

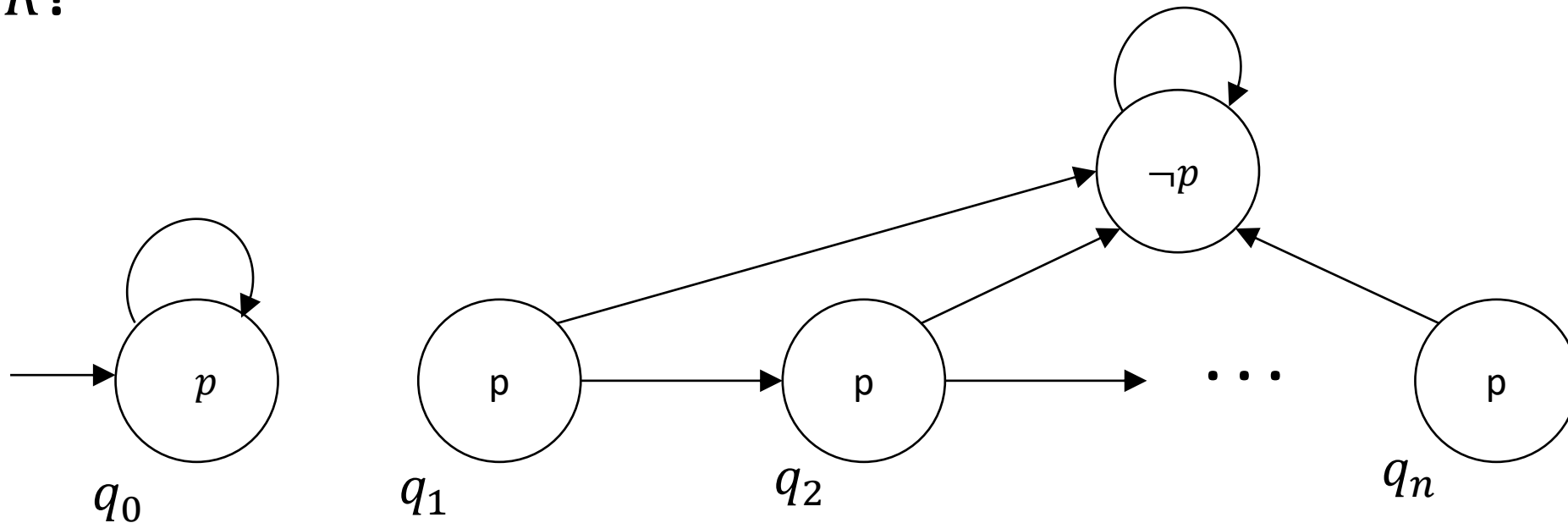
# Model Checking with Inductive Invariants

# Problems with $k$ -induction

**Problem:** Sometimes  $k$  is very large

In the following machine, you need  $k = n + 1$  to prove  $\mathbf{AG} p$ .

**Idea:** Automatically find better inductive invariants. Avoid many copies of  $R$ !



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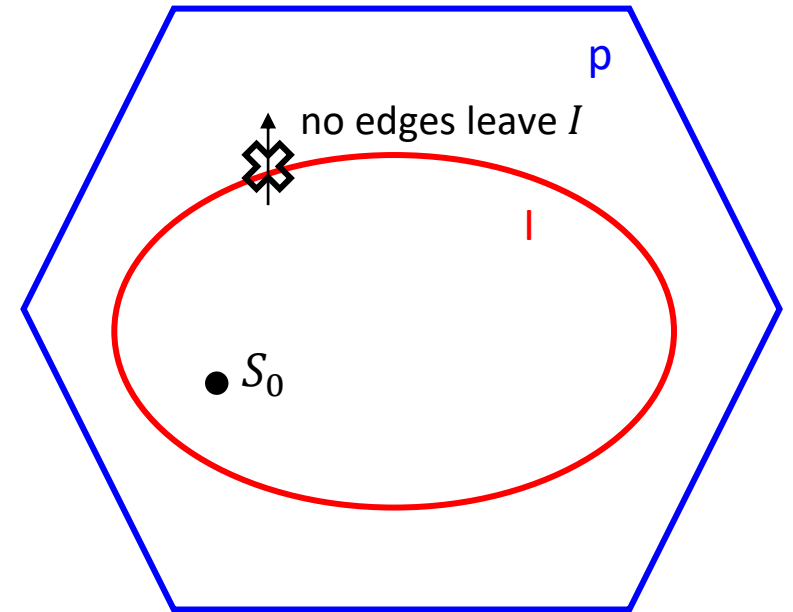
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In formulas:

