



软件分析与架构设计

时序逻辑模型检测

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时序逻辑模型检测算法

□Explicit-state model checking:

- Specification: temporal logic formula
- Checking Algorithm:
 - **Exhaustive search of the state space** of the finite-state system, to prove whether the specification is true or not
- LTL Model Checking (automata-based)
- CTL Model Checking (fixpoint-based)

□Symbolic model checking:

- manipulate sets of states instead of individual states
- efficient data structures (BDDs, SAT)
- Bounded Model Checking
- More advanced topics are out of scope of this course

LTL Model Checking

□ Verify $M \models \phi$?

- M : Kripke Structure
- LTL formula (AP, \neg , \wedge , \vee , X, G, F, U)

□ **Core Idea (Internal Principle of Spin) :**

- $L(M) = \{\pi \mid \pi \text{ is an abstract execution of } M\}$
- B_ϕ : automaton that accepts exactly those infinite sentences (π) for which ϕ holds, we have $L(B_\phi) = \{\pi \mid \pi \models \phi\}$
- $L(M) \cap L(B_\phi)$: all executions of M that hold ϕ
- $M \models \phi$ iff $L(M) \cap L(B_\phi) \neq \emptyset$ iff $L(M) \cap L(B_{\neg\phi}) = \emptyset$ iff $L(M \cap B_{\neg\phi}) = \emptyset$
- Construct two automata: One for M , one for $\neg\phi$
- Checking the emptiness of the intersection of the two automata

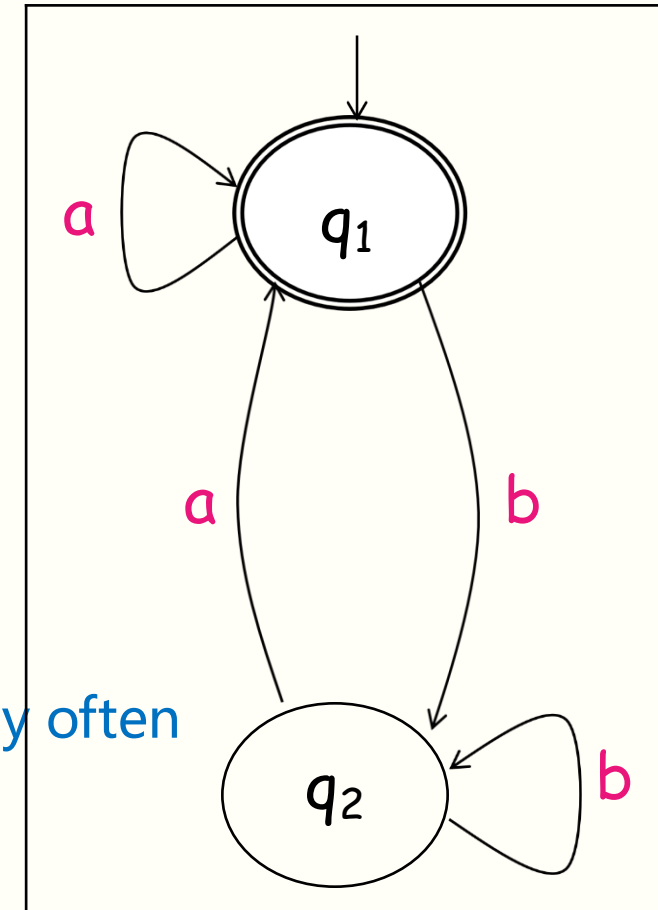
Büchi automata

□ **A Büchi automaton is a tuple** $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, q_0, F)$:

- Q : a finite set of states
- Σ : a finite alphabet
- $\Delta \subseteq Q \times \Sigma \times Q$: a transition relation
- q_0 : an initial state
- $F \subseteq Q$ defines the acceptance condition:
 - only those runs with some states in F appearing **infinitely often**

□ **Büchi automata vs Normal Automaton**

- Normal Automaton: 输入是有限串 $w = a_0 a_1 \dots a_n$
 - 接受条件: 读完输入后, 停在接受状态 $\delta(q_0, w) \in F$
- Büchi automata: 输入是无限串 $w = a_0 a_1 a_2 \dots$
 - 接受条件: 存在一个接受状态, 被无限次访问 $\text{Inf}(w) \cap F \neq \emptyset$
- 响应式系统是无限运行的
 - 操作系统、服务器、控制系统、飞控/嵌入式控制

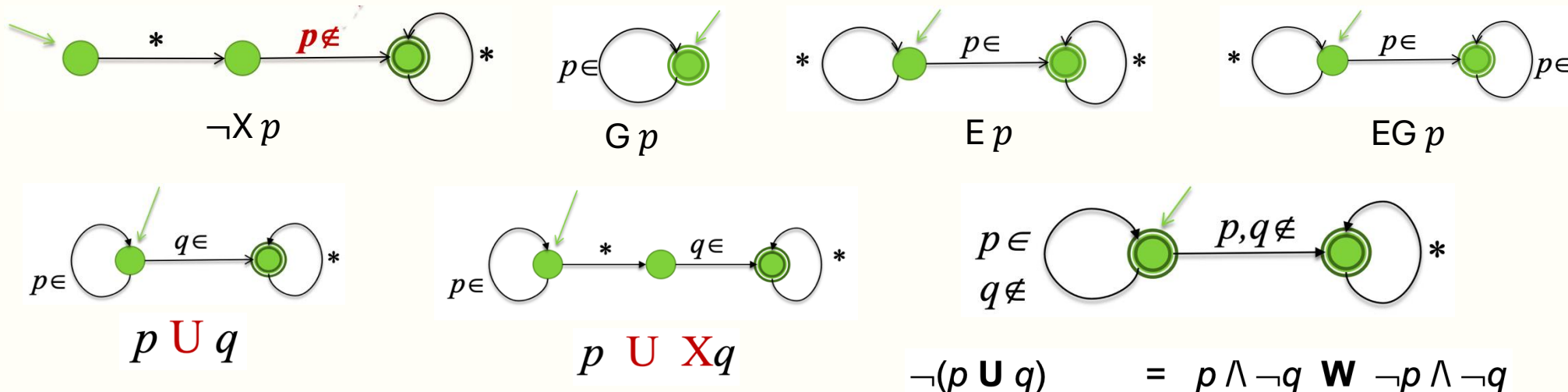


Expressing LTL formula as Büchi

□ Any LTL formula can be converted to a Büchi automaton

- Spin implements an automated conversion algorithm
- Unfortunately, quite complex; see Clarke's Model Checking book

□ A few common transformations



$p \notin$ Stands for all subsets of Prop that do not contain p ; thus implying "p does not hold".

