

From MTL to Deterministic Timed Automata

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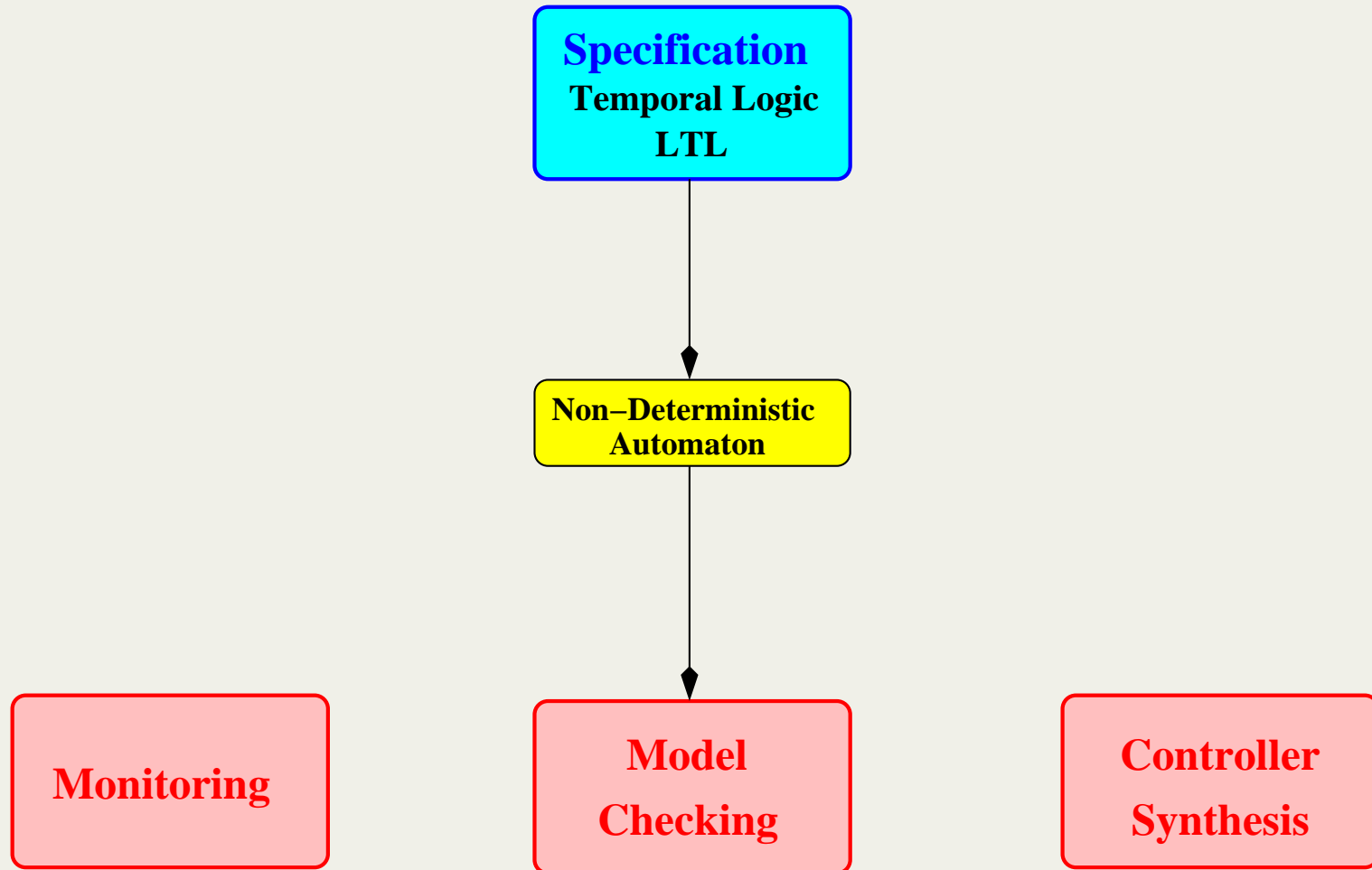
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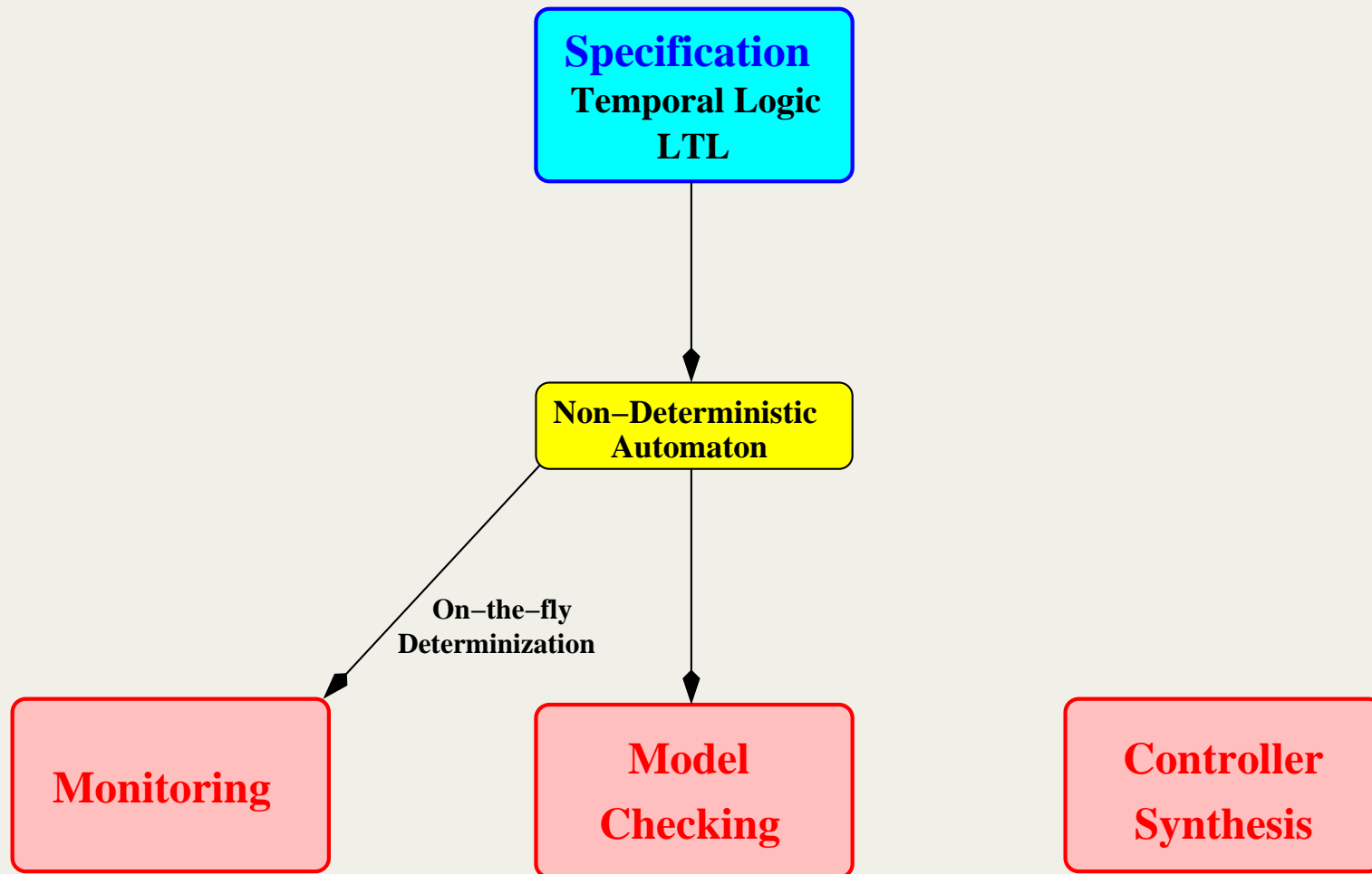
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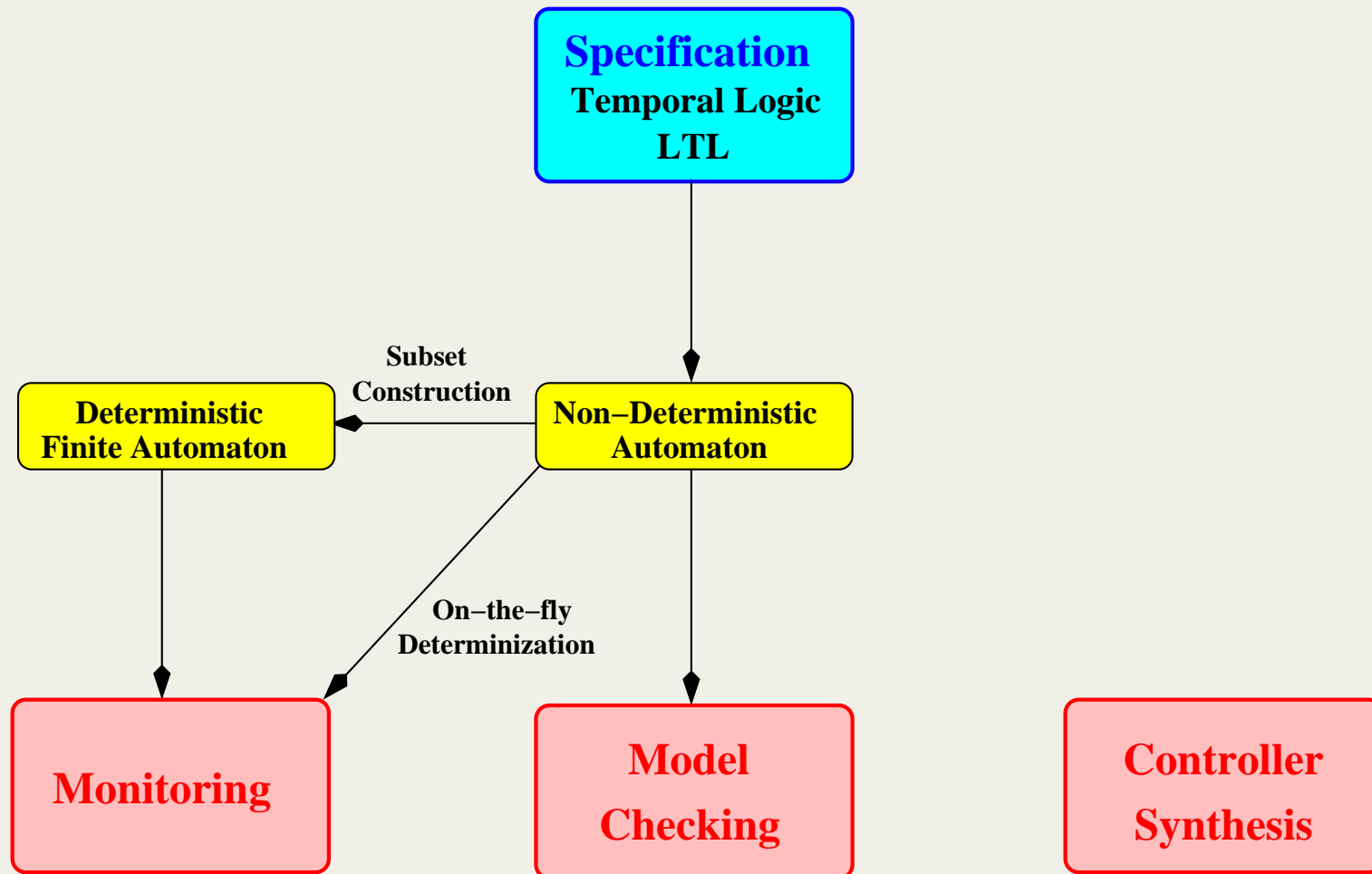
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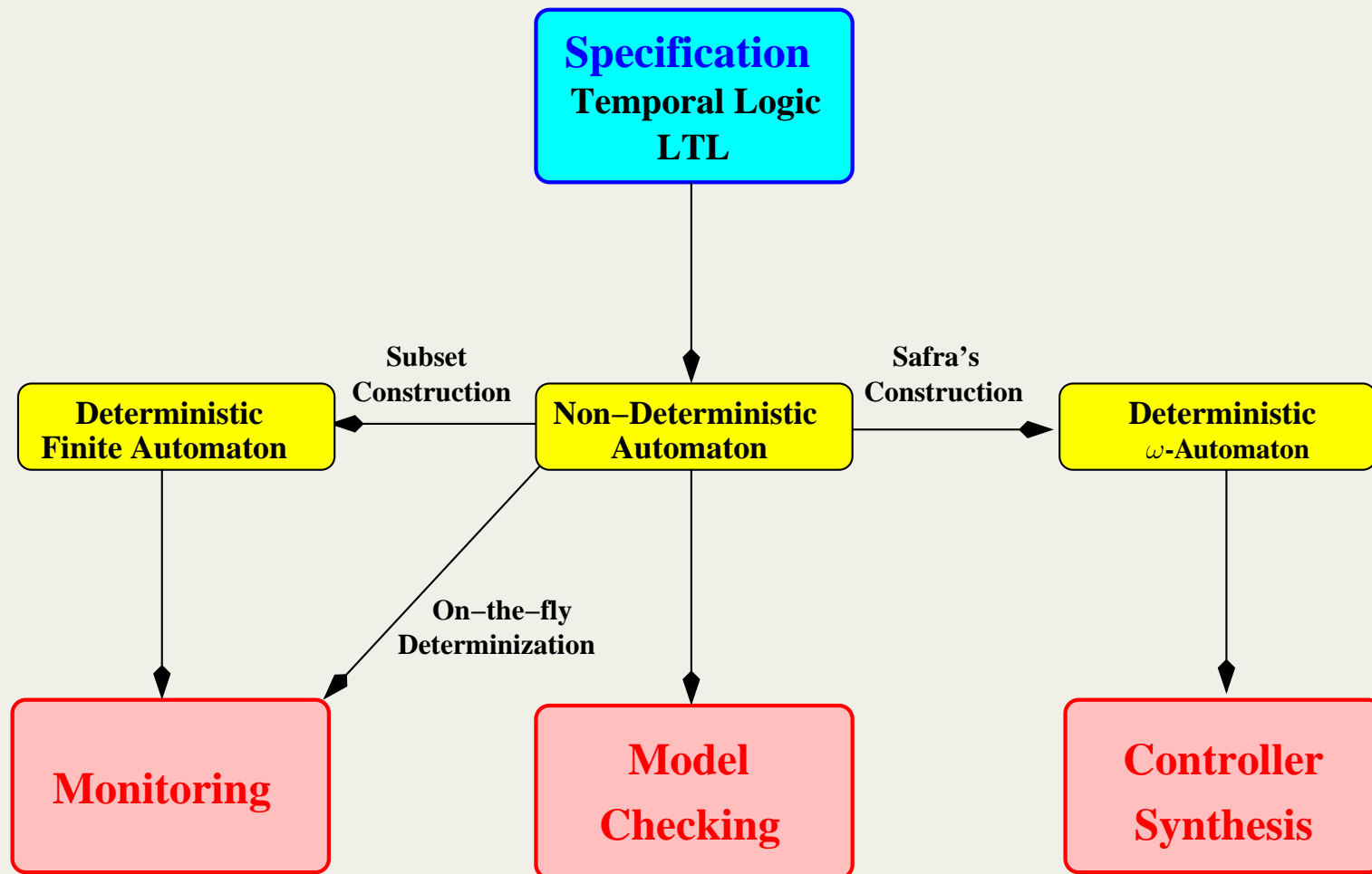
