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Lecture 09: Live Sequence Charts

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Contents & Goals

Last Lecture:

- Scenarios and Anti-Scenarios
- User Stories, Use Cases, Use Case Diagrams
- LSC: abstract and concrete syntax

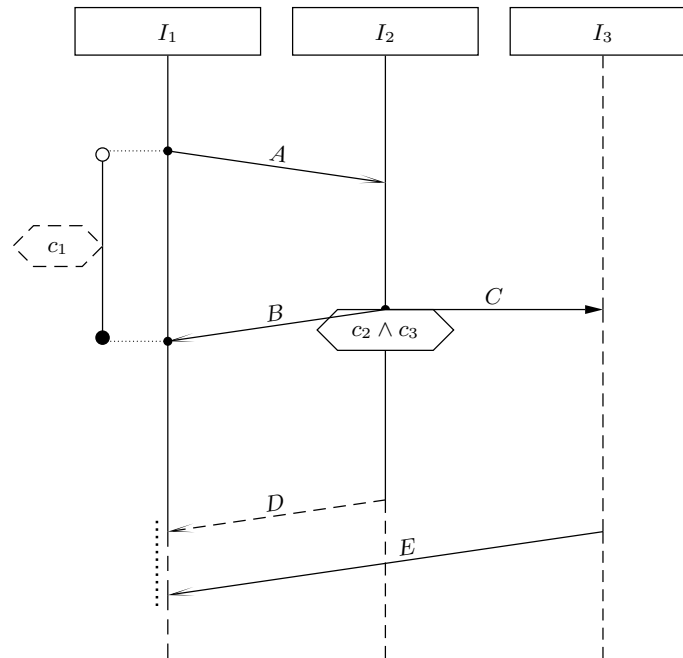
This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - Which are the cuts and firedsets of this LSC?
 - Construct the TBA of a given LSC body.
 - Given a set of LSCs, which scenario/anti-scenario/requirement is formalised by them?
 - Formalise this positive scenario/anti-scenario/requirement using LSCs.
- **Content:**
 - Excursion: automata accepting infinite words
 - Cuts and Firedsets, automaton construction
 - existential LSCs, pre-charts, universal LSCs
 - Requirements Engineering: conclusions

Recall: LSC Body Syntax

LSC Body Example

- $\mathcal{L} : l_{1,0} \prec l_{1,1} \prec l_{1,2} \prec l_{1,3}, l_{1,2} \prec l_{1,4}, l_{2,0} \prec l_{2,1} \prec l_{2,2} \prec l_{2,3}, l_{3,0} \prec l_{3,1} \prec l_{3,2},$
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- $\mathcal{I} = \{\{l_{1,0}, l_{1,1}, l_{1,2}, l_{1,3}, l_{1,4}\}, \{l_{2,0}, l_{2,1}, l_{2,2}, l_{2,3}\}, \{l_{3,0}, l_{3,1}, l_{3,2}\}\},$
- $\text{Msg} = \{(l_{1,1}, A, l_{2,1}), (l_{2,2}, B, l_{1,2}), (l_{2,2}, C, l_{3,1}), (l_{2,3}, D, l_{1,3}), (l_{3,2}, E, l_{1,4})\}$
- $\text{Cond} = \{(\{l_{2,2}\}, c_2 \wedge c_3)\},$
- $\text{LocInv} = \{(l_{1,1}, \circ, c_1, l_{1,2}, \bullet)\}$



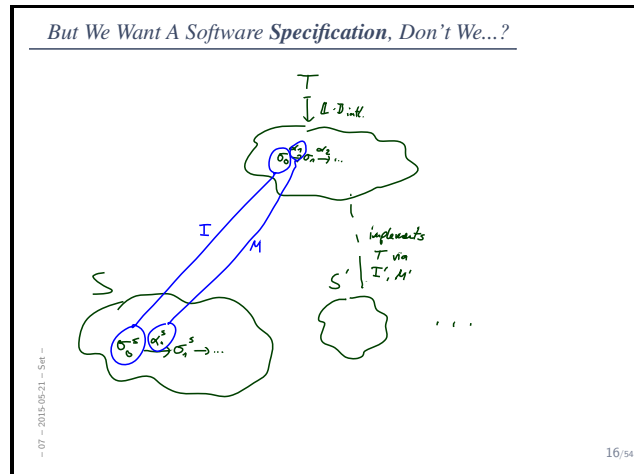
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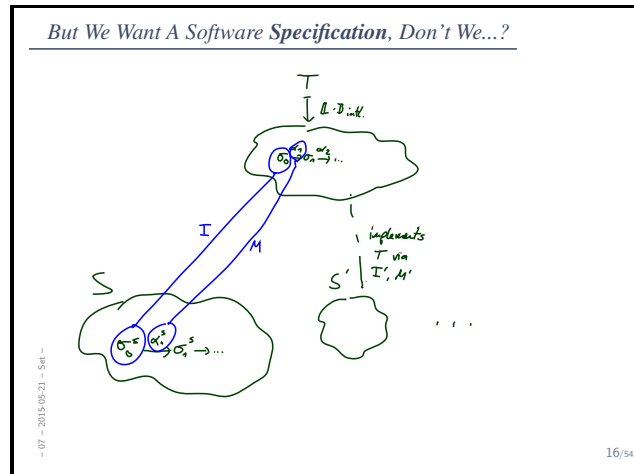
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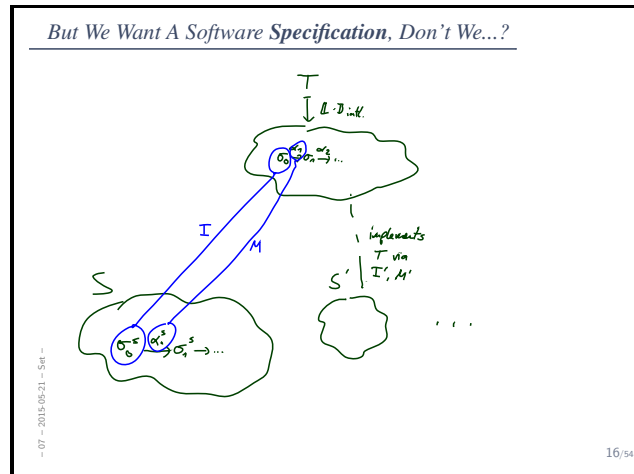
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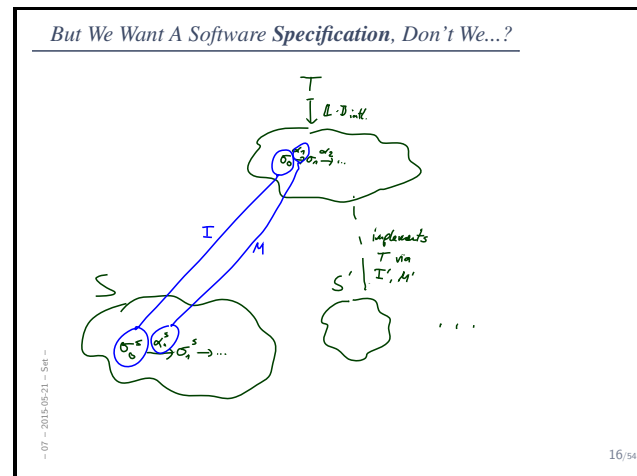
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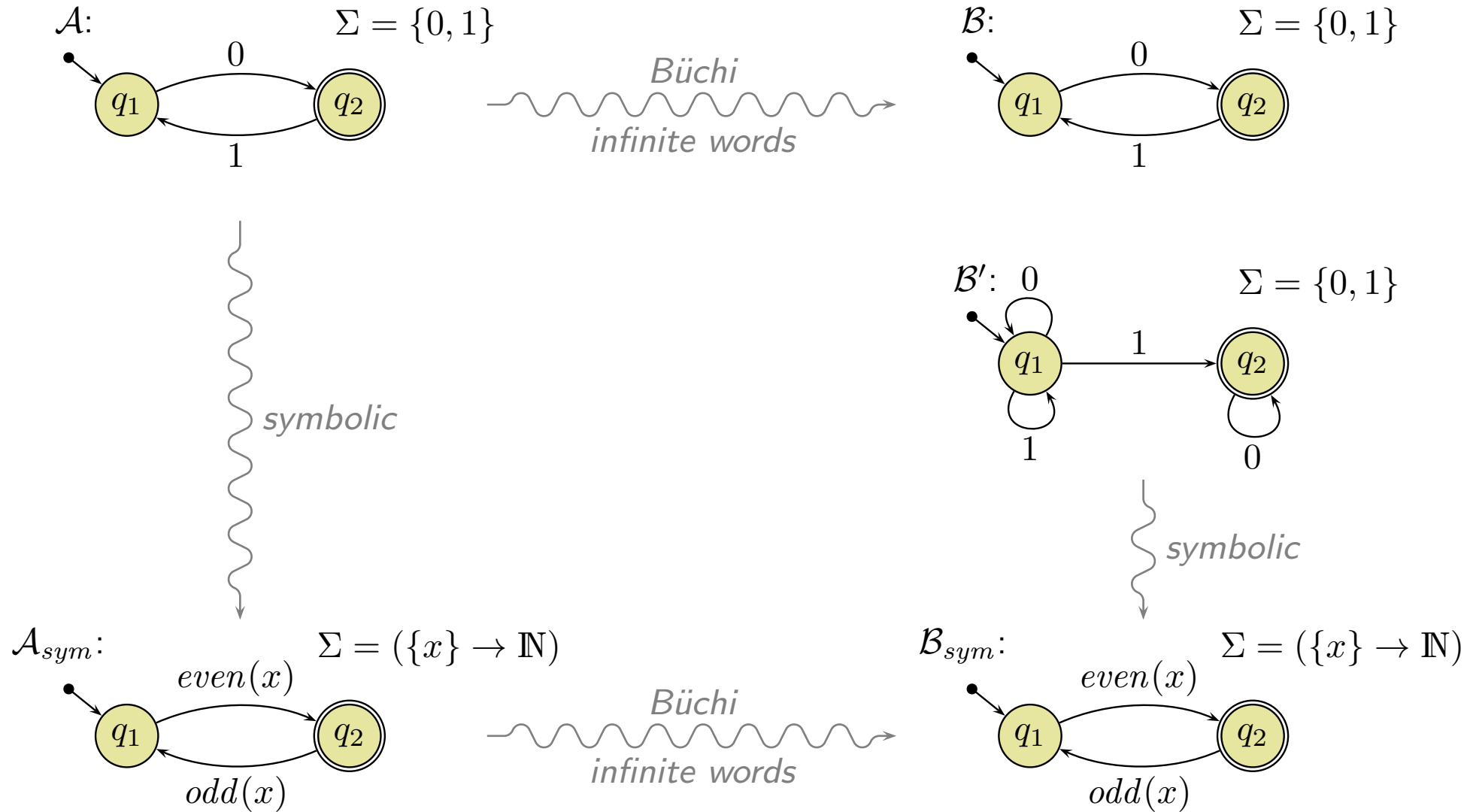
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- **Problem:** computation paths may be infinite \rightarrow Büchi acceptance.

Excursion: Symbolic Büchi Automata

From Finite Automata to Symbolic Büchi Automata



Definition. A **Symbolic Büchi Automaton** (TBA) is a tuple

$$\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$$

where

- \mathcal{C} is a set of atomic propositions,
- Q is a finite set of **states**,
- $q_{ini} \in Q$ is the initial state,
- $\rightarrow \subseteq Q \times \Phi(\mathcal{C}) \times Q$ is the finite **transition relation**.

Each transitions $(q, \psi, q') \in \rightarrow$ from state q to state q' is labelled with a formula $\psi \in \Phi(\mathcal{C})$.

- $Q_F \subseteq Q$ is the set of **fair** (or accepting) states.

Definition. Let $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$ be a TBA and

$$w = \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots \in (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$$

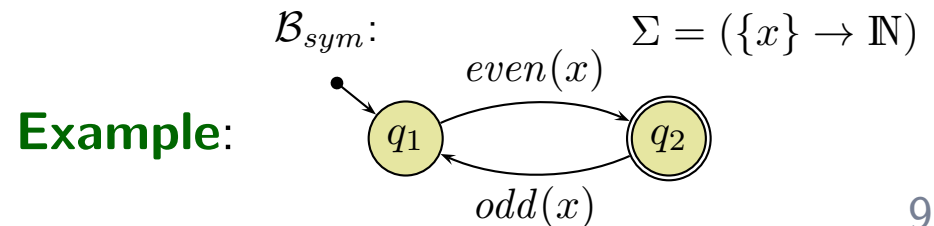
an infinite word, each letter is a valuation of $\mathcal{C}_\mathcal{B}$.

An infinite sequence

$$\rho = q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots \in Q^\omega$$

of states is called **run** of \mathcal{B} over w if and only if

- $q_0 = q_{ini}$,
- for each $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ there is a transition $(q_i, \psi_i, q_{i+1}) \in \rightarrow$ s.t. $\sigma_i \models \psi_i$.



The Language of a TBA

Definition.

We say TBA $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$ **accepts** the word $w = (\sigma_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$ if and only if \mathcal{B} **has** a run

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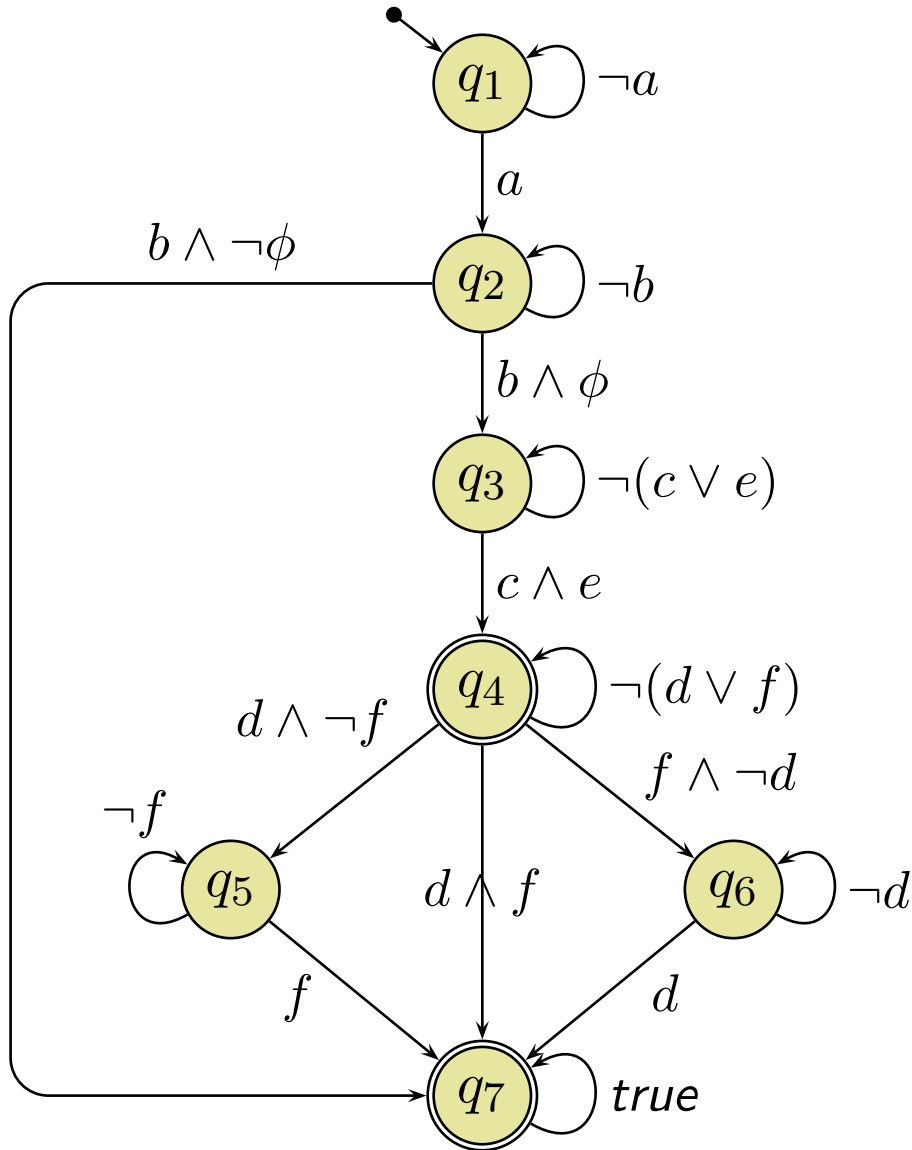
over w such that fair (or accepting) states are **visited infinitely often** by ϱ , i.e., such that

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \exists j > i : q_j \in Q_F.$$

We call the set $Lang(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$ of words that are accepted by \mathcal{B} the **language of \mathcal{B}** .

Example

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$$\forall l, l' \in \mathcal{L} \bullet l' \in C \wedge l \preceq l' \implies l \in C,$$

- is **closed** under **simultaneity**, i.e.

