

Causality-based Verification of Multi-threaded Programs

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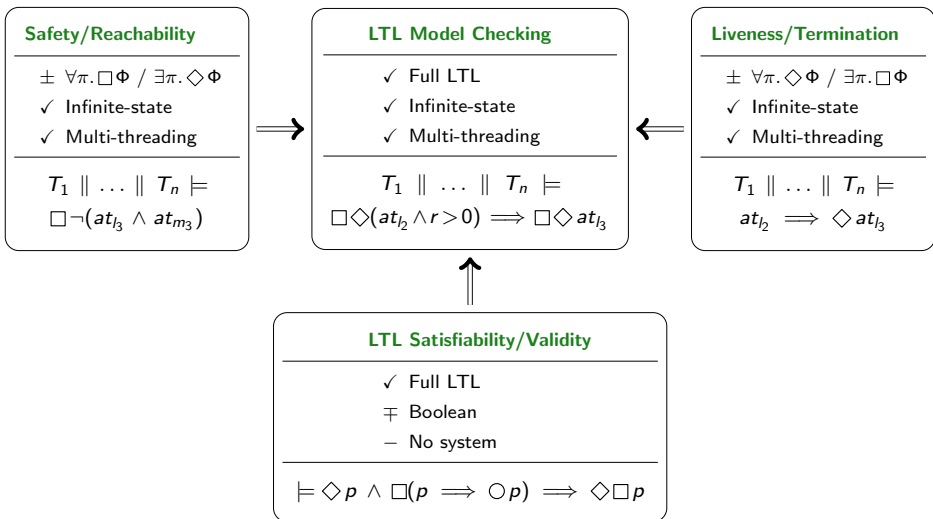
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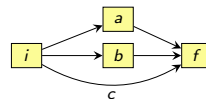
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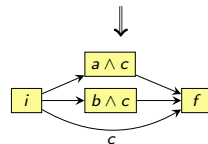
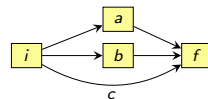
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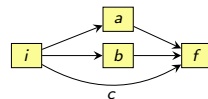
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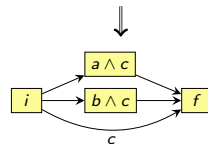


