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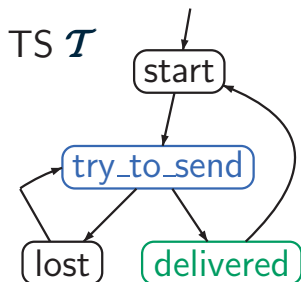
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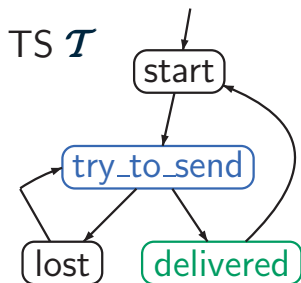


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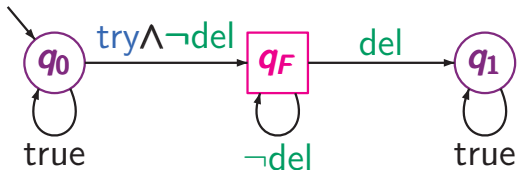
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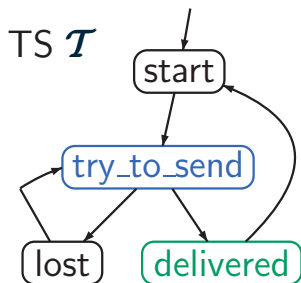
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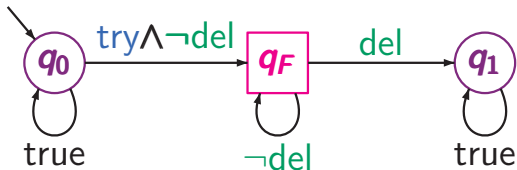
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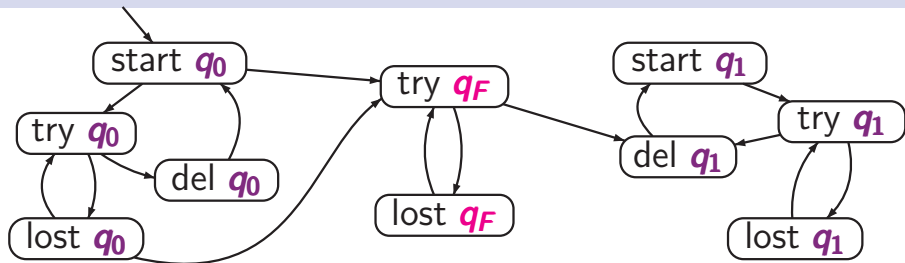
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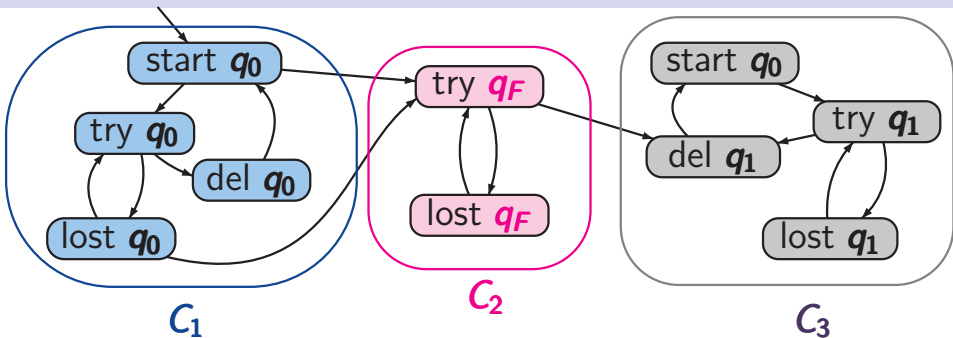
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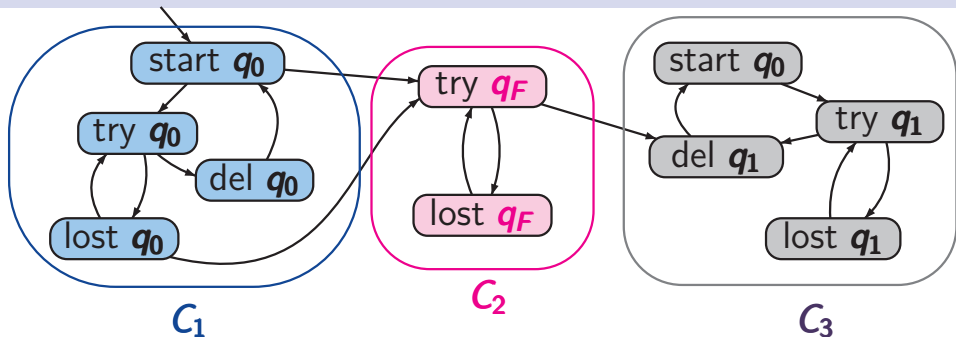


