

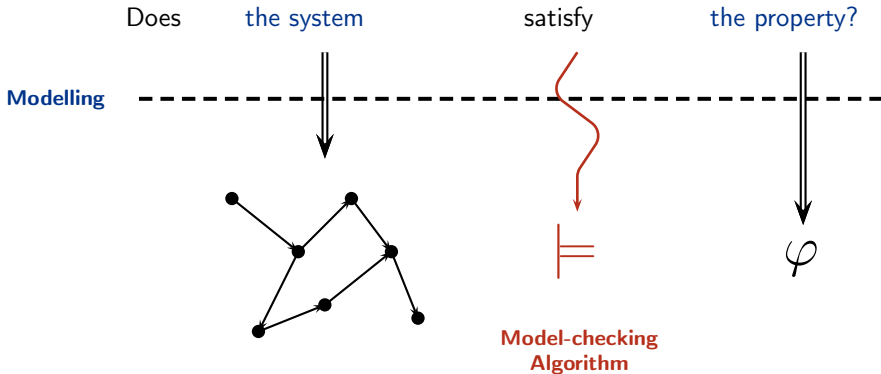
Automates temporisés et extensions : frontières de la décidabilité

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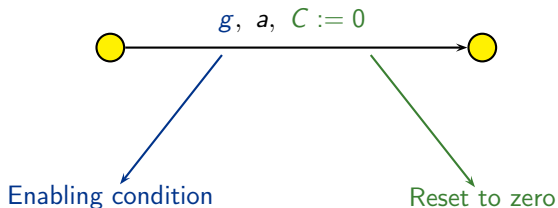
Model-checking



Timed automata

[Alur & Dill 90's]

- A finite control structure + variables (clocks)
- A transition is of the form:



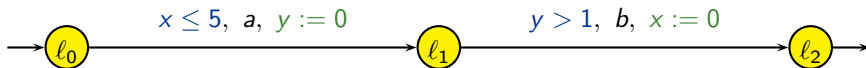
- An enabling condition (or **guard**) is:

$$g ::= x \sim c \mid g \wedge g$$

where $\sim \in \{<, \leq, =, \geq, >\}$

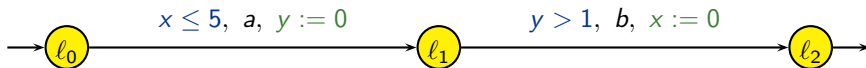
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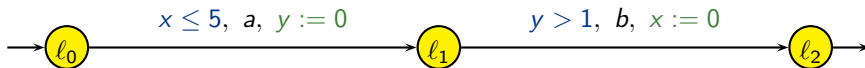
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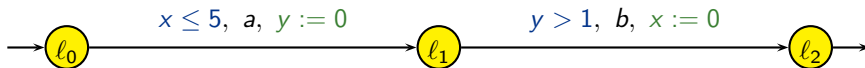


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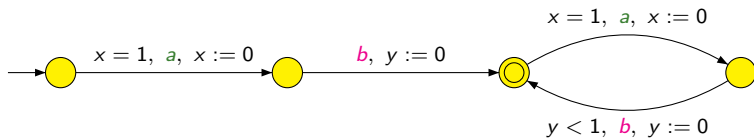


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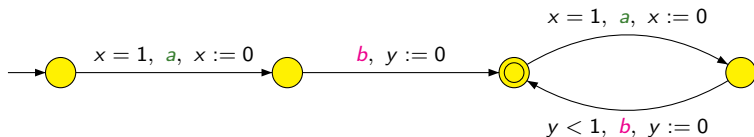
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→ timed word $(a, 4.1)(b, 5.5)$

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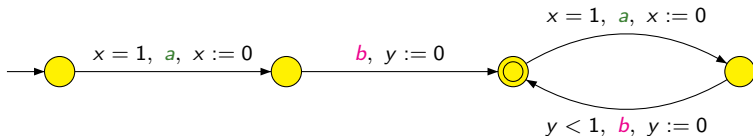
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- **Discrete-time:** $L_{discrete} = \emptyset$

