

On the verification and control of timed systems

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Two main parts:

- 1 An introduction to timed systems (this morning)
- 2 Modelling resources in timed systems (this afternoon)

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Time!

Context: verification of critical systems

Time

- naturally appears in real systems (for ex. protocols, embedded systems)
- appears in properties (for ex. bounded response time)

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

~> Need of models and specification languages integrating timing aspects

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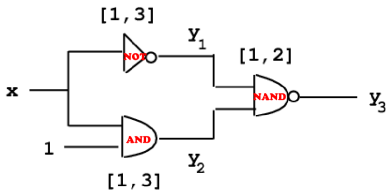
A case for dense-time

Time domain: discrete (e.g. \mathbb{N}) or dense (e.g. \mathbb{Q}_+ or \mathbb{R}_+)

- A compositionality problem with discrete time
- Dense-time is a more general model than discrete time
- But, can we not always discretize?

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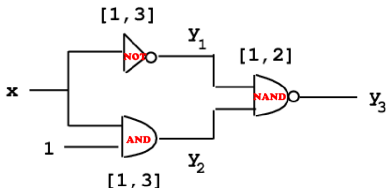


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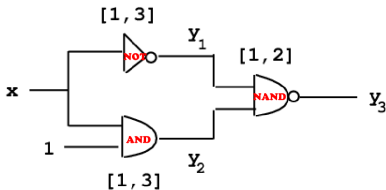
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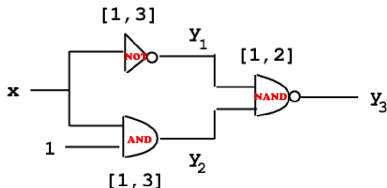
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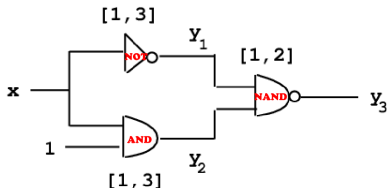
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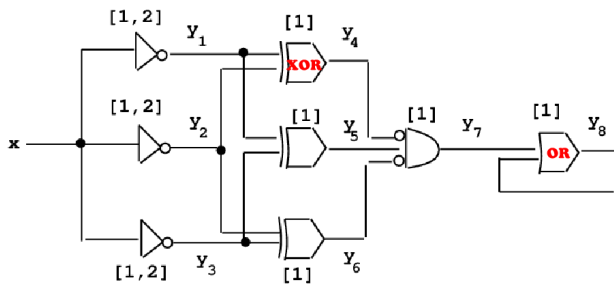
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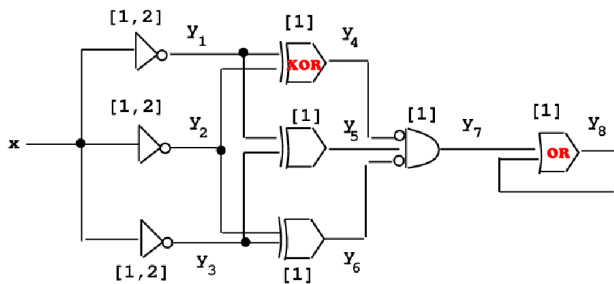
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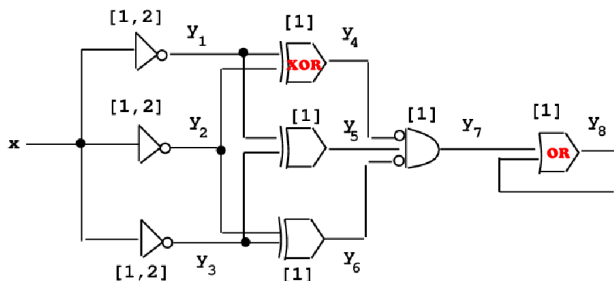
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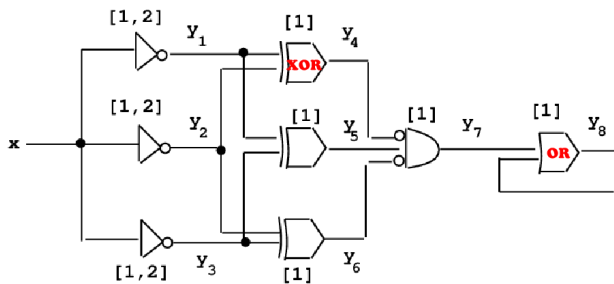
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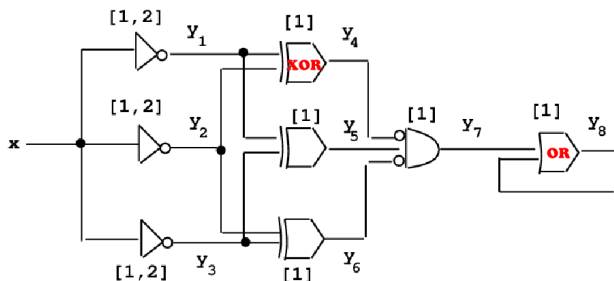


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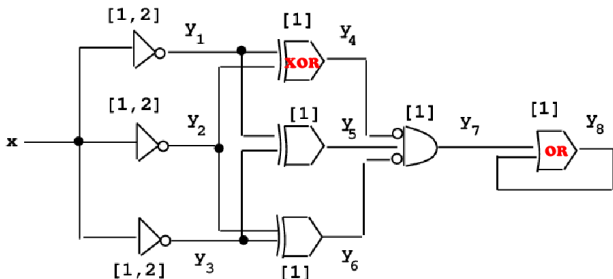
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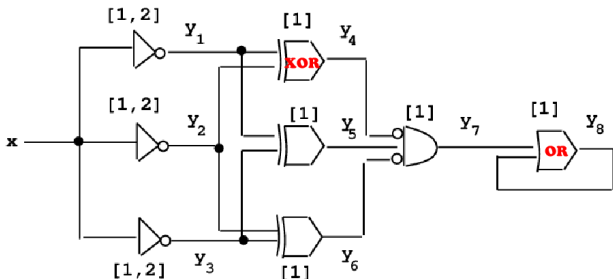
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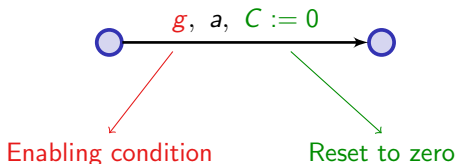
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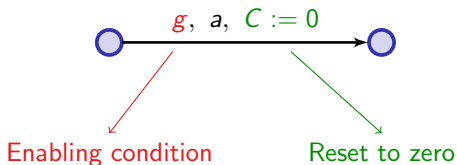
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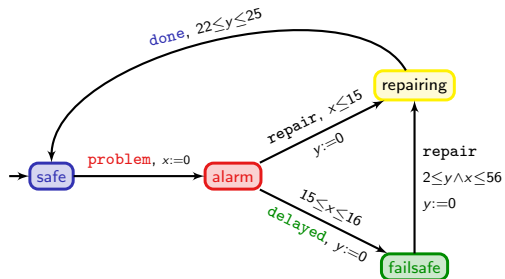


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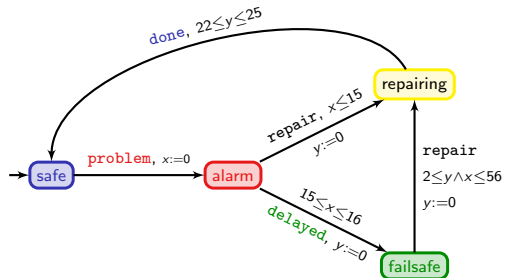
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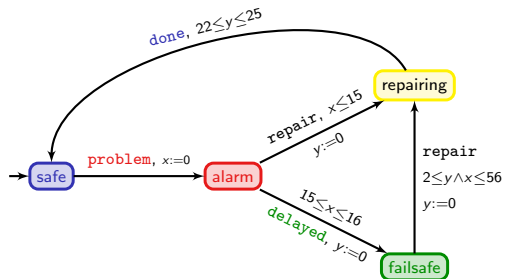


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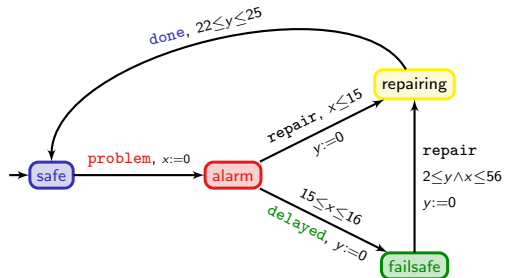
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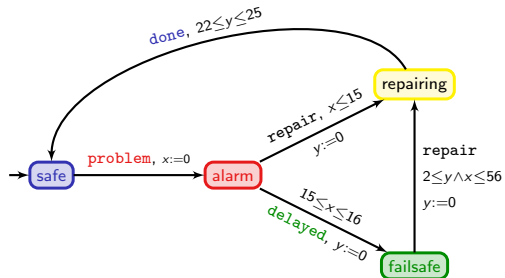
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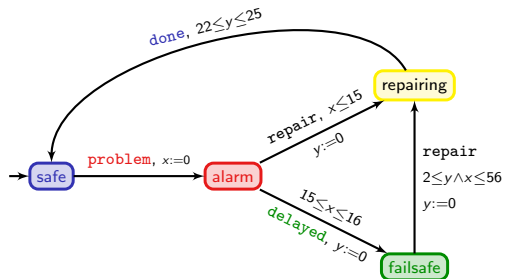
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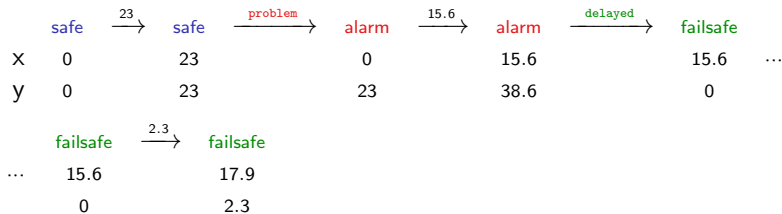
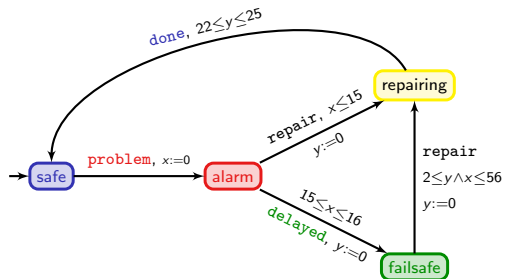
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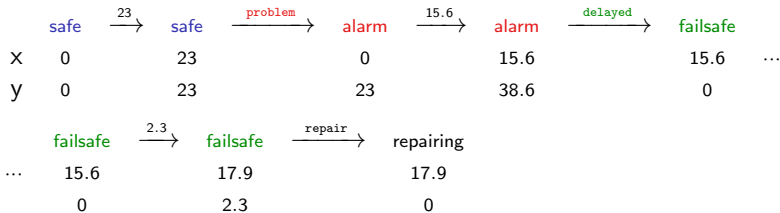
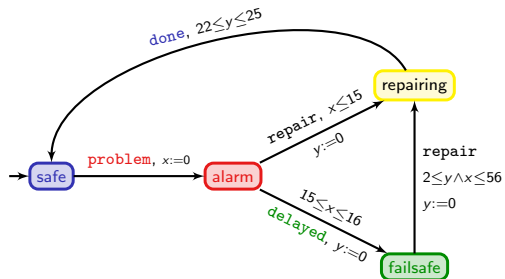


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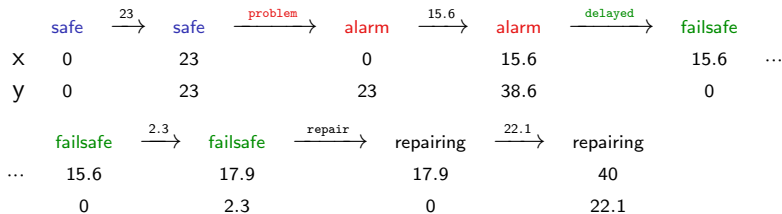
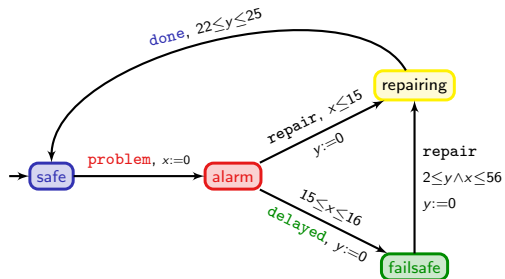
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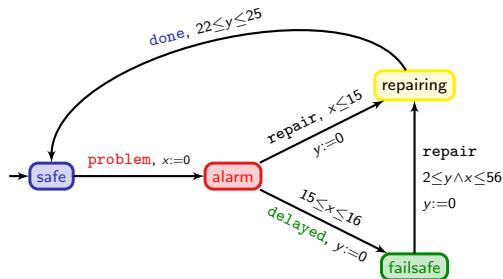
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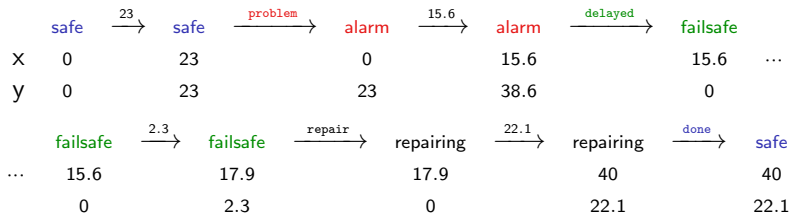
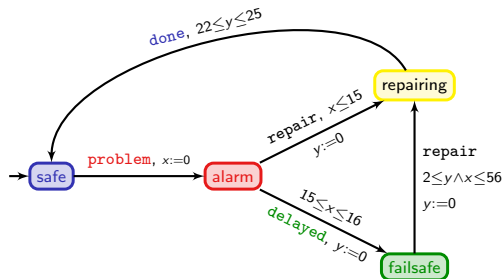


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...	15.6		17.9		17.9		40		40	
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This run read the timed word

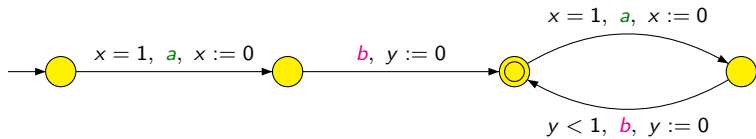
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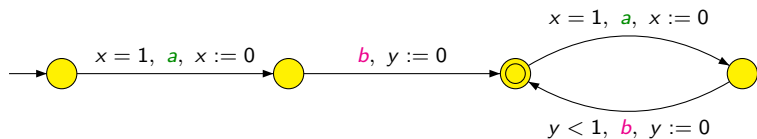
- $\mathcal{A} = (\Sigma, L, X, \longrightarrow)$ is a TA
- **Configurations:** $(\ell, \nu) \in L \times T^X$ where T is the time domain
 ν is called the (clock) valuation
- **Timed transition system:**
 - **action transition:** $(\ell, \nu) \xrightarrow{a} (\ell', \nu')$ if $\exists \ell \xrightarrow{g, a, r} \ell' \in \mathcal{A}$ s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \nu \models g \\ \nu' = \nu[r \leftarrow 0] \end{cases}$$
 - **delay transition:** $(\ell, \nu) \xrightarrow{\delta(d)} (\ell, \nu + d)$ if $d \in T$

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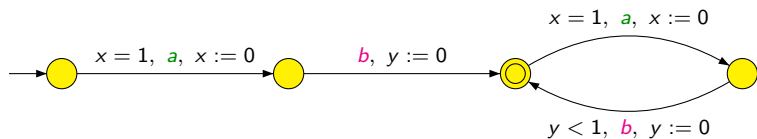
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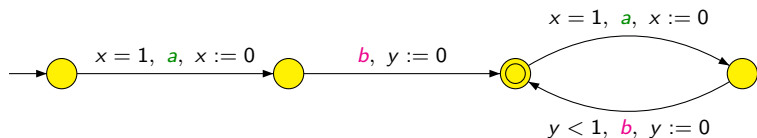


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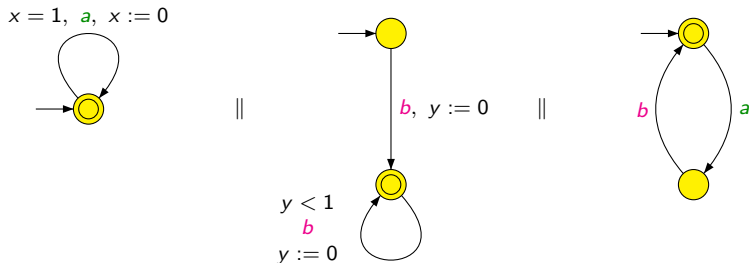


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However, it does result from the following parallel composition:



Classical verification problems

- **reachability** of a control state
- $\mathcal{S} \sim \mathcal{S}'$: **bisimulation**, etc...
- $L(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq L(\mathcal{S}')$: **language inclusion**
- $\mathcal{S} \models \varphi$ for some formula φ : **model-checking**
- $\mathcal{S} \parallel A_{\mathcal{T}}$ + reachability: **testing automata**
- ...

Classical temporal logics

Path formulas:

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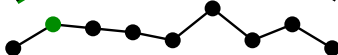

“Always”

 $F \varphi$


“Eventually”

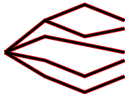
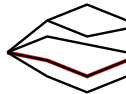
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“Until”

 $X \varphi$


“Next”

State formulas:

 $A \psi$

 $E \psi$


\rightsquigarrow LTL: Linear Temporal Logic [Pnu77],
 CTL: Computation Tree Logic [EC82]

[Pnu77] Pnueli. The temporal logic of programs (*FoCS'77*).

