

# Weighted Timed Automata: Optimization Problems

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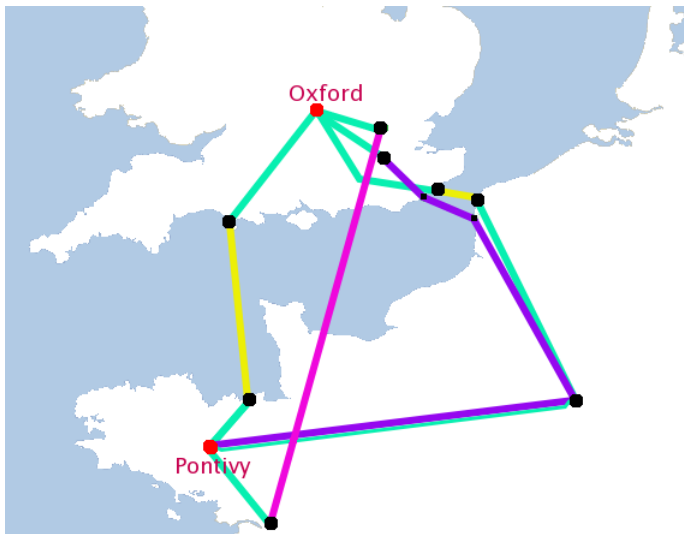
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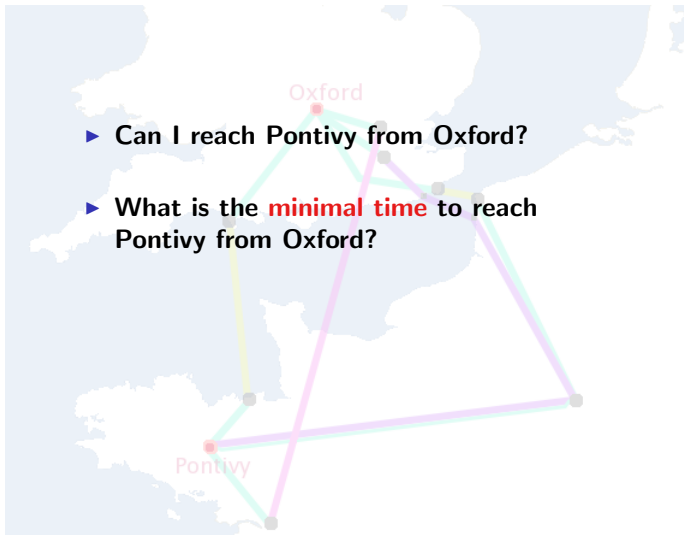
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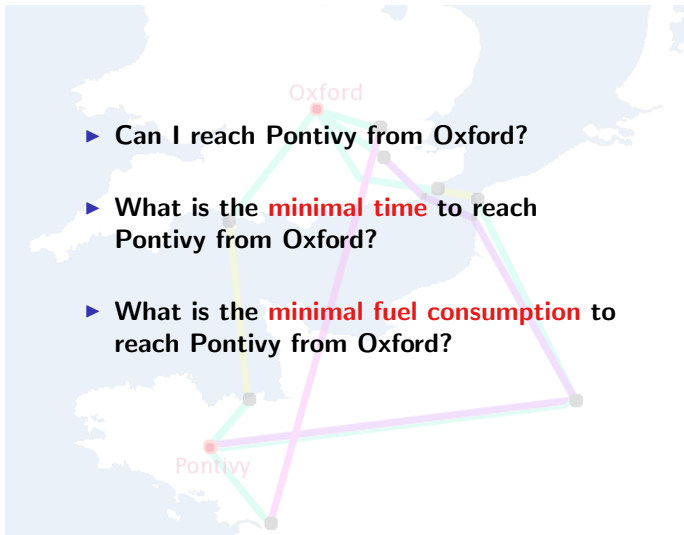
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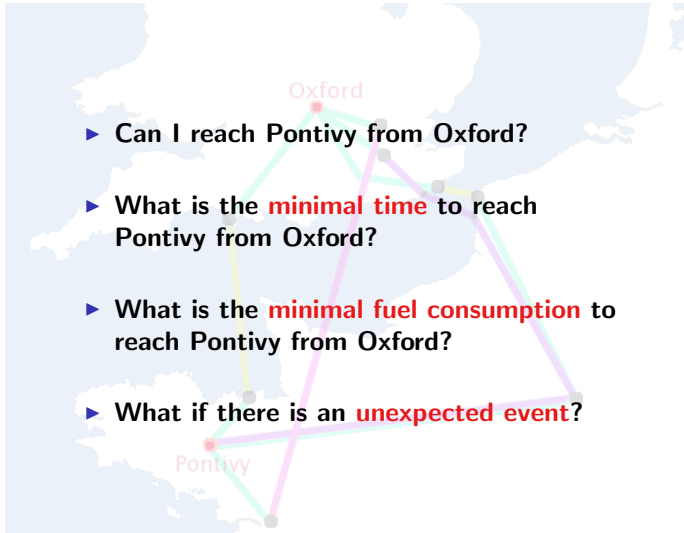
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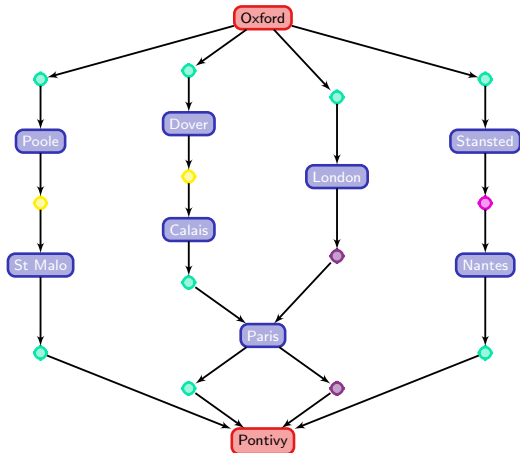
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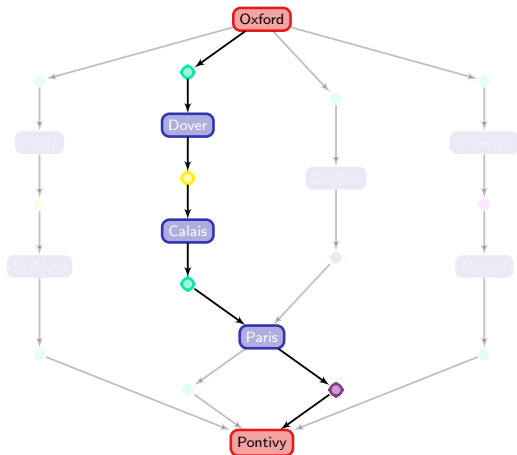


