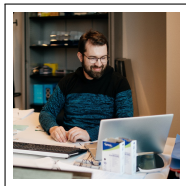
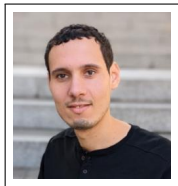


Languages of Higher-Dimensional Timed Automata

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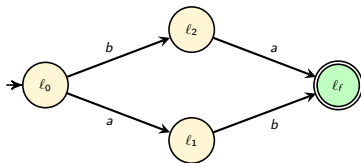
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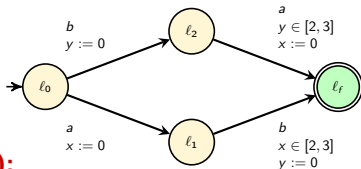
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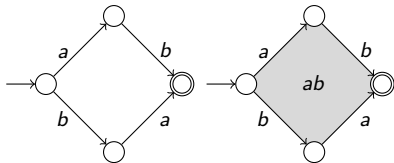
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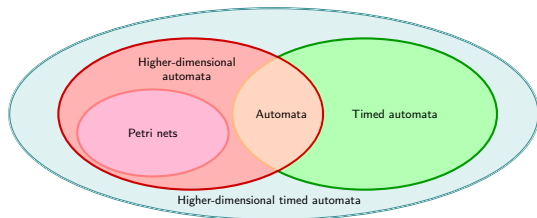
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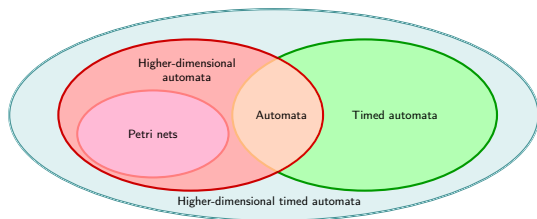
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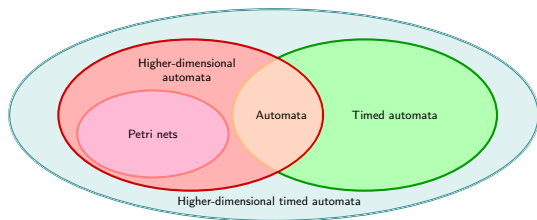
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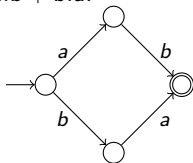
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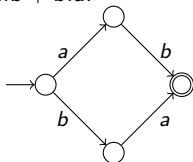
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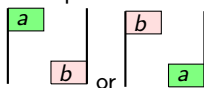


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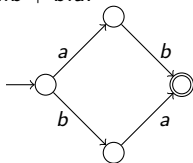


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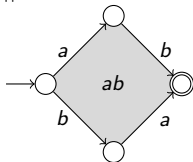


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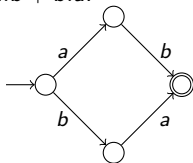


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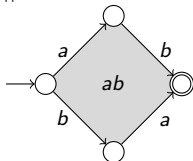


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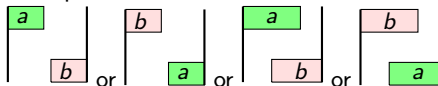
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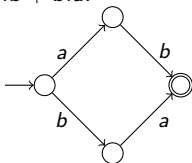


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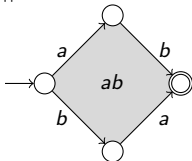


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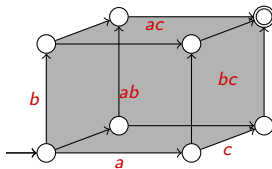


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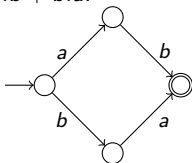
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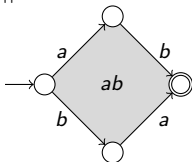


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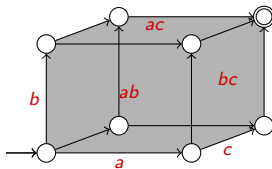


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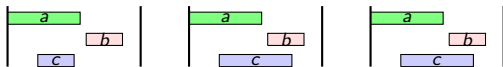


