

A Fully Symbolic Bisimulation Algorithm

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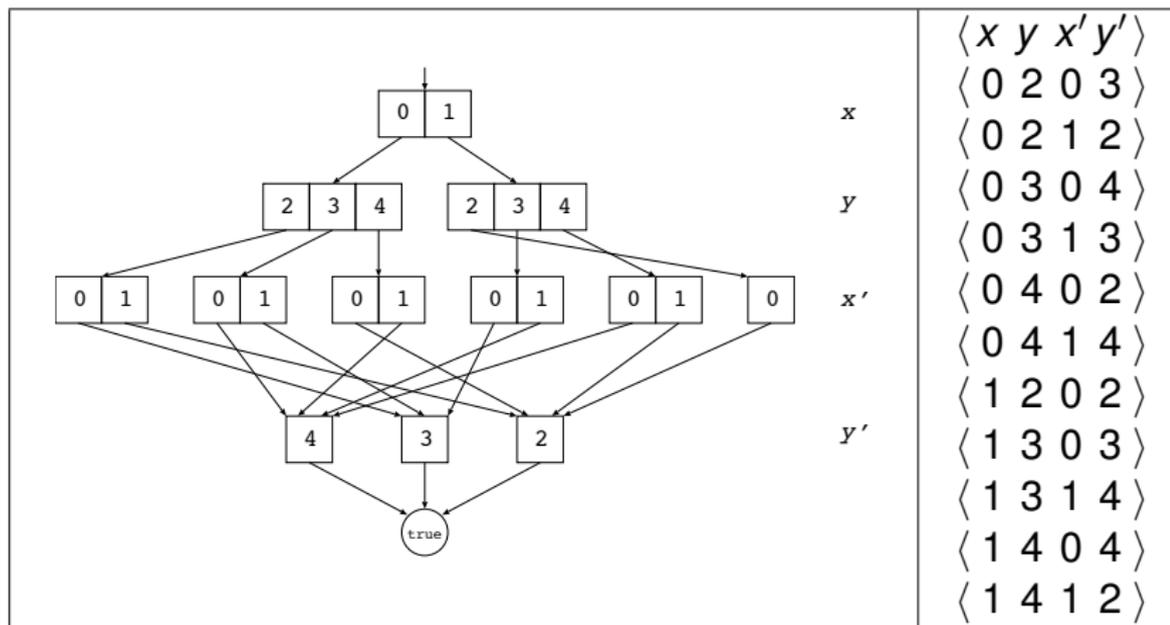
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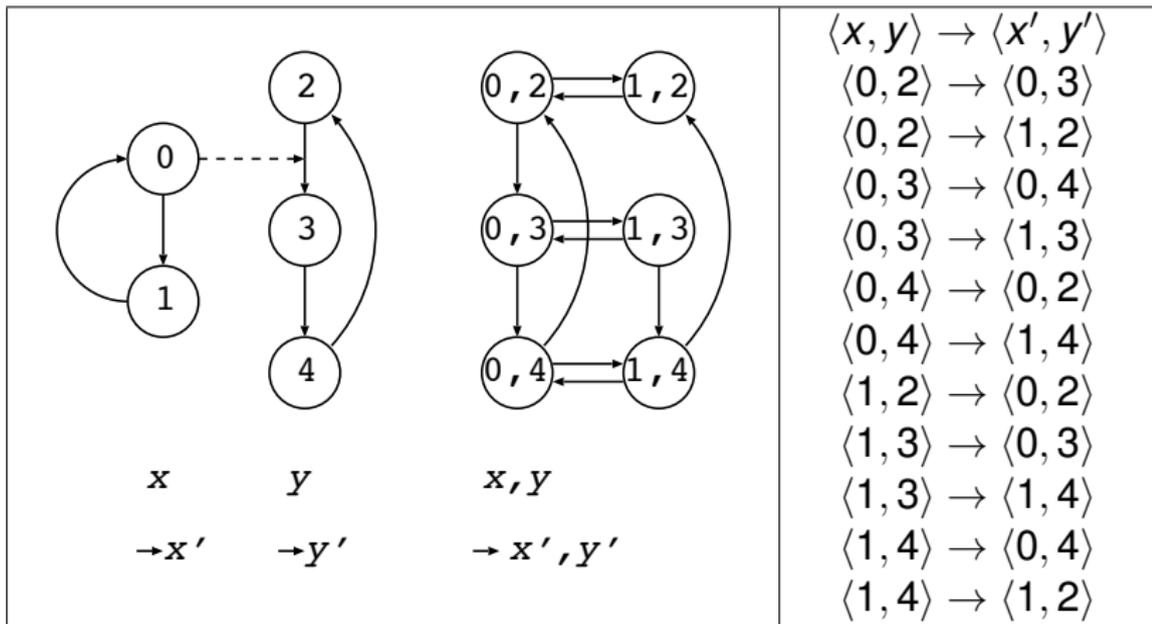