# A first model of the system



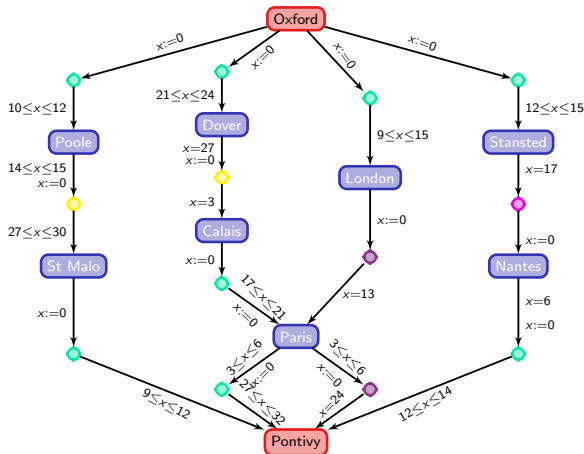


# Can I reach Pontivy from Oxford?

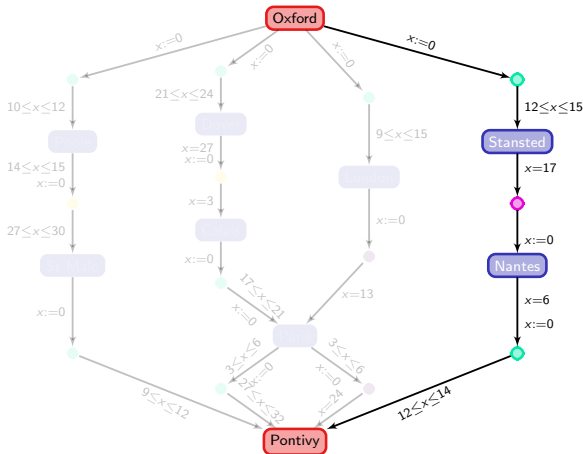


This is a reachability question in a finite graph: **Yes, I can!**

# A second model of the system

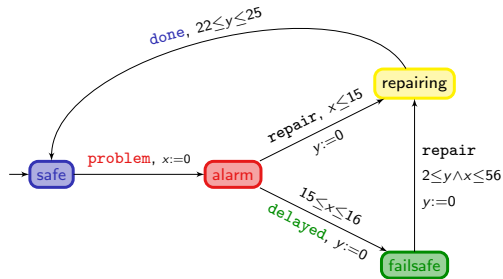


# How long will that take?

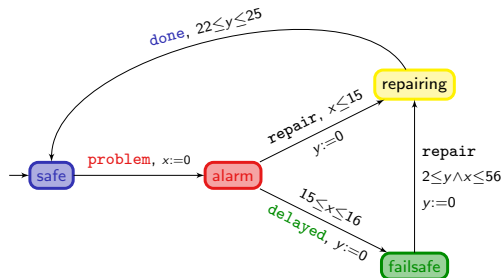


It is a reachability (and optimization) question  
in a **timed automaton**: at least  $350mn = 5h50mn!$

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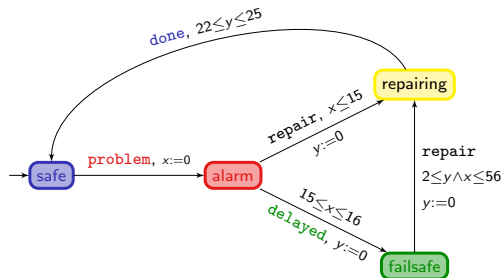


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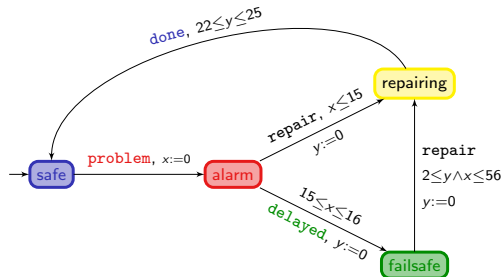
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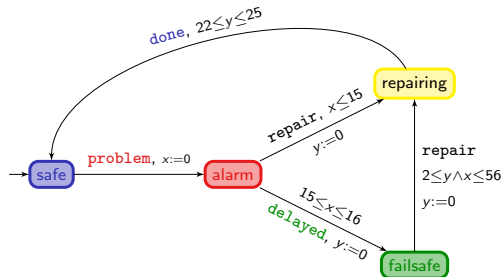
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	safe	$\xrightarrow{23}$	safe	$\xrightarrow{\text{problem}}$	alarm
x	0		23		0
y	0		23		23

