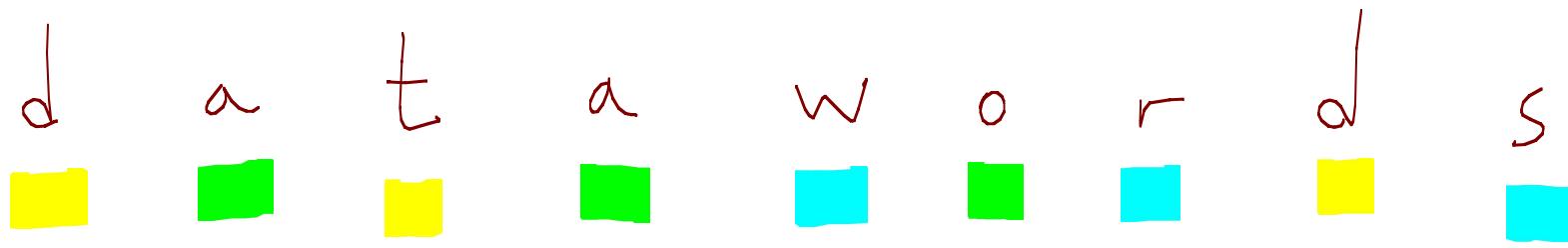


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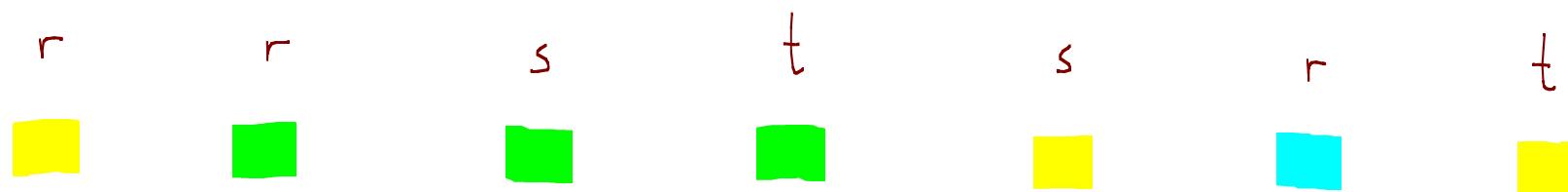
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# First-order logic

$$\forall x \left( \textcolor{red}{r}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \left( x < y \wedge \textcolor{red}{s}(y) \wedge x \sim y \right) \right)$$

$$\forall x \left( \neg \textcolor{red}{r}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \left( y < x \wedge y \sim x \right) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \left( \textcolor{red}{s}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \left( x < y \wedge \textcolor{red}{t}(y) \wedge x \sim y \wedge \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \forall z \left( x < z < y \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{r}(z) \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$



# DECIDABILITY OF SECOND-ORDER THEORIES AND AUTOMATA ON INFINITE TREES<sup>(1)</sup>

BY  
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**Introduction.** In this paper we solve the decision problem of a certain second-order mathematical theory and apply it to obtain a large number of decidability results. The method of solution involves the development of a theory of automata on infinite trees—a chapter in combinatorial mathematics which may be of independent interest.

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , and denote by  $T$  the set of all words (finite sequences) on  $\Sigma$ . Let  $r_0: T \rightarrow T$  and  $r_1: T \rightarrow T$  be, respectively, the *successor functions*  $r_0(x) = x0$  and  $r_1(x) = x1$ ,  $x \in T$ . Our main result is that *the (monadic) second-order theory of the structure  $\langle T, r_0, r_1 \rangle$  of two successor functions is decidable*. This answers a question raised by Büchi [1].

It turns out that this result is very powerful and many difficult decidability results follow from it by simple reductions. The decision procedures obtained by this method are elementary recursive (in the sense of Kalmar). The applications include the following. (Whenever we refer, in this paper, to second-order theories, we mean monadic second-order; weak second-order means quantification restricted to finite subsets of the domain.)

The second-order theory of countable linearly ordered sets is proved decidable. As a corollary we get that the weak second-order theory of arbitrary linearly ordered sets is decidable; a result due to Läuchli [9] which improves on a result of Ehrenfeucht [5].

In [4] Ehrenfeucht announced the decidability of the first-order theory of a unary function. We prove that the second-order theory of a unary function with a countable domain is decidable. Also, the weak second-order theory of a unary function with an arbitrary domain is decidable.

There are also applications to point set topology. Let  $CD$  be Cantor's discontinuum (i.e.,  $\{0, 1\}^\omega$  with the product topology). Let  $F_\sigma$  be the lattice of all subsets of  $CD$  which are denumerable unions of closed sets, and let  $L_c$  be the sublattice of all closed subsets of  $CD$ . The first-order theory of the lattice  $F_\sigma$ , with  $L_c$  as a distinguished sublattice, is decidable. Similar results hold for the real line with the usual topology. This answers in the affirmative Grzegorczyk's question [8] whether



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Satisfiability decidable?

$\text{FO}^2(\sim, <, +1)$

$\text{FO}^3(\sim, +1)$

no

$\text{FO}^2(\prec, <, +1)$

no

$\text{FO}^2(\sim_1, \sim_2, <, +1)$

no

[Bojańczyk, David, Muscholl,  
Schwentick, Segoufin  
ToCL '11]

[Björklund & Bojańczyk  
MFCS '07]

$\text{FO}^2(\sim, <, +)$

↓ lin. time e.g. [Grädel & Otto]  
TCS '99

Scott normal form

$\exists R_1 \dots \exists R_n (\forall x \forall y X \wedge \bigwedge_i \forall x \exists y X_i)$

- quantifier  
- free

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$\bigwedge_i \forall x \forall y \left( (\alpha(x) \wedge \beta(y) \wedge \delta(x, y)) \rightarrow \gamma(x, y) \right)$

types

$x \sim y$

$x \neq y$

$<, +$

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2-exp.  
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data automata

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types

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$x < y$

class-memory automata

$\{ Q, \Sigma, \delta,$   
 $q_I, F_G, F_L \}$

$\delta \subseteq Q \times \Sigma \times (Q \cup \{\perp\}) \times Q$   
 $F_G \subseteq F_L$

[Björklund &  
Schwentick TCS '10]

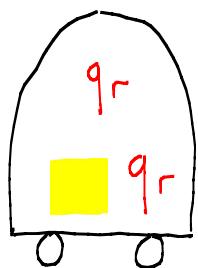
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$q_t$

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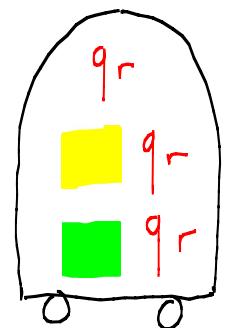
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Below the letters, there is a sequence of colored squares. From left to right, the colors are yellow, green, green, green, yellow, cyan, and yellow. Each color corresponds to one of the letters above it: yellow for the first 'r', green for the second 'r', green for 's', green for 't', yellow for the first 's', cyan for 'r', and yellow for 't'.

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$r$



$r$



$s$



$t$



$s$



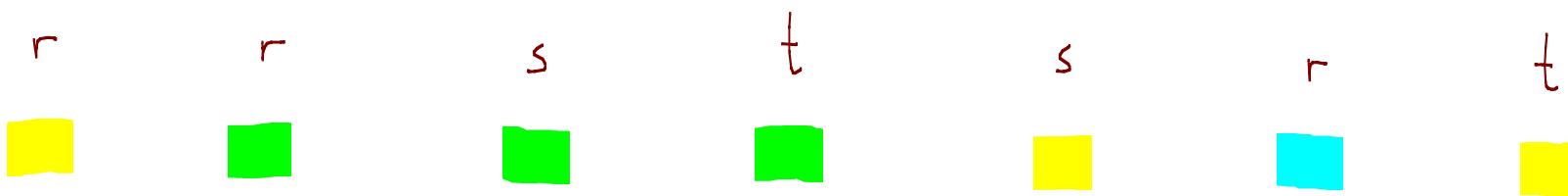
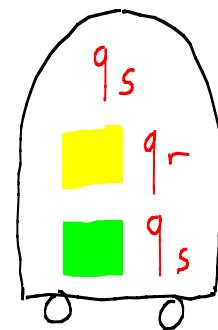
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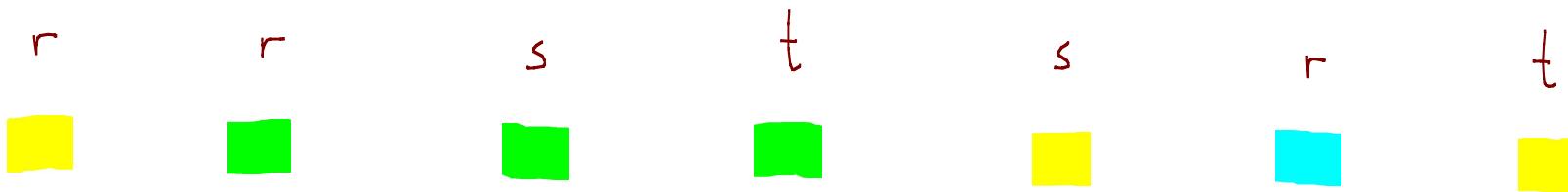
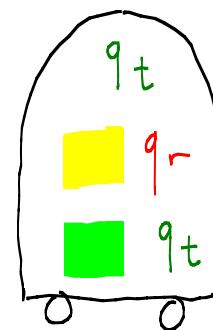
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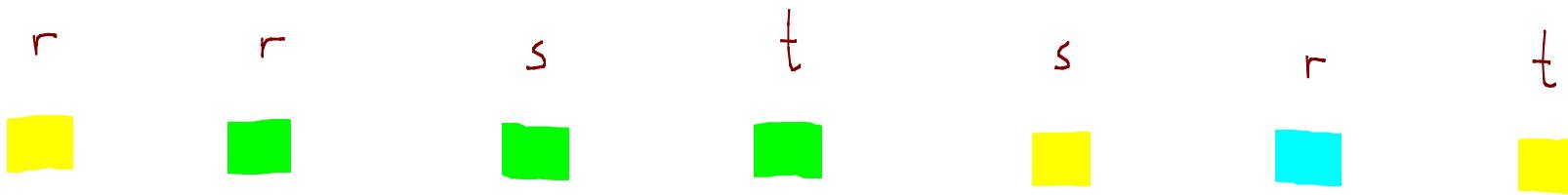
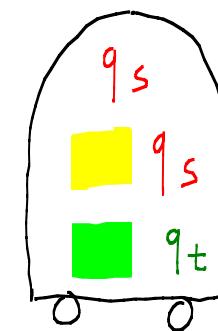
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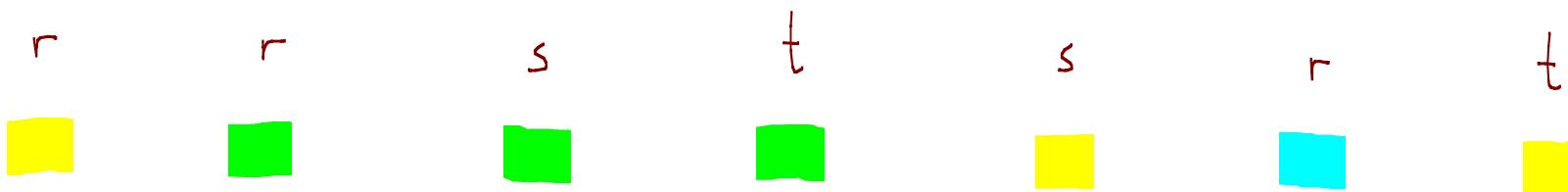
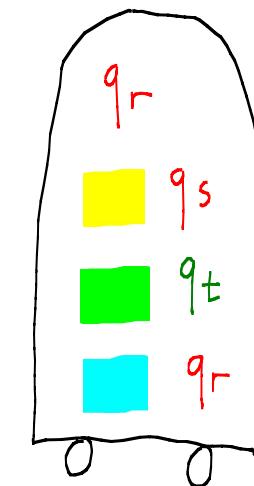
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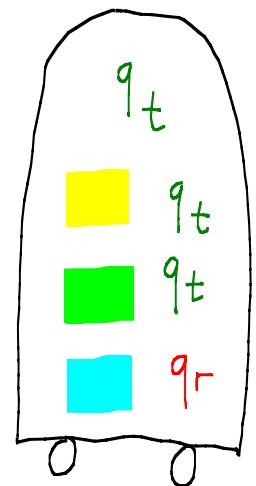
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A sequence of seven colored rectangles representing data points. From left to right: yellow, green, green, green, yellow, cyan, yellow. Above each rectangle is a corresponding letter  $r$ ,  $s$ , or  $t$  in red or black, indicating the subword it represents.

