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## Reactive Synthesis

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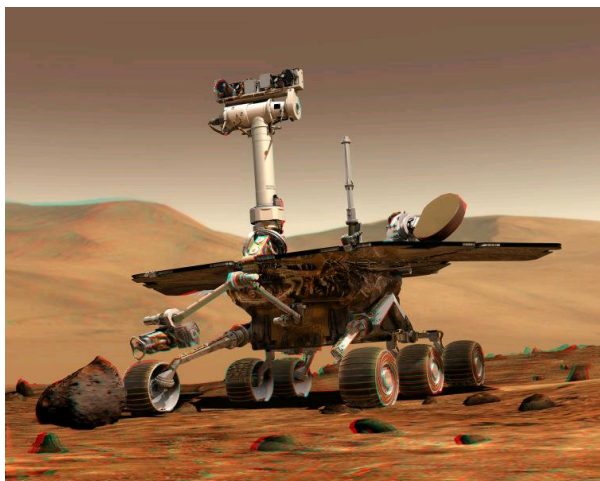
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# Programming

```
public static int function (int n) {  
    // PRE:   
    // POST:   
    int k;  
    if (n==1) {k=1;} else {k=n+ function (n-1) ;}  
    return k;  
}
```

A **function** defines a **relation** between **inputs** and **outputs**.

# Doesn't quite work ...



# Computation vs. Reactivity

**Computational Programs:** Run in order to produce a final result on termination.

Can be modeled as a **black box**.

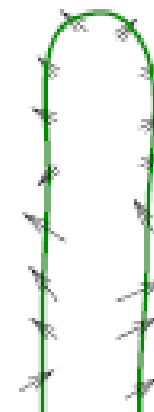


Specified in terms of **Input/Output** relations.

## Reactive Programs

Programs whose role is to **maintain an ongoing interaction** with their environments.

Can be viewed as a **green cactus** (?)



# Reactive Systems

- Systems whose main aim is to **interact** rather than **compute** (OS, driver, CPU, car controller).
- Main **complexity** is in maintaining **communication** with a **user** / **another program** / the **environment**.
- Reactive systems are notoriously **hard** to design.
- Major efforts are invested in **development** and **validation** of reactive systems.

# The Requirement Language

- Correctness of **computational programs** is expressed as **Hoare triples**.  
$$\{P\}C\{Q\}$$
- Correctness of **reactive programs** is expressed as **behavioral specifications**:
  - The **behavior** of a system is a **sequence** of system states.
  - **Specification** should tell us when a **sequence** is good/bad.
  - We use **temporal logic**: connect states through time.

# Validating Reactive Systems

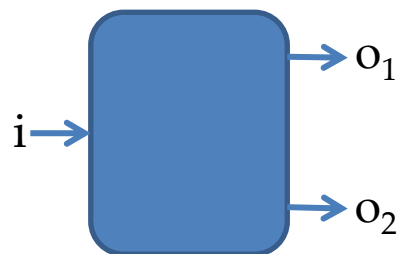
- **Simulations:**
  - **Run** the system and check whether **behavior** satisfies **specifications**.
- **Model checking:**
  - Create a **comprehensive model** of the system and check whether all **behaviors** satisfy **specifications**.
- Model checking research:
  - **Automatic** construction of **models**.
    - Predicate extraction.
    - Heap analysis.
    - Counter-example guided abstraction refinement.
  - Techniques for **model exploration**.
    - Efficient enumerative graph exploration.
    - Symbolic representation of states.
    - Bounded model checking and SAT/SMT solving.
  - **Specification**.
    - Expressive specification languages.
    - Translation to model exploration.

# Synthesis

- Developing systems is **hard**, **expensive**, and **error prone**.
- The common solution is **extensive testing** and **verification**.
- If we can **verify**, why not **go directly** from **specification** to **correct-by-construction** systems by **synthesis**?
- **Church's synthesis problem**:  
Given a **circuit interface** specification and a **behavioral specification**:
  - **Determine** if there is an **automaton** that **realizes** the **specification**.
  - If the specification is **realizable**, **construct** an **implementing automaton**.
- **Circuit interface** – **partition** to **inputs** and **outputs**.
- **Behavioral specification** – description in **first order logic**.



# Synthesis from Temporal Specifications



$$\forall t. \neg o_1(t) \vee \neg o_2(t)$$

$$\forall t. i(t) \rightarrow (\exists t' > t. o_1(t) \vee o_2(t))$$

$$\forall t. o_1(t) \rightarrow \left( \exists t' < t. \left( i(t') \wedge \forall t' < t'' < t. (\neg o_1(t'') \wedge \neg o_2(t'')) \right) \right)$$

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- Is it possible to **realize** this **specification**?
- The formula defines a **relation** between  $i: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  and  $o_1, o_2: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$
- We want a **function** that is a subset.

# Causal

$$o(0) \leftrightarrow (\exists t. i(t))$$

- The relation  $R = \{(i, o) \mid i: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}, o: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}, o(0) \leftrightarrow (\exists t. i(t))\}$  is not empty.
- Find a **function** that implements it.
- The **function** cannot be **clairvoyant**.
- It needs to be **causal**:  $o(n) = f(i \upharpoonright_{\{0, \dots, n\}})$

# Adversarial

$$\forall t. i(t) \rightarrow \neg o(t)$$

$$\forall t. i(t) \rightarrow \exists t' > t. o(t')$$

- There are **some** input sequences for which this is possible.
- But **not all!**
- We want a function that can answer **all input sequences**.

$$f: \{ i: \{0, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0,1\} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

- Furthermore, for every  $i: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  the unique  $o: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  such that  $o(n) = f(i \upharpoonright_{\{0,\dots,n\}})$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfies the specification.

# Brief History

- **Church**'s problem [1965].
- **Rabin** introduces **automata** on **infinite trees**. Effectively, generalizing **Büchi**'s work on  **$\omega$ -automata** to trees [1969].
- **Büchi** and **Landweber** define **two-player games** of infinite duration [1969].
- We now know that the two are **effectively** the **same**. These are **still** the techniques we use to **solve** the **problem**.

# Modern Times

- **Pnueli** introduces linear temporal logic [1977].
- **Emerson** and **Clarke** and **Quielle** and **Sifakis** invent model checking [1981].
- **Emerson** and **Clarke** and **Manna** and **Wolper** ignore adversarial nature and propose reduction to satisfiability [1984].
- **Pnueli** and **Rosner** establish **LTL realizability** to be **2EXPTIME-complete**.
  - This result established realizability and synthesis as highly intractable.

# In these Lectures

- **Synthesis** as a game.
- Simple games (**safety**, **reachability**, **Büchi**).
- **LTL Synthesis** reduced to solution of parity games.
- Bypassing **determinization**:
  - **Safraless** approach.
  - Restricting the specification language.
  - Usage of synthesis in robotics.
- Current research directions:
  - Distributed synthesis.
  - Safety of learned behaviour.
  - Strategic reasoning.

# Lectures Outline

- Introduction
- Automata and Linear Temporal Logic
- Games and Synthesis
- General LTL Synthesis
- Bypassing Determinization
- Current Research Directions

# A More Formal Context

- A **specification** in **linear temporal logic** over input and output propositions.
- A **system** will be an **automaton with output**.
- **Input and output** are combined to create a sequences of assignments to propositions.
- All possible **infinite paths** over the automaton should satisfy the **specification**.



# Linear Temporal Logic

- A set of **propositions** ( $\mathcal{Prop}$ ) denoting the **basic facts** about the world. Set  $\mathcal{Prop}$  is partitioned to inputs  $\mathcal{I}$  and outputs  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- **Linear Temporal Logic** formulae are constructed as follows:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \neg \varphi \mid \bigcirc \varphi \mid \ominus \varphi \mid \varphi \mathcal{U} \varphi \mid \varphi \mathcal{S} \varphi$$

- Other temporal formulae are derived:

- $\diamond \varphi \equiv \mathsf{TU} \varphi$  – Eventually.
- $\square \varphi \equiv \neg \diamond \neg \varphi$  – Always.
- $\varphi \mathcal{W} \psi \equiv \varphi \mathcal{U} \psi \vee \square \varphi$  – Weak Until.
- $\diamondleftarrow \varphi \equiv \mathsf{TS} \varphi$  – Previously.
- $\squareleftarrow \varphi \equiv \neg \diamondleftarrow \neg \varphi$  – Historically.
- $\varphi \mathcal{B} \psi \equiv \varphi \mathcal{S} \psi \vee \squareleftarrow \varphi$  – BackTo.

# LTL Semantics

- A **model** for an LTL formula  $\varphi$  is an **infinite sequence**  $\sigma = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  with a **designated location**  $j \geq 0$ .
- Each letter  $\sigma_i$  is a set of propositions true at time  $i$ .
- Formula  $\varphi$  **holds** over **sequence**  $\sigma$  in location  $i \geq 0$ , denoted  $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi$ , if:
  - If  $\varphi$  is a proposition  $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi \iff \varphi \in \sigma_i$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \neg\varphi \iff (\sigma, i) \not\models \varphi$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \iff (\sigma, i) \models \varphi_1$  or  $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi_2$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \bigcirc\varphi \iff (\sigma, i+1) \models \varphi$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \ominus\varphi \iff i > 0$  and  $(\sigma, i-1) \models \varphi$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi_1 U \varphi_2 \iff \exists k \geq i. (\sigma, k) \models \varphi_2$  and  $\forall i \leq j < k. (\sigma, j) \models \varphi_1$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \varphi_1 S \varphi_2 \iff \exists k \leq i. (\sigma, k) \models \varphi_2$  and  $\forall i \geq j > k. (\sigma, j) \models \varphi_1$
- Derived:
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \diamond\varphi \iff \exists k \geq i (\sigma, k) \models \varphi$
  - $(\sigma, i) \models \square\varphi \iff \forall k \geq i. (\sigma, k) \models \varphi$

# LTL Exercises

$$\Box p$$

$$\Box \Diamond p$$

$$\Box(p \rightarrow \bigcirc(q \mathcal{U} r))$$

$$\Box(p \rightarrow p \mathcal{W} q) \stackrel{?}{\equiv} \Box(p \rightarrow (\bigcirc p \vee \bigcirc q))$$

$$p \stackrel{?}{\equiv} \Box(\ominus \top \vee p)$$

$$\Box(p \rightarrow \Diamond q)$$

$$\Box(p \rightarrow \ominus(\neg p \mathcal{S} q))$$

$$\Diamond(\neg \ominus \top \wedge p)$$

$$\Box(p \rightarrow \Diamond q) \stackrel{?}{\equiv} \Box \Diamond \neg(\neg q \mathcal{S} p)$$

$$(p \mathcal{U} (q \mathcal{U} r)) \not\equiv ((p \mathcal{U} q) \mathcal{U} r)$$

# Automata

- Systems with **discrete states**.
- Formally,  $A = \langle \Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0 \rangle$ , where
  - $\Sigma$  – a **finite** input alphabet.
  - $Q$  – a **finite** set of states.
  - $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  – a **transition function**. Associates with **state** and an **input letter** a set of **successor states**.
  - $q_0$  – an **initial state**.
- An **input word**  $w = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  is a sequence of letters from  $\Sigma$ .
- A **run**  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w$  is a sequence of states starting from  $q_0$  such that for every  $i \geq 0$  we have  $q_{i+1} \in \delta(q_i, \sigma_i)$ .
- An automaton is **deterministic** if for every  $q \in Q$  and  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  we have  $|\delta(q, \sigma)| \leq 1$ .

# Mealy Machines

- Systems with **discrete states**.
- Formally,  $M = \langle \Sigma, \Delta, Q, \delta, q_0, L \rangle$ , where
  - $\Sigma$  – a **finite** input alphabet.
  - $\Delta$  – a **finite** output alphabet.
  - $Q$  – a **finite** set of states.
  - $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  – a **transition function**. Associates with every **state** and an **input letter** a set of **successor states**.
  - $q_0$  – an **initial state**.
  - $L: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Delta$  – an **output function**. Associates with every **transition** an **output letter**.
- A **run**  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w$  is a sequence of states starting from  $q_0$  such that for every  $i \geq 0$  we have  $q_{i+1} \in \delta(q_i, \sigma_i)$ .
- The **computation** corresponding to  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w$  is  $c = (\sigma_0, L(q_0, \sigma_0)), (\sigma_1, L(q_1, \sigma_1)), \dots$ .

# Mealy Machines and LTL

- The set of **computations** of a machine  $M = \langle \Sigma, \Delta, Q, \delta, q_0, L \rangle$  is denoted  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ .
- Assume  $\Sigma = 2^J$  and  $\Delta = 2^O$ . So **input** letters are **assignments** to **input** propositions and **outputs** are **assignments** to **output** propositions.
- A machine  $M$  satisfies a formula  $\varphi$ , denoted  $M \models \varphi$ , if **every computation** in  $\mathcal{L}(M)$  satisfies  $\varphi$ .
- Given an **LTL formula**  $\varphi$  over **propositions**  $Prop = I \cup O$  we say that  $\varphi$  is **realizable** if there is a **Mealy machine** that **satisfies** it.
- Our task is going to be to **find** such a **Mealy machine** or say that it **does not exist**.
- We will mostly be interested in **deterministic** machines.

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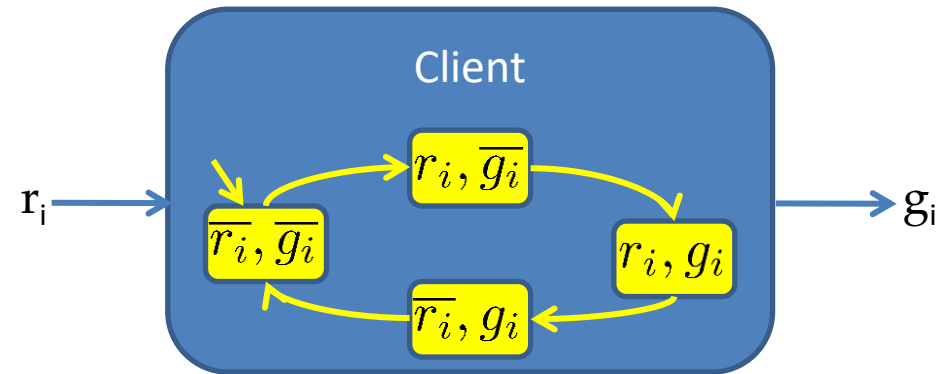
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# Realizability

- So, given a property  $\varphi$  and a partition  $\mathcal{Prop} = \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}$  find a system  $M$  such that  $M \models \varphi$ .
- For every possible input, decide on an output ...
- All paths through the machine should satisfy the property.

# Arbiter



# Arbiter<sub>2</sub>

- Propositions  $\mathcal{Prop} = \{r_1, r_2, g_1, g_2\}$ , where  $\mathcal{I} = \{r_1, r_2\}$  and  $\mathcal{O} = \{g_1, g_2\}$ .
- Requirements:
  - $A_1$ : leave requests:  $\Box(r_1 \wedge !g_1 \rightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \wedge \Box(r_2 \wedge !g_2 \rightarrow \bigcirc r_2)$
  - $G_1$ : leave grants:  $\Box(r_1 \wedge g_1 \rightarrow \bigcirc g_1) \wedge \Box(r_2 \wedge g_2 \rightarrow \bigcirc g_2)$
  - $G_2$ : mutual exclusion:  $\Box(!g_1 \vee !g_2)$
  - $G_3$ : deliver and remove grants:  $\Box\Diamond(g_1 \leftrightarrow r_1) \wedge \Box\Diamond(g_2 \leftrightarrow r_2)$
- Or together:  $A_1 \rightarrow (G_1 \wedge G_2 \wedge G_3)$

## What's the idea?

- Think about **control**:
  - Some things are under our **control**.
  - Some things are **not**.
- We want to **exercise** our **control** so that to **achieve certain goals**.
- In some cases the **environment is hostile**.
- What we want:
  - Find a **strategy** that will **guide** our **actions** based on our **view of the world**.
- This leads to viewing the **world** as an **opponent**:
  - **Exercise control** so that **uncontrollable** events do **not lead** to **damage**.
- We model this as **two-player games**.

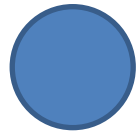
# Example: Nim

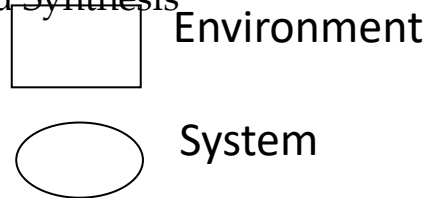
- Some rows of matches.
- Every player **removes** in turn **at least one match** from **one row**.
- The one to remove **last match wins**.
- Can **you** win?



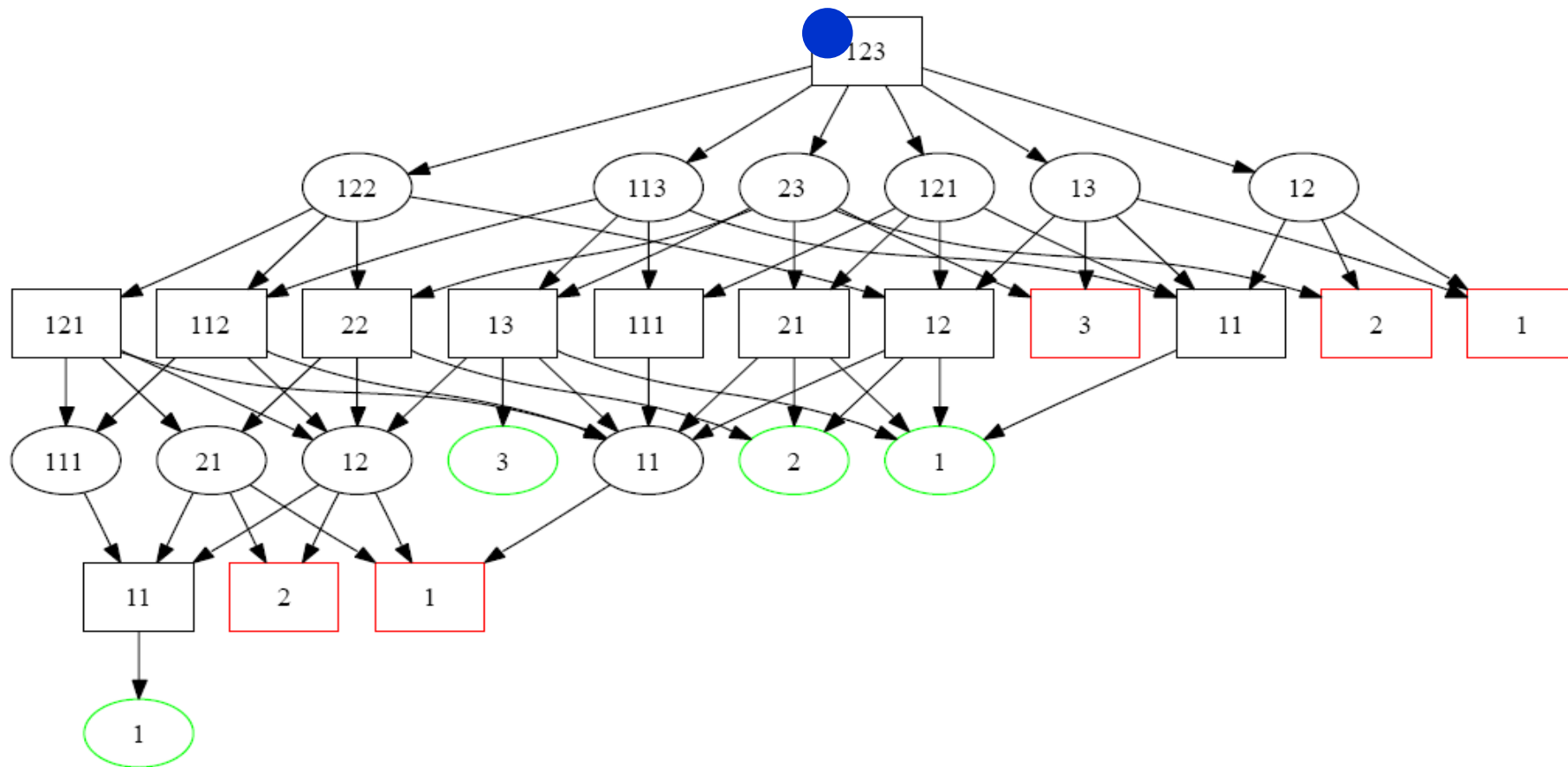
# Whose in Control?

- We use **graphs** with **vertices** for **states** and **edges** for **transitions**.
- **Ownership** is by using **two types of vertices**.