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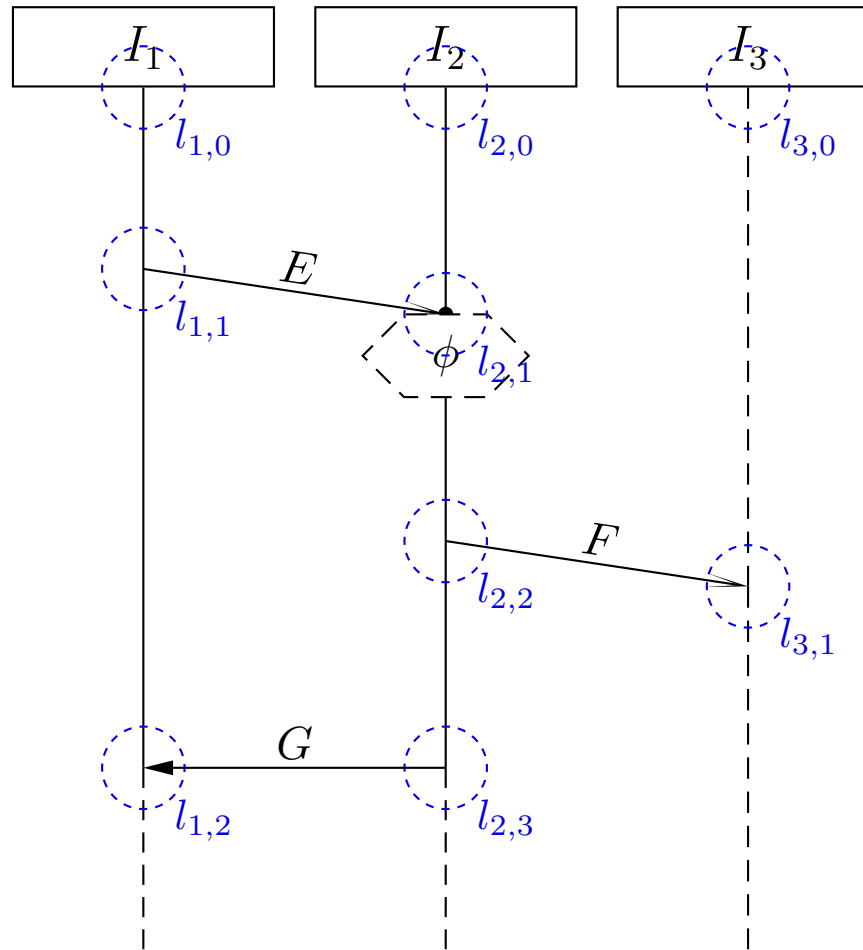
The temperature function is extended to cuts as follows:

$$\Theta(C) = \begin{cases} \text{hot} & , \text{ if } \exists l \in C \bullet (\nexists l' \in C \bullet l \prec l') \wedge \Theta(l) = \text{hot} \\ \text{cold} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

that is, C is **hot** if and only if at least one of its maximal elements is hot.

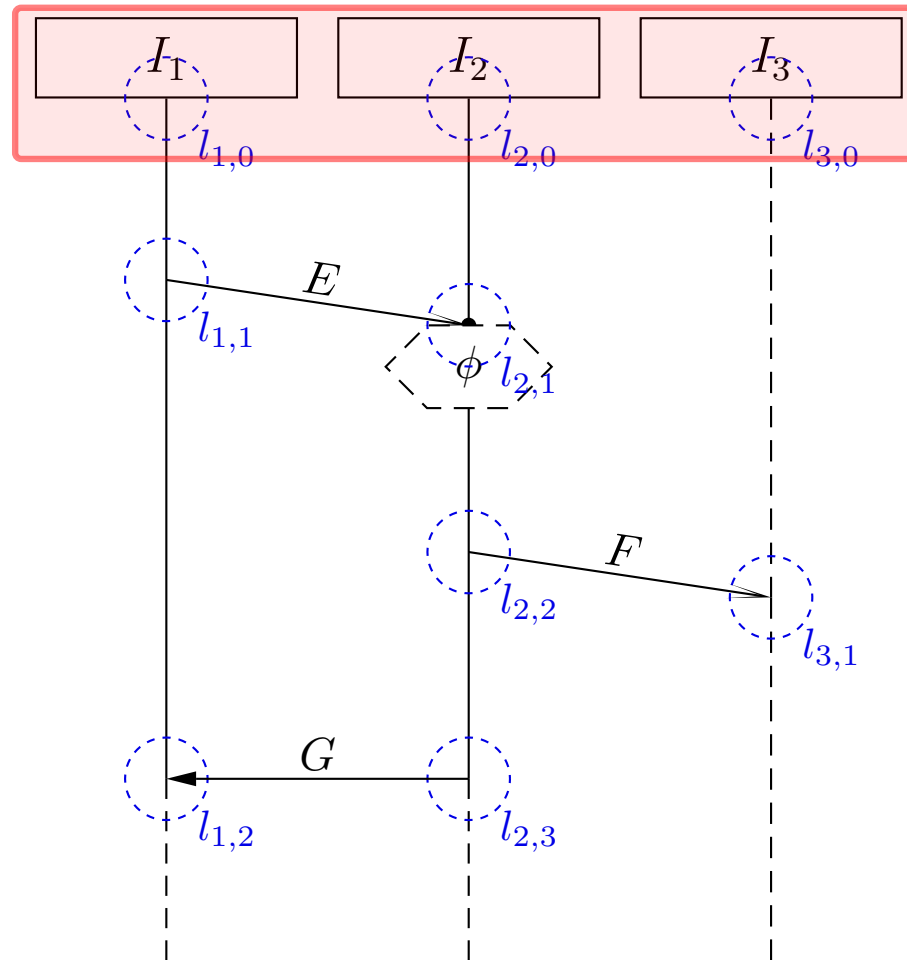
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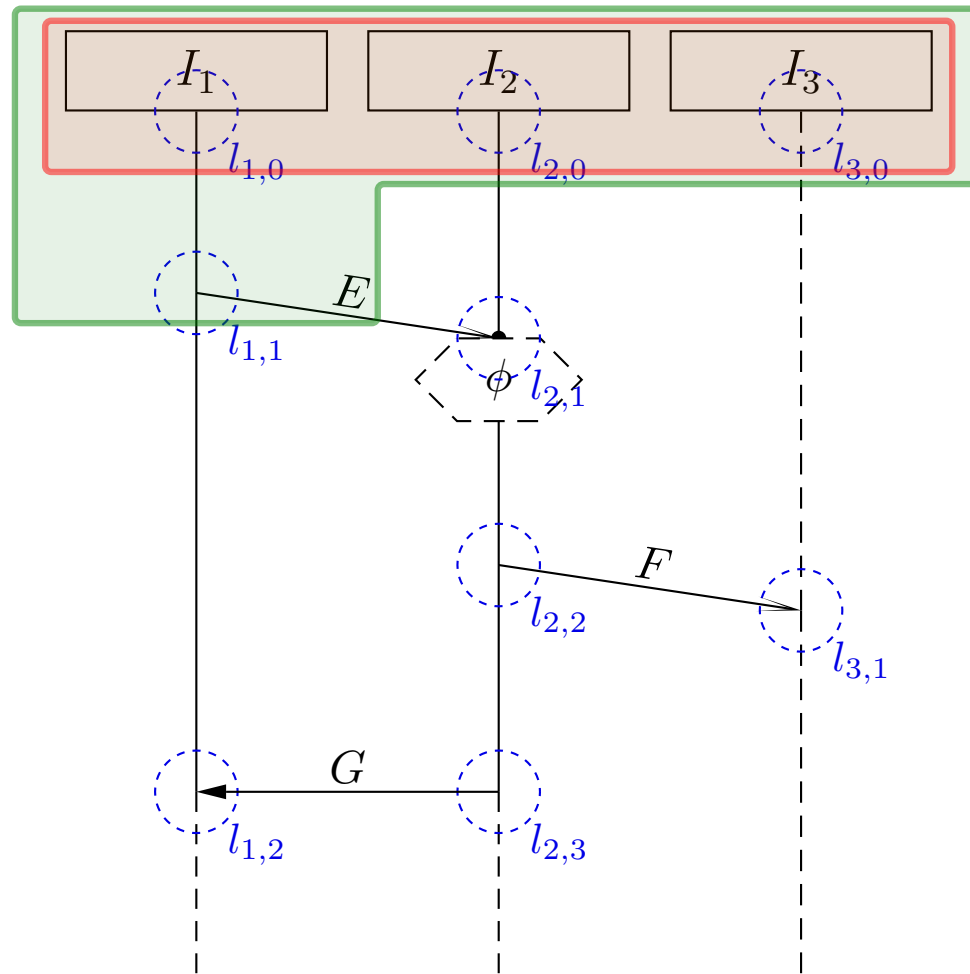
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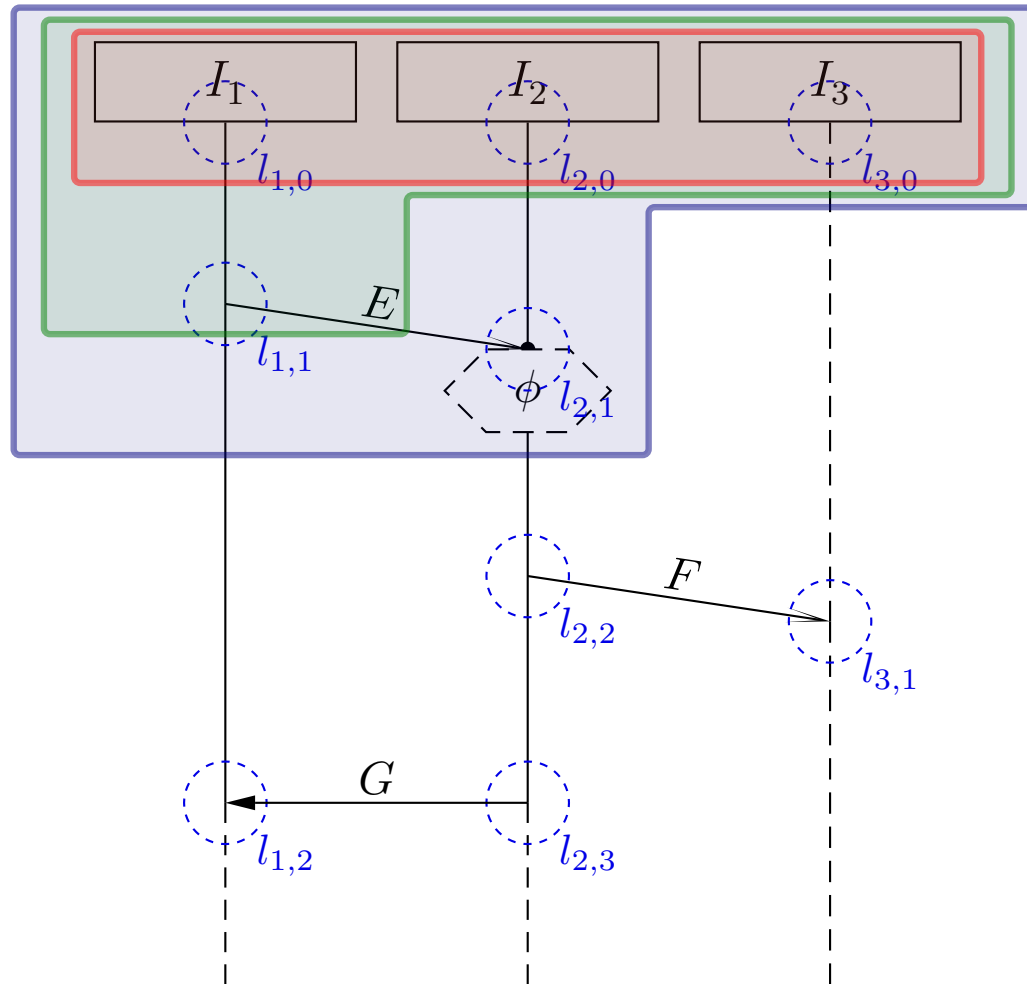
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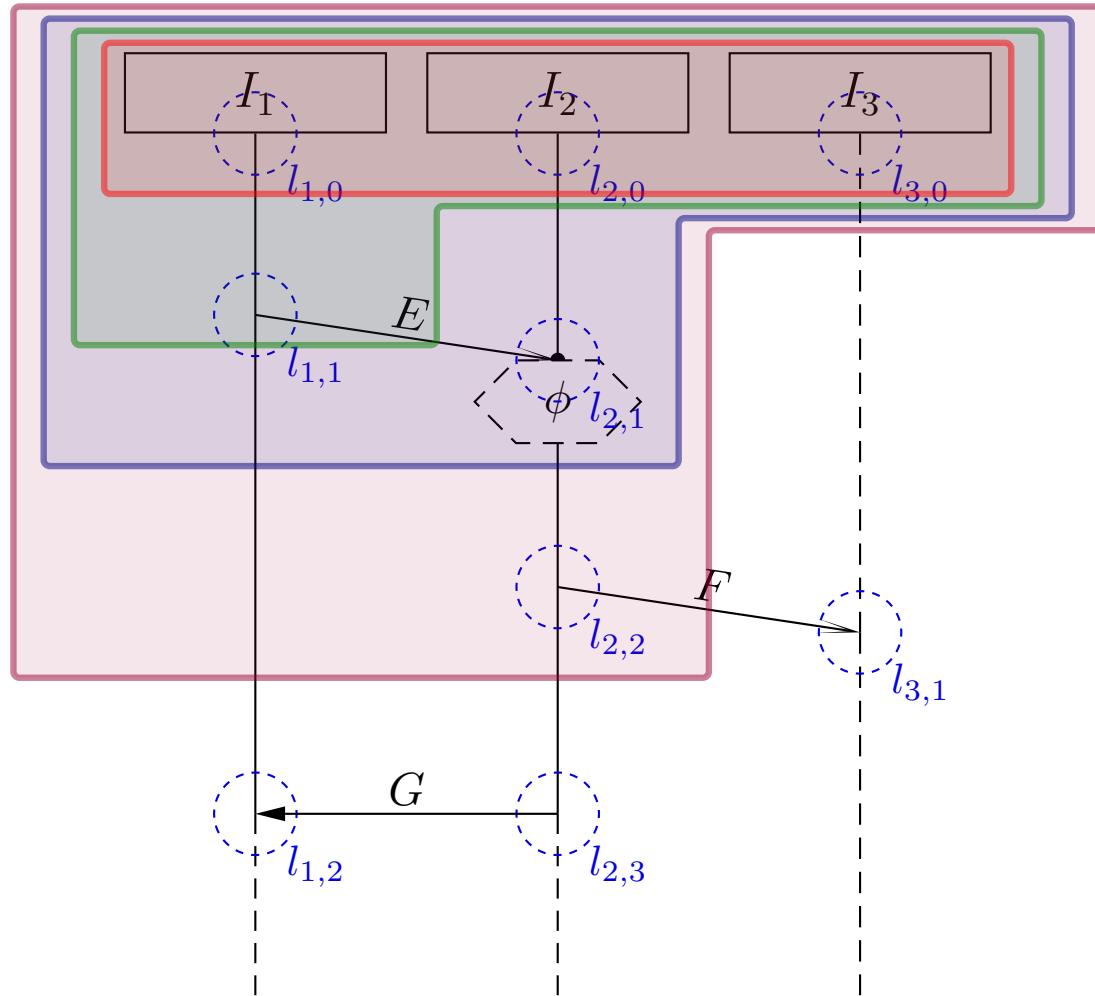
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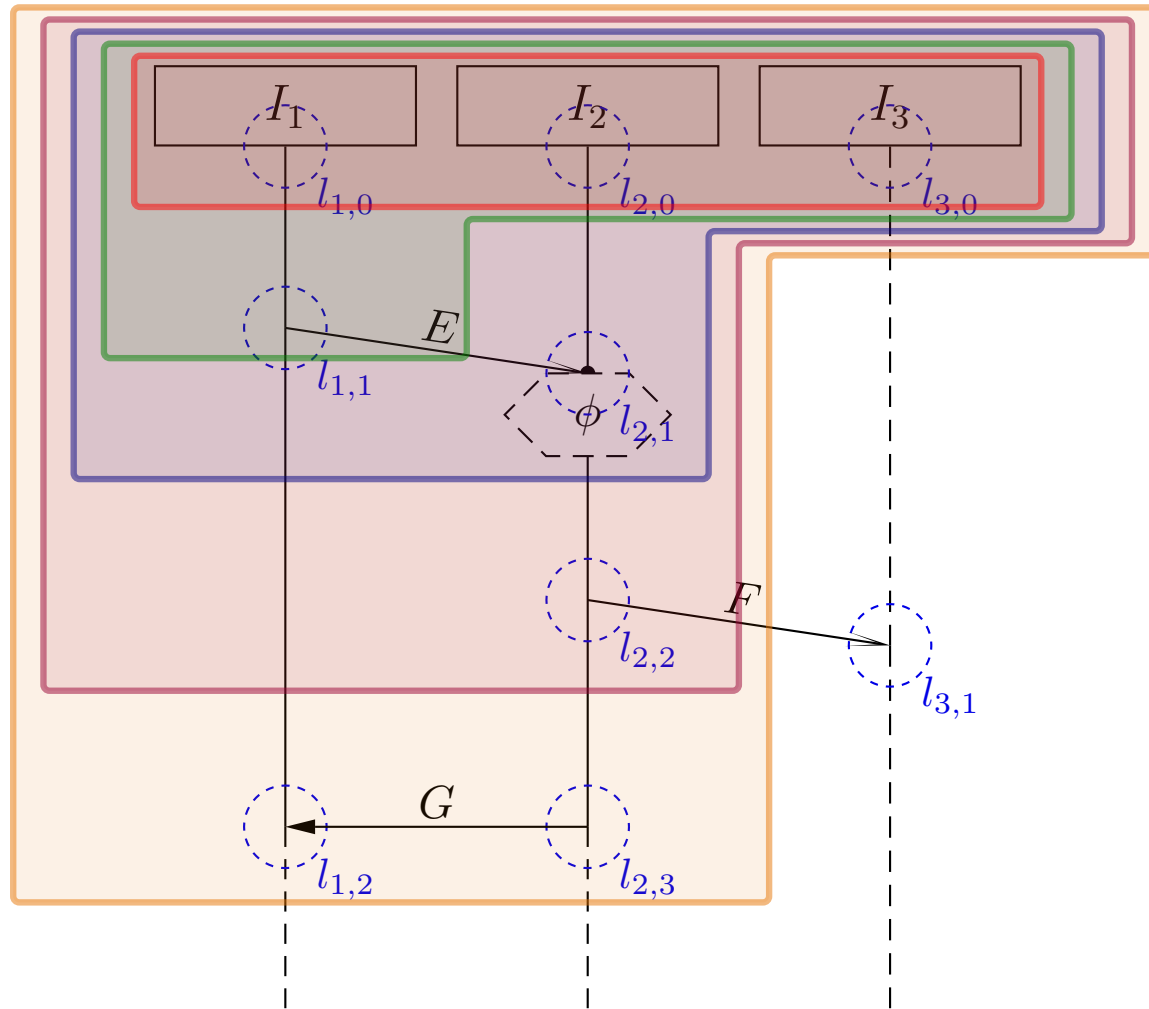
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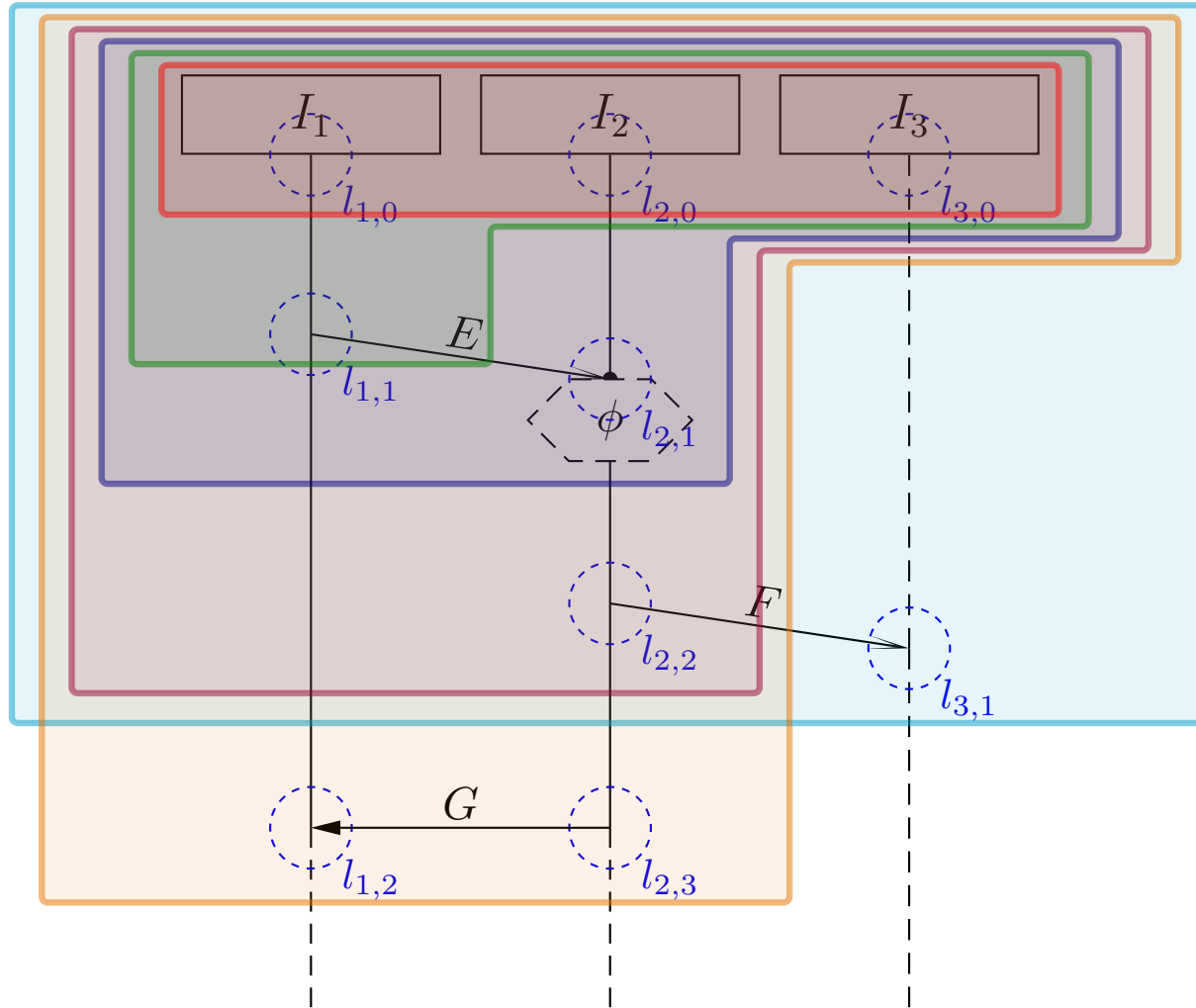
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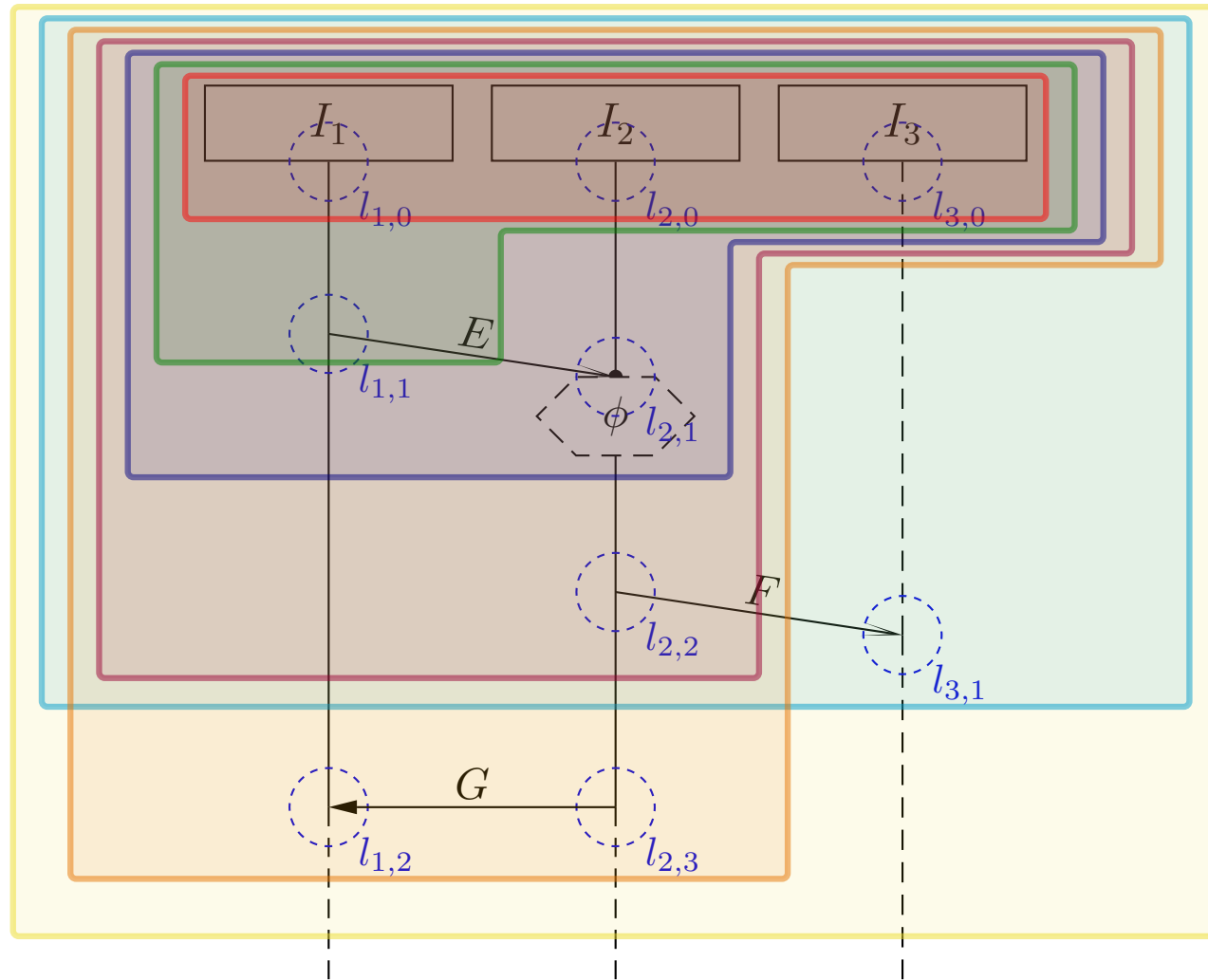
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A Successor Relation on Cuts