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- reachability properties (final states)
- basic liveness properties (Büchi (or other) conditions)

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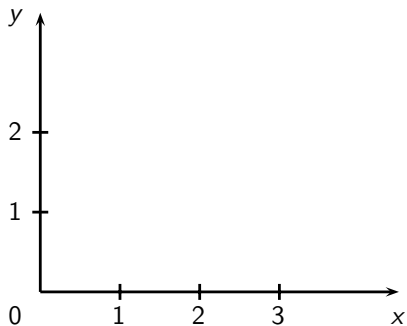
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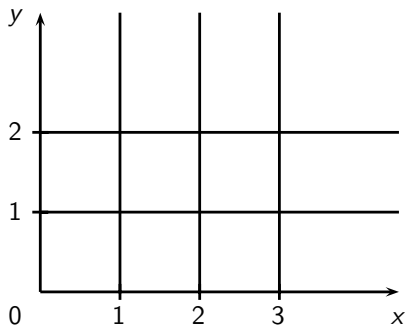
Method: construct a finite abstraction

The region abstraction



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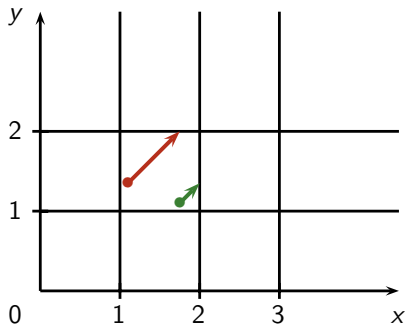
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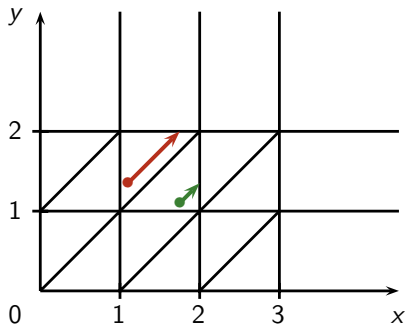
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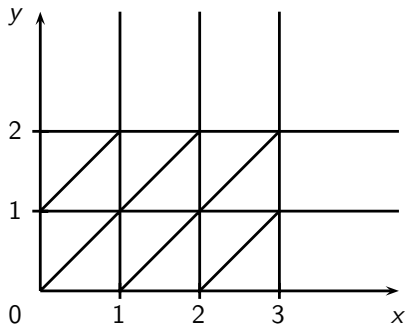
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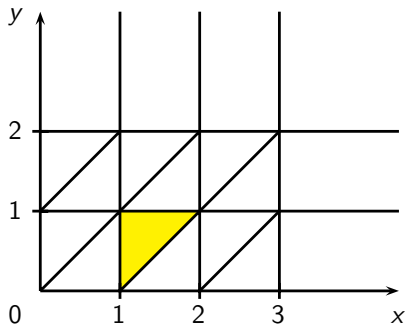


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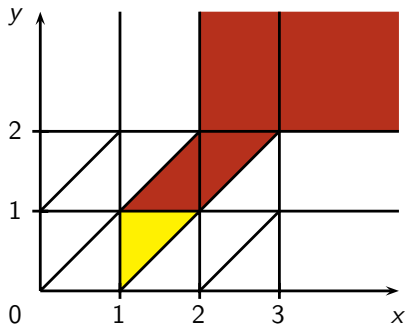
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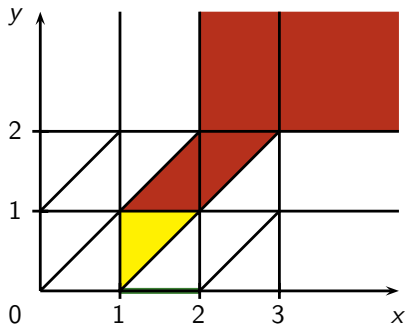
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The region automaton

timed automaton \otimes region abstraction

$\ell \xrightarrow{g, a, C:=0} \ell'$ is transformed into:

$(\ell, R) \xrightarrow{a} (\ell', R')$ if there exists $R'' \in \text{Succ}_t^*(R)$ s.t.

