

INF5140 – Specification and Verification of Parallel Systems

Lecture 5 - Introduction to Logical Model Checking and Theoretical Foundations

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Credits:

- Many slides (all the figures with blue background and few others) were taken from Holzmann's slides on "Logical Model Checking", course given at Caltech
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Logic Model Checking: What is it about?

Logic Model Checking (1)

- Model checking is a technique for verifying *finite-state* concurrent systems
- Theoretically speaking, **model checking** consists of the following tasks:
 1. Modeling the system
 - It may require the use of abstraction
 - Often using some kind of automaton
 2. Specifying the properties the design must satisfy
 - It is impossible to determine all the properties the systems should satisfy
 - Often using some kind of temporal logic
 3. Verifying that the system satisfies its specification
 - In case of a negative result: error trace
 - An error trace may be product of a specification error

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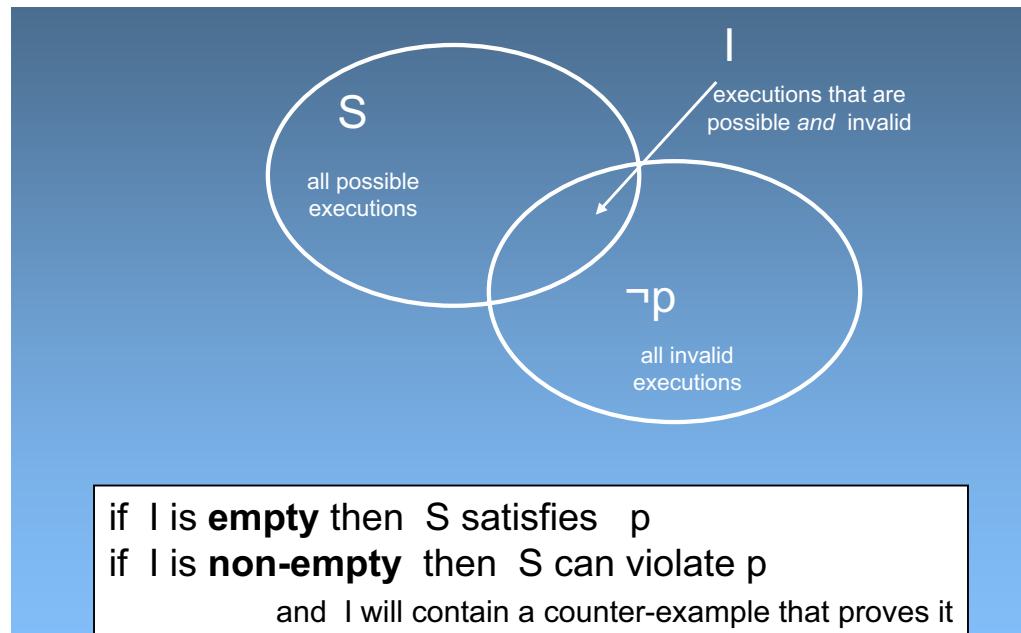
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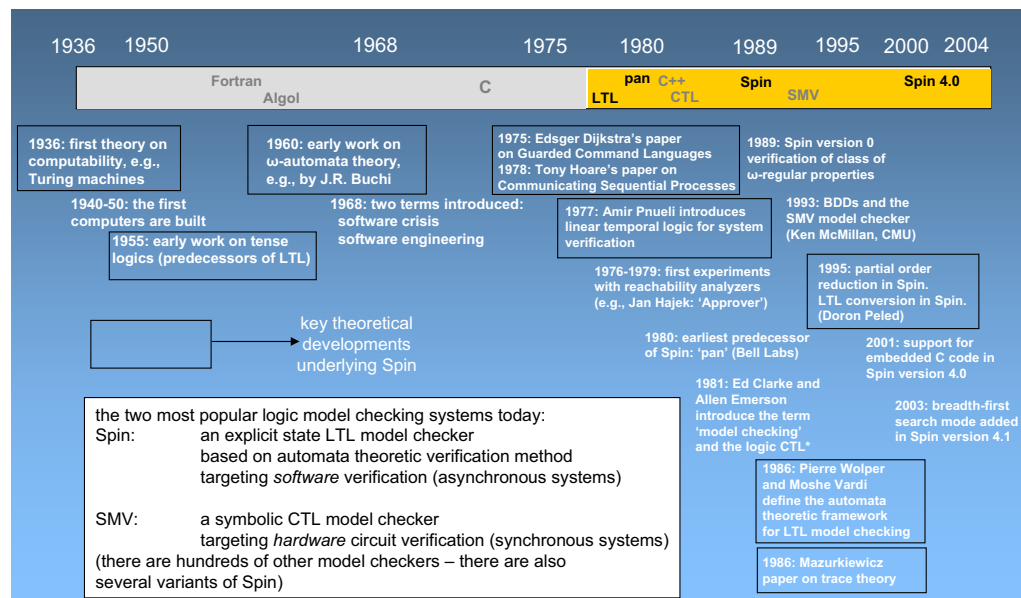


Scope of the method

- Logic model checkers (LMC) are suitable for concurrent and multi-threading finite state systems
- Some of the errors LMC may catch:
 - Deadlocks (two or more competing processes are waiting for the other to finish, and thus neither ever does)
 - Livelocks (two or more processes continually change their state in response to changes in the other processes)
 - Starvation (a process is perpetually denied access to necessary resources)
 - Priority and locking problems
 - Race conditions (attempting to perform two or more operations at the same time, which must be done in the proper sequence in order to be done correctly)
 - Resource allocation problems
 - Dead code (unreachable code)
 - Violation of certain system bounds
 - Logic problems: e.g, temporal relations

A bit of history

The following diagram shows the evolution of the theoretical foundations of LMC:



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On models and abstraction

- The use of **abstraction** is needed for building models (systems may be extremely big)
 - A model is always an abstraction of the reality
- The choice of the model/abstractions depends on the requirements to be checked
- A good model keeps only relevant information
 - A trade-off must be found: too much detail may complicate the model; too much abstraction may oversimplify the reality
- Time and probability are usually abstracted away in LMC

Building verification models

- Statements about system design and system requirement must be separated
 - One formalism for specifying behavior (system design)
 - Another formalism for specifying system requirements (correctness properties)
- The two types of statements define a **verification model**
- A model checker can now
 - Check that the behavior specification (the design) is logically consistent with the requirement specification (the desired properties)

Distributed Algorithms

Two asynchronous processes may easily get blocked when competing for a shared resource

in real-life conflicts ultimately get resolved by *human judgment*.
computers, though, must be able to resolve it with fixed algorithms



A Small Multi-threaded Program

```
int x, y, r;
int *p, *q, *z;
int **a;

thread_1(void)      /* initialize p, q, and r */
{
    p = &x;
    q = &y;
    z = &r;
}
thread_2(void)      /* swap contents of x and y */
{
    r = *p;
    *p = *q;
    *q = r;
}
thread_3(void)      /* access z via a and p */
{
    a = &p;
    *a = z;
    **a = 12;
}
```

3 asynchronous threads
accessing shared data
3 statements each
how many test runs are needed to
check that no data corruption can occur?

