

# Concurrency Theory

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## What?

- **Umbrella Theory**
  - Systems in which multiple components execute independently and interact: **reactive systems / cyber-physical systems**
    - E.g., (autonomous) cars, power plants, smart-homes, robots, computer scientists :-)
  - **Modelling, specification & verification** of cy-phy systems
    - Communication, synchronization, equivalence / correctness
  - Pioneers - highly selective and non-exhaustive list:
    - Carl A. Petri (Petri Nets), Toni Hoare (CSP), Gordon Plotkin (SOS), David Park / Robin Milner (bisimulation), Amir Pnueli (temporal logic), Edsger W. Dijkstra (mutual exclusion)

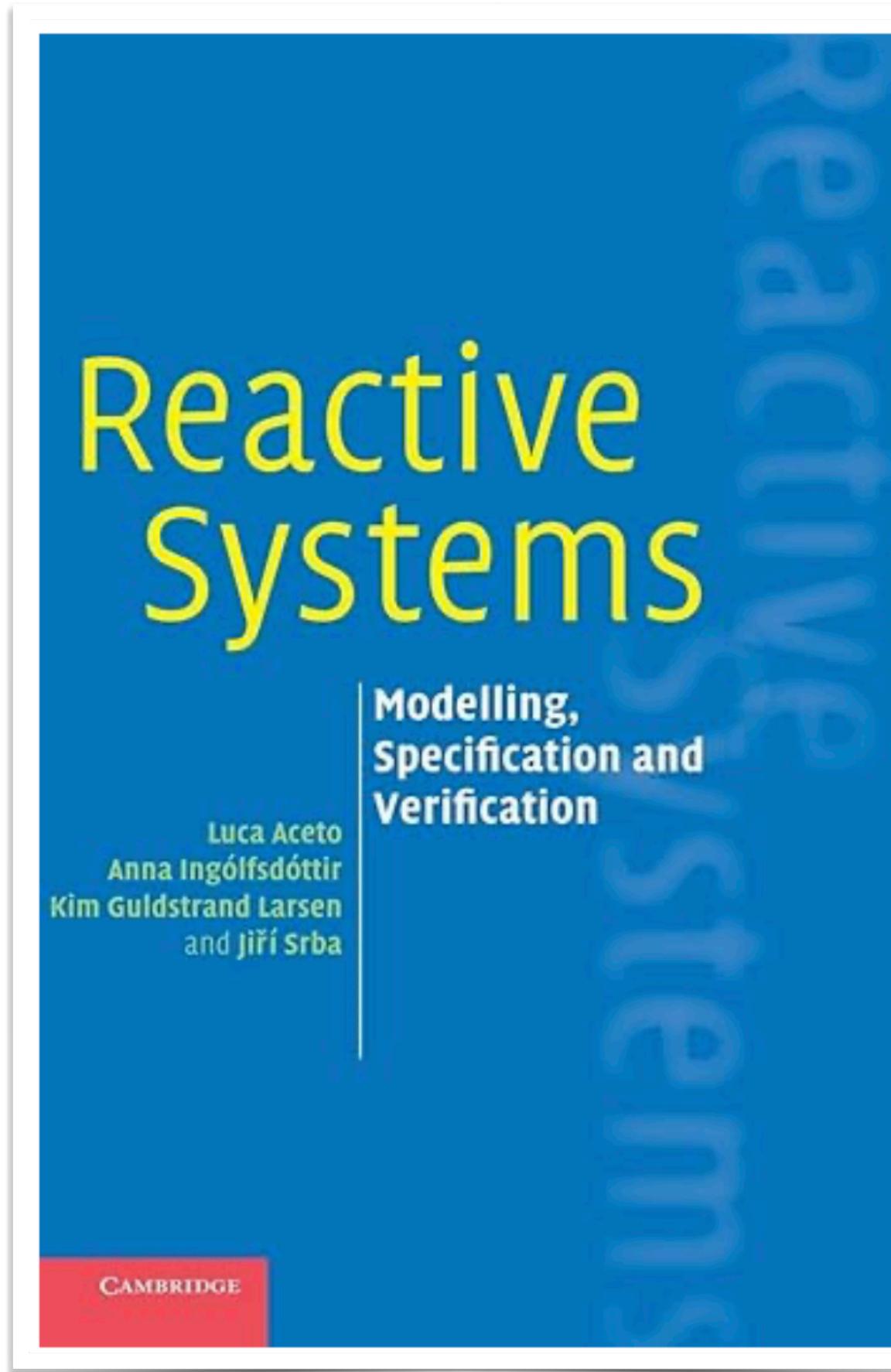
# Outline

- Process Algebra CCS
- Analysis / Verification of CCS Models
  - Bisimilarity
  - Hennessy-Milner Logic / Model Checking
  - Axiomatic Reasoning
- Rule Formats

# Process Algebra CCS

## Calculus of Communicating Systems

- Robin Milner: *A Calculus of Communicating Systems*. LNCS, 1980.
- Credits:



# CCS Syntax

**Definition** The collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of **CCS expressions** is given by the following grammar:

$$P, Q ::= K \quad | \quad \alpha.P \quad | \quad \sum_{i \in I} P_i \quad | \quad P \mid Q \quad | \quad P[f] \quad | \quad P \setminus L ,$$

where

- $K$  is a process name in  $\mathcal{K}$ ;
- $\alpha$  is an action in  $\text{Act}$ ;
- $I$  is a possibly infinite index set;
- $f : \text{Act} \rightarrow \text{Act}$  is a *relabelling function* satisfying the following constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\tau) &= \tau \text{ and} \\ f(\bar{a}) &= \overline{f(a)} \text{ for each label } a ; \end{aligned}$$

- $L$  is a set of labels from  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha . P &- \text{sequential composition} \\ \Sigma &- \text{non-deterministic choice / if-else} \\ \mid &- \text{parallel composition / concurrency} \\ P[f] &- \text{relabelling} \\ P \setminus L &- \text{restriction} \\ \alpha \in \text{Act} \text{ vs. } \bar{\alpha} \in \text{Act} &- \text{synchr. communication} \\ 0 = \sum_{i \in \emptyset} P_i &\qquad\qquad P_1 + P_2 = \sum_{i \in \{1,2\}} P_i \qquad\qquad K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{DFM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin.}\overline{\text{figs}}\text{.DFM}$$

$$\text{CRM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin.}\overline{\text{crisps}}\text{.CRM}$$

$$\text{VM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin.}\overline{\text{item}}\text{.VM}$$

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# Behaviour of CCS Process Terms

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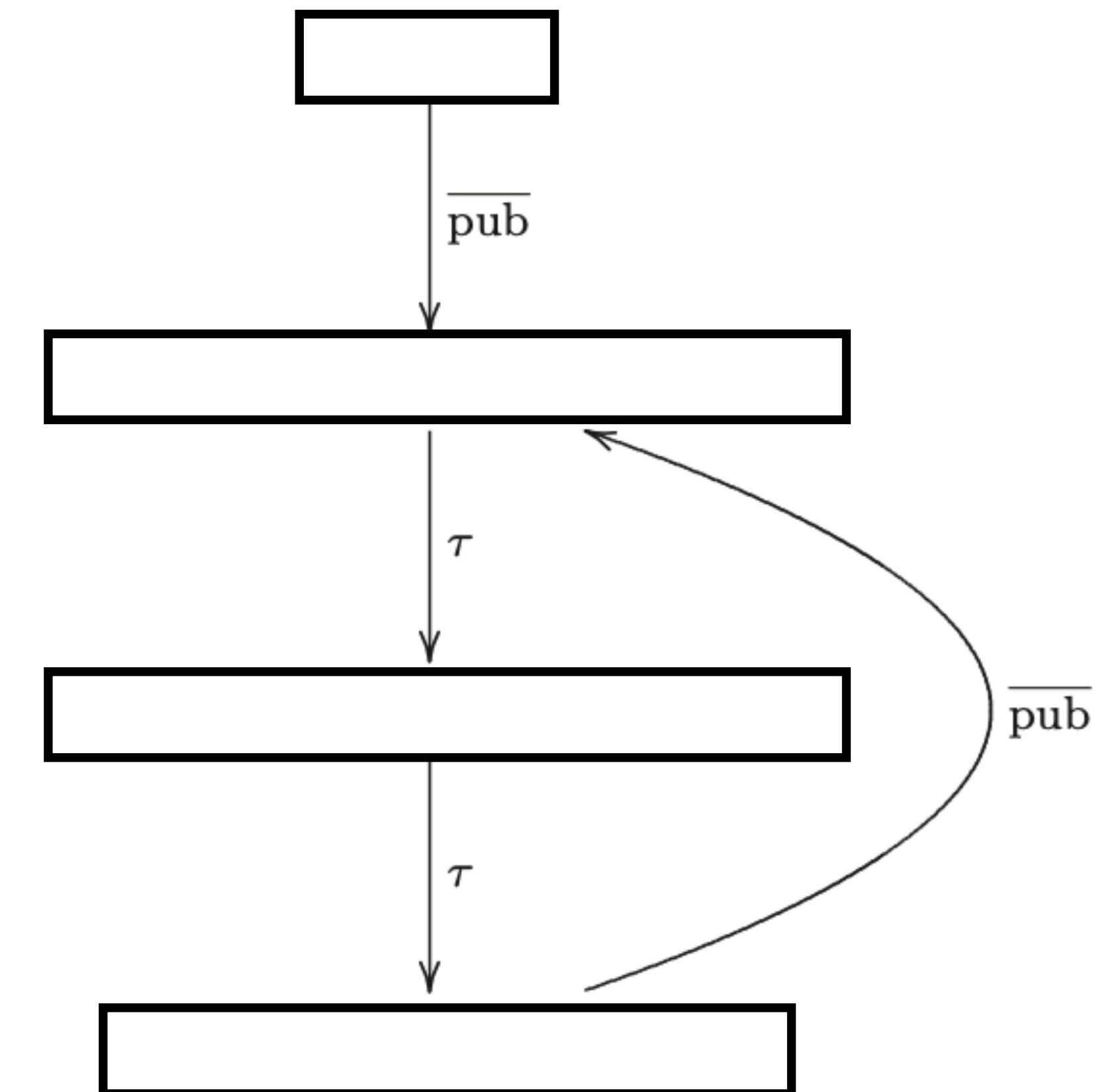
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# Labelled Transition Systems (LTSs)

CCS syntax + SOS semantics => LTS behaviour models

**Definition** [Labelled transition system] A *labelled transition system (LTS)* (at times also called a *transition graph*) is a triple  $(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \text{Act}\})$ , where:

- **Proc** is a set of *states* (or *processes*);
- **Act** is a set of *actions* (or *labels*);
- $\xrightarrow{\alpha} \subseteq \text{Proc} \times \text{Proc}$  is a *transition relation*, for every  $\alpha \in \text{Act}$ . As usual, we shall use the more suggestive notation  $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'$  in lieu of  $(s, s') \in \xrightarrow{\alpha}$ , and write  $s \not\xrightarrow{\alpha}$  (read ‘ $s$  refuses  $a$ ’) iff  $s \xrightarrow{\alpha} s'$  for no state  $s'$ .



