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# Frequent Subtree Mining on the Automata Processor: Challenges and Opportunities

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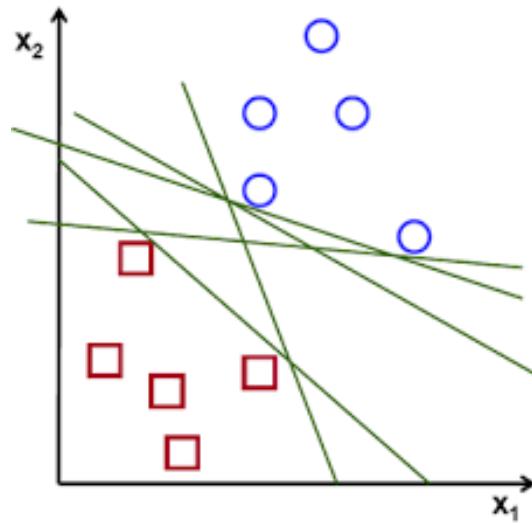
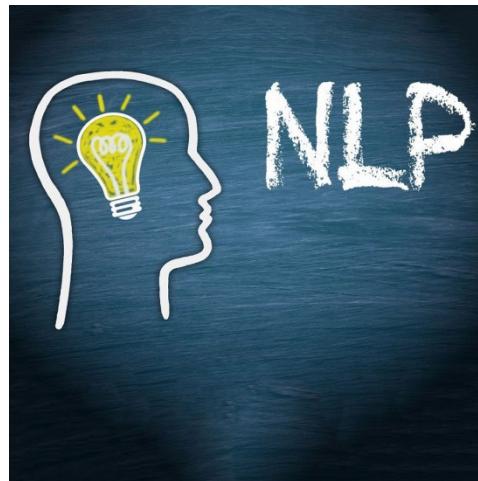
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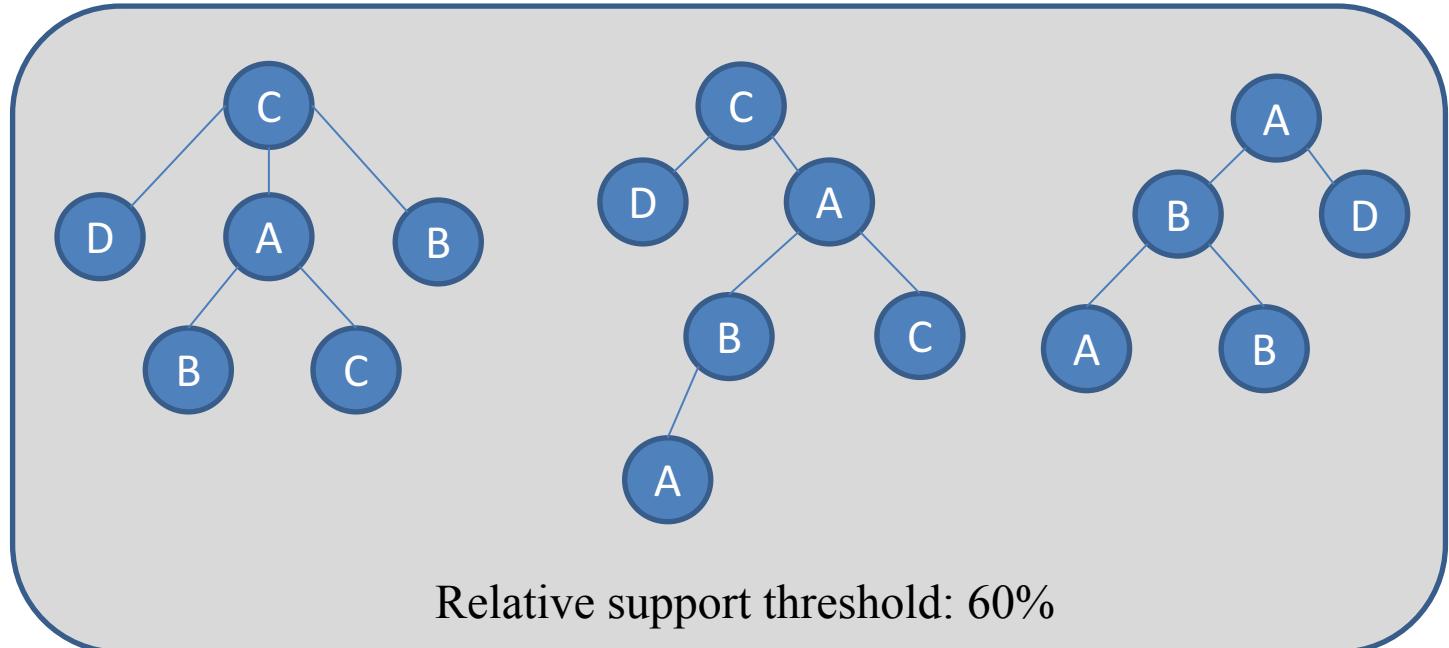


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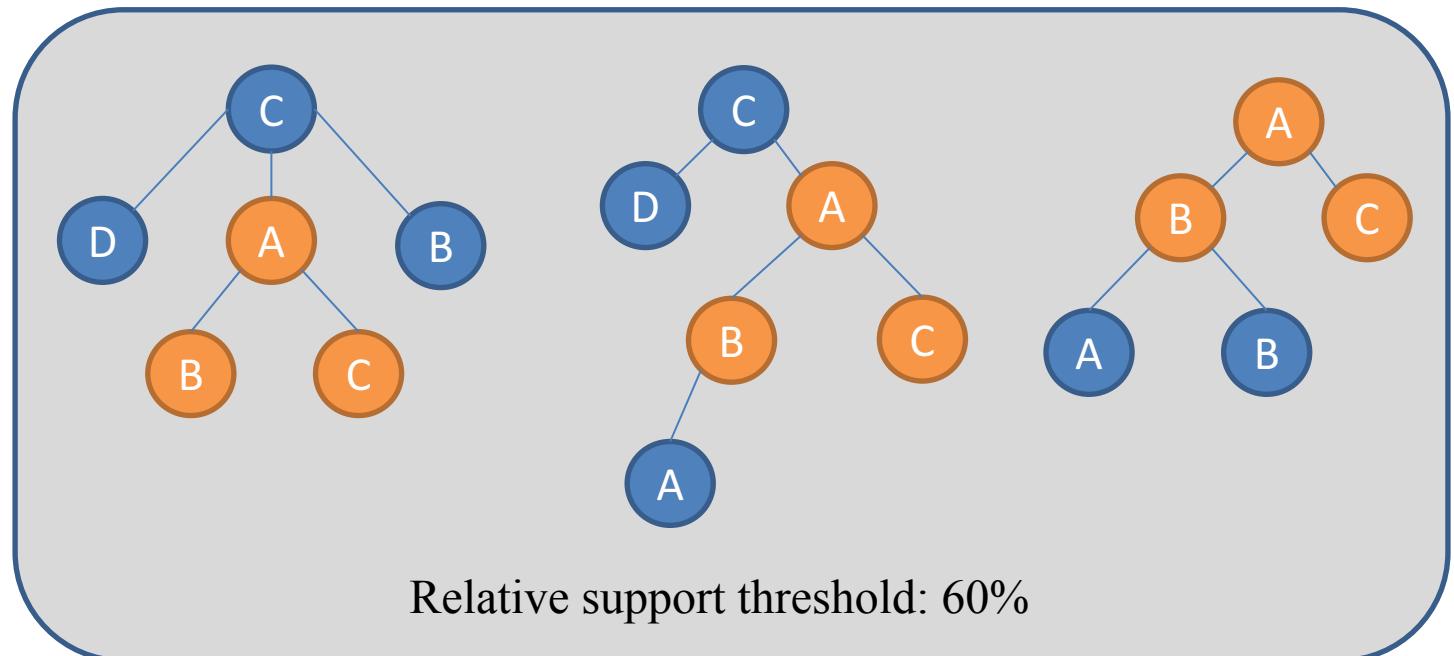


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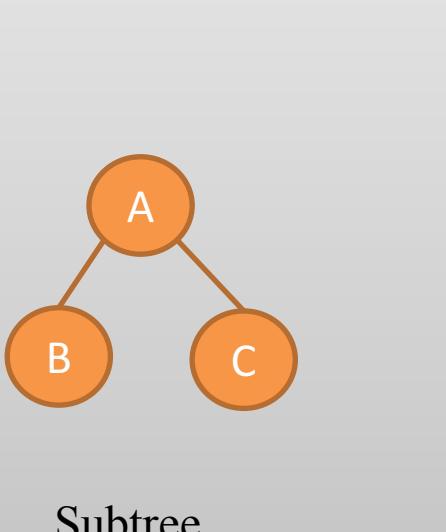
Support = 3

Is frequent:

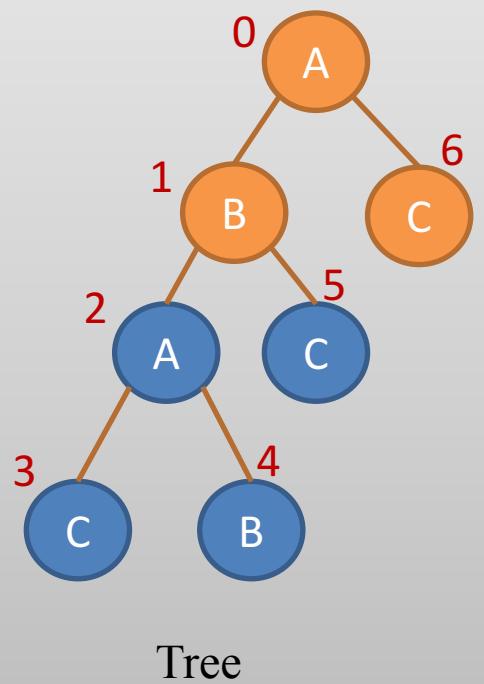


# Preliminaries

Induced subtree

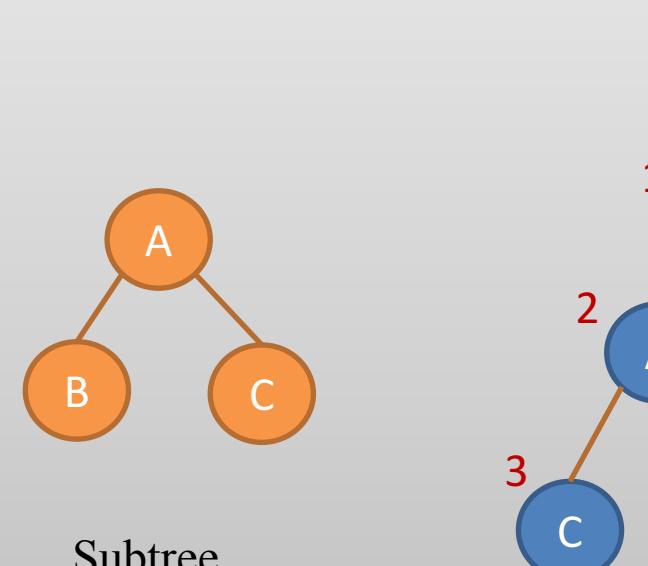


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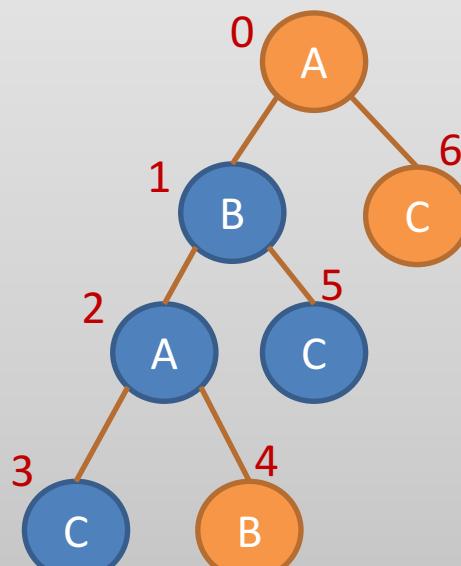


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Embedded subtree



Subtree



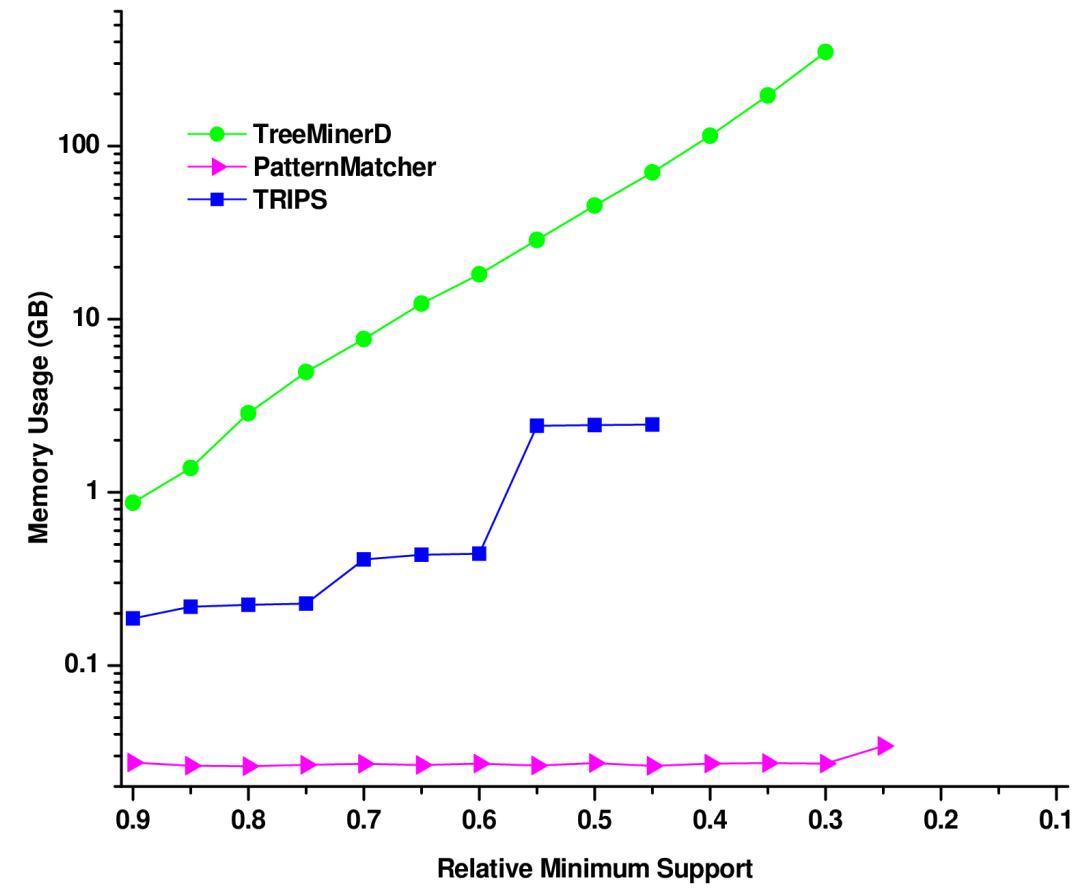
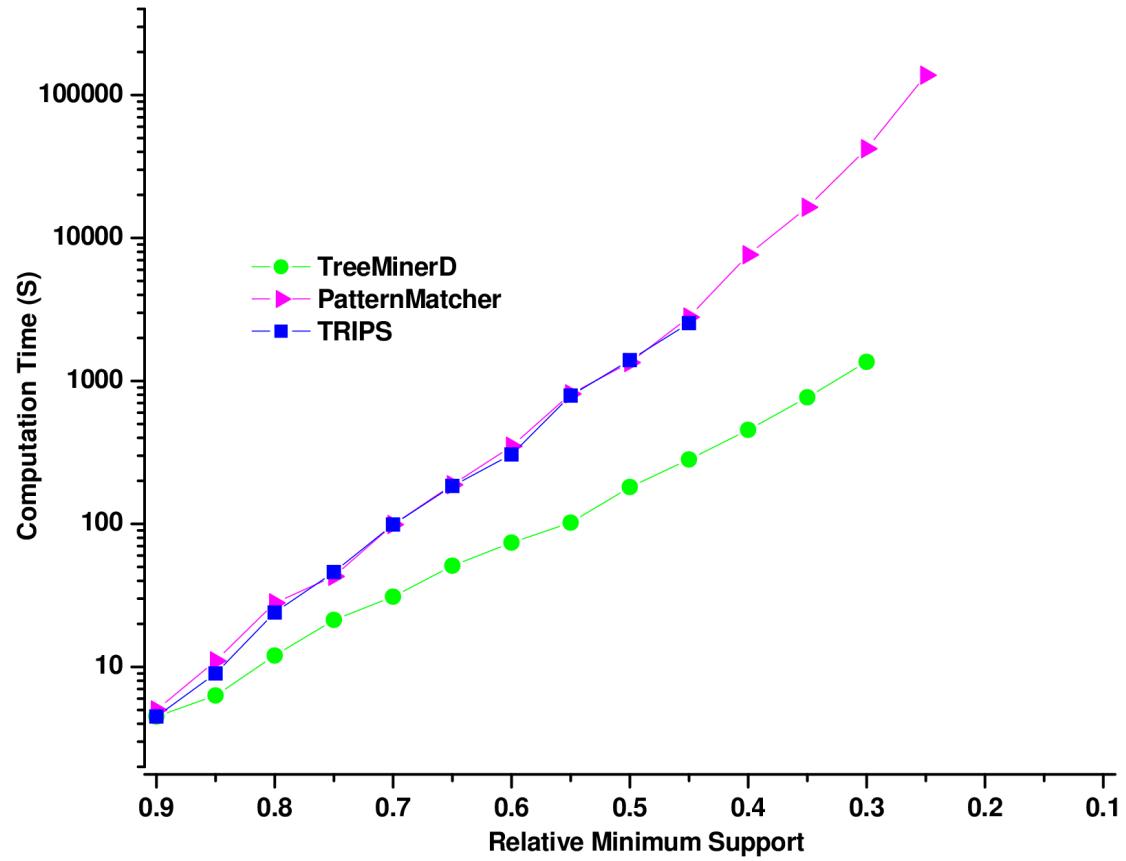
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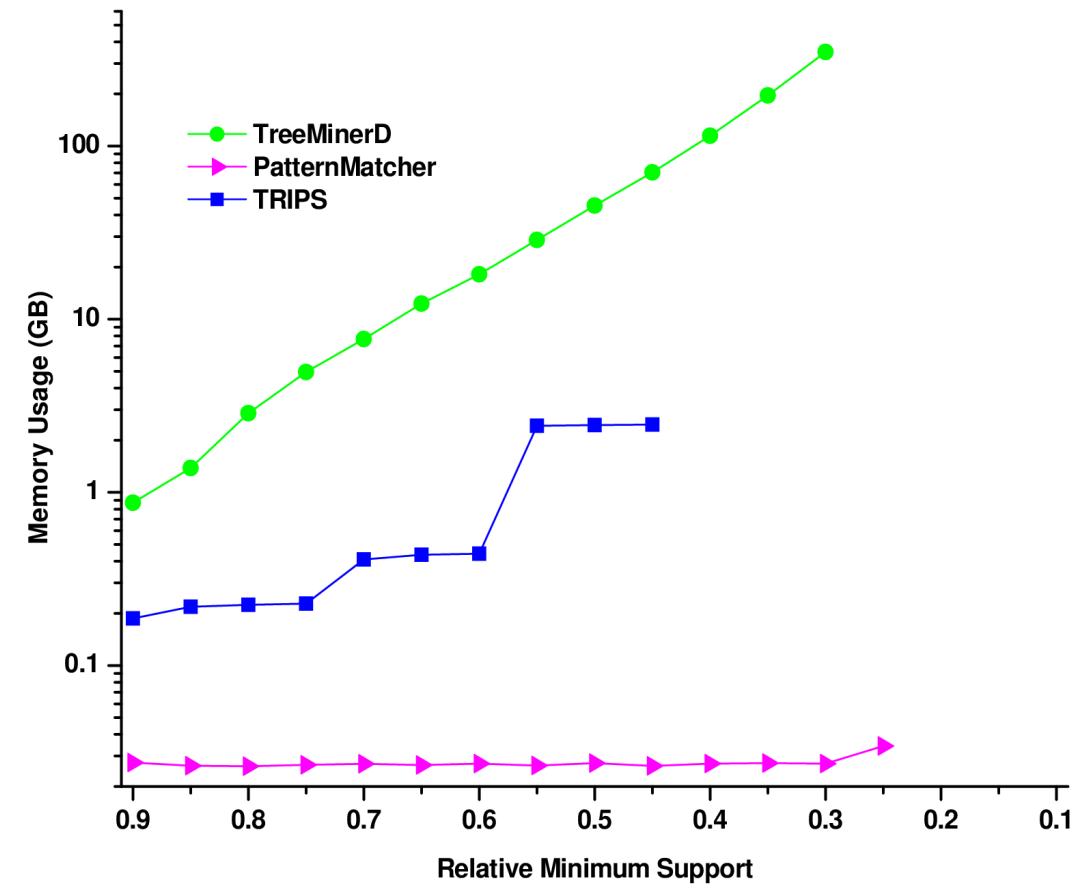
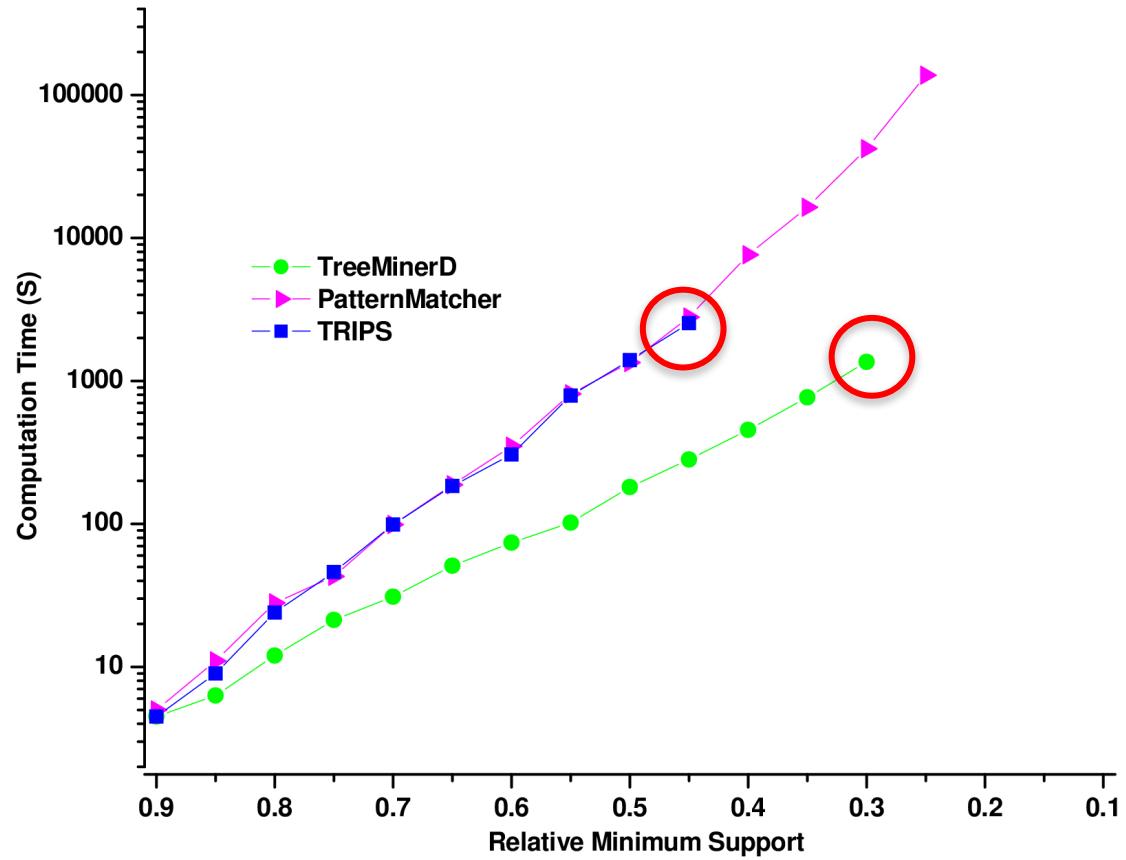
|            | Pros                                | Cons  |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>BFS</b> | Massive pruning<br>Memory efficient | Multi-pass of dataset<br>slow               |
| <b>DFS</b> | Fast                                | Little pruning opportunity<br>Memory-hungry |

BFS and DFS refer to candidate generation approach, not tree traversal 😊

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Would that be acceptable to achieve **hundreds-X speedup** at the expense of loosing a couple of percent **accuracy**?