## Logical characterisation of CMA

As expressive as  $\text{EMSO}^2(\sim, \exists!, <, +)$ .

## Closure properties of CMA

intersection ✓

union ✓

complement ✗ [Bojańczyk et al. ToCL '11]

renaming ✓ [Björklund & Schwentick TCS '10]

class-memory automata

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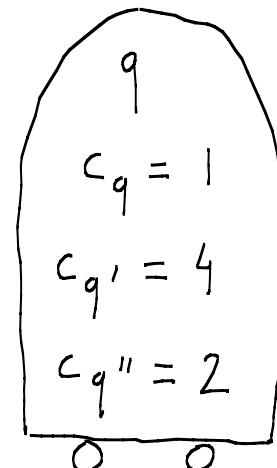
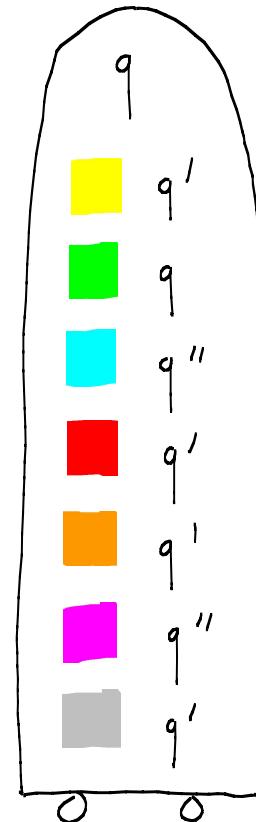
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counter automata

$\langle Q, \Sigma, C, \delta, q_I, F_Q, F_C \rangle$

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$F_Q \subseteq Q$

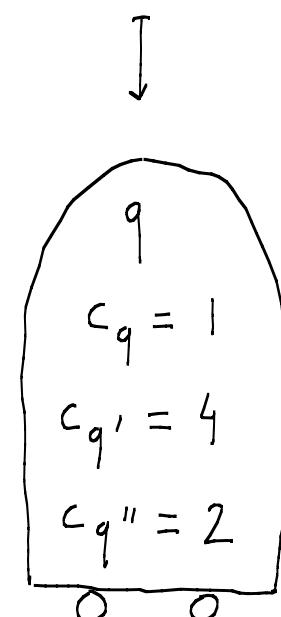
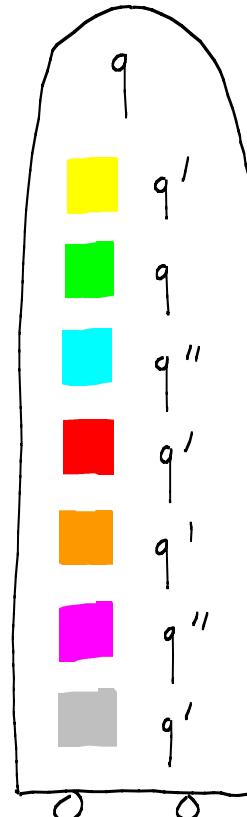
$F_C \subseteq C$

Nonemptiness decidable

[Mayr SIAM JcC '84,  
Kosaraju STOC '82]

ExpSPACE-hard

[Lipton '76]



# The Complexity of Reachability in Vector Addition Systems

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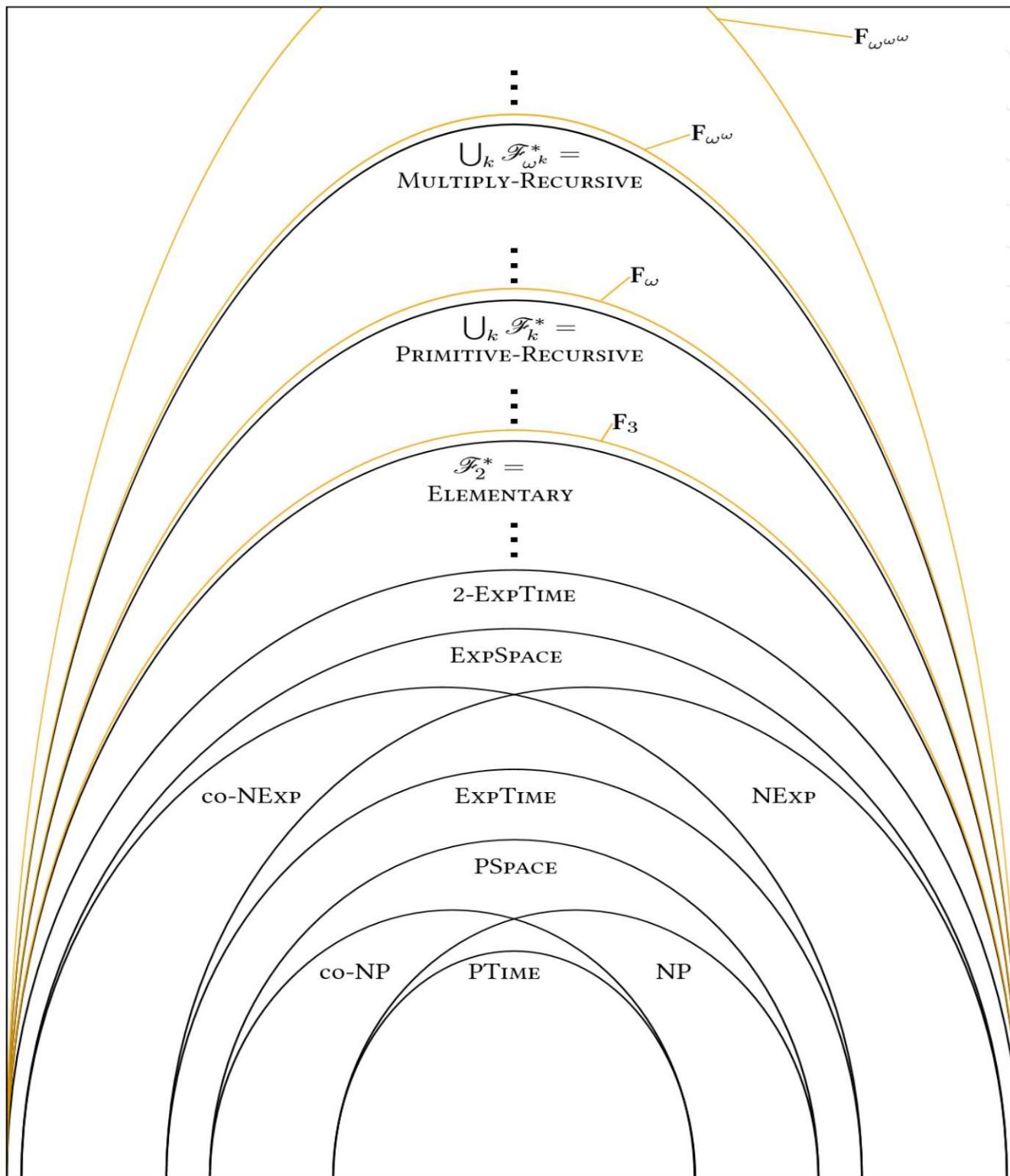


The program of the 30th Symposium on Logic in Computer Science held in 2015 in Kyoto included two contributions on the computational complexity of the *reachability problem* for vector addition systems: Blondin, Finkel, Göller, Haase, and McKenzie [2015] attacked the problem by providing the first tight complexity bounds in the case of dimension 2 systems with states, while Leroux and Schmitz [2015] proved the first complexity upper bound in the general case. The purpose of this column is to present the main ideas behind these two results, and more generally survey the current state of affairs.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Vector addition systems with states (VASS), or equivalently Petri nets, find a wide range of applications in the modelling of concurrent, chemical, biological, or business processes. Maybe more importantly for this column, their algorithmics, and in particular the decidability of their *reachability problem* [Mayr 1981; Kosaraju 1982; Lambert 1992; Leroux 2011], is the cornerstone of many decidability results in logic, automata, verification, etc.—see Section 5 for a few examples.

In spite of its importance, fairly little is known about the computational complexity of the reachability problem. Regarding the general case, the inclusive surveys on the complexity of decision problems on VASS by Esparza and Nielsen [1994] and Esparza [1998] could only point to the EXPSPACE lower bound of Lipton [1976] and to the fact that the running time of the known algorithms is not primitive recursive: no complexity upper bound was known, besides decidability first proven in 1981 by Mayr. When turning to restricted versions of the problem, the 2-dimensional case was only known to be in 2-EXP [Howell, Rosier, Huynh, and Yen 1986] and NP-hard [Rosier and Yen 1986].



# An EXPSPACE Lower Bound

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by rjlipton

tags: Algorithms, decision procedure, language, Machine, Meyer, Petri  
Nets, Problems, Simulation, Turing, vector addition system



## Getting The Result

The proof of the lower bound result for VAS reachability started with a conversation with Meyer at a STOC conference. He told me that he had just proved, with Paterson, that the  $n$ -dimensional VAS reachability problem required at least **PSPACE**. I had been thinking about VAS's and realized instantly that I could prove the same result with fewer dimensions. I knew a couple of tricks that Albert did not, so I played it cool and said nothing to Albert. But once back at home—Yale at the time—I worked hard until I had a proof of the **EXPSPACE** lower bound.

I then called Albert to tell him the news. It was a strange phone call. He did not believe that I could prove such a theorem. The conversation consisted of Albert listing a variety of mistakes that I must have made. I kept saying no I did not do that, or no I realize that. Finally, the call ended without me saying anything to him about the proof.

