

Recent results on Timed Systems

Time Petri Nets and Timed Automata

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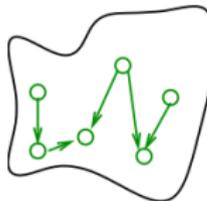
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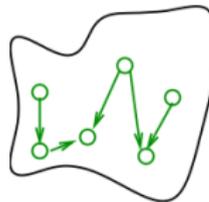
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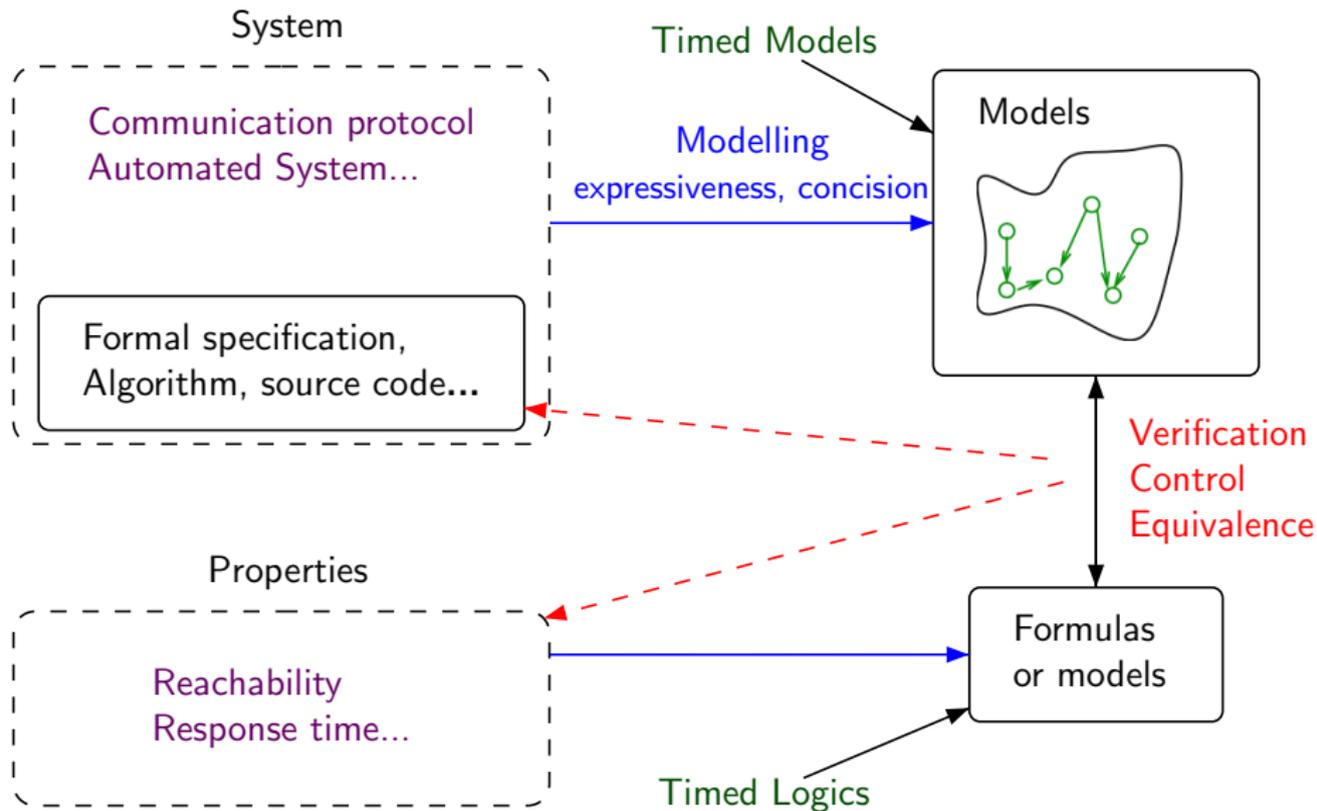
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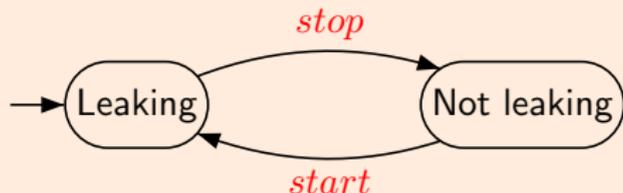


Why add time ?

The gas burner example [ACHH93]

The gas burner may leak and :

- ▶ each time leaking is detected, it is repaired or stopped in less than 1s
- ▶ two leaking periods are separated by at least 30s



Is it possible that the gas burner leaks during a time greater than $\frac{1}{20}$ of the global time after the first 60s?

Timed features are needed in the model and in the properties:

