

# Synthesis of Optimal Strategies for Priced Timed Games

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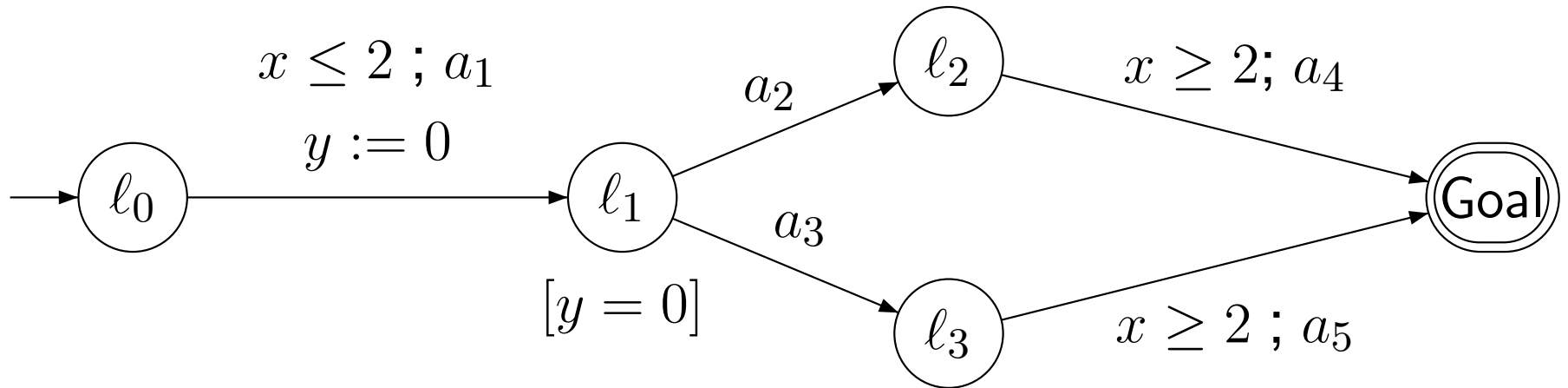
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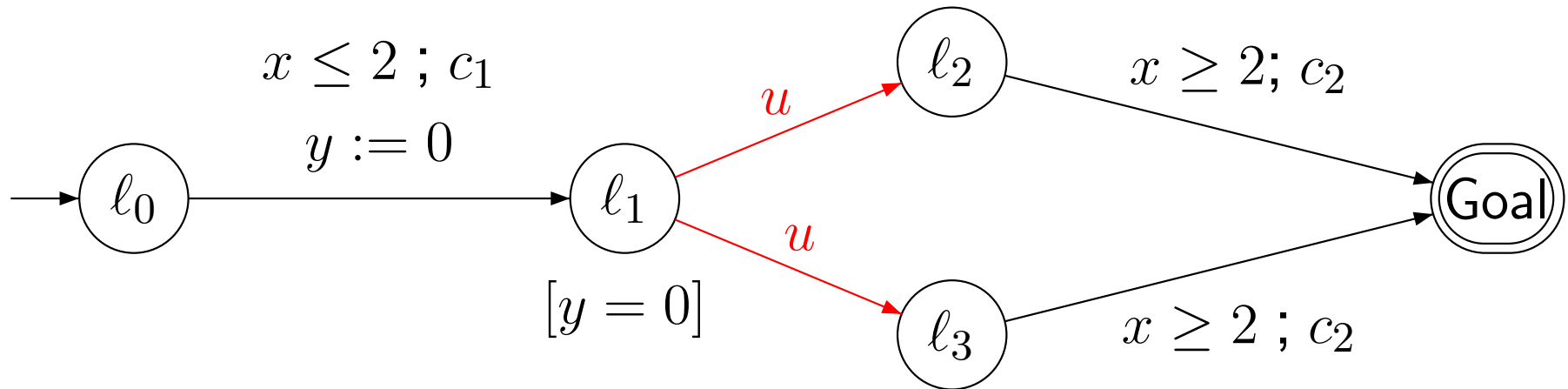
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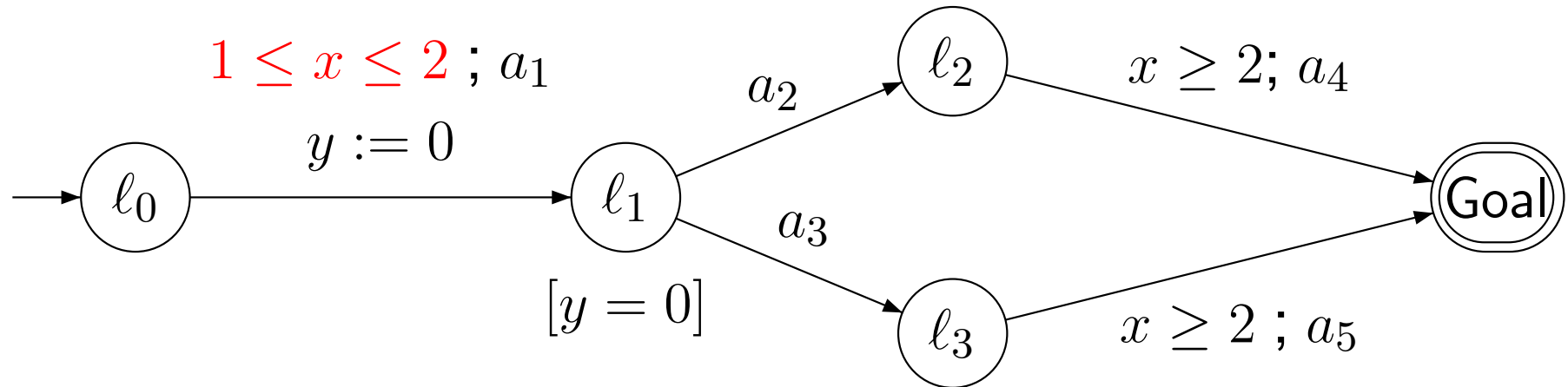
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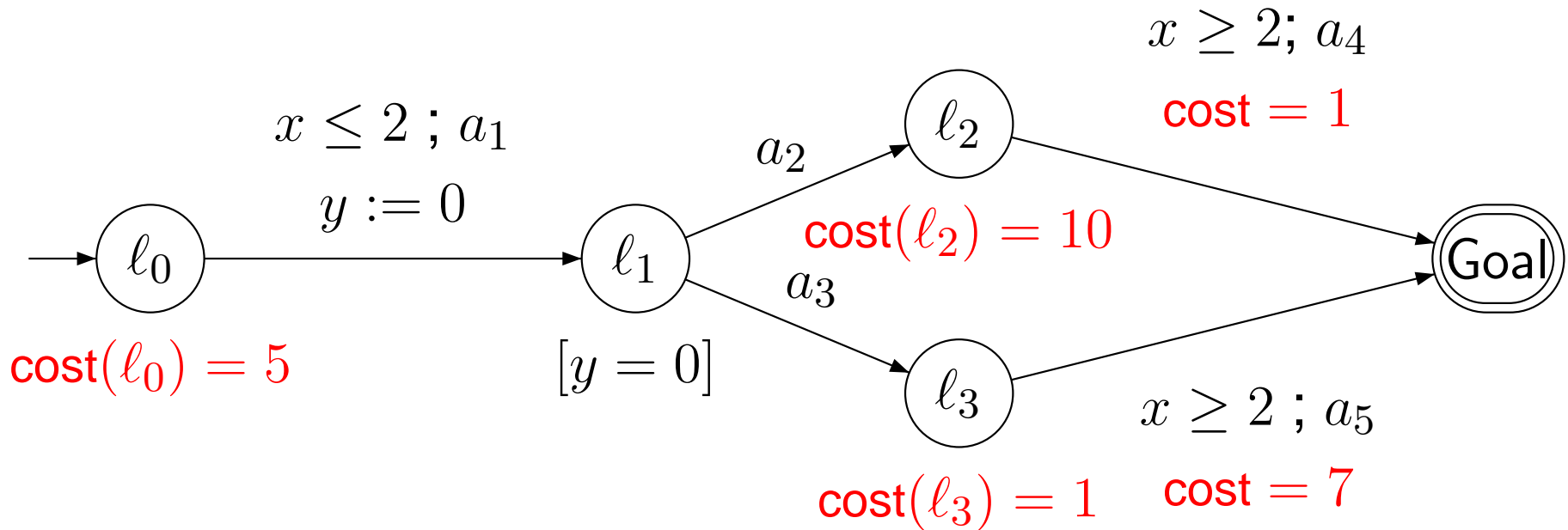
