

**Problem 1.** We start with an easy problem. Three periodic tasks  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are executed on a uniprocessor platform. The period of  $A$  is 6 units and worst case execution time is 0.5 units. The period of  $B$  is 12 units and worst case execution time is 1 unit. Suppose  $C$  has worst case execution time of 1 unit. What is the minimum period for  $C$  so that the system is still schedulable? (Assume the tasks are independent, and scheduling is pre-emptive.)

**Problem 2.** The decision problem for parity games takes a parity game and a state of the game, and returns “yes” iff the state is winning for player 0 in the parity game. Show that the decision problem for parity games is in  $\text{NP} \cap \text{coNP}$ . To do this, proceed as follows. Guess a winning strategy of player 0, and show that once the strategy is fixed, you can check if it is winning for player 0 in polynomial time. Argue why guessing a strategy only requires a guess of size polynomial in the size of the game, and outline why the checking is polynomial time. You can use the result from Homework 2 that CTL model checking with strong fairness is in polynomial time. Finally, show that the winning condition of player 1 in a parity game is also a parity condition to show the problem is in  $\text{coNP}$ .

**Problem 3.** Consider the continuous control system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$$

A state  $z$  is *reachable* from state  $x$  in time  $T$  if there exists a control  $u$  such that the trajectory with initial state  $x$  reaches the state  $z$  at time  $T$ , i.e.,  $z = \phi(x, T)$ , where  $\phi(x, t)$  is the trajectory of the system with initial state  $x$ . The *reachable set* from  $x$  in time  $T$ , written  $R^T(x)$ , is the set of all reachable states from  $x$  at time  $T$ . The reachable set from  $x$ , written  $R(x)$ , is the union, over all  $T \geq 0$  of  $R^T(x)$ .

A state  $x$  is called an *equilibrium point* if there exists a control  $u$  such that  $f(x, u) = 0$ .

1. Show that  $x \in R^T(x)$  for every equilibrium point  $x$  and every  $T \geq 0$ .

2. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $\dot{x} = Ax + u$  be a linear system. Then 0 is an equilibrium point. Show that  $R^T(0)$  is a subspace for each  $T \geq 0$ , that is, if  $x_1 \in R^T(0)$  and  $x_2 \in R^T(0)$ , and  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 \in R^T(0)$ .
3. With the conditions of part (b), show that for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have  $R(0) = R^\epsilon(0)$ . That is, if some state is reachable from 0, it is reachable in arbitrarily small time. (Hint: use part (b), and the fact that every subspace has dimension at most  $n$ .)

**Problem 4.** For any set  $X$ , a binary relation  $R \subseteq X \times X$  is *well founded* if there does not exist an infinite sequence  $s_0, s_1, \dots$  of elements from  $X$  such that for each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $(s_i, s_{i+1}) \in R$ . For example, the relation  $>$  over the natural numbers is well-founded, but the relation  $>$  over the integers is not well-founded. A binary relation is *semi-well founded* if it is the finite union of well-founded relations. Show that a semi-well founded relation may not be a well-founded relation.

Let  $S = (X, x_0, \rightarrow)$  be a system with set of states  $X$ , starting state  $x_0 \in X$ , and transition relation  $\rightarrow$ . Let  $R^+$  denote the transitive closure of the transition relation, i.e.,  $(s, t) \in R^+$  iff there exist  $s_0, s_1, \dots, s_k$  such that  $s_0 = s$ ,  $s_k = t$ , and for each  $i \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$  we have  $s_i \rightarrow s_{i+1}$ . Let *Reach* be the set of reachable states of  $S$ .

We say  $S$  *terminates* if there is no infinite sequence of states

$$x_0 \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots$$

Show that  $S$  terminates iff  $R^+ \cap \text{Reach} \times \text{Reach}$  is semi-well founded. [Note: One direction of this result is somewhat hard, and requires a combinatorial result called Ramsey's theorem. Try it yourself first, and ask me for a hint if you get stuck.]

**Problem 5.** [Research question] As far as I know, this problem has not been studied so far. Consider a 2-player game  $(V_0, V_1, E)$ , where each node  $v \in V_0 \cup V_1$  is given by valuations to  $n$  bits (i.e., each state is a bitvector in  $\{0, 1\}^n$ ). Suppose that player 0 does not have full observation. Instead, player 0 can “measure” each bit in the state bitvector, and can get the “right” value of the bit with probability  $p$ . What is an appropriate notion of winning in these games? Can you design an algorithm that player 0 can use to win these games of incomplete information w.r.t. safety properties? What about parity properties?