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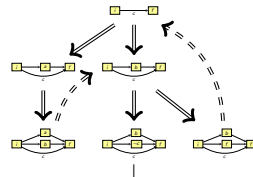
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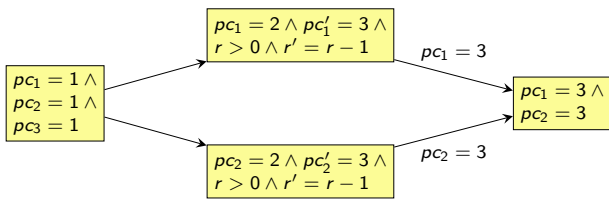
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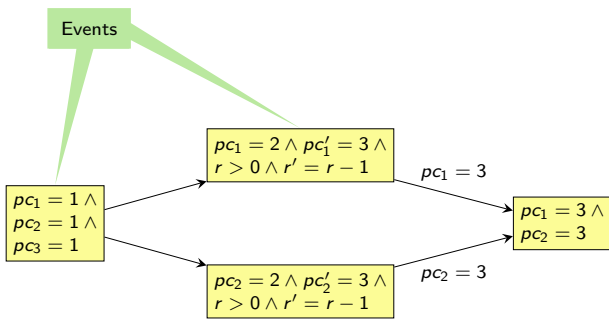
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Our causality-based reachability analysis algorithm
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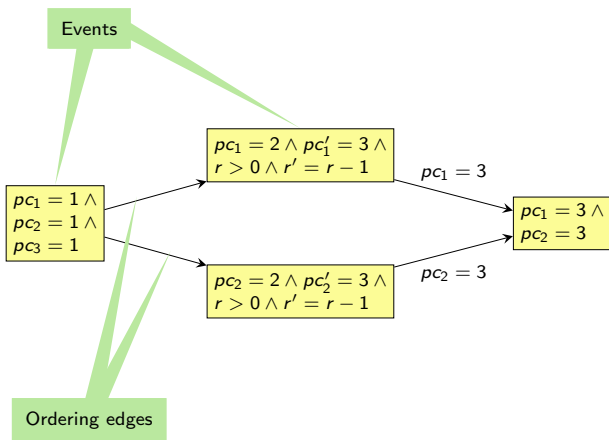
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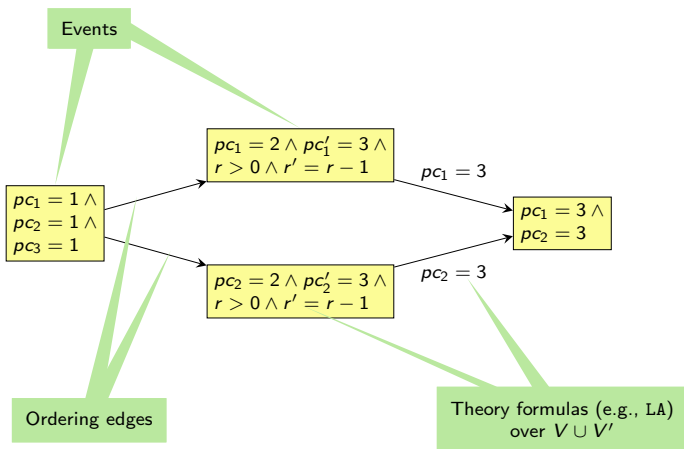
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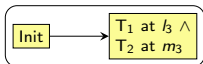