The partial order “ \preceq ” and the simultaneity relation “ \sim ” of locations induce a **direct successor relation** on cuts of \mathcal{L} as follows:

Definition.

Let $C \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ be a cut of LSC body $((\mathcal{L}, \preceq, \sim), \mathcal{I}, \text{Msg}, \text{Cond}, \text{LocInv}, \Theta)$.

A set $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ is called **fired-set** \mathcal{F} of C if and only if

- $C \cap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ and $C \cup \mathcal{F}$ is a cut, i.e. \mathcal{F} is closed under simultaneity,
- all locations in \mathcal{F} are **direct \prec -successors** of the front of C , i.e.

$$\forall l \in \mathcal{F} \exists l' \in C \bullet l' \prec l \wedge (\nexists l'' \in C \bullet l' \prec l''),$$

- locations in \mathcal{F} , that lie on the same instance line, are **pairwise unordered**, i.e.

$$\forall l \neq l' \in \mathcal{F} \bullet (\exists I \in \mathcal{I} \bullet \{l, l'\} \subseteq I) \implies l \not\prec l' \wedge l' \not\prec l,$$

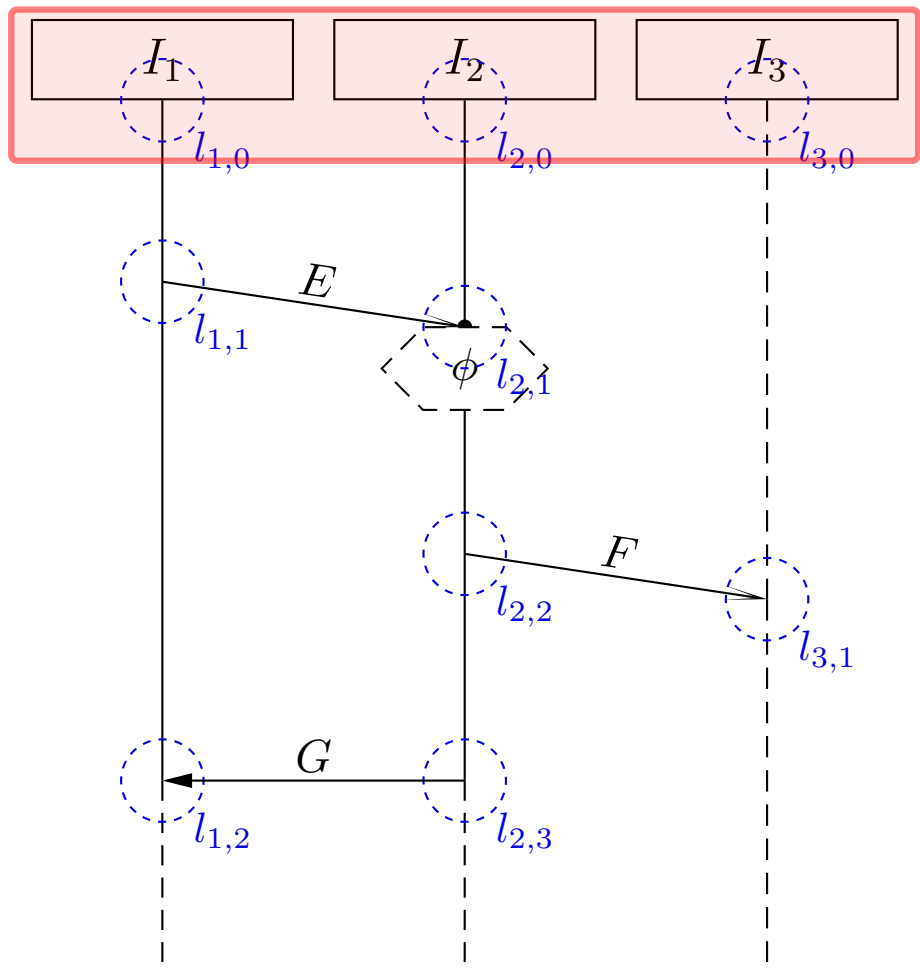
- for each asynchronous message reception in \mathcal{F} , the corresponding **sending is already in C** ,

$$\forall (l, E, l') \in \text{Msg} \bullet l' \in \mathcal{F} \implies l \in C.$$

The cut $C' = C \cup \mathcal{F}$ is called **direct successor of C via \mathcal{F}** , denoted by $C \rightsquigarrow_{\mathcal{F}} C'$.

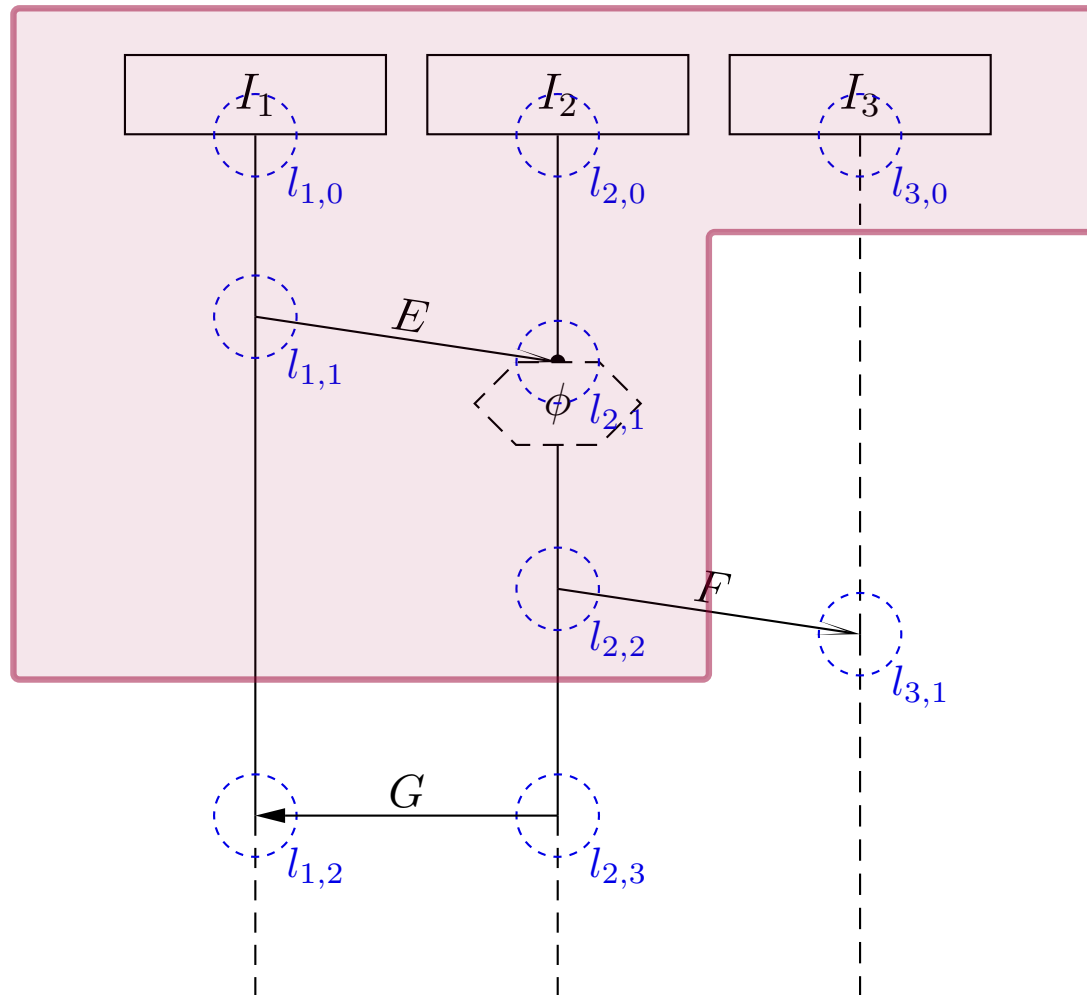
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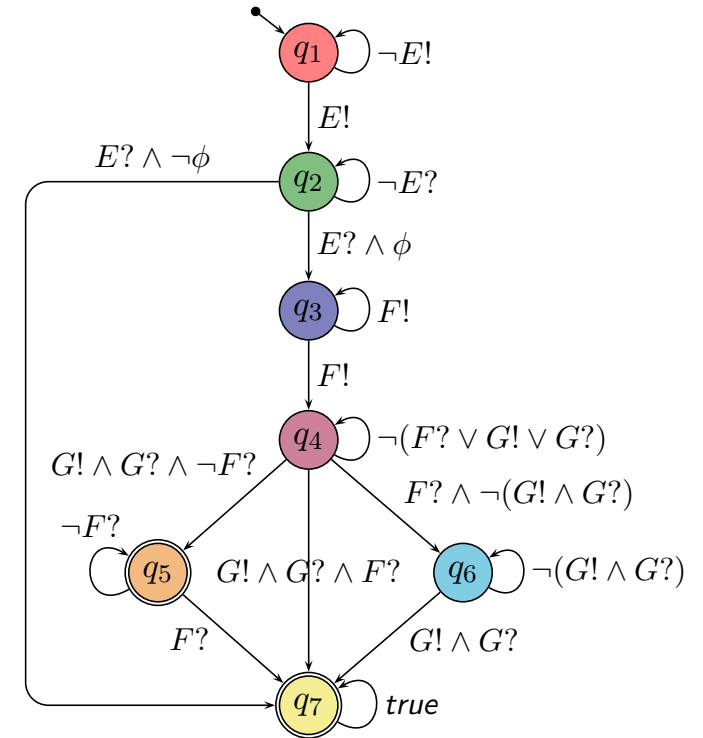
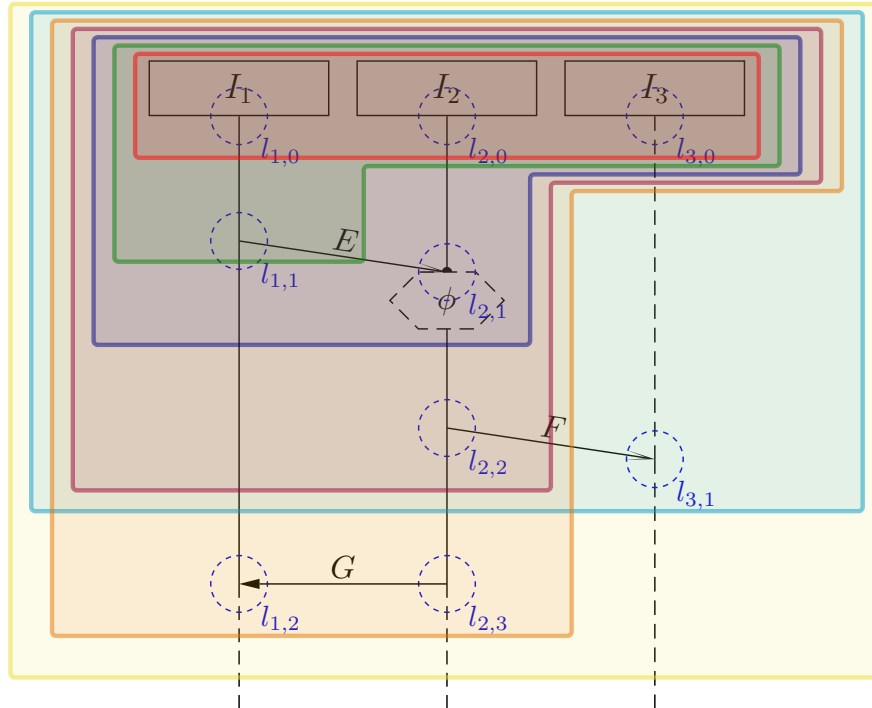