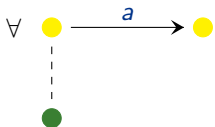
- $R'' \subseteq g$
- $[C \leftarrow 0]R'' \subseteq R'$

→ time-abstract bisimulation

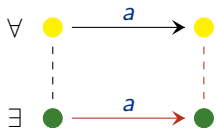
$\mathcal{L}(\text{reg. aut.}) = \text{UNTIME}(\mathcal{L}(\text{timed aut.}))$

where $\text{UNTIME}((a_1, t_1)(a_2, t_2) \dots) = a_1 a_2 \dots$

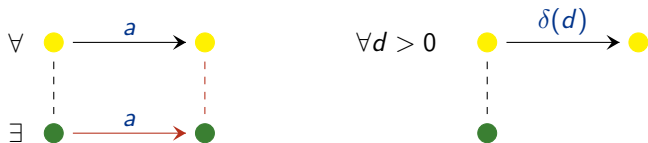
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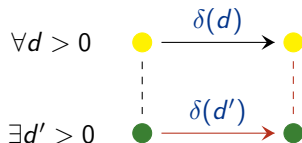
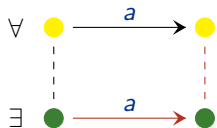
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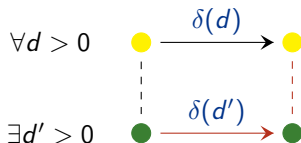
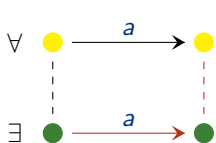
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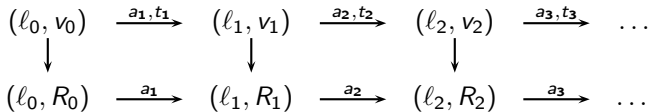
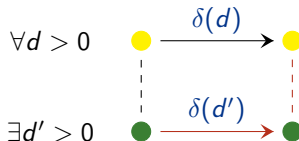
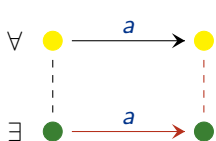


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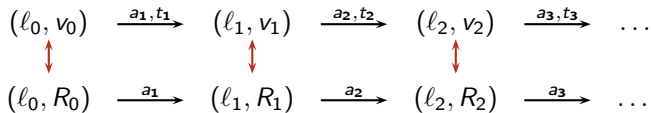
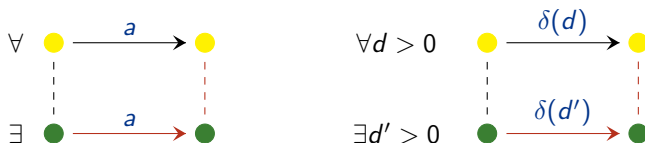
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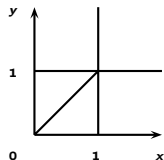
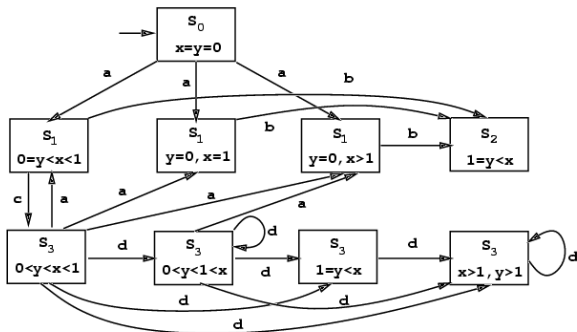
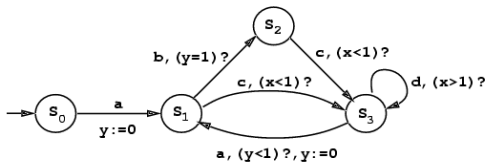
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However, everything can not be reduced to finite automata...