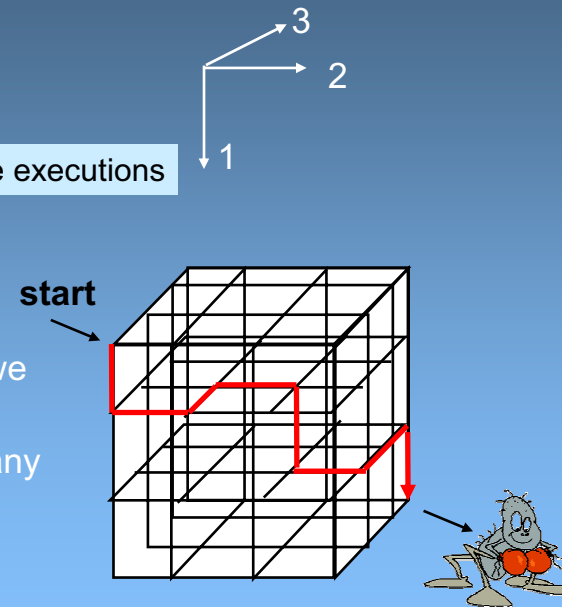
Thread Interleaving

- the number of possible thread interleavings is...

$$\frac{9!}{6! \cdot 3!} \cdot \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 3!} \cdot \frac{3!}{3!} = 1,680 \text{ possible executions}$$

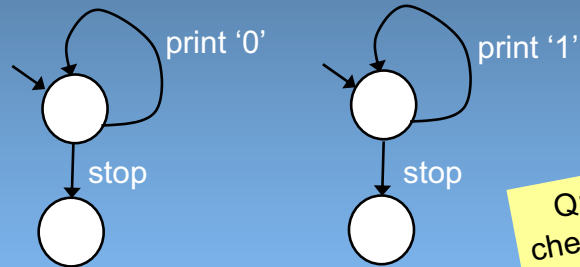
placing 3 sets of 3 tokens in 9 slots

- are all these executions okay?
- can we check them all? should we check them all?
- in classic system testing, how many would normally be checked?



A Simpler Example

- consider two 2-state automata
 - representing two asynchronous processes
- one can print an arbitrary number of '0' digits, or stop
- the other can print an arbitrary number of '1' digits, or stop



Q: how could a model checker deal with possibly infinite executions?

how many different combined executions are there?
i.e., how many different binary numbers can be printed?
how would one test that this system does what we think it does?

Automata and Logic

Finite State Automata

Definition

A **finite state automaton** is a tuple (S, s_0, L, F, T) , where

- S is finite set of states
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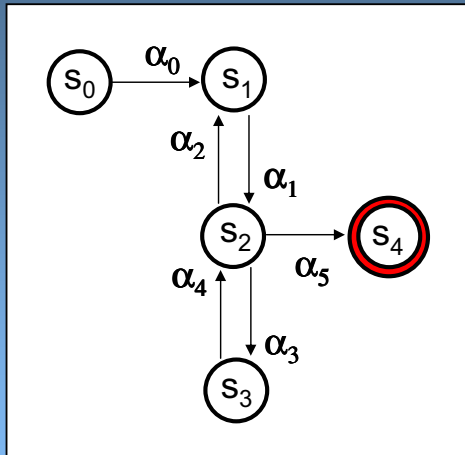
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Finite State Automata

Example

A: {S, s0, L, F, T}



A.S: { s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 }

A.L = { $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5$ }

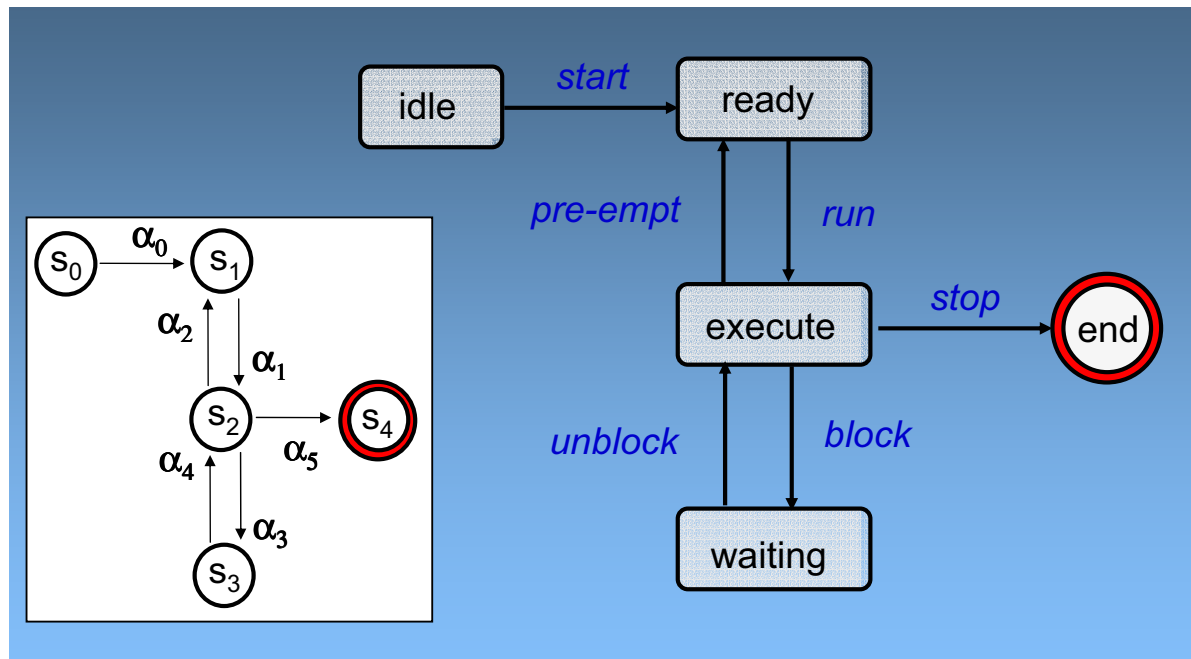
A.F = { s_4 }

A.T = { $(s_0, \alpha_0, s_1), (s_1, \alpha_1, s_2), \dots$ }

Finite State Automata

Example: An Interpretation

The above automaton may be interpreted as a Process Scheduler:



Determinism vs. non-determinism

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A **run** of a finite state automaton $A = (S, s_0, L, F, T)$ is an ordered and possibly infinite set of transitions (a sequence) from T

$$\sigma = \{(s_0, l_0, s_1), (s_1, l_1, s_2), \dots\}$$

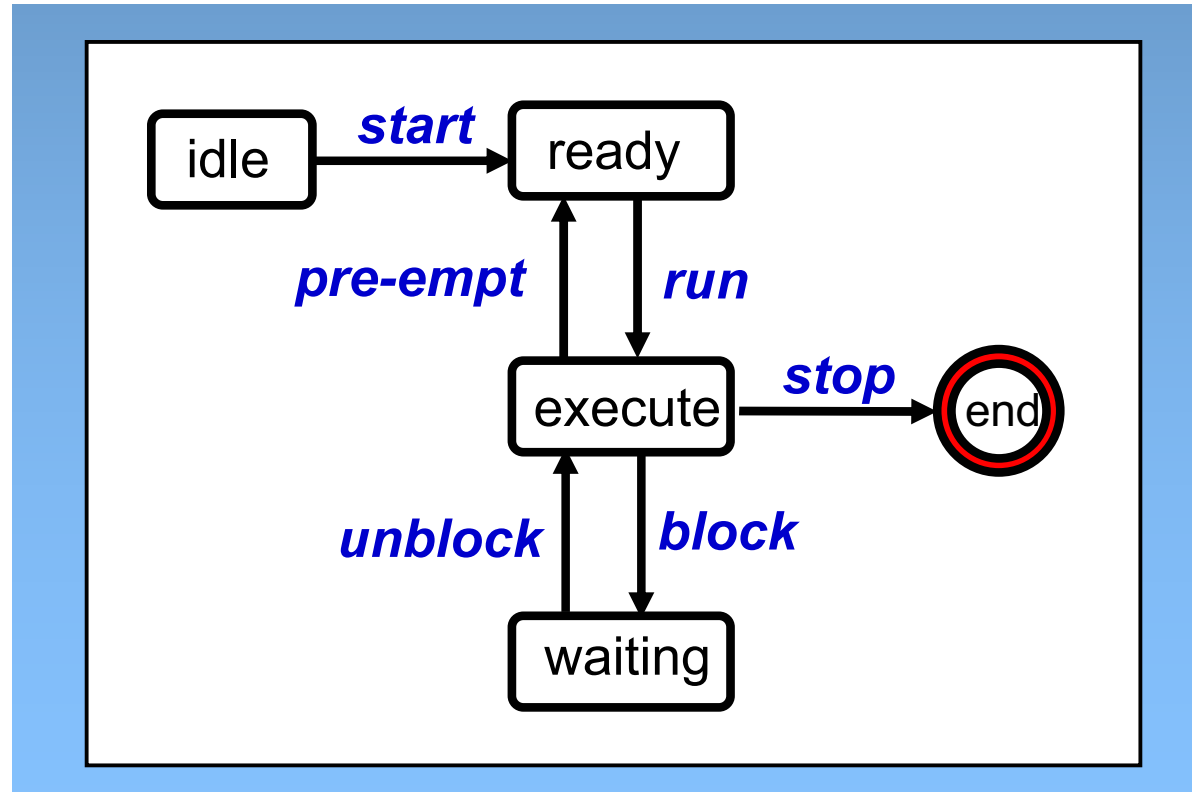
such that

$$\forall i, i \geq 0 \text{ s.th. } (s_i, l_i, s_{i+1}) \in T$$

Each run corresponds to a **state sequence** in S and a **word** in L

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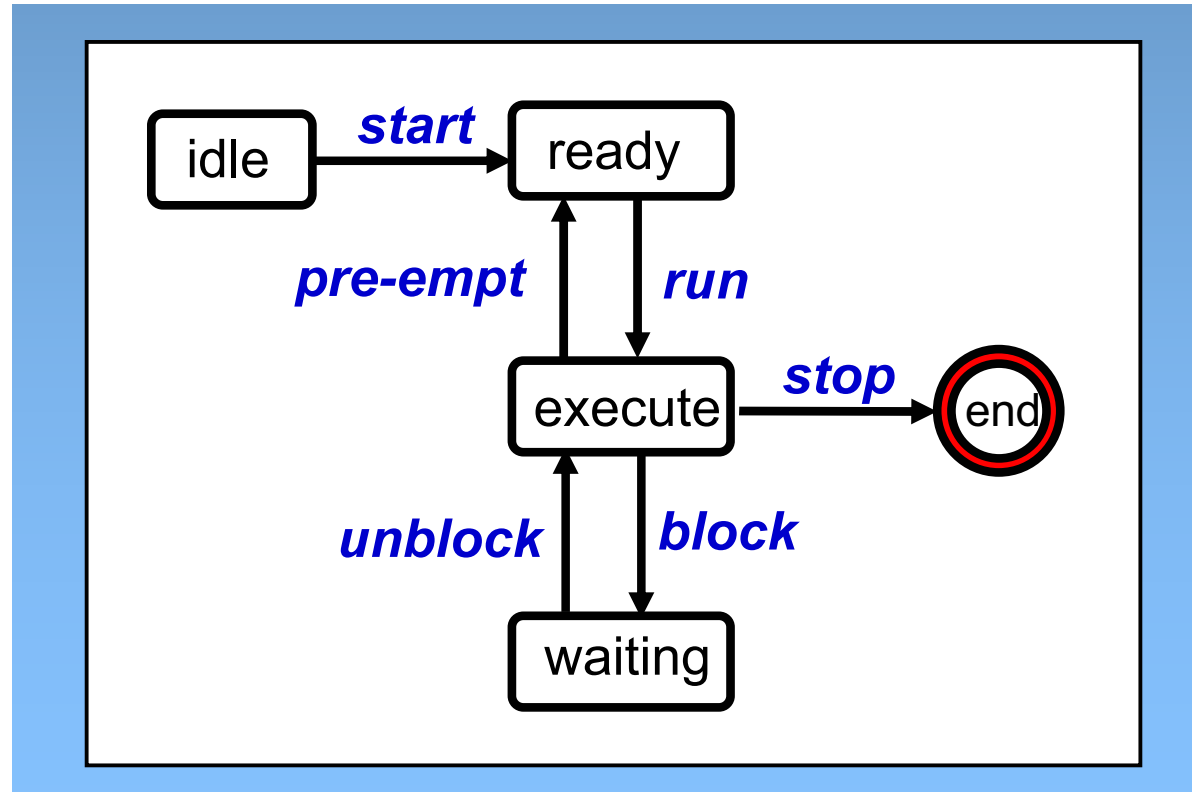
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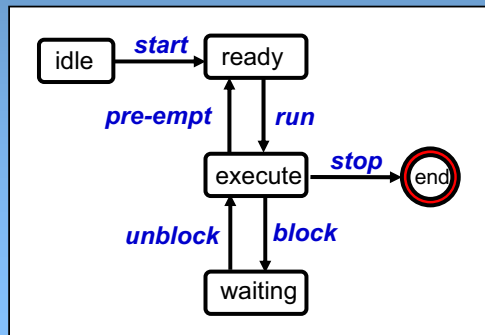
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Definition of Acceptance