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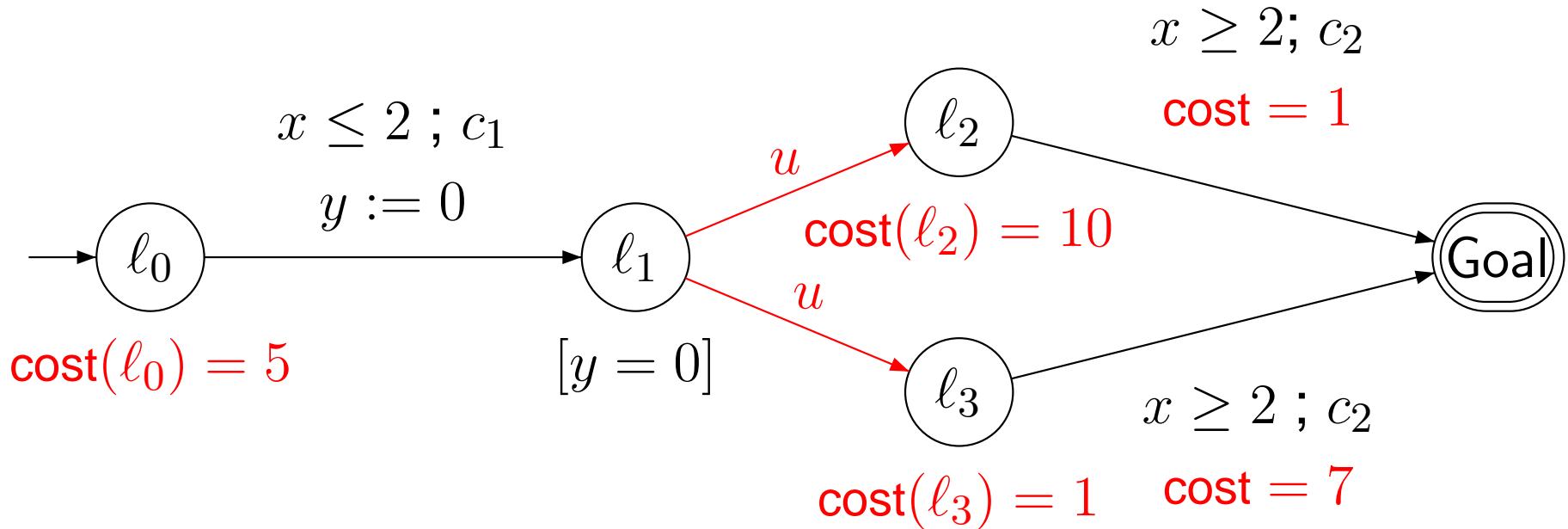
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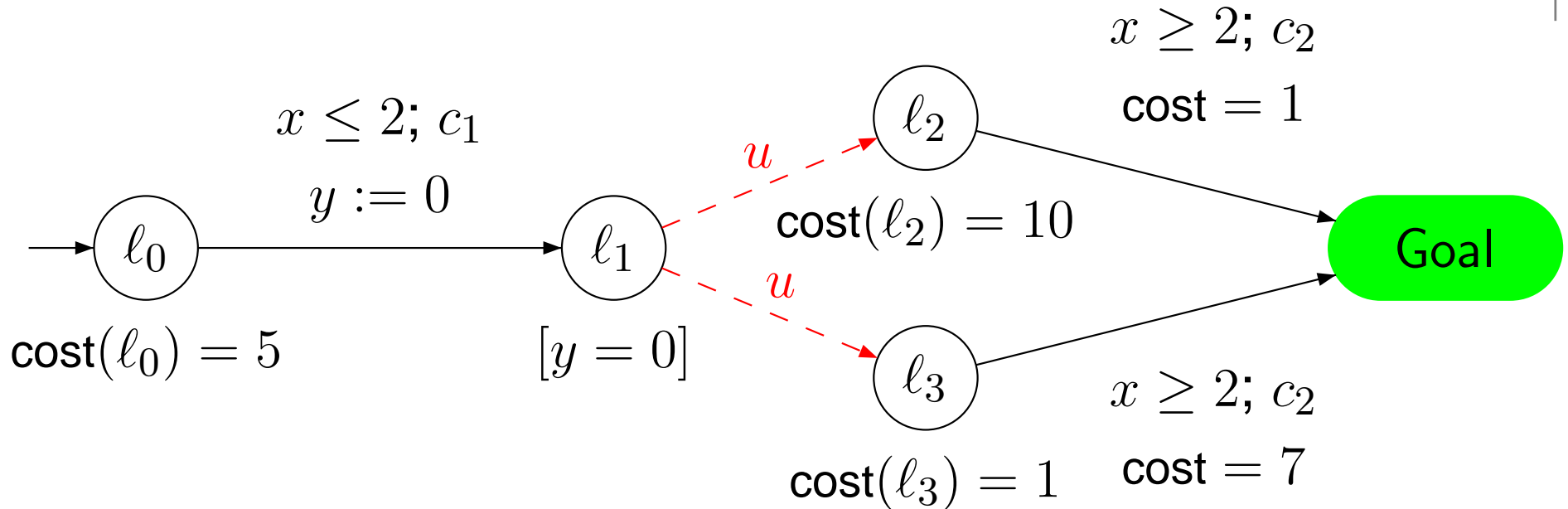
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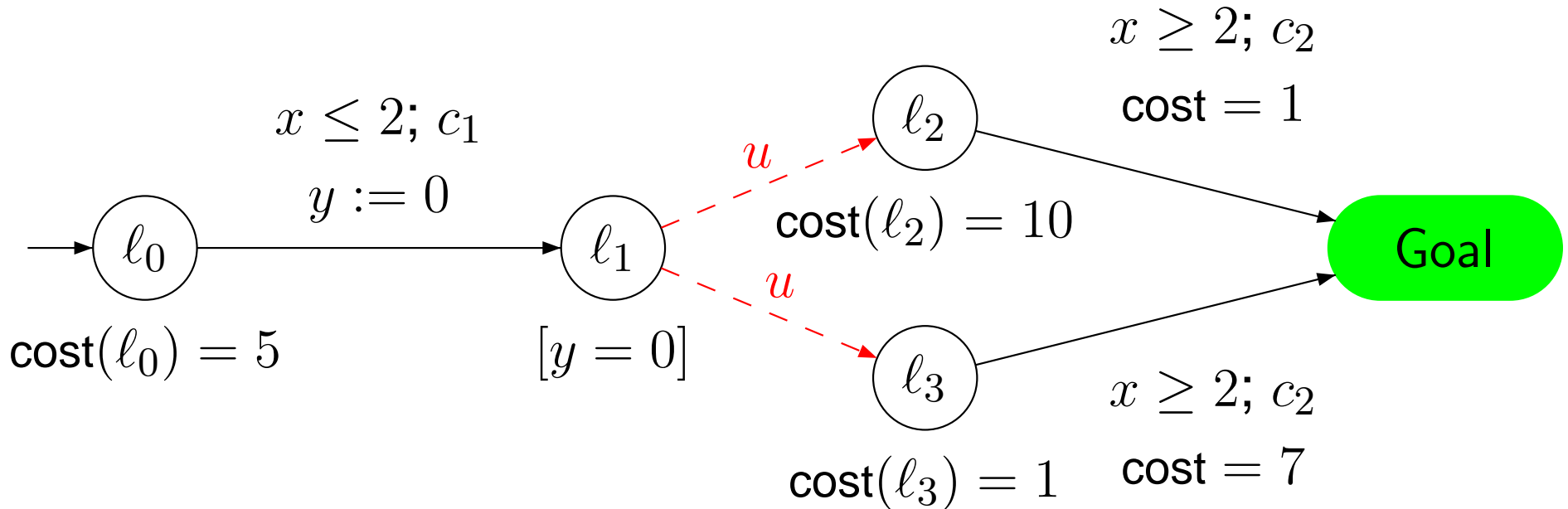
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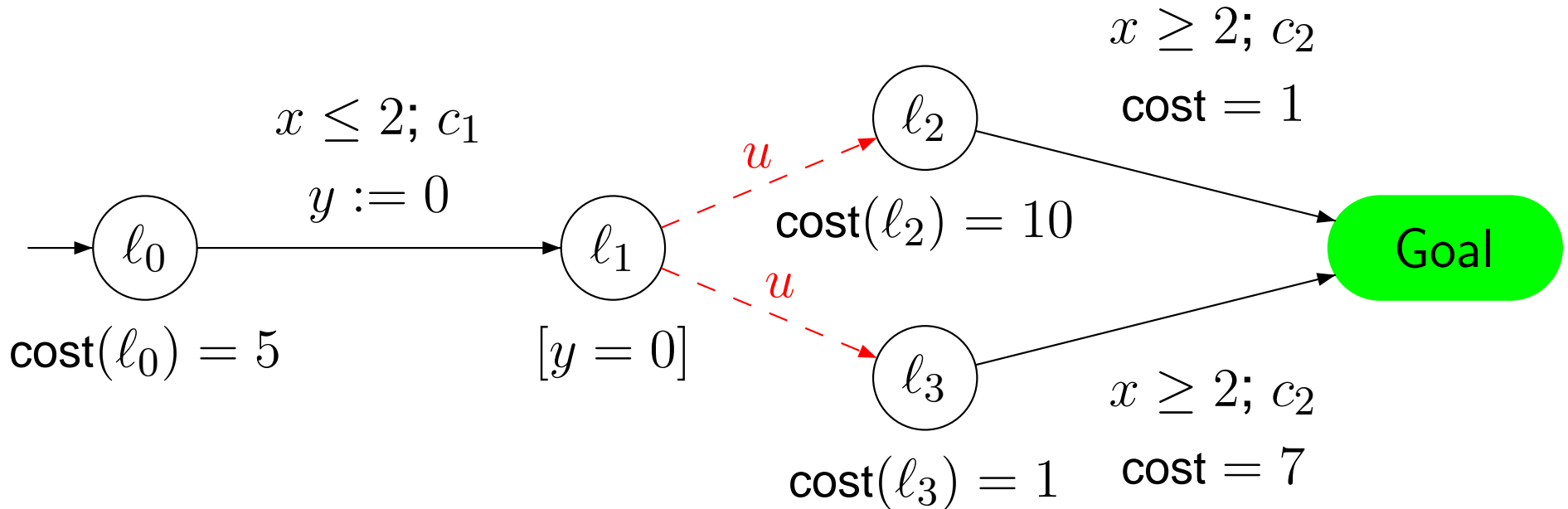
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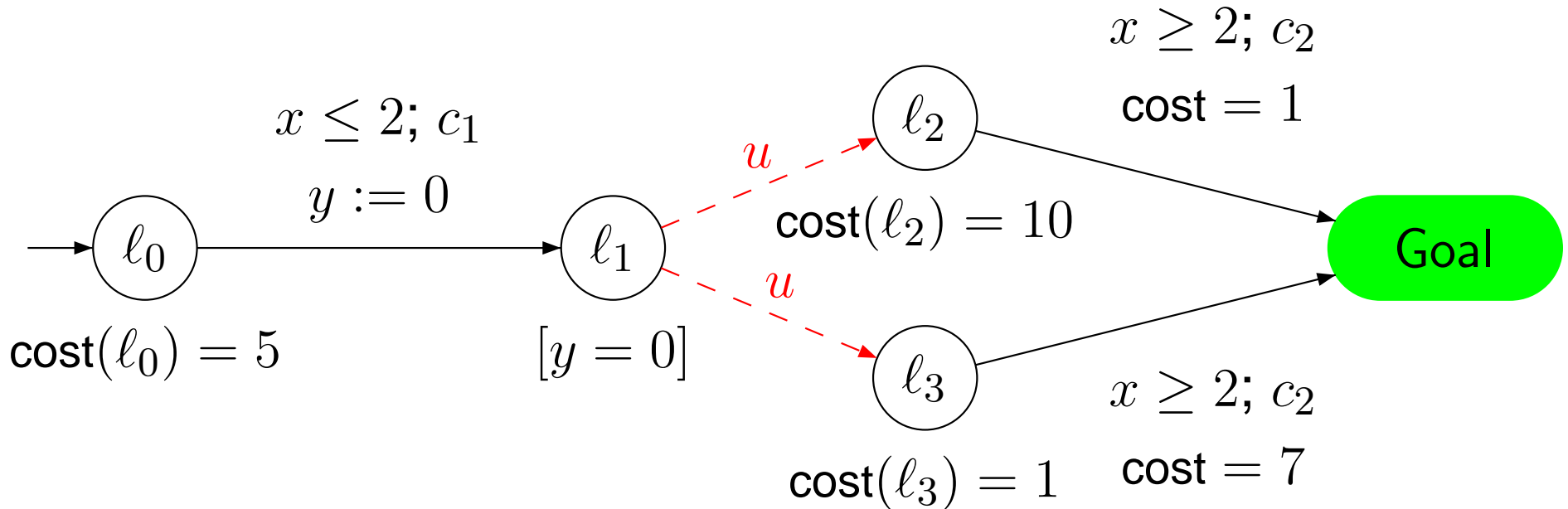
