# On First-Order Propositional Neighborhood Logics: a First Attempt

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# Time and logics

Studying time and its structure is of great importance in **computer science**:

#### • Artificial Intelligence.

Planning, Natural Language Recognition, ...

#### Databases.

Temporal Databases.

#### Formal methods.

Specification and Verification of Systems and Protocols, Model Checking, ...

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#### Points vs. intervals

Usually, time is formalized as a set of **time points** without duration.

#### But... this concept is extremely abstract:

time is actually viewed as a set of **intervals** (periods) with a duration.

#### Problem

It would be nice to have expressive, yet decidable, temporal logics that take time intervals as primary objects.

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### **Interval Temporal Logics**

- The time period, instead of the time instant, is the primitive temporal entity
- Propositional letters are evaluated over pairs of points (instead of individual points)
- Relations between worlds are more complicate than the point-based case

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for tight undecidability only 1 variable (no free variables)

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- FORPNL:  $| P(x) | \forall x \varphi(x)$

#### Semantics

Operators meets ((A)) :

$$\langle \mathsf{A} \rangle \varphi \qquad \varphi$$

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