Symbolic Monitoring against Specifications Parametric in Time and Data

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Why Monitoring?

Exhaustive formal method

(e.g. model checking, reachability analysis)

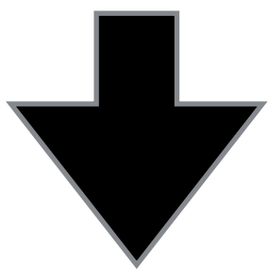
- The system is correct/incorrect for **any** execution
- We need system model (**white box**)
- **Scalability** is a big issue

Monitoring

- The system is correct/incorrect for **the given** execution
- We do not need system model (**black box** is OK)
- Usually **scalable**

Spec. with Parameters

<u>Concrete Spec. Example</u>
the total amount of **7**-days withdrawal by user **Bob**
should be < **1,000** USD



We do not know the best thresholds.
→ Parametrize and Synthesize!!
(Instead of True/False)

<u>Parametric Spec. Example</u>
the total amount of p-days withdrawal by user N
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Symbolic Monitoring

[Contribution]

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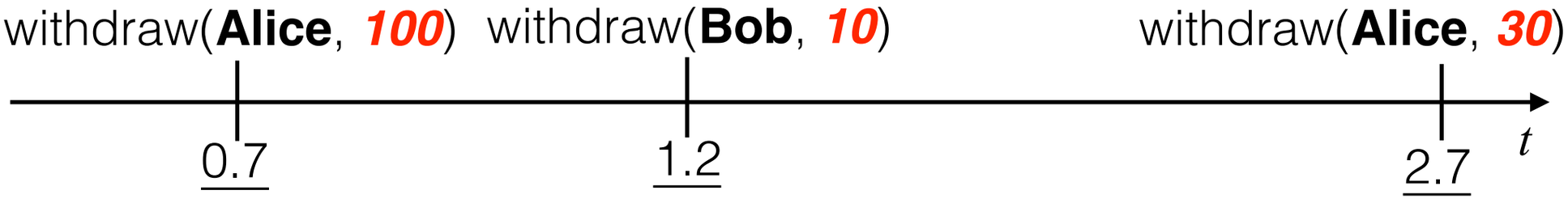

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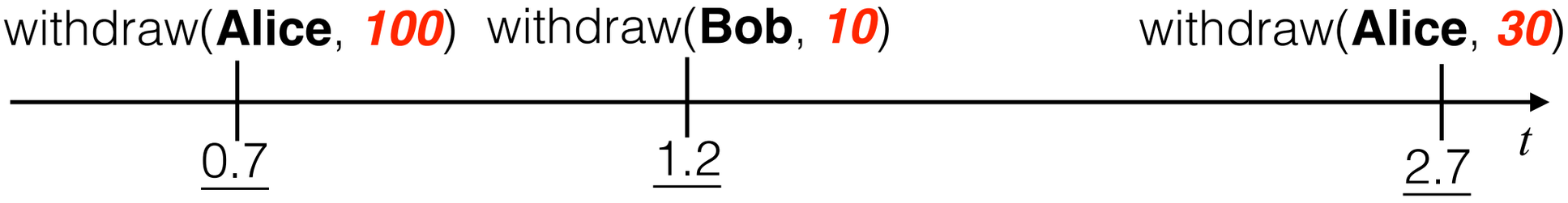