# Many Other Calculi (Selection)

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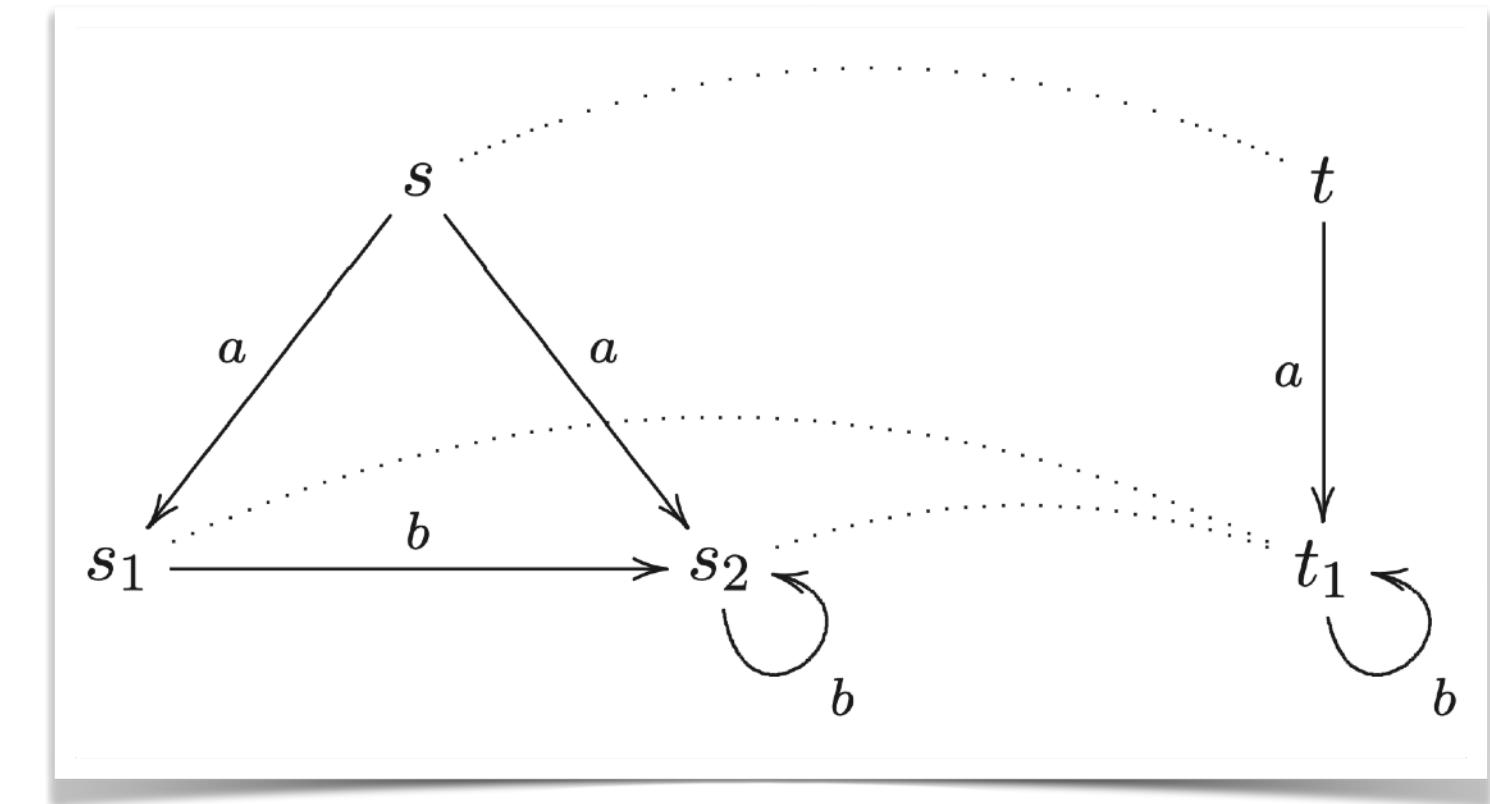
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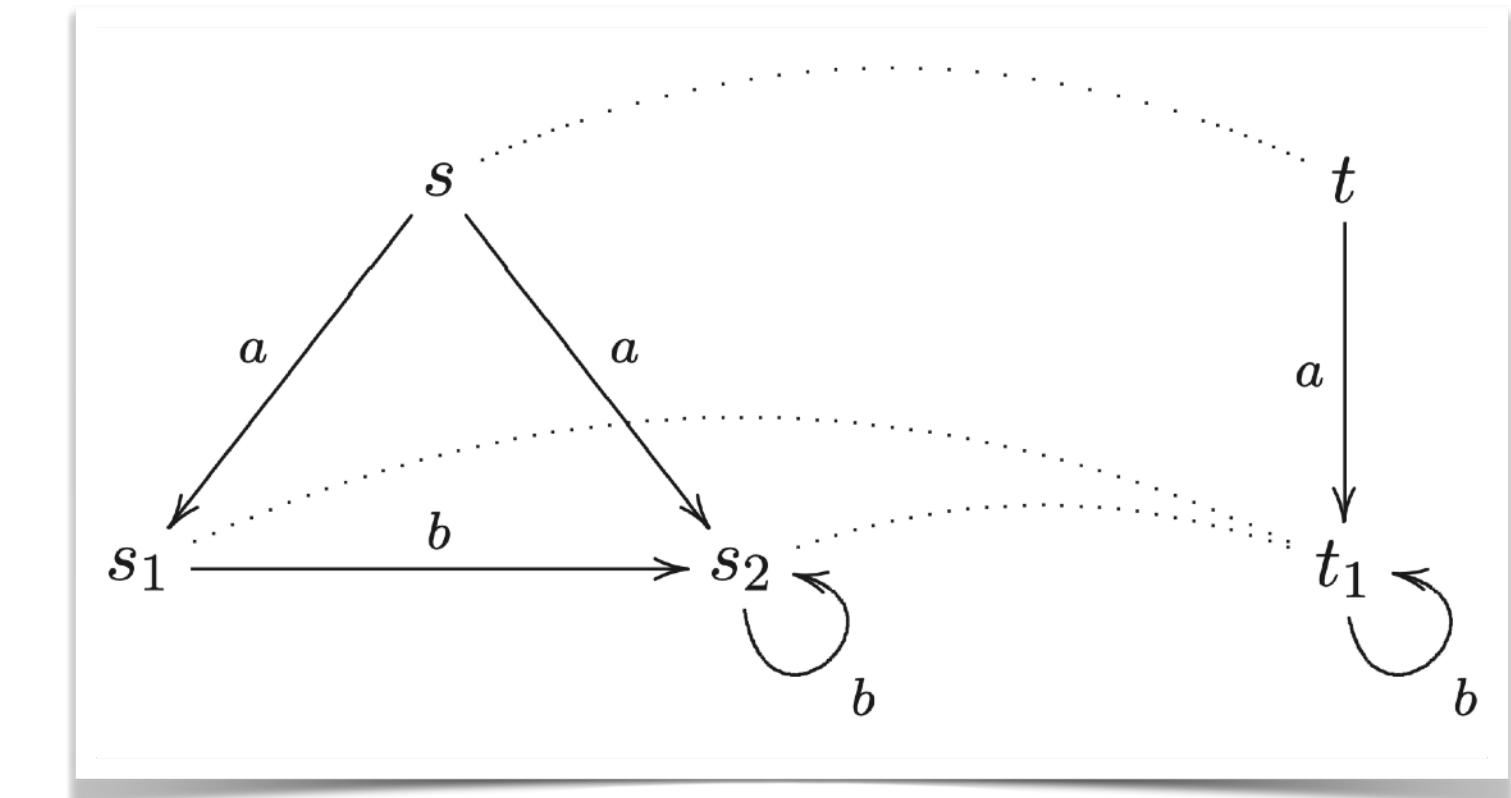
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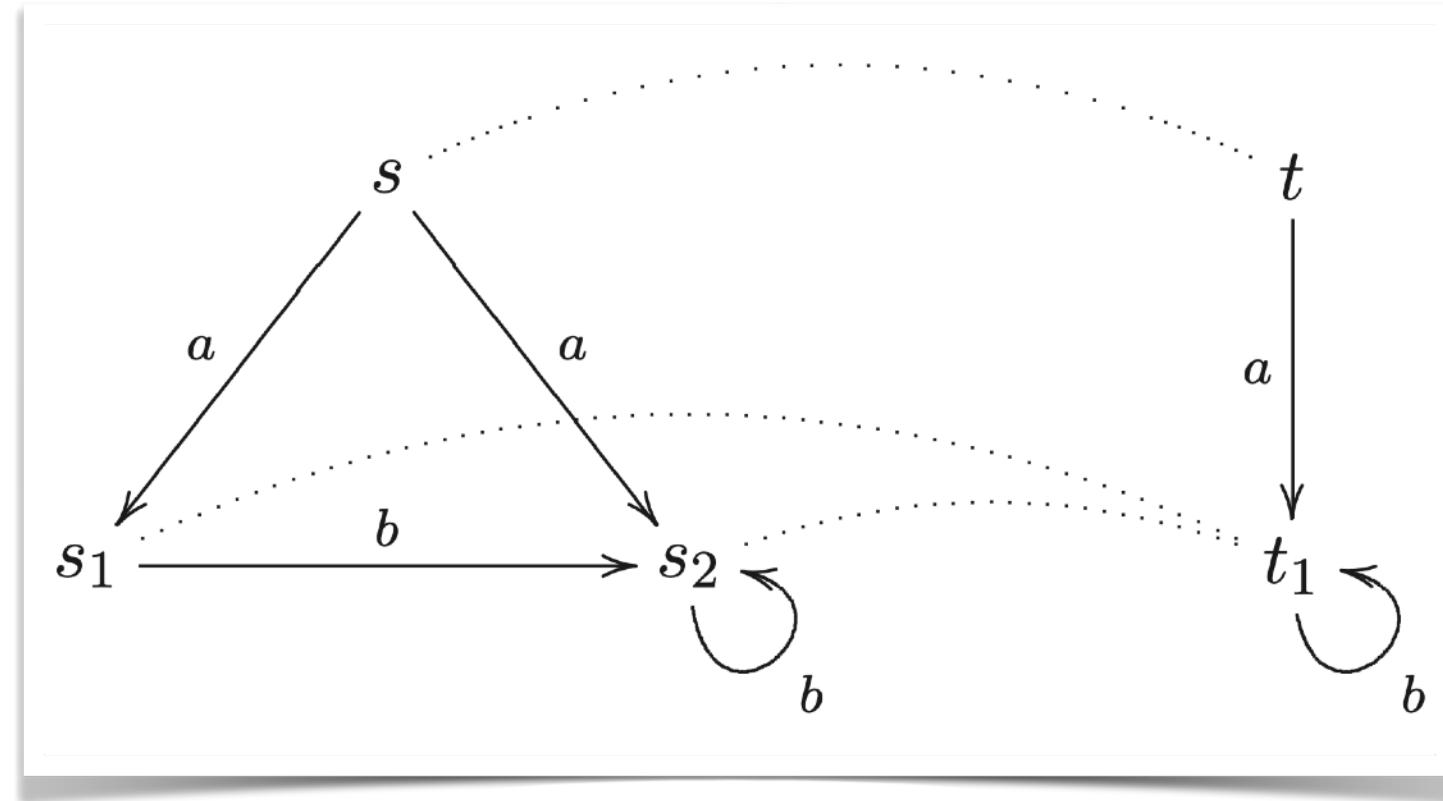


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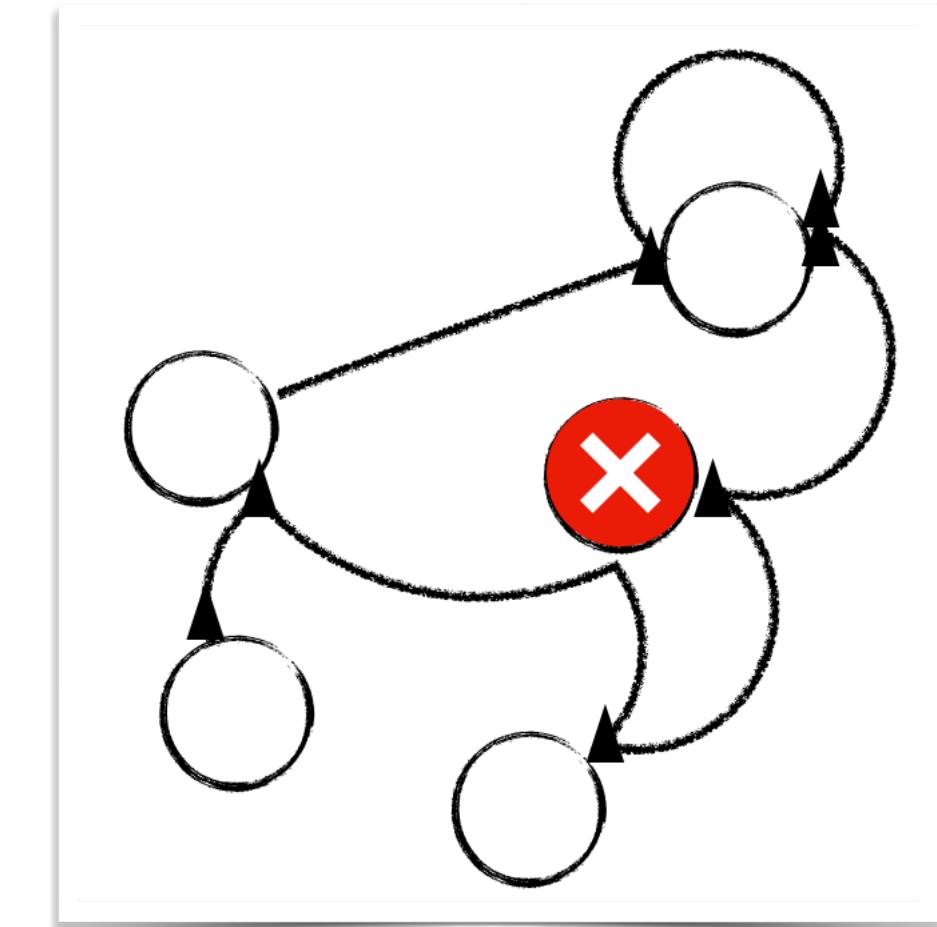
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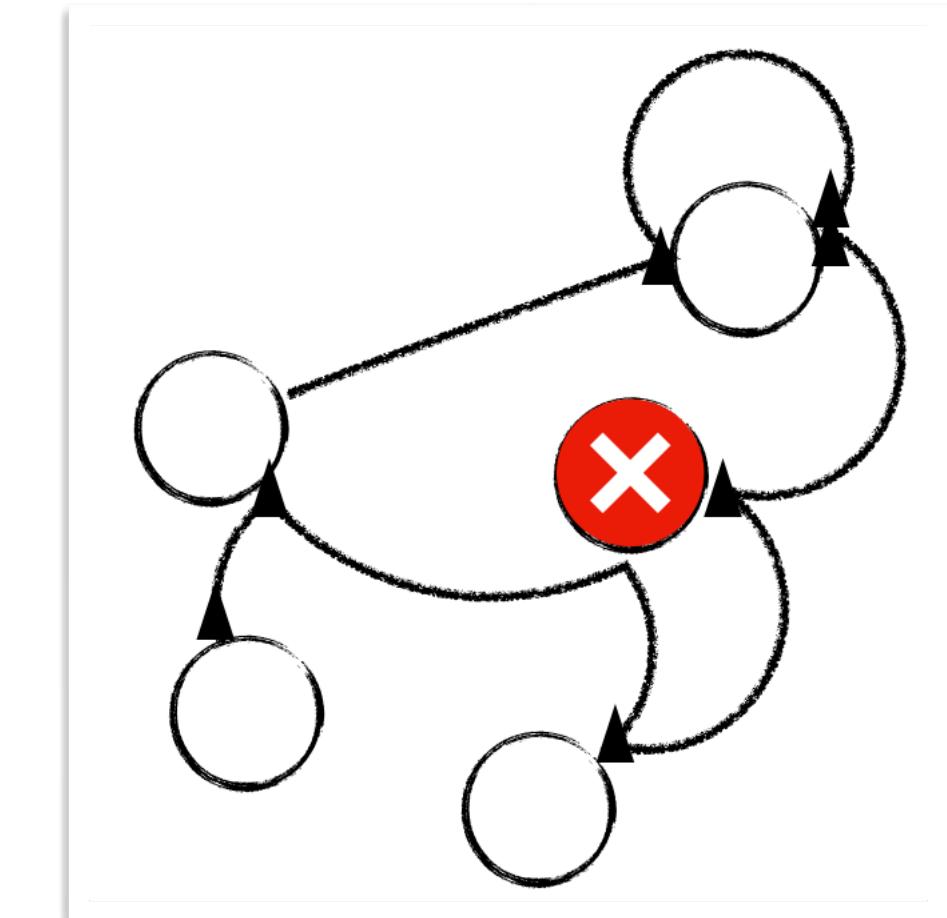
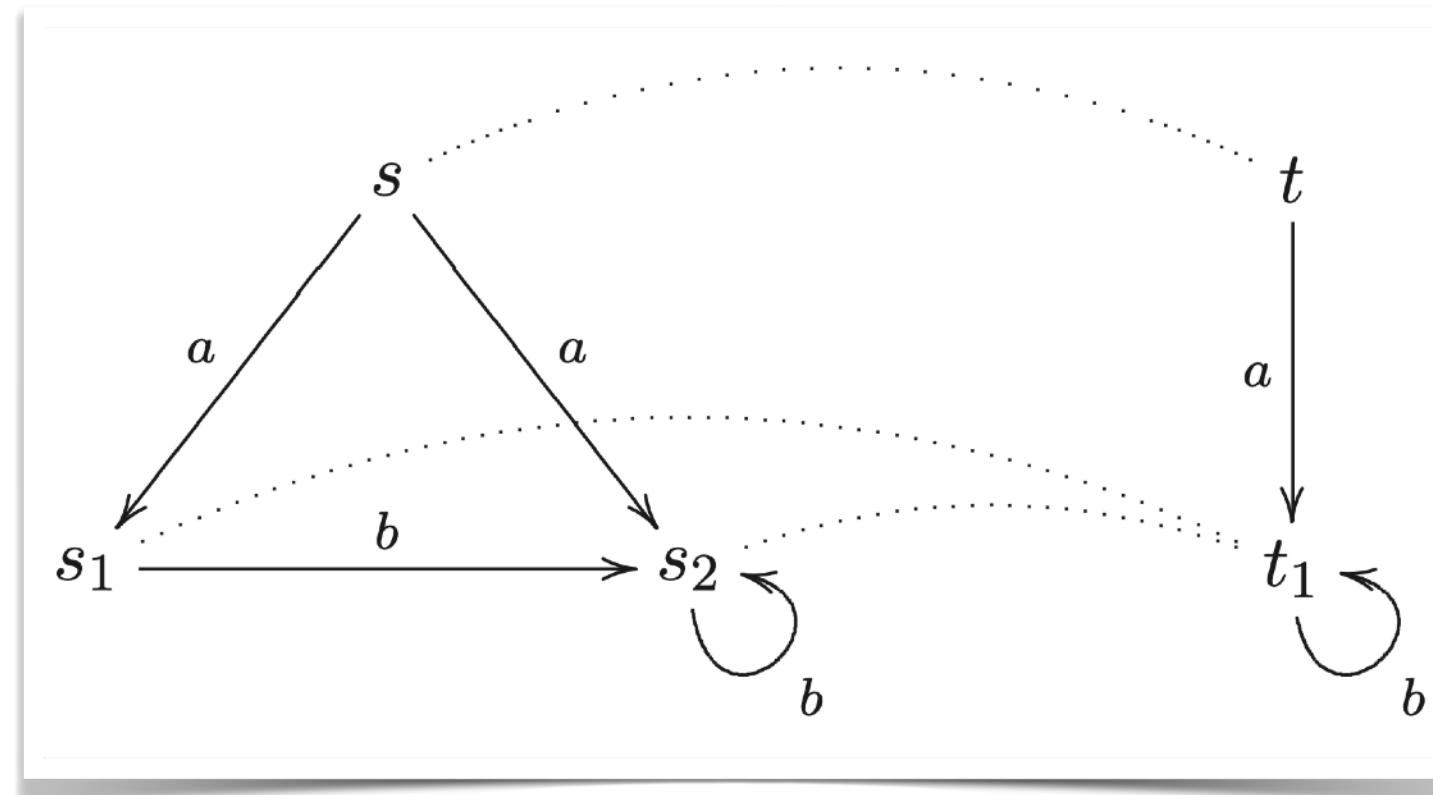
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# Verification by Behavioural Equivalence Checking

“Good” notion of behavioural compliance ( $R$ )?