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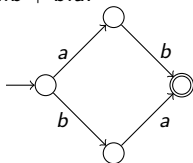


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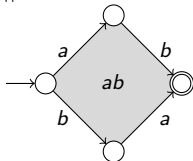


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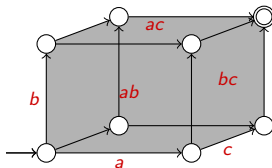


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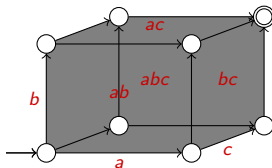


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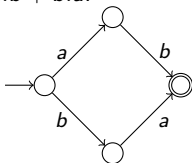


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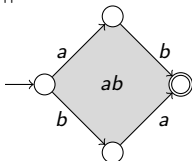


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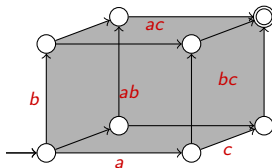


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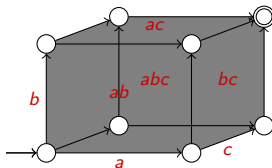


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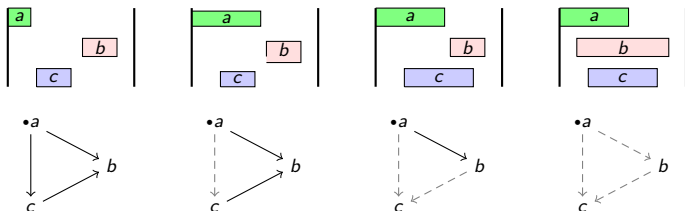
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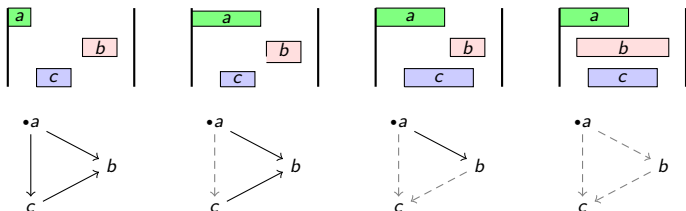
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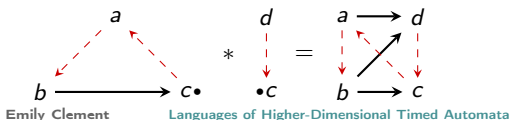
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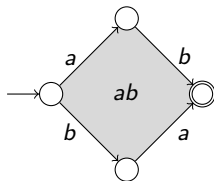
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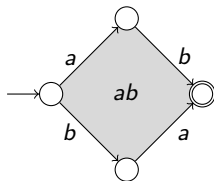


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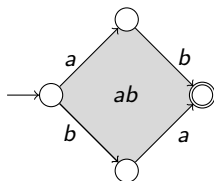
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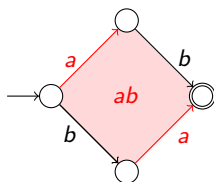


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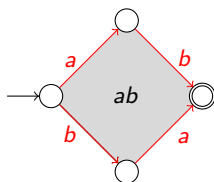
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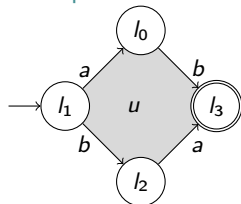
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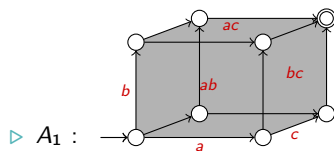
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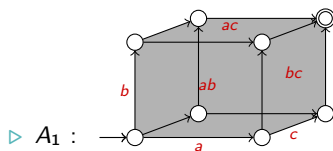
$$\alpha_0 = l_0 \xrightarrow{ab} u \searrow_{ab} l_3, \quad ev(\alpha_0) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} a \bullet \\ b \bullet \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \\ \bullet b \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

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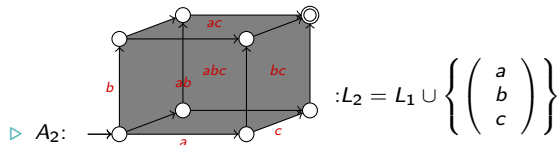


