



Deciding Hyperproperties

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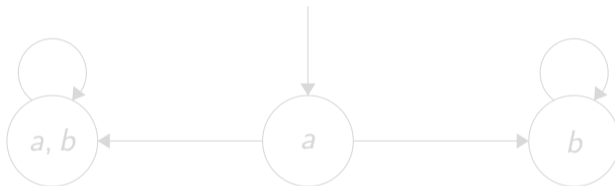
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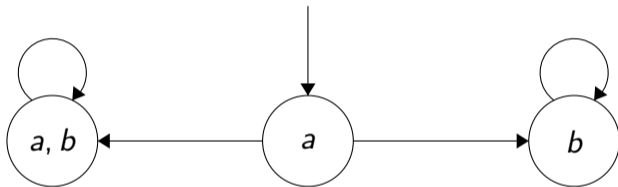


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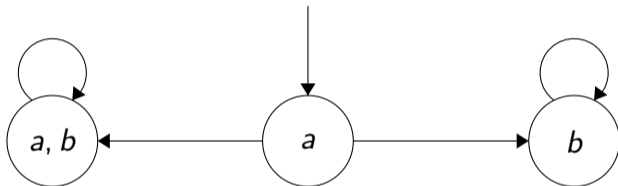


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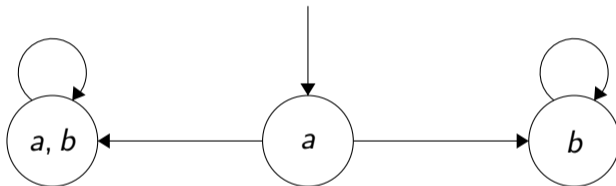


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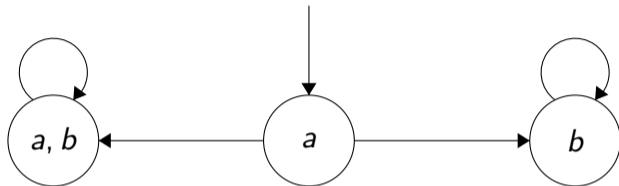


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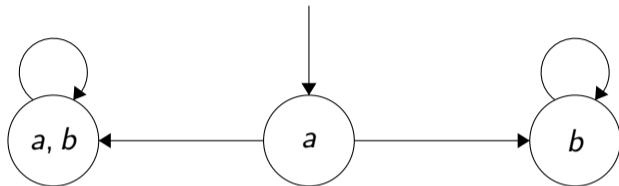


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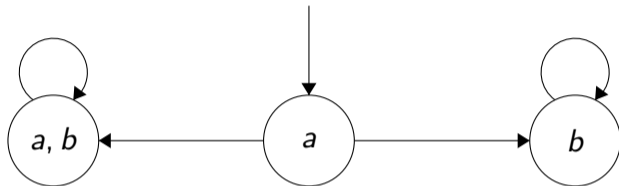


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Complexity Intermezzo

$$PSPACE \subseteq EXPSPACE$$

Decision problems that can be solved using a Turing machine using a polynomial/exponential amount of space.



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Equisatisfiable

- Reduction to an *equisatisfiable* LTL formula of the same size. And using the fact that LTL-SAT is PSPACE-complete.

$$\forall \psi \in \text{Alternation-free.} \left(\exists T. \Pi \models_T \psi \iff \exists t. t \models \hat{\psi} \right)$$



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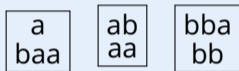
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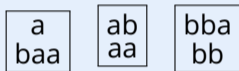
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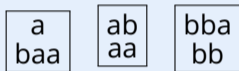
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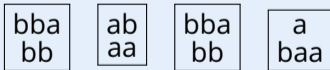
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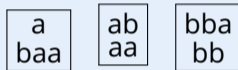
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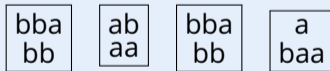
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This reduces to the following HyperLTL formula



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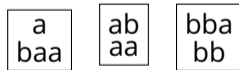
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