

# Real-Time Systems

## Lecture 10: PLC Automata

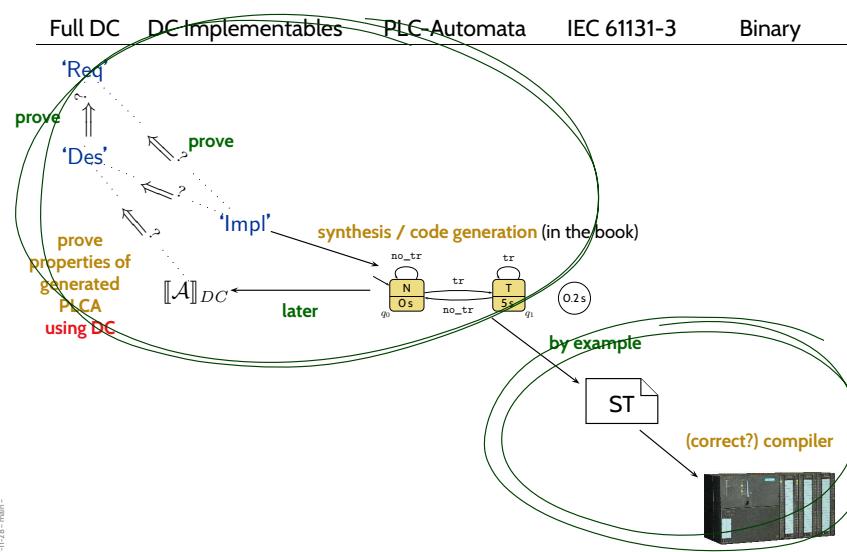
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### The Plan



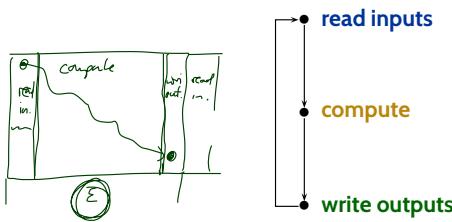
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## How are PLC programmed?

- PLC have in common that they operate in a cyclic manner:



- Cyclic operation is repeated until external interruption (such as shutdown or reset).
- Cycle time: typically a few milliseconds (Lukoschus, 2004).
- Programming for PLC means providing the “compute” part.
- Input/output values are available via designated local variables.

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- PLC are just **a formalisation** on a **good level of abstraction**:

- inputs are **somewhat** available as local variables,
- outputs are **somewhat** available as local variables,
- **somewhat**, inputs are polled and outputs are updated,
- there is **some** interface to a real-time clock.

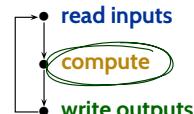
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intuitive semantics:

- do the assignment
- if assignment changed  $IN$  from FALSE to TRUE ('rising edge on  $IN$ ') then set  $tmr$  to given duration (initially,  $IN$  is FALSE)

TRUE: iff  $tmr$  is still running (here: if 5s not yet elapsed)

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## Alternative Programming Languages by IEC 61131-3

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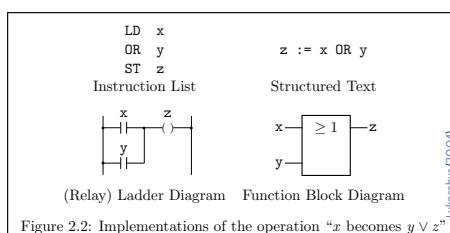


Figure 2.2: Implementations of the operation “ $x$  becomes  $y \vee z$ ”

Tied together by

- Sequential Function Charts (SFC)

Unfortunate: deviations  
in semantics... Bauer (2003)

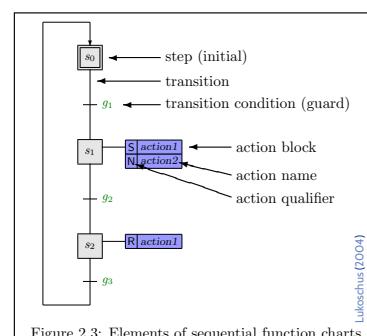


Figure 2.3: Elements of sequential function charts

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**Definition 5.2.** A **PLC-Automaton** is a structure

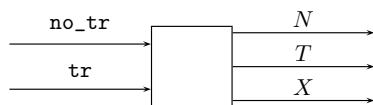
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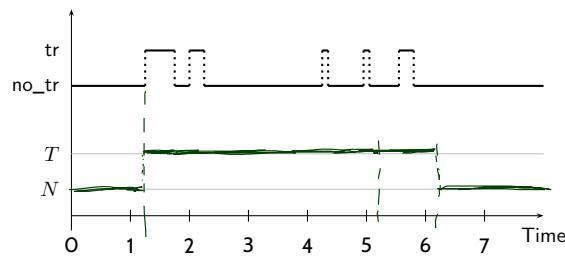
- $(q \in) Q$  is a finite set of **states**,  $q_0 \in Q$  is the **initial state**,
- $(\sigma \in) \Sigma$  is a finite set of **inputs**,
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is the **transition function** (!),
- $S_t : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  assigns a **delay time** to each state,
- $S_e : Q \rightarrow 2^\Sigma$  assigns a set of **delayed inputs** to each state,
- $\Omega$  is a finite, non-empty set of **outputs**,
- $\omega : Q \rightarrow \Omega$  assigns an **output** to each state,
- $\varepsilon$  is an **upper time bound** for the execution cycle.

### Example: Stutter Filter

- **Idea:** a stutter **filter** with outputs  $N$  and  $T$ , for “no train” and “train passing” (and possibly  $X$ , for error).



After arrival of a train, it should ignore “no\_tr” for 5 seconds.