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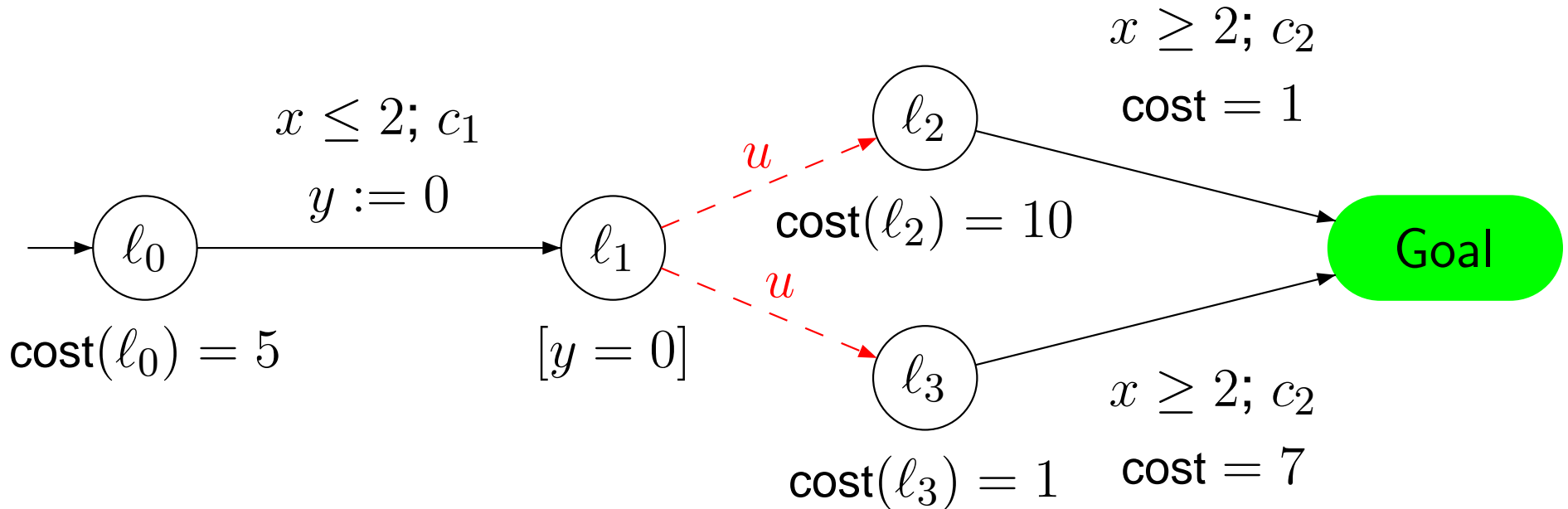
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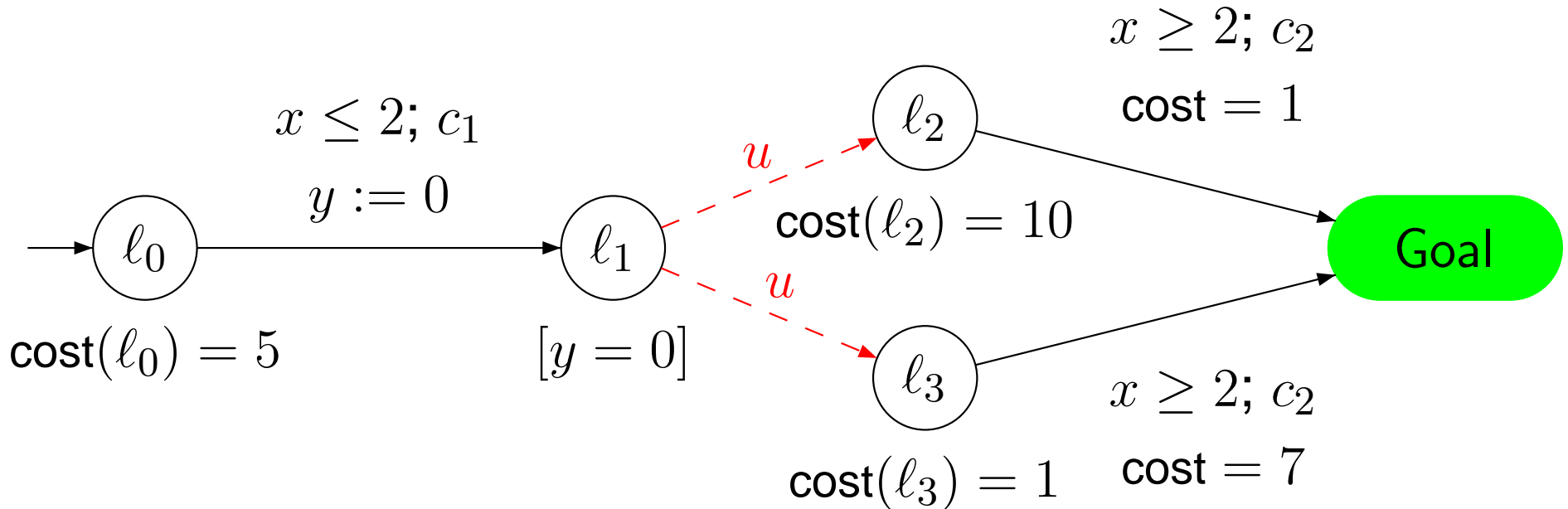
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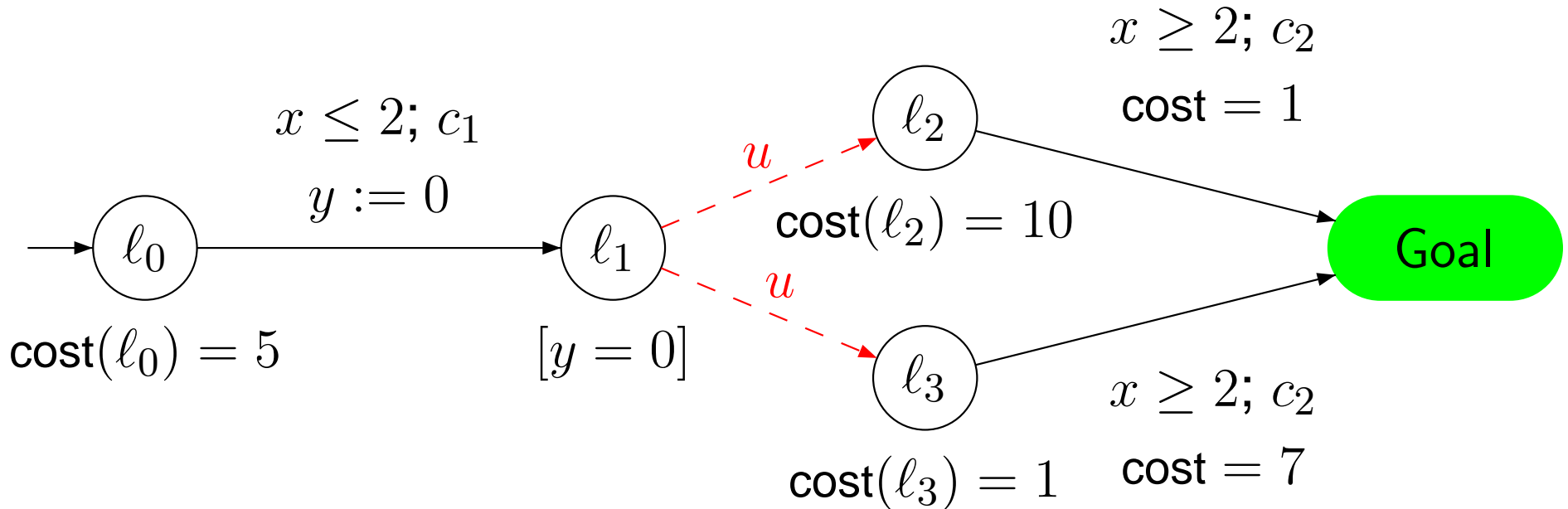
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**Yes:** in  $l_0$ ,  $x < \frac{4}{3}$  wait then do  $c_1$ ; in  $l_{2,3}$  do  $c_2$  when  $x \geq 2$