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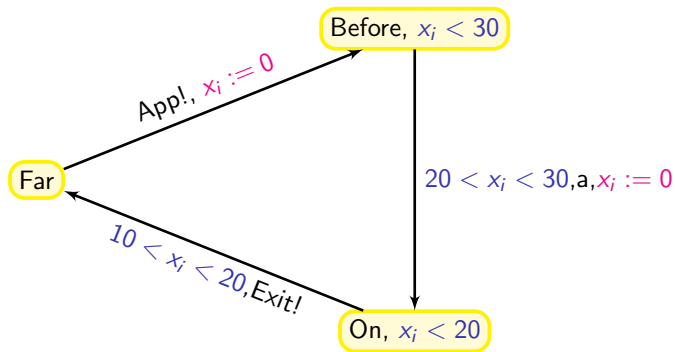
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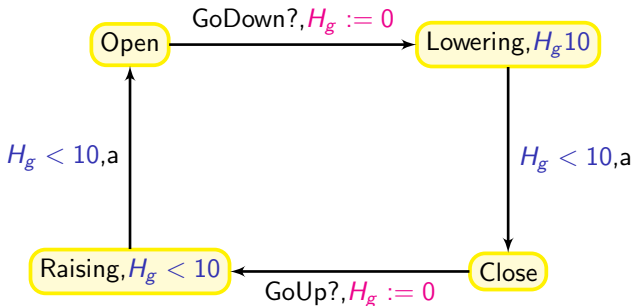
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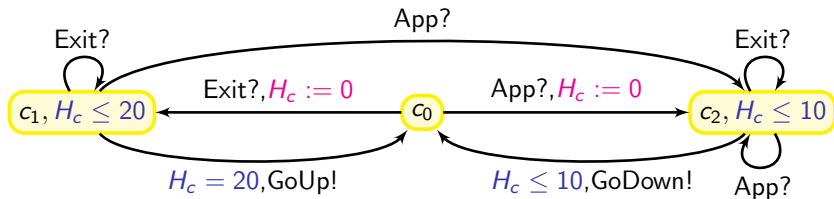
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.	App!	.	App?	App
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a	.	.	.	a
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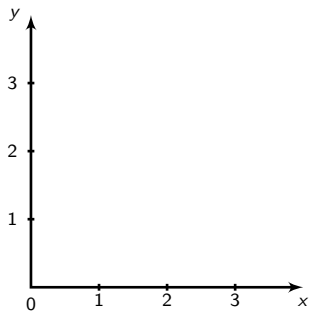
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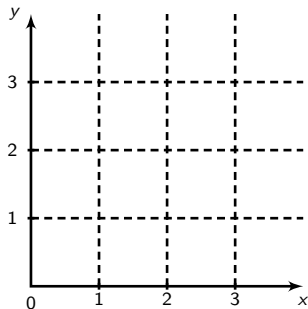
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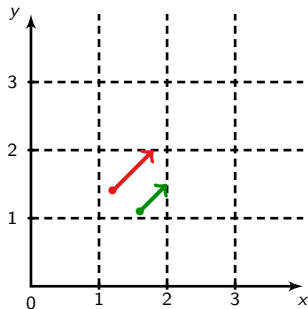


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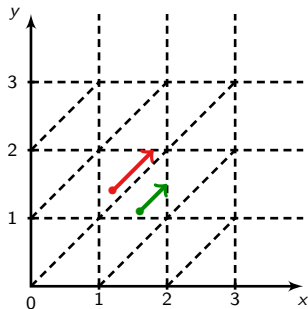
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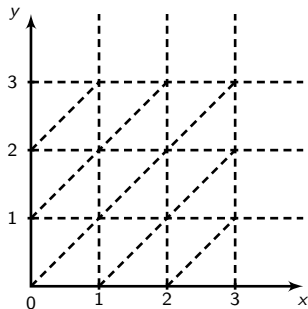
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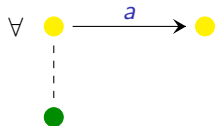
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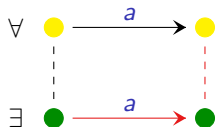
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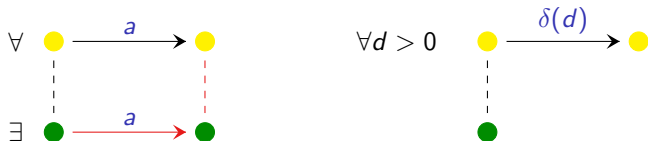
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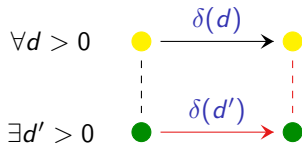
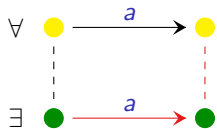
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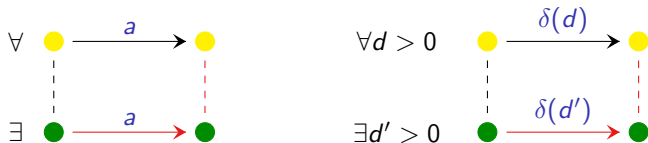
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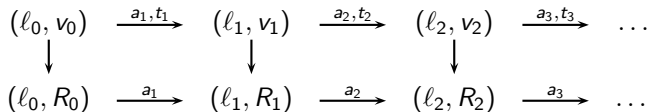
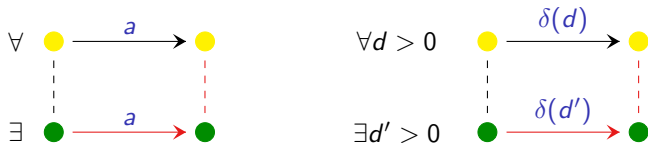


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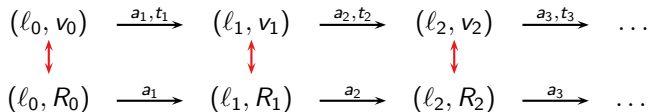
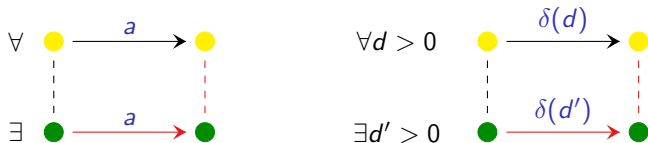
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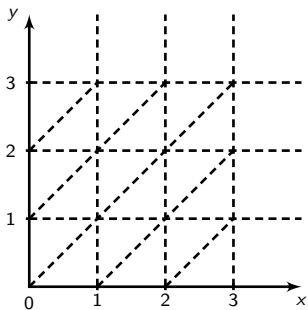
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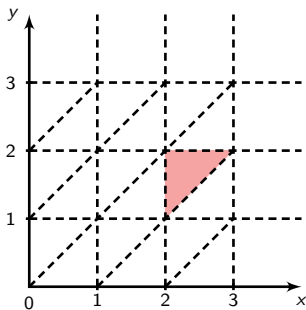


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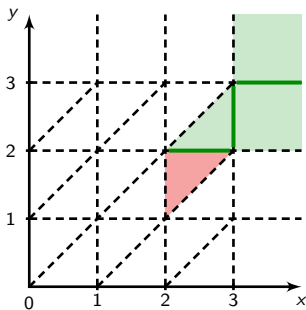


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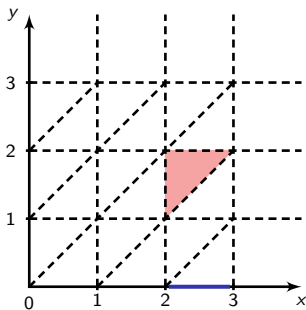
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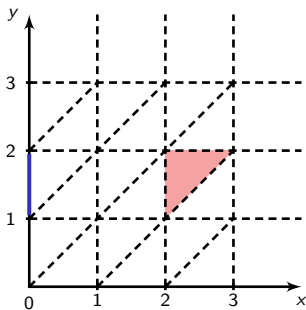
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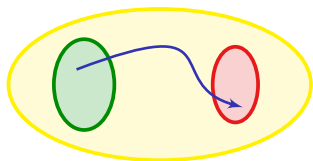
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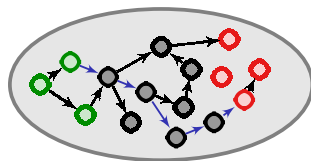
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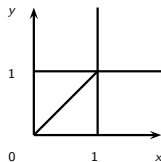
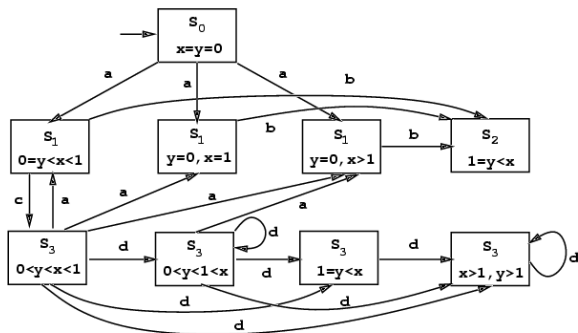
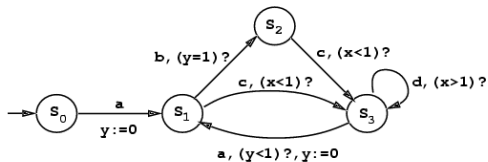
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large (but finite) automaton
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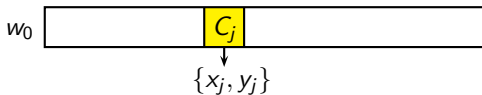
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C_j contains an "a" if $x_j = y_j$

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(these conditions are invariant by time elapsing)

LBTM: linearly bounded Turing machine (a witness for PSPACE-complete problems)

PSPACE-hardness (cont.)

If $q \xrightarrow{\alpha, \alpha', \delta} q'$ is a transition of \mathcal{M} , then for each position i of the tape, we have a transition

$$(q, i) \xrightarrow{g, r := 0} (q', i')$$

where:

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- $r = \{x_i, y_i\}$ (resp. $r = \{x_i\}$) if $\alpha' = a$ (resp. $\alpha' = b$)
- $i' = i + 1$ (resp. $i' = i - 1$) if δ is right and $i < n$ (resp. left)

Enforcing time elapsing: on each transition, add the condition $t = 1$ and clock t is reset.

Initialization: $\text{init} \xrightarrow{t=1, r_0 := 0} (q_0, 1)$ where $r_0 = \{x_i \mid w_0[i] = b\} \cup \{t\}$

Termination: $(q_f, i) \longrightarrow \text{end}$

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Exercise [LMS04]

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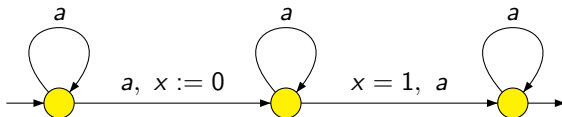
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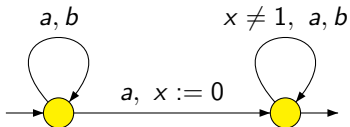
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- Language universality is **undecidable**
- Language inclusion is **undecidable**
- Complementability is **undecidable**
- ...

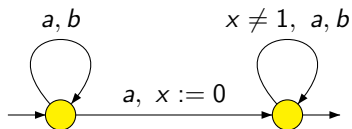
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An example of non-determinizable/non-complementable timed aut.:

[AM04]



UNTIME ($\bar{L} \cap \{(a^*b^*, \tau) \mid \text{all } a\text{'s happen before 1 and no two } a\text{'s simultaneously}\}$) is not regular (**exercise!**)

[Tri03] Tripakis. Folk theorems on the determinization and minimization of timed automata (*FORMATS'03*).

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The two-counter machine

Definition

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

- Incrementation:

(p): $c := c + 1$; goto (q)

- Decrementation:

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

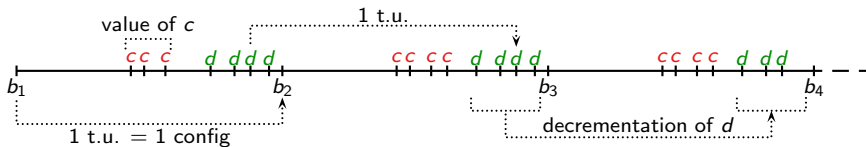
Theorem [Minsky 67]

The halting problem for two counter machines is undecidable.

Undecidability of universality

Theorem [AD90]

Universality of timed automata is undecidable.

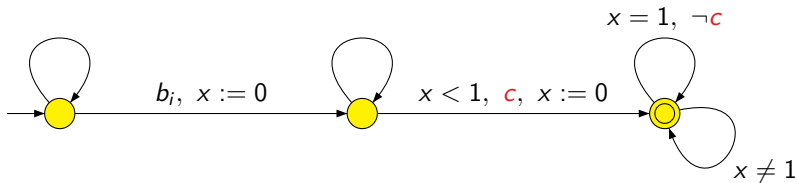


- one configuration is encoded in one time unit
- number of c 's: value of counter c
- number of d 's: value of counter d
- one time unit between two corresponding c 's (resp. d 's)

~ We encode “non-behaviours” of a two-counter machine

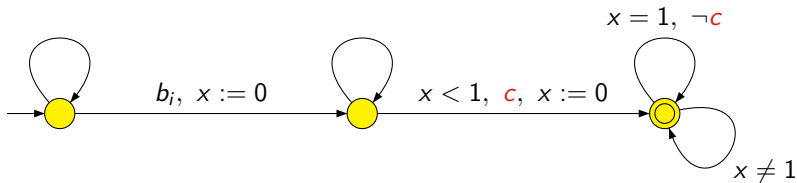
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The union of all small modules is not universal
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The two-counter machine has a recurring computation

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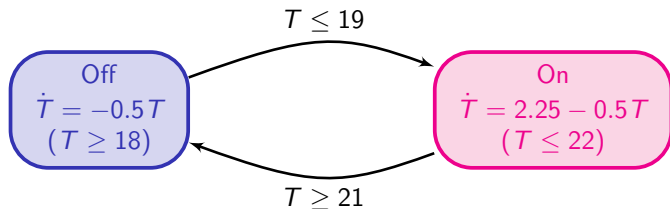
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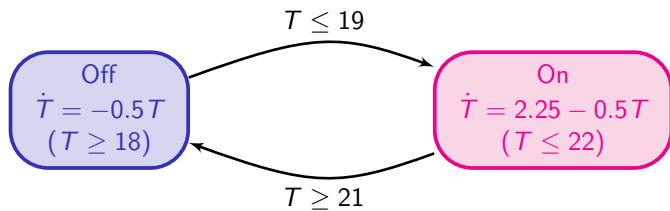
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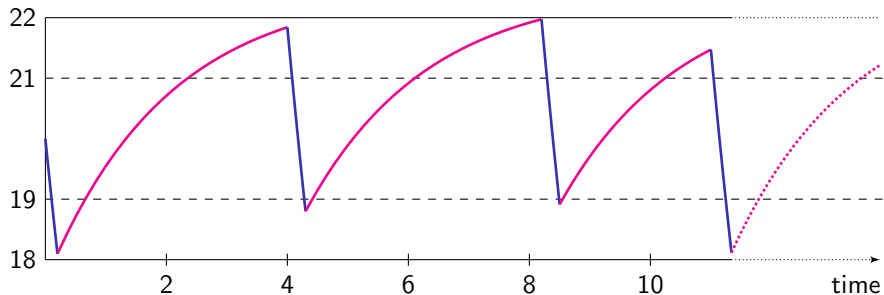
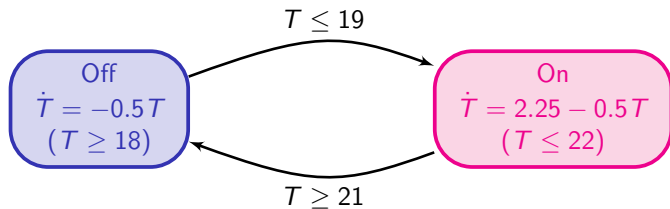
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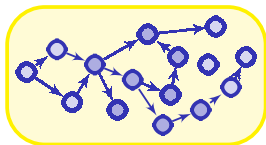
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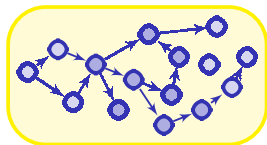
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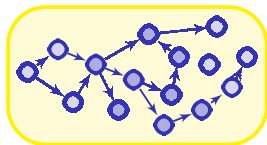


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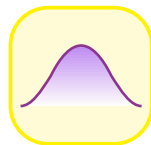


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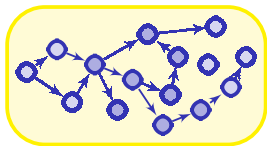
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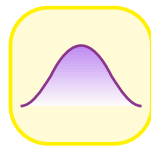
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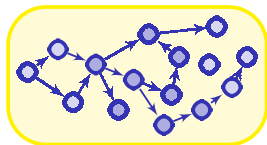


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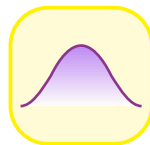


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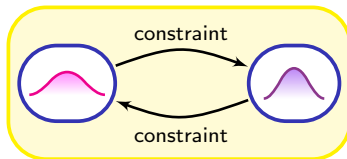
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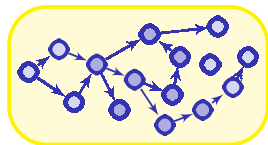
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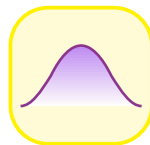
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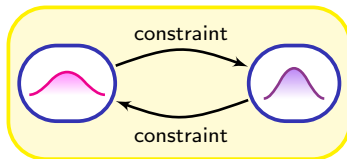
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Hard!

What about decidability?

~> almost everything is undecidable

Negative results [HKPV95]

- The class of hybrid systems with clocks and only one variable having possibly two slopes $k_1 \neq k_2$ is undecidable.
- The class of *stopwatch* automata is undecidable.