## Open Problems

The main open problem is to improve the lower bound on the reachability problem for VAS's. There is currently a huge gap between the lower bound of **EXPSPACE** and the upper bound, which is not even primitive recursive. The current construction of the lower bound is tight, and I see no way to improve it. But, perhaps you will see something that we all have missed.

counter automata



log. space

[Bojańczyk et al. ToCL'11]

$F0^2(\sim, <, +1)$

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$$q_E \xrightarrow[\text{inc}(c_r)]{r} q_r \xrightarrow[\text{inc}(c_r)]{r} q_r \xrightarrow[\text{dec}(c_r)]{s} q'_s \xrightarrow[\text{inc}(c_s)]{\varepsilon} q_s \dots$$

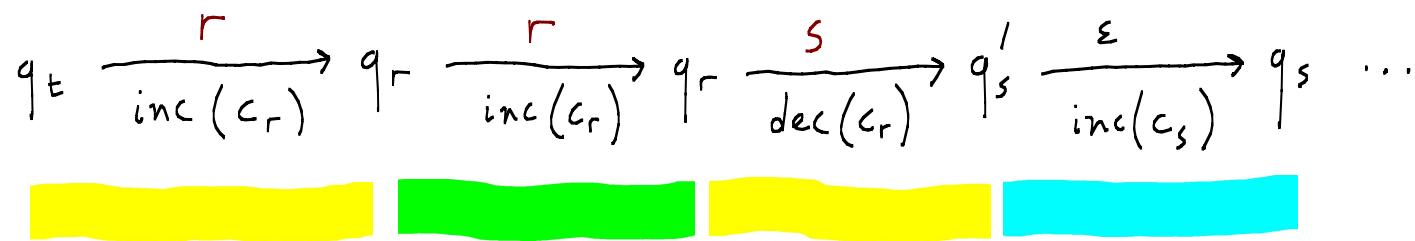
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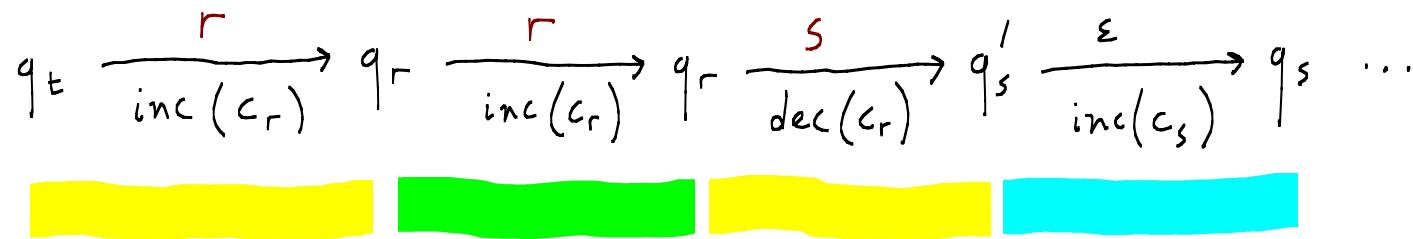
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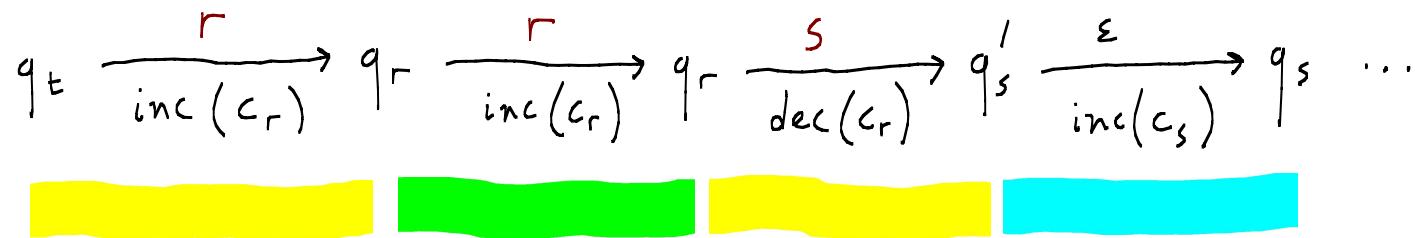
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Corollary

$$\left\{ f(\text{str}(L(\varphi))) : \begin{array}{l} \varphi \text{ in } F0^2(\sim, <, +1) \\ f \text{ homomorphism} \end{array} \right\}$$

||

$$\left\{ f(\text{str}(L(A))) : \begin{array}{l} A \text{ a CMA} \\ f \text{ homomorphism} \end{array} \right\}$$

||

$$\left\{ L(C) : C \text{ a CA} \right\}$$

$\omega$ -Satisfiability

$FO_2(\sim, <, +)$



class-memory  $\omega$ -automata

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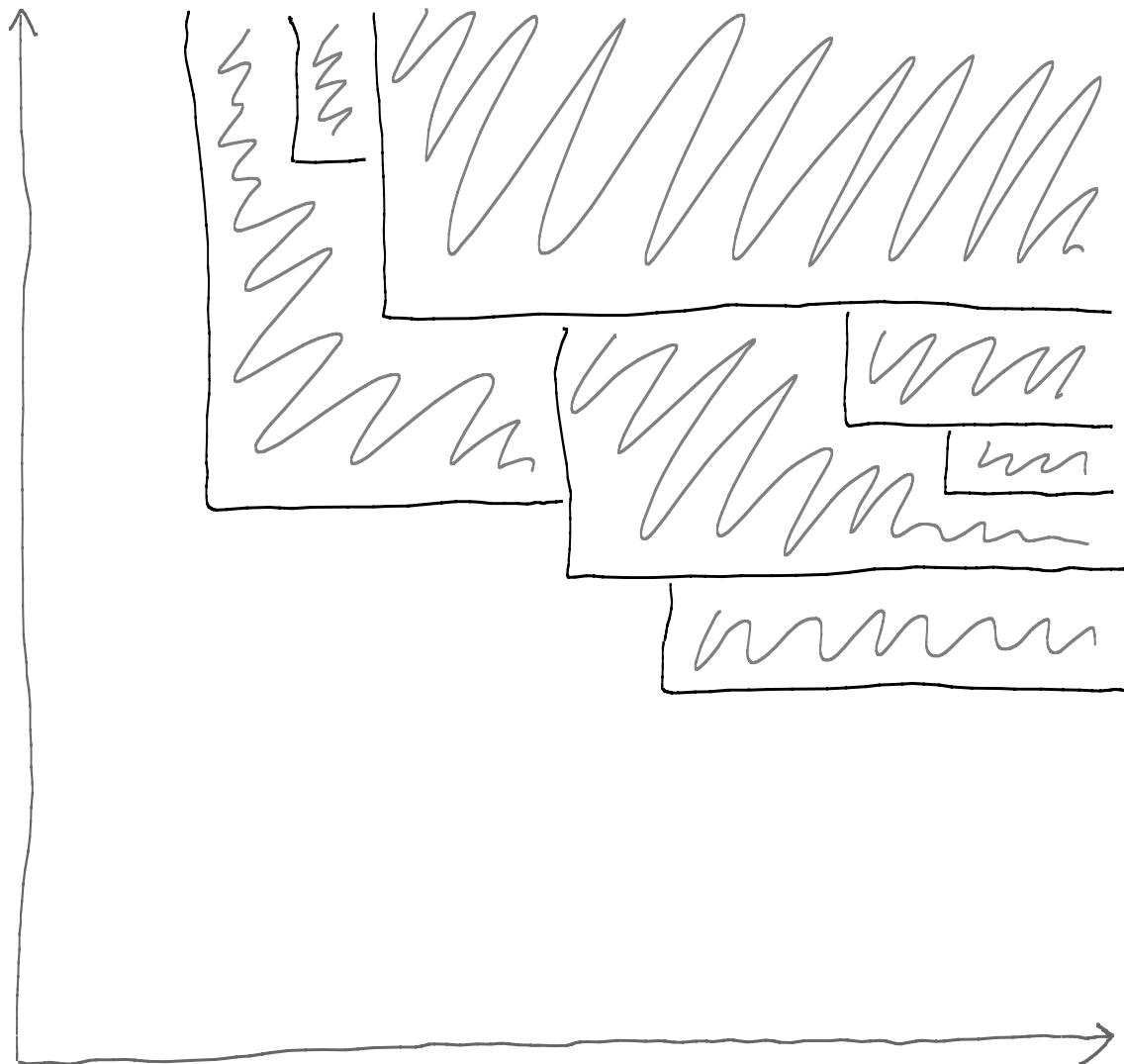
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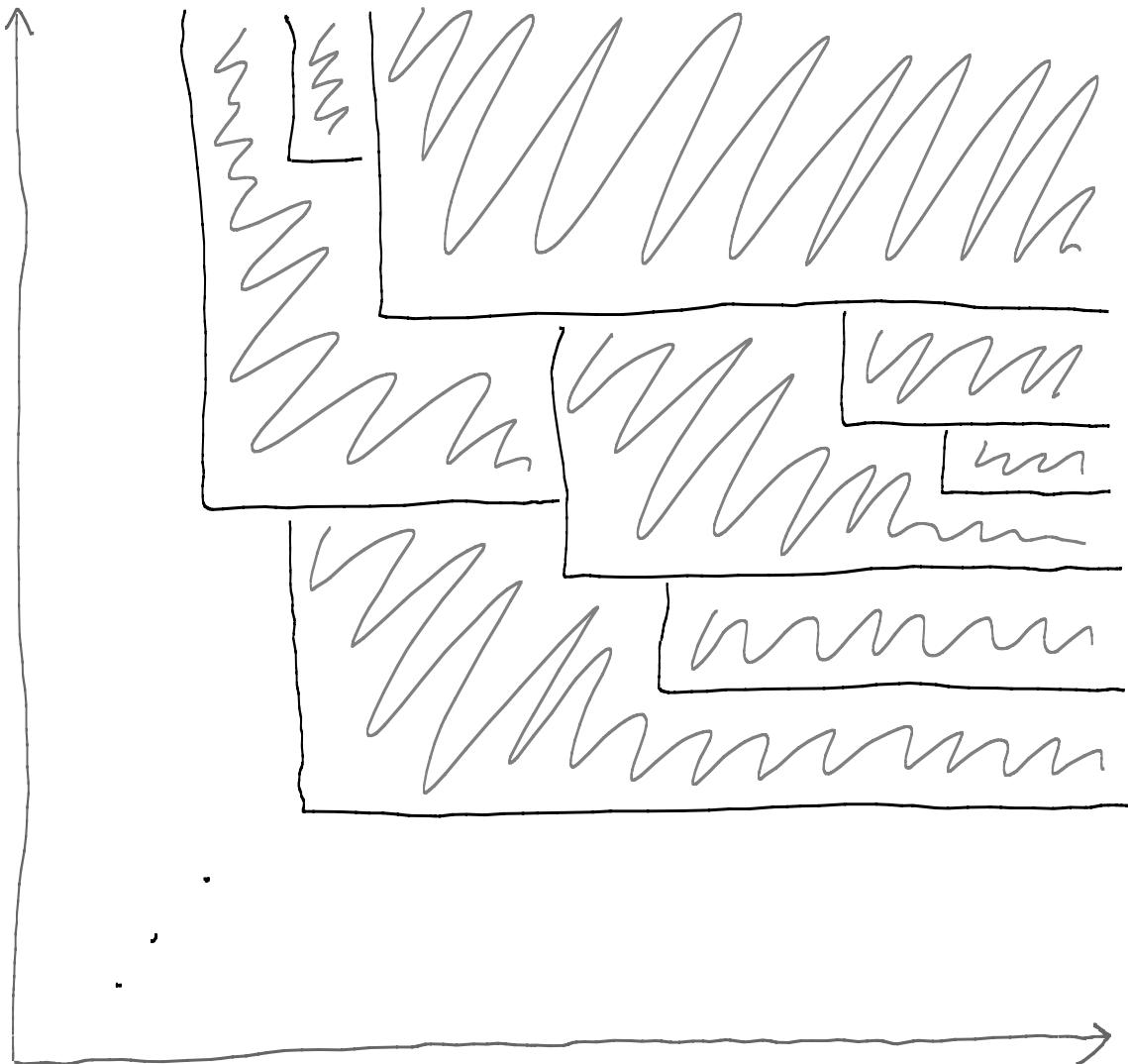
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"Dickson had a sudden death trial for his prospective doctoral students: he assigned a preliminary problem which was shorter than a dissertation problem, and if the student could solve it in three months, Dickson would agree to oversee the graduate student's work. If not the student had to look elsewhere for an advisor."<sup>[3]</sup>