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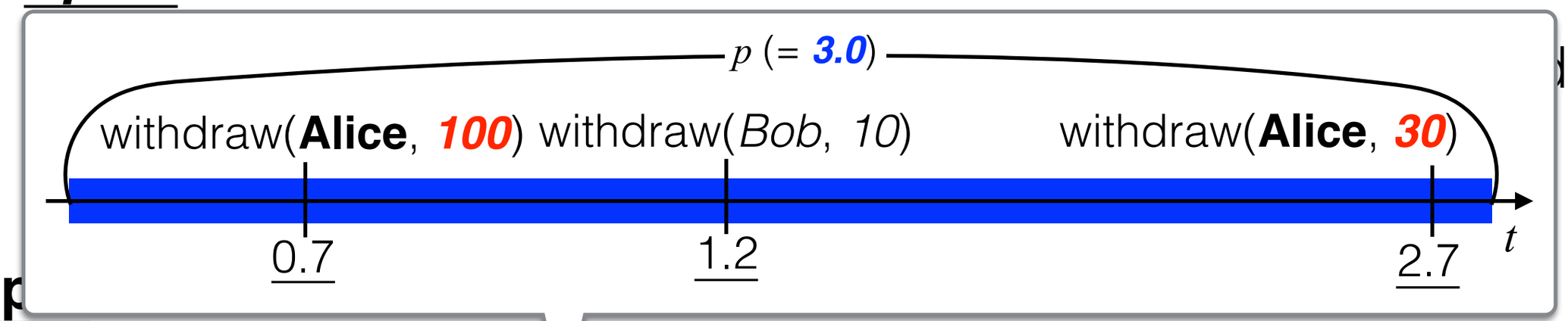

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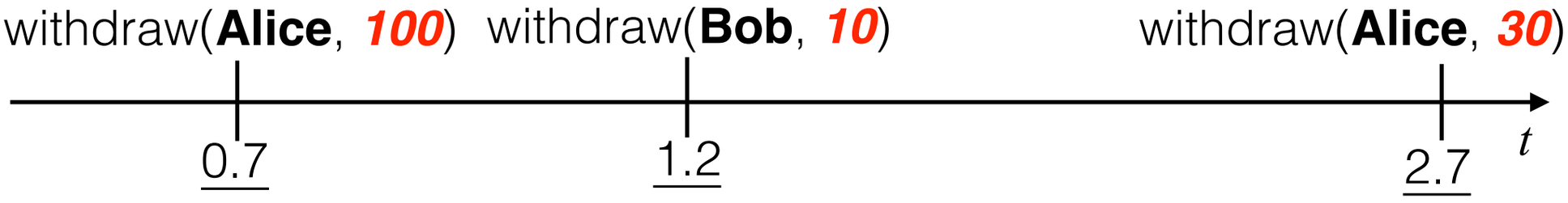

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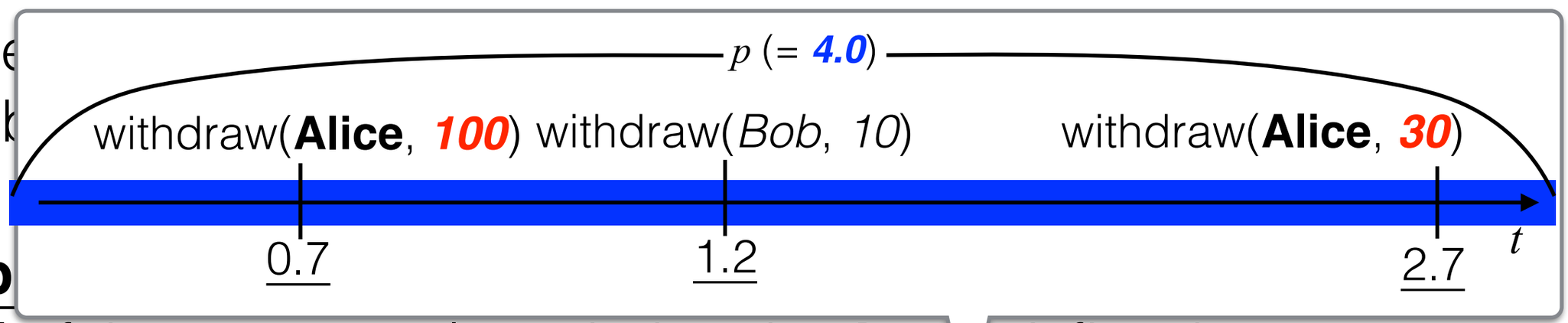

