

# LTL Equivalences and Laws

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## Topics

- Equivalence of LTL formulas.
- Self-duality of *next* operator. Expansion law for the *until* operator and its derivatives.
- Expansion laws as fixpoint equations.
- The *weak until* operator. Duality of *until* and *weak until*.
- Positive Normal Form

## Material

Reading:

Chapter 5 of the book, Sections 5.1.4 and 5.1.5.

More:

The slides in the following pages are taken from the material of the course “Introduction to Model Checking” held by Prof. Dr. Ir. Joost-Pieter Katoen at Aachen University.



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note that:

$A_0 A_1 A_2 \dots \models \psi$  iff  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots \models \varphi$  for all  $i \geq 1$

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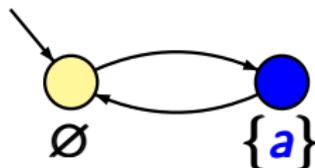
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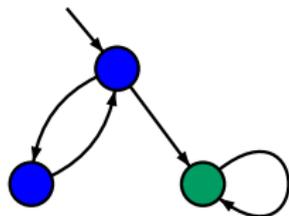
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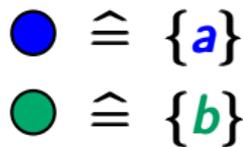
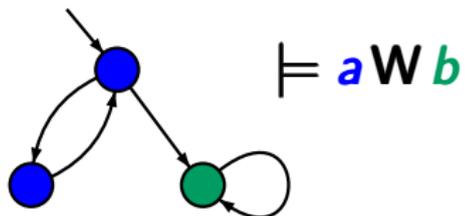


