

Temporal Logic of Minkowski Spacetime

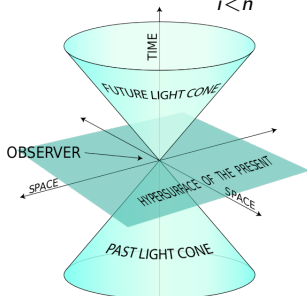
Robin Hirsch, Brett McLean and Mark Reynolds

September 15, 2022

Minkowski Orders over \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

$n \geq 0$ spatial dimensions, one time dimension

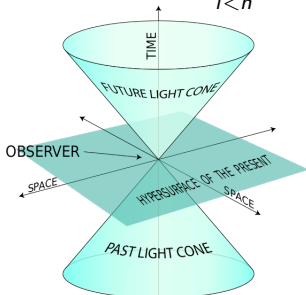
$$(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) < (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n) \iff$$
$$(x_n < y_n \wedge (y_n - x_n)^2 \geq \sum_{i < n} (y_i - x_i)^2)$$



Minkowski Orders over \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

$n \geq 0$ spatial dimensions, one time dimension

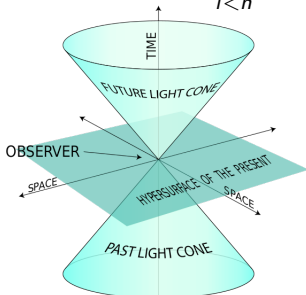
$$(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \leq (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n) \iff$$
$$(x_n \leq y_n \wedge (y_n - x_n)^2 \geq \sum_{i < n} (y_i - x_i)^2)$$



Minkowski Orders over \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

$n \geq 0$ spatial dimensions, one time dimension

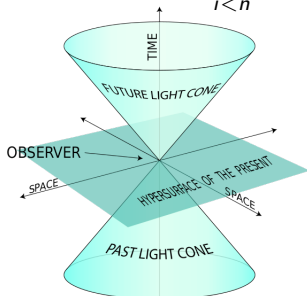
$$(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \prec (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n) \iff \\ (x_n < y_n \wedge (y_n - x_n)^2 > \sum_{i < n} (y_i - x_i)^2)$$



Minkowski Orders over \mathbb{R}^{n+1}

$n \geq 0$ spatial dimensions, one time dimension

$$(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \rightarrow (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n) \iff$$
$$(x_n < y_n \wedge (y_n - x_n)^2 = \sum_{i < n} (y_i - x_i)^2)$$



Temporal Logic

$$\phi ::= \mathbf{prop} \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \vee \phi') \mid \mathbf{F}\phi \mid \mathbf{P}\phi$$

Temporal Logic

$$\phi ::= \mathbf{prop} \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \vee \phi') \mid \mathbf{F}\phi \mid \mathbf{P}\phi \quad (|\mathbf{G}\phi| \mathbf{H}\phi)$$

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?
2. Find temporal formulas distinguishing $(m \neq n)$

$$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <.), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \preceq), (\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$$

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?
2. Find temporal formulas distinguishing $(m \neq n)$

$$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <.), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \preceq), (\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$$

3. Which temporal formulas are valid over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \rightarrow), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <.), \dots?$

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?
2. Find temporal formulas distinguishing $(m \neq n)$

$$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \preceq), (\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$$

3. Which temporal formulas are valid over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \rightarrow), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), \dots$?
 - ▶ Find axioms, or

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?
2. Find temporal formulas distinguishing ($m \neq n$)

$$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \preceq), (\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$$

3. Which temporal formulas are valid over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \rightarrow), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), \dots$?
 - ▶ Find axioms, or
 - ▶ Give an algorithm to test validity/satisfiability of temporal formulas

Questions

1. How do you know that there are three spatial dimensions?
2. Find temporal formulas distinguishing $(m \neq n)$

$$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \preceq), (\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$$

3. Which temporal formulas are valid over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \rightarrow), (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <), \dots$?
 - ▶ Find axioms, or
 - ▶ Give an algorithm to test validity/satisfiability of temporal formulas
 - ▶ Decidability/Complexity

$F^=$, over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$

Let $k \geq 2$. Write $F^=(p_0, \dots, p_{k-1})$ for

$$\bigwedge_{i < k} Fp_i \wedge G \bigwedge_{i \neq j < k} \neg(Fp_i \wedge Fp_j).$$

Asserts that each p_i is true in future at speed of light, but not less, in different directions.