# The Problems



- Can we find an **algorithm** to solve these problems:
  1. What is the **best** cost whatever the environment does?
  2. Is there an **optimal** strategy?
  3. Can we **compute** an optimal strategy (if  $\exists$ )?

# Related Work

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- Our work:
  - Applies to **Linear Hybrid** Game (Automata)
  - **Run-based** definition of optimal cost
  - We can **decide** whether OptCost is reachable
  - We can **synthesize** an optimal strategy (if  $\exists$ )



# Priced Timed Game Automata

A **Timed Game Automaton** (PTGA)  $G$  is a tuple  $(L, \ell_0, \text{Act}, X, E, \text{inv}, \text{cost})$  where:

- $L$  is a finite set of **locations**;
- $\ell_0 \in L$  is the **initial** location;
- $\text{Act} = \text{Act}_c \cup \text{Act}_u$  is the set of **actions** (partitioned into controllable and uncontrollable actions);
- $X$  is a finite set of **real-valued clocks**;
- $E \subseteq L \times \mathcal{B}(X) \times \text{Act} \times 2^X \times L$  is a finite set of **transitions**;
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- assume that PTGA are **deterministic** w.r.t. **controllable** actions
- A **reachability** PTGA (RPTGA) = PTGA with distinguished  $\text{Goal} \subseteq L$ .

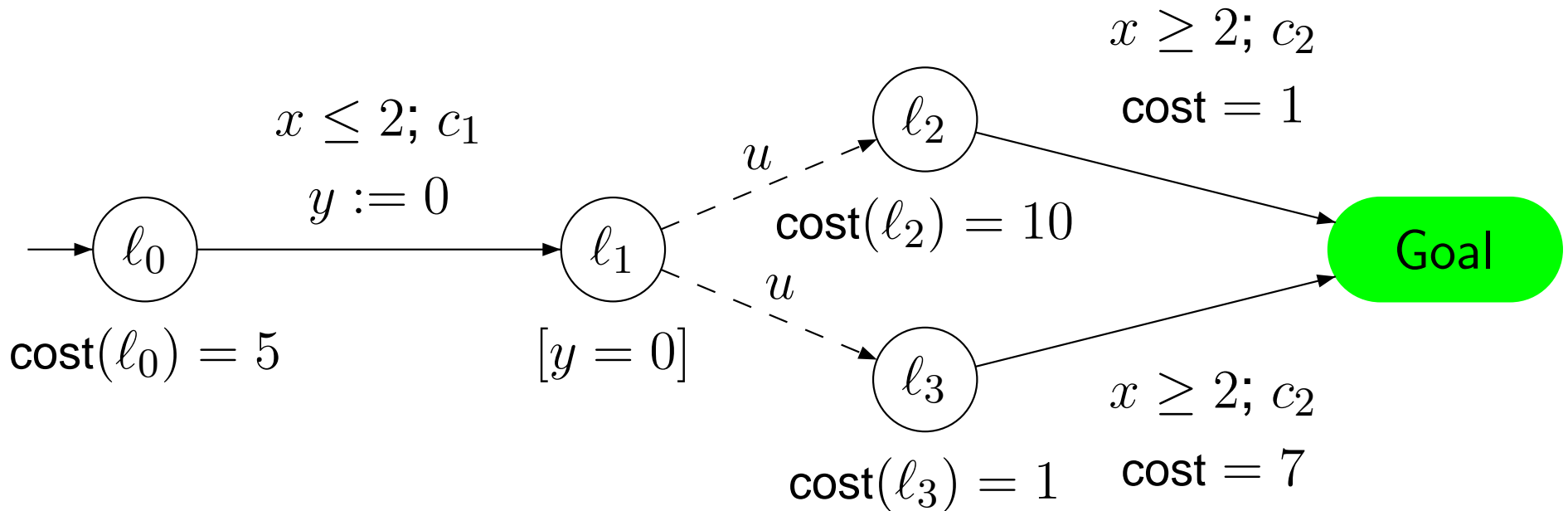
# Configurations, Runs, Costs

- **configuration**:  $(\ell, v)$  in  $L \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^X$
- **step**:  $t_i = (\ell_i, v_i) \xrightarrow{\alpha_i} (\ell_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$   
$$\begin{cases} \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \implies \ell_{i+1} = \ell_i \wedge v_{i+1} = v_i + \alpha_i \\ \alpha_i \in \text{Act} \implies \exists(\ell_i, g, \alpha_i, Y, \ell_{i+1}) \in E \wedge v_i \models g \wedge v_{i+1} = v_i[Y] \end{cases}$$
- **run**  $\rho = t_0 t_2 \cdots t_{n-1} \cdots$  finite or infinite sequence of  $t_i$
- **cost** of a transition:  
$$\begin{cases} \text{Cost}(t_i) = \alpha_i \cdot \text{cost}(\ell_i) \text{ if } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \\ \text{Cost}(t_i) = \text{cost}((\ell_i, g, \alpha_i, Y, \ell_{i+1})) \text{ if } \alpha_i \in \text{Act} \end{cases}$$
- if  $\rho$  finite  $\text{Cost}(\rho) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \text{Cost}(t_i)$
- **winning** run if  $\text{States}(\rho) \cap \text{Goal} \neq \emptyset$

