

Runtime Enforcement of CPS against Signal Temporal Logic

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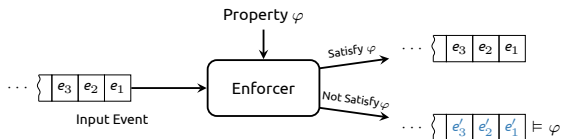
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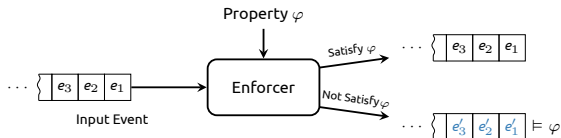
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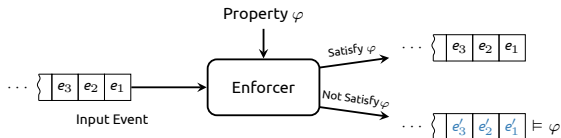


Enforcement Strategies :

- *Fred B. Schneider. "Enforceable security policies"* — Block Execution
- *Jay Ligatti et al. "Edit automata : enforcement mechanisms for run-time security policies"* — Suppressing and/or Inserting Actions
- *Srinivas Pinisetty et al. "On the runtime enforcement of timed properties"* — Delay Actions

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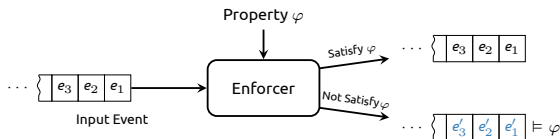


Properties under Consideration :

- *Roderick Bloem et al. "Shield synthesis : Runtime enforcement for reactive systems"* — Safe DFA
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- *Partha Roop et al. "Runtime Enforcement of Cyber-Physical Systems"* — Discrete Timed Automata
- *François Hublet et al. "Proactive Real-Time First-Order Enforcement"* — Metric First-Order Temporal Logic

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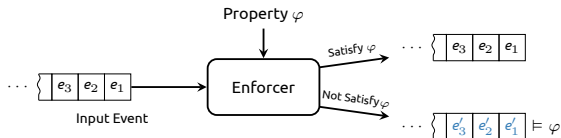


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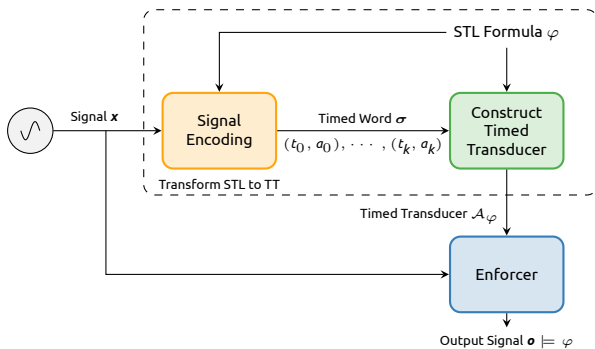


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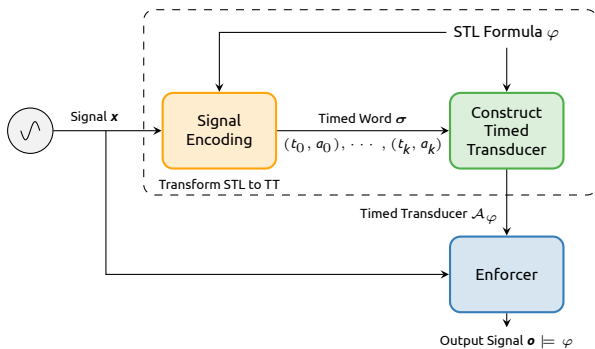
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We proposed an automata-based runtime enforcement framework that **modifies the system's behavior** to satisfy the **STL properties**.

