

Software Model Checking with Automizer
(Sequential Programs)

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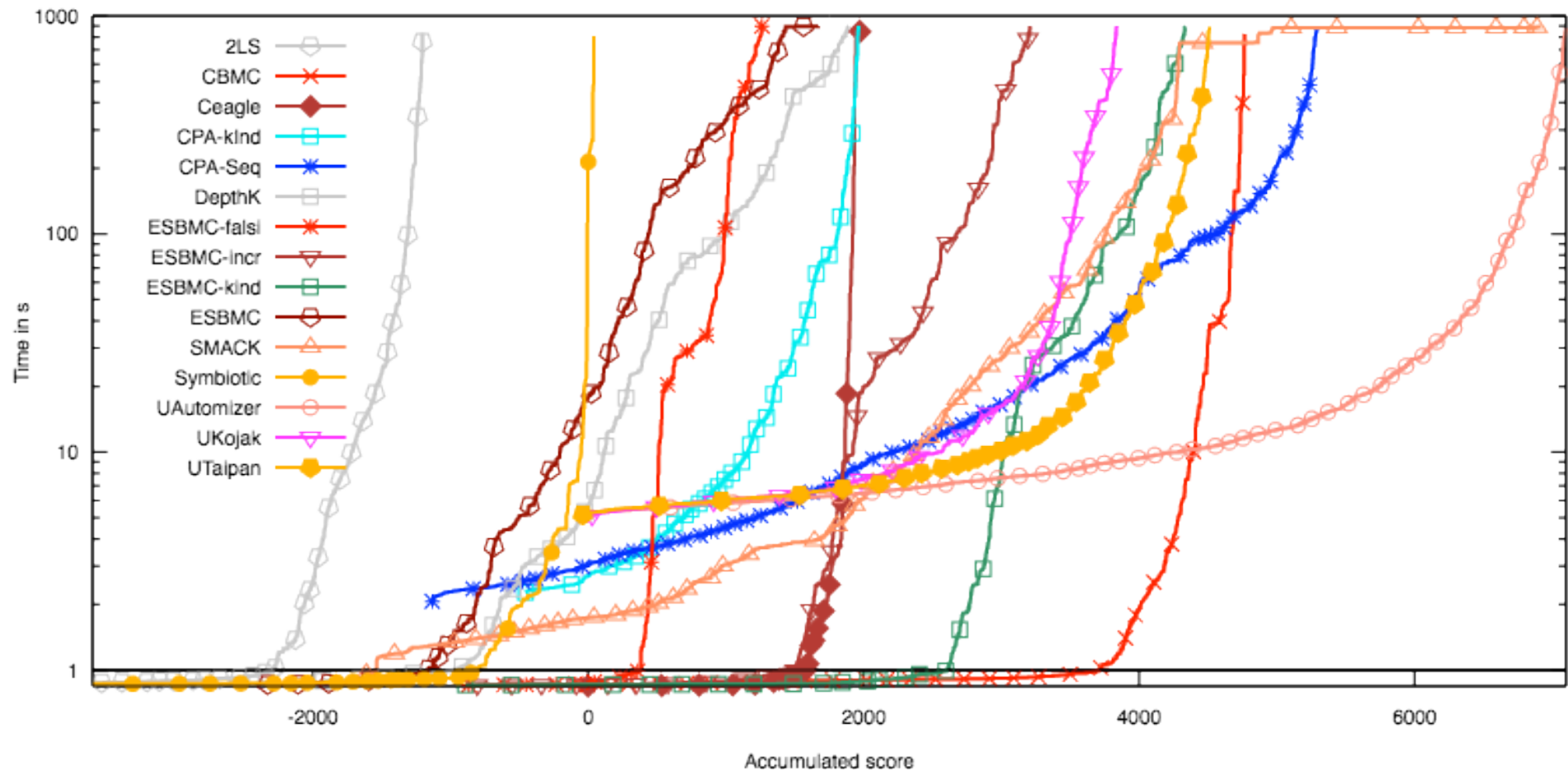
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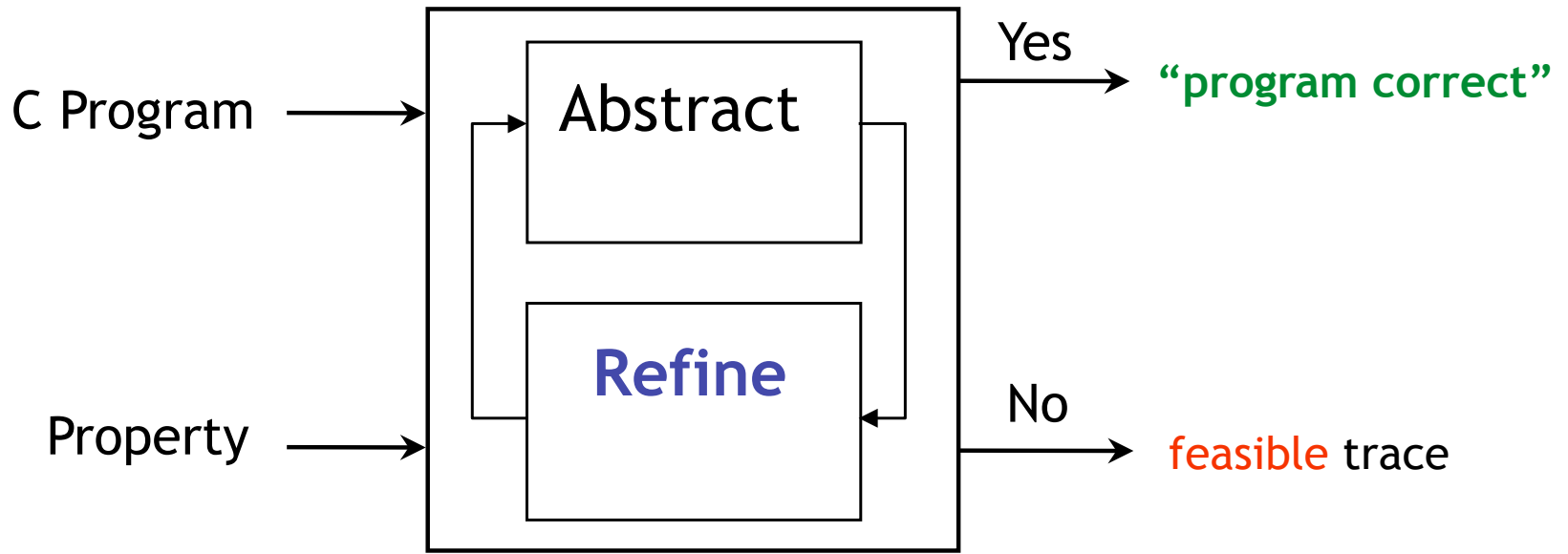
-  22 - 32 - **Procedure Contract for main**
 Derived contract for procedure main: 1

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Overall

1. [UAutomizer](#)
2. [SMACK](#)
3. [CPA-Seq](#)





Infeasible traces

No corresponding executions

Feasible traces

At least one corresponding execution

Infeasible traces

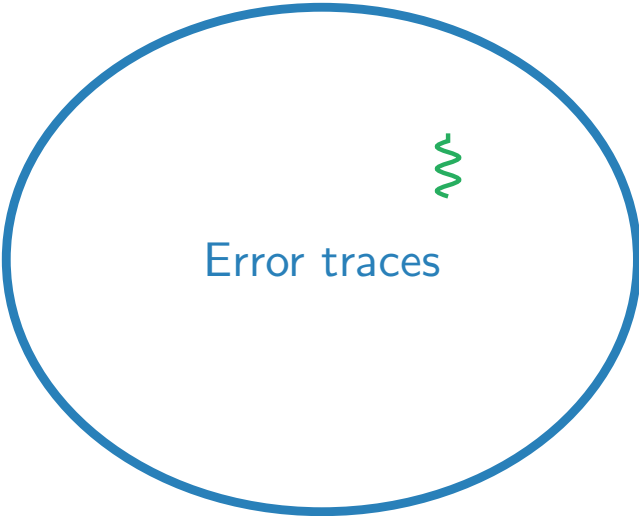
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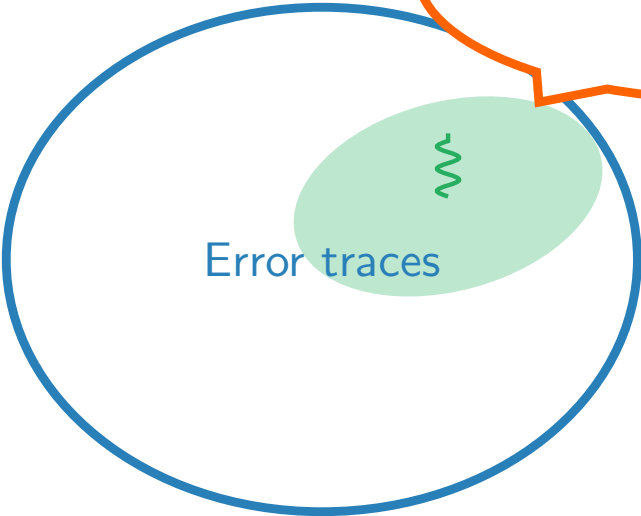
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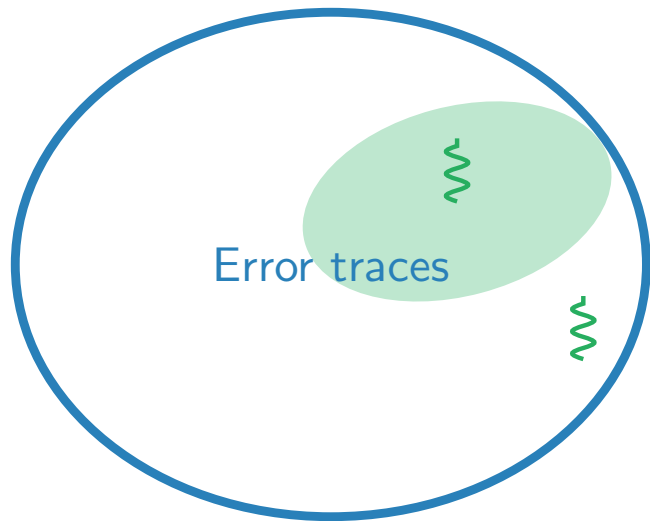
Proof Generalization



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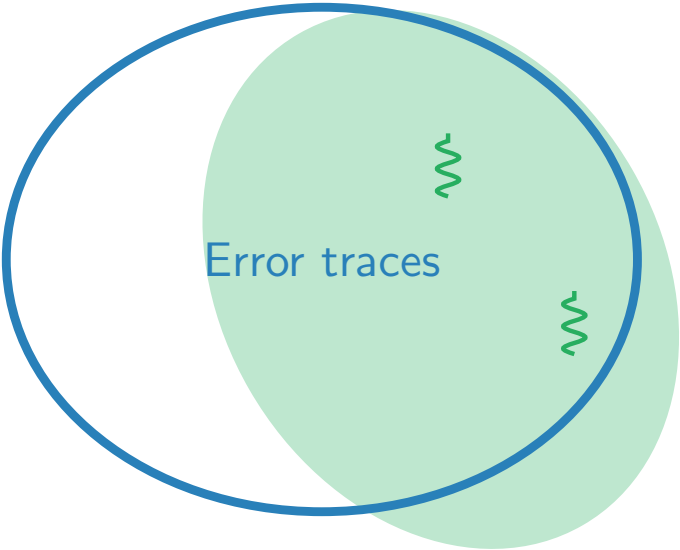


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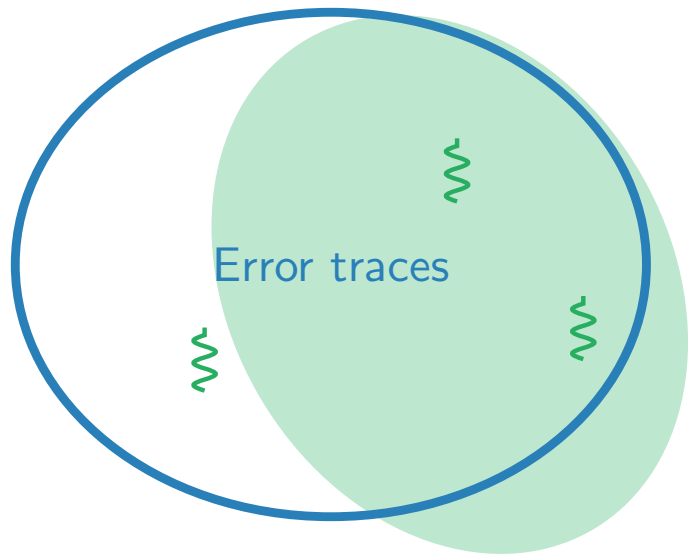
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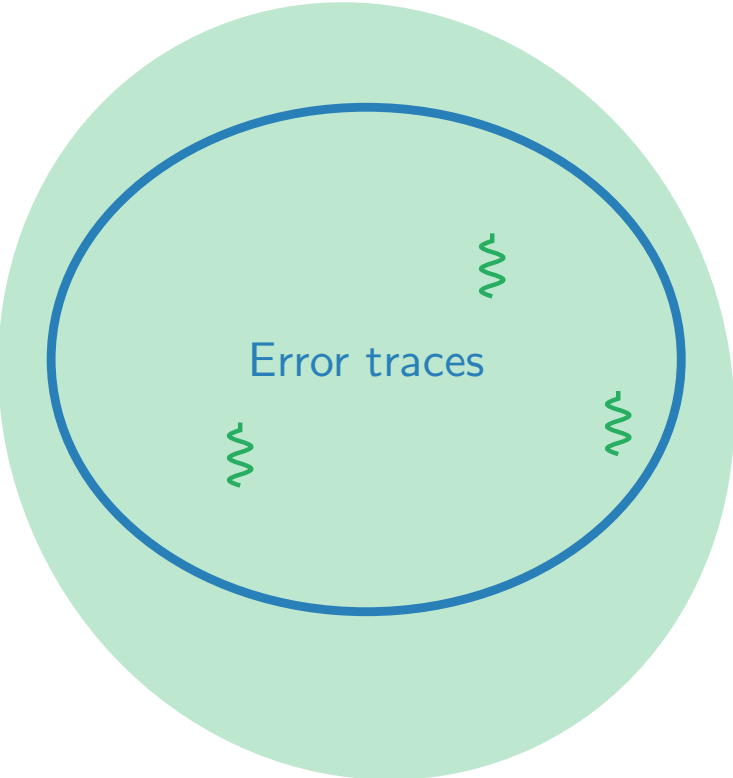
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trace abstraction

given a program P ,

find a set of correct programs P_1, \dots, P_n

check whether every behavior of P is covered:

$$P \subseteq P_1 \cup \dots \cup P_n$$

P_1, \dots, P_n constructed from proofs of traces

check = inclusion between **automata**

program \mathcal{P}

construct \mathcal{A}_{n+1} such that

1. $w \in \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$
2. $\mathcal{A}_{n+1} \subseteq \{ \text{infeasible traces} \}$

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n ?$

yes

w infeasible?