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3.  $I \rightarrow p$



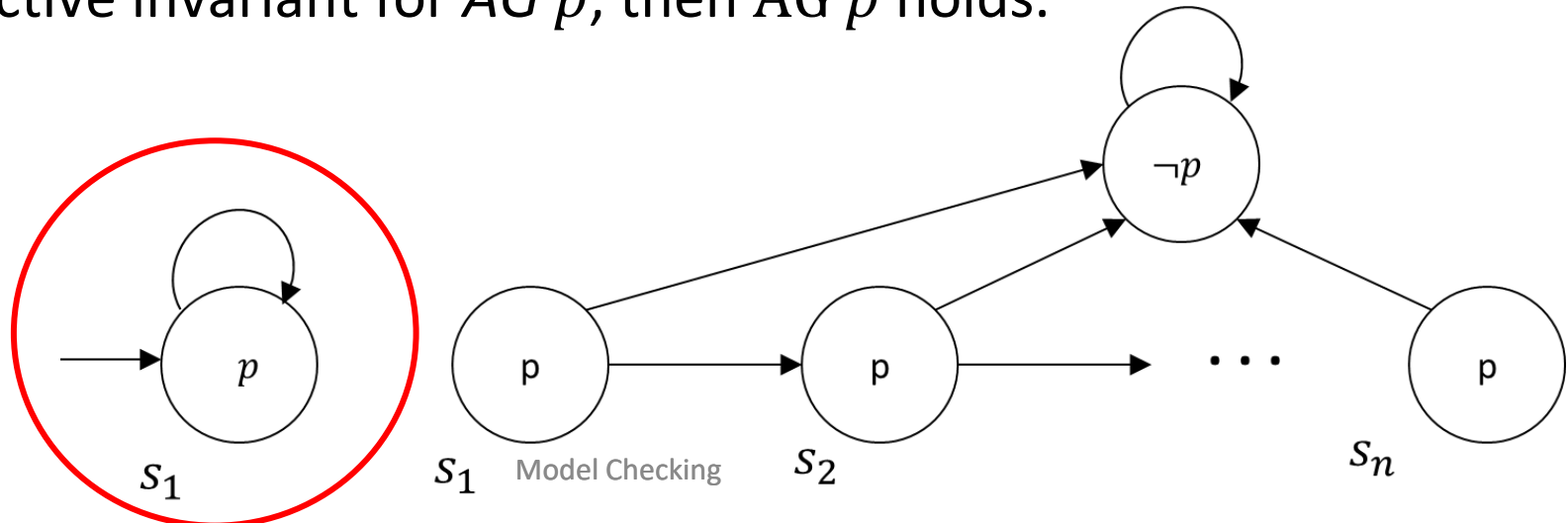
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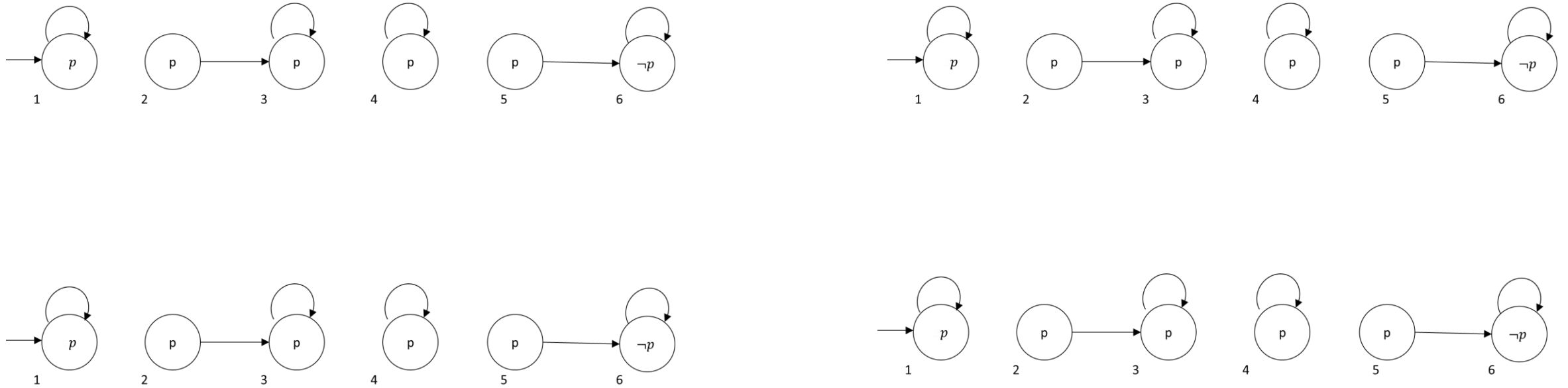
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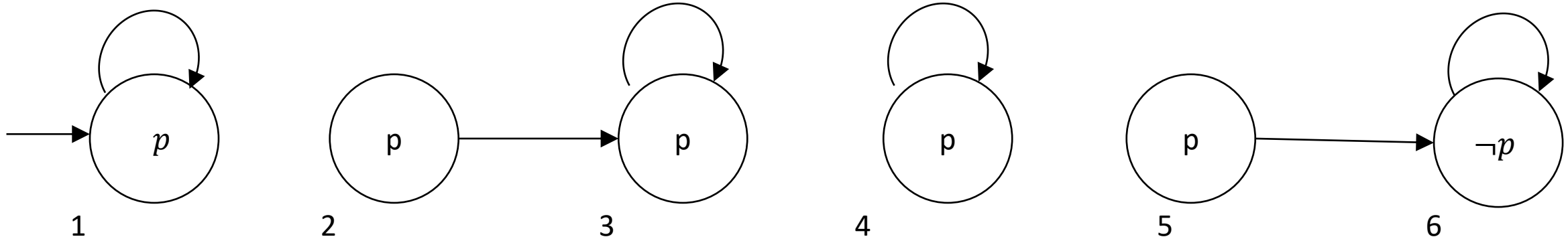
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# Multiple Invariants



# Strongest & Weakest Invariant



1. Smallest (strongest) invariant consists of reachable states
2. Largest (weakest) invariant consists of states that cannot reach  $\neg p$

Cf. two hypothetical model checking algorithms:

1. Start with initial states, keep adding successors until nothing changes or you reach  $\neg p$
2. Start with  $\neg p$ , keep adding predecessors until nothing changes or you reach an initial state

# Model Checking with Craig Interpolants

Ken McMillan, 2003

2010 CAV Award: “has significantly influenced both academic research and industrial practice, and has dramatically changed the scale of systems that can be analyzed by model checking.”



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# Interpolants as Inductive Invariants

- BMC finds bugs (and absence of bugs up to  $k$  steps)
- How to Show Correctness?
  - $k$ -induction
  - Interpolants
- Find **Interpolants**  $I$  such that
  - States reachable in  $k$  steps are in  $I$
  - no bad states are in  $I$
- Interpolants are (good) overapproximation of post-image computation



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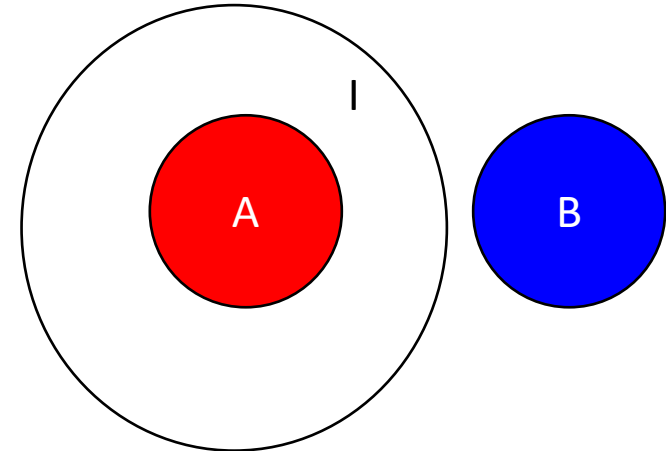
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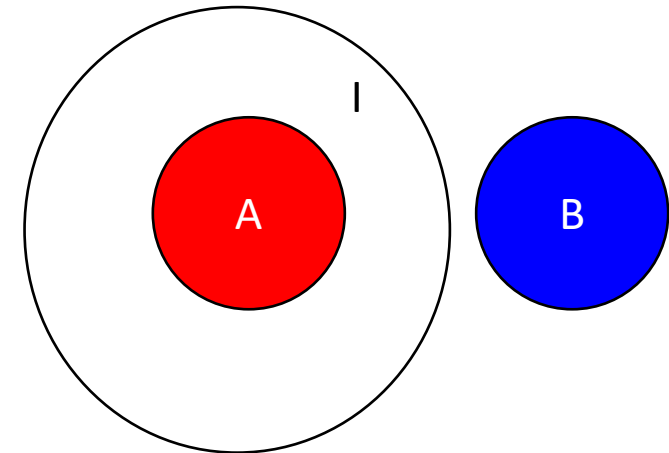
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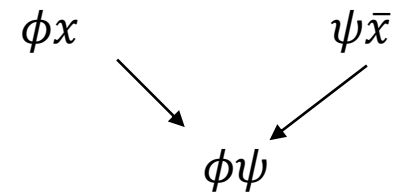
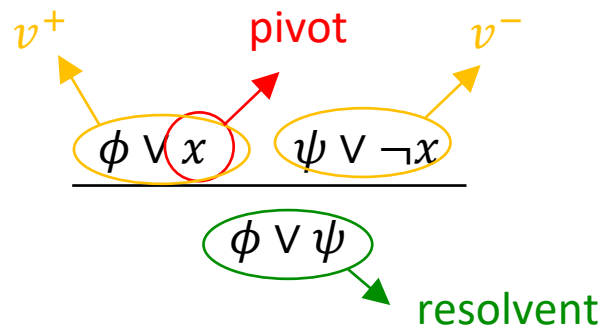
$A \wedge B$  is not satisfiable.