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Language of LSC Body: Example



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- Q is the **set of cuts** of \mathcal{L} , q_{ini} is the **instance heads cut**,
- $C = C \cup \mathcal{E}_{!?}$, where $\mathcal{E}_{!?} = \{E!, E? \mid E \in \mathcal{E}\}$,
- \rightarrow consists of **loops**, **progress transitions** (from $\rightsquigarrow_{\mathcal{F}}$), and **legal exits** (cold cond./local inv.),
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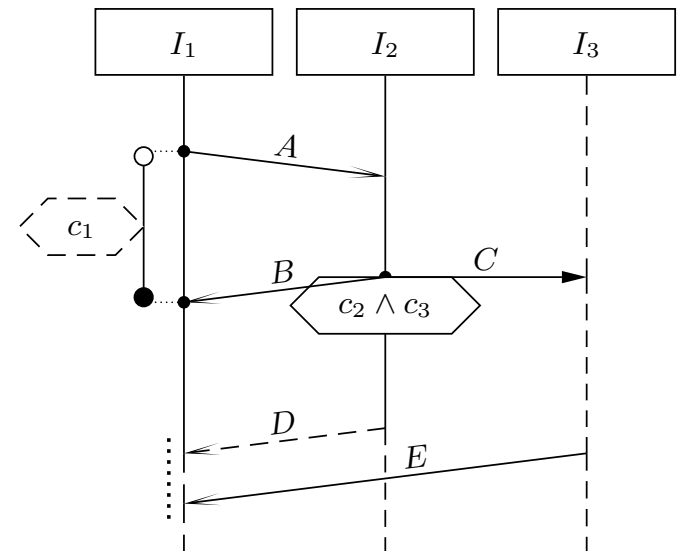
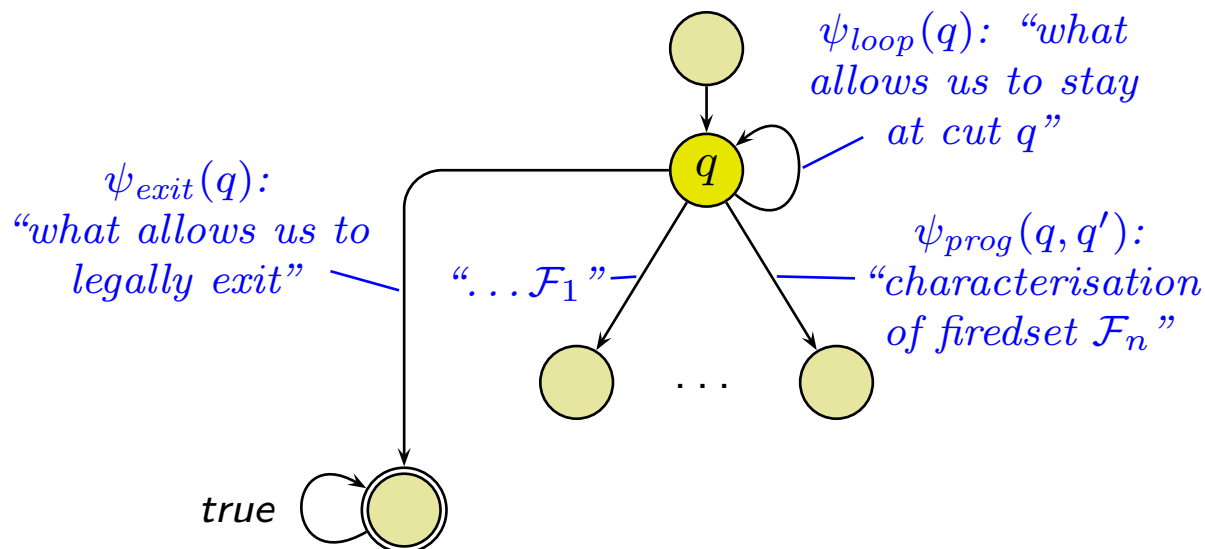
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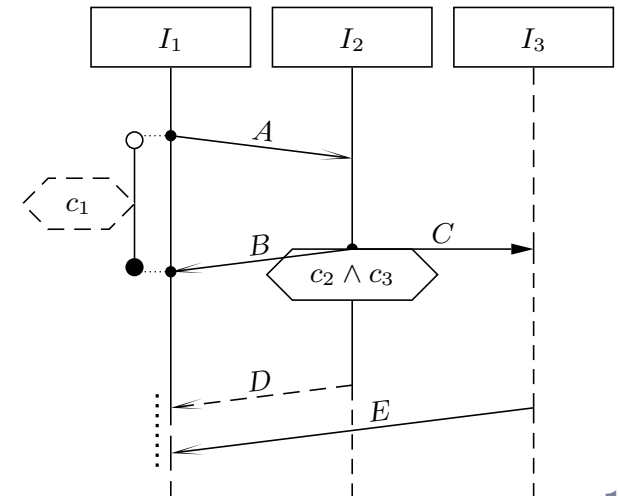
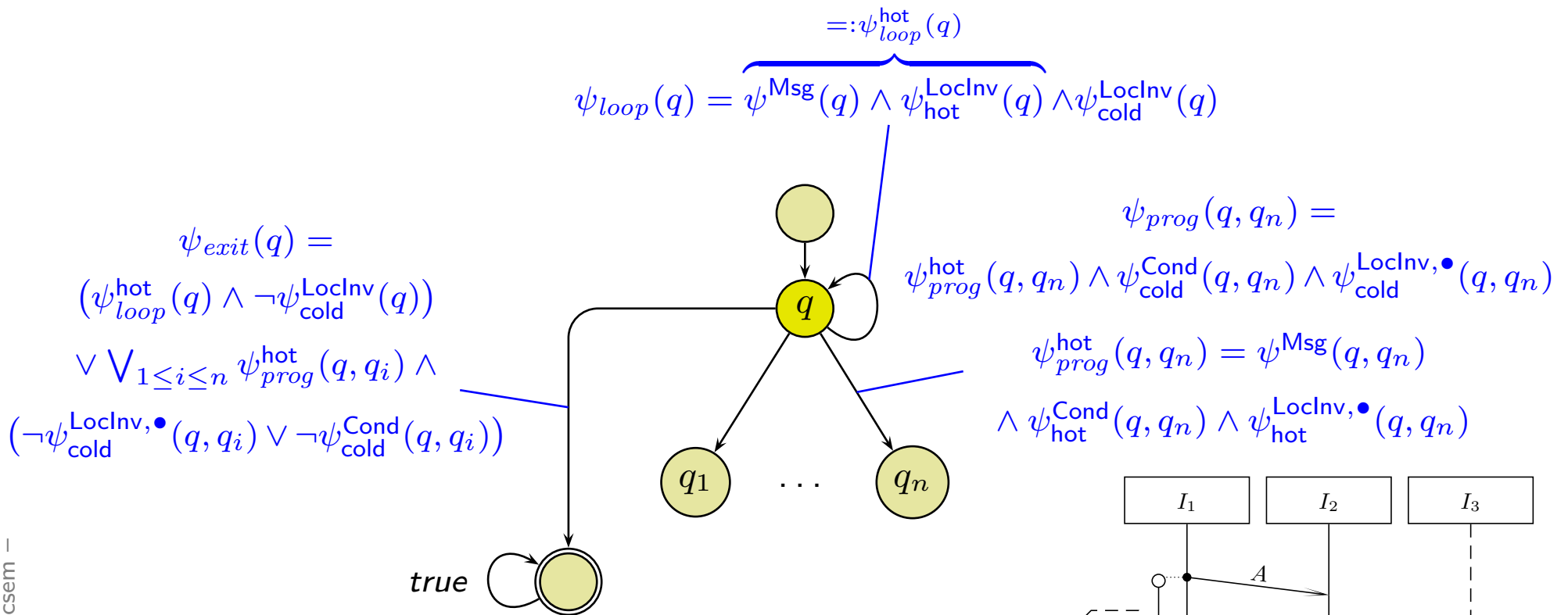
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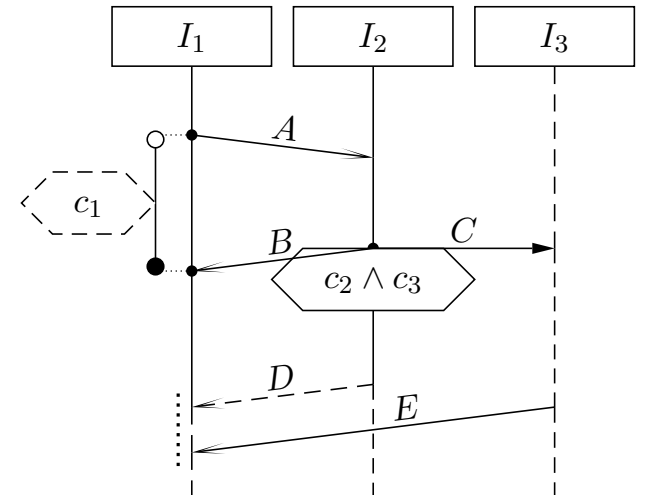
$$\psi_{loop}(q) = \psi^{Msg}(q) \wedge \psi_{hot}^{LocInv}(q) \wedge \psi_{cold}^{LocInv}(q)$$

- $\psi^{Msg}(q) = \neg \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} \psi^{Msg}(q, q_i) \wedge (strict \implies \bigwedge_{\psi \in \mathcal{E}_{1?} \cap Msg(\mathcal{L})} \neg \psi)$
- $\psi_{\theta}^{LocInv}(q) = \bigwedge_{\ell=(l, \iota, \phi, l', \iota') \in LocInv, \Theta(\ell)=\theta, \ell \text{ active at } q} \phi$

A location l is called **front location** of cut C if and only if $\nexists l' \in \mathcal{L} \bullet l \prec l'$.

Local invariant $(l_0, \iota_0, \phi, l_1, \iota_1)$ is **active** at cut (!) q if and only if $l_0 \preceq l \preceq l_1$ for some front location l of cut (!) q .

- $Msg(\mathcal{F}) = \{E! \mid (l, E, l') \in Msg, l \in \mathcal{F}\} \cup \{E? \mid (l, E, l') \in Msg, l' \in \mathcal{F}\}$
- $Msg(\mathcal{F}_1, \dots, \mathcal{F}_n) = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} Msg(\mathcal{F}_i)$



Progress Condition

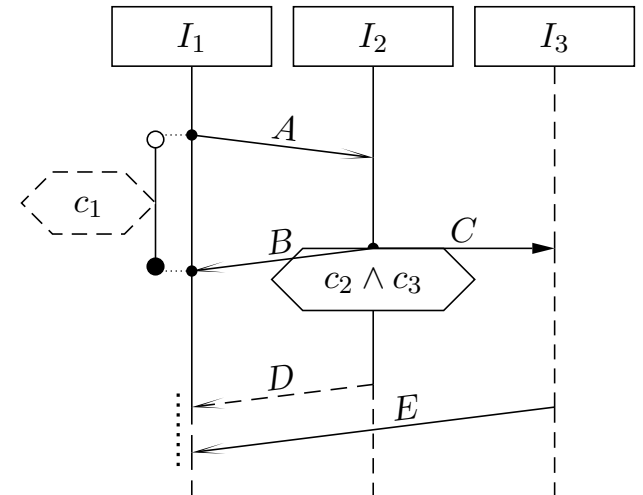
$$\psi_{prog}^{hot}(q, q_i) = \psi^{Msg}(q, q_n) \wedge \psi_{hot}^{Cond}(q, q_n) \wedge \psi_{hot}^{LocInv, \bullet}(q_n)$$

