

Crash course – Verification of Finite Automata

CTL model-checking

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Reminders – Big picture

Objective

Verify properties over DES models
Formal method \Rightarrow Absolute guarantee!

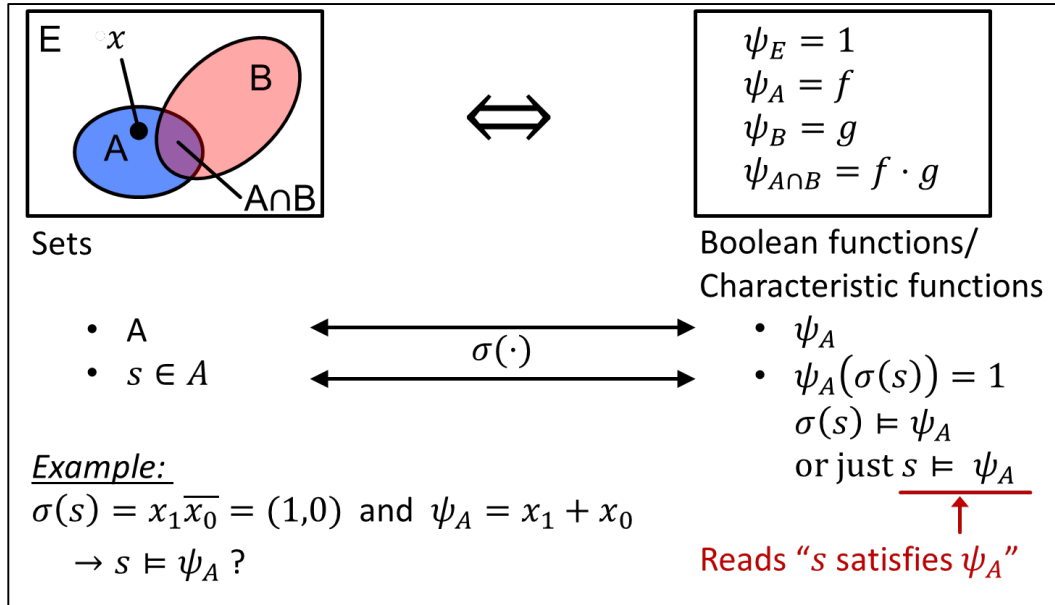
Problem

Combinatorial explosion
 \rightarrow Huge amount of states,
computationally intractable

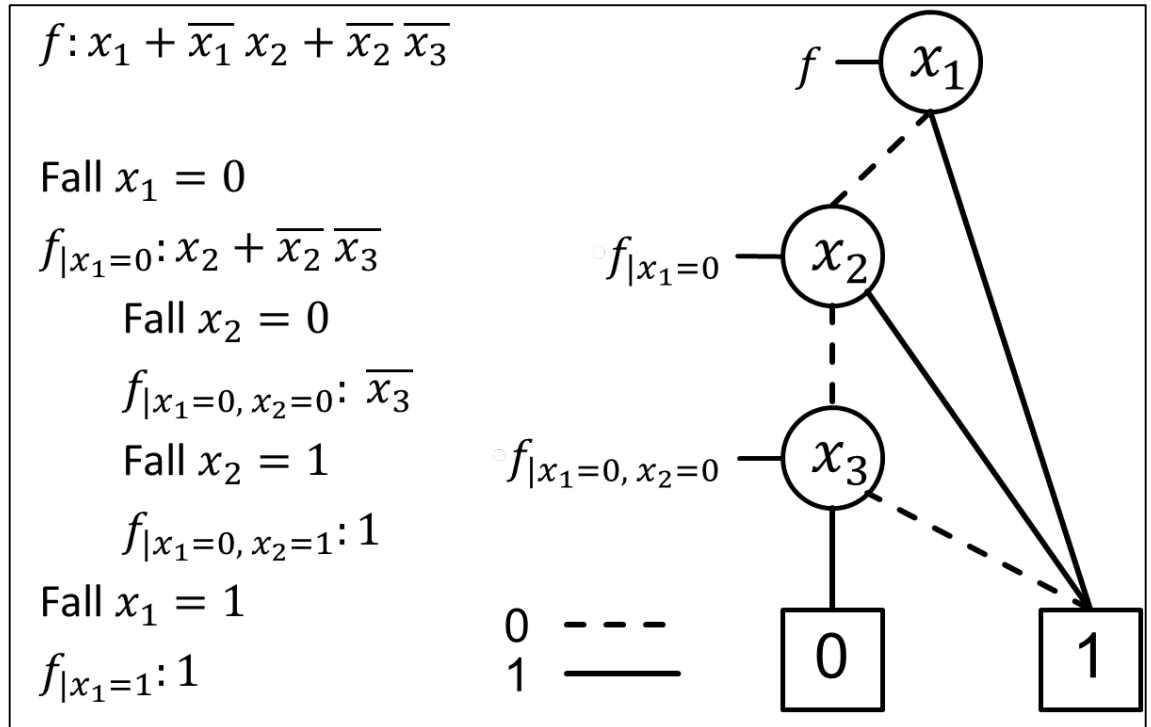
Solution

Work with sets of states
 \rightarrow Symbolic Model-Checking
 \rightarrow (O)BDDs

Reminders – First exercise session



Equivalence between sets and Boolean equations



BDD representation of Boolean functions

Today's menu

1. Reachability of states
2. Comparison of automata
3. Formulation and verification of CTL properties



Can be formulated as reachability problems

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Fairly simple

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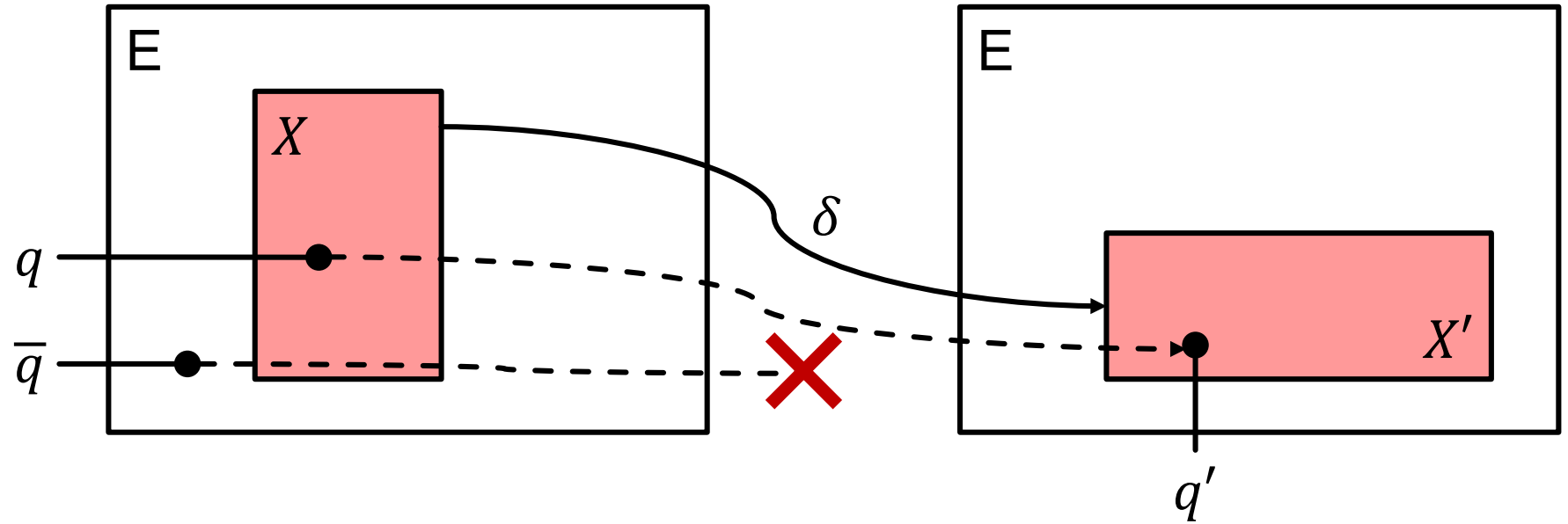
→ Only if you have a finite model!!

How can we formalize this problem?

Formalization of reachable states

$$\delta : X \subseteq E \rightarrow X' \subseteq E$$

$$q \mapsto q'$$



$$q \in X \Leftrightarrow \exists q' \in X', \left| \begin{array}{l} \delta(q, q') \text{ is defined} \\ \psi_\delta(q, q') = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

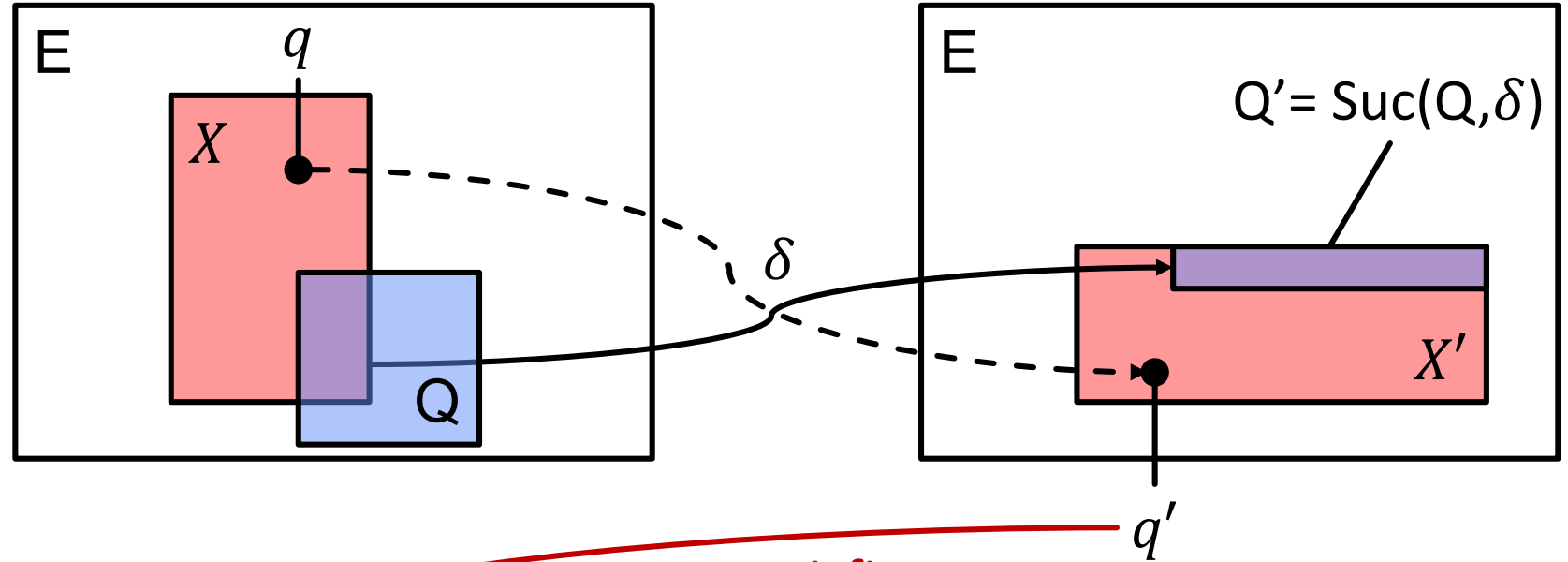
$$\bar{q} \notin X \Leftrightarrow \left| \begin{array}{l} \nexists q' \in X', \delta(\bar{q}, q') \text{ is defined} \\ \forall q' \in X, \psi_\delta(\bar{q}, q') = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

Formalization of reachable states

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$$q \mapsto q'$$

What is Q' ?