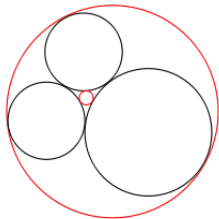
$(\mathbb{R}^{1+1}, <) \not\equiv (\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$, for $n \geq 2$

$F=(p_0, p_1, p_2)$ is satisfiable in $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$ but not in $(\mathbb{R}^{1+1}, <)$.

Distinguishing higher dimensions?

Descartes Theorem:

In a plane at most four circles can meet pairwise tangentially.

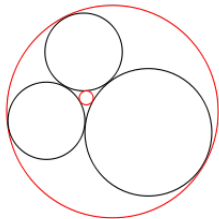


Distinguishing higher dimensions?

Descartes Theorem:

In a plane at most four circles can meet pairwise tangentially.

$$F = (c_i : i < 4) \wedge$$
$$\square \bigwedge_{i \neq j < 4} [(c_i \rightarrow F = (t_{ij} : j \neq i < 4) \wedge (t_{ij} \rightarrow (P = (c_i, c_j)))]$$



Axioms for $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$ $((\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq))$?

1. Tautologies
2. $G(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (GA \rightarrow GB)$
3. $GA \rightarrow GGA$ (transitive)
4. $FGA \rightarrow GFA$ (confluent forward)
5. $A \rightarrow GPA$ (temporal)
6. $(F, G)/(P, H)$ duals

Axioms for $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$ $((\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq))$?

1. Tautologies
2. $G(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (GA \rightarrow GB)$
3. $GA \rightarrow GGA$ (transitive)
4. $FGA \rightarrow GFA$ (confluent forward)
5. $A \rightarrow GPA$ (temporal)
6. $(F, G)/(P, H)$ duals
7. $[GA \rightarrow A$ (reflexive)].
8. ?

Results for modal logic

$n \geq 1$ spatial dimensions.

$$\phi ::= \text{prop} \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \vee \phi') \mid F\phi \mid G\phi$$

order	axioms	complexity	citation
\leq, \preceq	S4.2 (Ax. 1–7)	PSPACE-complete	Goldblatt 1980
$<$	(Ax. 1–6)	PSPACE-complete	
\prec	O1.2	PSPACE-complete	Shehtman Shapirovsky 2002
\rightarrow	?	undecidable	Shapirovsky 2010

Temporal, $n = 0$ spatial dimensions

- ▶ Linear time, (\mathbb{R}, \leq) or $(\mathbb{R}, <)$.
- ▶ finitely axiomatisable: transitive, linear, [reflexive]
- ▶ Decidable, NP-complete (by filtration).

Filtration

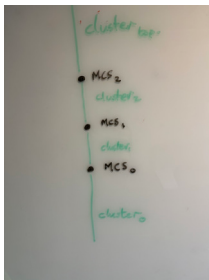
- ▶ $Cl(\phi) = \{\text{subformulas}, \neg\text{-subformulas}\}$.
- ▶ An MCS is a \vdash -consistent subset of $Cl(\phi)$ containing exactly one of $\psi, \neg\psi$ for subformulas ψ .
- ▶ For $m, n \in \text{MCS}$ we let $m \lesssim n \iff$

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall F\psi \in Cl(\phi) (\psi/F\psi \in n \rightarrow F\psi \in m) \\ & \wedge \forall P\psi \in Cl(\phi) (\psi/P\psi \in m \rightarrow P\psi \in n). \end{aligned}$$

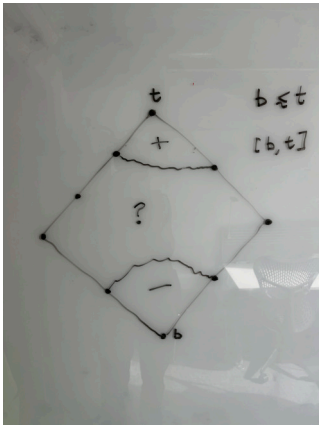
- ▶ Equivalence classes are called clusters.