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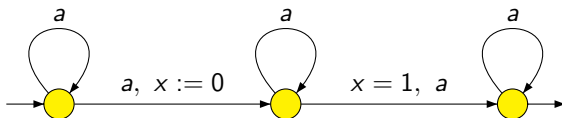
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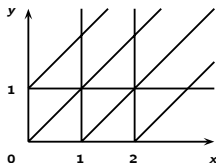
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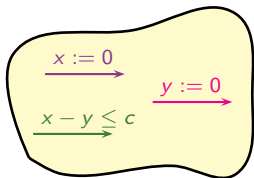
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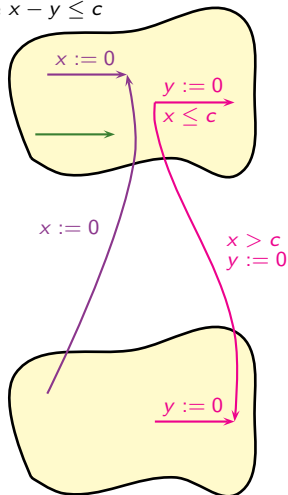
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copy where $x - y \leq c$

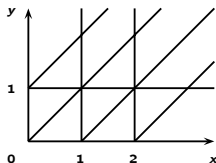


→ proof in [Bérard, Diekert, Gastin, Petit 1998]

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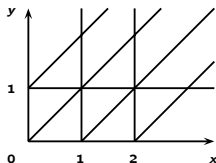


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[Bouyer, Chevalier 2005]

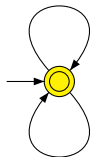
Adding silent actions

$$\xrightarrow{g, \varepsilon, C := 0}$$

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(actions have no influence on region automaton construction)
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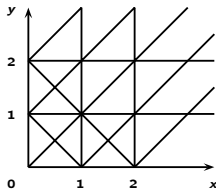
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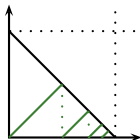


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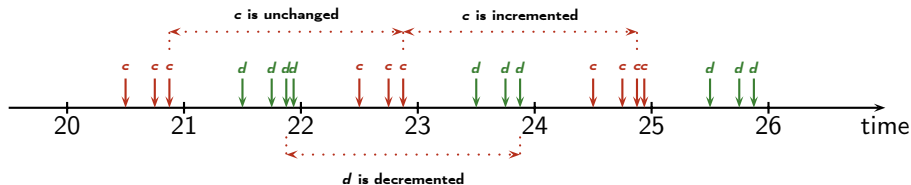
- **Expressiveness:** **more expressive!** (even using two clocks)

$$x + y = 1, \quad a, \quad y := 0$$

$$\{(a^n, t_1 \dots t_n) \mid n \geq 1 \text{ and } t_i = 1 - \frac{1}{2^i}\}$$



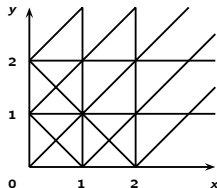
Undecidability sketch of proof



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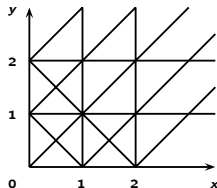
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- Three clocks: **open question!**
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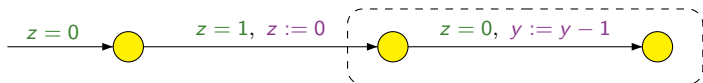
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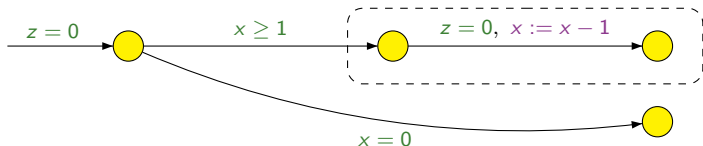
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- Incrementation of counter x**



