

Relational Product of BDDs in External Memory

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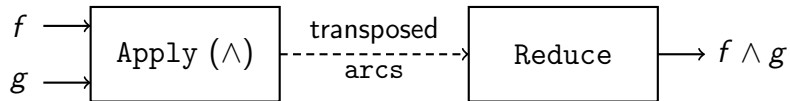
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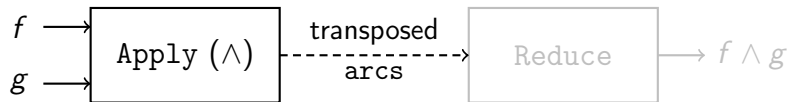


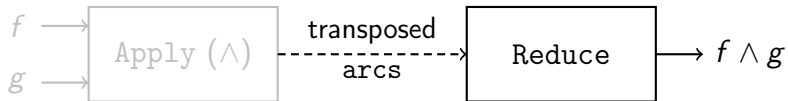
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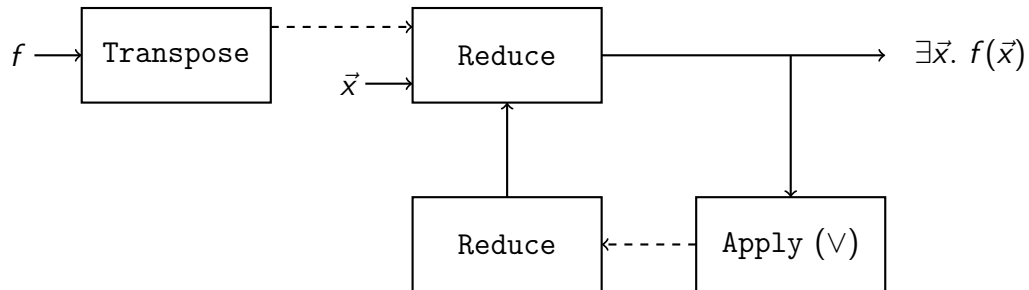




