

On the verification of timed systems... ... and beyond

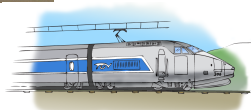
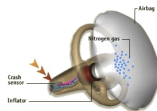
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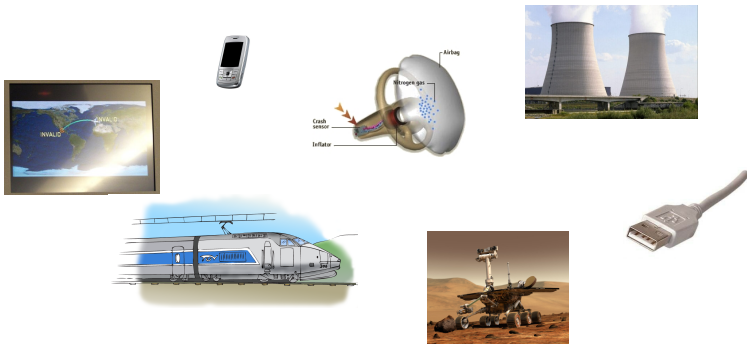
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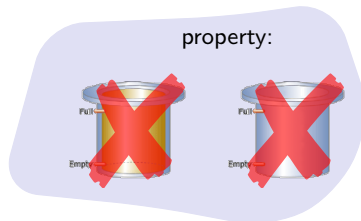
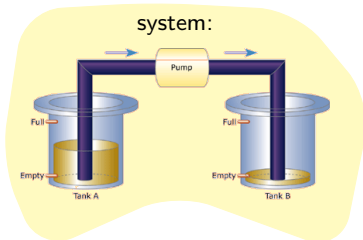
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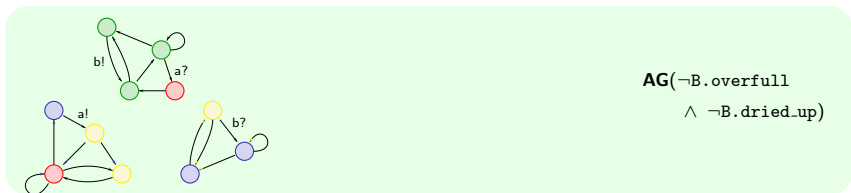
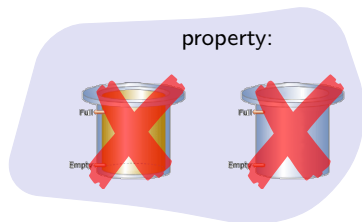
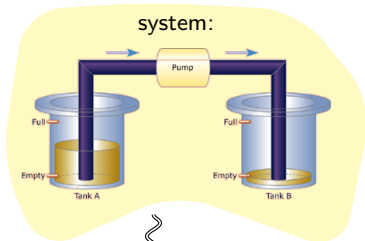


- ... and in their **analysis** and **control**

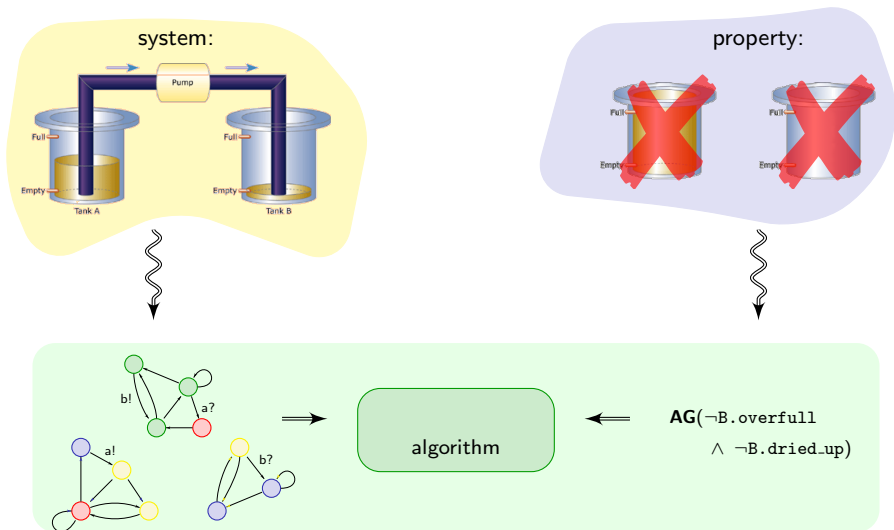
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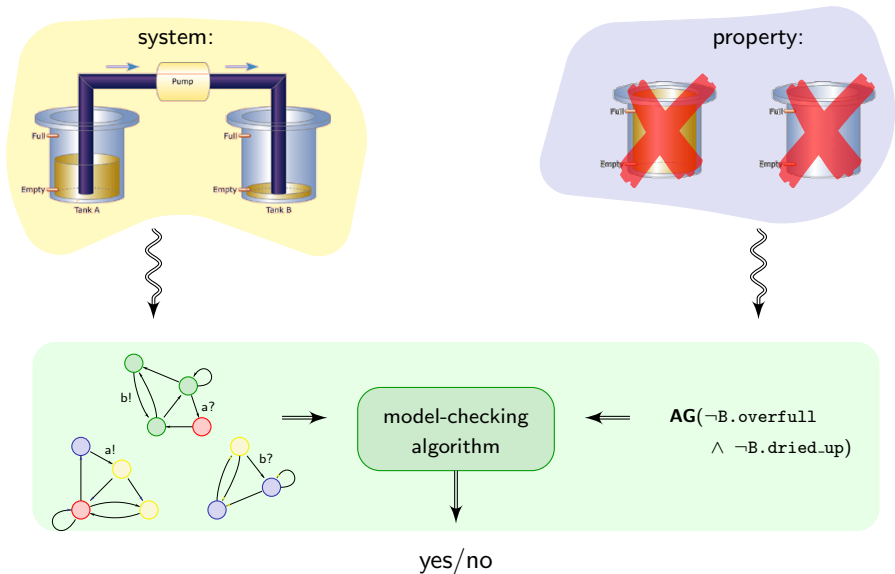
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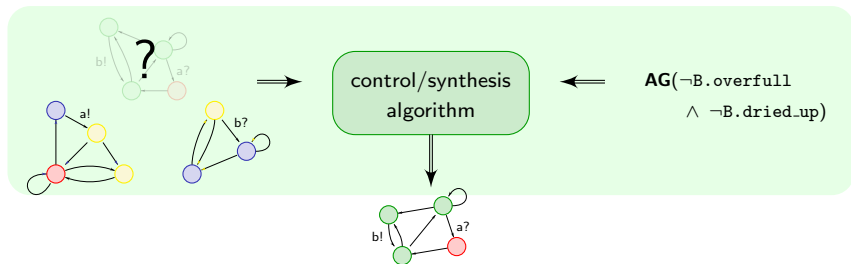
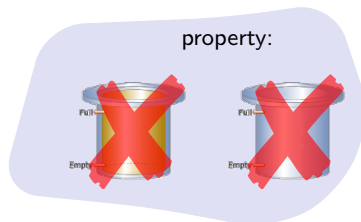
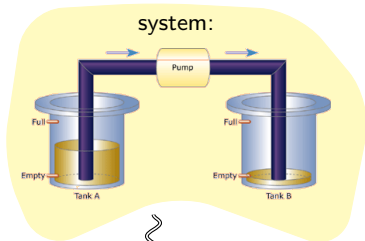
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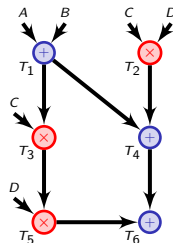
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
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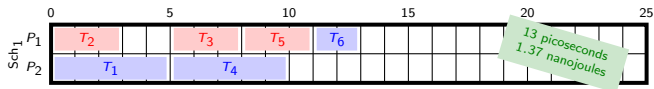
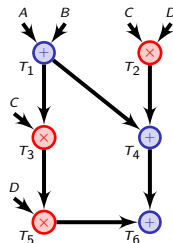
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
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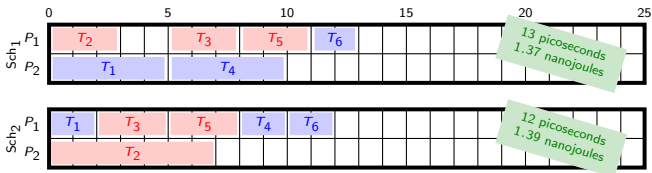
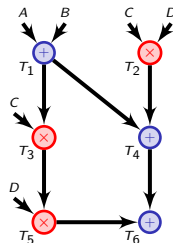
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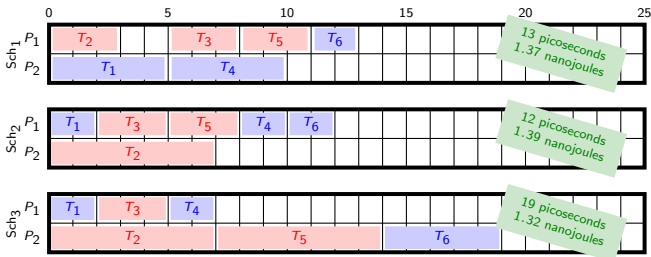
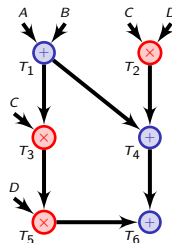
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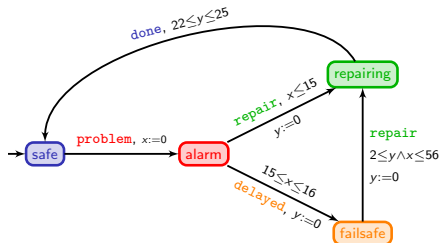
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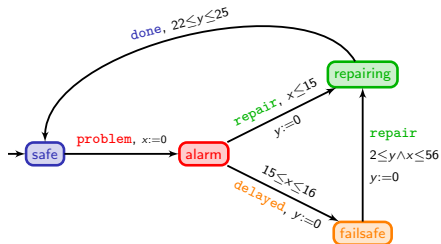
Outline

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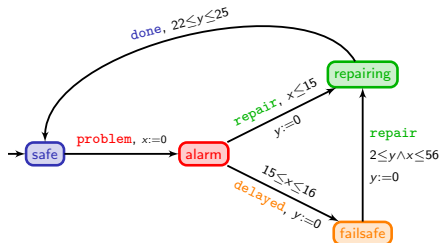


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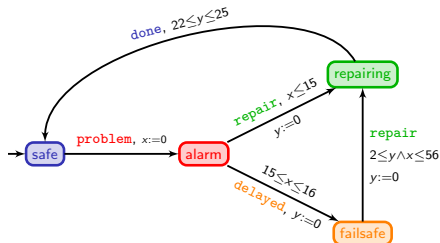
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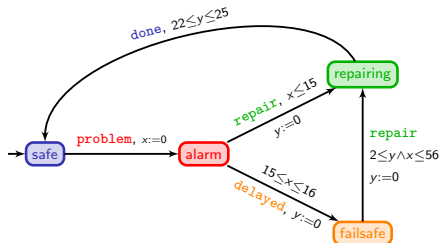
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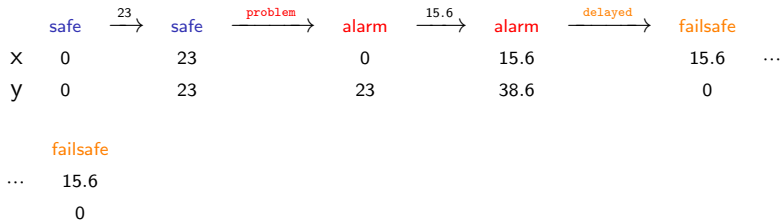
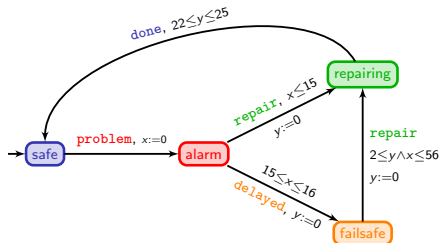
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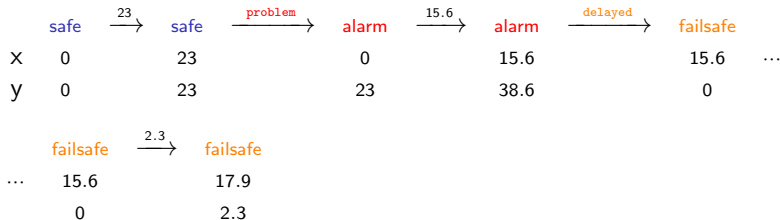
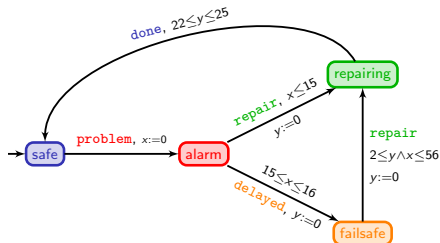


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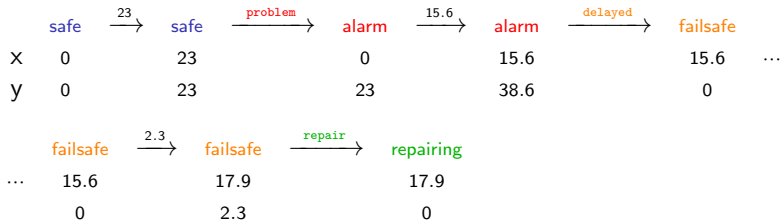
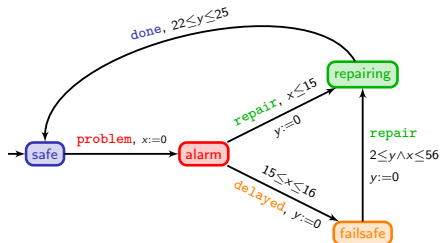
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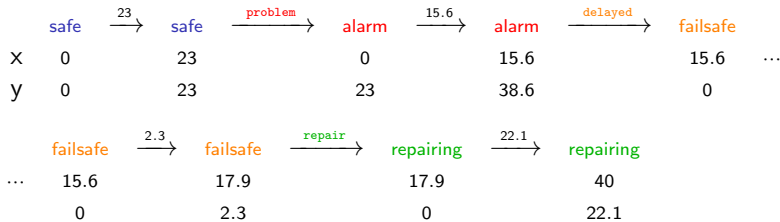
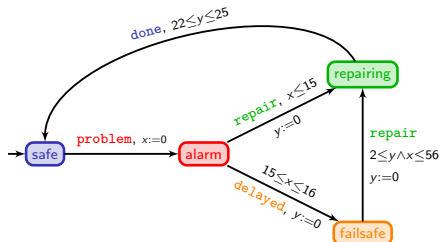
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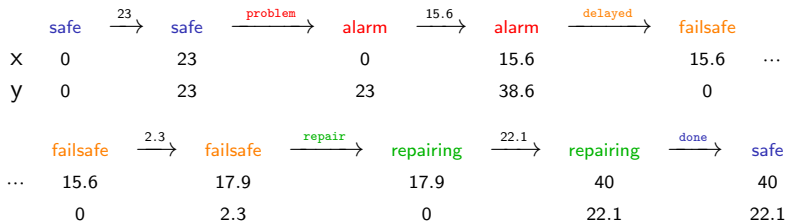
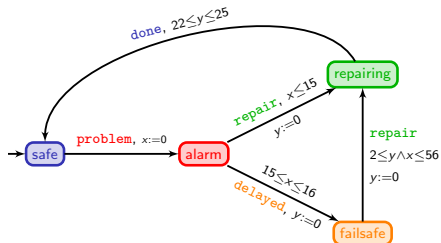
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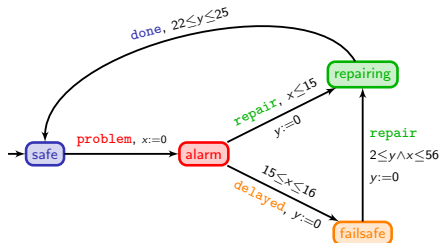
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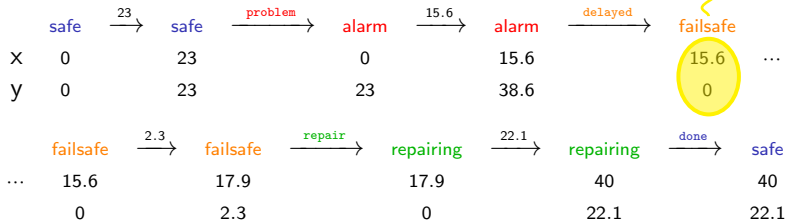
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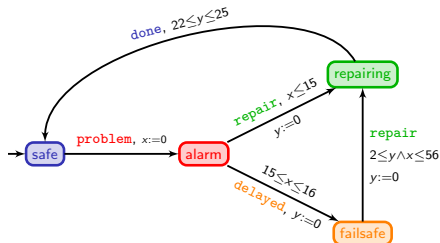
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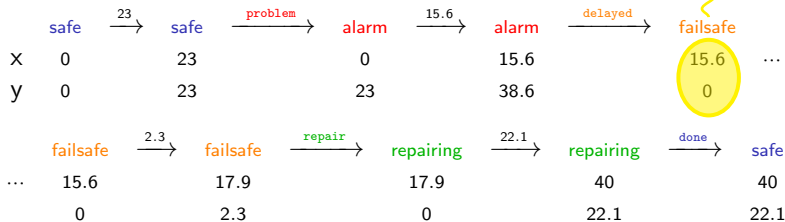
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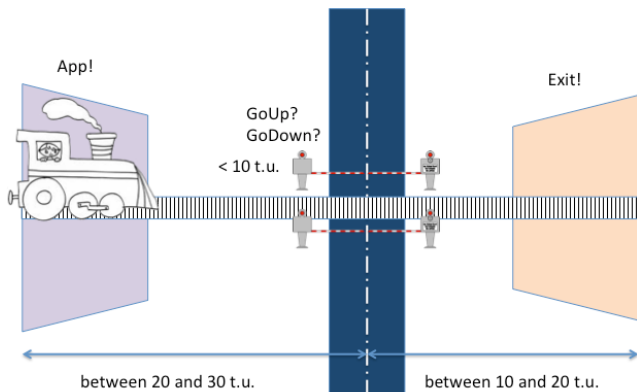
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This run reads the timed word

`(problem, 23)(delayed, 38.6)(repair, 40.9)(done, 63)`

The train crossing example

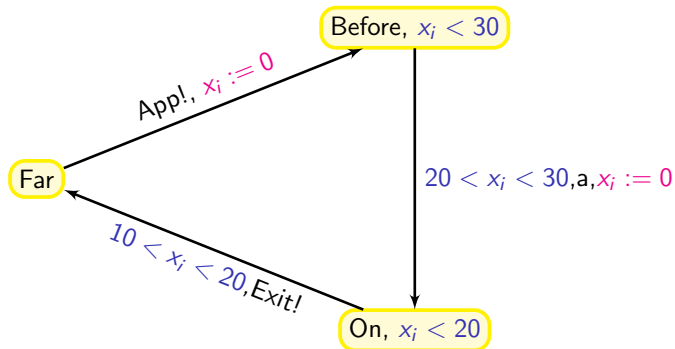


App? Exit?
GoUp! GoDown!



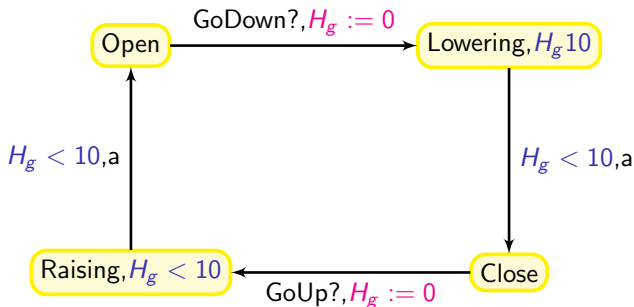
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Train_{*i*} with $i = 1, 2, \dots$



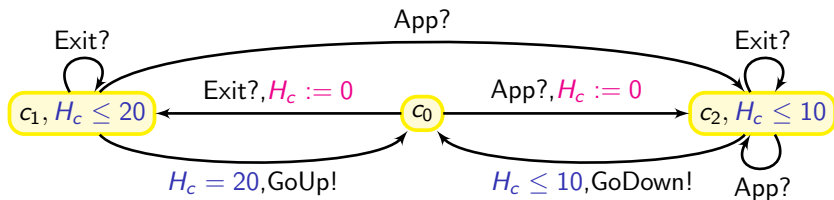
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The gate:



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The controller:



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We use the synchronization function f :

Train ₁	Train ₂	Gate	Controller	
App!	.	.	App?	App
.	App!	.	App?	App
Exit!	.	.	Exit?	Exit
.	Exit!	.	Exit?	Exit
a	.	.	.	a
.	a	.	.	a
.	.	a	.	a
.	.	GoUp?	GoUp!	GoUp
.	.	GoDown?	GoDown!	GoDown

to define the parallel composition ($\text{Train}_1 \parallel \text{Train}_2 \parallel \text{Gate} \parallel \text{Controller}$)

NB: the parallel composition does not add expressive power!

