

# On the optimal reachability problem in weighted timed automata and games

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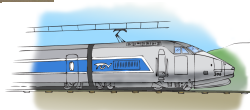
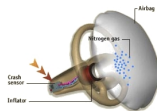


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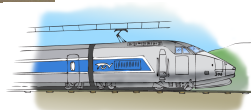
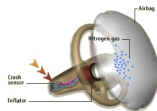
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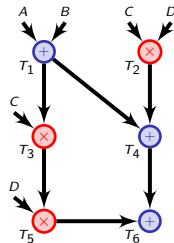
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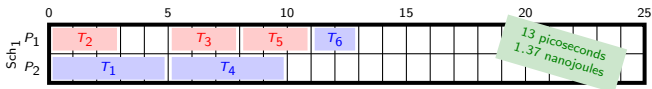
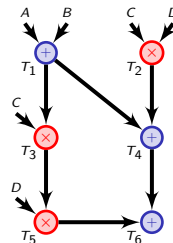
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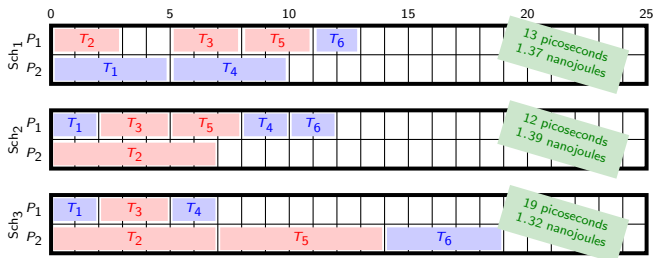
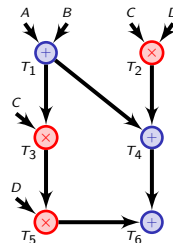
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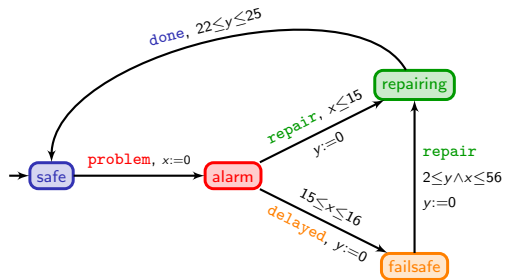
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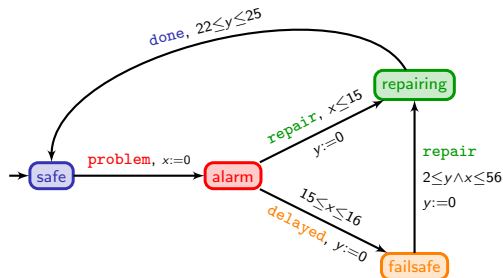
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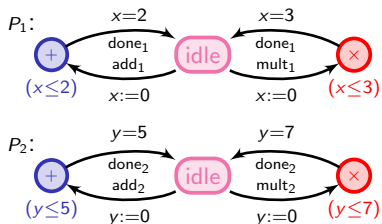


|     |          |                     |          |                                |           |                      |           |                                |          |     |
|-----|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|-----|
|     | safe     | $\xrightarrow{23}$  | safe     | $\xrightarrow{\text{problem}}$ | alarm     | $\xrightarrow{15.6}$ | alarm     | $\xrightarrow{\text{delayed}}$ | failsafe |     |
| x   | 0        |                     | 23       |                                | 0         |                      | 15.6      |                                | 15.6     | ... |
| y   | 0        |                     | 23       |                                | 23        |                      | 38.6      |                                | 0        |     |
|     | failsafe | $\xrightarrow{2.3}$ | failsafe | $\xrightarrow{\text{repair}}$  | repairing | $\xrightarrow{22.1}$ | repairing | $\xrightarrow{\text{done}}$    | safe     |     |
| ... | 15.6     |                     | 17.9     |                                | 17.9      |                      | 40        |                                | 40       |     |
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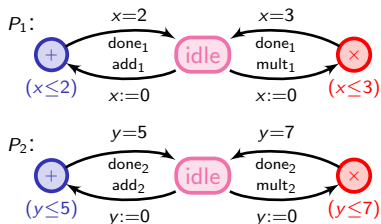
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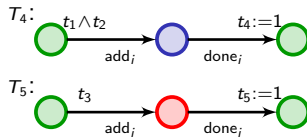


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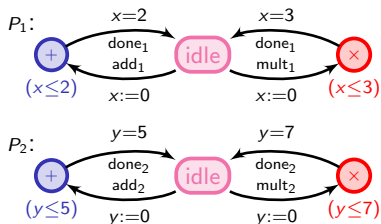


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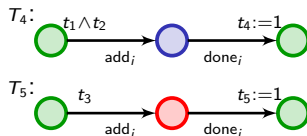


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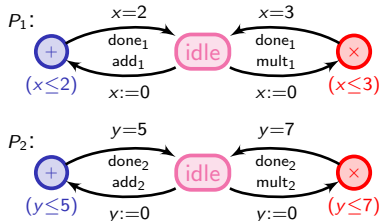


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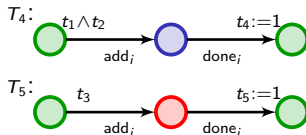
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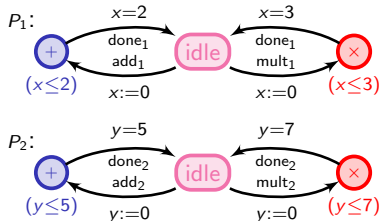
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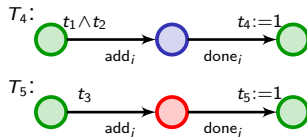


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- Can the computation be made in no more than 10 time units?
- Is there a scheduling along which no processor is ever idle?
- ...

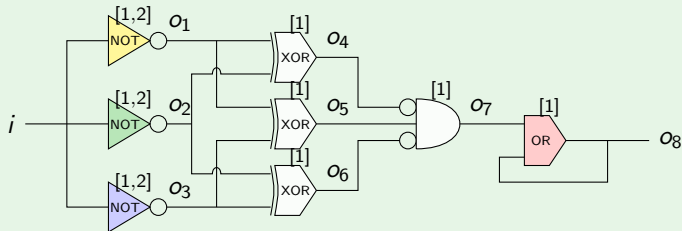
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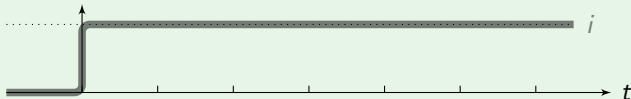
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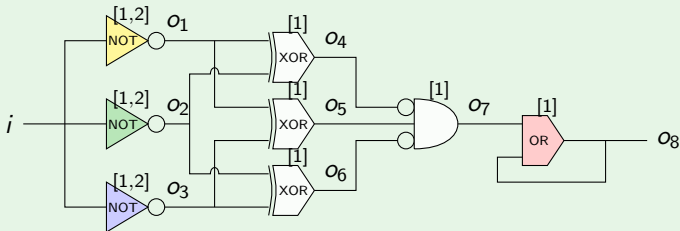
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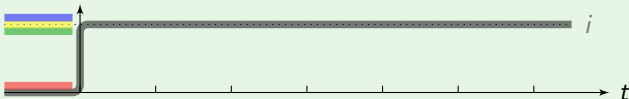
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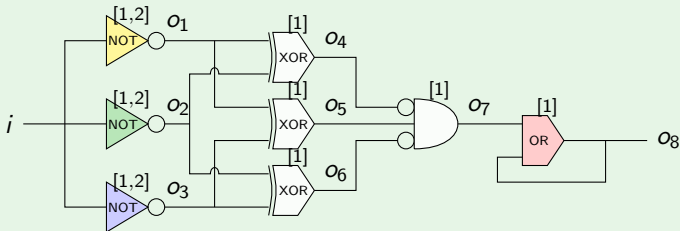
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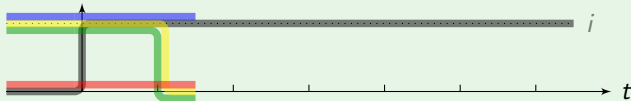
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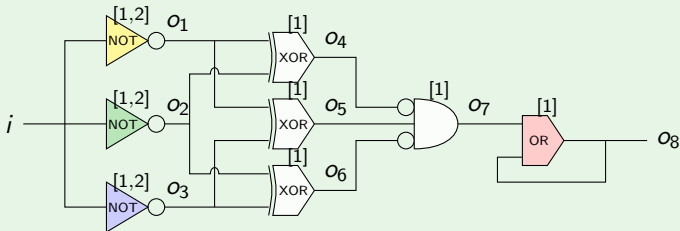
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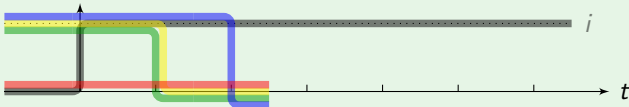
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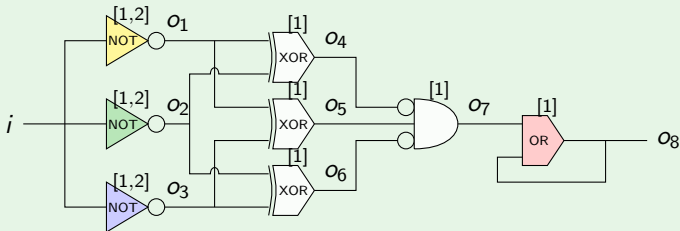
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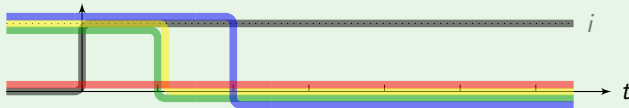
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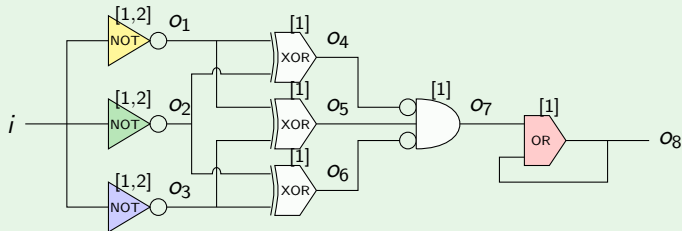
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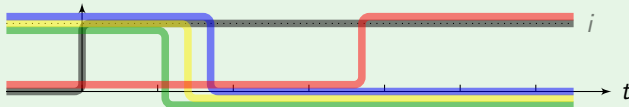
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- under continuous-time, the output can be 1:

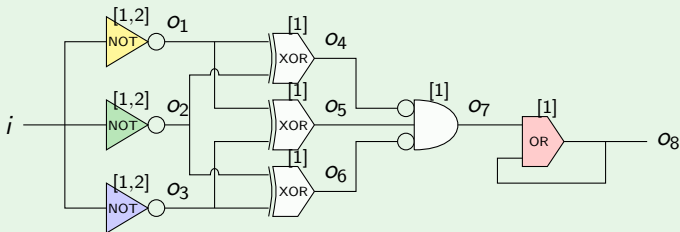




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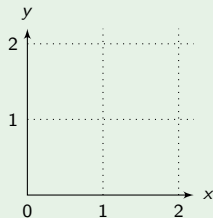
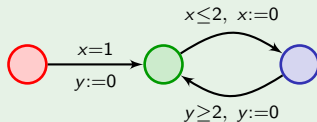
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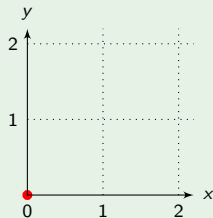
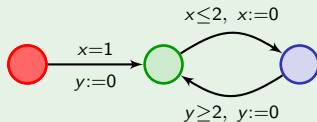
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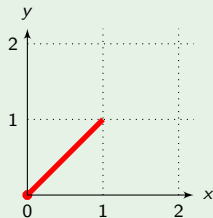
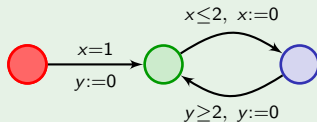
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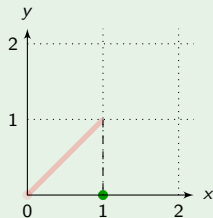
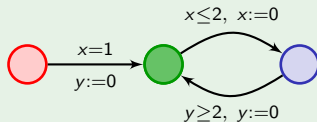
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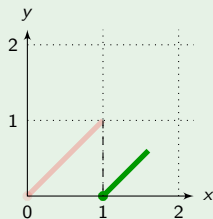
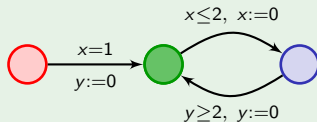
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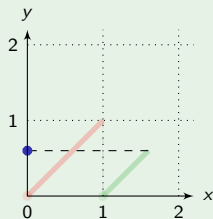
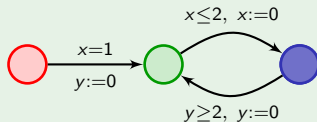
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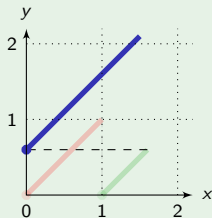
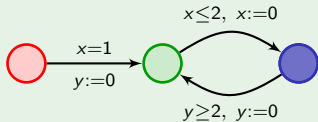




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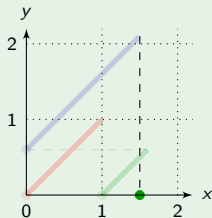
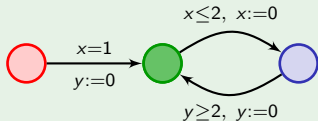
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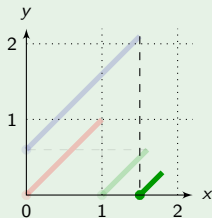
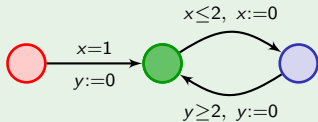
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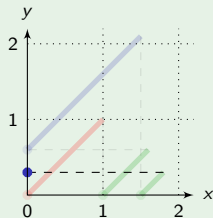
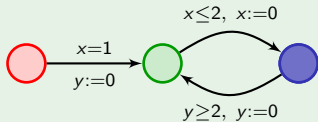
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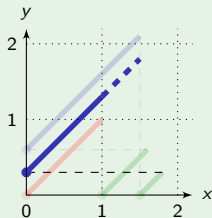
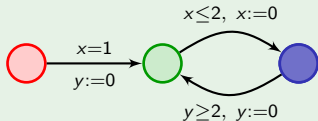
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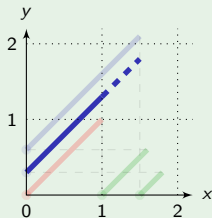
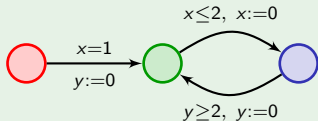
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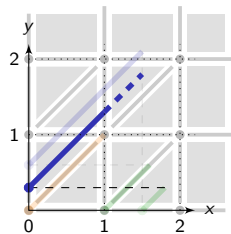
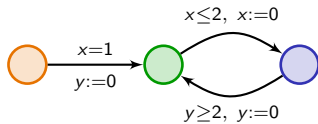
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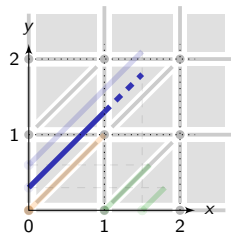
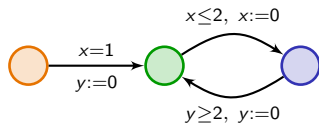