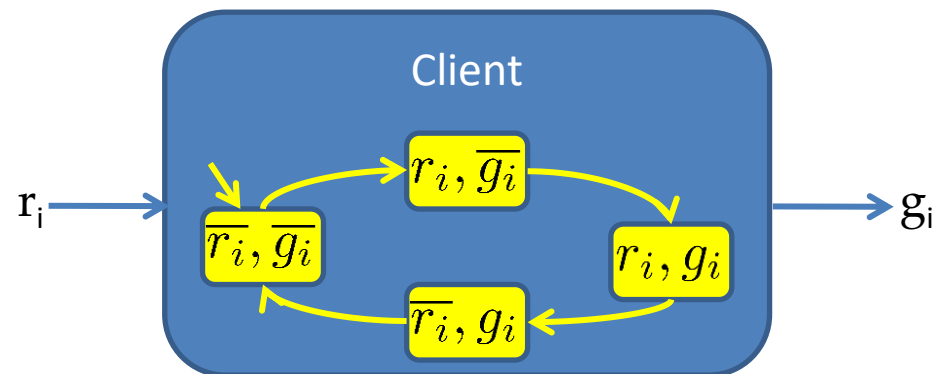




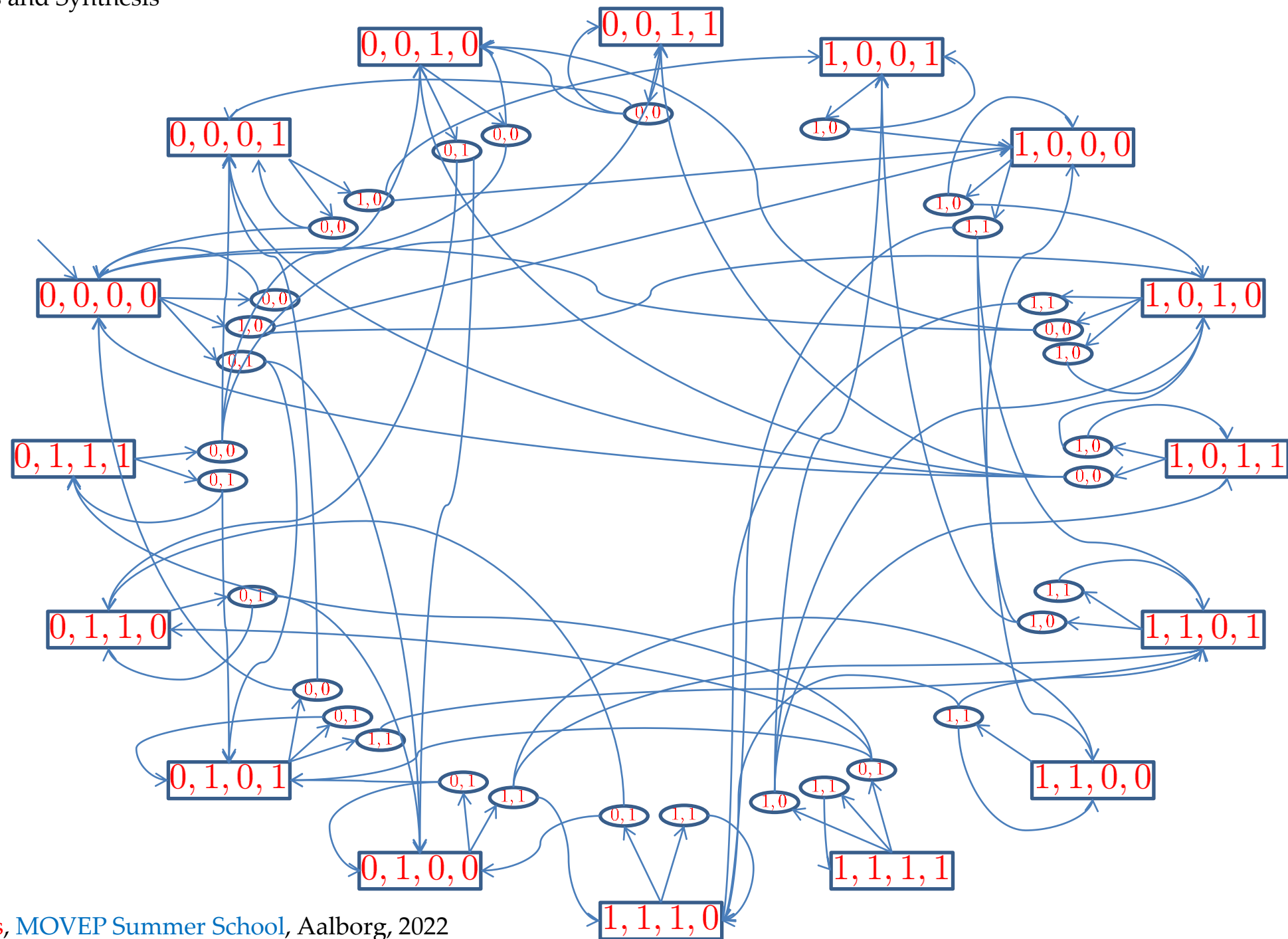
# A Play



# Arbiter







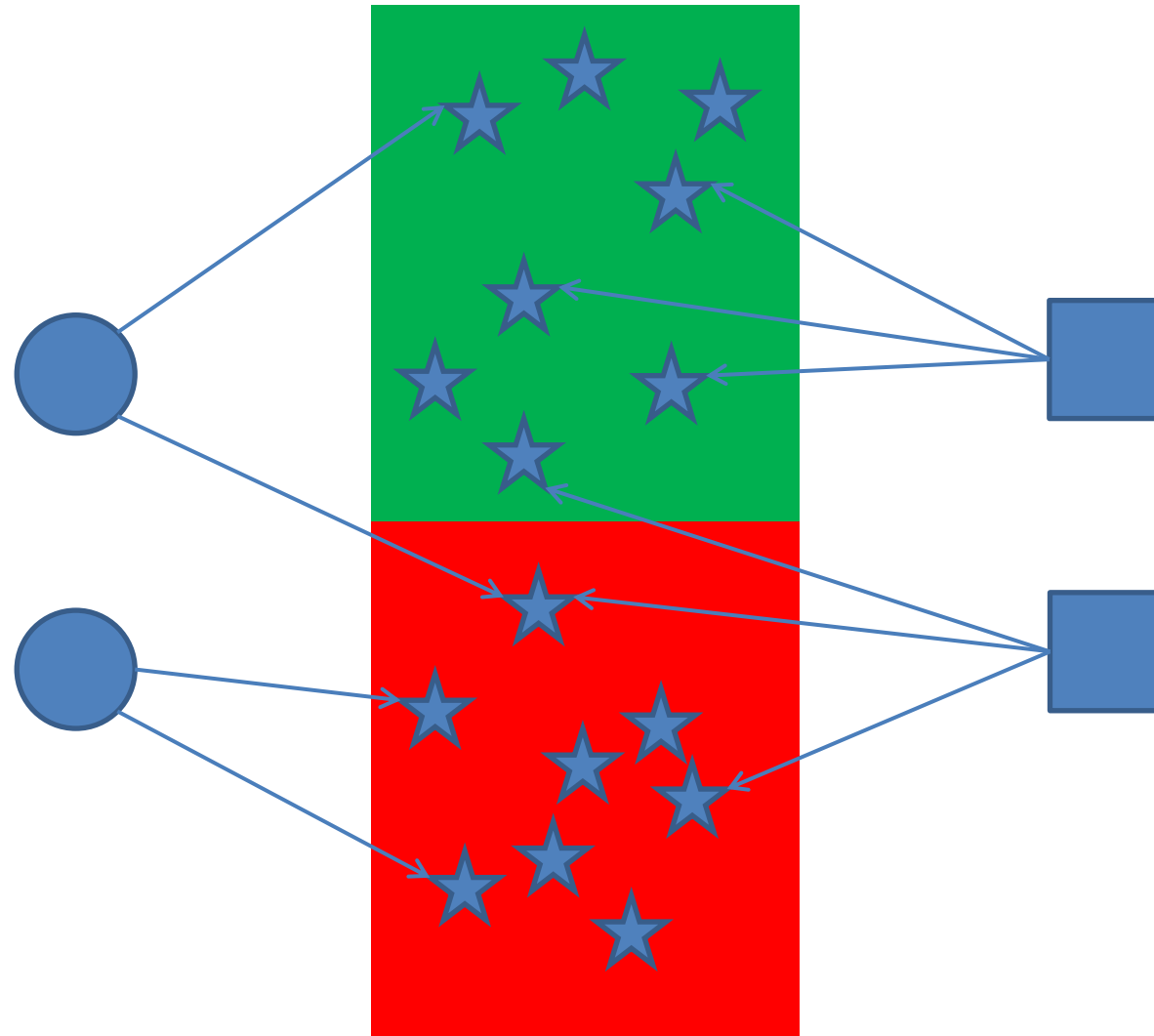
# Games

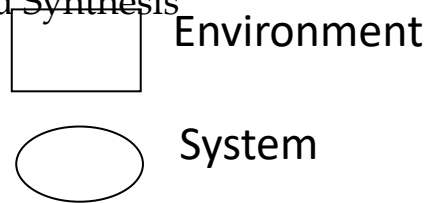
- Formally, a **game** is  $G = \langle V, V_0, V_1, E, \alpha \rangle$ , where
  - $V$  is a **set of nodes**.
  - $V_0$  and  $V_1$  form a **partition** of  $V$ .
  - $E \subseteq V \times V$  is a **set of edges**.
- A **play** is  $\pi = v_0, v_1, \dots$ 
  - $\alpha$  is a set of **winning plays**.
- A **strategy** for player  $i$  is a function  $f_i: V \rightarrow V$  such that  $(v, f_i(w \cdot v)) \in E$ .
- A play  $\pi = v_0, v_1, \dots$  is **compatible** with  $f_i$  if for every  $j \geq 0$  such that  $v_j \in V_i$  we have  $v_{j+1} = f_i(v_j)$ .
- A **strategy** for player  $i$  is **winning** if every play compatible with it is in  $\alpha$ . A **strategy** for player 1 is **winning** if every play compatible with it is not in  $\alpha$ .
- A node  $v$  is **won** by player  $i$  if she has a **winning strategy** for all plays starting from  $v$ .

From now on we mostly care about player 0!

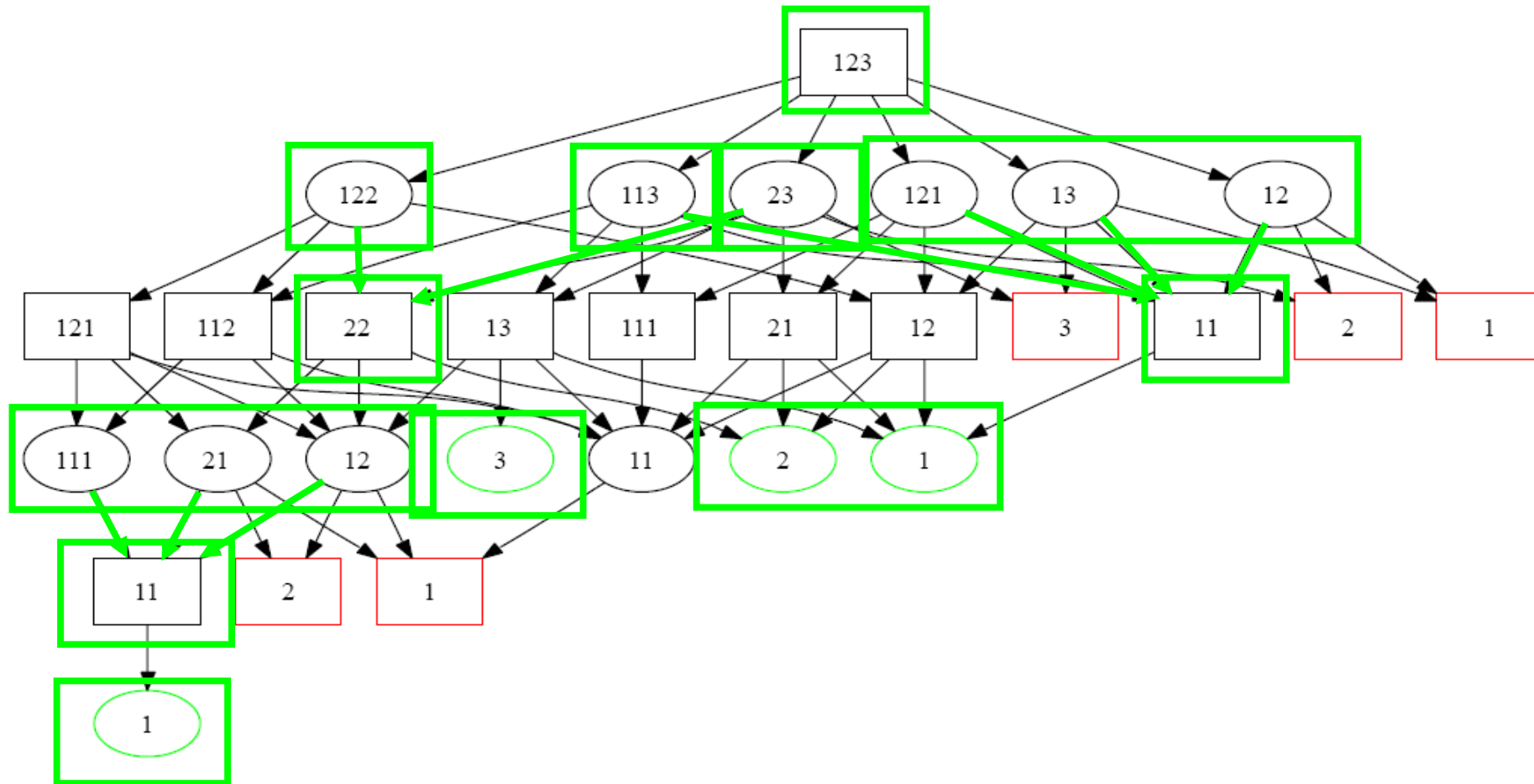
# Control Predecessor

- In control it is easier to walk backwards.





# Game Analysis



# Control Predecessor (for P0)

- Start from an set of nodes  $W \subseteq V$ .
- We want to say:
  - The system can **force** the environment to  $W$  in **one move**.
- That is:
  - Nodes  $v \in V_0$  for which **some successor** is in  $W$ .
  - Nodes  $v \in V_1$  for which **all successors** are in  $W$ .
- Formally:

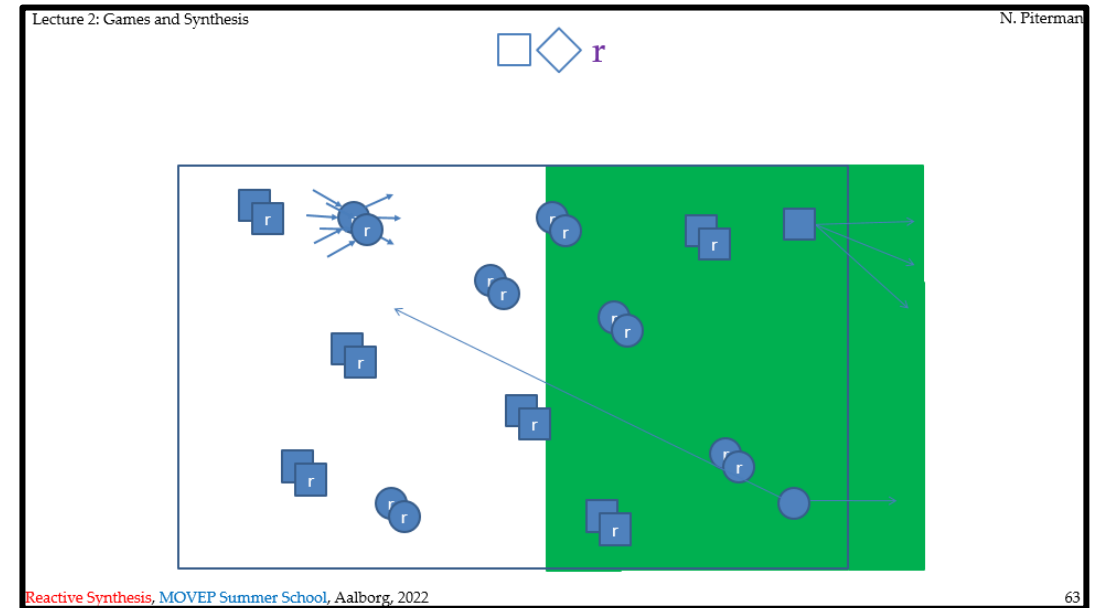
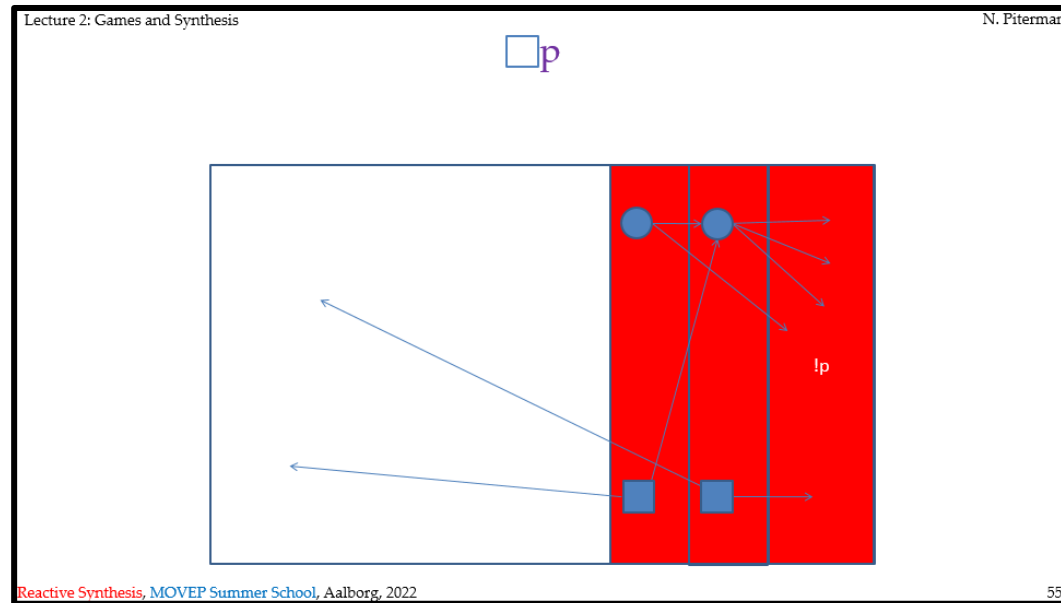
$$cpre(W) = \{v \in V_0 \mid \exists v' \in W. (v, v') \in E\} \cup \{v \in V_1 \mid \forall v'. (v, v') \in E \rightarrow v' \in W\}$$

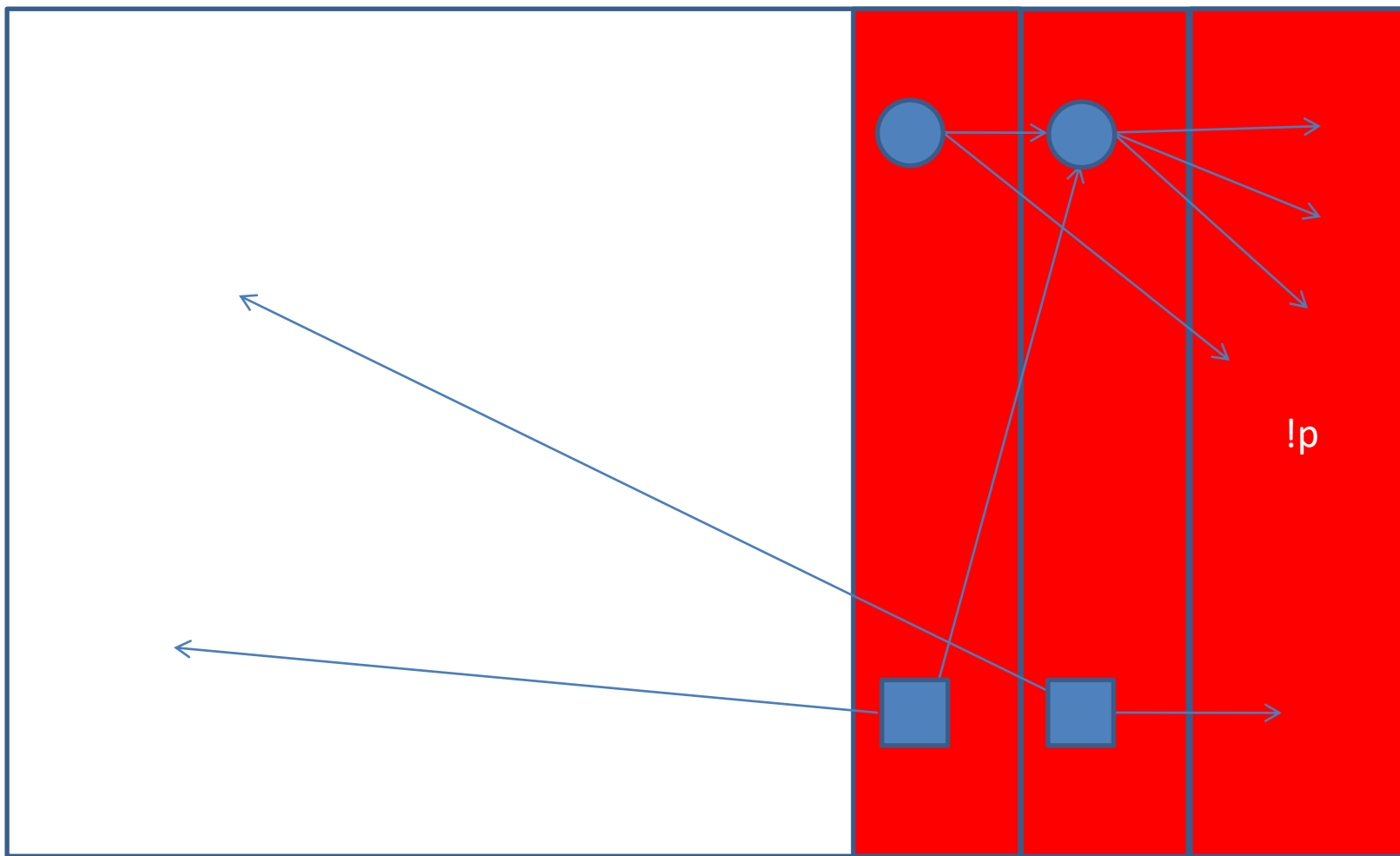
## Control Predecessor (for P1)

- Start from an set of nodes  $W \subseteq V$ .
- We want to say:
  - The environment can **force** the system to  $W$  in **one move**.
- That is:
  - Nodes  $v \in V_1$  for which **some successor** is in  $W$ .
  - Nodes  $v \in V_0$  for which **all successors** are in  $W$ .
- Formally:

$$cpre_1(W) = \{v \in V_1 \mid \exists v' \in W. (v, v') \in E\} \cup \{v \in V_0 \mid \forall v'. (v, v') \in E \rightarrow v' \in W\}$$

