

# Logic for Verification 3

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# Today's lecture

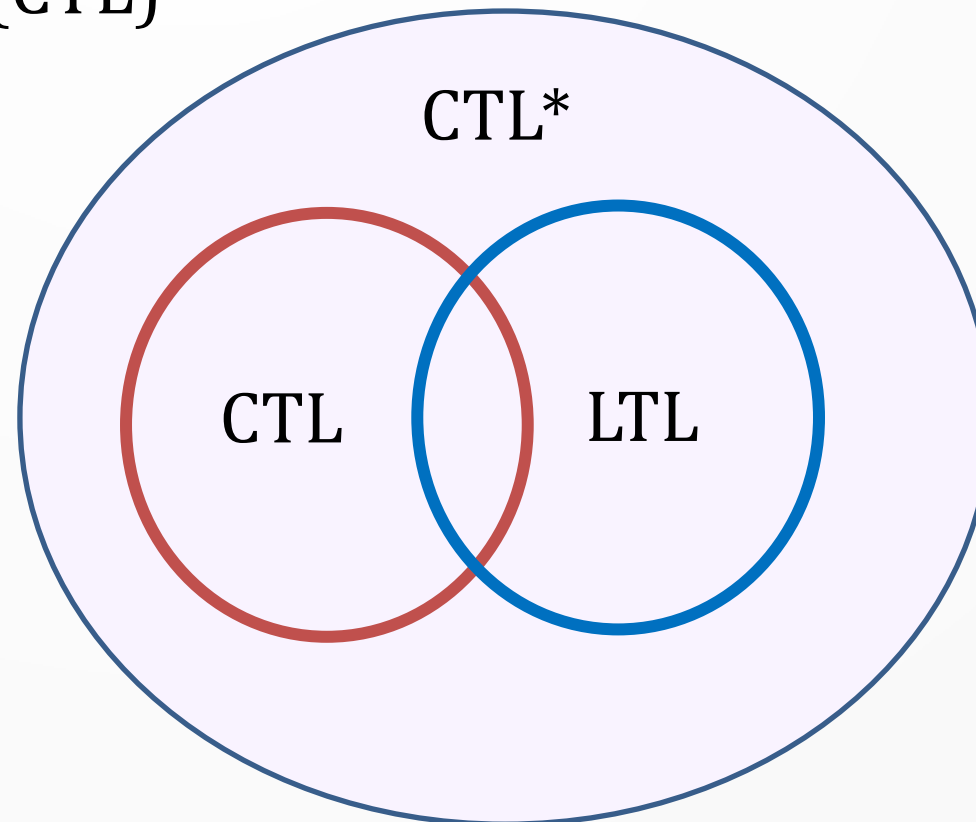
We'll look at the following:

- LTL (linear temporal logic)
- CTL (computation tree logic)
- CTL\*
- Transition systems
- Bisimulation

# What is temporal logic?

Types of temporal logic include:

- ❑ Linear Temporal Logic (LTL)
- ❑ Computation Tree Logic (CTL)
- ❑ CTL\*
- ❑ Lots of others too.



# What are States?

Consider this program:

P1: `int x = 4;`

P2: `int y = 3;`

P3: `if (x > 2){`

P4:     `x = x + 2;`

`}`

P5: `y = y - 1;`

P6: `System.out.println(y);`

Note: These states are not really identical – the program counter values are different (not shown here).

`x = 4; y = 3`

State after P2  
(before P3)

P3

`x = 4; y = 3`

P4

`x = 6; y = 3`

State after P4

P5

`x = 6; y = 2`

State after P5

P6

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State after P6

# What are States?

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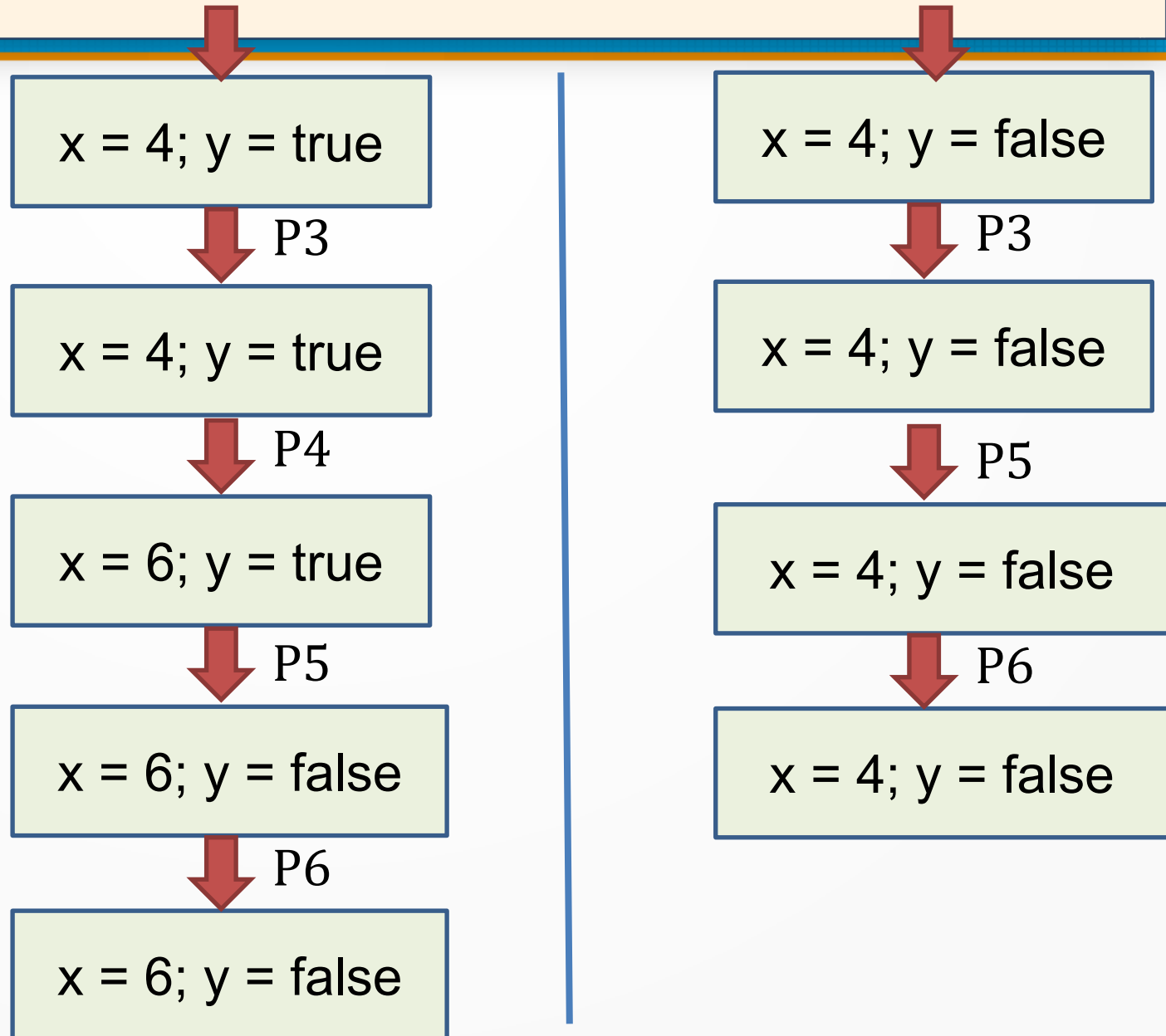
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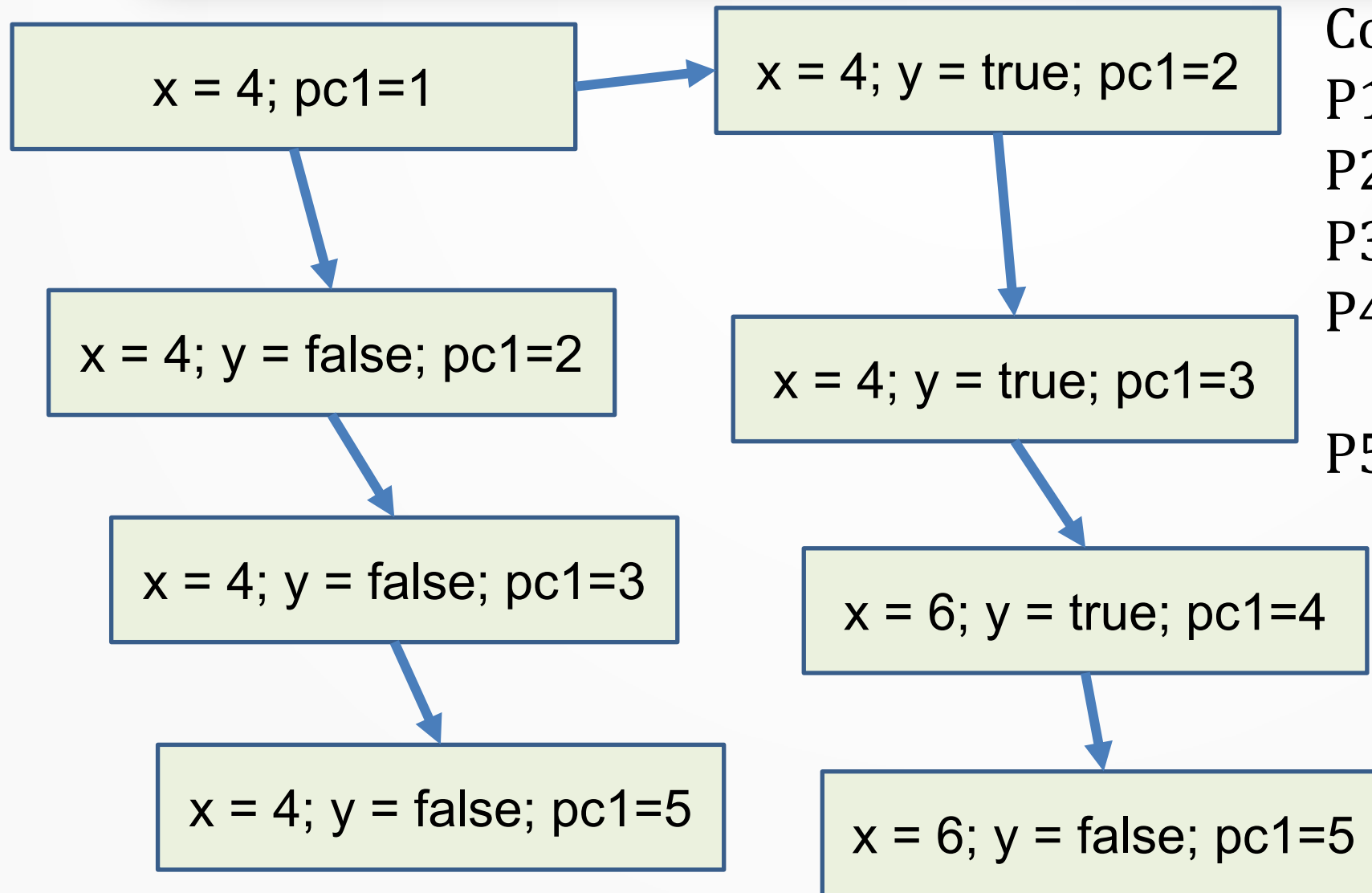
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This time there are two possible traces:



# State Transition Diagram



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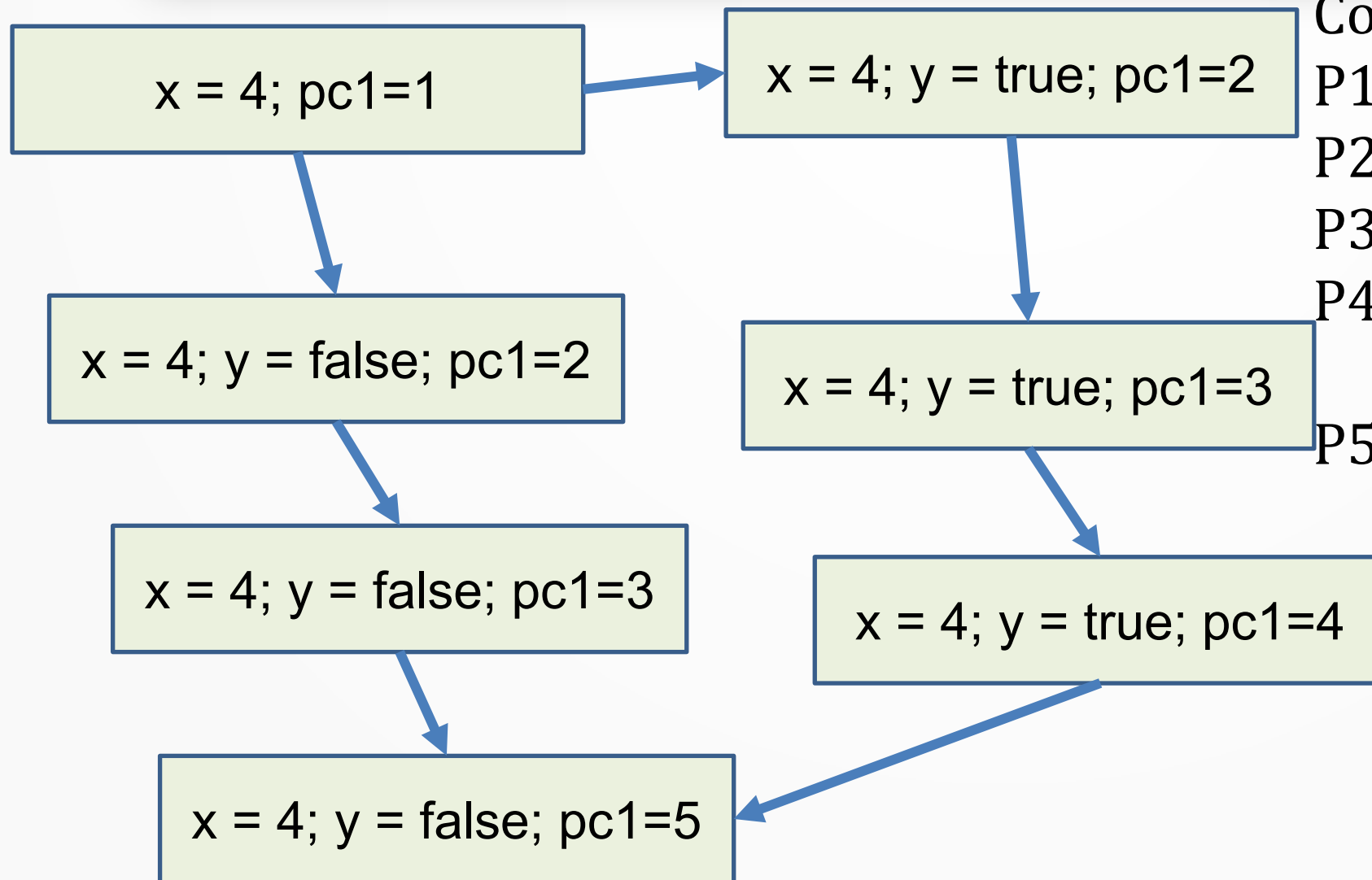
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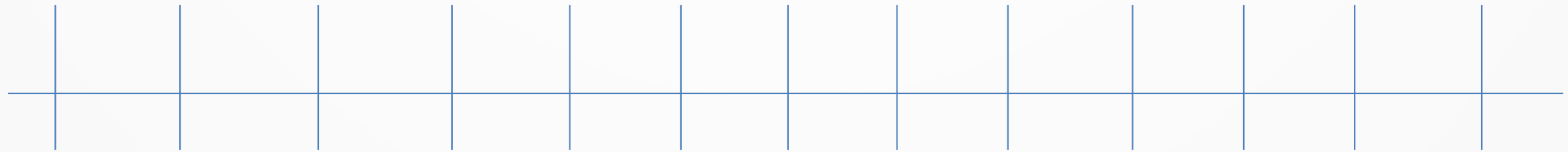
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# States

For non-temporal logics, we are thinking of the value just at one point, but for temporal logics, we need to think of the value across different points in time.

States  $s_0$   $s_1$   $s_2$   $s_3$   $s_4$   $s_5$  and so on...



$x = 0$	$x = 1$	$x = 2$	$x = 2$	$x = 3$	and so on...	
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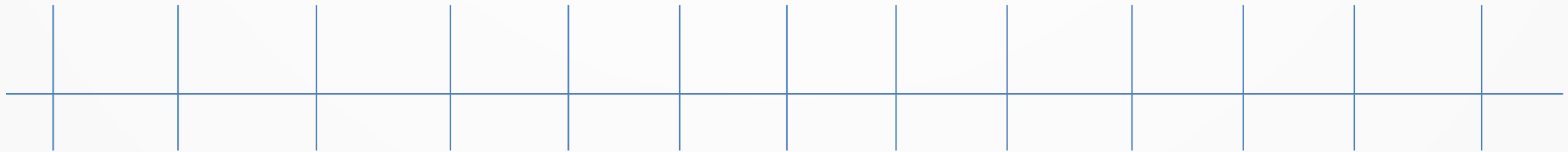
# Simple Formulas

Does the property  $x = 0$  hold at state  $s_0$ ? **Yes**

Does the property  $x = 0$  hold at state  $s_2$ ? **No**

Does the property  $(x = 2 \text{ AND } y = 0)$  hold at state  $s_2$ ? **Yes**

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



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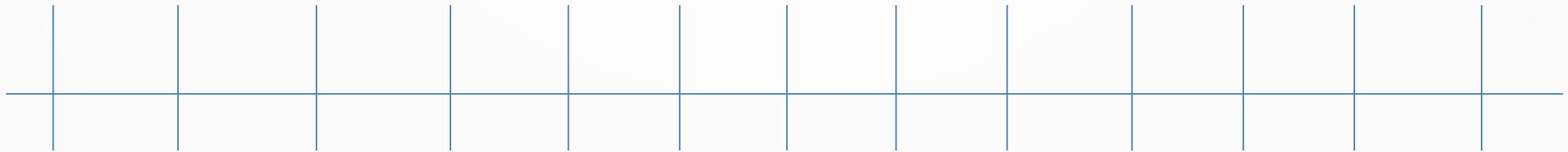
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Does the property  $(x = 0)$  hold **on the execution trace starting at  $s_0$** ?

This means the property must hold at  **$s_0$** . **Yes**

The rest of the states don't matter because there was no **G** operator (explained soon!)

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



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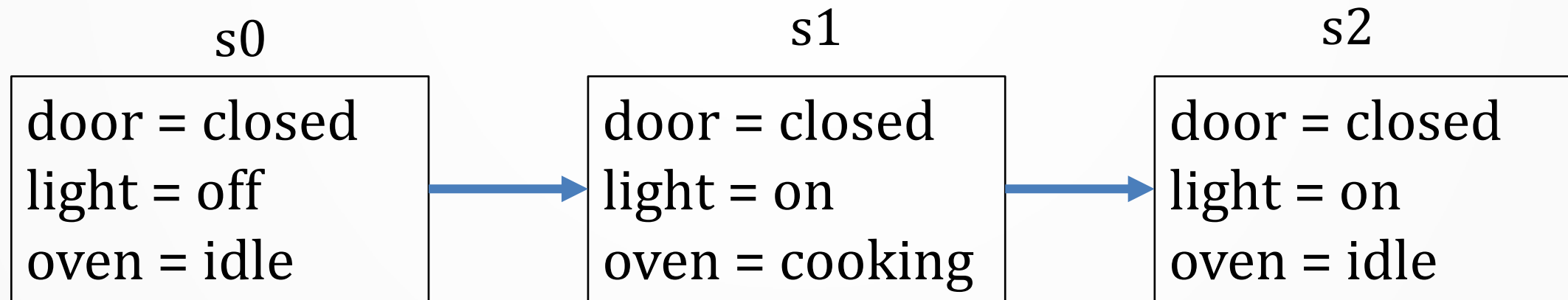
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# A Simple Case Study

**Case study:** A microwave oven.



- Does (door = closed) hold on this transition system? **Yes**
- Does (light = off) hold on this transition system? **Yes**
- Does (light = on) hold on this transition system? **No**
- Assume that it means starting at the first state, s0.

# Safety Properties

A *labelled transition system* is a tuple  $(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{I}, A, \rightarrow)$ , where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a set of states,  $\mathbf{I}$  is the set of initial states,  $A$  is a set of actions and  $\rightarrow \subseteq \mathbf{S} \times A \times \mathbf{S}$  is the transition relation.

A *Kripke Structure*, is a tuple  $T = (\mathbf{S}, AP, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{I}, \rightarrow)$ , where  $\mathbf{S}$  is a set of states,  $AP$  is a set of atomic propositions,  $\mathbf{L}$  is a labelling function which labels each state with the set of atomic propositions that hold in that state,  $\mathbf{I}$  is a set of initial states and  $\rightarrow \subseteq \mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{S}$  is the transition relation.

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# CTL\* Properties

A CTL\* *state formula*  $\psi$  is defined as follows, where  $p \in AP$  is an atomic proposition,  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are state formulas and  $\varphi$  is a *path* formula:

$$\psi = \text{true} \mid p \mid \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \mid !\psi_1 \mid E\varphi$$

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# CTL\* Formulas

Let  $T = (\mathbf{S}, AP, \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{l}, \rightarrow)$  be a transition system. A CTL\* state formula  $\psi$  holds in a state  $s \in \mathbf{S}$ , denoted  $T, s \models \psi$ , or simply  $s \models \psi$ , according to the following, where  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are CTL\* state formulas and  $\varphi$  is a CTL\* path formula:

$s \models \text{true}$ ,

$s \models a \in AP$  iff  $a \in \mathbf{L}(s)$ ,

$s \models !\psi_1$  iff  $s \not\models \psi_1$ ,

$s \models \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$  iff  $s \models \psi_1$  and  $s \models \psi_2$ ,

$s \models E\varphi$  iff there exists a path  $\pi = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots \rangle$ , such that  $s_0 = s$  and  $\pi \models \varphi$ .



# CTL\* Formulas

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$\pi \models \psi_1$  iff  $s_0 \models \psi_1$ ,

$\pi \models \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$  iff  $\pi \models \varphi_1$  and  $\pi \models \varphi_2$ ,

$\pi \models !\varphi_1$  iff  $\pi \not\models \varphi_1$ ,

$\pi \models X\varphi_1$  iff  $\pi[s_1\dots] \models \varphi_1$ ,

$\pi \models \varphi_1 \cup \varphi_2$  iff  $\exists j > 0$  such that  $\pi[s_j\dots] \models \varphi_2$  and  $\forall i$ , where  $0 \leq i < j$ ,  $\pi[s_i\dots] \models \varphi_1$ .

# CTL\* Formulas

All LTL formulas implicitly hold over all paths.

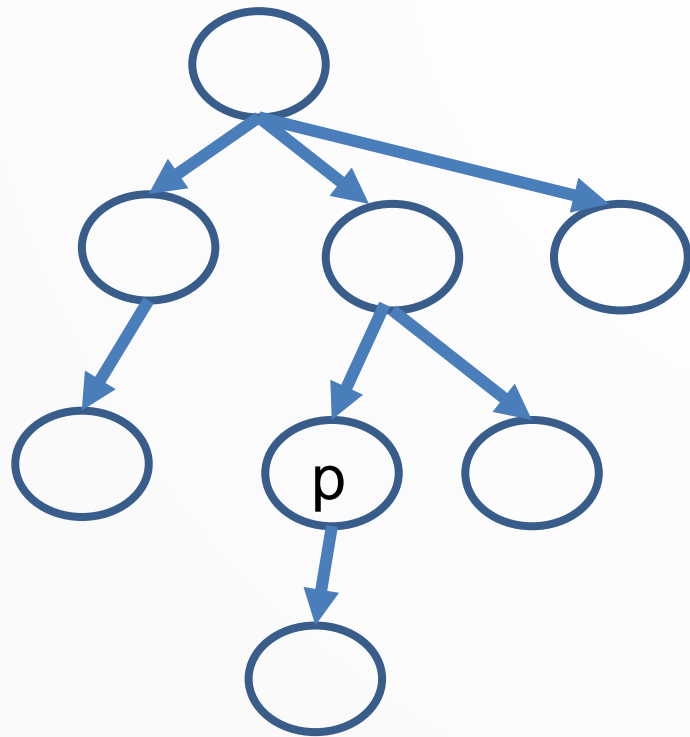
All CTL path operators have to be preceded by an A or E.

Some formulas can be expressed in LTL but not CTL and vice versa.

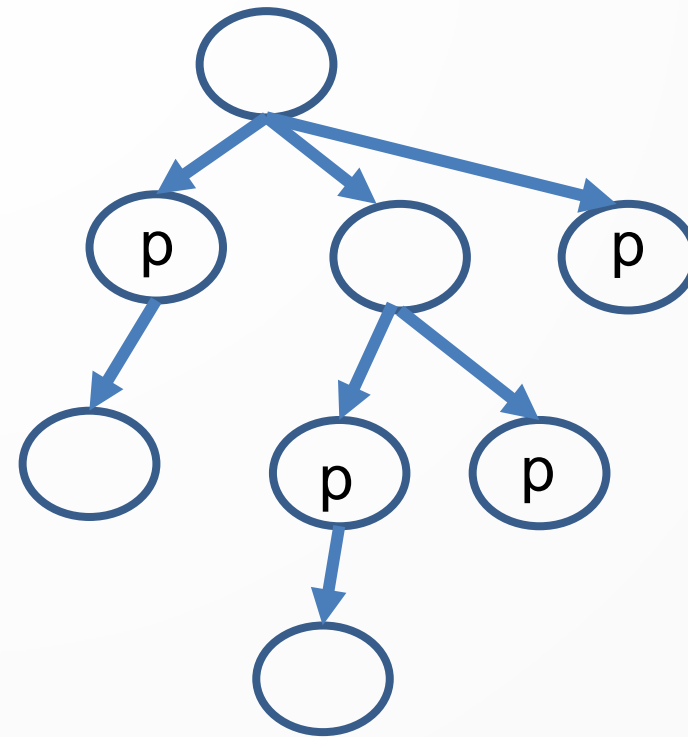
$FGp$  (liveness) is a valid LTL formula but cannot be expressed in CTL.

$E(Xp \wedge XXq)$  can be expressed in CTL\* but not in CTL.

# CTL Formulas

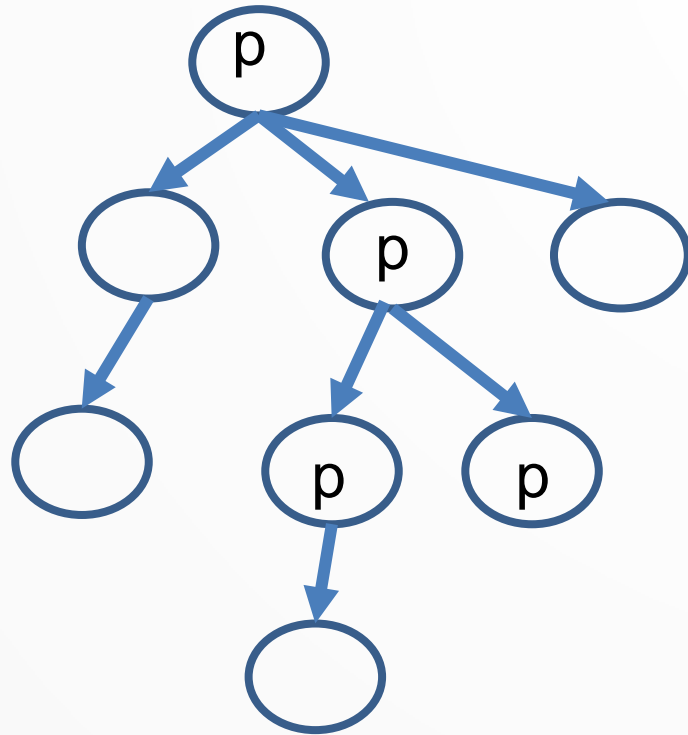


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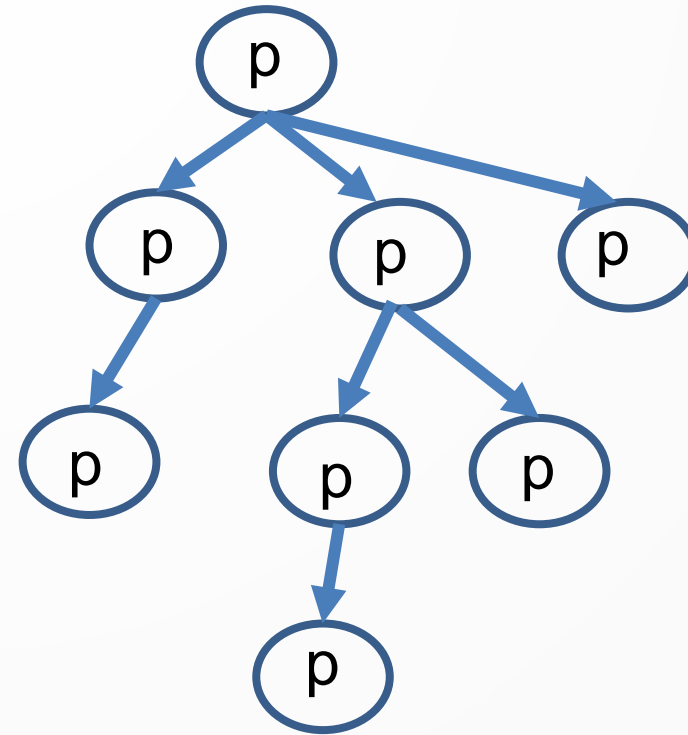


$AFp$

# CTL Formulas



$EGp$



$AGp$

# Global Operator

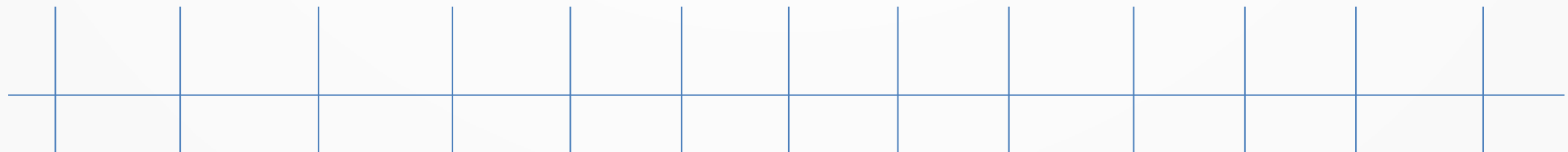
**G** means **G**lobally – holds on **all** states.

Does the property  $\mathbf{G}(x = 0)$  hold on this execution trace? **No**

Does the property  $\mathbf{G}(y < 2)$  hold on this execution trace? **Yes**

➤ If the question doesn't mention other states, assume it means  $s_0$ .

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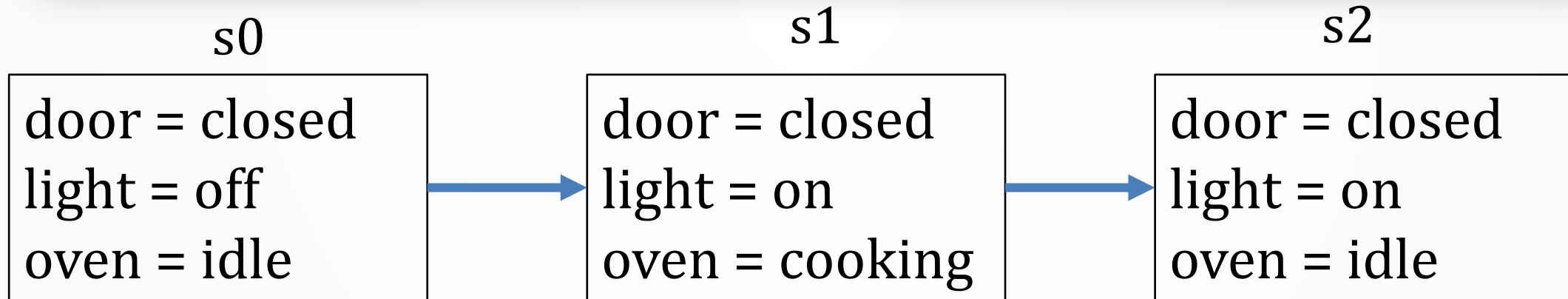


$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to  $y$ .

# A Simple Case Study



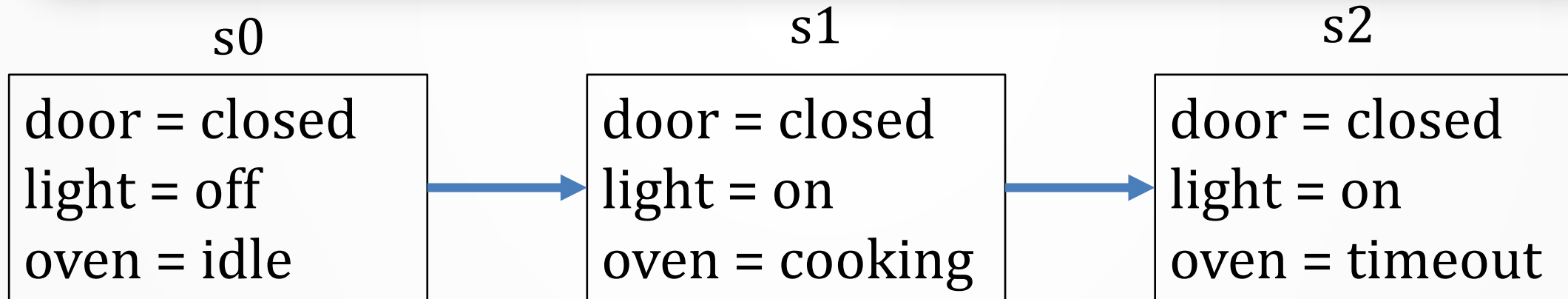
Compare that to the answers if there is a **G** operator:

Does **G**(door = closed) hold on this transition system? **Yes**

Does **G**(light = off) hold on this transition system? **No**

Does **G**(light = on) hold on this transition system? **No**

# A Simple Case Study



Does  $\mathbf{G}((\text{door} = \text{closed}) \text{ AND } (\text{light} = \text{off}))$  hold on this transition system?

**No**

Counterexample: s0, s1.

This is because at s1 the property is violated.