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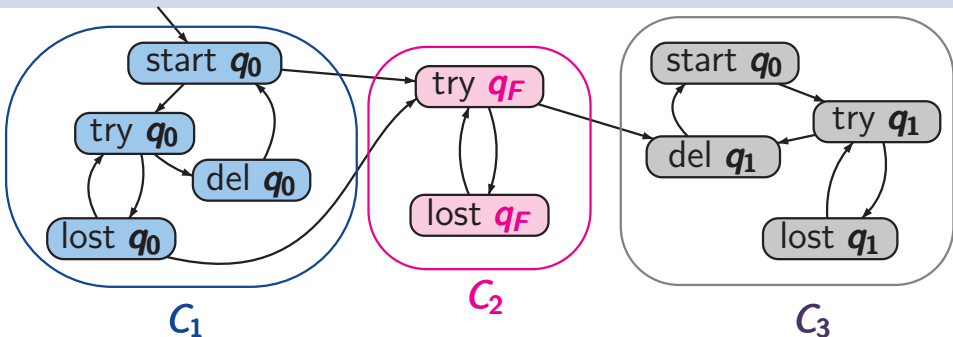
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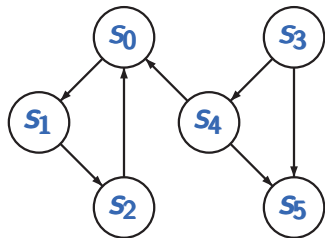
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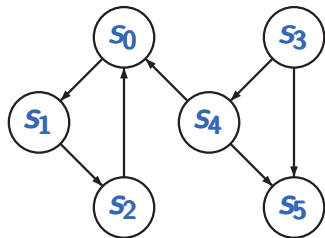
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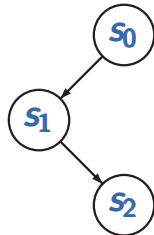
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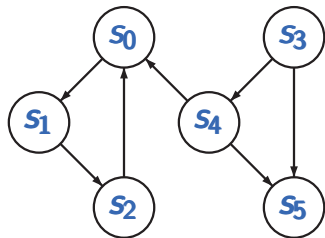
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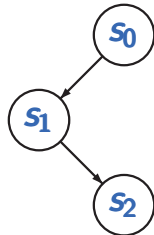


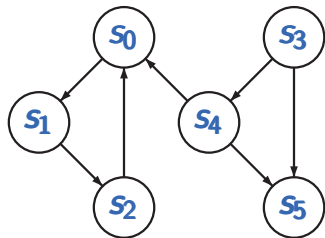
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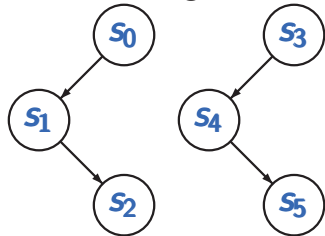


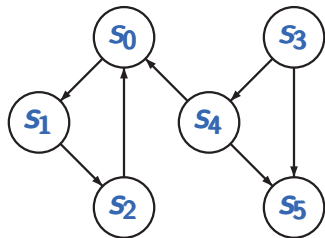
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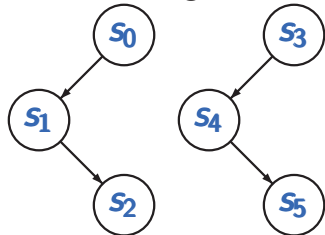


