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## Départ

20h17-5 rue Monticelli, Paris
$1.1 \mathrm{~km} / 13 \mathrm{~min}$
III

20h30 - CITE UNIVERSITAIRE, Paris
RER B - EPAU
Vers Aéroport CDG Terminal 2 TGV
$\checkmark 6$ arrêts 114 min
© Arrivée
20 h 44 - GARE DU NORD RER, Paris

- TRUE/FALSE
$\leftrightarrow$ Model checking


## Probabilistic query evaluation



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## Panne du RER B : trafic interrompu entre Paris et Roissy, des TGV en renfort

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La circulation de l'ensemble des trains au départ de gare du Nord est totalement interrompue à la suite d'une panne + électrique.


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Malaise voyageur et application des mesures de sécurité : pour quelles raisons le trafic a-t-il été perturbé ce matin sur la ligne B ?

Pour beaucoup, le voyage a été difficile ce matin. Au fil de vos réactions sur Twitter notamment, je constate que les raisons de ces perturbations ne paraissent pas cohérentes. Je tiens donc à vous apporter des premiers álómonte d'avnlicatinn riso noise nniırane dóvalonnor

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| :---: | :---: |
| ris : pourquoi il y a autant de perturbations sur |  |
|  |  |
| Le RER B en panne, les voyageurs n'ont pas eu |  |
| d'autre choix que de descendre sur les voies |  |
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## Probabilistic Result i)

$\stackrel{\text { Q épart }}{ }$
20h14-5 rue Monticelli, Paris
$425 \mathrm{~m} / 6 \mathrm{~min}$

20h20 - Porte d'Oriéans (Général Leclerc), Paris
Métro 4
Vers Porte de Clignancourt
$\checkmark 20$ arrêts 123 min
(-) Arrivée
20h43 - Gare du Nord, Paris
proba to be on time: 98\%

- Probability according to the input distribution


## Computational complexity



- Computing paths on a large graph:
$\rightarrow$ Well-studied problem, efficient algorithms


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- Computing paths on a large probabilistic graph:
$\rightarrow$ ???


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$\rightarrow$ Shortest path: very easy on a large tree

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- Monadic second-order logic (MSO): adds quantifiers over sets
- $\exists S \forall x S(x)$ means "there is a set $S$ containing every element $x$ "
- Can express transitive closure $x \rightarrow^{*} y$, i.e., "x is before $y^{\prime \prime}$
- $\forall x P_{\bigcirc}(x) \Rightarrow \exists y P_{\bigcirc}(y) \wedge x \rightarrow^{*} y$ means "There is a blue node after every pink node"


## Word automata

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MSO query
(RER|metro)* |(bus|tram)*

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Theorem [Courcelle, 1990]
For any fixed Boolean MSO query $Q$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, given a database D of treewidth $\leq k$, we can compute in linear time in $D$ whether $D$ satisfies $Q$

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