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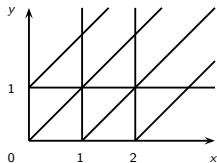
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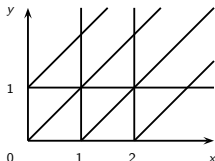
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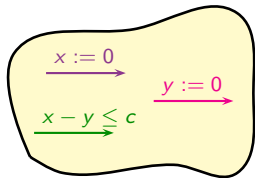
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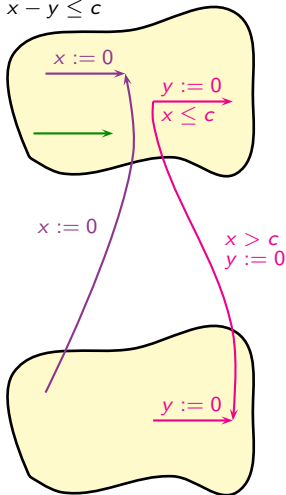
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Role of diagonal constraints (cont.)

c is positive



copy where $x - y \leq c$



\rightsquigarrow proof in [BDGP98]

Role of diagonal constraints (cont.)

Exercise [BC05]

Consider, for every positive integer n , the timed language:

$$\mathcal{L}_n = \{(a, t_1) \dots (a, t_{2^n}) \mid 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{2^n} < 1\}$$

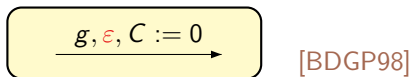
- 1 Construct a timed automaton with diagonal constraints which recognizes \mathcal{L}_n . What is the size of this automaton?
- 2 Idem without diagonal constraints. Can you do better?
- 3 Conclude.

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$$\boxed{g, \epsilon, C := 0 \longrightarrow}$$

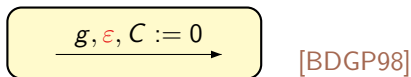
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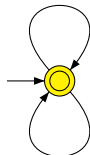
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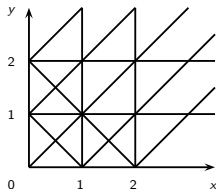
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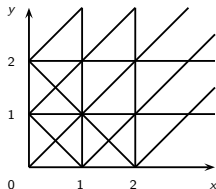


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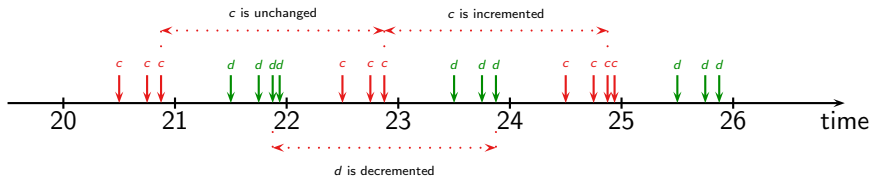
- **Expressiveness:** **more expressive!** (even using two clocks)

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

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



Undecidability proof



- ~> simulation of
- decrementation of a counter
 - incrementation of a counter

We will use 4 clocks:

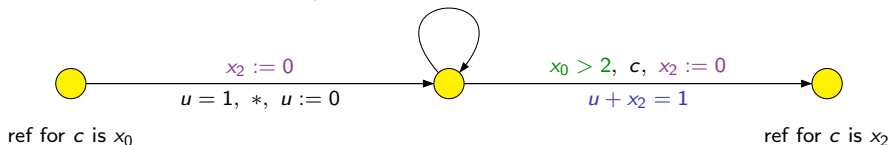
- u , “tic” clock (each time unit)
- x_0, x_1, x_2 : reference clocks for the two counters

“ x_i reference for c ” \equiv “the last time x_i has been reset is
the last time action c has been performed”

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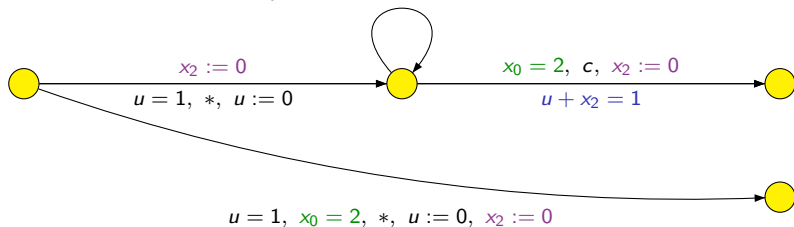
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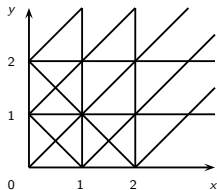
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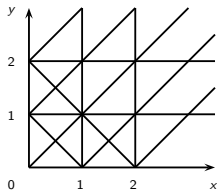
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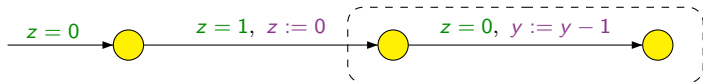
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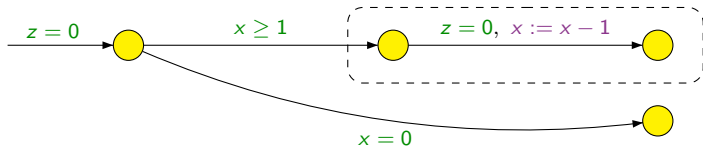
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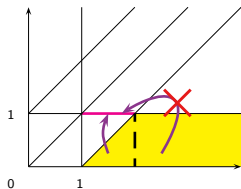
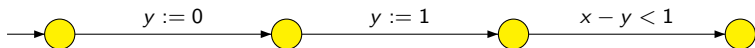


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\rightsquigarrow the bisimulation property is not met

The classical region automaton construction is not correct.

Decidability (cont.)

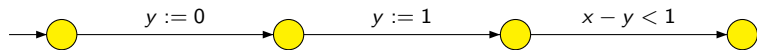
- $\mathcal{A} \rightsquigarrow$ Diophantine linear inequations system
- \rightsquigarrow is there a solution?
- \rightsquigarrow if yes, belongs to a decidable class

Examples:

- constraint $x \sim c$ $c \leq \max_x$
- constraint $x - y \sim c$ $c \leq \max_{x,y}$
- update $x \rightsquigarrow y + c$ $\max_x \leq \max_y + c$
 and for each clock z , $\max_{x,z} \geq \max_{y,z} + c$, $\max_{z,x} \geq \max_{z,y} - c$
- update $x \leq c$ $c \leq \max_x$
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The constants (\max_x) and ($\max_{x,y}$) define a set of regions.

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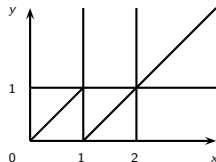


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \max_y \geq 0 \\ \max_x \geq 0 + \max_{x,y} \\ \max_y \geq 1 \\ \max_x \geq 1 + \max_{x,y} \\ \max_{x,y} \geq 1 \end{array} \right.$$

implies

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

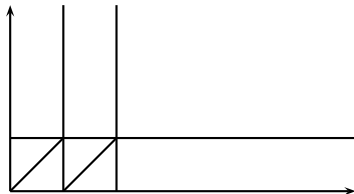
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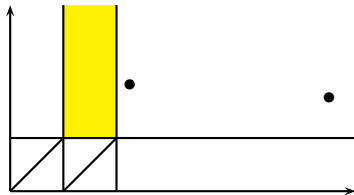
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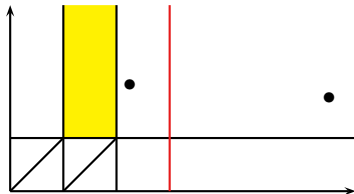
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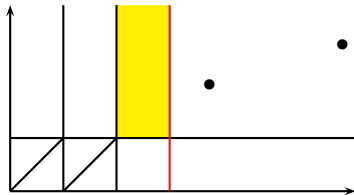
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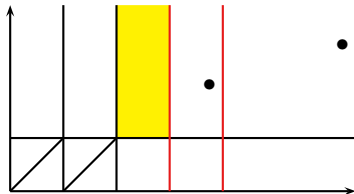
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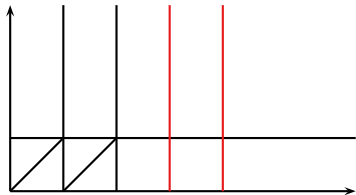
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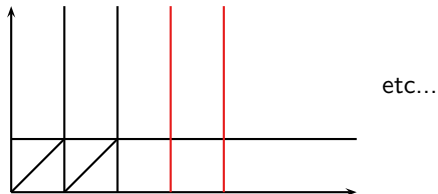
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Decidability (cont.)

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$x := y + c$		
$x := x - 1$		
$x < c$	PSPACE-complete	PSPACE-complete
$x > c$		Undecidable
$x \sim y + c$		
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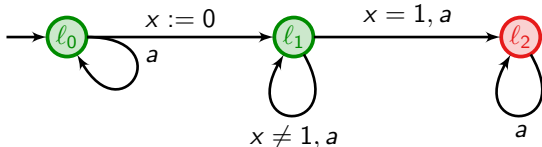
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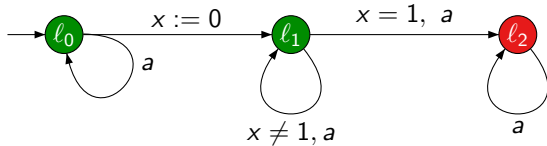
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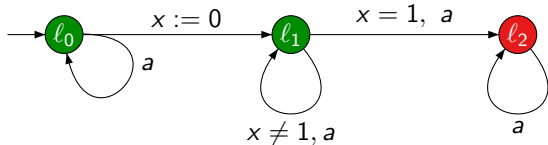
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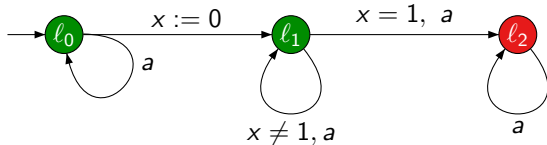


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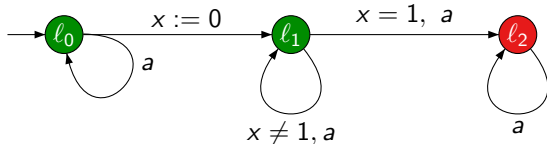
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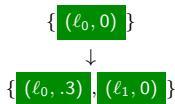
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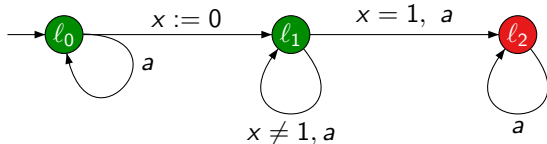
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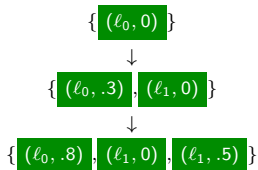
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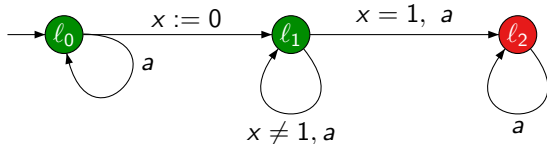
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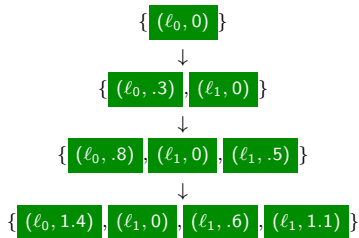
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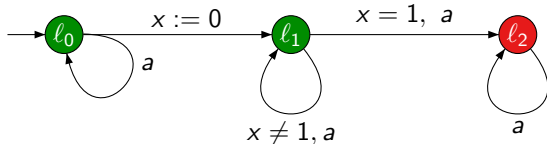
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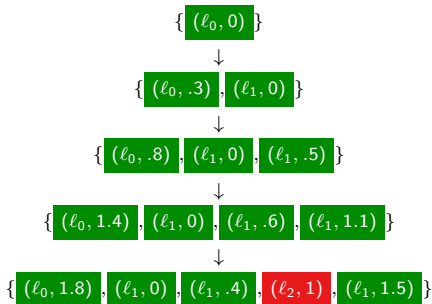
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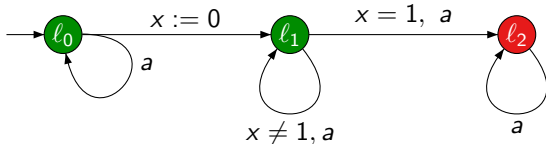
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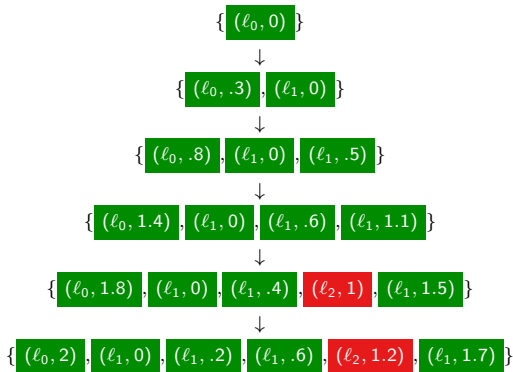
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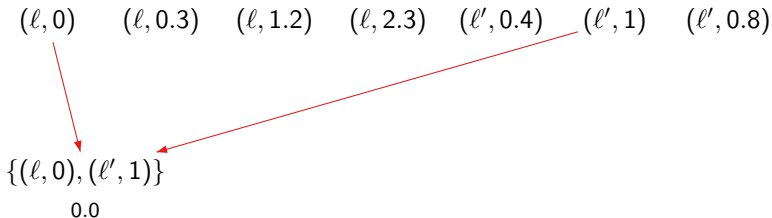
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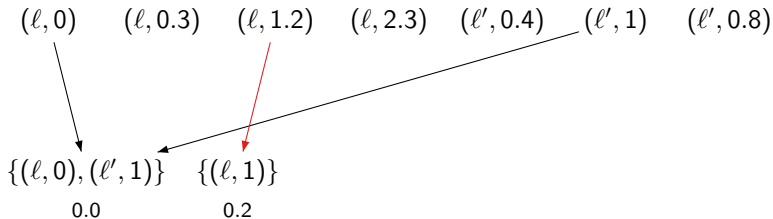
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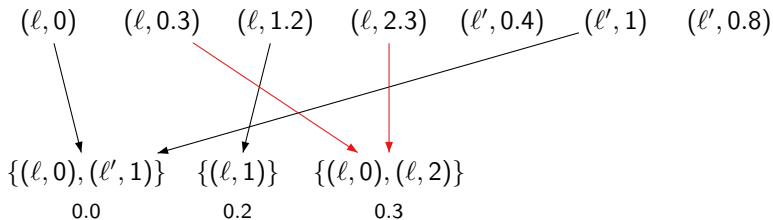
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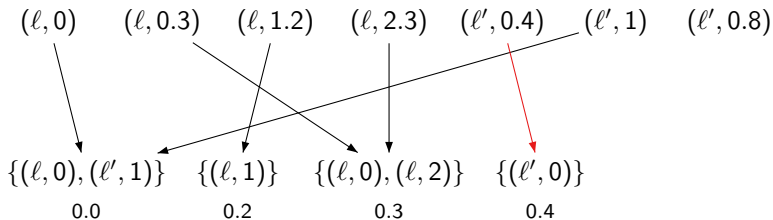
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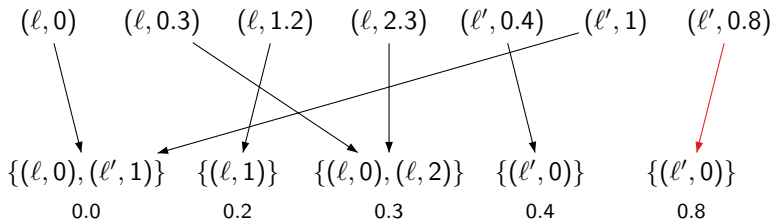
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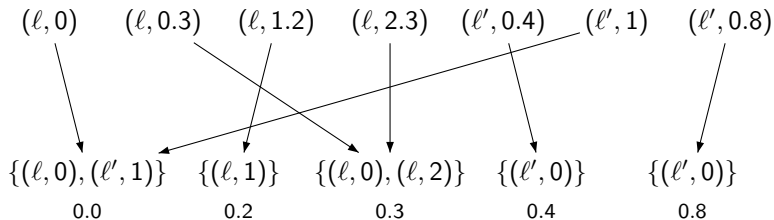
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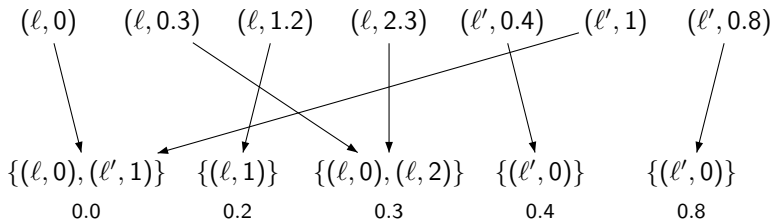
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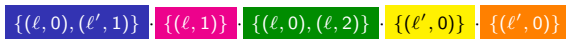


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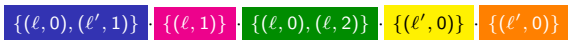
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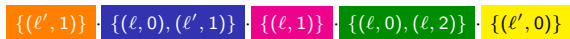
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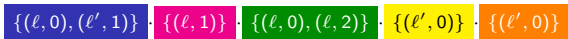
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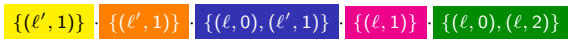
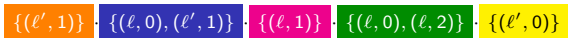
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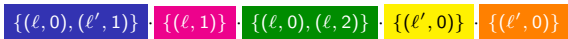
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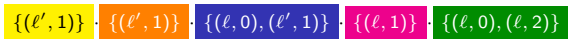
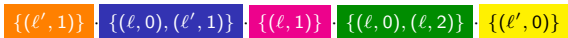
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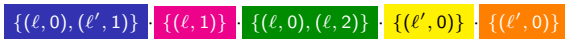
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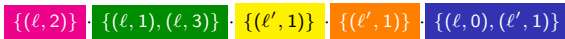
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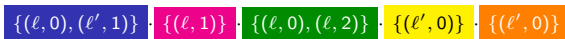
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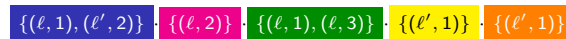
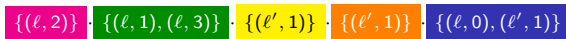
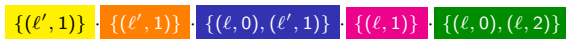
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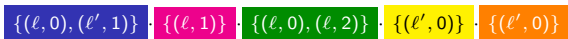
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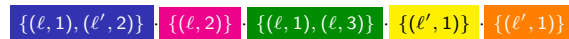
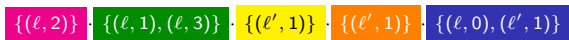
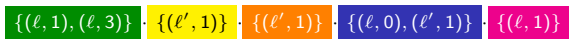
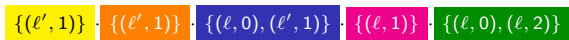
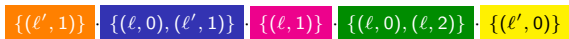
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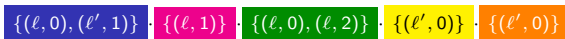