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- **strategy**  $f$  over  $G$  = partial function from  $\text{Runs}(G)$  to  $\text{Act}_c \cup \{\lambda\}$ .
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Example:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(l_0, x < \frac{4}{3}) = \lambda \quad f(l_0, \frac{4}{3} \leq x \leq 2) = c_1 \\ f(l_1, -) \text{ undefined} \\ f(l_2, x < 2) = \lambda \quad f(l_2, x \geq 2) = c_2 \\ f(l_3, x < 2) = \lambda \quad f(l_3, x \geq 2) = c_2 \end{array} \right.$$

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- a strategy  $f$  is **winning** from  $(\ell, v)$  if

$$\text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f) \subseteq \text{WinRuns}((\ell, v), G)$$

- The **cost** of  $f$  from  $(\ell, v)$  is

$$\text{Cost}((\ell, v), f) = \sup\{\text{Cost}(\rho) \mid \rho \in \text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)\}$$

# Optimal Control Problems

**Optimal Cost Computation Problem:** compute the optimal cost one can expect from  $s_0 = (\ell_0, \vec{0})$

$$\text{OptCost}(s_0, G) = \inf \{ \text{Cost}(s_0, f) \mid f \in \text{WinStrat}(s_0, G) \}$$

**Optimal Strategy Existence Problem:** determine whether the optimal cost can actually be reached

$$\exists? f \in \text{WinStrat}(s_0, G) \text{ s.t. } \text{Cost}(s_0, f) = \text{OptCost}(s_0, G)$$

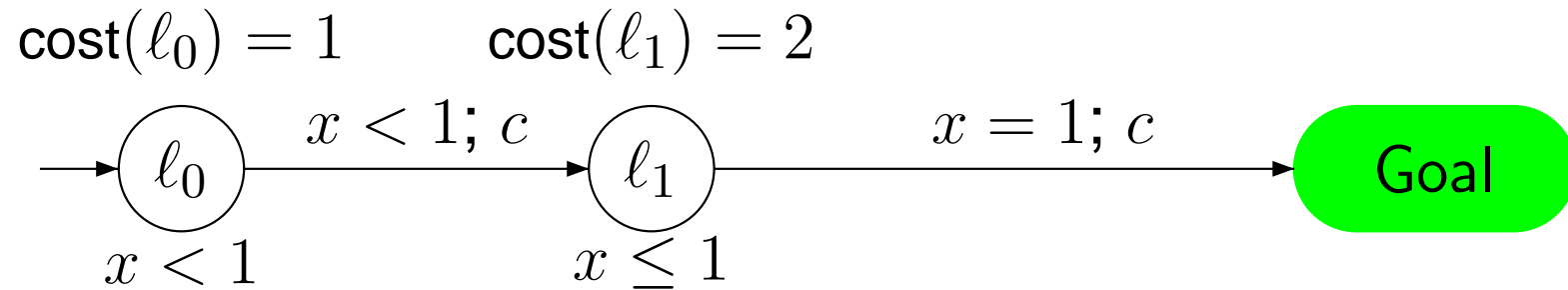
**Optimal Strategy Synthesis Problem:** in case an optimal strategy exists we want to compute a witness.

Relation to La Torre et al work [LTMM02] (acyclic game):

**Theorem 1:**  $\text{OptCost}(s_0, G) = O(s_0)$  [ $\implies$  Definition of  $O(q)$ ]



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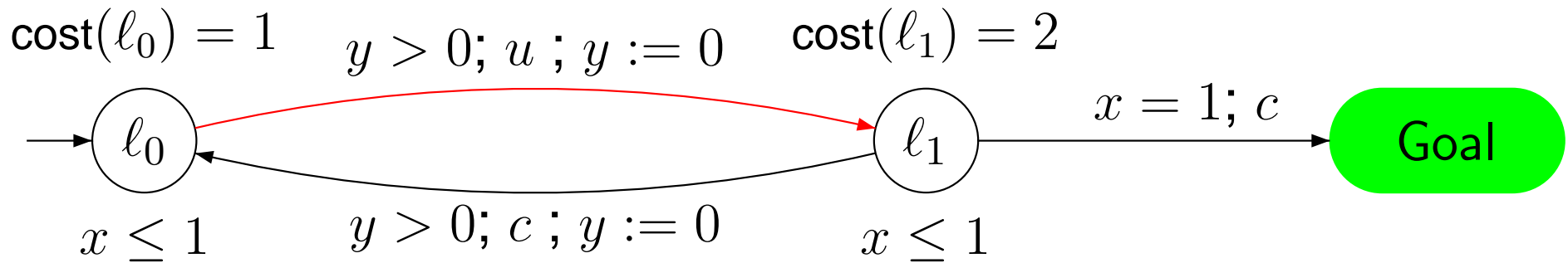


- define  $f_\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  by:
  - in  $\ell_0$ :  $f(\ell_0, x < 1 - \varepsilon) = \lambda$ ,  $f(\ell_0, 1 - \varepsilon \leq x < 1) = c$
  - in  $\ell_1$ :  $f(\ell_1, x \leq 1) = c$
  - $\text{Cost}(f_\varepsilon) = 1 + \varepsilon$ .
- there are RPTGA for which **no optimal strategy** exists
- In this case there is a **family of strategies**  $f_\varepsilon$  such that

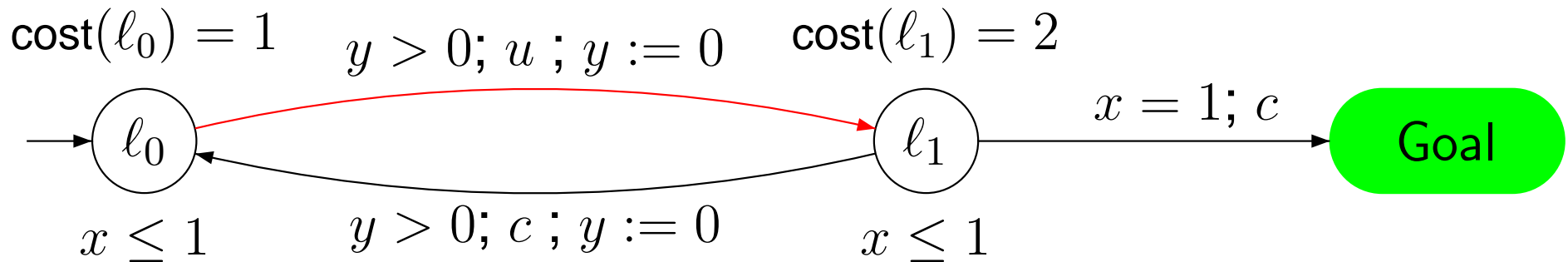
$$|\text{Cost}((\ell_0, \vec{0}), f_\varepsilon) - \text{OptCost}((\ell_0, \vec{0}), G)| < \varepsilon$$

- new problem: **given**  $\varepsilon$ , **compute** such an  $f_\varepsilon$  strategy.

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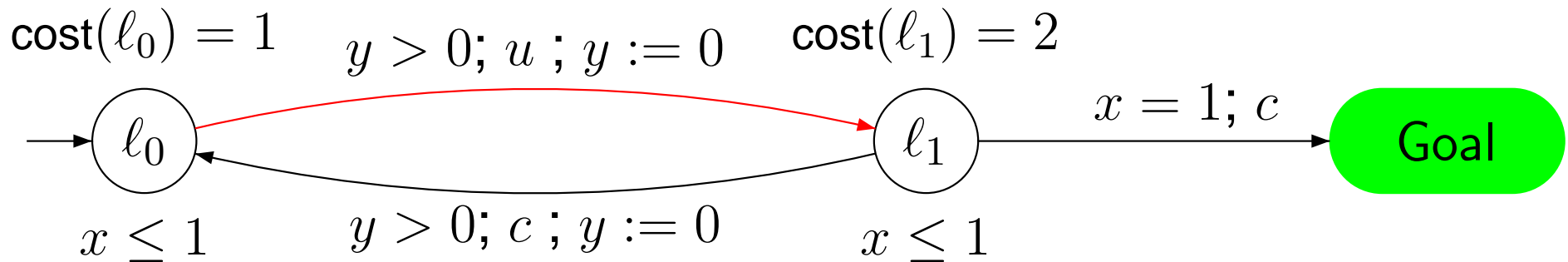


