

# AbsSynthe: abstract synthesis from succinct safety specifications

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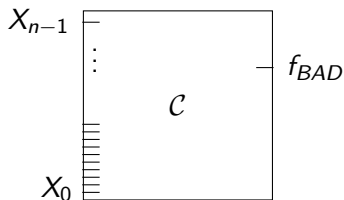
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# What is a succinct safety spec?

In essence: a **boolean network** for a single-output sequential circuit:

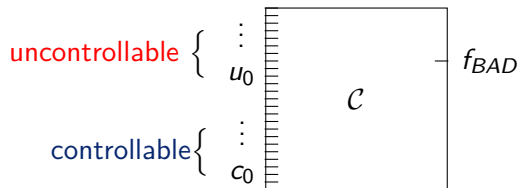
- A set of boolean **inputs**  $X$ ,
- a set of boolean **latches**  $L$  with a distinguished **error latch**  $BAD \in L$ .



The circuit defines a boolean function  $f_i$  over  $L$  and  $X$  per latch.

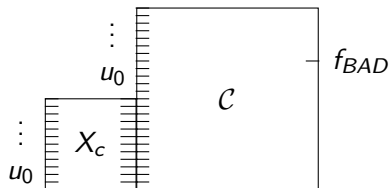
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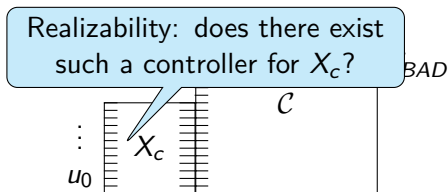
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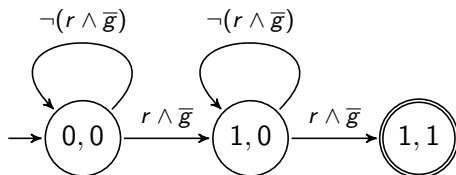
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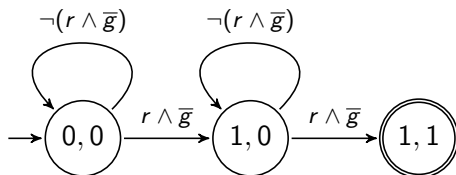


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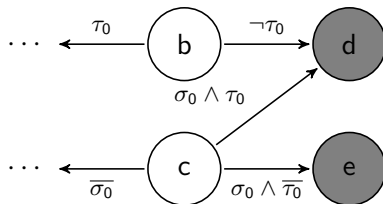
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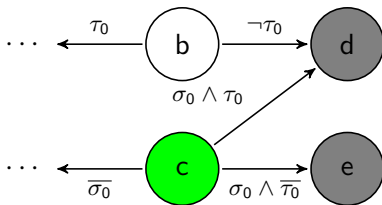
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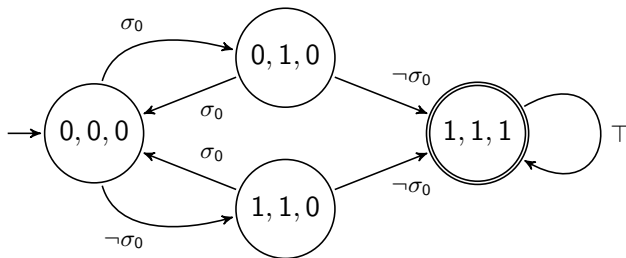
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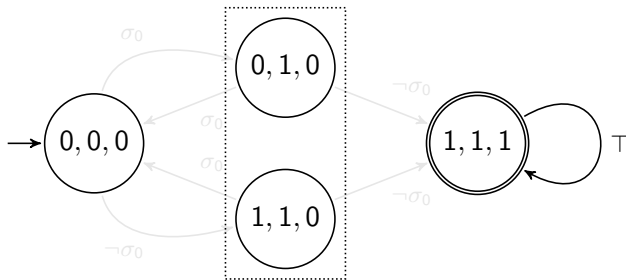
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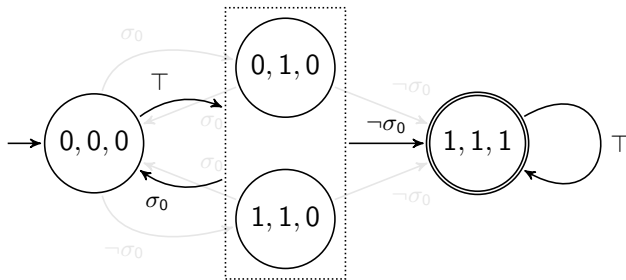