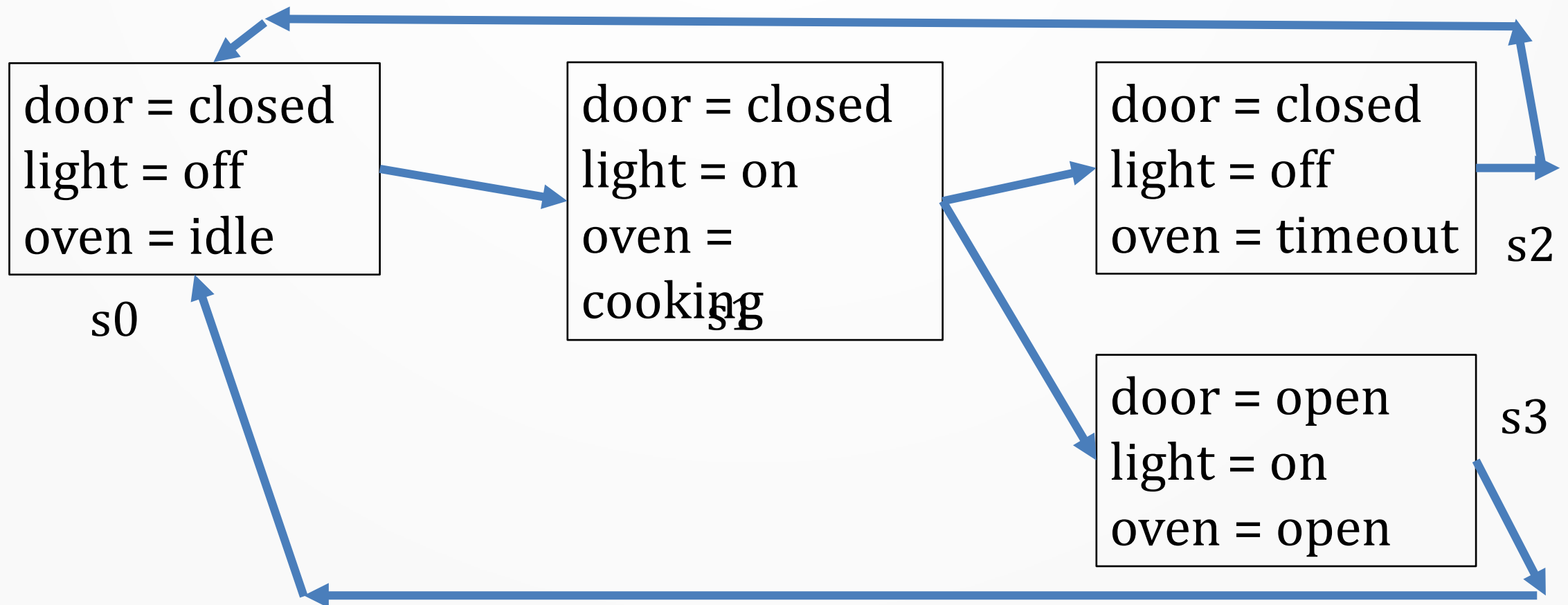
$\mathbf{G}$  means look at **all** the states.

It is also violated at s2 but the counterexample stops at the first violation.

# Case Study

Each of those traces corresponds to a possible path in the transition system.

Here is a more complex transition system for the oven:





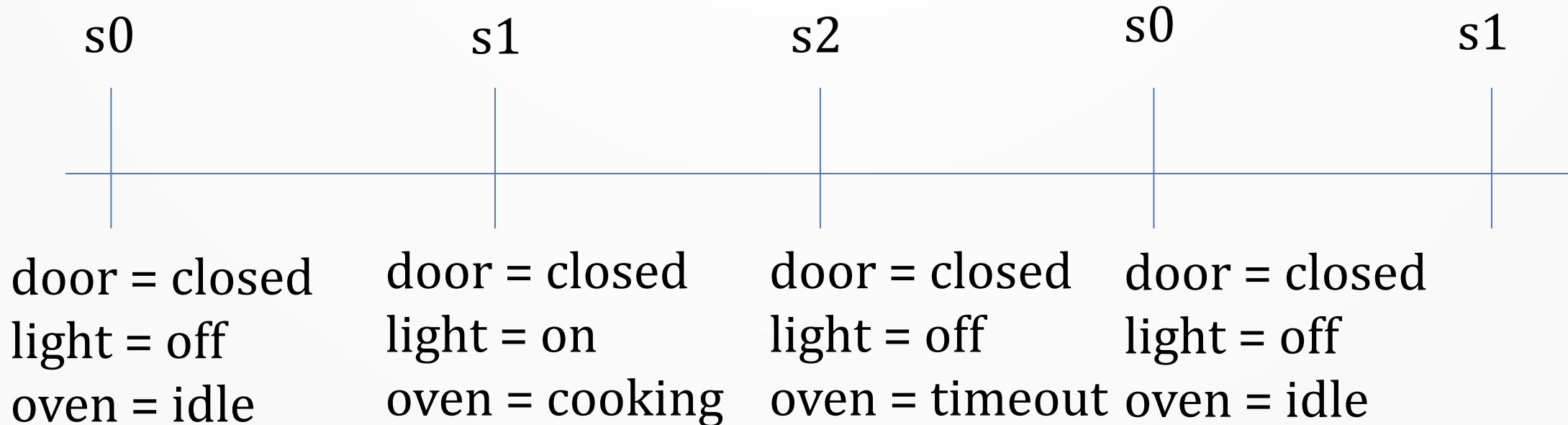
# Execution Traces

What are the possible execution traces?

Some are: s0, s1, s2, s0, ....

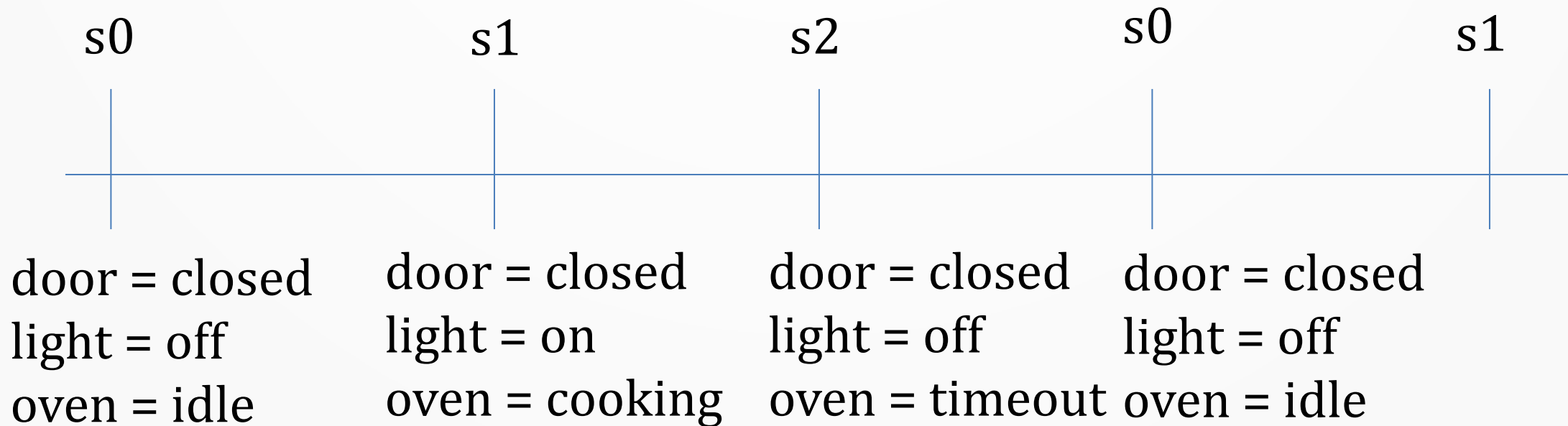
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# Global Operator

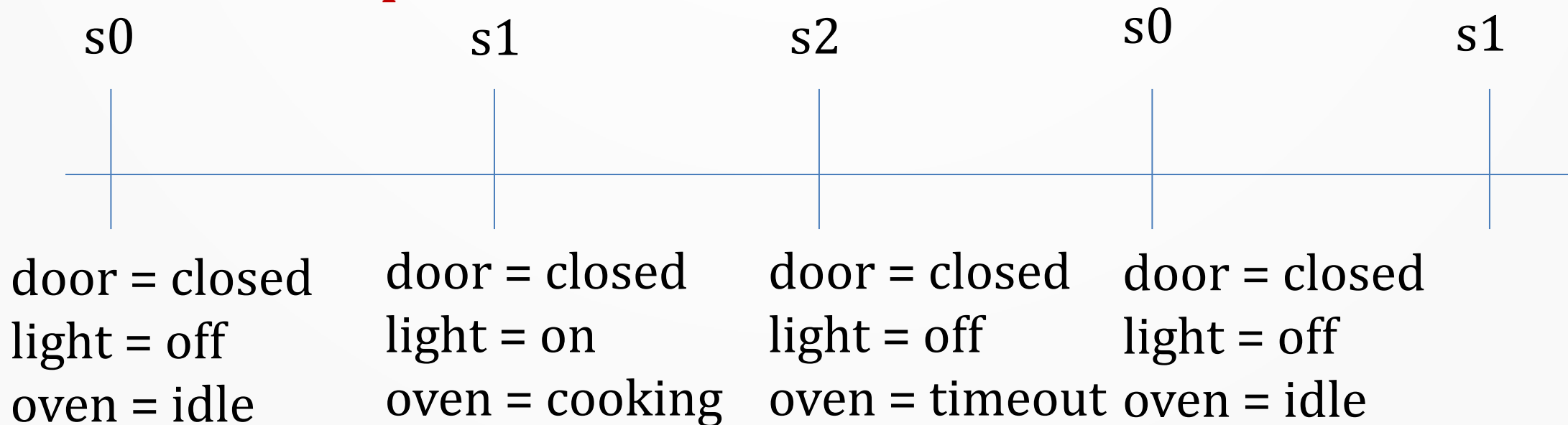
$G(\text{door} = \text{closed})$  holds on the execution trace below, but does it hold for **all** the possible traces?



# Global Operator

When we ask: does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{door} = \text{closed})$  hold, we are talking about **all** the possible execution traces.

See whether you can find a trace where it **doesn't** hold – if no such trace exists, the property holds. Otherwise, it is false and that trace is a **counterexample**.

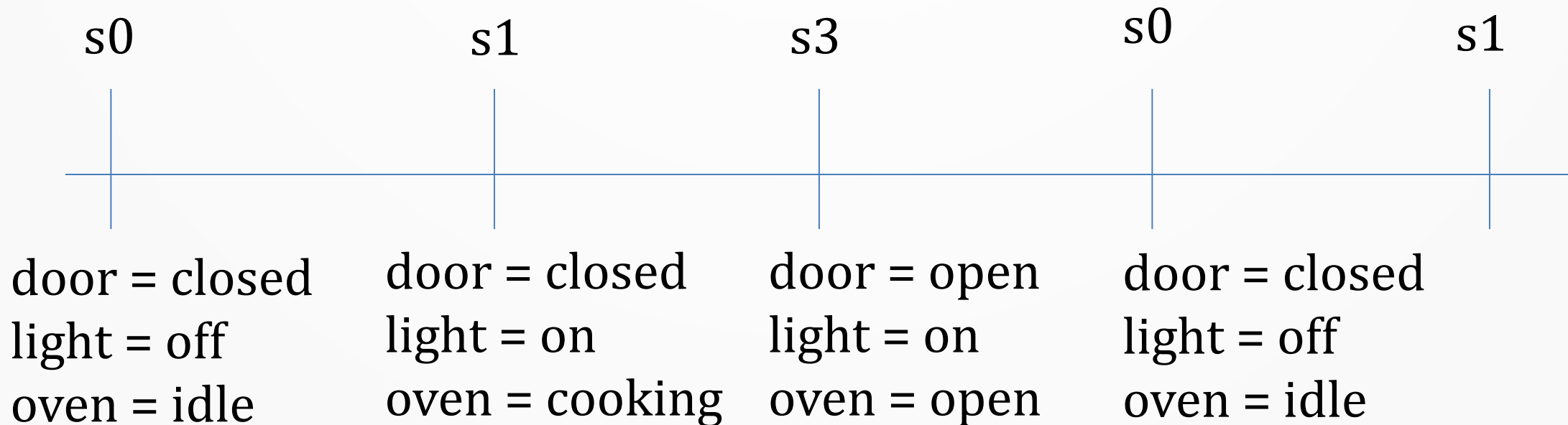


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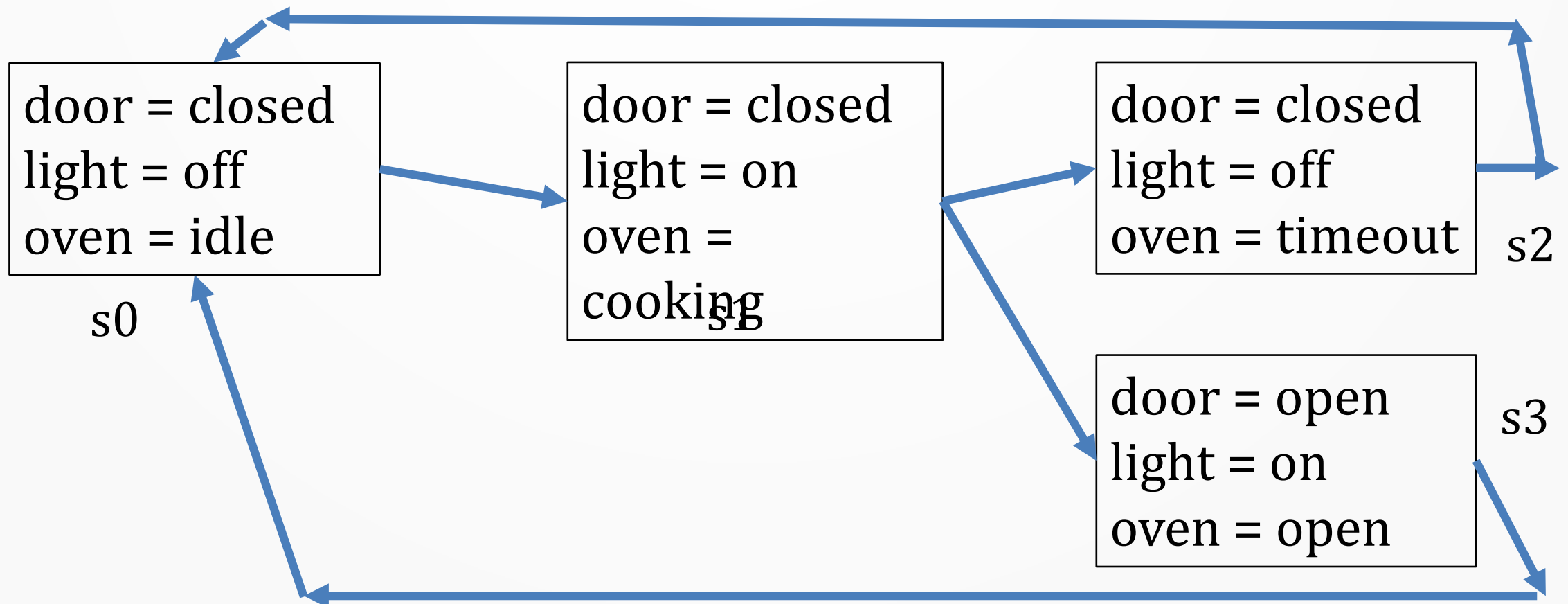
This is a **counterexample**. The property is false.



# Global Operator

What about  $\mathbf{G}(\text{door} = \text{open OR door} = \text{closed})$ ? **Yes**

On every trace, on all the steps, either door = open or door = closed.



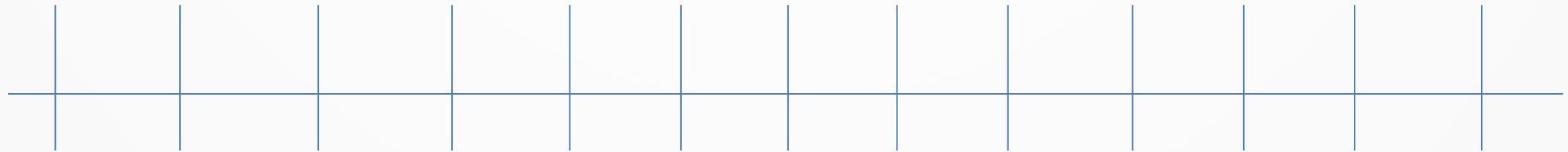
# Future Operator

A new operator: **F** (Future or eventually).

Does **F**( $x = 3$ ) hold on the trace below? **Yes**

Starting at  $s_0$ , we can eventually get to a state where  $x = 3$ .

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



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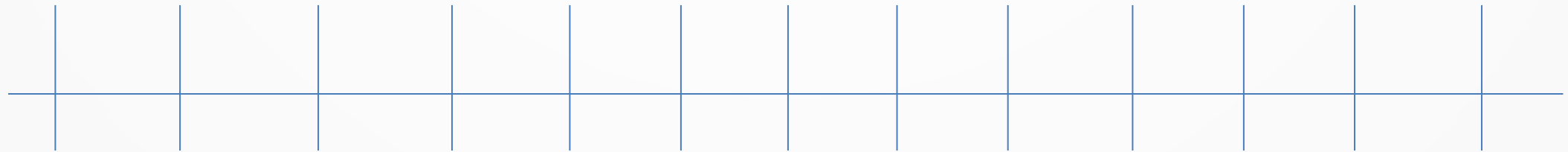
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Does  $\mathbf{F}(x = 2)$  hold on the trace below? **Yes**

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What about  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}(x = 2))$ ?

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     **$x = 2$**     **$x = 2$**     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no states where  $x = 2$  again.

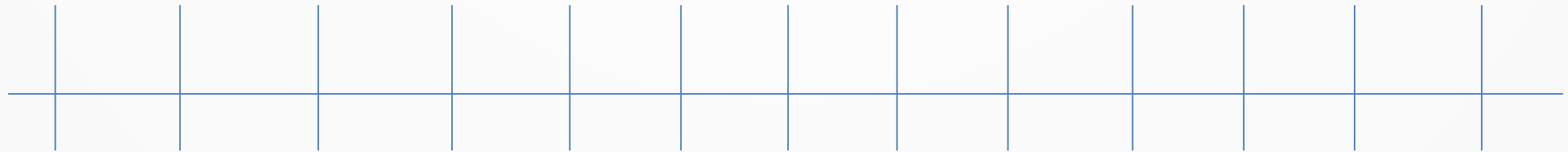
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What about  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}(x = 2))$ ?

Remember what we do for  $\mathbf{G}(p)$  – the property  $p$  must hold on **every** state, not just the first one.

So at every state, check whether you can reach  $x = 2$ . **No – not from  $s_4$ .**

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

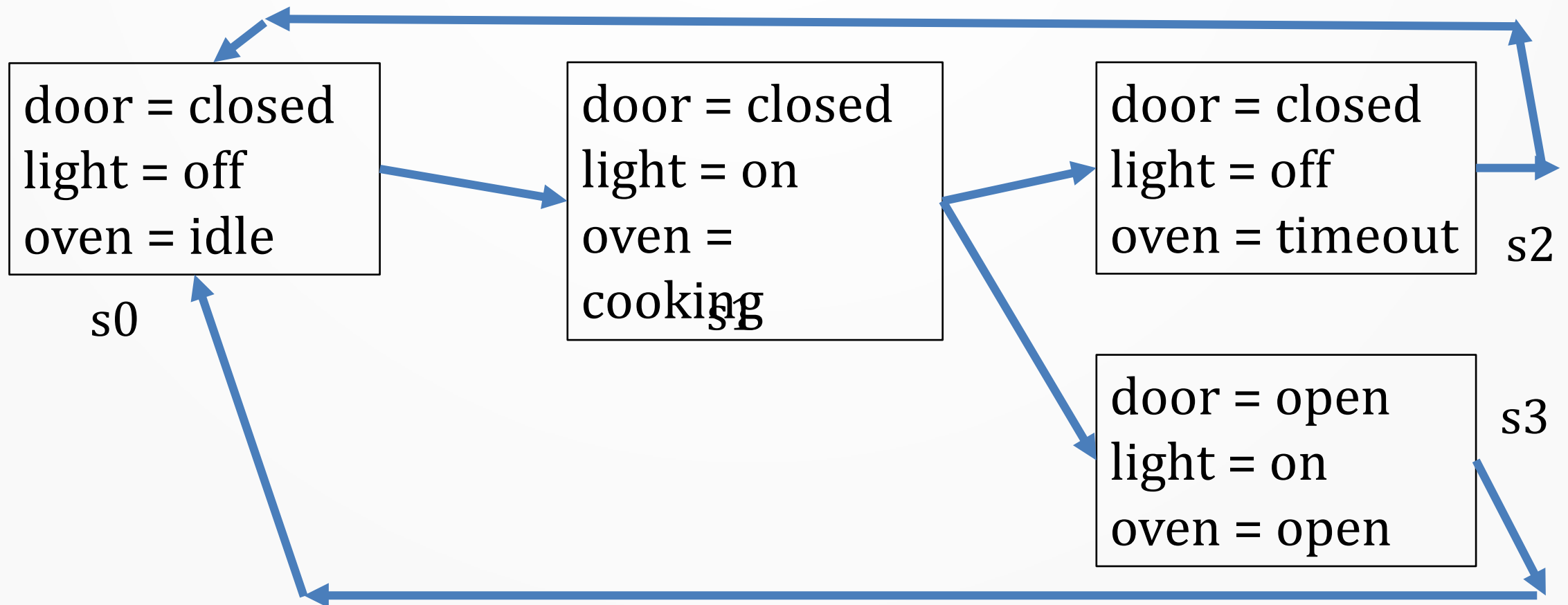
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Does  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}(\text{oven} = \text{idle}))$  hold? **Yes**

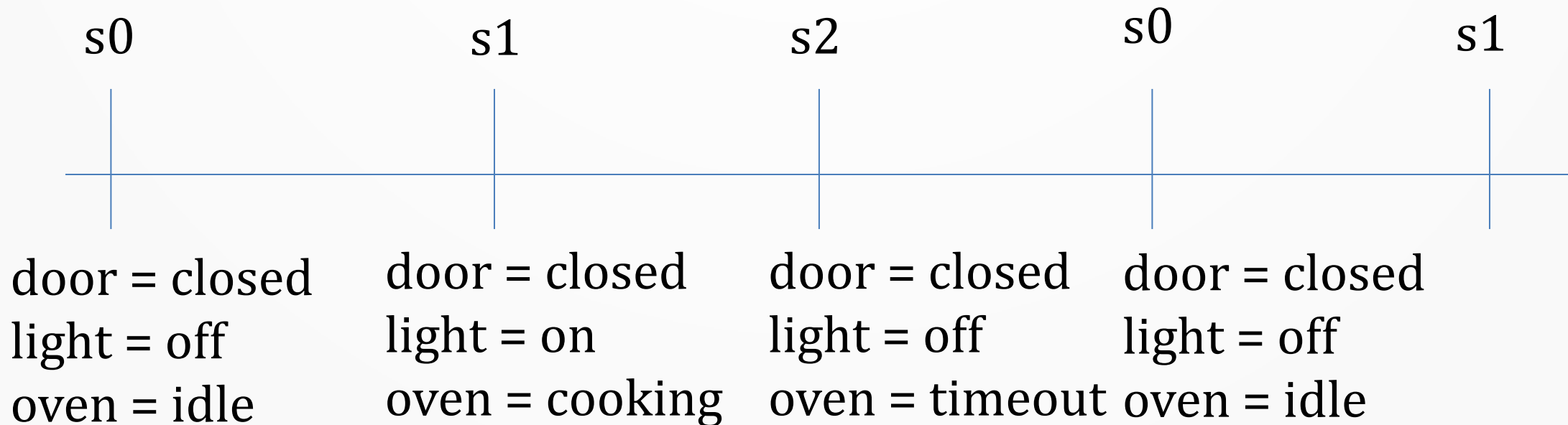
On every trace, on all the steps, eventually you can get to oven = idle.



# Future Operator

$G(F(\text{oven} = \text{idle}))$ :

Here is one trace. The state  $s_0$  is continuously reached, so from any state, you can eventually reach  $\text{oven} = \text{idle}$ .

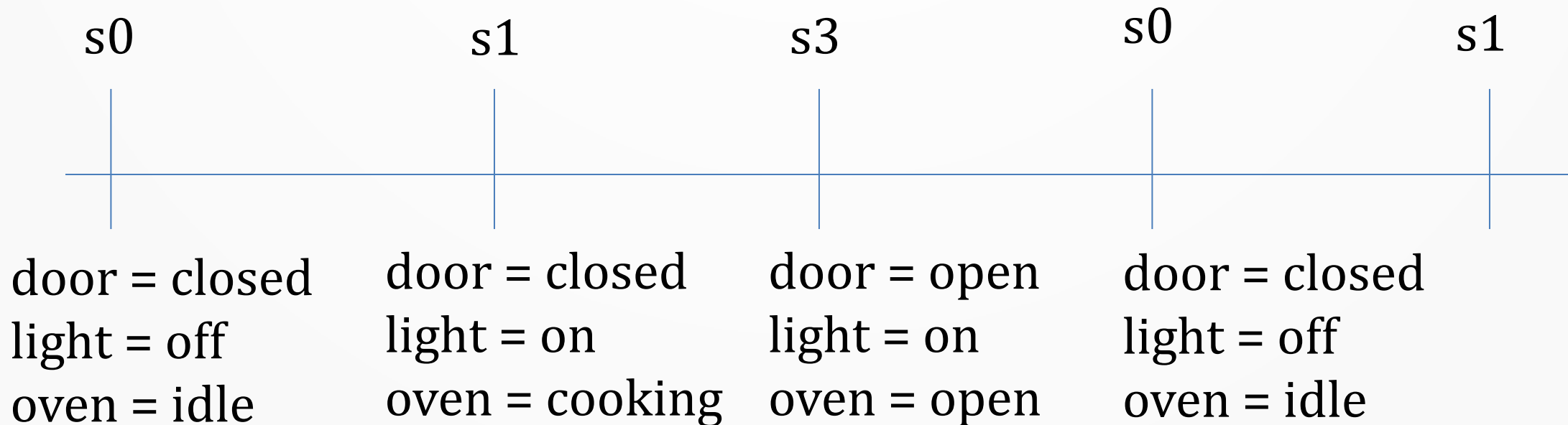


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$G(F(\text{oven} = \text{idle}))$ :

This is called **infinitely often**.

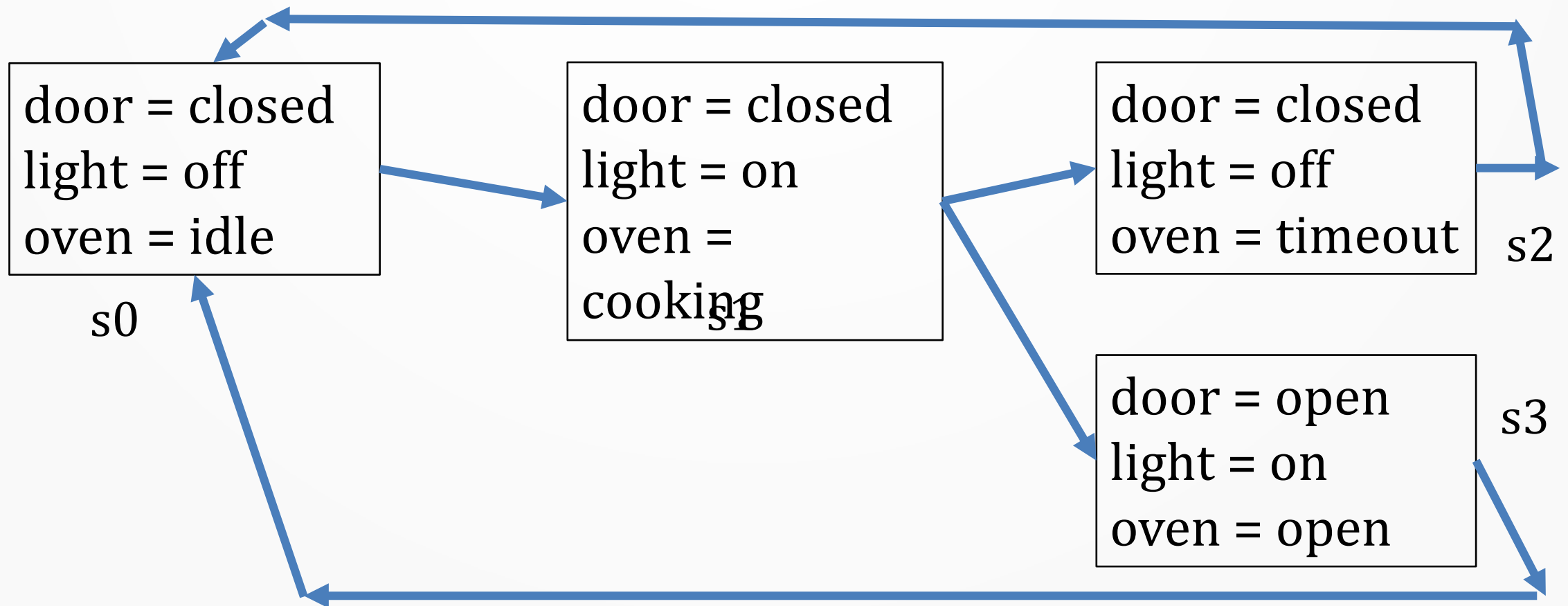
Here is *another* trace. The state  $s_0$  is continuously reached, so from any state, you can eventually reach  $\text{oven} = \text{idle}$ .



# Future Operator

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}(\text{door} = \text{open}))$  hold? **No**

There is a counterexample!

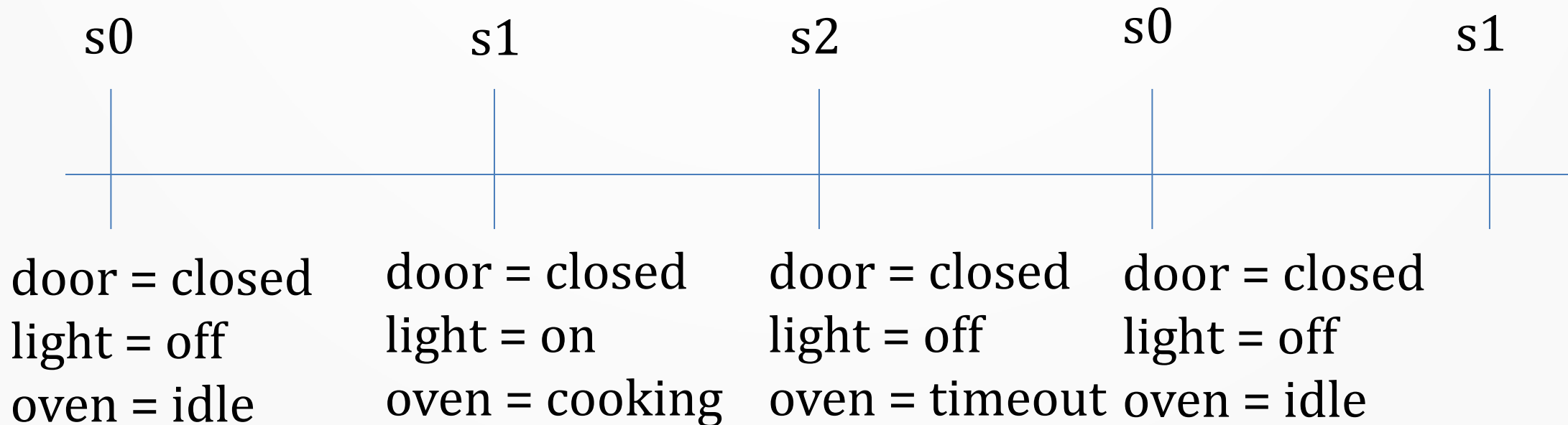


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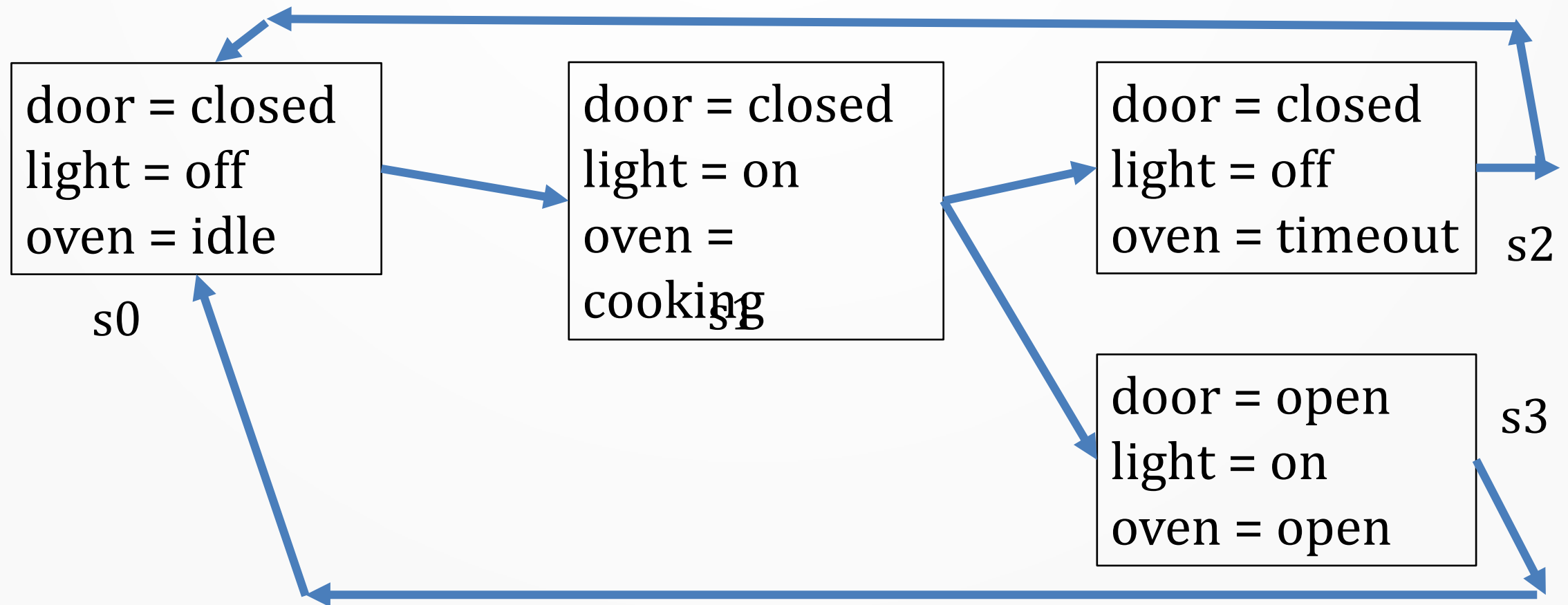
Here is the counterexample.

This trace can go on forever without reaching  $s_3$ , where the door is open.



