

# Verification of FIFO Automata by Abstraction Refinement

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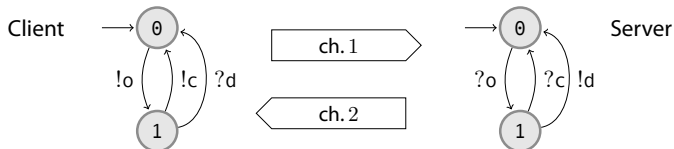
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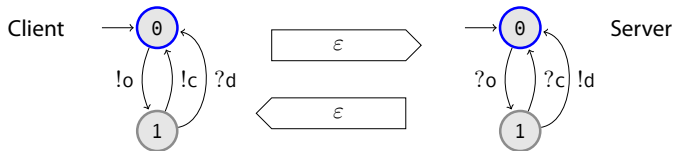
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- protocol originally "borrowed" from [Jard/Raynal '86]

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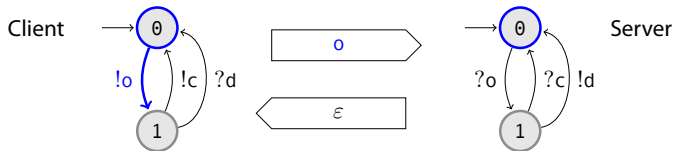
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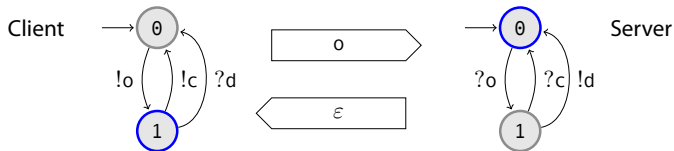
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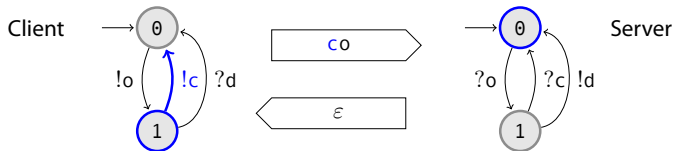


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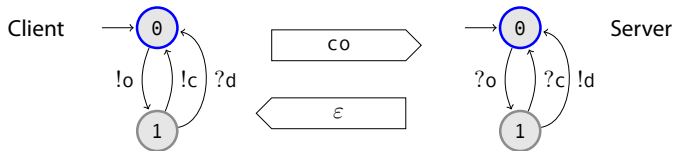
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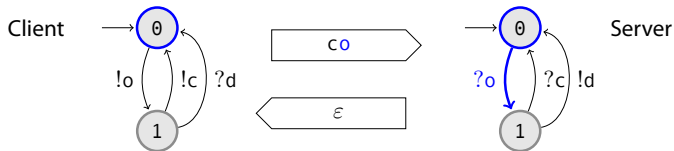
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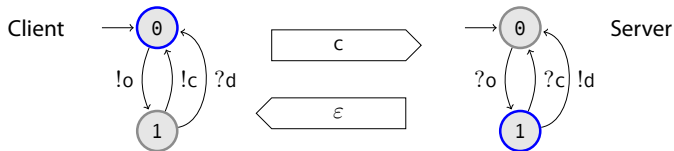
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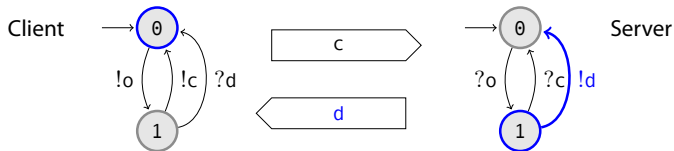
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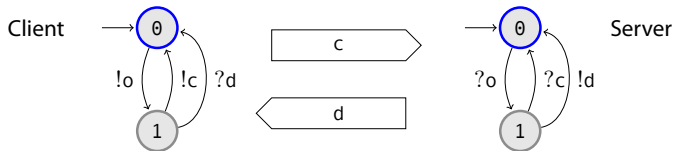
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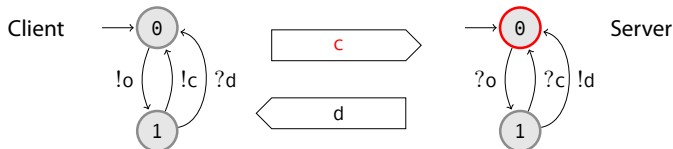
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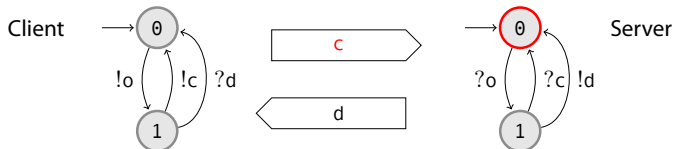