- $\psi^{Msg}(q, q_i) = \bigwedge_{\psi \in Msg(q_i \setminus q)} \psi \wedge \bigwedge_{j \neq i} \bigwedge_{\psi \in (Msg(q_j \setminus q) \setminus Msg(q_i \setminus q))} \neg \psi$
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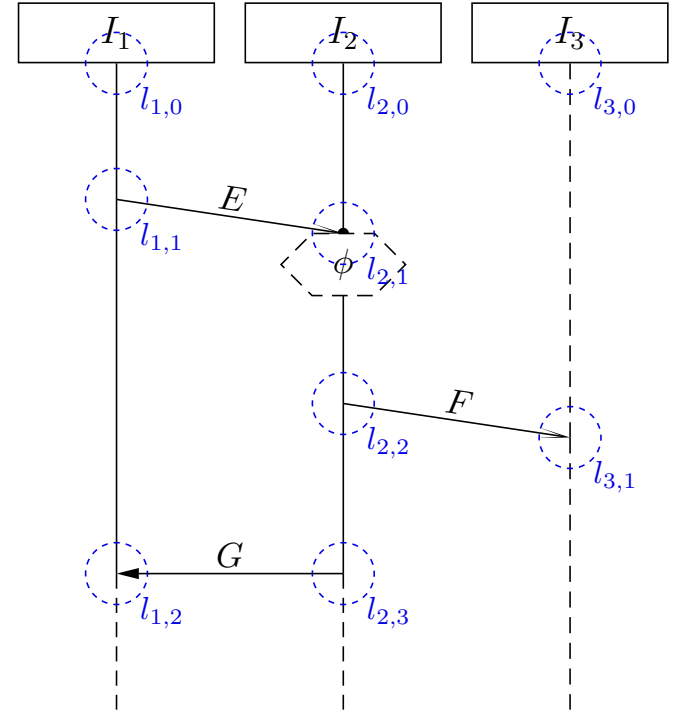
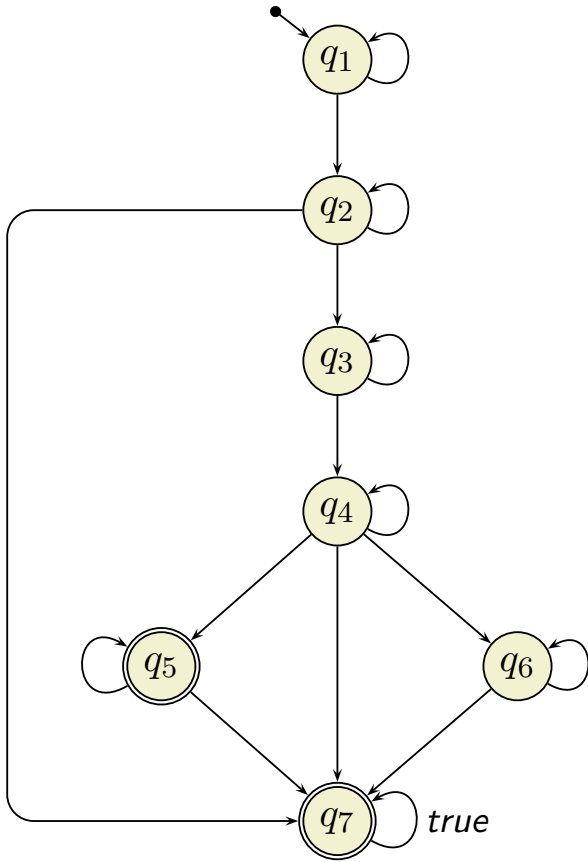
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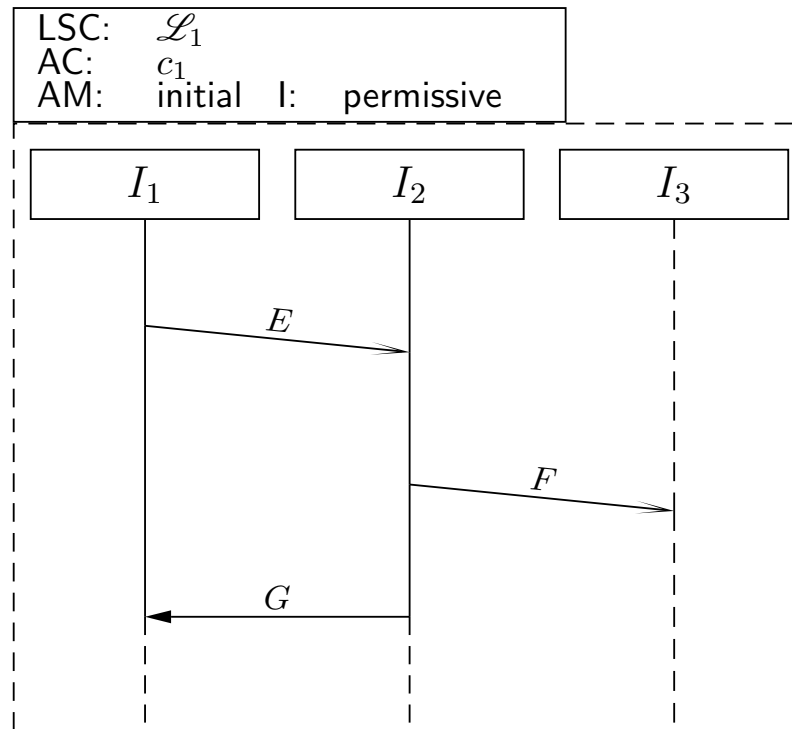
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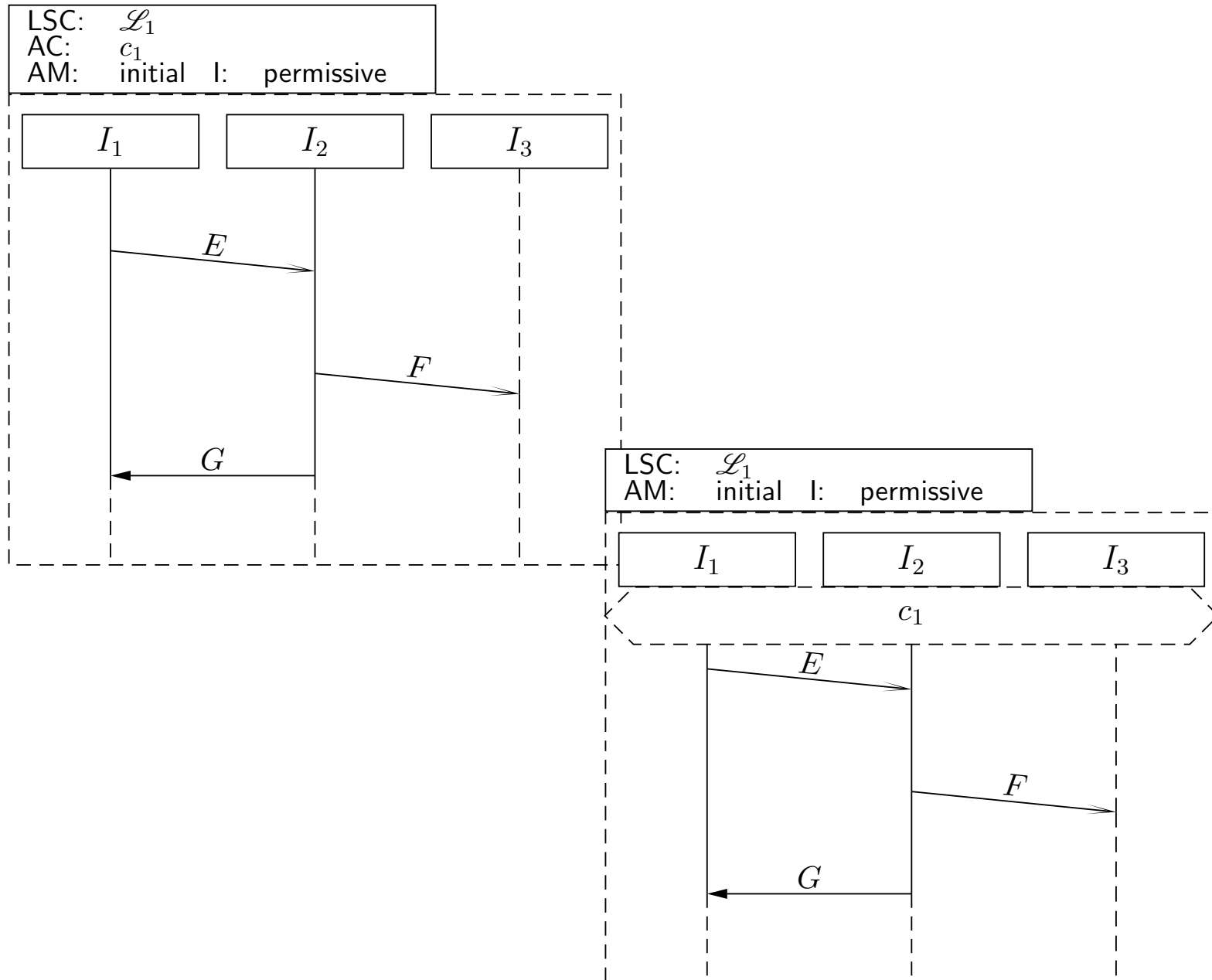
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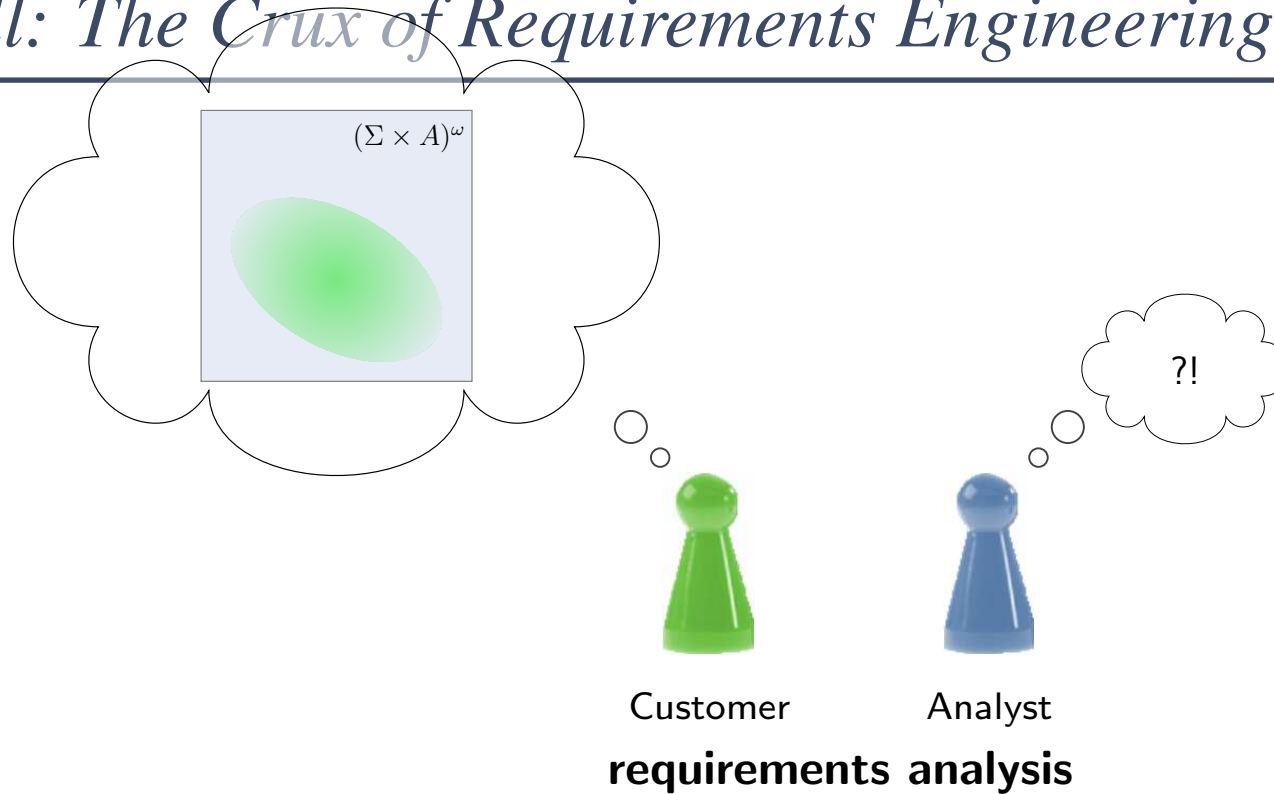
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Recall: The Crux of Requirements Engineering

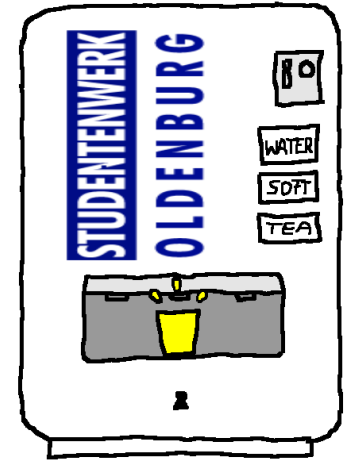
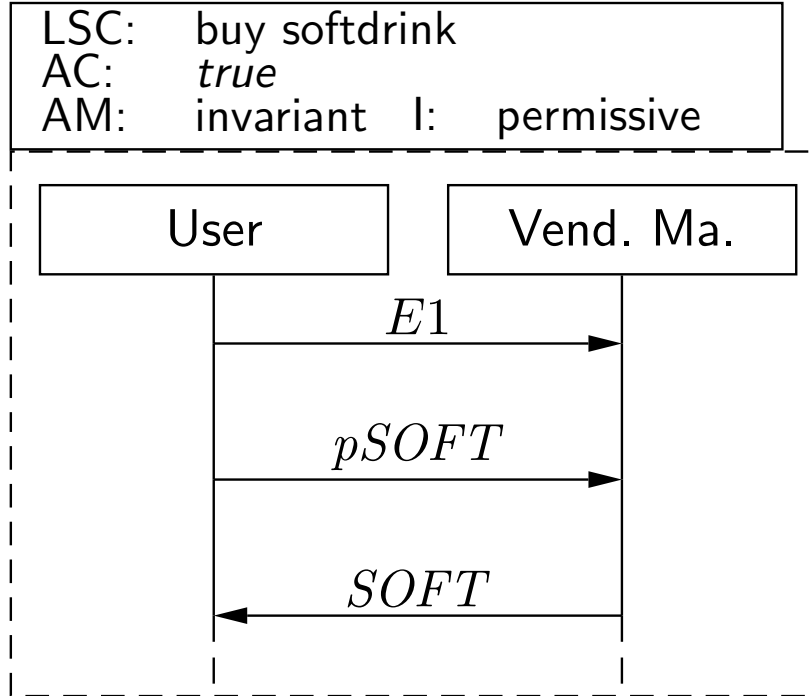


One quite effective approach:

try to **approximate** the requirements with positive and negative **scenarios**.

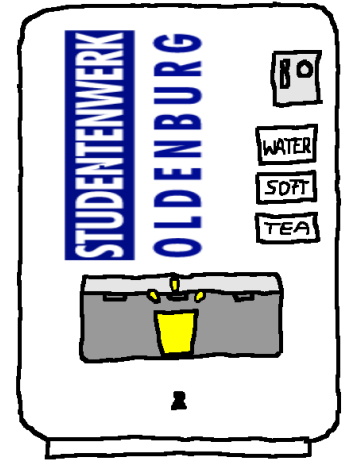
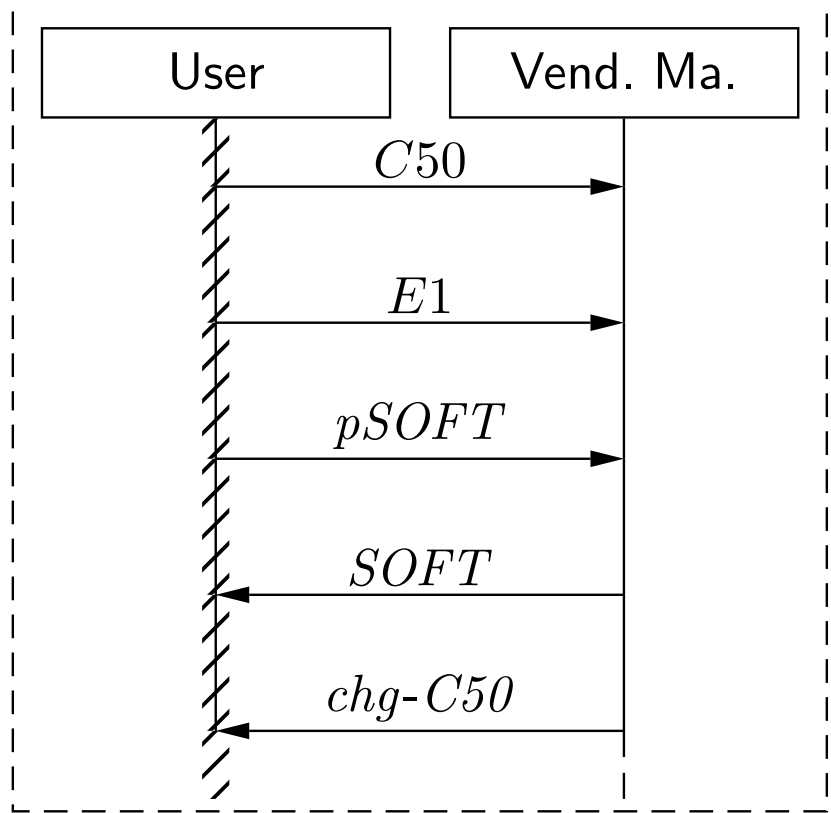
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- From there on, refine and generalise:
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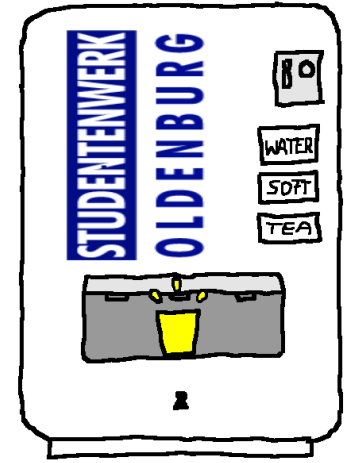


