

An introduction to timed automata

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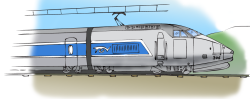
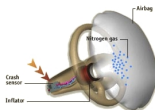
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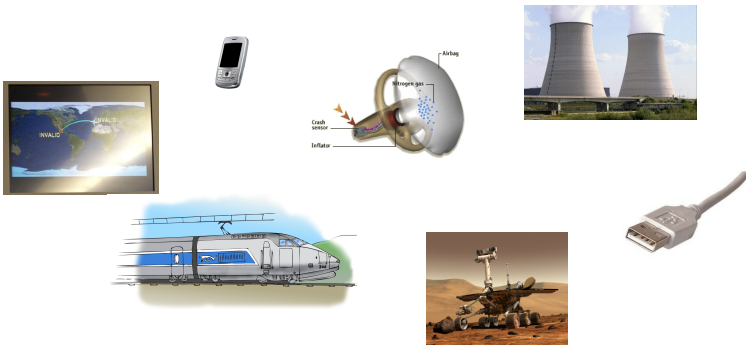
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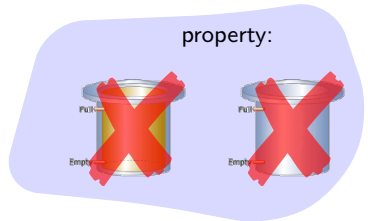
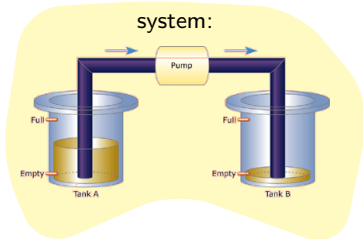


- and in their **correctness**

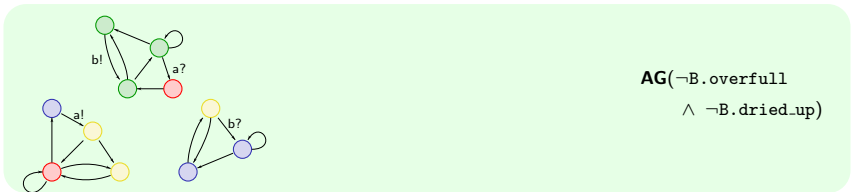
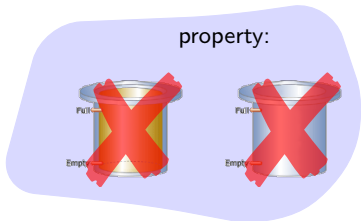
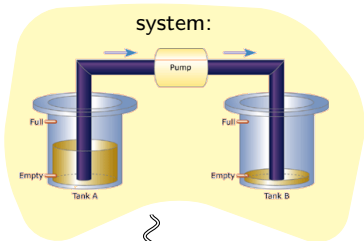
“Will the airbag open within 5ms after the car crashes?”

“Will the robot explore a given area without getting out of energy?”

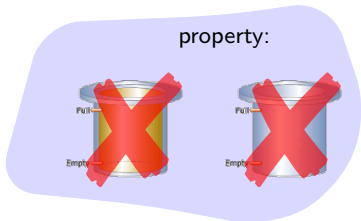
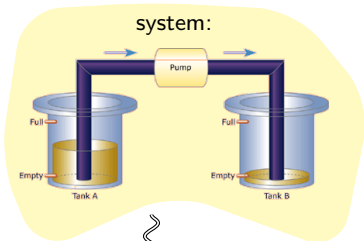
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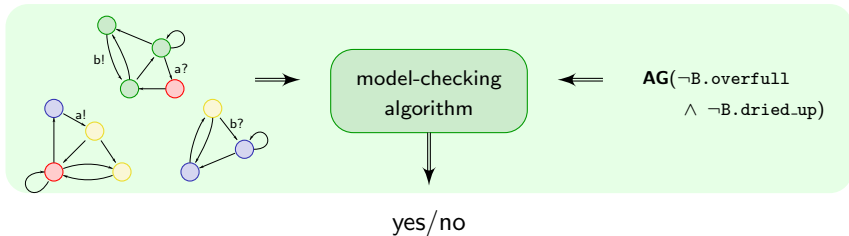
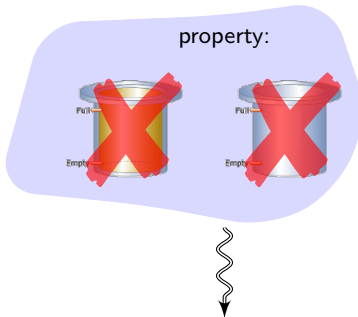
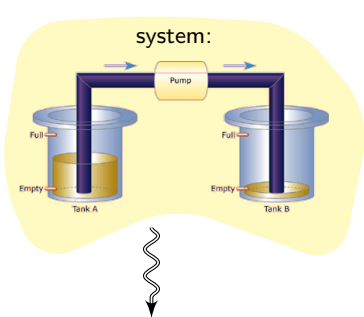
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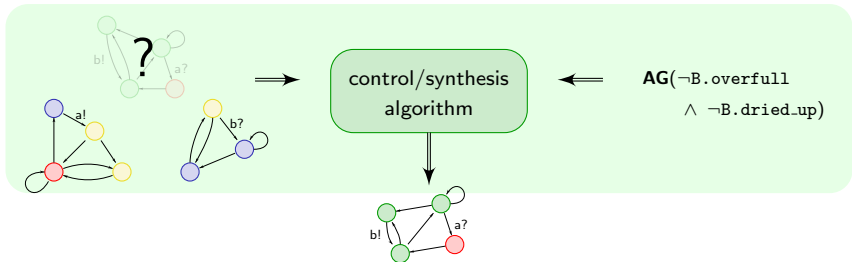
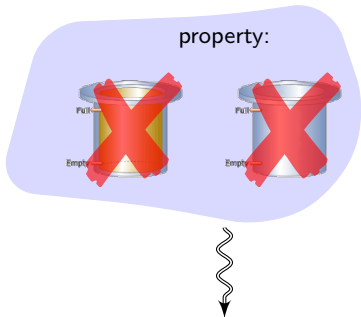
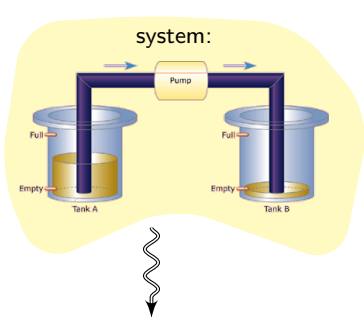
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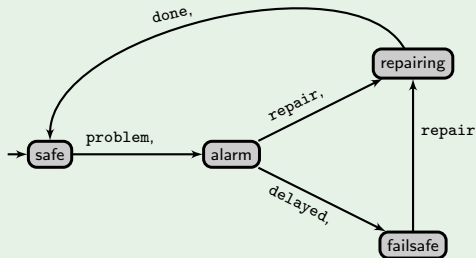
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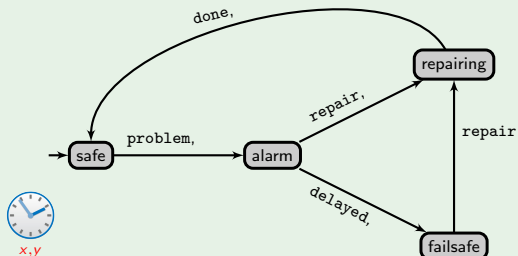
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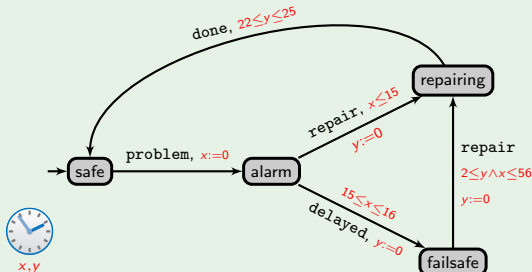
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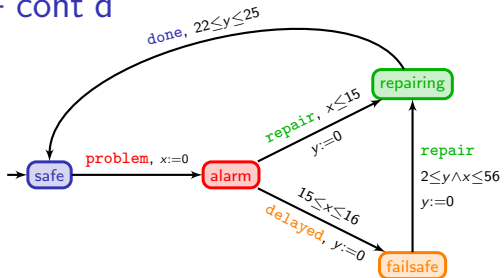
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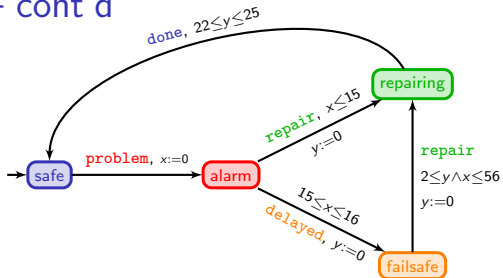
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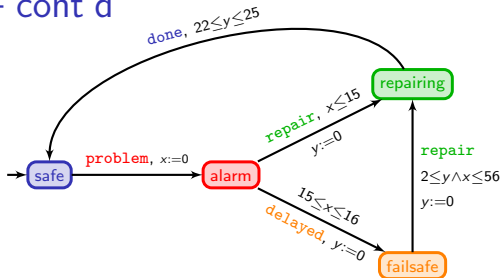


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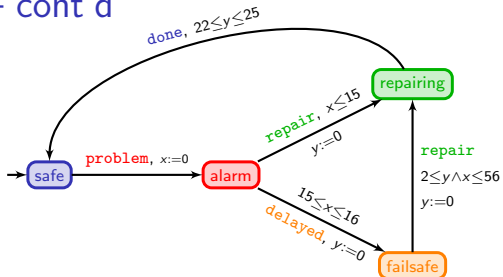
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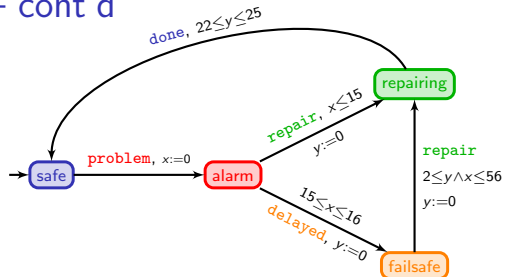
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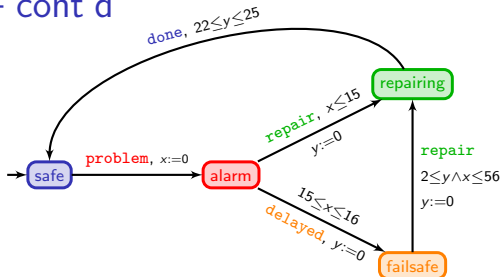
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y	0		23		23

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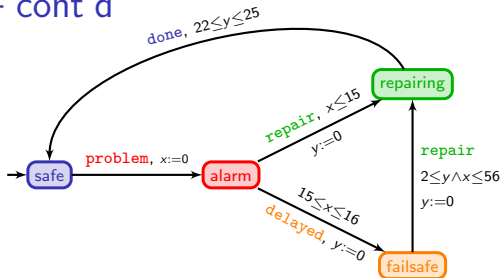
	safe	$\xrightarrow{23}$	safe	$\xrightarrow{\text{problem}}$	alarm	$\xrightarrow{15.6}$	alarm
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y	0		23		23		38.6

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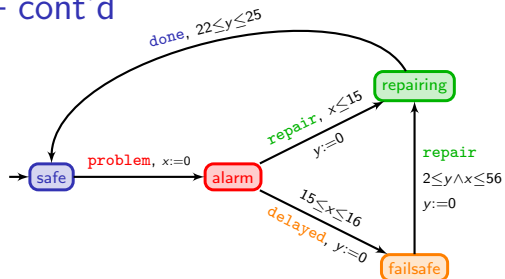
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x	0		23		0		15.6		15.6	...
y	0		23		23		38.6		0	
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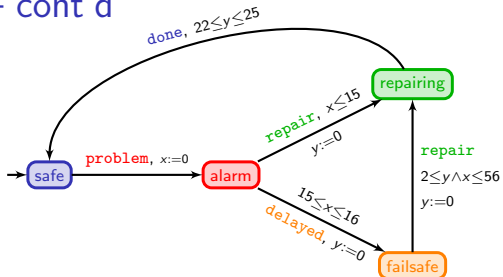
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y	0		23		23		38.6		0	
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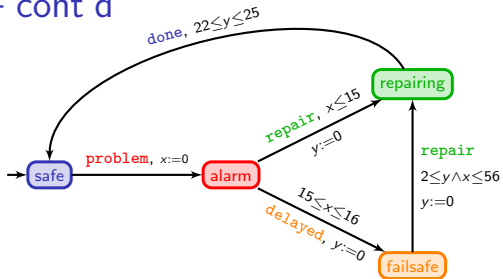
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...	15.6		17.9		17.9		40			
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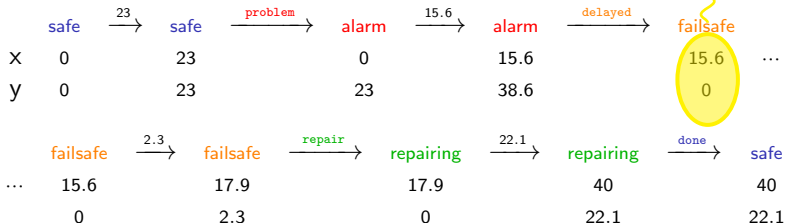
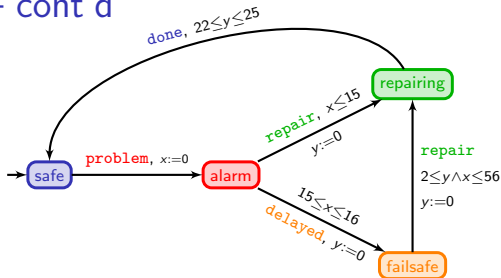
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This run reads the timed word

(**problem**, 23)(**delayed**, 38.6)(**repair**, 40.9)(**done**, 63).

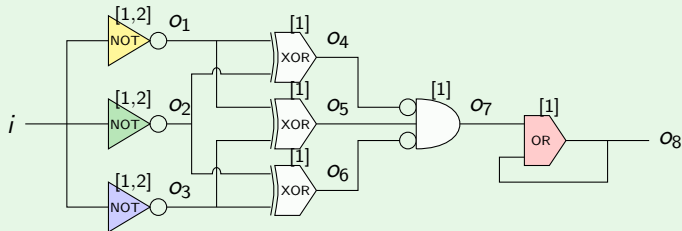
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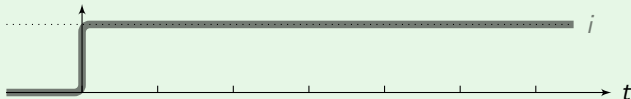
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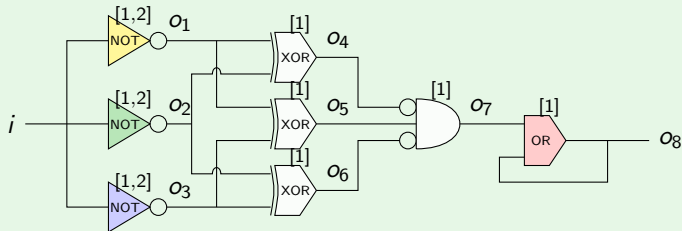
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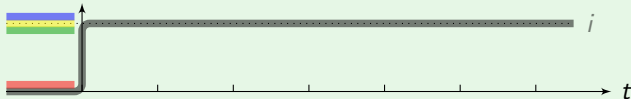
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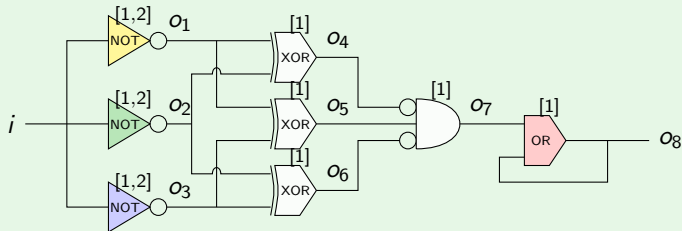
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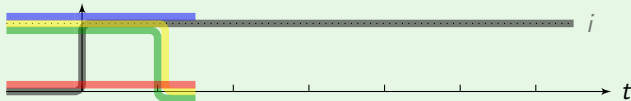
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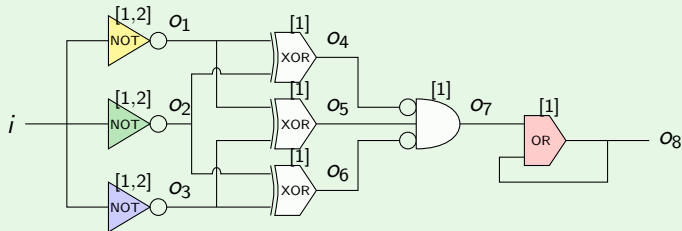
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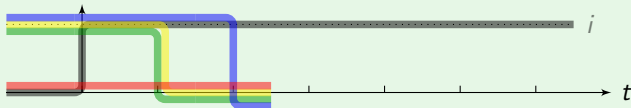
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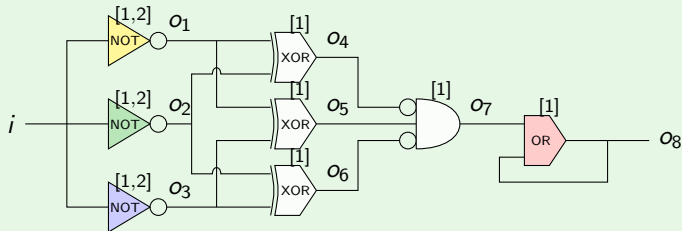
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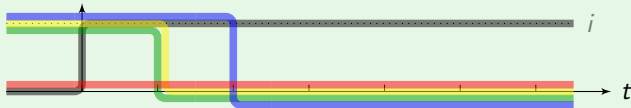
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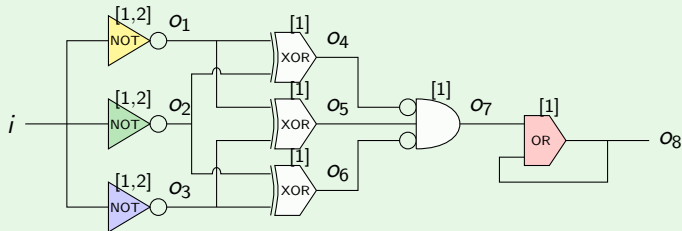
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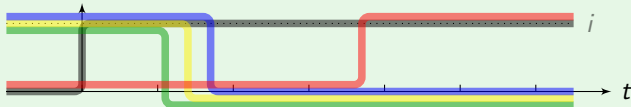
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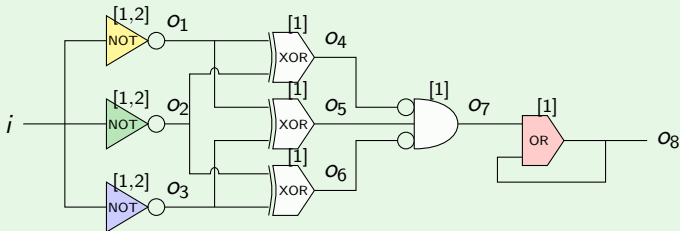
- under continuous-time, the output can be 1:



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

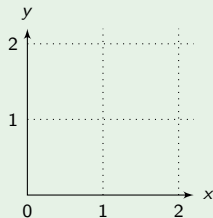
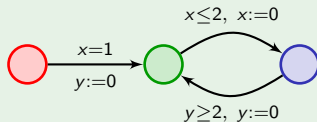
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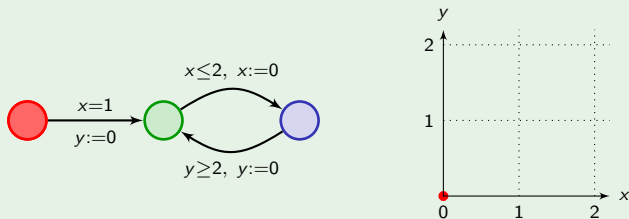
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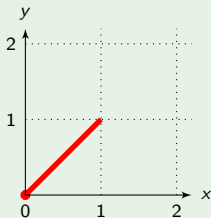
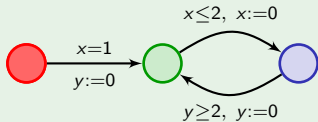
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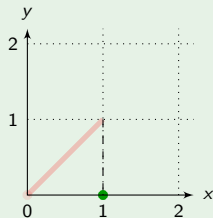
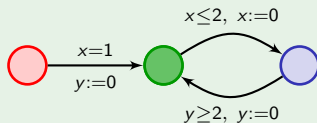
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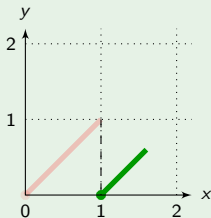
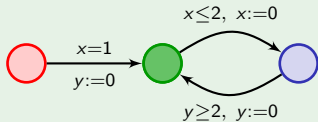
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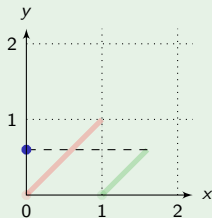
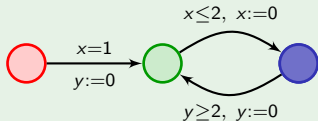
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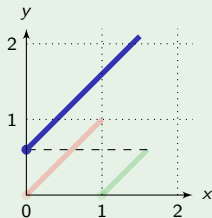
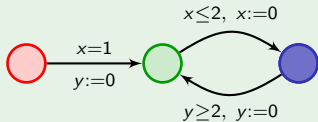
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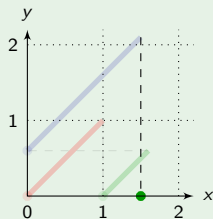
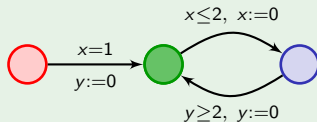
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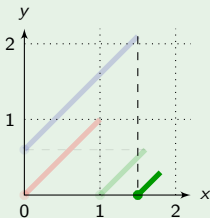
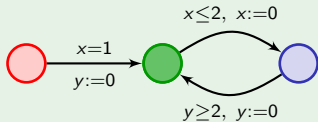
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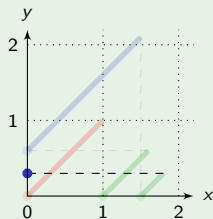
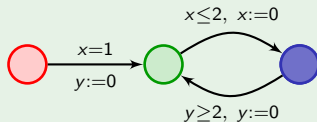
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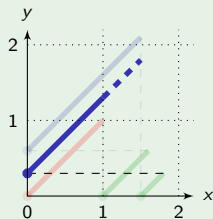
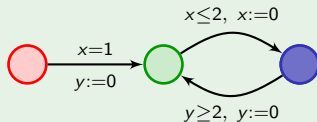
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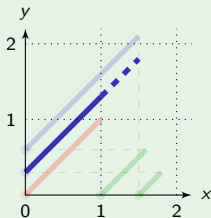
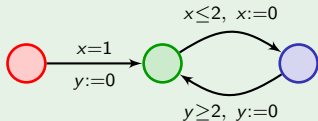
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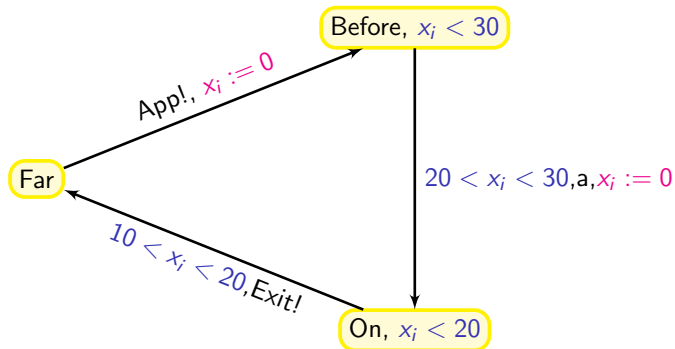
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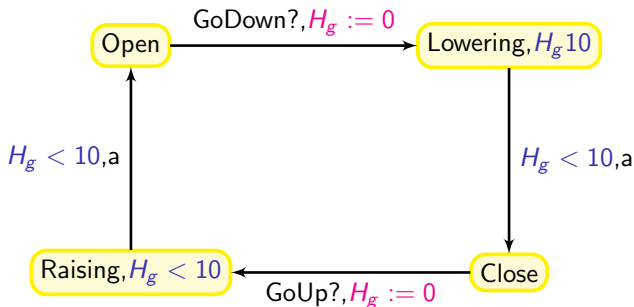
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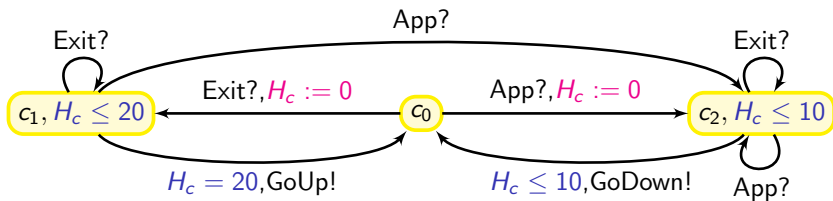
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Train ₁	Train ₂	Gate	Controller	
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.	App!	.	App?	App
Exit!	.	.	Exit?	Exit
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a	.	.	.	a
.	a	.	.	a
.	.	a	.	a
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to define the parallel composition ($\text{Train}_1 \parallel \text{Train}_2 \parallel \text{Gate} \parallel \text{Controller}$)

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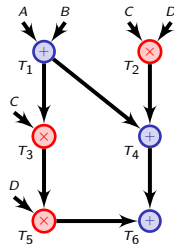
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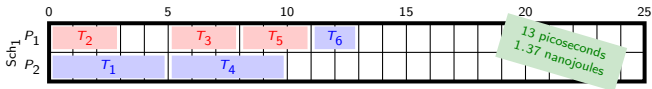
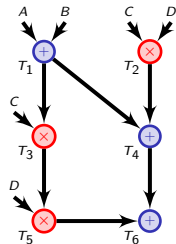
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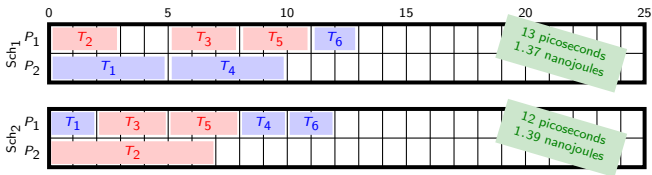
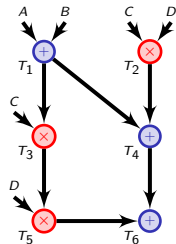
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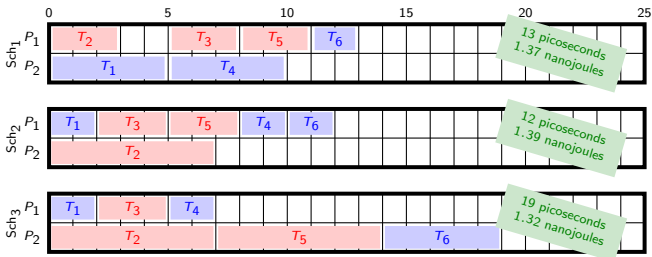
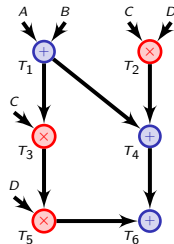
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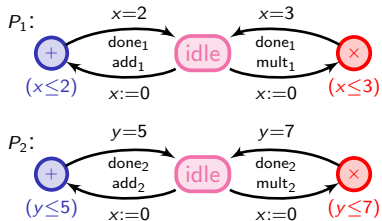
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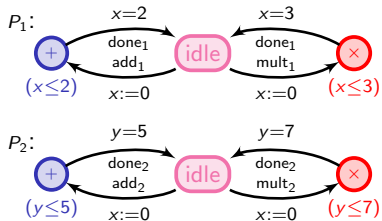
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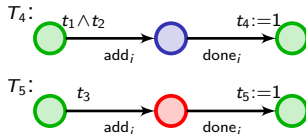


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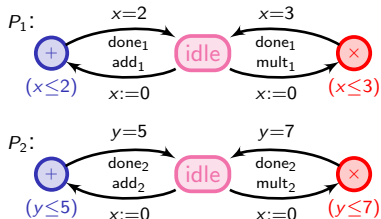


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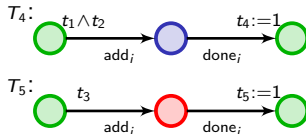


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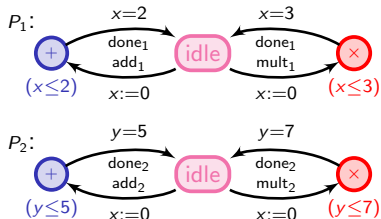


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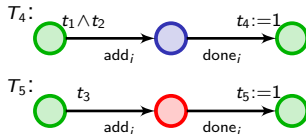
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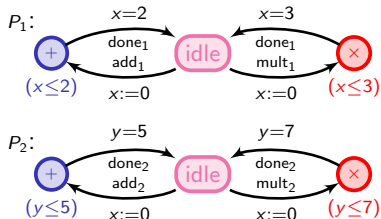
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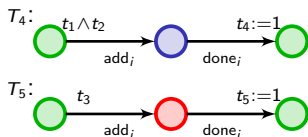
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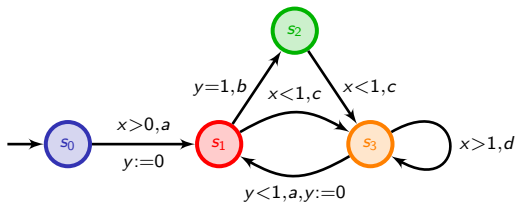
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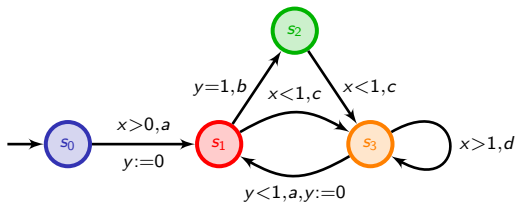
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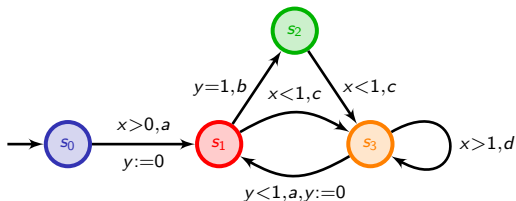


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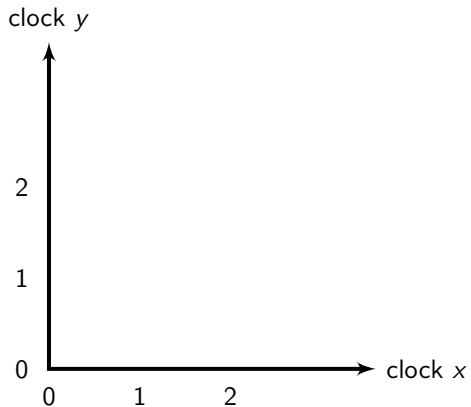
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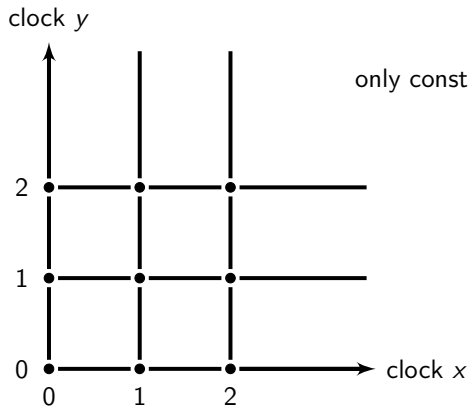
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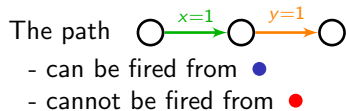
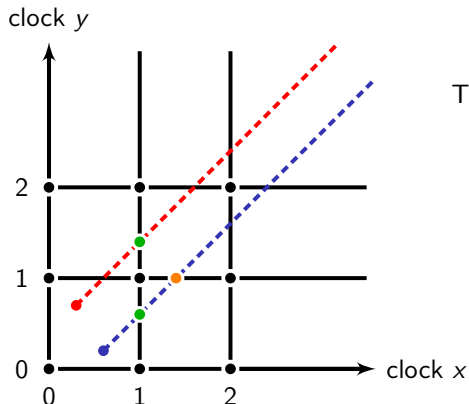
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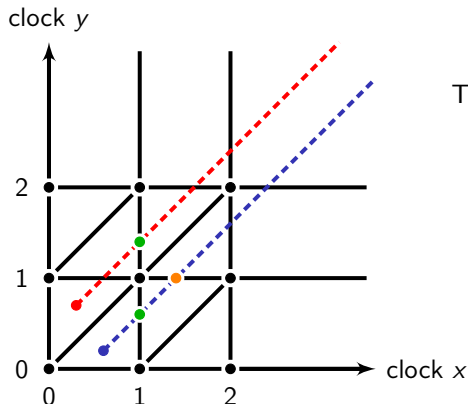
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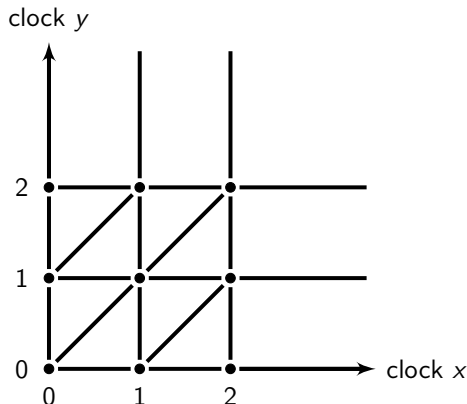