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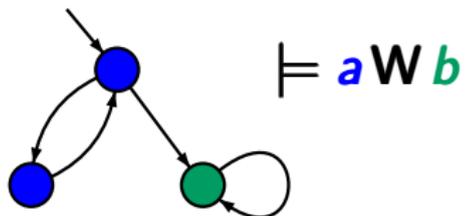
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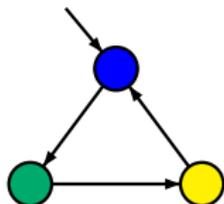
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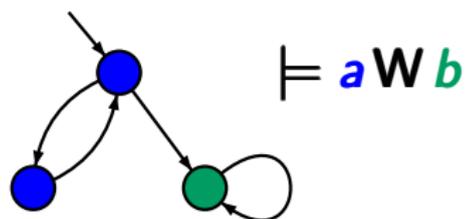
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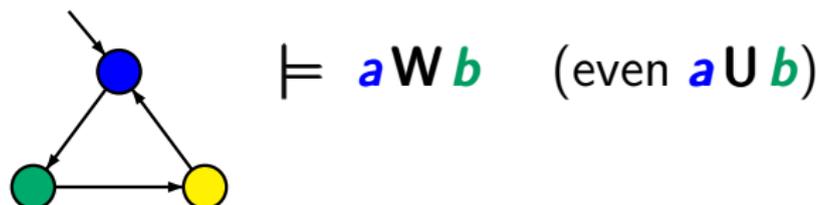
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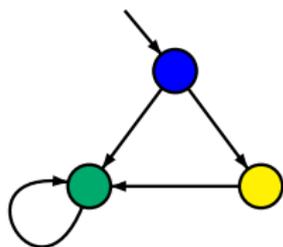
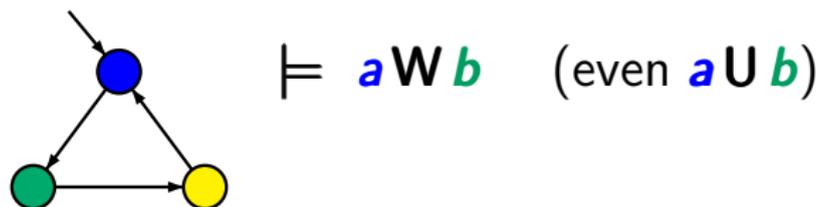
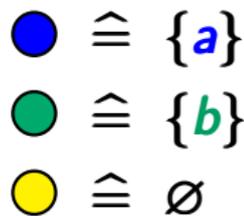
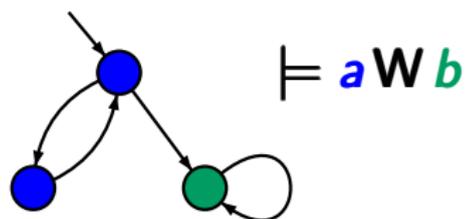
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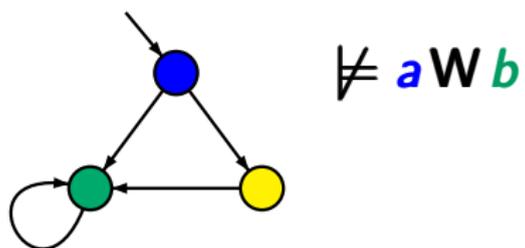
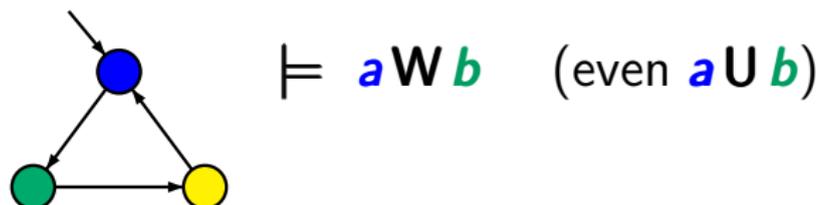
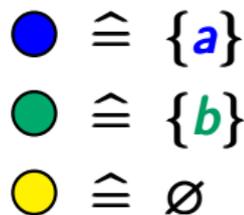
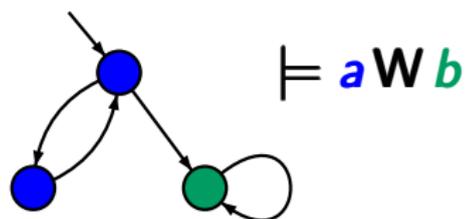
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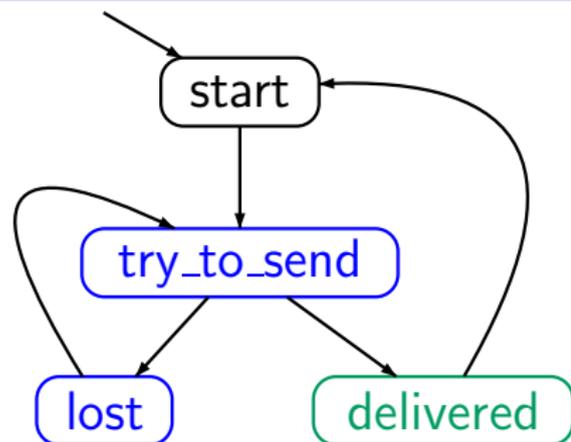
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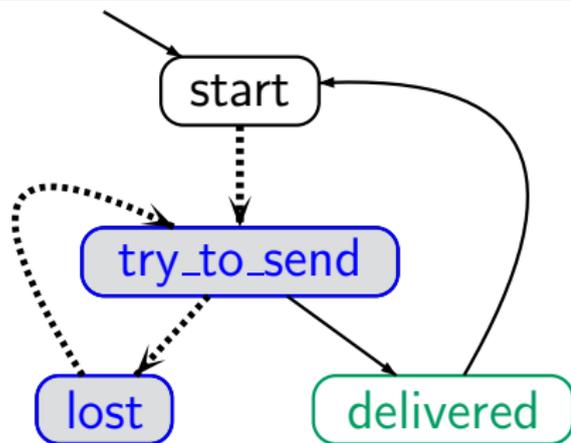
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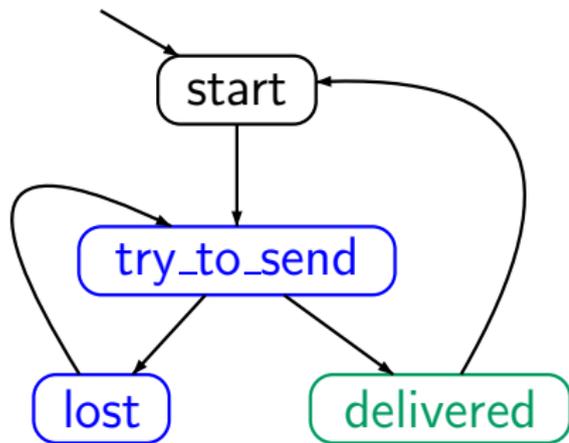
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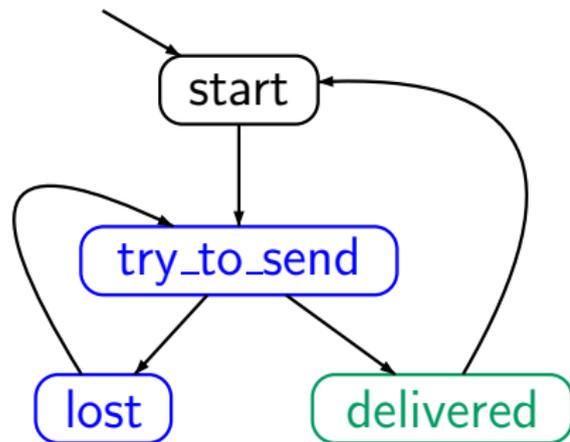
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*goal:* express  $\neg(\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi)$  via  $\mathbf{W}$ , and vice versa

