

# Predicate Abstraction for Dense Real-Time Systems

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# Outline

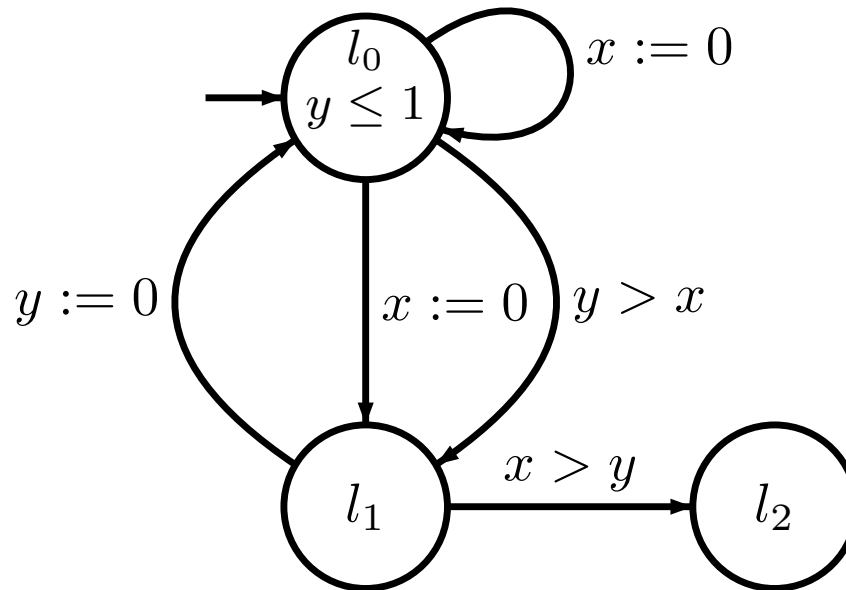
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# Timed Systems

Timing constraints  $\Gamma$ , propositional Symbols  $A$

Timed System  $\mathcal{S} = \langle L, P, C, \rightarrow, l_0, I \rangle$



Semantics as transition system  $\mathcal{M} = \langle L \times \mathcal{V}_C, P, \Rightarrow, (l_0, \nu_0) \rangle$

with non-zenoness assumption:

if trace infinite, sum over all delays is  $\infty$

# Clock Regions

- Given:  $\mathcal{S}, C, \tilde{c}$
- Finite partition of the infinite state space
- Clock region:  $\mathcal{X}C \subseteq \mathcal{V}C$  s.t. for all  $\chi \in \text{Constr}(c)$  and for any two  $\nu, \nu' \in \mathcal{X}C$  it is the case that  $\nu \models \chi$  if and only if  $\nu' \models \chi$
- $\nu_1 \equiv_{\mathcal{S}} \nu_2$

# Propositional $\mu$ -Calculus

## Syntax:

$$\varphi := p \mid \forall (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \mid \exists (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \mid Z \mid \mu Z. \varphi \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid tt$$

**Semantics:**  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}$  ... set of states for which  $\varphi$  holds

Intuitively, an existential (strong) until formula  $\exists (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2)$  holds in some states  $s$  iff  $\varphi_1$  holds on some path from  $s$  until  $\varphi_2$  holds.

