

"Most of" leads to undecidability

Failure of adding frequencies to LTL

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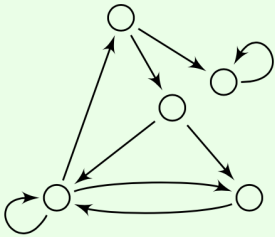
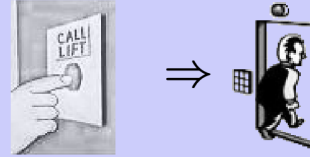
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What's the formal verification about?

system:



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algorithm



Always(safe)



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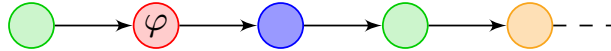
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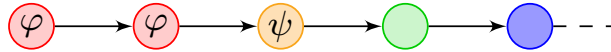
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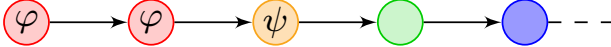



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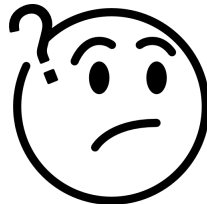
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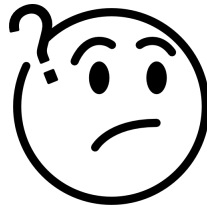
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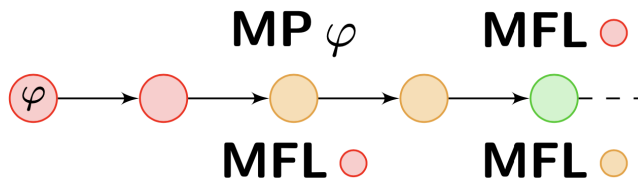
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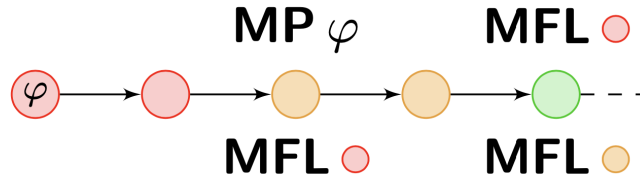
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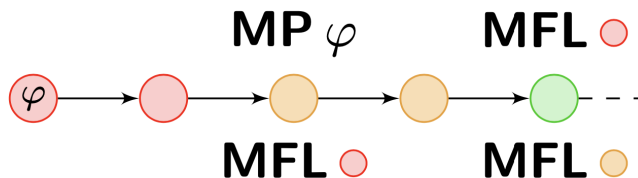
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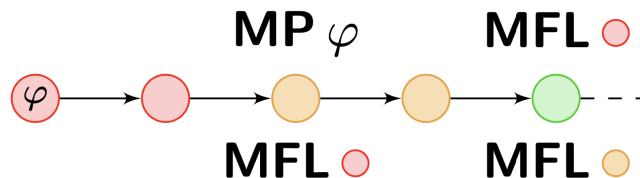
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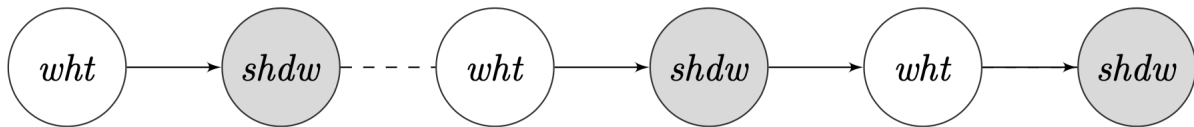
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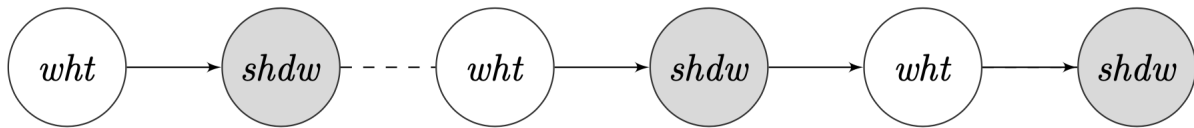
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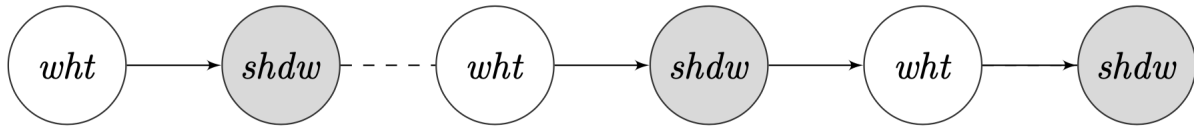
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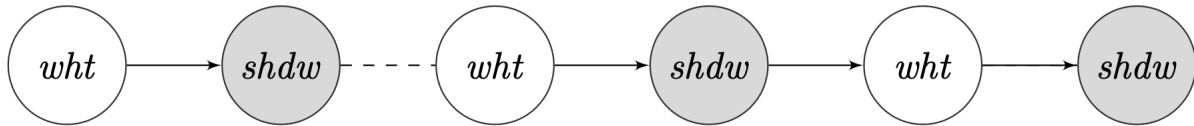
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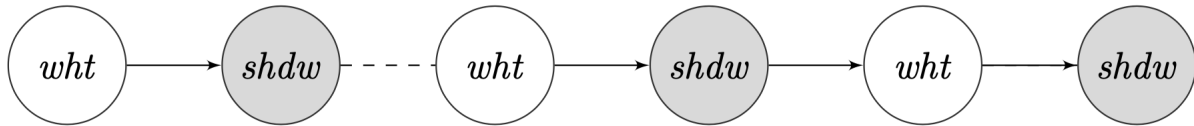
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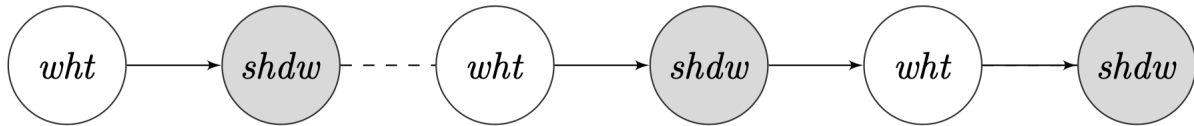
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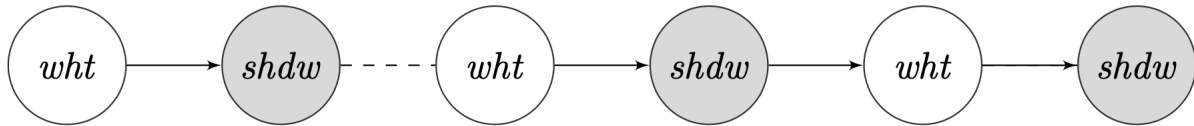
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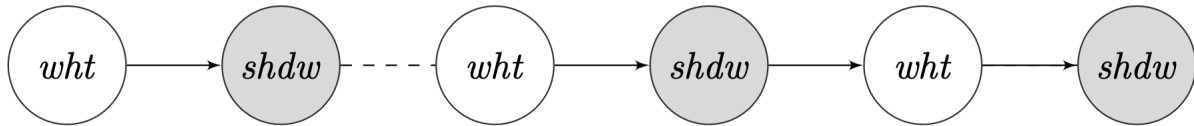
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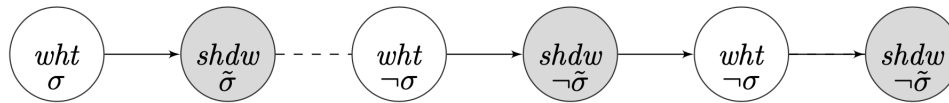
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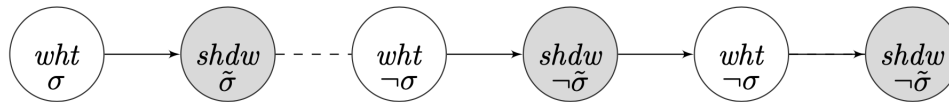
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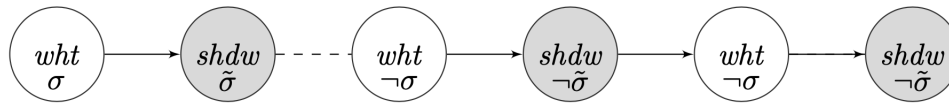