$$q' \in Q' \Rightarrow q' \in X' \Rightarrow \exists q \in X, \psi_\delta(q, q') = 1$$

satisfies

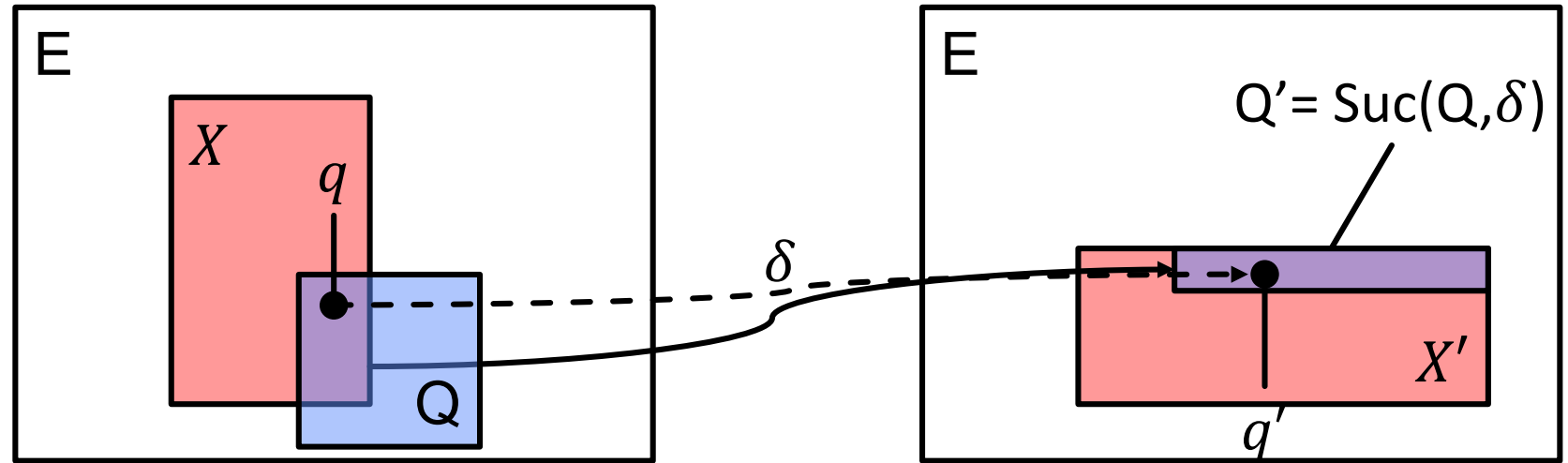
Not sufficient !

We also need that q belongs to Q : $q \in Q$ or equivalently $\psi_Q(q) = 1$

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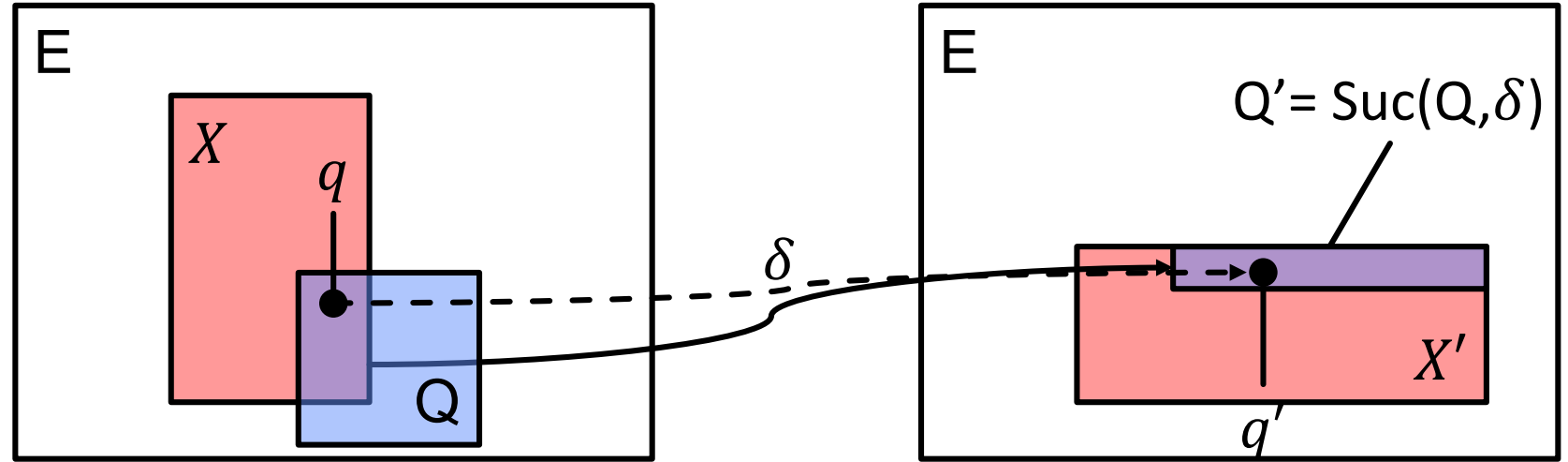
$$q' \in Q' \Leftrightarrow \exists q \in X, \psi_Q(q) = 1 \text{ and } \psi_\delta(q, q') = 1$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \exists q \in X, \psi_Q(q) \cdot \psi_\delta(q, q') = 1$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \psi_{Q'} = \psi_Q \cdot \psi_\delta$$

Q_R : set of reachable states

$$Q_R = Q_0 \cup_{i \geq 0} \text{Suc}(Q_i, \delta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \psi_{Q_R} = \psi_{Q_0} \sum_{i \geq 0} \psi_{Q_i} \cdot \psi_\delta$$

Again, finite union
if finite model

Comparison of automata

Two automata
are equivalent



Same input produces
same output

Don't compare states!

- Computation of the joint transition function,
$$\psi_{\delta}(q_1, q_2, q'_1, q'_2) = (\exists u : \psi_{\omega_1}(u, q_1, q'_1) \cdot \psi_{\omega_2}(u, q_2, q'_2))$$
 ➤ Get rid of the input
- Computation of the reachable states (method according to previous slides),
$$\psi_Q(q_1, q_2)$$
 ➤ Compute Q_R
- Computation of the reachable output values,
$$\psi_Y(y_1, y_2) = (\exists q_1, q_2 : \psi_Q(q_1, q_2) \cdot \psi_{\omega_1}(q_1, y_1) \cdot \psi_{\omega_2}(q_2, y_2))$$
 ➤ Deduce reachable outputs
- The automata are not equivalent if the following term is true,
$$\exists y_1, y_2 : \psi_Y(y_1, y_2) \cdot (y_1 \neq y_2)$$
 ➤ Test for equivalence

Formulation of CTL properties

Based on atomic propositions (ϕ) and quantifiers

$A\phi$ → «**A**ll ϕ », ϕ holds on all paths

$E\phi$ → «**E**xists ϕ », ϕ holds on at least one path

} Quantifiers
over paths

$X\phi$ → «**N**e**X**t ϕ », ϕ holds on the next state

$F\phi$ → «**F**inally ϕ », ϕ holds at some state along the path

$G\phi$ → «**G**lobally ϕ », ϕ holds on all states along the path

$\phi_1 U \phi_2$ → « ϕ_1 **U**ntil ϕ_2 », ϕ_1 holds until ϕ_2 holds

} Path-specific
quantifiers

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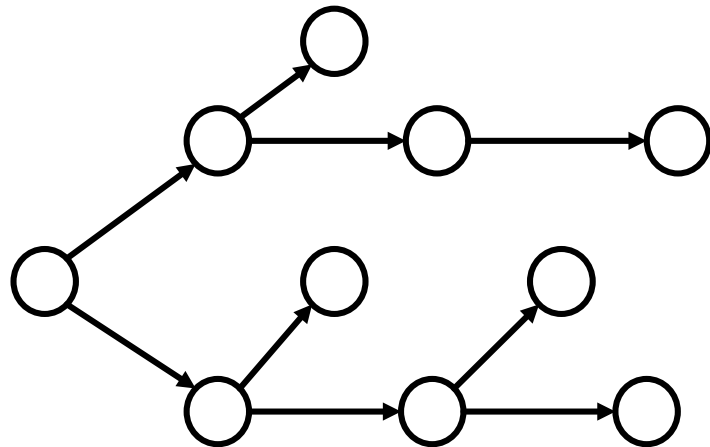
Proper CTL formula: $\{A,E\} \{X,F,G,U\} \phi$

→ Quantifiers **go by pairs**, you need one of each.

Missing Hypothesis

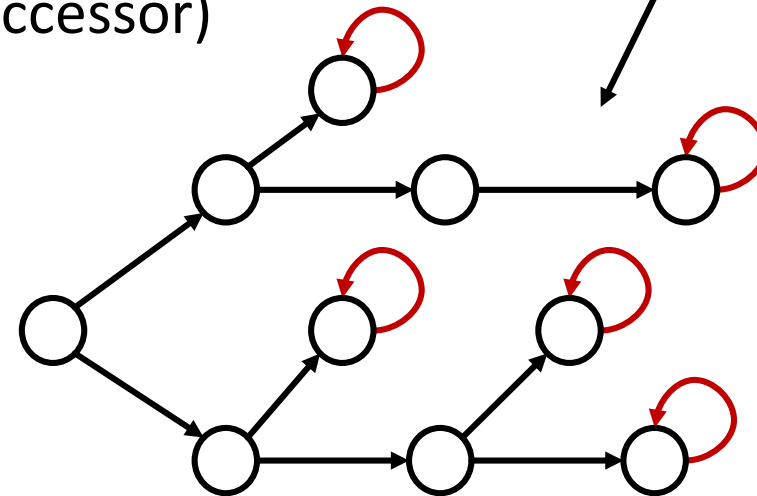
Interpretation on CTL formula

→ Transition functions are **fully defined**
(i.e. every state has at least one successor)