# Future Operator

Counterexamples for **F** always have an infinite cycle, because we have to show that something will **never** happen.



# Counterexamples

A counterexample is an execution trace showing how the property is violated.

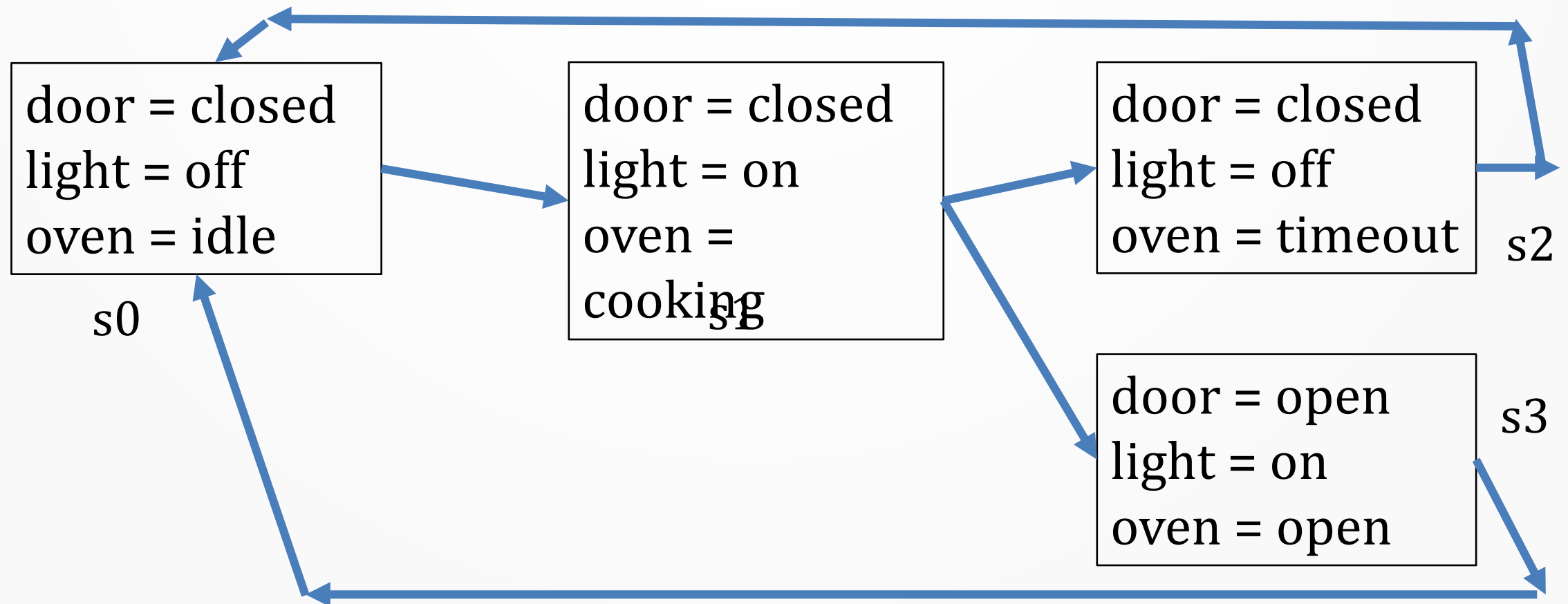
Look for the shortest counterexample if possible.

For properties like  $G(p)$  where  $p$  is an atomic proposition, then the counterexample is just a trace going up to the state where  $p$  does not hold.

Counterexamples must be full traces – start from the starting state.

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What is the counterexample for  $G(\text{door} = \text{closed AND light} = \text{off})$ ?

s0 – door=closed; light=off; oven=idle

s1 – door=closed; light=on; oven=cooking



The property was violated!

Therefore the counterexample is: s0, s1.

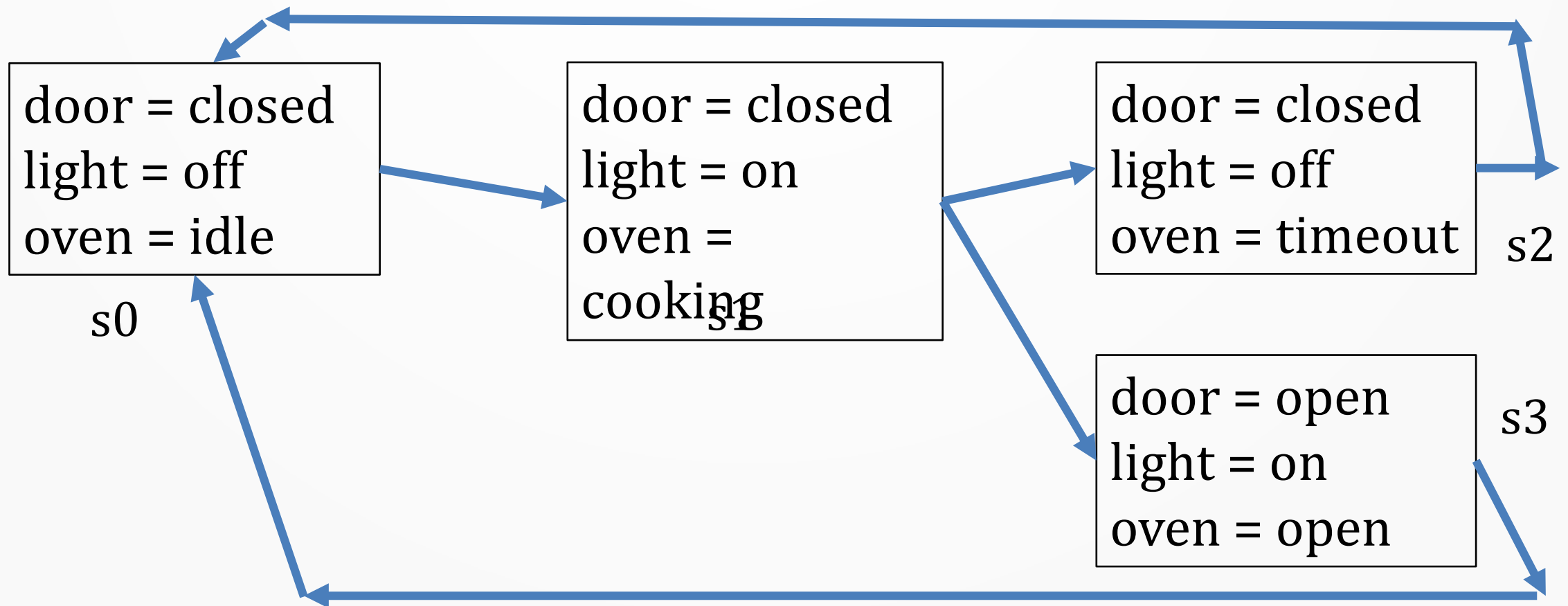
Look for the first state where the conditions don't hold and stop the trace there.

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$\mathbf{G}(\text{door}=\text{closed} \Rightarrow (\text{light}=\text{off} \text{ OR } \text{oven} = \text{cooking}))?$

Proved!



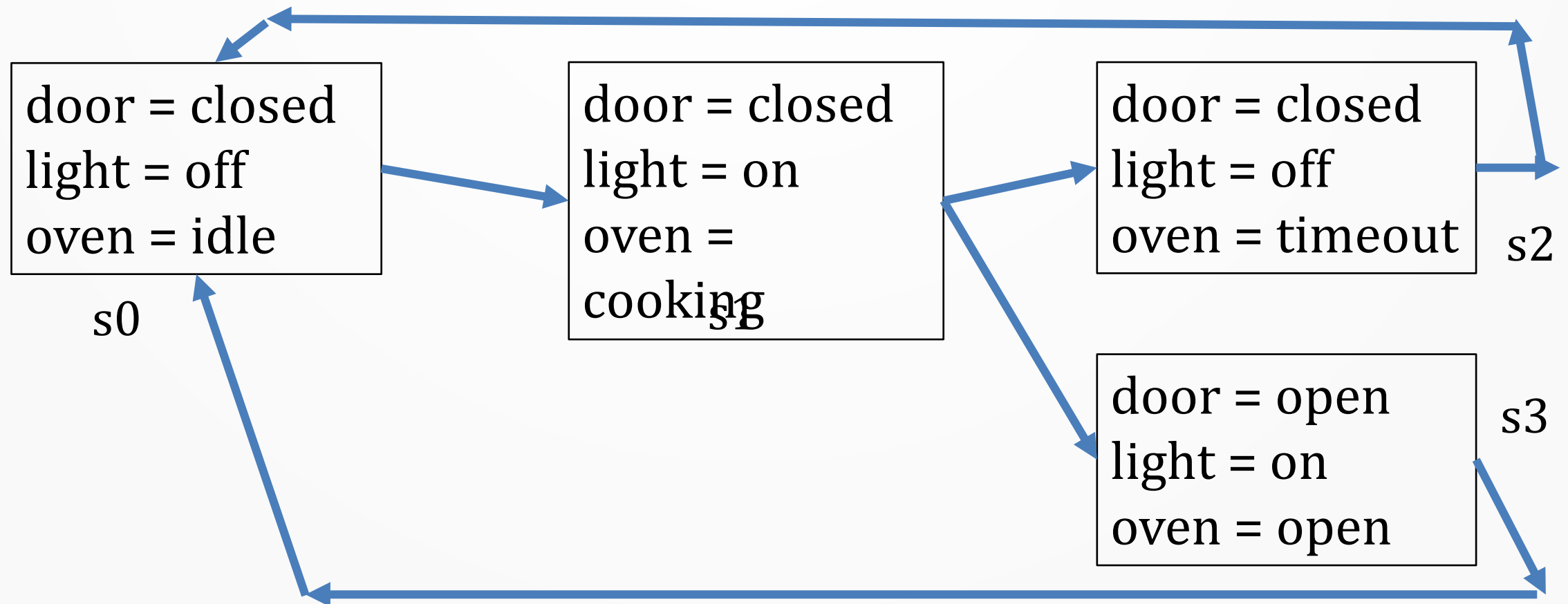
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What is the counterexample for  $G(\text{door}=\text{closed} \Rightarrow (\text{light}=\text{off} \text{ OR } \text{oven} = \text{cooking}))$ ? **Proved!**

This is proved because on states  $s_0$  to  $s_2$ , the door is closed and either the light is off or the oven is cooking. On state  $s_3$ , the door is not closed, so the antecedent is **false**. Therefore, it doesn't matter that the light is not off and the oven is not cooking.

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s0 – door=closed; light=off; oven=idle

s1 – door=closed; light=on; oven=cooking

s3 – door=open; light=on; oven=open

s0 – door=closed; light=off; oven=idle

... continue as a cycle.

Counterexample:

s0, s1, s3, s0, ... cycle with  
s1, s3, s0.

Counterexamples for  $\mathbf{F}$  always need a cycle to show that it never reaches a state where the condition holds.

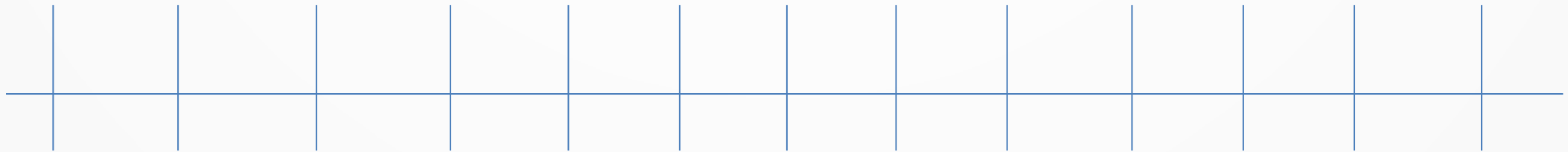
# Implies with Globally

What about if it was  $\mathbf{G}(x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 0)$ ?

Does the property hold on the path below? **No**

At  $s_0$ ,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  it holds, but not at  $s_3$ .

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$	$x = 1$	$x = 2$	$x = 2$	$x = 3$	and so on...	
$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 1$	$y = 1$		

# Implies with Globally

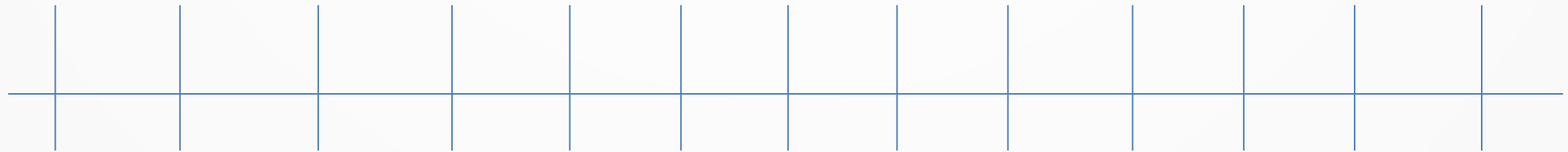
At  $s_0$ ,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  it holds, but not at  $s_3$ .

$$G(x = 2 \Rightarrow y = 0)$$

Counterexample:  $s_0$ ,  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ ,  $s_3$ .

Why does it hold at  $s_0$  and  $s_1$  when  $x$  is not 2? Remember how implies works.

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

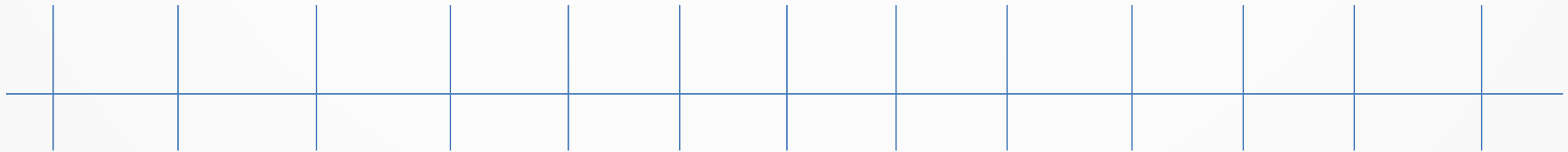
and so on with no further changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .

# Implies with Future

$\mathbf{G}(x = 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(y = 1))$       **Proved**

From every state where  $x = 2$  holds, we can eventually reach a state where  $y = 1$  holds (sometimes it is the same state).

s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .

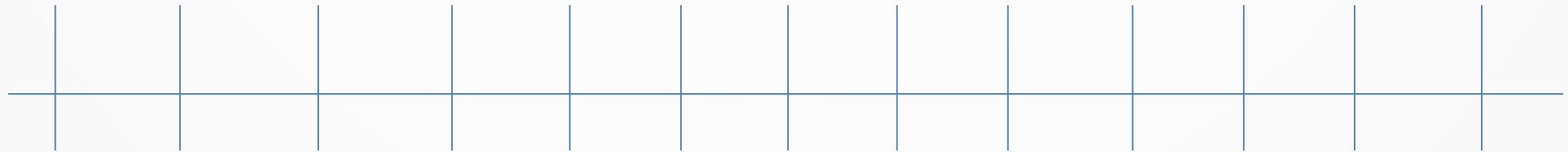


# Implies with Future

$\mathbf{G}(x = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(y = 0))$

**Proved**

s0   s1   s2   s3   s4   s5   and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to x or y.

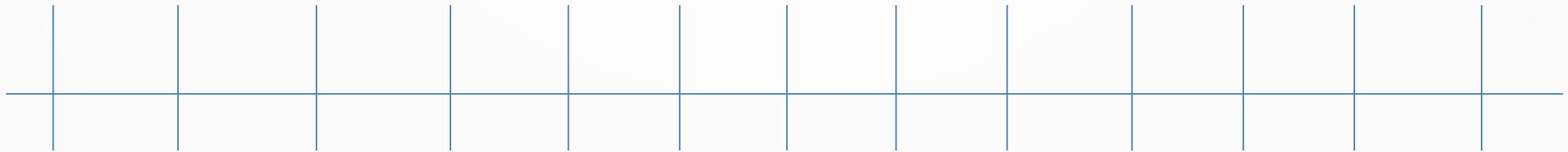
# Implies with Future

$G(x = 0 \Rightarrow F(y = 0))$      **False**

No way to get from this state where  $x = 0$  to one where  $y = 0$ .



s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



$x = 0$      $x = 1$      $x = 0$      $x = 2$      $x = 3$

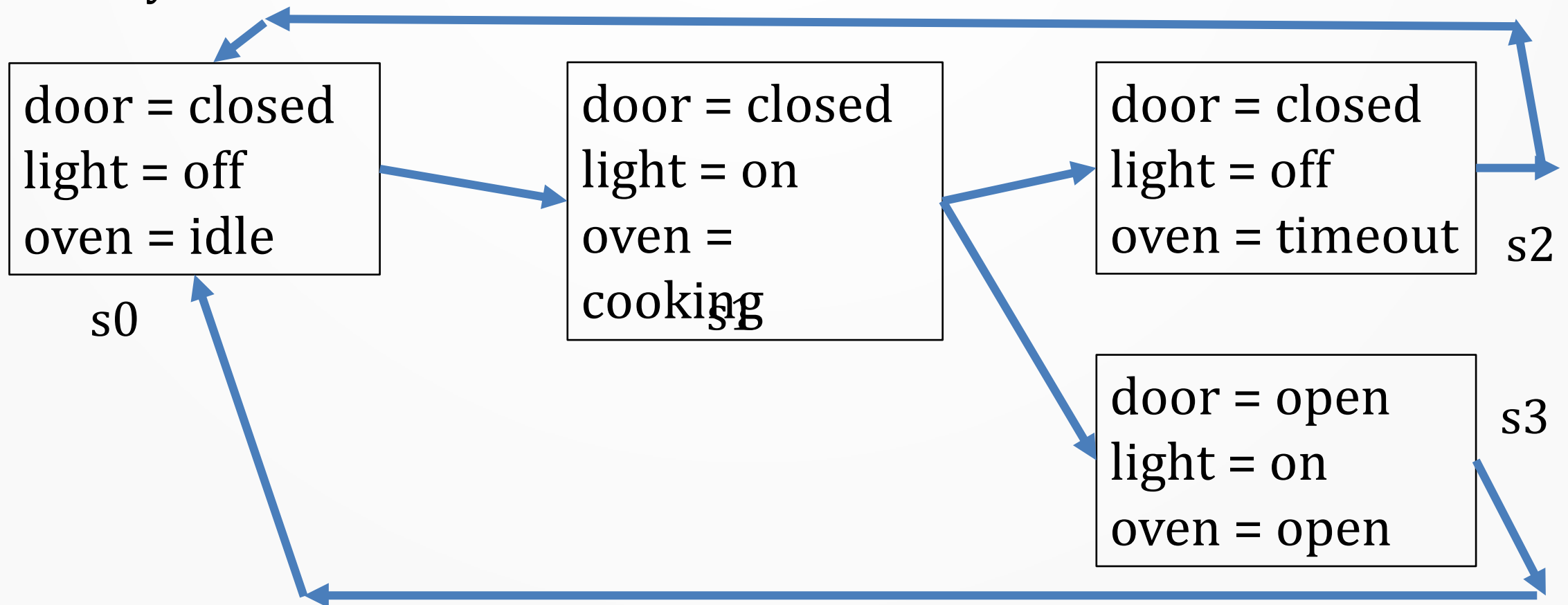
$y = 0$      $y = 0$      $y = 1$      $y = 1$      $y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .

# Implies with Future

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{oven} = \text{idle} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\text{door} = \text{closed}))$  hold? **Yes**

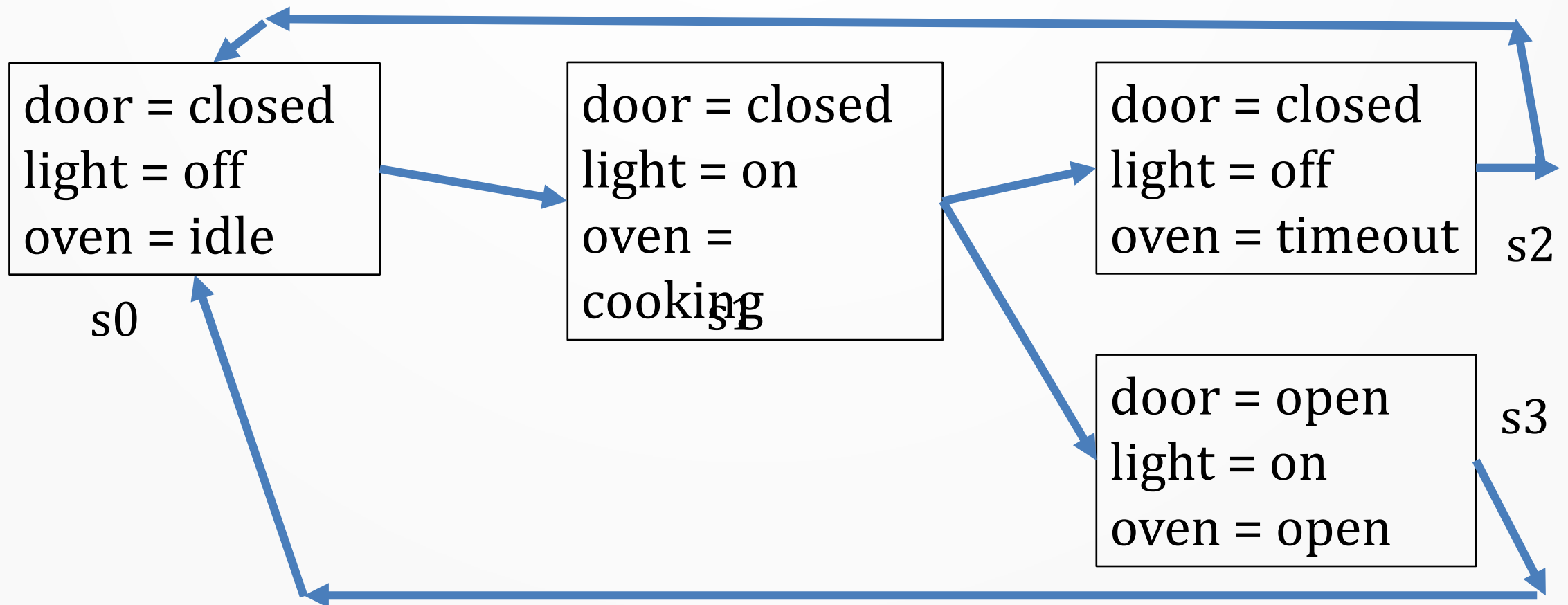
The only state where oven = idle is s0. From here, it is always possible to eventually reach a state where door = closed.



# Implies with Future

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{door} = \text{closed} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\text{oven} = \text{open}))$  hold? **No**

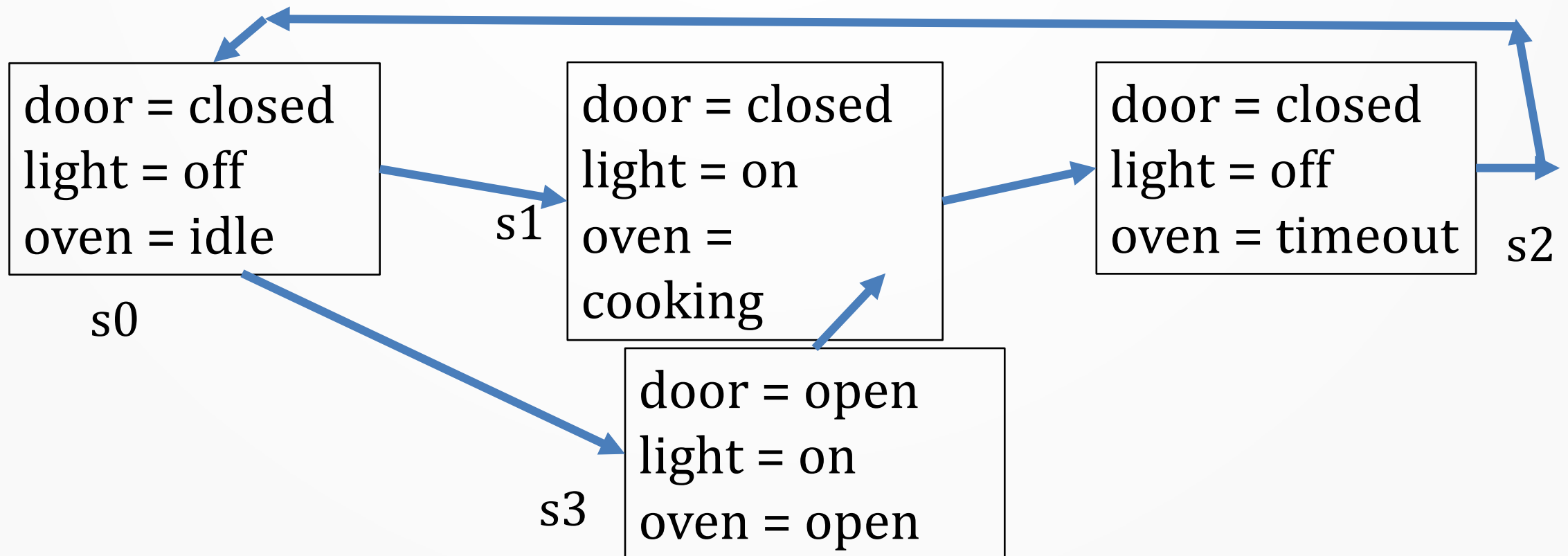
Counterexample:  $s_0, s_1, s_2$ , then an infinite cycle with  $s_0, s_1, s_2$ .



# Implies with Future

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{door} = \text{closed} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\text{oven} = \text{timeout}))$  hold? **Yes**

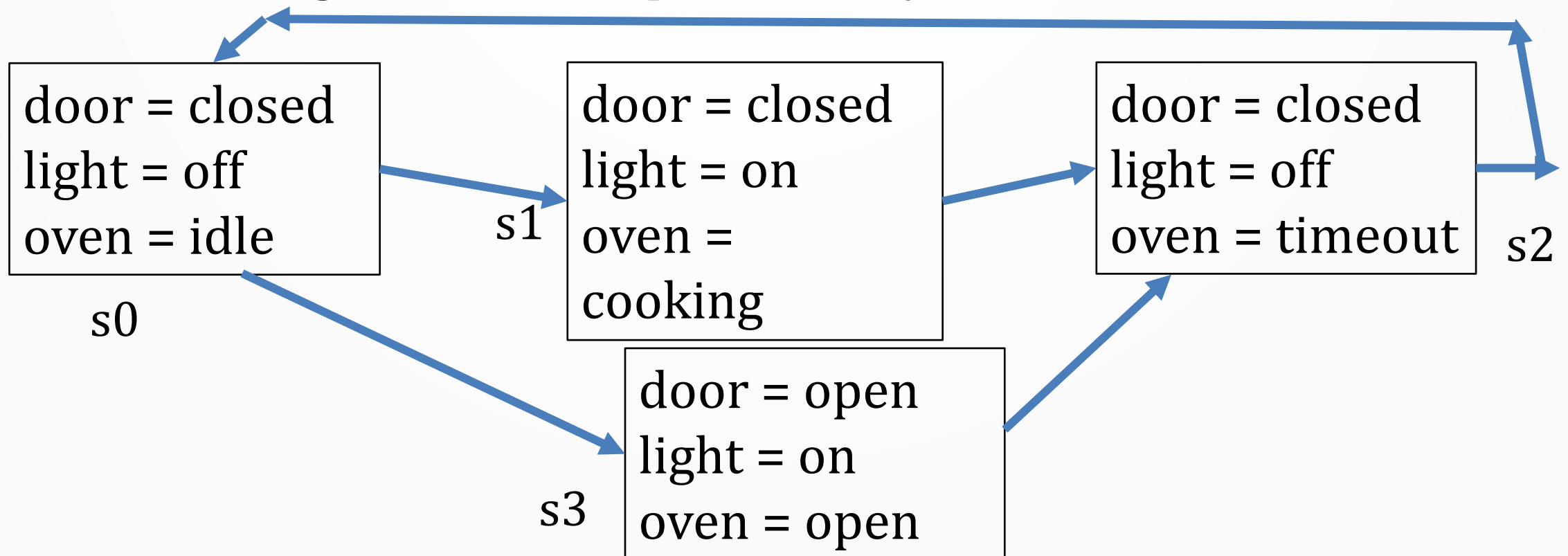
Even on paths that go through s3, s2 is always still reached.



# Implies with Future

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{light} = \text{on} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\text{oven} = \text{cooking}))$  hold? **No**

At  $s_1$ , oven is already cooking, but from  $s_3$ , we could keep missing  $\text{oven} = \text{cooking}$ . Counterexample:  $s_0, s_3$ , cycle  $s_2, s_0, s_3$ .



# Next Operator

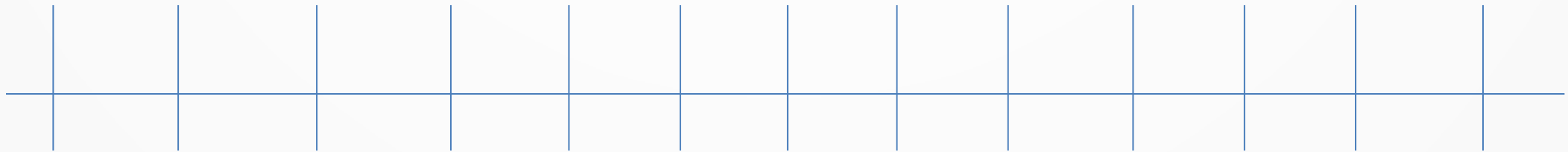
Another new operator: **X** (NeXt).

Does **X**( $x = 1$ ) hold on the trace below? **Yes**

Starting at  $s_0$ , in the next state,  $x = 1$ .

If the formula has just an **X** by itself like this one, then you only look at the 2<sup>nd</sup> state ( $s_1$  in the example).

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$	<b><math>x = 1</math></b>	$x = 2$	$x = 2$	$x = 3$	and so on...
$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 1$	$y = 1$	

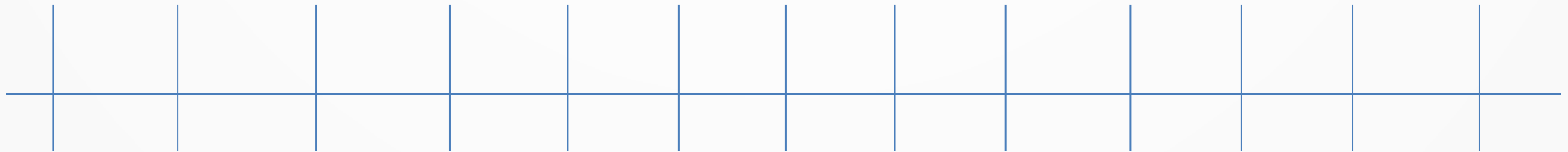
# Implies with Next

What about if it was  $\mathbf{G}(x = 2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(y = 1))$ ?

Does the property hold on the trace below? **Yes**

Find the states where  $x = 2$  holds and then look at the next states after them.

s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .



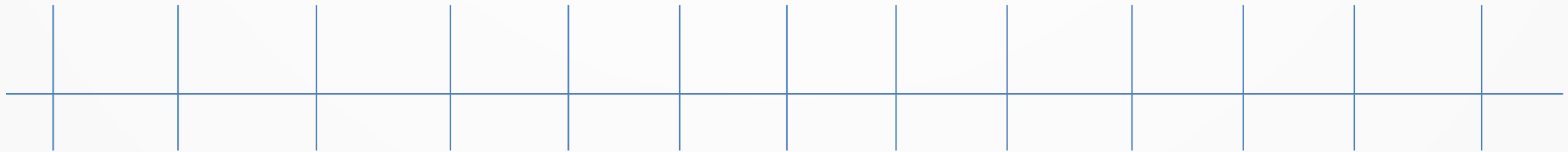
# Implies with Next

Now try  $\mathbf{G}(y = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(y = 1))$ ?

Does the property hold on the trace below?

Find the states where  $y = 0$  holds and then look at the next states after them.

s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

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and so on with no changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .

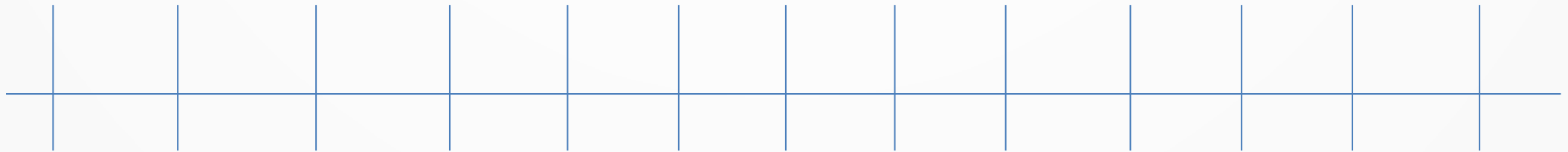
# Implies with Next

Now try  $\mathbf{G}(y = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(y = 1))$ ?

Does the property hold on the trace below? **No**

Counterexample:  $s_0$ . At this state,  $y = 0$  but on the next state,  $s_1$ ,  $y$  is not 1.

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

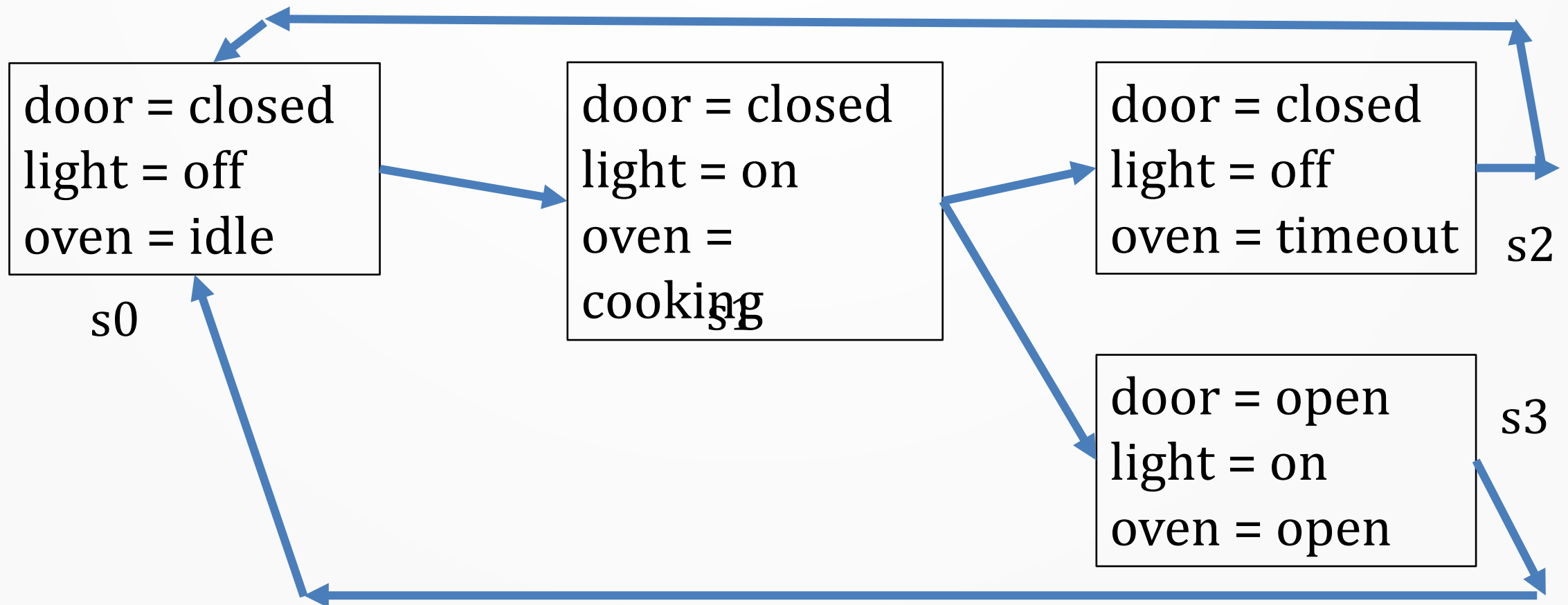
$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no changes to  $x$  or  $y$ .