We will focus on the [continuous-time semantics](#)

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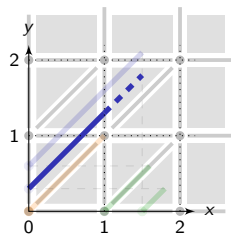
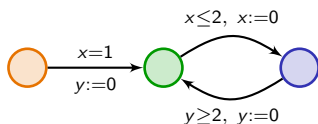
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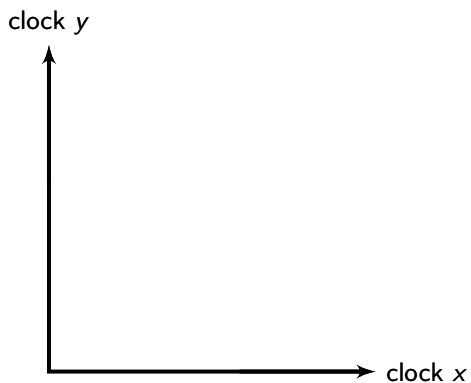


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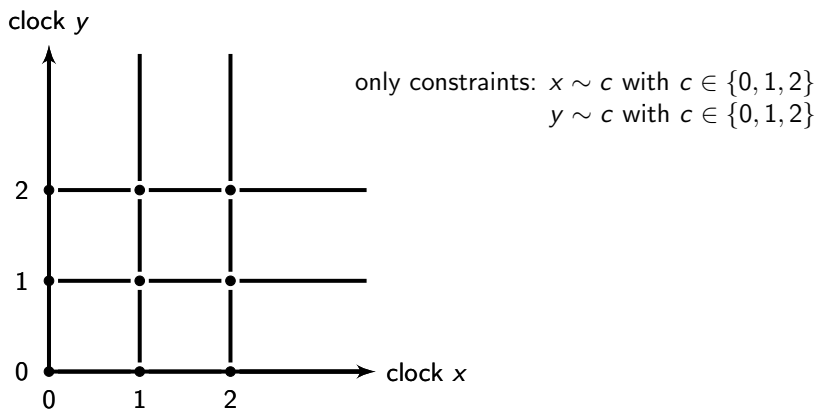
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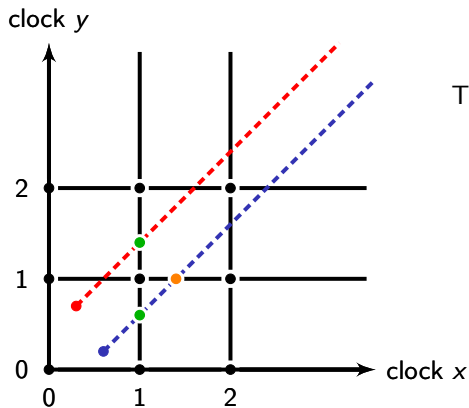


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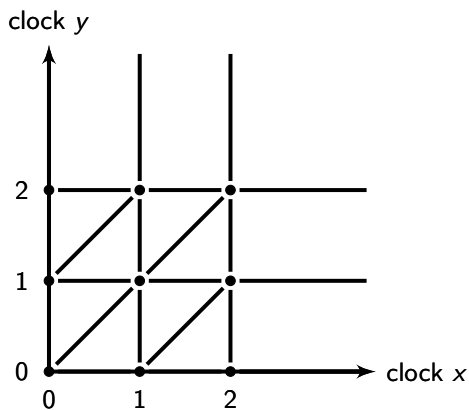


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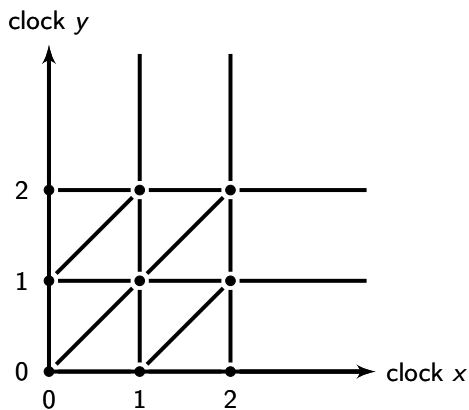
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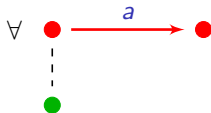
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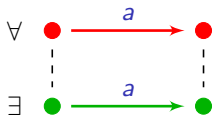
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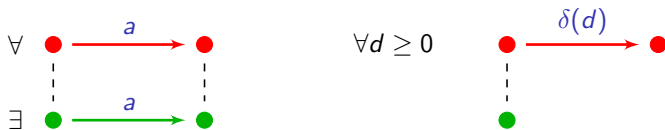
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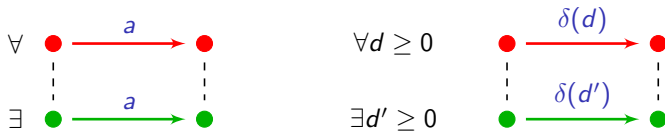
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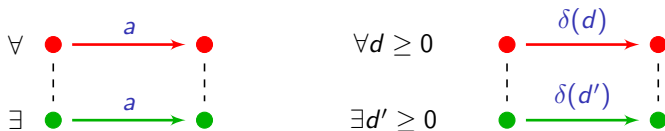
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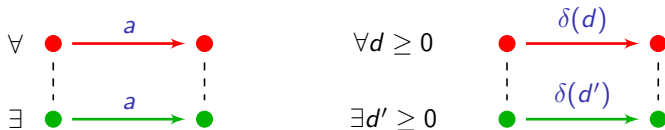
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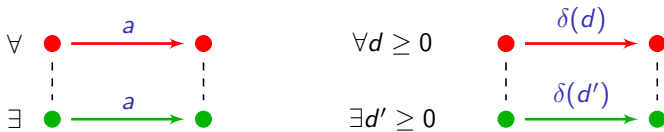
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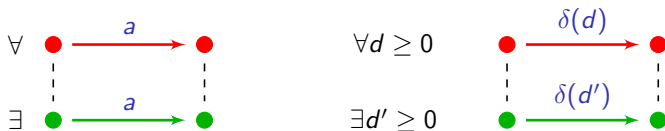
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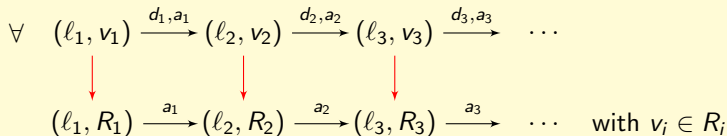
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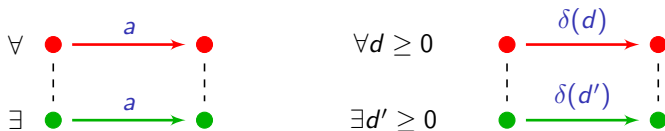
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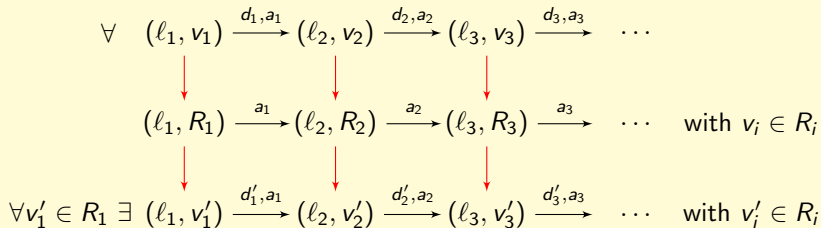
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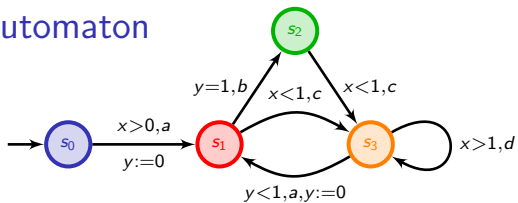
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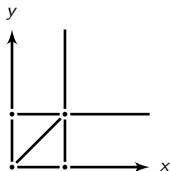
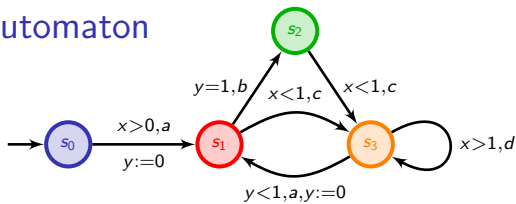




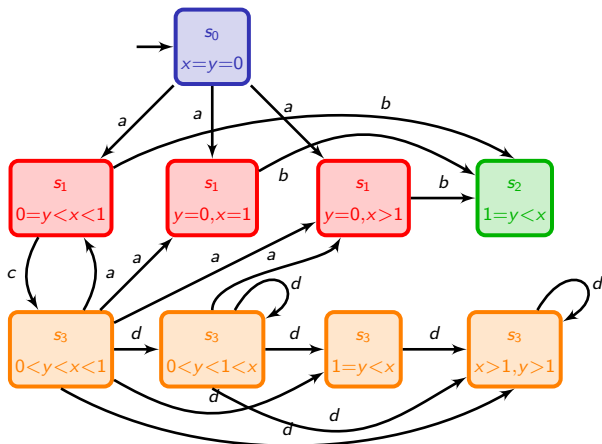
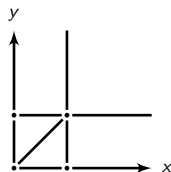
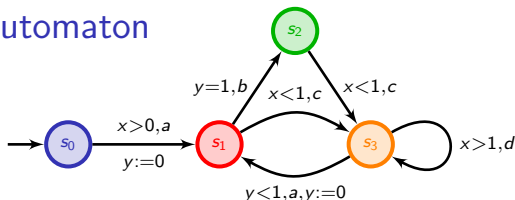
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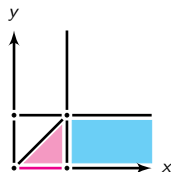
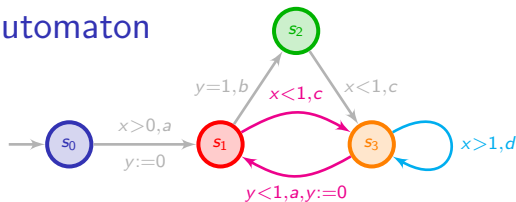
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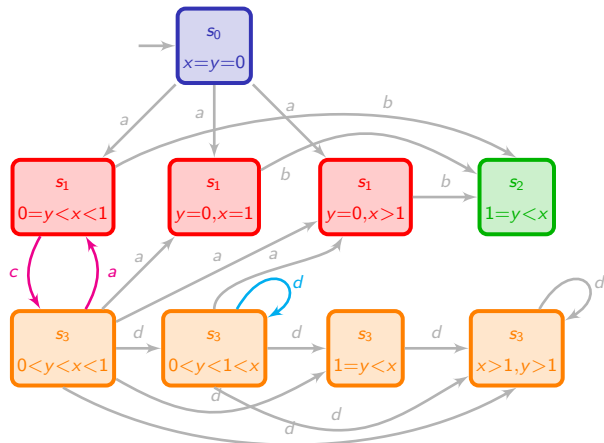
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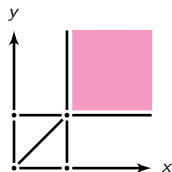
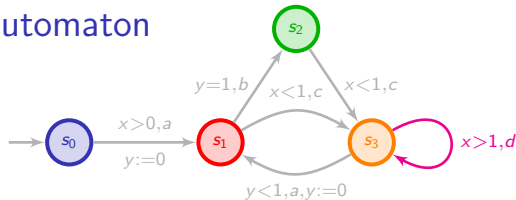
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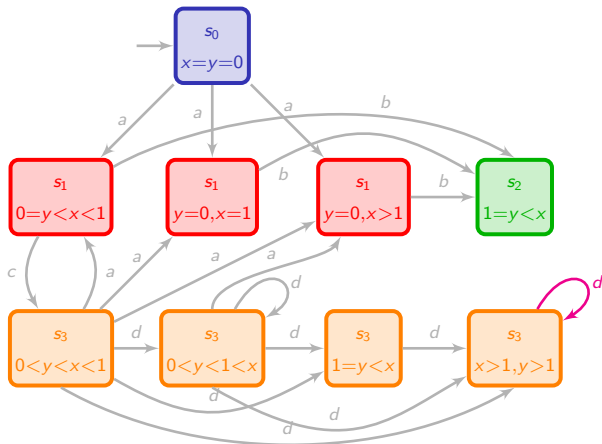
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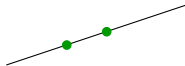
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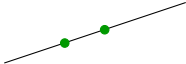
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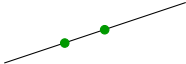

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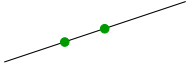
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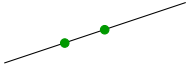
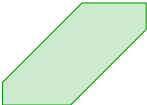
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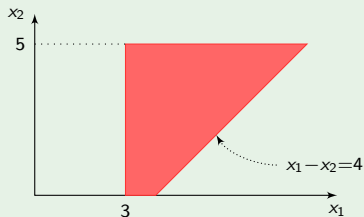
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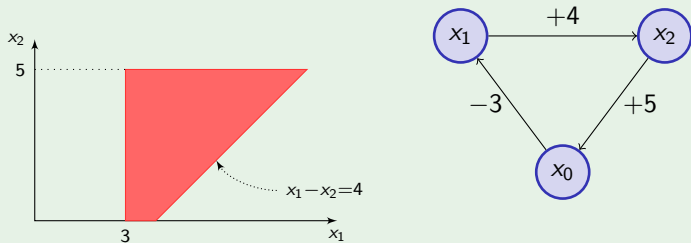
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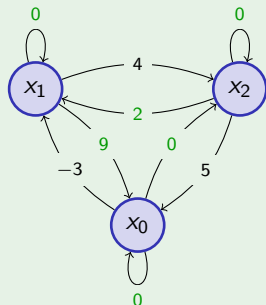
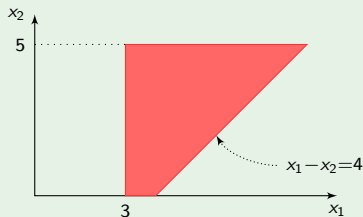
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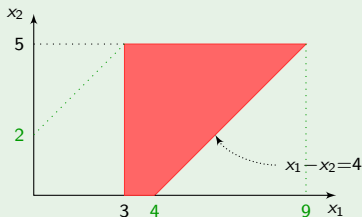
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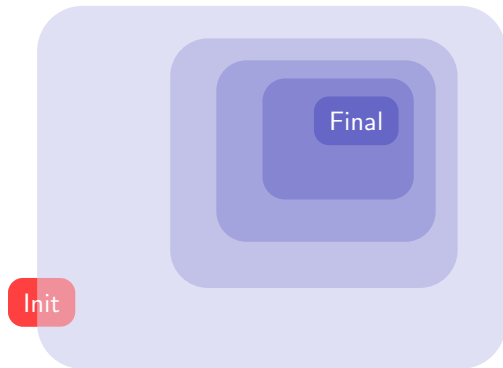


