

# Modeling and Verification of Probabilistic Systems

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$$\Pr(\Diamond G)$$

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$\omega$ -regular properties

$$\Box \Diamond F \wedge \Diamond \Box H$$

# Summary of previous lectures

## Reachability probabilities

Can be obtained as a unique solution of a linear equation system.

## Reachability probabilities are pivotal

1. Repeated reachability
  - ▶ = Reachability of the BSCCs containing a goal state
2. Persistence
  - ▶ = Reachability of the BSCCs only containing goal states

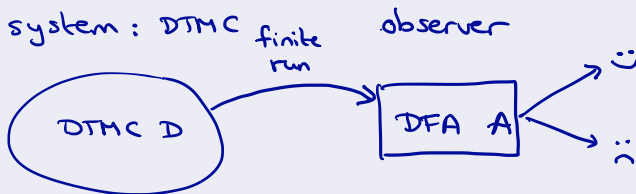


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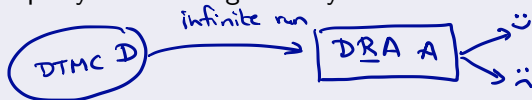


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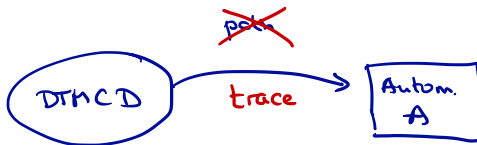
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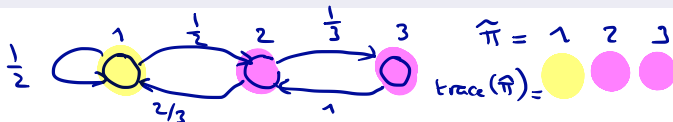
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$$L: S \rightarrow 2^{AP}$$

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The *set of traces* of a set  $\Pi$  of paths:  $trace(\Pi) = \{ trace(\pi) \mid \pi \in \Pi \}$ .

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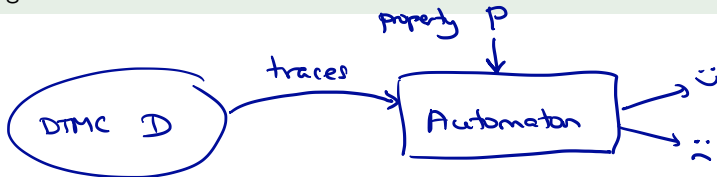
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## Intuition

An LT-property gives the admissible behaviours of the DTMC at hand.



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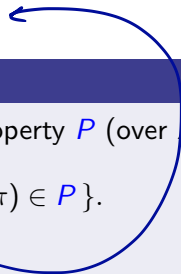
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*assume this is measurable*

We do not address measurability of  $P$  yet. We will later identify a rich set  $P$  of LT-properties—those that include all LTL formulas—for which the set of paths  $\{\pi \in Paths(\mathcal{D}) \mid trace(\pi) \in P\}$  is measurable.