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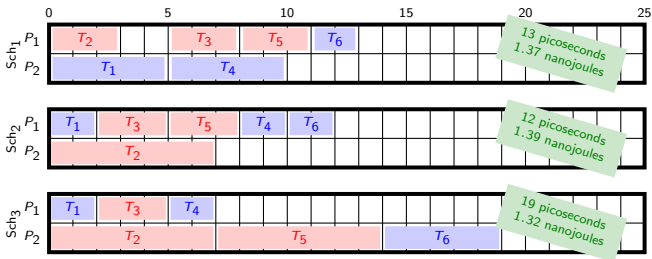
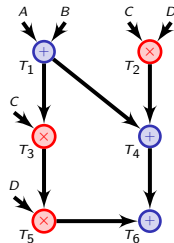
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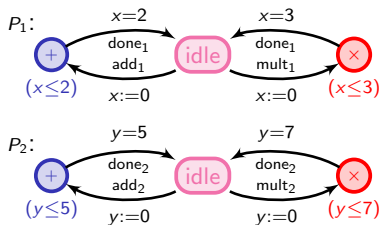
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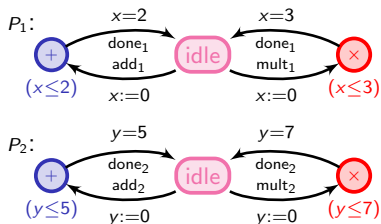
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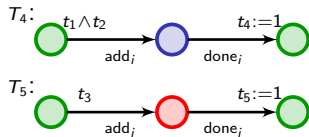


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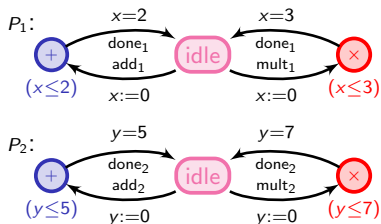


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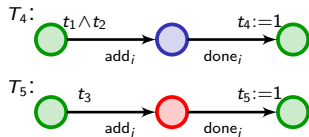


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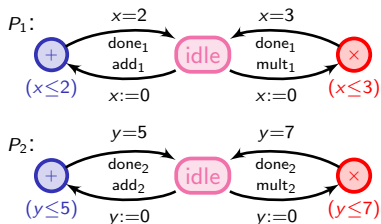


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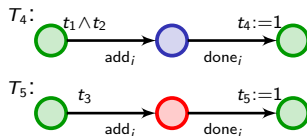
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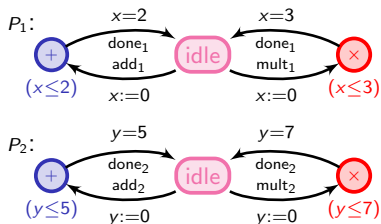
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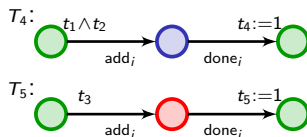
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Questions one can ask

- 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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Interesting problems

- Which semantics?
(and be aware of the limits of the choice)
- Algorithms for automatic verification

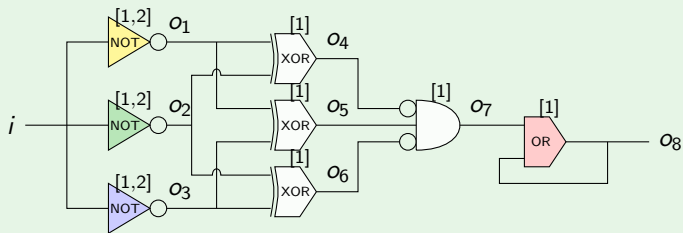
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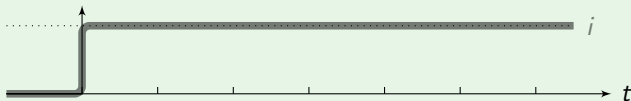
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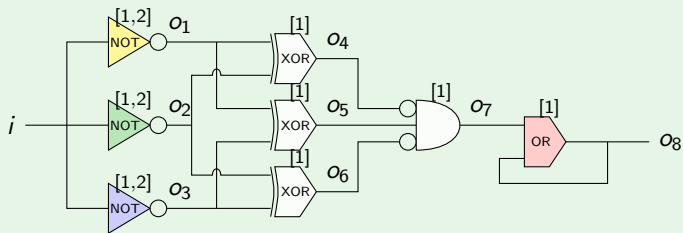
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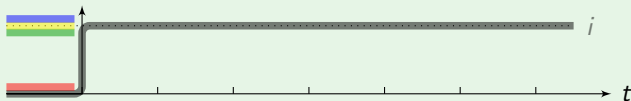
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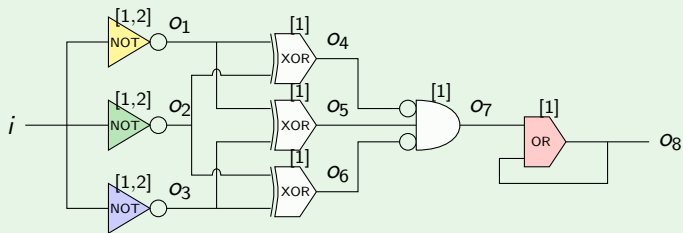
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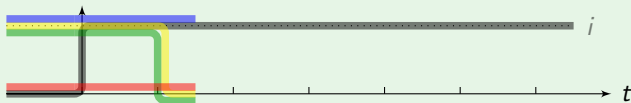
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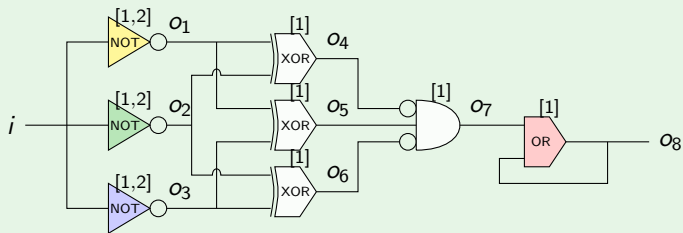
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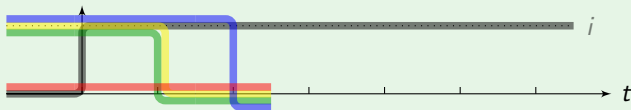
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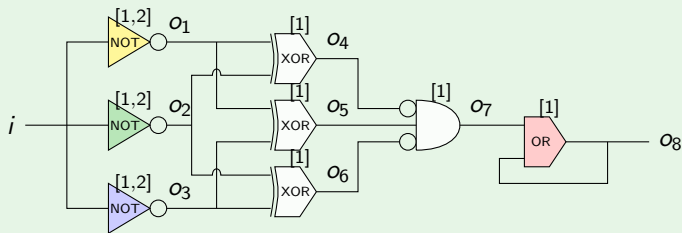
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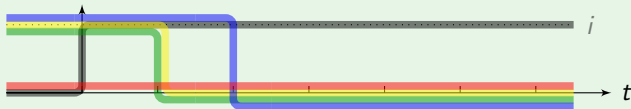
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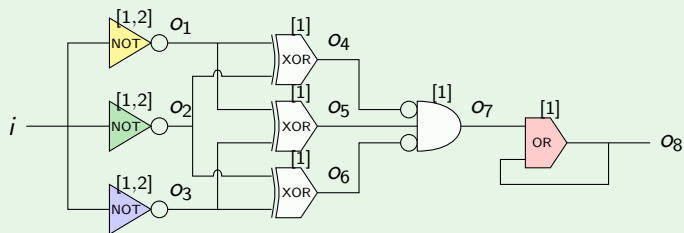
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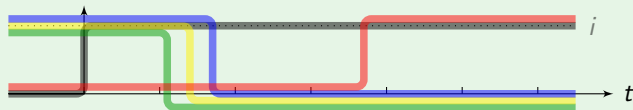
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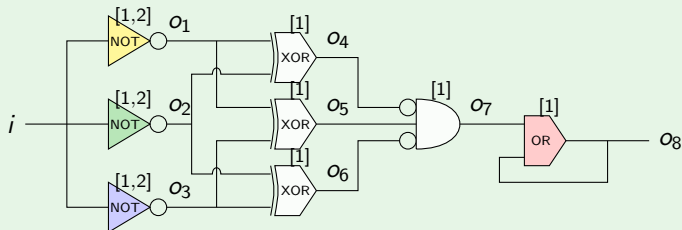
- under continuous-time, the output can be 1:



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Finding the correct granularity (if one exists) is hard!

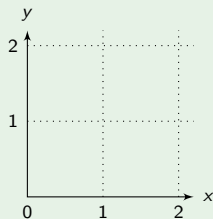
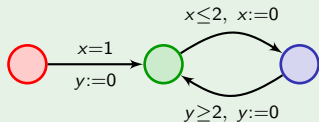
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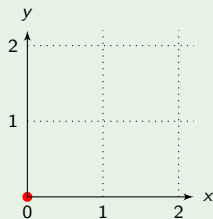
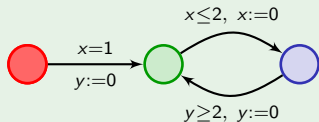
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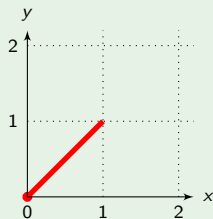
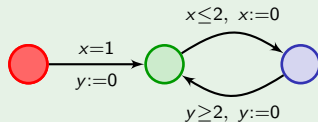
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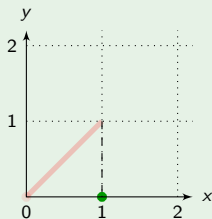
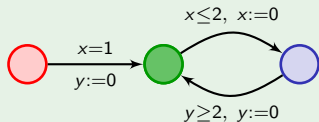
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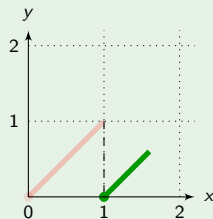
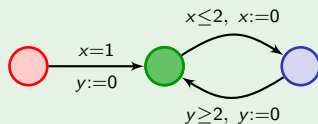
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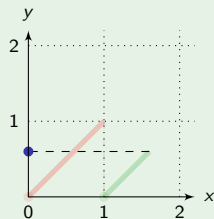
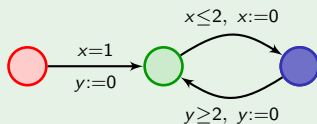
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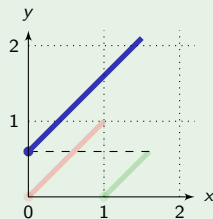
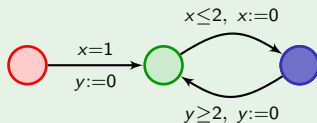
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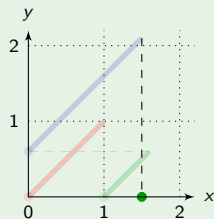
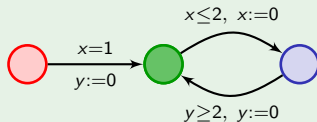
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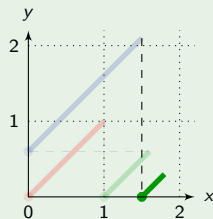
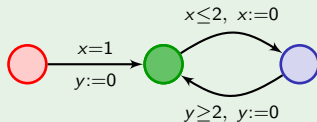
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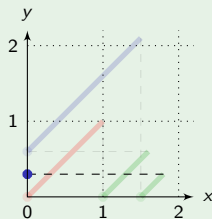
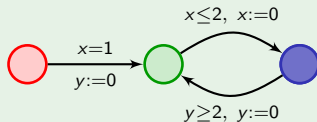
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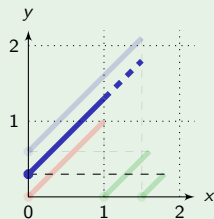
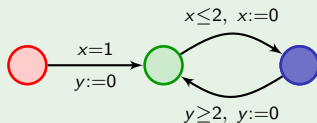
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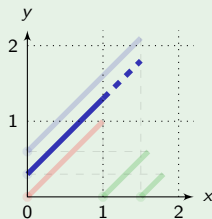
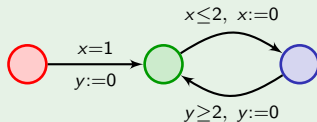
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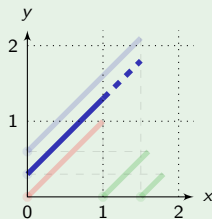
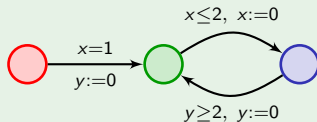


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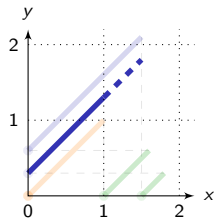
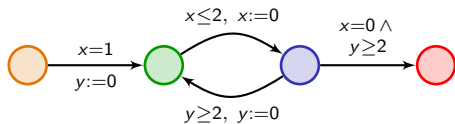
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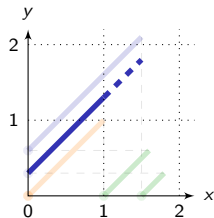
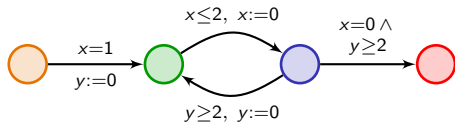
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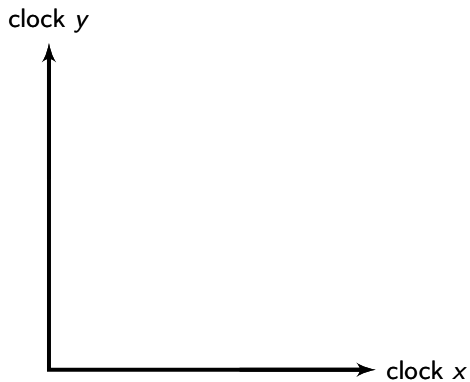
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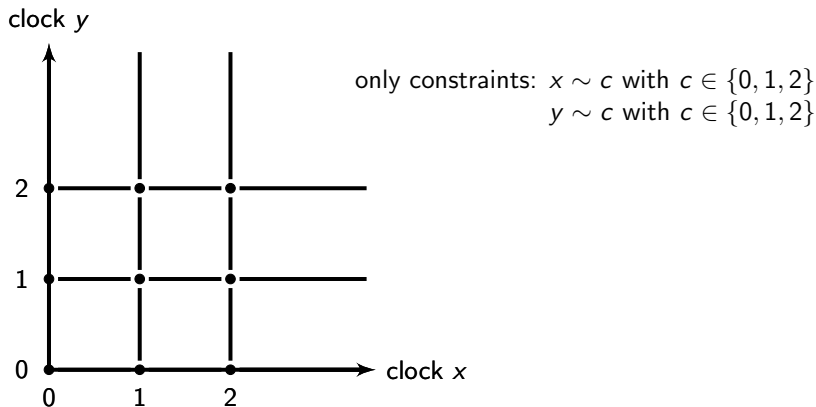
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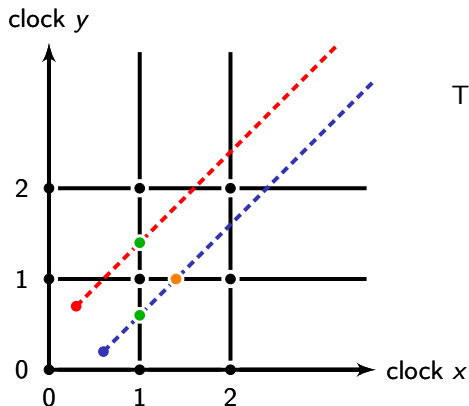


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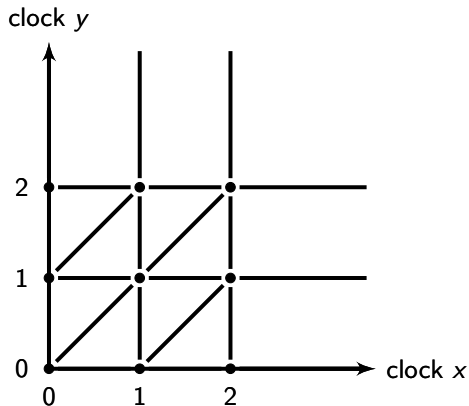


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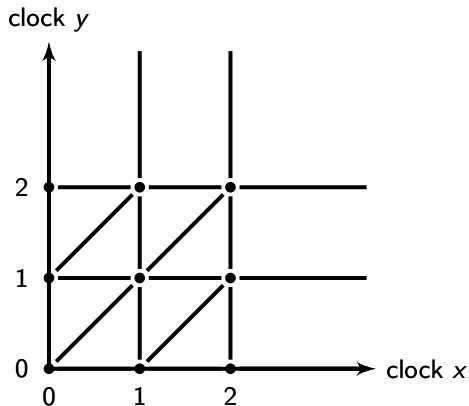
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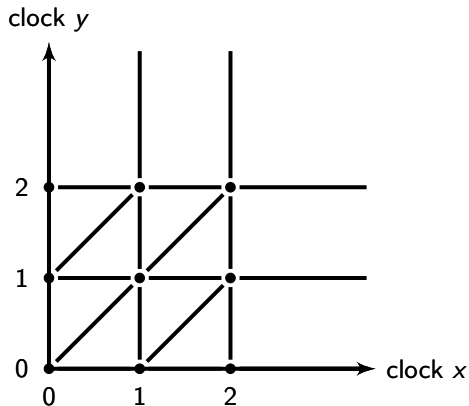
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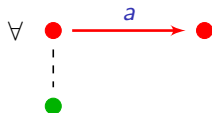
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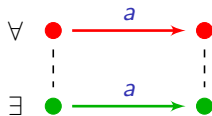
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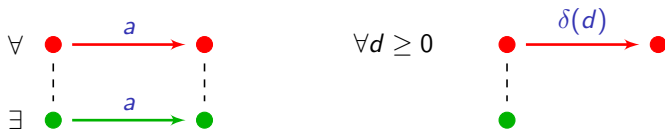
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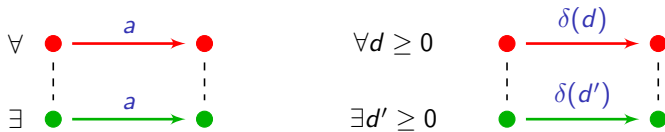
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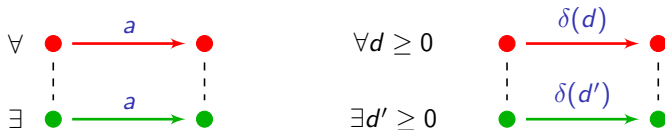
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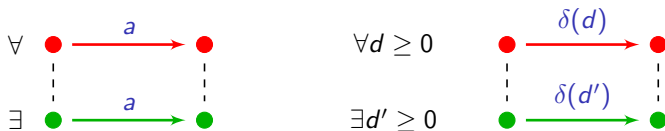
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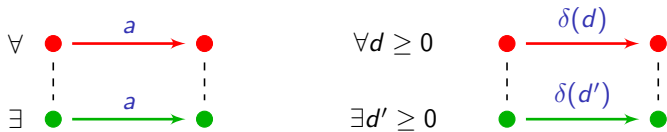
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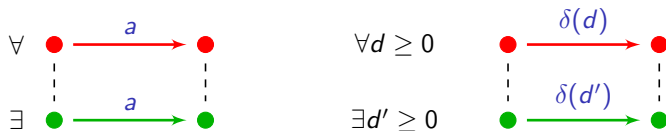
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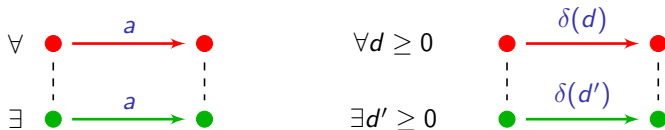
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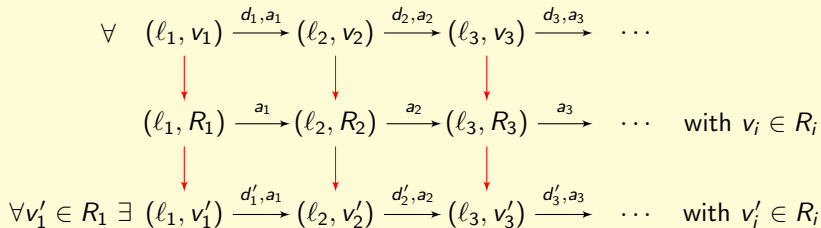
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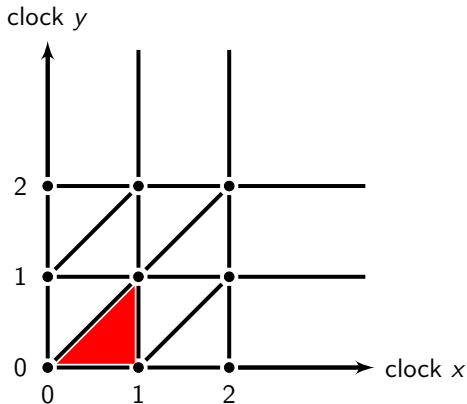


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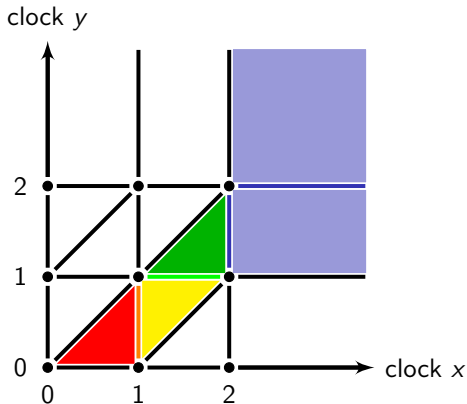
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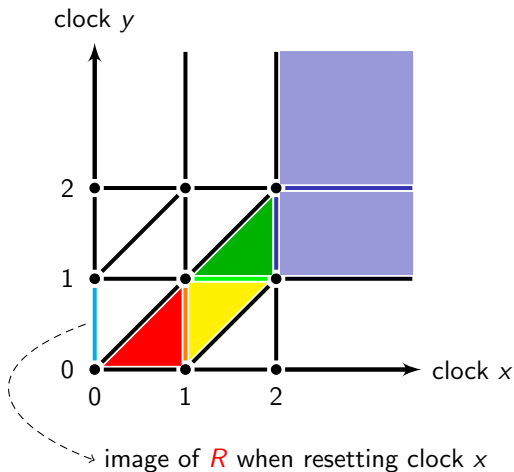