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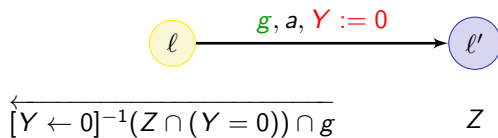
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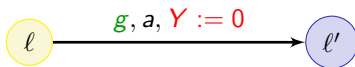
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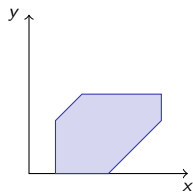
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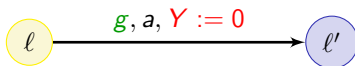
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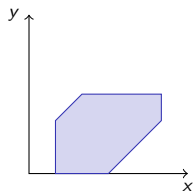
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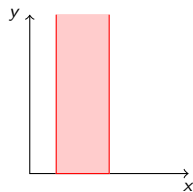
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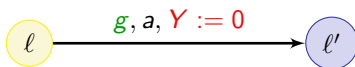


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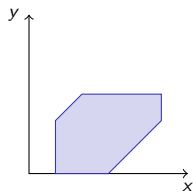


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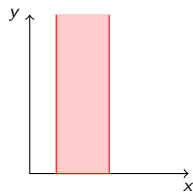
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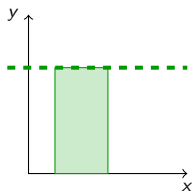
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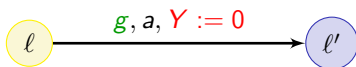
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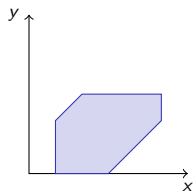
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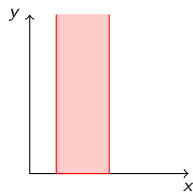
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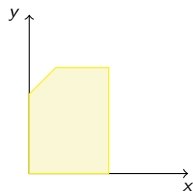
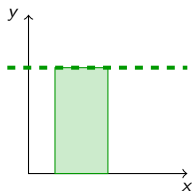
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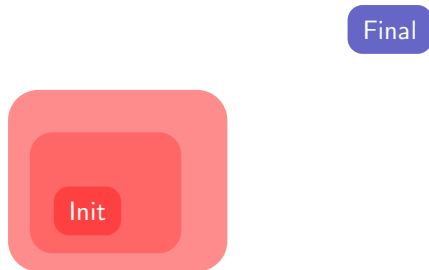
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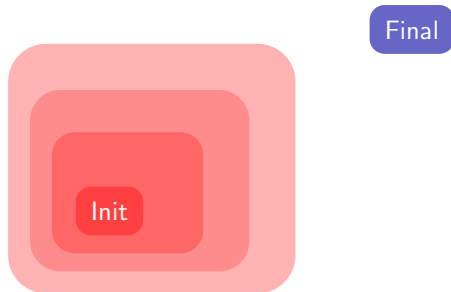
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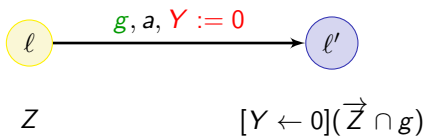


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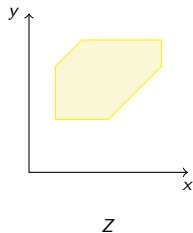
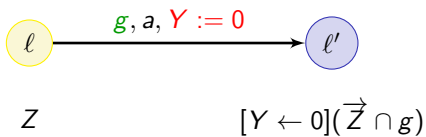




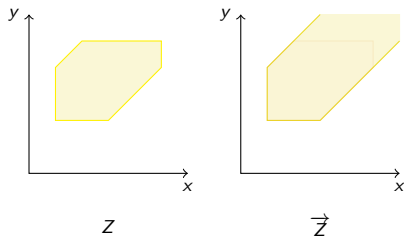
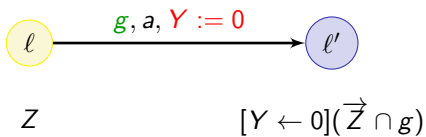
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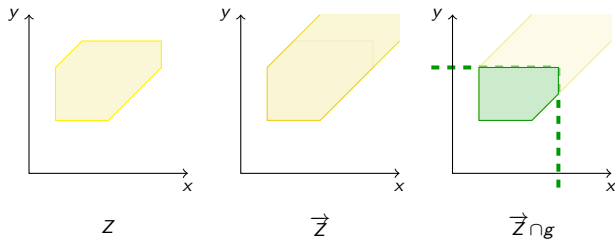
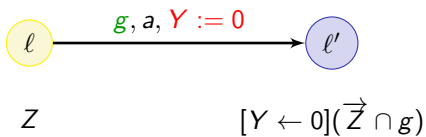
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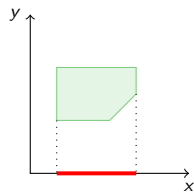
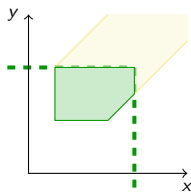
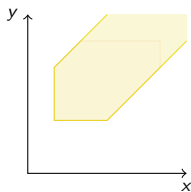
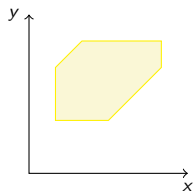
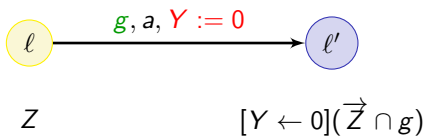
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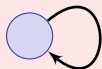
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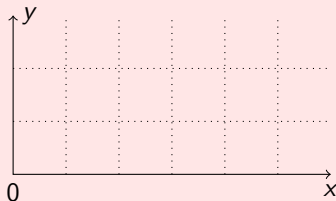
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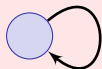


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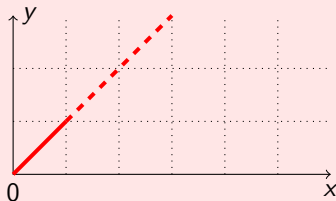
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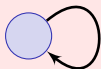


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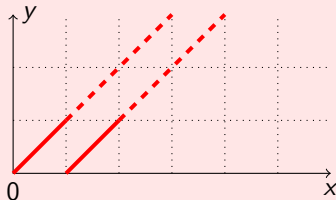
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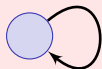


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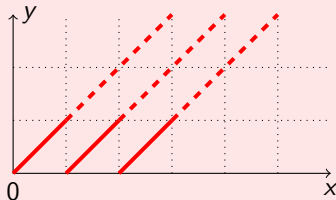
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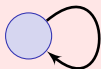


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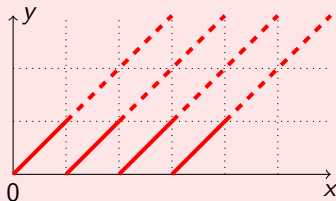
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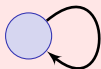


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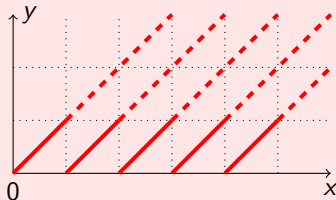
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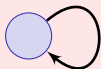


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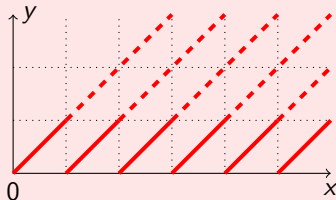
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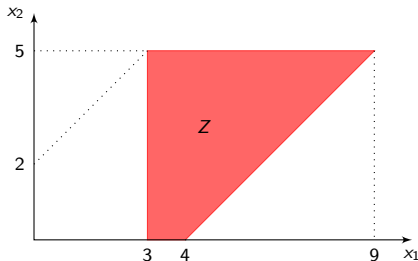
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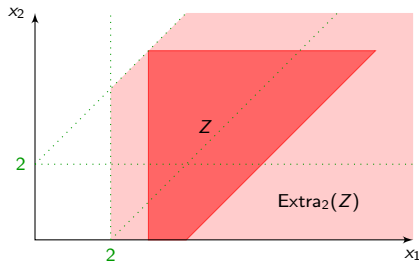


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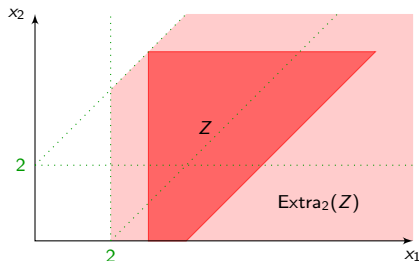
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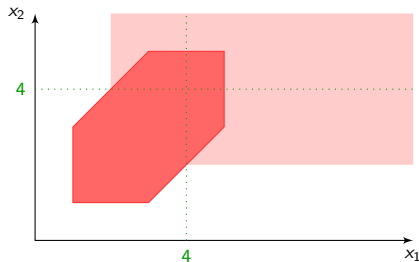
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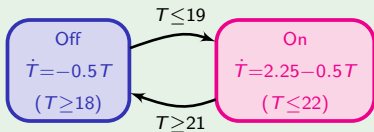
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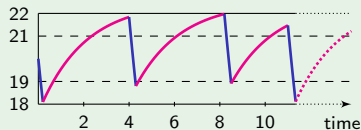
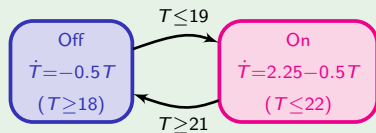
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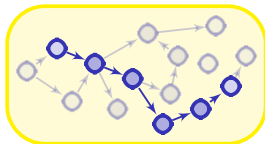
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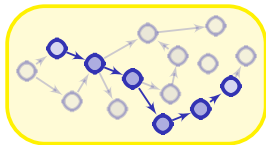
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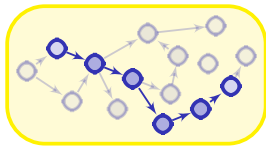
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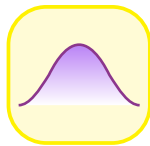
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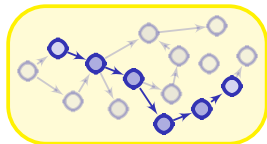
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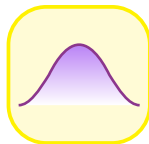
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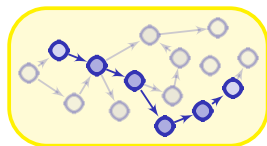


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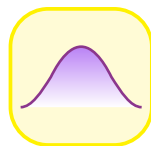


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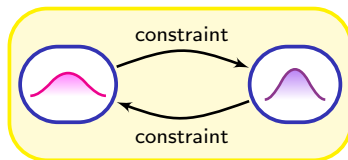
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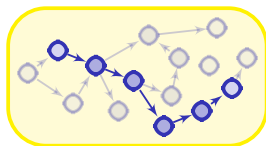
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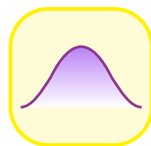
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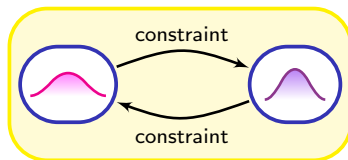
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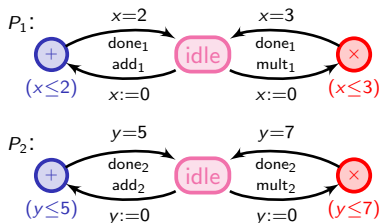
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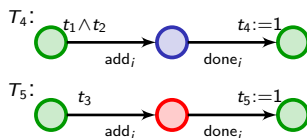
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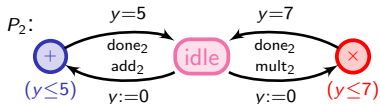
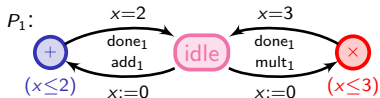


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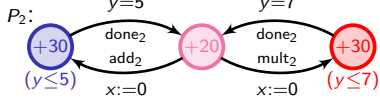
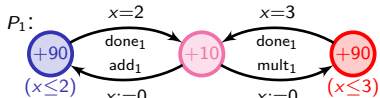


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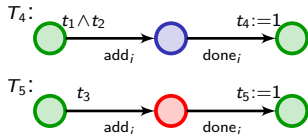
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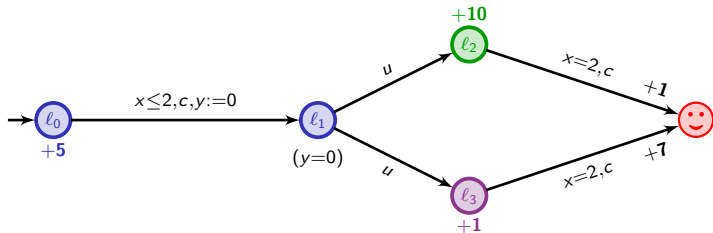
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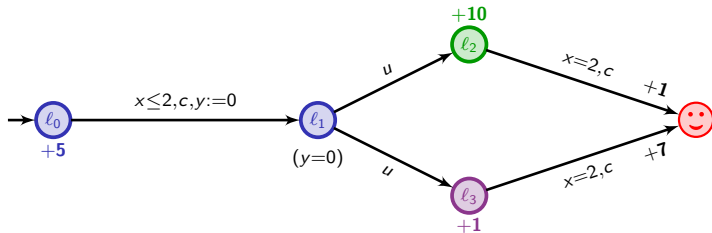
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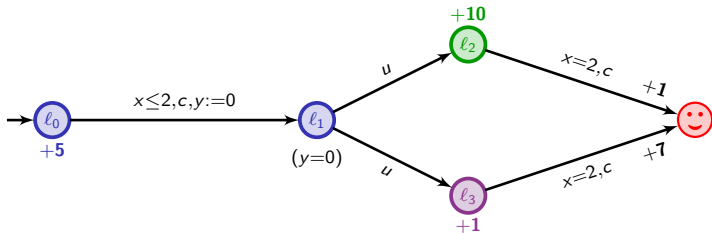


