

# Decidability of Value Problem for 1-clock Weighted Timed Games

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# Motivation : game theory for synthesis



## Game theory

Interaction between two  
antagonistic agents :  
environment and controller



## Code synthesis

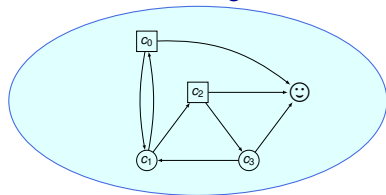
Correct by  
construction :  
synthesis of  
controller

## Classical approach

Check the correctness  
of a system

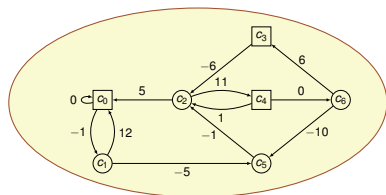
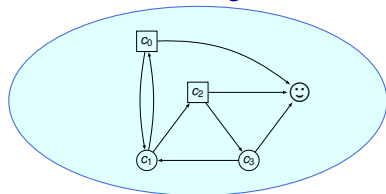
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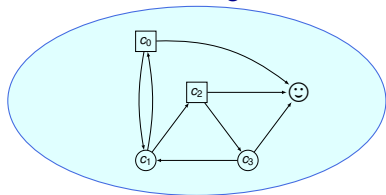
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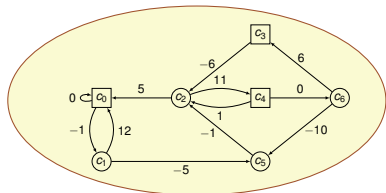
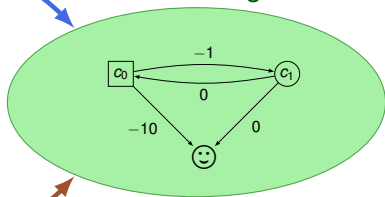
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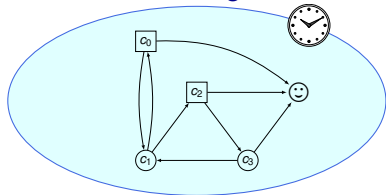
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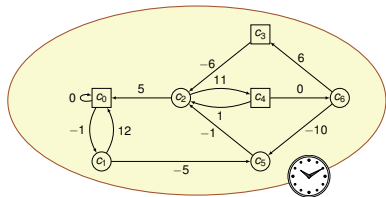
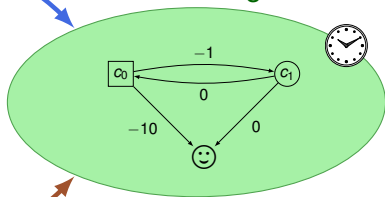
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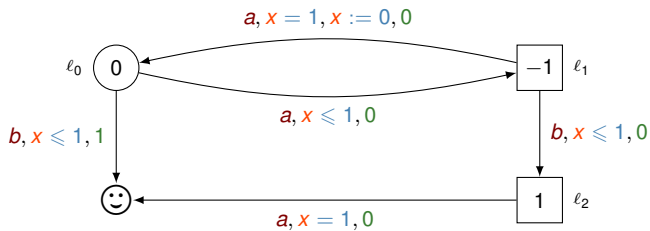


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# 1-clock Weighted Timed Games



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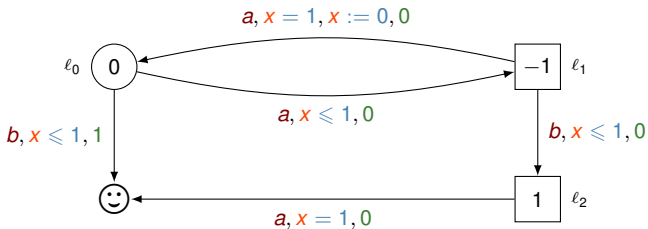
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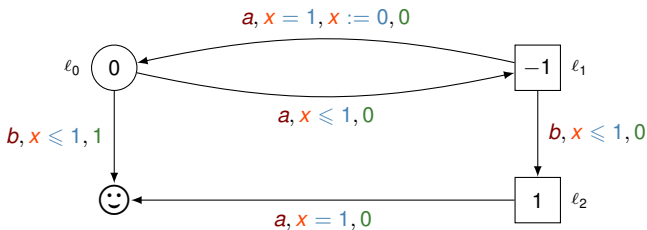


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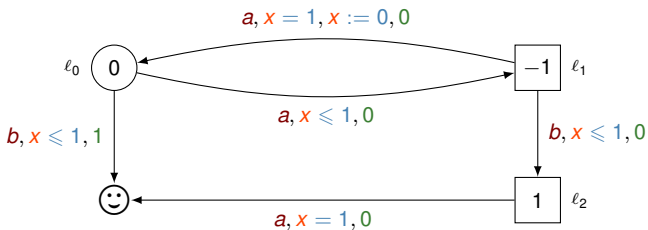
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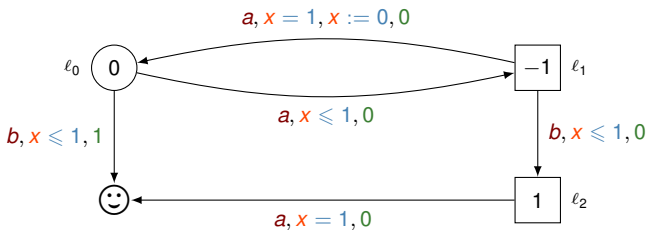
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In  $(l_0, 0)$

