

# Lazy Semiring Neighbours and some Applications

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## Motivation

- interval logics are used for specification and verification of safety properties of reactive systems
- they cannot express properties like (unbounded) liveness:
  - “eventually there will be an interval where  $\phi$  holds”
- therefore Neighbourhood Logic (NL) [ZhouHansen96]

## Deficiencies of Neighbourhood Logic

- complex expressions
- reasoning difficult (too many quantifiers)
- refer to single intervals
- cannot handle intervals of infinite length  
(necessary for reactive and hybrid systems)

## Previous Work

- sets of intervals form Kleene algebra [Höfner03]
- NL embedded into Kleene algebra with domain [Höfner06]
  - quantifiers eliminated
  - calculations on sets of intervals possible
  - neighbours via domain/codomain
  - some NL-axioms can be dropped
  - iteration added
- question: how to handle infinite intervals ?

### Results

- NL adapted to weak and lazy Kleene algebras  
[vonWright00, Möller04]
- NL expanded
  - handling of infinite intervals
  - most properties still hold
- connection to CTL\*
- adaptation to reactive and hybrid systems

## Outline

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- NL, CTL\* and hybrid systems
- Outlook

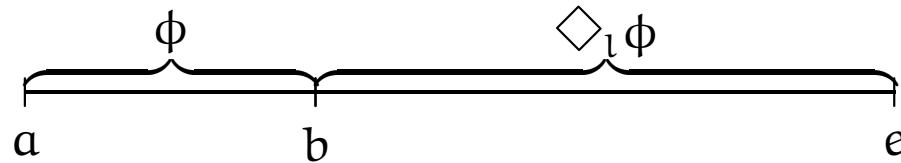
## From Neighbourhood Logic to Semirings

about NL:

- purpose: reasoning about single time intervals
- chop-based interval temporal logics, like ITL and IL, cannot express all desired properties
- main idea [ZhouHansen96]:  
extend with *left* and *right neighbourhoods*

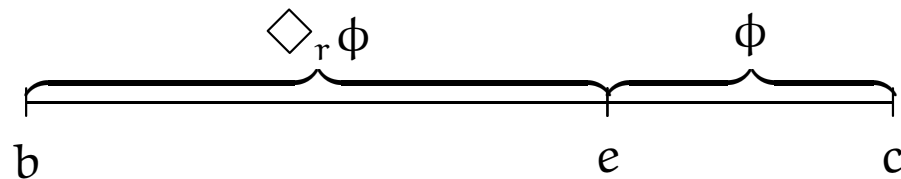
## Neighbourhoods

*left neighbourhood:  $\diamond_l \phi$*



$\diamond_l \phi$  holds on  $[b, e]$  iff  $\phi$  holds on some  $[a, b]$

*right neighbourhood:  $\diamond_r \phi$*

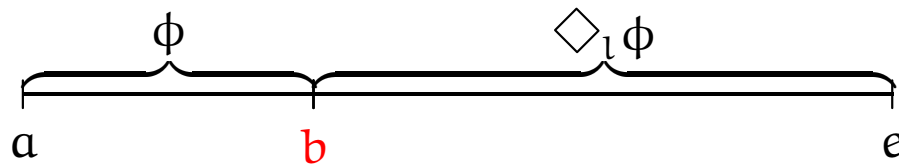


$\diamond_r \phi$  holds on  $[b, e]$  iff  $\phi$  holds on some  $[e, c]$

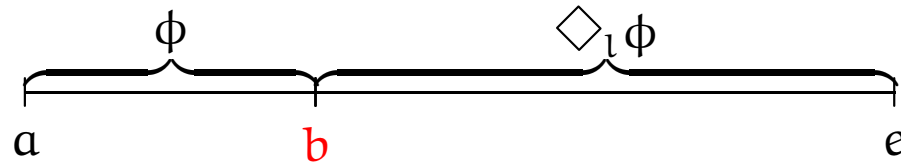


## Properties

- *expanding* modalities
- neighbours only depend on *contact points*



- similar to sequential composition



- $b$  is starting point of  $[b, e]$ :  $[b, b] = \text{dom } [b, e]$
- $b$  is ending point of  $[a, b]$ :  $[b, b] = \text{ran } [a, b]$
- use Kleene algebra with domain [DesharnaisMöllerStruth03] with sets of intervals as elements