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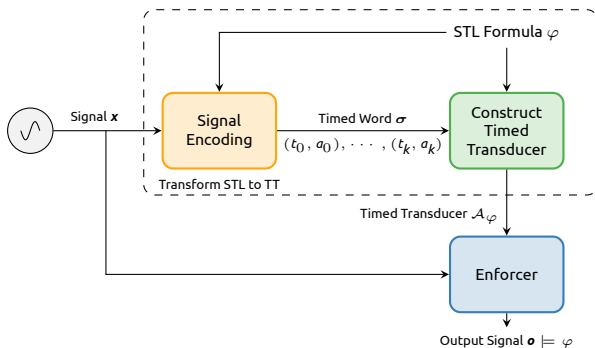


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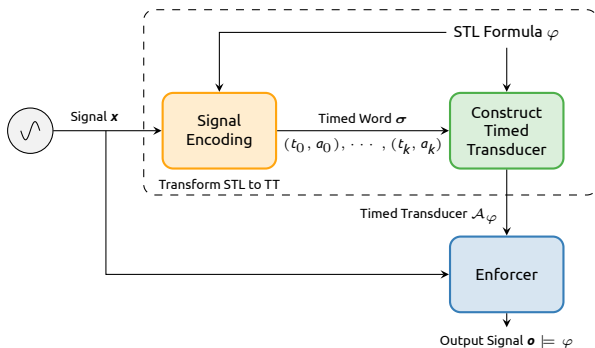
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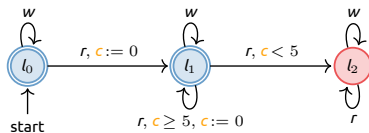
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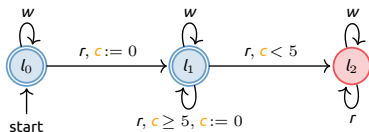


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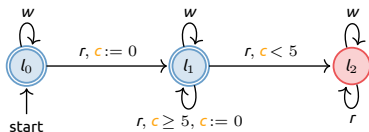
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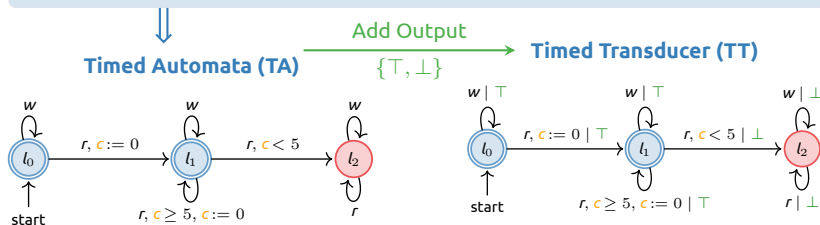
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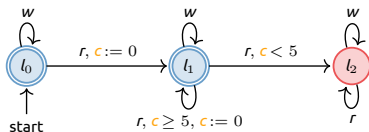
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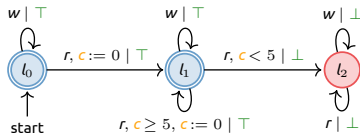
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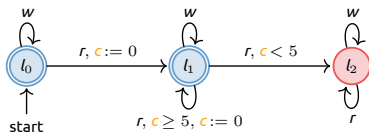


