

# Expressing Fairness in LTL

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## Topics

- Fairness in LTL. State-based approach.
- Action-based LTL fairness. Ad-hoc and general construction.

## Material

Reading:

Chapter 5 of the book, Section 5.1.6

More:

The slides in the following pages are taken from the material of the course “Introduction to Model Checking” held by Prof. Dr. Ir. Joost-Pieter Katoen at Aachen University.



# Recall: action-based fairness

LTLSF3.1-38

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satisfaction relation for LT-properties under fairness:

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{F}} E \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{F}\text{-fair paths } \pi \text{ of } \mathcal{T}: \\ \text{trace}(\pi) \in E$$



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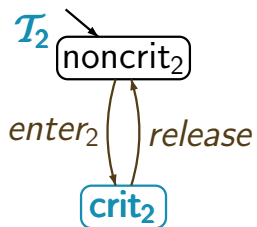
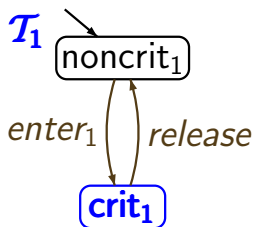
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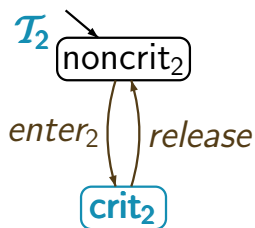
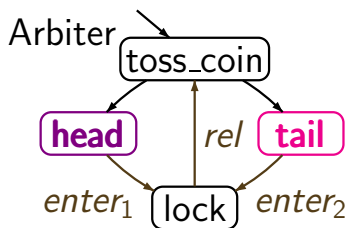
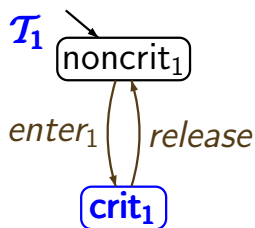
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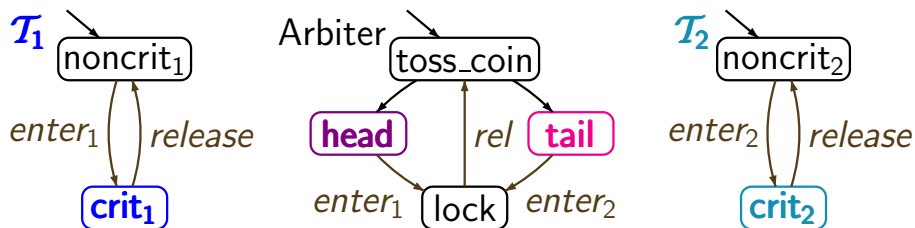
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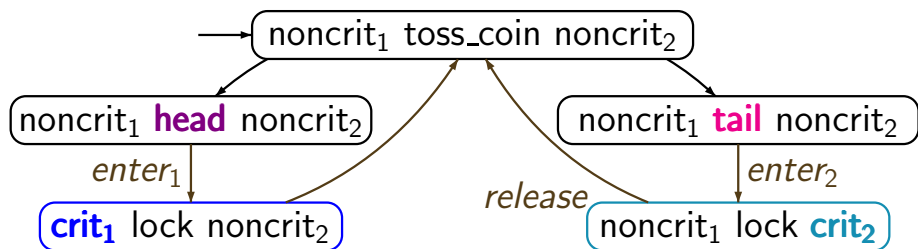


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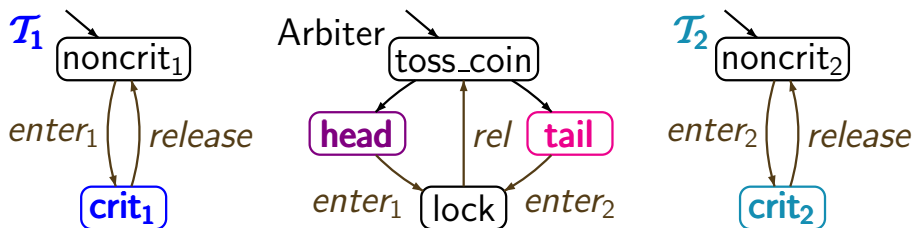


