

# Proof Spaces

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- new paradigm for automatic verification
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# Ultimate Automizer

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<https://monteverdi.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/tomcat//Website/?task=VerifyC#>

## ULTIMATE WEB-INTERFACE

**Task:** Verify C ▼

**Sample:** McCarthy91.c ▼

**Tool:** Trace Abstraction ▼  
*Trace abstraction toolchain*

**SETTINGS**

**EXECUTE** ➡

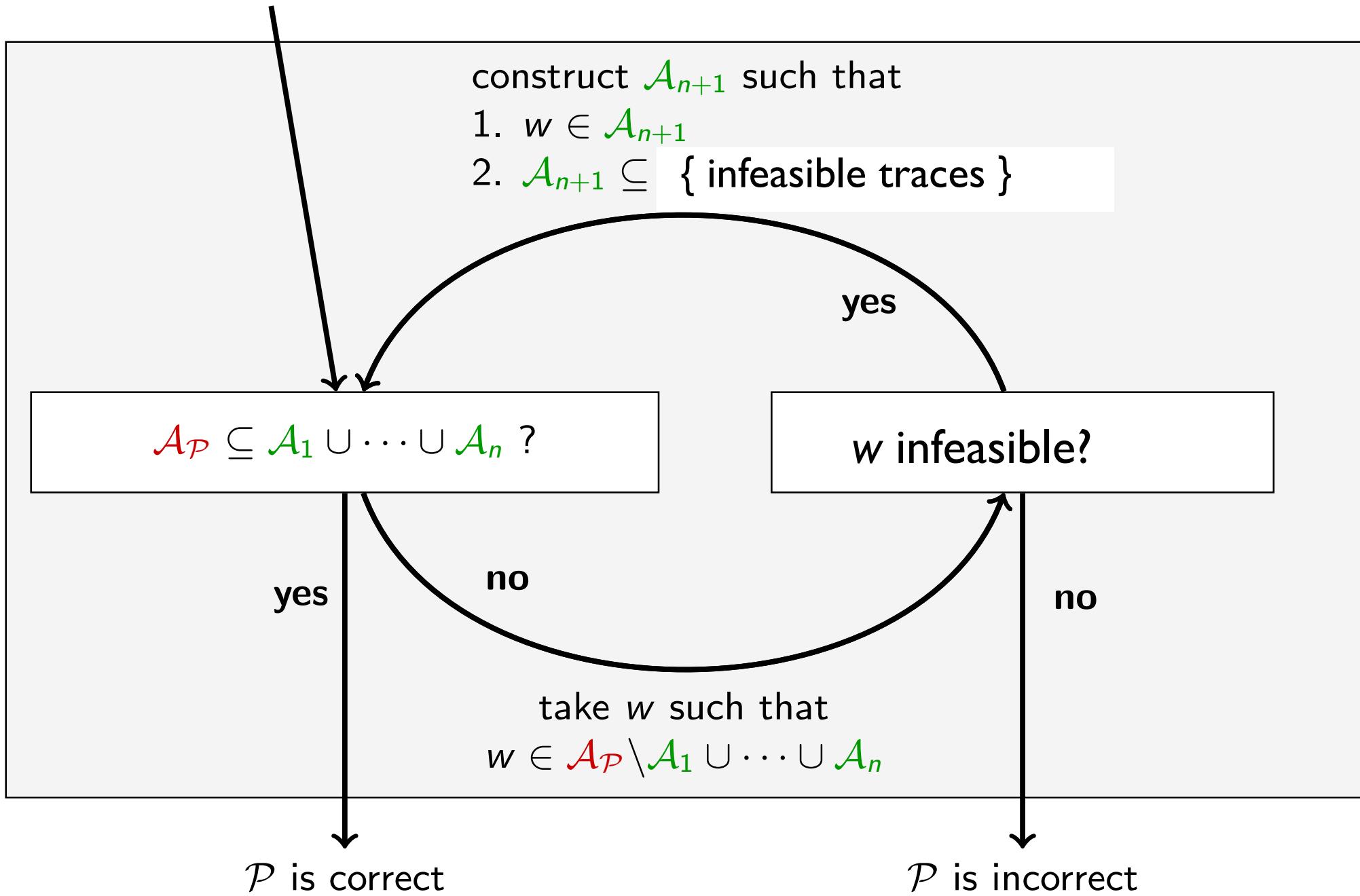
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12 /*@ requires \true;
i 13   @ ensures x > 101 || \result == 91;
i 14   @*/
i 15 int f91(int x);
16
i 17 int f91(int x) {
18   if (x > 100)
19     return x -10;
20   else {
21     return f91(f91(x+11));
22   }
23 }
24
25
26 }
```

