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CONCURRENCY: a property of a system in which multiple processes or threads can run simultaneously or appear to be running simultaneously.

Scenarios that deal with **CONCURRENCY:**

- **distributed systems**
- multi-threading/multi-tasking applications
- data migrations...

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Concurrent communication in a distributed system

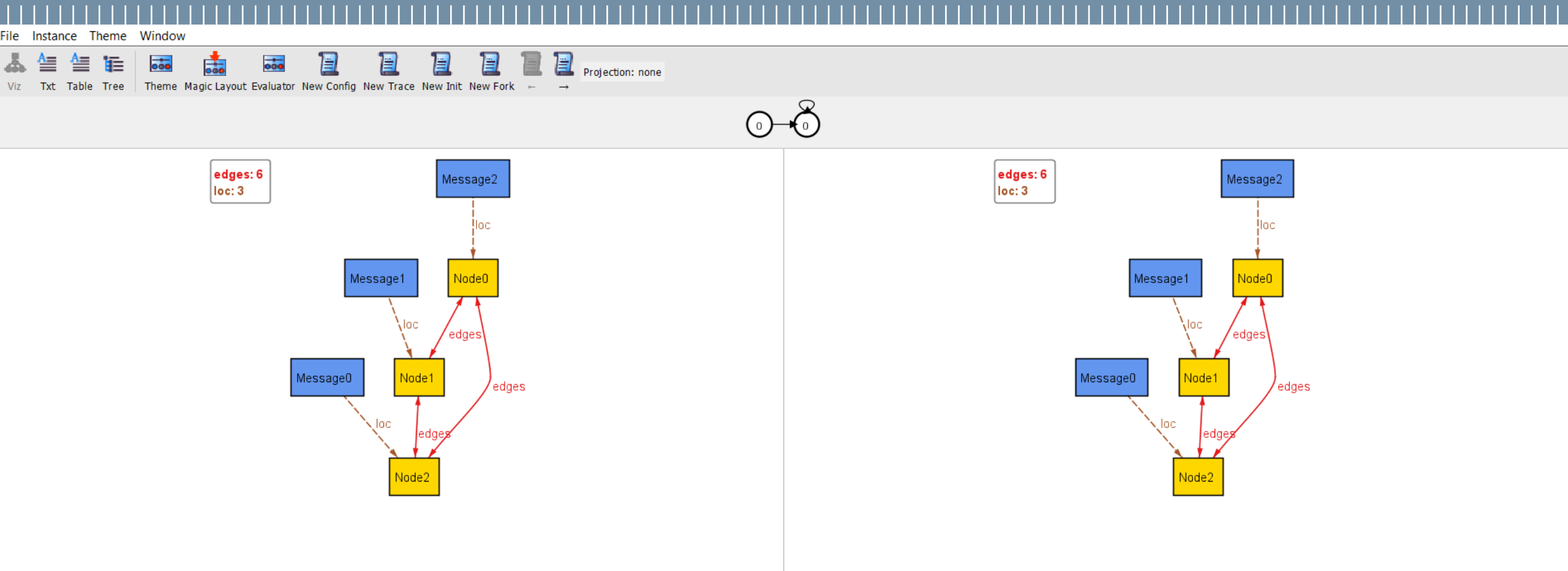
- Collection of **independent components**
- Sharing **messages**
- To operate as a **Single unit**
- + There can be only **one message** in a node

```
sig Node {  
    edges: some Node  
}  
  
sig Message {  
    var loc: Node  
}  
  
fact ConnectedGraph{  
    all n1, n2: Node |  
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fact {  
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}
```

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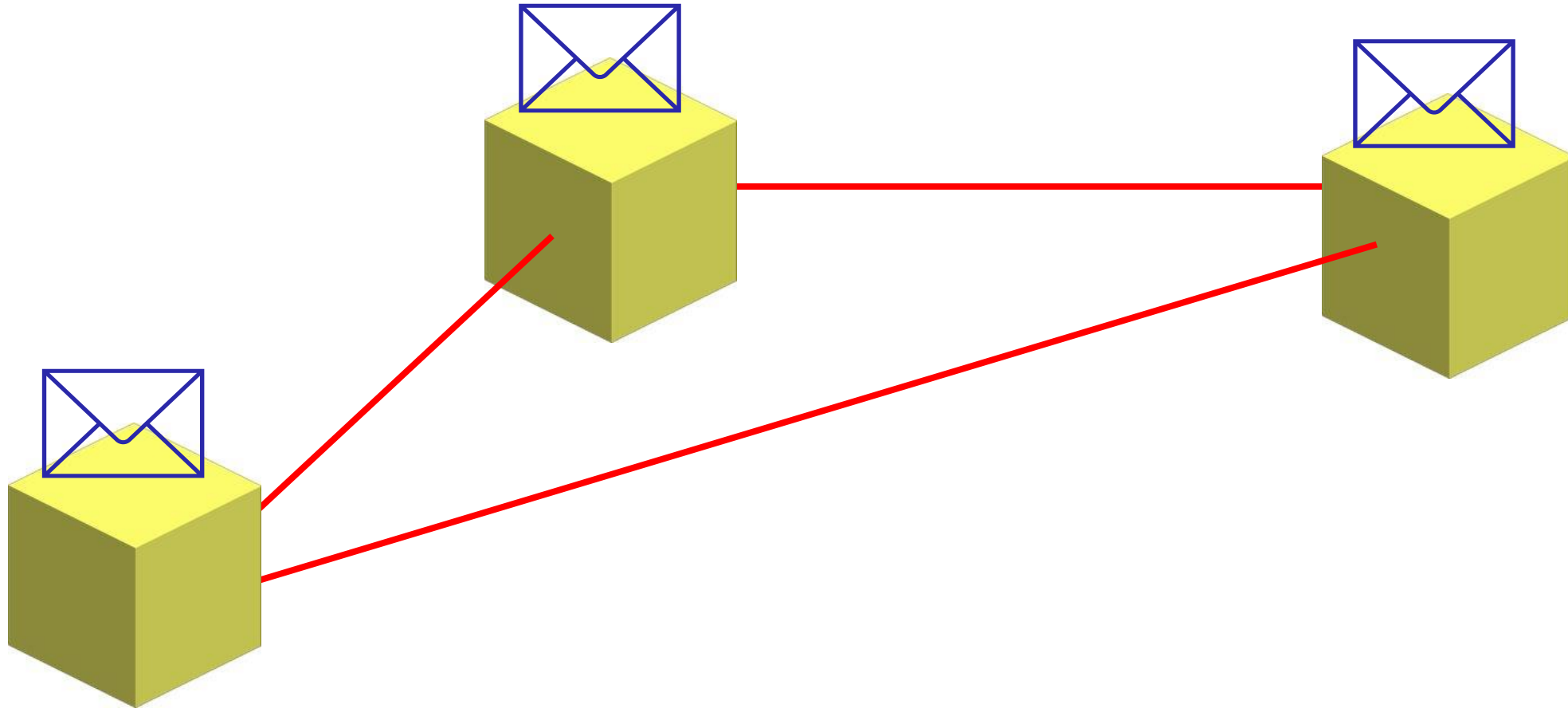


A possible configuration

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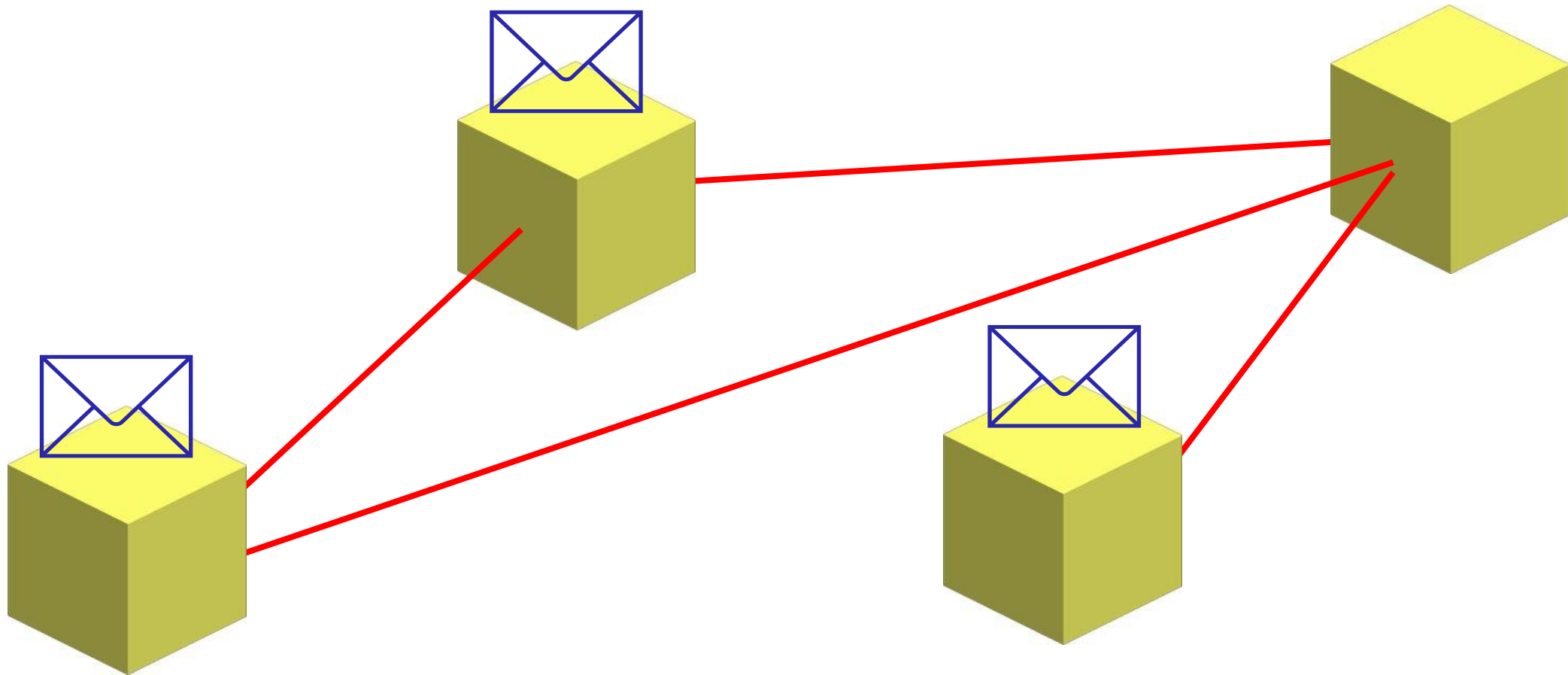
Messages are exchanged between nodes:

```
// a message moves to a node if...
pred send[m: Message, n: Node] {
    // the node is directly connected to the one where the message is currently located
    n in m.loc.edges
    // there are no messages in the destination node
    no m2: Message | m2.loc = n
    // and the location changes to the destination node
    m.loc' = n
}
pred sent[m: Message] {
    some n: Node | send[m, n]
}
pred unsent[m: Message] {
    m.loc = m.loc'
}
```

