

given: finite TS  $\mathcal{T}$ , LTL-formula  $\varphi$

question: does  $\mathcal{T} \models \varphi$  hold ?

construct an NBA  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\neg\varphi$  and the product  $\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A}$

check whether  $\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A} \models \diamond\Box\neg F$  ←

persistence  
checking  
nested **DFS**

IF  $\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A} \models \diamond\Box\neg F$

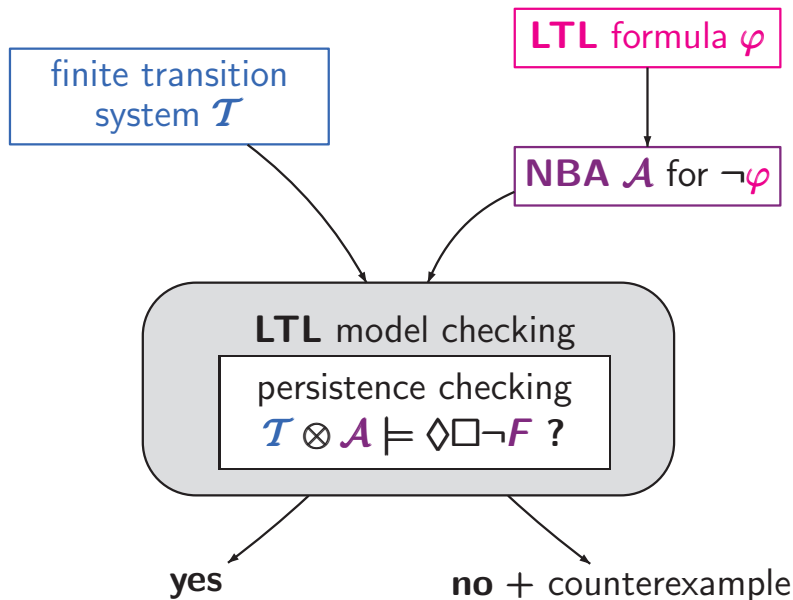
THEN return “yes”

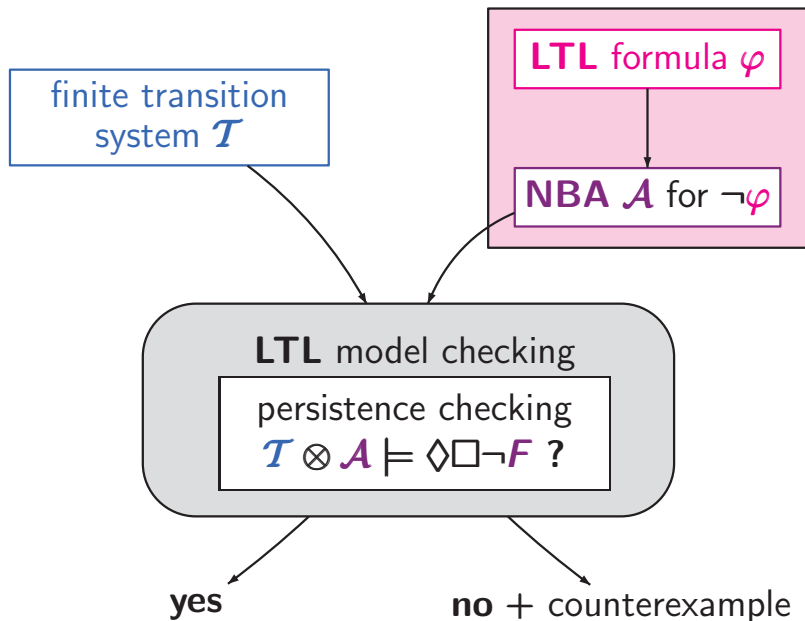
ELSE compute a counterexample

$\langle s_0, p_0 \rangle \dots \langle s_n, p_n \rangle \dots \langle s_n, p_n \rangle$

for  $\mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  and  $\diamond\Box\neg F$

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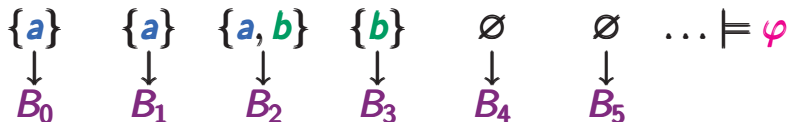
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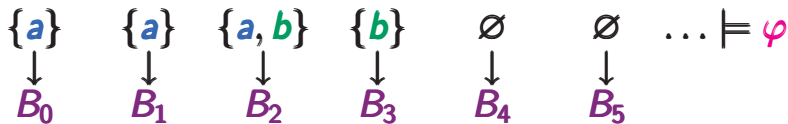
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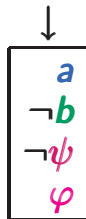
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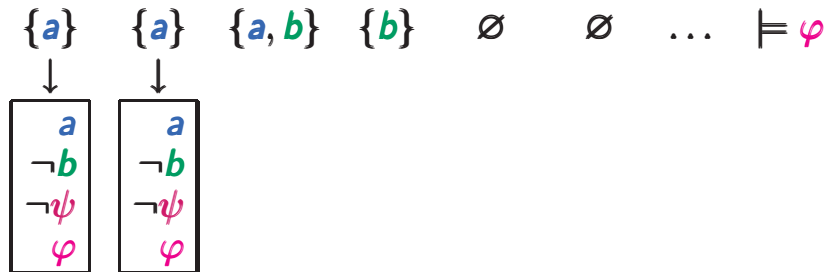


just for better readability:  
 tuple rather than set notation

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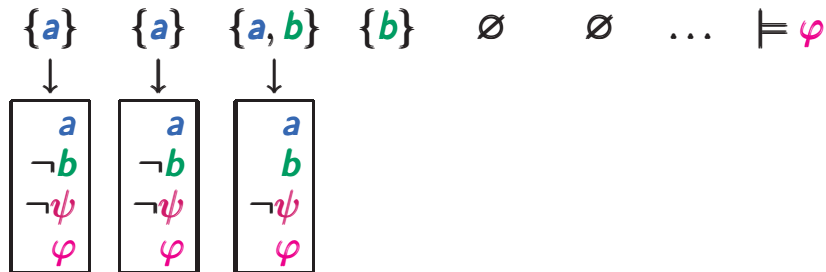
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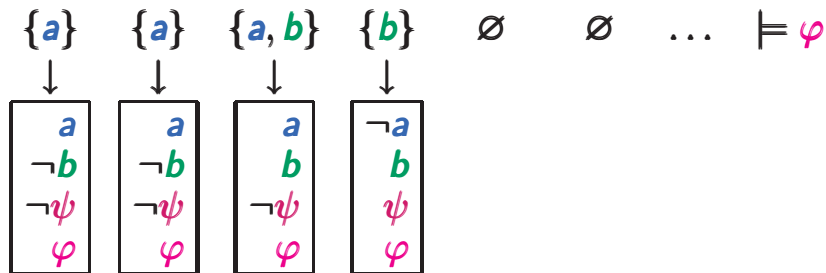