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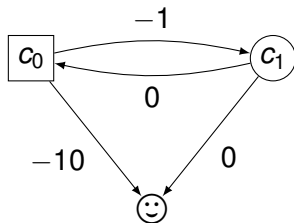
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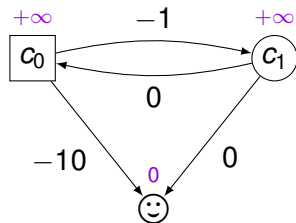
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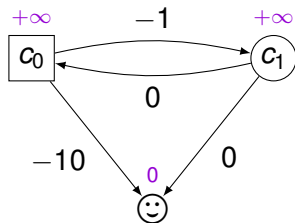
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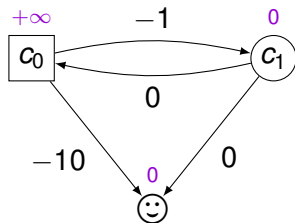
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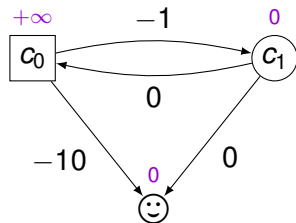
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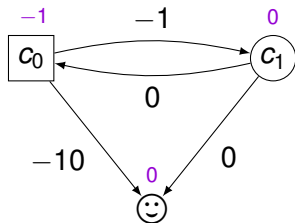
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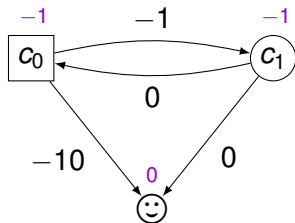
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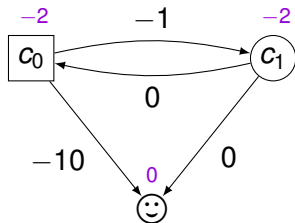
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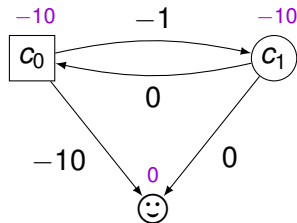
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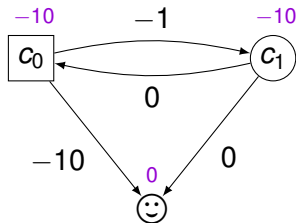
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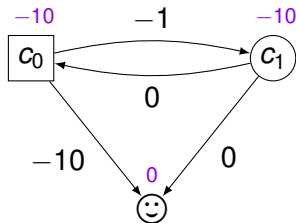
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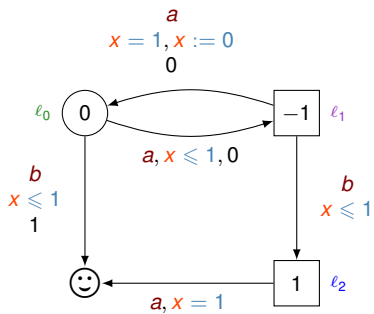
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## Open problem

And for 1 clock ?

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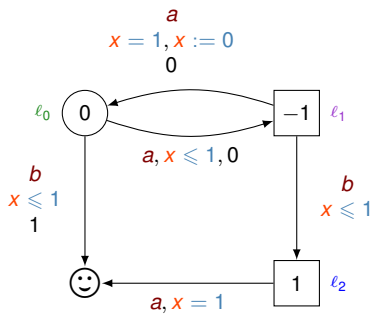
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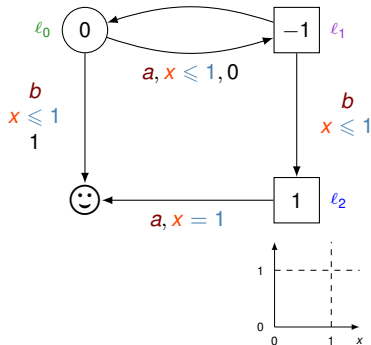
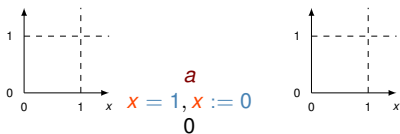
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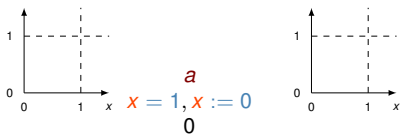