$$\llbracket \exists (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

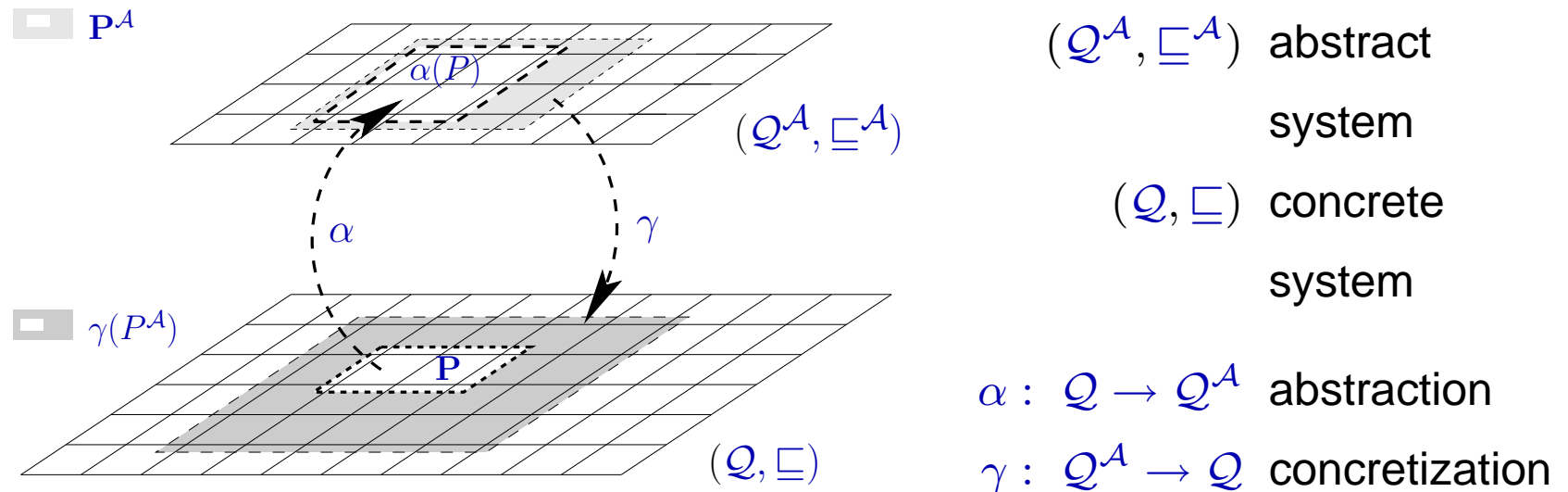
$\{s_0 \in S \mid \text{there exists a path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow s_1 \Rightarrow \dots), \text{ s.t. } s_i \in \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}$

for some  $i \geq 0$ , and for all  $0 \leq j < i$ ,  $s_j \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}}\}$

# Model Checking

- Given:  $\mathcal{M}, \varphi$
- Model checking problem:  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$
- Model checking timed systems: region construction
- Our approach: verify safety and liveness properties of timed systems based on successive refinements of finite approximations

# Abstract Interpretation: Galois Connections



**Essence:** connection of 2 lattice structures

**Problems:** stability and self-loops

# Predicate Abstraction of Timed Systems

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## Abstraction Predicates

- with respect to a given clock set  $C$
- formula with the set of free variables in  $C$
- set of abstractions predicates  $\Psi = \{\psi_0, \dots, \psi_{n-1}\}$

## Abstraction function

- $\alpha : \mathcal{V}_C \rightarrow B_n$
- $\alpha(\nu)(i) := \psi_i \nu$

## Concretization function

- $\gamma : B_n \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{V}_C)$
- $\gamma(b) := \{\nu \in \mathcal{V}_C \mid \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} \psi_i \nu \equiv b(i)\}$



# Over-/Under-approximation

Given:  $\mathcal{M}, \Psi$

Over-approximation of  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{+} = \langle S^A, P, \Rightarrow^{+}, s_0^A \rangle$

Under-approximation of  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{-} = \langle S^A, P, \Rightarrow^{-}, s_0^A \rangle$

- $S^A := L \times B_n$

- $(l, b) \Rightarrow^{+} (l', b')$  iff  $\exists \nu \in \gamma(b). \exists \nu' \in \gamma(b'). (l, \nu) \Rightarrow (l', \nu')$