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$P_{safe}$

no extension of  $\hat{\sigma}$  is a trace in  $P_{safe}$

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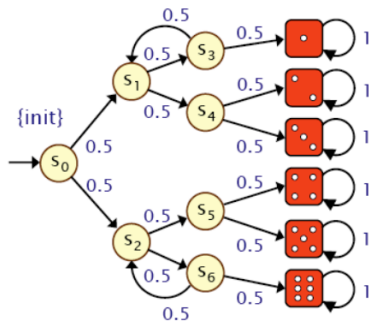
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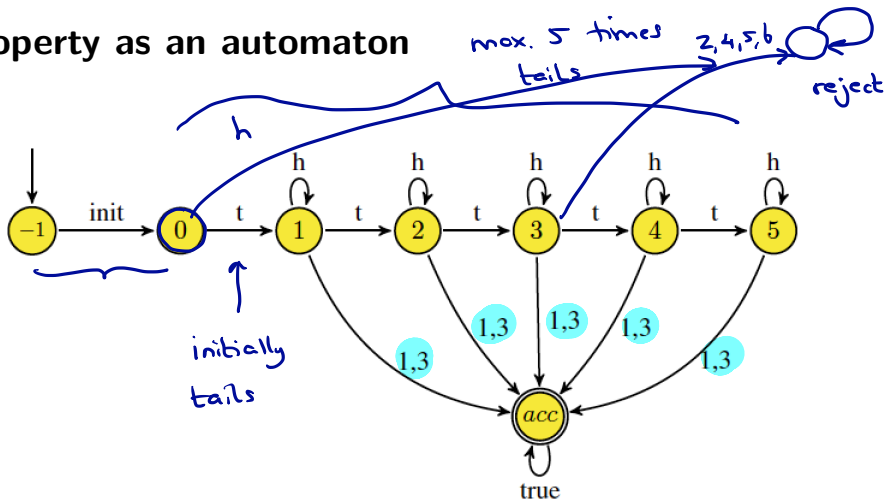
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# Property as an automaton



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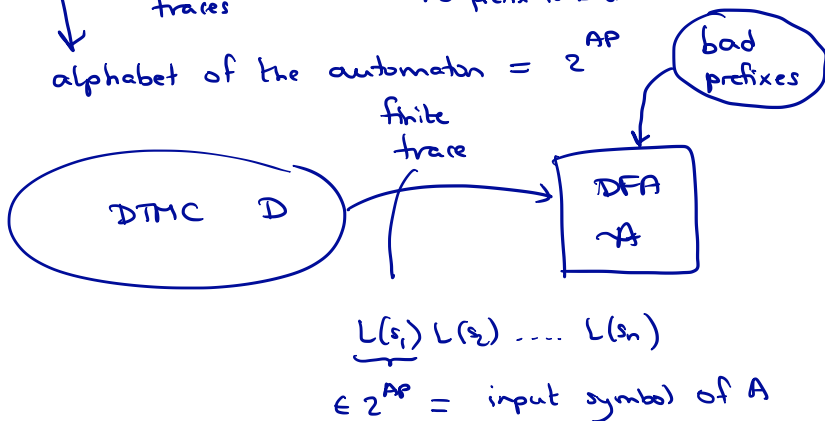
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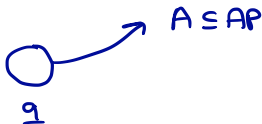


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These probabilities can be obtained by considering a product of DTMC  $\mathcal{D}$  with DFA  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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## Remark

The value  $Pr(s \models \mathcal{A})$  can be written as the (possibly infinite) sum:

$$Pr(s \models \mathcal{A}) = \sum_{\hat{\pi}} \mathbf{P}(\hat{\pi})$$

where  $\hat{\pi}$  ranges over all finite path prefixes  $s_0 s_1 \dots s_n$  with  $s_0 = s$  and:

1.  $trace(s_0 s_1 \dots s_n) = L(s_0) L(s_1) \dots L(s_n) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ , and
2. the length of  $\hat{\pi}$  is minimal, i.e.,  $trace(s_0 s_1 \dots s_i) \notin \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ .

# Product construction: intuition

DTMC  $\mathcal{D}$   
with state space  $S$

$s_0$



$s_1$



$s_2$



⋮

$s_n$

path

$L(s_0) = A_0$

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⋮

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trace

$\in 2^{AP}$

$\overline{F}$   
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with state space  $Q$