- Stakeholder requirement: The coffee machine should deliver coffee & tea :-)

Requirements Engineer: *Spec*

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Software Developer: *Impl*

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# Verification by Behavioural Equivalence Checking

## Trace Equivalence

*Trace semantics.*  $\sigma \in Act^*$  is a *trace* of a process  $p$ , if there is a process  $q$ , such that  $p \xrightarrow{\sigma} q$ . Let  $T(p)$  denote the set of traces of  $p$ . Two processes  $p$  and  $q$  are *trace equivalent* if  $T(p) = T(q)$ . In trace semantics two processes are identified iff they are trace equivalent.

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- The states that  $Spec$  and  $Impl$  reach should be equivalent

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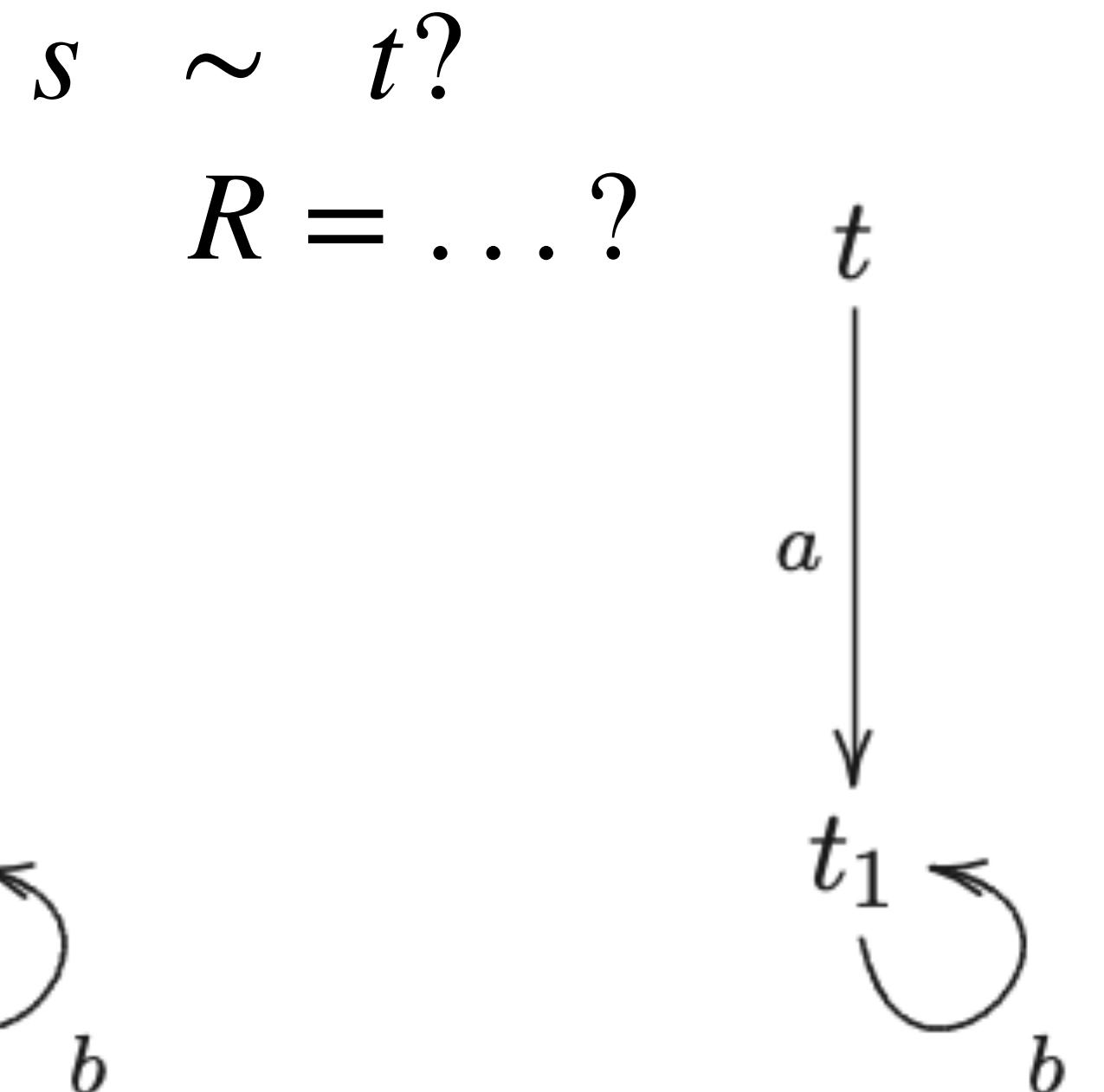
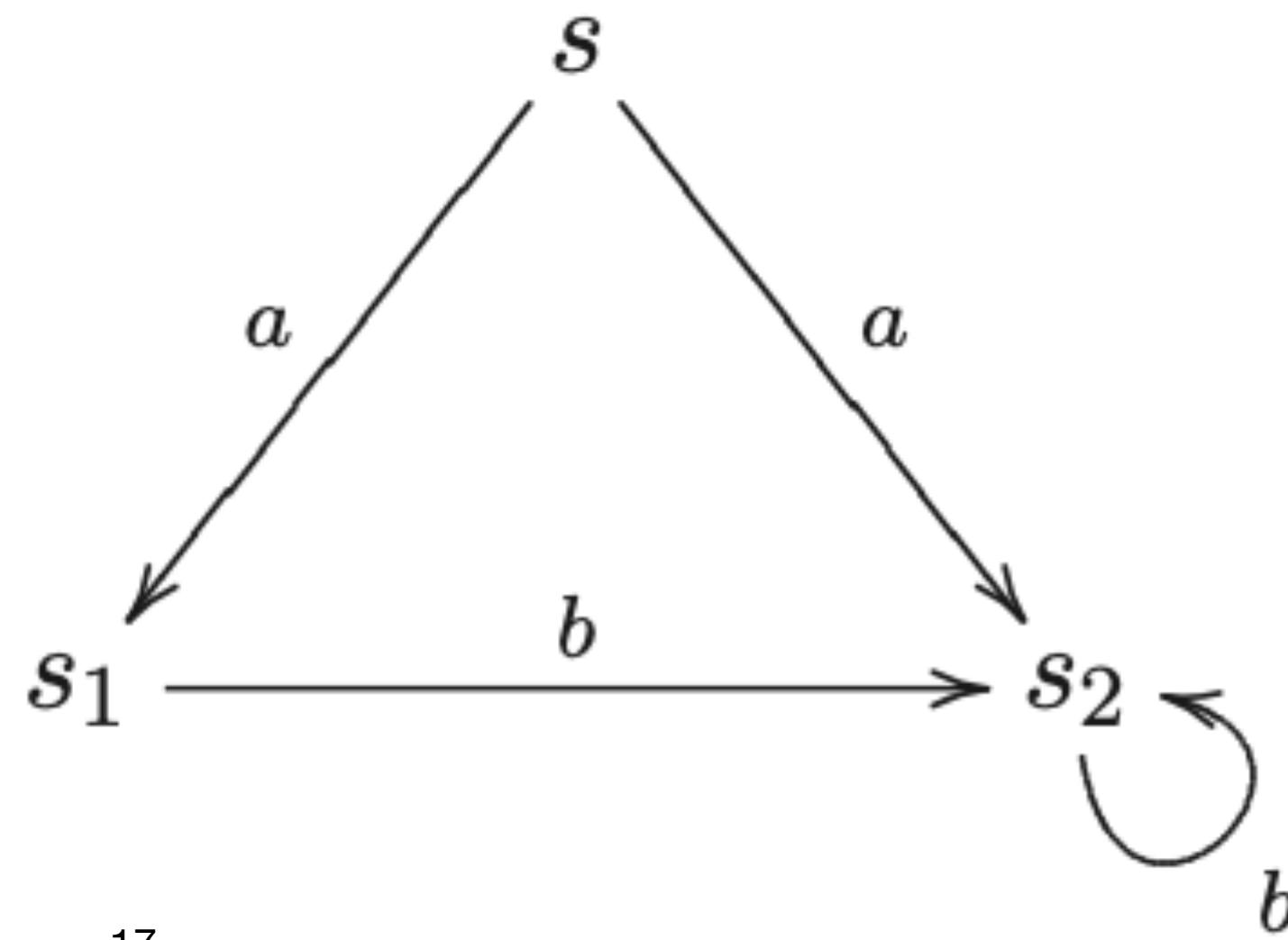
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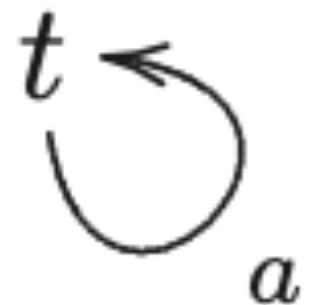
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## Properties

**Theorem** For all LTSs, the relation  $\sim$  is

1. an equivalence relation,
2. the largest strong bisimulation, and
3. satisfies the following property:

$s_1 \sim s_2$  iff for each action  $\alpha$ ,

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## Complexity

- Deciding strong bisimilarity between finite LTSs (finite no. of transitions and states) is P-complete
  - (See Balcazar, Gabarro and Santha, 1992)
  - one of the “hardest problems” in the class of problems solvable in polynomial time
  - P-complete problems are of interest because they appear to lack highly parallel solutions; (see, Greenlaw, Hoover and Ruzzo, 1995)

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Show that bisimilarity ( $\sim$ ) is a largest fixed point, where:

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### Hints:

First, identify your relevant complete lattice structure.

Consider now a binary relation  $\mathcal{R}$  over **Proc**—that is, an element of the set  $2^{(\text{Proc} \times \text{Proc})}$ . We define the set  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$  as follows:

$(p, q) \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$ , for all  $p, q \in \text{Proc}$ , if and only if

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$\mathcal{R}$  is a bisimulation if and only if  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{R})$

Consequently:

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# Semantic Lattice

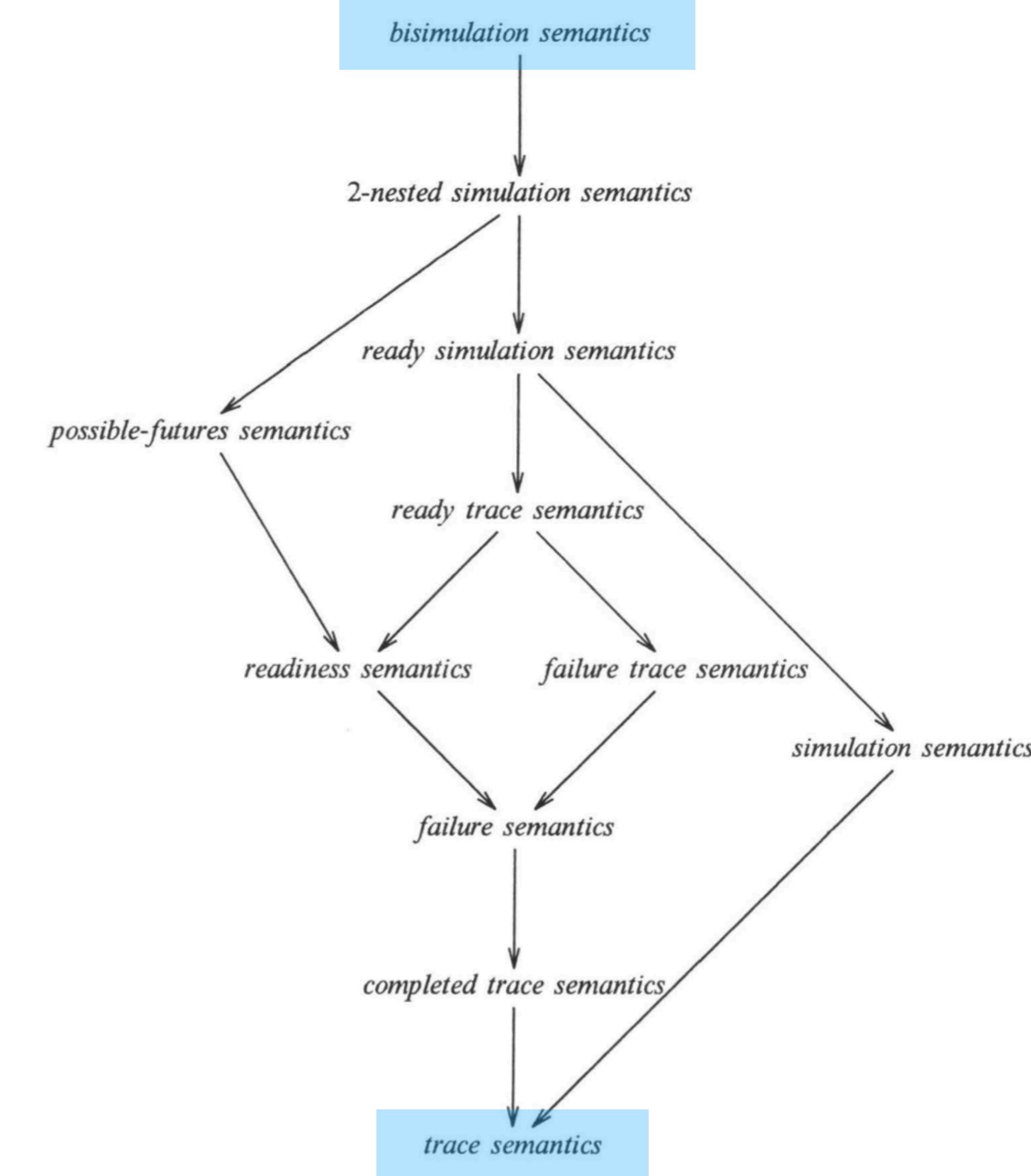


FIGURE 1. *The linear time - branching time spectrum*

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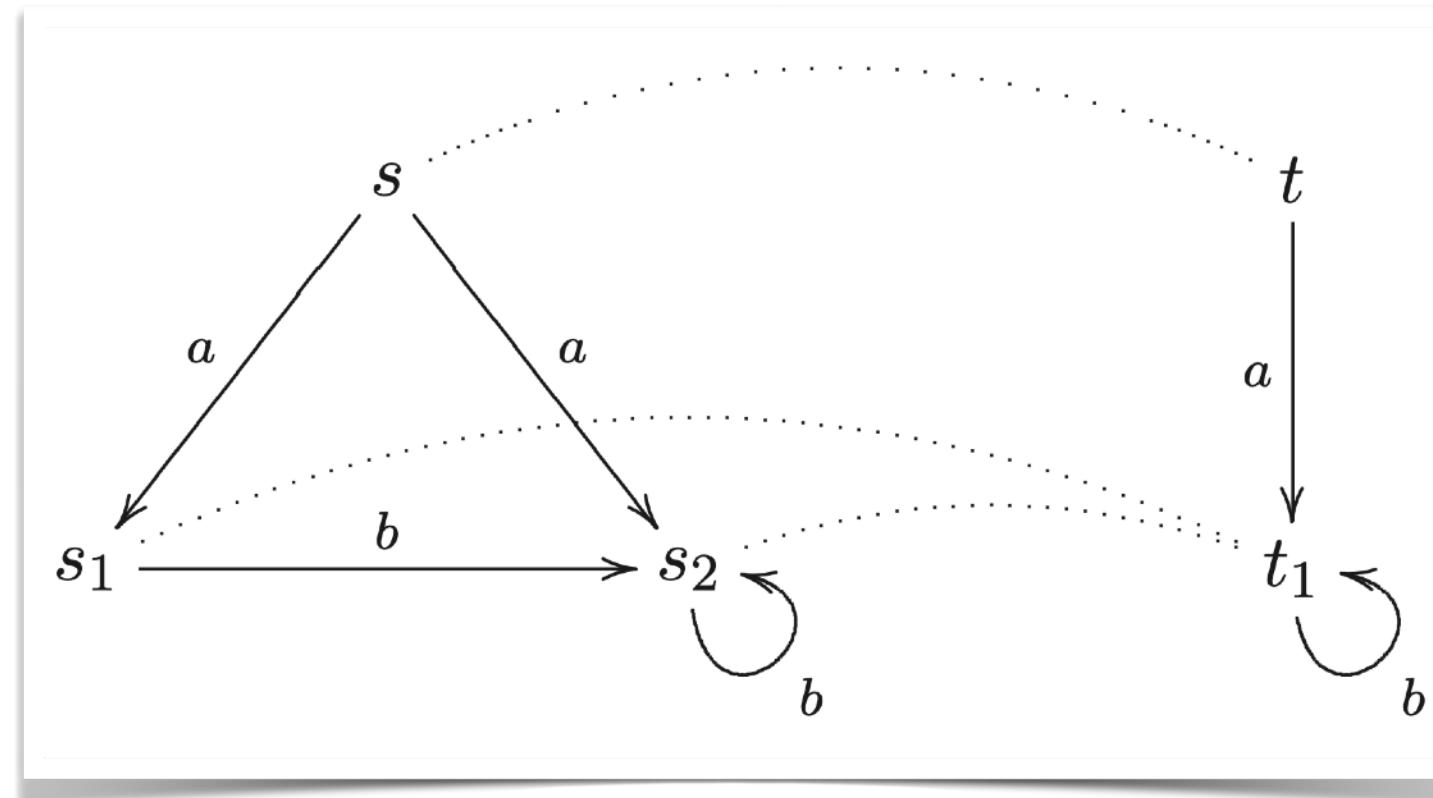
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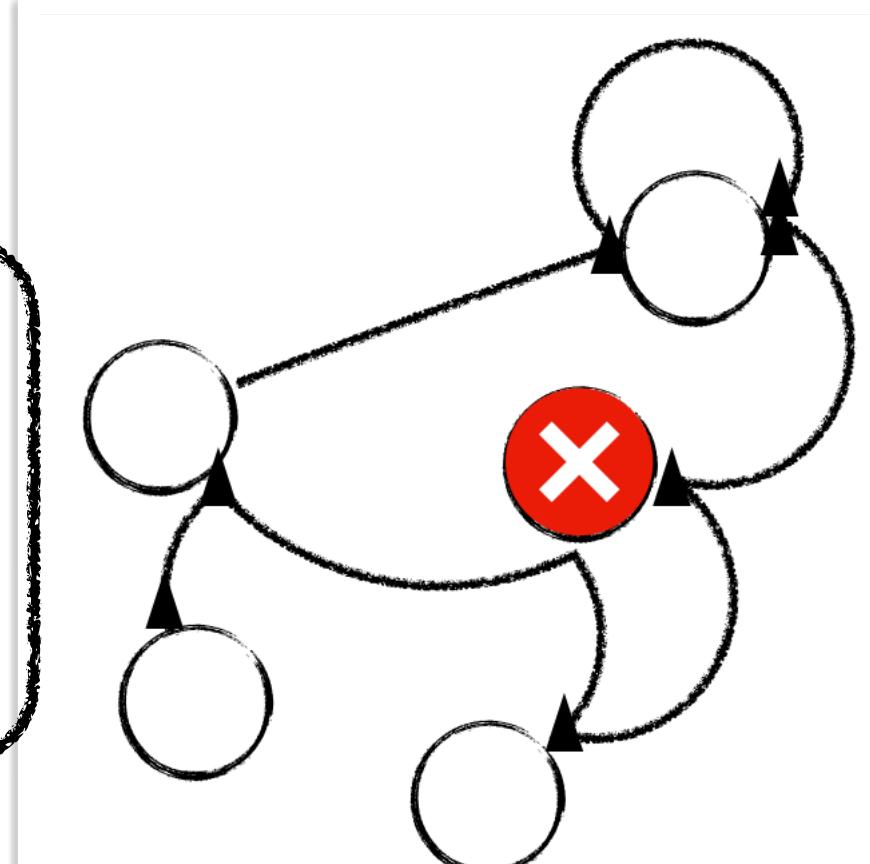
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# Hennessy-Milner Logic (HML)

## Specification language

**Definition** The set  $\mathcal{M}$  of *Hennessy-Milner formulae* over a set of actions  $\text{Act}$  is given by the following abstract syntax:

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where  $a \in \text{Act}$ , and we use  $tt$  and  $ff$  to denote ‘true’ and ‘false’, respectively. If

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# Hennessy-Milner Logic (HML)

## Example: Safety Requirement - “Something bad never happens”

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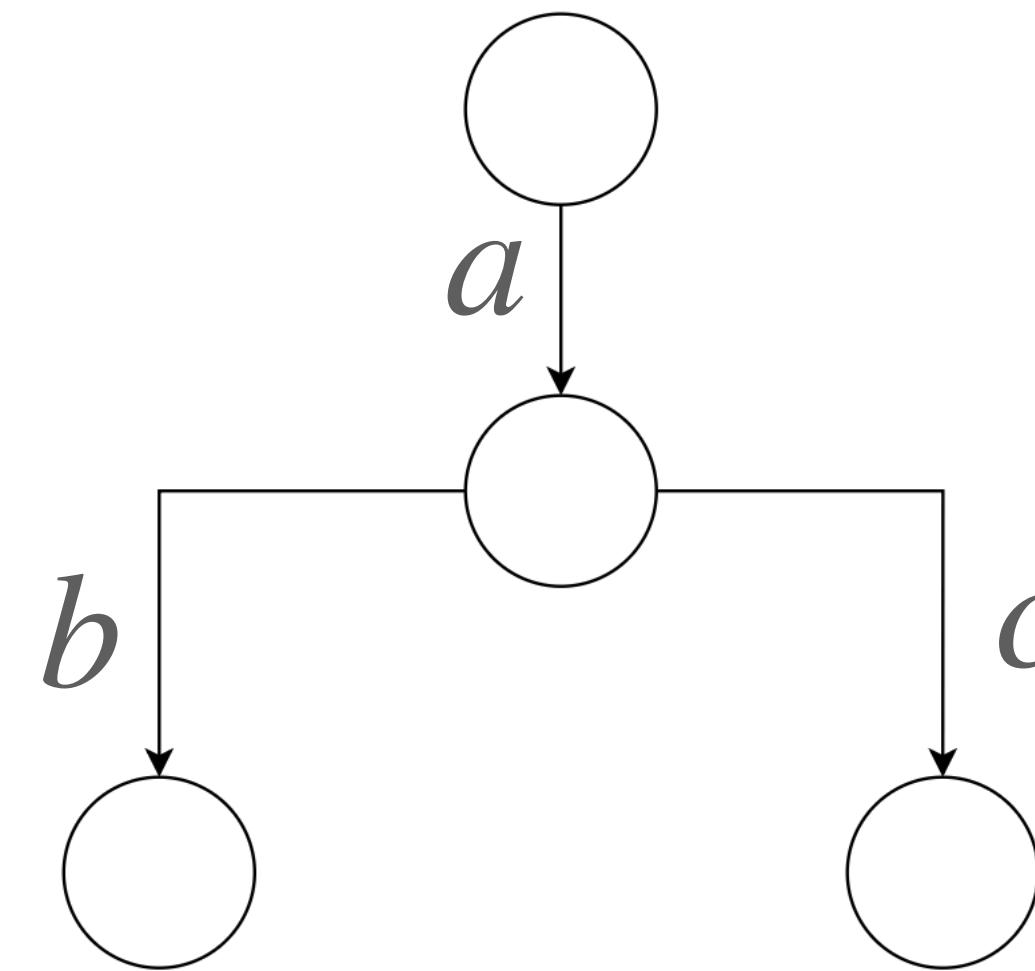
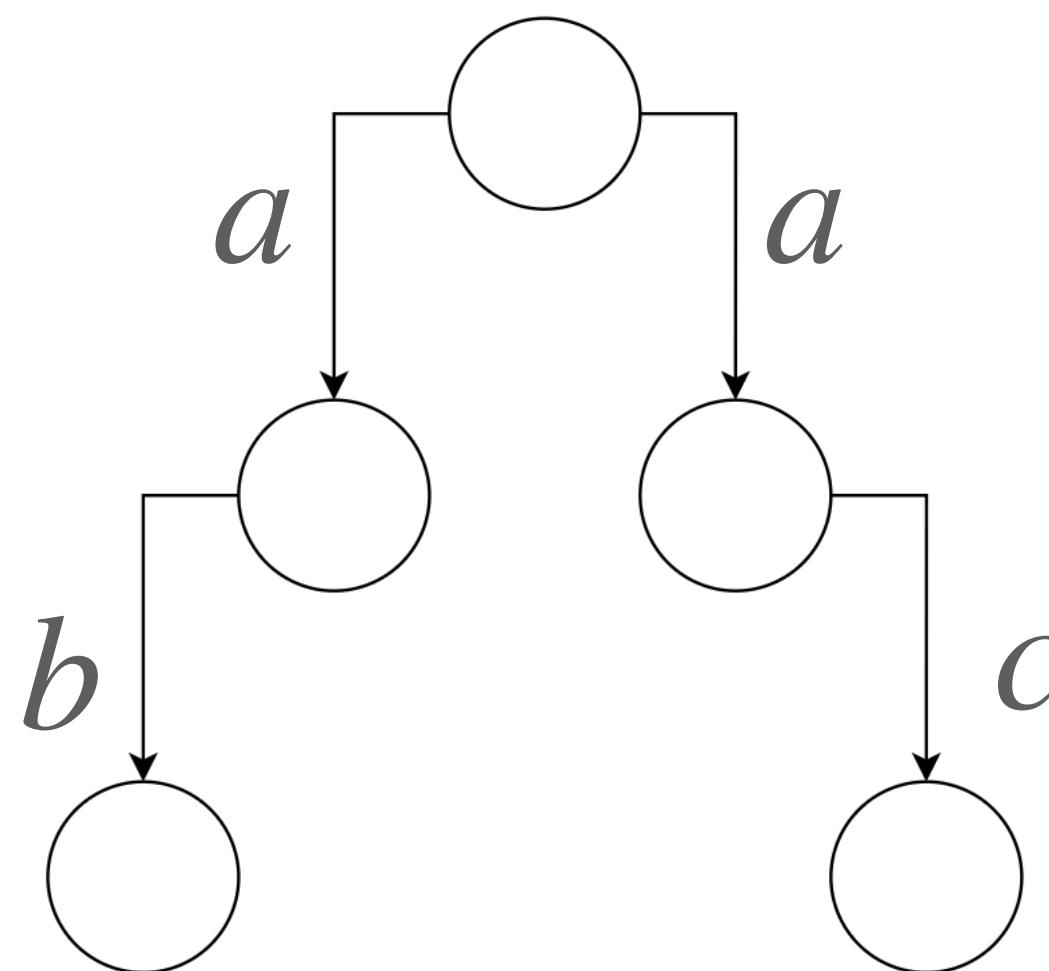
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# HTML & Behavioural Equivalence

## Exercise

- Find an HML formula that satisfies  $a.b.0 + a.c.0$  but not  $a.(b.0 + c.0)$



Recall:  $\not\sim$

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**Definition** [Image finite process] A process  $P$  is *image finite* iff the collection  $\{P' \mid P \xrightarrow{a} P'\}$  is finite for each action  $a$ .

An LTS is image finite if so is each of its states.

Example of not image finite process?