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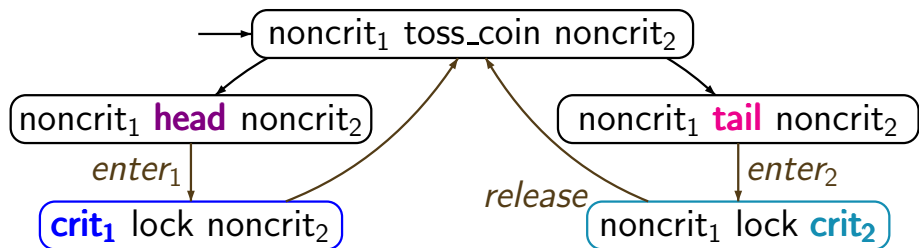


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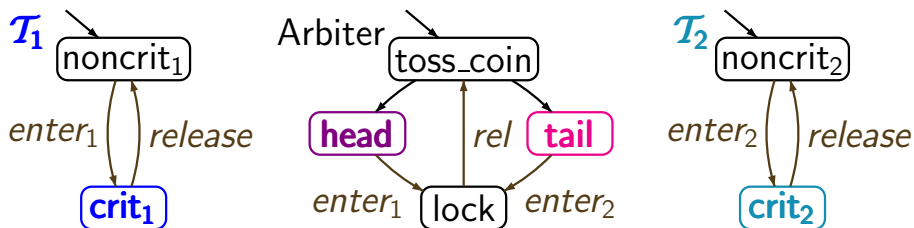


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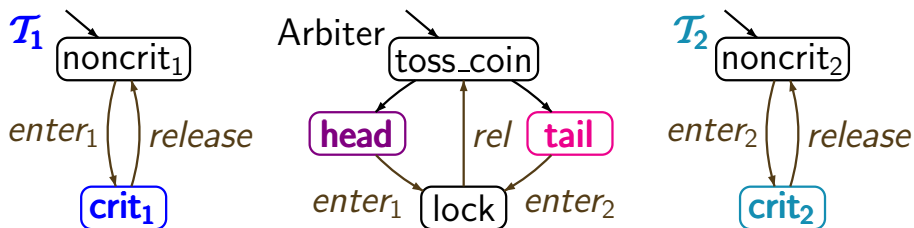


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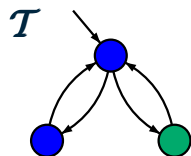
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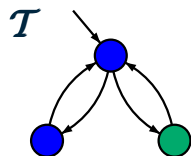


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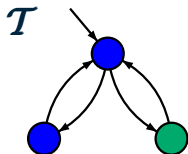
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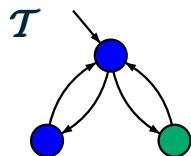
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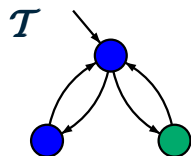
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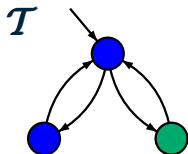
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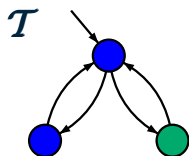
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- are irrelevant for verifying safety properties

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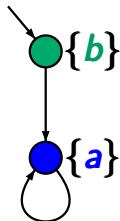
*recall:* a fairness condition is called **realizable**  
if for each reachable state **s** there exists  
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**wrong**



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LTLSF3.1-43

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**problem:** each state **s** can have several incoming transitions