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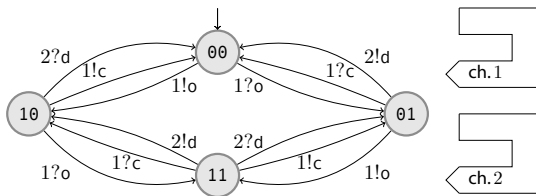
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- let  $Init = \{(\theta, \theta, (\varepsilon, \varepsilon))\}$
- let  $Bad = S_1 \times \{\theta\} \times c \cdot M^* \times M^*$
- verify **safety**: is  $Bad$  not reachable from  $Init$  ?



# FIFO Automata

## Product Automaton



- asynchronous product automaton
- note: channels need not be point-to-point
- used as our point of departure for verification

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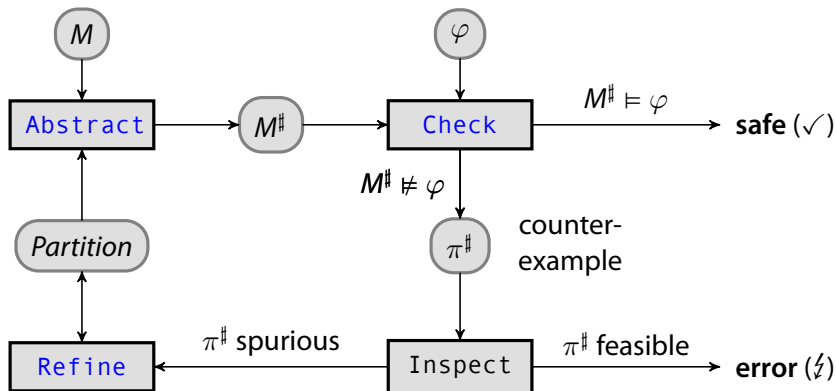
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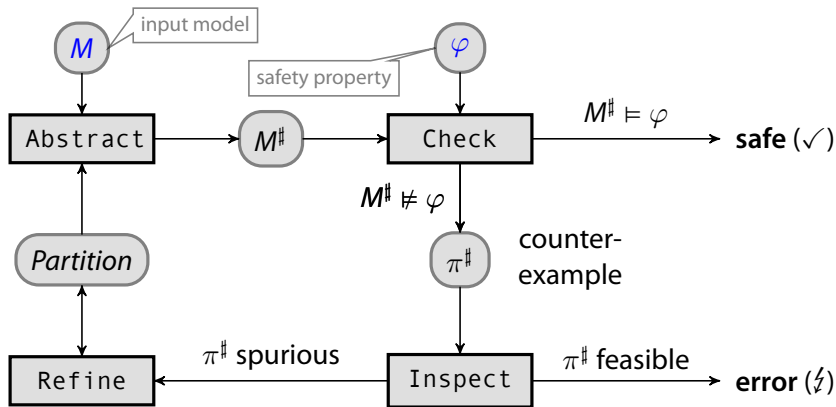