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	Line	Ultimate Result
<span style="color: blue;">i</span>	21	procedure precondition always holds
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<span style="color: blue;">i</span>	13	procedure postcondition always holds

program  $\mathcal{P}$



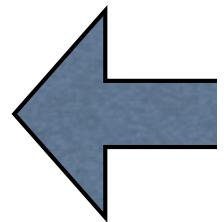
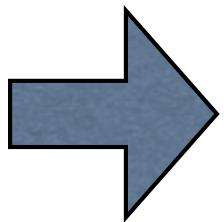
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- Refinement of Trace Abstraction. SAS 2009
- Nested interpolants. POPL 2010
- Interpolant Automata. ATVA 2012
- Ultimate Automizer with SMTInterpol - (Competition Contribution). TACAS 2013
- Automata as Proofs. VMCAI 2013
- Inductive data flow graphs. 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

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

with Automatic Verification Methods

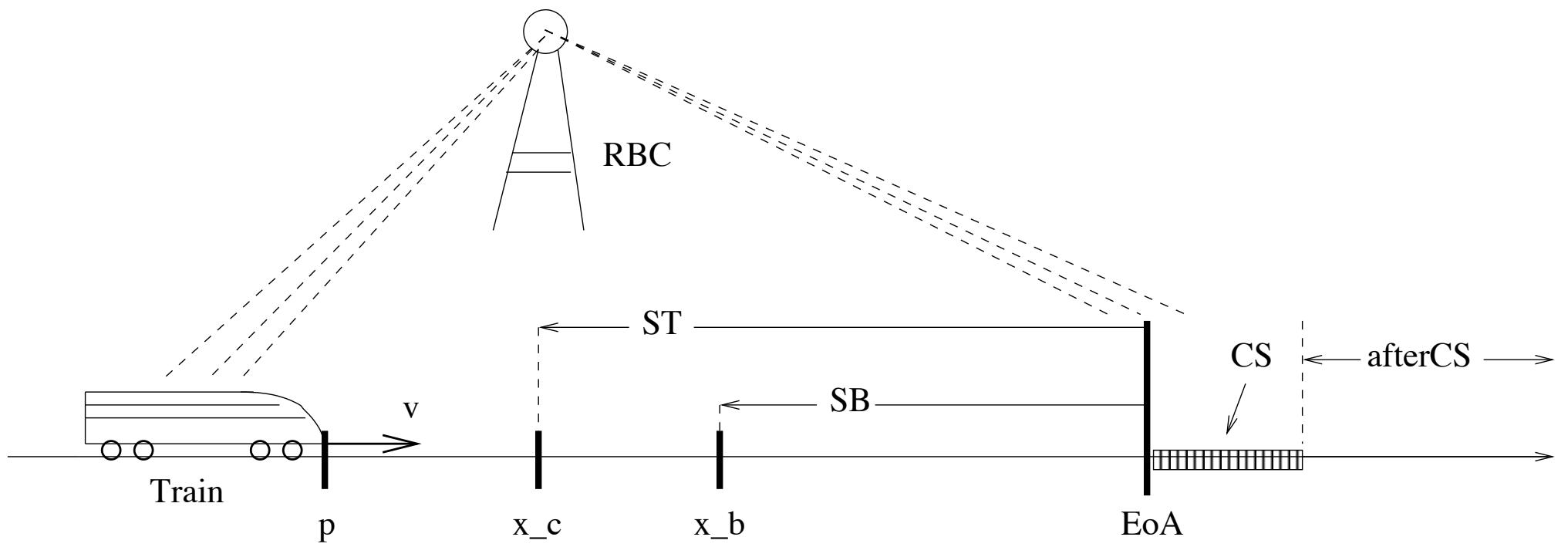
Giving Mathematical Evidence  
