

Symbolic Model Checking of High-Level Petri Nets

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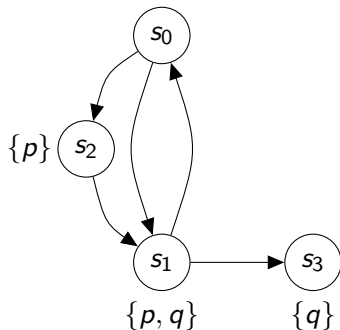
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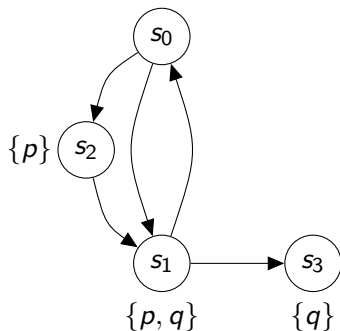
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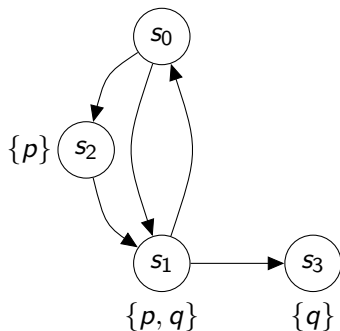
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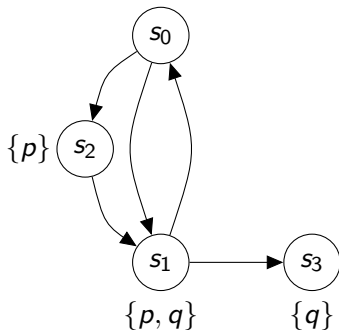
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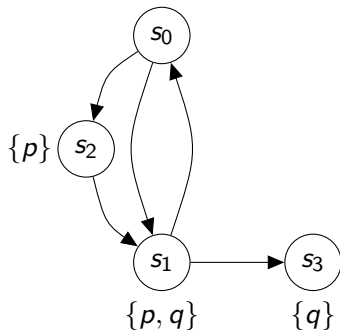
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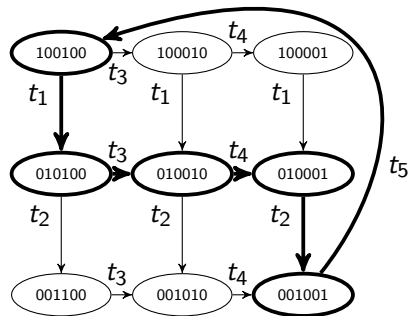
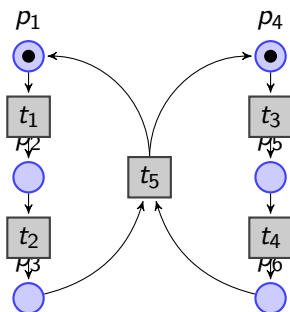
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- ③ 3. if this holds then report $C \models AGp$ and stop,
- ④ 4. otherwise validate the counterexample on C , i.e., find a corresponding concrete counterexample,
- ⑤ 5. if a corresponding concrete counterexample exists then report $C \not\models AGp$ and stop,
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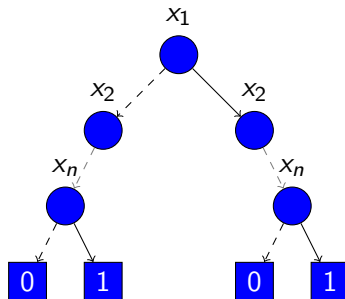
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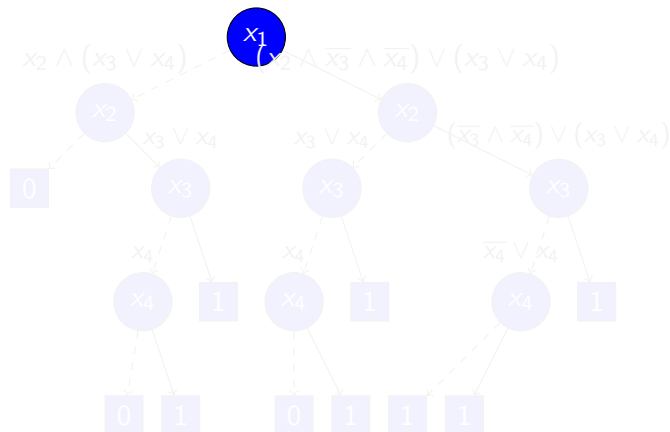
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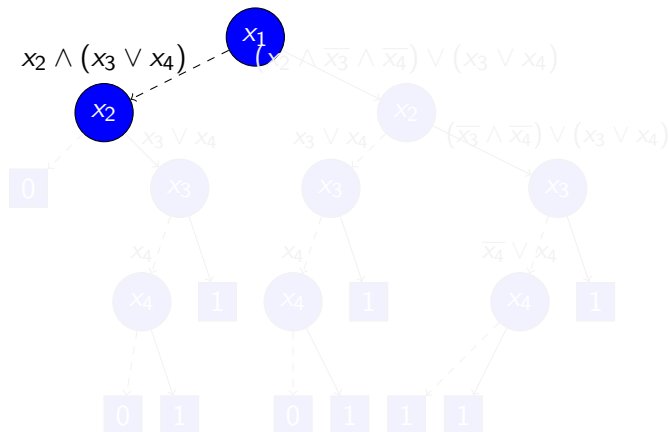
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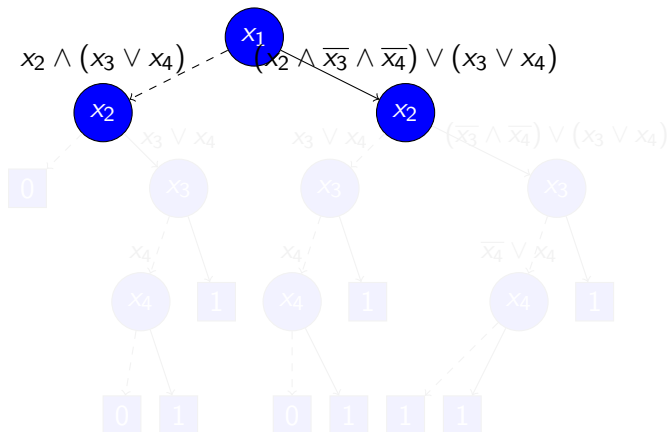
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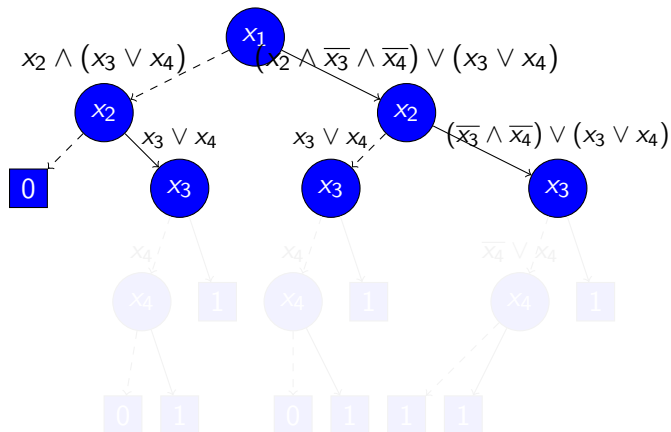
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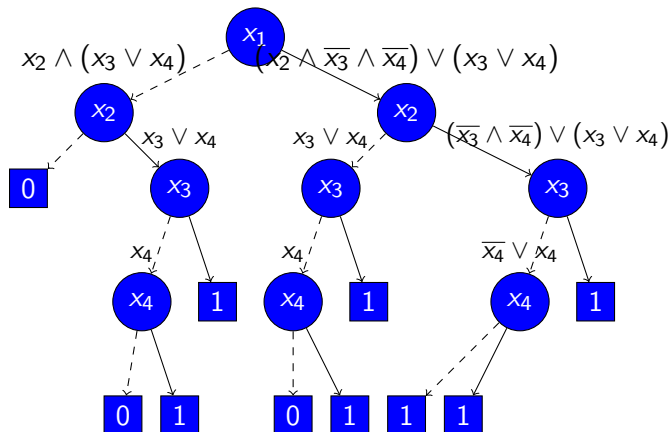
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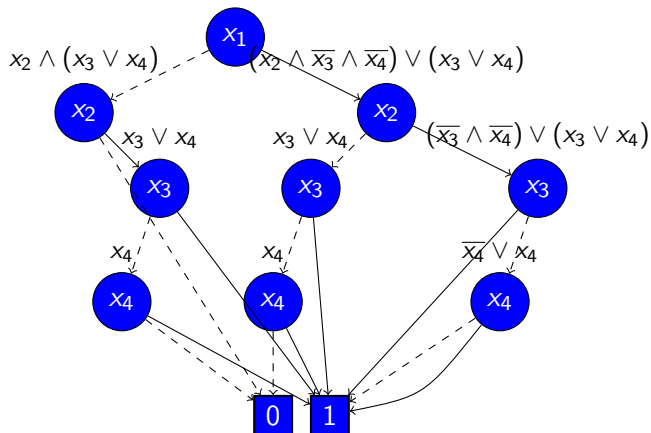
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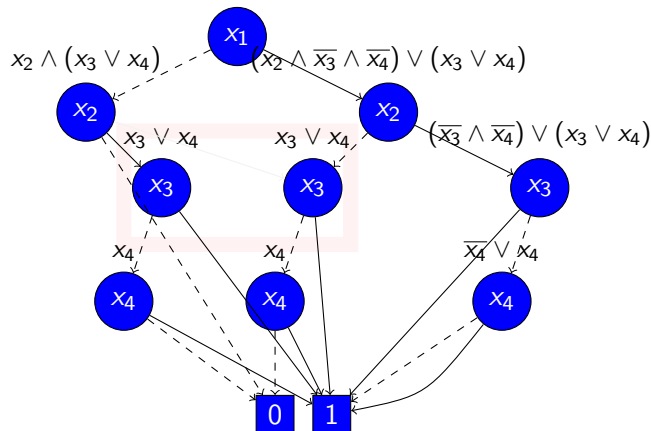
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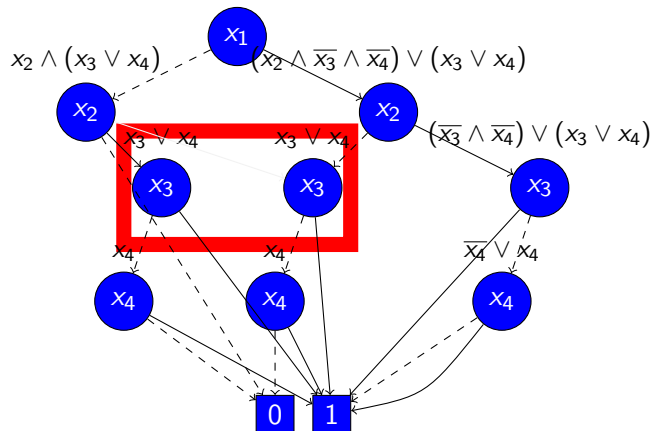
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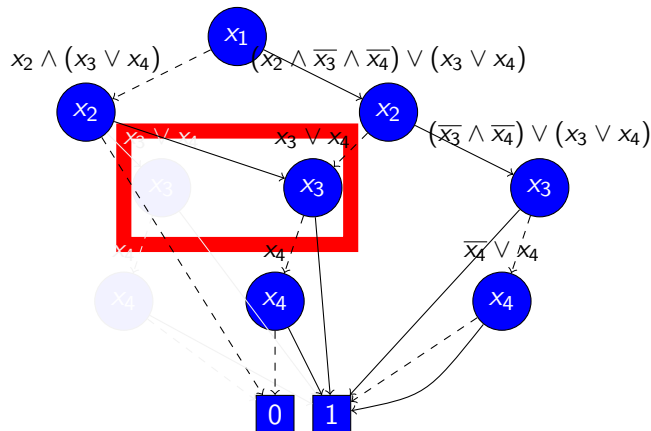
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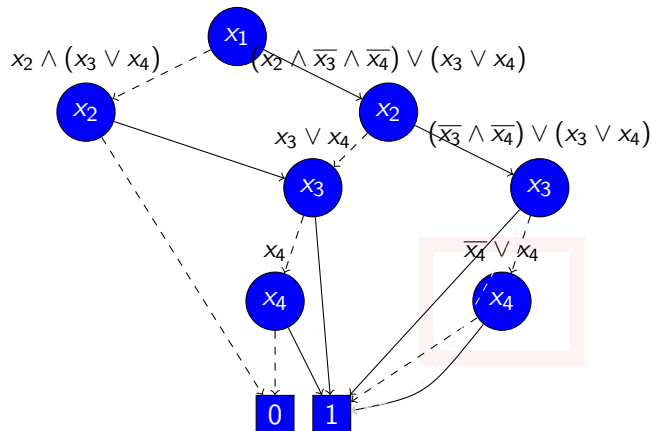
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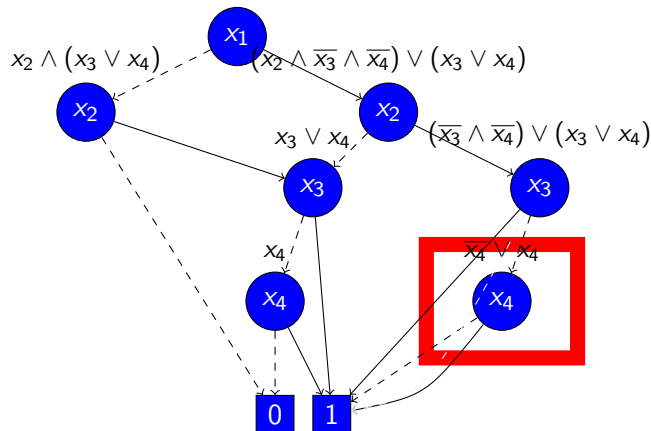
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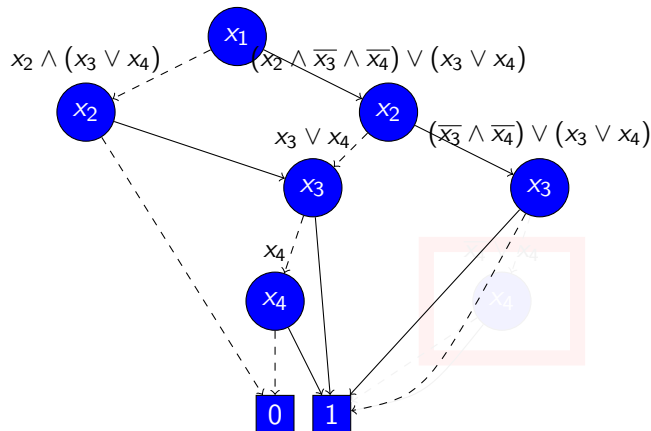
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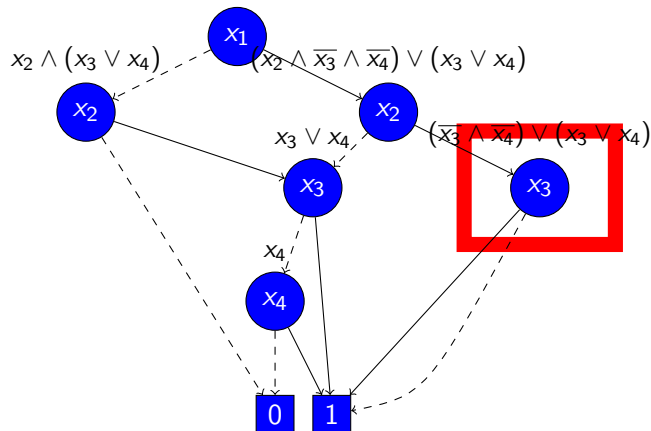
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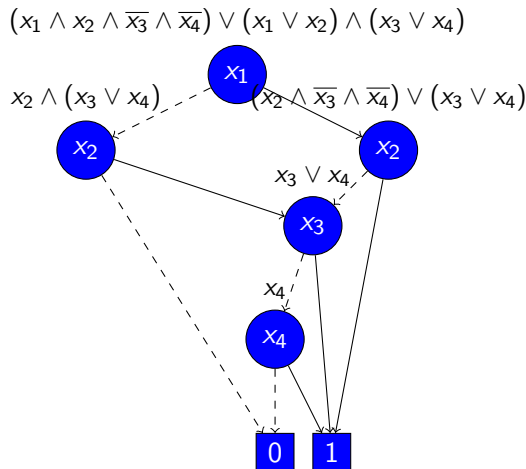