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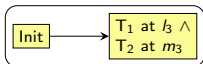
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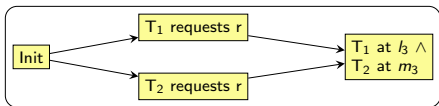
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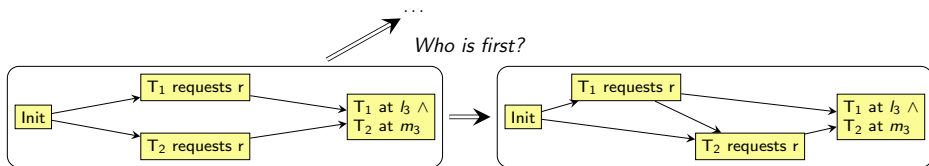
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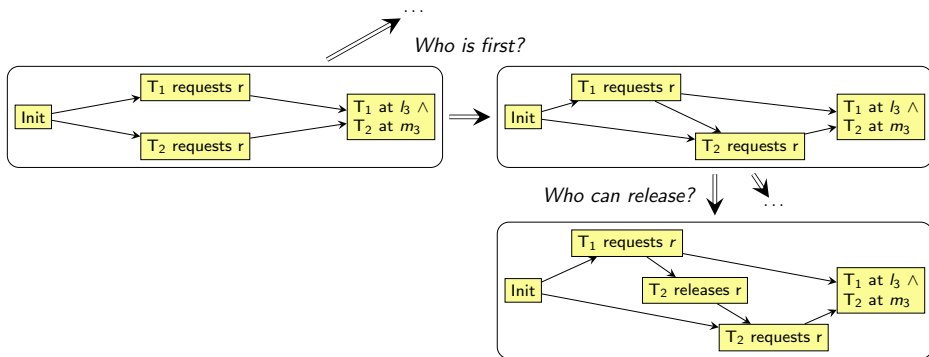
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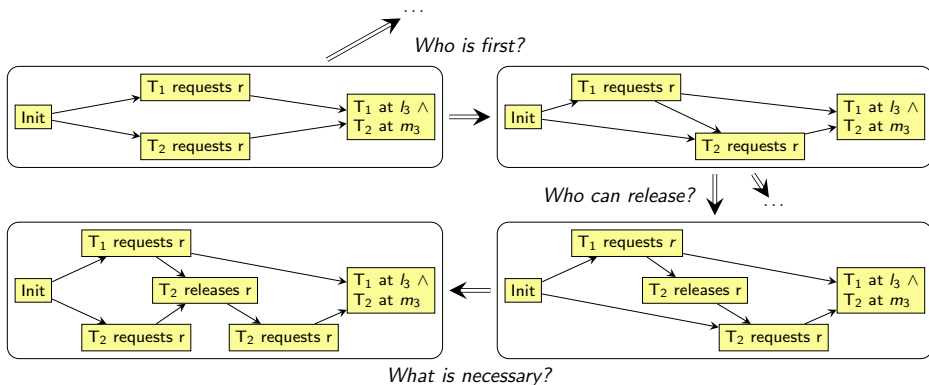
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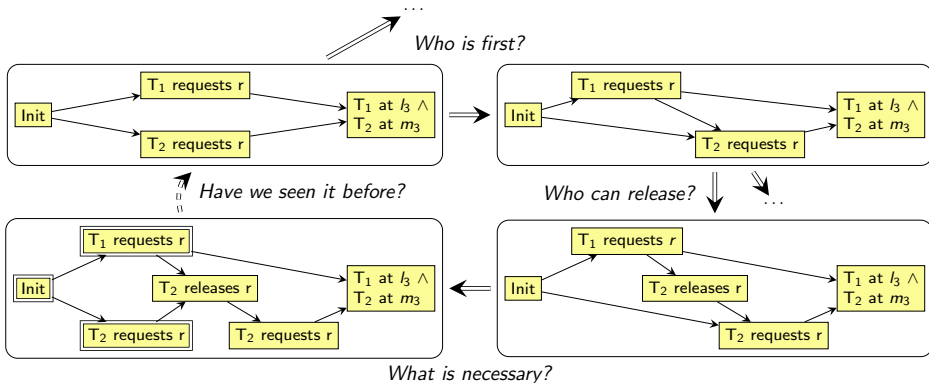
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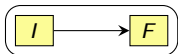
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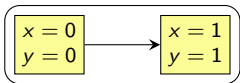