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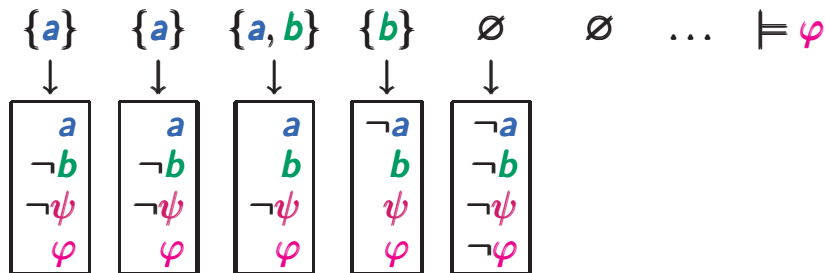
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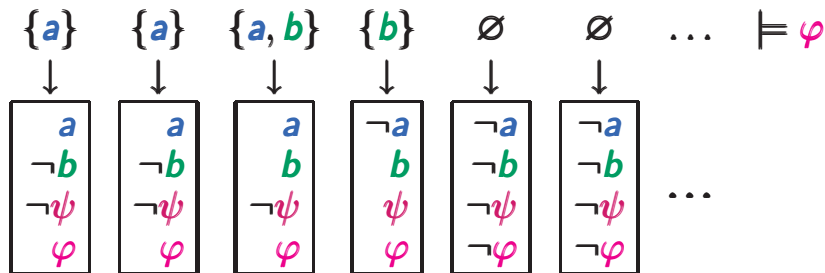
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$B \subseteq cl(\varphi)$  is elementary iff:

- (i)  $B$  is maximal consistent w.r.t. prop. logic, i.e., if  $\psi, \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \in cl(\varphi)$  then:

$\psi \notin B$	iff	$\neg\psi \in B$
$\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \in B$	iff	$\psi_1 \in B$ and $\psi_2 \in B$
$true \in cl(\varphi)$	implies	$true \in B$

- (ii)  $B$  is locally consistent with respect to until  $\mathbf{U}$ , i.e., if  $\psi_1 \mathbf{U} \psi_2 \in cl(\varphi)$  then:

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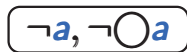
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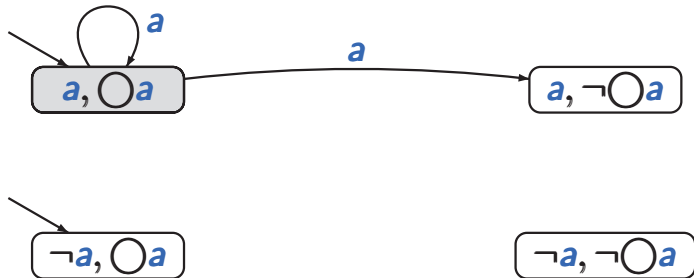
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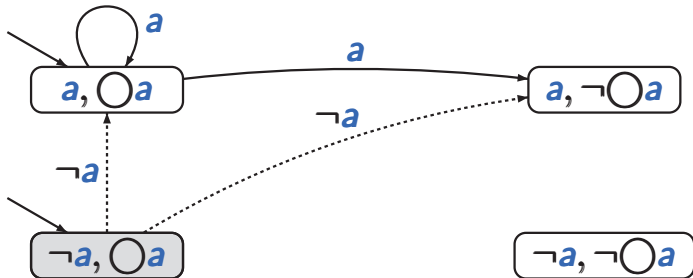
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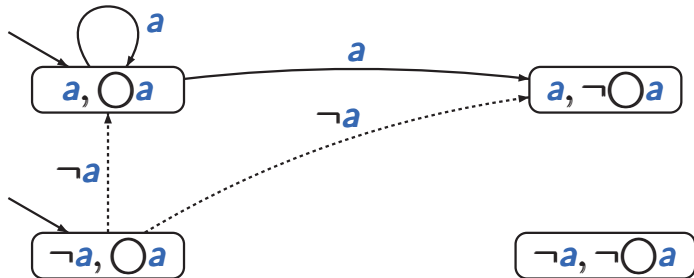
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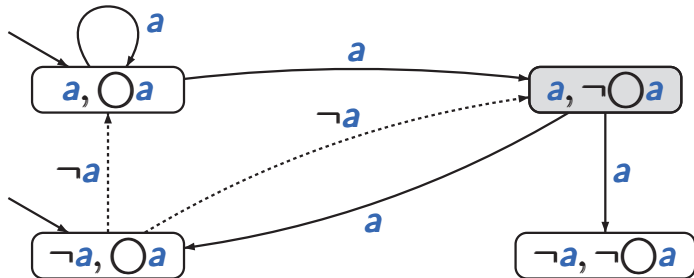


