

Concurrent Stochastic Lossy Channel Games

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Outline

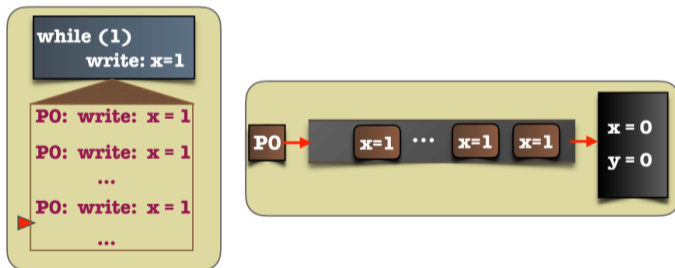
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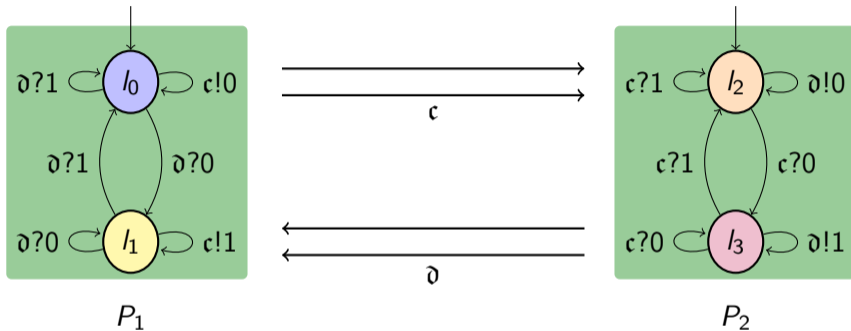
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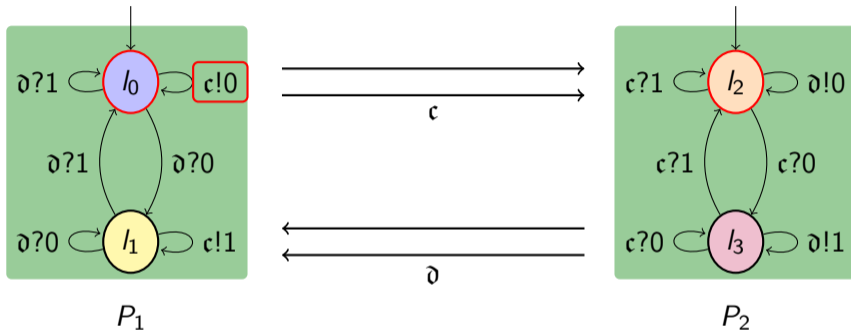
- Network transmissions;
- Transactional operations;
- TSO semantics [AABN18]



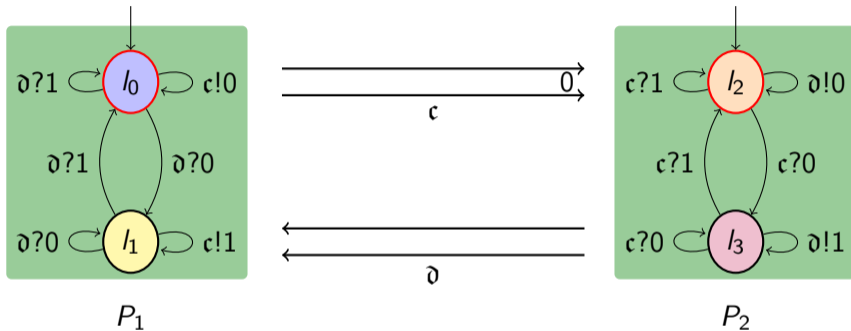
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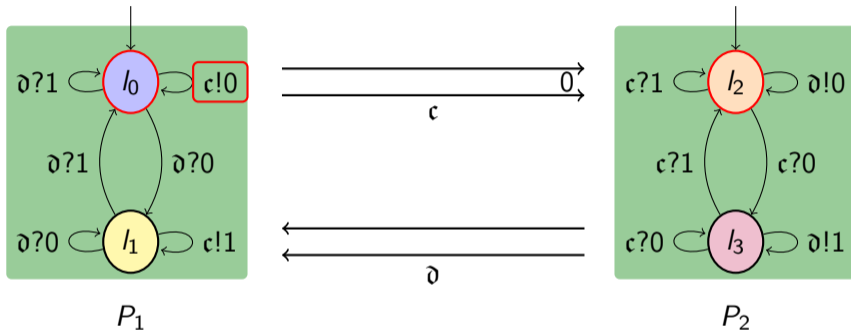
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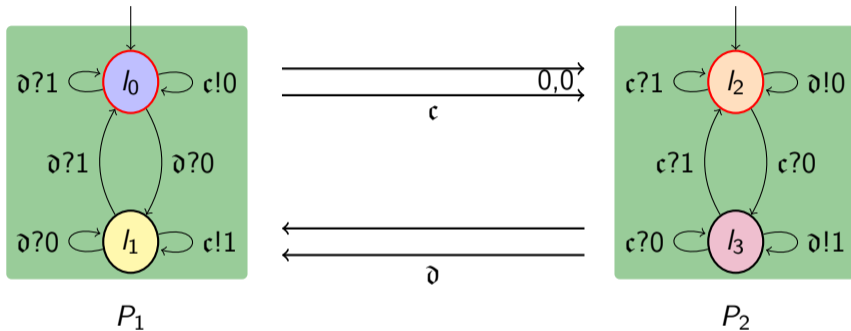