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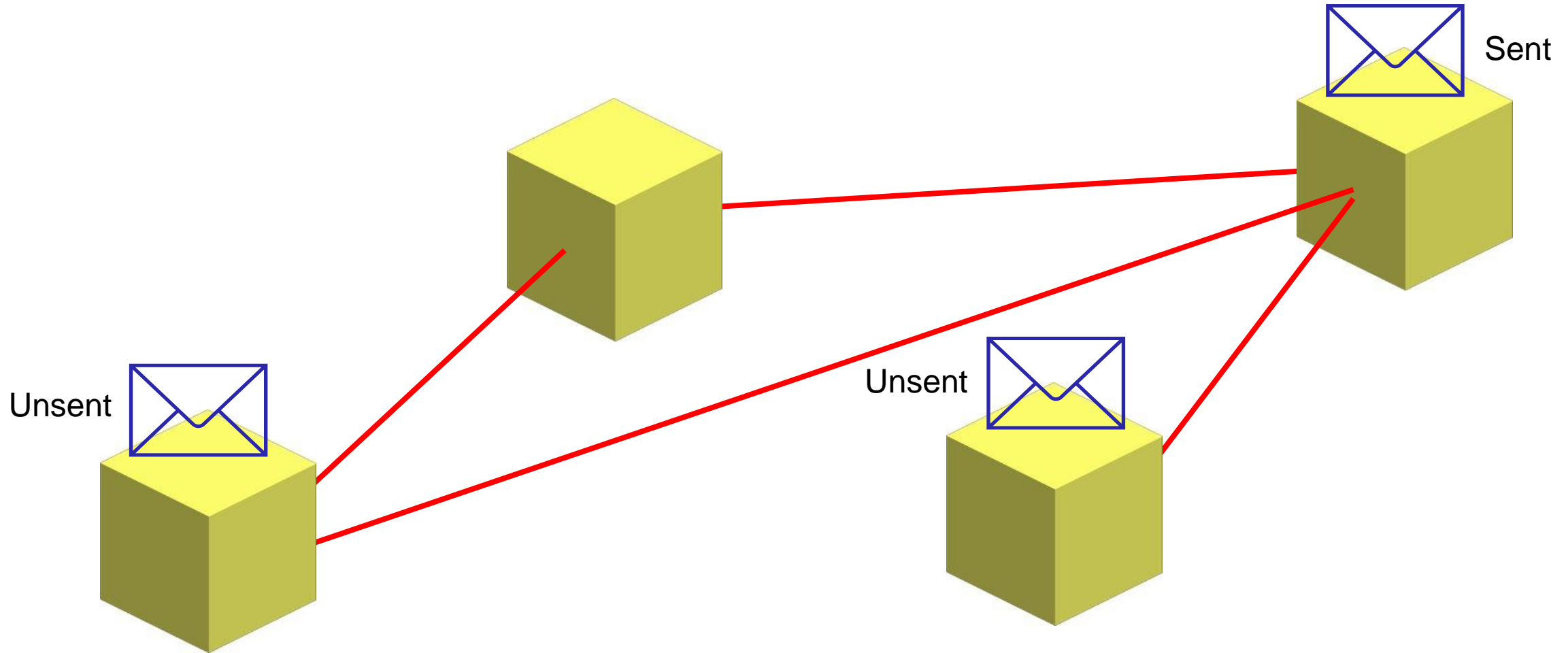
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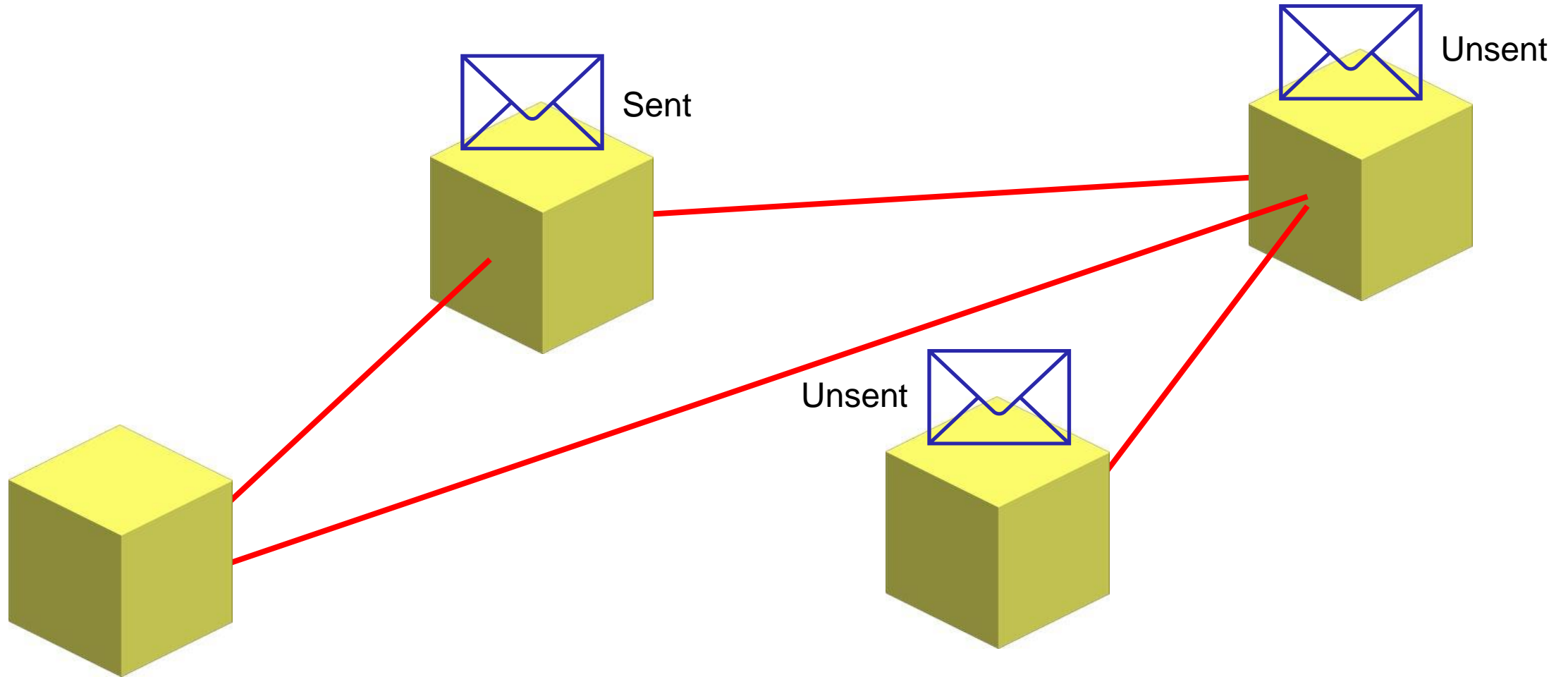
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Let's start by moving only **one** message each step:

```
// In every step, a certain message moves, while the others remain unsent
fact MessageSending {
    always (one m: Message | all m2: Message-m | (sent [m] and unsent[m2]))
}
```

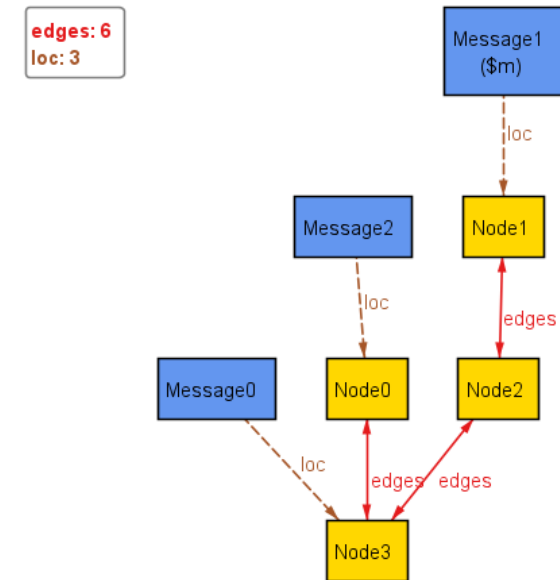
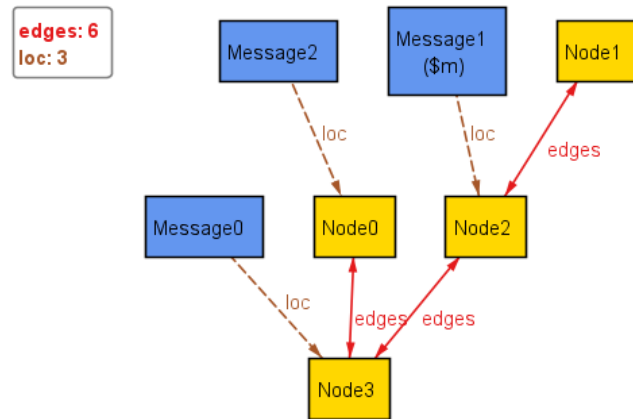
FULLY DETERMINING the state:

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- Make explicit also **what does not change**: unsent[m]