yes

no

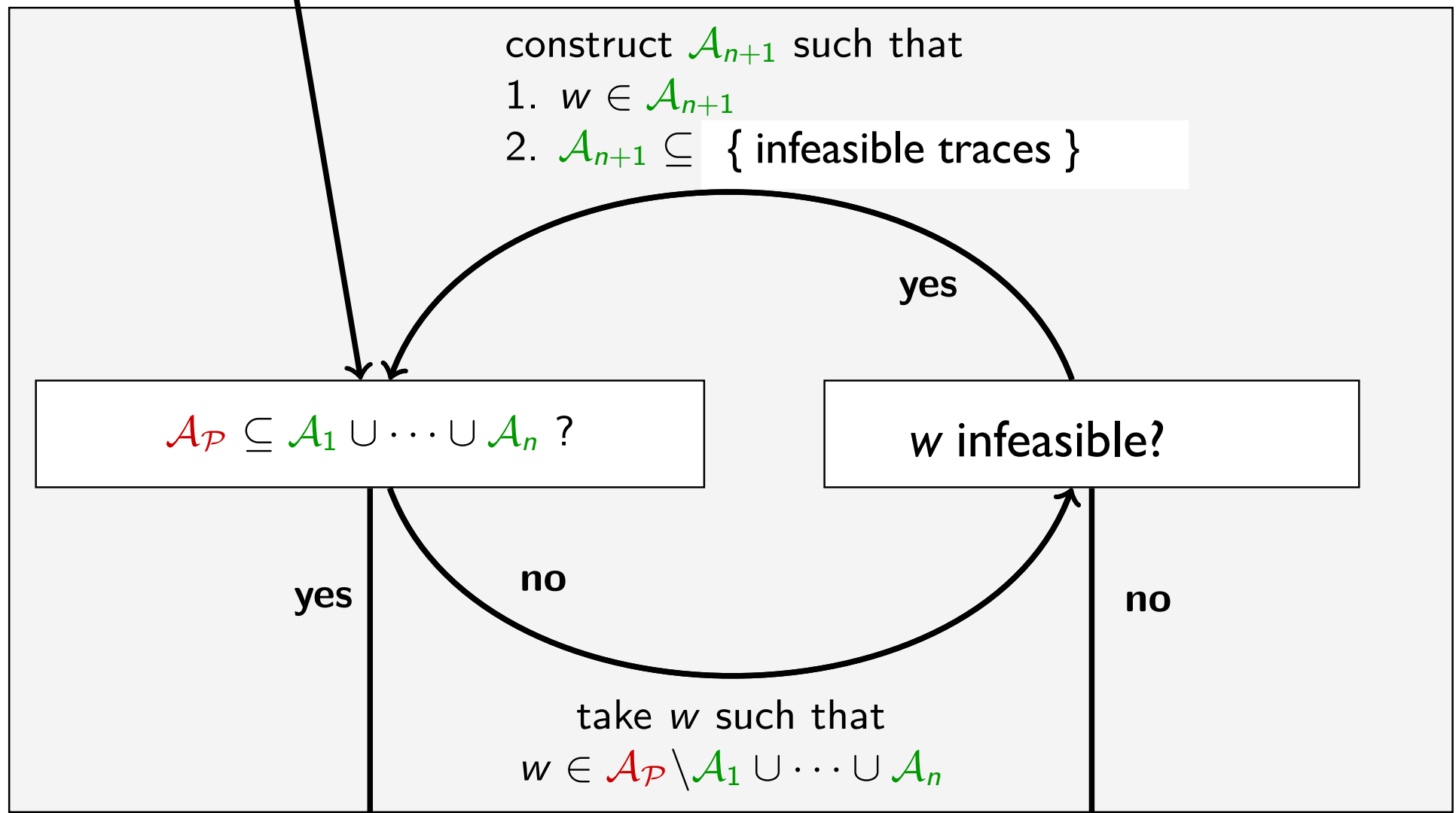
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take w such that

$w \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \setminus \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n$

\mathcal{P} is correct

\mathcal{P} is incorrect



correct?

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```
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```

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{
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global int array(len) : tasks; // array of tasks
global int next; // position of next available task block
global lock m; // lock protecting next
```

thread T:

```
    local int : c; // position of current task
    local int : end; // position of last task in acquired block
    // acquire block of tasks
1    lock(m);
2        if(next + 10 <= len)
3            { c := next; next := next + 10; end := next; }
4        else
5            { c := next; next := next + 10; end := len; }
6    unlock(m);
    // perform block of tasks
7    while (c < end):
8        tasks[c] := 0; // mark task c as started
        ... // work on the task c
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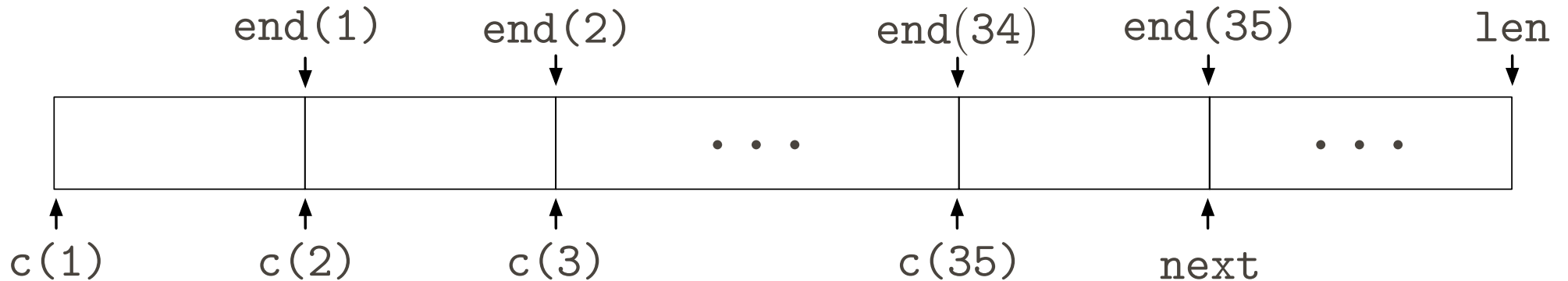
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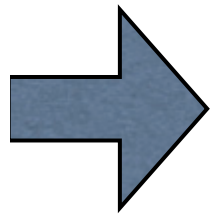
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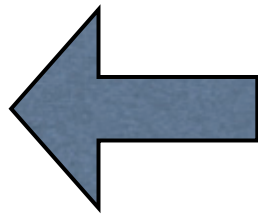
threads 1, 2, ..., 35
have acquired block of tasks
have not yet started working

Next ...

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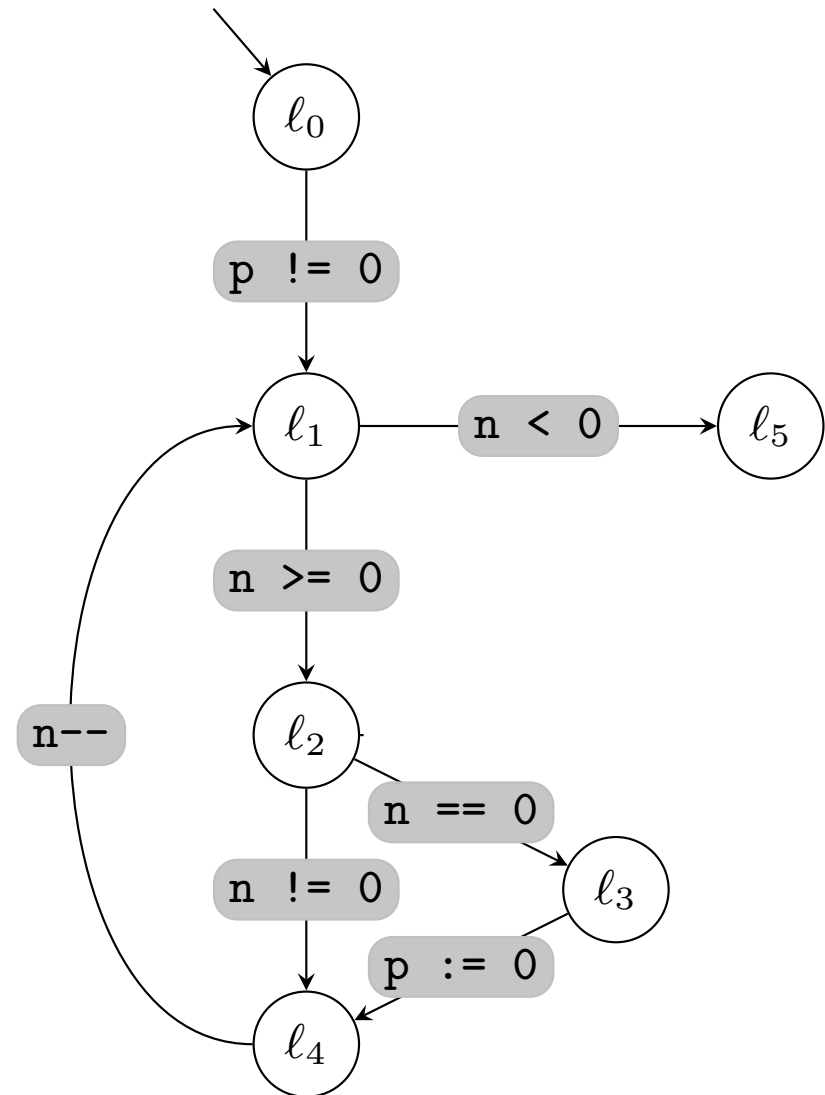
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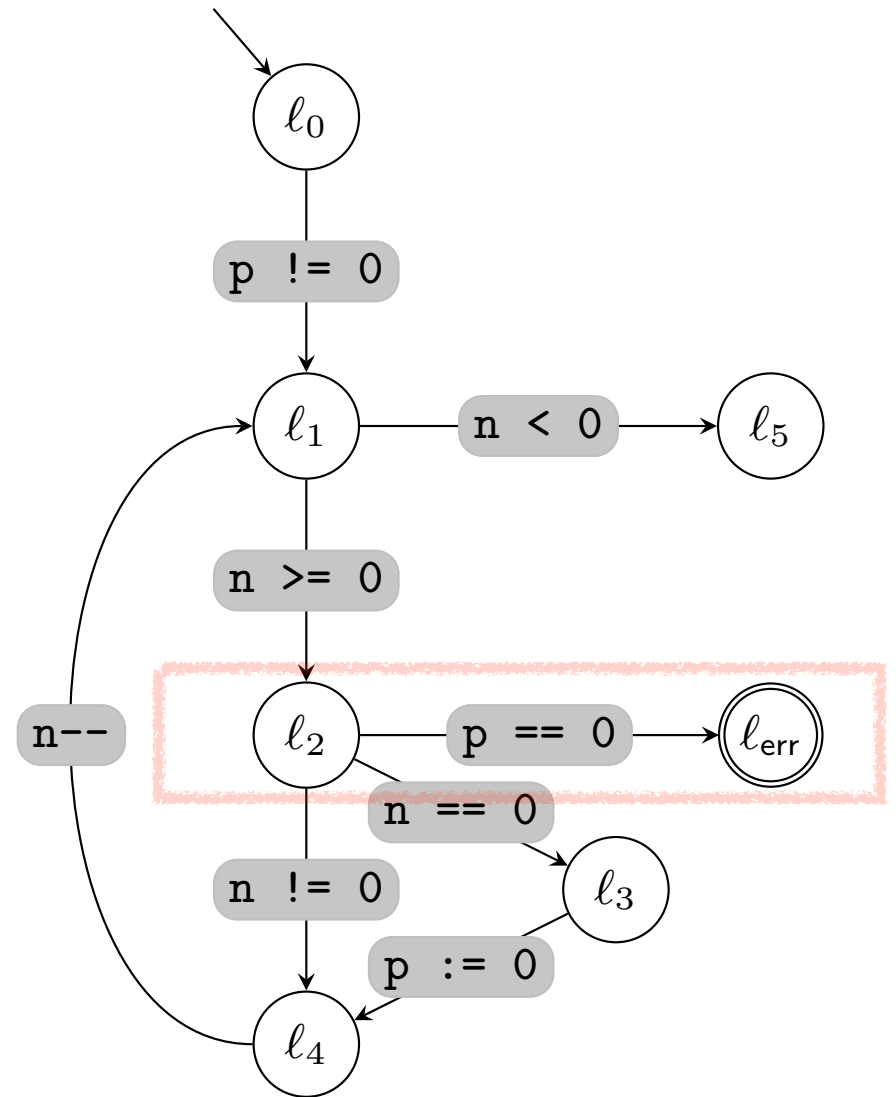
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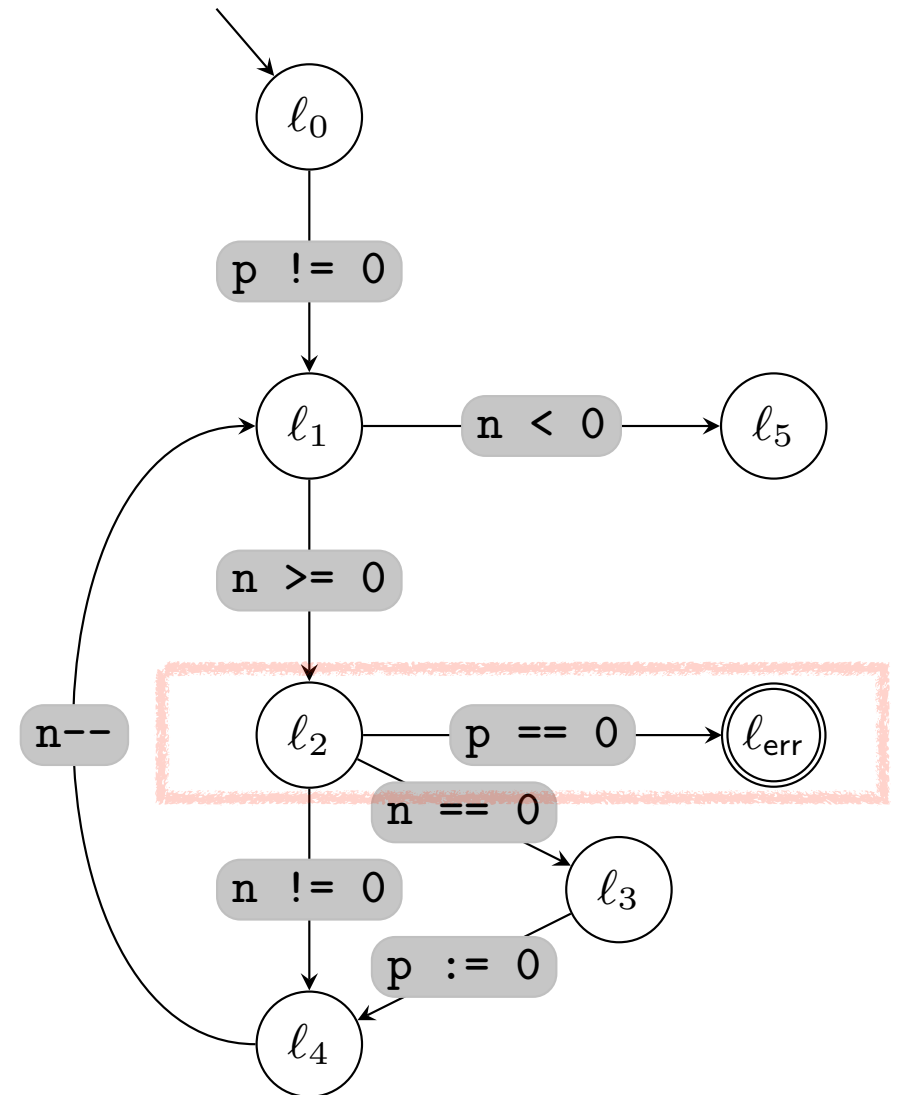
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no execution violates assertion = no execution reaches error location

all inter-reducible:

validity of assert statement

non-reachability of error location

validity of safety property

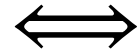
validity of invariant

infeasibility of control flow traces

partial correctness

partial correctness for pre/postcondition (*true, false*)

infeasible

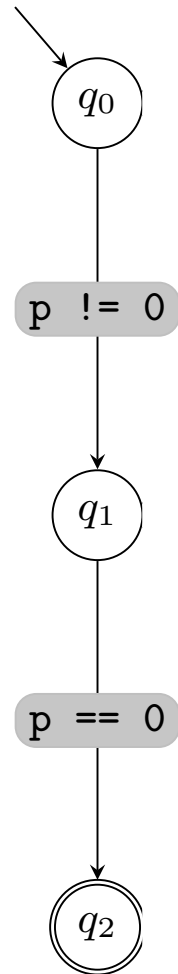


correct wrt. pre/condition pair (*true*, *false*)