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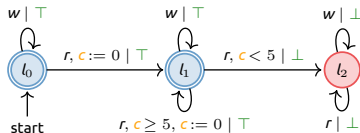
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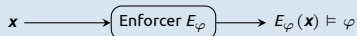
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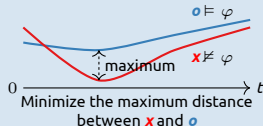
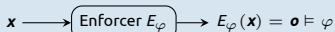
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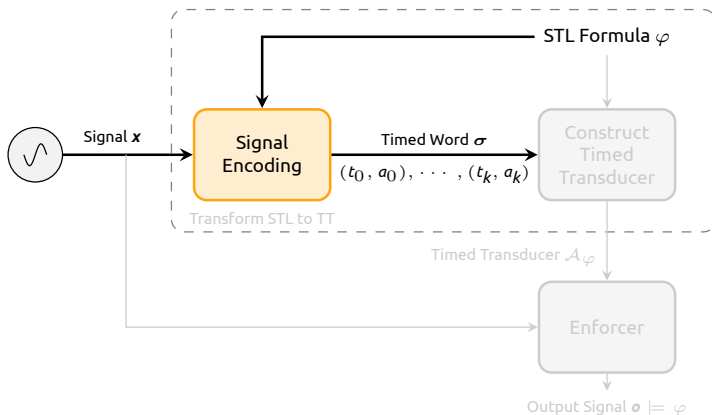
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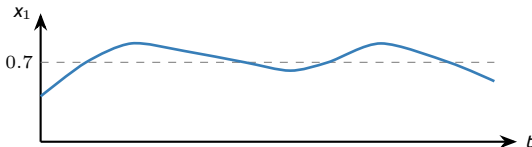
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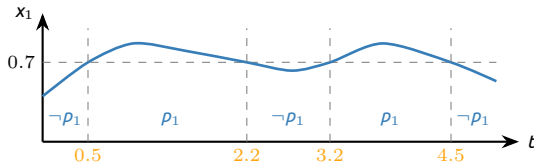
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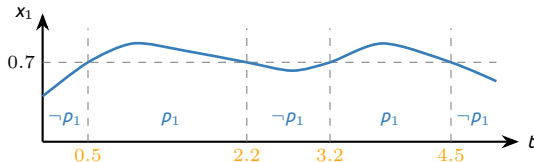
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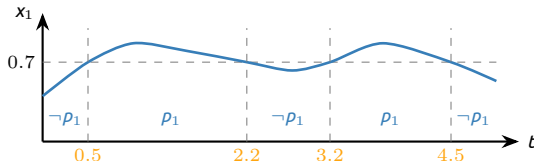
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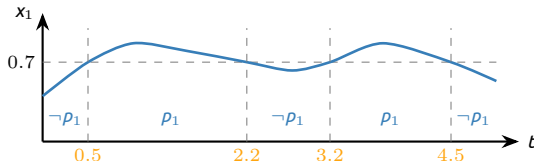
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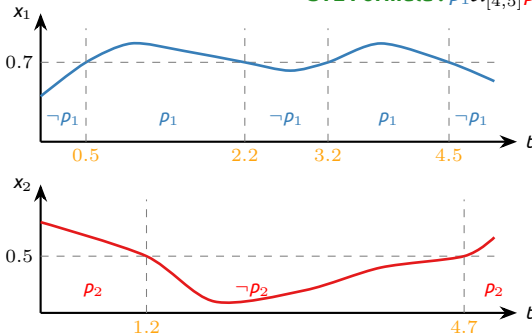
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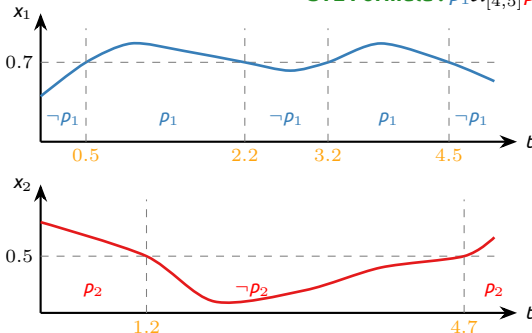
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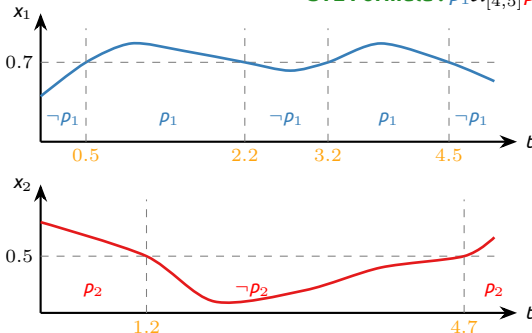
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Variable Points

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A variable point is where the **truth value** of a predicate regarding the signal **changes**.