$\neg a_3 \wedge a_2$  is an interpolant:

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3.  $a_2$  and  $a_3$  occur in  $A$  and in  $B$



# Resolution (Chap 9)



# Interpolants from Resolution Proofs

For clause  $C$ ,  $C|B$  is obtained by removing literals not in  $B$

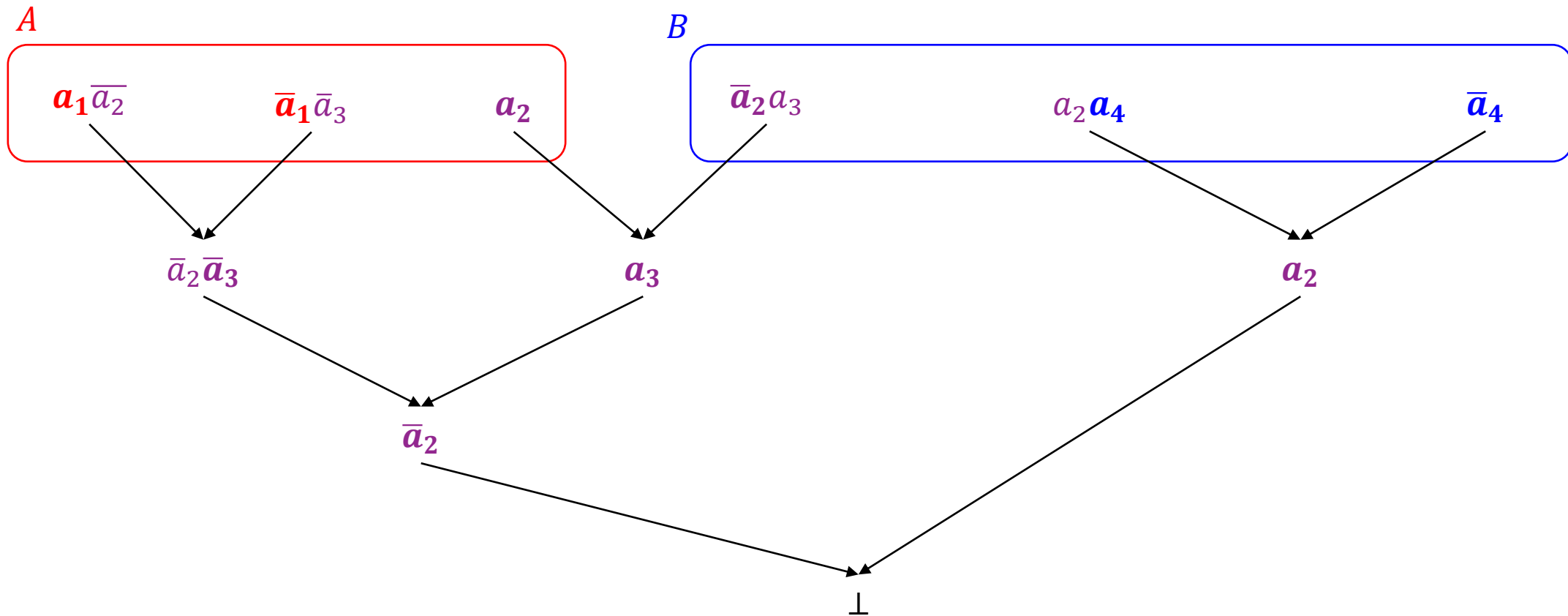