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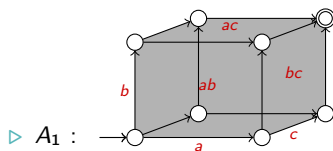


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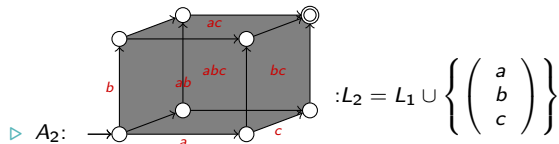


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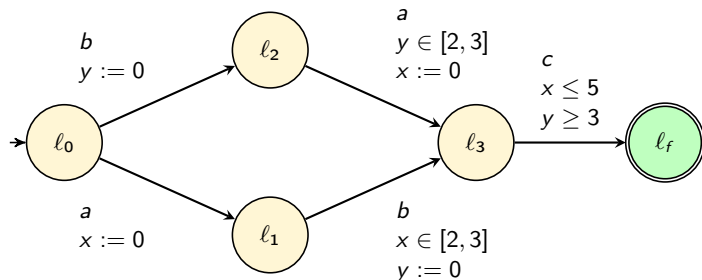
- The language of an HDA $A = (X, X_{\perp}, X_{\top})$ is:

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- Example of Scheduling of events a, b, c

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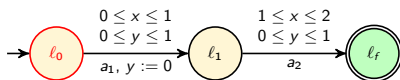


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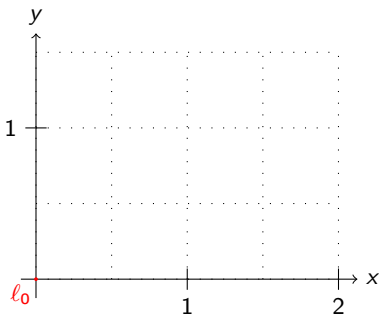
- ▷ Delay transitions $(l, v) \xrightarrow{\delta} (l, v + \delta)$
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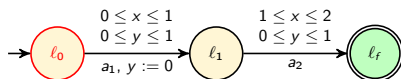
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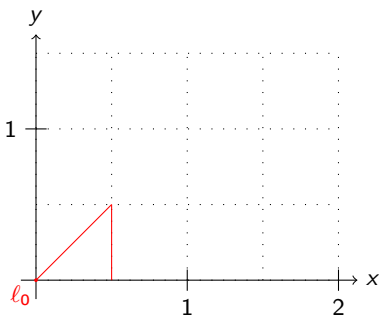
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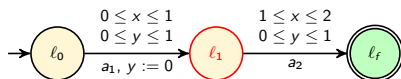
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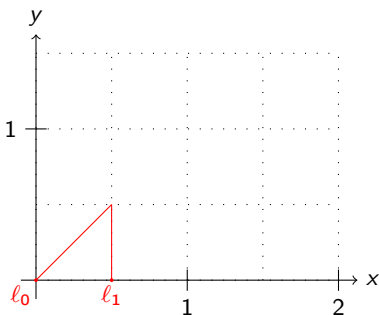
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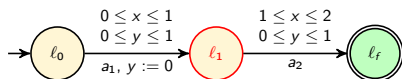
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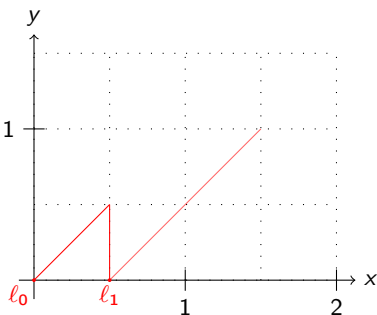
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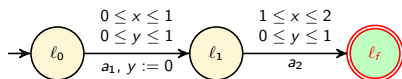
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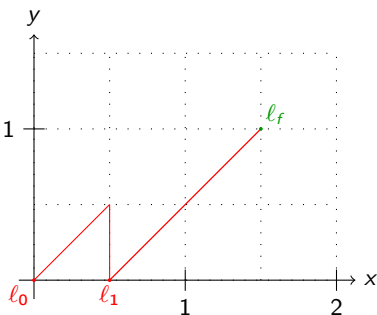
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- Delay words