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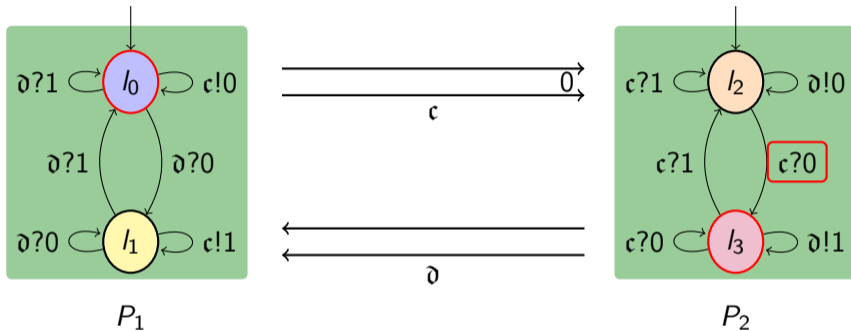
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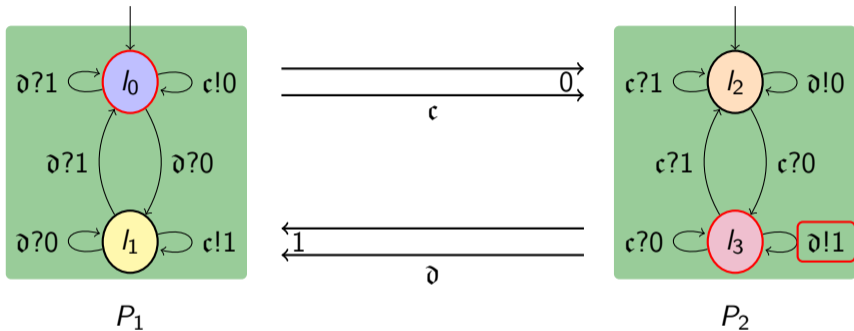
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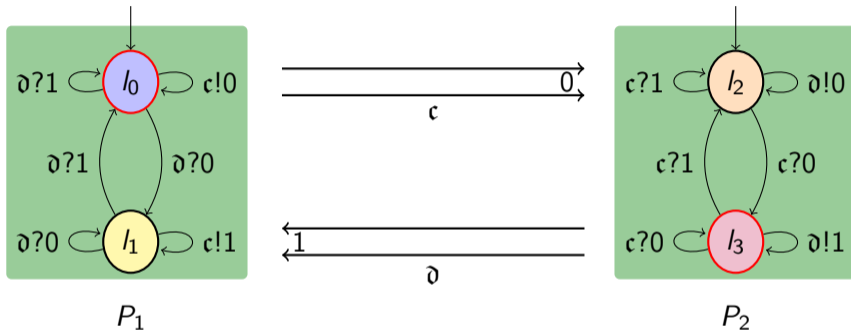
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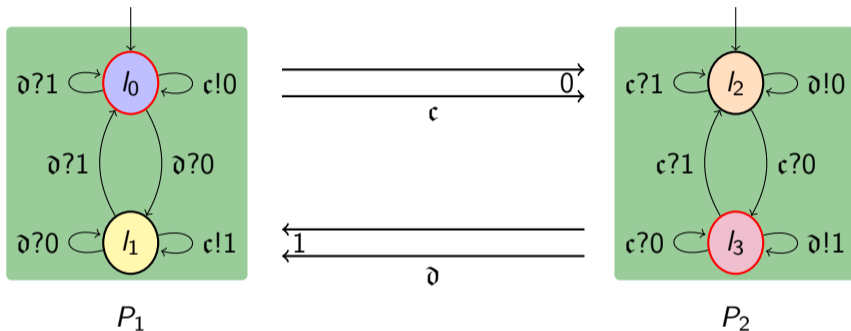
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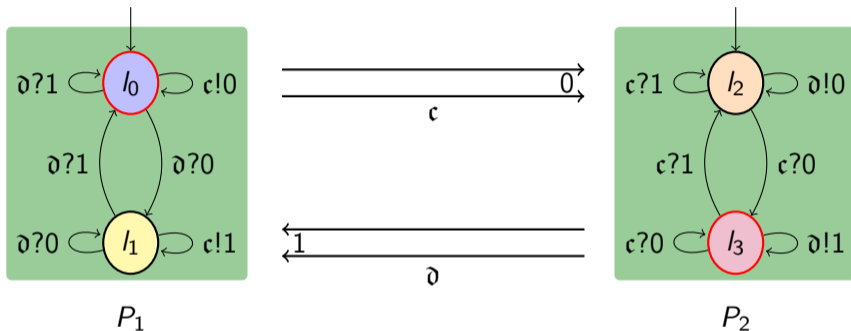
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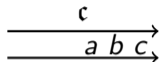