Instead of observing a sequence of events $a_1 a_2 \dots$

observe a sequence of alternating events and delays: $a_1 d_1 a_2 d_2 \dots$

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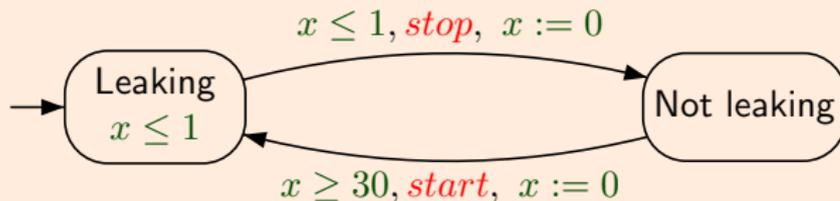
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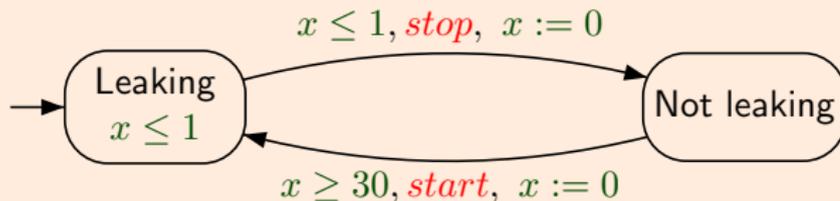
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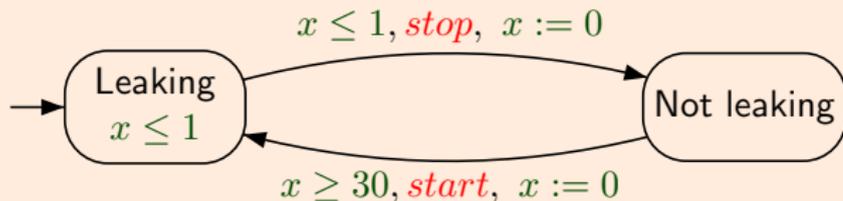
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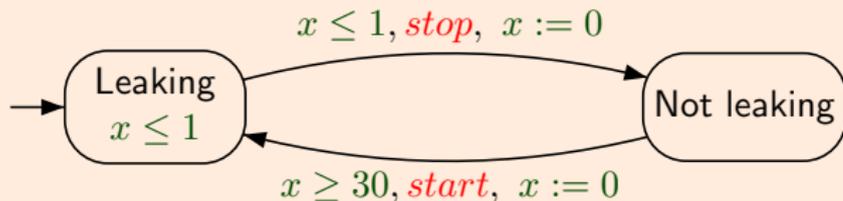
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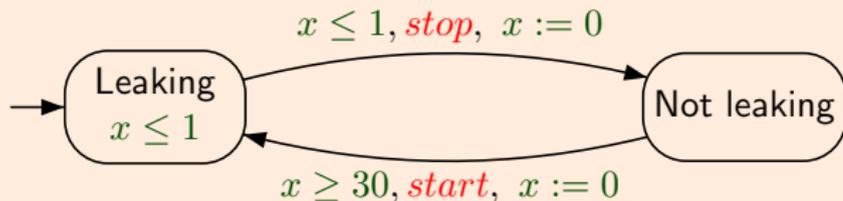
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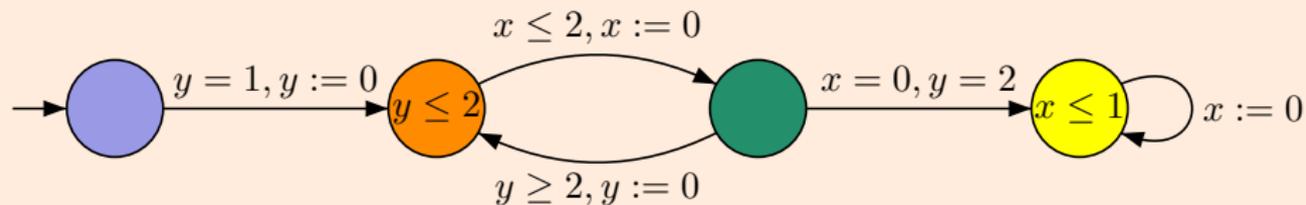
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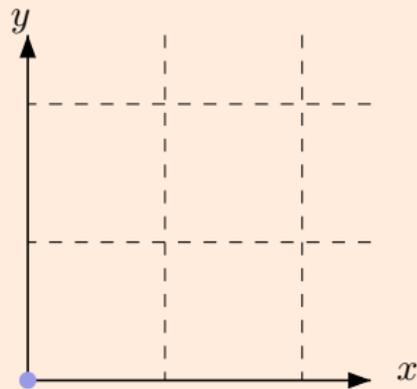
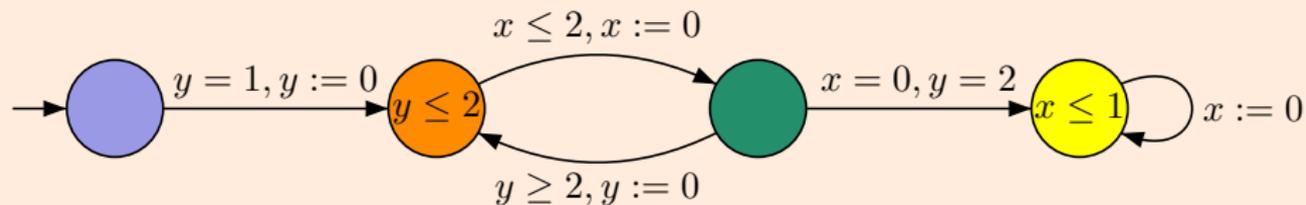
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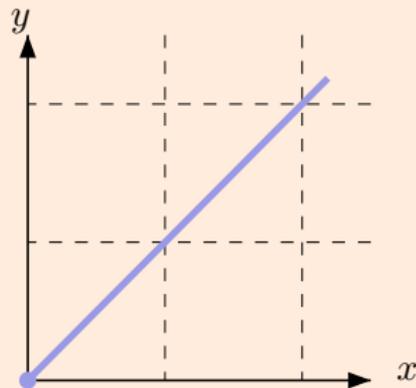
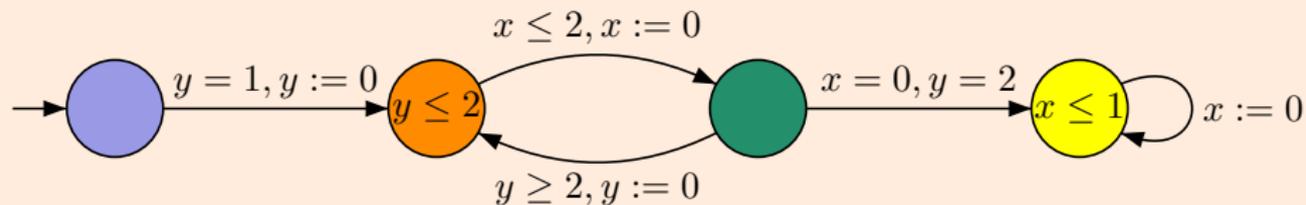
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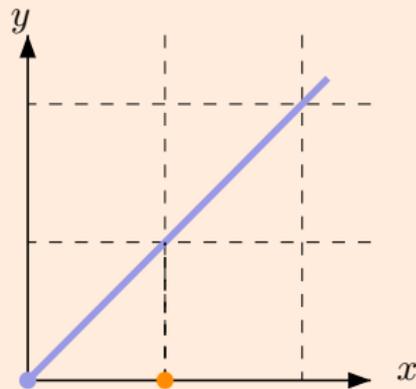
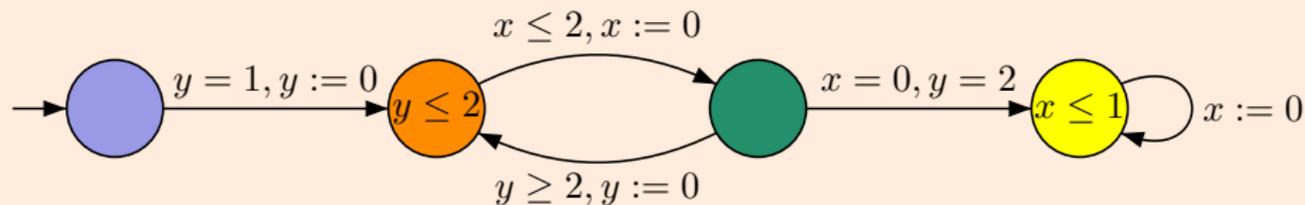