$q_0 \in Q_0$

↓  
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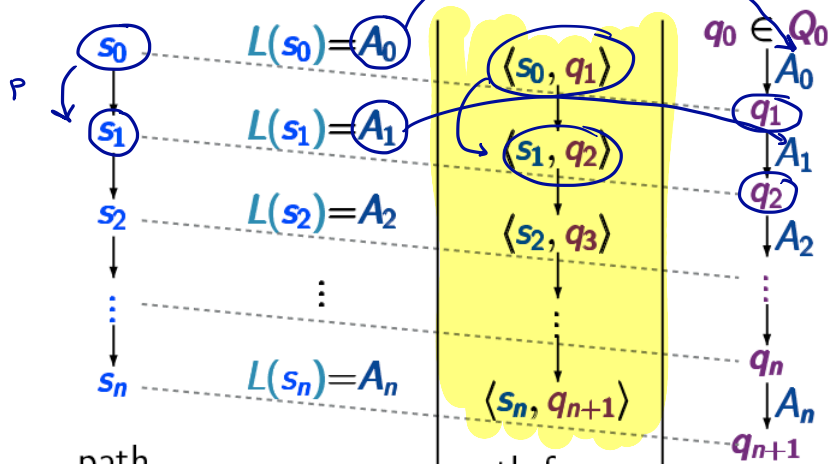
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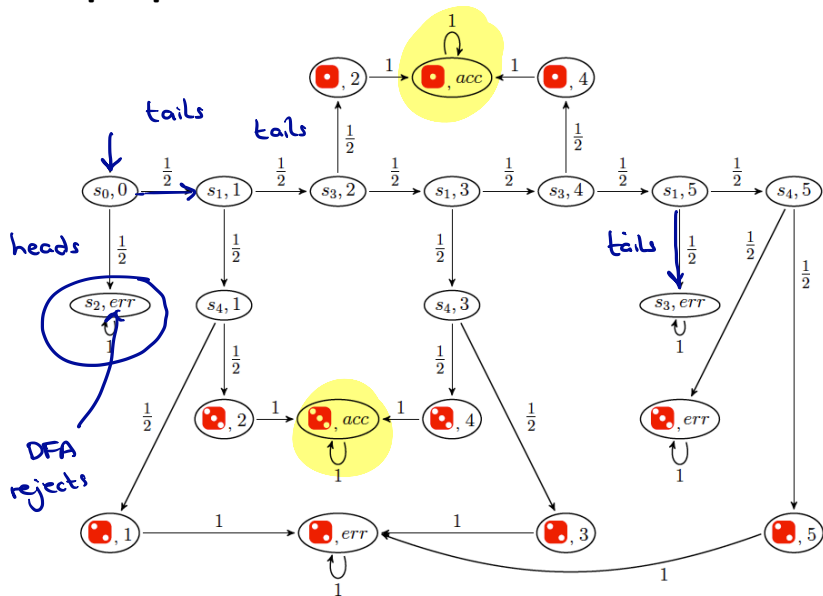
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The transition probabilities in  $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  are given by:

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# Example product: Knuth-Yao's die



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## Some observations

- ▶ For each path  $\pi = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots$  in DTMC  $\mathcal{D}$  there exists a **unique** run  $q_0 q_1 q_2 \dots$  in DFA  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $\text{trace}(\pi) = L(s_0) L(s_1) L(s_2) \dots$  and  $\pi^+ = \langle s_0, q_1 \rangle \langle s_1, q_2 \rangle \langle s_2, q_3 \rangle \dots$  is a path in  $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ .
- ▶ The DFA  $\mathcal{A}$  does **not affect the probabilities**, i.e., for each measurable set  $\Pi$  of paths in  $\mathcal{D}$  and state  $s$ :

$$Pr_s^{\mathcal{D}}(\Pi) = Pr_{\langle s, \delta(q_0, L(s)) \rangle}^{\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}} \underbrace{\{ \pi^+ \mid \pi \in \Pi \}}_{\Pi^+}$$

- ▶ For  $\Pi = \{ \pi \in \text{Paths}^{\mathcal{D}}(s) \mid \text{pref}(\text{trace}(\pi)) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \neq \emptyset \}$ , the set  $\Pi^+$  is given by:

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where  $q_s = \delta(q_0, L(s))$ .