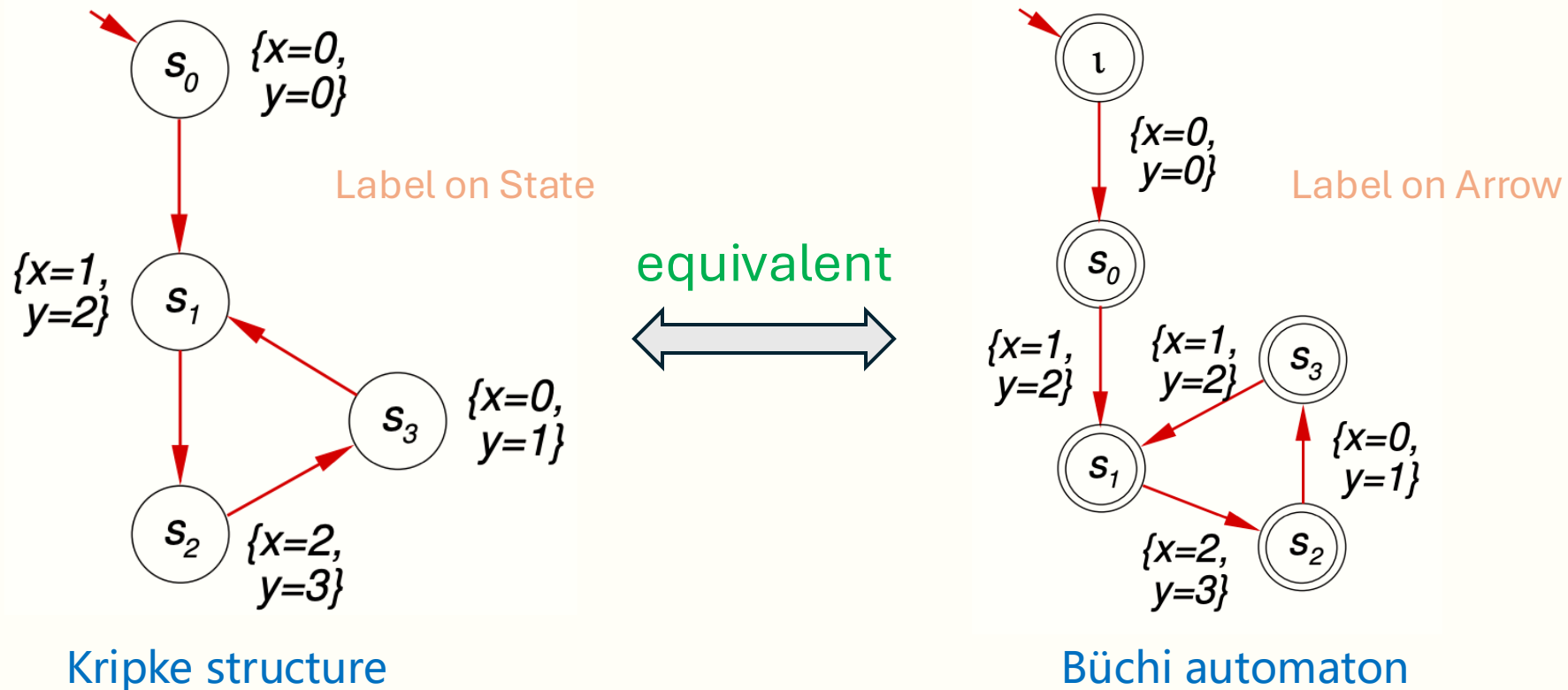
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Hard cases: $(X p) U q, (p U q) U r$

Kripke structures to Büchi automata

Any Kripke structure M has an equivalent Büchi automaton \mathcal{A}

- M and \mathcal{A} are equivalent iff the sequence of state labels on any path π in M has a correspondent word in $L(\mathcal{A})$.



Kripke structures to Büchi automata

□ **M : Kripke Structure** $(S, S_0, R, L: S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(AP))$

□ **Write Büchi automata** $\mathcal{A} = (\Sigma, Q, \Delta, Q_0, F)$:

➤ **alphabet** $\Sigma := \mathcal{P}(AP)$: the set of subsets of AP

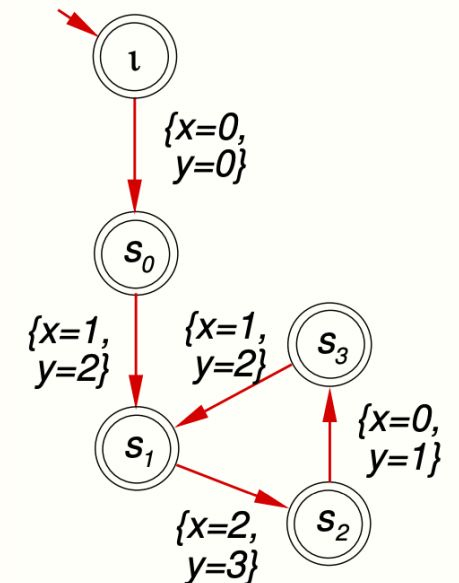
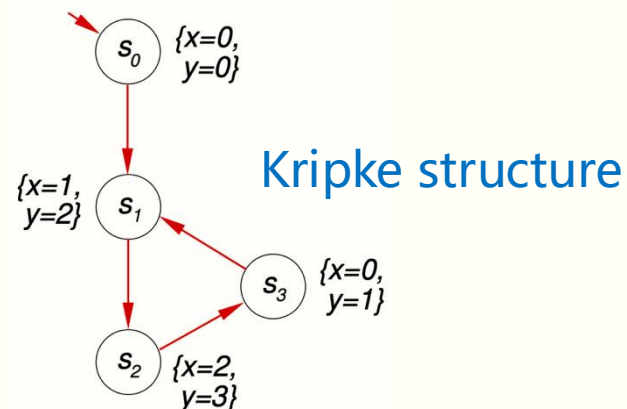
➤ Add an **initial state** ι

○ $Q_0 := \{\iota\}$, $Q := S \cup \{\iota\}$, and $F := S \cup \{\iota\}$

➤ **New transitions** are:

○ $(\iota, \alpha, s) \in \Delta$ iff $s \in S_0$ and $\alpha = L(s)$

○ $(s, \alpha, s') \in \Delta$ iff $s, s' \in S$, $(s, s') \in R$ and $\alpha = L(s')$



Constructing Intersection of Automata

□ Two Büchi automata over the same alphabet:

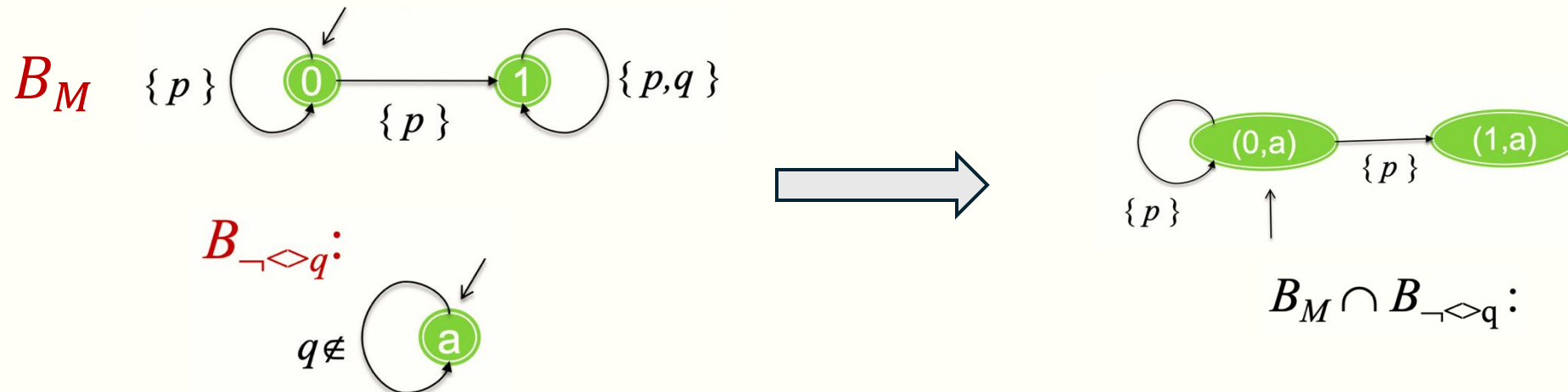
➤ $\mathcal{A}_A = (\Sigma, Q_A, \Delta_A, Q_{A_0}, F_A)$, $\mathcal{A}_B = (\Sigma, Q_B, \Delta_B, Q_{B_0}, F_B)$

➤ F_A is ass , increment Q_A

□ $\mathcal{A}_A \cap \mathcal{A}_B = (\Sigma, Q_A \times Q_B, \Delta, (Q_{A_0}, Q_{B_0}), F_A \times F_B)$:

➤ lock-step execution of both:

○ Can make a transition only if \mathcal{A}_A and \mathcal{A}_B can both make the transition on Σ

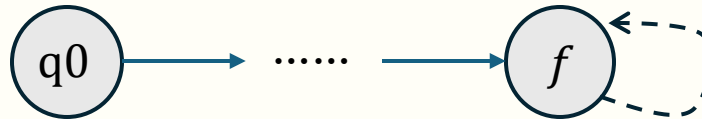


LTL Model Checking Algorithm

□ $M \models \phi$ iff $L(M \cap B_{\neg\phi}) = \emptyset$

□ Let $C = M \cap B_{\neg\phi}$ be the intersection automaton

$L(C) \neq \emptyset$ iff there is a finite path from C 's initial state to an accepting state f , followed by a cycle back to f .