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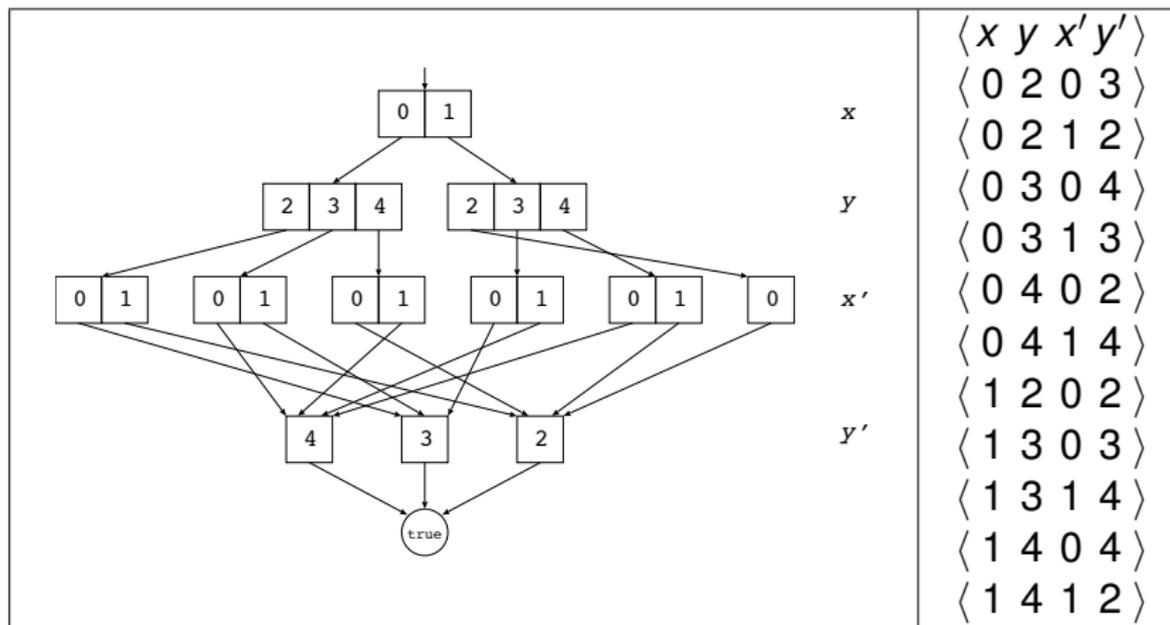
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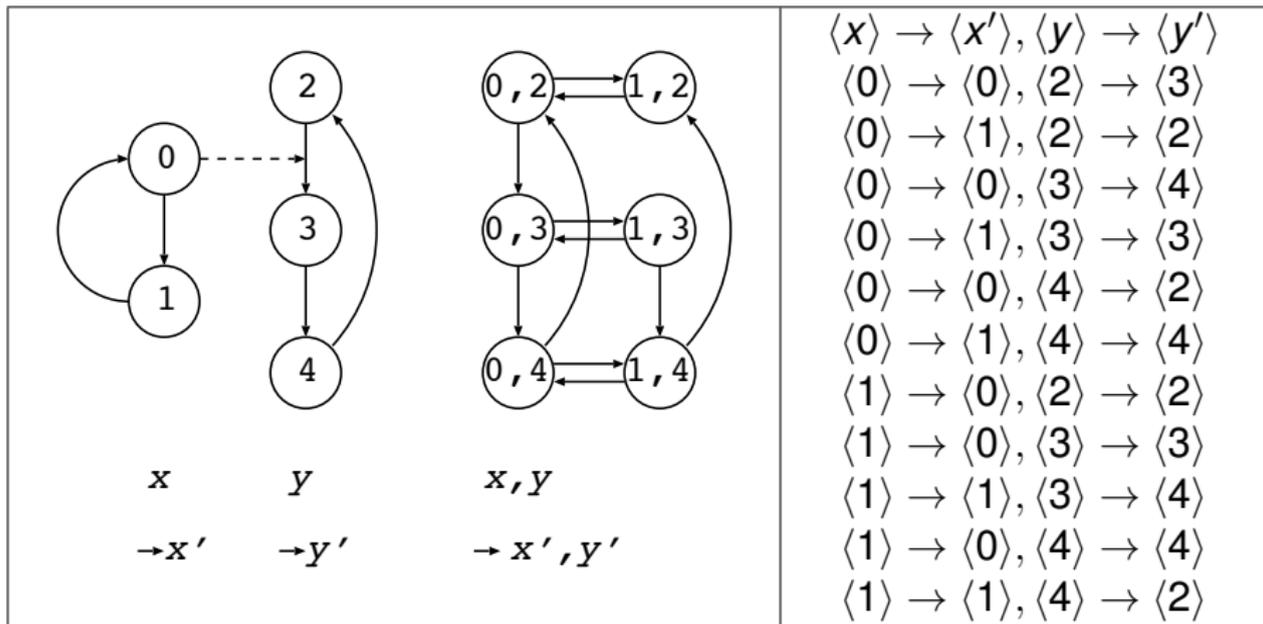
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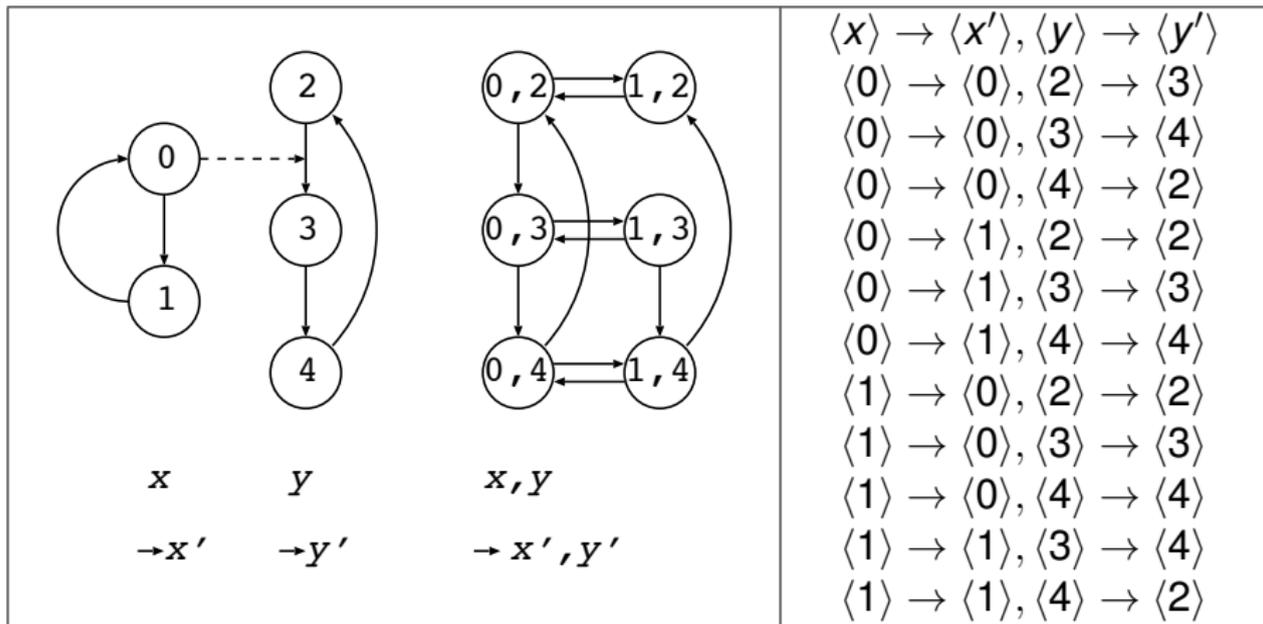