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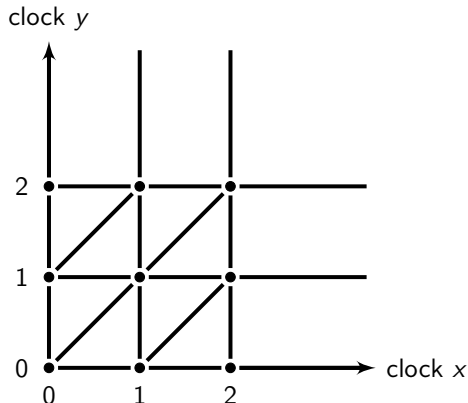
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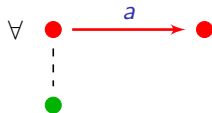
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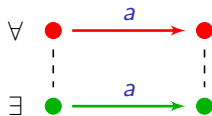
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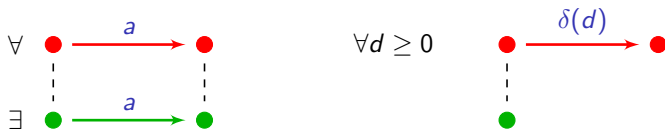
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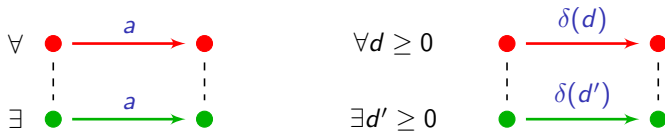
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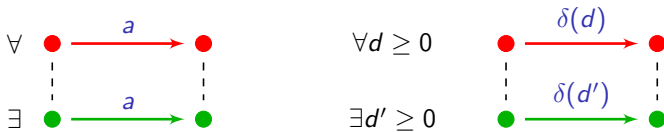
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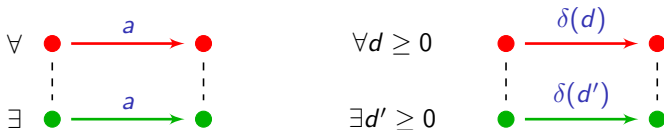
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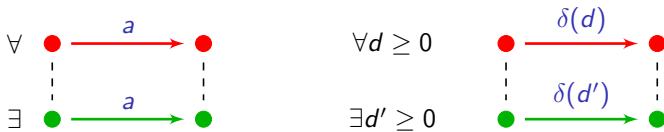
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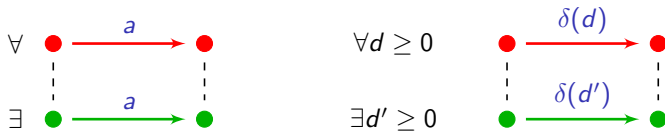
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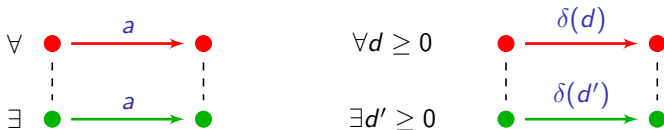
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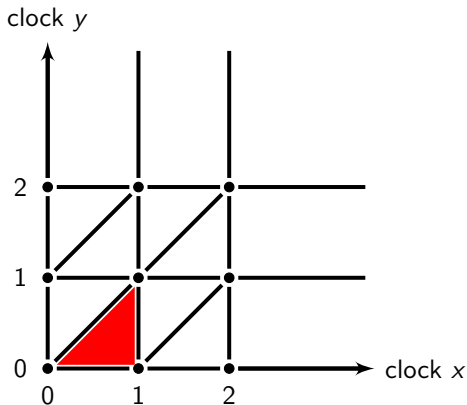


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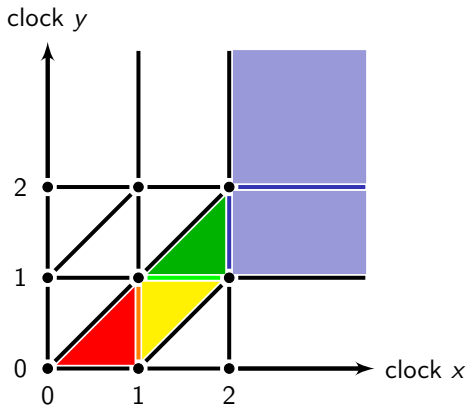
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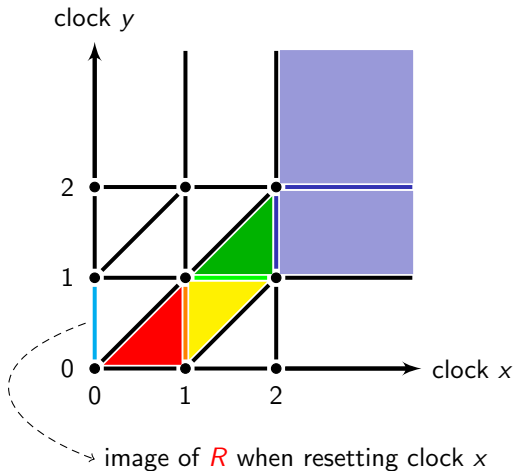


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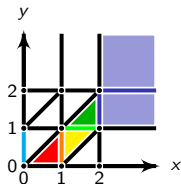
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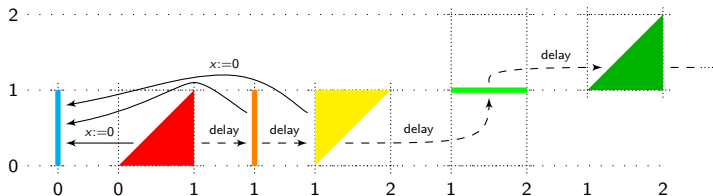
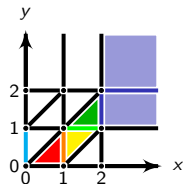
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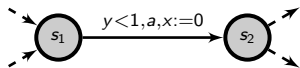


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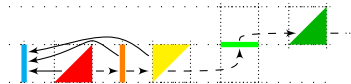
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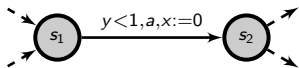


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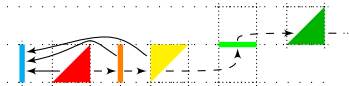


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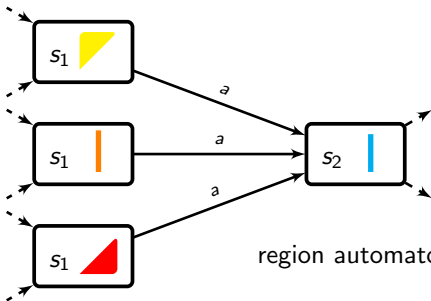
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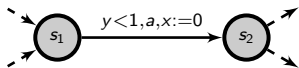


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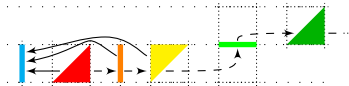


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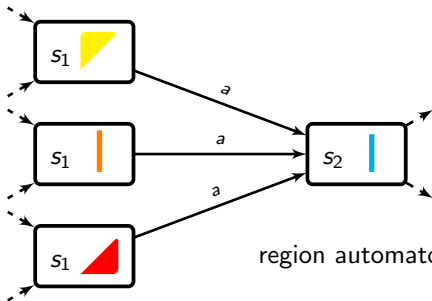
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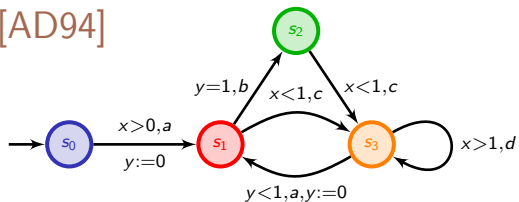
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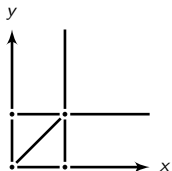
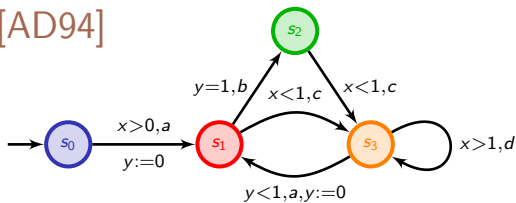
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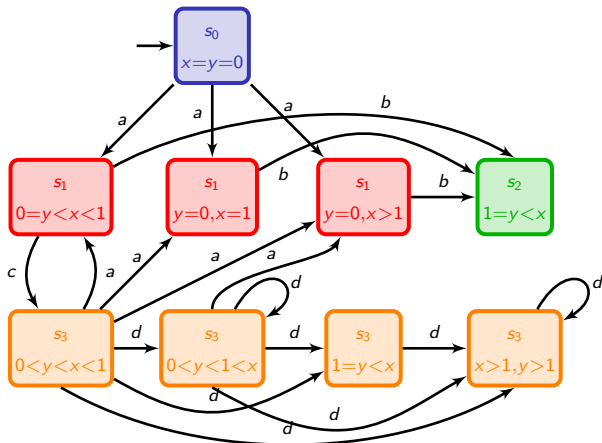
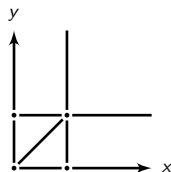
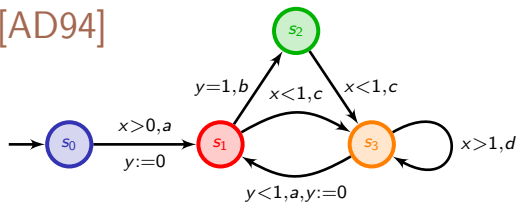
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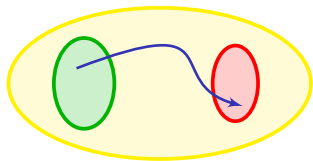


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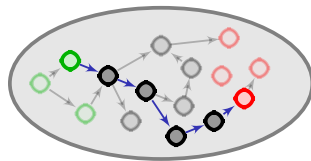
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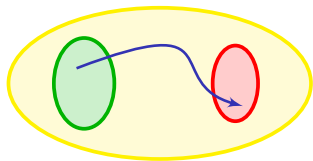


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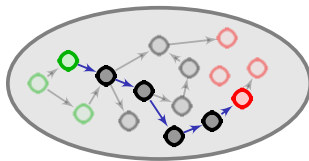


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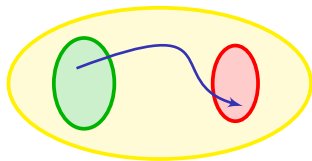
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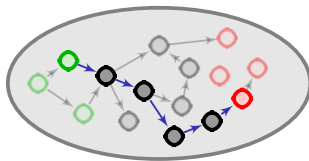
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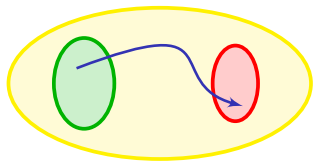
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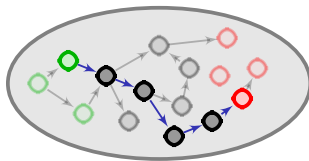
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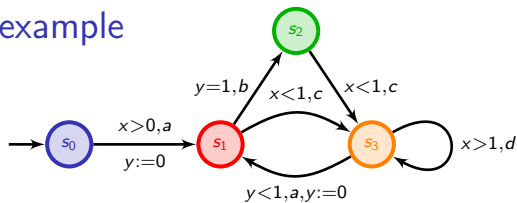
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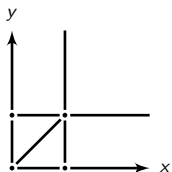
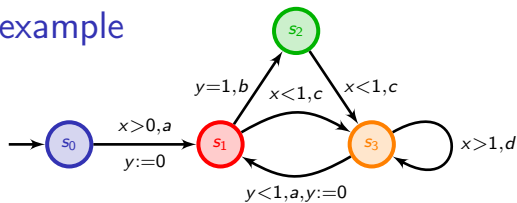
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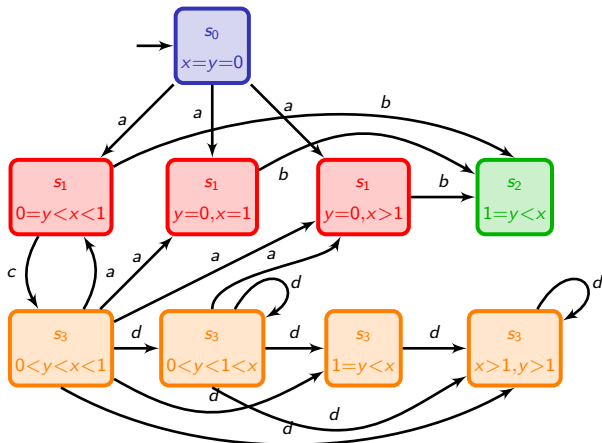
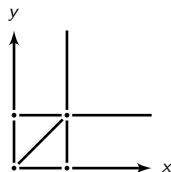
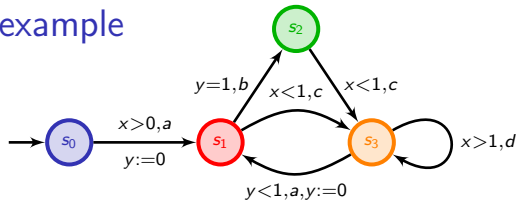
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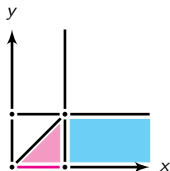
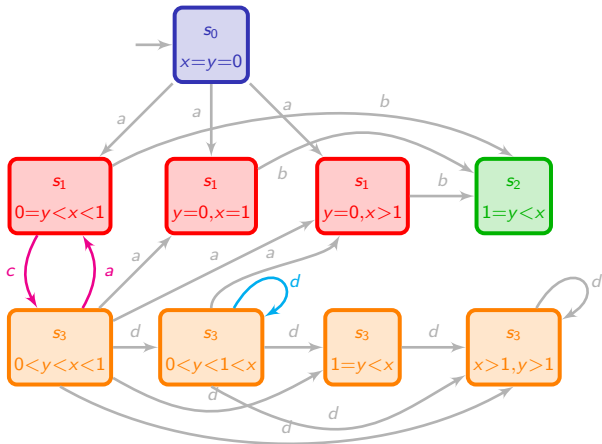
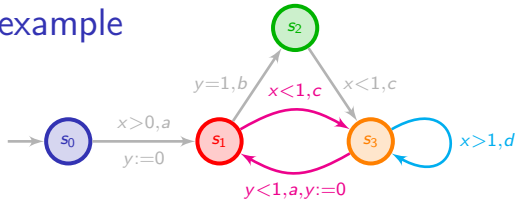
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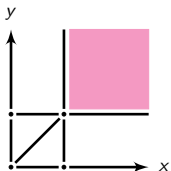
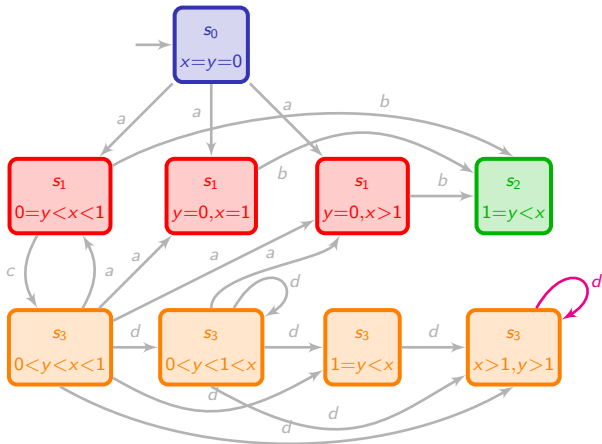
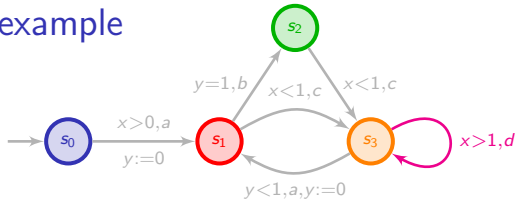