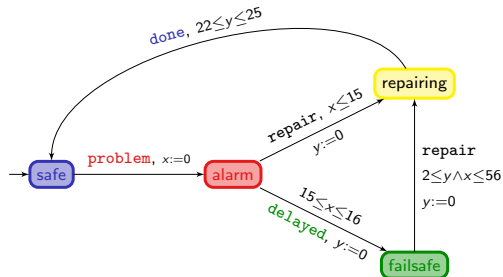
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x	0		23		0		15.6
y	0		23		23		38.6

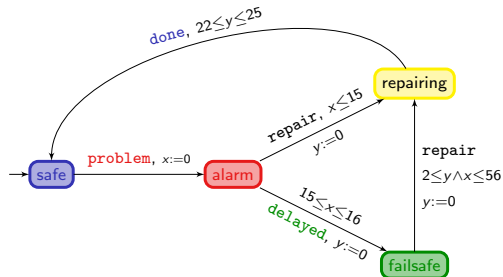


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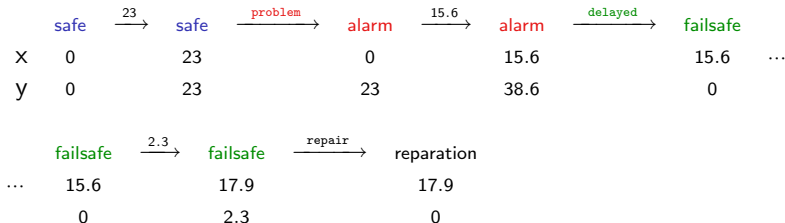
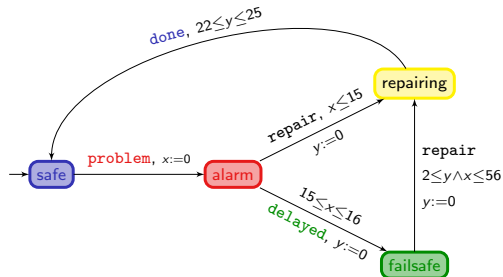
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x	0		23		0		15.6		15.6	...
y	0		23		23		38.6		0	
	failsafe									
...	15.6									
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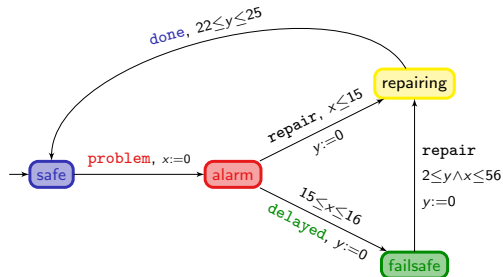


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y	0		23		23		38.6		0	
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...	15.6		17.9							
	0		2.3							

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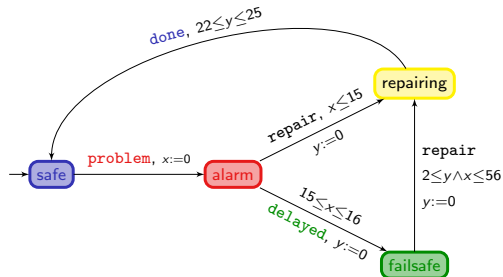


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...	15.6		17.9		17.9		40			
	0		2.3		0		22.1			

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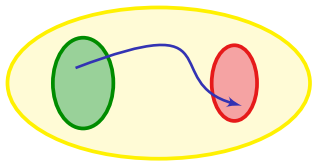
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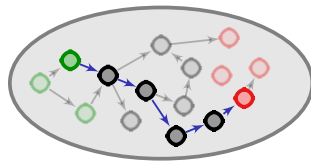
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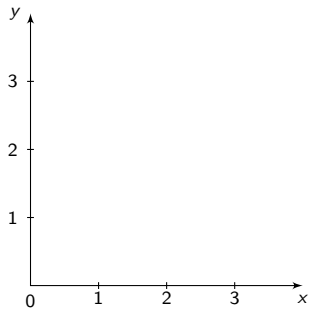
timed automaton

finite bisimulation  




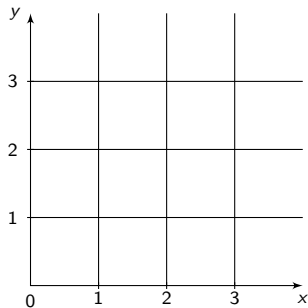
large (but finite) automaton  
 (region automaton)

# The region abstraction



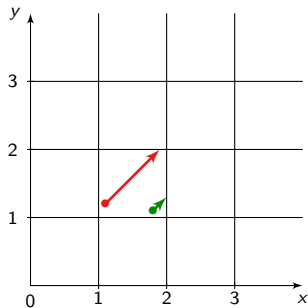


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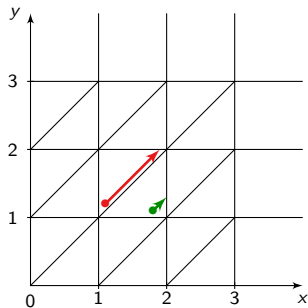
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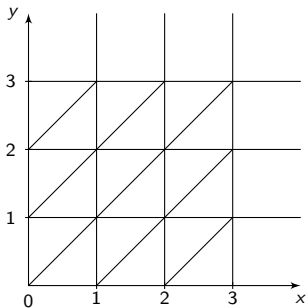
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☞ an equivalence of finite index  
a time-abstract **bisimulation**