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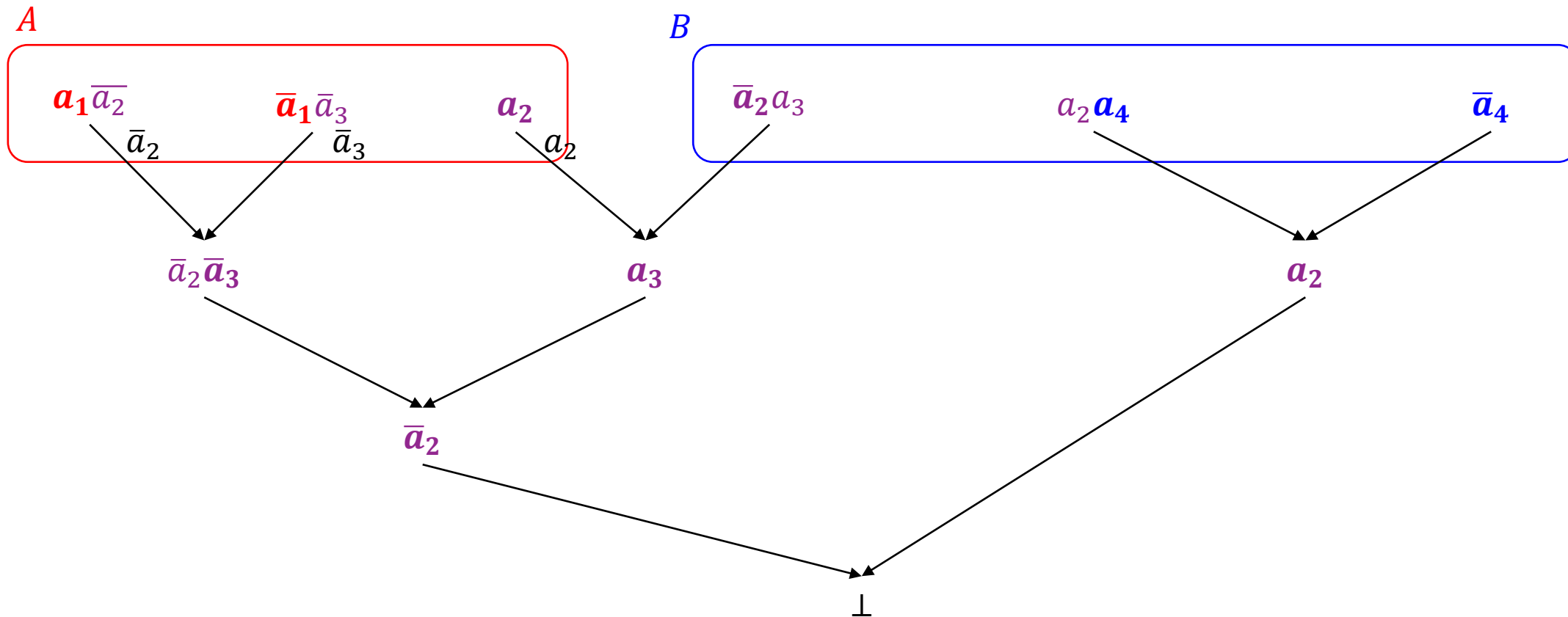
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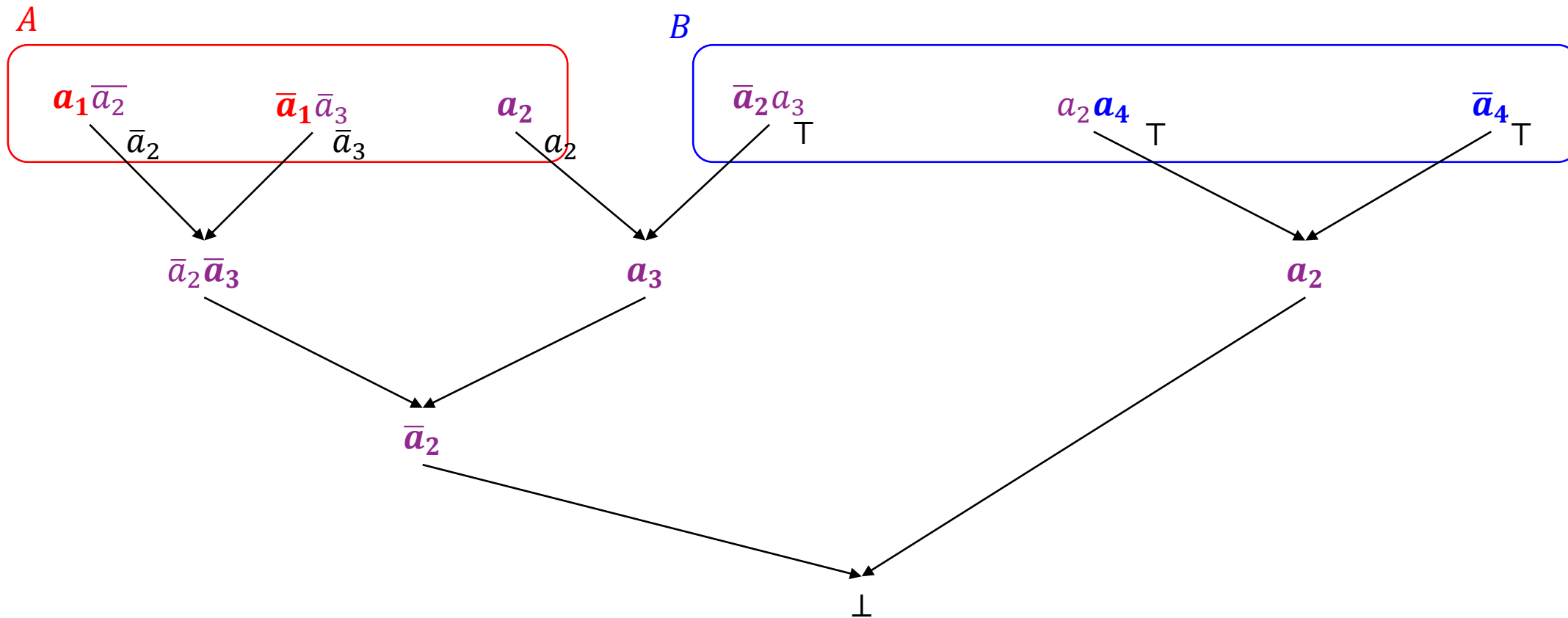
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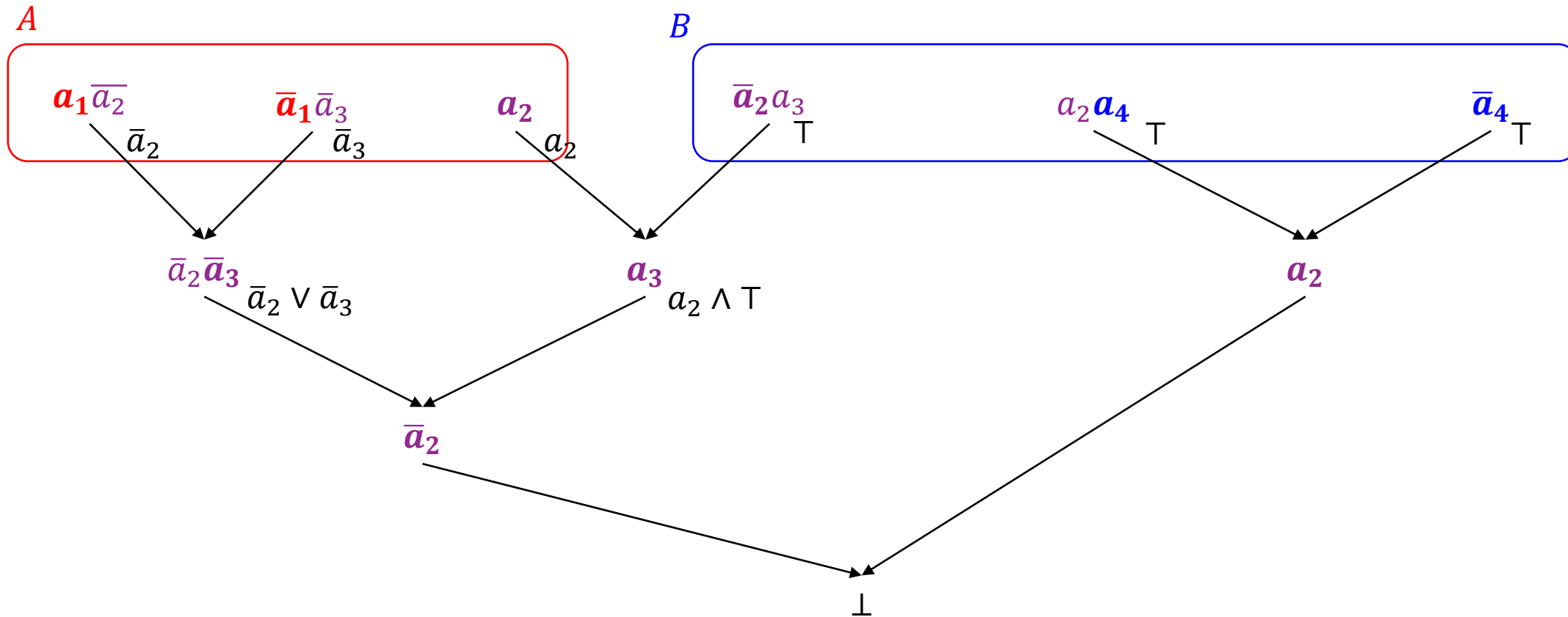




