

LTL_f Synthesis as AND-OR Graph Search: Knowledge Compilation at Work

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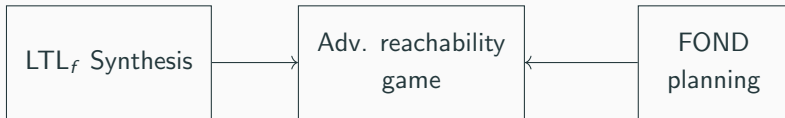
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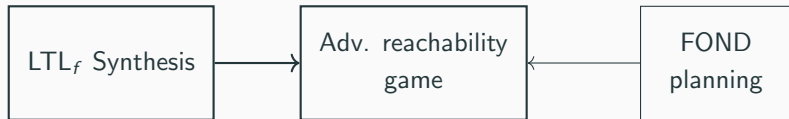
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- Autonomy, one of the grand objectives AI
 - Autonomous system, react to environment changes
- LTL_f synthesis [De Giacomo& Vardi, 2015]
 - Linear Temporal Logic on finite traces [De Giacomo& Vardi, 2013]
 - **Obtain** a system **From** a declarative specification
 - System interacting with the environment, generated executions satisfy the specification

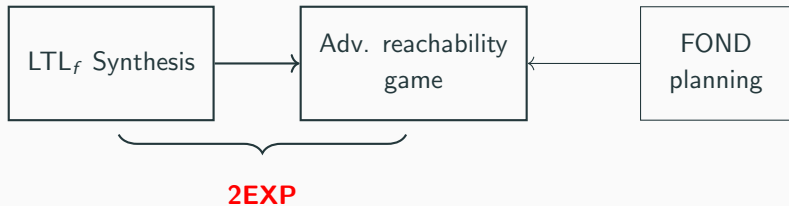
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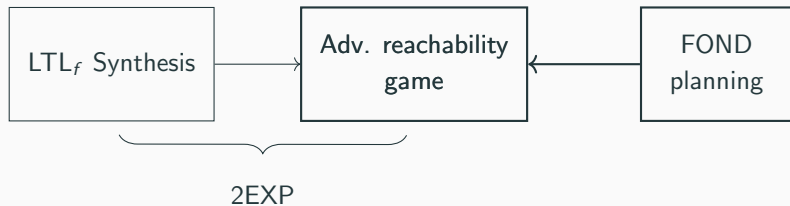
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- **Note**, state space in FOND, only single-exponential

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- Forward LTL_f synthesis approach
 - Adopting AND-OR graph search, as in FOND planning
 - Over double-exponential search space

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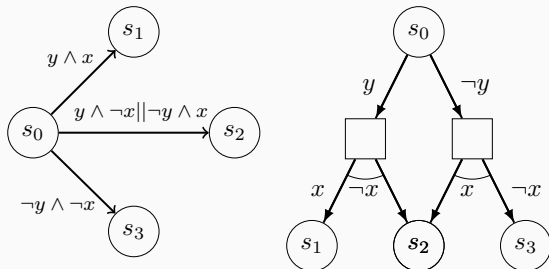
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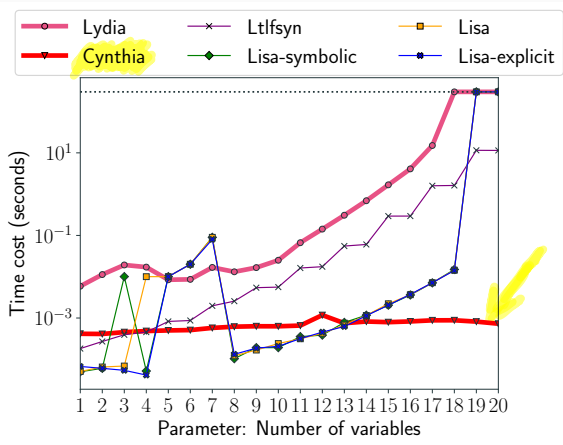
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- LTL_f Synthesis as AND-OR Graph Search, Cynthia
 - Uninformed search

- Baseline tools
 - Lisa [Bansal et al., 2020], Lydia [De Giacomo & Favorito, 2021], and Ltfsyn [Xiao et al., 2021]

Experimental Results on Until-Patterns



$$U(n) = p_1 U(p_2 U(\dots p_{n-1} U p_n))$$

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