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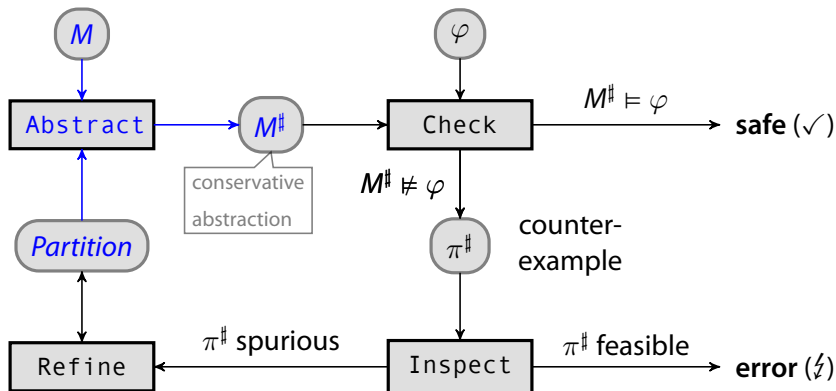
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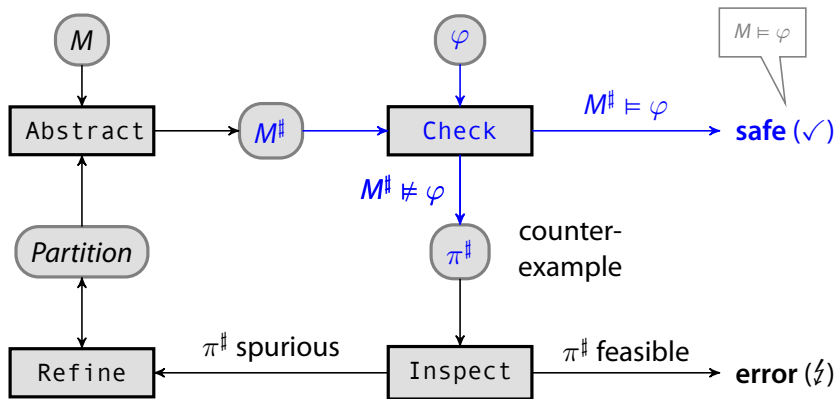
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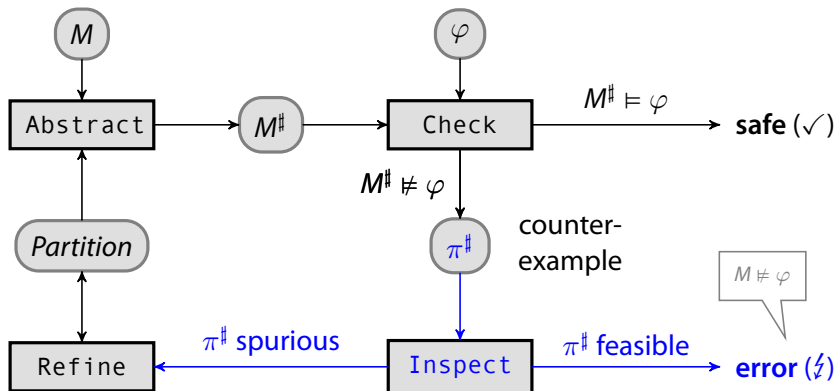
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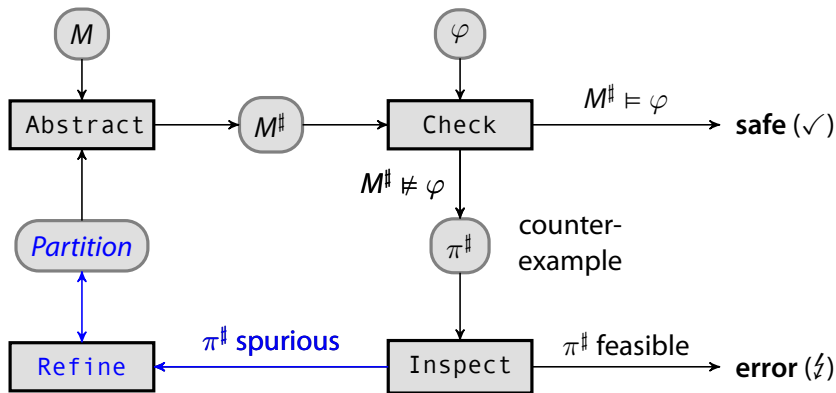
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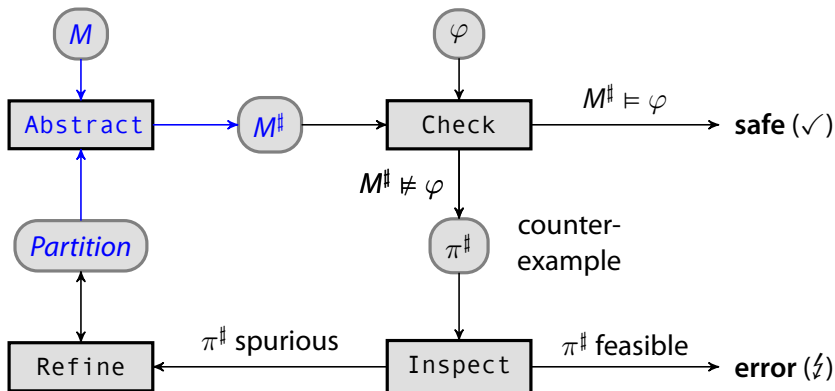
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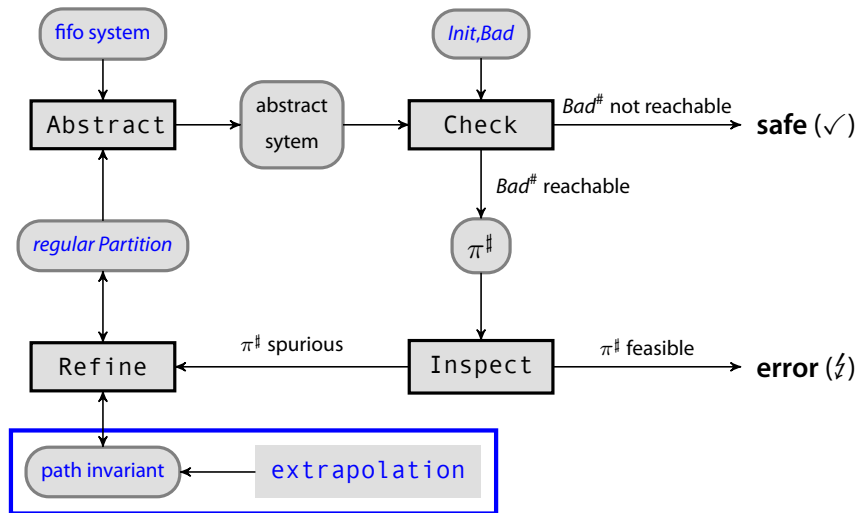
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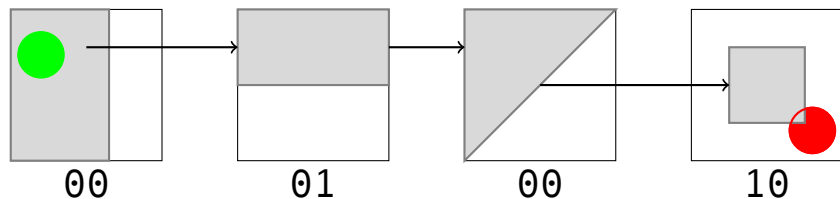


