

Probabilistic Modeling and Model Checking

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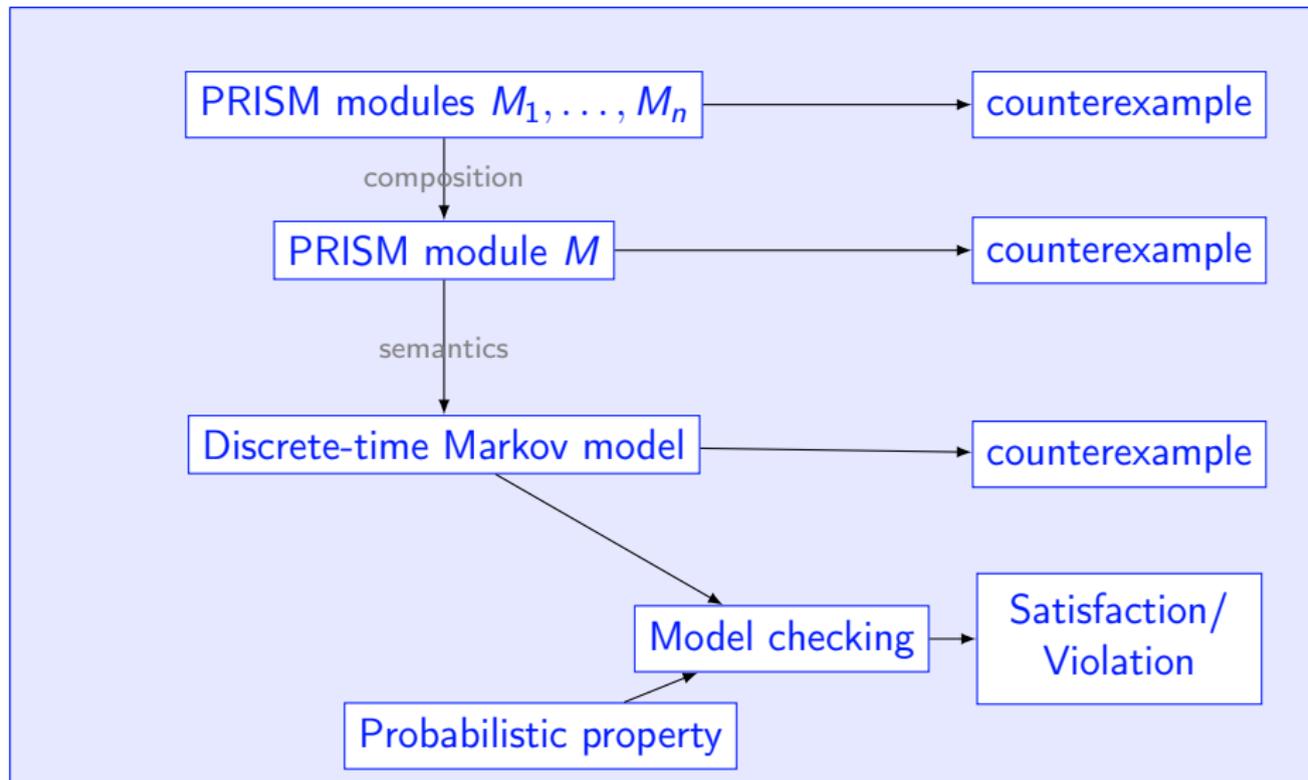
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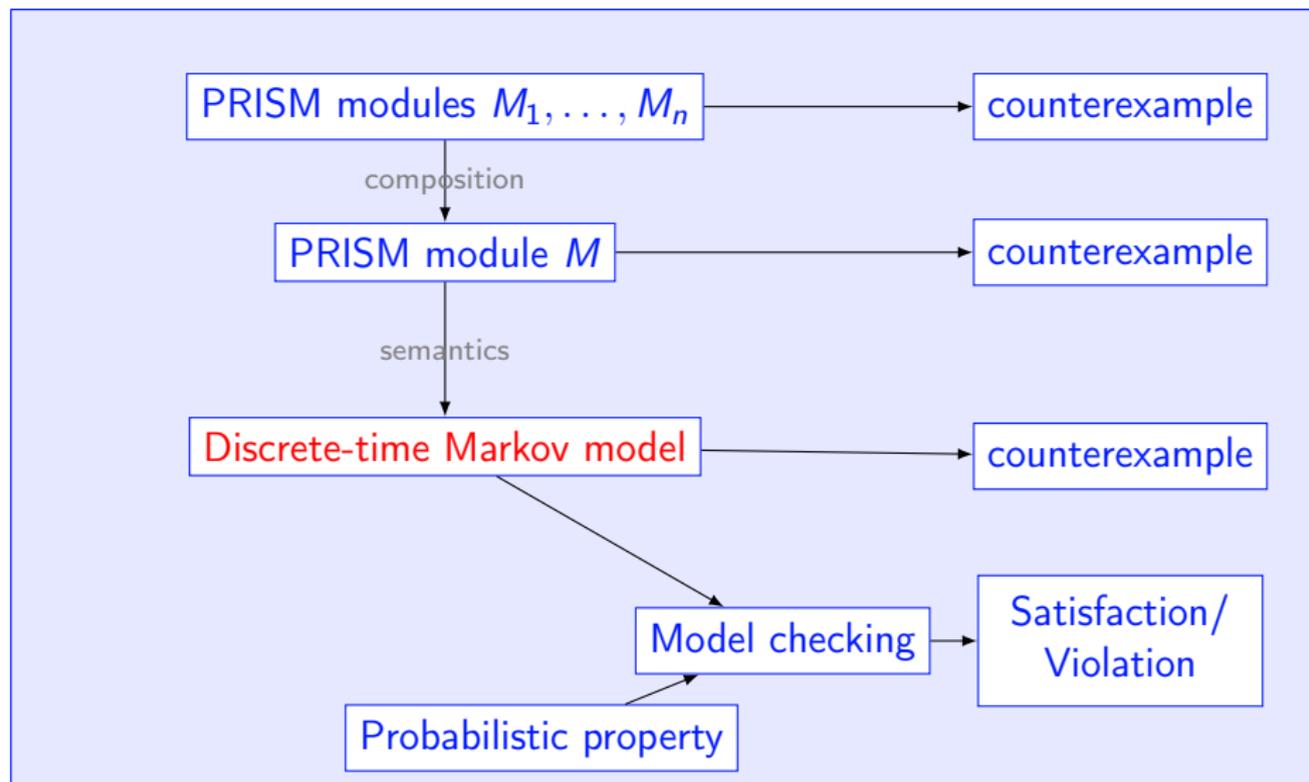
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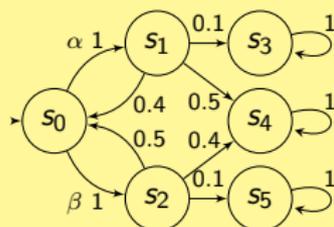
Topic of this tutorial: **Modeling** and **analyzing** such systems

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- Rolling a fair die
- Tossing a fair coin twice

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- $\{1, 3, 5\}$ is the event of rolling an odd number
- $[1, 6]$ is the event of rolling any number $1, \dots, 6$

Tossing a coin twice: $\Omega = \{H, T\}^2$

- $\{(H, H)\}$ is the simple event of tossing heads twice
- $\{(H, H), (H, T)\}$ is the event of tossing heads first
- \emptyset is the event of tossing nothing

Operations on events

$\bar{E} = \Omega \setminus E$	E does not occur
$E_1 \cup E_2$	either E_1 or E_2 occur
E_1, E_2	both E_1 and E_2 occur
$E_1 \setminus E_2 = E_1, \bar{E}_2$	E_1 occurs and E_2 not

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- Pr a probability measure for (Ω, \mathcal{F}) .

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*“It must clearly be assumed that [...] the movements of one and the same particle in **different time** intervals are **independent processes**, as long as these time intervals are not chosen too small.*

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Thus a DTMC is a tuple $(S, s_{\text{init}}, P, L)$.

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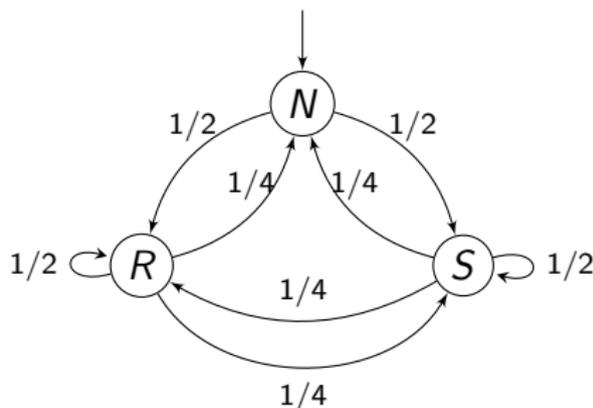
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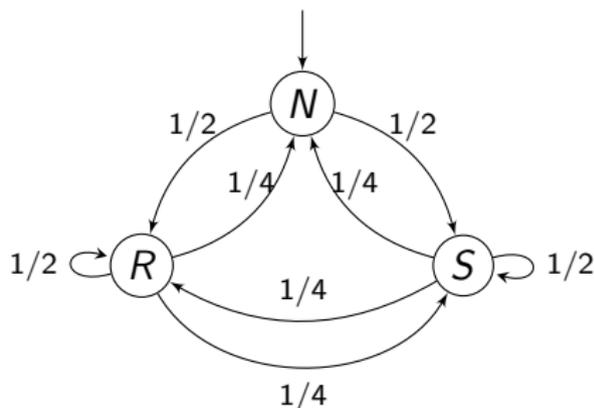
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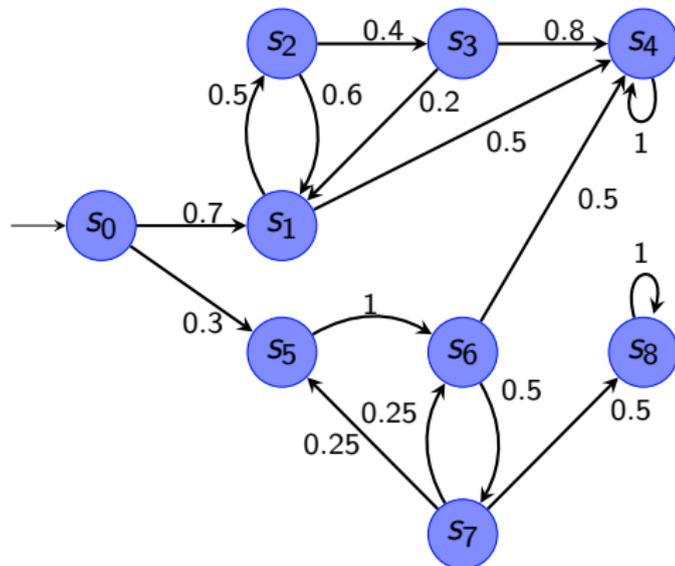
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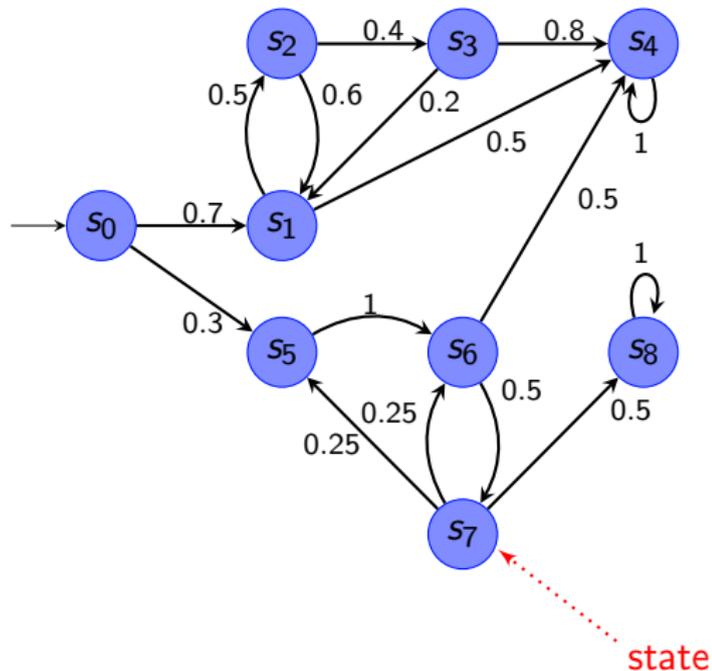


For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, P^n is a **stochastic matrix**: its rows sum up to 1.

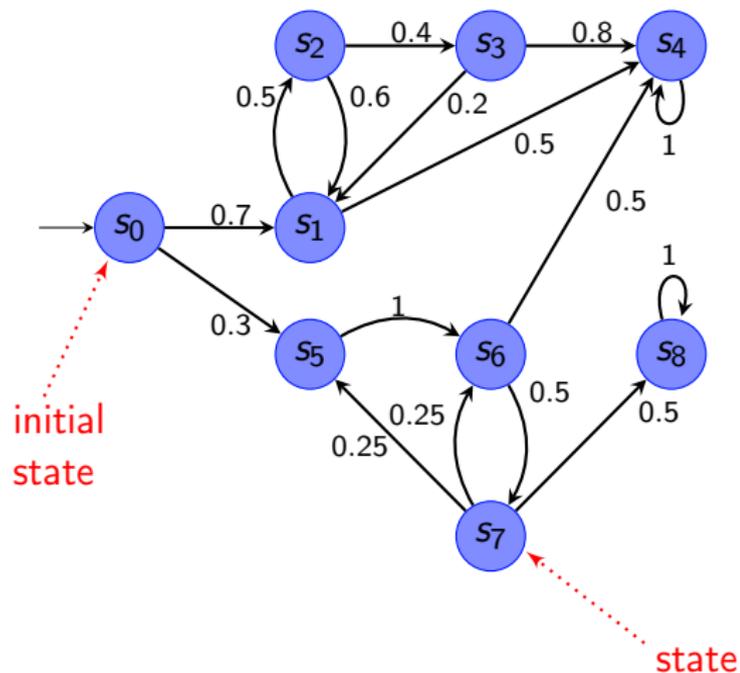
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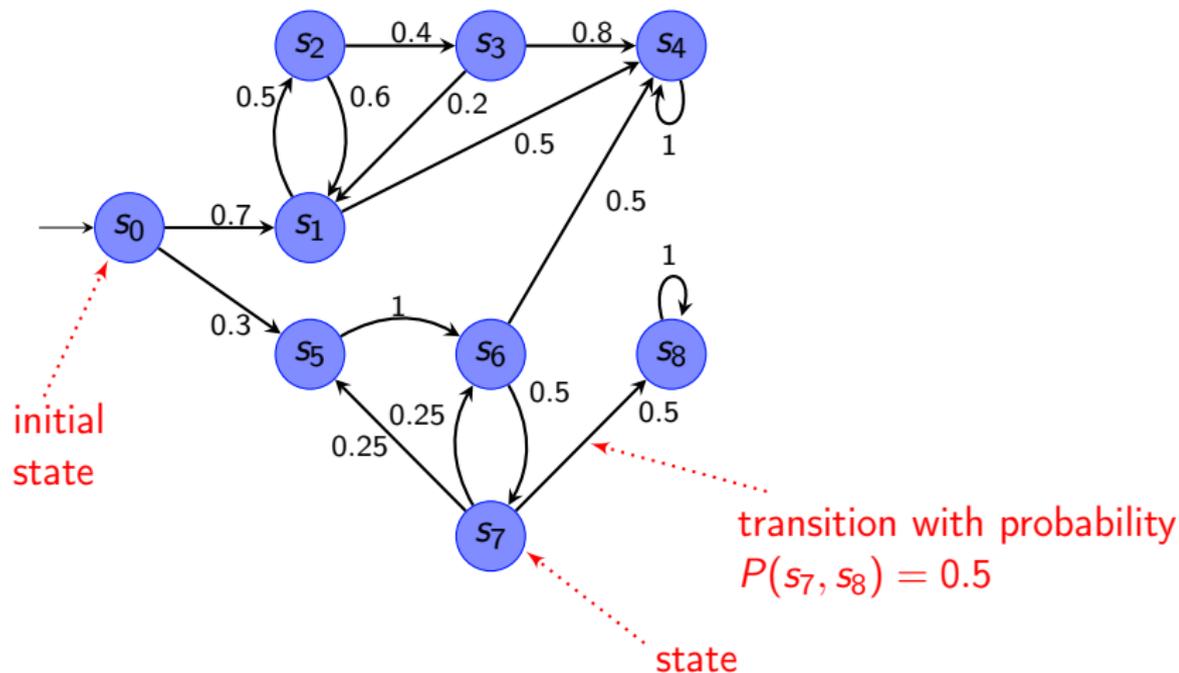
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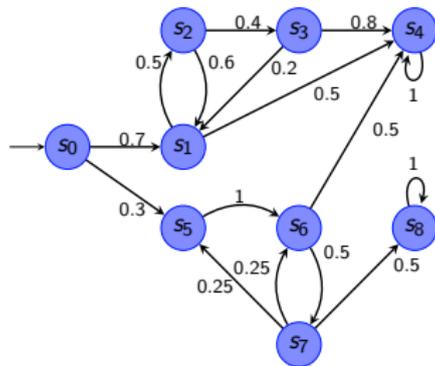
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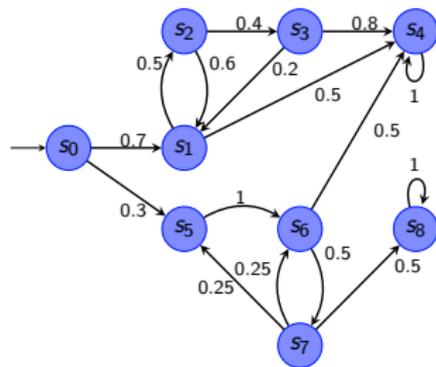
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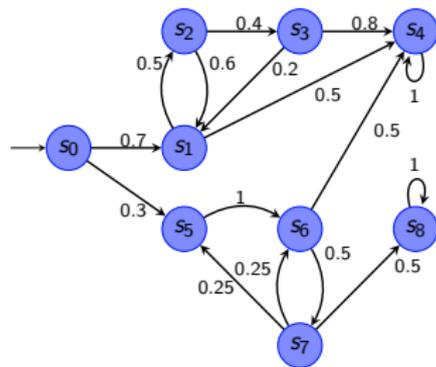


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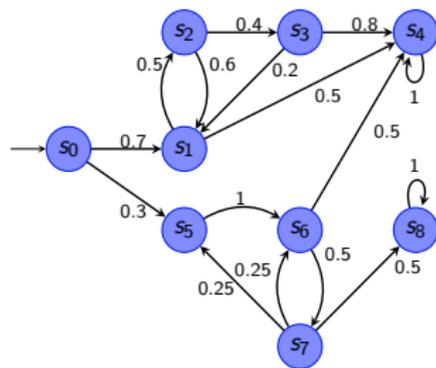
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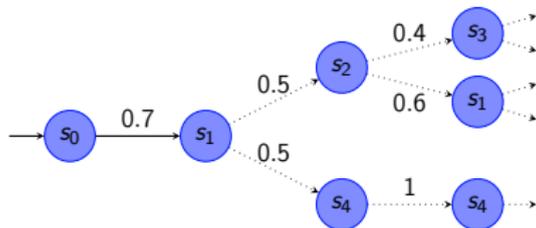
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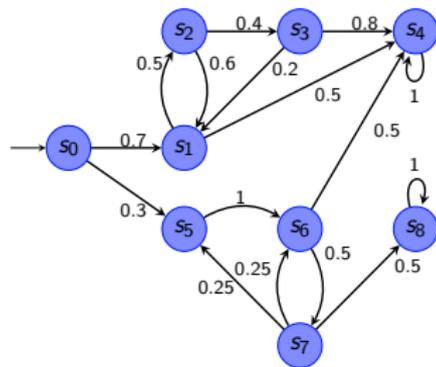


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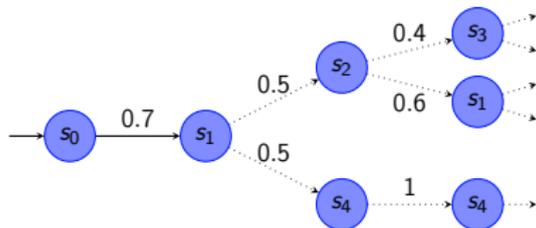
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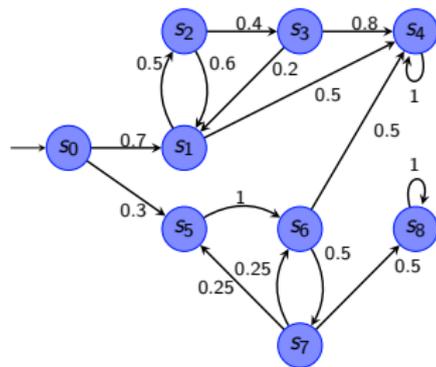
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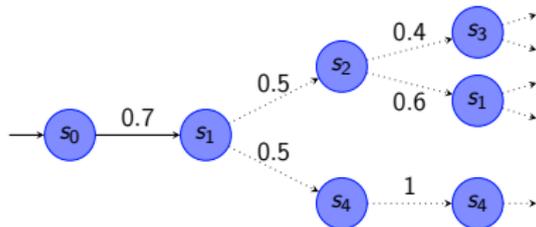