### Contribution of this research:

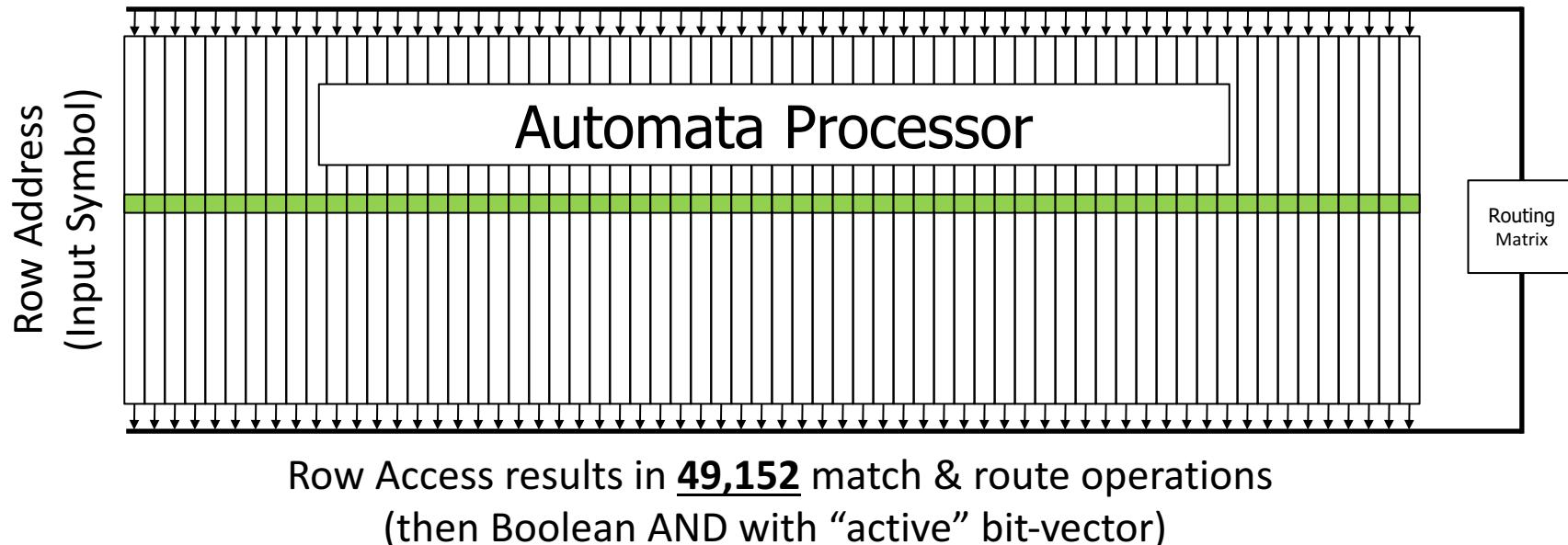
- Proposing a memory efficient and fast solution to the frequent subtree mining problem on the Automata Processor
- Achieving 350X and more speed up, when allowing 7.5% false positive subtrees

# The Rest of This Talk

- Automata Processor
- FTM Challenges and Opportunities on the AP
- Experimental Evaluation
- Takeaways

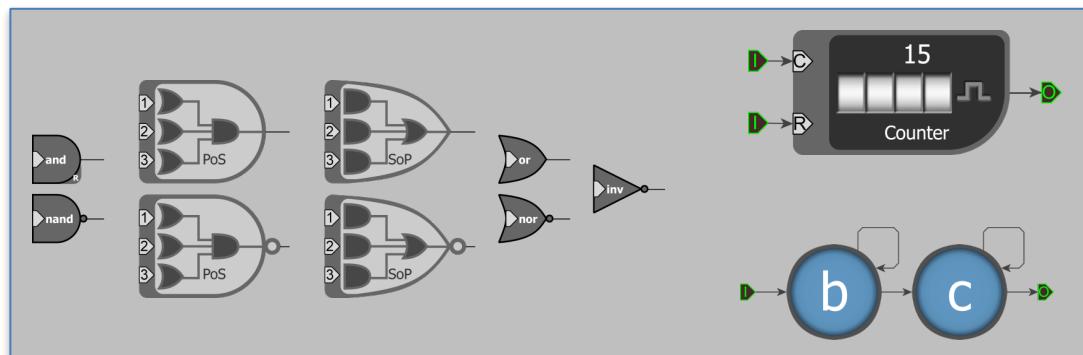
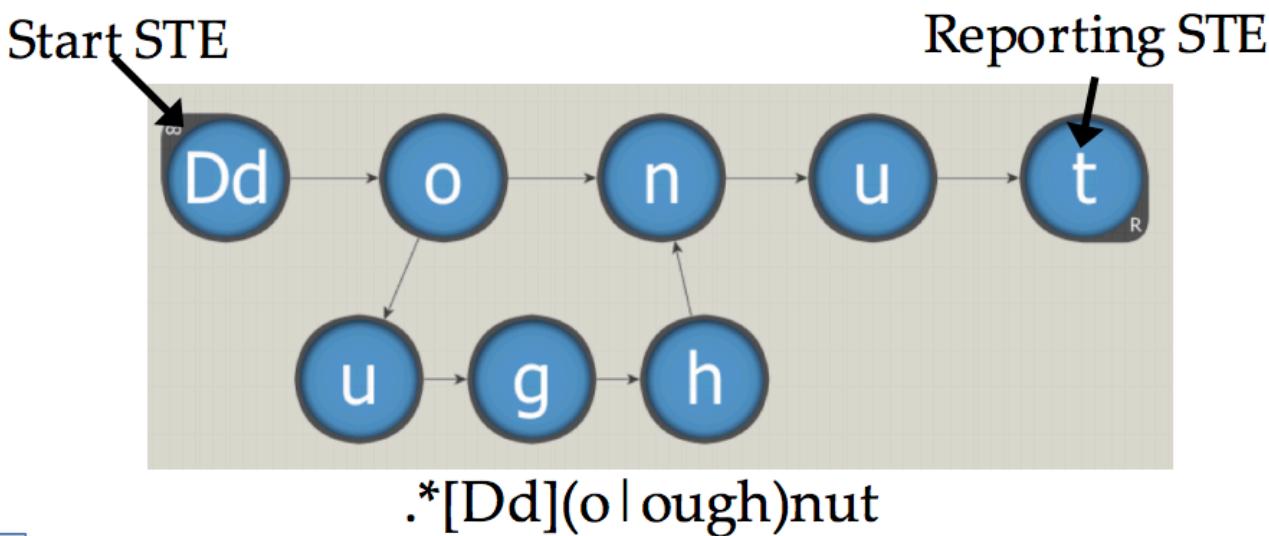
# The Automata Processor (1)

- The Micron Automata Processor (AP) is a reconfigurable non-von Neumann architecture, which implements non-deterministic finite automata (NFA) with Boolean logic gates and counters in hardware based on DRAM technology.



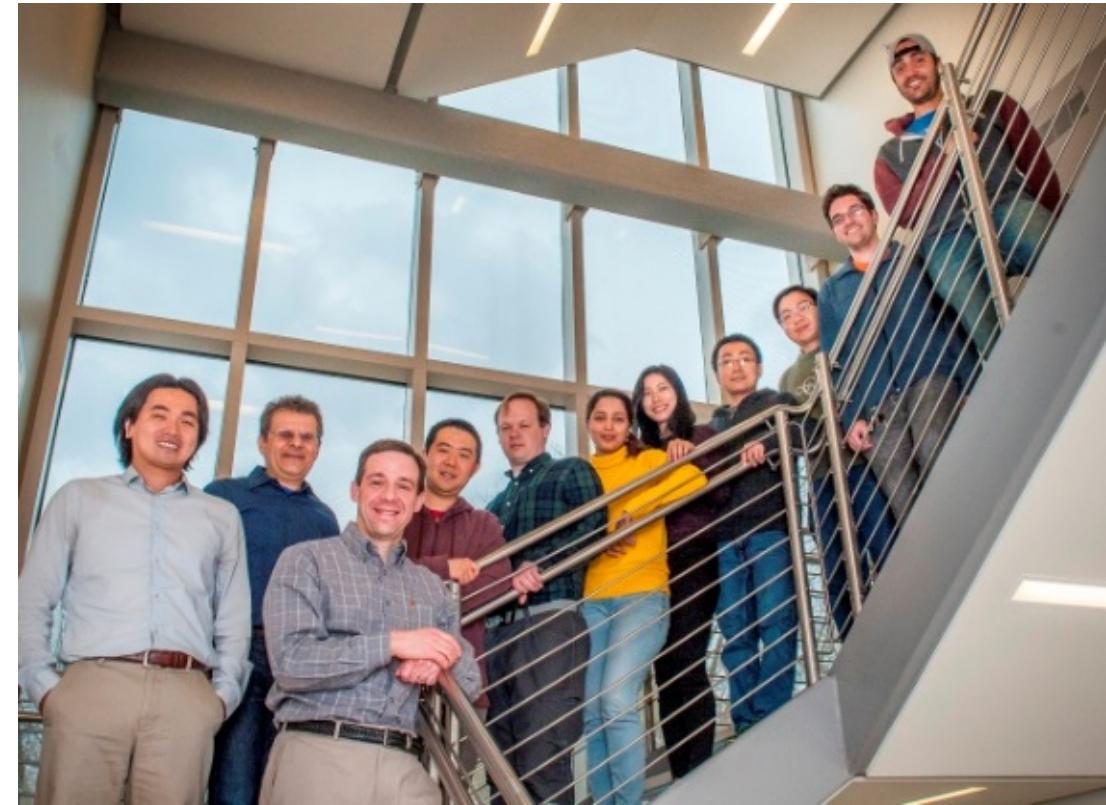
# The Automata Processor (2)

- A massively parallel ‘MISD’ architecture
- 1 Gbps data processing
- Hardware resources on development board
  - State Transition Elements (STE): 1.5M
  - Reporting STEs: 200K
  - Counter Elements: 25K
  - Boolean Elements: 74K



# Applications on the AP

- Data mining
  - Frequent itemset mining
  - Sequential pattern mining
- Machine learning
  - Random forest
  - Entity resolution
  - String/tree kernel
- Bioinformatics
  - Motif discovery
  - DNA alignment
- ...



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Tree can be represented using  
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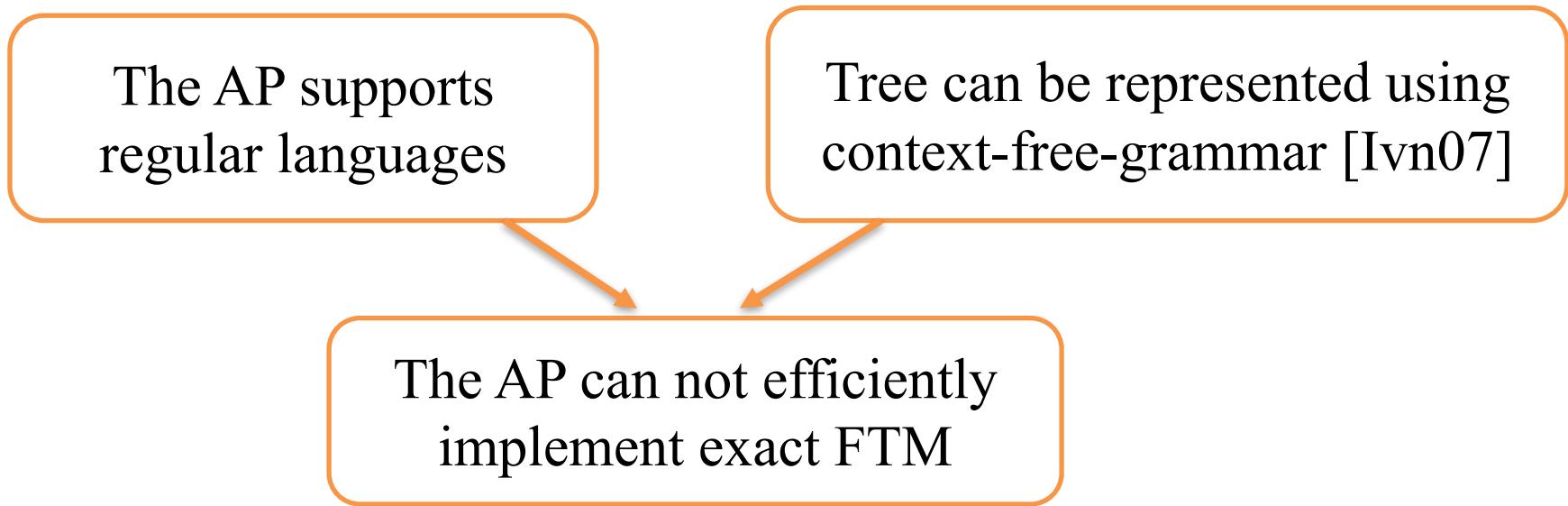
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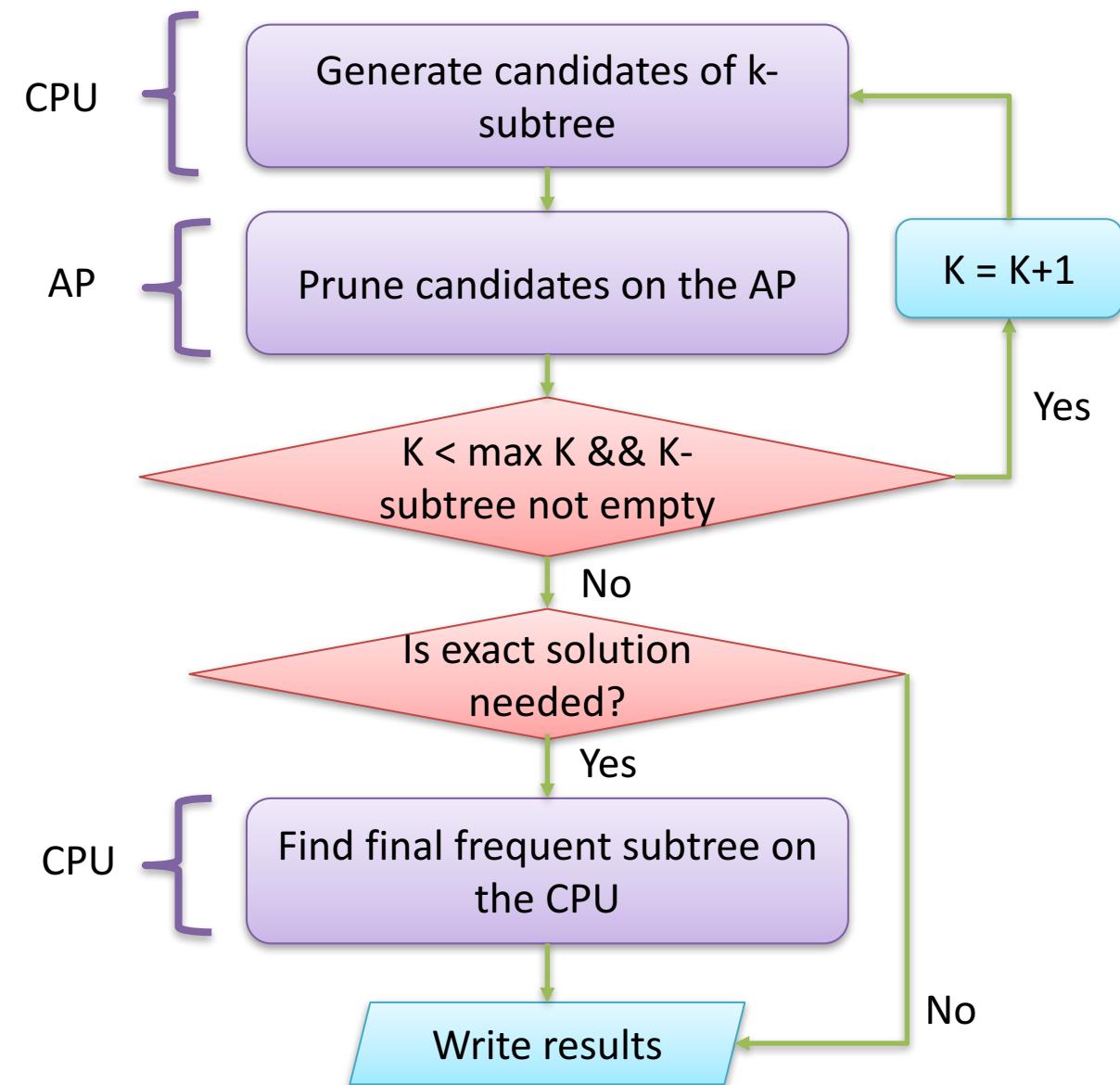
Exact solutions (e.g., stack implementation on the AP)



Inefficient  
Database dependent  
Impractical

# Opportunities: Pruning

- Four-stage pruning strategy
  - Subset pruning
  - Intersection pruning
  - Downward pruning
  - Connectivity pruning
- Kernel properties
  - Complementary pruning
  - Avoiding false negatives



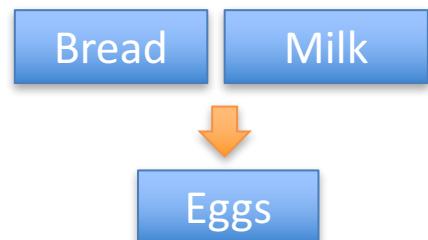
# Background

- Frequent itemset mining (FIM)
- Sequential pattern mining (SPM)

| Trans. | Items                           |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | Bread, Milk                     |
| 2      | Bread, Diaper, Beer, Eggs       |
| 3      | Milk, Diaper, Beer, Coke        |
| 4      | Bread, Milk, Diaper, Beer, Coke |
| 5      | Bread, Milk, Coke, Diaper       |

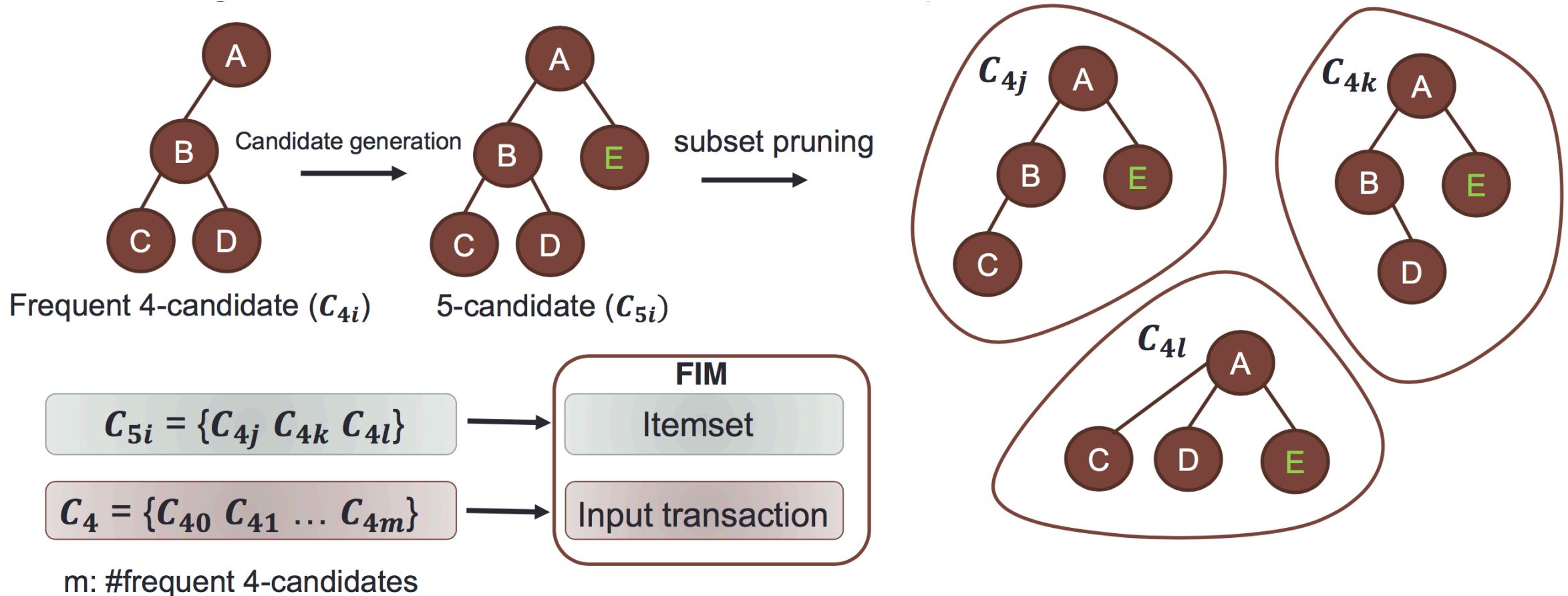
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# Kernel 1: Subset Pruning

- Main goal:** checks downward closure property



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# Kernel 2: Intersection Pruning

- **Main goal:** checks if all the subsets of a candidate happens in the same tree

CPU implementation

|          | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 |
|----------|----|----|----|----|
| $C_{4i}$ | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| $C_{4j}$ | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| $C_{4k}$ | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| $C_{4l}$ | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  |

Minimum support = 50%

$C_{5i} = 25\%$

AP implementation

| T1 | $C_{4i}$ | $C_{4j}$ | $C_{4k}$ | $C_{4l}$ |
|----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| T2 | $C_{4i}$ | $C_{4k}$ | ...      | ...      |
| T3 | $C_{4k}$ | $C_{4l}$ | ...      | ...      |
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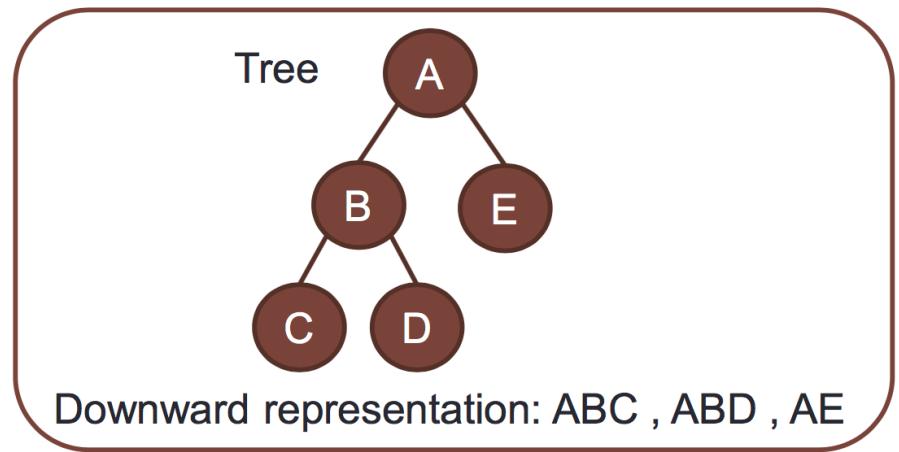
FIM

$itemset = C_{5i} = \{C_{4i} C_{4j} C_{4k} C_{4l}\}$

$Input = \{C_{4i} C_{4j} C_{4k} C_{4l} \dots ,$   
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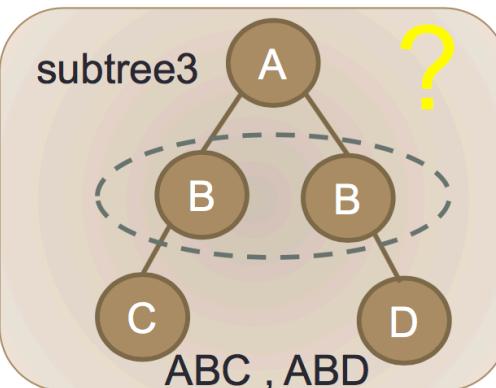
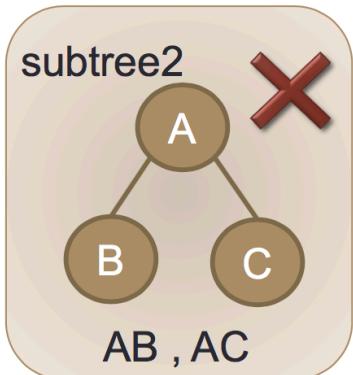
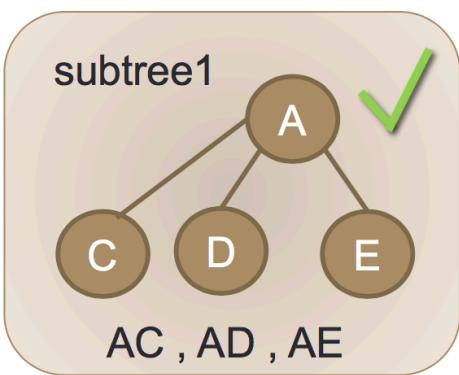
# Kernel 3: Downward Pruning