of Compliance of Models

To Dependability, Coordination, Control  
and Real-Time Requirements

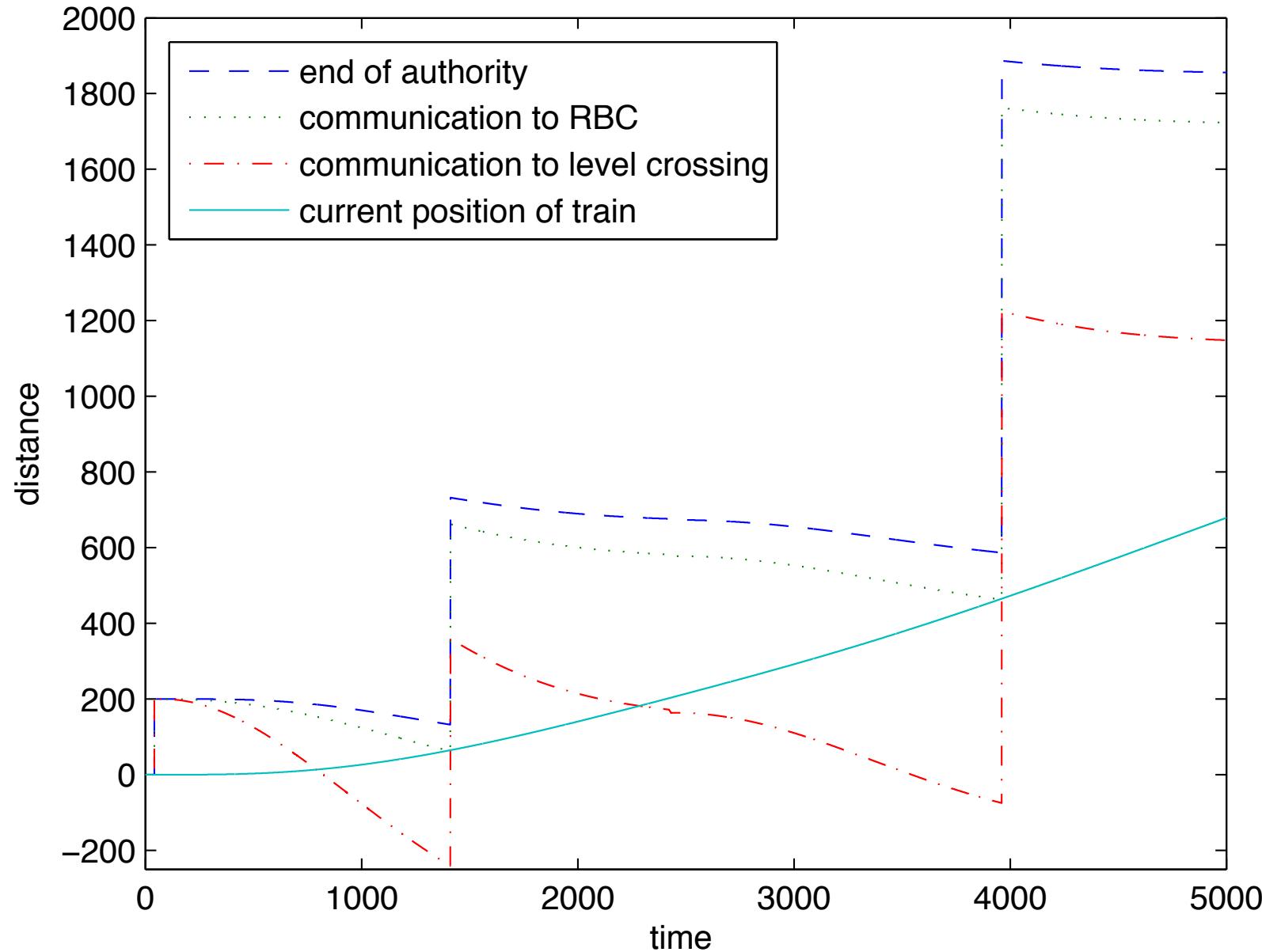


# Automating Verification of Cooperation, Control, and Design in Traffic Applications $\star$

Werner Damm<sup>1,2</sup>, Alfred Mikschl<sup>1</sup>, Jens Oehlerking<sup>1</sup>, Ernst-Rüdiger Olderog<sup>1</sup>,  
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**Fig. 4.** Radio-based train control



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

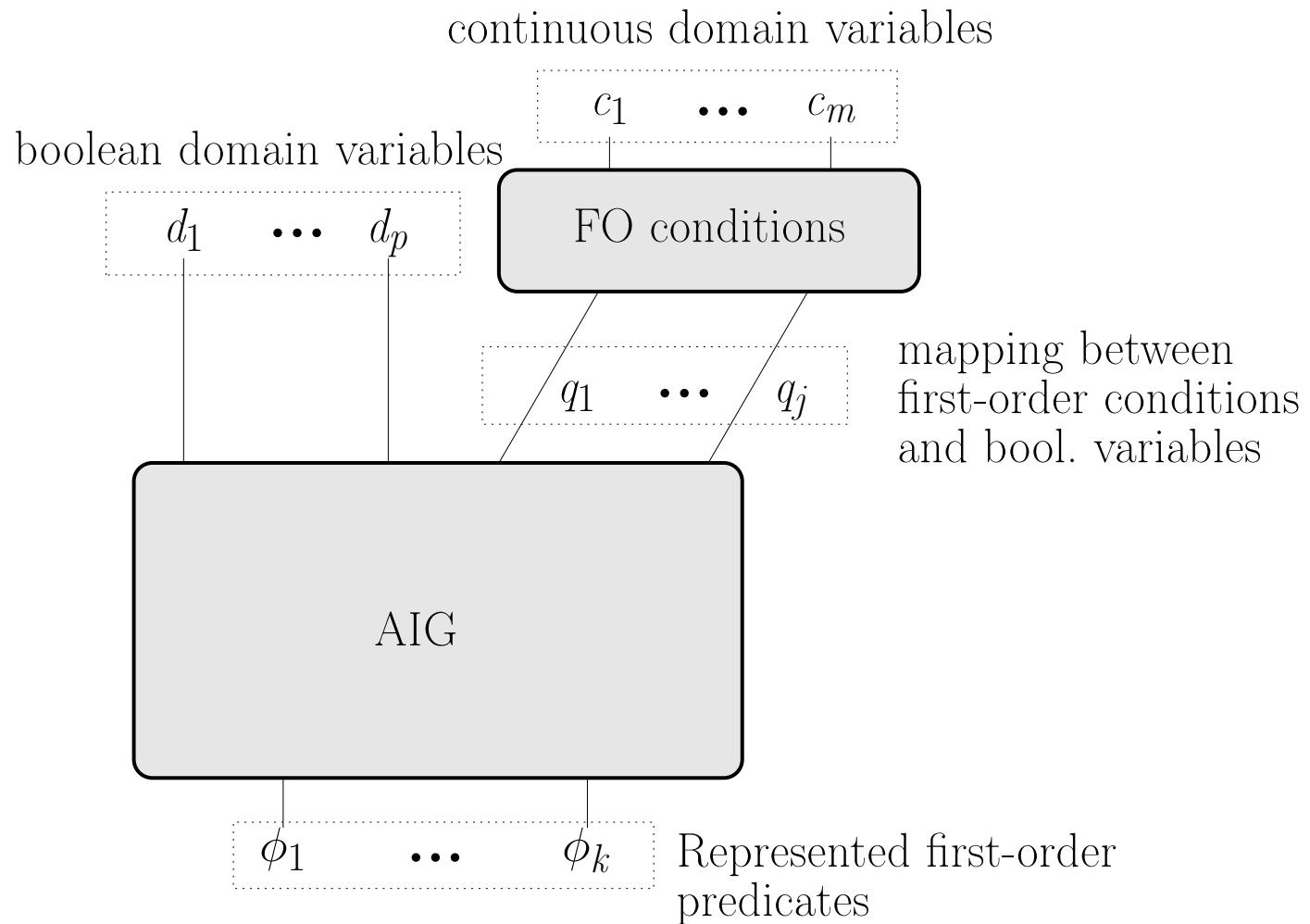
## holistic verification methodology

dedicated methods for:

- cooperation layer
- control layer
- design layer

### model checking for discrete hybrid systems

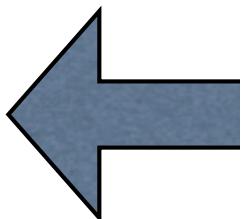
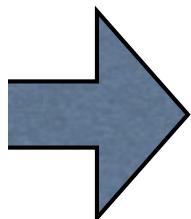
- Lin AIGs
- $\omega$ -Cegar



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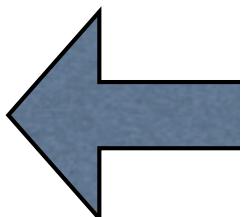