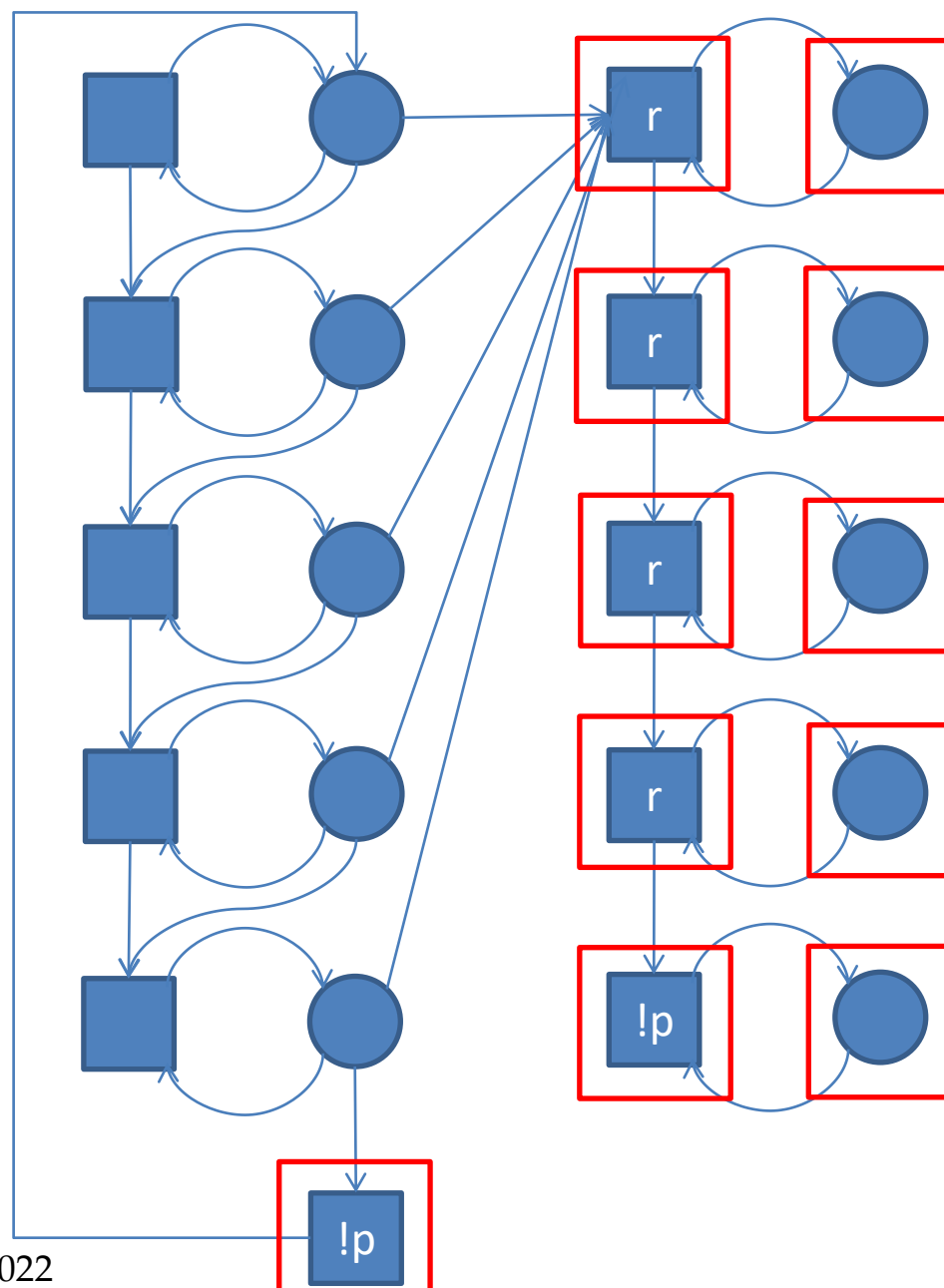
# Let's solve some games!

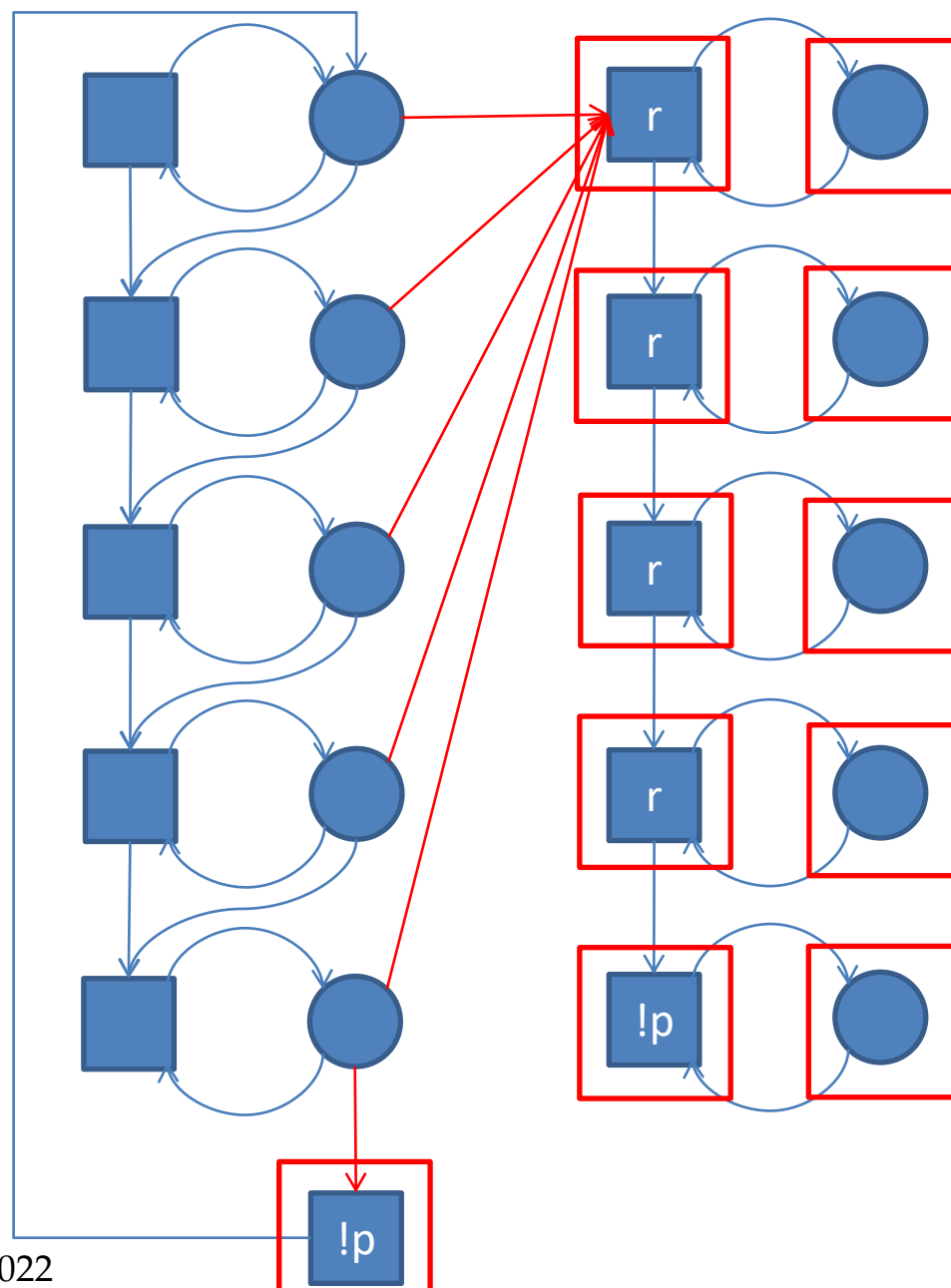


$\square p$ 



□p



$\square p$ 

# Safety Games

• Check that **P0** can enforce  $\Box p$ .

1. `fix (new := p)`
2. `new := new  $\wedge$  cpre(new)`
3. `end // fix`

**Lemma.** The algorithm computes the set of states winning for **P0** with objective  $\Box p$ .  
**Proof.** Later.

# Reachability Games

- Check that **P1** can enforce  $\diamond \neg p$ .

1. fix (new :=  $\neg p$ )
2.   new := new  $\vee$   $cpre_1$ (new)
3. end // fix

**Lemma.** The algorithm computes the set of states winning for **P1** with objective  $\diamond p$ .

**Proof.** Later.

$Attr_i(W)$  the set of nodes from which player  $i$  can force reaching  $W$ .

# Safety vs Reachability Games

- Goals  $\Box p$  for  $P0$  and  $\Diamond \neg p$  for  $P1$  are complementary.

1. `fix (new := p)`
2. `new := new  $\wedge$  cpre(new)`
3. `end // fix`

1. `fix (new :=  $\neg p$ )`
2. `new := new  $\vee$  cpre1(new)`
3. `end // fix`

# Safety Games

• Check that  $P0$  can enforce  $\Box p$ .

1. fix (new := p)
2.   new := new  $\wedge$  *cpre*(new)
3. end // fix

# Proof

```

1. fix (new := p)
2.   new := new  $\wedge$  cpre(new)
3. end // fix

```

- Suppose that  $\text{new}$  is not empty.

Consider  $v \in \text{new}$ . Clearly,  $v \in p$ . But also  $v \in \text{cpre}(\text{new})$ .

If  $v \in V_0$ , then  $v$  has a successor  $w$  such that  $w \in \text{new}$ .

If  $v \in V_1$ , then for every successor  $w$  of  $v$  we know  $w \in \text{new}$ .

- If there is a strategy s.t. every play compliant with it wins  $\square p$ .

Let  $\text{new}_0, \text{new}_1, \text{new}_2, \dots$  be the series of approximations of  $\text{new}$ . We prove by induction that for every  $v$  winning for  $\text{P0}$ ,  $v \in \text{new}_i$  for every  $i$ .

Clearly,  $v \in p$  implies  $v \in \text{new}_0$ .

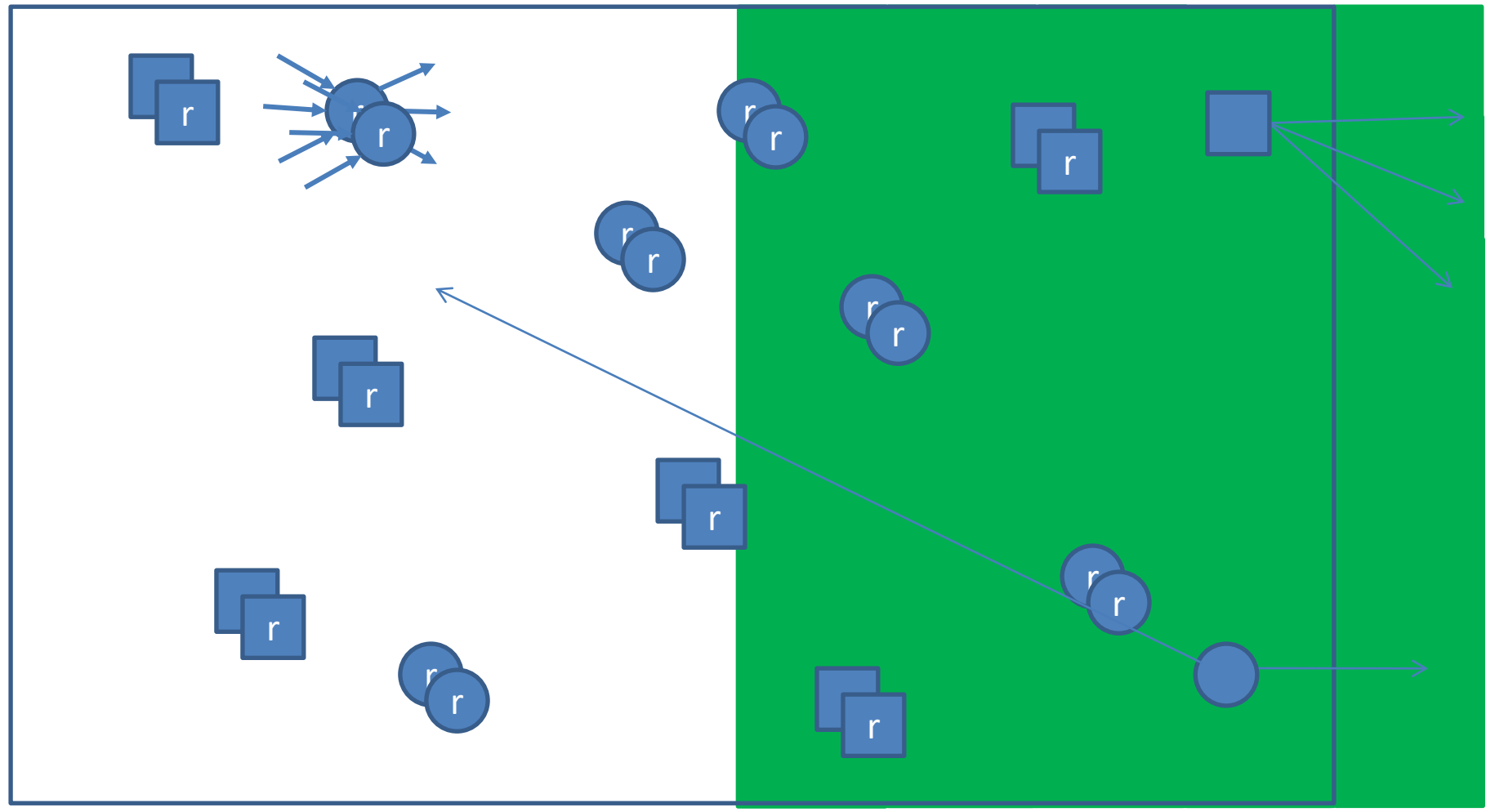
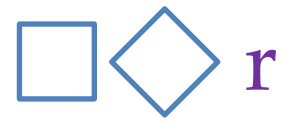
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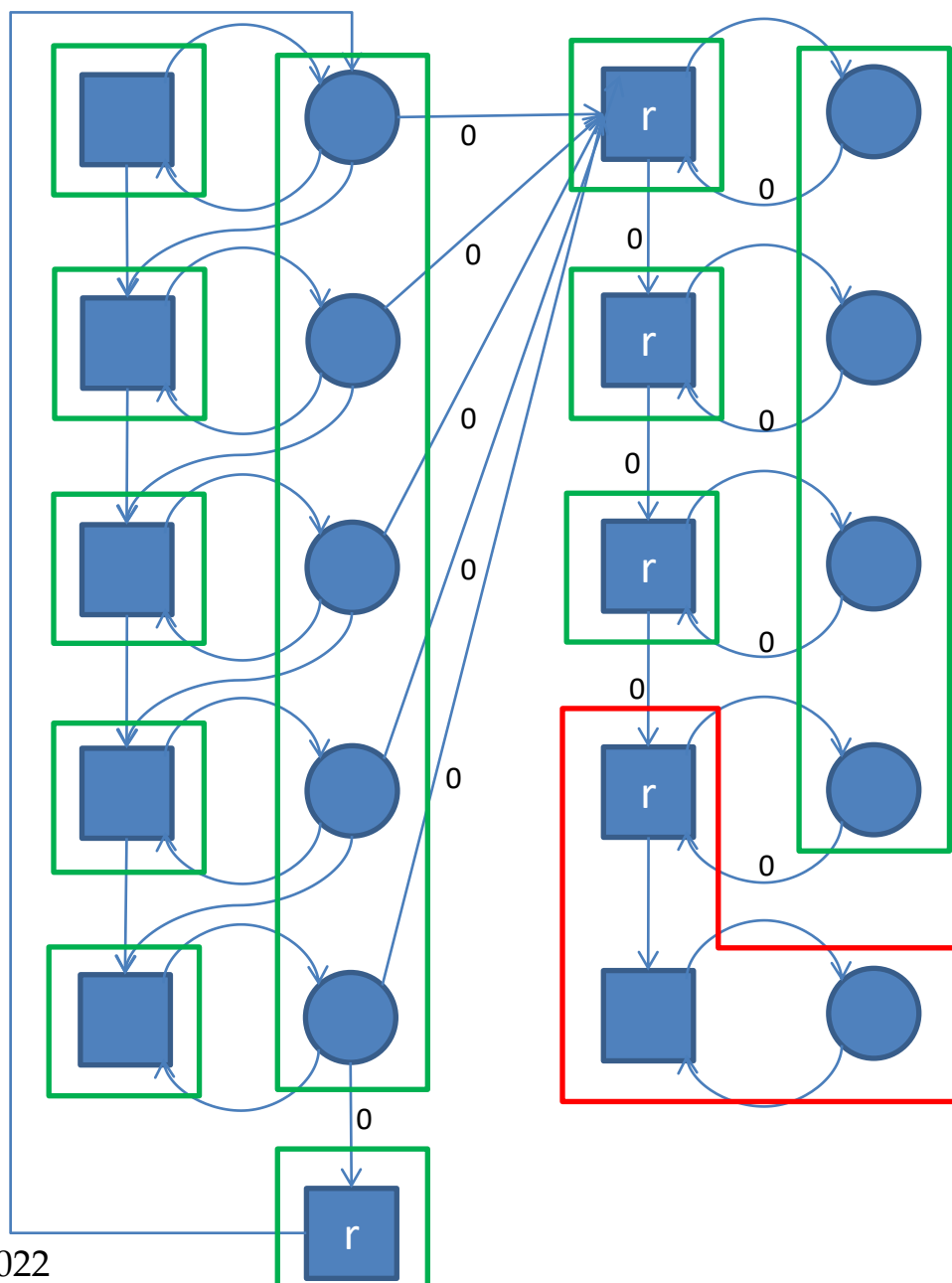
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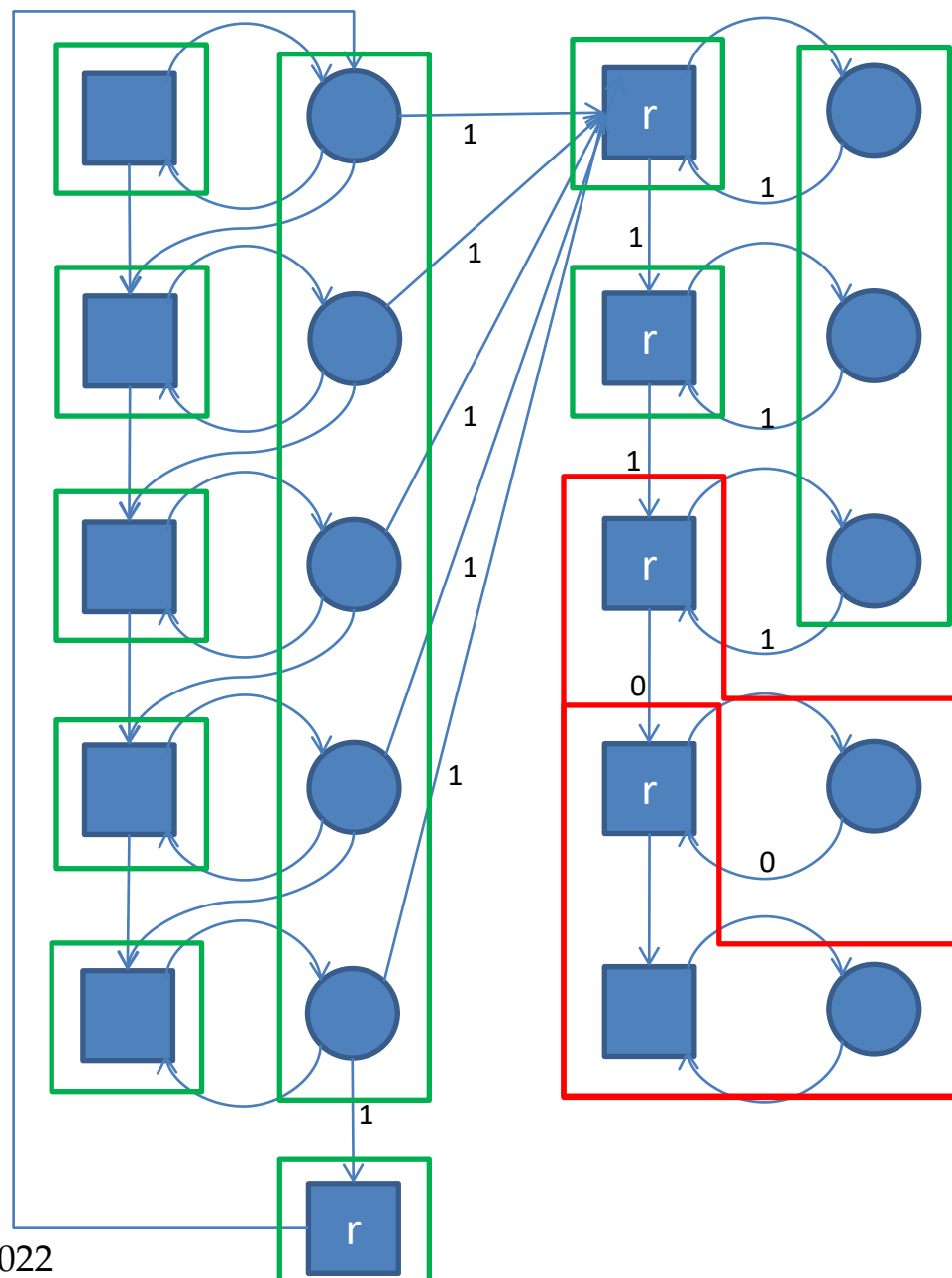
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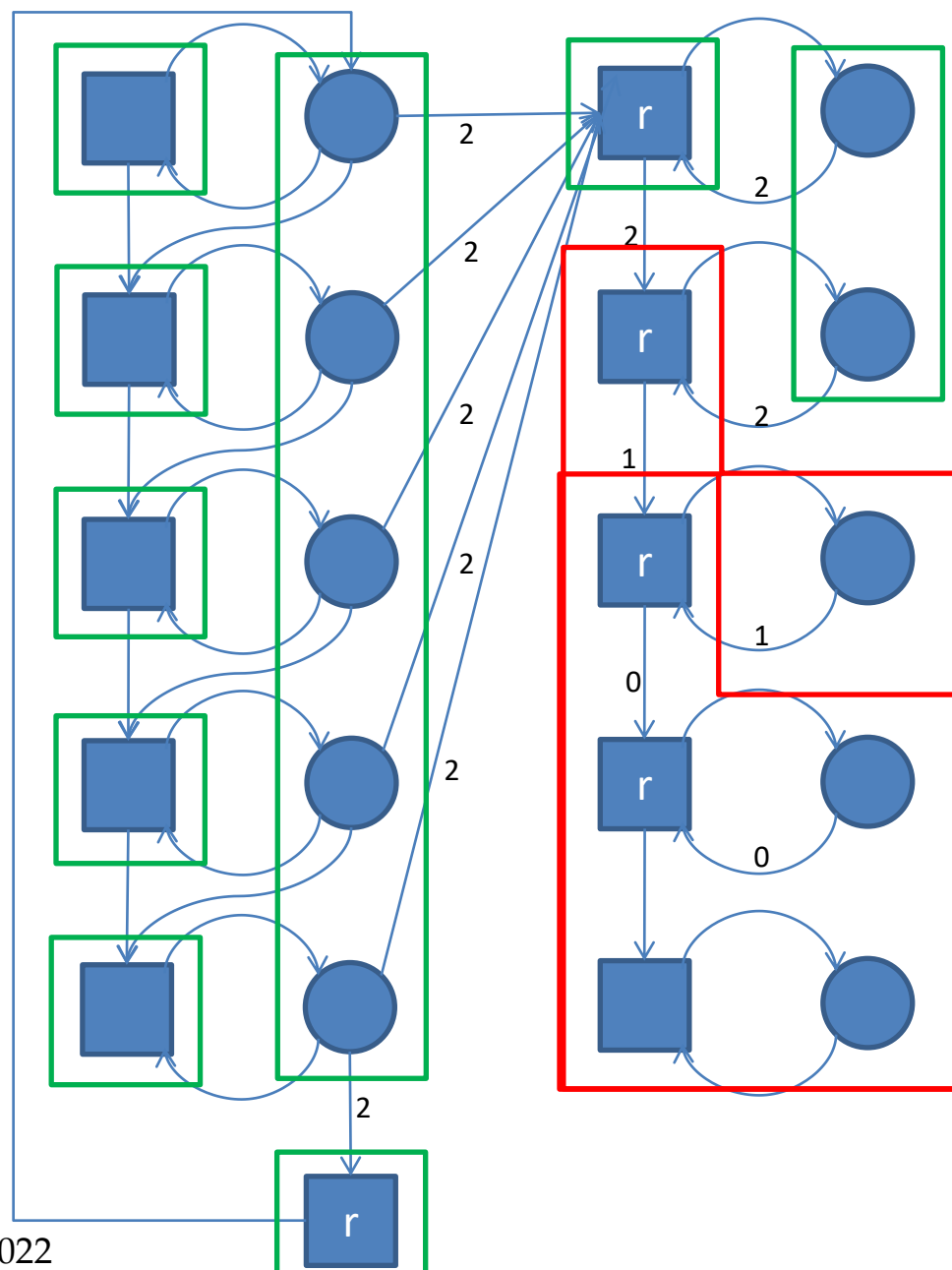
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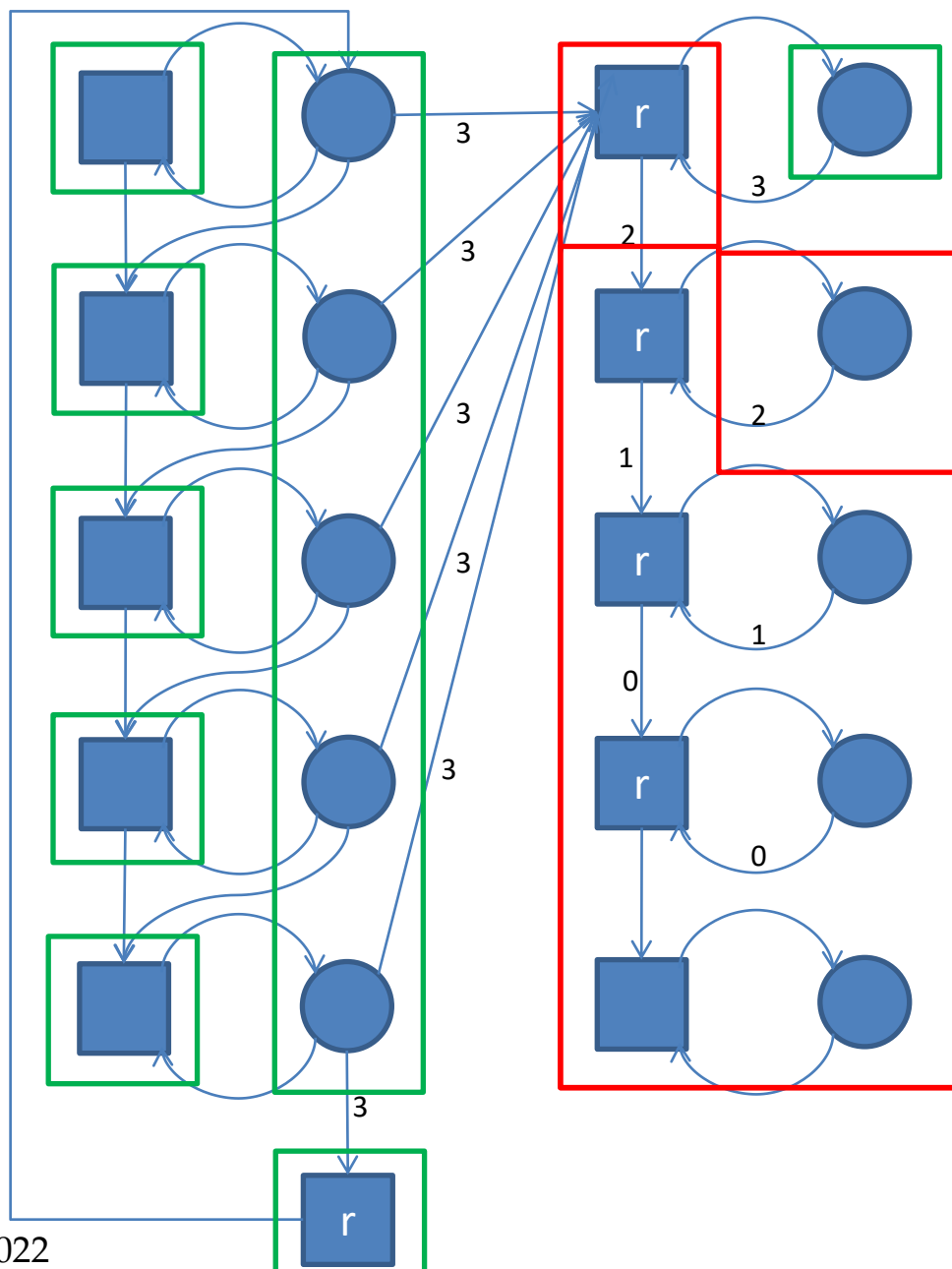