- So, it comes down to a **cycle finding** in a finite graph! Solvable.
- The path leading to such a cycle also acts as a **counting example**!

□ Approaches:

- **A1**: calculate SCCs with Tarjan and check if there is an SCC containing an accepting state, reachable from C 's initial state
- **A2**: based on Depth First Search (DFS), C can be built lazy

LTL Model Checking Algorithm

□DFS-based Approach (used by Spin)

```
DFS(u) {  
  if (u ∈ visited) return;  
  visited.add(u);  
  for each (s ∈ next(u)) {  
    if (u ∈ accept) {  
      visited2 = ∅;  
      checkCycle(u, s);  
    }  
  }  
}
```

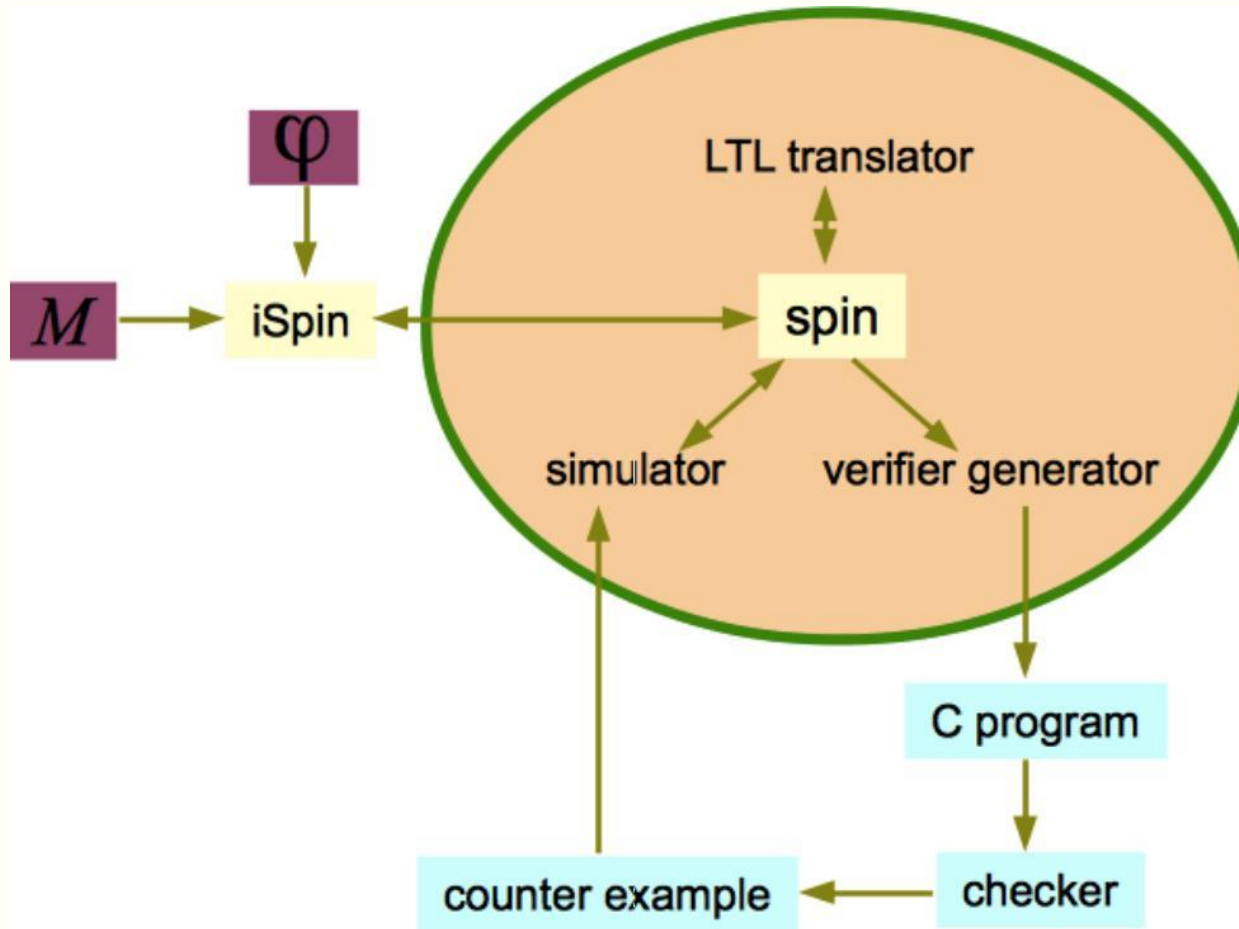
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checkCycle(root, s) {  
  if(s == root) throw CycleFound;  
  if(s ∈ visited2) return;  
  visited2.add(s);  
  foreach(t ∈ next(s))  
    checkCycle(root, t);  
}
```

思考：如何修改使能追踪从初始state到cycle的路径（即counter example）？

□Lazily constructing the intersection automaton C

- Check $s \in \text{next}(u)$ is to check $(s_1, s_2) \in \text{next}_C(u_1, u_2)$
 - Check if there is a label L , s.t., $s_1 \in \text{next}_M(u_1, L) \wedge \text{next}_{\neg\phi}(u_2, L)$
- Check $u \in \text{accept}$: $(u_1, u_2) \in \text{accept}_C \equiv u_2 \in \text{accept}_{\neg\phi}$
- Benefit : if verification fails, effort is not wasted to construct the full C

(i) Spin Architecture



CTL Model Checking

- CTL has a simpler model-checking algorithm than LTL
- Kripke structure $K = (W, S_0, \approx, v)$ with finite states
- CTL model checking algorithm:
 - Computes the set of all states of K in which CTL formula ϕ is true
 - $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s \in W : s \models \phi\}$
- Sound axioms for the computation structures of CTL:

$$(EG) \quad \mathbf{EG}P \leftrightarrow P \wedge \mathbf{EXEG}P$$

$$(EF) \quad \mathbf{EF}P \leftrightarrow P \vee \mathbf{EXEF}P$$

$$(EU) \quad \mathbf{EPU}Q \leftrightarrow Q \vee P \wedge \mathbf{EXEPU}Q$$

$$(AU) \quad \mathbf{APU}Q \leftrightarrow Q \vee P \wedge \mathbf{AXAPU}Q$$

CTL Model Checking: computing $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$

1. $\llbracket p \rrbracket = \{s \in W : v(s)(p) = \text{true}\}$ for atomic propositions p
2. $\llbracket \neg P \rrbracket = W \setminus \llbracket P \rrbracket$
3. $\llbracket P \wedge Q \rrbracket = \llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \llbracket Q \rrbracket$
4. $\llbracket P \vee Q \rrbracket = \llbracket P \rrbracket \cup \llbracket Q \rrbracket$
9. $\llbracket \mathbf{AF} P \rrbracket = \mu Z. (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cup \tau_{\mathbf{AX}}(Z))$
10. $\llbracket \mathbf{AG} P \rrbracket = \nu Z. (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{AX}}(Z))$
11. $\llbracket \mathbf{EPU} Q \rrbracket = \mu Z. (\llbracket Q \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(Z)))$
12. $\llbracket \mathbf{APU} Q \rrbracket = \mu Z. (\llbracket Q \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{AX}}(Z)))$

