THETA: Abstraction Based Techniques for Verifying Concurrency (Competition Contribution)

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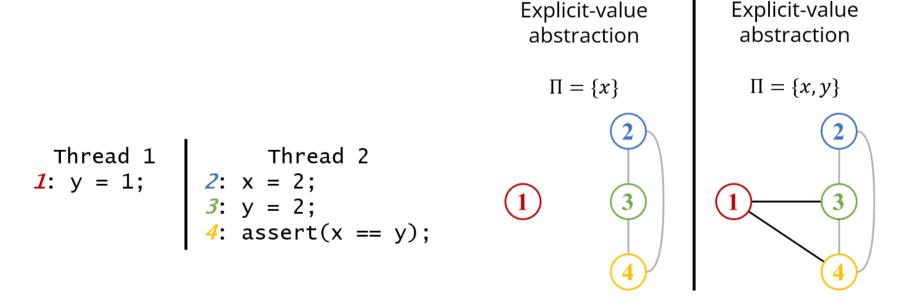
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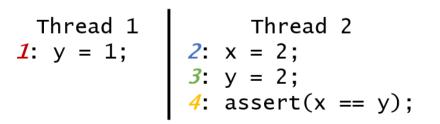
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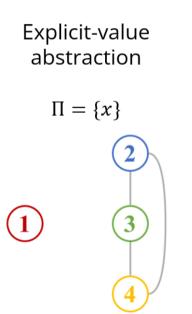


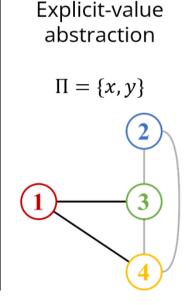
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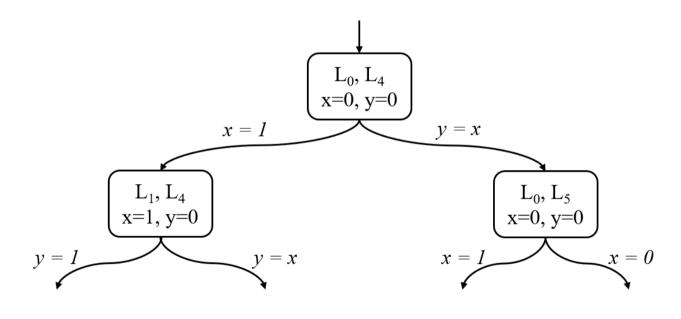




Predicate abstraction $\Pi = \{x > 0\}$

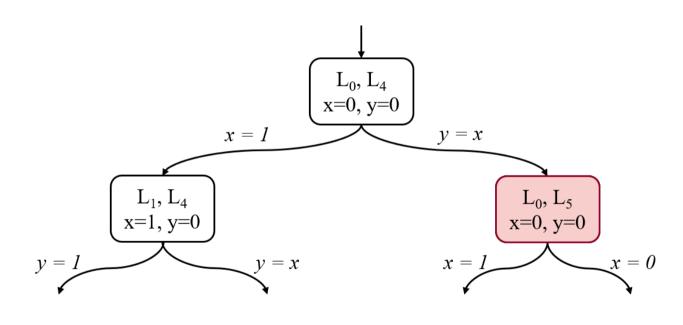
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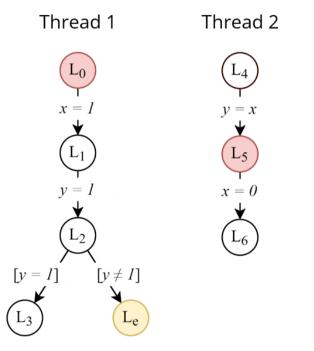


