

Refinements and Abstractions of Signal-Event (Timed) Languages

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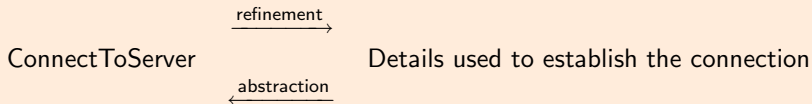
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$\xrightarrow{\text{refinement}}$ $\sigma(w) = \sigma(a)\sigma(b)\sigma(a)\sigma(a)\sigma(c) \subseteq B^*$

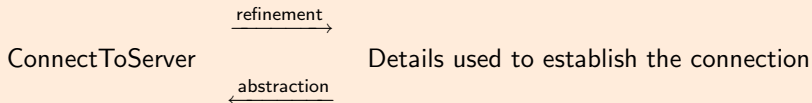
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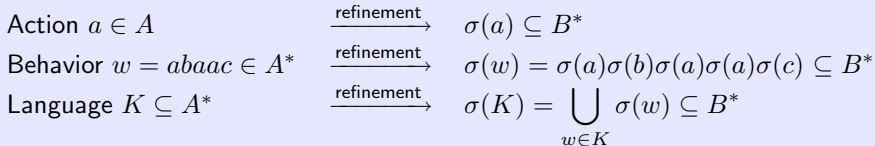


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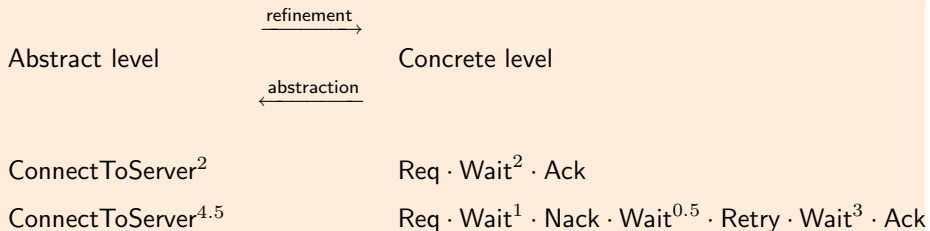
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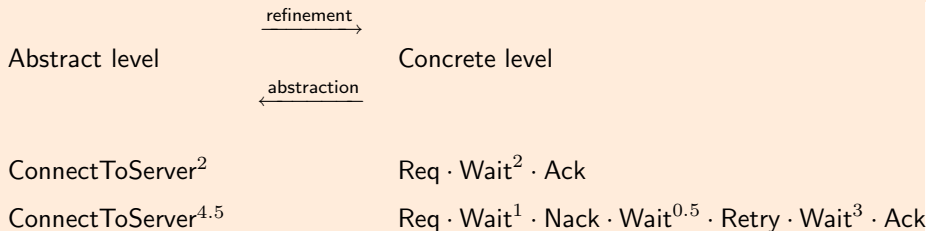
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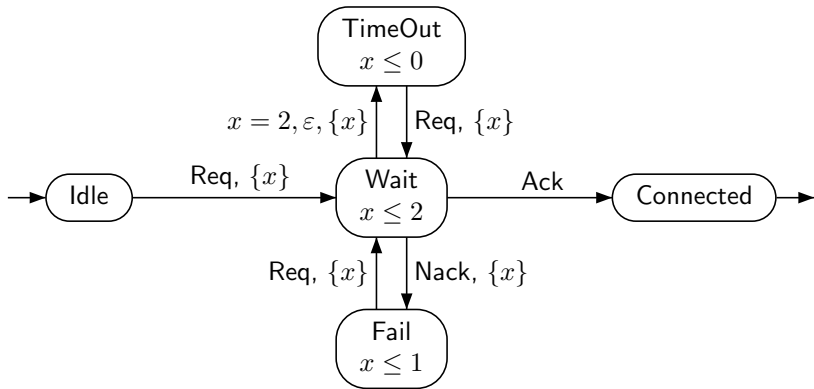
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Signal-Event (Timed) automata

- ▶ States emit signals
- ▶ Transitions emit (instantaneous) events



- ▶ Run : Idle³ · Req · Wait² · TimeOut⁰ · Req · Wait¹ · Ack · Connected⁸
- ▶ SEL : languages accepted by SE -automata without ε -transitions.
- ▶ SEL_ε : languages accepted by SE -automata with ε -transitions.

