

# Counterexamples and Witnesses

## EECS 4315

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# The Simpsons

Since its debut on December 17, 1989, the show has broadcast 590 episodes and the twenty-seventh season started airing on September 27, 2015. The Simpsons is the longest-running American sitcom, the longest-running American animated program, and the longest-running American prime-time, scripted television series.

The Simpsons has won dozens of awards since it debuted as a series, including 31 Prime-time Emmy Awards, 30 Annie Awards and a Peabody Award.



Source: FoxFlash

# Gone, Maggie, Gone

Gone, Maggie, Gone is the thirteenth episode of The Simpsons' twentieth season. It originally aired on March 15, 2009. In the episode, Homer leaves Maggie on the doorstep of a convent, but when she disappears, Lisa goes undercover as a nun to solve the mystery. Meanwhile, Homer tries to keep Maggie's disappearance a secret from Marge, who was temporarily blinded while watching a solar eclipse.



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An initial path fragment  $s_0 \dots s_n$  for some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $s_n \models \Psi$  and  $s_i \models \Phi$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ .

## Question

What is a witness of  $\exists x \phi$ ?

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What is a witness of  $\exists \square \phi$ ?

## Answer

An initial path fragment  $s_0 \dots s_m \dots s_n$  for some  $m \geq 0$  and  $n > m$  such that  $s_i \models \phi$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$  and  $s_m = s_n$ .

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So there exists a path that does not satisfy the property, but which one?

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A *counterexample* of a CTL formula  $\forall\varphi$  is a sufficiently long prefix of a path  $\pi$  with  $\pi \not\models \varphi$ .

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- $s_0 \dots s_n$  for some  $n \geq 0$  such that  $s_n \models \neg\Phi \wedge \neg\Psi$  and  $s_i \models \Phi \wedge \neg\Psi$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ , or
- $s_0 \dots s_m \dots s_n$  for some  $m \geq 0$  and  $n > m$  such that  $s_i \models \Phi \wedge \neg\Psi$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$  and  $s_m = s_n$ .

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# Quiz on Thursday

- Quiz will cover the reading material of March 8 and 14.
- Quiz will be 30 minutes.
- Definitions will be provided.