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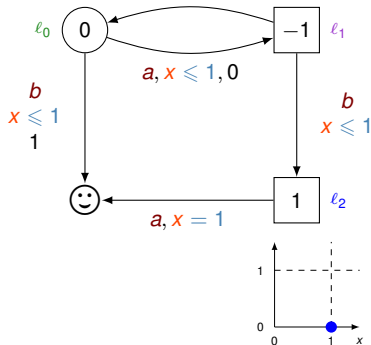
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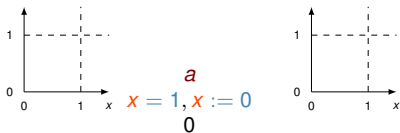
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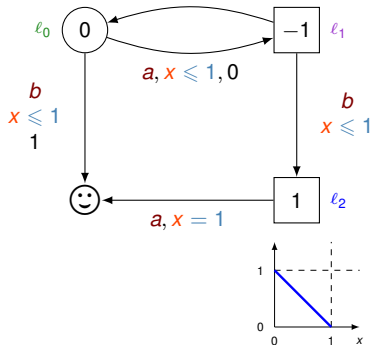
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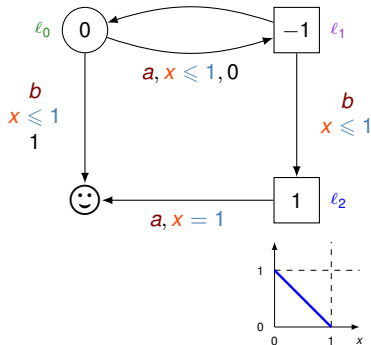
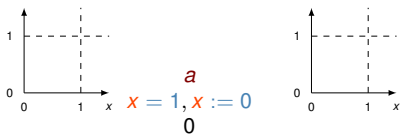
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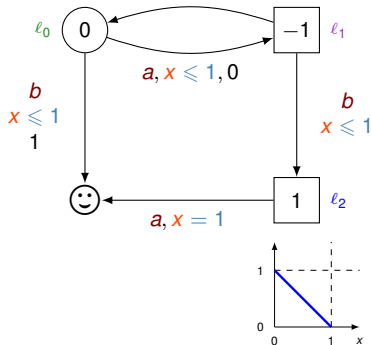
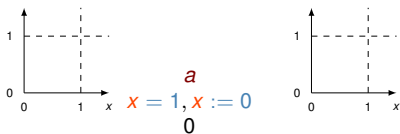
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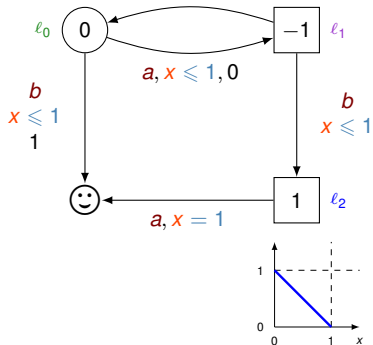
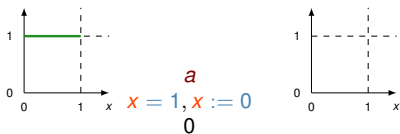
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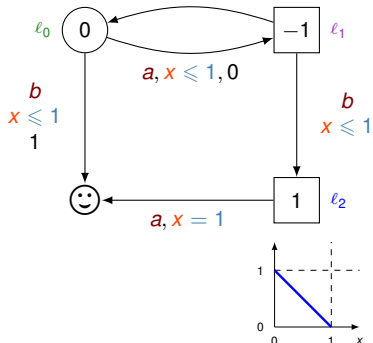
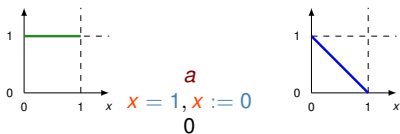
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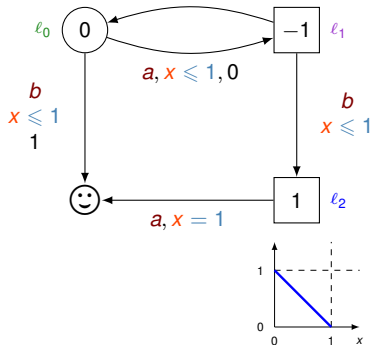
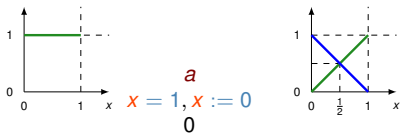
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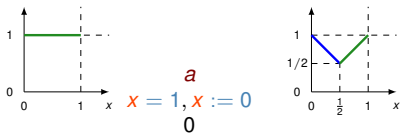
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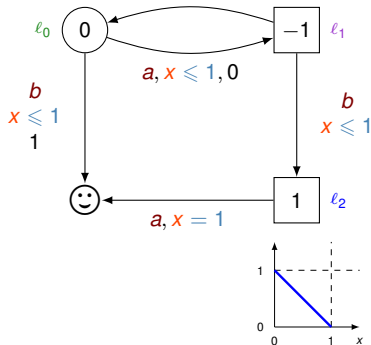
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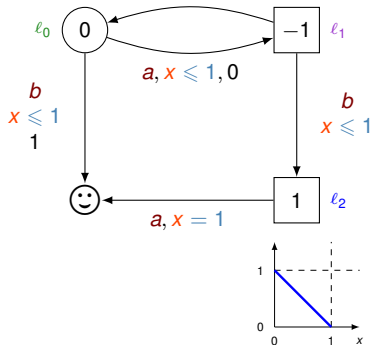
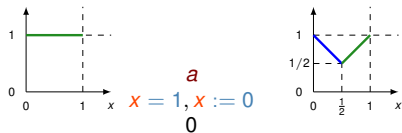
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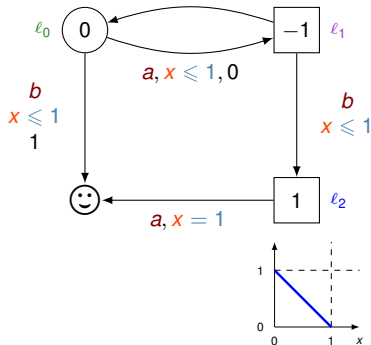
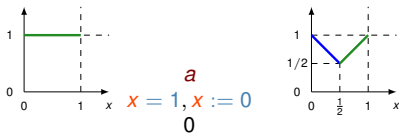
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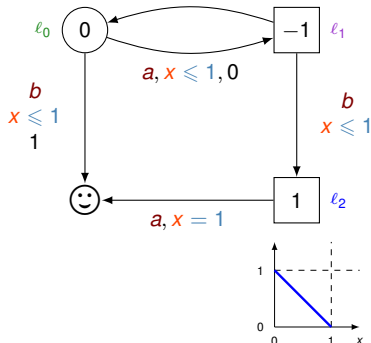
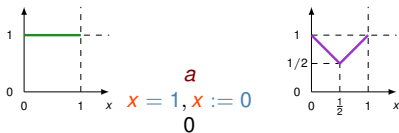
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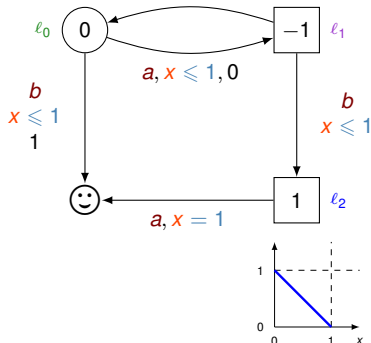
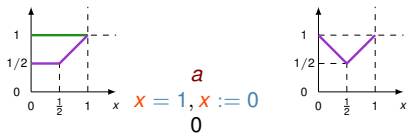
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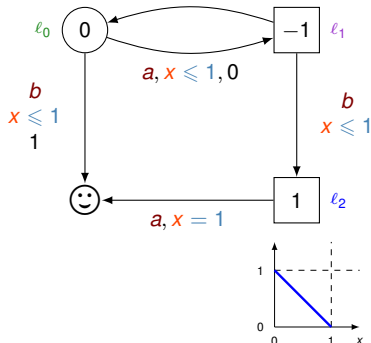