- Main goal:** checks if ancestor descendant relationship is met



*Subtree1 = {AC, AD, AE}*

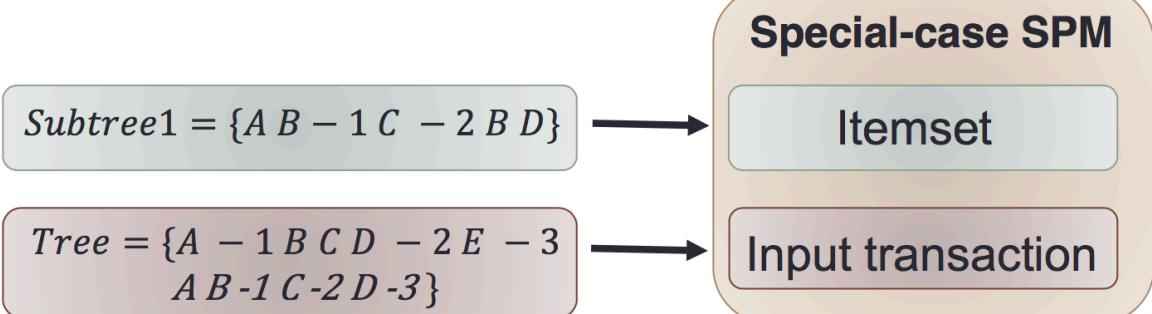
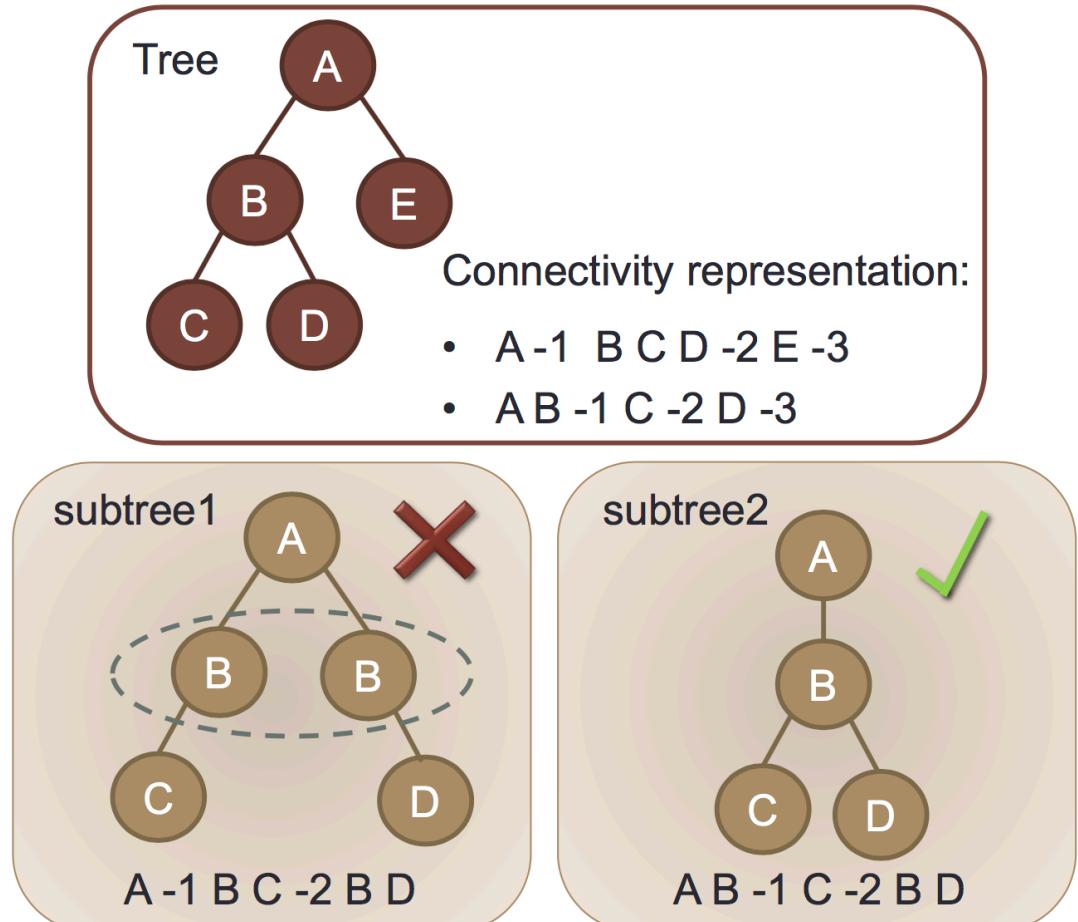
*Tree = {ABC, ABD, AE}*



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# Kernel 4: Connectivity Pruning

- **Main goal:** checks if sibling relationship is met



# Framework

1. Making ARM and SPM automata for each kernel
2. Creating appropriate input stream
3. Configuring the automata for each kernel on the AP and streaming the corresponding input stream
4. Getting the potential frequent subtrees fro the AP output after applying the kernels

# Performance Evaluation

- Platform
  - CPU: Intel(R) Core™ i7-5820k CPU @ 3.30GHz, Memory: 32GB
  - GPU: Tesla K80, Memory 24GB

- Dataset

| Name     | #Trees    | Ave_Node | SD_Node | #Items  | Size (MB) |
|----------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| T1M      | 1,000,000 | 5.5      | 6.2     | 500     | 49.3      |
| T2M      | 2,000,000 | 2.95     | 3.3     | 100     | 60.1      |
| CSLOGS   | 59691     | 12.94    | 22.47   | 13361   | 6.3       |
| TREEBANK | 52581     | 68.03    | 32.46   | 1387266 | 27.3      |

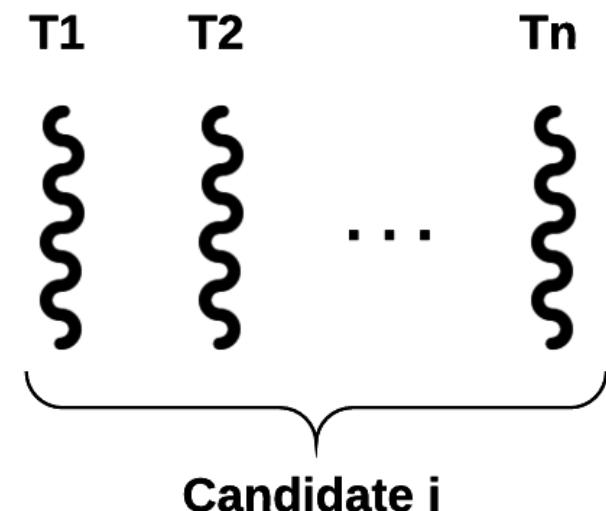
Ave\_Node = Average number of nodes per tree.

SD\_Node = Standard deviation of number of nodes per tree.

- Apples-to-apples comparison

# GPU Implementation

- BFS Approach, because:
  - Not be bound by the finite GPU global memory
  - Exposes many ready-to-process candidates and provide parallelism
- FTM-GPU
  - Candidate generation on the CPU
  - Subset pruning on the CPU
  - Enumeration on the GPU
    - Trees in shared memory
    - Candidate in constant memory
- Sorting the input trees
  - Decrease divergence



# Algorithmic & Architectural Contributions

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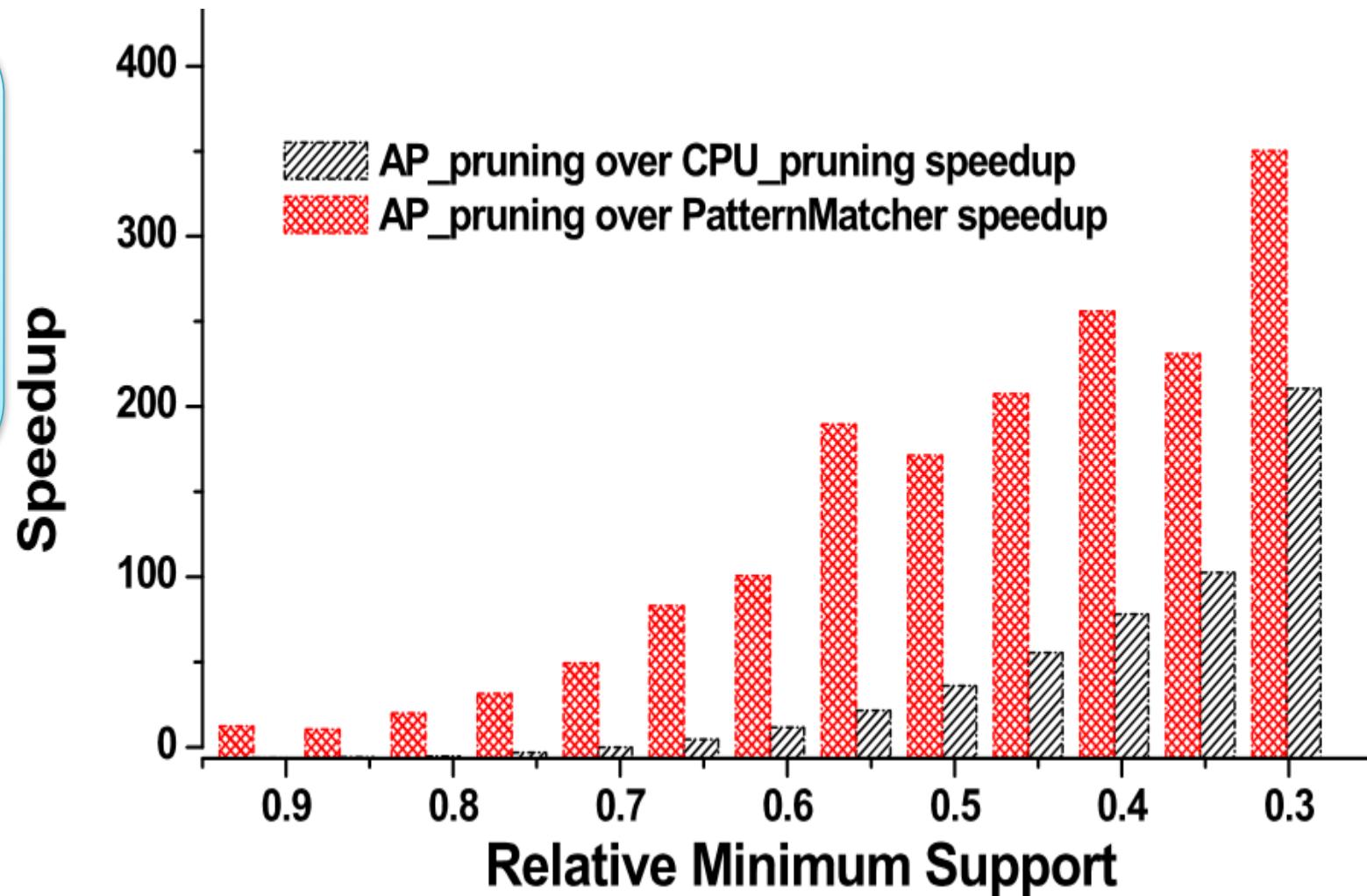
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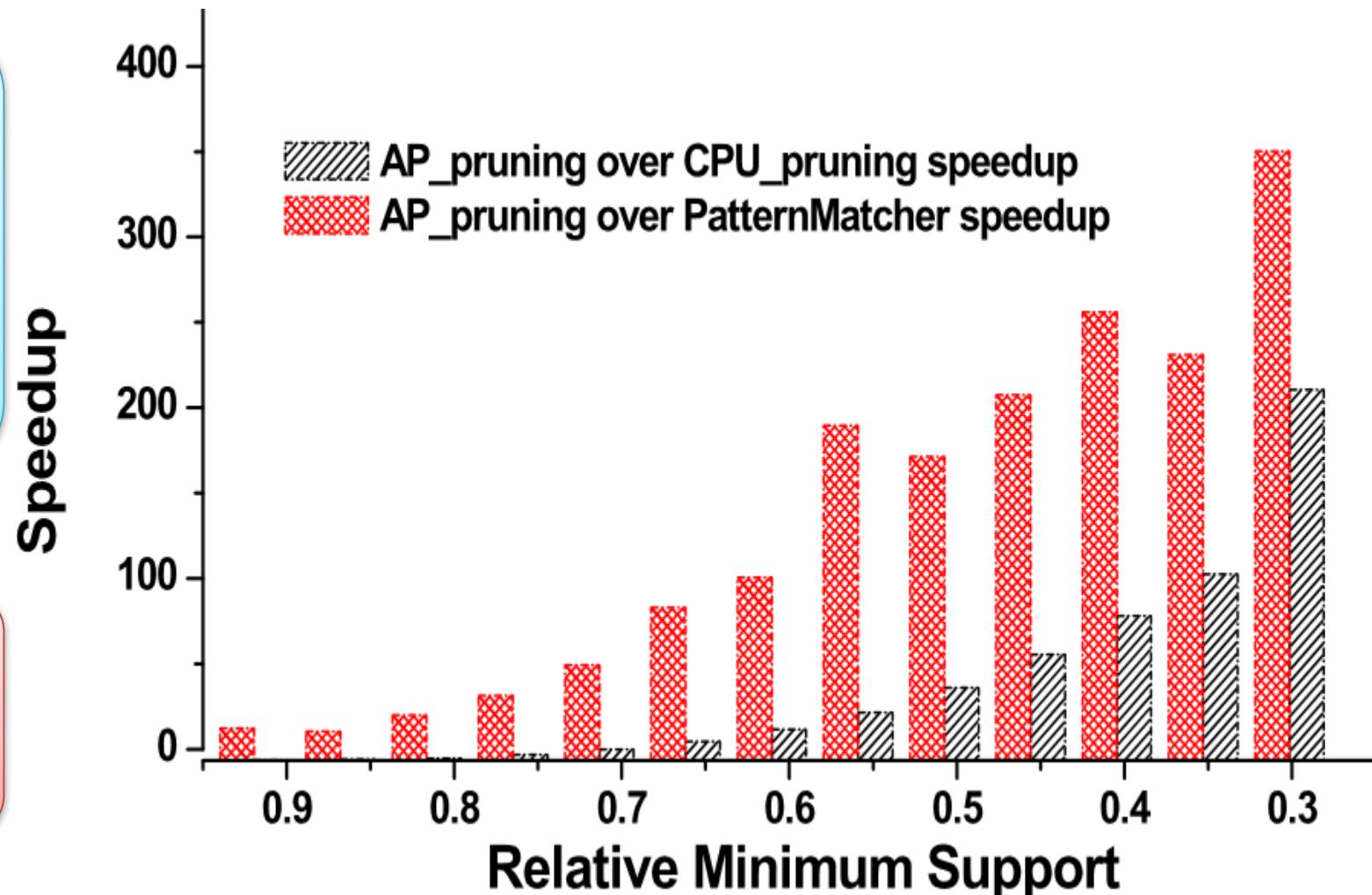
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Red bar over black bar: up to 1.6X

Black bars: up to 215X

Red bars: up to 353X



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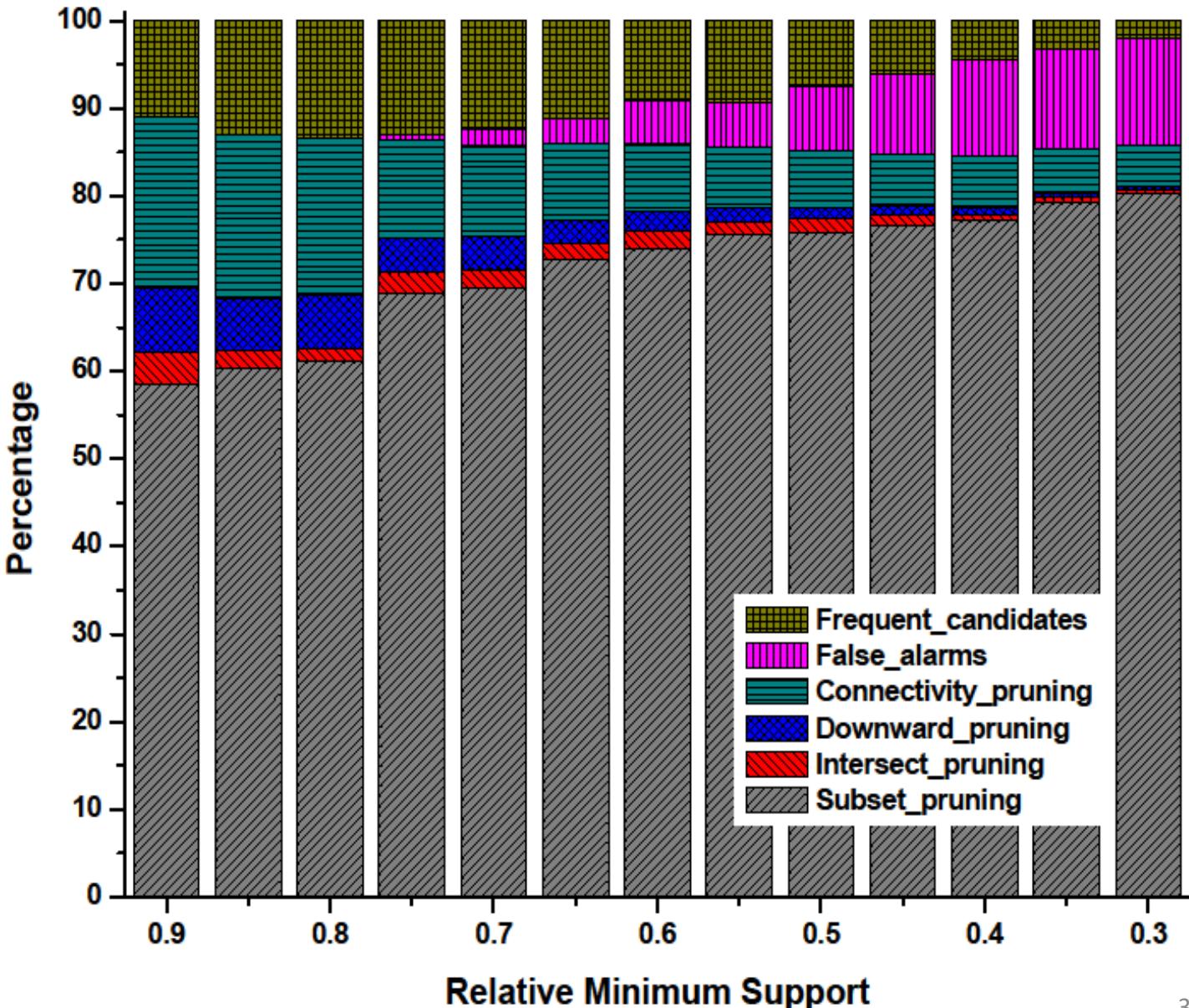
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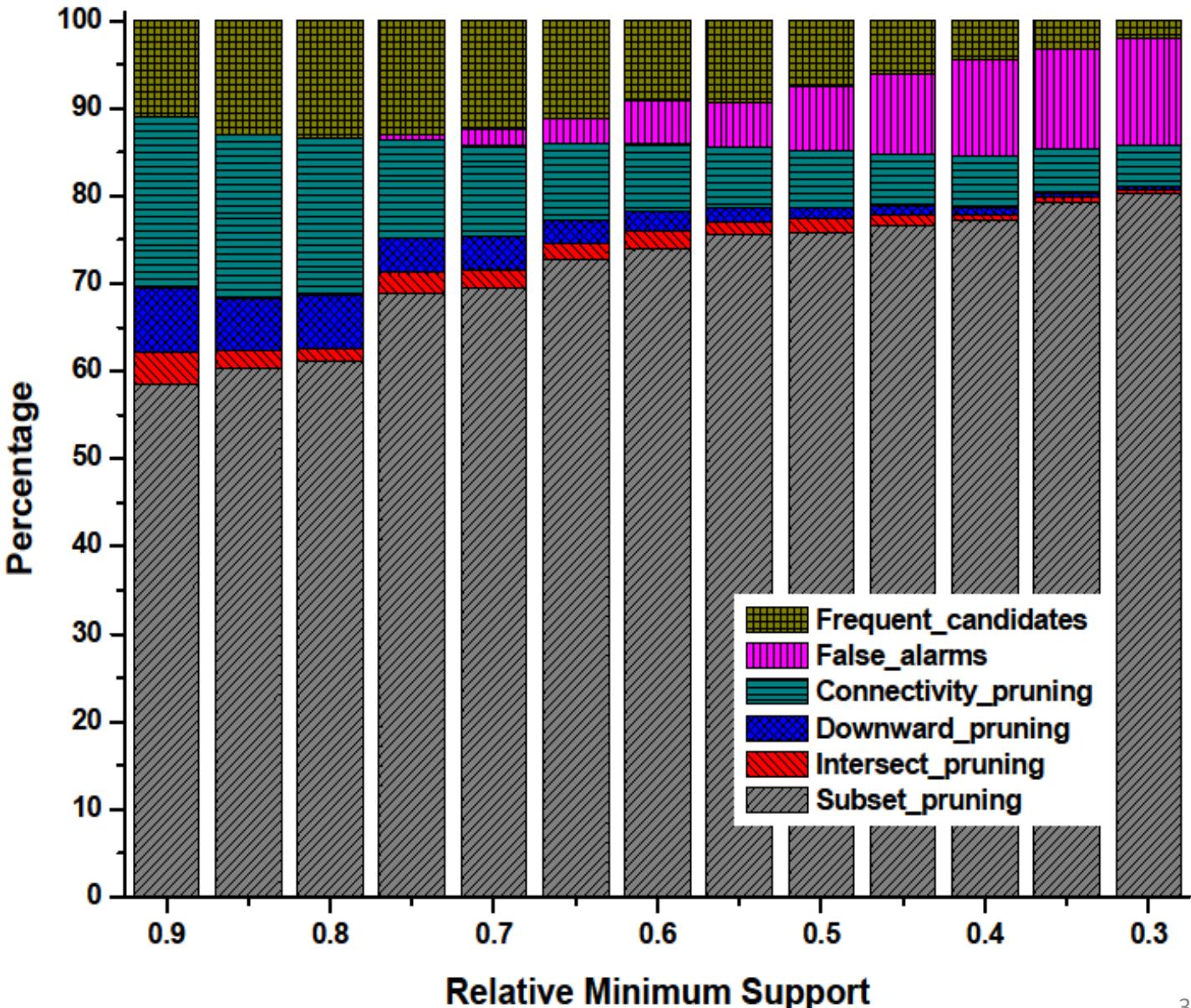
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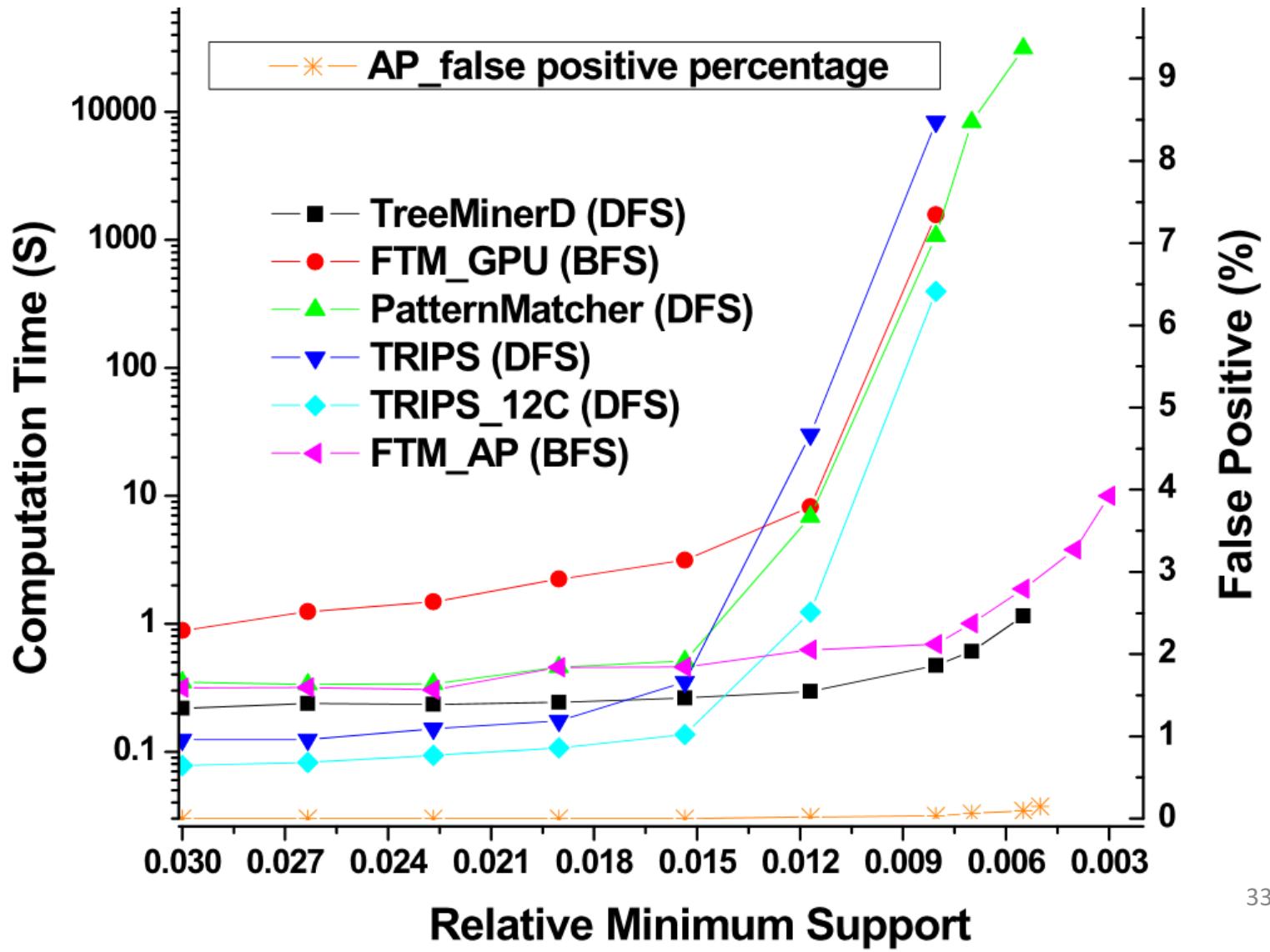
AP over PatternMatcher: 353X → 2190X