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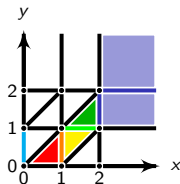
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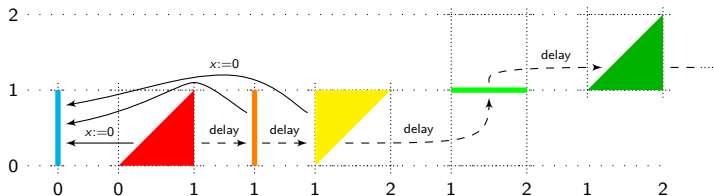
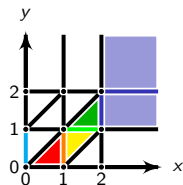
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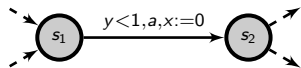


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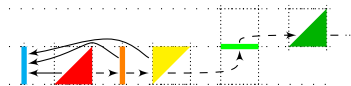
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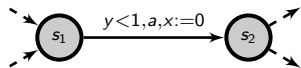


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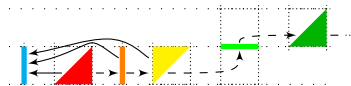


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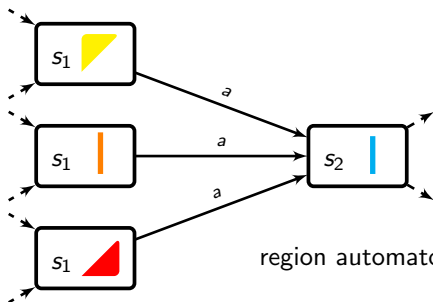
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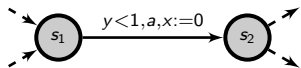


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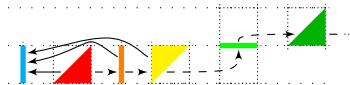


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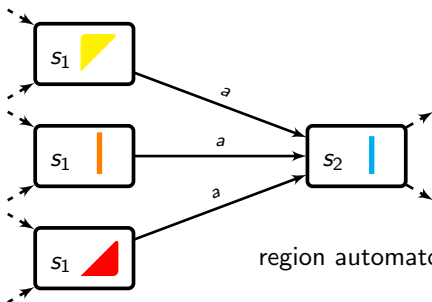
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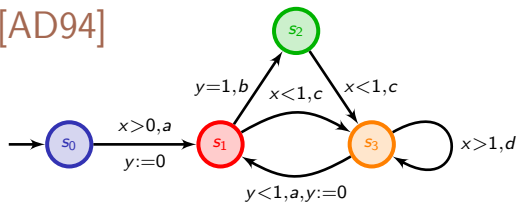
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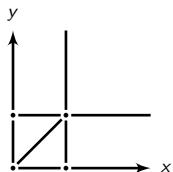
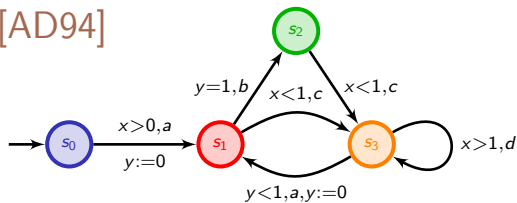
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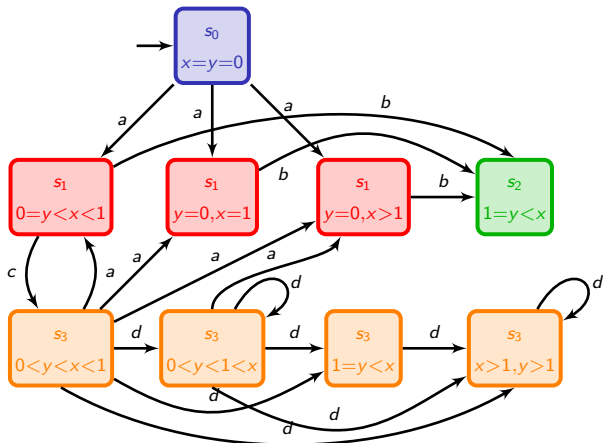
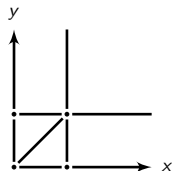
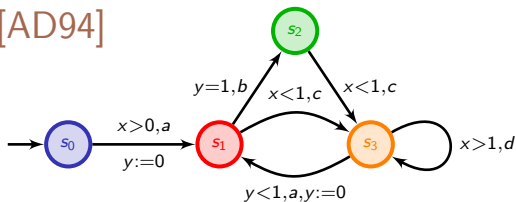
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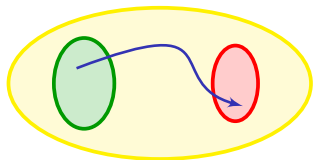


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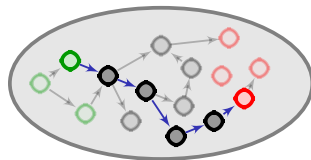
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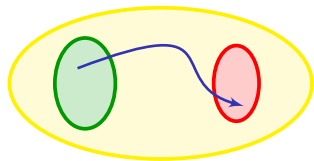


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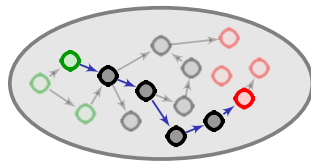


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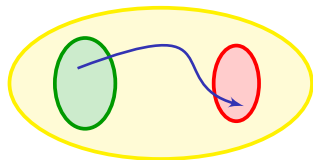
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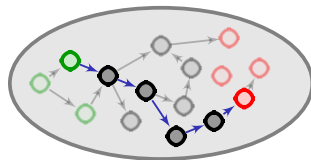
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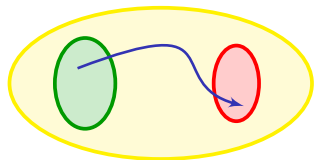
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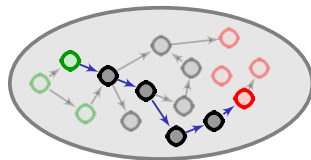
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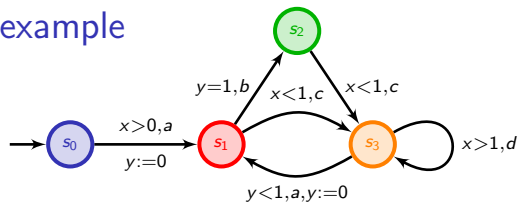
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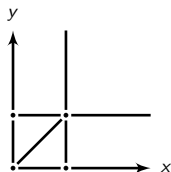
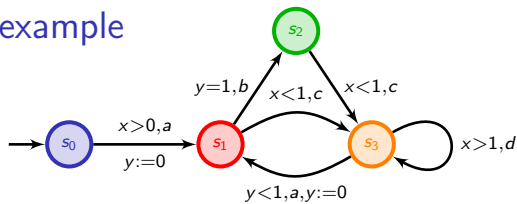
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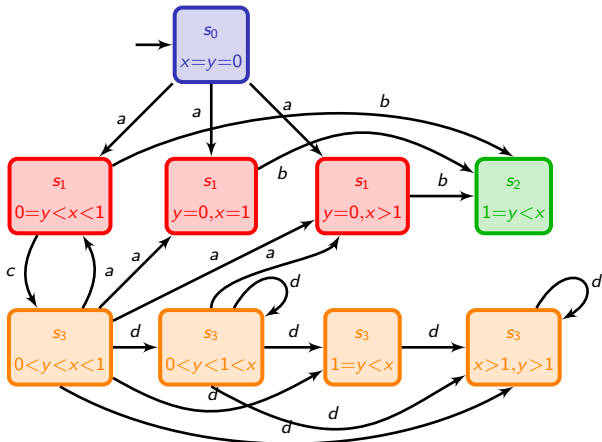
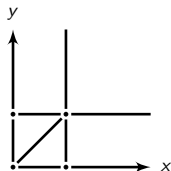
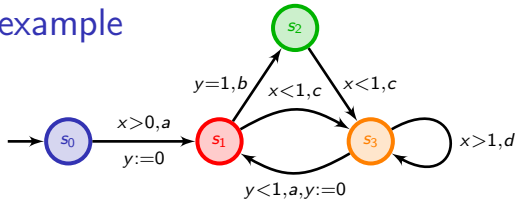
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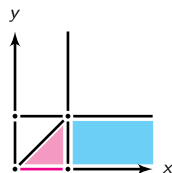
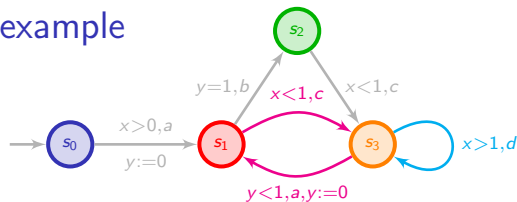
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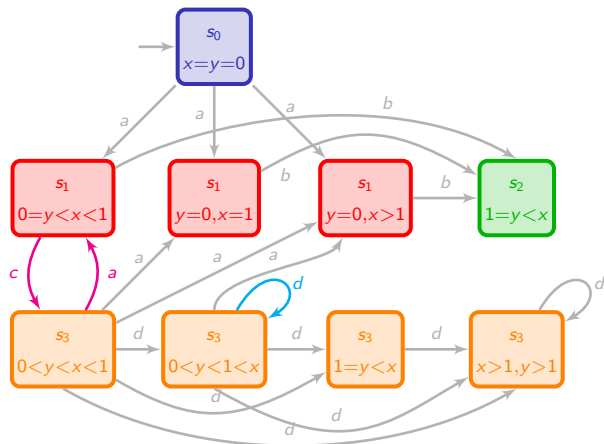
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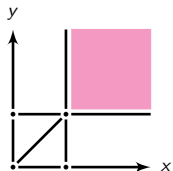
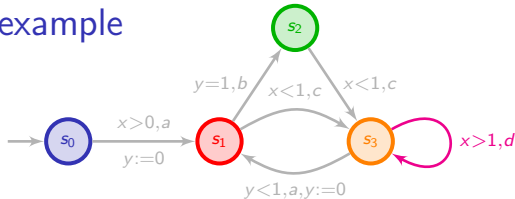
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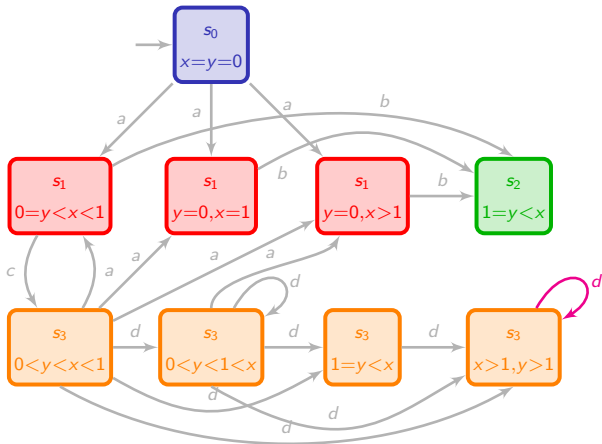
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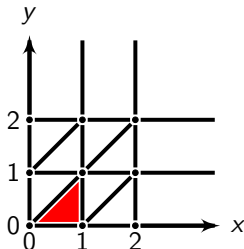
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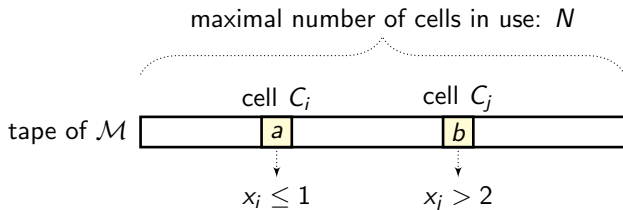
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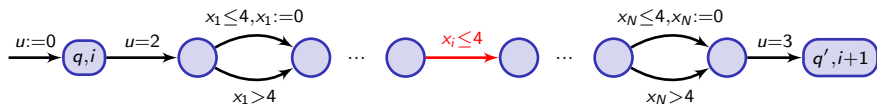
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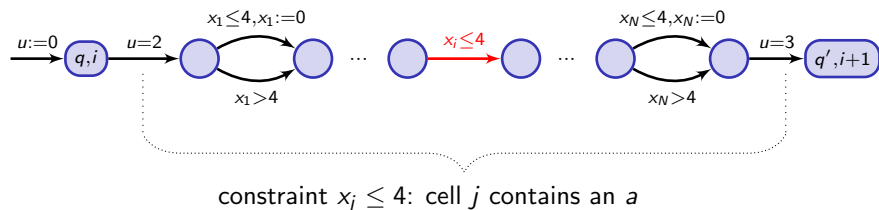
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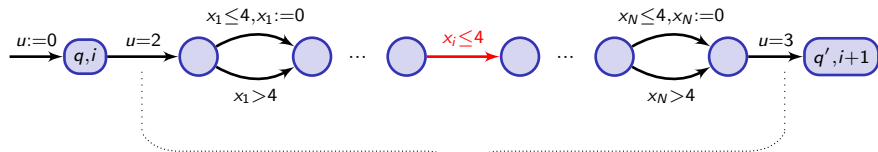
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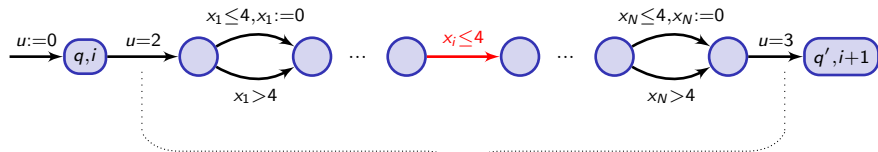


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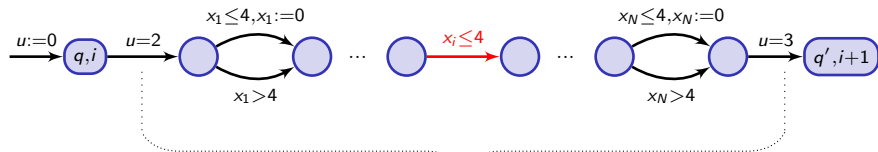


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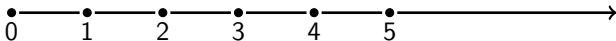
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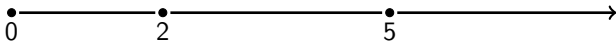
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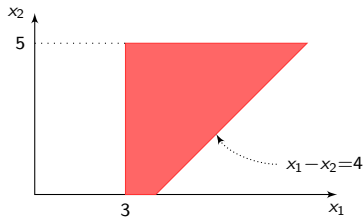
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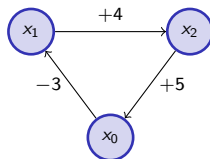
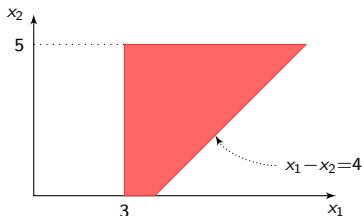
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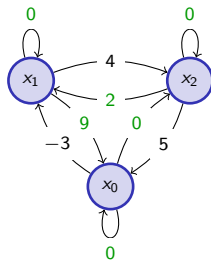
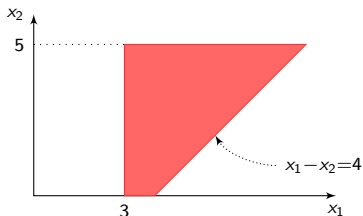
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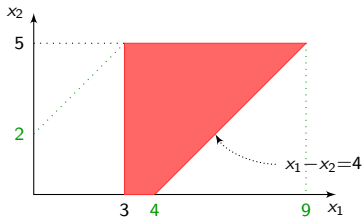
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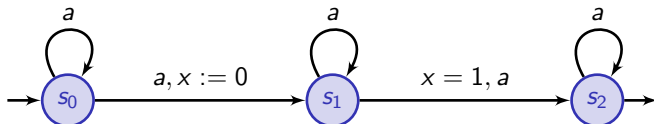
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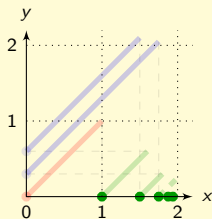
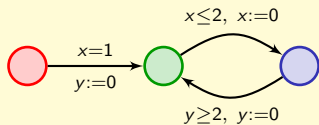
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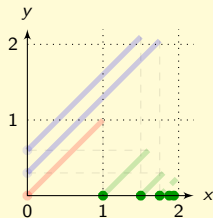
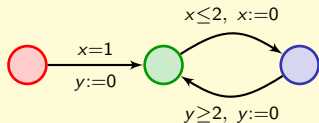
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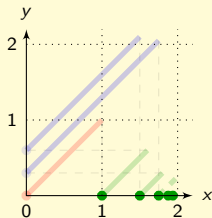
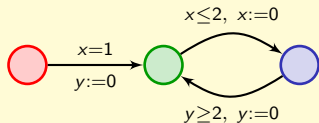


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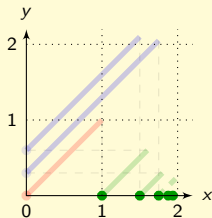
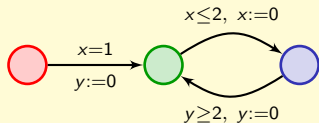
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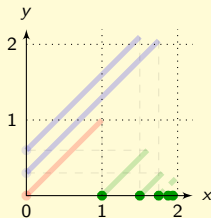
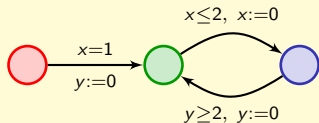


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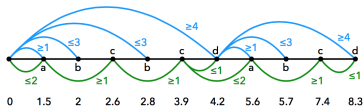
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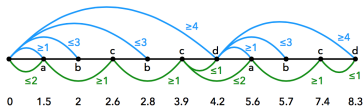
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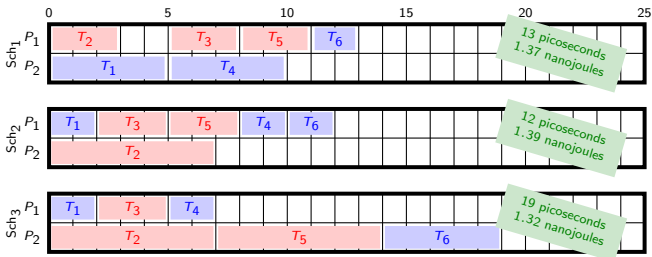
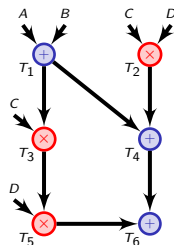
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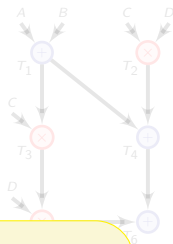
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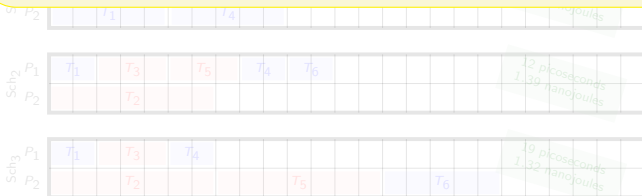
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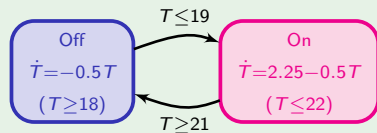
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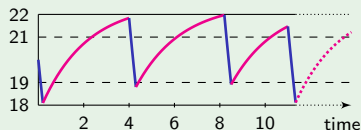
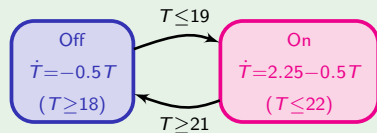
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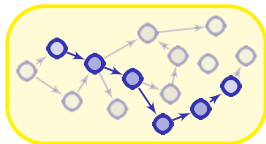
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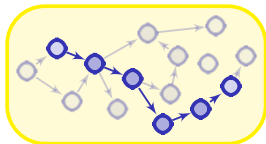
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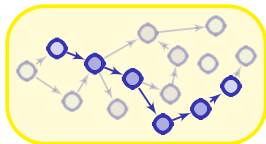


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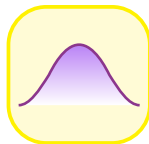