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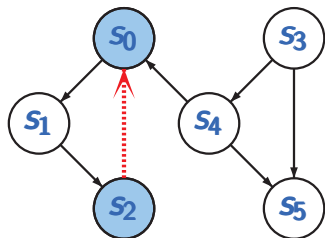
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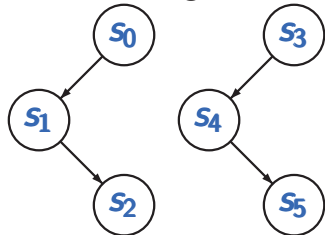
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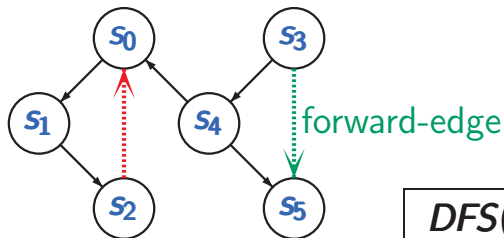
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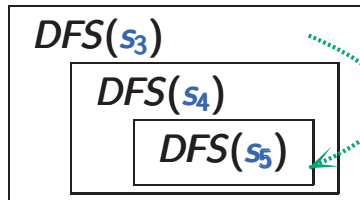
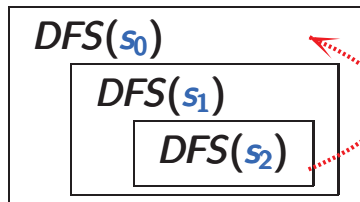
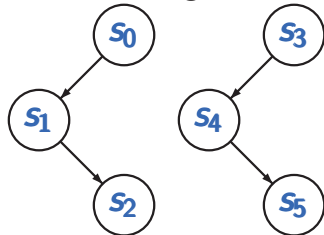
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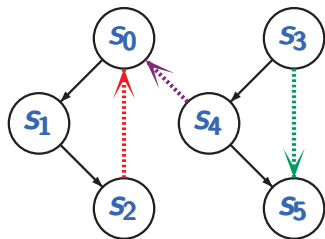
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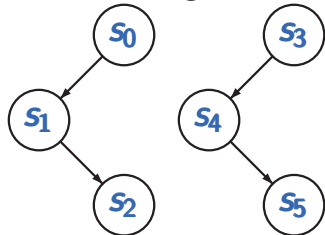


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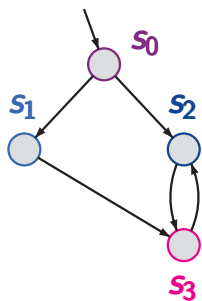
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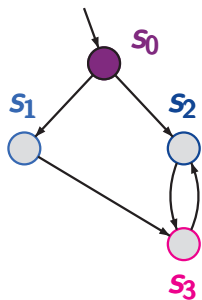
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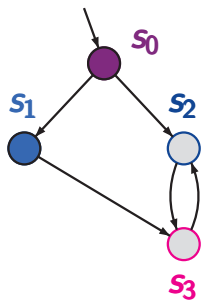
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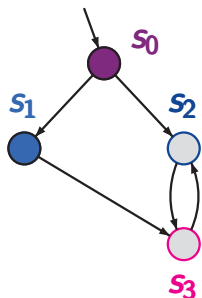
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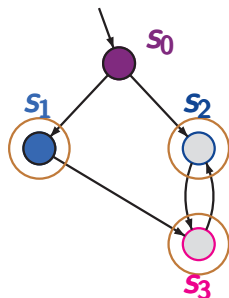
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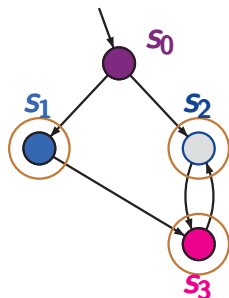
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LTLMC3.2-15



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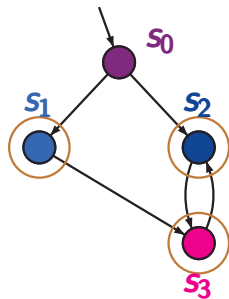
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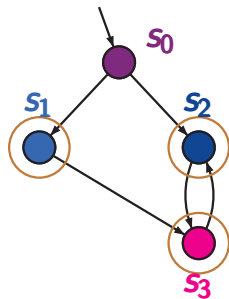
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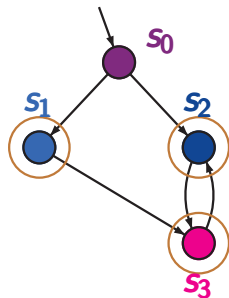
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# Example: nested DFS ← fails

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returns wrong  
answer “yes”