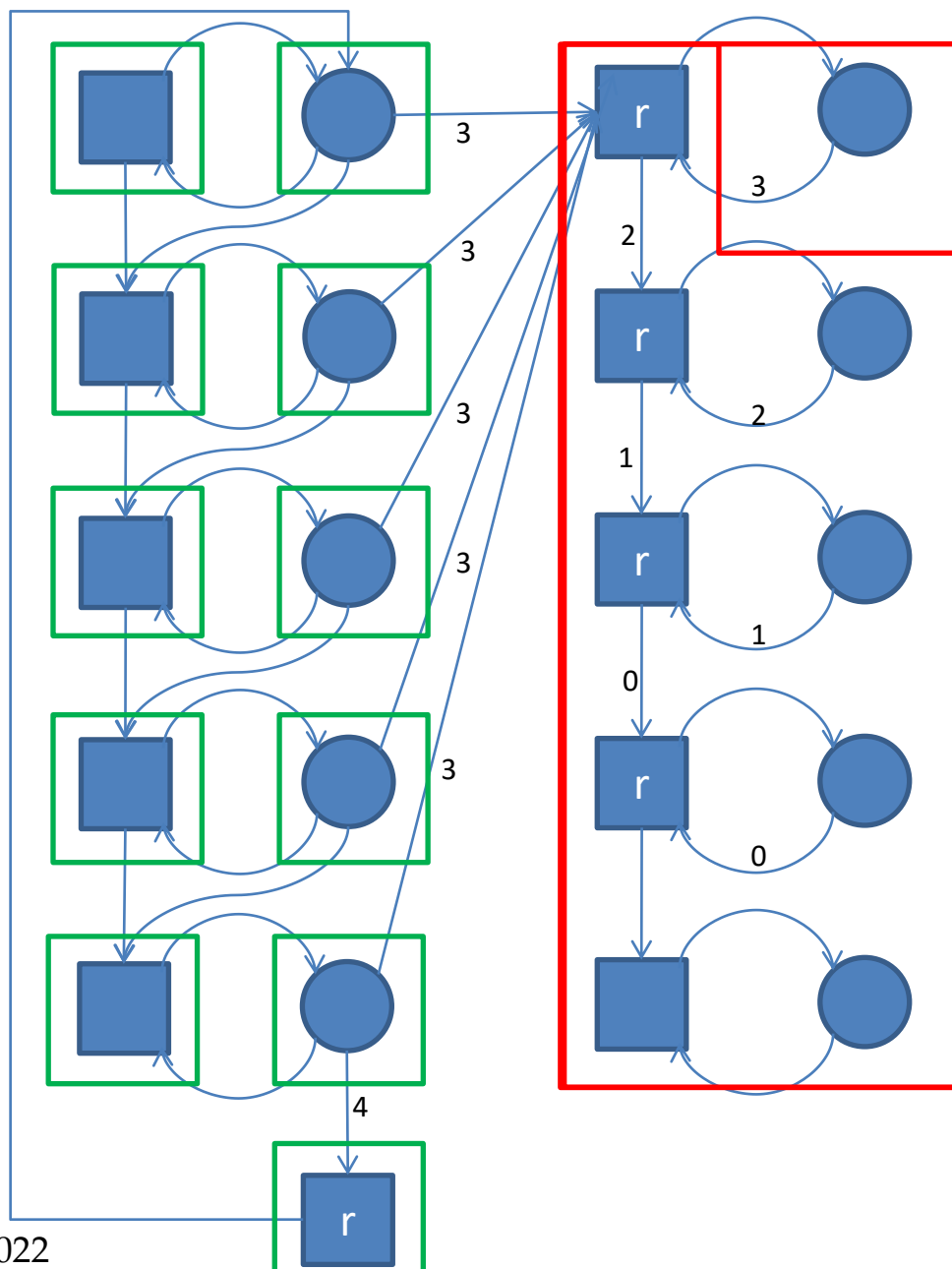


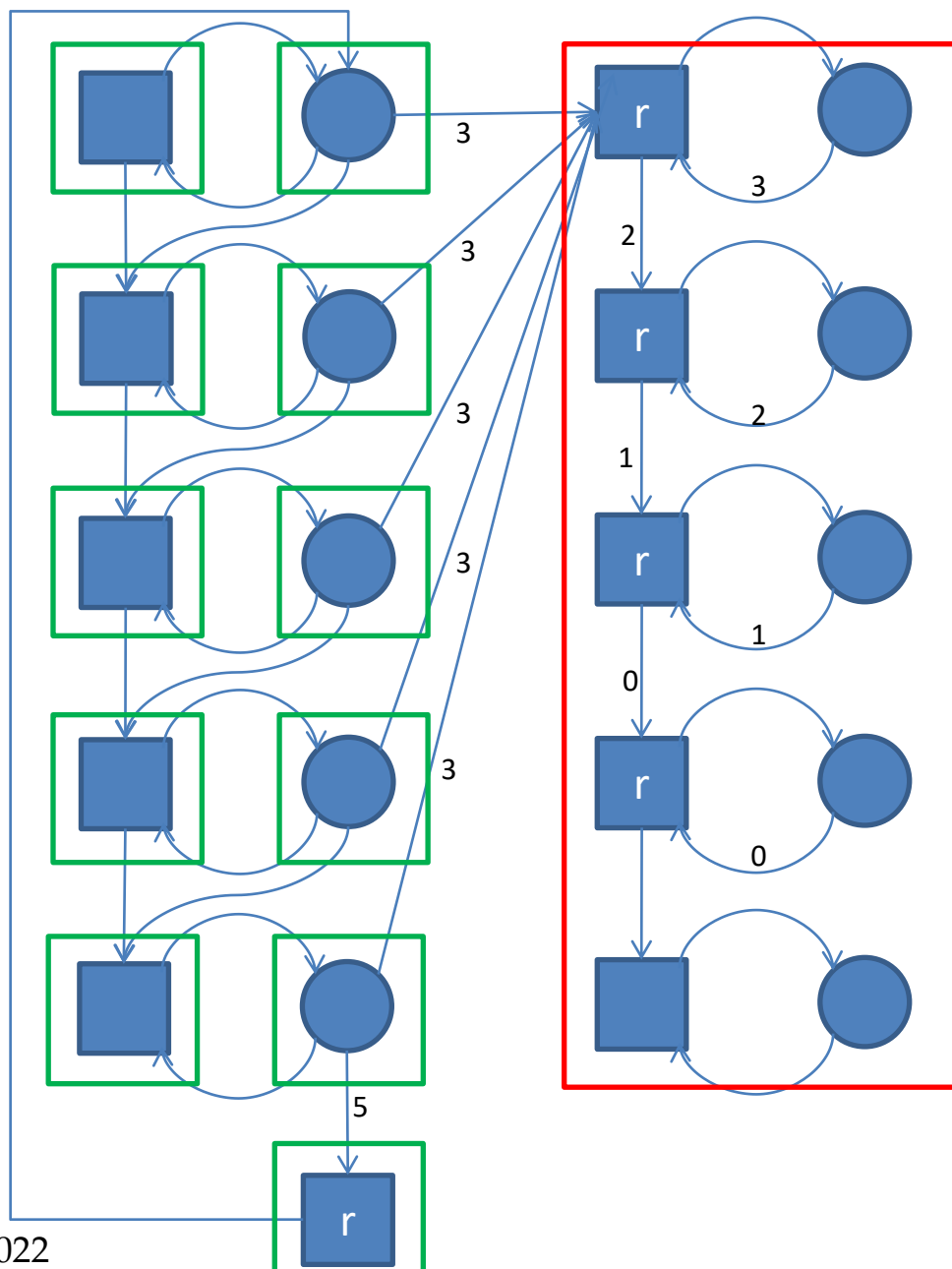


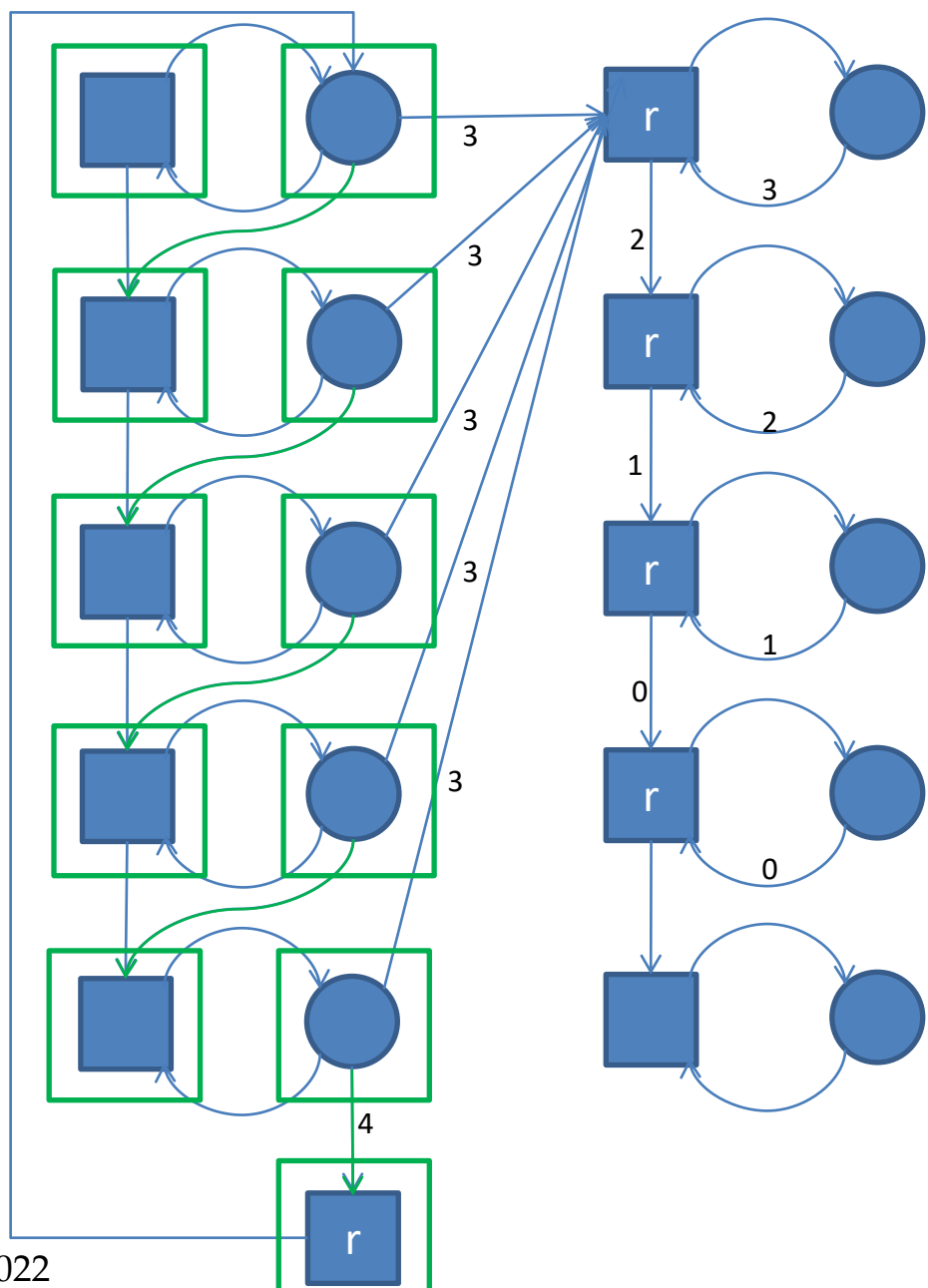












# Büchi Games

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Lemma. The algorithm computes the set of nodes winning for  $P0$  with objective  $\square\diamond p$ .



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# Proof (Control of Büchi –Soundness)

- Suppose that **greatest** is not empty. For the fixpoint to terminate, the inner fixpoint starting from this value recomputes it.
- Let **least**<sub>0</sub>, **least**<sub>1</sub>, **least**<sub>2</sub>, ... be the sequence of values that **least** has through the computation of this last iteration.
- Consider  $v \in \mathbf{greatest}$ . Let  $i_0$  be the index such that  $v \in \mathbf{least}_{i_0}$ . By definition of  $\mathbf{cpre}(\cdot)$ , **P0** can force a successor  $w$  of  $v$ . But then,  $w \in \mathbf{least}_{i_1}$  for some  $i_1 < i_0$ .
- This shows that **P0** can ensure to reach  $\mathbf{least}_0 = p \wedge \mathbf{cpre}(\mathbf{greatest})$ . So it ensures a visit  $p$ .
- But now  $\mathbf{least}_0 = p \wedge \mathbf{cpre}(\mathbf{greatest})$ . So in the next step **P0** forces **least** <sub>$j$</sub>  for some  $j$  and repeat this process.
- **P0** can enforce  $\square \lozenge p$ .

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# Proof (Control of Büchi - completeness)

- If there is a strategy  $f$  s.t. every play compliant with it wins  $\Box\Diamond p$ .
- Every node  $v$  from which  $f$  is winning remains in every approximation of the fixpoint **greatest**:
  - From  $v$  there is a maximum on the length of paths to reach  $p$  (König's lemma).
  - Prove by induction on the number of iterations in the first fixpoint that  $\text{win} \subseteq \text{greatest}$ .
  - For  $\text{greatest}_0 = V$  this is clear.
  - Assume  $\text{win} \subseteq \text{greatest}_i$ . Then for every node  $v \in \text{win}$  it must be that  $v \in \text{least}_j$  for the distance to reach  $p \wedge \text{win}$ .

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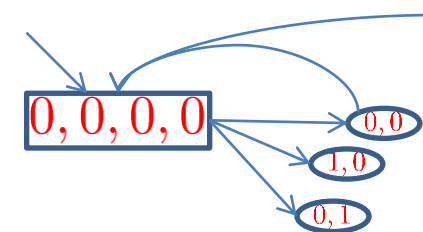
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# Strategy

- A **strategy** is the way of **enforcing** the **goal**.
- Let  $D$  be some **memory domain** and let  $d_0$  be an **initial memory value**. Elements in the memory domain recall **facts** about the **history** of play so far.
- A **strategy** for player  $i$  is a function  $f_i: V^* \cdot V_0 \rightarrow V$  such that  $(v, f_i(w \cdot v)) \in E$ .
- We look to replace  $V^*$  by some (finite) domain  $D$ . Then, instead of considering  $V$  we could consider  $D \times V$ .
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# What about Synthesis?

