

On the Expressiveness of TPTL and MTL

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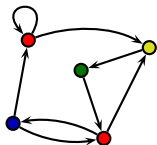
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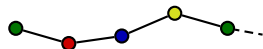


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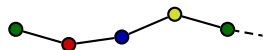
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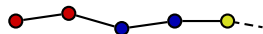
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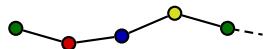
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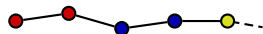
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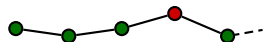
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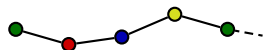
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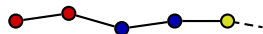
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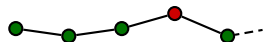
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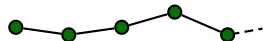
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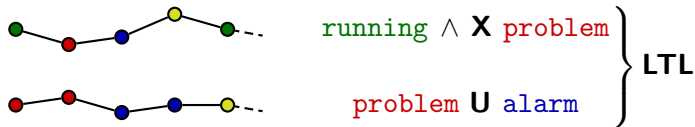
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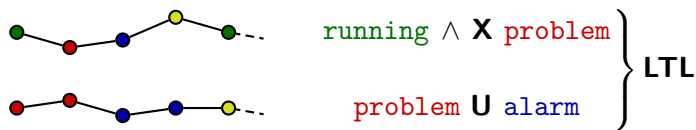
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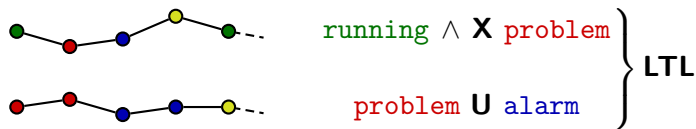


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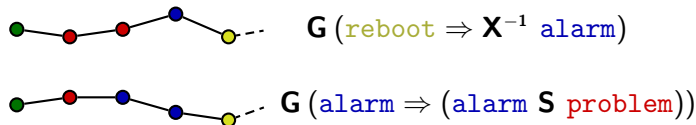


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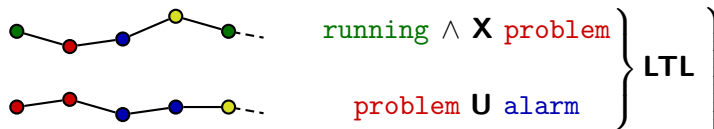


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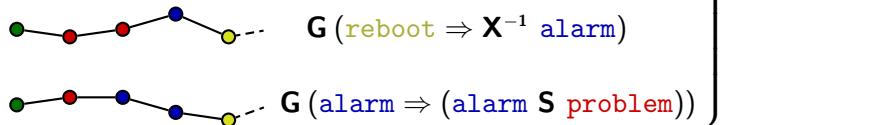


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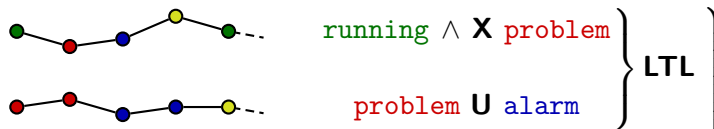


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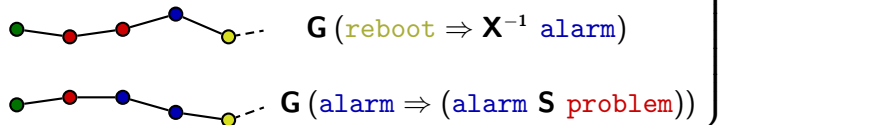


