

Satisfiability problem for Term Modal Logic

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where $p \in P$ and $i \in Ag$.

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$M = (W, R_1 \cdots R_n, V)$ is a structure where

- W is a non-empty set of worlds
- $R_i \subseteq W \times W$
- $V : W \rightarrow 2^P$.

For any $w \in W$ and a formula φ , $M, w \models \varphi$ is defined inductively as follows:

$M, w \models p$	iff	$p \in V(w)$
$M, w \models \neg\varphi_1$	iff	$M, w \not\models \varphi_1$
$M, w \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$	iff	$M, w \models \varphi_1$ and $M, w \models \varphi_2$
$M, w \models \Box_i \varphi_1$	iff	for every $w' \in W$ if $(w, w') \in R_i$ then $M, w' \models \varphi_1$.

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TML syntax

Given Var (variables) and \mathbf{P} (predicates), the syntax of TML is defined as follows:

$$\varphi ::= P\bar{x} \mid x \approx y \mid \neg\varphi \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid \exists x\varphi \mid \Box_x\varphi$$

where $x \in \text{Var}$, $P \in \mathbf{P}$.

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$$M, w, \sigma \models P(x_1 \cdots x_n) \Leftrightarrow (\sigma(x_1), \dots, \sigma(x_n)) \in \rho(P, w)$$

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$$M, w, \sigma \models (\varphi \wedge \psi) \Leftrightarrow M, w, \sigma \models \varphi \text{ and } M, w, \sigma \models \psi$$

$$M, w, \sigma \models \exists x\varphi \Leftrightarrow \text{there is some } d \in \delta(w) \text{ such } \\ M, w, \sigma[x \mapsto d] \models \varphi$$

$$M, w, \sigma \models \Box_x\varphi \Leftrightarrow M, v, \sigma \models \varphi \text{ for all } v \text{ s.t. } \\ (w, \sigma(x), v) \in R$$

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$$\forall x \exists y. \Diamond_x \Box_y p.$$

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- Can be strengthen the undecidability result?
- Are there any interesting decidable fragments?

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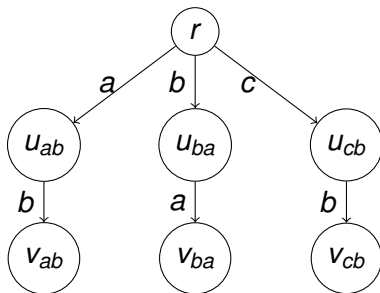


Figure: Model corresponding to the FO structure (D, I) where $D = \{a, b, c\}$ and $I = \{(a, b), (b, a), (c, b)\}$.

Relationship between modal depth and arity of predicates

Mod. depth	Predicates	Status	Remark
0	$\mathbf{P}^0, \mathbf{P}^1$	D	Follows from FO
0	R	UD	Same as $\text{FO}(R)$
1	\mathbf{P}^0	D	Fragment of Monodic TML
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- For any tiling instance T , we come up with a formula φ_T such that
 - $\varphi_T \in \text{FinSat}$ iff T has some periodic tiling
 - $\varphi_T \in \text{UnSat}$ iff T has no tiling.
 - $\varphi_T \in \text{InfAx}$ iff T has only aperiodic tiling

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Hence *w.l.o.g* for any $M, w \models \hat{\varphi}$ we can assume that there is some initial fragment \mathbb{N}' of \mathbb{N} such that $\delta(w) = \mathbb{N}'$ and for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}'$, $i < j$ iff $M, w \models \diamond_i \diamond_j \top$.

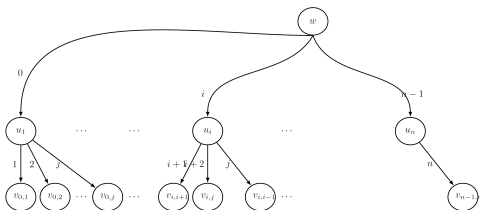
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Figure: A model for Ord when $\mathbb{N}' = [1 \dots n]$ is finite.

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- Encode every tile t_i as a path of length i , given by

$$p_i ::= \bigwedge_{j < i} (\forall z \square)^j (\exists z \diamond \top) \wedge (\forall z \square)^i (\forall z \square_z \perp)$$

φ_{tile}	$:= \forall z_1 \forall z_2 \forall x \forall y \square_{z_1} \square_{z_2} ((\diamond_x \diamond_y \top) \wedge (\square_x \square_y \bigvee_{t_i \in X} p_i))$
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φ_{ver}	$:= \forall x \forall y \forall z \text{succ}(x, y) \Rightarrow \forall z_1 \forall z_2 (\square_{z_1} \square_{z_2} (\bigvee_{u_{t_i} = d_{t_j}} (\square_z \square_x (p_i) \wedge \square_z \square_y (p_j))))$

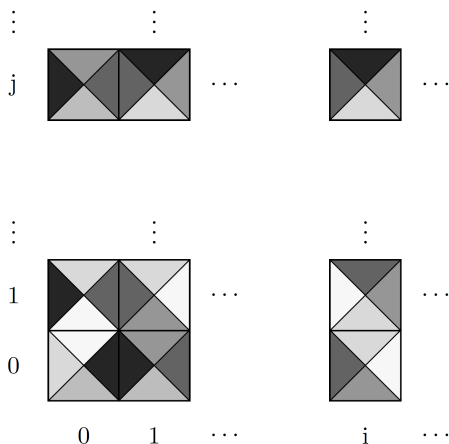
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Figure: Tiling instance.

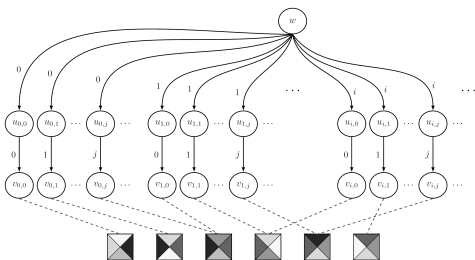
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Figure: A model for the tiling problem.

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In the proof, they use the formula of the form $P(x, y) \equiv \Box P(x, y)$. Now this is not expressible in TML^2 since \Box has to be **indexed either by x or y** . We use this property of TML crucially to get the decidability.

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Inductive kings and courts argument. **We believe that we have the proof, but going through it to check for bugs.**

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