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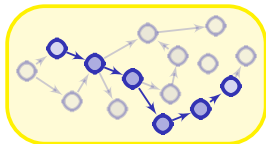
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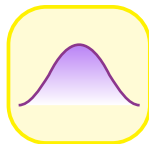
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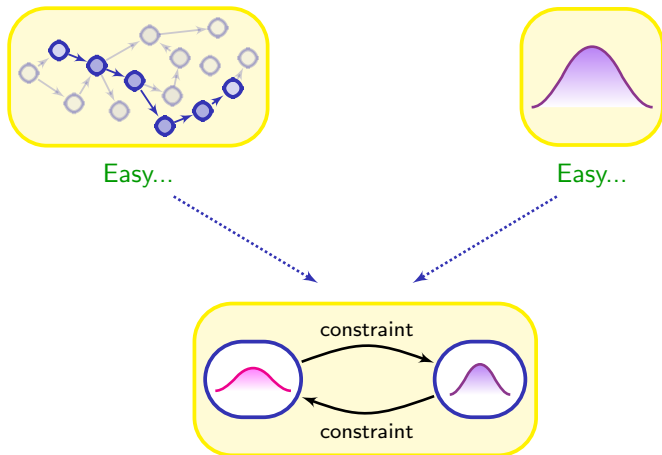


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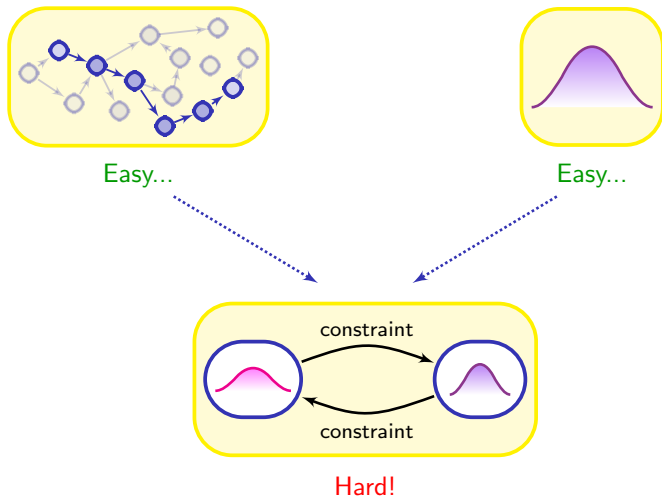


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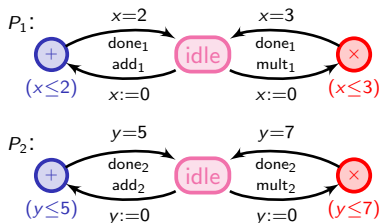
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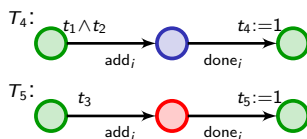
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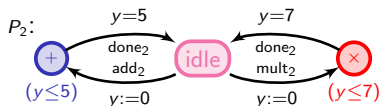
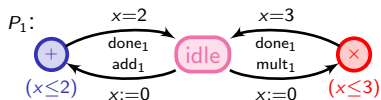


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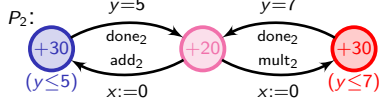
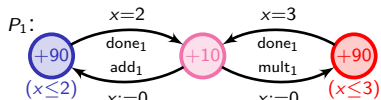


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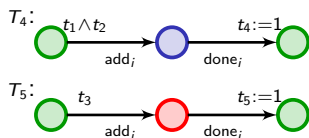
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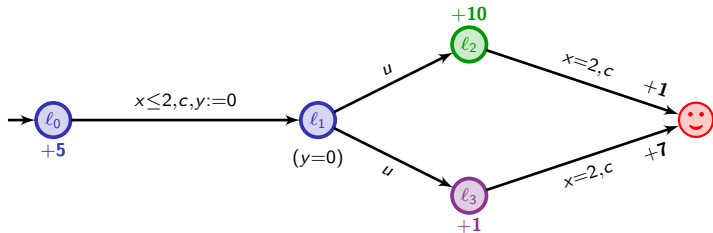


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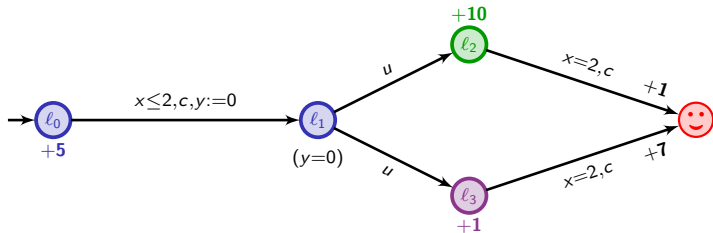
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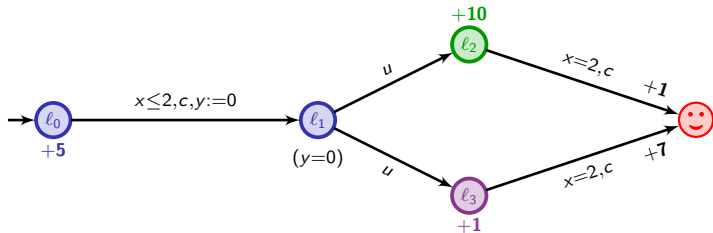


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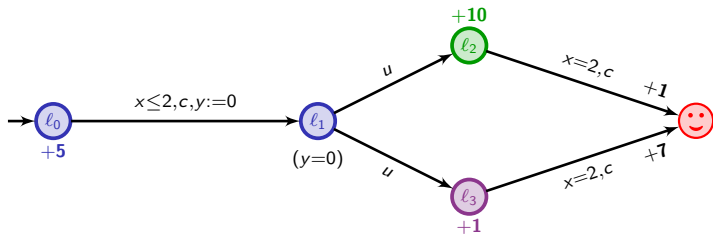
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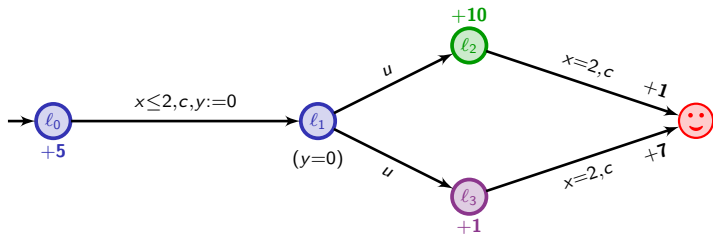
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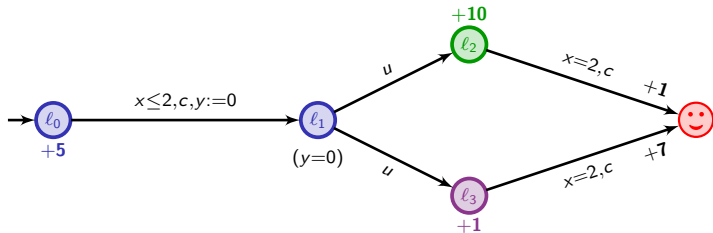


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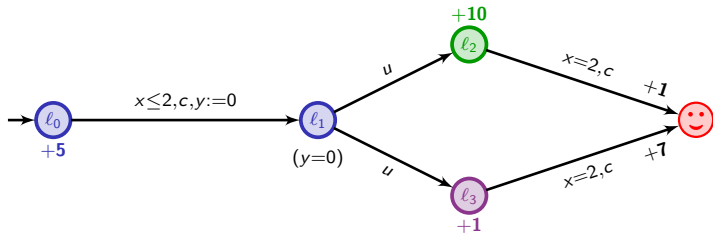


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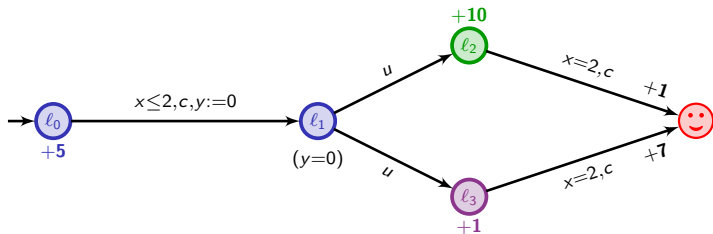


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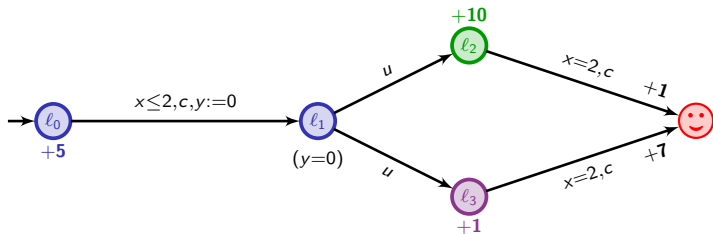


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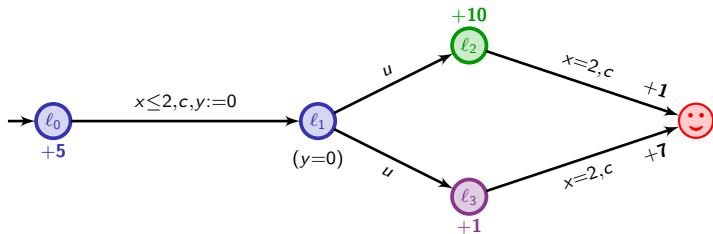


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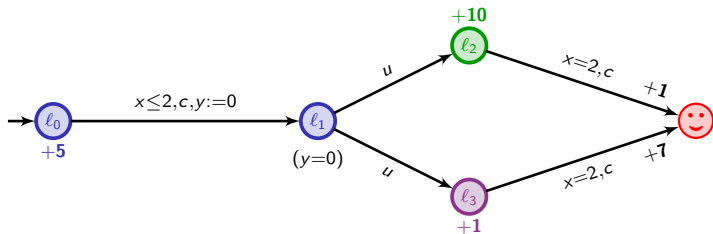


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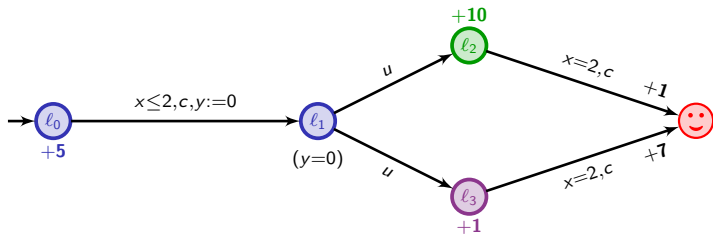
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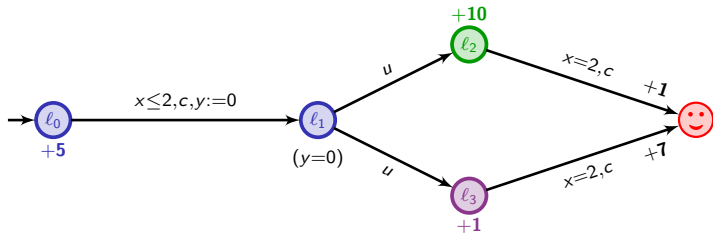
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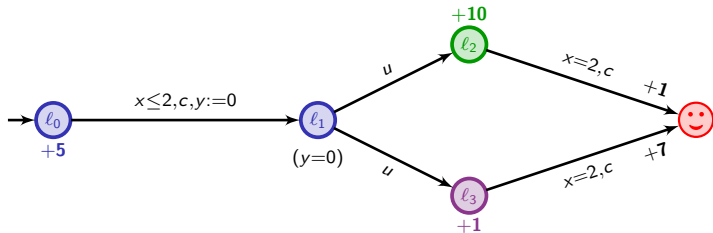
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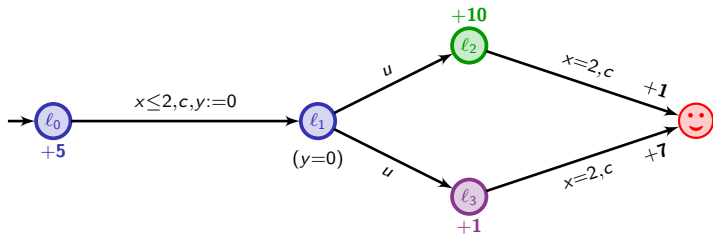
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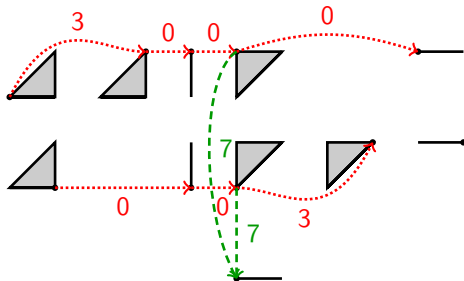
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Optimal-cost reachability

Theorem [ALP01,BFH+01,BBBR07]

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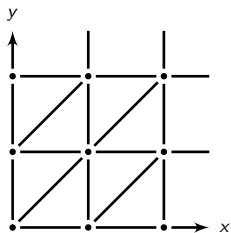


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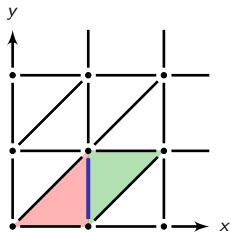
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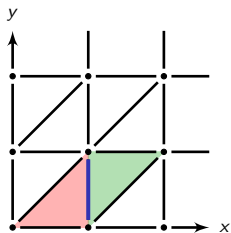
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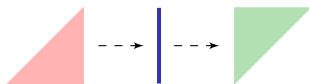
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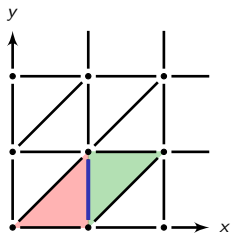
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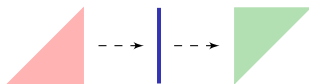
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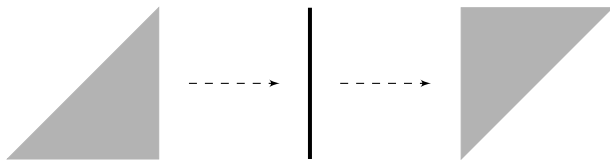
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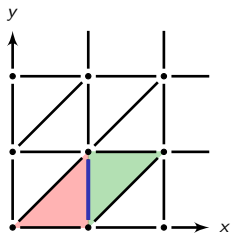
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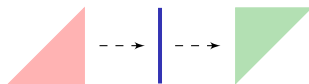
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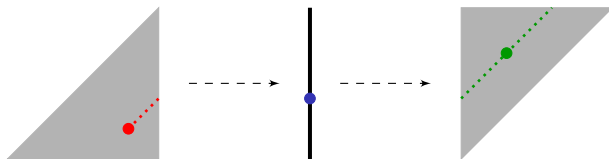
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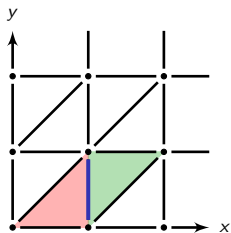
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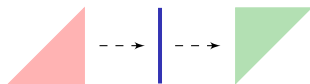
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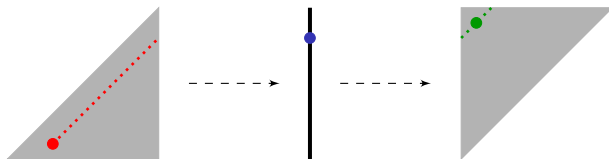
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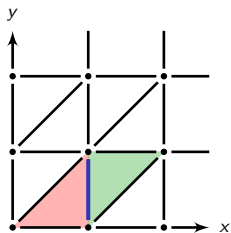
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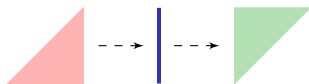
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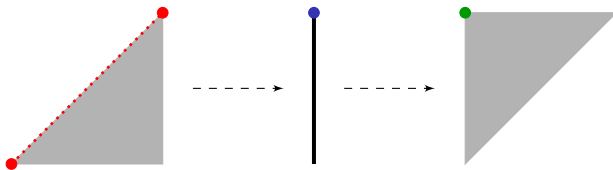
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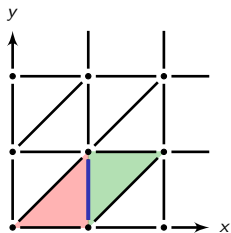
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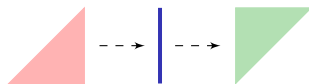
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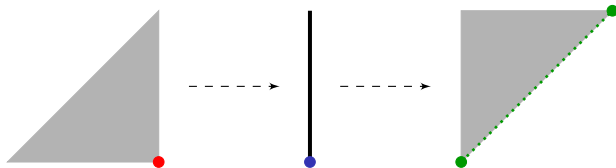
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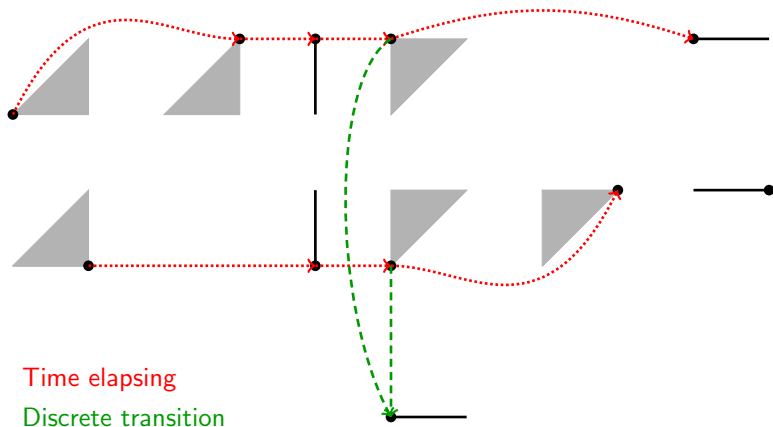
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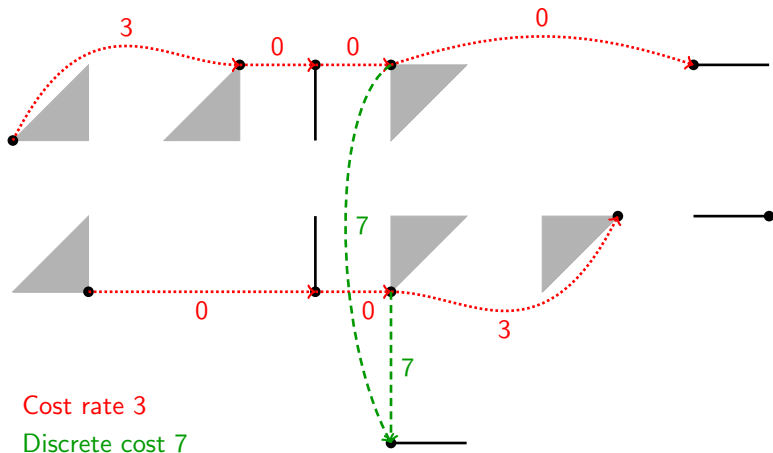
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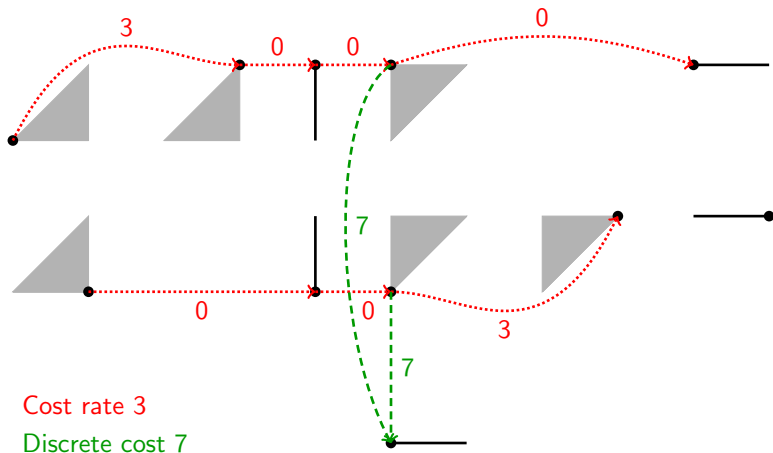
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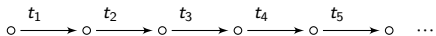
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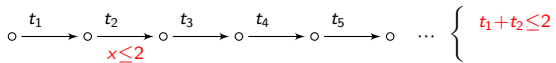
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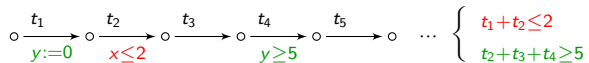
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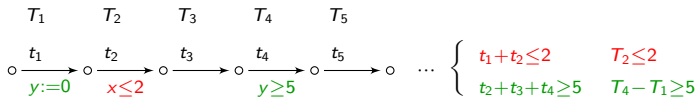
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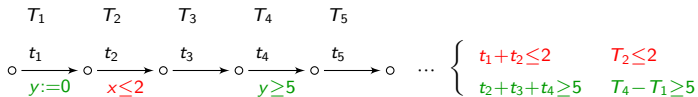
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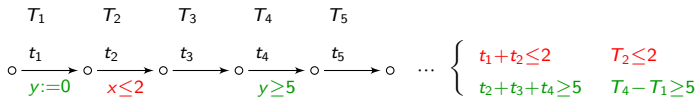
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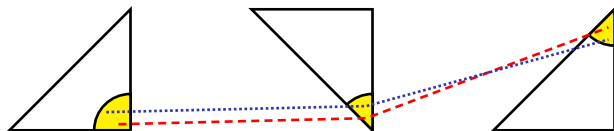
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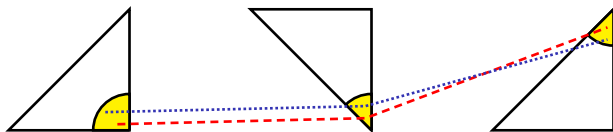
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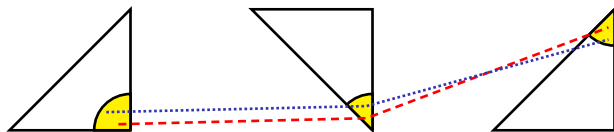
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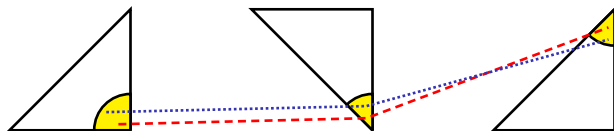