STL Formula : $p_1 \mathcal{U}_{[4,5]} p_2$



Predicate p_1 :

$$x_1 - 0.7 \geq 0$$

Variable Points :

$$t = 0.5, 2.2, 3.2, 4.5$$

Predicate p_2 :

$$x_2 - 0.5 \geq 0$$

Variable Points :

$$t = 1.2, 4.7$$

Signal (x_1, x_2) $\xrightarrow{\text{Encoding}}$ $(0.5, p_1 \wedge p_2), (1.2, p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (2.2, \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2),$
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Does that provide **sufficient** information for enforcing compliance of an STL property? **NO!** Information for $t \in (0, 0.5)$ — $(\neg p_1 \wedge p_2)$ — is missing!

Relevant Points

Relevant points $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Interval boundaries of the given formula} \\ \text{Initial instant of the given signal} \end{array} \right.$

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Given an STL formula φ , the set of relevant points $rp(\varphi)$ is inductively defined by :

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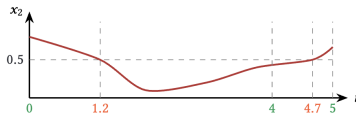
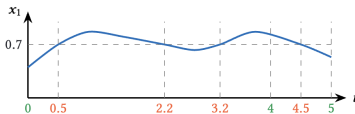
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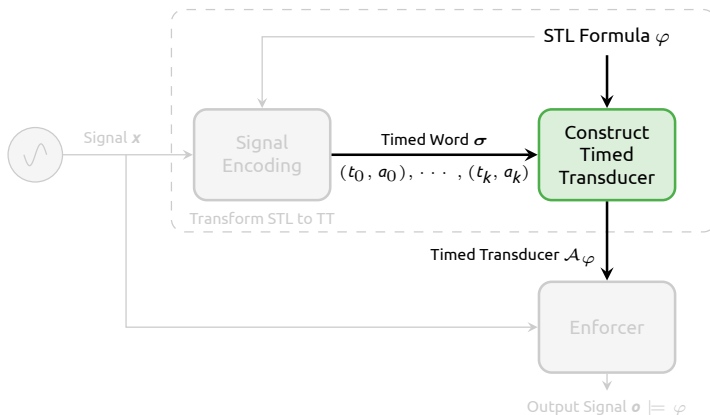
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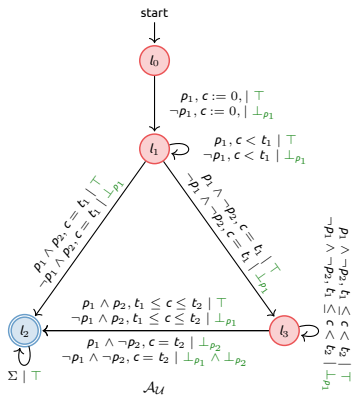


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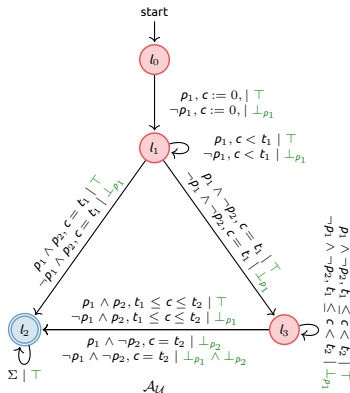
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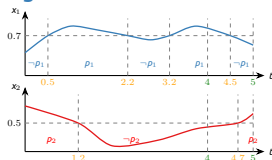
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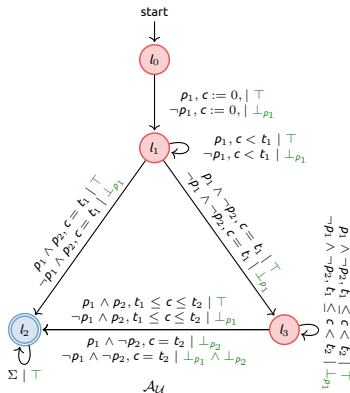
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Signal:



Timed Word: $(0, \neg p_1 \wedge p_2), (0.5, p_1 \wedge p_2), (1.2, p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (2.2, \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (3.2, p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (4, p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (4.5, \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2), (4.7, \neg p_1 \wedge p_2), (5, \neg p_1 \wedge p_2)$