Accuracy: 86% → 83%



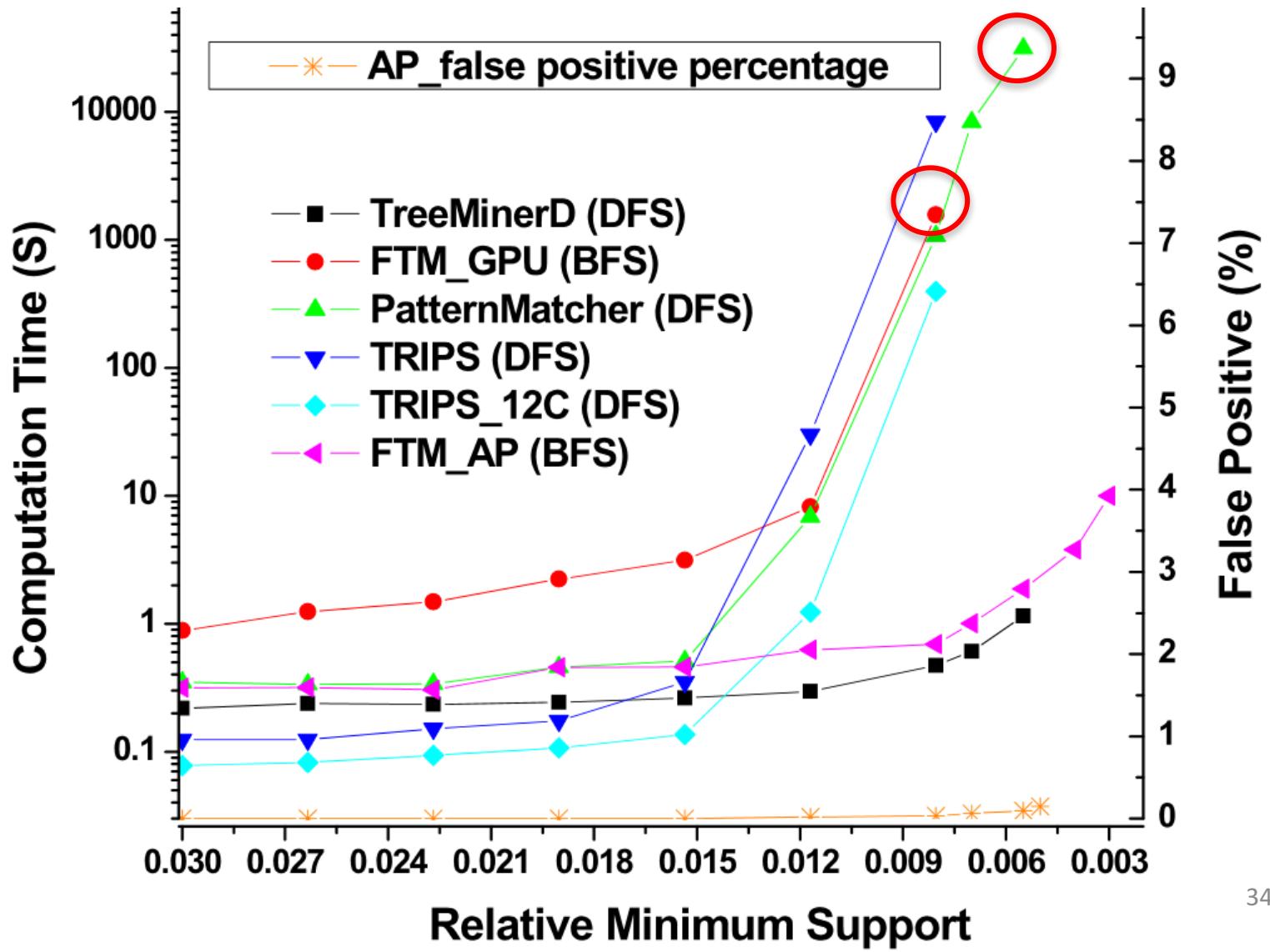
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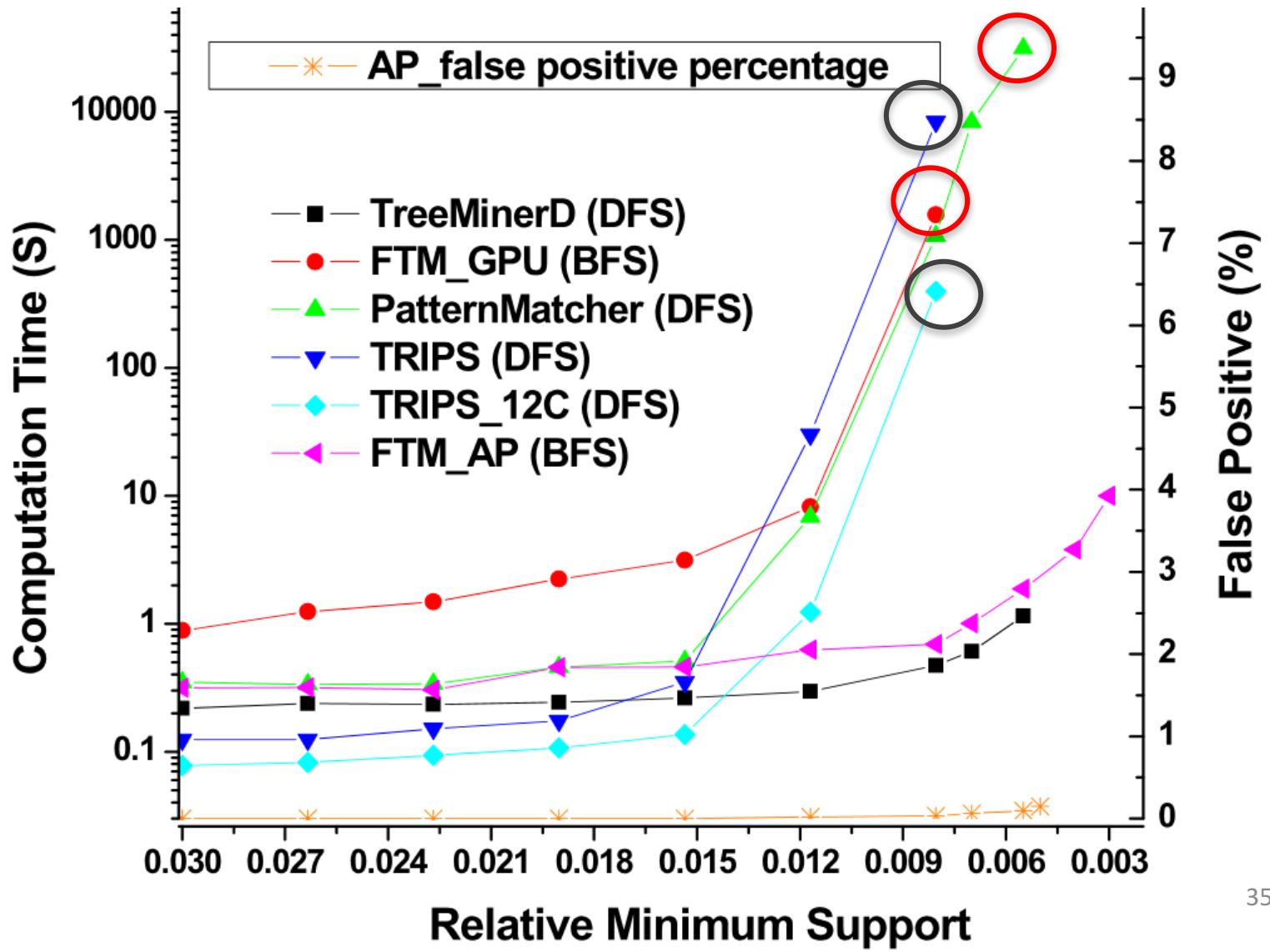
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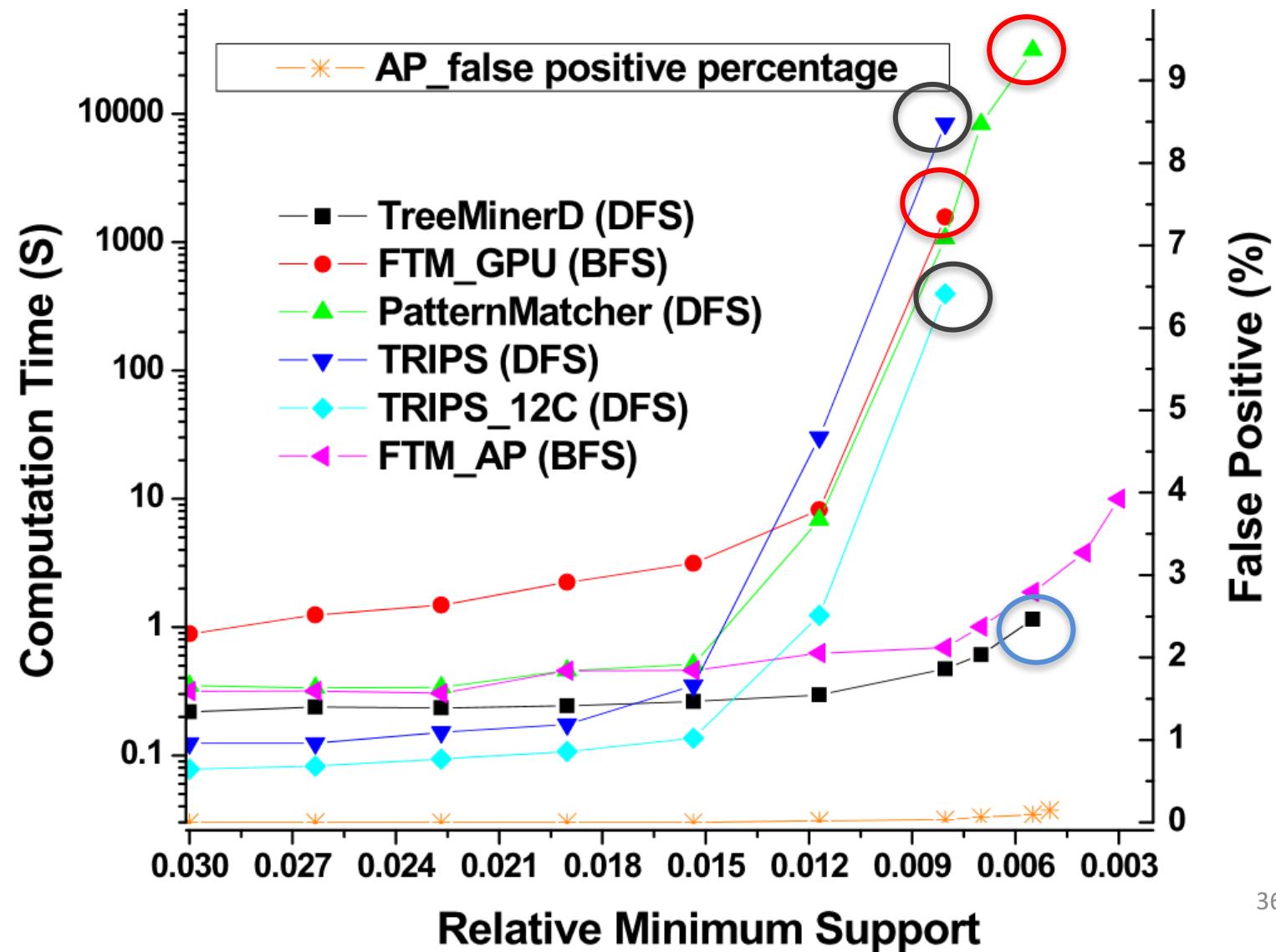
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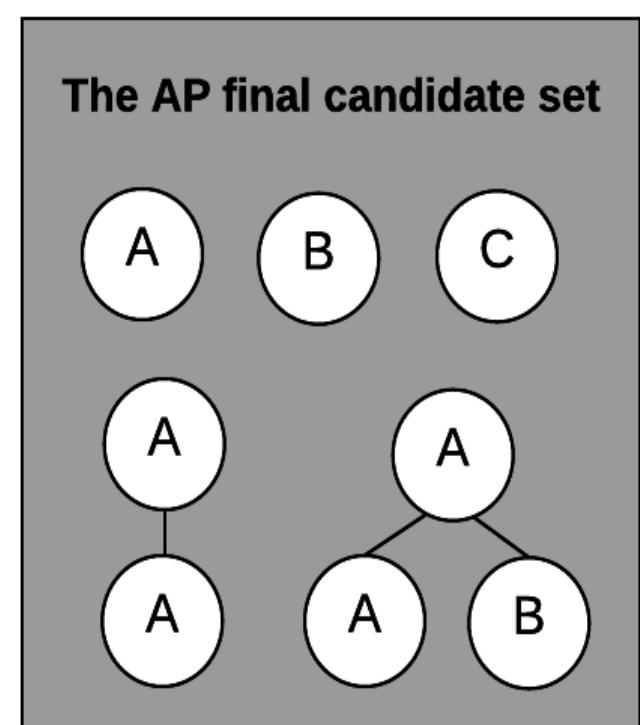
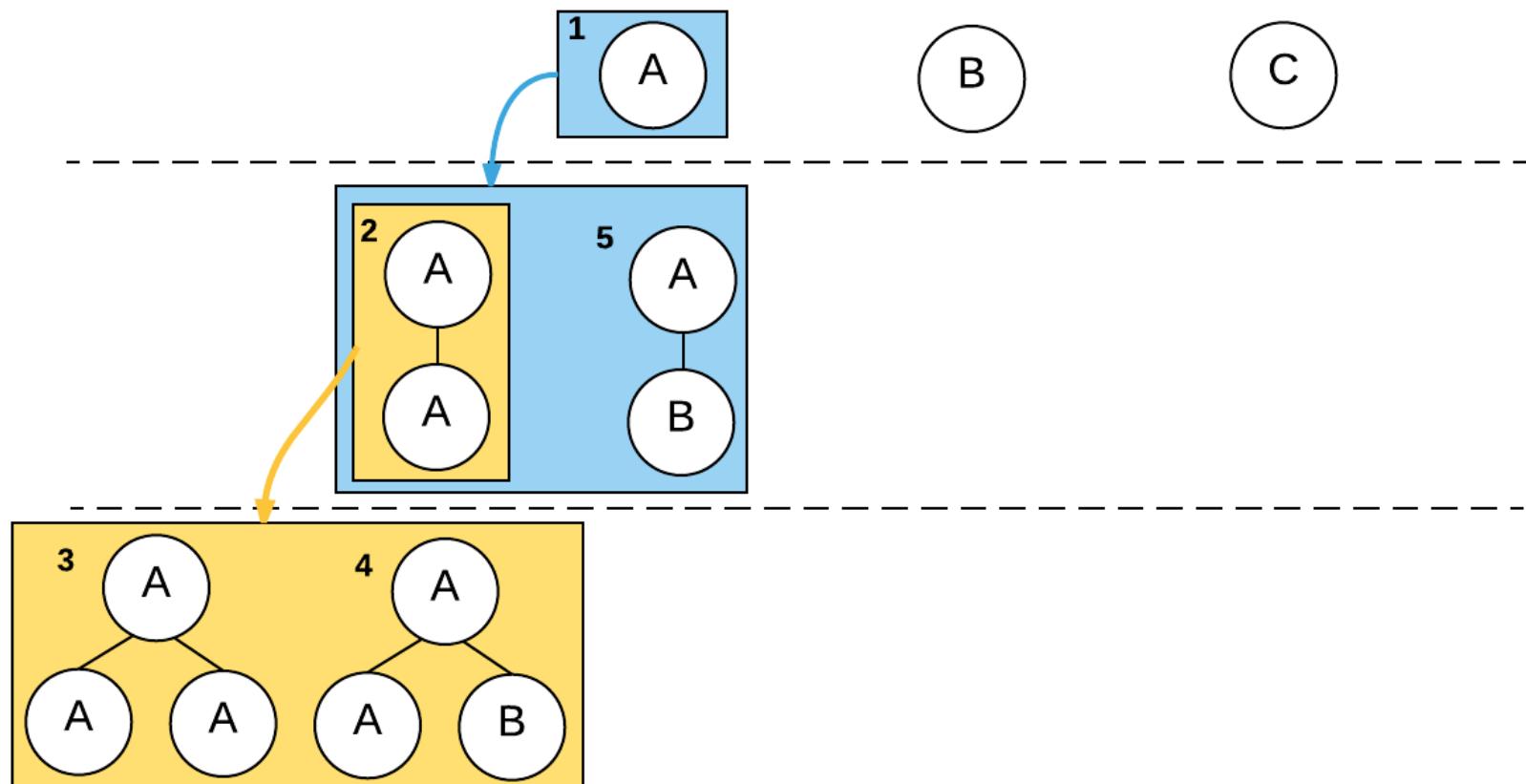
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## *Memory usage*

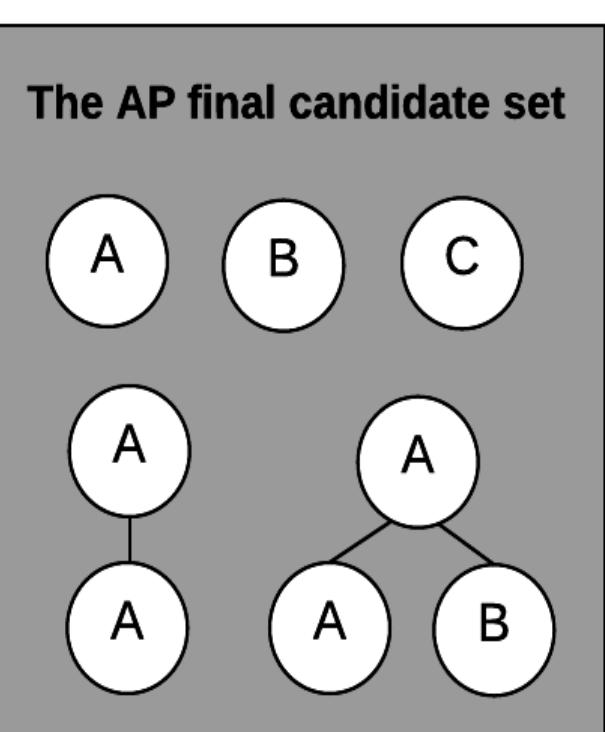
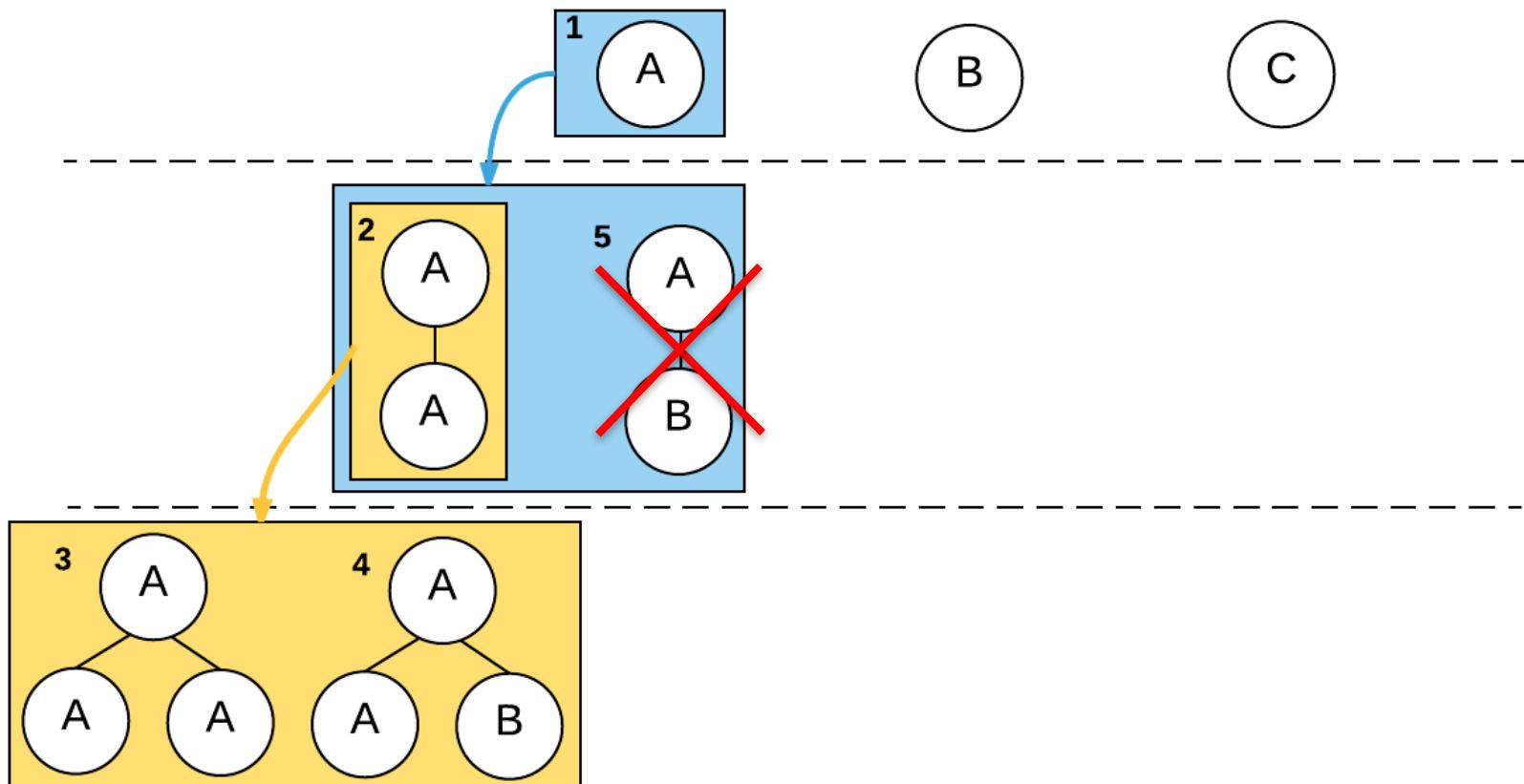
$$\frac{TreeMinerD}{FTM\_AP} = \text{up to } 5000X$$