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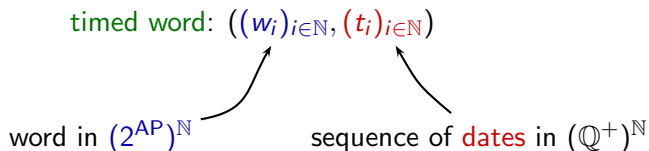
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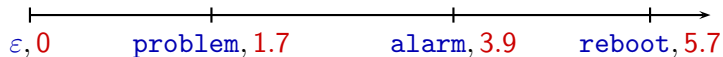
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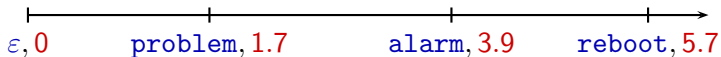
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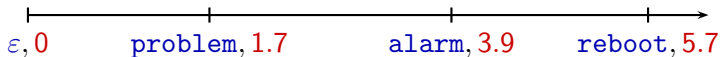
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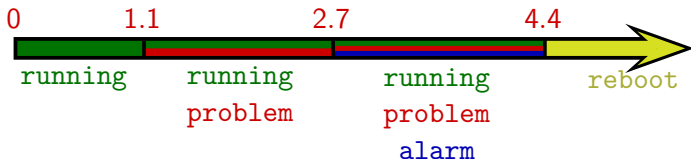
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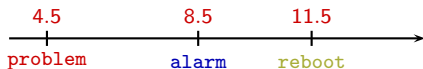
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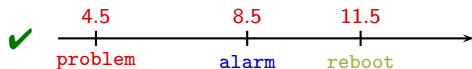
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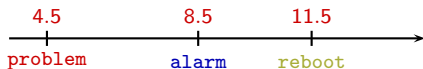
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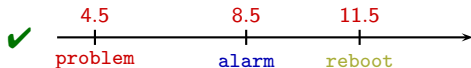
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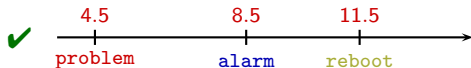
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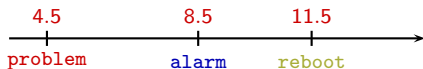
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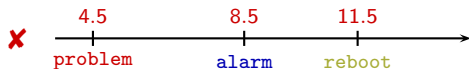
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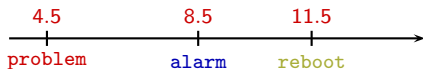
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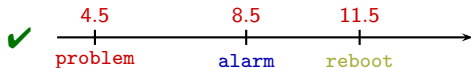
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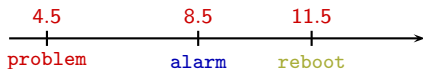
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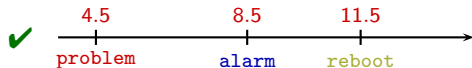
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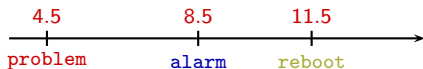
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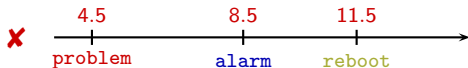
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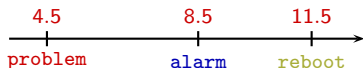
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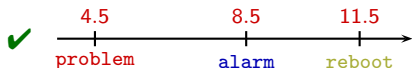
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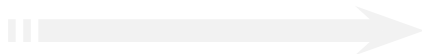
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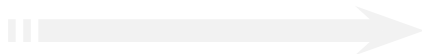
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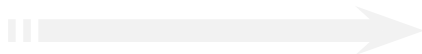
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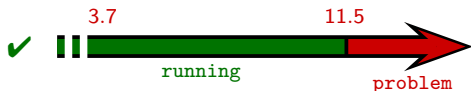
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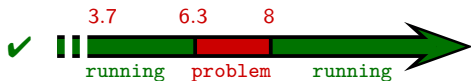
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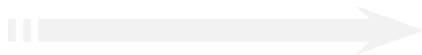
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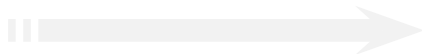
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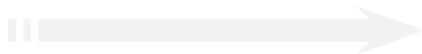
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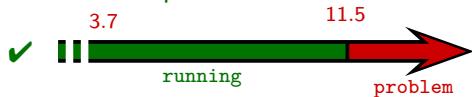
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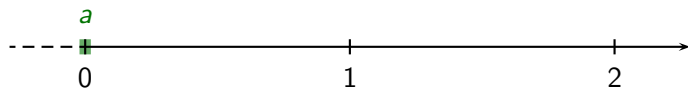
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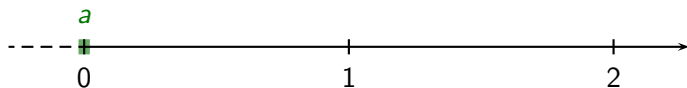


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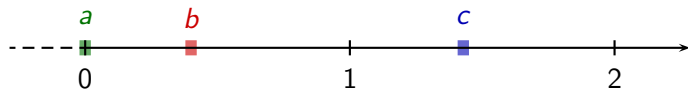


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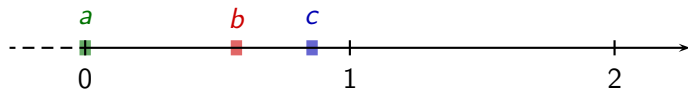


