

FMSoft

Lecture 6, part II — CTL*

(lecture version)

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- In fact, it can be done by reduction to model checking for LTL that Christoph is going to discuss

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- Standard exercise: work out clauses for other connectives

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- ...called CTL⁺ by Emerson and Halpern

E. A. Emerson and J. Y. Halpern. Decision procedures and expressiveness in the temporal logic of branching time. *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, 30:1–24, 1985

CTL⁺ allows boolean combinations of path formulas inside a path quantifier but no nesting of them