

Introduction

Modelling parallel systems

Linear Time Properties

**Regular Properties**

regular safety properties

$\omega$ -regular properties

model checking with Büchi automata ←

Linear Temporal Logic

Computation-Tree Logic

Equivalences and Abstraction

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requires techniques for checking  
**persistence properties** in finite TS



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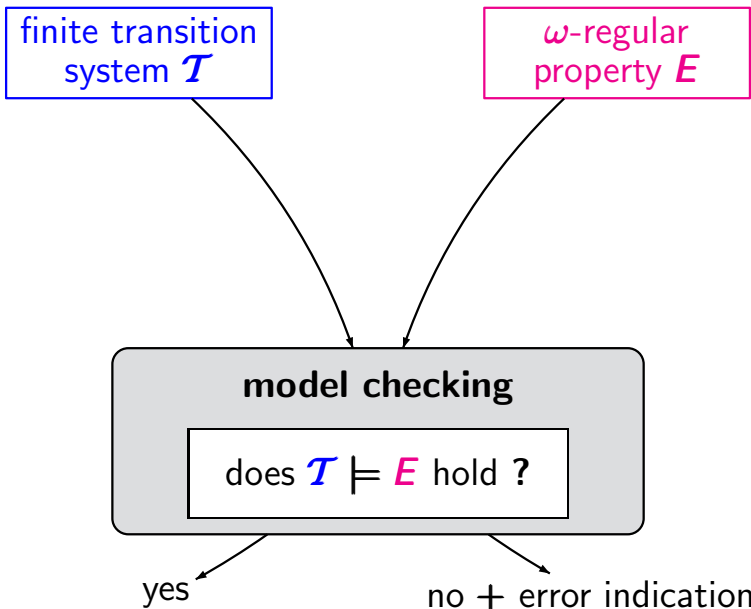
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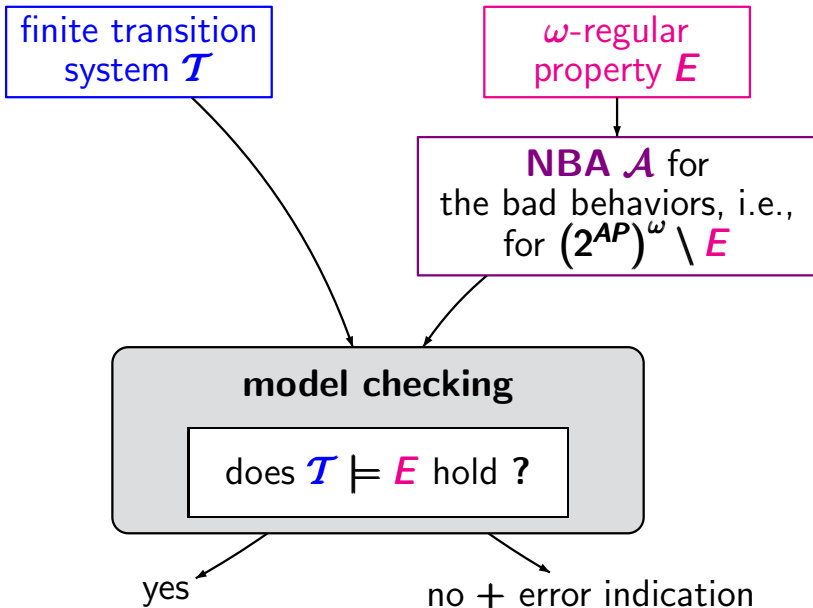
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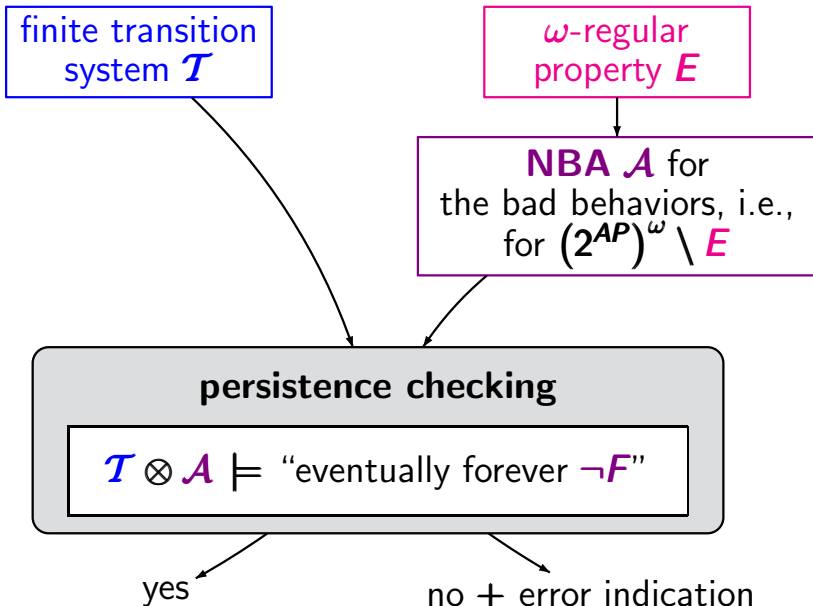
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LTLMC3.2-OMEGA