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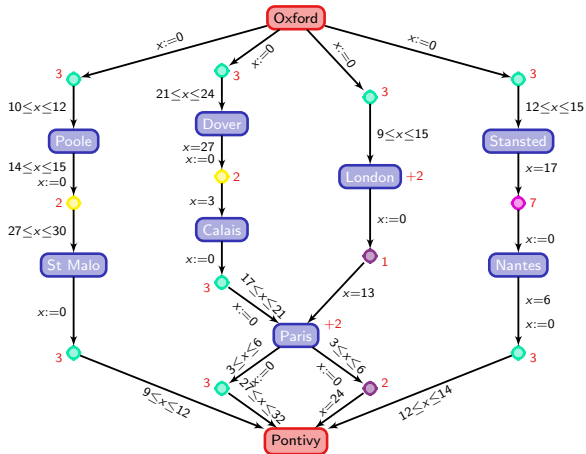


# Time-optimal reachability

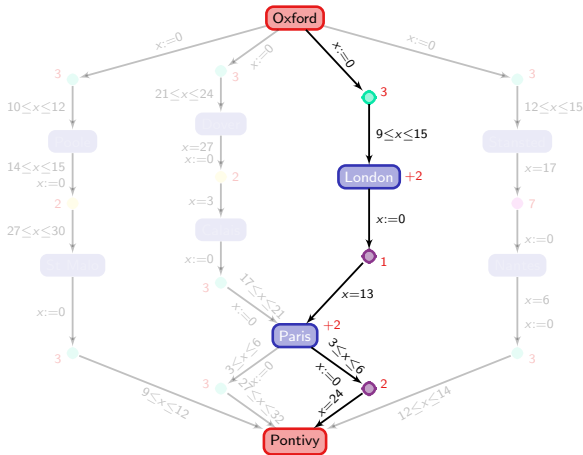
## **Theorem [CY92]**

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# A third model of the system



# How much fuel will I use?



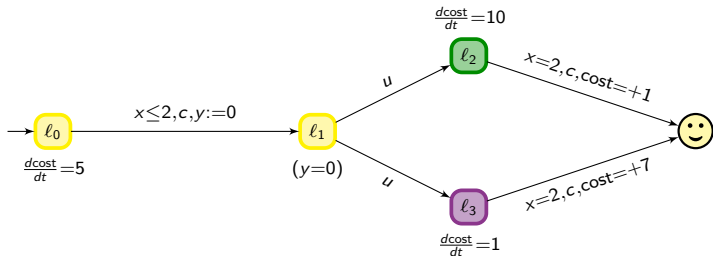
It is a *quantitative* (optimization) problem  
 in a *priced timed automaton*: at least 68 anti-planet units!



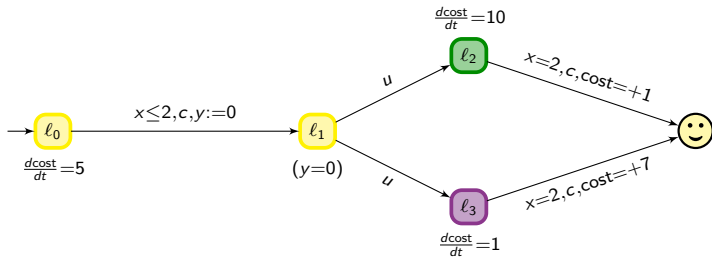
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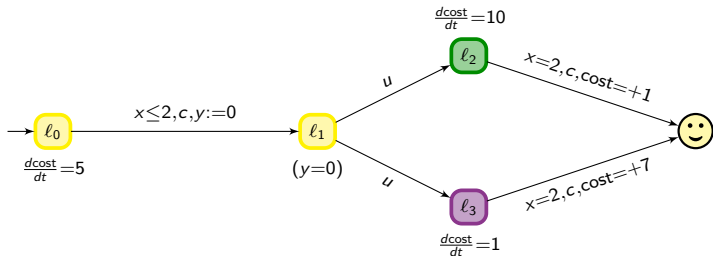
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$$(l_0, (0, 0)) \xrightarrow{1.3} (l_0, (1.3, 1.3)) \xrightarrow{c} (l_1, (1.3, 0)) \xrightarrow{u} (l_3, (1.3, 0)) \xrightarrow{0.7} (l_3, (2, 0.7)) \xrightarrow{c} \odot$$

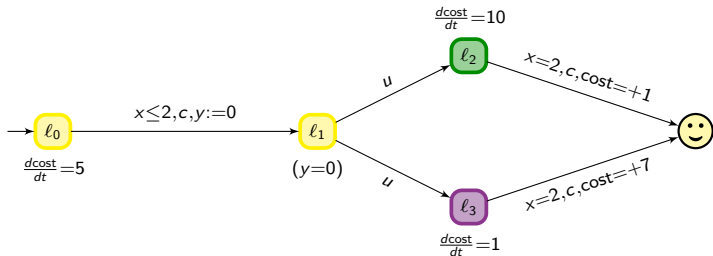
$$\text{cost :} \quad 6.5 \quad + \quad 0 \quad + \quad 0 \quad + \quad 0.7 \quad + \quad 7 \quad = \quad 14.2$$