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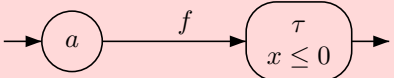
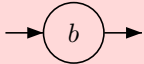
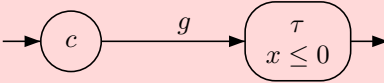
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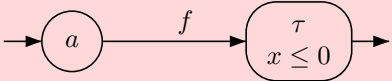

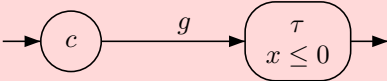
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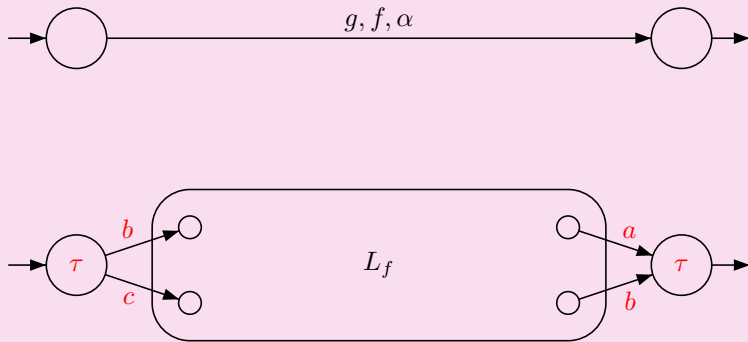
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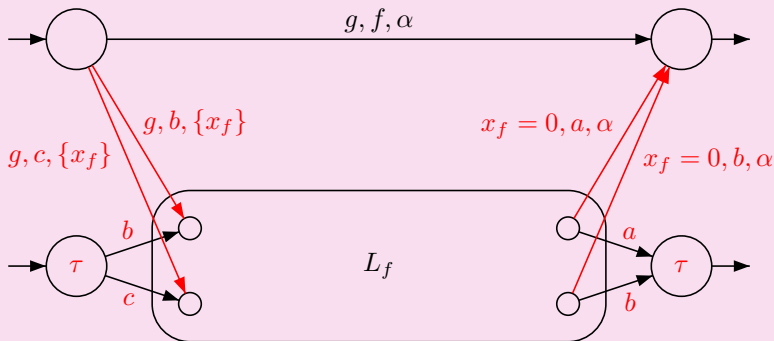
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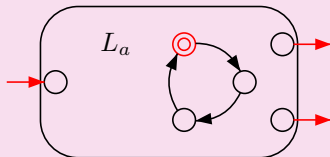
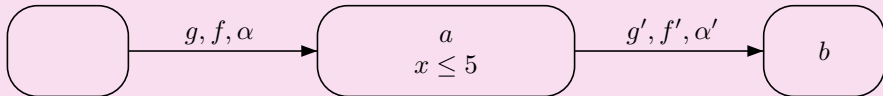
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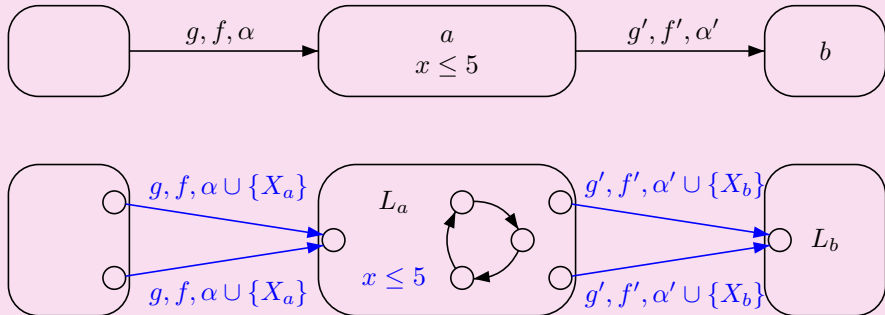
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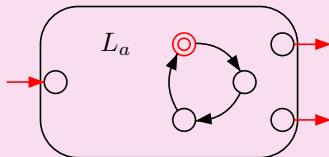
