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main steps of automata-based LTL model checking:

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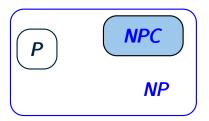
- just for fun: **coNP**-hardness
- **PSPACE**-completeness



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- **NP** = class of decision problem solvable in nondeterministic polynomial time

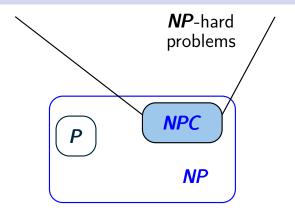


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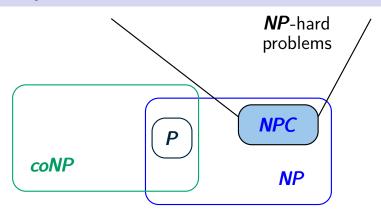
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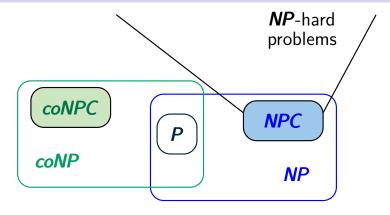
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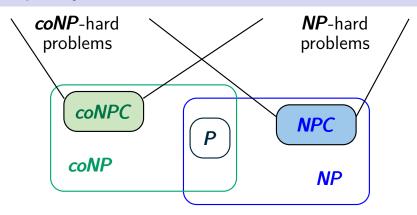
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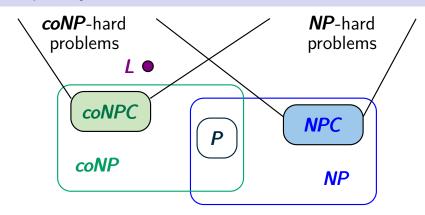
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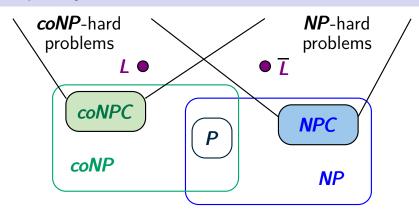
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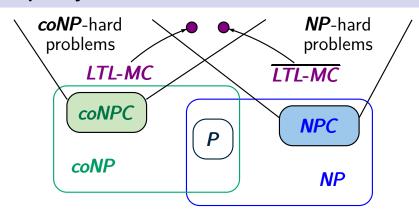
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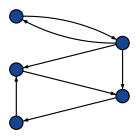
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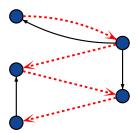
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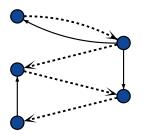


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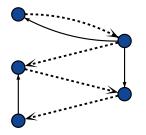


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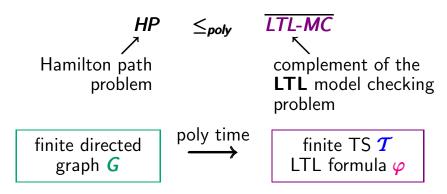


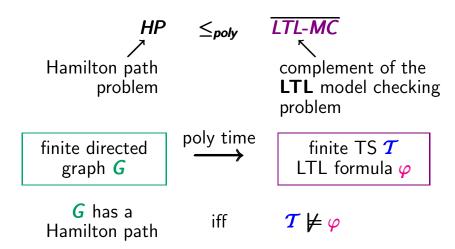


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**HP** is known to be **NP**-complete

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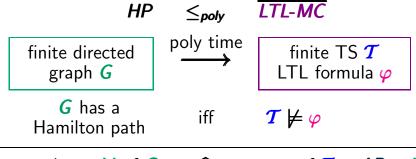
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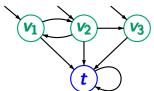


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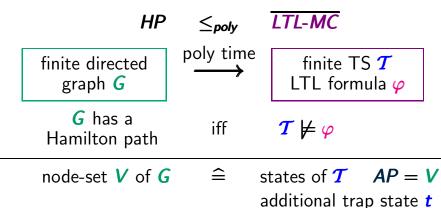
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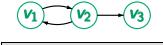




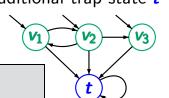
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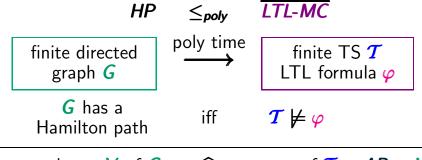


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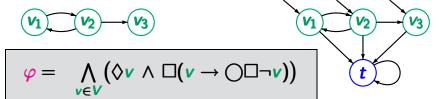


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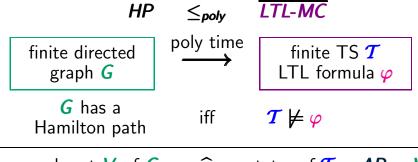