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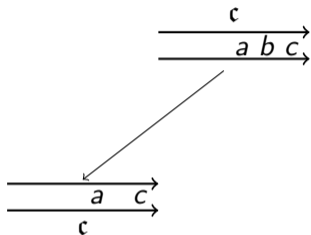
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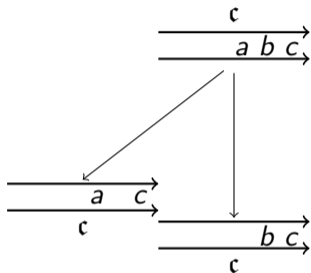
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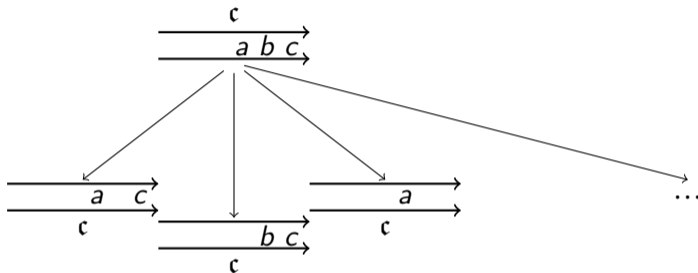
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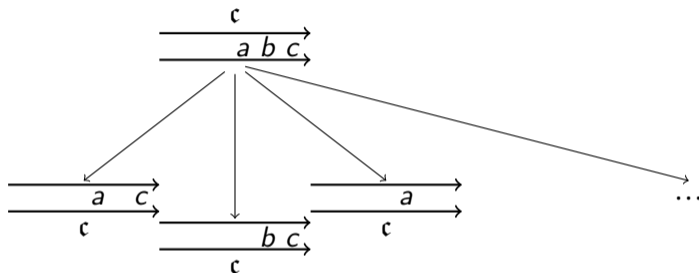
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Effect of a transition $l \xrightarrow{f} l'$ on state $s = l \cdot w$:

- **Change** location to l' ;
- Apply the **channel operation** f on w to get w' ;
- Drop from w' to $w'' \preceq w'$: **subword ordering**.