Let us take a run $\pi = (\ell_0, v_0) \cdots \rightarrow \cdots (\ell_i, v_i) \cdots \rightarrow \cdots (\ell_n, v_n)$

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$$ev((\ell_0, v_0) \rightarrow (\ell_1, v_1)) \cdots ev((\ell_{n-1}, v_{n-1}) \rightarrow (\ell_n, v_n))$$

- Timed words

- ▷ Definition: $TW = \{w = (a_0, t_0) \cdots (a_n, t_n)t_{n+1} \mid \forall i = 0, \dots, n, t_i \leq t_{i+1}\} \subseteq (\Sigma \times \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})^* \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$
- ▷ Concatenation : let $w = (a_0, t_0) \cdots (a_n, t_n)t_{n+1}$ and $w' = (a'_0, t'_0) \cdots (a'_n, t'_n)t'_{n+1} \in TW$ then:

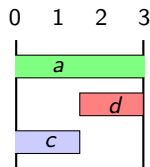
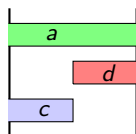
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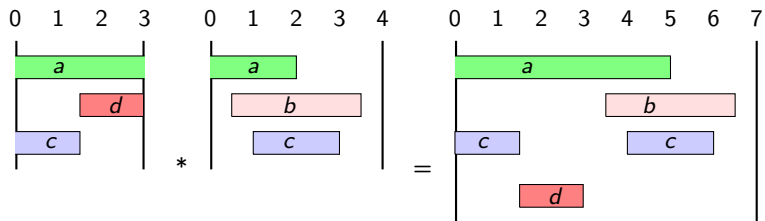
- Higher Dimensional Timed Automata
 - ▷ **Timed ipomset**
 - ▷ **Definition** and example of HDTA
 - ▷ **Language** of HDTA

Represent ipomset with timing information

- Timed ipomsets is composed of:
 - ▷ An ipomset
 - ▷ A duration d
 - ▷ A map σ labelling all events to time intervals
- Ipomsets (left), Timed ipomsets (right)



- ▷ Starter: x_1, x_3 of respective label a and c
- ▷ Target: x_2 of label b
- ▷ $\sigma(a) = (0, 3), \sigma(b) = (0, 1.5), \sigma(c) = (1.5, 3)$
- ▷ Total duration $d = 3$

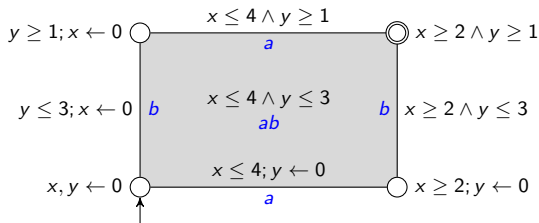
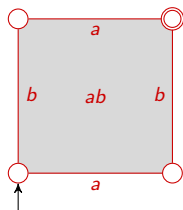


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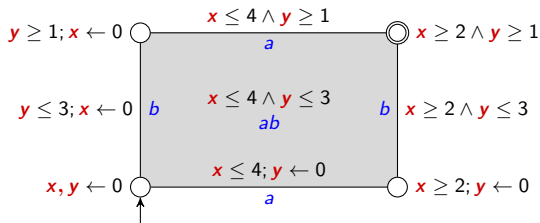
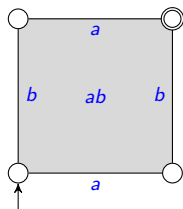


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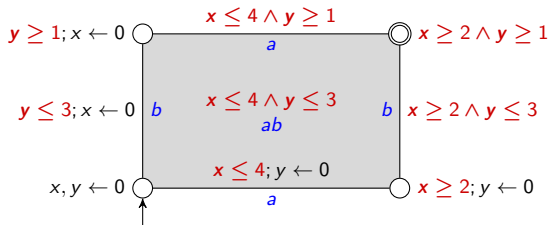
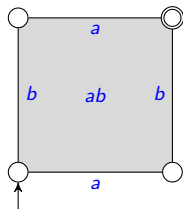


