

# Proof Spaces

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# Ultimate Automizer

The screenshot shows the 'ULTIMATE WEB-INTERFACE' in a browser window. The interface includes a sidebar with configuration options, a central code editor, and a results table at the bottom.

**Task:** Verify C  
**Sample:** McCarthy91.c  
**Tool:** Trace Abstraction  
*Trace abstraction toolchain*

**SETTINGS**

**EXECUTE**

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```
12 /*@ requires \true;
i 13  @ ensures x > 101 || \result == 91;
14  @*/
i 15  int f91(int x);
16
i 17  int f91(int x) {
18    if (x > 100)
19      return x -10;
20  else {
i 21    return f91(f91(x+11));
22  }
23 }
24
25
26
```

	Line	Ultimate Result
	21	procedure precondition always holds
	21	procedure precondition always holds
	13	procedure postcondition always holds

program  $\mathcal{P}$

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

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

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

$w$  infeasible?

yes

no

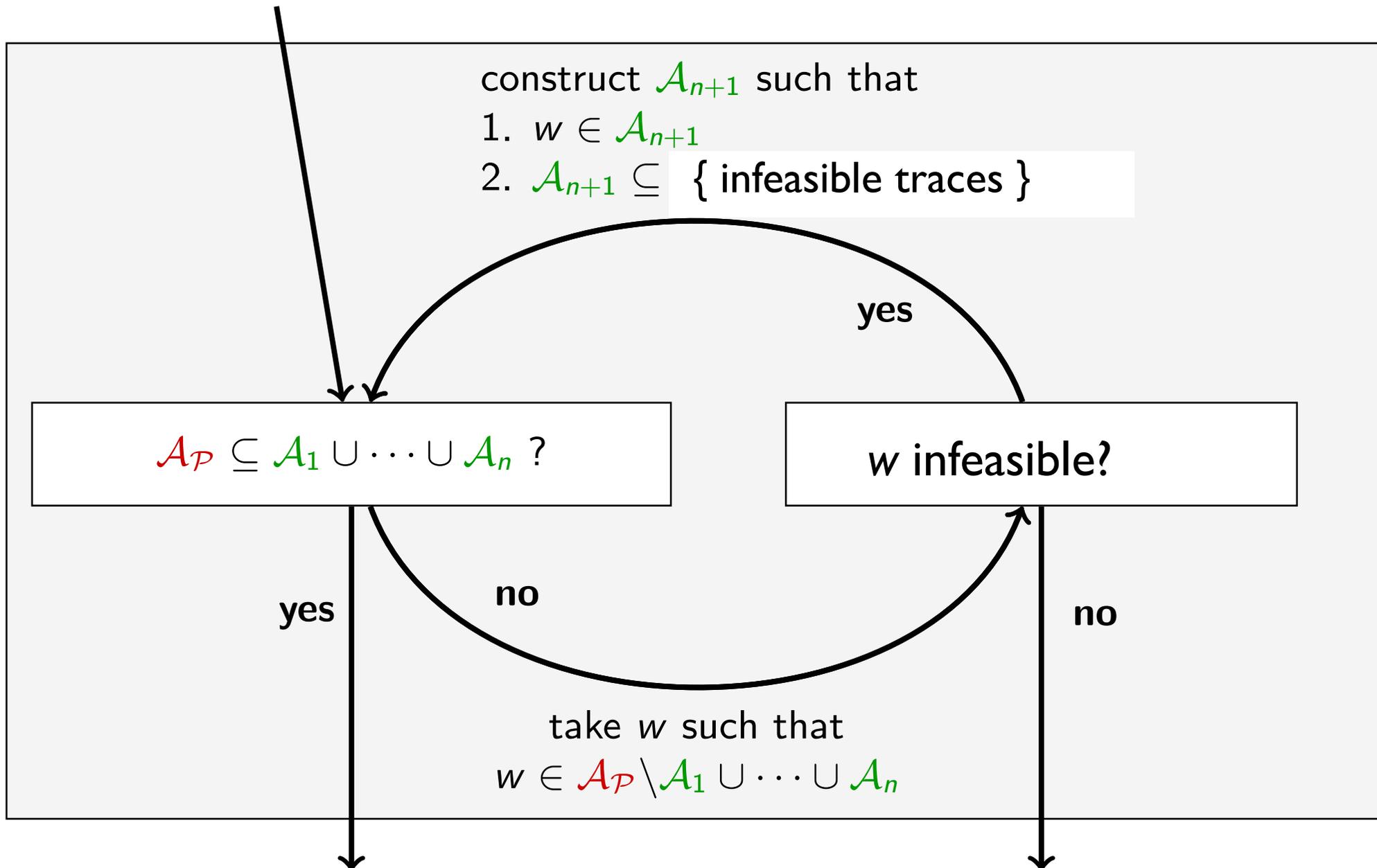
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yes

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



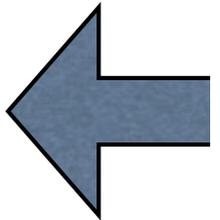
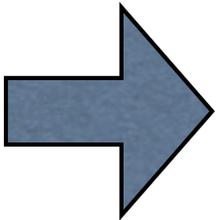
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- Refinement of Trace Abstraction. SAS 2009
- Nested interpolants. POPL 2010
- Interpolant Automata. ATVA 2012
- Ultimate Automizer with SMTInterpol - (Competition Contribution). TACAS 2013
- Automata as Proofs. VMCAI 2013
- Inductive data flow graphs. POPL 2013
- Software Model Checking for People Who Love Automata. CAV 2013
- Ultimate Automizer with Unsatisfiable Cores - (Competition Contribution). TACAS 2014
- Termination Analysis by Learning Terminating Programs. CAV 2014
- Proofs that count. POPL 2014:
- Ultimate Automizer with Array Interpolation - (Competition Contribution). TACAS 2015
- Automated Program Verification. LATA 2015
- Fairness Modulo Theory: A New Approach to LTL Software Model Checking. CAV 2015
- Proof Spaces for Unbounded Parallelism. POPL 2015

invited talk: ETAPS 2012, ATVA 2012, VMCAI 2013, CAV 2013, LATA 2015

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# The AVACS Vision

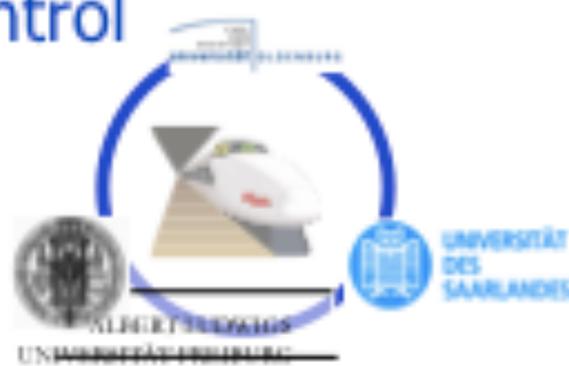
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To Cover the Model- and Requirement Space of  