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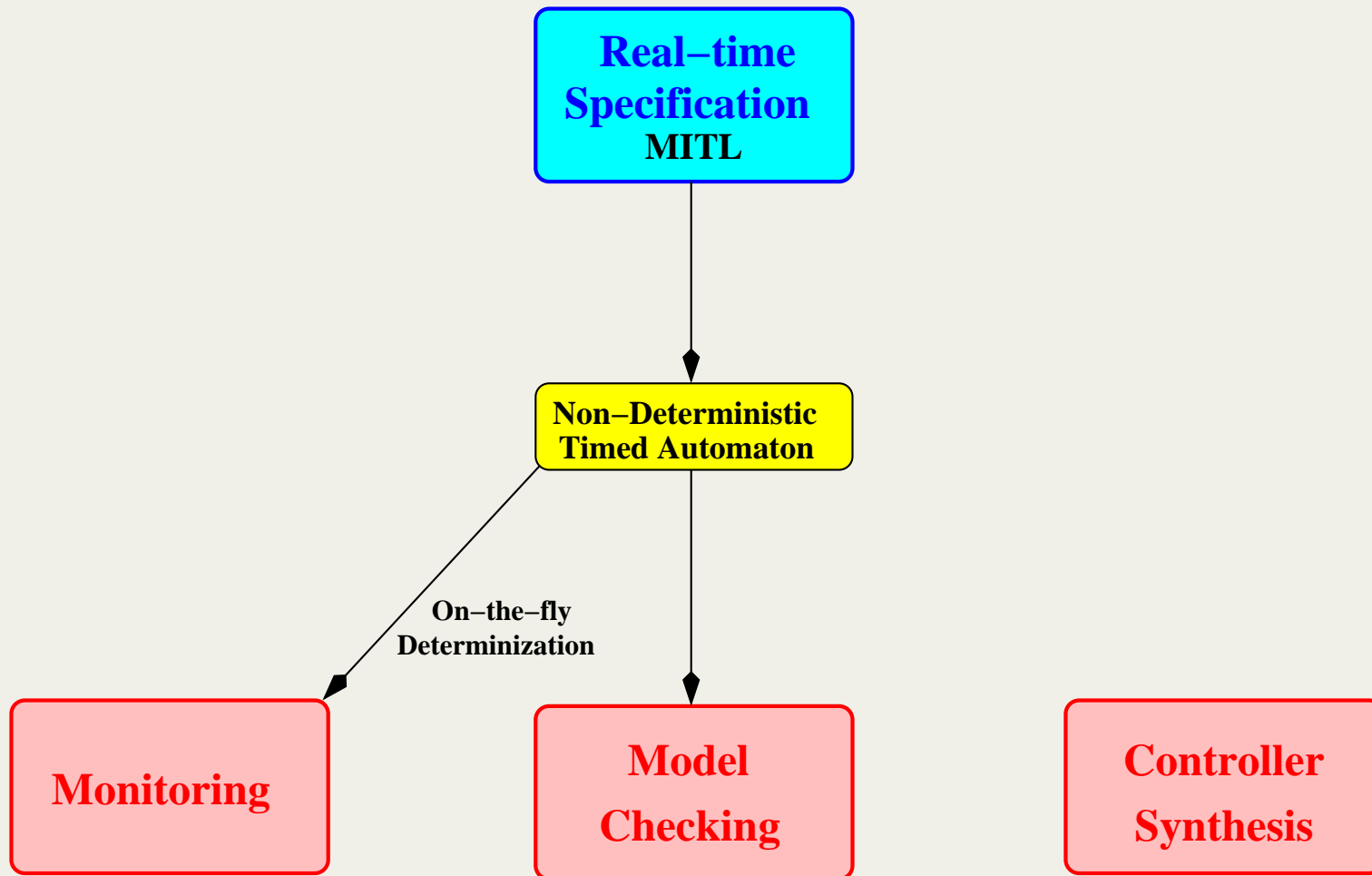
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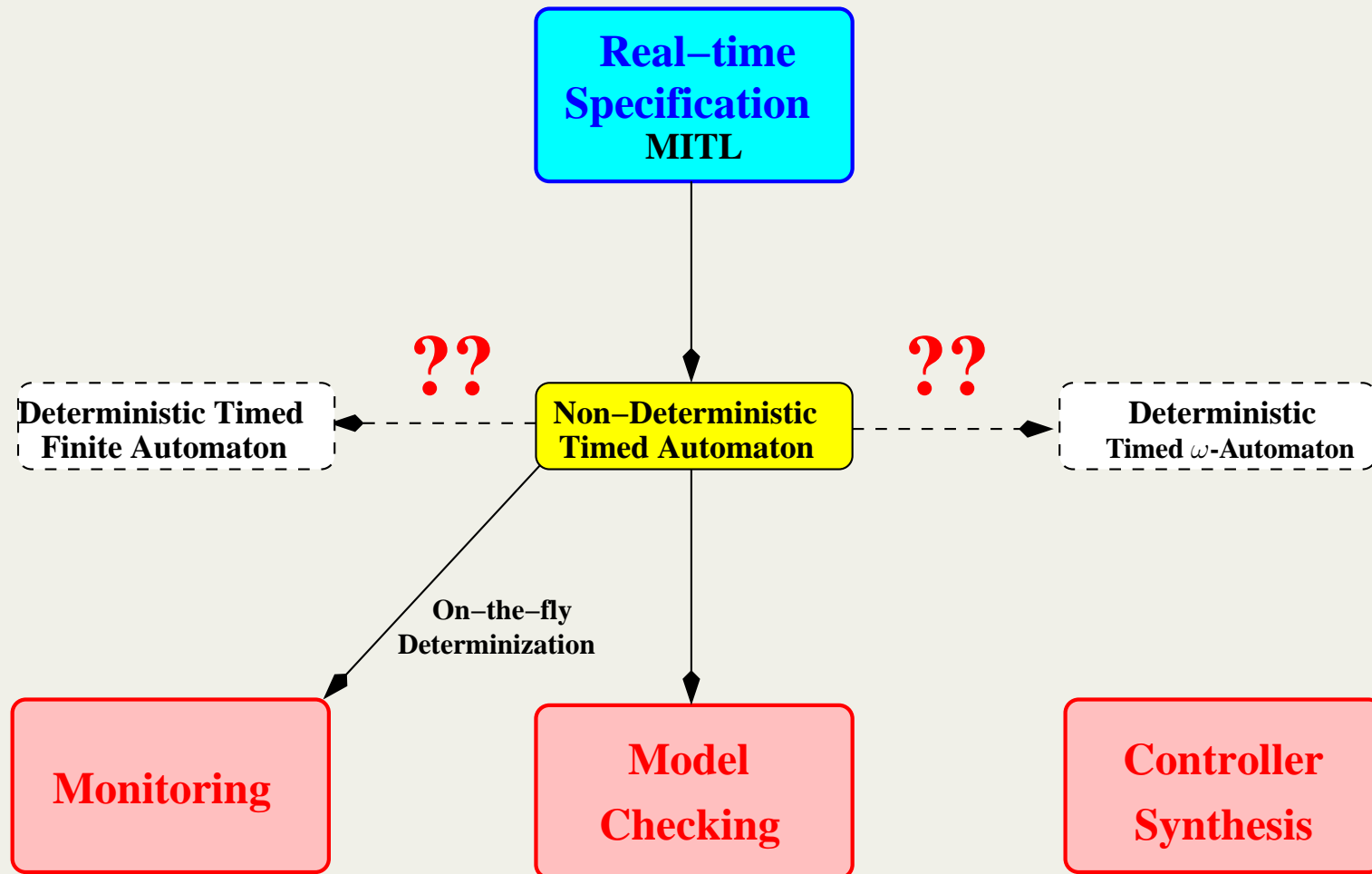
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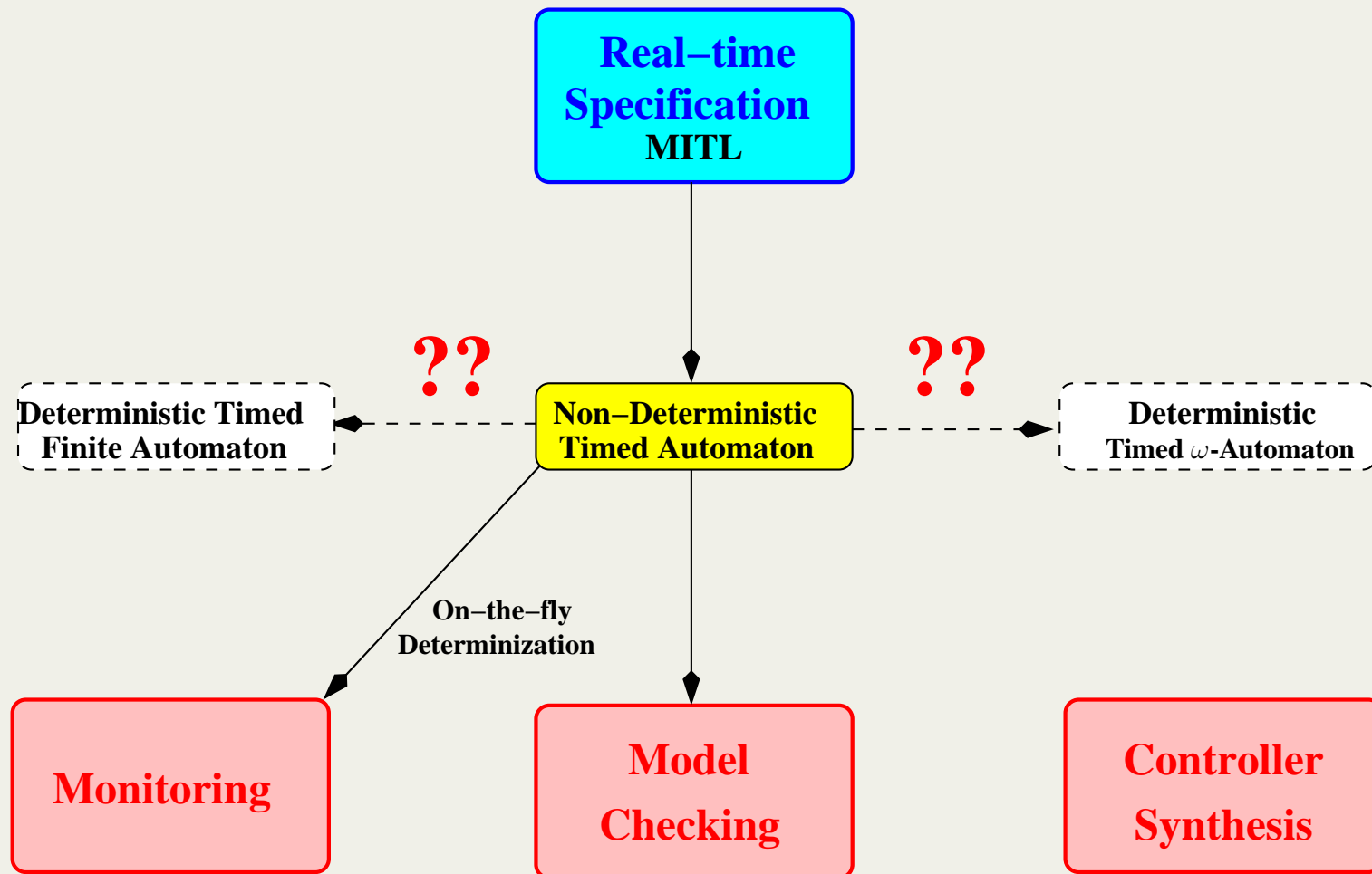
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Timed automata are **non-determinizable** in general!!