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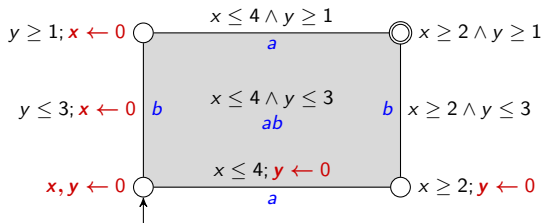
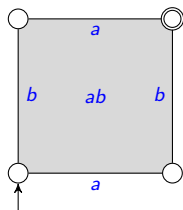


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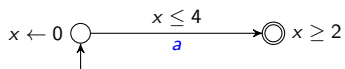
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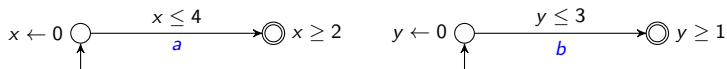


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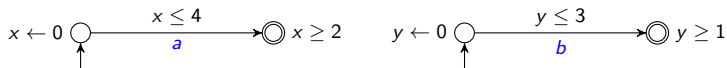


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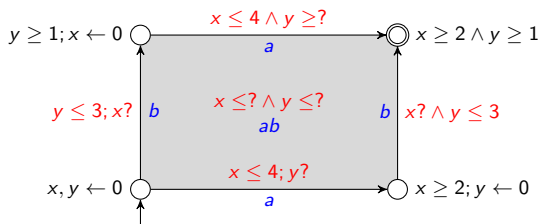
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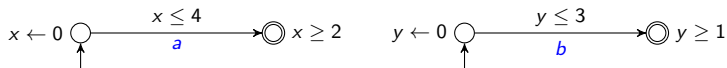


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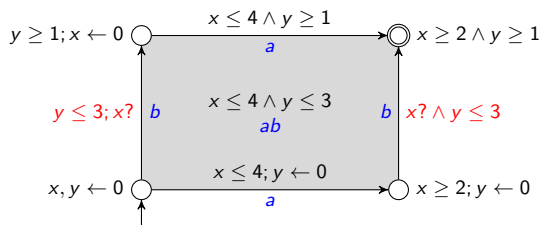
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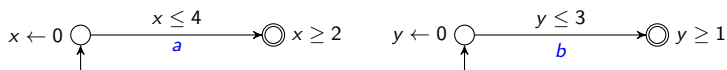


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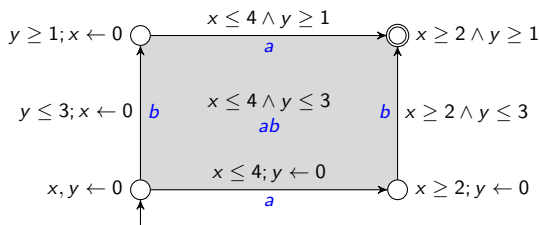
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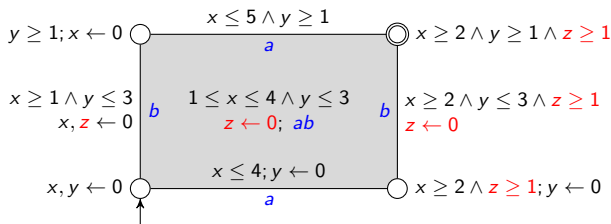
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- Cells

- ▷ 0-cells: location,
- ▷ 1-cell: edges,
- ▷ d -cell, $d > 1$.