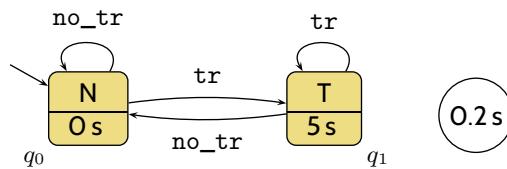


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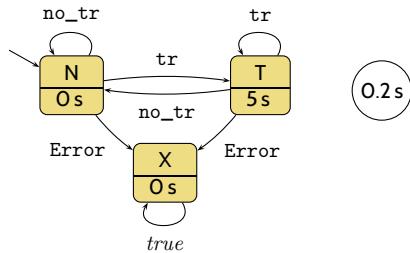
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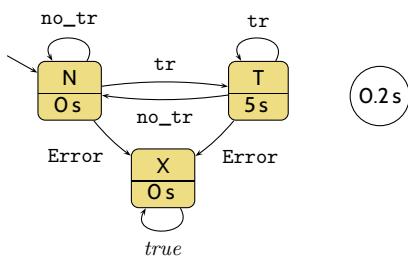
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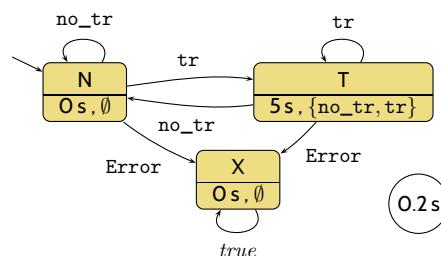
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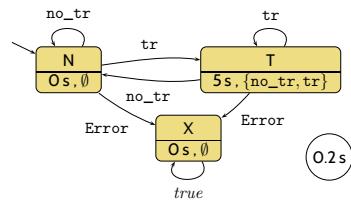
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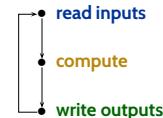
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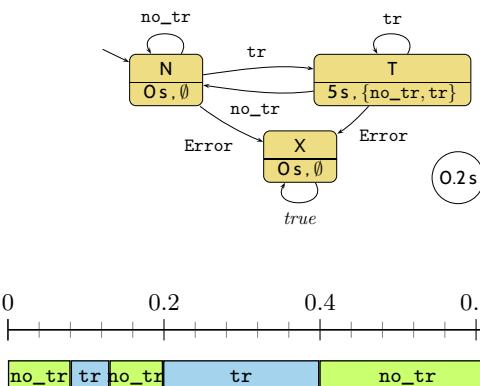


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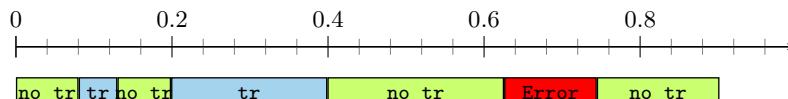


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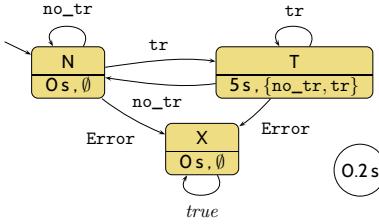
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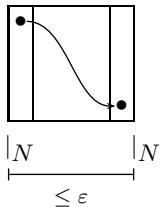
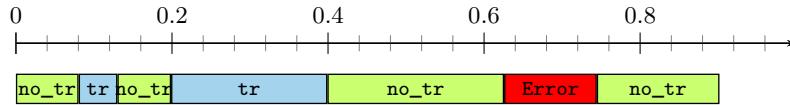
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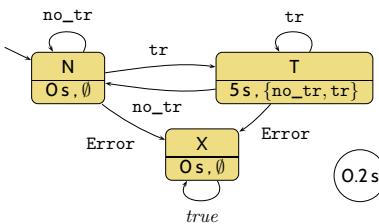
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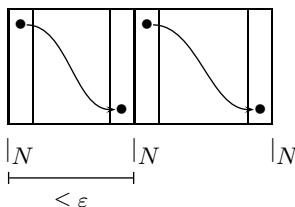
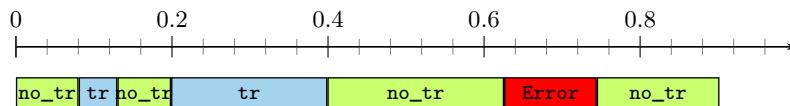
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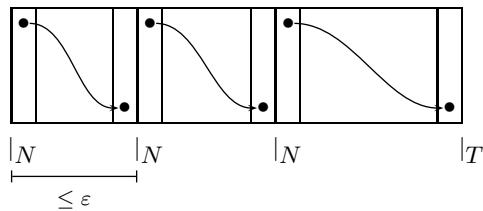
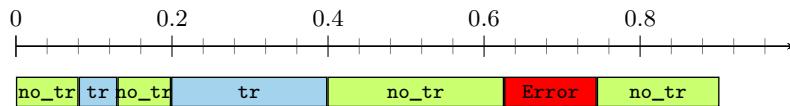
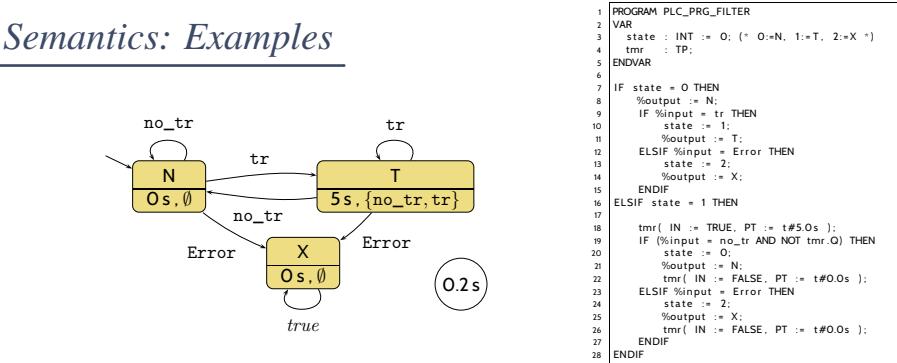