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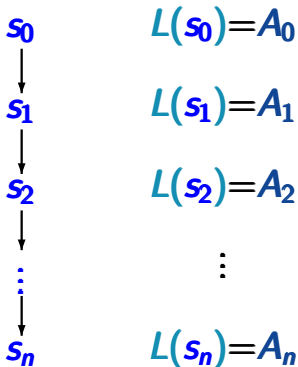
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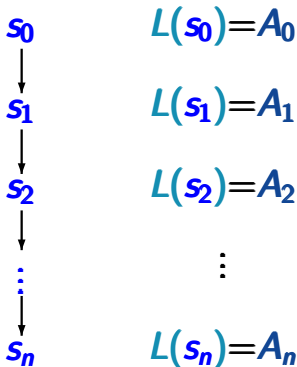
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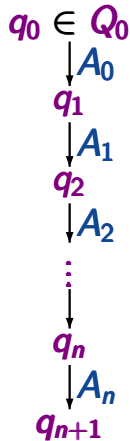


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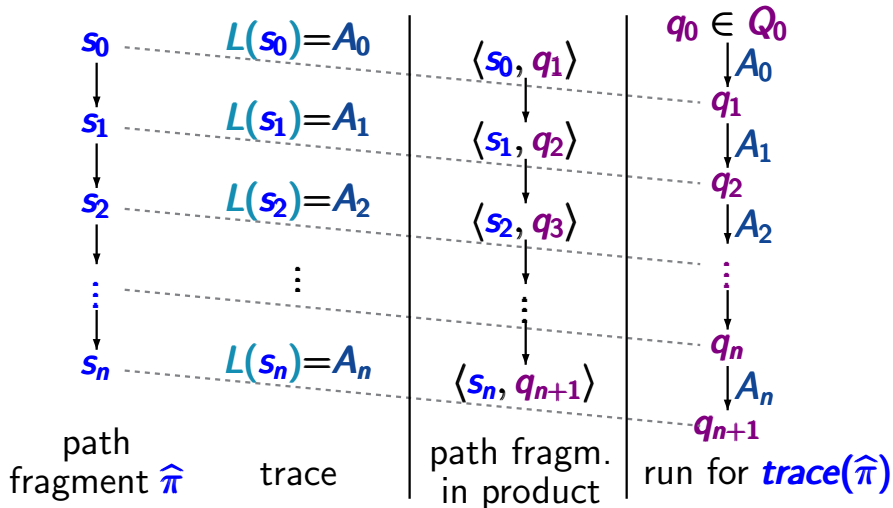
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LTLMC3.2-PROD-2

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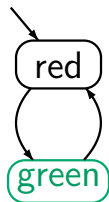
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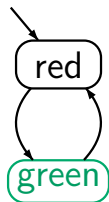


