News on Safety Properties for Timed Petri Nets

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Universal Safety for Timed Petri Nets is PSPACE-complete

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Abstract

A timed network consists of an arbitrary number of initially identical 1-clock timed automata, interacting via hand-shake communication. In this setting there is no unique central controller, since all automata are initially identical. We consider the universal safety problem for such controller-less timed networks, i.e., verifying that a bad event (enabling some given transition) is impossible regardless of the size of the network.

This universal safety problem is dual to the existential coverability problem for timed-arc Petri nets, i.e., does there exist a number m of tokens, such that starting with m tokens in a given place, and none in the other places, some given transition is eventually enabled.

We show that these problems are PSPACE-complete.

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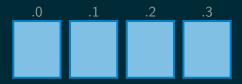
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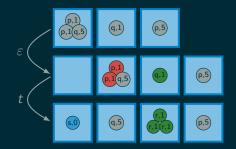


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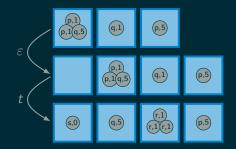


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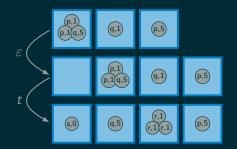


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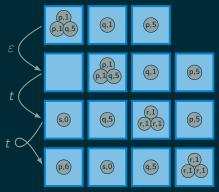


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NB: this fails for $d \ge 2$, for several reasons... Indeed we have undecidability in general.

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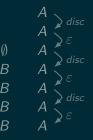




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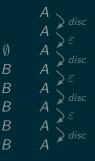


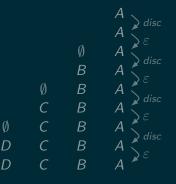
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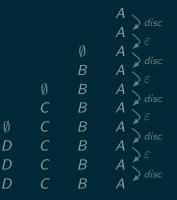
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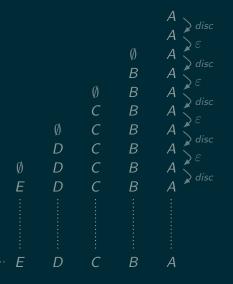


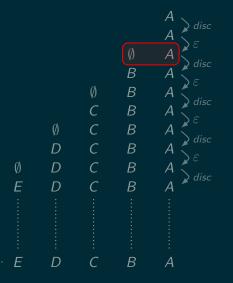


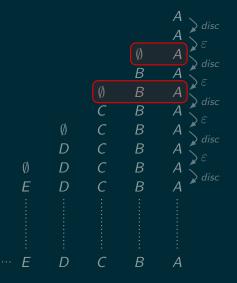
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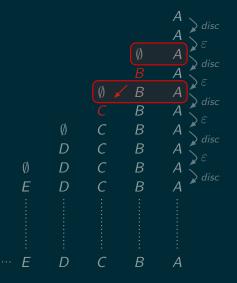


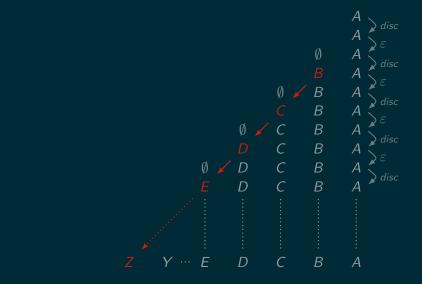
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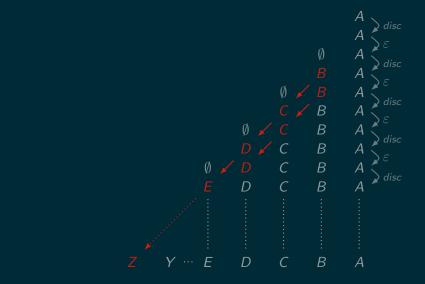