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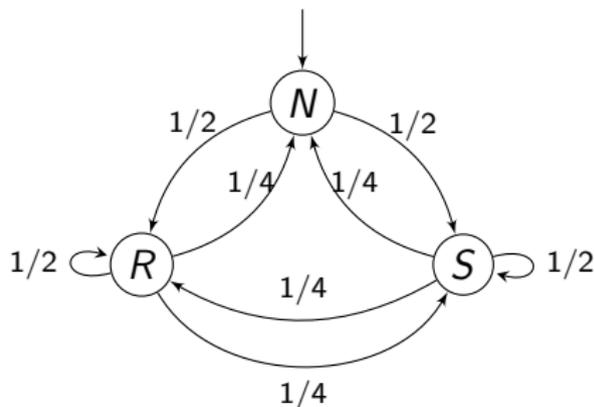
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Weather forecast in the Land of Oz

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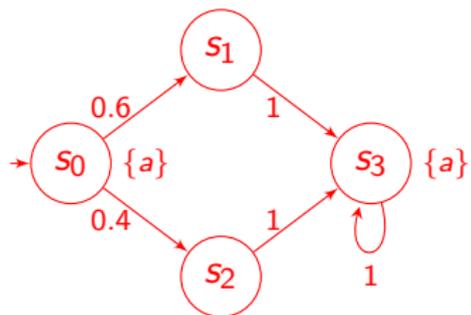
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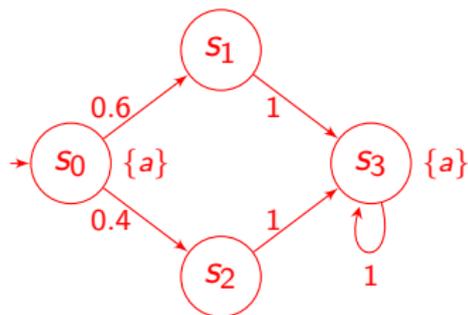
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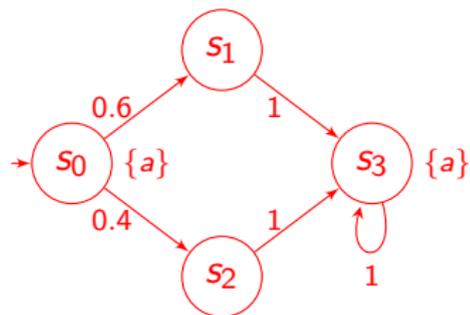


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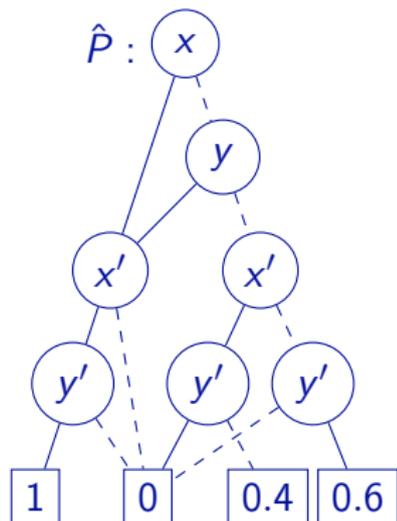
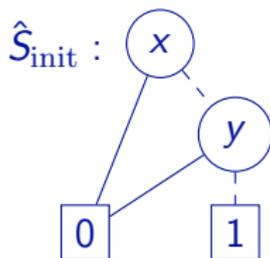


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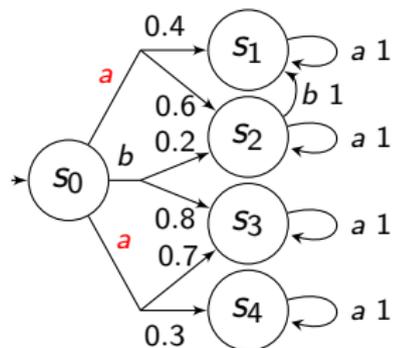
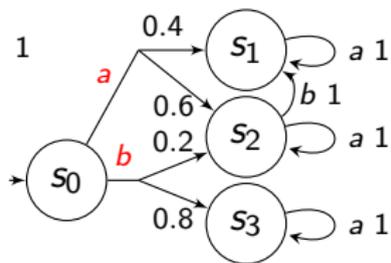
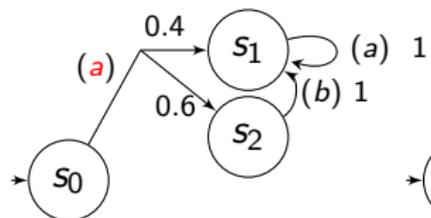


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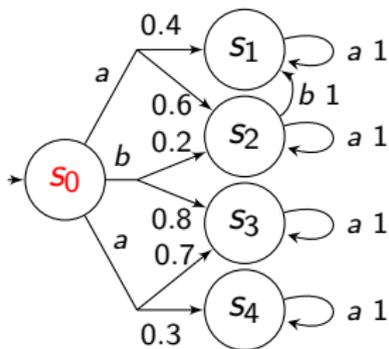
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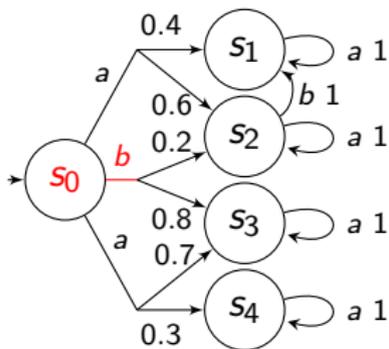
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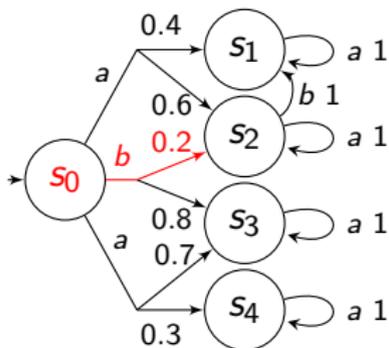
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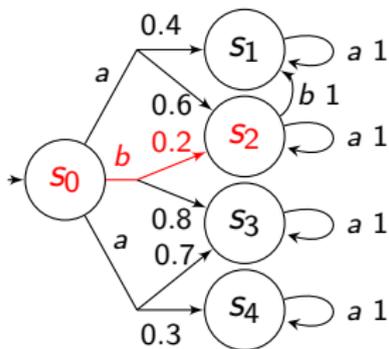
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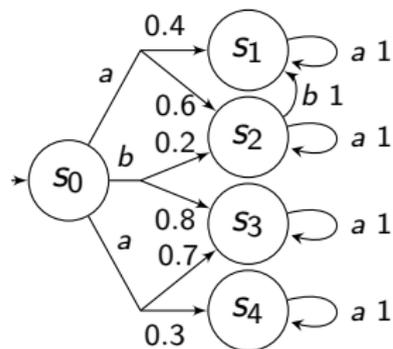
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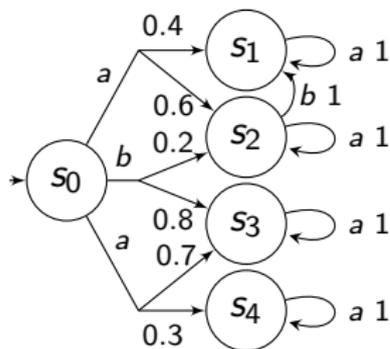
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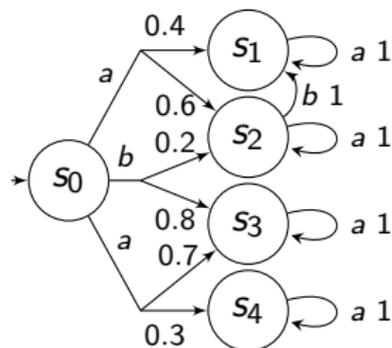
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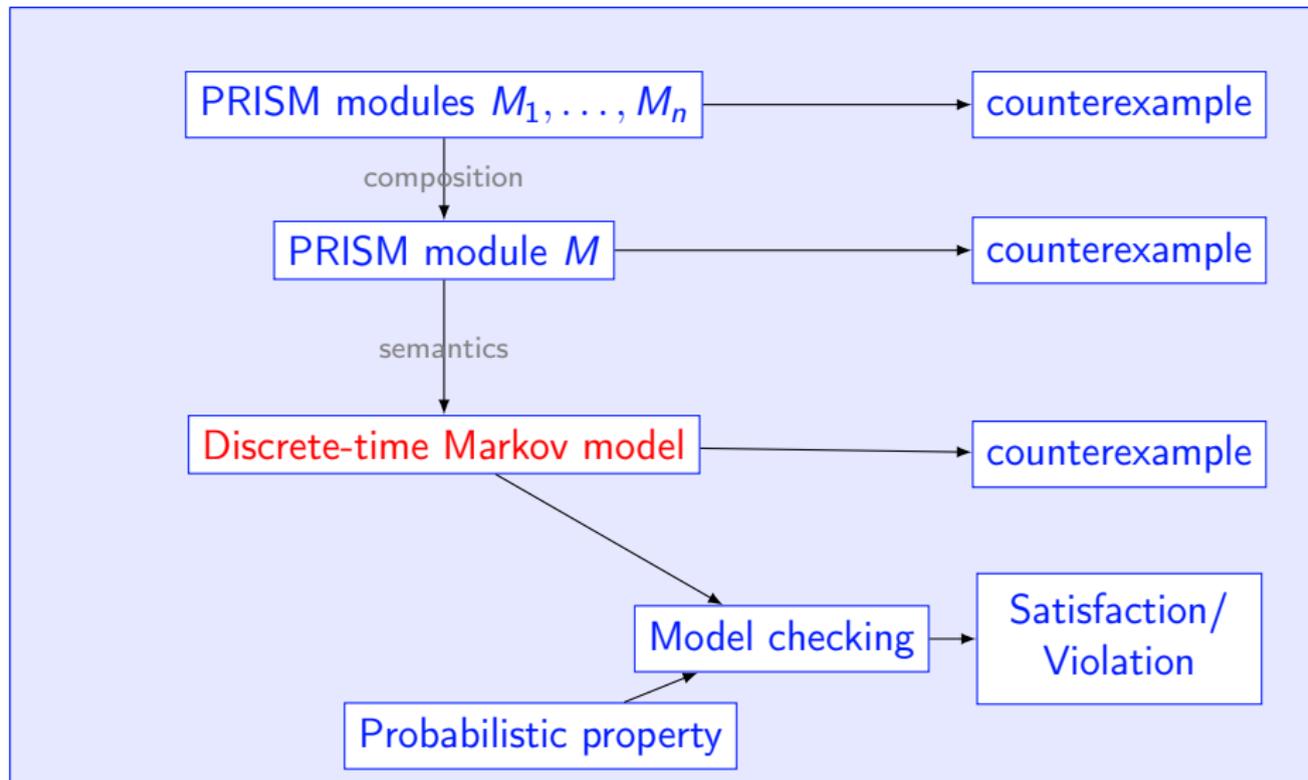
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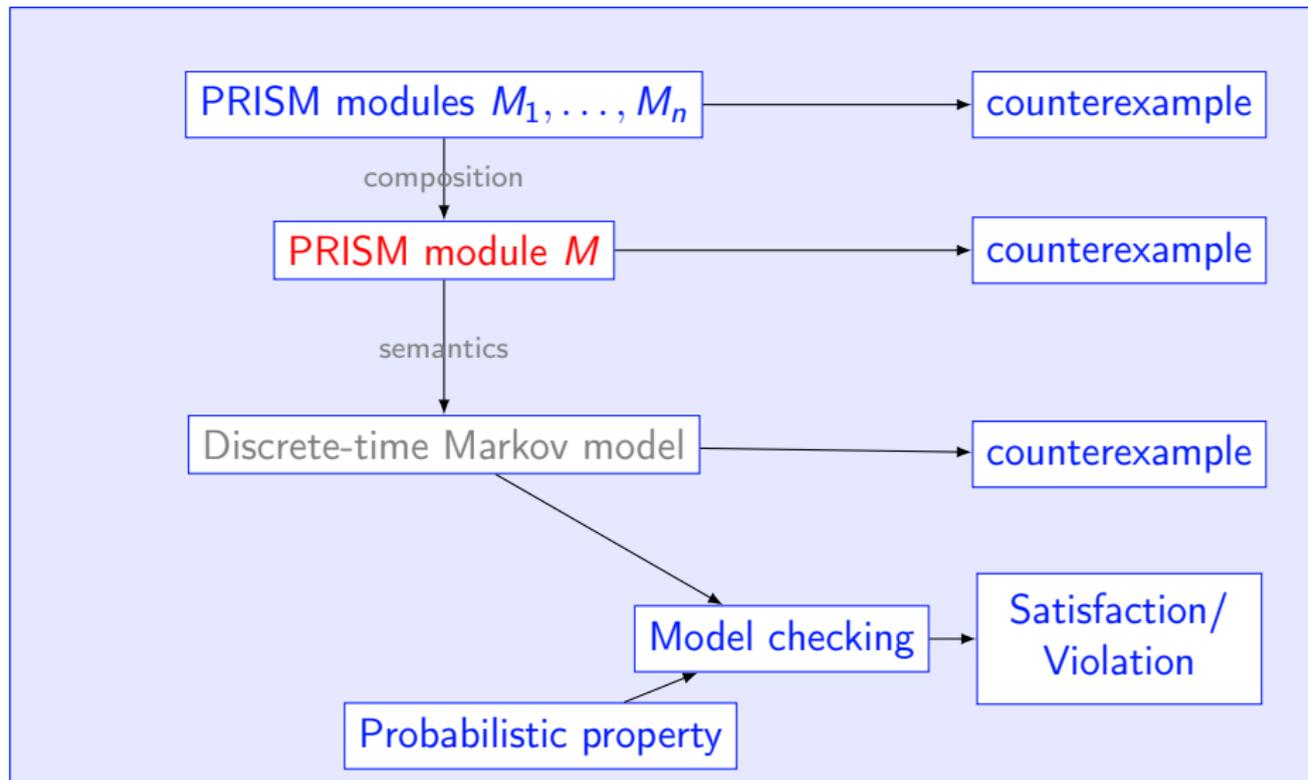
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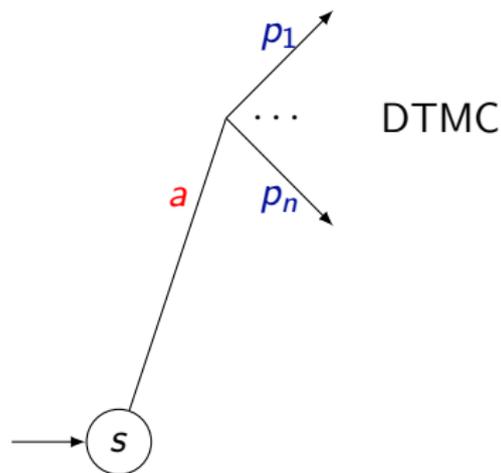
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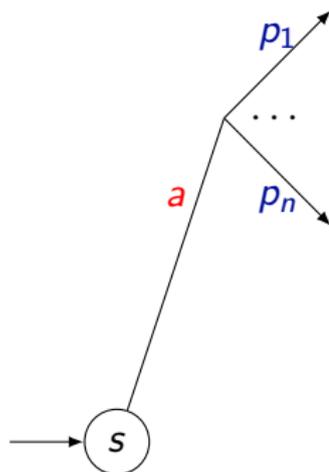
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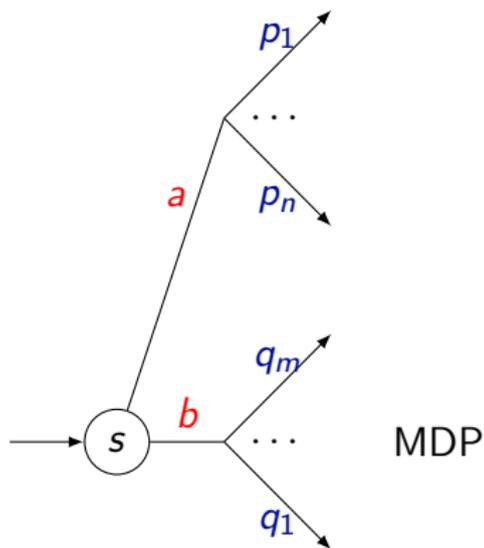
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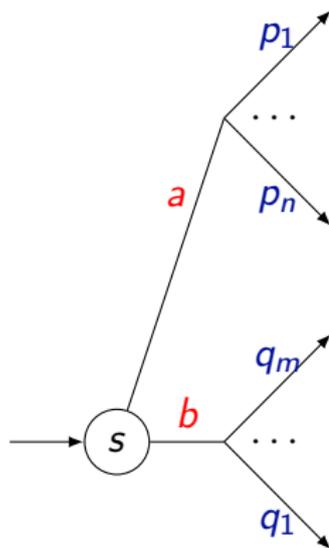


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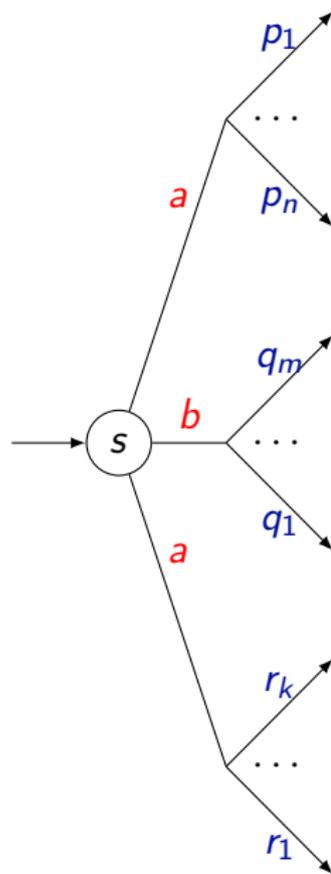