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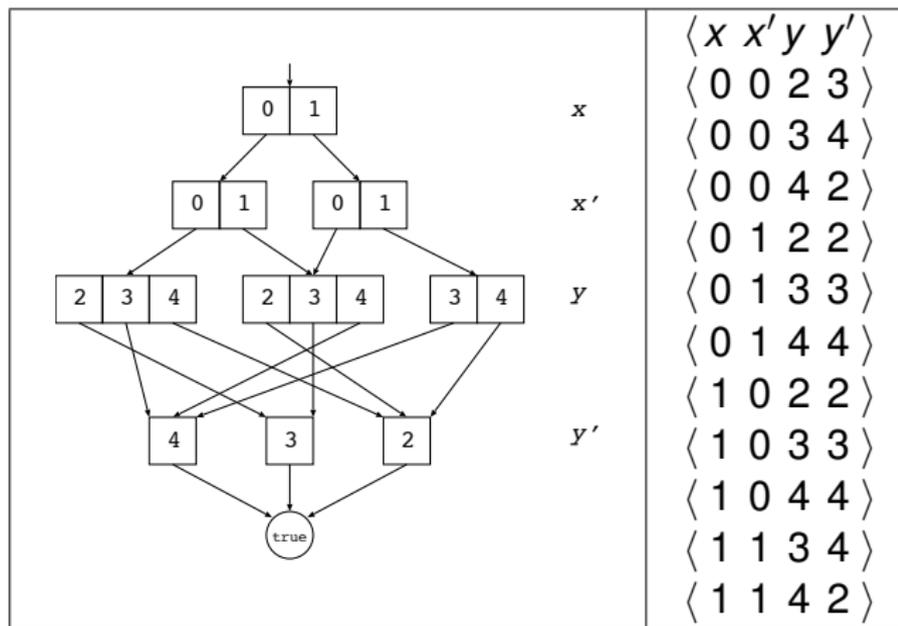
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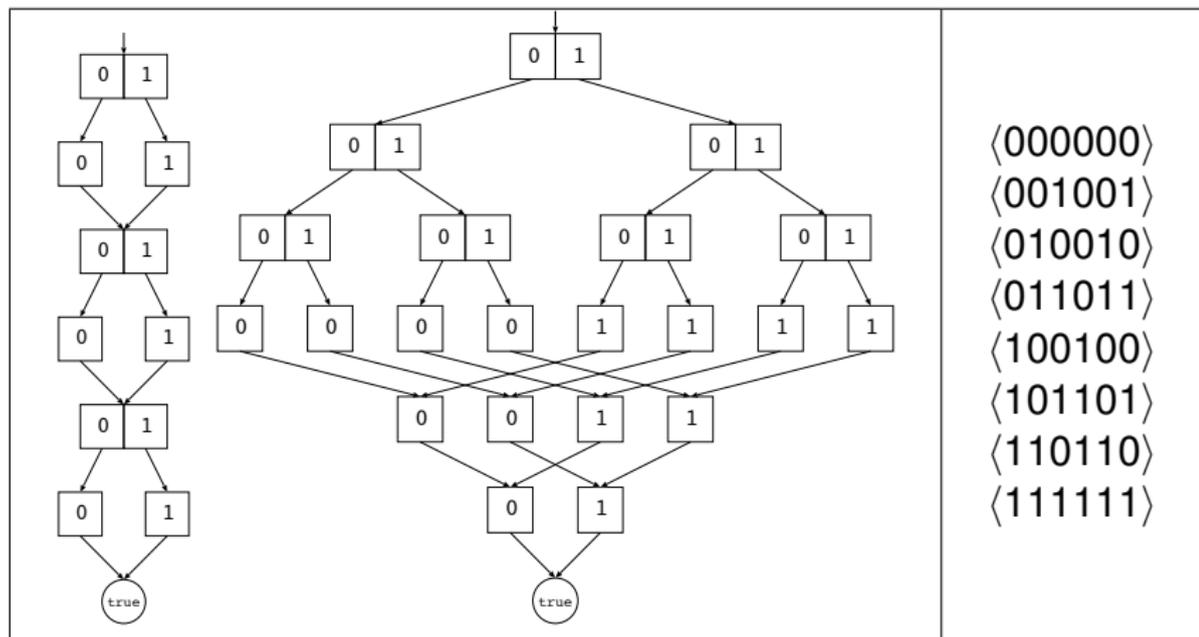