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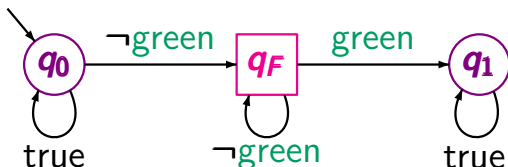
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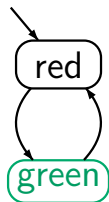
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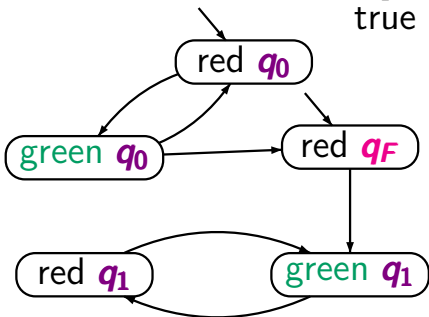
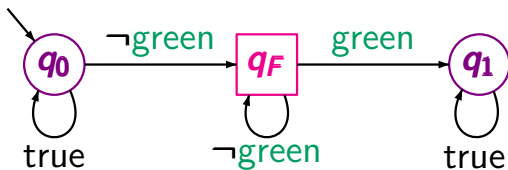
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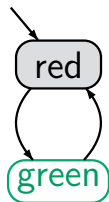
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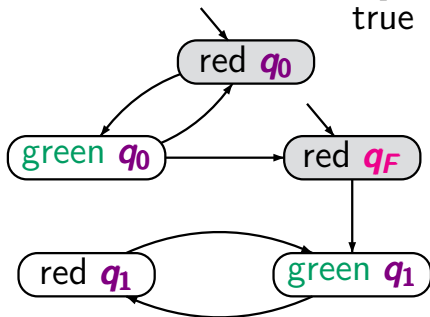
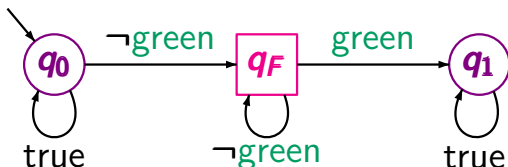
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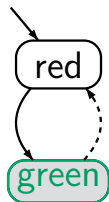
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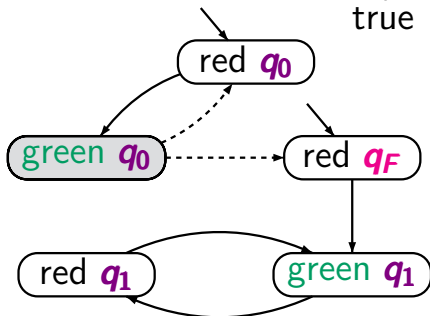
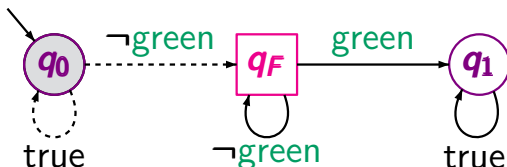
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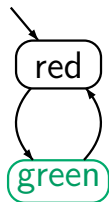
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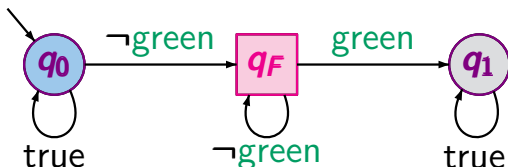
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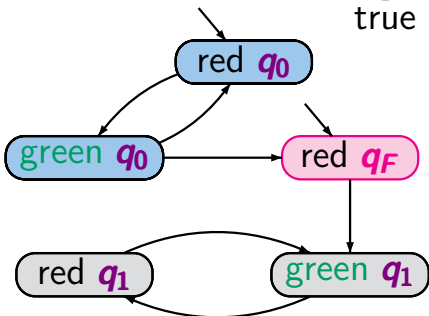
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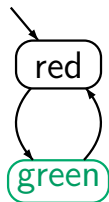
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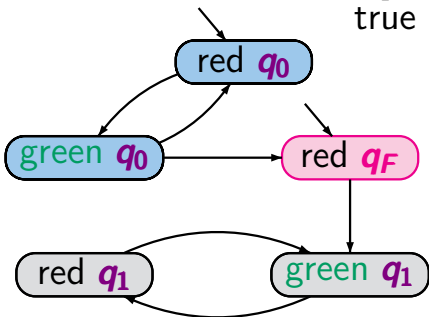
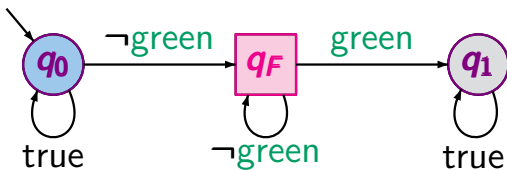
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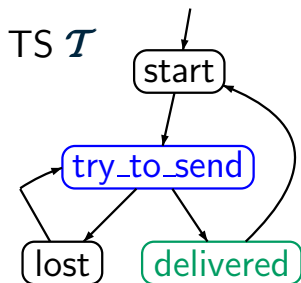
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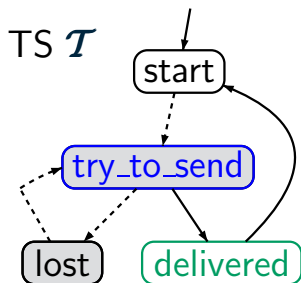
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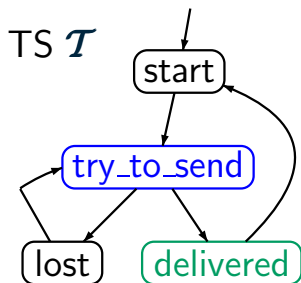