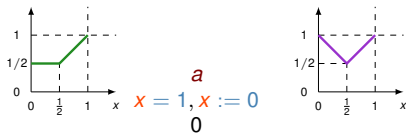
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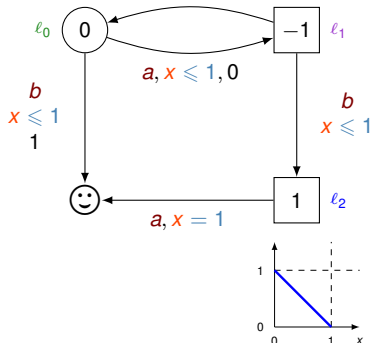
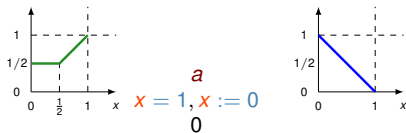
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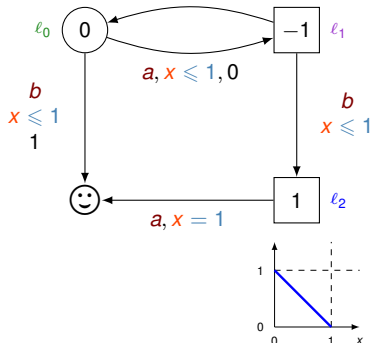
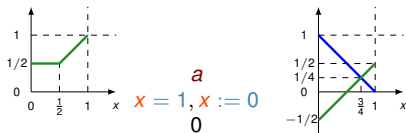
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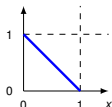
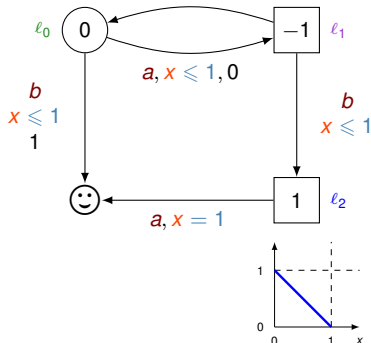
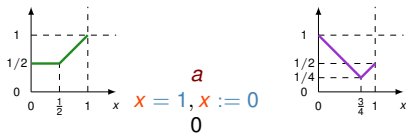
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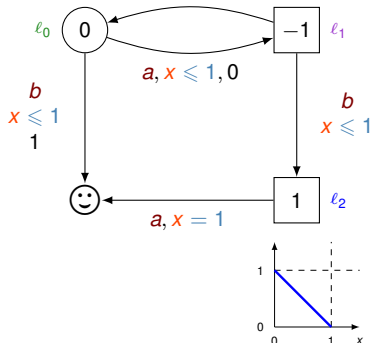
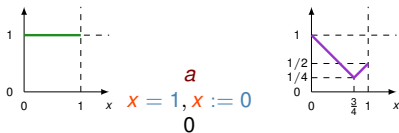
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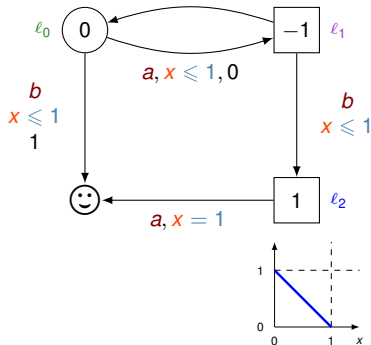
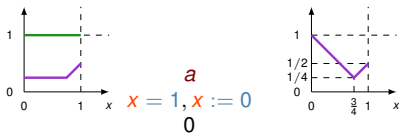
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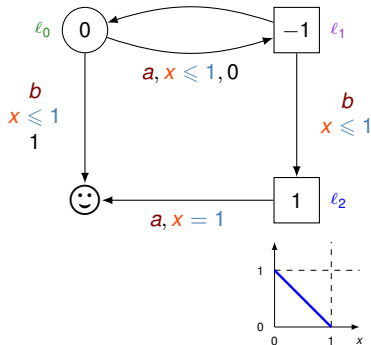
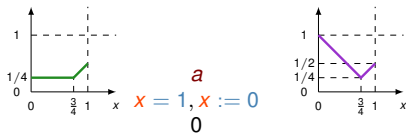
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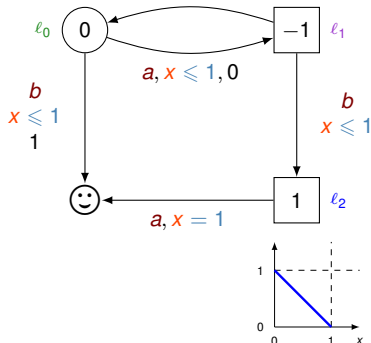
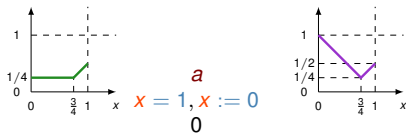
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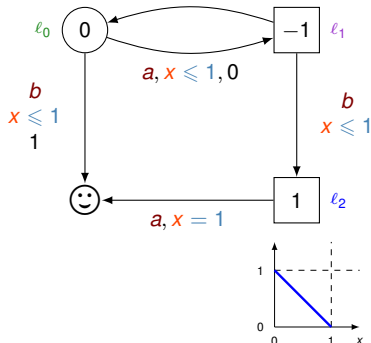
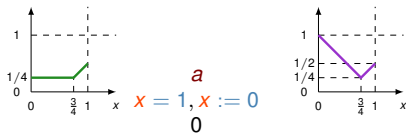
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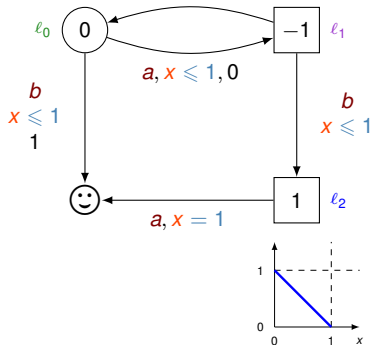
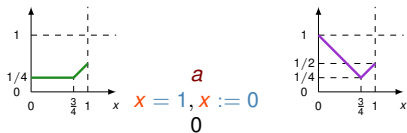
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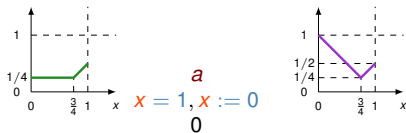
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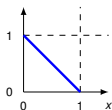
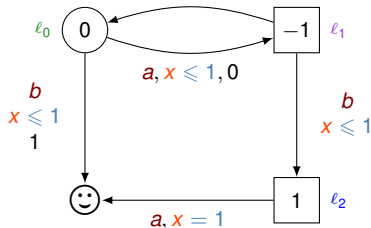
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$a$   
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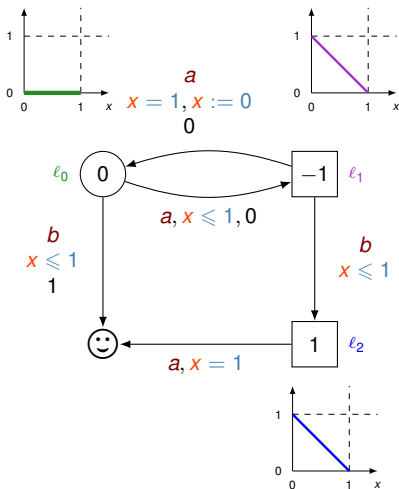
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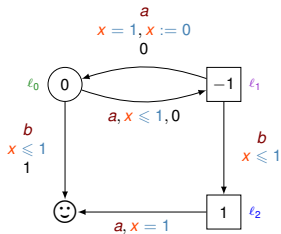