**Theorem** [Hennessy and Milner (Hennessy and Milner, 1985)] Let

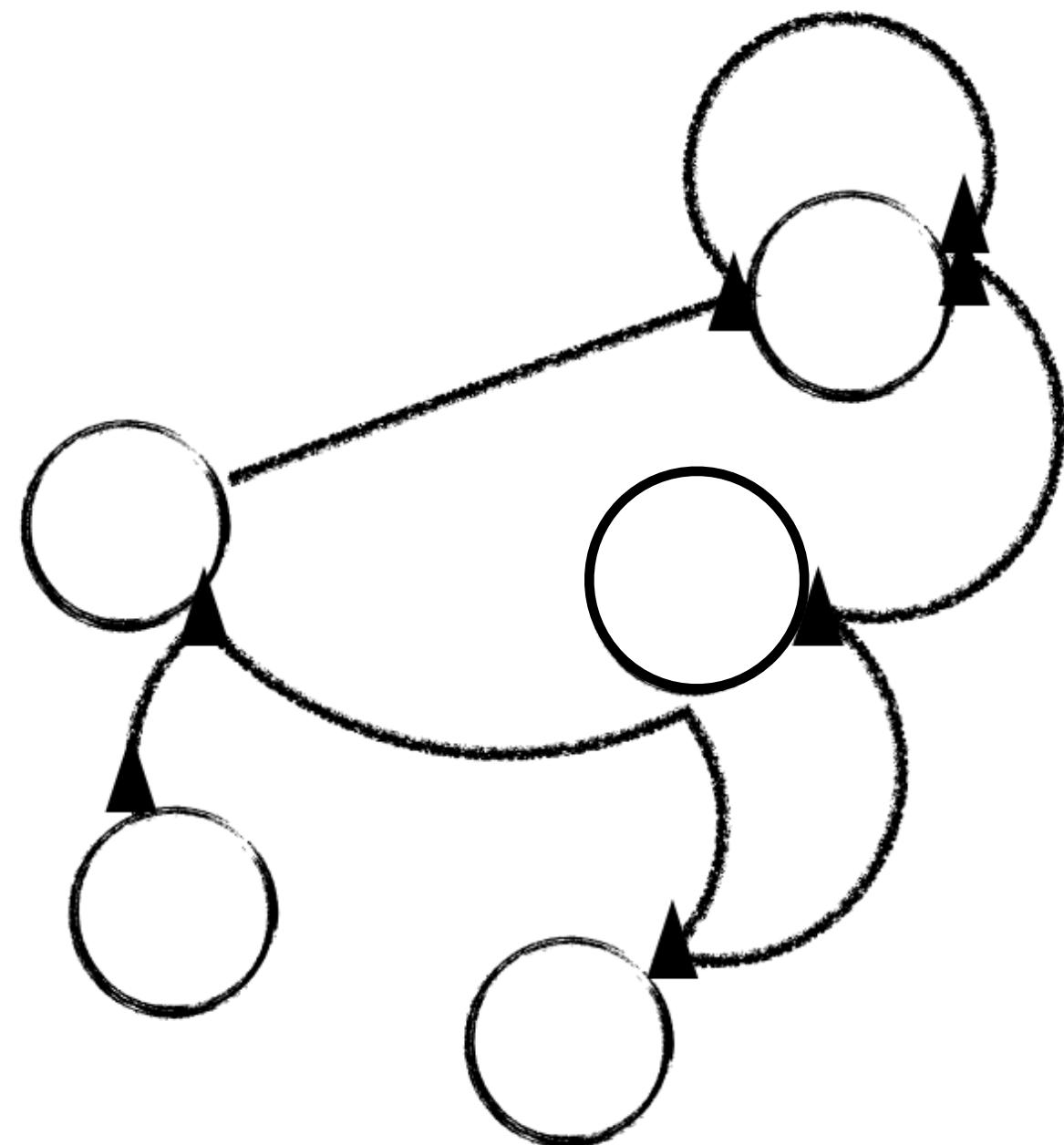
$$(\text{Proc}, \text{Act}, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in \text{Act}\})$$

be an image finite LTS. Assume that  $P, Q$  are states in Proc. Then  $P \sim Q$  iff  $P$  and  $Q$  satisfy exactly the same formulae in Hennessy-Milner logic.

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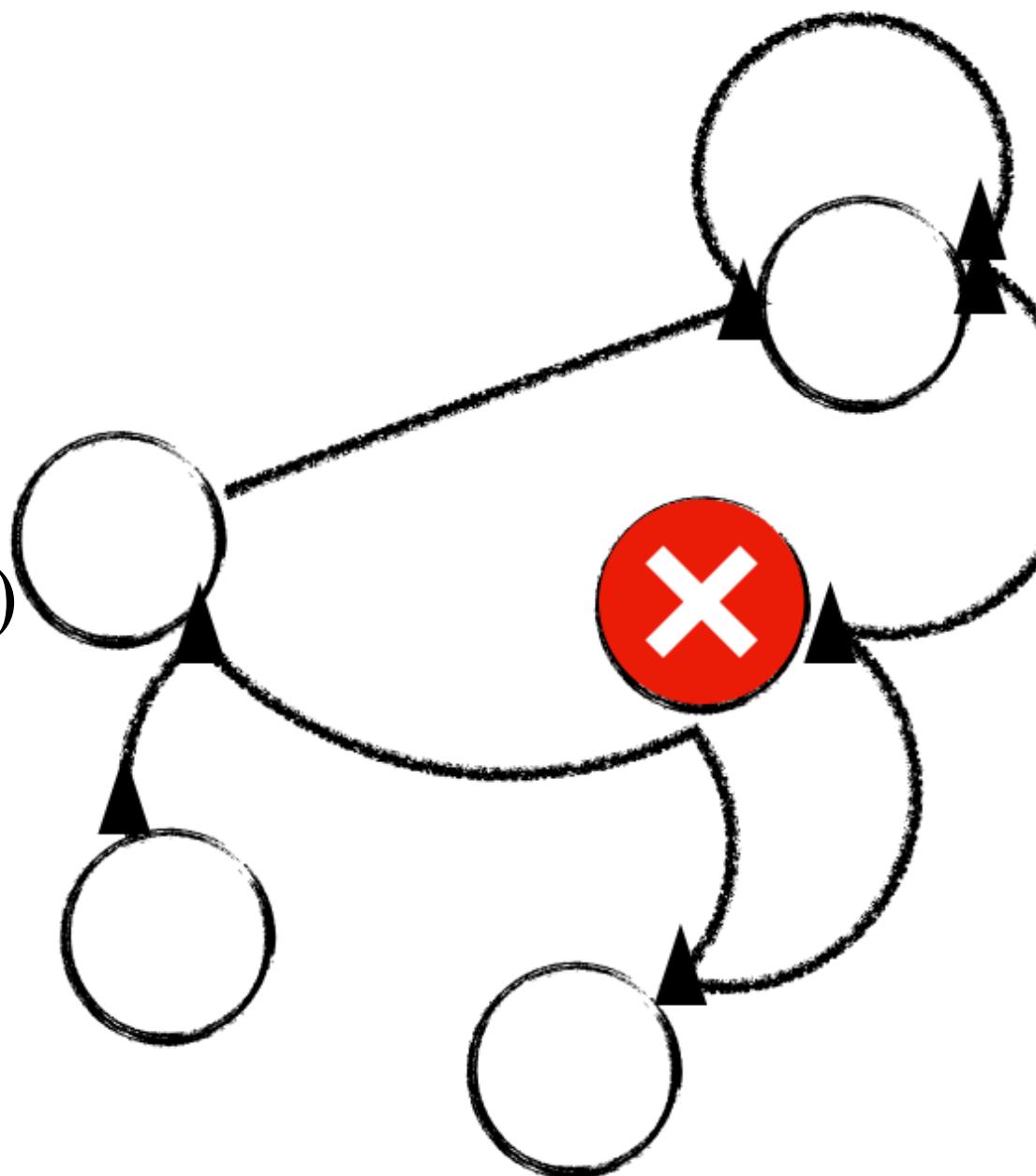
LTS behaviours against HML specifications ( $Impl \models Spec$ )

$Impl$  - CCS / LTS



$Spec$  - HML formula  $F$ ; e.g.,  $[[ < a > ff]]$

DFS, BFS  
(Other highly optimised alg.)



# Many Other Logics (Selection)

- HML with recursion, data and time
  - Nice read (& mCRL2 tooling): J.F. Groote, M.R. Mousavi. *Modeling and Analysis of Communicating Systems*. MIT Press 2014
- Linear Temporal Logic (LTL)
  - A. Pnueli. *The Temporal Logic of Programs*. FOCS 1977
- Computation Tree Logic (CTL)
  - Nice read: M. Y. Vardi. *Branching vs. Linear Time: Semantical Perspective*. CSL 2011

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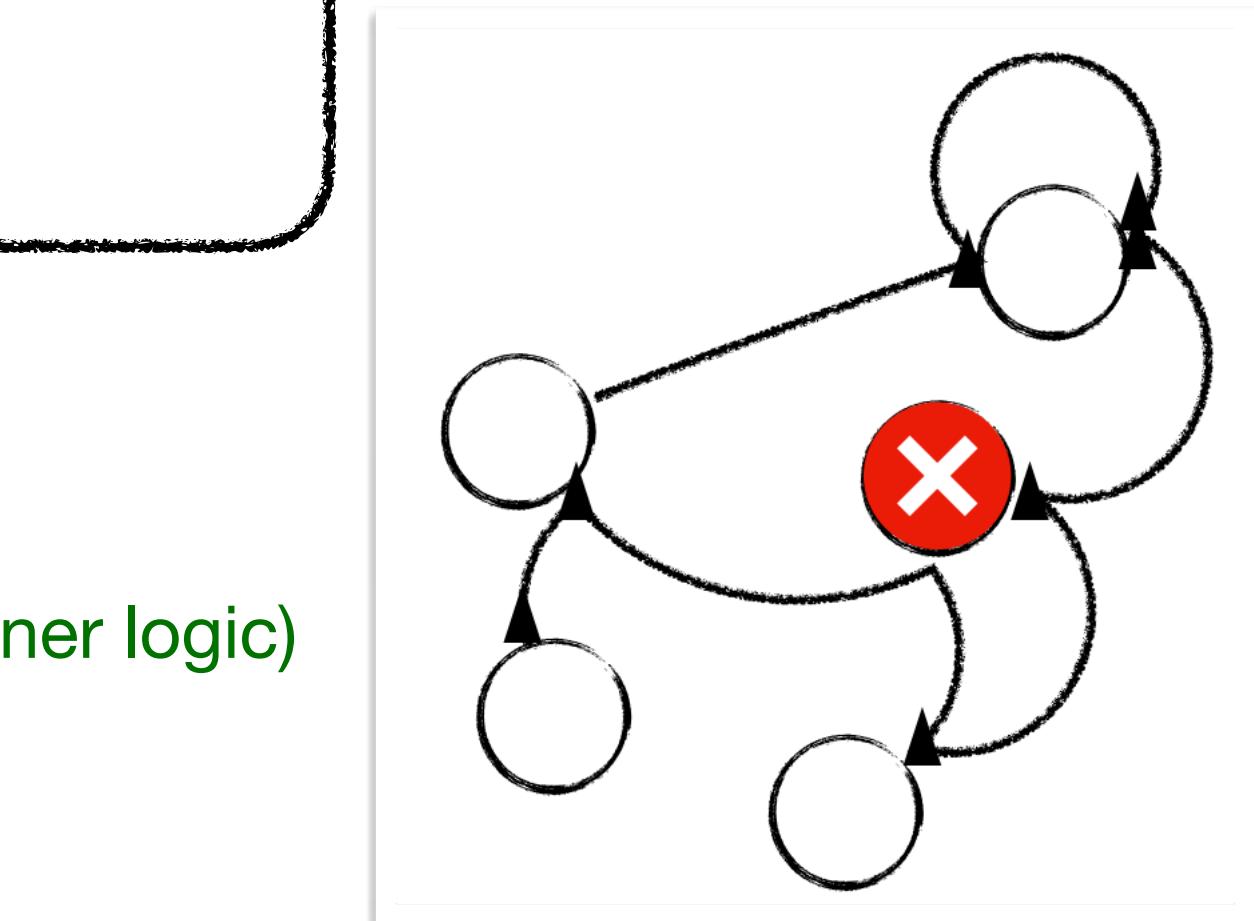
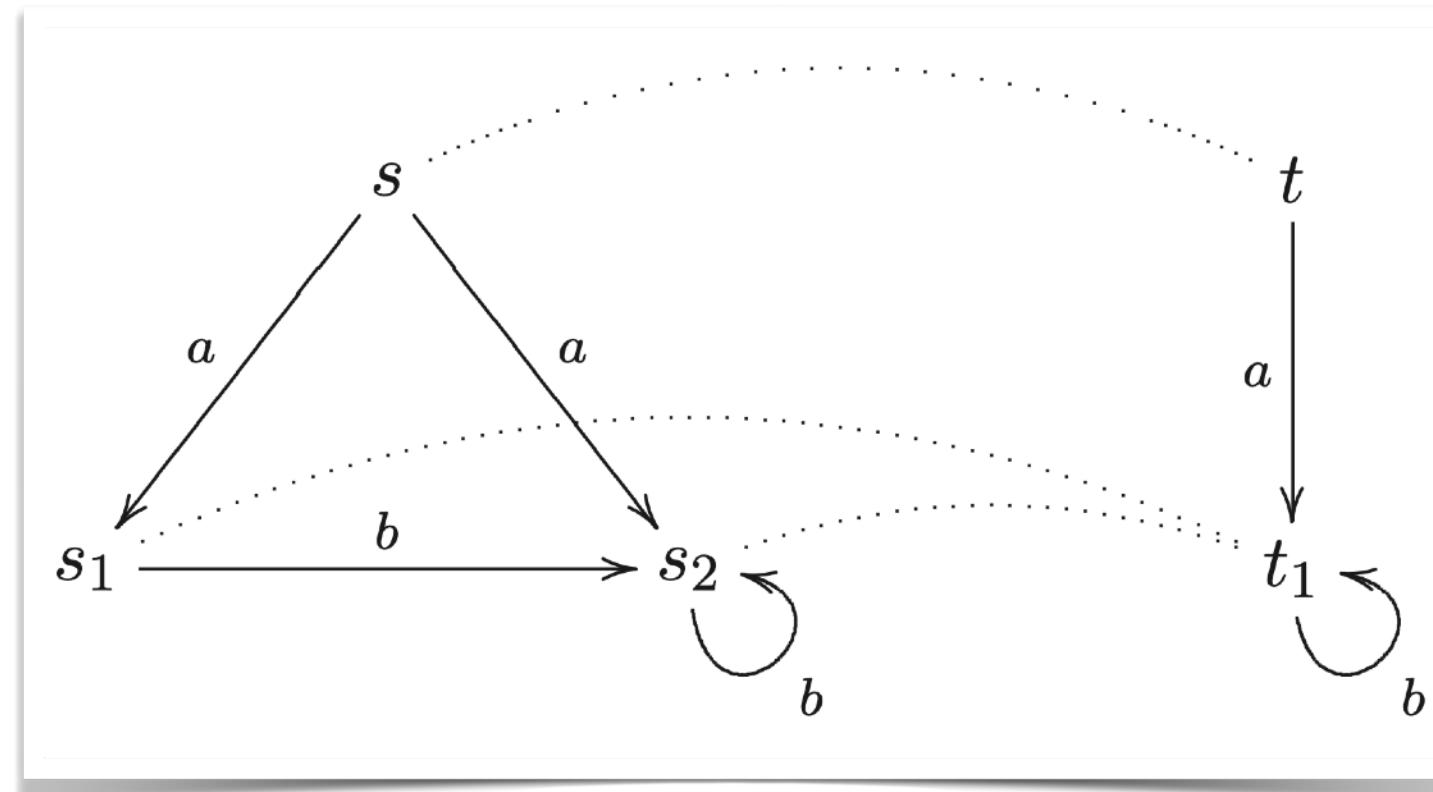