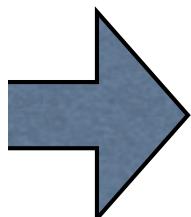
*Construction of  $\omega$ -automaton.* Thus we follow a strategy of completely ruling out generalized conflicts by constructing an  $\omega$ -automaton  $A_C$  that accepts all runs not containing any known conflict as a subsequence. Considering partial regulation laws as atomic characters and  $C$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

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

automata over an unusual alphabet ...

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```

 $\ell_0$ : assume  $p \neq 0$ ;  

 $\ell_1$ : while( $n \geq 0$ )  

{  

 $\ell_2$ :  

    if( $n == 0$ )  

{  

 $\ell_3$ :       $p := 0$ ;  

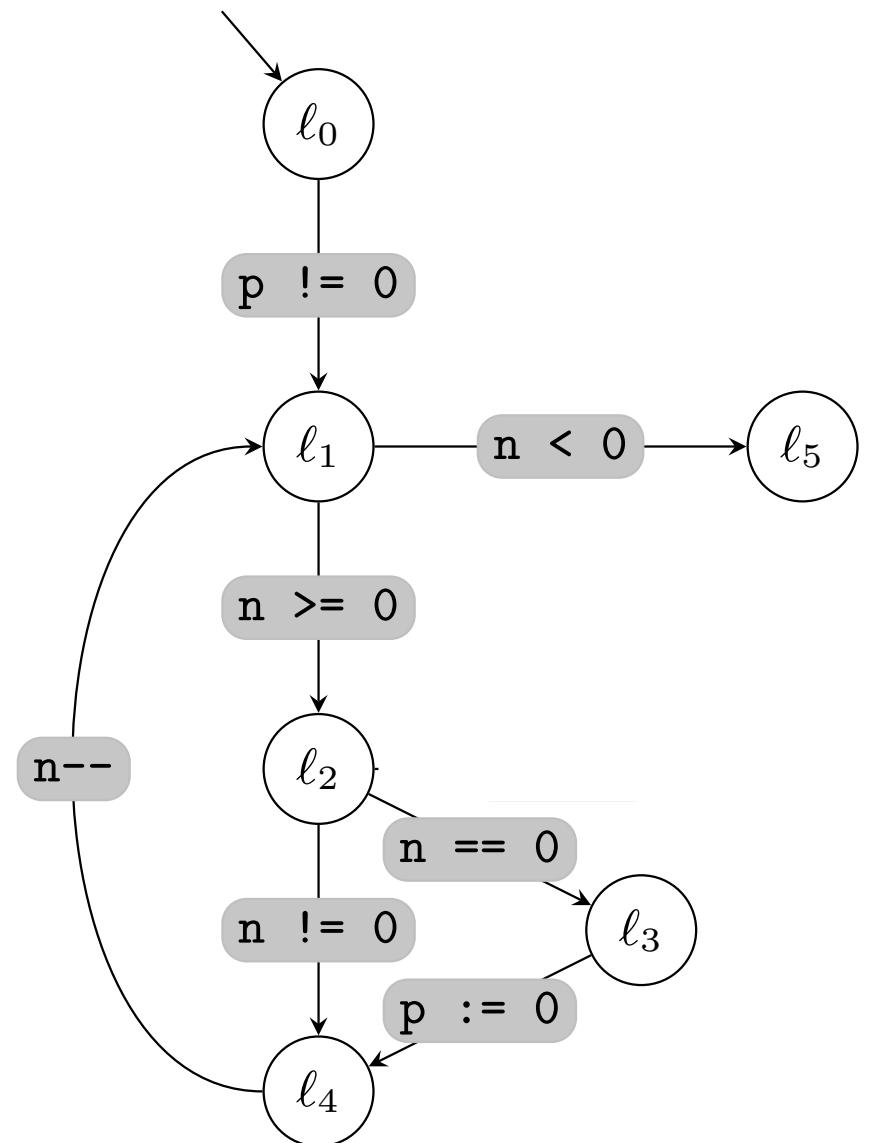
}  

 $\ell_4$ :       $n--$ ;  

}  

 $\ell_5$ :

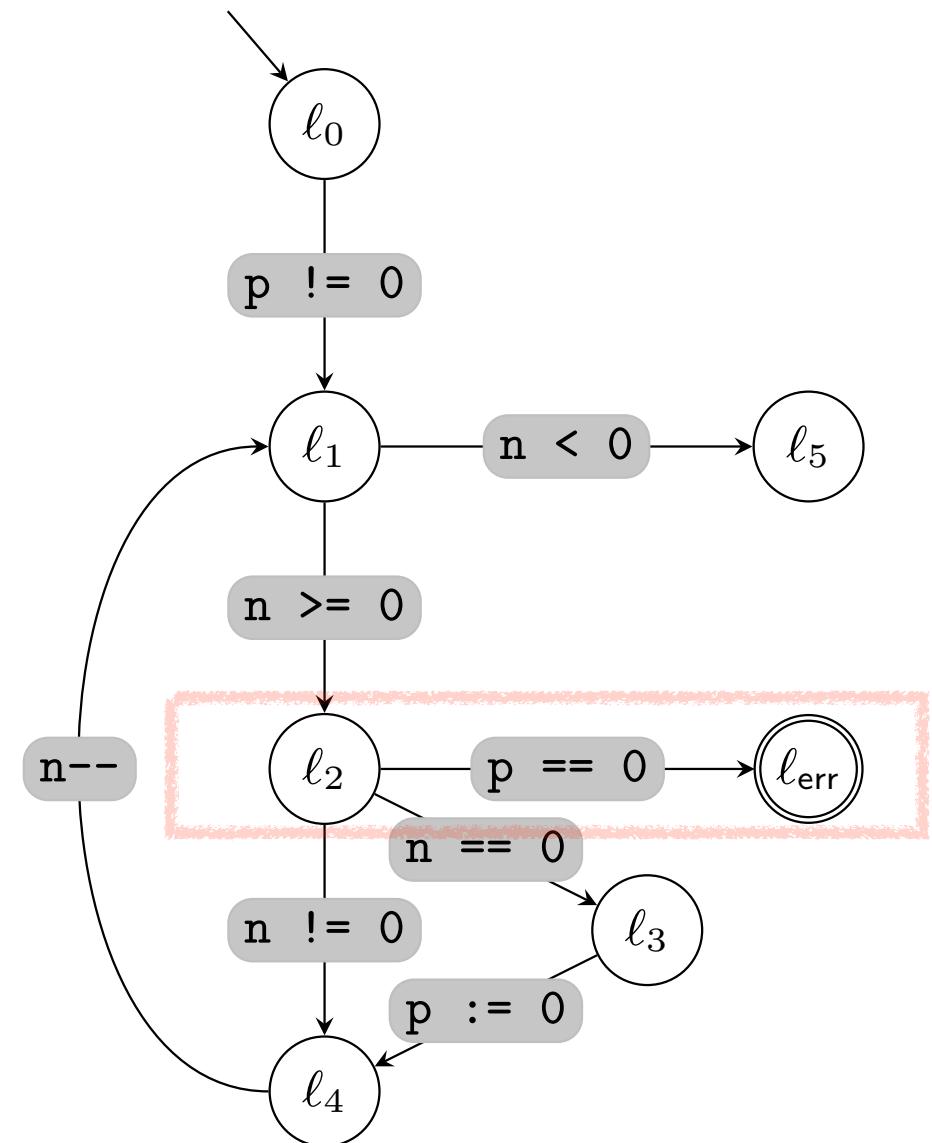