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to be incorporated into the syntax of PNF formulae. The propositional logical primitives of the positive normal form for LTL are the constant true and its dual constant false  $= \neg\text{true}$ , as well as conjunction  $\wedge$  and its dual,  $\vee$ . De Morgan's rules  $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi$  and  $\neg(\varphi \wedge \psi) \equiv \neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi$  yield the duality of conjunction and disjunction. According to the duality rule  $\neg \bigcirc \varphi \equiv \bigcirc \neg\varphi$ , the next-step operator is a dual of itself. Therefore, no extra operator is necessary for  $\bigcirc$ . Now consider the until operator. First we observe that

$$\neg(\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi) \equiv ((\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \mathbf{U} (\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)) \vee \Box(\varphi \wedge \neg\psi).$$

The first disjunct on the right-hand side asserts that  $\varphi$  stops to hold “too early”, i.e., before  $\psi$  becomes valid. The second disjunct states that  $\varphi$  always holds but never  $\psi$ . Clearly, in both cases,  $\neg(\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi)$  holds.

This observation provides the motivation to introduce the operator  $\mathbf{W}$  (called *weak until* or *unless*) as the dual of  $\mathbf{U}$ . It is defined by:

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The semantics of  $\varphi \mathbf{W} \psi$  is similar to that of  $\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$ , except that  $\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$  requires a state to be reached for which  $\psi$  holds, whereas this is not required for  $\varphi \mathbf{W} \psi$ . Until  $\mathbf{U}$  and weak until  $\mathbf{W}$  are dual in the following sense:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(\varphi \mathbf{U} \psi) &\equiv (\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \mathbf{W} (\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \\ \neg(\varphi \mathbf{W} \psi) &\equiv (\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \mathbf{U} (\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\diamond \psi \equiv \psi \vee \mathbf{O} \diamond \psi$$

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$$\varphi \mathbf{W} \psi \equiv \psi \vee (\varphi \wedge \mathbf{O}(\varphi \mathbf{W} \psi))$$

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$$\square \varphi \equiv \varphi \wedge \mathbf{O} \square \varphi$$

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remind:  $\diamond \psi = \mathbf{true} \mathbf{U} \psi$ ,  $\square \varphi \equiv \varphi \mathbf{W} \mathbf{false}$

# Positive normal form (PNF)

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duality of the  
constant truth values

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duality of  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$   
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$\diamond$  and  $\square$  can (still) be derived:

$$\diamond \varphi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true U } \varphi$$

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exponential-blow up is possible

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$$\equiv \diamond((\neg b) \text{W}(\neg a \wedge \neg b) \wedge \bigcirc \neg c) \longleftarrow \text{PNF}$$