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# Sound & Complete Axiomatisation for CCS ~

- For CCS processes that can perform only finite sets of actions
- a finite ground-complete axiomatisation modulo bisimilarity can be obtained
  - J.A. Bergstra, J.W. Klop. *Process algebra for synchronous communication.* Inf. Control 60, 1984

# Axiomatisations of Behavioural Equivalence

## Challenge

- New behavioural equivalence, or
- New syntax / operator

=>

- derive a new  $E$
- prove  $E$  sound & complete

# Axiomatisations of Behavioural Equivalence

- L. Aceto, B. Bloom, F.W. Vaandrager. *Turning SOS Rules into Equations*. Inf. Comput., 1994.
  - Algorithm for generation of **sound & complete axiomatisations**, for a large class of systems specified in the **GSOS** format:

DEFINITION 2.1. Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a signature. A *GSOS rule*  $\rho$  over  $\Sigma$  is a pair containing a set of transition formulas and a single transition formula, written

$$\frac{\bigcup_{i=1}^l \{x_i \xrightarrow{a_{ij}} y_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq m_i\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^l \{x_i \xrightarrow{b_{ik}} \mid 1 \leq k \leq n_i\}}{f(x_1, \dots, x_l) \xrightarrow{c} C[\vec{x}, \vec{y}]}, \quad (7)$$

where all the variables are distinct,  $m_i, n_i \geq 0$ ,  $f$  is an operation symbol from  $\Sigma$  with arity  $l$ , and  $C[\vec{x}, \vec{y}]$  is a  $\Sigma$ -context with variables including at most the  $x_i$ 's and  $y_{ij}$ 's. (It need not contain all these variables.) Note that  $a_{ij}$ ,  $b_{ik}$ , and  $c$  are actions and not, as for instance in [47], variables ranging over actions.

# Rule Formats for “Well-behaved” Behavioural Equivalences (Selection)

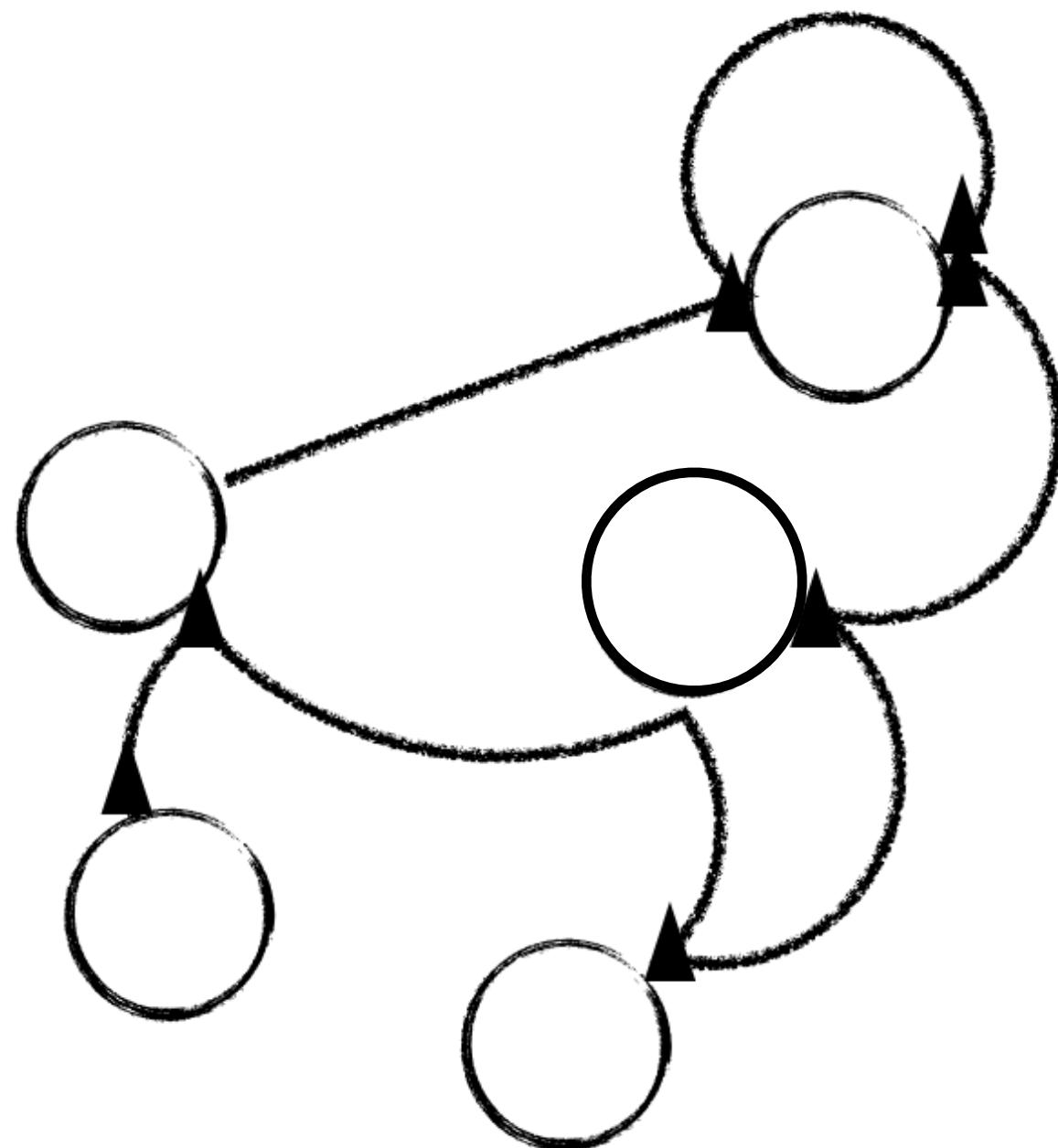
- “Well-behaved”
  - e.g., congruence:
- **GSOS**
  - B. Bloom, S. Istrail, A. R. Meyer. *Bisimulation can't be traced.* JACM, 1995.
- **NTYFT / NTYXT**
  - J.F. Groote. *Transition System Specifications with Negative Premises.* TCS, 1993.

$$P \sim Q \implies C[P] \sim C[Q]$$

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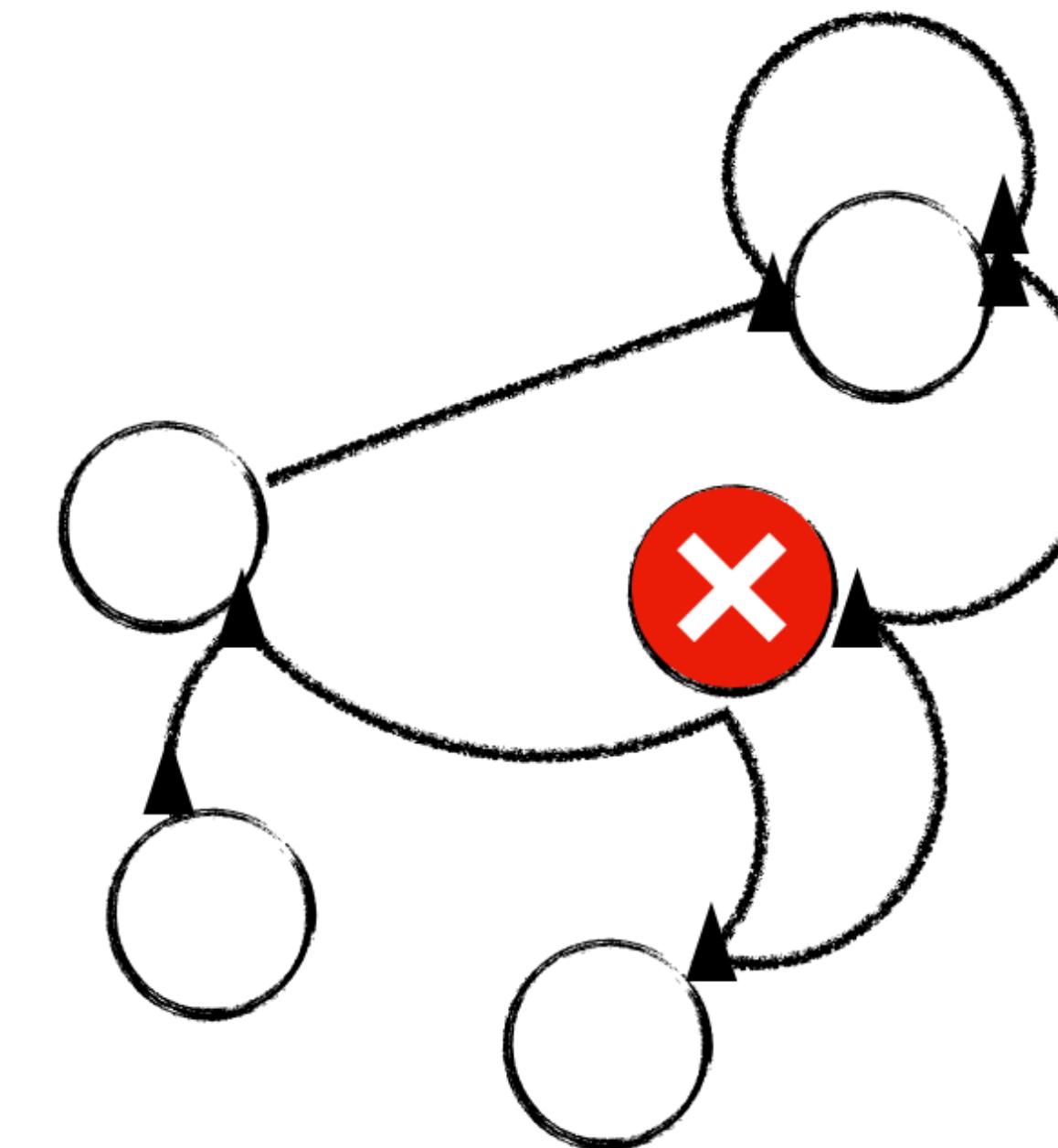
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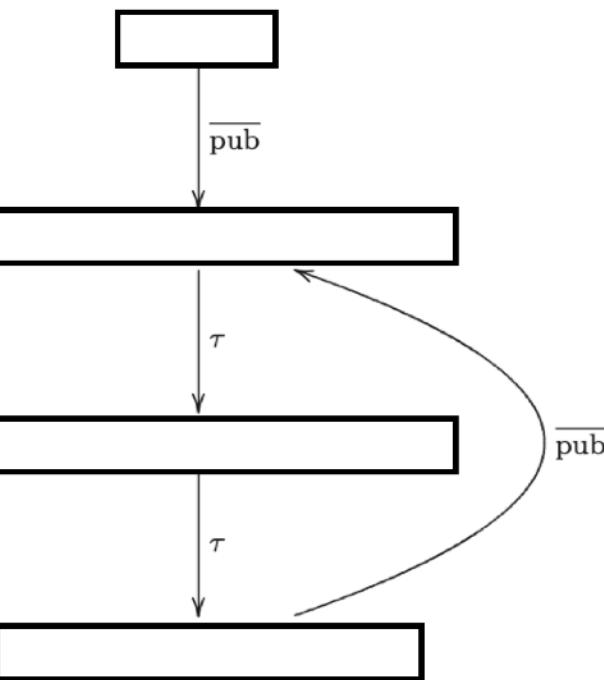
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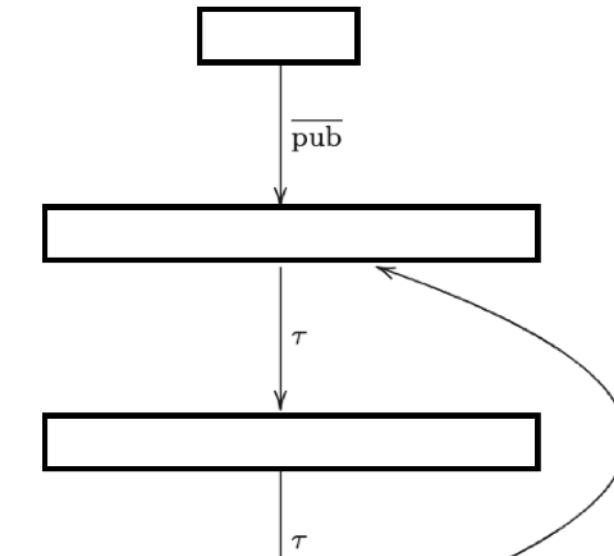
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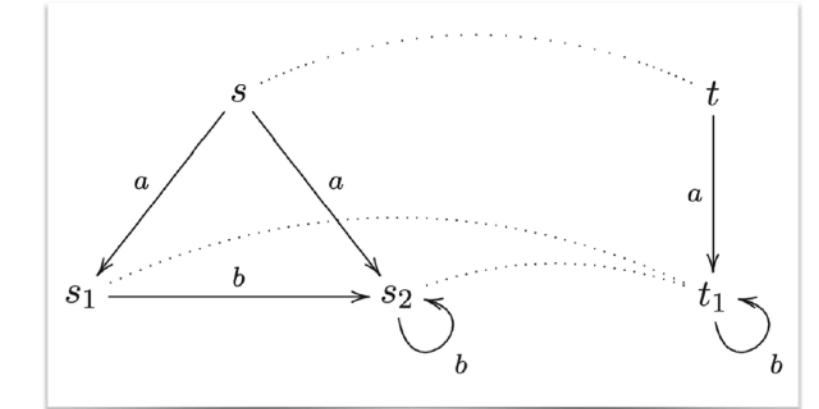