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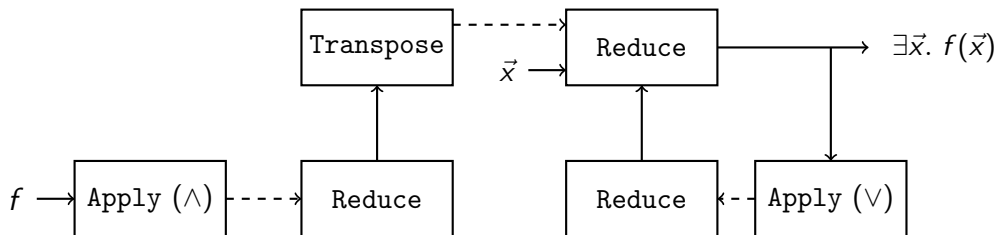
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- **One can incorporate π into a (succeeding) top-down Apply sweep.**
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- **One can incorporate π into a (preceeding) bottom-up Reduce sweep.**
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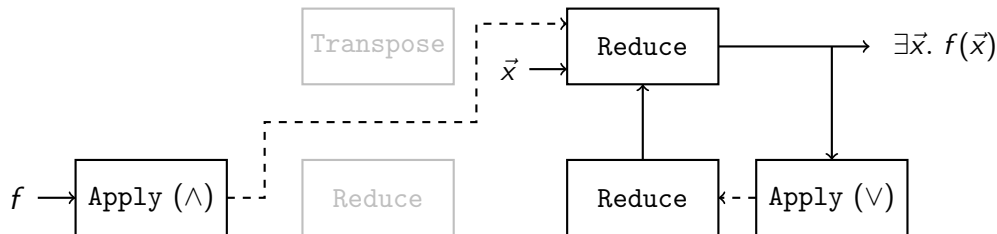
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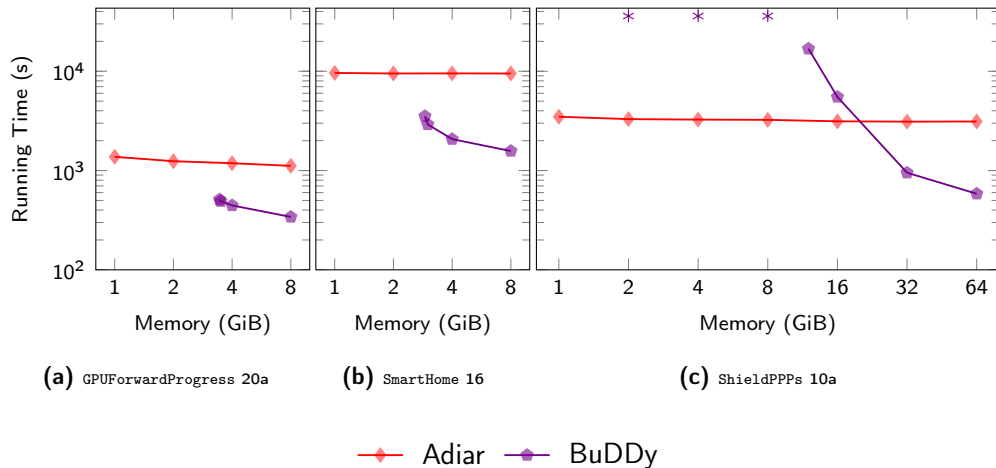
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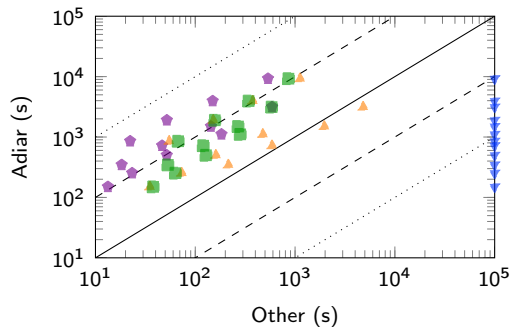
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- **The And operation can prune subtrees that trivially will become redundant during the succeeding Exists.**
This can save up to $\mathcal{O}(\text{sort}(N^{2^k}))$ time and I/Os.
In practice, this only saves up to $\mathcal{O}(\text{sort}(N))$ time and I/Os.

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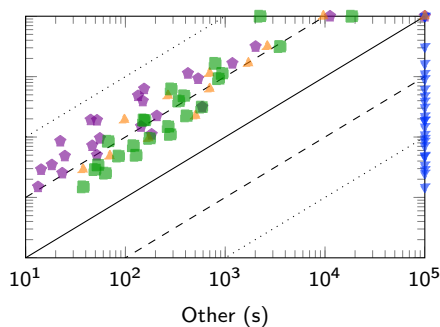


Relational Product for MCC models with a 2^{25} state space BDD. Timeouts are marked as stars.

Experiment: $\text{Next}(S_{\vec{x}}, T_{\vec{x}, \vec{x}'})$ & $\text{Prev}(S_{\vec{x}}, T_{\vec{x}, \vec{x}'})$



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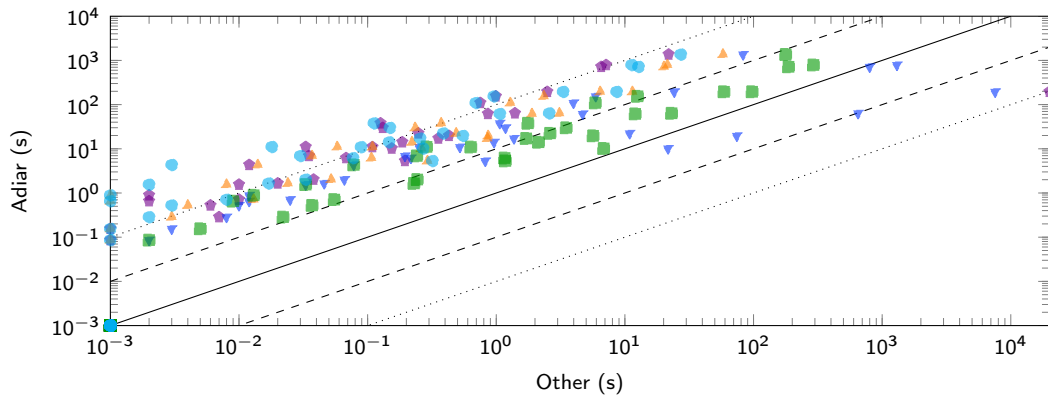