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Breadth-first algorithm:

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- Saturation-based algorithm: (memoization code not shown)

Algorithm: $\text{SatClosure}(\mathcal{T}'_{k:1}, \mathcal{S}_{init})$

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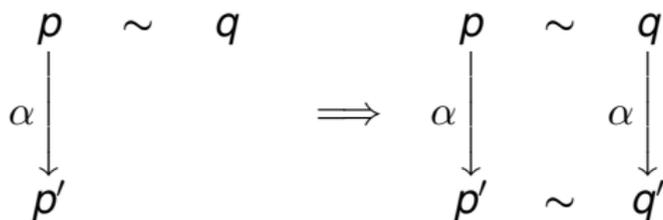
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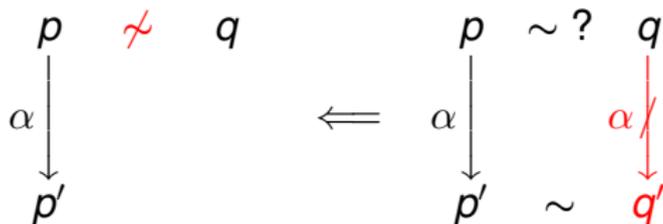
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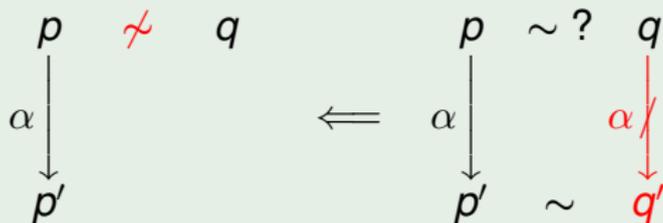
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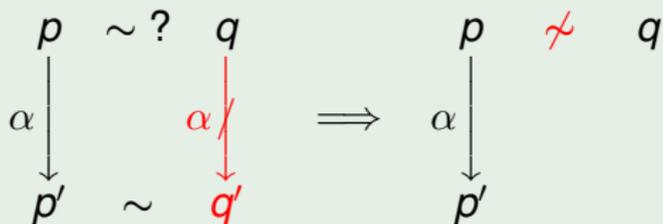
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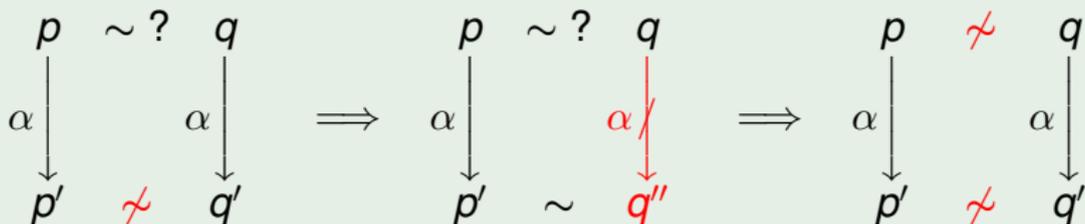
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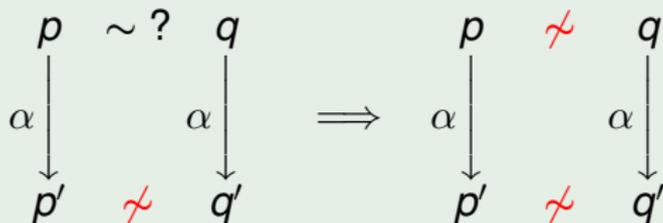
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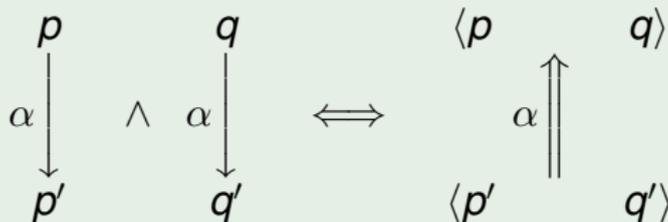
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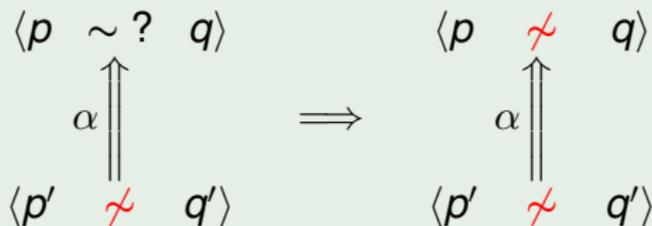