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# Model Checking with Interpolations

# Overapproximation

BMC to prove p:

$$S_0(s_0) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^{k-1} R(s_i, s_{i+1}) \wedge \bigvee_{i=0}^k \neg p(s_i)$$

Suppose we have another transition relation  $R'$  with more edges:  $R \rightarrow R'$

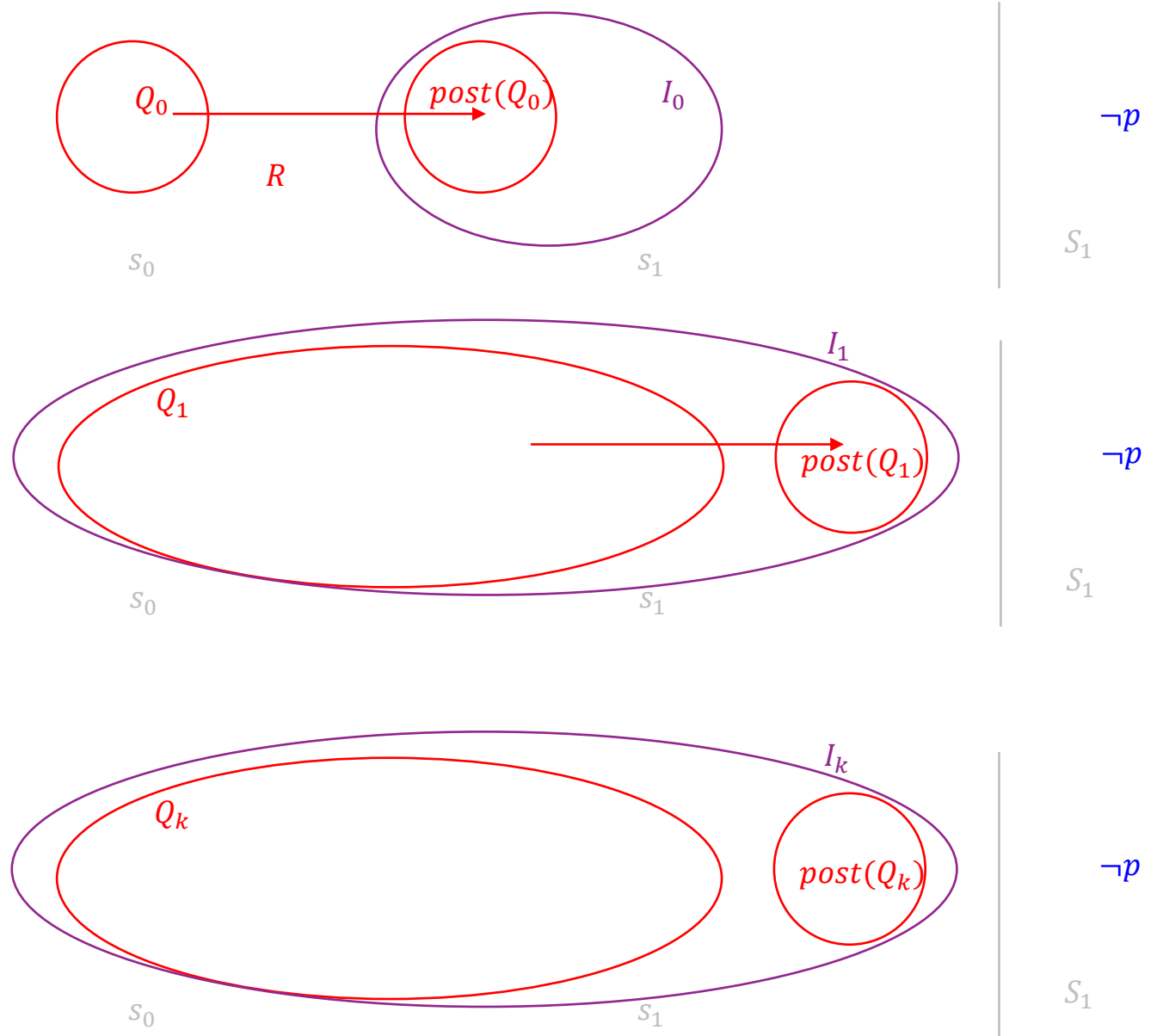
What does this do?

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$$Q_k \cong \text{postimg}^k(S_0)$$