Metric Temporal Logic - MTL

- AP - set of atomic propositions
- Signal over AP - $w : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow 2^{AP}$
- w_p - projection of w to proposition $p \in AP$

Syntax:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi_1 \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \mathcal{U}_I \varphi_2$$

where p belongs to the set AP of atomic propositions and I is an interval of the form $[b, b]$, $[a, b]$, $[a, b)$, $(a, b]$, (a, b) , $[a, \infty)$, (a, ∞) where $0 \leq a < b$.

- **Derived operators:** $\Diamond_I \varphi = T \mathcal{U}_I \varphi$ and $\Box_I \varphi = \neg \Diamond_I \neg \varphi$
- MITL - restriction of MTL to non-singular modalities

MTL - Metric Temporal Logic

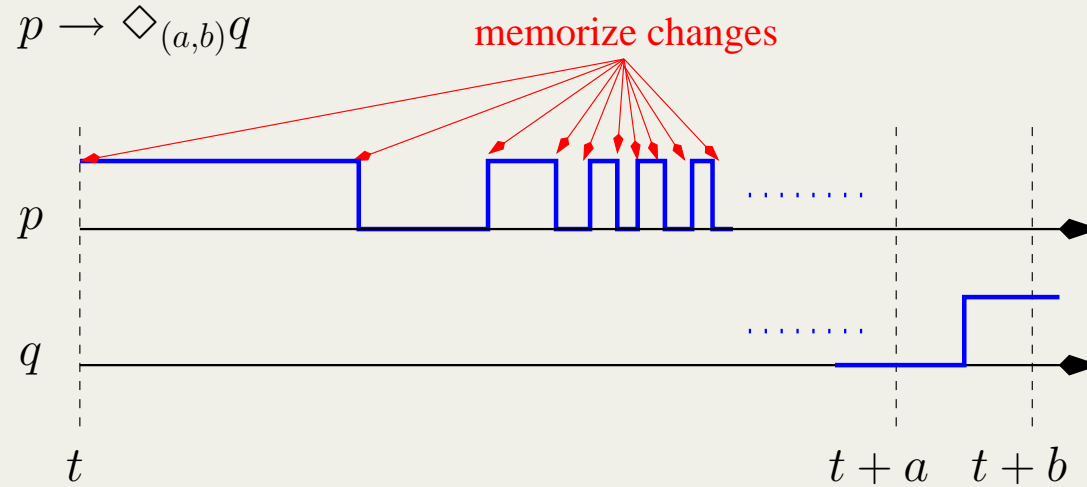
Semantics:

$$\begin{aligned}(w, t) \models p &\iff w_p[t] = 1 \\(w, t) \models \neg\varphi &\iff (w, t) \not\models \varphi \\(w, t) \models \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 &\iff (w, t) \models \varphi_1 \text{ or } (w, t) \models \varphi_2 \\(w, t) \models \varphi_1 \mathcal{U}_I \varphi_2 &\iff \exists t' \in t + I \text{ st } (w, t) \models \varphi_2 \wedge \\&\quad \forall t'' \in (t, t') (w, t'') \models \varphi_1\end{aligned}$$

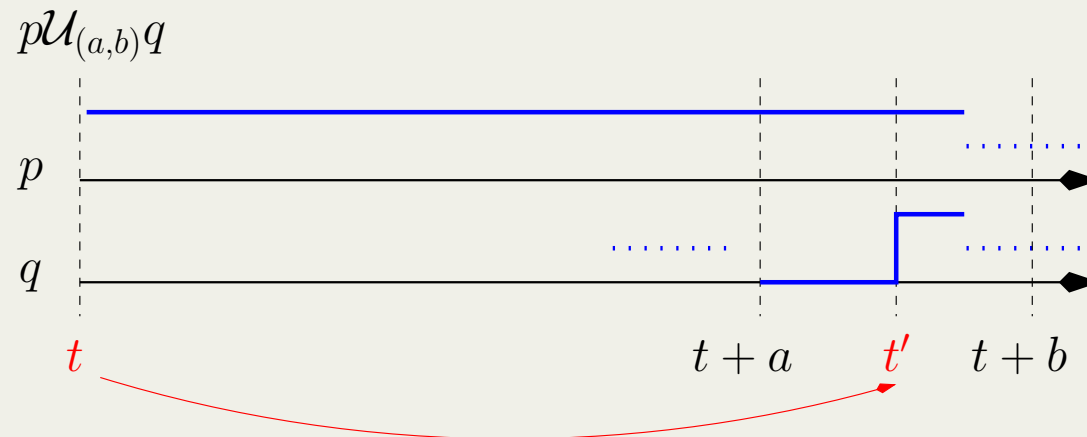
Formula φ satisfied by w if $(w, 0) \models \varphi$

MTL and Non-Determinism

1. Unbounded variability

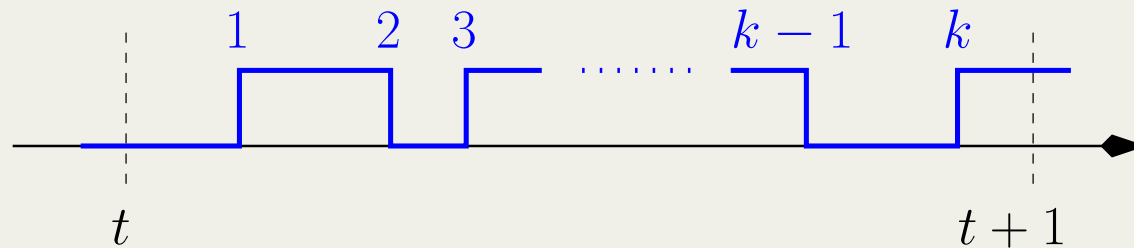


2. Acausality



Signals with Bounded Variability

- Signal w is of **bounded variability** k if for every proposition p , it changes its value at most k times in every interval of length 1



- Reasonable assumption for many applications
 - Almost all systems have a bound on the frequency they operate
- From now on, we assume that every input signal is of bounded variability