Definition

An **accepting** run of a finite state automaton $A = (S, s_0, L, F, T)$ is a finite run σ in which the final transition (s_{n-1}, l_{n-1}, s_n) has the property that $s_n \in A.F$

Example:



state sequence of an *accepting* run:
{ idle, ready, execute, waiting, execute, end }

the corresponding *word* in L:
{ *start, run, block, unblock, stop* }

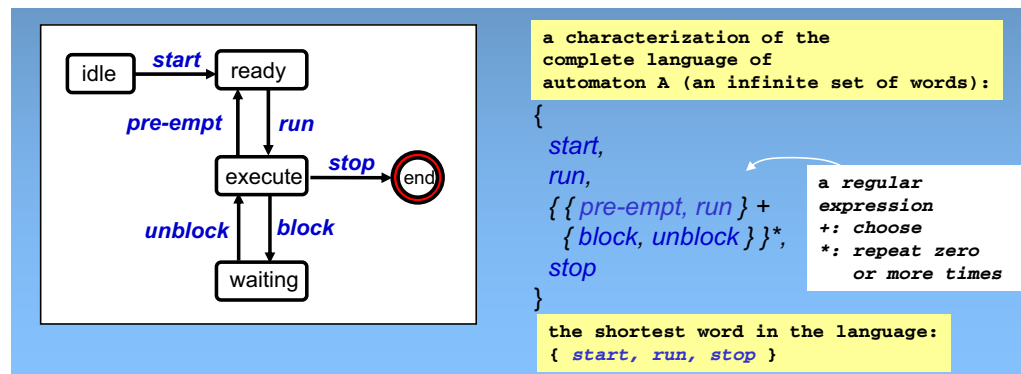
Language Accepted by an Automaton

Definition

The **language** $\mathcal{L}(A)$ of automaton $A = (S, s_0, L, F, T)$ is the set of words in $A.L$ that correspond to the set of all the accepting runs of A

Notice that there can be infinitely many words in the language of even a small finite state automaton

Example:



Reasoning about Runs

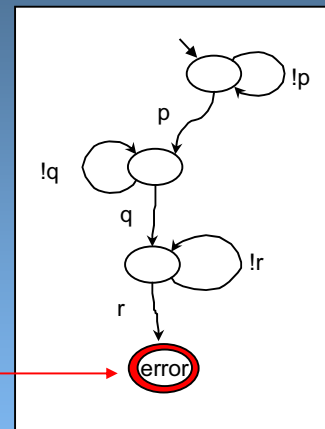
sample property:

“if first p becomes *true*
and then later q becomes *true*,
then r can no longer become *true*”

reaching this state
constitutes a complete
match of the pattern
that specifies the
correctness violation

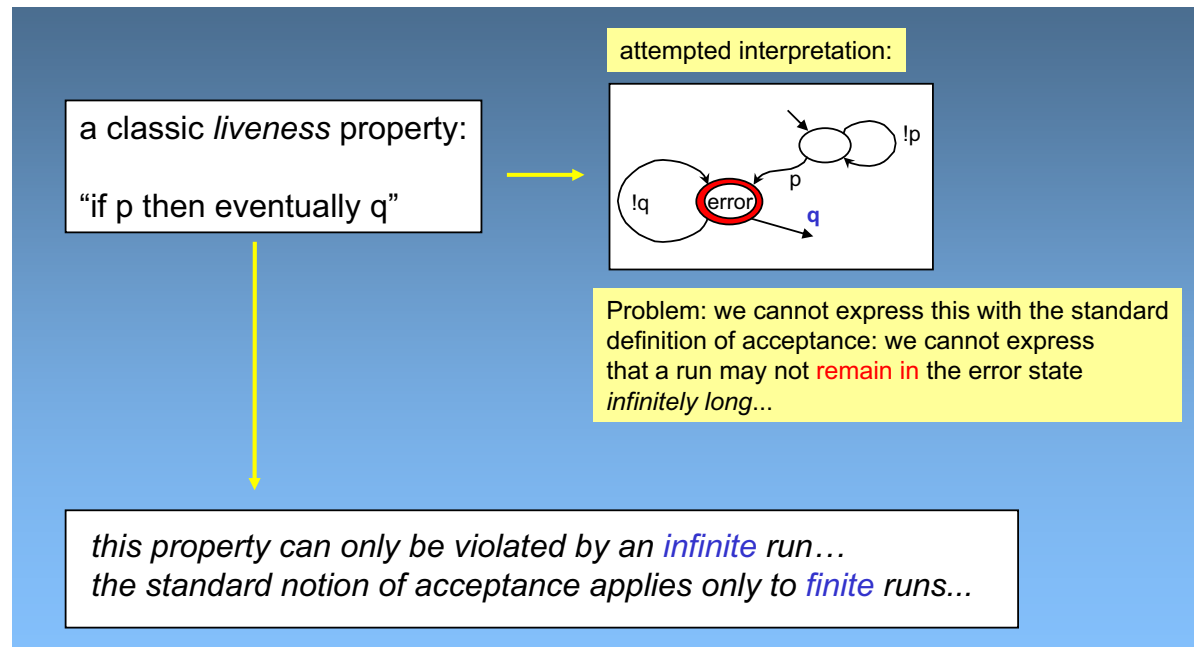
this property is easily expressed with
the standard definition of acceptance

interpretation:



correctness claim:
it is an error if in a run we
see first p then q and then r

Reasoning about *Infinite* Runs



We need, thus, to extend the notion of run, acceptance, ...