5. $\llbracket \mathbf{EX} P \rrbracket = \tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(\llbracket P \rrbracket)$ using the existential successor function $\tau_{\mathbf{EX}}()$ defined as follows:

$$\tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s \in W : t \in Z \text{ for some state } t \text{ with } s \leadsto t\}$$

6. $\llbracket \mathbf{AX} P \rrbracket = \tau_{\mathbf{AX}}(\llbracket P \rrbracket)$ using the universal successor function $\tau_{\mathbf{AX}}()$ defined as follows:

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7. $\llbracket \mathbf{EFP} \rrbracket = \mu Z. (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cup \tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(Z))$ where $\mu Z. f(Z)$ denotes the least fixpoint Z of the operation $f(Z)$, that is, the smallest set of states satisfying $Z = f(Z)$.

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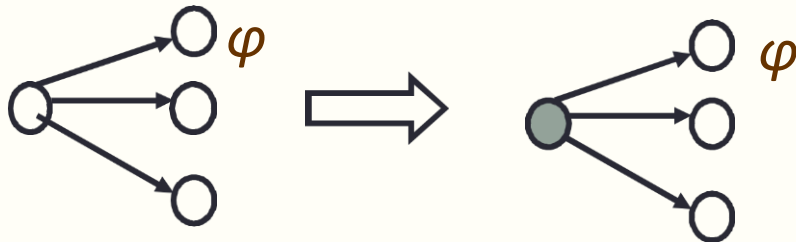
CTL Model Checking: Examples

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$\square \mathbf{EX} \varphi$:

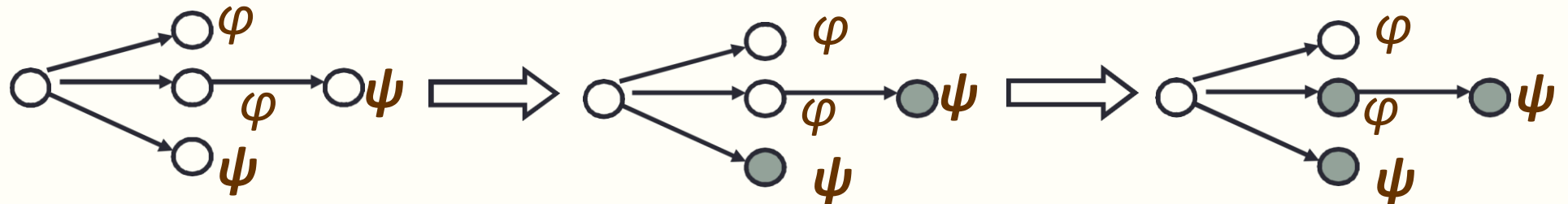
- Label a state $\mathbf{EX} \varphi$ if any of its successors is labeled with φ



$$11. \llbracket \mathbf{E} P \mathbf{U} Q \rrbracket = \mu Z. (\llbracket Q \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(Z)))$$

$\square \mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$

- Label a state $\mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$ if it is labeled with ψ
- Until there is no change: Label a state with $\mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$ if it is labeled with φ and has a successor labeled with $\mathbf{E} \varphi \mathbf{U} \psi$

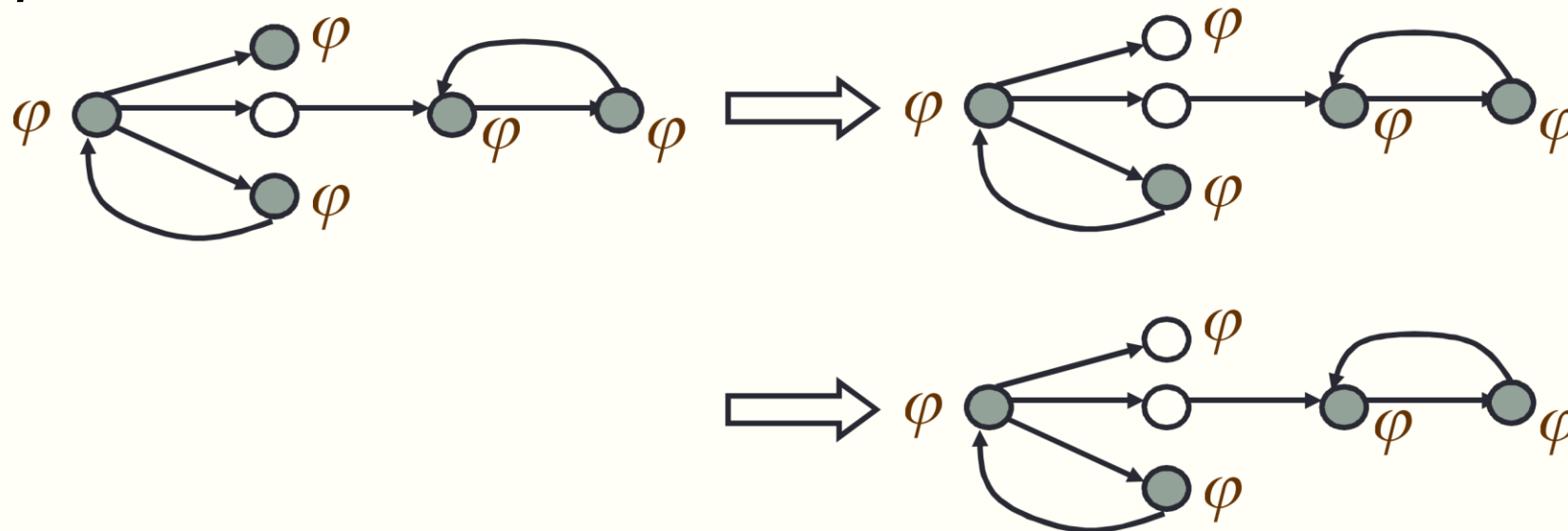


CTL Model Checking: Examples

8. $\llbracket \mathbf{EG} P \rrbracket = \nu Z. (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{EX}}(Z))$ where $\nu Z. f(Z)$ denotes *the greatest fixpoint Z of the operation $f(Z)$, that is, the largest set of states satisfying $Z = f(Z)$.*

$\Box \mathbf{EG} \varphi$:

- Label every node labeled with φ by $\mathbf{EG} \varphi$
- Until there is no change
 - Remove label $\mathbf{EG} \varphi$ from any state that does not have successors labeled by $\mathbf{EG} \varphi$



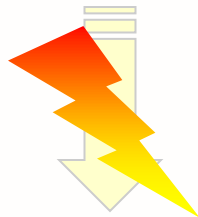
The State Explosion Problem

❑ The idea behind CTL Model Checking:

➤ Exploit the finiteness of the state spaces of the Kripke structure K

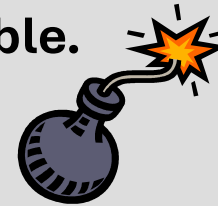
❑ However, states increase exponentially

System Description



State Transition Graph

Combinatorial explosion of system states renders explicit model construction infeasible.



Exponential Growth of ...

... global state space in number of **concurrent components**.

... **memory states** in memory size.

❑ How to deal with this problem?

Symbolic Model Checking

□ Main idea:

- Use predicates to denote sets of states of the Kripke Structure
- the predicates have to be efficiently represented and manipulated

□ Two representative symbolic techniques:

- Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs)
 - Express the transition relation by a formula, represented as BDD.
 - Manipulate these to compute logical operations and fixpoints
- Boolean Satisfiability Problem (SAT)
 - Expand the transition relation a fixed number of steps (e.g., loop unrolling), resulting in a formula
 - For this unrolling, check whether the property holds
 - Continue increasing the unrolling until an error is found, resources are exhausted, or the diameter of the problem is reached

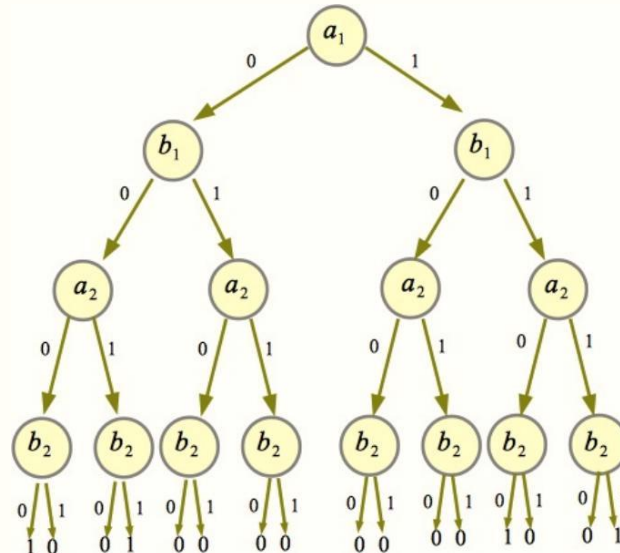
□ NuSMV: symbolic (un)bounded model checking

Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs)

□ Binary Decision Trees

- a rooted directed tree with terminal and non-terminal vertices:
- a non-terminal vertex v has a variable $var(v)$ and two successors, $low(v)$ and $high(v)$
- a terminal vertex v has a value $value(v)$ in $\{0, 1\}$

$$a_1 \Leftrightarrow b_1 \wedge a_2 \Leftrightarrow b_2$$



□ Binary Decision Diagrams

- a rooted, directed acyclic graph with terminal and non-terminal vertices. $value(v)$, $var(v)$, $low(v)$ and $high(v)$ are defined as for binary decision trees
- Each vertex v associates with a boolean function $f_v(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- v is a terminal vertex:
 - If $value(v) = 1$, then $f_v(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$
 - If $value(v) = 0$, then $f_v(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$
- v is a non-terminal with $var(v) = x_i$:

$$f_v(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left(\neg x_i \wedge f_{low(v)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right) \vee (x_i \wedge f_{high(v)}(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

BDDs Canonicity

□ BDDs are in **canonical** form (Ordered BDDs) if:

- all BDDs have the same order on the variables along each path,
- each BDD has no redundant vertices or isomorphic subtrees

□ Two Boolean functions are **equivalent** iff:

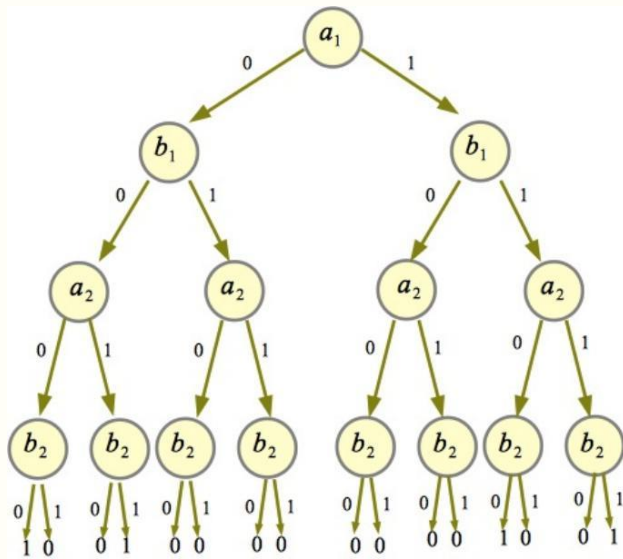
- two corresponding BDDs are isomorphic (同构)

□ **Reduce Algorithm**: transform a BDD into canonical form

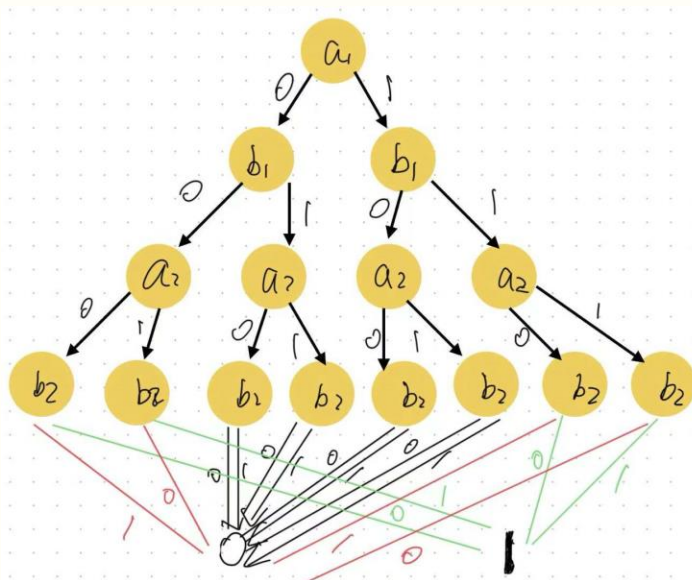
- Do the following steps repeatedly:
 - Eliminating all terminal vertices but one of each value and redirecting arcs that used to point to deleted vertices to the kept terminal vertex with the same value
 - Eliminating duplicate non-terminals with the same variable, and the same low and high arcs (and redirect arcs)
 - If $\text{low}(v) = \text{high}(v)$, eliminating v and redirecting arcs to $\text{low}(v)$.

BDDs Canonicity: Example

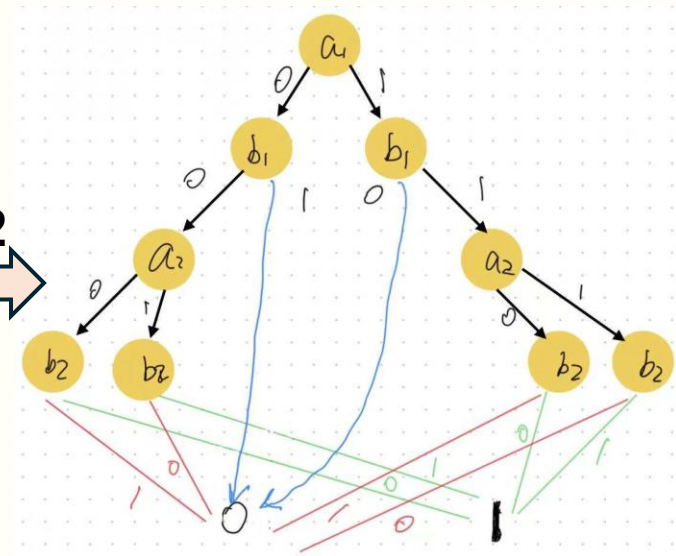
- ❑ Step 1: Eliminating all terminal vertices but one of each value and redirecting arcs that used to point to deleted vertices to the kept terminal vertex with the same value
- ❑ Step 2: If $\text{low}(v) = \text{high}(v)$, eliminating v and redirecting arcs to $\text{low}(v)$.



Step 1

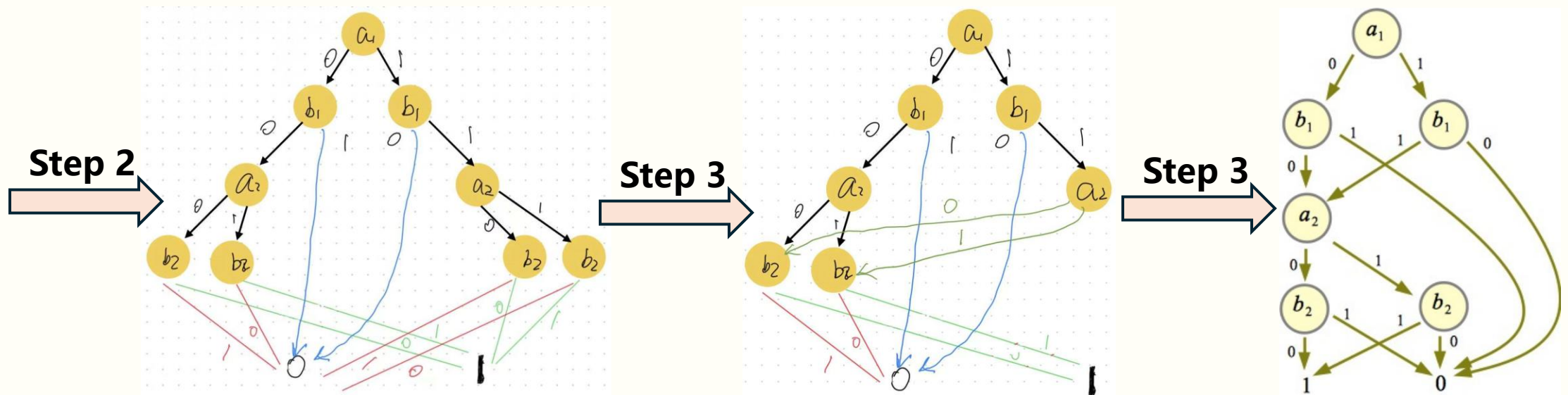


Step 2