# $\omega$ -Satisfiability

$FO_2(\sim, <, +)$

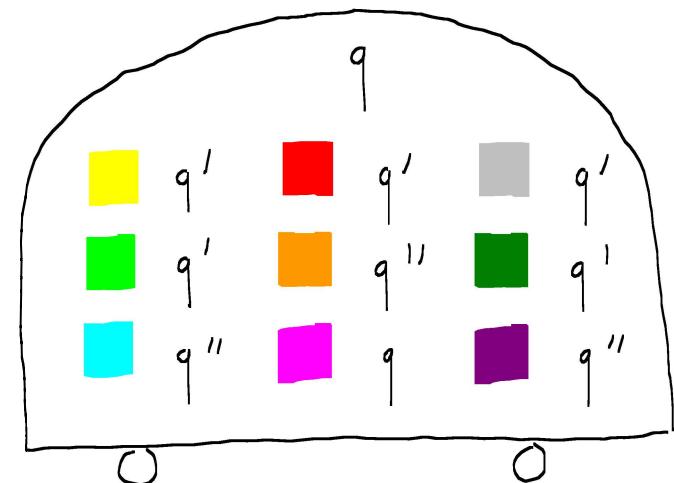
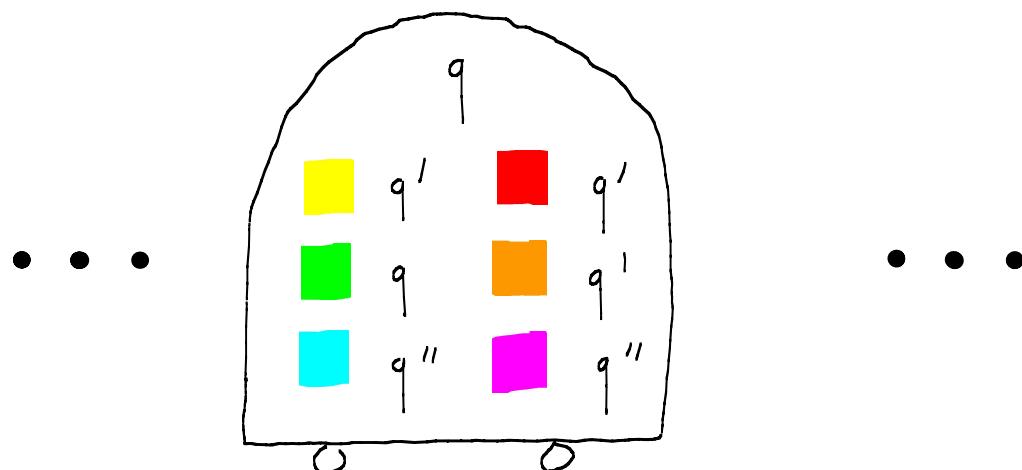


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$F_{O_2}(\sim, <, +)$

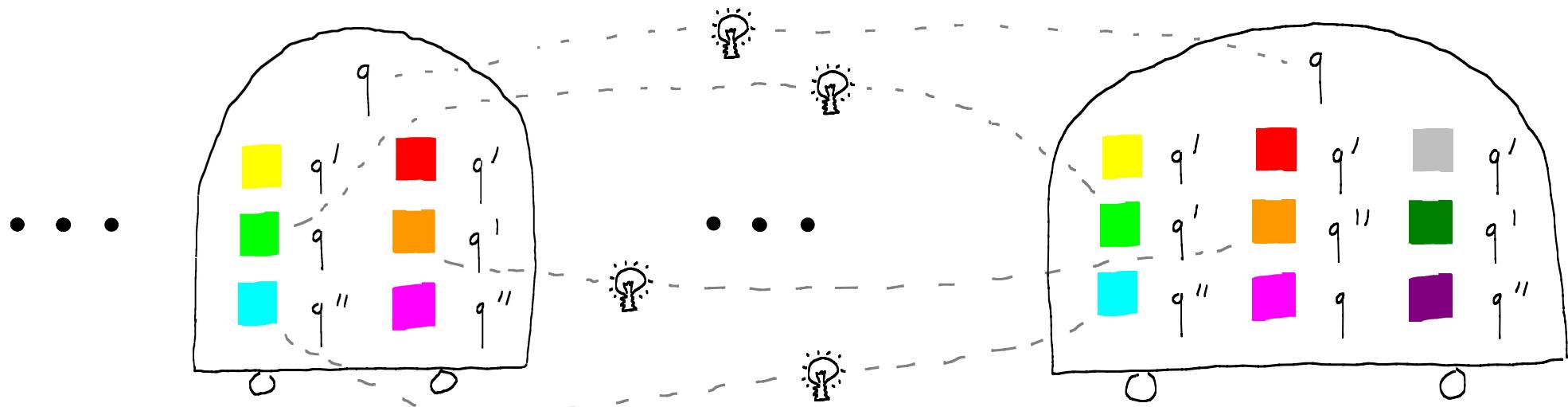


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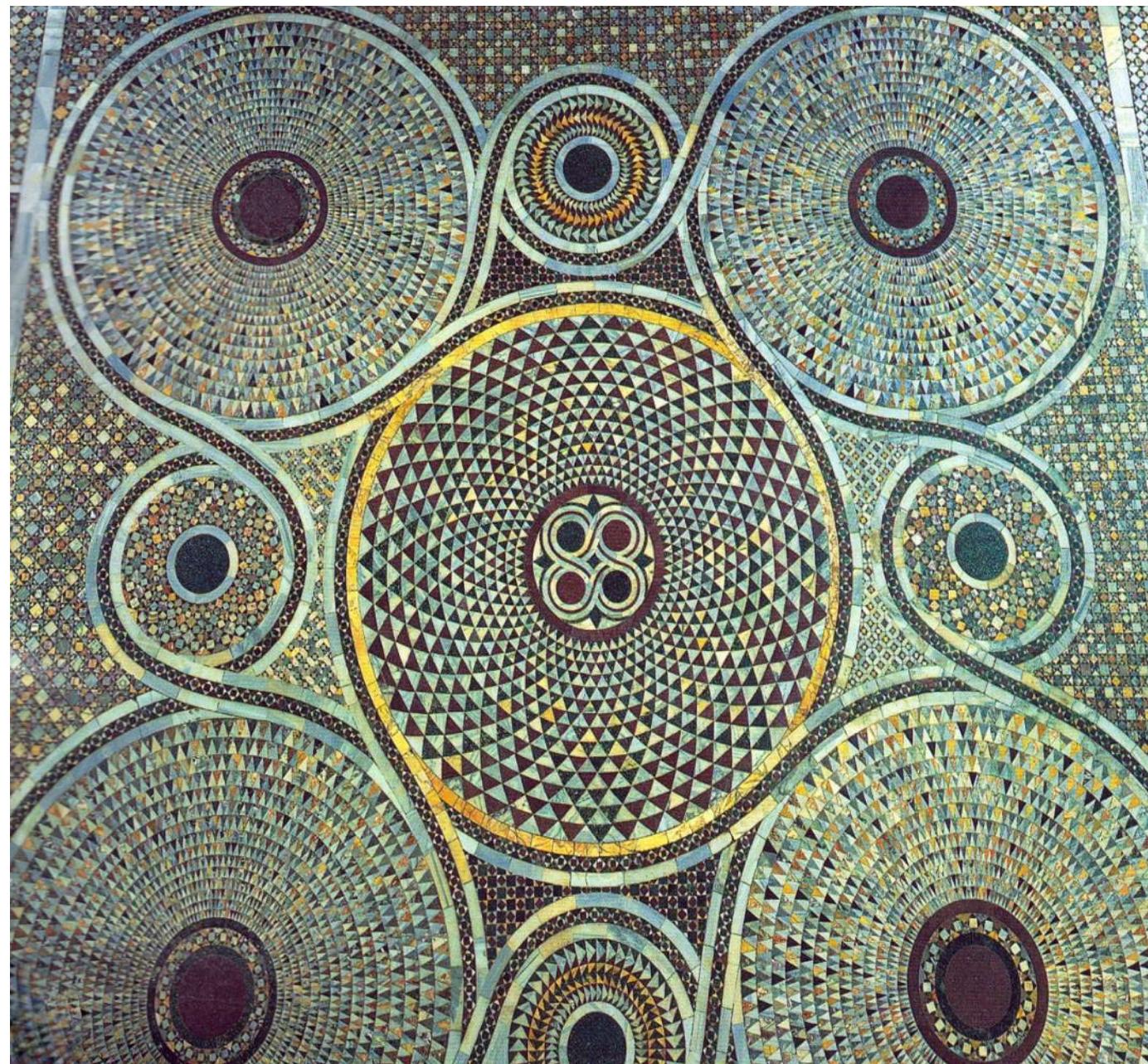
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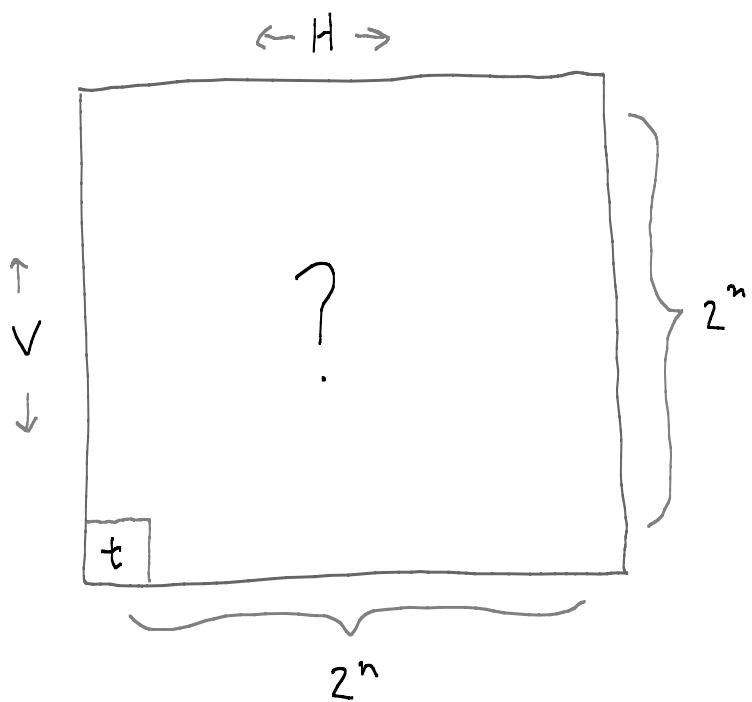
NExpTime-complete problem

[Fürer LNCS '84]

