
Infinite Games

Lecture 15

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Plan for Today

- Review
- Exam
 - Organizational matters
 - Questions
- Outlook: even more games

Review

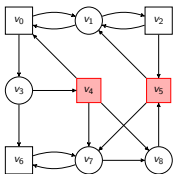
Reachability

■ Name:

Reachability Game

■ Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{REACH}(R))$ with $R \subseteq V$



■ Winning condition:

$\text{Occ}(\rho) \cap R \neq \emptyset$

■ Solution complexity:

linear time in $|E|$

■ Algorithm:

attractor

■ Memory requirements for Player 0:

uniform positional

■ Memory requirements for Player 1:

uniform positional

■ Dual game:

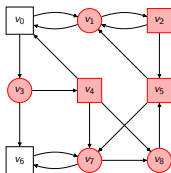
safety

Safety

- Name:
- Format:

Safety Game

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{SAFE}(S))$ with $S \subseteq V$



- Winning condition:
- Solution complexity:
- Algorithm:
- Memory requirements for Player 0:
- Memory requirements for Player 1:
- Dual game:

$\text{Occ}(\rho) \subseteq S$

linear time in $|E|$

dualize + attractor

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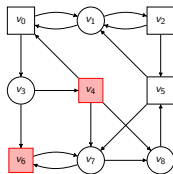
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- Name:

Büchi Game

- Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{BÜCHI}(F))$ with $F \subseteq V$



- Winning condition:

$\text{Inf}(\rho) \cap F \neq \emptyset$

- Solution complexity:

P

- Algorithm:

iterated attractor

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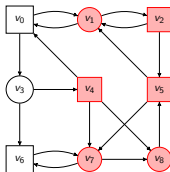
co-Büchi

- **Name:**

Co-Büchi Game

- **Format:**

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{COBÜCHI}(C))$ with $C \subseteq V$



- **Winning condition:**

$\text{Inf}(\rho) \subseteq C$

- **Solution complexity:**

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- **Algorithm:**

dualize + iterated attractor

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- **Dual game:**

Büchi

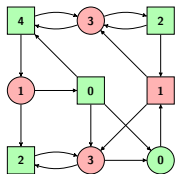
Parity

■ Name:

Parity Game

■ Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{PARITY}(\Omega))$ with $\Omega: V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$



■ Winning condition:

$\min(\text{Inf}(\Omega(\rho)))$ even

■ Solution complexity:

NP \cap **co-NP**

■ Algorithm:

progress measures and many others

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■ Memory requirements for Player 1:

uniform positional

■ Dual game:

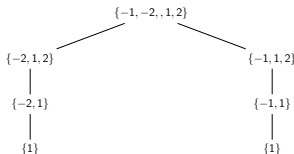
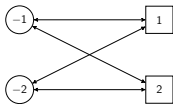
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■ **Name:**

Muller Game

■ **Format:**

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{MULLER}(\mathcal{F}))$ with $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^V$



■ **Winning condition:**

$\text{Inf}(\rho) \in \mathcal{F}$

■ **Solution complexity:**

P, NP \cap co-NP, PSPACE-complete

■ **Algorithm:**

reduction to parity and many others

■ **Memory requirements for Player 0:**

$|V|!$

■ **Memory requirements for Player 1:**

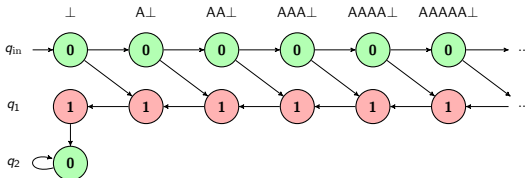
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■ **Dual game:**

Muller

Pushdown Parity

- **Name:** Pushdown Parity Game
- **Format:** $(\mathcal{A}, \text{PARITY}(\Omega))$ with \mathcal{A} induced by PDS \mathcal{P}



- **Winning condition:** $\min(\text{Inf}(\Omega(\rho)))$ even
- **Solution complexity:** **EXPTIME**-complete
- **Algorithm:** reduction to parity games
- **Memory requirements for Player 0:** infinite (pd. transducer)
- **Memory requirements for Player 1:** infinite (pd. transducer)
- **Dual game:** pushdown parity

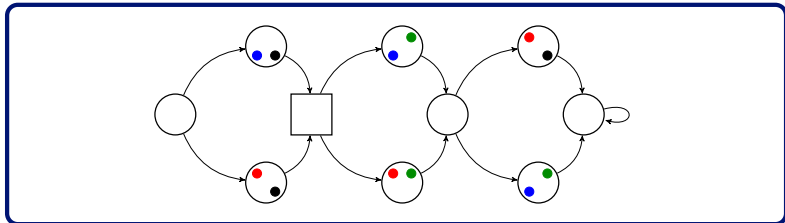
Generalized Reachability

■ Name:

Generalized Reachability Game

■ Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{CHREACH}(\mathcal{R}))$ with $\mathcal{R} \subseteq 2^V$



■ Winning condition:

$\forall R \in \mathcal{R}. \text{Occ}(\rho) \cap R \neq \emptyset$

■ Solution complexity:

PSPACE-complete

■ Algorithm:

Simulate for $|V| \cdot |\mathcal{R}|$ steps

■ Memory requirements for Player 0:

$2^{|\mathcal{R}|}$

■ Memory requirements for Player 1:

$\binom{|\mathcal{R}|}{\lfloor |\mathcal{R}|/2 \rfloor}$

■ Dual game:

disjunctive safety

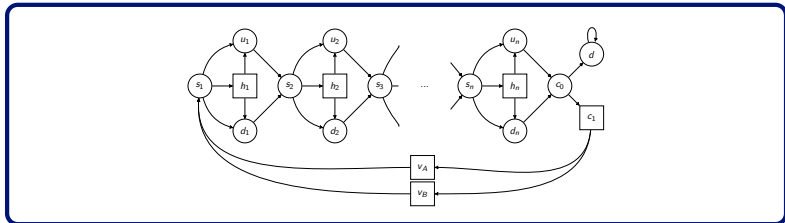
Weak Muller

■ Name:

Weak Muller Game

■ Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{WMULLER}(\mathcal{F}))$ with $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^V$



■ Winning condition:

$\text{Occ}(\rho) \in \mathcal{F}$

■ Solution complexity:

PSPACE-complete

■ Algorithm:

reduction to weak parity or direct one

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■ Memory requirements for Player 1:

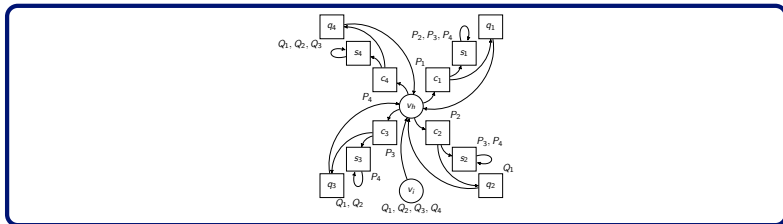
$2^{|V|}$

■ Dual game:

weak Muller

Request-Response

- **Name:** Request-Response Game
- **Format:** $(\mathcal{A}, \text{REQRES}((Q_j, P_j)_{j \in [k]}))$ with $Q_j, P_j \subseteq V$



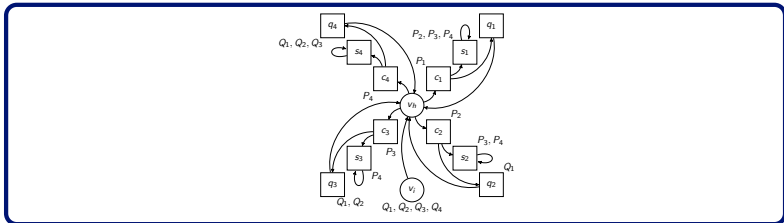
- **Winning condition:** $\forall j \forall n (\rho_n \in Q_j \rightarrow \exists m \geq n. \rho_m \in P_j)$
- **Solution complexity:** EXPTIME-complete
- **Algorithm:** reduction to Büchi
- **Memory requirements for Player 0:** $k \cdot 2^k$
- **Memory requirements for Player 1:** 2^k
- **Dual game:** n/a

■ Name:

Rabin Game

■ Format:

$(\mathcal{A}, \text{RABIN}((Q_j, P_j)_{j \in [k]}))$ with $Q_j, P_j \subseteq V$



■ Winning condition: $\exists j(\text{Inf}(\rho) \cap Q_j \neq \emptyset \wedge \text{Inf}(\rho) \cap P_j = \emptyset)$

■ Solution complexity: **NP-complete**

■ Algorithm: reduction to parity or direct one

■ Memory requirements for Player 0: uniform positional

■ Memory requirements for Player 1: $k!$

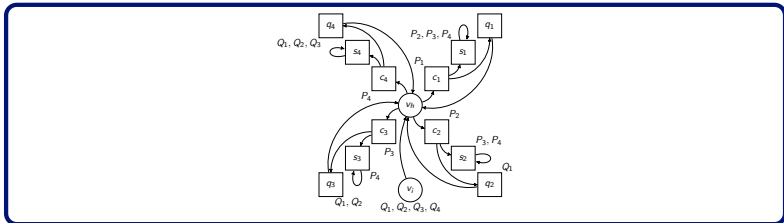
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Streett Game

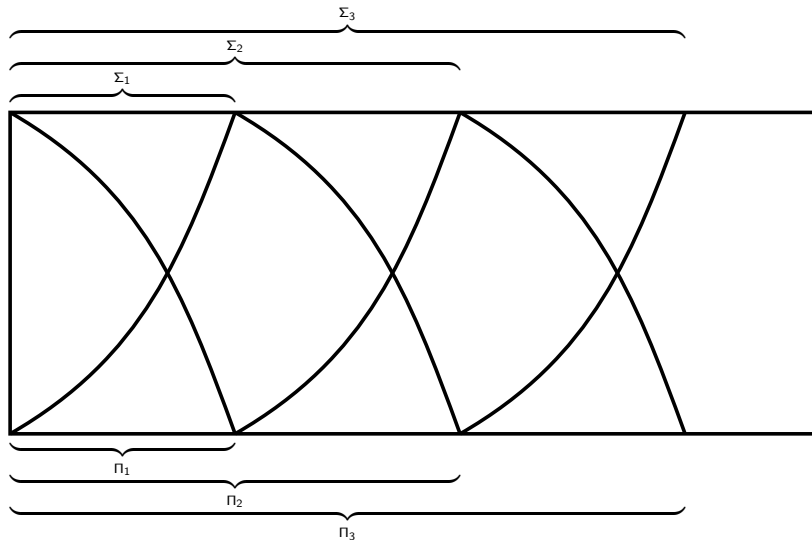
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$(\mathcal{A}, \text{STREETT}((Q_j, P_j)_{j \in [k]}))$ with $Q_j, P_j \subseteq V$

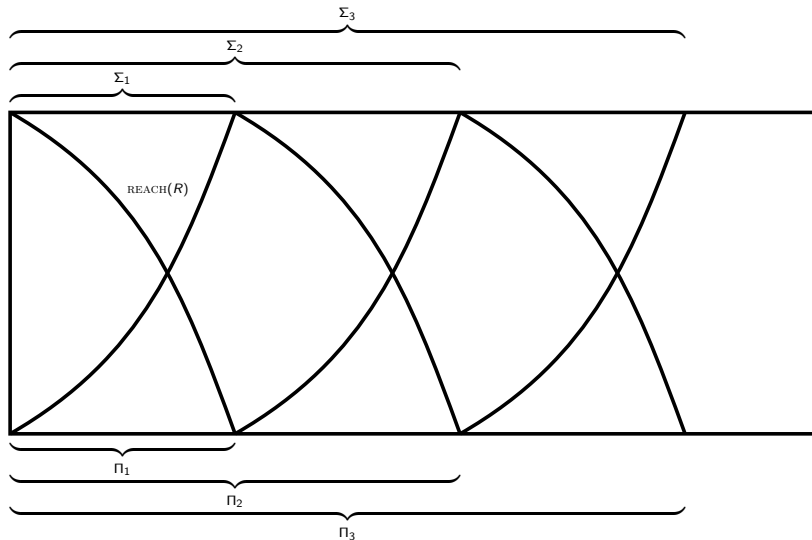


- Winning condition: $\forall j(\text{Inf}(\rho) \cap Q_j \neq \emptyset \rightarrow \text{Inf}(\rho) \cap P_j \neq \emptyset)$
- Solution complexity: **co-NP-complete**
- Algorithm: reduction to parity or direct one
- Memory requirements for Player 0: $k!$
- Memory requirements for Player 1: uniform positional
- Dual game: Rabin