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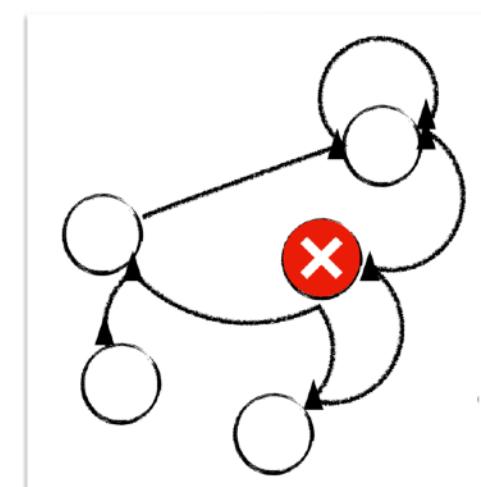
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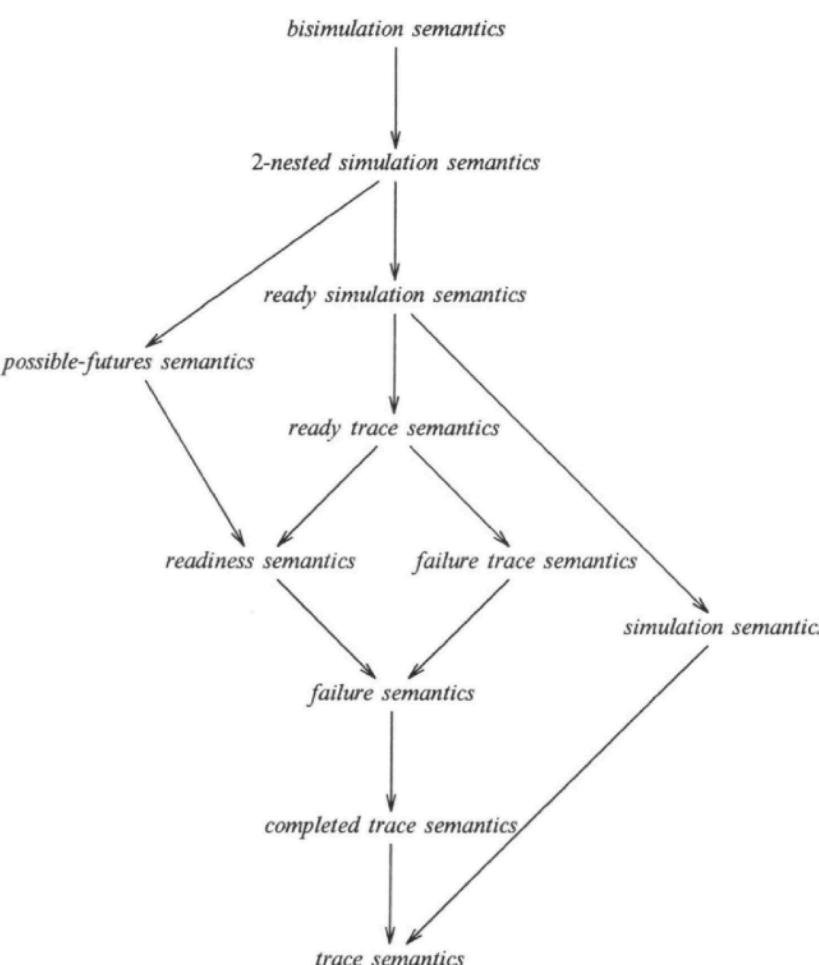
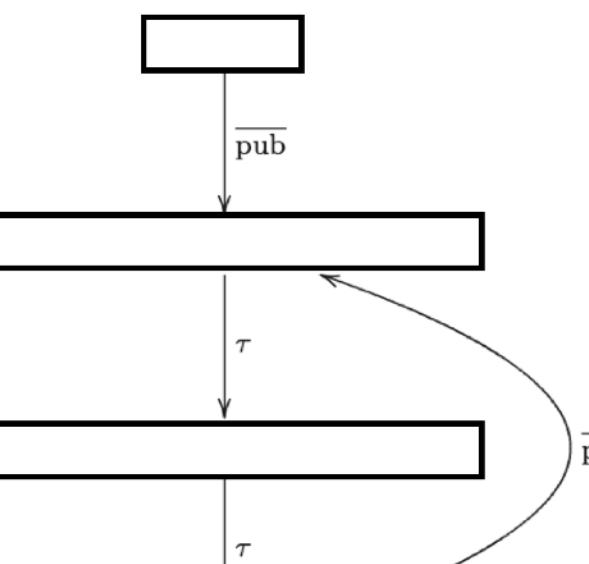


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R.J. van Glabbeek: *The Linear Time - Branching Time Spectrum I*. Handbook of Process Algebra 2001

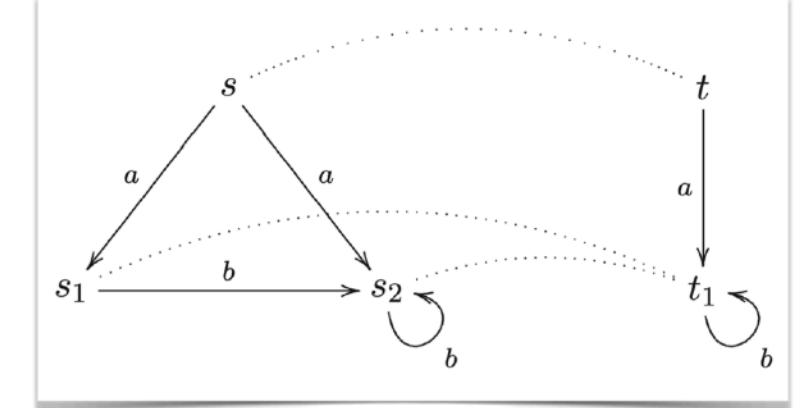
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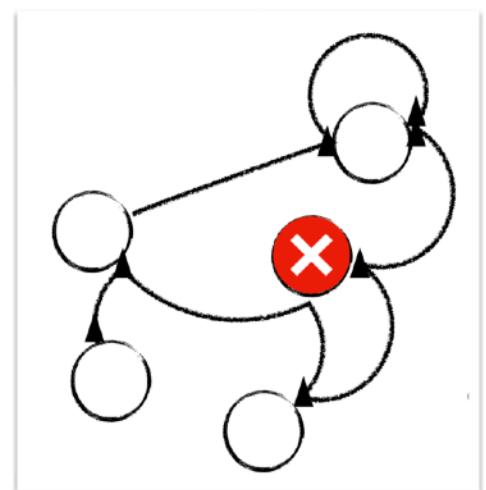
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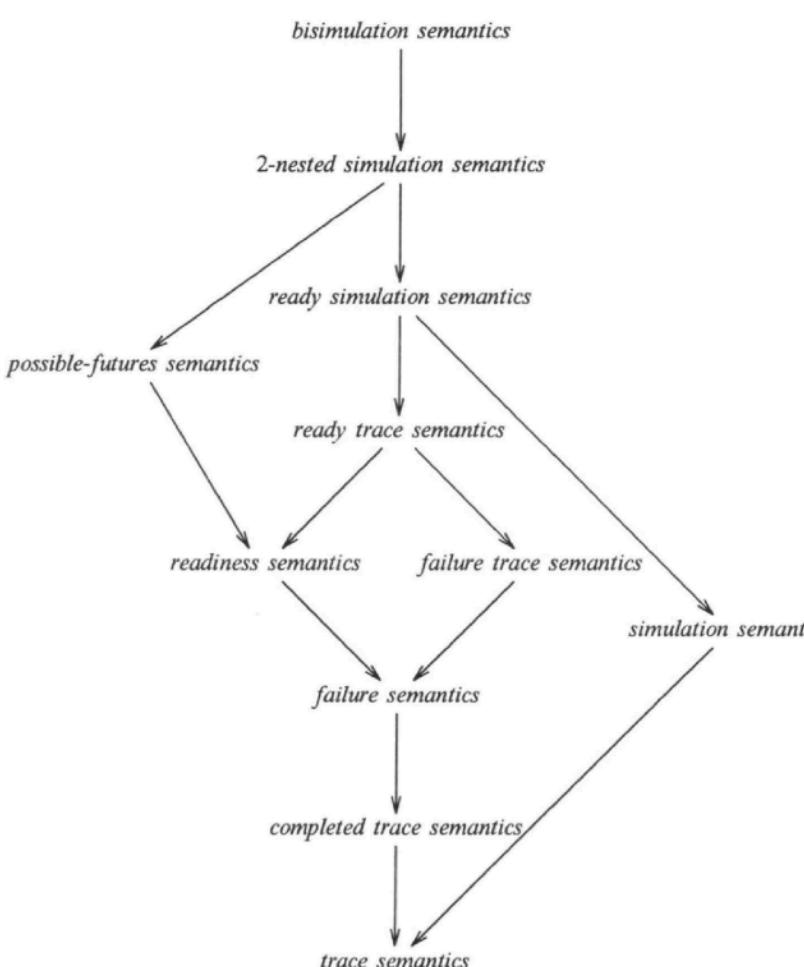


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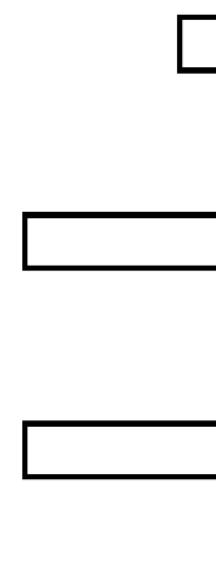
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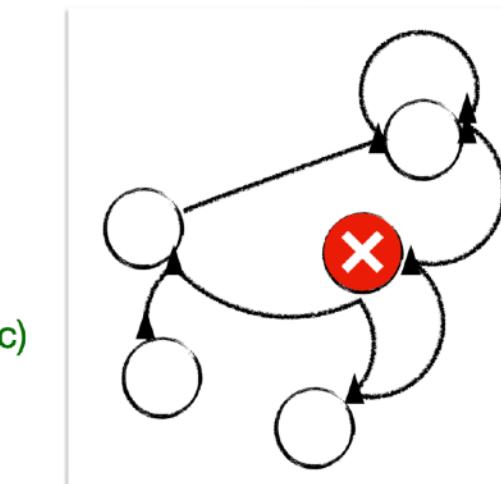
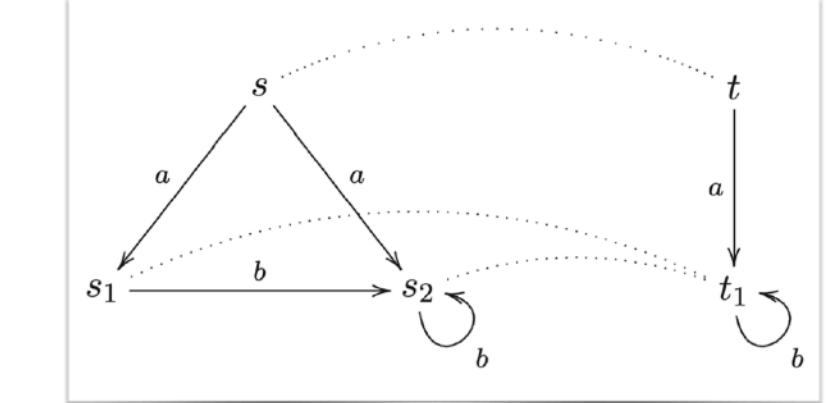
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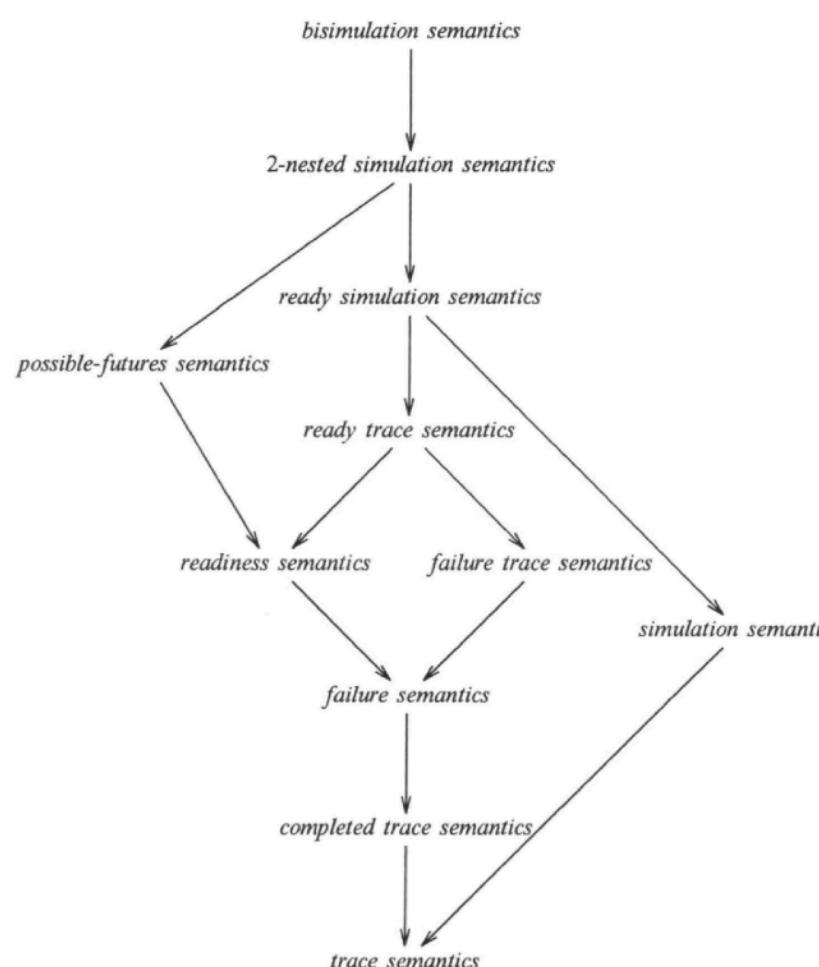