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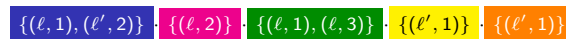
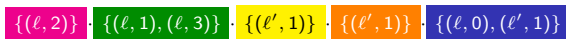
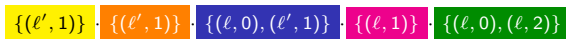


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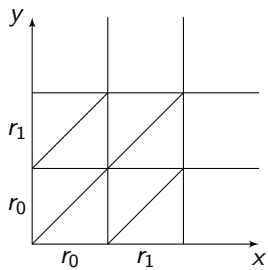
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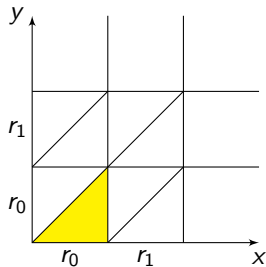
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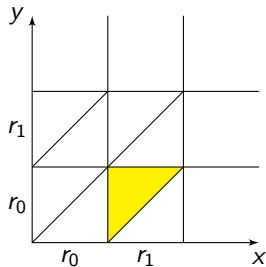
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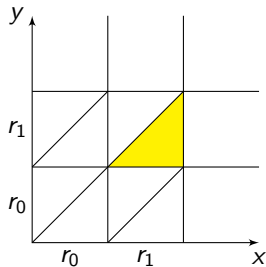
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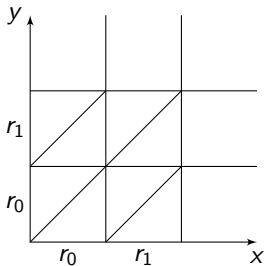
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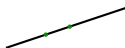
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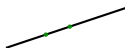
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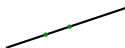
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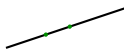
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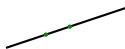
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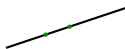
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- Need of abstractions, heuristics, etc...

An example of computation with HyTech

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command: /usr/local/bin/hytech gas_burner
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HyTech: symbolic model checker for embedded systems
Version 1.04f (last modified 1/24/02) from v1.04a of 12/6/96
For more info:
    email: hytech@eecs.berkeley.edu
    http://www.eecs.berkeley.edu/~tah/HyTech
Warning: Input has changed from version 1.00(a). Use -i for more info
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Backward computation
Number of iterations required for reachability: 6
System satisfies non-leaking duration property

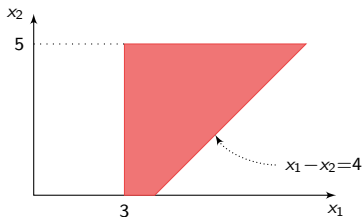
Location: not_leaking
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Max memory used = 0 pages = 0 bytes = 0.00 MB
Time spent = 0.02u + 0.00s = 0.02 sec total
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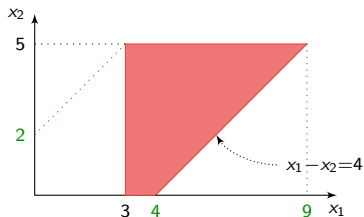
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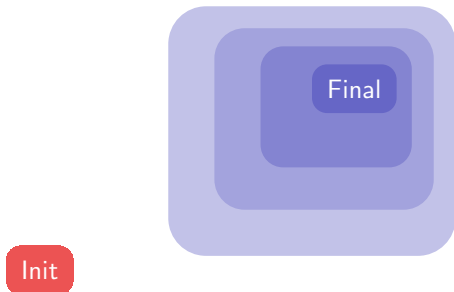
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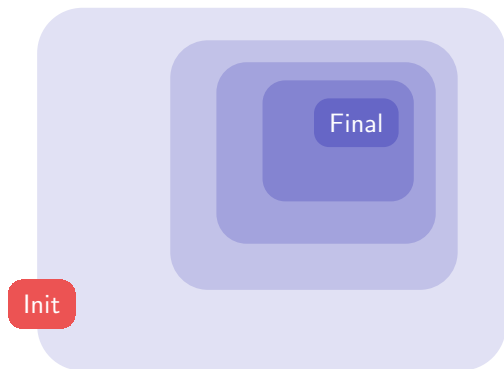
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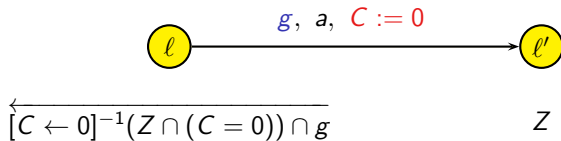
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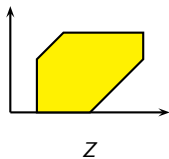
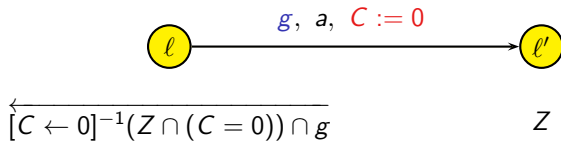
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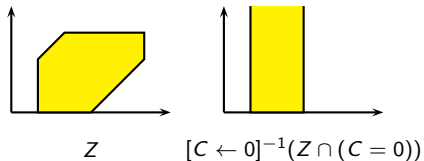
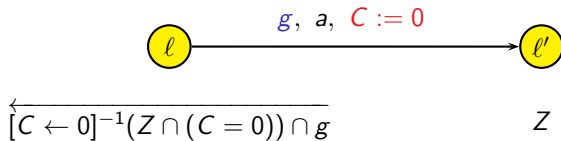
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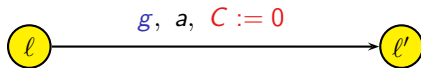
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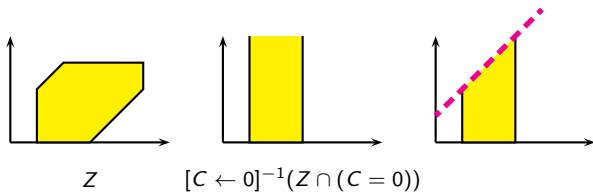
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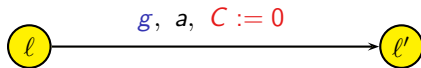
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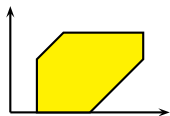
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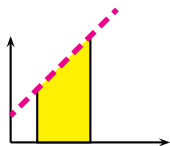


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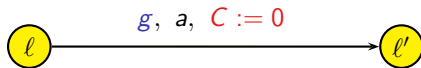


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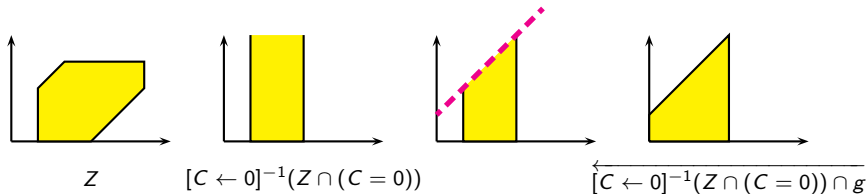
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But, the backward computation is not so nice, when also dealing with integer variables...

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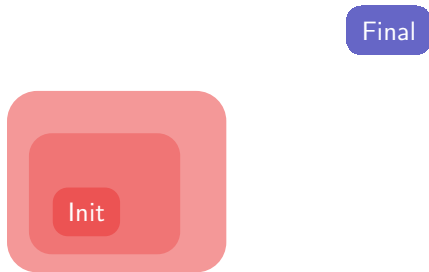
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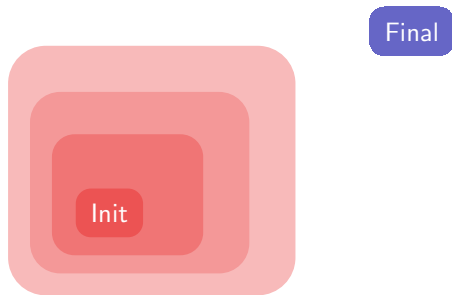
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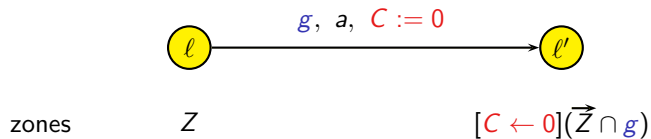
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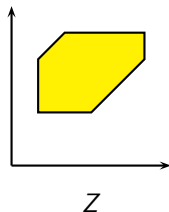
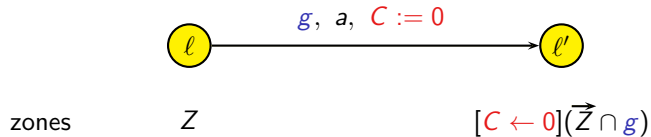
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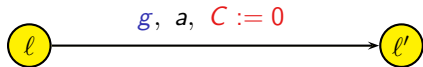
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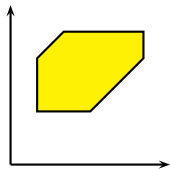
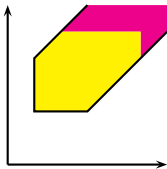
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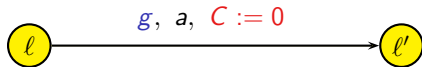
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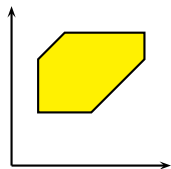
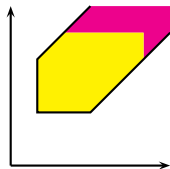
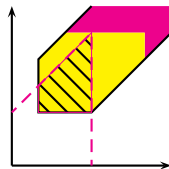
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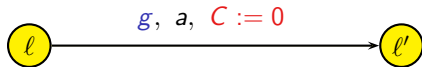
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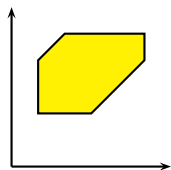
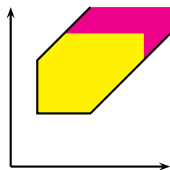
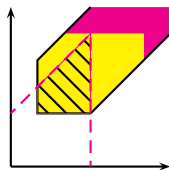
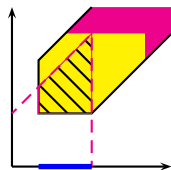
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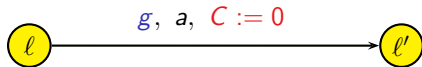
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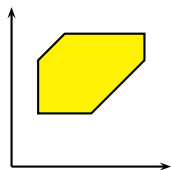
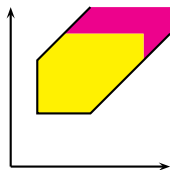
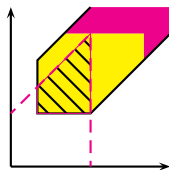
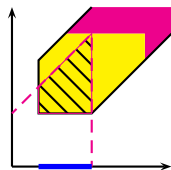
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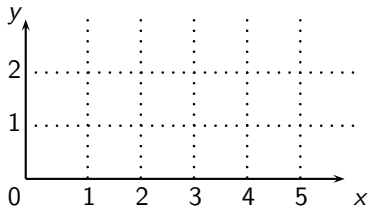
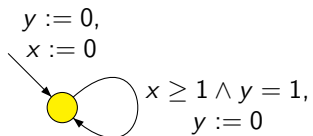


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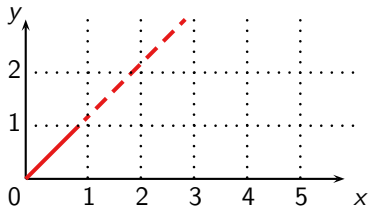
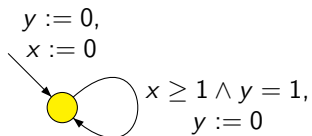
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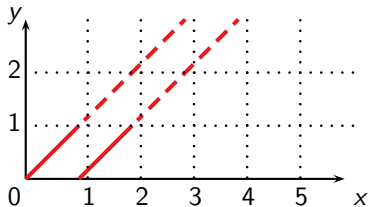
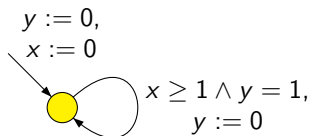
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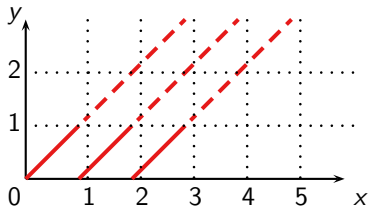
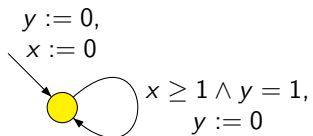
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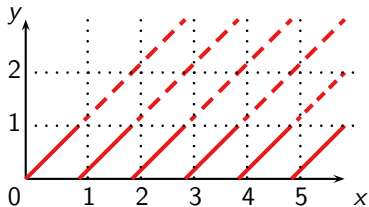
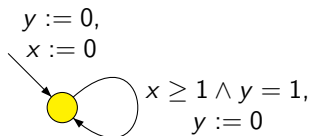
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- **activity**: eliminate redundant clocks [Daws,Yovine 1996]

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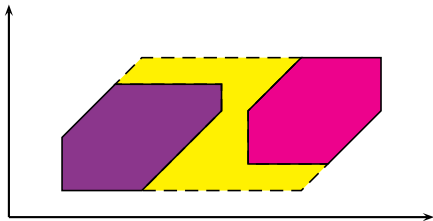
$$q \xrightarrow{g,a,C:=0} q' \text{ implies } \text{Act}(q) = \text{clocks}(g) \cup (\text{Act}(q') \setminus C)$$

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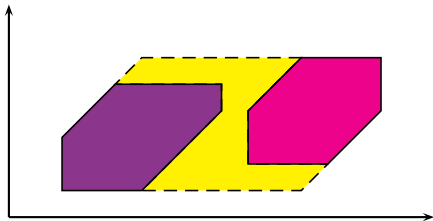
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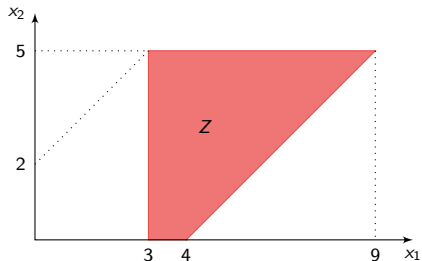
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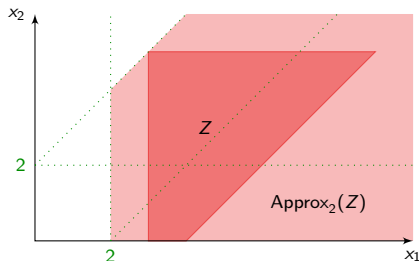


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- Implemented in tools like Uppaal, Kronos, RT-Spin...
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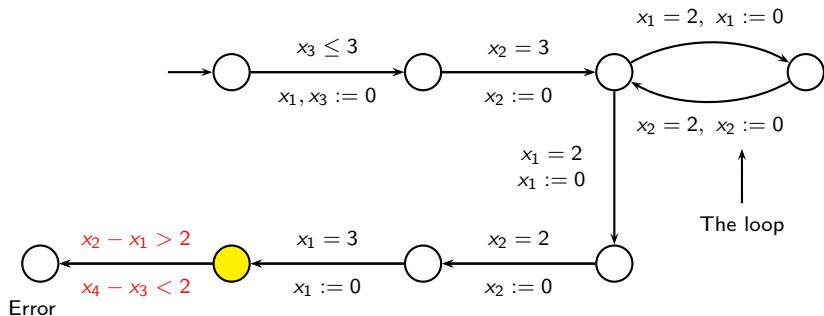
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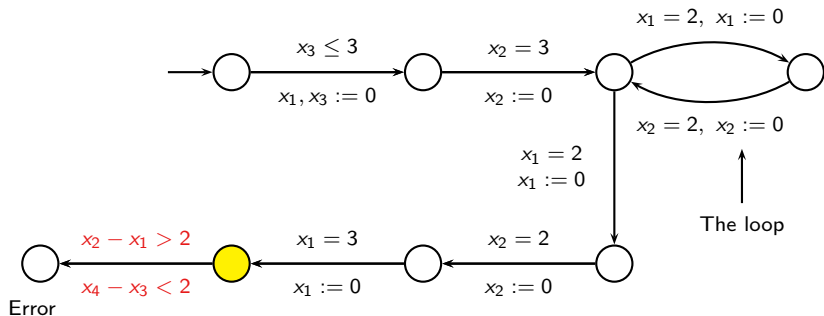
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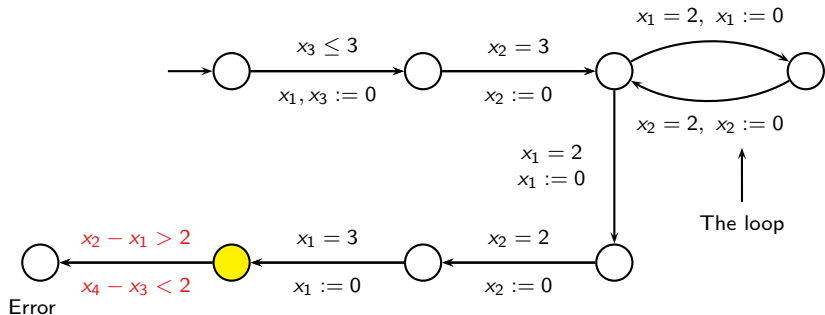


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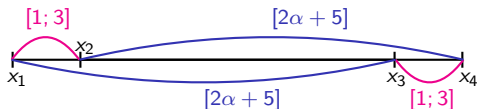


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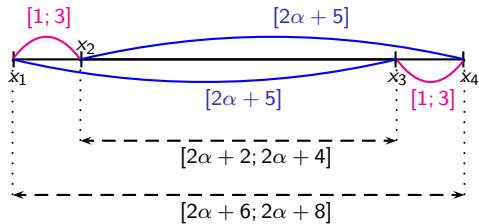
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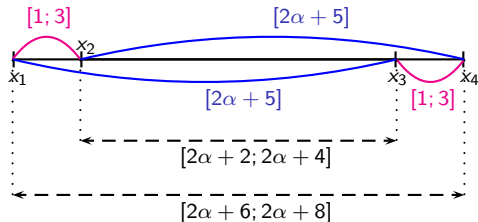
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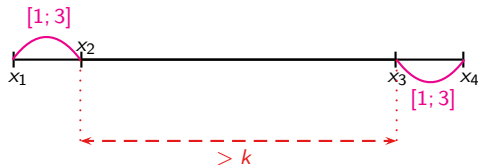
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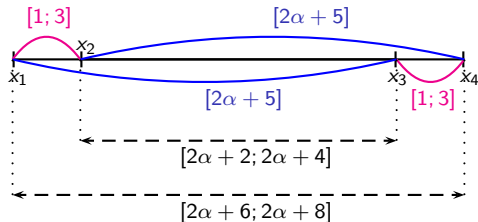
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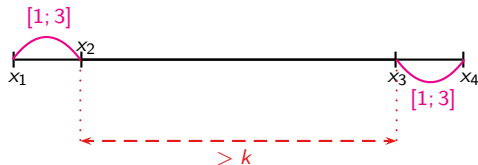
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For the previous automaton,

no abstraction operator can satisfy all these criteria!