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DFA  $\mathcal{A}$

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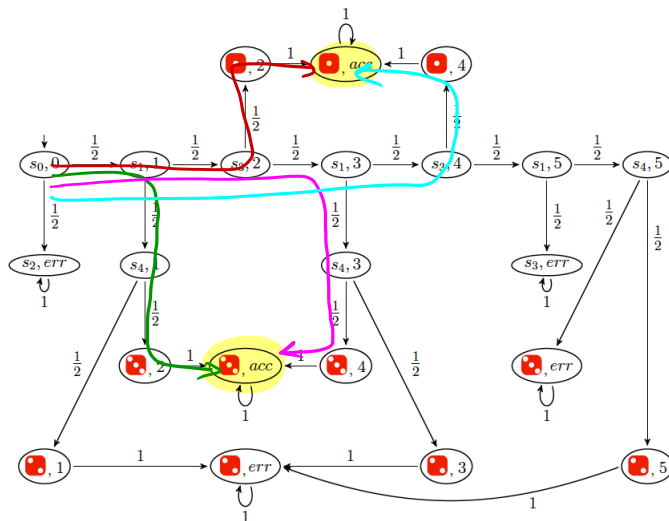
then  $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  is again a Markov chain

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## Remarks

1. For finite DTMCs,  $Pr^{\mathcal{D}}(s \models P_{safe})$  can thus be computed by determining **reachability probabilities** of *accept* states in  $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ . This amounts to solving a linear equation system.
2. For **qualitative** regular safety properties, i.e.,  $Pr^{\mathcal{D}}(s \models P_{safe}) > 0$  and  $Pr^{\mathcal{D}}(s \models P_{safe}) = 1$ , a graph analysis of  $\mathcal{D} \otimes \mathcal{A}$  suffices.

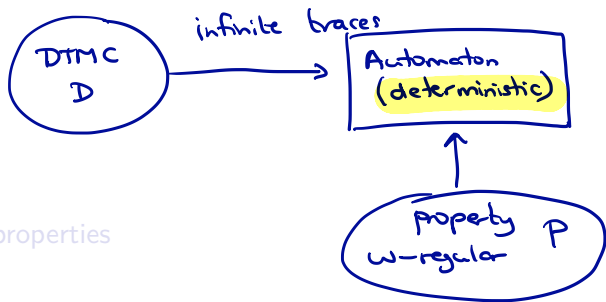
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$\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{no a's}} \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{one a}} \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{anything}}$   
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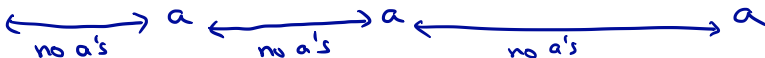
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Any regular safety property  $P_{safe}$  is an  $\omega$ -regular property. This follows from the fact that the complement language

$$(2^{AP})^\omega \setminus P_{safe} = \underbrace{\text{BadPref}(P_{safe})}_{\text{regular}} \cdot \overbrace{(2^{AP})^\omega}^{F_1}$$

is an  $\omega$ -regular language, and  $\omega$ -regular languages are closed under complement.

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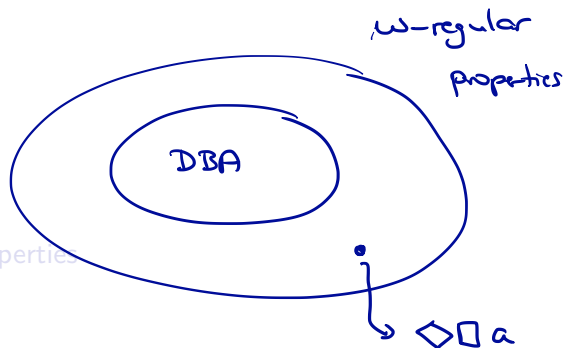
Starvation freedom in the sense of “whenever process  $\mathcal{P}$  is waiting then it will enter its critical section eventually” is an  $\omega$ -regular property as it can be described by

$$((\neg \text{wait})^*.\text{wait}.\text{true}^*.\text{crit})^\omega + ((\neg \text{wait})^*.\text{wait}.\text{true}^*.\text{crit})^* . (\neg \text{wait})^\omega$$

Intuitively, the first summand stands for the case where  $\mathcal{P}$  requests and enters its critical section infinitely often, while the second summand stands for the case where  $\mathcal{P}$  is in its waiting phase only finitely many times.

