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Safety and Liveness of Quantitative Properties and Automata



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¹ Alpern, Schneider. *Defining liveness*. 1985



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Average Response Time

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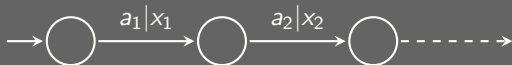
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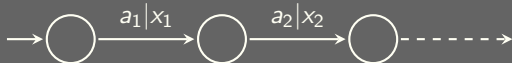
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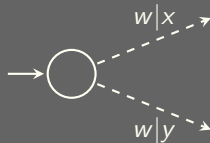
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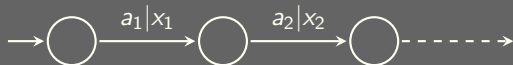
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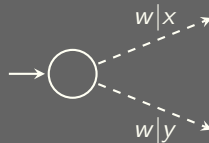
- ▶ totally ordered domain
- ▶ finitely many weights
- ▶ realistically-optimistic

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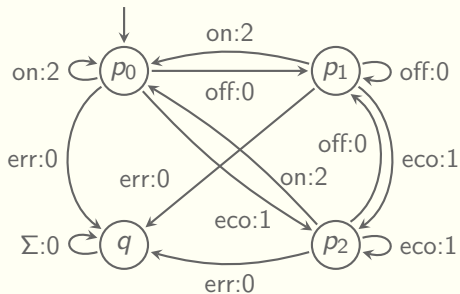
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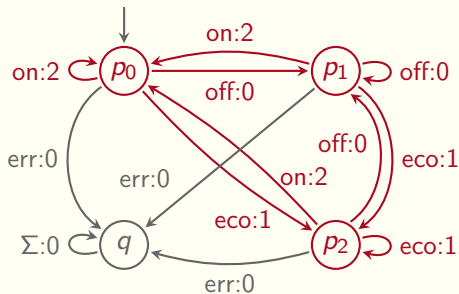


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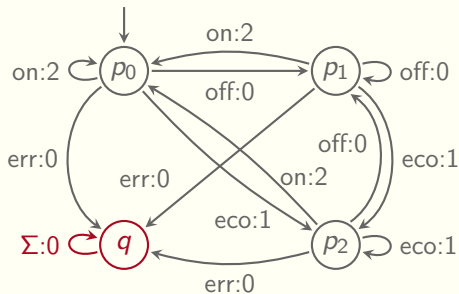
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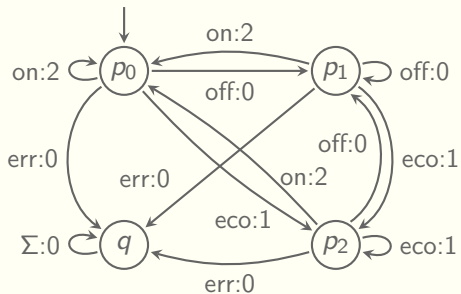
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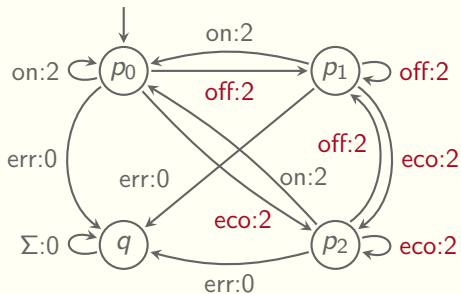
Example of Safety Closure



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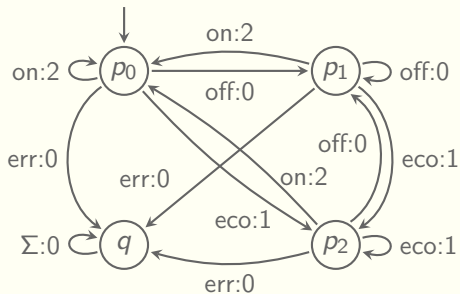
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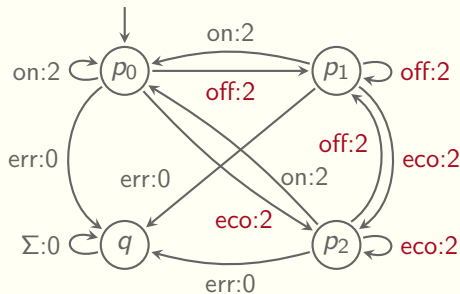
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A is not safe since $A \neq A^*$ as witnessed by $A(\text{eco}^\omega) = 1$, $A^*(\text{eco}^\omega) = 2$