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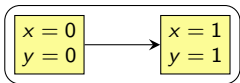
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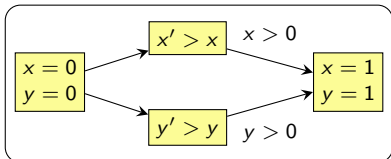
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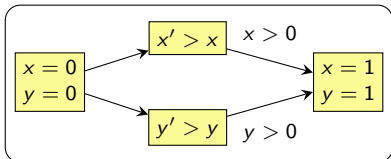
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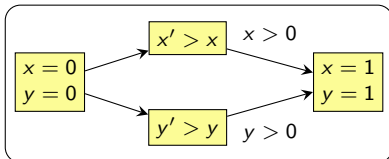


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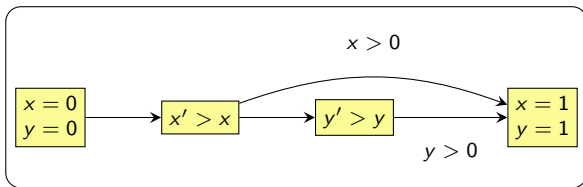
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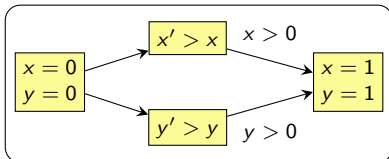


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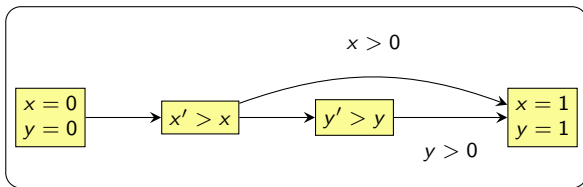
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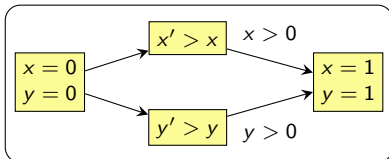


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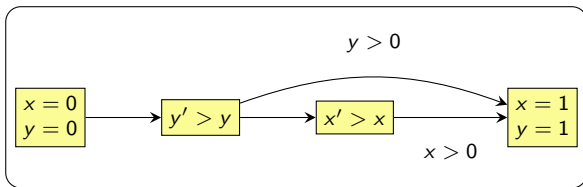
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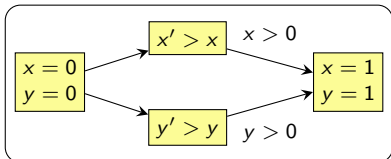


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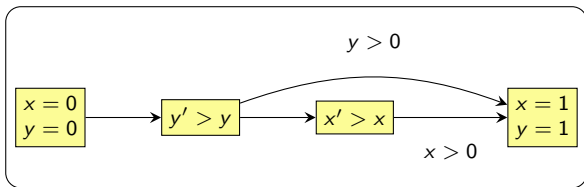
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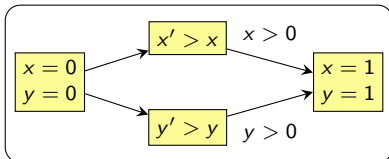
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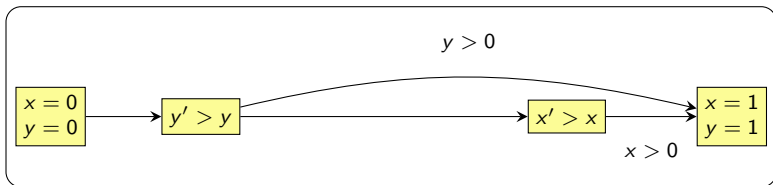