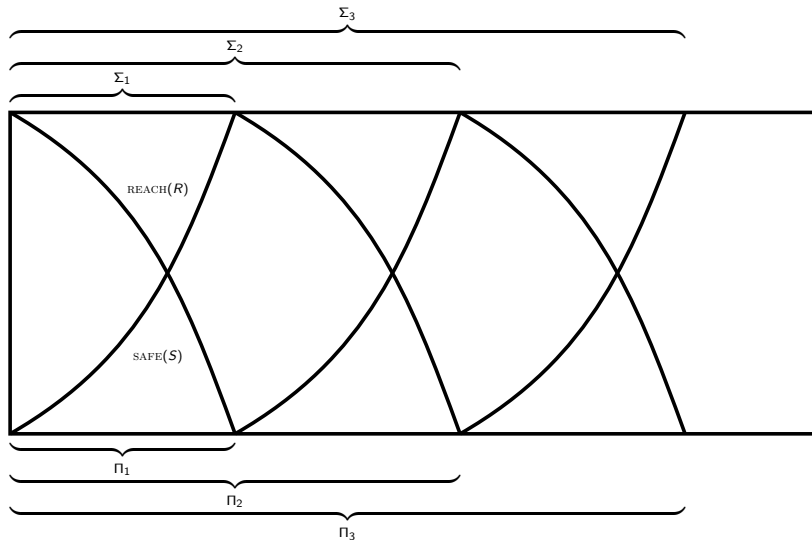
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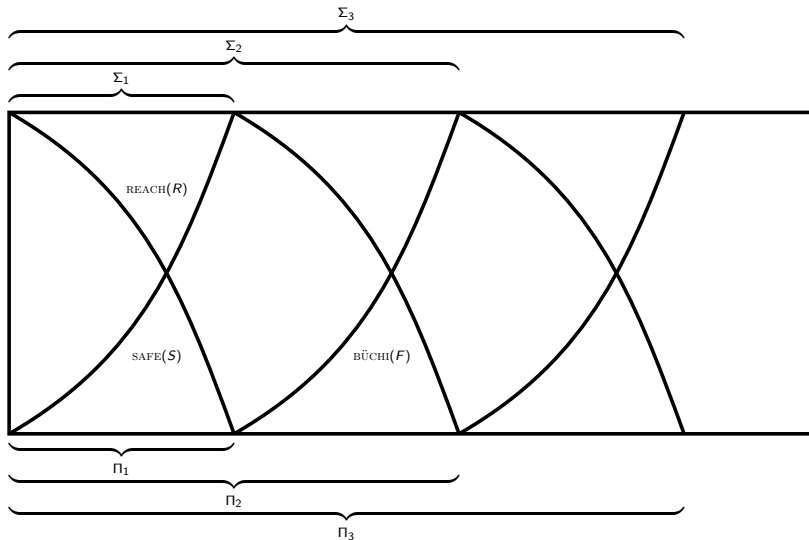
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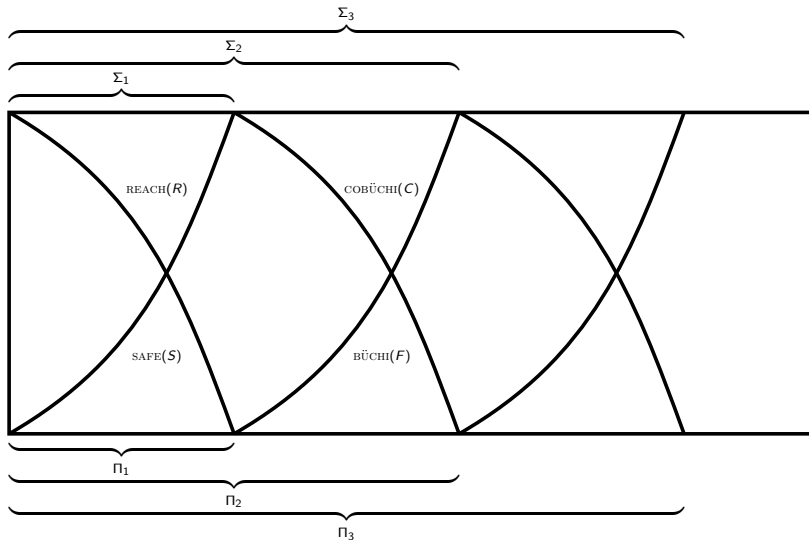
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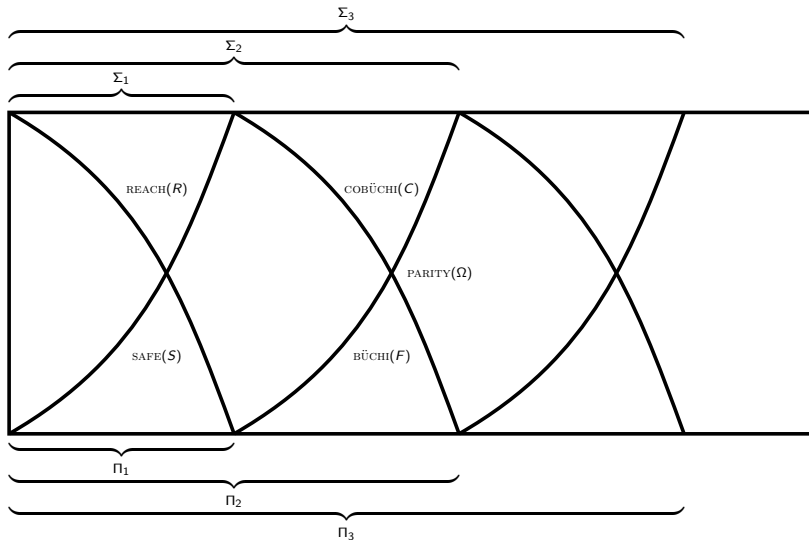
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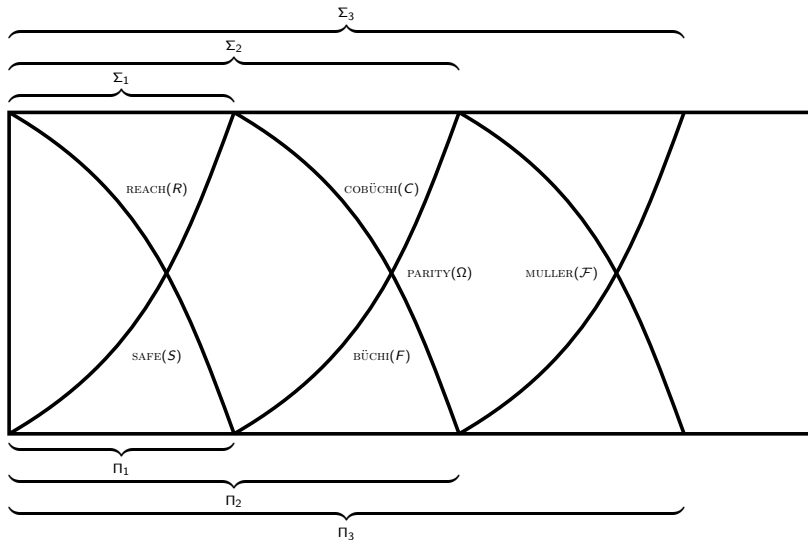