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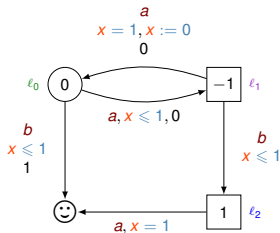


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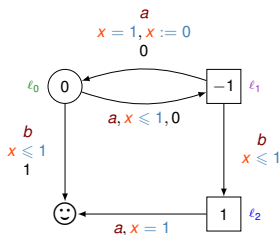
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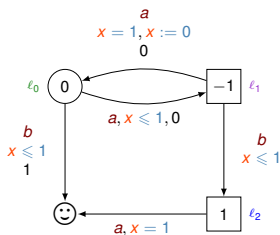
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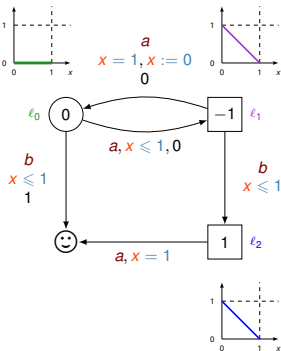
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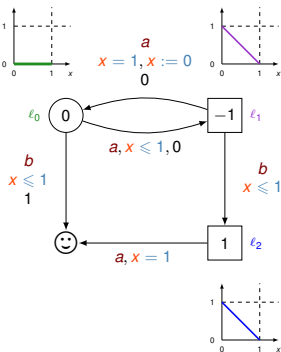
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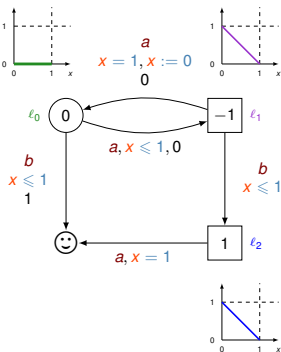
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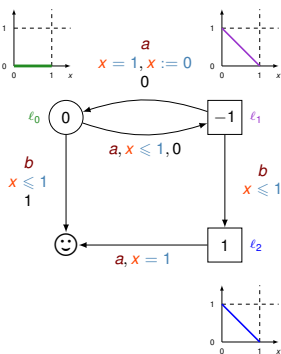
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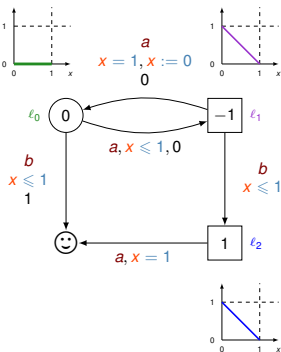
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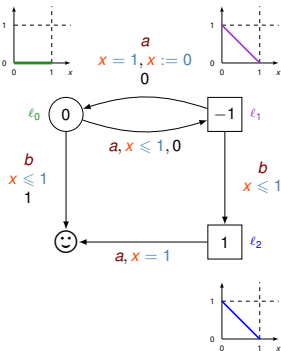
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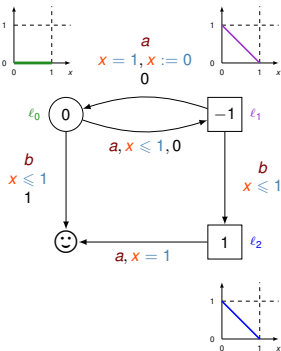