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}  $\approx$  la DFAs

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The infinite *language* of  $\mathcal{A}$  is

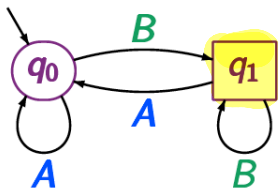
$$\mathcal{L}_\omega(\mathcal{A}) = \{ \sigma \in \Sigma^\omega \mid \text{there exists an accepting run for } \sigma \text{ in } \mathcal{A} \}.$$

# Deterministic Büchi automata for LT properties

$B A A^{10} B$

$$L_{\omega}(A) = \{ \cancel{B} \}$$

$$(A^* \cdot B)^{\omega}$$



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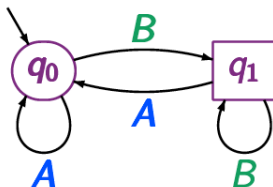
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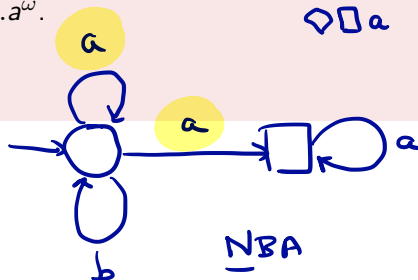
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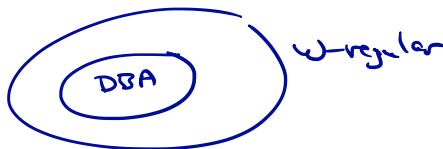
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$$|\text{pref}(w) \cap L| = \infty$$

Thus: for arbitrary  $n$ , there is a  $u \in L$

such that  $|u| > n$  with  $u \in \text{pref}(w)$

lemma  $L = L_\omega(A)$  for some DBA  $A$

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Proof: let  $A$  be a DBA and  $A'$  the corres-

ponding DFA. Claim  $L_\omega(A) = \text{Limit of } L(A')$ .

$w \in \Sigma^\omega$  is accepted by DBA  $A$  iff some final state

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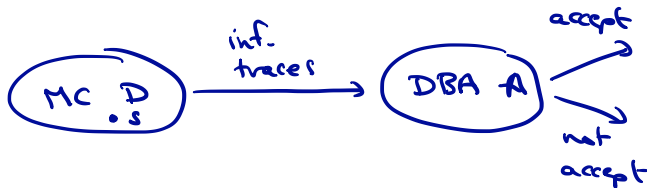
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*graph analysis + reachability probs*

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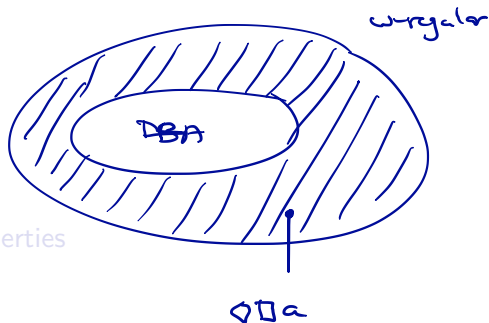
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$$\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^Q \times 2^Q$$

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$$\bigvee_{0 < i \leq k} (\underbrace{\Diamond \Box \neg L_i}_{\text{finitely often}} \wedge \underbrace{\Box \Diamond K_i}_{\text{infinitely often}}).$$

# When does a DRA accept an infinite word?

## Acceptance condition

A run of a word in  $\Sigma^\omega$  on a DRA is **accepting** if and only if:

for some  $(L_i, K_i) \in \mathcal{F}$ , the states in  $L_i$  are visited **finitely** often  
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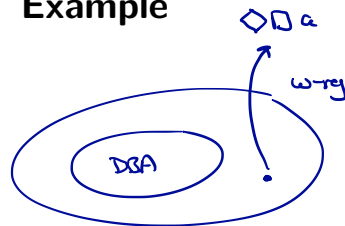
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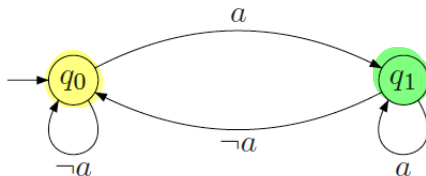
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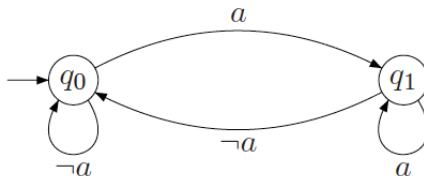