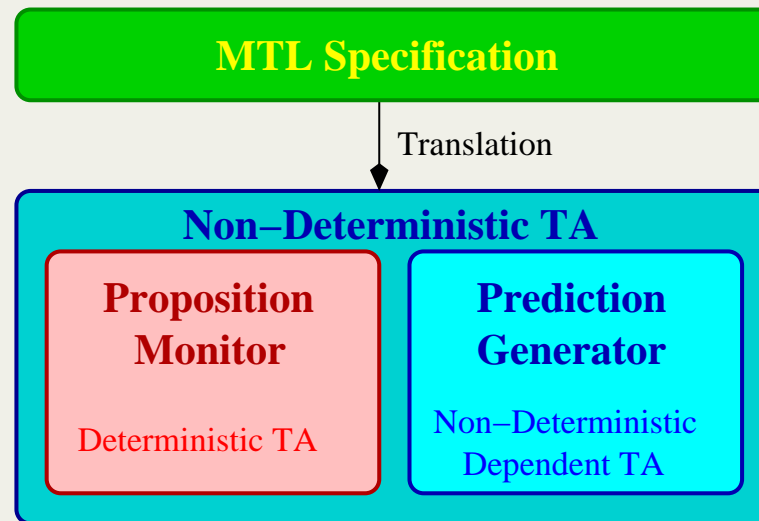
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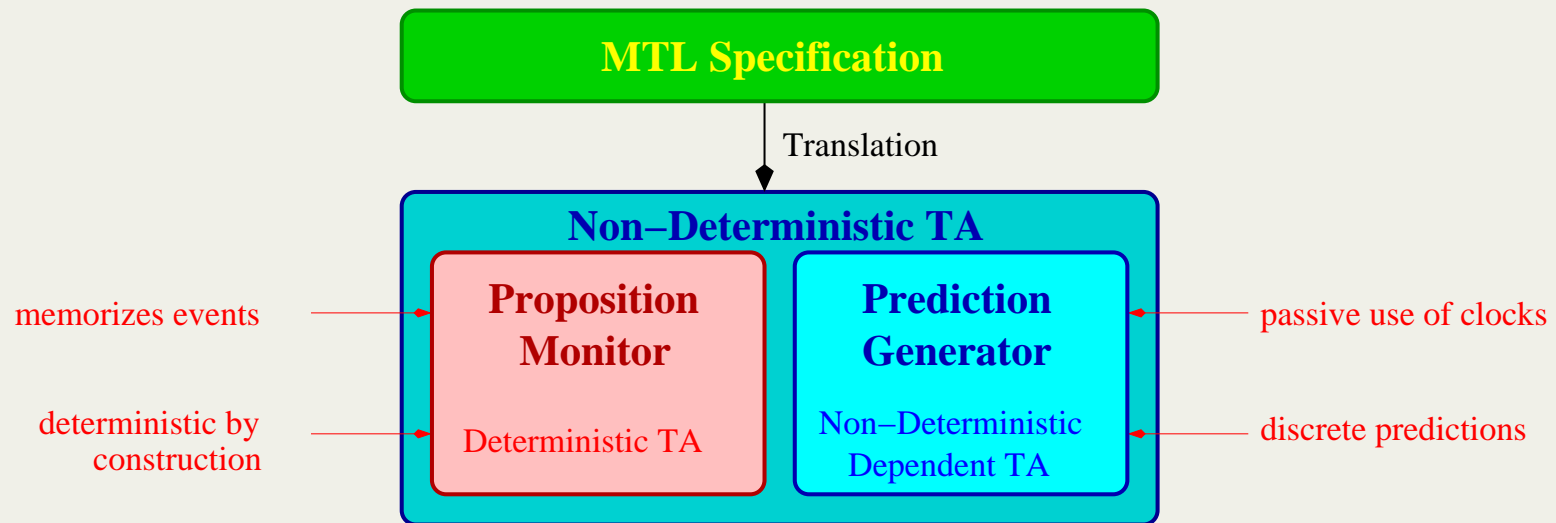
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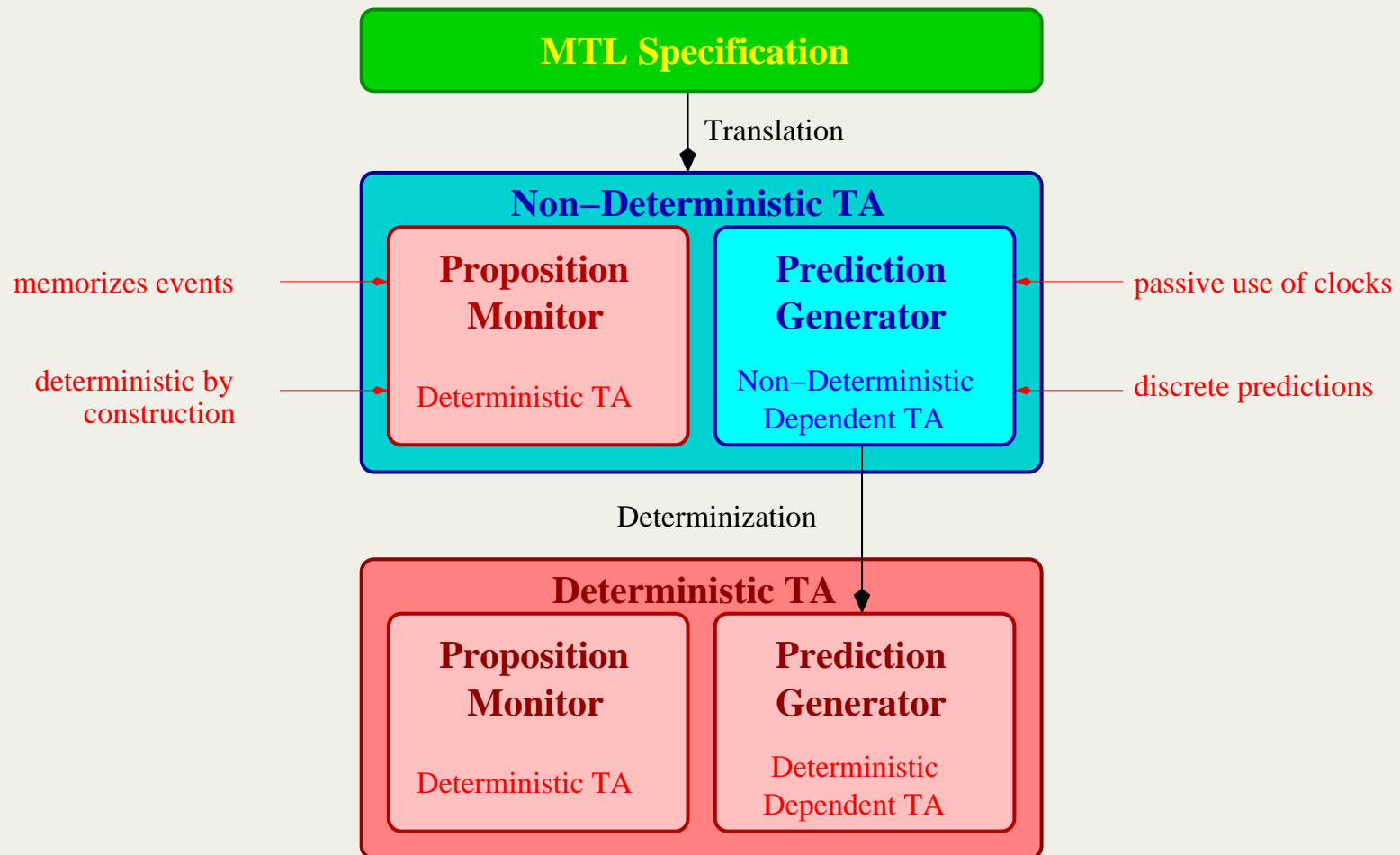
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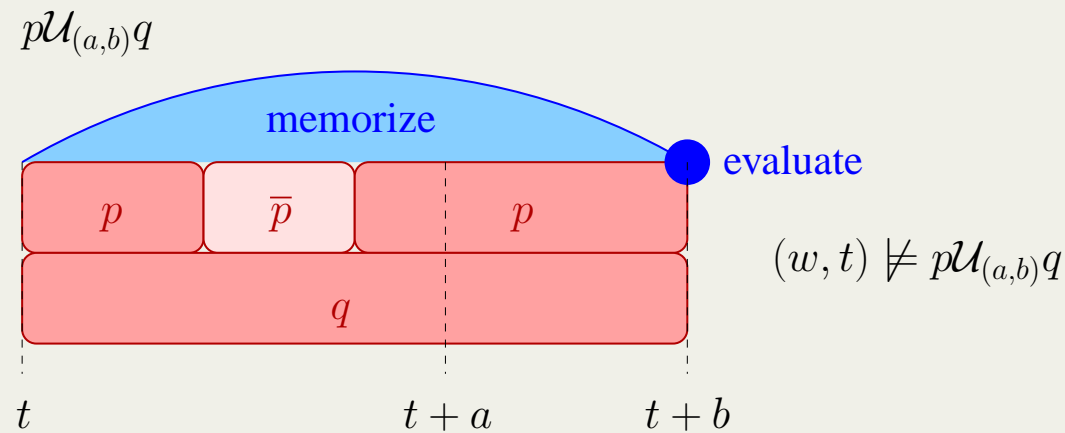
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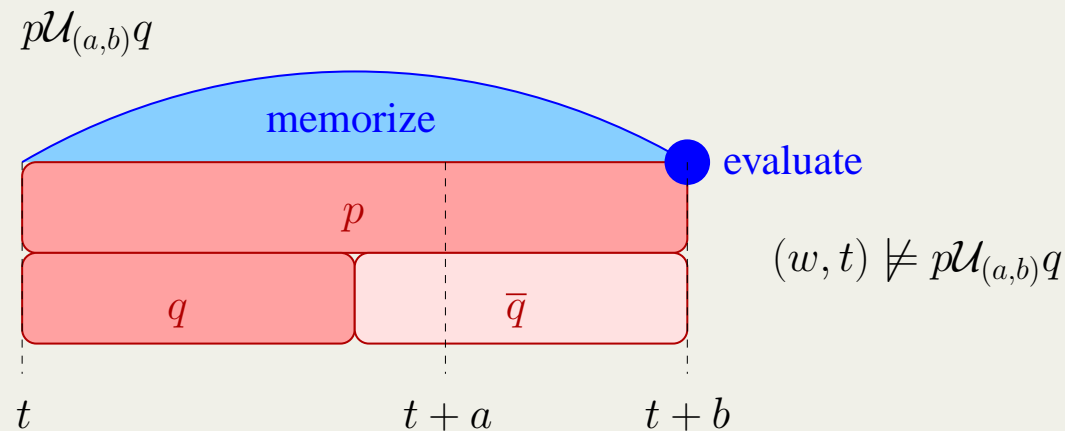
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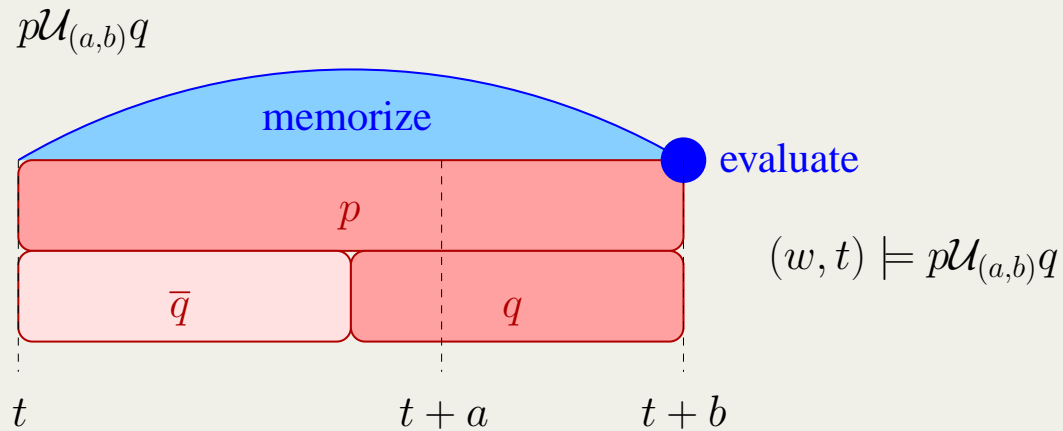
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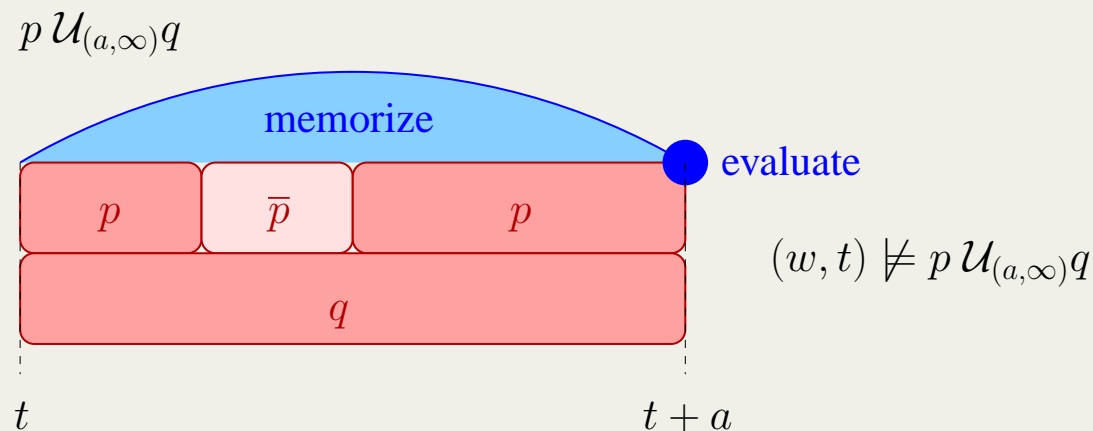
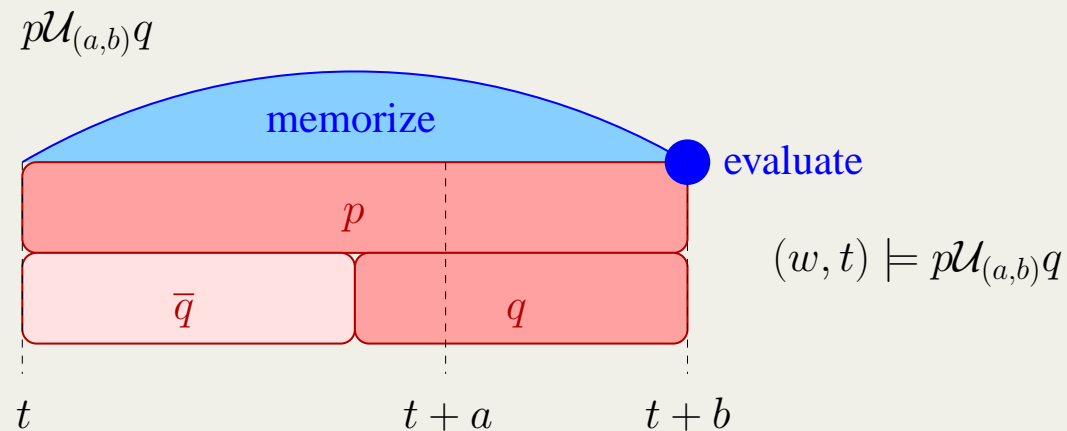
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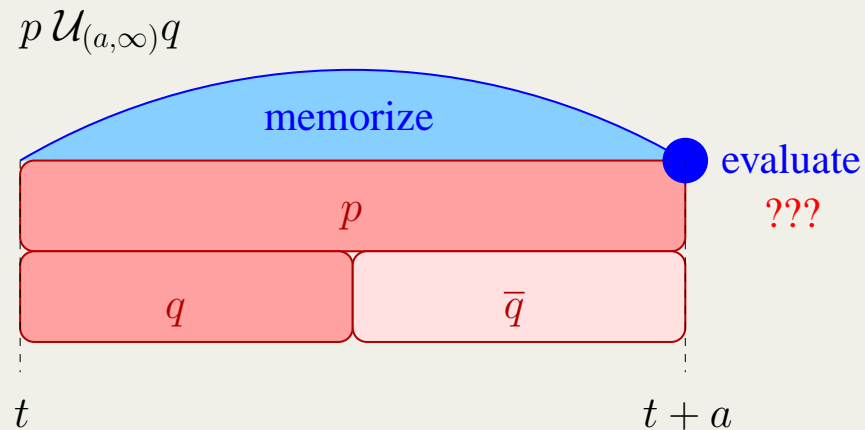
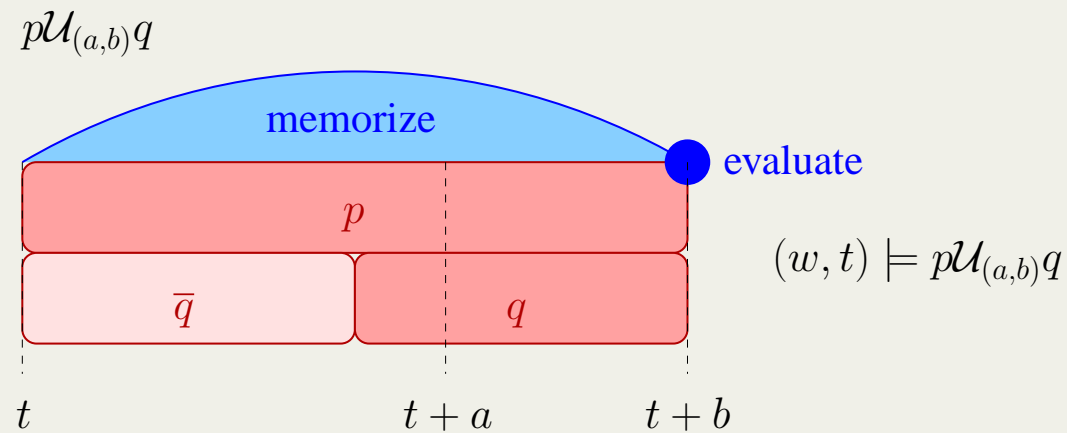
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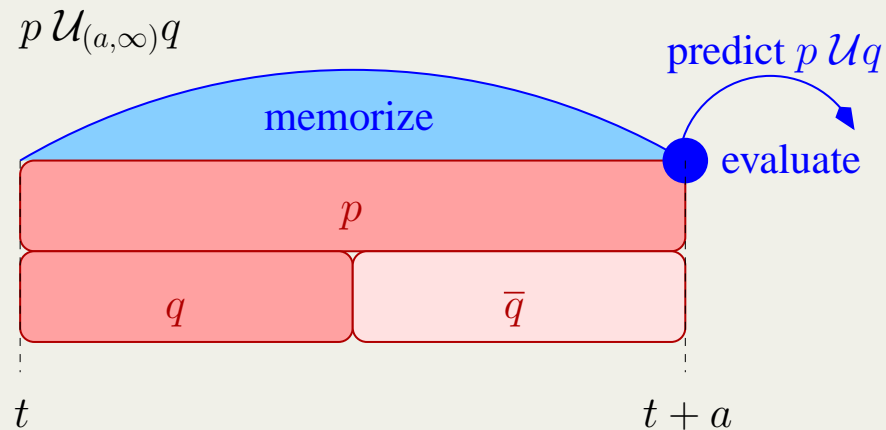
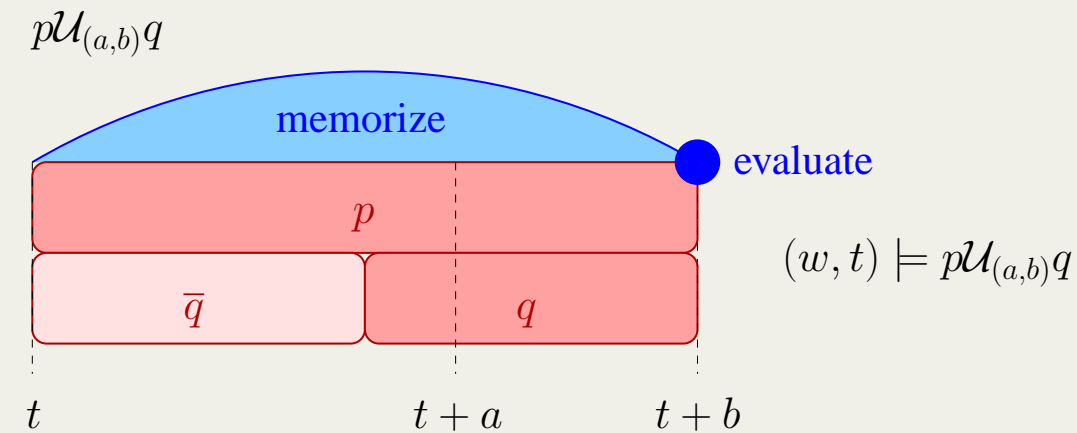
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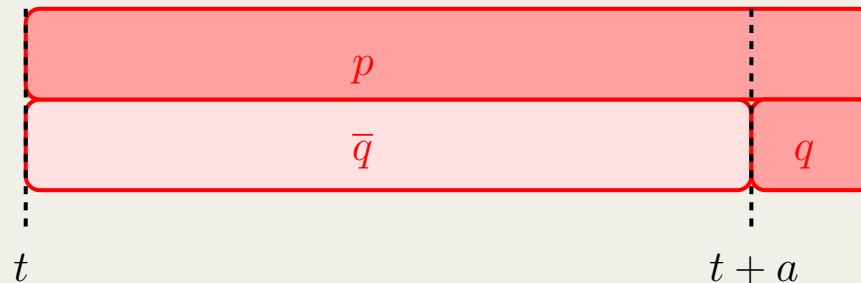
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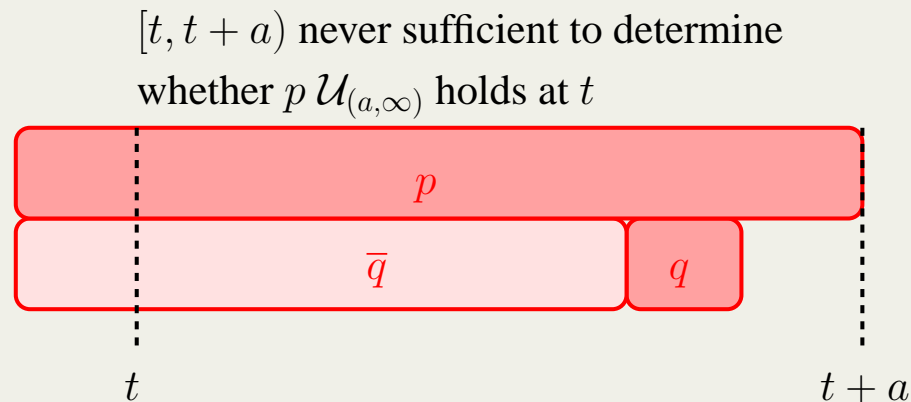