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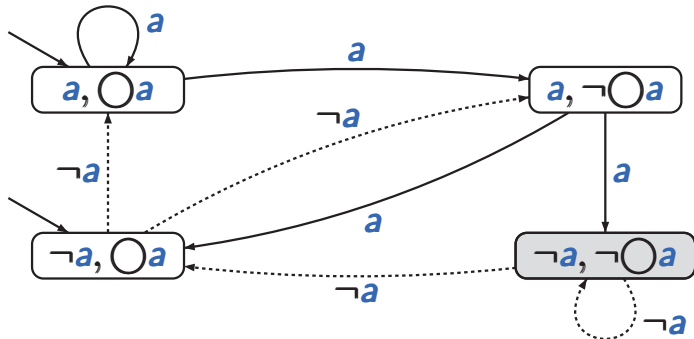
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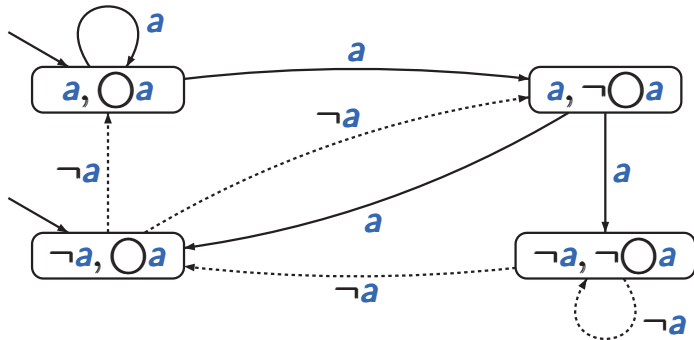
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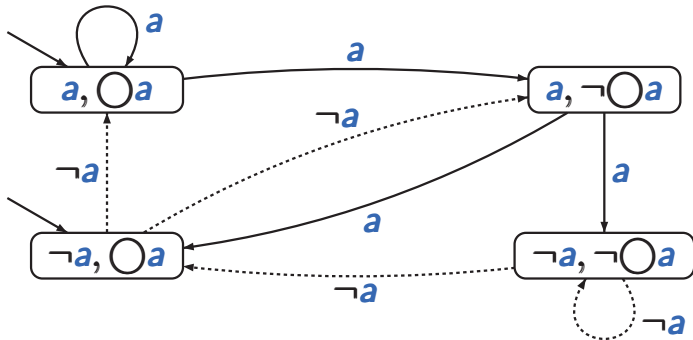
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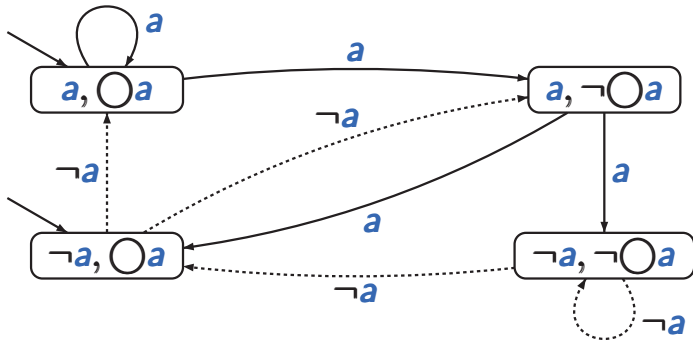


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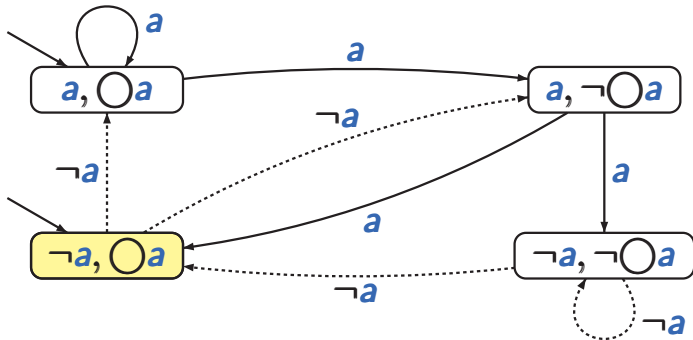


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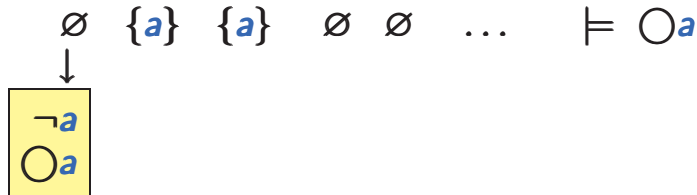
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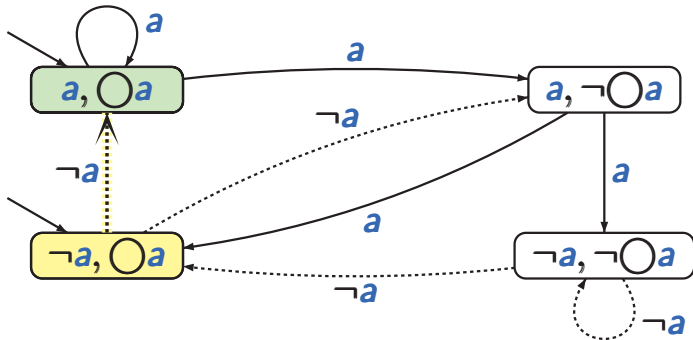


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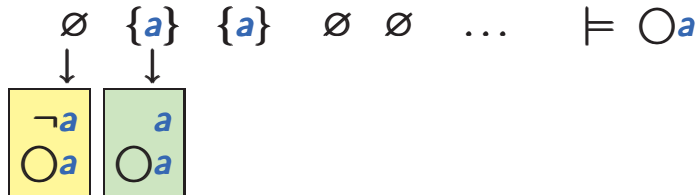


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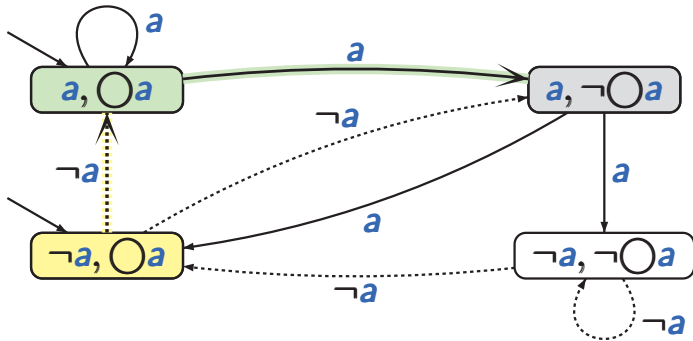


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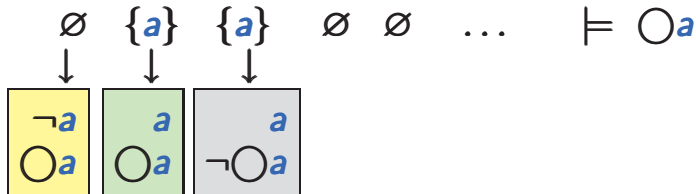


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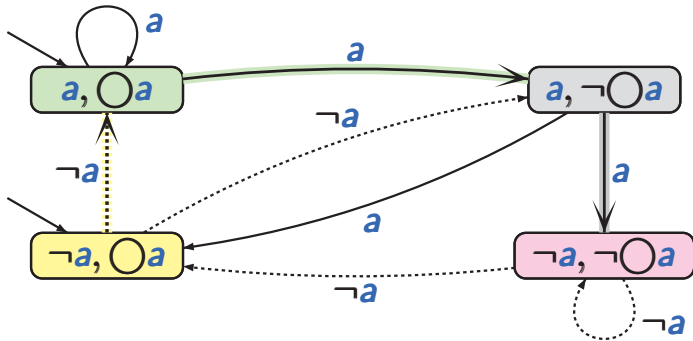


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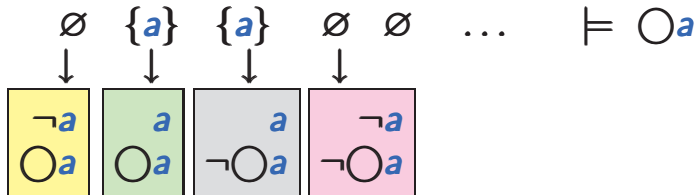