Why that?

Assume there is a “nice” operator Abs .

The set $\{M \text{ DBM representing a zone } \text{Abs}(Z)\}$ is finite.

$\leadsto k$ the max. constant defining one of the previous DBMs

We get that, for every zone Z ,

$$Z \subseteq \text{Extra}_k(Z) \subseteq \text{Abs}(Z)$$

Problem!

- Open questions:**
- which conditions can be made weaker?
 - find a clever termination criterium?
 - use an other data structure than zones/DBMs?

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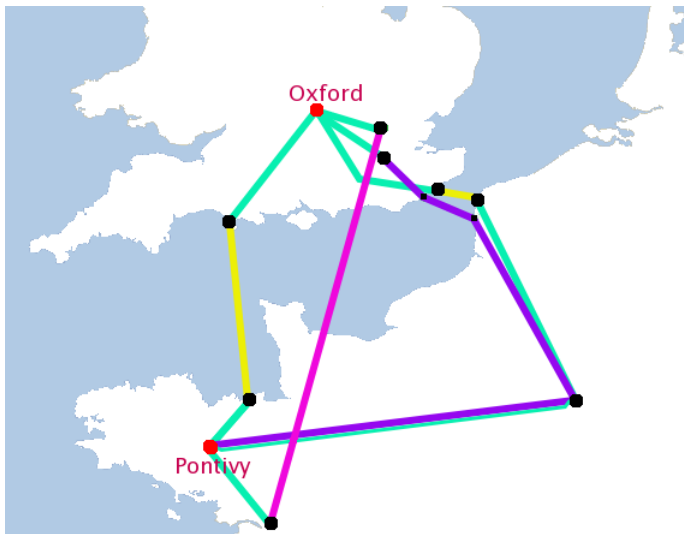
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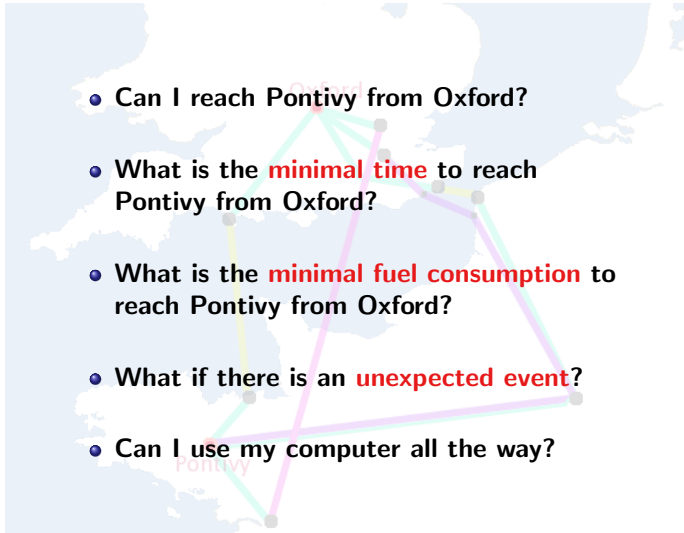
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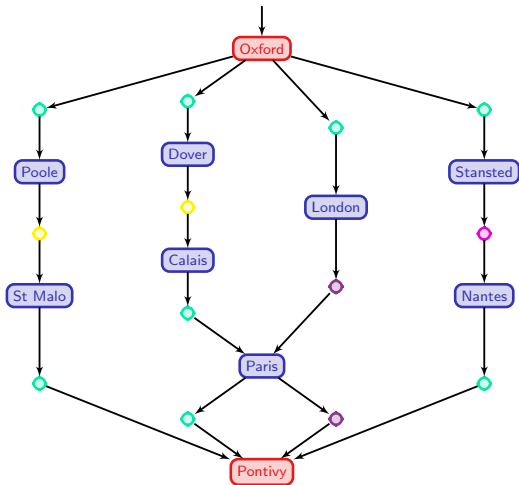
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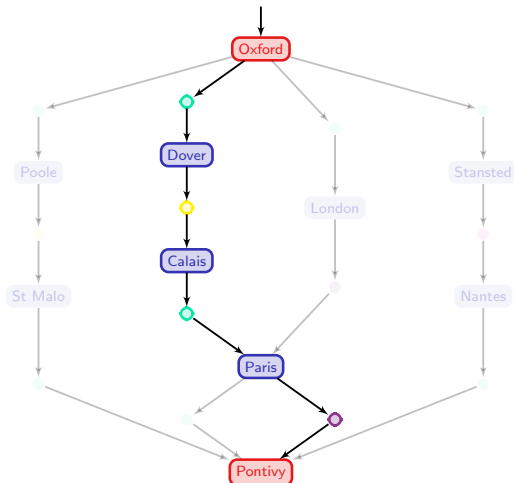
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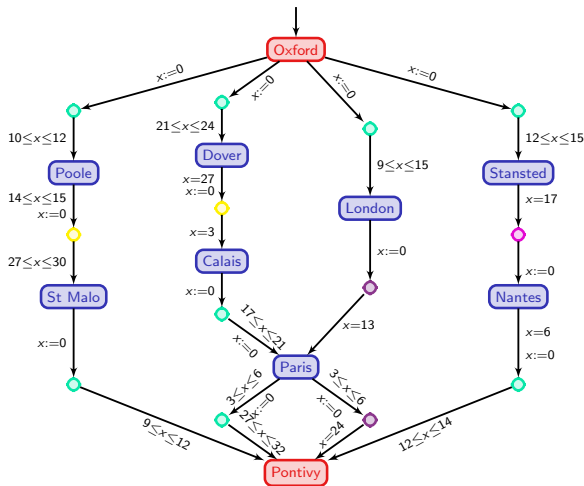


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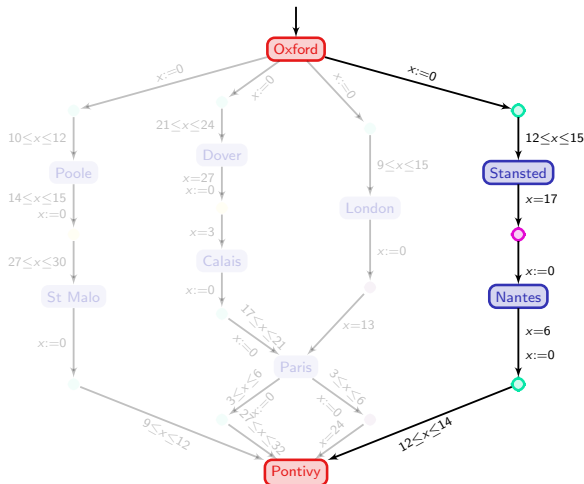


This is a reachability question in a finite graph: **Yes, I can!**

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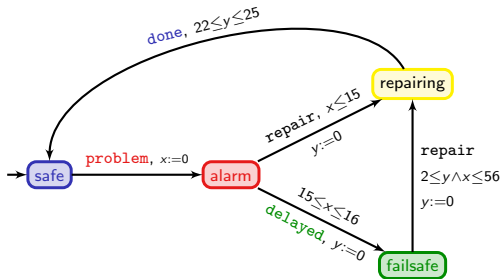


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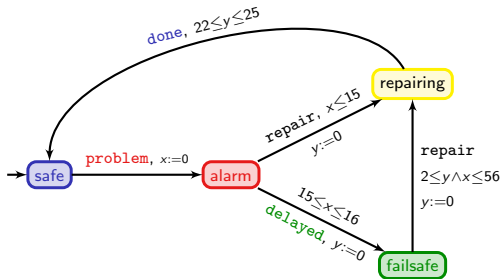


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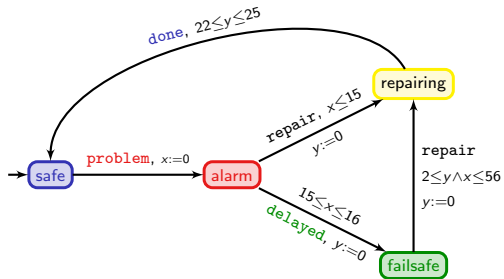


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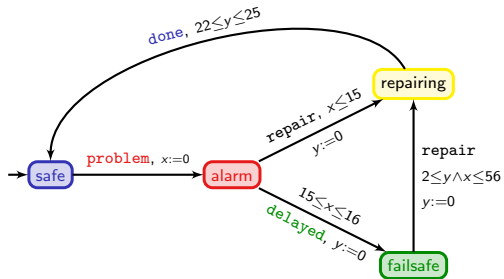
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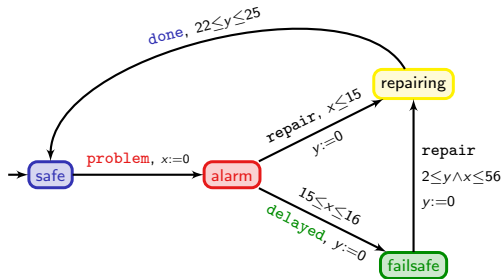
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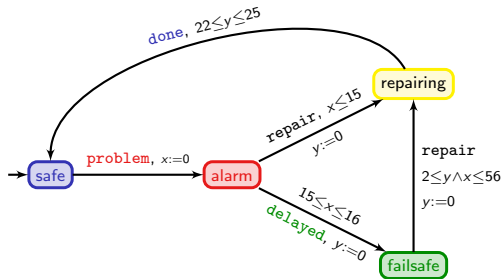
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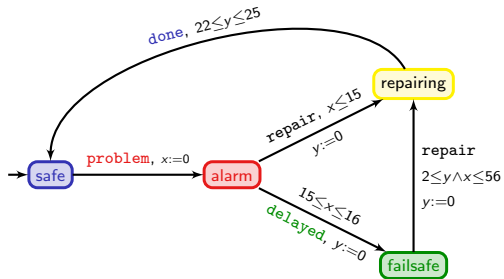
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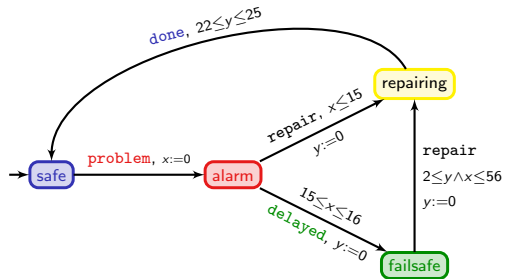
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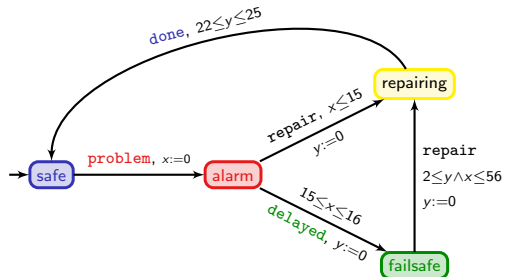
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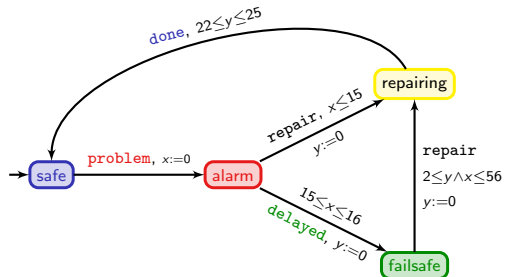
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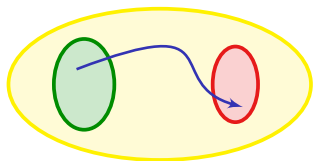
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
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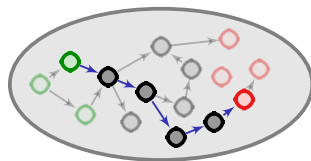
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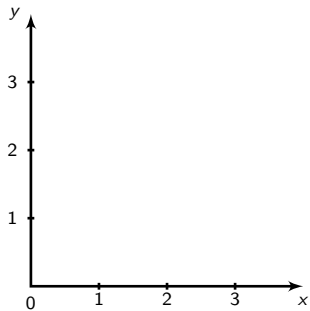


large (but finite) automaton
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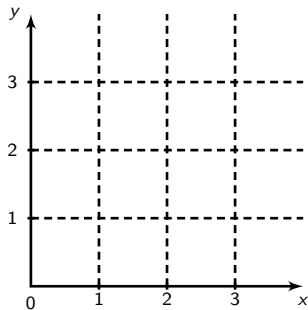
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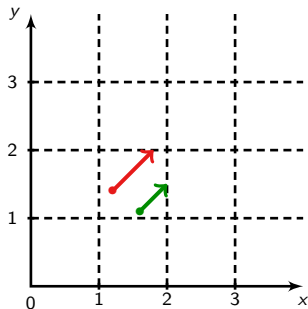


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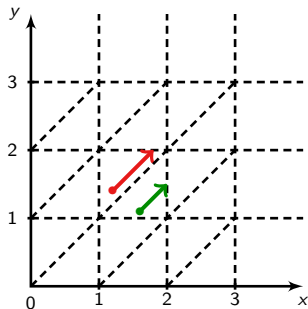
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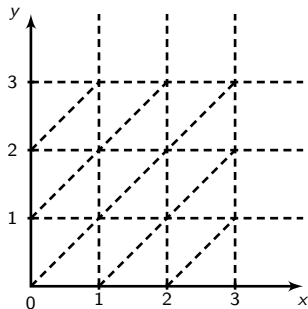
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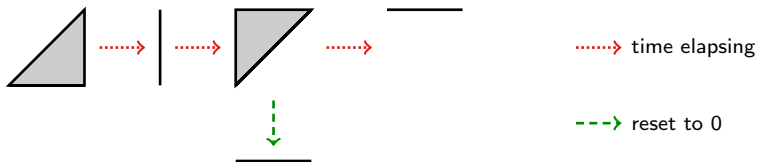
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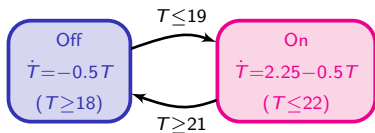
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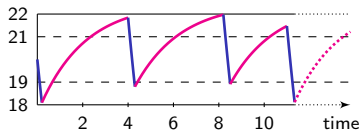
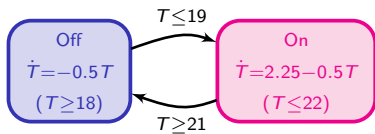


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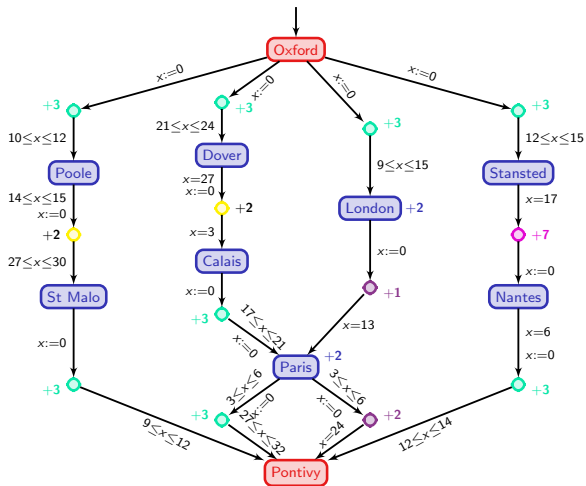
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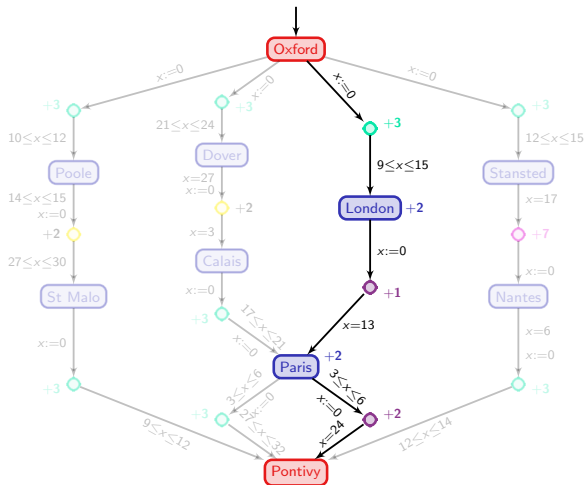
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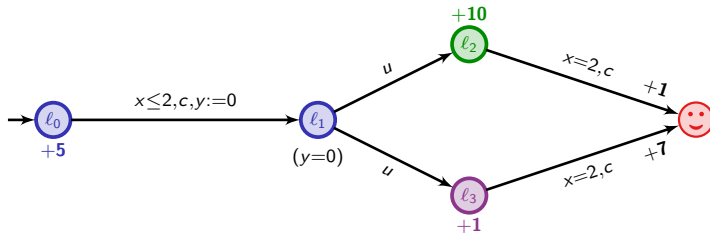


How much fuel will I use?