{ *true* } x == 1 ; x == -1 ; { *false* }

{ *true* } x := 1 ; x == -1 ; { *false* }

correct program = infeasible trace



$(p \neq 0)$

$(p == 0)$

infeasible trace

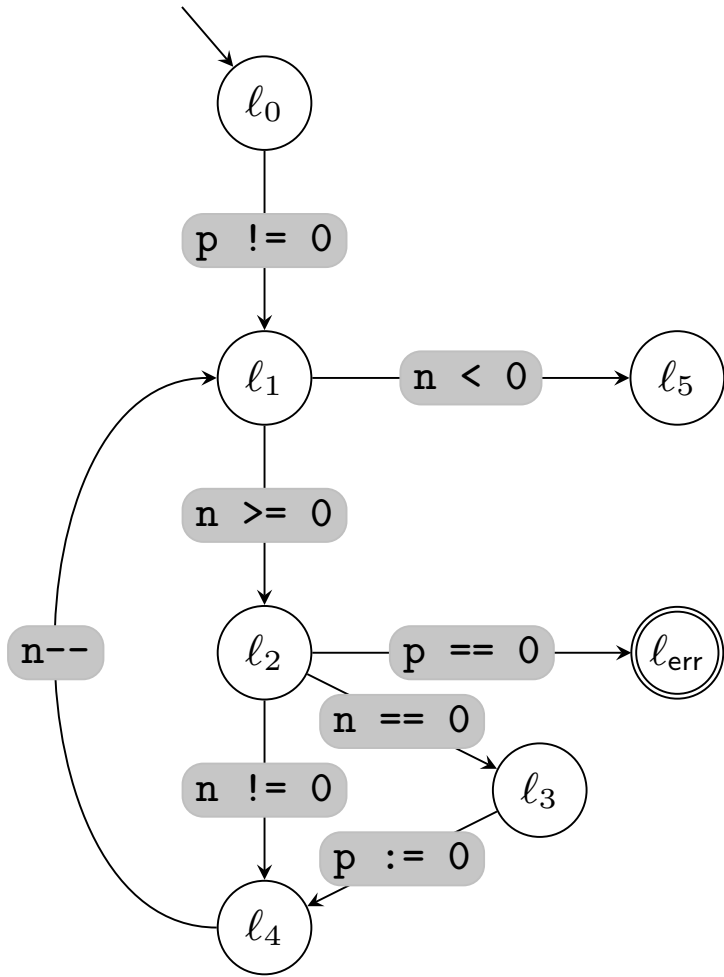
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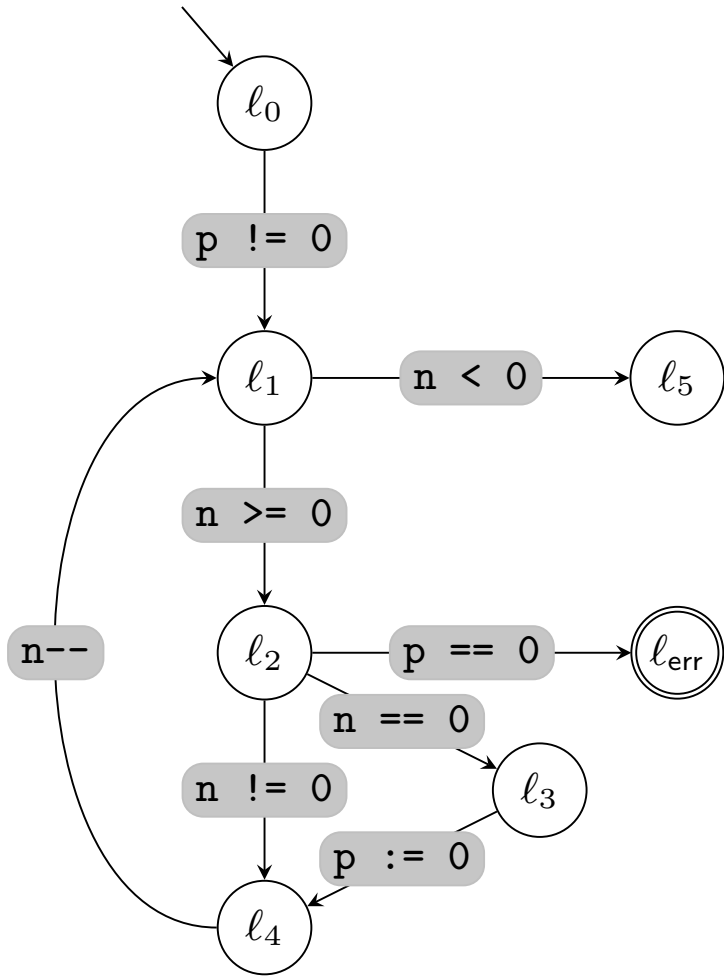
unsatisfiable formula

$x = 1 \wedge x = -1$

$x' = 1 \wedge x' = -1$



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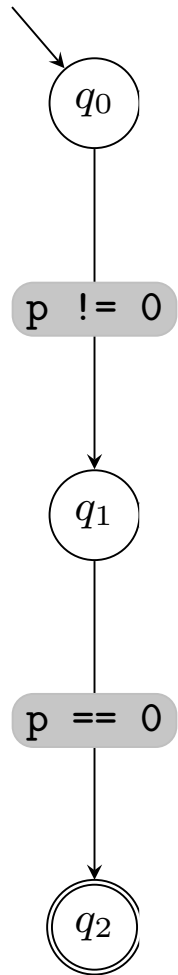


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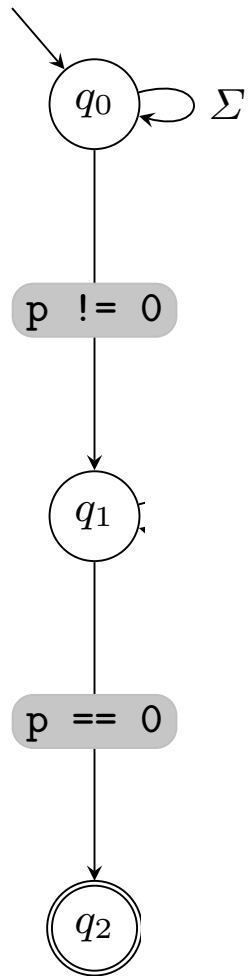
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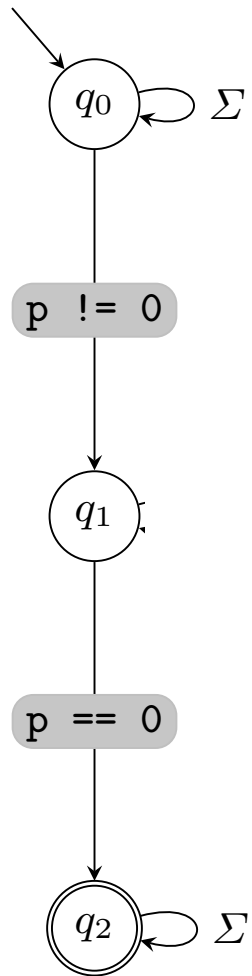
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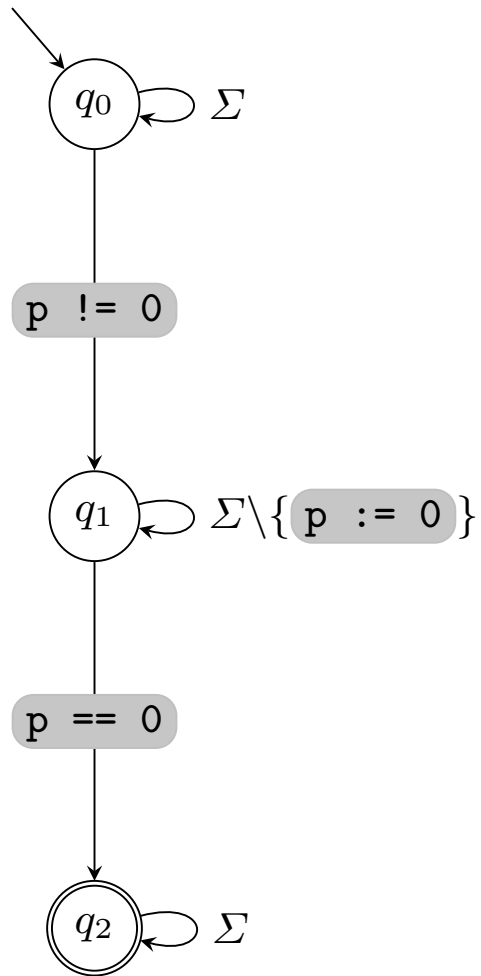
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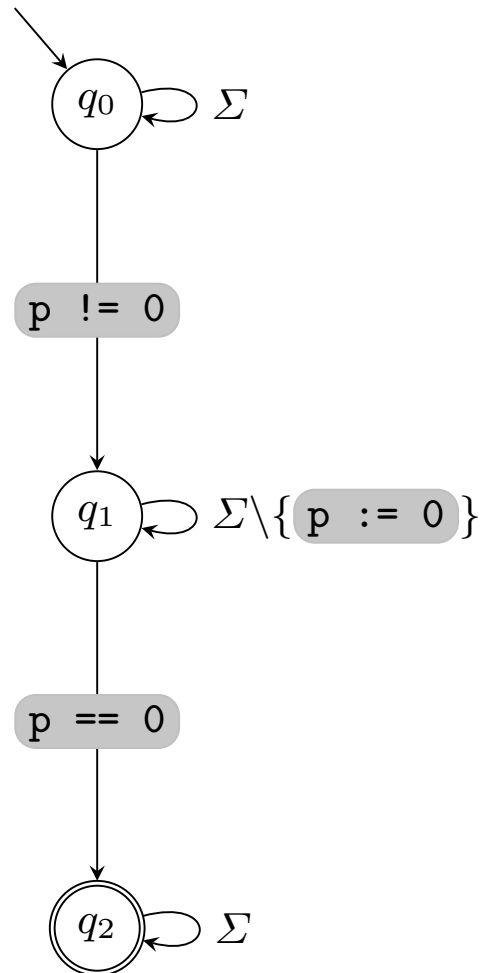
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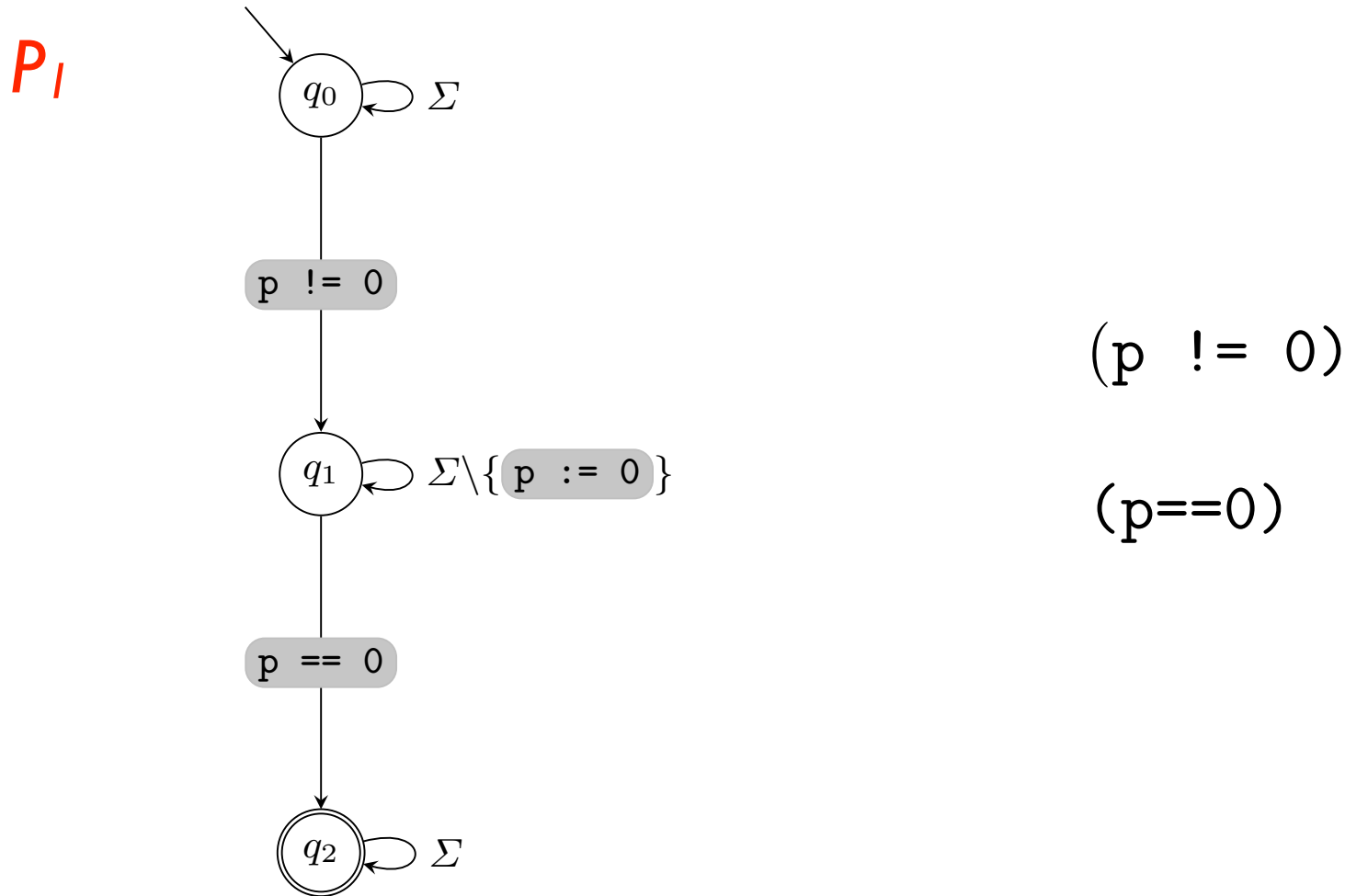
correct program (error location is not reachable)



(p != 0)
(n >= 0)
(p == 0)

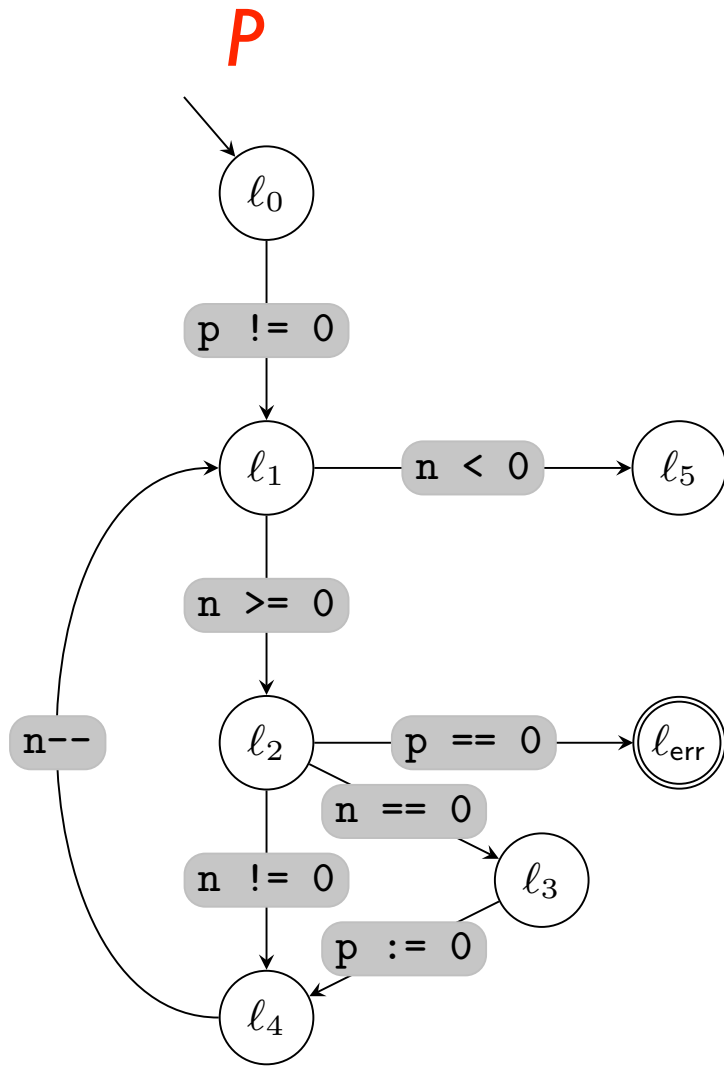
all error traces of program have the same proof as sample trace
(same unsatisfiable core of unsatisfiability proof)

