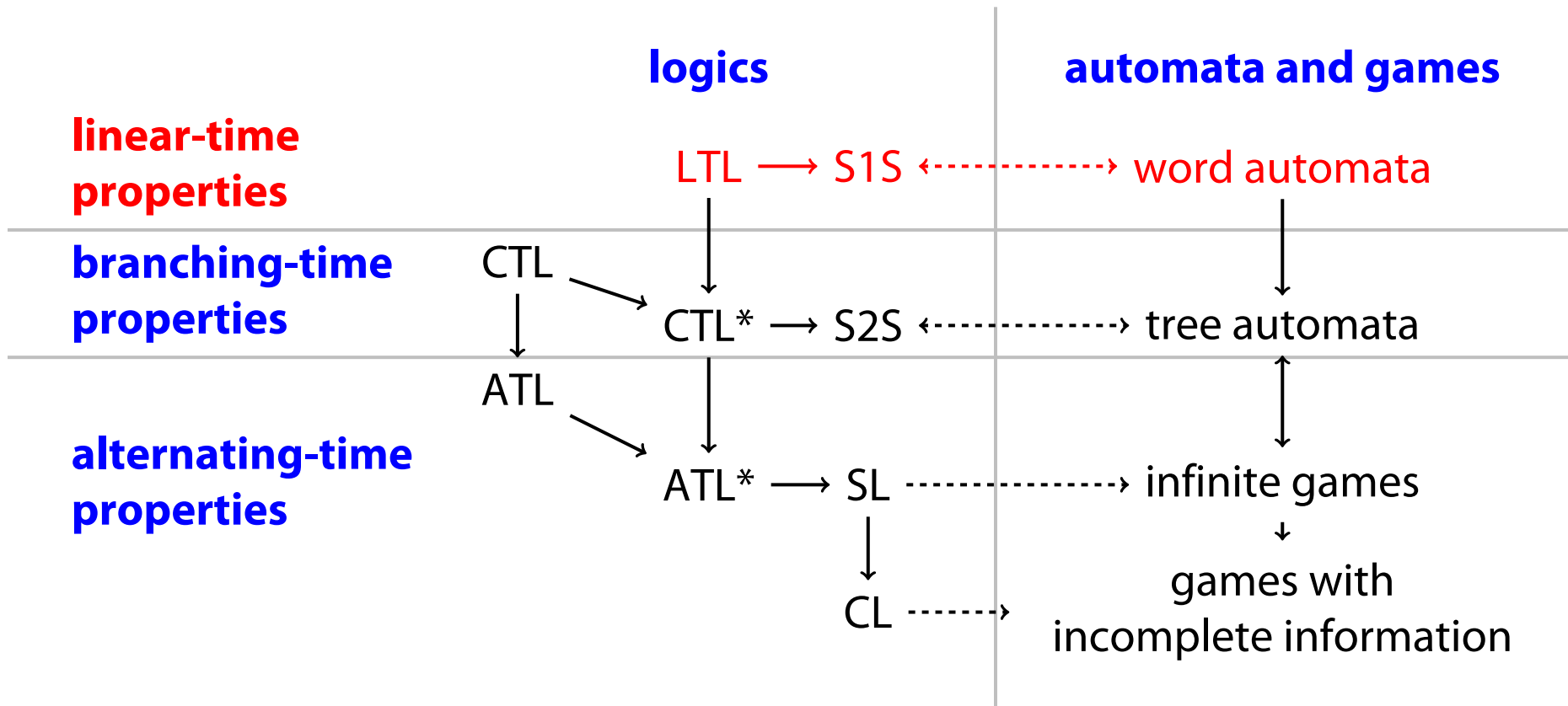


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#2



- The **set of natural numbers** $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ is denoted by ω .
- An **alphabet** Σ is a finite set of symbols.
- An **infinite sequence/string/word** is a function from natural numbers to an alphabet:

$$\alpha : \omega \rightarrow \Sigma$$

$$\text{Notation: } \alpha = \alpha(0)\alpha(1)\alpha(2)\dots$$

- The **set of infinite words over alphabet** Σ is denoted Σ^ω .
- An **ω -language** L is a subset of Σ^ω .

BACKGROUND: The Kleene Theorem

Definition 1. The *regular expressions* are defined as follows:

- The constants ε and \emptyset are regular expressions.
 $\mathcal{L}(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\}, \mathcal{L}(\emptyset) = \emptyset.$
- If $a \in \Sigma$ is a symbol, then \mathbf{a} is a regular expression.
 $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{a}) = \{a\}.$
- If E and F are regular expressions, then $E + F$ is a regular expression:
 $\mathcal{L}(E + F) = \mathcal{L}(E) \cup \mathcal{L}(F).$
- If E and F are regular expressions, then $E \cdot F$ is a regular expression:
 $\mathcal{L}(E \cdot F) = \{uv \mid u \in \mathcal{L}(E), v \in \mathcal{L}(F)\}.$
- If E is a regular expression, then E^* is a regular expression.
 $\mathcal{L}(E^*) = \{u_1 u_2 \dots u_n \mid n \in \omega, u_i \in \mathcal{L}(E) \forall 0 \leq i \leq n\}.$

Definition 2. *A language is **regular** if it is defined by a regular expression.*

Theorem 1. [Kleene Theorem] *A language is regular iff it is recognized by some finite word automaton.*