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## Some remarks:

- We require the initial state be distinguishable and  $\mathcal{U}^a$  to contain  $\mathcal{U}$ .
- The partition of  $Q$  is done (mainly) via **localization reduction** (only  $p_R, p_I, p_U$  are real predicates).

# Abstract UPRE operators

$P$  is set of predicates defining  $Q^a$ .  $T^a$  is computed as expected from  $T$ .

## Definition (Two UPRE operators)

Given  $S^a \subseteq Q^a$  let

- $\overline{\text{UPRE}}_a(S^a) = \exists X_u, \forall X_c, \exists P' : T^a(P, X_u, X_c, P') \wedge S^a(P')$ ,
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In fact, one can again **avoid computing  $T^a$  using substitution**.

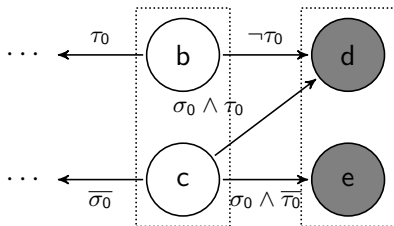
## Lemma (Over- and under-approximating UPRE)

$$\gamma(\underline{\text{UPRE}}_a^*(U^a)) \subseteq \text{UPRE}^*(U) \subseteq \gamma(\overline{\text{UPRE}}_a^*(U^a)).$$

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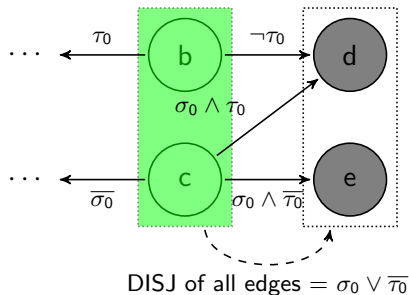
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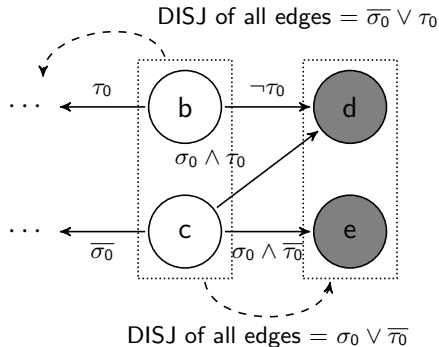
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# A CEGAR algorithm [de Alfaro and Roy, 2010]

Based on the abstract game  $\langle Q^a, q_i^a, \Sigma_u, \Sigma_c, \Delta^a, \mathcal{U}^a \rangle$  and an over-approximation of the reachable states  $R^a$ :

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- 2 if  $q_i^a \notin \overline{\text{UPRE}}_a^*(\mathcal{U}^a)$  **controller** wins,
- 3 else we do not know who wins  $G$ . . . add a new “useful” single-latch predicate to  $P$  and repeat.

Does it terminate?

Eventually all latches are added, so we converge to the original game.



Assume  $q_i^a \notin \underline{\text{UPRE}}_a^*(\mathcal{U}^a)$  and  $q_i^a \in \overline{\text{UPRE}}_a^*(\mathcal{U}^a) \dots$

- 1 Extract a winning non-deterministic strategy of environment  $\Lambda^a : Q^a \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma_u)$ ,
- 2 this defines a non-det strategy for him in the original game  $\Lambda : Q \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma_u)$ .