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Use of the corner-point abstraction

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]
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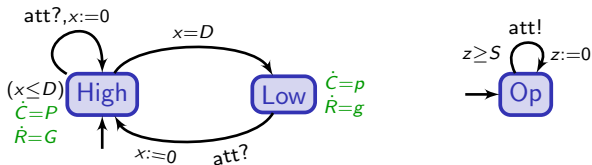
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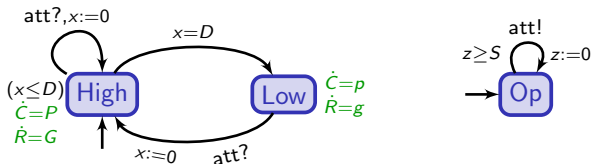
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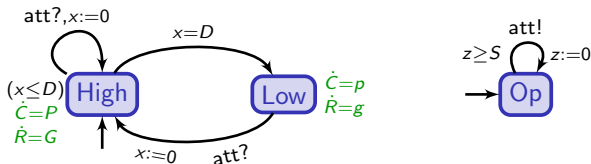
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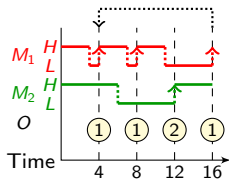
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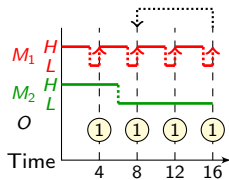


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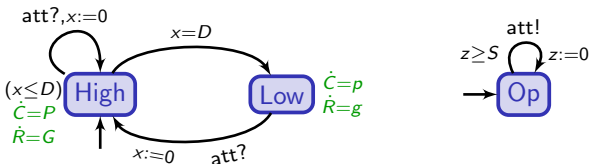


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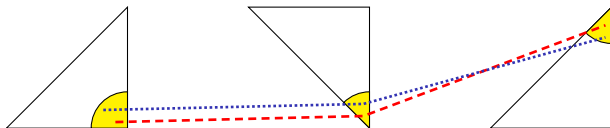


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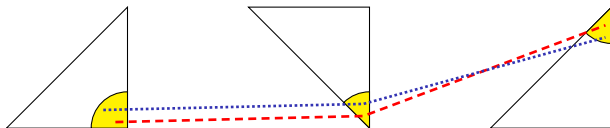
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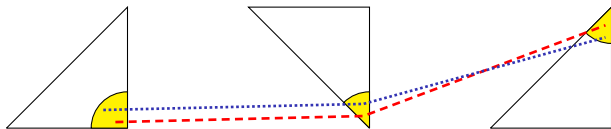
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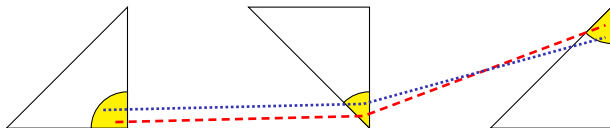


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↪ A general abstract framework for quantitative timed systems

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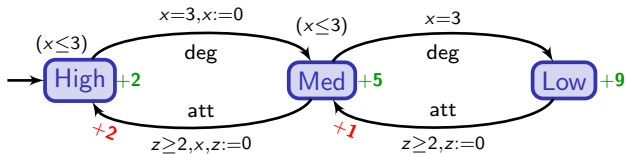
In **concavely-priced timed automata**, optimal cost is computable, if we restrict to quasi-concave cost functions. For the following cost functions, the (decision) problem is even PSPACE-complete:

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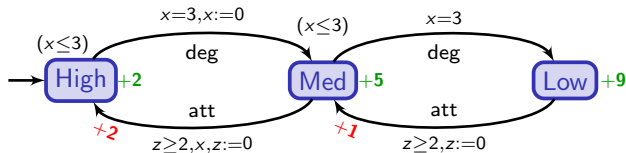
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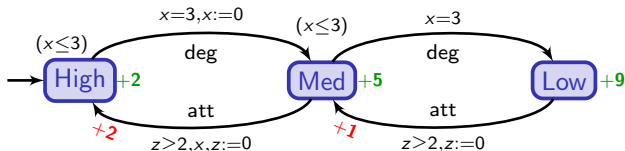
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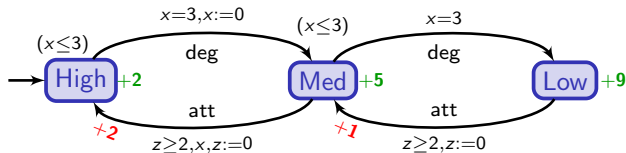
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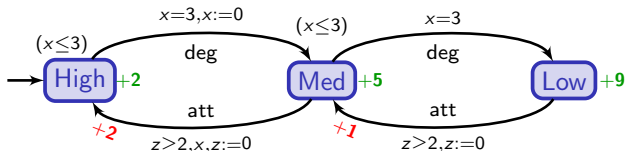
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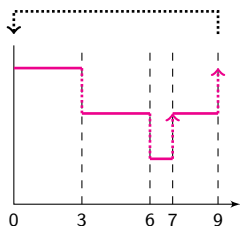
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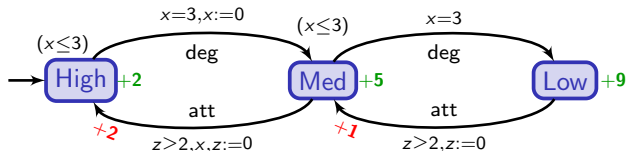
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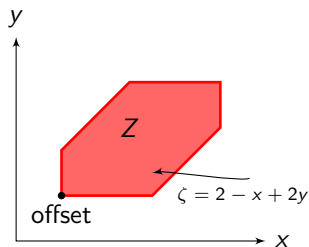
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priced zone = zone + affine cost function

- 😊 efficient representation: DBM + offset cost + affine coefficient for each clock



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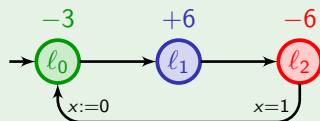
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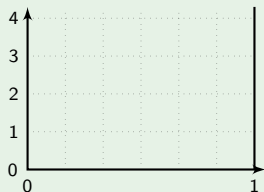
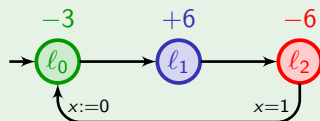
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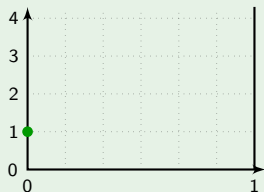
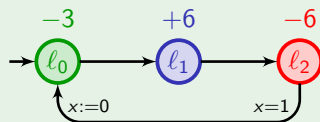


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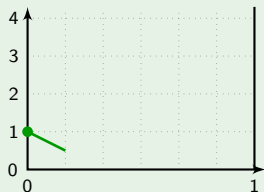
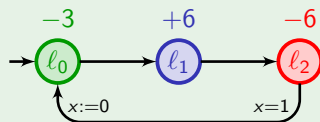


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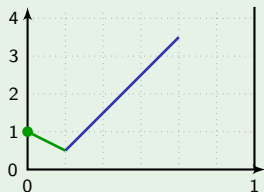
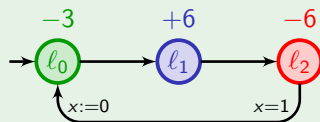


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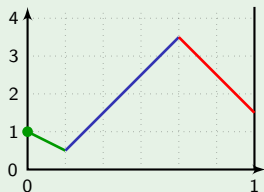
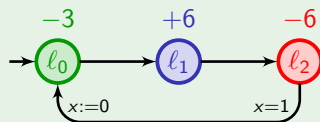


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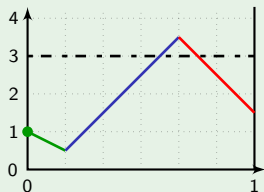
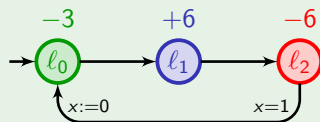
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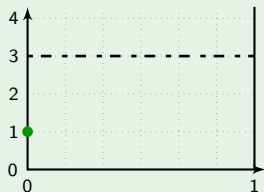
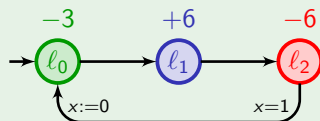


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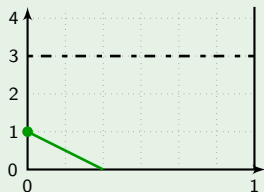
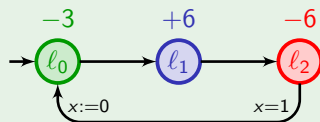


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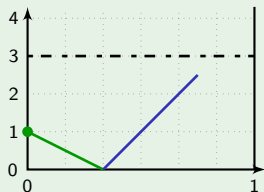
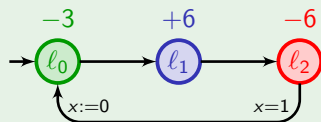


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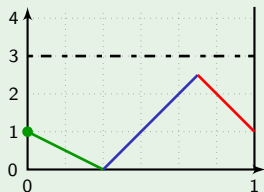
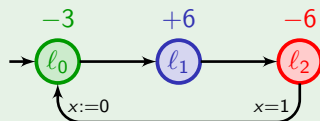


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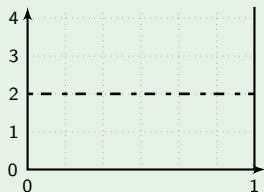
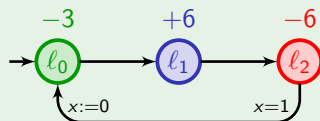


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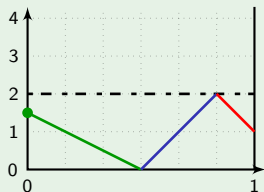
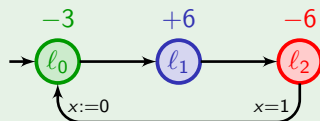
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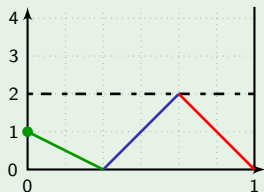
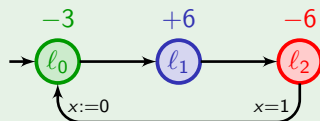


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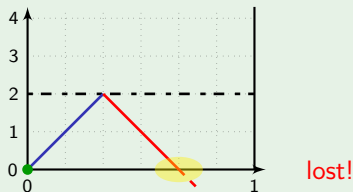
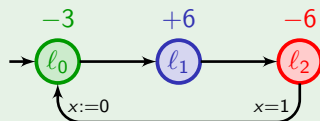
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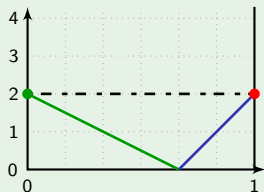
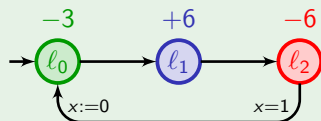


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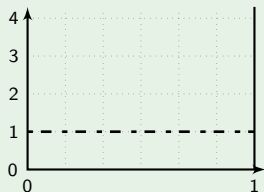
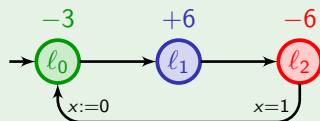
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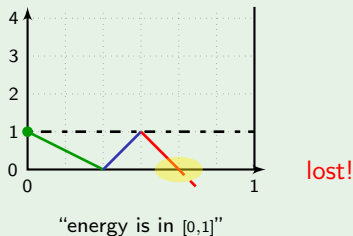
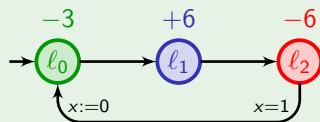
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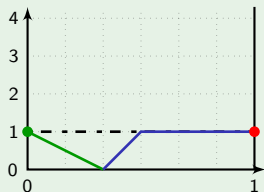
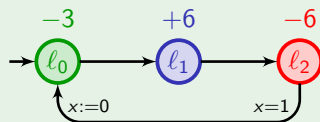
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Example



“energy is in $[0,1]$ with a weak upper bound”

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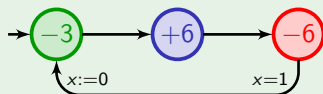
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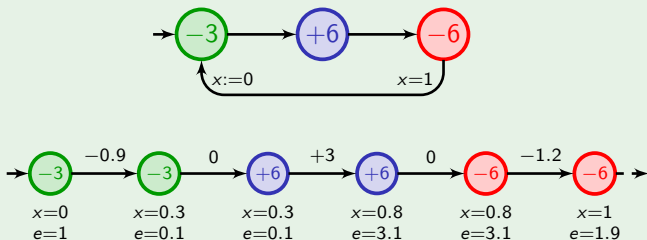


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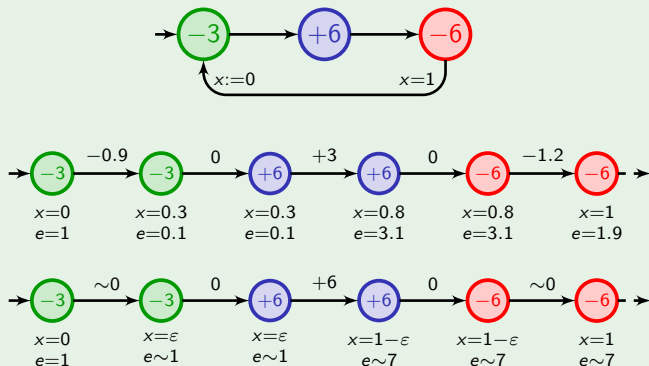


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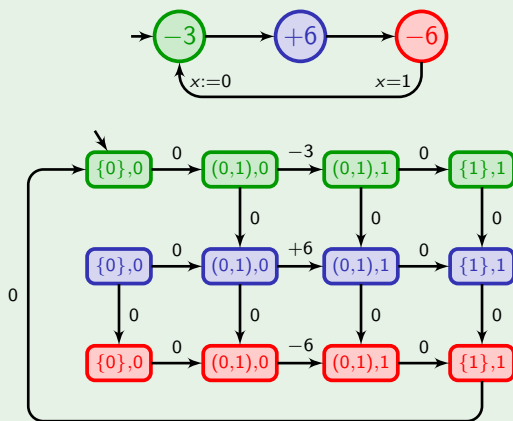


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Theorem [BFLMS08]

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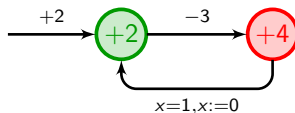
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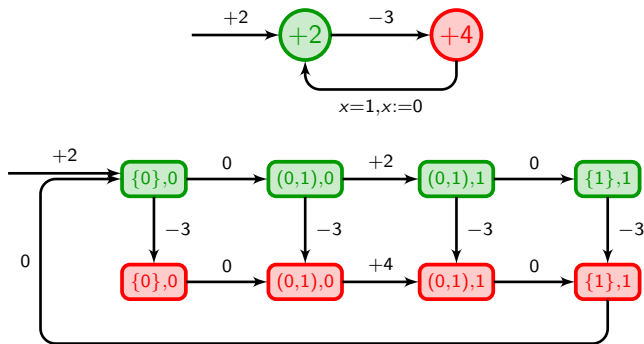
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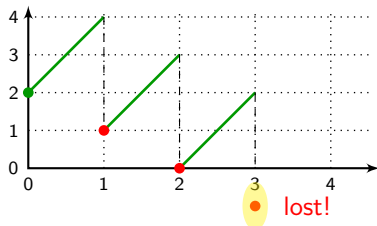
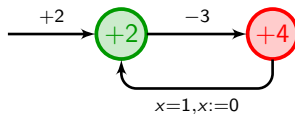
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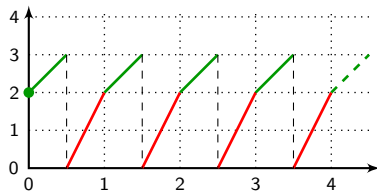
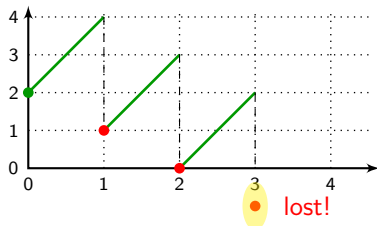
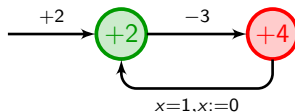
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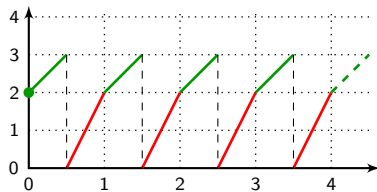
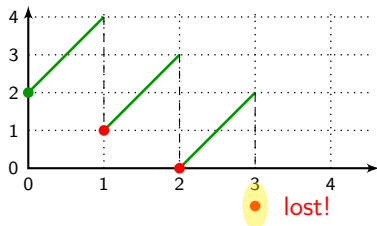
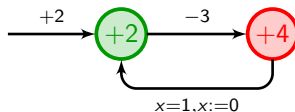
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minimal initial credit required: $\frac{1}{2}$, yields final credit 8.

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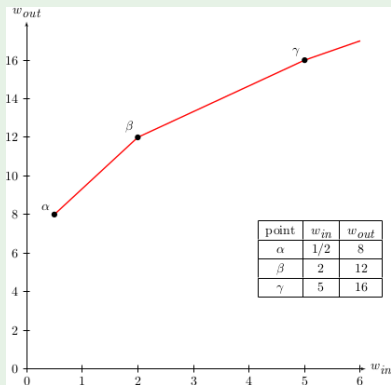


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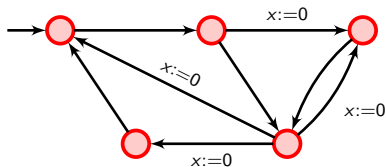
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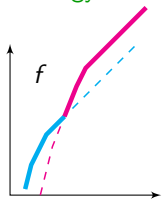
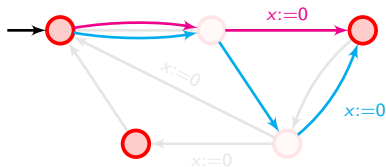


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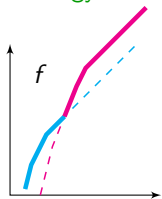
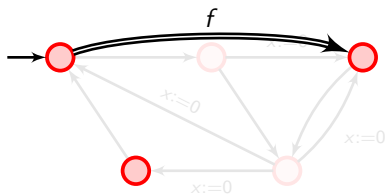


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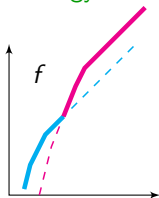
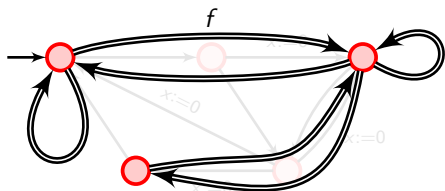


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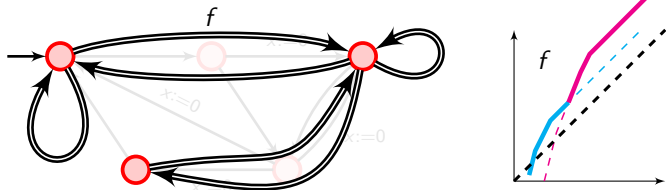


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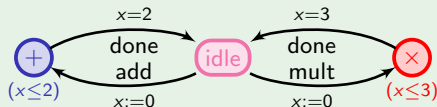
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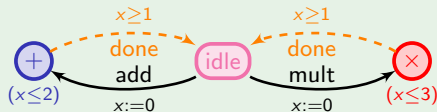
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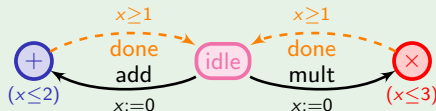
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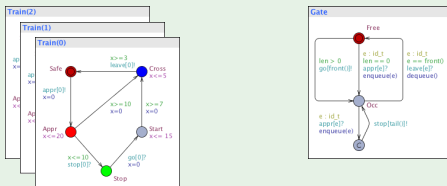
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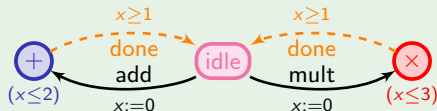
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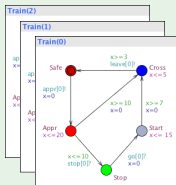
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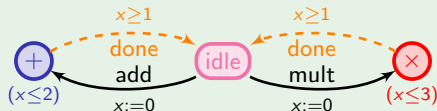


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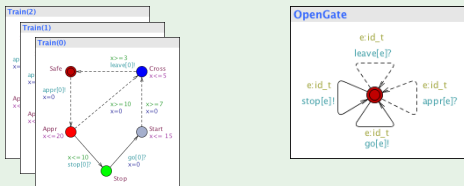
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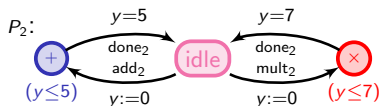
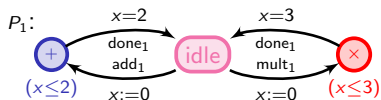
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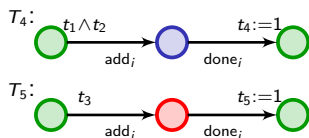