Complex Safety Critical Systems

with Automatic Verification Methods

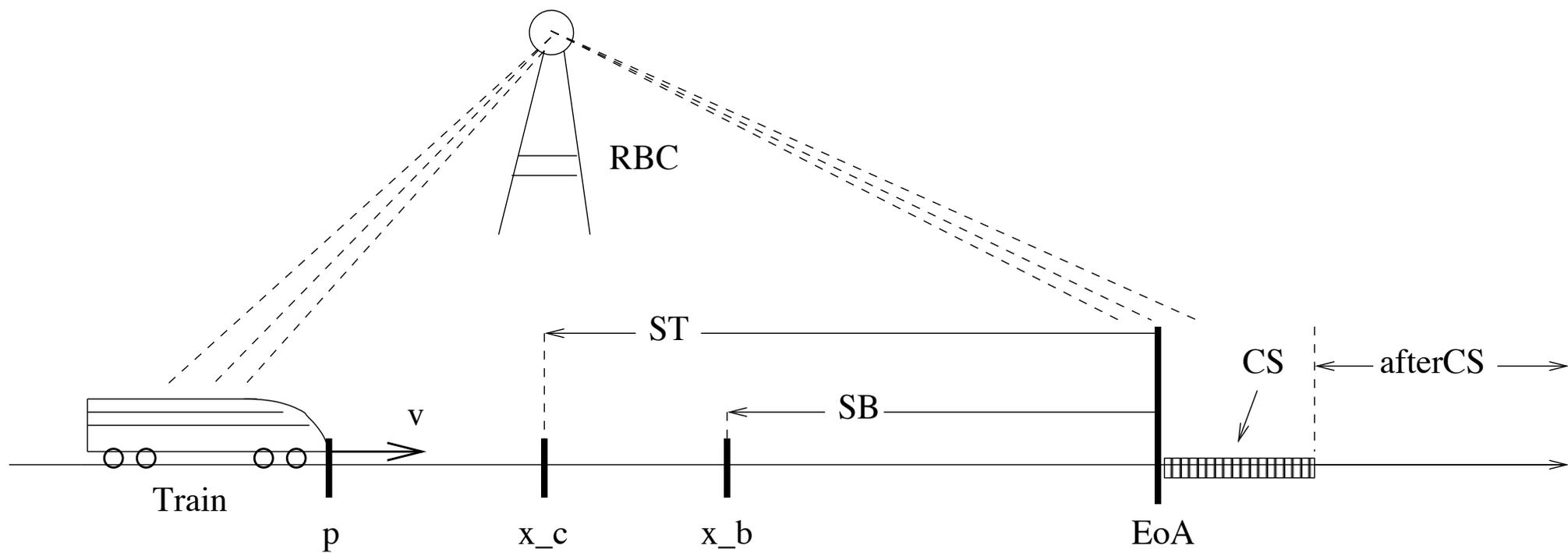
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To Dependability, Coordination, Control  
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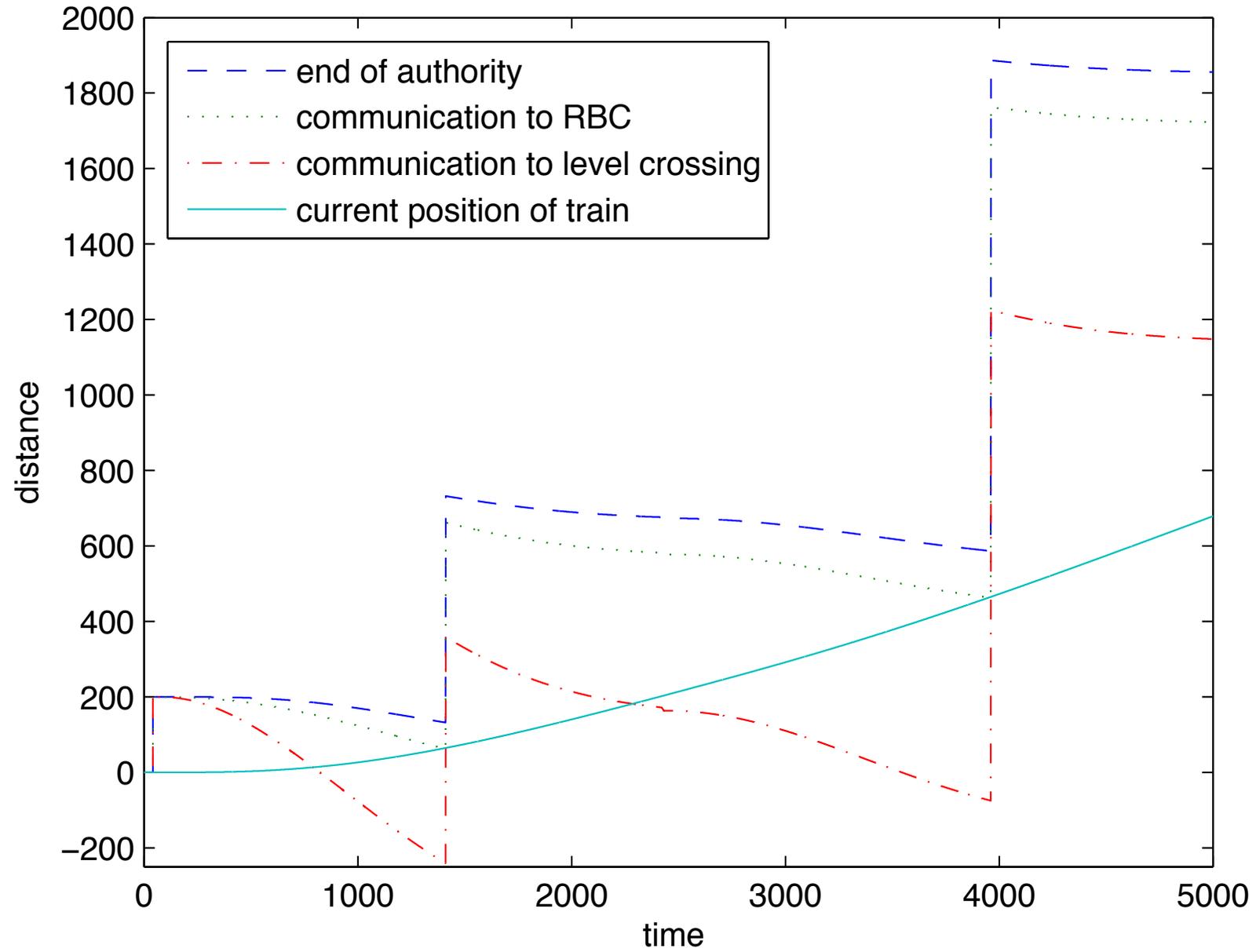


# Automating Verification of Cooperation, Control, and Design in Traffic Applications <sup>★</sup>

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Jun Pang<sup>1</sup>, André Platzer<sup>1</sup>, Marc Segelken<sup>2</sup>, and Boris Wirtz<sup>1</sup>



**Fig. 4.** Radio-based train control



**Fig. 5.** Snapshot of dynamic calculations

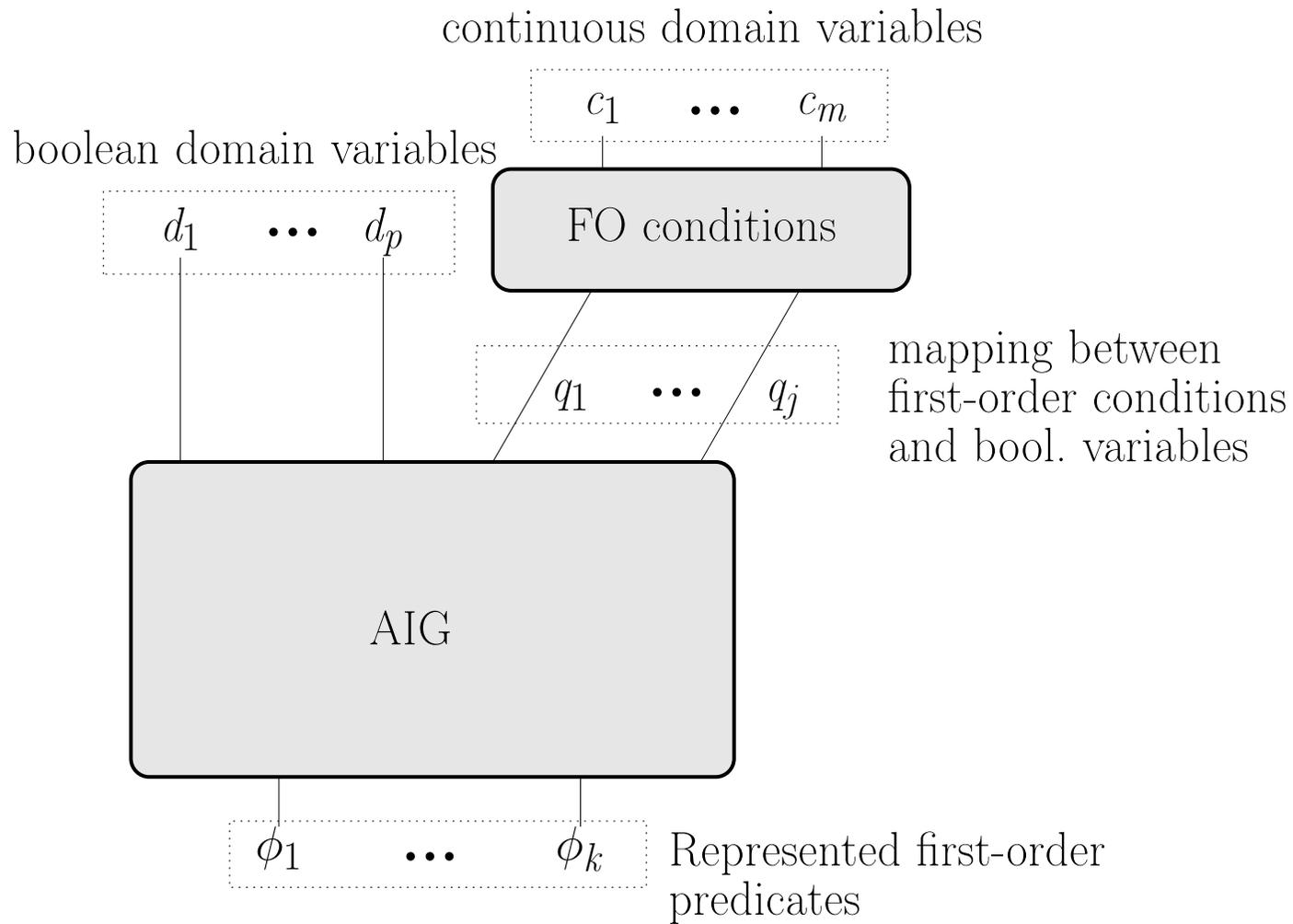
## holistic verification methodology

dedicated methods for:

- cooperation layer
- control layer
- design layer

model checking for discrete hybrid systems

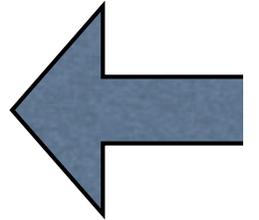
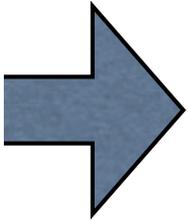
- Lin AIGs
- $\omega$ -Cegar



**Fig. 17.** The Lin-AIG structure

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# Abstraction and Counterexample-guided Construction of $\omega$ -automata for Model Checking of Step-discrete linear Hybrid Models<sup>★</sup>

Marc Segelken

CAV 2007, LNCS 4590, pp. 433–448, 2007.

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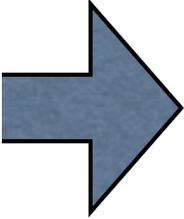
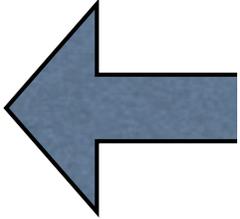
<sup>★</sup> This research was partially supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG) under contract SFB/TR 14 AVACS, see [www.avacs.org](http://www.avacs.org)

*Construction of  $\omega$ -automaton.* Thus we follow a strategy of completely ruling out generalized conflicts by constructing an  $\omega$ -automaton  $A_C$  that accepts all runs not containing any known conflict as a subsequence. Considering partial regulation laws as atomic characters and  $C$  as the set of all previously detected generalized conflicts, the behavior of  $A_C$  can be described by an LTL formula:

$$A_C \models \neg \mathbf{F} \bigvee_{(\rho_1, \rho_2, \dots, \rho_k) \in C} (\rho_1 \wedge \mathbf{X}(\rho_2 \wedge \mathbf{X}(\dots \wedge \mathbf{X}\rho_n))) \quad (21)$$

automata over an unusual **alphabet** ...

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```
l0: assume p != 0;
```

```
l1: while(n >= 0)
```

```
{
```

```
l2:
```

```
    if(n == 0)
```

```
    {
```