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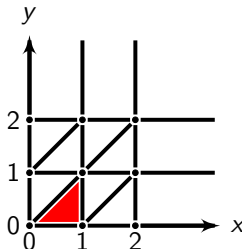
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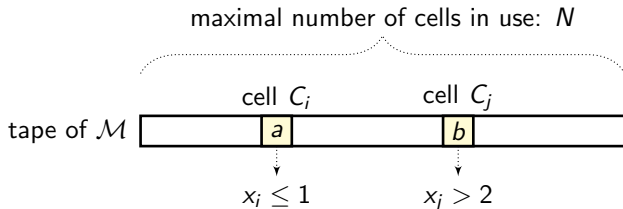
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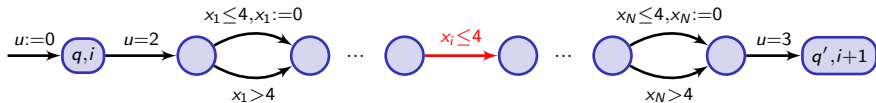
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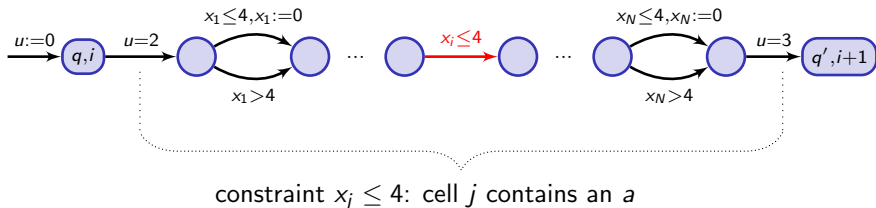
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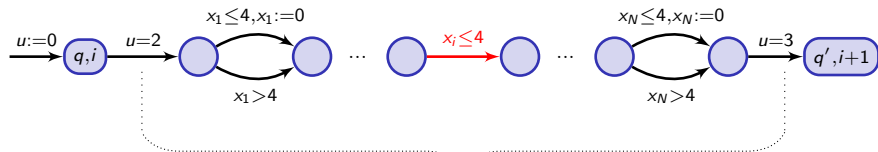
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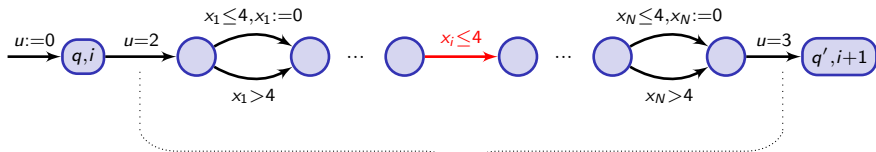


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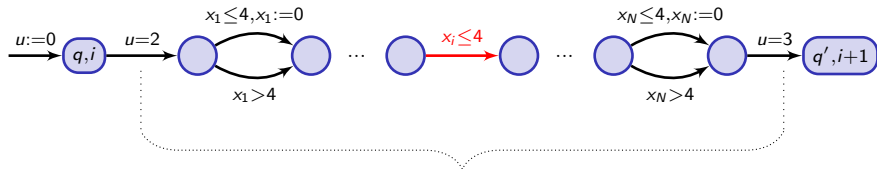


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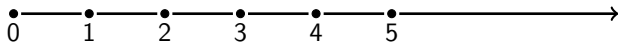
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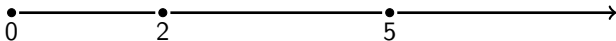
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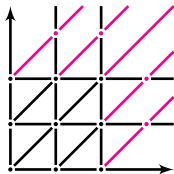
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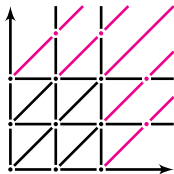
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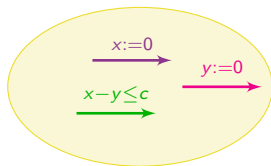


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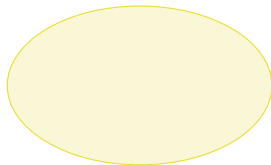
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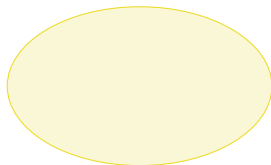
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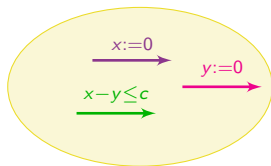


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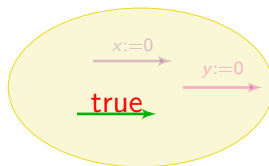


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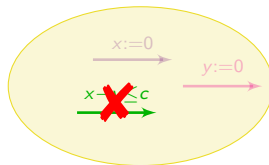
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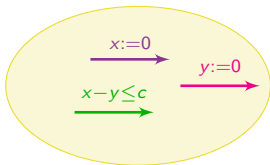


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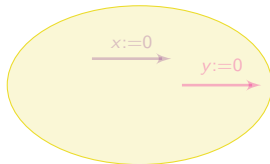
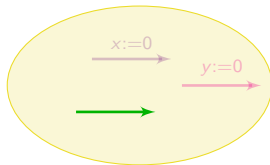


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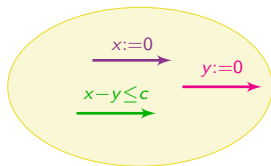
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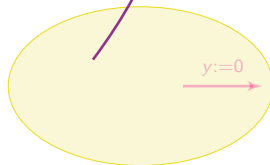
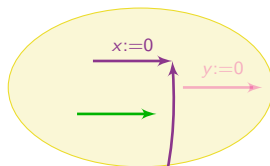
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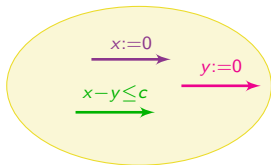
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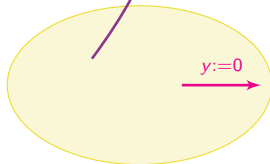
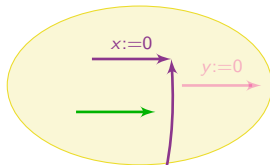
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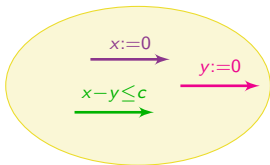
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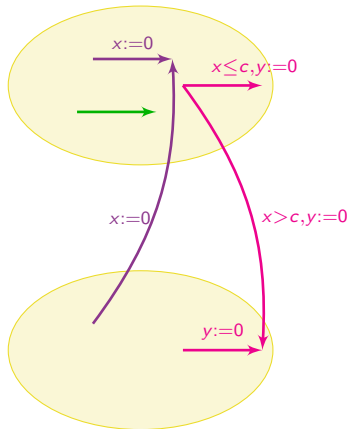
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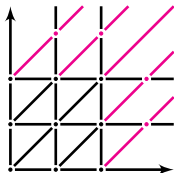
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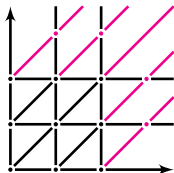


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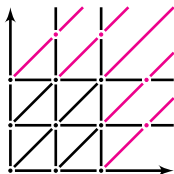


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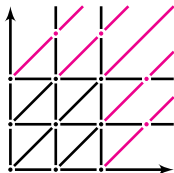


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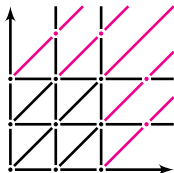


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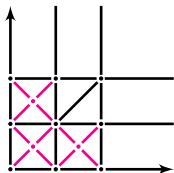
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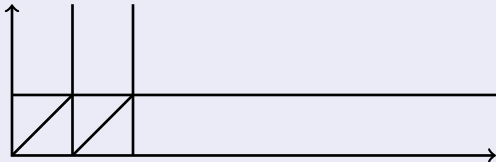
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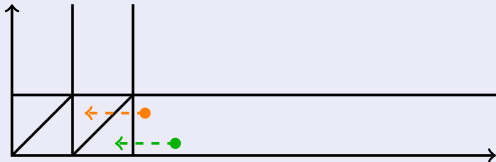
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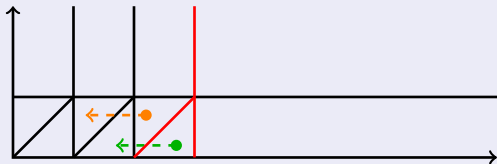
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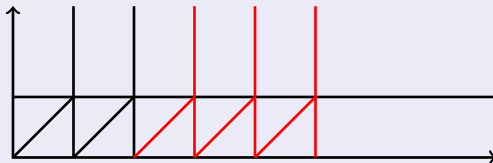
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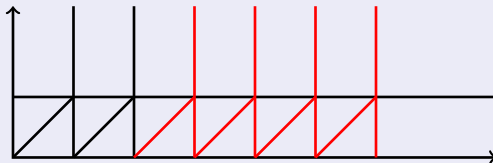
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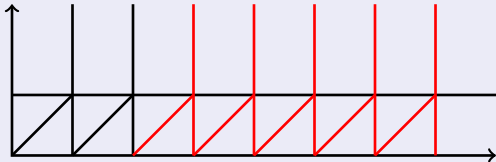
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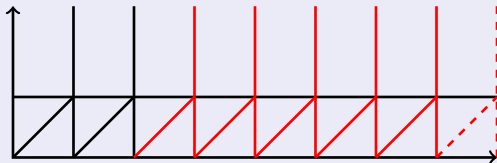
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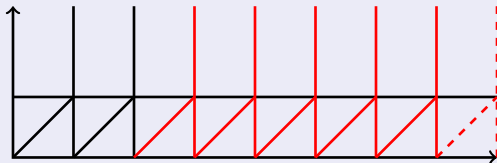
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A **two-counter machine** is a finite set of instructions over two counters (c and d):

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(p): if $c > 0$ then $c := c - 1$; goto (q) else goto (r)

Theorem [Minsky 67]

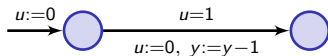
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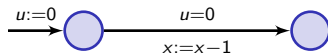
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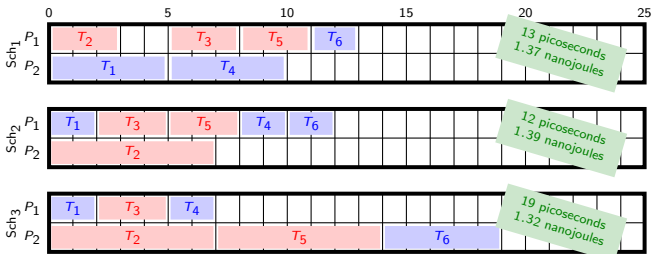
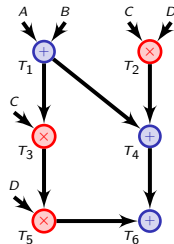
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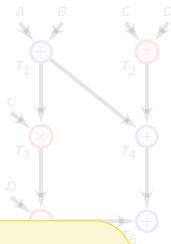
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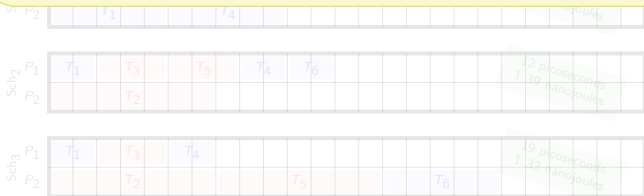
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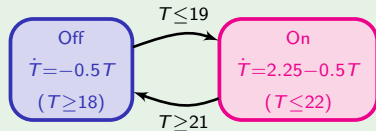
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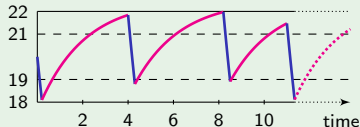
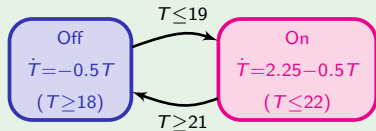
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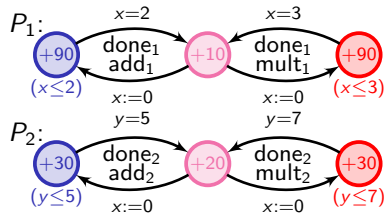
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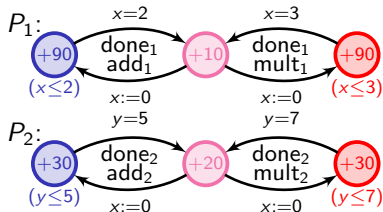
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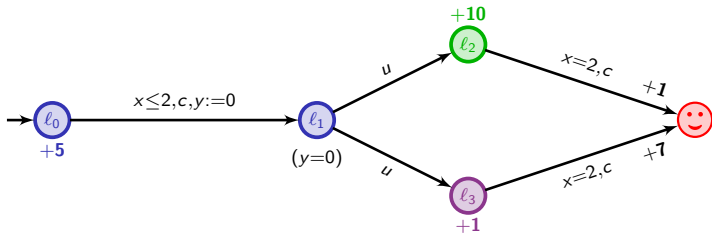


The model of weighted automata

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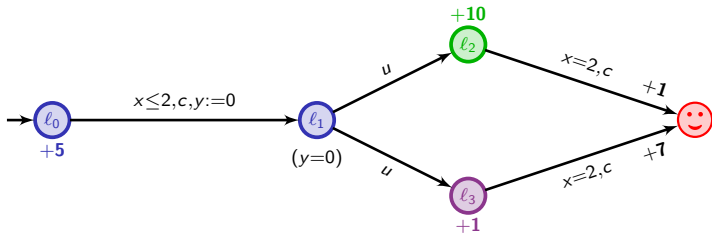
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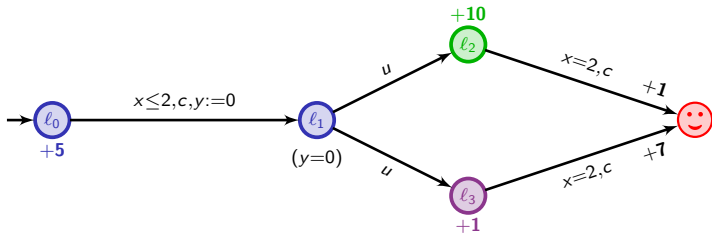


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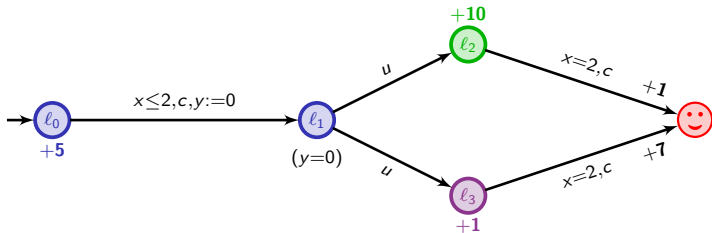
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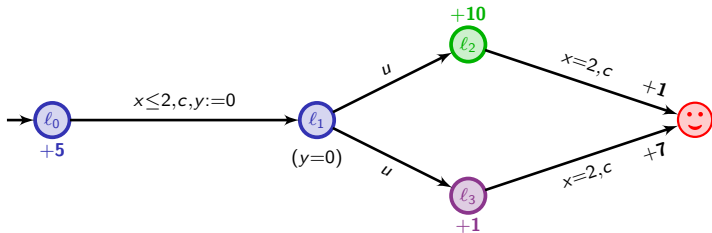
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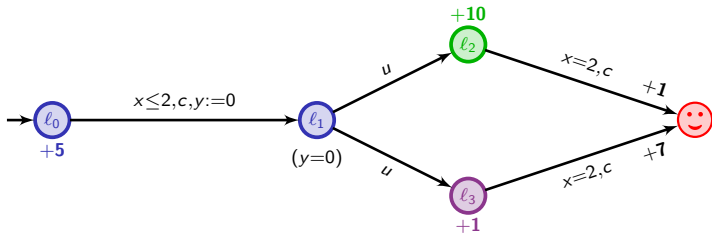


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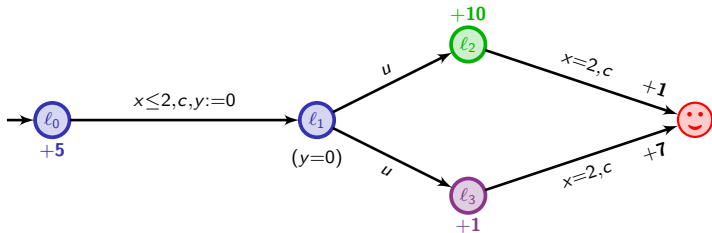


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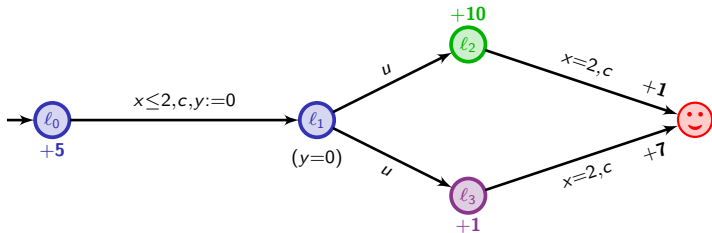


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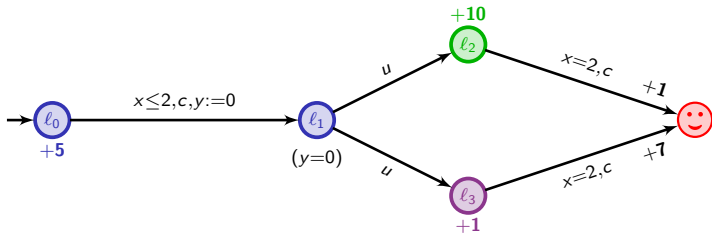