Büchi Acceptance

- An infinite run is often called an ω -run (“omega run”)
- An acceptance property for ω -runs are called ω -acceptance and can be defined in different ways
 - The so-called Büchi, Müller, Rabin, Streett, etc, acceptance conditions
 - We adopt here the one introduced by Büchi [?] [?]

Definition

An **accepting ω -run** of finite state automaton $A = (S, s_0, L, F, T)$ is an infinite run σ such that

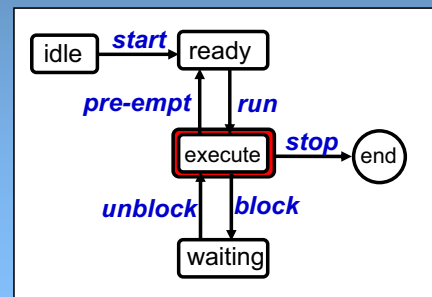
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i.e., at *least one state* in $A.F$ is visited **infinitely often**.

Automata with the above acceptance condition are called **Büchi automata**

Büchi Automata

Example



an accepting ω -run for this automaton:
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the corresponding ω -word:
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the ω -language of an automaton is
the set of all ω -words accepted

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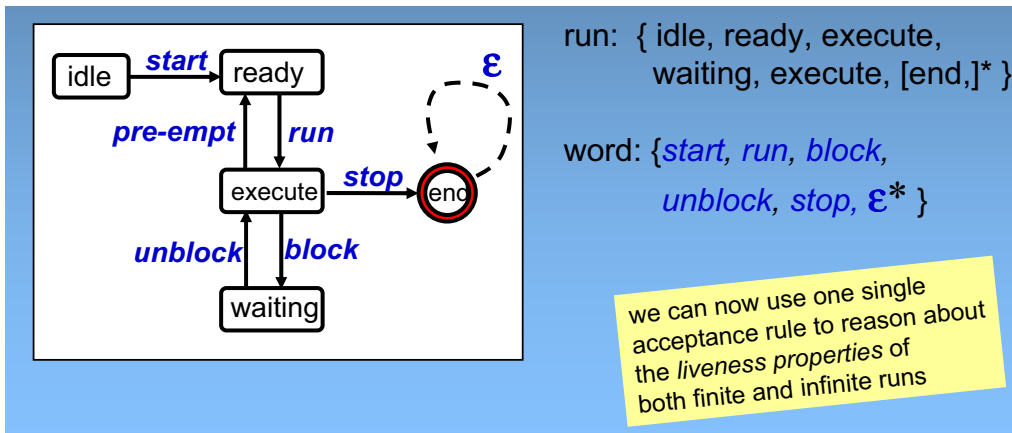
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Satisfaction (semantics)

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We define the notion that an LTL formula φ is **true** (**false**) relative to a path σ , written $\sigma \models \varphi$ ($\sigma \not\models \varphi$) as follows.

$$\sigma \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma_0 \models \varphi \text{ when } \varphi \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$\sigma \models \neg\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma \not\models \varphi$$

$$\sigma \models \varphi \vee \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma \models \varphi \text{ or } \sigma \models \psi$$

$$\sigma \models \Box\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma^k \models \varphi \text{ for all } k \geq 0$$

$$\sigma \models \Diamond\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma^k \models \varphi \text{ for some } k \geq 0$$

$$\sigma \models \bigcirc\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \sigma^1 \models \varphi$$

(cont.)

Satisfaction (semantics) (2)

Definition

(cont.)

$\sigma \models \varphi U \psi$ iff $\sigma^k \models \psi$ for some $k \geq 0$, and
 $\sigma^i \models \varphi$ for every i such that $0 \leq i < k$

$\sigma \models \varphi R \psi$ iff for every $j \geq 0$,
if $\sigma^i \not\models \varphi$ for every $i < j$ then $\sigma^j \models \psi$

$\sigma \models \varphi W \psi$ iff $\sigma \models \varphi U \psi$ or $\sigma \models \Box \varphi$

From Kripke Structures to Büchi Automata

- LTL formulas can be interpreted on sets of infinite runs of Kripke structures

We recall the definition (slightly different from previous lecture)

Definition

A **Kripke structure** M is a four-tuple (W, R, W_0, V) where

- W is a finite non-empty set of states (*worlds*)
- $R \subseteq W \times W$ is a total accessibility relation between states (transition relation)
- $W_0 \subseteq W$ is the set of starting states
- $V : W \longrightarrow 2^{AP}$ is a map labeling each state with a set of propositional variables

A **path in M** is an infinite sequence $\sigma = w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots$ of worlds such that for every $i \geq 0$, $w_i R w_{i+1}$. One can think of a path as an infinite branch in a tree corresponding to the unwind of the Kripke structure.

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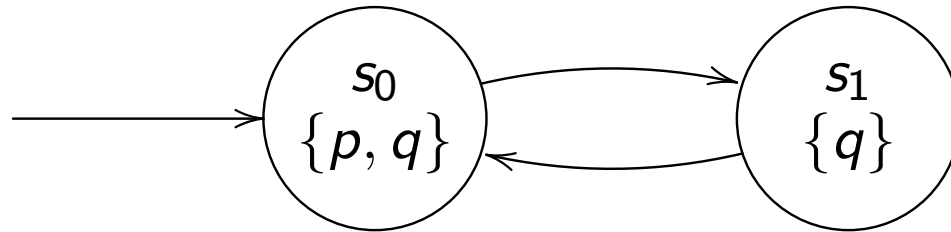
Obtaining the automaton

- An ω -regular automaton $A = (S, s_0, L, F, T)$ can be obtained from a Kripke structure $M = (W, R, W_0, V)$ as follows
- $S = W \cup \{i\}$
- $s_0 = \{i\}$
- $L = 2^{AP}$
- $F = W \cup \{i\}$
- For $s, s' \in S$ s.th. $(s, l, s') \in T$ iff $(s, s') \in R \wedge l = V(s')$
- $(i, l, s) \in T$ iff $s \in W_0 \wedge l = V(s)$