Trace

$(c_0 \lesssim m_0 \lesssim c_1 \lesssim \dots, m_{k-1} \lesssim c_k)$, where $c_i \neq c_{i+1}$



One spatial Dimension, boundary map

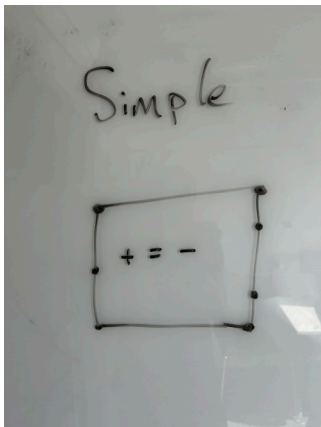


Fabricated boundary maps

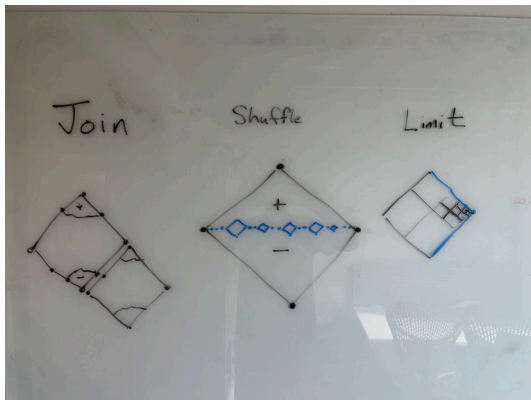
A boundary map is *fabricated* if

- ▶ Simple, i.e. $- = +$
- ▶ A join of two fabricated boundary maps
- ▶ A shuffle of fabricated bms, including a one-point bm
- ▶ A limit of fabricated bms.

Simple Boundary Map



Join, Shuffle, Limit



Fabricated equals Realisable

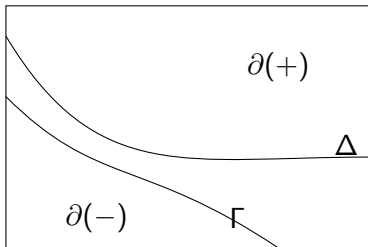
- ▶ Fabricated \subseteq Realisable, fairly easy.
- ▶ Realisable \subseteq Fabricated, more intricate.

Fabricated = Realisable

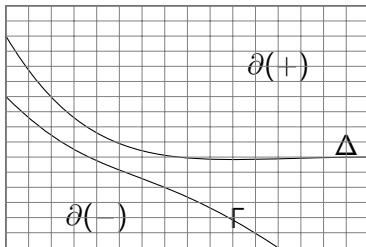
Realisable implies Fabricated, by induction on length of chain of distinct clusters from $\partial(-)$ to $\partial(+)$.

Base case: simple boundary maps.

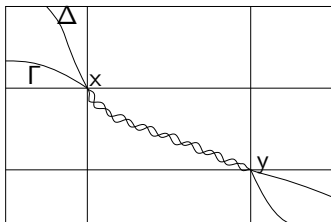
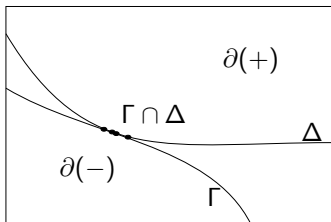
$\partial(-) < \partial(+)$ separated



$\partial(-) < \partial(+)$ separated



$\partial(-) < \partial(+)$ not separated



One spatial dimension

Satisfiability over $(\mathbb{R}^2, <)$, (\mathbb{R}^2, \leq) ,
is PSPACE complete.

One spatial dimension

Satisfiability over $(\mathbb{R}^2, <)$, (\mathbb{R}^2, \leq) , (\mathbb{R}^2, \prec) , (\mathbb{R}^2, \preceq)
is PSPACE complete.

Corollary for Interval Logic

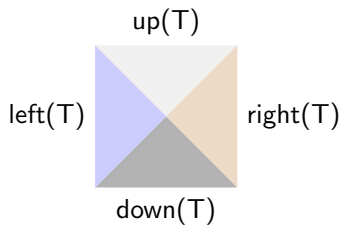
The temporal interval logic of the 'during' relation is PSPACE complete.

Satisfiability over $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$ is EXTIME-hard, for $n \geq 2$

Satisfiability is EXPTIME-hard.

Find a suitable embedding of corridor tiling game tree into $(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$, for $n > 1$.

Wang tiles



2-player corridor-tiling game

Instance

$$((T_0, \dots, T_{s+1}), (I_1, \dots, I_n))$$

where the former are tile types, the latter a sequence of n tiles.

