



Monitoring Arithmetic Temporal Properties on Finite Traces

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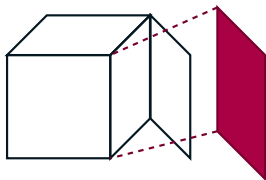
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Checking properties of dynamic systems



- ▶ system **fully known**, **specification** available
- ▶ analyze **all** executions, or all execution trees

analysis task:
model checking



- ▶ system **unknown**, or properties **inaccessible**
- ▶ analyze **running execution** and its possible continuations

analysis task:
monitoring

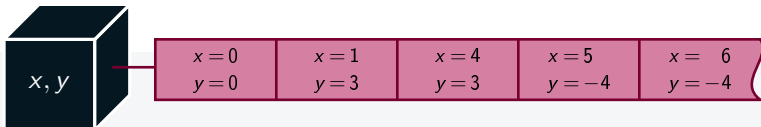
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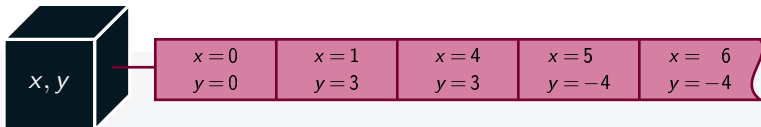
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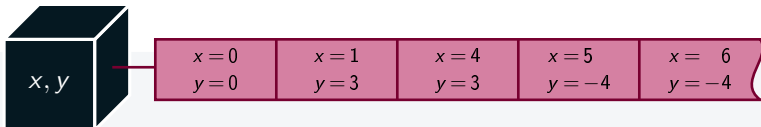
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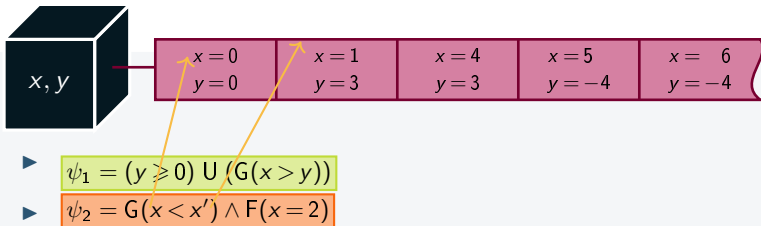
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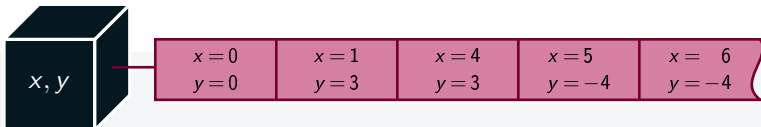
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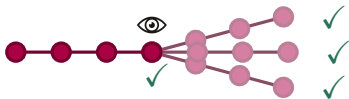
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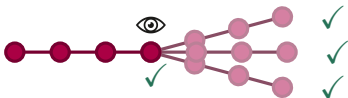


consider all finite continuations
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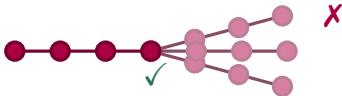
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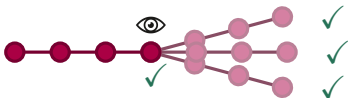
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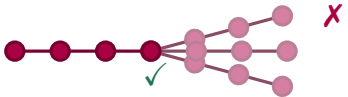
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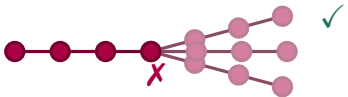
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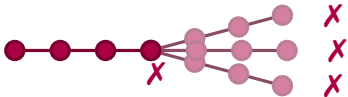
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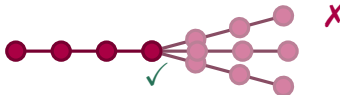
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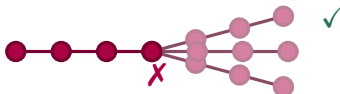
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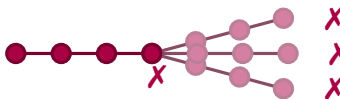
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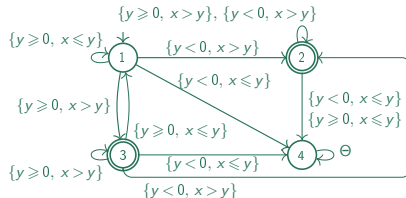
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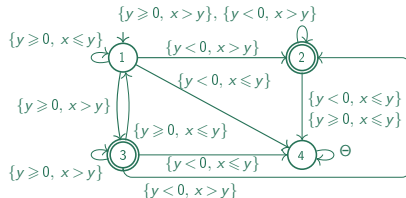
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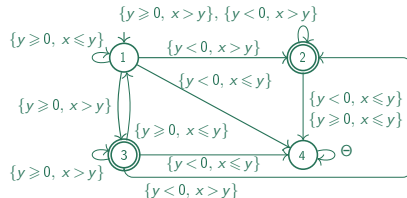
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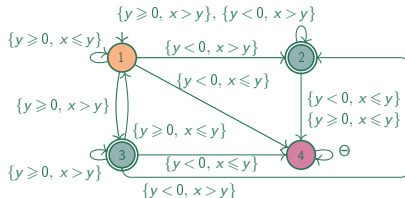
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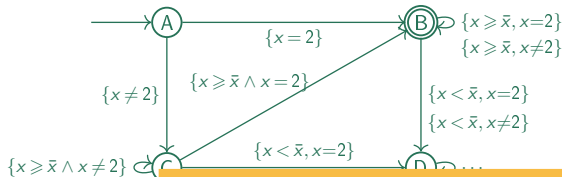
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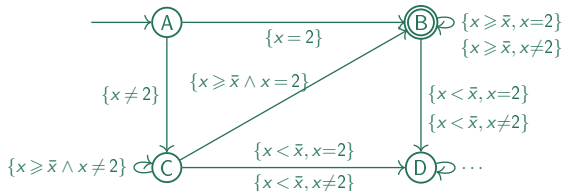
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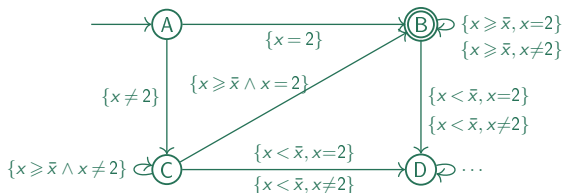
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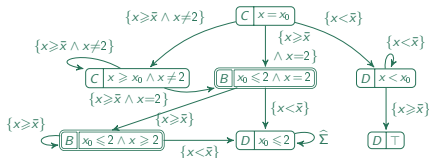
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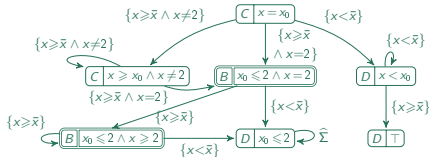
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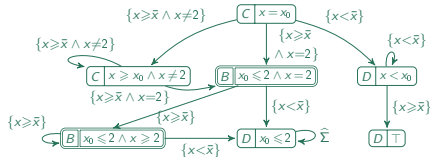


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- formulas in nodes give **condition** on initial variable values
 - to reach final states: $FSat(CG(q))$
 - to reach non-final states: $FUns(CG(q))$

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previously used in context of model checking [FMW22]

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Observation

for properties with finite summary, constraint graphs are finite

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monitoring task is solvable for any ψ that has finite summary, and MONITOR is monitoring procedure

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prototype tool for AAAI'23 submission

main help load example ▾

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input system

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