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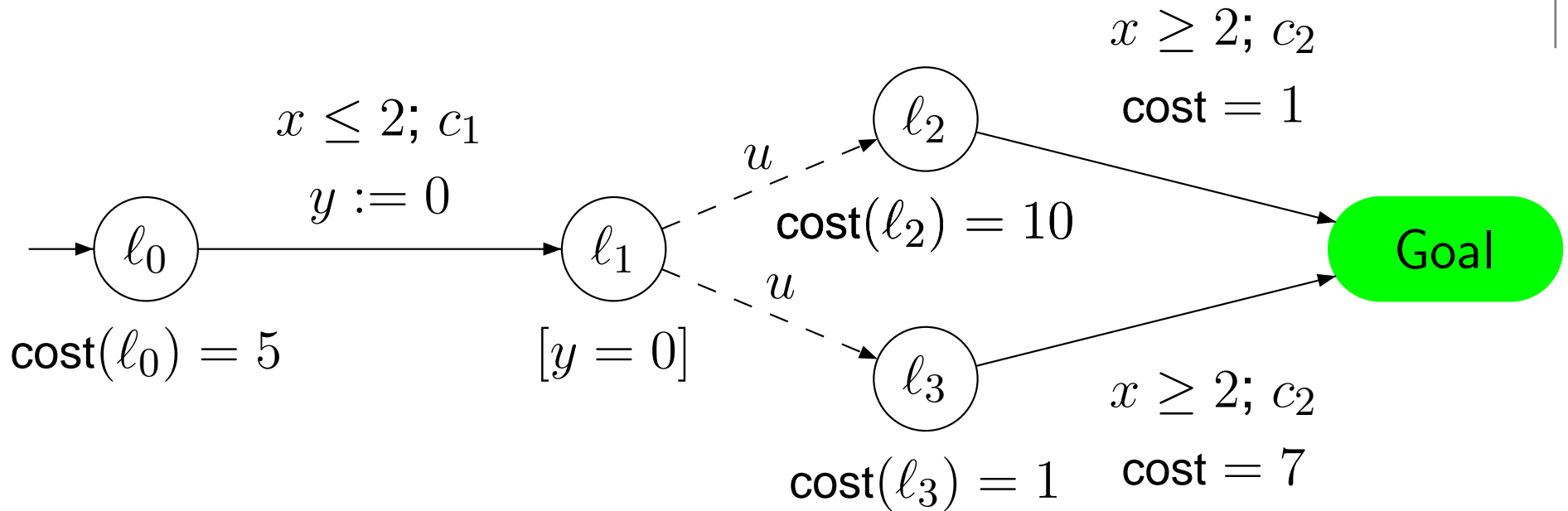
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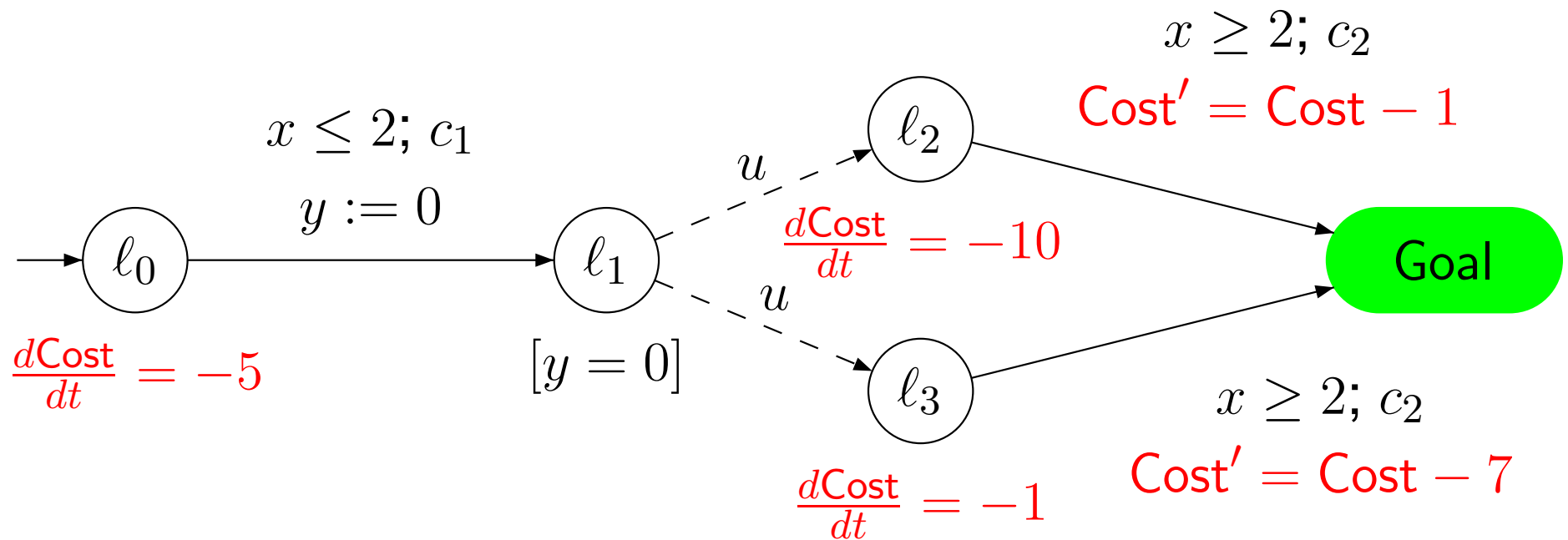
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- Is there an optimal strategy? **Yes**
- ... now start with 2 ... start with less than 2 ( $2 - \epsilon$ )

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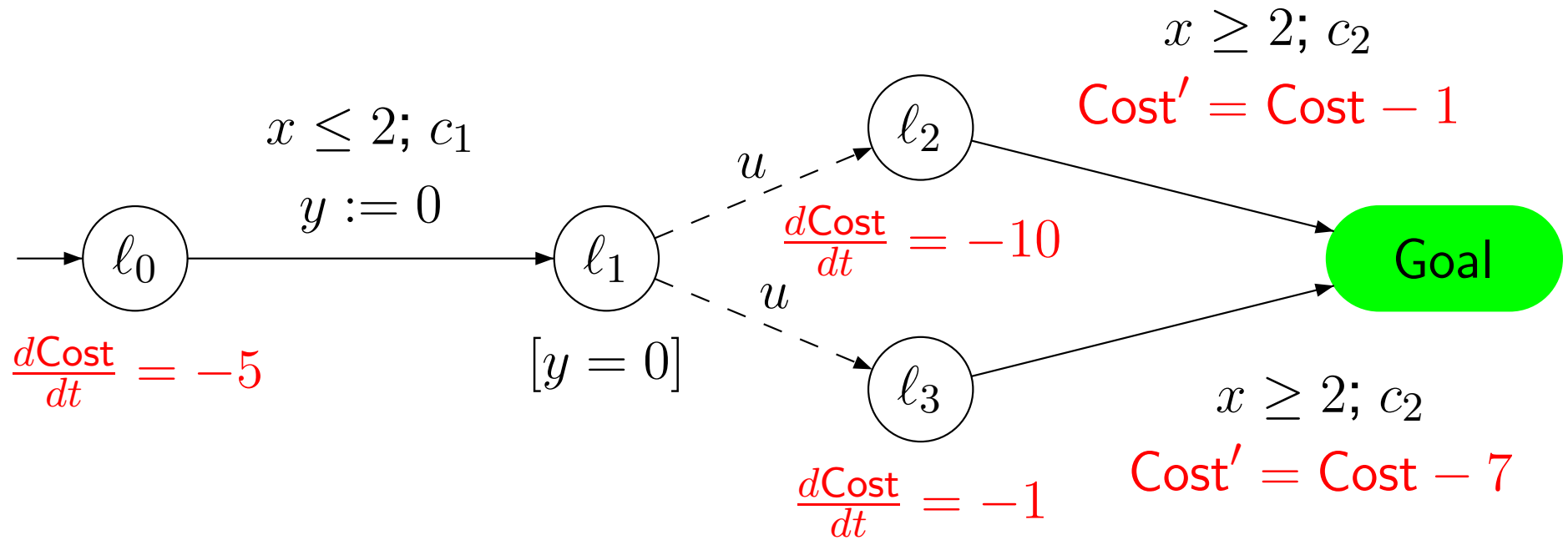
A RPTGA  $\mathcal{A}$

# From Optimal Control to Control



- A Linear Hybrid Game Automaton  $\mathcal{H}$
- Reachability Game for  $\mathcal{H}$  with  $\text{goal} = \text{Goal} \wedge \text{Cost} \geq 0$
- Optimal Cost for RPTGA  $\iff$  Reachability Control on LHA