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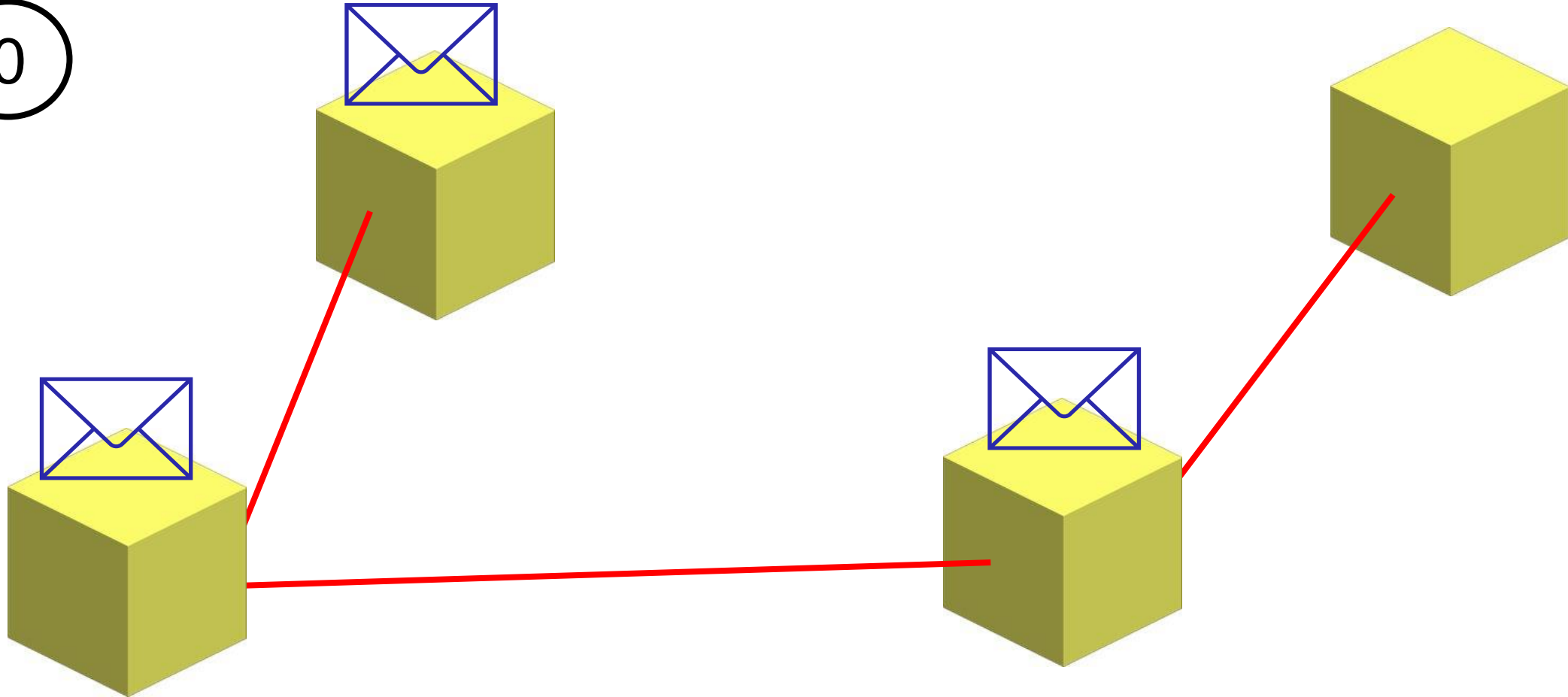
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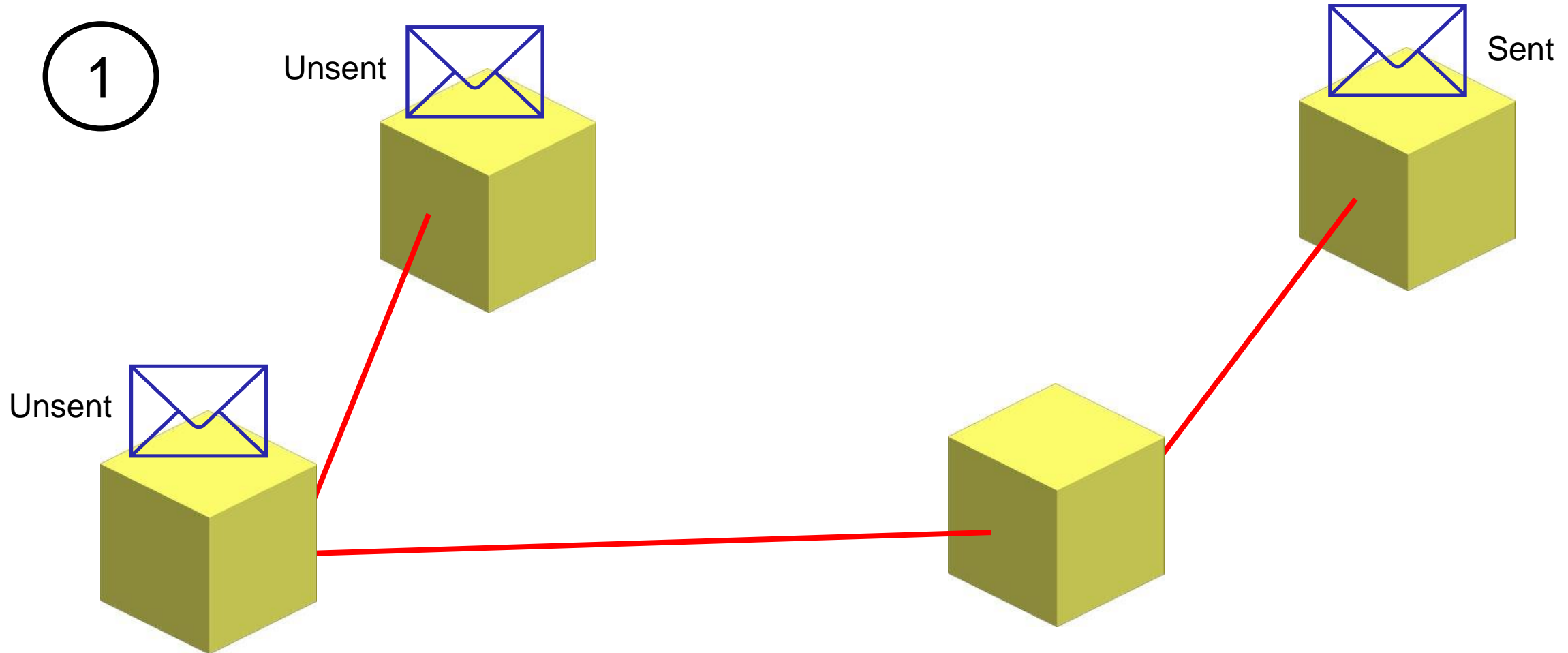
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Let's send multiple messages simultaneously:

```
// All the messages are sent
fact SendingOrNot {
    all m: Message | always (sent [m] or unsent [m])
}
```

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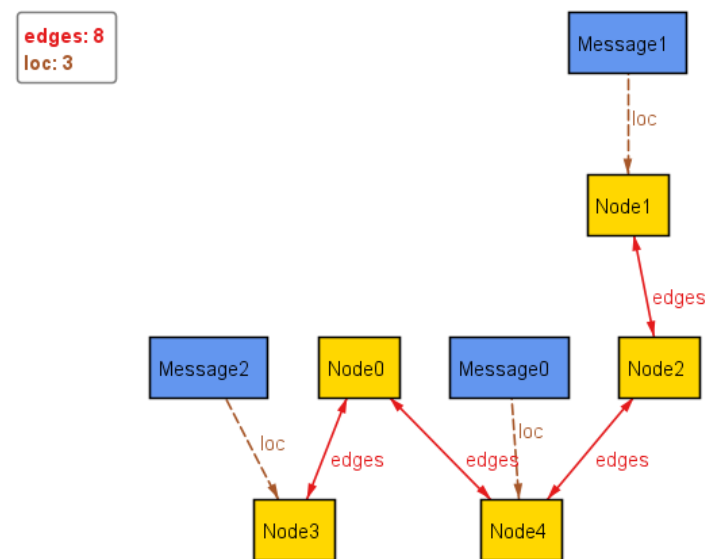
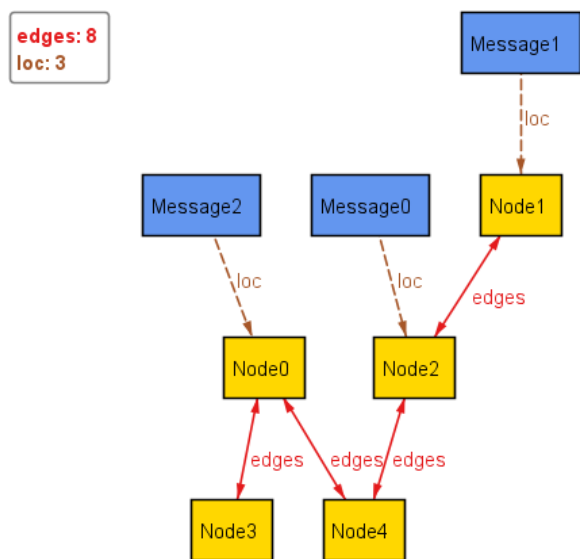
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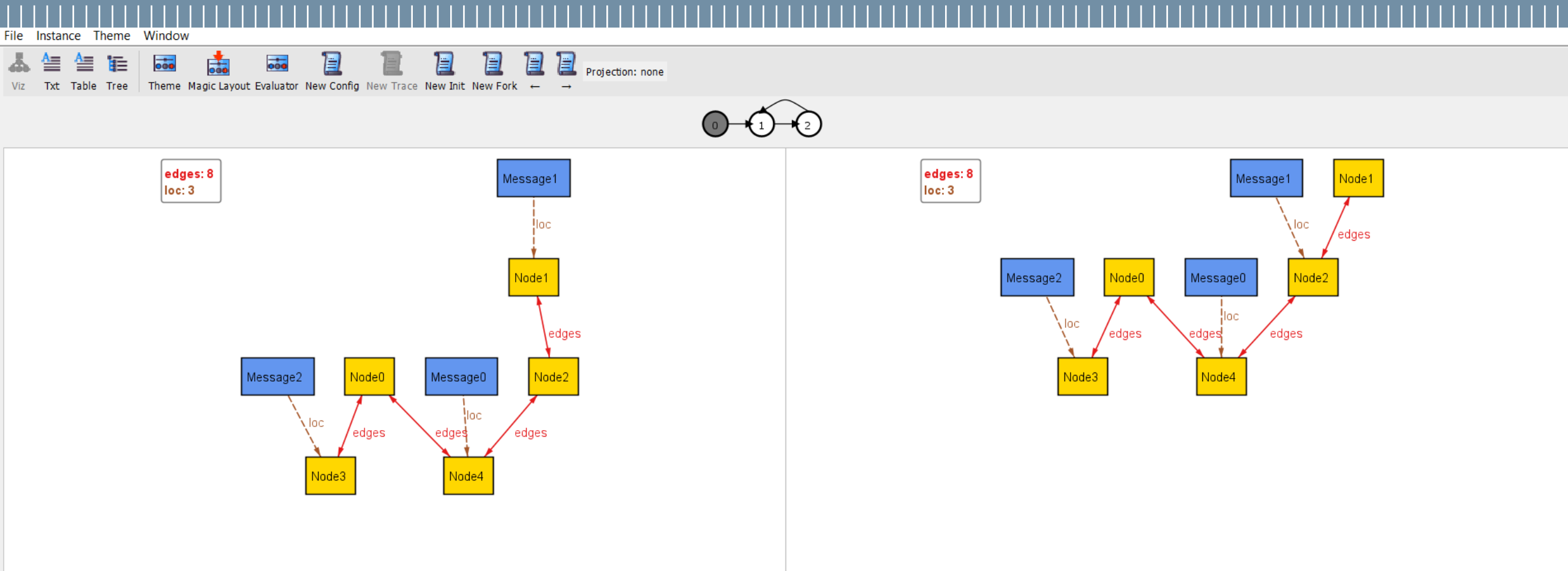