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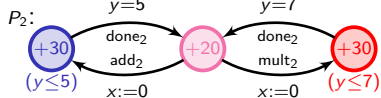
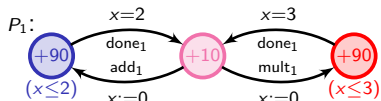
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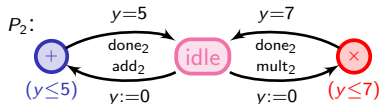
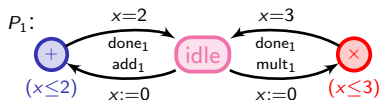


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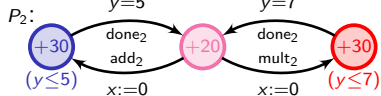
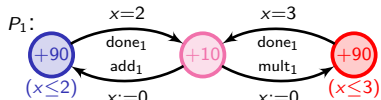


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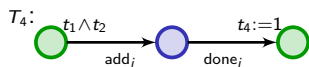
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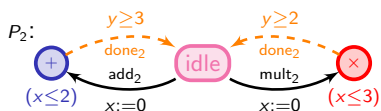
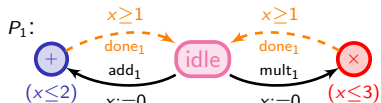
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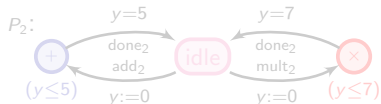
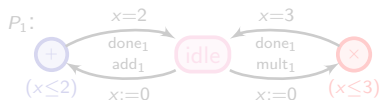


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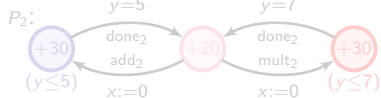
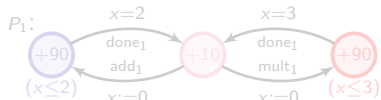


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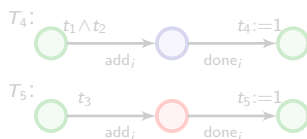
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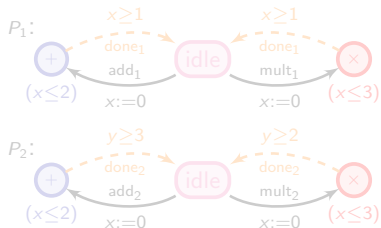


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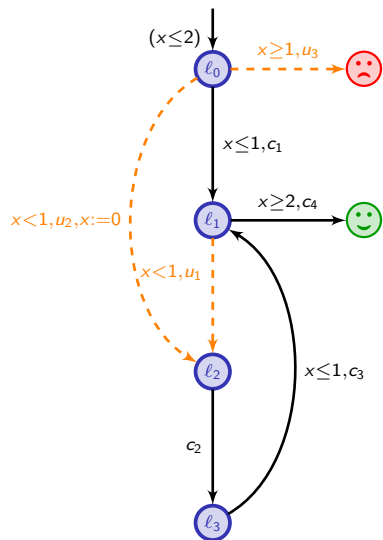


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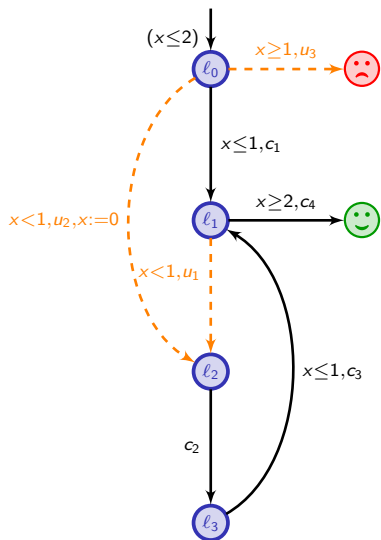
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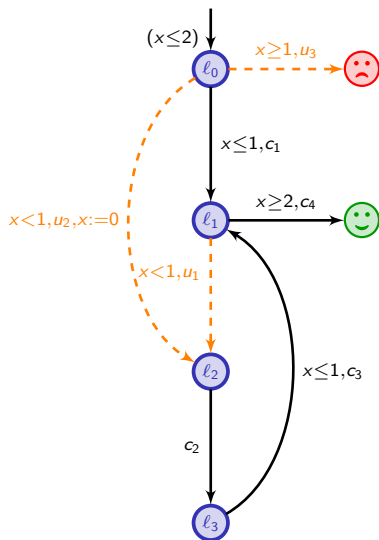
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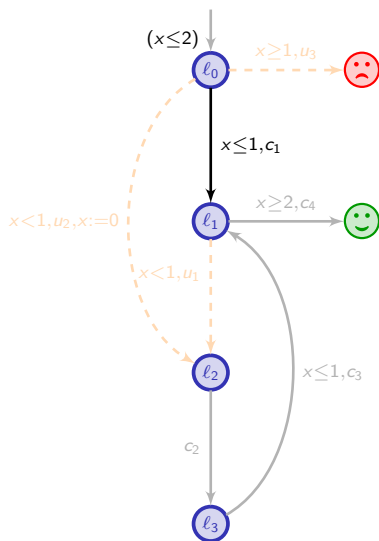


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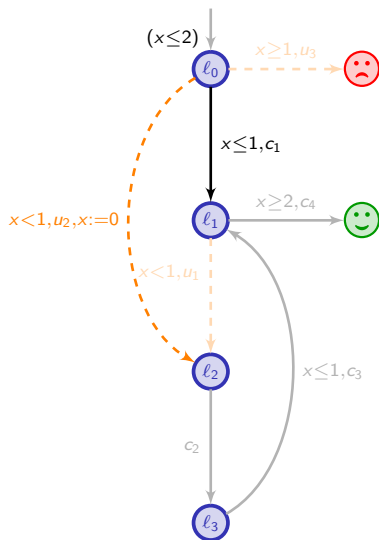
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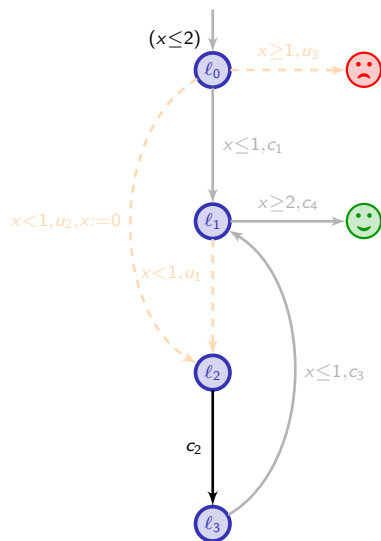
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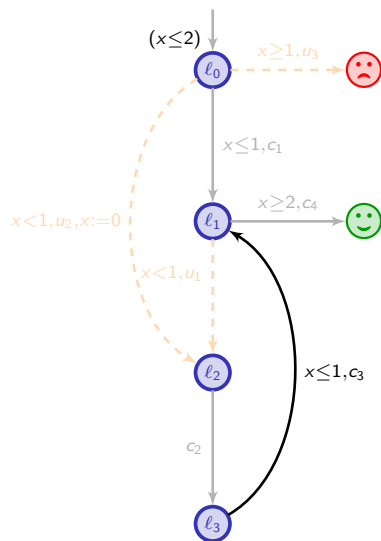
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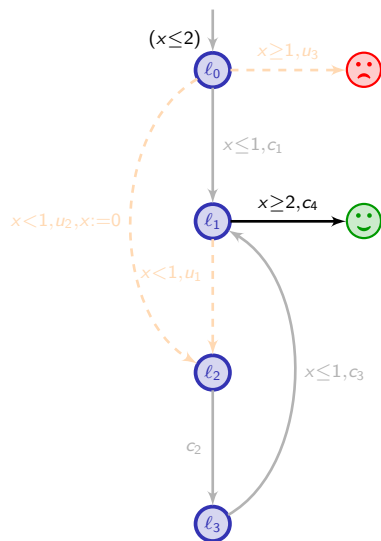
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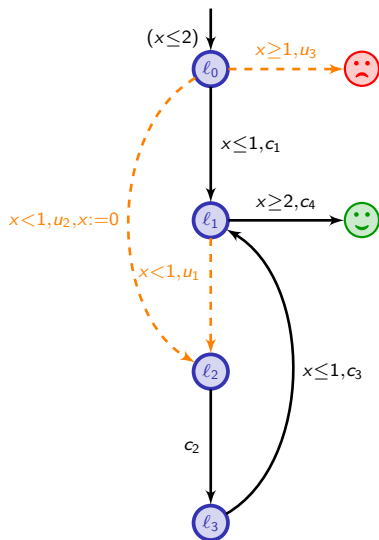
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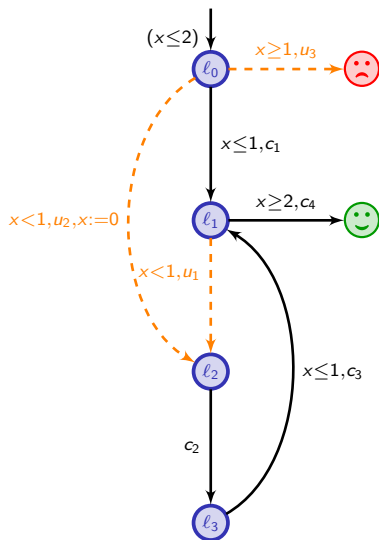
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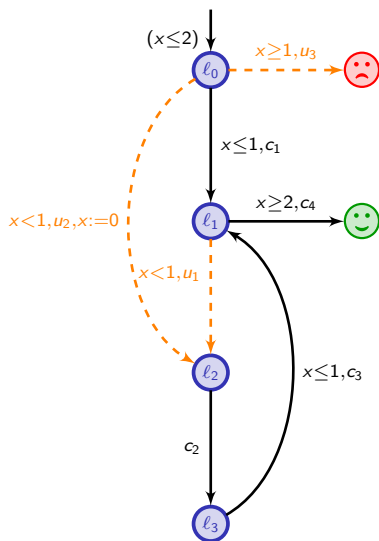
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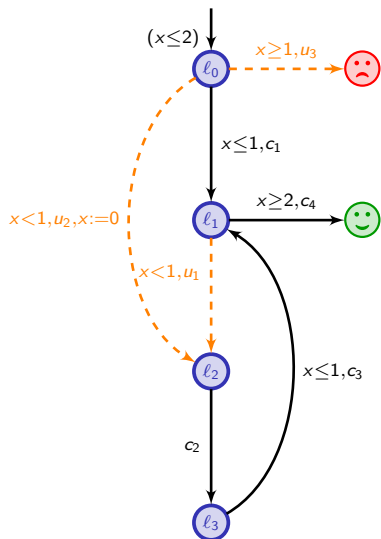
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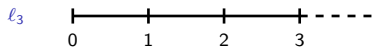
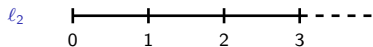
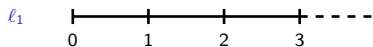
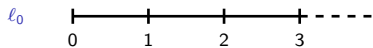
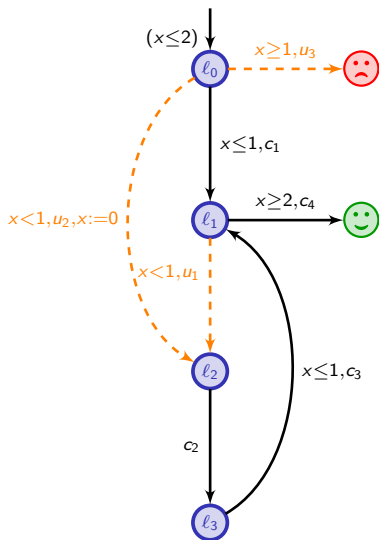
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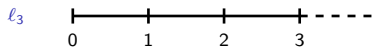
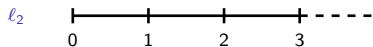
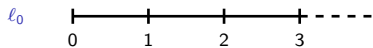
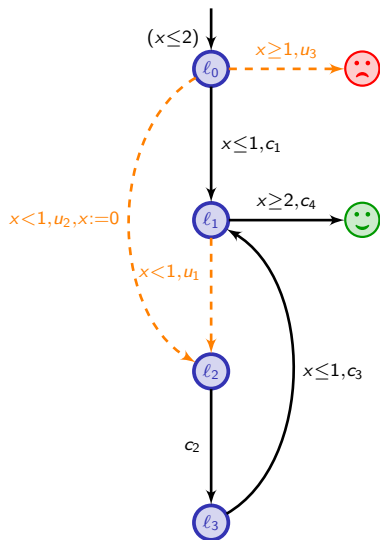
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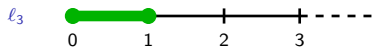
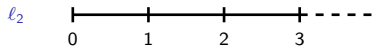
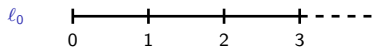
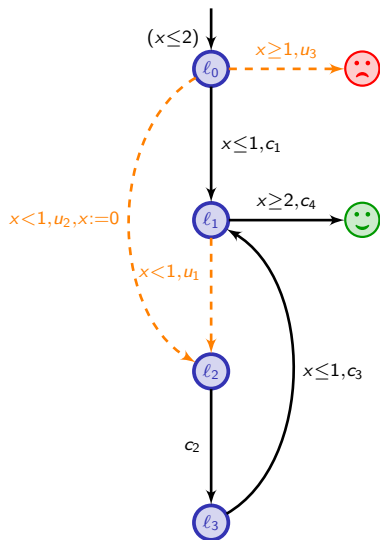
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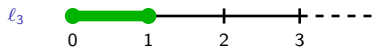
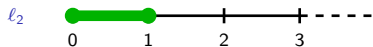
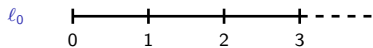
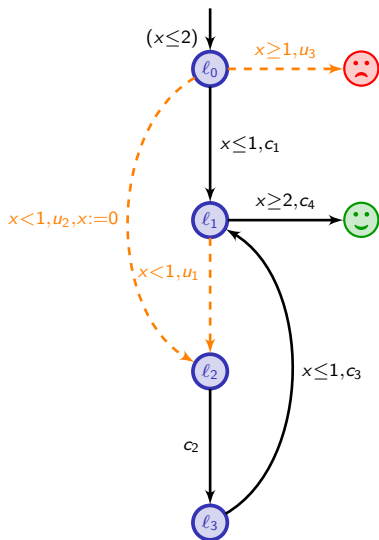
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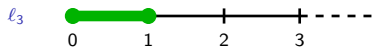
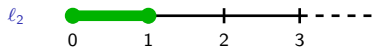
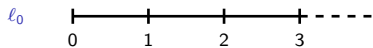
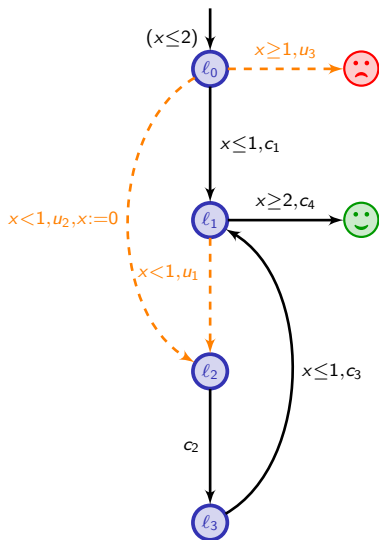
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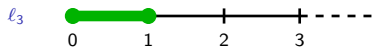
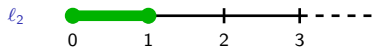
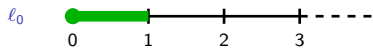
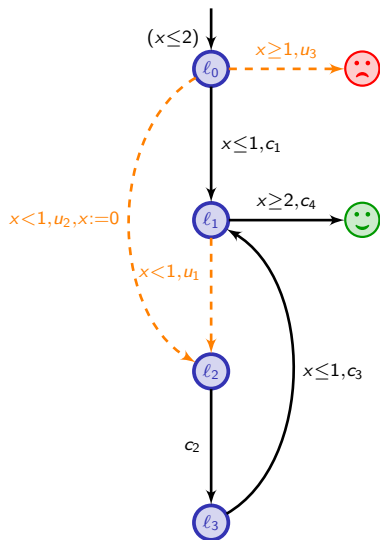
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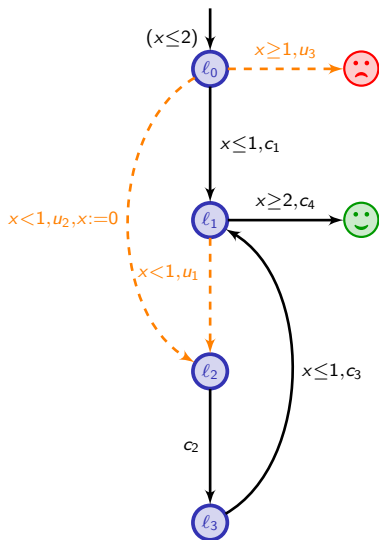
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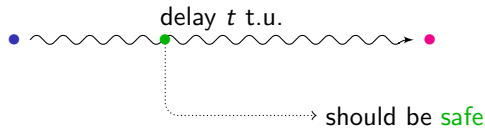
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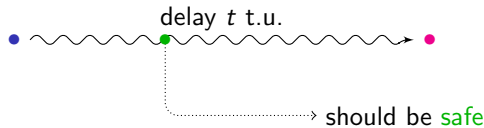
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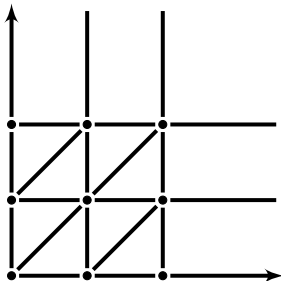
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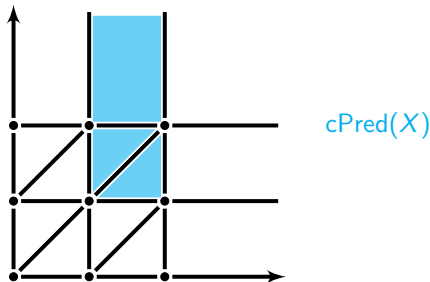
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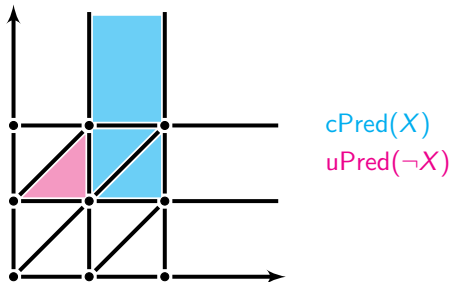
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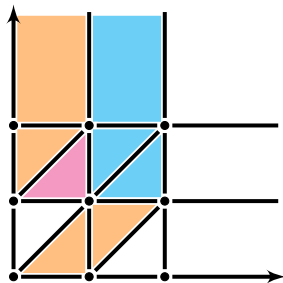
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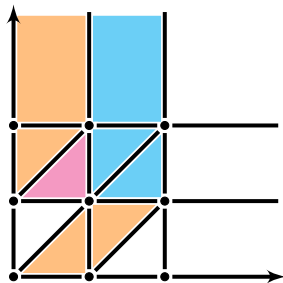
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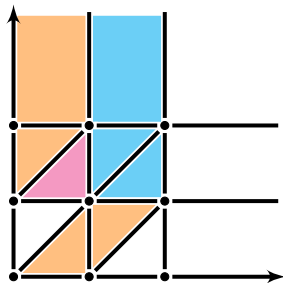
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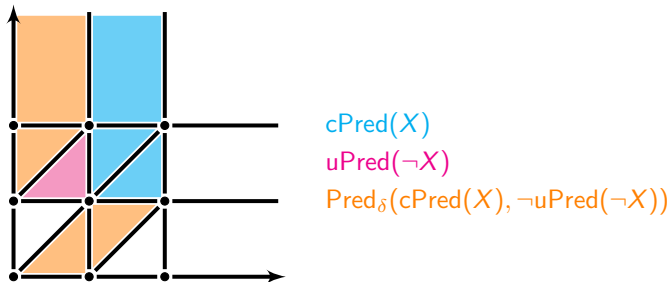
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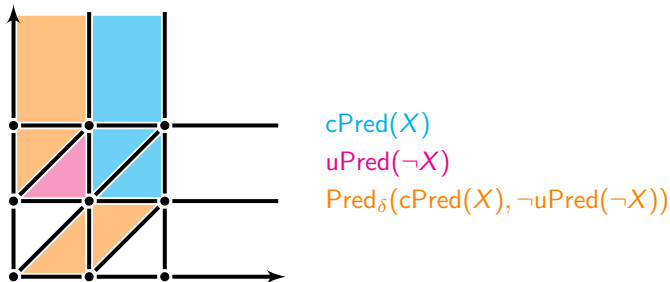