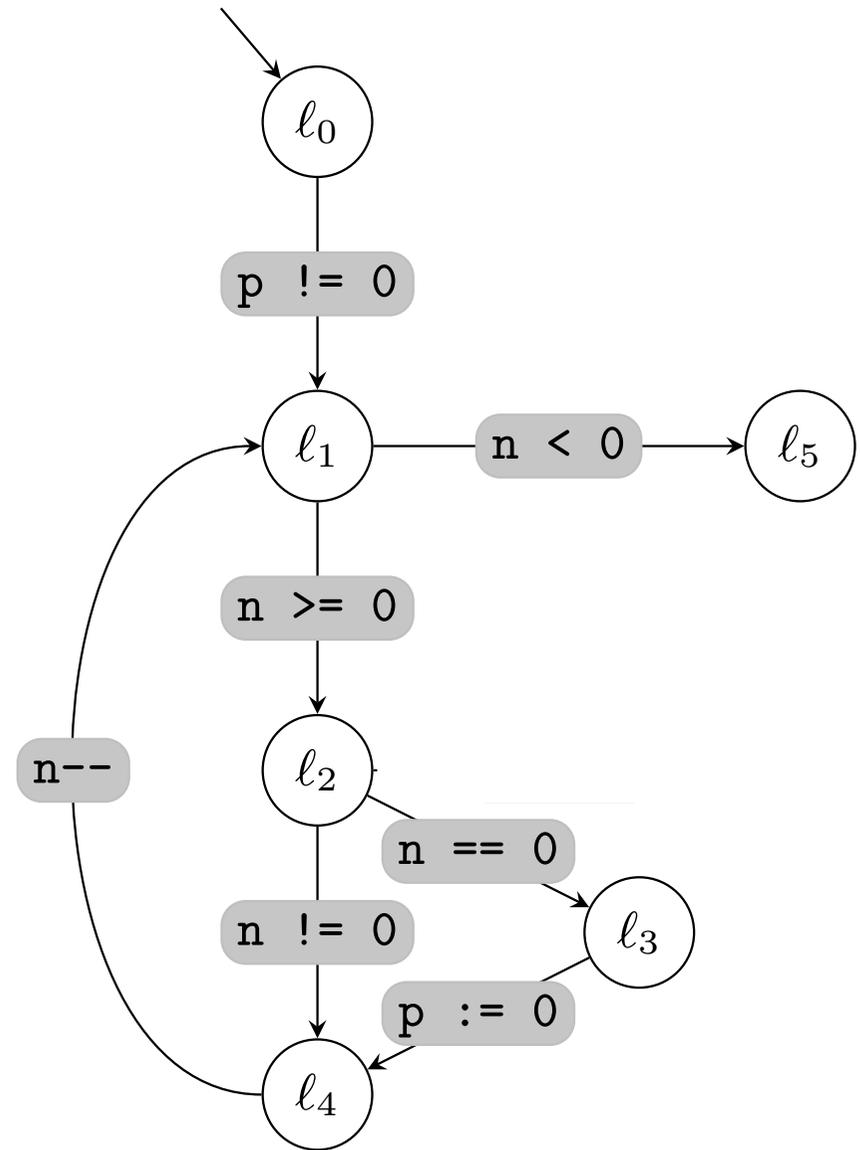
```
l3:        p := 0;
```

```
    }
```

```
l4:    n--;
```

```
}
```

```
l5:
```



$l_0$ : assume  $p \neq 0$ ;

$l_1$ : while( $n \geq 0$ )

{

$l_2$ : assert  $p \neq 0$ ;

if( $n == 0$ )

{

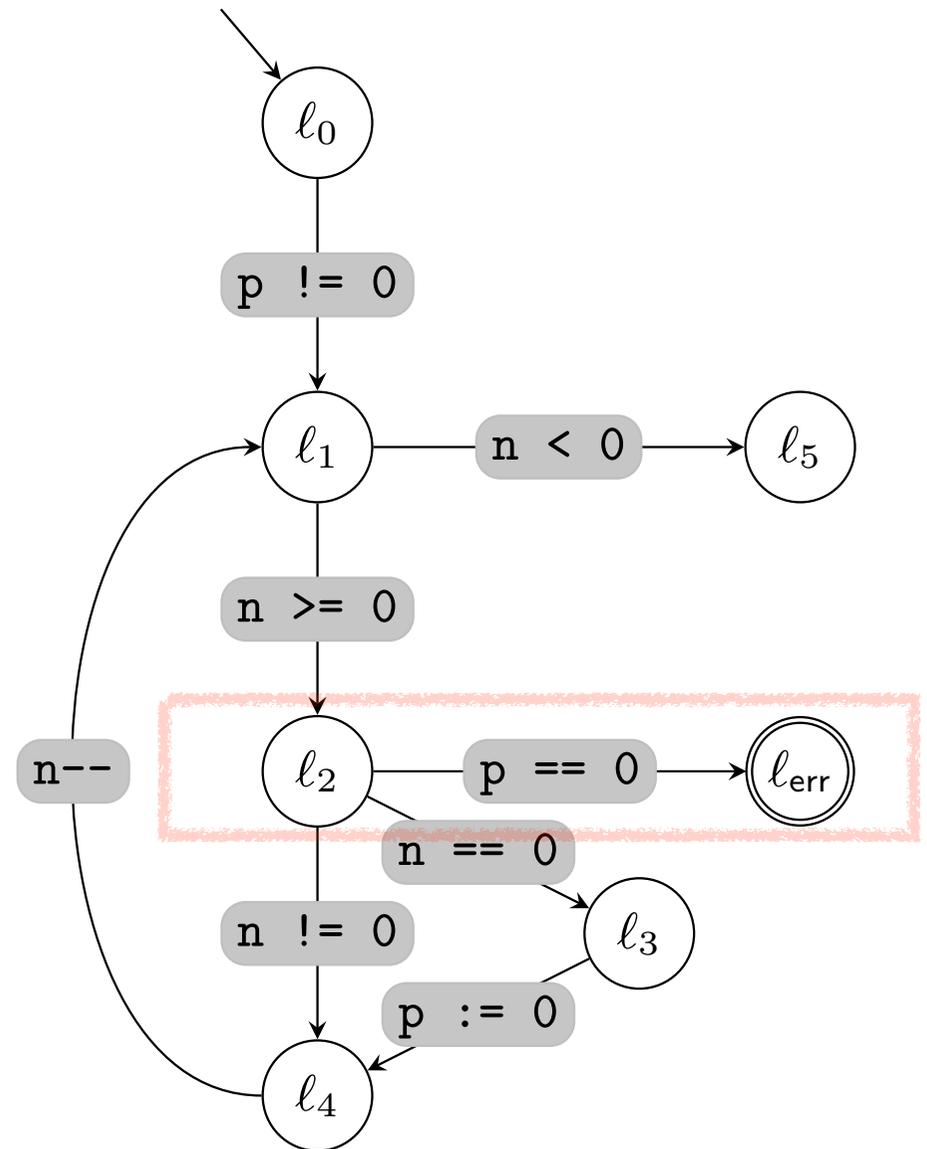
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}