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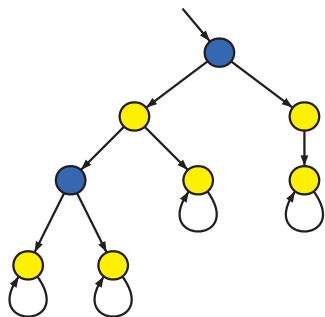
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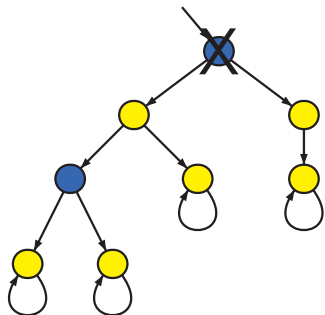
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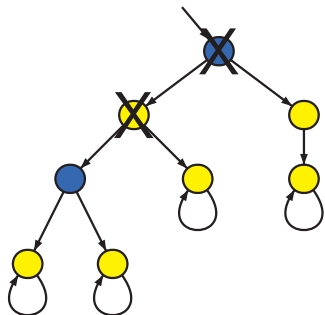
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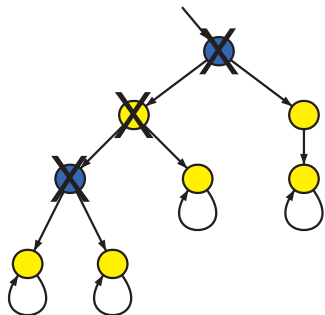
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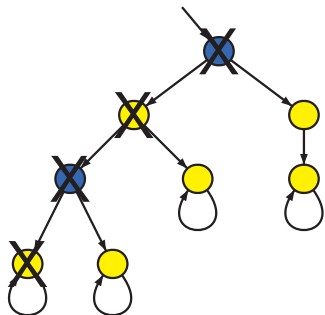
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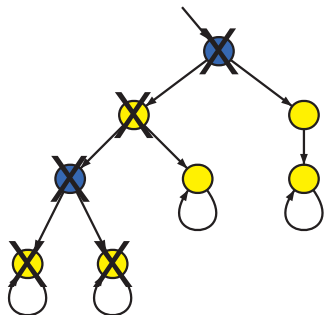
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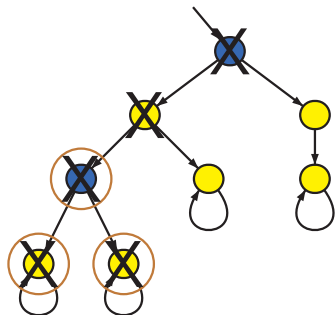
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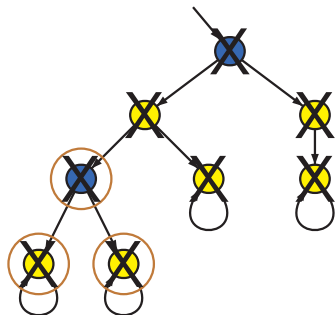




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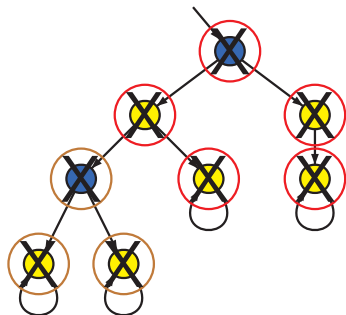
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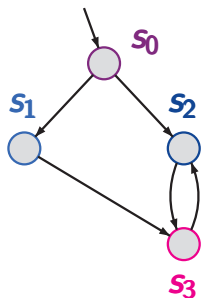
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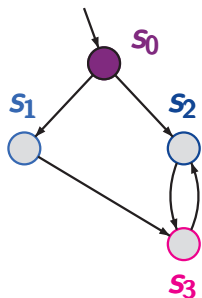
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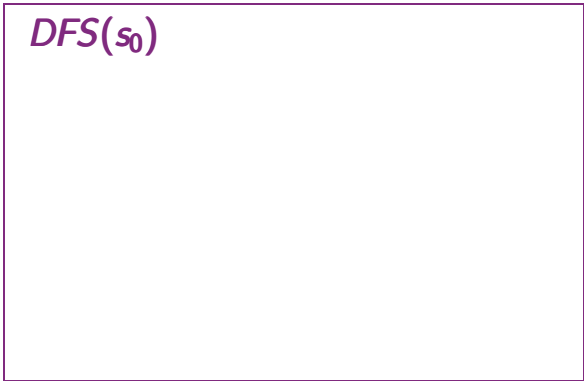
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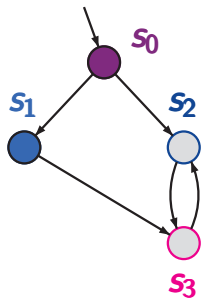
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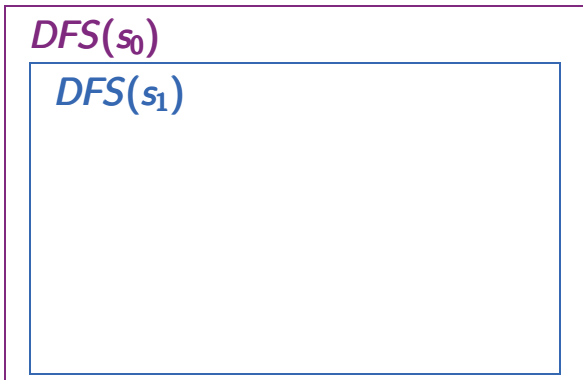
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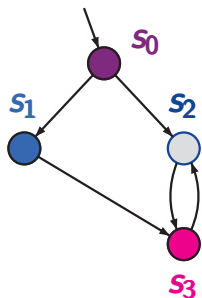