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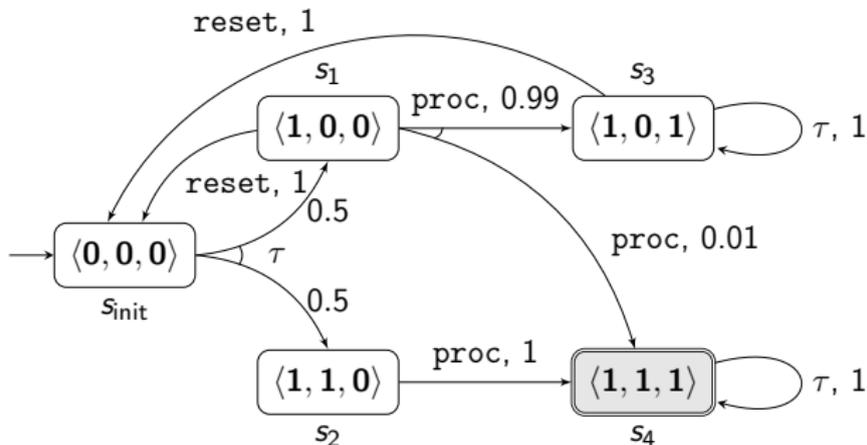
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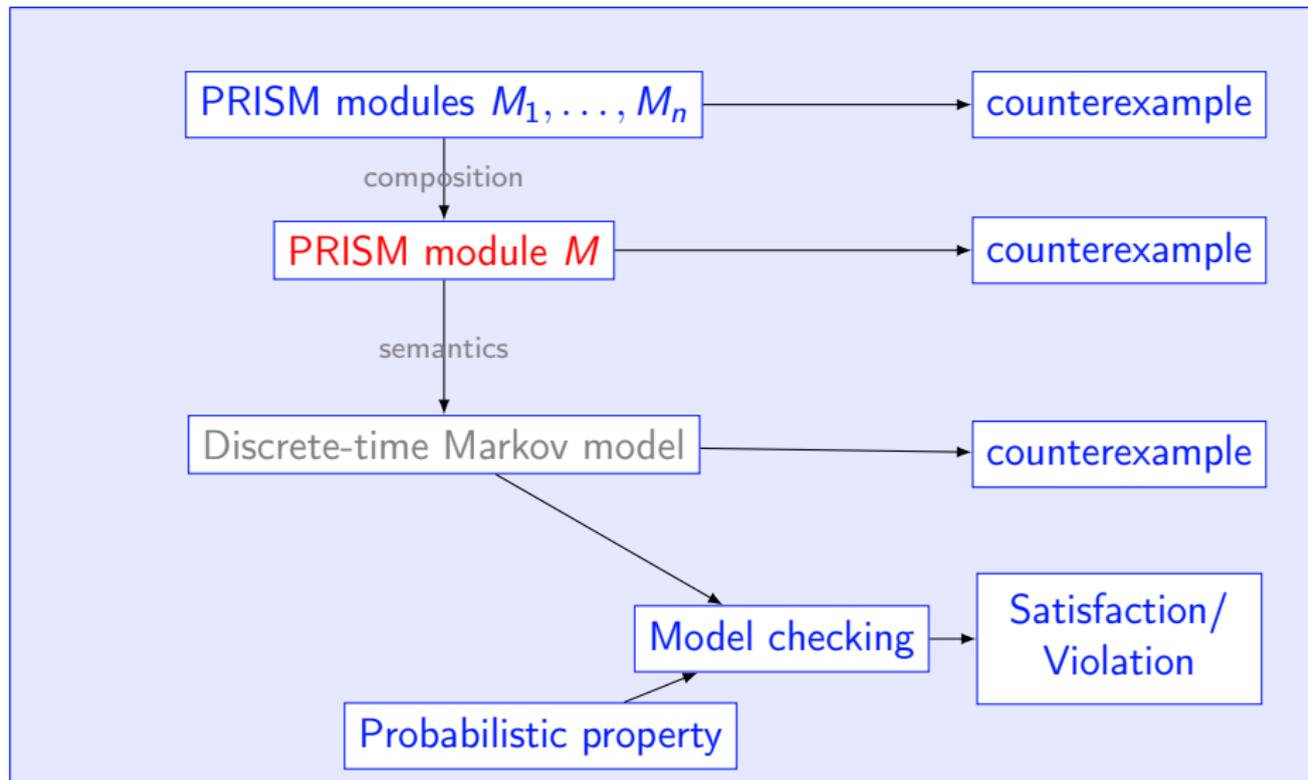
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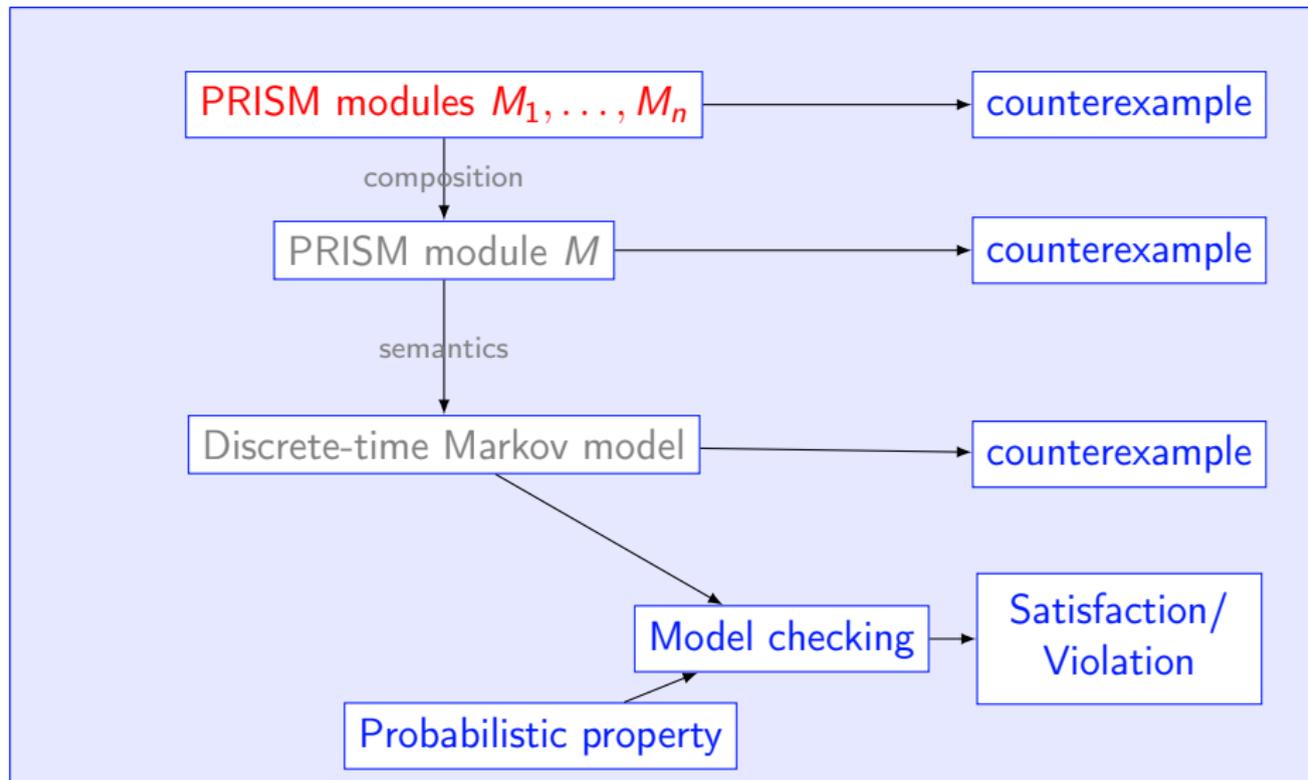
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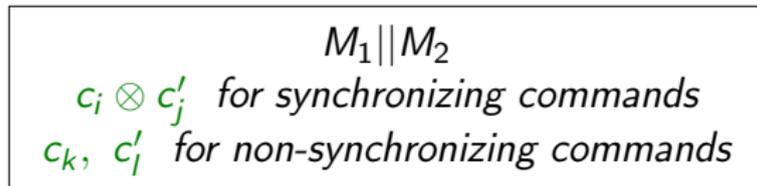
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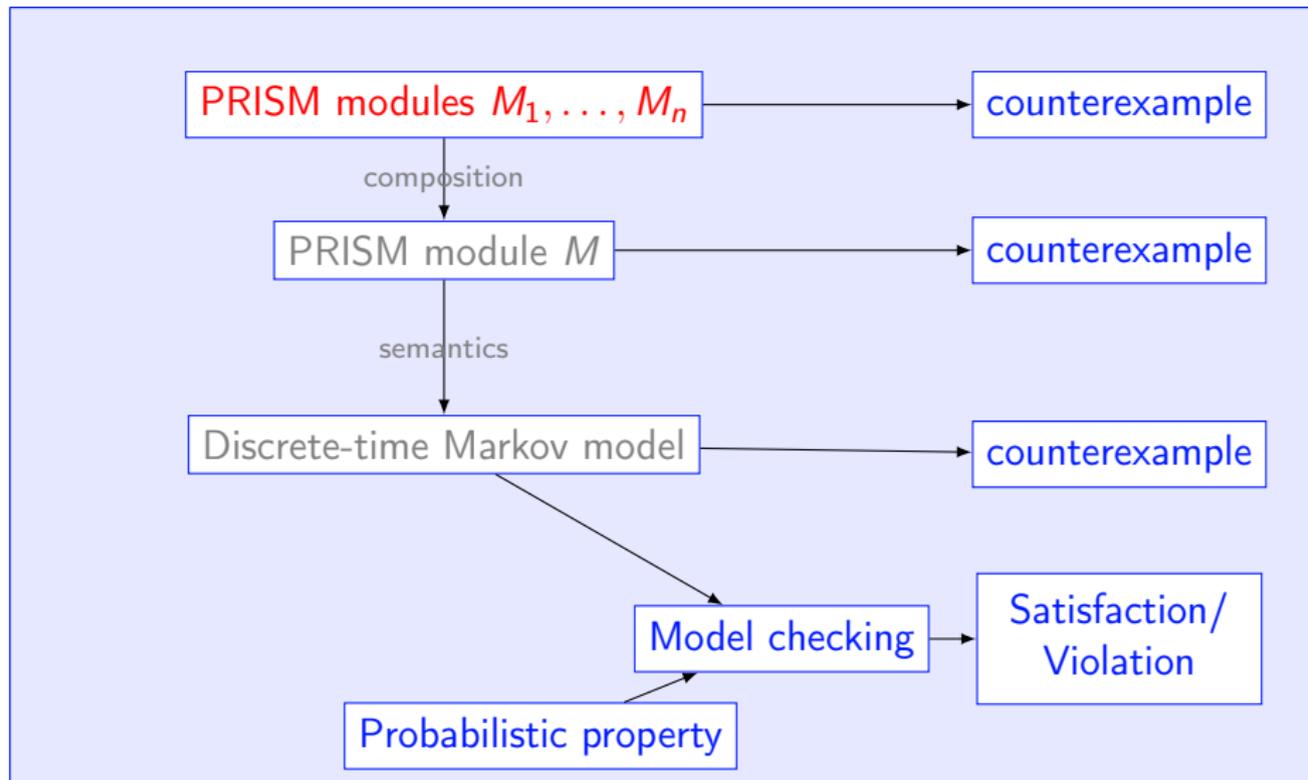

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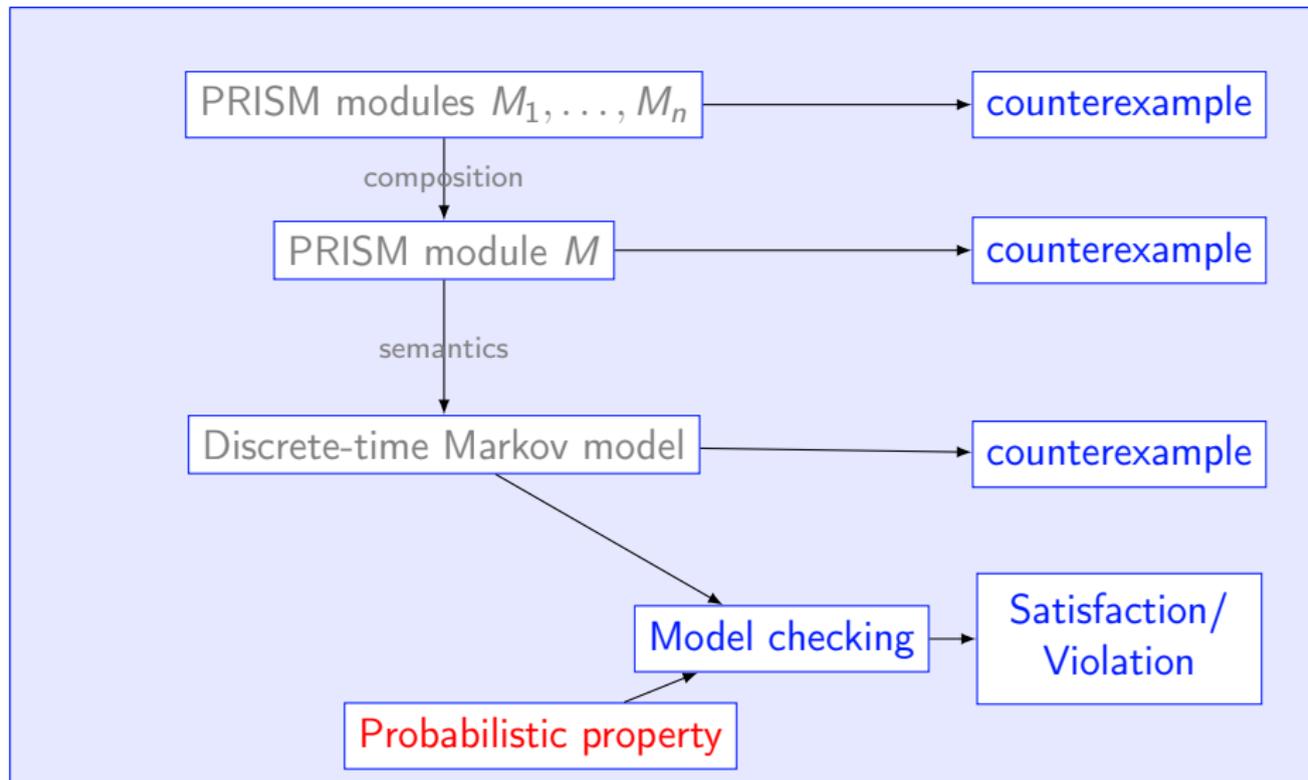


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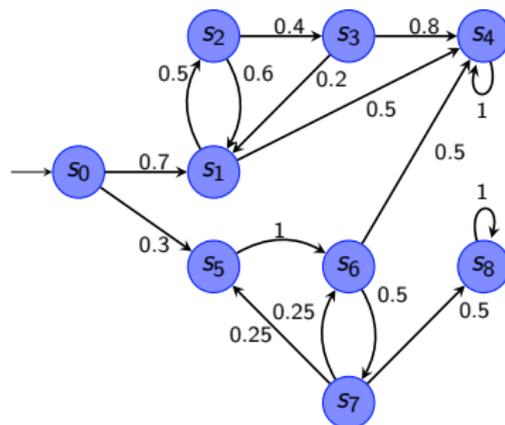
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“The probability to reach t from s_{init} in \mathcal{D} is less than 0.01.”

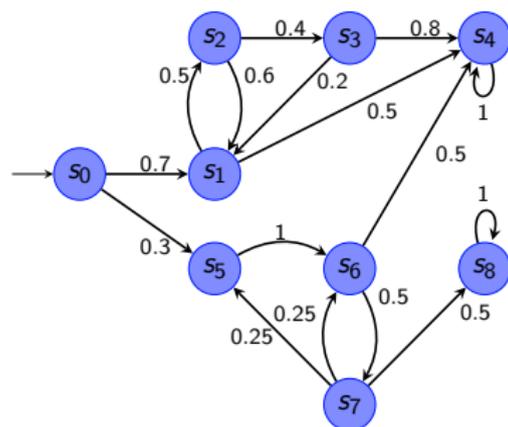
$$\begin{aligned} & Pr_{s_{\text{init}}}(\diamond t) \\ = & Pr_{s_{\text{init}}}(\{\text{all infinite paths starting in } s_{\text{init}} \text{ and visiting } t\}) \\ = & Pr_{s_{\text{init}}}(\cup_{\text{finite paths } s_{\text{init}} \dots t} \text{Cyl}(s_{\text{init}} \dots t)) \\ = & \sum_{\text{finite paths } s_0 \dots s_n \text{ with } s_0 = s_{\text{init}}, s_n = t, t \notin \{s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}\}} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} P(s_i, s_{i+1}). \end{aligned}$$

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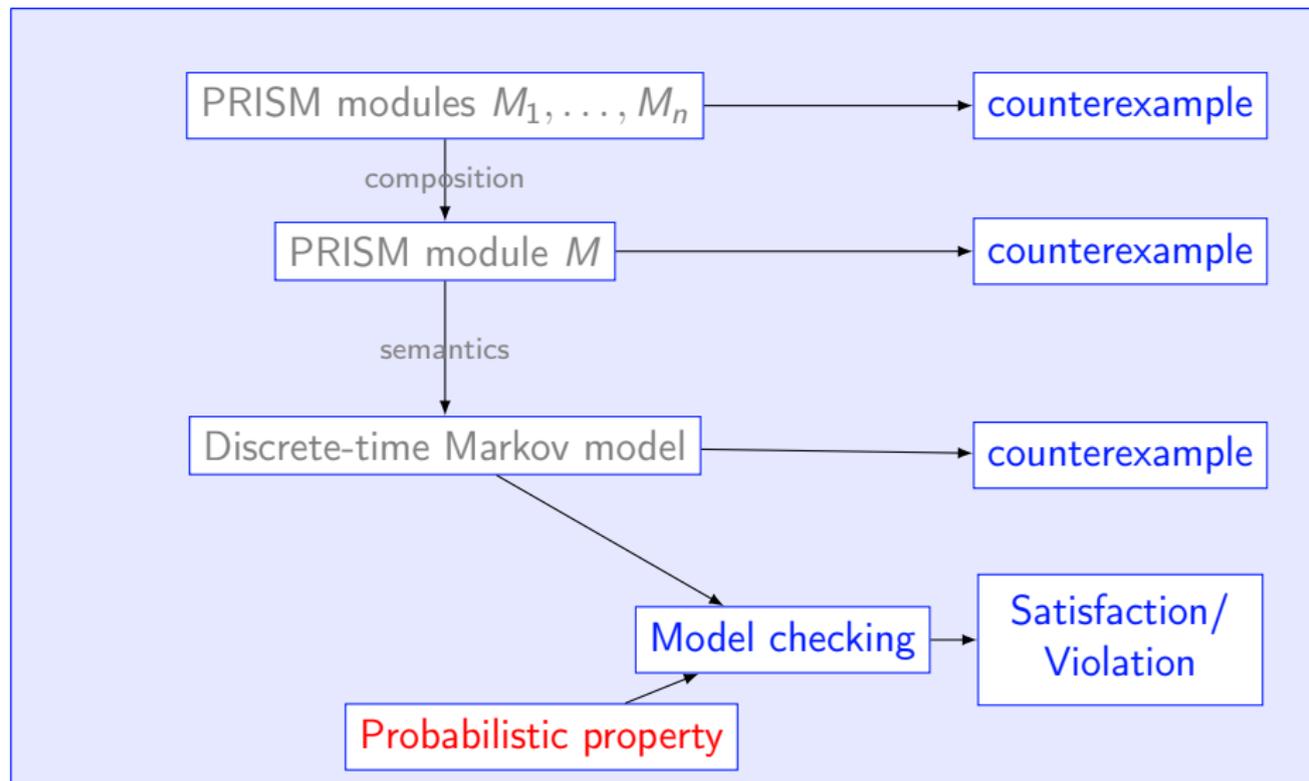
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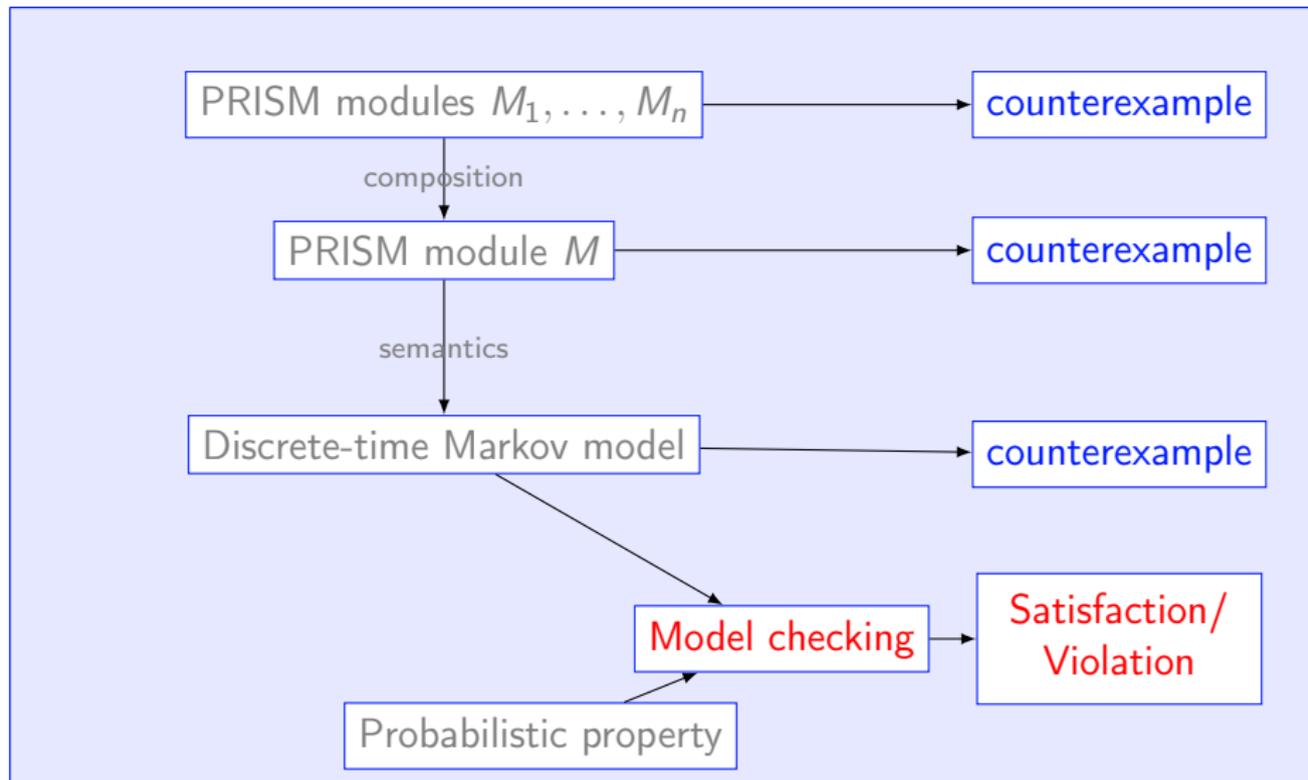
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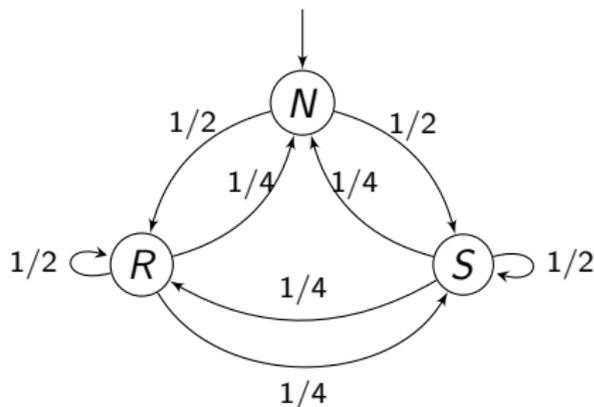
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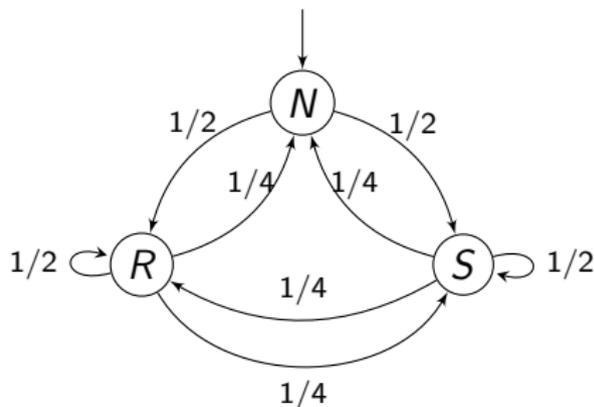
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Probabilistic model checkers