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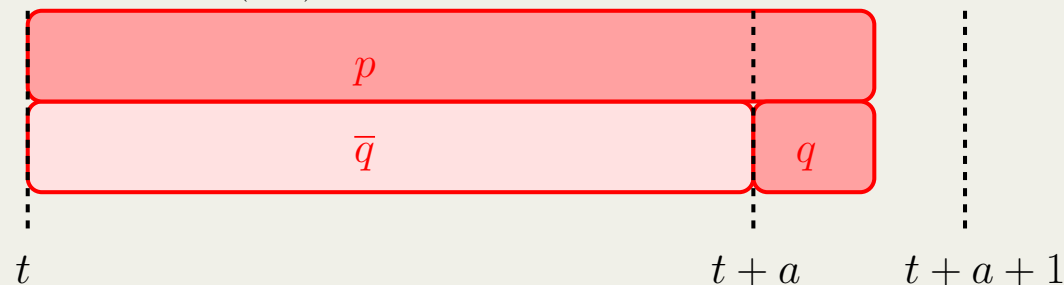
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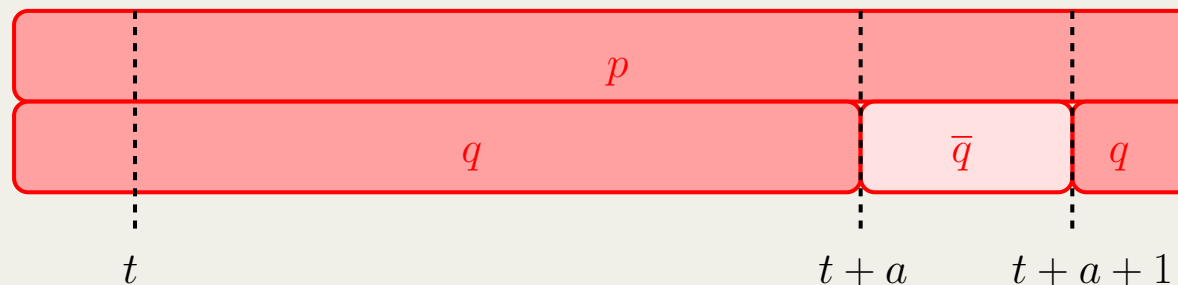
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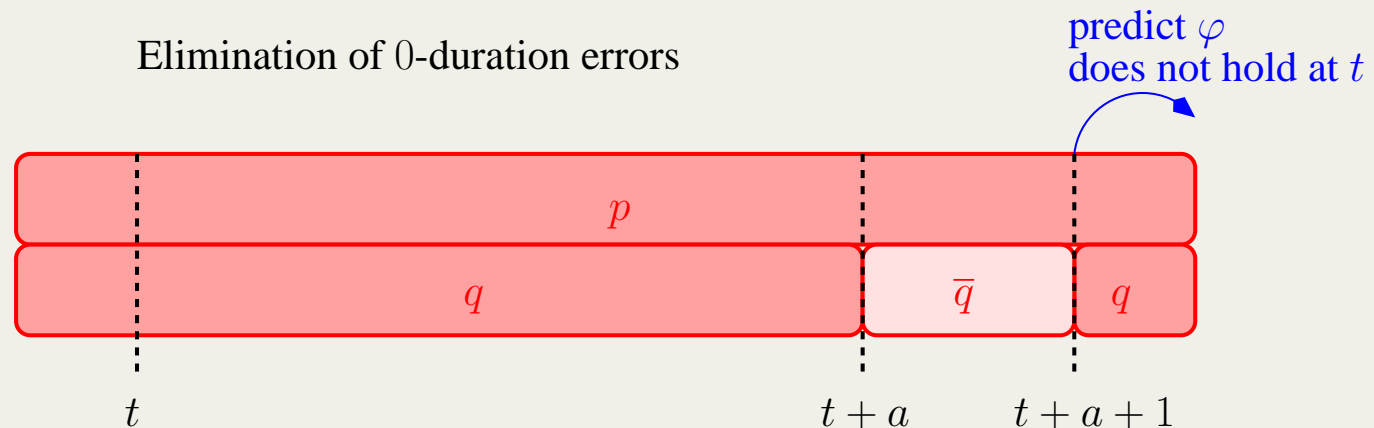