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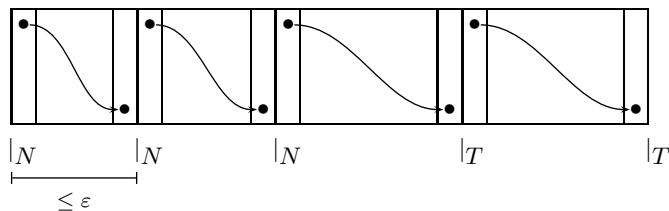
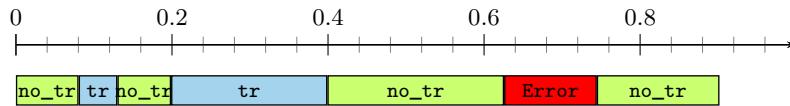
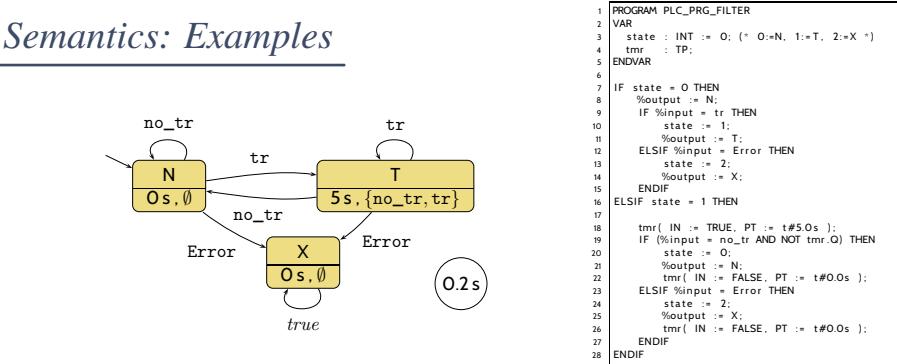
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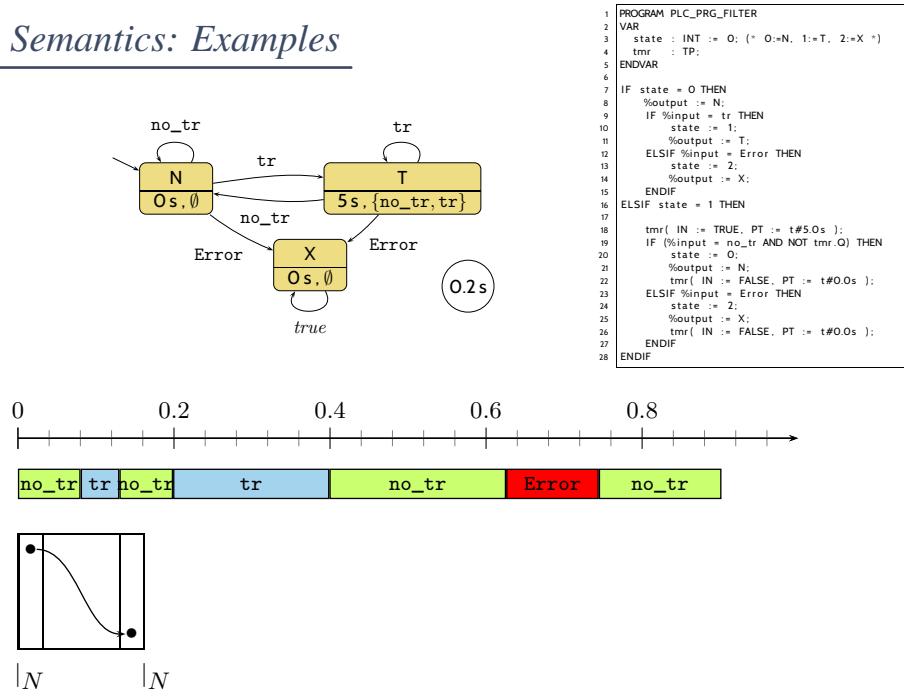
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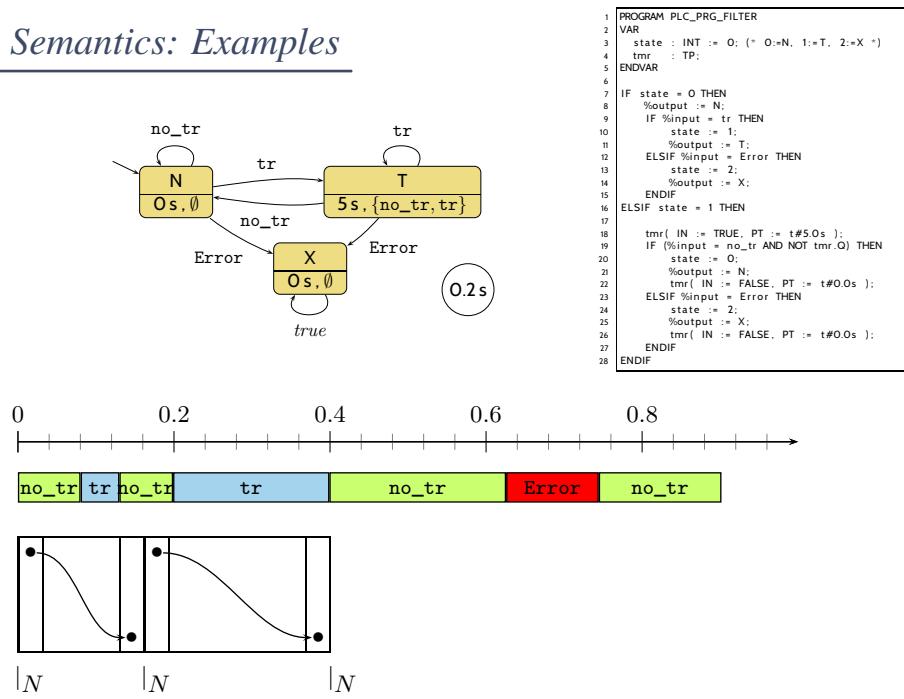
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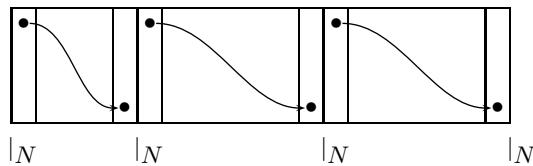
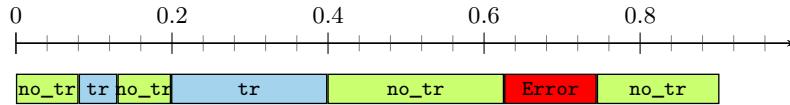
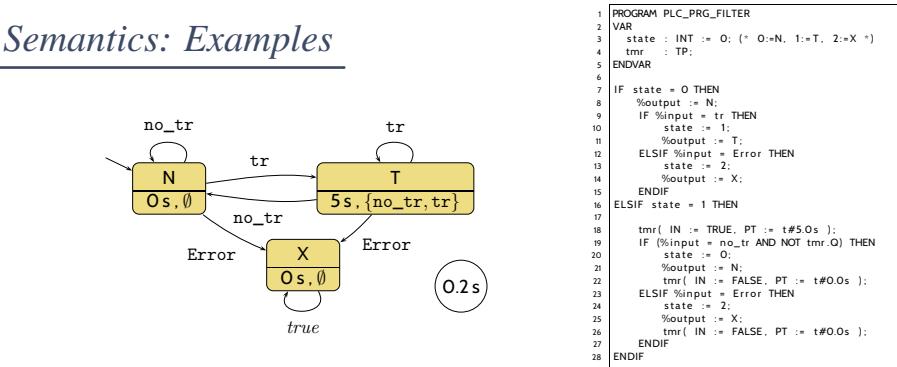
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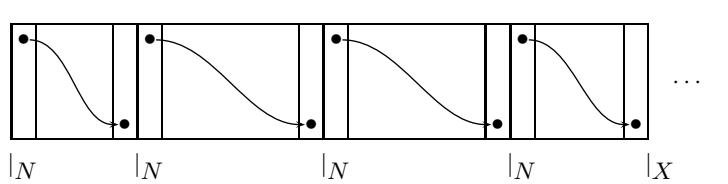
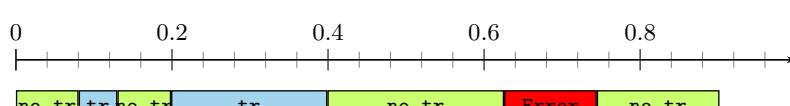
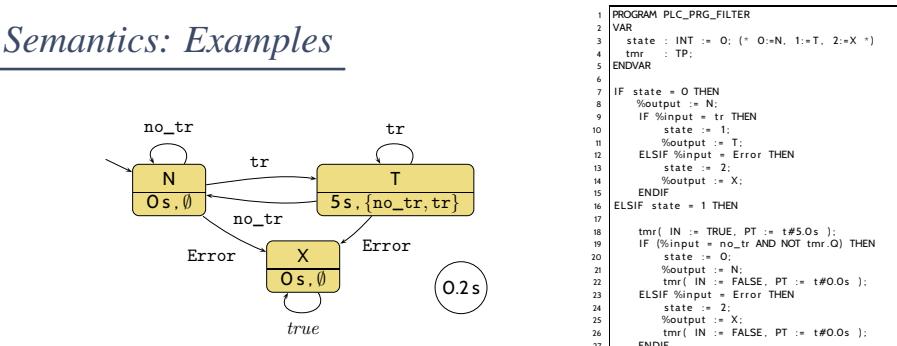
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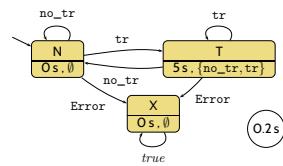