Automaton of interest

→

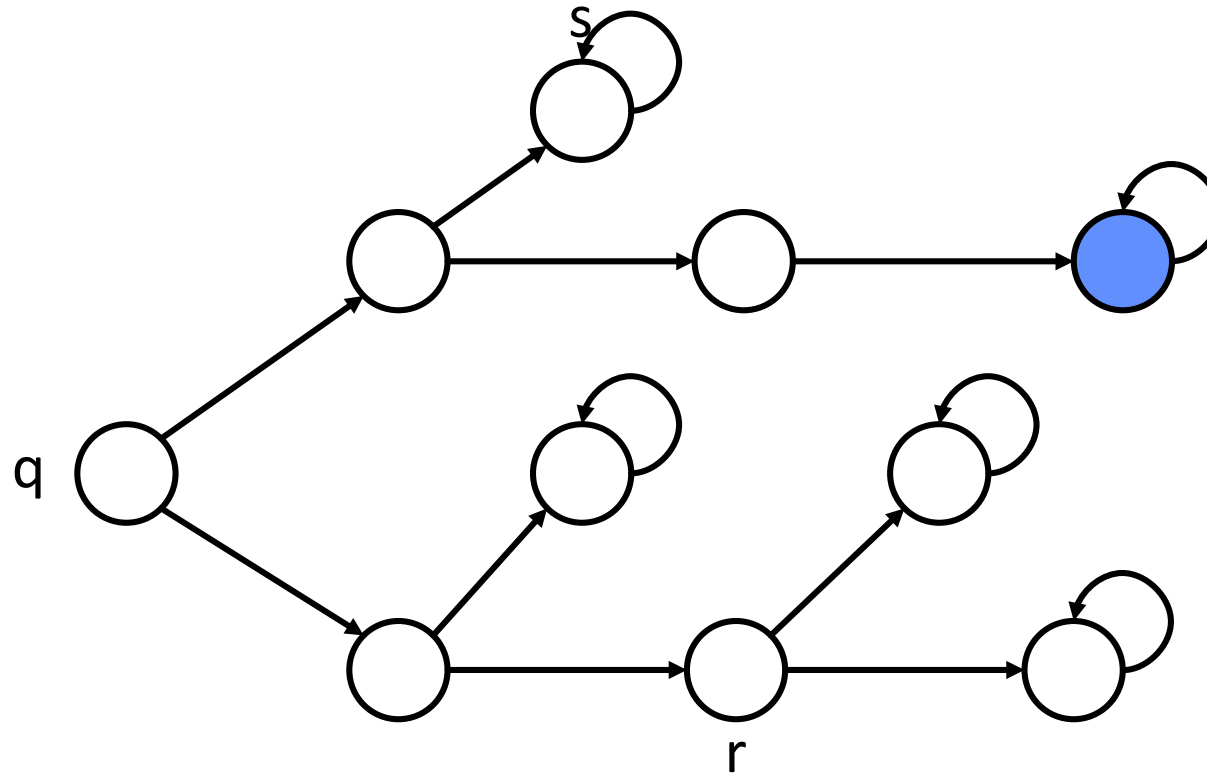


Automaton to work with

Simple “means” that we get rid of leaf nodes...
→ They transition to themselves

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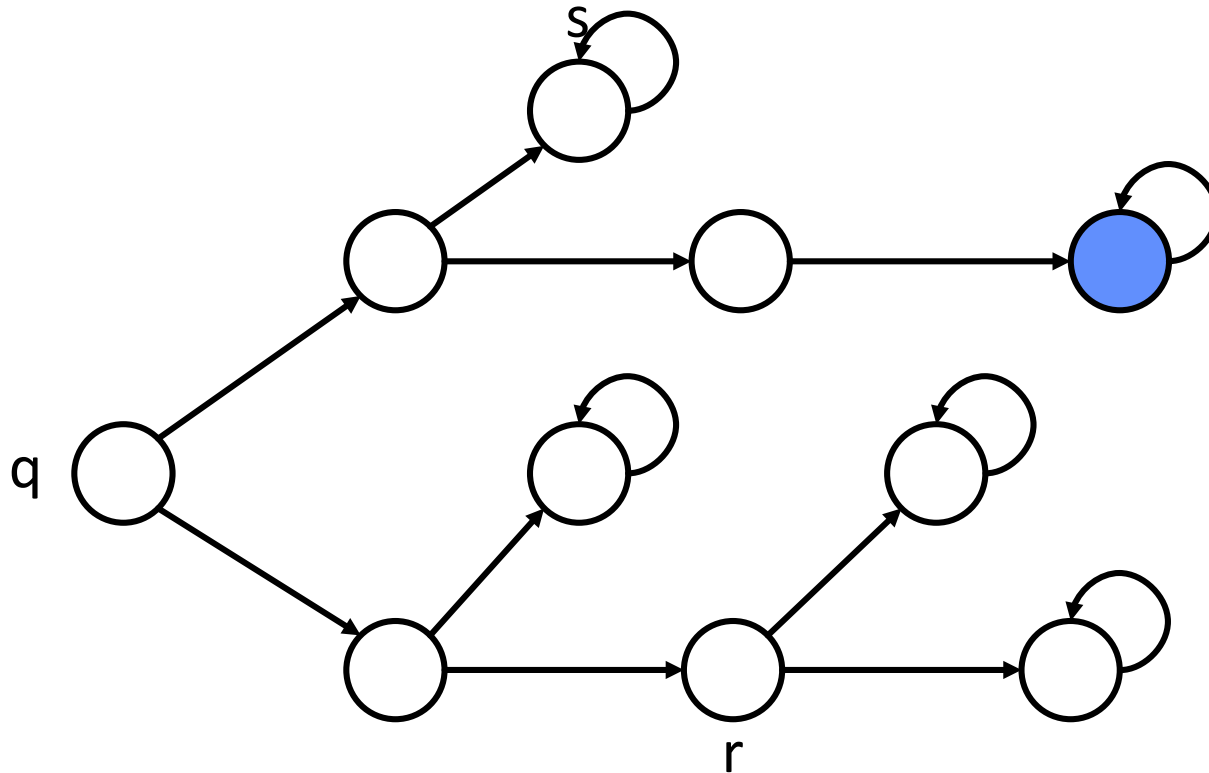
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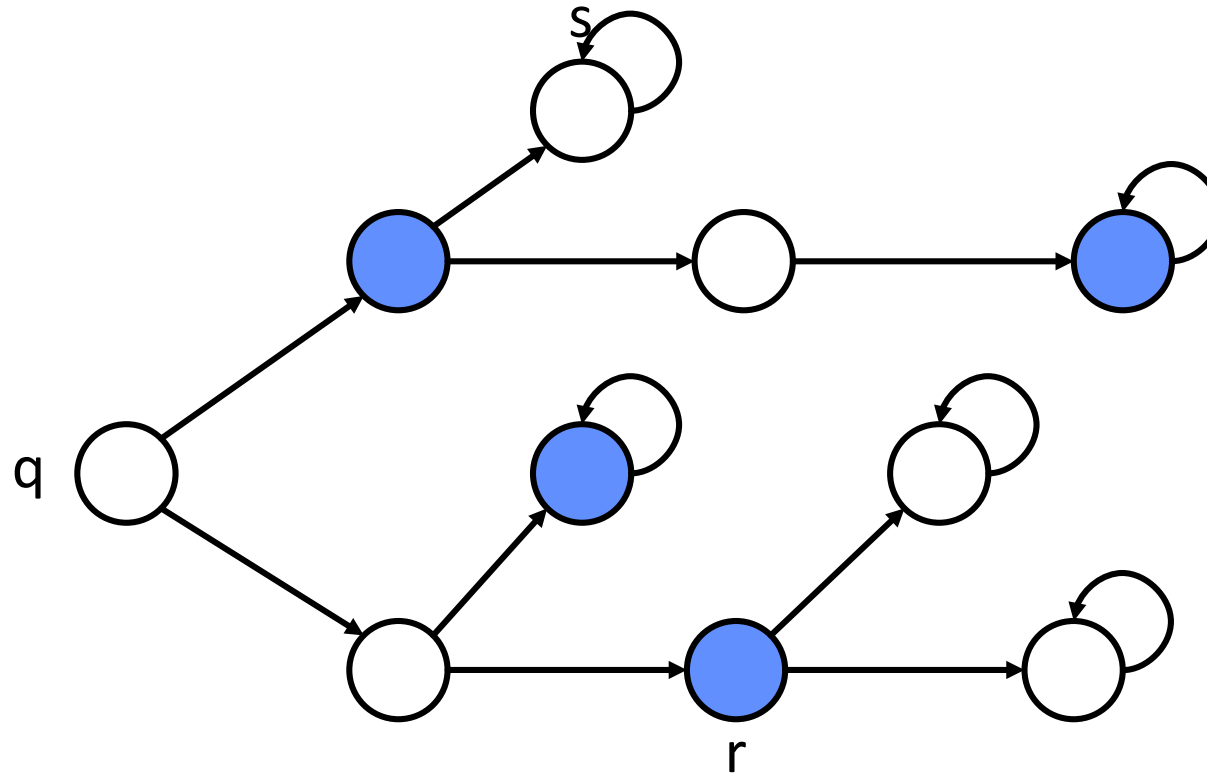
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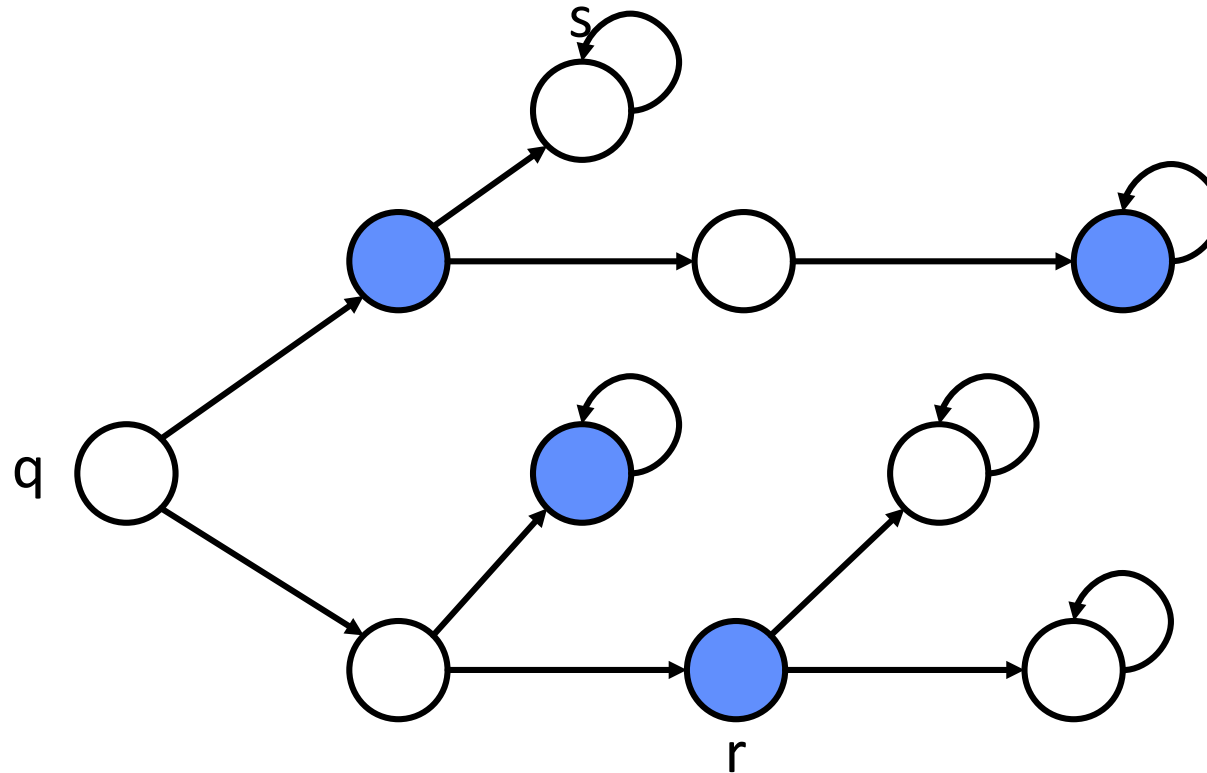
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$AF \phi$: “On all paths, at some state ϕ holds .”