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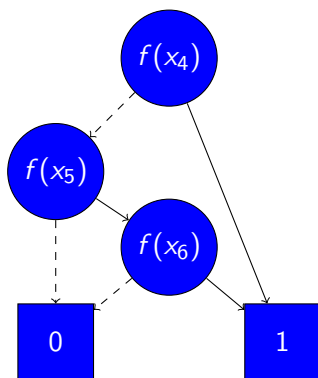
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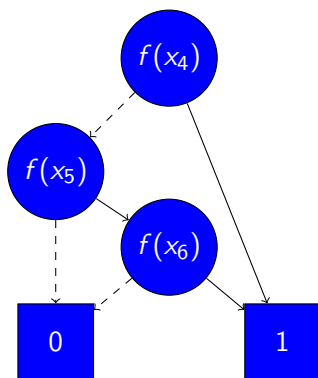
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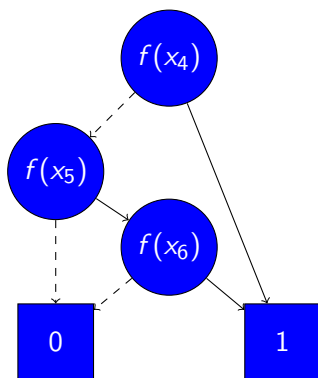


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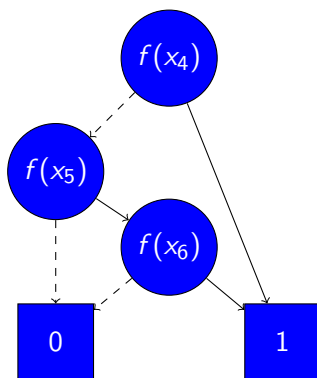