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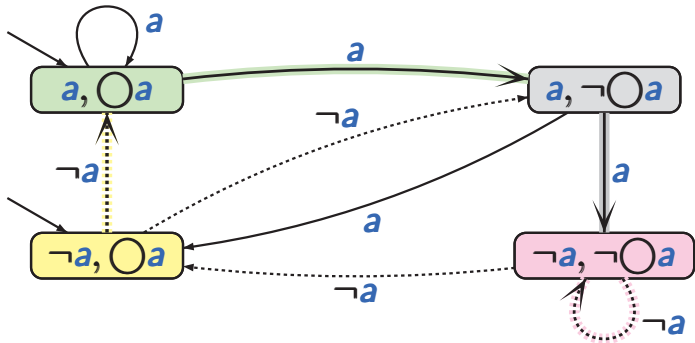
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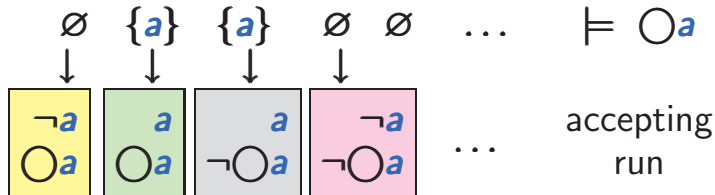


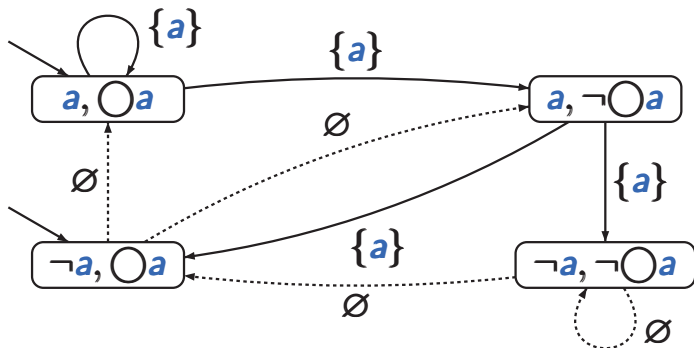
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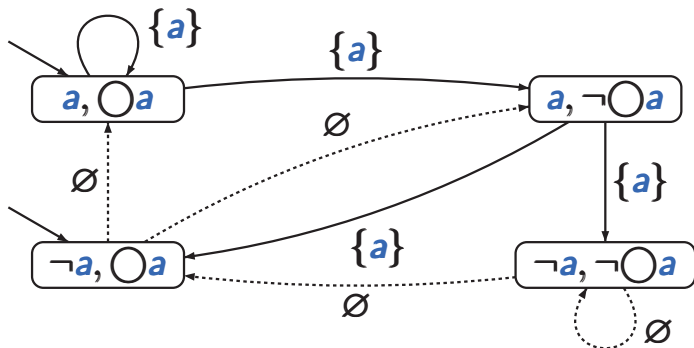


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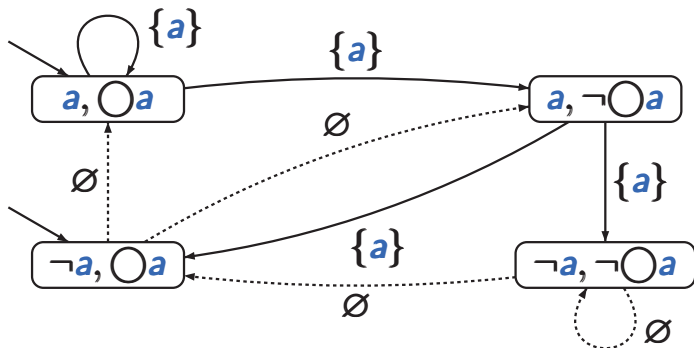


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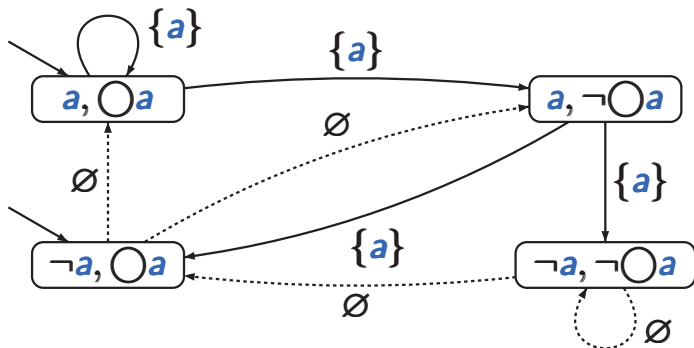
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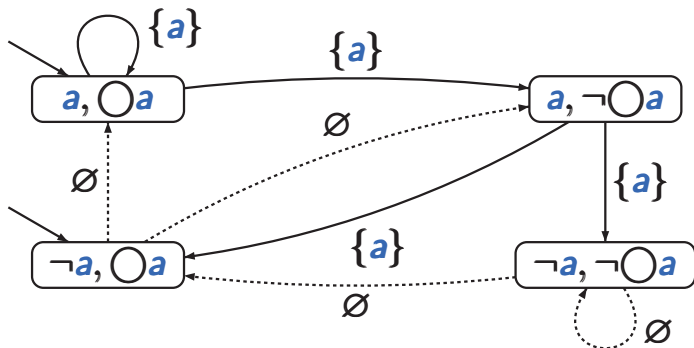
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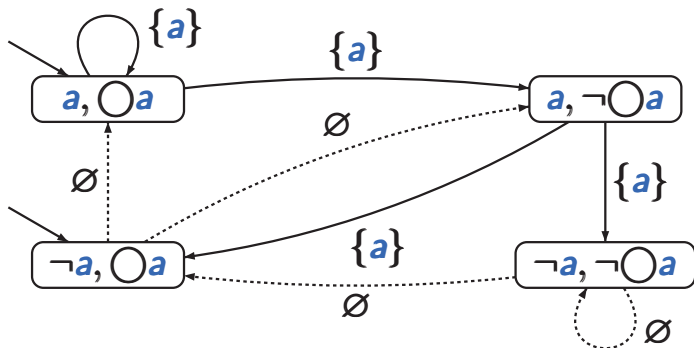
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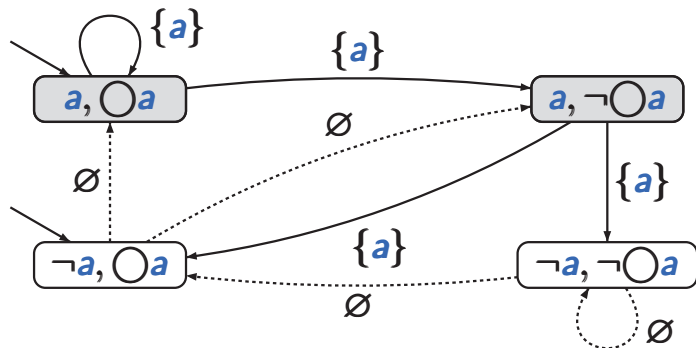