Result: $s' = l' \cdot w''$:

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backward reachability scheme [FS01] for **non-deterministic schedulers**:

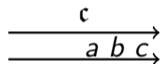
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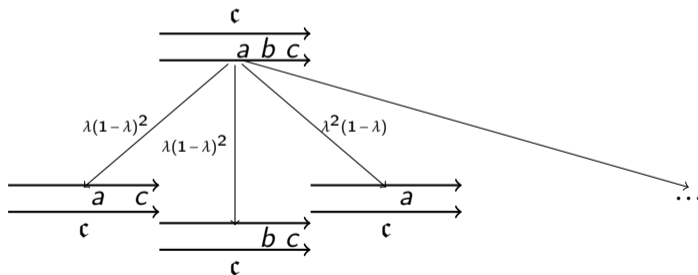


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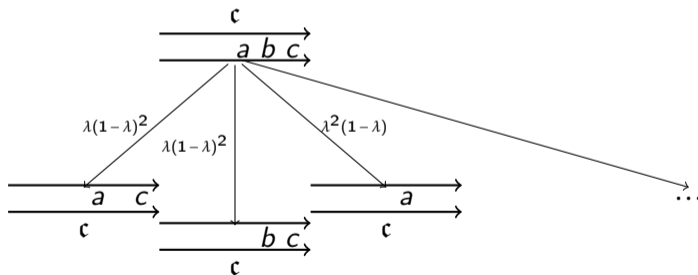


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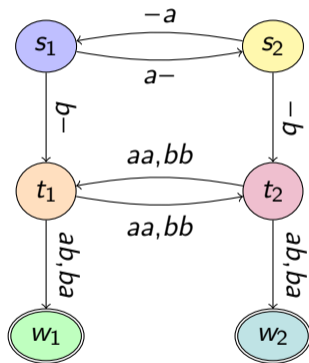


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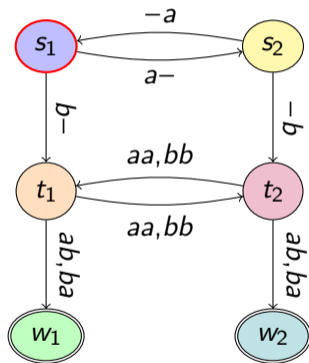
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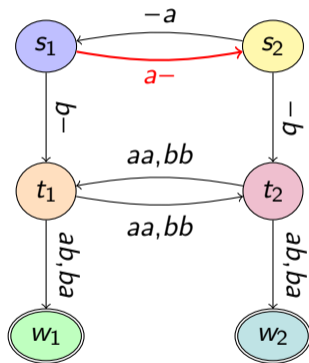
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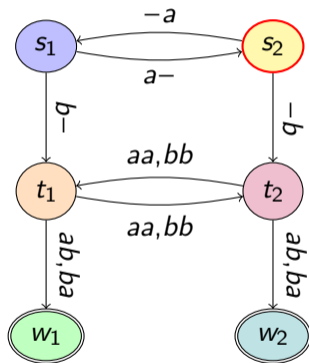
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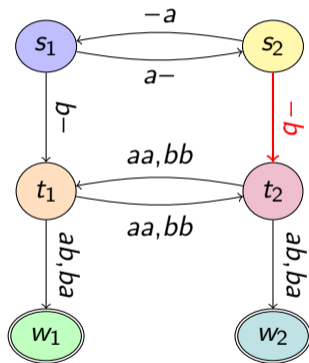
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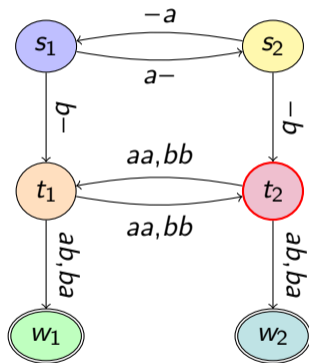