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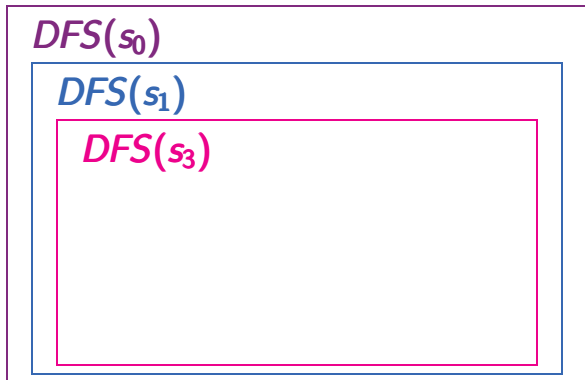
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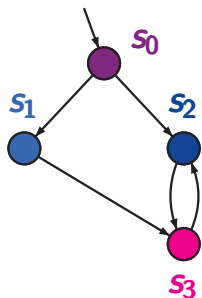
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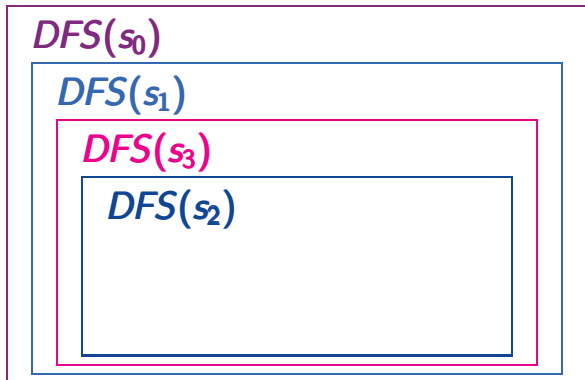
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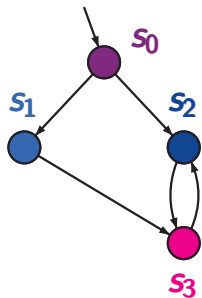
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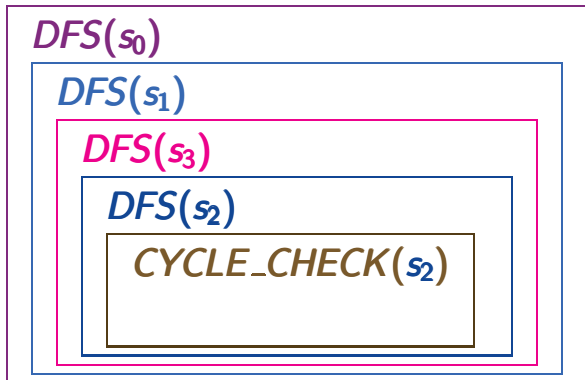
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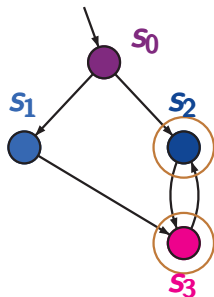
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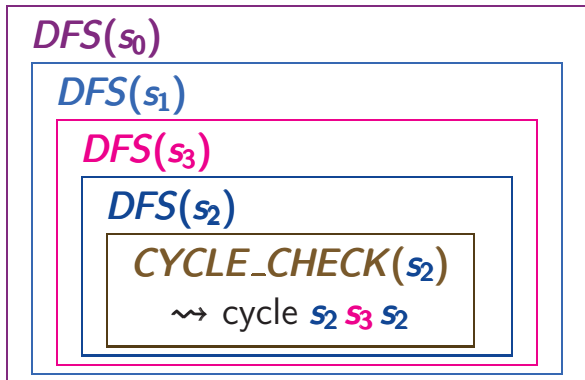
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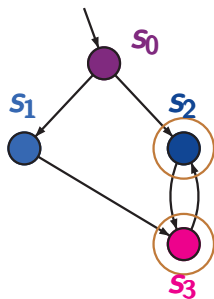
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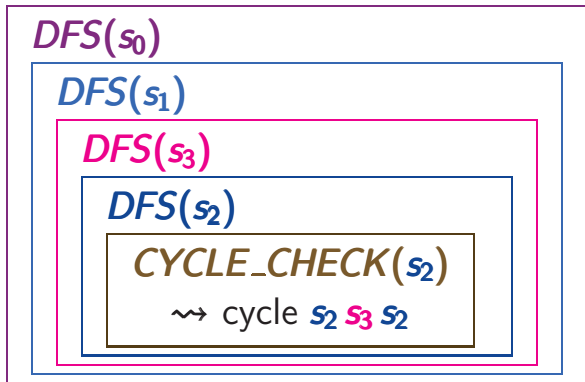
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↑  
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... iterative formulation with **2 stacks** ...