Example: Get Change

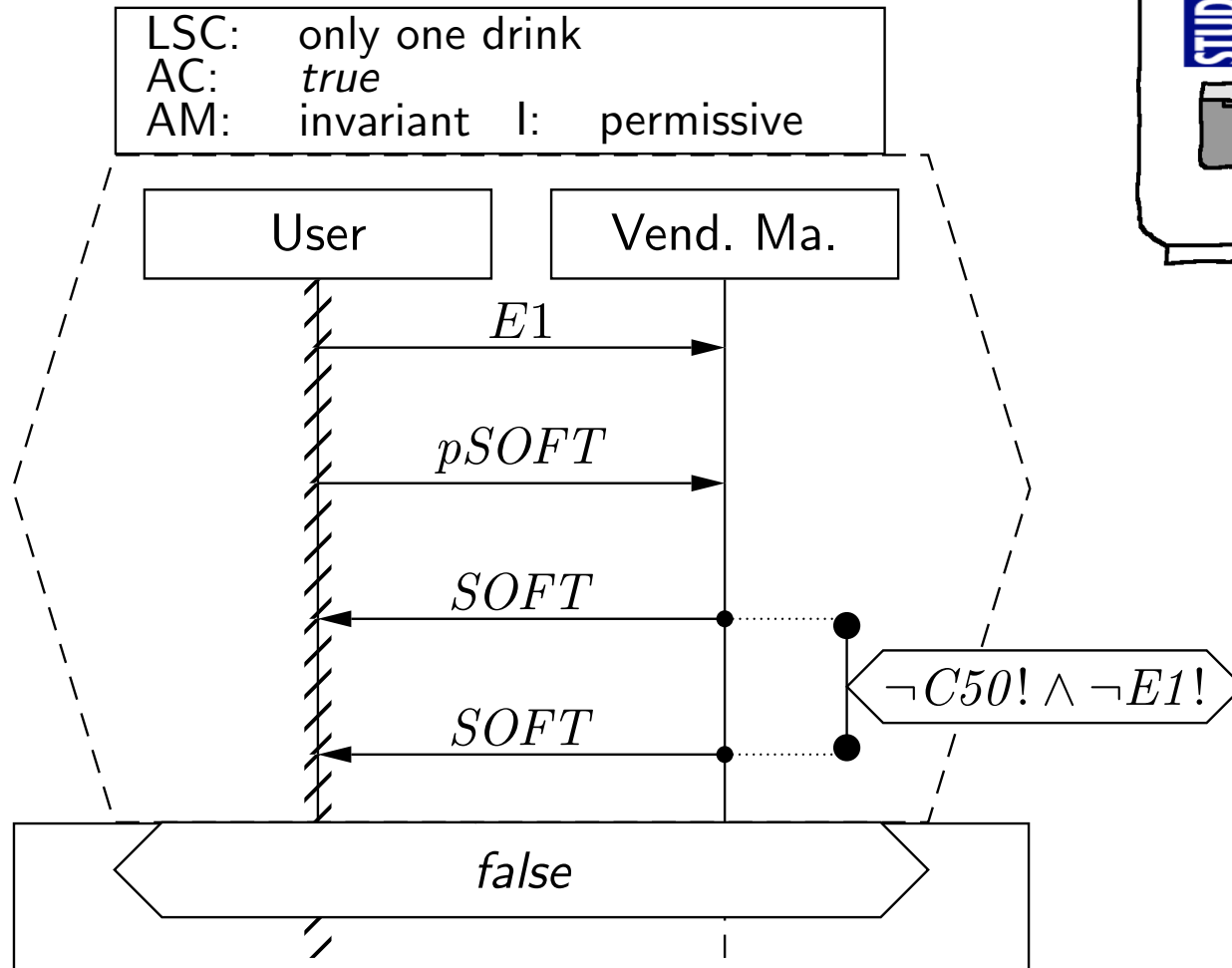
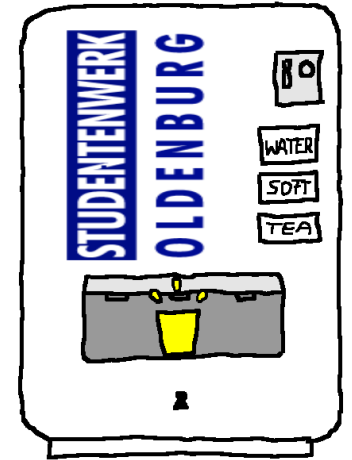
LSC: get change
AC: true
AM: invariant I: permissive

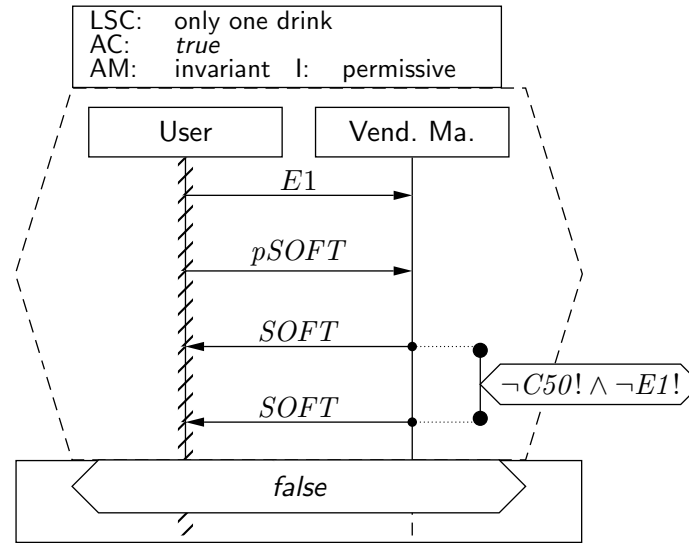


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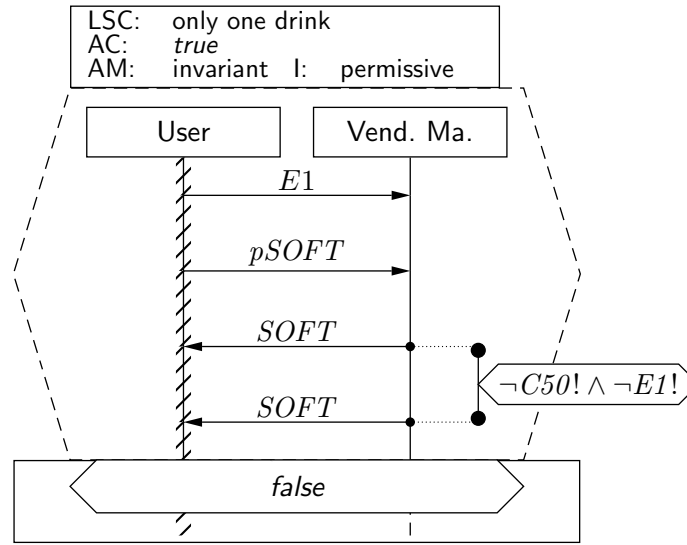




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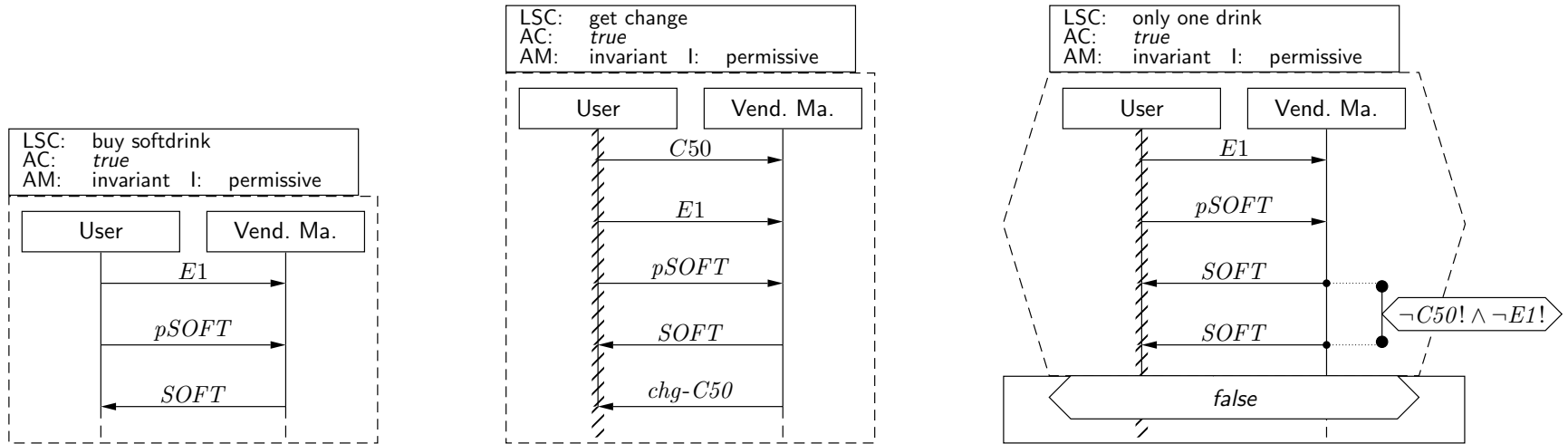
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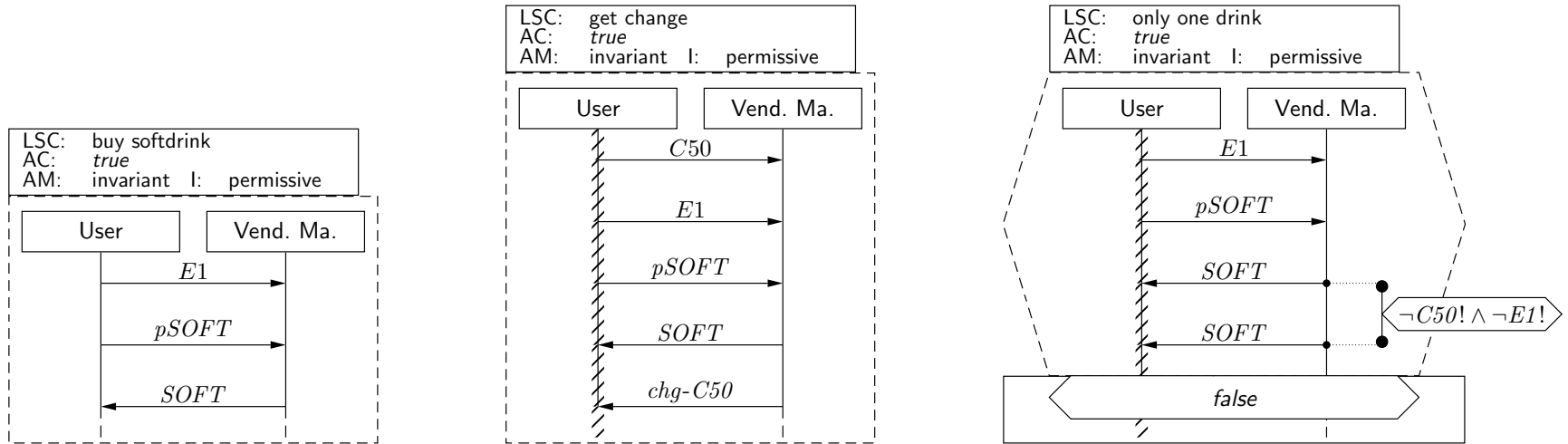
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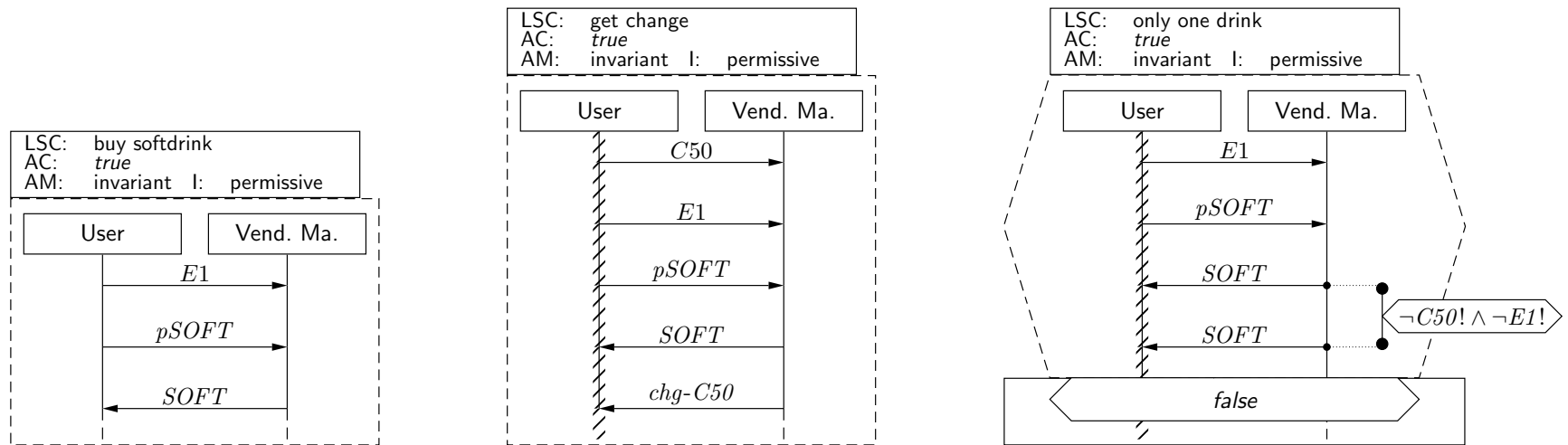
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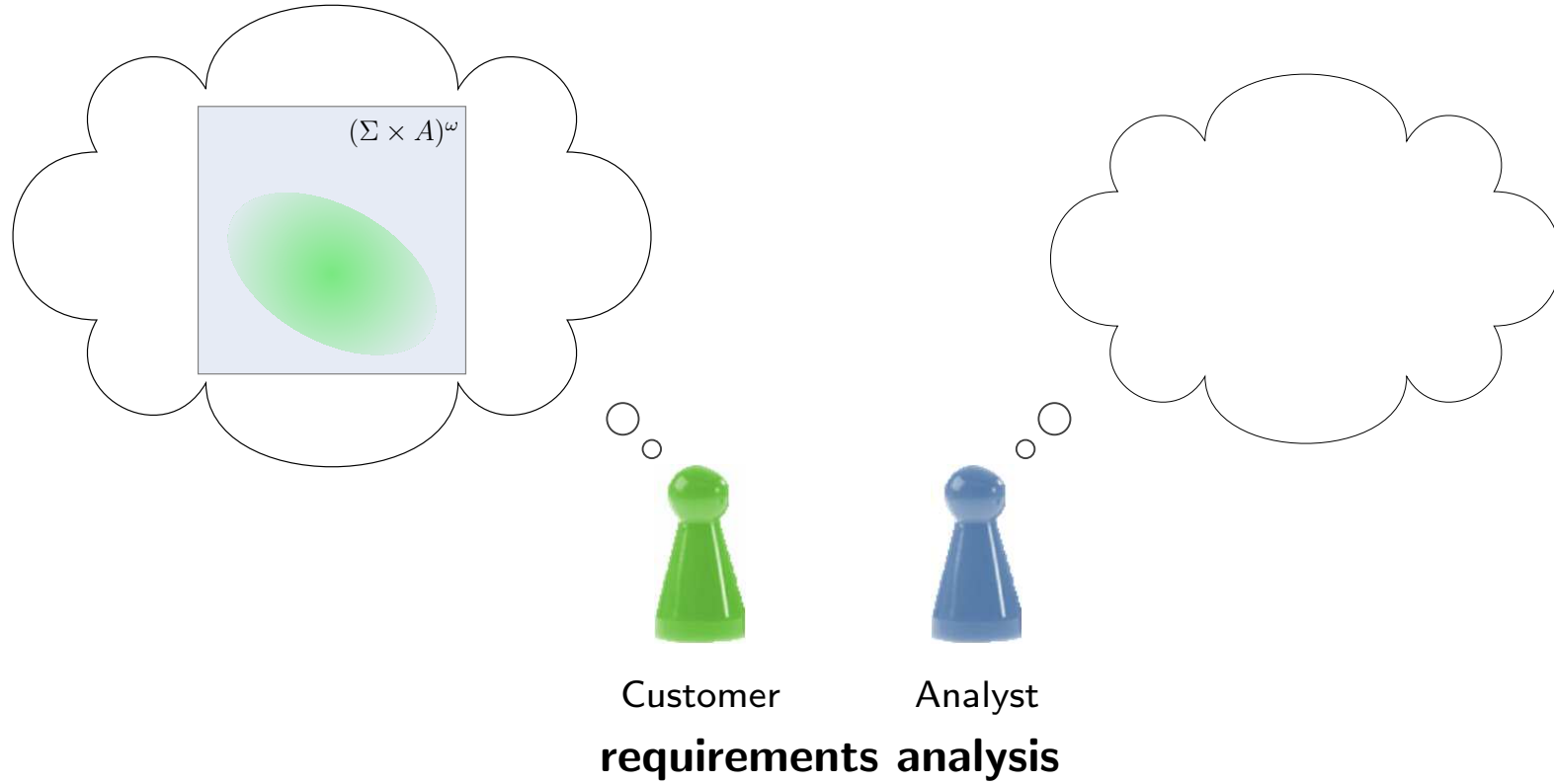
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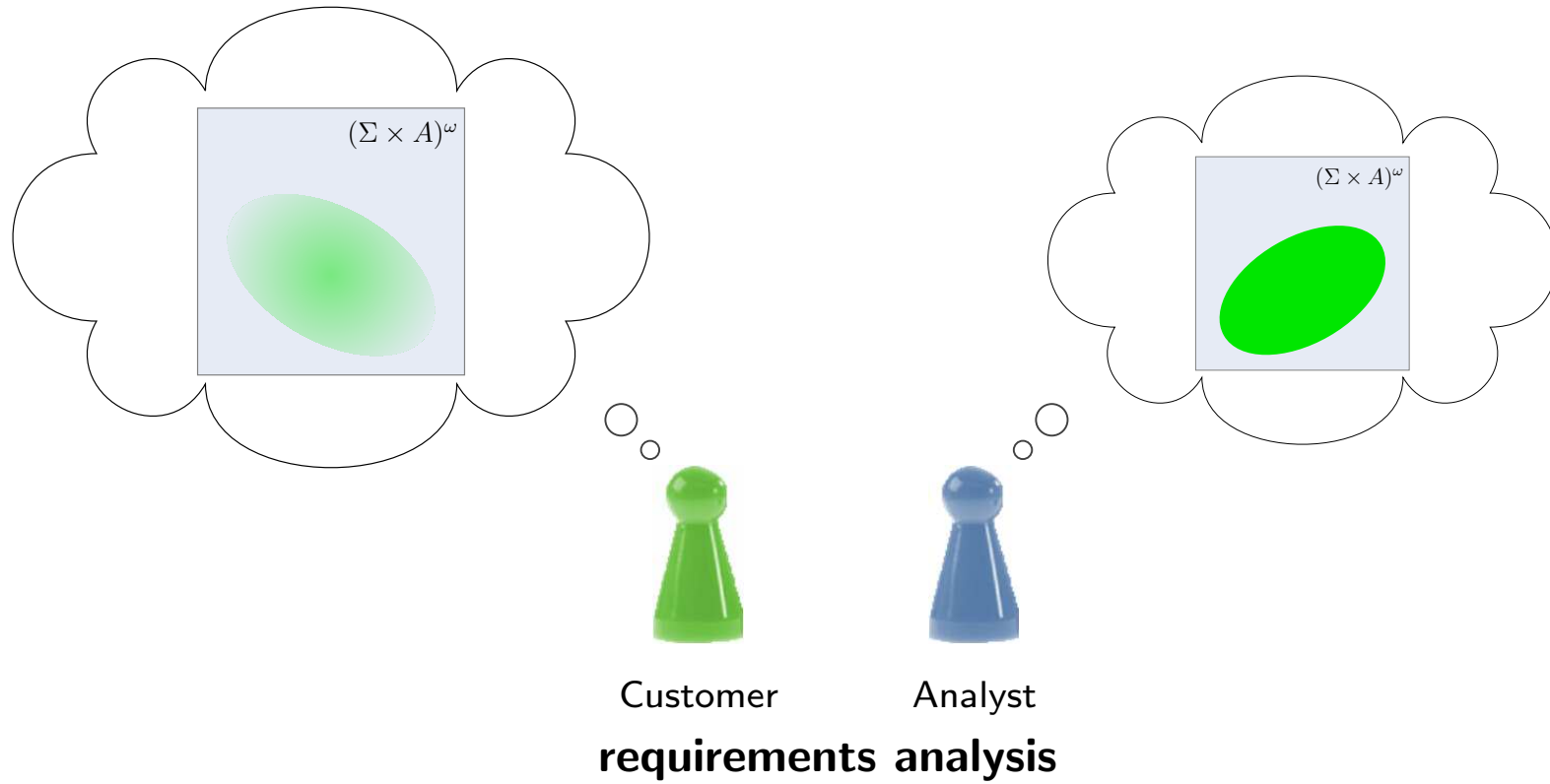