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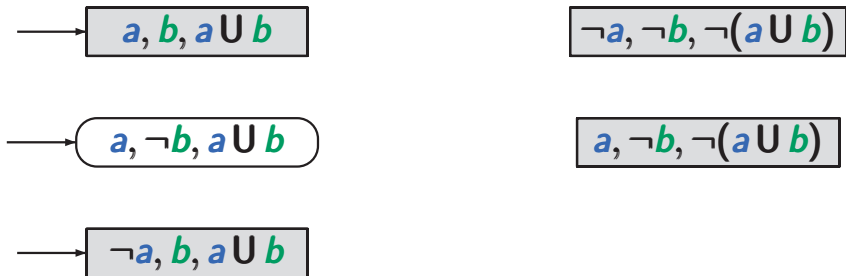
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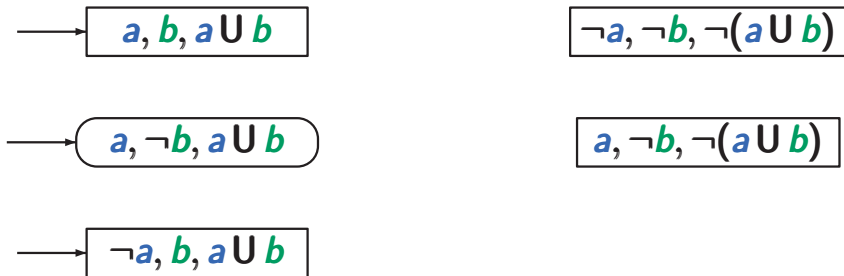


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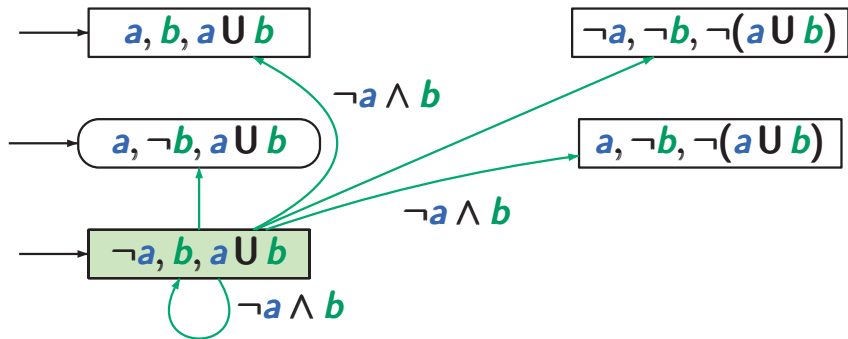
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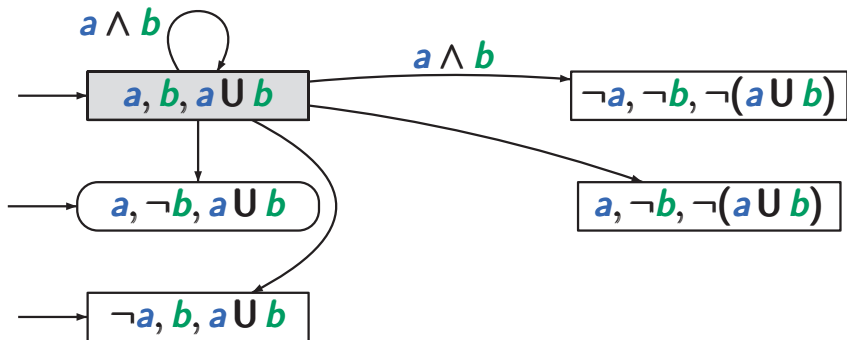
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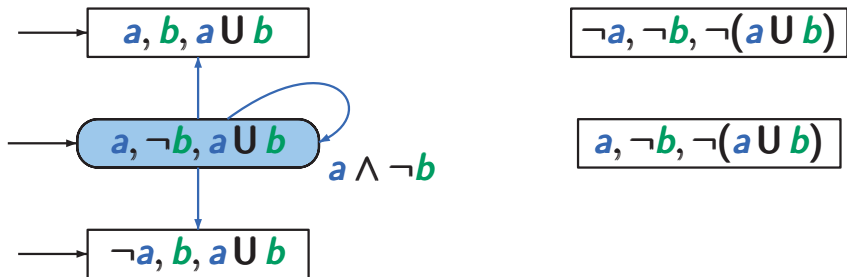
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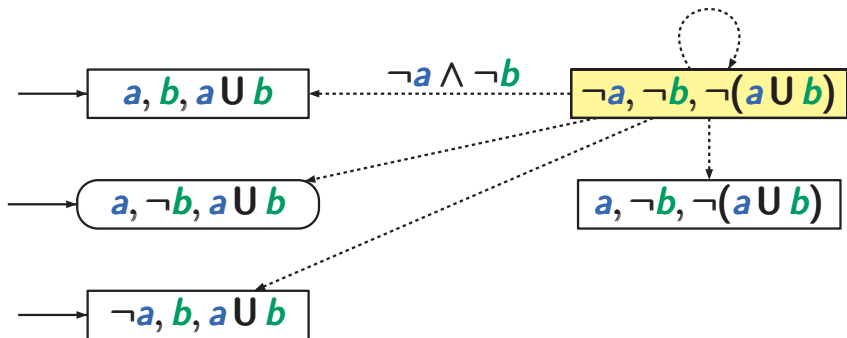
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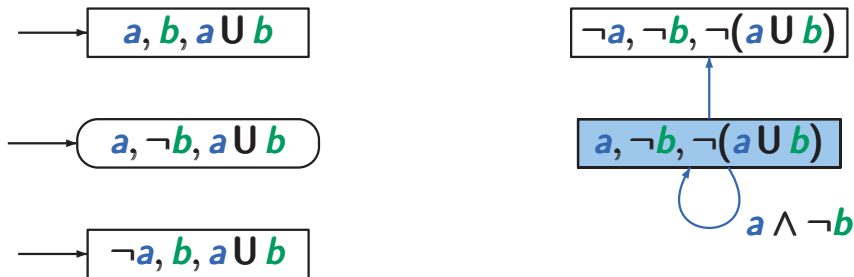
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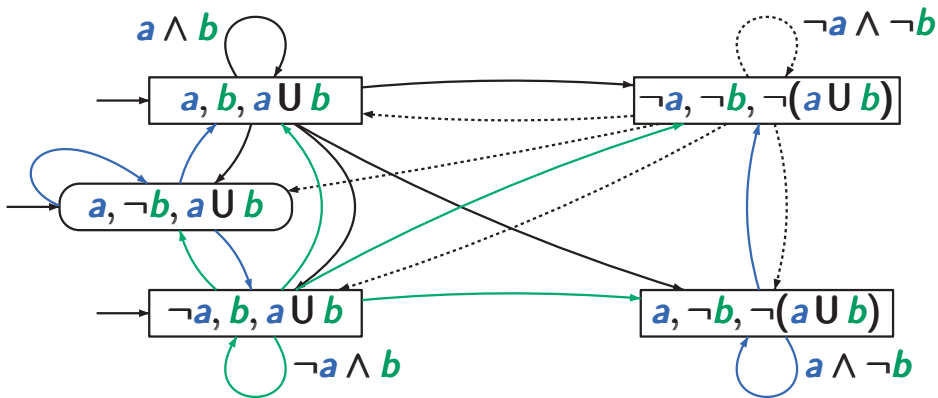