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...adapted to our setting



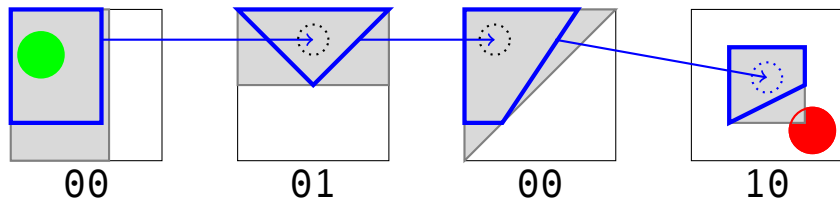
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start with **spurious** abstract counterexample

- initially includes *Init* ●
- reaches abstract state not disjoint with *Bad* ●

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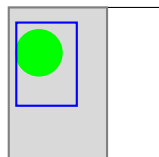


find **path invariant**

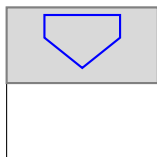
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- closed under steps of original counterexample
- finally disjoint with *Bad* ●

$L_0, \dots, L_n$  such that  
(i)  $Init \subseteq L_0$   
(ii)  $post(L_i) \subseteq L_{i+1}$   
(iii)  $L_n \subseteq \overline{Bad}$

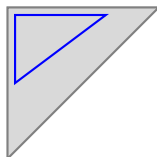
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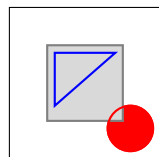
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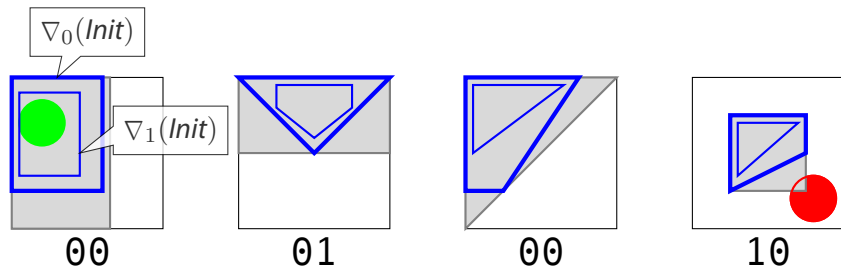
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given a spurious counterexample, there is a **family** of path invariants