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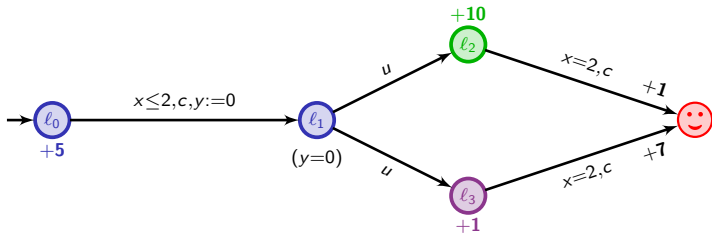


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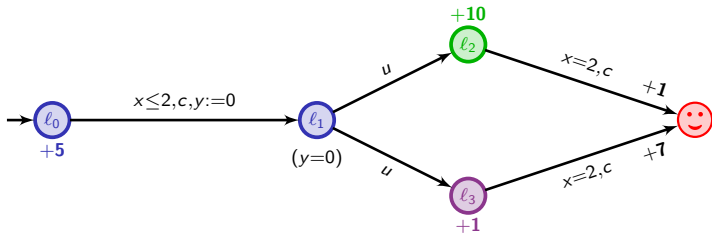


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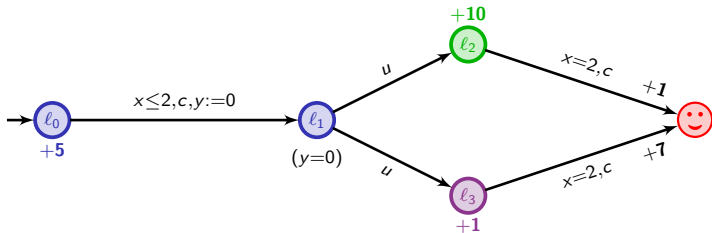
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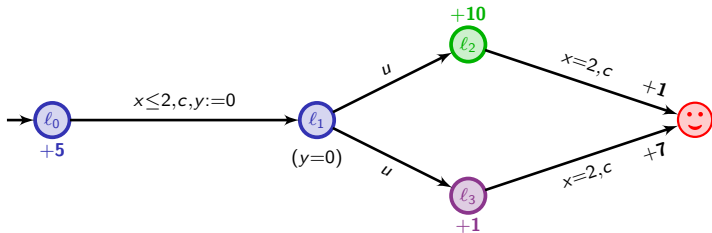
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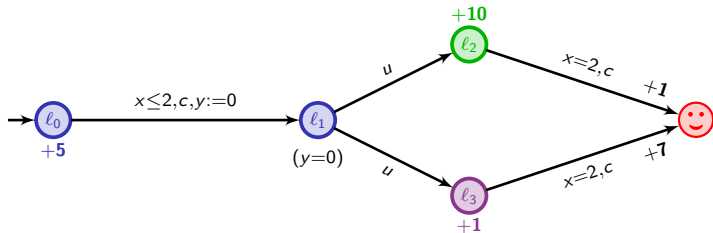
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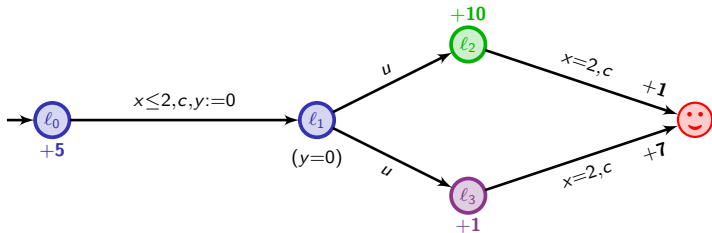
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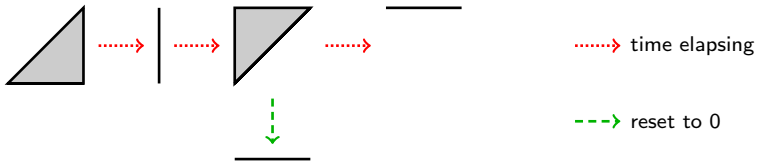
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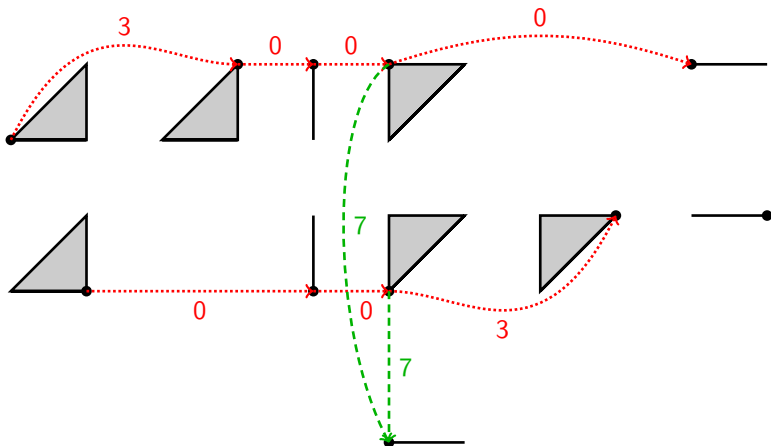
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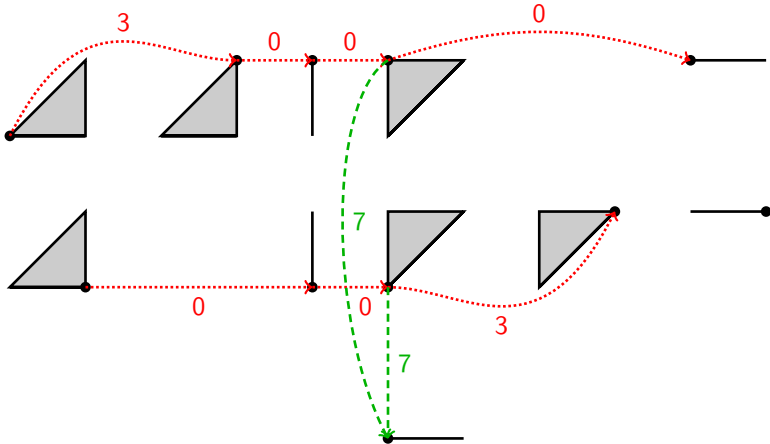
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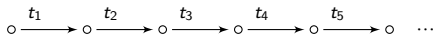
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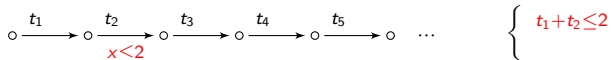
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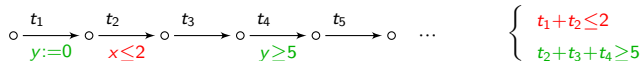
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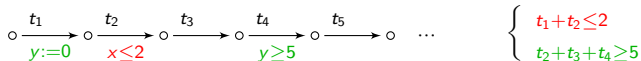
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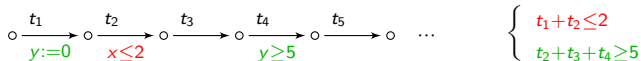
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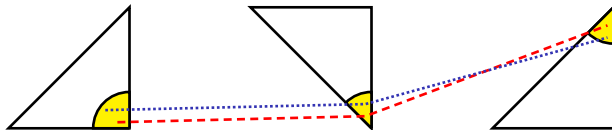
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[Π is a “corner-point projection” of π]

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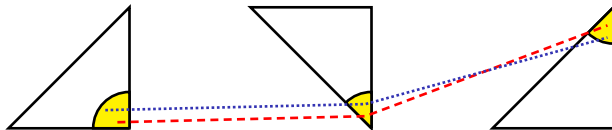
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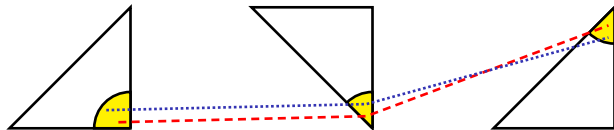
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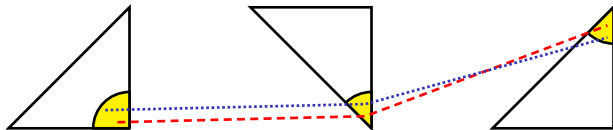


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Theorem [ALP01,BFH+01,BBBR07]

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Further problems of interest

Relevant questions

- Optimization questions:
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 - optimal average consumption
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- Management of resources:
 - a lower bound global constraint (your bank account)
 - a lower and an upper bound global constraint (the tank of your car, the pressure in a pump)
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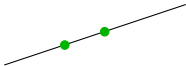
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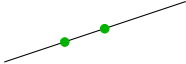

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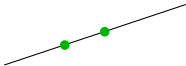

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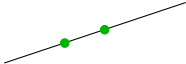
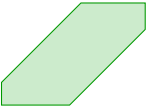
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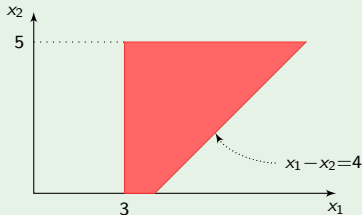
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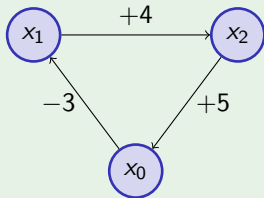
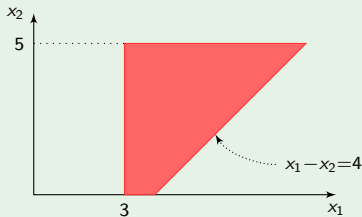
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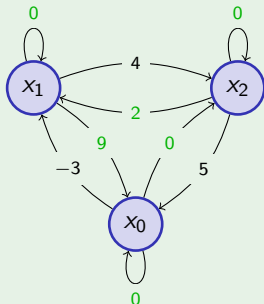
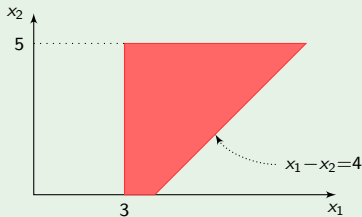
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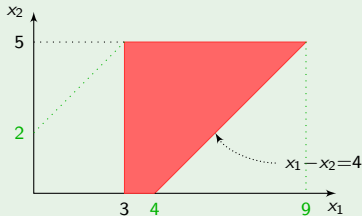
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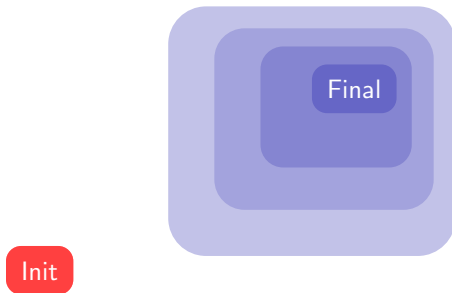
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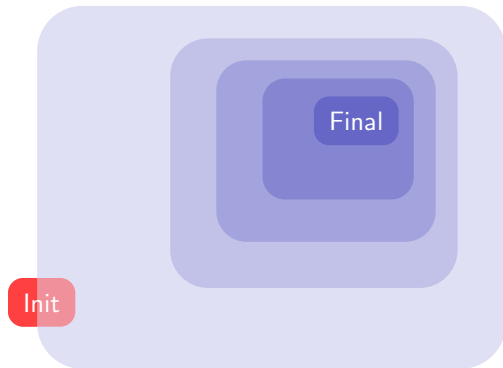
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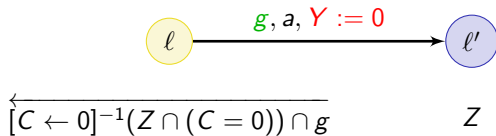
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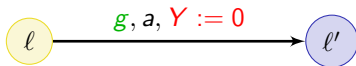
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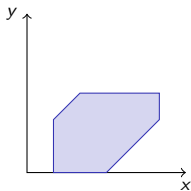
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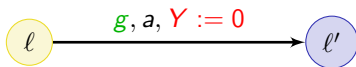


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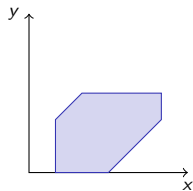


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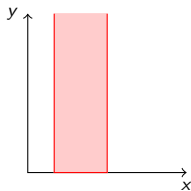
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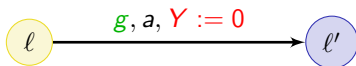


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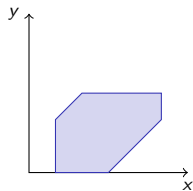


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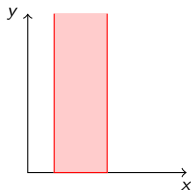
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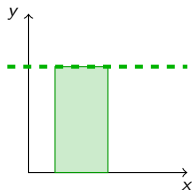
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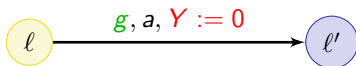
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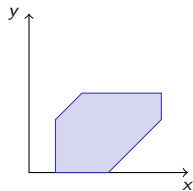
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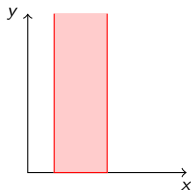
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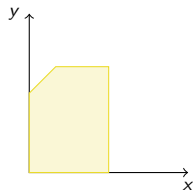
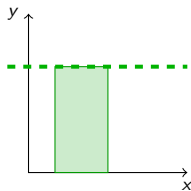
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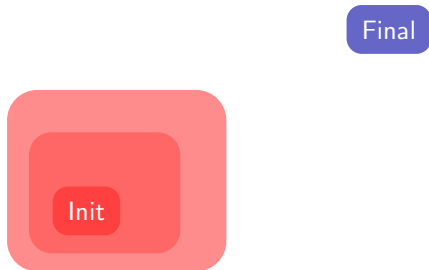
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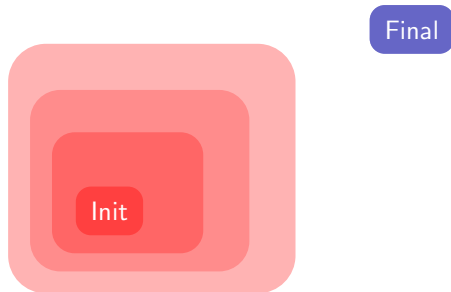
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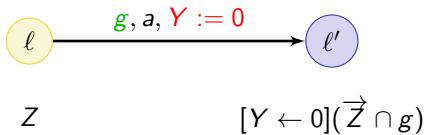
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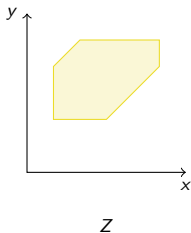
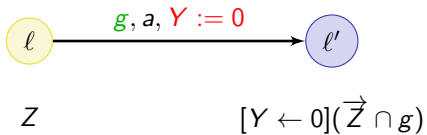
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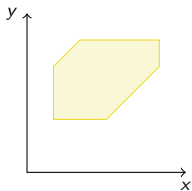
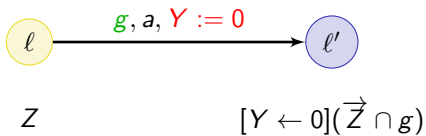
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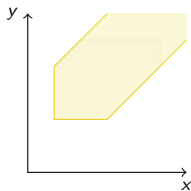
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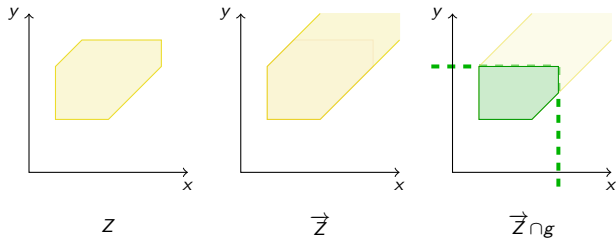
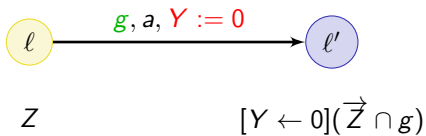


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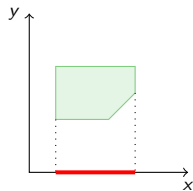
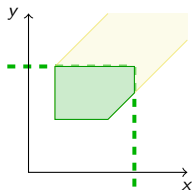
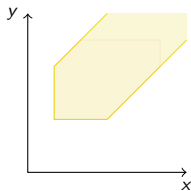
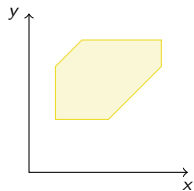
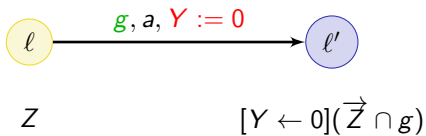