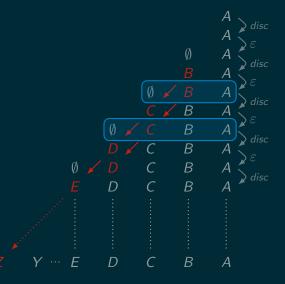


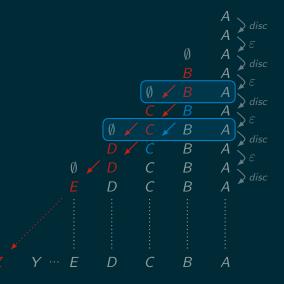


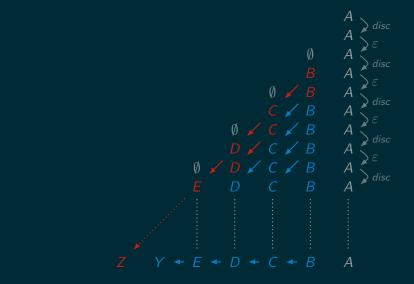


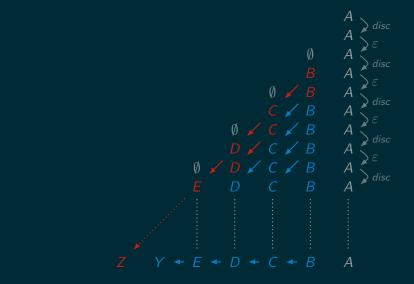


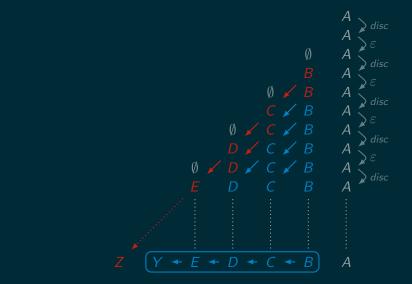






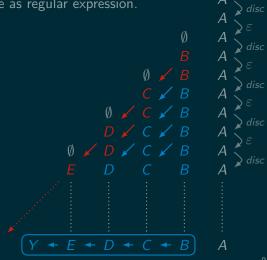






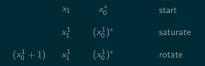
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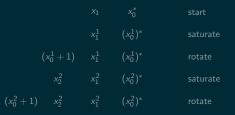


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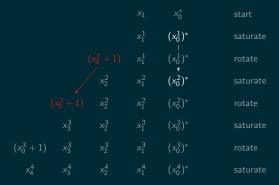


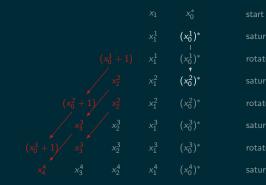
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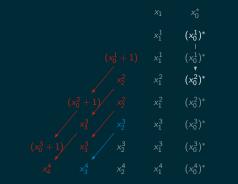
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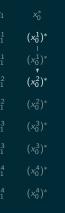
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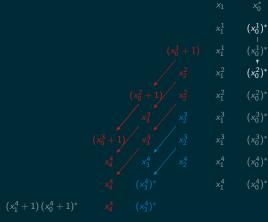


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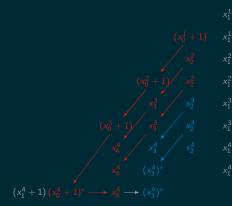






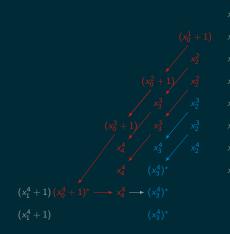


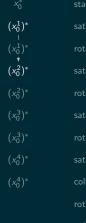




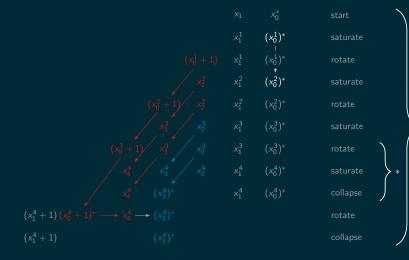












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