- there must be at least **one**  
as the counterexample was shown to be spurious



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try to get **most simple** path invariant **possible**

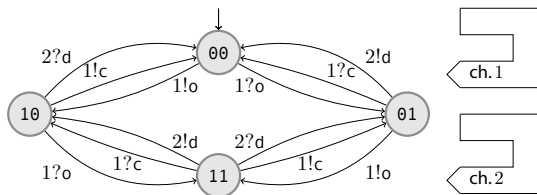
- apply in each step parametrized **extrapolation**  $\nabla$ 
  - $\nabla_0$  is maximal overapproximation
  - $\nabla_{k+1} \subseteq \nabla_k$
  - $\exists k_{max} : \nabla_{k_{max}} = id$

# A Practical Example

Safety Verification of the C/D-Protocol

# Applying our Algorithm to the Connection / Disconnection Protocol

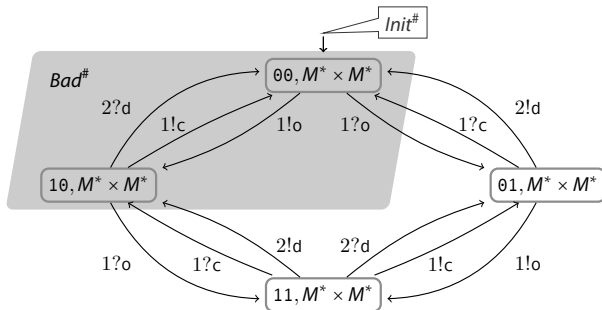
step 0 : basic abstraction



use **partition** abstraction

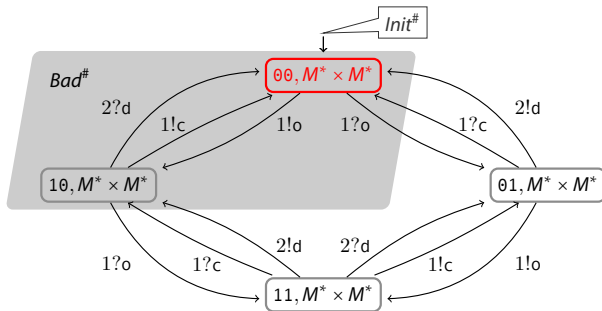
- abstract configurations  $\langle\langle (q_1, q_2), L_1 \times L_2 \rangle\rangle$
- $L_1, L_2$  are **regular** languages over the message alphabet  $M$
- abstract transitions via existential lift...

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- found counterexample:

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- counterexample is **spurious**:

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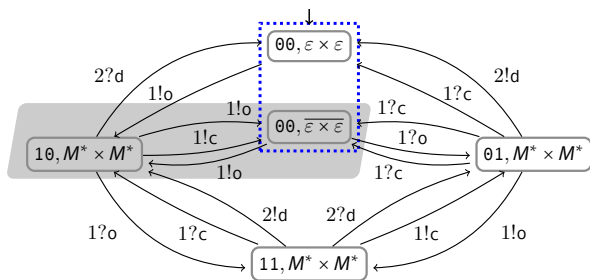
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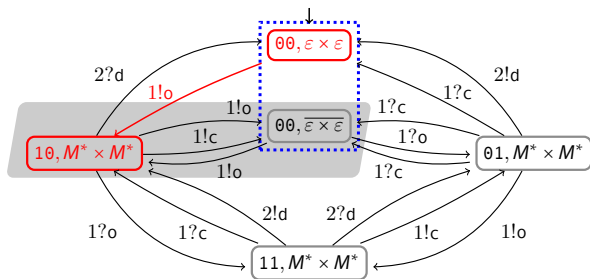
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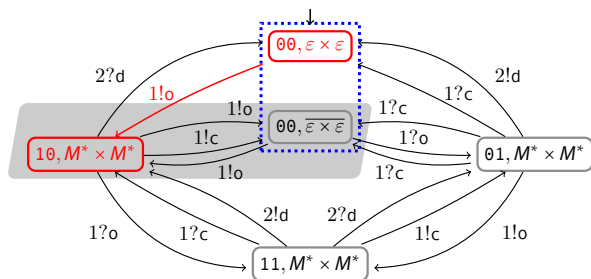