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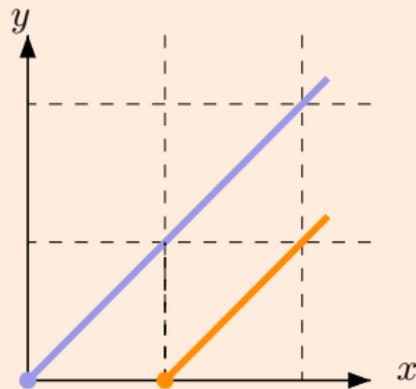
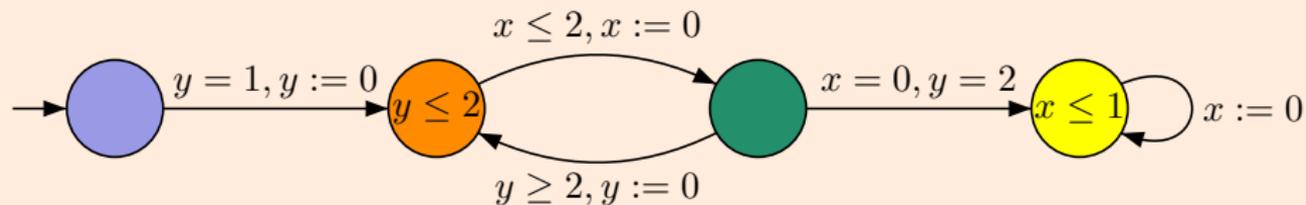
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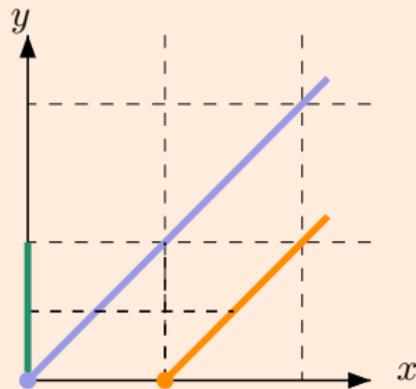
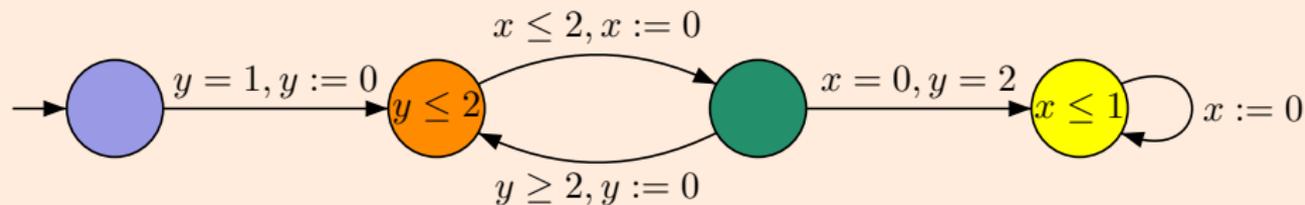
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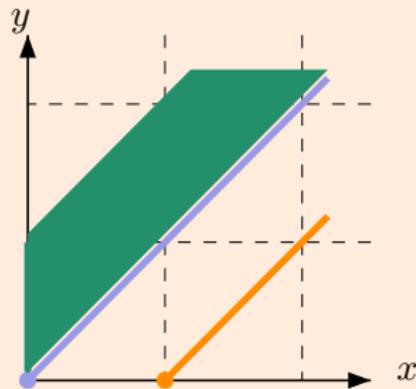
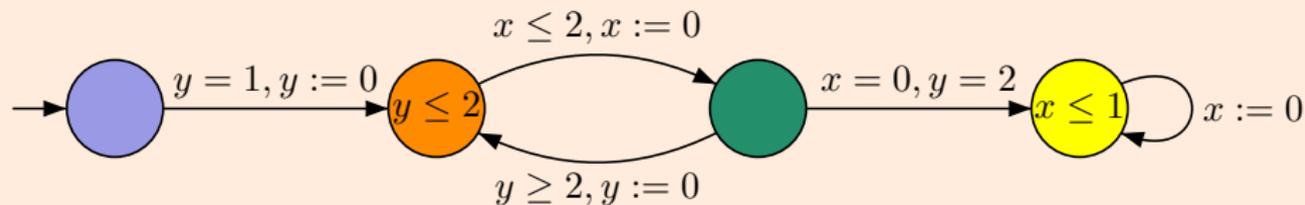
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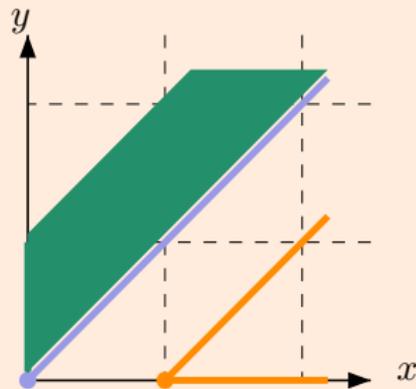
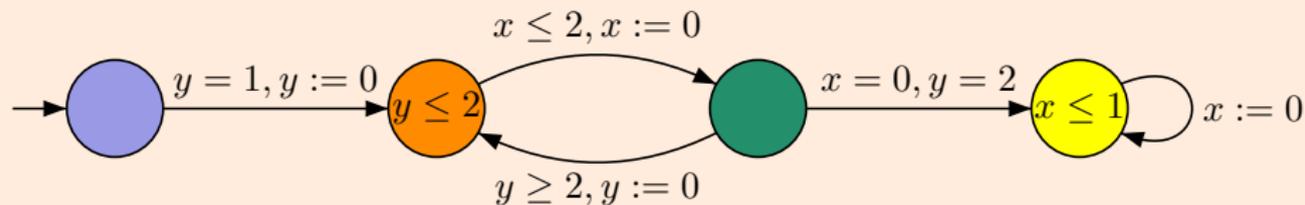
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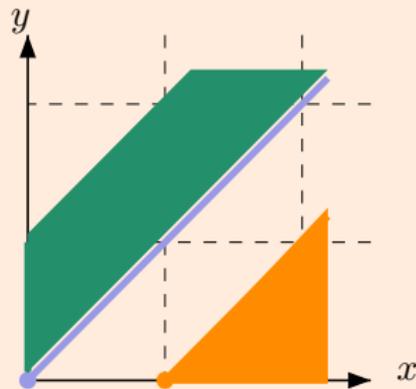
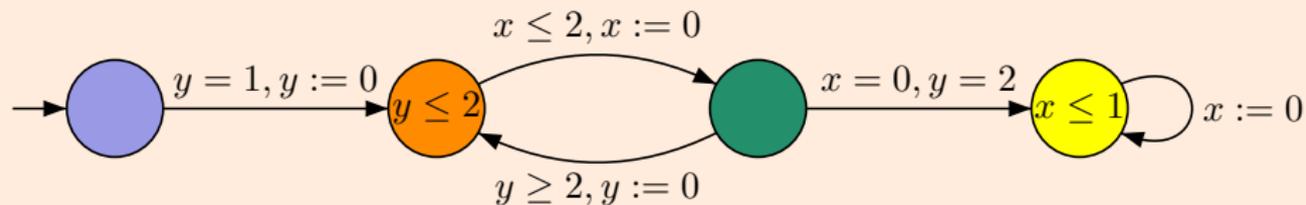
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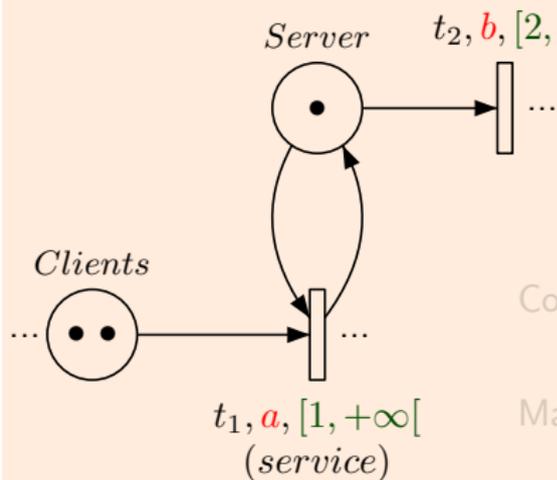
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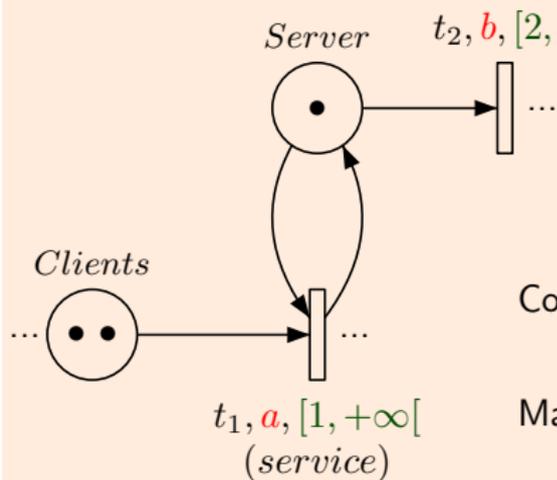
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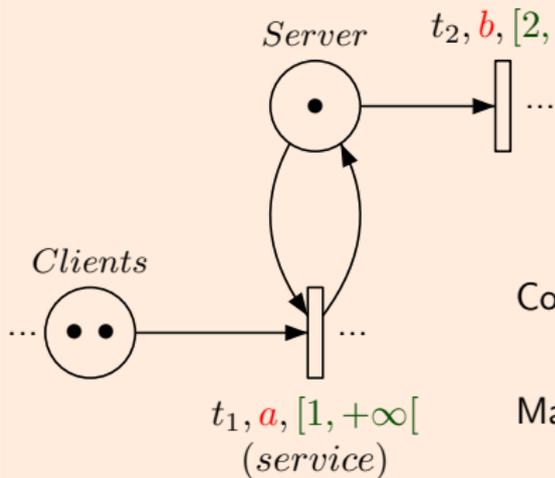
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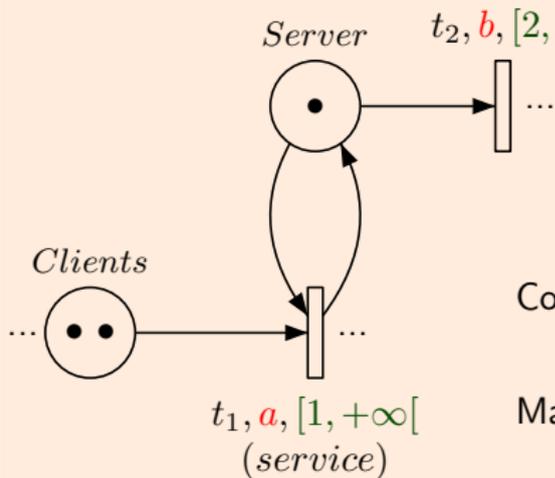
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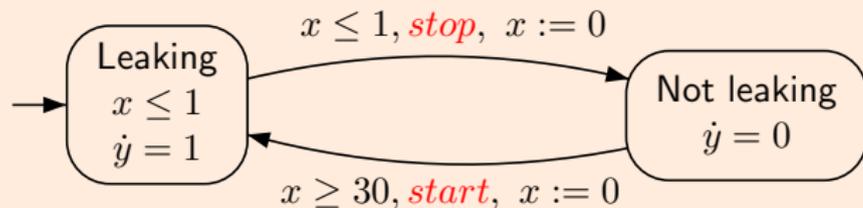