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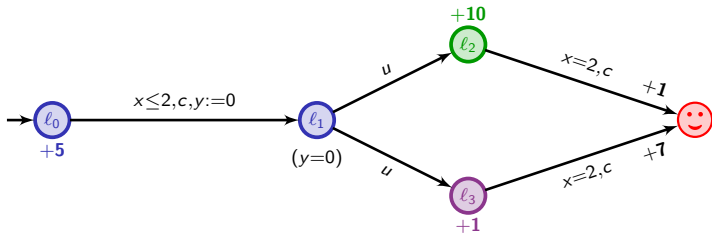
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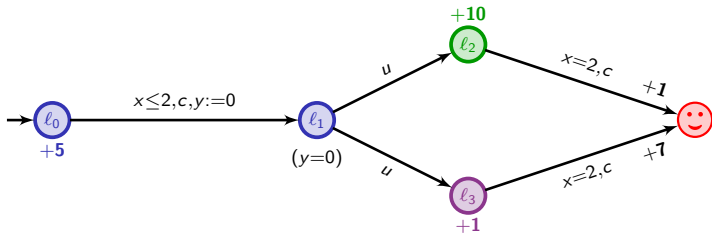
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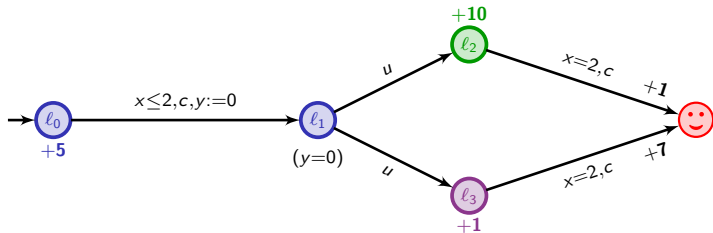


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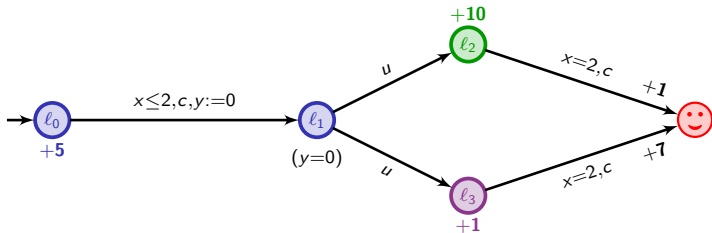


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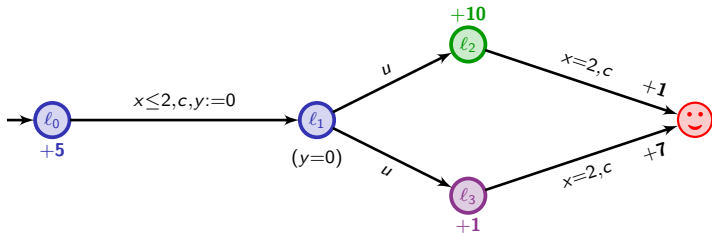


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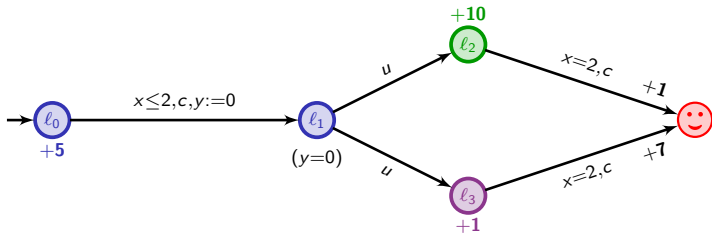
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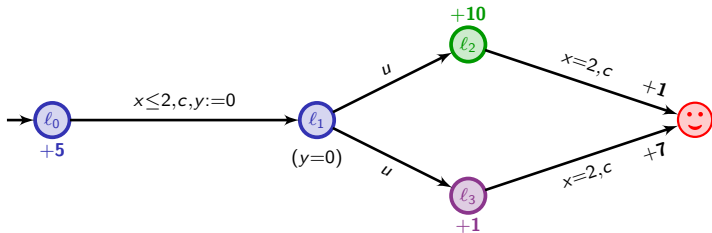


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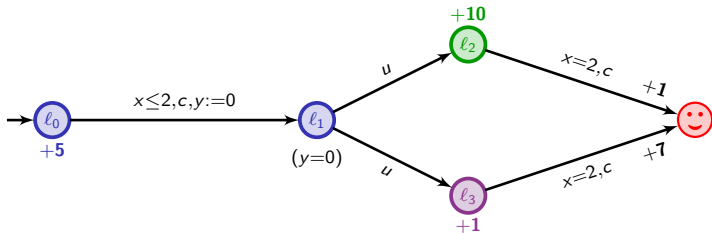


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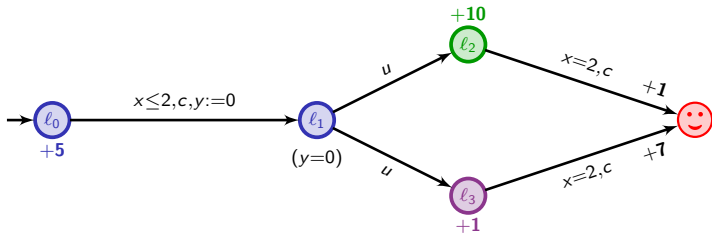
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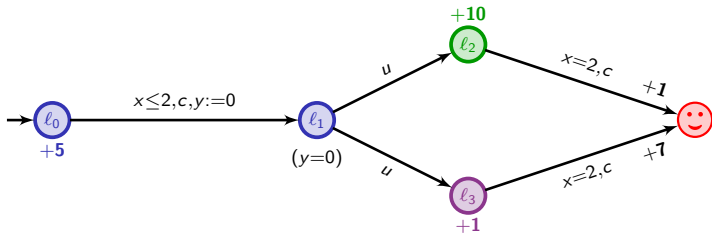
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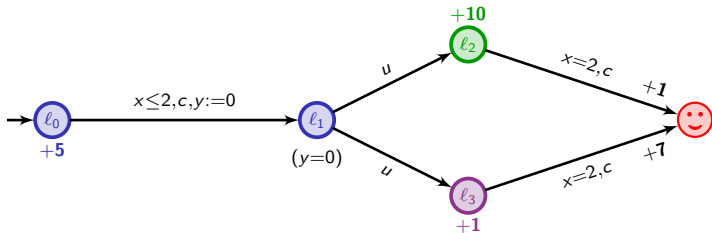
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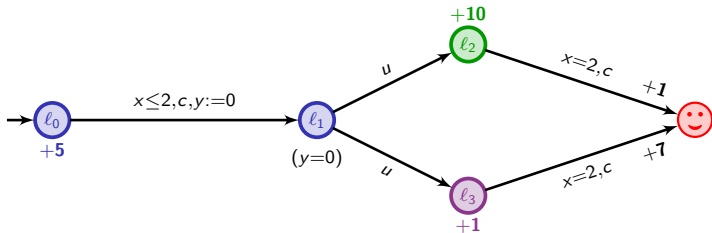
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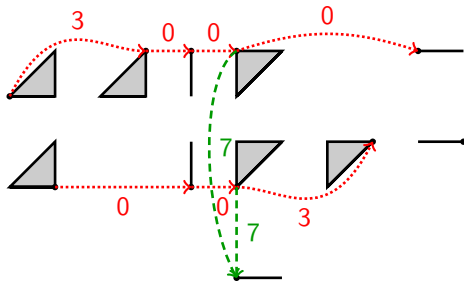
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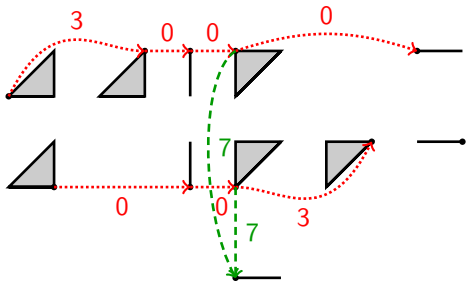


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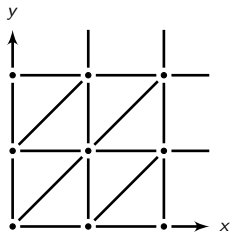
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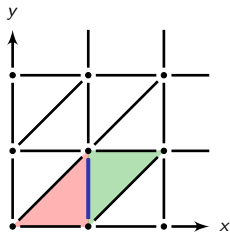
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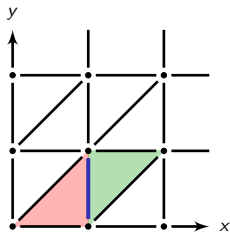
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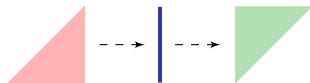
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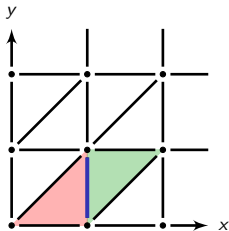
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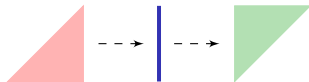
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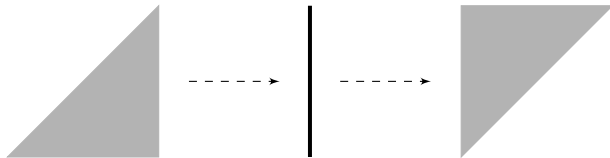
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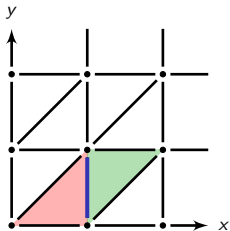
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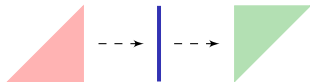
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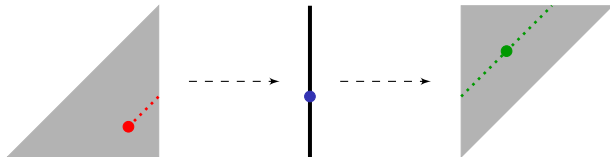
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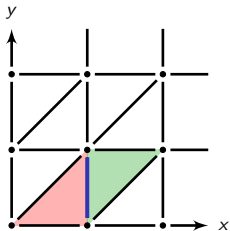
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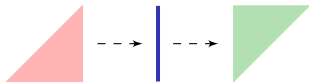
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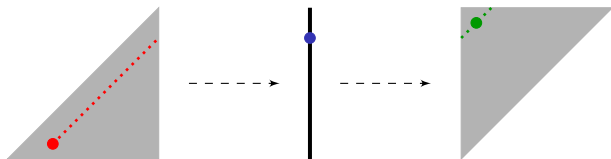
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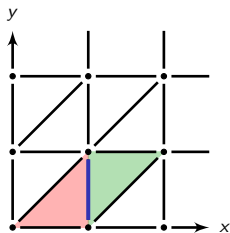
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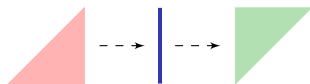
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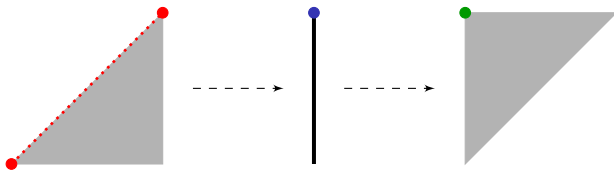
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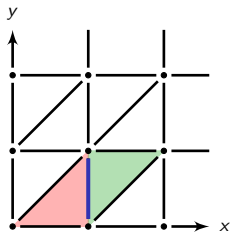


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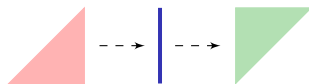




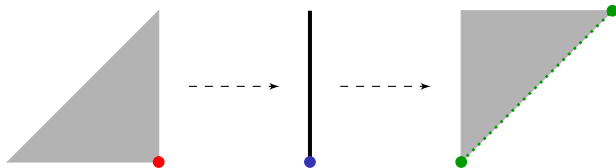
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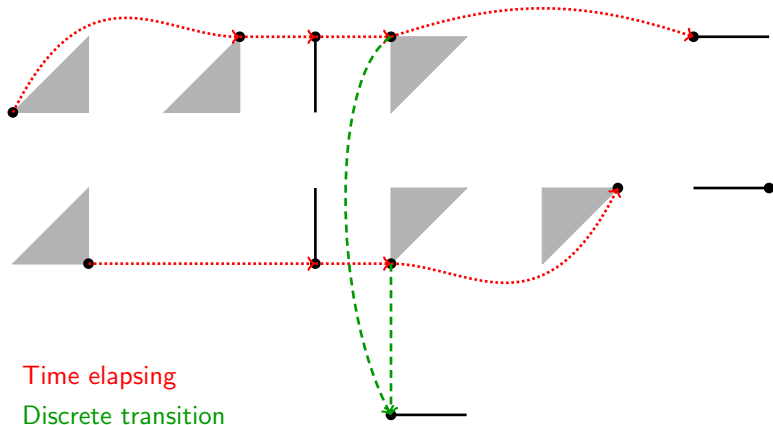
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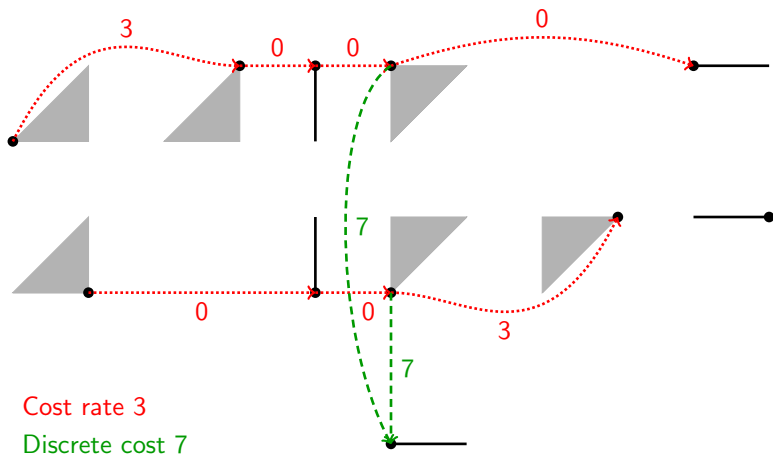
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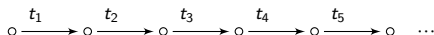