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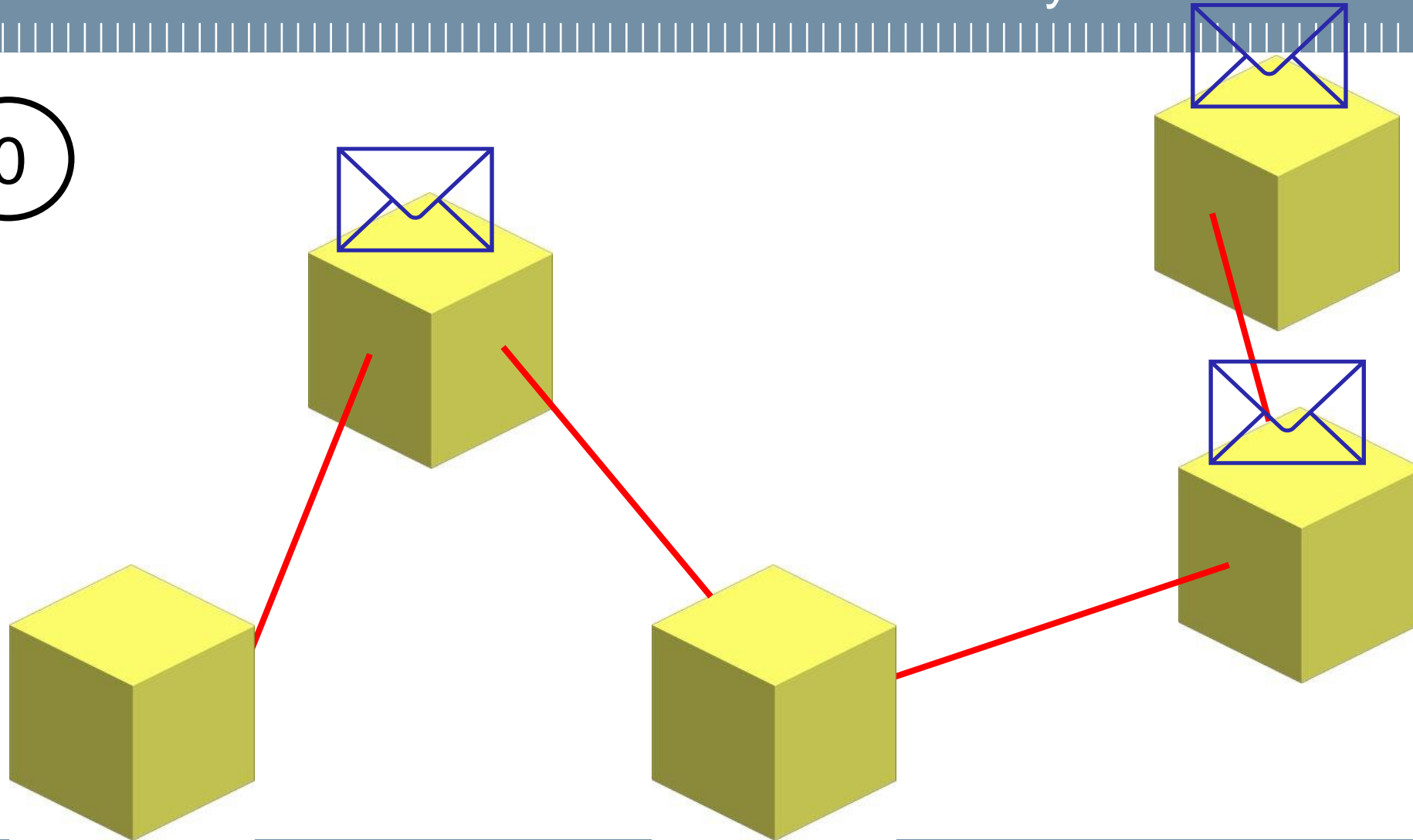
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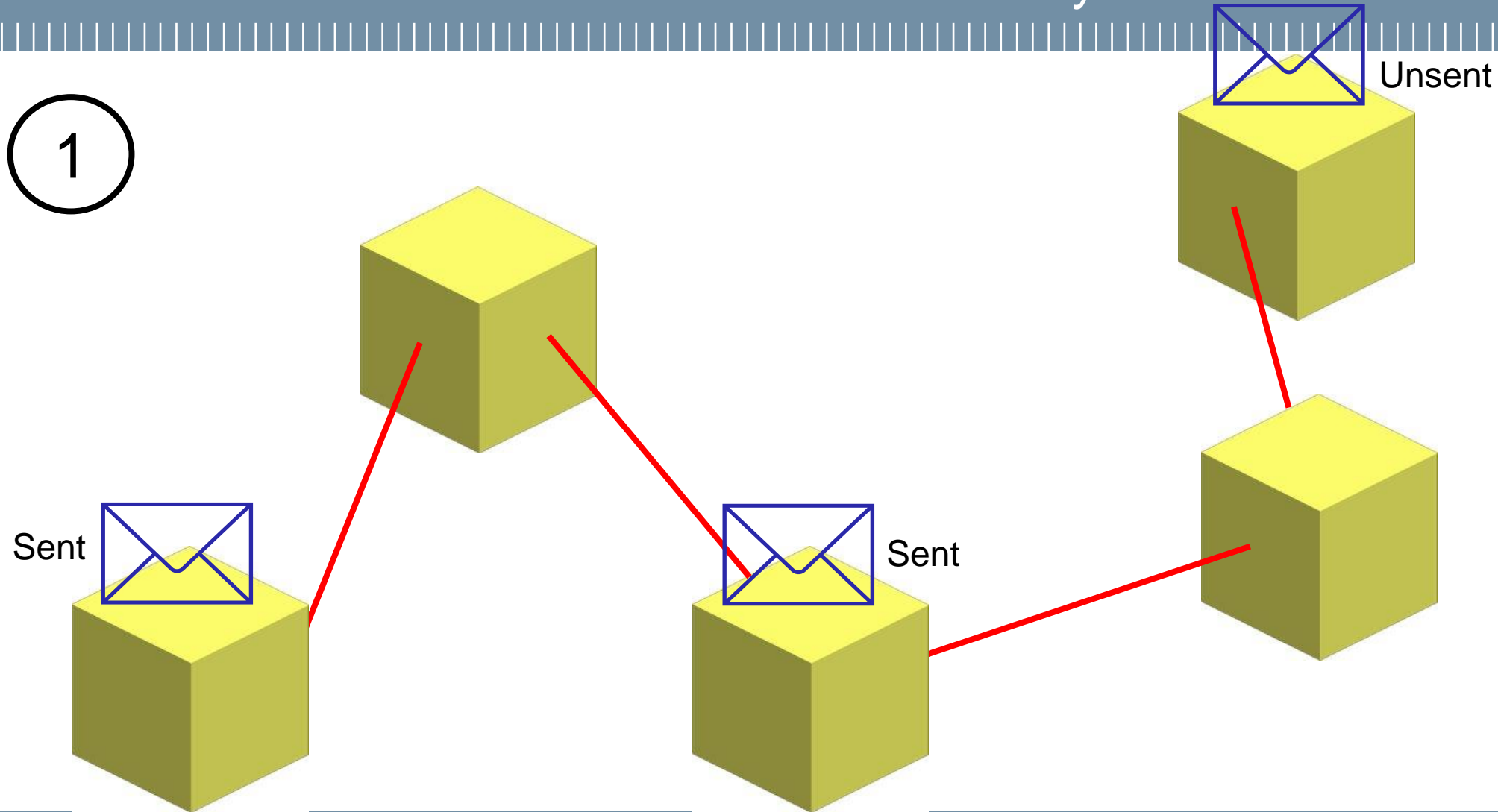