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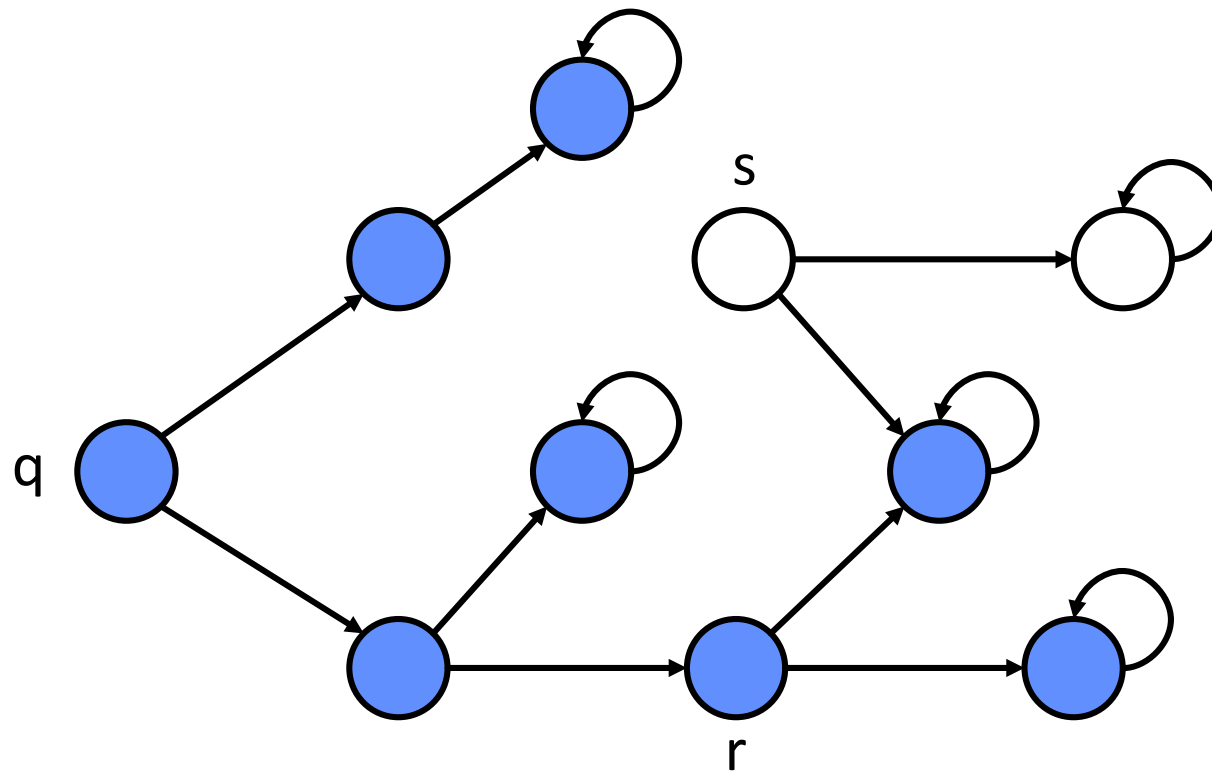
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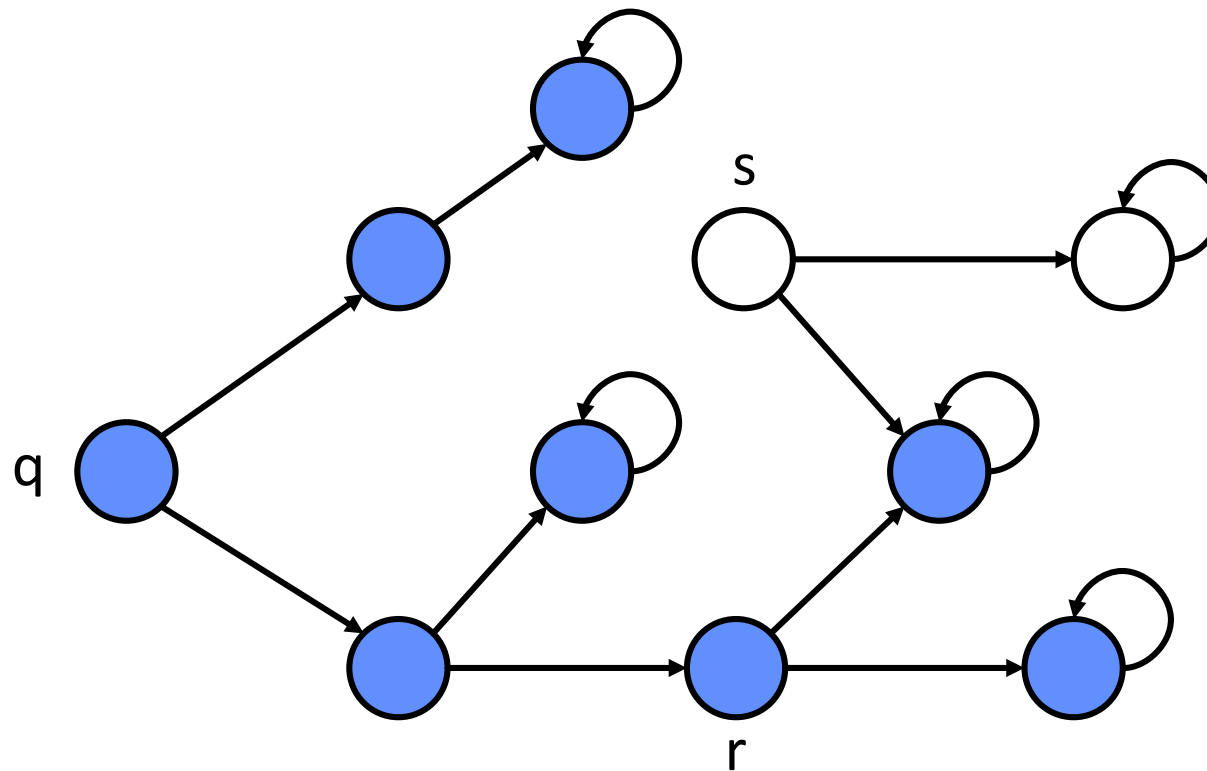
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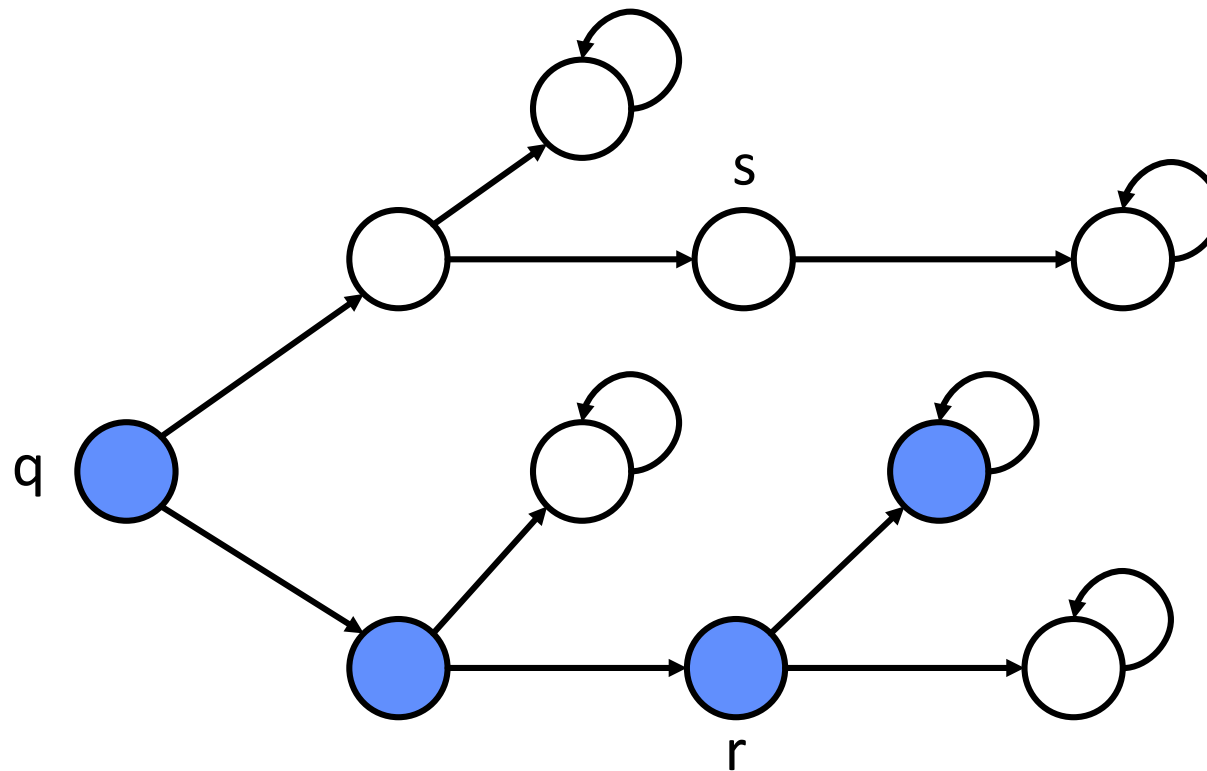
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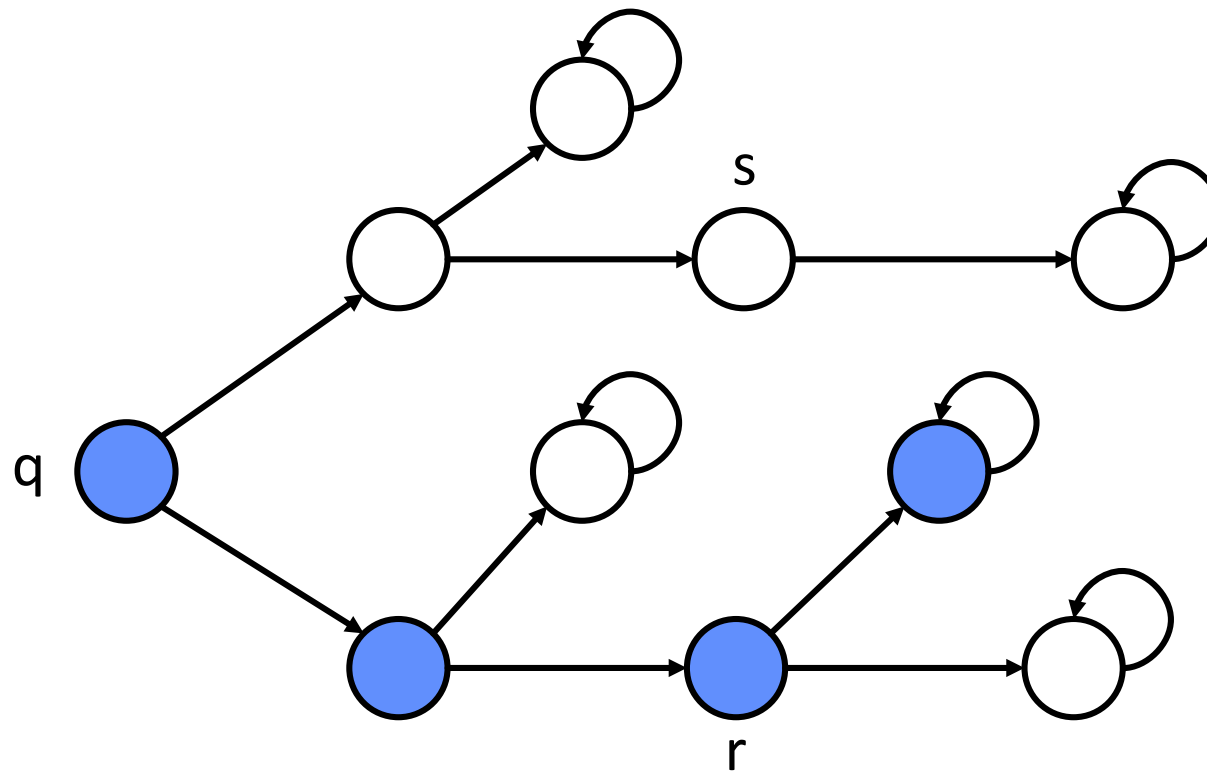
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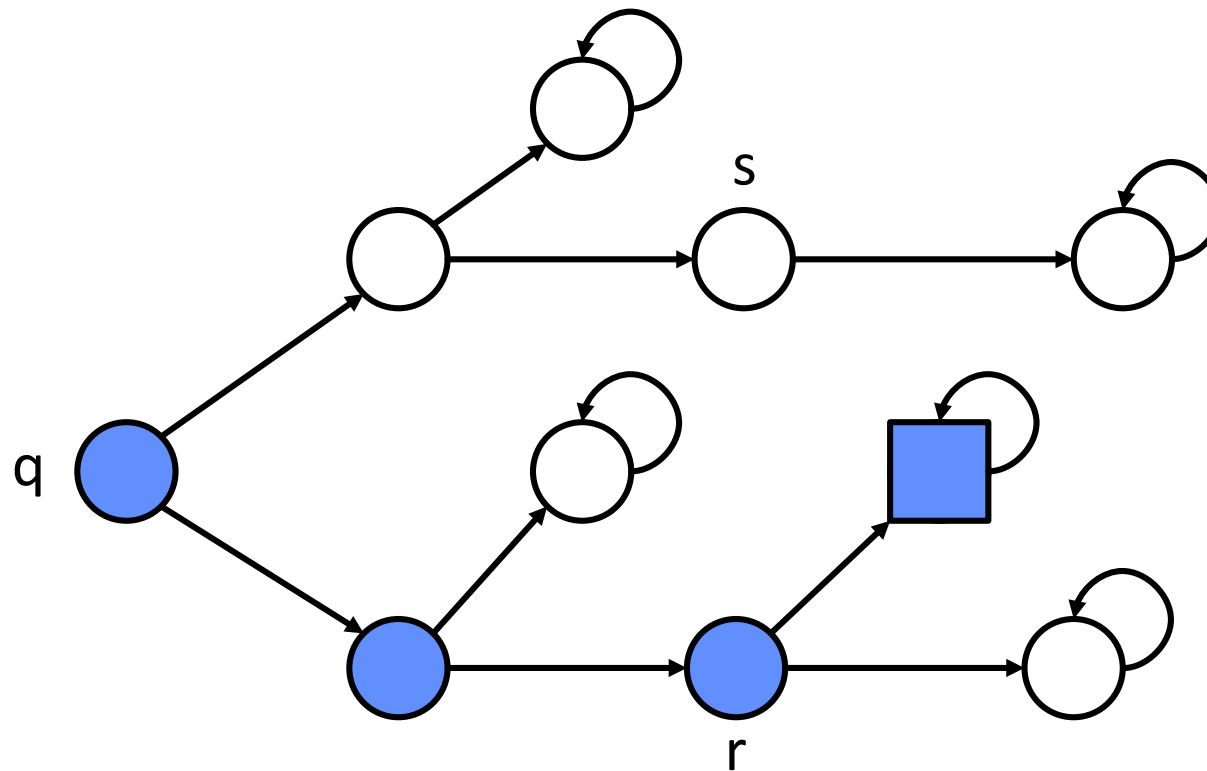