# Implies with Next

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{oven} = \text{idle} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(\text{door} = \text{closed}))$  hold? **Yes**

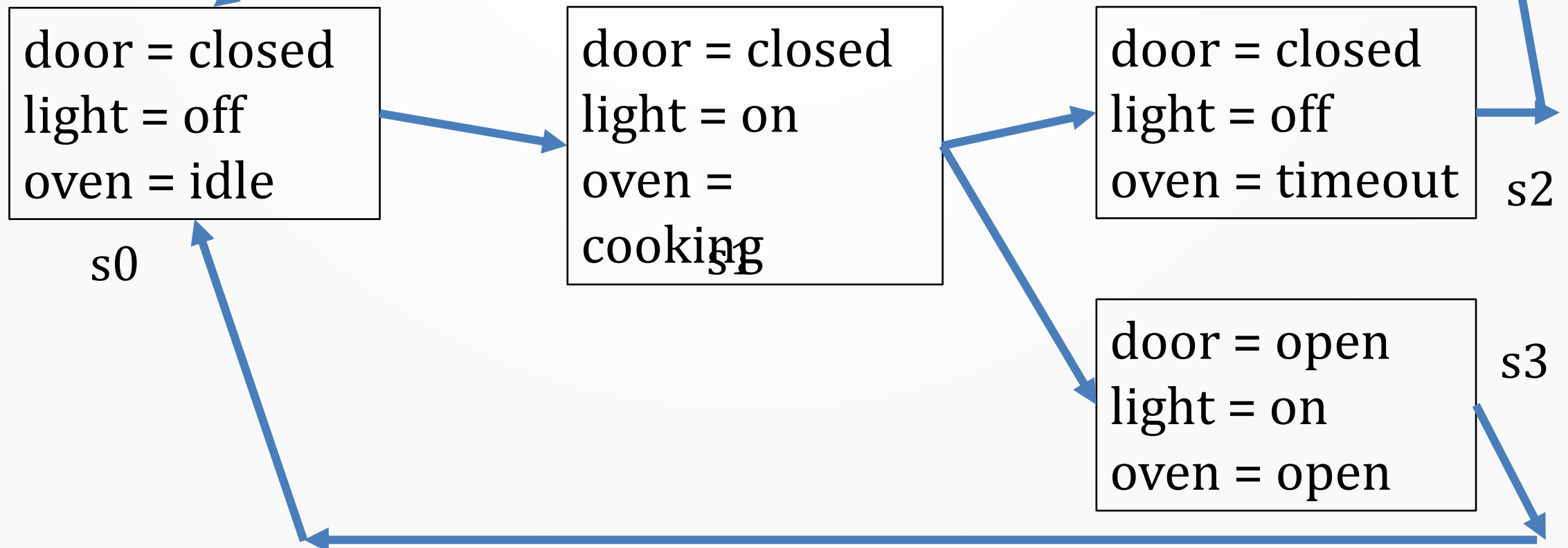
The only state where oven = idle is s0. From here, the only next step is s1.



# Implies with Next

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{door} = \text{closed} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(\text{light} = \text{on}))$  hold? **No**

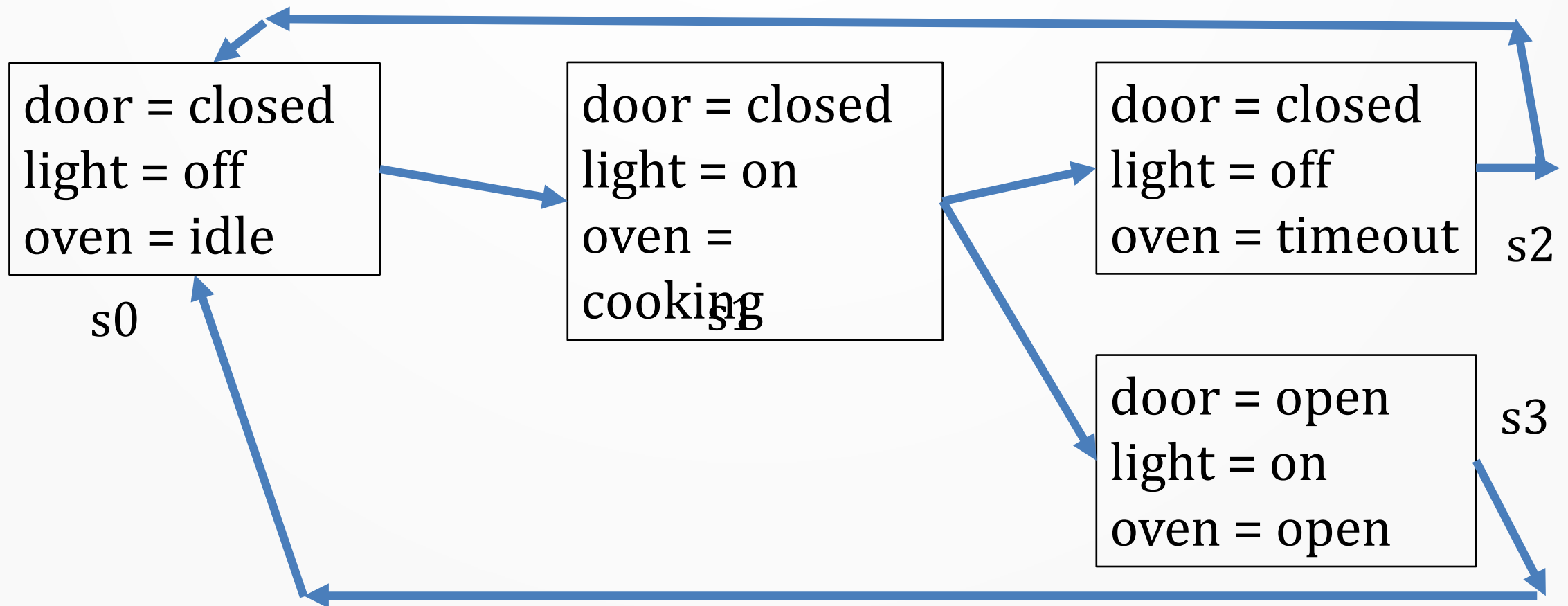
At  $s_0$ ,  $\text{light} = \text{on}$  in the next state, but not at  $s_1$  or  $s_2$ . Counterexample:  $s_0, s_1, s_2$ .  
Alternative longer counterexample:  $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_0$ .



# Implies with Next

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{light} = \text{off} \Rightarrow \mathbf{X}(\text{oven} = \text{cooking}))$  hold? **No**

Counterexample:  $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_0$ . No cycle is needed for  $\mathbf{X}$ .



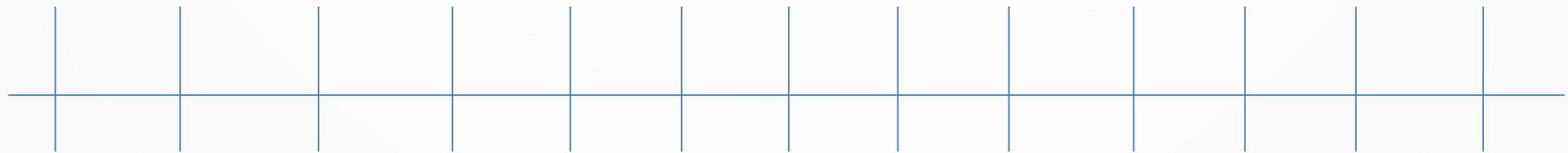
# Until Operator

**U (Until)**  $p \mathbf{U} q$  –  $p$  holds until  $q$  holds.

Does  $(y = 0) \mathbf{U} (x = 2)$  hold on the trace below? **Yes**

$y = 0$  holds on all states until it reaches a state where  $x = 2$  holds ( $s_2$ ).

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

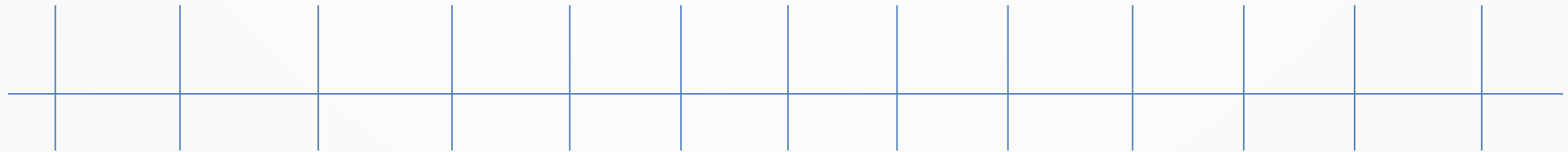
and so on with no further changes to  $x$  and  $y$ .

# Until Operator

Does  $(y = 0) \mathbf{U} (x = 4)$  hold on the trace below? **No**

Remember that if the second clause  $(x = 4)$  doesn't ever hold, then the property is **false**.

s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



$x = 0$     $x = 1$     $x = 2$     $x = 2$     $x = 3$

$y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 0$     $y = 1$     $y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to  $x$  and  $y$ .

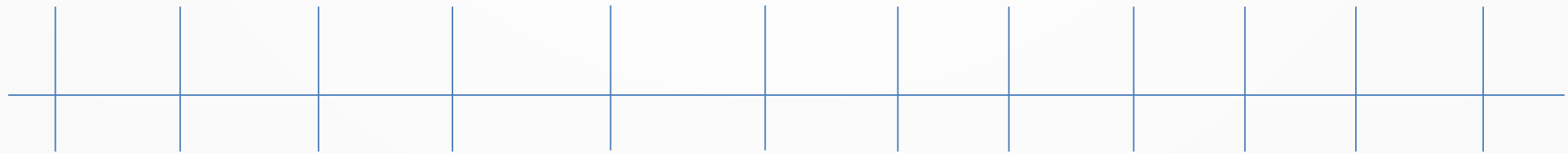
# Until Operator

Does  $\mathbf{G}((y = 0) \mathbf{U} (x = 2))$  hold on the trace below? **No**

From any state,  $y$  should stay 0 until  $x$  is 2.

Is this true at  $s_4$ ? How about  $s_5$ ?

$s_0$     $s_1$     $s_2$     $s_3$     $s_4$     $s_5$    and so on...



$x = 0$	$x = 1$	$x = 2$	$x = 2$	$x = 2$	$x = 3$	$x = 2$
$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 0$	$y = 1$	$y = 1$	$y = 1$	$y = 1$

and so on with no further changes to  $x$  and  $y$ .

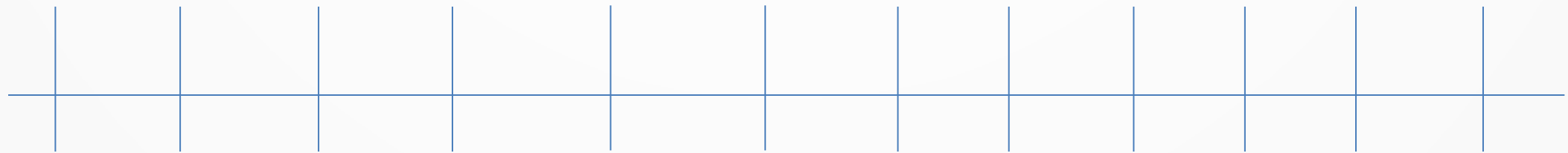


# Until Operator

Does  $\mathbf{G}(x = 1 \Rightarrow ((y = 0) \mathbf{U} (x = 2)))$  hold on the trace below? **Yes**

We're only interested in looking at s1. From here, y stays 0 until x is 2.

s0    s1    s2    s3    s4    s5    and so on...



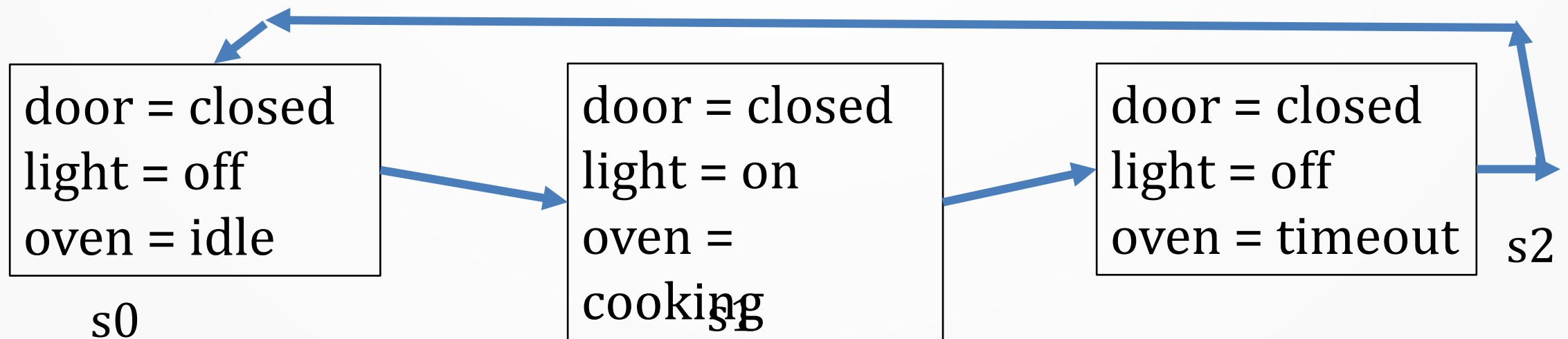
x = 0    x = 1    x = 2    x = 2    x = 2    x = 3    x = 2  
y = 0    y = 0    y = 0    y = 1    y = 1    y = 1    y = 1

and so on with no further changes to x and y.

# Until

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{light} = \text{off} \mathbf{U} \text{oven} = \text{cooking})$  hold? **Yes**

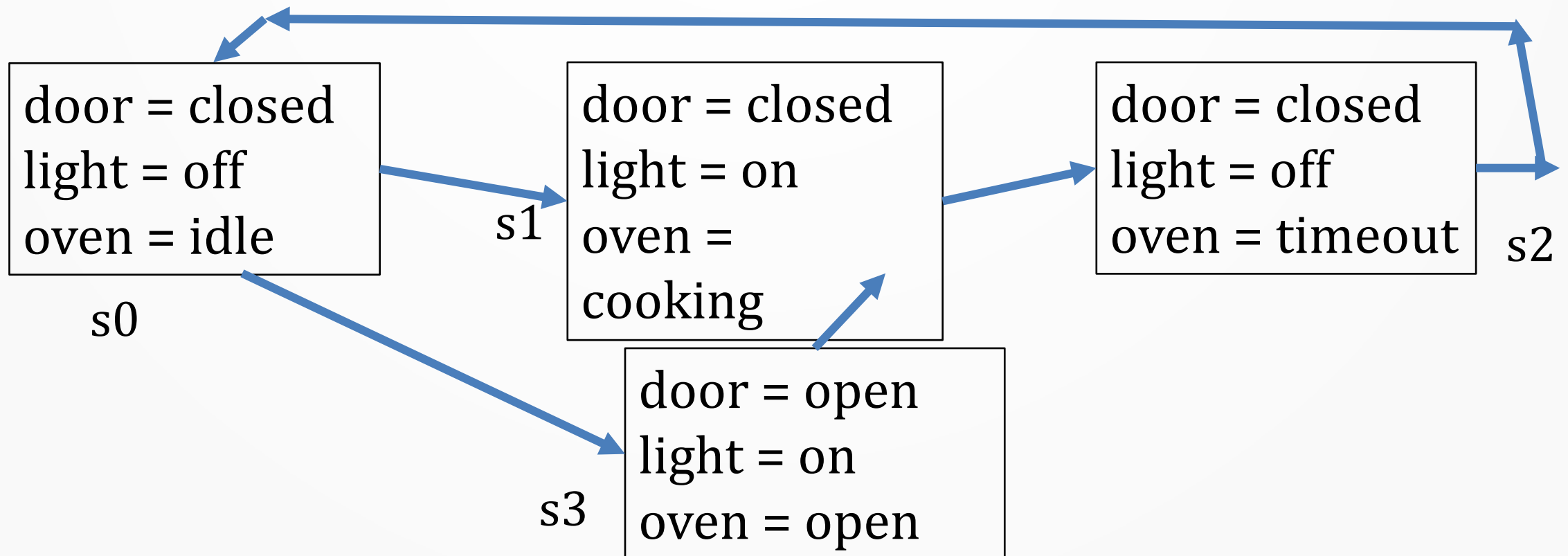
The light stays off until s1, where the oven is cooking.



# Until

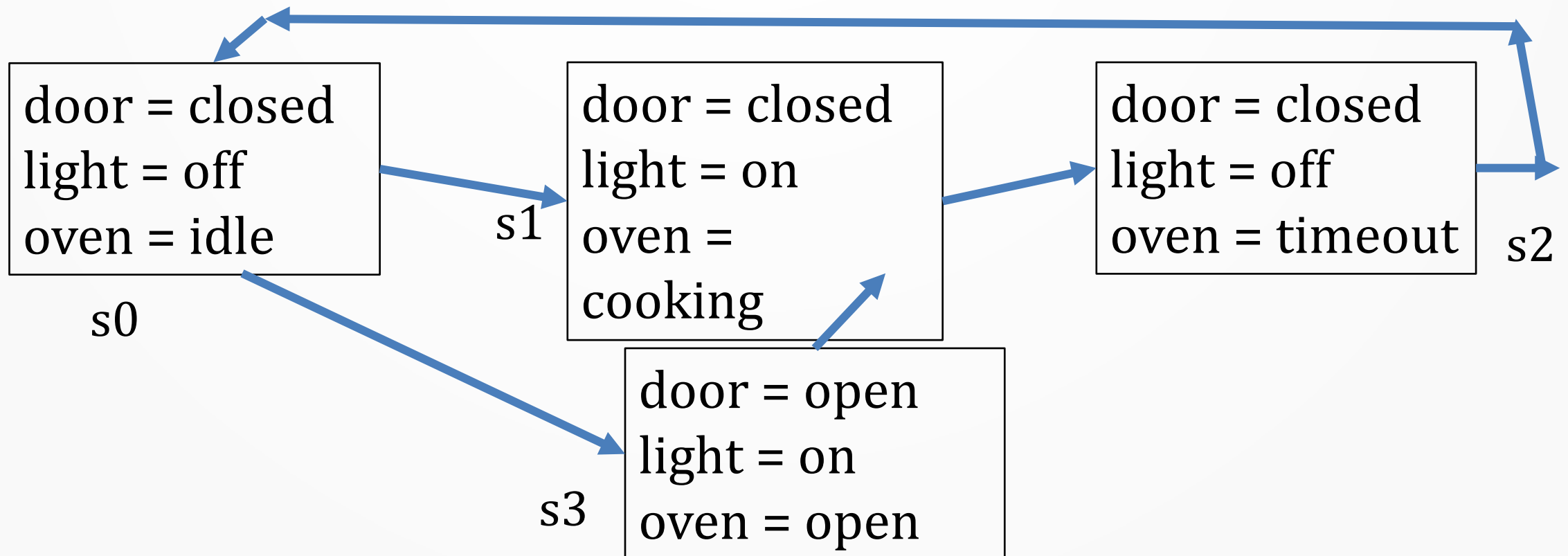
Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{light} = \text{off} \mathbf{U} \text{oven} = \text{cooking})$  hold? **No**

Counterexample:  $s_0, s_3, s_1$ .



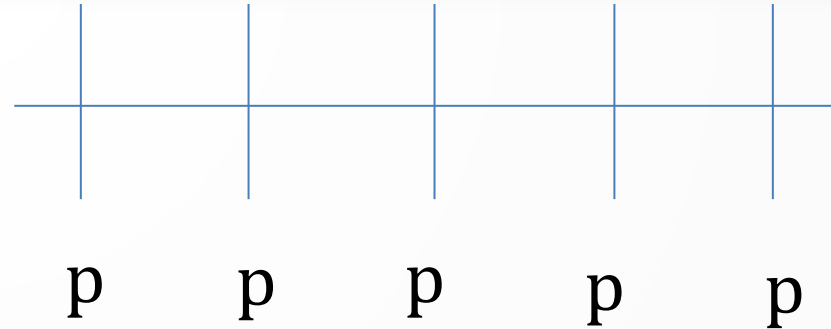
# Implies with Until

Does  $\mathbf{G}(\text{oven} = \text{open} \Rightarrow (\text{light} = \text{on} \mathbf{U} \text{oven} = \text{timeout}))$  hold? **Yes**

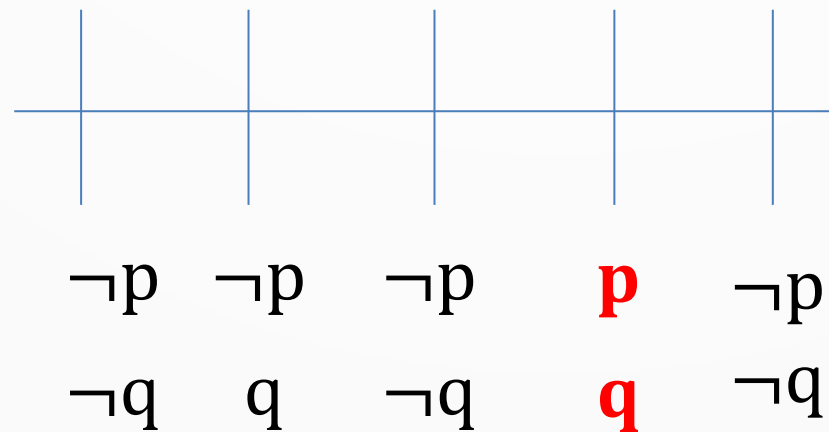


# LTL Operators Overview

$G(p)$  –  $p$  must hold on **every** state.



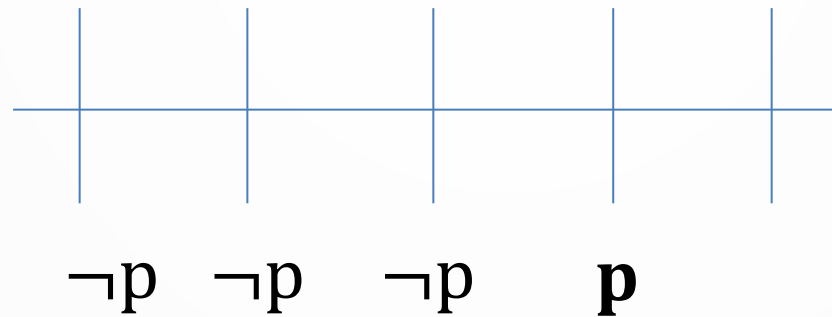
$G(p \Rightarrow q)$  – on every state, if  $p$  holds then  $q$  holds.



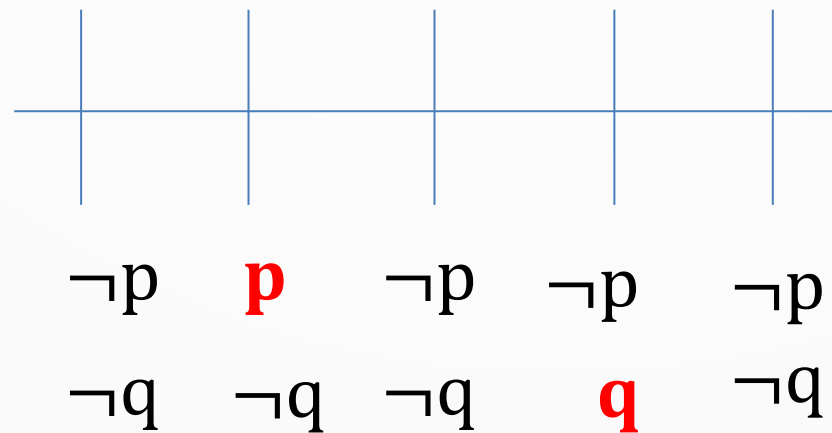
Remember that it doesn't matter whether  $q$  holds or not on the states where  $p$  doesn't hold.

# LTL Operators Overview

$F(p)$  –  $p$  must **eventually** hold. There must be a state in the future where  $p$  holds.



$G(p \Rightarrow F(q))$  – on every state, if  $p$  holds then eventually  $q$  holds.

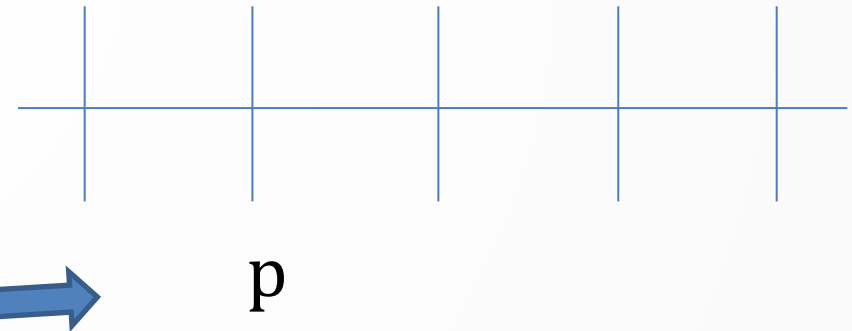


$p$  doesn't have to hold in the same state as  $q$  but it can.

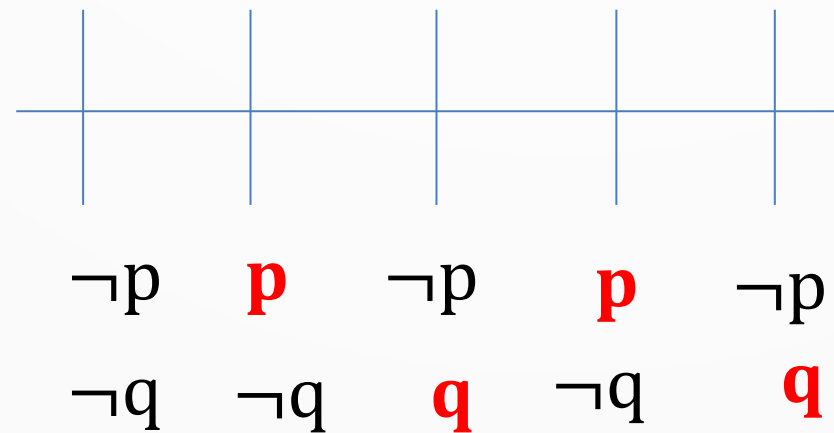
# LTL Operators Overview

$X(p)$  –  $p$  must hold on the **next** state.

If there's no **G** then it just means the next state after the starting state.

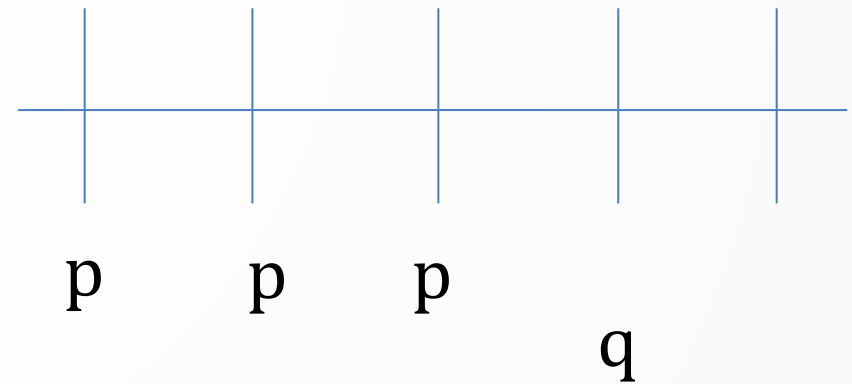


$G(p \Rightarrow X(q))$  – on every state, if  $p$  holds then in the next state  $q$  holds.

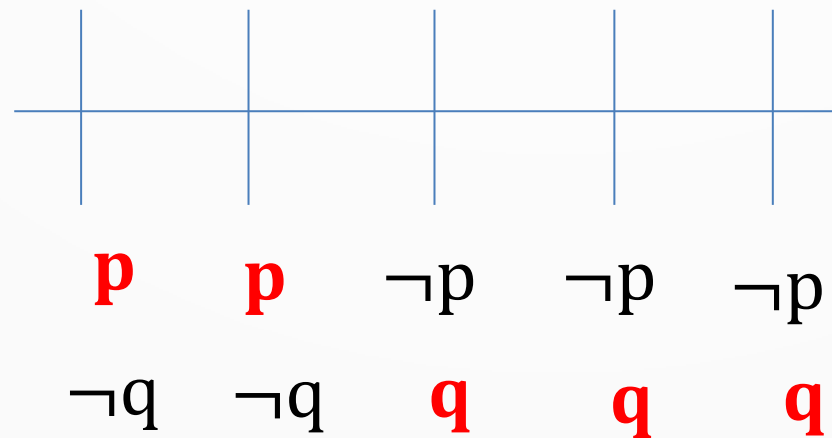


# LTL Operators Overview

$p \mathbf{U} q$  –  $p$  must hold **until**  $q$  holds.



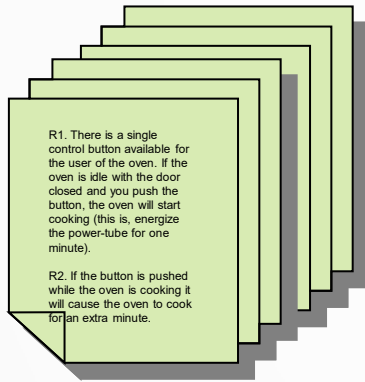
$\mathbf{G}(p \mathbf{U} q)$  – from every state,  $p$  must hold until  $q$  holds.



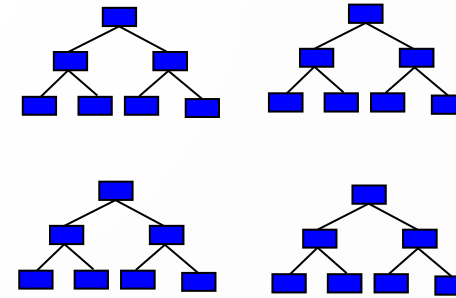
Remember that from every state,  $q$  must hold eventually.



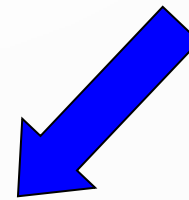
# Behavior Trees



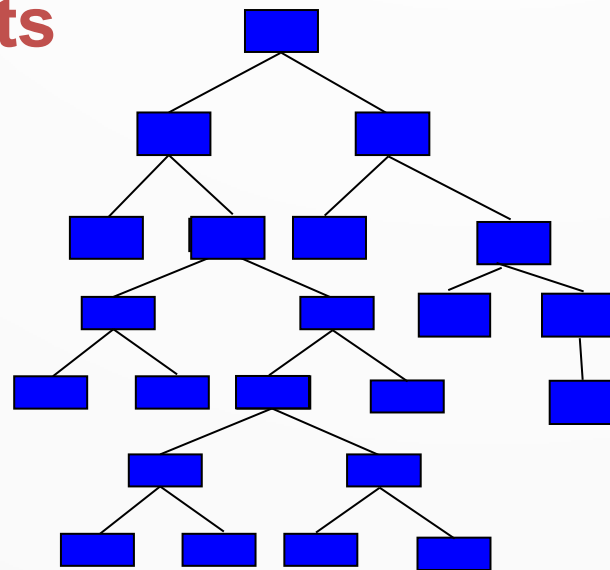
**Informal Requirements**



**Requirement Behavior Trees**

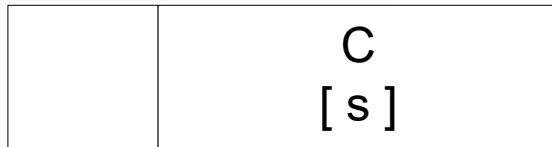


**Integration**

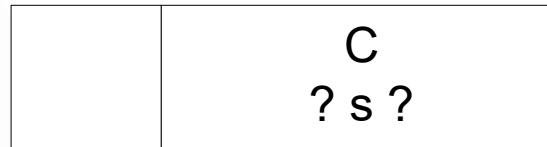


**Integrated Behavior Tree**

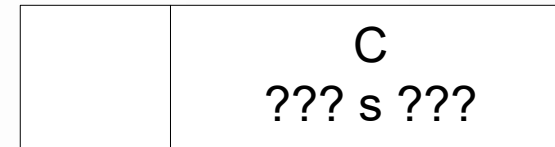
# Behavior Tree Syntax



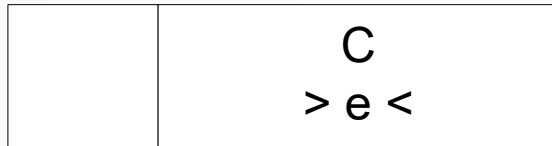
State-realisation



Selection



Guard



Internal Input Event



Internal Output Event

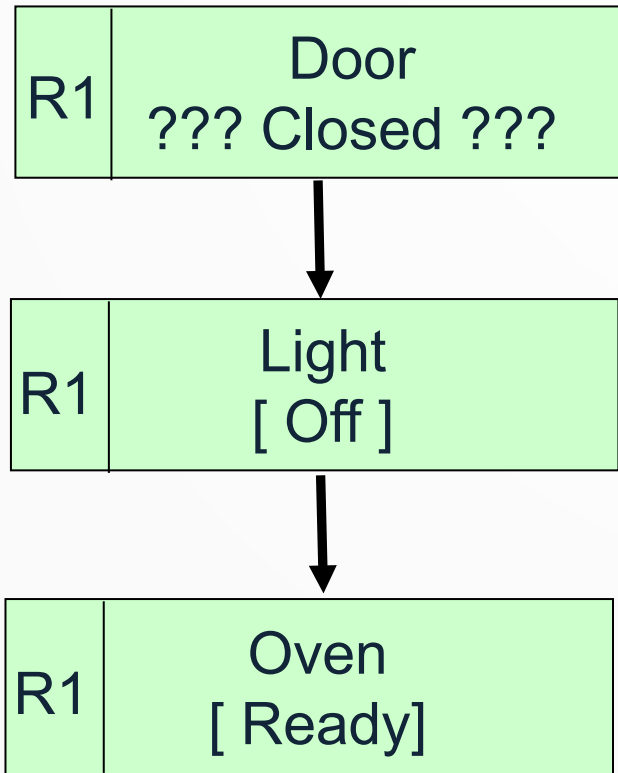


External Input Event



External Output Event

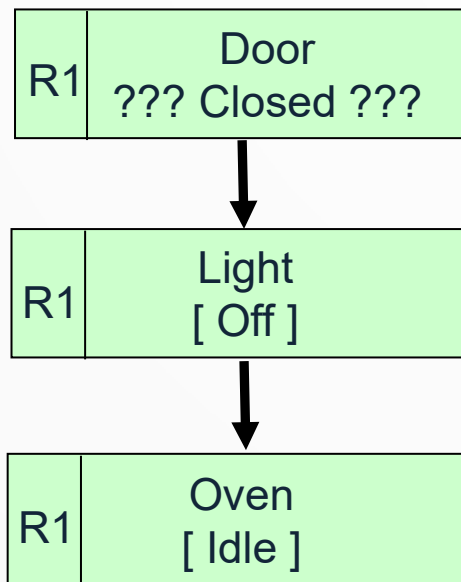
# Behavior Tree Syntax



When the door is open,  
the light goes off.