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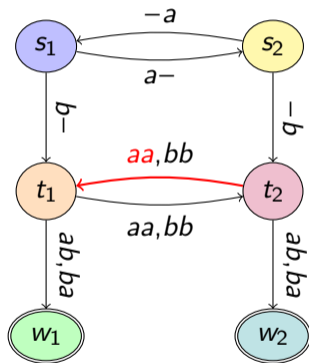
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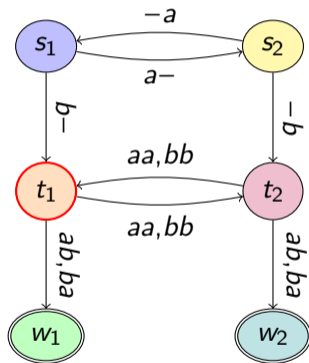
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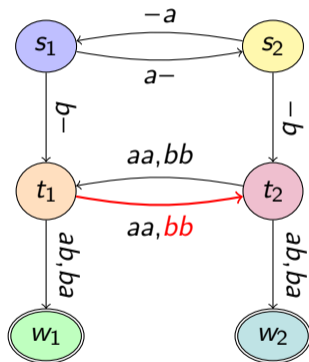
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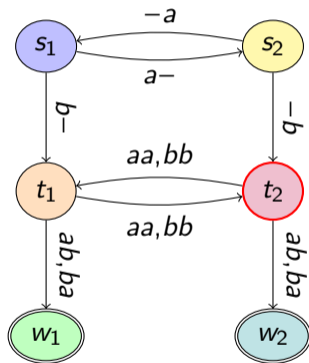
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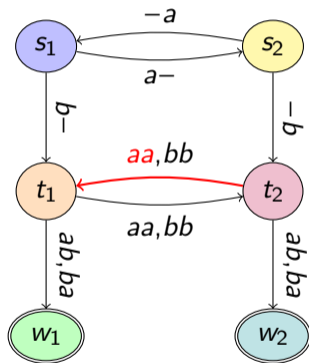
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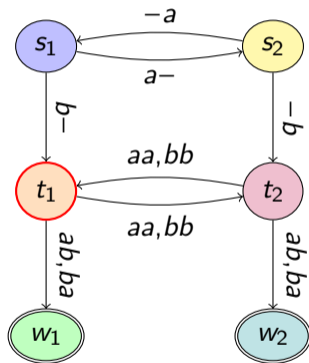
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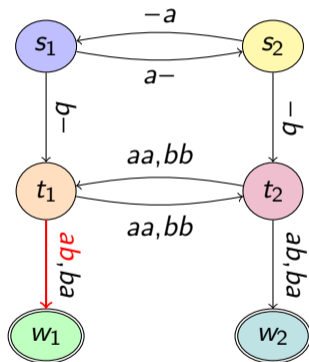
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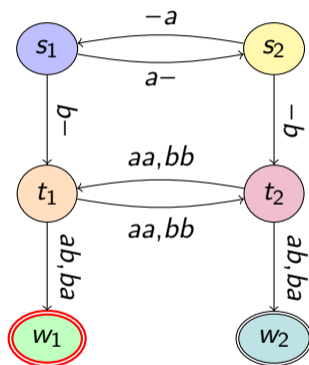
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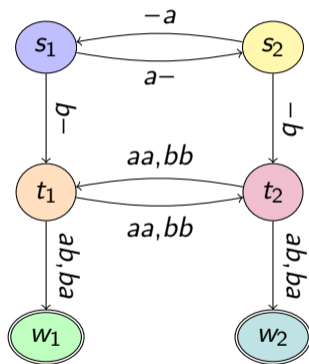


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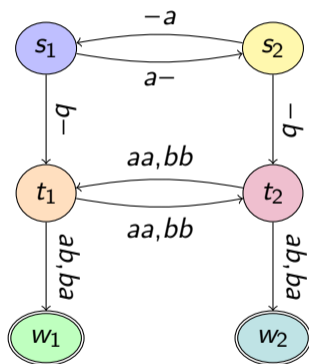