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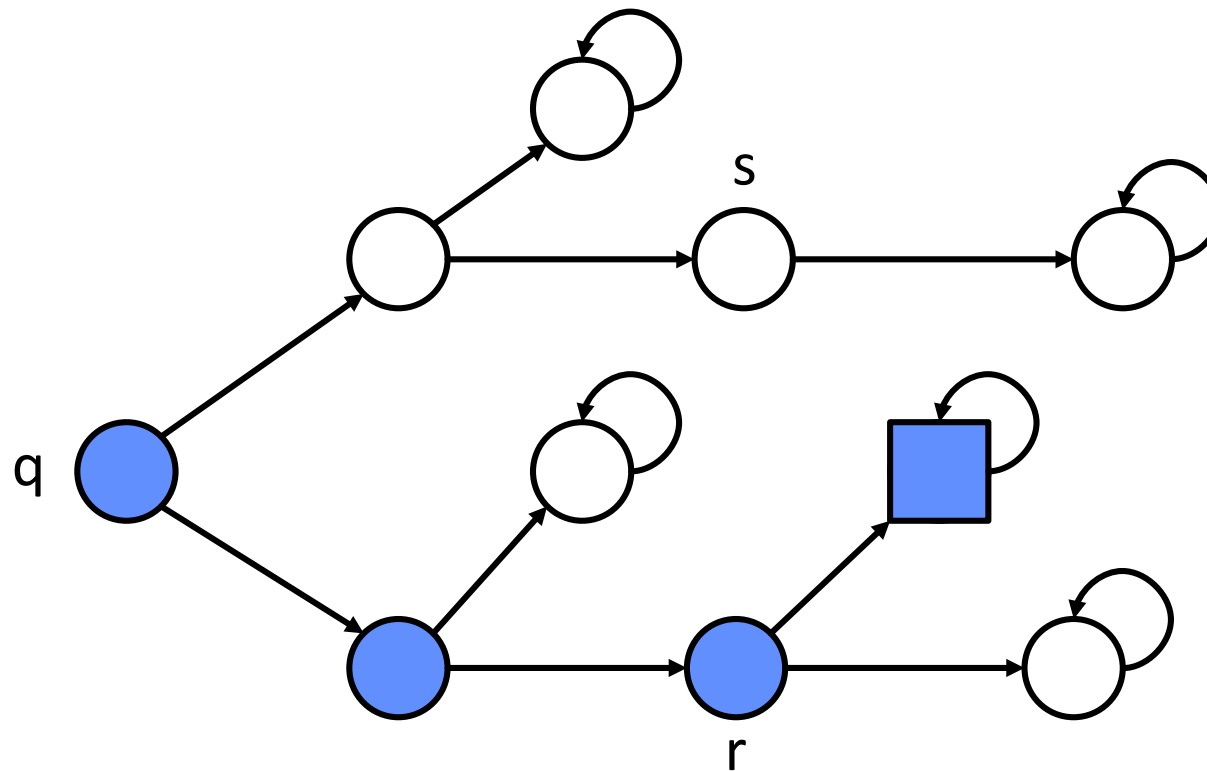
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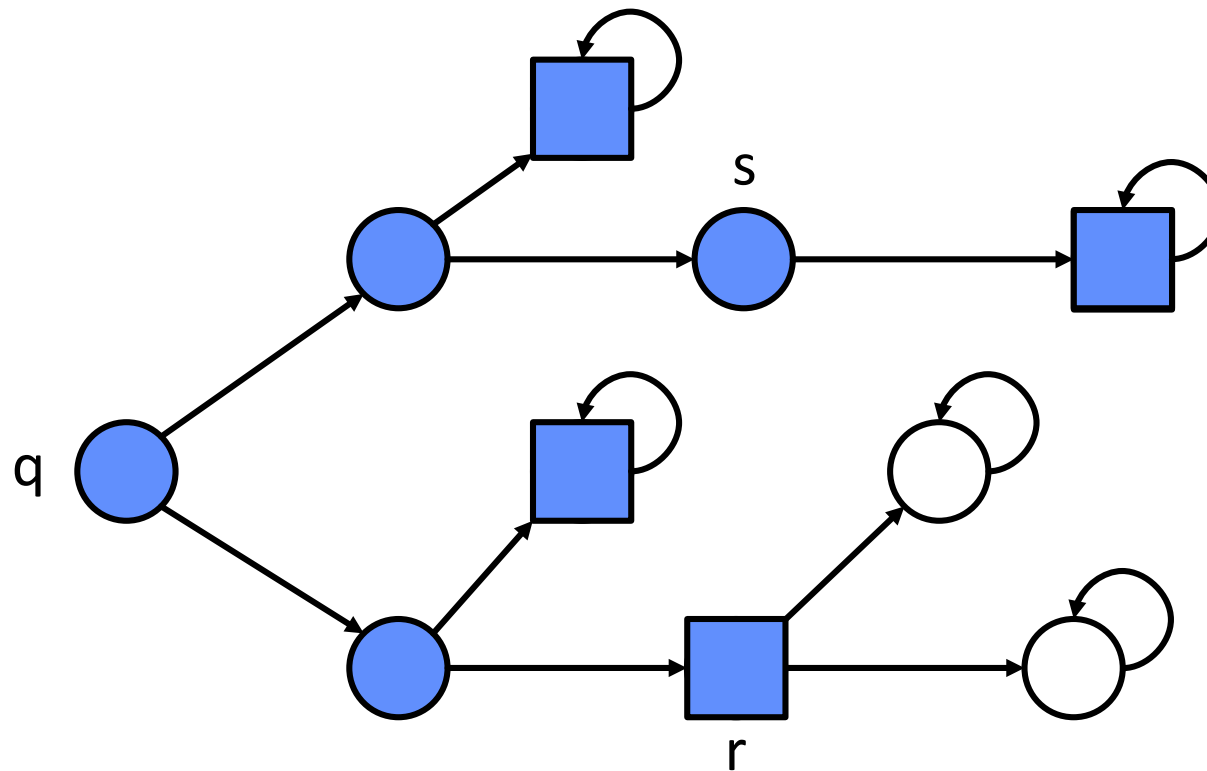
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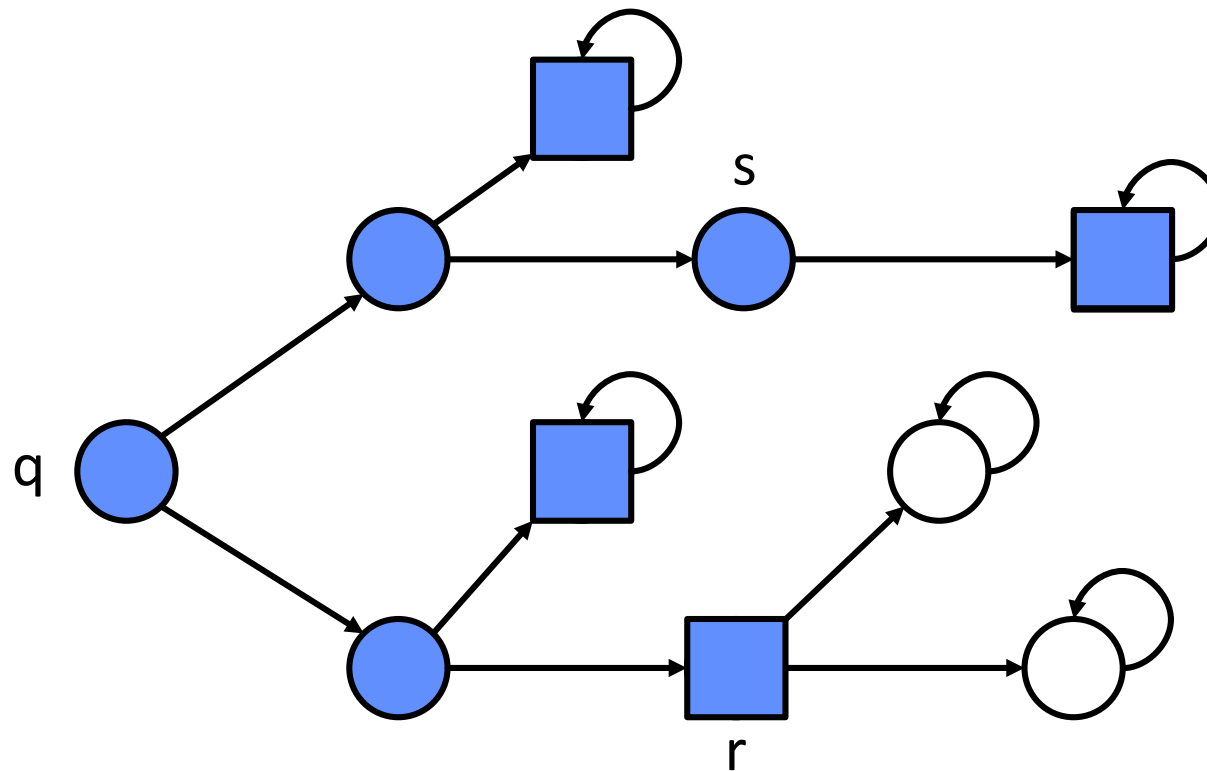
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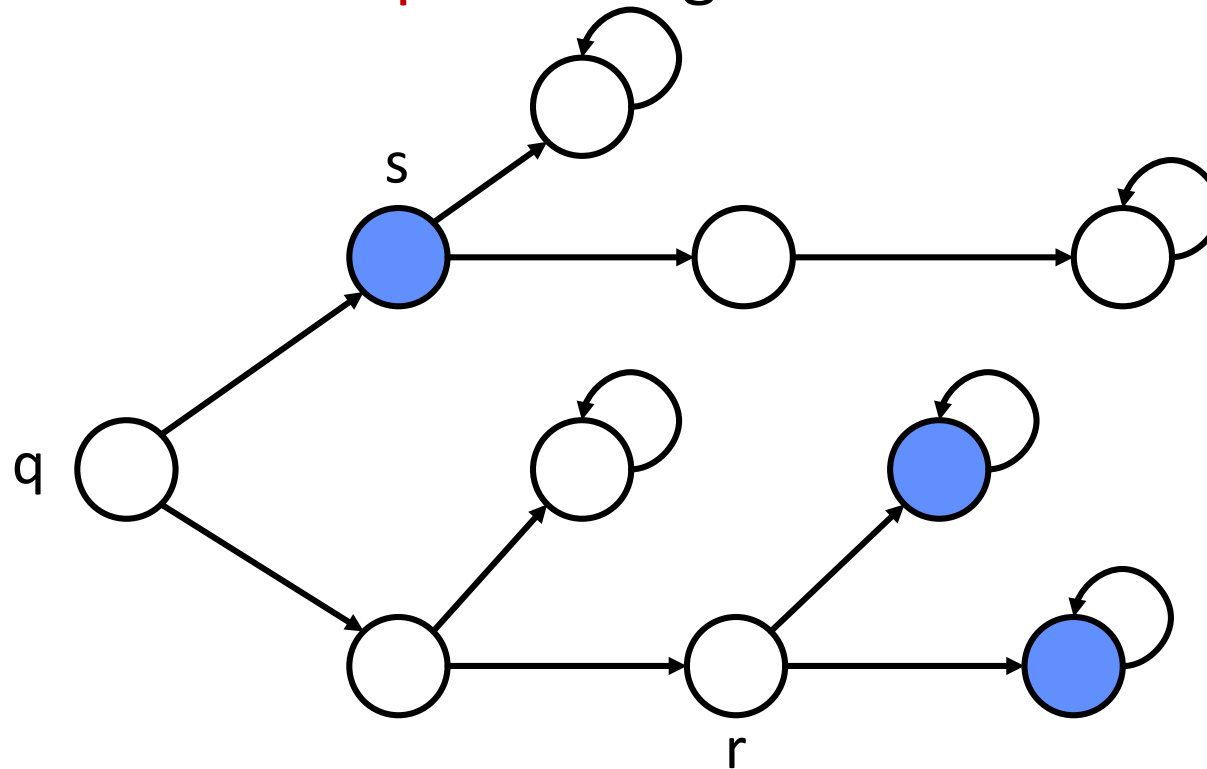
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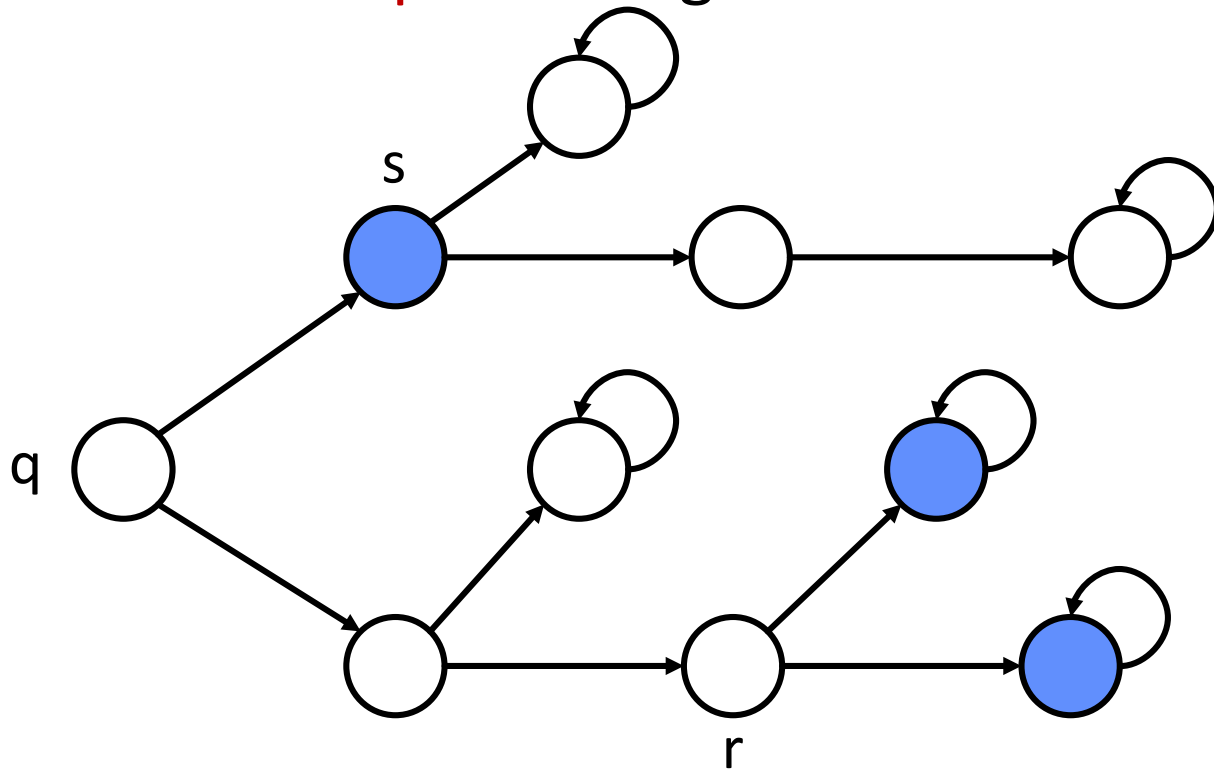
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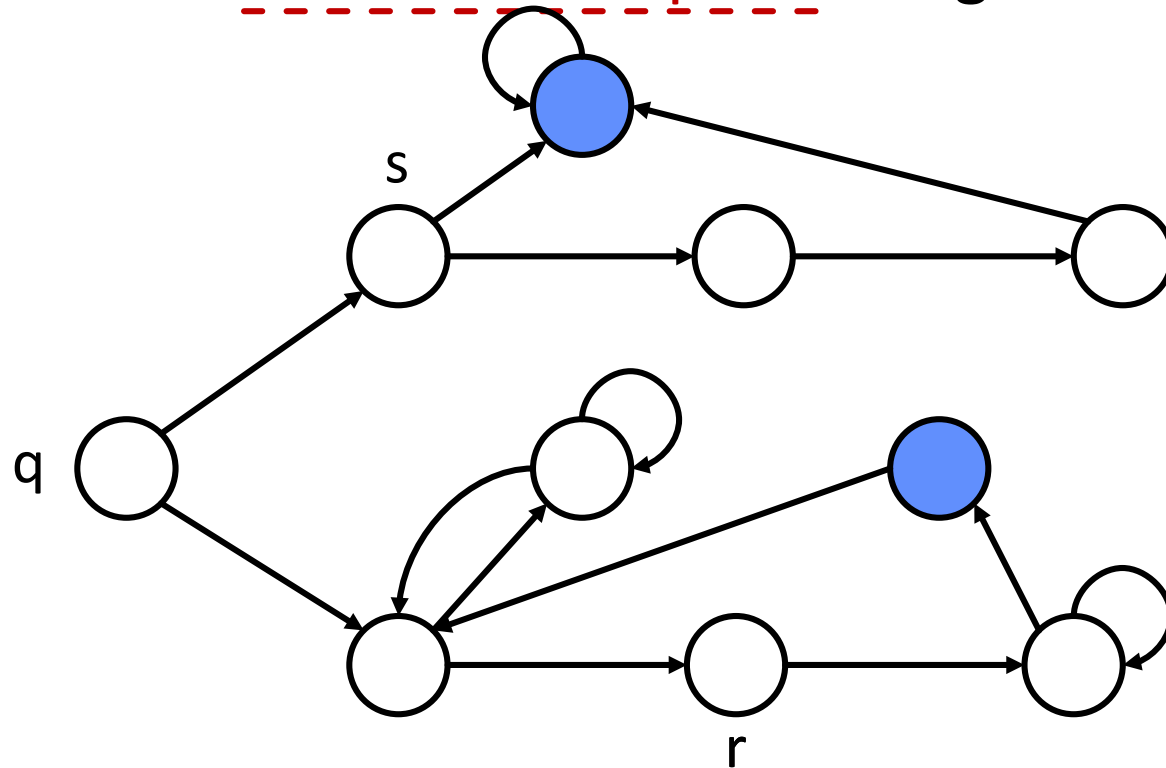