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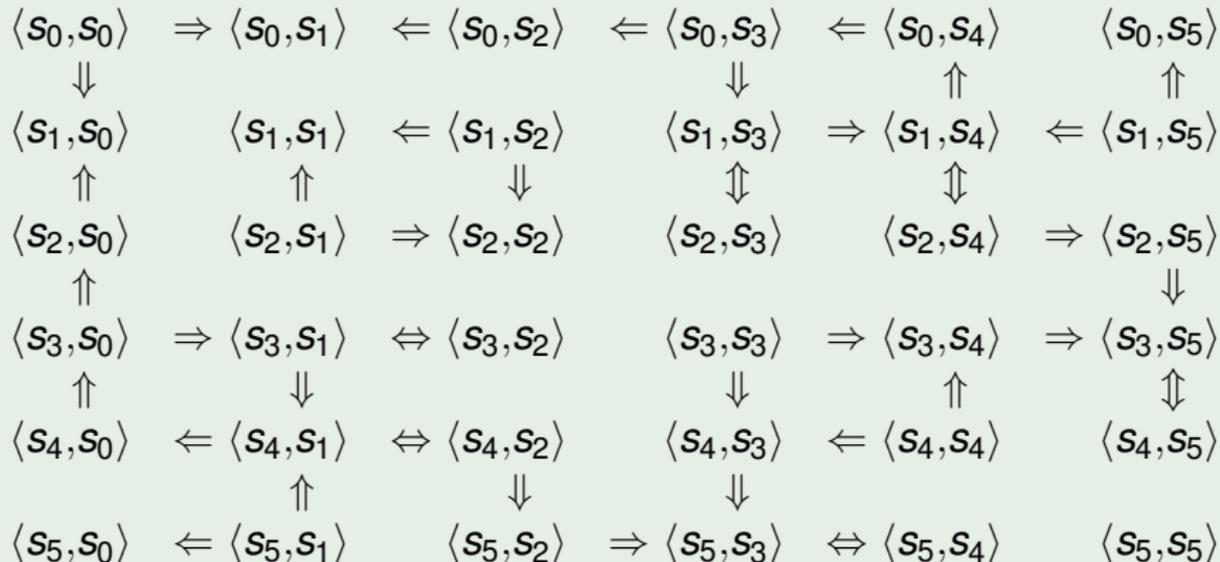