- Differences

	TA	HDTA
Difference between locations, edges	Yes	No
Exit conditions	Edges	On d -cells, $\forall d$
Invariants	Locations	On d -cells, $\forall d$
Reset	Edges	On d -cells, $\forall d$
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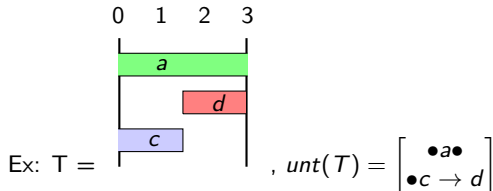
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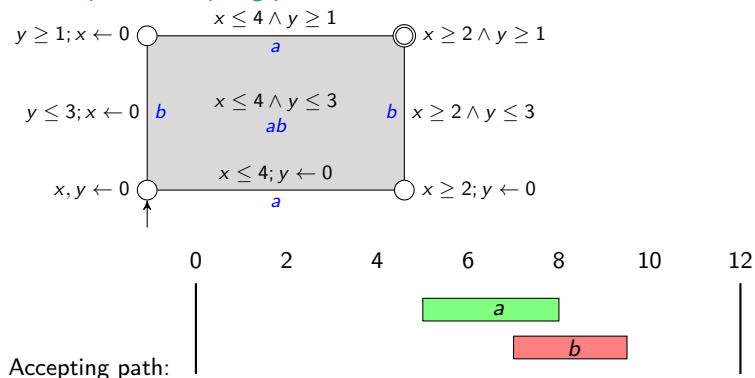
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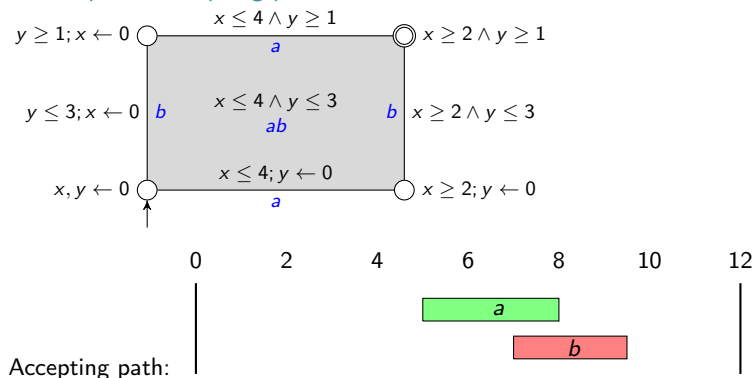
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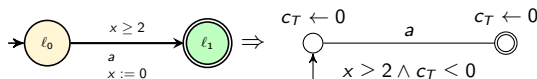
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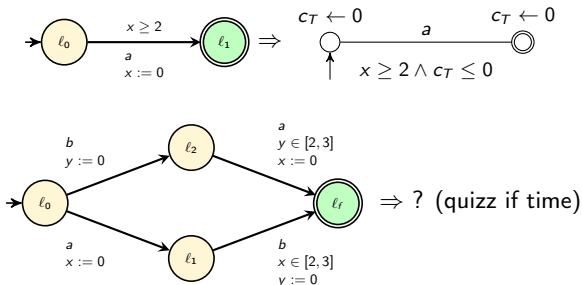
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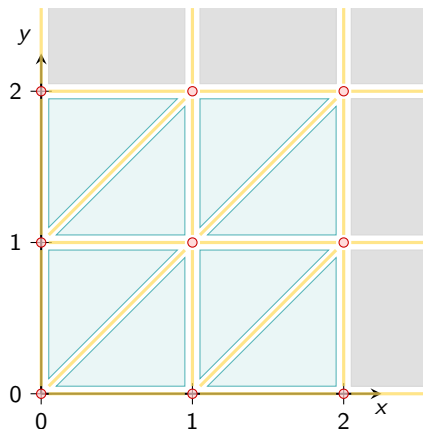
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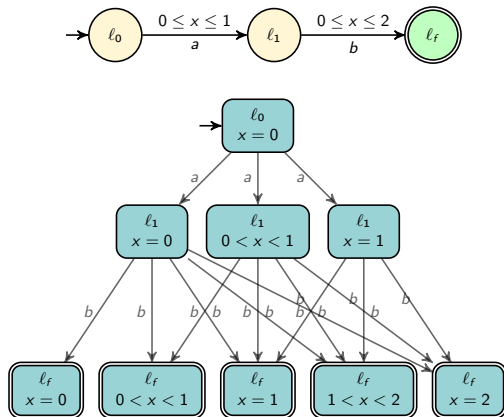
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- Ex: Region of the constraint $0 \leq x, y \leq 2$



Region Automaton: example for one-clock TA

- A timed Automaton and its region automaton



- Reachability problem for TA

PSPACE (Alur et al, 1994): correspondence between runs of TA and the one of the corresponding region automata.