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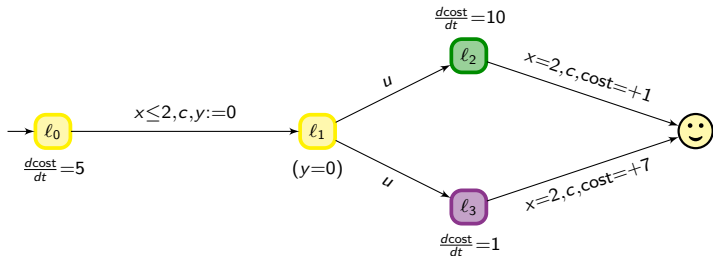
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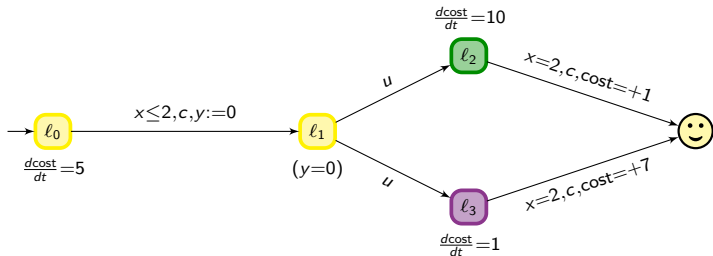
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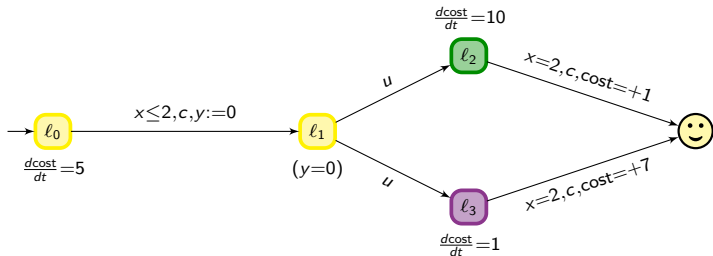
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→ **strategy:** leave immediately  $l_0$ , go to  $l_3$ , and wait there 2 t.u.



# Optimal reachability

The idea “go through corners” extends in the general case.

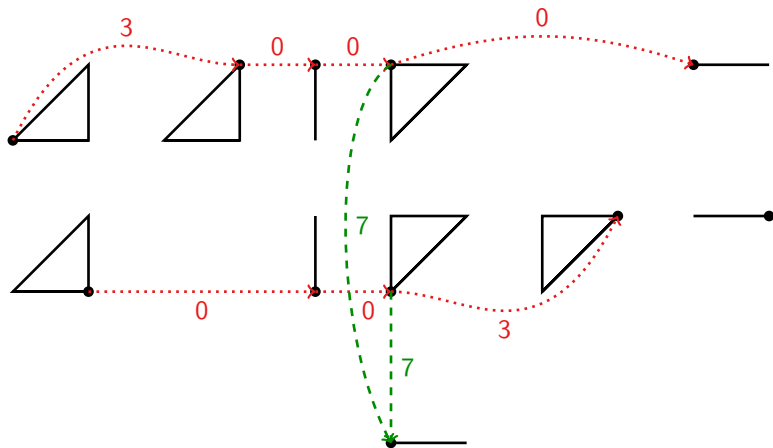
**Theorem [ALP01,BFH+01,BBBR07]**

Optimal reachability is decidable in timed automata.  
It is PSPACE-complete.

# The region abstraction is not fine enough



# The corner-point abstraction

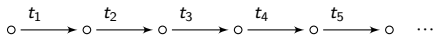


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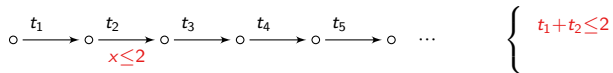
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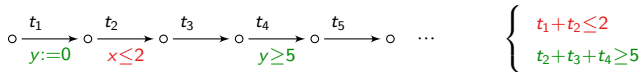
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$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 \circ & \xrightarrow{t_1} & \circ & \xrightarrow{t_2} & \circ & \xrightarrow{t_3} & \circ & \xrightarrow{t_4} & \circ & \xrightarrow{t_5} & \circ & \dots \\
 & y:=0 & & x \leq 2 & & & & y \geq 5 & & & & 
 \end{array}
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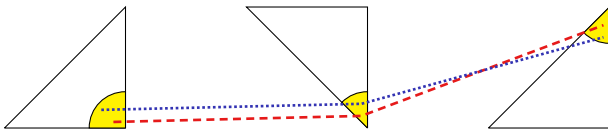
→ for every finite path  $\pi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists a path  $\Pi$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{cp}$  such that

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[ $\Pi$  is a “corner-point projection” of  $\pi$ ]

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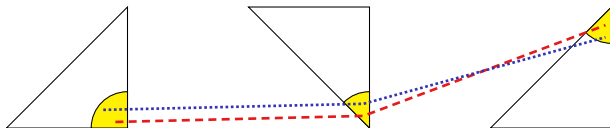
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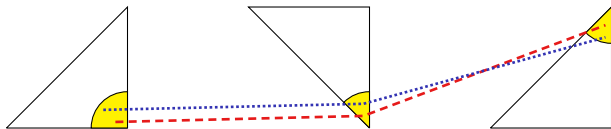
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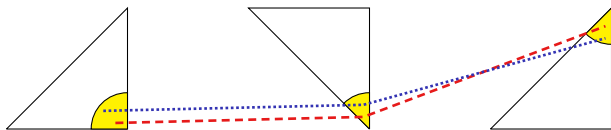


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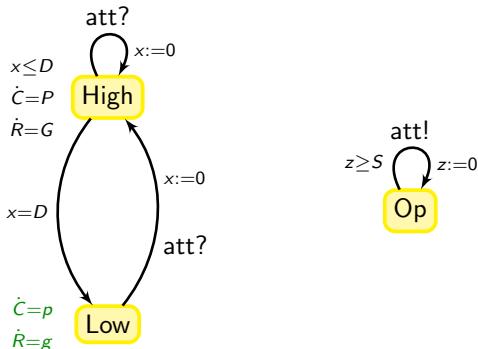
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For every  $\eta > 0$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.