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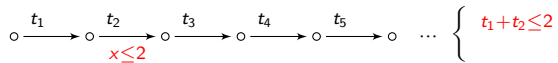
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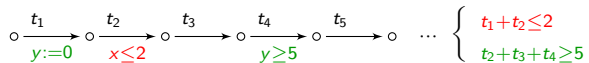
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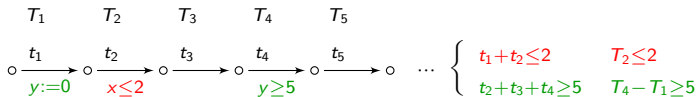
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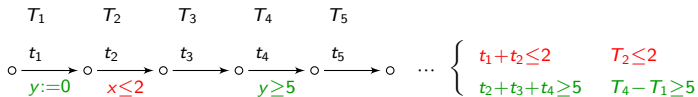
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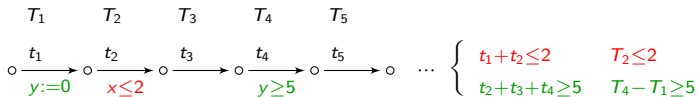
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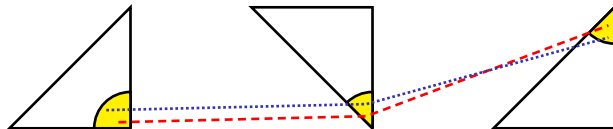
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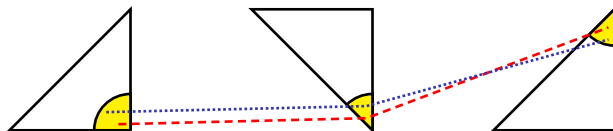
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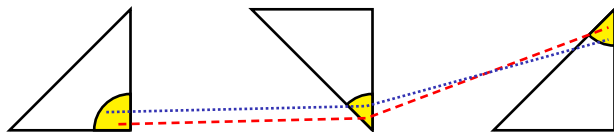
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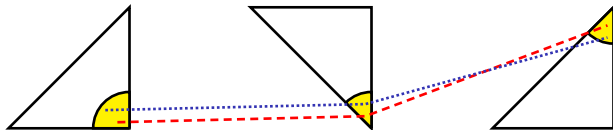


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## Use of the corner-point abstraction

It is a very interesting abstraction, that can be used in several other contexts:

- for mean-cost optimization [BBL04,BBL08]
- for discounted-cost optimization [FL08]
- for all concavely-priced timed automata [JT08]
- for deciding frequency objectives [BBBS11,Sta12]
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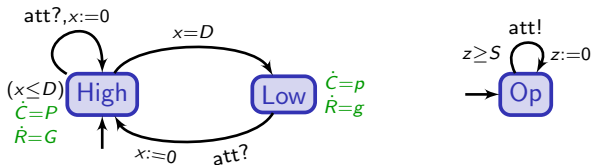
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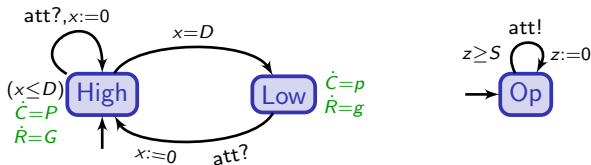
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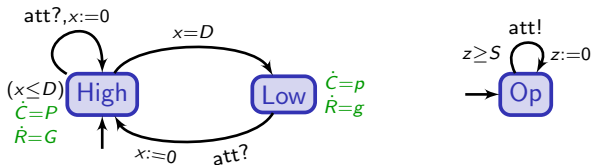
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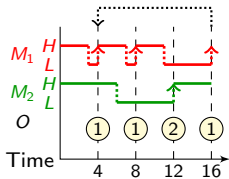
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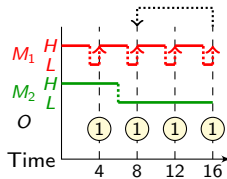


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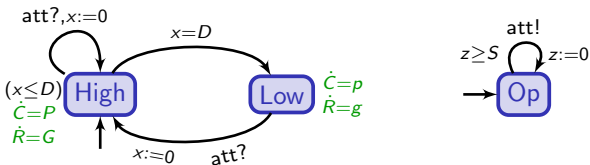


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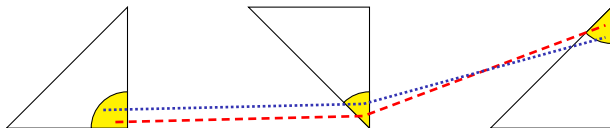


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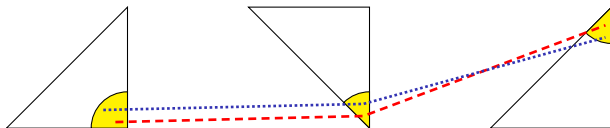


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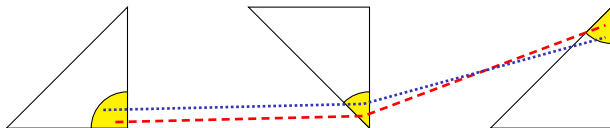
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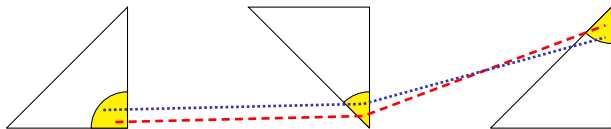


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## Going further 2: concavely-priced cost functions

↪ A general abstract framework for quantitative timed systems

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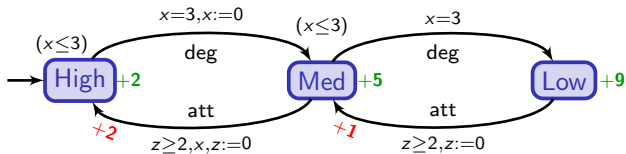
In **concavely-priced timed automata**, optimal cost is computable, if we restrict to quasi-concave cost functions. For the following cost functions, the (decision) problem is even PSPACE-complete:

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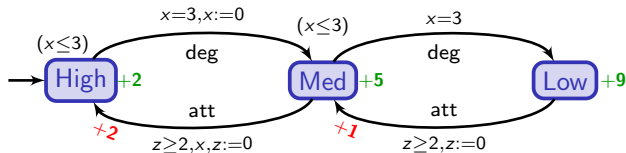
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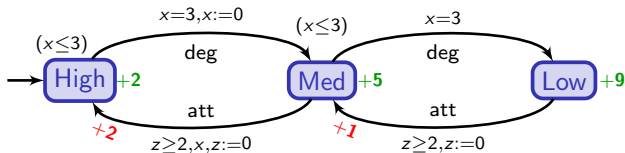
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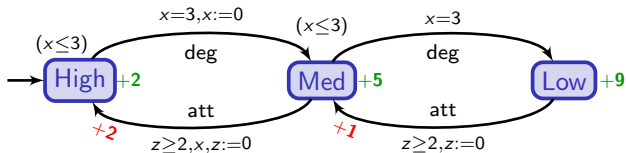
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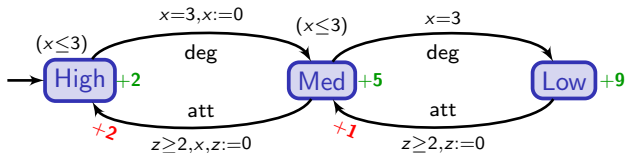


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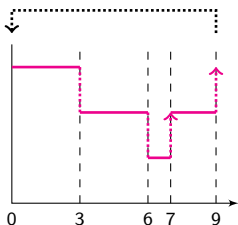


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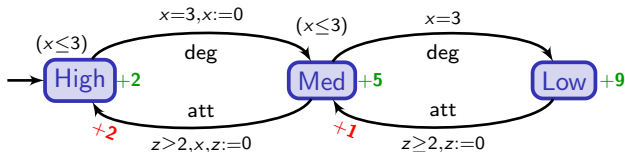
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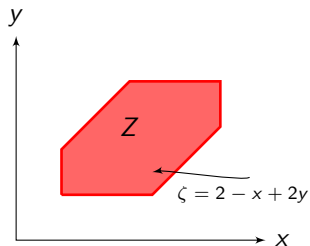
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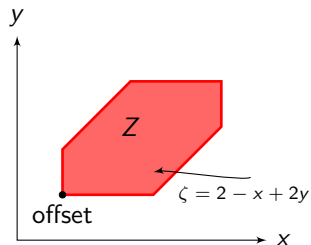
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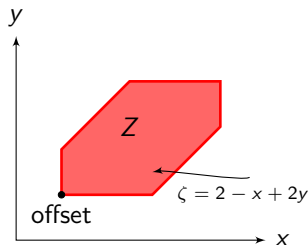
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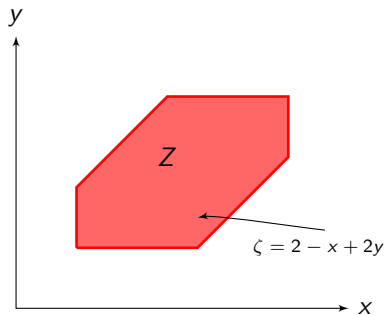
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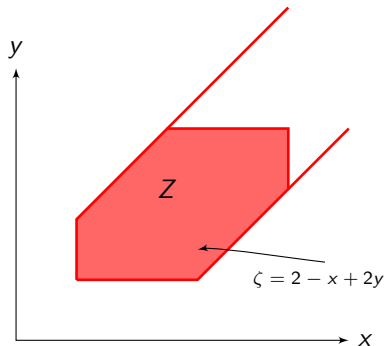


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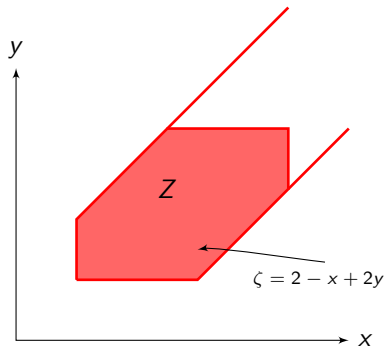
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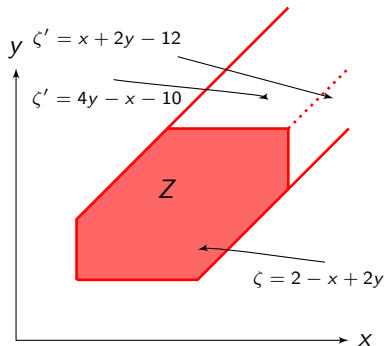
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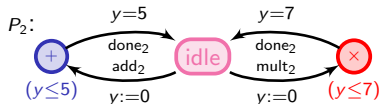
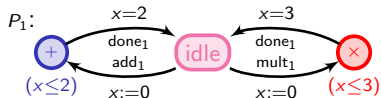
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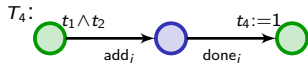
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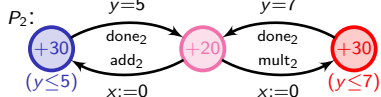
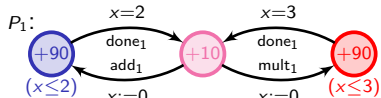
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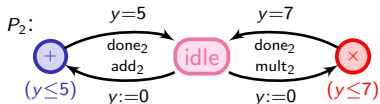
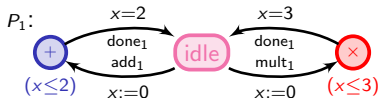


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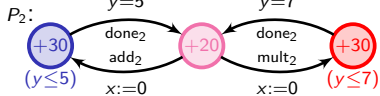
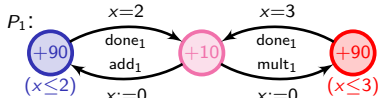


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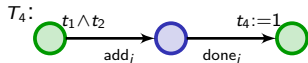
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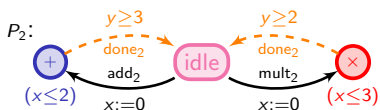
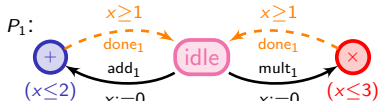
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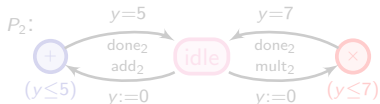
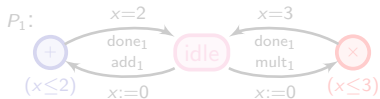


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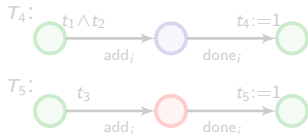


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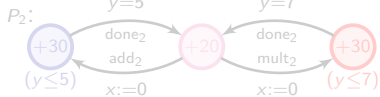
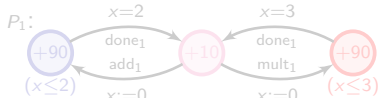


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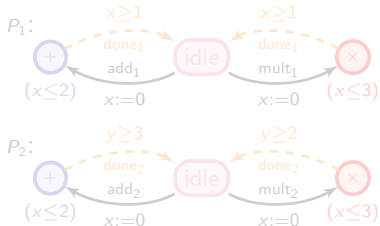


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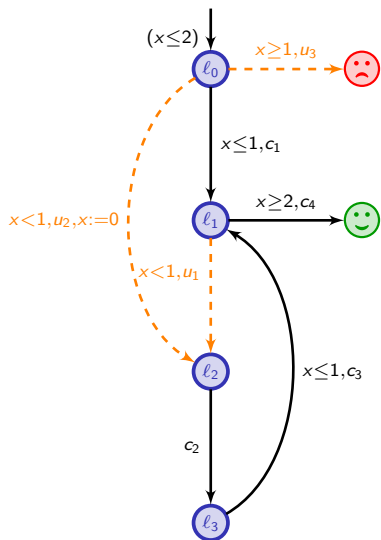
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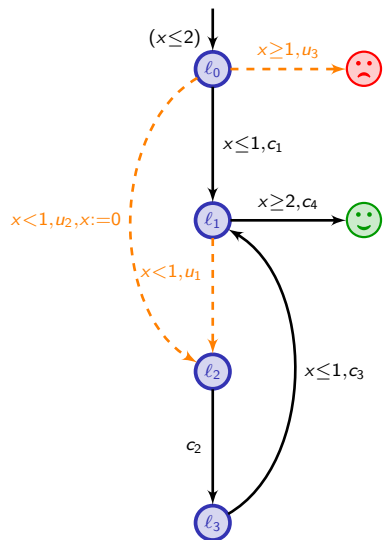
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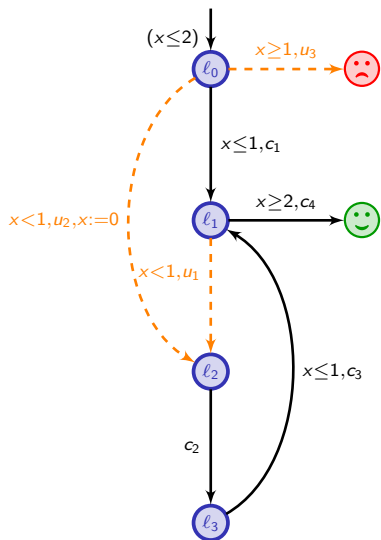


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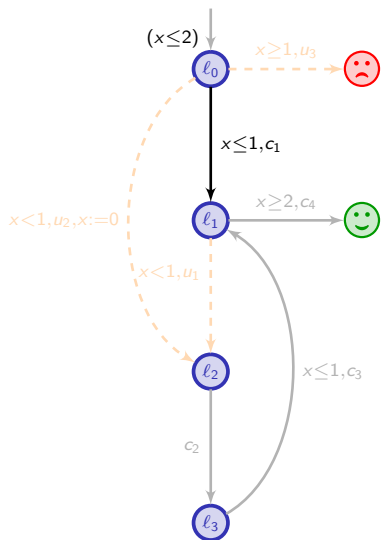