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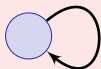
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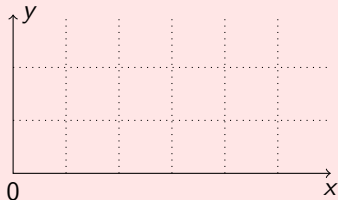
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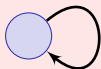


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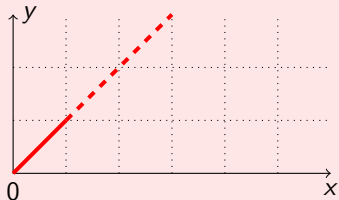
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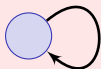


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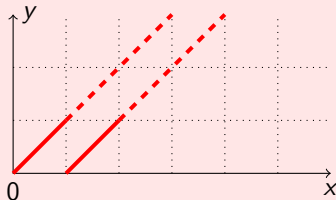
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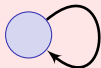


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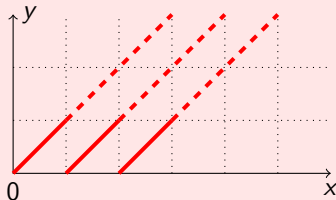
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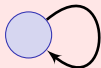


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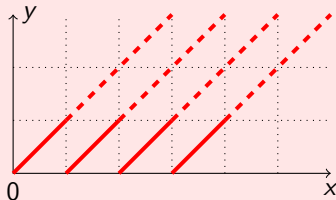
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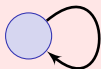


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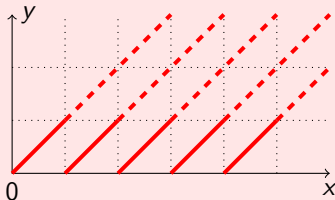
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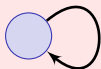


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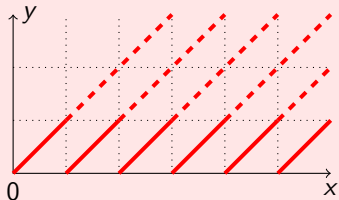
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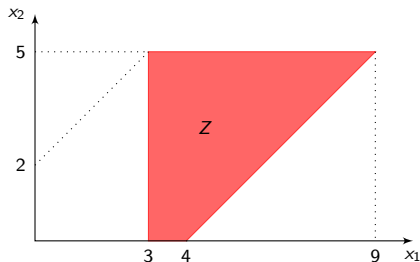
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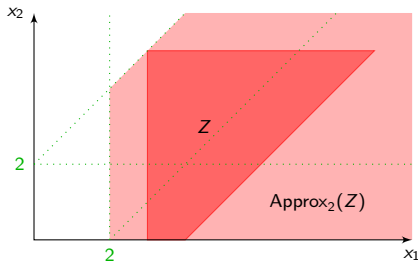


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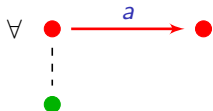
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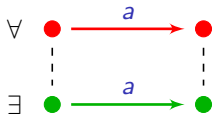
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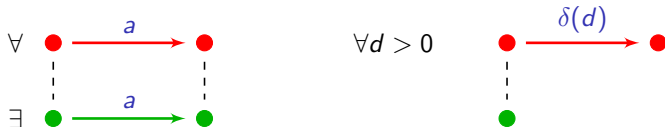
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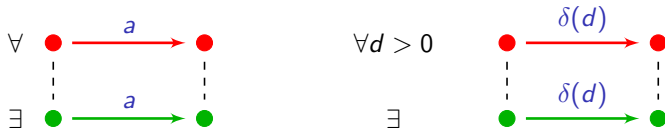
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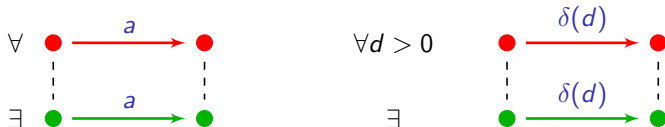
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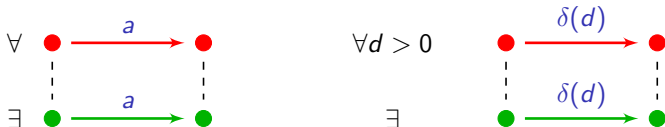
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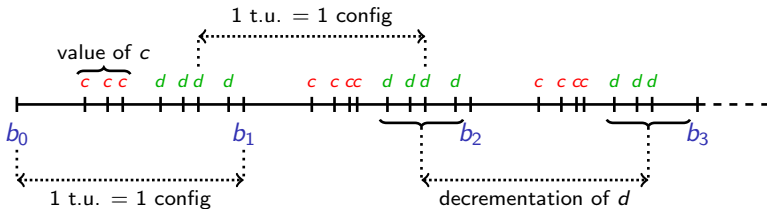
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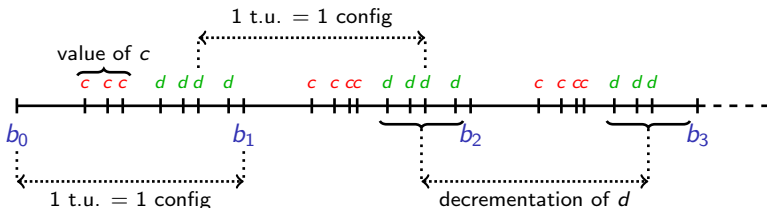


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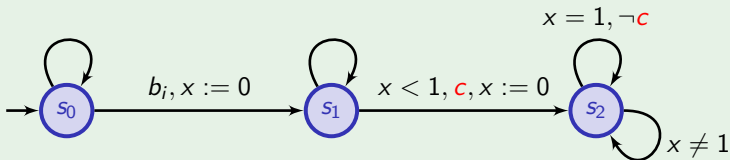


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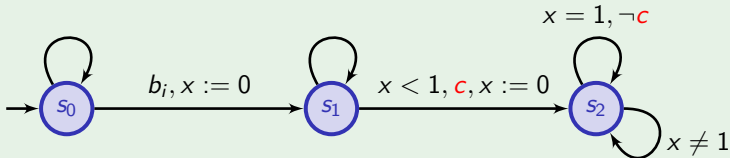
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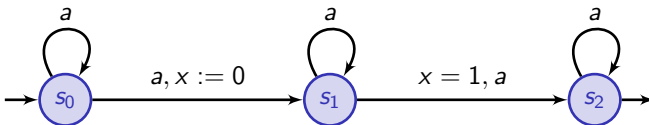
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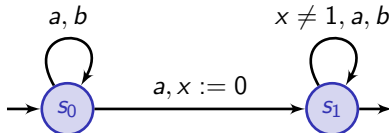
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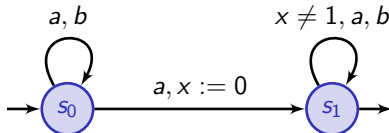
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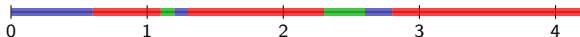
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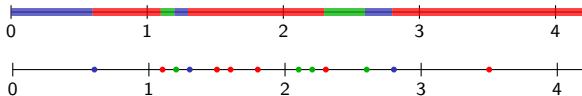
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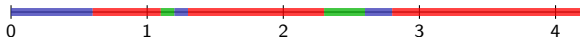
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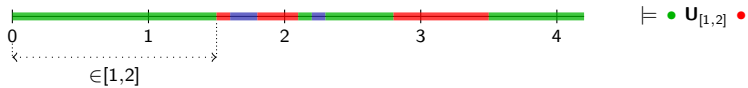
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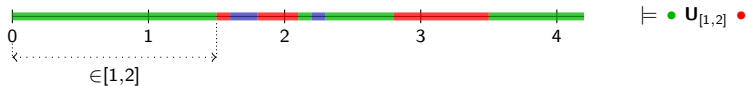


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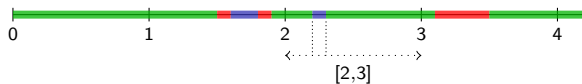


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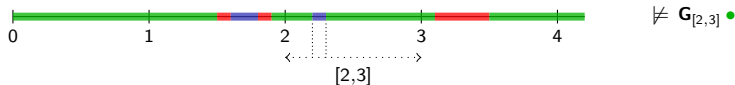
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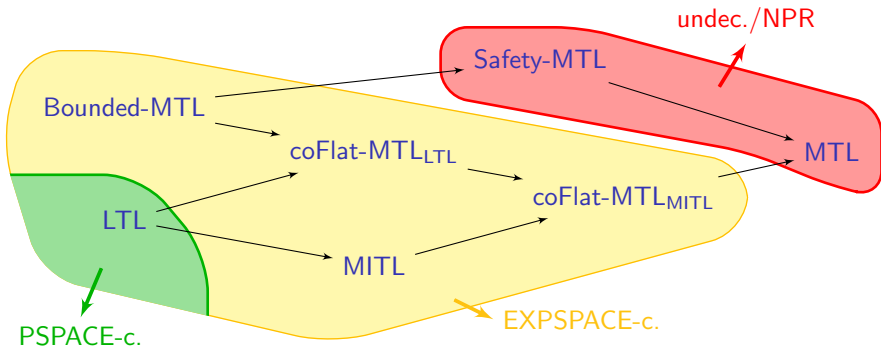
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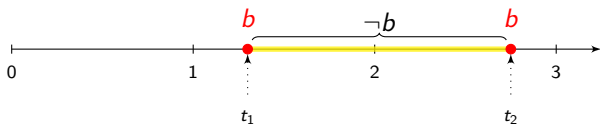
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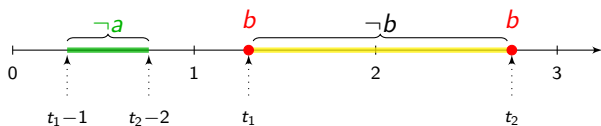
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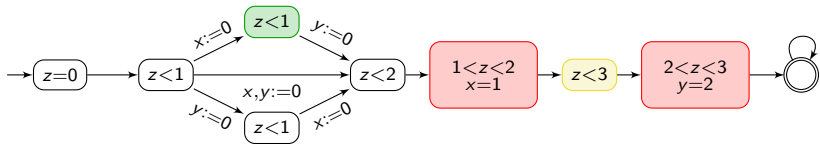
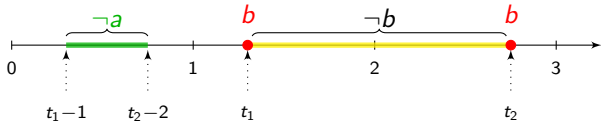
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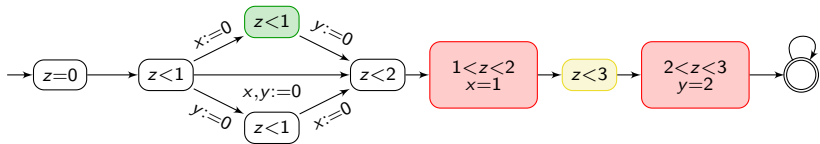
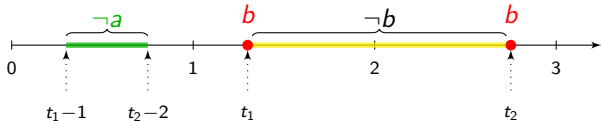
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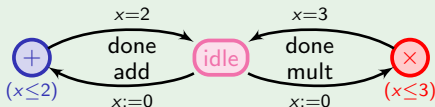
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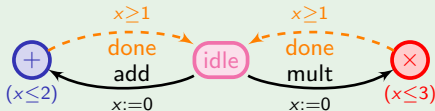
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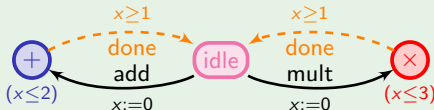
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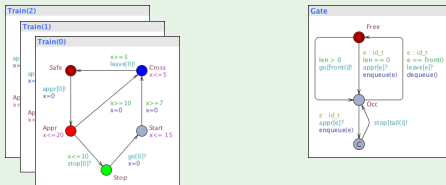
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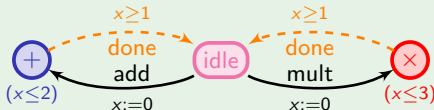
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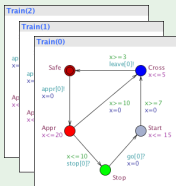
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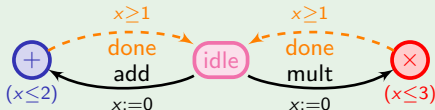


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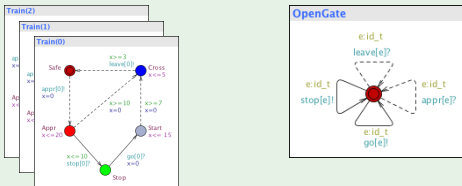
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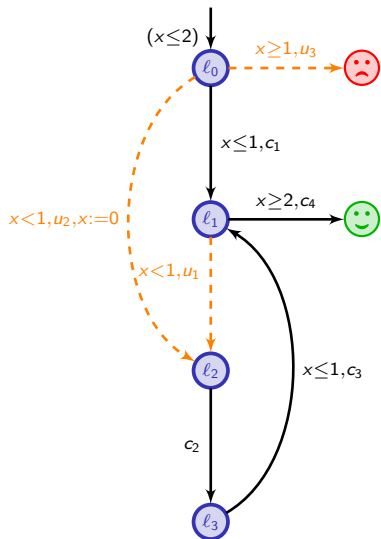
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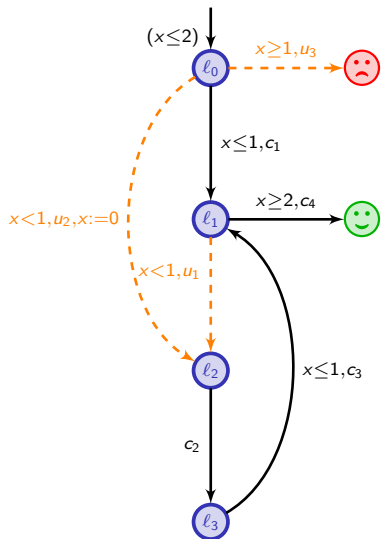
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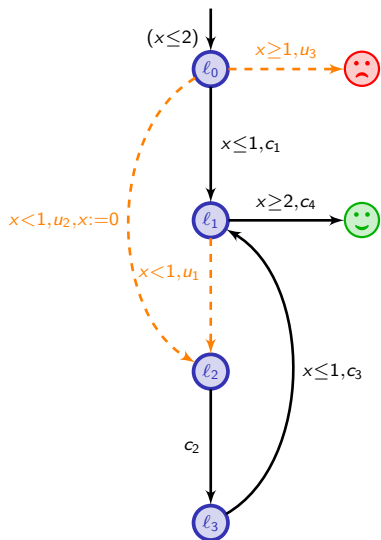
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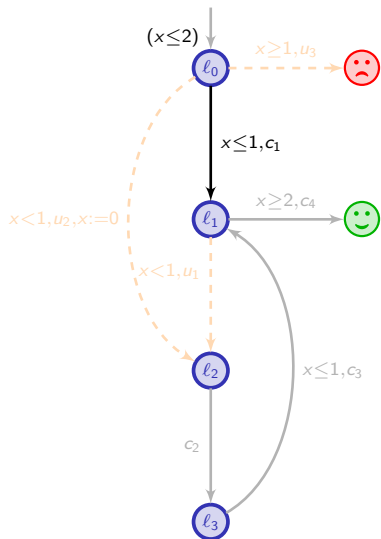