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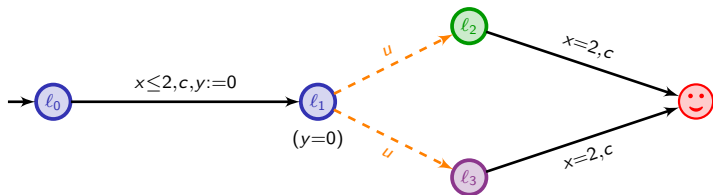
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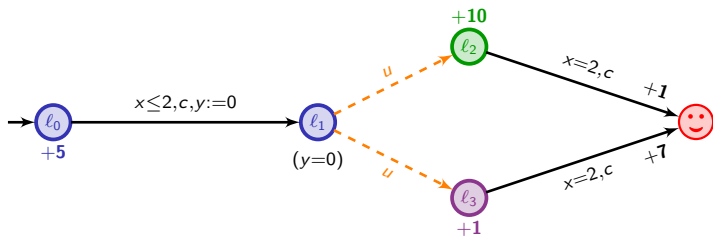
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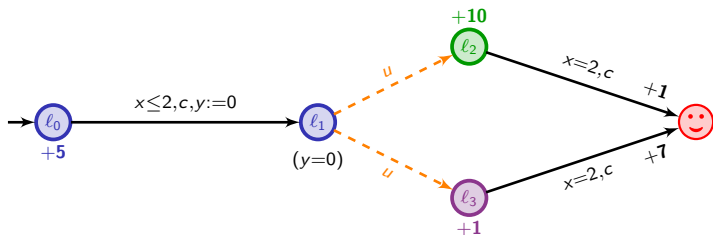
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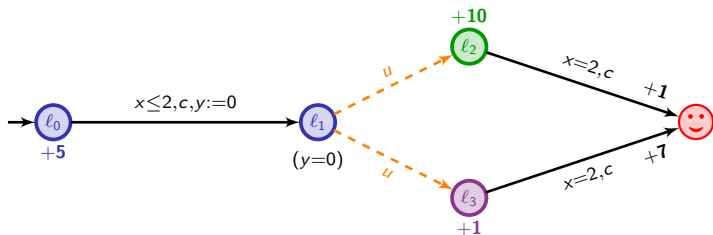


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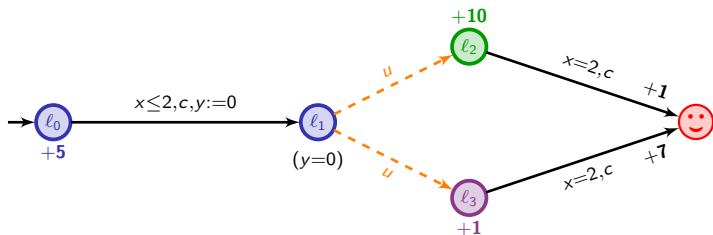
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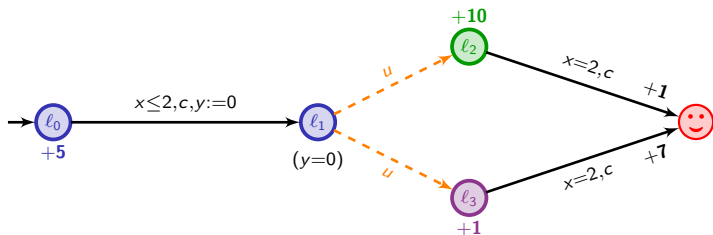
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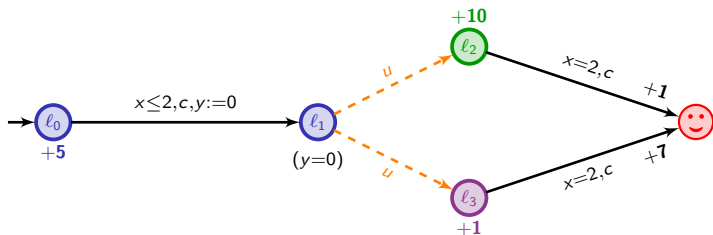
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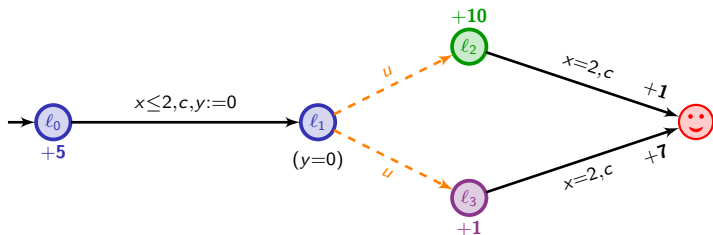
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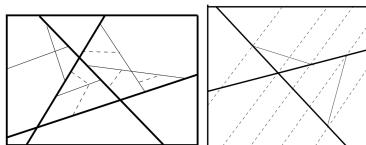
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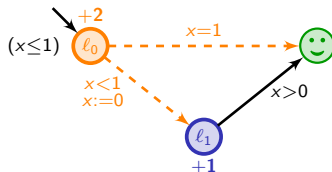
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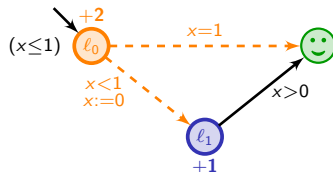
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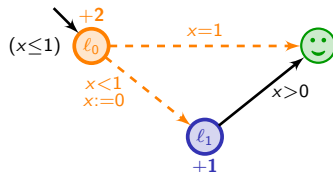
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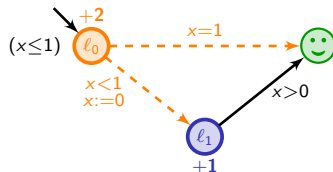


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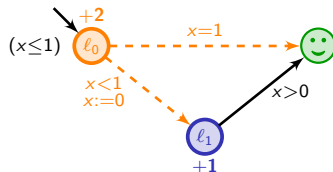


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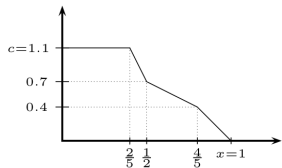
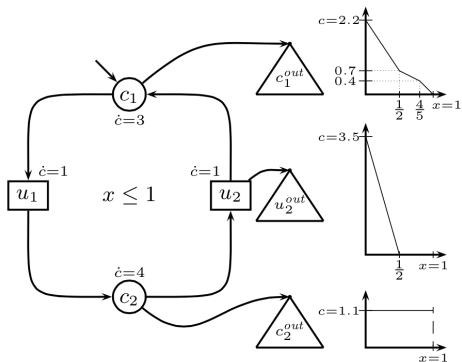
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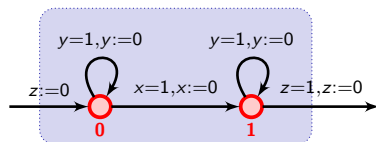
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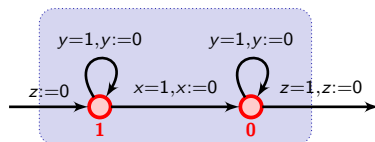
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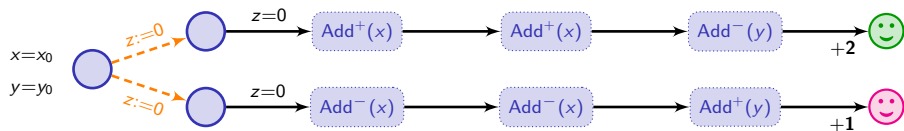
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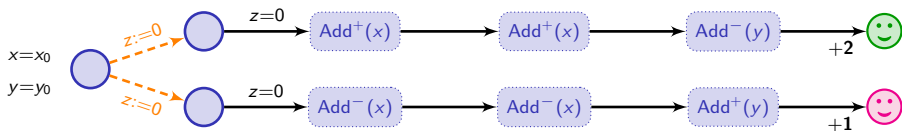
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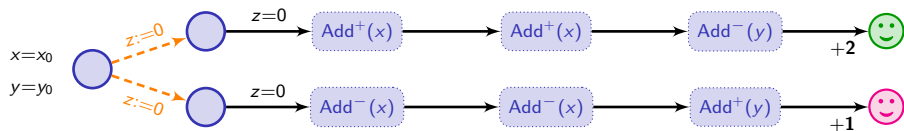
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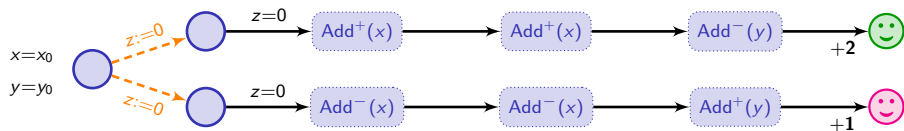
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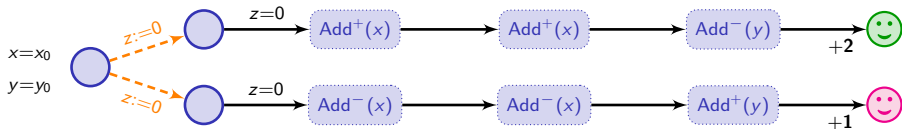
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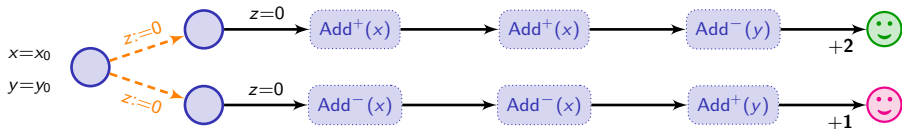
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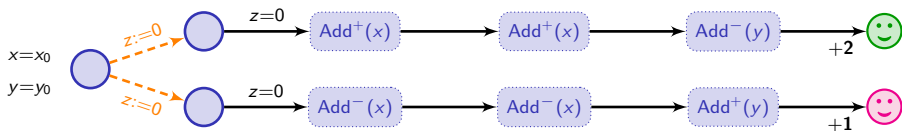
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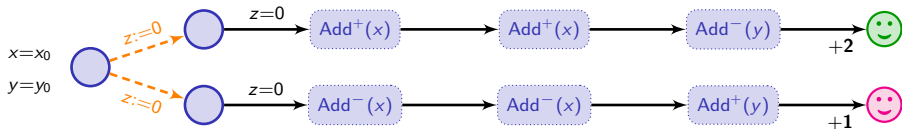
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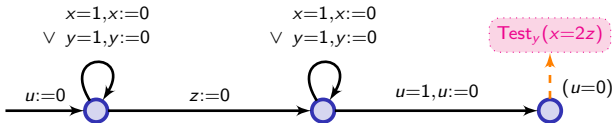
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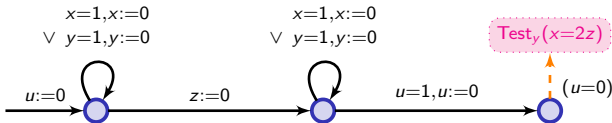
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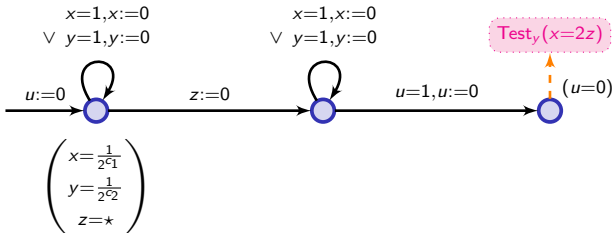
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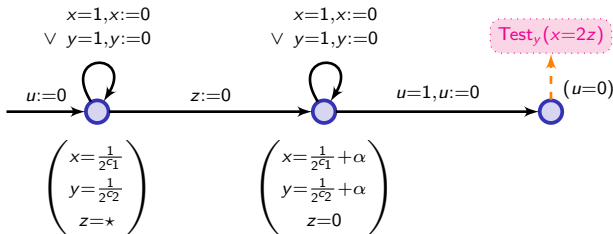
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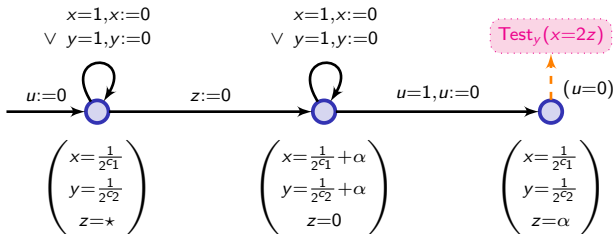
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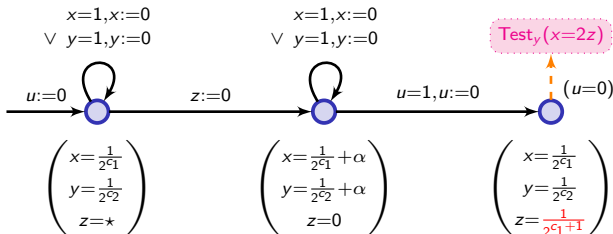
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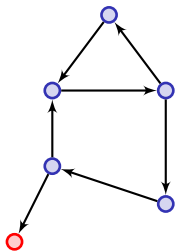
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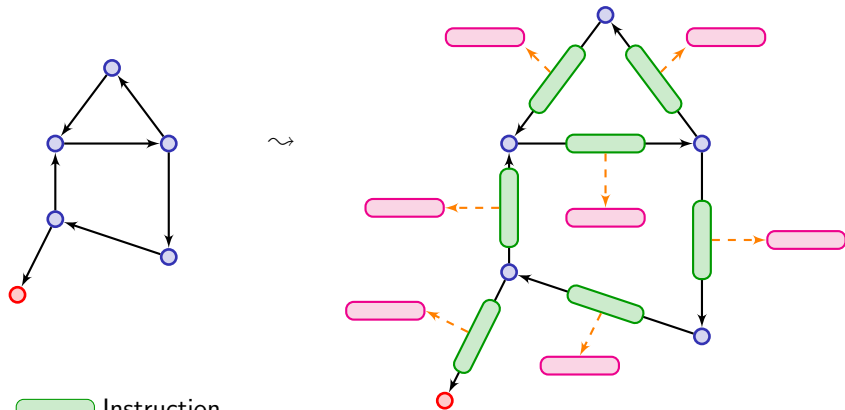
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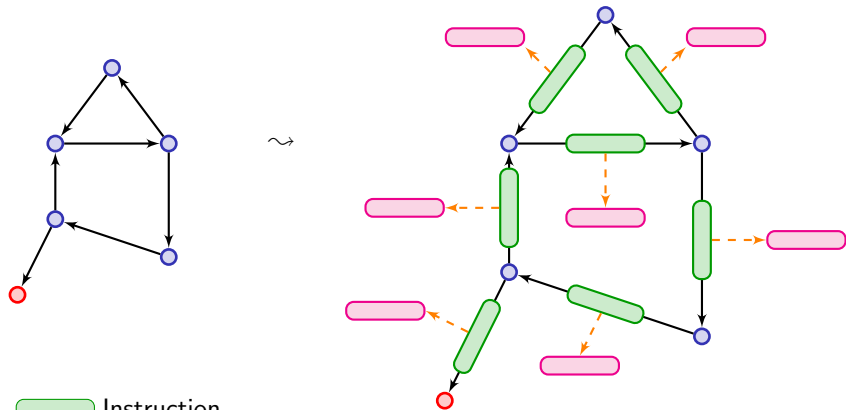
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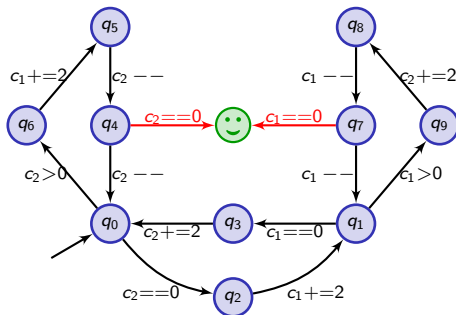
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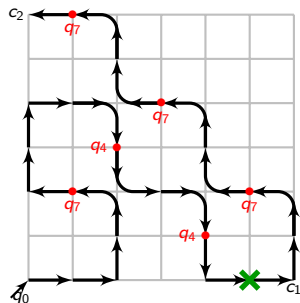
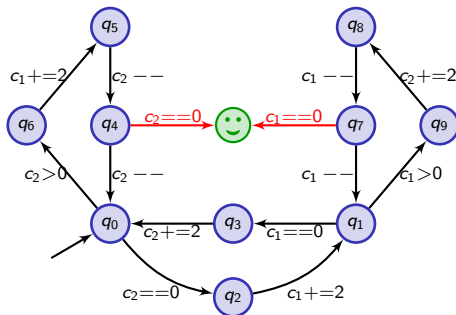
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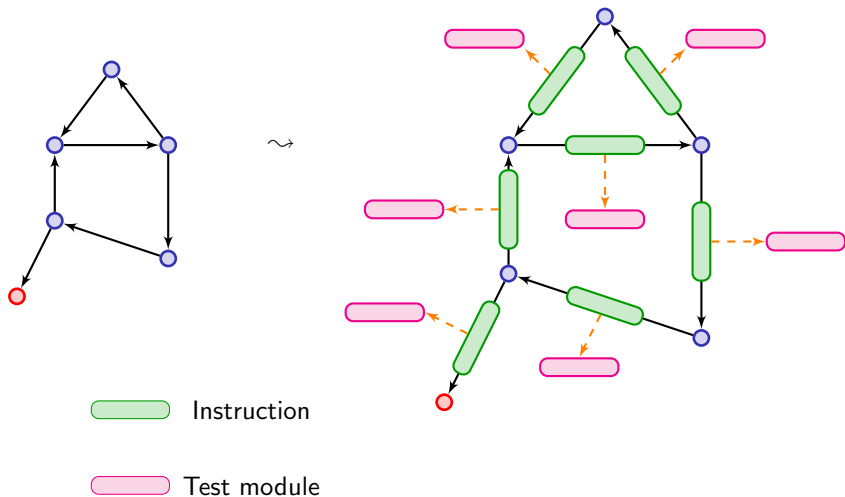
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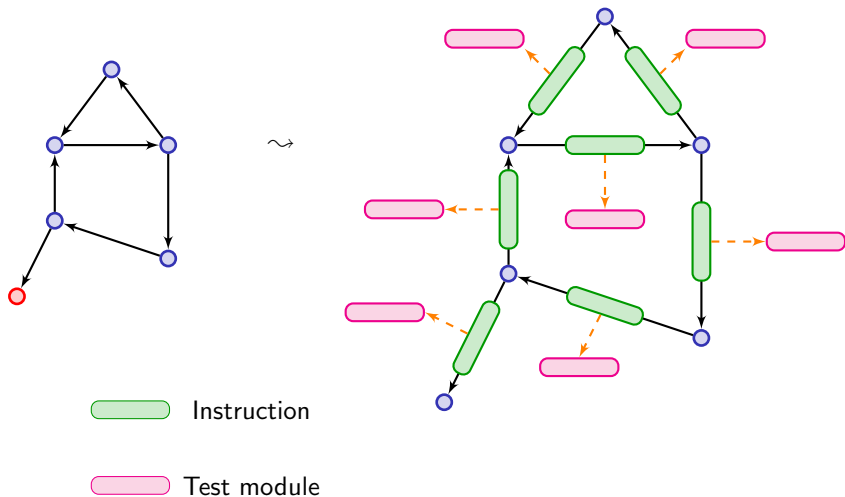
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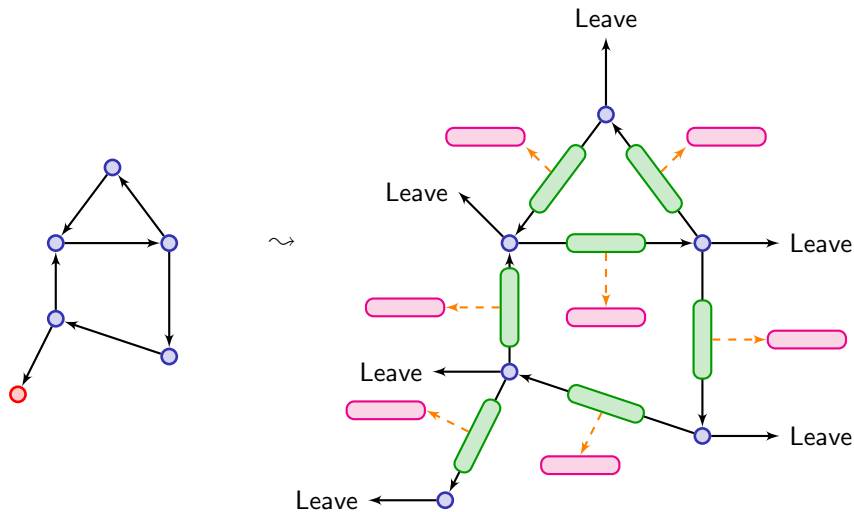
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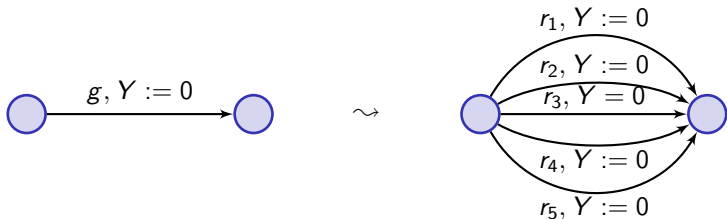
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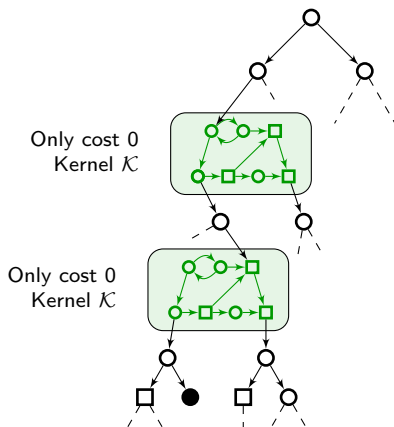
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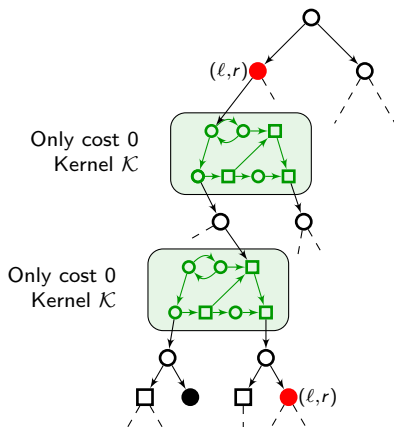
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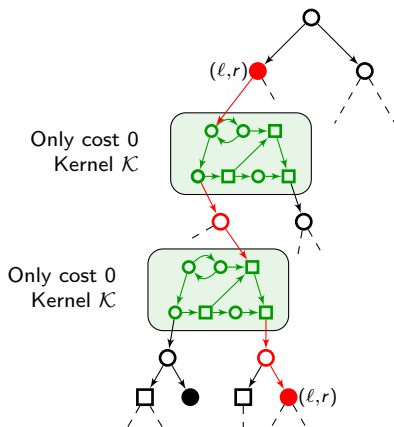
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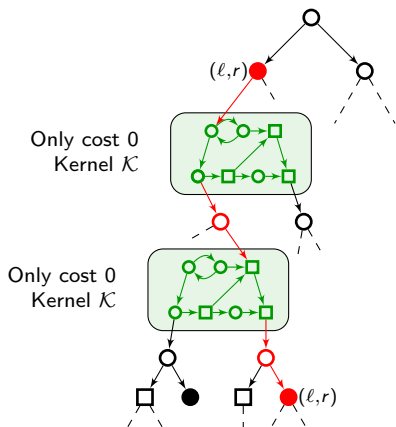
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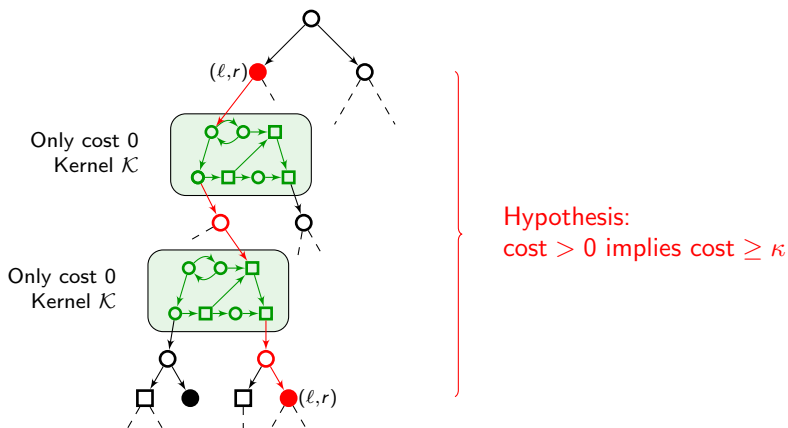


