

# Introduction to Embedded Systems

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## Lecture 16: Controller Synthesis

### Recap of Concepts from Last Time

Synthesis is a Game  
between the Robot (“System”) and its Environment

Goal:  $\mathbf{F} \phi$

Robot wins if it reaches  $\phi$

Environment wins otherwise

→ Zero-sum game

Goal:  $\mathbf{G} \neg \phi$

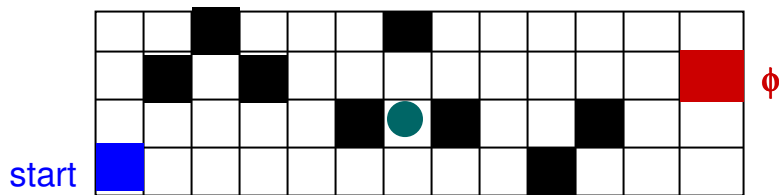
Environment wins if  $\phi$  is always false

Robot wins otherwise

## Controllable State (for the robot)

A state from which, no matter what the environment does, the robot can reach its goal.

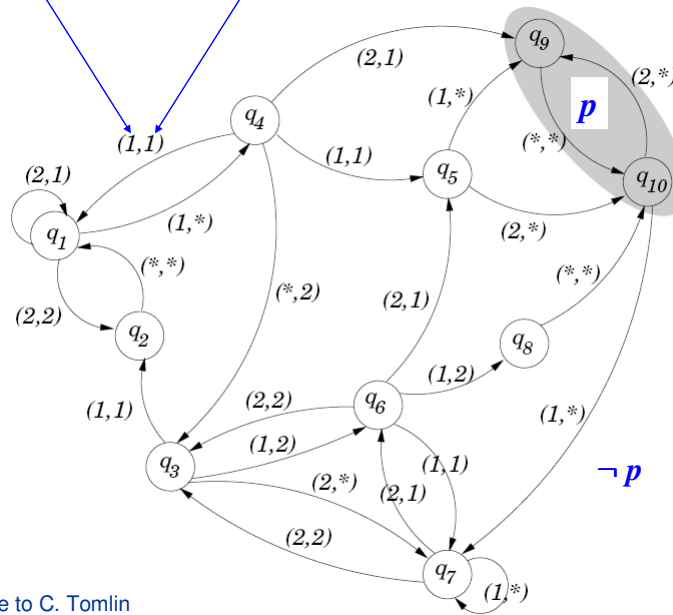
If there is a start state that is also controllable, then the robot has a winning strategy.



Env\_Moves = MAX\_MOVES

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## Environment & System Step Simultaneously



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## Rest of today's lecture

- Discuss synthesis for  $G F p$
- How to synthesize a continuous trajectory

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## Handling other kinds of Temporal Logic Goals

**$G F p$**

Example:

The iRobot must visit the charging station infinitely often

- Consider the FSM formed by composing the iRobot FSM with its Environment FSM
- Visualize this FSM as a directed graph
- Suppose that “visiting the charging station” is a state  $p$  in this graph

What graph property corresponds to visiting the state  $p$  infinitely often?

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## Winning Strategy for $\mathbf{G F p}$

The system must visit state  $p$  infinitely often

For benign environment (optimistic synthesis):

- The state graph must contain a cycle with state  $p$
- How can we detect this if we have to build the graph on the fly?

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## Finding Winning Strategy for $\mathbf{G F p}$

The system must visit state  $p$  infinitely often

For benign environment (optimistic synthesis):

- The state graph must contain a cycle with state  $p$
- How can we detect this if we have to build the graph on the fly?

Two steps:

1. Check if  $p$  is reachable from the initial state
2. Check if  $p$  is reachable from itself

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## Winning Strategy for $G \models F p$ : Adversarial Setting

The system must visit state  $p$  infinitely often

How do we check this for an adversarial environment?

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## Perform “Adversarial Reachability”!