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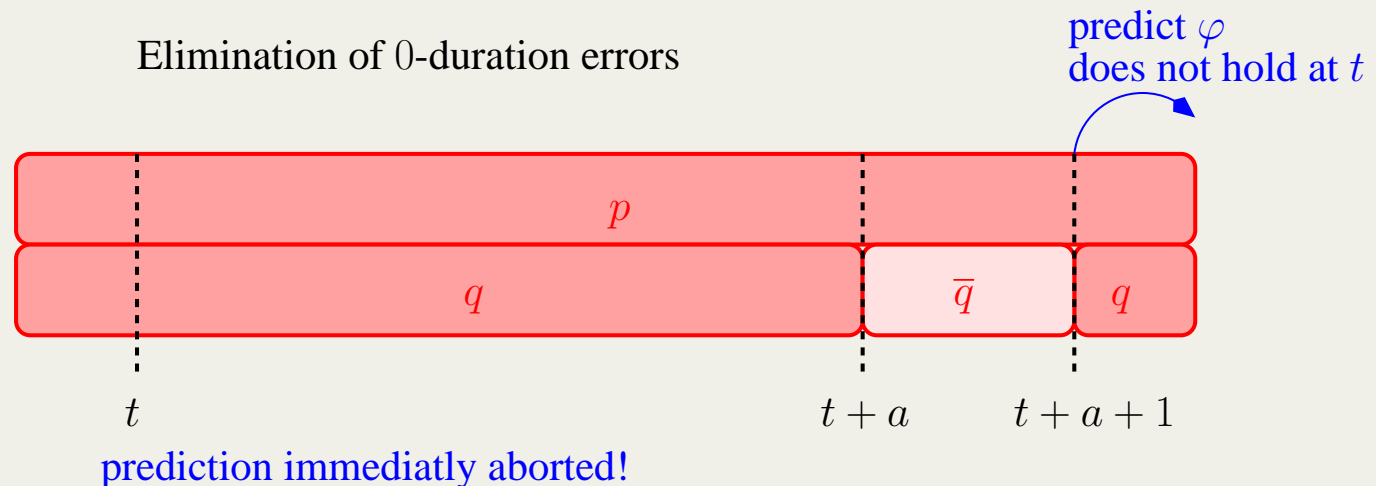


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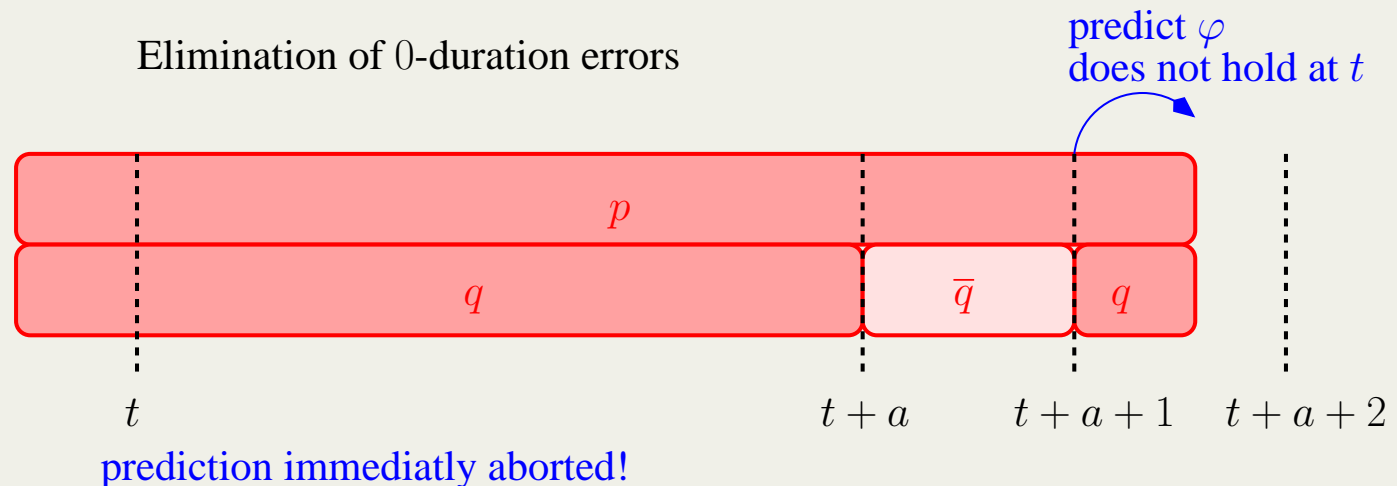


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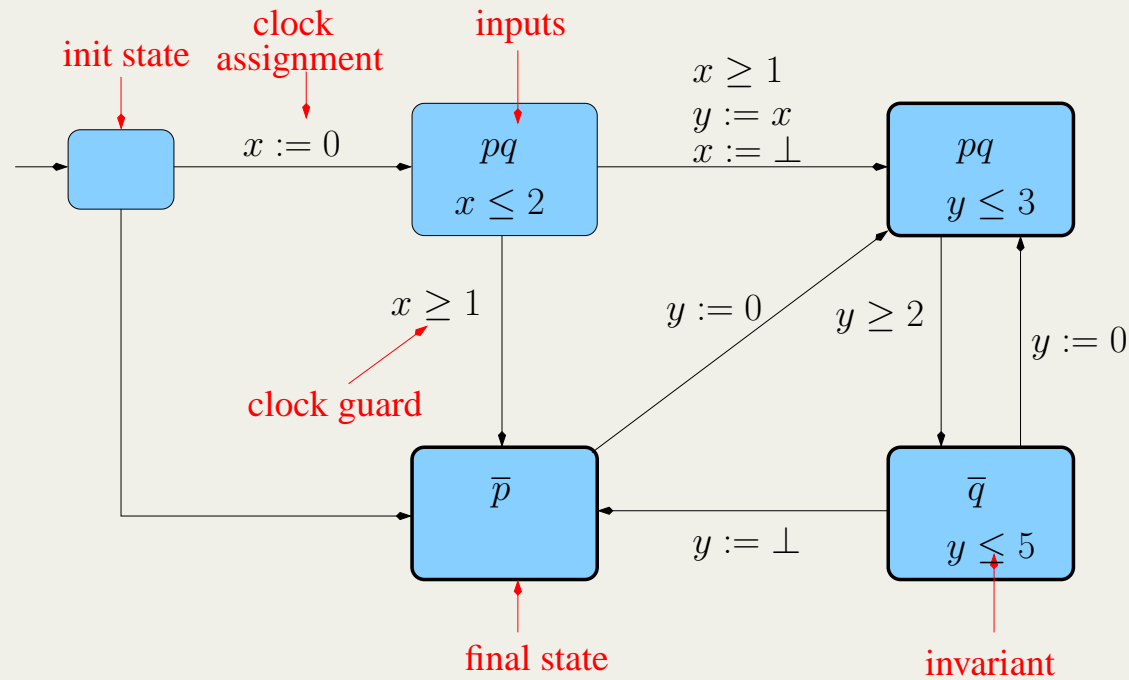
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Timed Automata

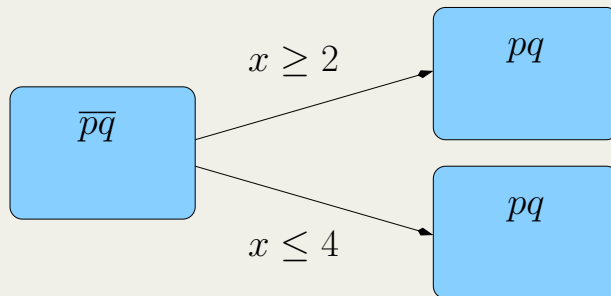
- Variant of **timed automata**
 - Reads multi-dimensional Boolean signals
 - Clock assignments of the form $x := 0$, $x := y$ and $x := \perp$
 - Generalized Büchi and parity acceptance conditions



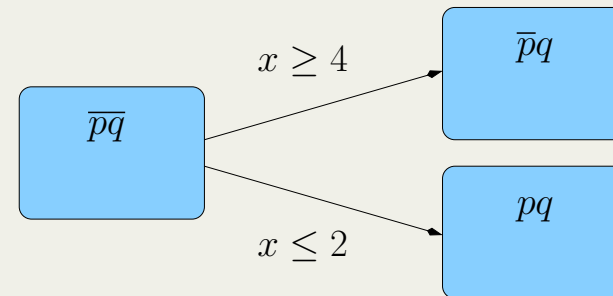
- Run ξ : alternation of **discrete** and **time** steps

Deterministic Timed Automata

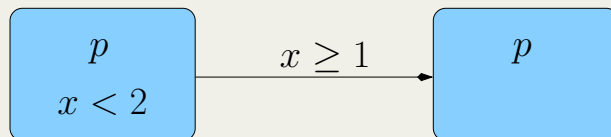
- A timed automaton is **deterministic** if the following conditions hold:
 - For any 2 transitions with the same source state, either the **labels** of the 2 target states are **different** or the **intersection** of the 2 transition **guards** is **unsatisfiable**
 - For any transition, either the **labels** of the source and target states are **different**, or the **intersection** between the **source state invariant** and the **transition guard** is either **empty** or **isolated**



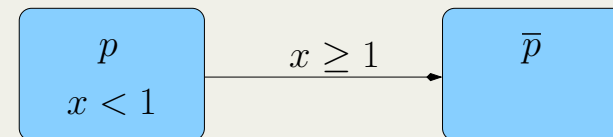
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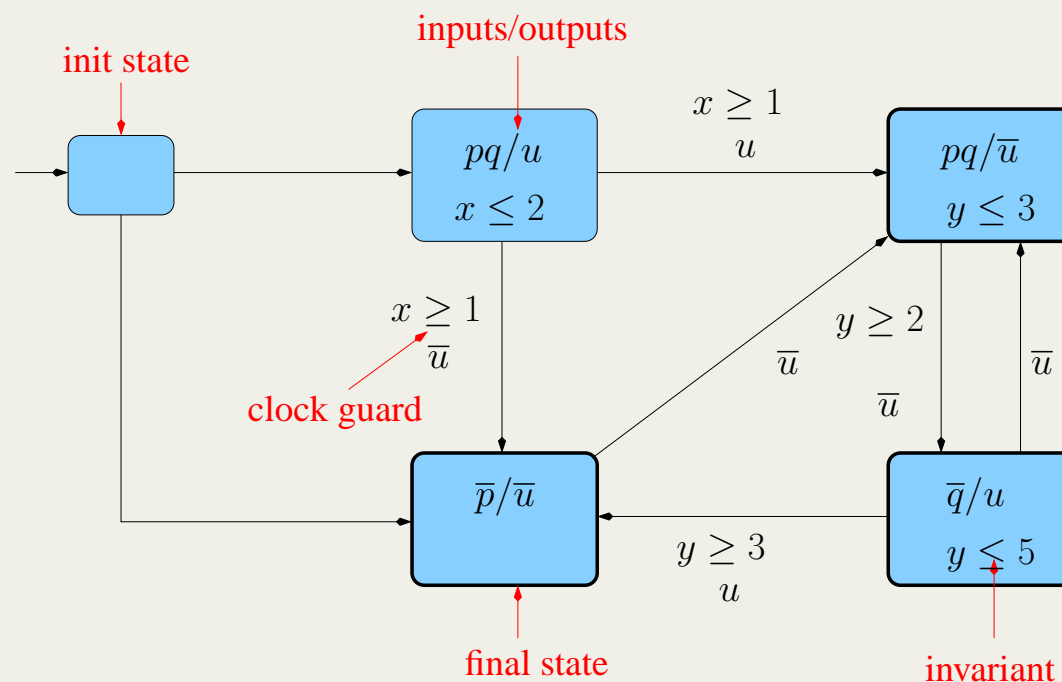
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Dependent Timed Automata