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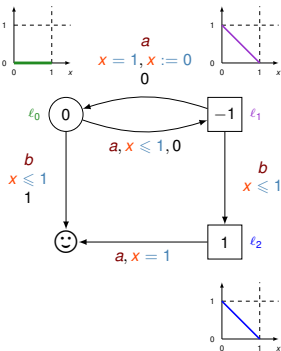
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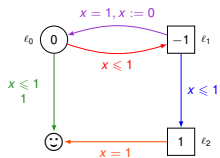
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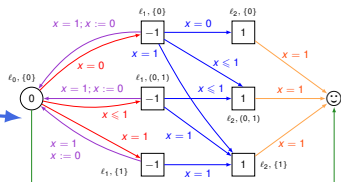
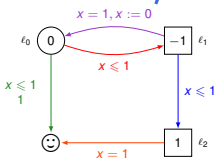
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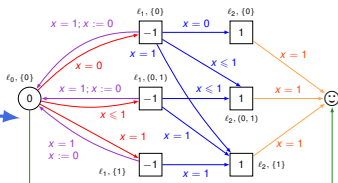
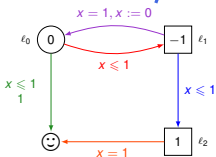
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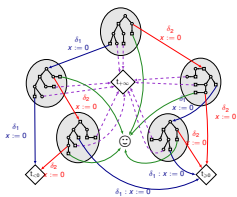
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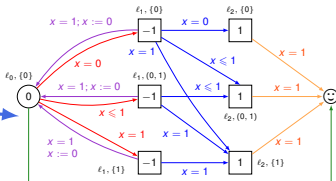
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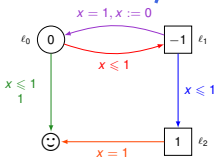