Input:

$$\overbrace{c \cdots}^{\leq T \times T} \\ T, H, V, t$$

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NExpTIME-complete problem

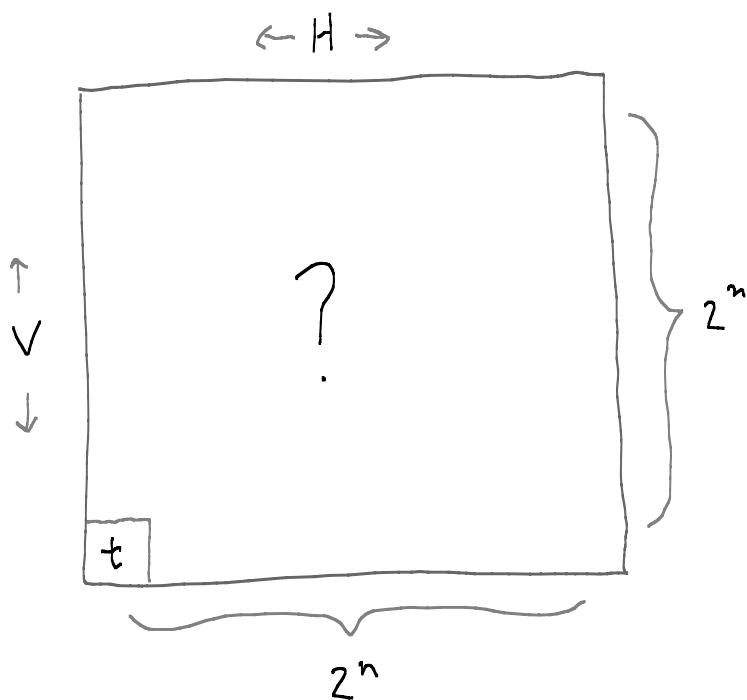
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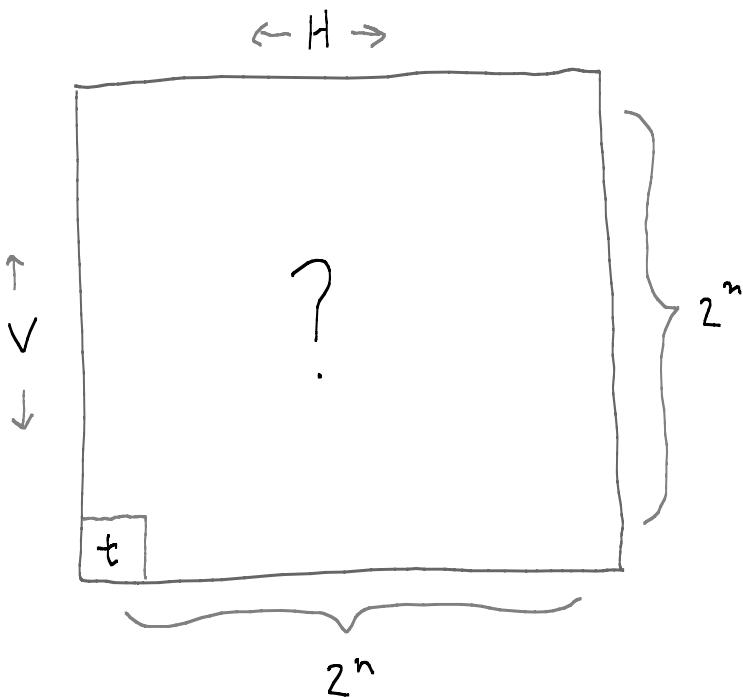
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Proof:

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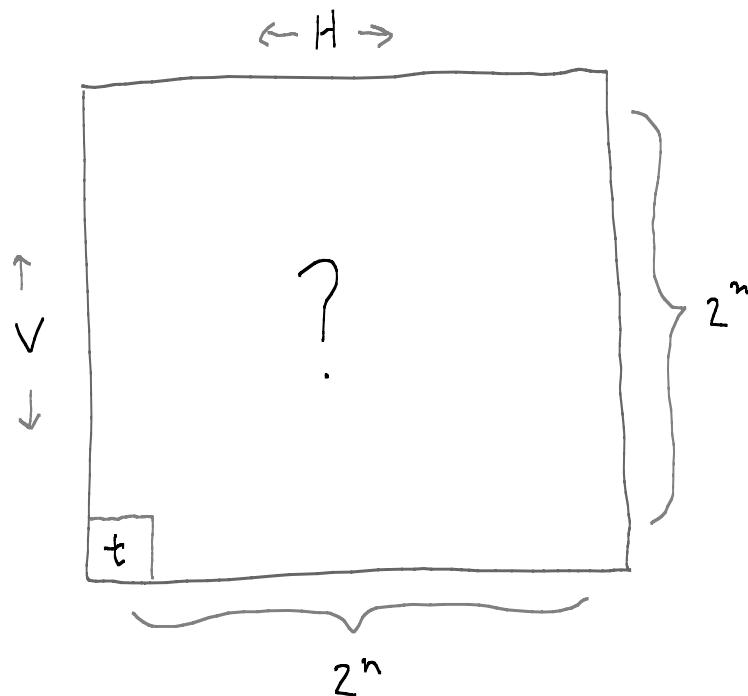
NExpTIME-complete problem

[Fürer LNCS '84]

Input:

$$\overbrace{H}^{\subseteq T \times T}, t$$

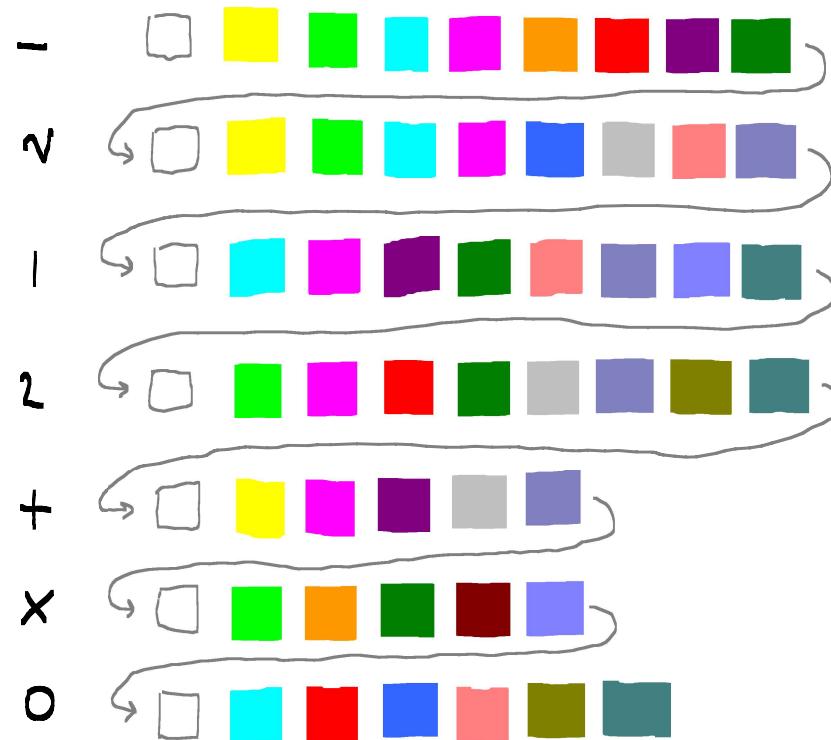
Question:



Satisfiability for  $\text{FO}^2(\sim, <)$   
without unary predicates  
is NExpTIME-hard

Proof:

+	x	o	+
x	o	+	x
o	+	o	+
x	o	x	o

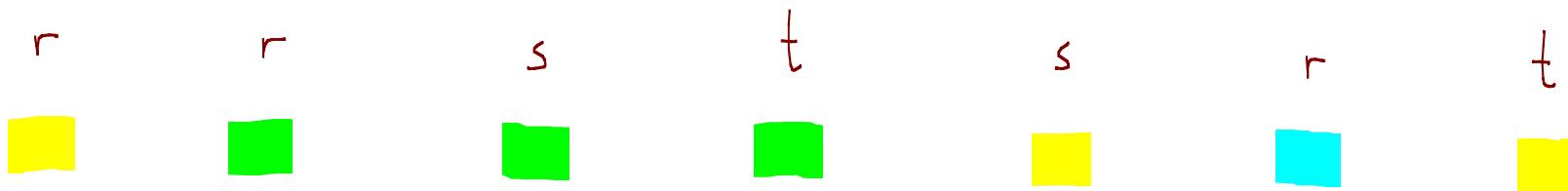


# Linear temporal logic

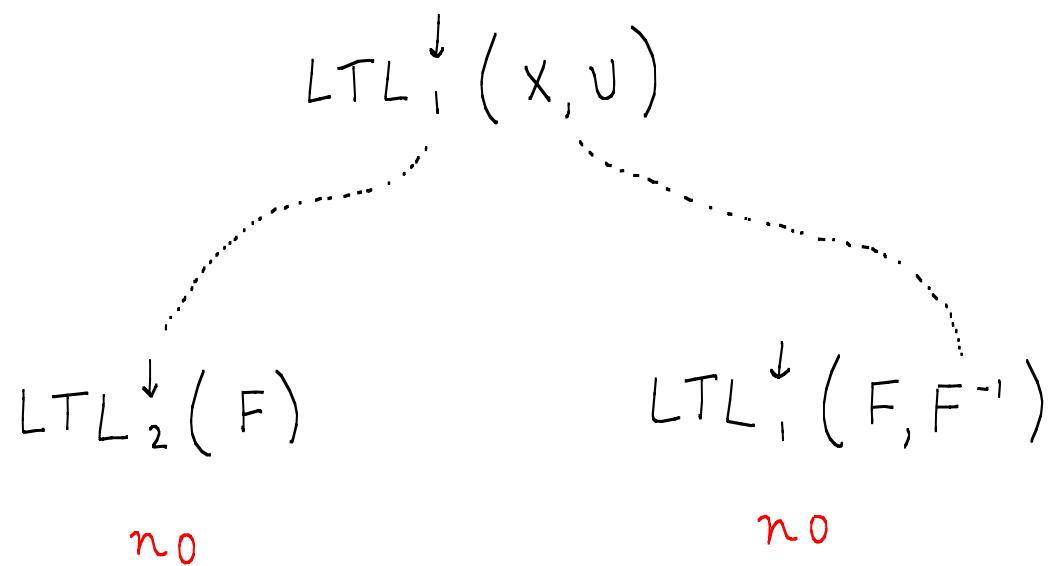
$$G (r \Rightarrow \downarrow F (s \wedge \uparrow))$$

$$G (\neg r \Rightarrow \downarrow X^{-1} F^{-1} \uparrow)$$

$$G (s \Rightarrow \downarrow X (r \vee (t \wedge \uparrow)))$$



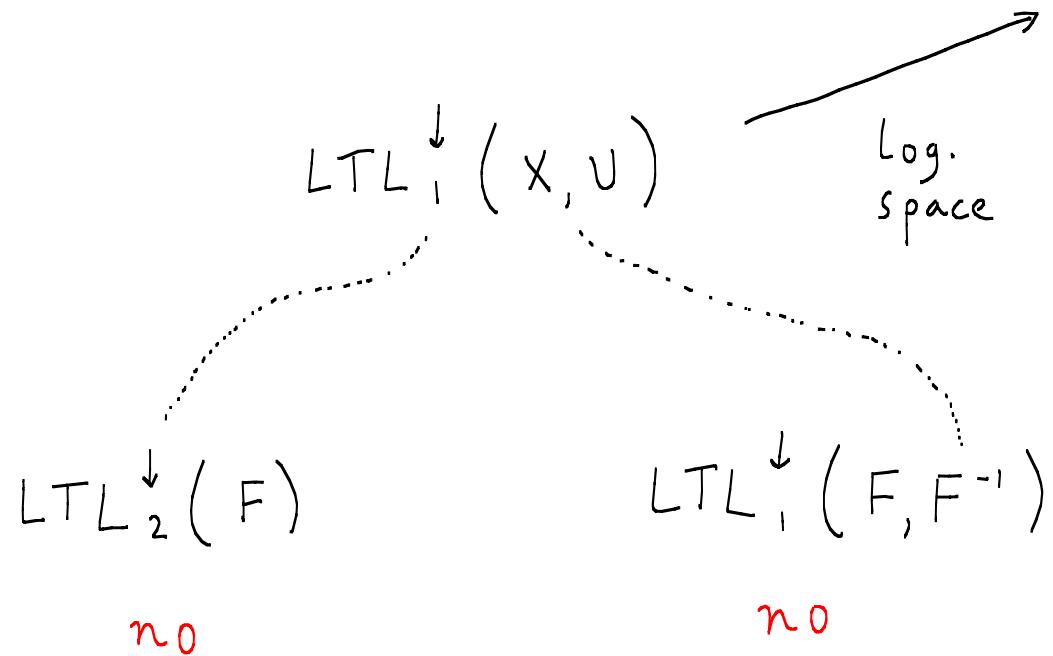
Satisfiability decidable?