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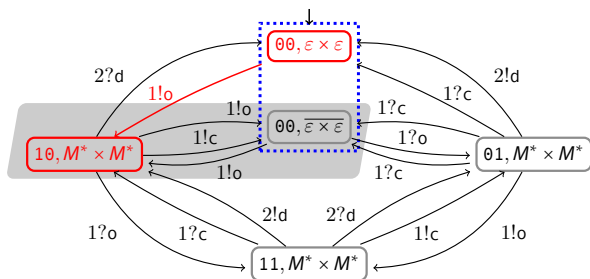
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- (simple, strongest) path invariant  $\varepsilon \times \varepsilon, o \times \varepsilon$

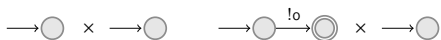
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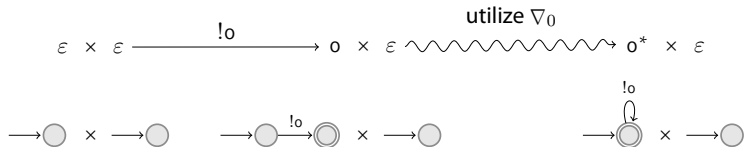


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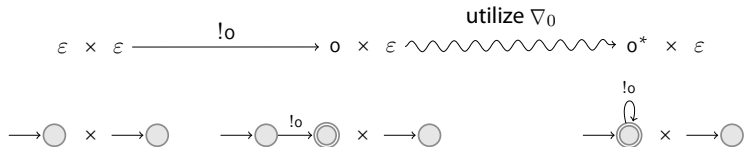
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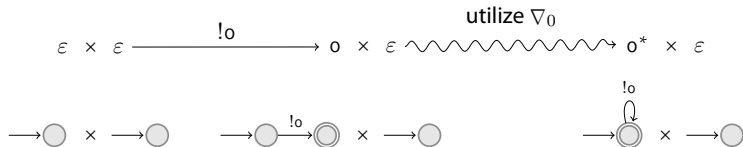
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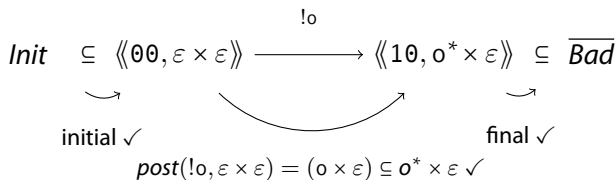
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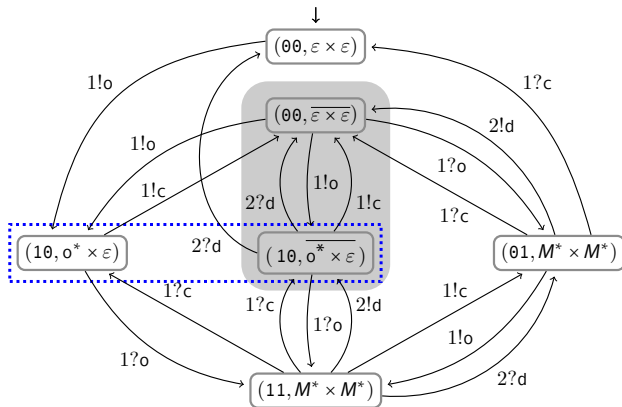
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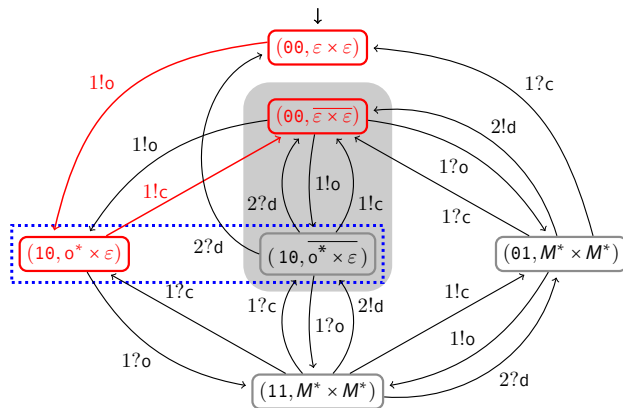
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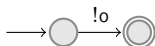
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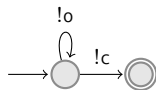
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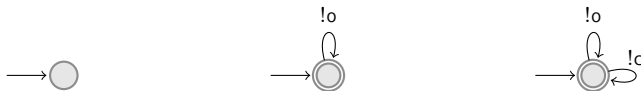