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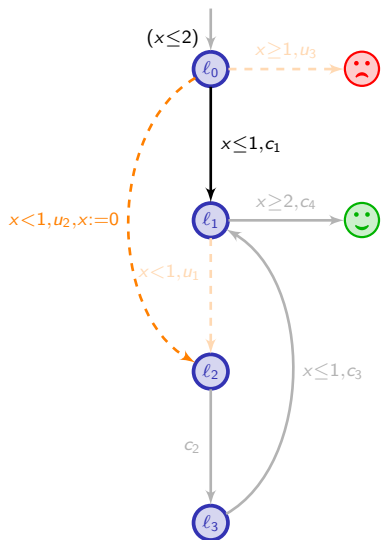
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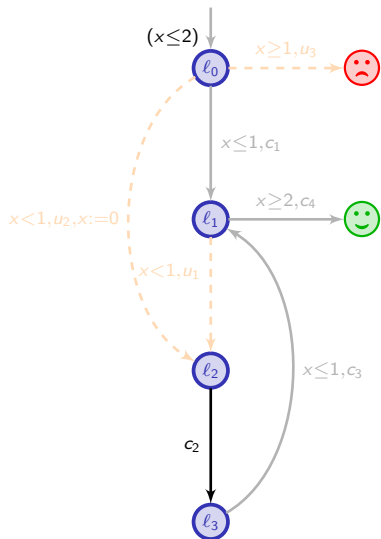
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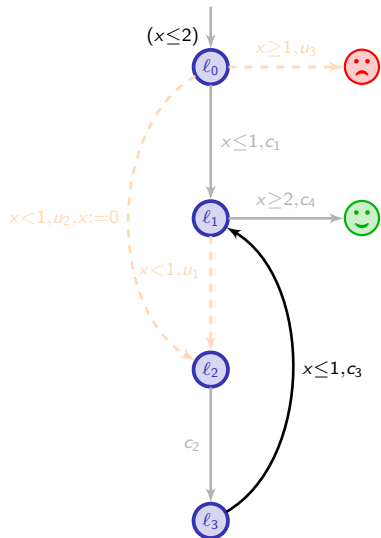
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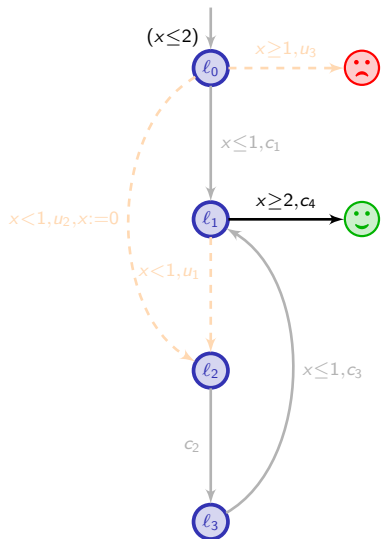
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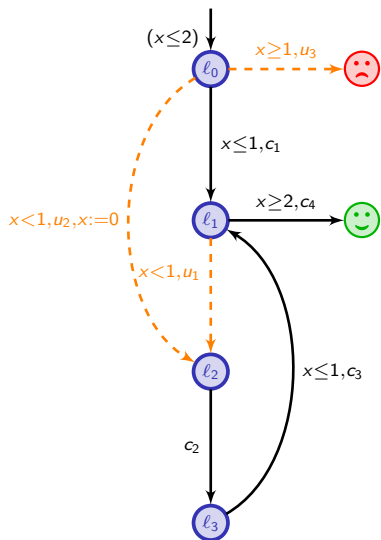
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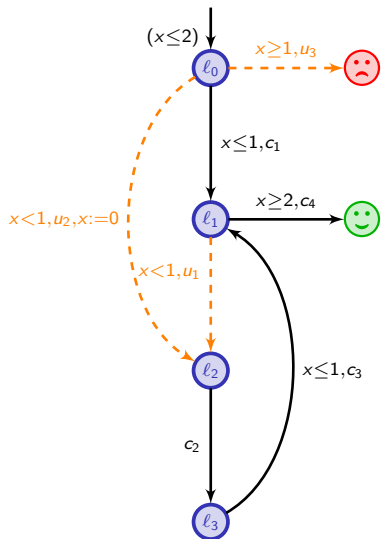
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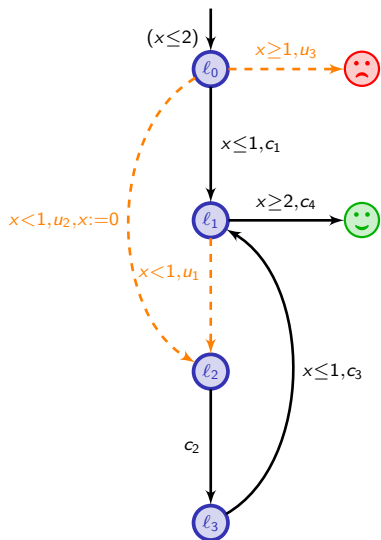
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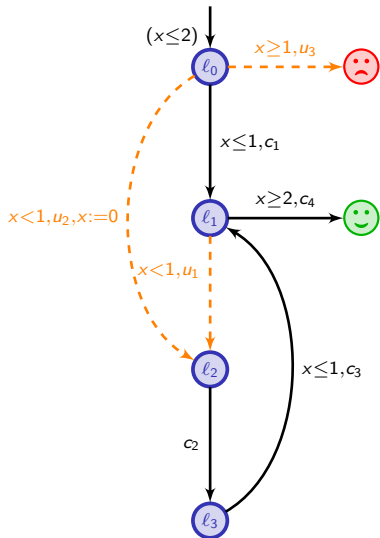
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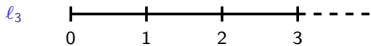
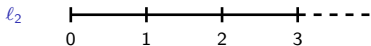
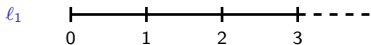
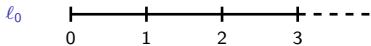
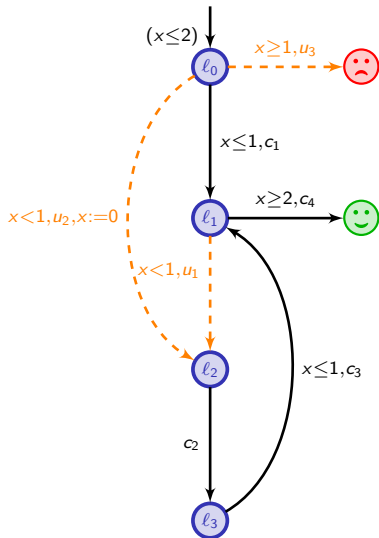
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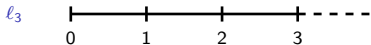
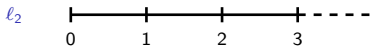
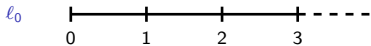
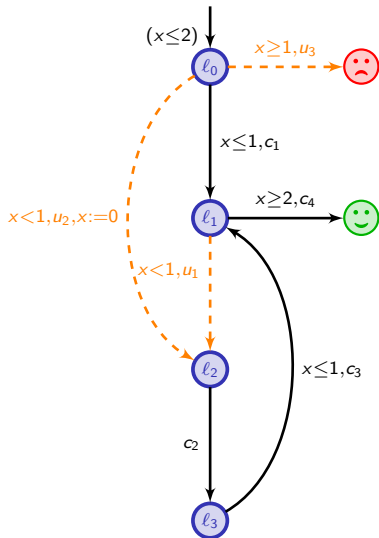
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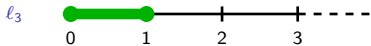
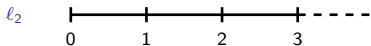
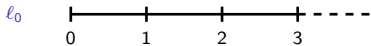
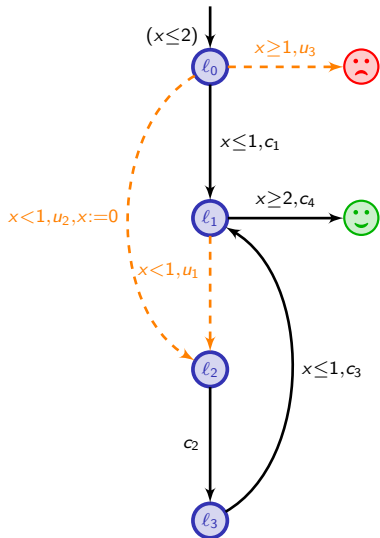
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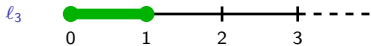
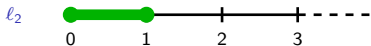
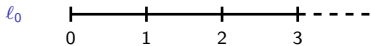
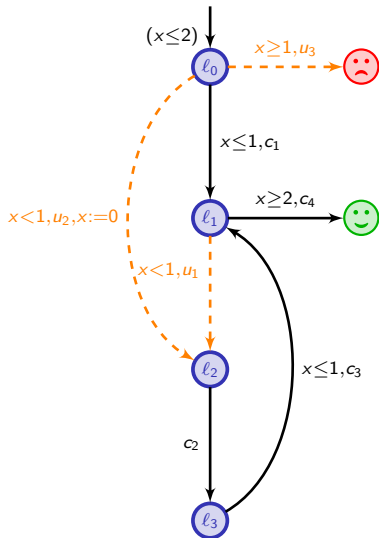
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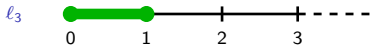
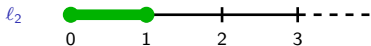
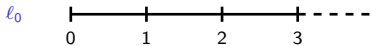
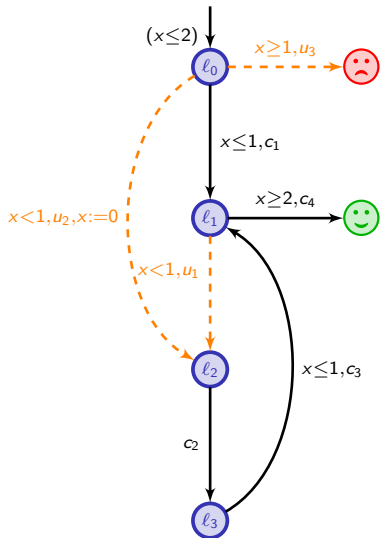
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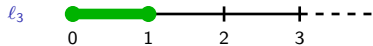
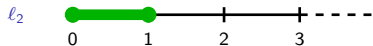
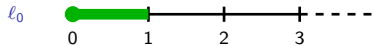
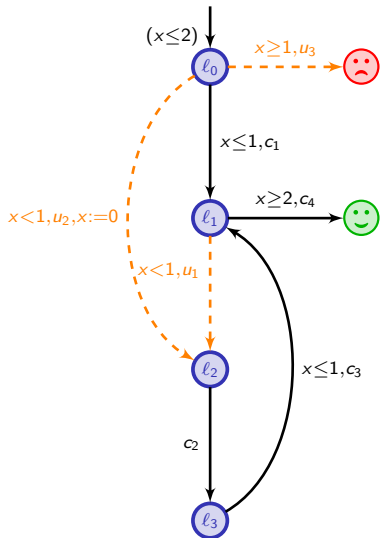
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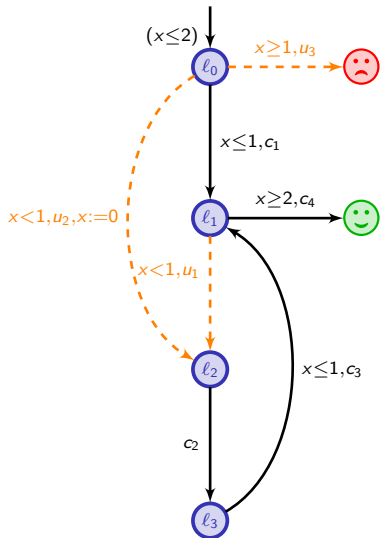
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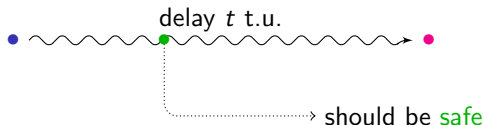
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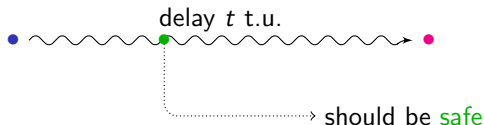
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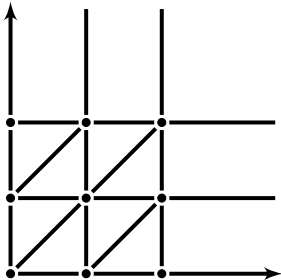
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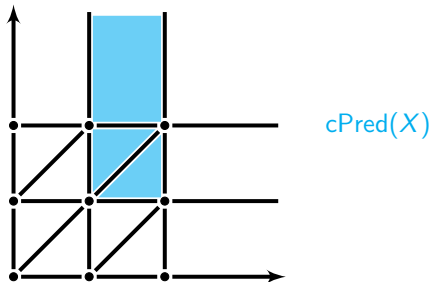
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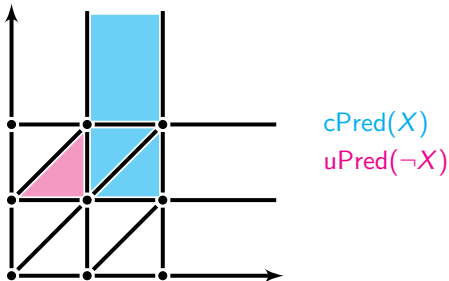
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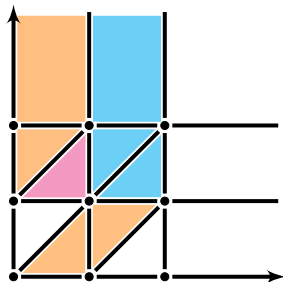
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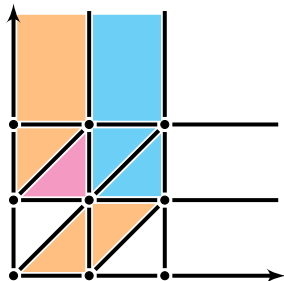
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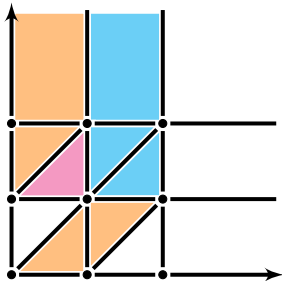
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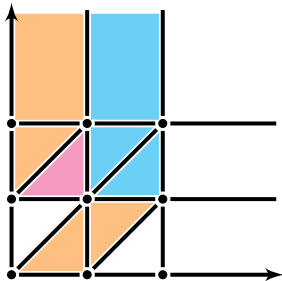
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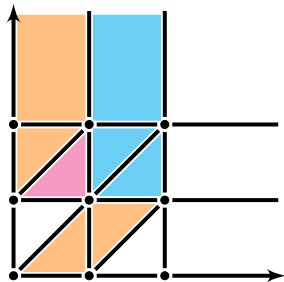
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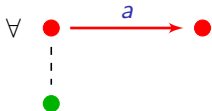
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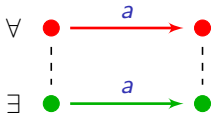
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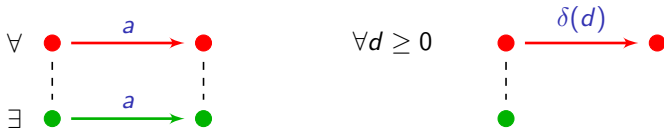
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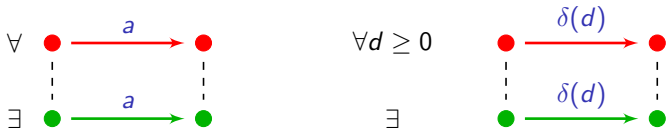
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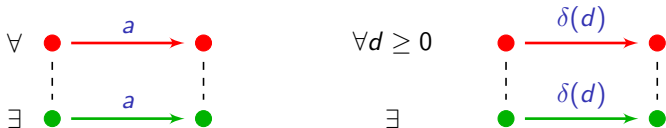
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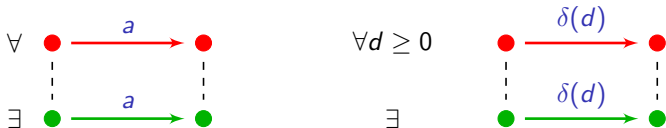
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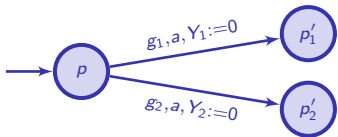


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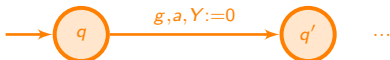
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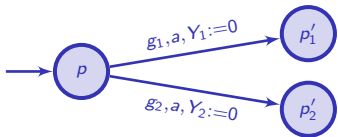


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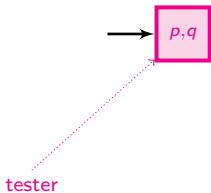
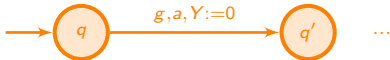


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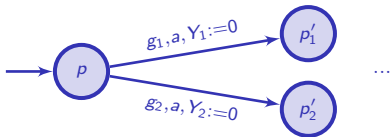