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ELSE  $Pop(\pi)$ ;

IF  $s \neq a$  and  $CYCLE\_CHECK(s)$

THEN return "no" +  $reverse(\pi, \xi)$  FI

OD OD FI

$U := \emptyset; \pi := \emptyset;$  ← visiting set and stack for 1. DFS

$V := \emptyset; \xi := \emptyset;$  ← visiting set and stack for 2. DFS

WHILE  $S_0 \notin U$  DO

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## Algorithm *CYCLE\_CHECK*(*s*)

LTLMC3.2-35

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WHILE  $\xi \neq \emptyset$  DO

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    ELSE *Pop*( $\xi$ )

FI

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FI

OD

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OD FI

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# Algorithm *CYCLE\_CHECK*(*s*)

LTLMC3.2-35B

*Push*( $\xi, s$ ); insert  $s$  in  $V$ ;

WHILE  $\xi \neq \emptyset$  DO

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ELSE IF  $\text{Post}(s') \not\subseteq V$

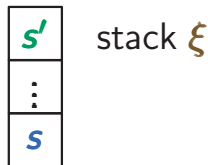
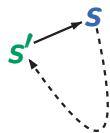
THEN choose  $s'' \in \text{Post}(s') \setminus V$ ;  
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FI

OD FI

return “false”



# Algorithm *CYCLE\_CHECK*(*s*)

LTLMC3.2-35B

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WHILE  $\xi \neq \emptyset$  DO

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    IF  $s \in \text{Post}(s')$

        THEN  $\text{Push}(\xi, s)$  return “true”

    ELSE IF  $\text{Post}(s') \not\subseteq V$

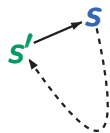
        THEN choose  $s'' \in \text{Post}(s') \setminus V$ ;  
        insert  $s''$  in  $V$ ;  $\text{Push}(\xi, s'')$ ;