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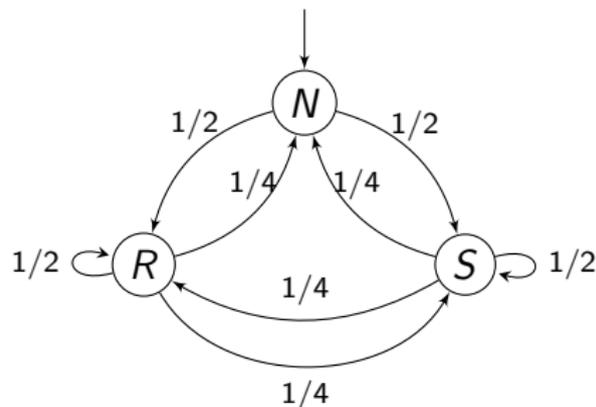
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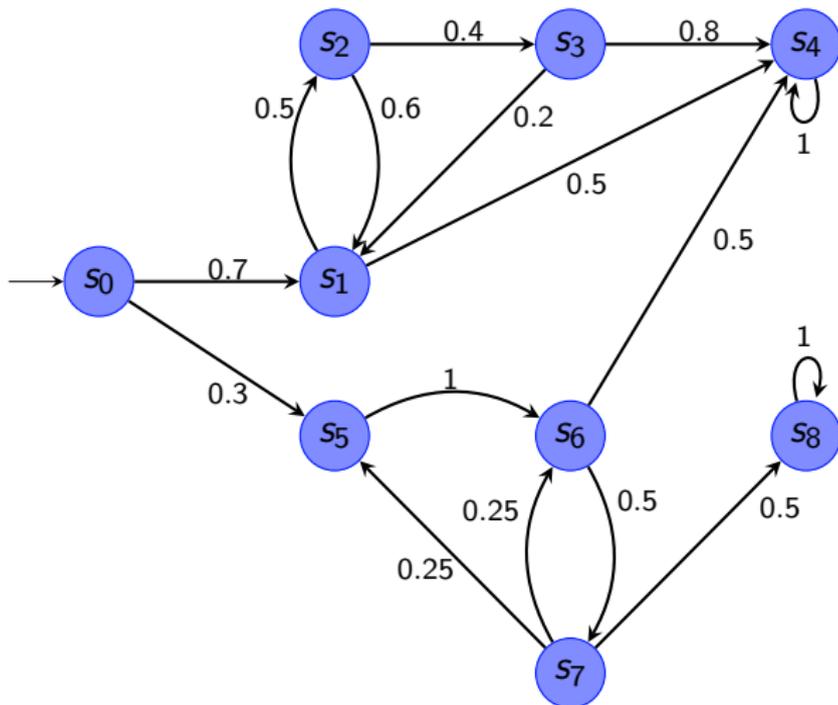


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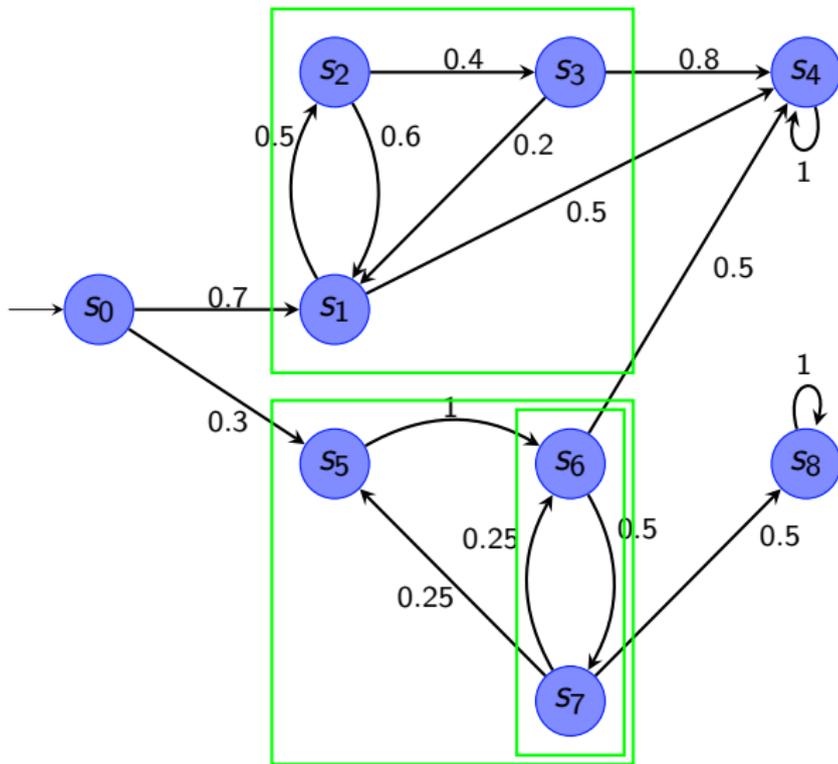
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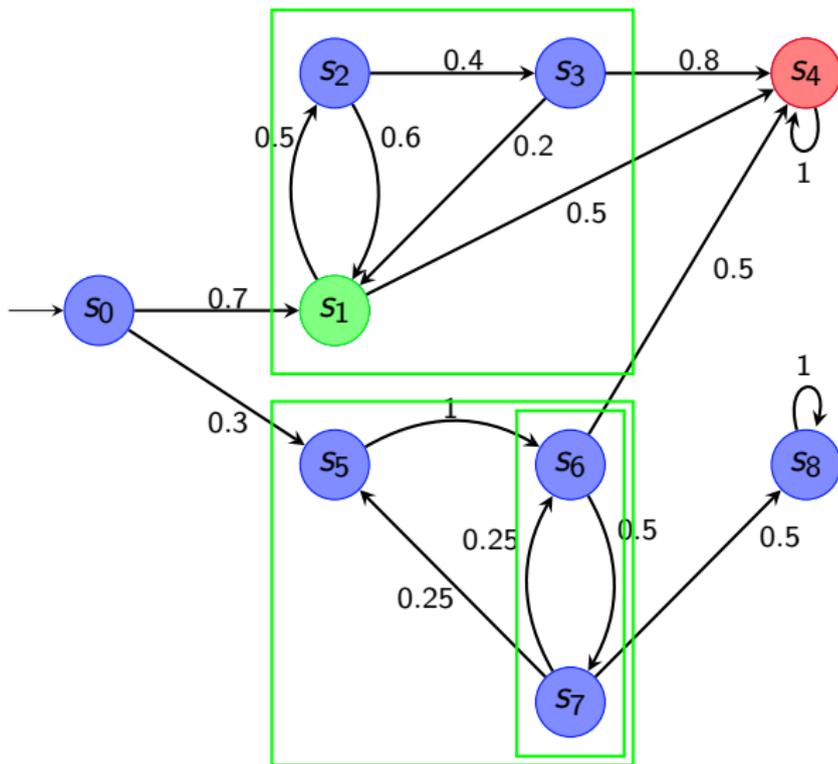
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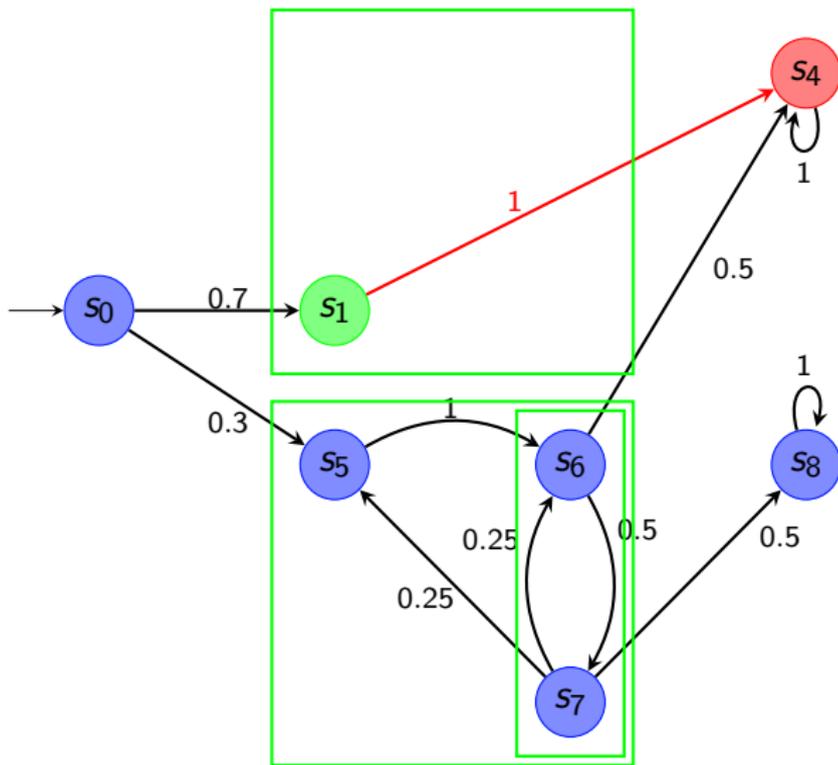
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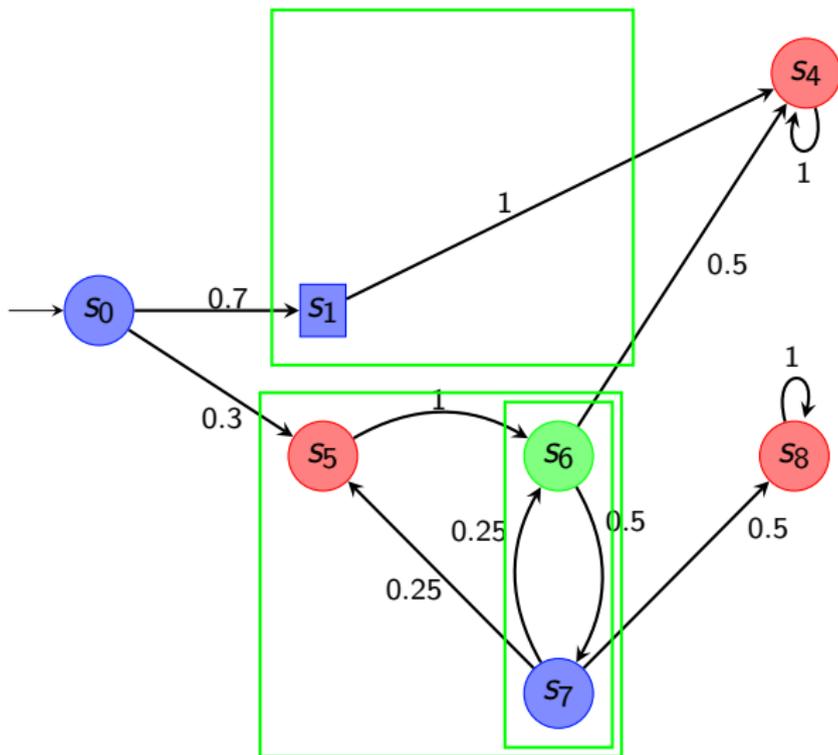
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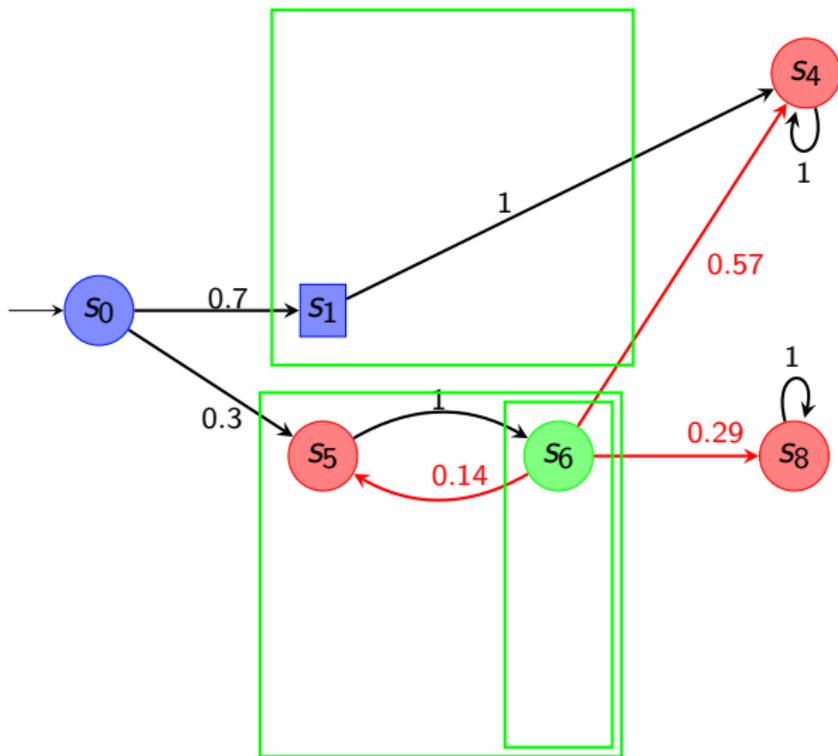
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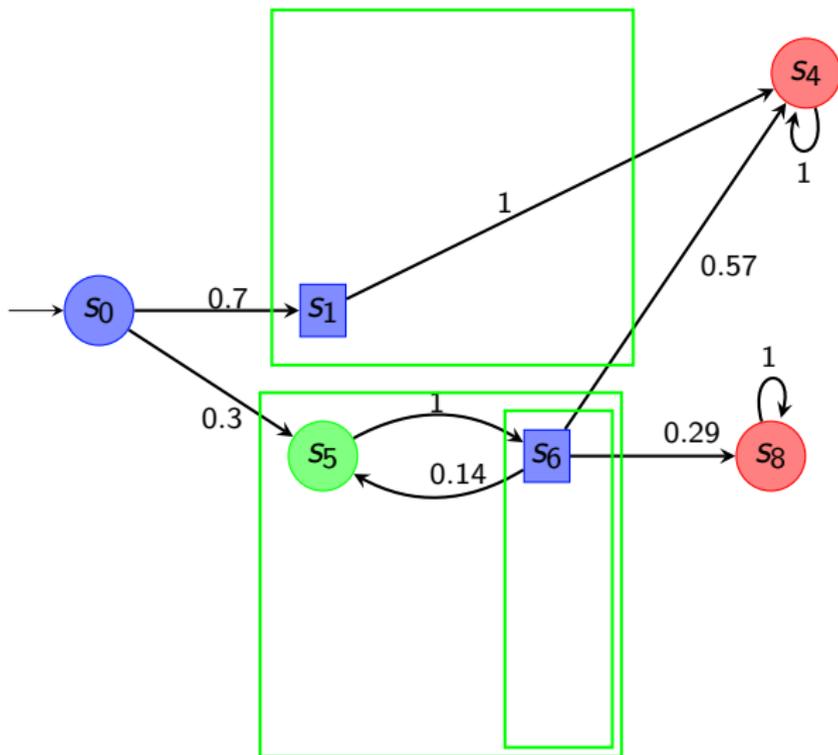
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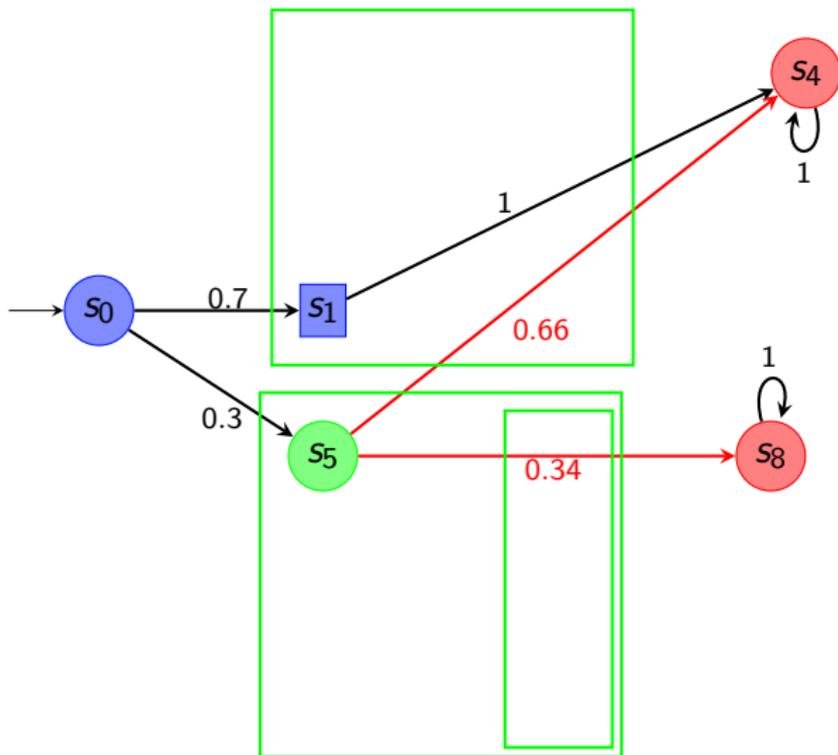
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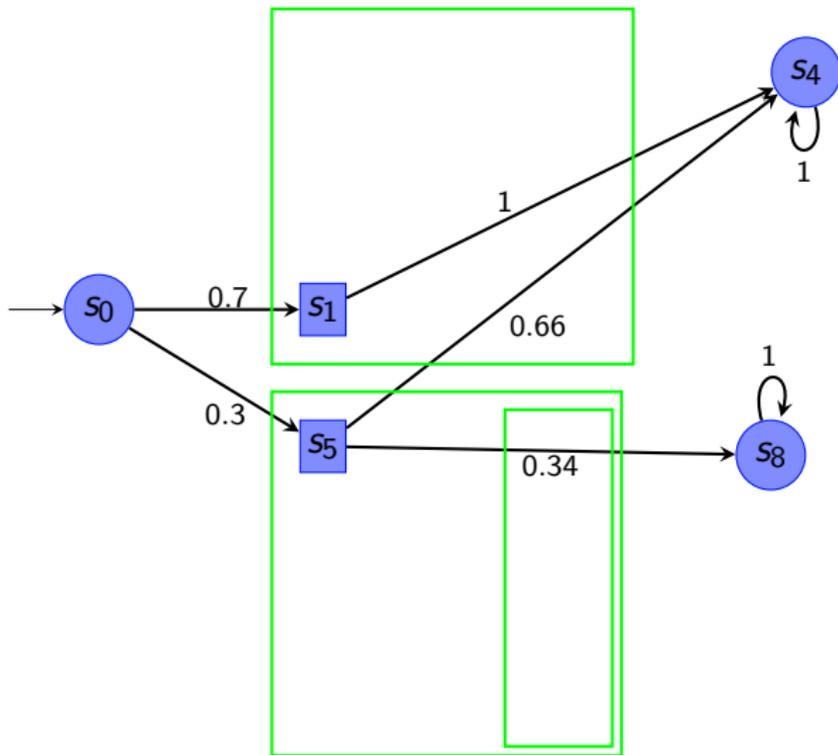
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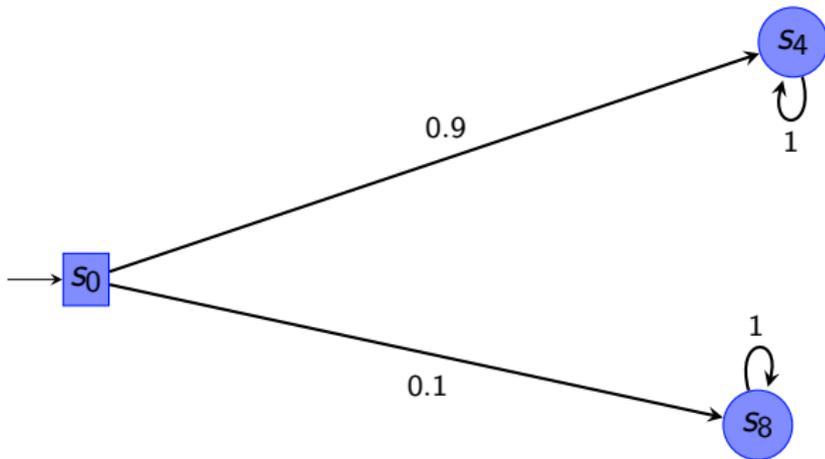
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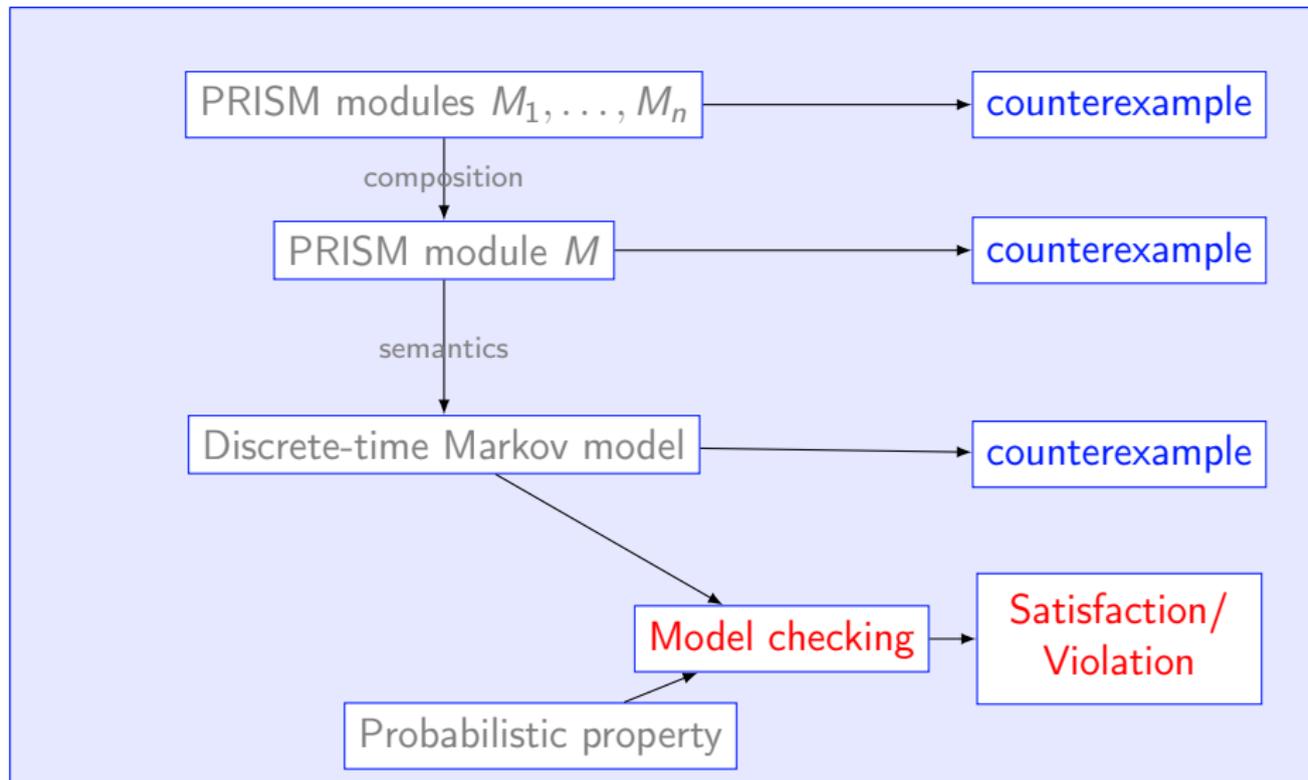
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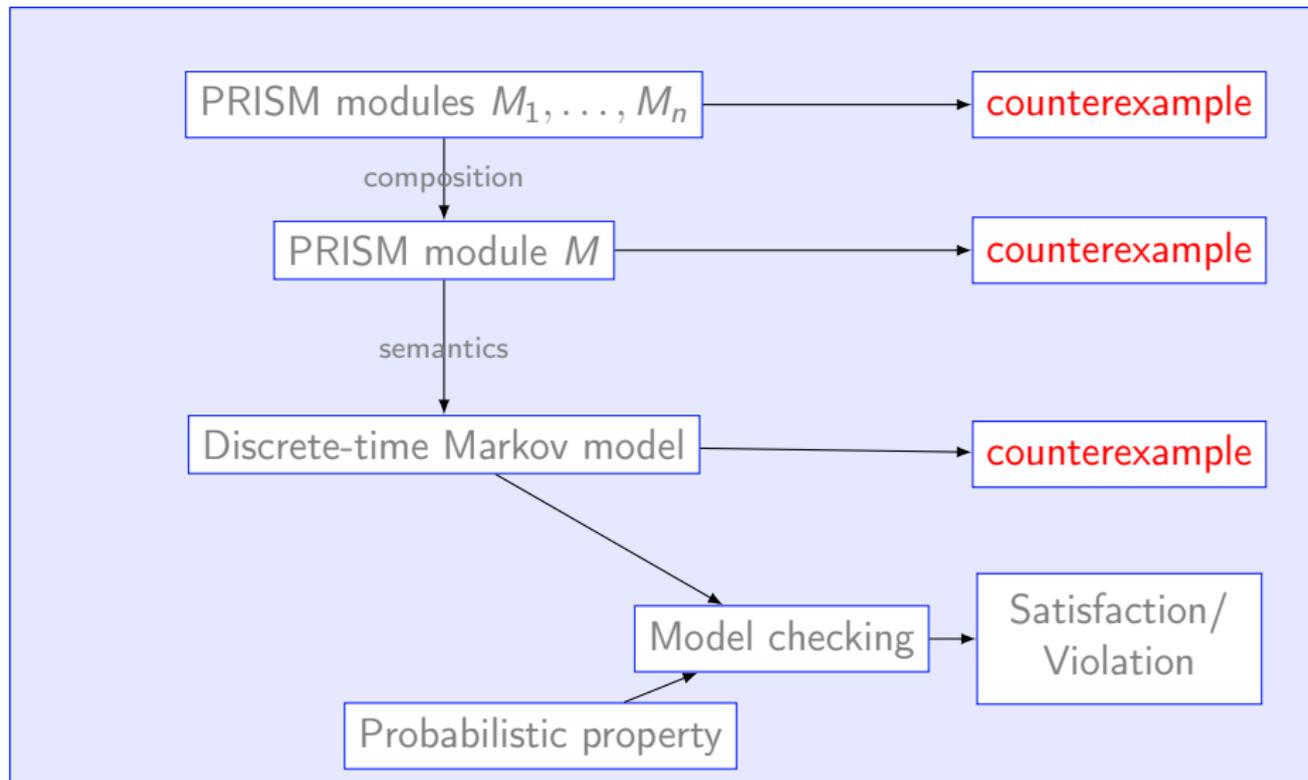
Model checking reachability properties of PRISM models