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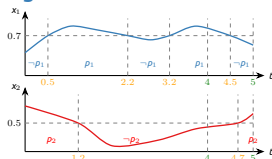


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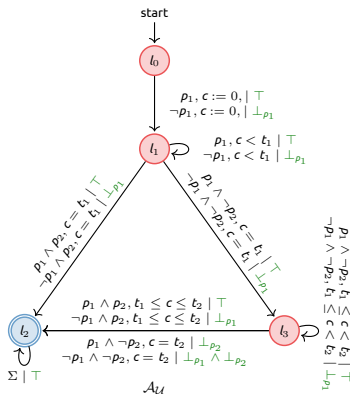
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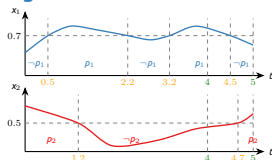
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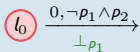
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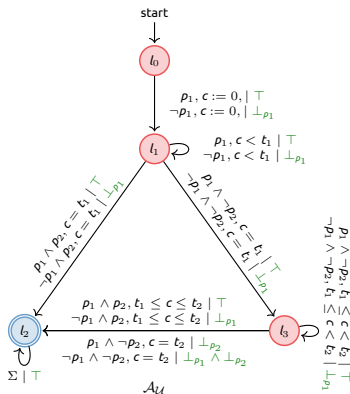
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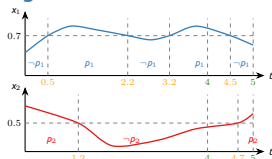
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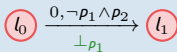
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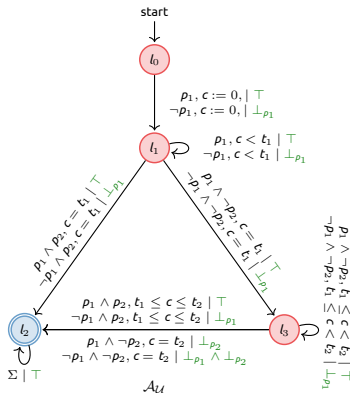
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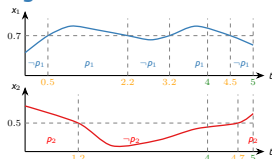
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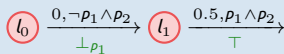
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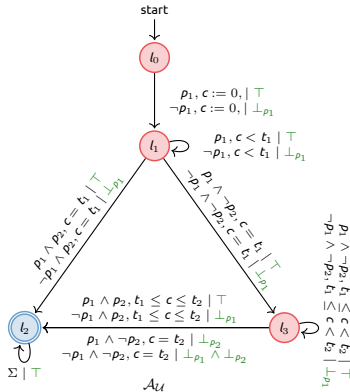
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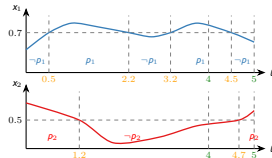
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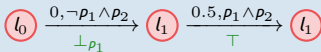
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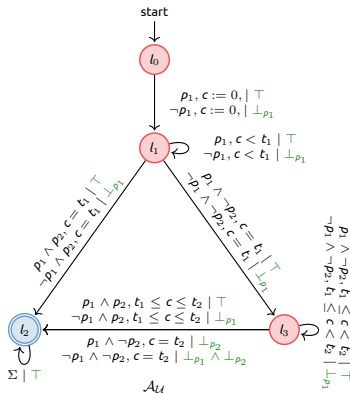
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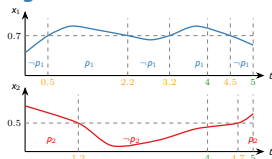
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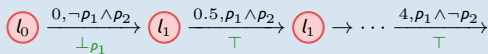
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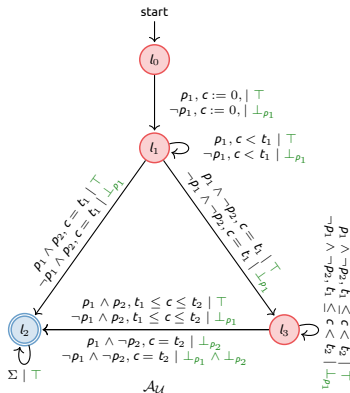
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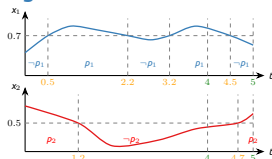