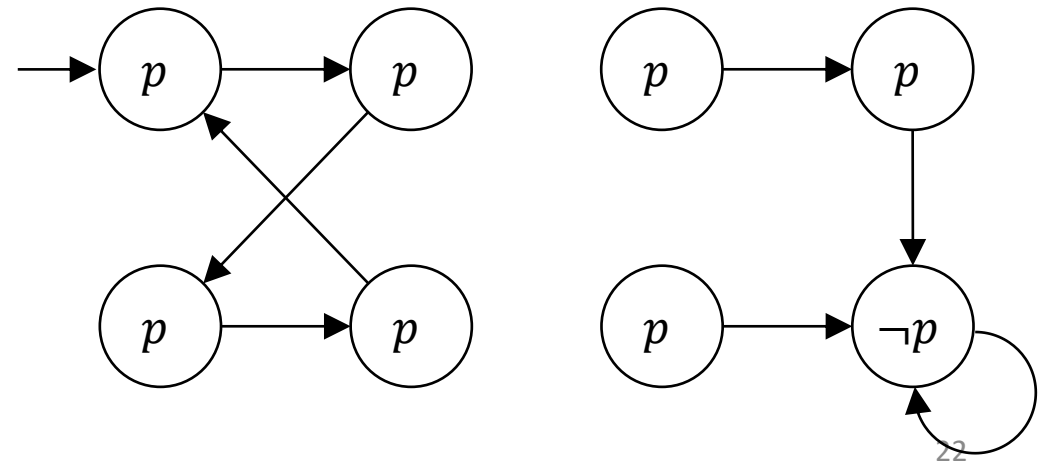


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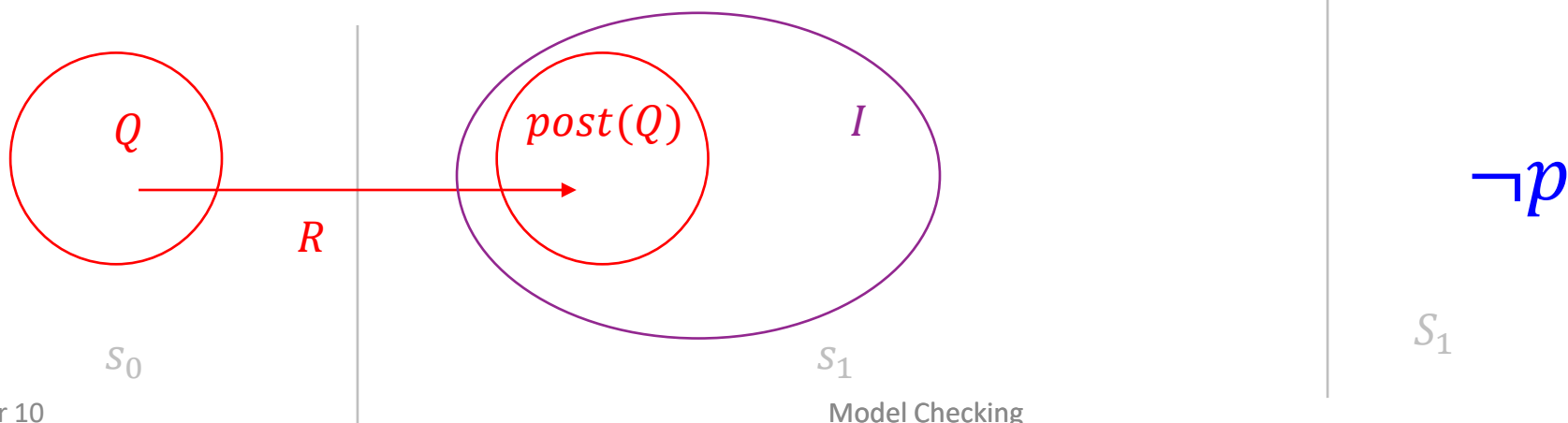
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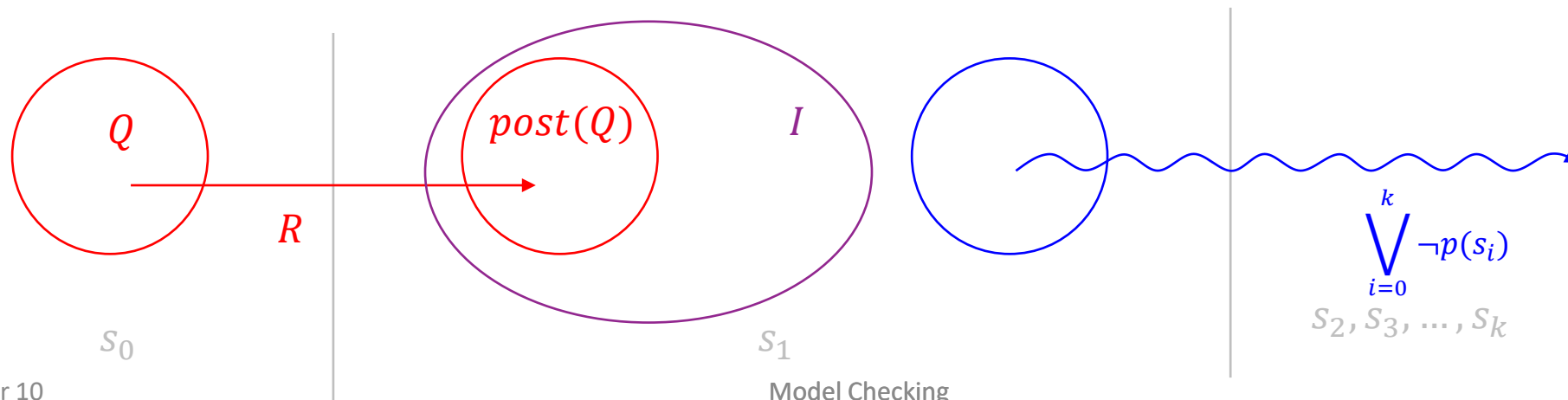
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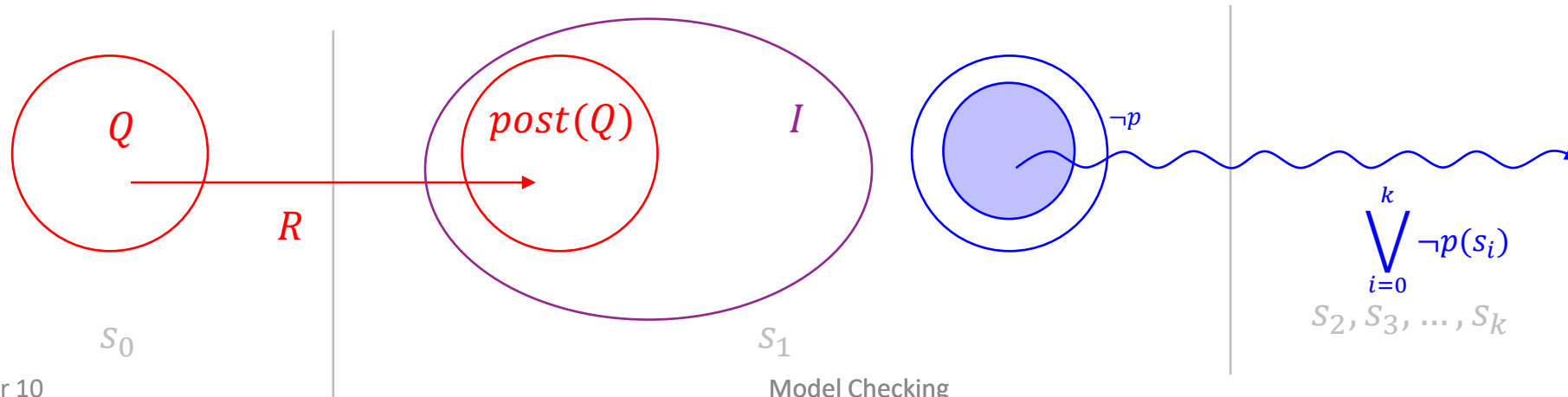
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Note 1:  $\neg p(s_1) \rightarrow B$   
so  $I(s_1) \wedge \neg p(s_1) = \perp$

Note 2:  $I \supseteq \text{post}(Q)$



# Interpolant Reachability Idea

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1.  $Q = S_0$
2. If  $\phi$  not satisfiable, set  $Q$  to  $Q \cup I$
3. If  $Q$  unchanged,  $p$  is **not reachable** (*Interpolants are approximation to post-image*), otherwise goto 2
4. If  $\phi$  is satisfiable and  $Q = S_0$ ,  $\neg p$  is **reachable**
5. If  $\phi$  is satisfiable and  $Q \neq S_0$ , increase  $k$  to increase precision of approximation, goto 1.

Procedure terminates when  $k$  is diameter of system (or earlier!)