BDDs Canonicity: Example

- Step 3: Eliminating duplicate non-terminals with the same variable, and the same low and high arcs (and redirect arcs)

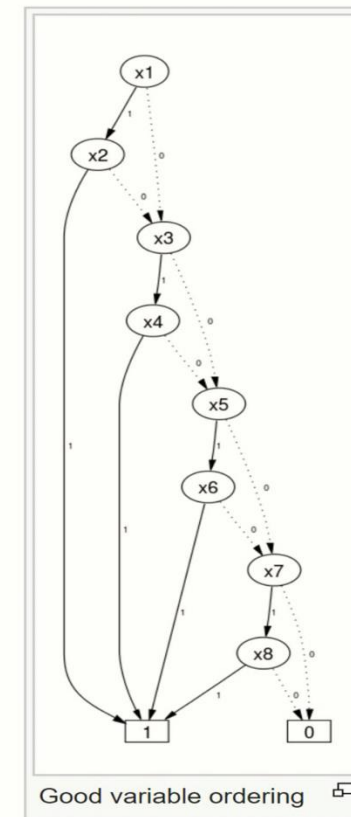
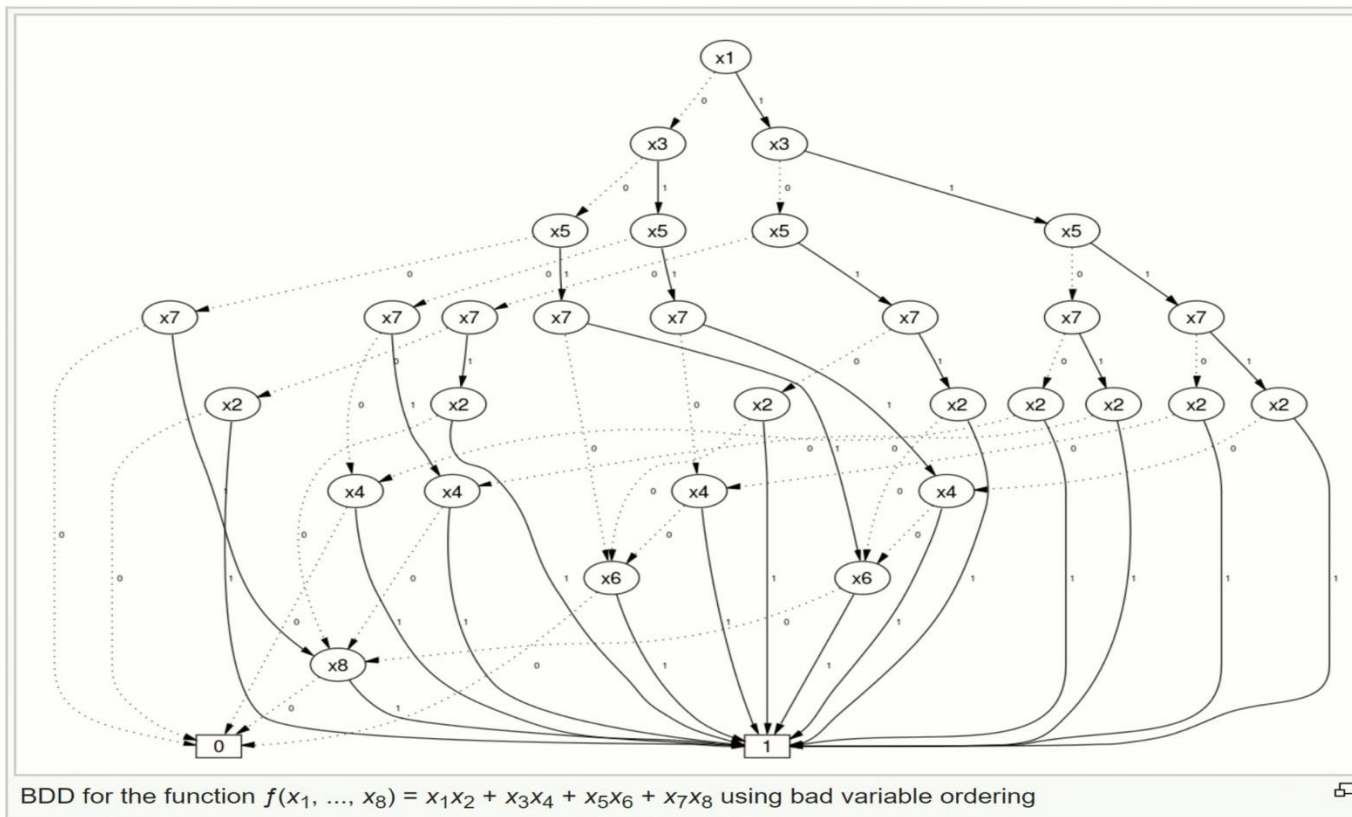


Canonical Form

BDDs: Variable Ordering is important

□ Good orderings can be exponentially more compact

- Finding a good ordering is NP-complete
- Exists formulas that have no non-exponential ordering



Logical Operations on BDDs

□Shanon Expansion with respect to variable x :

- On f : $f = (\neg x \wedge f_{|x \leftarrow 0}) \vee (x \wedge f_{|x \leftarrow 1})$
- On $(f \text{ op } g)$: $f \text{ op } g = (\neg x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 0} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 0})) \vee (x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 1} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 1}))$
 - op is a binary operation

□Negation ($\neg f$): swap leaves (0 \rightarrow 1 or 1 \rightarrow 0)

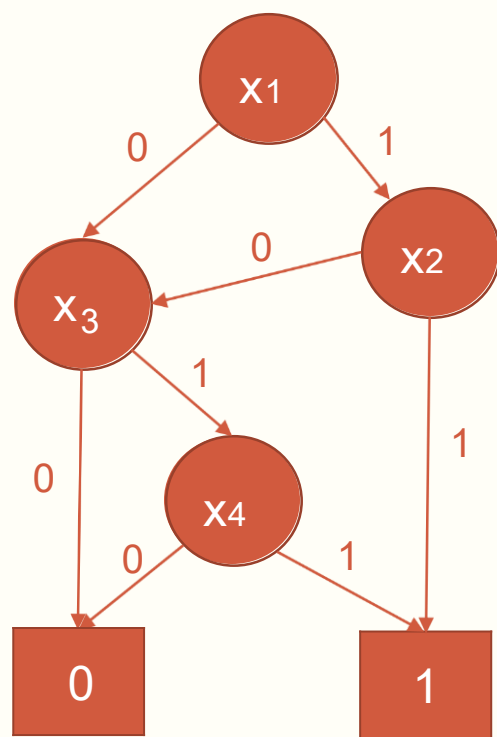
□Arbitrary binary operation op :

- Let $f_{|x \leftarrow 0}$ (f is fixing x to be 0), similarly, $f_{|x \leftarrow 1}$
- **Apply Algorithm:** starting from the roots u, v of the BDDs of f, g :
 - u, v are terminal vertices: $(f \text{ op } g) = \text{value}(u) \text{ op } \text{value}(v)$
 - $x = \text{var}(u) = \text{var}(v)$: $(f \text{ op } g) = \neg x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 0} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 1}) \vee x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 1} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 1})$
 - $x = \text{var}(u) < \text{var}(v)$: $(f \wedge g) = \neg x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 0} \text{ op } g) \vee x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 1} \text{ op } g)$
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 - The algorithm is applied recursively, subproblems bounded by $|f| \cdot |g|$
- The result is not necessarily canonical, may need to use reduce afterwards

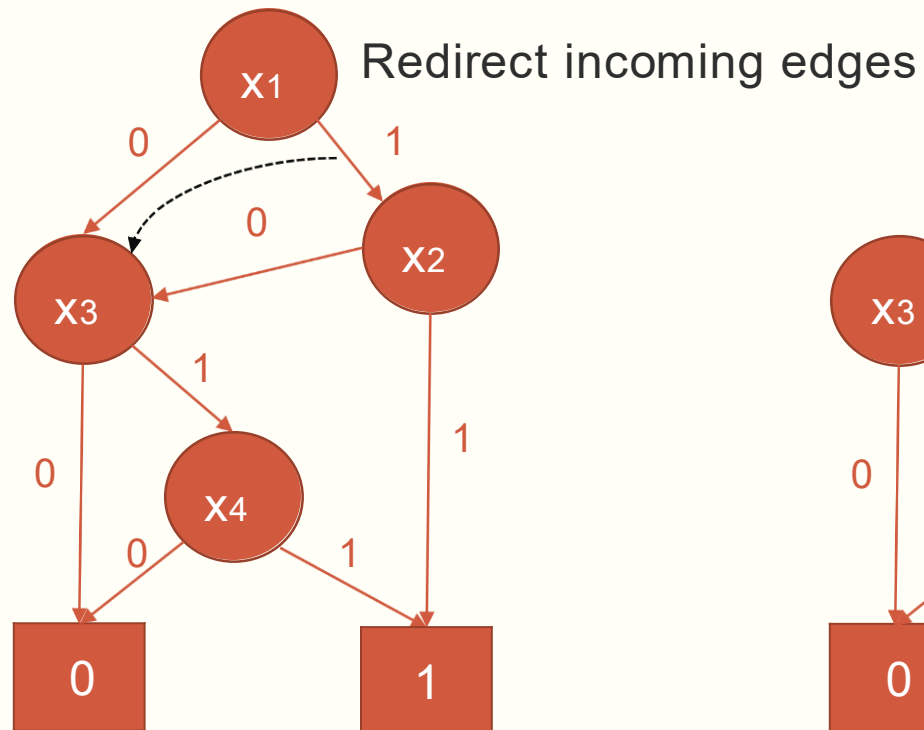
Operations on BDDs

□Cofactoring:

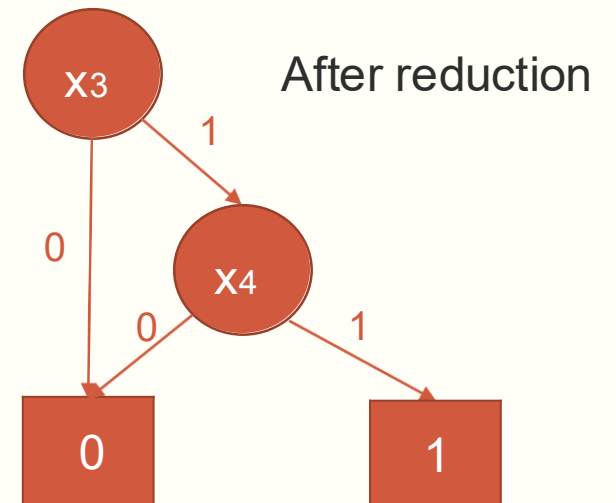
- $f|_{x \leftarrow 0}$: replace all node v by its left sub-tree
- $f|_{x \leftarrow 1}$: replace all node v by its right sub-tree



$$f = (x_1 \wedge x_2) \vee (x_3 \wedge x_4)$$



$$f|_{x_1 \leftarrow 0} = (x_1 \wedge x_2) \vee (x_3 \wedge x_4) \Big|_{x_1 \leftarrow 0}$$

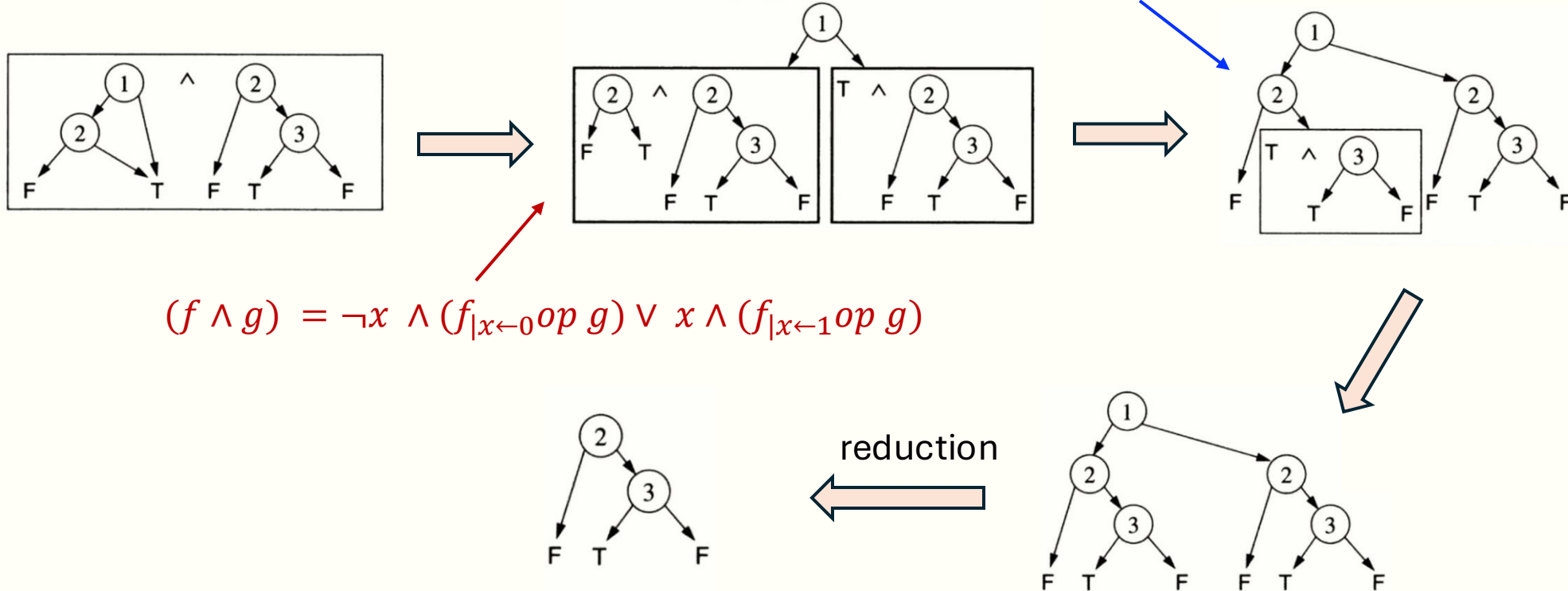


Operations on BDDs: Example

□ **ADD Operator:** $f = x_1 \vee x_2, g = x_2 \wedge \neg x_3$

➤ Compute $f \wedge g$

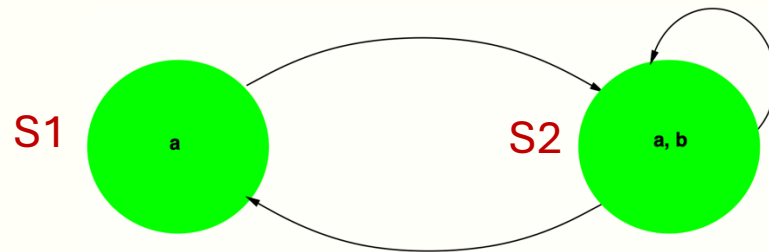
$$(f \text{ op } g) = \neg x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 0} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 1}) \vee x \wedge (f_{|x \leftarrow 1} \text{ op } g_{|x \leftarrow 1})$$



BDD-based Symbolic Model Checking

□ Represent state-transition graphs with BDDs

- Use the values of n boolean state variables v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n to represent states of state-transition graphs