# From Optimal Control to Control



Assume  $\exists$  semi-algorithm **CompWin** s.t.  $W_H = \text{CompWin}(H)$   
 and  $W_H =$  *largest* set of winning states

**Theorem 2:** If **CompWin** terminates for  $H$  then:

- it terminates for  $A$  and  $W_A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{CompWin}(A) = \exists \text{cost}. W_H$
- $(q, c) \in W_H \iff \exists f \in \text{WinStrat}(q, W_A)$  with  $\text{Cost}(q, f) \leq c$

# Results for Reachability Games

- Controllable Predecessors [MPS95, DAHM01]

$$\pi(X) = \text{Pred}_t (X \cup \text{cPred}(X), \text{uPred}(\overline{X}))$$

[ $\implies$  Formal Def. of  $\pi$ ]

- $\pi$  preserves upwards-closed sets

$$\pi(R \wedge \text{Cost} \geq k) = R' \wedge \text{Cost} \geq k'$$

- $W$  (largest) set of winning states, goal =  $X_0$

$$W = \mu X. X_0 \cup \pi(X)$$

- semi-algorithm CompWin

- result of CompWin of the form  $\cup_{\ell} (\ell, R_{\ell} \wedge \text{Cost} \geq k)$



# Computation of the Optimal Cost

**Theorem 3** *A* a RPTGA and  $H$  its corresponding LHG.  
If  $\text{CompWin}$  terminates for  $H$

- the **upward closure**  $\uparrow \text{Cost}(\ell_0, \vec{0})$  of (the set)  $\text{Cost}(\ell_0, \vec{0})$  is computable
- it is either **cost  $\geq k$**  (left-closed) or **cost  $> k$**  (left-open) ( $k \in \mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$ )

**Corollary 1**  $\text{OptCost}(\ell_0, \vec{0}) = k$

**Corollary 2**

If  $\text{cost} \geq k$  then  $\exists$  an optimal strategy

If  $\text{cost} > k$  then  $\exists$  a family of strategies  $f_\varepsilon$  with  $\text{Cost}(f_\varepsilon) \leq k + \varepsilon$

# Computing the Optimal Cost for PHGA

1.  $\exists$  semi-algorithm CompWin for LHG
2.  $W = \text{CompWin}(H, \text{Goal} \wedge \text{Cost} \geq 0)$
3.  $W_0 = W \cap (\ell_0, \vec{0})$
4. projection on Cost:  $\exists(\text{All} \setminus \{\text{Cost}\}).W_0$ 
  - if  $\text{Cost} \geq k$ ,  $\text{OptCost} = k$  and  $\exists$  an optimal strategy
  - if  $\text{Cost} > k$ ,  $\text{OptCost} = k$  and  $\exists$  a family of sub-optimal strategies
5. semi-algorithm for Priced Timed Hybrid Automata
6. Termination ???

# Termination for RPTGA

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- Non zero cost really needed ?
- Complexity ???

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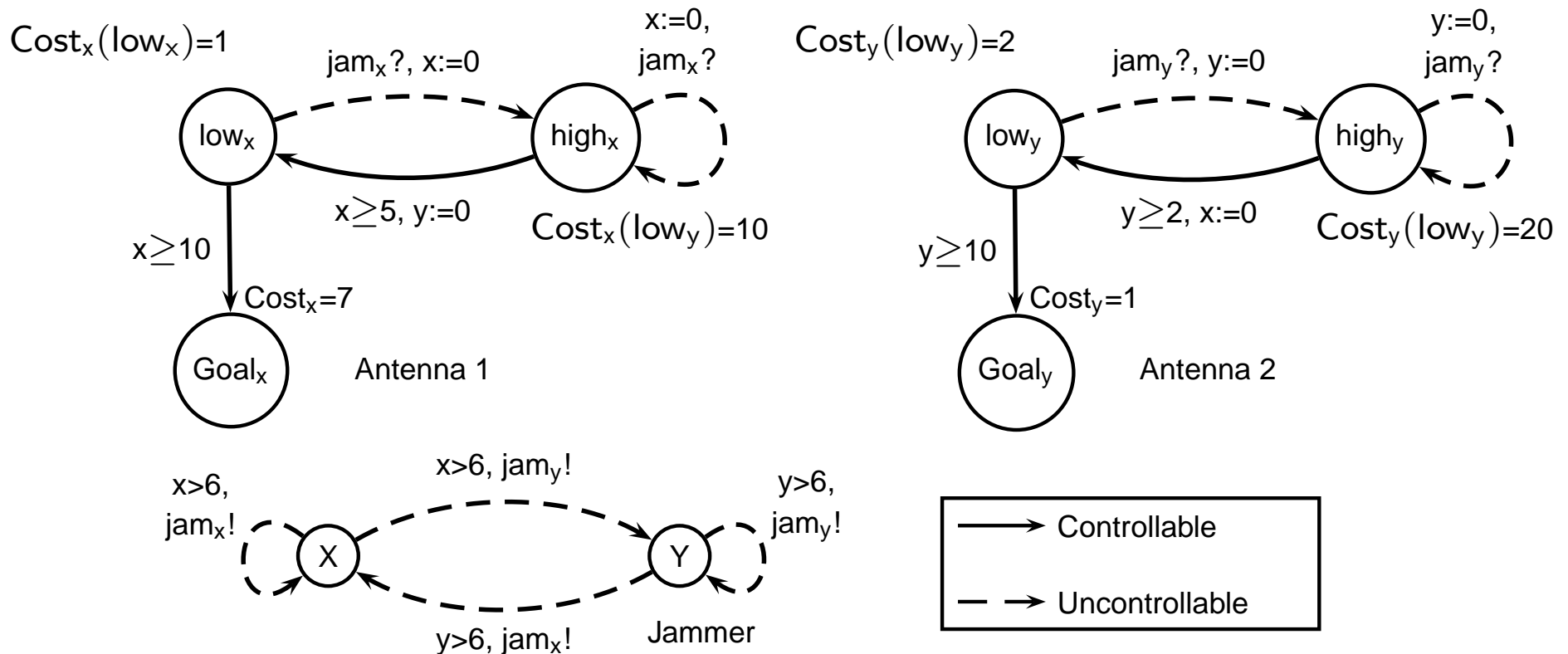
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- $W$  is the set of winning states in the LHG  $H$
- $W = \cup_{\ell \in L} ((\ell, R_\ell \wedge \text{Cost} \geq k_\ell))$

**Theorem 6 [State-based Strategies]**  $W_A = \text{CompWin}(A)$ . Then:

$\exists f \in \text{WinStrat}(A)$  s.t.  $\text{Cost}((\ell, v), f) = \text{OptCost}(\ell, v) \forall (\ell, v) \in W_A$

# Implementation

- computation of optimal cost and optimal strategies (if  $\exists$ ) implemented in HYTECH (Demo ?)
- an **cyclic** example: [ $\implies$  See the strategy]



# Conclusion & Future Work

## Current State of Our Work

- **Semi-algorithm** for computing the optimal cost for LHG
- in case it terminates:
  - **decide** if  $\exists$  optimal strategy
  - **compute** an optimal (cost-independent) strategy
- **Implementation** in HYTECH

## Open Problems

- **Time** Optimal Control – **Decidability** issues
- maximal class for which CompWin terminates

## Future Work

- compute  $f_\epsilon$  strategies
- **safety games** ...



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# Outcome

Let  $G = (L, \ell_0, \text{Act}, X, E, \text{inv}, \text{cost})$  be a (R)PTGA and  $f$  a strategy over  $G$ . The **outcome**  $\text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$  of  $f$  from configuration  $(\ell, v)$  in  $G$  is the subset of  $\text{Runs}((\ell, v), G)$  defined inductively by:

- $(\ell, v) \in \text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$ ,
- if  $\rho \in \text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$  then  $\rho' = \rho \xrightarrow{e} (\ell', v') \in \text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$  if  $\rho' \in \text{Runs}((\ell, v), G)$  and one of the following three conditions hold:
  1.  $e \in \text{Act}_u$ ,
  2.  $e \in \text{Act}_c$  and  $e = f(\rho)$ ,
  3.  $e \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $\forall 0 \leq e' < e, \exists (\ell'', v'') \in (L \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^X)$  s.t.  $\text{last}(\rho) \xrightarrow{e'} (\ell'', v'') \wedge f(\rho \xrightarrow{e'} (\ell'', v'')) = \lambda$ .
- an infinite run  $\rho$  is in  $\in \text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$  if all the finite prefixes of  $\rho$  are in  $\text{Outcome}((\ell, v), f)$ .