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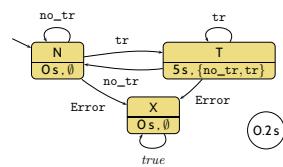


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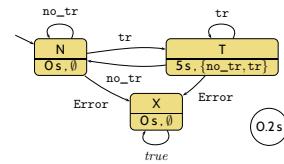
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- Some PLC have a **watchdog**:
  - set it to  $\varepsilon$ ,
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## Observables

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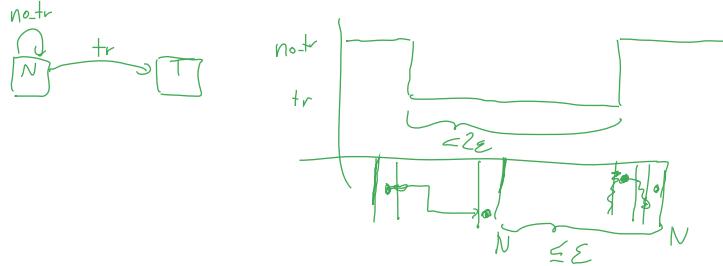
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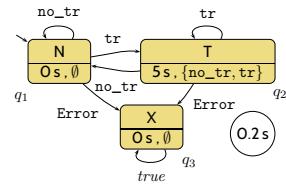
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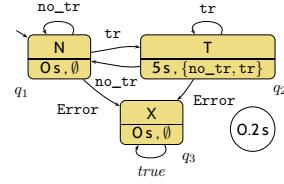
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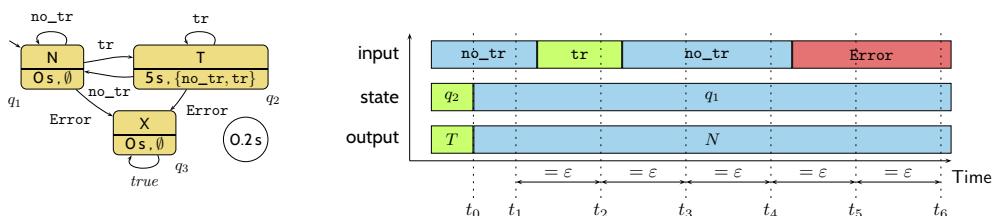
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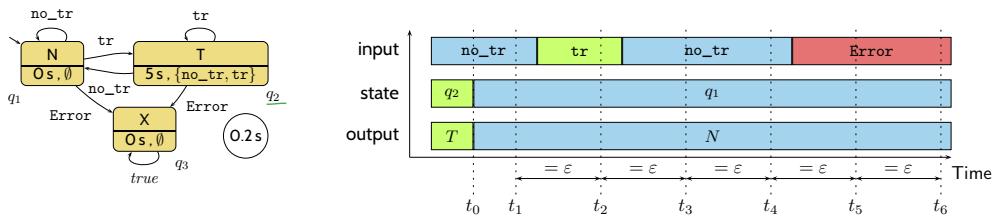