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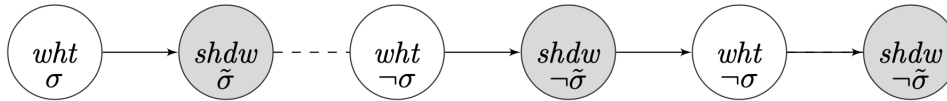
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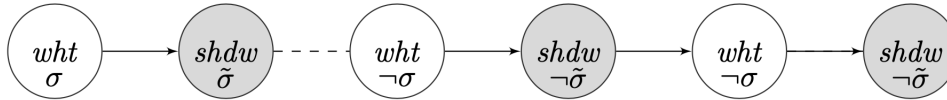
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3. for any even position p we have: $\mathfrak{w}, p \models \sigma \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{w}, p+1 \models \tilde{\sigma}$.



Lemma

Transfer formulae $LTL_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Half}}$ -definable.

Proof

It suffices to express:

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and hence we get a formula **Half**($[wht \wedge \sigma] \vee [shdw \wedge \neg \tilde{\sigma}]$)

Our results

- LTL with **F** and **PM** is **undecidable**.
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- Some rather uninteresting fragments of LTL+**PM** are decidable.
- $\text{FO}^2[<]$ + Majority quantifier is **undecidable**.

Our proof technique

- We focus on a single modality **Half**:

$$\mathfrak{w}, i \models \mathbf{Half} \varphi \text{ if } |\{j < i : \mathfrak{w}, j \models \varphi\}| = \frac{i}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{Half} \varphi := \mathbf{PM}(\varphi) \wedge \mathbf{PM}(\neg\varphi)$$

- The proof goes via **encoding** of Minsky's **two counter machines**
- We use **shadowy words** and tricks with $+\frac{p}{2}$ to express **equicardinality**

Thanks for attention!

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