[Figueira & Segoufin MFCS '09]

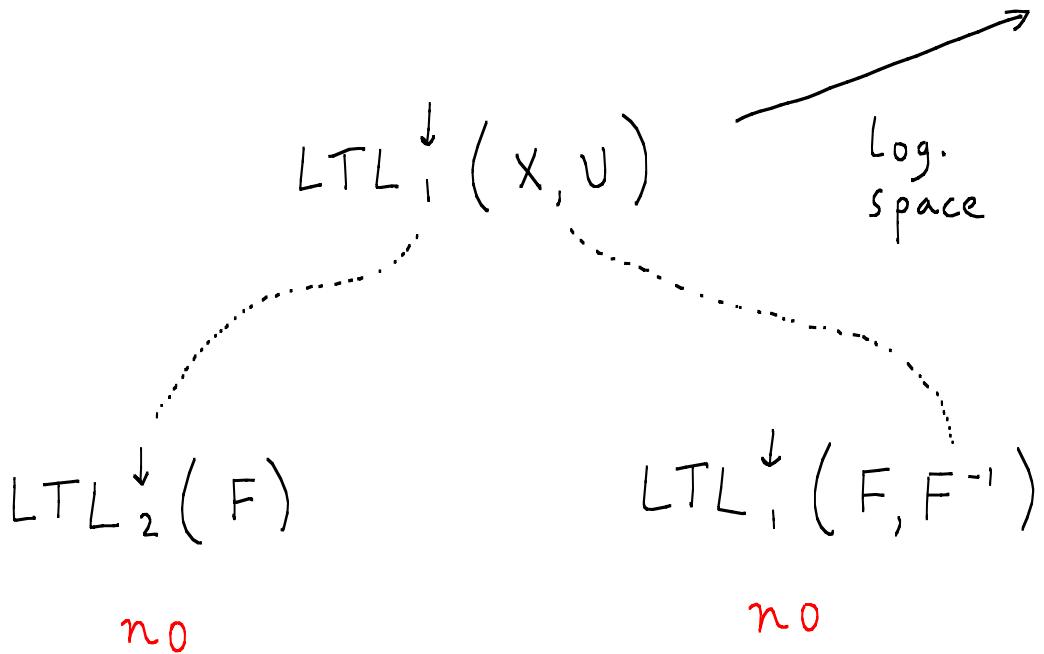
Satisfiability decidable?

1-way alternating  
1-register automata



[Figueira & Segoufin MFCS '09]

Satisfiability decidable?



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cf.

[Kaminski & Francez TCS '94]

[Neven, Schwentick & Vianu ToCL '04]

[Figueira & Segoufin MFCS '09]

$$G(s \Rightarrow \downarrow \times (r \vee (t \wedge \uparrow)))$$

$q_I$

$r$



$r$



$s$



$t$



$s$



$r$



$t$



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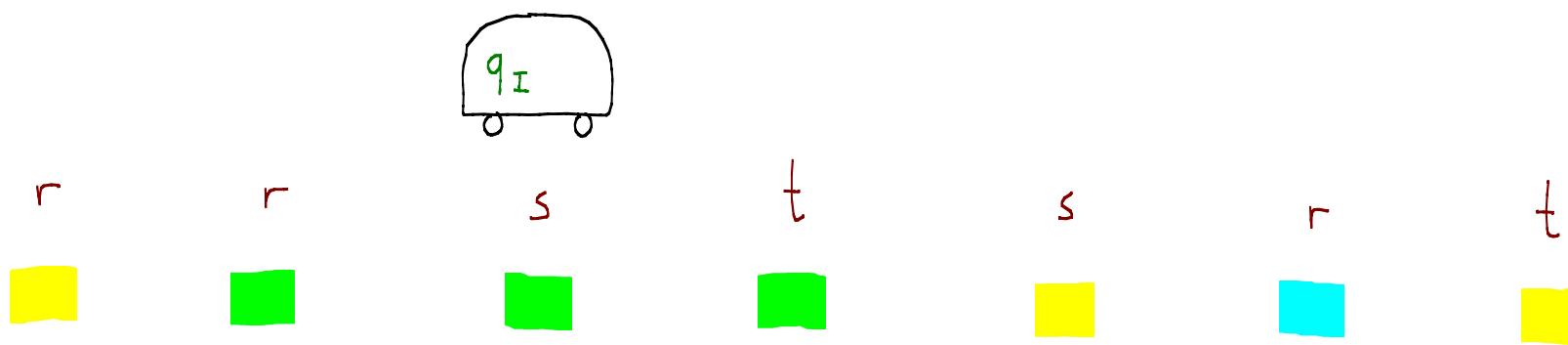
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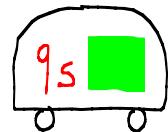
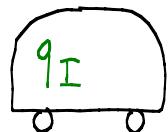
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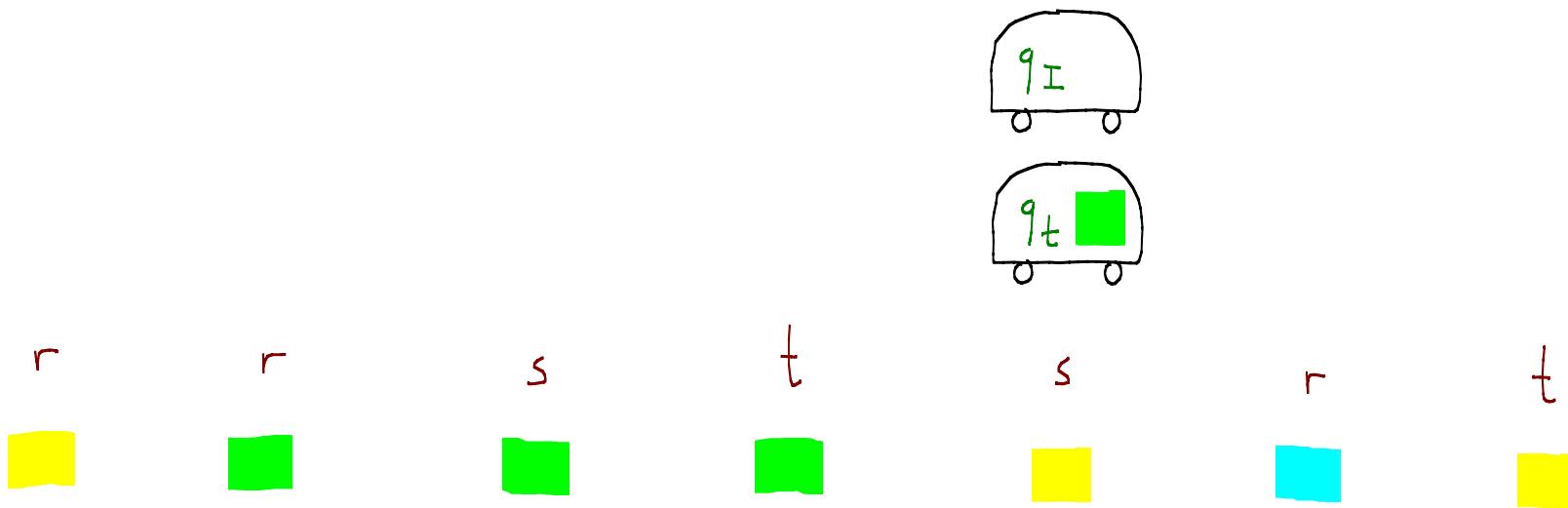
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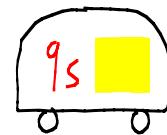
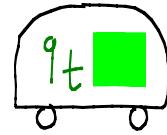
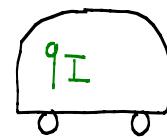
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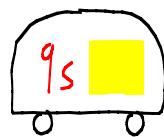
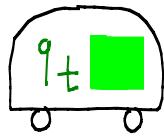
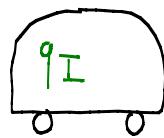
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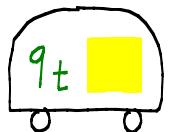
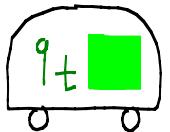
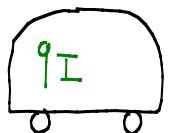
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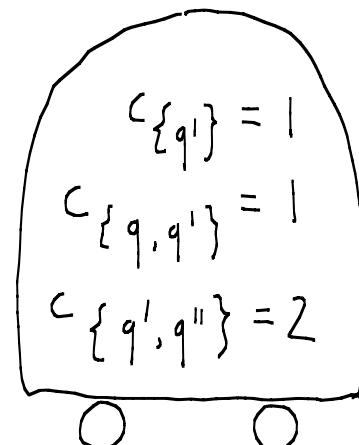
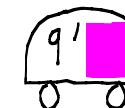
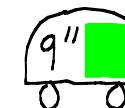
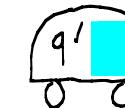
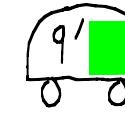
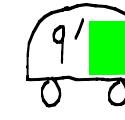


$LTL \downarrow (x, u) \xrightarrow{\text{log. space}}$  1-way alternating  
1-register automata

[Demri & L. TCSL '09]

Minsky automata

poly.  
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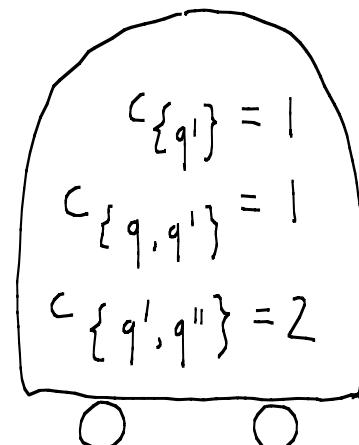
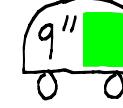
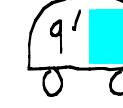
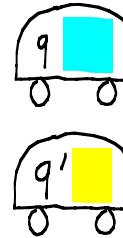
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Nonemptiness :