(b) $\text{Prev}(S_{\vec{x}}, T_{\vec{x}, \vec{x}'})$

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Relational Product for MCC models, 384 GiB of memory, and $2^{22}, \dots, 2^{25}$ state space BDDs.

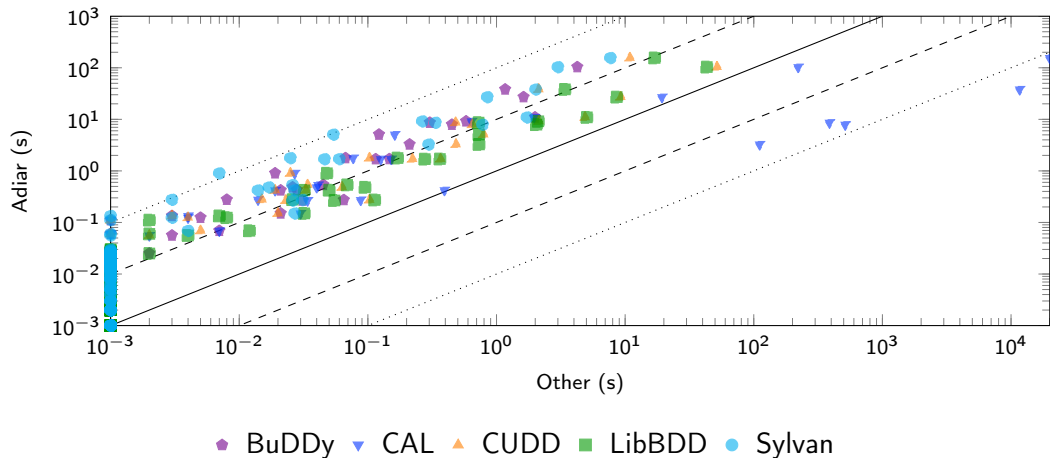
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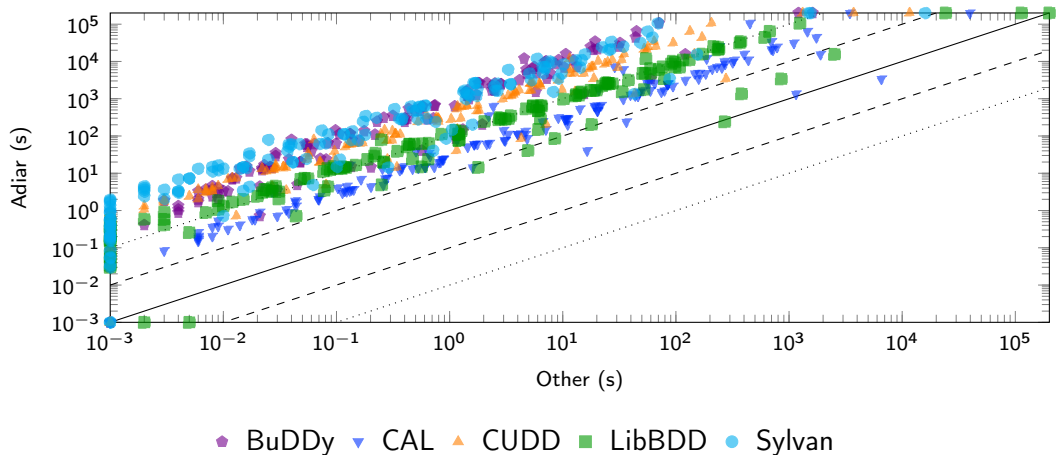
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Experiment: Deadlock Detection



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