- **Region equivalence**

Let $A = (\Sigma, C, L, \perp_L, \top_L, inv, exit)$ be an HDTA

- ▷ $M :=$ the maximal constant appearing in inv
- ▷ \cong : region equivalence on $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^C$ defined as follows: for any $v, v' : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$:
 - $\lfloor v(x) \rfloor = \lfloor v'(x) \rfloor$ or $v(x), v'(x) > M, \forall x \in C,$
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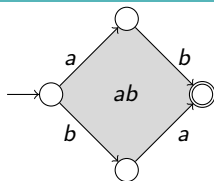
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Conclusion

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 - ▷ **Temporal logic for HDA.**
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 - ▷ **Timed simulation and bisimulation:** HDTA model checking.
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 - ▷ Collaborator: Sylvain Schmitz
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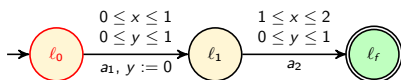
A precubical set on a finite alphabet Σ :

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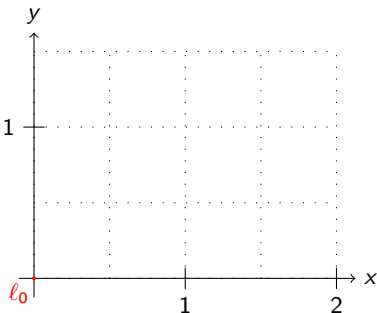
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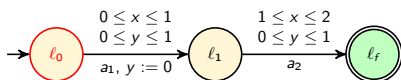


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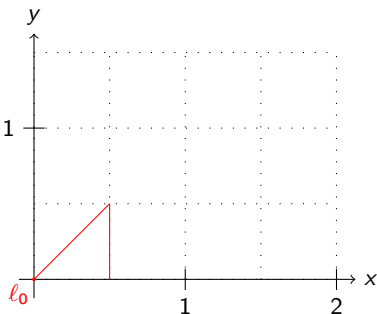


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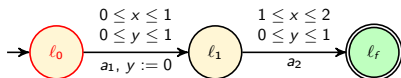


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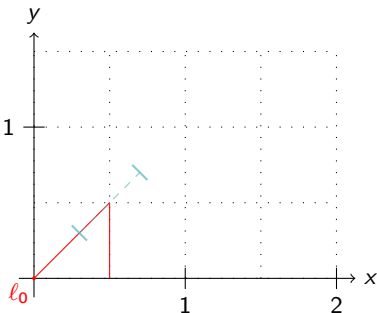


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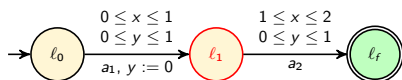


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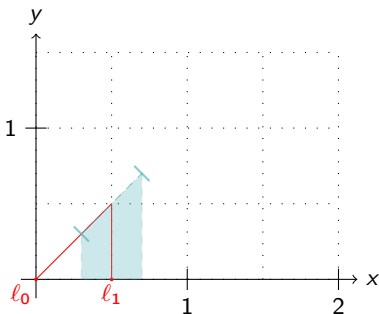


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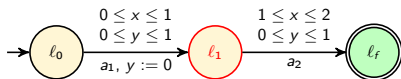


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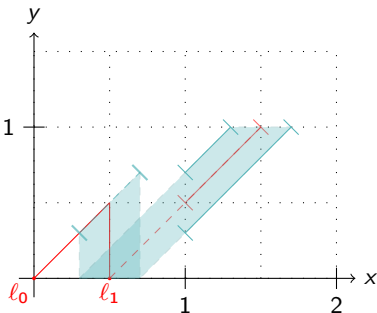


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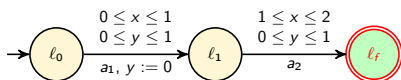


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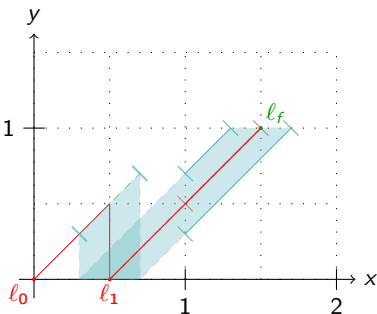


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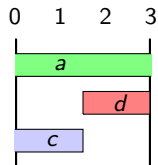
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