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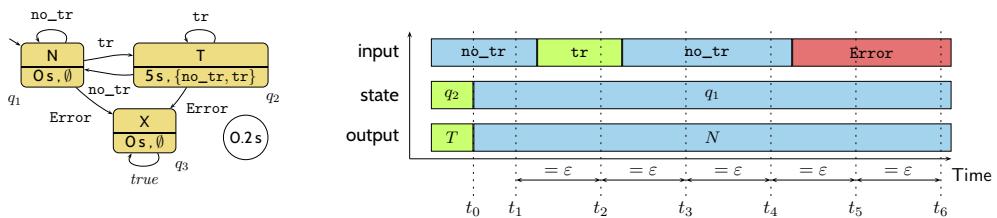
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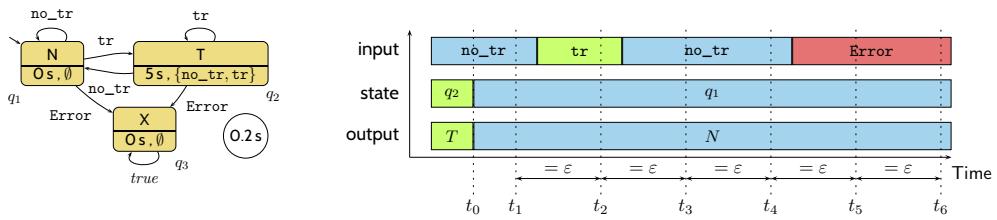
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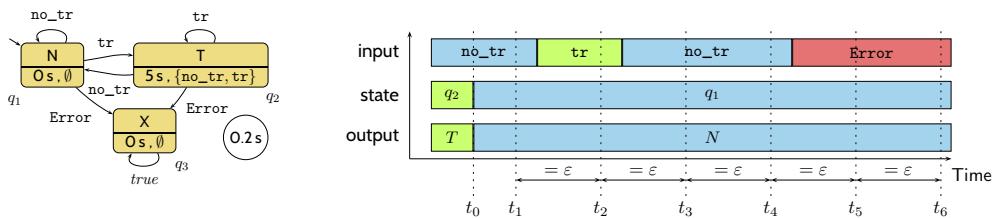
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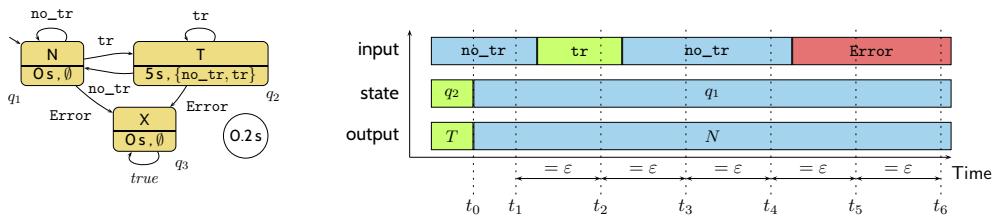
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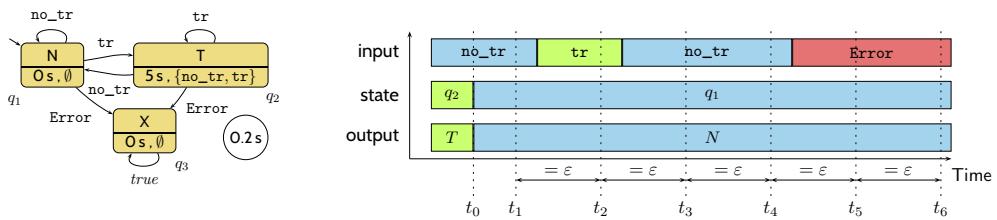
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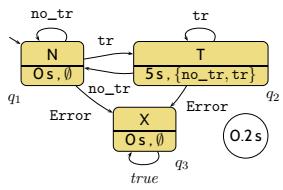
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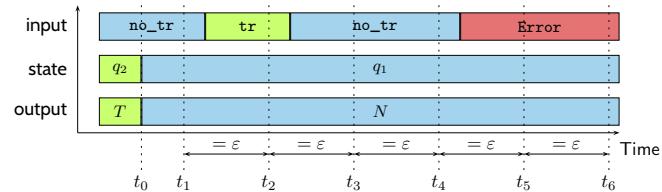
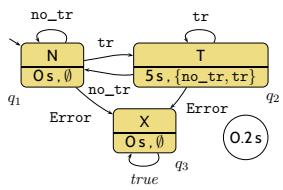
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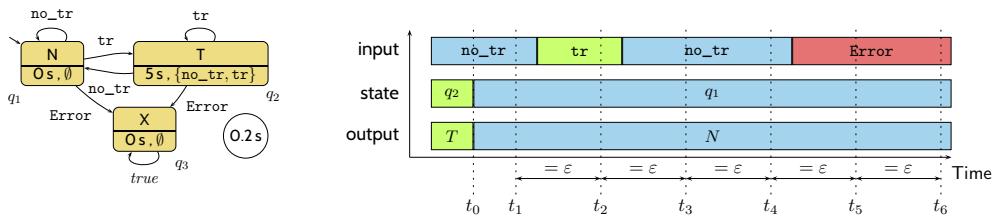