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l2:   assert p != 0;
```

```
      if(n == 0)
```

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      {
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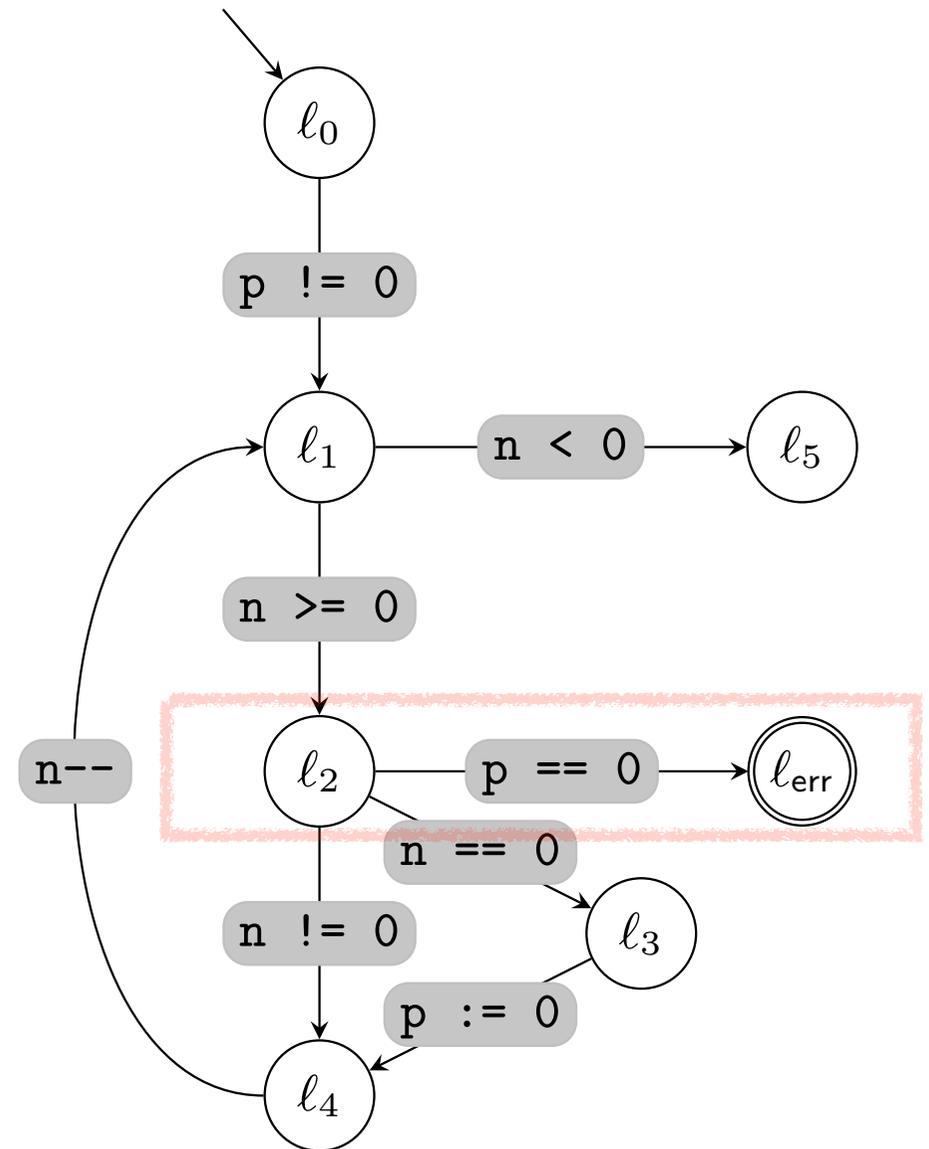
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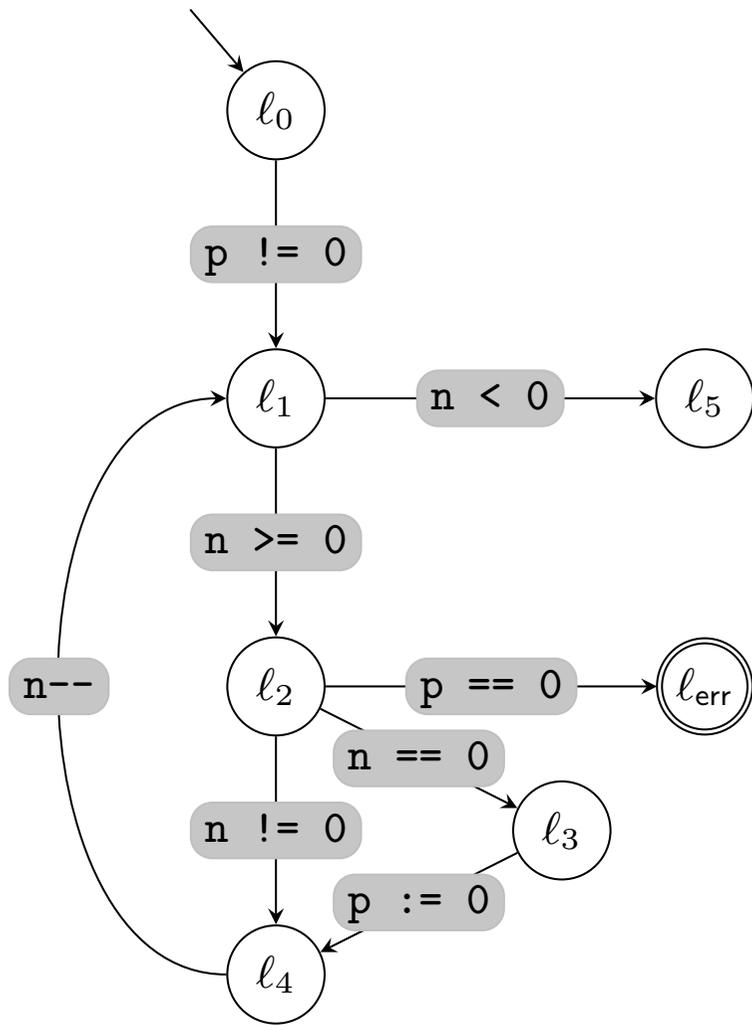
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l4:   n--;
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}
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l5:
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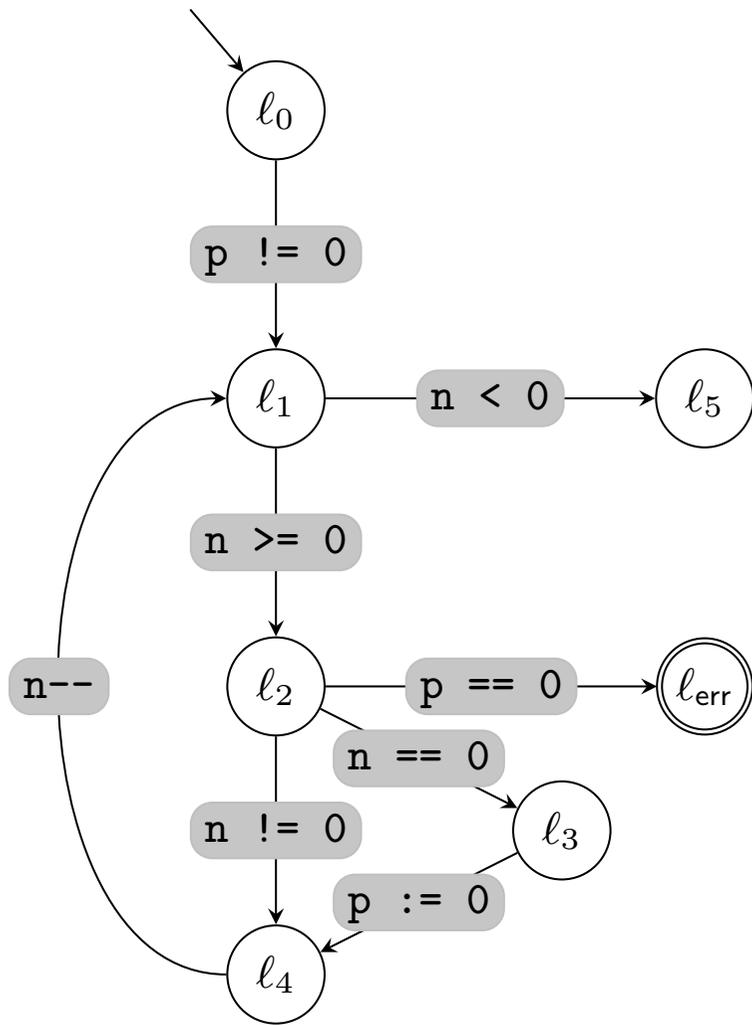


no execution violates assertion = no execution reaches error location

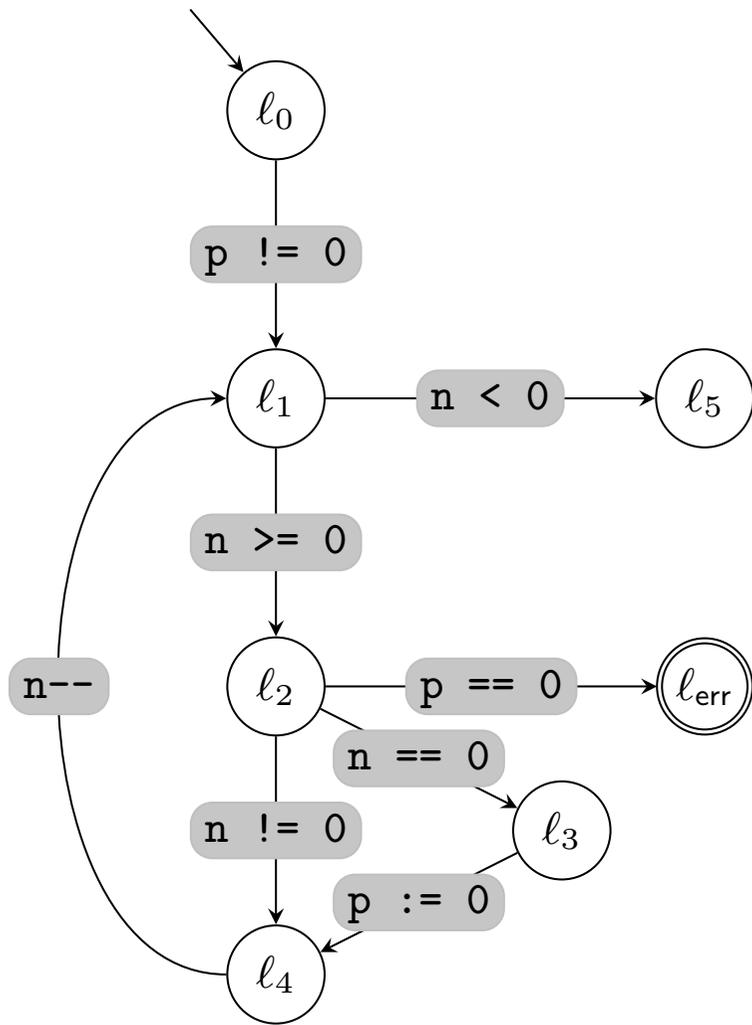


automaton

alphabet: {statements}



$(p \neq 0)$   