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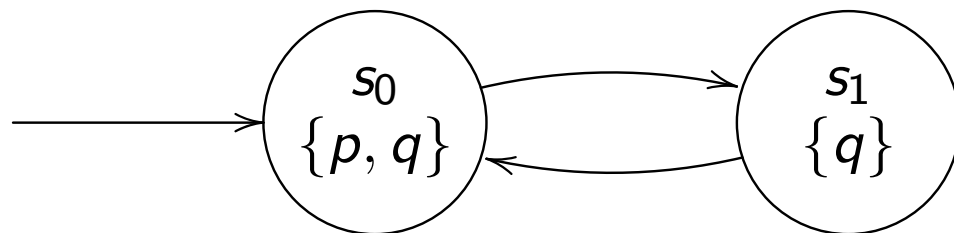


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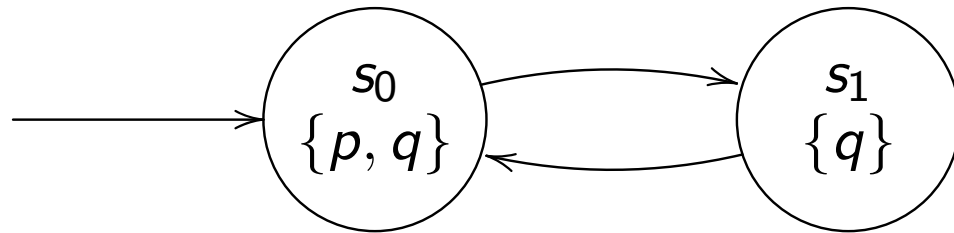


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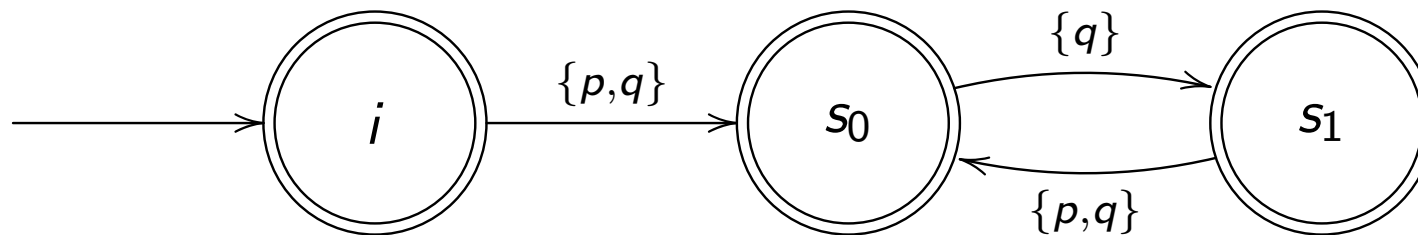


Figure: Büchi-Automaton

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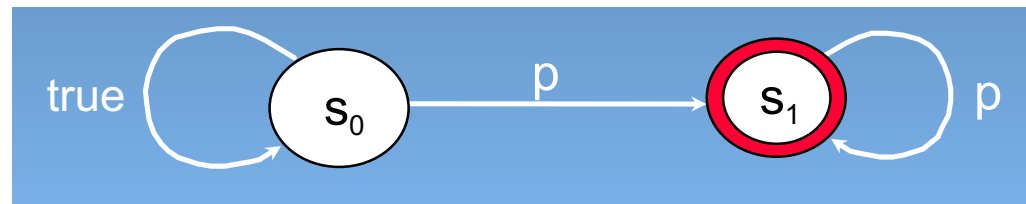


Figure: From LTL to automata

We will see the algorithm next lecture... For the moment, believe me that it is indeed the case

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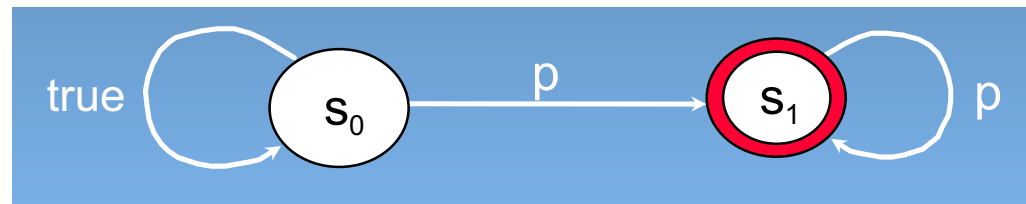
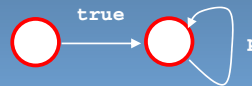


Figure: From LTL to automata

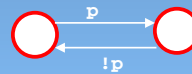
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Omega-regular Properties

- something not expressible in pure LTL:
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 - $\square X(p)$ certainly does not capture it:



- $p \ \&\& \ \square(p \rightarrow X!p) \ \&\& \ \square(!p \rightarrow Xp)$ does not capture it either (because now p *must* always hold after all even steps):



(!t!2ba -f)

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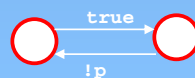


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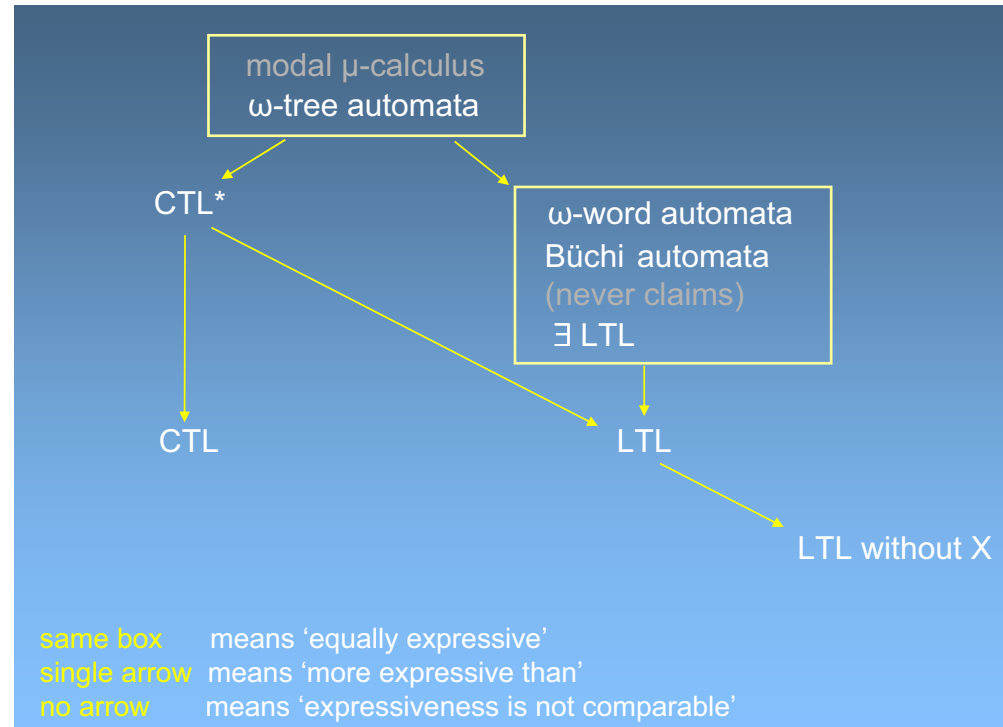