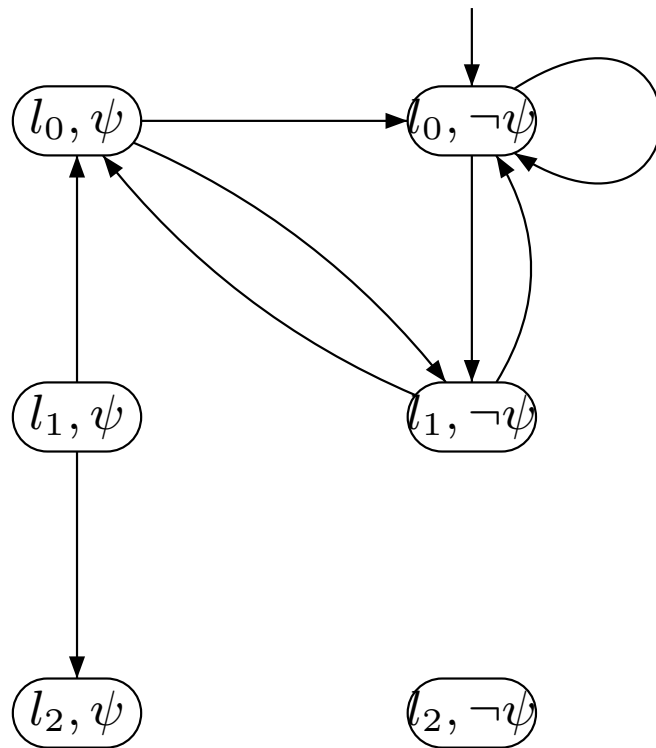
- $(l, b) \Rightarrow^{-} (l', b')$  iff  $\forall \nu \in \gamma(b). \exists \nu' \in \gamma(b'). (l, \nu) \Rightarrow (l', \nu')$

- $s_0^A := (l_0, b_0)$ , where  $b_0(i) = 1$  if  $\psi_i \nu_0$  and 0 otherwise.

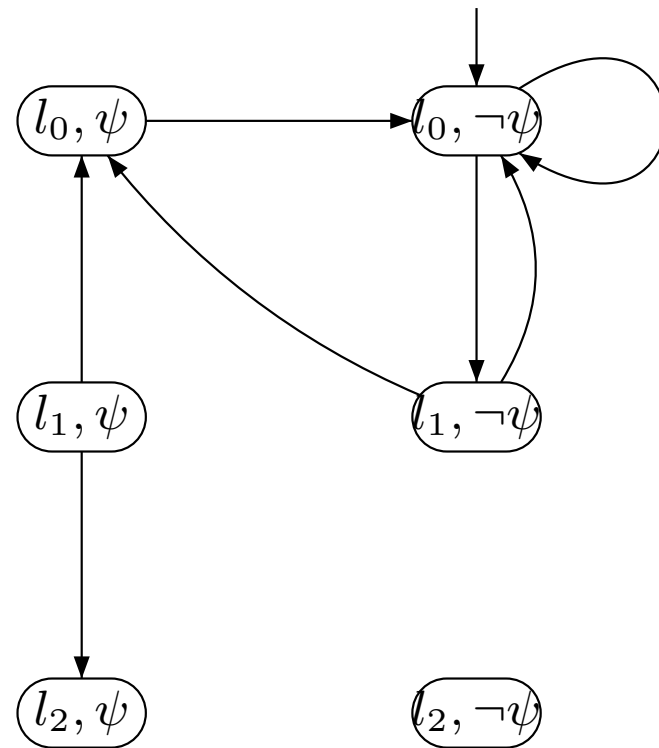
- $\Rightarrow^{-} \subseteq \Rightarrow^{+}$