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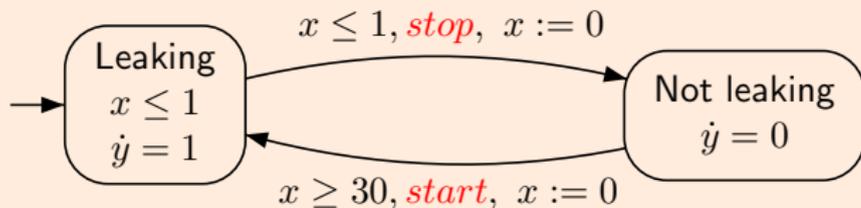
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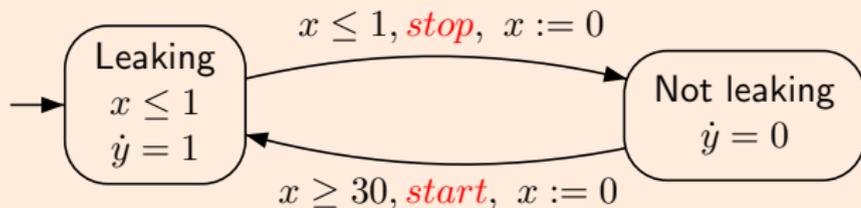
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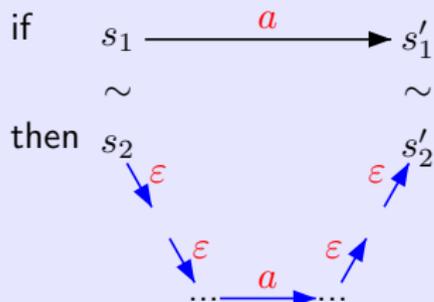
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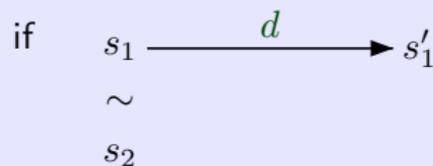
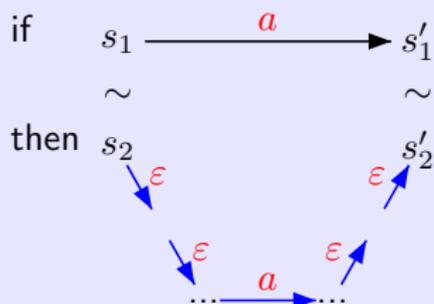
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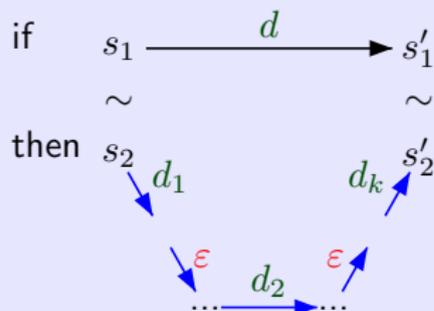
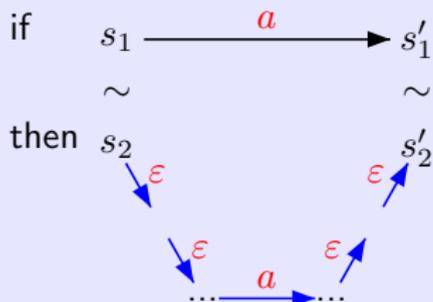
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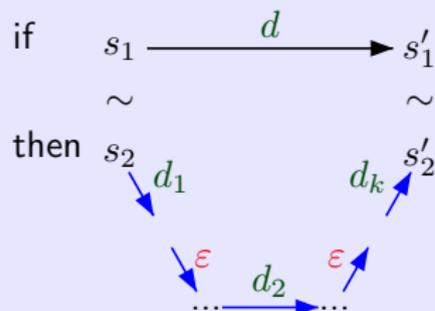
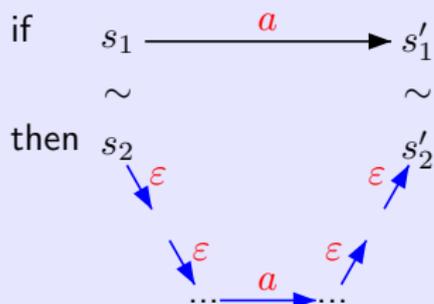
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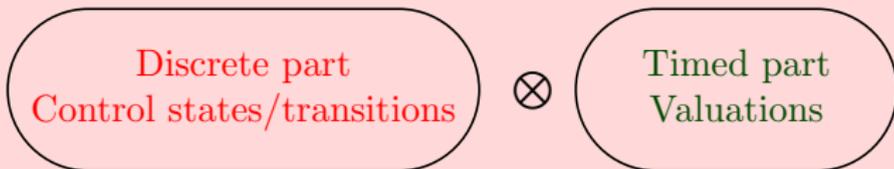
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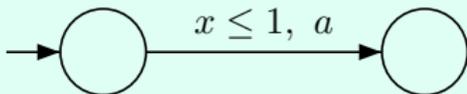
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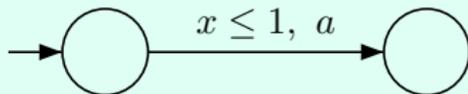
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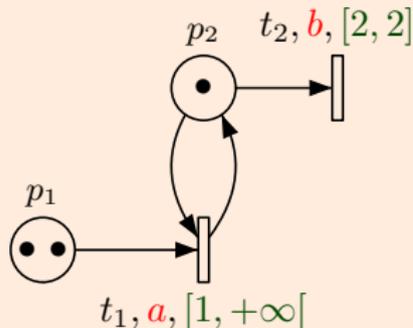
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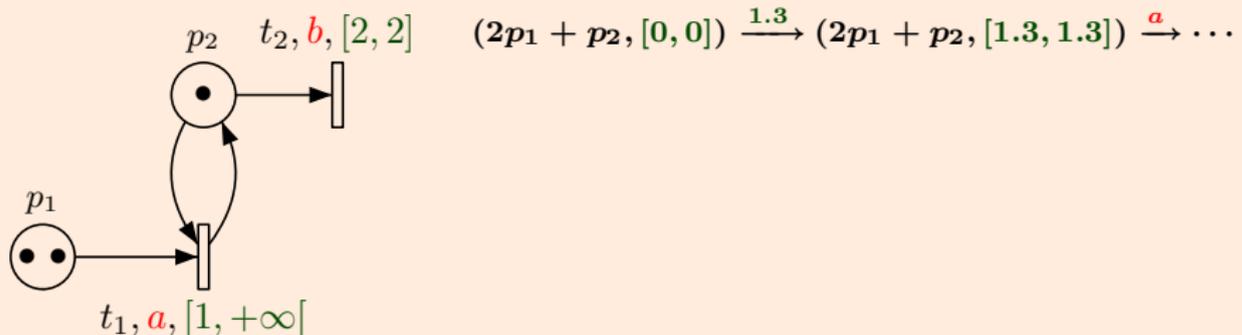