 $(n \geq 0)$   
 $(p == 0)$

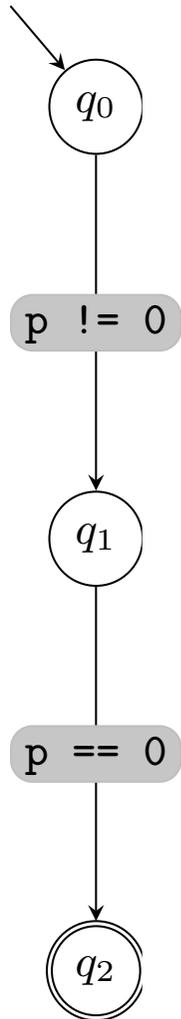


$(p \neq 0)$   
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 $(p == 0)$

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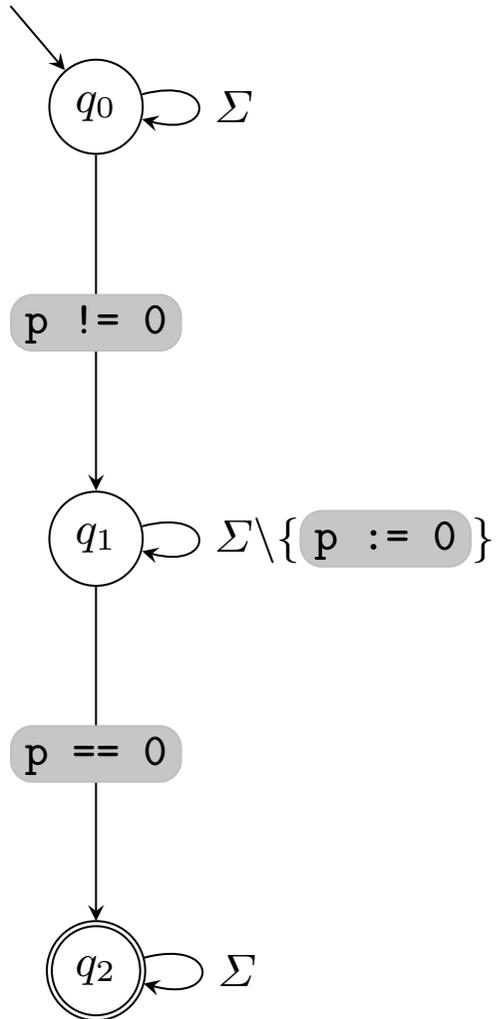
(p != 0)

(p==0)



$(p \neq 0)$

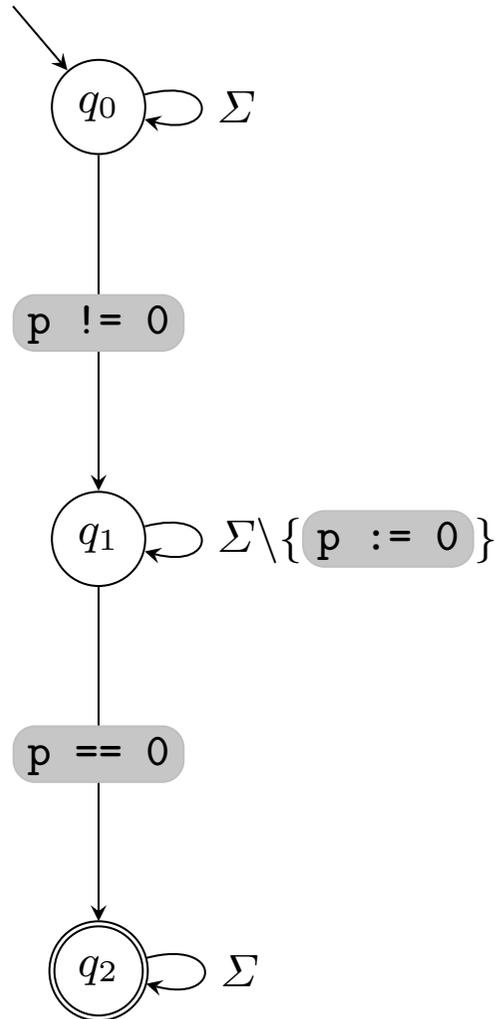
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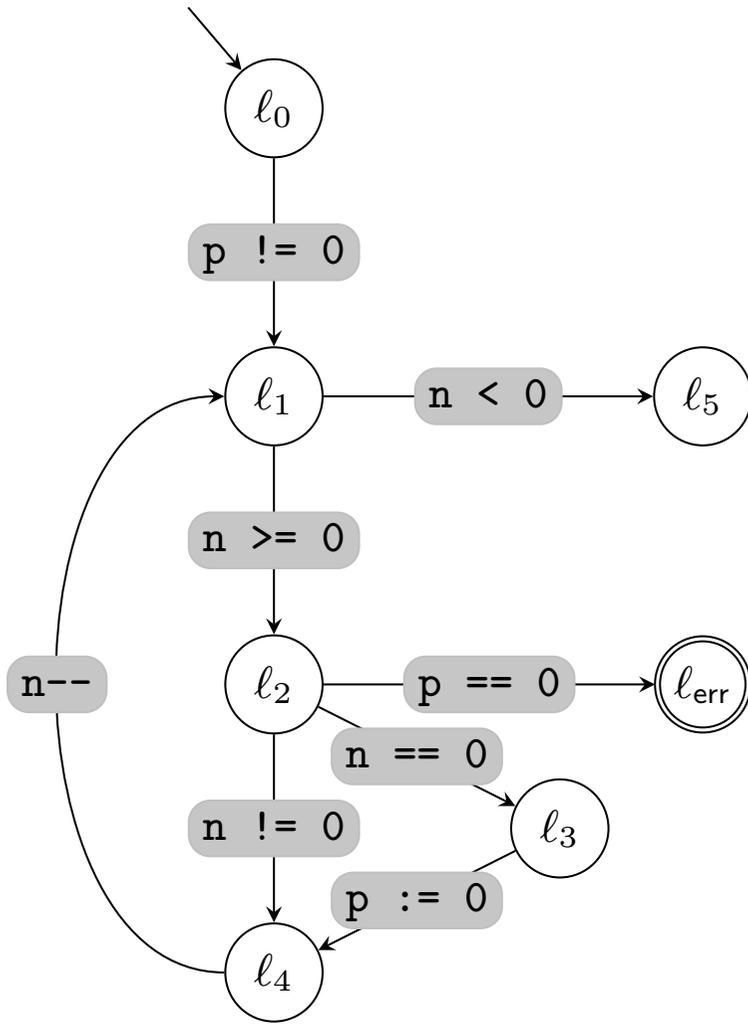
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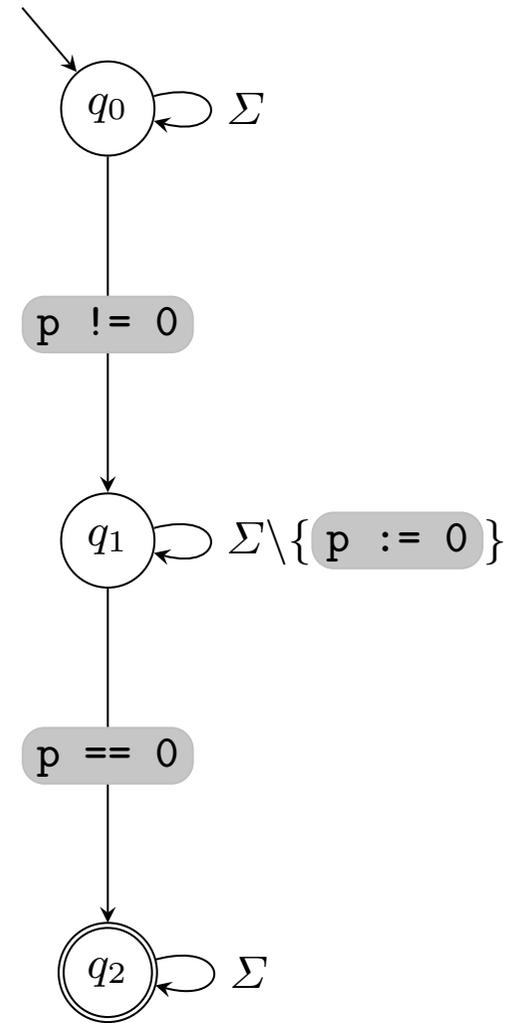
# automaton constructed from unsatisfiability proof



accepts all traces with the *same* unsatisfiability proof



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**does a proof exist for every trace ?**

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$w$  infeasible?