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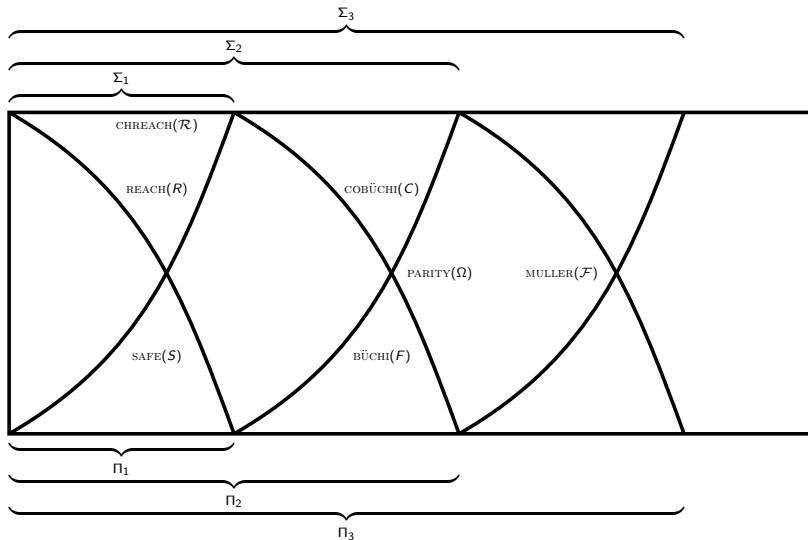
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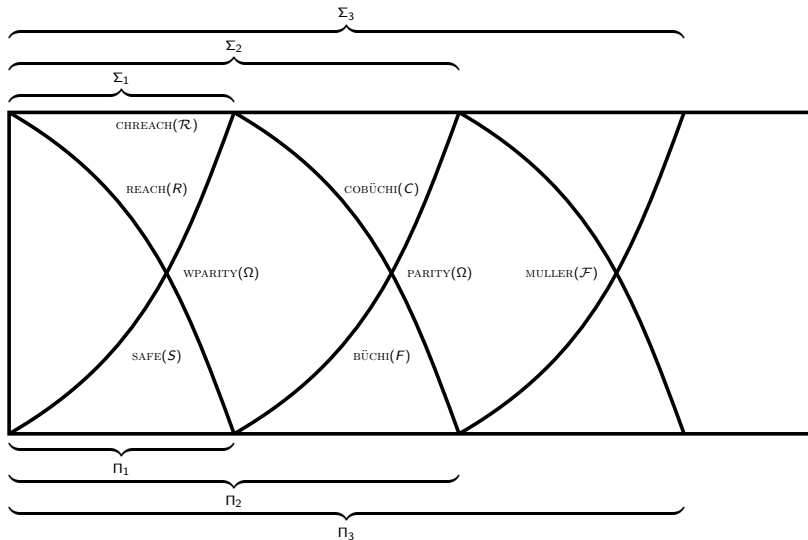
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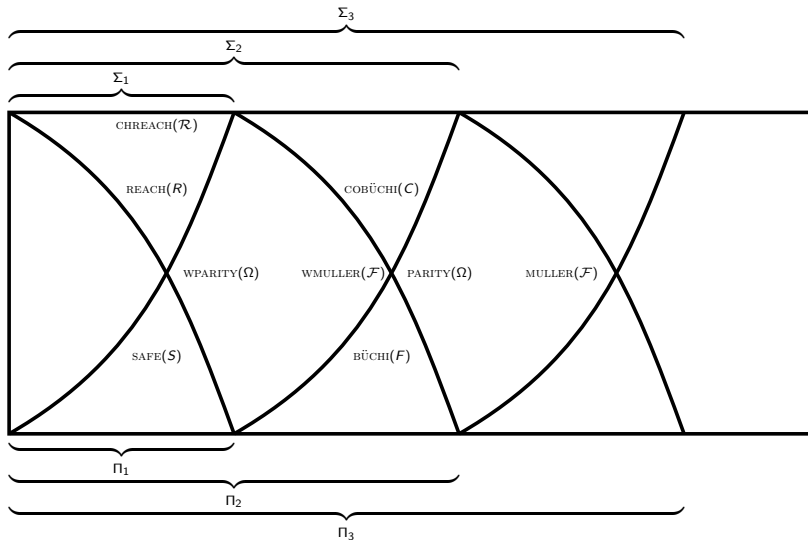
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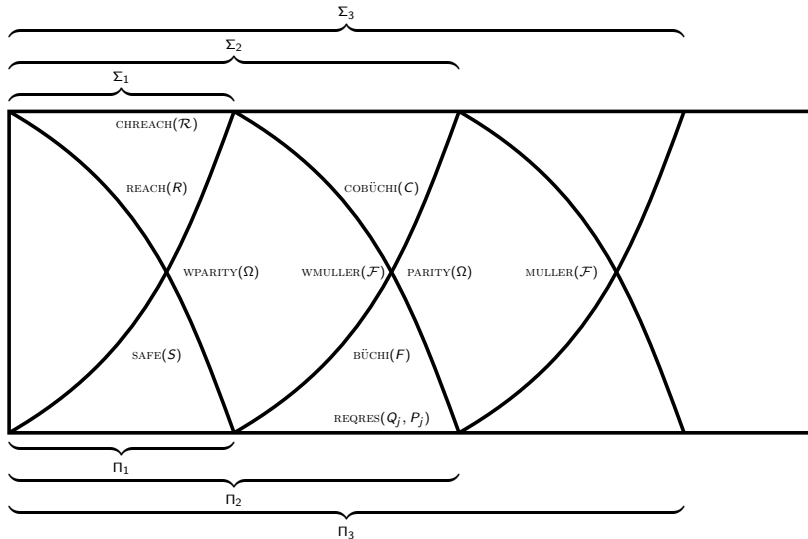
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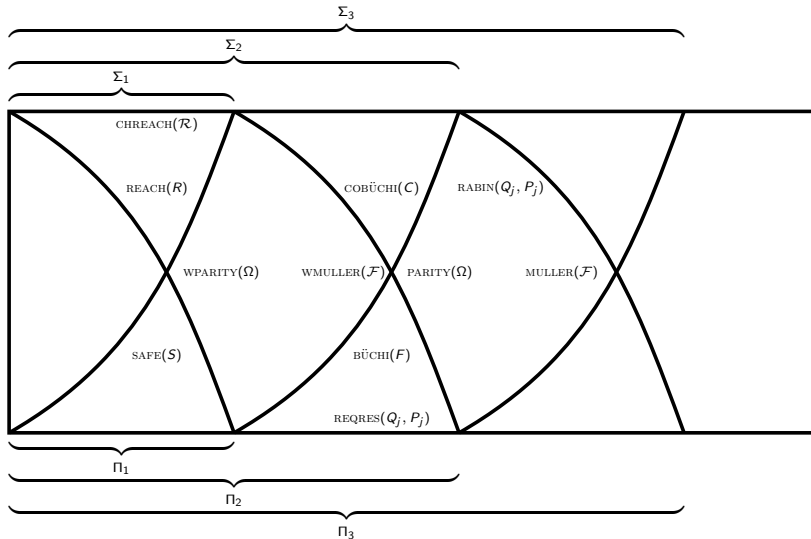