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 $\ell_0$ : assume  $p \neq 0$ ;
 $\ell_1$ : while( $n \geq 0$ )
{
    assert  $p \neq 0$ ; assert  $p \neq 0$ 
    if( $n == 0$ )
    {
         $p := 0$ ;
    }
     $n--$ ;
}
 $\ell_5$ :

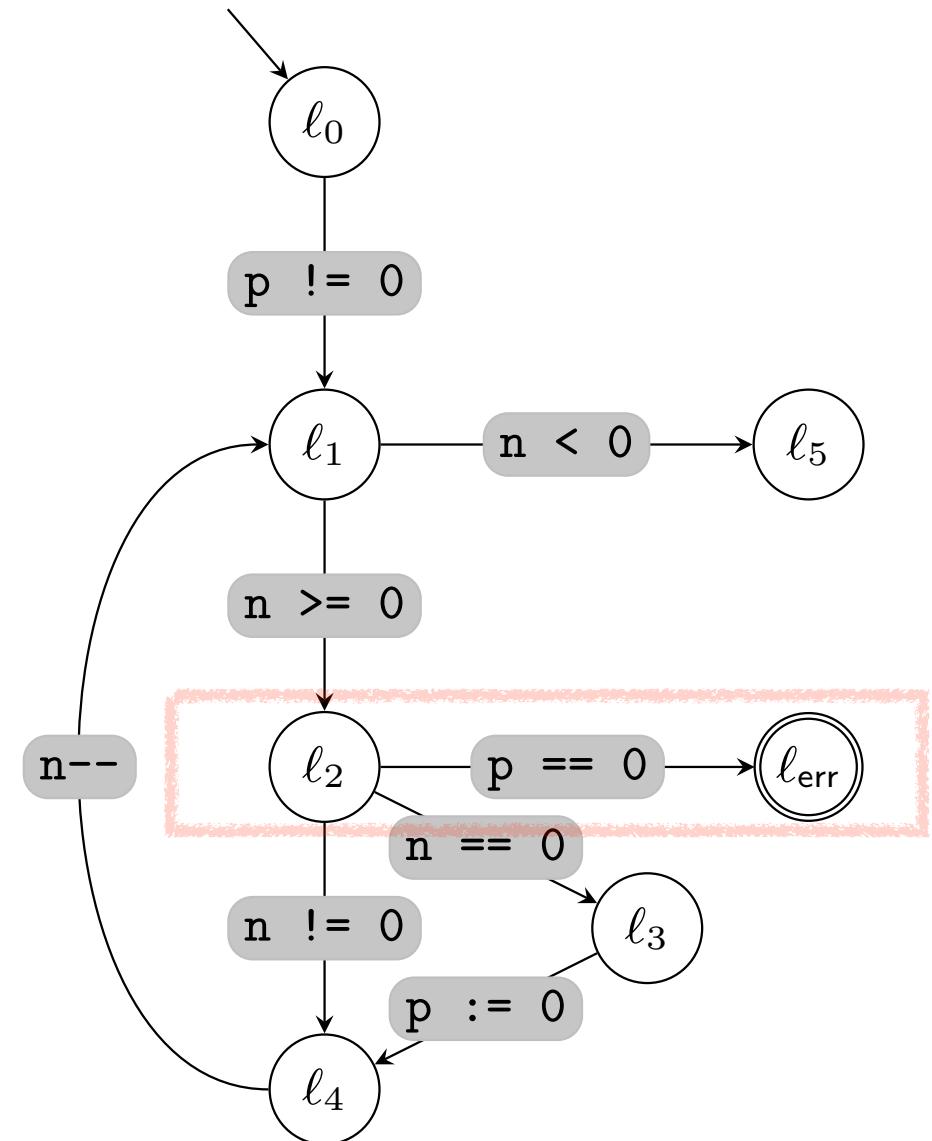
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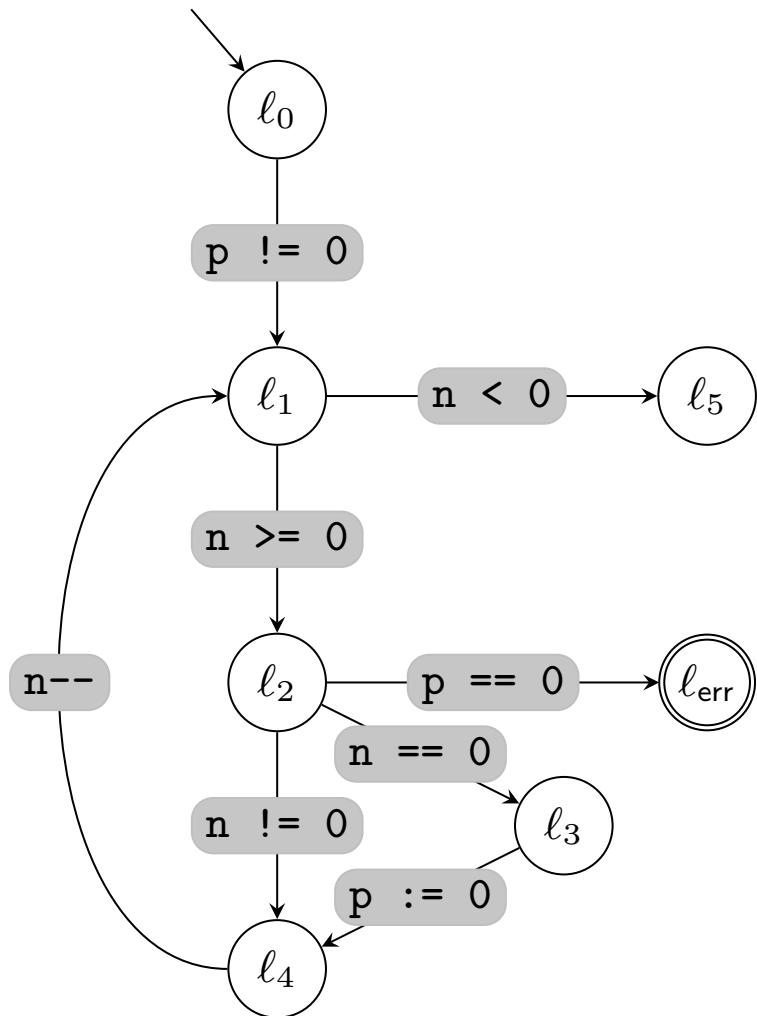
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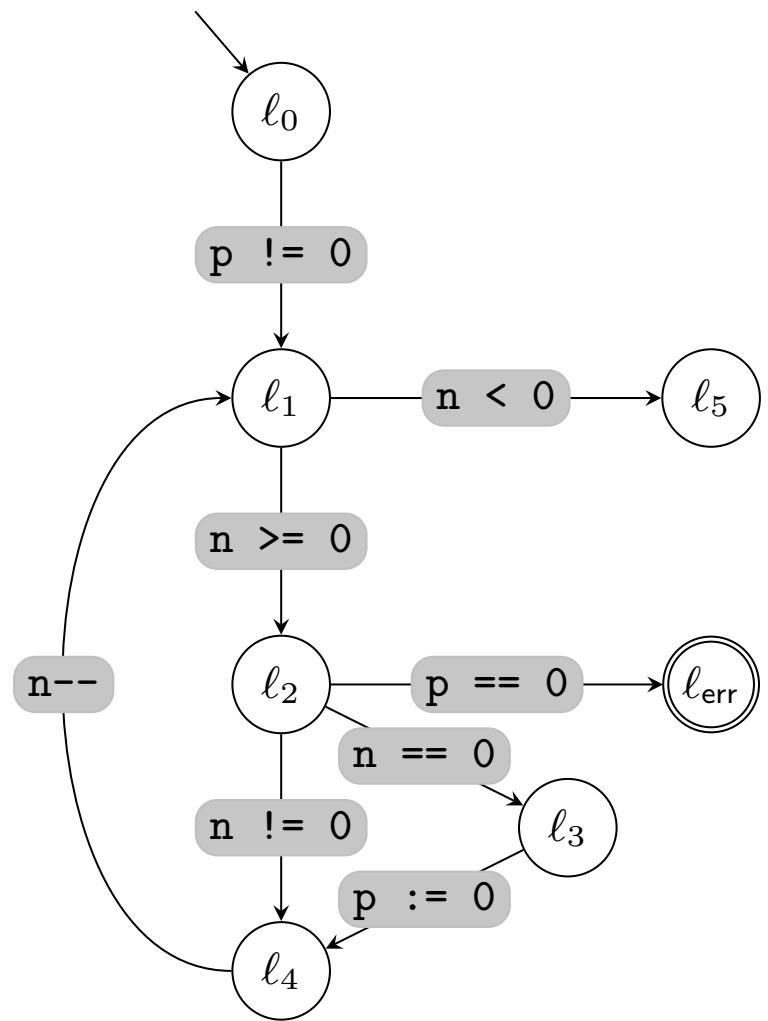


no execution violates assertion = no execution reaches error location

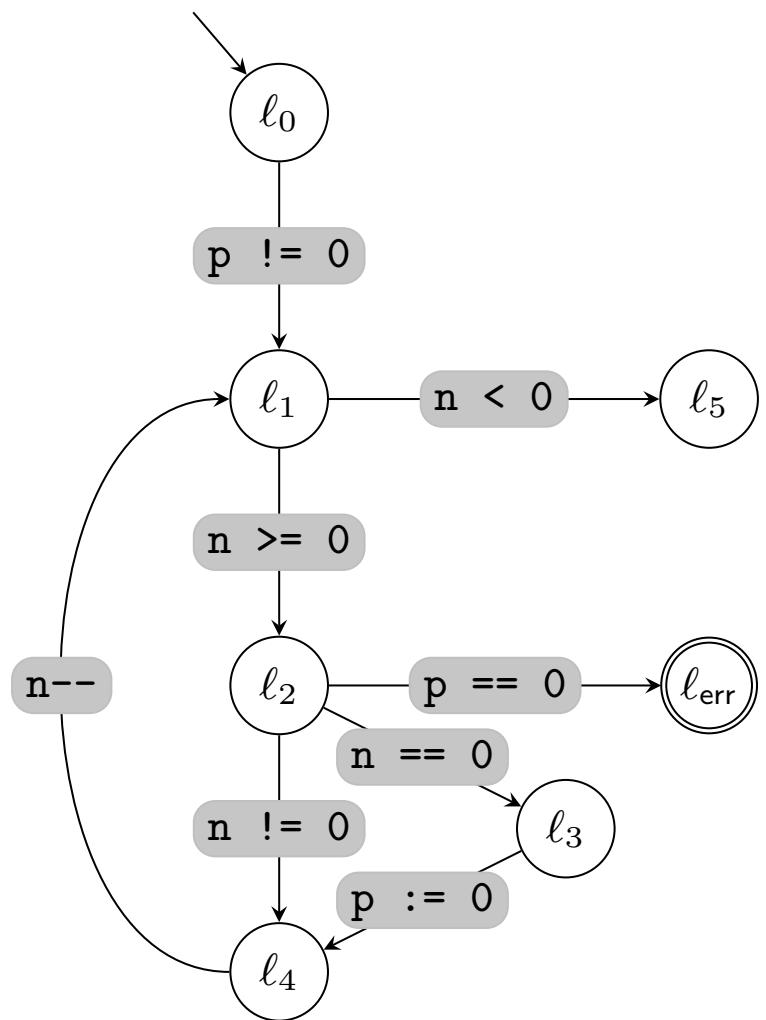


automaton

alphabet: {statements}



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



$(p \neq 0)$

$(n \geq 0)$

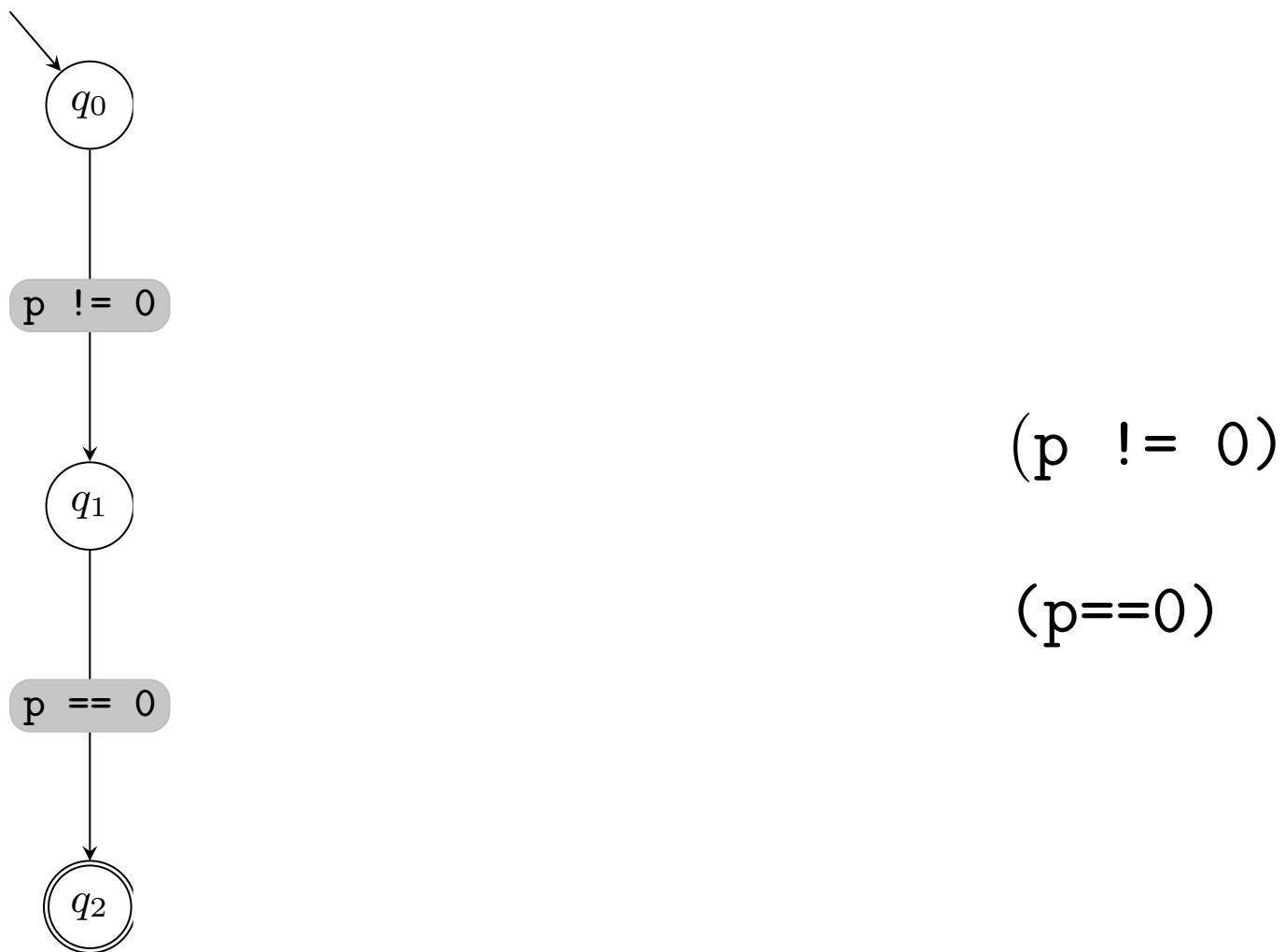
$(p == 0)$

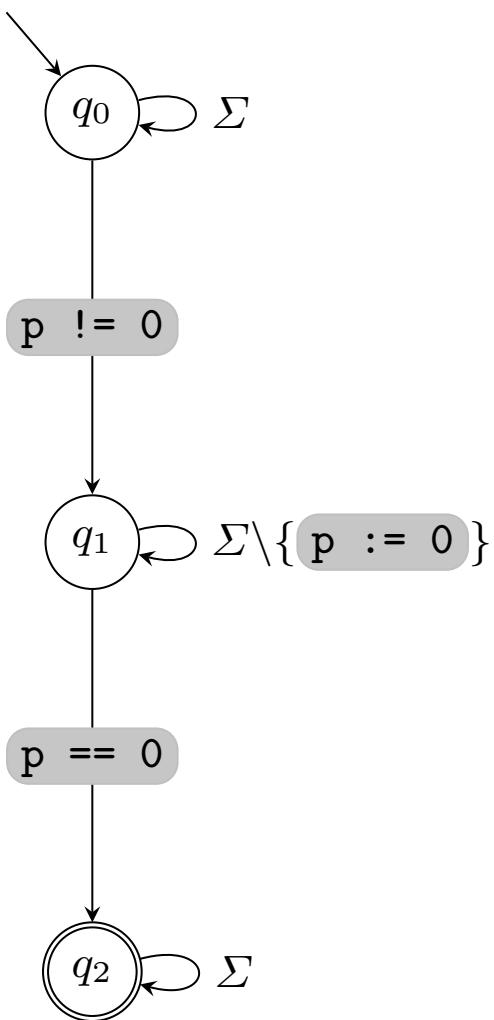
$(p \neq 0)$

$(p == 0)$

(p != 0)

(p==0)

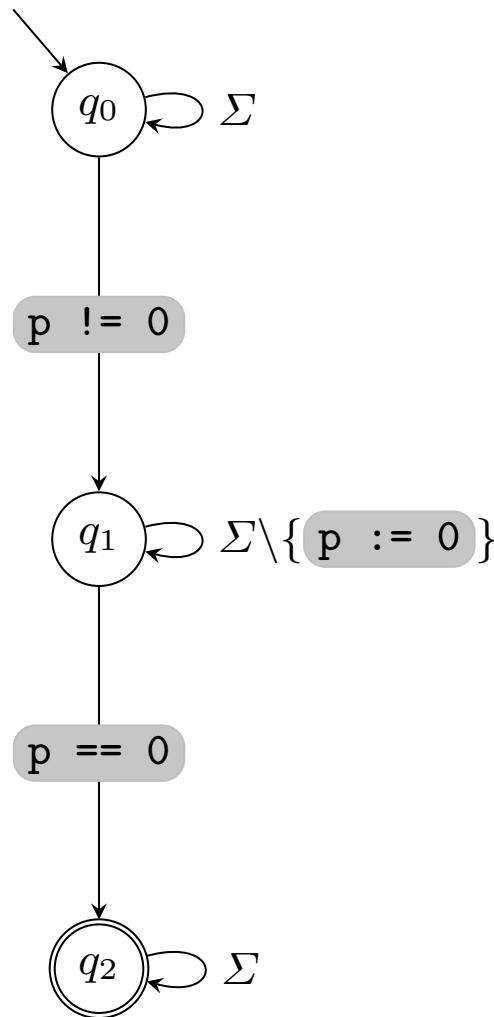