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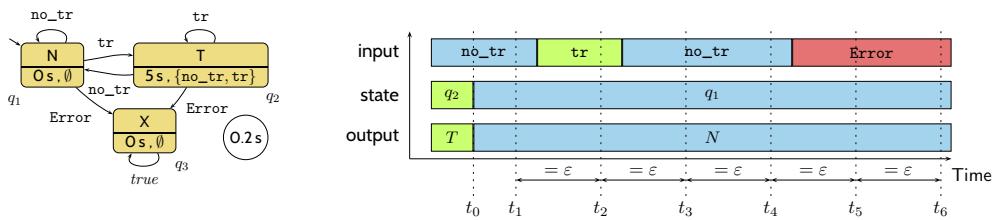
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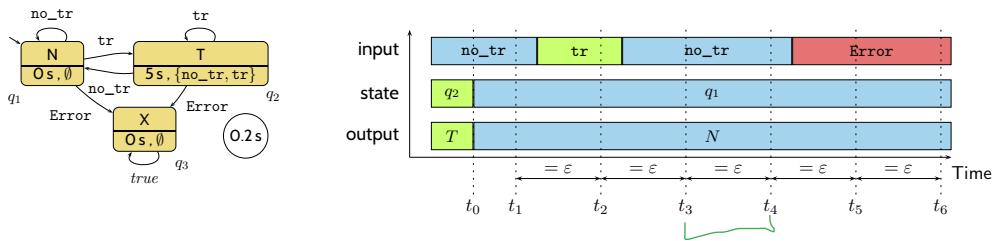
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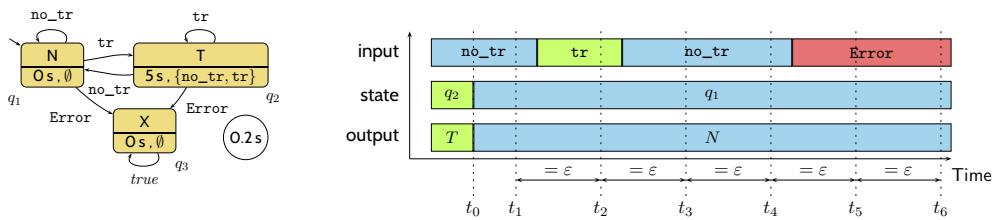
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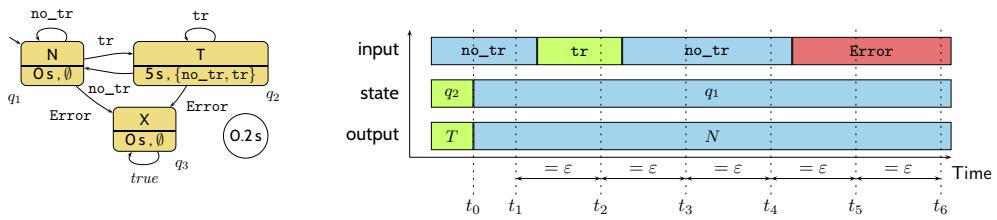
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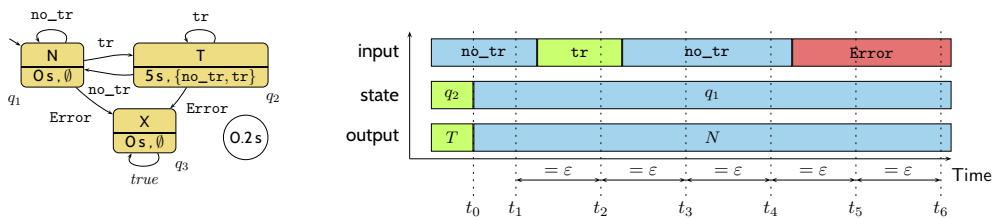
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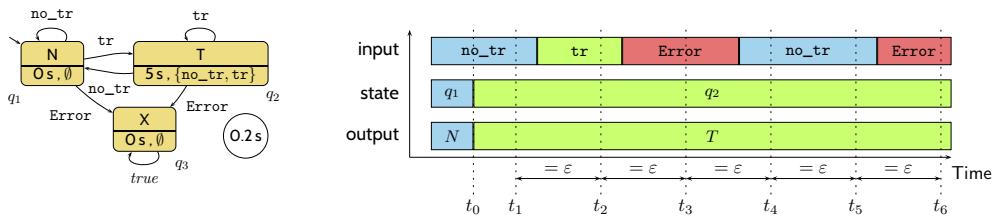
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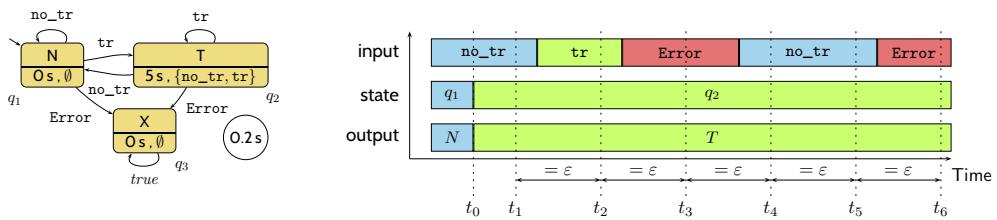
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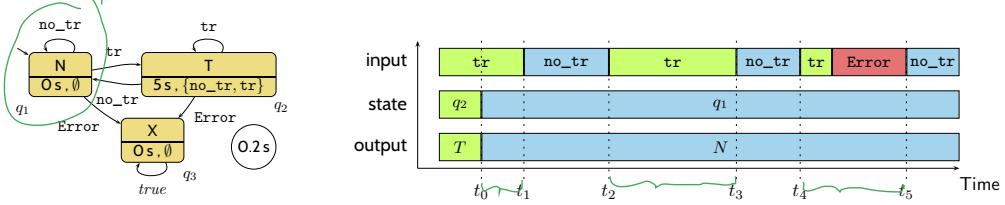
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## (DC-6)/(DC-7): Progress from non-delayed inputs