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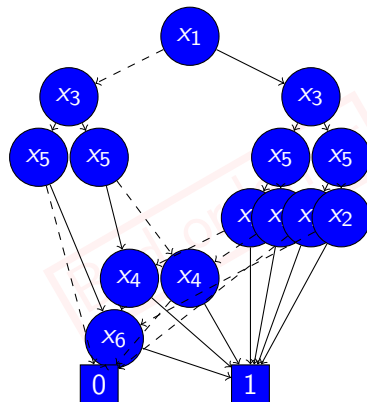
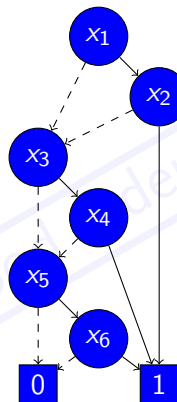
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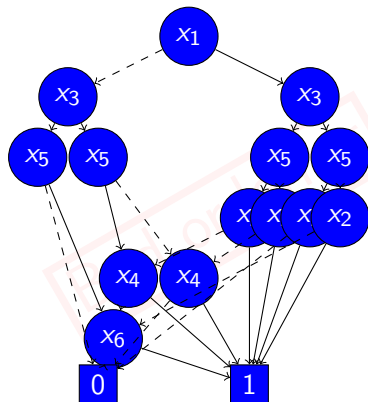
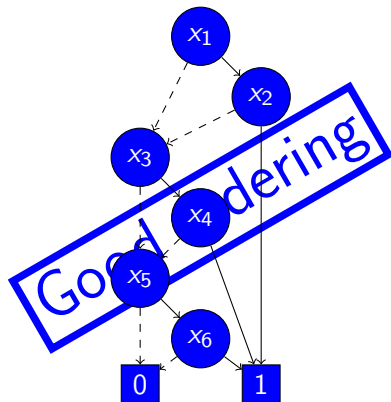
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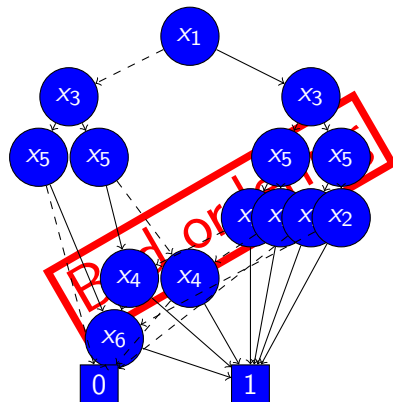
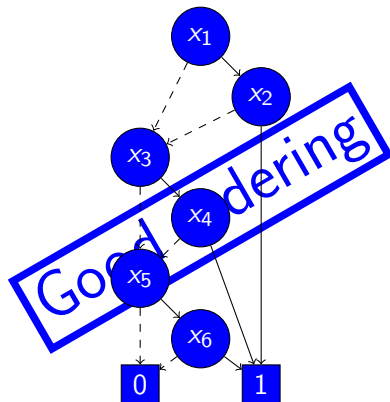
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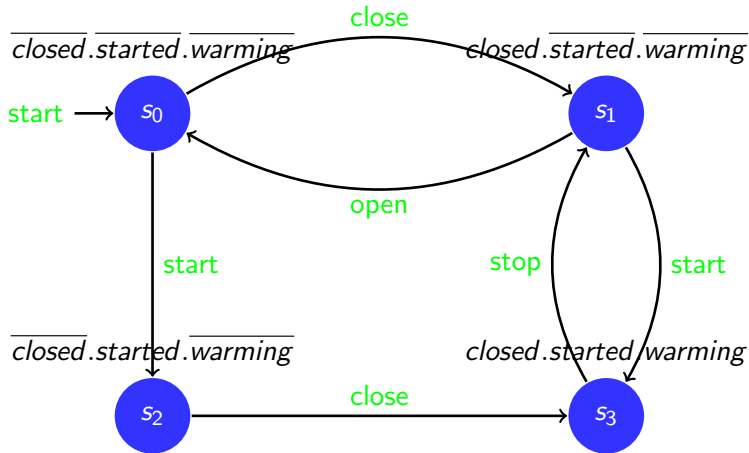
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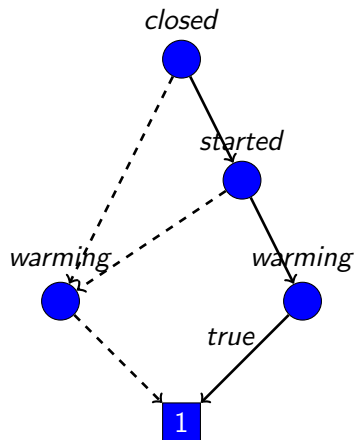
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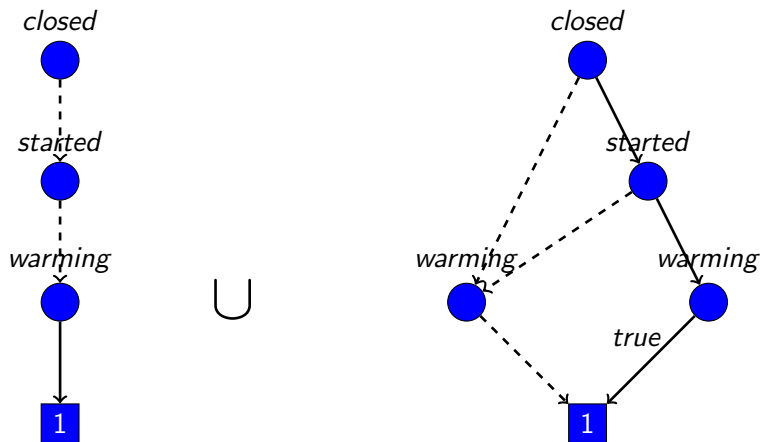
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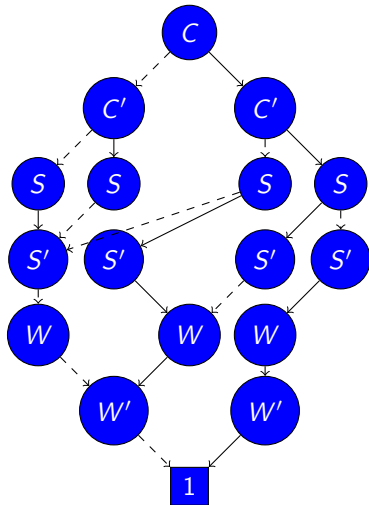
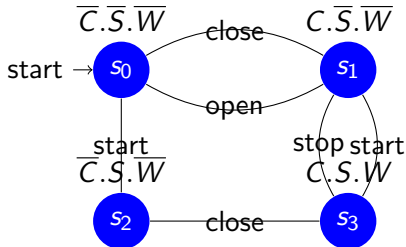
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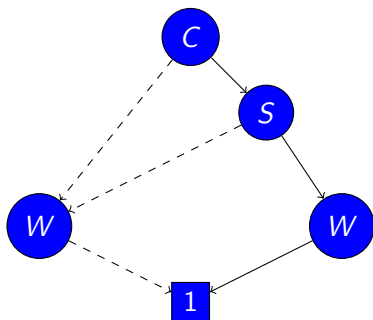
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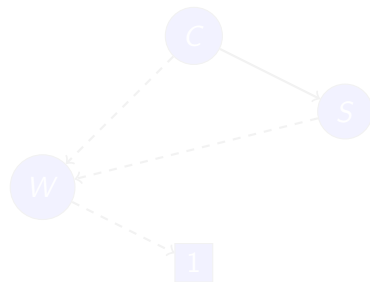


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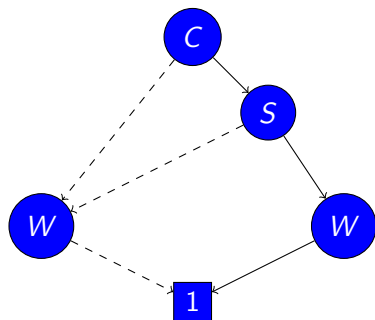
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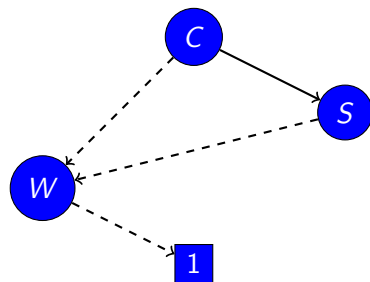
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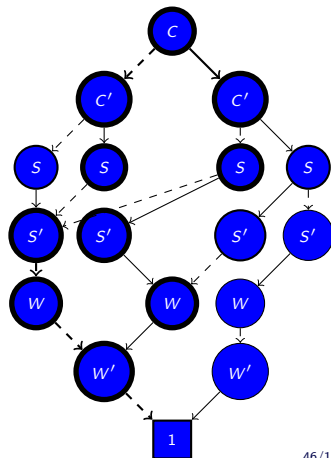
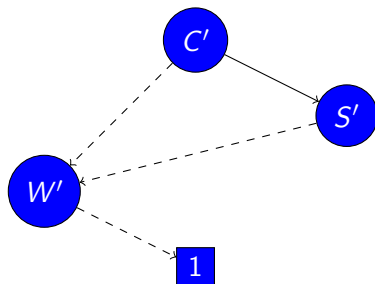


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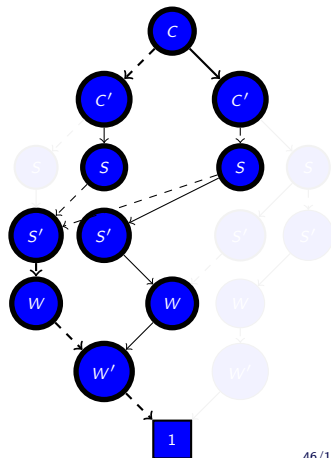
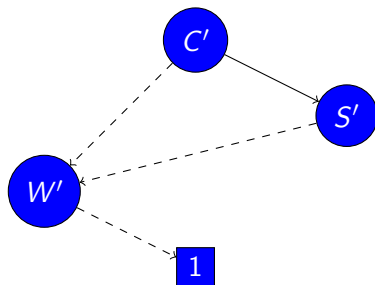
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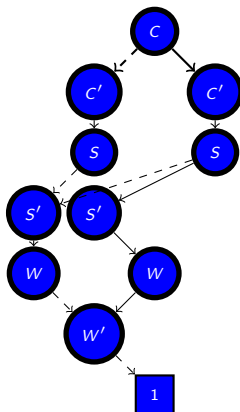
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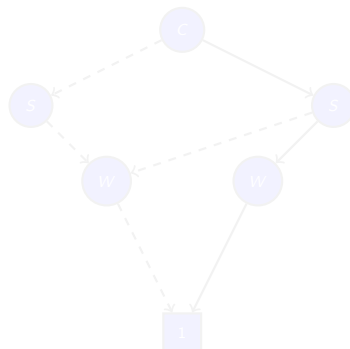


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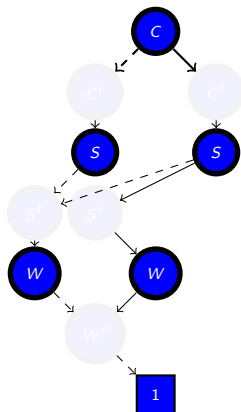


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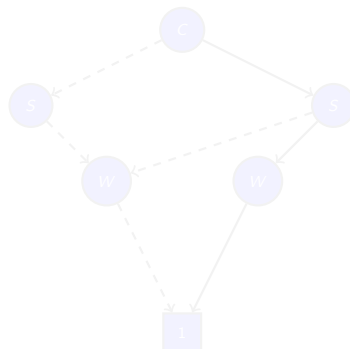