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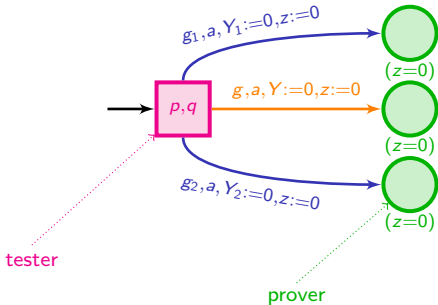
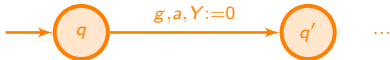
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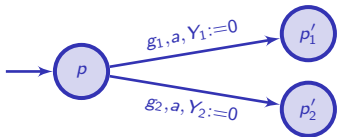
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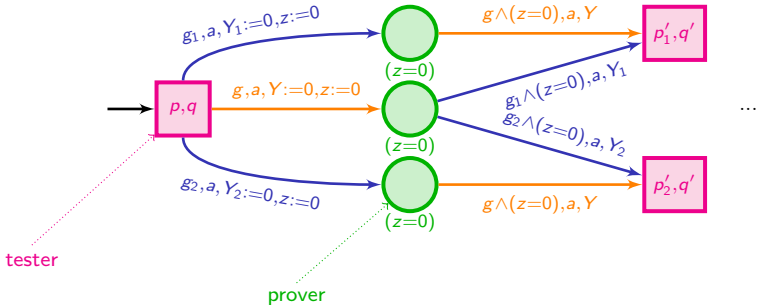
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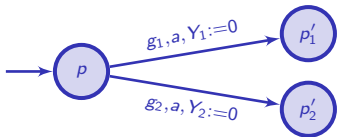
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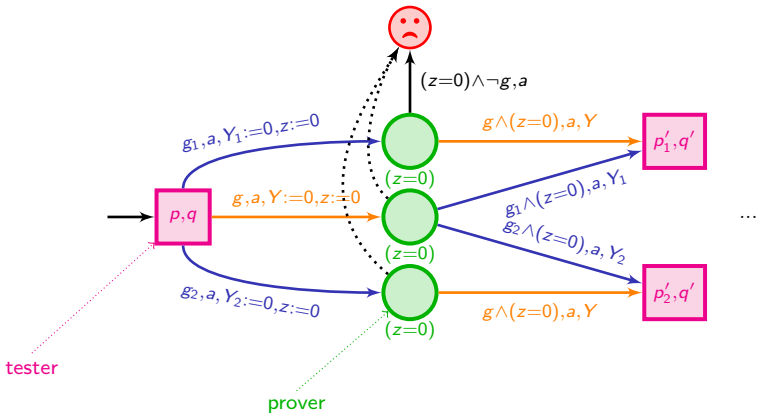
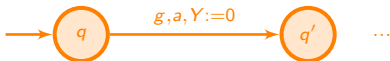
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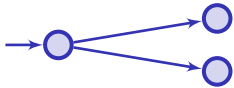
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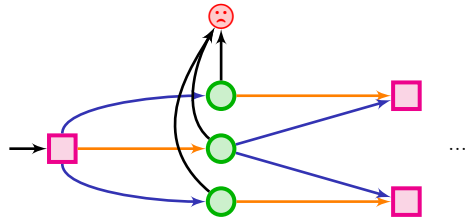
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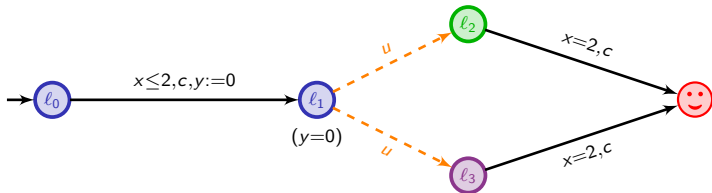
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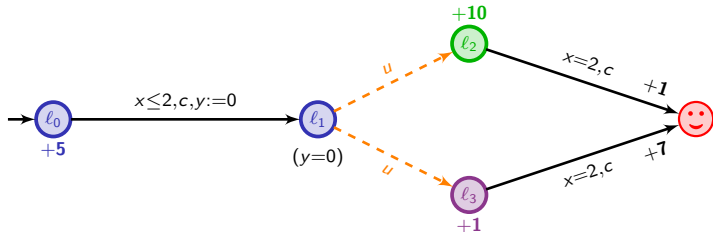
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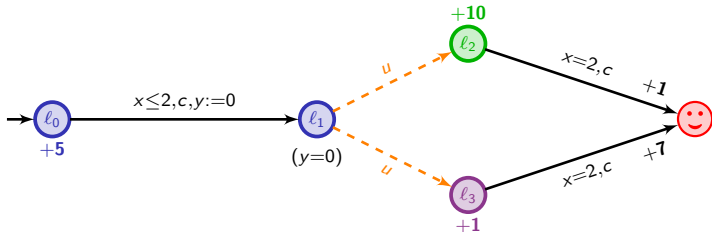
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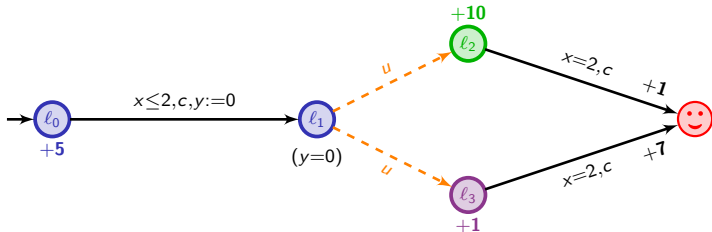
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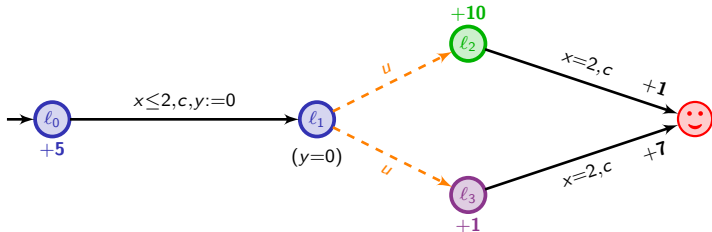


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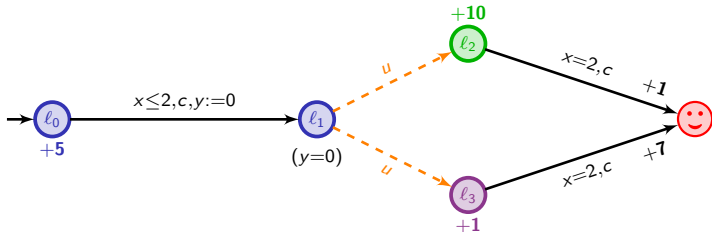


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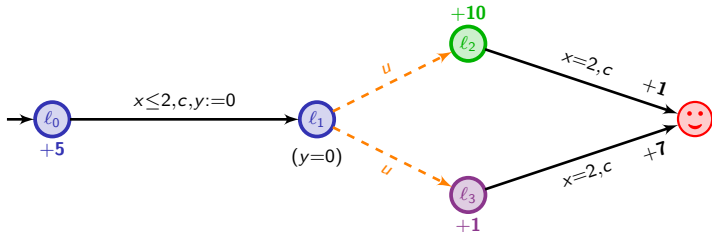


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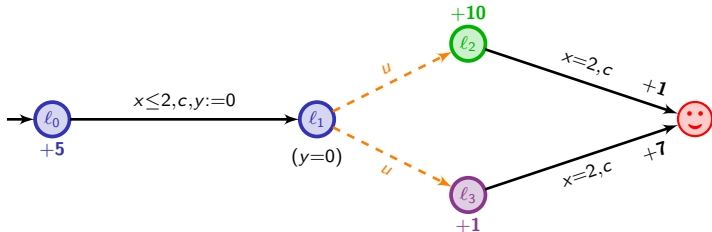


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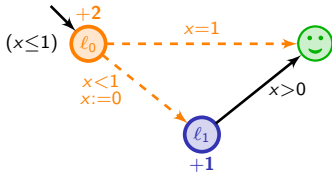
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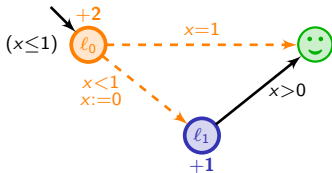
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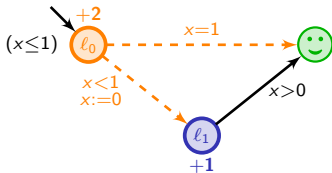
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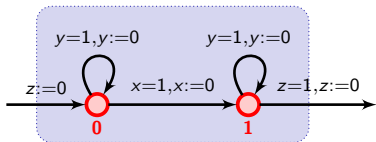
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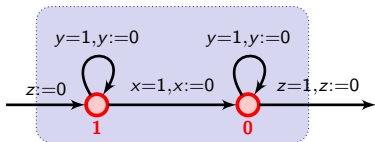
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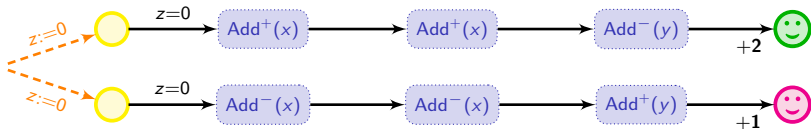
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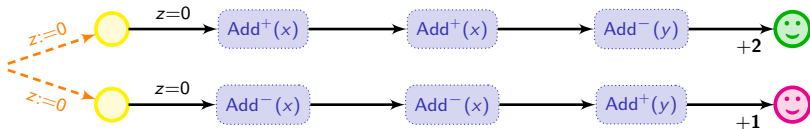
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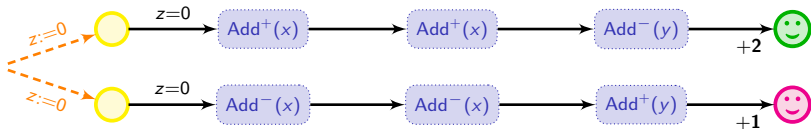
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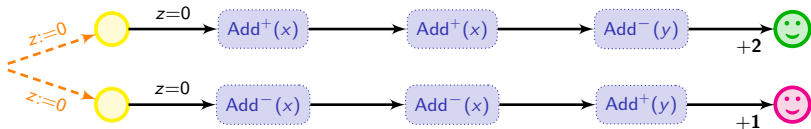
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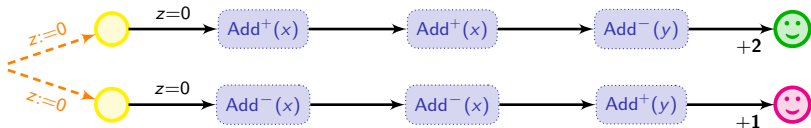
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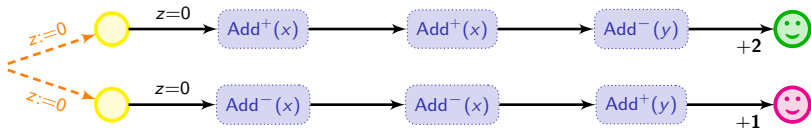
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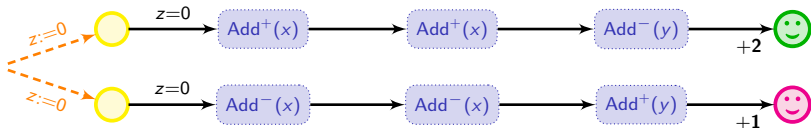
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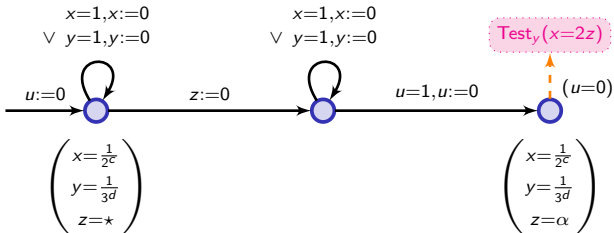
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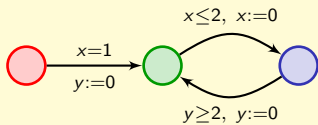
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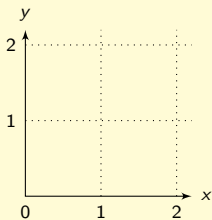
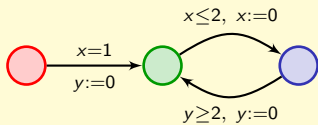
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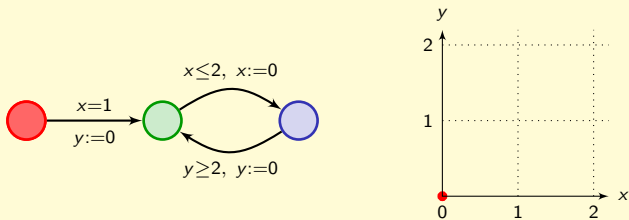
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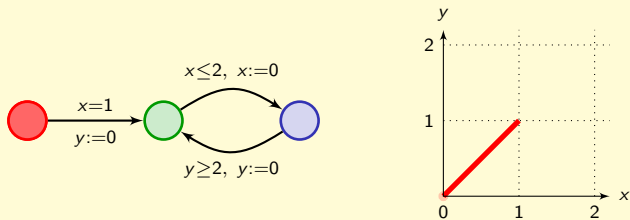
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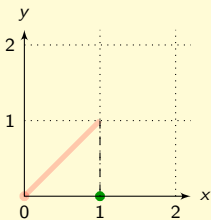
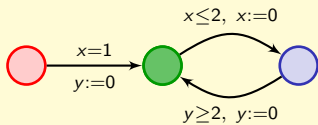
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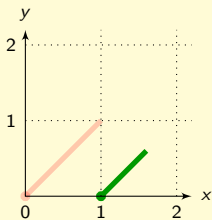
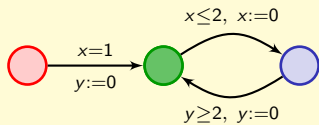
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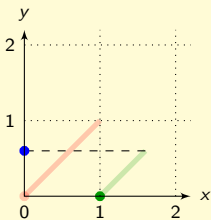
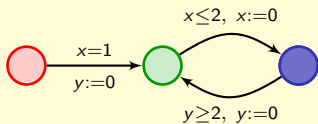
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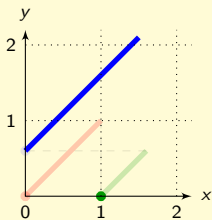
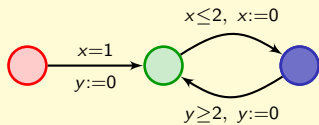
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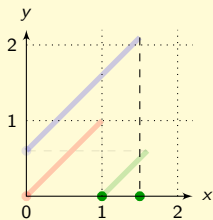
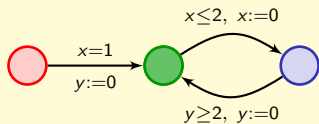
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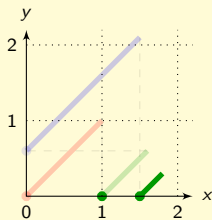
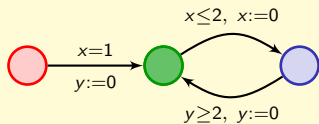
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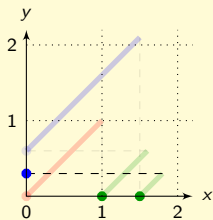
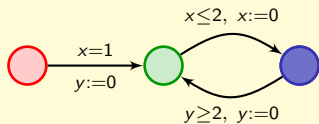
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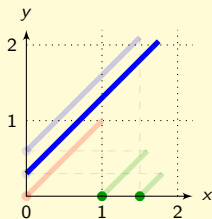
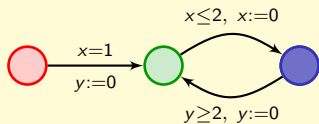
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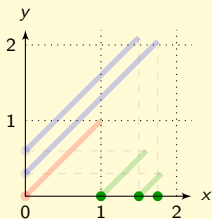
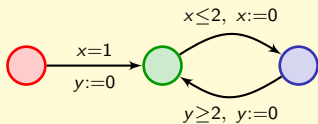
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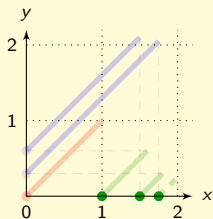
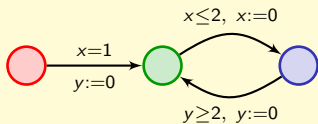
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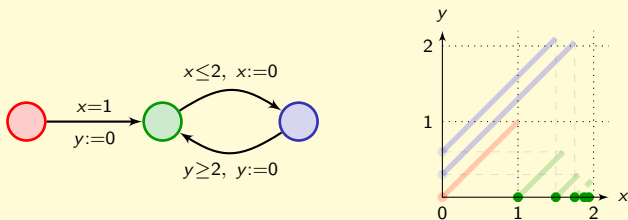
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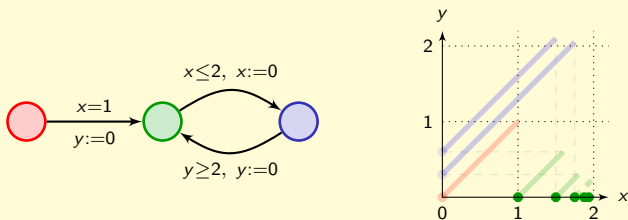


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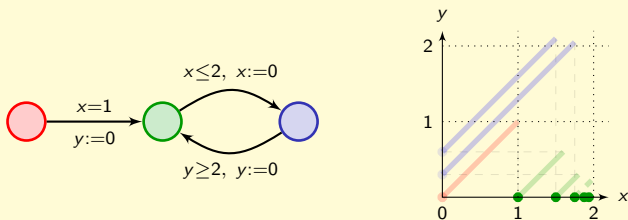
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