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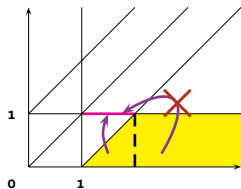


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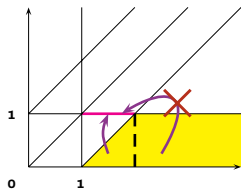
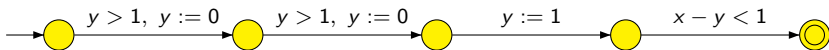


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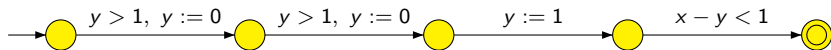
- $\mathcal{A} \rightsquigarrow$ Diophantine linear inequations system
- \rightsquigarrow is there a solution?
- \rightsquigarrow if yes, belongs to a decidable class

Examples:

- constraint $x \sim c$ $c \leq \max_x$
- constraint $x - y \sim c$ $c \leq \max_{x,y}$
- update $x := y + c$ $\max_x \leq \max_y + c$
 and for each clock z , $\max_{x,z} \geq \max_{y,z} + c$, $\max_{z,x} \geq \max_{z,y} - c$
- update $x < c$ $c \leq \max_x$
 and for each clock z , $\max_z \geq c + \max_{z,x}$

The constants (\max_x) and ($\max_{x,y}$) define a set of regions.

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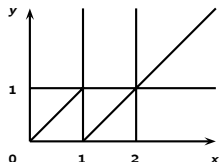


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max_y \geq 0 \\ \max_x \geq 0 + \max_{x,y} \\ \max_y \geq 1 \\ \max_x \geq 1 + \max_{x,y} \\ \max_{x,y} \geq 1 \end{array} \right.$$

implies

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max_x = 2 \\ \max_y = 1 \\ \max_{x,y} = 1 \\ \max_{y,x} = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

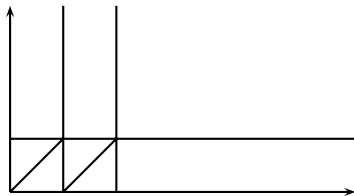
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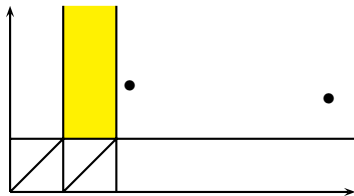
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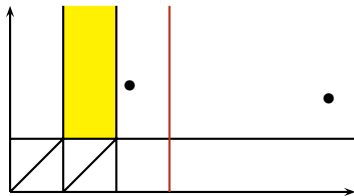
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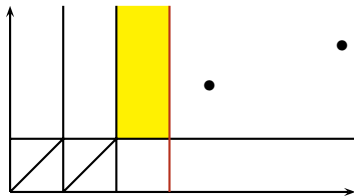
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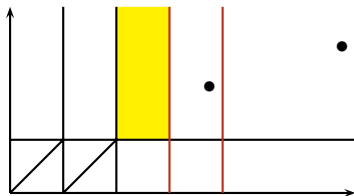
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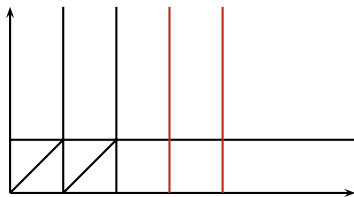
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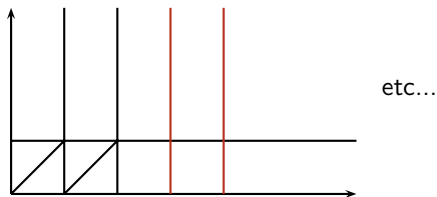
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Decidability (cont.)

