

The Expressiveness of Metric Temporal Logic II:

This time it's irrational!

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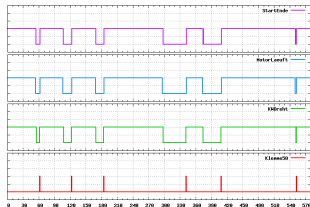
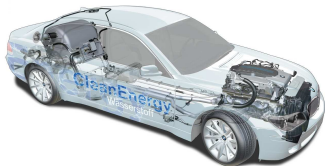
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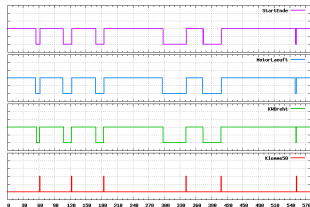
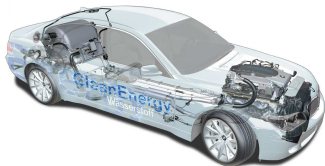
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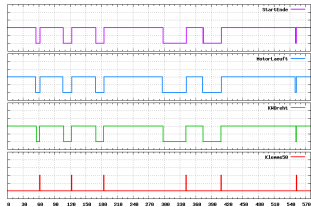
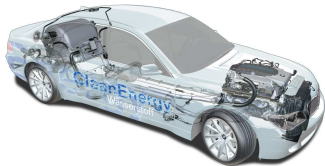
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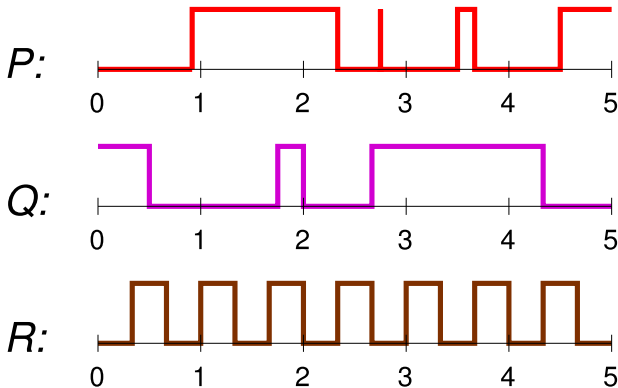
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- ▶ Can easily form integer linear combinations of timing constants.
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Kamp's theorem restated

Theorem (Kamp 1968)

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Part I recap



Theorem (Hirshfeld & Rabinovich 2007)

$MTL_{\mathbb{Z}}$ is strictly less expressive than $FO_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

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Theorem (H., Ouaknine & Worrell 2013)

$MTL_{\mathbb{Q}}$ has the same expressive power as $FO_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

What about $MTL_{\mathbb{R}}$? or $MTL_{\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]}$?

A true extension of Kamp's theorem

Theorem (H. 2013)

$MTL_{\mathcal{K}} = FO_{\mathcal{K}}$ if and only if \mathcal{K} is dense.

Proof: “Only if”

Lemma

If \mathcal{K} is a non-dense additive subgroup of \mathbb{R} then $\mathcal{K} = \epsilon\mathbb{Z}$ for some $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$.

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LTL is separable.

Gabbay's theorem

Theorem (Gabbay 1981)

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Quantitative separation

Separation does not hold in the quantitative setting.

For example,

$$\mathbf{G}(\text{BRAKE} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_{(5,10)}\text{PEDAL})$$

General quantitative separation

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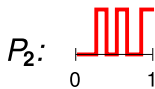
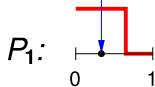
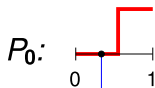
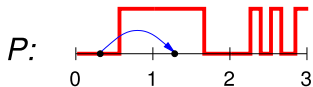
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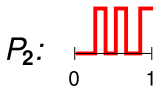
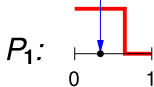
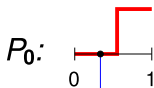
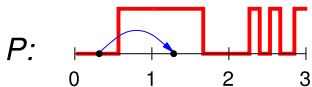
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