- Use 2 variable a, b
- S1: $(a=1, b=0)$, or $a \wedge \neg b$
- S2: $(a=1, b=1)$, or $a \wedge b$
- 所以每个state可以用一个BDD表示?

- Transition relation R will be given as a Boolean formula:

- $R(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1', v_2', \dots, v_n')$:
 - (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) : represents the current state
 - $(v_1', v_2', \dots, v_n')$: represents the next state
 - Therefore, each transition is represented by a BDD
- $R = R(S1, S2) \vee R(S2, S1) \vee R(S2, S2)$

- CFL formula $f(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$: represents a set of states where f holds

- If f is true under an assignment to variables v_i that represents a state S , then $S \models f$
- E.g., Axiom Property a holds on S1 and S2, $a(\dots) = S1 \vee S2 = a \wedge \neg b \vee a \wedge b = a$

Review: CTL Model Checking $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket$

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11. $\llbracket \mathbf{E}PUQ \rrbracket = \mu Z.(\llbracket Q \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{E}X}(Z)))$
12. $\llbracket \mathbf{A}PUQ \rrbracket = \mu Z.(\llbracket Q \rrbracket \cup (\llbracket P \rrbracket \cap \tau_{\mathbf{A}X}(Z)))$

$$\tau_{\mathbf{E}X}(Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s \in W : t \in Z \text{ for some state } t \text{ with } s \leadsto t\}$$

$$\tau_{\mathbf{A}X}(Z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s \in W : t \in Z \text{ for all states } t \text{ with } s \leadsto t\}$$

- APs are BDDs
- Transitions are BDDs
- Logical operations are on BDDs
- Therefore, the whole CTL Model Checking can be computed on BDDs

BDD-based Model Checking: Example

□ Model checking $EF\ p$

➤ $EF\ p = Lfp\ U.p \vee EX\ U$

➤ Introduce state variables:

○ $EF\ p = Lfp\ U.p(\bar{v}) \vee \exists \bar{v}'[R(\bar{v}, \bar{v}') \wedge U(\bar{v}')]]$

➤ Compute the following sequence until convergence:

○ $U_0(\bar{v}), U_1(\bar{v}), U_2(\bar{v}), \dots$

➤ We obtain the convergent formula $U_k(\bar{v})$

➤ A state S is in U_k iff the valuation of \bar{v} corresponding to S makes $U_k(\bar{v})$ true

□ BDD-based Model Checking can handle $\sim 10^{20}$ states

SAT-based Symbolic Model Checking

□ Bounded Model Checking

- Sacrifice completeness for quick bug-finding
- Unroll the transition system
 - Each variable $v \in V$ gets a new symbol for each time-step, e.g., v_k is at time k
 - Space-time duality: unrolls temporal behavior into space
- For increasing values of k , check:

$$BMC(M, p, k) = Init(s_0) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^{k-1} R(s_i, s_{i+1}) \wedge \bigvee_{i=0}^k \neg p(s_i)$$

- If it is SAT (via SAT Solver), return FALSE
 - Can construct a counter-example trace from the solver model
- This approach turns out to scale very well, but it can only guarantee correctness up to a given bound

Model Checking since 1981



1981 Clarke / Emerson: CTL Model Checking