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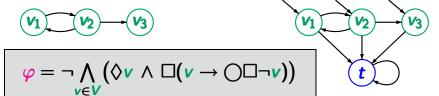


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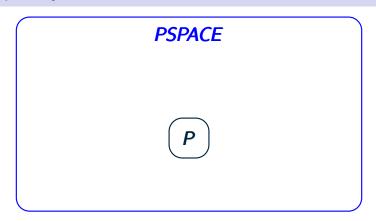
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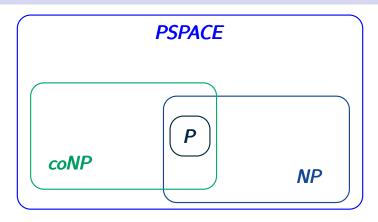
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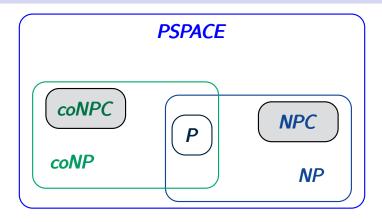
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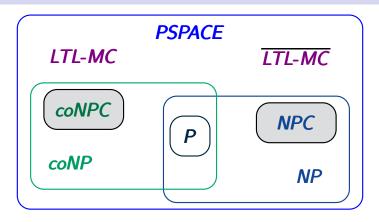
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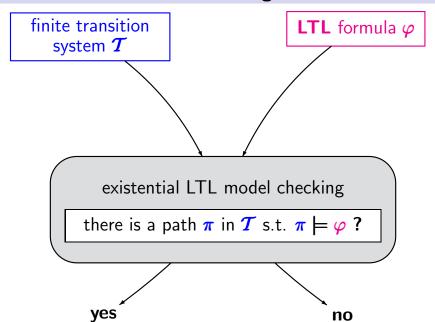
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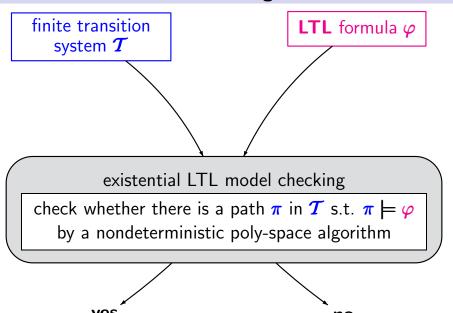
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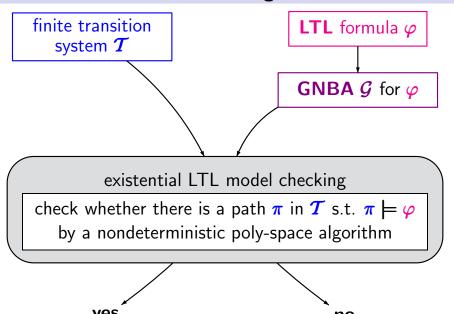
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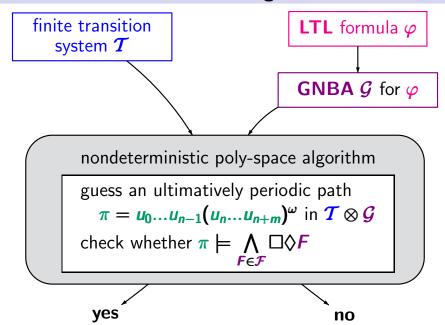
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## Recall: elementary formula-sets

## closure $cl(\varphi)$ :

- set of all subformulas of  $\varphi$  and their negations
- $\psi$  and  $\neg \neg \psi$  are identified

elementary formula-sets: subsets B of  $cl(\varphi)$ 

- maximal consistent w.r.t. propositional logic
- locally consistent w.r.t. U

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For \varphi = a \cup (\neg a \wedge b), the elementary sets are:

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$$\mathcal{G}=(Q,2^{AP},\delta,Q_0,\mathcal{F})$$
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$$\bigcirc \psi \in B \quad \text{iff} \quad \psi \in B'$$

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acceptance set 
$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ F_{\psi_1 \cup \psi_2} : \psi_1 \cup \psi_2 \in cl(\varphi) \right\}$$
  