# Behavior Trees

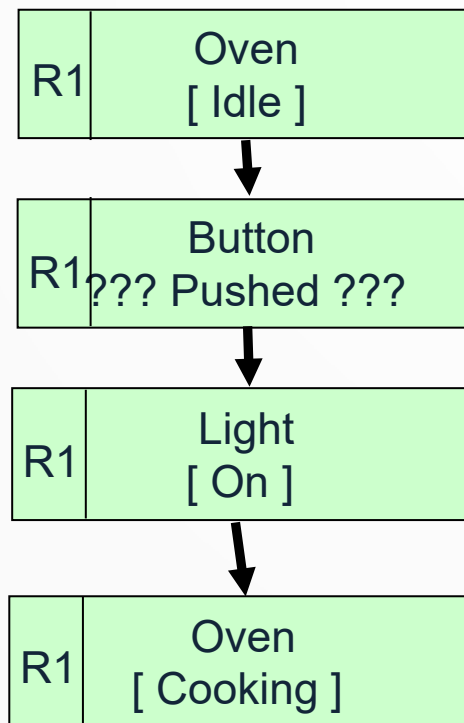
Behavior Trees is a language for writing about the *requirements* of a system.



Microwave Oven requirement 1:

When the door is closed, the light should go off and the oven goes into an idle state.

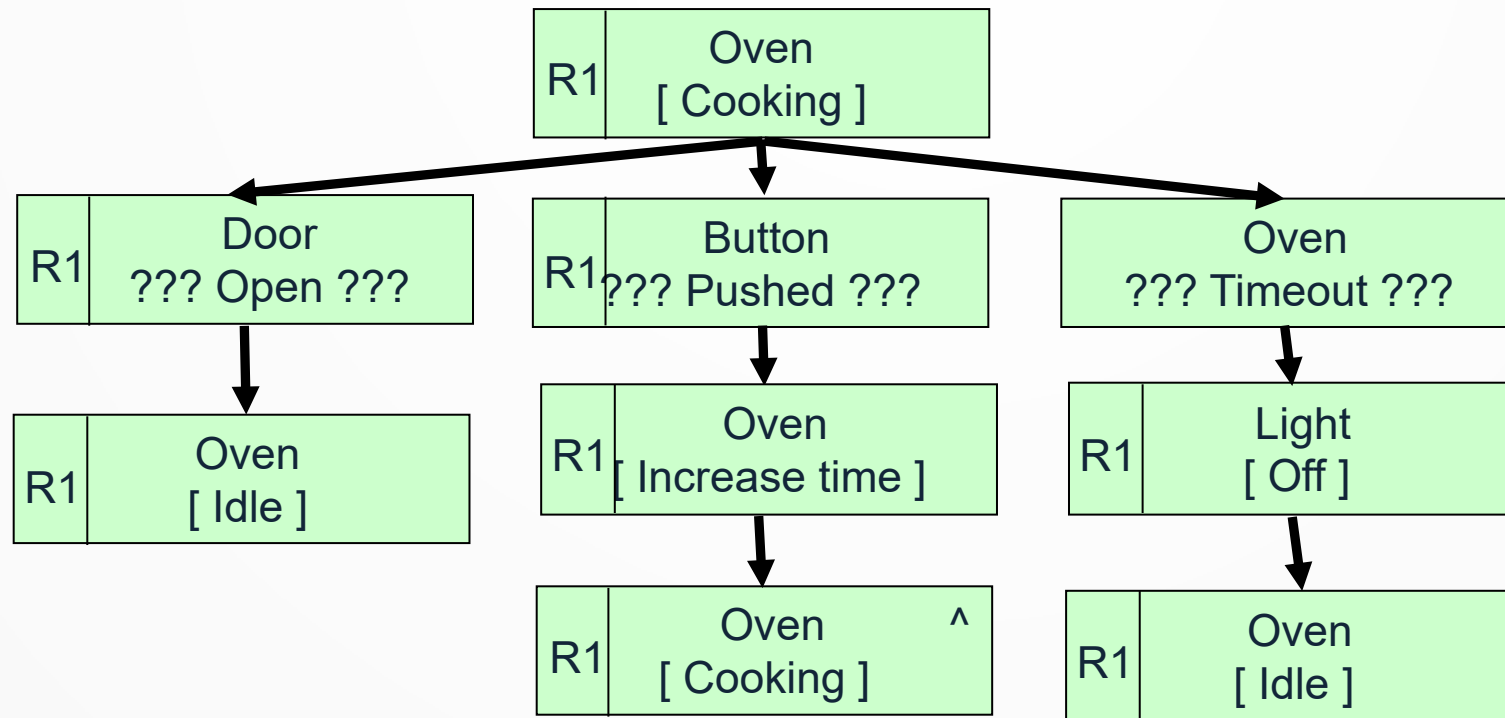
# Behavior Trees



Microwave Oven requirement 2:

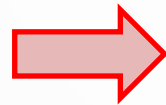
When the oven is idle, when the button is pushed, the light should go on and the oven should begin cooking.

# Behavior Trees

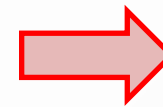


# Making the System

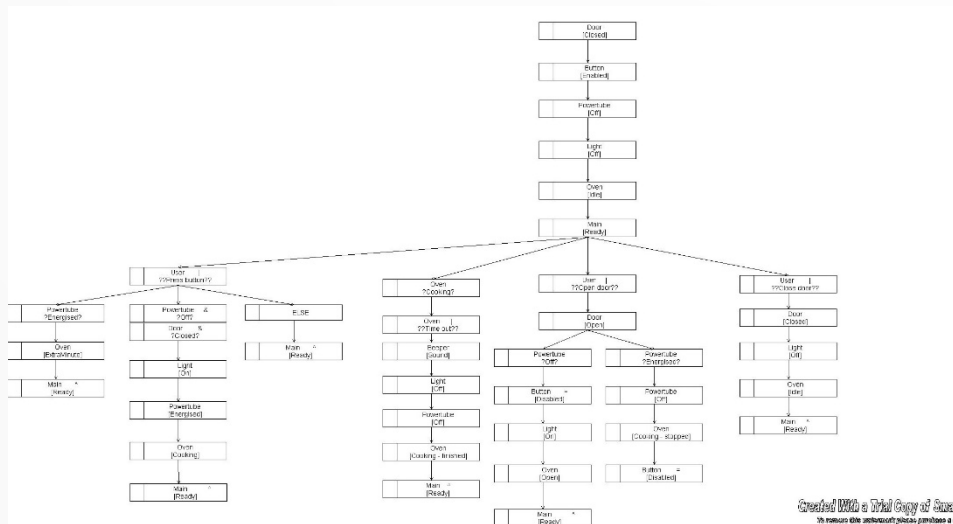
Requirements



Design



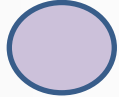
Implementation (Software)



```
public void  
closeDoor(){  
  
door.closeDoor();  
  
light.turnoff();  
}
```

# A Safety-Critical System

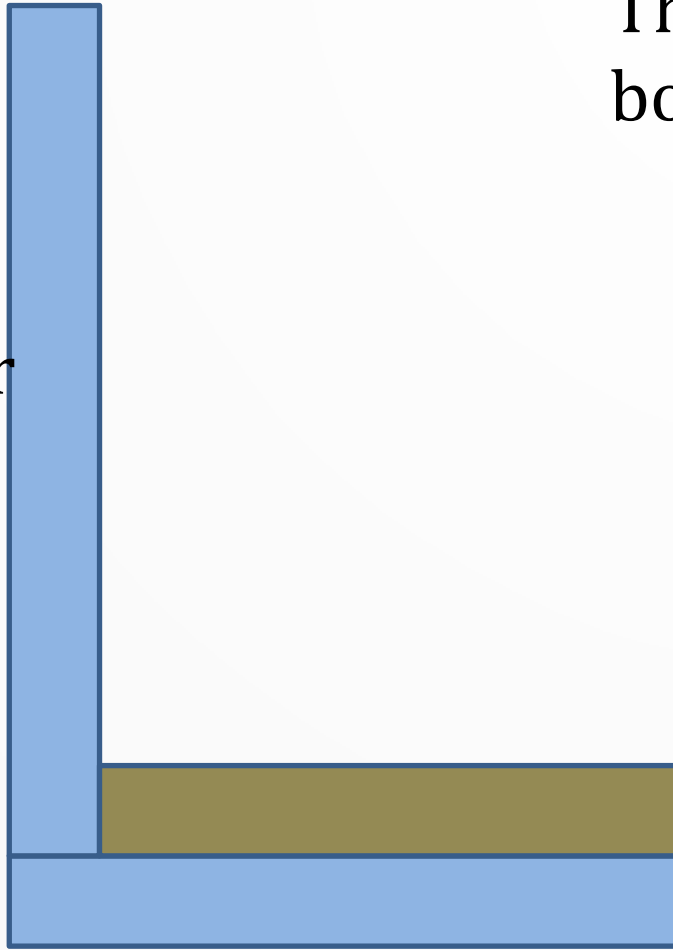
Top sensor  
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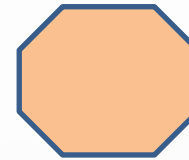
PONR sensor  
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Bottom  
sensor  
high



The motor is off. The plunger is at the bottom.



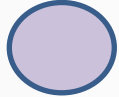
The user has released  
the button.





# A Safety-Critical System

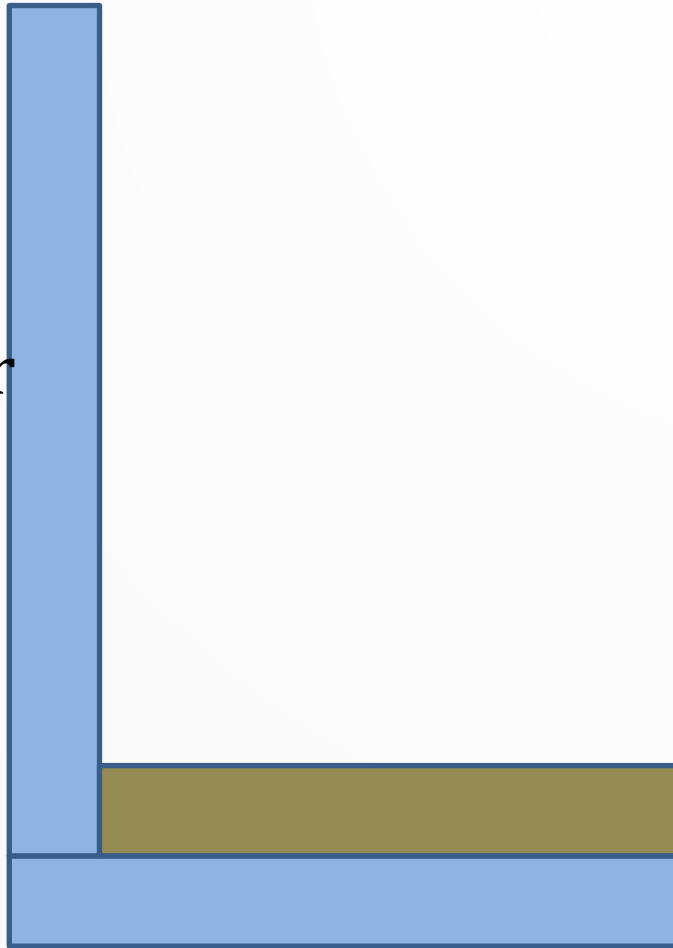
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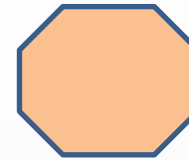
PONR sensor  
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Bottom  
sensor  
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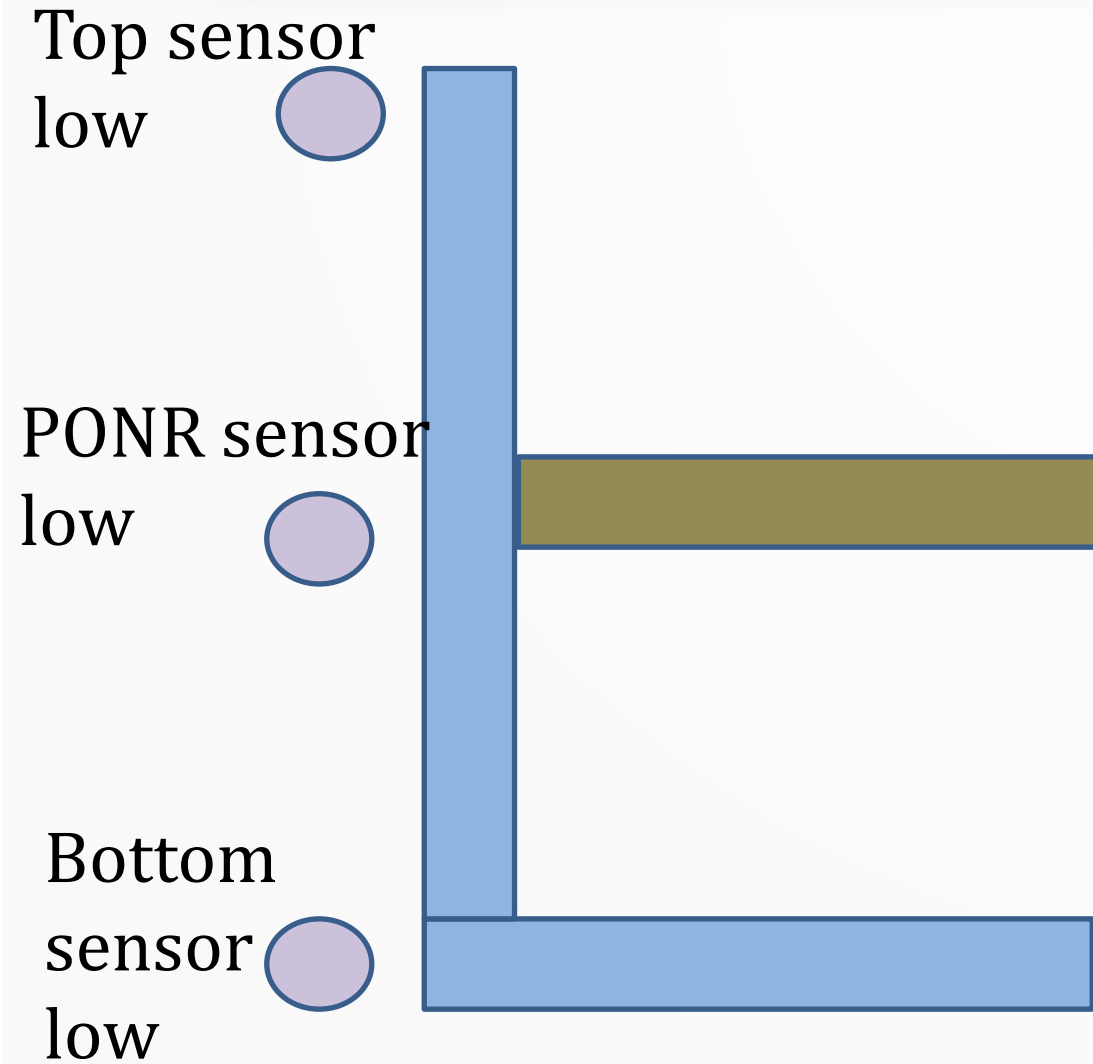
The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.



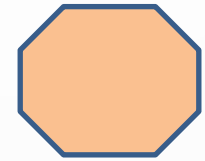
The user has released the button.



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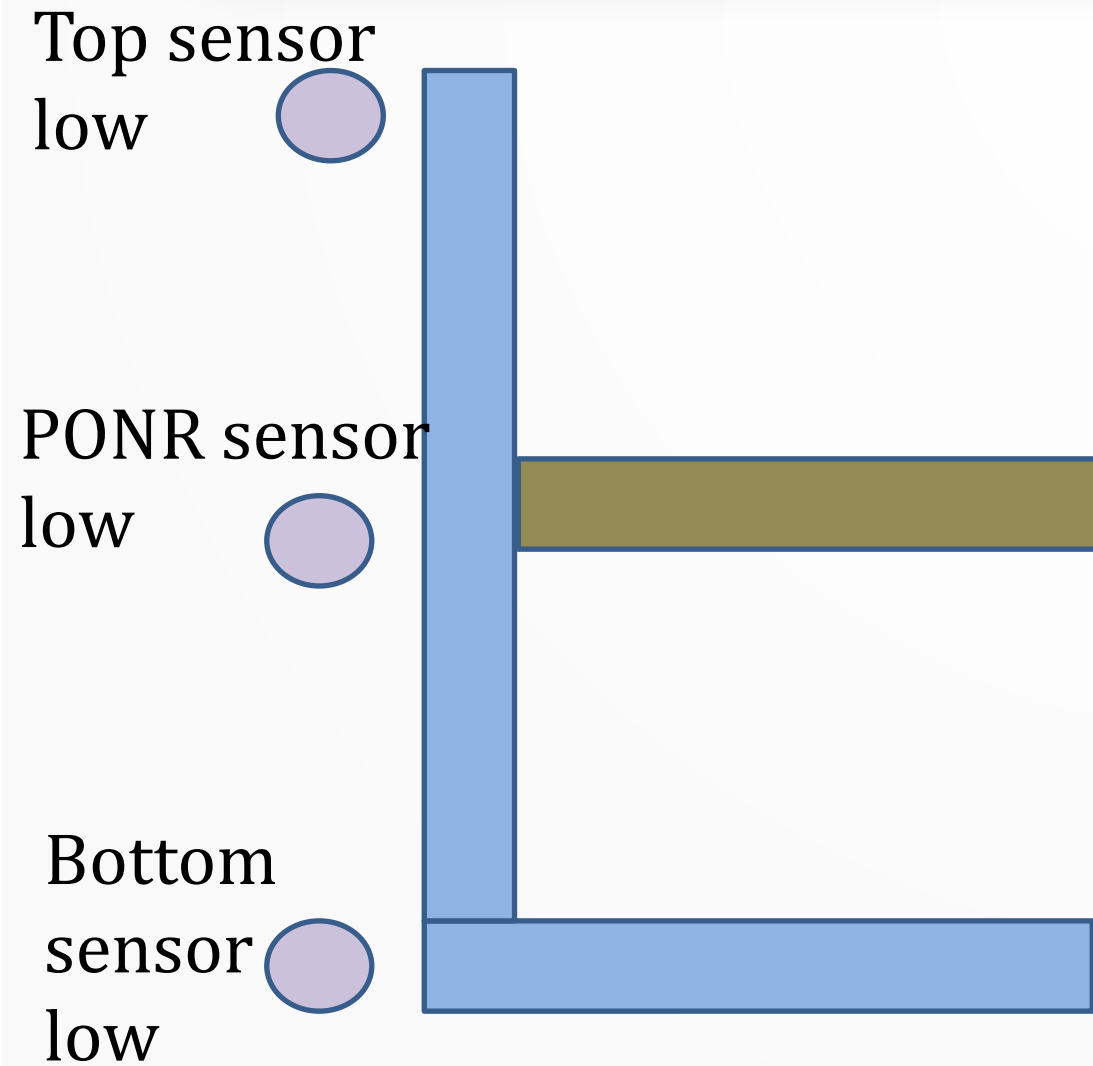
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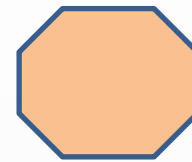
The user has released the button.



# A Safety-Critical System



The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.



The user has released the button.

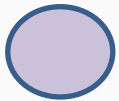


# A Safety-Critical System

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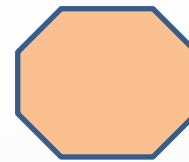
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
low



The motor stays on.  
The plunger stays at the top.



The user has released  
the button.

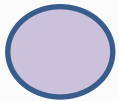


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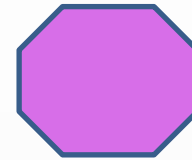
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
low



The motor stays on.  
The plunger stays at the top.

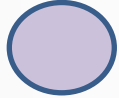


The user pushes the  
button.

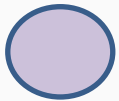


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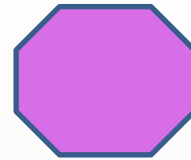
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
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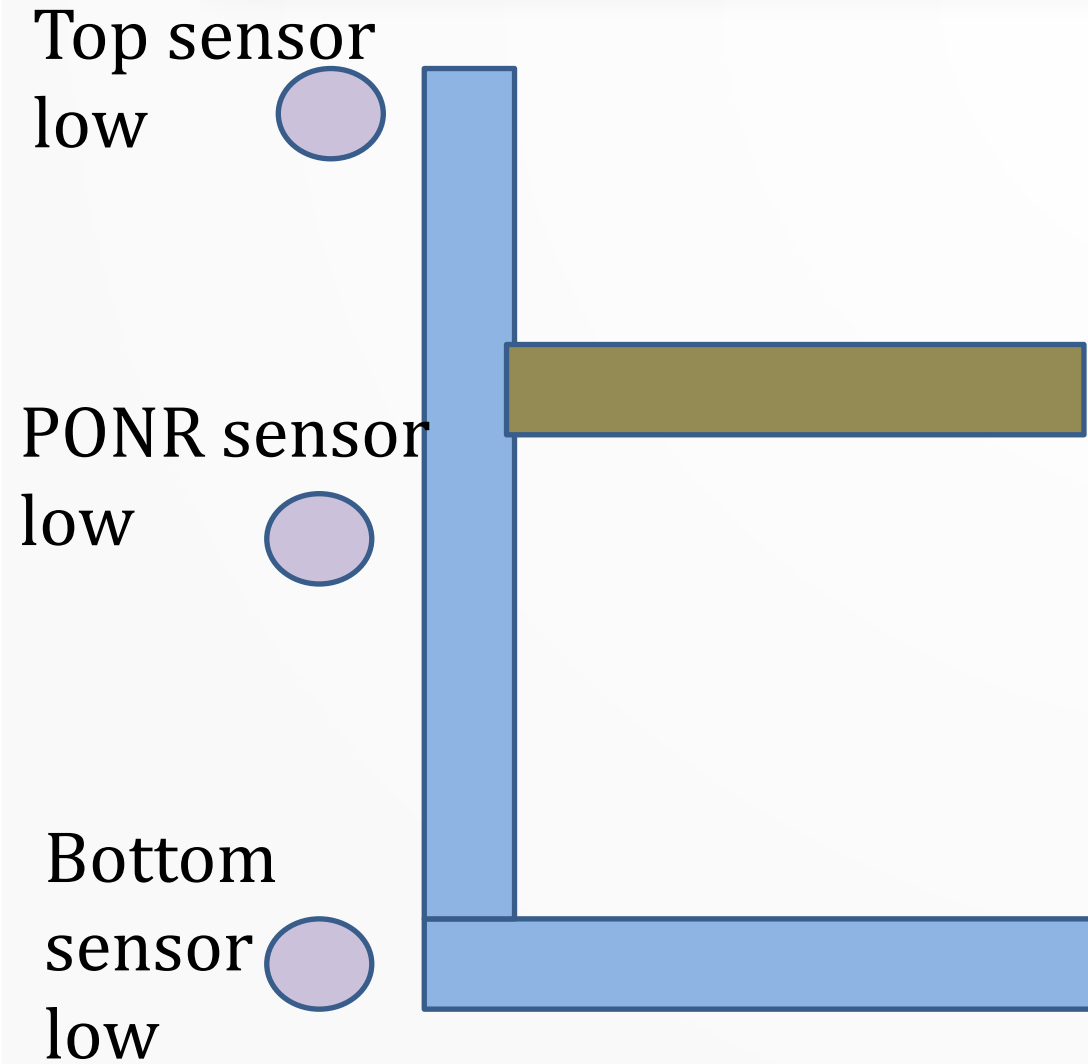
The motor turns off.  
The plunger starts falling.



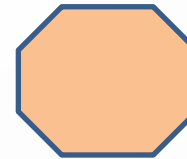
The user pushes the  
button.



# A Safety-Critical System

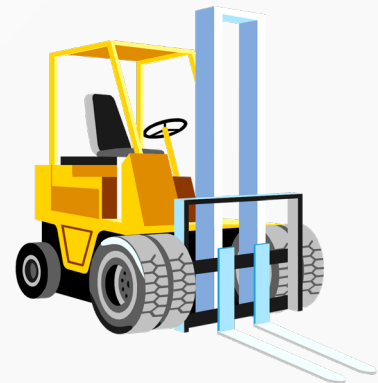


Safety abort:

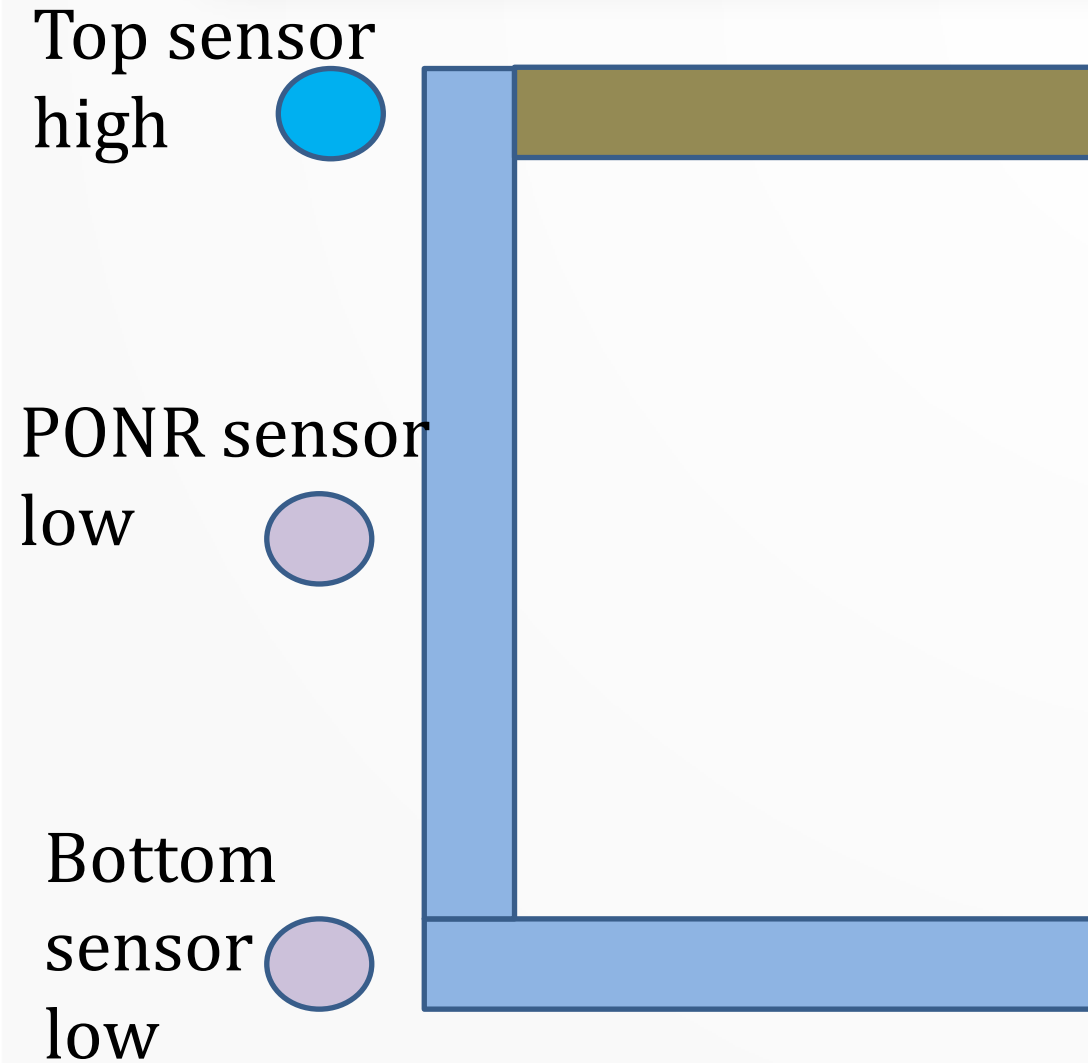


The user releases the  
button.

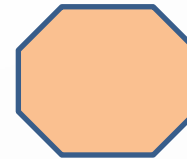
The motor turns back on.  
The plunger rises again.



# A Safety-Critical System



Safety abort:



The user releases the button below the PONR.

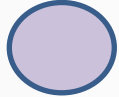
The plunger is falling below the PONR. The motor is off.



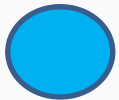


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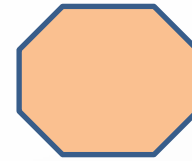
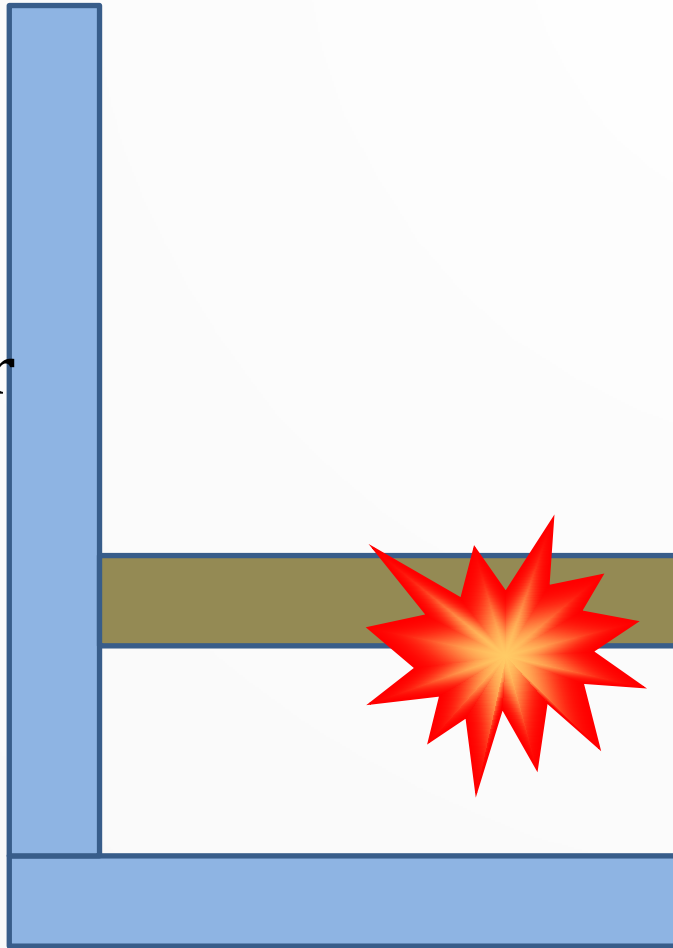
Top sensor  
low



PONR sensor  
high



Bottom  
sensor  
low

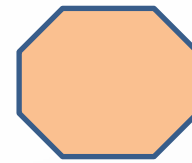
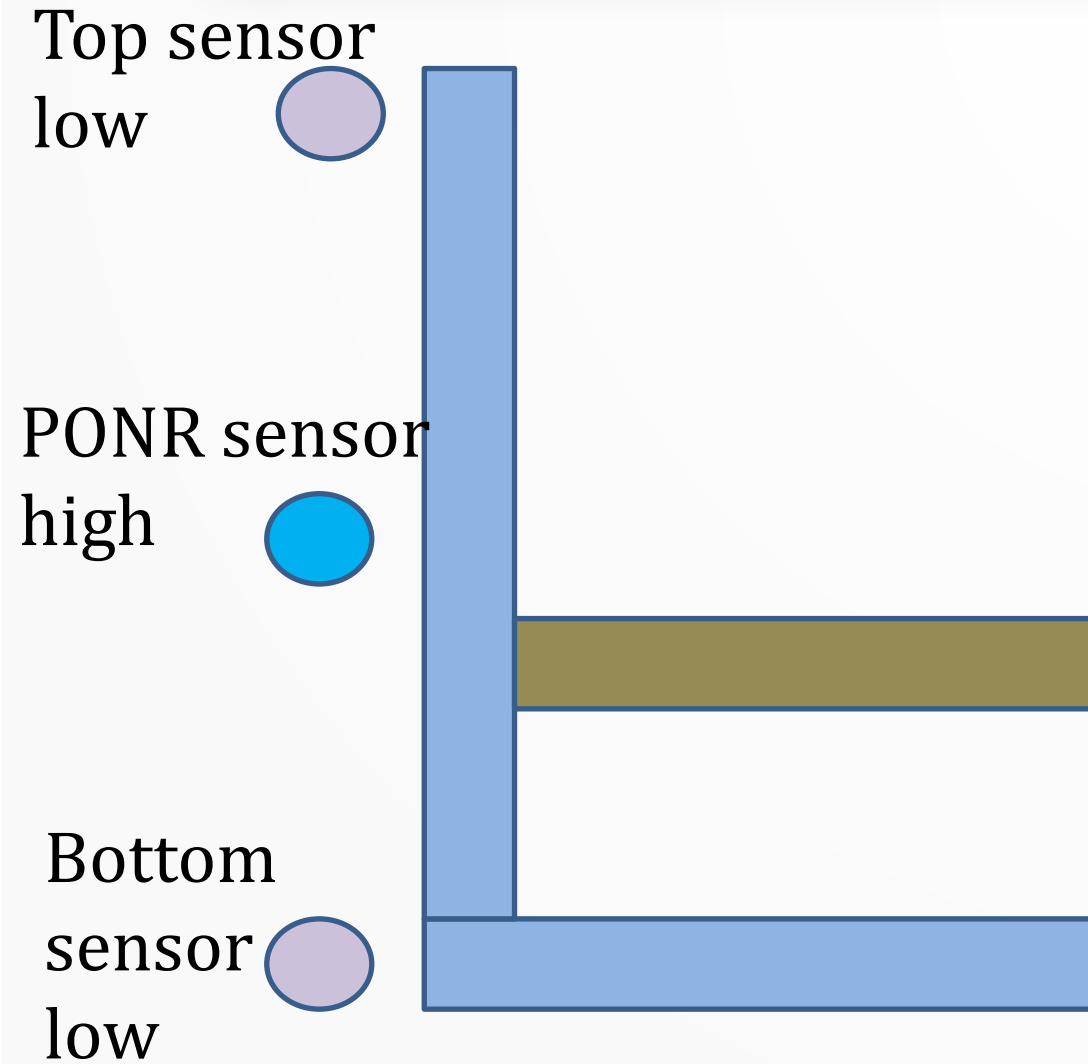


The user releases the  
button.