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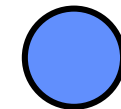
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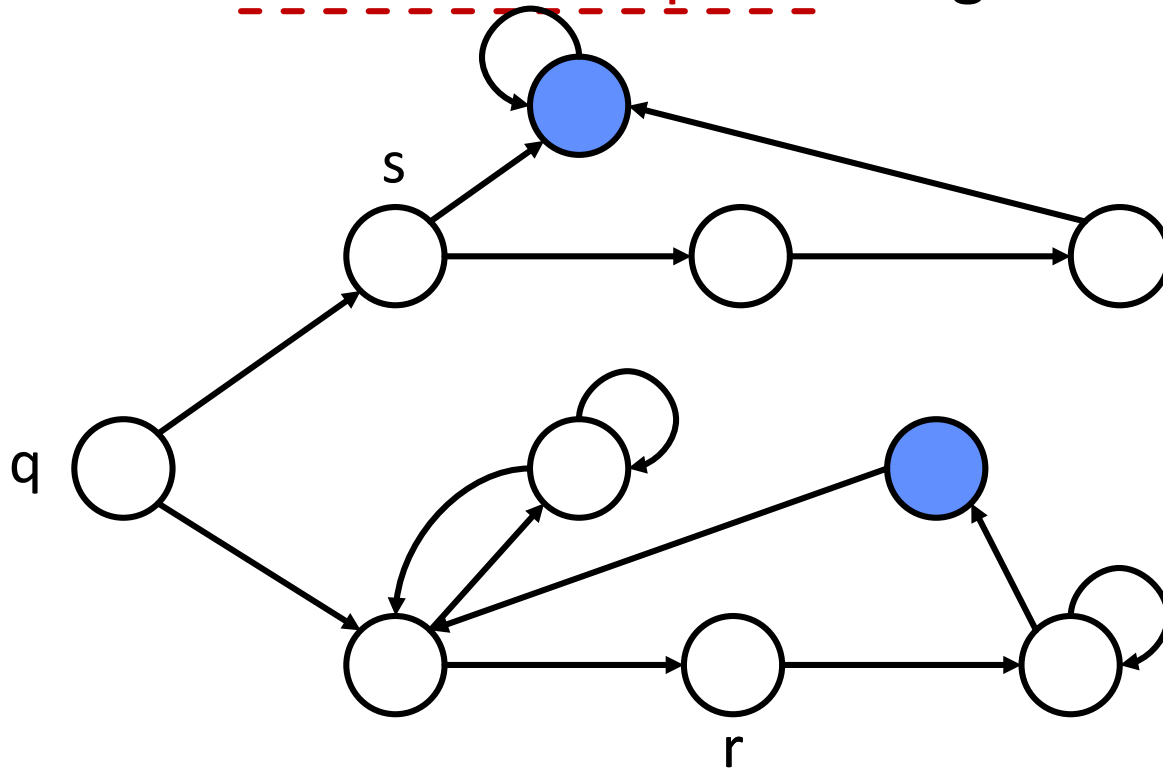
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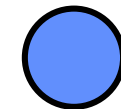
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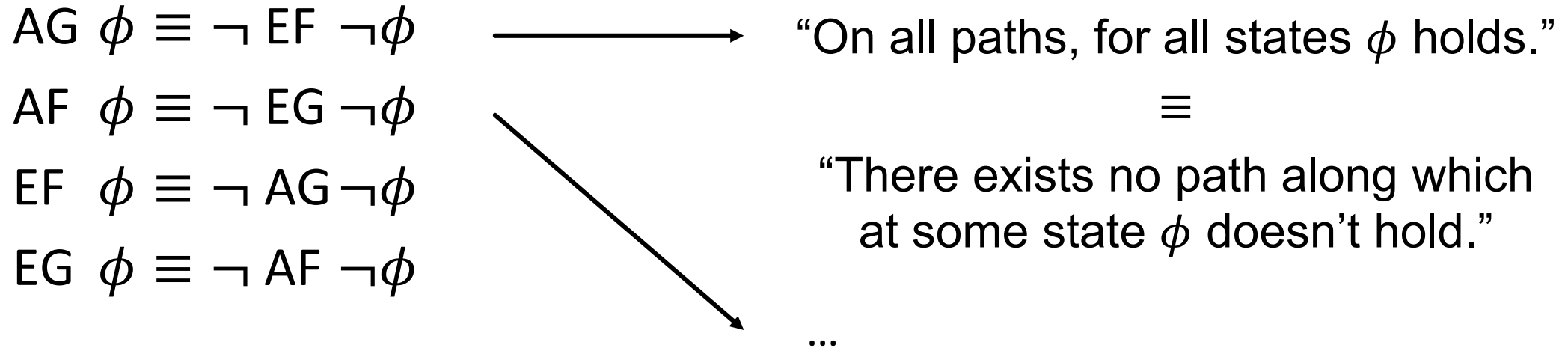
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Inverting properties is sometimes useful!