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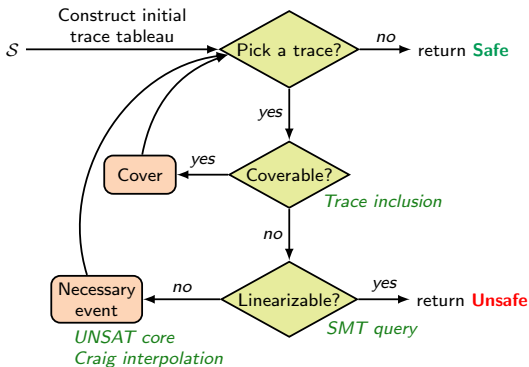
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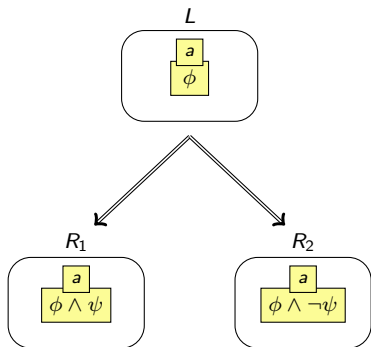
Reachability analysis algorithm

[K., Finkbeiner, CONCUR 2013]

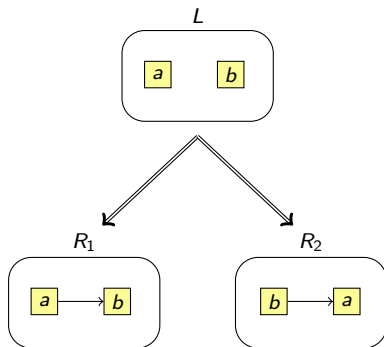


Proof rules: finite traces

Event split

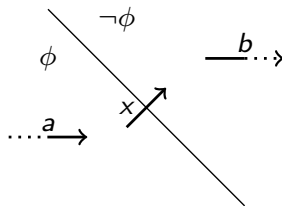
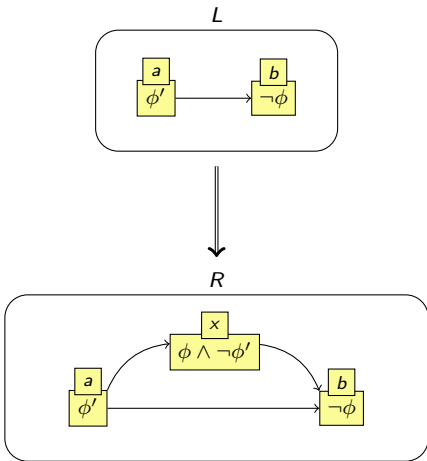


Order split



Proof rules: finite traces

Necessary event



Safety

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Theorem (Polynomiality for semaphore programs)

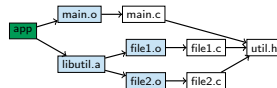
Causality-based verification algorithm proves the safety of the most general class of multi-threaded semaphore programs in deterministic polynomial time with respect to the number of threads and locks.

Termination of multi-threaded programs

- Parallel compilation (e.g. GNU Make)

gnu.org/software/make/

```
make -j N
```



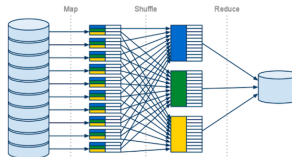
- Parallel computations in GPUs (OpenCL, CUDA)

developer.nvidia.com/cuda-zone/



- Distributed processing (e.g. the Map-Reduce architecture)

developers.google.com/appengine/docs/java/dataprocessing/



- Device drivers, leader election, ...

Producer-Consumer (Map-Reduce architecture)

Producer 1

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while (p1>0) {
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  p1--;
}
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Producer 2

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Threads	Terminator		T2		AProVE	
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4	×	MO	U(36.6)	316	U(71.2)	1455
5	×	MO	U(30.7)	400	U(312)	1536
10	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO
20	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO
40	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO
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80	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO
100	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO

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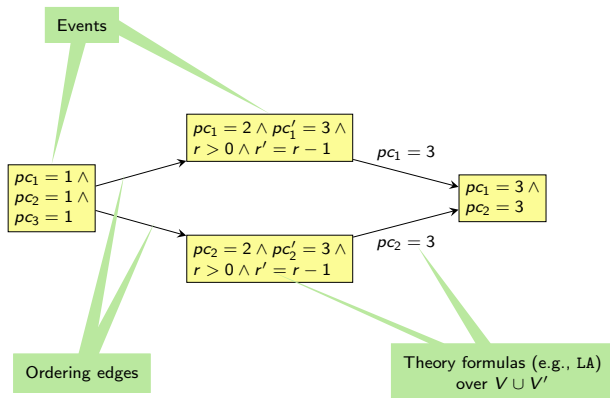
Consumer 2

```
while (true) {
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  q2--;
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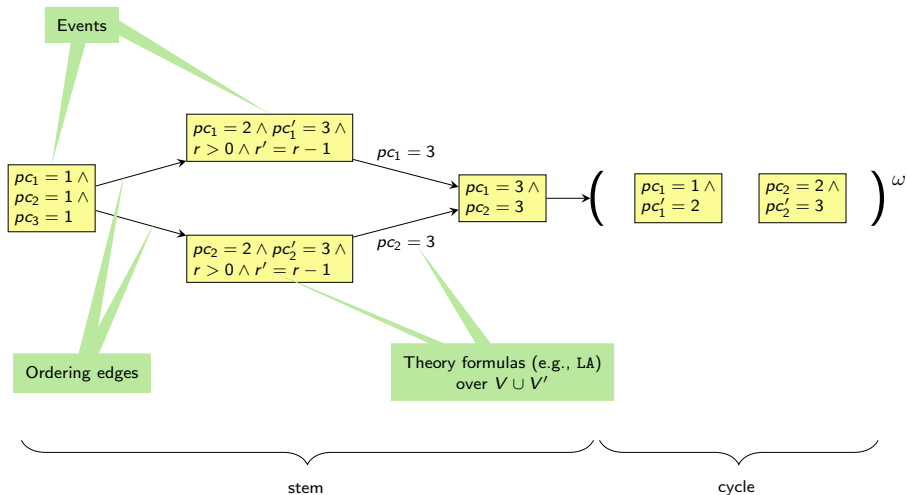
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40	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	4.30	12.7
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80	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	67.7	145
100	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	172	231

¹Arctor : Abstraction Refinement of Concurrent Temporal Orderings (react.uni-saarland.de/tools/arctor/)

Infinite concurrent traces

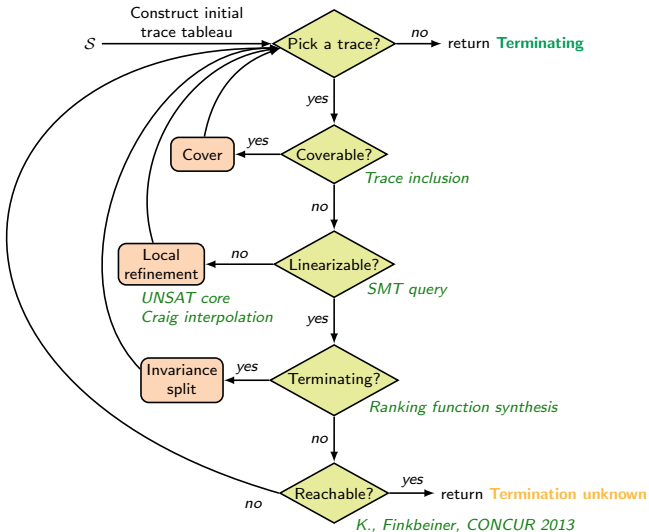


Infinite concurrent traces



Termination analysis algorithm

[K., Finkbeiner, CAV 2014]



Termination: soundness and completeness

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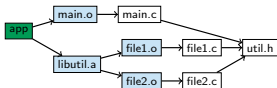
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Experimental results: simple programs

Benchmark	Terminator		T2		AProVE		Arctor		
	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Vertices
Chain 2	0.65	20	0.52	20	1.58	131	0.002	2.0	3
Chain 4	1.45	25	0.54	22	2.13	153	0.002	2.2	7
Chain 6	24.4	57	0.58	24	2.58	171	0.002	2.5	11
Chain 8	×	MO	0.63	26	3.48	210	0.002	2.5	15
Chain 20	×	MO	2.36	55	16.5	941	0.007	2.5	39
Chain 40	×	MO	40.5	288	536	1237	0.023	2.8	79
Chain 60	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	0.063	3.0	119
Chain 80	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	0.145	3.3	159
Chain 100	×	MO	Z3-TO	×	×	MO	0.320	3.9	199
Phase 1	×	MO	U(4.53)	48	1.60	132	0.002	2.4	2
Phase 2	×	MO	U(4.53)	48	2.16	144	0.002	2.4	11
Phase 3	×	MO	U(30.6)	301	3.83	199	0.002	2.5	20
Phase 4	×	MO	×	MO	8.89	336	0.003	2.6	29
Phase 8	×	MO	×	MO	47.0	1506	0.003	2.6	65
Phase 10	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.012	2.7	83
Phase 20	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.061	3.3	173
Phase 40	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.35	4.0	353
Phase 60	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	1.18	4.2	533
Phase 80	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	3.21	5.1	713
Phase 100	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	7.38	6.1	893
Semaphore 1	3.05	26	2.81	46	3.22	230	0.002	2.6	8
Semaphore 2	622	691	U(20.7)	219	U(6.52)	465	0.002	2.6	16
Semaphore 3	×	MO	U(15.8)	239	U(10.42)	1138	0.003	2.6	24
Semaphore 10	×	MO	U(83.5)	470	U(246)	1287	0.023	2.8	80
Semaphore 20	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.073	3.3	160
Semaphore 40	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.264	4.0	320
Semaphore 60	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	0.58	4.0	480
Semaphore 80	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	1.02	4.6	640
Semaphore 100	×	MO	×	MO	×	MO	1.59	5.1	800