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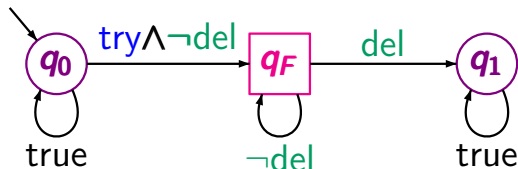
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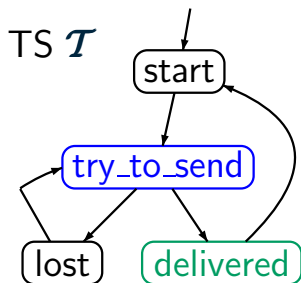
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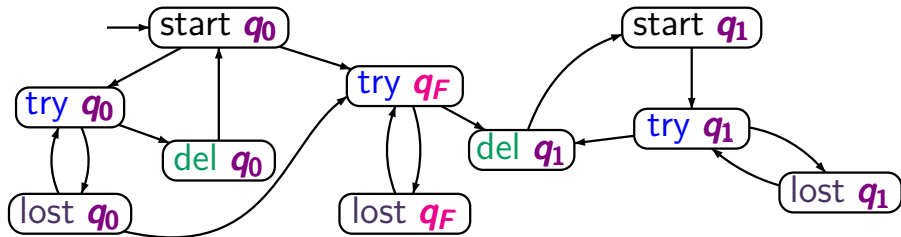
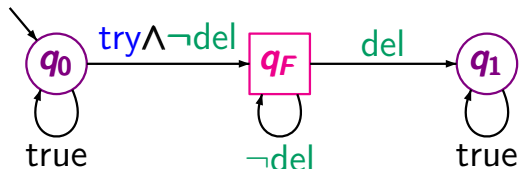
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“never delivered after some trial”

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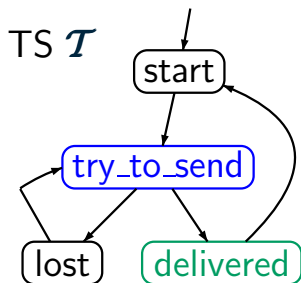


reachable fragment of the product-TS

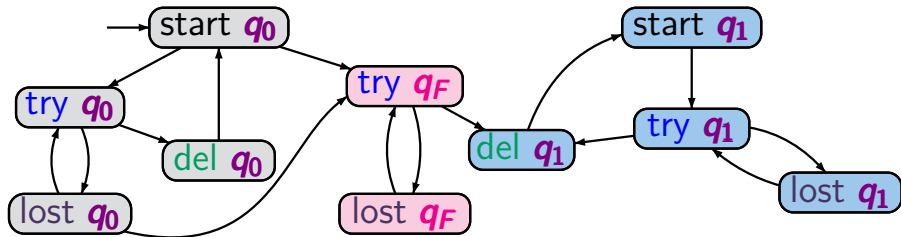
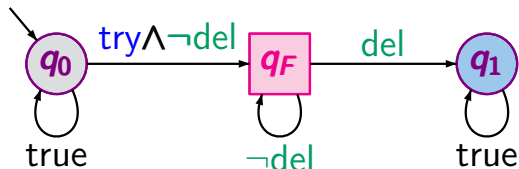


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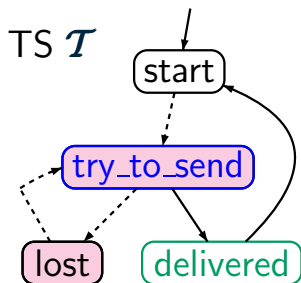


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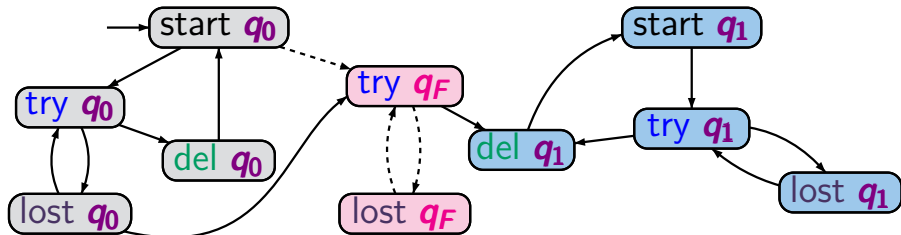
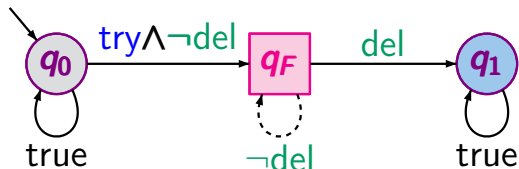