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Corollary: LimInf, LimSup, LimInfAvg, LimSupAvg automata are determinizable if safe

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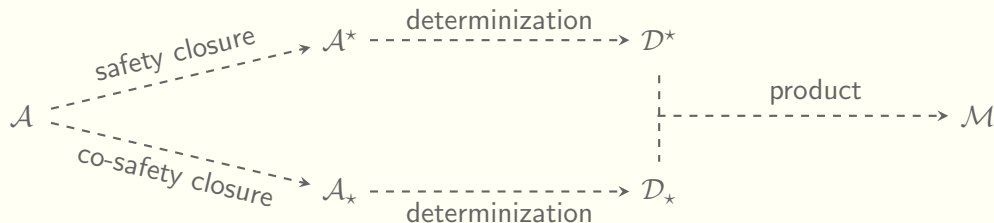
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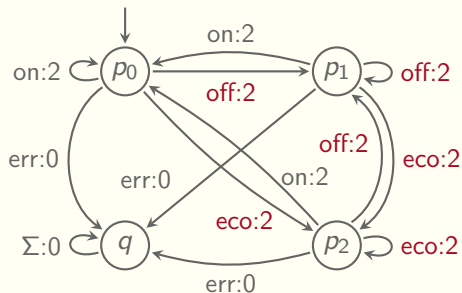
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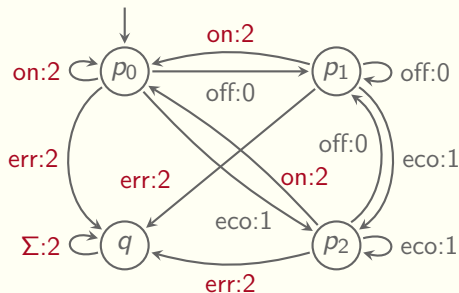
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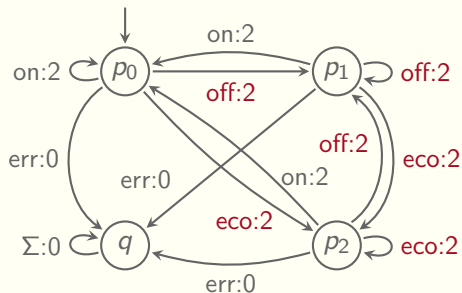
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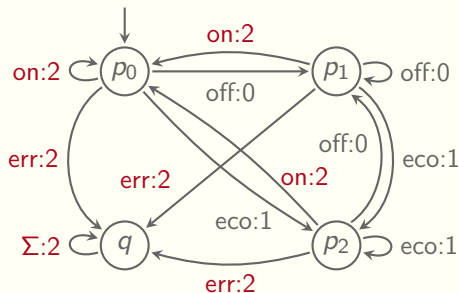
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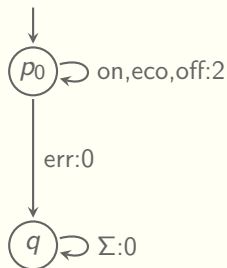
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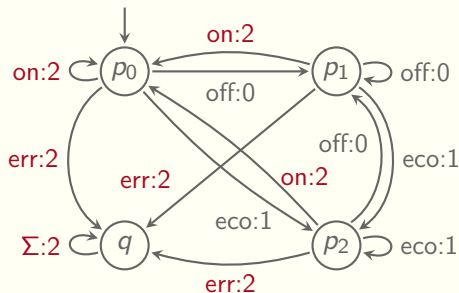
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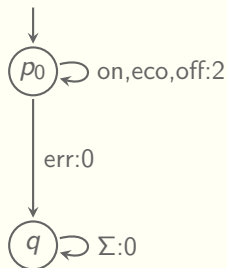
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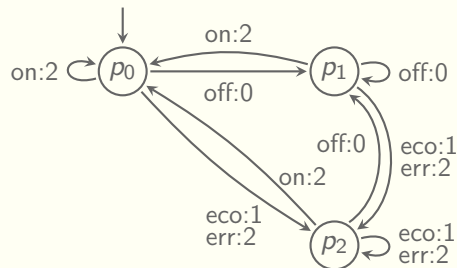
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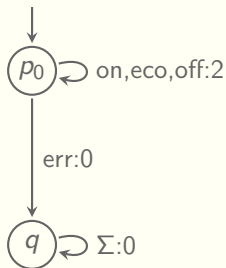
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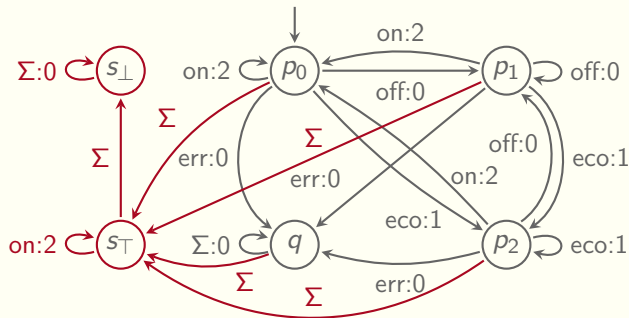
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Decision Procedures