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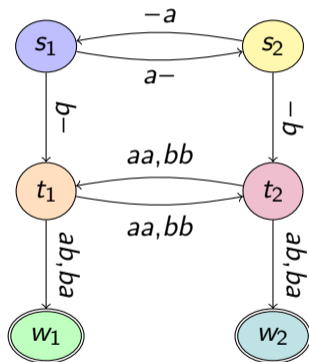
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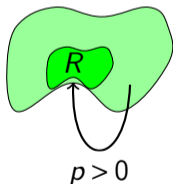
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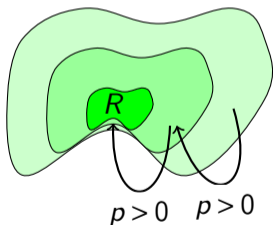
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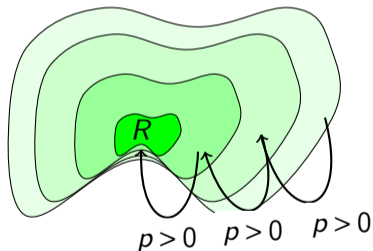
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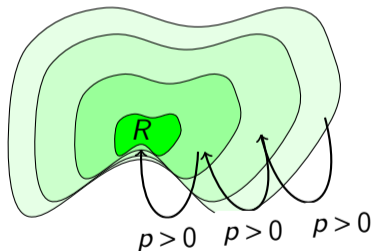
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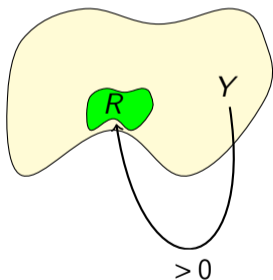
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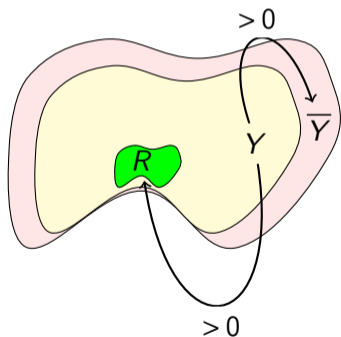
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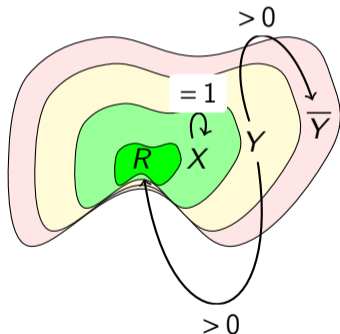
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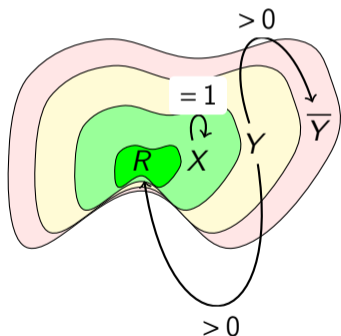
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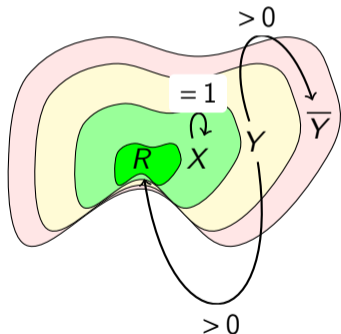