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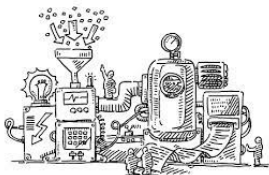
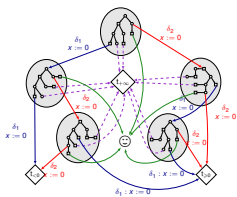
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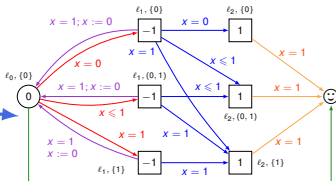


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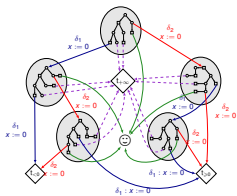
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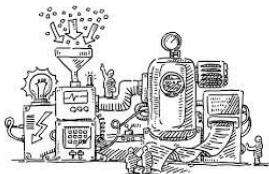
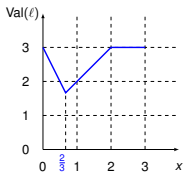
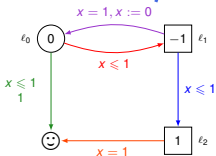
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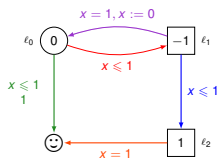
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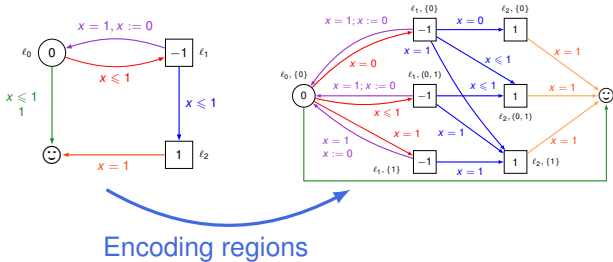
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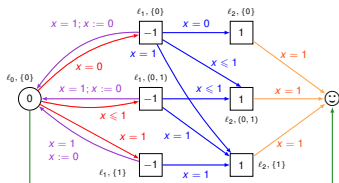
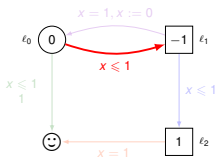


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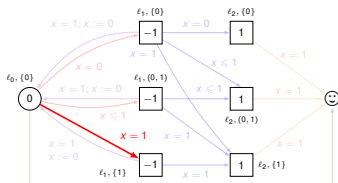
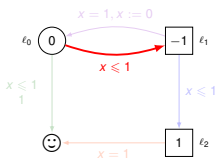
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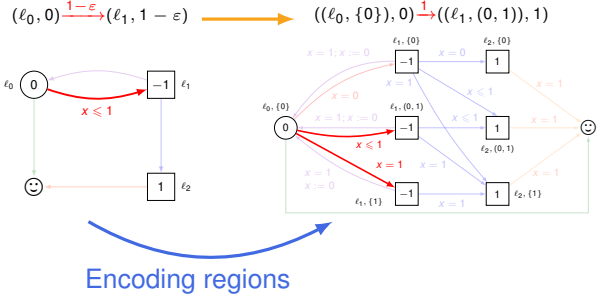
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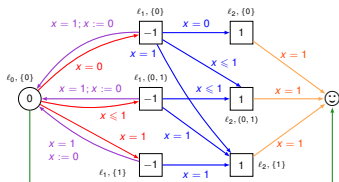
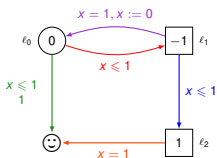
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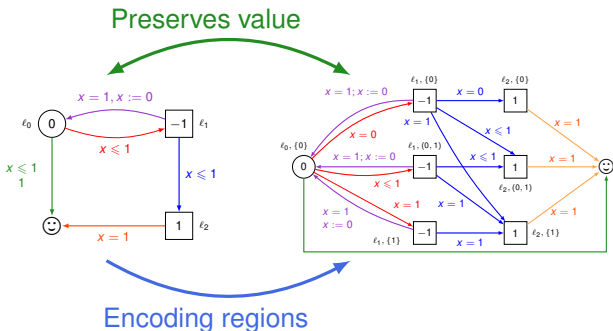