yes

no

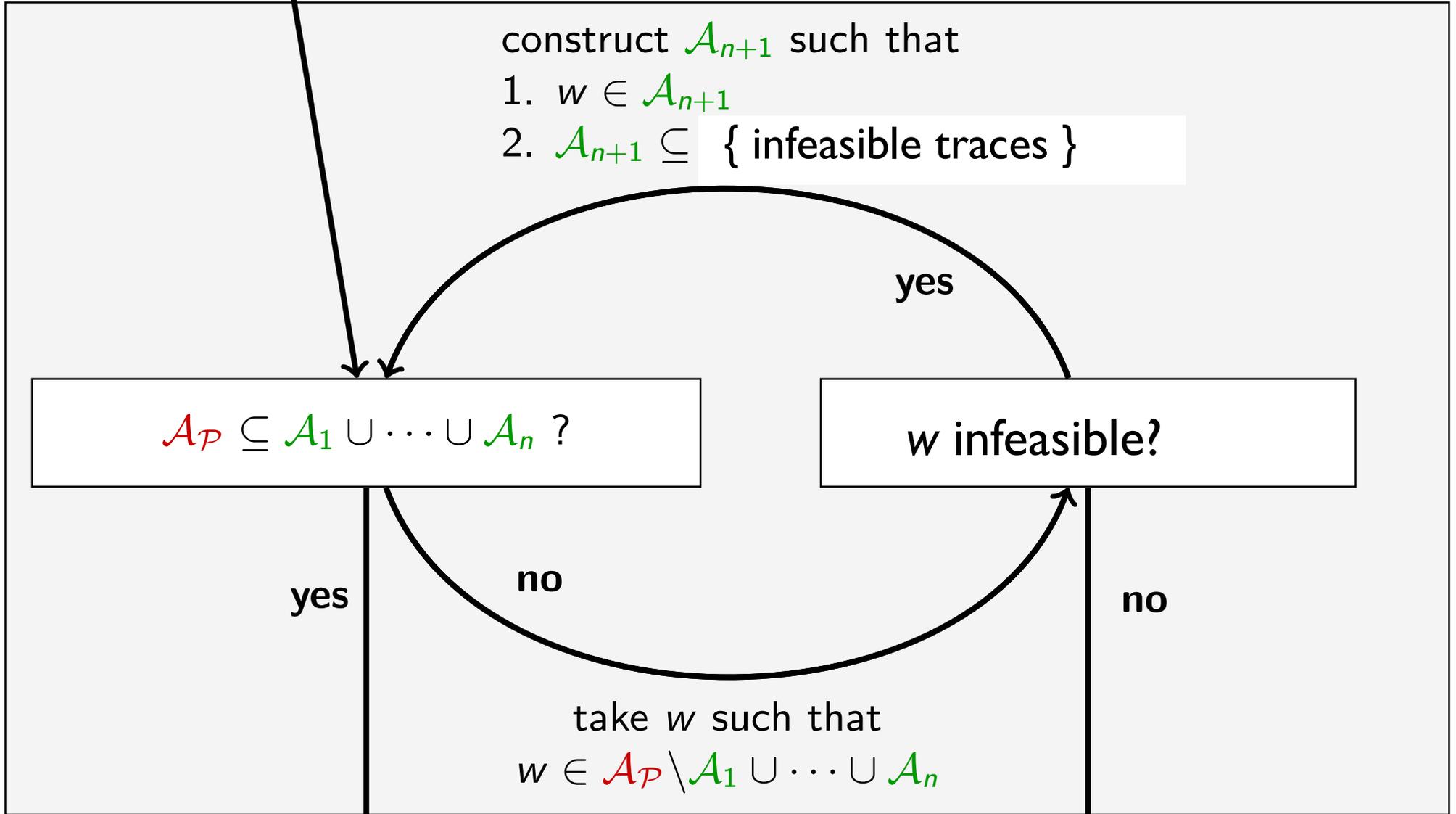
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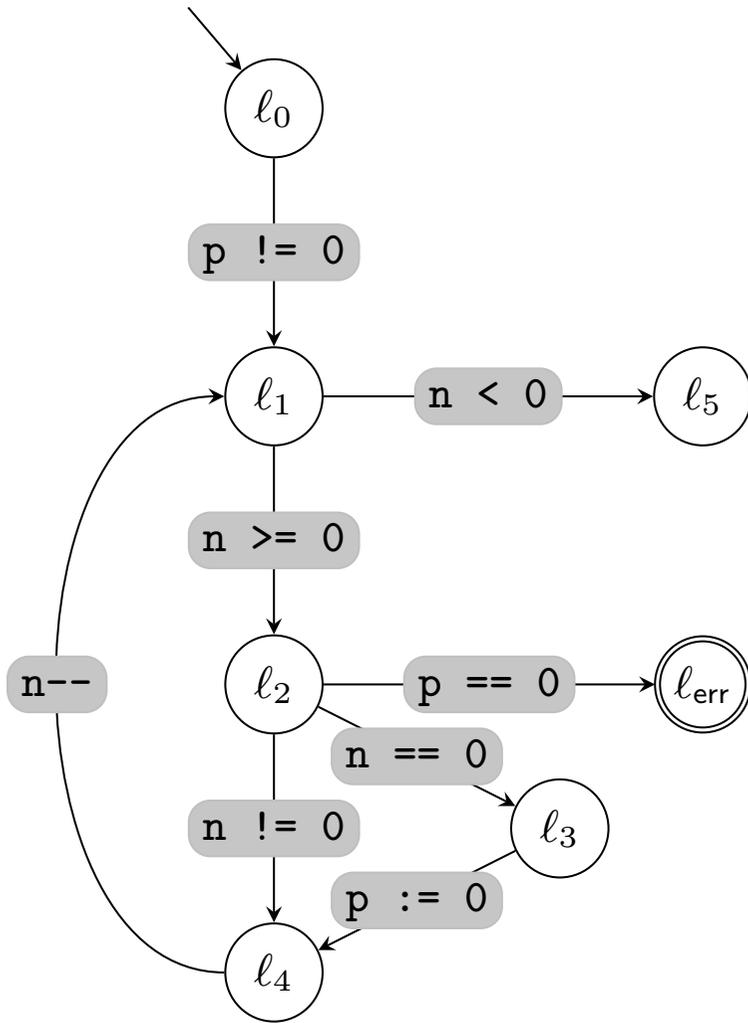
take  $w$  such that

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$\mathcal{P}$  is correct

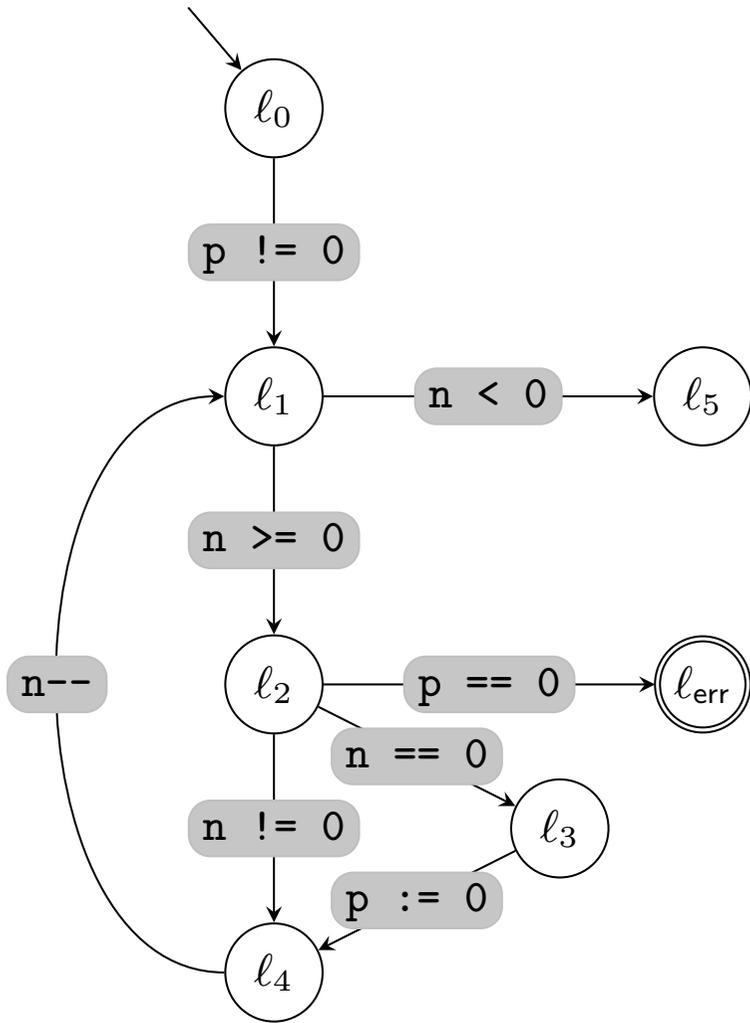
$\mathcal{P}$  is incorrect





new trace:

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



(p != 0)

(n >= 0)

(n == 0)

(p := 0)

(n--)

(n >= 0)

(p == 0)

(n == 0)

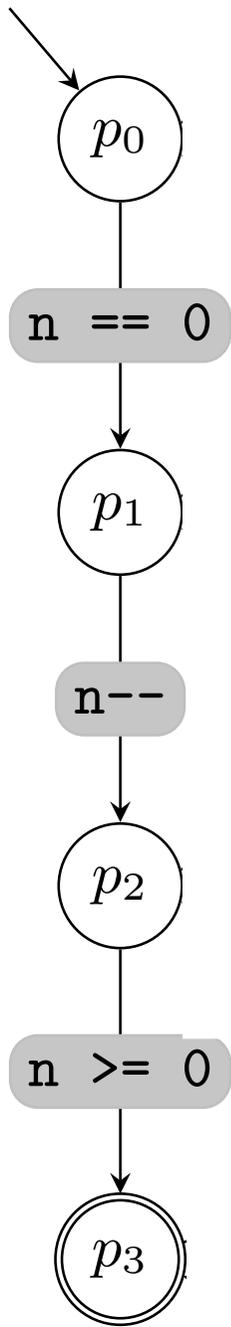
(n--)

(n >= 0)

`(n == 0)`

`(n--)`

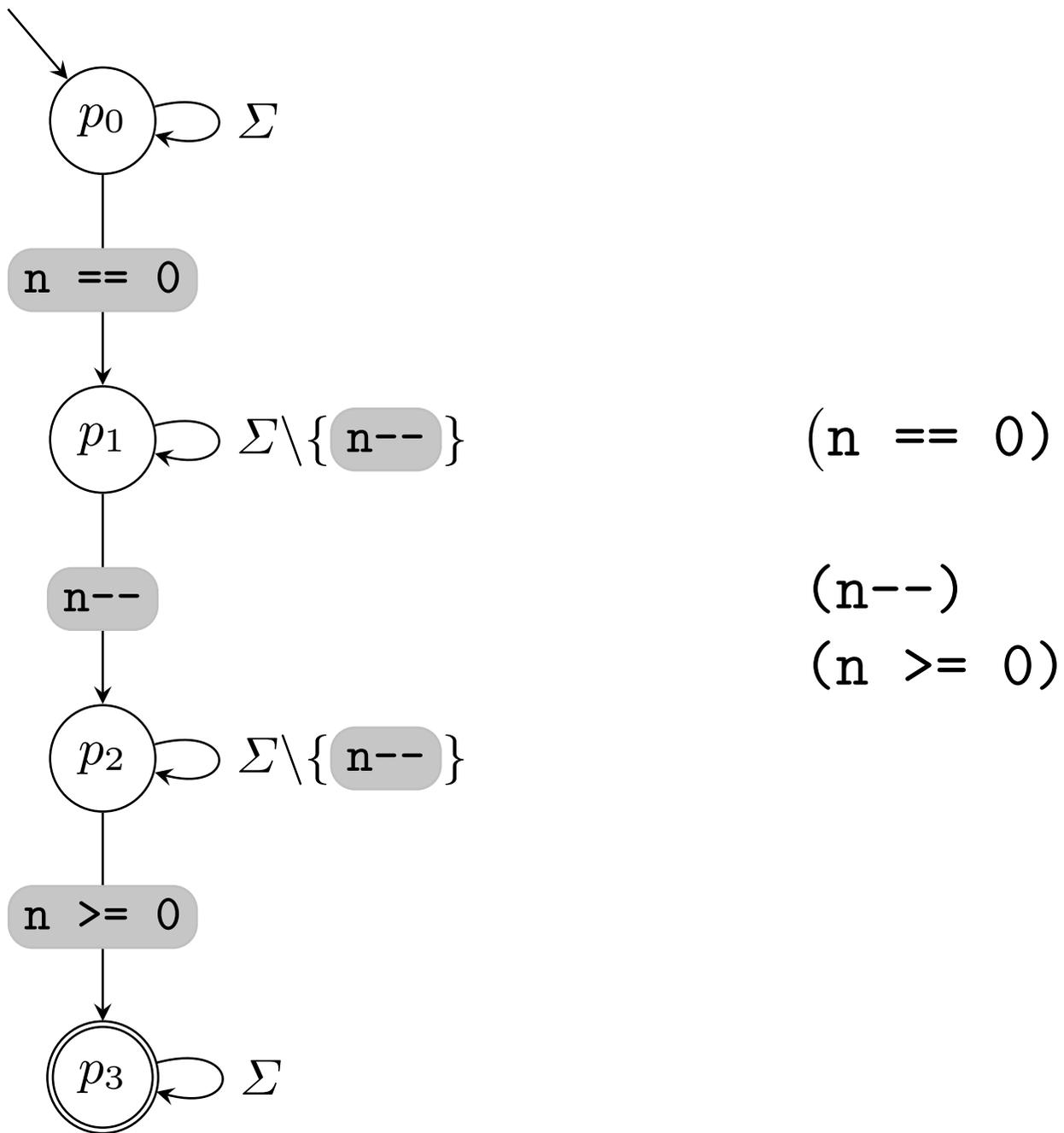
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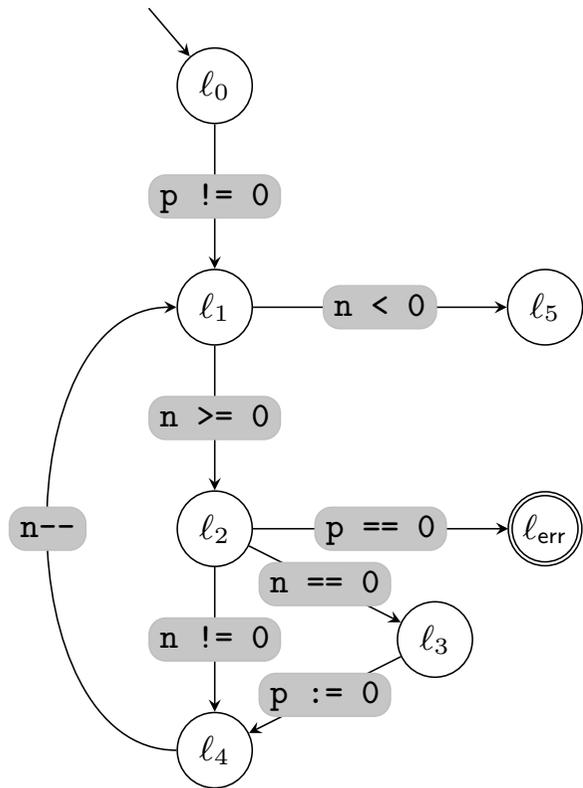


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`(n--)`

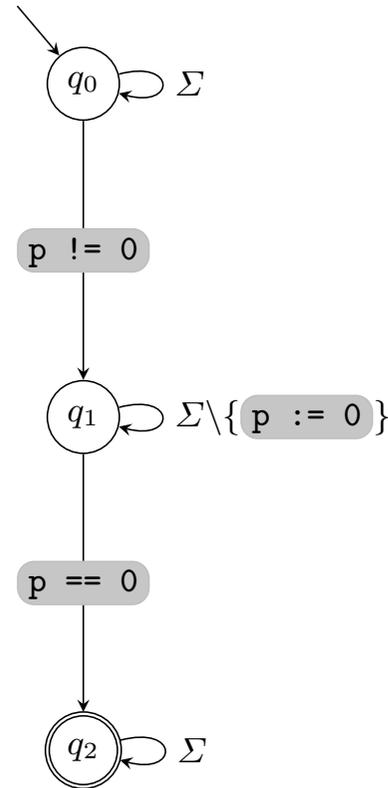