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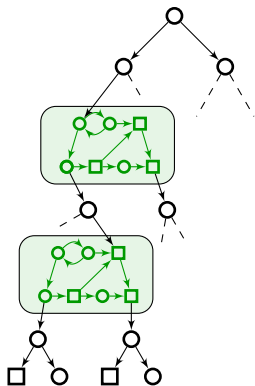
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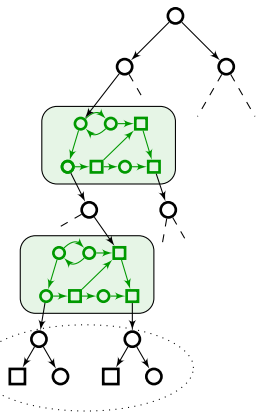


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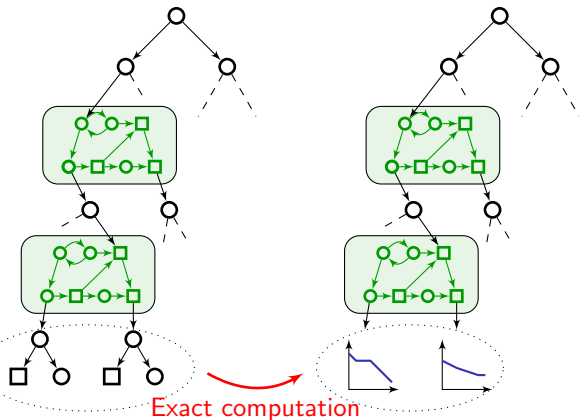
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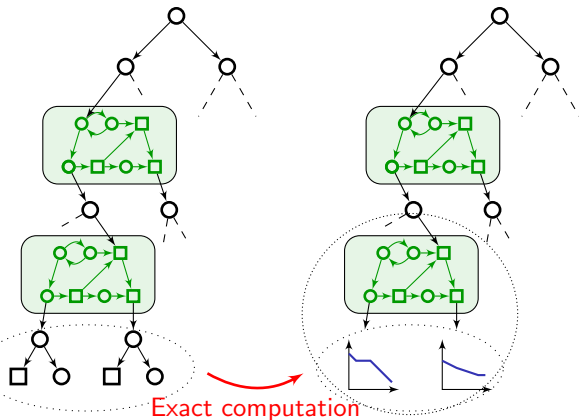
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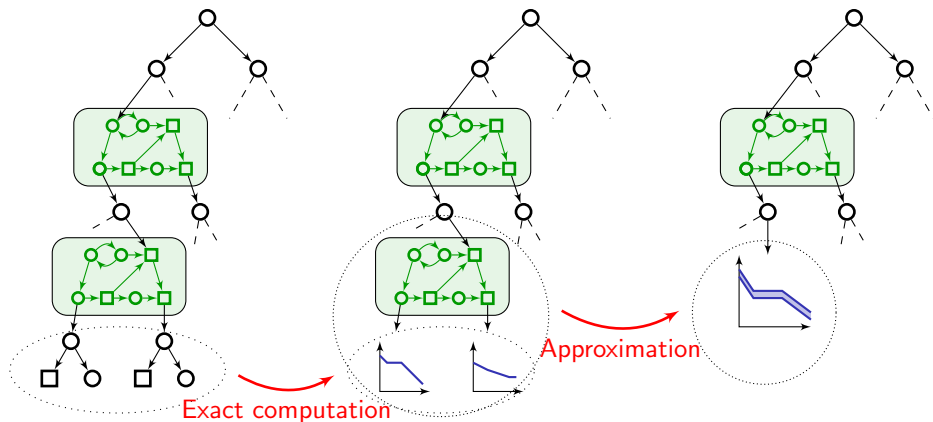
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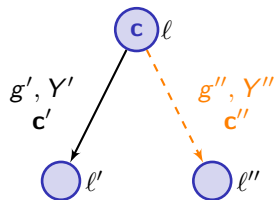


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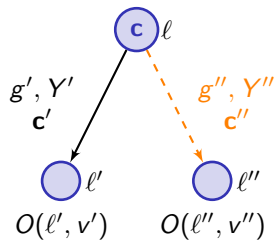
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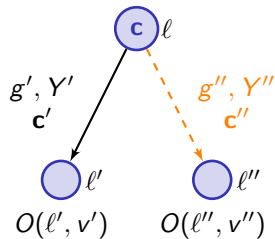
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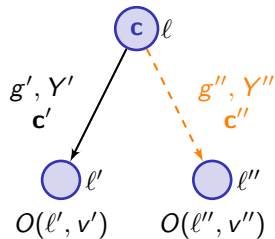
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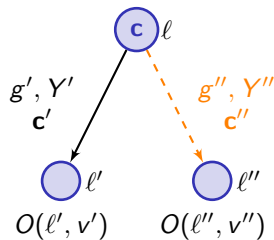
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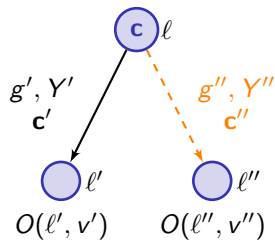
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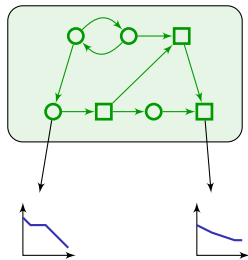
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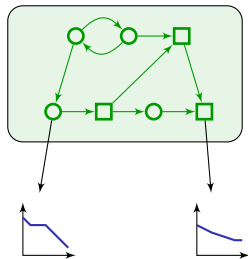
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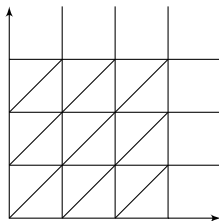
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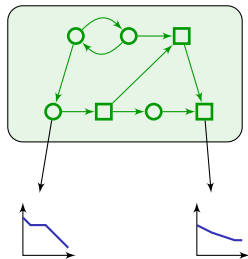


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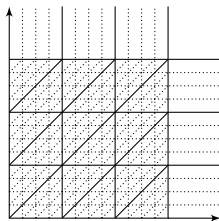


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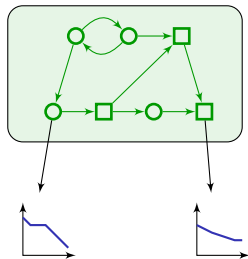


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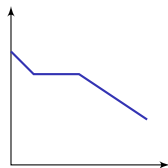
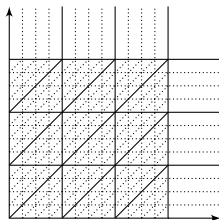


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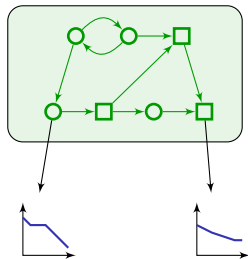
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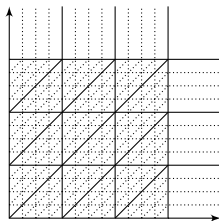


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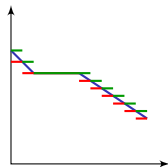


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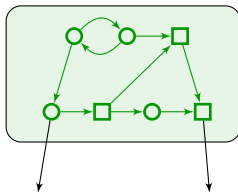


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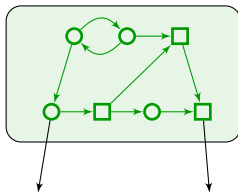
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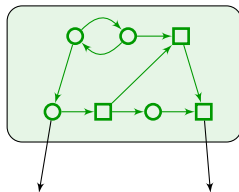
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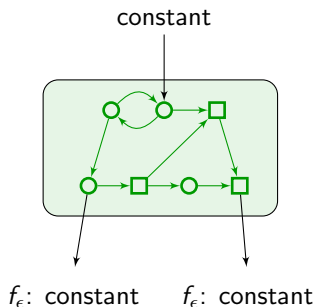
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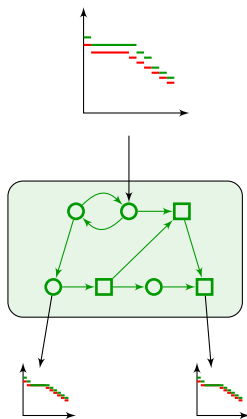
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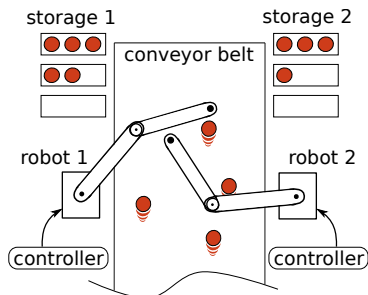
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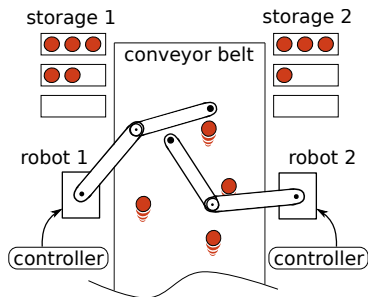
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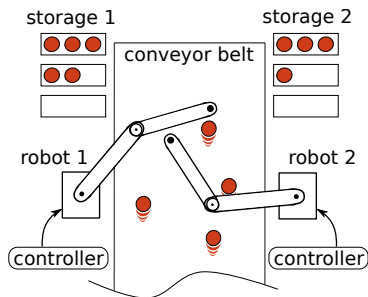


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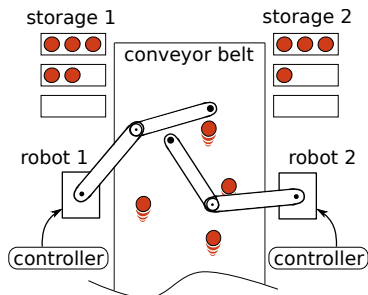


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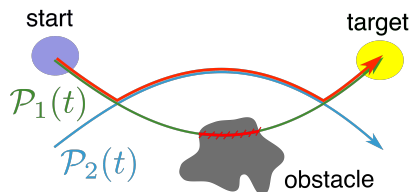
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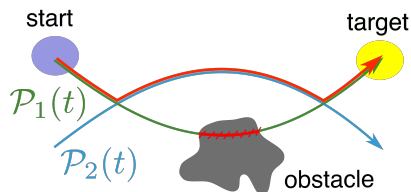
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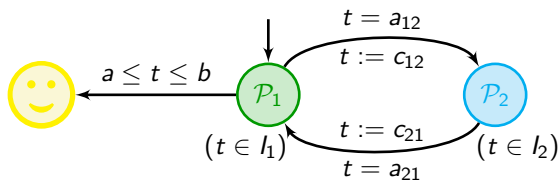


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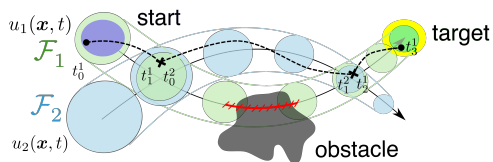


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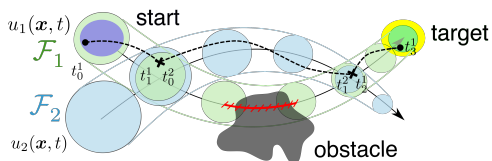
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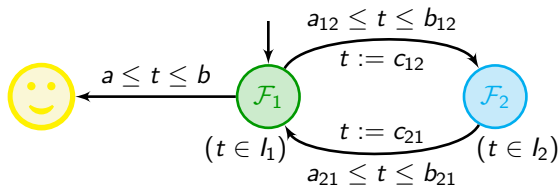


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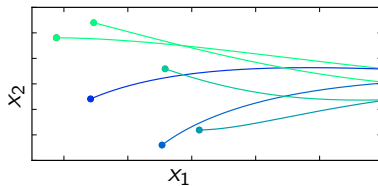


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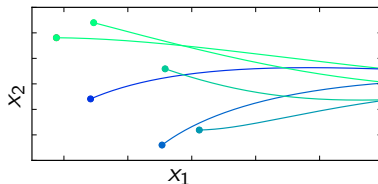
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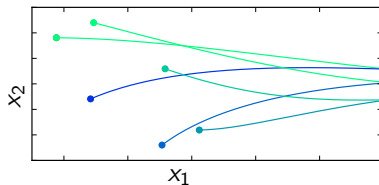


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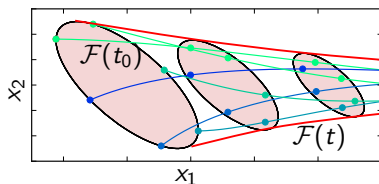
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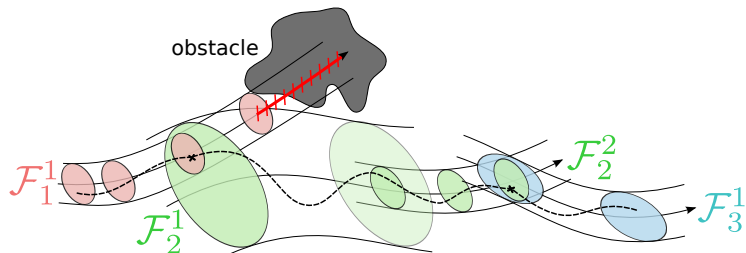


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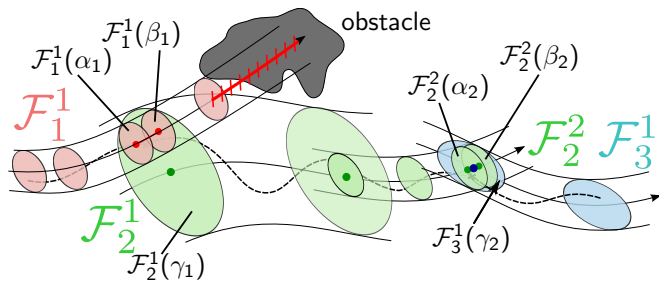
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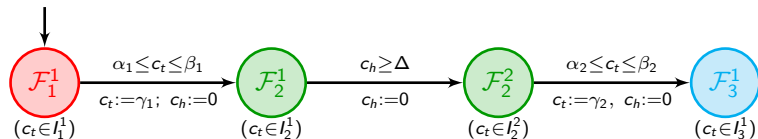
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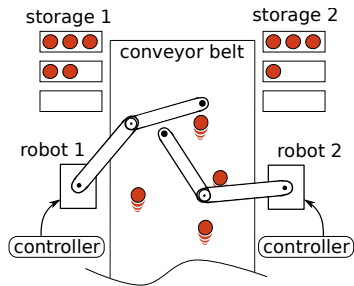
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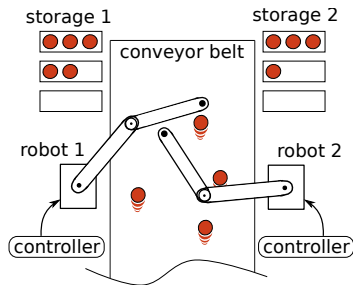
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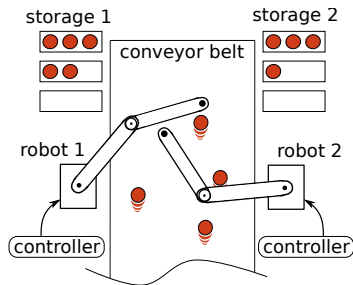


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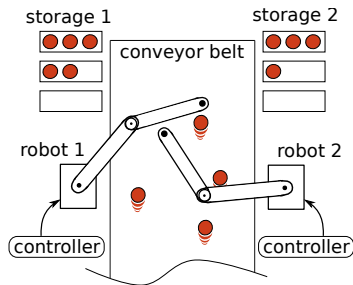
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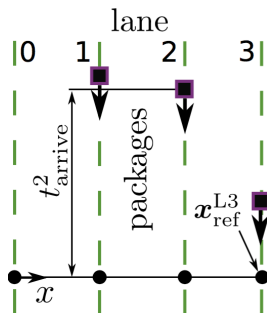
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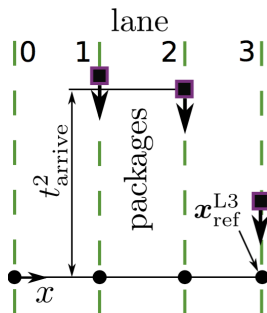
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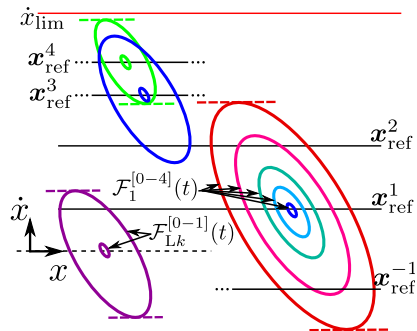


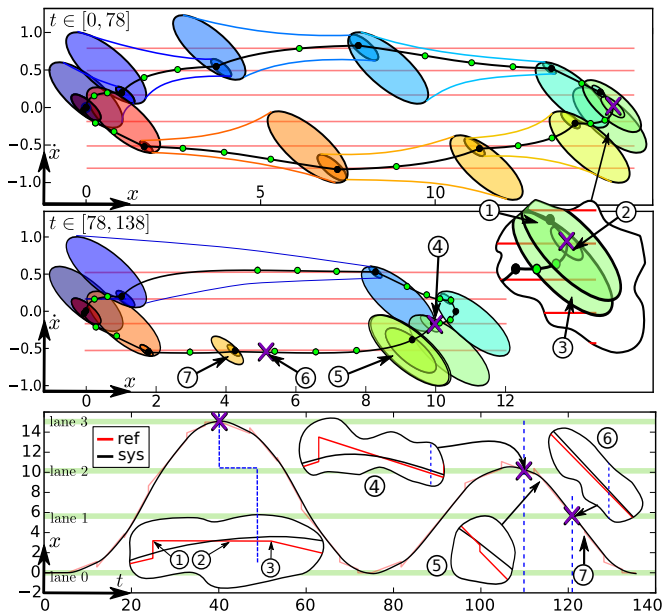
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- Does not scale up very well so far (huge timed automata models)
 - Build the model on-demand?
But, can we give guarantees (optimality) when only part of the model has been built?
 - Develop specific algorithms for the special timed automata we construct?
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- Basics of timed automata verification
- Relevant extensions for applications: weights, games, mix of both
 - We looked at decidability and limits
 - We mentioned algorithmics and tools
- Timed automata can be used as abstractions for more complex systems

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Current challenges

- Various theoretical issues
 - Decidability and approximability of weighted timed automata and games
 - New approaches (tree automata, reachability relations) might give a new light on the verification of timed systems
 - Robustness and implementability
- Continue working on algorithms and tools

TiAMo + TChecker

- Implementation of (weighted) timed games (good data structures, abstractions, etc.)
- More applications with specific challenges (e.g. robotic problems)