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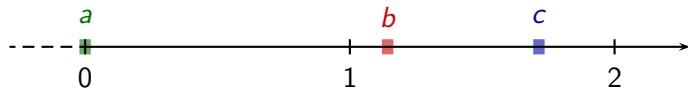


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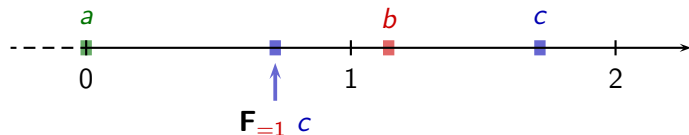


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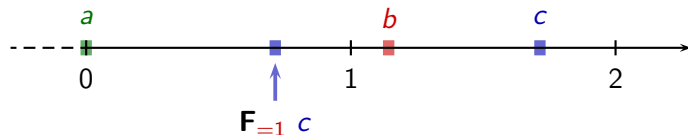


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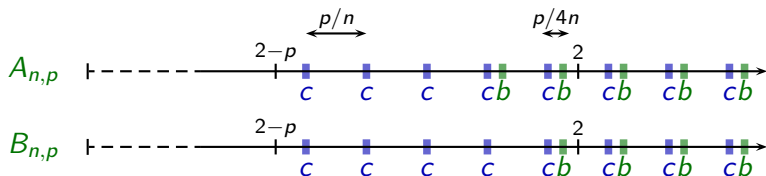
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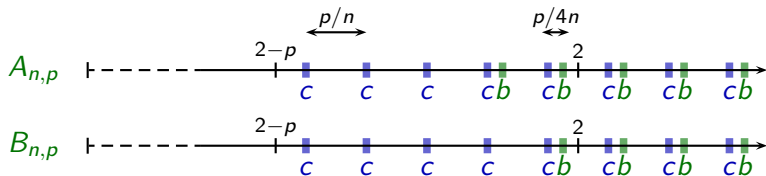
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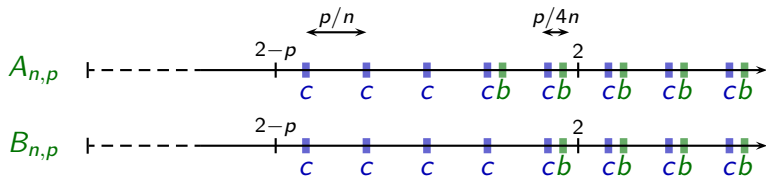
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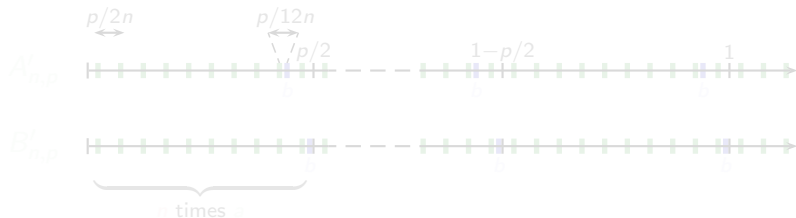
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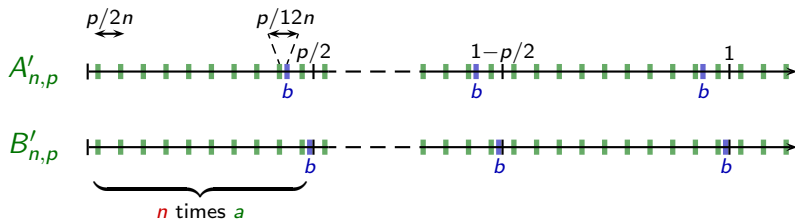
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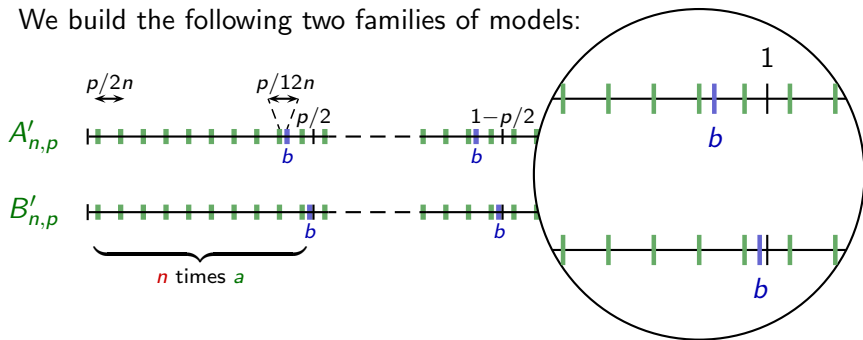
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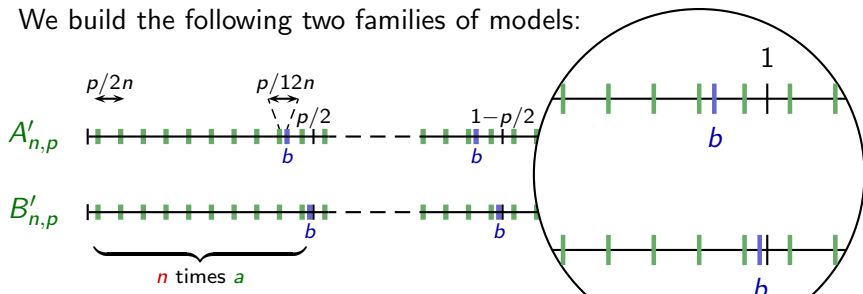
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Existential fragment of TPTL