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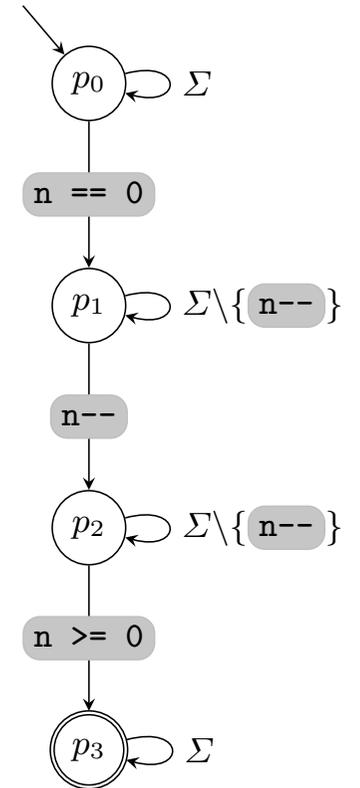


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$w$  infeasible?

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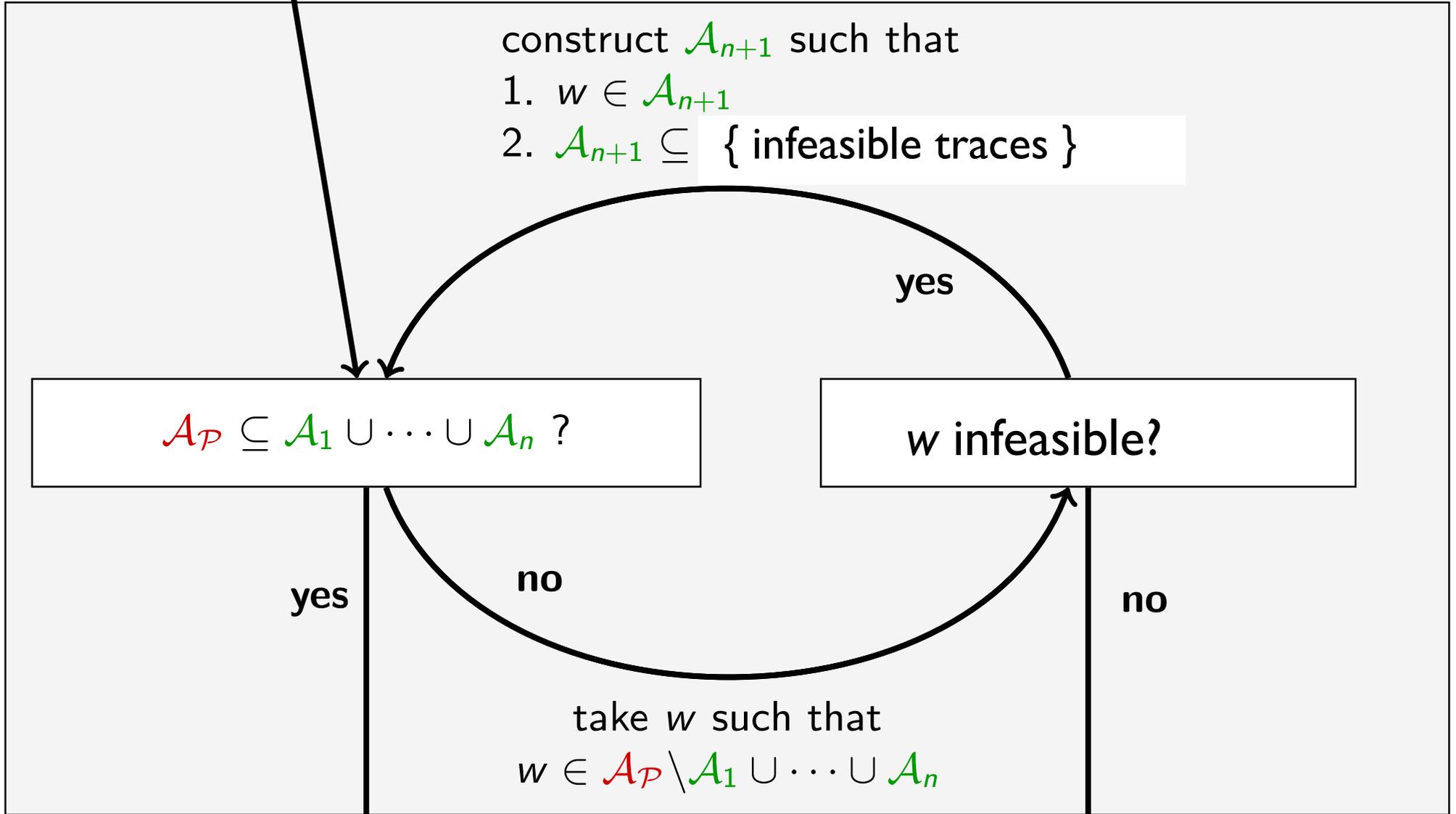
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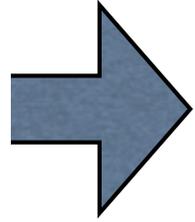
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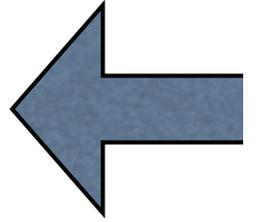
automata constructed from **unsatisfiable core**

are **not sufficient** in general

(**verification algorithm not complete**)

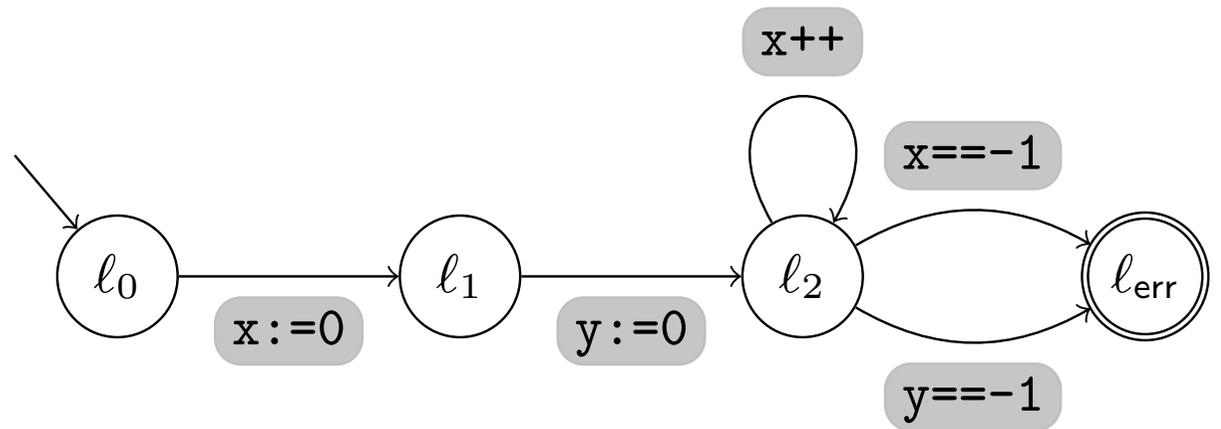


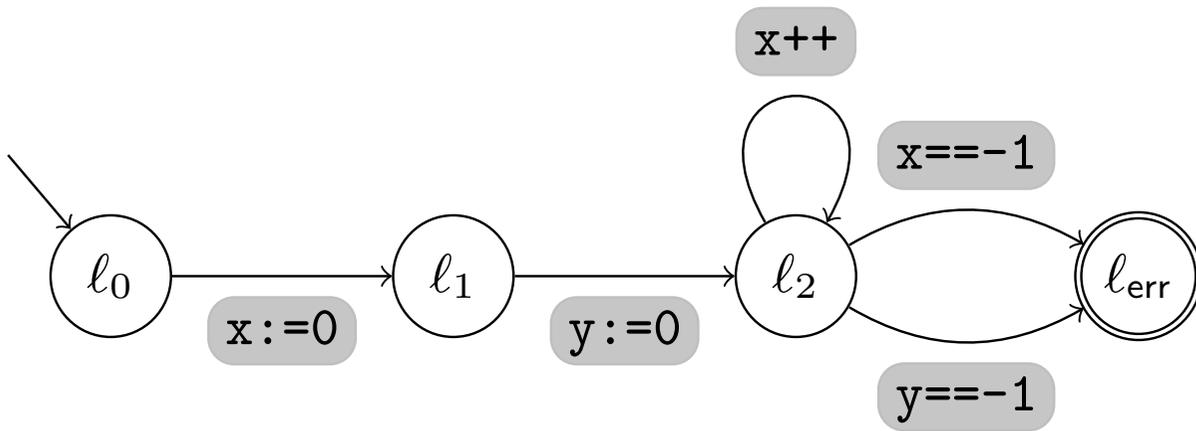
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l2: while(nondet) {x++;}  
      assert(x != -1);  
      assert(y != -1);
```





