Homework 6

To hand in on October 26th at 14:00, during the exercise session or by mail at marie.fortin@lsv.fr.

Exercise 1 (Complexity of LTL($X$)). We want to show that LTL($X$) existential model checking is NP-complete (instead of PSPACE-complete for full LTL(SU)).

1. Given $\varphi \in \text{LTL}(X)$, the temporal depth of $\varphi$ is defined as follows:

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\begin{align*}
\quad d(\top) &= d(p) = 0 & d(\neg \varphi) &= d(\varphi) \\
\quad d(\varphi \lor \varphi') &= \max\{d(\varphi), d(\varphi')\} & d(X \varphi) &= 1 + d(\varphi)
\end{align*}
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Show by induction on $\varphi$ that for all $\varphi \in \text{LTL}(X)$ and $w \in \Sigma^\omega$, if $u$ is the prefix of length $d(\varphi) + 1$ of $w$, we have $w, 0 \models \varphi$ iff $u0^\omega, 0 \models \varphi$.

2. Show that $\text{MC}^3(X)$ is in NP:
   - Input: $\varphi \in \text{LTL}(X)$ and a finite Kripke structure $M$.
   - Question: Does $M \models \exists \varphi$?

3. Reduce 3SAT to $\text{MC}^3(X)$ in order to prove NP-hardness.