correct program P_I constructed from a proof

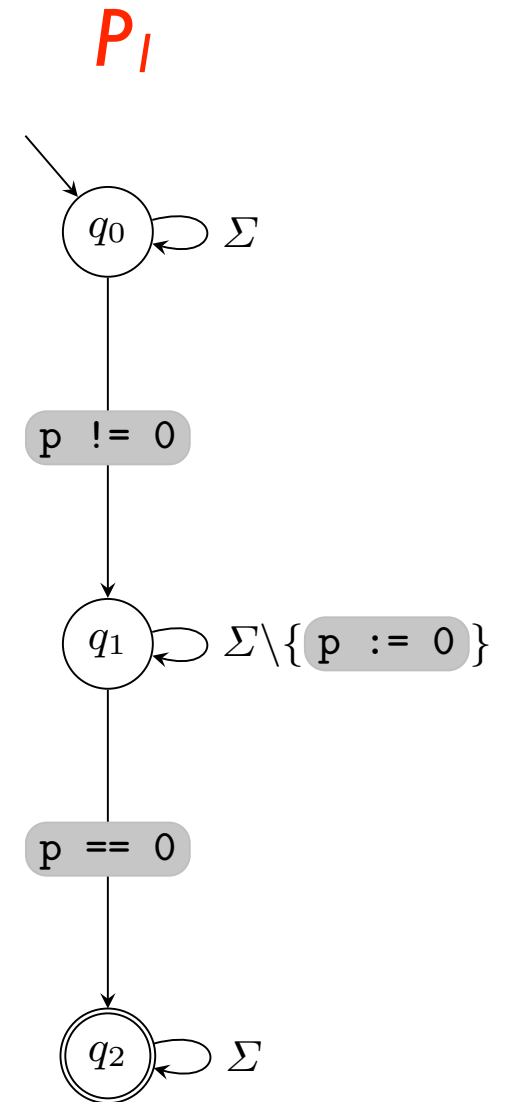


... from unsatisfiable core of unsatisfiability proof for sample trace

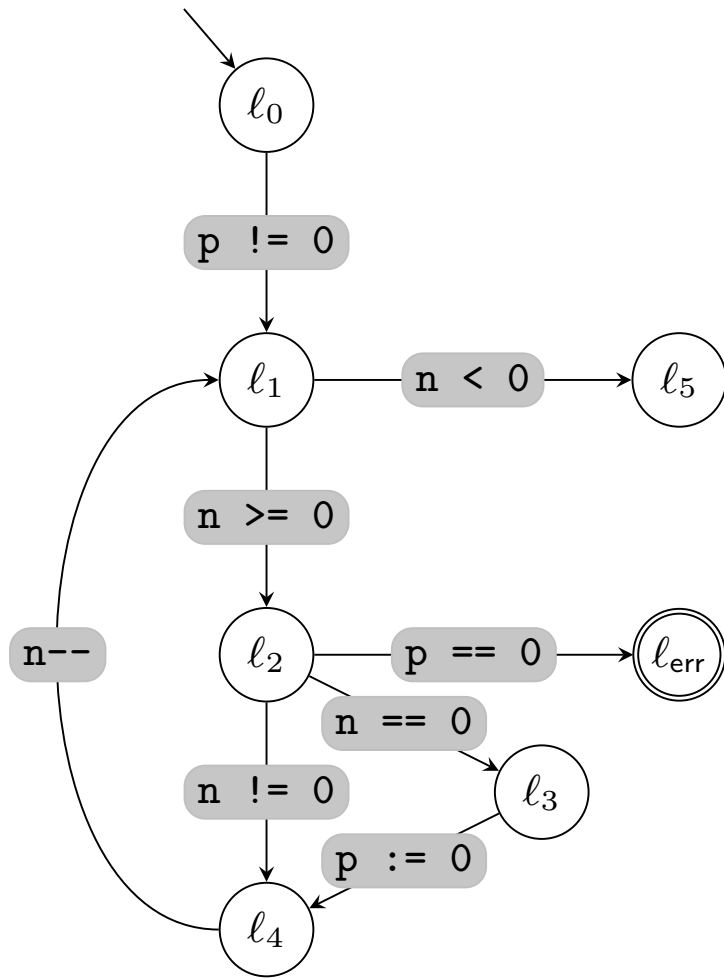
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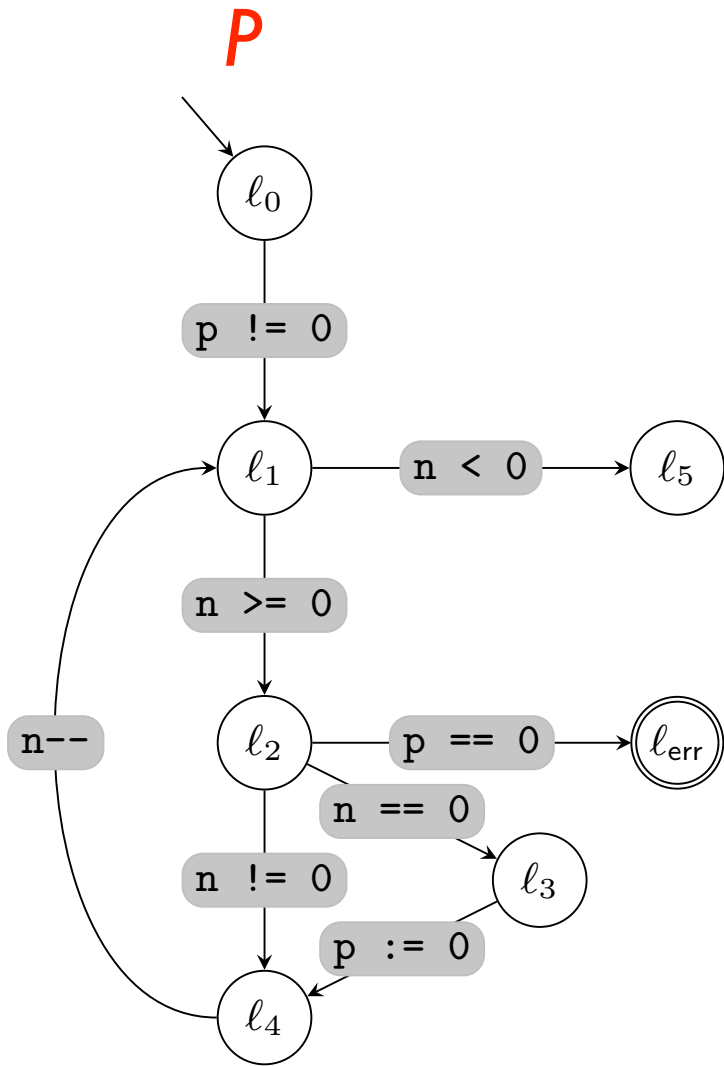


does a proof exist for every error trace ?

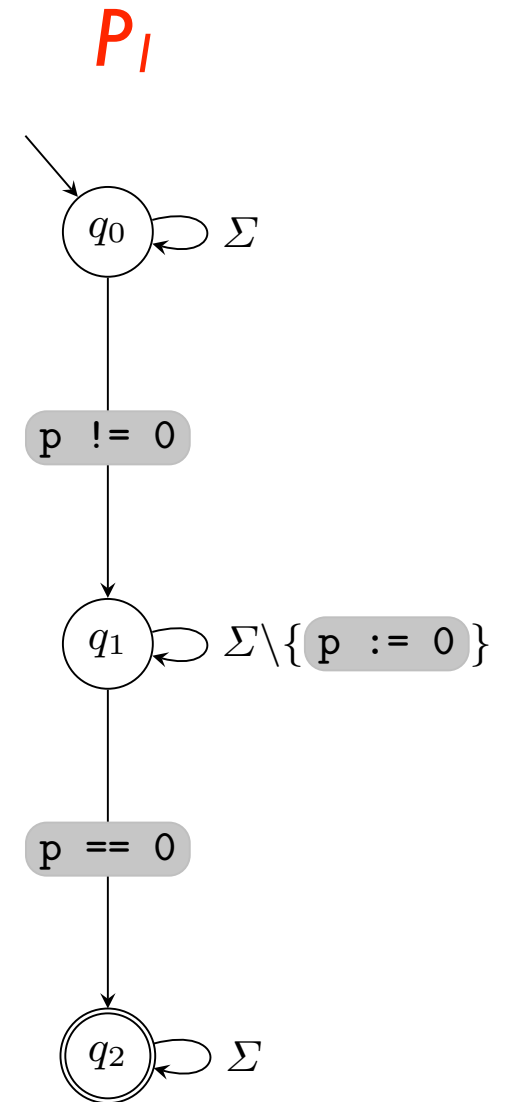


automaton

alphabet: {statements}



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inclusion between automata

program \mathcal{P}

construct \mathcal{A}_{n+1} such that

1. $w \in \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$
2. $\mathcal{A}_{n+1} \subseteq \{ \text{infeasible traces} \}$

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n ?$

yes

w infeasible?

yes

no

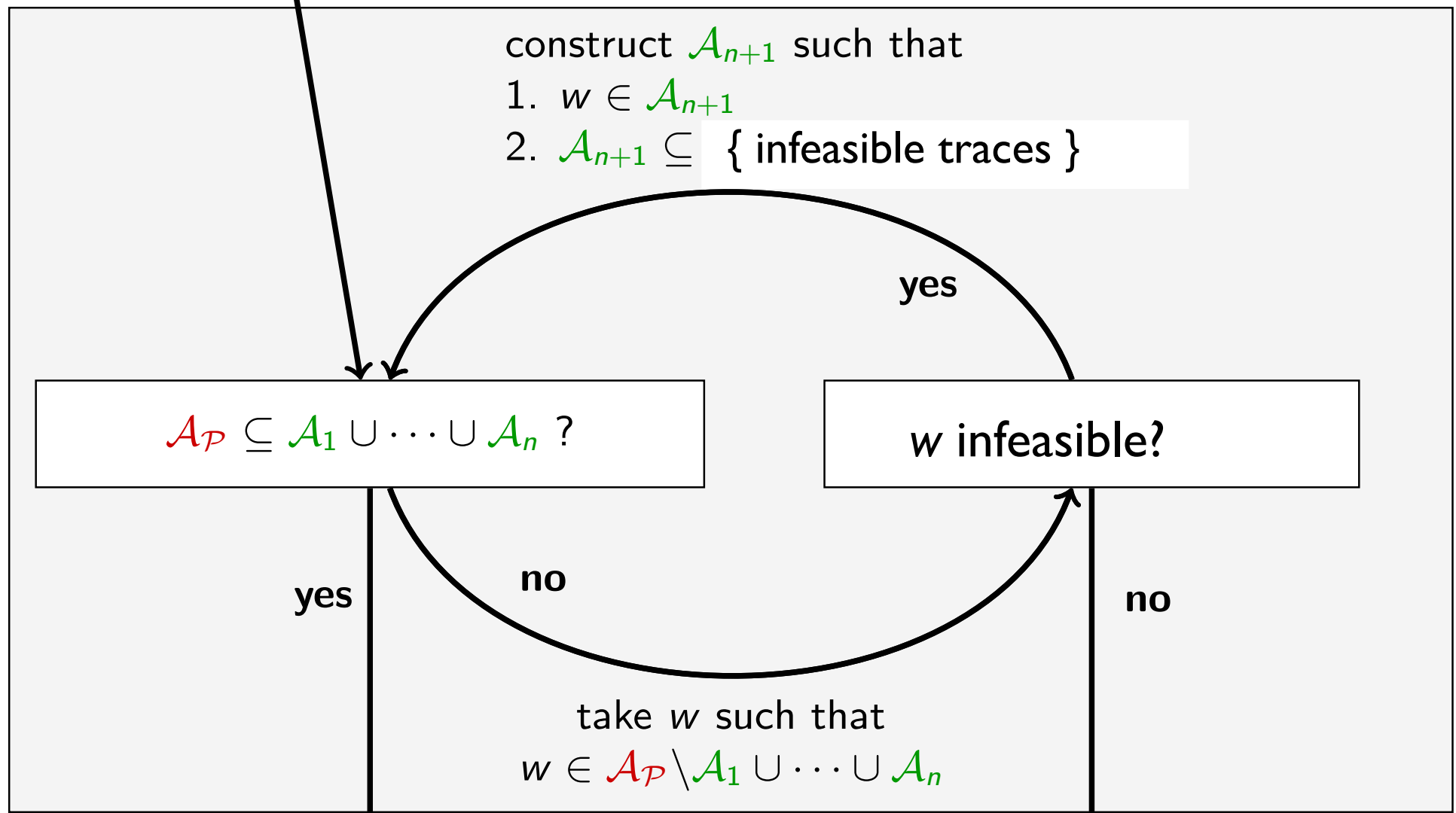
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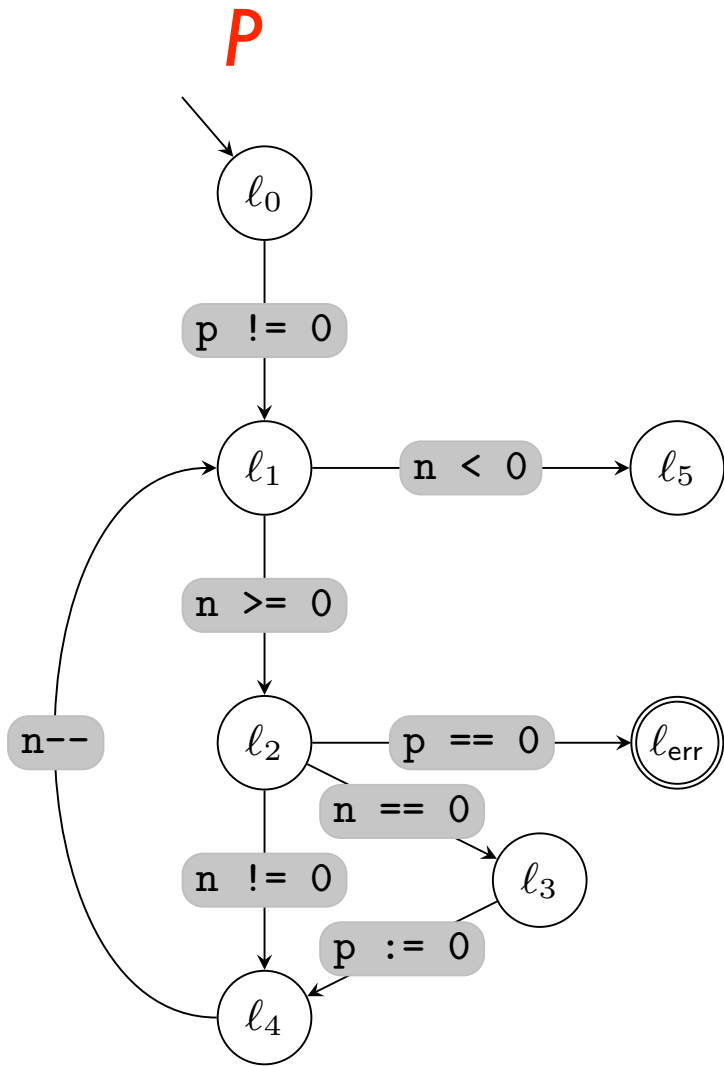
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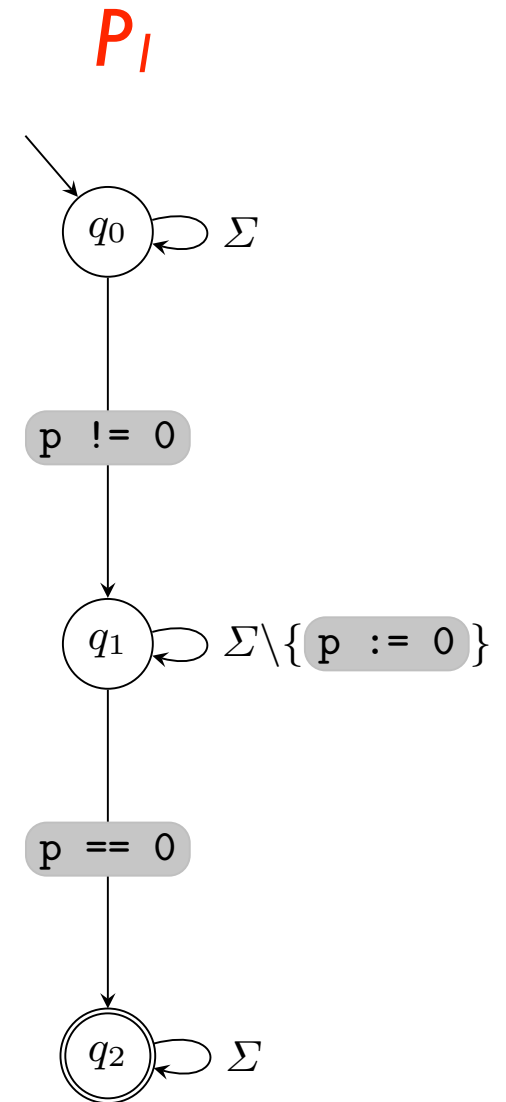
\mathcal{P} is correct