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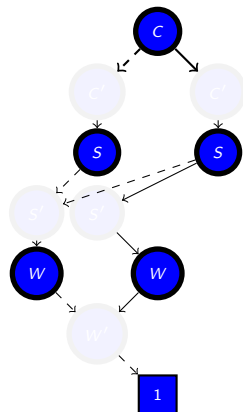


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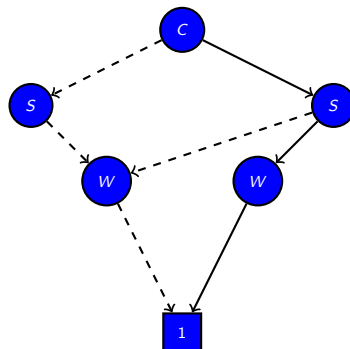


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4      Character b = 'a';
5      Integer[] c = new Integer[]{3,4};
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7      public void step1() {
8          b = 'c';
9          c[0] = 5;
10     }
11     public void step2() {
12         b = 'a';
13         c[0] = 6;
14     }
15     @Override
16     public String toString() {
17         return "a=" + a + "␣b=" + b + "␣c="
18             + Arrays.toString(c);
19     }
20 }

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1  public class Test {
2
3      public static void main(String[]
4          args) {
5          MyObject o = new MyObject();
6          System.out.println(o);
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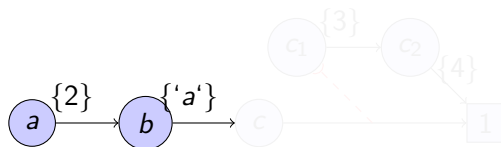
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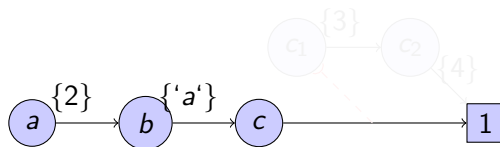
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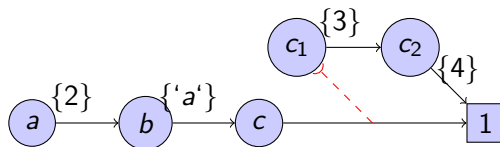
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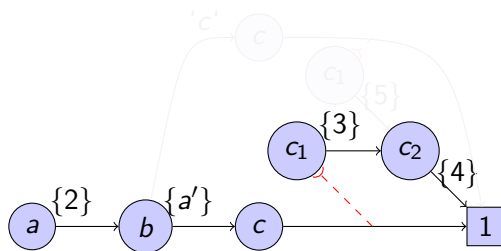
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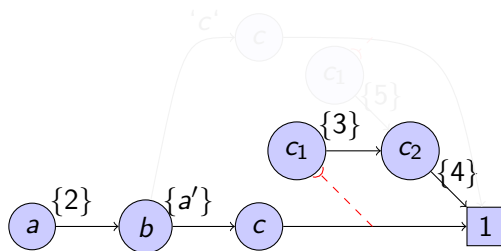
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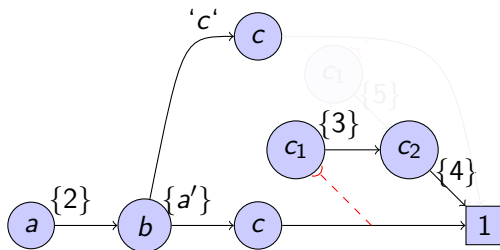
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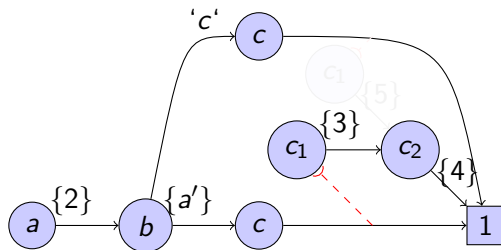
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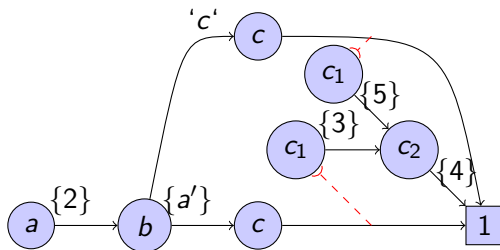
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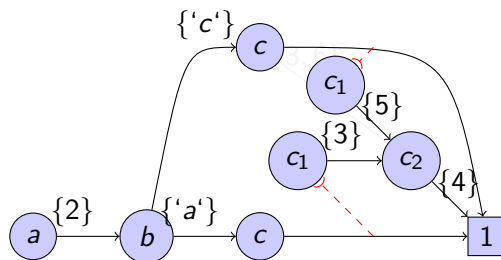
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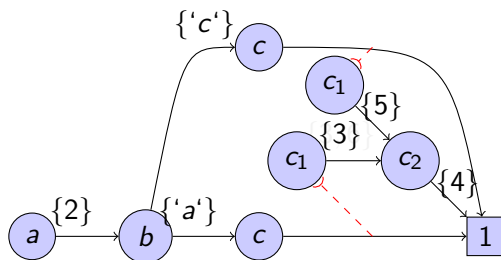
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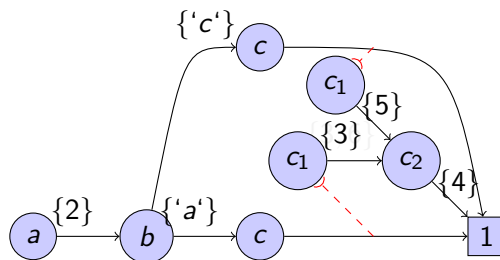
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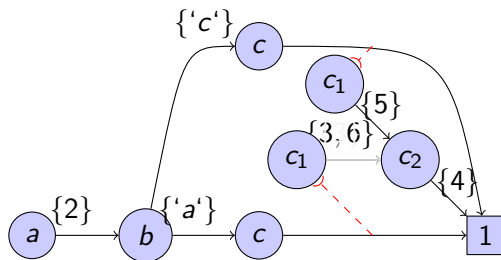
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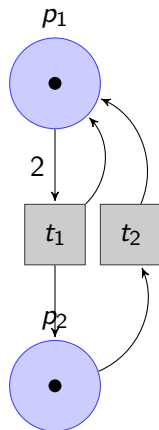
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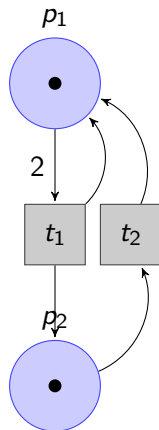
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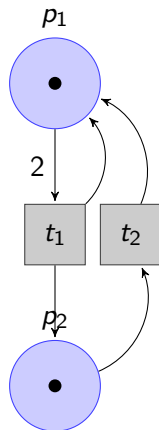
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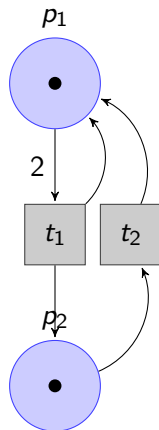
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














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














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Chaining Loop Exploration [28]

Algorithm 17: Chaining Loop : A more efficient way to compute the state space

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Input: C : set of clusters. Variable that are somehow linked together (require structural information)

Input: $\tau = \bigcup_{c \in C} \tau_c$: set of transition homomorphisms.