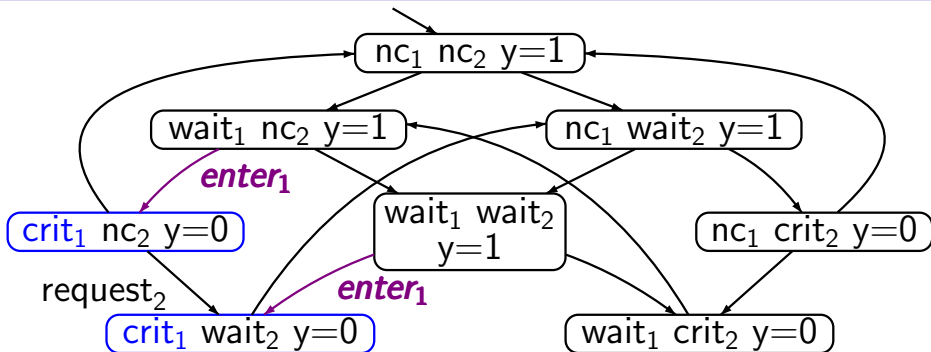
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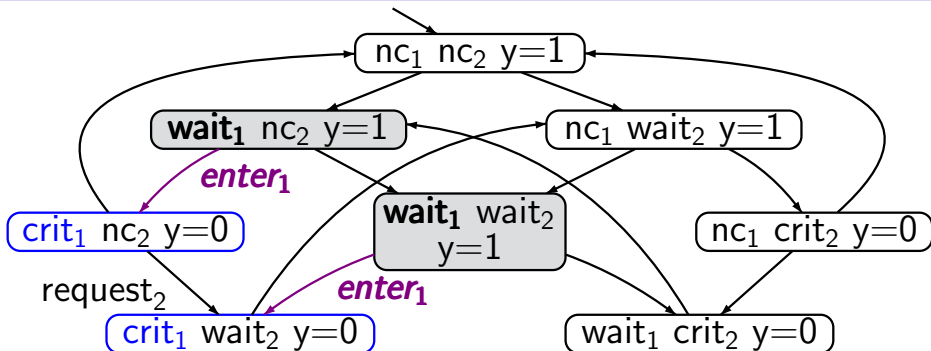
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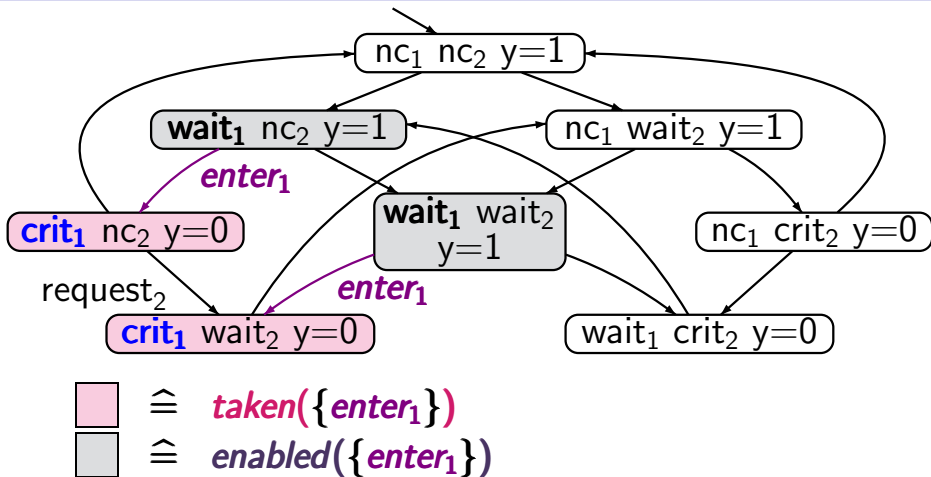


TS for mutual exclusion with semaphore

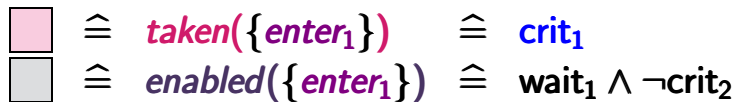
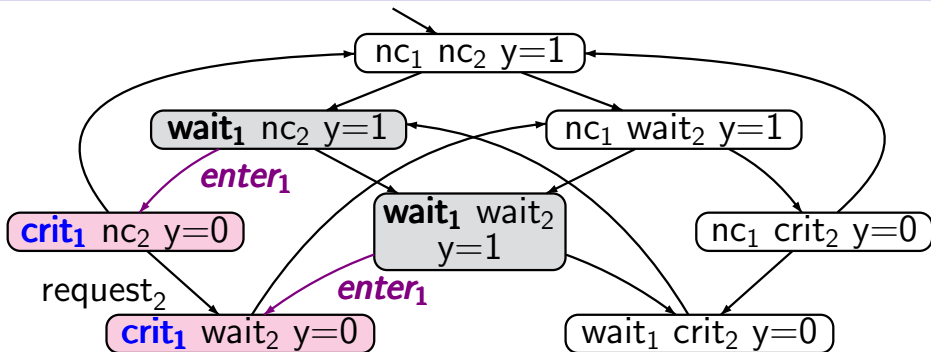