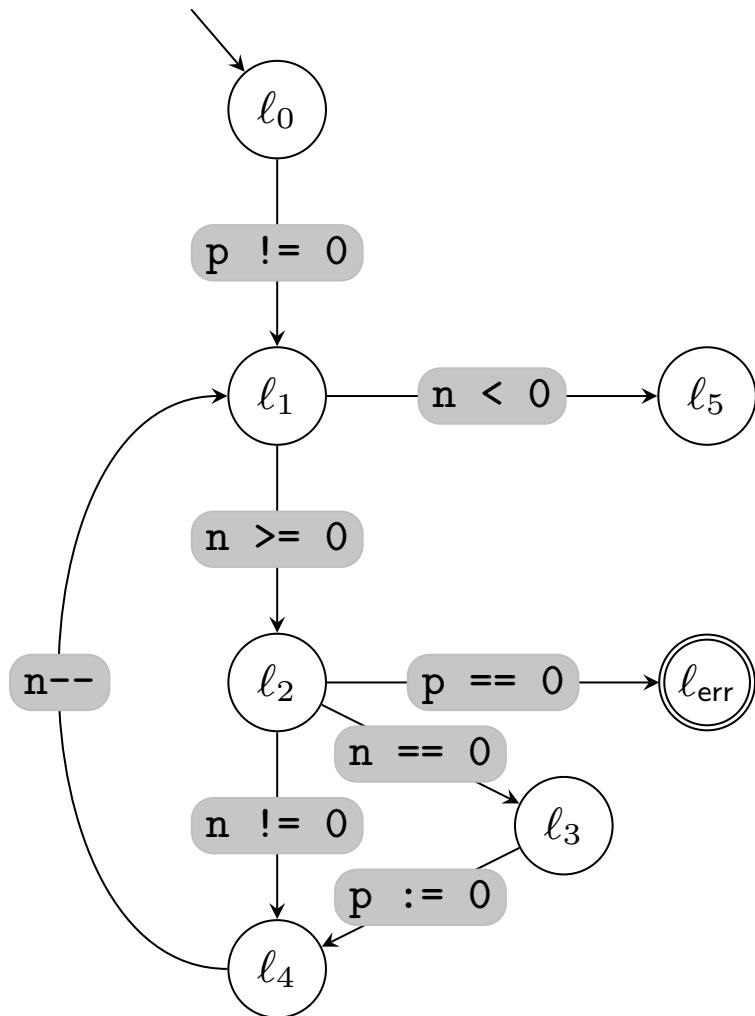
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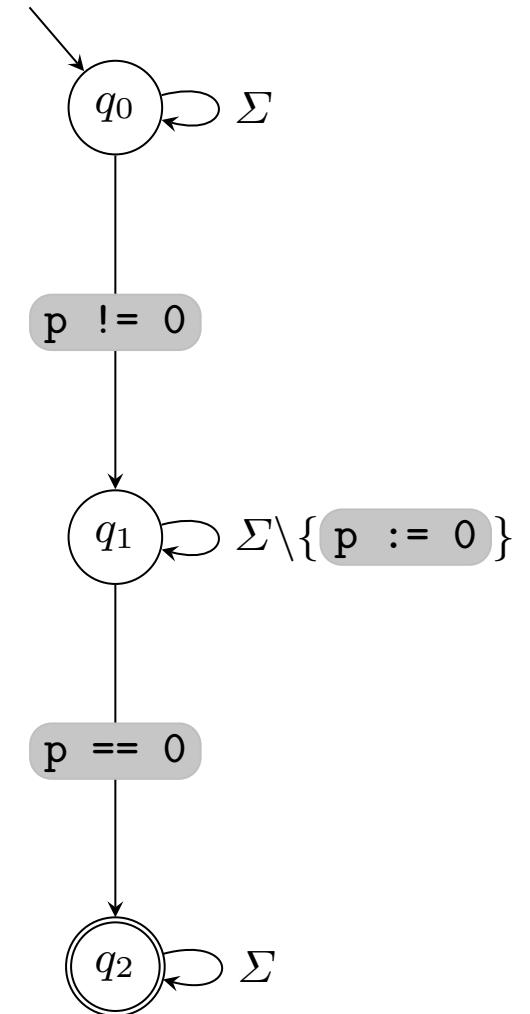
# automaton constructed from unsatisfiability proof



accepts all traces with the *same* unsatisfiability proof

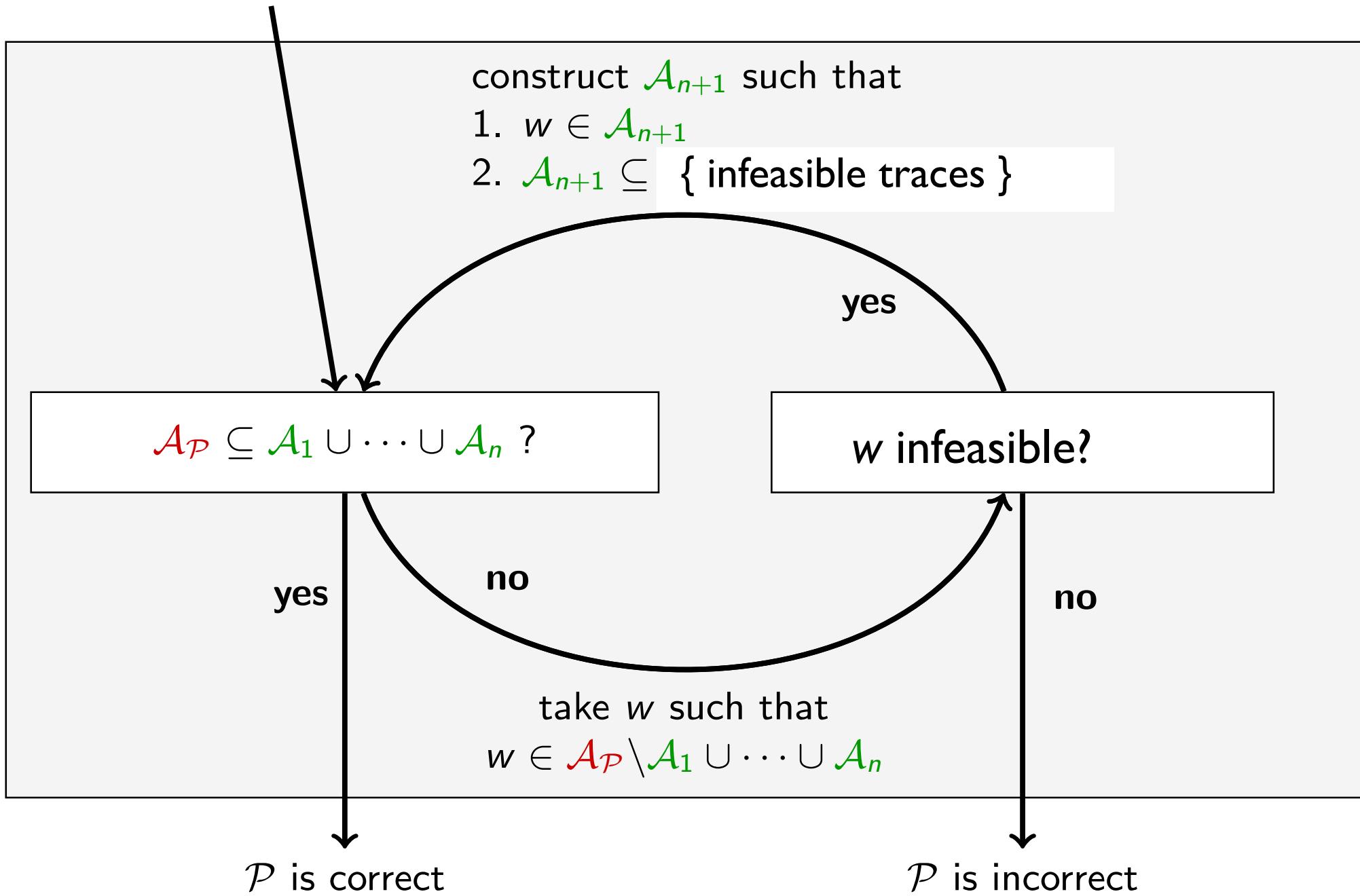


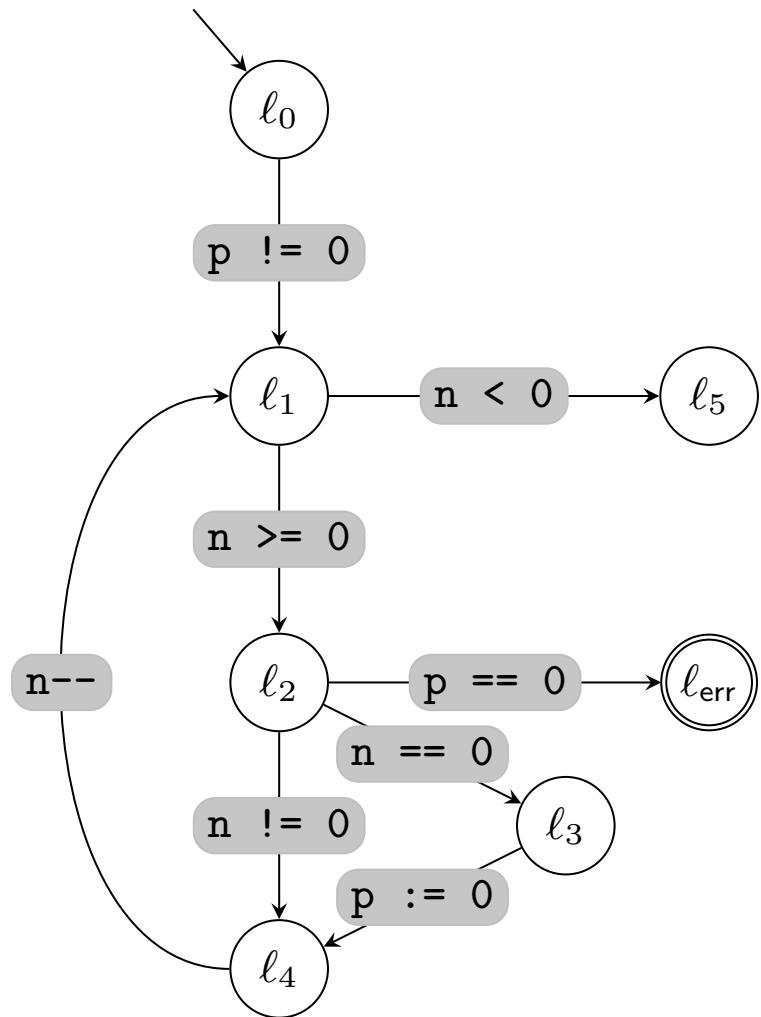
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**does a proof exist for every trace ?**

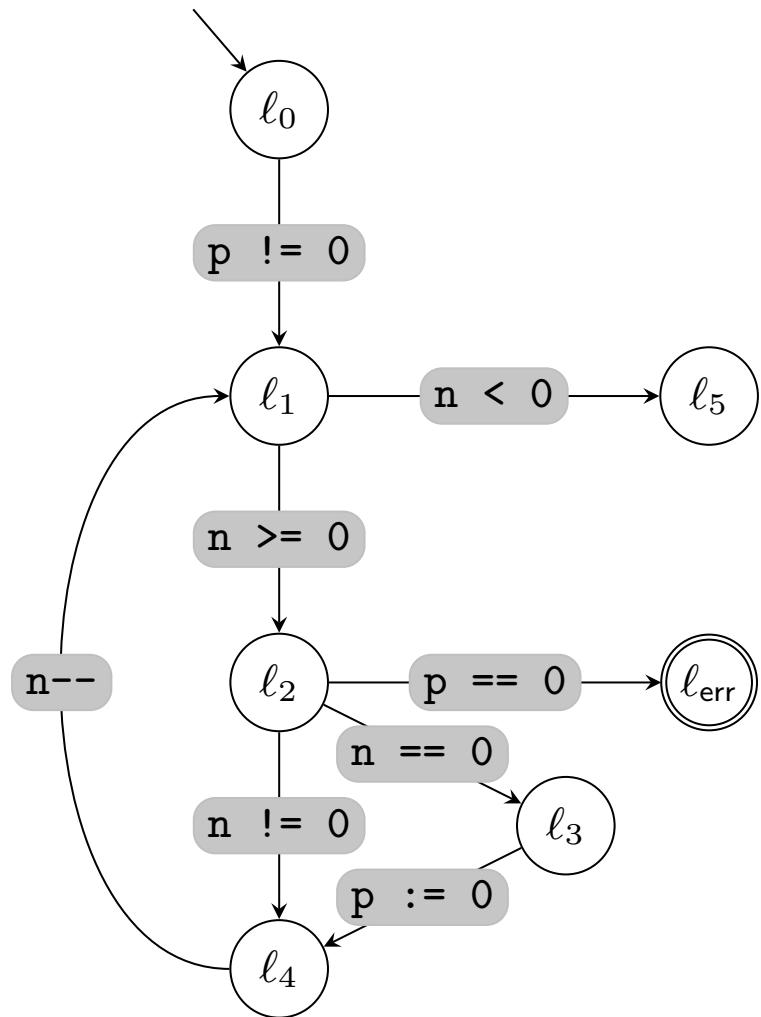
program  $\mathcal{P}$





**new trace:**

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

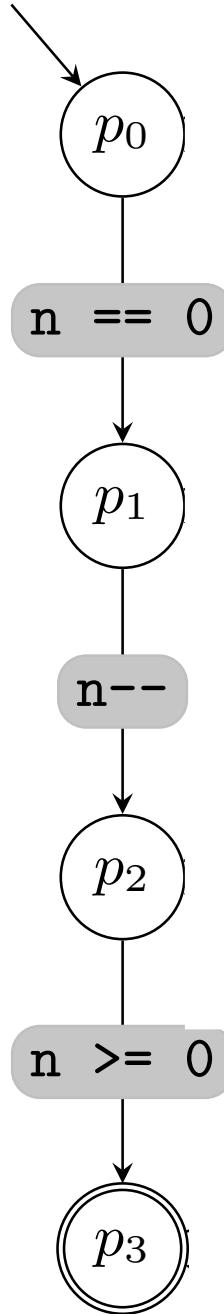


$(\text{p } != 0)$	
$(\text{n } >= 0)$	
$(\text{n } == 0)$	$(\text{n } == 0)$
$(\text{p } := 0)$	
$(\text{n--})$	$(\text{n--})$
$(\text{n } >= 0)$	$(\text{n } >= 0)$
$(\text{p } == 0)$	

(n == 0)

(n--)

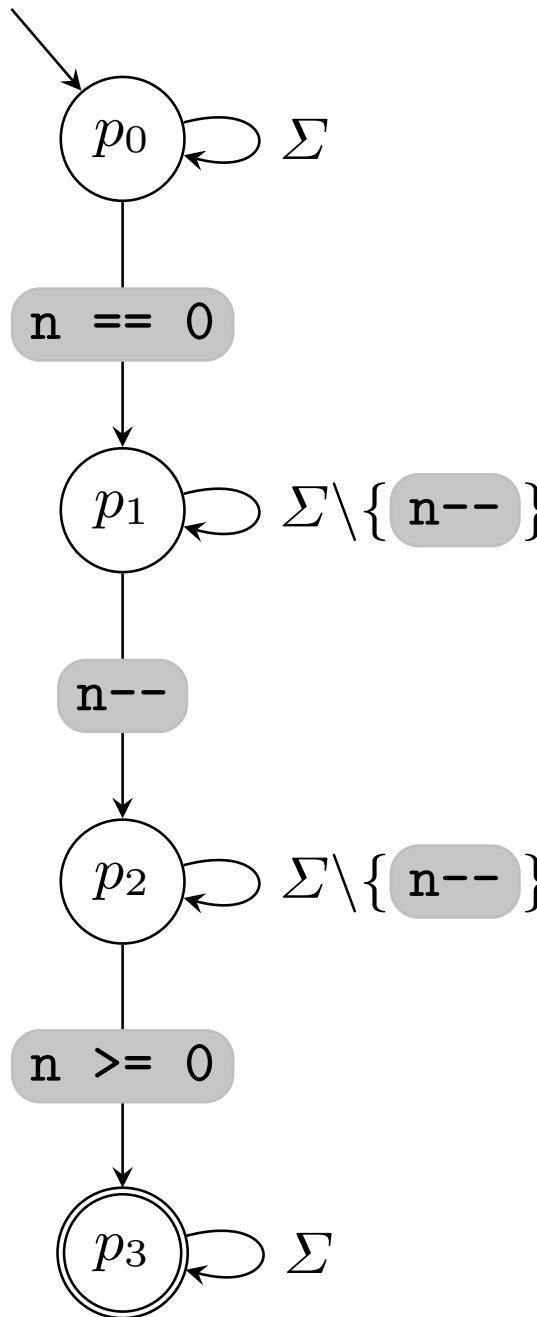