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## ■ $\pi$ Operator (uncontrollable actions “cannot win”):

$$\pi(X) = \text{Pred}_t(X \cup \text{cPred}(X), \text{uPred}(\bar{X}))$$



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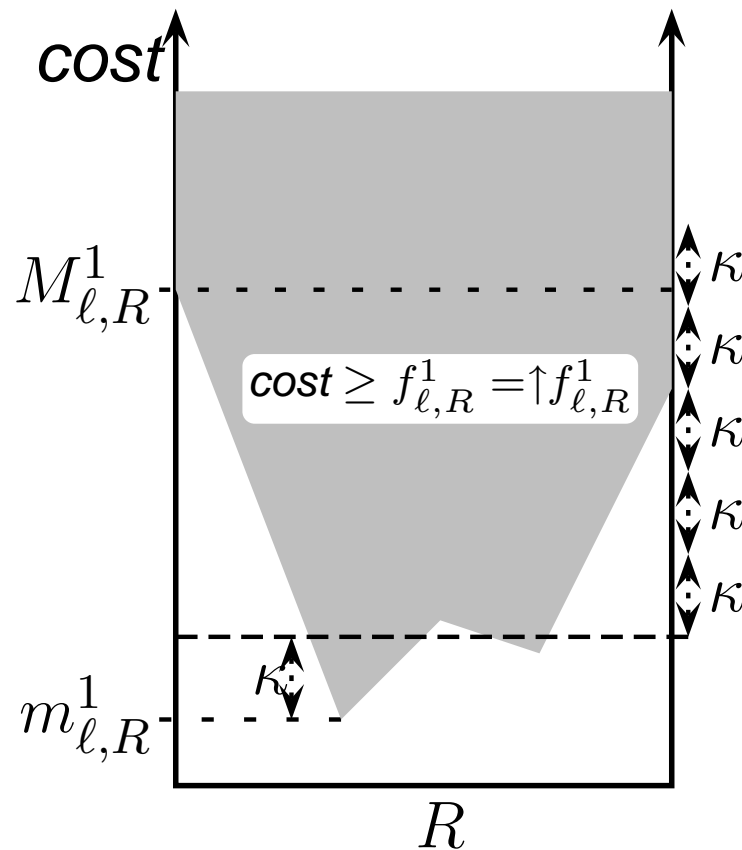
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## ■ $\pi'$ : uncontrollable actions sometimes can win:

$$\pi'(X) = \text{Pred}_t(X \cup \text{cPred}(X) \cup (\text{uPred}(X) \cap \text{STOP}), \text{uPred}(\overline{X}))$$

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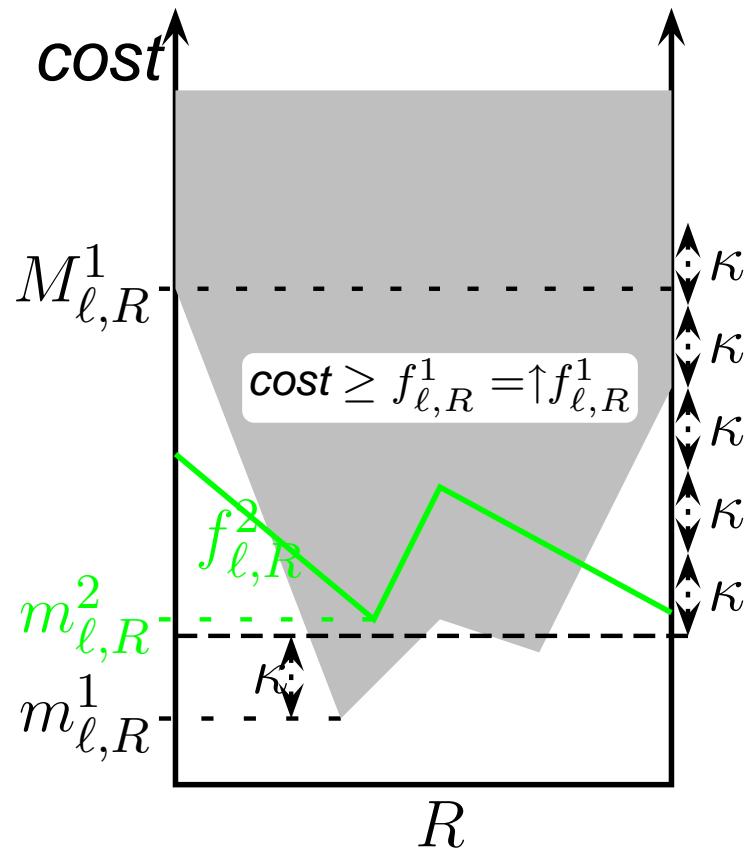
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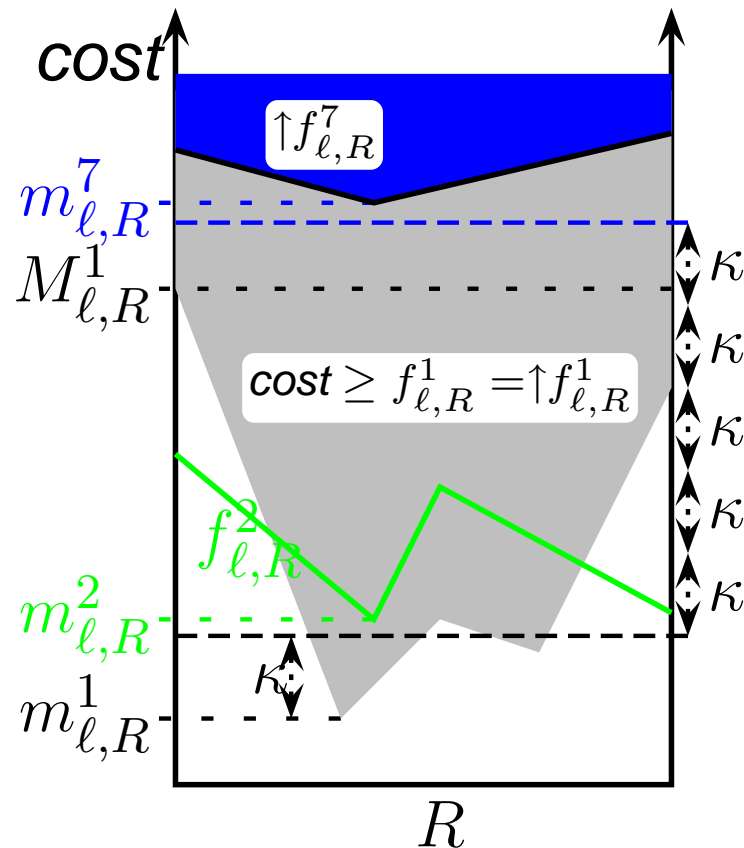
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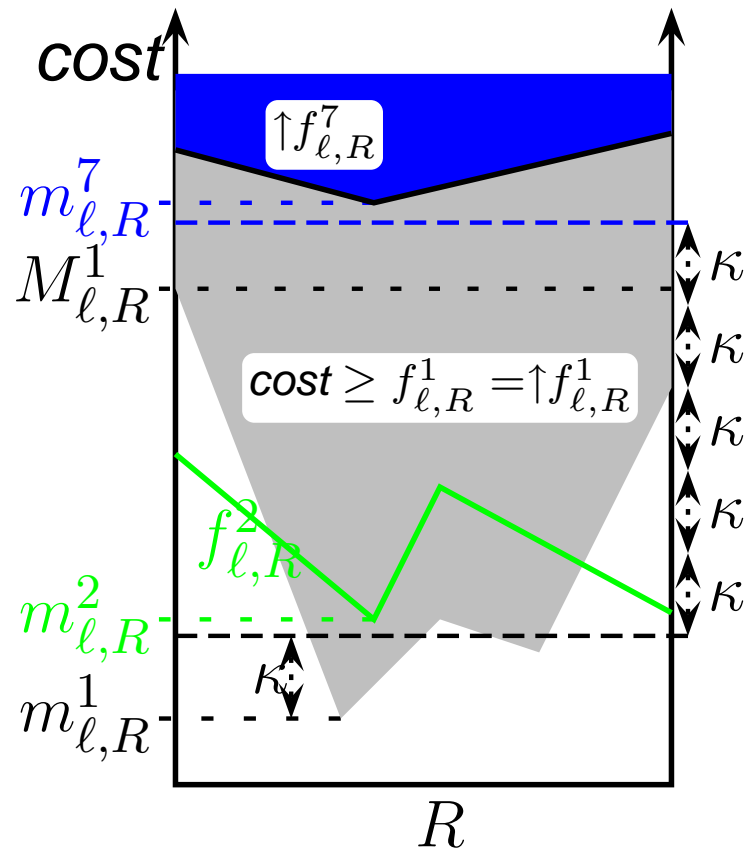
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# Optimal Strategy for the Mobile Phone

Optimal cost is 109