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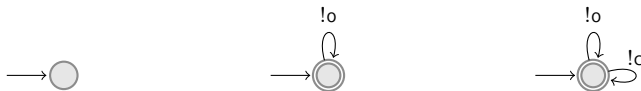
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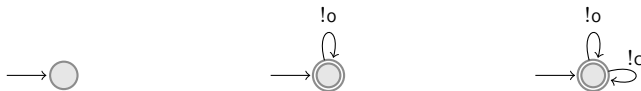
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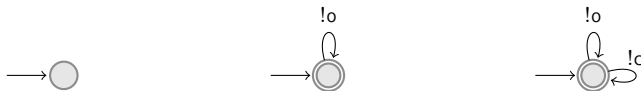
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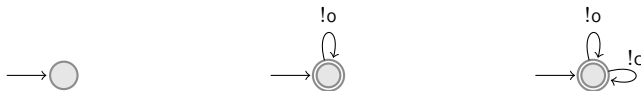
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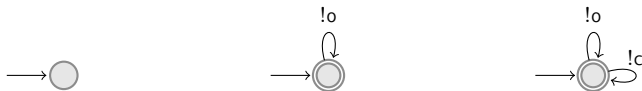
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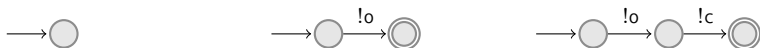
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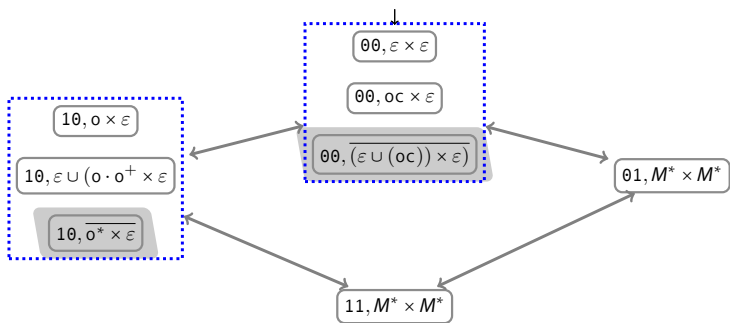
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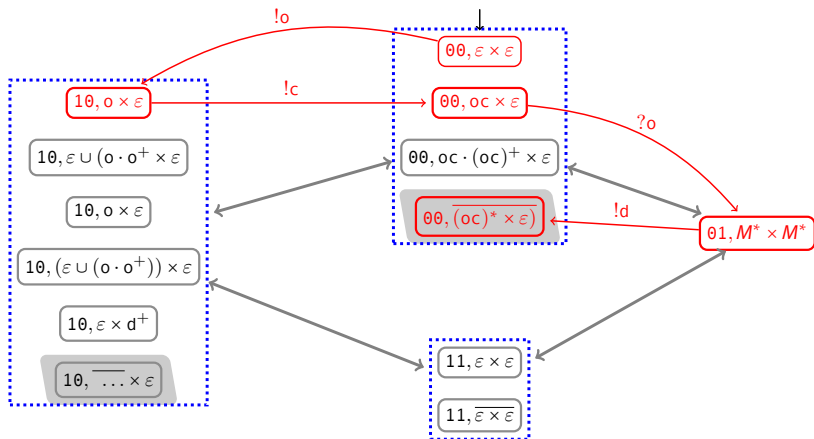
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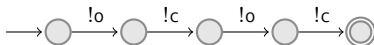
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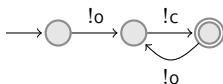
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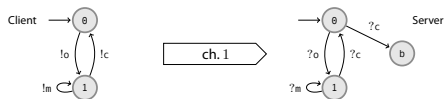
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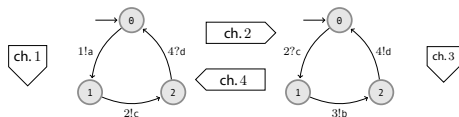
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