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

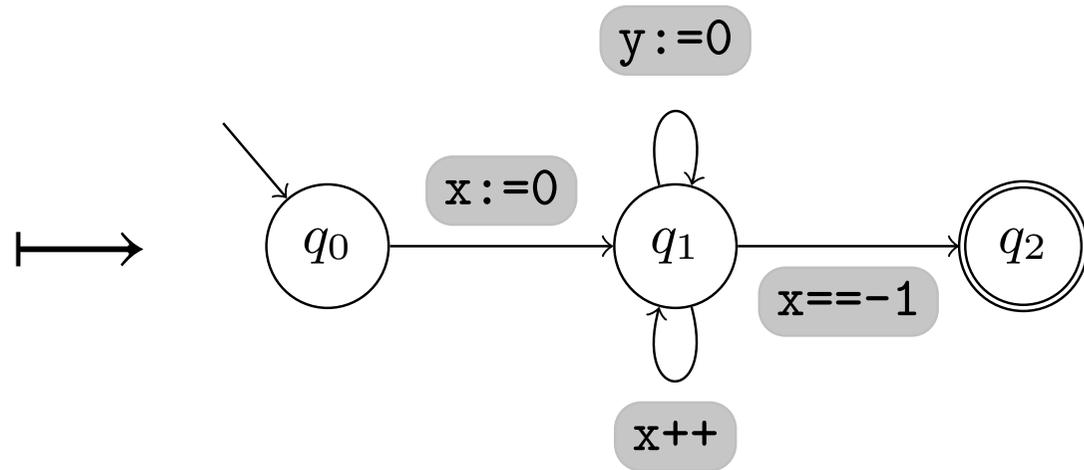
# Hoare triples proving **infeasibility** :

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

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

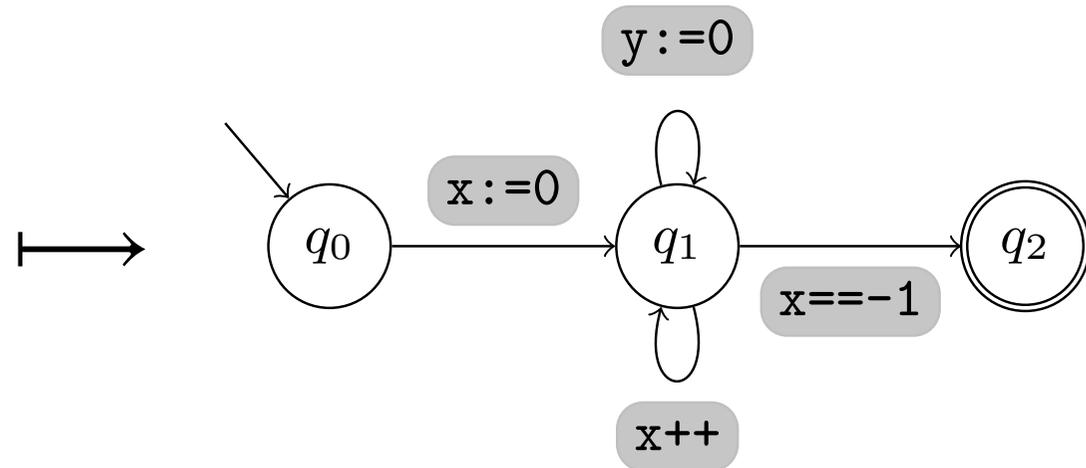
# Hoare triples $\mapsto$ automaton

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**sequencing** of Hoare triples  $\mapsto$  run of automaton

# inference rule for **sequencing**

$$\{p\} \mathbf{s} \{q'\}$$
$$\{q'\} \mathbf{s}' \{q\}$$

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$$\{p\} \mathbf{s} ; \mathbf{s}' \{q\}$$

## proof space

infinite space of Hoare triples “ $\{pre\} \textit{trace} \{post\}$ ”

closed under inference rule of **sequencing**

generated from finite **basis** of Hoare triples “ $\{pre\} \textit{stmt} \{post\}$ ”

## proof of **sample trace**:

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

finite **basis** of Hoare triples “ $\{pre\} stmt \{post\}$ ”

can be obtained from proofs of **sample traces**

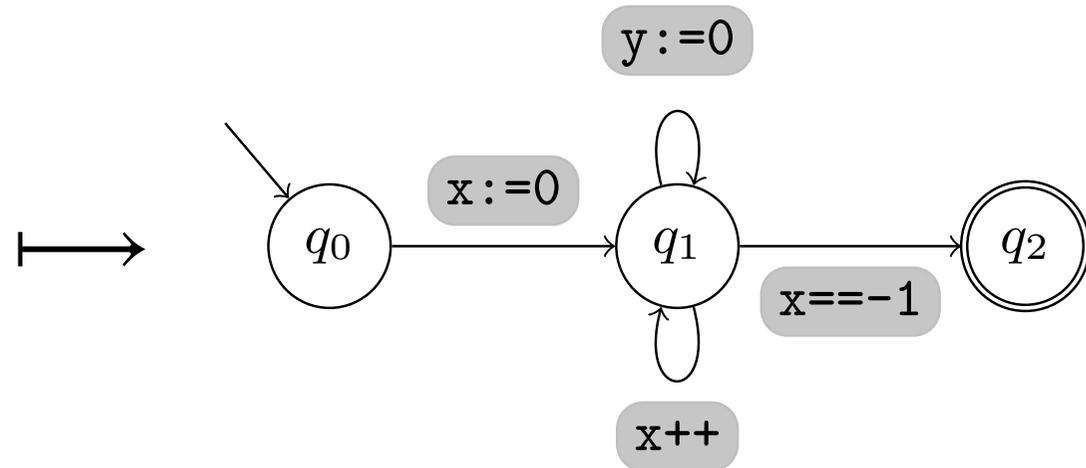
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**sequencing** of Hoare triples in **basis**  $\mapsto$  run of **automaton**

**proof space** contains “ $\{true\} \text{ trace } \{false\}$ ”  
if  
exists **sequencing** of Hoare triples in **basis**  
if  
exists accepting run of **automaton**

### **proof space**

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paradigm:

- construct proof space
- check proof space

simplify task for program verification:

Don't give a proof.

Show that a proof *exists*.

automata:  
*existence of accepting run*

inclusion check:  
show that, for every word in the given set,  
an accepting run *exists*

simplify task for program verification:

Show that,  
for every program execution,  
a proof exists.