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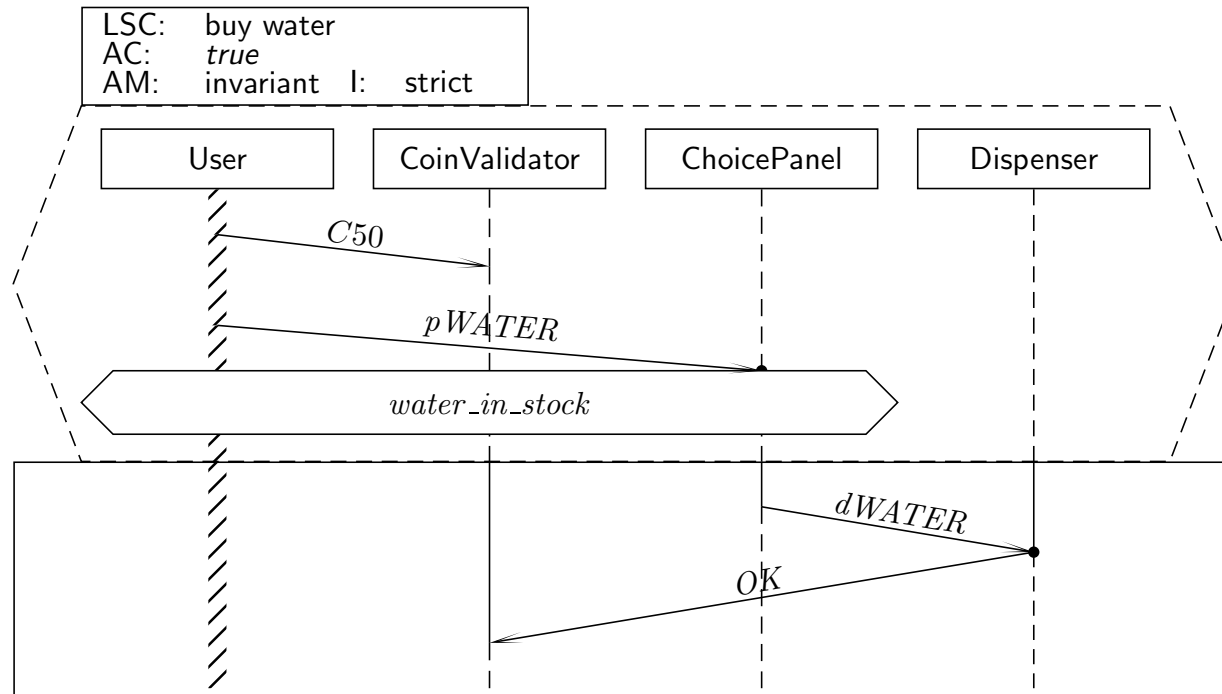
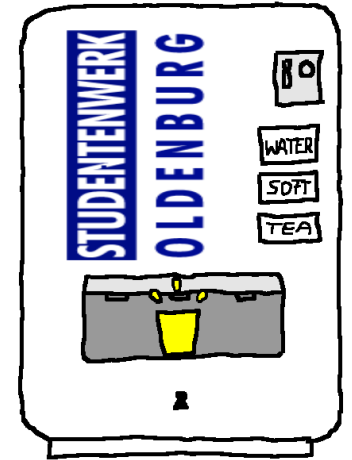
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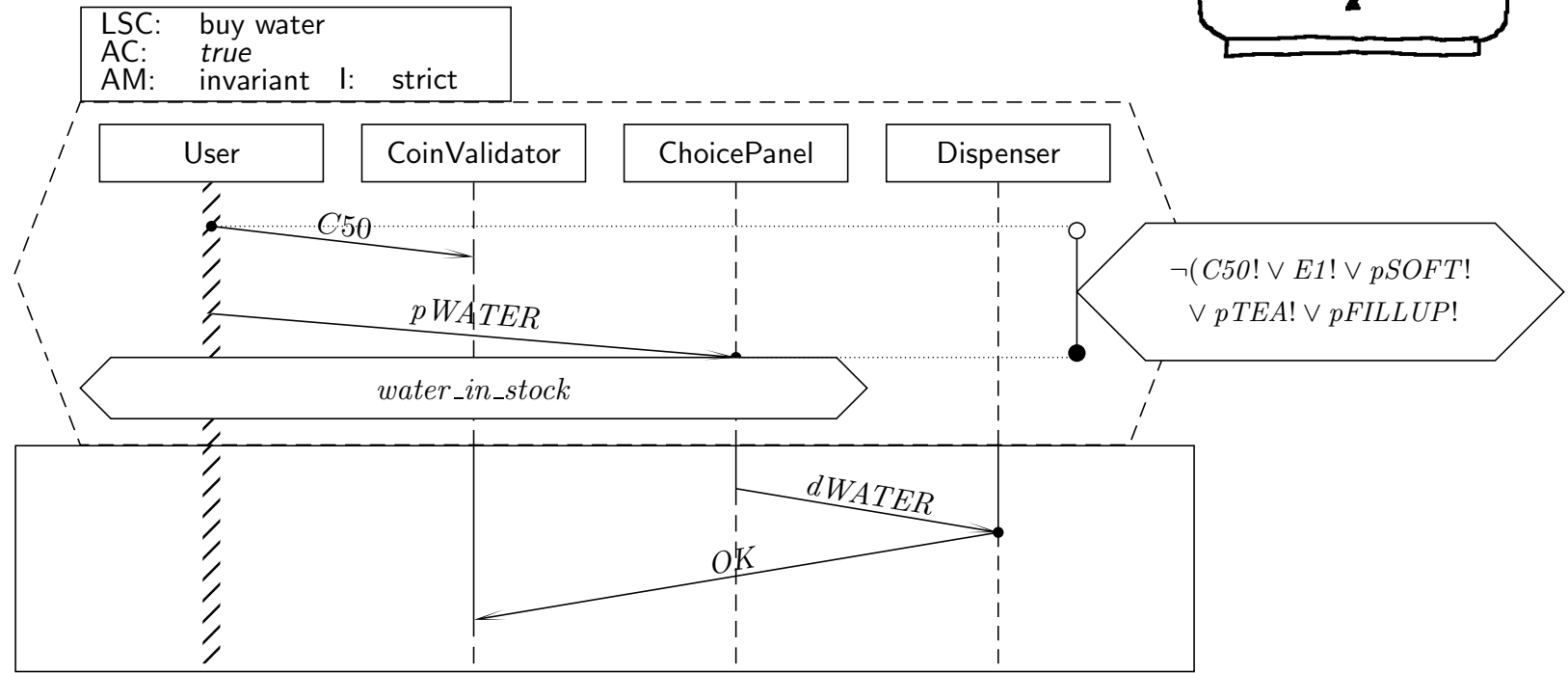
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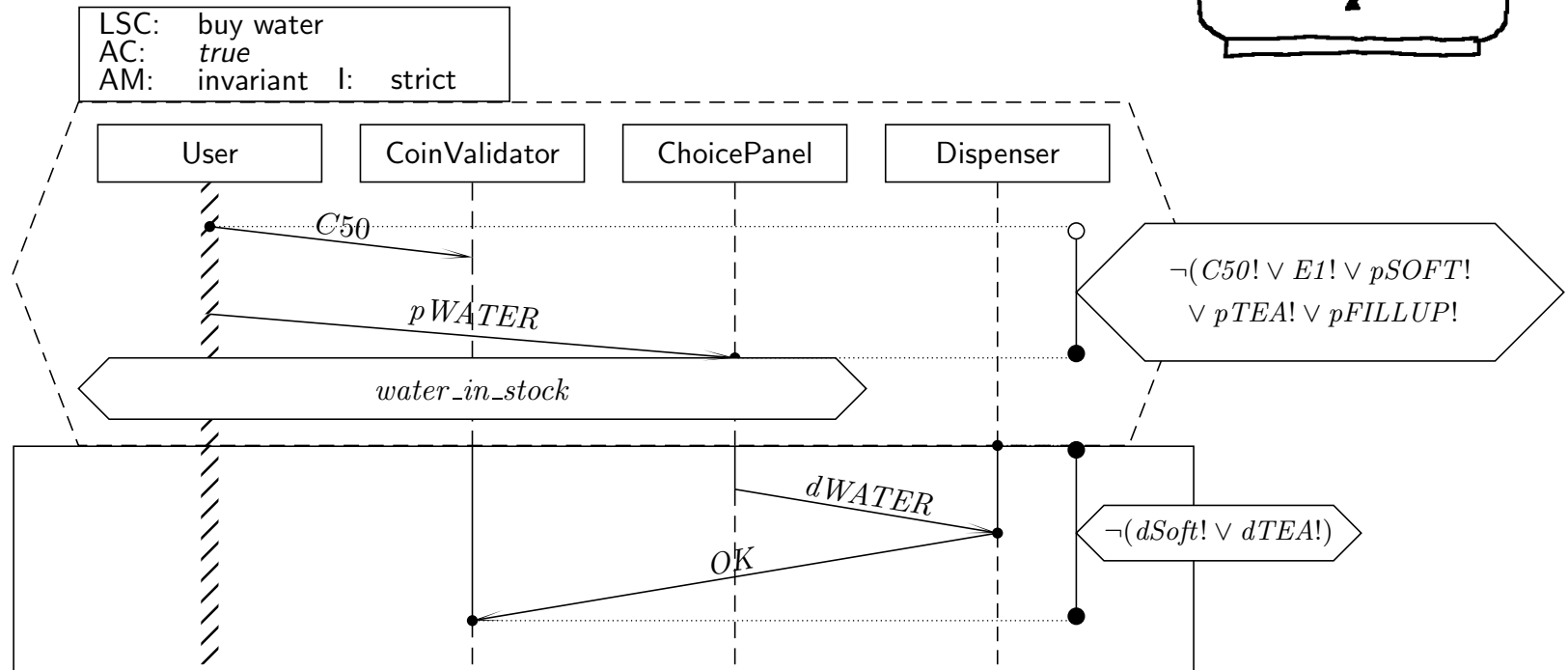
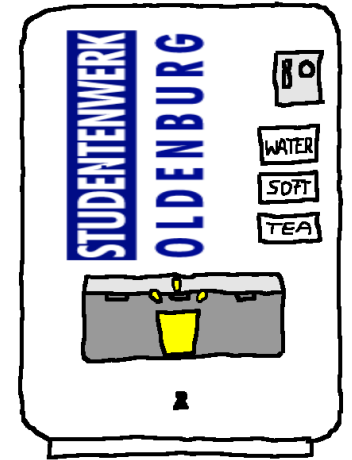
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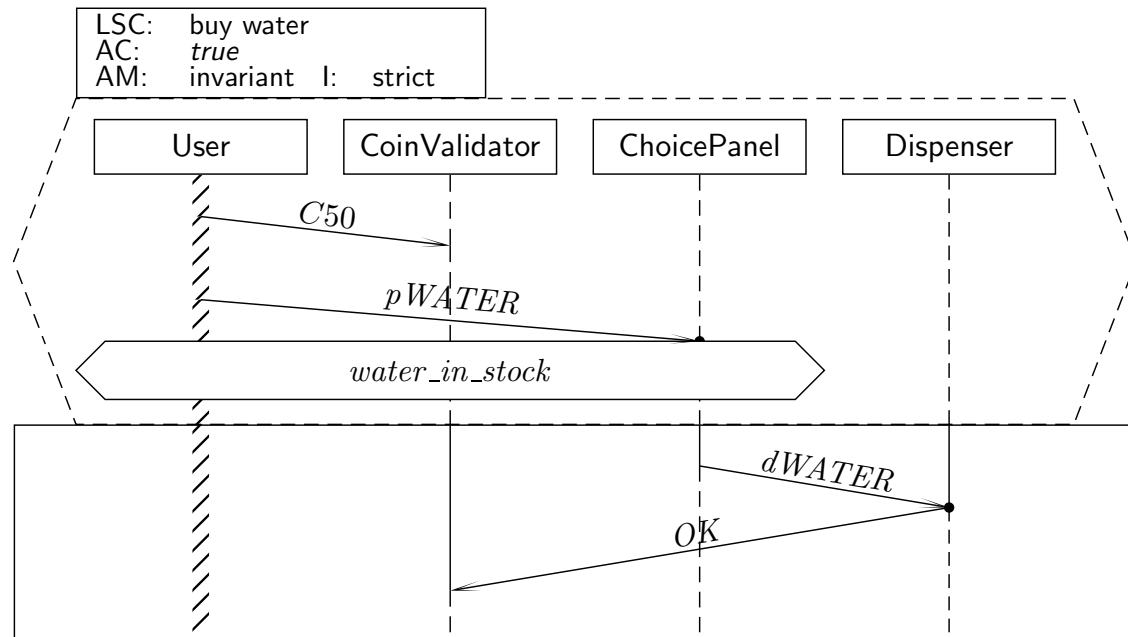
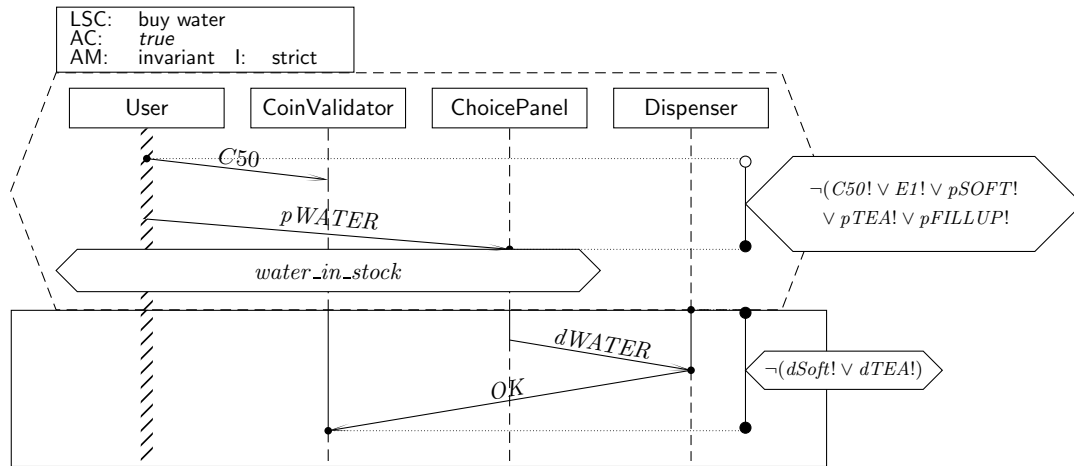
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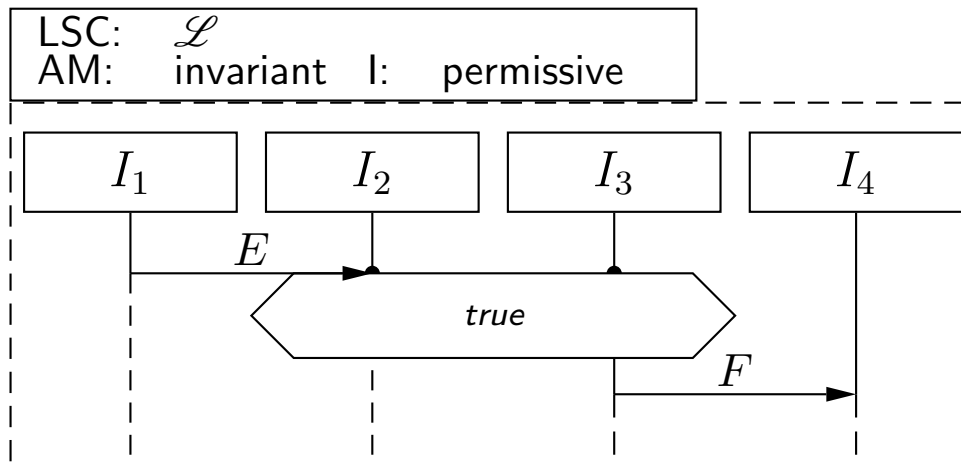
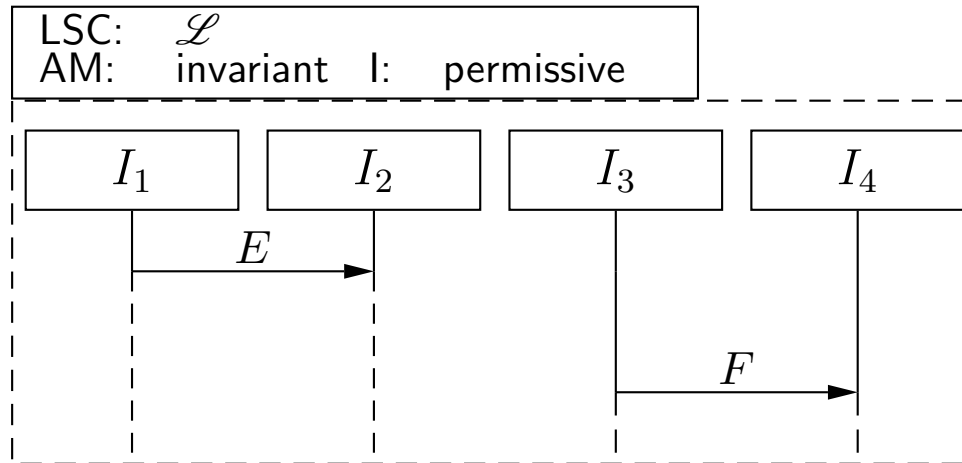
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Shortcut: Forbidden Elements



Modelling Idiom: Enforcing Order



Requirements on Requirements Specifications

A **requirements specification** should be

- **correct**
 - it correctly represents the wishes/needs of the customer,
- **complete**
 - all requirements (existing in somebody's head, or a document, or ...) should be present,
- **relevant**
 - things which are not relevant to the project should not be constrained,
- **consistent, free of contradictions**
 - each requirement is compatible with all other requirements; otherwise the requirements are **not realisable**,
- **neutral, abstract**
 - a requirements specification does not constrain the realisation more than necessary,
- **traceable, comprehensible**
 - the sources of requirements are documented, requirements are uniquely identifiable,
- **testable, objective**
 - the final product can **objectively** be checked for satisfying a requirement.