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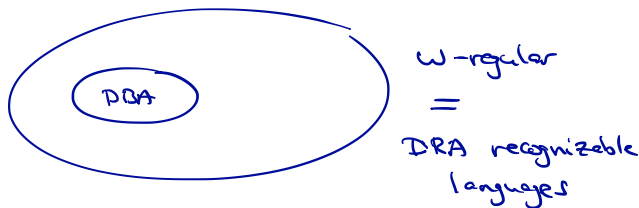
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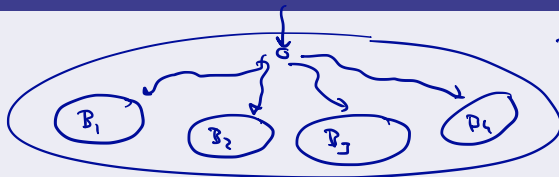
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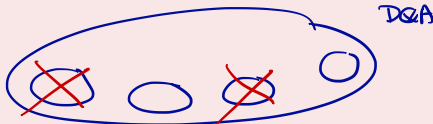
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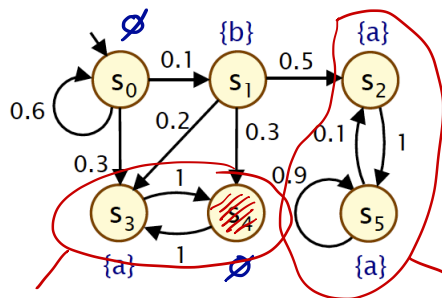
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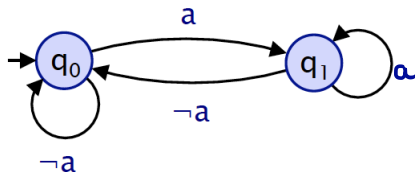
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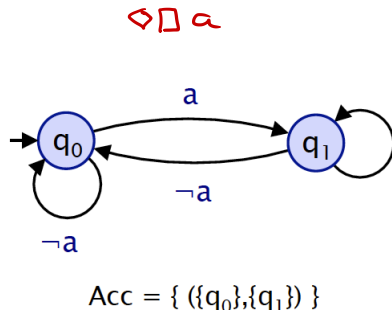
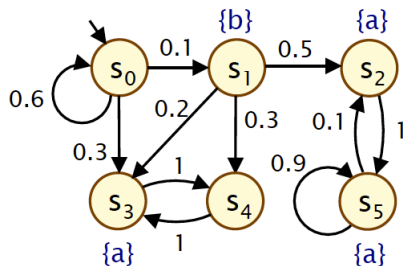
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[Pnueli 1977]

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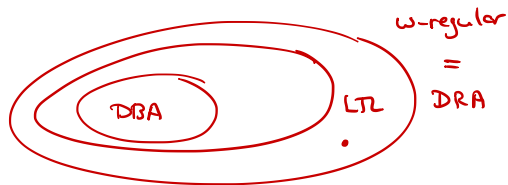
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# Verifying a DTMC against LTL formulas

## Complexity of LTL model checking

[Vardi 1985]

The **qualitative** model-checking problem for finite DTMCs against LTL formula  $\varphi$  is PSPACE-complete, i.e., verifying whether  $Pr(s \models \varphi) > 0$  or  $Pr(s \models \varphi) = 1$  is PSPACE-complete.

Recall that the LTL model-checking problem for finite transition systems is PSPACE-complete.

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## Take-home message

Model checking a DTMC against various automata models reduces to computing reachability probabilities in a product.