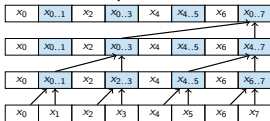
Experimental results: models of industrial programs

- Parallel compilation (GNU Make)



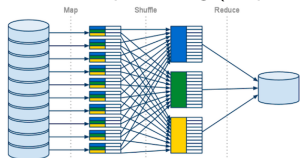
Threads	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Vertices
2	0.04	3.6	126
3	0.10	4.3	189
4	0.17	4.5	252
5	0.26	4.5	315
6	0.36	4.5	378
7	0.48	4.5	441
8	0.62	4.6	504
9	0.79	5.5	567
10	0.97	5.5	630

- Parallel computations in GPUs (CUDA)



Threads	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Vertices
2	0.04	3.3	86
3	0.09	3.7	129
4	0.15	4.3	172
5	0.24	4.5	215
6	0.33	4.5	258
7	0.45	4.6	301
8	0.58	5.5	344
9	0.72	5.5	387
10	0.88	5.5	430

- Distributed processing (Map-Reduce)



Threads	Time(s)	Mem.(MB)	Vertices
2	0.42	4.5	238
3	2.50	4.5	393
4	8.22	5.5	547
5	31.3	6.5	767
6	78.7	6.5	986
7	219	7.3	1271
8	457	8.3	1555
9	1053	9.3	1905
10	1924	11.4	2254

No other termination prover can handle even 2 threads!

Arctor

LTL Satisfiability/Validity

Applications

Specification debugging:

- detection of unsatisfiable specifications
- detection of vacuous specifications

Specification understanding:

- small models/countermodels

Can be used for finite-state LTL model checking by a simple reduction

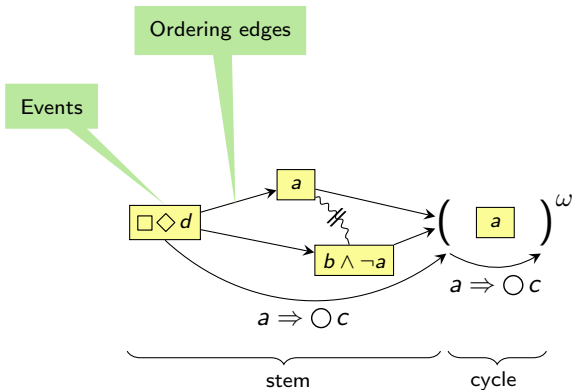
Captures the LTL complexity

PSPACE-complete even for simple fragments $L(F, X)$, $L(U)$

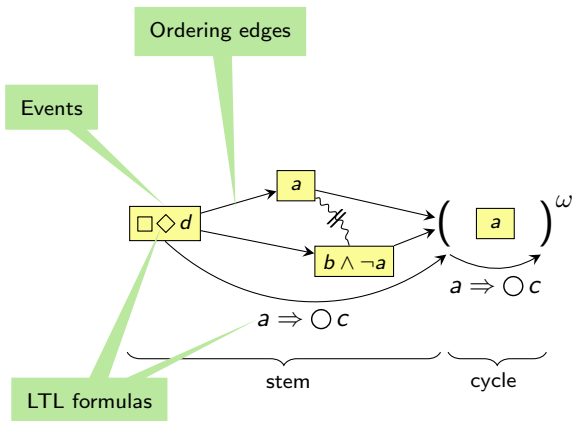
Decision algorithms

- Tableau calculus [Schwendimann, 1998]
- Clausal temporal resolution [Fischer, Dixon, Peim, 2001]
- Reduction to automata-based model checking [Rozier, Vardi, 2007]

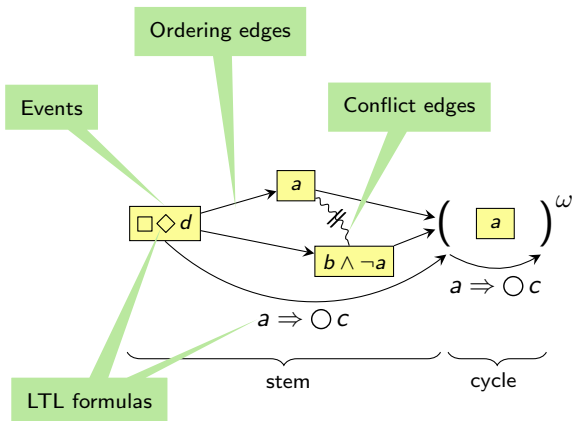
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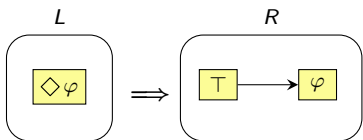
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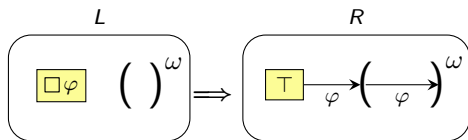
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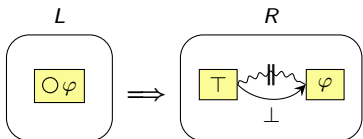
LTL proof rules



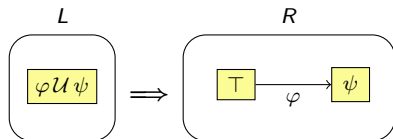
Finally



Globally



Next



Until

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	$(F p), XGF p, F \neg p, XGF \neg p \dots \dots$	
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[Schwendimann, 1998,
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$$(p \wedge \neg p)^\omega$$

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 \frac{\text{XF } p, \text{XGF } p, \neg p, \text{XGF } \neg p | \{ \neg p \}; . | \dots}{\text{F } p, (\text{GF } p), \text{GF } \neg p | \dots | \dots} \text{(X)} \text{Sub}_3 \\
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 \end{array}$$

[Schwendimann, 1998,
A New One-Pass Tableau Calculus for PLTL]
Tools: **LWB, pctl, LTL Tableau**, . . .

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Main problem: LTL formulas are often not small!

They describe necessary assumptions of, e.g.:

- fairness
- termination
- allowed request/response pairs

Example: individual accessibility for semaphores

Thread 1