Result: set of reachable states

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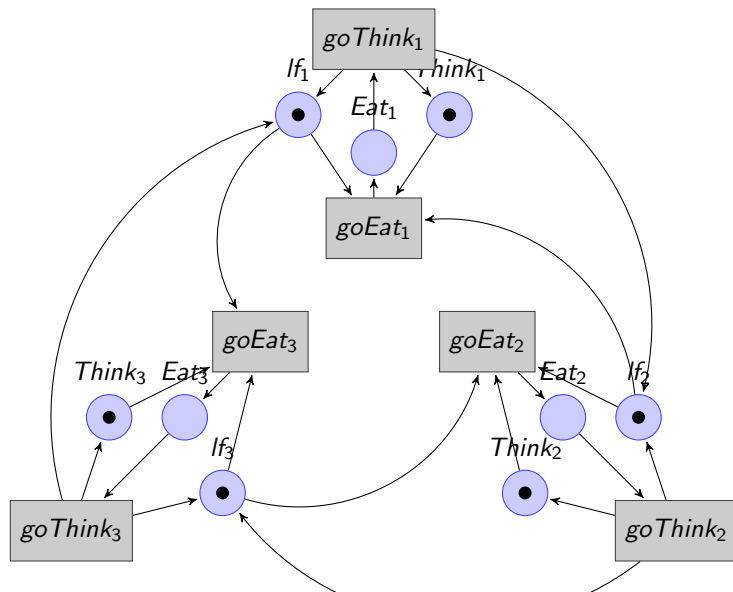
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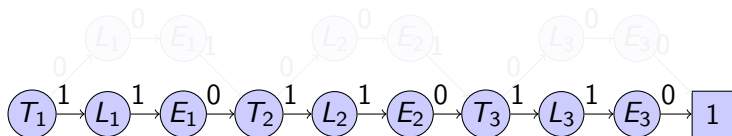
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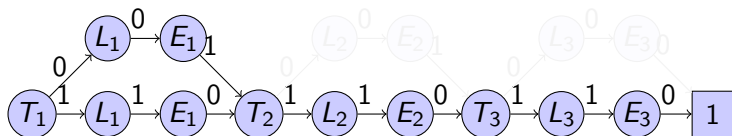
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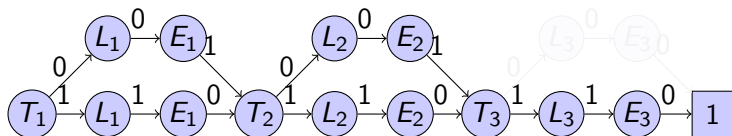
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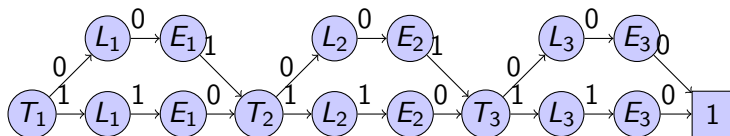
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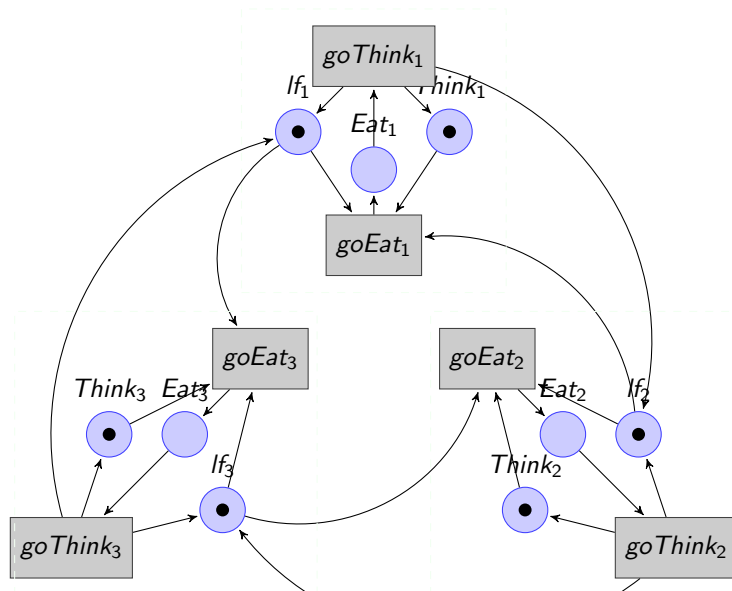
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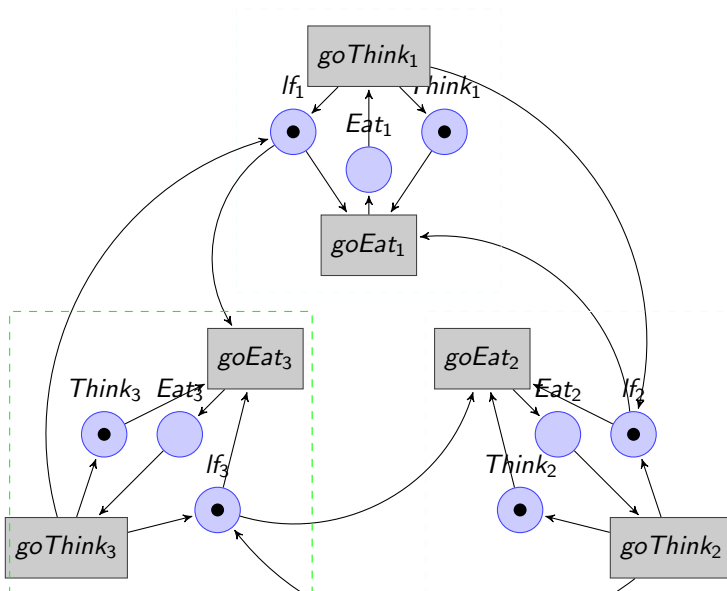
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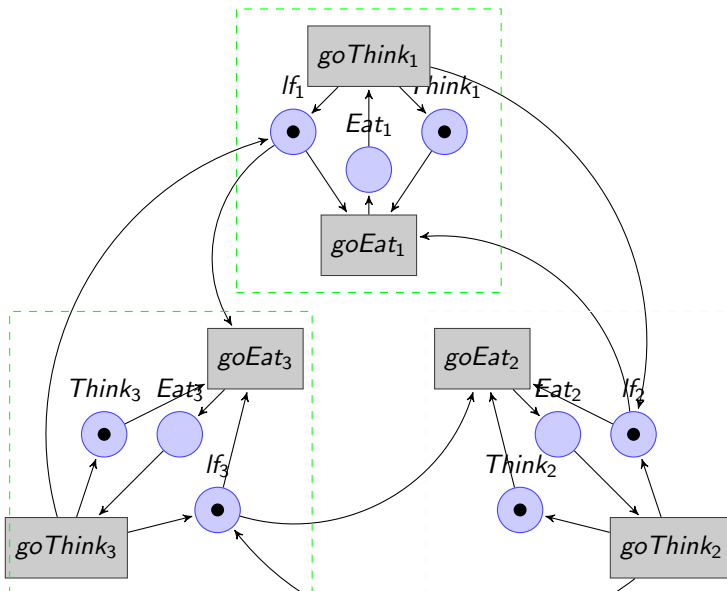
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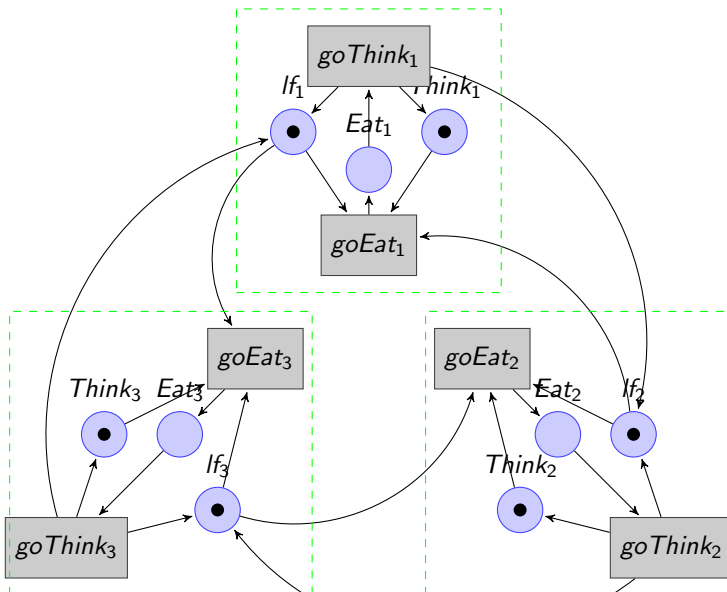
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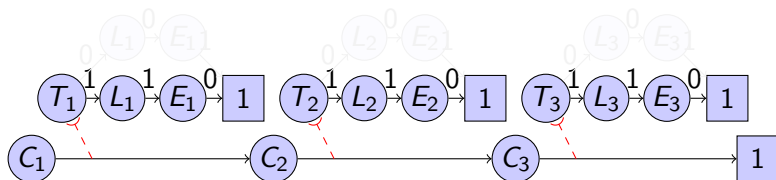
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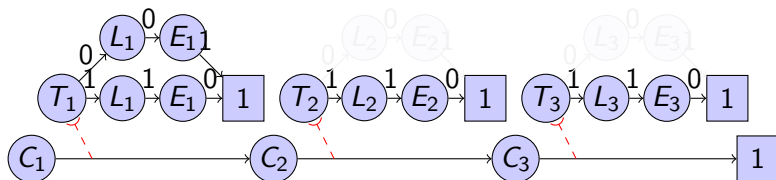
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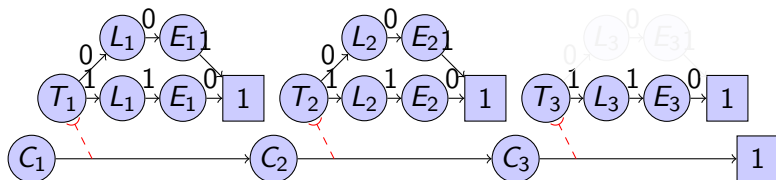
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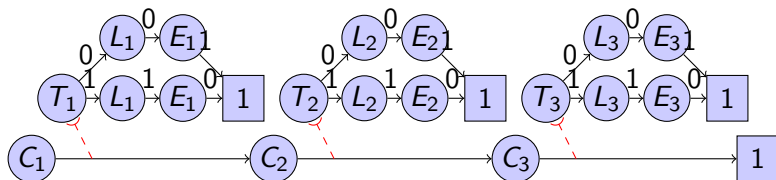
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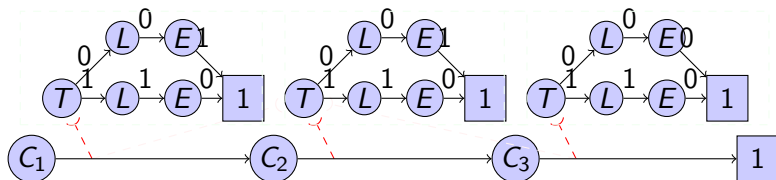
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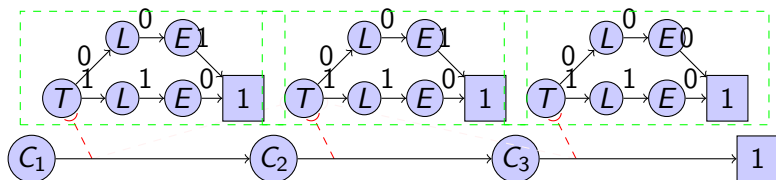