Model check the underlying DTMC/MDP/PA models.

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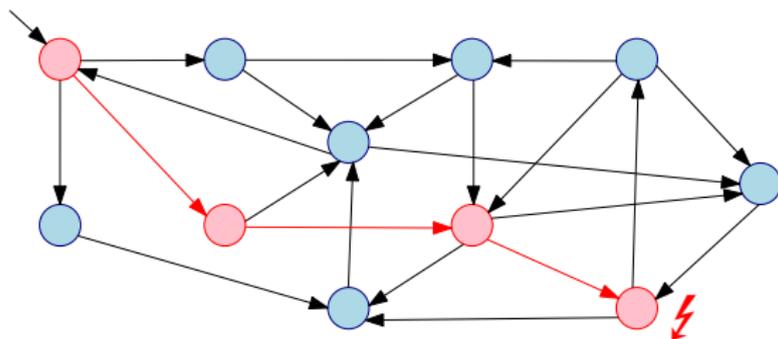


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Probabilistic counterexamples

Counterexamples



"It is impossible to overestimate the importance of the counterexample feature. The counterexamples are invaluable in debugging complex systems. Some people use model checking just for this feature."

Edmund Clarke, Turing-Award Winner 2007

■ Application areas:

- Guide for debugging erroneous systems (error reproduction)
- Counterexample-guided abstraction refinement (CEGAR)

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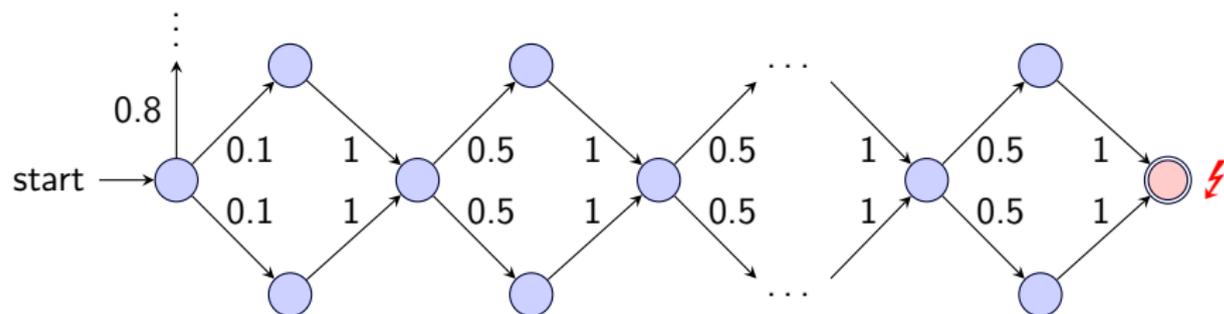
Existing Tools:

- DiPro (*Aljazzar et al.*)
- COMICS (*Jansen et al.*)

Problem

The number of paths in C can be VERY large – much larger than the system itself!

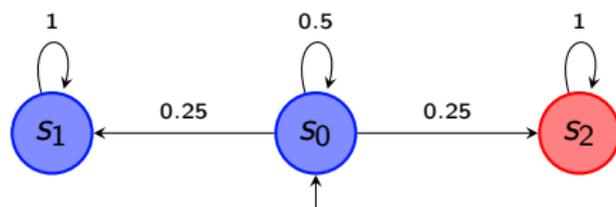
Large counterexamples



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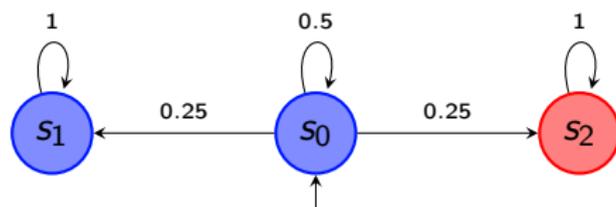
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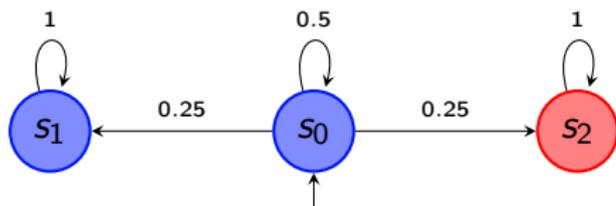
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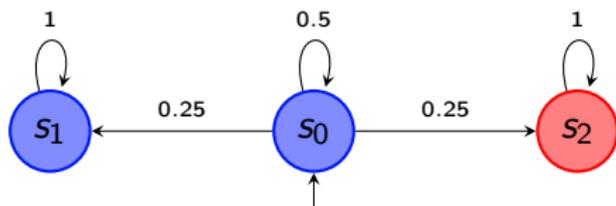
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Critical subsystems for DTMCs

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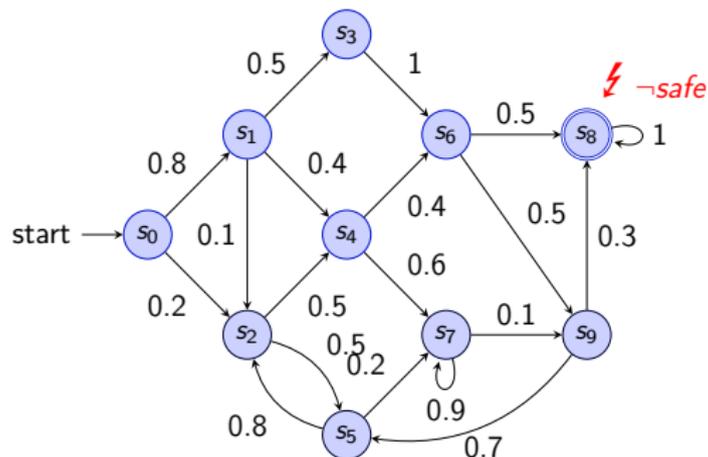
- by **enumeration of the paths**,
- by **regular expressions, trees,...**
- **critical subsystems** [Aljazzar/Leue, 2009; Jansen et al., 2011].

Critical subsystem

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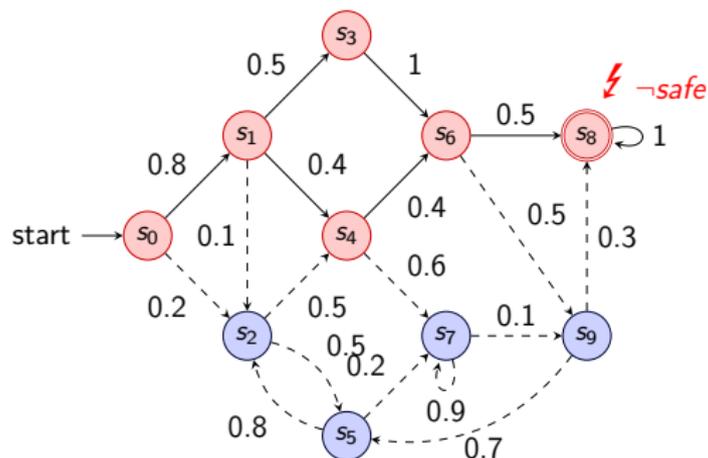
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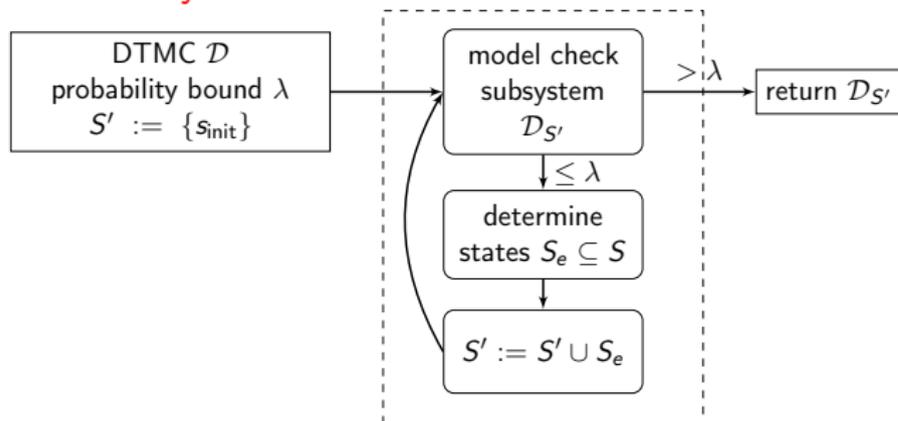
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Advantages:

- Compact representation \rightsquigarrow Usability
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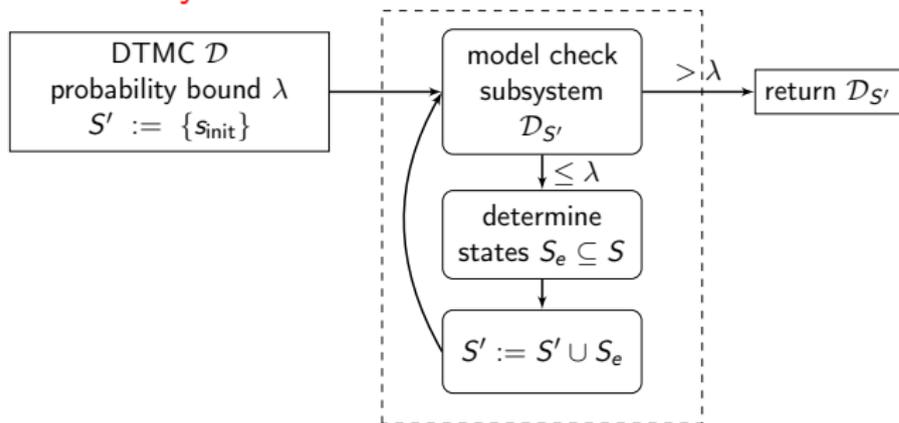
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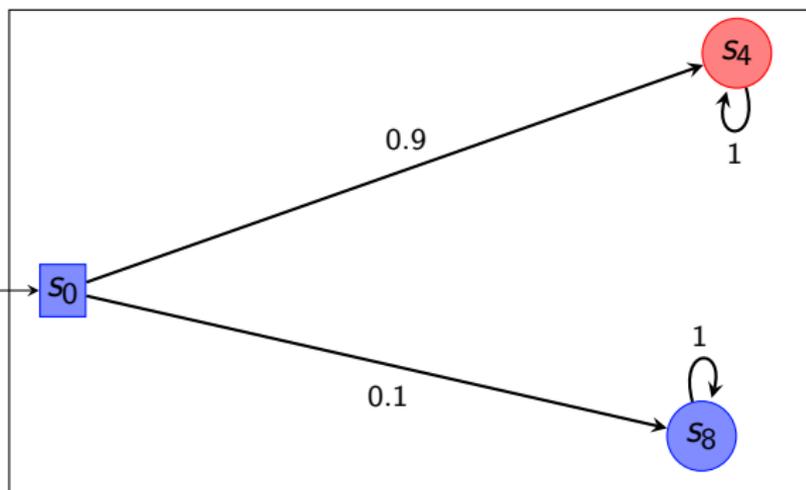
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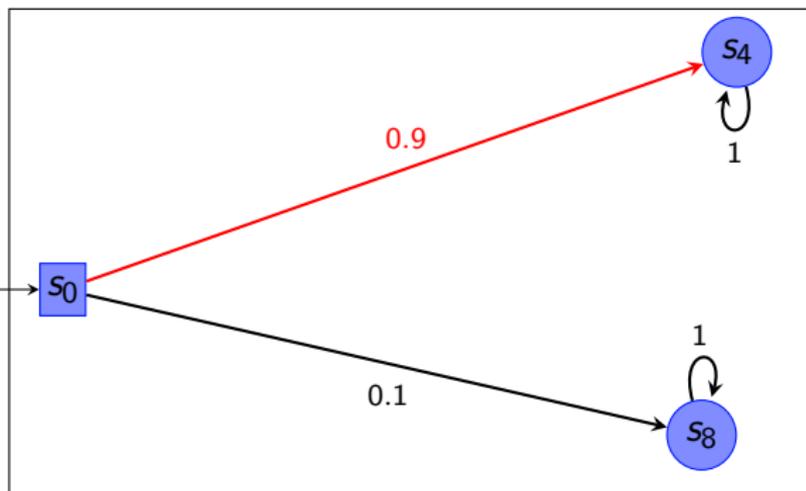
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Task: Find a critical subsystem that violates

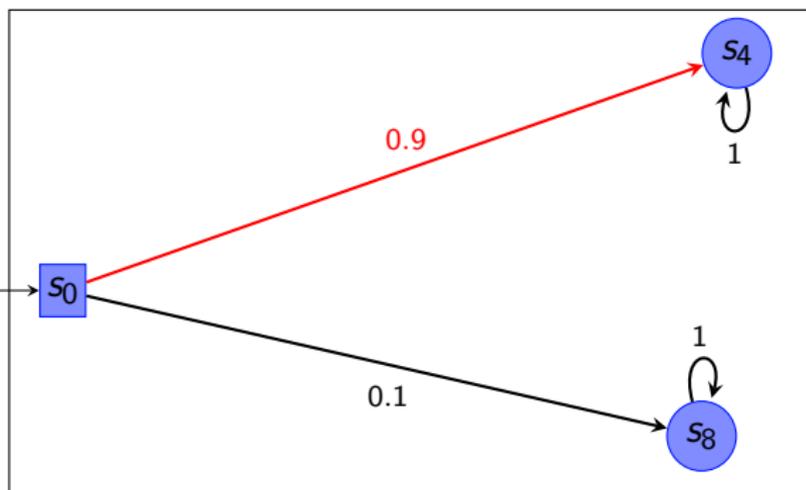
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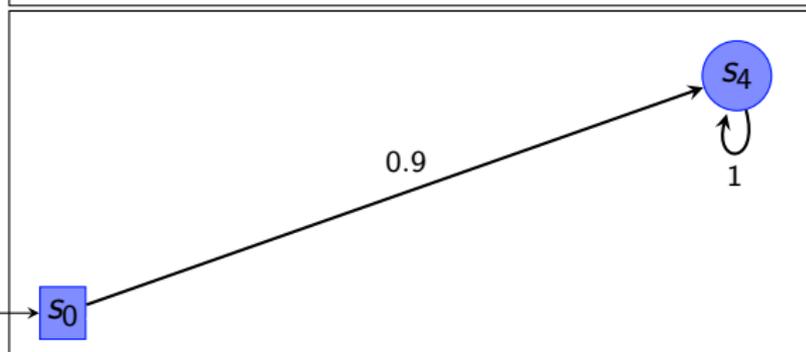
Initial Search