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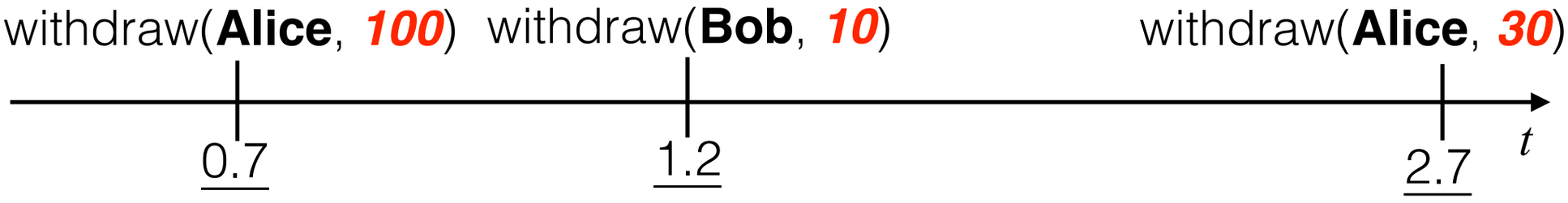
  - e.g., 

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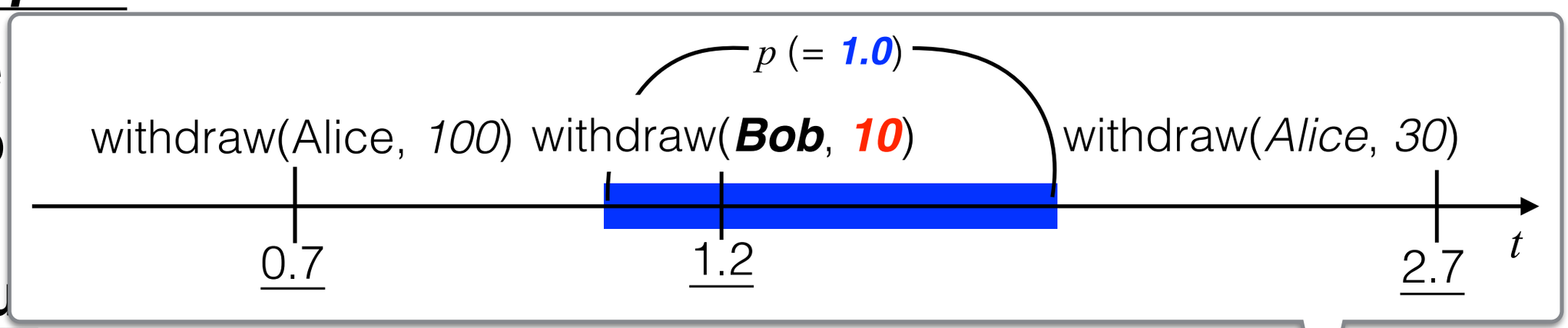

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Contribution

- Introduced **parametric timed data automata** (**PTDA**)
  - **PTDA:** Non-deterministic finite automata (NFA)
    + timing constraints + data + parameters

- Gave **symbolic monitoring** algorithm over a PTDA spec.
  - ***Symbolically*** synthesize **all** the feasible param. val. wrt. log
  - (Potentially) **infinitely** many param. val.
    → **symbolic** representation/operations

- Implementation + experiments → **Scalable**!!

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PTDA: NFA + time + data + parameters