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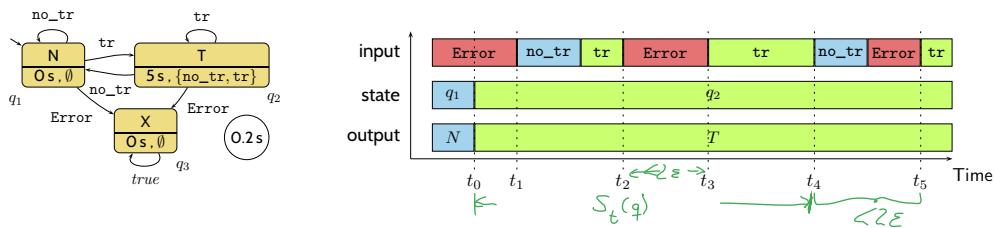
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## (DC-8, DC-9, DC-10): Progress from delayed inputs



$$S_t(q) > 0 \wedge q \notin \delta(q, A) \implies \square(\lceil q \rceil^{S_t(q)} ; \lceil q \wedge A \rceil \implies \ell < S_t(q) + 2\varepsilon) \quad (\text{DC-8})$$

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### **Definition 5.3.**

The **Duration Calculus semantics** of a PLC Automaton  $\mathcal{A}$  is

$$\llbracket \mathcal{A} \rrbracket_{DC} := \bigwedge_{\substack{q \in Q, \\ \emptyset \neq A \subseteq \Sigma}} DC-1 \wedge \cdots \wedge DC-11 \wedge DC-2' \wedge DC-4' \\ \wedge DC-5' \wedge DC-7' \wedge DC-10'.$$

### **Claim:**

- Let  $P_{\mathcal{A}}$  be the ST program semantics of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- Let  $\pi$  be a recording over time of then inputs, local states, and outputs of a PLC device **running the ST**  $P_{\mathcal{A}}$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{I}_{\pi}$  be an **encoding** of  $\pi$  as an **interpretation** of  $In_{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $St_{\mathcal{A}}$ , and  $Out_{\mathcal{A}}$ .
- Then  $\mathcal{I}_{\pi} \models \llbracket \mathcal{A} \rrbracket_{DC}$ . (But not necessarily the other way round.)

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- We will give a theorem,  
which allows us to compute an upper bound on such reaction times.
- Then in the above example, we could simply compare this upper bound one  
against the required 0.1 seconds.

## The Reaction Time Problem in General

- Let
  - $\Pi \subseteq Q$  be a set of **start states**,
  - $A \subseteq \Sigma$  be a set of **inputs**,
  - $c \in \text{Time}$  be a **time bound**, and
  - $\Pi_{target} \subseteq Q$  be a set of **target states**.
- Then we seek to establish properties of the form

$$[\text{St}_{\mathcal{A}} \in \Pi \wedge \text{In}_{\mathcal{A}} \in A] \xrightarrow{c} [\text{St}_{\mathcal{A}} \in \Pi_{target}],$$

abbreviated as

$$[\Pi \wedge A] \xrightarrow{c} [\Pi_{target}].$$

## Reaction Time Theorem Premises

- Actually, the reaction time theorem addresses **only** the **special case**

$$[\Pi \wedge A] \xrightarrow{c_n} [\underbrace{\delta^n(\Pi, A)}_{=\Pi_{target}}]$$

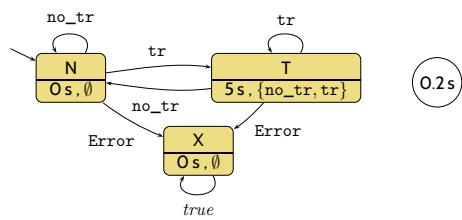
for PLC Automata with

$$\delta(\Pi, A) \subseteq \Pi.$$

- Where the transition function is canonically **extended** to **sets** of start states and inputs:

$$\delta(\Pi, A) := \{\delta(q, a) \mid q \in \Pi \wedge a \in A\}.$$

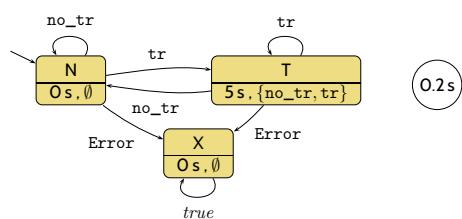
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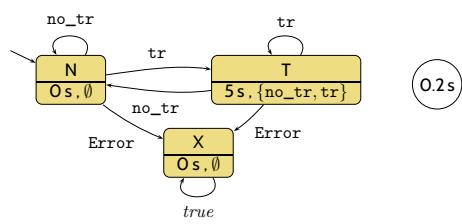


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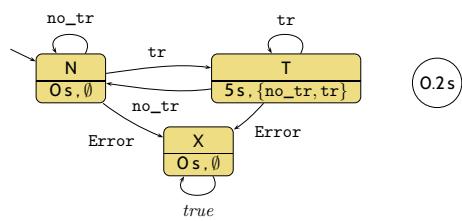


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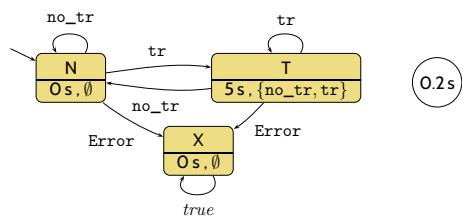
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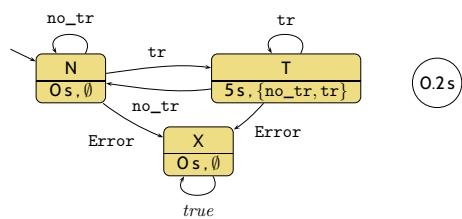
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## Reaction Time Theorem (Special Case $n = 1$ )

**Theorem 5.6.**

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \varepsilon, S_t, S_e, \Omega, \omega)$ ,  $\Pi \subseteq Q$ , and  $A \subseteq \Sigma$  with

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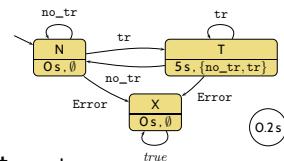
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and

$$s(\pi, A) := \begin{cases} S_t(\pi) + 2\varepsilon & , \text{if } S_t(\pi) > 0 \text{ and } A \cap S_e(\pi) \neq \emptyset \\ \varepsilon & , \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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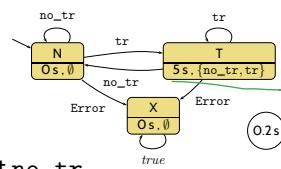


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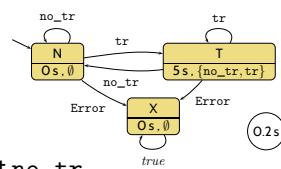
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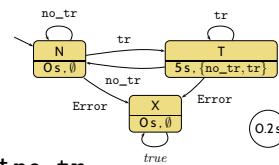
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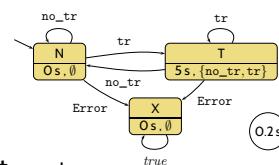
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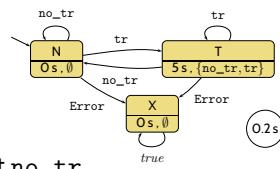
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## Reaction Time Theorem: Example 3

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## Monotonicity of Generalised Transition Function

- Define

$$\delta^0(\Pi, A) := \Pi, \quad \delta^{n+1}(\Pi, A) := \delta(\delta^n(\Pi, A), A).$$

- **If** we have  $\delta(\Pi, A) \subseteq \Pi$ , then we have

$$\delta^{n+1}(\Pi, A) \subseteq \delta^n(\Pi, A) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \underbrace{\delta(\delta(\Pi, A), A)}_{=\delta^2(\Pi, A)} \subseteq \delta(\Pi, A) \subseteq \Pi$$

i.e. the sequence is a **contraction**.