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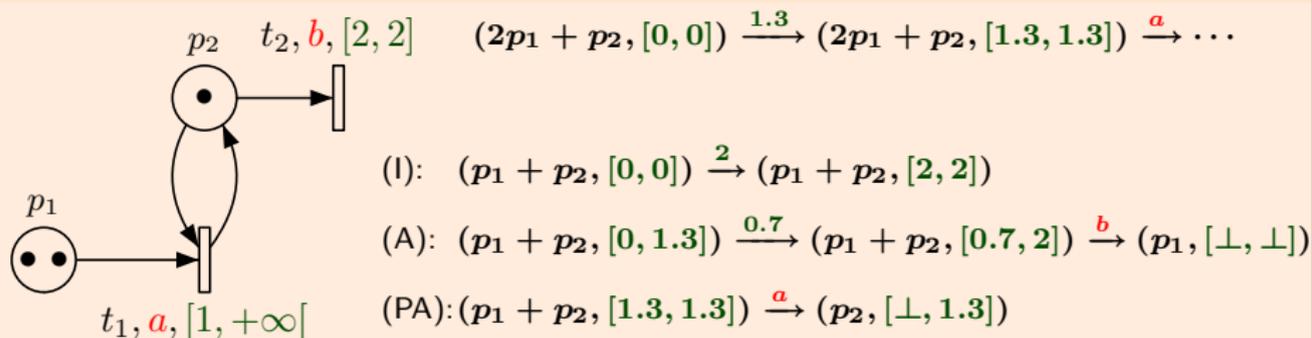