- Our goal is to **construct** a **Mealy machine** that realizes the **specification**.
  - A Mealy machine from every state reads **input** and answers with **output**.
- A **node** in the game corresponding to choice of **input** will be followed by **node** corresponding to choice of **output**.
- We can define a specialized game with nodes in  $2^{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}}$ .
- We can define the **winning condition** with an **LTl** formula over  $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}$ . A **play** naturally corresponds to a **possible model**.
- For a set of nodes  $W$ , define
 
$$cpre(W) = \{v \mid \forall x \in 2^{\mathcal{I}} . \exists y \in 2^{\mathcal{O}} . (x \cup y) \in W\}$$
- When computing the **set of winning states**, check that for every  $x \in 2^{\mathcal{I}}$  there is  $y \in 2^{\mathcal{O}}$  such that  $x \cup y$  is winning.



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# From Strategy to System

Consider a strategy  $f_0: D \times 2^J \rightarrow D \times 2^O$  and let  $d_0 \in D$  be the **initial memory** value.

Construct the machine  $M = \langle \Sigma, \Delta, D, \delta, d_0, L \rangle$  with:

$$\Sigma = 2^J$$

$$\Delta = 2^O$$

$$\delta(d, i) = f_0(d, i) \downarrow_1$$

$$L(d, i) = f_0(d, i) \downarrow_2$$

What's the **memory** domain in the cases we've seen?

## Winning $\rightarrow$ Realizability

Consider a run  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  and the corresponding computation  $c = (\sigma_0, L(q_0, \sigma_0)), (\sigma_1, L(q_1, \sigma_1)), \dots$  of  $M$ .

- i. For every  $i \in 2^J$  there is  $o \in 2^O$  s.t.  $(i, o)$  is winning.
- ii. By  $f$  winning  $c$  satisfies the formula.

## Realizability $\rightarrow$ Winning

Take a machine  $M$  and use it to construct the winning strategy.  
A play in the game is a computation of the machine.

# Memorize Intermediate Values

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4.   end // fix least
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1. fix (greatest :=  $V$ )
2.    $cY := 0$ ;
3.   fix (least :=  $p \wedge cpre$ (greatest))
4.      $y[cY] := least$ ;
5.     least := least  $\vee cpre$ (least)
6.      $cY := cY + 1$ ;
7.   end // fix least
8.   greatest := least
9. end // fix greatest
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# Construct the Realizing Machine

- Given  $G = \langle 2^{J \cup O} \cup (2^{J \cup O} \times 2^J), 2^{J \cup O} \times 2^J, 2^{J \cup O}, E, \square \diamond p \rangle$ .

$$E = \{((i, o), (i, o, i')), ((i, o, i'), (i', o'))\}$$

- Construct a  $M = \langle 2^J, 2^O, 2^{J \cup O}, \delta, s_0, L \rangle$ :

$$\delta((i, o), i') = \begin{cases} \{(i', o') \mid (i', o') \text{ is winning}\} & (i, o) \in p \\ \{(i', o') \mid (i', o') \in y[\leq j]\} & (i, o) \in y[j + 1] \end{cases}$$

# Summary

- Starting from an LTL formula  $\varphi$ , **construct** the game  $G = \langle 2^{J \cup O} \cup (2^{J \cup O} \times 2^J), 2^{J \cup O} \times 2^J, 2^{J \cup O}, E, \varphi \rangle$ .
- **Compute** the set **win**.
- If for every  $i \in 2^J$  there is  $o \in 2^O$  such that  $(i, o) \in \text{win}$  then declare  $\varphi$  **realizable**.
- Extract from the **winning strategy** a realizing Machine.
  
- But we only know to solve **reachability/safety** and **Büchi** games.
- What about **general LTL**?

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# Lectures Outline

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## From Logic to Graphs?

How to embed the **logical** winning condition  
into the **graph** notation?

# Automata as Acceptors

- Systems with **discrete states**.
- Formally,  $A = \langle \Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0, \alpha \rangle$ , where
  - $\Sigma$  – a **finite** input alphabet.
  - $Q$  – a **finite** set of states.
  - $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  – a **transition function**. Associates with **state**  $a_i$  and **input letter** a set of **successor states**.
  - $q_0$  – an **initial state**.
  - $\alpha \subseteq Q$  – a set of **accepting states**.
- An **input word**  $w = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  is a sequence of letters from  $\Sigma$ .
- A **run**  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w$  is a sequence of states starting from  $q_0$  such that for every  $i \geq 0$  we have  $q_{i+1} \in \delta(q_i, \sigma_i)$ .
- A **run** is **accepting** if for infinitely many  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $q_i \in \alpha$ .
- A **word** is **accepted** if some run over it is **accepting**.
- The **language** of  $A$ , denoted  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ , is the set of words accepted by  $A$ .

Nondeterministic Büchi Automata

## From LTL to Büchi Automata

**Theorem.** Given an LTL formula  $\varphi$  we can construct a nondeterministic Büchi automaton  $N_\varphi$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(N_\varphi) = \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$ .

The size of  $N_\varphi$  is exponential in the length of  $\varphi$ .

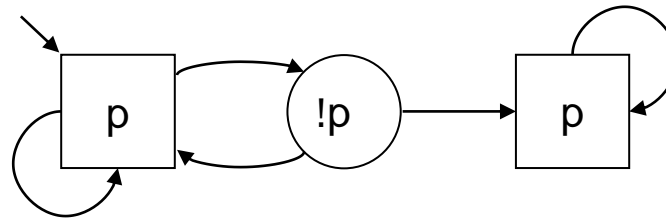
Intuitively, if  $\text{sub}(\varphi)$  is the set of subformulas of  $\varphi$ , a state of  $N_\varphi$  corresponds to a set of subformulas that are true (in an accepting run).

# Control with Automaton Observer

Visit finitely many not- $p$ 's  $\diamond \square p$

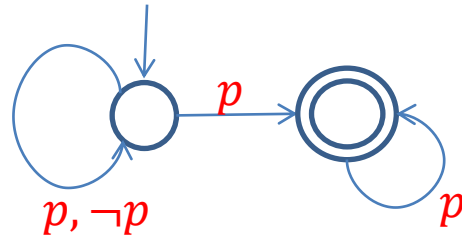
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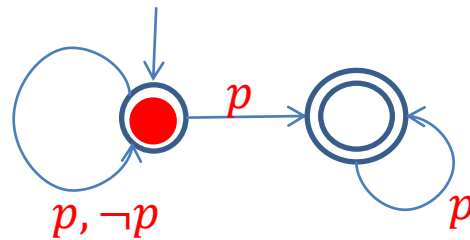
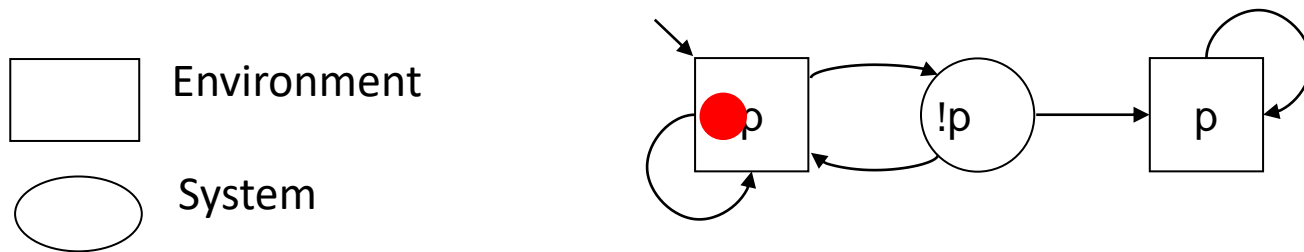


NBW for  $\diamond \square p$ 

- NBW for  $\varphi = \diamond \square p$ :



# Nondeterminism is bad



# What went wrong?

- The automaton is **nondeterministic**.
- It makes **predictions** regarding the **future** and **aborts** runs that do not match these **predictions**.
- In the context of **games nondeterminism** is added as choice of one side:
  - If the **system** resolves **nondeterminism**, it has to find a solution that matches **all possible futures**.
  - If the **environment** resolves **nondeterminism**, the system must force **all runs to be accepting**.

## Solution: Determinism

- If the **automaton** were **deterministic**, there would be **no added choice!**
- We create a **synchronous parallel composition** of the **automaton** with the **game**.
- **Solve** the resulting **game**.
- **Extract system** from winning **strategy**.



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Nondeterministic Parity Automata

# Synchronous Composition of Games

- Consider a **game**  $G = \langle V, V_0, V_1, E, \varphi \rangle$  and a **deterministic** (with respect to entire alphabet  $\Sigma$ ) automaton  $A_\varphi = \langle \Sigma, D, \delta, d_0, \beta \rangle$ .
- Their **synchronous parallel composition** ( $G \parallel A_\varphi$ ) is the game,  $\hat{G} = \langle \hat{V}, \hat{V}_0, \hat{V}_1, \hat{E}, \gamma \rangle$  where:
  - $\hat{V} = D \times V$  – a new node holds a game node and an automaton state..
  - $\hat{E} = \{(d, v), (d', v') \mid (v, v') \in E \text{ and } d' = \delta(d, L(v))\}$  – the transitions of the automaton are updated.
  - $\gamma(d, v) = \beta(d)$  – acceptance only considers the acceptance of the automaton.
- The results is a **parity** game.

# Deterministic Automata Work!

**Theorem.** P0 wins  $G$  with winning condition  $\varphi$  iff P0 wins  $G \parallel A_\varphi$ , where  $A_\varphi$  is a deterministic automaton for  $\varphi$ .

- ⇒ If P0 wins  $G$  all she has to do in  $G \parallel A_\varphi$  is to use the same strategy. Every play in  $G \parallel A_\varphi$  corresponds to a play in  $G$  and the unique run of  $A_\varphi$  that reads this play. But the play satisfies  $\varphi$ , so the run must be accepting. So the play in  $G \parallel A_\varphi$  is winning for P0 as well.
- ⇐ If P0 wins  $G \parallel A_\varphi$  she can use the states of  $A_\varphi$  as (part of) the memory in  $G$ . She will then be able to use the winning strategy from  $G \parallel A_\varphi$ . Now, a play in  $G$  corresponds to an accepting run of  $A_\varphi$ . But then the play satisfies  $\varphi$ , which means that P0 wins.

## Two tiny issues ...

- How do we get a deterministic parity automata for LTL?
- How do we solve a parity games?

# Deterministic Automata

- Well, the answer is simple: construct a **nondeterministic automaton** and **determinize** it!
- Starting from an automaton with  $n$  states:
  - Create an automaton with  $O((n!)^2)$  states and  $2n$  rank.
- **Subset construction** augmented with a **tree structure**. Will not be shown.

# Solving parity Games

Func **main**()

1. Return **even\_parity**(0,  $\emptyset$ );

End // Func **main**

Func **even\_parity**(i, win)

1. fix (greatest :=  $V$ )

2.     greatest := win  $\vee (\{v | \alpha(v) = i\} \wedge cpre(\text{greatest}))$

3.     if (i != max)

4.         greatest := **odd\_parity**(i+1, greatest)

5.     end // fix greatest

6. Return greatest;

End // Func **even\_parity**

Func **odd\_parity**(i, win)

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2.     least := win  $\vee (\{v | \alpha(v) \geq i\} \wedge cpre(\text{least}))$

3.     if (i != max)

4.         least := **even\_parity**(i+1, least)

5.     end // fix least

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## Proof (Soundness)

- Suppose that  $\text{win}$  is not empty. Have the intermediate least fixpoint approximations:  $\text{least}_0^p, \text{least}_1^p, \text{least}_2^p, \dots$  for an odd parity  $p$ .
- Consider  $v \in \text{win}$ . Let  $i_1, i_3, \dots, i_m$  be the indices such that  $v \in \text{least}_{i_j}^j$ . By definition of  $\text{cpre}(\cdot)$ ,  $P0$  can force a successor  $w$  of  $v$ . But then, either (a) for some even  $j$  we have  $v \in \alpha(j)$  and  $w$  has  $i'_1, i'_3, \dots, i'_m$  such that for  $j' < j$  we have  $i'_{j'} \leq i_{j'}$ , or (b) there is some  $j$  such that  $w$  has  $i'_1, i'_3, \dots, i'_m$ , for  $j' < j$  we have  $i'_{j'} = i_{j'}$ , and for  $j$  we have  $i'_j < i_j$ .
- Consider an infinite path and what happens to these numbers. There must be an even priority that is “reset” infinitely often, showing that  $P0$  wins.

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Func odd_parity(i, win)
1. fix (least := ∅)
2.   least := win ∨ ({v | α(v) ≥ i} ∧ cpre(least))
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## To Summarize

- Start with a **game structure**  $G$  with **winning condition**  $\varphi$ .
  - Construct a **deterministic automaton**  $A_\varphi$  for  $\varphi$ .
  - Construct the **product**  $G \parallel A_\varphi$ .
  - **Solve** the game  $G \parallel A_\varphi$ .
  - Construct a **winning strategy** for  $G \parallel A_\varphi$ .
  - **Construct** from the **winning strategy** a **Mealy machine** realizing  $\varphi$ .
- $|\varphi| = n$   
 $|A_\varphi| = 2^{2^{O(n \log n)}}$   
 $|\alpha| = 2^n$   
 $2^{2^{O(n^2 \log n)}}$

The problem is **2EXPTIME**-complete.

- **Determinization** is an issue.
- **Practical** solutions of **parity games**.



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# Lectures Outline

- Introduction
- Automata and Linear Temporal Logic
- Games and Synthesis
- General LTL Synthesis
- [Bypassing Determinization](#)
- Current Research Directions

# Two Ways to Avoid Determinization

- Replace by **counting**:
  - Search for **bounded** strategy.
  - Express winning through **safety games**.
  - Limited **determinization** through **counting**.
  - Translate to an **SMT** problem.
- Concentrate on **simpler specifications**:
  - Both system and environment are **Büchi automata**.
  - Enforce “**deterministic**” specification.
  - State-space exponential. Exponent linear.

Lecture 4: Bypassing Determinization N. Piterman

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  - $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^O$ :
 
$$\rho = \left( \bigwedge_{q \in Q, x \in 2^I} (q \wedge O x \rightarrow O L(q, x) \bigvee_{q \in \delta(q, x)} O q) \right)$$
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# Nondeterministic Büchi Automata

- Systems with **discrete states**.
- Formally,  $A = \langle \Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0, \alpha \rangle$ , where
  - $\Sigma$  – a **finite** input alphabet.
  - $Q$  – a **finite** set of states.
  - $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$  – a **transition function**. Associates with **state** and an **input letter** a set of **successor states**.
  - $q_0$  – an **initial state**.
  - $\alpha \subseteq Q$  – a set of **accepting states**.
- An **input word**  $w = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  is a sequence of letters from  $\Sigma$ .
- A **run**  $r = q_0, q_1, \dots$  over  $w$  is a sequence of states starting from  $q_0$  such that for every  $i \geq 0$  we have  $q_{i+1} \in \delta(q_i, \sigma_i)$ .
- A **run** is **accepting** if for infinitely many  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $q_i \in \alpha$ .
- A **word** is **accepted** if some run over it is **accepting**.
- The **language** of  $A$ , denoted  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ , is the set of words accepted by  $A$ .

# LTL Model Checking

**Theorem.** Given an LTL formula  $\varphi$  over propositions  $\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}$  we can construct a nondet Büchi automaton  $N_{\neg\varphi}$  over alphabet  $2^{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(N_{\neg\varphi}) = (2^{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}})^\omega \setminus \mathcal{L}(\varphi)$ .

- We have:
  - Mealy machine  $M = \langle 2^{\mathcal{I}}, 2^{\mathcal{I}}, Q, \delta, q_0, L \rangle$
  - Büchi automaton  $N_{\neg\varphi} = \langle 2^{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}}, S, \rho, s_0, \alpha \rangle$
- Construct:
  - $M \times N_{\neg\varphi} = \langle 2^{\mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{O}}, Q \times S, \delta', (q_0, s_0), Q \times \alpha \rangle$ , where
 
$$\delta'((q, s), (i, o)) = \{(q', s') \mid \delta(s, i) = s', L(s, i) = o, \text{ and } q' \in \rho(q, (i, o))\}$$
- An accepting run  $r = (q_0, s_0), (q_1, s_1), \dots$  on word  $w = \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$  is exactly a computation of  $M$  accepted by  $N_{\neg\varphi}$ .
- But we are interested in the case that  $M \models \varphi \dots$

# Analyze the Graph

- Assume that  $M \times N_{\neg\varphi} = \langle 2^{J \cup O}, Q \times S, \delta', (q_0, s_0), Q \times \alpha \rangle$  is empty ( $M \models \varphi$ ).
- Every run of  $M \times N_{\neg\varphi}$  contains **finitely** many **accepting** states in  $Q \times \alpha$ .
- But how many?
  - Think about  $M \times N_{\neg\varphi}$  as a graph.
  - If there are more than  $|\alpha| \cdot |S|$  **accepting** states on a path then this is an **accepting loop**.
  - Create a **proof** that  $M \times N_{\neg\varphi}$  is **empty** by adding a function  $f: Q \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that:
    - $f(q_0, s_0) = |\alpha| \cdot |S|$
    - If for some  $(i, o)$  we have  $(q', s') \in \delta'((q, s), (i, o))$  then:
      - If  $s \in \alpha$  then  $f(q, s) > f(q', s')$ .
      - If  $s \notin \alpha$  then  $f(q, s) \geq f(q', s')$ .

# Bounded Synthesis

- Remember, given  $\varphi$  (and  $N_{\neg\varphi} = \langle 2^{J \cup O}, S, \rho, s_0, \alpha \rangle$ ) we want a machine  $M$  s.t.  $M \models \varphi$ .
- What if we search for a machine with at most  $m$  states?
- We can just “nondeterministically guess” its structure along with the proof that it satisfies  $\varphi$ .
- Create an SMT instance  $\Gamma$ :
  - Variables encoding transitions:  
For  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\sigma \in 2^J$  have  $tr_{j,\sigma} \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .
  - Variables encoding outputs:  
For  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\sigma \in 2^J$  have  $l_{j,\sigma} \in 2^O$ .
  - Variables encoding Büchi proof:  
For  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $s \in S$  have  $f_{j,s} \in \{0, \dots, m \cdot |S|, T\}$  ( $T > T$  and for all  $k, T > k$ ).
  - Add constraints:  
 $f_{0,s_0} \neq T$   
 If  $s' \in \rho(s, \sigma, l_{j,\sigma})$  and  $s \in \alpha$  then  $f_{j,s} > f_{tr_{j,\sigma},s'}$ .  
 If  $s' \in \rho(s, \sigma, l_{j,\sigma})$  and  $s \notin \alpha$  then  $f_{j,s} \geq f_{tr_{j,\sigma},s'}$ .
- If  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable there exists a machine of size at most  $m$  realizing  $\varphi$  and it can be extracted from the satisfying assignment.



# Advantages

- **Simple** structure of **states**.
  - Replace the tree structure over sets of states by a function from states to ranks.
  - Determinization is a challenge for implementation.
- **Safety** games compared with **parity** games.
  - Solution of safety games is much simpler.
  - Exact complexity and practical solving of parity games are interesting open problems.
- Search for **small machines** first.
  - By increasing the bound gradually we can ensure to find small implementations first (and compute less).
  - Information from failed search for small sizes can be reused for searching for larger sizes.
  - Worst case complexity is as the general technique.
- Add **additional quality constraints**.
  - Low number of loops ...