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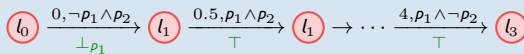
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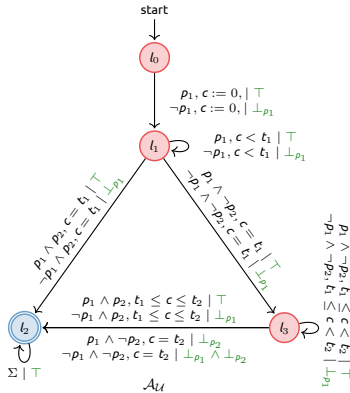
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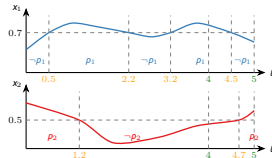


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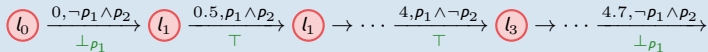
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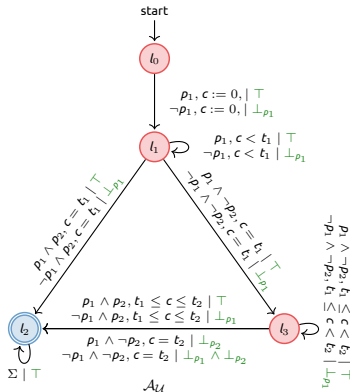
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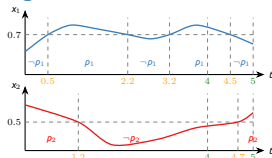


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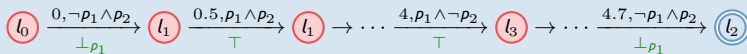
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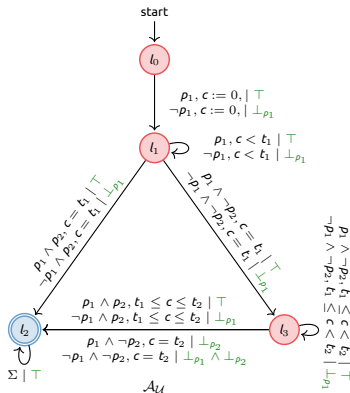
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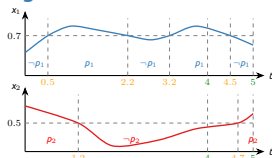


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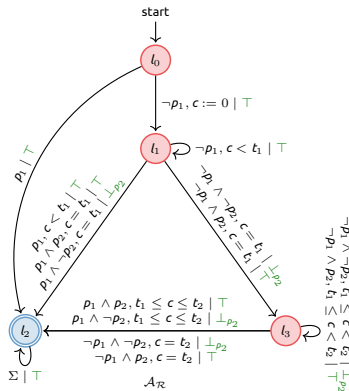
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Proposition

Let \mathbf{x} be a signal and σ denote its encoded timed word against the STL formula $p_1\mathcal{U}_{[t_1, t_2]}p_2$. Define ω_{\top} as the timed word where all event actions are \top . The following equivalence is then established:

$$\llbracket \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{U}} \rrbracket(\sigma) = \omega_{\top} \iff \mathbf{x} \models p_1\mathcal{U}_{[t_1, t_2]}p_2$$

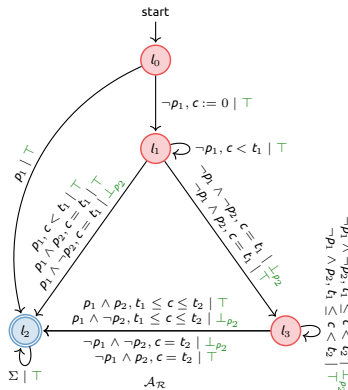
Timed Transducer for \mathcal{R}_I



TT for $p_1 \mathcal{R}_{[t_1, t_2]} p_2$:

- $L = \{l_0, l_1, l_2, l_3\};$
- $l_0 = l_0;$
- $C = \{c\};$
- $\Sigma = \{p_1, p_2\};$
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Timed Transducer for \mathcal{R}_I



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Proposition

Let \mathbf{x} be a signal and σ denote its encoded timed word against the given STL formula $p_1 R_{[t_1, t_2]} p_2$. Let ω_{\top} be defined as before. The following equivalence is then established:

$$[[A_{\mathcal{R}}]](\sigma) = \omega_{\top} \iff \mathbf{x} \models \rho_1 \mathcal{R}_{[t_1, t_2]} \rho_2$$

Composition between TT

Given two TTs

$\mathcal{A}_1 = (L_1, \ell_0^1, \mathcal{C}_1, \Sigma_1, \Lambda_1, \Delta_1, \lambda_1, F_1)$ and
 $\mathcal{A}_2 = (L_2, \ell_0^2, \mathcal{C}_2, \Sigma_2, \Lambda_2, \Delta_2, \lambda_2, F_2)$, the
 \wedge -product automaton

$\mathcal{A}_1 \times_{\wedge} \mathcal{A}_2 ::= (L, \ell_0, \mathcal{C}, \Sigma, \Lambda, \Delta, \lambda, F)$,
 where

- $L = L_1 \times L_2$,
- $\ell_0 = (\ell_0^1, \ell_0^2)$,
- $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_2$,
- $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$,
- $\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2$,
- $\delta = ((l_1, l_2), (a_1, a_2), g_1 \wedge g_2, \mathcal{C}'_1 \cup \mathcal{C}'_2, (\ell'_1, \ell'_2)) \in \Delta$ iff
 $\delta_1 = (l_1, a_1, g_1, \mathcal{C}'_1, \ell'_1) \in \Delta_1$ and
 $\delta_2 = (l_2, a_2, g_2, \mathcal{C}'_2, \ell'_2) \in \Delta_2$,
- $\lambda(\delta) = \lambda_1(\delta_1) \wedge \lambda_2(\delta_2)$,
- $F = F_1 \times F_2$.