$$\|\Pi - \pi_\varepsilon\|_\infty < \varepsilon \Rightarrow |\text{cost}(\Pi) - \text{cost}(\pi_\varepsilon)| < \eta$$

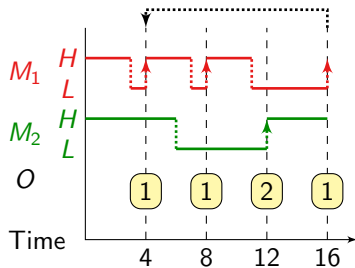
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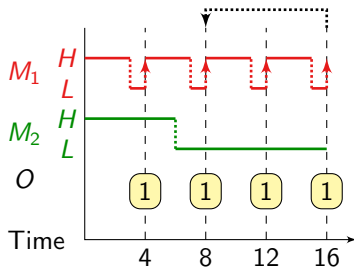
**Question:** How to minimize  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\text{accumulated cost}(\pi_n)}{\text{accumulated reward}(\pi_n)}$  ?

## An example

Two machines  $M_1(D = 3, P = 3, G = 4, p = 5, g = 3)$  and  $M_2(D = 6, P = 3, G = 2, p = 5, g = 2)$ .  
An operator  $O(4)$ .



Schedule with ratio 1.455



Schedule with ratio 1.478

# Mean-cost optimization

## Theorem [BBL04,BBL08]

The mean-cost optimization problem is decidable (and PSPACE-complete) for priced timed automata.

- ☞ The corner-point abstraction is sound and complete.



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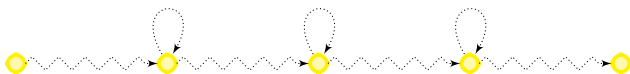
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▶ **Infinite behaviours:** decompose each sufficiently long projection into cycles



The linear part will be negligible!

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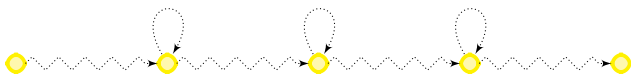
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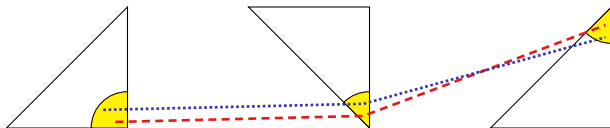


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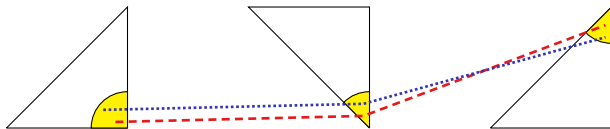
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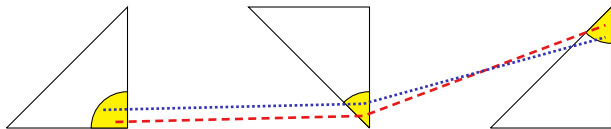
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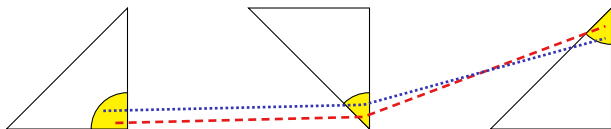


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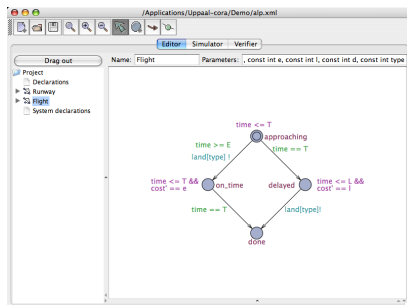
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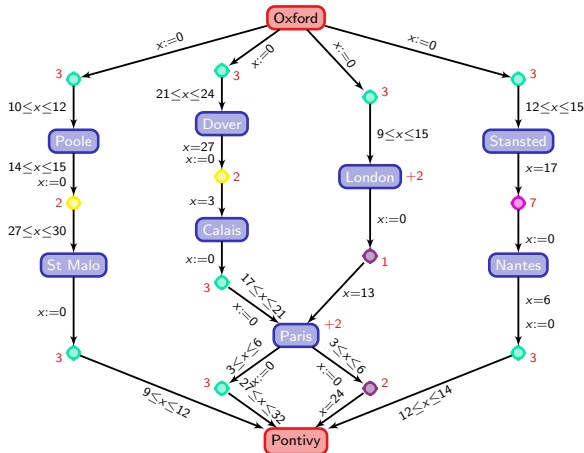


