi)
```

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Formula`, `pyModelChecking.PL.language.LogicOperator`

A class to represent logic operator such as  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$ .

```
is_a_state_formula()
```

Returns True if and only if the object represents a state formula.

This method returns True if and only if the current object represents a state formula.

**Parameters** `self` (`CTLS.LogicOperator`) – this formula

**Returns** True if and only if the object represents a state formula.

**Return type** bool

```
class pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Not(*phi)
```

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Not`

```
get_equivalent_restricted_formula()
```

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** `CTLS.Not`

```
is_a_state_formula()
```

Returns True if and only if the object represents a state formula.

This method returns True if and only if the current object represents a state formula.

**Parameters** `self` (`CTLS.Not`) – this formula

**Returns** True if and only if this formula is a state formula.

**Return type** bool

```
class pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Or(*phi)
```

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.LogicOperator`, `pyModelChecking.PL.language.Or`

```
get_equivalent_restricted_formula()
```

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** `CTLS.Or`

```
class pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathFormula(*phi)
```

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Formula`

A class representing CTL\* path formulas.

```
is_a_state_formula()
```

Returns True if and only if the object has type `StateFormula`.

This method returns True if and only if the current object has type `CTLS.StateFormula`. Since this is a method of the class `CTLS.PathFormula`, it always returns False.

**Parameters** `self` (`CTLS.PathFormula`) – this formula

**Returns** False

**Return type** bool

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**PathQuantifier**(*phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.StateFormula*

A class to represent the path quantifiers *A* or *E*.

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**R**(\**phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.TemporalOperator*, *pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol*

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula**()

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids *A*, *F*, *R*,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids *A*, *F*, *R*,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.Not

**symbols** = ['R']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**StateFormula**(\**phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathFormula*

A class representing CTL\* state formulas.

**is\_a\_state\_formula**()

Returns True if and only if the object has type *StateFormula*.

This method returns True if and only if the current object has type *CTLS.StateFormula*. Since this is a method of the class *CTLS.StateFormula*, it always returns True.

**Parameters** **self** (*CTLS.StateFormula*) – this formula

**Returns** True

**Return type** bool

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**TemporalOperator**(\**phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathFormula*

A class to represent temporal operators such as *R* or *X*.

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**U**(\**phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.TemporalOperator*, *pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol*

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula**()

Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids *A*, *F*, *R*,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids *A*, *F*, *R*,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTLS.U

**symbols** = ['U']

**class** pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.**X**(\**phi*)

Bases: *pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.TemporalOperator*, *pyModelChecking.language.AlphabeticSymbol*



**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**  
Return an equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $A$ ,  $F$ ,  $R$ ,  $\wedge$  and  $\rightarrow$  and is equivalent this formula

**Return type** CTLS.X

**symbols** = ['X']

## Model Checking

`pyModelChecking.CTLS.model_checking.modelcheck(kripke, formula, parser=None, F=None)`

Model checks any CTL\* formula on a Kripke structure.

This method performs CTL\* model checking of a formula on a given Kripke structure.

### Parameters

- **kripke** (`Kripke`) – a Kripke structure.
- **formula** (a type castable in a `CTLS.Formula` or a string representing a CTL\* formula) – the formula to model check.
- **parser** (`CTLS.Parser`) – a parser to parse a string into a `CTLS.Formula`.
- **F** (`Container`) – a list of fair states

**Returns** a list of the Kripke structure states that satisfy the formula.

## 3.2.3 CTL sub-module API

It represents *CTL formulas* and provides model checking methods for them.

### Language

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.A(phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.A`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL A-formulas.

**get\_equivalent\_non\_fair\_formula(fairAP)**

**get\_equivalent\_restricted\_formula()**  
Return a equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $\wedge$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $A$ ,  $F$ , and  $R$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Parameters** **self** (`CTL.E`) – this formula

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $\wedge$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $A$ ,  $F$ , and  $R$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** `CTL.StateFormula`

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AF(psi)`  
A shortcut to build  $E(X(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(X(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** `psi` (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(X(\psi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AG(psi)`

A shortcut to build  $A(G(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $A(G(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** `psi` (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $A(G(\psi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AR(psi, phi)`

A shortcut to build  $A(R(\psi, \phi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $A(R(\psi, \phi))$  where  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are the method parameters.

**Parameters**

- **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula
- **phi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $A(R(\psi, \phi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AU(psi, phi)`

A shortcut to build  $A(U(\psi, \phi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $A(U(\psi, \phi))$  where  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are the method parameters.

**Parameters**

- **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula
- **phi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $A(U(\psi, \phi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AX(psi)`

A shortcut to build  $A(X(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $A(X(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** `psi` (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $A(X(\psi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.And(*phi)`

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.And`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL conjunctions.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AtomicProposition(name)`

Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.AtomicProposition`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL atomic propositions.

```
class pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Bool (value)
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Bool,      pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula
```

A class representing CTL Boolean atomic propositions.

```
class pyModelChecking.CTL.language.E (phi)
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.E,      pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula
```

A class representing CTL E-formulas.