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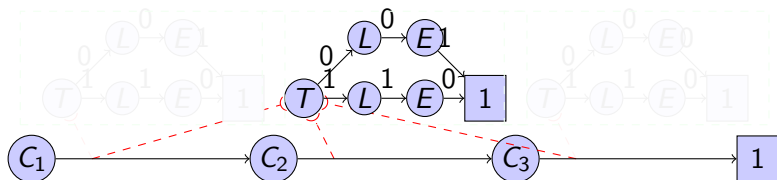
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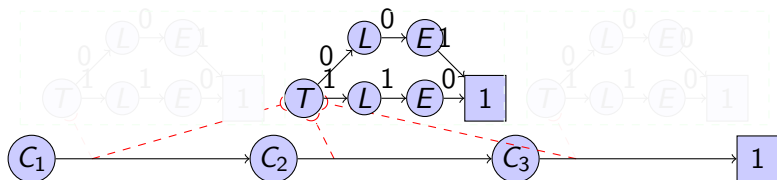
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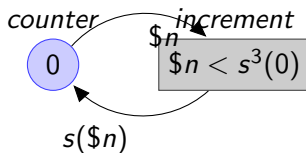
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HLPN (High level Petri nets)

```

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3      Sorts nat;
4      Generators
5          0 : nat;
6          s : nat -> nat;
7      Operations
8          < : nat, nat -> bool;
9      Axioms
10         $x < 0 = false;
11         0 < s($x) = true;
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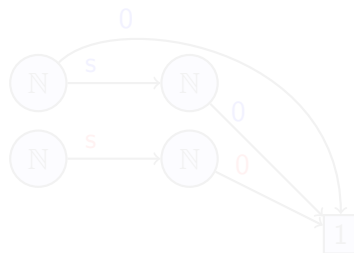
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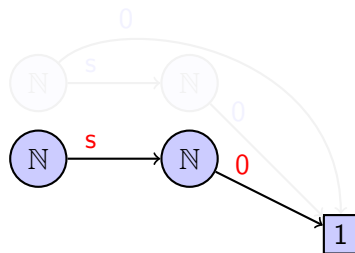
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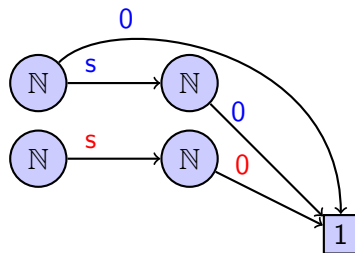
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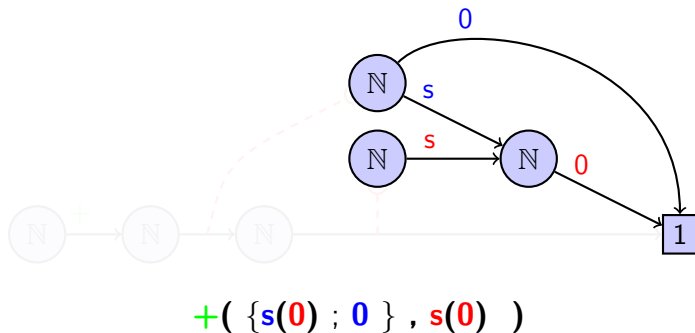
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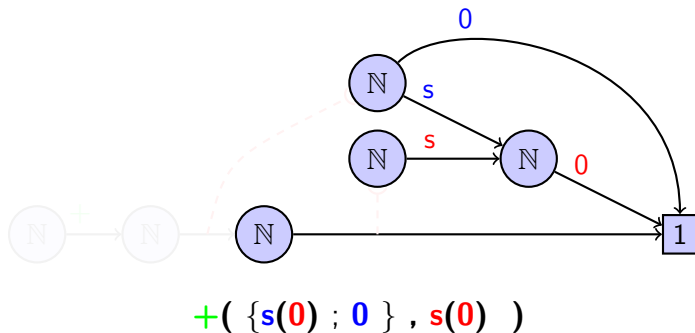


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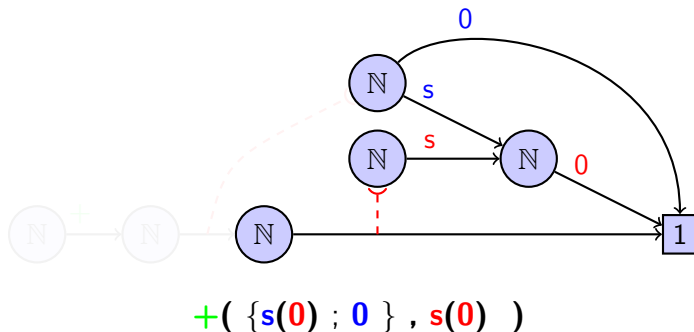
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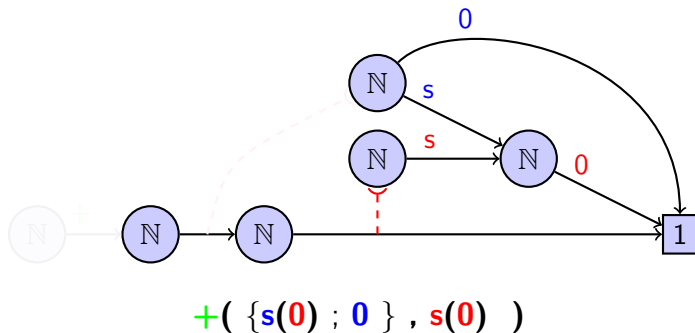
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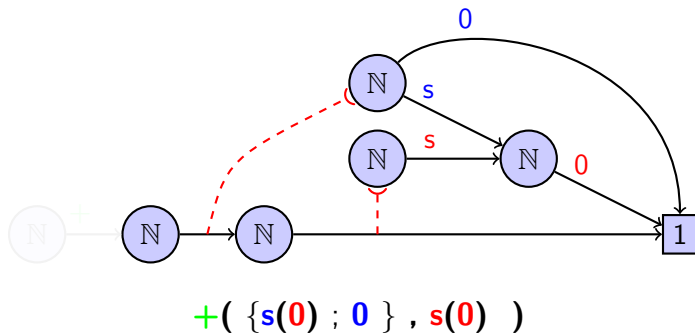
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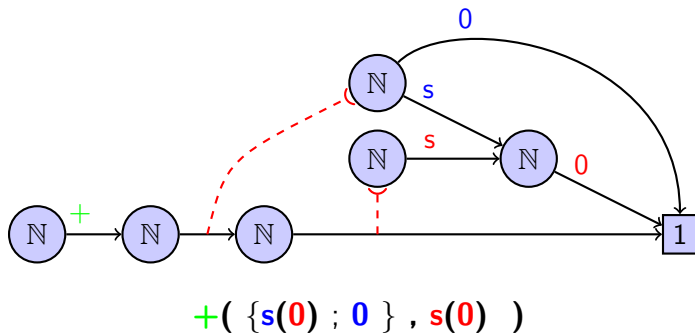
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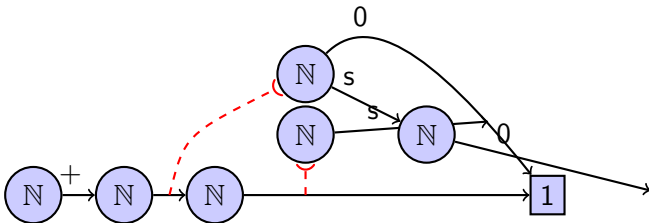
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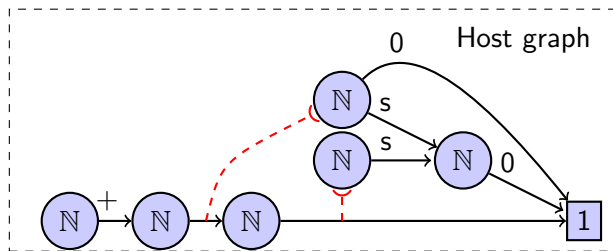
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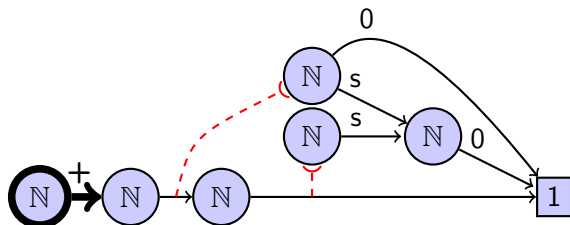
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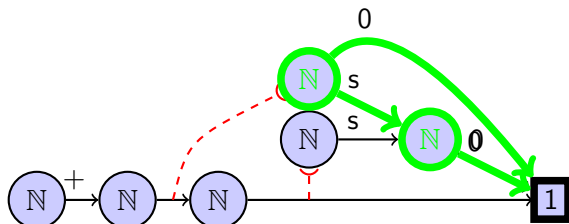
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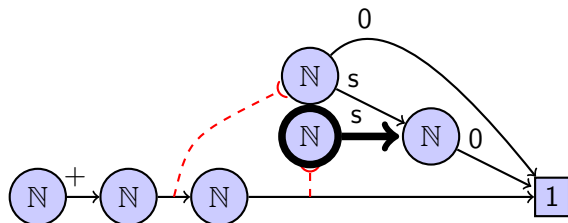
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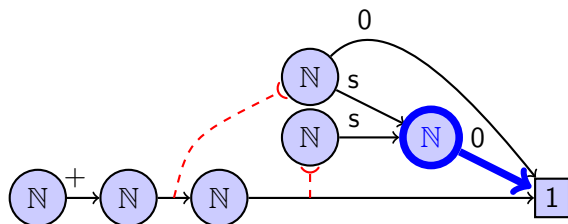
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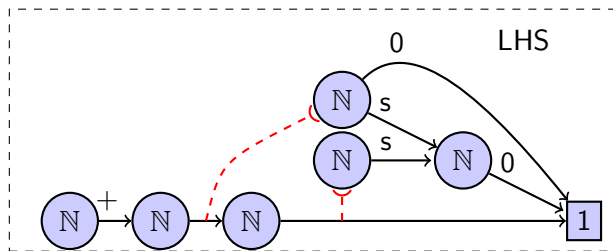
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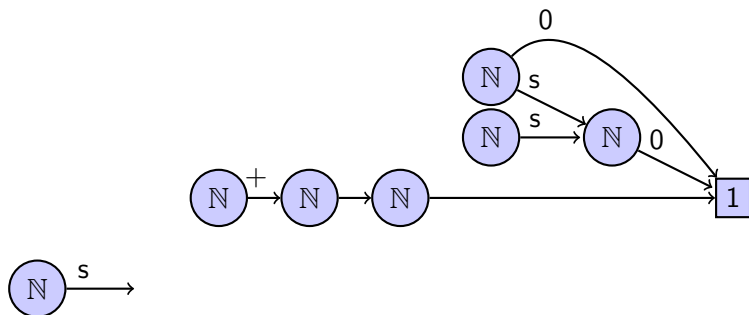
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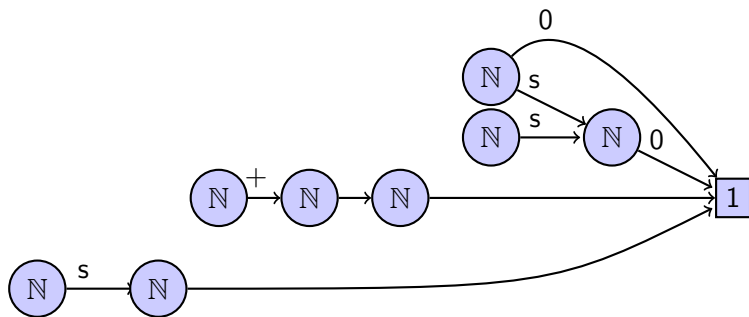
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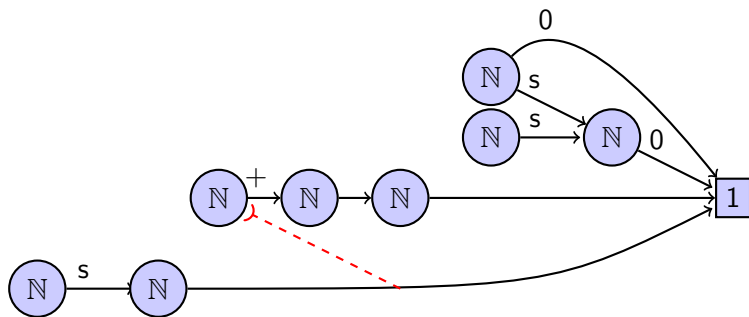
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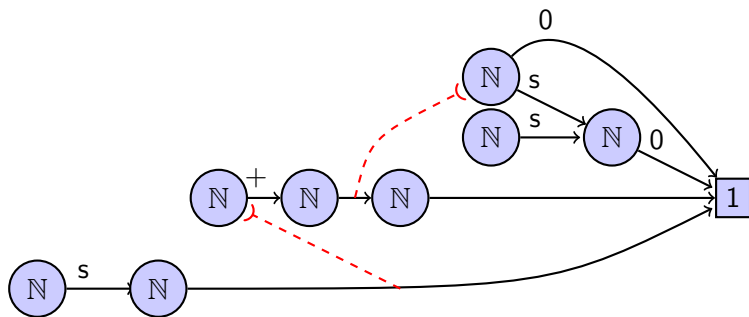
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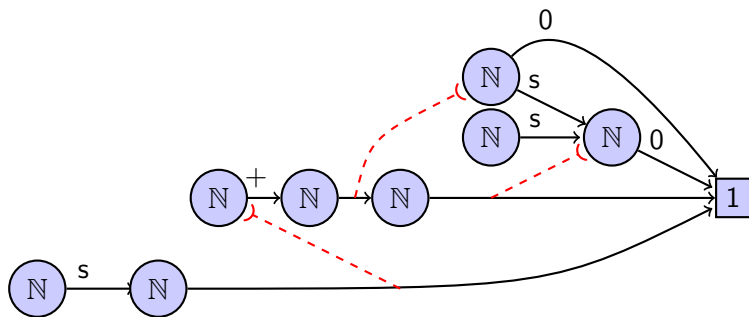
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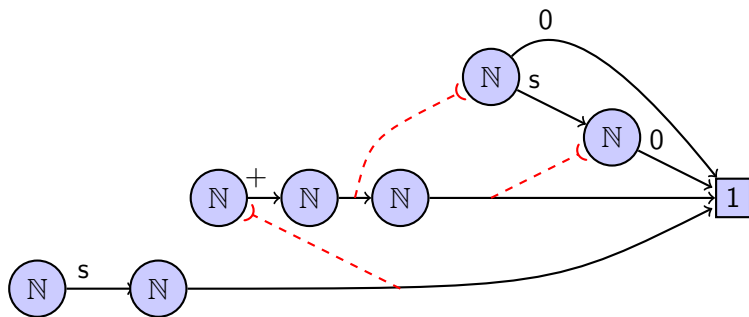
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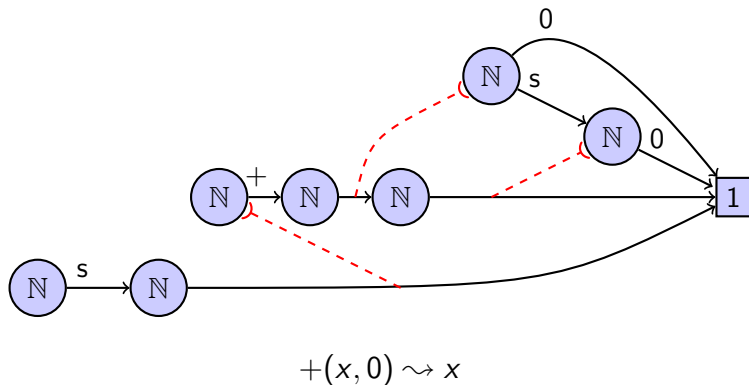
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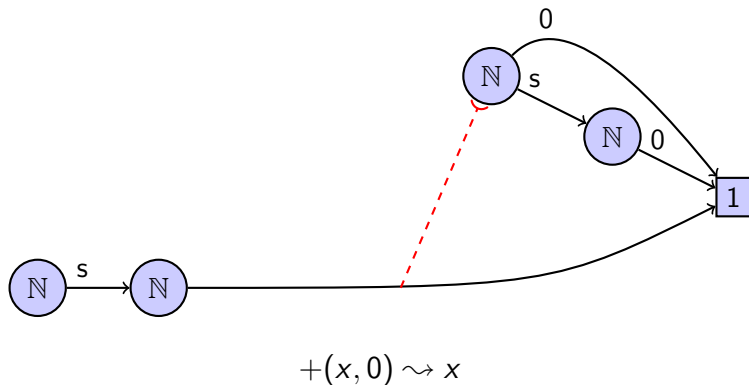