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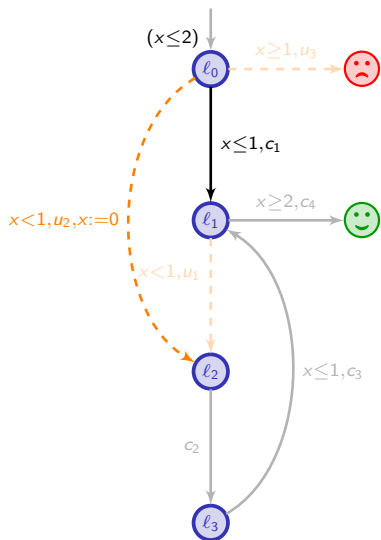
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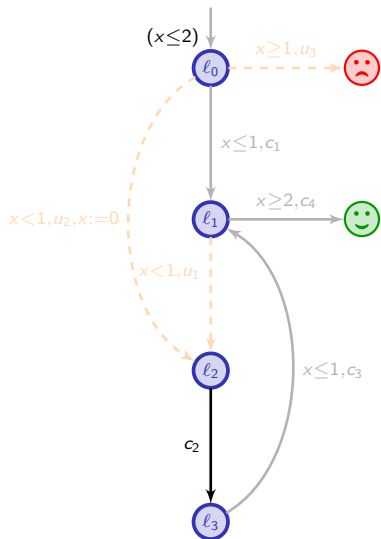
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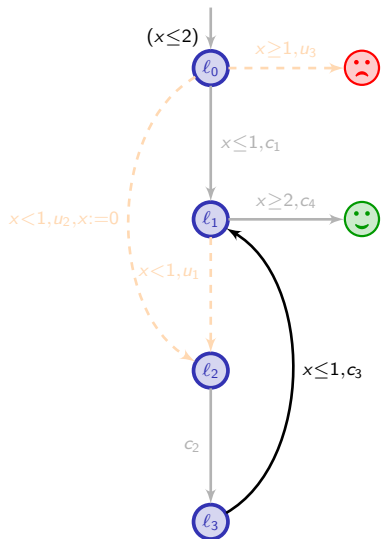
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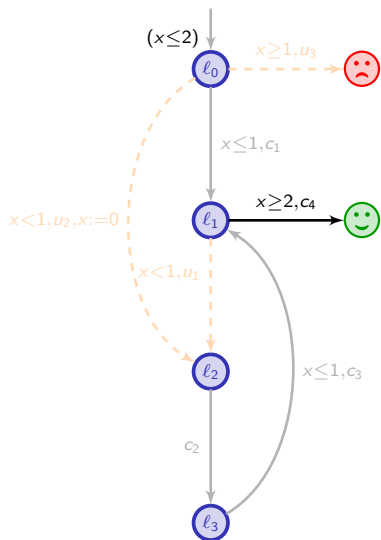
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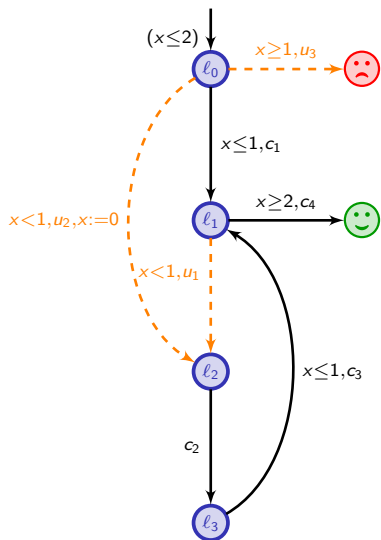
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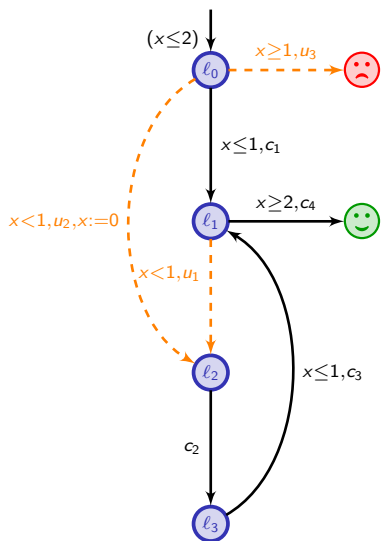
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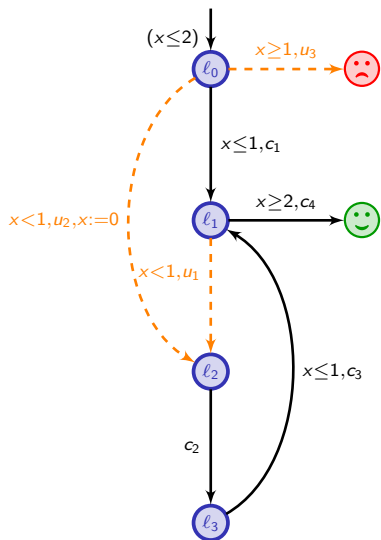
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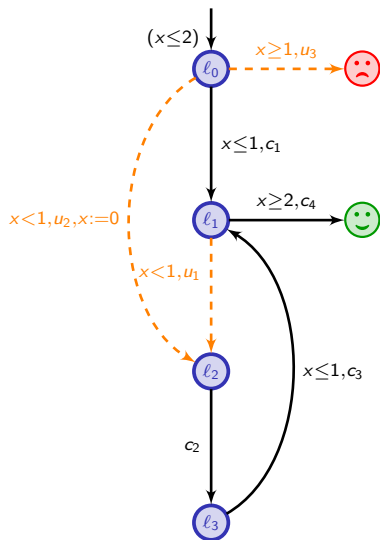
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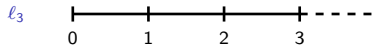
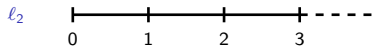
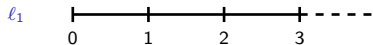
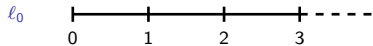
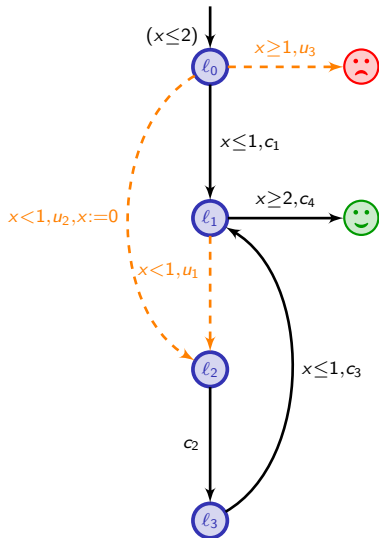
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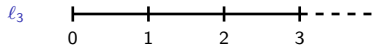
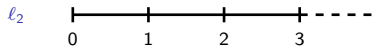
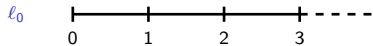
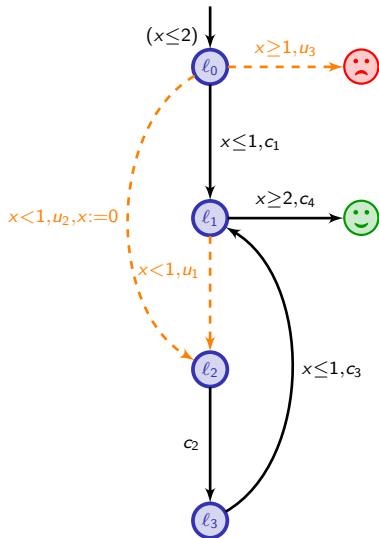
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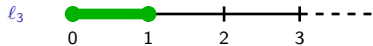
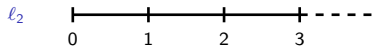
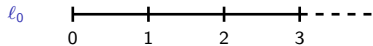
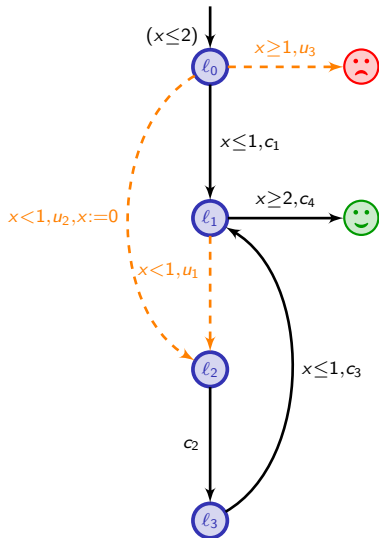
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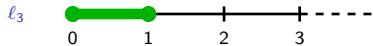
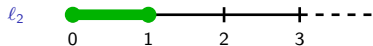
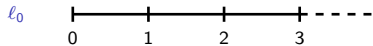
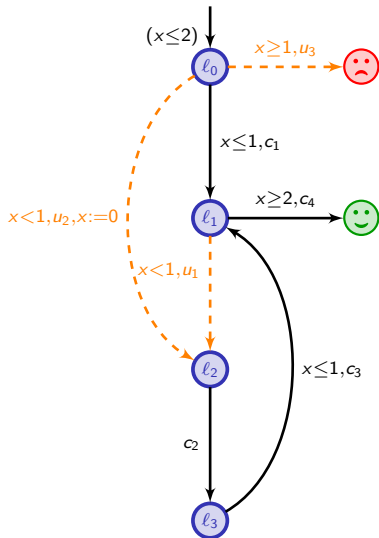


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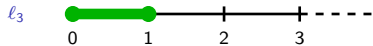
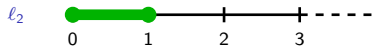
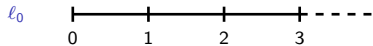
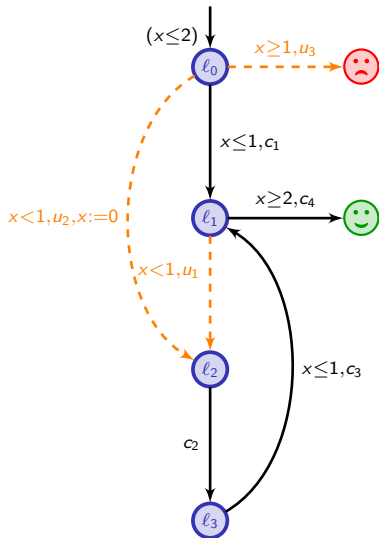




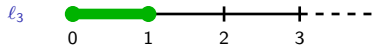
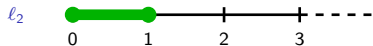
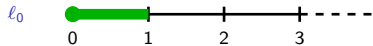
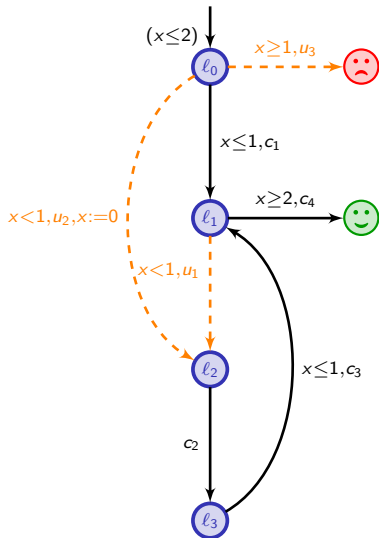
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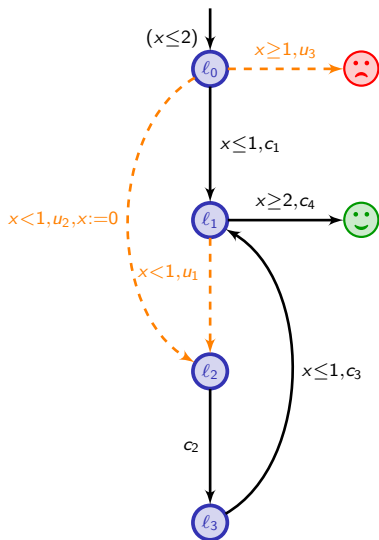
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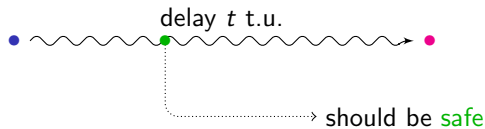
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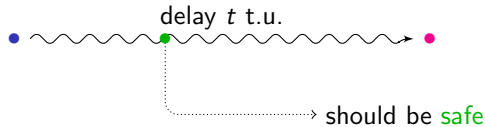
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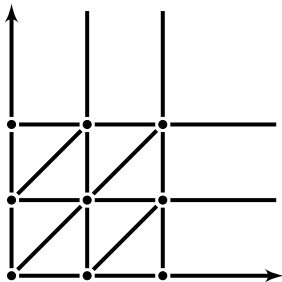
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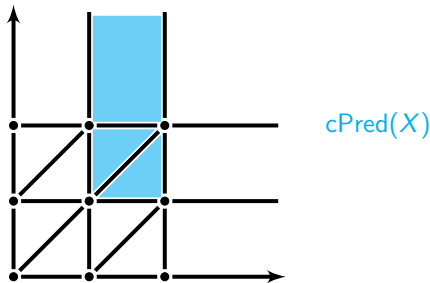
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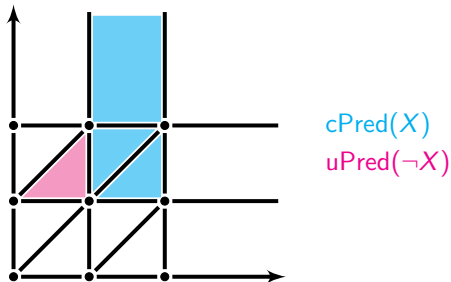
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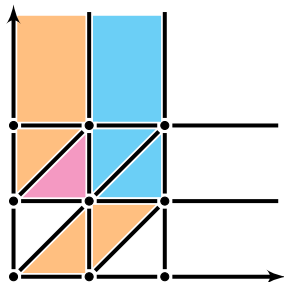
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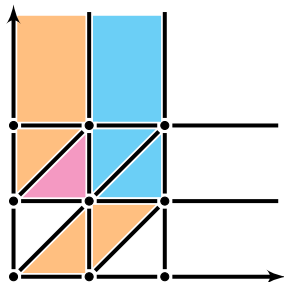
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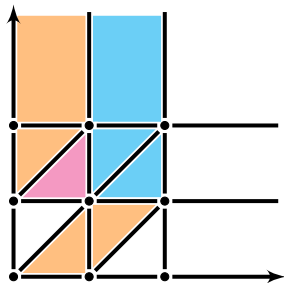
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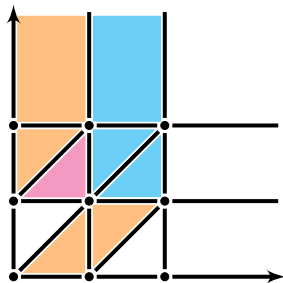
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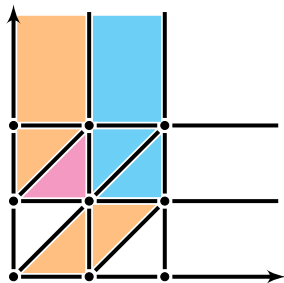
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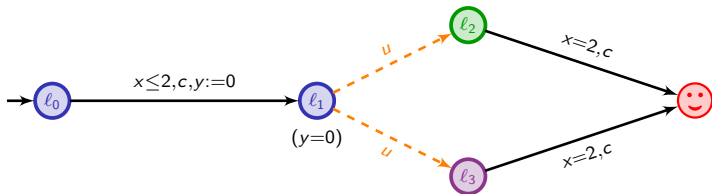
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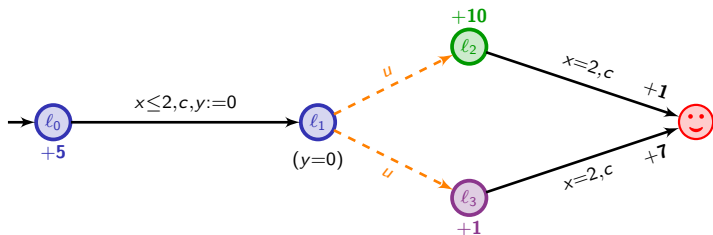
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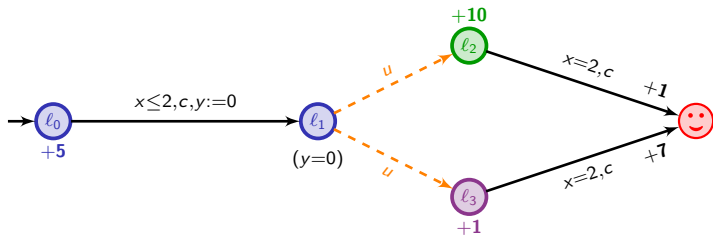
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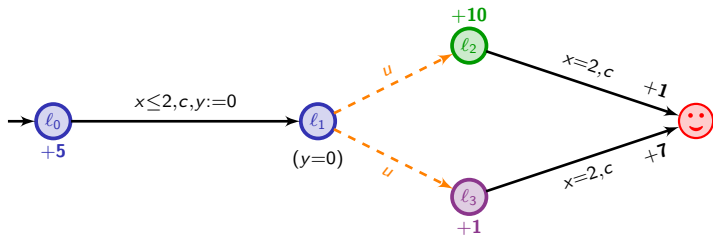