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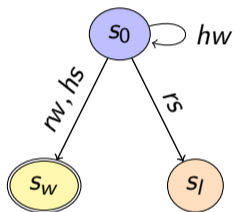
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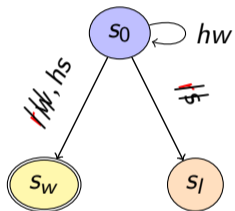


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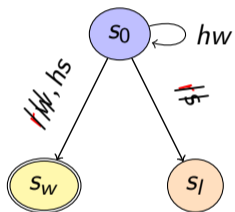
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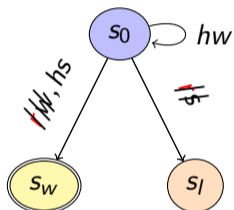
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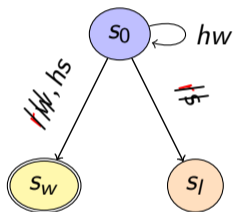
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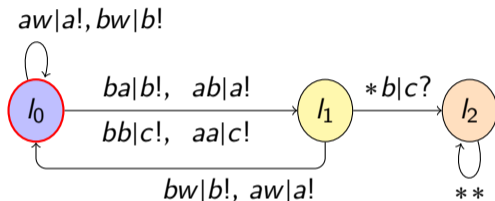
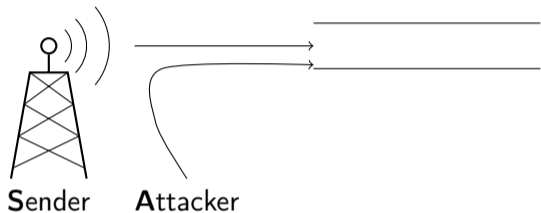
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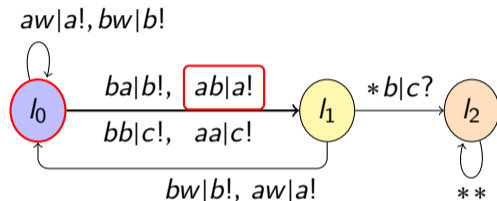
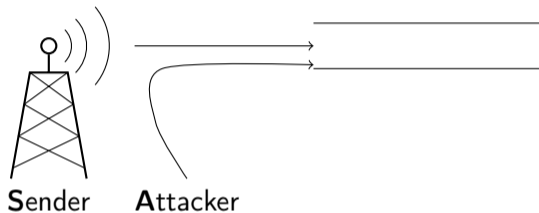
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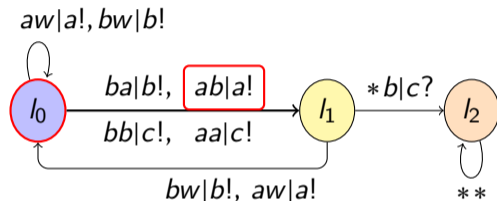
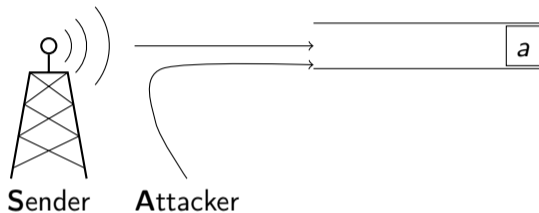
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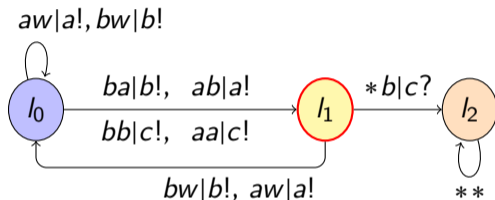