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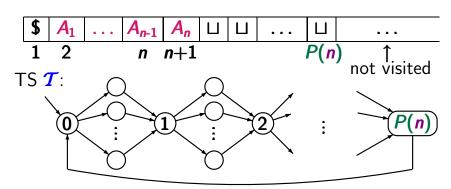
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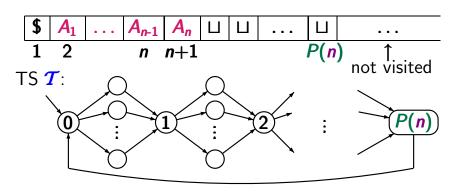
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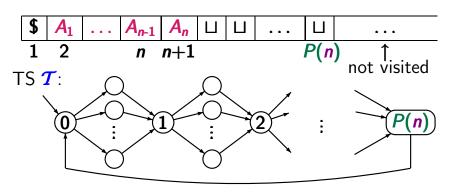
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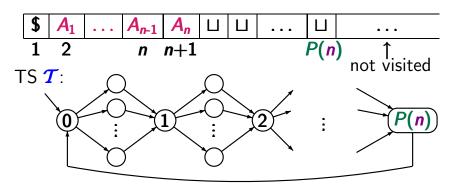




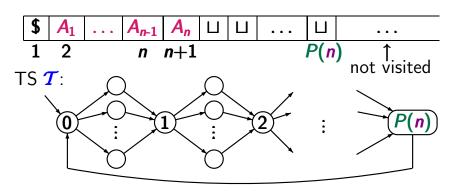
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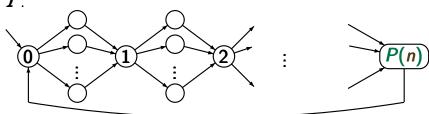
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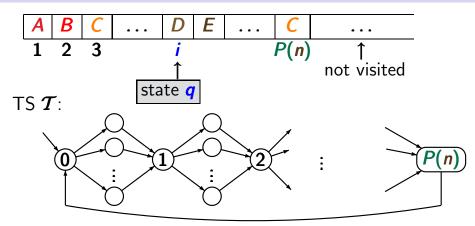


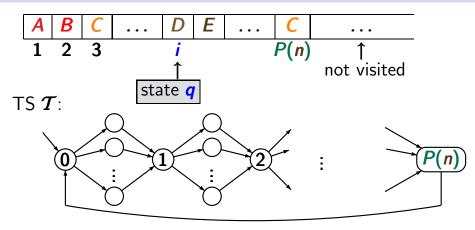




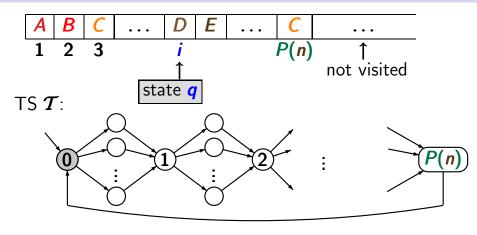
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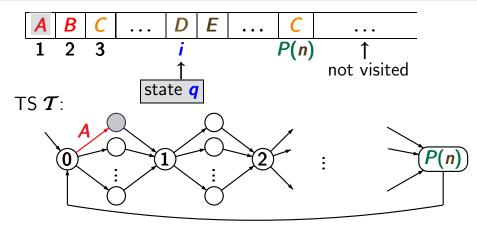
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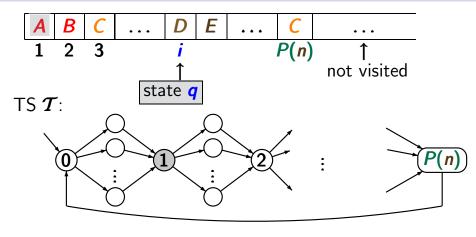
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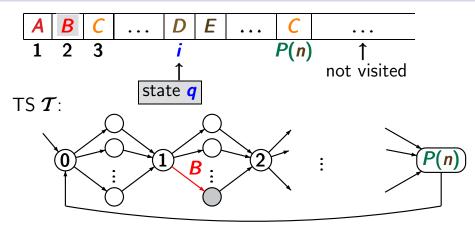
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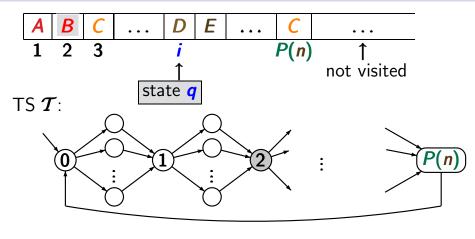
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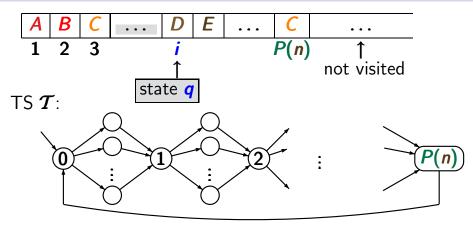
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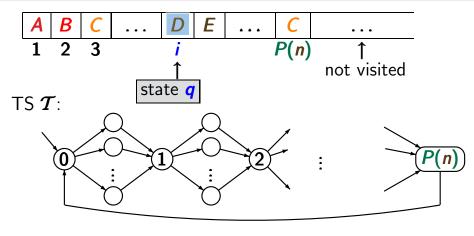
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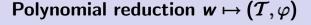
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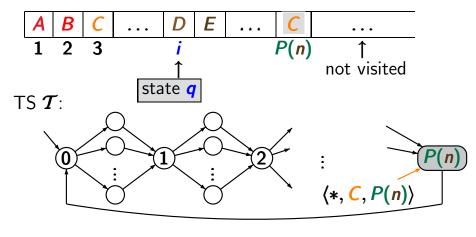
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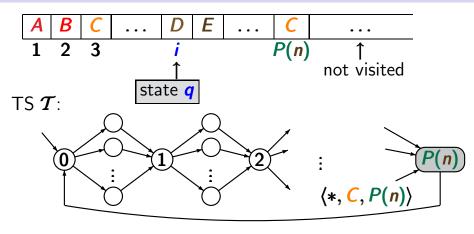
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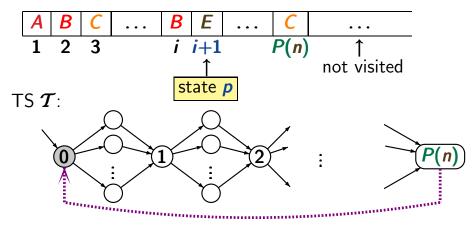
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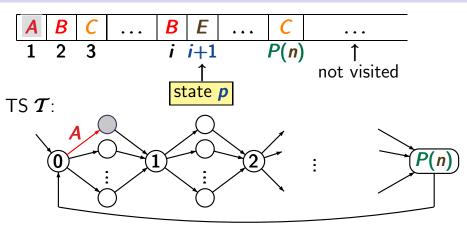
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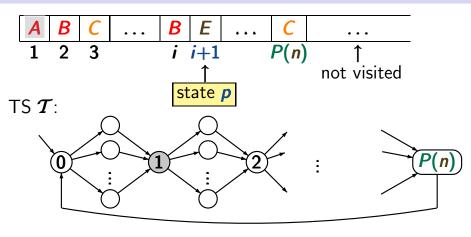