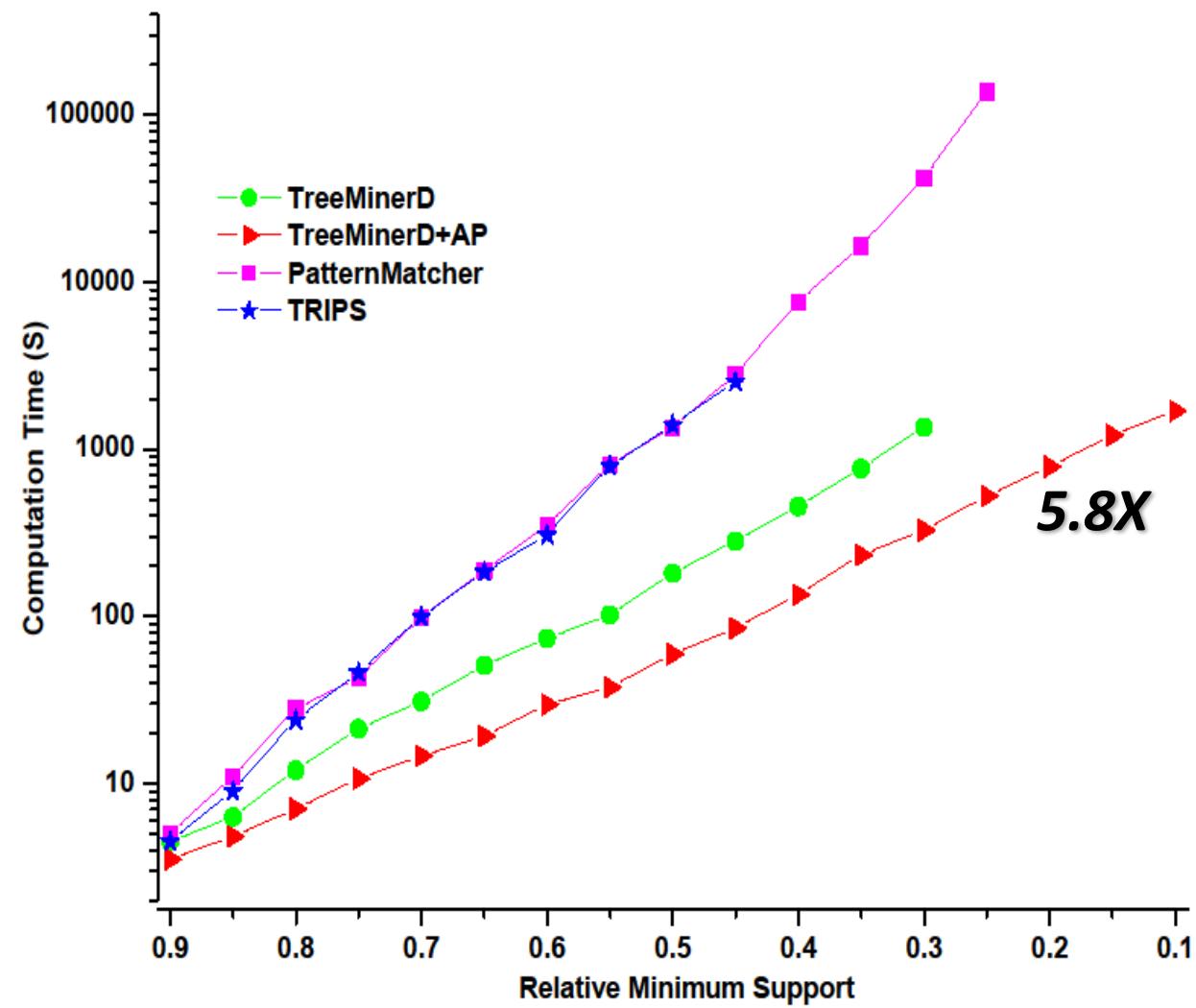
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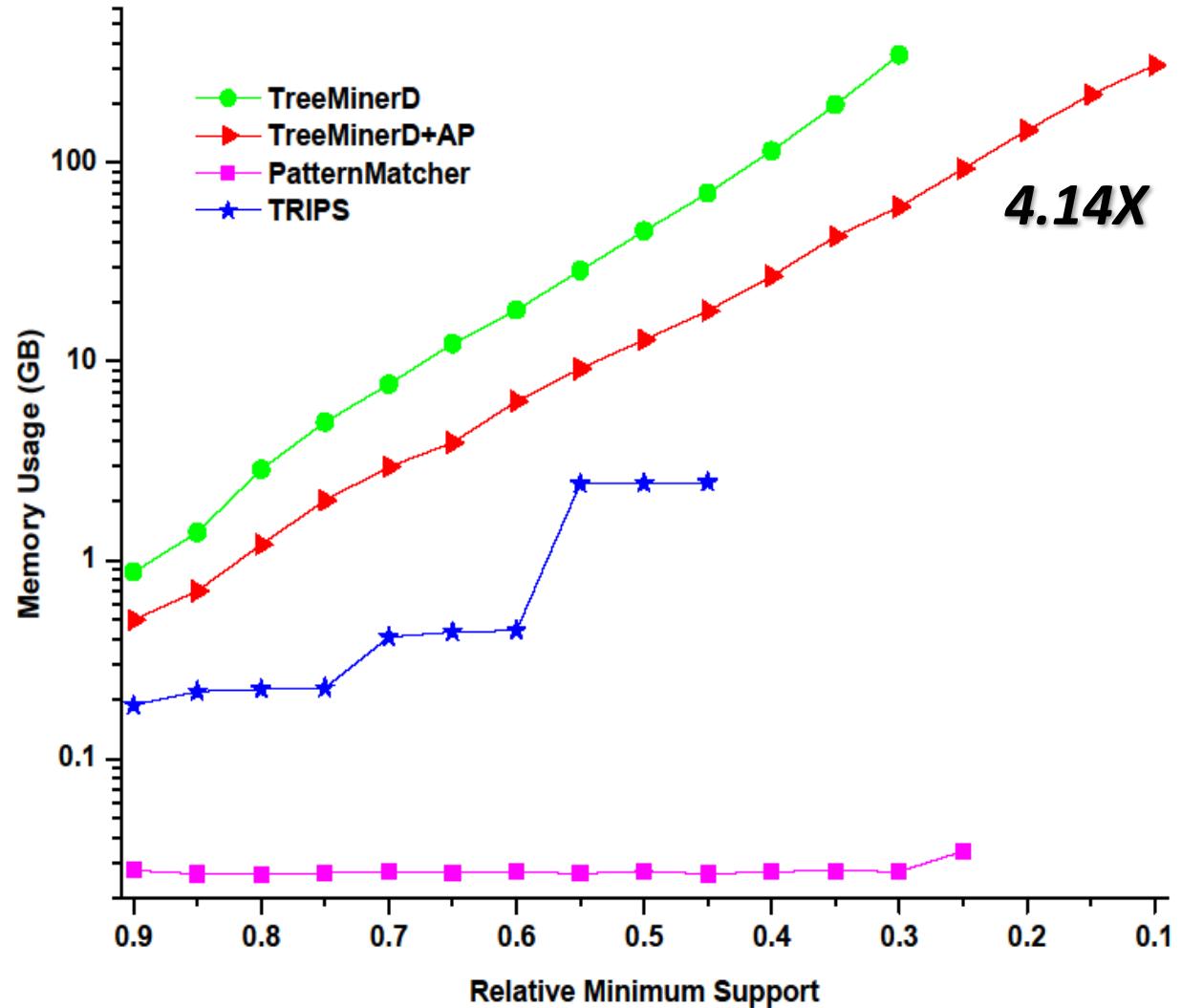
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# Performance Evaluation: Exact Solution: AP + TreeMinerD



Intel Xeon CPU, 2.30GHz, 512 GB memory, 2.133GHz



Dataset: TREEBANK

# Summary

- Propose a multi-stage pruning framework on the AP
  - The first work to use the AP as a pruning media
  - Novel pruning kernels
  - A better scalability and stable behavior
  - Propose an exact solution

## Takeaways

- Rethinking the algorithm when having a new hardware architecture
- Applies to spatial automata computing architecture such as FPGAs
- This approach can be adopted for other complex pattern mining problems
- Provides some insight for the architectural changes

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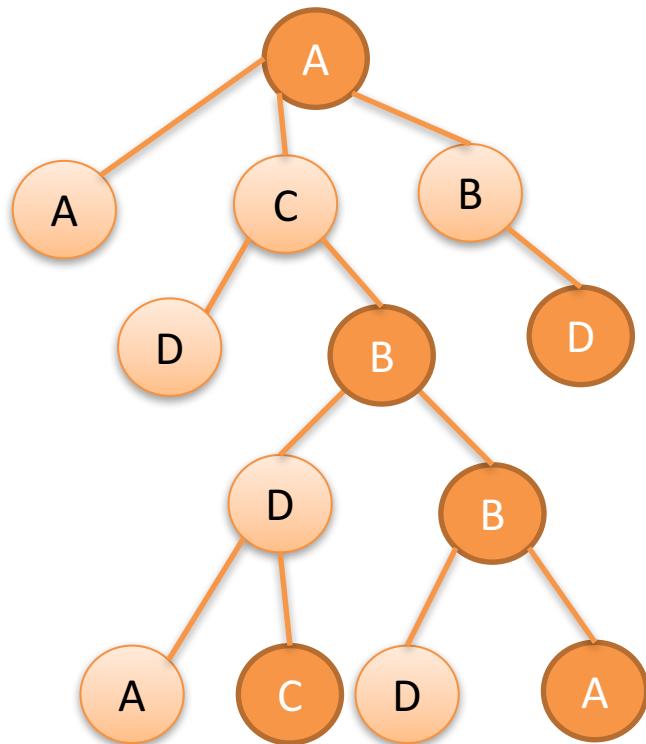
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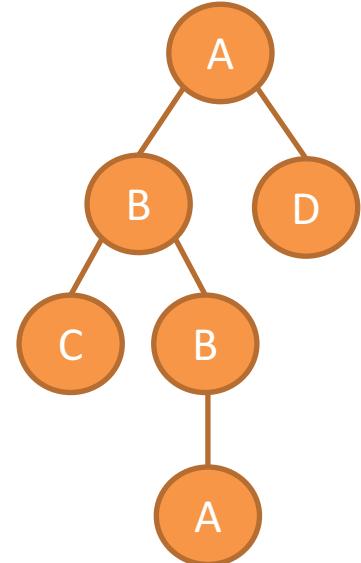
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# PDA-based Subtree Mining: An Example