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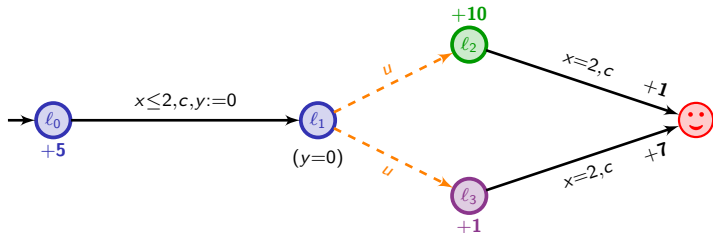
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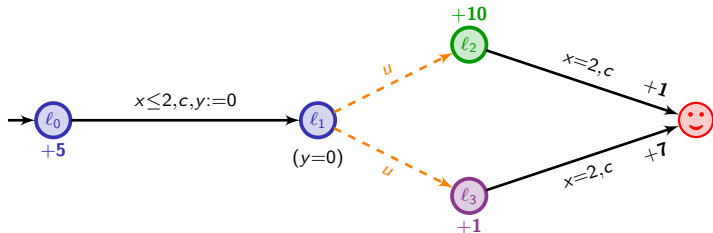


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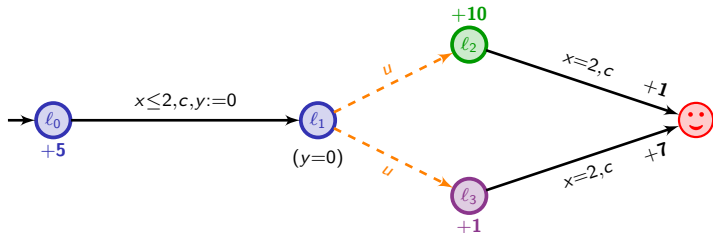
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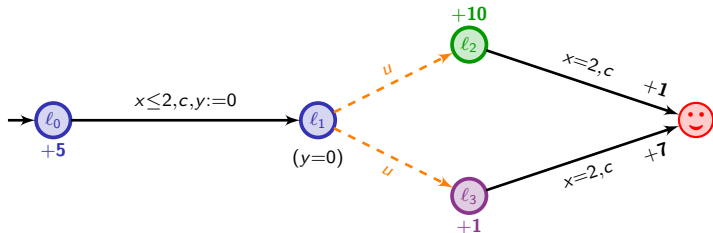
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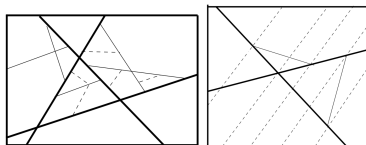
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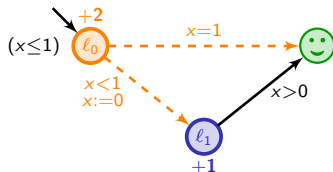
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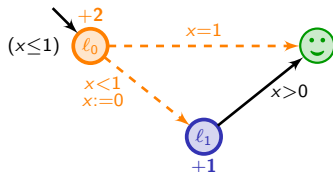
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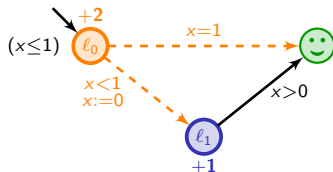
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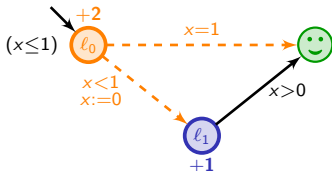


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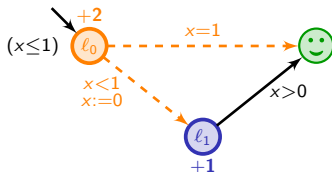


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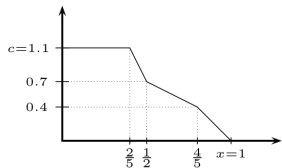
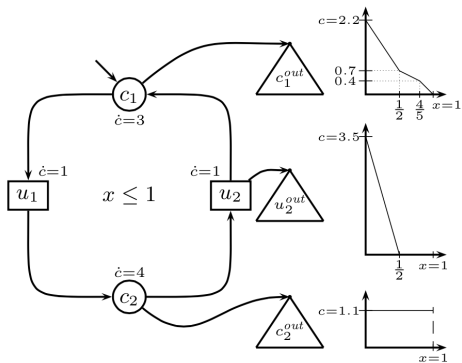
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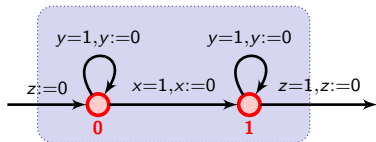
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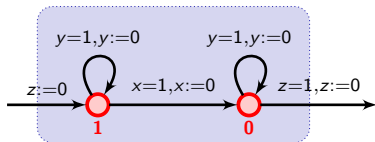
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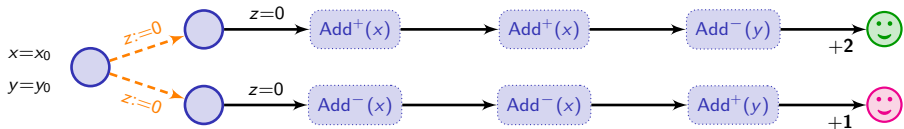


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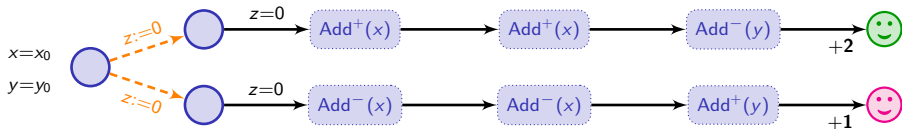
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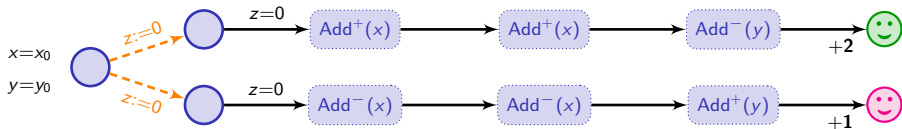
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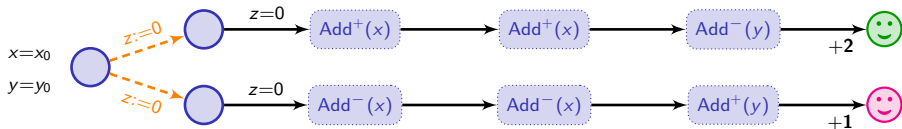
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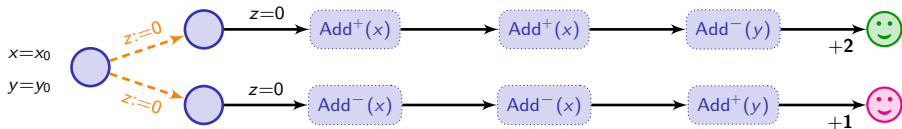
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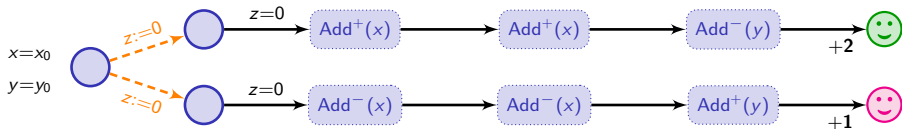
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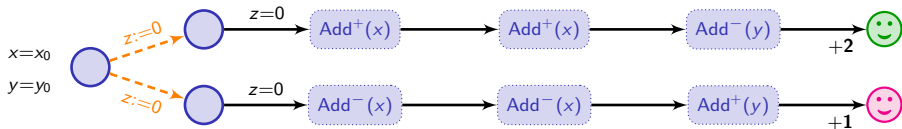
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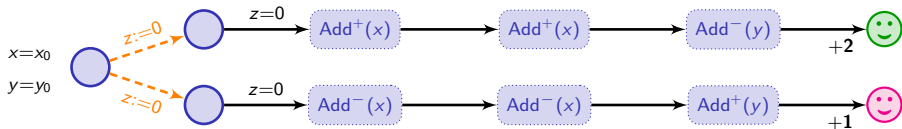
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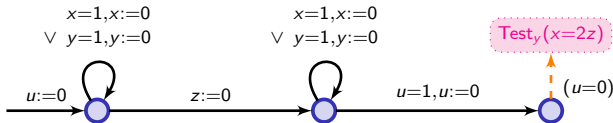
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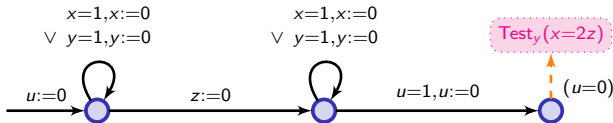
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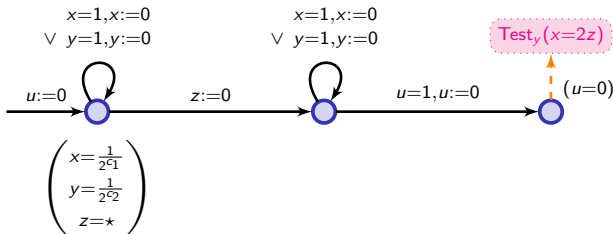
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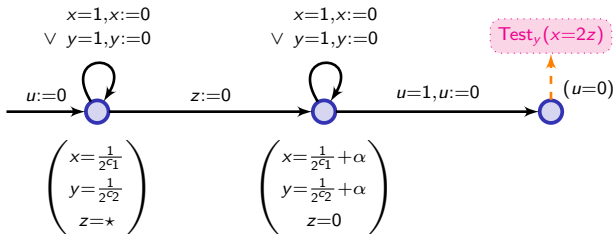
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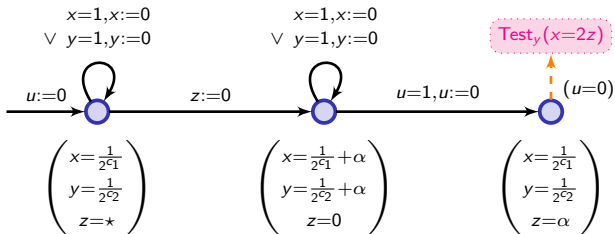
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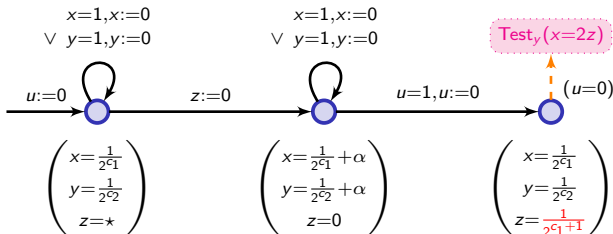
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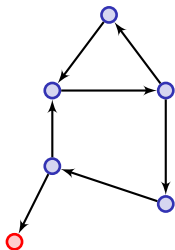
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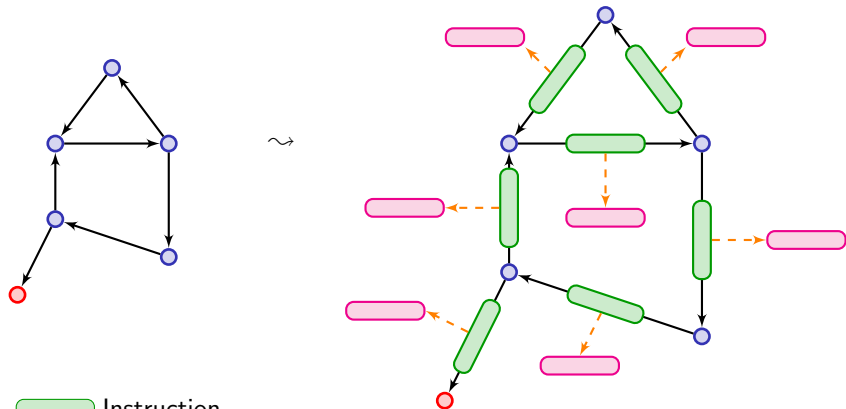