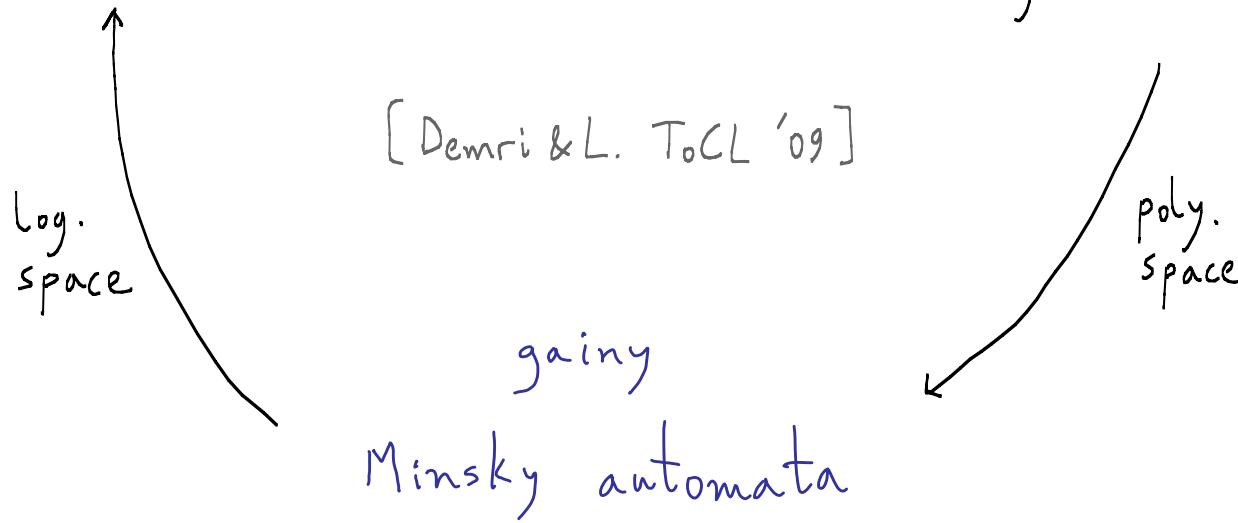
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[Figueira et al.  
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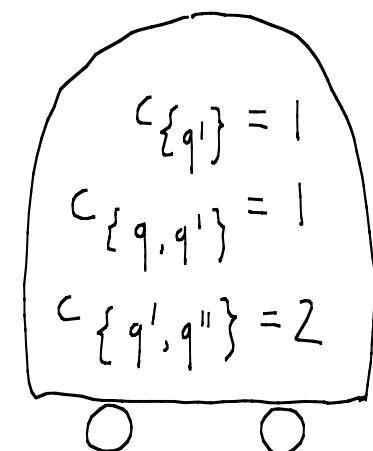
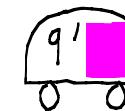
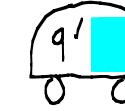
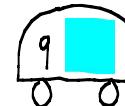
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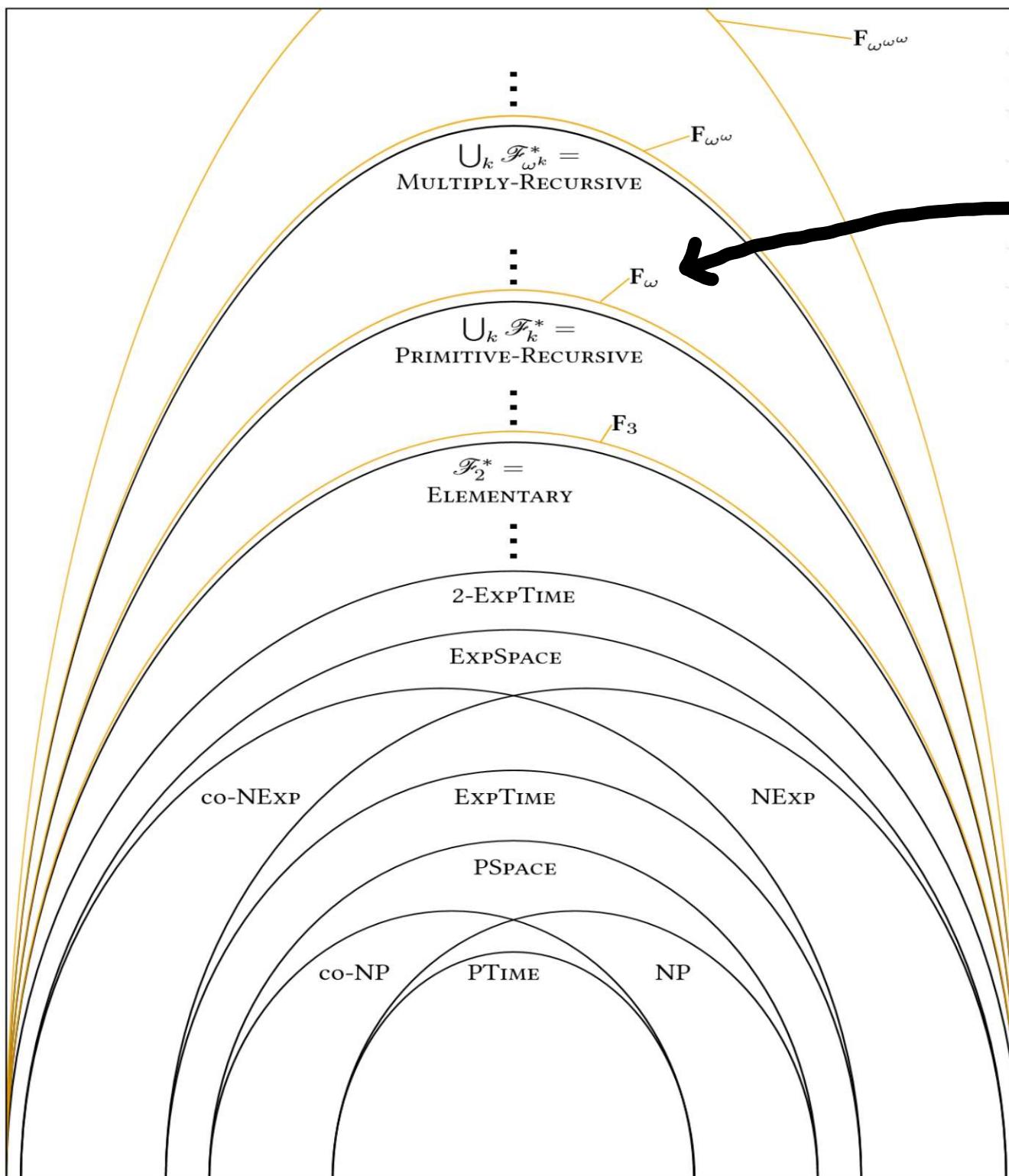
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[ Schnoebelen  
IPL '02, MFCS '10 ]

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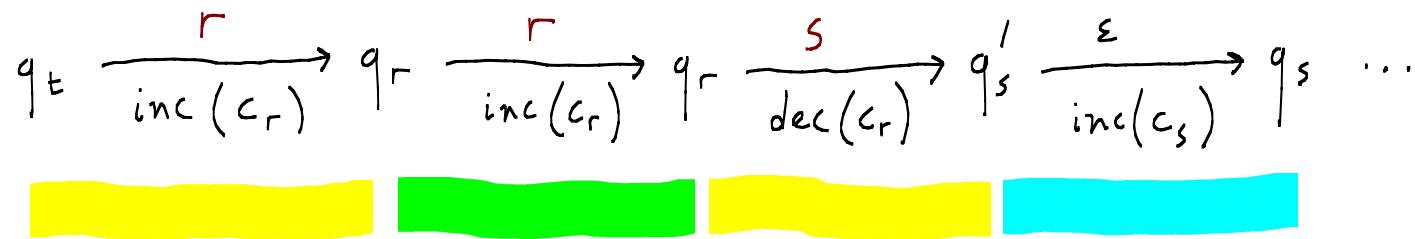
Values of  $A(m, n)$

$m \setminus n$	0	1	2	3	4	$n$
0	1	2	3	4	5	$n + 1$
1	2	3	4	5	6	$n + 2 = 2 + (n + 3) - 3$
2	3	5	7	9	11	$2n + 3 = 2 \cdot (n + 3) - 3$
3	5	13	29	61	125	$2^{(n+3)} - 3$
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6	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow 3 - 3$	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow 4 - 3$	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow 5 - 3$	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow 6 - 3$	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow 7 - 3$	$2 \uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow (n + 3) - 3$

# counter automata

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 log. space Bojańczyk et al.  
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$F0^2(\sim, <, +1)$



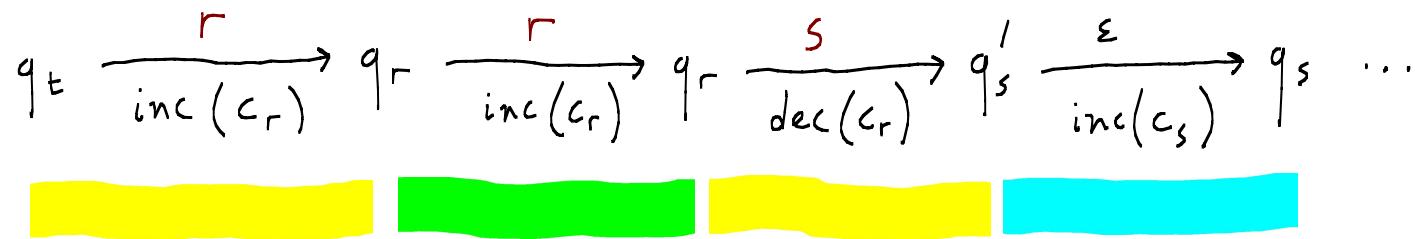
$$\bigwedge_{\substack{q, q', q'', q''' \in Q \\ a, a' \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \\ c \in C}} \forall x \forall y \exists ( \langle q, a, \text{inc}, c, q' \rangle(x) \wedge \langle q'', a', \text{inc}, c, q''' \rangle(y) \wedge x < y \wedge x \sim y )$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \wedge \\ q, q' \in Q \\ a \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \\ c \in C \end{array} \quad \wedge \exists x (\langle q, a, \text{dec}, c, q' \rangle(x) \Rightarrow \bigvee \exists y (\langle q', a', \text{inc}, c, q''' \rangle(y) \wedge q'', q''' \in Q \\ a' \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \quad y < x \wedge y \sim x))$$

counter automata

gaining Minsky automata

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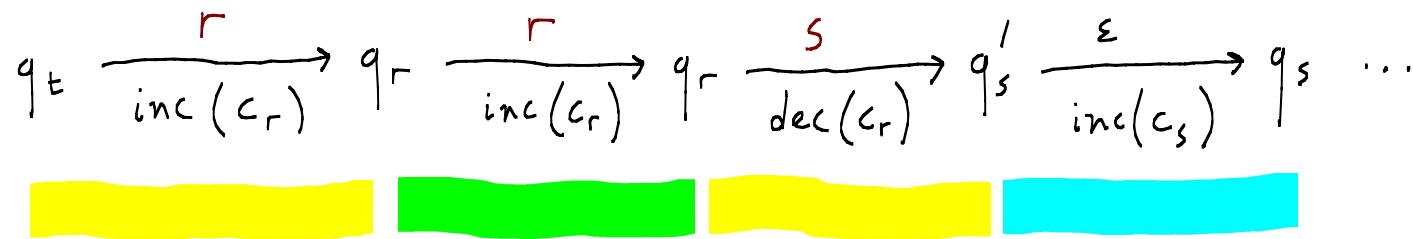
[Bojańczyk et al.  
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[Demri & L.  
ToCL '09]

log. space

$\text{FO}^2(\sim, <, +)$

$LTL_i^\downarrow(x, v)$



$\Diamond \langle q, a, \text{inc}, c, q' \rangle \Rightarrow$



$q, q', q'', q''' \in Q$   
 $a, a' \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$   
 $c \in C$

$\Diamond \langle q, a, \text{inc}, c, q' \rangle \Rightarrow$

$\downarrow \times \Diamond \langle q', a', \text{inc}, c, q'' \rangle \Rightarrow ? \uparrow$

$q, q', q'', q''' \in Q$   
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$\downarrow \times \left( \begin{array}{l} \neg \langle q'', a', \text{is0}, c, q''' \rangle \vee \\ \bigvee \langle q'', a'', \text{dec}, c, q'' \rangle \wedge \uparrow \\ q'', q'' \in Q \\ a'' \in \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \end{array} \right)$

Corollary

$$\left\{ f(\text{str}(L(\varphi))) : \begin{array}{l} \varphi \text{ in } LTL_1^{\downarrow}(X, U) \\ f \text{ homomorphism} \end{array} \right\}$$

||

$$\left\{ f(\text{str}(L(A))) : \begin{array}{l} A \text{ a IARA,} \\ f \text{ homomorphism} \end{array} \right\}$$

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$$\left\{ L(C) : C \text{ a GMA} \right\}$$