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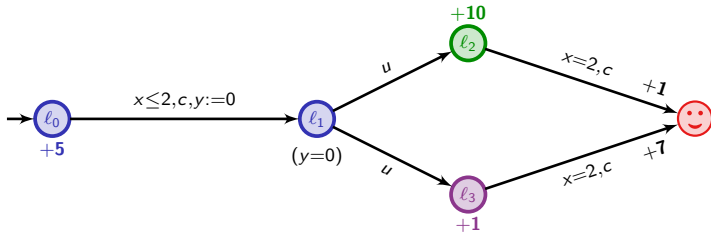
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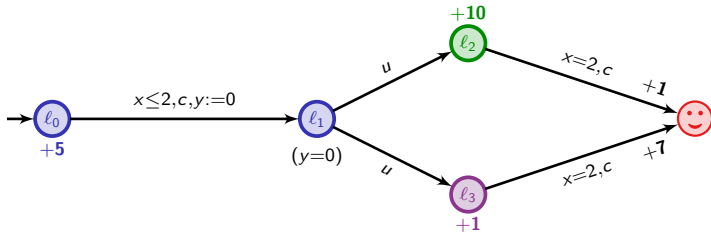


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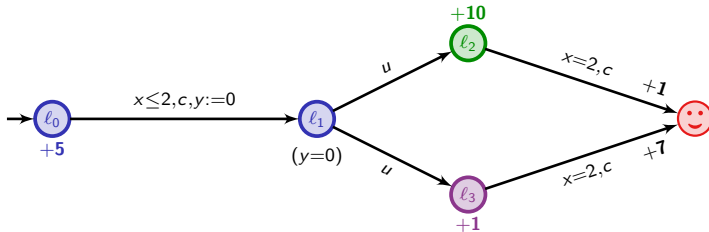
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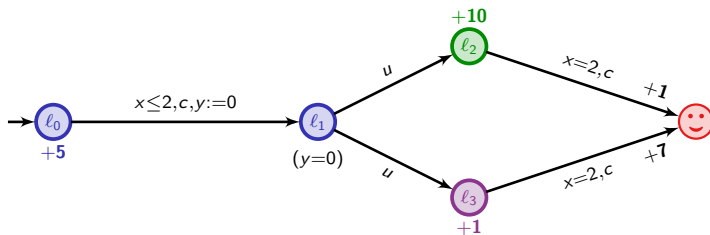
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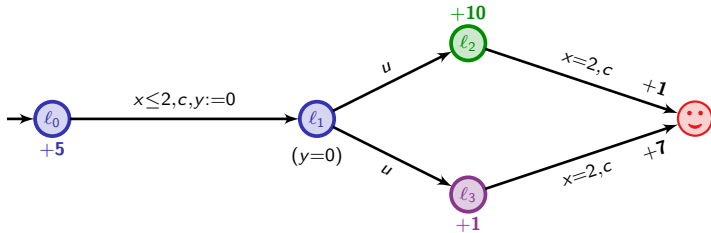


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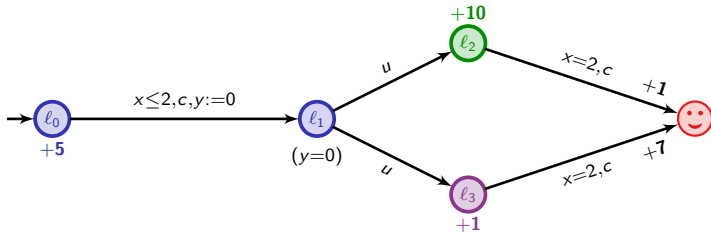


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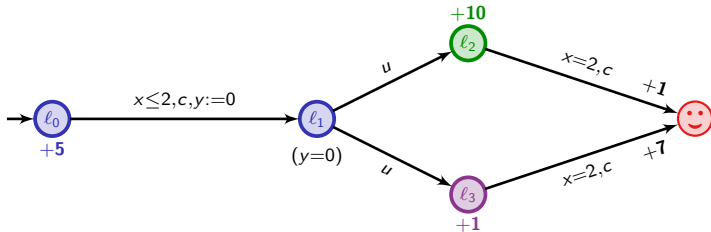


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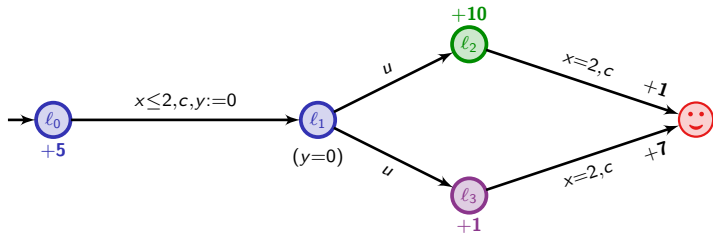


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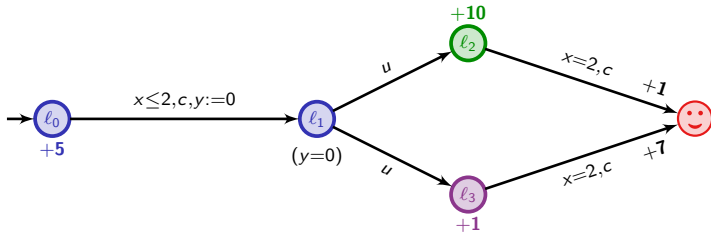


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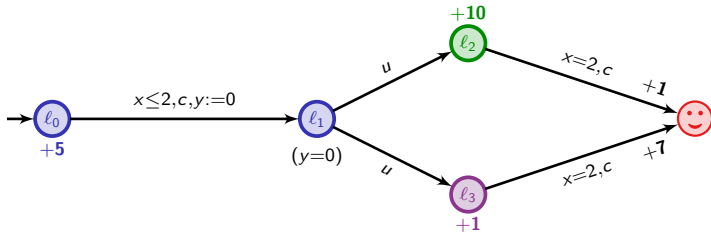


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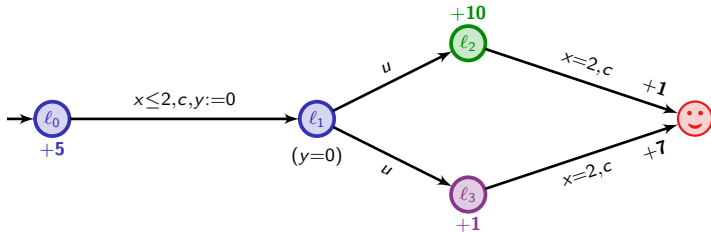
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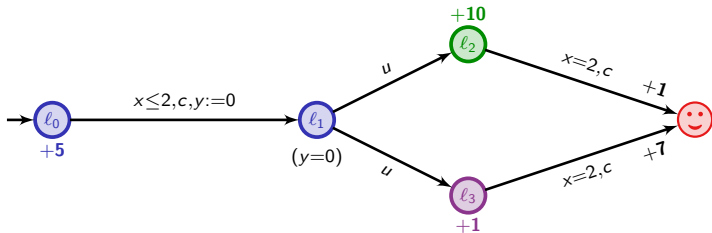
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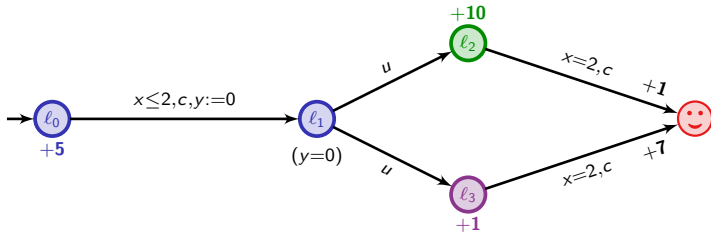
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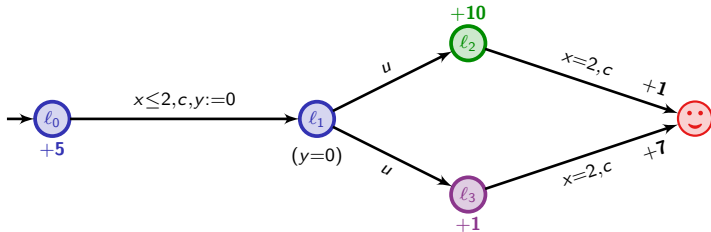
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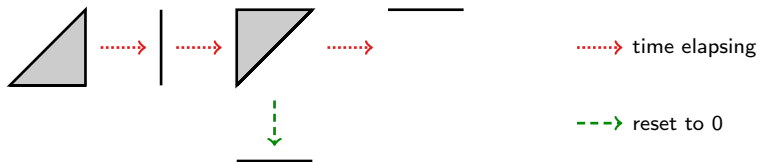
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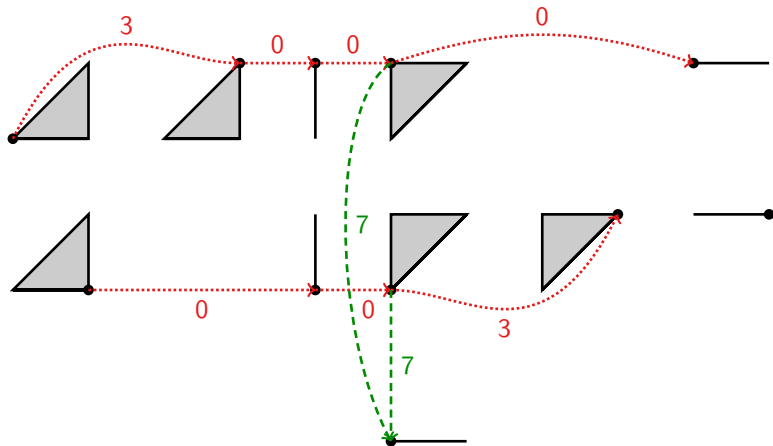
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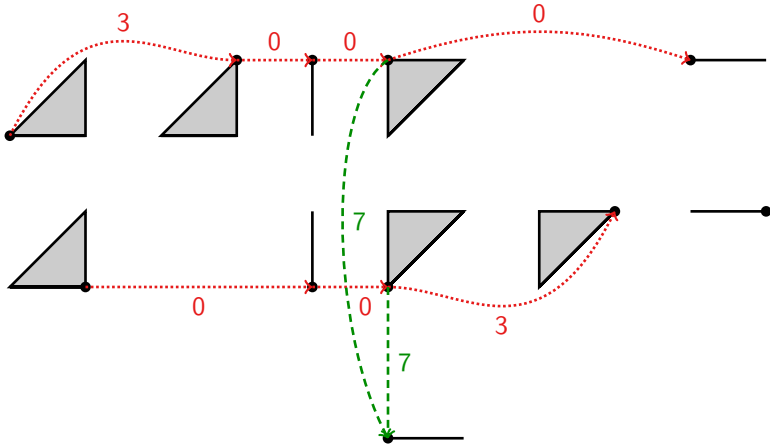
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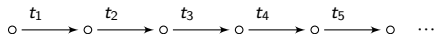
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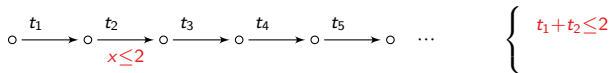
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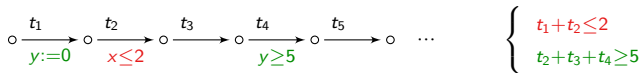
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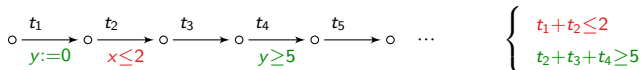
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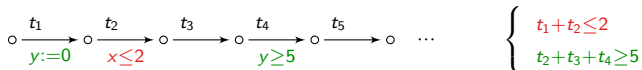
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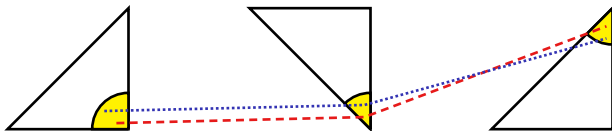
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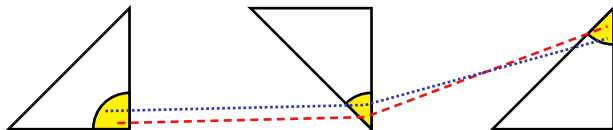
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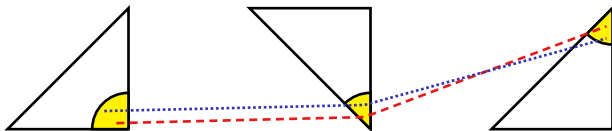
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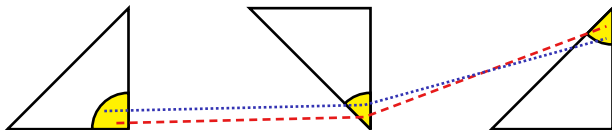


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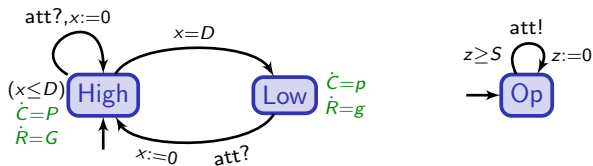
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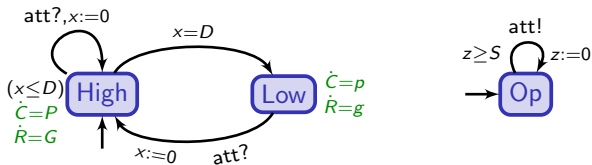
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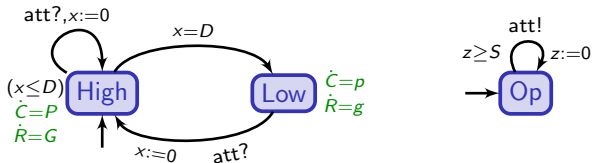
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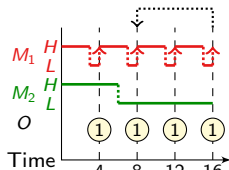
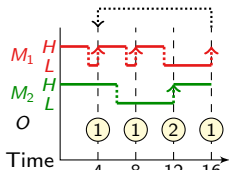
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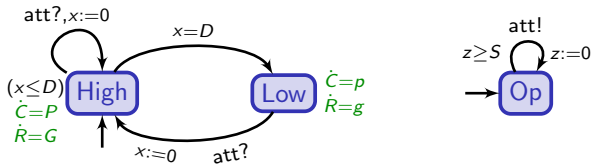


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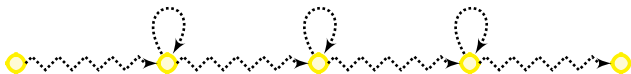
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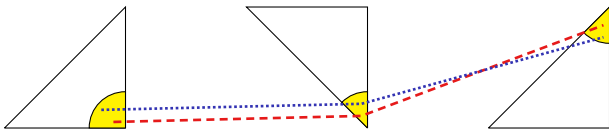


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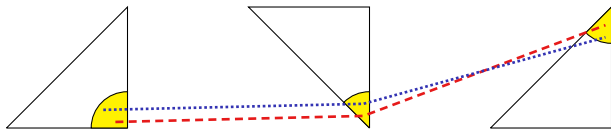
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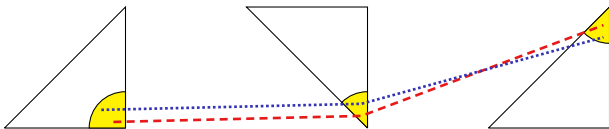
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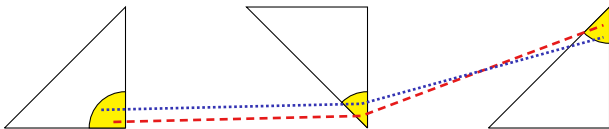


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↪ A general abstract framework for quantitative timed systems