Tree



Embedded subtree



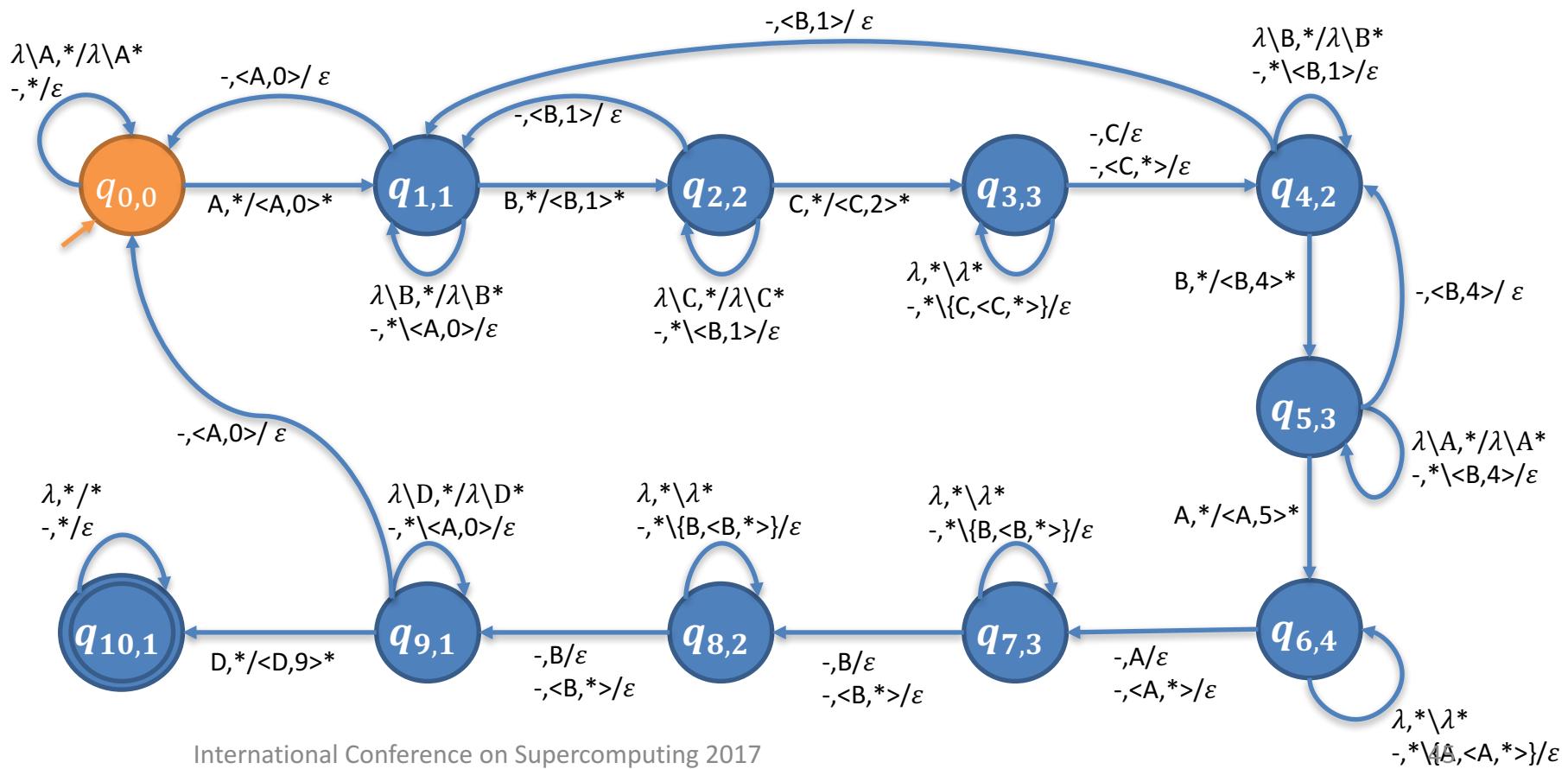
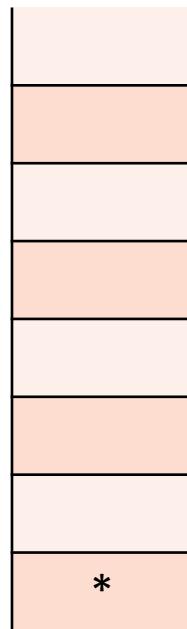
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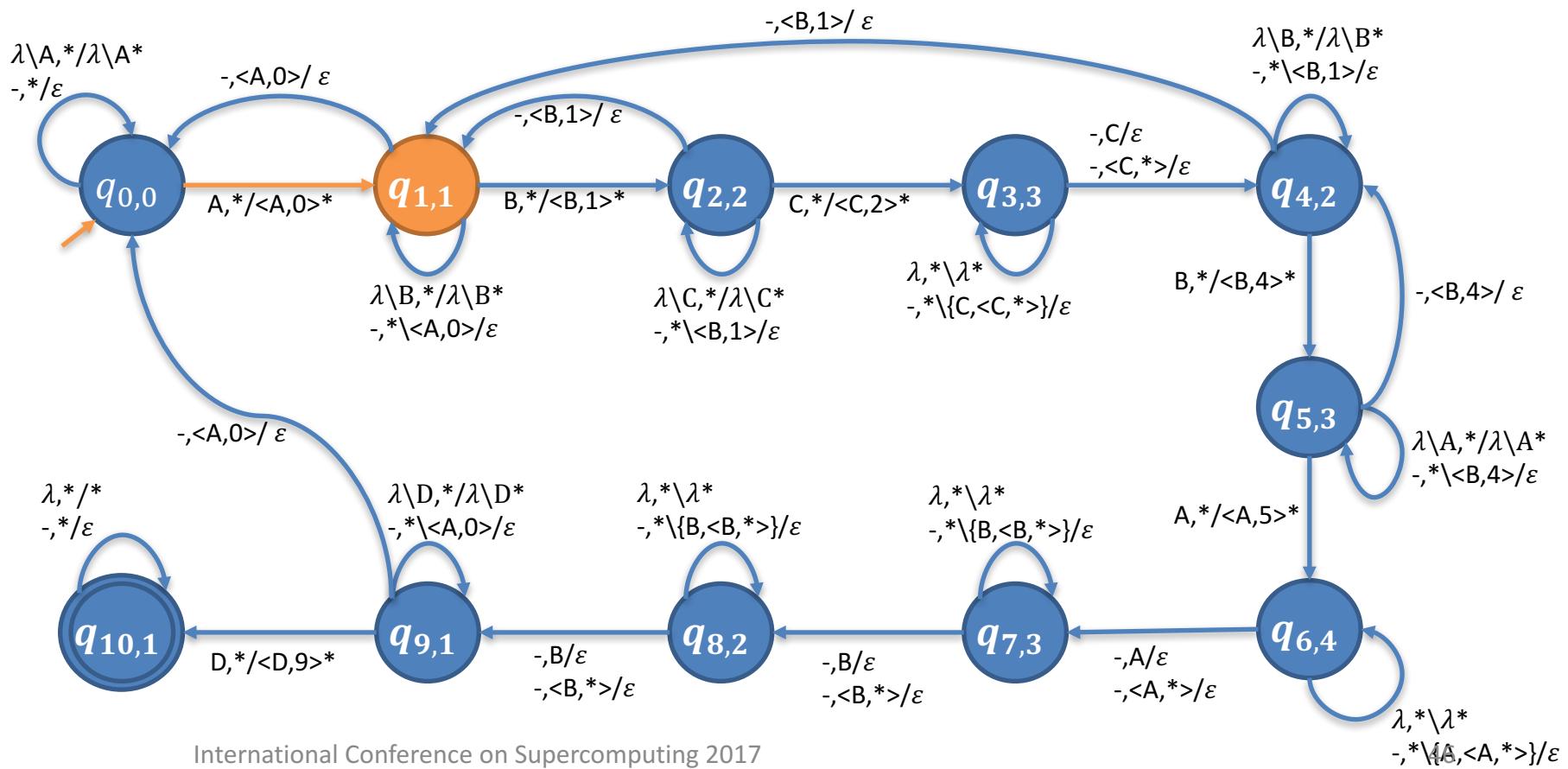
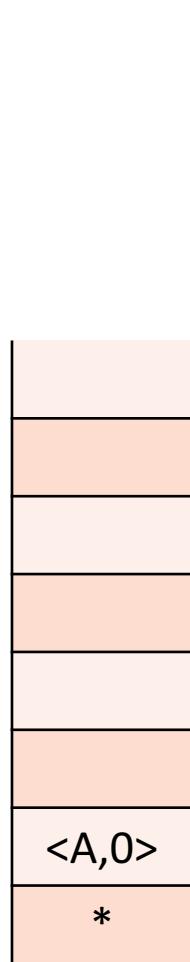
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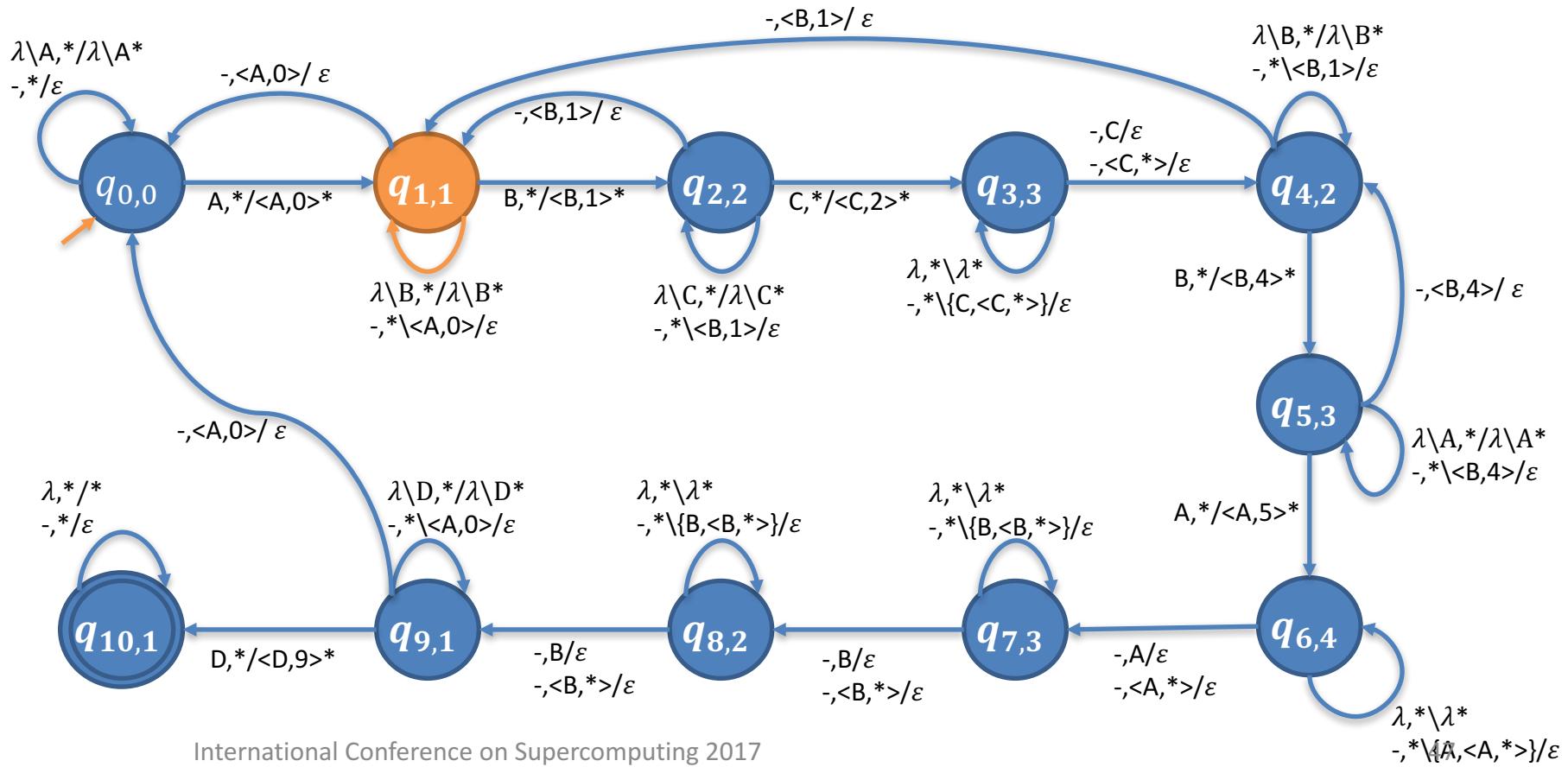
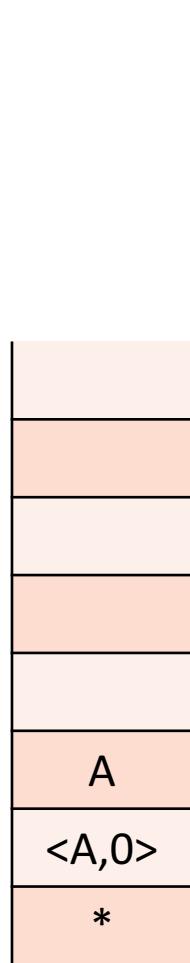
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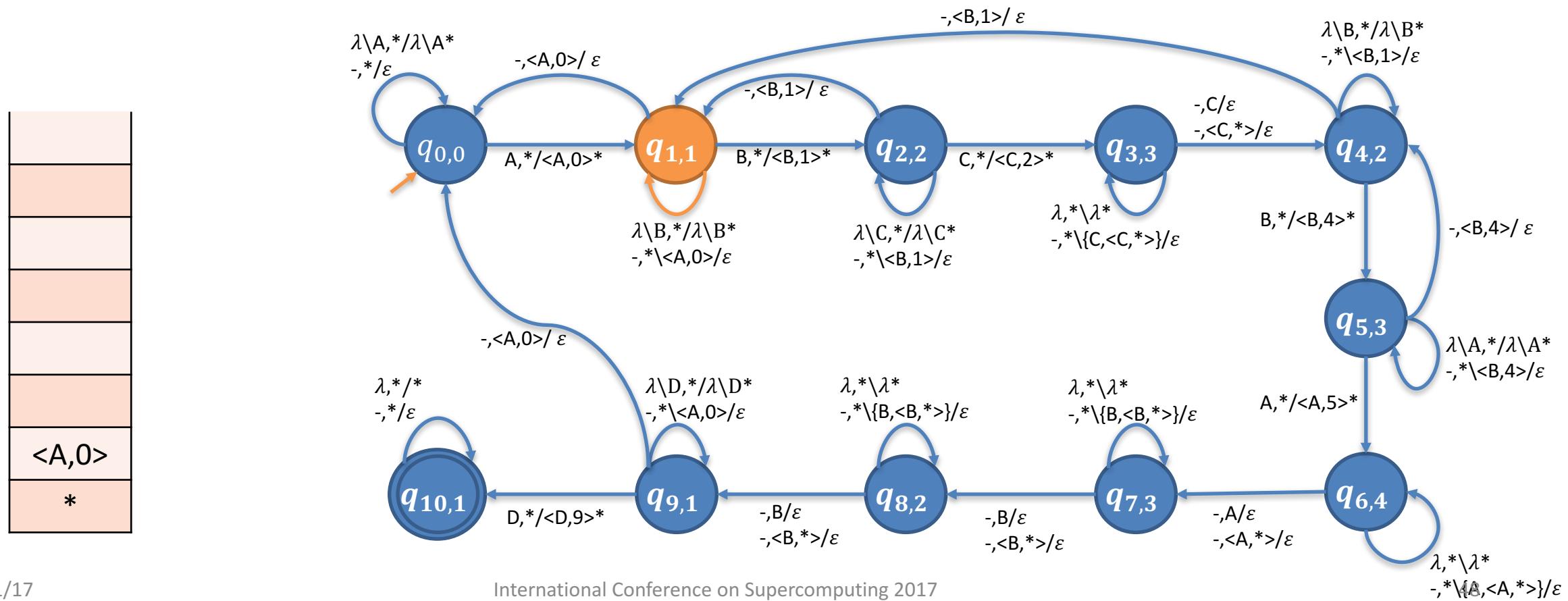
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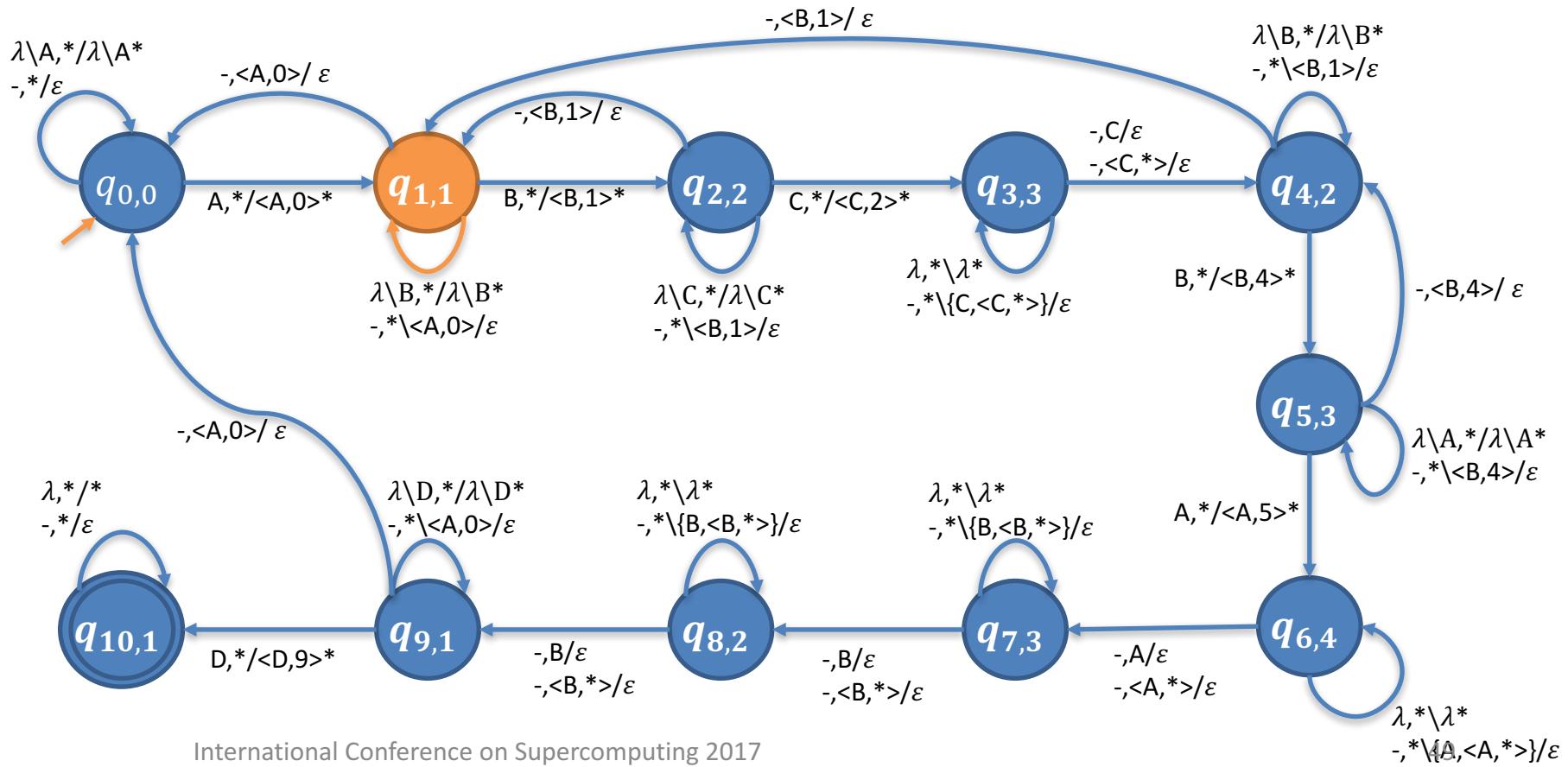
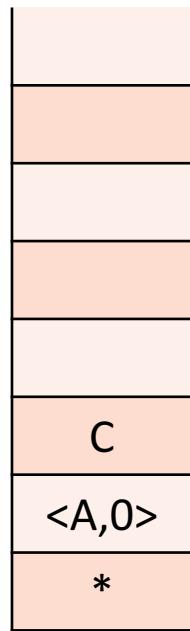
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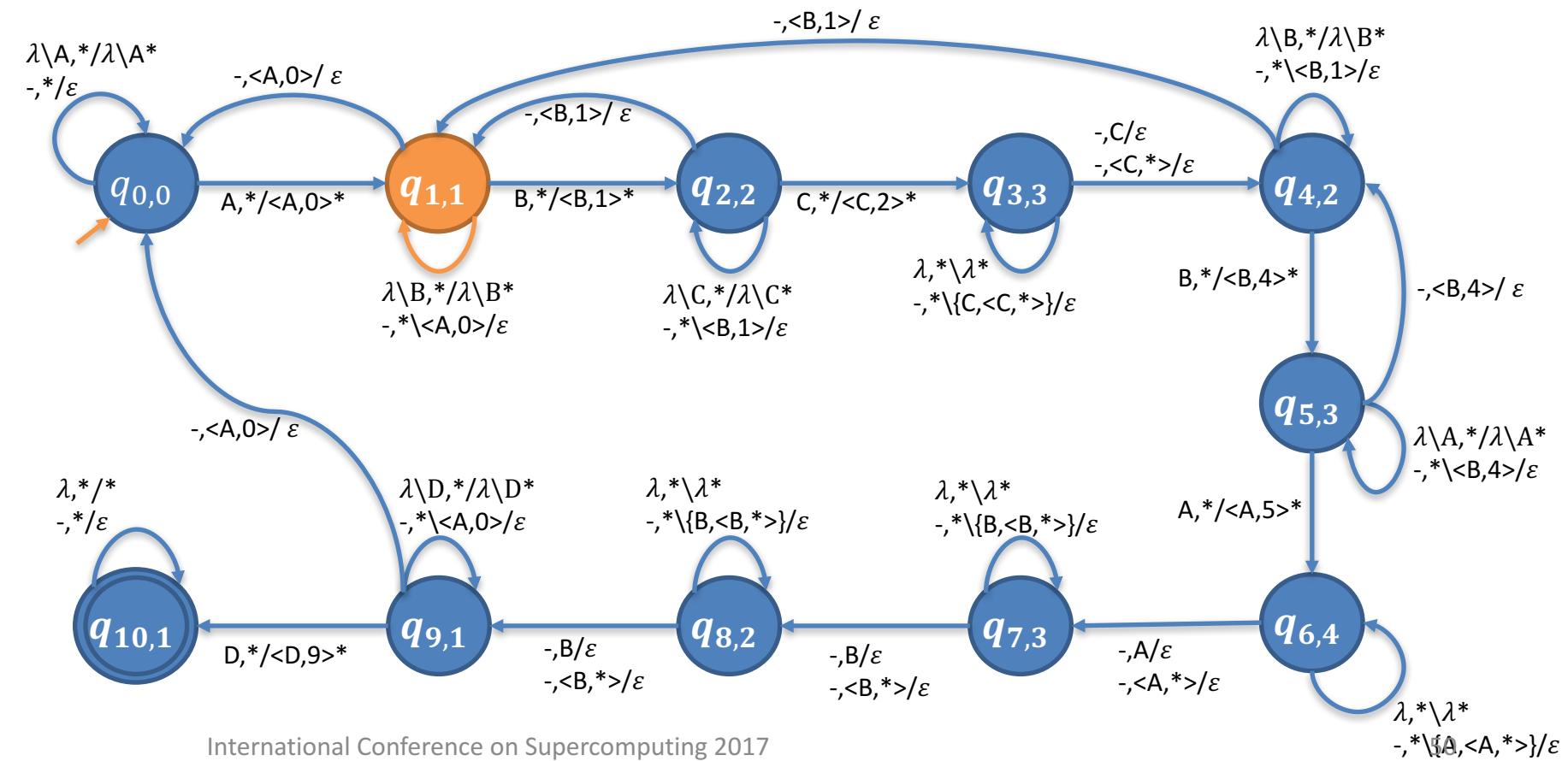
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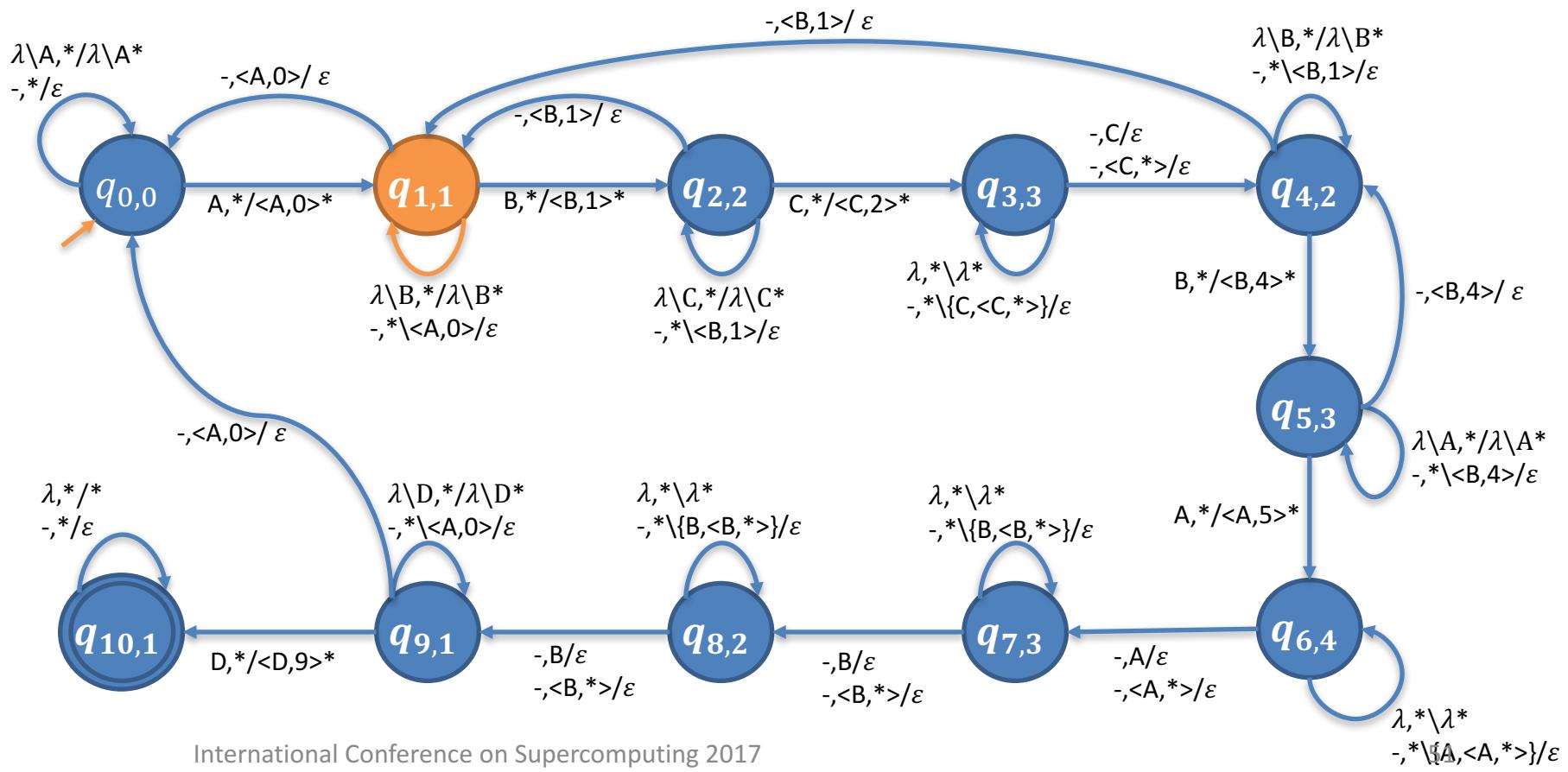
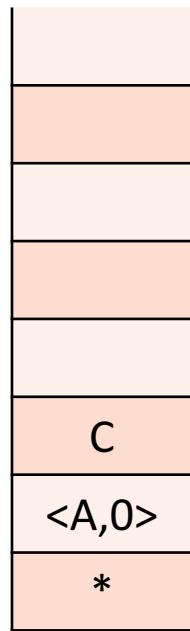


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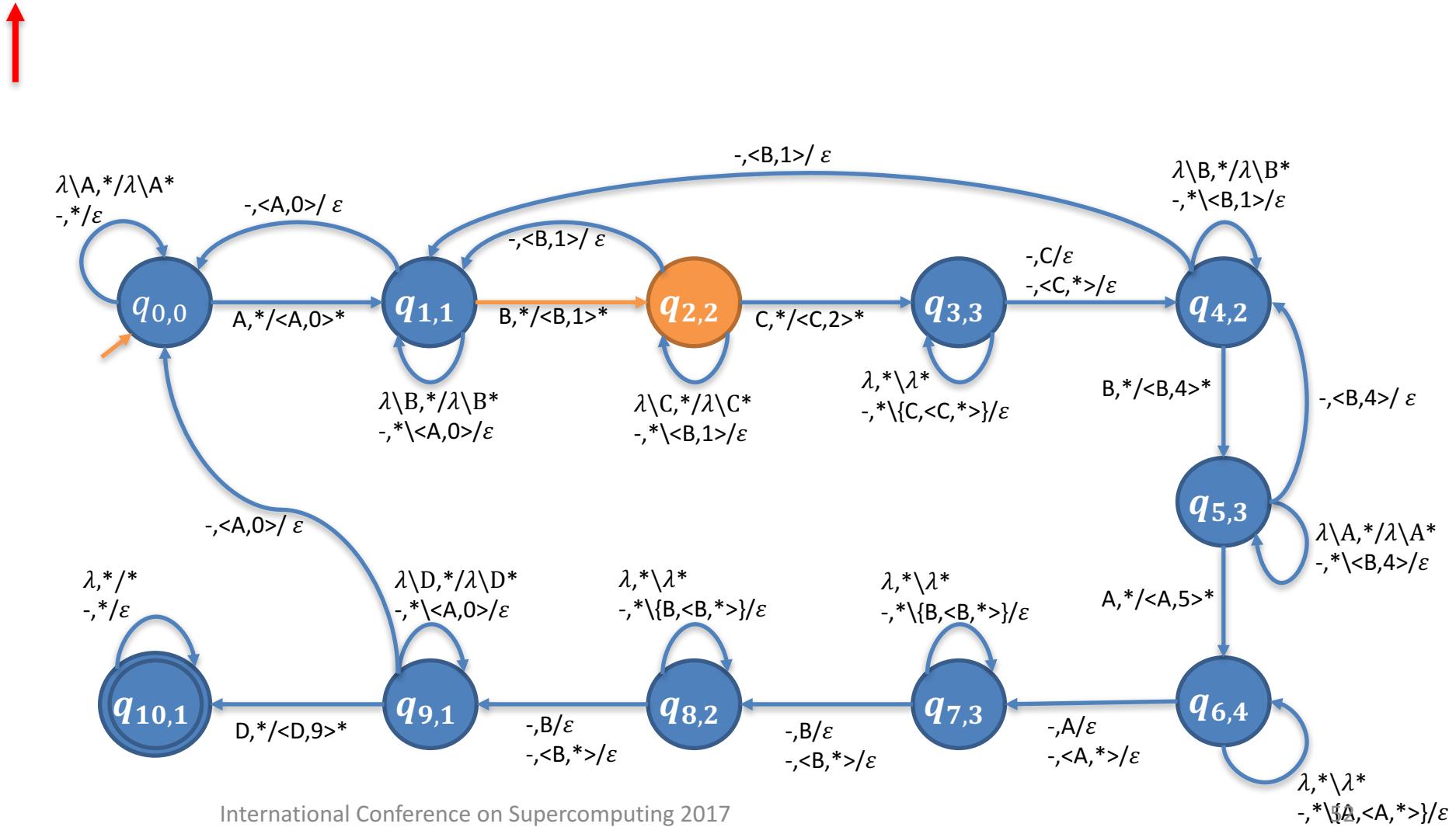


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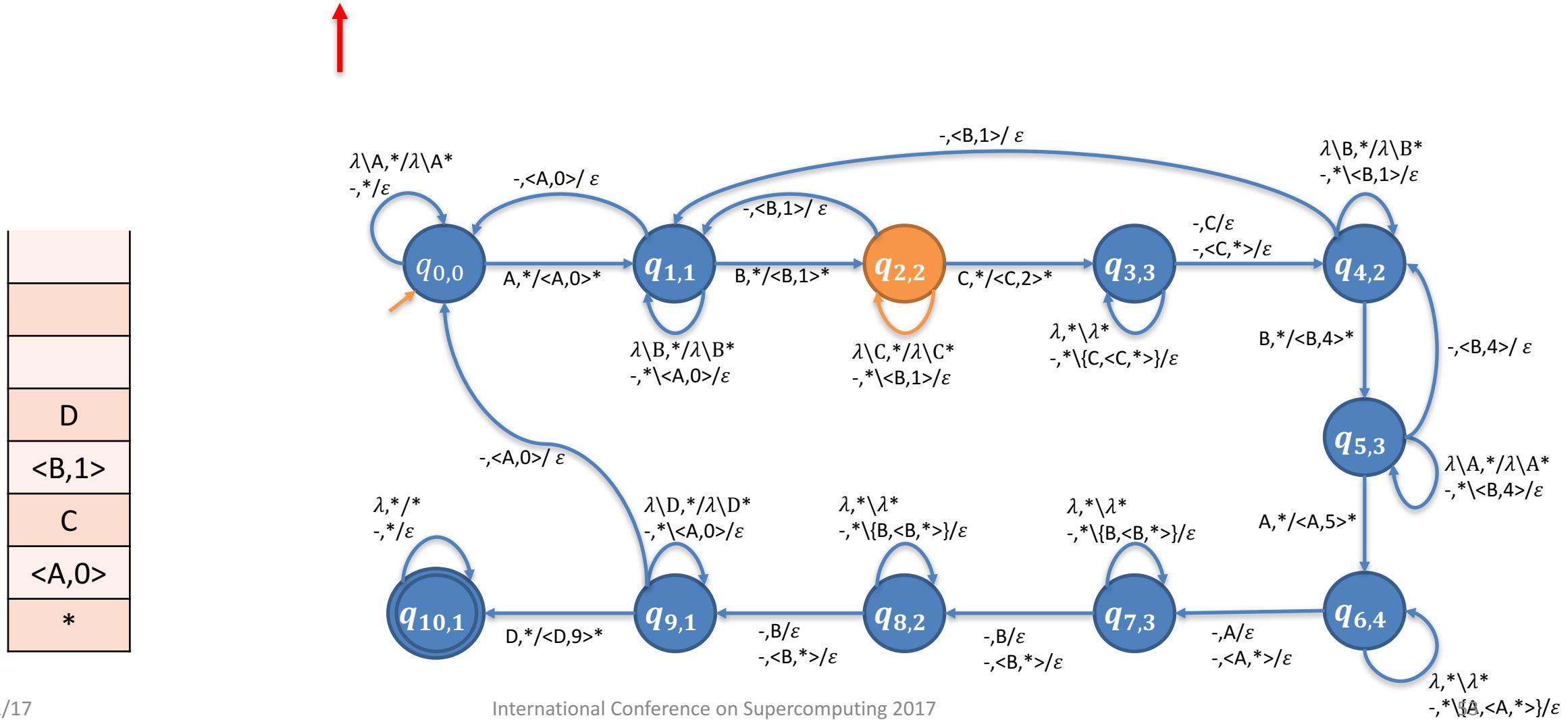


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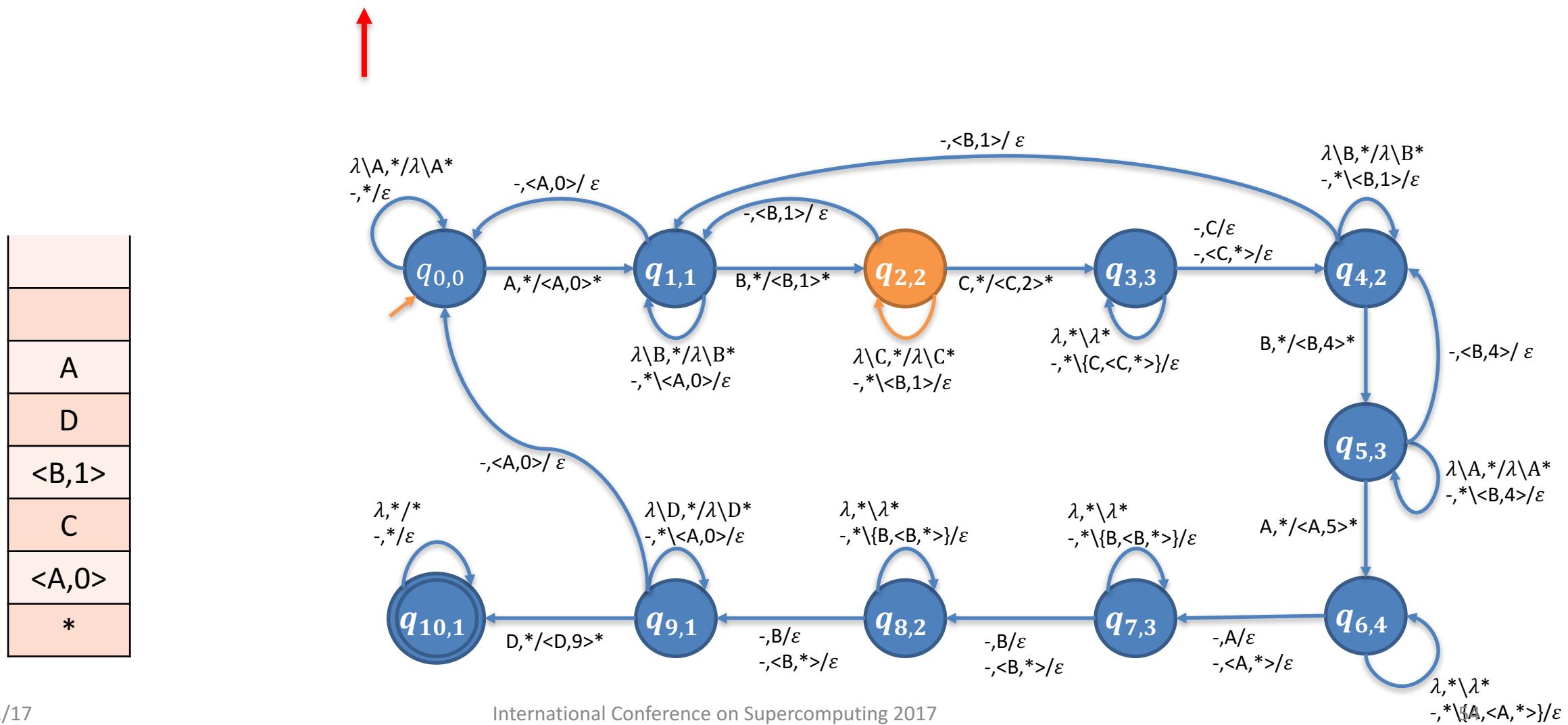