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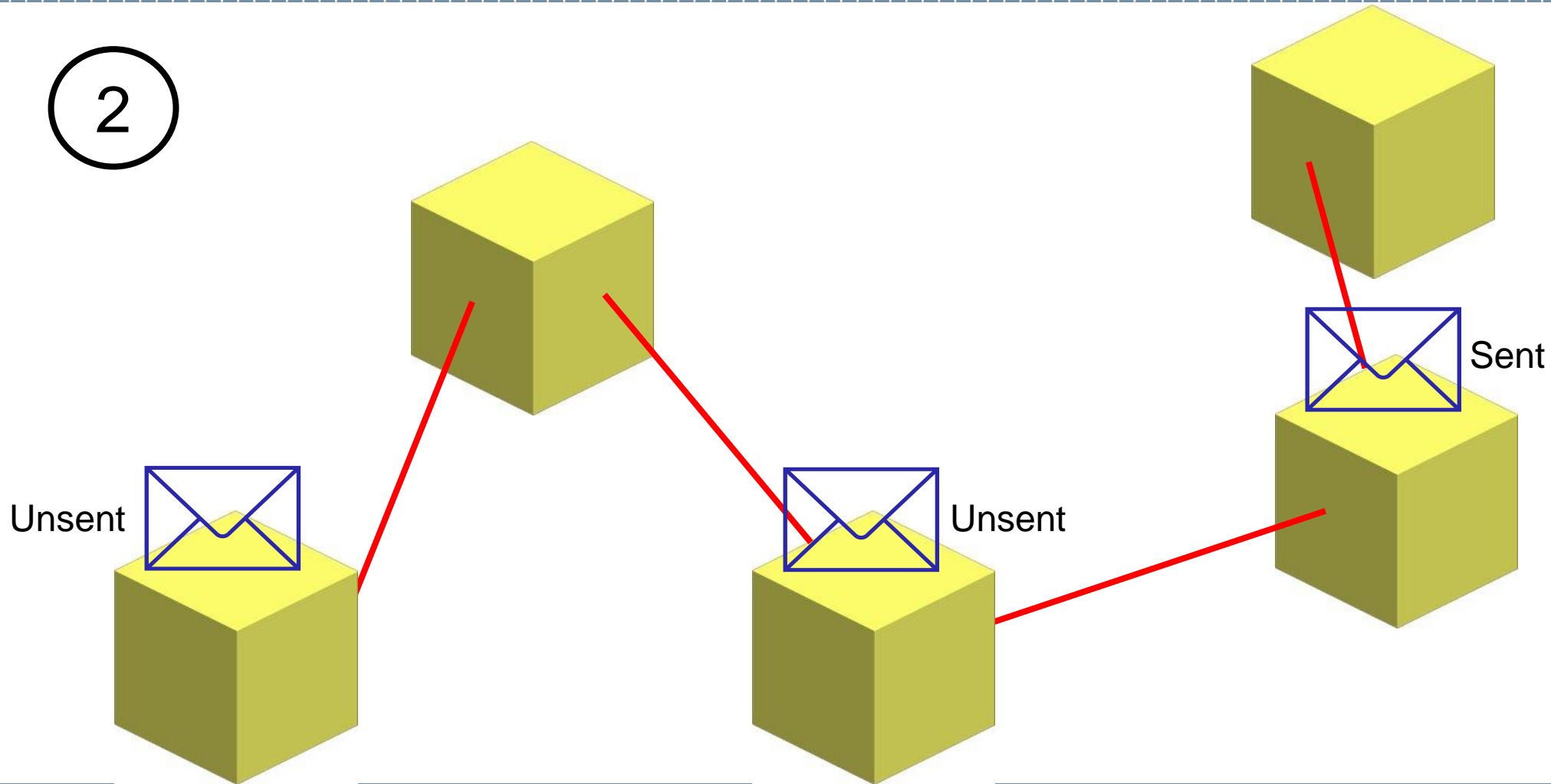


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  var loc: Node  
}  
  
fact {  
  all disj m1,m2: Message |  
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}
```

```
pred send[m: Message, n: Node] {  
  n in m.loc.edges  
  no m2: Message | m2.loc = n  
  m.loc' = n  
}  
  
pred sent[m: Message] {  
  some n: Node | move[m, n]  
}  
  
pred unsent[m: Message] {  
  m.loc = m.loc'  
}  
  
fact SendingOrNot {  
  all m: Message | always moved [m]  
}
```

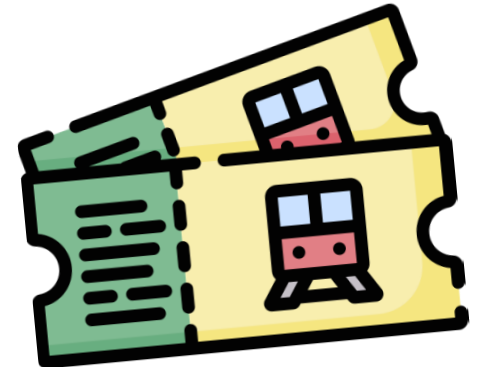
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Interrail: general context

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- A Person wants to organize an **interrail**.
- An interrail is a type of travel where the **traveler** can **move** to different **cities** by train.
- The person has a **pass** where all the cities he can visit are specified.
- The travel includes **European cities**.



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Interrail: general context

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- Cities must be **interconnected** through railways in order to create an itinerary.

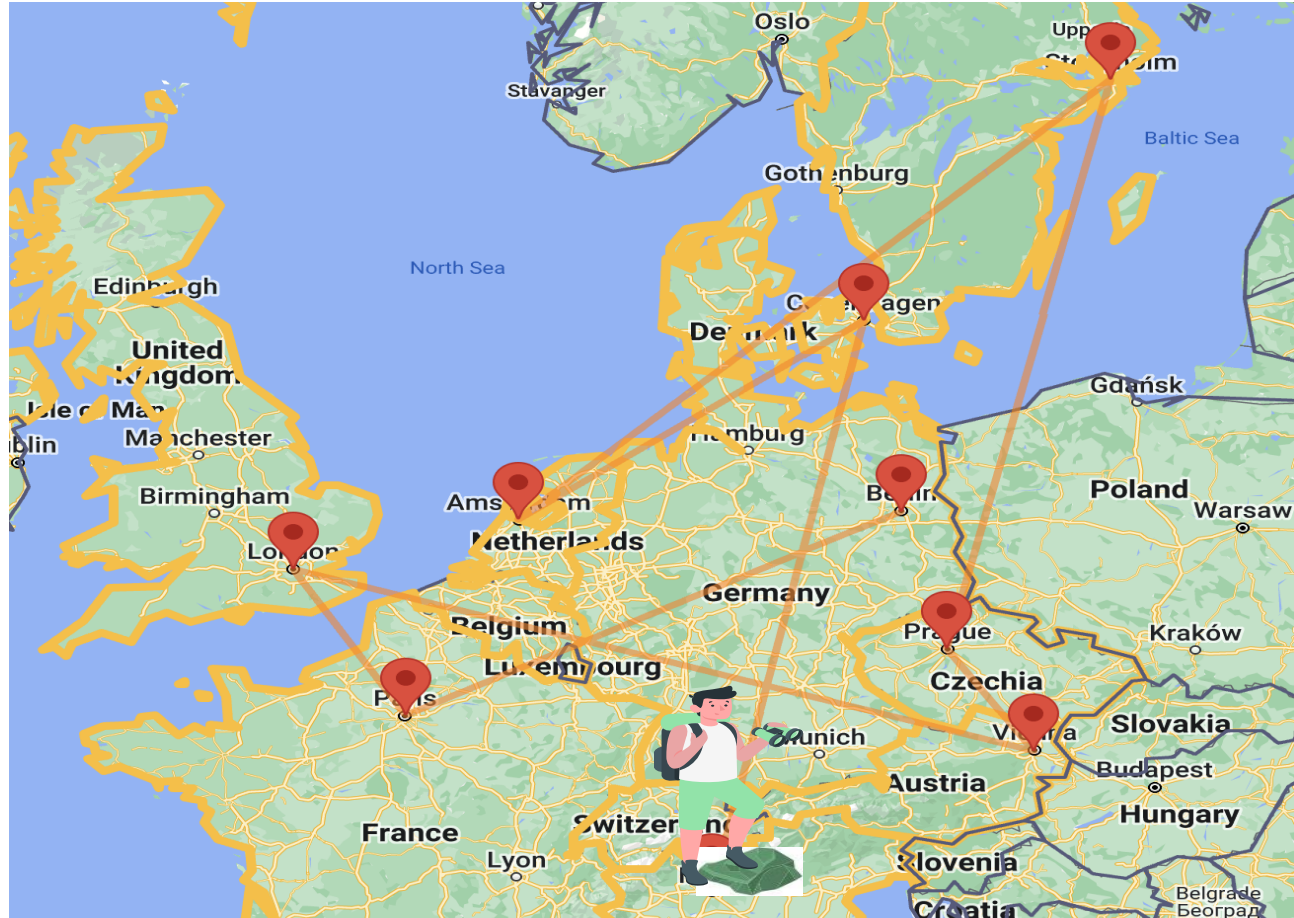


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- We assume that the Person can move only to the **cities** that **he has not visited yet**.



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- We want to keep track of whether the person **is traveling** or **has arrived** at the final destination.

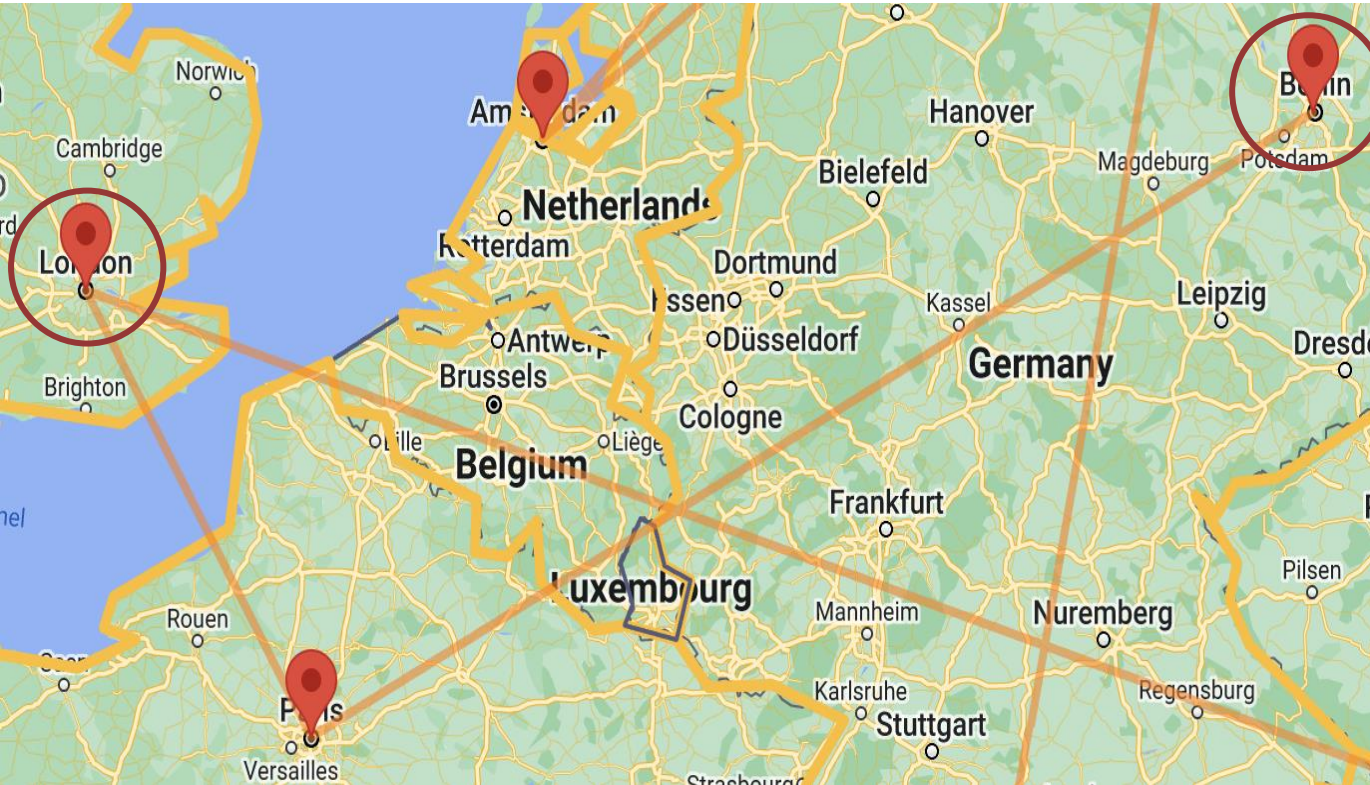


Final destination=Milan

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Interrail: signatures

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```
sig City {  
  linkedWith: some City,  
  name: disj one EuropeanCities  
}  
  
enum EuropeanCities {  
  Milan, Berlin, Paris, London,  
  Vienna, Prague, Stockholm,  
  Amsterdam, Copenhagen  
}
```