$$\mathbf{TPTL}_F \ni \phi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid x \sim c \mid \phi \vee \phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \mathbf{F} \phi \mid x. \phi$$


For instance:

$$x. \mathbf{F} (a \wedge x \geq 1 \wedge \mathbf{F} (b \wedge x \leq 3) \wedge y. \mathbf{F} (\neg a \wedge x \leq 3 \wedge y > 1))$$

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DBM:

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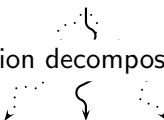
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eq. to $0 = z'_0 < z'_1 = z'_2 < z'_3 < 1$

Existential fragment of **TPTL**

$$\pi, z_i \models \phi_i \quad 0 < z_h < z_{h+1} < \dots < z_{h+k} < r \quad (1)$$

We inductively (on k) build an **MTL** formula $\Psi_{[h..h+k,r]}$ s.t.

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \pi \models \Psi_{[h..h+k,r]}.$$

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$$\pi, z_2 \models \mathbf{F}_{=2} \neg a$$

$$- \Psi_{[1..1,r]} = \mathbf{F}_{<r} (\mathbf{F}_{=1} a \wedge \mathbf{F}_{=2} b).$$

$$- \Psi_{[2..2,r]} = \mathbf{F}_{<r} (\mathbf{F}_{=2} \neg a).$$

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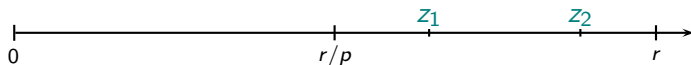
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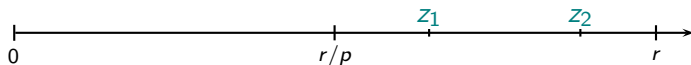


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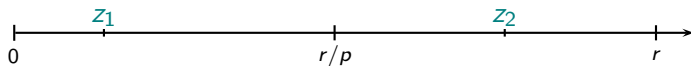
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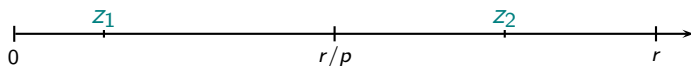


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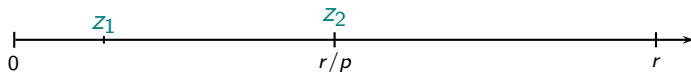
- $\Psi_{[1..2,r]}^2 = \Psi_{[1..1],\frac{r}{p}}^{\frac{r}{p}} \wedge \mathbf{F}_{=\frac{r}{p}} \Psi_{[2..2,r-\frac{r}{p}]}$
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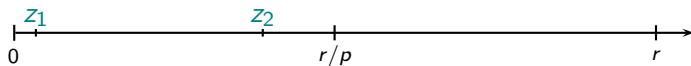
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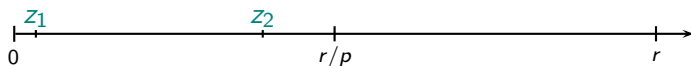


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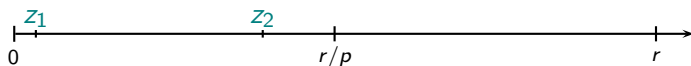
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Theorem

The resulting **MTL** formula is equivalent to the original **TPTL_F** one, and has **size exponential**.

An interesting corollary

This transformation also yields the following result:

Theorem

Under both the **interval-based** and the **pointwise** semantics, **satisfiability** of a **TPTL_F** formula is **decidable**, and is **NP-complete**.

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