Sifakis / Quielle

10^5

1982 EMC: Explicit Model Checker

Clarke, Emerson, Sistla

1990 Symbolic Model Checking

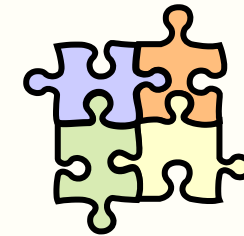
Burch, Clarke, Dill, McMillan

1992 SMV: Symbolic Model Verifier

McMillan

**1990s: Formal Hardware
Verification in Industry:
Intel, IBM, Motorola, etc.**

10^{100}



1998 **Bounded Model Checking** using SAT

Biere, Clarke, Zhu



CBMC

10^{1000}

2000 **Counterexample-guided Abstraction Refinement**

Clarke, Grumberg, Jha, Lu, Veith



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Some State of the Art Model-Checkers

□ **SMV, NuSMV, Cadence SMV**

- CTL and LTL model-checkers
- Based on BDDs or SAT solvers
- Mostly for hardware and other models

□ **Spin**

- LTL model-checker
- Explicit state exploration
- Mostly for communication protocols

□ **CBMC, SatAbs, CPAChecker, UFO**

- Combine Model Checking and Abstraction
- Work directly on the source code (mostly C)
- Control-dependent properties of programs (buffer overflow, API usage, etc.)

Pros and Cons of Model-Checking

❑ Pros:

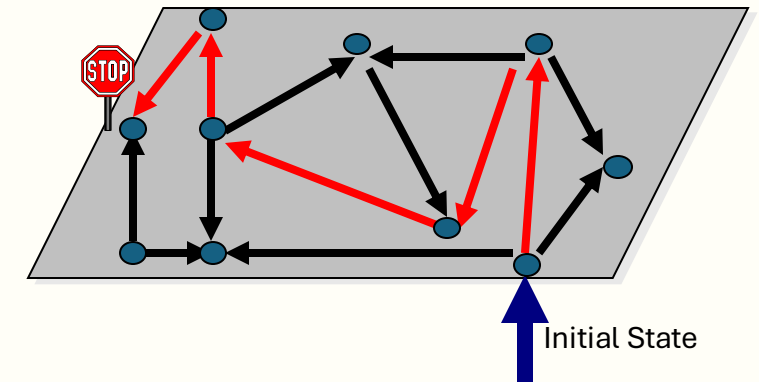
- No proofs! (algorithmic not deductive)
- Fast (compared to other rigorous methods)
- No problem with partial specifications
- Diagnostic counterexamples

❑ Cons:

- Often cannot express full requirements
 - Instead check several smaller properties
- Few systems can be checked directly
 - Must generally abstract
- Works better for certain types of problems
 - Very useful for control-centered concurrent systems
 - E.g, Avionics software, Hardware, Communication protocols
- Not very good at data-centered systems:
 - User interfaces, databases

Safety Property:

bad state  unreachable
Counterexample



Many Industrial Successes

(Optional) 作业: Mutual Exclusion

□ The following is a transition diagram of two processes:

n noncritical section of an abstract process

t trying to enter critical section of an abstract process

c critical section of an abstract process

➤ Notation is the diagram:

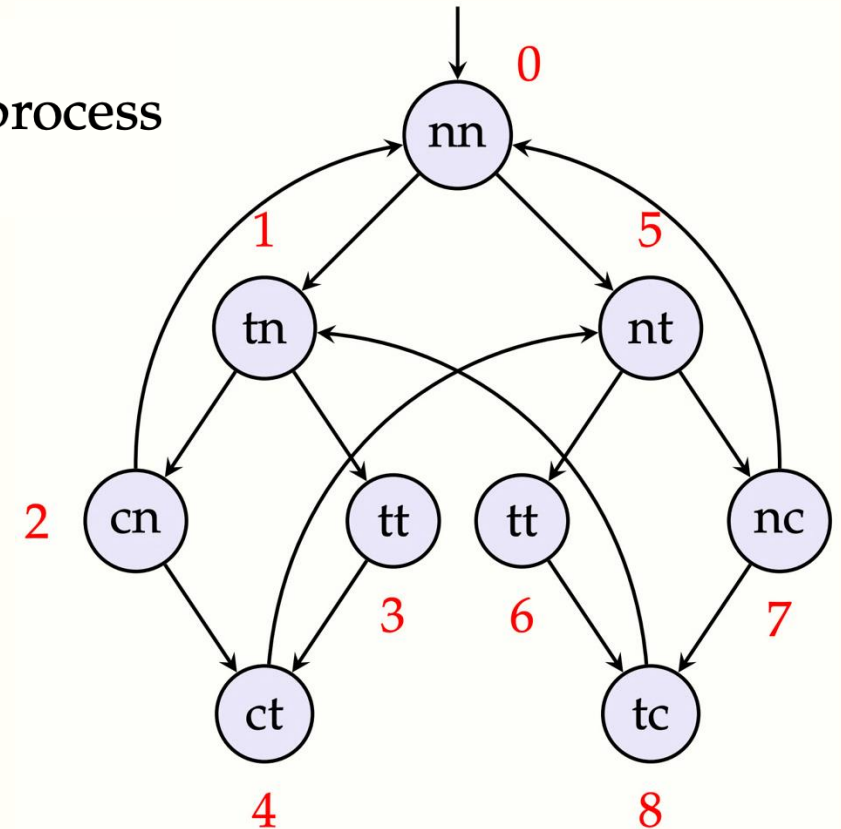
- E.g, nt indicates $n_1 \wedge t_2$, the process 1 is in the noncritical section while the process 2 is trying to get into its critical section.

➤ Check the following properties:

- Safety: $\neg \text{EF}(c_1 \wedge c_2)$

- Liveness: $\text{AG}(t_1 \rightarrow \text{AF } c_1) \wedge \text{AG}(t_2 \rightarrow \text{AF } c_2)$

- $1 \in \llbracket t_1 \rightarrow \text{AF } c_1 \rrbracket$ or $1 \in \llbracket \neg t_1 \vee \text{AF } c_1 \rrbracket$ or $1 \models t_1 \rightarrow \text{AF } c_1$



(Optional) 作业: puzzling frogs in Spin

https://data.bangtech.com/algorithm/switch_frogs_to_the_opposite_side.htm

□ Build a model and a property whose counter-example (in SPIN) is a sequence of moves that allows all frogs to switch side

- 6 or 8 frogs, at most one on each rock, initially each half facing the other side from where it is sitting
- can jump one step to the next rock if empty,
- can jump over a rock if occupied and following is empty.