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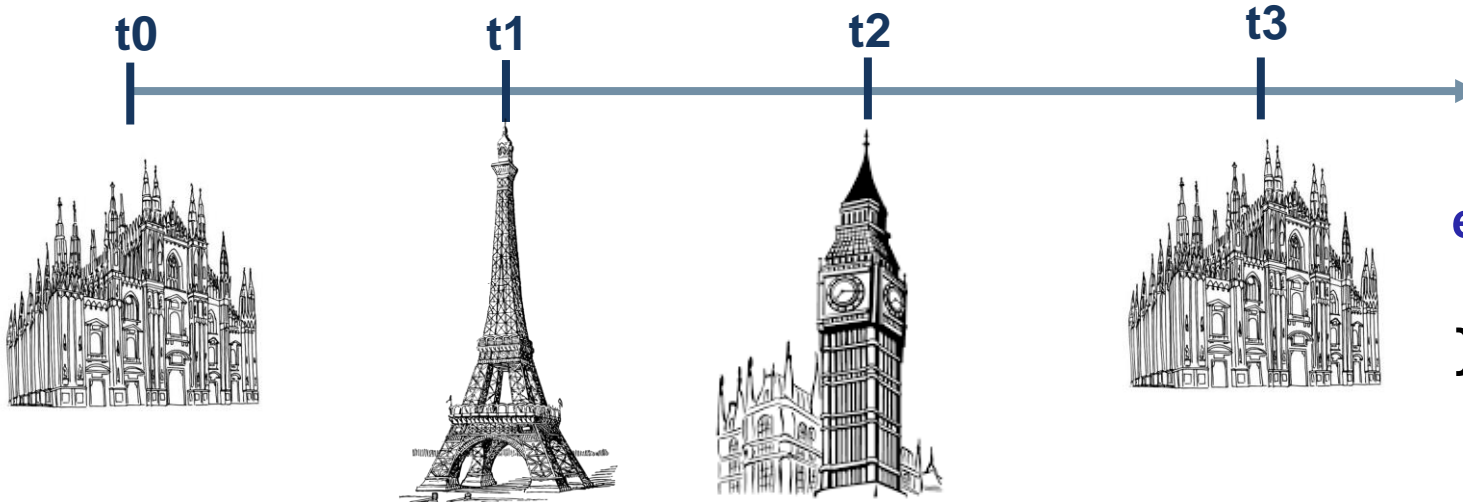
Interrail: signatures

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```
sig Person {  
  pass: some City,  
  var loc: City,  
  var visited_cities: set City,  
  var status: Status  
}
```

```
enum Status {  
  Travelling, AtDestination  
}
```



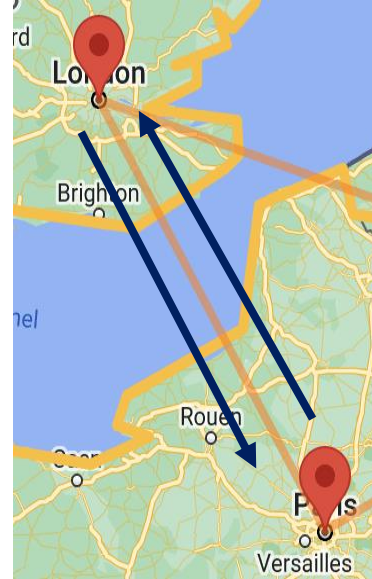
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Interrail: constraints

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// Two cities are connected to each other

```
fact BidirectionalConnection {  
  all c1, c2: City | c1 in c2.linkedWith  
  iff c2 in c1.linkedWith and !(c1 = c2)  
  and c1.*linkedWith = City  
}
```



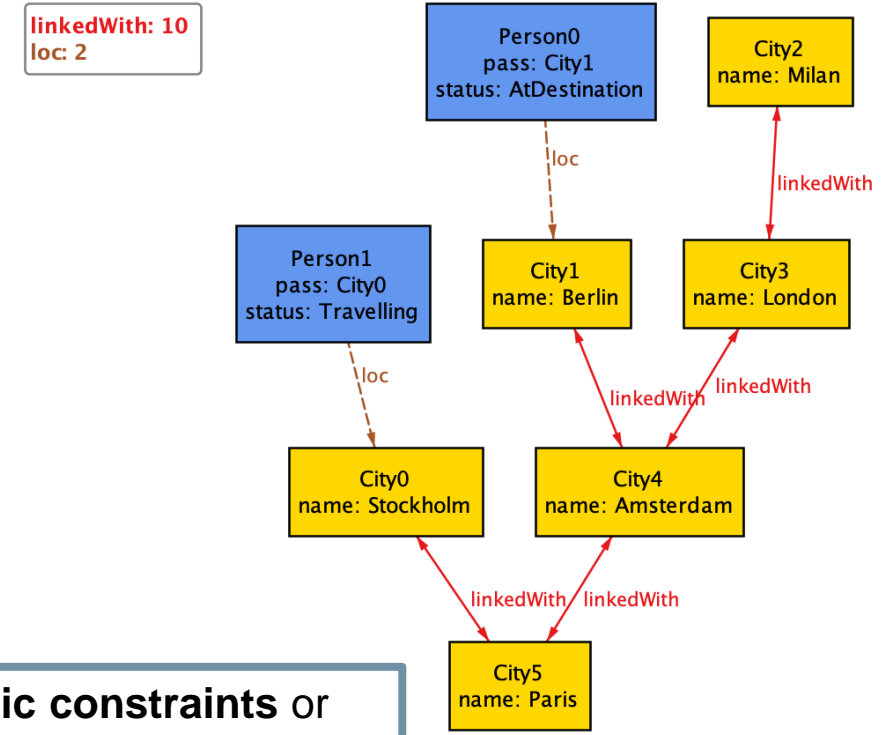
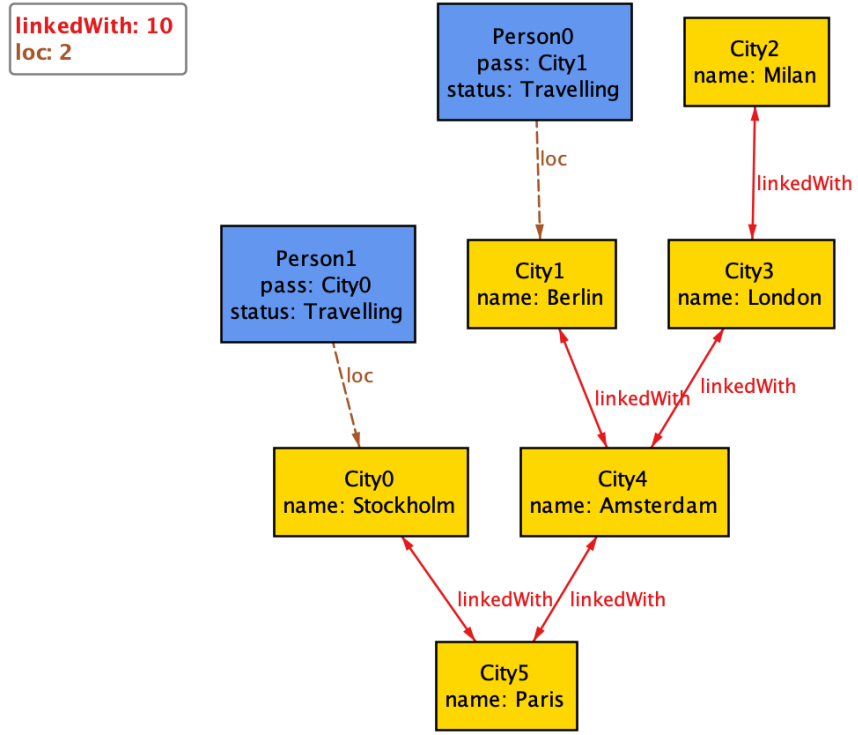
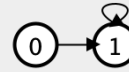
// At the beginning of the interrail, the traveler has not visited any cities yet