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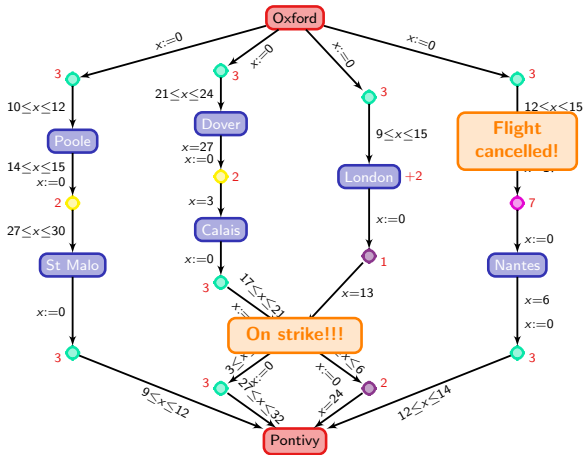
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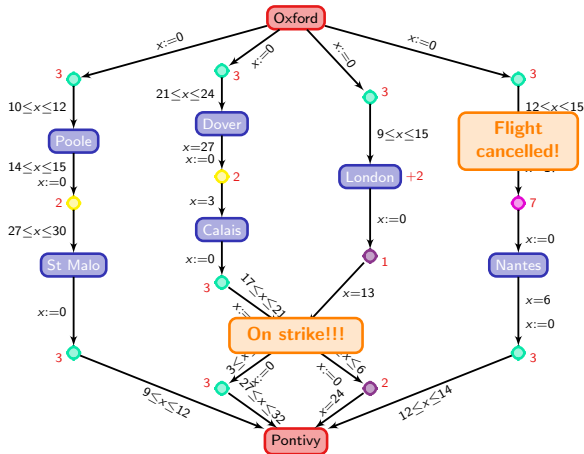
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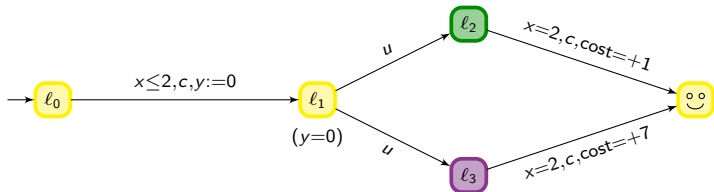


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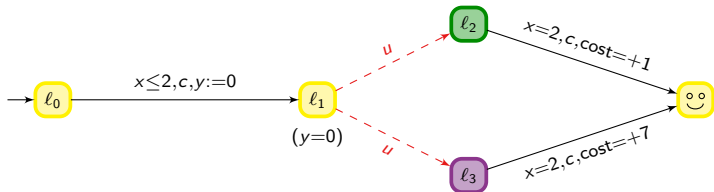


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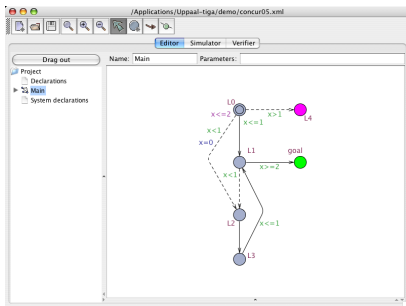
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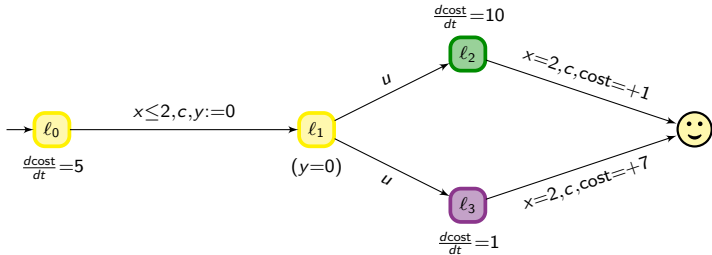
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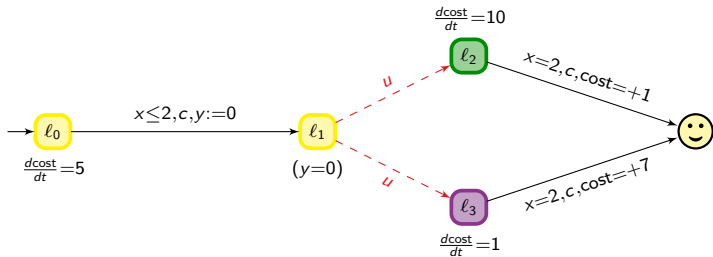


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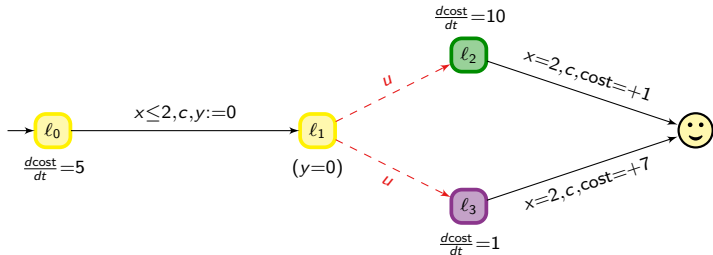
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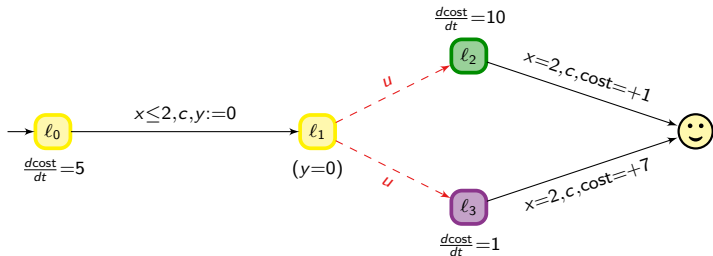


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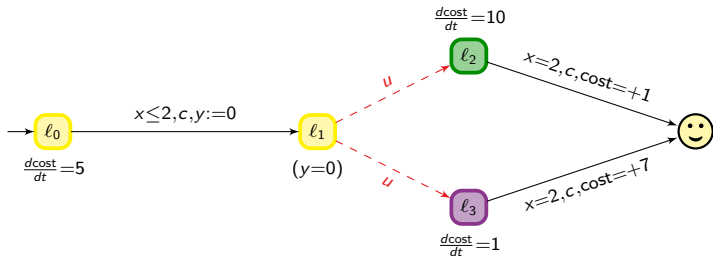
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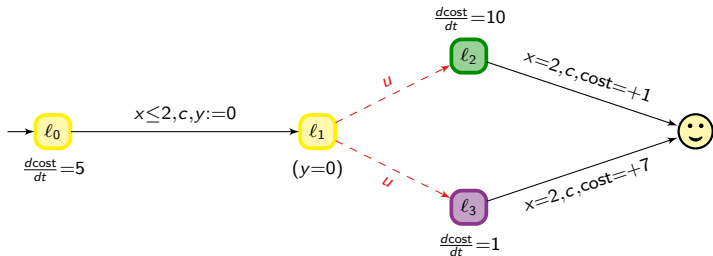