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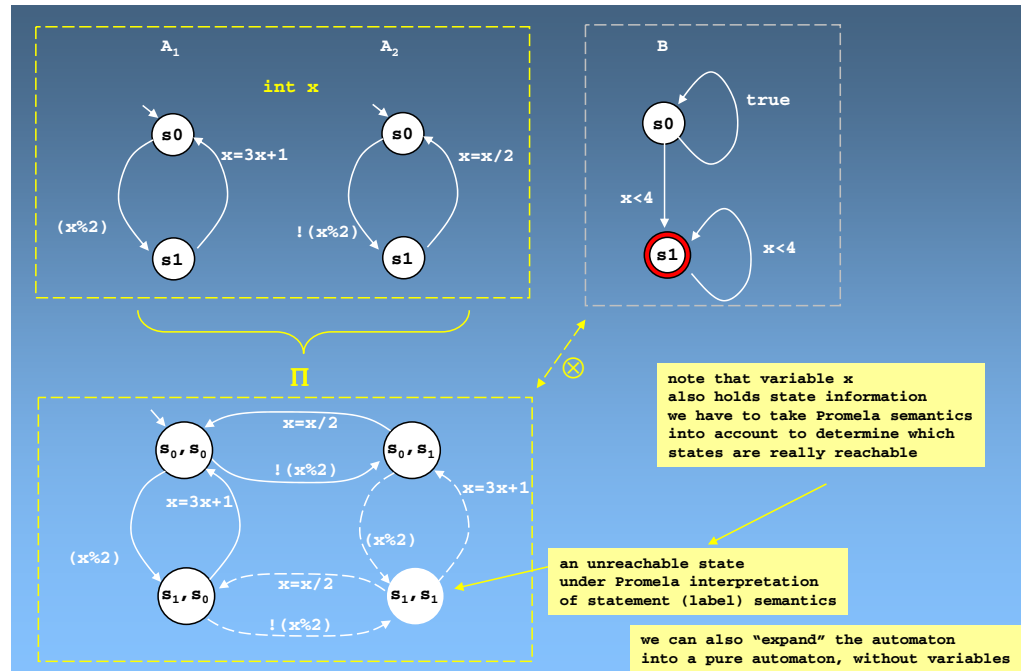


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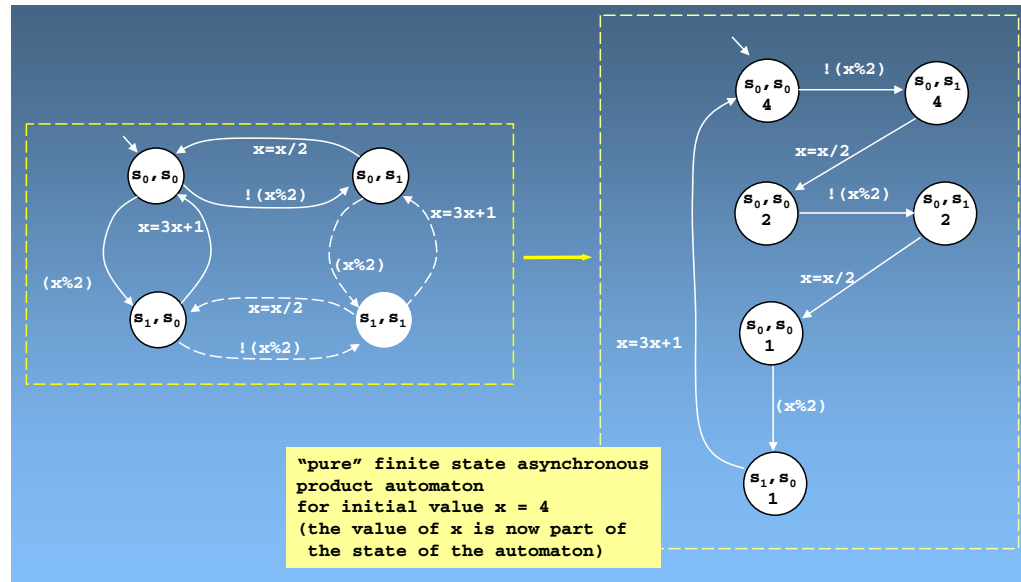


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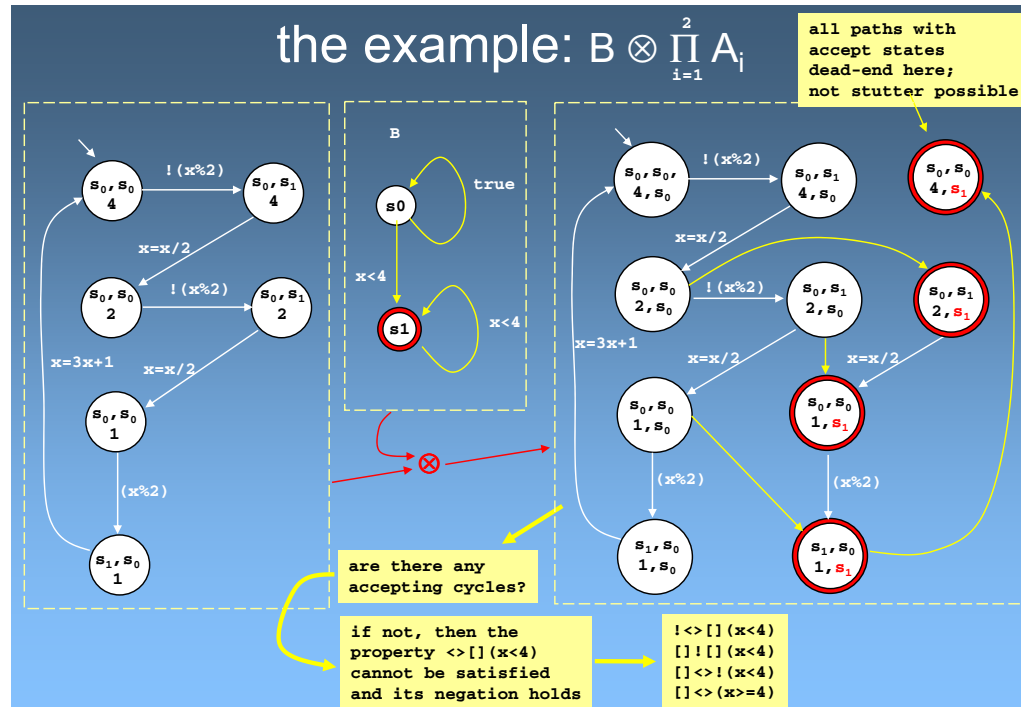