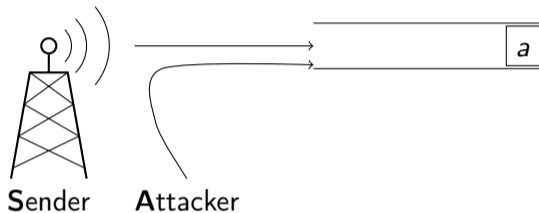
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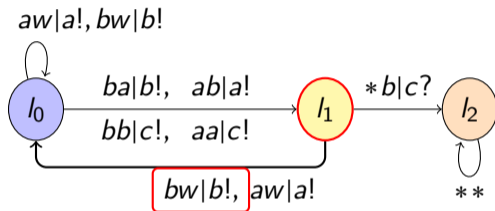
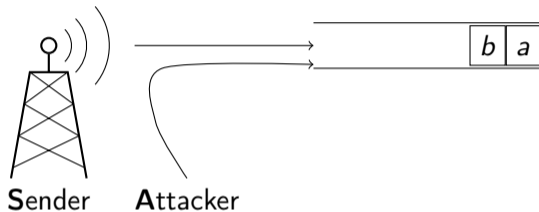
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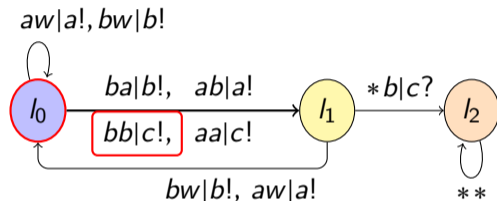
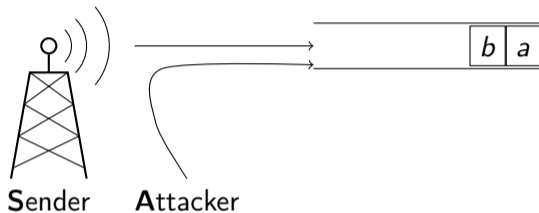
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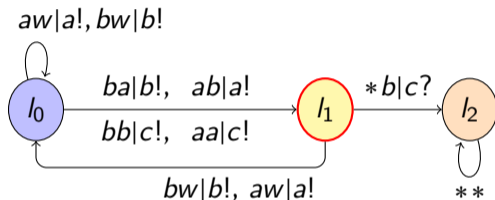
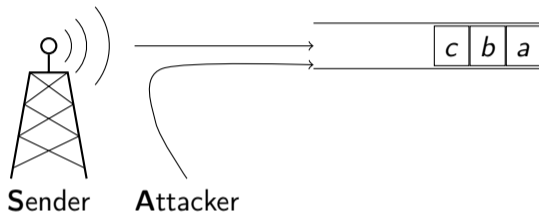
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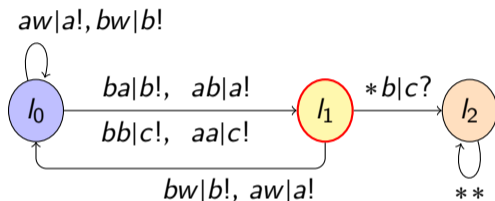
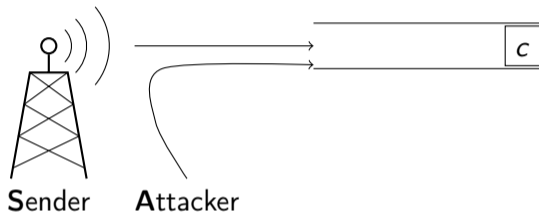
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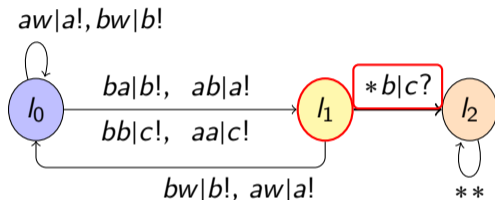
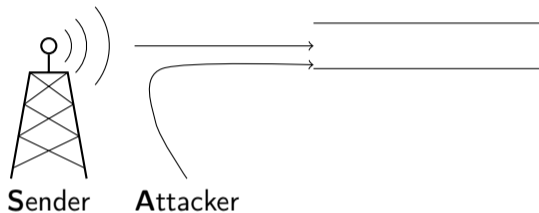
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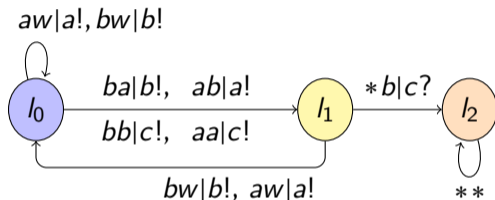
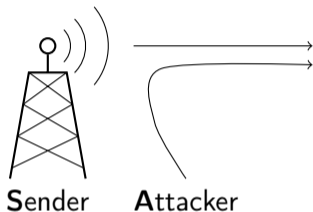
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