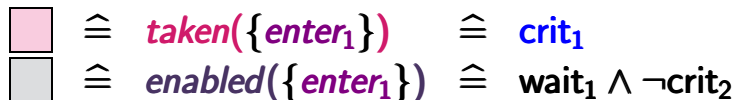
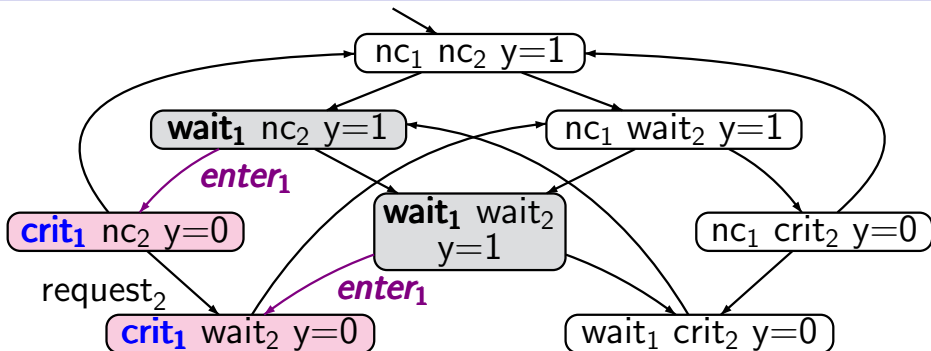
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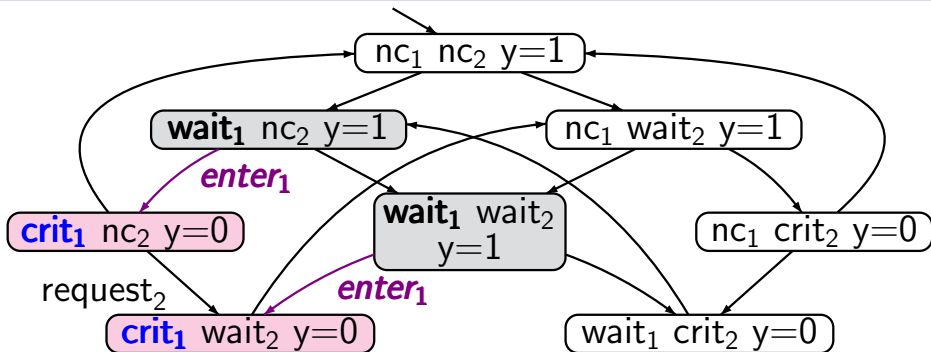
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# Ad-hoc: action fairness $\rightsquigarrow$ LTL-fairness

LTLSF3.1-44



$\hat{=}$  *taken*(*enter*<sub>1</sub>)  $\hat{=}$  **crit**<sub>1</sub>  
  $\hat{=}$  *enabled*(*enter*<sub>1</sub>)  $\hat{=}$  **wait**<sub>1</sub>  $\wedge$   $\neg$ **crit**<sub>2</sub>

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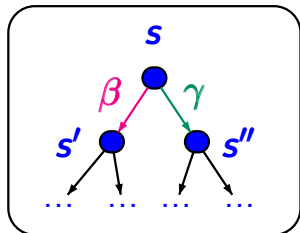
$$\begin{aligned} \text{enabled}(A) \in L(s) & \text{ iff } s \xrightarrow{\alpha} \dots \text{ for some } \alpha \in A \\ \text{taken}(A) \in L(s) & \text{ iff for all transitions } \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha} s: \\ & \alpha \in A \end{aligned}$$