```
fact NoVisitedCitiesAtTheBeginning {  
  all p:Person | no p.visited_cities  
}
```


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Interrail: visualizer

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So far, only **static constraints** or constraints about the **first current state**, **not** about the **behavior** of the system during **state transitions**

```
pred world1{#City = 6 and #Person = 2}
run world1 for 10
```

. . .How can we write a **function** that defines the **movement** of a **person** 'p' to a **city** 'c' ?

What **conditions** must be applied so that the **logic** of the system does **not break down**? . . .

- The **city** 'c' must be **linked** to the one **where I am** currently in
- I must **have** the **pass** for the city 'c'
- I must **not** have **visited** city 'c' **before**
- The **city** 'c' must be **different** from the **one I am currently** in
- The **place** where **I will be** in the **next state** becomes 'c'
- 'c' **will be** among the **visited cities**

// A given person travels to a given city

```
pred move[p: Person, c: City] {  
    c in p.loc.linkedWith and c in p.pass and c not in  
    p.visited_cities and c not in p.loc  
    p.loc' = c  
    c in p.visited_cities'  
}
```

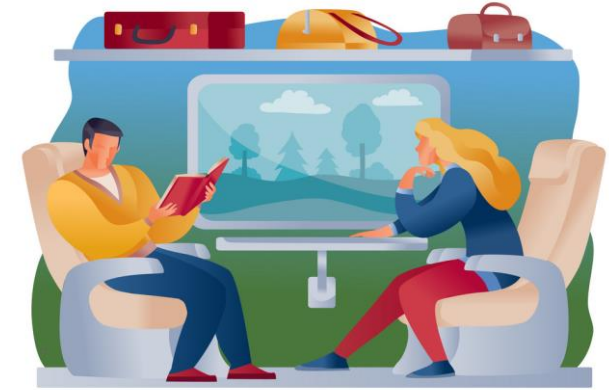
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Interrail: predicates

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// A given person has moved

```
pred moved[p: Person] { some c: City | move[p,c]}
```



// A person stays in his location

```
pred unmoved[p: Person] { p.loc = p.loc'}
```



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Interrail: question

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? // Travelers start their journey from Milan and eventually they will come back

```
fact StartingFromMilanAndComingBack {  
  all p:Person | p.loc.name = Milan and p.status = Travelling  
  and (eventually (p.loc.name = Milan and p.status=AtDestination))  
}
```

```
fact StartingFromMilanAndComingBack {  
  all p:Person | p.loc.name = Milan and p.status = Travelling  
  and after (eventually (always p.loc.name = Milan and p.status=AtDestination))  
}
```

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fact StartingFromMilanAndComingBack {  
  all p:Person | p.loc.name = Milan and p.status = Travelling  
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}
```

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```
// Travelers start their journey from Milan and then they will come back
```

```
fact StartingFromMilanAndComingBack {  
    all p:Person | p.loc.name = Milan and p.status = Travelling  
    and after (eventually (always p.loc.name = Milan and p.status=AtDestination))  
}
```

```
// Travelers do not come back to Milan if they have not visited all the cities of the pass  
before
```

```
fact VisitingAllCities {  
    all p: Person, c: City | (c in p.pass and !(c.name = Milan)) implies  
    (always (after !(p.loc.name = Milan) until (c in p.visited_cities)))  
}
```

// The people are travelling since their departure

```
fact Departure {  
    all p: Person | always (moved[p] implies  
        (p.status = Travelling since p.loc.name = Milan))  
}
```

// An assertion with «triggered»

```
assert Departure2{  
    all p: Person | always (p.status = Travelling implies  
        (p.loc.name = Milan triggered p.status = Travelling))  
}
```

```
check Departure2
```


// If a person visits a city, the city remains forever among the visited cities

```
fact VisitingIsForever {  
    all p: Person, c: City | always (c in p.visited_cities  
        implies always c in p.visited_cities)  
}
```

// If a city is not one of the visited cities, it has never been visited so far

```
fact NeverVisitedCities {  
    all c: City, p: Person | always( c not in p.visited_cities implies  
        historically c not in p.visited_cities)  
}
```

// If a city is one of the visited cities, it has been visited at some point in the past

```
fact VisitedCities {  
    all c: City, p: Person | always (c in p.visited_cities implies once move[p, c])  
}
```

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Interrail: constraints

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```
// In any state, a person either stays where he is or goes to another place
```


```
fact MovingOrNot {  
    all p: Person | always (moved[p] or unmoved[p])  
}
```

```
// After arriving in Milan, a person is no longer traveling
```

```
fact NoLongerTraveling{  
    all p: Person |  
        after (p.loc.name = Milan releases p.status = Travelling)  
}
```



```
pred world1 {  
    #City = 6 and #Person = 2  
    #Person.visited_cities' = 2 ;  
    #Person.visited_cities' = 4 ;  
    #Person.visited_cities' = 6  
}
```

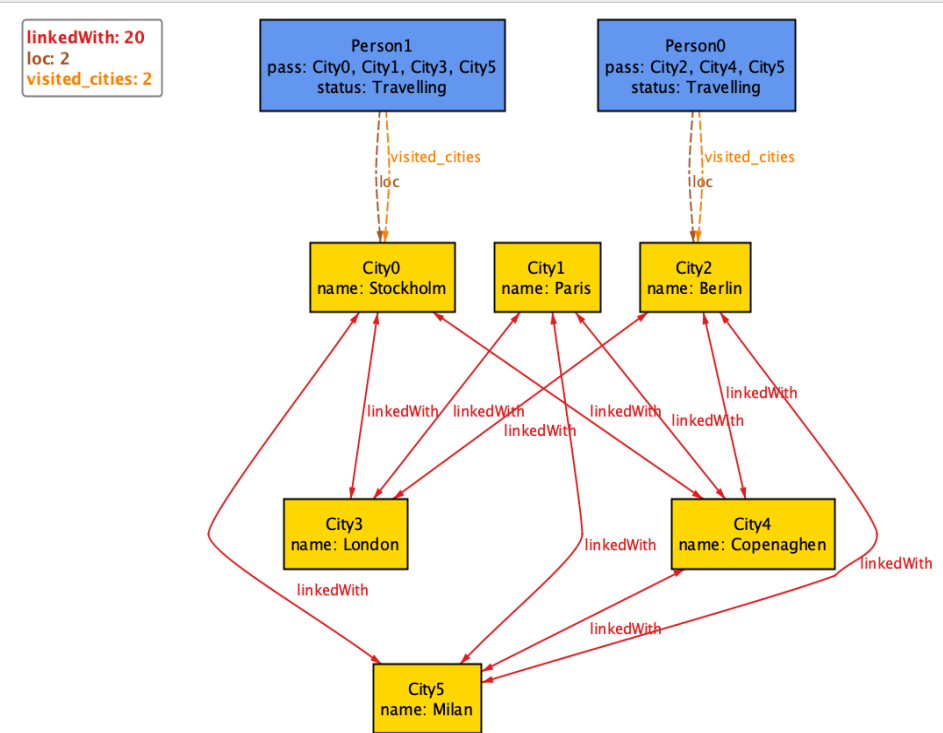
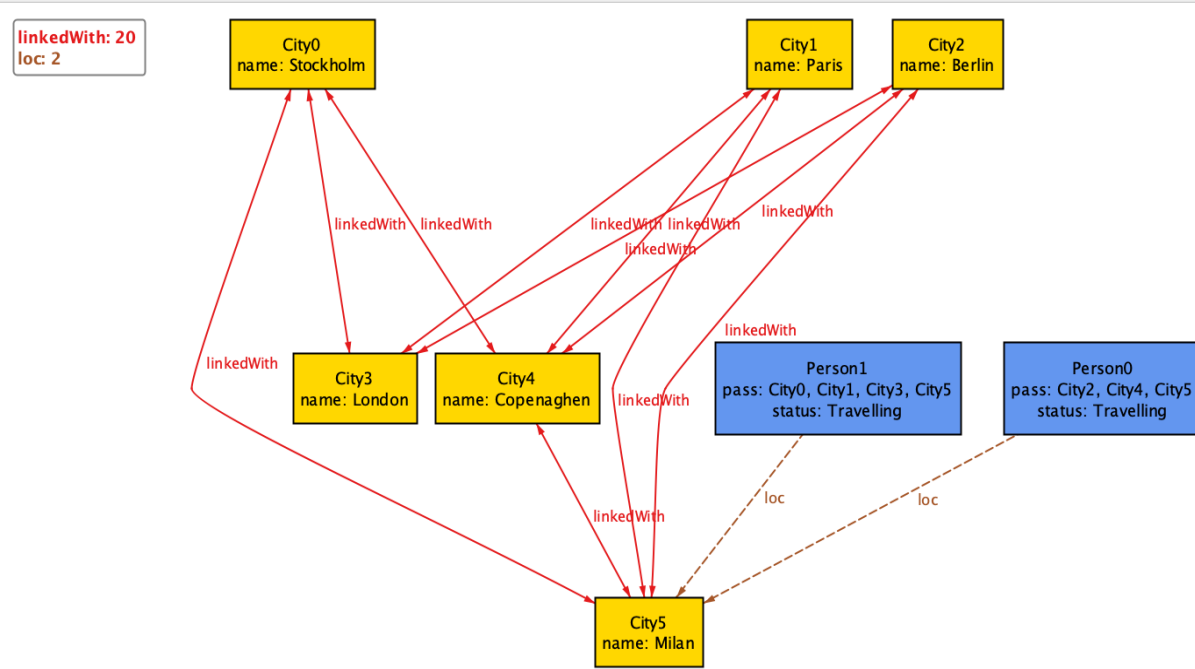
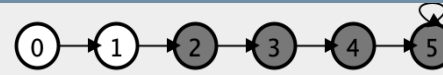


```
run world1 for 10
```

