Real-Time Higher-Order Recursion Schemes

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Prop.: (Ong'06) For order-k HORS, the HORS model-checking problem is k-EXPTIME-complete.

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- order 1: set of trees,
- order 2: set of trees \rightarrow set of trees,

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main challenges:

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- need meaningful interaction between timed automaton and APT for useful specifications

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Proof of Theorem 2: verify structure of tree from Lemma 4 using an extension if the APT from Lemma 1, and the TA from Lemma 2/3.

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