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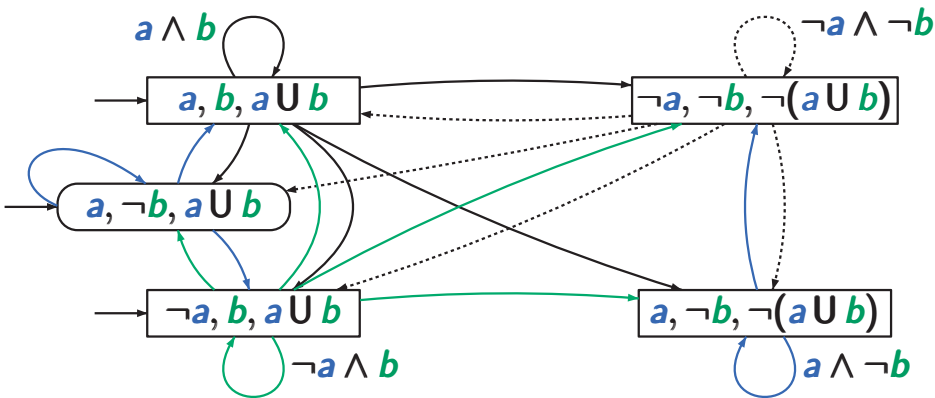
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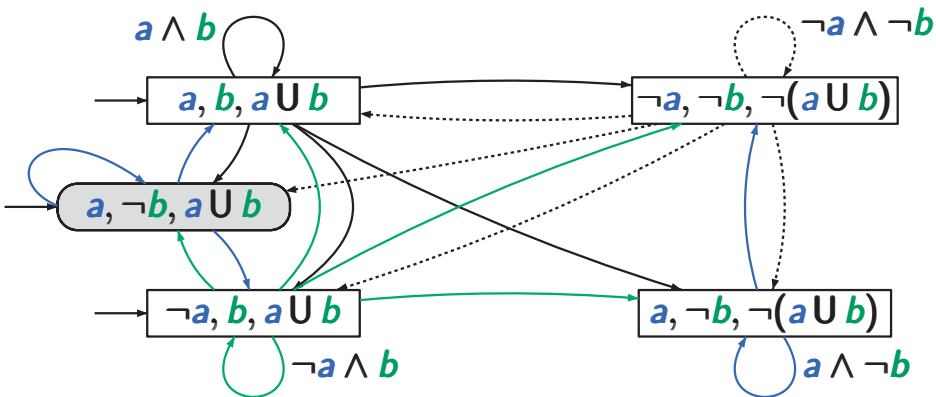
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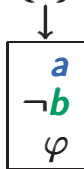
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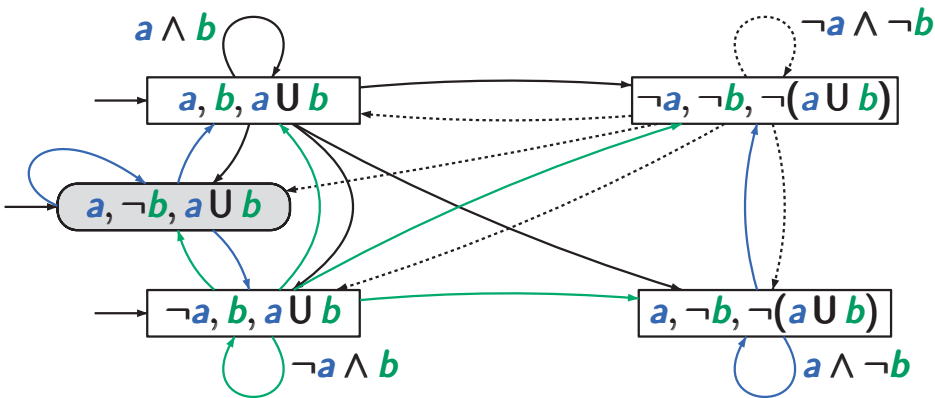
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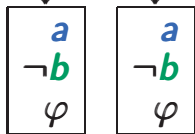


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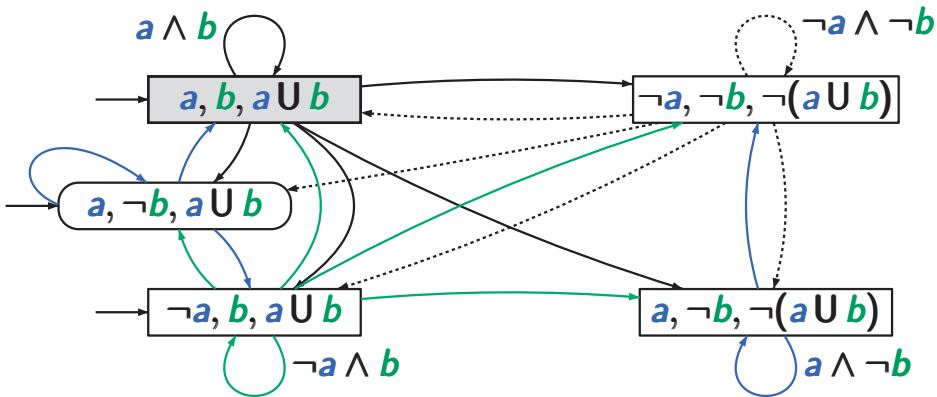


