1 Infinite Words

Theorem 1.1. Every non-empty ω -regular language contains an ultimately periodic word.

Theorem 1.2. For a Kripke structure K with initial state s and $\varphi \in LTL$, the model checking problem $L(K, s) \subseteq L(\varphi)$? is PSPACE-complete.

Proof. **PSPACE** Compute the intersection automaton for $L(K, s) \cap L(\neg \varphi)$ and test it for emptiness. **PSPACE-hard** Encode a poly.-length Turing tape as a Kripke structure and its correct behavior in LTL.

Theorem 1.3 (Büchi). The MSO theory of $(\mathbb{N}, +1, <, 0)$ is decidable.

Proof. Corresponds to S1S formula. Can be checked with NBA emptiness test. \Box

Theorem 1.4. The FO theory of $(\mathbb{R}, +, <, 0)$ is decidable.

Proof. Encode real numbers x by triples of sets (X_s, X_i, X_f) with the number's sign $(X_s = \emptyset)$ or $\{0\}$, the positive decimal digits in binary encoding, and the positive fractional digits in binary encoding. Then an FO sentence can be transformed to an equi-satisfiable MSO sentence over $(\mathbb{N}, +1, <, 0)$.

Theorem 1.5. Subset-construction does not suffice to determinize NBAs.

Theorem 1.6. For every n, there is $L_n \subseteq \Sigma^{\omega}$ s.t. there is an NBA that recognizes L_n with n+2 states, but every det. Rabin automaton that recognizes L_n has at least n! states.

Theorem 1.7. There is a DBA-recog. language which does not have a unique minimal DBA. DBAs minimized with the DFA minimization algorithm can be arbitrarily bad compared to a minimal DBA.

Theorem 1.8. Weak DBAs can be minimized uniquely in polynomial time.

Theorem 1.9. Given an ABA A, the dual \tilde{A} is an alternating co-Büchi automaton which accepts $\overline{L(A)}$, with $\tilde{F} = Q \setminus F$ and $\tilde{\delta}$ exchanging true/false and \wedge/\vee .