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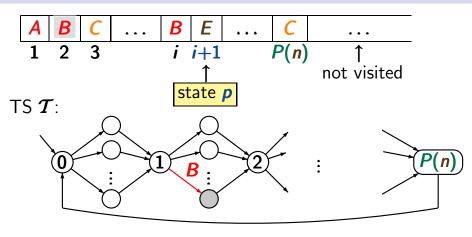
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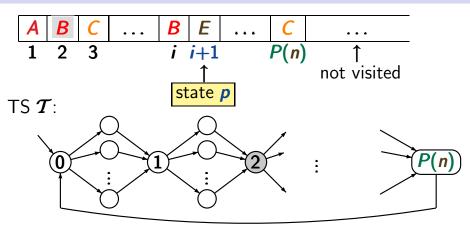
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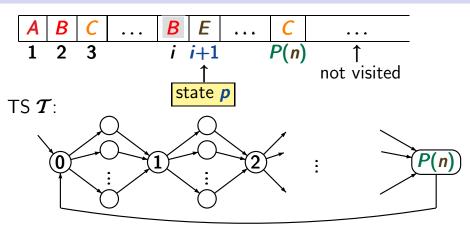
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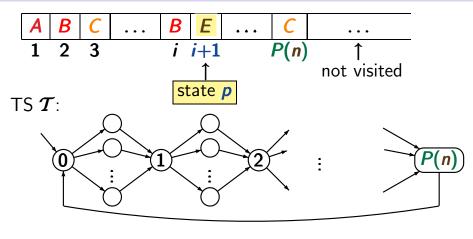
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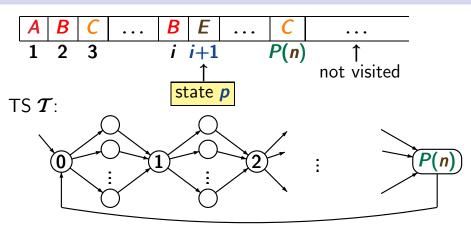
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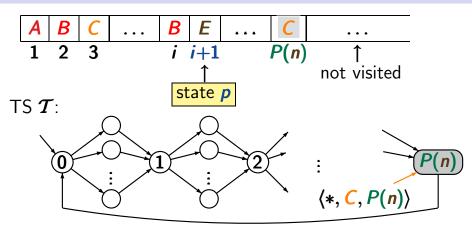
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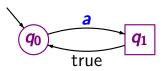
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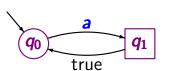
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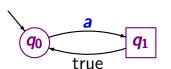


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