Verification of infinite state systems

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Conclusions

We briefly reviewed decidability and undecidability results for

- model-checking problems for MSO and FO logics over several families of transition graphs (e.g., context-free graphs, prefix-recognizable, graphs, rational graphs, automatic graphs, ...)
- reachability problems over some transition graphs (e.g., automatic graphs, pushdown graphs, Petri net graphs, ...)

We described basic techniques for establishing the decidability of the above problems and we mentioned natural generalizations of them.

We gave alternative (internal and external) representations of the graphs that belong to some of the above families (e.g., by means of **graph grammars**, **inverse mappings**, ...)

We did not mention:

- non-classical logics and their model checking problems (e.g., LTL, CTL, transitive closure logics, ...)
- equivalence testing problems, which consist in testing the isomorphism, bisimilarity, similarity, ... of graphs
- game theory, which focuses on multi-player games over transition graphs and on winning strategies.

Course material (an up-to-date version of the lecture notes and the slides) will be soon available at

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