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08.   Increase  $k$    // Not sure if path to  $\neg p$  is real. Increase precision
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## 10.4.4 Correctness

**If CraigReachability returns “ $M \models AG p$ ” then  $M \models AG p$**

Let  $Q_i$  denote  $Q$  at iteration  $i$ . For all  $i$ ,  $Q_i \leftarrow postimage^i(Q_0)$ . If  $I \rightarrow Q_i$ , we have reached a fixed point  $Q^* = Q_i$  so  $Q^* \leftarrow postimage^*(Q_0)$ . Now because  $Q_i \wedge \neg p = \perp$ , we have  $postimage^*(Q_0) \wedge \neg p = \perp$ .

**If CraigReachability returns “ $M \not\models AG p$ ” then  $M \not\models AG p$**

$A \wedge B$  encodes a path from  $Q_0$  to  $\neg p$ .

**CraigReachability terminates**

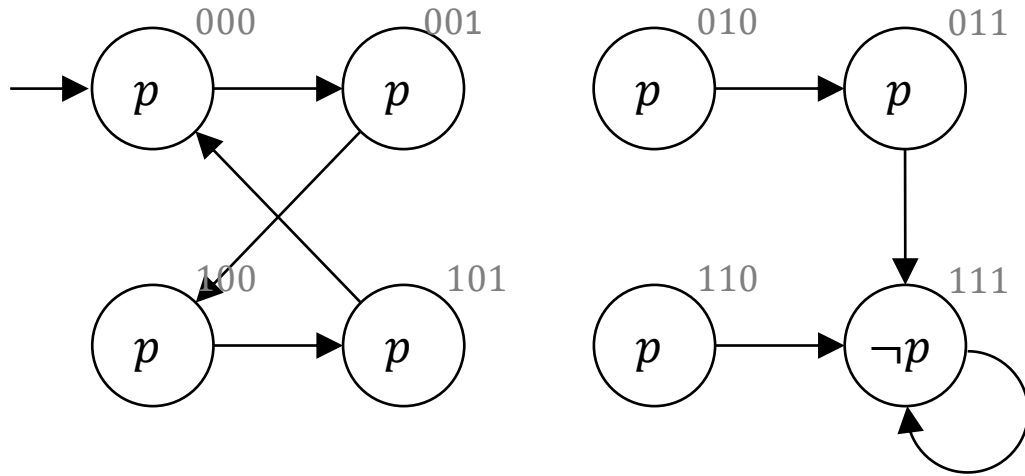
Note that  $k$  increases.

If  $M \not\models AG p$ , there is a path of length  $l$  to  $\neg p$  and we will find it when  $l = k$ .

Suppose  $M \models AG p$ . If  $k$  is the diameter of the graph, no  $I$  and thus no  $Q_i$  can contain a state that reaches  $\neg p$ . Thus,  $A \wedge B$  is never SAT and the algorithm terminates because the  $Q_i$  cannot grow forever.

$x_1x_2x_3$

## Example $AG p$



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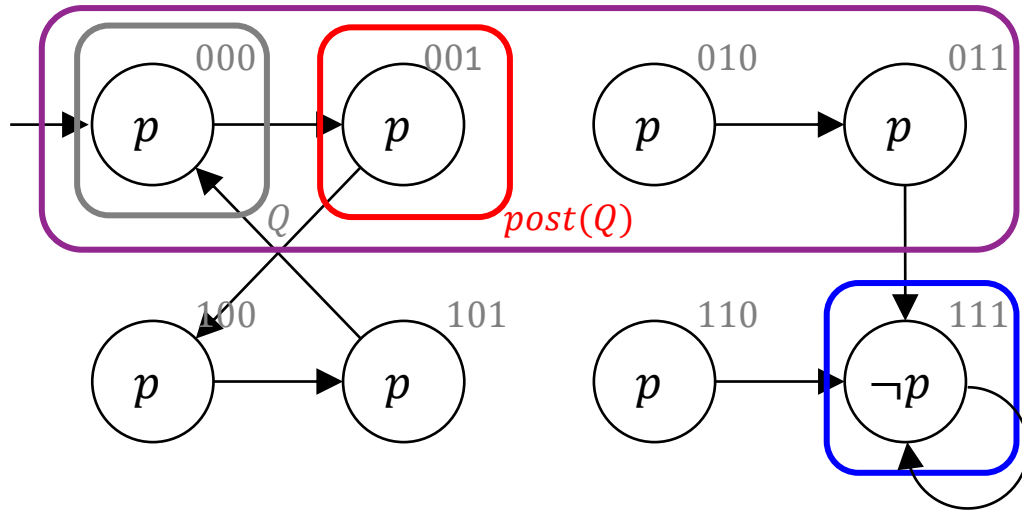
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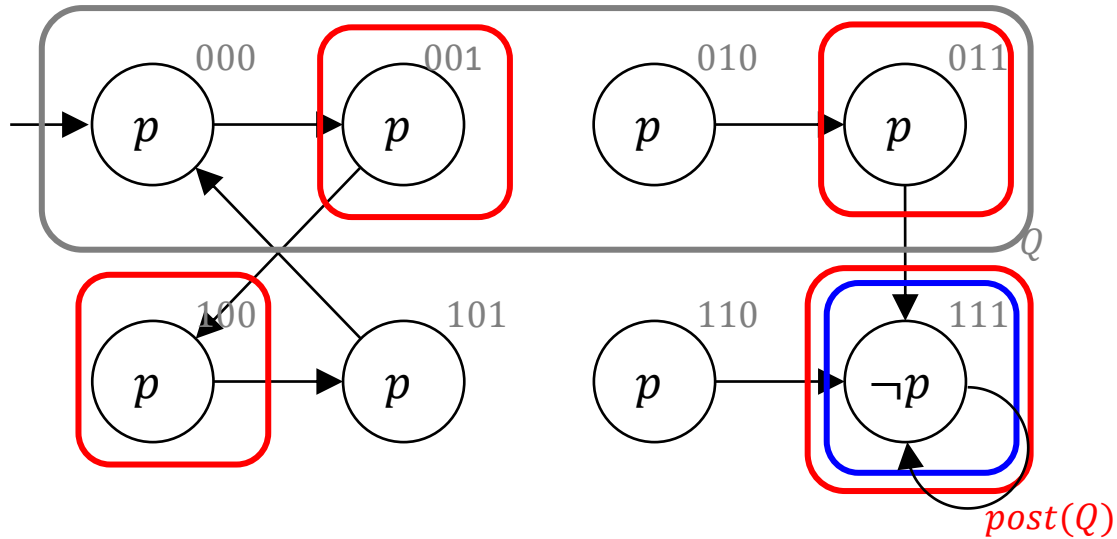
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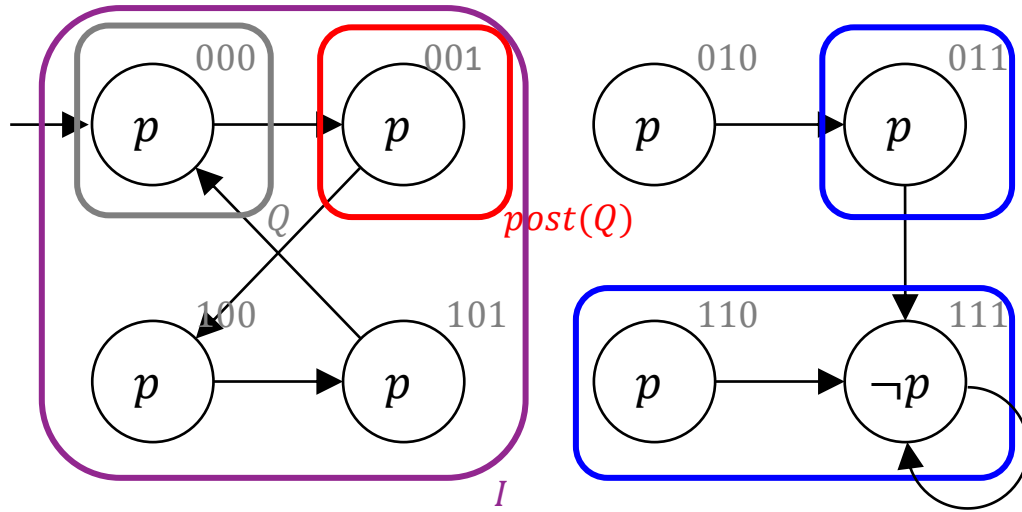
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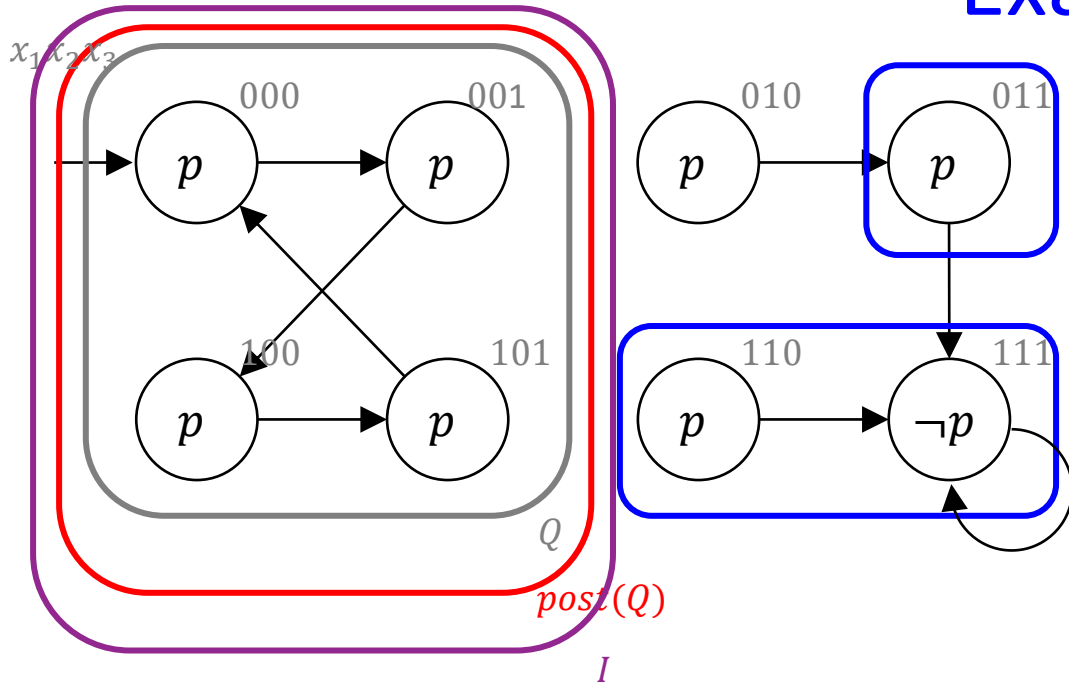
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$$I = \neg x_2 = Q.$$