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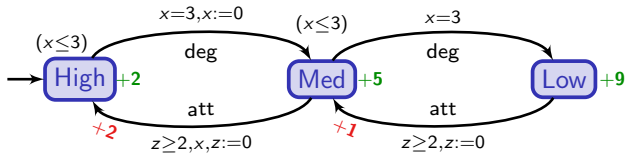
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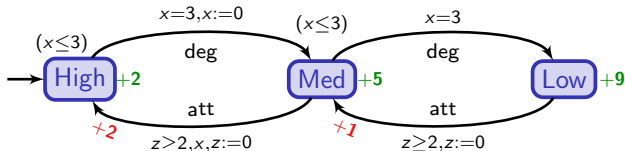
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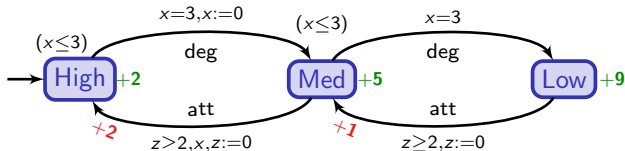
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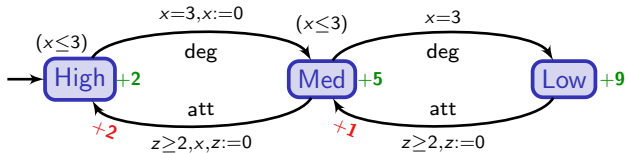
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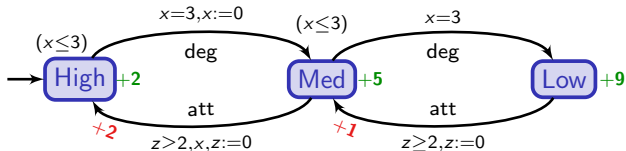
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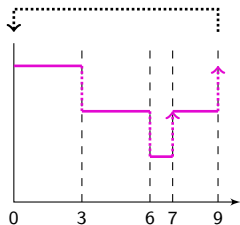
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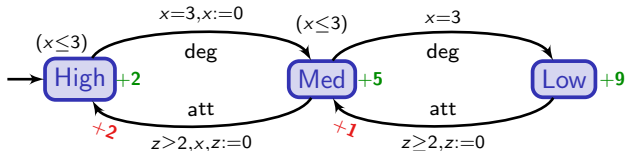
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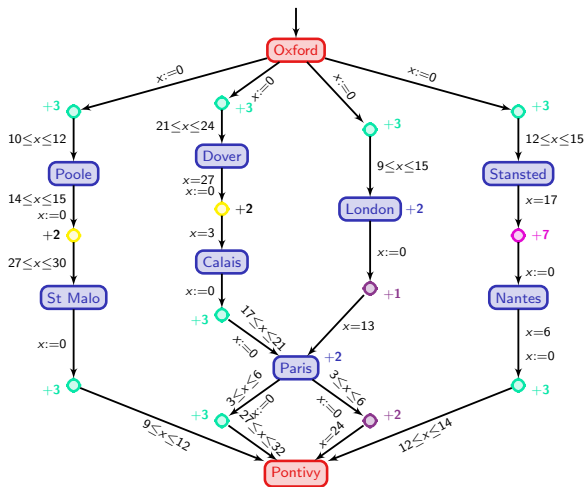
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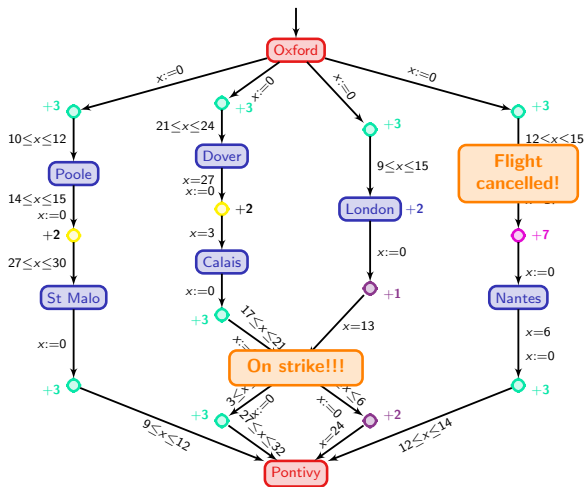
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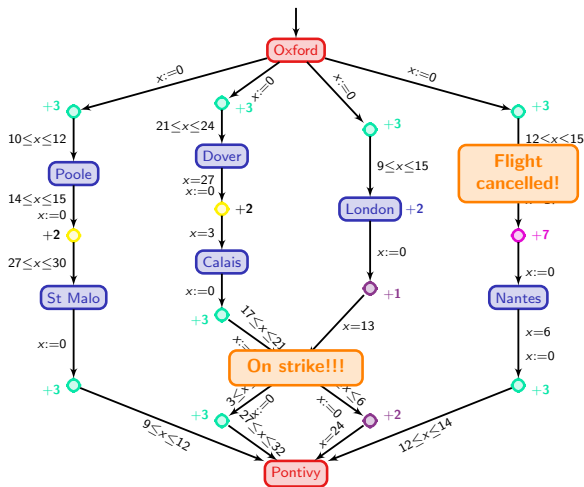
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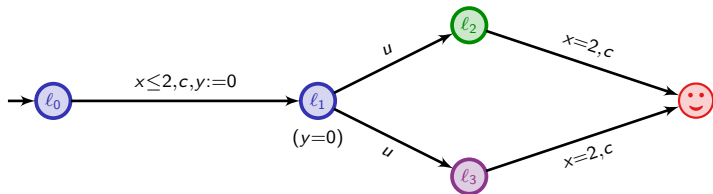
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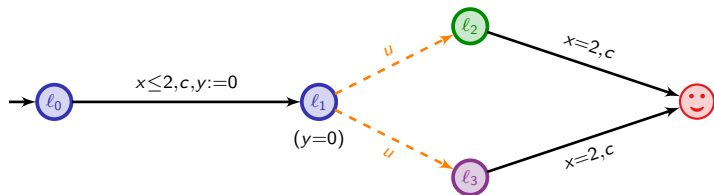


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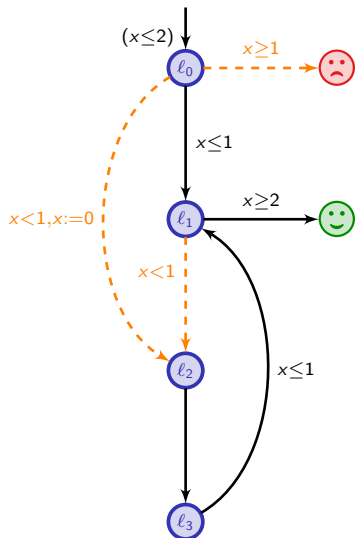
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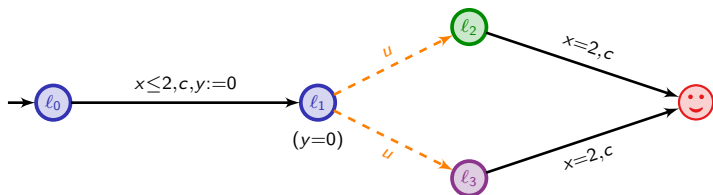
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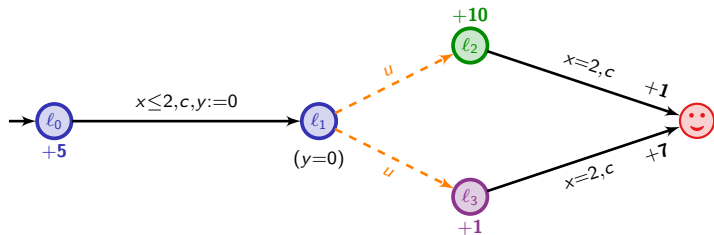
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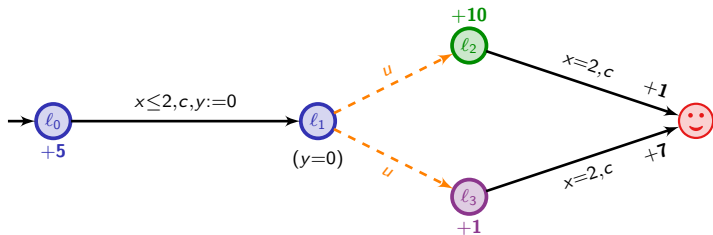
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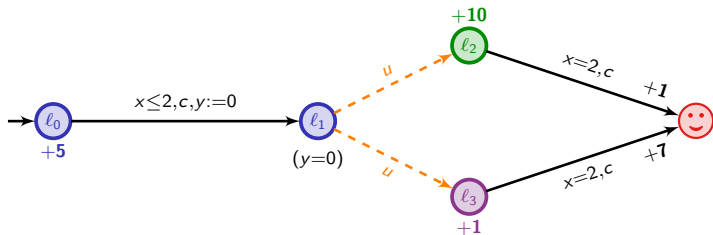


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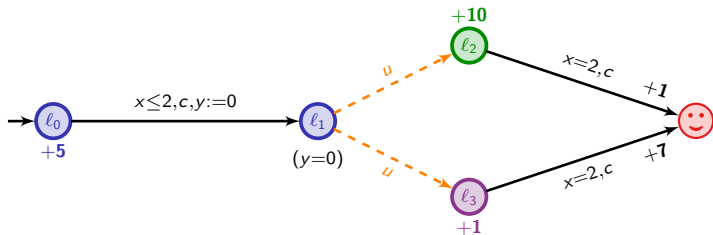
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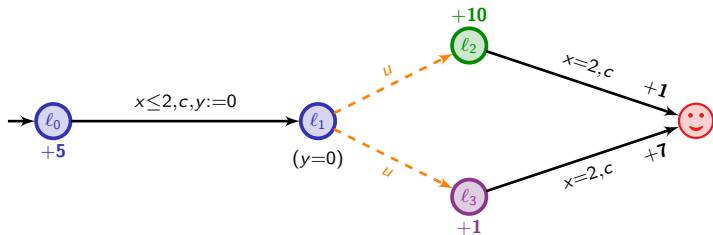
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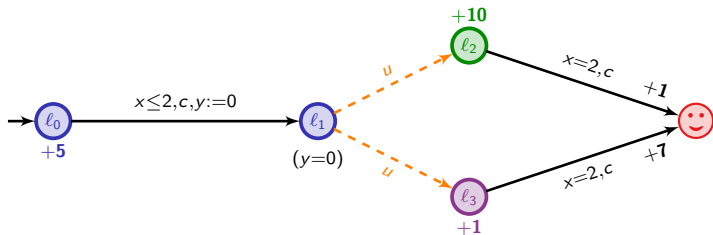
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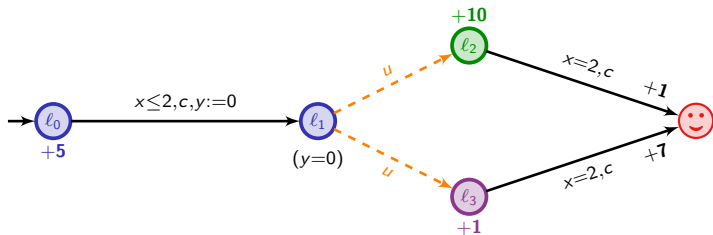
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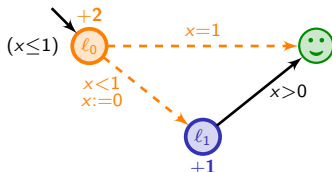
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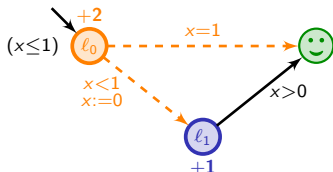


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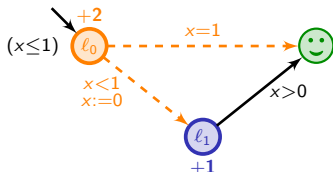
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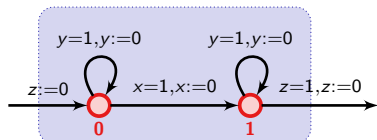
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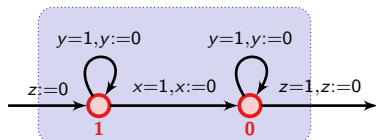
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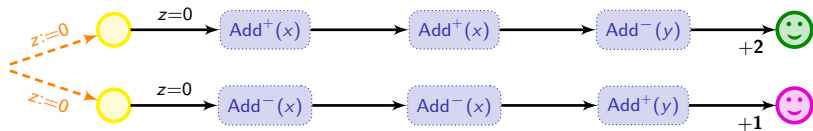
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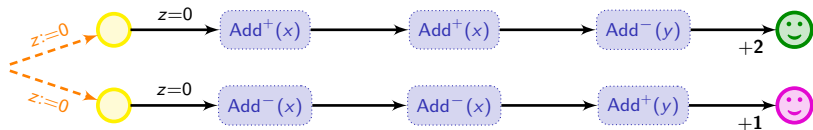
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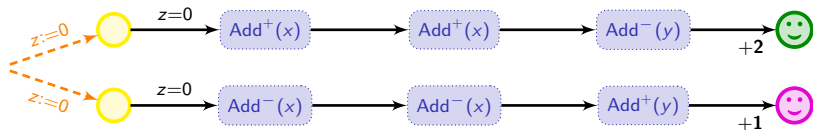
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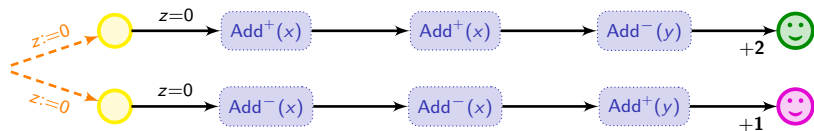
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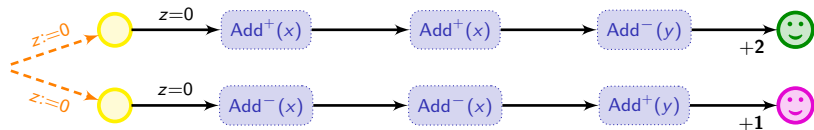
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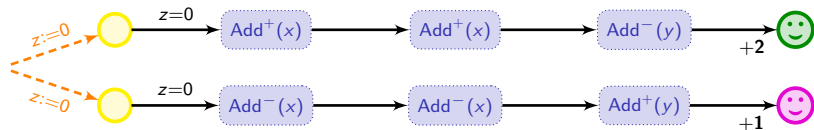
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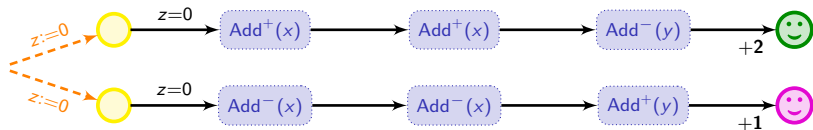
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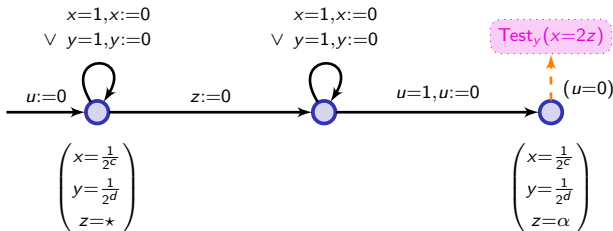
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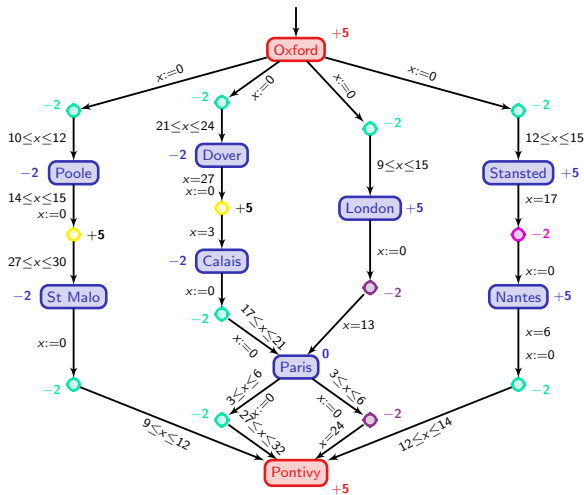
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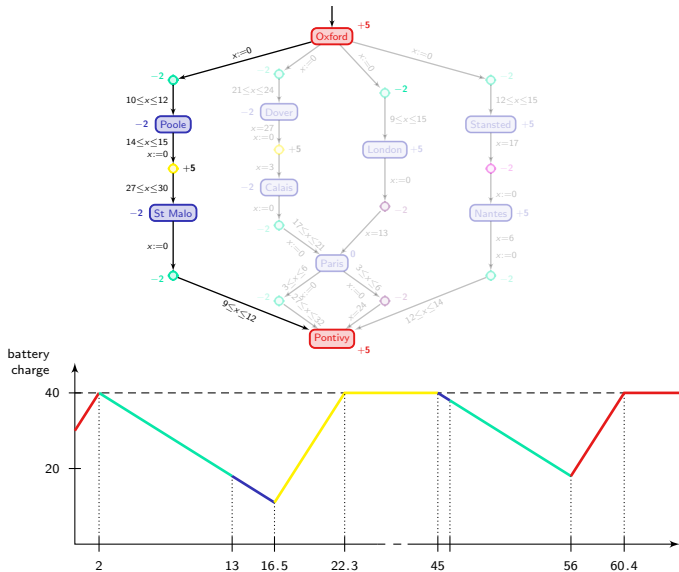
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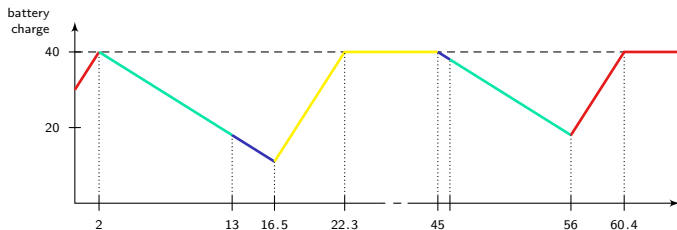
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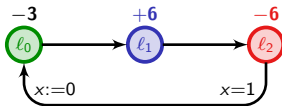
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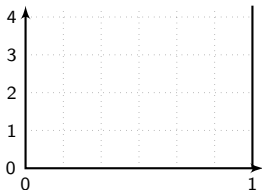
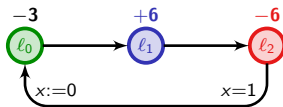
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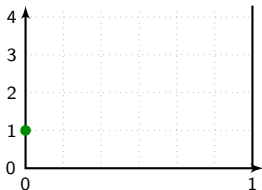
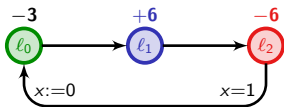
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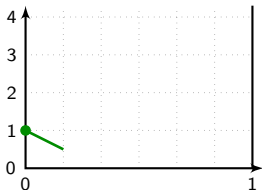
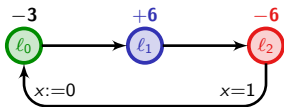
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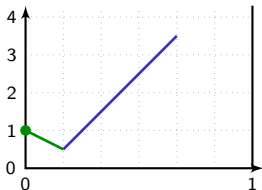
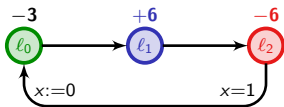
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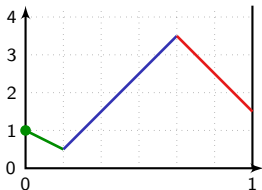
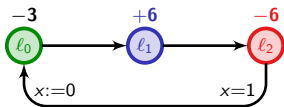
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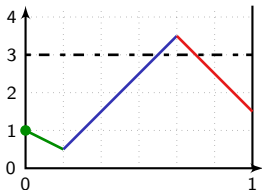
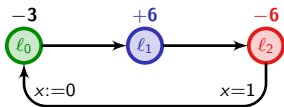
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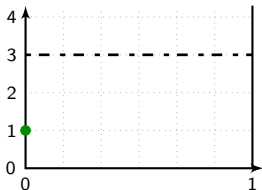
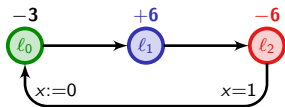
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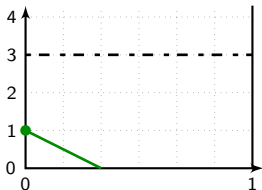
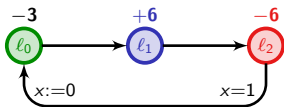
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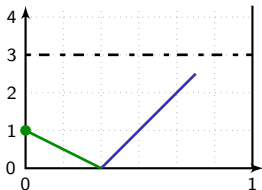
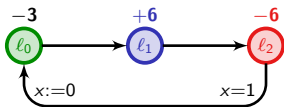
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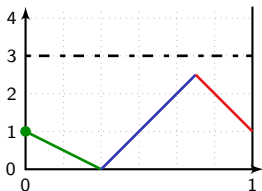
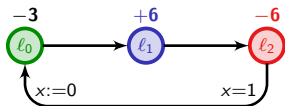
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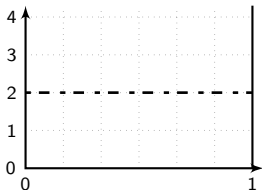
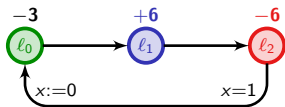
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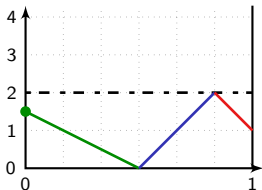
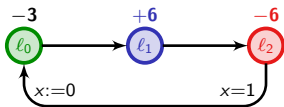
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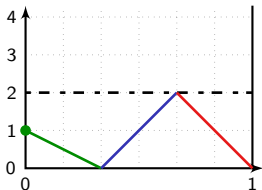
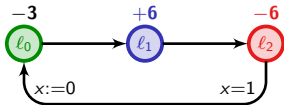
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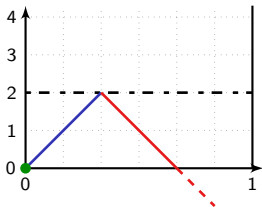
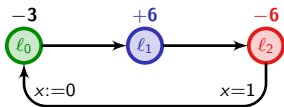
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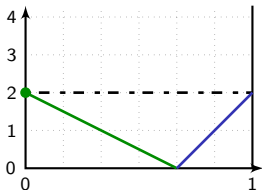
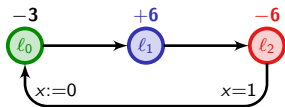