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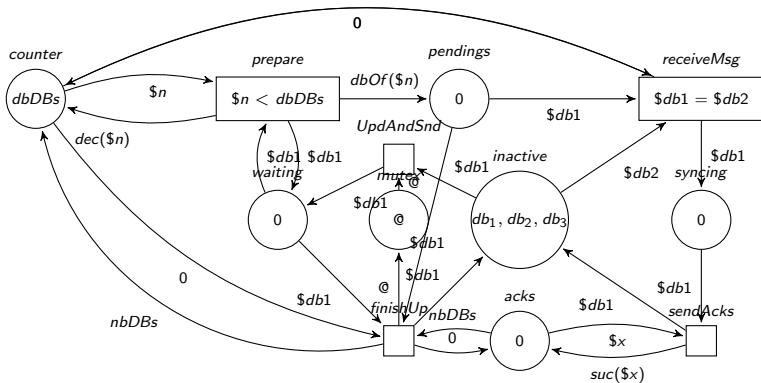
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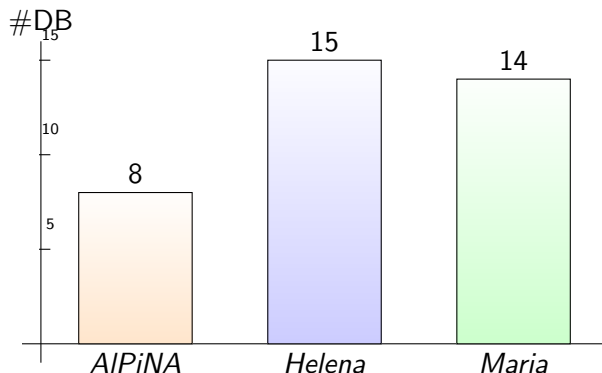
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PART IV : AlPiNA : Advanced

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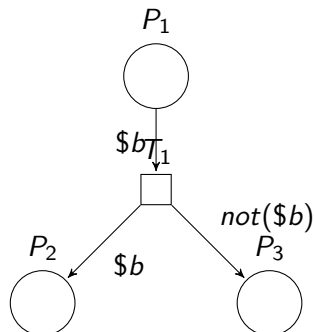
Idea

The main idea is to group places (resp. transitions) based on the algebraic values they contain (resp. handle). The partition is made based on a user-defined function $f_{cluster} : T \times P \rightarrow C$.

f associates a cluster to a pair $\langle token, place \rangle$. Where C is the set of clusters, T is the set of values of the algebras and P is the set of places.

This can be seen as a kind of user-controlled unfolding.

Algebraic Clustering : Example



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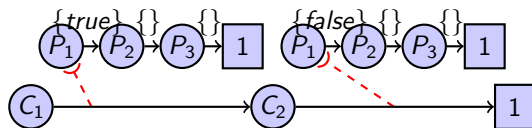
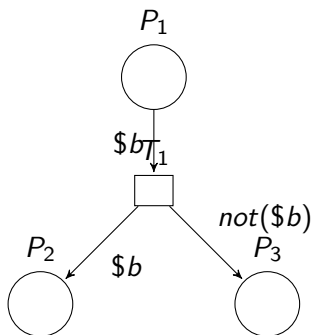
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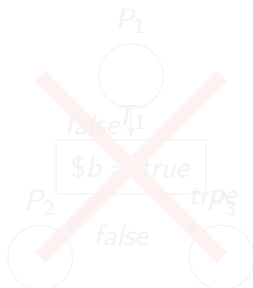
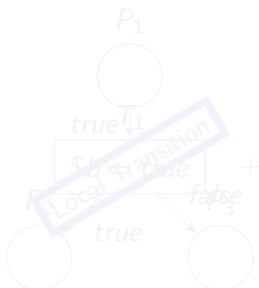
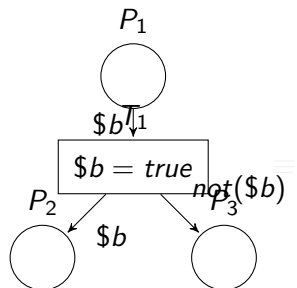
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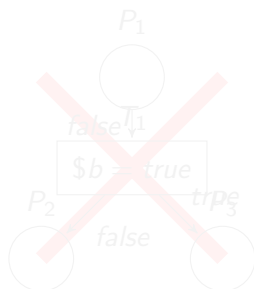
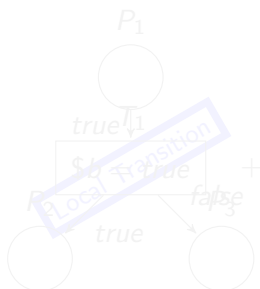
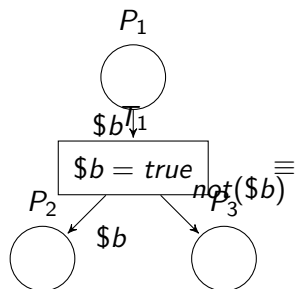
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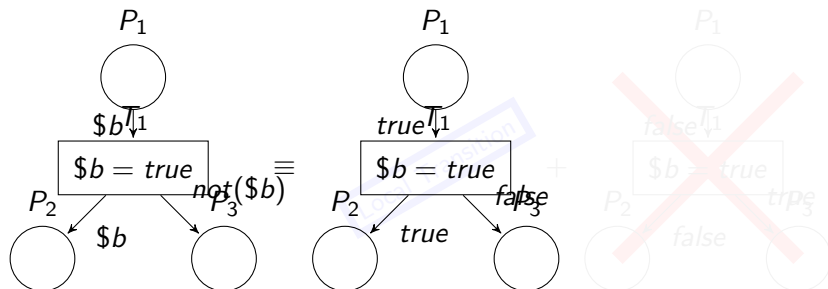
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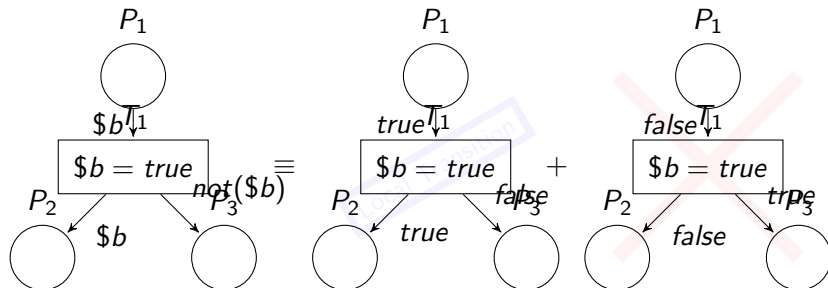
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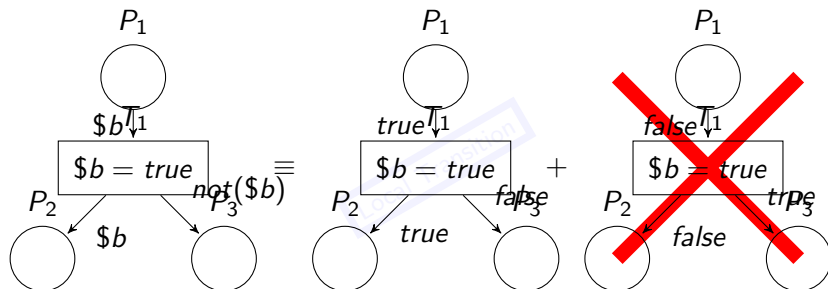
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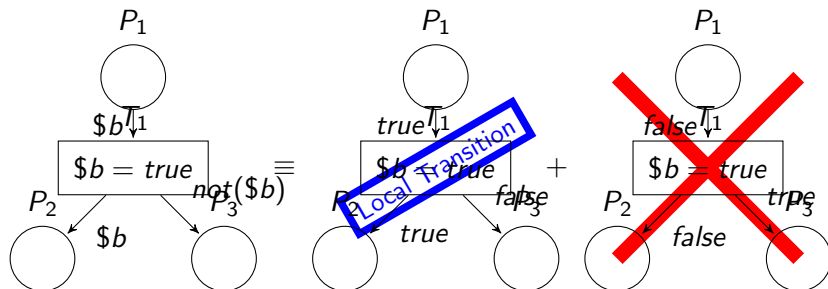
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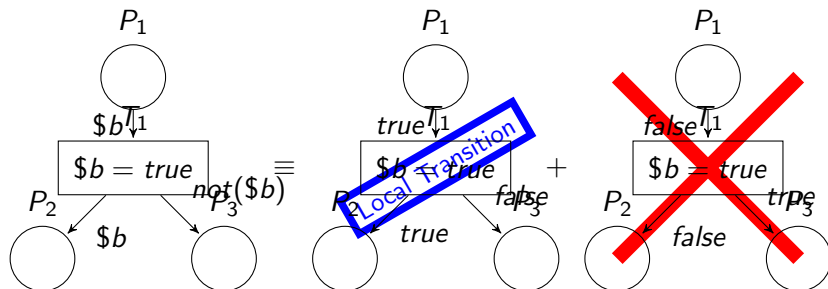
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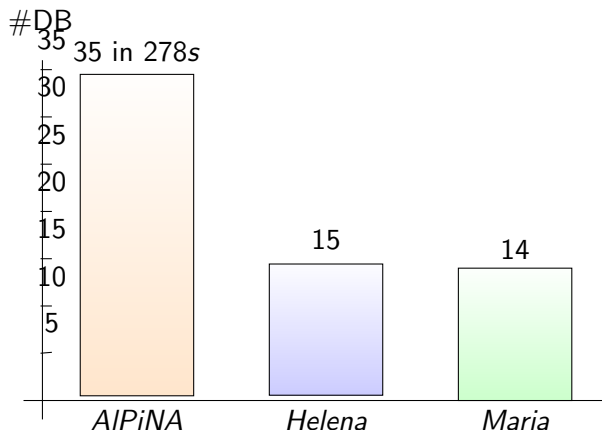
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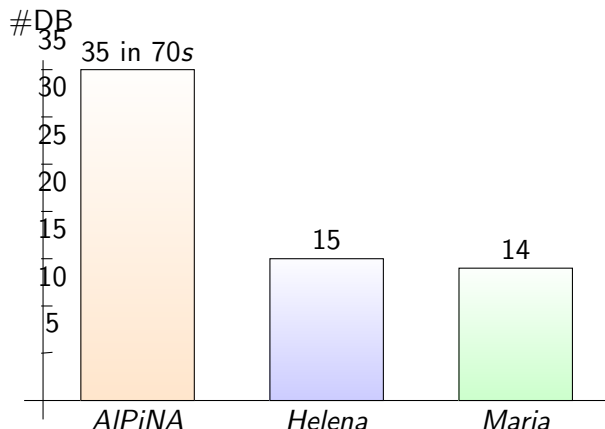
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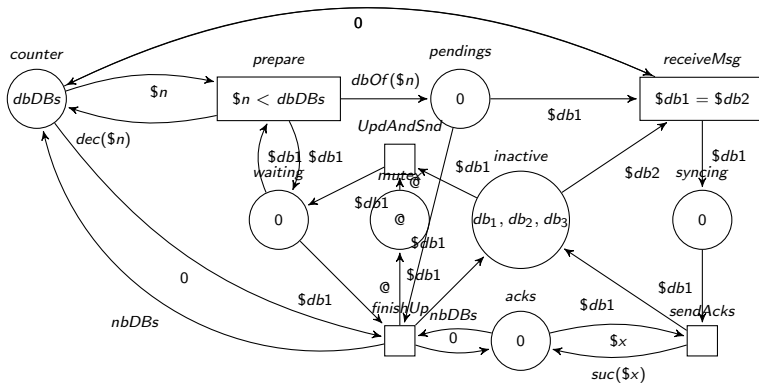
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Distributed Databases : Adt Example (2)

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3
4  Adt Databases
5  Sorts db;
6  Generators
7      db0 : db;
8      d : db -> db;
9  Operations
10     processOf : nat -> db;
11     number_of_dbs : nat;
12  Axioms
13     d^3(db0) = db0; //change this to change the number of DBs
14     number_of_dbs = suc^3(zero); //change this to change the number of DBs
15     //There is no processOf(zero)
16     processOf(suc(zero)) = db0;
17     if $x != zero then processOf(suc($x)) = d(processOf($x));
18  Variables
19     x : nat;
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Distributed Databases : Cluster Example (3)