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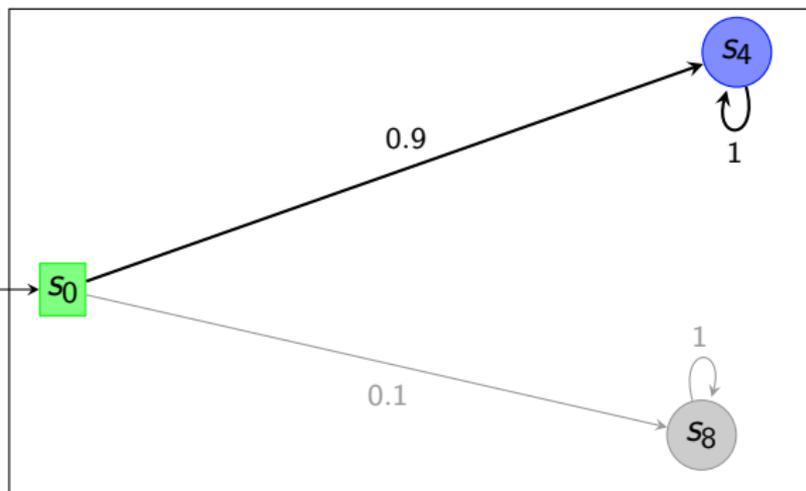


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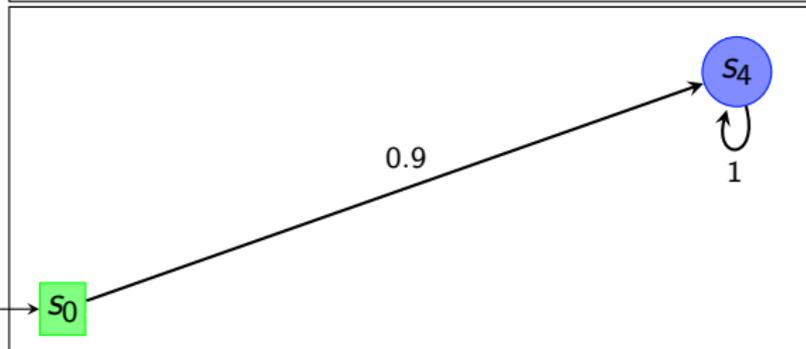
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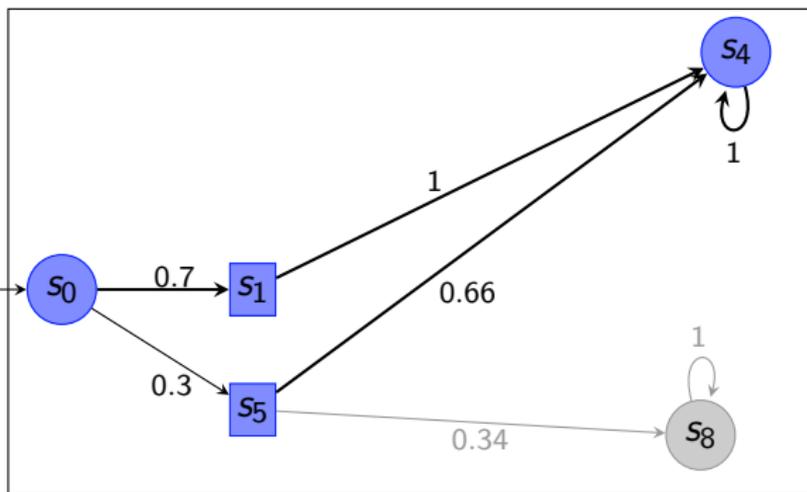
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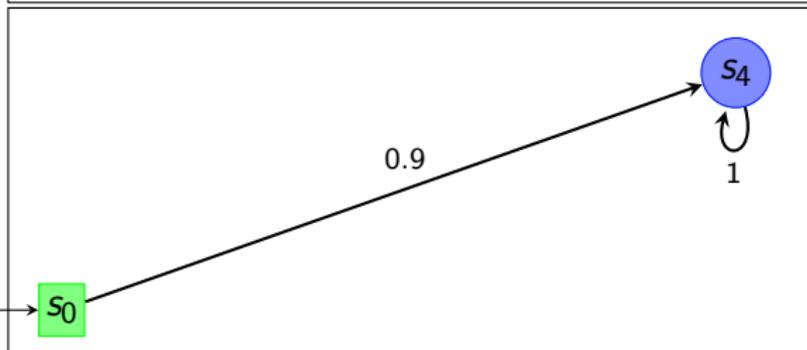
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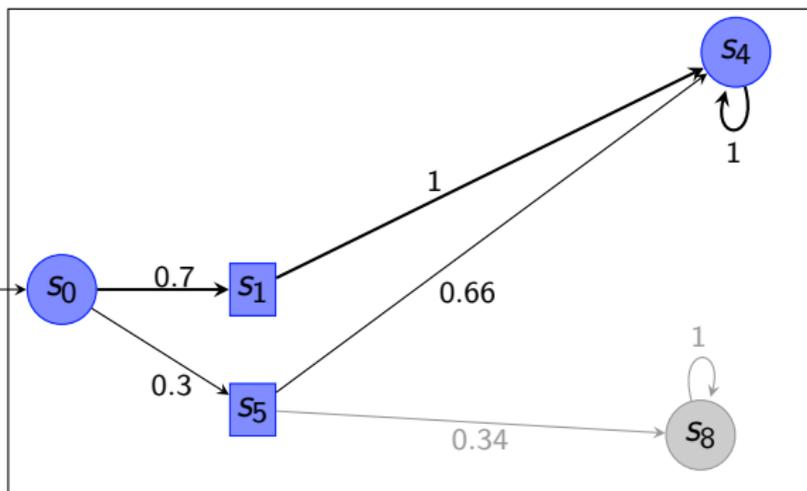
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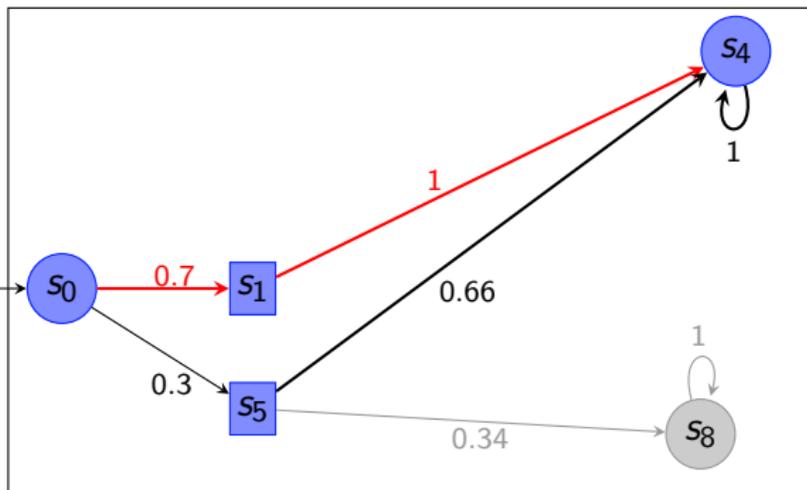
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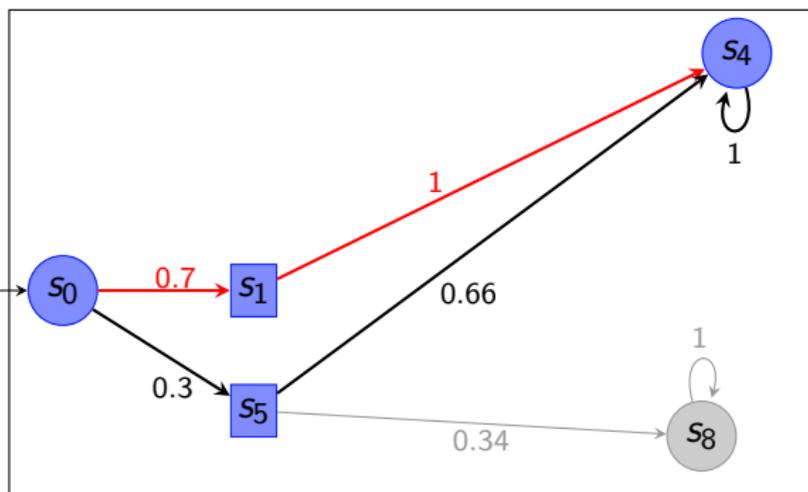
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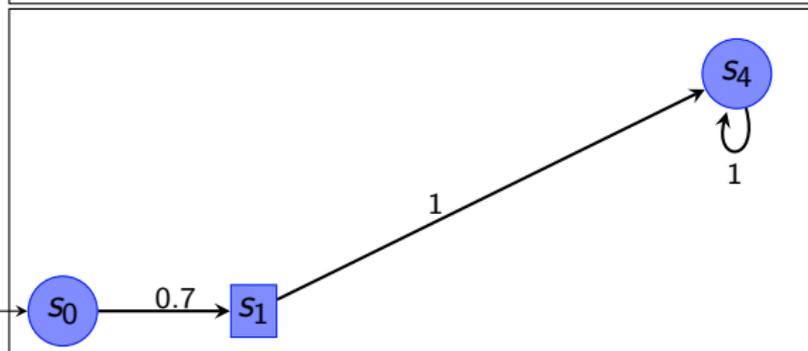


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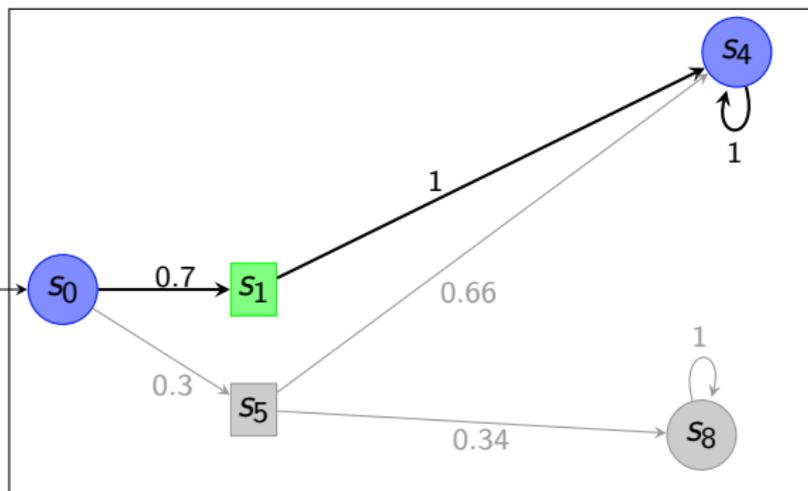


Critical subsystem
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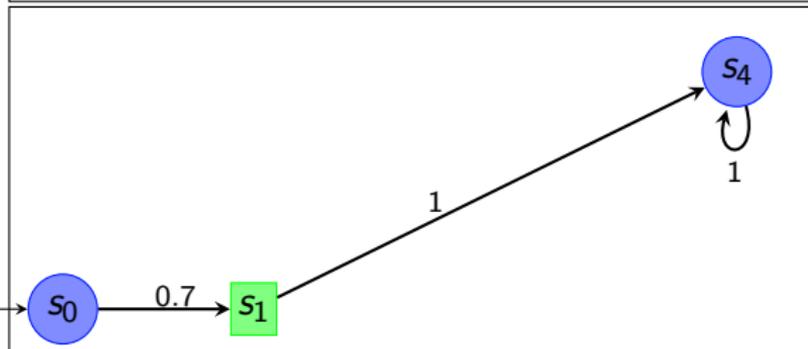
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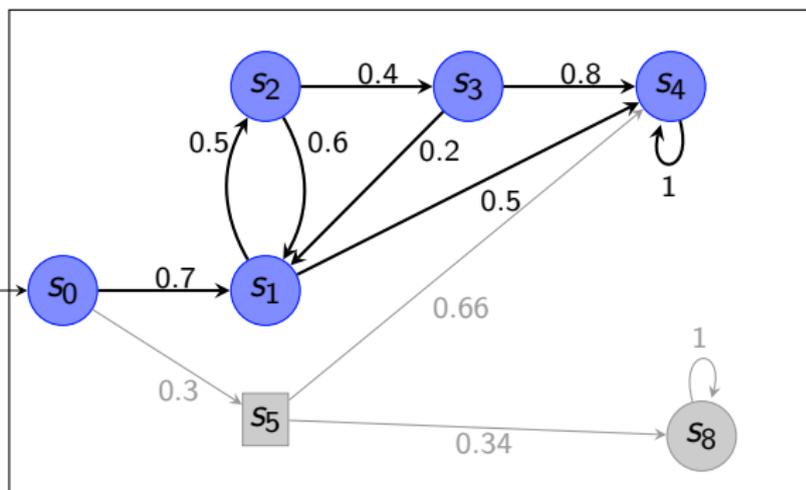
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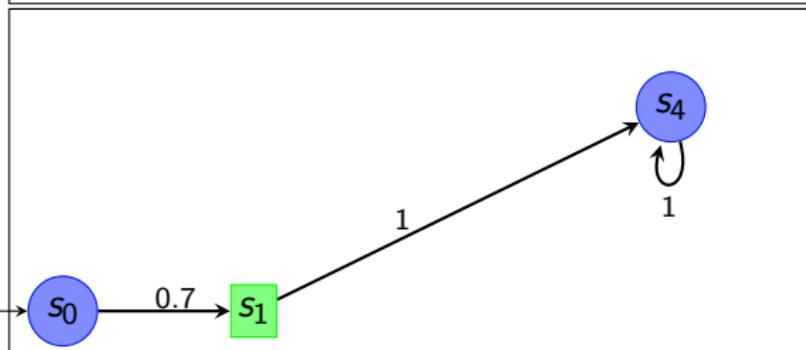
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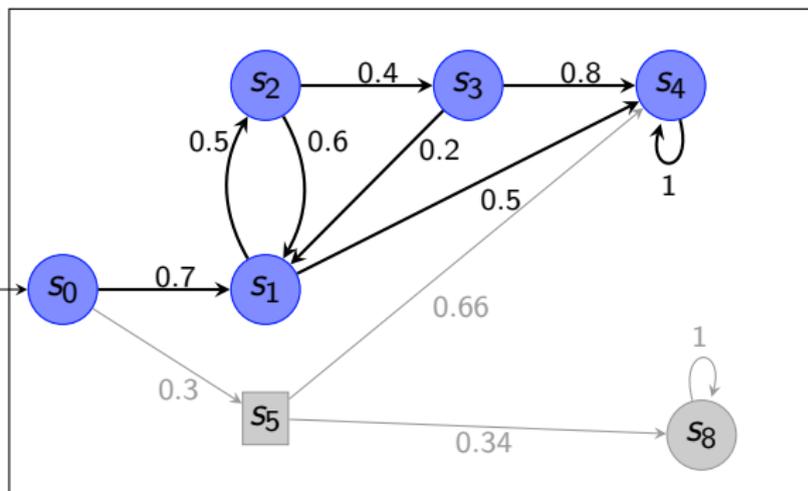
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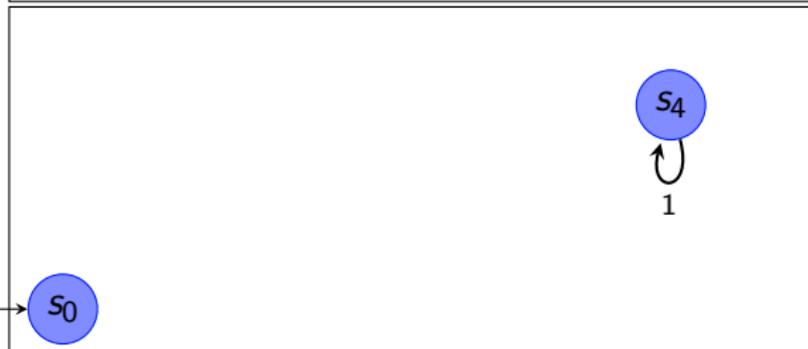
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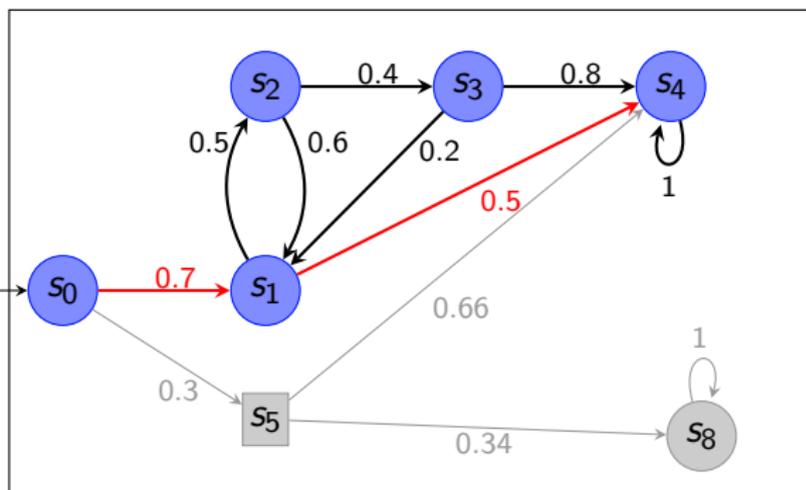
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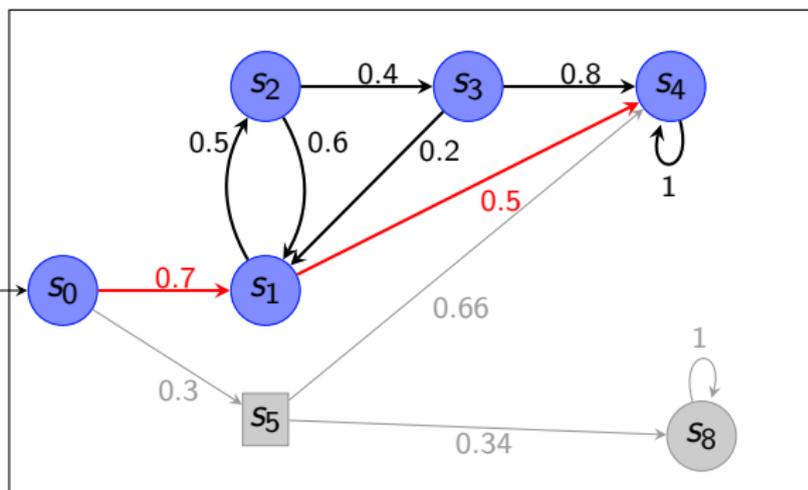
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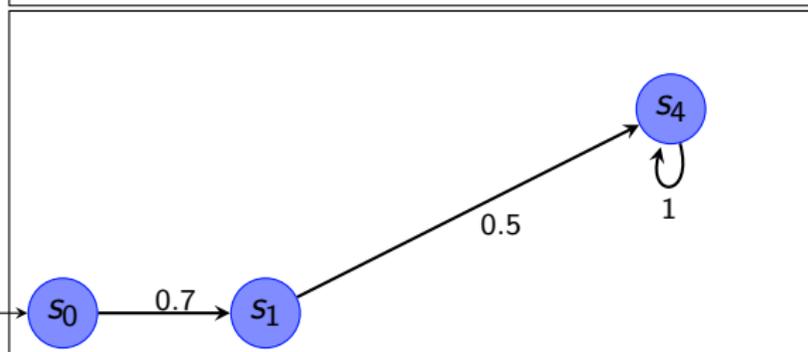


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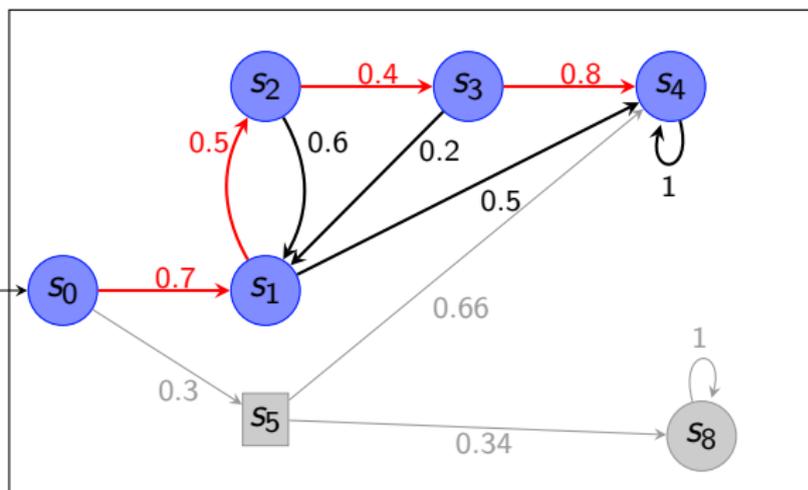