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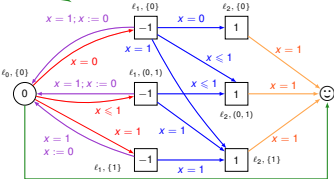
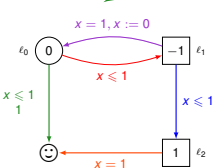


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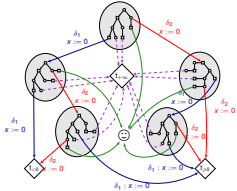
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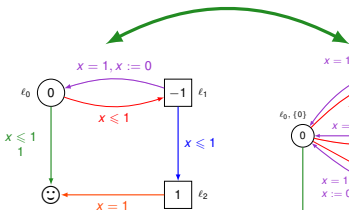
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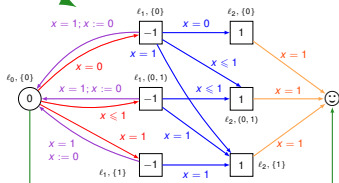


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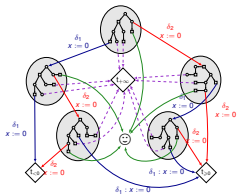
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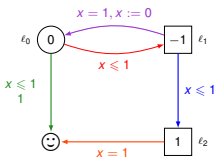
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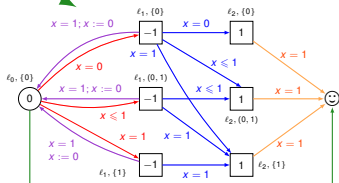
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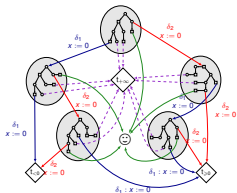
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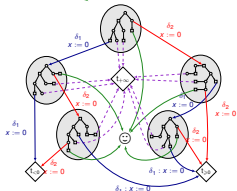
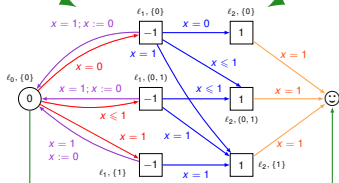
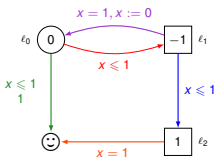
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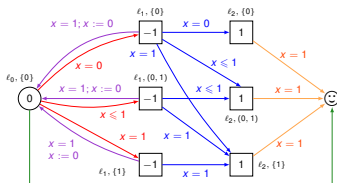
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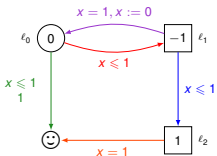
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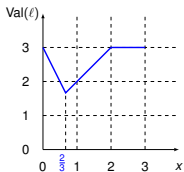
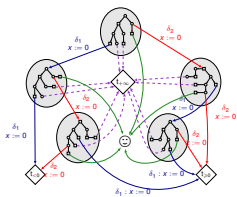
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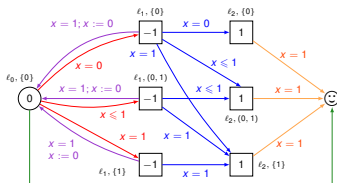
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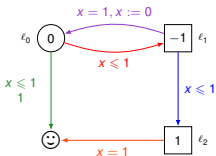
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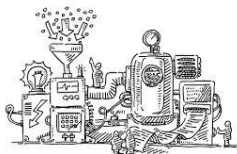
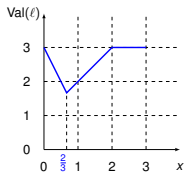
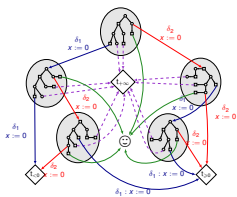
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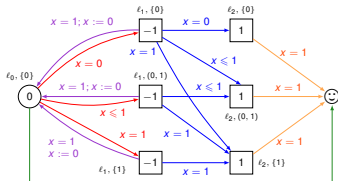
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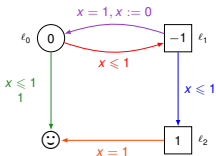
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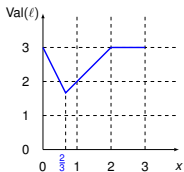
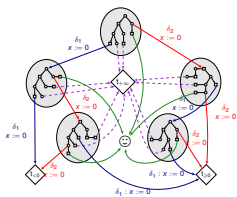


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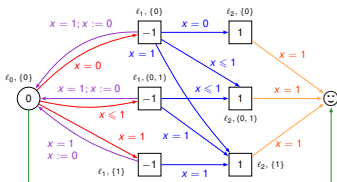
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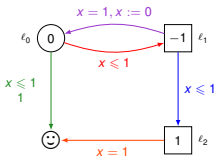
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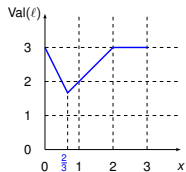
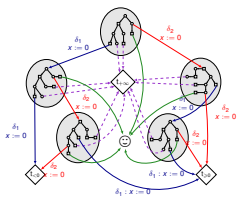


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