**Theorem (All of his winning strats)**

*If  $\lambda$  is a winning strategy for environment in  $G$ , then  $\lambda$  is “included” in  $\Lambda$ .*

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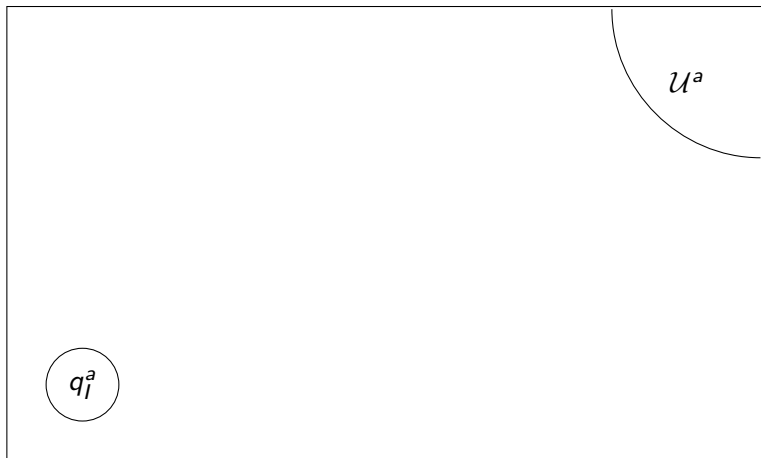
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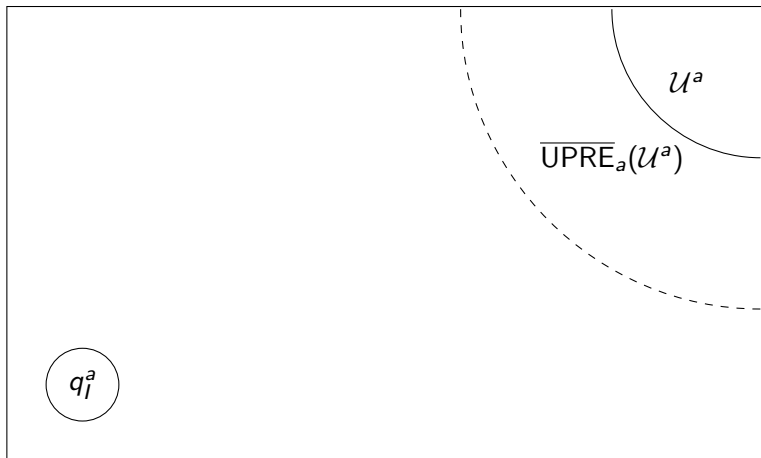
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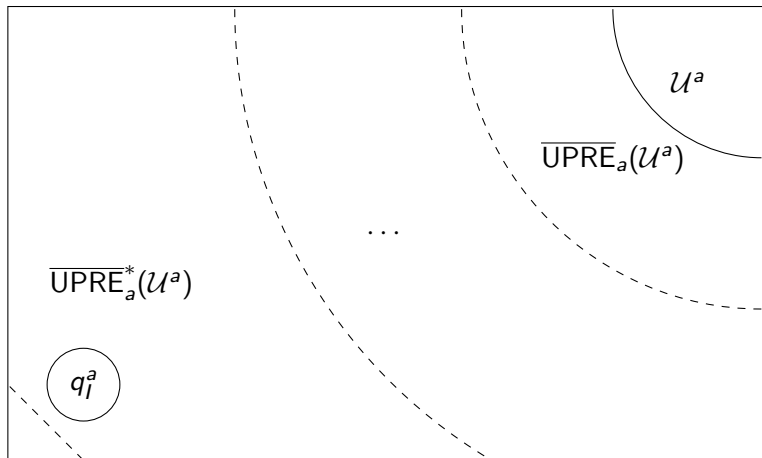
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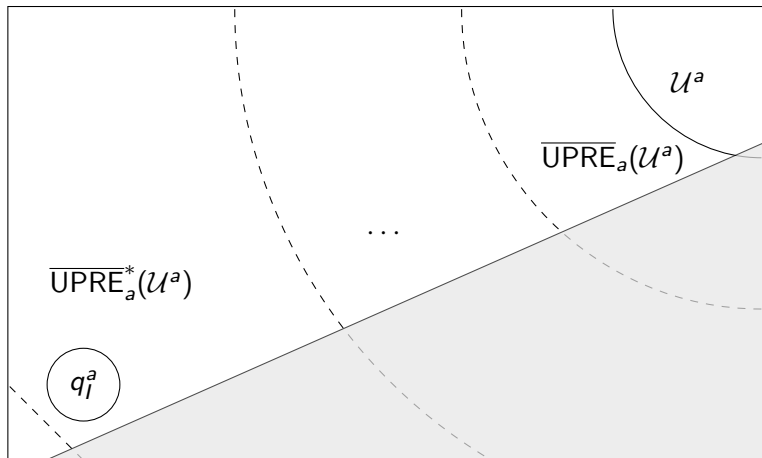
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9    $R^a := \mu X. (q_1^a \cup \text{post}(X, \Lambda^{env}));$   
10 end  
11  $w'_u := (\text{UPRE}_{\gamma(\Lambda^{env})}(\gamma(w_u))) \cap \gamma(R^a);$   
12 if  $w'_u \subseteq \gamma(w_u)$  then return controllable;  
13  $Q_2^a := \text{refine}(Q^a, w'_u \cup \gamma(w_u), \gamma(R^a));$   
14  $\mathcal{U}_2^a := \underline{\alpha}_2(w'_u \cup \gamma(w_u));$   
15 return abs_synth( $G, G_2^a, \bar{\alpha}_2(\gamma(R^a))$ );
```

Is the under-approx'd UPRE  
FP the concrete FP as well?

# abs\_synth( $G, G^a, R^a$ )

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1  $w_u := \mu X. (\mathcal{U}^a \cup \underline{\text{UPRE}}_a(X)) \cap R^a$ ;  
2 if  $q_l^a \in w_u$  then return not controllable;  
3  $\text{prev} := \emptyset$ ;  