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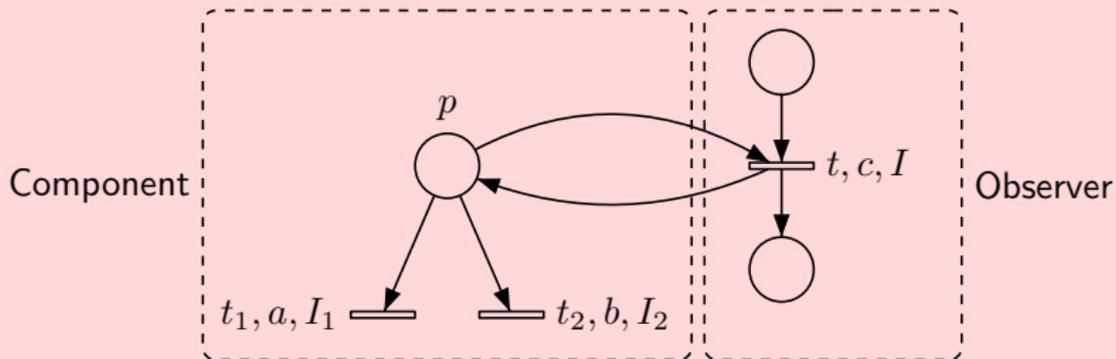
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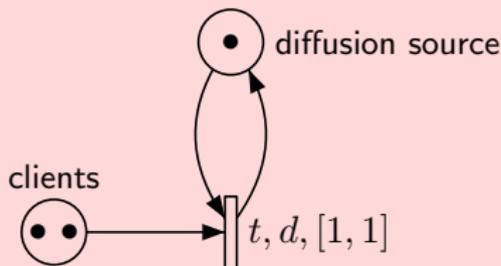
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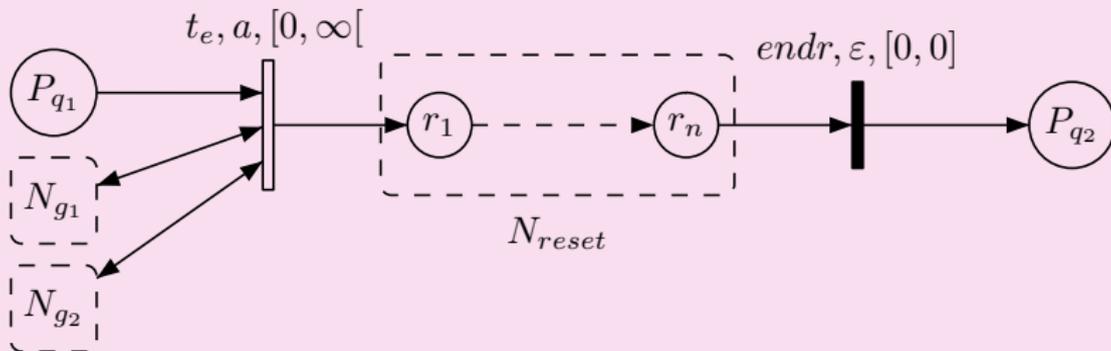
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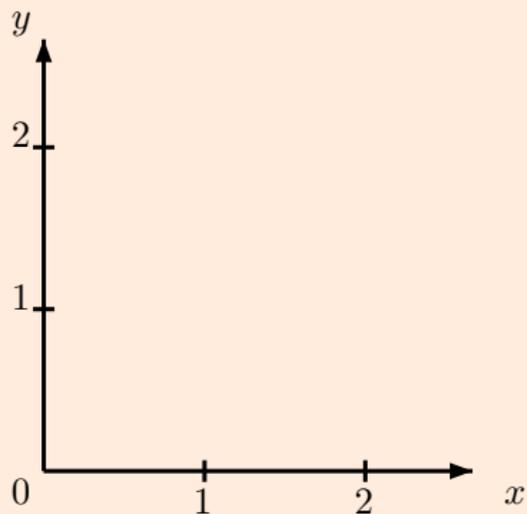
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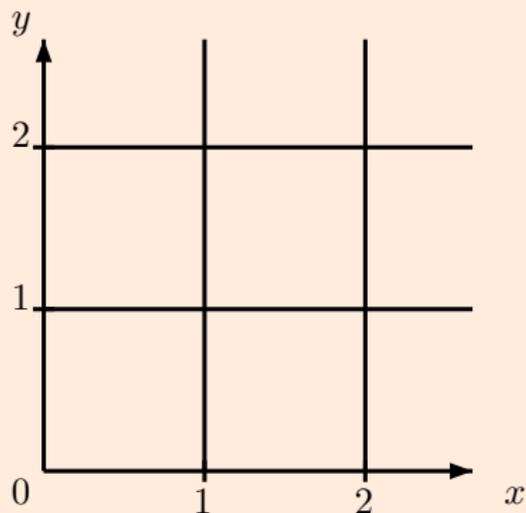
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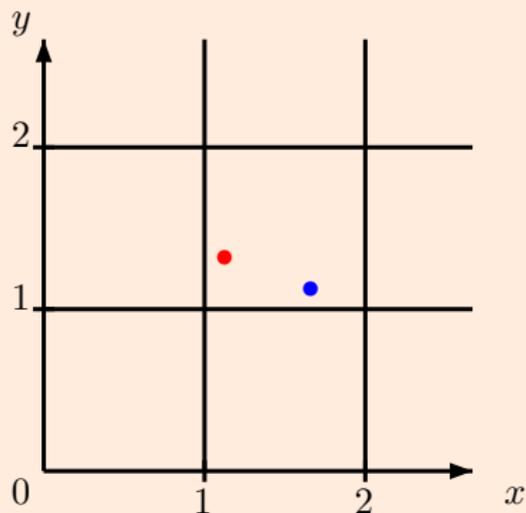
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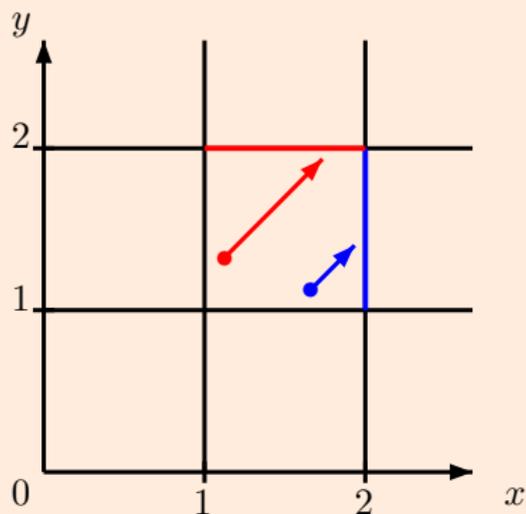
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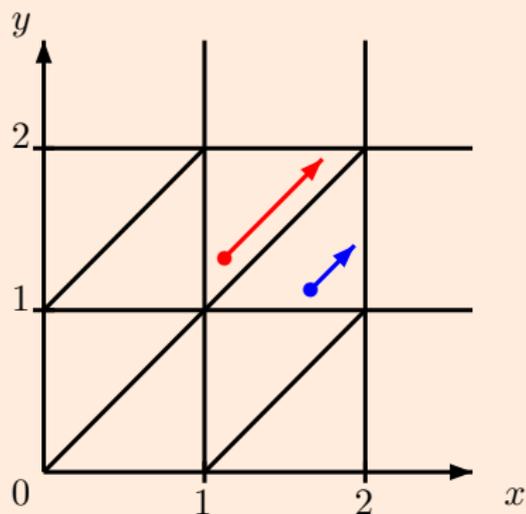
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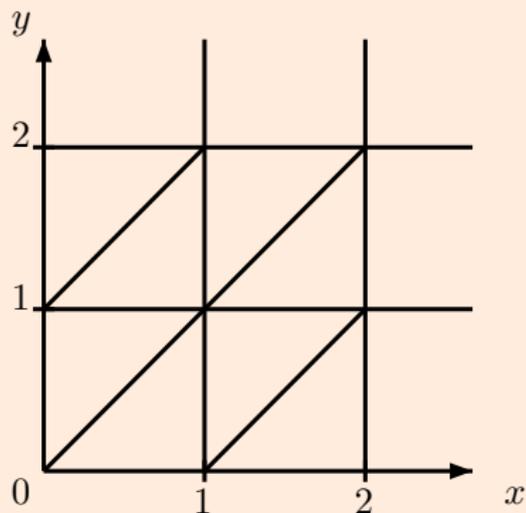
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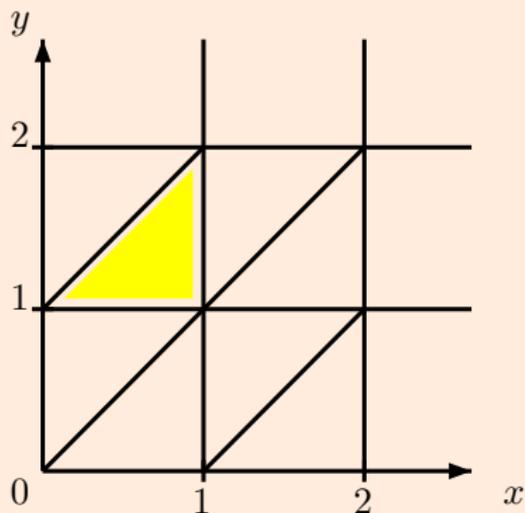
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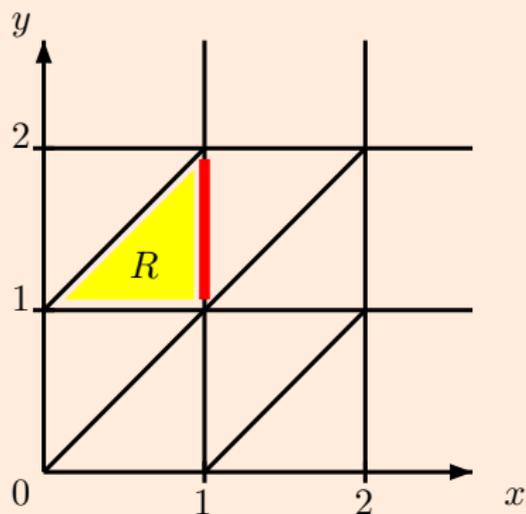