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–  $q_0$ :

$$\theta = \bigvee_{x \in 2^J} (x, L(q_0, x)) \wedge \delta(q_0, x)$$

–  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^O$ :

$$\rho = \left( \bigwedge_{q \in Q, x \in 2^J} (q \wedge \bigcirc x \rightarrow \bigcirc L(q, x) \vee_{q \in \delta(q, \sigma)} \bigcirc q) \right)$$

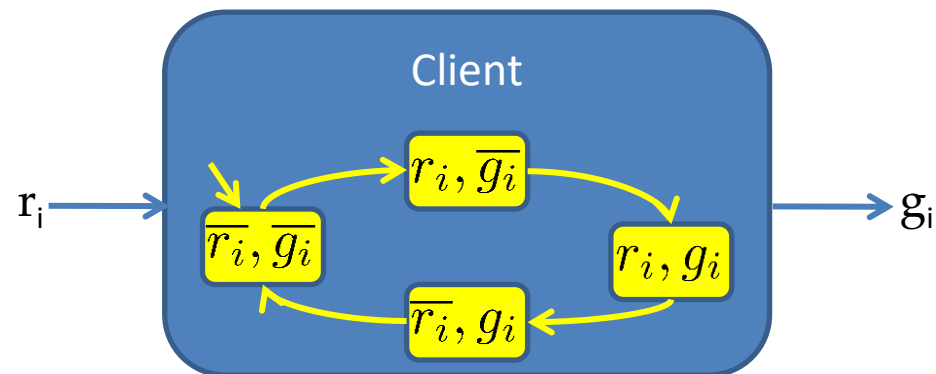
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- Overall:

$$\theta \wedge \square \rho \wedge \bigwedge_i \square \diamond (\bigvee_{q \in G_i} q)$$

# Arbiter



# Translate to LTL

- Variables:

$$\mathcal{I} = \{r_1, r_2\}$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \{g_1, g_2\}$$

- Initially:

$$\neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \wedge \neg g_1 \wedge \neg g_2$$

- Transition:

$$((r_1 \wedge \neg g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_1)$$

$$((\neg r_1 \wedge g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_1)$$

$$((r_2 \wedge \neg g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_2)$$

$$((\neg r_2 \wedge g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_2)$$

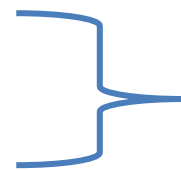
$$(\neg g_1 \vee \neg g_2)$$

$$((g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \rightarrow (g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_1))$$

$$((g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_2) \rightarrow (g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_2))$$

- Good things:

$$\square \diamond (g_1 = r_1) \wedge \square \diamond (g_2 = r_2)$$



If requesting, stay until granted  
Don't reuse grants



Mutual exclusion



Don't grant w.o. request  
Don't take away used grants

# Separate to Assumptions and Guarantees

Environment:

- Initially:

$$\neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2$$

- Transition:

$$((r_1 \wedge \neg g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \wedge$$

$$((\neg r_1 \wedge g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_1) \wedge$$

$$((r_2 \wedge \neg g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_2) \wedge$$

$$((\neg r_2 \wedge g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_2)$$

System:

- Initially:

$$\neg g_1 \wedge \neg g_2$$

- Transition:

$$(\neg g_1 \vee \neg g_2) \wedge$$

$$((g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \rightarrow (g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_1)) \wedge$$

$$((g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_2) \rightarrow (g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_2))$$

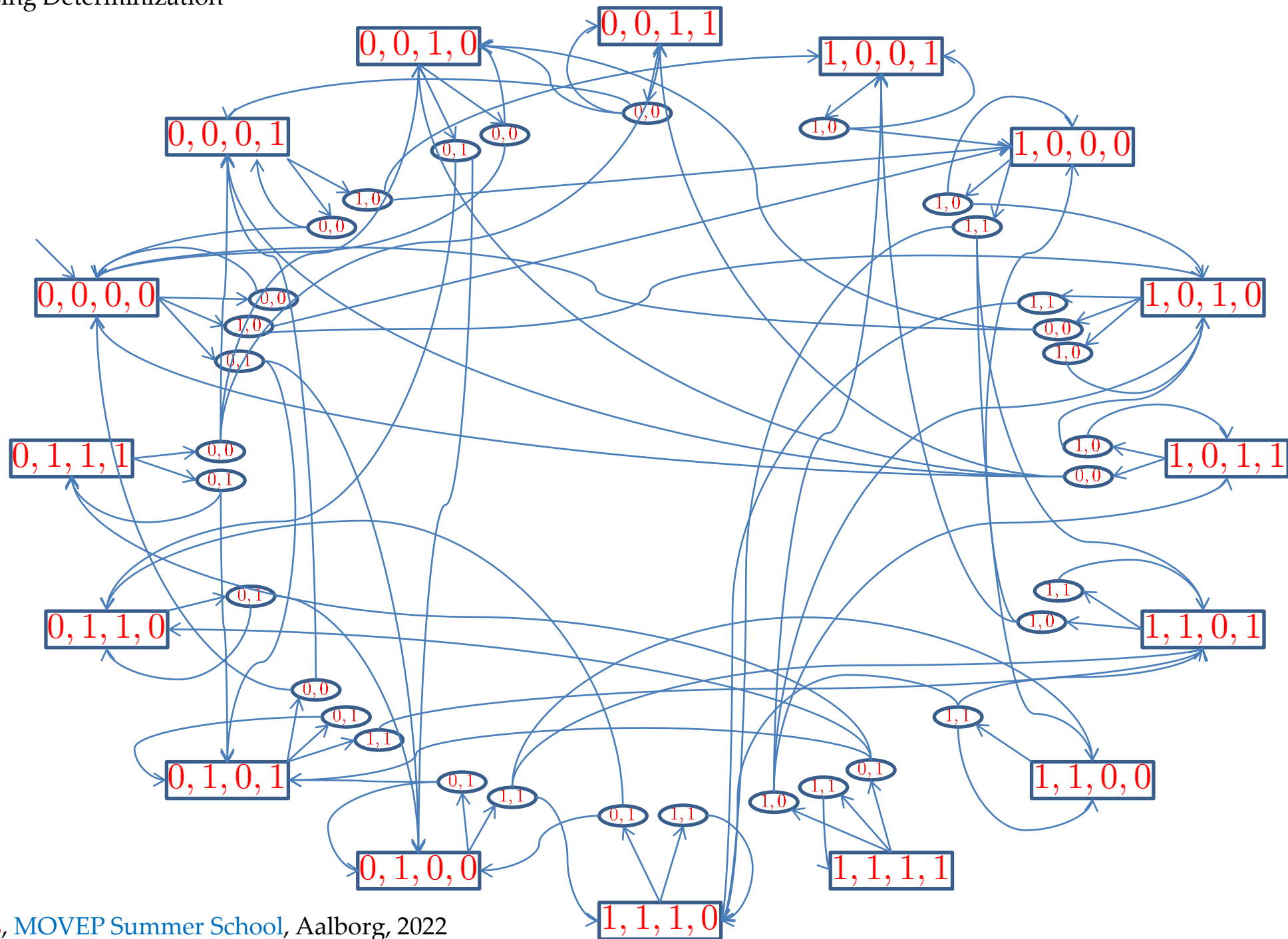
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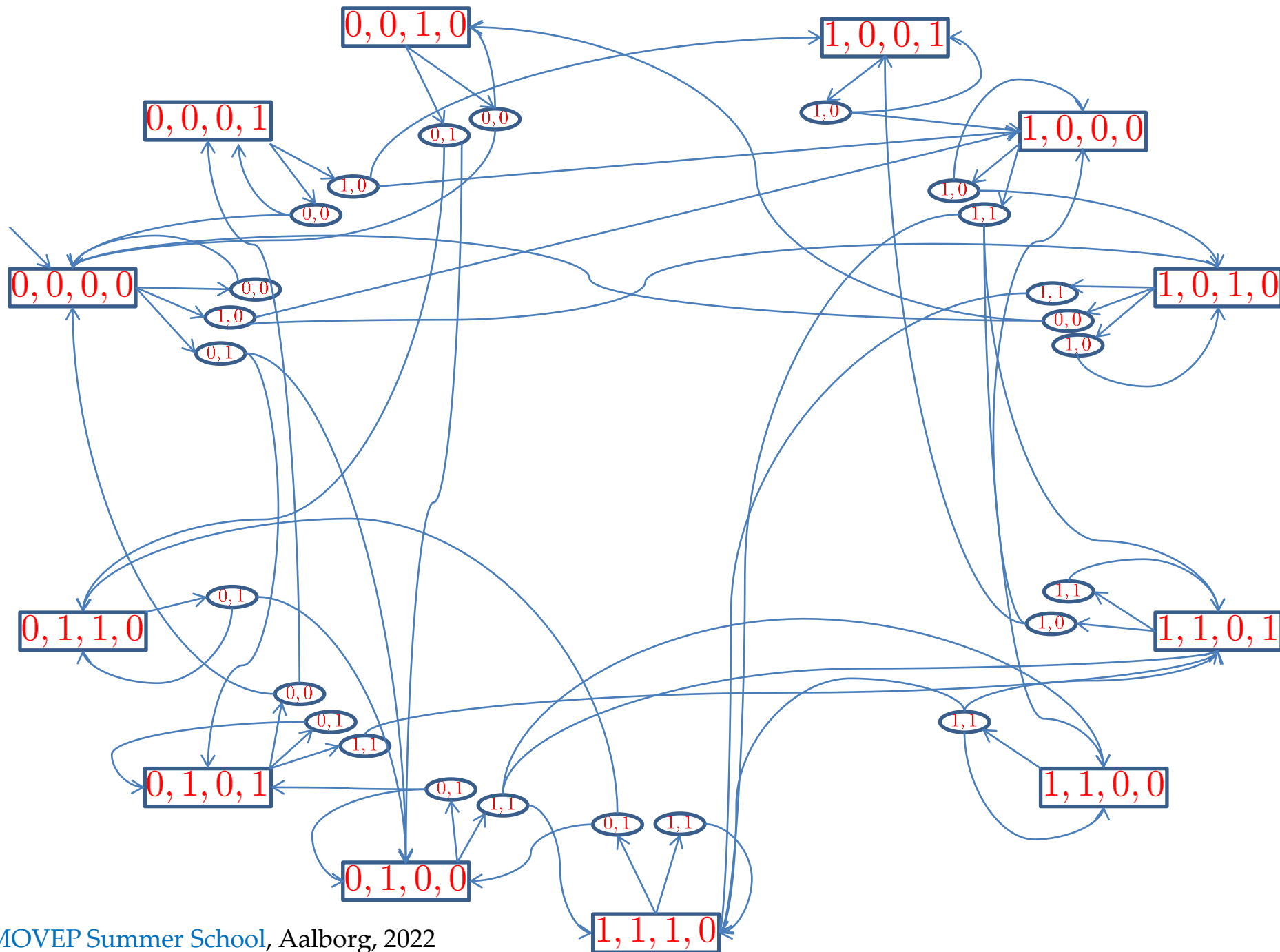
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# The Goal for Synthesis

$$(\theta_e \wedge \Box \rho_e) \rightarrow (\theta_s \wedge \Box \rho_s \wedge (\bigwedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i))$$

- This still does not look very simple ...
- Can we do anything with the bits  $\theta_e$ ,  $\theta_s$ ,  $\Box \rho_e$ , and  $\Box \rho_s$ ?
  - $\theta_s$  can be used to restrict the initial moves of **P0**:  
For every initial input there is initial output satisfying  $\theta_s$  ...
  - $\Box \rho_s$  can be used to restrict the transitions of **P0**.
  - What if we use  $\theta_e$  and  $\Box \rho_e$  to restrict the moves of **P1**?







# What's left?

$$\cancel{(\theta_e \wedge \square \rho_e)} \rightarrow (\theta_s \wedge \square \rho_s \wedge (\bigwedge_i \square \diamond G_i))$$

- This is slightly more complicated than response. We call it **generalized Büchi**.

Büchi:

1. fix (greatest :=  $V$ )
2.   fix (least :=  $G \wedge cpre(\text{greatest})$ )
3.     least := least  $\vee cpre(\text{least})$ ;
4.   end // fix least
5. greatest := least;
6. end // fix greatest

Generalized Büchi:

1. fix (greatest :=  $V$ )
2.   foreach ( $G_i$ )
3.     fix (least :=  $G_i \wedge cpre(\text{greatest})$ )
4.       least := least  $\vee cpre(\text{least})$ ;
5.     end // fix least
6.   greatest := least;
7.   end // foreach
8. end // fix greatest

# Proof (Generalized Büchi–Soundness)

- Suppose that **greatest** is not empty. For the fixpoint to terminate, for each  $G_i$  the inner fixpoint starting from this value recomputes it.
- Let  $\text{least}_0^i, \text{least}_1^i, \text{least}_2^i, \dots$  be the sequence of values that **least** has through the computation of this last iteration for  $G_i$ .
- Consider  $v \in \text{greatest}$ . Let  $j_0$  be the index such that  $v \in \text{least}_{j_0}^i$ .

By definition of  $\text{cpre}(\cdot)$ , **P0** can force a successor  $w$  of  $v$ . But then,  $w \in \text{least}_{j_1}^i$  for some  $j_1 < j_0$ . This shows that **P0** can ensure to reach  $\text{least}_0^i = G_0 \wedge \text{cpre}(\text{greatest})$ . So it ensures a visit  $G_i$ .

- But now  $\text{least}_0^i = G_i \wedge \text{cpre}(\text{greatest})$ . So next **P0** forces  $\text{least}_k^{i+1}$ , for some  $k$  and repeat this process.
- By induction, **P0** can enforce  $\bigwedge_i \square \blacklozenge G_i$ .

Generalized Büchi:

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1. fix (greatest := V)
2.   foreach (Gi)
3.     fix (least := Gi ∧ cpre(greatest))
4.     least := least ∨ cpre(least);
5.   end // fix least
6.   greatest := least;
7. end // foreach
8. end // fix greatest

```

# Proof (Control of Büchi - completeness)

If there is a strategy  $f$  s.t. every play compliant with it wins  $\bigwedge_i \square \diamond G_i$ .

Every node  $v$  from which  $f$  is winning remains in every approximation of the fixpoint **greatest**:

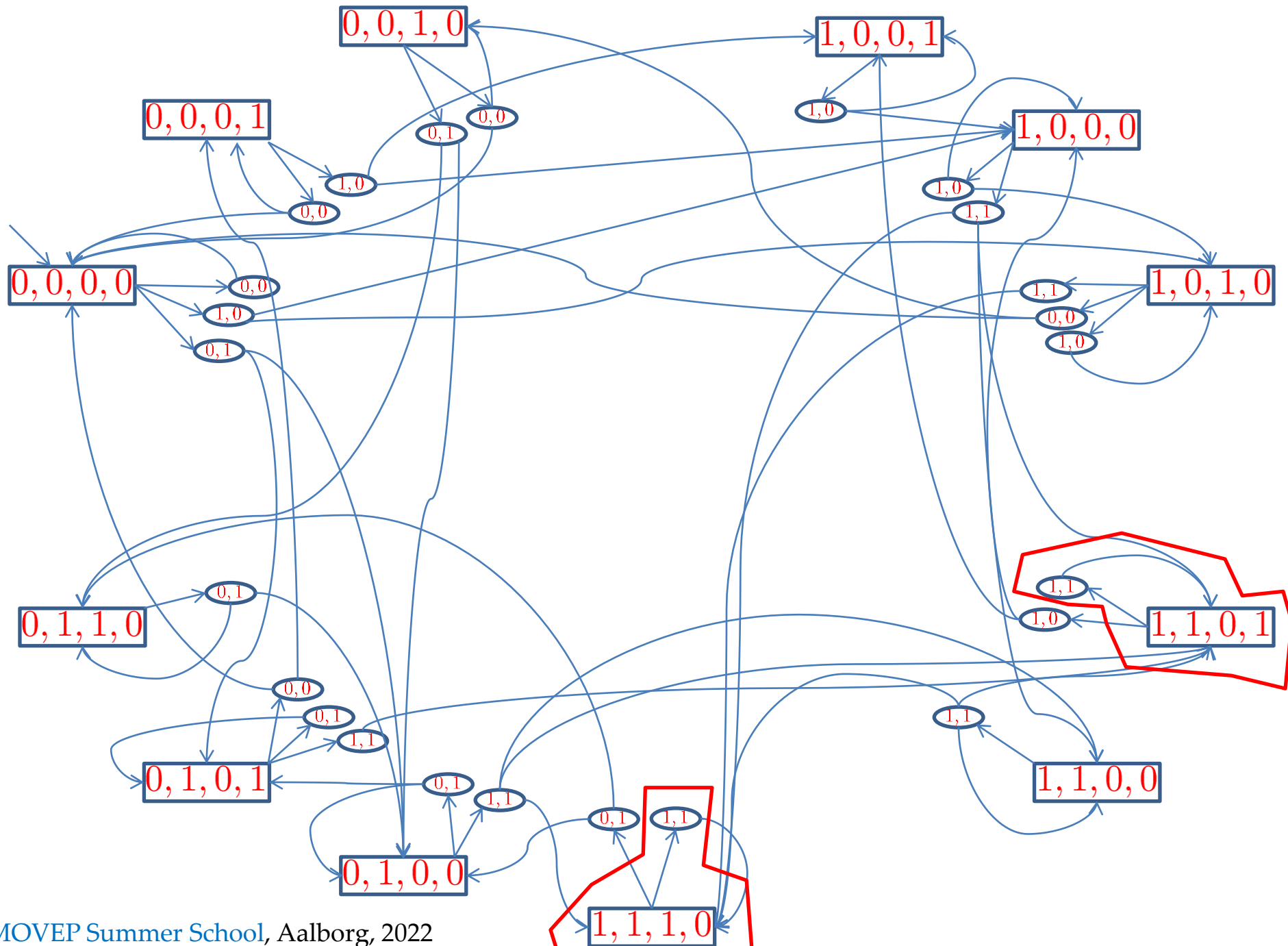
Consider some  $G_i$ . From  $v$  there is a maximum on the length of paths to reach  $G_i \wedge cpre(\mathbf{greatest})$  (König's lemma).

Prove by induction on the number of iterations in the first fixpoint that  $\mathbf{win} \subseteq \mathbf{greatest}$ .

For  $\mathbf{greatest}_0 = V$  this is clear. Assume every node  $v \in \mathbf{win}$  it must be that  $v$  reach  $G_i \wedge cpre(\mathbf{win})$ .

Generalized Büchi:

1. fix (**greatest** :=  $V$ )
2.   foreach ( $G_i$ )
3.     fix (**least** :=  $G_i \wedge cpre(\mathbf{greatest})$ )
4.       **least** :=  $\mathbf{least} \vee cpre(\mathbf{least})$ ;
5.     end // fix **least**
6.     **greatest** := **least**;
7.   end // foreach
8. end // fix **greatest**



# Oops ...

- The clients do not release the bus!
- It's not only the system that has to do good things.
- The environment has to do good things as well!
- We need:  $(\bigwedge_j \square \blacklozenge A_j) \rightarrow (\bigwedge_i \square \blacklozenge G_i)$
- We call this Generalized Reactivity (1) or GR(1).

# Solving GR(1) Games

Generalized Reactivity (1):

1. fix (greatestZ :=  $V$ )
2.   foreach ( $G_i$ )
3.     fix (leastY :=  $G_i \wedge cpre(\text{greatestZ})$ )
4.     leastY := leastY  $\vee cpre(\text{leastY})$ ;
5.     foreach ( $A_j$ )
6.       fix (greatestX :=  $V$ )
7.       greatestX := least  $\vee (\neg A_j \wedge cpre(\text{greatestX}))$
8.       end // fix greatestX
9.       leastY := leastY  $\vee$  greatestX;
10.     end // foreach  $A$
11.   end // fix leastY
12.   greatestZ := leastY;
13. end // foreach  $G$
14. end // fix greatestZ

# Proof (Control of GR(1) –Soundness)

Suppose that  $\text{greatestZ}$  is not empty. For each  $G_i$  the inner fixpoint starting from  $\text{greatestZ}$  recomputes  $\text{greatestZ}$ .

Let  $\text{leastY}_0^i, \text{leastY}_1^i, \text{leastY}_2^i, \dots$  be the sequence of values that  $\text{leastY}$  has during the last iteration. Each  $\text{leastY}_k^i$  is equal to the union of  $\text{greatestX}_k^{i,1}, \text{greatestX}_k^{i,2}, \dots, \text{greatestX}_k^{i,m}$ .

Consider  $v \in \text{greatestZ}$ . Let  $k_0$  be the minimal index such that  $v \in \text{leastY}_{k_0}^i$  and let  $j_0$  be the minimal such that  $v \in \text{greatestX}_{k_0}^{i,j_0}$ .

By definition of  $\text{cpre}$ ,  $P0$  can control to reach in one move  $\text{greatestX}_{k_1}^{i,j_1}$  such that either (A)  $k_1 < k_0$  or (B)  $k_1 = k_0$  and  $j_1 = j_0$ .

In case (B), we know that  $v \models \neg A_{j_0}$ . So by playing this strategy,  $P0$  can ensure that either some  $A$  is visited finitely often, or reach  $\text{leastY}_0^i \wedge \text{cpre}(\text{greatestZ})$ .

By repeating the same for all  $G_i$   $P0$  can enforce

$$\left( \bigwedge_j \square \diamond A_j \right) \rightarrow \left( \bigwedge_i \square \diamond G_i \right)$$

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1. fix (greatestZ := V)
2.   foreach (G_i)
3.     fix (leastY := G_i ∧ cpre(greatestZ))
4.     leastY := leastY ∨ cpre(leastY);
5.     foreach (A_j)
6.       fix (greatestX := V)
7.       greatestX := least ∨ (¬A_j ∧ cpre(greatestX))
8.       end // fix greatestX
9.       leastY := leastY ∨ greatestX;
10.    end // foreach A
11.  end // fix leastY
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14. end // fix greatestZ

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# Proof (Control of GR(1) – completeness sketch)

If there is a strategy  $f$  s.t. every play compliant with it wins

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Every  $v$  from which  $f$  is winning remains in every approximation of the fixpoint `greatestZ`:

As before, consider some  $G_i$ . From  $v$  there is a maximum on the number of visits to  $A_j$  before arriving to  $G_i \wedge \text{cpre}(\text{win})$  (König's lemma).

Prove by induction on the number of iterations in the first fixpoint that  $\text{win} \subseteq \text{greatestZ}$ .

For  $\text{greatestZ}_0 = V$  this is clear. Assume  $\text{win} \subseteq \text{greatestZ}_l$ . Then for every  $v \in \text{win}$  it must be that  $v \in \text{leastY}_k^i$  for some  $k$ .

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1.  fix (greatestZ := V)
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# Memorizing Intermediate Values

Generalized Reactivity (1):

1. `fix (greatestZ := V)`
2.   `foreach (Gi)`
3.     `cY := 0;`
4.     `fix (leastY := Gi ∧ cpre(greatestZ))`
5.       `leastY := leastY ∨ cpre(leastY);`
6.       `foreach (Aj)`
7.         `fix (greatestX := V)`
8.         `greatestX := least ∨ (¬Aj ∧ cpre(greatestX))`
9.         `end // fix greatestX`
10.        `x[Gi][cY][Aj] := greatestX;`
11.        `leastY := leastY ∨ greatestX;`
12.        `end // foreach A`
13.        `y[Gi][cY] := leastY;`
14.        `cY := cY + 1;`
15.     `end // fix leastY`
16.     `greatestZ := leastY;`
17.   `end // foreach G`
18. `end // fix greatestZ`

# Construct the Realizing Machine

- Embed  $\theta_e, \rho_e, \theta_s$ , and  $\rho_s$  into  $G = \langle V, V_0, V_1, E, \varphi \rangle$ , where
 
$$\varphi = (\wedge_j \Box \Diamond A_j) \rightarrow (\wedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i)$$
- Set let  $m = |\{G_i\}|$  and  $n = |\{A_i\}|$ .
- Construct a machine  $M$  realizing  $\varphi$ :

$M = \langle 2^J, 2^O, 2^{J \cup O} \times [1..m] \cup \{s_0\}, \rho, s_0, L \rangle$ :

$$\rho(s_0, i) = \begin{cases} \theta_s & i \models \theta_e \\ T & i \models \neg \theta_e \end{cases}$$

$$\rho((i, o, l), i') = \begin{cases} (i', o', l \oplus 1) & (i, o) \models G_l \wedge (i', o') \in \text{win} \\ (i', o', l) & (i, o) \in y[G_l][cY] \wedge (i', o') \in y[G_l][< cY] \\ (i', o', l) & (i, o) \models \neg A_j \wedge (i, o) \in x[G_l][cY][A_j] \wedge \\ & (i', o') \in y[G_l][\leq cY][\leq A_j] \end{cases}$$

# Optimizing Symbolic Runtime

Generalized Reactivity (1):

1. `fix (greatestZ := V)`
2.   `foreach (Gi)`
3.     `cY := 0;`
4.     `fix (leastY := Gi ∧ cpre(greatestZ))`
5.       `leastY := leastY ∨ cpre(leastY);`
6.     `foreach (Aj)`
7.       `fix (greatestX := y[Gi][maxprev])`
8.         `greatestX := least ∨ (¬Aj ∧ cpre(greatestX))`
9.       `end // fix greatestX`
10.      `x[Gi][cY][Aj] := greatestX;`
11.      `leastY := leastY ∨ greatestX;`
12.     `end // foreach A`
13.     `y[Gi][cY] := leastY;`
14.     `cY := cY + 1;`
15.   `end // fix leastY`
16.   `greatestZ := leastY;`
17. `end // foreach G`
18. `end // fix greatestZ`

# Back to the Arbiter

Environment:

- Initially:

$$\neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2$$

- Transition:

$$((r_1 \wedge \neg g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \wedge$$

$$((\neg r_1 \wedge g_1) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_1) \wedge$$

$$((r_2 \wedge \neg g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc r_2) \wedge$$

$$((\neg r_2 \wedge g_2) \rightarrow \bigcirc \neg r_2)$$

- Good things:

$$\Box \Diamond (\neg r_1 \vee \neg g_1) \wedge \Box \Diamond (\neg r_2 \vee \neg g_2)$$

System:

- Initially:

$$\neg g_1 \wedge \neg g_2$$

- Transition:

$$(\neg g_1 \vee \neg g_2) \wedge$$

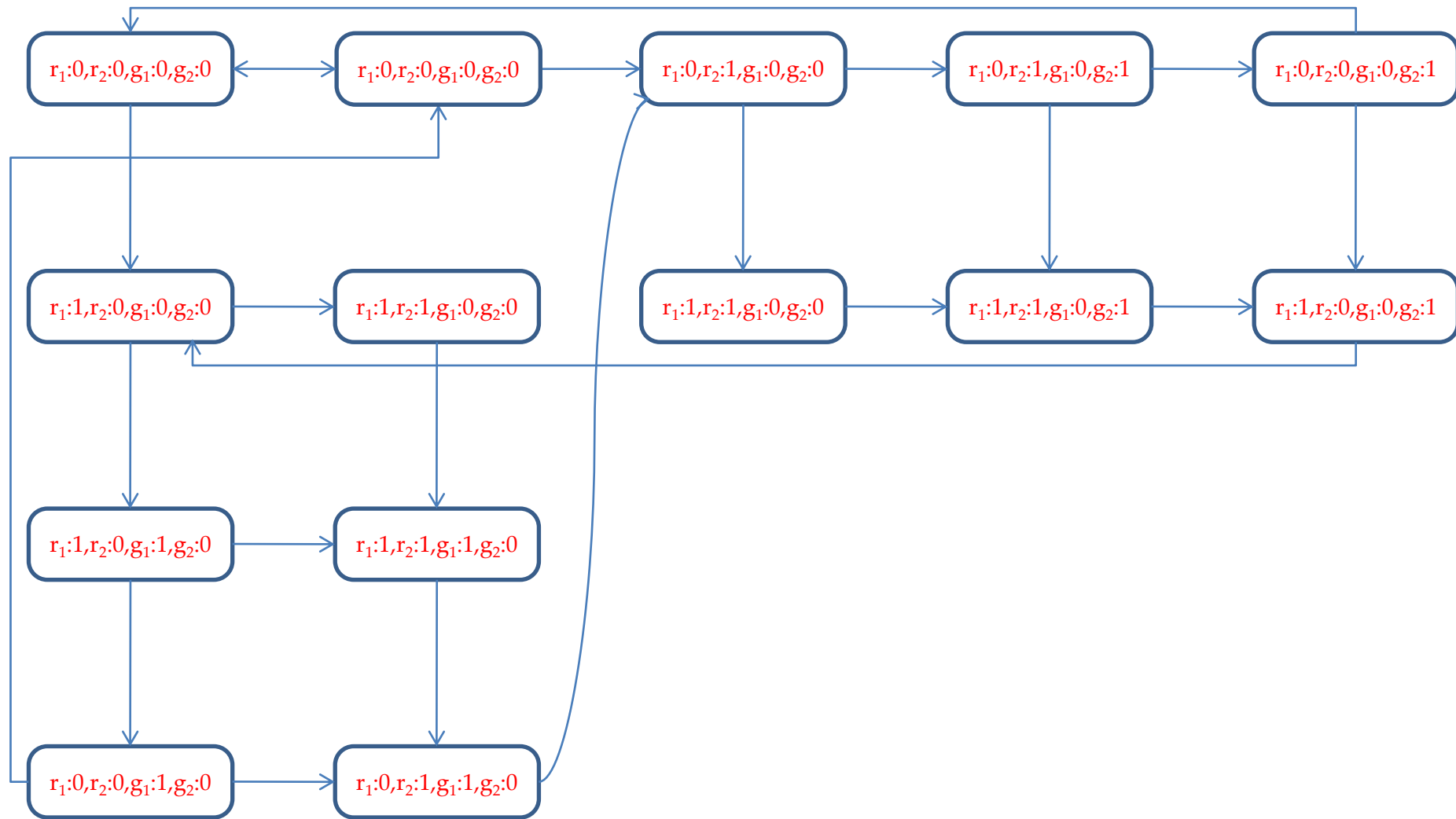
$$((g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_1) \rightarrow (g_1 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_1)) \wedge$$

$$((g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc r_2) \rightarrow (g_2 \leftrightarrow \bigcirc g_2))$$

- Good things:

$$\Box \Diamond (g_1 = r_1) \wedge \Box \Diamond (g_2 = r_2)$$

# Result of Synthesis



## But why do you embed safety?

- We started from:

$$(\theta_e \wedge \Box \rho_e \wedge (\bigwedge_j \Box \Diamond A_j)) \rightarrow (\theta_s \wedge \Box \rho_s \wedge (\bigwedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i))$$

- And ended up with:

$$(\bigwedge_j \Box \Diamond A_j) \rightarrow (\bigwedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i)$$

with some modifications to permitted moves in  $2^{JUO}$ .

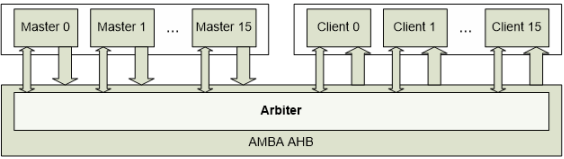
- Are the two the same?
- **No!**
- What's the difference?
  - Realizability in our game implies realizability of the general formula.
  - Other direction is not true.

# Some applications

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## AMBA Bus

- **Industrial** standard
- **ARM's AMBA AHB** bus
  - High performance on-chip bus
  - Data, address, and control signals
  - Up to 16 masters and 16 clients
  - Arbiter part of bus (determines control signals)



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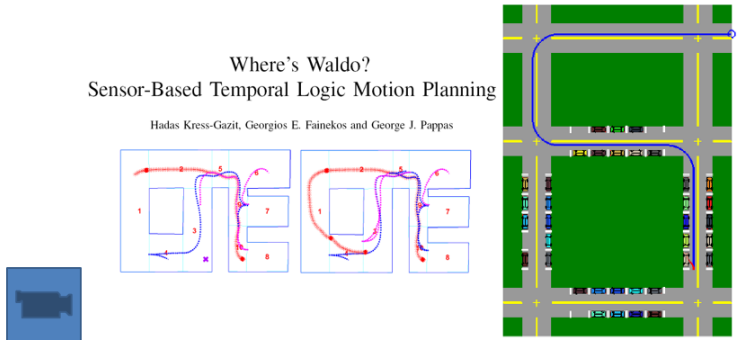
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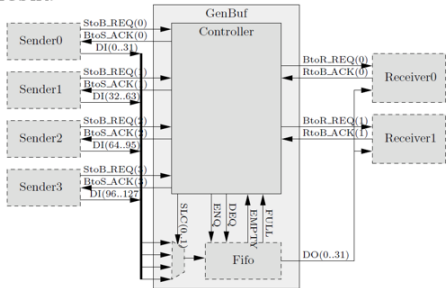


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## Generalized Buffer

- Tutorial model checking design from **IBM**.
- **Parameterized** buffer.
  - Transfer data from  $n$  senders to 2 receivers.
  - Senders arbitrary order.
  - Receivers round robin.

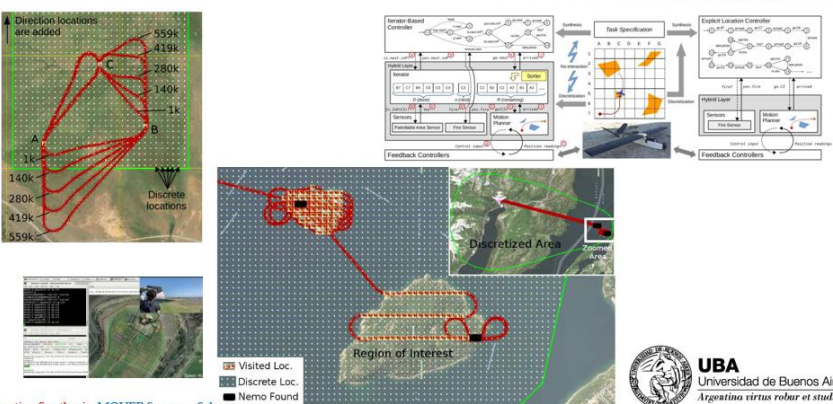


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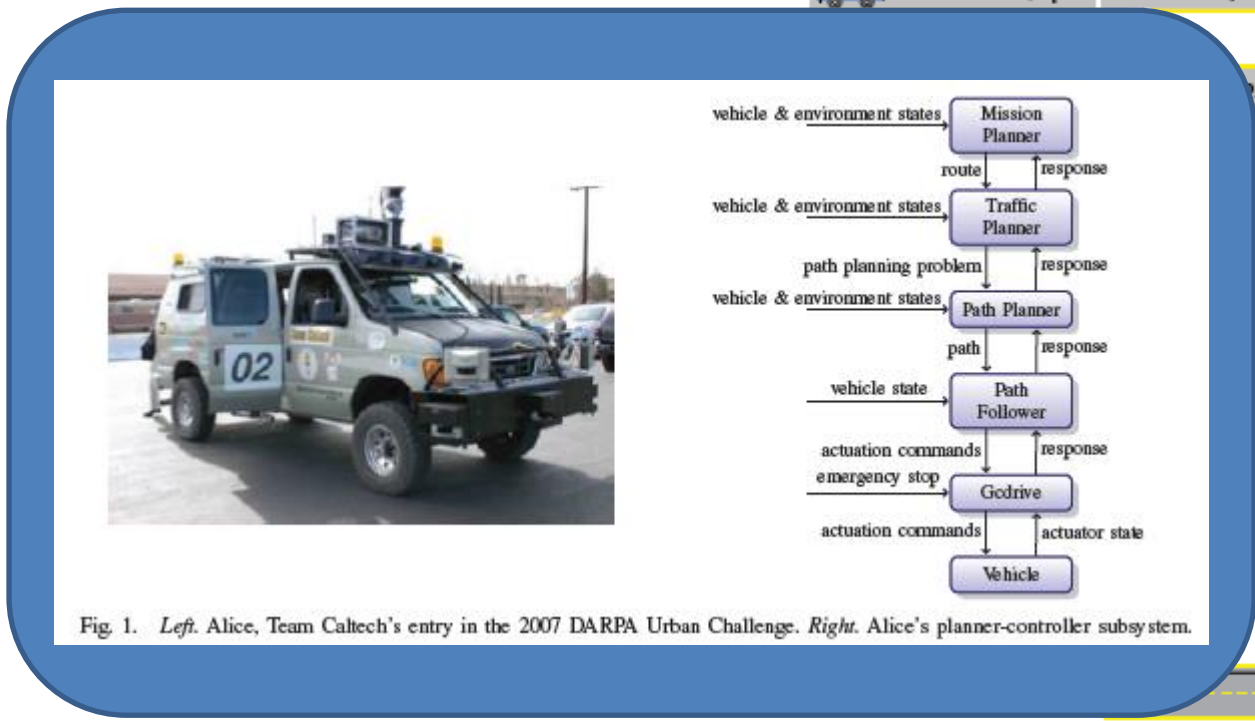
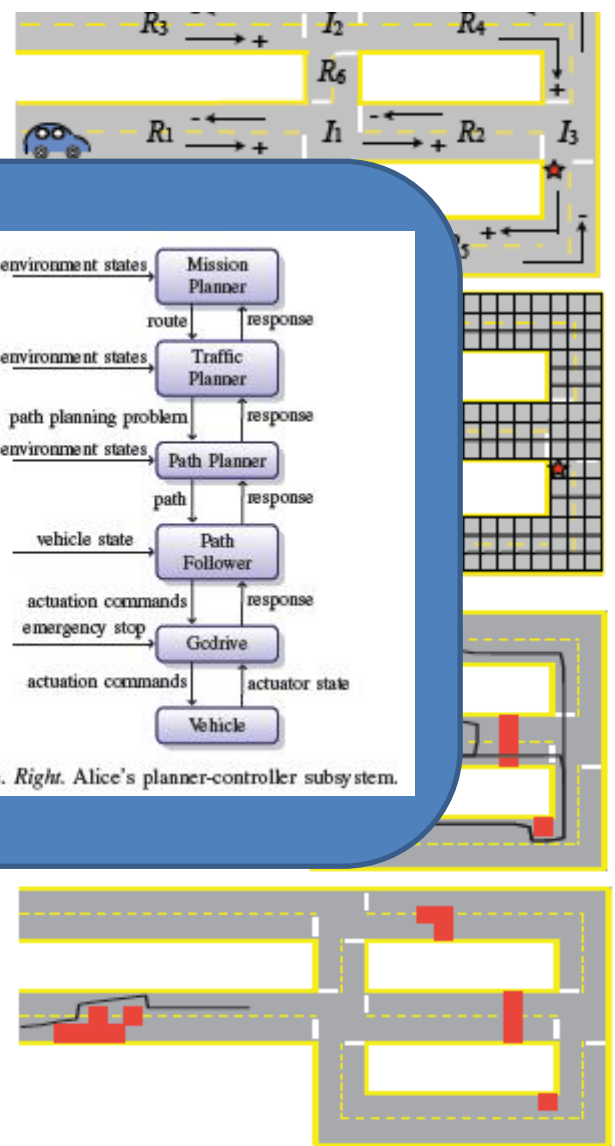
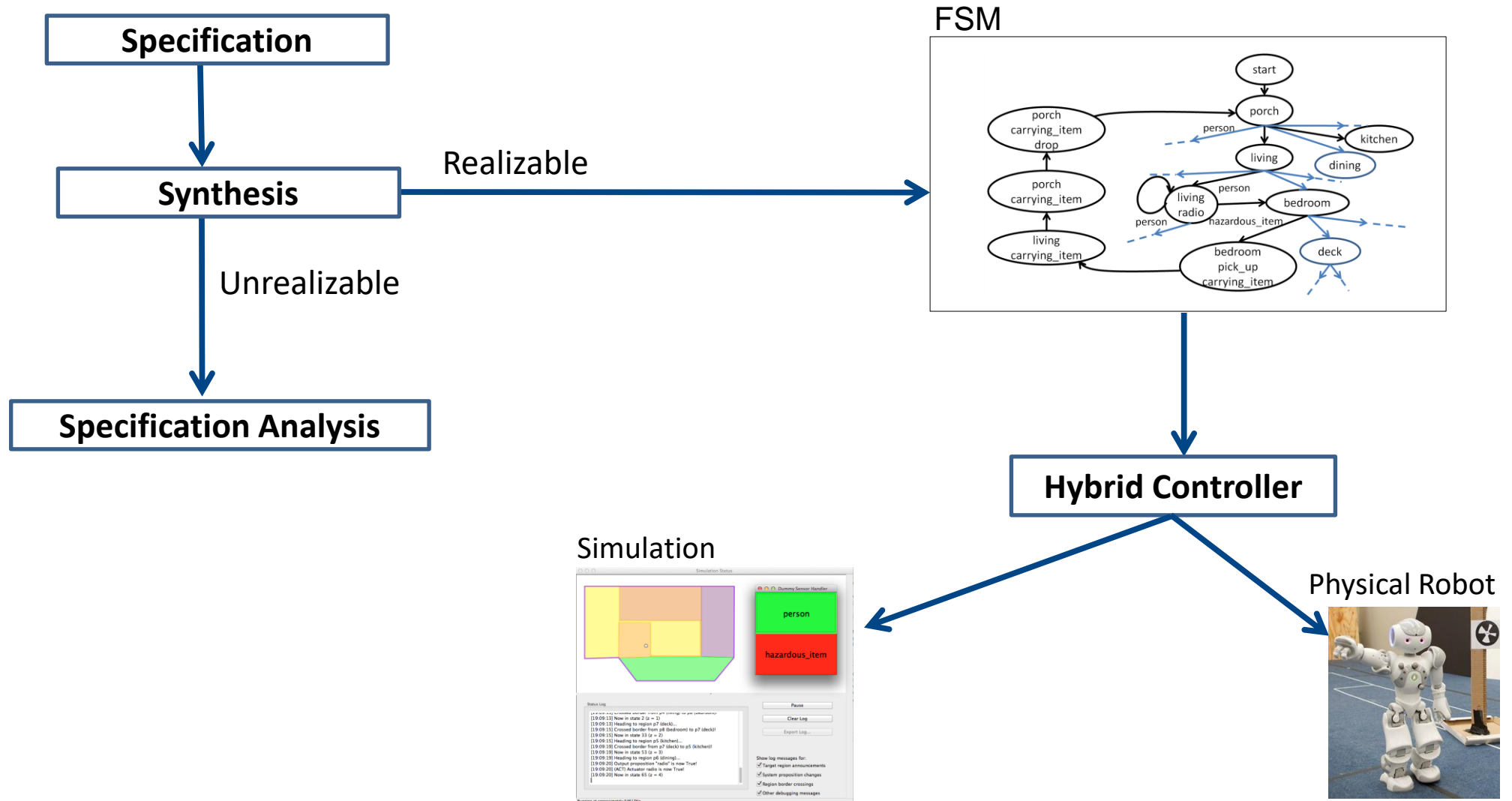


Fig. 1. *Left.* Alice, Team Caltech's entry in the 2007 DARPA Urban Challenge. *Right.* Alice's planner-controller subsystem.



# Robotics Approach Overview



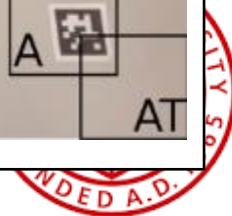
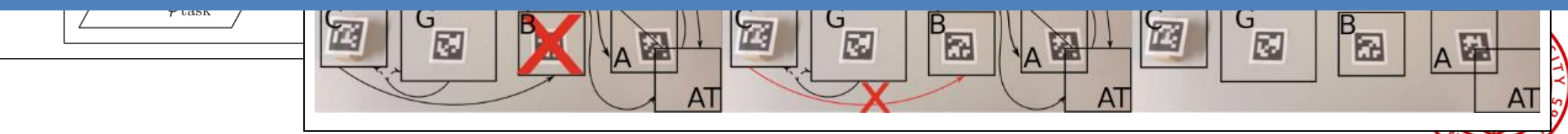


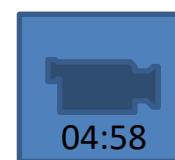
# Automatic Encoding and Repair of Reactive High-Level

$$\varphi_{t,pre}^s = \bigwedge_{a \in A} \square \left[ \neg \left( \bigvee_{\sigma_p \in \sigma_{pre}(a)} \left( \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \sigma_p} \sigma \right) \right) \rightarrow \neg a \right]$$

$$\varphi_{t,eff}^e = \bigwedge_{a \in A} \square \left[ a \rightarrow \bigvee_{j \in \{1, \dots, k(a)\}} \left( \left( \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \sigma_{effj}^T(a)} \sigma \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \sigma_{effj}^\perp(a)} \neg \sigma \right) \wedge \left( \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \sigma_{effj}^{stay}(a)} (\sigma \leftrightarrow \bigcirc \sigma) \right) \right) \right]$$

$$\varphi_{t,no\_act}^e = \square \left[ \left( \bigwedge_{a \in A} \neg a \right) \rightarrow \left( \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \Sigma} (\sigma \leftrightarrow \bigcirc \sigma) \right) \right]$$





# Event-Based Signal Temporal Logic Synthesis for Single and Multi-Robot Tasks

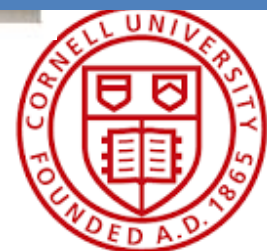
$$\Psi_{host} = G \left( lead \Rightarrow \left( \left( F_{[0,25]} (\| \mathbf{x}_{1,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,1,t} \| < 1) \right) \wedge \left( (\| \mathbf{x}_{1,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,1,t} \| < 1) U_{[25,60]} (\| \mathbf{x}_{1,t} - [1.75, -1] \| < 1) \right) \right) \right)$$

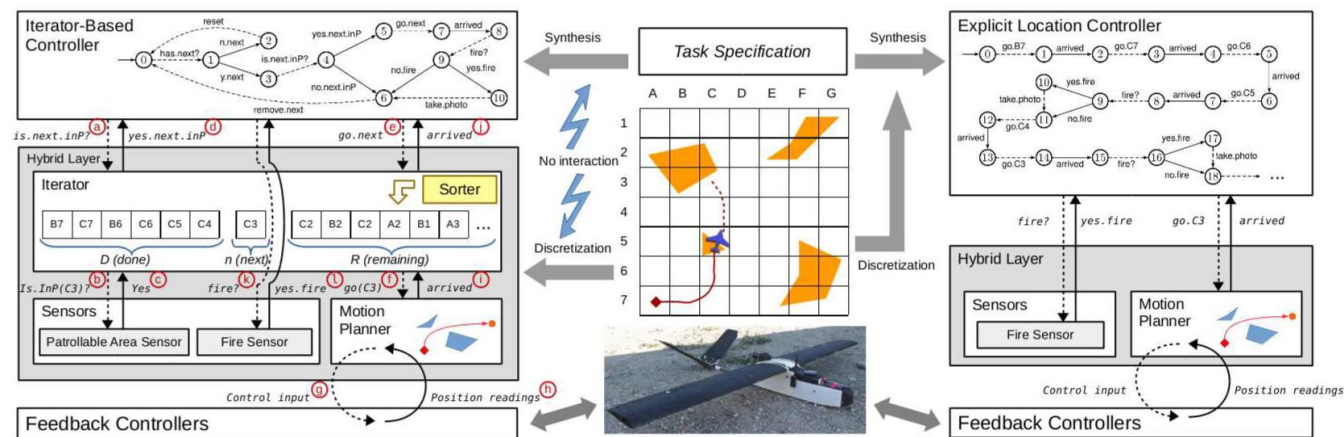
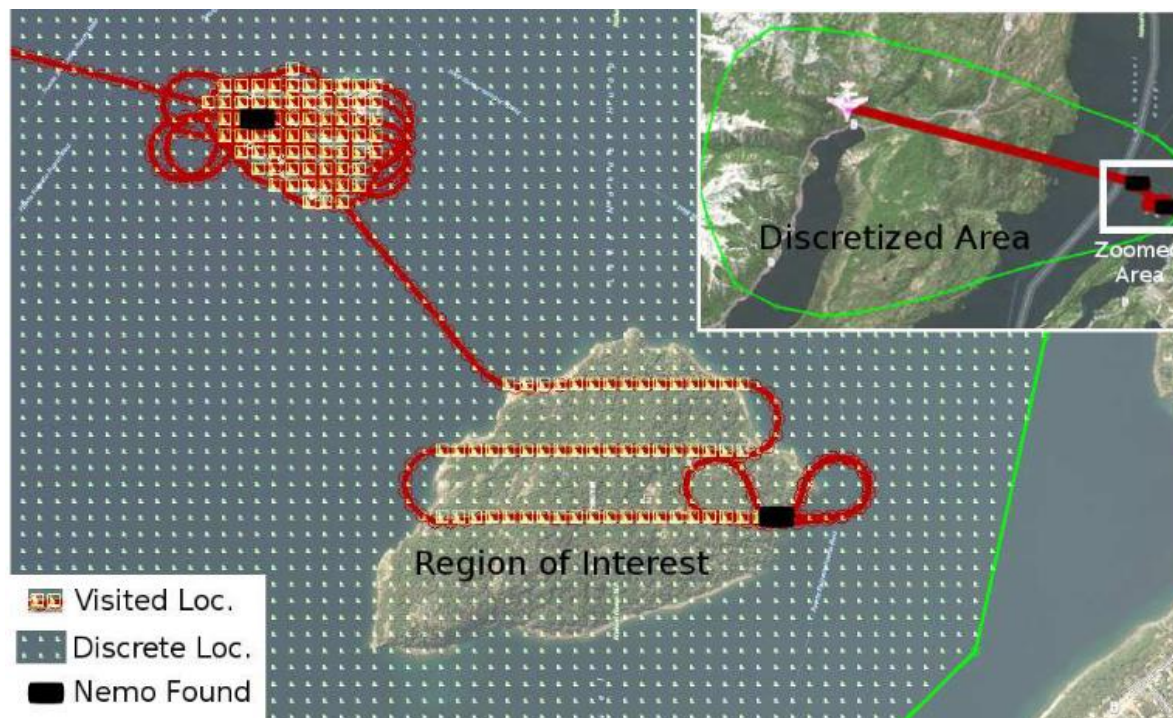
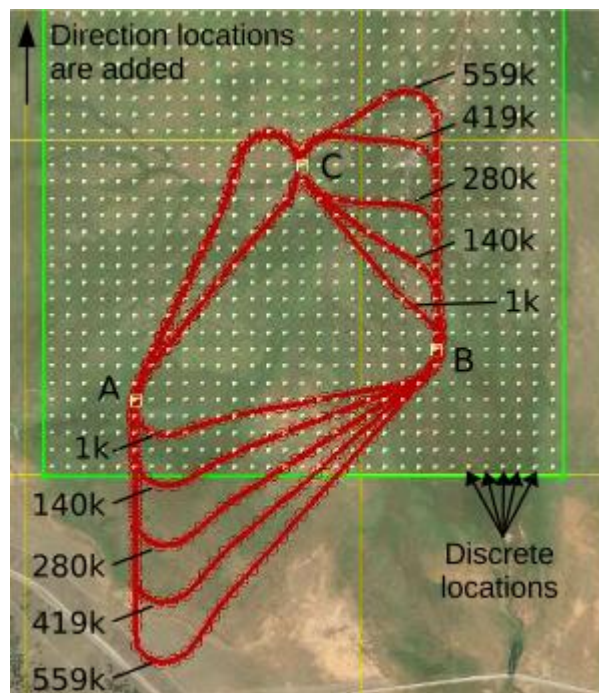
$$\Psi_{request_k} = G \left( request_k \Rightarrow F_{[0,20]} \left( \left( (\| \mathbf{x}_{2,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,k,t} \| < 1) \vee (\| \mathbf{x}_{3,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,k,t} \| < 1) \right) \wedge \left( (\| \mathbf{x}_{4,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,k,t} \| < 1) \vee (\| \mathbf{x}_{5,t} - \mathbf{x}_{cstmr,k,t} \| < 1) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\Psi_{collision} = G_{[0,\infty]} (\| \mathbf{x}_{i,t} - \mathbf{x}_{j,t} \| > 0.05), \forall i \neq j$$

$$\Psi_{wallAvoid_i} = G_{[0,\infty]} (\min(\| \mathbf{x}_{i,t} - M \|) > 0.1), i = (1, 2, \dots, 5)$$

$$\neg alarm \vee \pi_{\mu_1, [0,10]} \quad \pi_{\mu_1, [0,10]}$$