# Over-/Under-approximation – Example

$\Psi = \{\psi\}$ , where  $\psi \equiv x > y$

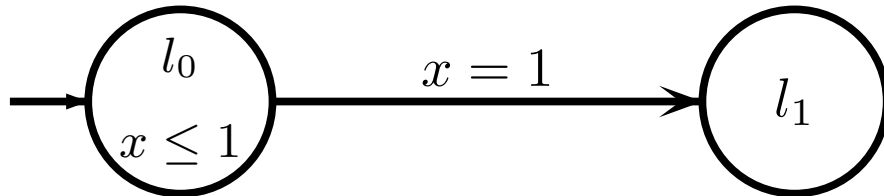


a: Over-approximation



b: Under-approximation

# Example to Abstraction

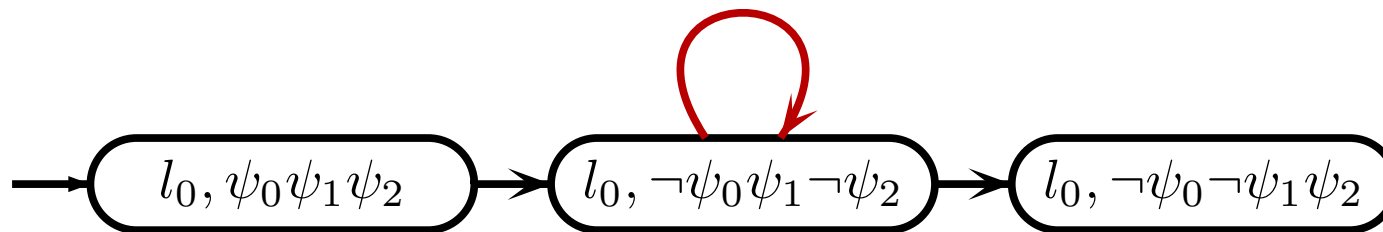


We want to verify:  $\varphi = \forall (\# Uat \_l1)$

Abstraction predicates:  $\{x = 0, x < 1, x = 1\}$

Assume the following sequence in the concrete system:  $(l_0, x = 0) \xrightarrow{1/2} (l_0, x = 1/2) \xrightarrow{1/2} (l_0, x = 3/4) \xrightarrow{3/4} (l_0, x = 1) \xrightarrow{\text{true}} (l_1, x = 1)$

Abstraction yields (only a fragment is illustrated):



Problem: **spurious self-loop**

# Restricted Semantics of Timed Systems

## Restricted Delay Step

**Given:**  $\mathcal{S}, C, \tilde{c}$

A delay step  $(l, \nu) \xrightarrow{\delta} (l, (\nu + \delta))$  is a restricted delay step iff

$$\exists x \in C. \exists k \in \{0, \dots, c\}. \nu(x) = k \vee (\nu(x) < k \wedge \nu(x) + \delta \geq k)$$

Restricted transition relation:  $\Rightarrow_R \subseteq (L, \mathcal{V}_C) \times (L, \mathcal{V}_C)$

The second delay step is disallowed:

$$(l_0, x = 0) \Rightarrow (l_0, x = 1/2) \not\Rightarrow (l_0, x = 1/4) \Rightarrow (l_0, x = 1) \Rightarrow (l_1, x = 1)$$

**Theorem:**

$$[[\varphi]]_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}} = [[\varphi]]_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_R}$$

# Predicate Abstracted Semantics

$$\begin{aligned}
 \llbracket tt \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= S^A \\
 \llbracket p \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{(l, b) \in S^A \mid p \in P(l)\} \\
 \llbracket \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \cap \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \\
 \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= S^A \setminus \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \\
 \llbracket \exists (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{s_0 \in S^A \mid \text{there exists a path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_1 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_2 \dots), \\
 &\quad \text{s.t. } s_i \in \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \text{ for some } i \geq 0, \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \text{for all } 0 \leq j < i, s_j \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}}\} \\
 \llbracket \forall (\varphi_1 U \varphi_2) \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \{s_0 \in S^A \mid \text{for every path } \tau = (s_0 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_1 \Rightarrow^{\sigma} s_2 \dots), \\
 &\quad \text{there exists } i \geq 0 \text{ s.t. } s_i \in \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}}, \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \text{for all } 0 \leq j < i, s_j \in \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}}\} \\
 \llbracket Z \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \vartheta(Z) \\
 \llbracket \mu Z. \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} &:= \bigcap \{S' \in S^A \mid \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta[Z:=S']}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{\sigma}} \subseteq S'\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Soundness of Abstraction

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**Theorem:**

Given:

$\mathcal{M} = \langle S^C, P, \Rightarrow, s_0^C \rangle$  transition system

$\Psi$  set of predicates

$\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^+, \mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-$  over-/under-approximations

Then:

$$\gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^-}) \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^+})$$

# Example

Safety: Location  $l_2$  is never reached  $\varphi := \neg \exists (tt \text{ U } at\_l_2)$

Abstraction predicate:  $\psi \equiv x > y$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \neg \exists (tt \text{ U } at\_l_2) \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^-}} &= S^A \setminus \llbracket \neg \exists (tt \text{ U } at\_l_2) \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^+}} \\ &= S^A \setminus \{(l_1, \psi), (l_2, \psi), (l_2, \neg\psi)\} \\ &= \{(l_0, \psi), (l_0, \neg\psi), (l_1, \neg\psi)\} \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $\mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^+} = \mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^-}$

$$\gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^-}}) = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}} = \gamma(\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathcal{M}_{\{\psi\}^+}})$$