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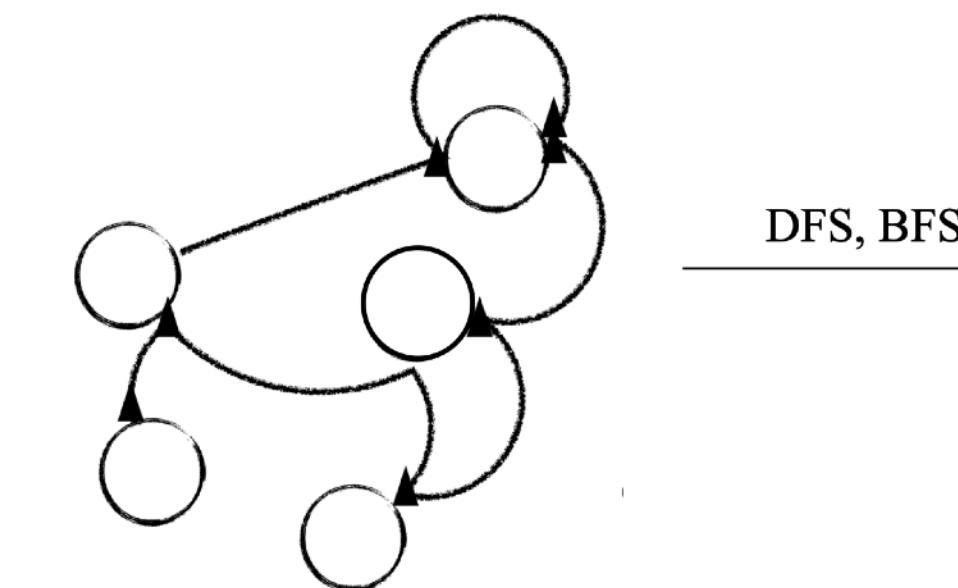
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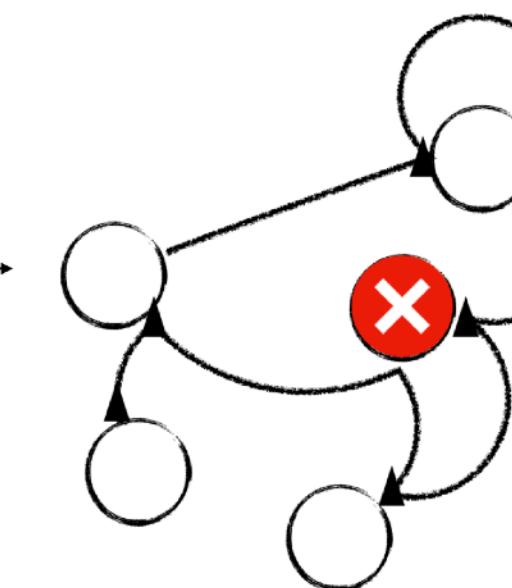
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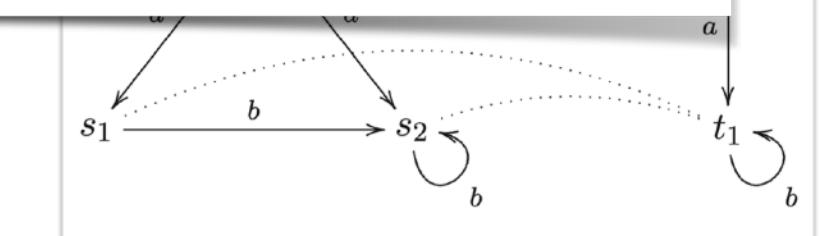
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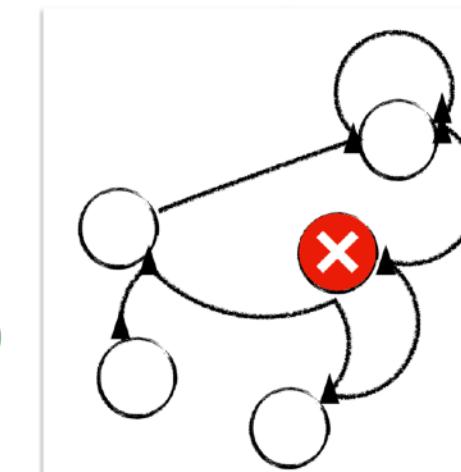
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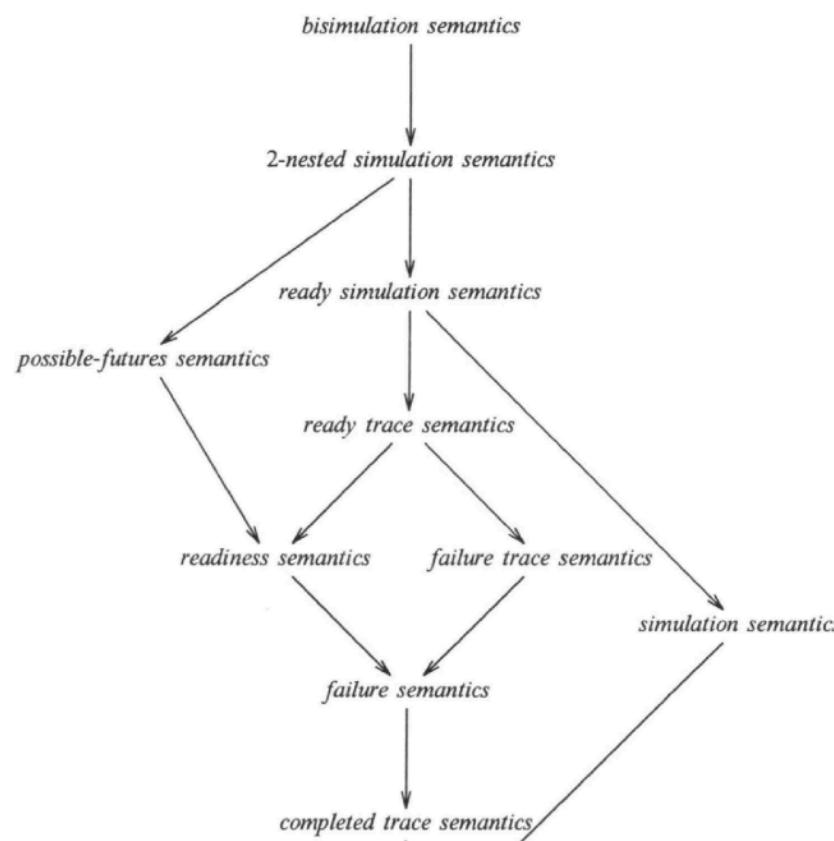
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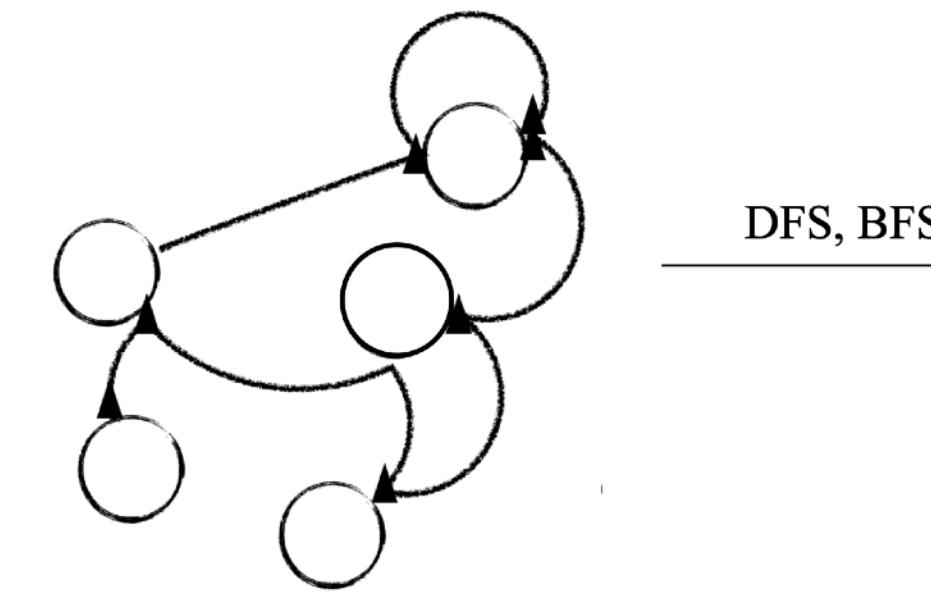
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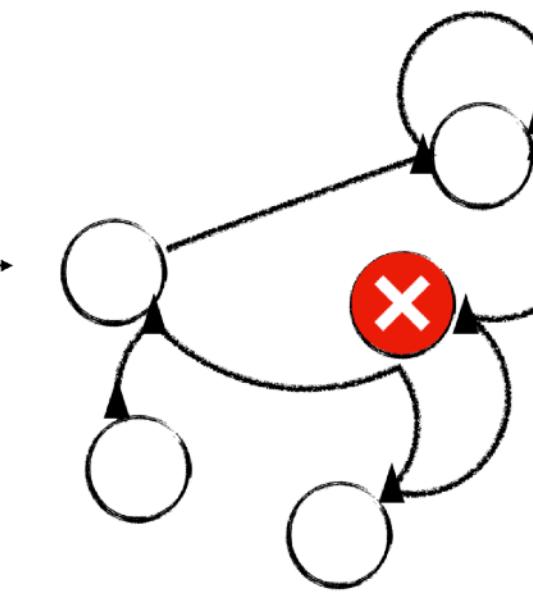
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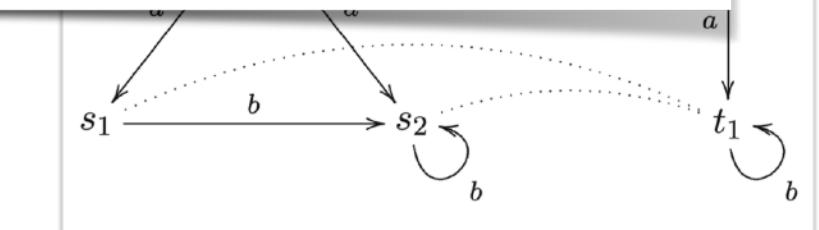
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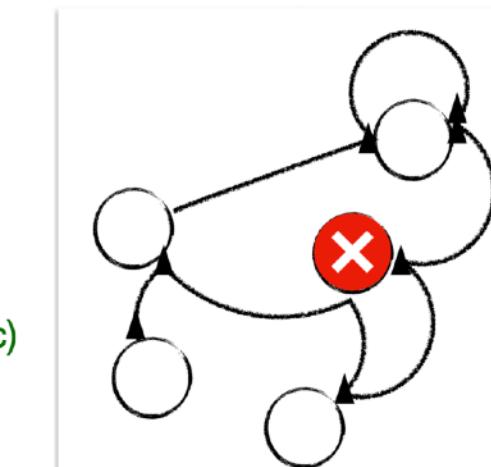
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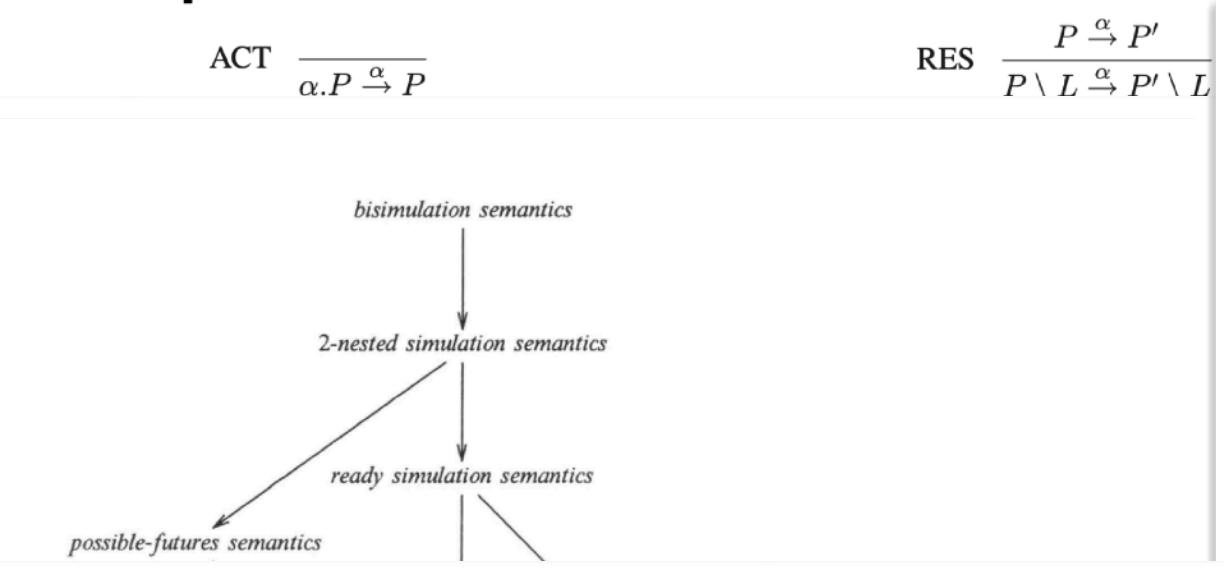
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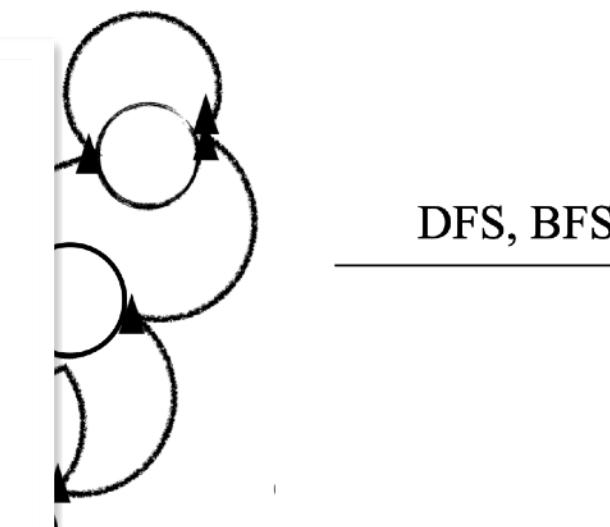
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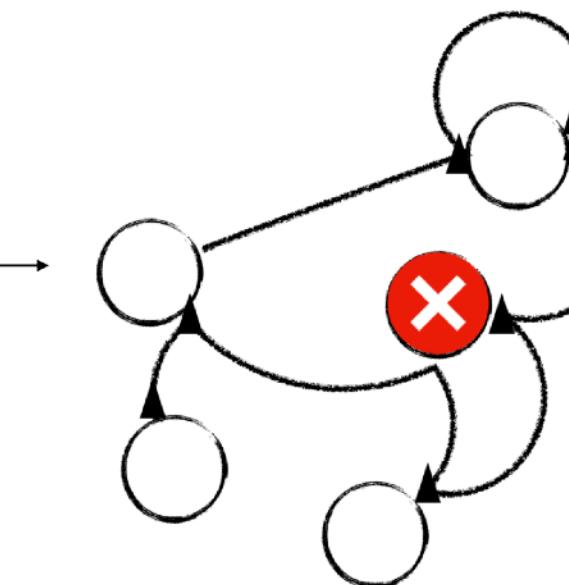
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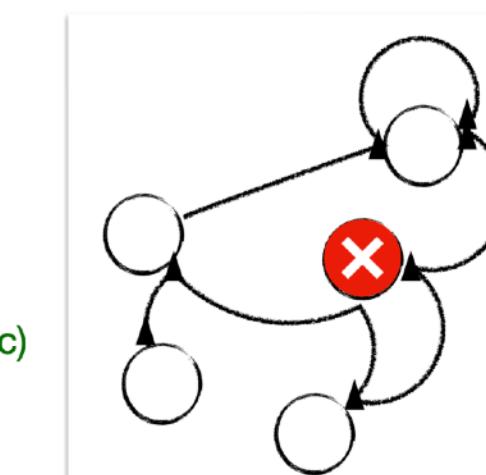
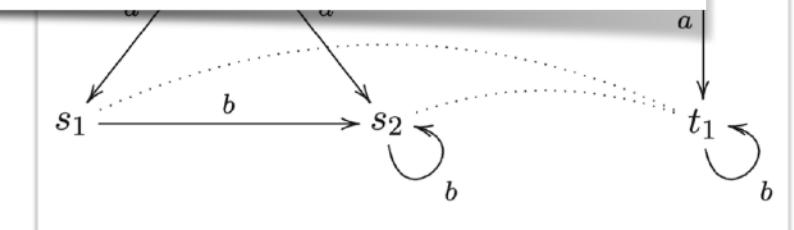
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