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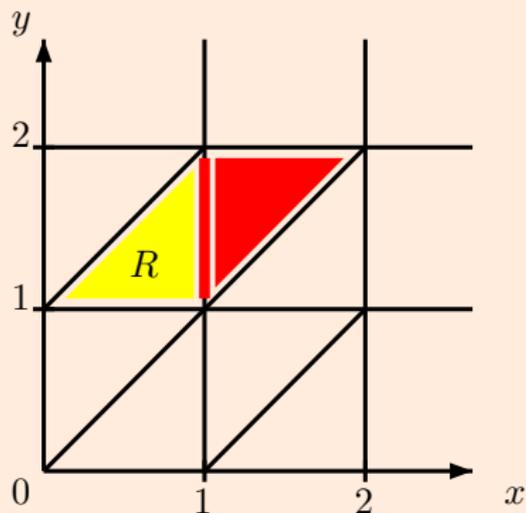
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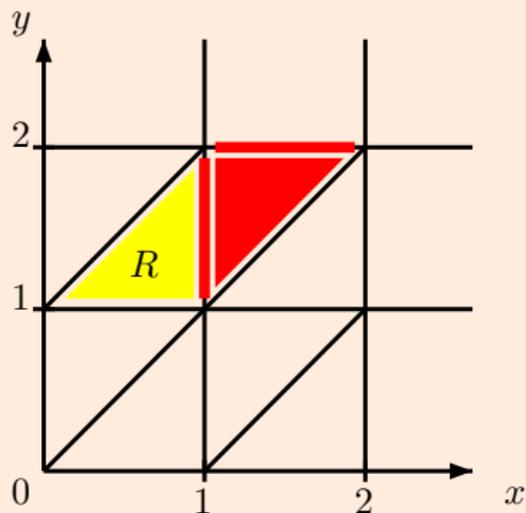
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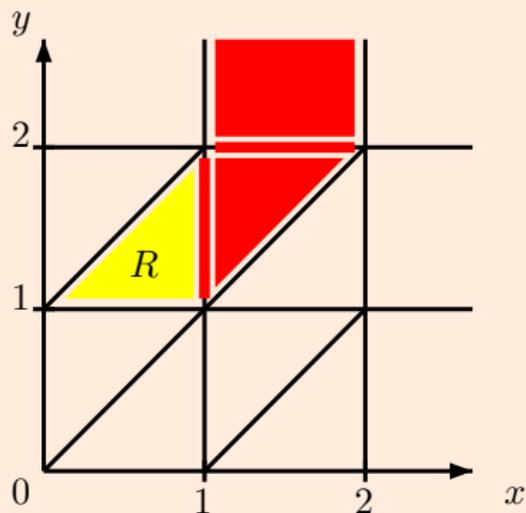
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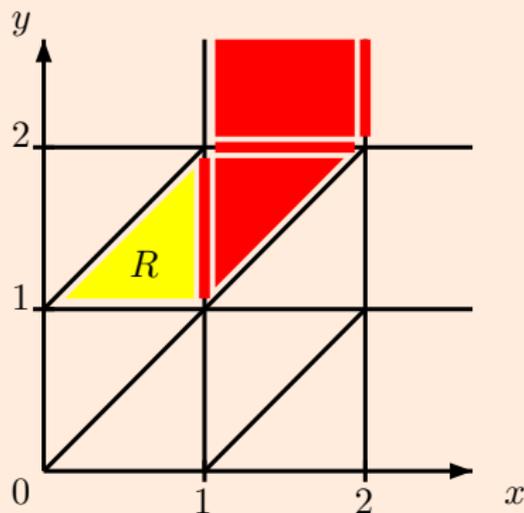
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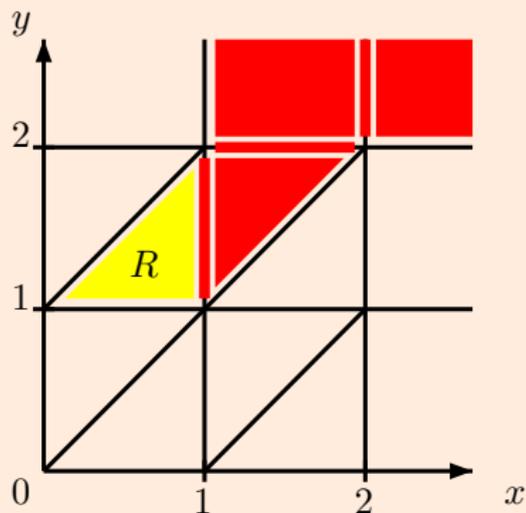
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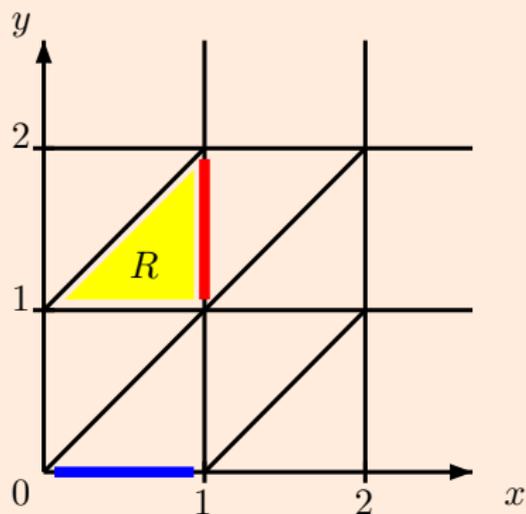