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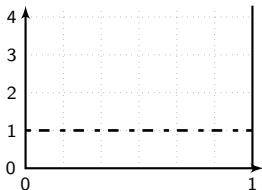
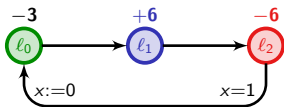
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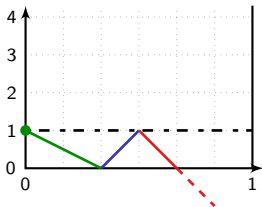
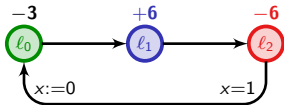
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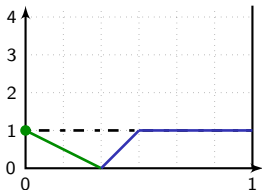
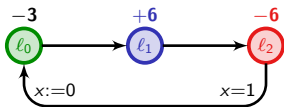


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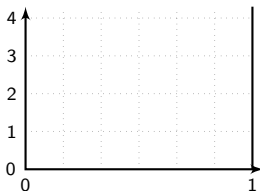
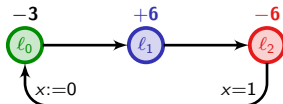
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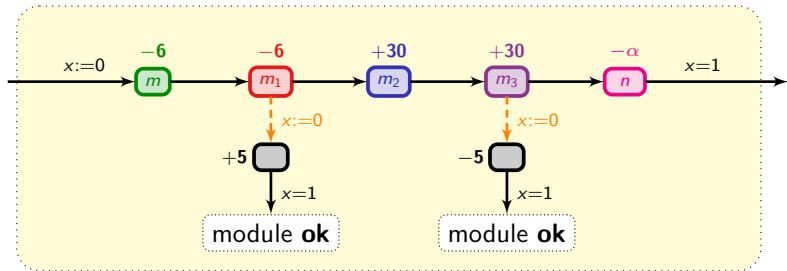
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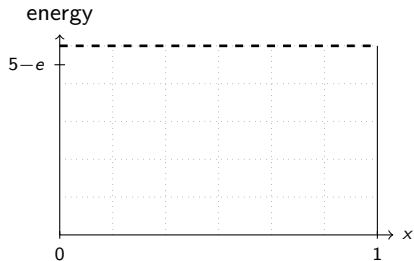
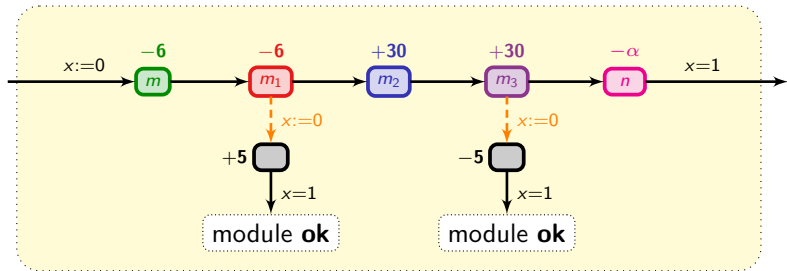
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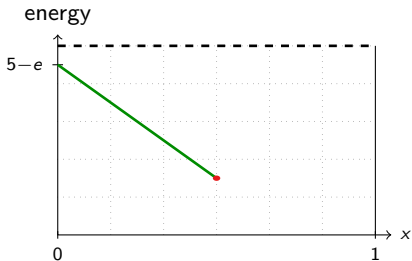
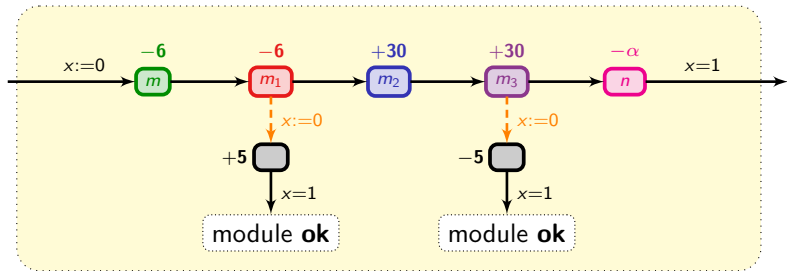
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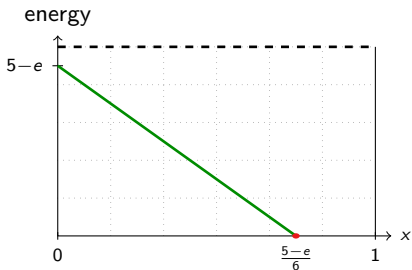
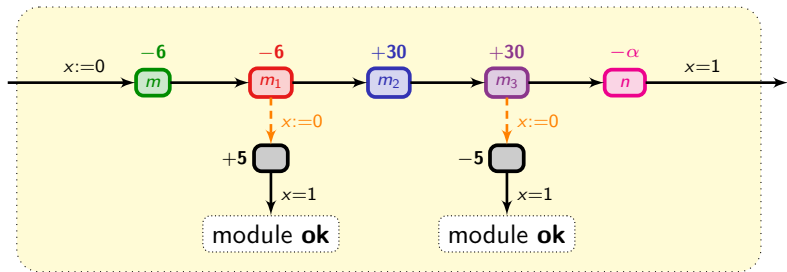
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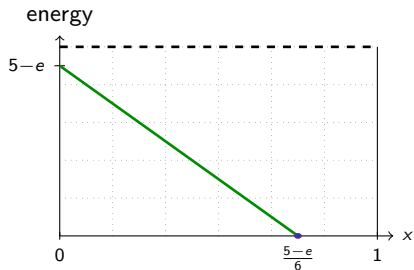
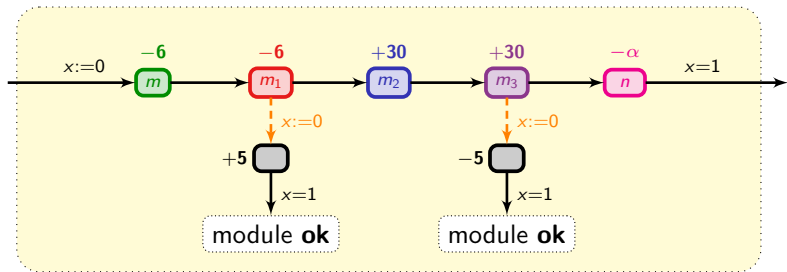
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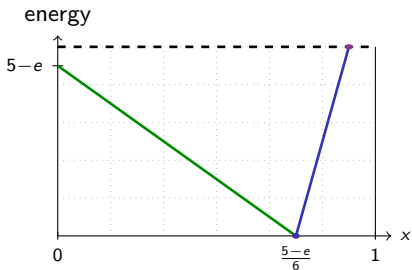
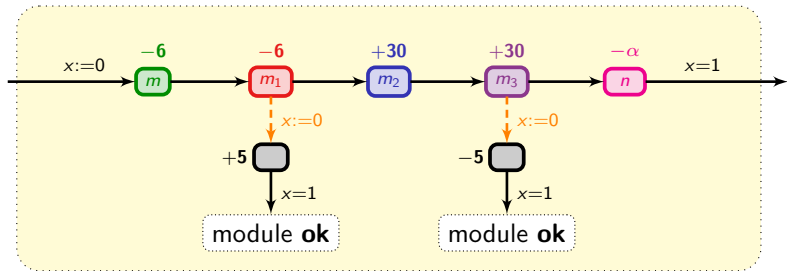
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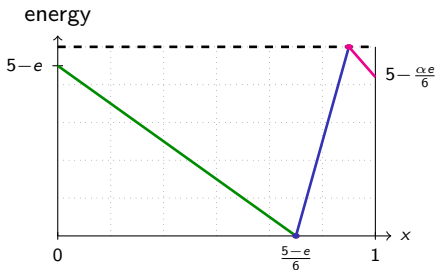
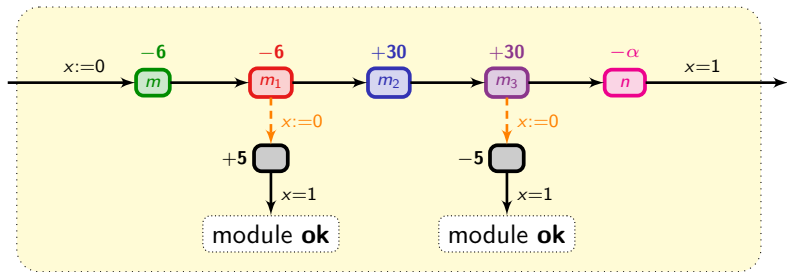
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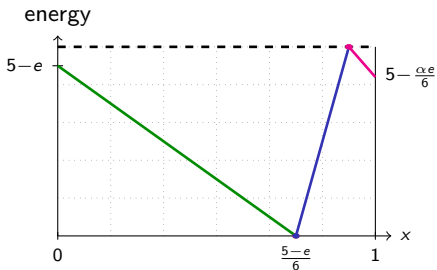
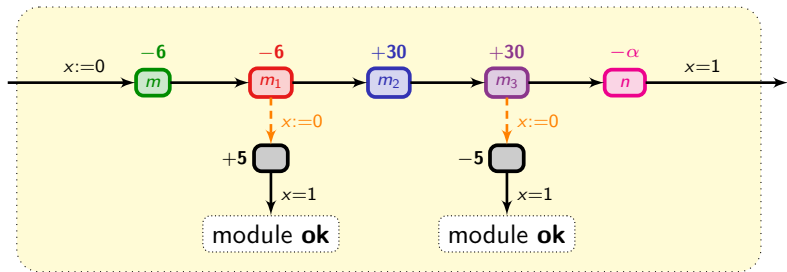
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Tools

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- Uppaal Cora (priced timed automata)
- Uppaal Tiga (timed games)

Case studies

- A lacquer production scheduling problem [BBHM05]
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[BBHM05] Behrmann, Brinksma, Hendriks, Mader. Scheduling lacquer production by reachability analysis - A case study (*IFAC'05*).

[AKM03] Abdeddaïm, Kerbaa, Maler. Task graph scheduling using timed automata (*IPDPS'03*).

[CJL+09] Cassez, Jessen, Larsen, Raskin, Reynier. Automatic synthesis of robust and optimal controllers - An industrial case study (*HSCC'09*).

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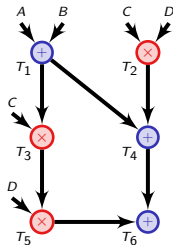
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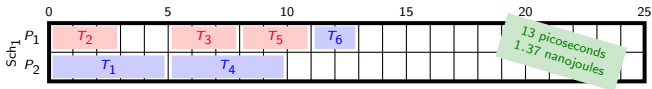
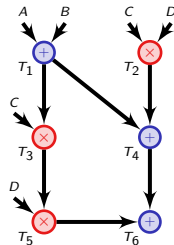
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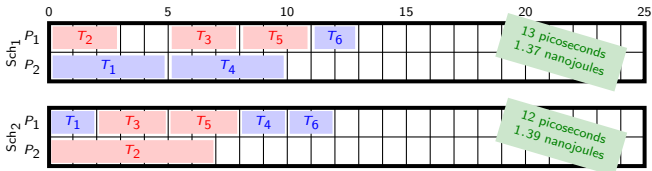
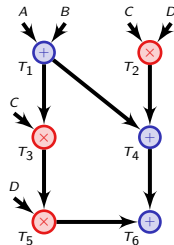
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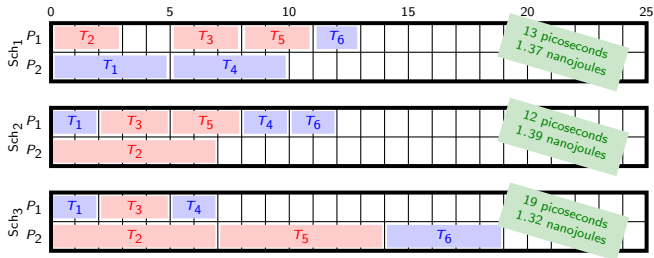
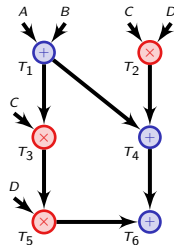
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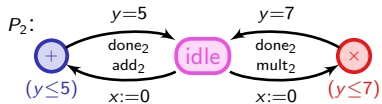
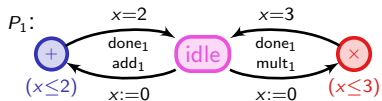
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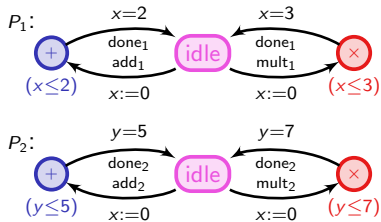
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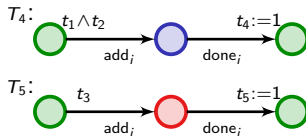


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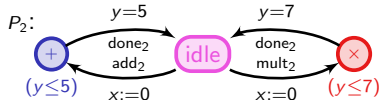
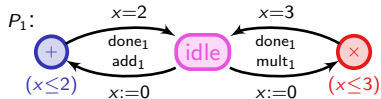


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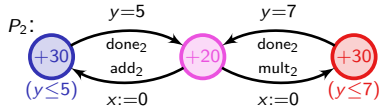
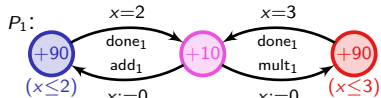


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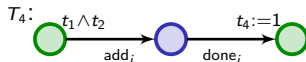
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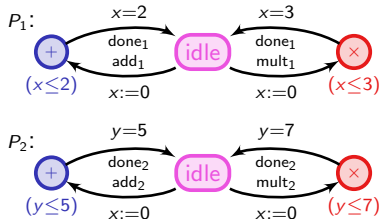


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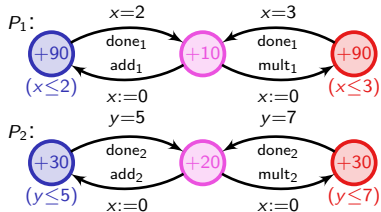


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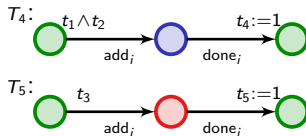
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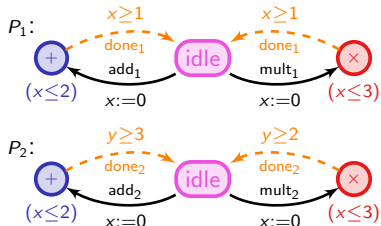
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