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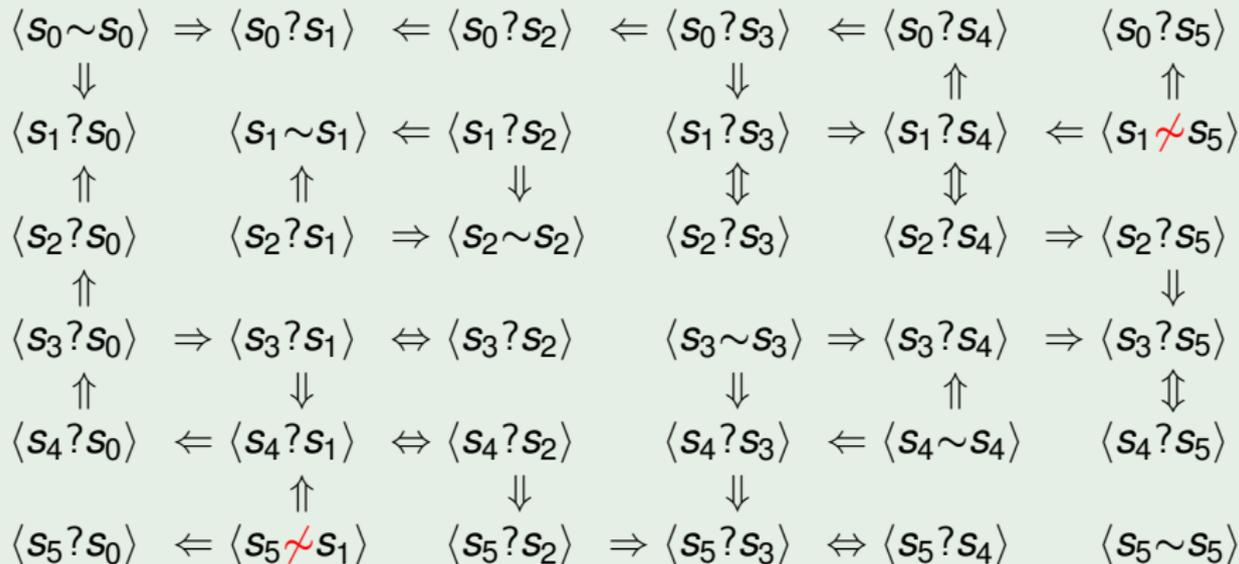
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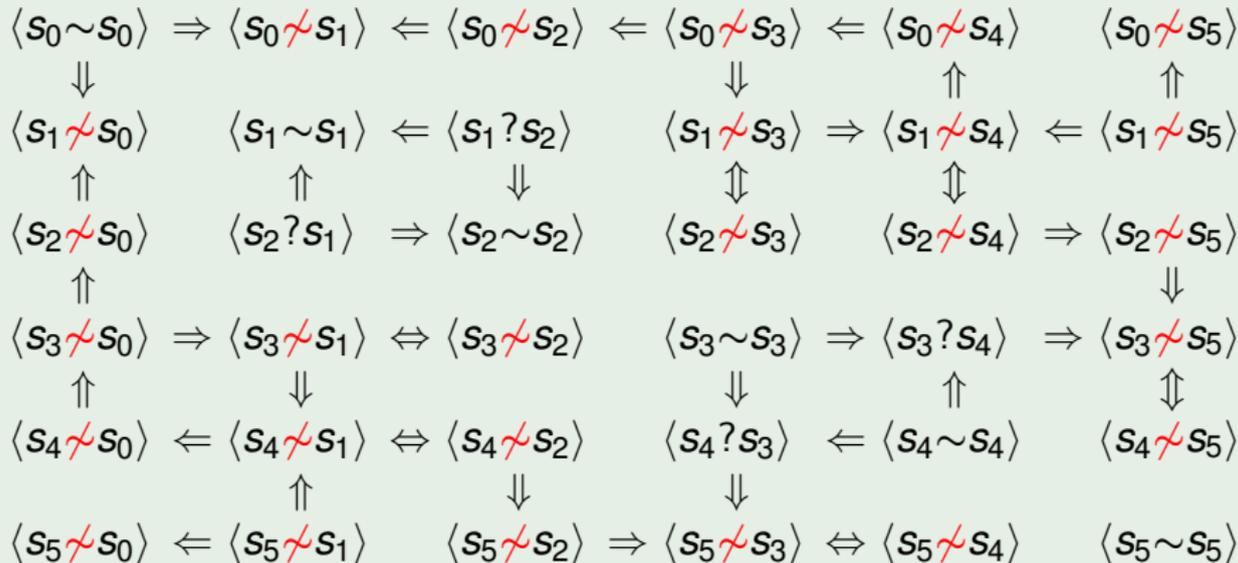
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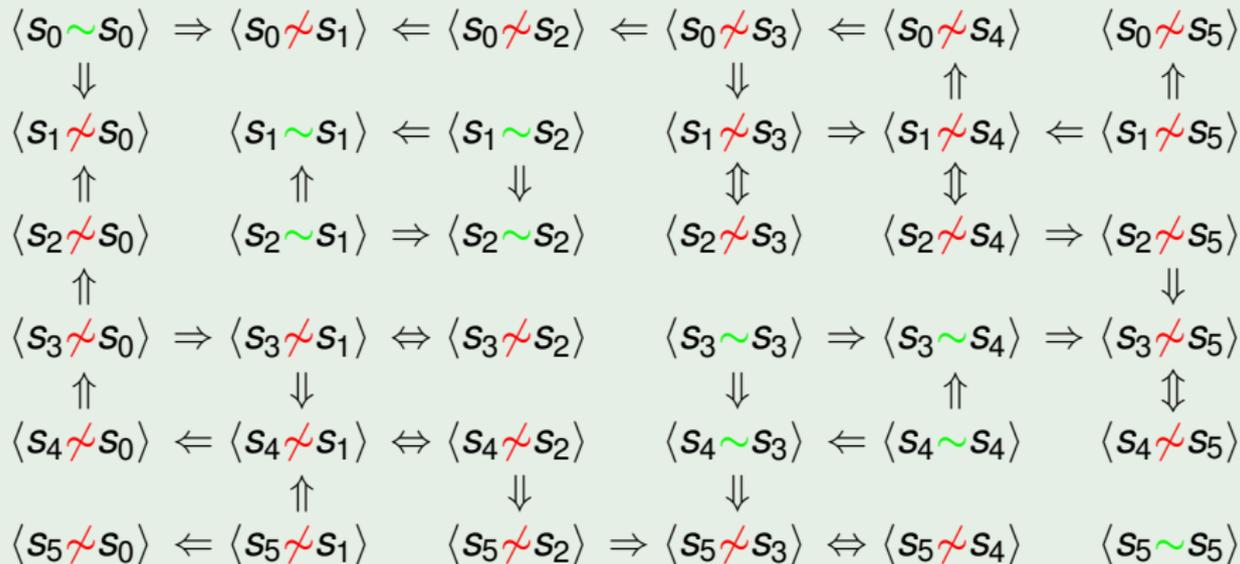
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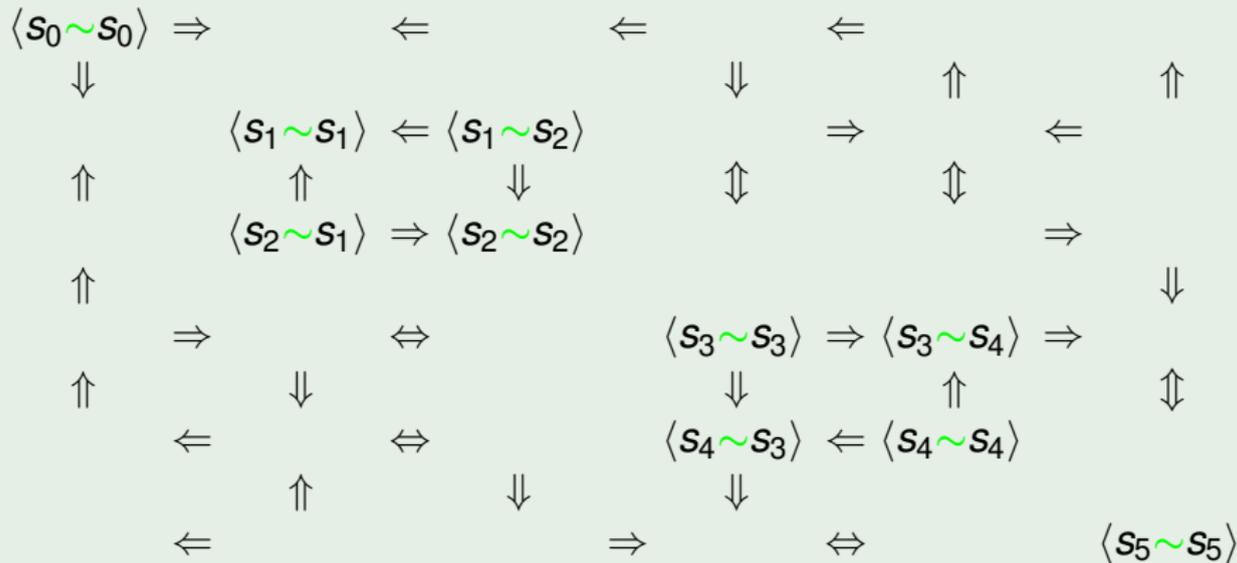
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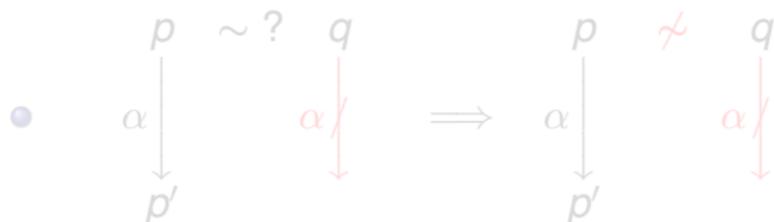
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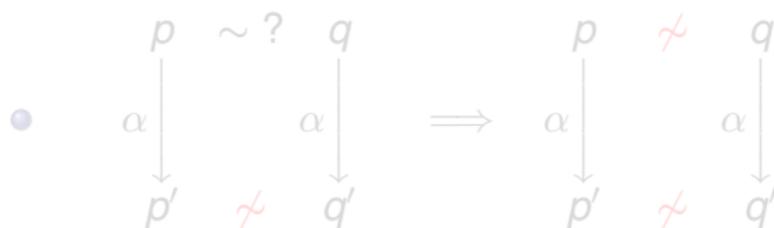
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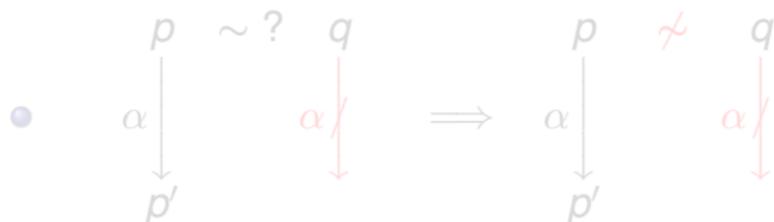