Alternating players: \exists, \forall , board $n \times \omega$ grid, row by row \exists first in column 1

Winning conditions: Eloise if T_{s+1} played in 1st column; otherwise Abelard

2-player corridor-tiling game

Instance

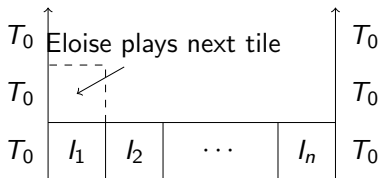
$$((T_0, \dots, T_{s+1}), (l_1, \dots, l_n))$$

where the former are tile types, the latter a sequence of n tiles.

Alternating players: \exists, \forall , board $n \times \omega$ grid, row by row \exists first in column 1

Winning conditions: Eloise if T_{s+1} played in 1st column; otherwise Abelard

Decision problem: Does Eloise have a winning strategy?



Questions

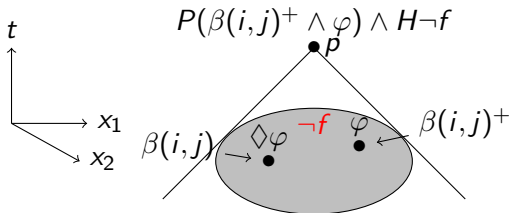
- ▶ Axiomatise any of these temporal logics. Finitely?
- ▶ Distinguish frames by the number of spatial dimensions, or prove temporal equivalence.
- ▶ Precise complexity of satisfiability, with at least two spatial dimensions.

Selected bibliography

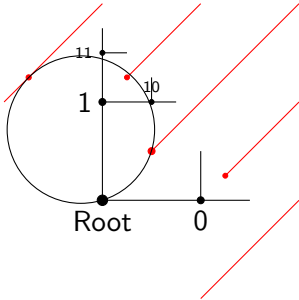
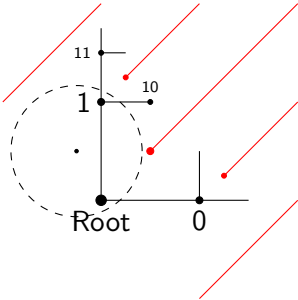
- ▶ Robert Goldblatt. Diodorean modality in Minkowski space-time. *Studia Logica*, 39:219–236, 1980.
- ▶ Robin Hirsch and Brett McLean. The temporal logic of two dimensional Minkowski spacetime with slower-than-light accessibility is decidable. In *Advances in Modal Logic*, volume 12, pages 347–366, 2018.
- ▶ Robin Hirsch and Brett McLean. EXPTIME-hardness of higher dimensional Minkowski spacetime. *Advances in Modal Logic*, to appear 2022.
- ▶ Robin Hirsch and Mark Reynolds. The temporal logic of two-dimensional Minkowski spacetime is decidable. *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 83(3):829–867, 2018.
- ▶ Alfred Robb. A theory of time and space. CUP 1914.
<https://archive.org/details/theoryoftimespac00robbrich/page/n7/mode/2up>
- ▶ Ilya Shapirovsky. Simulation of two dimensions in unimodal logics. In *Advances in Modal Logic*, volume 8, pages 373–391, 2010.
- ▶ Ilya Shapirovsky and Valentin Shehtman. Chronological future modality in Minkowski spacetime. In *Advances in Modal Logic*, volume 4, pages 437–459, 2002.

Auxilliary Modalities

$$\diamond\varphi := \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq b-1} \beta(i,j) \wedge F(P(\beta((i,j)^+) \wedge \varphi) \wedge H\neg f)$$



Drawing binary tree in Minkowski spacetime



Distinguishing Frames by Temporal Formulas

Frames		Distinguishing Fmla
valid	not valid	
(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq)	$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$	$Gp \rightarrow p$
$(\mathbb{R}^2, <)$	$(\mathbb{R}^3, <)$	$\neg(\bigwedge_{i < 3} Fp_i \wedge G \bigwedge_{i \neq j < 3} \neg(Fp_i \wedge Fp_j))$
$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \prec)$	$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$	$(Fp \wedge Fq) \rightarrow F(Fp \wedge Fq)$
$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$	$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \rightarrow)$	$Gp \rightarrow GGp$
$(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, <)$	$(\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, <)$	$(\neg Gp \wedge FGp) \rightarrow F(Gp \wedge H\neg Gp)$
(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \leq)	(\mathbb{Q}^{n+1}, \leq)	\checkmark