    ELSE  $\text{Pop}(\xi)$

    FI

OD FI

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stack  $\xi$

# Nested DFS with counterexample generation

LTLMC3.2-35C

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 $U := \emptyset; \pi := \emptyset; V := \emptyset; \xi := \emptyset;$   
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      ELSE  $Pop(\pi)$ ;  
        IF  $s \not\equiv a$  and  $CYCLE\_CHECK(s)$   
          THEN return "no" +  $reverse(\pi, \xi)$  FI  
    OD  
  FI  
OD  
return "yes"
```

# Nested DFS with counterexample generation

LTLMC3.2-35D

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$DFS(s)$  starts  
when  $s$  inserted  
in  $U$

←  $DFS(s)$  ends

outer DFS: visits all reachable states  $s$

inner DFS: algorithm *CYCLE\_CHECK*( $s$ )

- is called for  $s \neq a$  when *DFS*( $s$ ) is finished
- uses global data structures  $V$  and  $\xi$

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This yields  $\mathcal{T} \not\models$  “eventually forever  $a$ ”.

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Hence: if  $s$  belongs to a cycle then  $CYCLE\_CHECK(s)$   
will find a backward edge  $t \rightarrow s$



# Correctness of the nested DFS

LTLMC3.2-36



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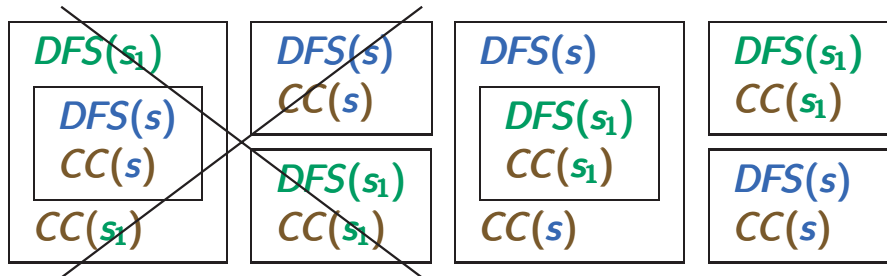
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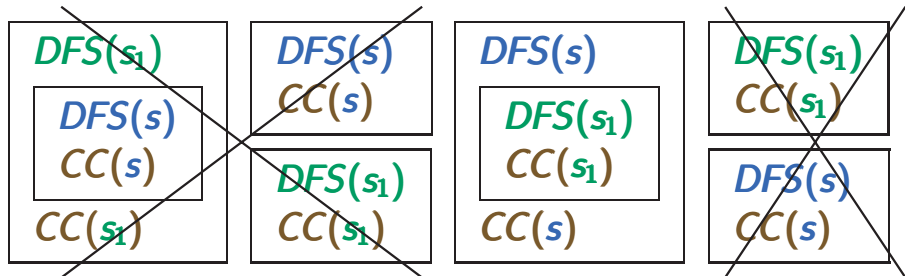
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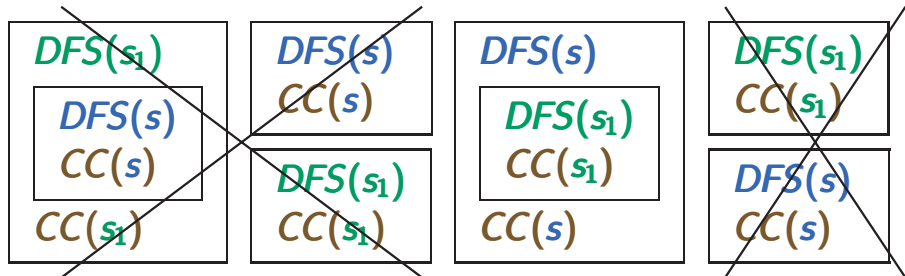
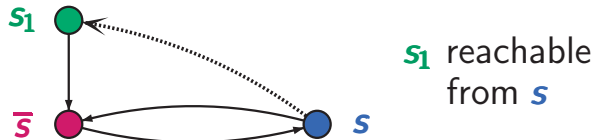
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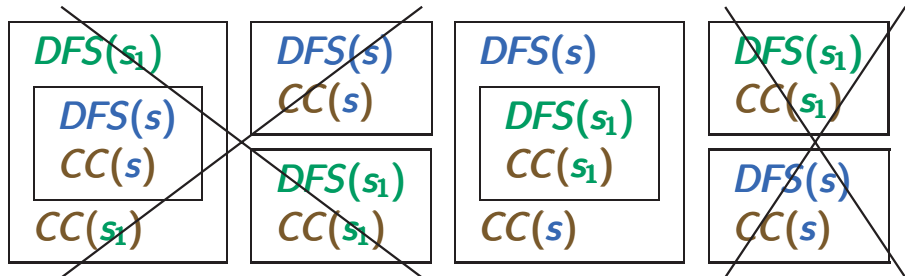
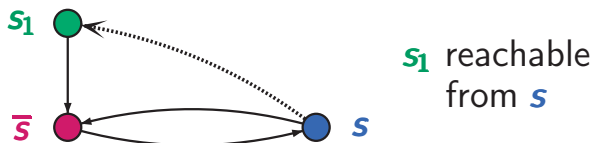


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$CC(s_1)$  would have found the cycle  
 $s_1 \rightsquigarrow \bar{s} \rightsquigarrow s \rightsquigarrow s_1$

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early termination of

$\text{CYCLE\_CHECK}$ , e.g.,

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