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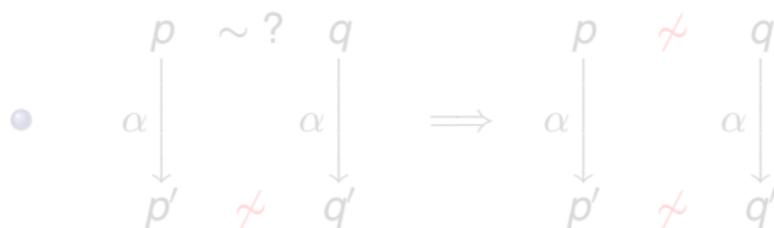


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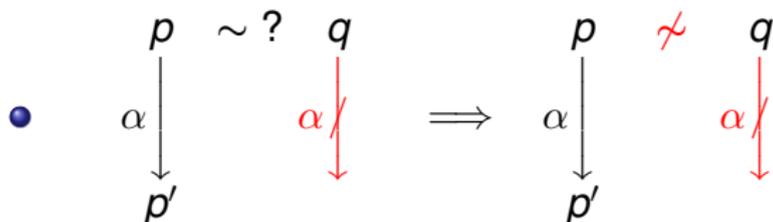


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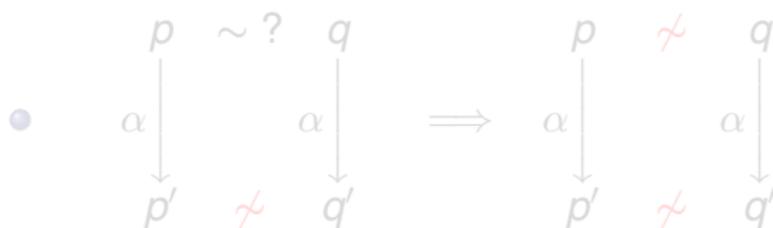


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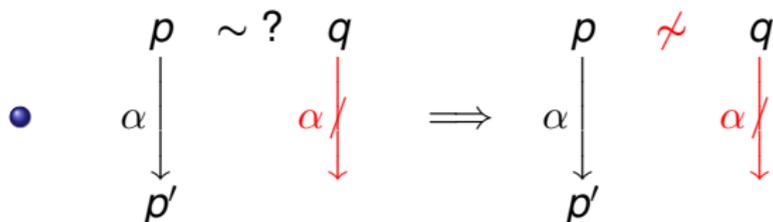


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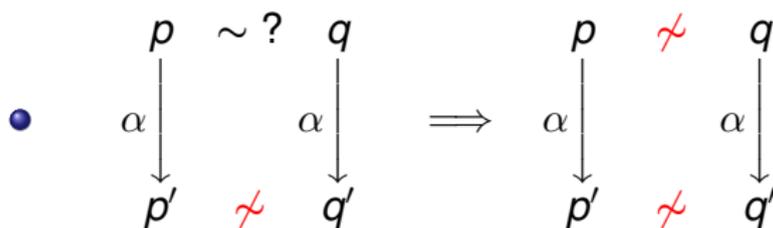


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Algorithm

- Given bisimulation problem for DCLTS $\langle \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}_{init}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{C}, \mathbf{c} \rangle$:
- Transitions: $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{E}} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ (and the corresponding $\mathcal{T}'_{\mathcal{E}}$)

Algorithm: $\overline{\text{SaturationBisimulation}}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T}'_{\mathcal{E}})$

- Define: $\hat{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$
- For $(\alpha \in \mathcal{E})$ loop: $\mathcal{P}_{\alpha} \leftarrow (\mathcal{T}'_{\alpha} \times \mathcal{T}'_{\alpha})^{-1}$
- For $(\beta \in K : 1)$ loop: $\mathcal{P}'_{2\beta} \leftarrow \bigcup_{\alpha | \text{Top}(\mathcal{T}_{\alpha}) = \beta} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}$ merge by level
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- $\approx \leftarrow \text{SatClosure}(\mathcal{P}'_{[2K:1]}, \overline{\mathcal{B}}_{init})$
- Return: $\hat{\mathcal{B}} \setminus \approx$ = \sim