**DANGER:** The motor cannot turn on  
below the Point-of-no-return.



# A Safety-Critical System



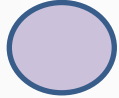
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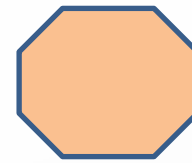
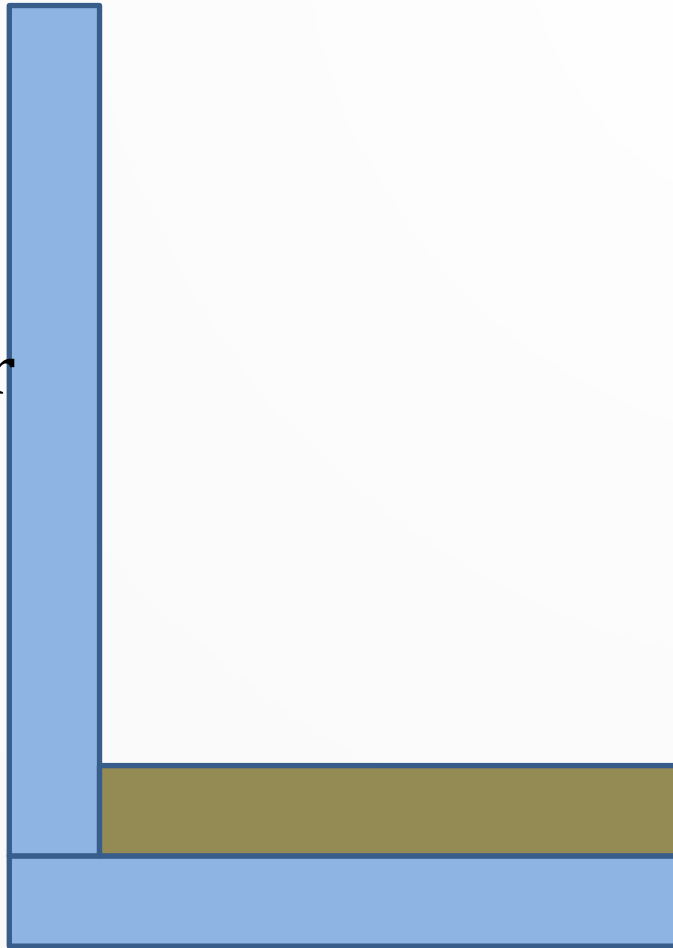
Top sensor  
low



PONR sensor  
high

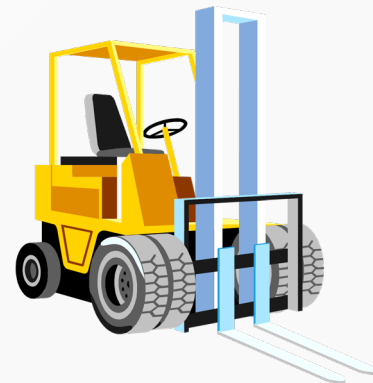


Bottom  
sensor  
high

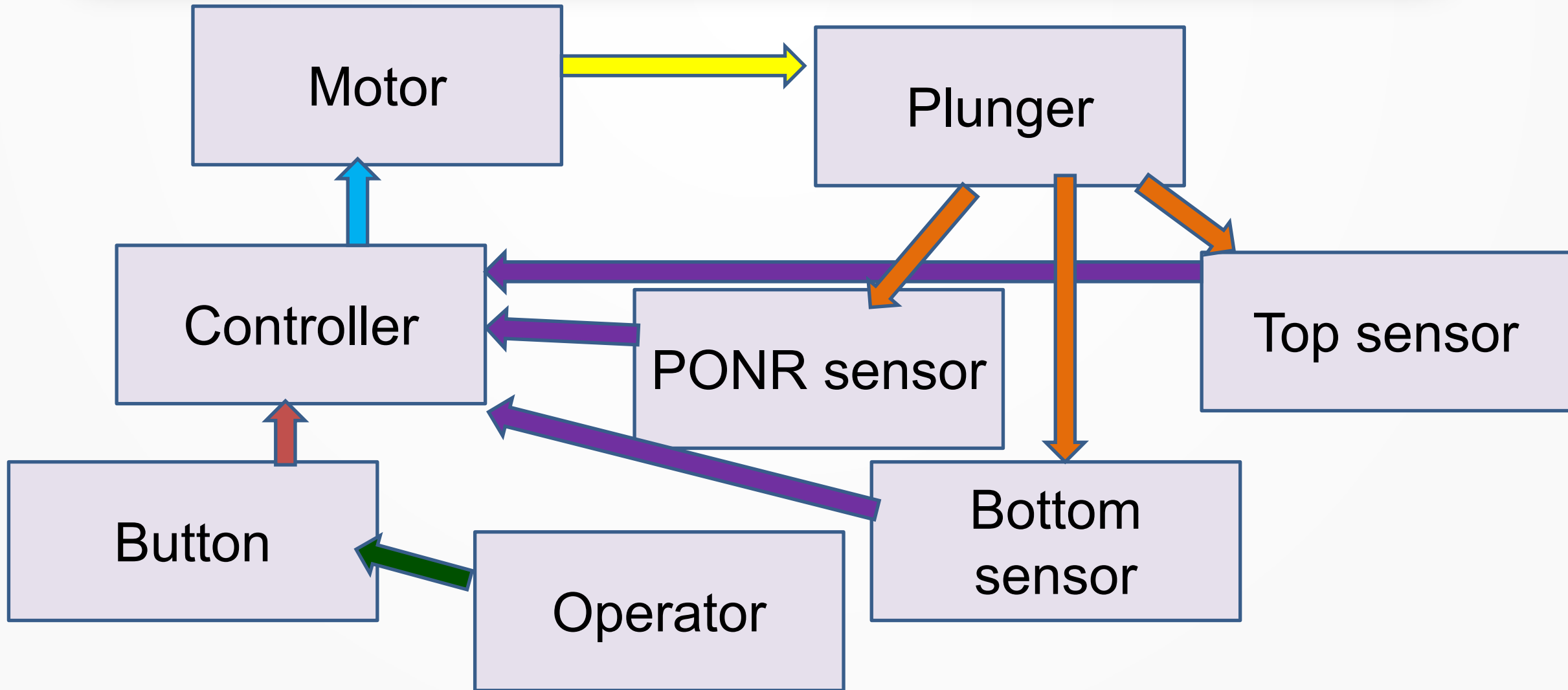


The user releases the  
button.

The plunger reaches the bottom  
and immediately starts rising again.



# The System



# Communicating by Message-Passing

Concurrent processes can communicate by **shared-variable** or **message passing**.

The plunger falls below the PONR.

The PONR sensor detects this and changes to the high state (modelled by the plunger sending a message out to the PONR sensor).

The PONR sensor sends a message to the controller.

# Example Trace

Example trace:

Plunger = falling

Plunger = atBottom

BottomSensor = high

Controller reads BottomSensor

Controller sends out TurnOn message to the motor

Motor = on

Plunger = risingBelowPONR

BottomSensor = low

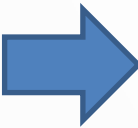
Plunger = risingAbovePONR

PONRSensor = low

# Model checking

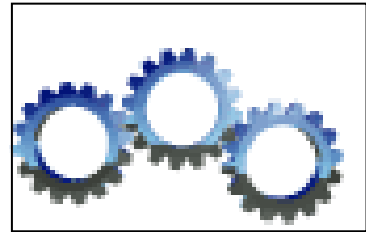
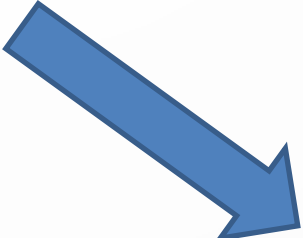
Safety property in natural language

Th1: Uncommanded closing: Plunger should not start falling without the operator pressing the button.  
Th2: Motor on below PONR: The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.  
Th3: Loss of abort: If the plunger is falling above the PONR and the operator releases the button, the motor should turn on.  
Th4: Plunger falling before reaching the top: The motor should not turn off unless the plunger is at the top.

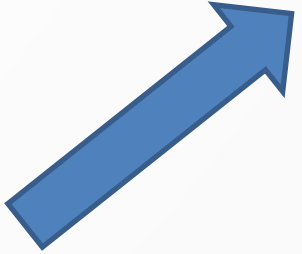


th1: THEOREM behavior I- G((plunger=plunger\_at\_top AND operator=operator\_released\_button) => (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_on));  
th2: THEOREM behavior I- G((plunger=plunger\_falling\_fast) => (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_off));  
th3: THEOREM behavior I- G(F(plunger=plunger\_falling\_fast) => G((plunger=plunger\_falling\_slow AND operator=operator\_released\_button) => U(plunger=plunger\_falling\_slow, electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_on)));  
th4: THEOREM behavior I- G(NOT((plunger=plunger\_rising\_below\_PONR OR plunger=plunger\_rising\_above\_PONR) AND (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_off)));

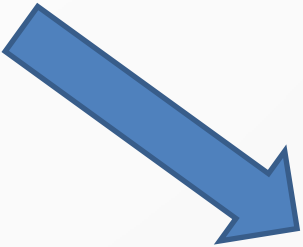
Temporal logic specification



Model checker



**Proved**



**Counterexample**



Specification



# Safety Properties

**Th1: Uncommanded closing:** The plunger should not start falling without the operator pressing the button.

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# Safety Properties

**Th1: Uncommanded closing:** The plunger should not start falling without the operator pressing the button.

$\mathbf{G}((\text{plunger} = \text{atTop AND operator} = \text{releasedButton}) \Rightarrow (\text{electric\_Motor} = \text{on}));$

# Safety Properties

**Th2: Motor on below PONR:** The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.

**G**((plunger = fallingFast) => (electric\_Motor = off));

# Safety Properties

**Th3: Loss of abort:** If the plunger is falling above the PONR and the operator releases the button, the motor should turn on.

**G**((plunger = fallingSlow AND operator = releasedButton) =>  
    **F**(electric\_Motor = on));

**G**((plunger = fallingSlow AND operator = releasedButton) =>  
    (plunger = fallingSlow **U** electric\_Motor = on));

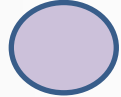
# Safety Properties

**Th4: Plunger falling before reaching the top:** The motor should not turn off unless the plunger is at the top.

$G(\text{NOT}((\text{plunger} = \text{risingBelowPONR} \text{ OR } \text{plunger} = \text{risingAbovePONR}) \text{ AND } (\text{electric\_Motor} = \text{off})));$

# What can go wrong?

Top sensor  
low



Everything looks ok. What can go wrong?

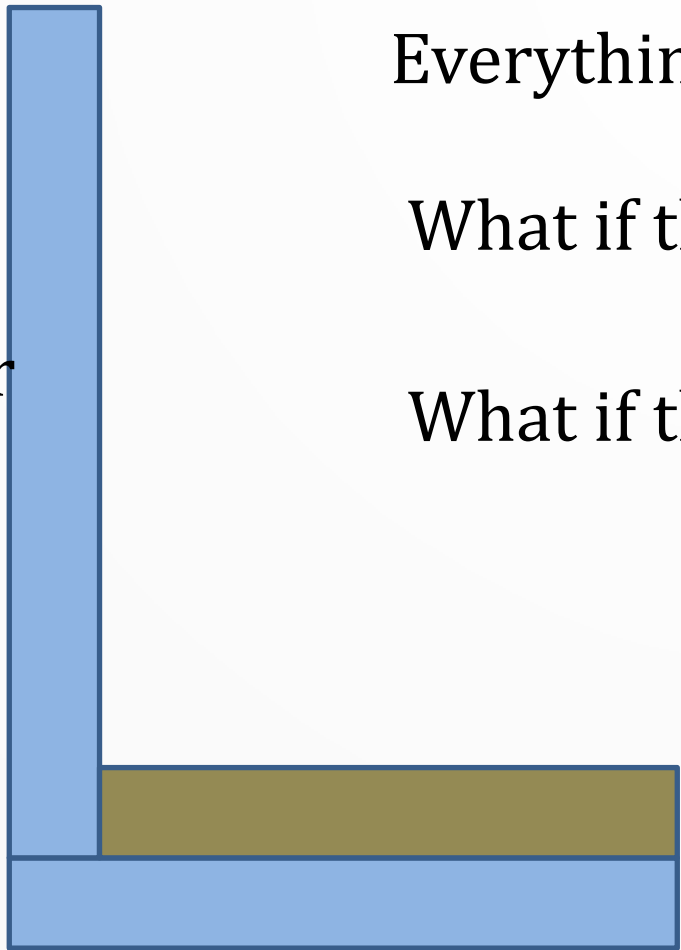
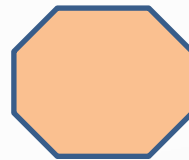
What if the sensors are broken?

PONR sensor  
high



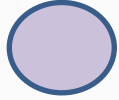
What if the Bottom Sensor is stuck high?

Bottom  
sensor  
high



# Bottom Sensor stuck high

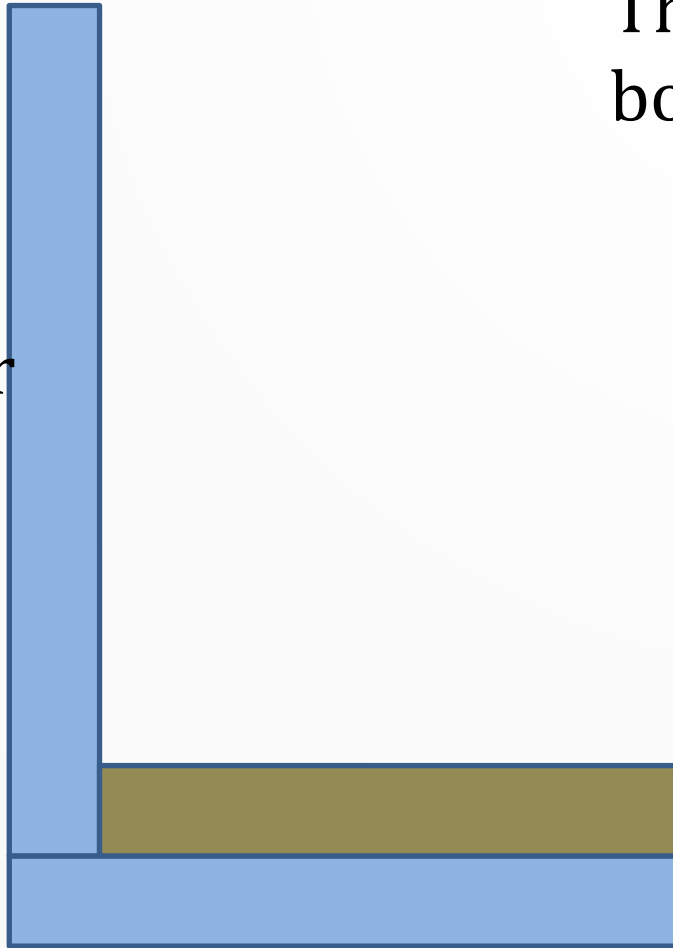
Top sensor  
low



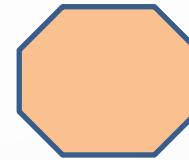
PONR sensor  
high



Bottom  
sensor  
high



The motor is off. The plunger is at the bottom.

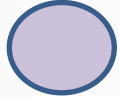


The user has released  
the button.



# Bottom Sensor stuck high

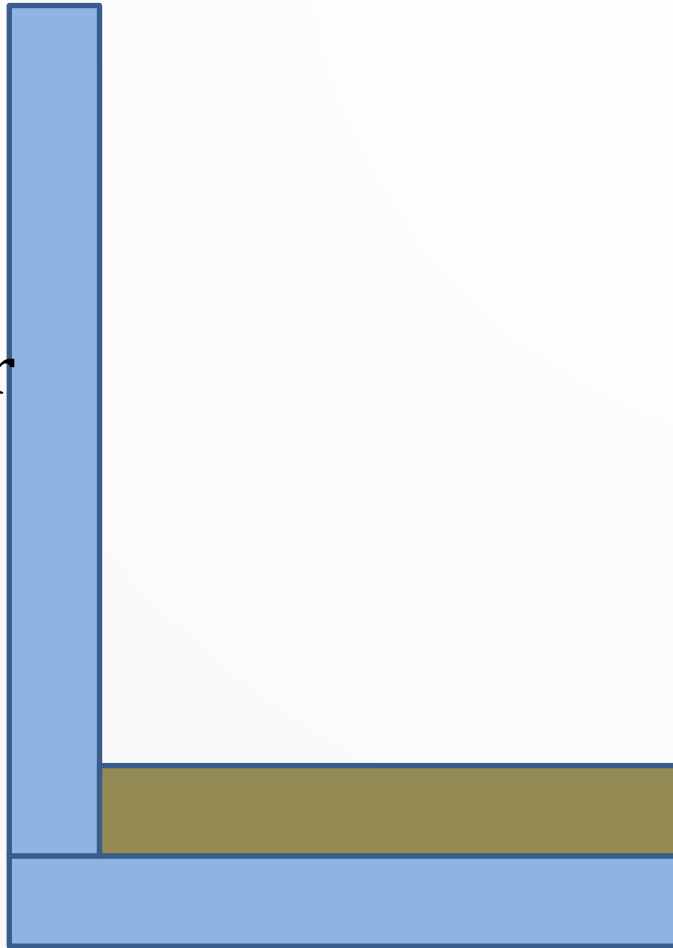
Top sensor  
low



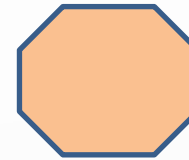
PONR sensor  
high



Bottom  
sensor  
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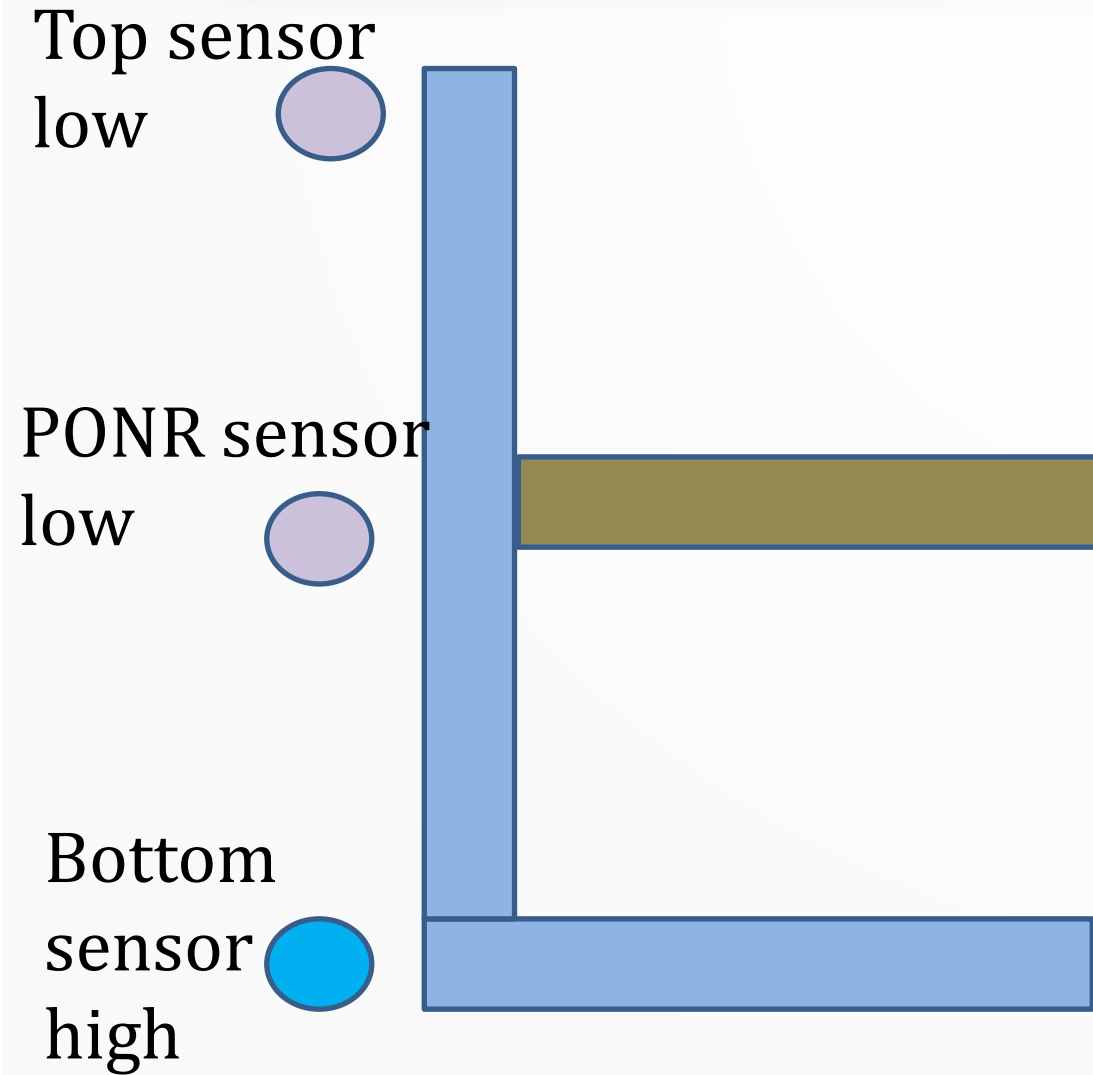
The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.



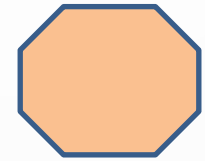
The user has released the button.



# Bottom Sensor stuck high



The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.

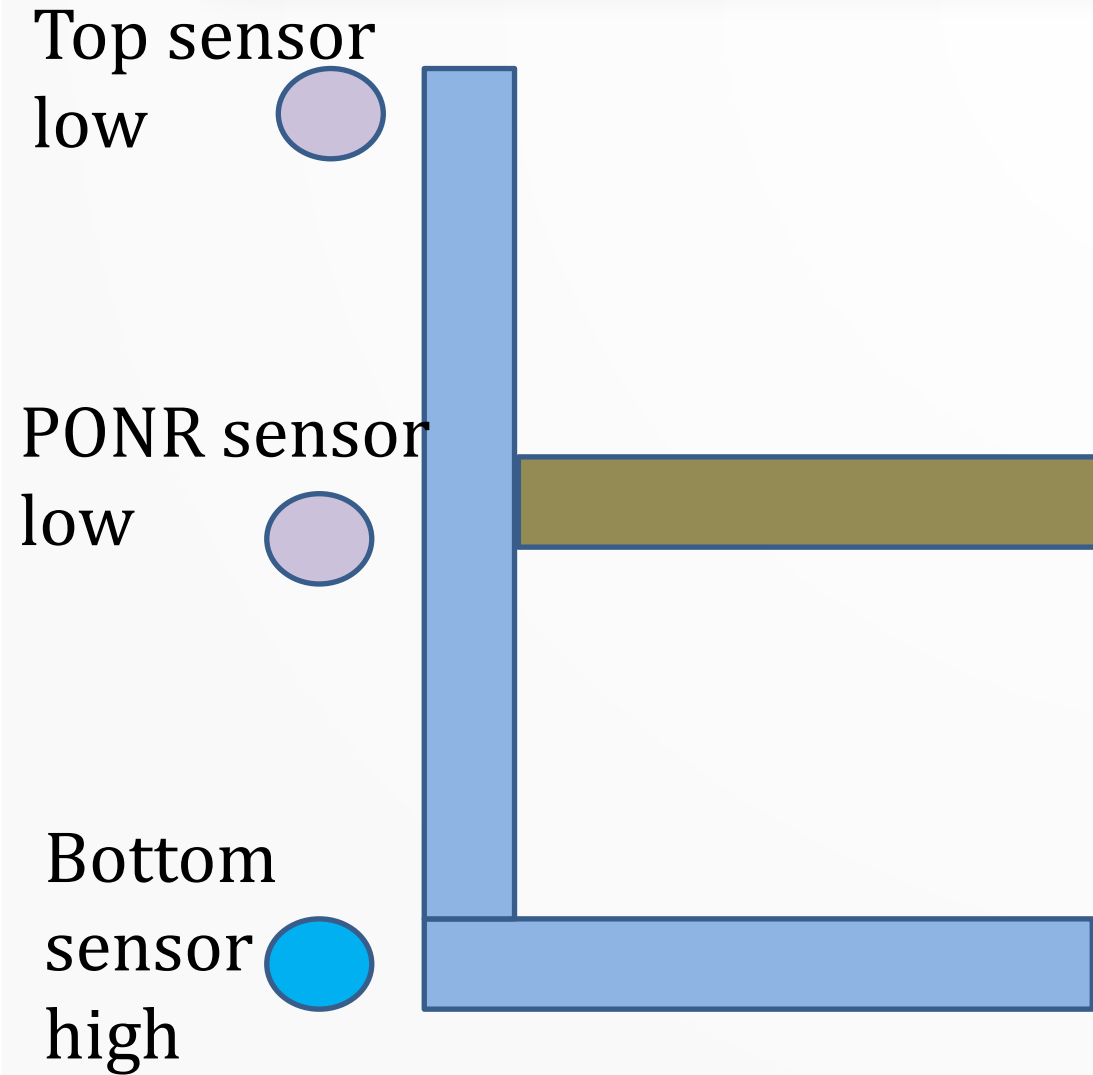


The user has released the button.

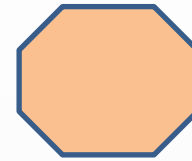




# Bottom Sensor stuck high



The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.



The user has released the button.

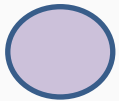


# Bottom Sensor stuck high

Top sensor  
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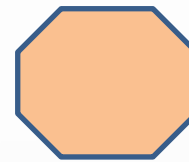
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
high



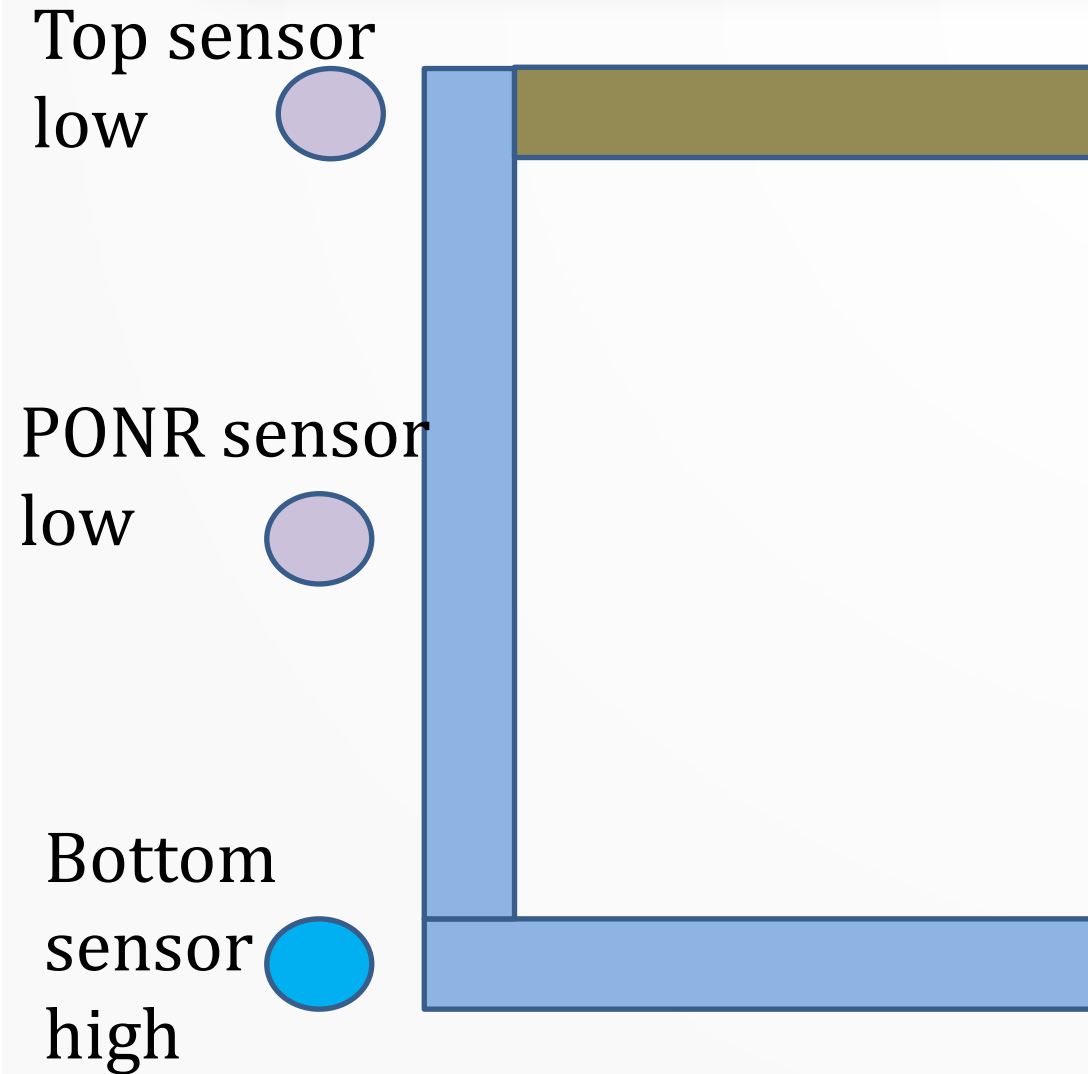
The motor stays on.  
The plunger stays at the top.



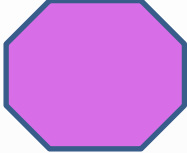
The user has released  
the button.



# Bottom Sensor stuck high

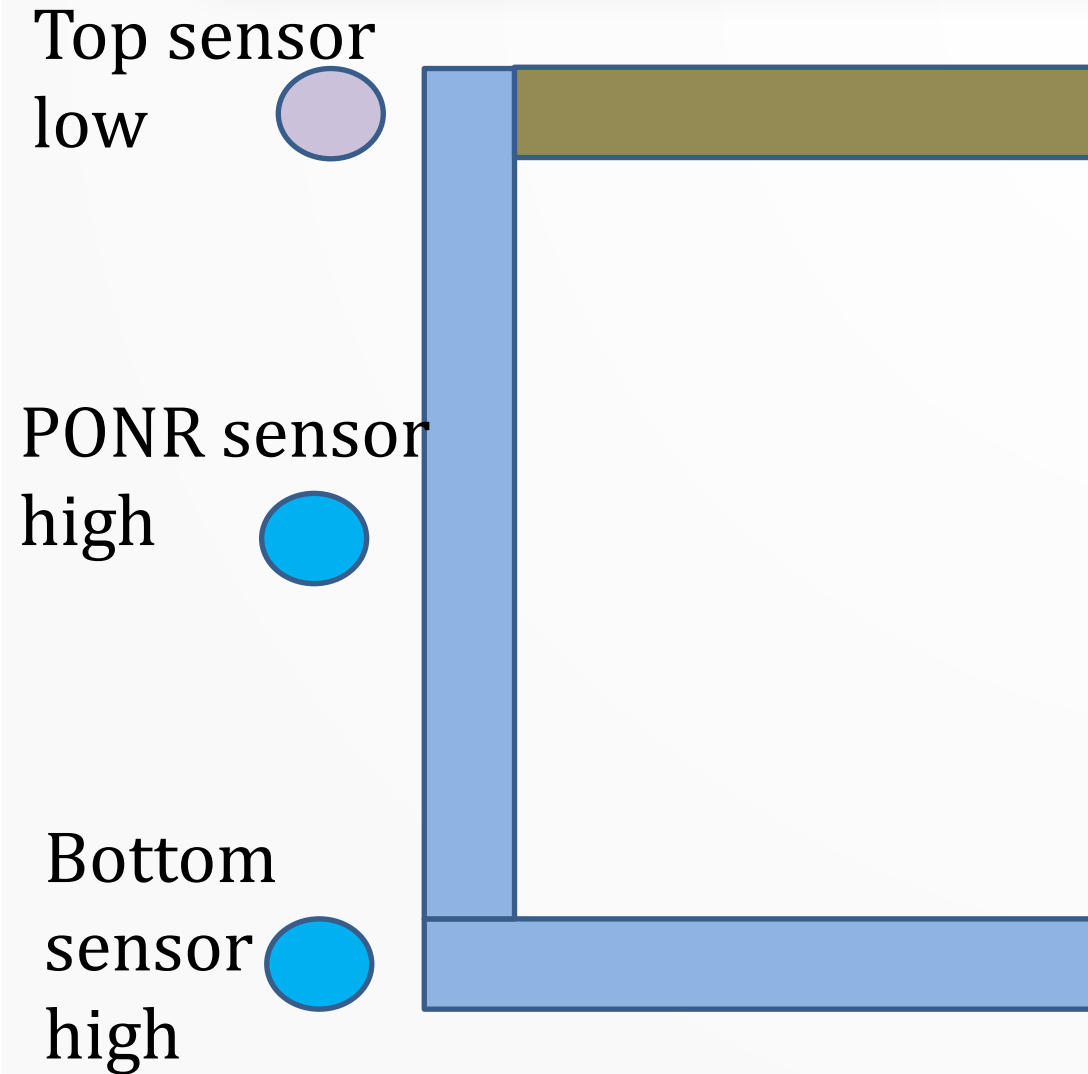


The plunger starts falling. The controller thinks it has reached the bottom and turns on the motor.