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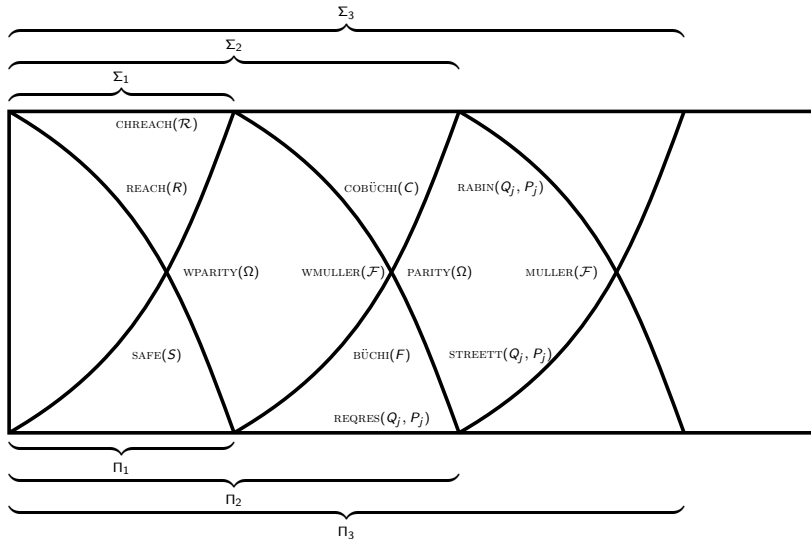
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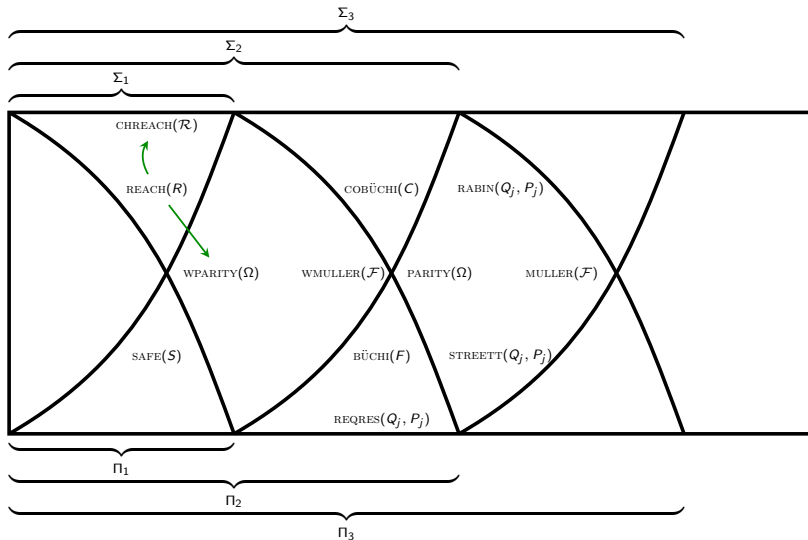
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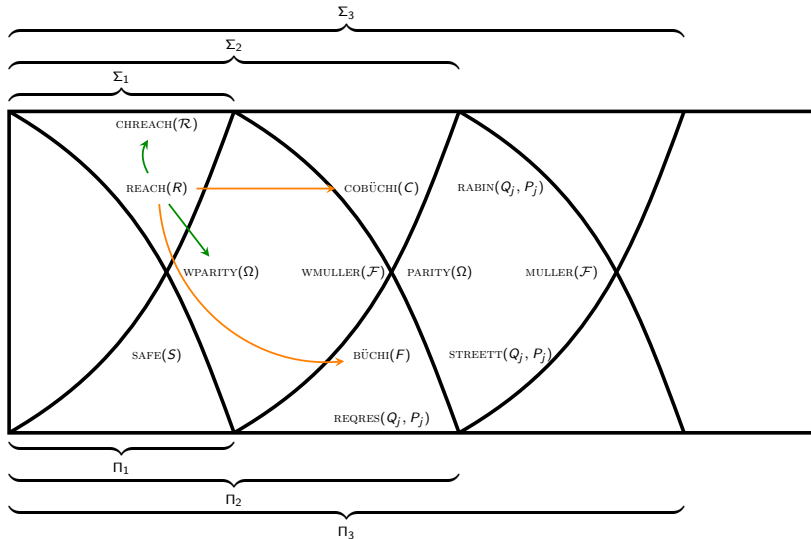
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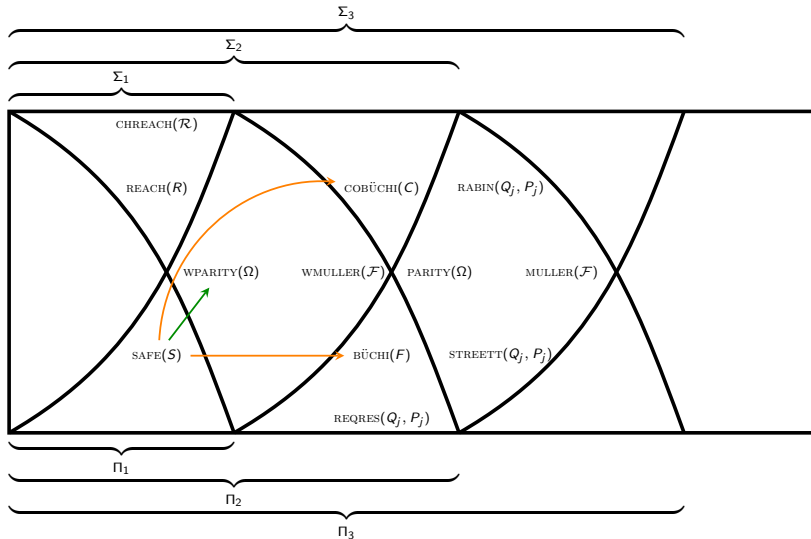