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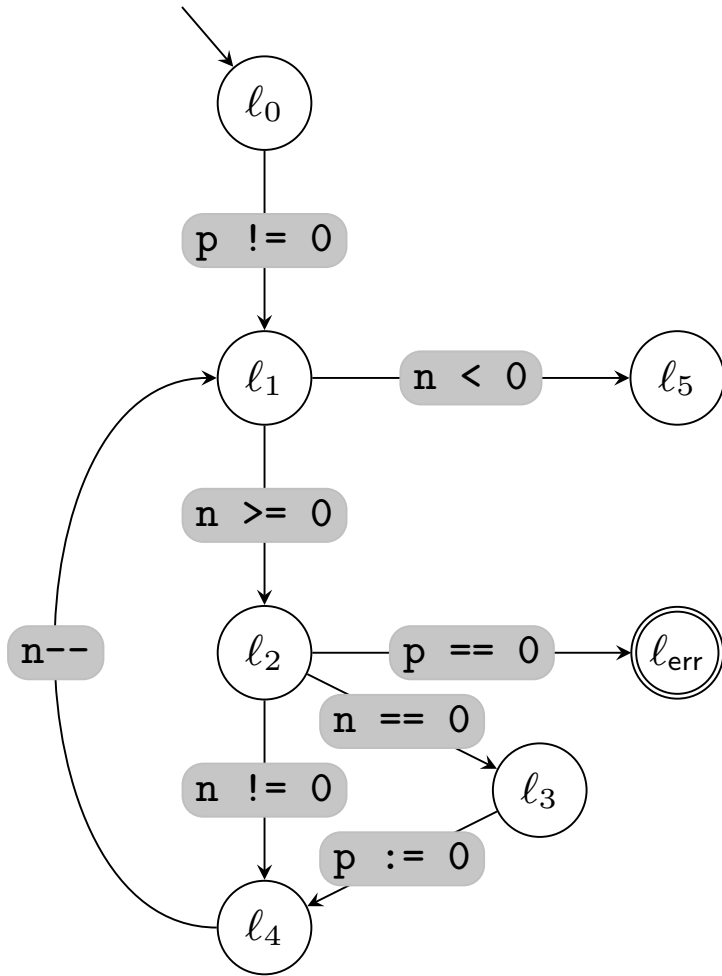




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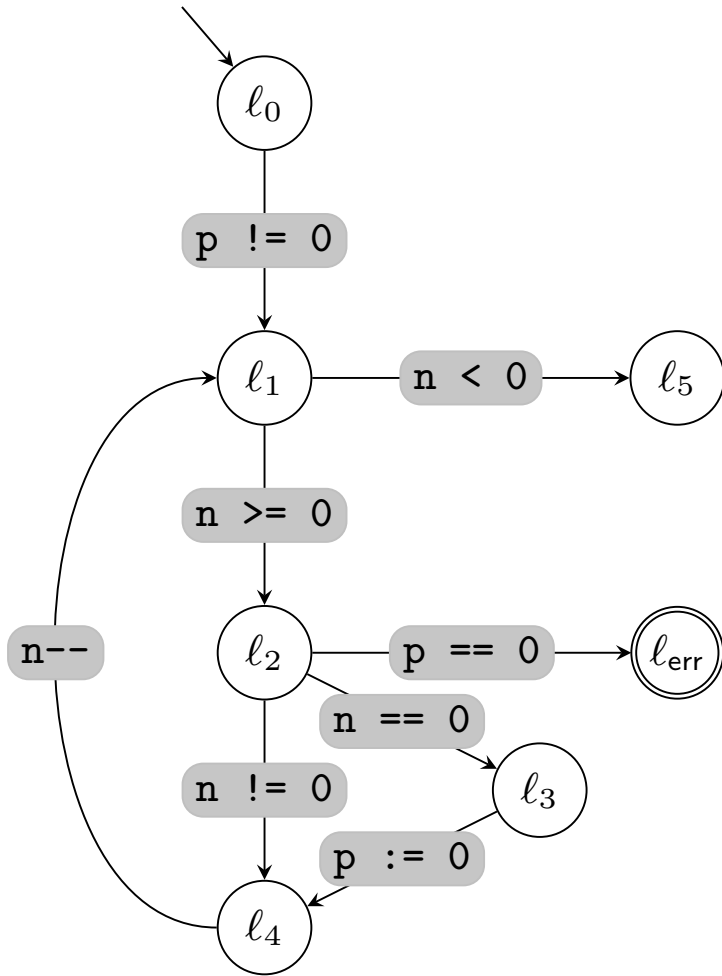
inclusion check fails and returns word in $P \setminus P_I$



new trace:

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- (n >= 0)
- (n == 0)
- (p := 0)
- (n--)
- (n >= 0)
- (p == 0)

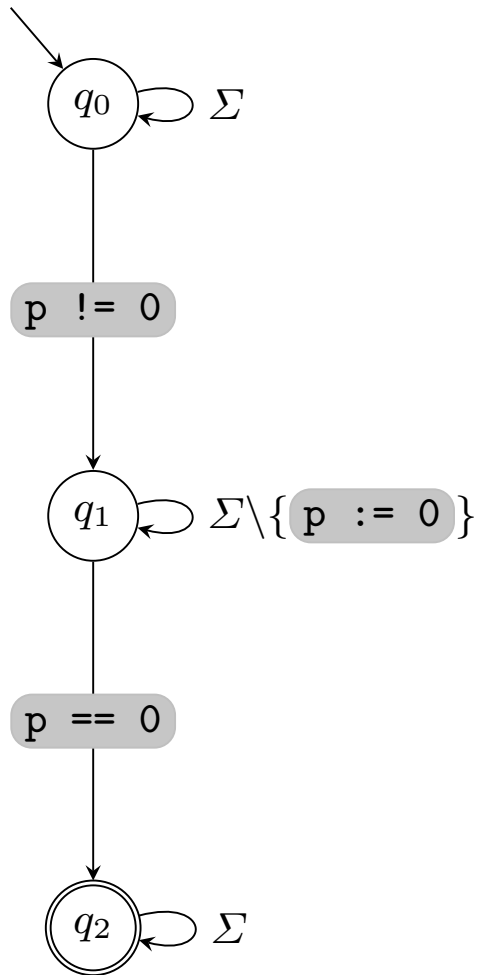
P



word in *P*

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P_1



word *not* in P_1

(p != 0)

(n >= 0)

(n == 0)

(p := 0)

(n--)

(n >= 0)

(p == 0)

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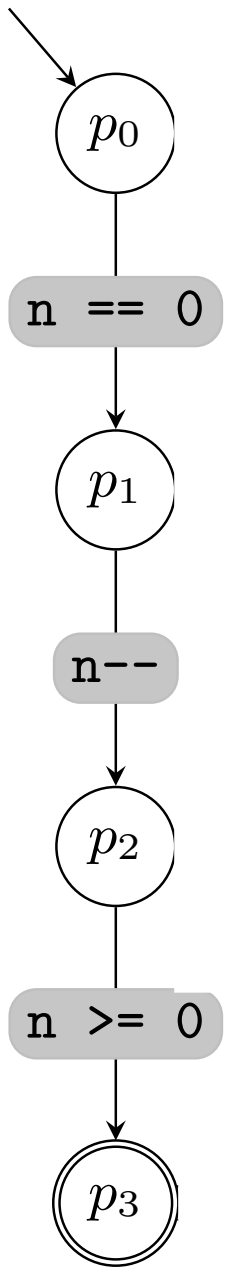
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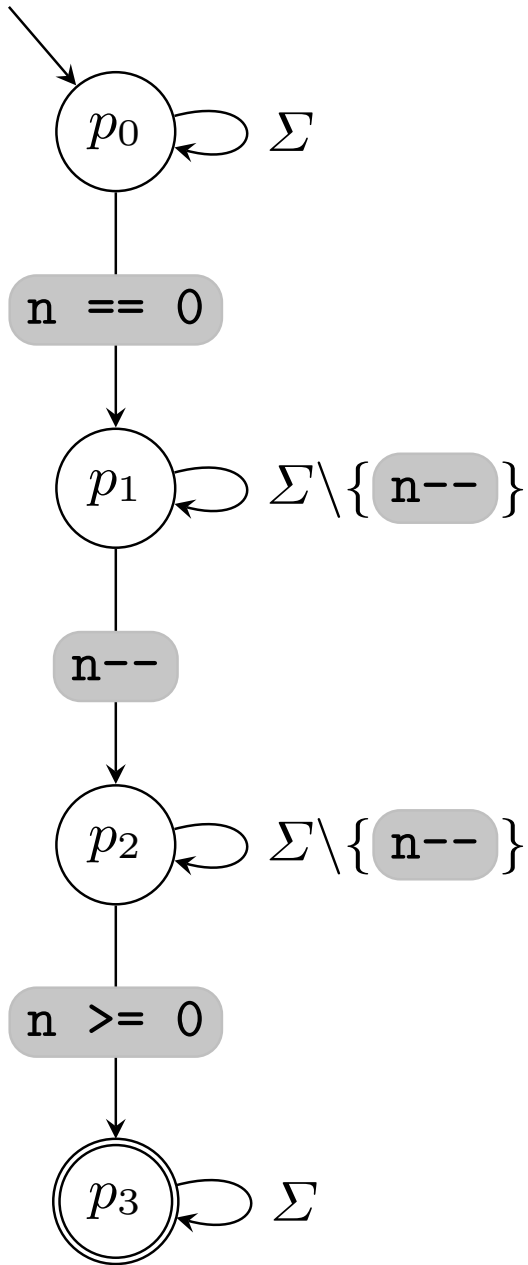
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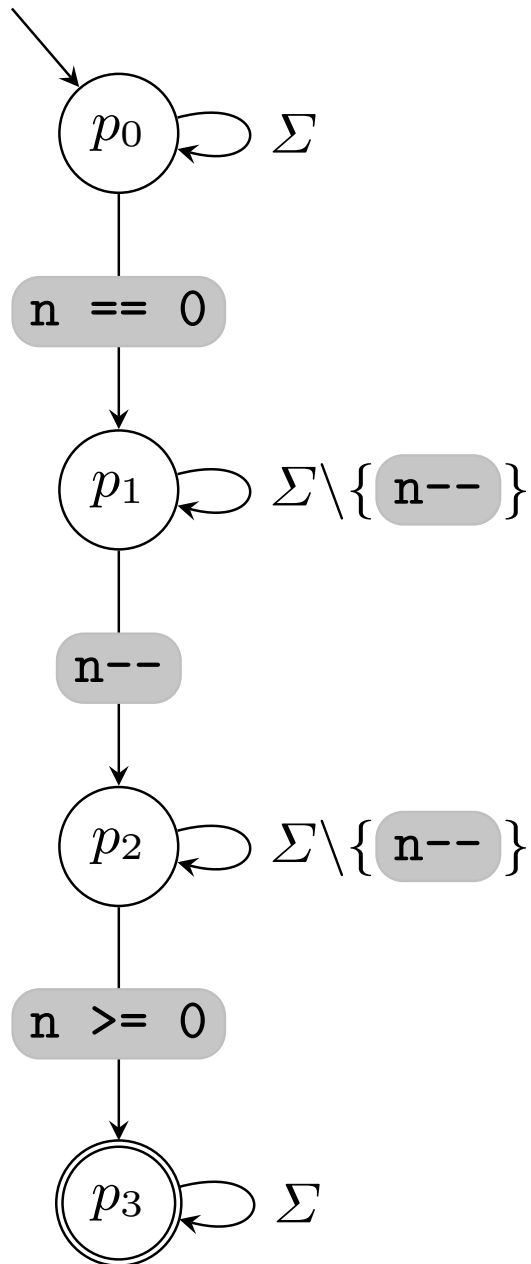


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$(n--)$

$(n \geq 0)$

correct program P_2 constructed from a proof



$(n == 0)$

$(n--)$

$(n \geq 0)$

$(p \neq 0)$

$(n \geq 0)$

$(n == 0)$

$(p := 0)$

$(n--)$

$(n \geq 0)$

$(p == 0)$

... from unsatisfiable core of unsatisfiability proof for sample trace

program \mathcal{P}

construct \mathcal{A}_{n+1} such that

1. $w \in \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$
2. $\mathcal{A}_{n+1} \subseteq \{ \text{infeasible traces} \}$

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n ?$

yes

w infeasible?

yes

no

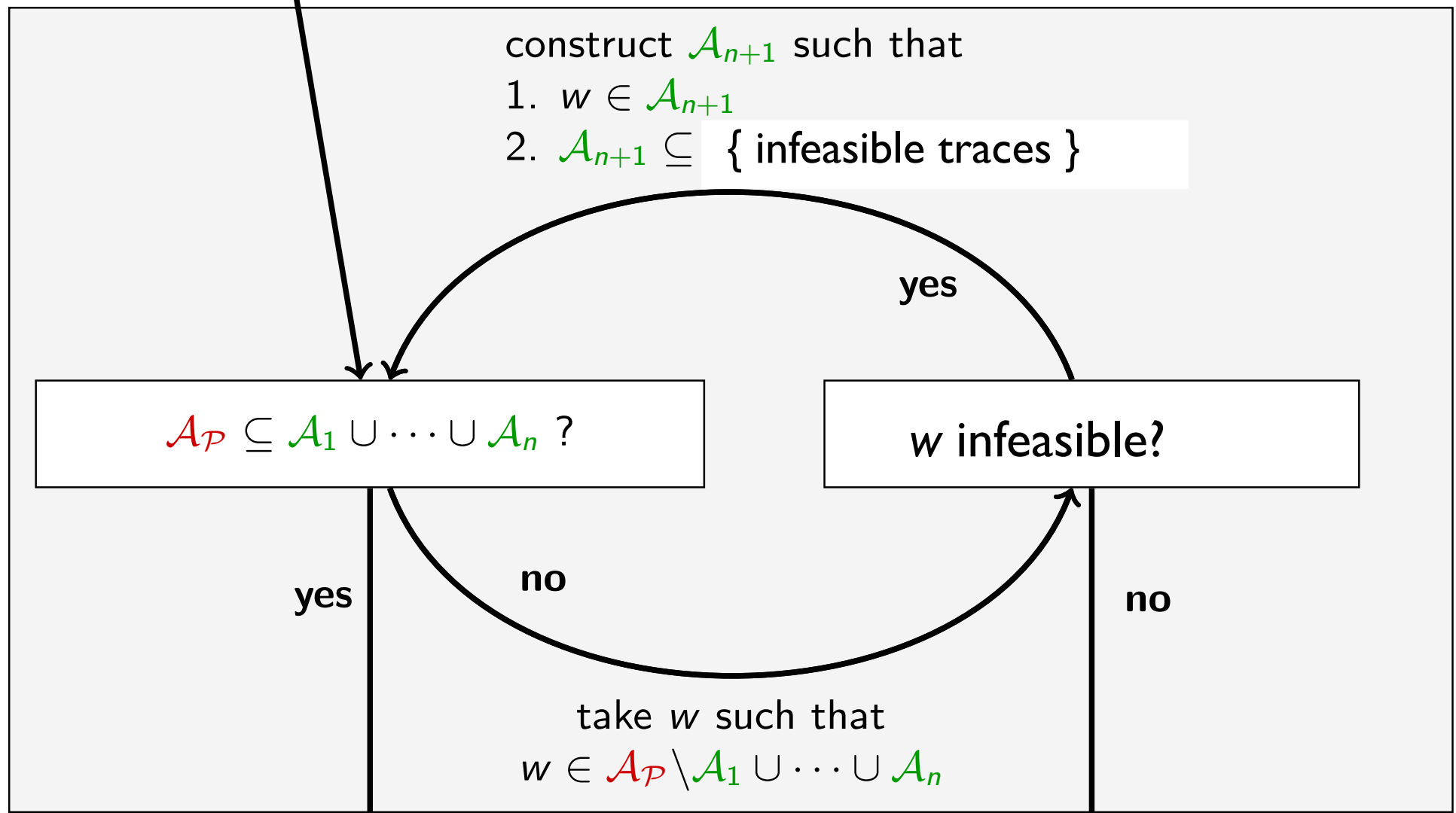
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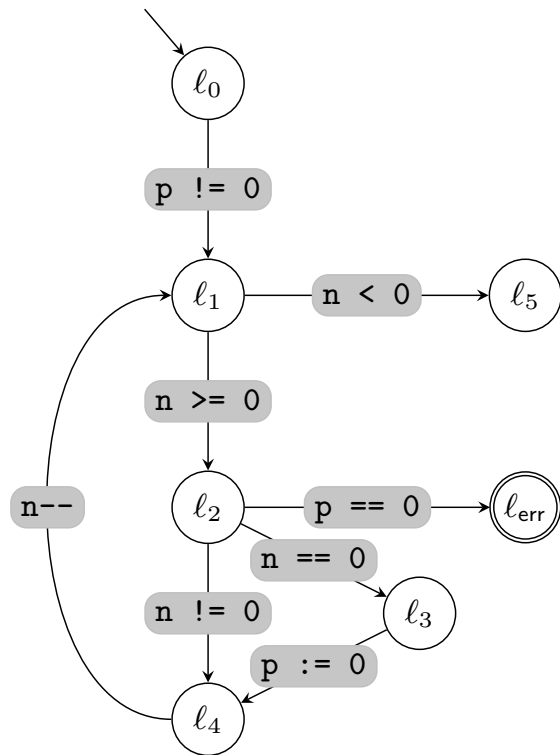
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$$w \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \setminus \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n$$