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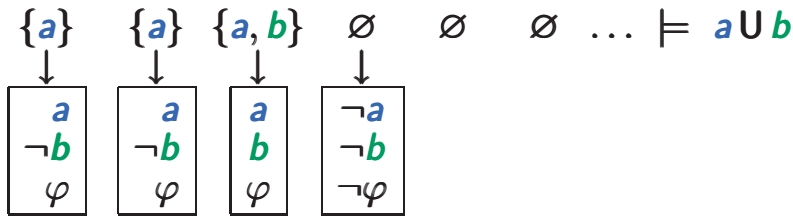
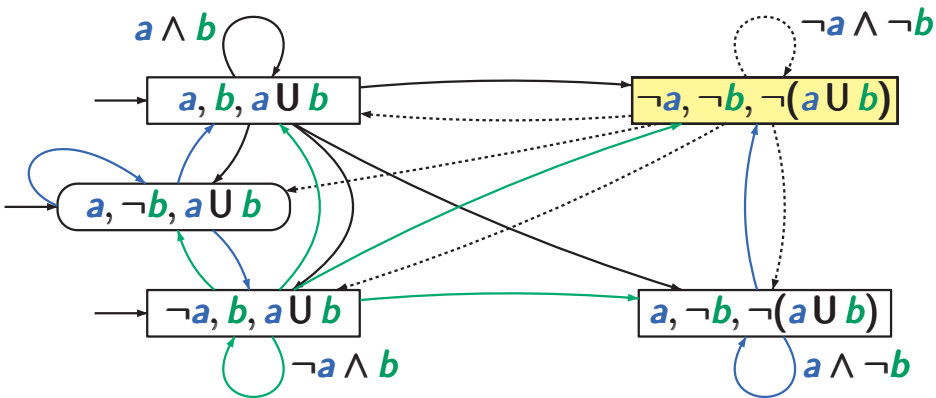
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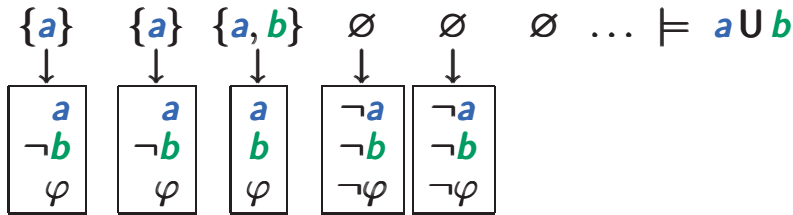
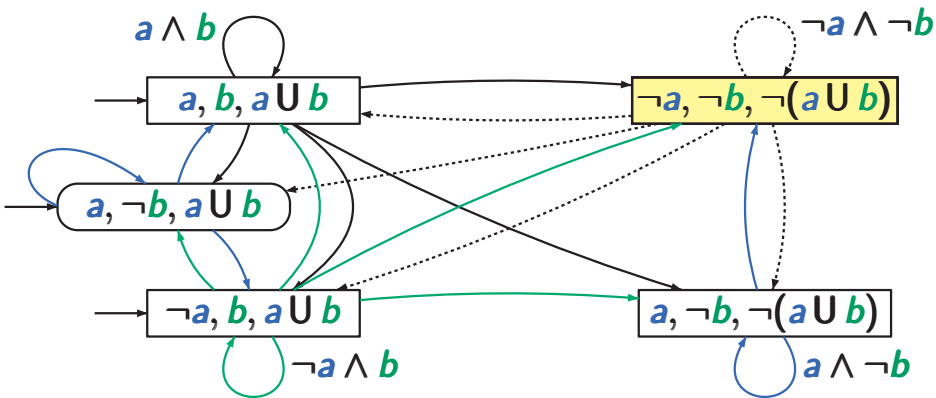
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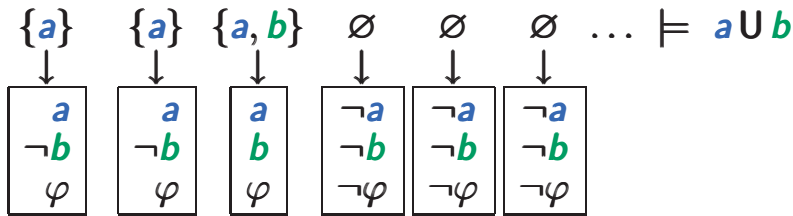
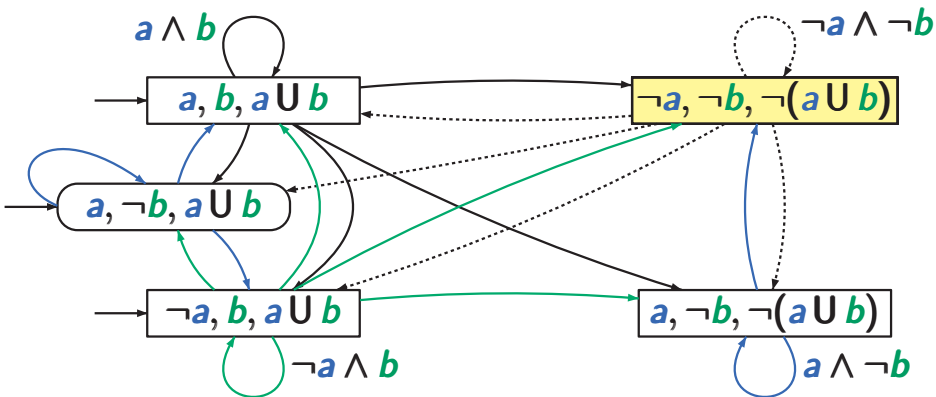
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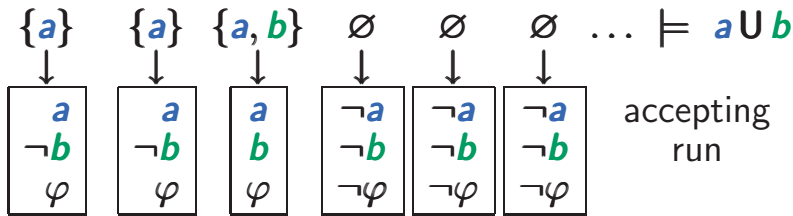
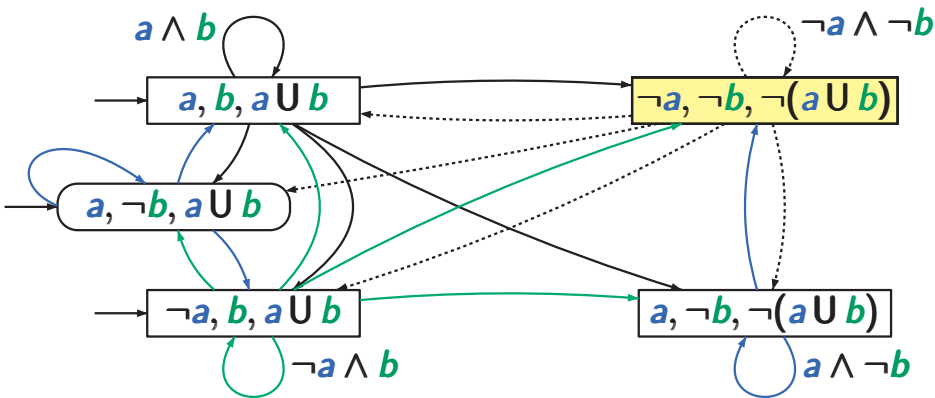
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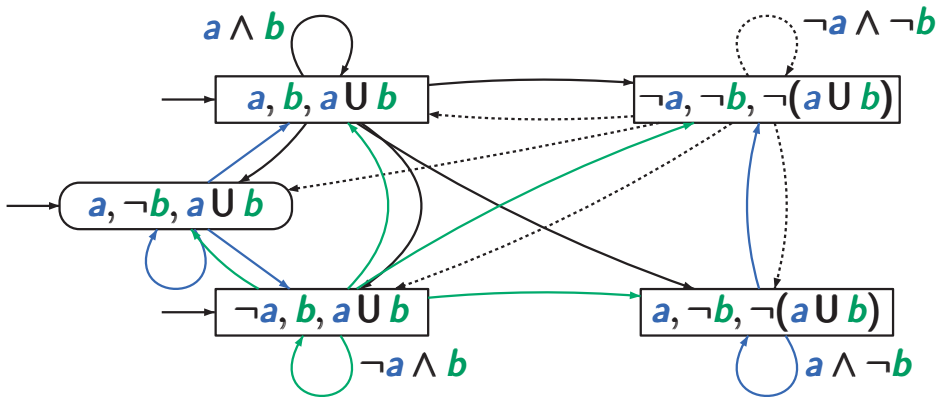
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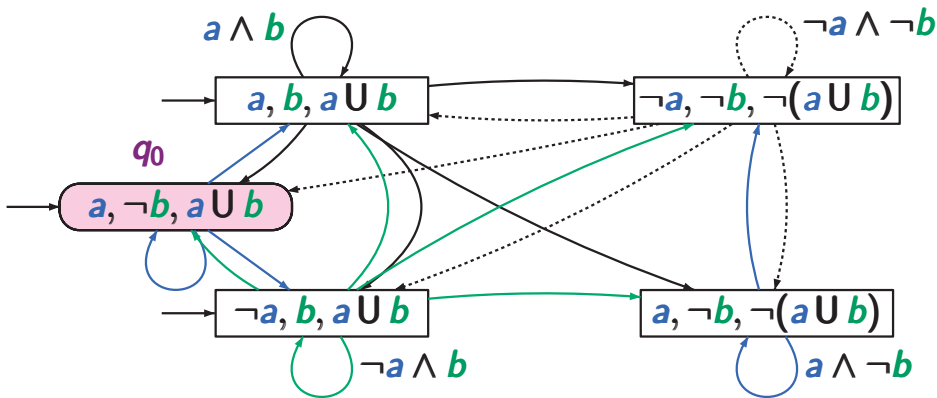
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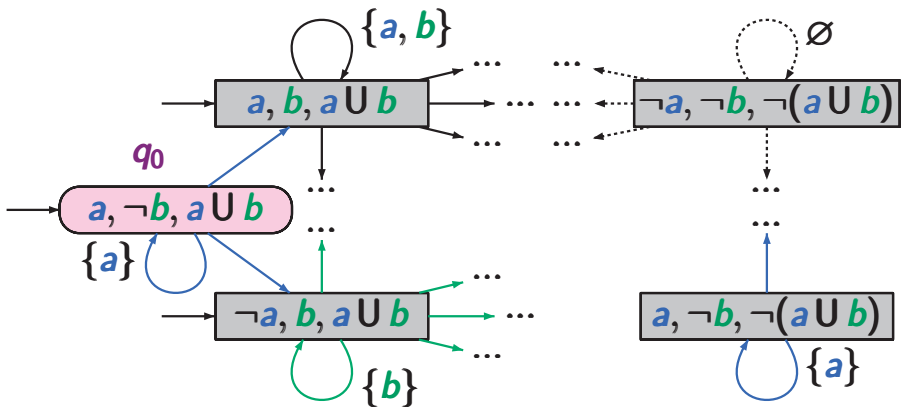