(n >= 0)



$(n == 0)$

$(n--)$

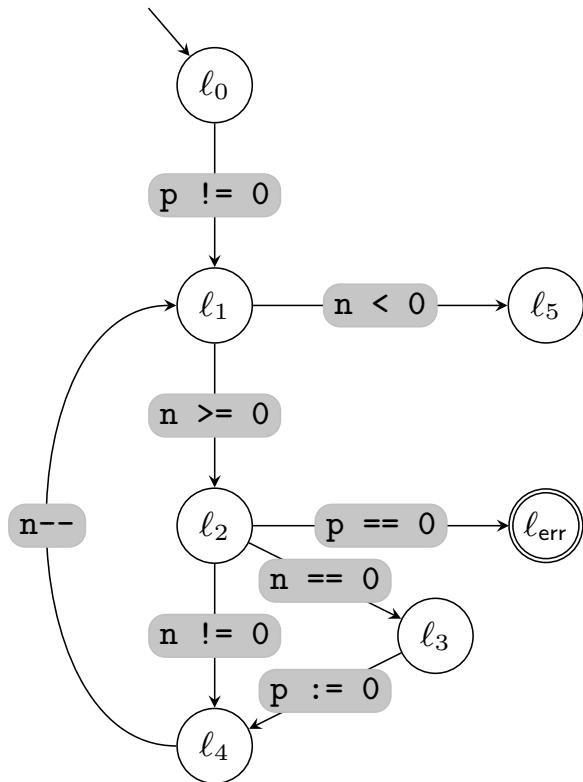
$(n \geq 0)$



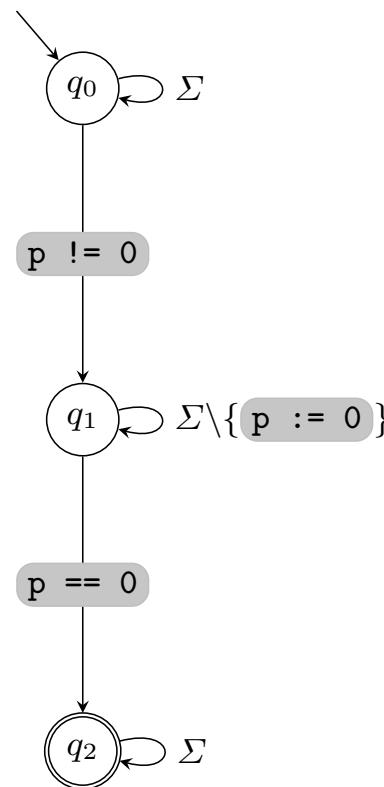
$(n == 0)$

$(n--)$

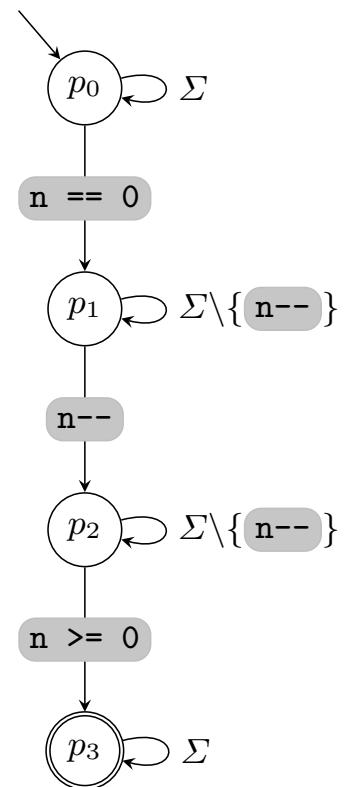
$(n \geq 0)$



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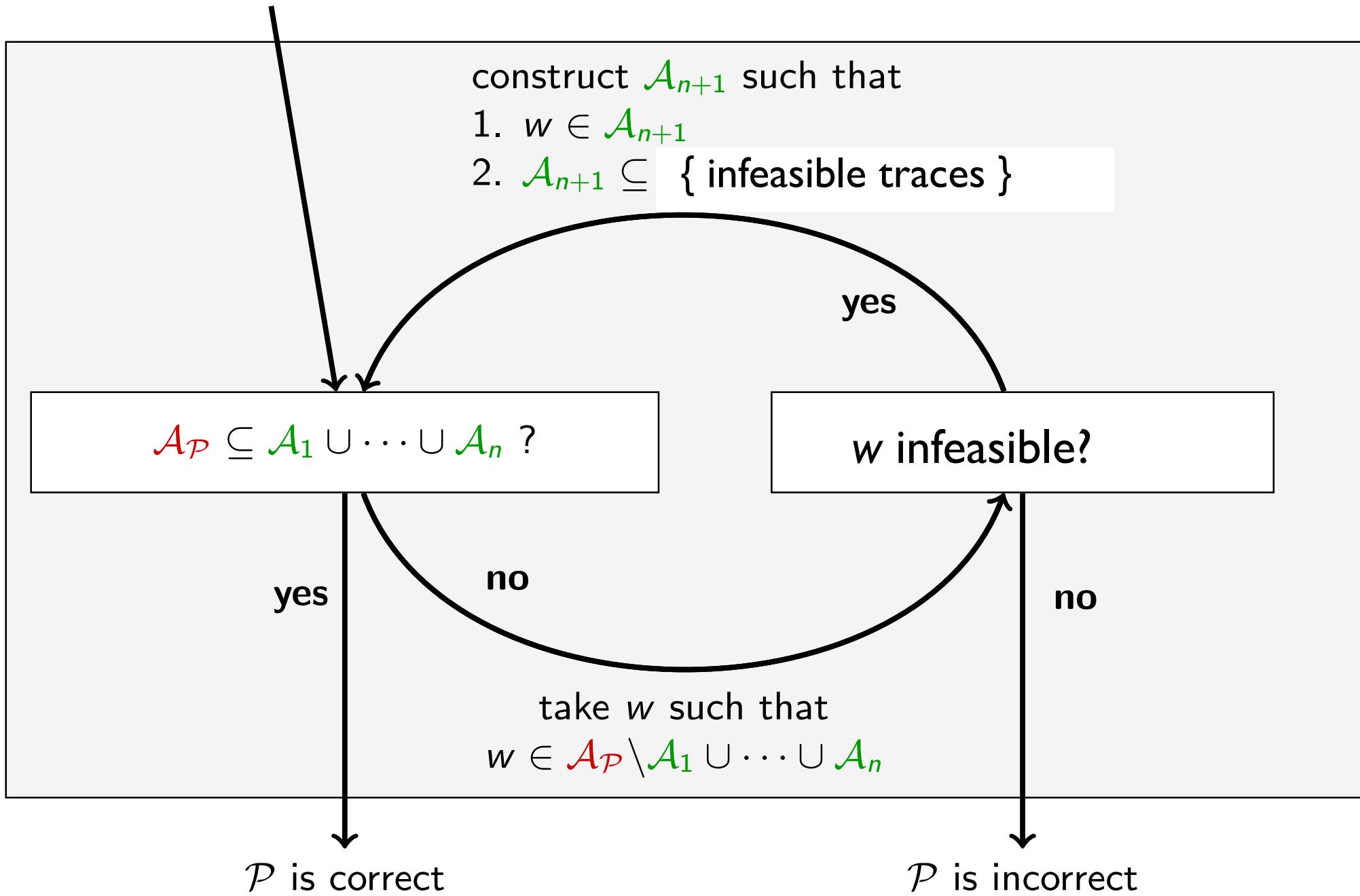


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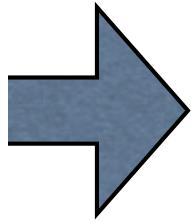
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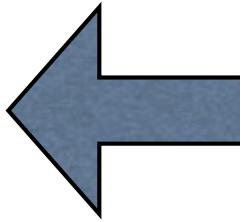
automata constructed from unsatisfiable core

are not sufficient in general

(verification algorithm not complete)

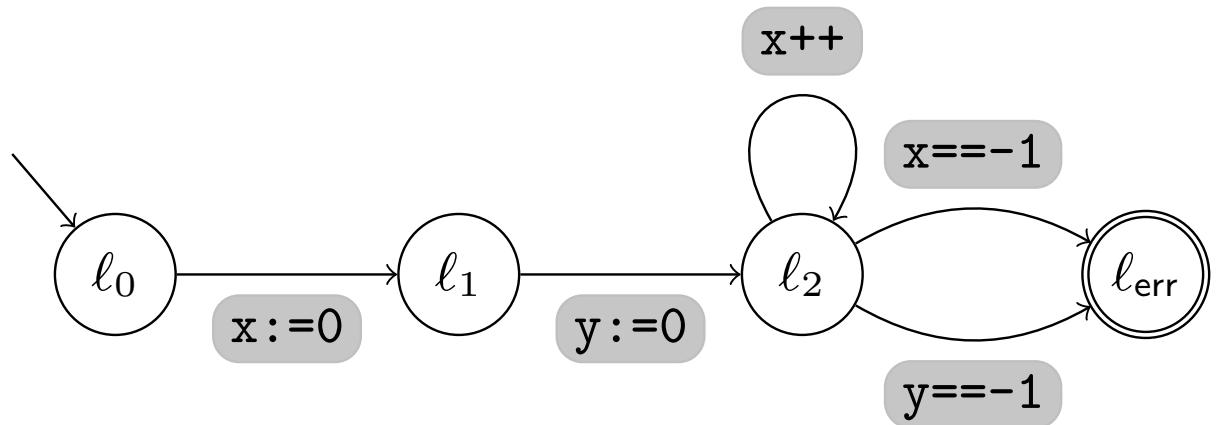


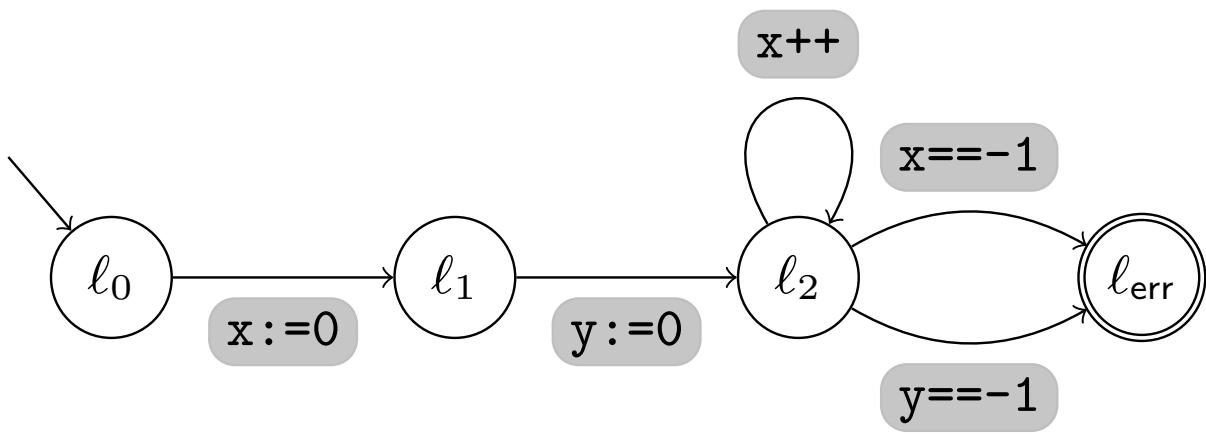
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```
 $\ell_0$ : x := 0;  
 $\ell_1$ : y := 0;  
 $\ell_2$ : while(nondet) {x++;}  
assert(x != -1);  
assert(y != -1);
```