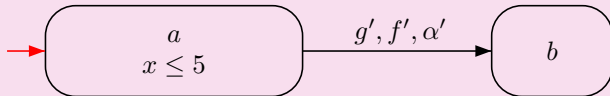
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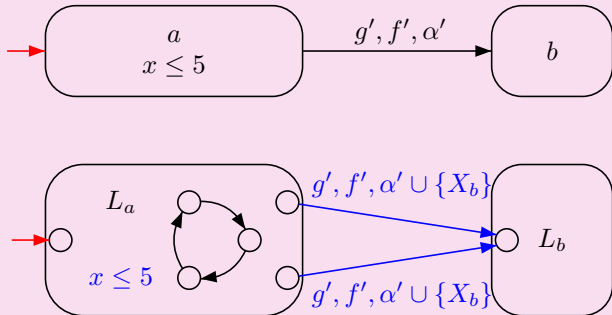
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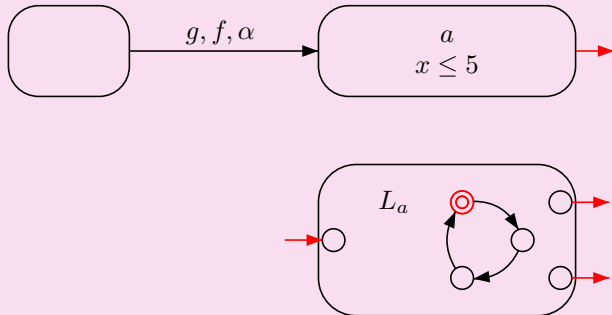
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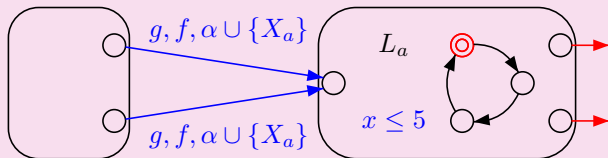
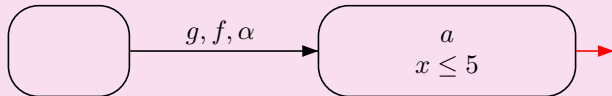
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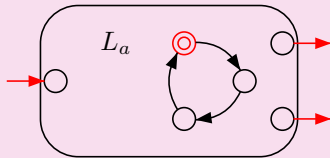
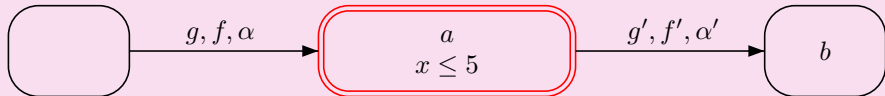
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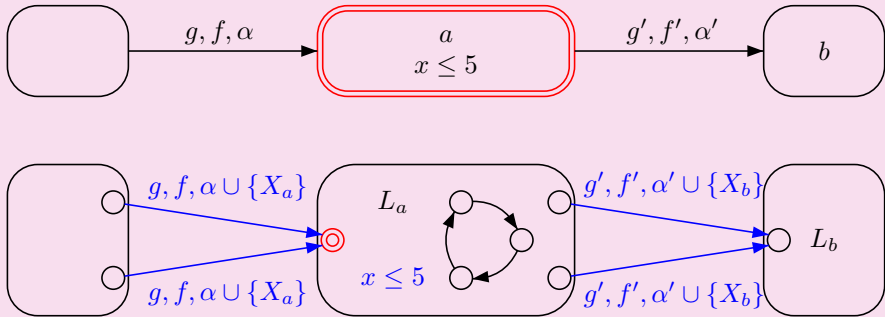
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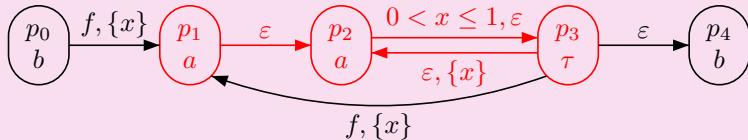
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Closure under SEL_ε -substitutions