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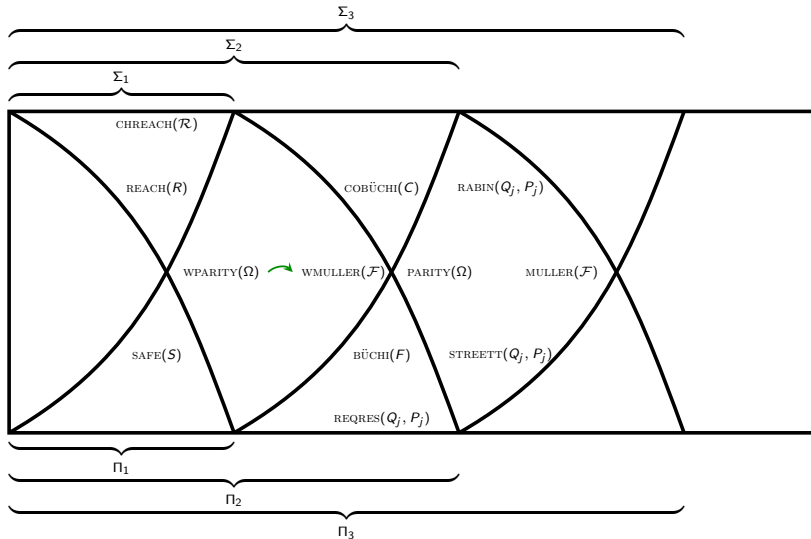