- DTA \rightarrow **transducers** of runs of TA
 - Both input and output alphabets
 - Input/output labels on states
 - Output labels on transitions
 - Passive read of clock of TA (no assignments)



Composition of TA and DTA

1. Composition of two TAs



$$L(A_1 \parallel A_2) = L(A_1) \times L(A_2)$$

2. Composition of two DTAs



$$\text{For every run } \xi \text{ and signal } w, B_1 \otimes B_2(w, \xi) = B_2(B_1(w, \xi))$$

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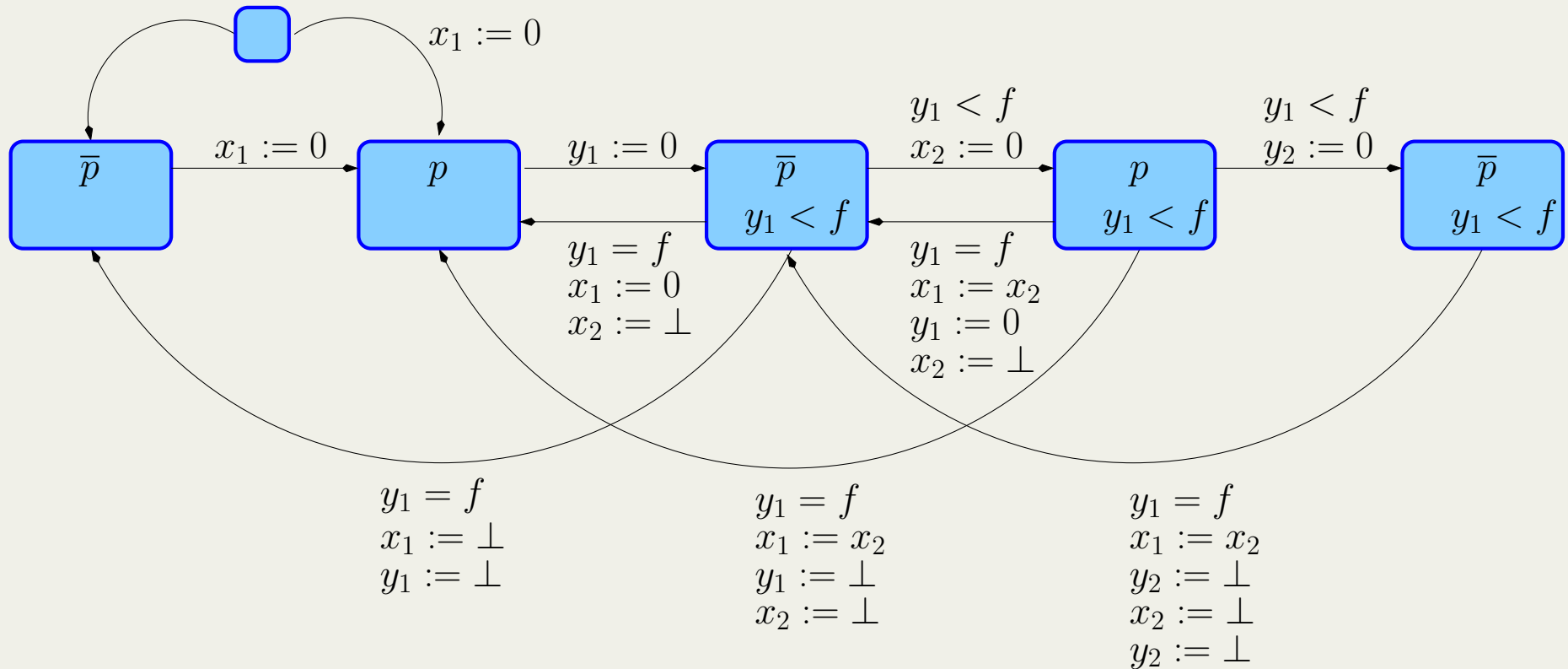
$$L(A_1 \otimes B_2) = \{w \mid \exists \xi_1 \text{ accepting run of } A_1 \text{ carrying } w \text{ and } B_2(w, \xi_1) \neq \emptyset\}$$

From MTL to Non-Deterministic Timed Automata - Overview

- Novel construction for conversion of MTL formulas into **non-deterministic** timed automata
 - Distinguishes between discrete guesses about the future and accumulation of knowledge with clocks
 - **Proposition monitors:** deterministic TA that memorize information about the input
 - Non-deterministic sequence of DTAs that handle arbitrary MTL formulas

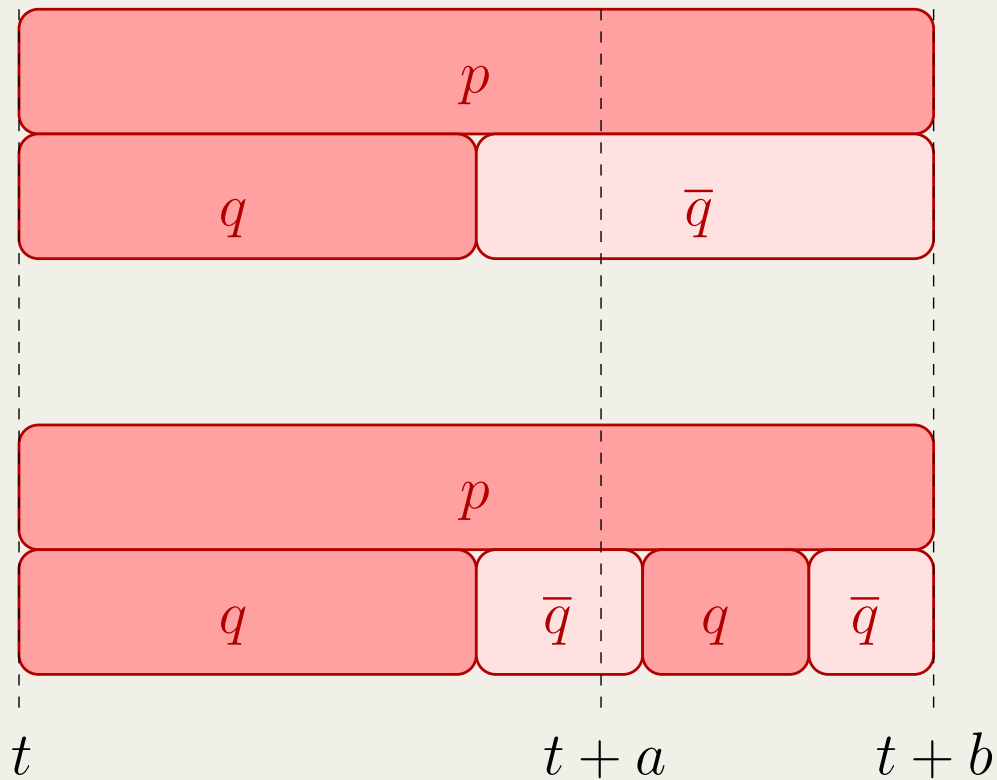
Proposition Monitor

- Proposition monitor for p , where $f = \text{future}(\varphi)$
- Requires $2 \cdot \lceil \frac{fk}{2} \rceil$ clocks, where k is the bounded variability of p



Dependent Timed Automaton for $\varphi_1 \mathcal{U}_{(a,b)} \varphi_2$

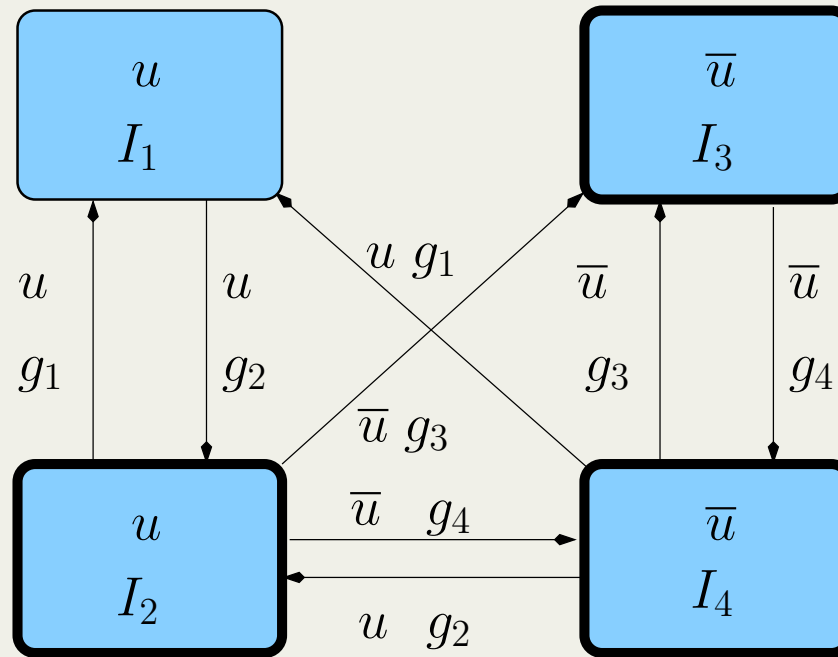
$$p \mathcal{U}_{(a,b)} q$$



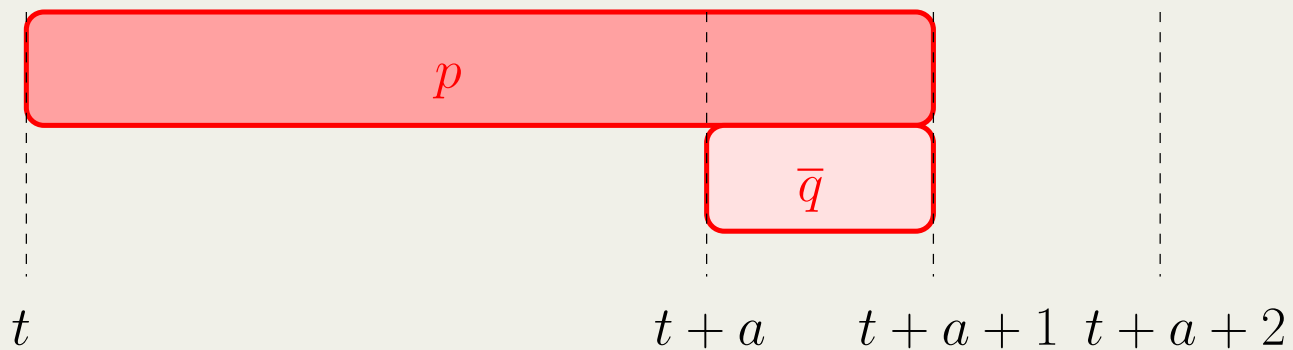
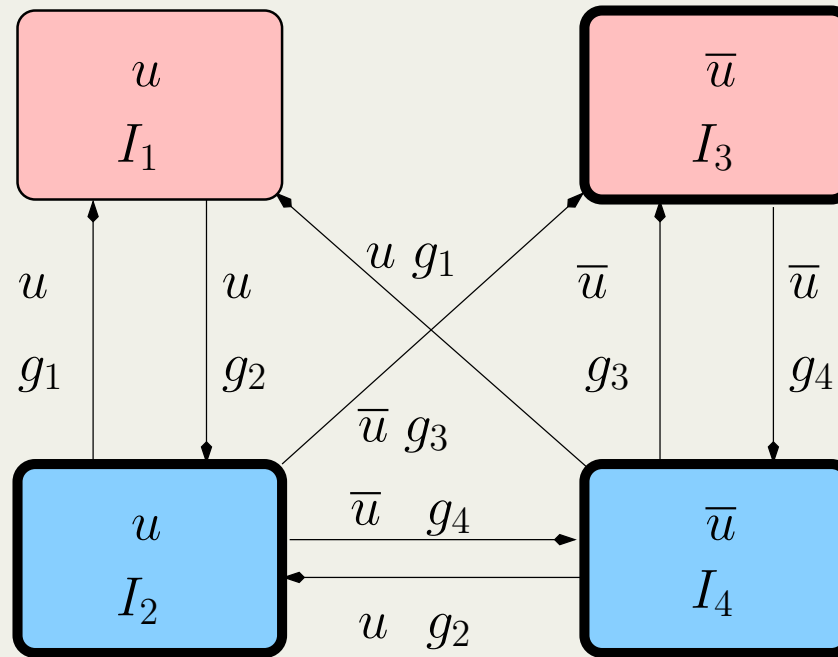
$$(w, t) \not\models p \mathcal{U}_{(a,b)} q$$