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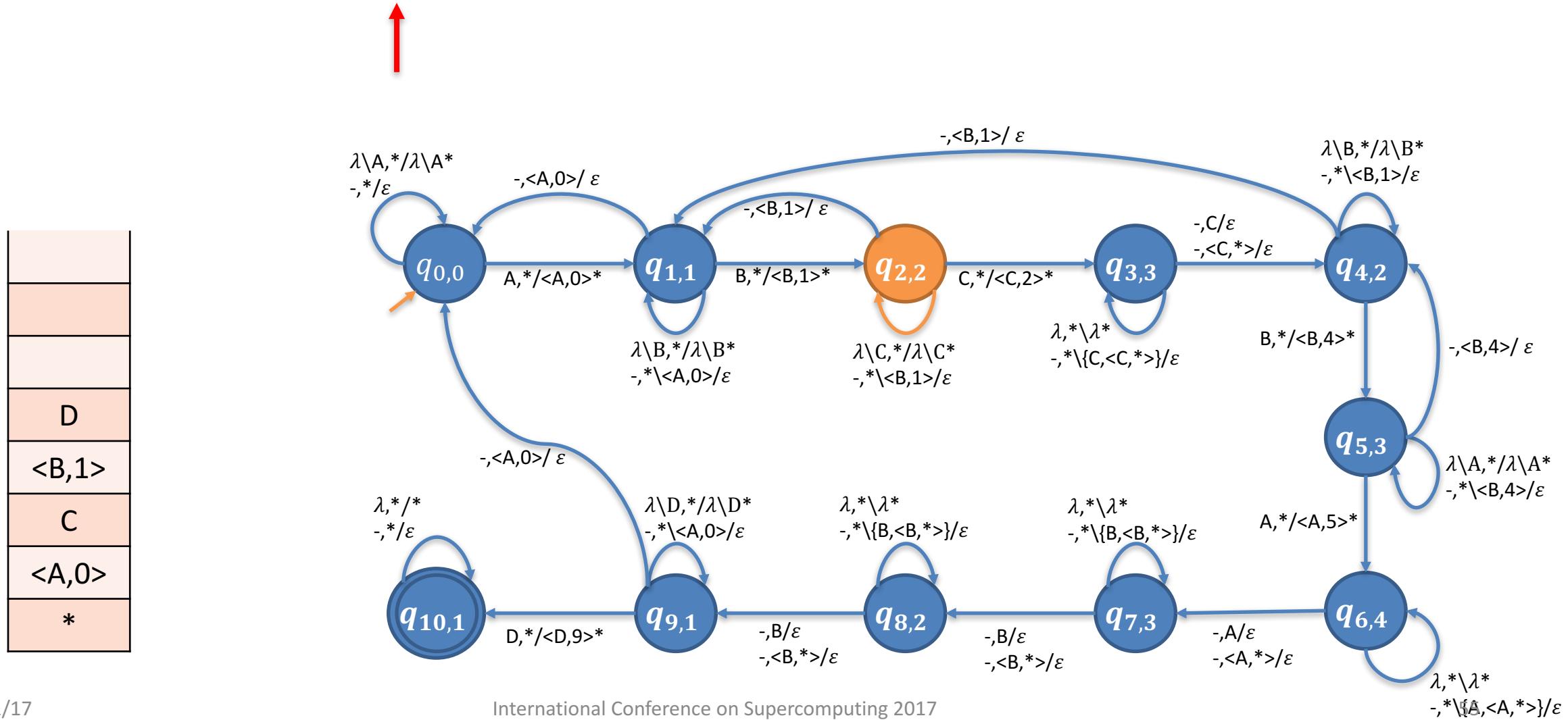
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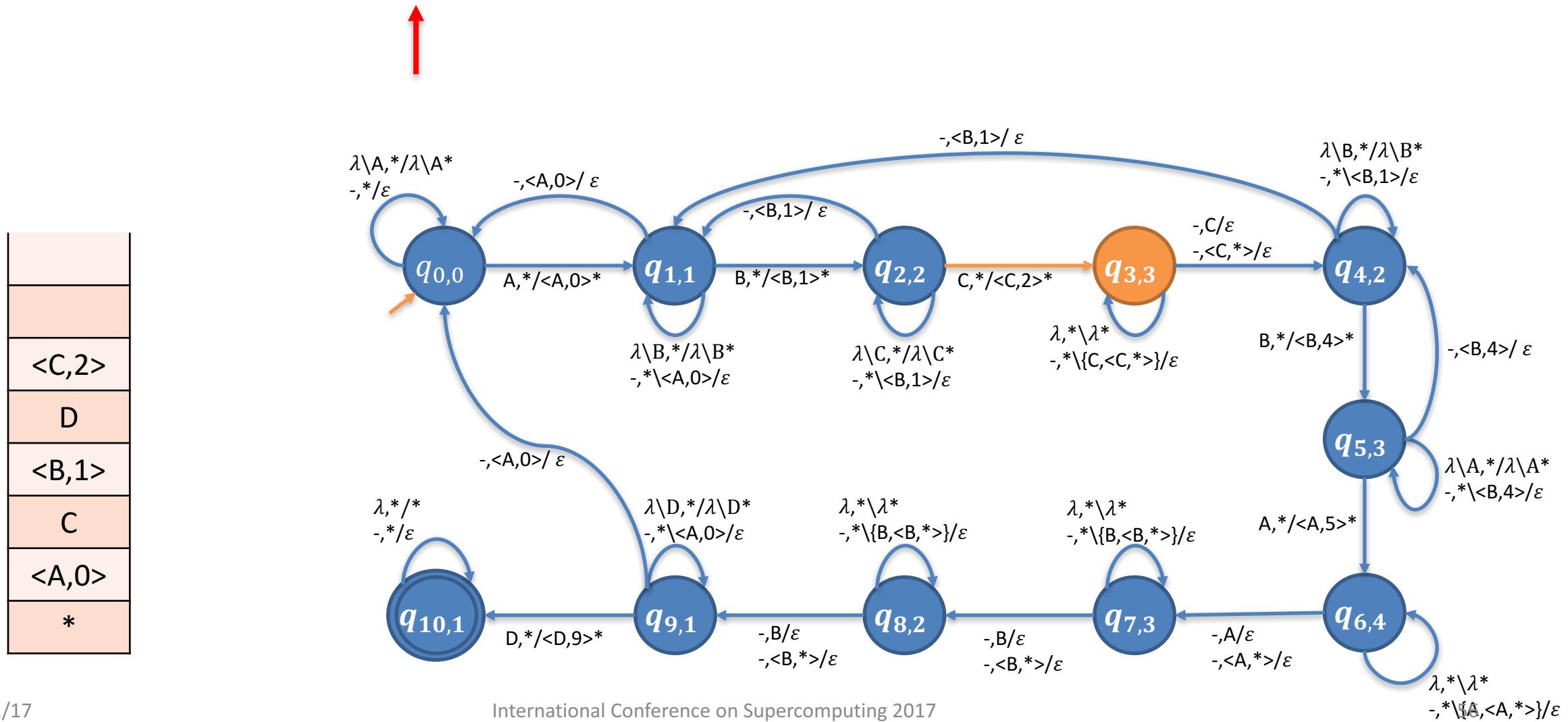
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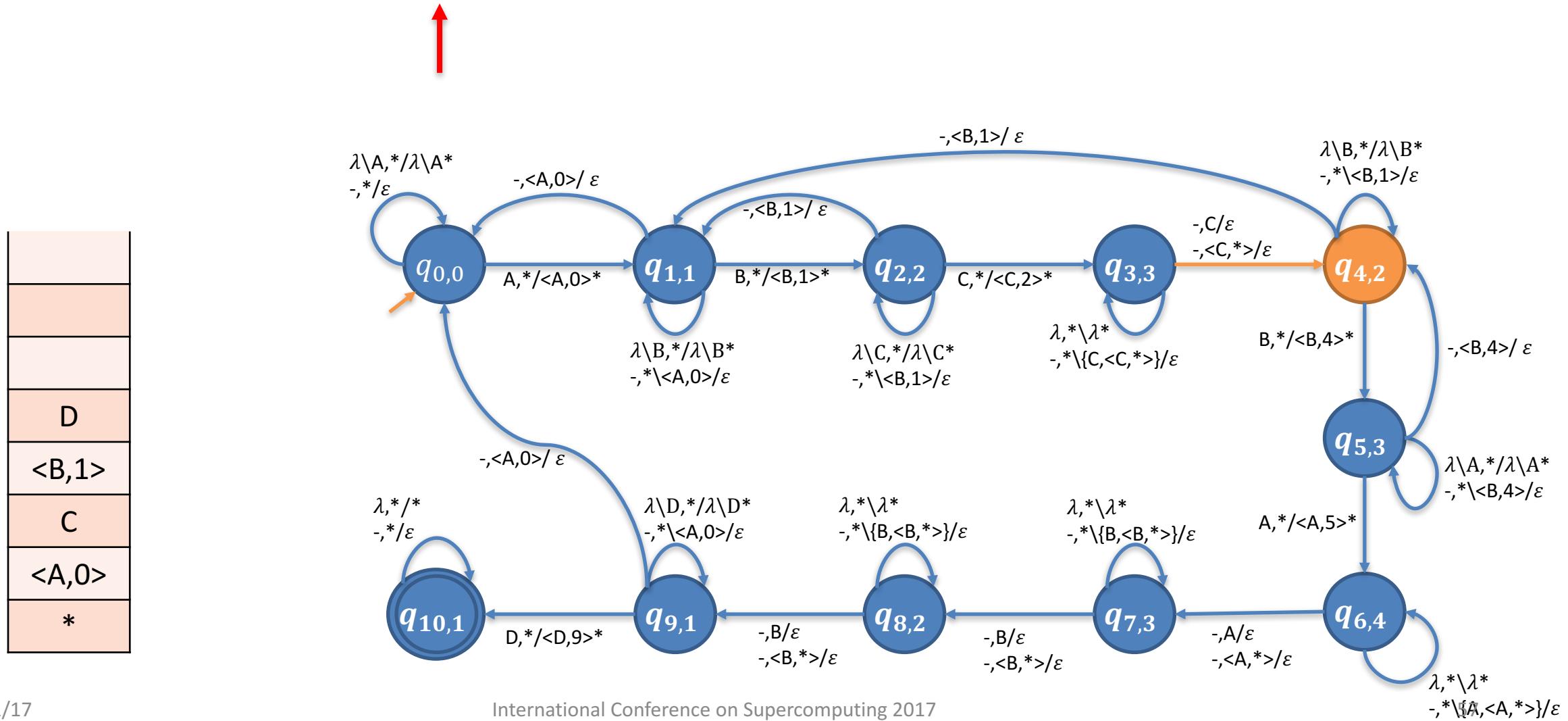
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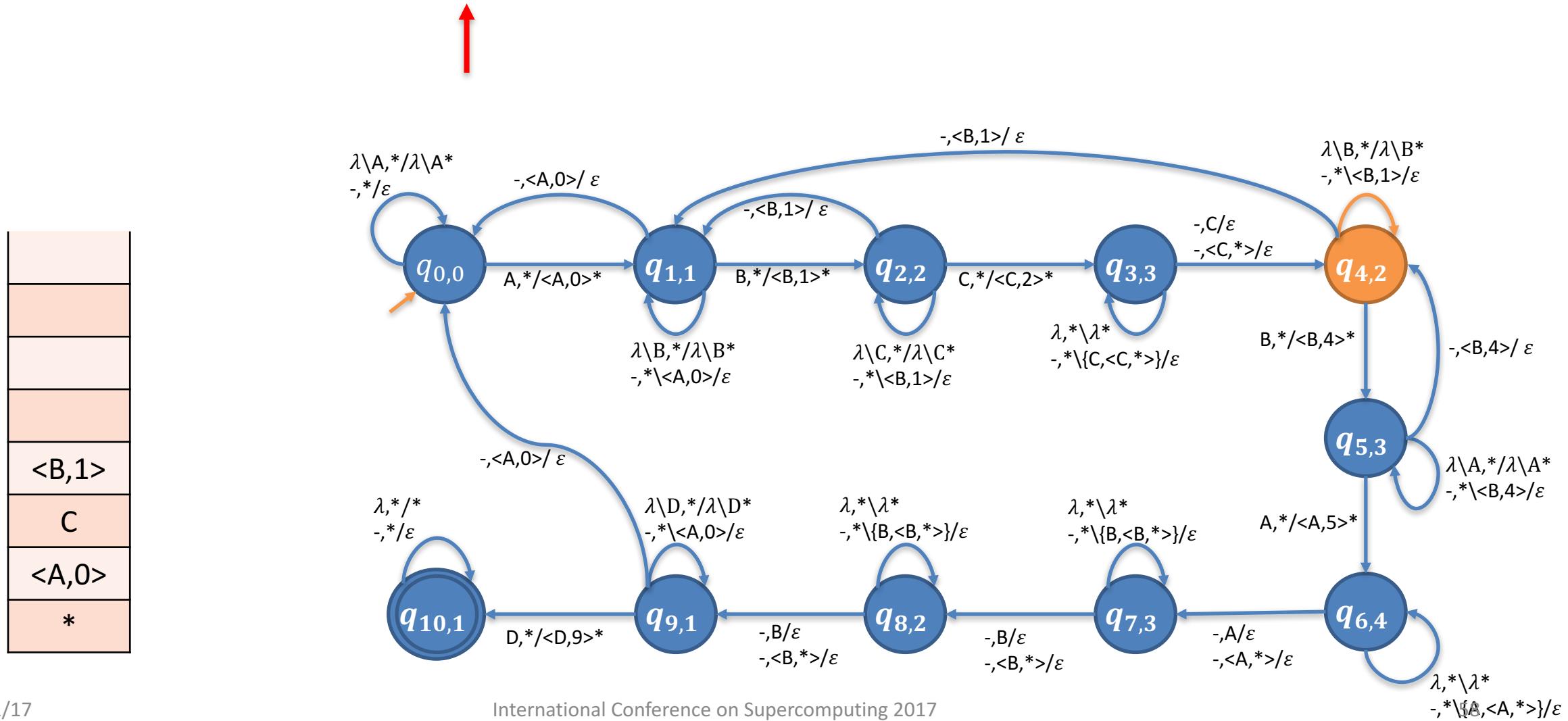
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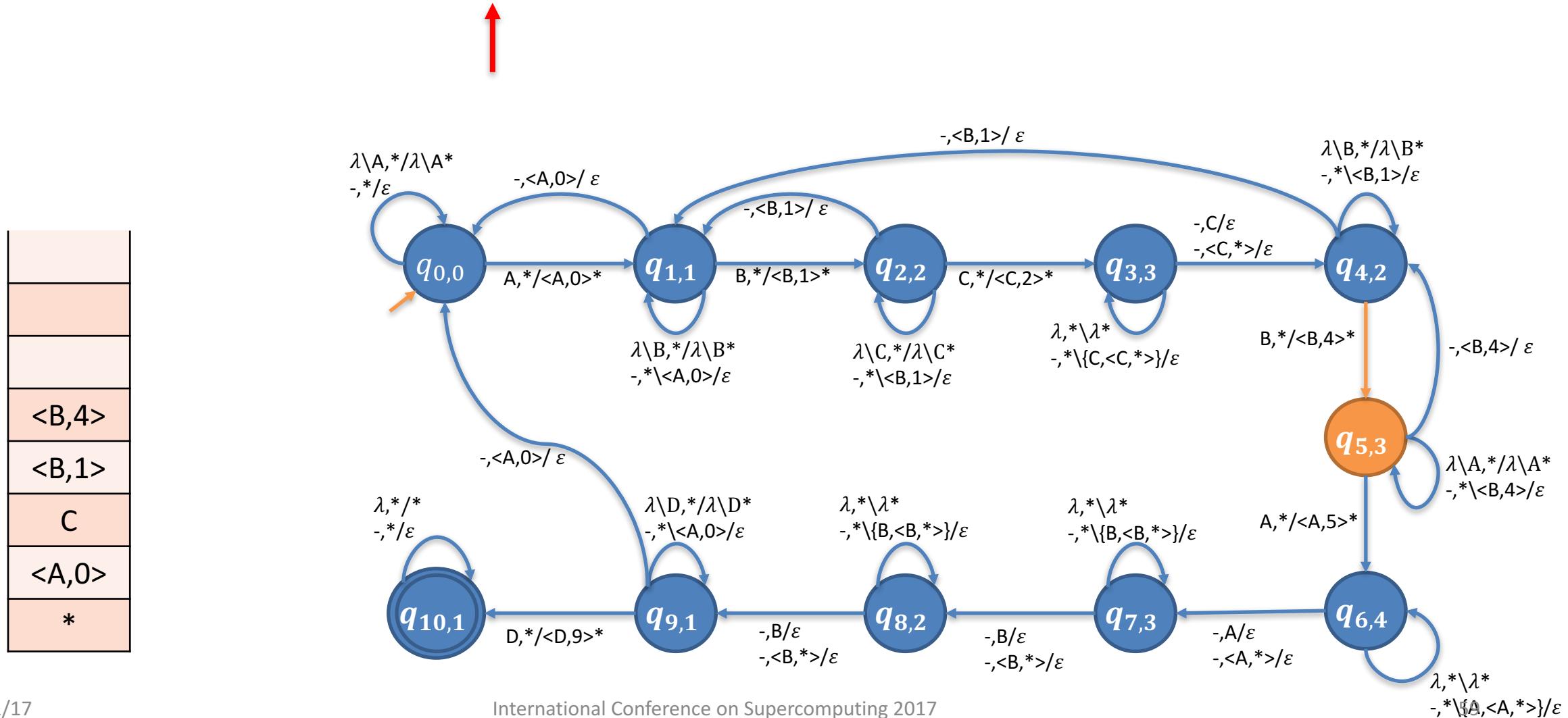
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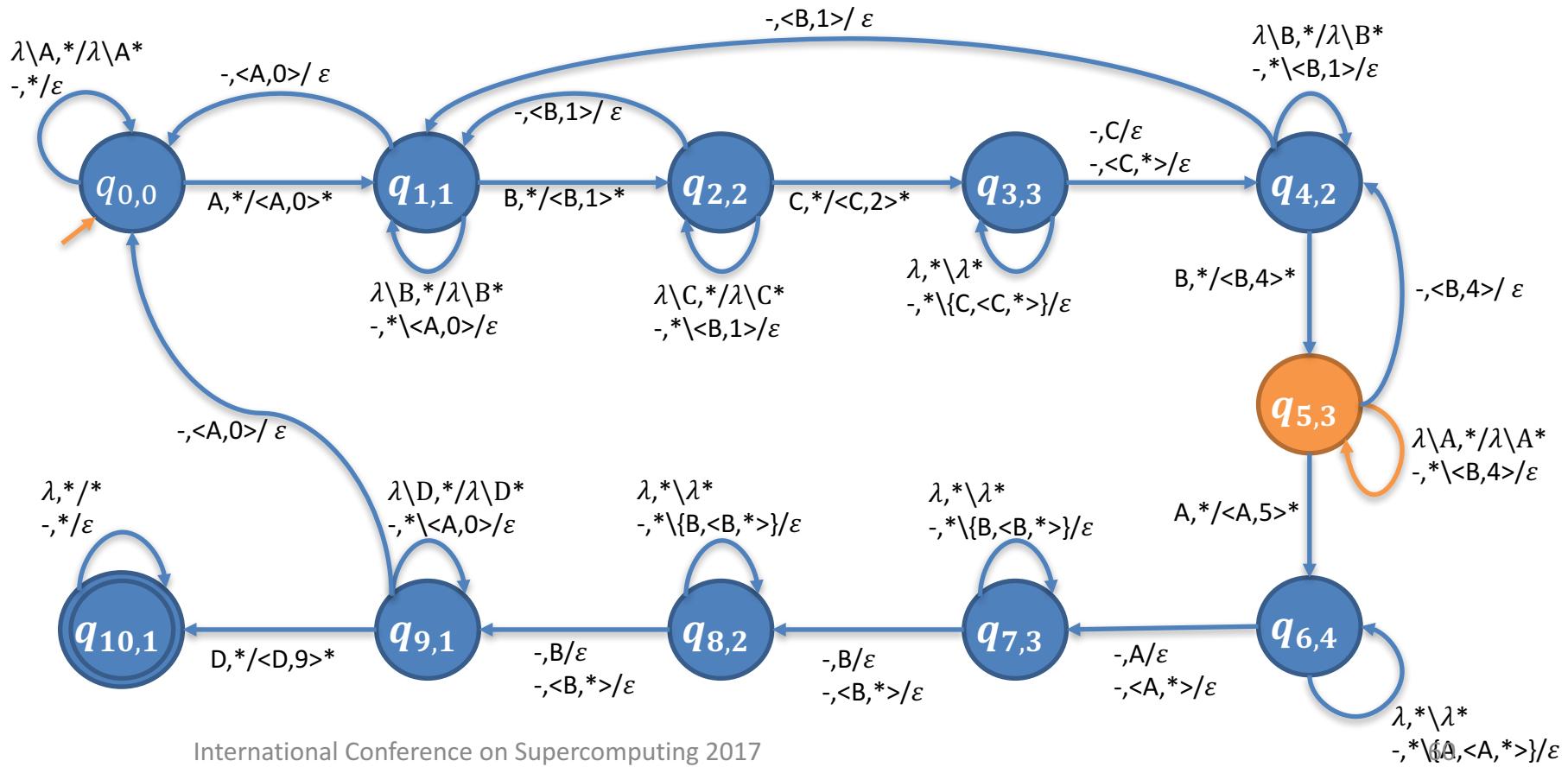