	Diagonal-free constraints	General constraints
$x := c, x := y$	PSPACE-complete	PSPACE-complete
$x := x + 1$		Undecidable
$x := y + c$		
$x := x - 1$		
$x < c$	PSPACE-complete	PSPACE-complete
$x > c$		Undecidable
$x \sim y + c$		
$y + c <: x < y + d$		
$y + c <: x < z + d$		

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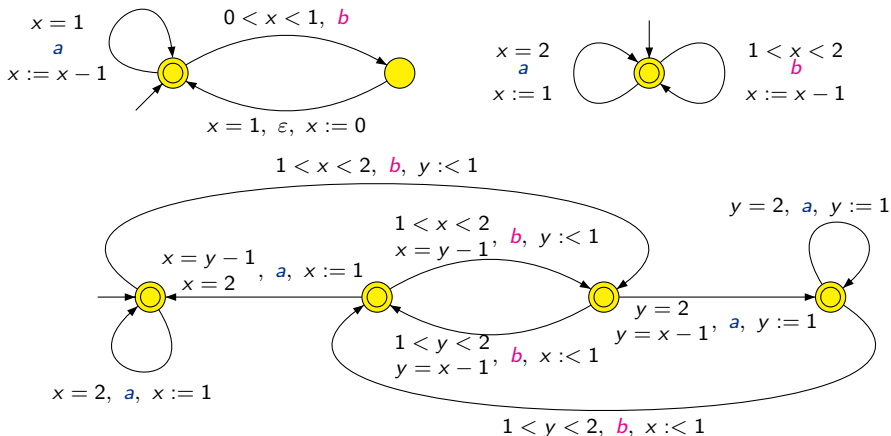
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Decidable subclasses of UTA are exponentially more concise than TA (resp. TA_ϵ).

We can implement addition up to 2^n using $\sim n$ clocks:

- setting bit b_i to 1: use update $x_i := 1$
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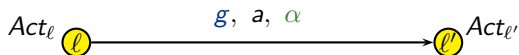
and thus express in a concise way languages like

$$L_n = \{(a^{2^n}, \tau) \mid 0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_{2^n} < 1\}$$

Linear hybrid automata

[Henzinger 1996]

- A finite control structure + a set X of *dynamic variables*
- A transition is of the form:



- g is a linear constraint on variables
- α is a jump condition, *i.e.* an affine update of the form $X' = A.X + B$
- in each state, an activity function assigning a slope to each variable (for each $x \in X$, $Act(x) \in [\ell, u]$)

What about decidability?

→ almost everything is undecidable
[Henzinger, Kopke, Puri, Varaiya 98]

Theorem

The class of LHA with clocks and only one variable having possibly two slopes $k_1 \neq k_2$ is undecidable.

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The class of *stopwatch* automata is undecidable.

One of the “largest” classes of LHA which are decidable is the class of **initialized rectangular automata**.

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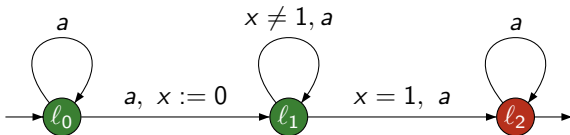
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Lower bound: simulation of a lossy channel system... [Schnoebelen 2002]