### Definition

*left neighbour*:  $x \leq \diamond_l y \iff_{df} \text{ran } x \leq \text{dom } y$

*right neighbour*:  $x \leq \diamond_r y \iff_{df} \text{dom } x \leq \text{ran } y$

### Theorem

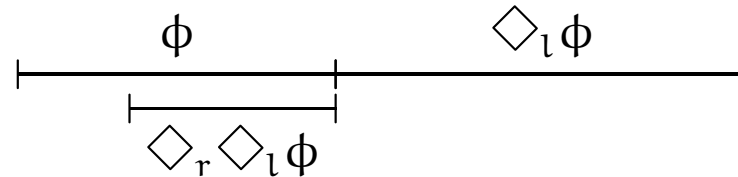
*Let  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$  be the set of all intervals where  $\phi$  holds. Then*

$$\diamond_r \phi \text{ holds on } x \iff x \leq \diamond_l \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$$

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## More Neighbours (briefly)

- simplifications of combinations, i.e.,  $\diamond_r \diamond_l \phi$ :



- common endpoints
  - yields equations similar to neighbours
  - *right boundary*:  $x \leq \diamond_r y$
- box operators also possible:
    - “ $\square_l \phi$  holds on  $[b, e]$  iff  $\phi$  holds on all  $[a, b]$ ”
  - novel box operators of combinations

## Results

- underlying structure yields

- de Morgan dualities
- Galois connections like

$$\hat{\sqcap}_l x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq \sqcap_r y \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sqcap}_r x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \leq \sqcap_l y$$

- rich calculus for free

- simplifying NL

- some NL-axioms can be dropped
- additional box operators introduced
- many properties follow from Galois connections
- explicit expressions for neighbours, e.g.,  $\hat{\sqcap}_l y = \top \cdot \text{dom } y$

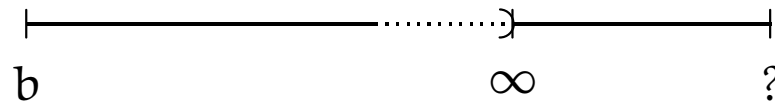
- almost all results of NL can be lifted to semirings

## Adding infinity to NL

- NL cannot handle intervals like  $[a, \infty)$
- idea: shift to Kleene algebra without right-strictness
  - compositions of infinite intervals becomes
$$[a, \infty) ; [b, c] = [a, \infty)$$
- *lazy Kleene algebra*:
  - no right-distributivity and right-strictness
  - codomain not dual to domain

## Properties

- neighbours defined as before
- distinguish finite and infinite parts of an element
  - finite elements form Kleene algebra;  
all properties hold
  - infinite elements loose properties  
e.g. right neighbour of an unbounded interval



- all elements are right neighbours of infinite elements  
since  $\text{ran } [a, \infty) = 1$
- and vice versa

## Results

- theory adapted to weak and lazy Kleene algebra
- some properties are lost (e.g., due to codomain)
- only one kind of Galois connection
- NL expanded by intervals with infinite length
  - NL can now handle infinite traces
  - NL can be used for reactive and hybrid systems



## Not Only For Neighbourhood Logic

neighbours also occur in

- CTL\*
  - branching time logic [Emerson91]
  - algebraic version [MöllerHöfnerStruth06]

$$\llbracket E\varphi \rrbracket = \text{dom } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cdot \top = \diamond_{\iota} \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket A\varphi \rrbracket = \neg \text{dom } (\overline{\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket}) \cdot \top = \square_{\iota} \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$$

- hybrid systems

## Conclusion and Outlook

- expanded NL by infinity
- connection to reactive and hybrid systems
- connection to CTL\*
- knowledge transfer between different frameworks
  
- apply NL to the algebra of hybrid systems [HöfnerMöller04]
- especially case studies