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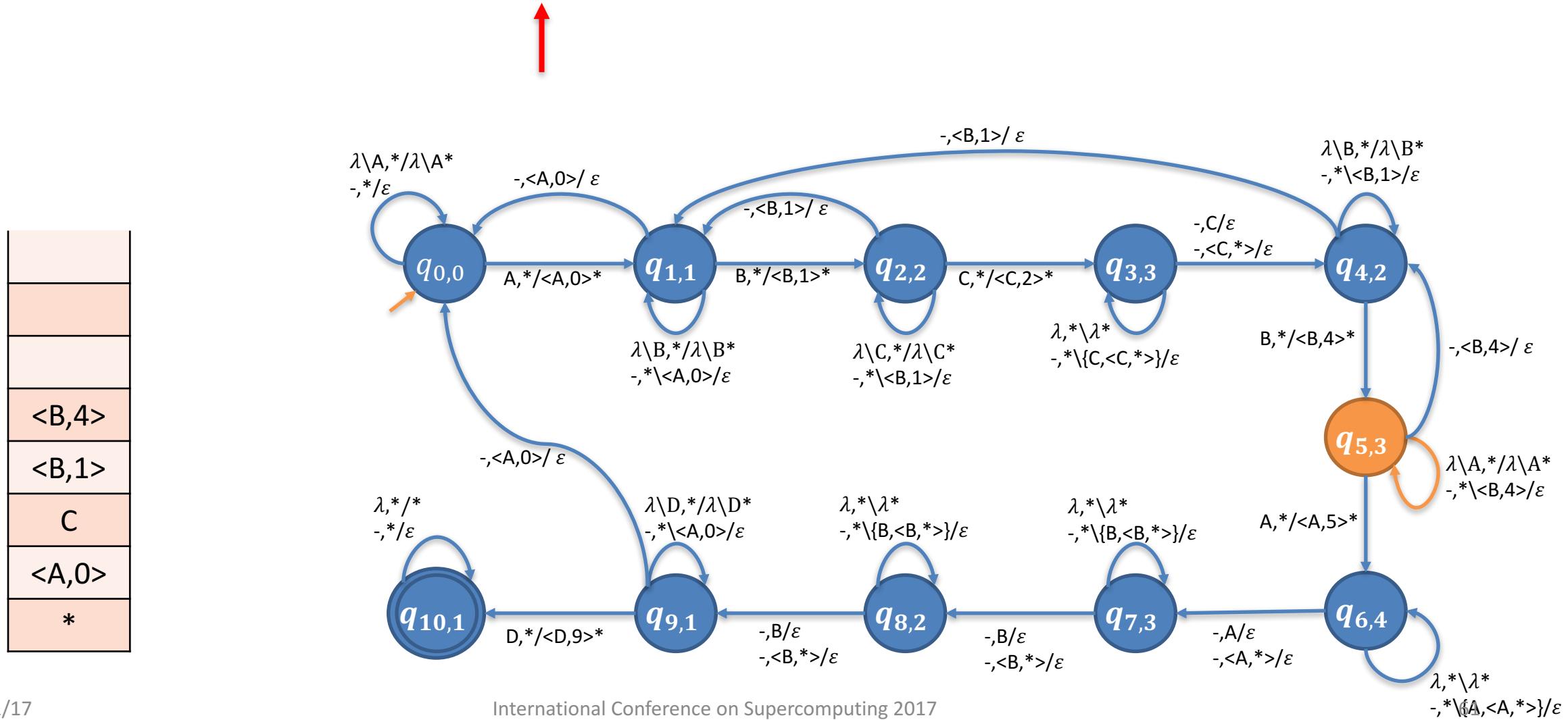


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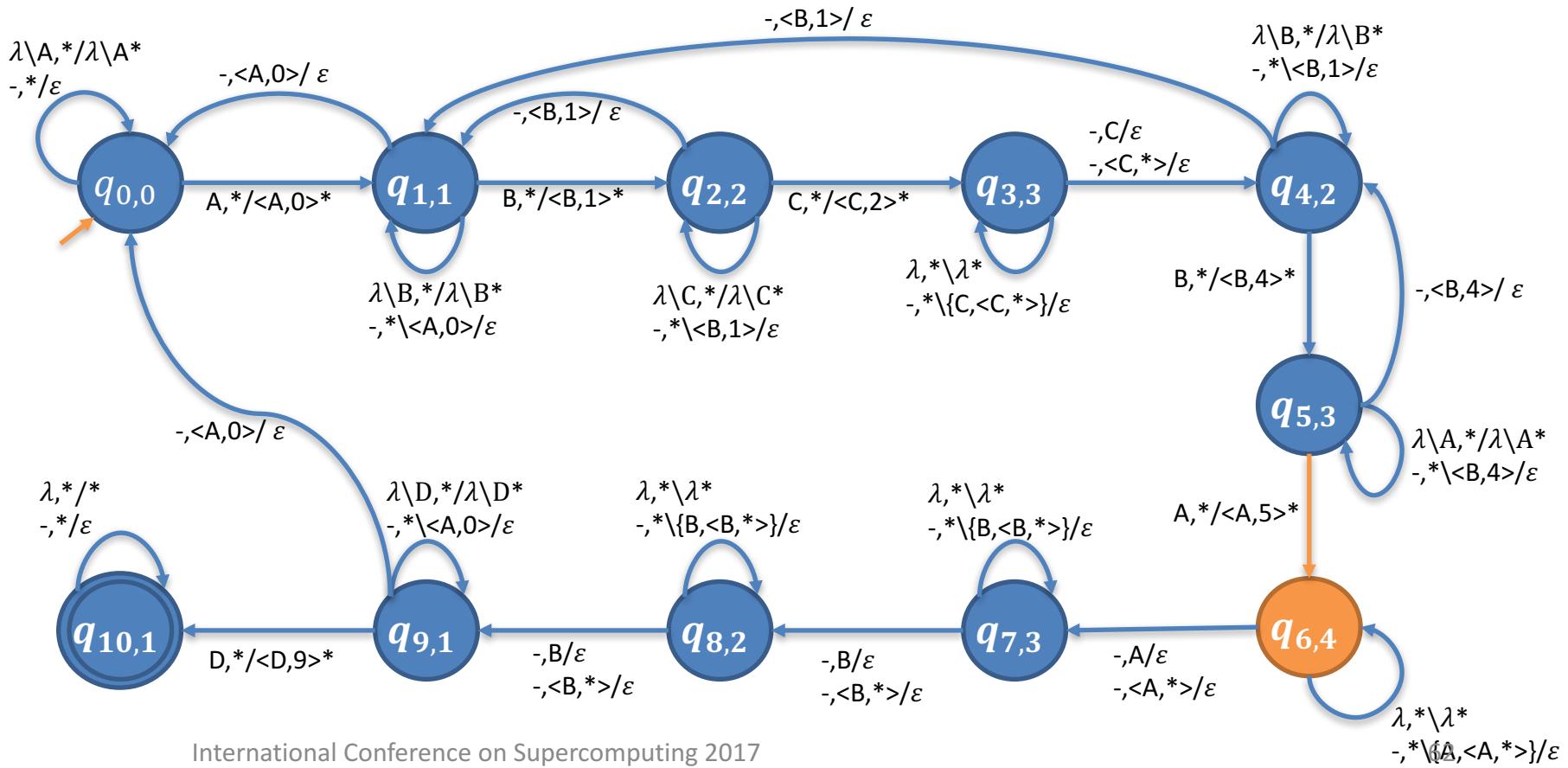


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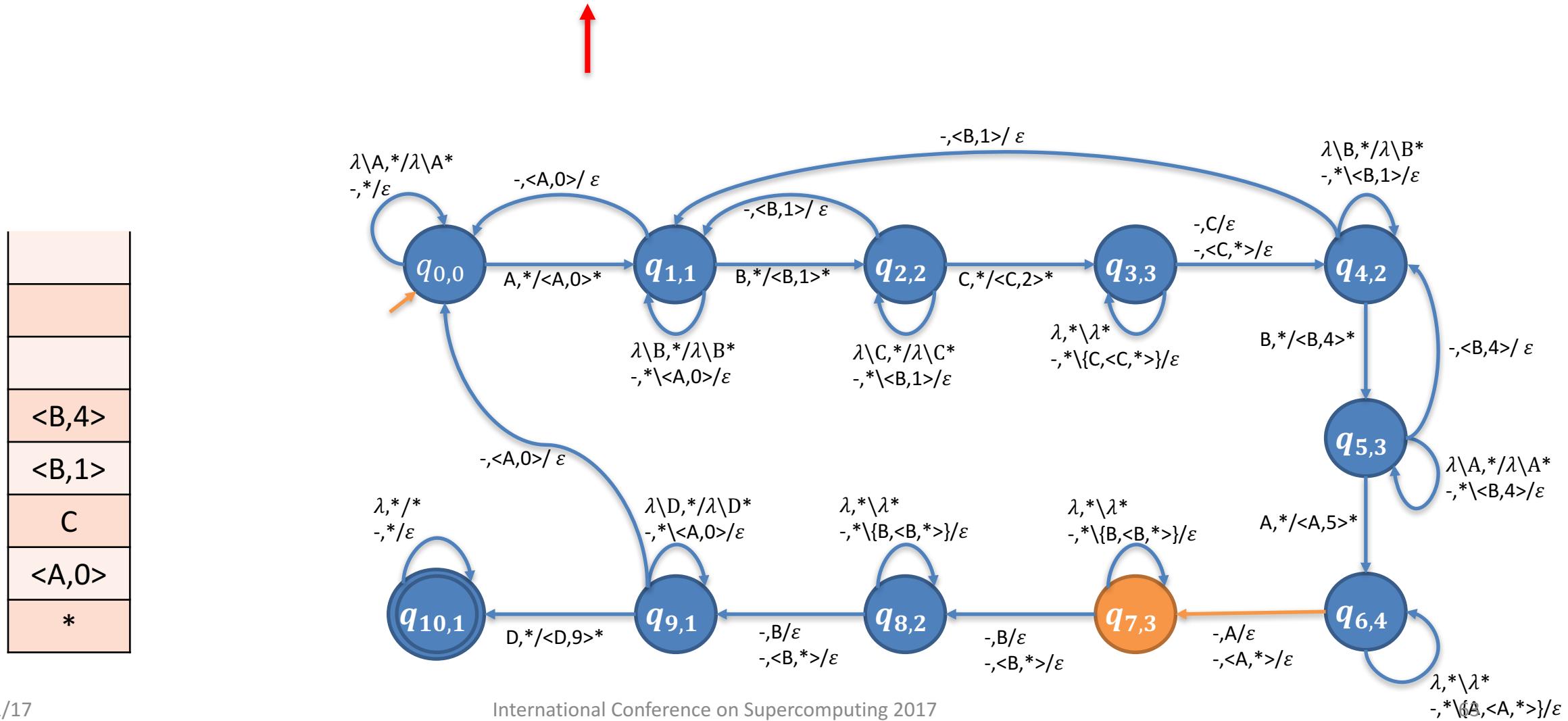


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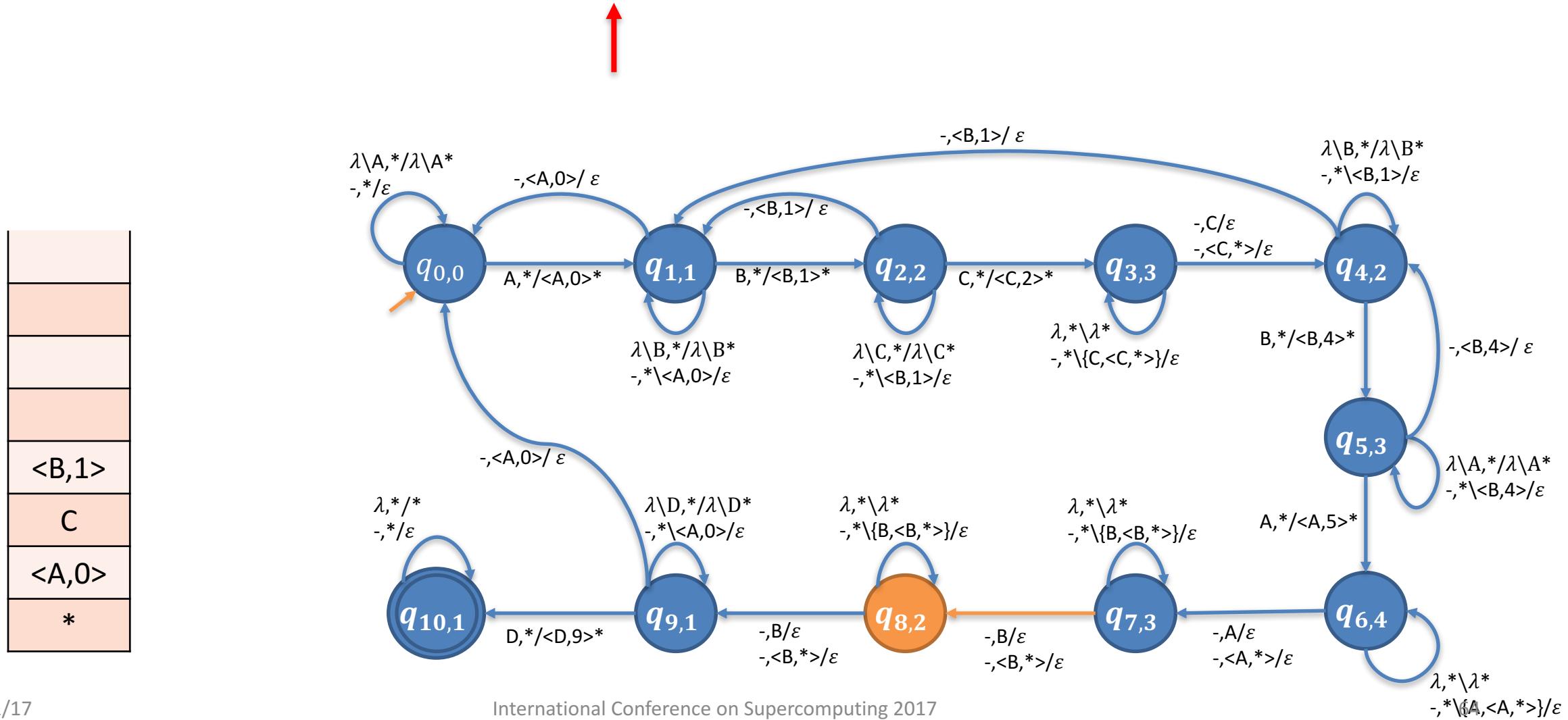
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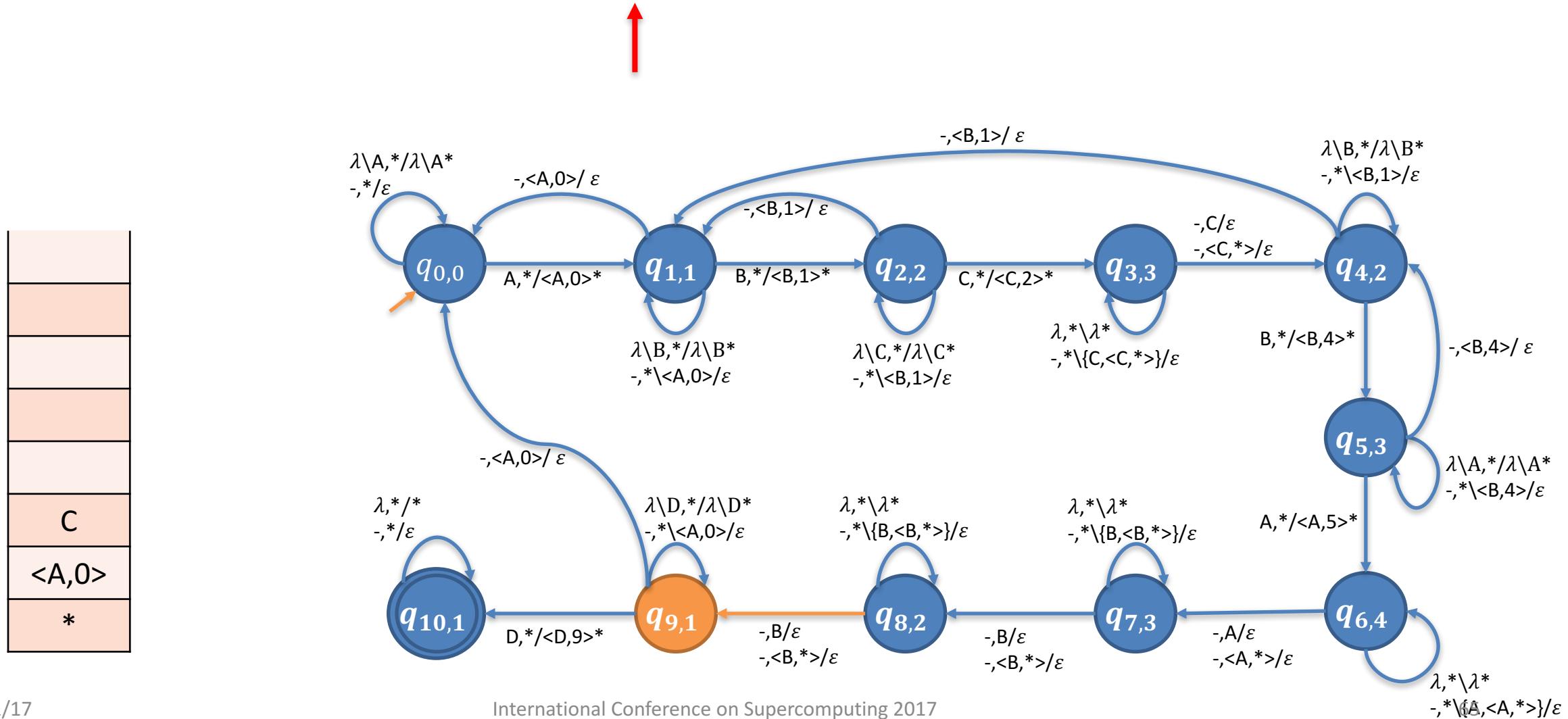
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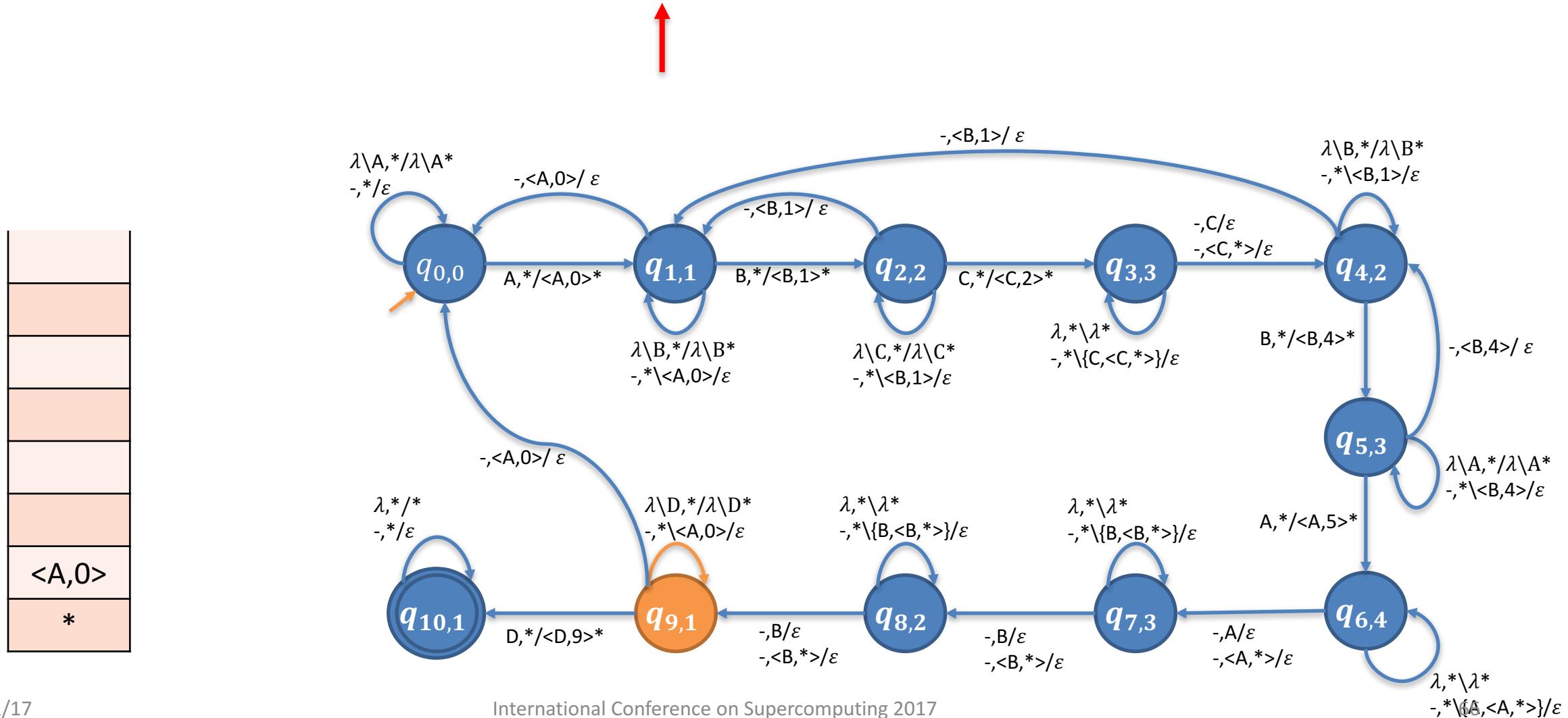
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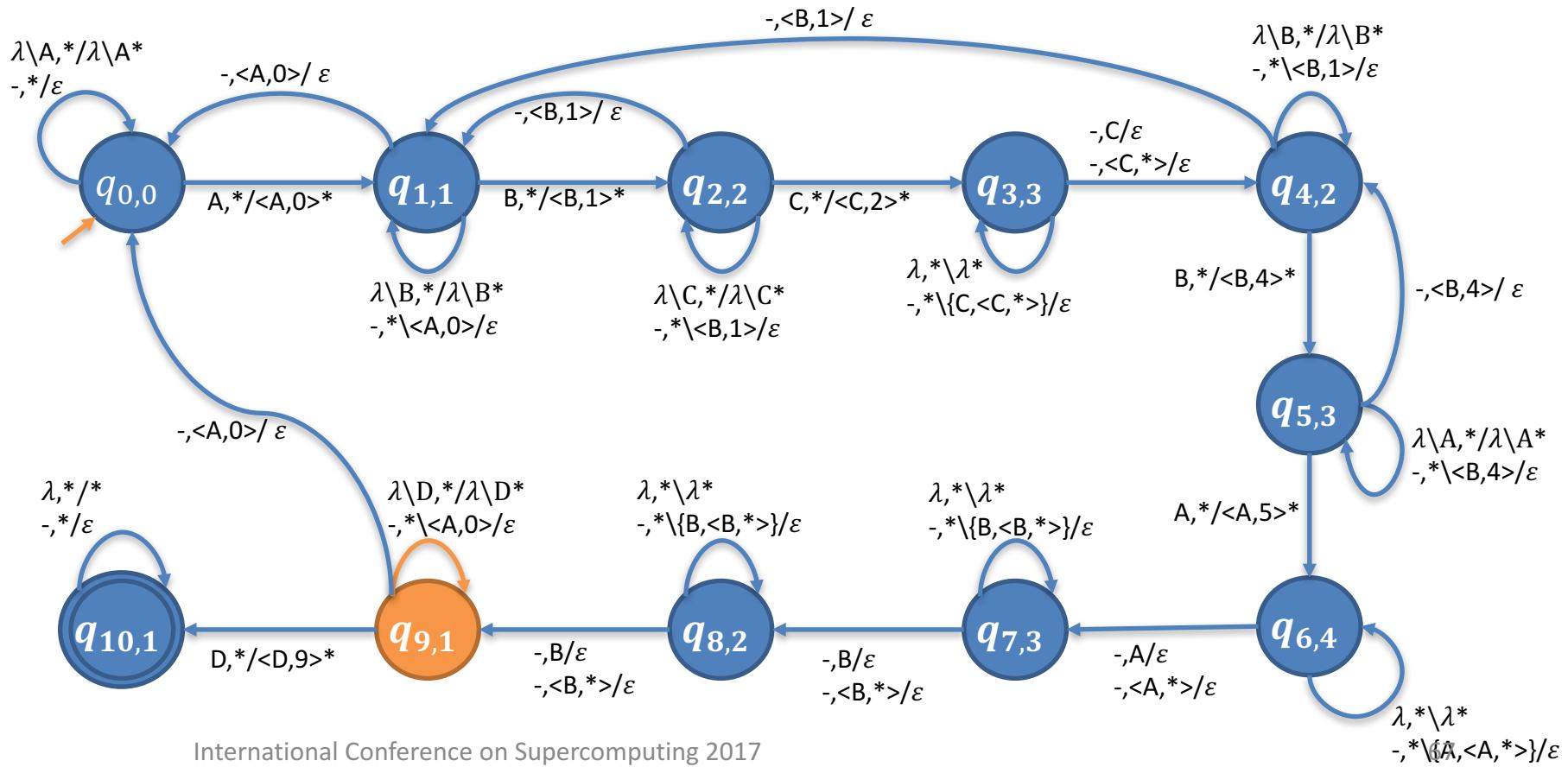
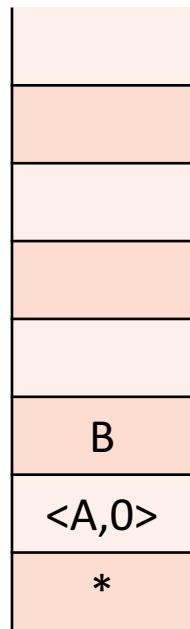
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