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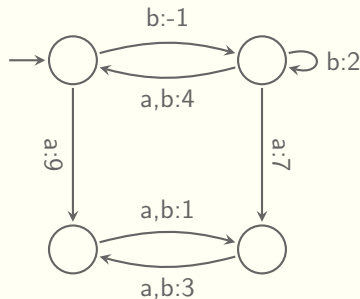
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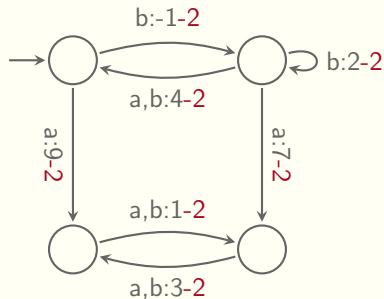
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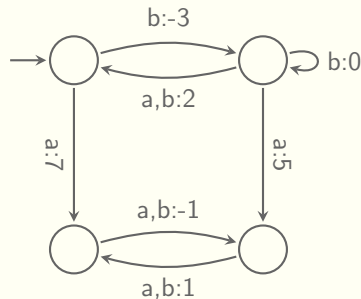
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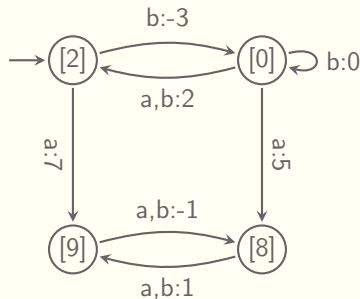
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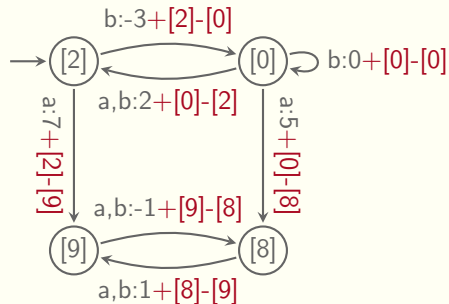
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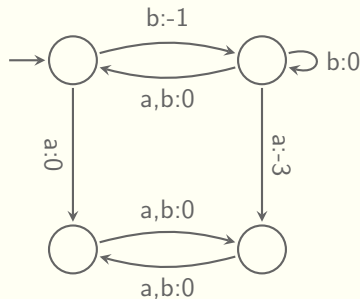
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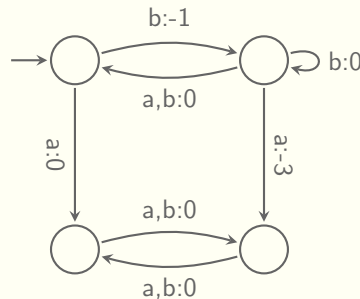
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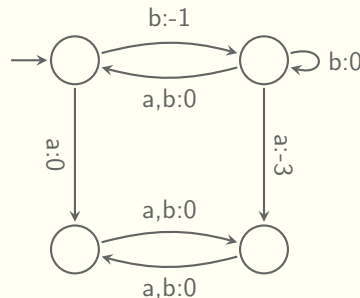
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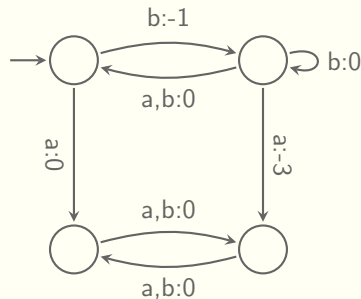
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Ongoing work: Extension to nested automata

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