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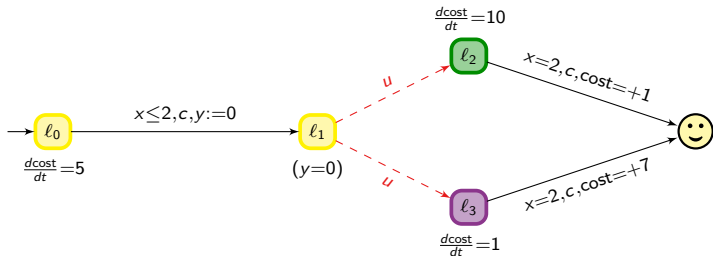
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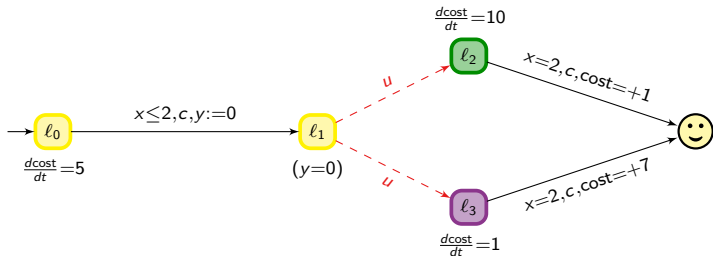


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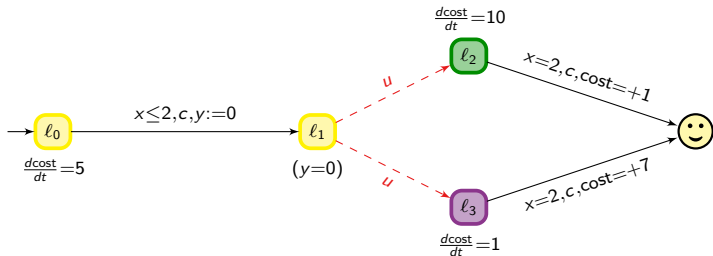
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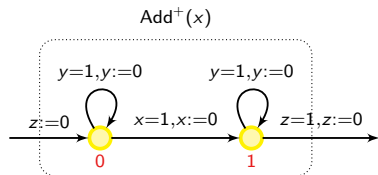
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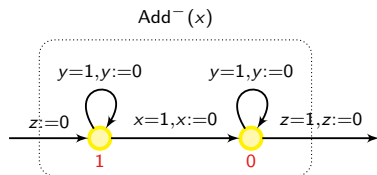
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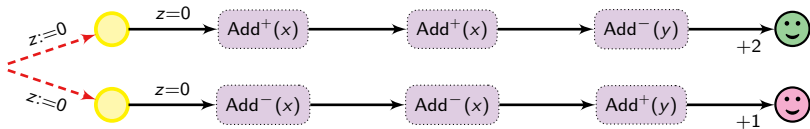
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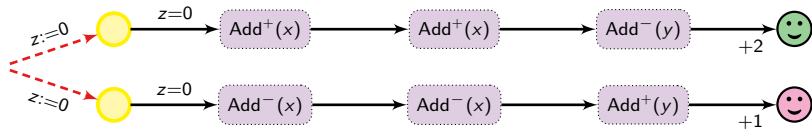
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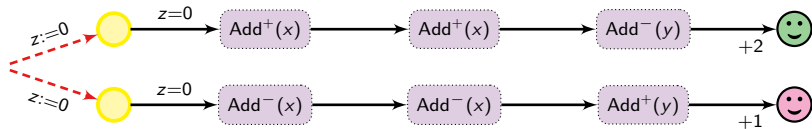
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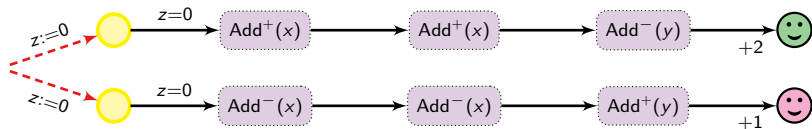




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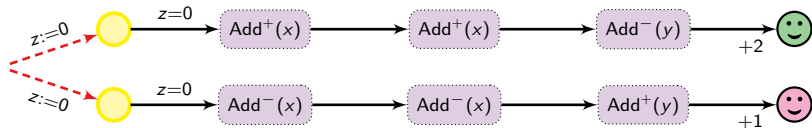
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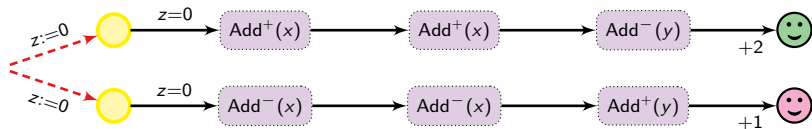
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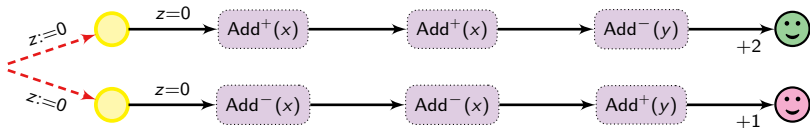
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