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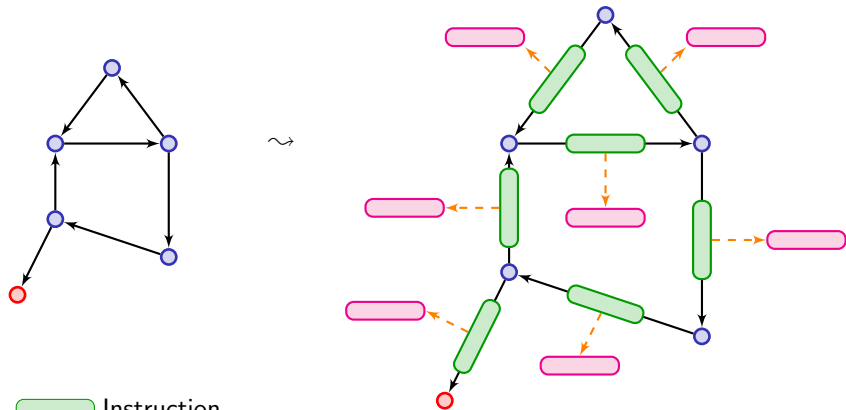
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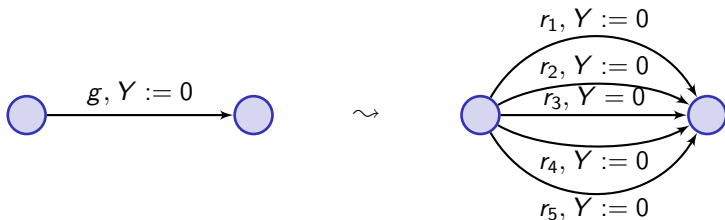
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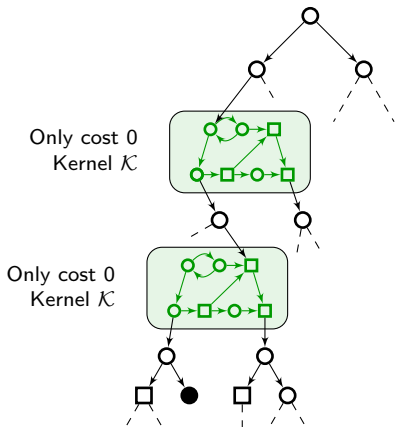
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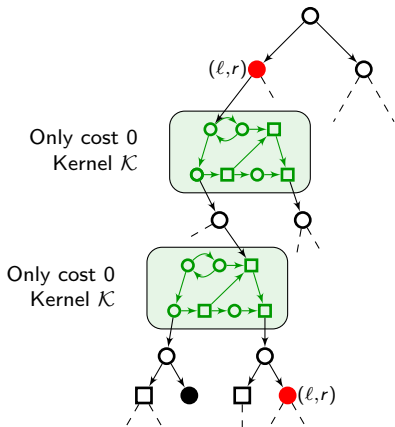




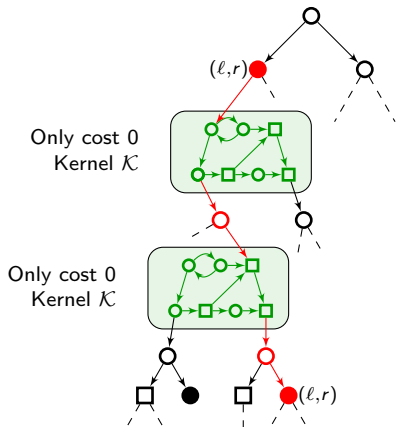
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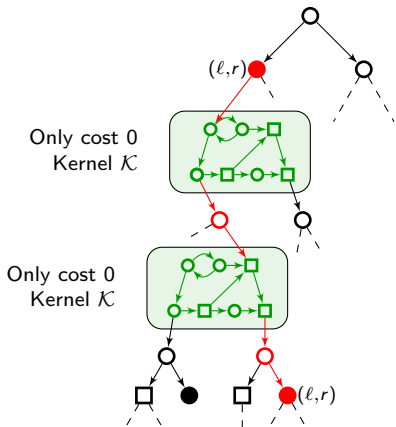
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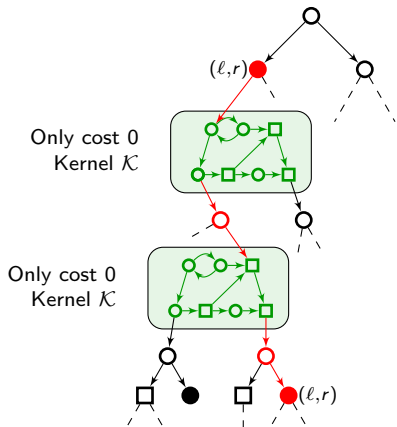


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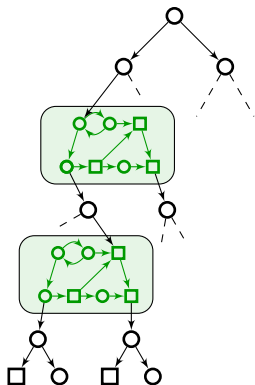
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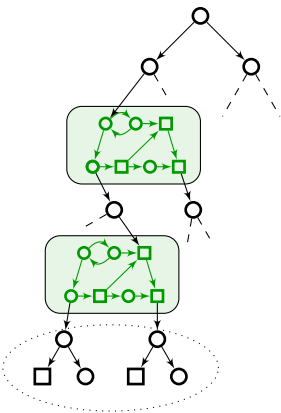
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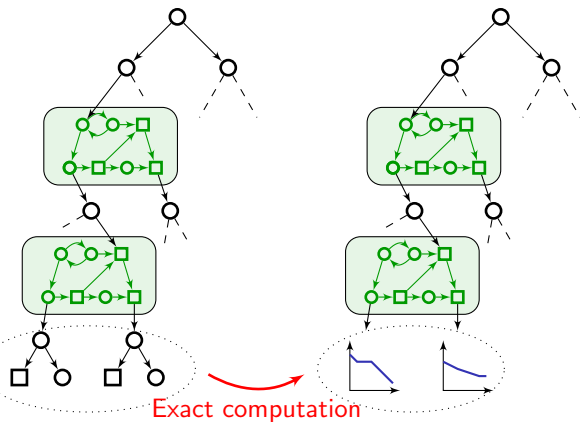
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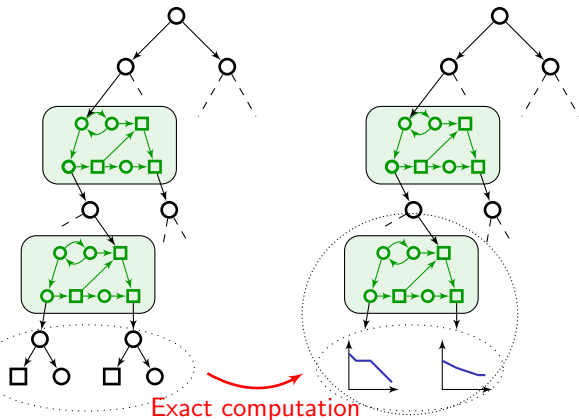


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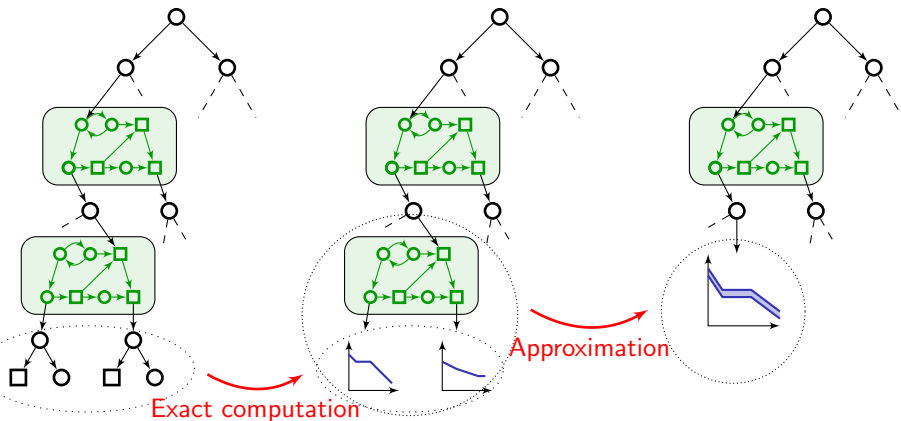




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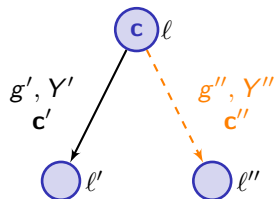


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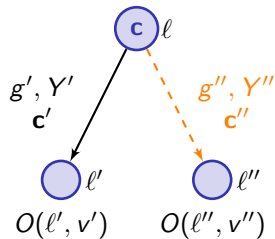
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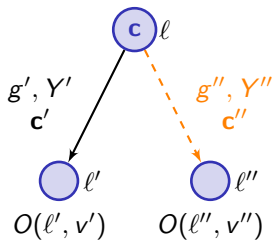
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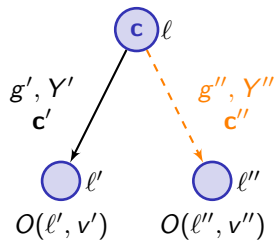
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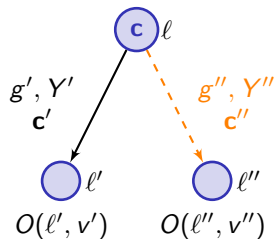
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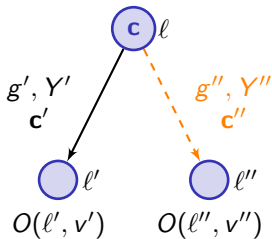
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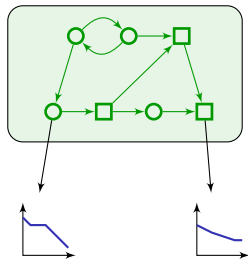
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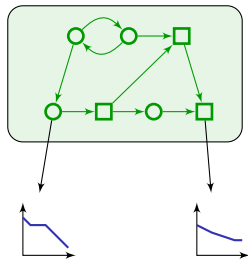
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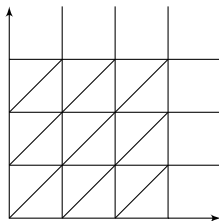
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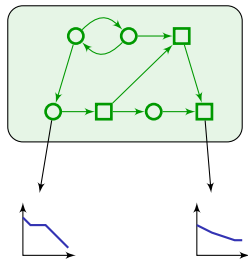


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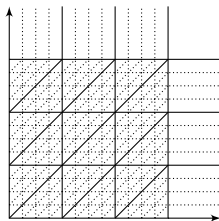


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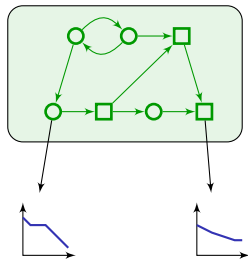


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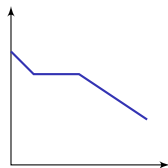
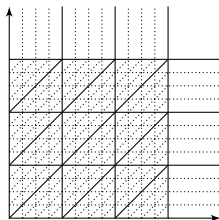


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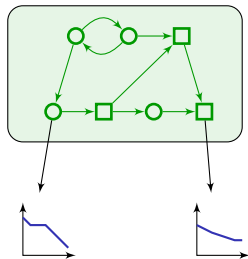


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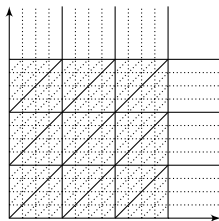


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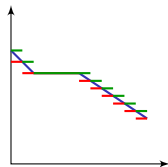
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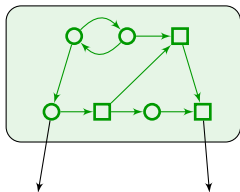


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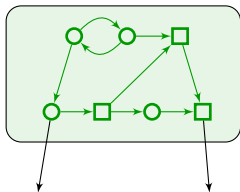
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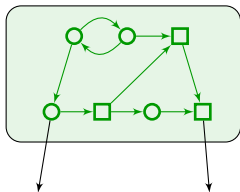
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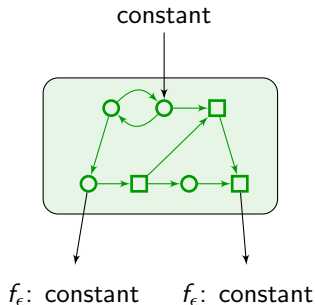
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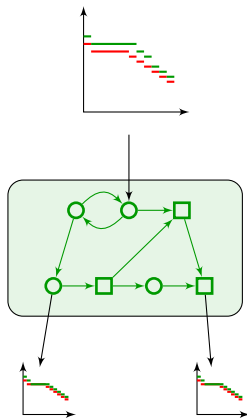
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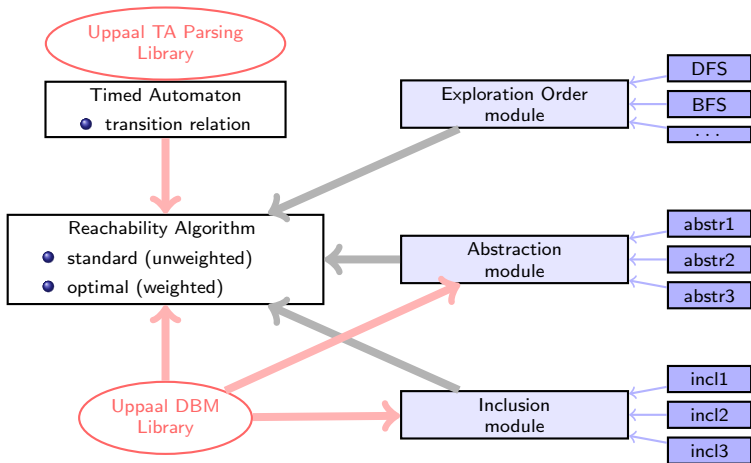
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<https://git.lsv.fr/colange/tiamo>

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|          |    | $\subseteq$   | 32,322               | 13,036               | 26,555               | $2.9 \times 10^{06}$ | 32,263               | 0.7       |
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|          |    | $\subseteq$   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO        |
| ETS      | +P | $\sqsubseteq$ | 107                  | 84                   | 83                   | 174                  | 66                   | 0.0       |
|          |    | $\subseteq$   | 664                  | 606                  | 590                  | 17,684               | 455                  | 0.0       |
| VRPTW    | +P | $\sqsubseteq$ | $6.0 \times 10^{05}$ | $4.8 \times 10^{05}$ | $5.6 \times 10^{05}$ | $6.2 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{05}$ | 11.3      |
|          |    | $\subseteq$   | $1.5 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{06}$ | $9.1 \times 10^{07}$ | $7.0 \times 10^{05}$ | 27.5      |
| VRPTW    | -P | $\sqsubseteq$ | $1.3 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{06}$ | $2.5 \times 10^{07}$ | $7.0 \times 10^{05}$ | 23.9      |
|          |    | $\subseteq$   | $5.8 \times 10^{06}$ | $5.8 \times 10^{06}$ | $5.4 \times 10^{06}$ | $1.1 \times 10^{09}$ | $1.9 \times 10^{06}$ | 111.2     |
| unbound. | +P | $\sqsubseteq$ | 14                   | 13                   | 14                   | 135                  | 3                    | 0.0       |
|          |    | $\subseteq$   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO        |
| unbound. | -P | $\sqsubseteq$ | 14                   | 14                   | 14                   | 135                  | 3                    | 0.0       |
|          |    | $\subseteq$   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO                   | TO        |

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