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# Branching-Time Temporal Logics with Minimal Model Quantifiers

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PML	РТіме	NLOGSPACE	PSPACE-COMPLETE
CTL	PTIME-COMPLETE	NLOGSPACE-COMPLETE	EXPTIME-COMPLETE
CTL+	$\Delta^p_2$ -Complete	NLOGSPACE-COMPLETE	2ExpTime-Complete
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A KRIPKE  $\mathcal{K}'$  is a *substructure* of  $\mathcal{K}$ , formally  $\mathcal{K}' \preccurlyeq \mathcal{K}$ , iff the related labeled graphs are one a subgraph of the other.

For a set of KRIPKES S, we say that  $\mathcal{K}$  is *minimal* in S iff, for all  $\mathcal{K}' \in S$ , it holds that *(i)*  $\mathcal{K} \preccurlyeq \mathcal{K}'$  or *(ii)*  $\mathcal{K}' \preccurlyeq \mathcal{K}$ .

By min(S) we denote the set of minimal structures (*antichain*) of S.

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# Semantics of MCTL\*

### Definition

Given a KRIPKE  $\mathcal{K} = \langle AP, W, R, L \rangle$ , a world  $w \in W$ , and two MCTL\* state formulas  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  it holds that:

- 1  $\mathcal{K}, w \models \varphi_1 \Xi \varphi_2$  iff there is  $\mathcal{K}' \in \min(\mathfrak{S}(\mathcal{K}, w, \varphi_2))$  such that  $\mathcal{U}, w \models \varphi_1$ ;
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# Complexity summary

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PML	РТіме	NLOGSPACE	PSPACE-COMPLETE
CTL	PTIME-COMPLETE	NLOGSPACE-COMPLETE	EXPTIME-COMPLETE
CTL+	$\Delta_2^p$ -Complete	NLOGSPACE-COMPLETE	2ExpTime-Complete
CTL*	PSPACE-COMPLETE	NLOGSPACE-COMPLETE	2ExpTime-Complete
MPML	$\Delta_2^{\rho}$	PSPACE	NEXPTIME
MCTL	$\Delta^p_2$ -Complete	PSPACE	Σ <sup>1</sup> -Hard
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Table: Computational complexity of Model Checking and Satisfiability.

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