4 while  $R^a \neq \text{prev}$  do  
5    $\text{prev} := R^a$ ;  
6    $W_u := \mu X. (w_u \cup \overline{\text{UPRE}}_a(X)) \cap R^a$ ;  
7   if  $q_l^a \notin W_u$  then return controllable;  
8    $\Lambda^{\text{env}}$  := non-det strategy defined by  $(w_u)$ ;  
9    $R^a := \mu X. (q_l^a \cup \text{post}(X, \Lambda^{\text{env}})) \cap R^a$ ;  
10 end  
11  $w'_u := (\text{UPRE}_{\gamma(\Lambda^{\text{env}})}(\gamma(w_u)))$ ;  
12 if  $w'_u \subseteq \gamma(w_u)$  then return controllable;  
13  $Q_2^a := \text{refine}(Q^a, w'_u \cup \gamma(w_u), \gamma(R^a))$ ;  
14  $\mathcal{U}_2^a := \underline{\alpha}_2(w'_u \cup \gamma(w_u))$ ;  
15 return abs_synth( $G, G_2^a, \bar{\alpha}_2(\gamma(R^a))$ );
```

Add a new latch, update  $\mathcal{U}^a, R^a$  and repeat.

# Some results

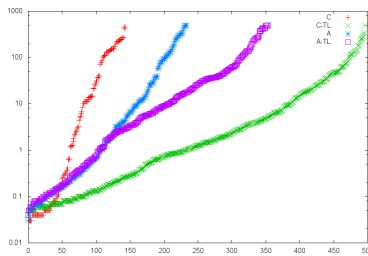


Figure : Time (in seconds) to check realizability.

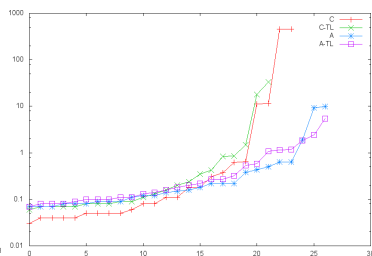


Figure : Time (in seconds) for *cnt* benchmarks.

- (C) FP computation with a precomputed transition relation<sup>2</sup>;
- (C-TL) no transition relation;
- (A) CEGAR algo with a precomputed abstract transition relation;
- (A-TL) no transition relation (post overapproximated).

<sup>2</sup>Base implementation from [Bloem et al., 2014]

# Thank you for your attention!




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