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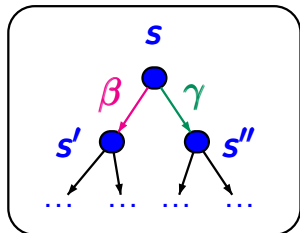


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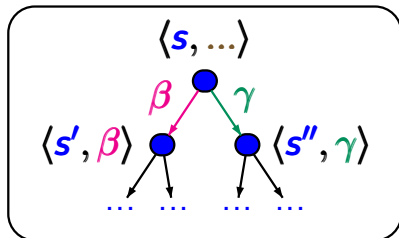
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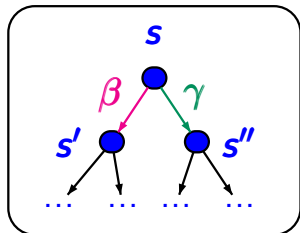
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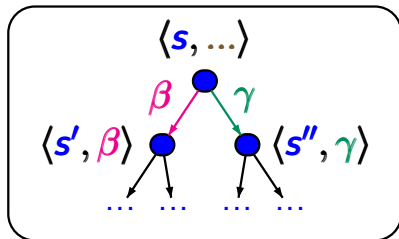
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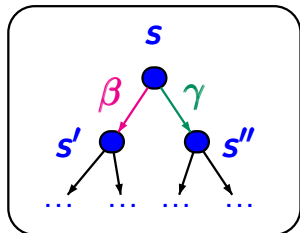
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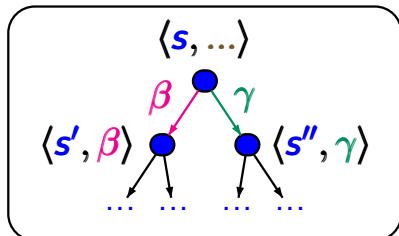
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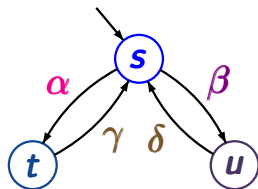
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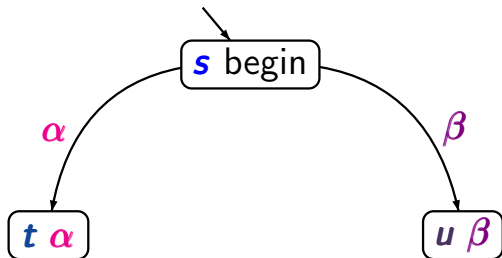
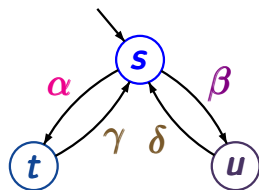


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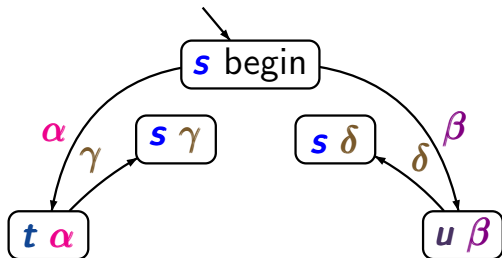
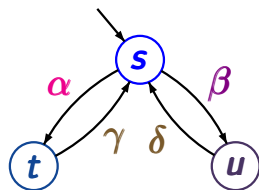


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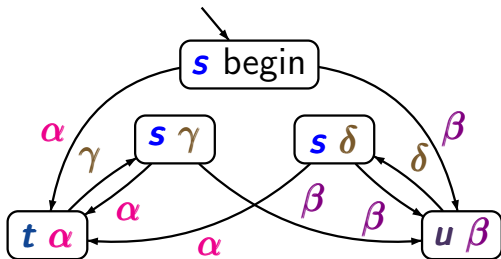
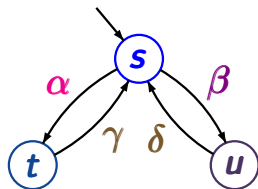