\mathcal{P} is correct

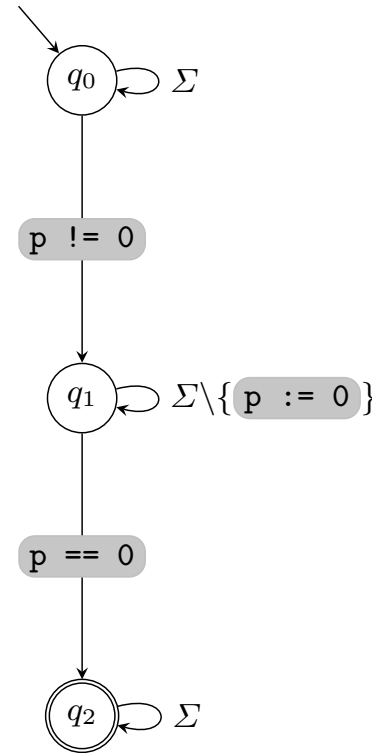
\mathcal{P} is incorrect



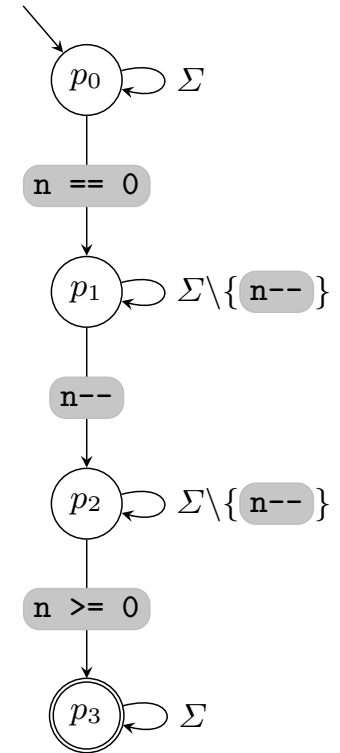


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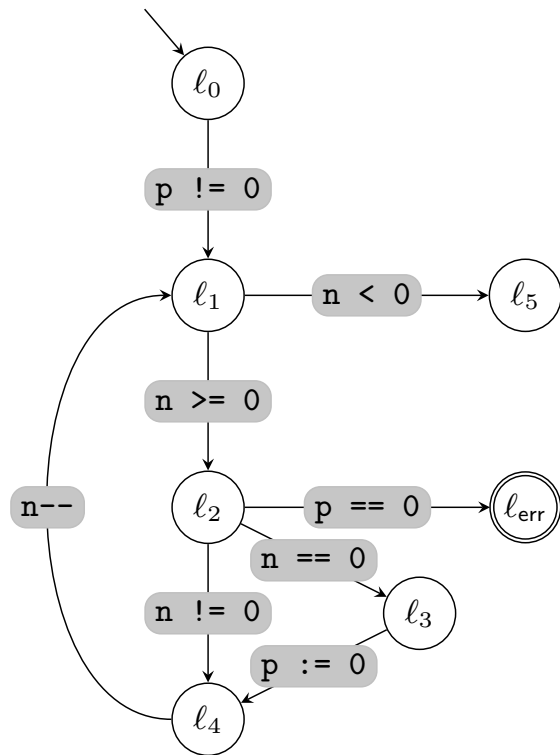
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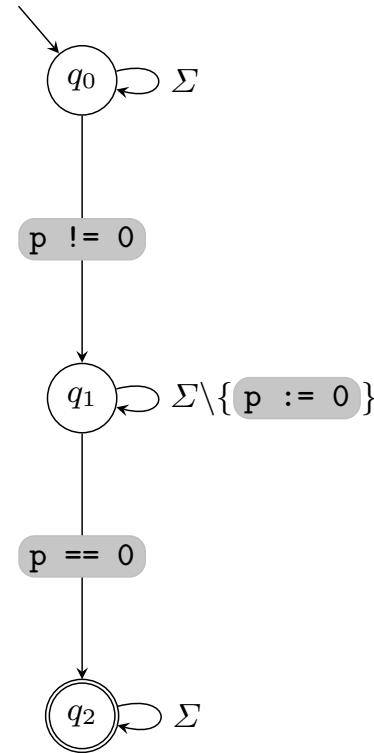
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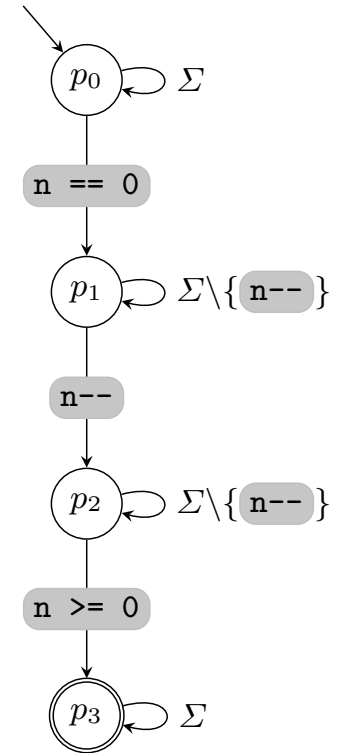
check inclusion between automata
does a proof exist for every trace ?



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**inclusion check succeeds:
a proof *does* exist for every trace!**

program \mathcal{P}

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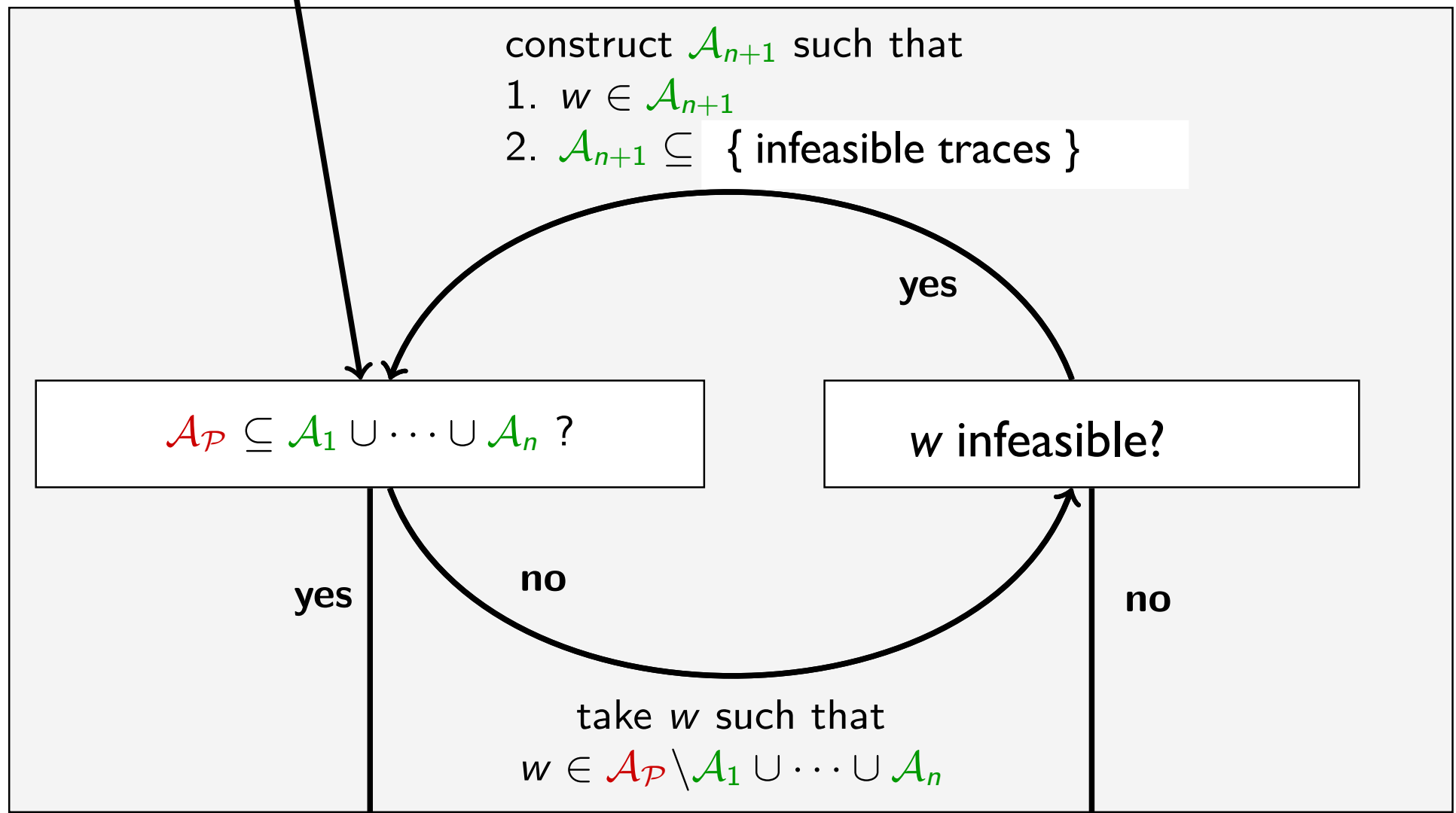
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\mathcal{P} is correct

\mathcal{P} is incorrect



Infeasible traces

No corresponding executions

Feasible traces

At least one corresponding execution

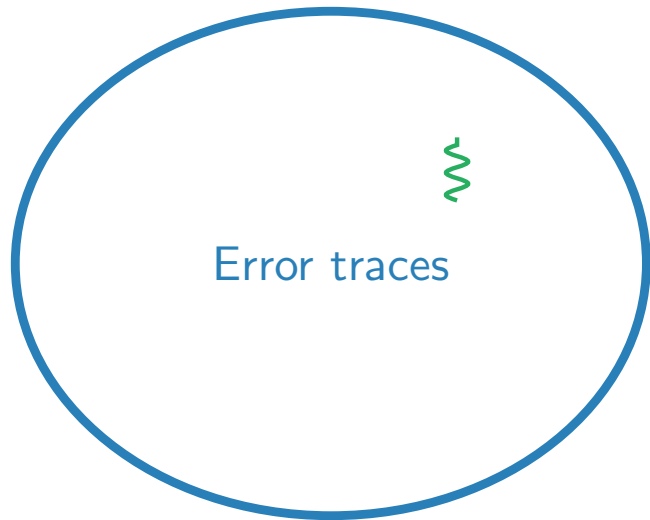
Infeasible traces

Feasible traces



Error traces

Infeasible traces



Feasible traces

Infeasible traces

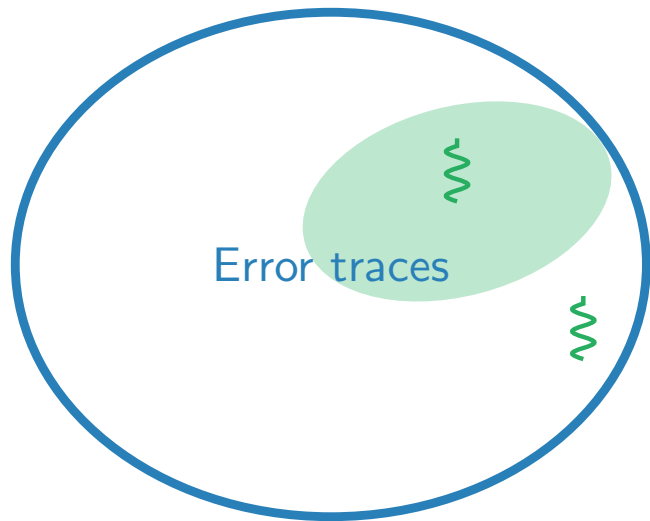
Feasible traces

Proof Generalization

Error traces



Infeasible traces

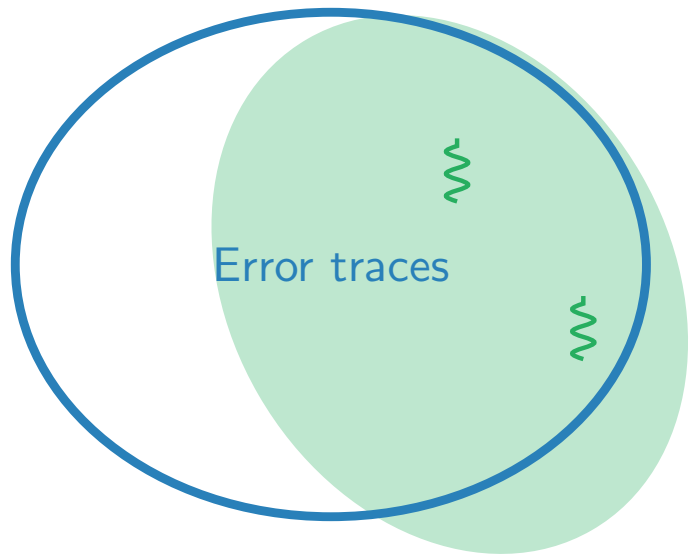


Feasible traces



Infeasible traces

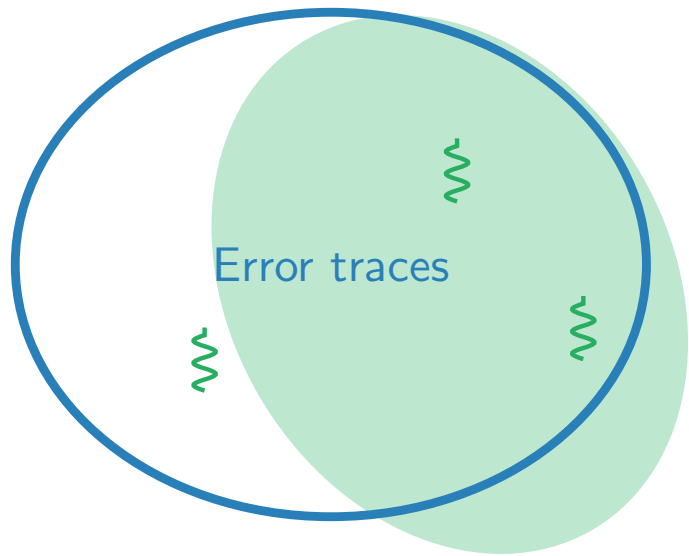
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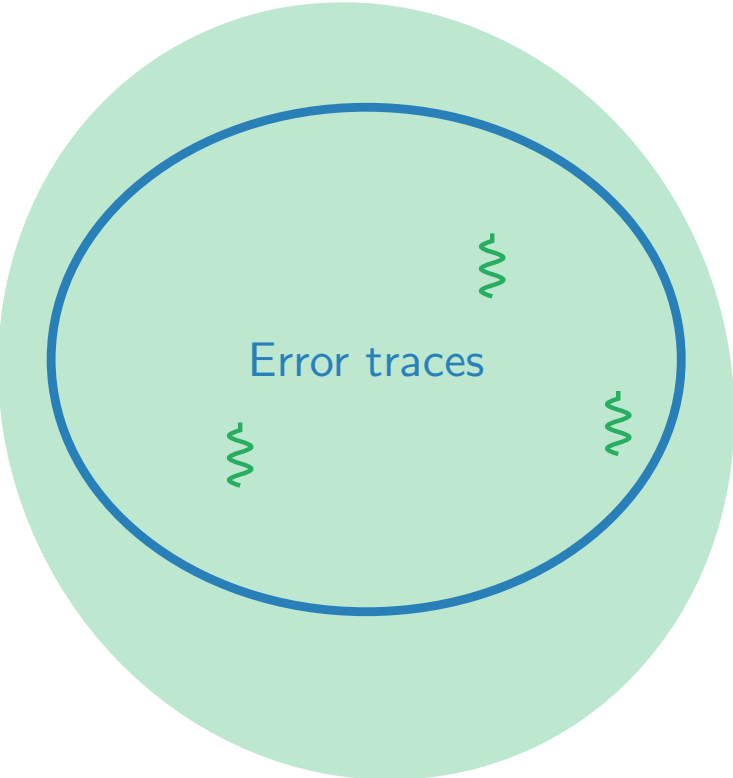
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Infeasible traces