Checking that  $p$  is reached infinitely often for an adversarial environment:

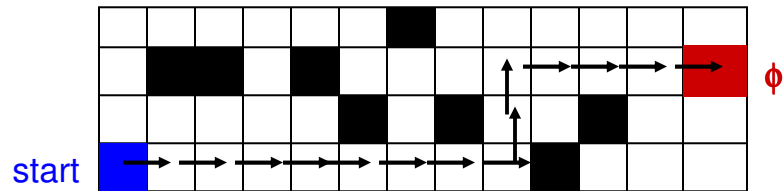
Two steps:

1. Check if  $p$  is reachable from the initial state,  
*no matter what the adversary does*
2. Check if  $p$  is reachable from itself,  
*no matter what the adversary does*

For each of these steps, use the algorithm we used on slide 13 of the previous lecture

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## Synthesizing a Continuous Trajectory



Suppose we have a discrete trajectory (path) to  $\phi$

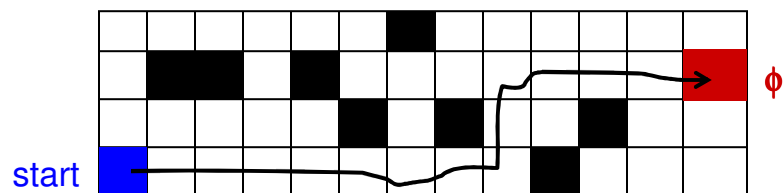
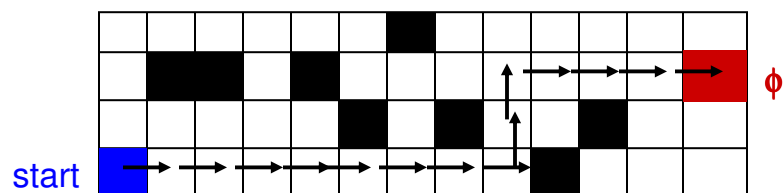
How do we transform that into the  
desired continuous trajectory?

(assume static obstacles)

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## Necessary Condition

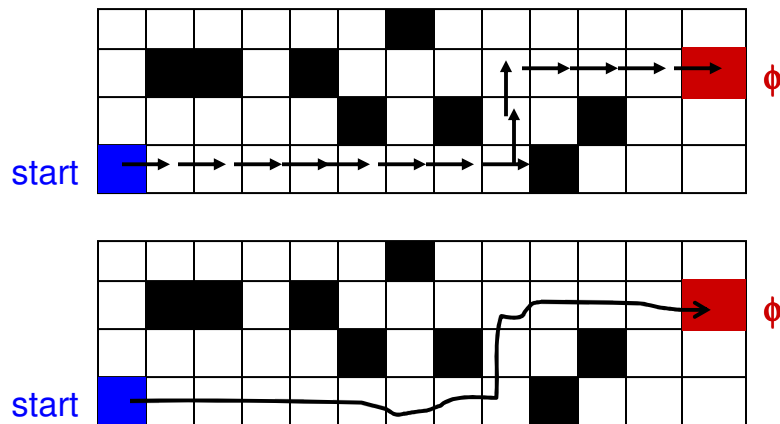
If there exists a discrete trajectory, then there must also  
exist a continuous trajectory



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## The Other Condition

If there isn't a discrete trajectory, it is possible/OK for a continuous trajectory to exist?



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## Bisimulation (revisited)

The property we need is bisimulation.