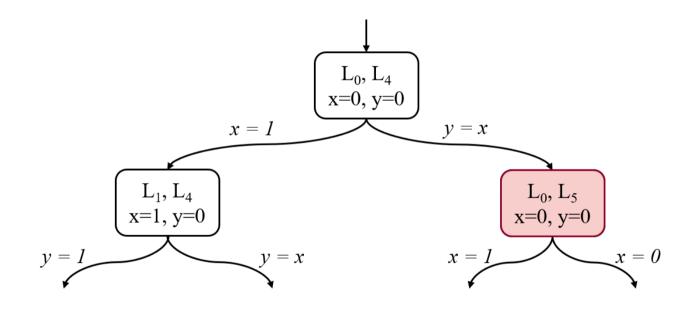
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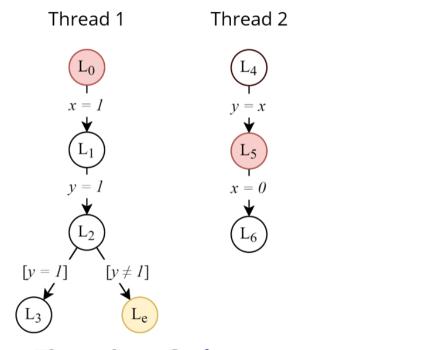
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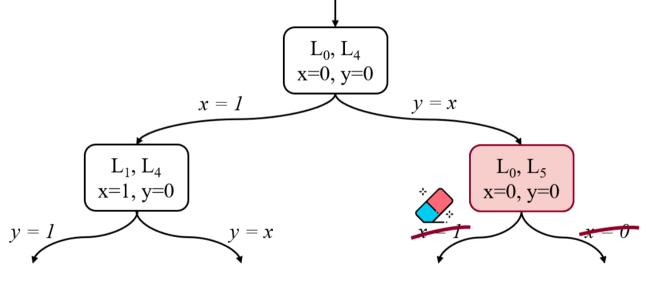




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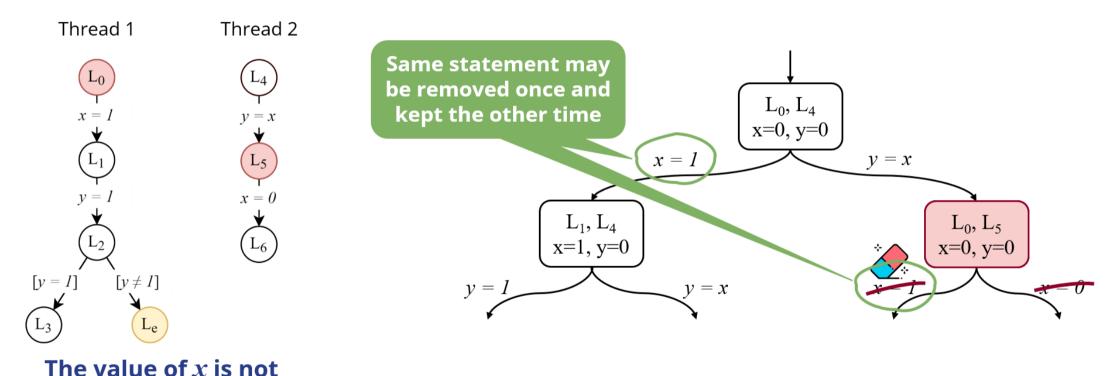
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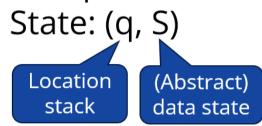


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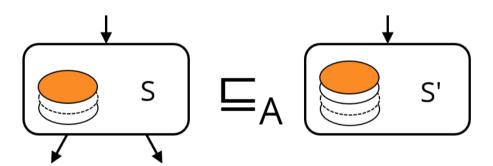
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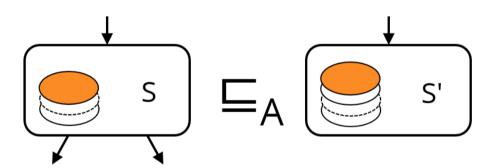
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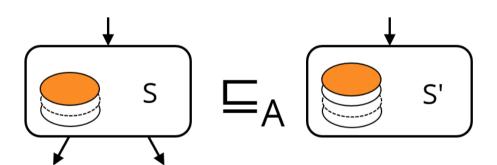
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- Can solve infinitely recursive tasks

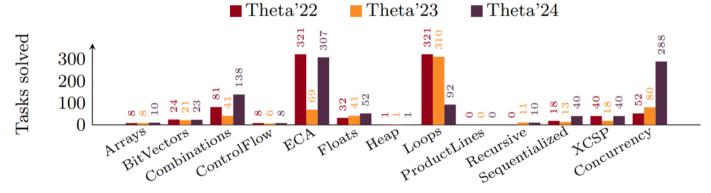


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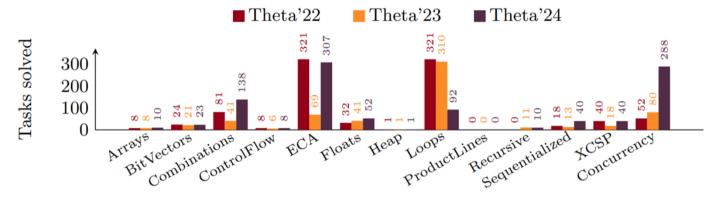
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 - analysis of worse-than-expected results