```
while (true) {
  l1: noncritical;
  l2: request r;
  l3: critical;
  l4: release r;
}
```

Thread 2

```
while (true) {
  m1: noncritical;
  m2: request r;
  m3: critical;
  m4: release r;
}
```

Thread 3

```
while (true) {
  n1: noncritical;
  n2: request r;
  n3: critical;
  n4: release r;
}
```

LTL Properties

Fair scheduling:

$$\varphi_F \equiv \Box \Diamond (at_2 \wedge r_{free}) \implies \Box \Diamond at_3$$

Termination of critical sections:

$$\varphi_T \equiv \Box (at_3 \implies \Diamond at_1)$$

Individual Accessibility:

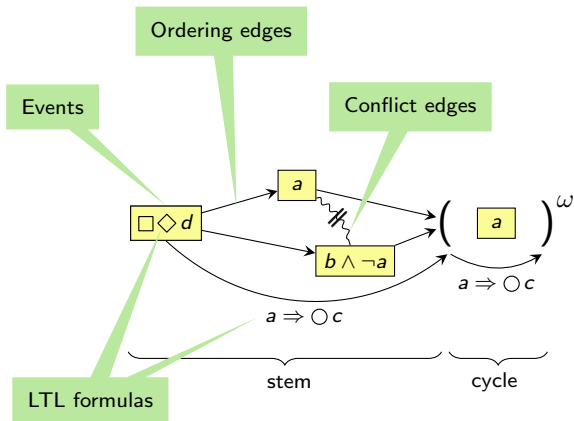
$$\varphi_A \equiv \Box (at_2 \implies \Diamond at_3)$$

$$\varphi \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in 1..n} (\varphi_{F_i} \wedge \varphi_{T_i}) \implies \varphi_{A_i}$$

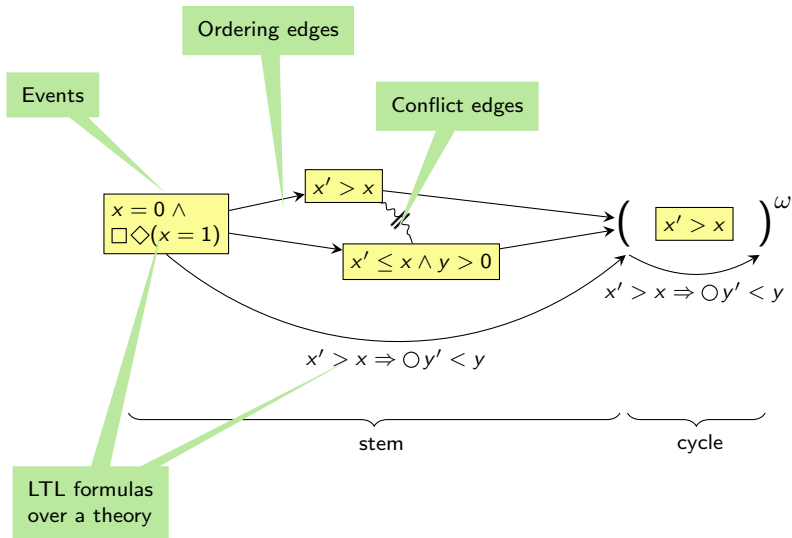
Translation of $\neg\varphi$ into a Büchi automaton: **ltl3ba**

Threads	Time (sec)	Memory (MB)	Automaton (MB)
2	0.005	4.2	0.002
3	0.09	5.0	0.38
4	9.6	14.7	8.6
5	1295	139	185
6	TO	X	X

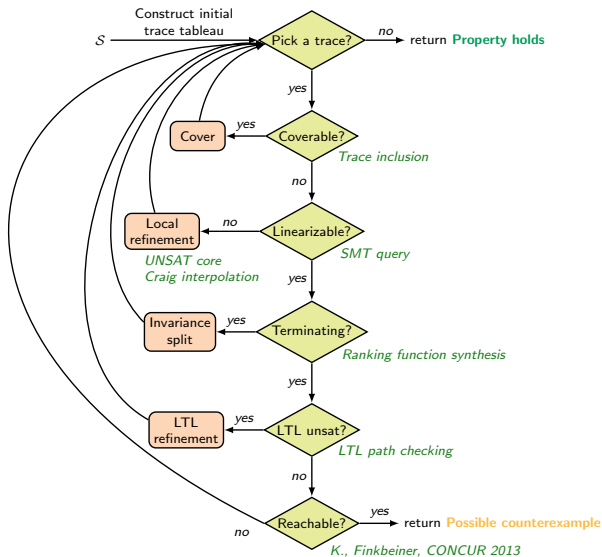
LTL concurrent traces over a theory



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LTL model checking algorithm



Conclusion

Safety/Reachability

- ± $\forall \pi. \Box \Phi / \exists \pi. \Diamond \Phi$
- ✓ Infinite-state
- ✓ Multi-threading

$$T_1 \parallel \dots \parallel T_n \models \Box \neg (at_{l_2} \wedge at_{m_3})$$

LTL Model Checking

- ✓ Full LTL
- ✓ Infinite-state
- ✓ Multi-threading

$$T_1 \parallel \dots \parallel T_n \models \Box \Diamond (at_{l_2} \wedge r > 0) \implies \Box \Diamond at_{l_3}$$

Liveness/Termination

- ± $\forall \pi. \Diamond \Phi / \exists \pi. \Box \Phi$
- ✓ Infinite-state
- ✓ Multi-threading

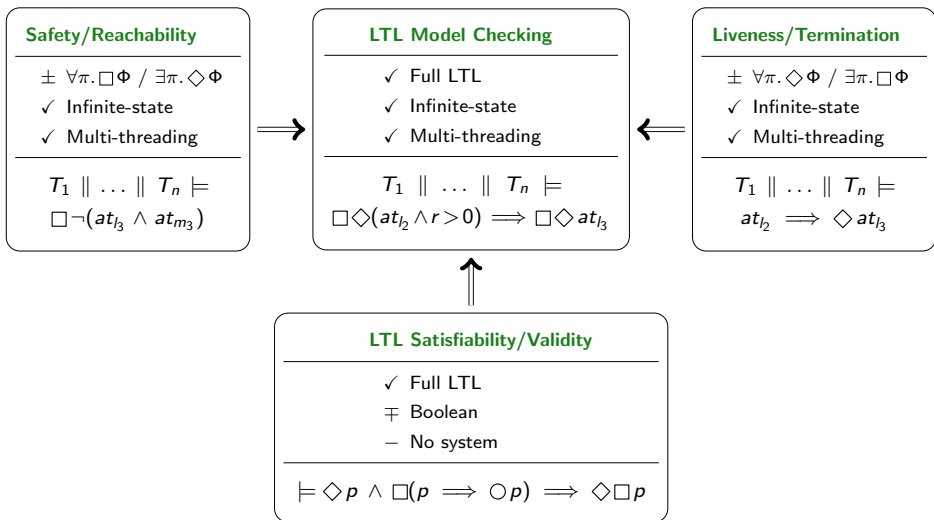
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LTL Satisfiability/Validity

- ✓ Full LTL
- ± Boolean
- No system

$$\models \Diamond p \wedge \Box (p \implies \bigcirc p) \implies \Diamond \Box p$$

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Thank you for attention!