Closure properties

of IARA,

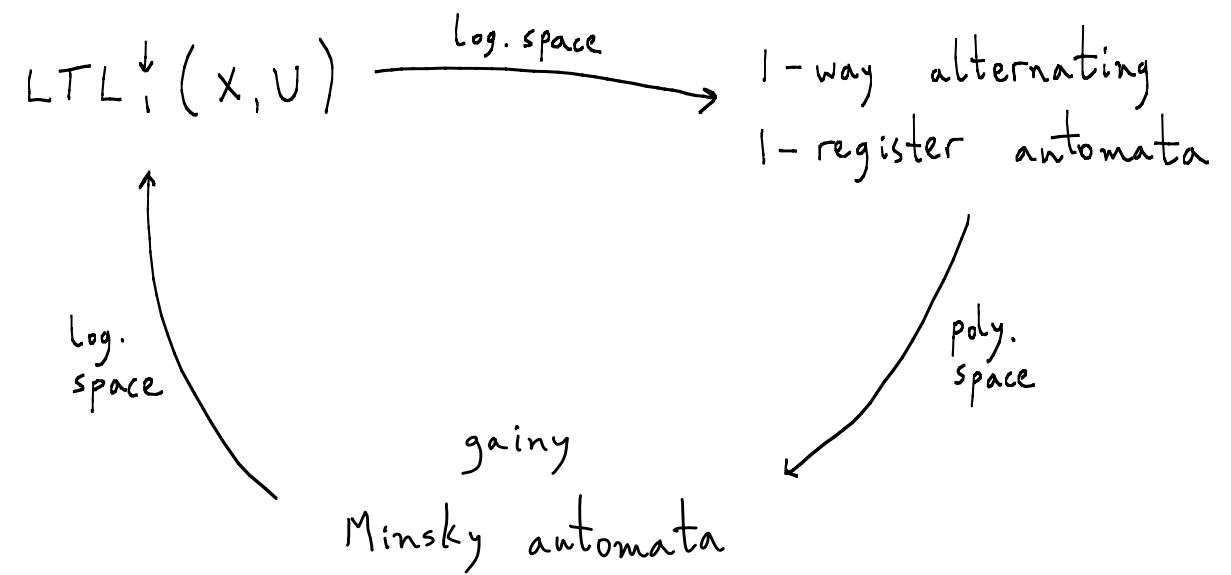
intersection ✓

union ✓

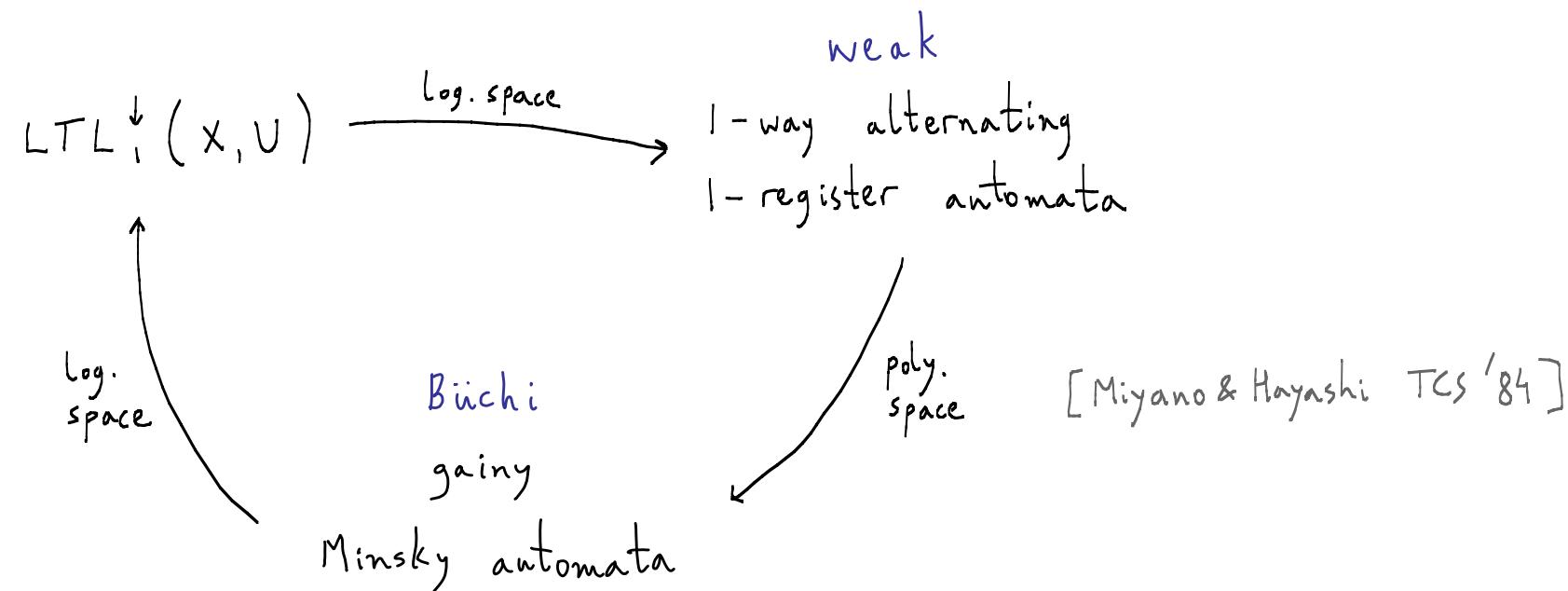
complement ✓

renaming ✗

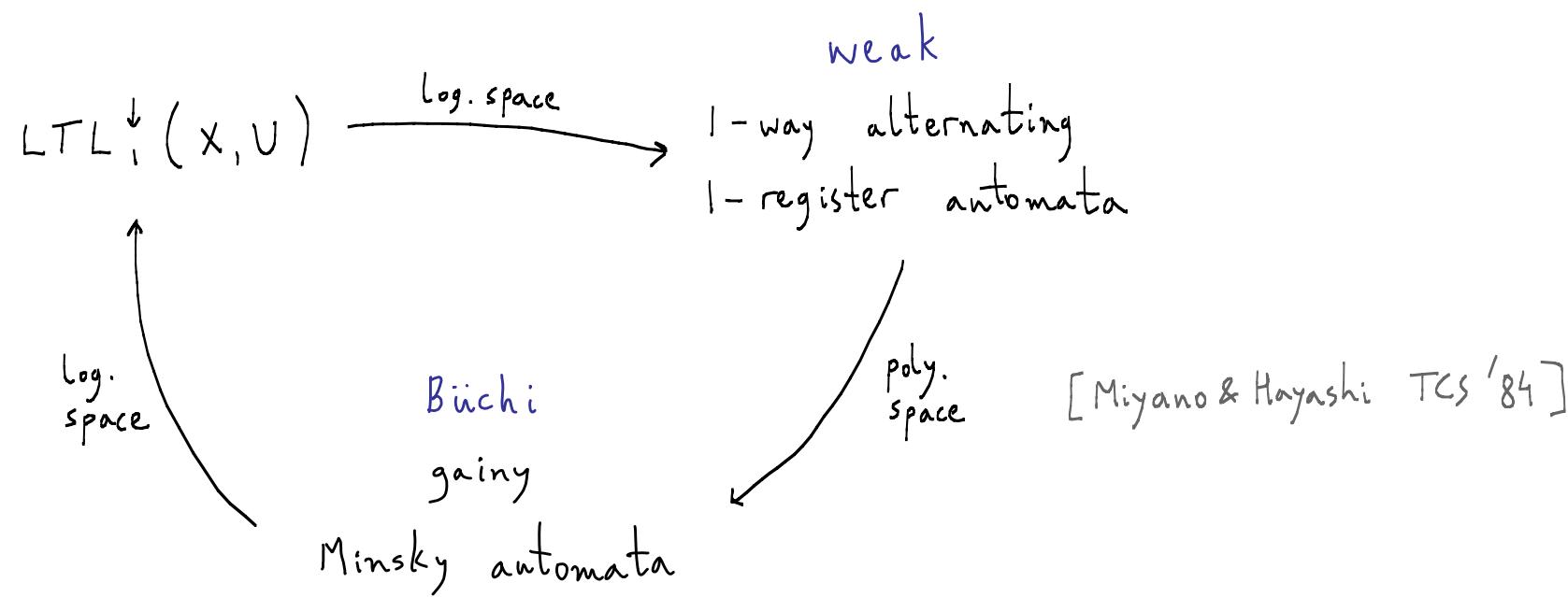
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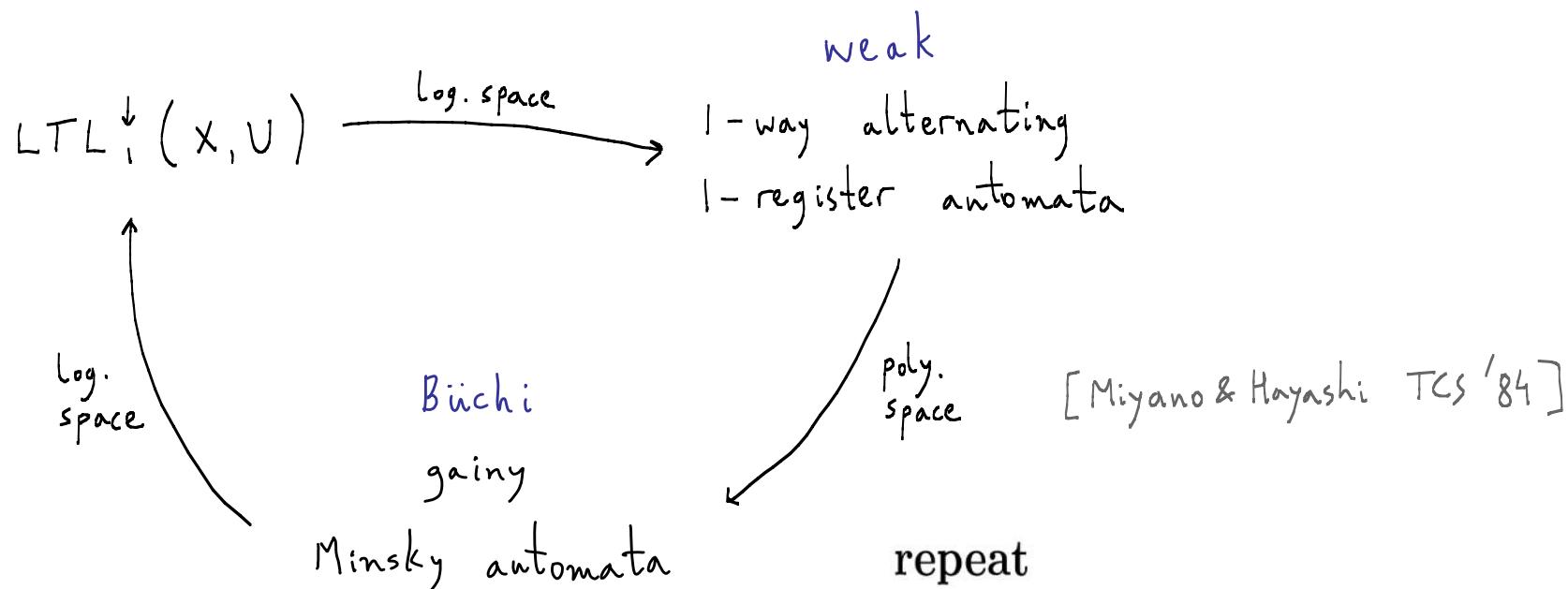


Nonemptiness  $\text{P}^{\circ}$ -complete!

[ Ouaknine & Worrell FoSSaCS '06]

c.f. [ Mayr TCS '03]

# $\omega$ -Satisfiability



Nonemptiness  $\text{TT}^\circ$ -complete!  
 [ Ouaknine & Worrell FoSSaCS '06 ]  
 cf. [ Mayr TCS '03 ]

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no positive occurrences of  $\vee$

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$\omega$ -Satisfiability is EXPSPACE-complete!

[L. TöCL'11]

cf. [Rackoff TCS'78]

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Schnoebelen & Worrell  
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