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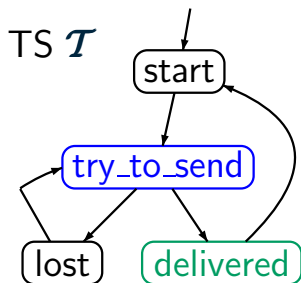
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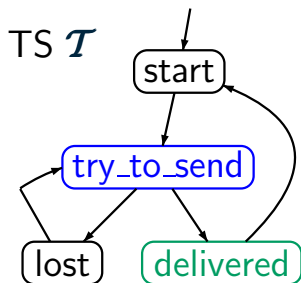
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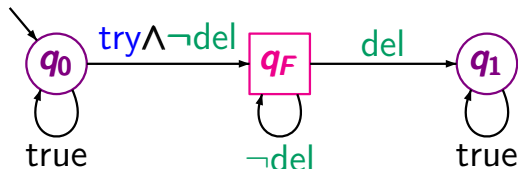


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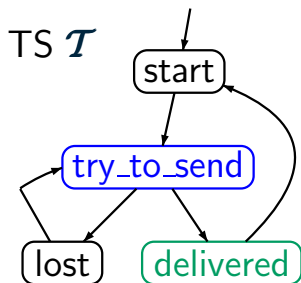


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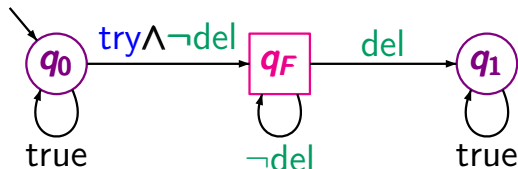
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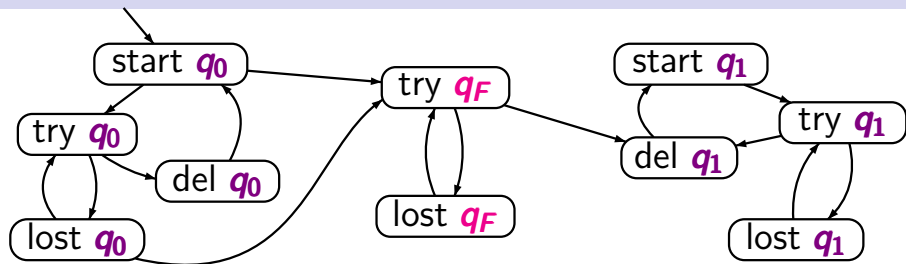
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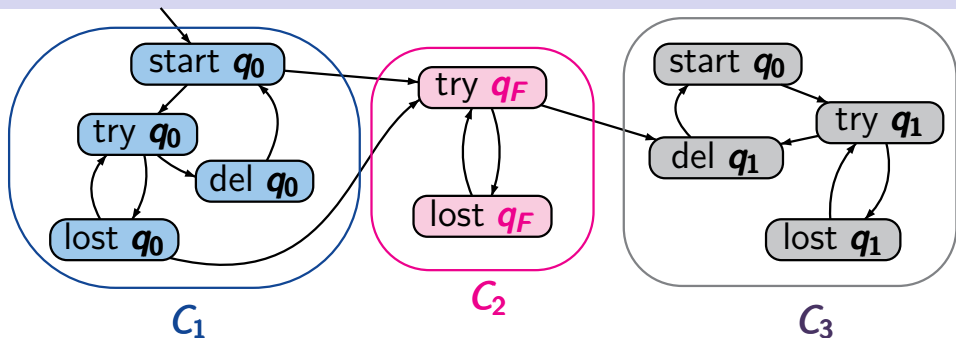
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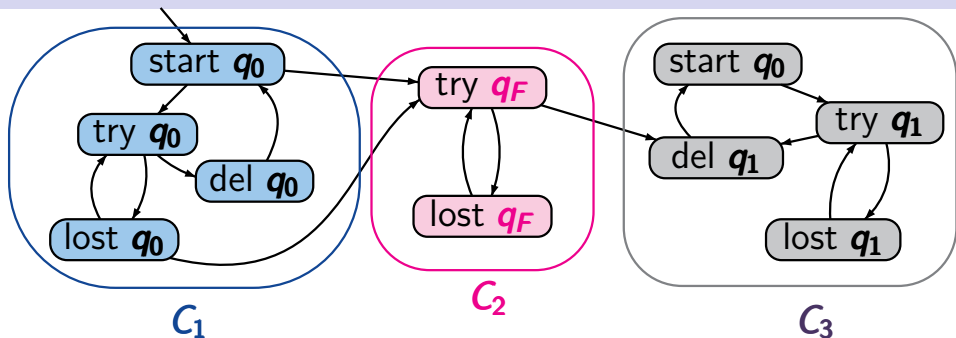