**Algorithm terminates.**

## How Did I Pick the Interpolants?

What I did

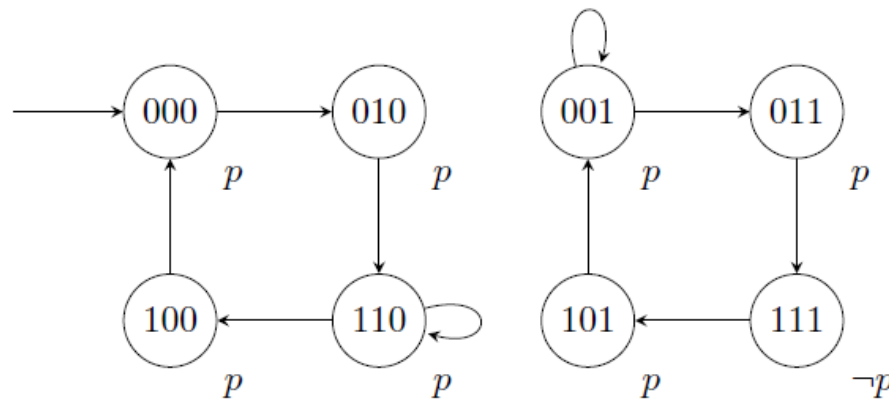
- Start with  $A = \text{posting}(Q)$
- Perform each of the following steps
  1. Can I throw away  $x_3$ ? (Is  $(\exists x_3. A) \cap B = \emptyset$ ?) If yes,  $A := \exists x_3. A$
  2. Can I throw away  $x_2$ ? If yes,  $A := \exists x_2. A$
  3. Can I throw away  $x_1$ ? If yes,  $A := \exists x_1. A$

This hack only works because the  $\text{posting}(Q)$  is a state or a cube!

In the homework, you will get CNFs. Try getting rid of clauses.

Note that  $A$  is always a valid interpolant.

Consider the following Kripke structure  $K$ , with states  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \{0, 1\}^3$  and atomic proposition  $p$ .



**Task 1. [ 50 points ]** We want to use  $k$ -induction to prove that  $p$  is always true.

- 1.1 Will  $k$ -induction succeed in proving the property? If so, what is the smallest  $k$  such that  $k$ -induction proves the property to be true? [ 10 point ]
- 1.2 Write the  $k$  induction formulae, both base case and induction case, for  $k = 2$ . [ 20 points ]
- 1.3 Are the formulae satisfiable? Explain. [ 20 points ]

For task 1.2, you can use the formulas  $R$ ,  $S_0$ , and  $p$  for the transition relation, the initial states, and the property  $p$ , respectively, without explicitly stating the concrete expression of the formulas.

**Task 2. [ 50 points ]** Use Model Checking with Craig Interpolants to prove that  $p$  is always true.

Clearly indicate the steps. Show the interpolants as formulas, for anything else, you can use set notation. You can also draw the sets, but use enough copies of the Kripke structure to make sure we can understand your steps, at least one for every  $k$ .