- Because the extended transition function has the following (not so surprising) **monotonicity** property:

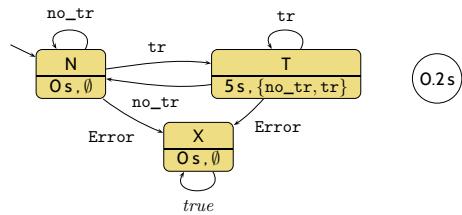
**Proposition 5.4.**

$\Pi \subseteq \Pi' \subseteq Q$  and  $A \subseteq A' \subseteq \Sigma$  implies  $\delta(\Pi, A) \subseteq \delta(\Pi', A')$ .

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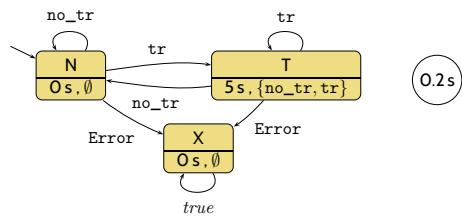
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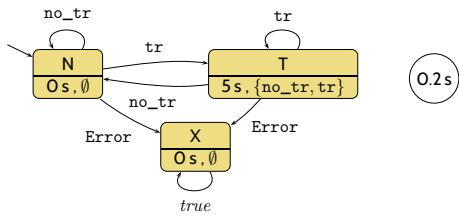
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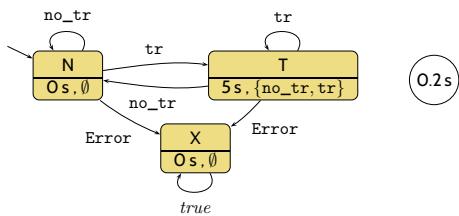


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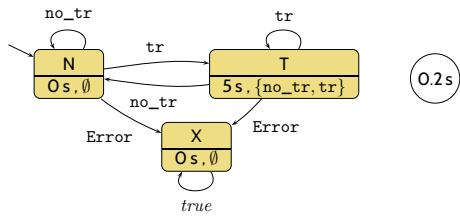


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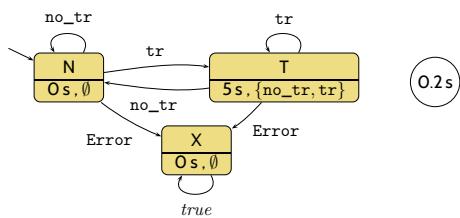
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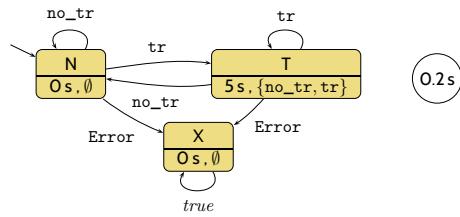


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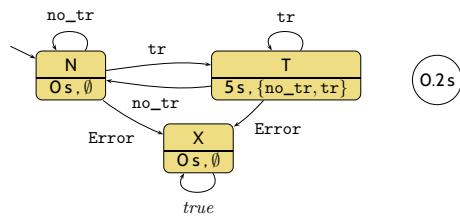


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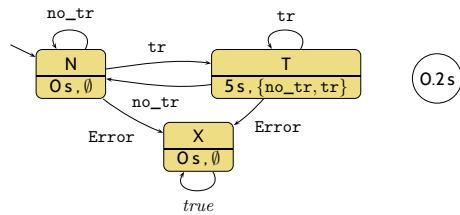


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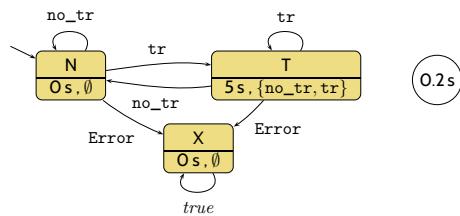


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## Reaction Time Theorem (General Case)

### Theorem 5.8.

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \varepsilon, S_t, S_e, \Omega, \omega)$ ,  $\Pi \subseteq Q$ , and  $A \subseteq \Sigma$  with

$$\delta(\Pi, A) \subseteq \Pi.$$

Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$[\Pi \wedge A] \xrightarrow{c_n} [\underbrace{\delta^n(\Pi, A)}_{=\Pi_{target}}]$$

where

$$c_n := \varepsilon + \max\left( \{0\} \cup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k s(\pi_i, A) \mid \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq k \leq n \wedge \\ \exists \pi_1, \dots, \pi_k \in \Pi \setminus \delta^n(\Pi, A) \\ \forall j \in \{1, \dots, k-1\} : \\ \pi_{j+1} \in \delta(\pi_j, A) \end{array} \right\} \right)$$

and  $s(\pi, A)$  as before.

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- Using finite variability, (DC-2), (DC-3), (DC-6), (DC-7), (DC-8), (DC-9), and (DC-10) we can show that the duration of  $[\Pi \wedge A]$  is strictly smaller than  $c_n$ .

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- **Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC)**  
are epitomic for real-time controller platforms:
  - have **real-time clock** device,  
**read inputs / write outputs**, manage **local state**.
- The set of evolutions of a **PLC Automaton**  
can be over-approximated by a set of **DC formulae**.
- This **DC-Semantics** of PLCA can be used  
to establish **generic properties** of PLCA  
like **reaction time**.
- The **reaction time theorems** give us  
“recipes” to analyse PLCA for reaction time  
(just considering the PLCA, not its DC semantics).
- And that's **Duration Calculus** for now...
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...whether a TA satisfies a DC formula, observer-based

### Recent Results:

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