# Basis

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For a given timed automaton, a *basis* is a set  $\Psi$  of predicates such that for all clock evaluations  $\nu_1, \nu_2$ :

$$(\forall \psi \in \Psi. \psi \nu_1 \Leftrightarrow \psi \nu_2) \Rightarrow \nu_1 \equiv_{\mathcal{S}} \nu_2$$

One basis for our example:

$$\Psi := \{x = 0, y = 0, x \leq 1, x \geq 1, y \leq 1, y \geq 1, x > y, x < y\}$$



# Completeness

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## Theorem

Let  $\Psi$  be a basis.

Then our abstraction is strongly preserving with respect to the  $\mu$ -calculus without next-operator

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{-}} = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\vartheta}^{\mathcal{M}_{\Psi}^{+}}$$

# Refinement of the Abstraction

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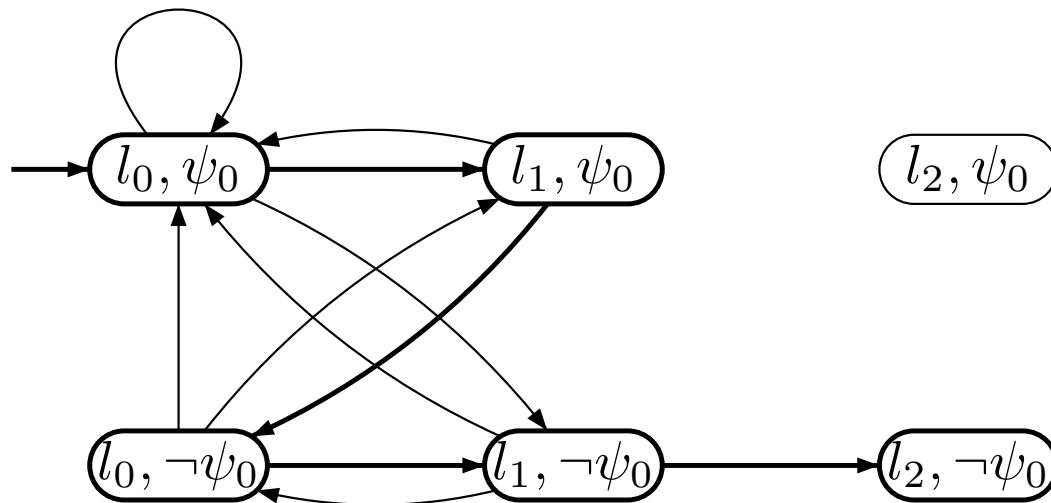
- Basis: the "exact" abstract transition system can be computed **Not practicable**
- Successive approximation of the abstract transition relation
- Counterexamples
- Given:  $\mathcal{M}, \Psi, \varphi$
- Algorithm for computing  $\mathcal{M}_\psi^+$  stepwise s.t.  $(\psi \subseteq \Psi)$   
 $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}_\psi^+ \models \varphi$

# Example (Refinement)

$$\varphi := \neg \exists (tt \ U \ at \ l_2)$$

$$\Psi := \{x = 0, y = 0, x \leq 1, x \geq 1, y \leq 1, y \geq 1, x > y, x < y\}$$

I.  $\psi_0 \equiv x = 0$



$$\mathcal{M}_{\{x=0\}}^+ \stackrel{?}{\models} \varphi$$

NO

$$\tau = ((l_0, \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_1, \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_0, \neg \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_1, \neg \psi_0) \Rightarrow^+ (l_2, \neg \psi_0))$$

# Example – Continuation I.

$$\tau = \underbrace{((l_0, \psi_0))}_{s_0} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_1, \psi_0)}_{s_1} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_0, \neg\psi_0)}_{s_2} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_1, \neg\psi_0)}_{s_3} \Rightarrow^+ \underbrace{(l_2, \neg\psi_0)}_{s_4}$$

Is there a corresponding counterexample on the concrete transition system?