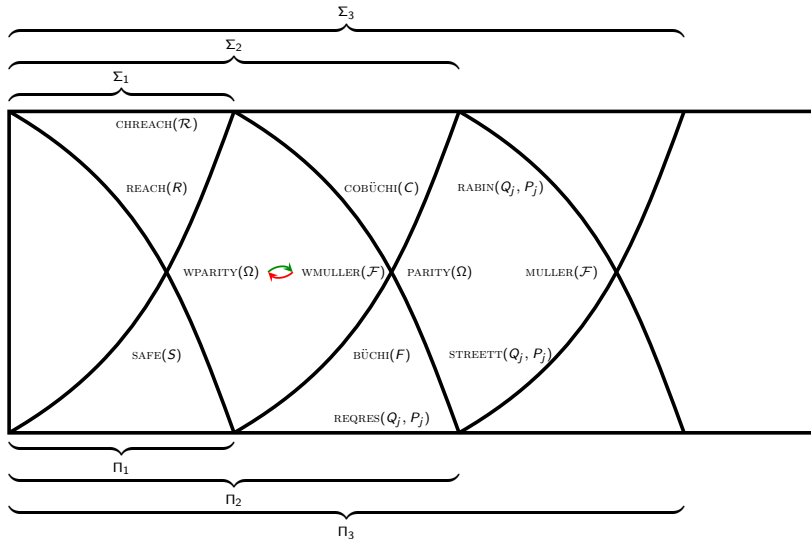
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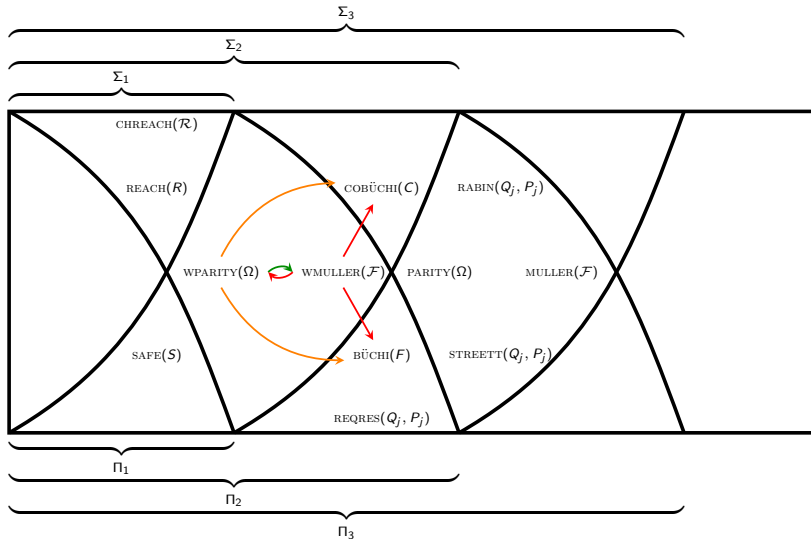
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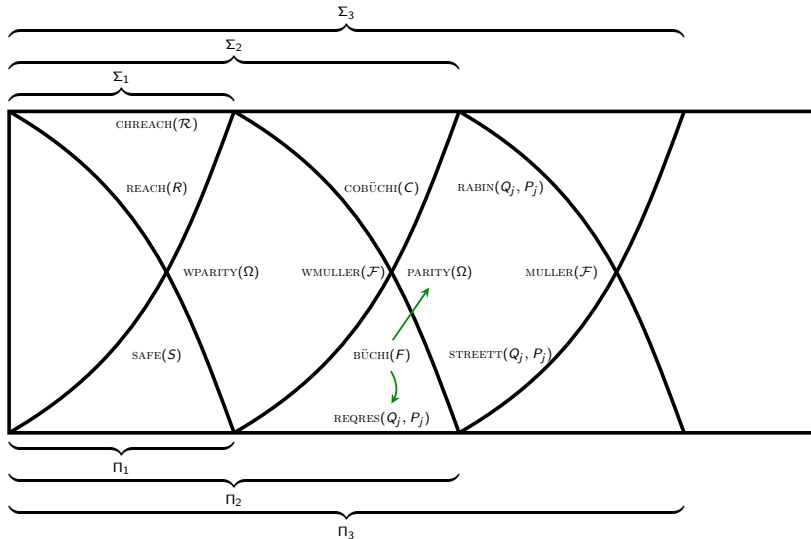
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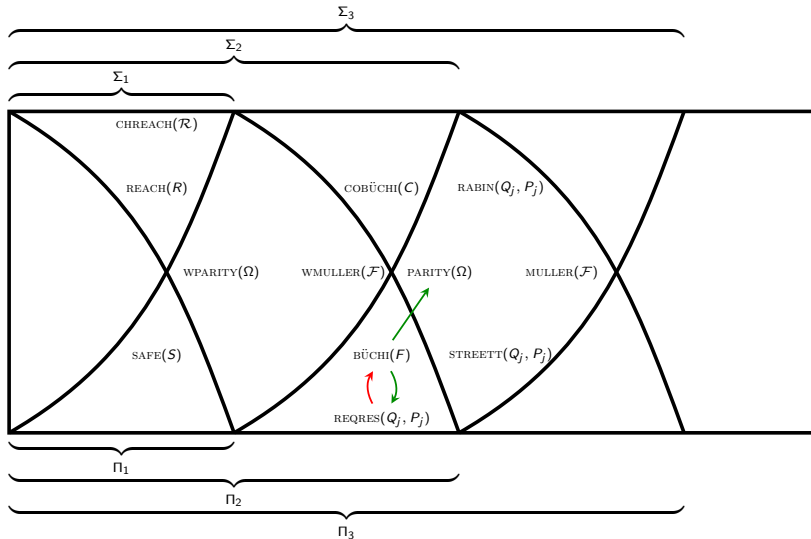
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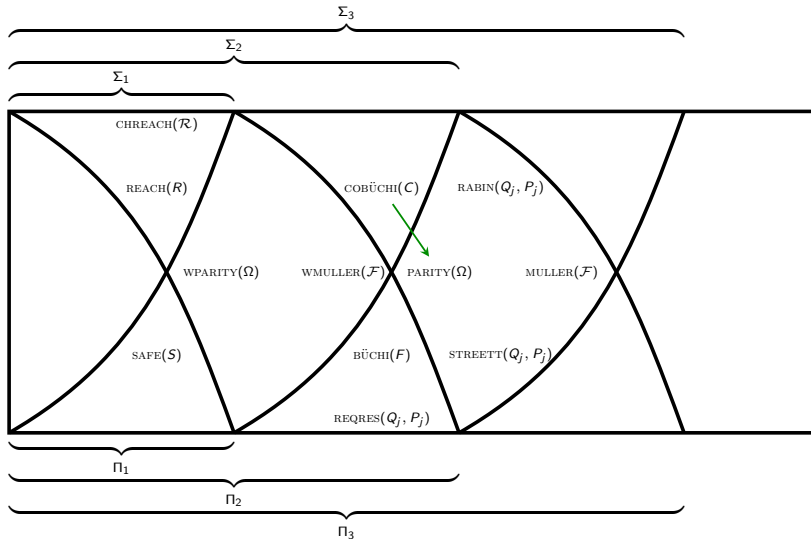
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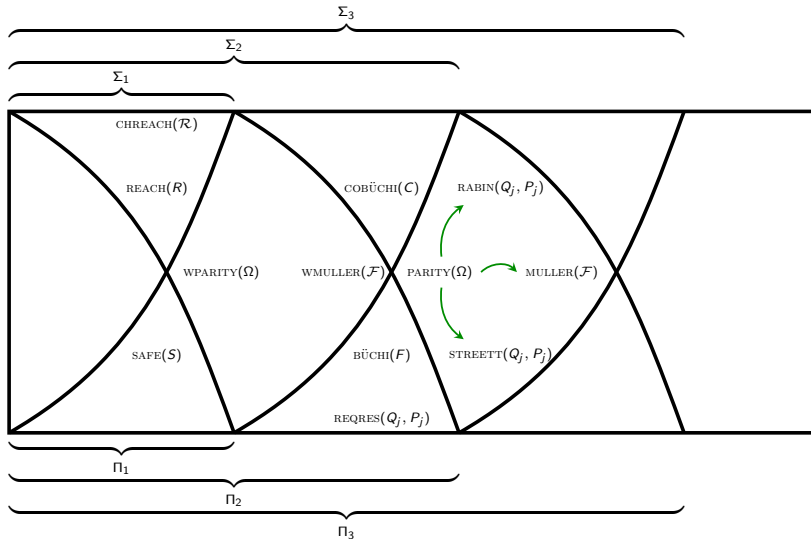
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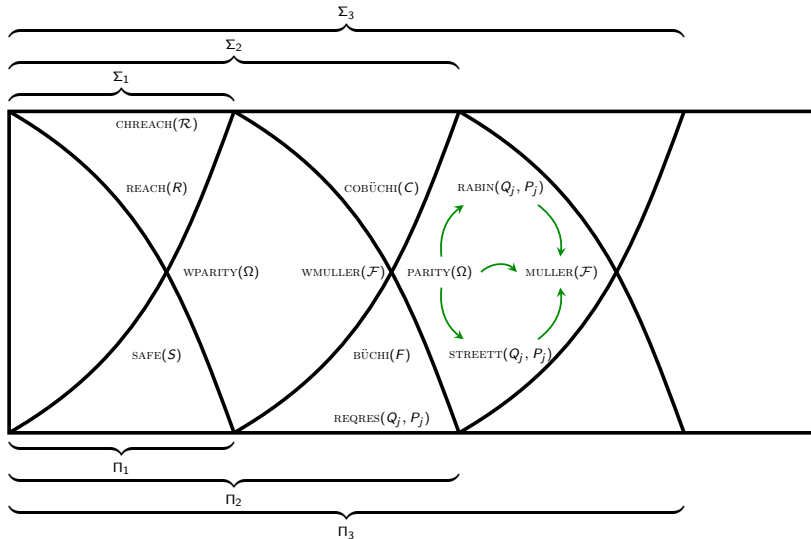
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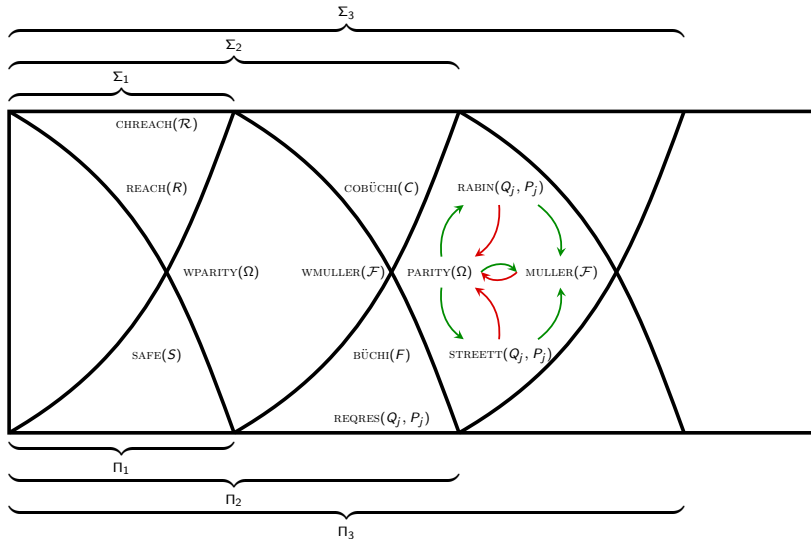
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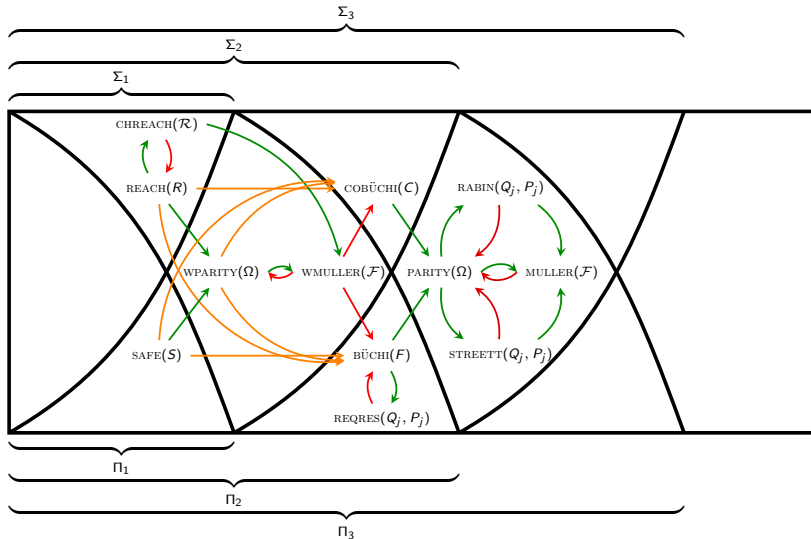
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S2S and Parity Tree Automata