Requirements on LSC Specifications

- **correctness** is relative to “in the head of the customer” → still difficult;
- **complete**: we can at least define a kind of **relative completeness** in the sense of “did we cover all (exceptional) cases?”;
- **relevant** also not analyseable **within** LSCs;
- **consistency** can formally be analysed!
- **neutral/abstract** is relative to the realisation → still difficult;
But LSCs tend to support abstract specifications; specifying technical details is tedious.
- **traceable/comprehensible** are meta-properties, need to be established separately;
- a formal requirements specification, e.g. using LSCs, is immediately **objective/testable**.

For Decision Tables, we formally defined **additional quality criteria**:

- **uselessness/vacuity**,
- **determinism** may be desired,
- **consistency** wrt. domain model.

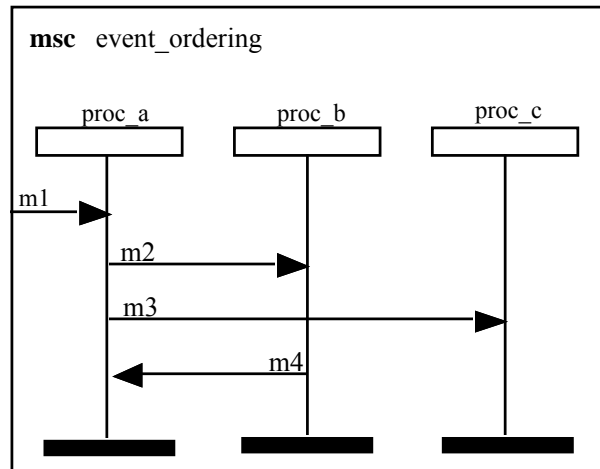
What about LSCs?

LSCs vs. MSCs

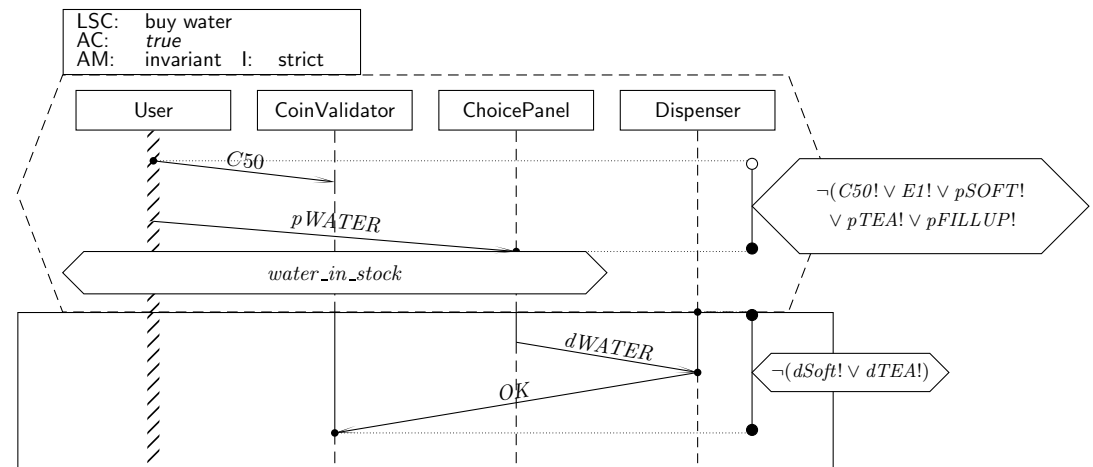
LSCs vs. MSCs

Recall: Most severe **drawbacks** of, e.g., MSCs:

- unclear **interpretation**: example scenario or invariant?
- unclear **activation**: what triggers the requirement?
- unclear **progress** requirement: must all messages be observed?
- **conditions** merely comments
- no means (in language) to express **forbidden scenarios**



(ITU-T, 2011)



Pushing It Even Further



(Harel and Marelly, 2003)

Requirements Engineering Wrap-Up

Recall: Software Specification Example

Alphabet:

- M – dispense cash only,
- C – return card only,
- $\begin{matrix} M \\ C \end{matrix}$ – dispense cash and return card.

- **Customer 1** “don’t care”

$$\left(M.C \mid C.M \mid \begin{matrix} M \\ C \end{matrix} \right)$$

- **Customer 2** “you choose, but be consistent”

$$(M.C) \text{ or } (C.M)$$

- **Customer 3** “consider human errors”

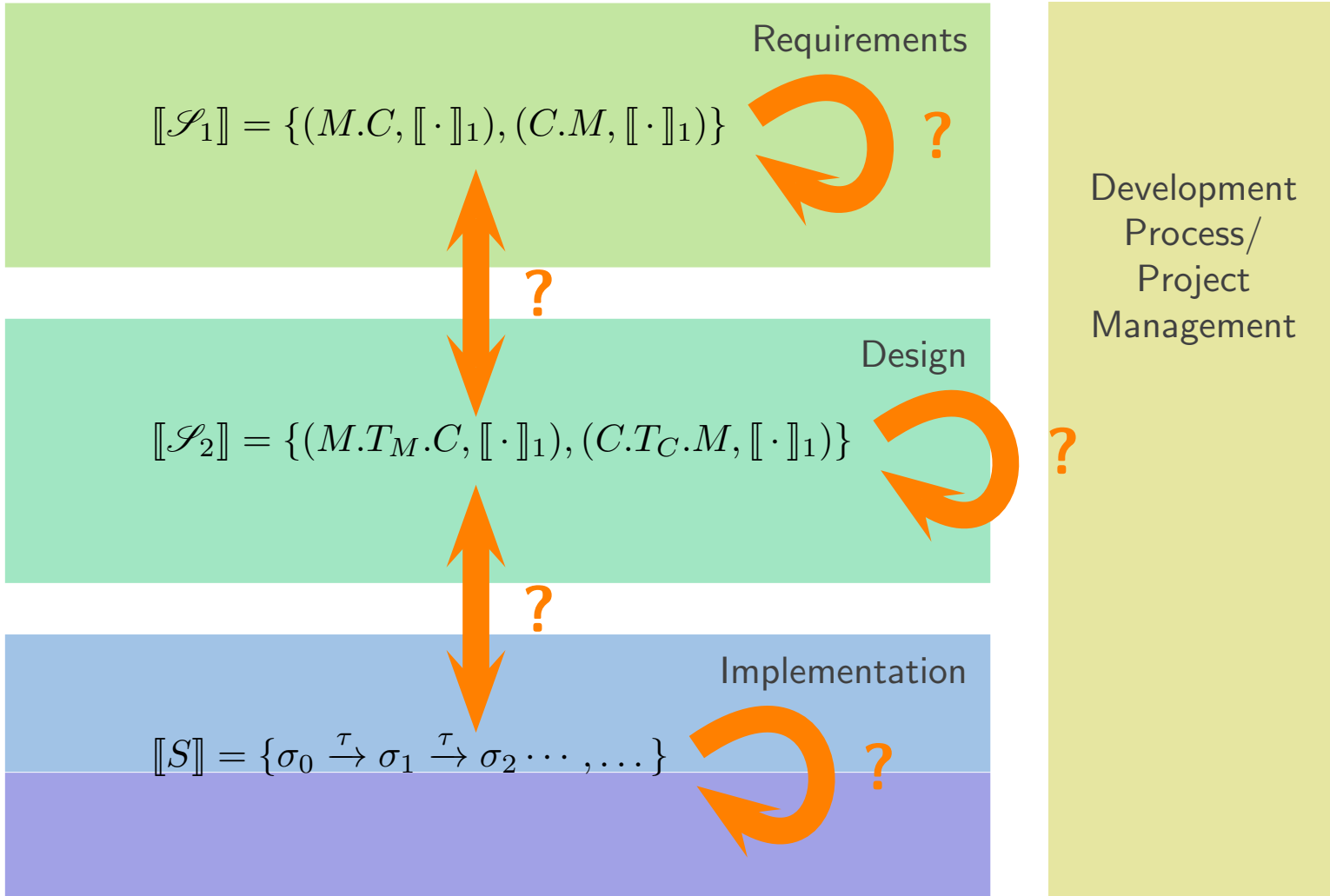
$$(C.M)$$



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Recall: Formal Software Development

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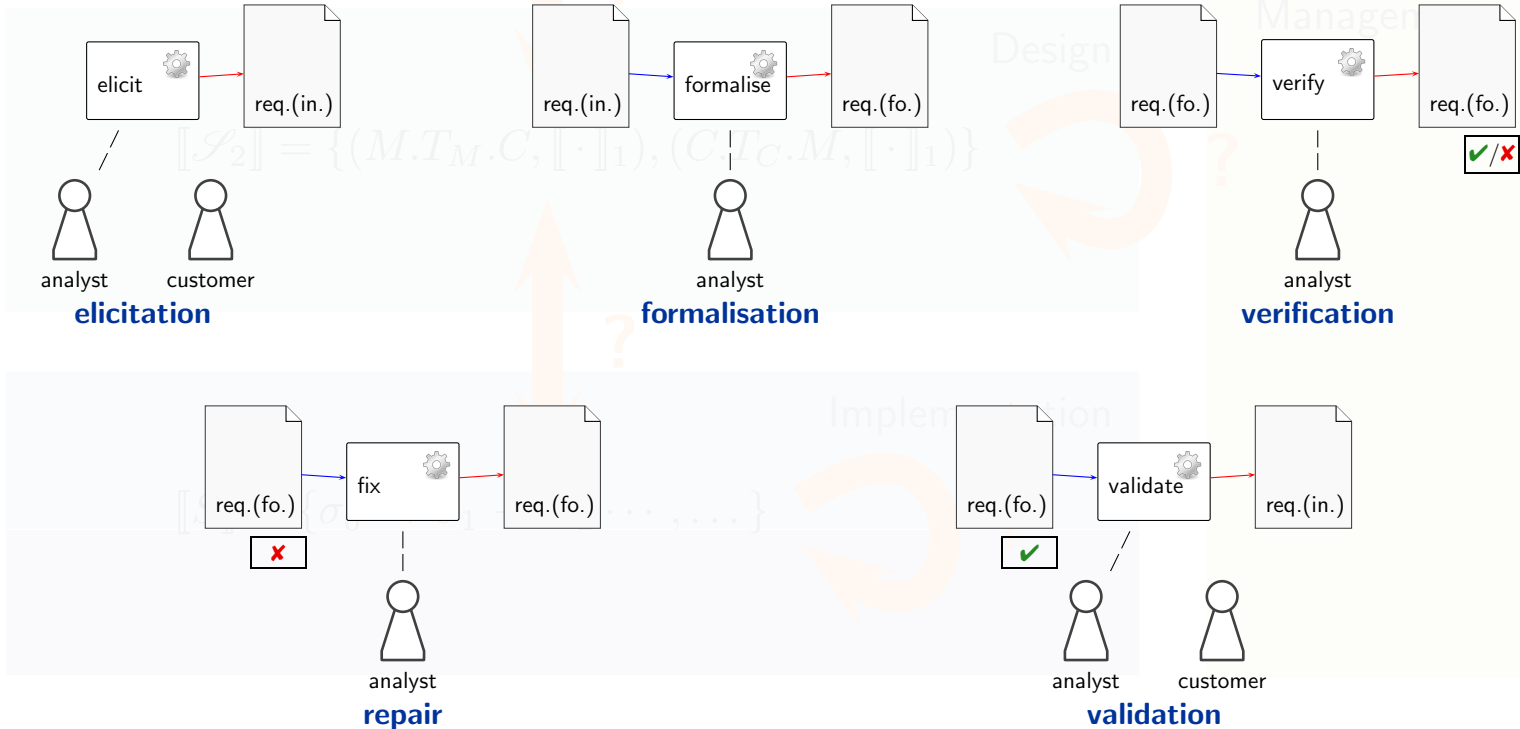


$$[\mathcal{S}_1] = \{(M.C, [\cdot]_1), (C.M, [\cdot]_1)\}$$

Requirements



Development
Process/
Project
Manager



Final Remarks

One sometimes distinguishes:

- **Systems Engineering** (develop software for an embedded controller)

Requirements typically stated in terms of **system observables** (“press WATER button”), needs to be mapped to terms of the software!

- **Software Engineering** (develop software which interacts with other software)

Requirements stated in terms of the software.

We touched a bit of both, aimed at a general discussion.

- **Once again** (can it be mentioned too often?):

Distinguish **domain elements** and **software elements** and (try to) keep them apart to avoid confusion.

A Classification of Software

Lehmann (Lehman, 1980; Lehman and Ramil, 2001) distinguishes three classes of software (my interpretation, my examples):

- **S-programs**: solve mathematical, abstract problems; can exactly (in particular formally) be specified; tend to be small; can be developed once and for all.

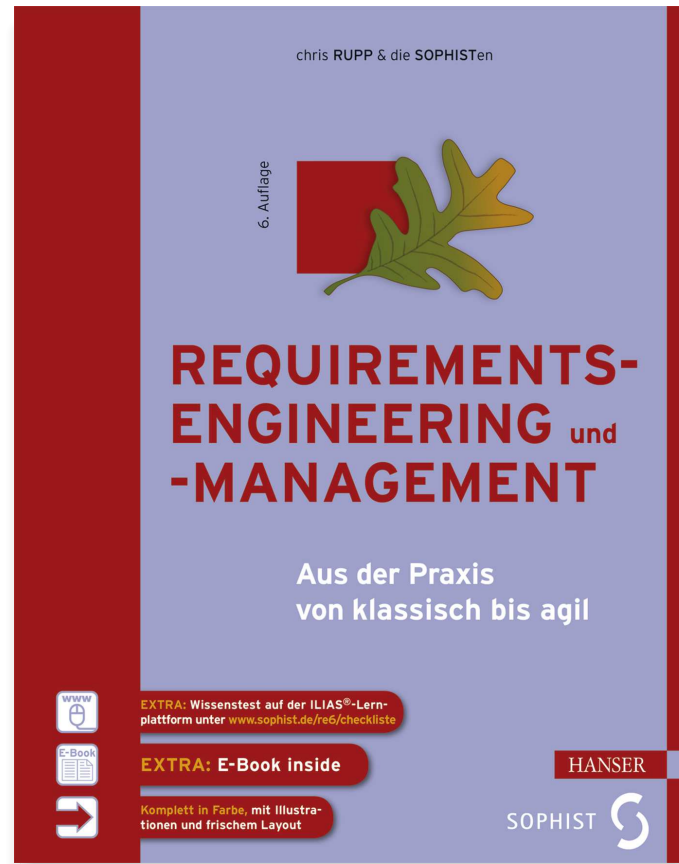
Examples: sorting, compiler (!), compute π or $\sqrt{\cdot}$, cryptography, textbook examples, ...

- **P-programs**: solve problems in the real world, e.g. read sensors and drive actors, may be in feedback loop; specification needs **domain model** (cf. Bjørner (2006), “A tryptich software development paradigm”); formal specification (today) possible, in terms of domain model, yet tends to be expensive

Examples: cruise control, autopilot, traffic lights controller, plant automatisisation, ...

- **E-programs**: embedded in socio-technical systems; in particular involve humans; specification often not clear, not even known; can grow huge; delivering the software induces new needs

Examples: basically everything else; word processor, web-shop, game, smart-phone apps, ...



(Rupp and die SOPHISTen, 2014)

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