Feasible traces



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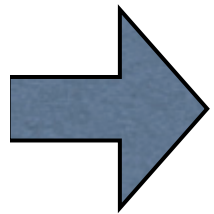
automata from **unsatisfiable core**
(for proof of infeasibility of error trace)

add self-loop for each **irrelevant** statement
(does not modify variables in unsatisfiable core)

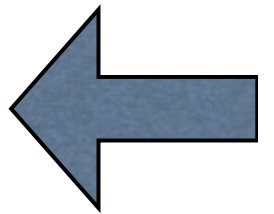
automata constructed from **unsatisfiable core**

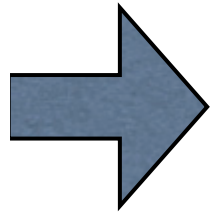
are **not sufficient** in general

(**verification algorithm not complete**)

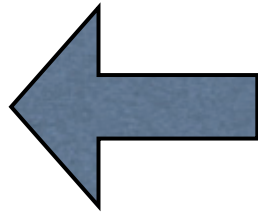


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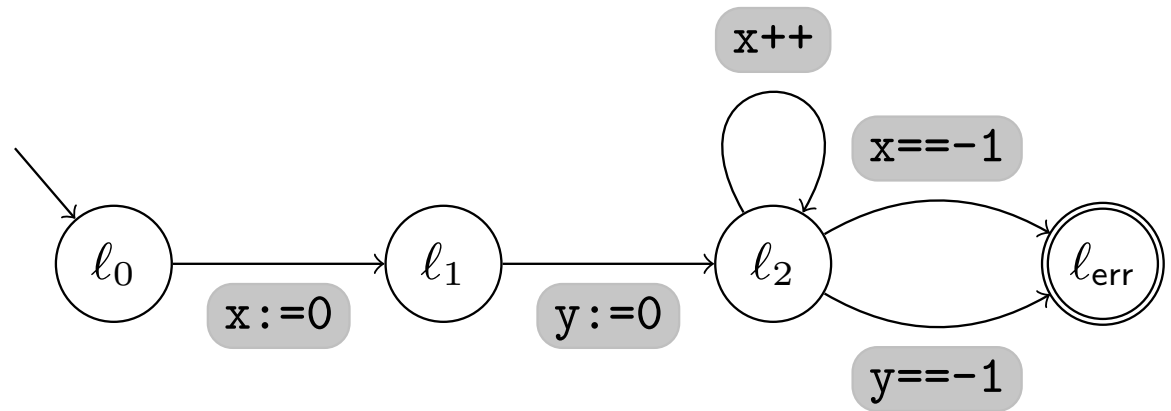




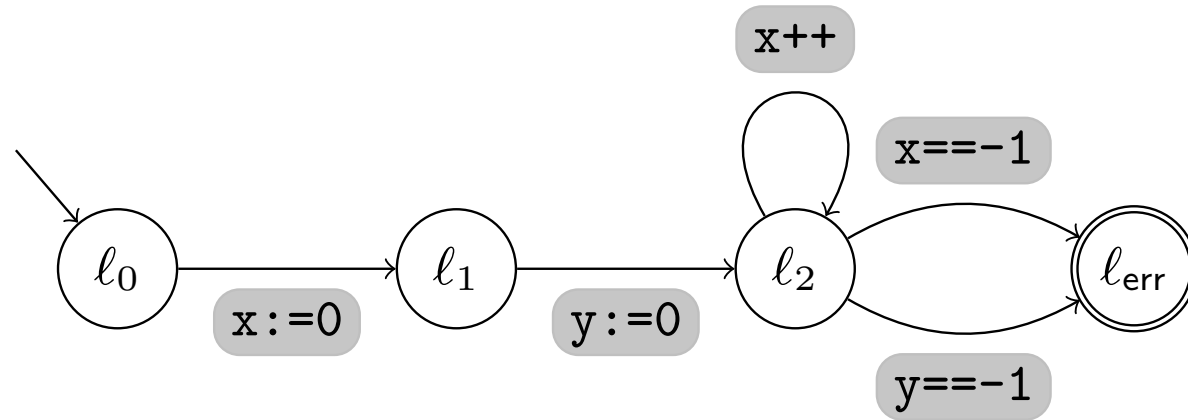
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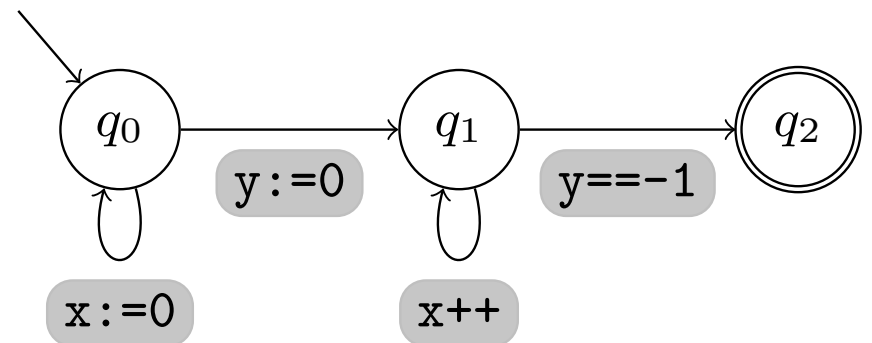
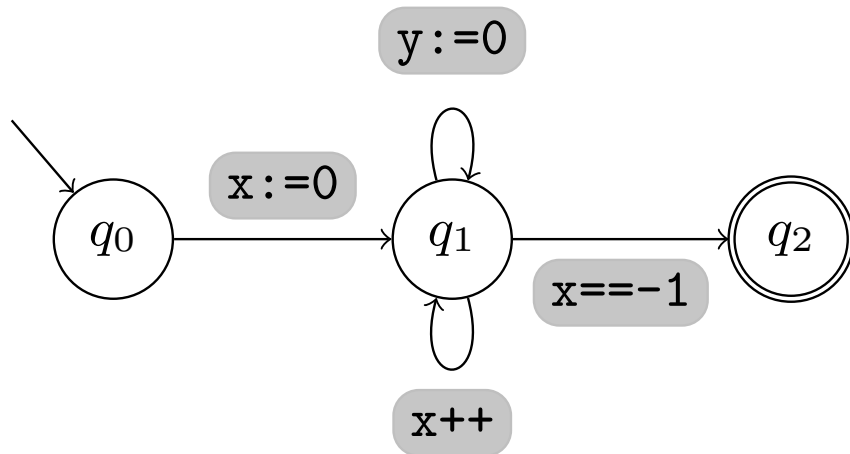
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l0: x := 0;  
l1: y := 0;  
l2: while(nondet) {x++;}  
      assert(x != -1);  
      assert(y != -1);
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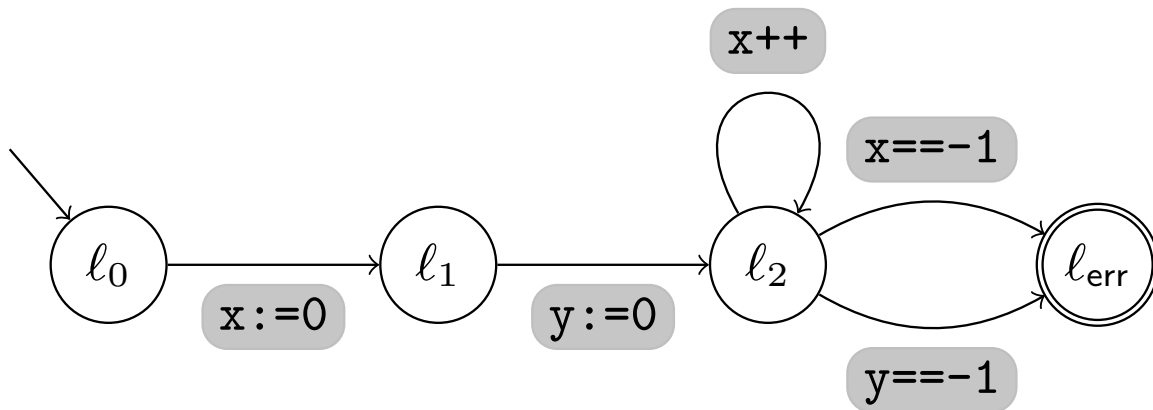


program P :



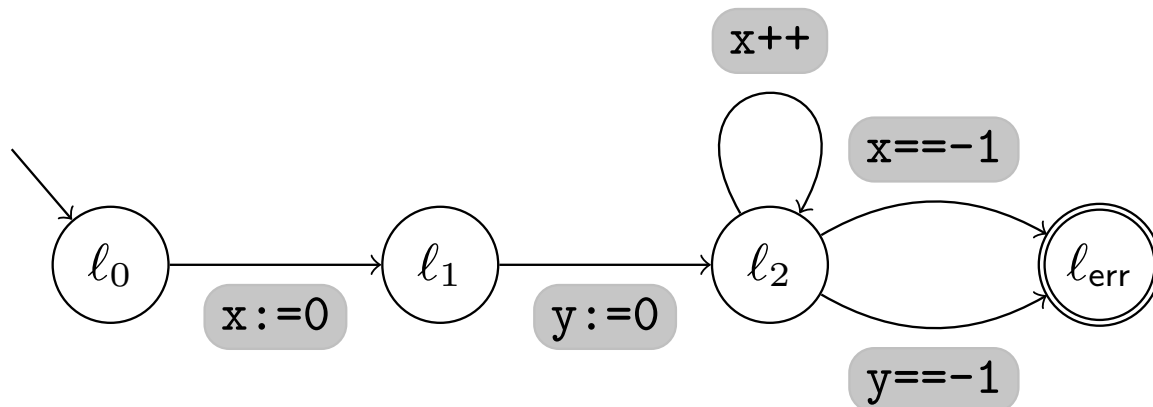
all behaviors of program P covered by two programs below:





`x:=0`
`y:=0`
`x++`
`x== -1`

unsatisfiable core of unsatisfiability proof uses variable x
 \Rightarrow program constructed from unsatisfiability proof has
no self-loop with statement $x++$ in



$x := 0$
 $y := 0$
 $x++$
 $x == -1$

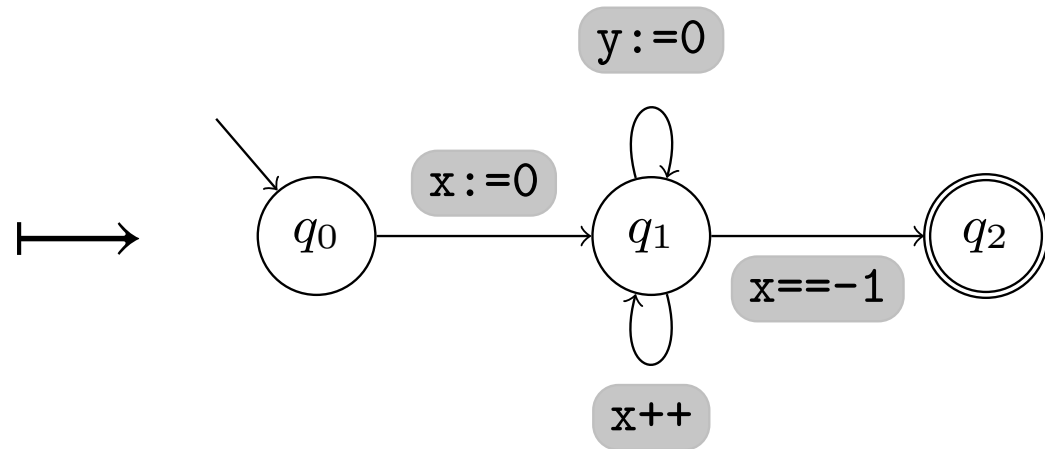
Hoare triples proving **infeasibility** :

$\{ true \} \quad x := 0 \quad \{ x \geq 0 \}$
 $\{ x \geq 0 \} \quad y := 0 \quad \{ x \geq 0 \}$
 $\{ x \geq 0 \} \quad x++ \quad \{ x \geq 0 \}$
 $\{ x \geq 0 \} \quad x == -1 \quad \{ false \}$

infeasibility \Leftrightarrow pre/postcondition pair $(true, false)$

Hoare triples \vdash correct program

$\{ true \} \quad x:=0 \quad \{ x \geq 0 \}$
 $\{ x \geq 0 \} \quad y:=0 \quad \{ x \geq 0 \}$
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correct program

construction of correct program from Floyd-Hoare proof
of infeasibility of trace

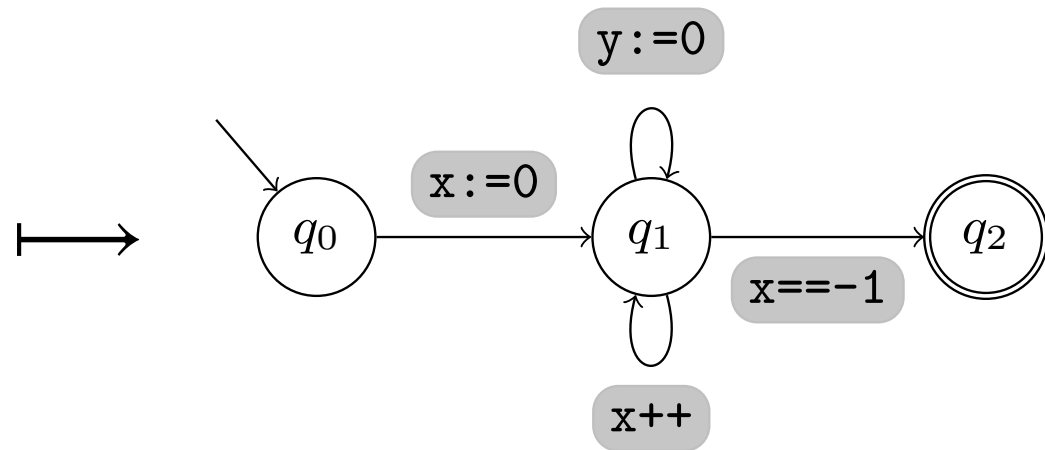
(remember: infeasibility \Leftrightarrow postcondition *false*)

control flow graph has one node for each assertion,
one edge for each Hoare triple

(“transition back” = loop, in general not self-loop)