$$\exists \tau^c = (y_0 \Rightarrow y_1 \Rightarrow y_2 \Rightarrow y_3 \Rightarrow y_4) \text{ s.t.}$$

$$y_0 \in \gamma(s_0), y_1 \in \gamma(s_1), y_2 \in \gamma(s_2), y_3 \in \gamma(s_3), y_4 \in \gamma(s_4), y_0 = s_0^c$$

$$\begin{aligned} F := \exists y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 \in S^C. & y_0 \in \gamma(s_0) \wedge y_1 \in \gamma(s_1) \wedge \\ & y_2 \in \gamma(s_2) \wedge y_3 \in \gamma(s_3) \wedge y_4 \in \gamma(s_4) \wedge \\ & y_1 \Rightarrow y_2 \wedge y_2 \Rightarrow y_3 \wedge y_3 \Rightarrow y_4 \wedge y_0 = s_0^c \end{aligned}$$

Is  $F$  valid?

# Example – Continuation II.

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Here  $F$  is unsatisfiable!

$$\begin{array}{lcl} y_0 \in & (l_0, x = y = 0) & \in \gamma(s_0) \\ & \Downarrow & \\ y_1 \in & (l_1, x = 0 \wedge 0 \leq y \leq 1) & \in \gamma(s_1) \\ & \Downarrow & \\ y_2 \in & (l_0, x > 0 \wedge y \leq 1 \wedge x \geq y) & \in \gamma(s_2) \\ & \Downarrow & \\ y_3 \in & (l_1, x > 0 \wedge y > x) & \in \gamma(s_3) \\ & \Downarrow & \\ y_4 \in & (l_1, x > 0 \wedge y \geq 0) & = \gamma(s_4) \end{array}$$

# Example – Continuation III.

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Let  $k$  s.t.

1.  $\exists (y_0 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow y_k)$

2.  $y_i \in \gamma(s_i)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq k$

$k = 3$

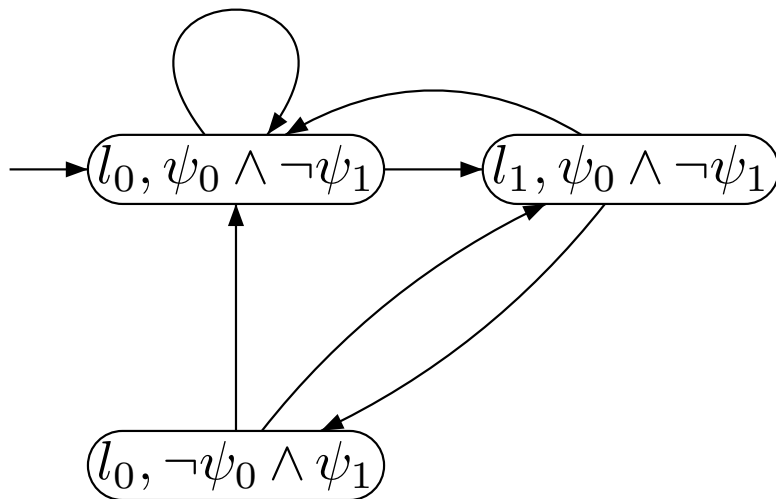
3.  $\forall y_{k+1} \in \gamma(s_{k+1}). y_k \not\Rightarrow y_{k+1}$

Choose  $\psi_1 \in \Psi$  s.t.  $\forall y_1 \in \gamma(s_k), y_2 \in \gamma(s_{k+1}). y_1 \not\Rightarrow y_2$

In our case:  $\psi_1 \equiv x > y$

# Example – Continuation IV.

New approximation  $\mathcal{M}_{\{x=0, x>y\}}^+$   
Satisfies formula  $\varphi = \neg\exists (tt \text{ U } at\_l_2)$



Algorithm terminates with **true**

$\mathcal{M} \models \neg\exists (tt \text{ U } at\_l_2)$

# What can be verified ?

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**Safety**

**Liveness**

## Observations:

- **self-loops** problem:  
solved by restricting the delay steps in *concrete* system
- logic does it un-timed and *without next*
- a weaker assumption than non-zenoness suffices  
(only restrict infinite sequences of delay steps)



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