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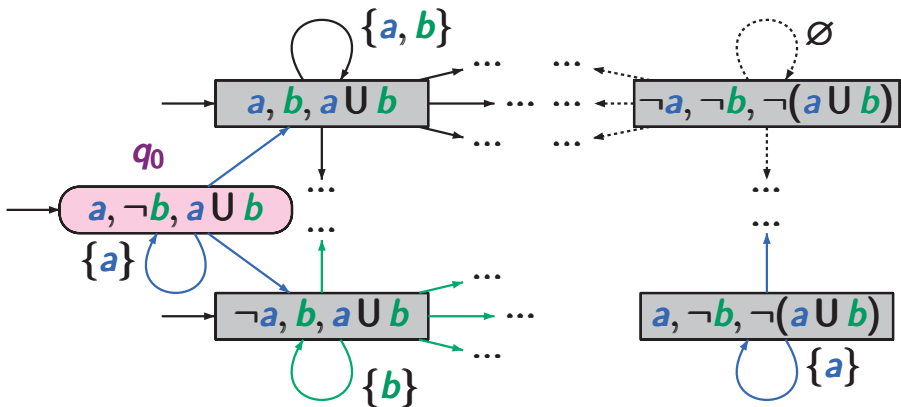


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$$\mathcal{G} = (Q, 2^{AP}, \delta, Q_0, \mathcal{F})$$

state space:  $Q = \{B \subseteq cl(\varphi) : B \text{ is elementary}\}$

initial states:  $Q_0 = \{B \in Q : \varphi \in B\}$

transition relation: for  $B \in Q$  and  $A \in 2^{AP}$ :

if  $A \neq B \cap AP$  then  $\delta(B, A) = \emptyset$

if  $A = B \cap AP$  then  $\delta(B, A) = \text{set of all } B' \in Q \text{ s.t.}$

$$\bigcirc \psi \in B \text{ iff } \psi \in B'$$

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acceptance set  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_{\psi_1 \mathbf{U} \psi_2} : \psi_1 \mathbf{U} \psi_2 \in cl(\varphi)\}$

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