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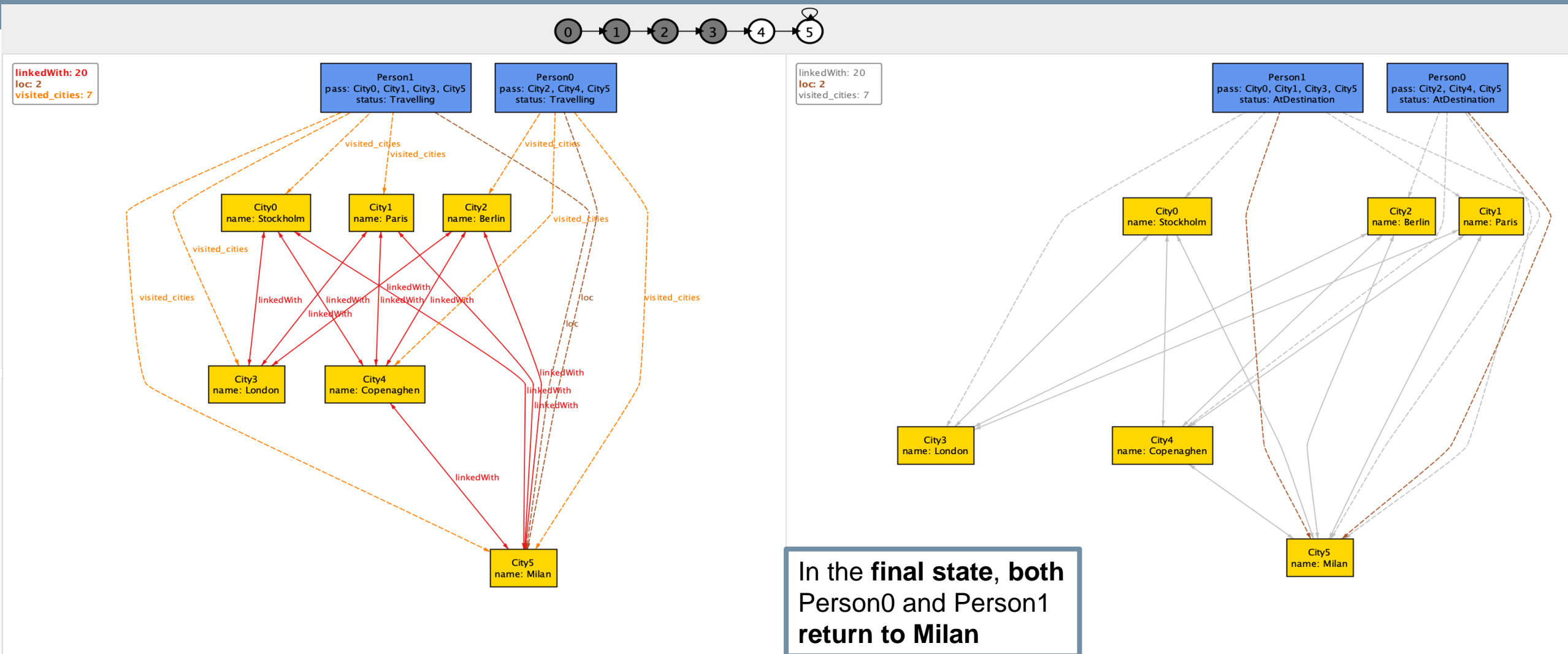
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At the **beginning** of the trip, **both people** have **not yet visited any cities**

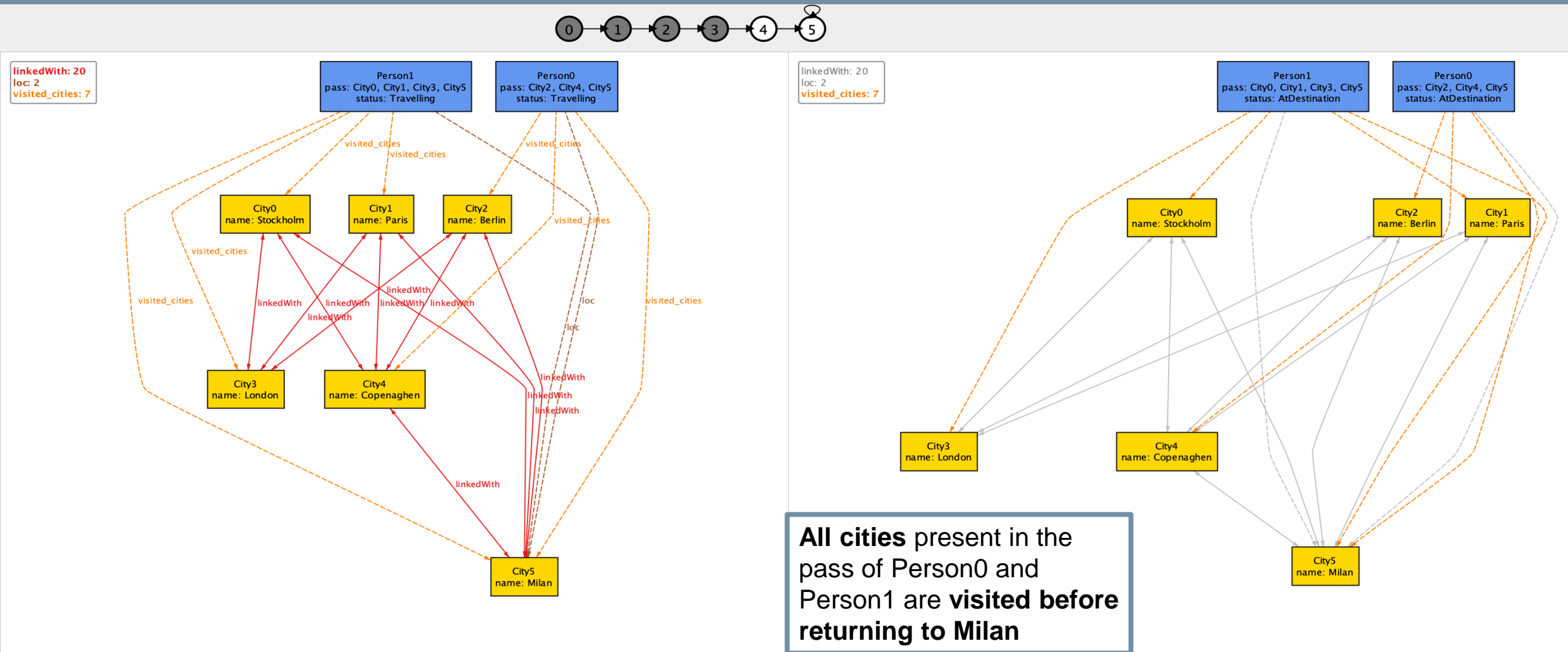
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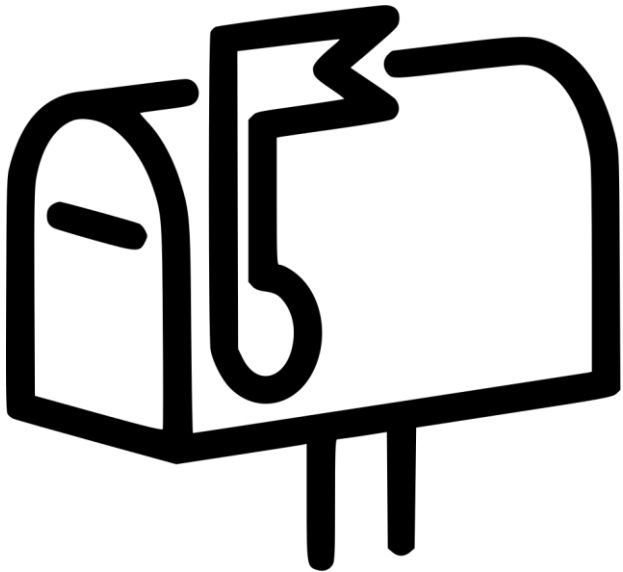


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Message Deletion from Mailbox



Model a scenario in which **messages** can be **deleted** from a **mailbox** and later **restored**.

Hint: The **Message** ends up in a **Trash** and can be **restored** from there.

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Message Deletion from Mailbox

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```
var sig Message {}  
var sig Trash in Message {}
```

```
pred delete[m: Message] {  
    m not in Trash  
    Trash' = Trash + m  
    Message' = Message  
}
```

```
pred restore[m: Message] {  
    m in Trash  
    Trash' = Trash - m  
    Message' = Message  
}
```

```
pred empty {  
    #Trash > 0  
    after #Trash = 0  
}
```

```
pred doNothing {  
    Message' = Message  
    Trash' = Trash  
}
```

```
pred restoreEnabled[m:Message] {  
    m in Trash  
}
```


EXERCISE 3

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Message Deletion from Mailbox

```
fact Behaviour {  
  no Trash  
  always {  
    (some m: Message | delete[m] or restore[m]) or empty or doNothing  
  }  
}  
  
run {}
```

Message Deletion from Mailbox

```
assert restoreAfterDelete {  
    always (all m : Message | restore[m] implies once delete[m])  
}  
  
check restoreAfterDelete for 10 steps  
check restoreAfterDelete for 1.. steps  
  
assert deleteAll {  
    always ((Message in Trash and empty) implies after always no Message)  
}  
  
check deleteAll
```

Message Deletion from Mailbox

```
check MessagesNeverIncreases {  
    always (Message' in Message and #Message' = #Message)  
}  
  
check IfNotDeletedMessagesNotEmpty {  
    (always all m : Message | not delete[m]) implies always not empty  
}  
  
// A deleted message can still be restored if the trash is not empty  
assert restoreIsPossibleBeforeEmpty {  
    always (all m:Message | delete[m]  
            implies after ((empty or restore[m])  
                           releases restoreEnabled[m]))  
}  
  
check restoreIsPossibleBeforeEmpty for 3 but 1.. steps
```