```
MovementModel = (go[Rooms][Locations] -> GoModel),
GoModel = (arrived[Rooms][Locations] -> MovementModel).
```

```
Adjacency = InRoom1, //Start in room 0
InRoom1 = (go[1][Locations] -> InRoom1 | go[2][Locations] -> InRoom2), //From Room1 we can go to Room1 or Room2
InRoom2 = (go[2][Locations] -> InRoom2 | go[3][Locations] -> InRoom3), //From Room2 we can go to Room2 or Room3
InRoom3 = (go[3][Locations] -> InRoom3 | go[1][Locations] -> InRoom1). //From Room3 we can go to Room3 or Room1
```

```
Room(Id=1) = Elem[0],
Elem[i:Locations] = (when (i<M) go[Id][i+1] -> arrived[Id][i+1] -> Elem[i+1] |
                    when (i>0) go[Id][i-1] -> arrived[Id][i-1] -> Elem[i-1]).
```

```
PersonSensor = (sense -> Sensing),
Sensing = ({yes.person,no.person} -> PersonSensor).
```

```
ltl_property SenseAtEachLoc = [](arrived[Rooms][Locations] -> (!go[Rooms][Locations] W {yes.person,no.person}))
```

```
fluent WentLocRoom[j:1..N][i:0..M] = <arrived[j][i],yes.person>
fluent FoundPerson = <yes.person,Alphabet\{yes.person}>
```

```
assert VisitedRoom1 = ((WentLocRoom[1][0] && WentLocRoom[1][1] && WentLocRoom[1][2]) || FoundPerson)
assert VisitedRoom2 = ((WentLocRoom[2][0] && WentLocRoom[2][1] && WentLocRoom[2][2]) || FoundPerson)
assert VisitedRoom3 = ((WentLocRoom[3][0] && WentLocRoom[3][1] && WentLocRoom[3][2]) || FoundPerson)
```

```
controllerSpec ControlSpec = {
    safety = {}
    assumption = {}
    liveness = {VisitedRoom1,VisitedRoom2} // ,VisitedRoom3}
    controllable = {Controllables}
}
```

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### Distributed Synthesis


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  - $\forall p_1, p_2, O(p_1) \cap O(p_2) = \emptyset$
  - $\mathcal{V} = \cup_{p \in P} O(p)$
- An implementation for  $p \in P$  is  $(2^{I(p)})^+ \rightarrow 2^{O(p)}$ .
- As before, we would like to replace  $(2^{I(p)})^+$  by some (finite) domain  $D_p$ .
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### Abstracting Real Time

- Discrete controllers** are augmented with **continuous controllers**.
- The **discrete** model does not capture **time** it takes to cross a transition.
- How to combine?




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### Safety of Learned Behaviour

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### Unrealizability

- What **feedback** do you give when the specification is **unrealizable**?
  - Environment counter strategy:
    - Build a strategy for the environment and let the user play against it.
  - Unrealizability **core**:
    - Compute a **minimal** set of **guarantees** that is still unrealizable.
  - Suggest **additional assumptions** that make guarantees possible.

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### Asynchronous (fully observable) Composition

- So far **system** and **environment** were strictly **synchronous**.
- This caused some problems with hybrid control that we tried to circumvent.
- How to allow both system and environment multiple (unbounded) number of actions without either flooding?
  - Add a “**who’s in control**” mechanism.
  - Add an additional clause to specification forcing the system to **give back control**.
  - Games become more **complicated**.
  - “**Modelling benefit**” justifies?

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### Is Implication the Right Thing?

- We’ve seen that
 
$$(\theta_e \wedge \Box \rho_e \wedge (\wedge_i \Box \Diamond A_i)) \rightarrow (\theta_s \wedge \Box \rho_s \wedge (\wedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i))$$
 is handled by restricting permitted moves and solving
 
$$(\wedge_j \Box \Diamond A_j) \rightarrow (\wedge_i \Box \Diamond G_i)$$
- Example. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be **Boolean** input and output variables. Consider the specification:
 
$$(\Box(\Box x) \wedge \Box \Diamond(x \leftrightarrow y)) \rightarrow (\Box(\Box x \leftrightarrow \Box y) \wedge \Box \Diamond \neg y)$$
- It is clearly realizable (just set  $y$  to false ...).
- But
 
$$\left( \left( \Box(\Box \Box x) \rightarrow (\Box x \leftrightarrow \Box y) \right) \right) \wedge (\Box \Box x \rightarrow (\wedge \Box \Diamond(x \leftrightarrow y) \rightarrow \Box \Diamond \neg y))$$
- is not.

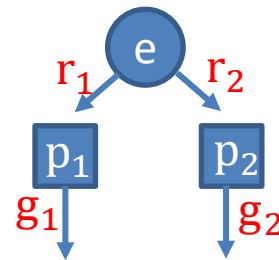
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# The Synthesis Problem

- Given an architecture  $A = (P, e, \mathcal{V}, I, O)$  and a specification  $\varphi$  over  $\mathcal{V}$ , do there exist implementations  $\{T_p\}_{p \in P}$  such that  $\parallel_p T_p$  satisfies  $\varphi$ ?
- In general the problem is **undecidable**.
  - It is enough to have an architecture with two processes with separate inputs.



- If the architecture contains an **information fork**, synthesis for it is undecidable.
- Some architectures are possible:



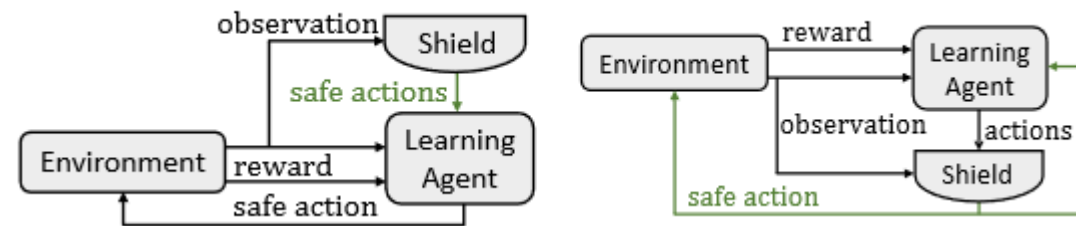
But complexity is **non-elementary**.

# What are my options?

- **Bounded synthesis:**
  - Use the bounded synthesis for each process separately.
  - Synthesize all the processes together.
- Construct **dominant** strategies inductively:
  - For a process construct a dominant strategy for the **full specification**.
  - Extract from the dominant strategy the **assumptions** for other processes.
  - Synthesize a dominant strategy for **specification** and **new assumptions** for all others.
- Use Zielonka/Asynchronous Automata.
  - Communication by **synchronous message passing** (blocking multicast).
  - **More** architectures are **decidable**.
  - Sending of **Full information** leads to **algorithmic distribution**.

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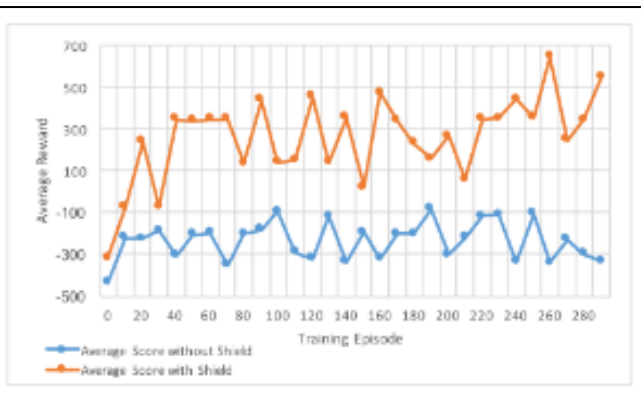
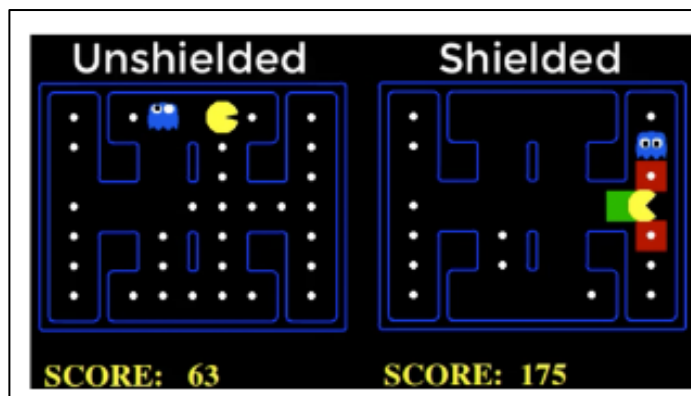
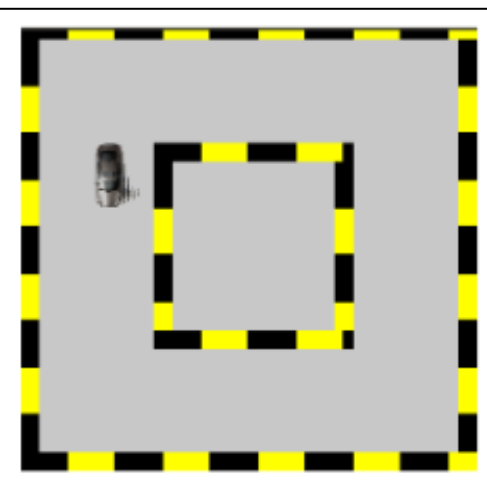
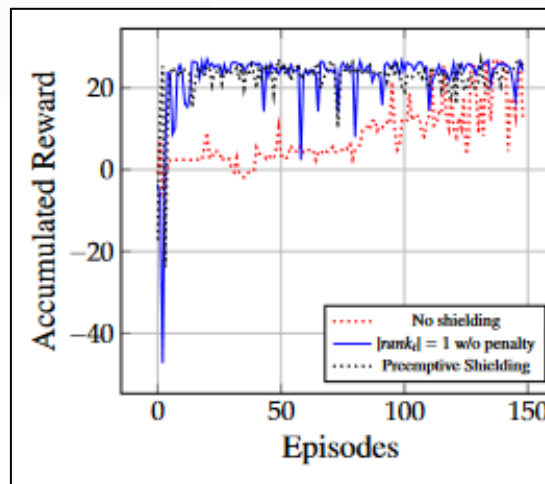


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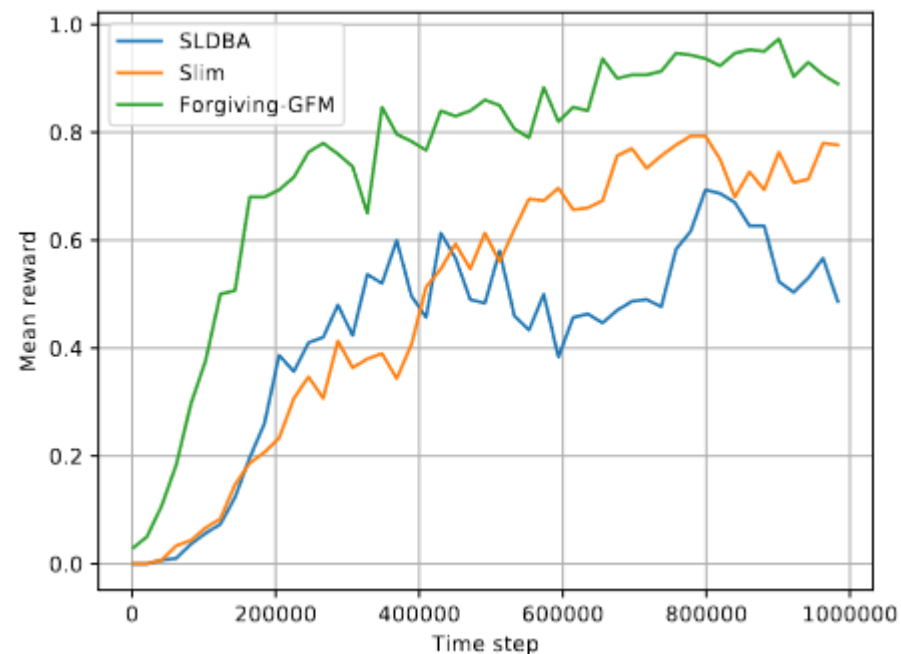
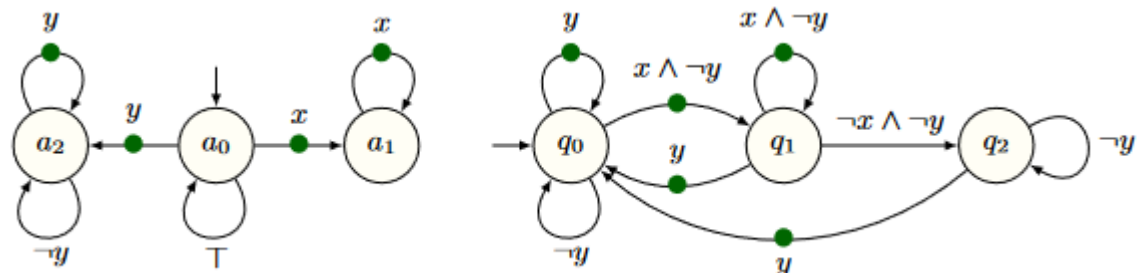


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# Concurrent Game Structures

- A concurrent game structure  $G = \langle AP, Ag, Ac, St, \lambda, \tau, s_0 \rangle$ :
  - $AP$  – atomic set of propositions.
  - $Ag$  – set of agents.
  - $Ac$  – set of actions.
  - $St$  – set of states.
  - $\lambda: St \rightarrow 2^{AP}$  - labeling function.
  - $\tau: St \times Ac^{Ag} \rightarrow St$  – transition function.
- History / track:  $\rho \in St^*$ .
- Strategy:  $f: St^* \rightarrow Ac$ .
- Strategy profile:  $\{f_{ag}\}_{ag \in Ag}$ .
- A strategy profile defines exactly one infinite run.

# Logics and Equilibria

- **Alternating Temporal Logic** – quantify existentially and universally about abilities of coalitions.

$$\langle\langle X \rangle\rangle \diamond P$$

- **Strategy logic** – quantify existentially and universally about individual strategies.

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \forall x_3, x_4 \diamond P(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \forall x_3, x_4 \diamond P(x_1, x_2) \wedge \square Q_1(x_1, x_4) \wedge \square Q_2(x_2, x_3)$$

- **Nash equilibrium** – a strategy profile such that if a player deviates, other players can join forces to punish them.
- **Subgame perfect equilibrium** – a strategy profile that is optimal from every location in the game.

# Rationality

- What does it mean for an agent to be **rational**?
- Nash equilibrium in **Boolean** context?
- Rational synthesis ...
- Dominant strategies ...
- Good-enough synthesis ...

## Related Work / Open Problems

- Other determinization [Křetínský, Esparza, ...].
- History Determinization (GFG) [HP06, Boker, Lehtinen, ...]
- Partial information [Chatterjee, Doyen, Raskin, ...].
- Stochastic elements [Chatterjee, Kucera, ...].
- Real time [Alur, Maler, Larsen, ...].
- Quantitative Objectives [Henzinger, Kupferman, Raskin, ...].
- Distributed Synthesis [Muschol, Finkbeiner, Raskin, Walukiewicz, ...].

# Summary

- Theoretical solution well known since 1969/1989.
- Still provides motivation for a lot of theoretical and practical work.
- In theory, theory and practice are the same.
- Thank you.