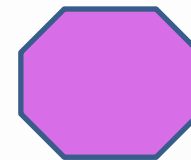
 The user pushes the button.

No hazard, but the plunger won't fall.

# Bottom Sensor stuck high half-way



What if the bottom sensor breaks *after* the plunger has fallen below the PONR?

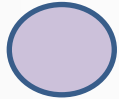


The user is still pushing the button.

The controller thinks the plunger reached the bottom and turns on the motor.

# Bottom Sensor stuck high half-way

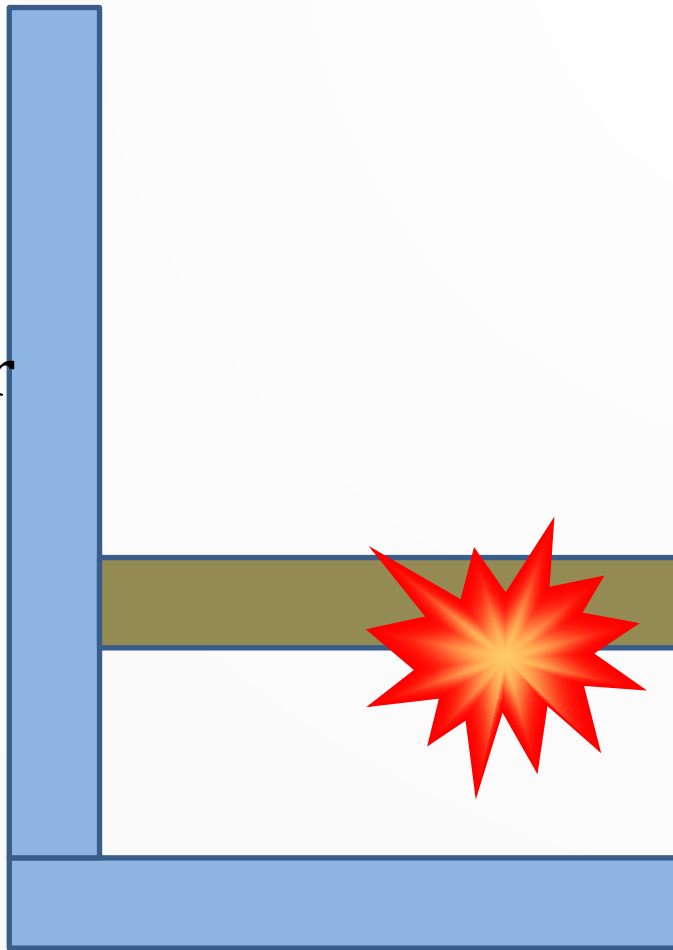
Top sensor  
low



PONR sensor  
high



Bottom  
sensor  
high



DANGER: The motor cannot turn on below the Point-of-no-return.

# Bottom Sensor stuck high

**Th2: Motor on below PONR:** The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.

The bottom sensor problem can violate Th2.

This is a serious safety hazard.

Another failure that can cause this is the **PONR sensor stuck low.**

# Safety Properties

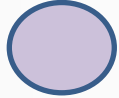
**Th2: Motor on below PONR:** The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.

**G**((plunger = fallingFast) => (electric\_Motor = off));

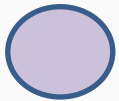
Counterexample: The plunger is falling fast, then the bottom sensor turns high, the controller reads the bottom sensor as high and turns on the motor.

# PONR Sensor stuck low

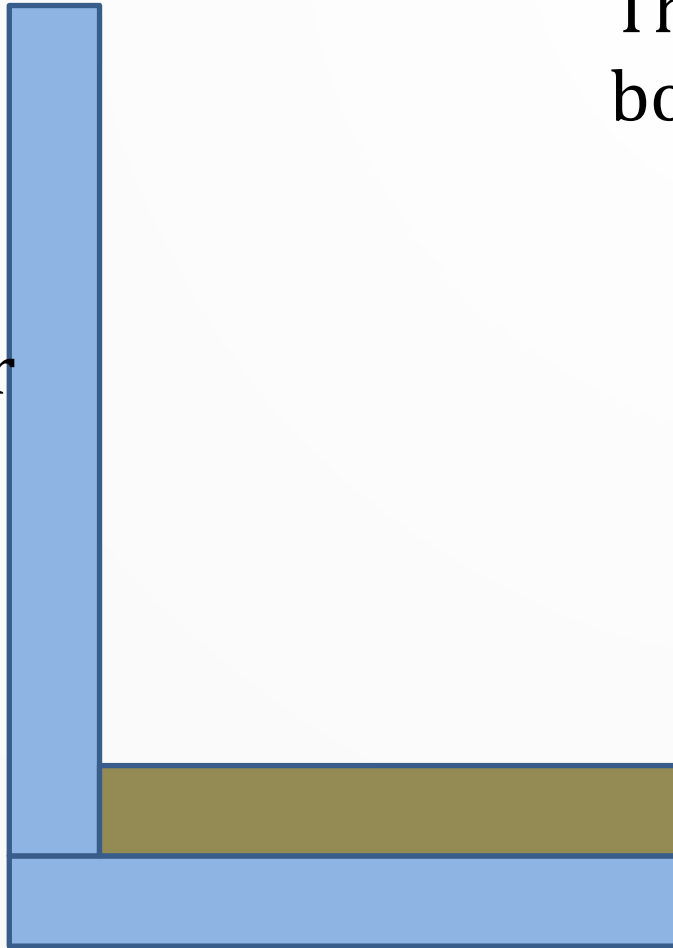
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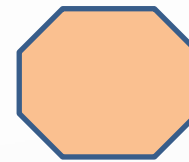
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
high



The motor is off. The plunger is at the bottom.



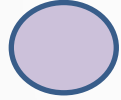
The user has released  
the button.



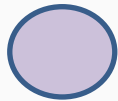


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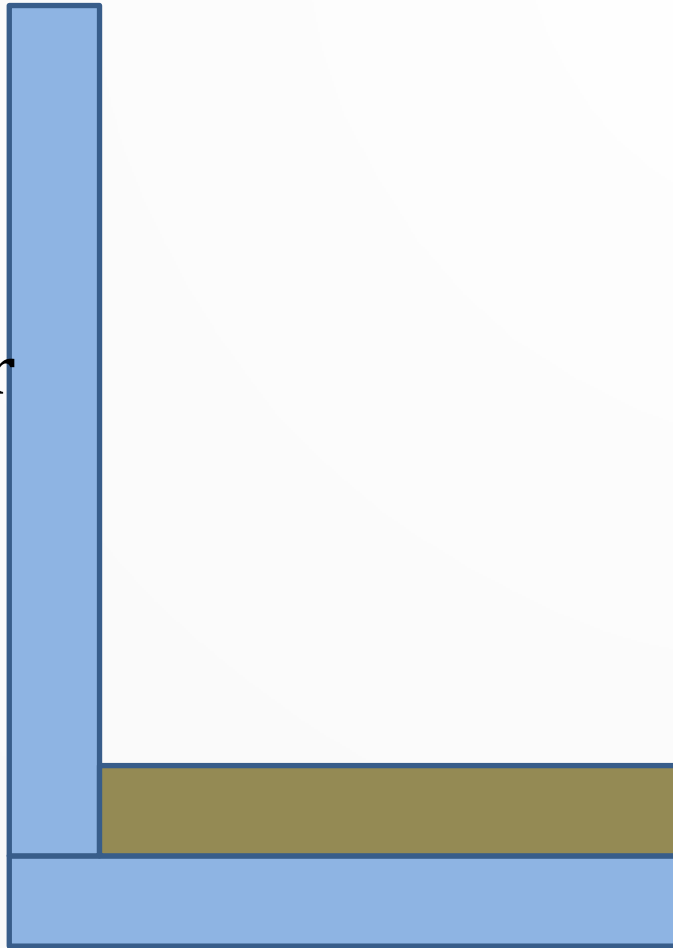
Top sensor  
low



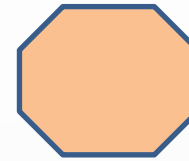
PONR sensor  
low



Bottom  
sensor  
high



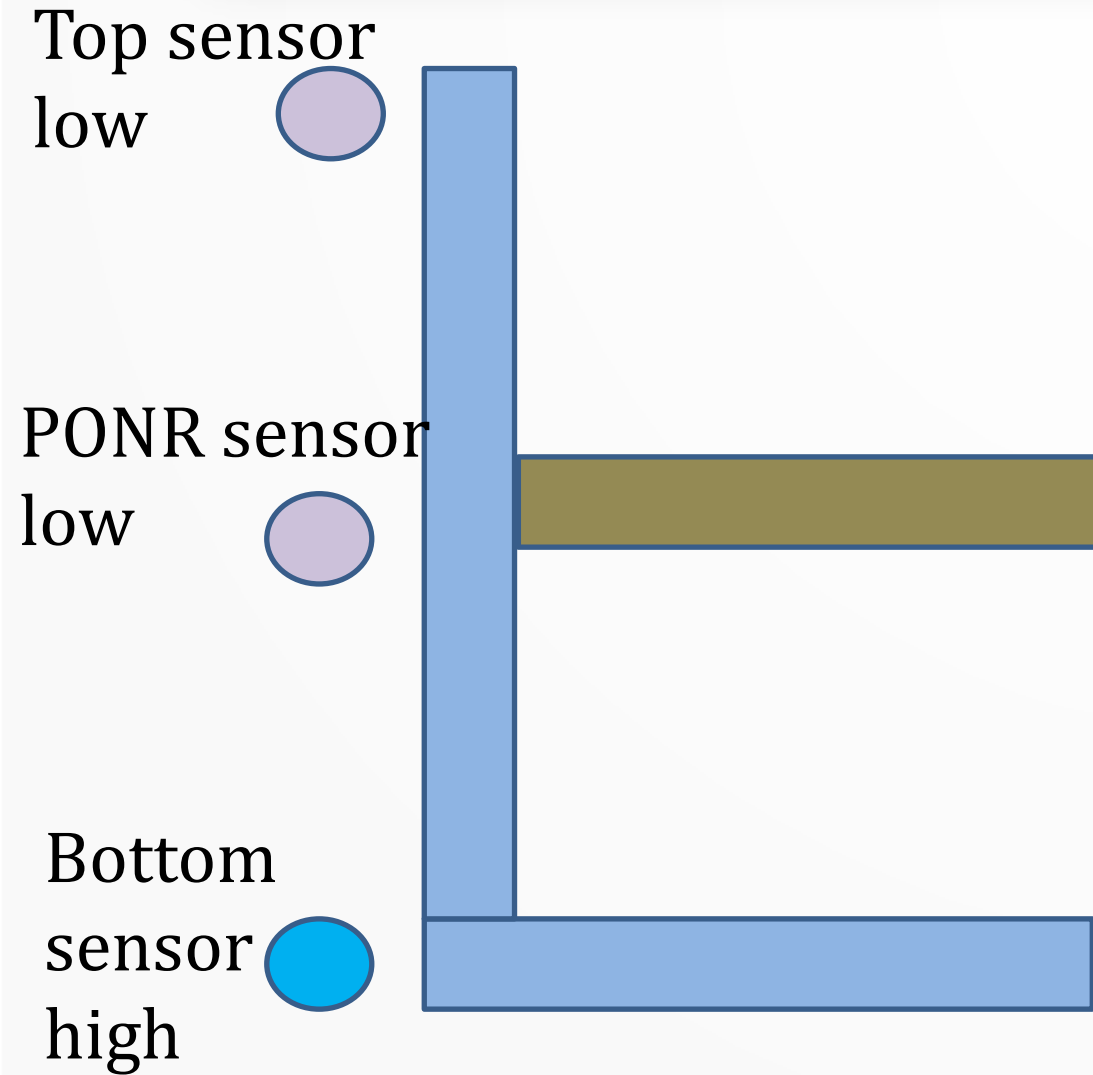
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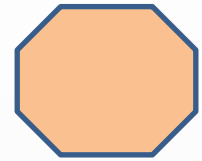
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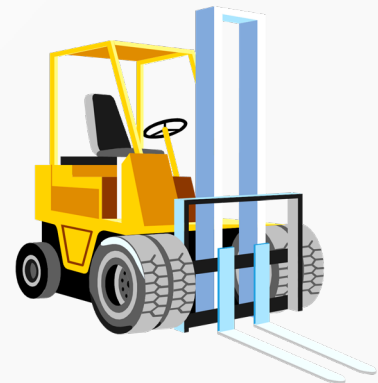
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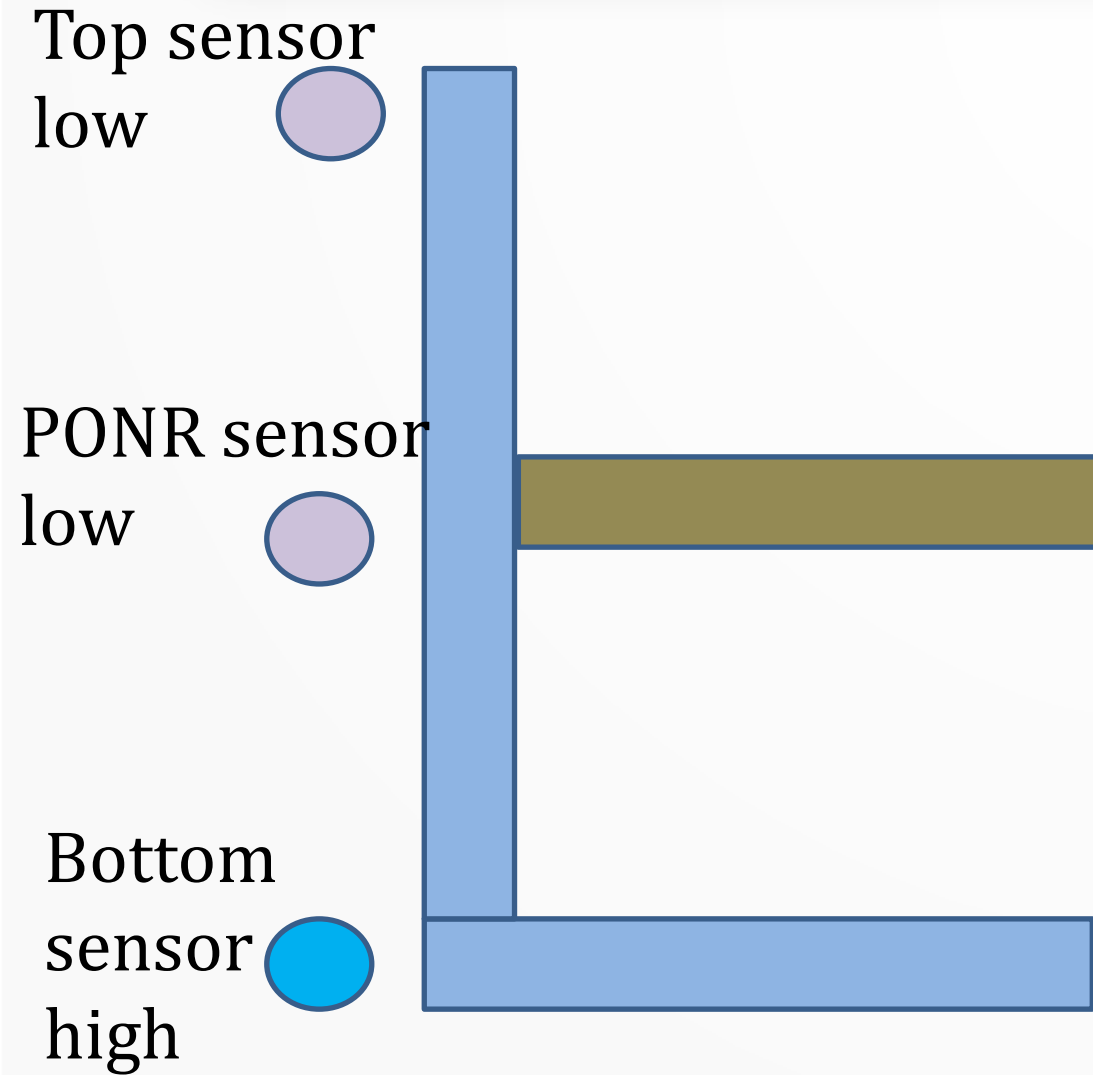
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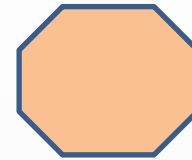
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# PONR Sensor stuck low



The motor turns on. The plunger starts rising.



The user has released the button.

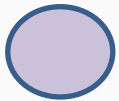


# PONR Sensor stuck low

Top sensor  
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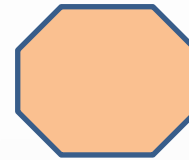
PONR sensor  
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Bottom  
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The motor stays on.  
The plunger stays at the top.

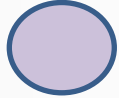


The user has released  
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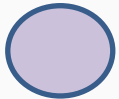


# PONR Sensor stuck low

Top sensor  
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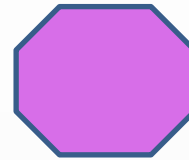
PONR sensor  
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Bottom  
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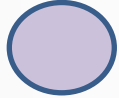
The motor turns off. The plunger starts falling.



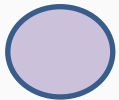
The user pushes the button.

# PONR Sensor stuck low

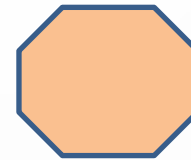
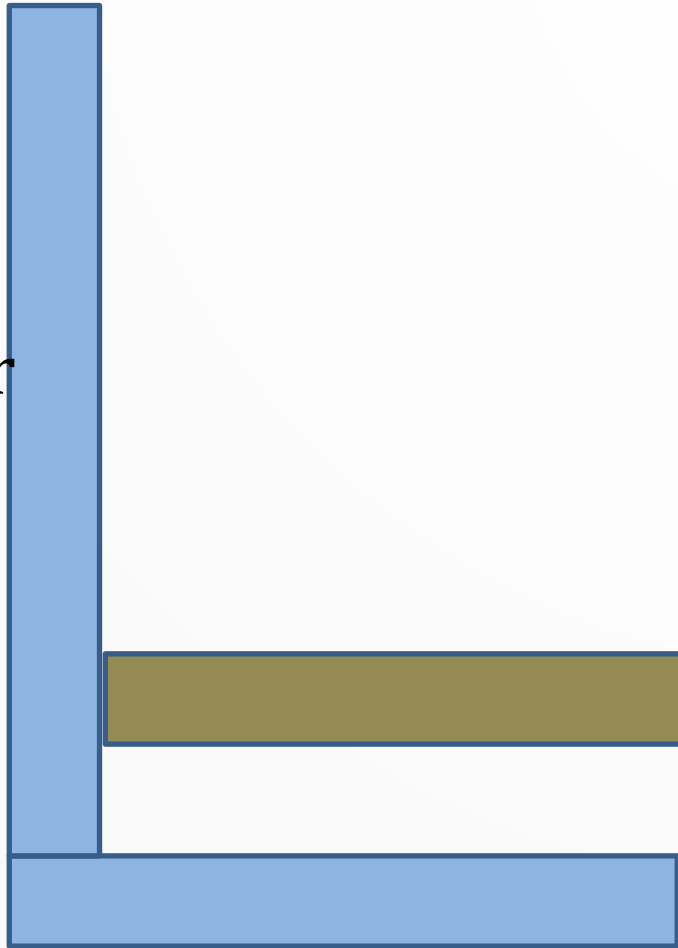
Top sensor  
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PONR sensor  
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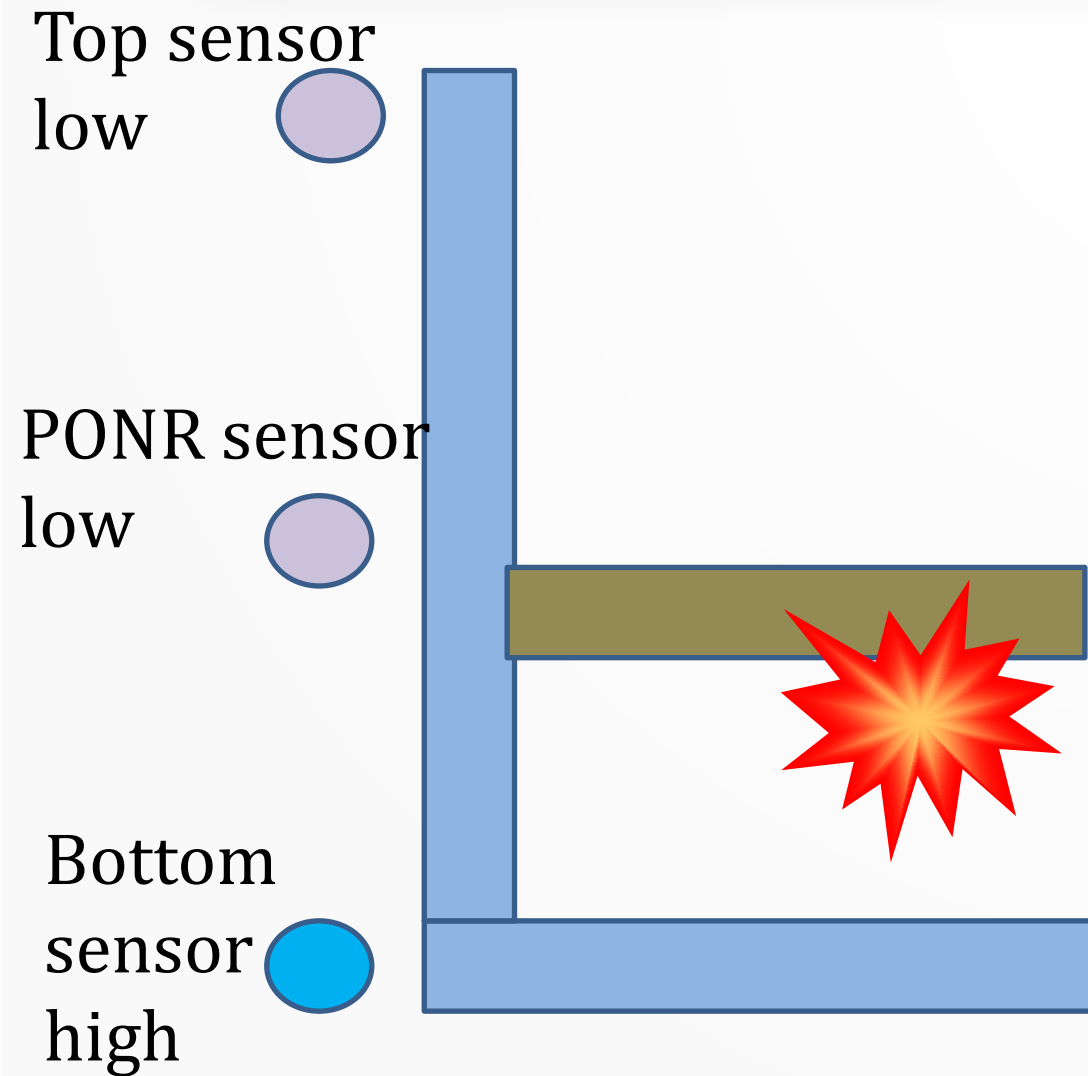
Bottom  
sensor  
high



The user releases the  
button.

The controller thinks the plunger is  
still above the PONR and allows the  
abort. The motor turns on.

# PONR Sensor stuck low



DANGER: The motor cannot turn on below the Point-of-no-return.

# Safety Properties

**Th2: Motor on below PONR:** The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.

**G**((plunger = fallingFast) => (electric\_Motor = off));

Counterexample when the PONR sensor is stuck low: The plunger is falling fast, then the operator releases the button. The controller reads the PONR sensor value as low and thinks it is ok to turn on the motor. The controller turns on the motor.



# What else can happen?

**Table 1.** Results of model-checking each component failure mode against the four hazard conditions

Component Failure	HC1	HC2	HC3	HC4
No failures	✓	✓	✓	✓
Top Sensor stuck Low	✓	✓	✓	✓
Top Sensor stuck High	✓	✓	✓	X
Bottom Sensor stuck Low	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bottom Sensor stuck High	✓	X	✓	✓
PONR Sensor stuck Low	✓	X	✓	✓
PONR Sensor stuck High	✓	✓	X	✓
Button stuck released	✓	✓	✓	✓
Button stuck pushed	X	✓	X	✓
Motor stuck on	✓	✓	✓	✓
Motor stuck off	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Key:** ✓ = hazard condition does not arise, X = hazard condition can occur

From: Grunske, L., Lindsay, P., **Yatapanage, N.** and Winter, K. (2005). An Automated Failure Mode and Effect Analysis based on High-Level Design Specification with Behavior Trees. *Integrated Formal Methods: 5th International Conference (IFM 2005), Proc.*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science.

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# Behavior Tree Syntax

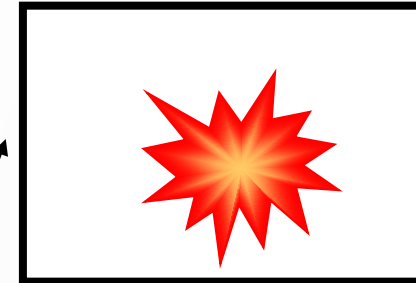
Safety and Security Requirements

Th1: Uncommanded closing: Plunger should not start falling without the operator pressing the button.  
Th2: Motor on below PONR: The motor should not turn on when the plunger is falling below the PONR.  
Th3: Loss of abort: If the plunger is falling above the PONR and the operator releases the button, the motor should turn on.  
Th4: Plunger falling before reaching the top: The motor should not turn off unless the plunger is at the top.

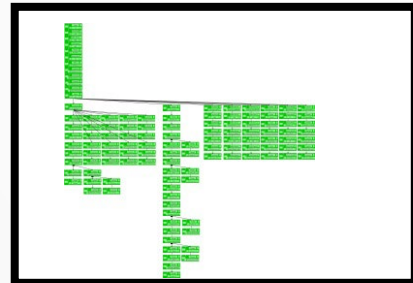
Formalised Temporal Logic Formulae

th1: THEOREM behavior |- G((plunger=plunger\_at\_top AND operator=operator\_released\_button) => (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_on));  
th2: THEOREM behavior |- G((plunger=plunger\_falling\_fast) => (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_off));  
th3: THEOREM behavior |- G(F(plunger=plunger\_falling\_fast) => G((plunger=plunger\_falling\_slow AND operator=operator\_released\_button) => U(plunger=plunger\_falling\_slow, electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_on)));  
th4: THEOREM behavior |- G(NOT(plunger=plunger\_rising\_below\_PONR OR plunger=plunger\_rising\_above\_PONR) AND (electric\_Motor=electric\_Motor\_off));

Identified unsafe behaviours



System Model



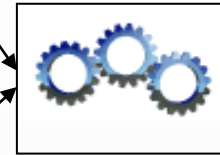
System Model with Injected Component Fault Modes



Component Fault Modes



Automatic Model Checking



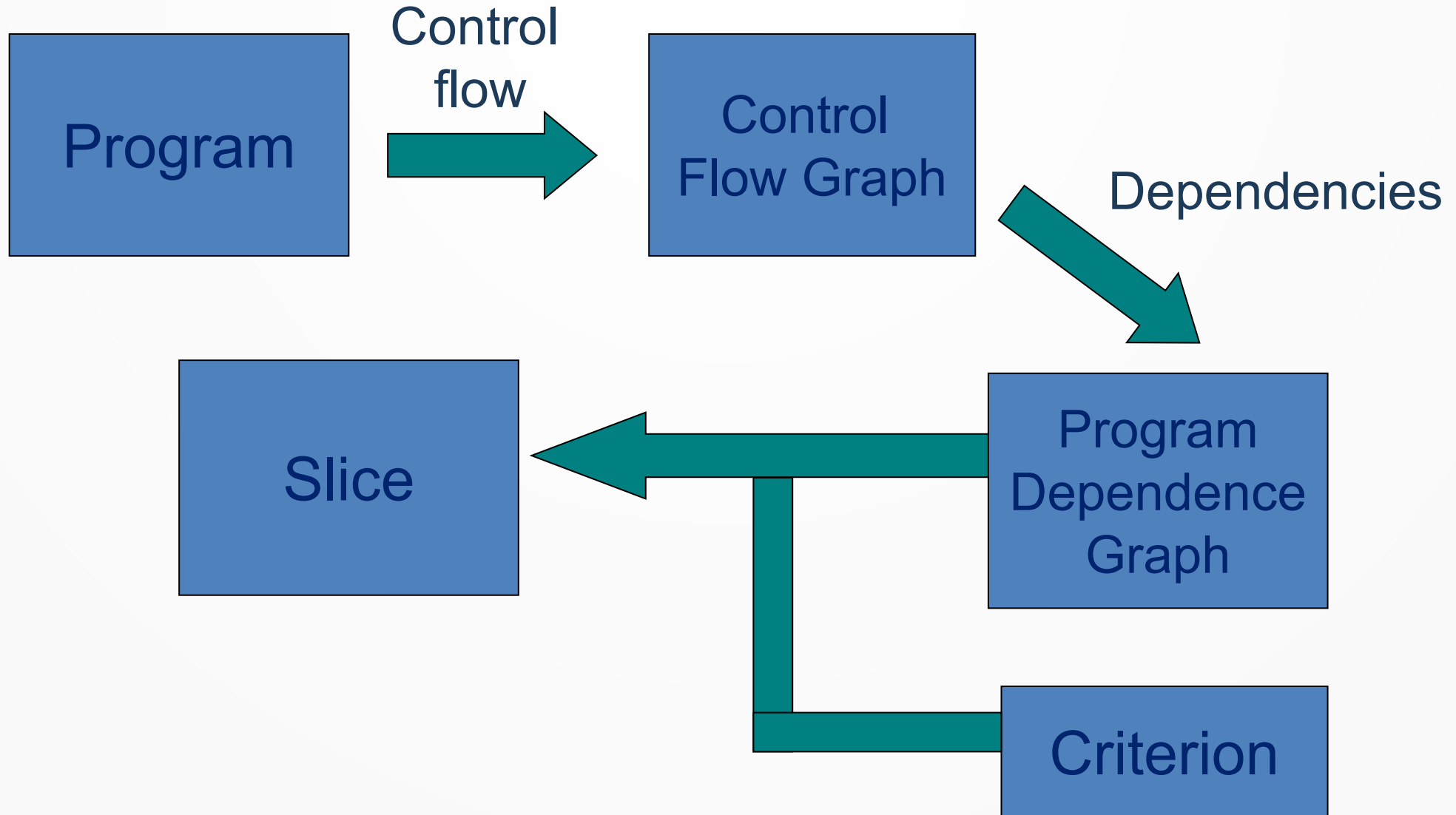
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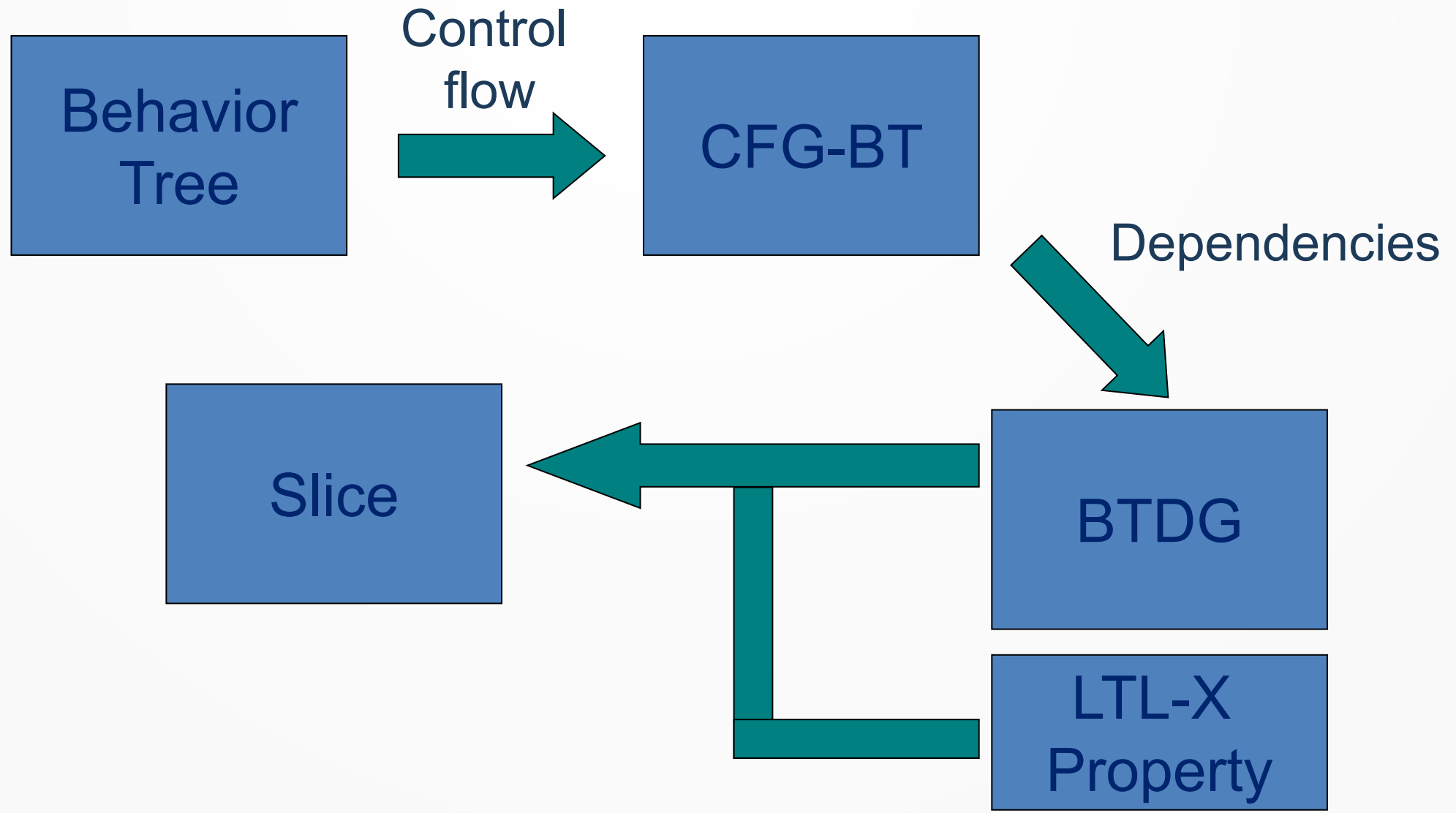
**Hazard has occurred**

Or ...