Remark There exists other temporal logics
→ LTL (Linear Tree Logic)
→ CTL* = {CTL, LTL}
→ ...

How to verify CTL properties?

Convert the property verification into a reachability problem

1. Start from states in which the property holds;
2. Compute all predecessor states for which the property still holds true;
(same as for computing successor, with the inverse the transition function)
3. If initial states set is a subset, the property is satisfied by the model.

Computation specifics are described in the lecture slides.

So... what is Model-Checking exactly?

An **algorithm**

Input

- A DES model, **M**
 - Finite automata,
 - Petri nets,
 - Kripke machine, ...
- A logic property, **ϕ**
 - CTL,
 - LTL, ...

Output

- **$M \models \phi$?**
- **A trace for which the property does not hold!**

Crash course – Verification of Finite Automata

CTL model-checking

Your turn to work!

Slides online on my webpage:

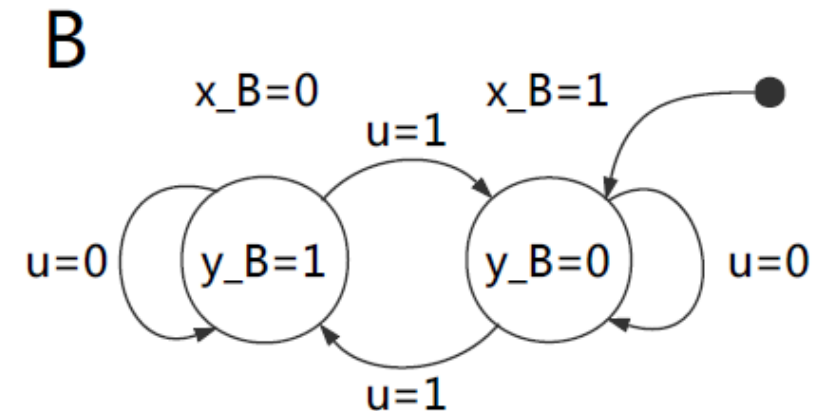
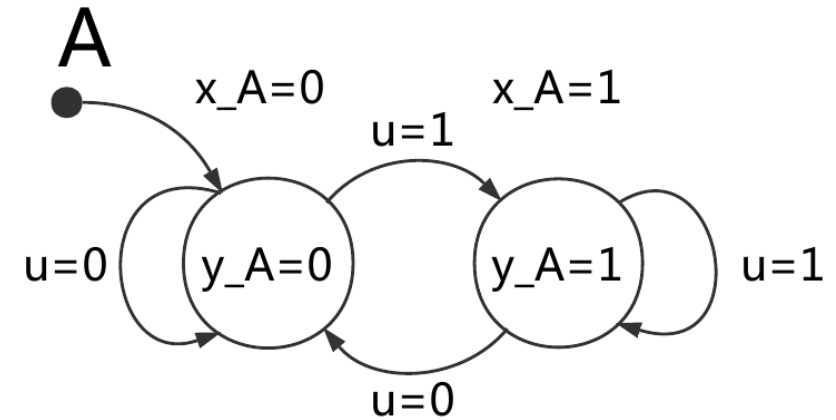
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Comparison of Finite Automata

- a) Express the characteristic function of the transition relation for both automaton, $\psi_r(x, x', u)$.

$$\psi_A(x_A, x'_A, u) = \overline{x_A} \overline{x'_A} \overline{u} + \overline{x_A} x'_A u + x_A x'_A u + x_A \overline{x'_A} \overline{u}$$

$$\psi_B(x_B, x'_B, u) = \overline{x_B} \overline{x'_B} \overline{u} + \overline{x_B} x'_B u + x_B x'_B \overline{u} + x_B \overline{x'_B} u$$



Comparison of Finite Automata

b) Express the joint transition function, ψ_f .

$$\psi_f(x_A, x'_A, x_B, x'_B) = (\exists u : \psi_A(x_A, x'_A, u) \cdot \psi_B(x_B, x'_B, u))$$

$$\psi_f(x_A, x'_A, x_B, x'_B)$$

$$= (\overline{x_A}x'_A + x_Ax'_A) \cdot (\overline{x_B}x'_B + x_Bx'_B) +$$
$$(\overline{x_A}\overline{x'_A} + x_A\overline{x'_A}) \cdot (\overline{x_B}\overline{x'_B} + x_Bx'_B)$$

$$= \overline{x_A}x'_A\overline{x_B}x'_B + \overline{x_A}x'_Ax_B\overline{x'_B} + x_Ax'_A\overline{x_B}x'_B + x_Ax'_Ax_B\overline{x'_B} +$$
$$\overline{x_A}\overline{x'_A}\overline{x_B}\overline{x'_B} + \overline{x_A}\overline{x'_A}x_Bx'_B + x_A\overline{x'_A}\overline{x_B}\overline{x'_B} + x_A\overline{x'_A}x_Bx'_B$$

Comparison of Finite Automata

c) Express the characteristic function of the reachable states, $\psi_X(x_A, x_B)$.

$$\psi_{X_0}(x_A, x_B) = \overline{x_A}x_B$$

$$\psi_{X_1}(x'_A, x'_B) = \psi_{X_0}(x'_A, x'_B)$$

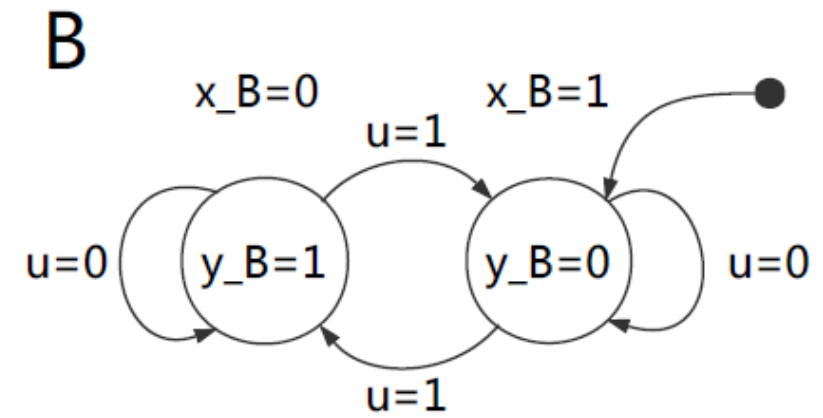
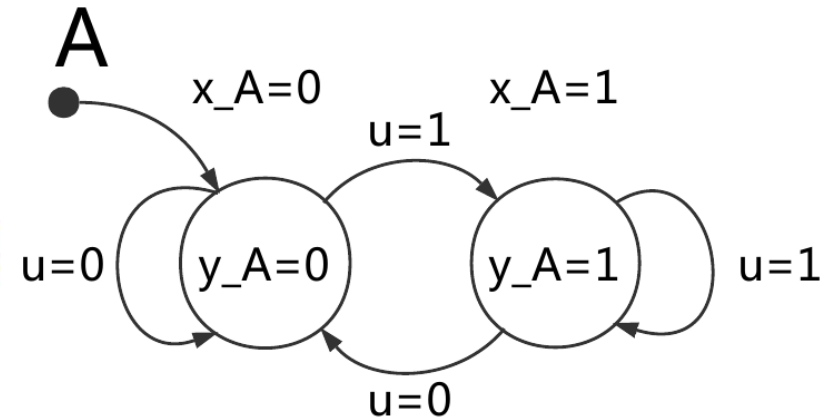
$$+ (\exists(x_A, x_B) : \psi_{X_0}(x_A, x_B) \cdot \psi_f(x_A, x'_A, x_B, x'_B)) \\ = \overline{x'_A}x'_B + x'_A\overline{x'_B}$$

$$\psi_{X_2}(x'_A, x'_B) = \overline{x'_A}x'_B + x'_A\overline{x'_B} + x'_Ax'_B + \overline{x'_A}x'_B$$

$$\psi_{X_3}(x'_A, x'_B) = \overline{x'_A}x'_B + x'_A\overline{x'_B} + x'_Ax'_B + \overline{x'_A}x'_B$$

$= \psi_{X_2} \rightarrow$ the fix-point is reached!

$$\psi_X = \overline{x_A}x_B + x_A\overline{x_B} + x_Ax_B + \overline{x_A}x_B$$



Comparison of Finite Automata

d) Express the characteristic function of the reachable output, $\psi_Y(x_A, x_B)$.

$$\psi_{g_A} = \overline{x_A}y_A + x_Ay_A$$

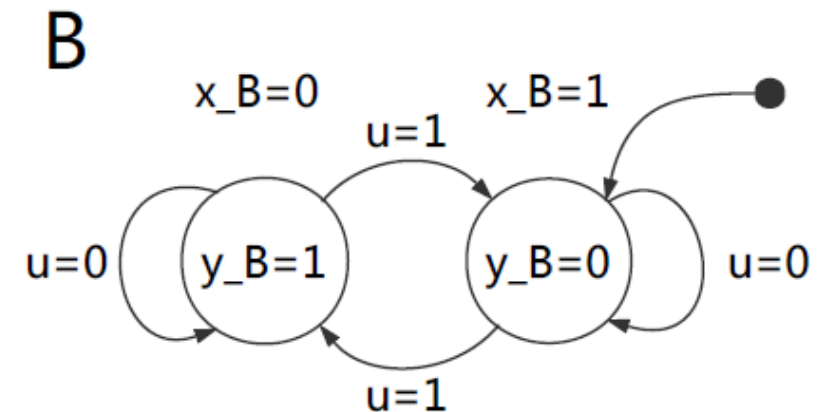
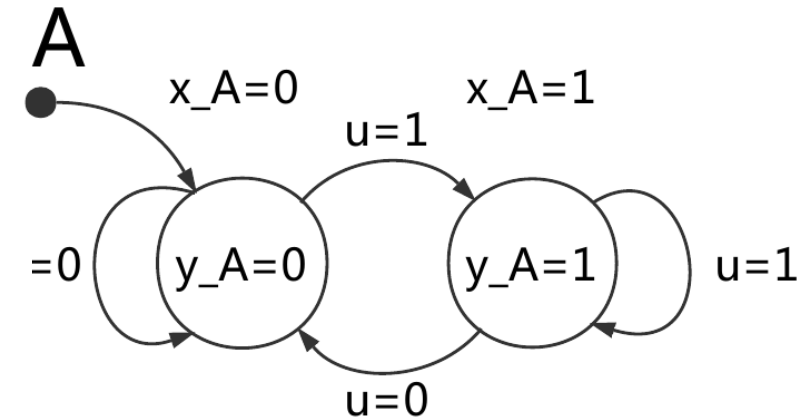
$$\psi_{g_B} = \overline{x_B}y_B + x_B\overline{y_B}$$

$$\text{and } \psi_X = \overline{x_A}x_B + x_A\overline{x_B} + x_Ax_B + \overline{x_A}\overline{x_B}$$

$$\psi_Y(y_A, y_B)$$

$$= (\exists(x_A, x_B) : \psi_X \cdot \psi_{g_A} \cdot \psi_{g_B})$$

$$= y_Ay_B + \overline{y_A}y_B + \overline{y_A}\overline{y_B} + y_A\overline{y_B}$$