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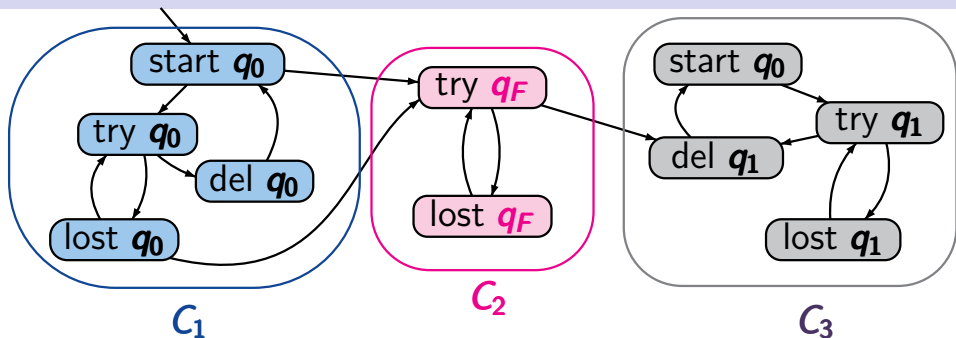
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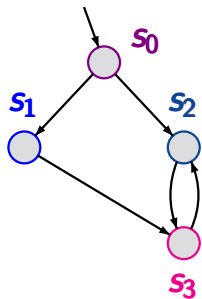
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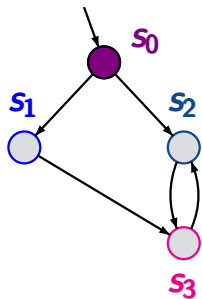
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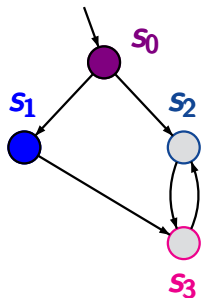
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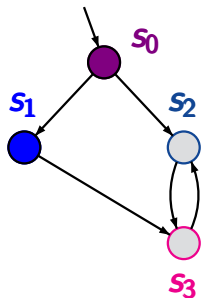
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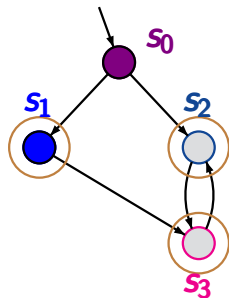
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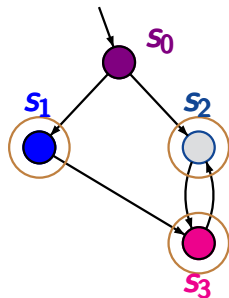
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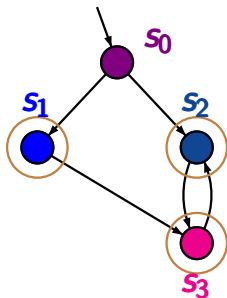
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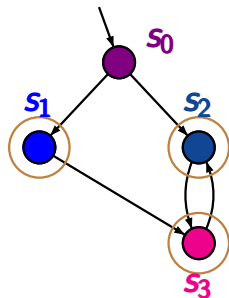
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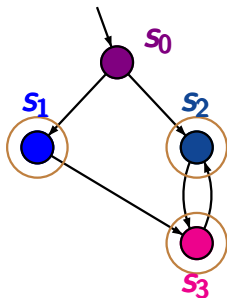
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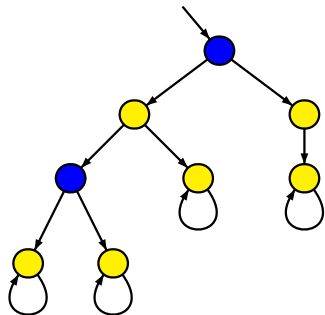
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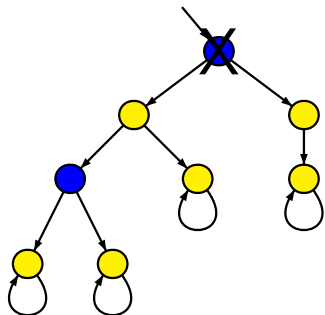
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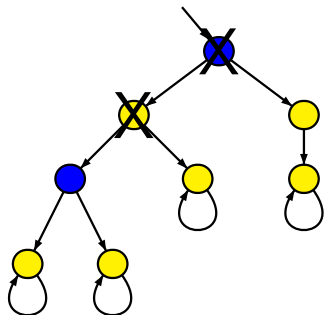
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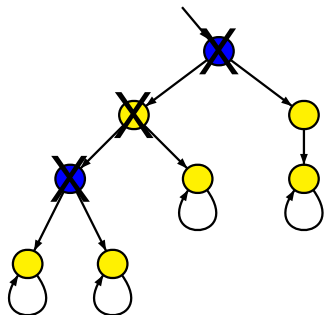
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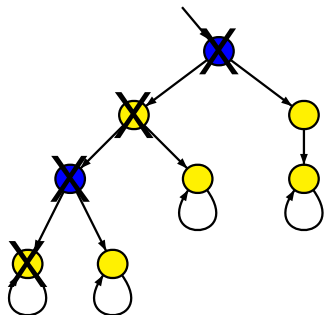
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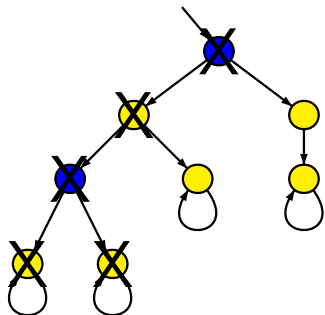
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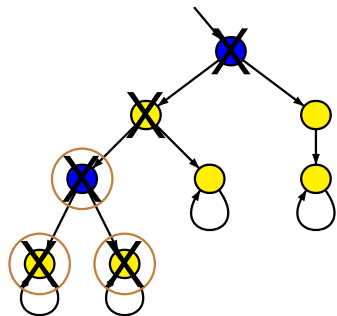
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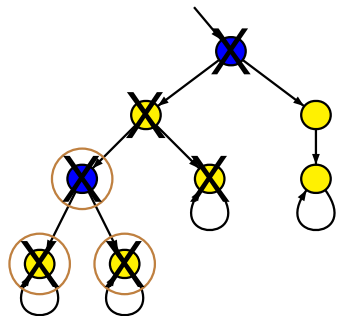