Proved

# Program Slicing

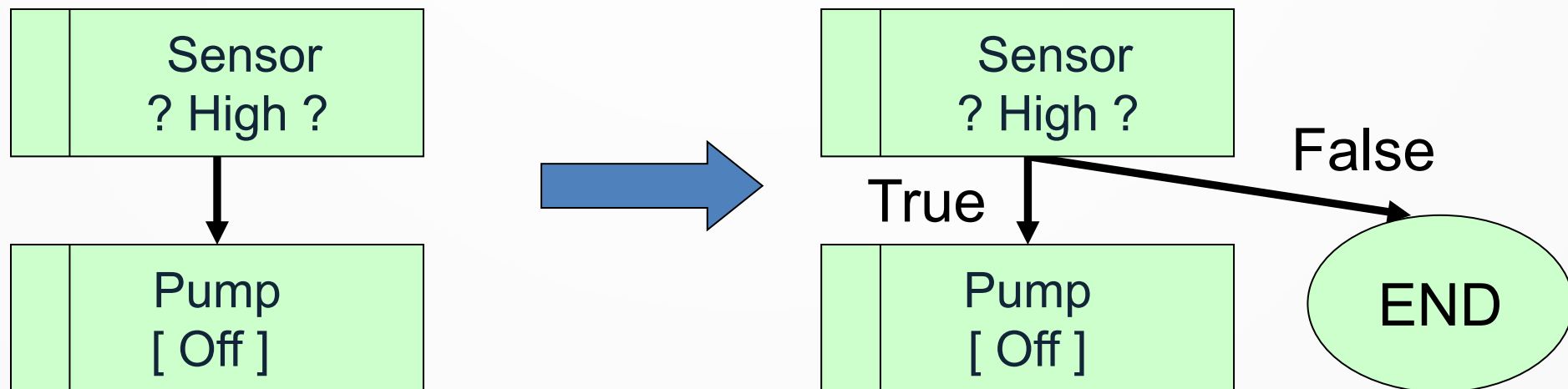




# BT-Control Flow Graph

A BT-CFG is similar to a BT except:

- Selections, guards and input events have an additional branch to show the **false** behaviour.



- Reversion / reference nodes are replaced by edges.



# Control Dependence

Node  $q$  is **control-dependent** on node  $p$  iff:

- ▶  $p$  has at least 2 successors  $m$  and  $n$ , where NOT(Alt( $m,n$ )) and NOT(Conc( $m,n$ )),
- ▶ for all maximal paths from  $m$ ,  $q$  always occurs and
- ▶ there exists a maximal path from  $n$  on which  $q$  never occurs.

Control dependence occurs if  $p$  is a guard, selection or input event.



# Program Slicing

- Automatically removes parts of the program which are irrelevant to a given criterion.
- Originally developed by Weiser (1981) for debugging programs.
- Start at a slicing criterion and then follow back dependencies, e.g. control & data dependencies.

# Data Dependence

Node  $q$  is **data/interference-dependent** on node  $p$  iff:

- ➔  $\exists c \in \text{DEF}(p)$  such that  $c \in \text{REF}(q)$  and
- ➔  $\forall k \in \text{Path}(p, q), c \notin \text{DEF}(k)$ .

*Data dependence* = same thread

*Interference dependence* = parallel threads

Interference dependence is intransitive, so can lead to less precise, but still correct slices.





# Other Dependencies

Node  $q$  is **message-dependent** on node  $p$  iff:

- $type(p) = \text{internalOutput}$  and  $behavior(q) = m$
- $type(p) = \text{internalInput}$  and  $behavior(q) = m$ .

Node  $q$  is **synchronisation-dependent** on node  $p$  iff:

- $flag(p) = flag(q) = \text{synchronisation}$  and
- $matching(p, q)$ .

Node  $q$  is **alternate-dependent** on node  $p$  iff:

- $p$  and  $q$  have the same parent node and
- $p$  and  $q$  are connected by an alternate branching point.

# Creating the Slice

- Start at nodes which modify variables that are in the property.

$$\text{SliceCrit}(p) = \{n : \text{BTNode} \mid \exists c \in \text{REF}(p) \bullet c \in \text{DEF}(n)\}$$

- Traverse BTDG backwards, collecting all the nodes encountered.



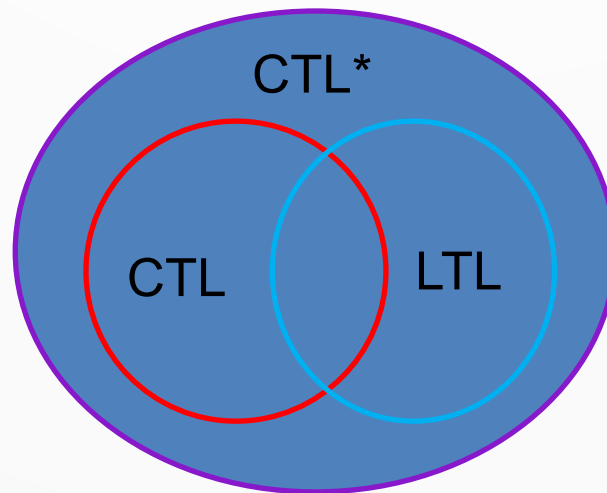
# Creating the Slice

- Re-form into a Behavior Tree by adding blank placeholder nodes.
- Put **reversions** and **reference** nodes back into the slice, unless the entire sub-tree is not in the slice.
- Put **for-all** and **for-some** nodes back into the slice, unless the parameter is no longer used in the sub-tree below.

# Bisimulation

Strong Bisimulation – matches every step  
– preserves full CTL\*

- Too restrictive for some applications, e.g. slicing, where a model is reduced by eliminating stuttering





# Weak Bisimulation

## Weak forms of bisimulation

- do not match every step
  - are suitable for applications like slicing
  - do not preserve the X operator
- e.g. Branching bisimulation with explicit divergence
    - preserves  $CTL^*_{-X}$

However, the next operator is useful in practice

- e.g. for safety properties such as  $failure \Rightarrow X(set-alarm)$

# Branching Bisimulation with Explicit Divergence

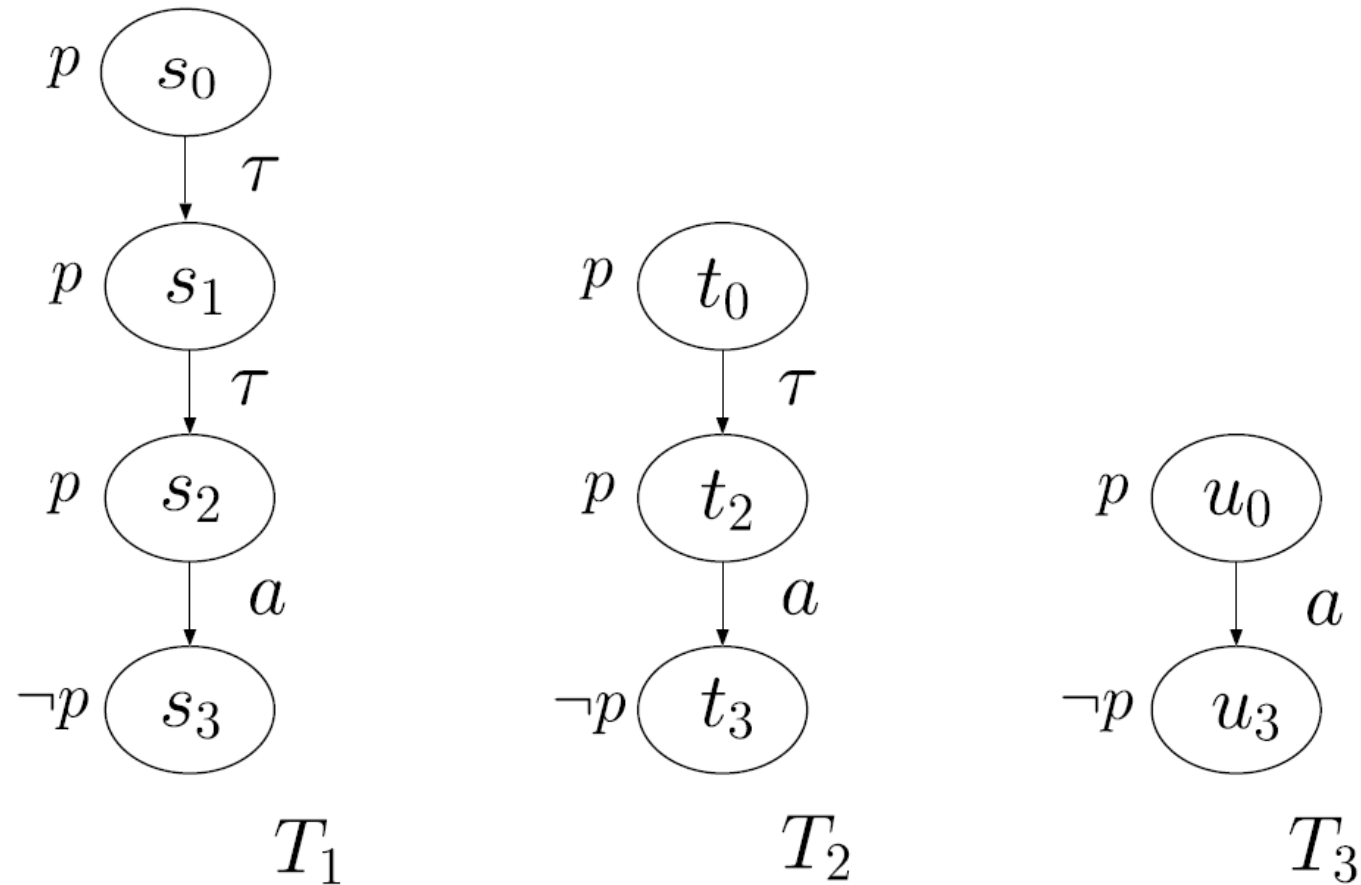
- If a state  $s$  takes a step  $\alpha$  to  $s'$ ,
- then if  $\alpha = \tau$ ,  $bb(s', t)$  or
  - there exist  $t', t''$  such that  $t$  is followed by any number of stuttering steps to  $t'$ , which is then followed by the  $\alpha$  step to  $t''$ , where  $bb(s, t')$  and  $bb(s', t'')$
  - if there exists an infinite stuttering path after  $s$  then there exists an infinite stuttering path after  $t$ .

The relation is symmetric.

It is defined so that branching logics can be preserved.

- It preserves CTL\*-X.

# Eliminating Stuttering



## Example

$T_1, s_0 \models \mathbf{AX}p$

$T_2, t_0 \models \mathbf{AX}p$

$T_3, u_0 \not\models \mathbf{AX}p$



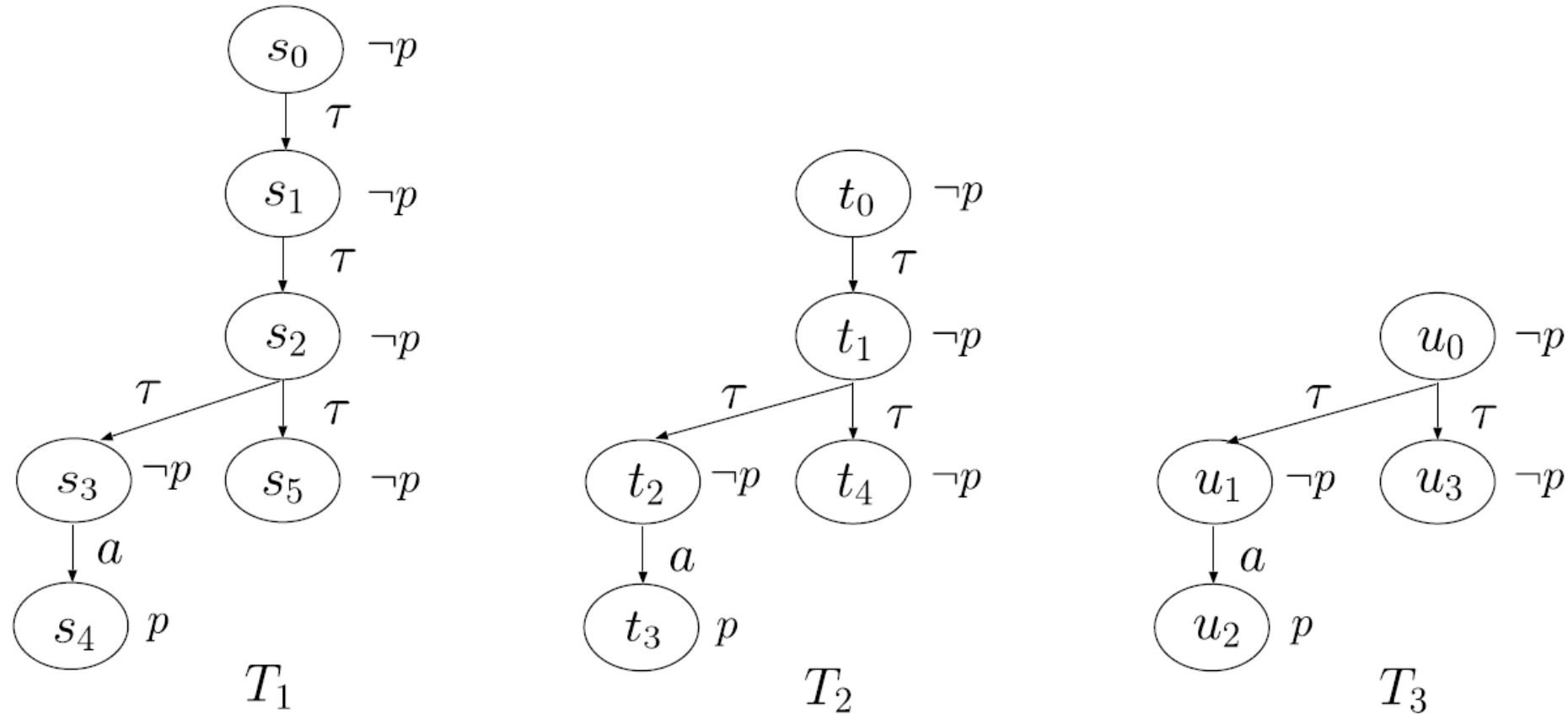
# Eliminating Stuttering

In the previous example, all three transition systems are related by branching bisimulation, but they don't satisfy the same properties with  $X$ .

- shows that the stuttering before an observable step is important.



# Eliminating Stuttering



$T_1, s_0 \models \mathbf{AXE}(Fp)$

$T_2, t_0 \models \mathbf{AXE}(Fp)$

$T_3, u_0 \not\models \mathbf{AXE}(Fp)$



# Observable Steps

These examples illustrate the notion of *observable step*.

An *observable step* is one which either:

- performs an observable (non-stuttering) action,
- passes a critical branching point, or
- performs a *relevant stuttering step* with respect to a particular formula.

Branching bisimulation covers only *observable actions* and *critical branching points* (called *bb-observable steps*).

Next-preserving branching bisimulation additionally considers *relevant stuttering steps*.

# Relevant Stuttering Steps

The *relevant stuttering steps* are the ones which must be preserved, determined according to the *xdepth* of a formula:

$$xdepth(\varphi) = 0, \text{ where } \varphi \in AP,$$

$$xdepth(\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) = \max(xdepth(\psi_1), xdepth(\psi_2)),$$

$$xdepth(\neg\psi_1) = xdepth(\psi_1),$$

$$xdepth(\mathbf{E} \varphi) = xdepth(\varphi),$$

$$xdepth(\varphi_1 \mathbf{U} \varphi_2) = \max(xdepth(\varphi_1), xdepth(\varphi_2)),$$

$$xdepth(\mathbf{X} \varphi) = xdepth(\varphi) + 1.$$

$$\text{e.g. } xdepth(\mathbf{X}p) = 1$$

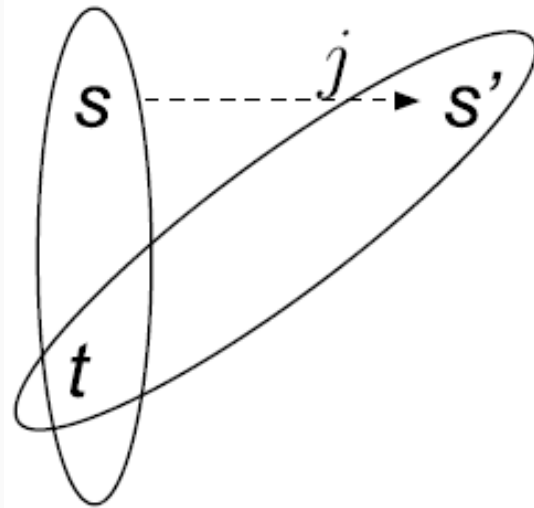
$$xdepth((\mathbf{X}p) \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}q)) = 2$$



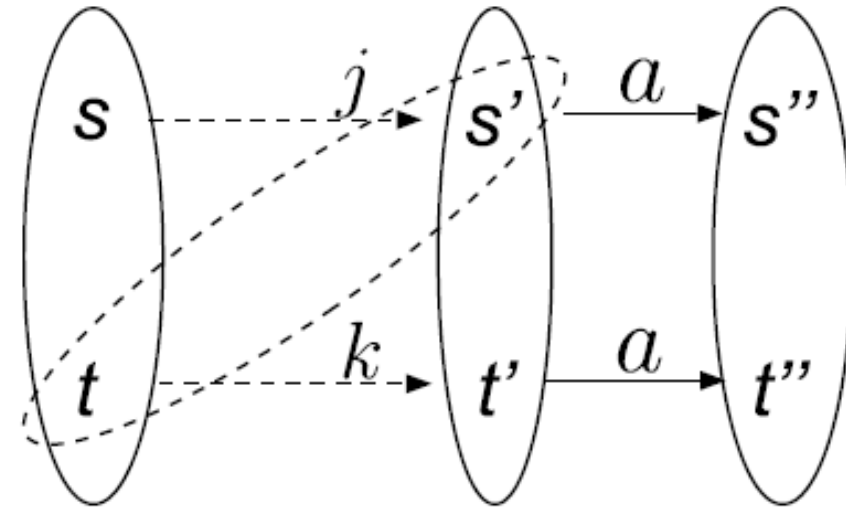
# Relevant Stuttering Steps

If a transition system has more than  $xdepth(\varphi)$  stuttering steps before a bb-observable step, then the validity of  $\varphi$  does not change along the excess stuttering steps (the stuttering steps that are more than  $xdepth(\varphi)$  steps away from the bb-observable step).

# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation



The solid ellipses represent next-preserving branching bisimulation.



If a  $\tau$  step occurs from  $s$  to  $s'$ , which is not bb-observable, and  $s'$  is npbb with depth  $xd$  to state  $t$ , then  $t$  is not required to do a matching step.



# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation

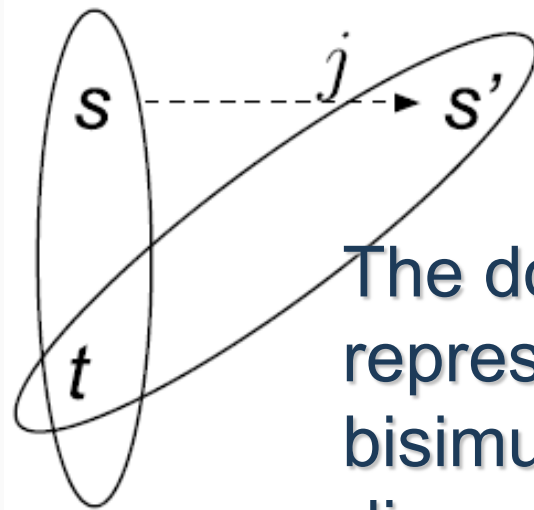
If a bb-observable step  $\alpha$  occurs after  $s$ , possibly preceded by non-bb-observable steps, then this must be matched by  $t$ , also possibly preceded by non-bb-observable steps.

- The non-bb-observable steps which are *xd-relevant* must be preserved.

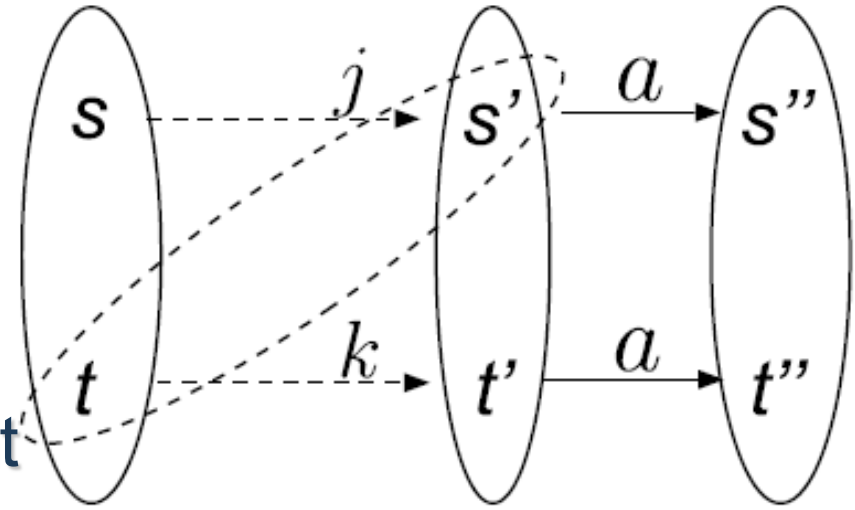
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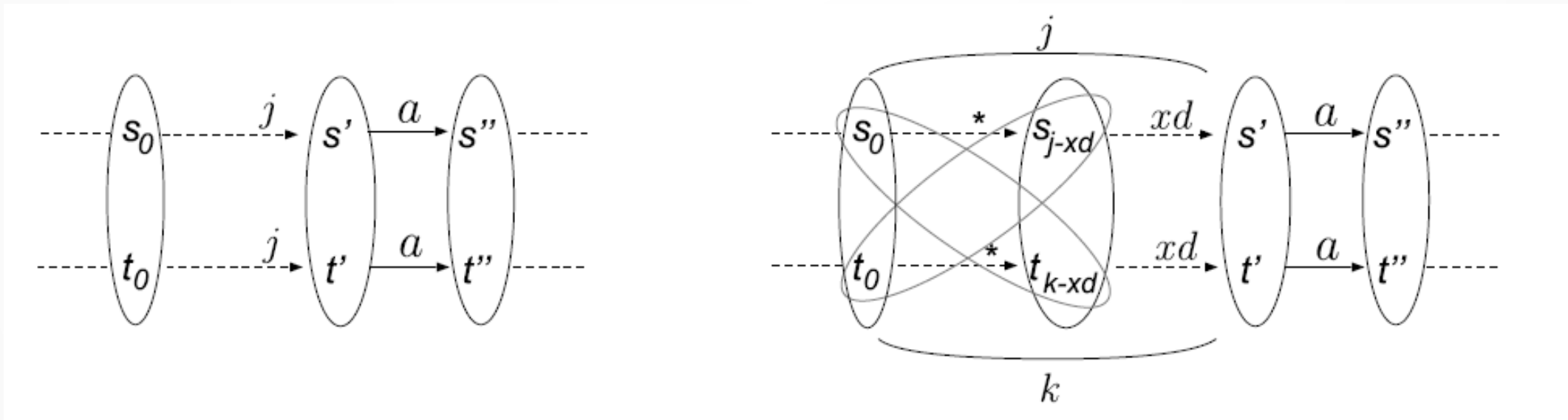
The dotted ellipse represents branching bisimulation with explicit divergence.



- if  $j < xd$  then  $k = j$
- if  $j \geq xd$  then  $k \geq xd$

Note that the relation is symmetric.

# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation (Paths)

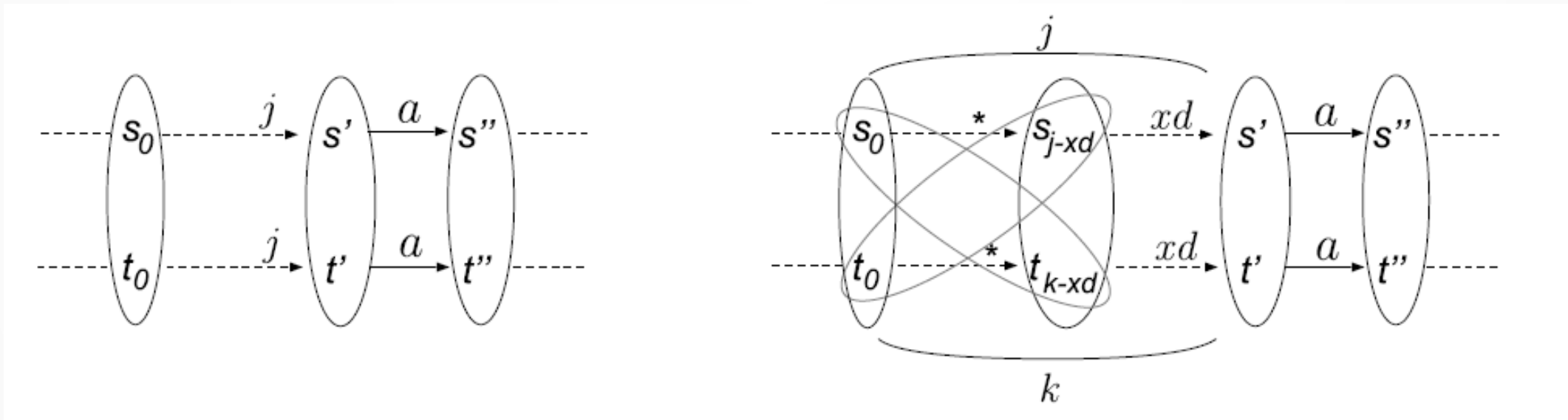


If  $j < xd$ , then all the stuttering steps are *xd-relevant*, so must be matched.

Otherwise, only *xd* stuttering steps must be matched.



# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation (Paths)



This gives rise to an alternative definition using *xd-equivalent partitions*.

Each *xd-equivalent partition* of a path has to be matched by an *xd-equivalent partition* in the other path.



# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation

The parameterised next-preserving branching bisimulation gives rise to a hierarchy.

When  $xd = 0$ , the equivalence coincides with branching bisimulation with explicit divergence. This is the weakest next-preserving branching bisimulation.

When  $xd = \infty$ , the equivalence coincides with strong bisimulation. This is the strongest next-preserving branching bisimulation.

# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation

*strong bisimulation*

$\vdots$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_4$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_3$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_2$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_1$   
 $\cap$   
 $bb$

$npb_{xd}$   
 $\cap$   
 $\vdots$   
 $npb_{\varphi_3}$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_{\varphi_2}$   
 $\cap$   
 $npb_{\varphi_1}$



# Next-preserving Slicing

The next-preserving branching bisimulation definition was used to create a slicing method that preserves CTL\*.

- requires extra stuttering nodes to be kept in the slice.
- Extra nodes are placed before critical nodes and branching points in the transition system – equivalent to several constructs in the BT diagram, i.e. alternative branching, concurrent branching, conditional nodes.



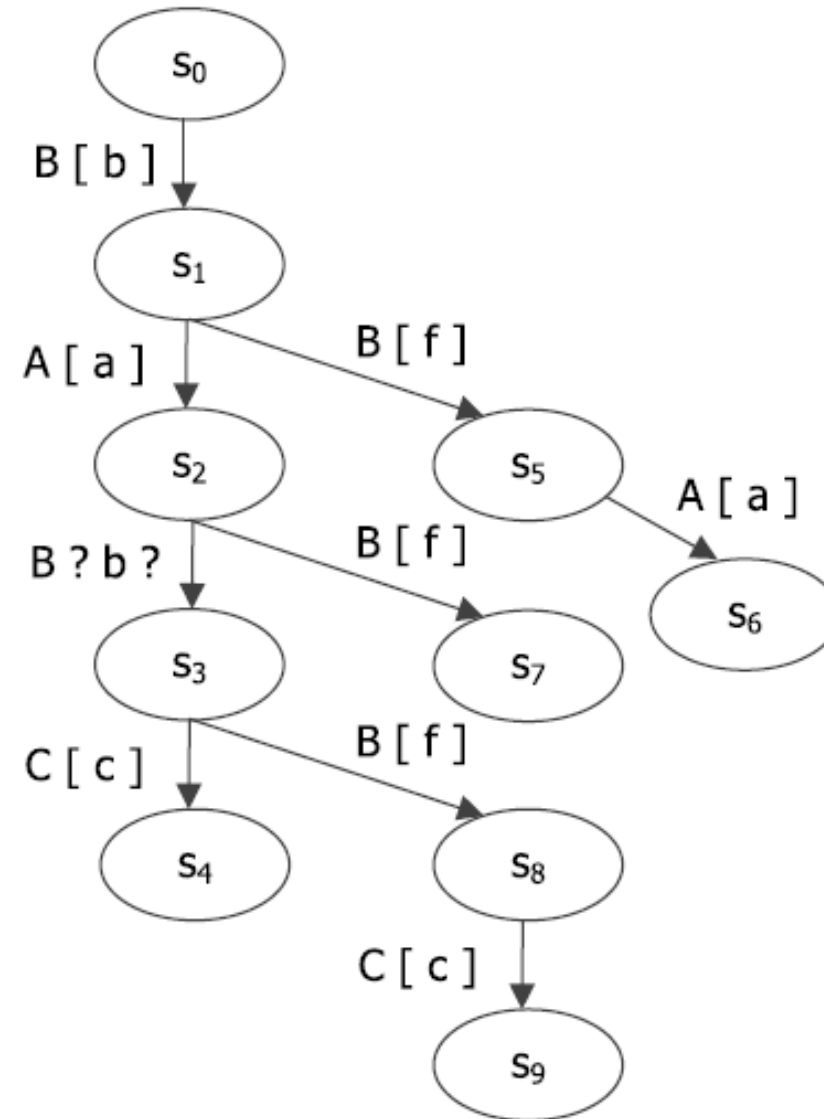
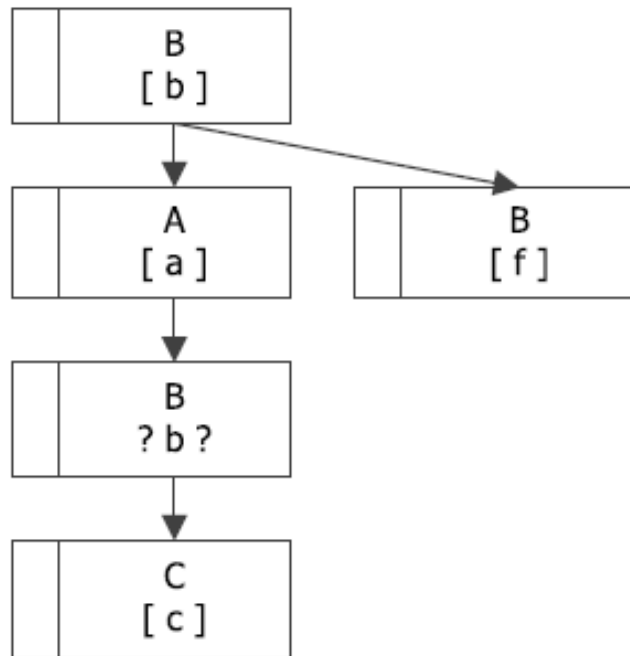
# Next-preserving Slicing

Alternative branching – need to look for cases where one branch leads to an observable node where the other doesn't.

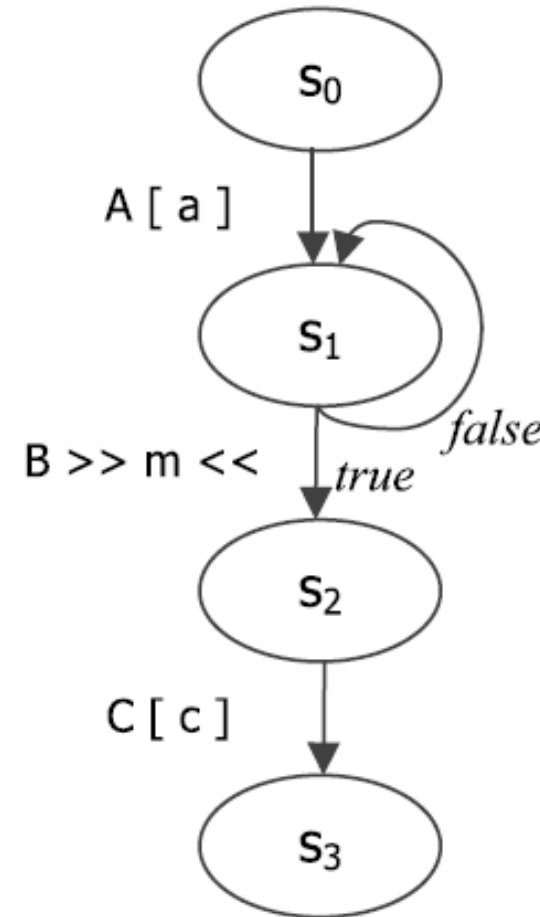
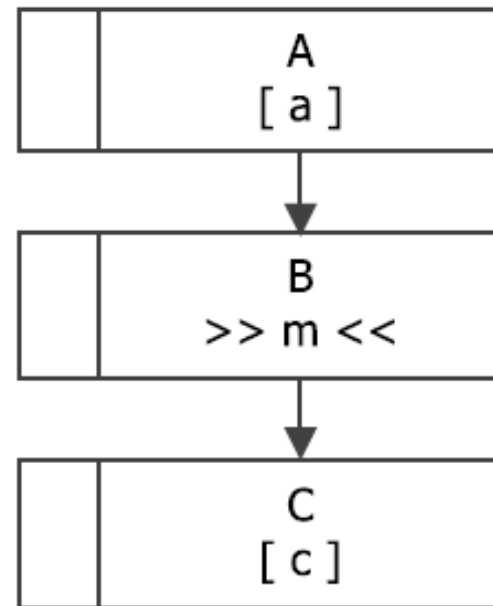
Concurrent branching – non-determinism arises from the interleaved execution of nodes in different threads

- Therefore any node in a concurrent branch is a branching point
- but most cases are not critical since they do not prevent the other nodes from executing

# Next-preserving Slicing



# Next-preserving Slicing



Conditional nodes – not really branching in the transition system, except if it's external input nodes.



# Next-preserving Branching Bisimulation

- Proof of correctness that it preserves CTL\* including X.
- Useful for applications where the X operator is required, e.g. slicing.