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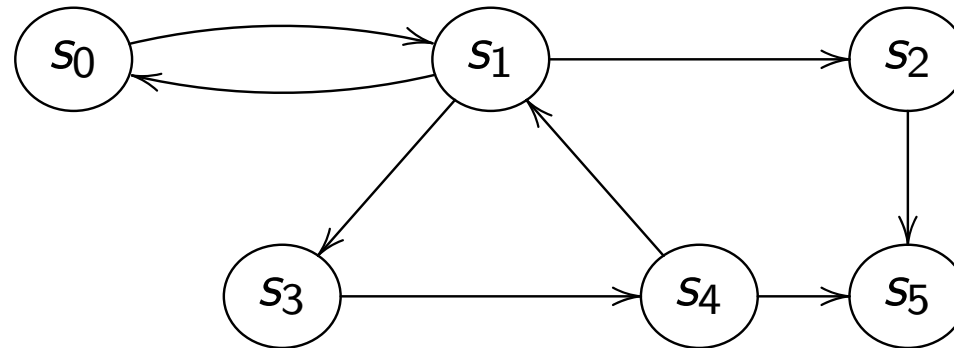


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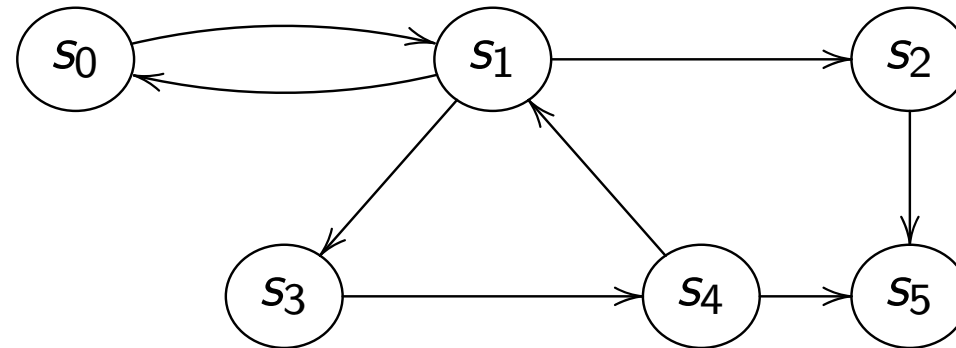


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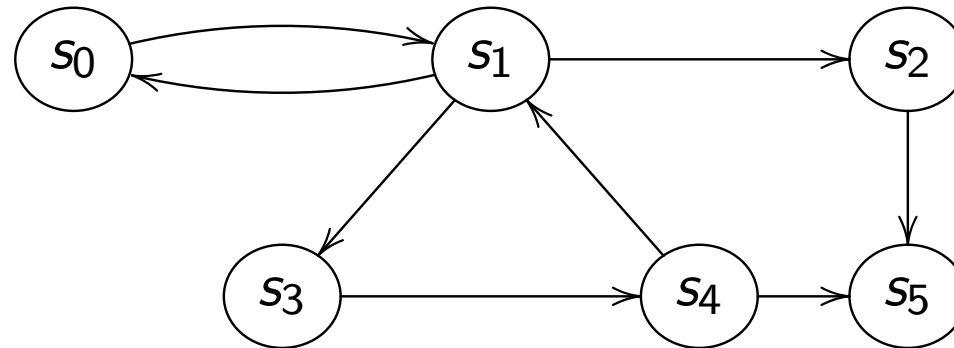


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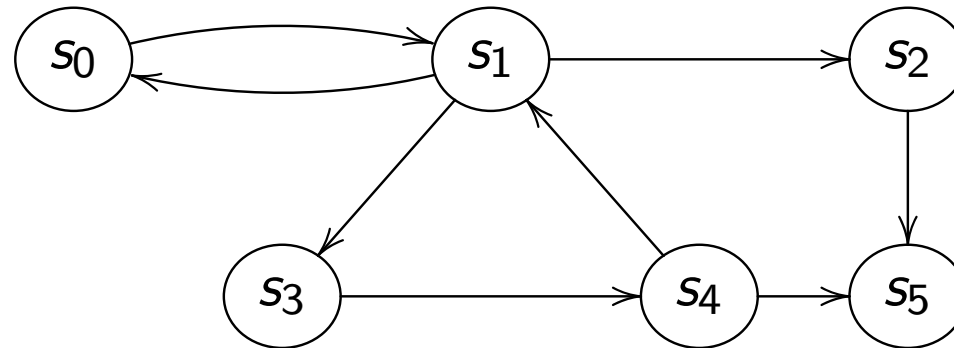


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 - 4.2 Construct a path σ_1 from an initial state of C to some accepting state s of SC
 - 4.3 Construct a cycle from s and back to itself (such cycle exists since SC is a strongly-connected component)
 - 4.4 Let σ_2 be such cycle, excluding its first state s
 - 4.5 Announce that $\sigma_1\sigma_2^\omega$ is a counterexample that is accepted by A , but it is not allowed by the property/specification ψ

Final Remarks

Observation

- In Peled's book "Software Reliability Methods" [Peled, 2001] the definition of a Büchi automaton is very similar to our Kripke structure, with the addition of acceptance states
 - There is a labeling of the states associating to each state a set of subsets of propositions (instead of having the propositions as transition labels)
- We have chosen to define Büchi Automata in the way we did since this definition is compatible with the implementation of SPIN
 - It was taken from Holzmann's book "The SPIN Model Checker" [?]

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Further Reading

- The first two parts of this lecture were mainly based on Chap. 6 of Holzmann's book "The SPIN Model Checker"
 - Automata products: Appendix A
- The 3rd part was taken from Peled's book

For next lecture (10./17.03.2017): Read Chap. 6 of Peled's book, mainly section 6.8 on translating LTL into Automata

- We will see how to apply the algorithm to an example

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