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

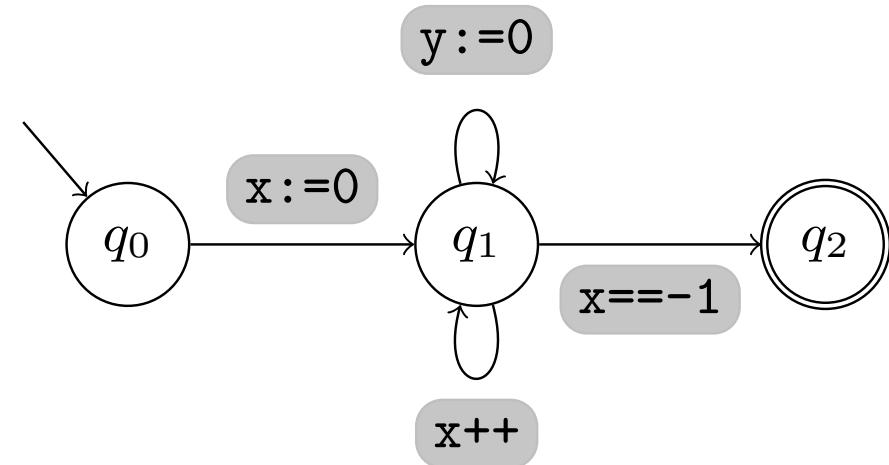
# Hoare triples proving infeasibility :

$$\begin{array}{lll} \{ \text{true} \} & \text{x := 0} & \{ x \geq 0 \} \\ \{ x \geq 0 \} & \text{y := 0} & \{ x \geq 0 \} \\ \{ x \geq 0 \} & \text{x++} & \{ x \geq 0 \} \\ \{ x \geq 0 \} & \text{x == -1} & \{ \text{false} \} \end{array}$$

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

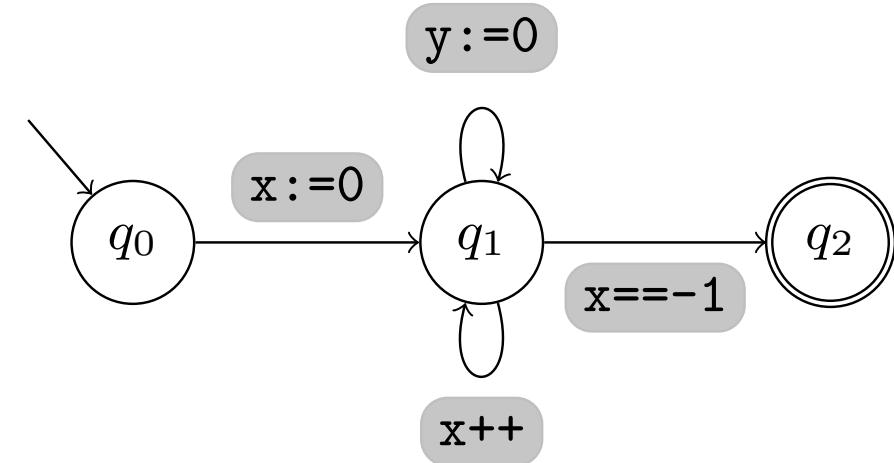
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sequencing of Hoare triples  $\mapsto$  run of automaton

# inference rule for sequencing

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

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

## **proof space**

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

closed under inference rule of **sequencing**

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

## proof of sample trace:

```
{ true } x:=0 {x ≥ 0}
{x ≥ 0} y:=0 {x ≥ 0}
{x ≥ 0} x++ {x ≥ 0}
{x ≥ 0} x==−1 {false}
```

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

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

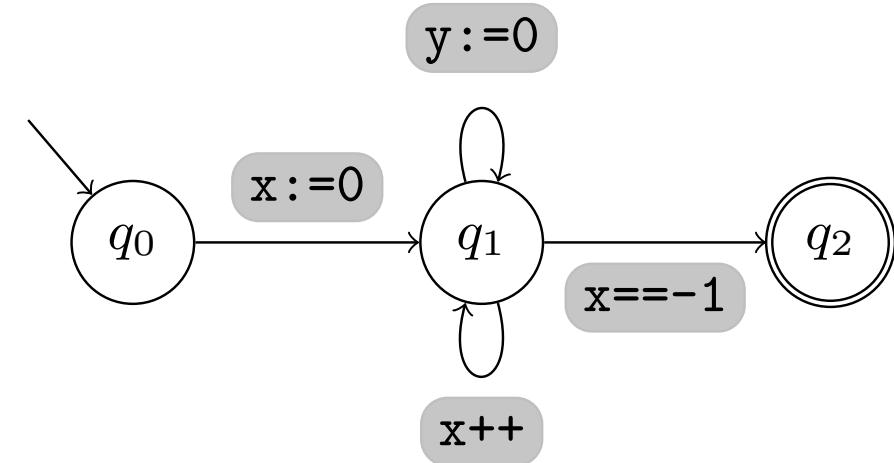
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finite basis of Hoare triples “{*pre*} stmt {*post*}”  $\longmapsto$  automaton

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



sequencing of Hoare triples in basis  $\longmapsto$  run of automaton

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

### **proof space**

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

closed under inference rule of **sequencing**

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

**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.