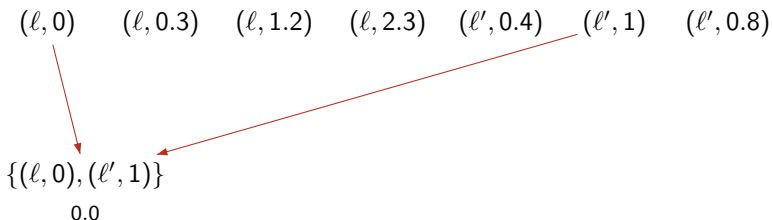
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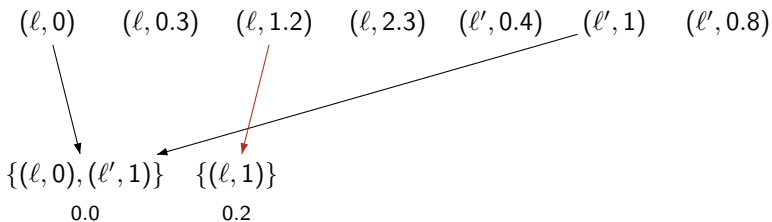
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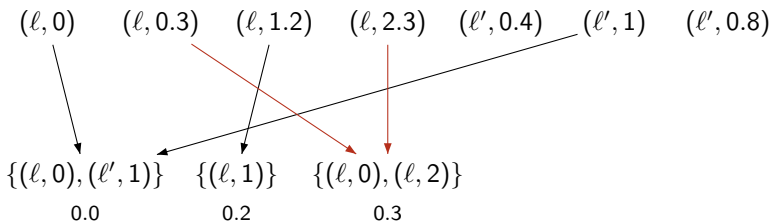
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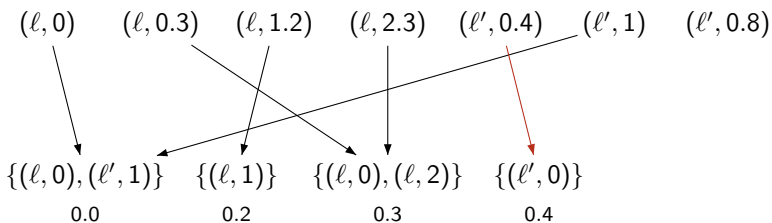
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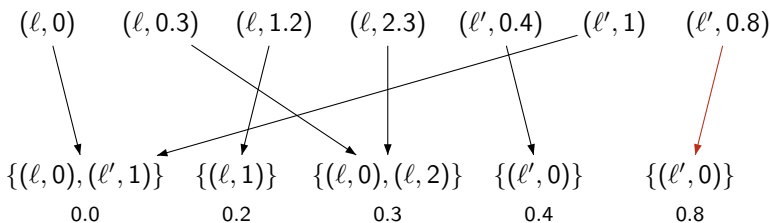
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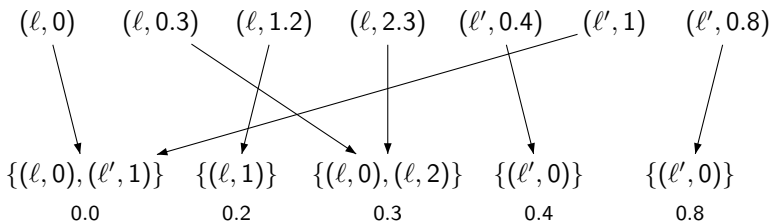
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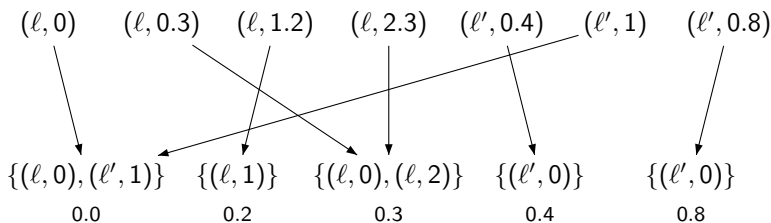
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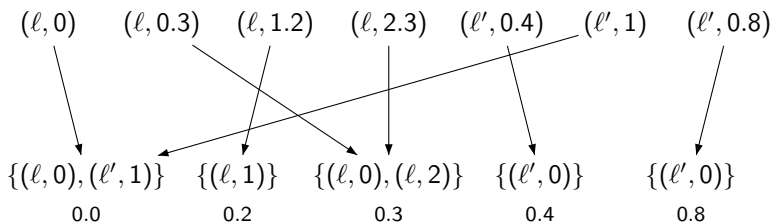
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Conclusion

- A decidable model not far from undecidability
- Recently, much works on one-clock timed automata
 - universality (over finite words is decidable) [Ouaknine,Worrell 2004]
 - reachability is NLOGSPACE-complete [Laroussinie,Markey,Schnoebelen 2004]
 - reachability of one-clock alternating timed automata is decidable [Lasota,Walukiewicz 2005]
- Some current research directions:
 - controller synthesis
 - implementability issues (program synthesis)
 - optimal computations
 - ...

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