- S2S: Monadic Second-order logic over two successors
- PTA: Parity tree automata

Both formalisms are equivalent:

- For every \mathcal{A} exists $\varphi_{\mathcal{A}}$ s.t. $t \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \Leftrightarrow t \models \varphi_{\mathcal{A}}$
- For every φ exists \mathcal{A}_{φ} s.t. $t \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow t \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\varphi})$

Consequence: Satisfiability of S2S reduces to PTA emptiness

(Parity) Games everywhere:

- Acceptance game $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A}, t)$ for complement closure of PTA
- Emptiness game $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ for emptiness check of PTA

“The mother of all decidability results”

Exam

Organizational Matters

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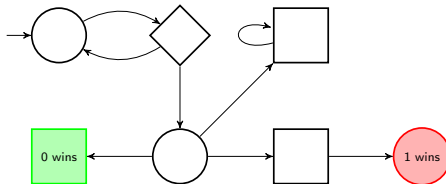
There will also be a tutorial where you can ask further questions!

- When: March 11th, 2014, 16:00 - 18:00
- Where: SR U.11, Building E2.5

Outlook

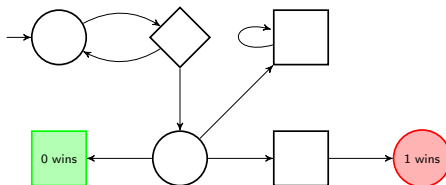
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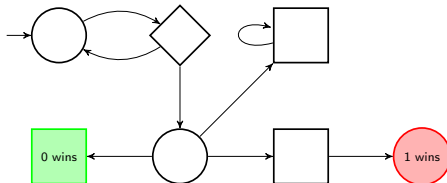
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More formally: Value of the game

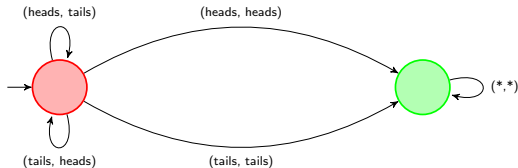
$$\max_{\sigma} \min_{\tau} p_{\sigma, \tau}$$

where $p_{\sigma, \tau}$ is the probability that Player 0 wins when using strategy σ and Player 1 uses strategy τ .

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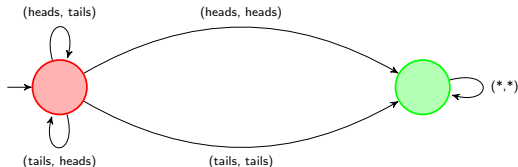
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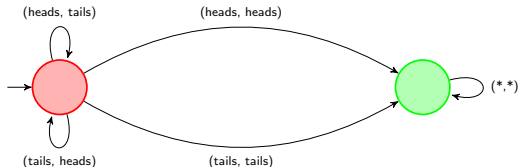
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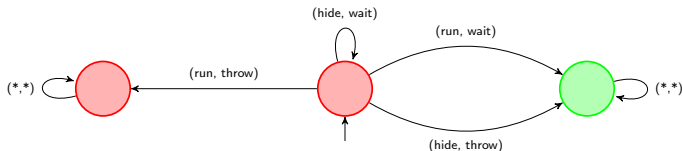
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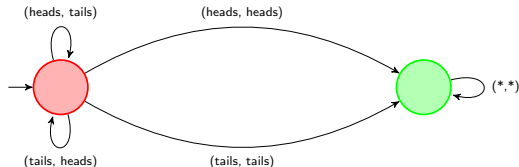
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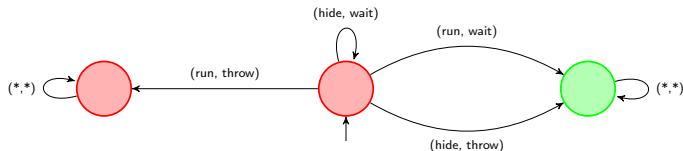
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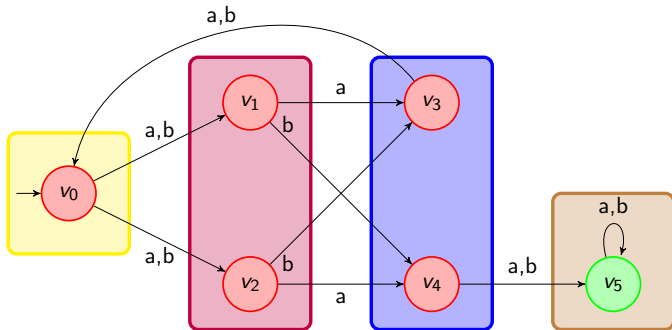


The “Snowball Game”: for every ε , randomized strategy winning with probability $1 - \varepsilon$.



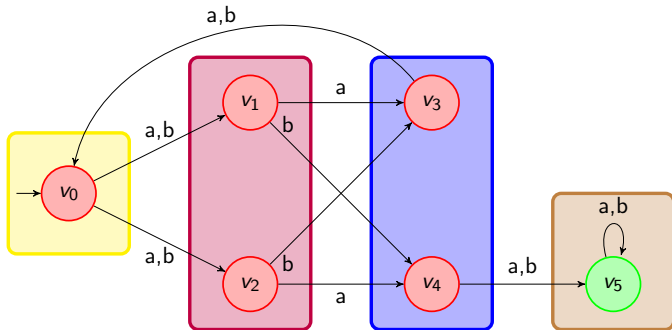
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No winning strategy for Player 0: every fixed choice of actions to pick at $(\text{yellow } \text{purple } \text{blue})^*(\text{yellow } \text{purple})$ can be countered by going to v_1 or v_2 .

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Theorem

Parity games on configuration graphs of higher-order pushdown automata can be solved algorithmically.

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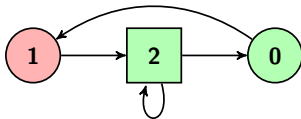
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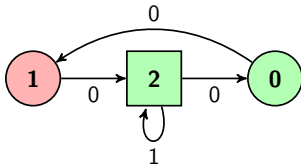
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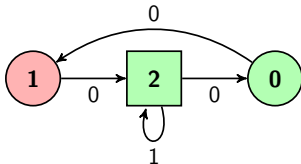
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