Handling **signals** for SEL_ε -substitutions is **harder**.

Remember that substitutions are applied to SE-words in **normal form**.



A possible run gives : $f a^{0.3} a^{0.6} \tau^0 a^{0.5} \tau^1 a^{0.6} \tau^0 a^{0.5} \tau^0 b^3 \approx f a^{1.4} \tau^1 a^{1.1} b^3$

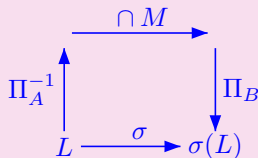
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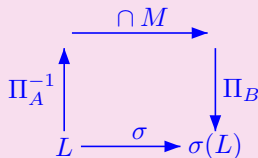
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Proof: Signal-event words

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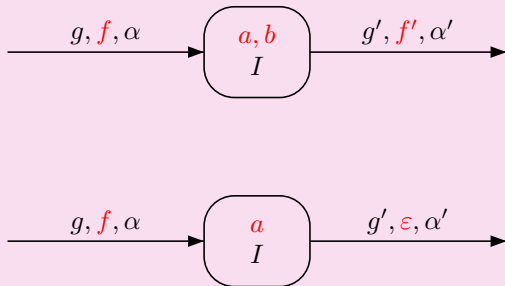
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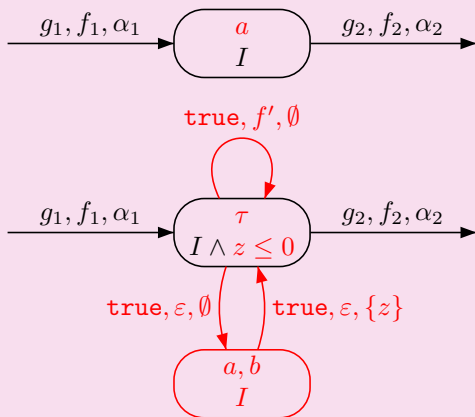


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$$M_\tau = \{(\tau, \tau)^d \mid d \in \overline{\mathbb{T}} \setminus \{0\}\}$$

Note that each set M_f and M_a satisfies properties 1 and 2.

$$M = \{w_1 w_2 \cdots \mid \exists a_1, a_2, \dots \in \Sigma_e \cup \Sigma_s \text{ with } w_i \in M_{a_i} \text{ and } a_i \in \Sigma_s \Rightarrow a_{i+1} \neq a_i\}.$$