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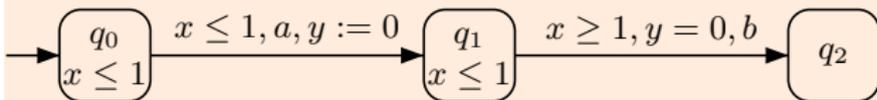
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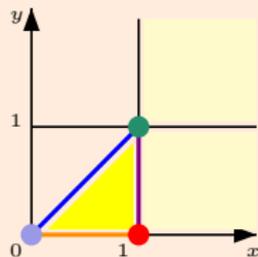
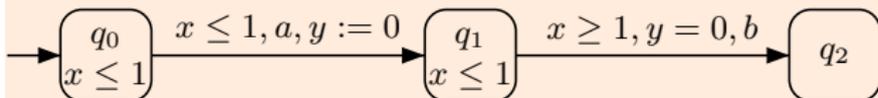
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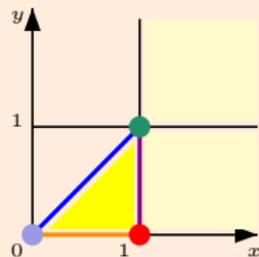
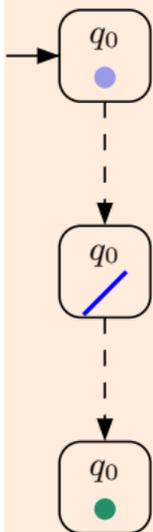
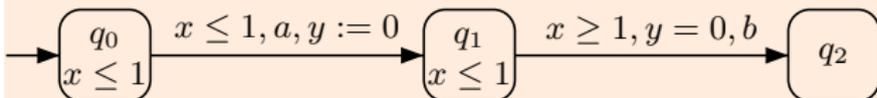
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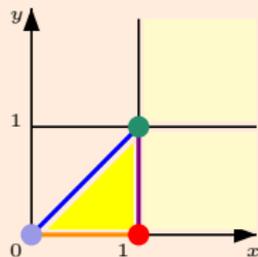
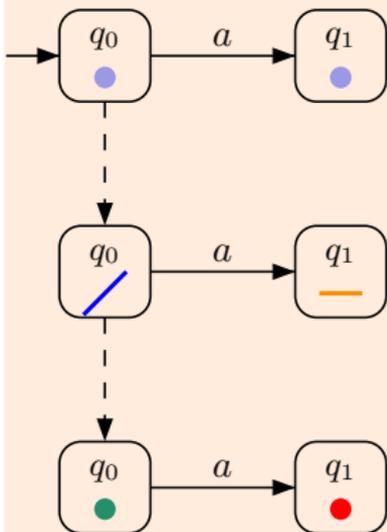
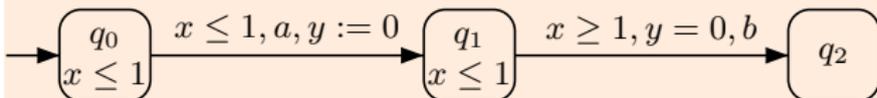
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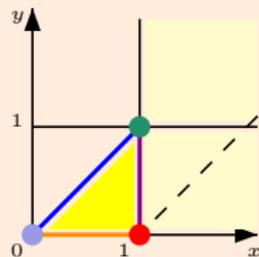
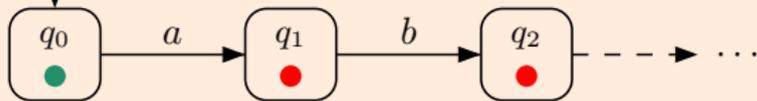
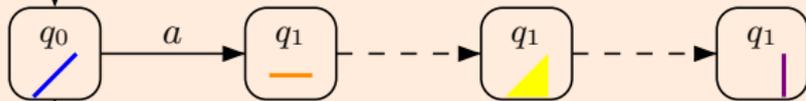
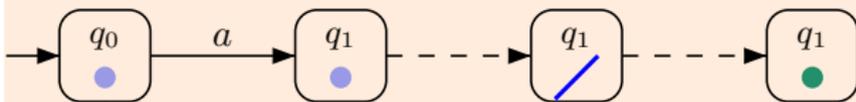
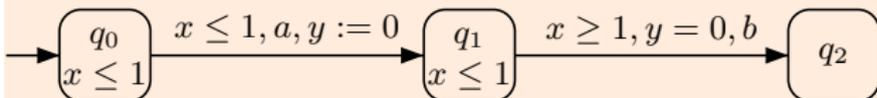
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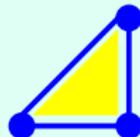
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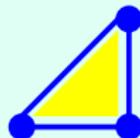
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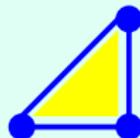
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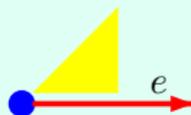
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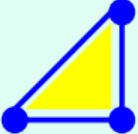
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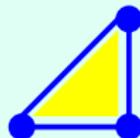
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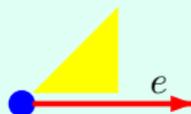
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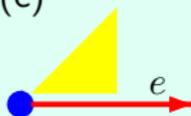
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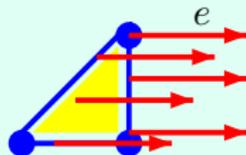
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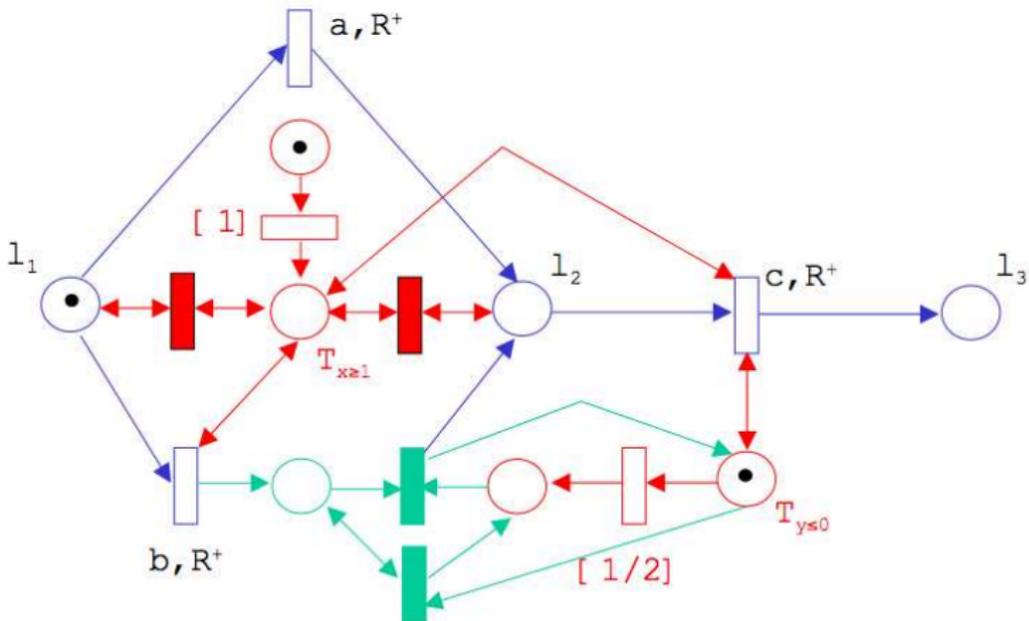
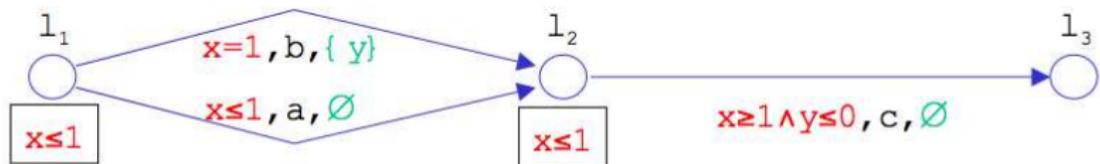
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