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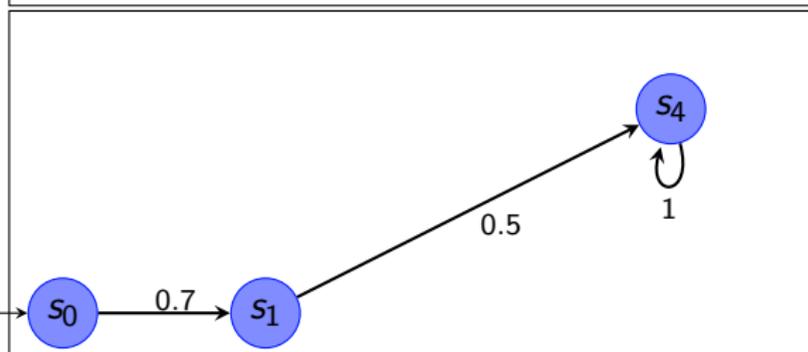
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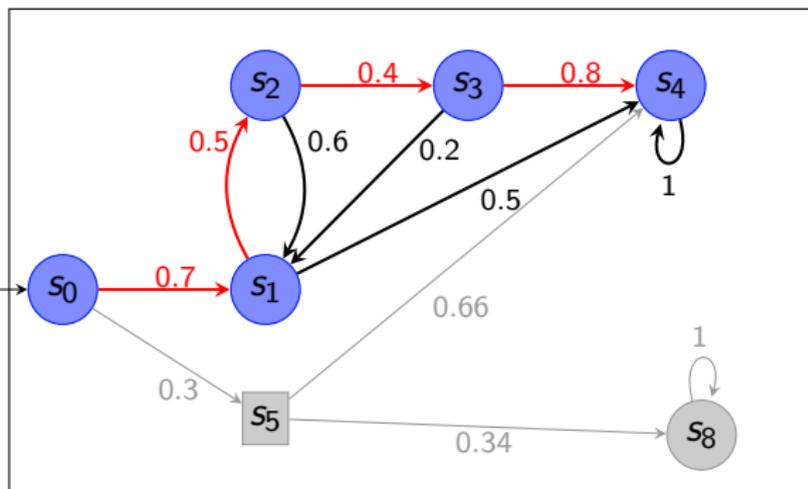
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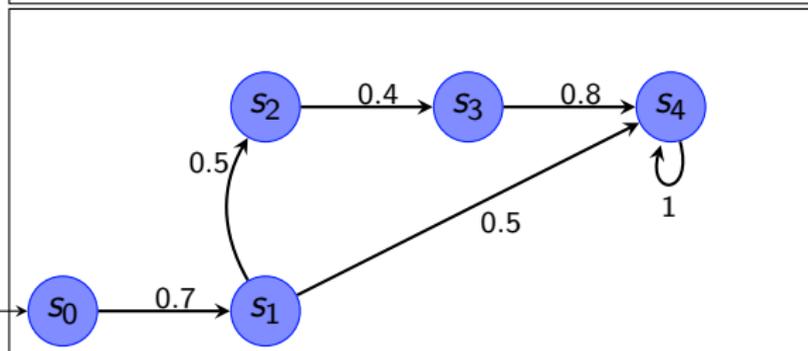


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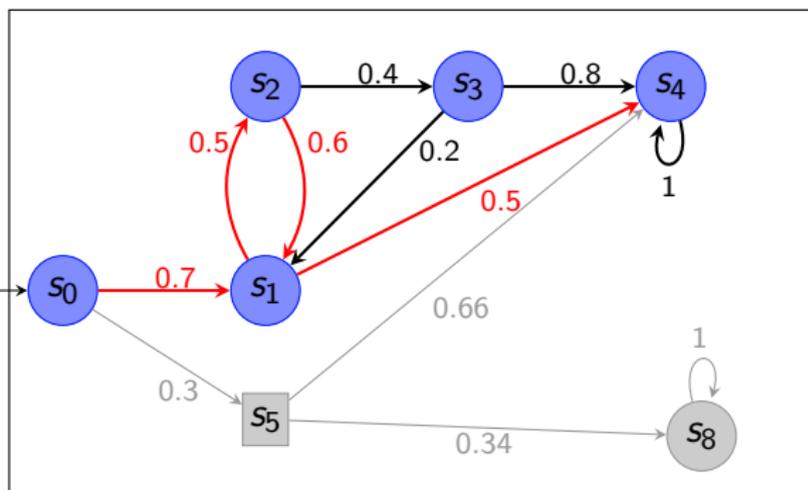


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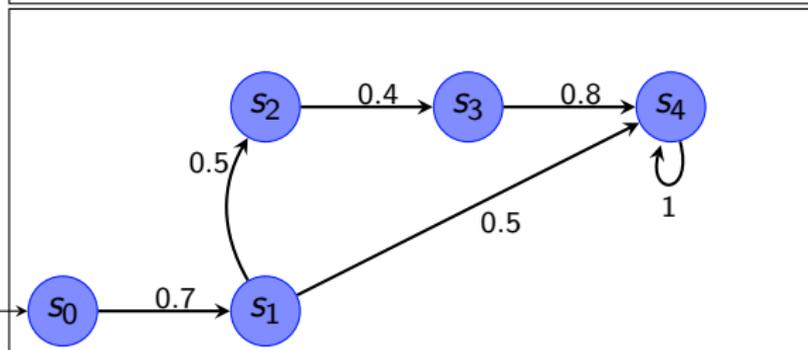
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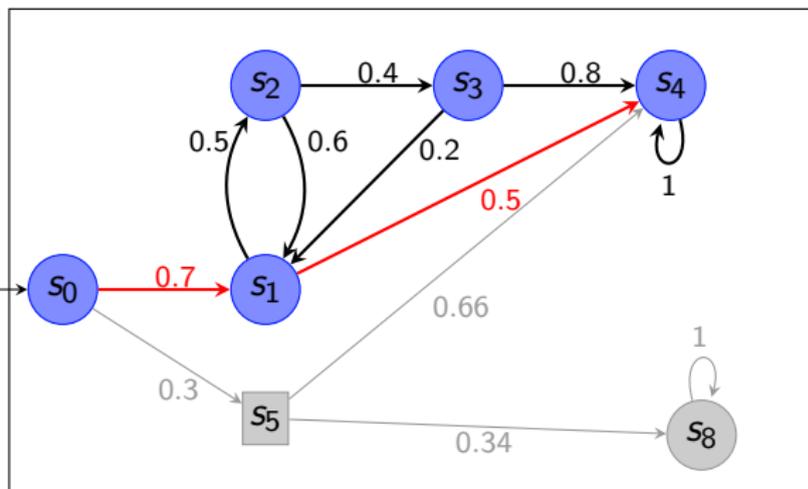
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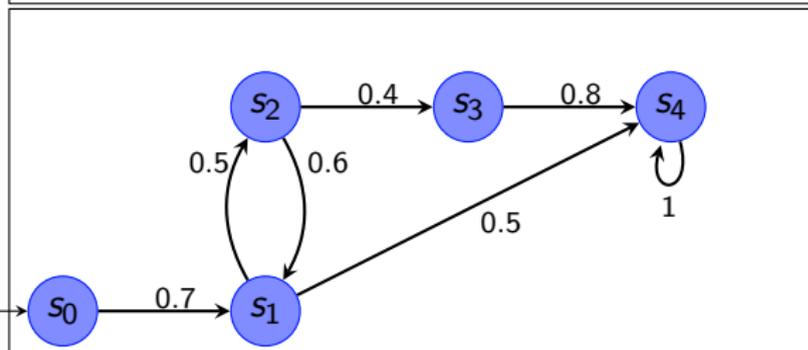


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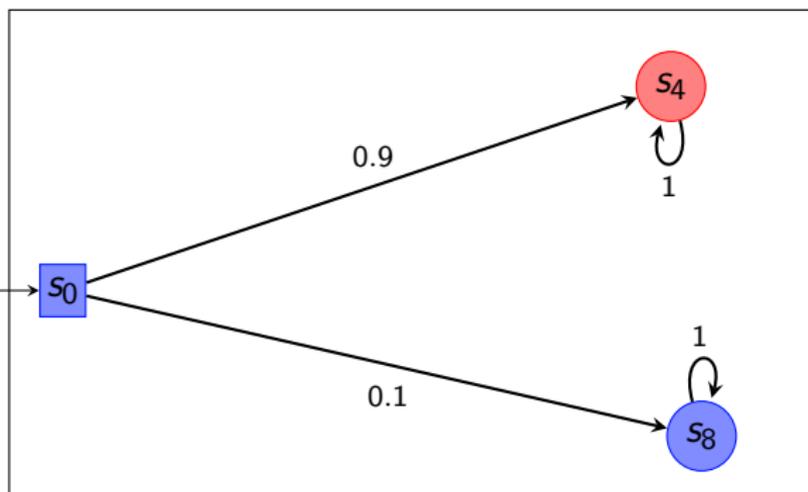


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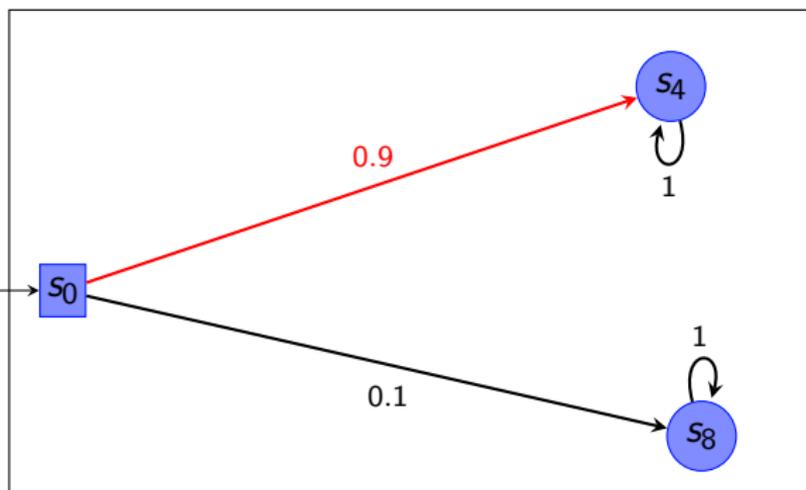
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Task: Find a critical subsystem that violates

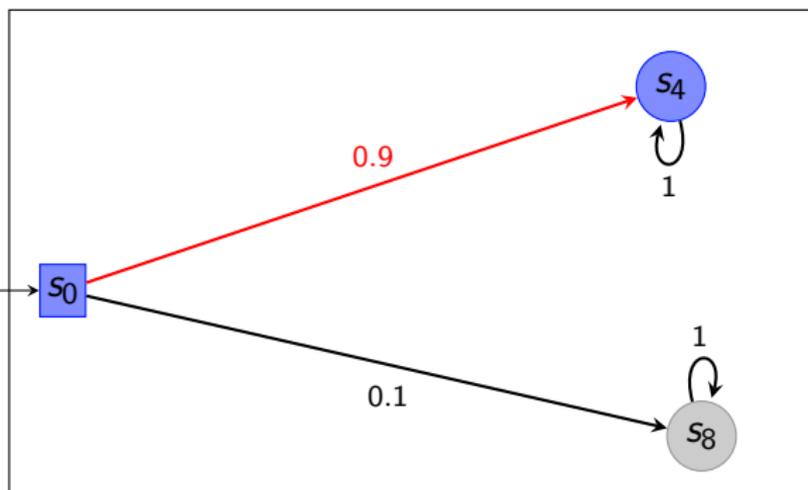
$$\mathbb{P}_{<0.5}(\diamond 4)$$

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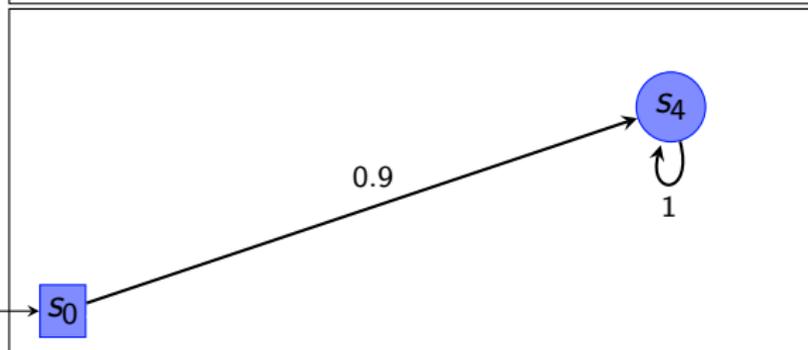
Initial search

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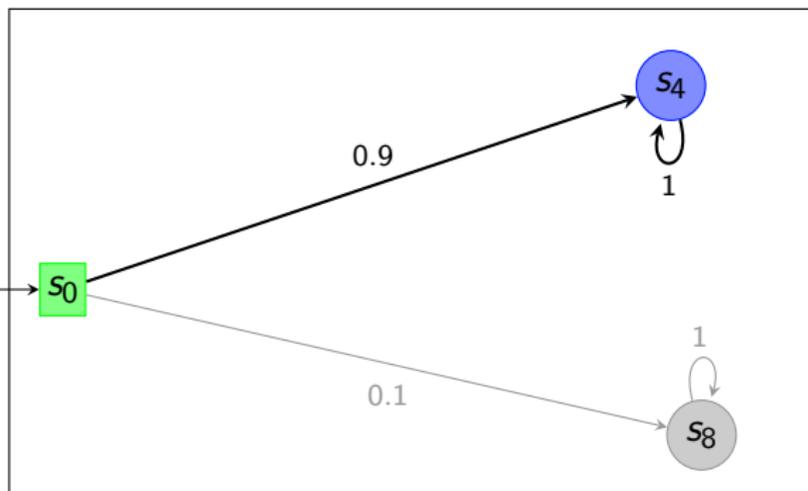


Critical subsystem

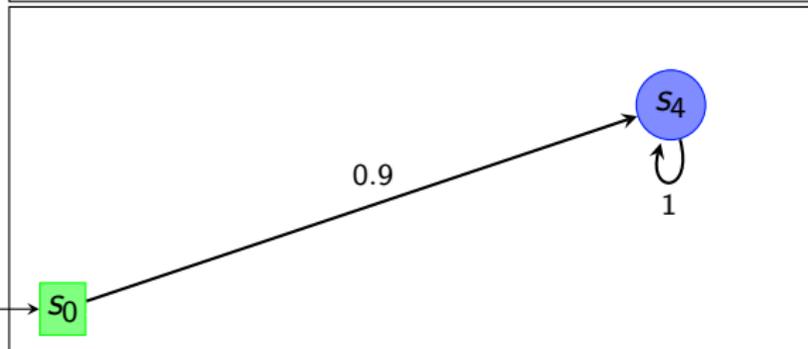
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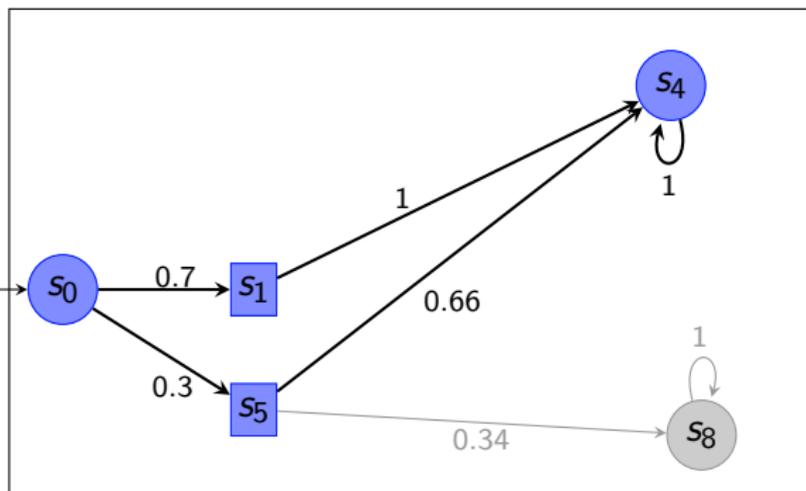
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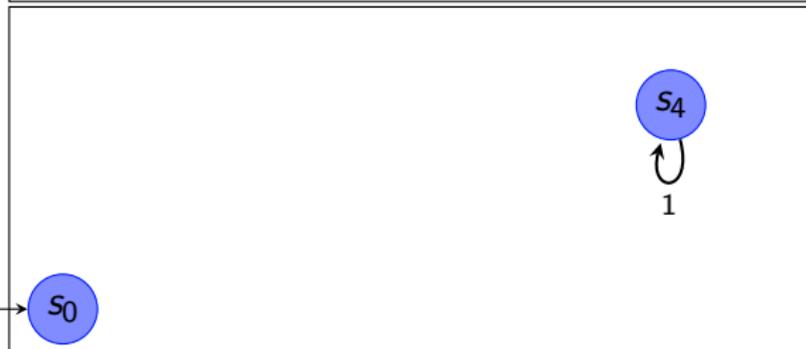
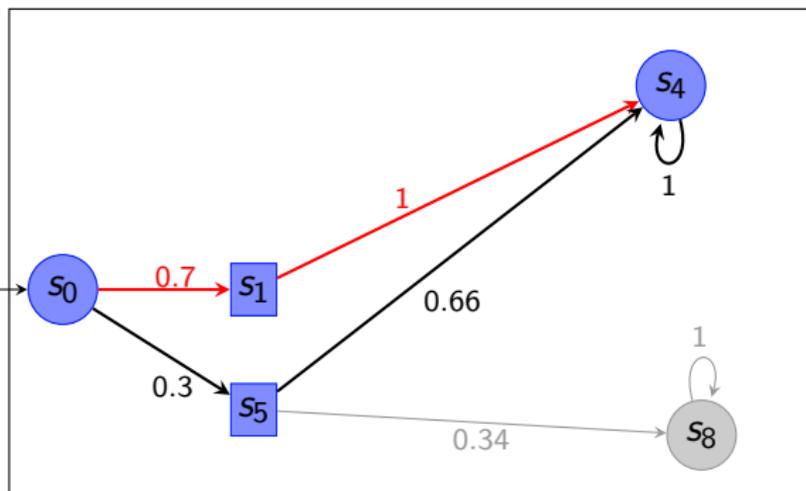
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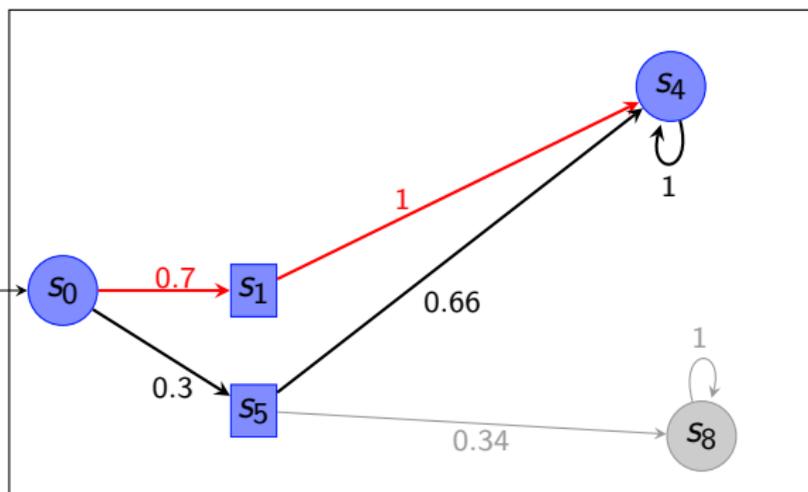


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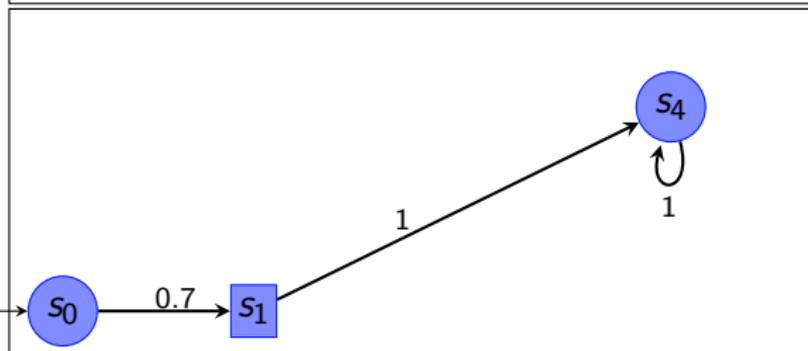
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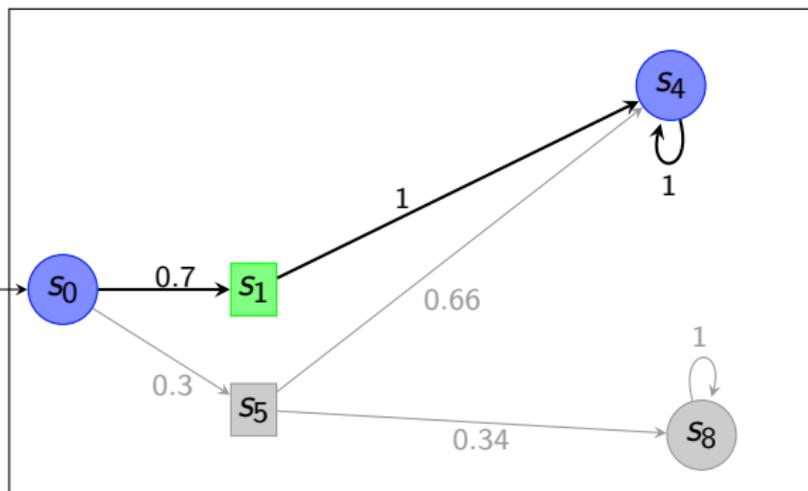