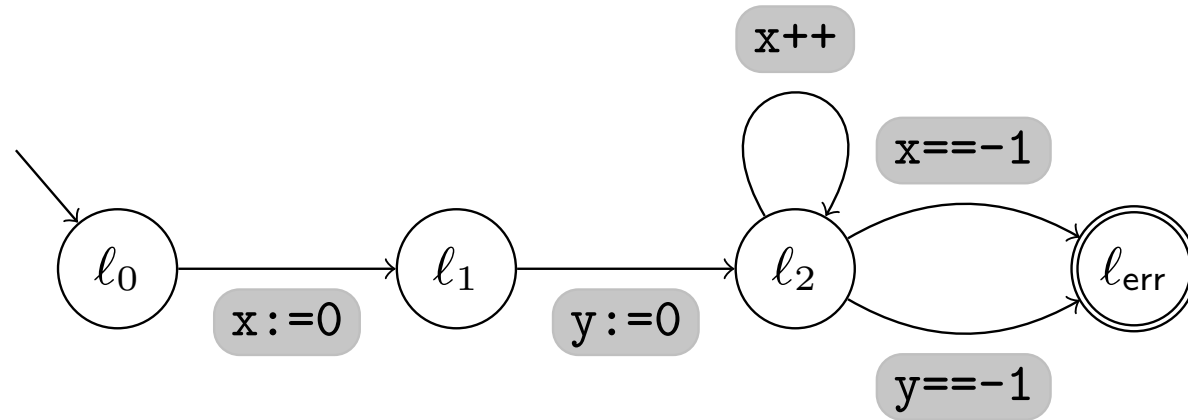
Hoare triples \mapsto automaton

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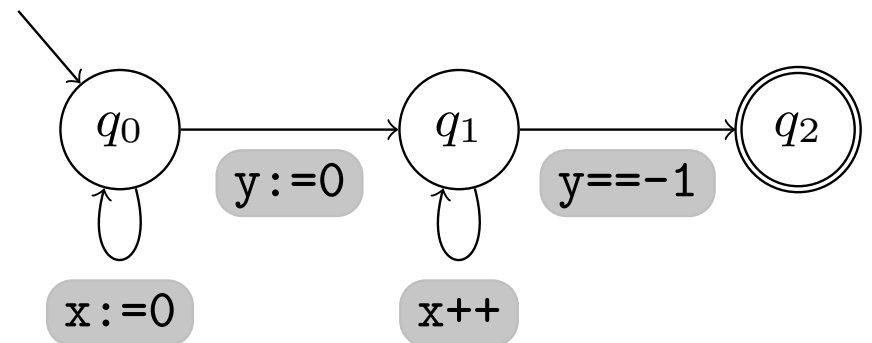
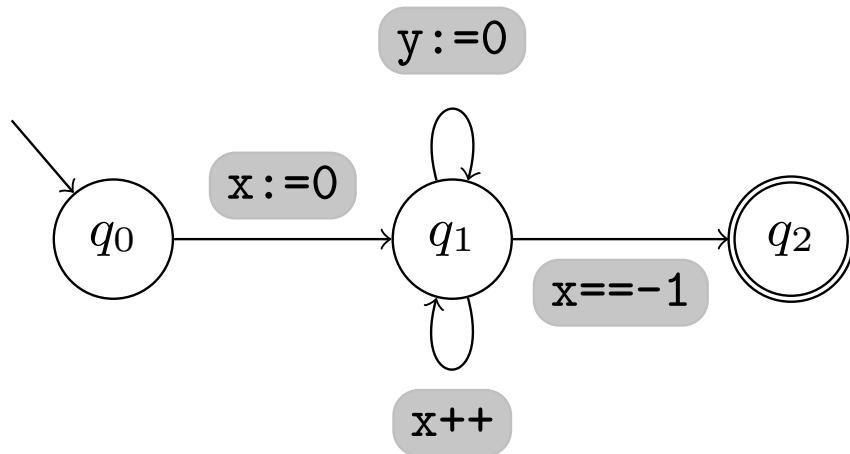


sequencing of Hoare triples \mapsto run of automaton

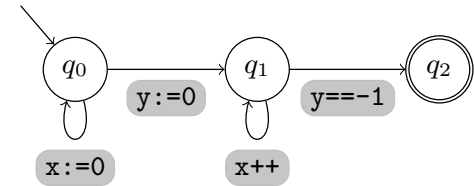
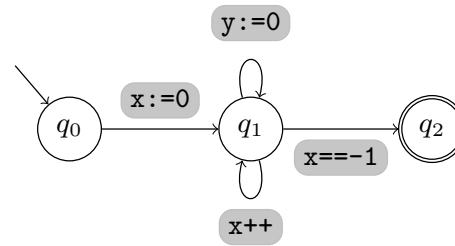
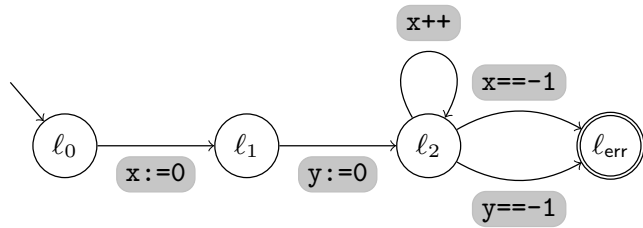
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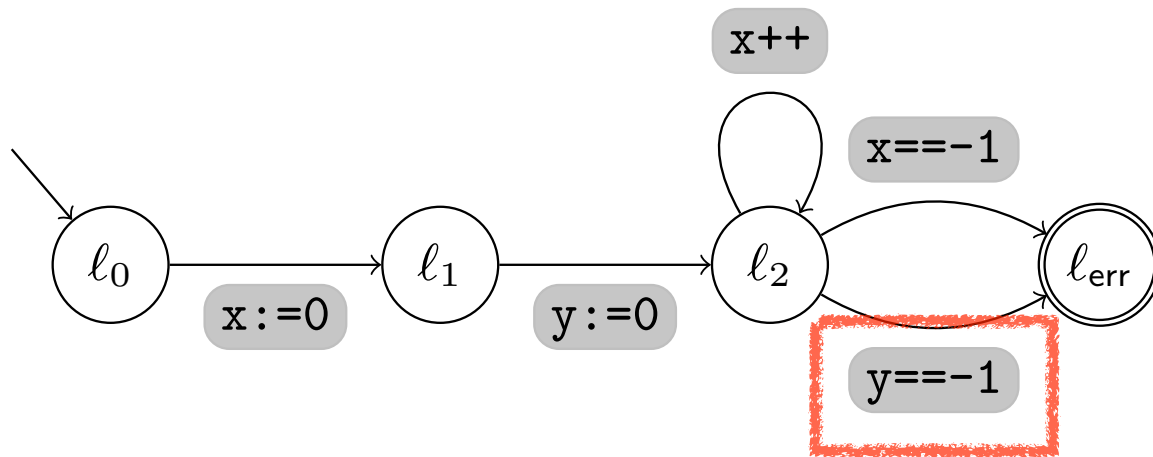


covering check = automata inclusion check



$$\mathcal{P}_{ex2} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \mathcal{A}_2$$

second trace



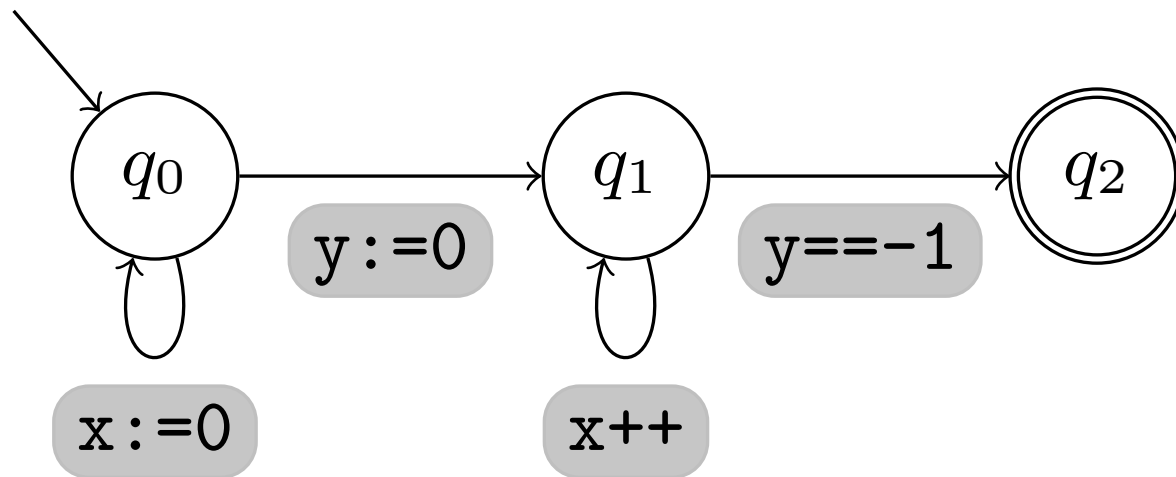
$x:=0$

$y:=0$

$x++$

$y== -1$

automaton from **unsatisfiability core**
of infeasibility proof for second trace

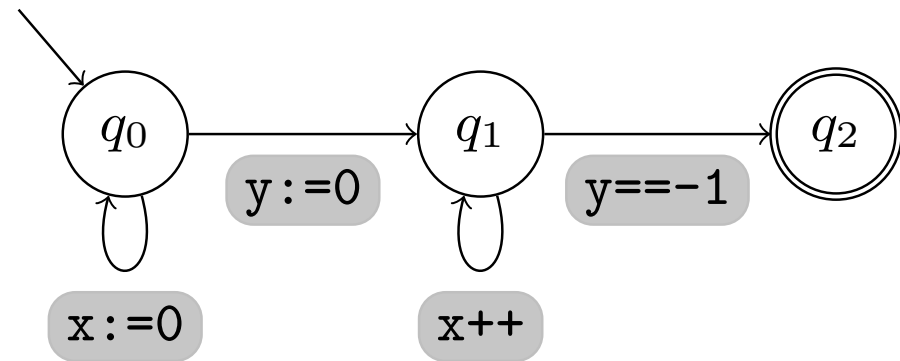


Hoare proof
for infeasibility of second trace

$$\begin{array}{l} \{ true \} \quad x := 0 \quad \{ true \} \\ \{ true \} \quad y := 0 \quad \{ y = 0 \} \\ \{ y = 0 \} \quad x++ \quad \{ y = 0 \} \\ \{ y = 0 \} \quad y == -1 \quad \{ false \} \end{array}$$

automaton from **Hoare proof** for infeasibility of second trace

$\{ true \} \quad x:=0 \quad \{ true \}$
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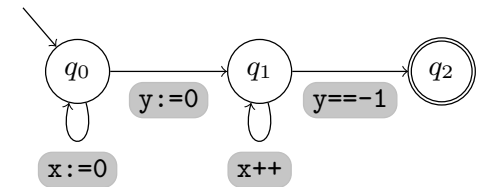
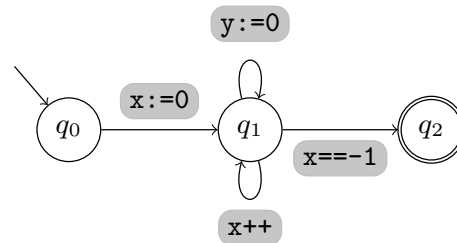
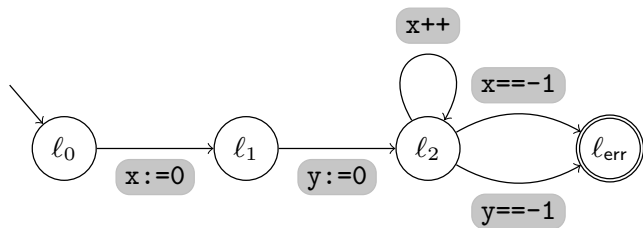


automaton from **unsatisfiable core**
is a special case of
automaton from **Hoare triples**
of proof for infeasibility of trace

proof for infeasibility of trace
 \Rightarrow Hoare triples/assertions exist

“loop invariant: any assertion will do”

correct programs,
 constructed by Hoare proof or by unsatisfiability proof,
 sufficient if inclusion check succeeds



$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{ex2}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \mathcal{A}_2$$

program \mathcal{P}

- construct \mathcal{A}_{n+1} such that
1. $w \in \mathcal{A}_{n+1}$
 2. $\mathcal{A}_{n+1} \subseteq \Sigma^* \setminus \text{CORRECT}$

$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n ?$

$w \in \Sigma^* \setminus \text{CORRECT} ?$

yes

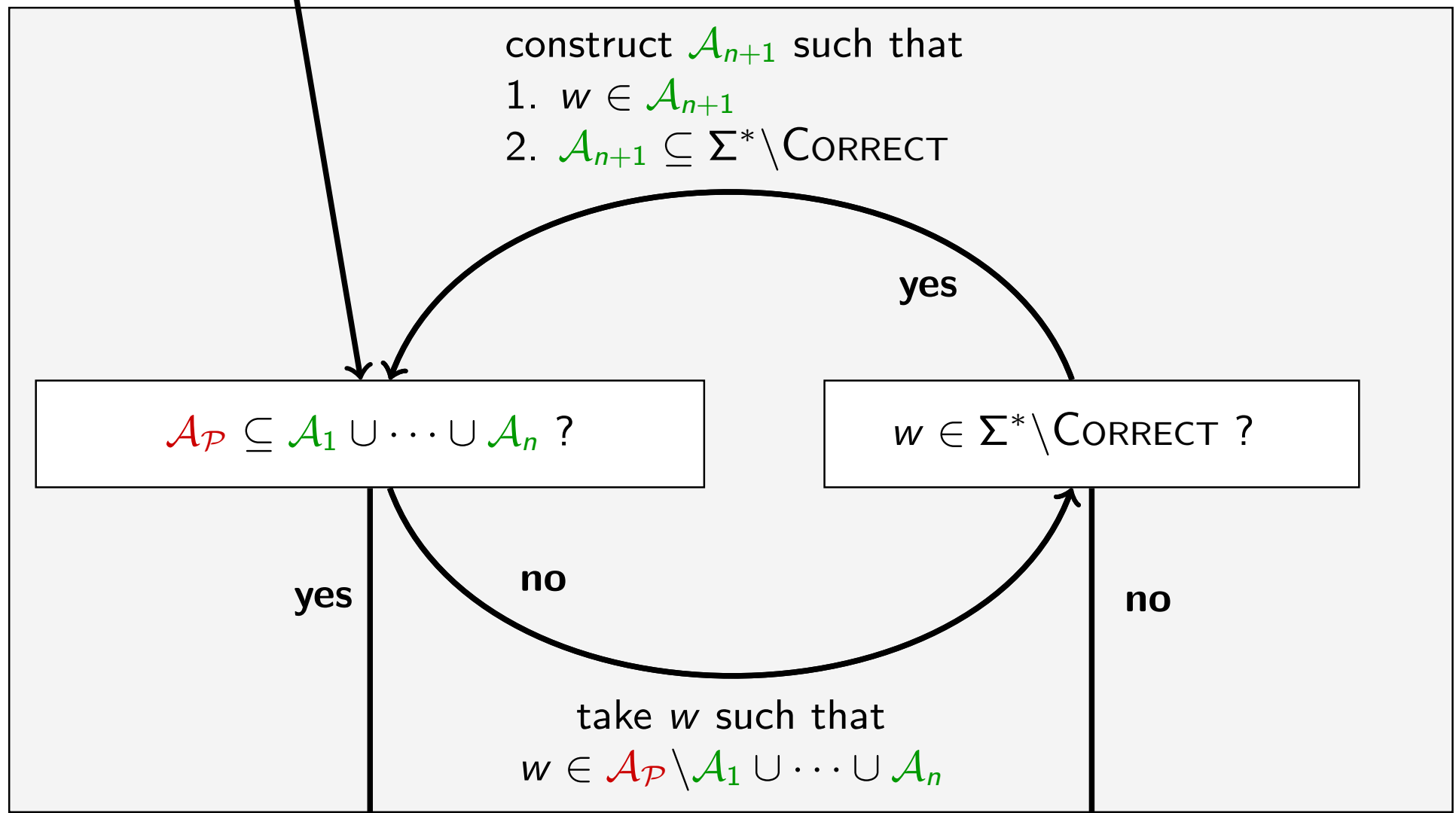
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no

take w such that
 $w \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}} \setminus \mathcal{A}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{A}_n$

\mathcal{P} is correct

\mathcal{P} is incorrect



automated verification

termination	Buchi automata
recursion	nested word automata
concurrency	alternating finite automata
parametrized	predicate automata
proofs that count	Petri net \subseteq counting automaton

- Refinement of Trace Abstraction.
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- Nested interpolants.
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