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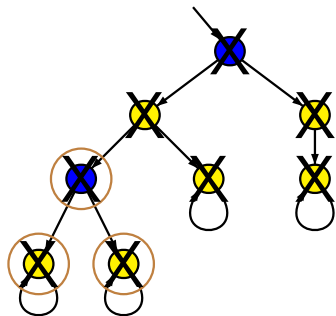
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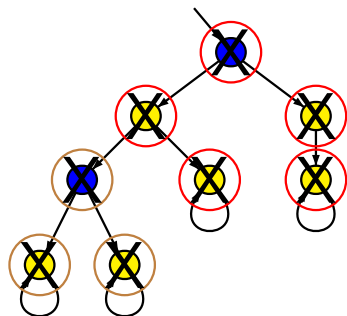
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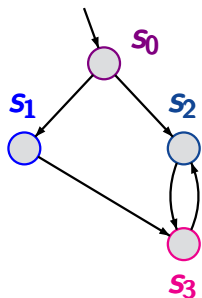
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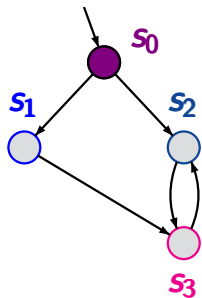
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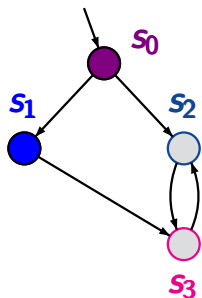
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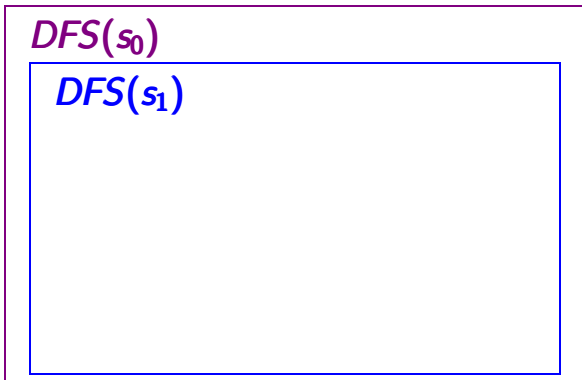
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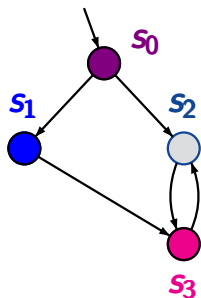