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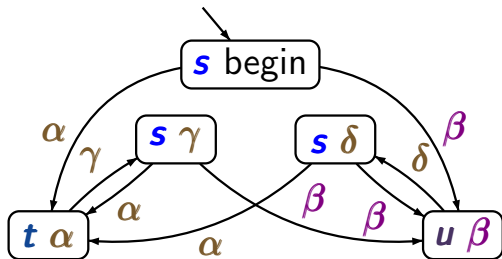
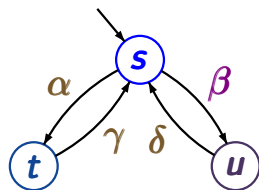


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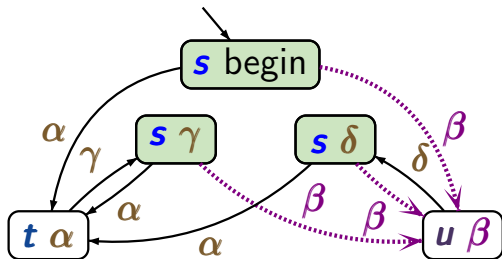
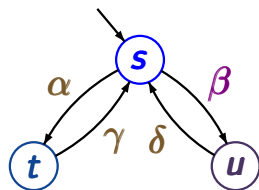
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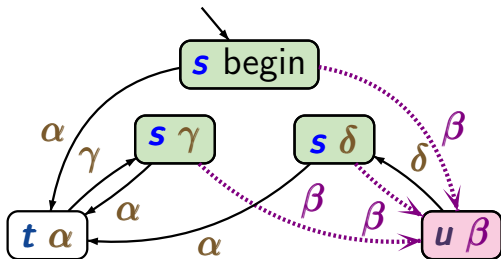
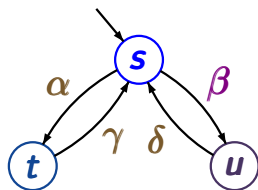
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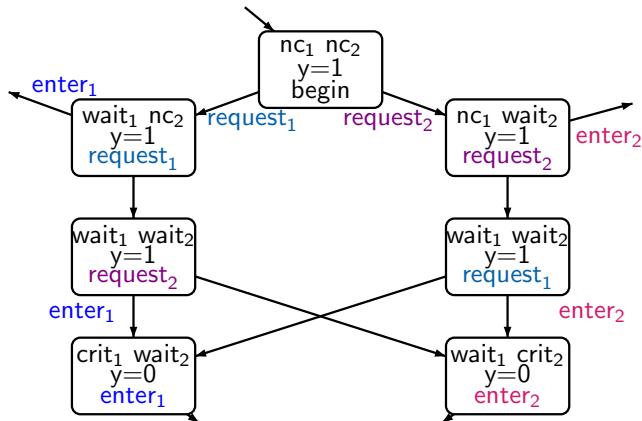
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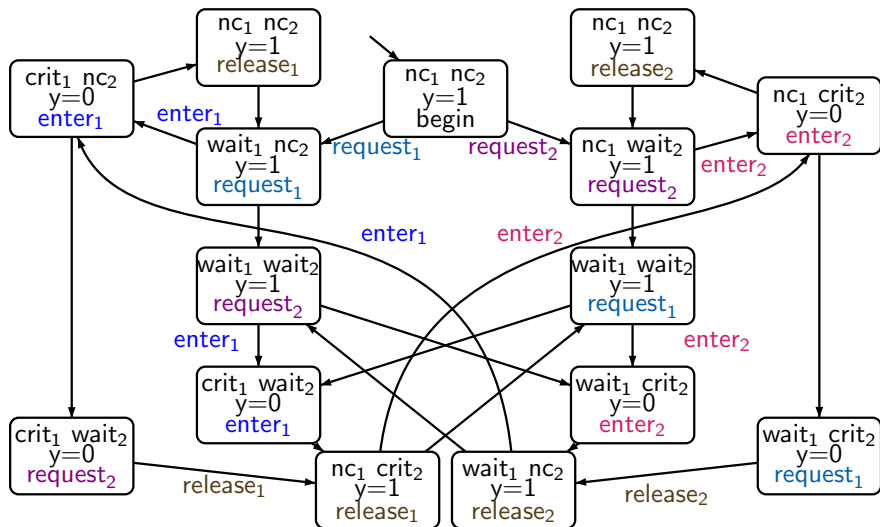
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