Comparison of Finite Automata

e) Are the automata equivalent? **Hint:** Evaluate, for example, $\psi_Y(0,1)$.

$$\psi_Y((y_A, y_B) = (0, 1)) = 1$$

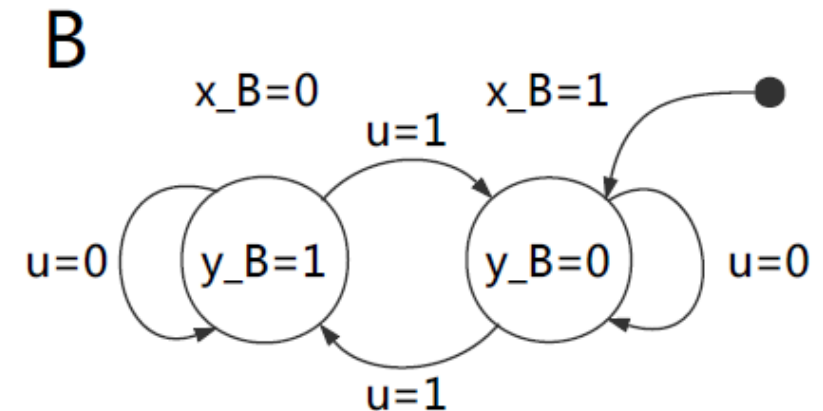
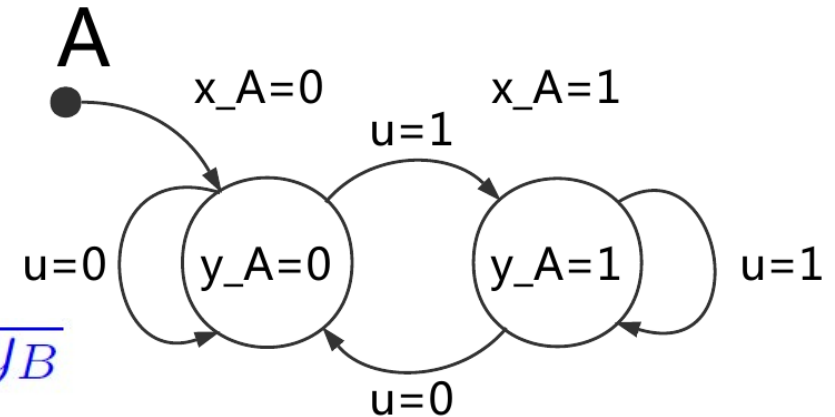
Or, in a more general way,

$$\psi_Y(y_A, y_B) = y_A y_B + \overline{y_A} \overline{y_B} + \overline{y_A} y_B + y_A \overline{y_B}$$

$$\text{and } (y_A \neq y_B) = \overline{y_A} y_B + y_A \overline{y_B}$$

implies $\psi_Y \cdot (y_A \neq y_B) \neq 0$

→ Automata are not equivalent.



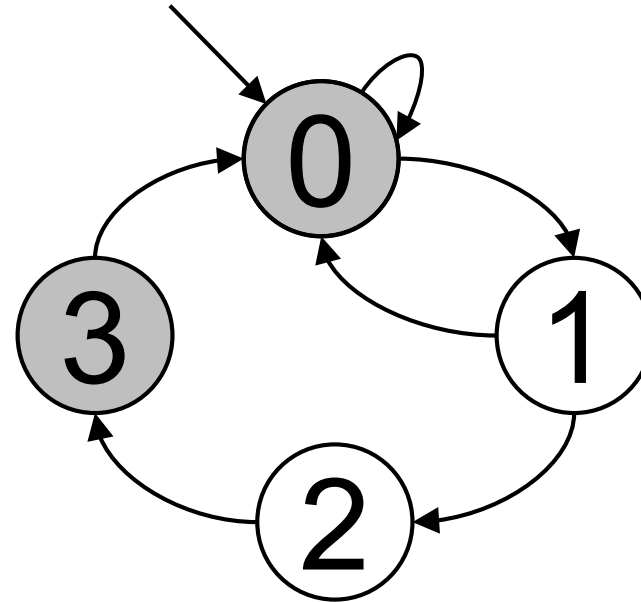
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ii. $EG a$

iii. $EX AX a$

iv. $EF (a \text{ AND } EX \text{ NOT}(a))$



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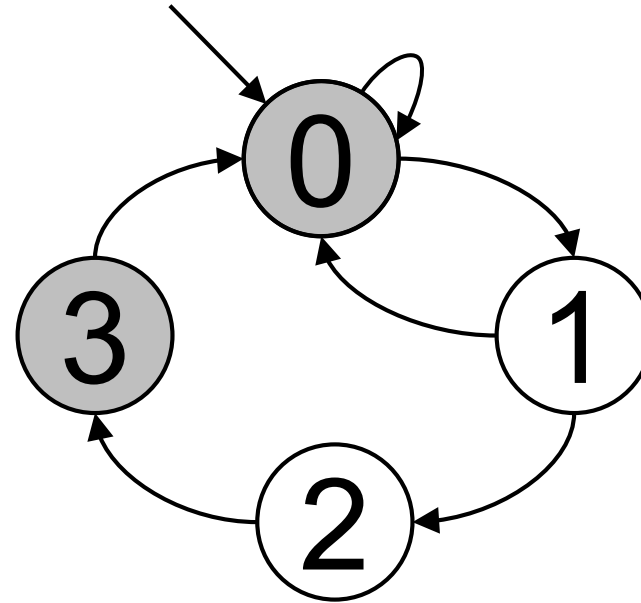
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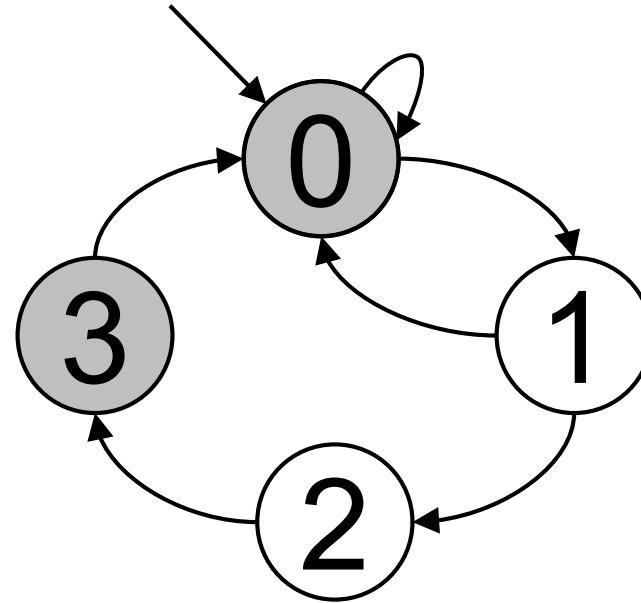
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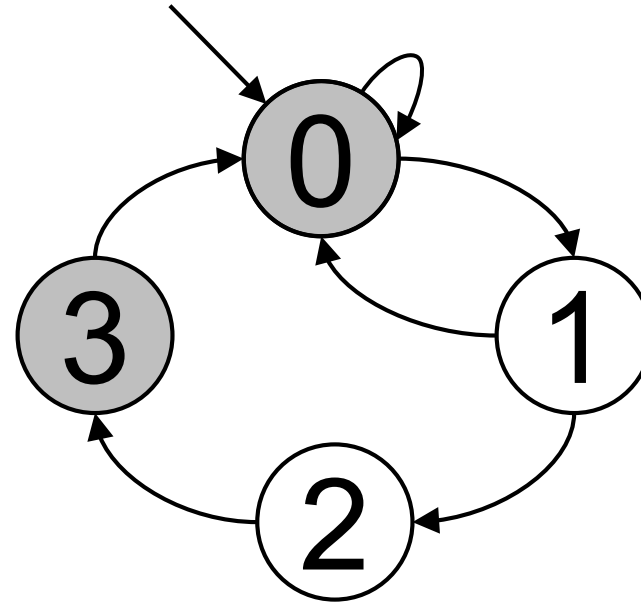
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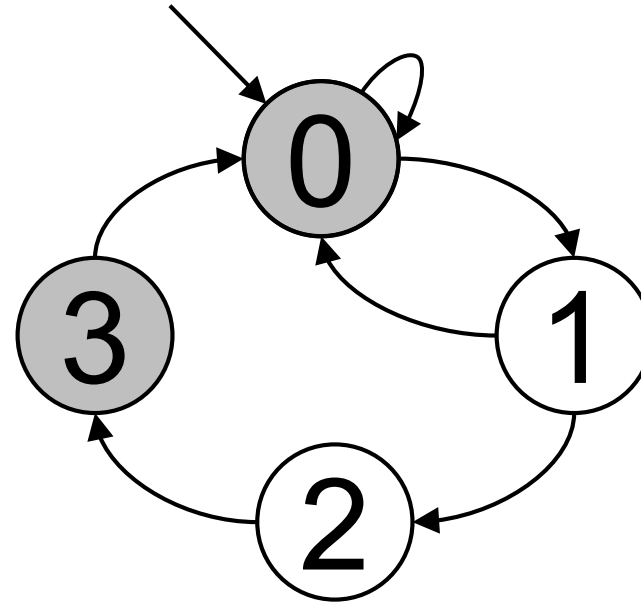
$$Q = \{0, 3\}$$

iii. EX AX a

$$Q = \{1, 2\}$$

iv. EF (a AND EX NOT(a))

$$Q = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$



Temporal Logic

Trick $AF Z \text{ not}(EG \text{ not}(Z))$

Require: ψ_Z, ψ_f

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current = NOT( $\psi_Z$ );
next = current AND  $\psi_{PRE(current,f)}$ ;
while next != current do
  current = next;
  next = current AND  $\psi_{PRE(current,f)}$ ;
end while
return  $\psi_{AF Z} = \text{NOT}(\text{current})$ ;
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▷ Equivalence in term of sets:

▷ X_0

▷ $X_1 = X_0 \cap Pre(X_0, f)$

▷ $X_i \neq X_{i-1}$

▷ $X_i = X_{i-1} \cap Pre(X_{i-1}, f)$

▷ $X_f \models EG \text{ NOT}(Z)$

▷ $\overline{X_f} \models AF Z = \text{NOT}(EG \text{ NOT}(Z))$

Crash course – Verification of Finite Automata

CTL model-checking

See you next week!