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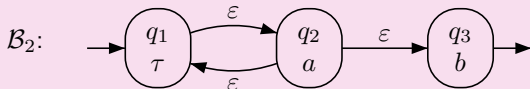
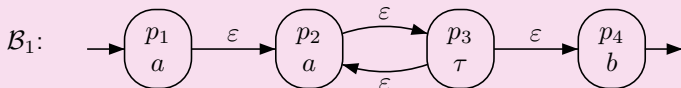
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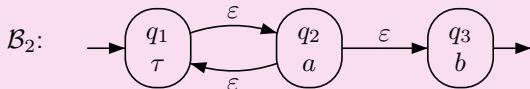
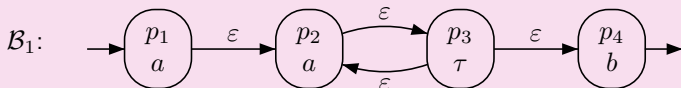
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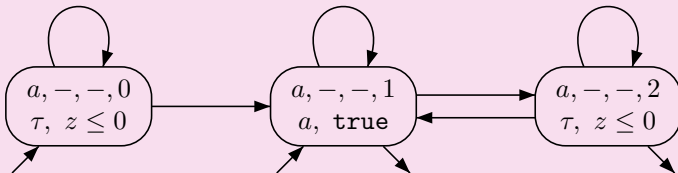
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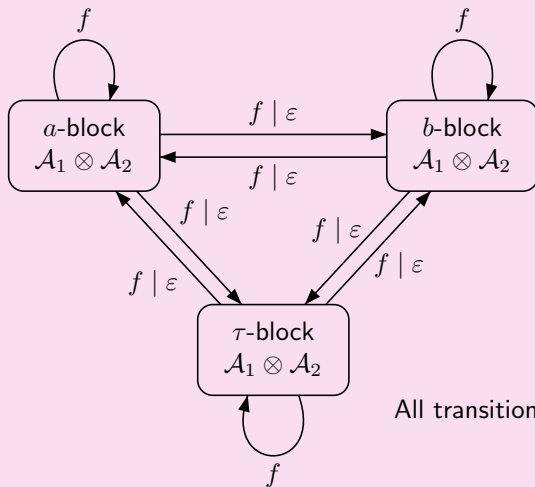
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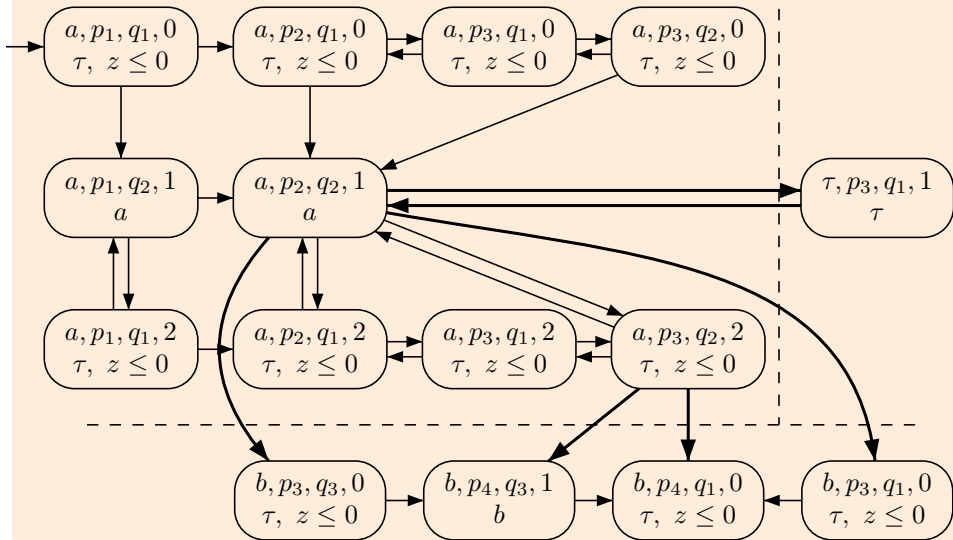
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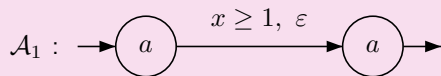


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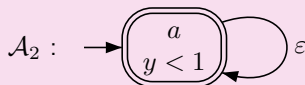
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- ▶ We have proved closure properties (refinement, abstraction) for the general case of SE-automata.
- ▶ We have proved closure under intersection for the general case of languages accepted by SE-automata.