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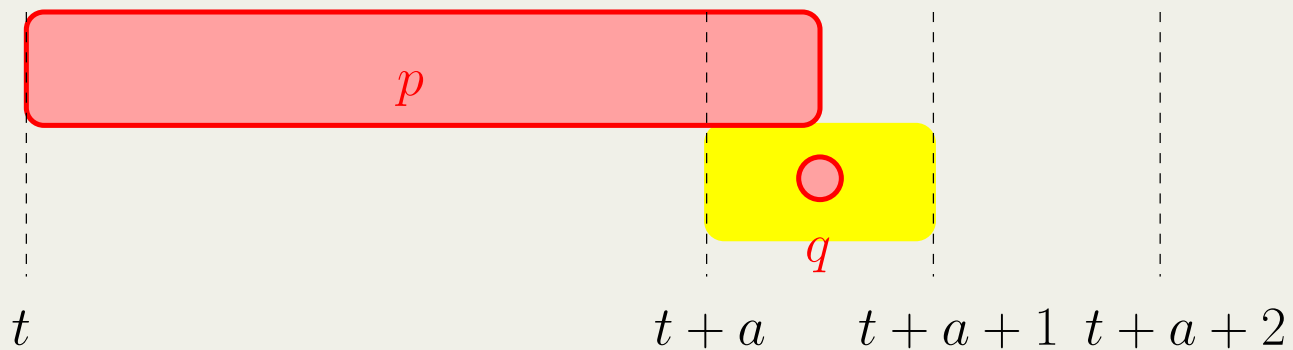
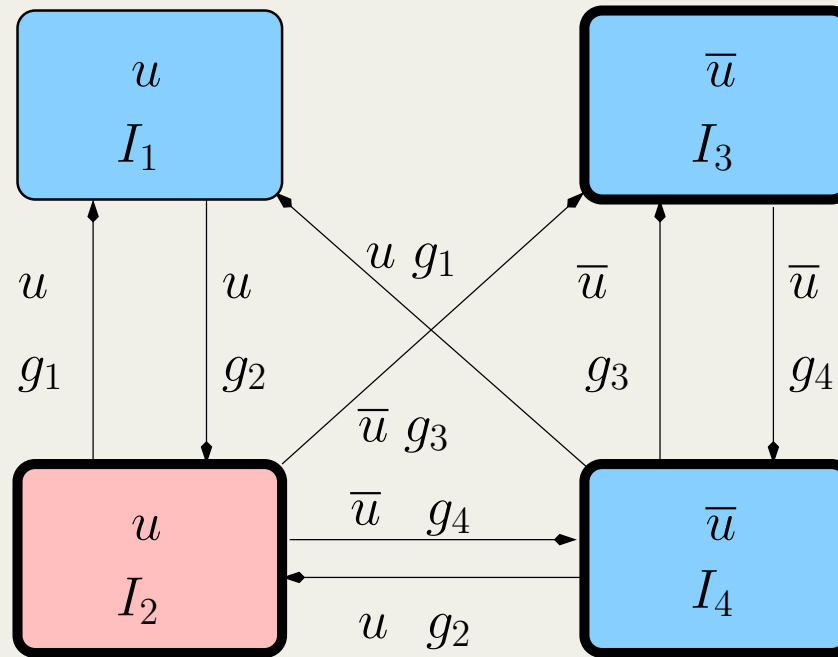
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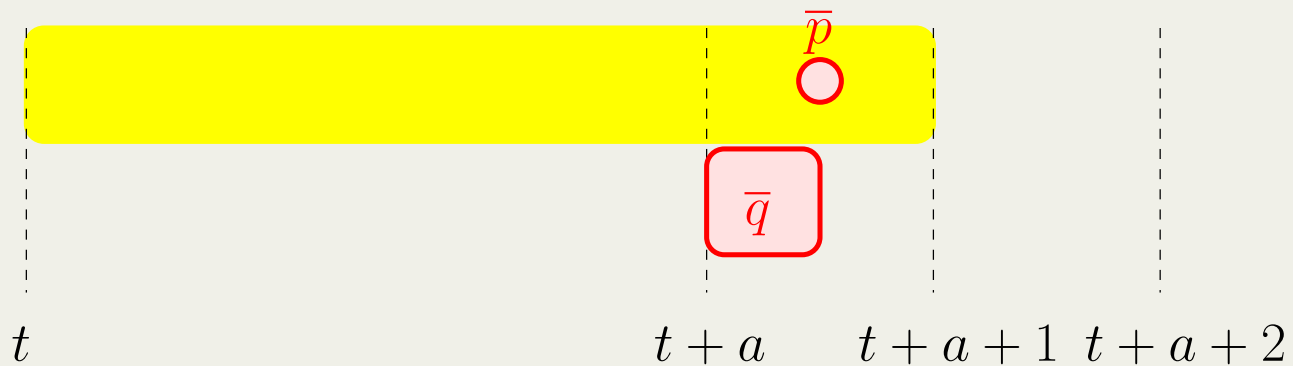
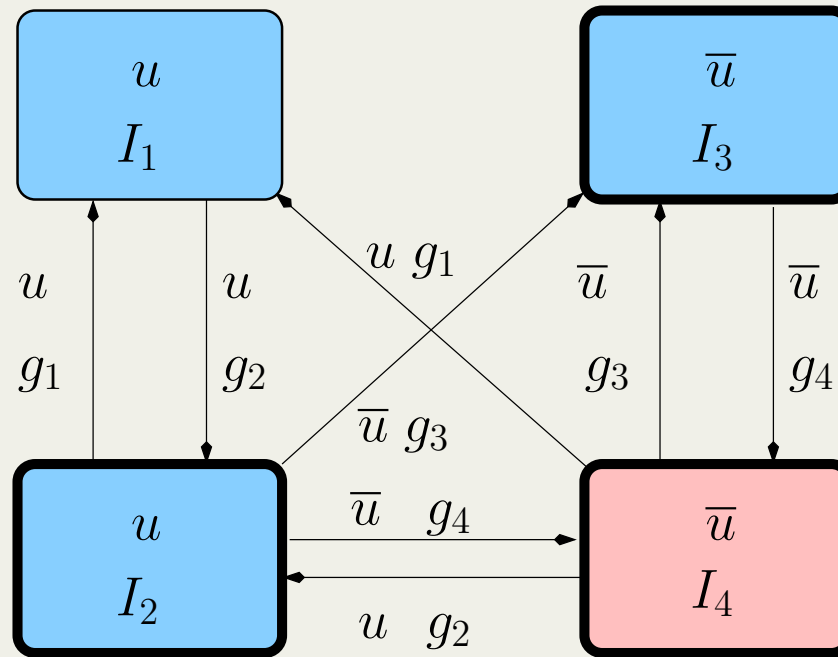
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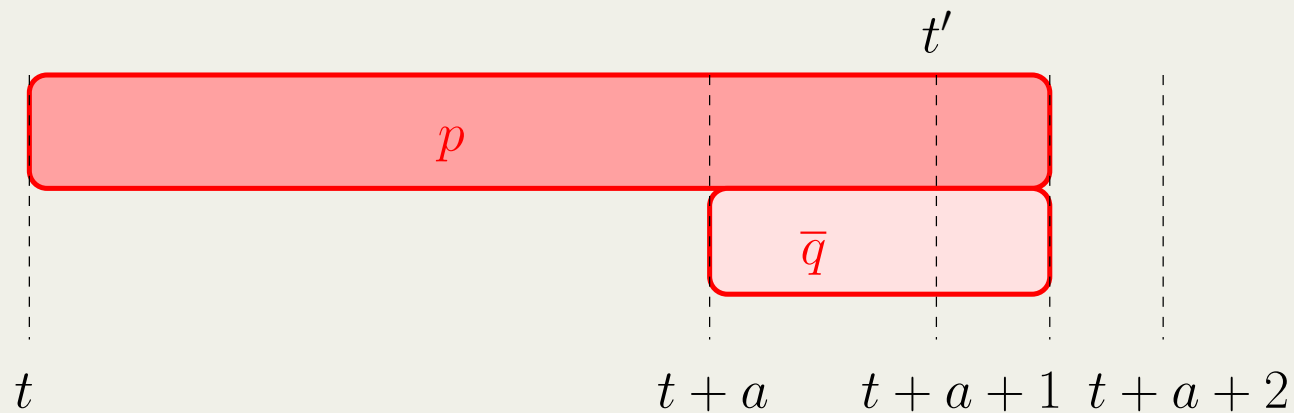
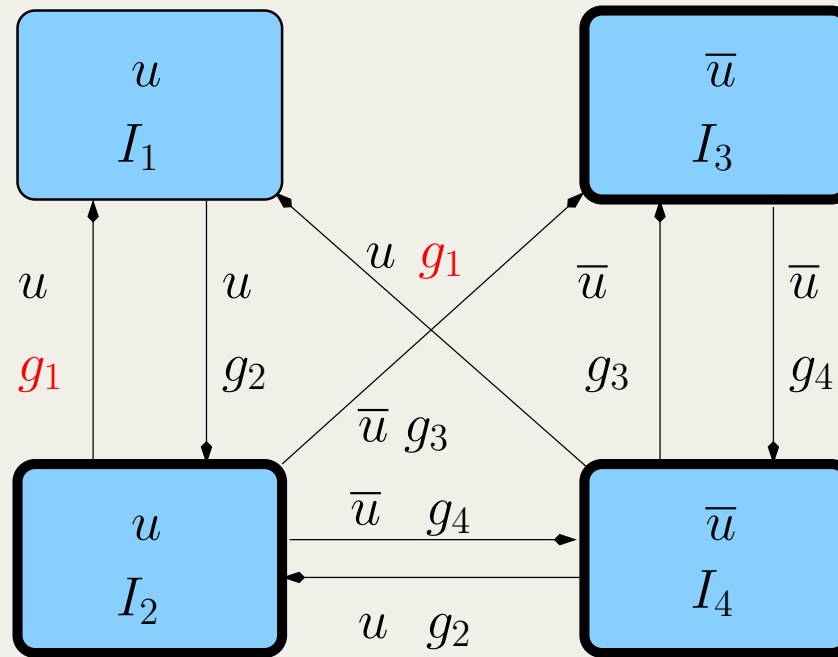
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Summary: MTL to Non-deterministic TA

- Inductive construction of a timed automaton A_φ that accepts the language of arbitrary MTL formula φ
- For every MTL formula φ with m propositions, n unbounded temporal operators, and inputs of bounded variability k , there exists a non-deterministic TA with $2m \lceil \frac{k \cdot \text{future}(\varphi)}{2} \rceil + 1$ clocks and $((2 \lceil \frac{k \cdot \text{future}(\varphi)}{2} \rceil)^m + 1)(2 \cdot 4^n + 1)$ states

Determinizing Timed Automata Obtained from MTL Formulas

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 - \rightarrow can be **determinized!!**
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 - Slight adaptations - mostly syntactic
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