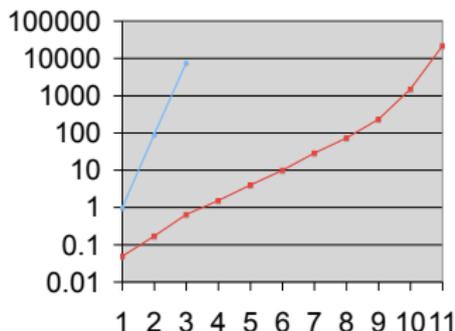
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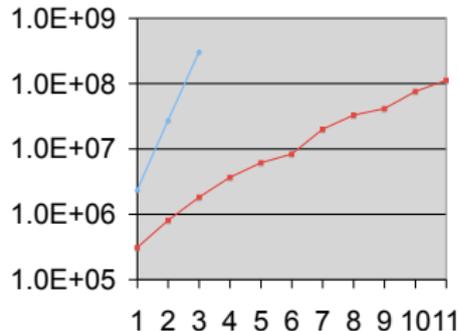
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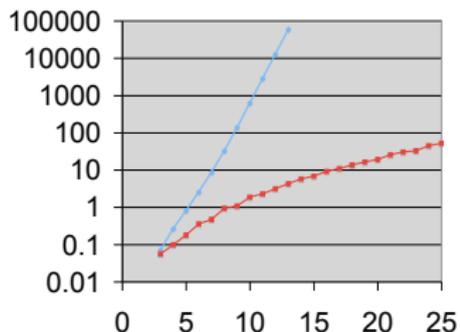


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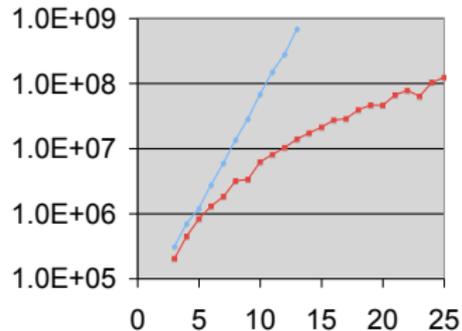
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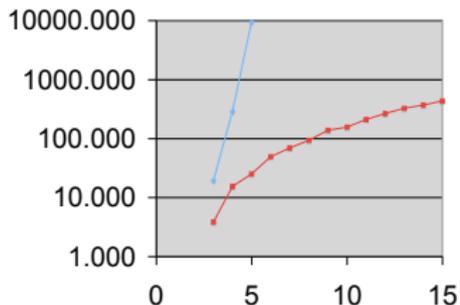


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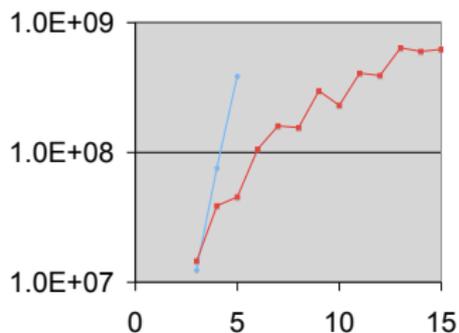
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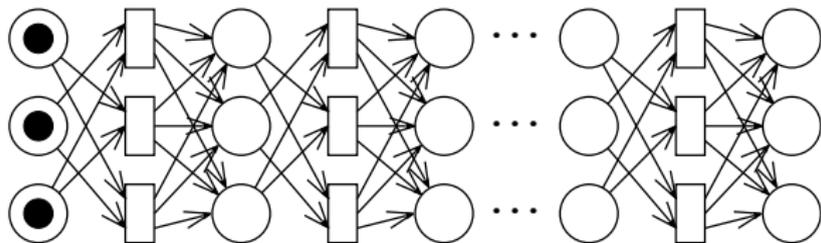


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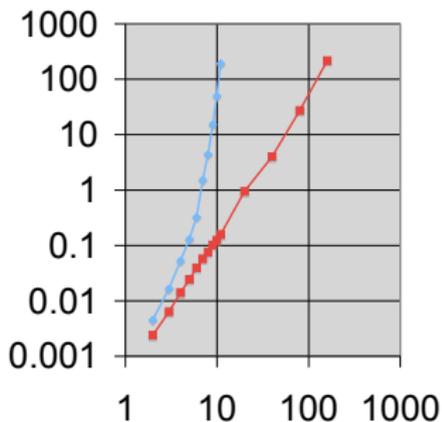
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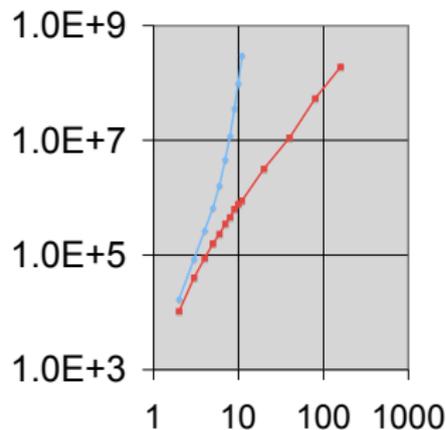
Combined $3 \times N$ stage “Cascade” Model Results

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Discussion of Results

Qualitative evaluation of Quantitative results:

- Saturation performed well in all cases (especially Robin.).
- Inflated resource usage for our implementation of Wimmer's algorithm.
- Saturation is not necessarily always fastest.

Additional Thoughts:

- Additional optimizations are possible for our algorithm.
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Improvements to current work:

- Extend to non-deterministic transitions.
- “Weak” bisimulation (invisible transitions).
- SMART Additional optimization and tuning.

Summary

- Implementation of bisimulation algorithms in SMART
- Comparison using Petri net models.
- Obtained fully-symbolic algorithm with good performance even with many classes

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