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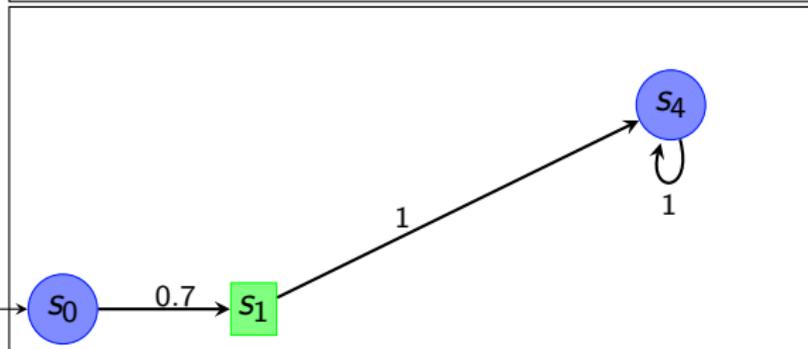
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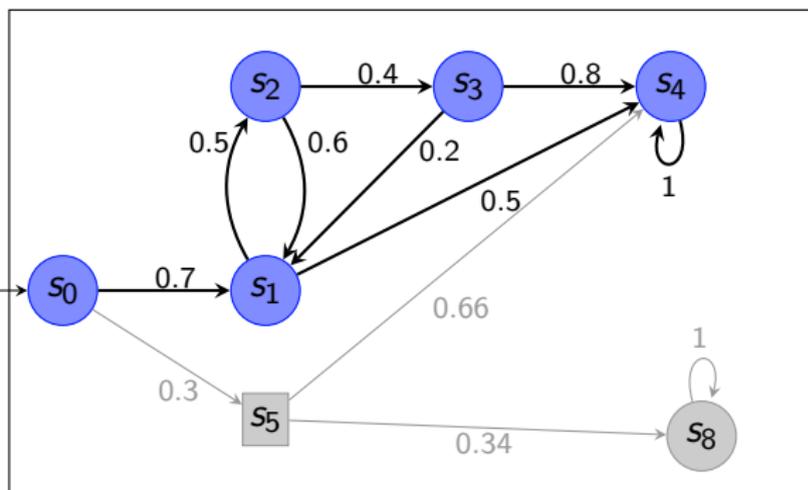
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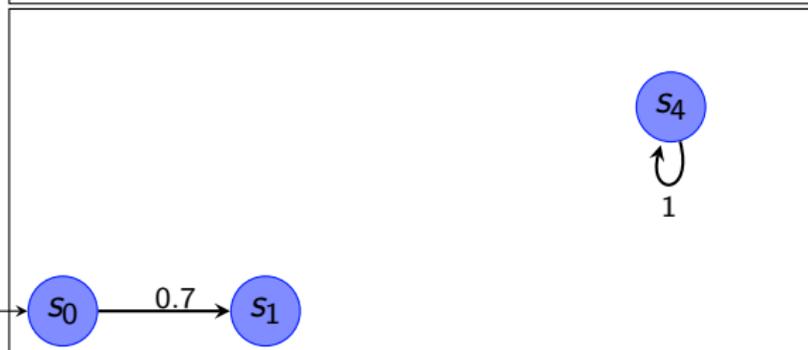
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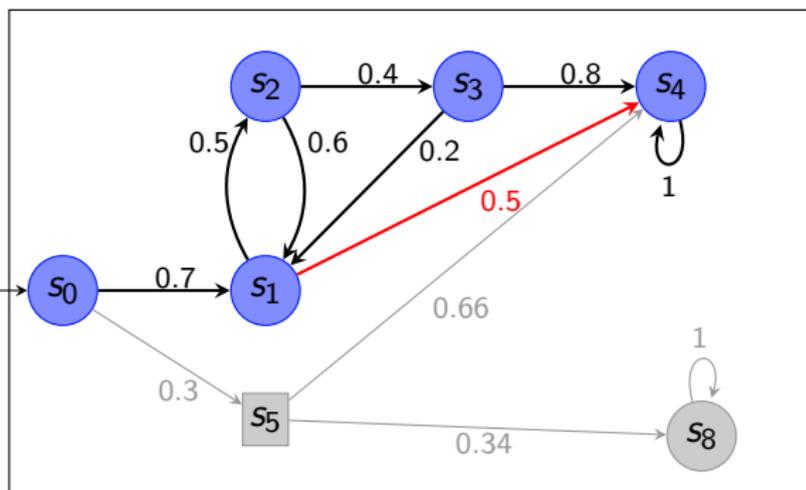
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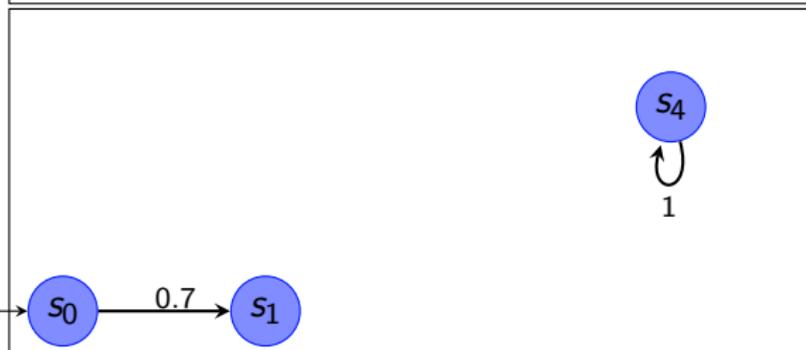
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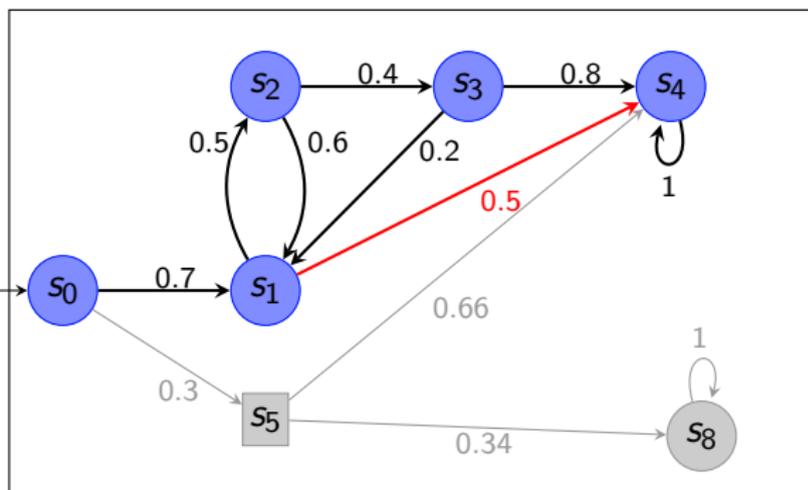
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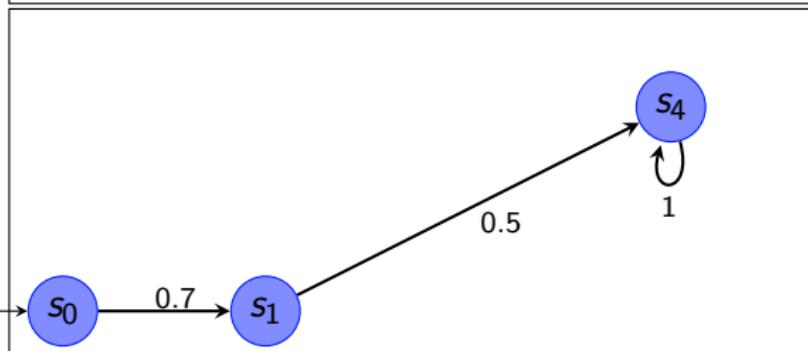


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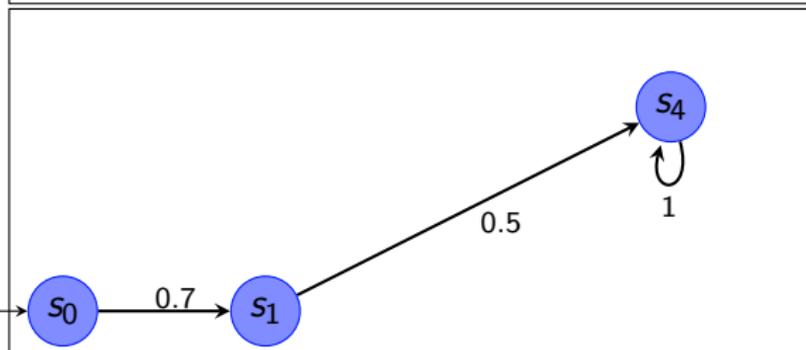
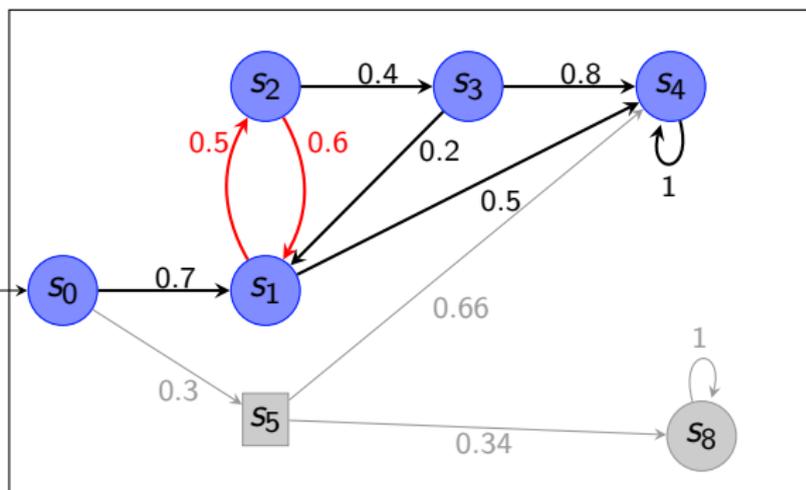


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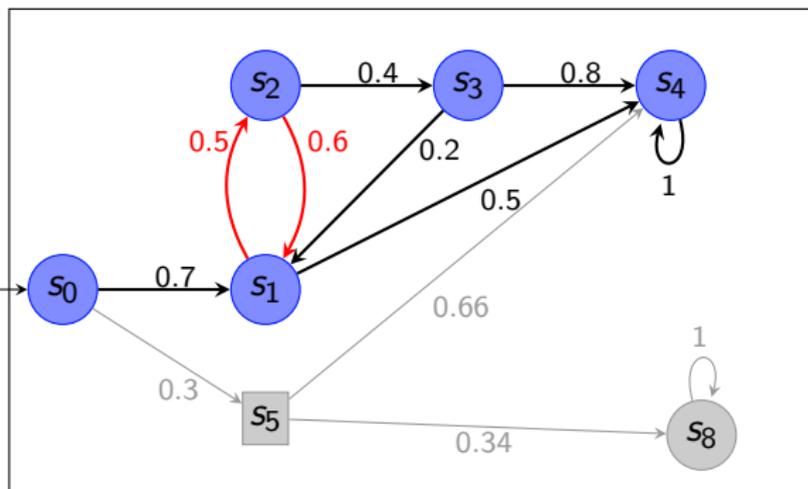


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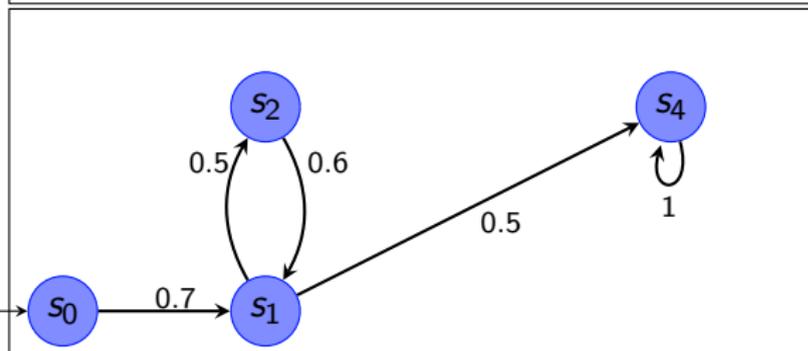
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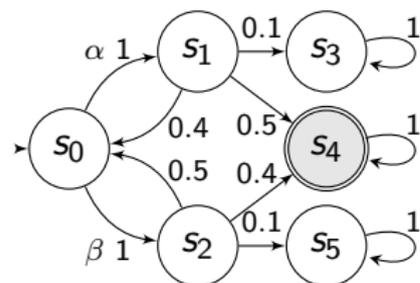
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Probability 0.538

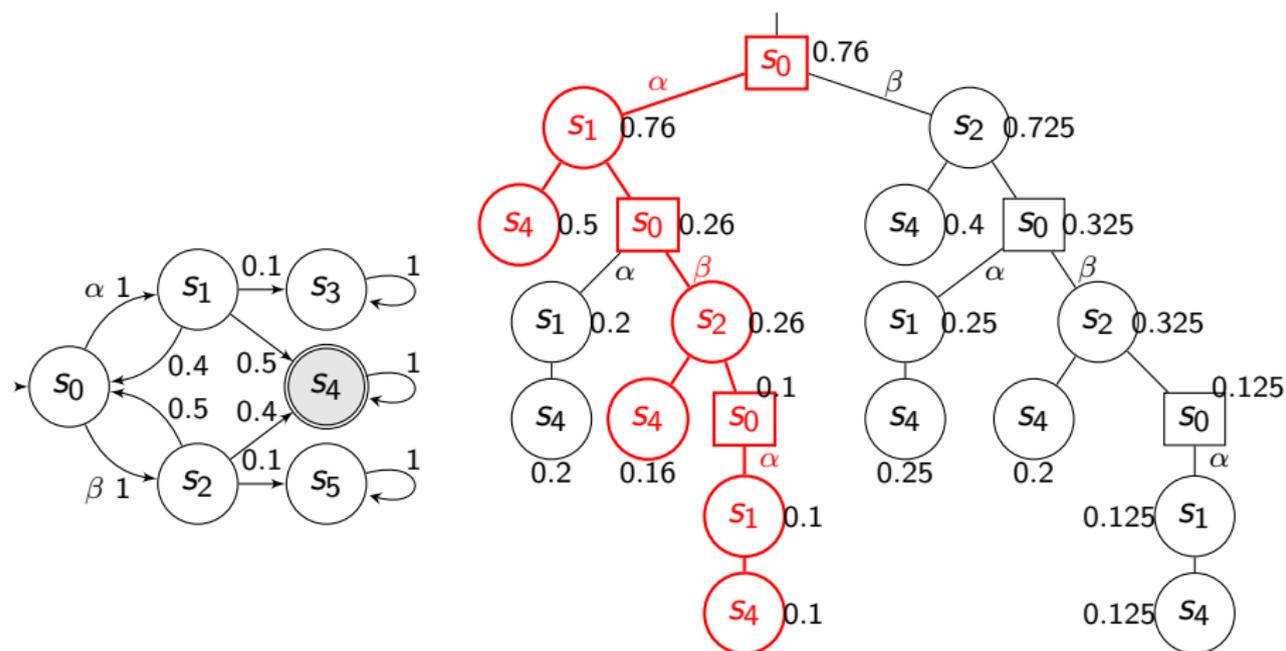


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Minimal counterexamples

Another approach

Goal

Compute a critical subsystem with a **minimal** number of states.

Possible approaches:

- SAT-modulo-theories solving
- Mixed integer linear programming

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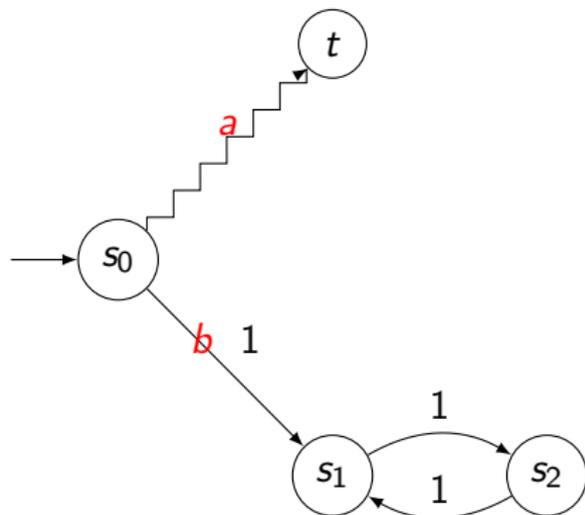
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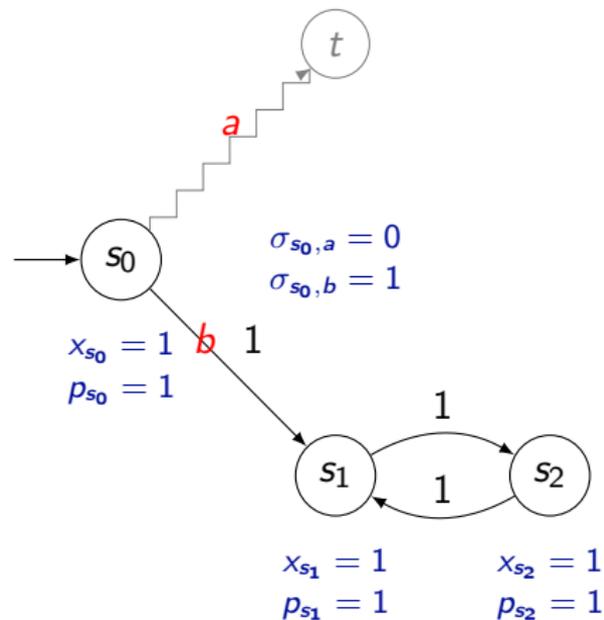


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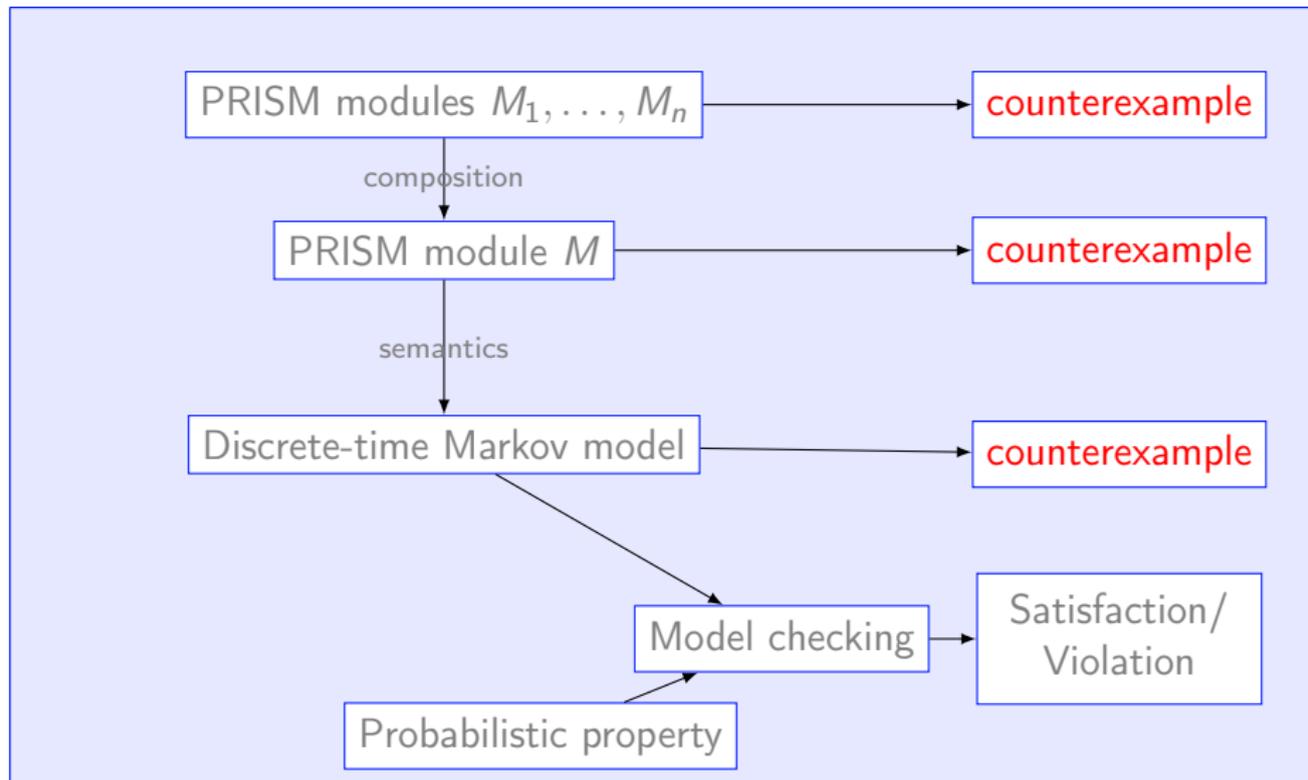
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