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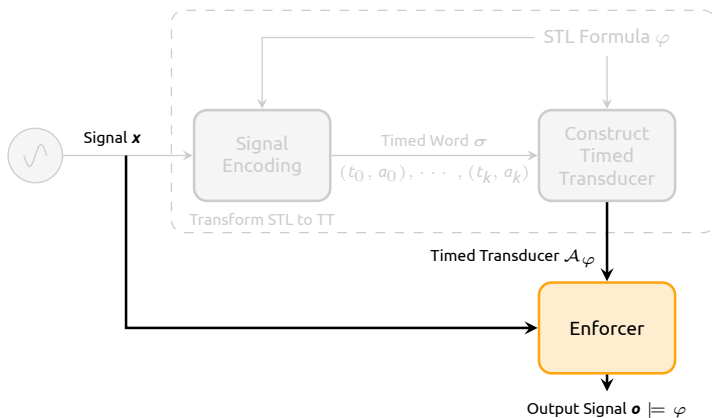
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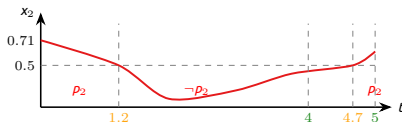
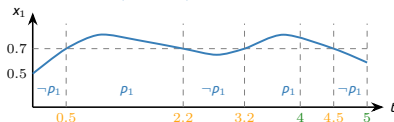
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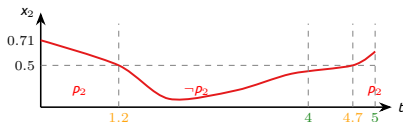
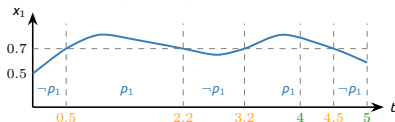
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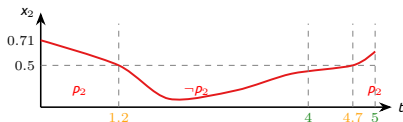
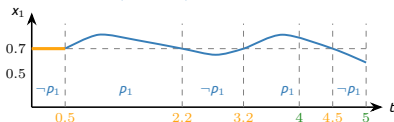
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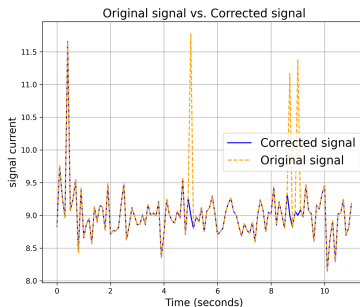
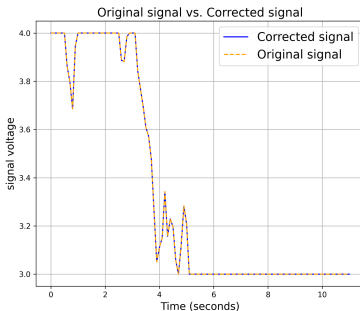
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10	22	0.132	21	0.182	23	0.218
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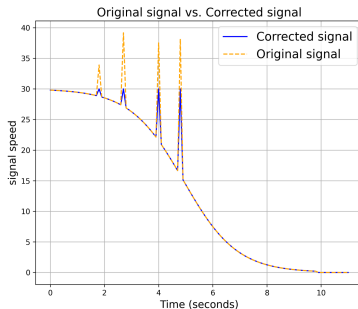
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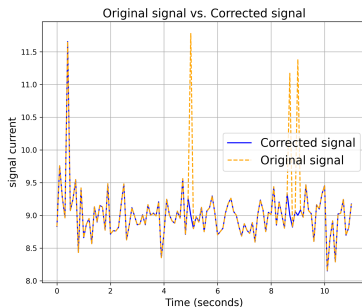
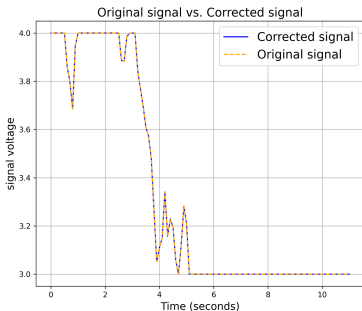
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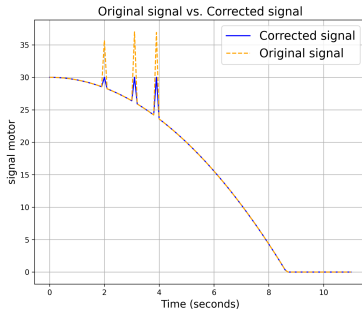
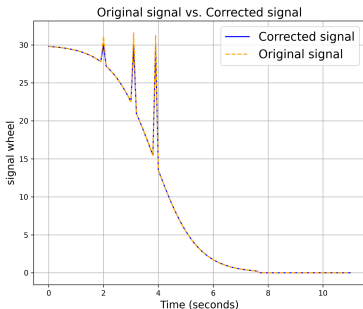
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 - Example : $2x(t) + 3y(t) \geq 5$

■ Non-linear Predicates (but they complicate monitoring and enforcement)

- $x(t)^2 + y(t)^2 \leq 1$
- $\sin(x(t)) > 0.5$

■ Boolean Combinations of Predicates (Predicates can be combined using logical operators)

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Nesting of STL formulas is not supported. For example, a nested formula like :

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is disallowed.

We do support connections between two sub-formulas that each contain temporal operators and are connected using either conjunction (\wedge) or disjunction (\vee).

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Continuous Enforcement (Future Work)

Continuous enforcement is our future work. This can be enabled by including support for nested STL formulas. For example :

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Currently, we perform enforcement in a single direction. For **bidirectional enforcement** (i.e., enforcement from plant to controller and controller to plant), we would need to employ two of our enforcers operating in each direction.