```
1  import "boolean.adt"
2  import "db.adt"
3  import "nat.adt"
4  import "DDB.apnmm"
5
6  Clusters
7    3*c0;
8
9  Rules
10    cluster of Counter is default;
11    cluster of db0 in Pending, Inactive, Syncing, Waiting is c0;
12    cluster of d($dbv) in Pending, Inactive,
13      Syncing, Waiting is next(cluster of $dbv);
14
15  Variables
16    dbv : db;
17    nat : nat;
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Distributed Databases : Property Example (4)

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6
7  Expressions
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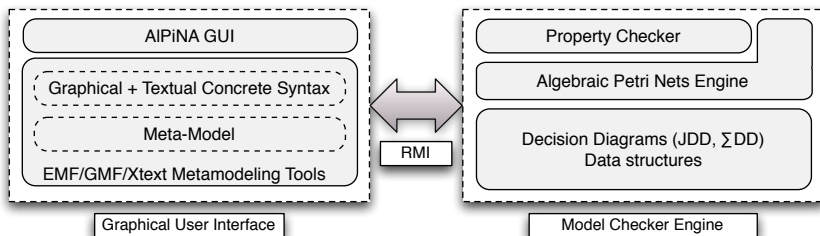
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Benchmarks [7, 8]

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		Partial Unfold.		Total Unfold.					
Model Size	States #	Mem (MB)	Time (s)	Mem (MB)	Time (s)	Mem (MB)	Time (s)	Mem (MB)	Time (s)
Distributed Database									
10	197E3	10	0.8	12.4	1.3	47	44.3	24	9
15	7.2E7	33	2.6	41	5.8	-	-	1.4E3	7.5E3
35	5.8E17	544	69.4	789	278	-	-	-	-
Dining Philosophers									
10	186E4			1.9	0.15	375	141	11	5
15	2.5E9			2.6	0.18	-	-	409	822
300	1.2E188			162	48.5	-	-	-	-
Slotted Ring									
5	53856			4.9	0.2	23	4.3	10	5
10	8.3E9			55.6	1.7	-	-	-	-
15	1.5E15			330	9.8	-	-	-	-
Leader Election									
10	31302			10.3	0.72	20	3.4	10	7
15	399E4			27.7	1.4	795	361	107	142
50	1.7E21			702	76	-	-	-	-

Architecture [7, 8]



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