```
get_equivalent_non_fair_formula (fairAP)
```

```
get_equivalent_restricted_formula ()
```

Return a equivalent formula in the restricted syntax.

This method returns a formula that avoids  $\wedge$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $A$ ,  $F$ , and  $R$  and is equivalent to this formula.

**Parameters** **self** (*CTL.E*) – this formula

**Returns** a formula that avoids  $\wedge$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $A$ ,  $F$ , and  $R$  and is equivalent to this formula

**Return type** CTL.StateFormula

```
pyModelChecking.CTL.language.EF (psi)
```

A shortcut to build  $E(F(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(F(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(F(\psi))$

**Return type** CTL.StateFormula

```
pyModelChecking.CTL.language.EG (psi)
```

A shortcut to build  $E(G(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(G(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(G(\psi))$

**Return type** CTL.StateFormula

```
pyModelChecking.CTL.language.ER (psi, phi)
```

A shortcut to build  $E(R(\psi, \phi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(R(\psi, \phi))$  where  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are the method parameters.

**Parameters**

- **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula
- **phi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(R(\psi, \phi))$

**Return type** CTL.StateFormula

```
pyModelChecking.CTL.language.EU (psi, phi)
```

A shortcut to build  $E(U(\psi, \phi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(U(\psi, \phi))$  where  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are the method parameters.

**Parameters**

- **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula
- **phi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(U(\psi, \phi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

`pyModelChecking.CTL.language.EX(psi)`  
A shortcut to build  $E(X(\psi))$ .

This method returns the formula  $E(X(\psi))$  where  $\psi$  is the method parameter.

**Parameters** **psi** (*CTL.StateFormula*) – a state formula

**Returns** the formula  $E(X(\psi))$

**Return type** *CTL.StateFormula*

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.F(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.F`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula`

A class representing CTL F-formulas.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Formula(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Formula`

A class representing CTL formulas.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.G(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.G`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula`

A class representing CTL G-formulas.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Imply(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Imply`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL implications.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Not(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Not`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL negations.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Or(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Or`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula`

A class representing CTL disjunctions.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Formula`, `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.PathFormula`

A class representing CTL\* path formulas.

**class** `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.R(*phi)`  
Bases: `pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.R`, `pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula`

A class representing CTL R-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.CTL.language.StateFormula(*phi)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.CTL.language.Formula, pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.StateFormula
```

A class representing CTL\* state formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.CTL.language.U(*phi)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.U, pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula
```

A class representing CTL U-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.CTL.language.X(*phi)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.X, pyModelChecking.CTL.language.PathFormula
```

A class representing CTL X-formulas.

## Model Checking

```
pyModelChecking.CTL.model_checking.modelcheck(kripke, formula, parser=None, F=None)
```

Model checks any CTL formula on a Kripke structure.

This method performs CTL model checking of a formula on a given Kripke structure.

### Parameters

- **kripke** ([Kripke](#)) – a Kripke structure.
- **formula** (a type castable in a `CTL.Formula` or a string representing a CTL formula) – the formula to model check.
- **parser** (`CTL.Parser`) – a parser to parse a string into a `CTL.Formula`.
- **F** (`Container`) – a list of fair states

**Returns** a list of the Kripke structure states that satisfy the formula.

## 3.2.4 LTL sub-module API

It represents *LTL formulas* and provides model checking methods for them.

### Language

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.A(*phi)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.LTL.language.StateFormula, pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.A
```

A class representing LTL A-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.And(*phi)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula, pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.And
```

A class representing LTL conjunctions.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.AtomicProposition(name)
    Bases: pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.AtomicProposition, pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula
```

A class representing LTL atomic propositions.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Bool (value)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Bool,   pyModelChecking.LTL.language.  
                PathFormula
```

A class representing LTL Boolean atomic propositions.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.F (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.F
```

A class representing LTL F-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Formula (*phi)  
    Bases: pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.Formula
```

A class representing LTL formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.G (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.G
```

A class representing LTL G-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.ImPLY (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.ImPLY
```

A class representing LTL implications.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Not (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.Not
```

A class representing LTL negations.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Or (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.Or
```

A class representing LTL disjunctions.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula (*phi)  
    Bases: pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Formula, pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.  
                PathFormula
```

A class representing LTL path formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.R (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.R
```

A class representing LTL R-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.StateFormula (*phi)  
    Bases: pyModelChecking.LTL.language.Formula, pyModelChecking.CTLS.language.  
                StateFormula
```

A class representing LTL state formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.U (*phi)  
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,   pyModelChecking.CTLS.  
                language.U
```

A class representing LTL U-formulas.

```
class pyModelChecking.LTL.language.X(*phi)
    Bases:      pyModelChecking.LTL.language.PathFormula,      pyModelChecking.CTLS.
                language.X
```

A class representing LTL X-formulas.

## Model Checking

```
pyModelChecking.LTL.model_checking.modelcheck(kripke, formula, parser=None, F=None)
```

Model checks any LTL formula on a Kripke structure.

This method performs LTL model checking of a formula on a given Kripke structure.

### Parameters

- **kripke** (*Kripke*) – a Kripke structure.
- **formula** (a type castable in a *LTL.Formula* or a string representing a LTL formula) – the formula to model check.
- **parser** (*LTL.Parser*) – a parser to parse a string into a *LTL.Formula*.
- **F** (*Container*) – a list of fair states

**Returns** a list of the Kripke structure states that satisfy the formula.





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