

Modeling and Verification of Probabilistic Systems

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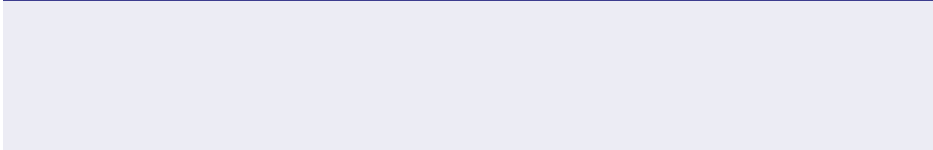
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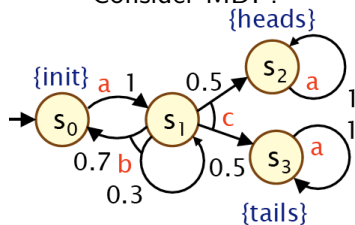
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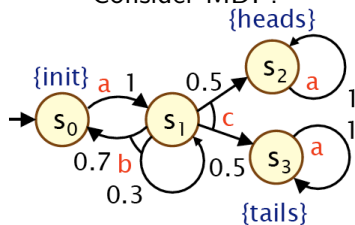
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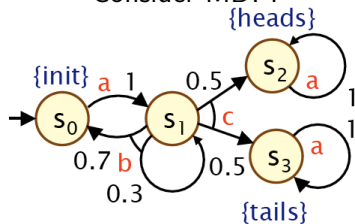


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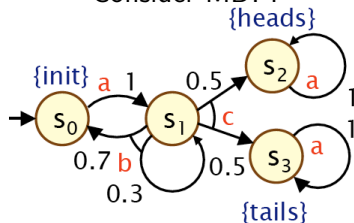
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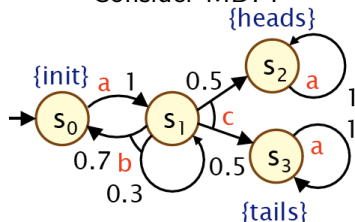
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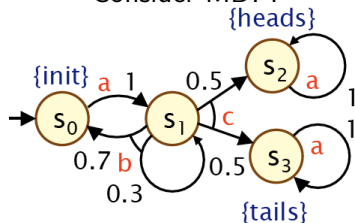
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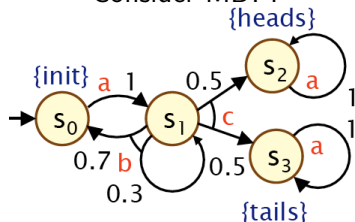
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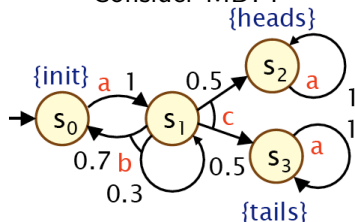
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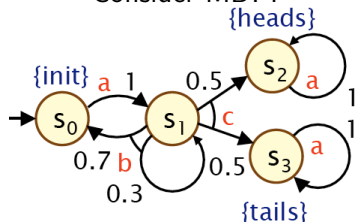
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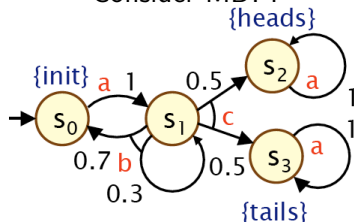
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od

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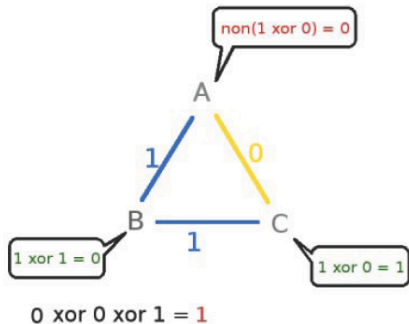
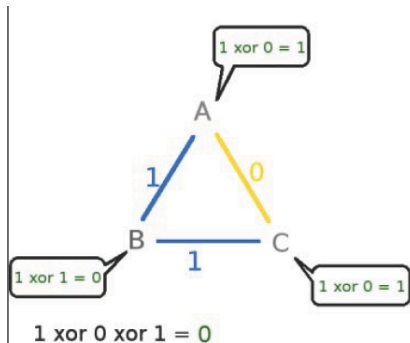
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8	1,499,657	7,813,768	0.22
9	7,695,856	45,103,311	0.34
10	39,005,611	253,985,650	0.52
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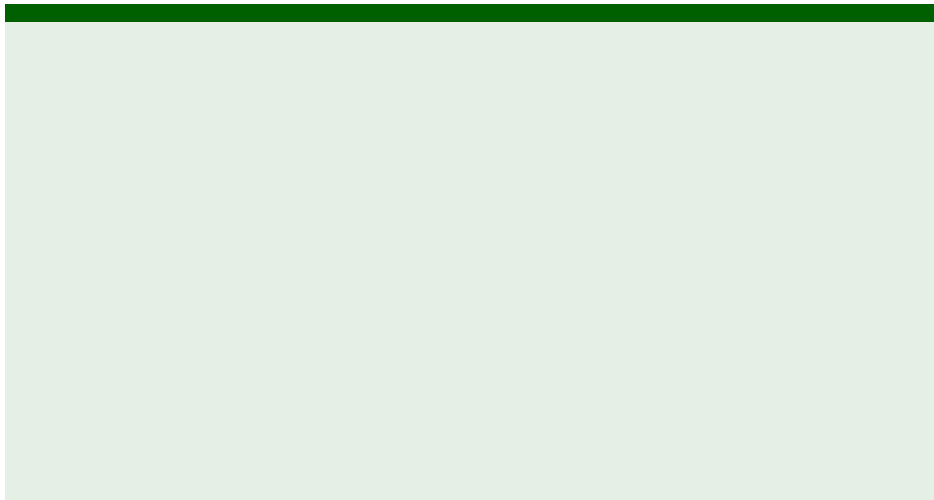
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