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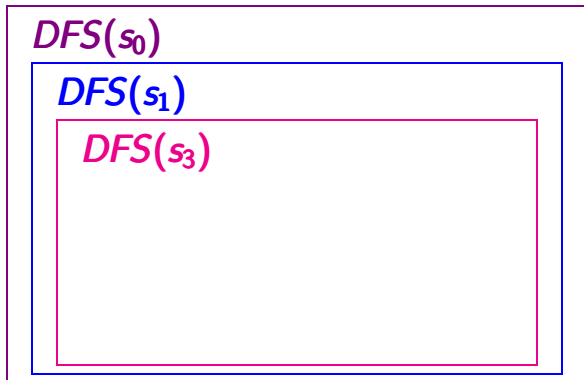
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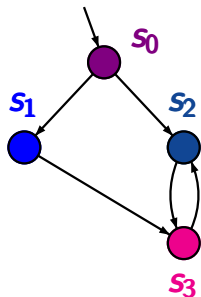
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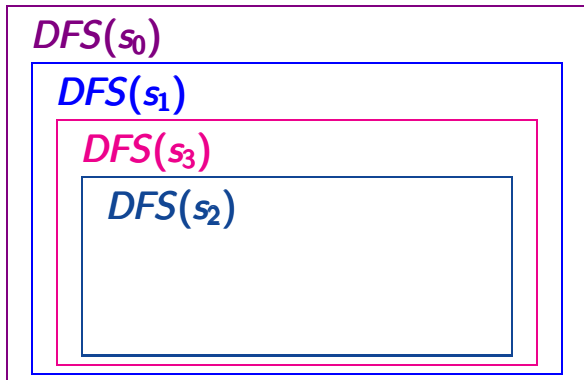
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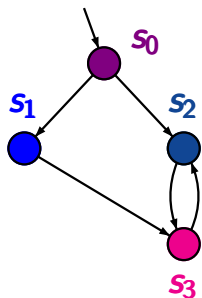
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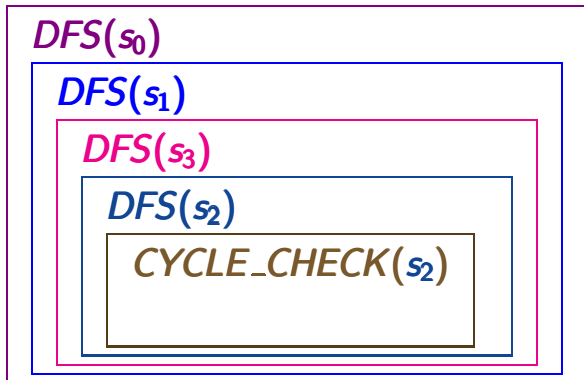
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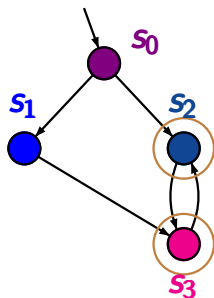
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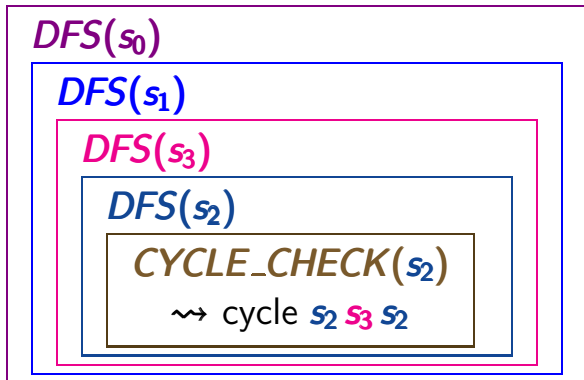
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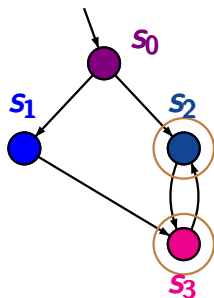
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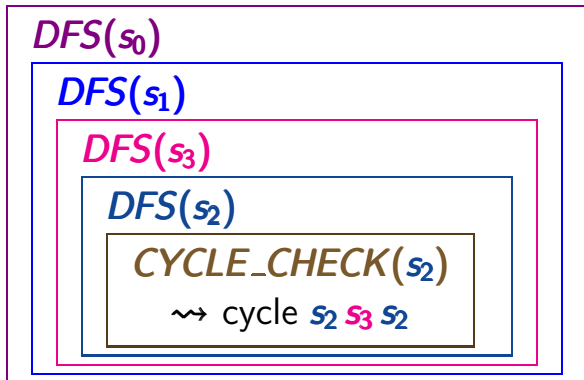
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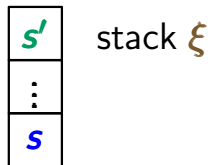
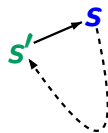
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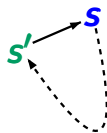
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