Given:

System = Robot + Environment

The original system  $H$ , which is a hybrid system

The discretized version  $D$  of  $H$ , which is an FSM

Claim:

If there is a bisimulation between  $D$  and  $H$ , that suffices to map a trajectory of  $D$  to one of  $H$ , and vice versa

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## Bisimulation for FSMs

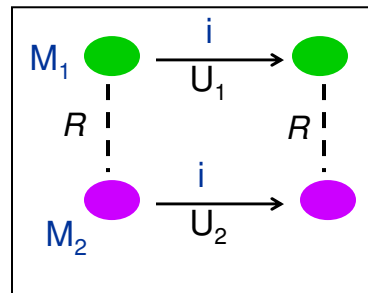
Let  $M_1 = (S_1, I_1, O_1, U_1, s_{10})$  and  $M_2 = (S_2, I_2, O_2, U_2, s_{20})$   
 where  $I = I_1 = I_2$  and  $O = O_1 = O_2$

We say  $M_1$  **bisimulates**  $M_2$  iff  
 there exists a set  $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$  such that

1.  $R(s_{10}, s_{20})$
2. For all  $(s_1, s_2) \in R$ , the following conditions hold:

For all  $i \in I$ , and  $(t_2, o_2) = U_2(s_2, i)$ ,  
 there exists a  $(t_1, o_1) = U_1(s_1, i)$  s.t.  
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## Bisimulation between FSM and Hybrid System (HS)

Given:

Suppose the FSM  $M$  is obtained by partitioning up the continuous state space of the HS  $H$  into regions (e.g. rectangles)

- o Let the partition be  $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow Q$

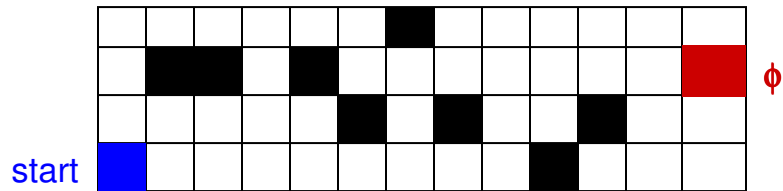
Then  $M$  bisimulates  $H$  if:

1. If  $P(x) = P(y)$ , then points  $x$  and  $y$  are **observationally equivalent**
2. If  $P(x) = P(y)$ , then  
 for every  $x'$  reachable from  $x$ , there is a  $y'$  reachable from  $y$  s.t.  $P(x') = P(y')$   
*and vice-versa*

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## Our Example



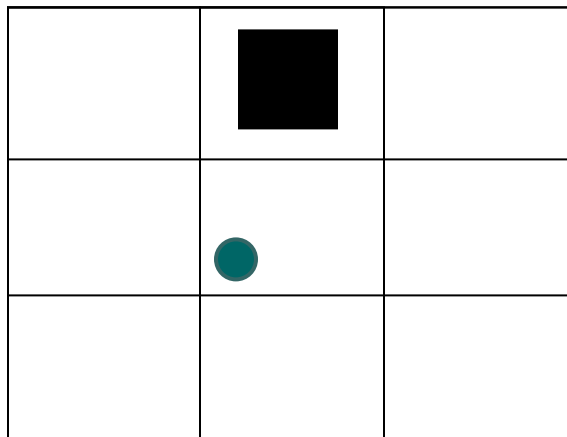
The grid above is a partition  $P$  of the 2-D space in the room

When is  $P$  a bisimulation?

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## Zooming In: Bisimulation Condition 1

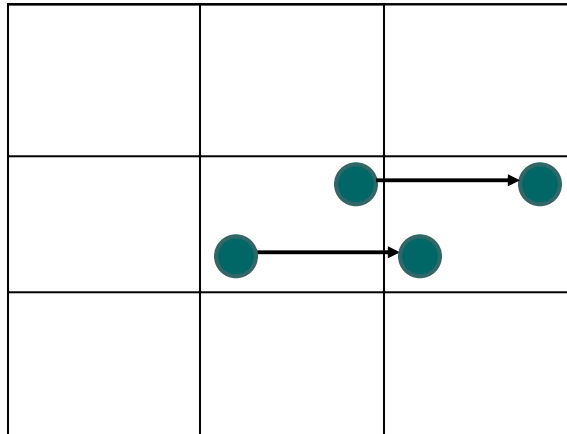
Sensors should work the same anywhere in a square



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## Zooming In: Bisimulation Condition 2

Synthesize local control laws that mimic a discrete step from square to adjacent square



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