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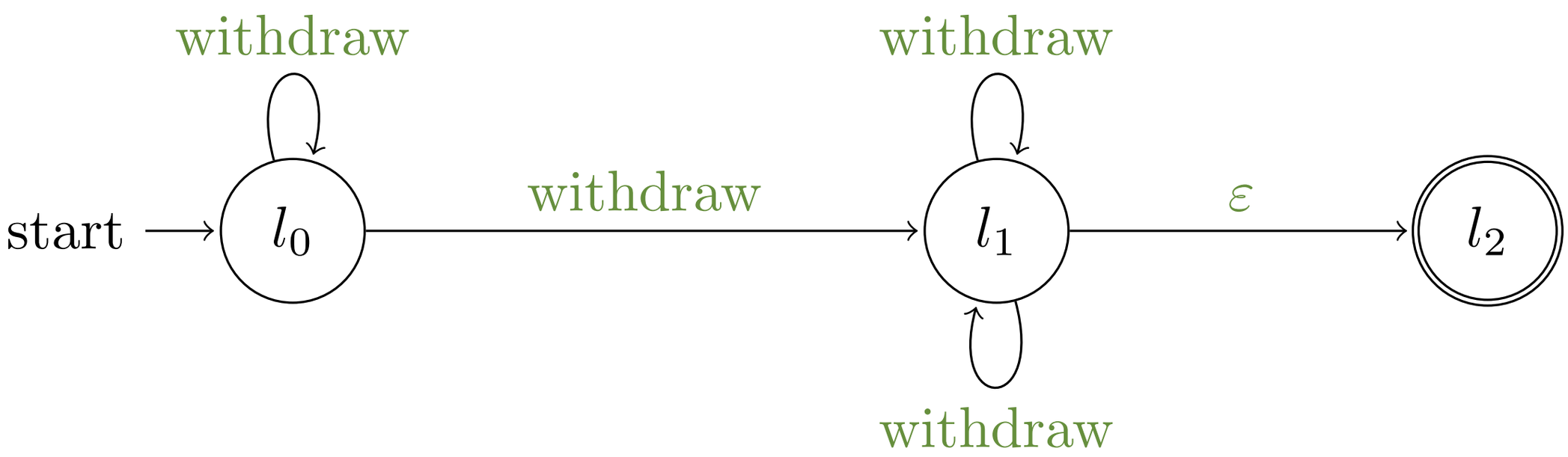

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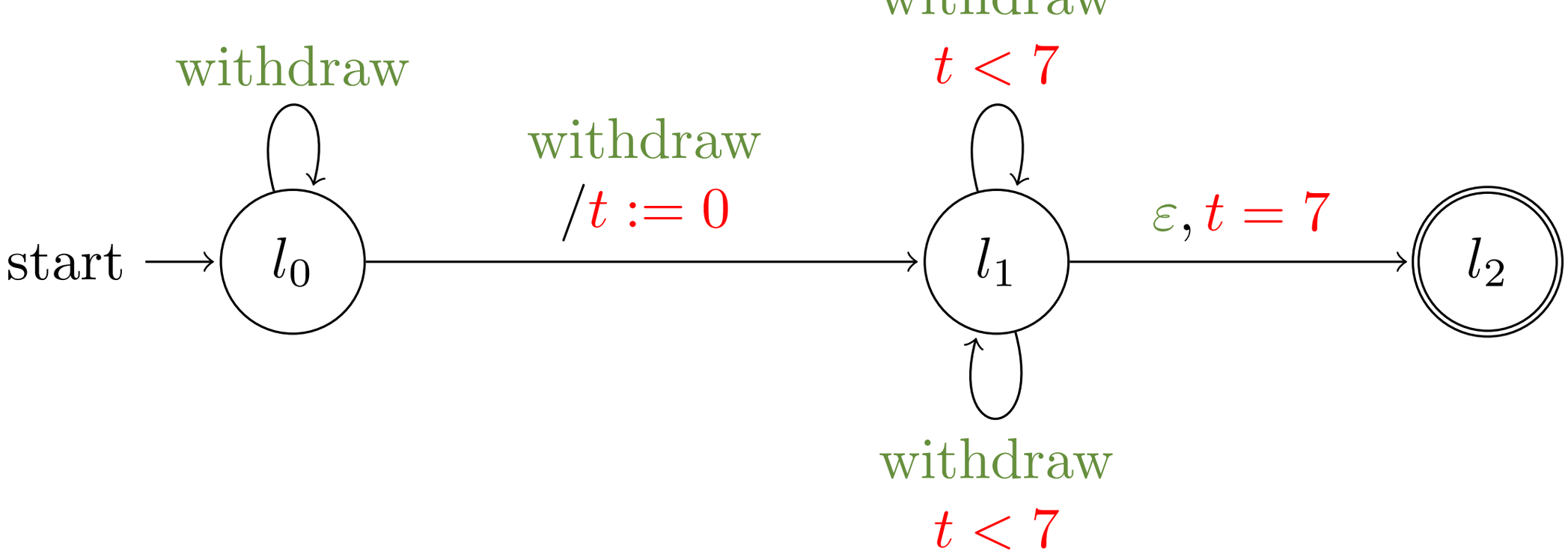

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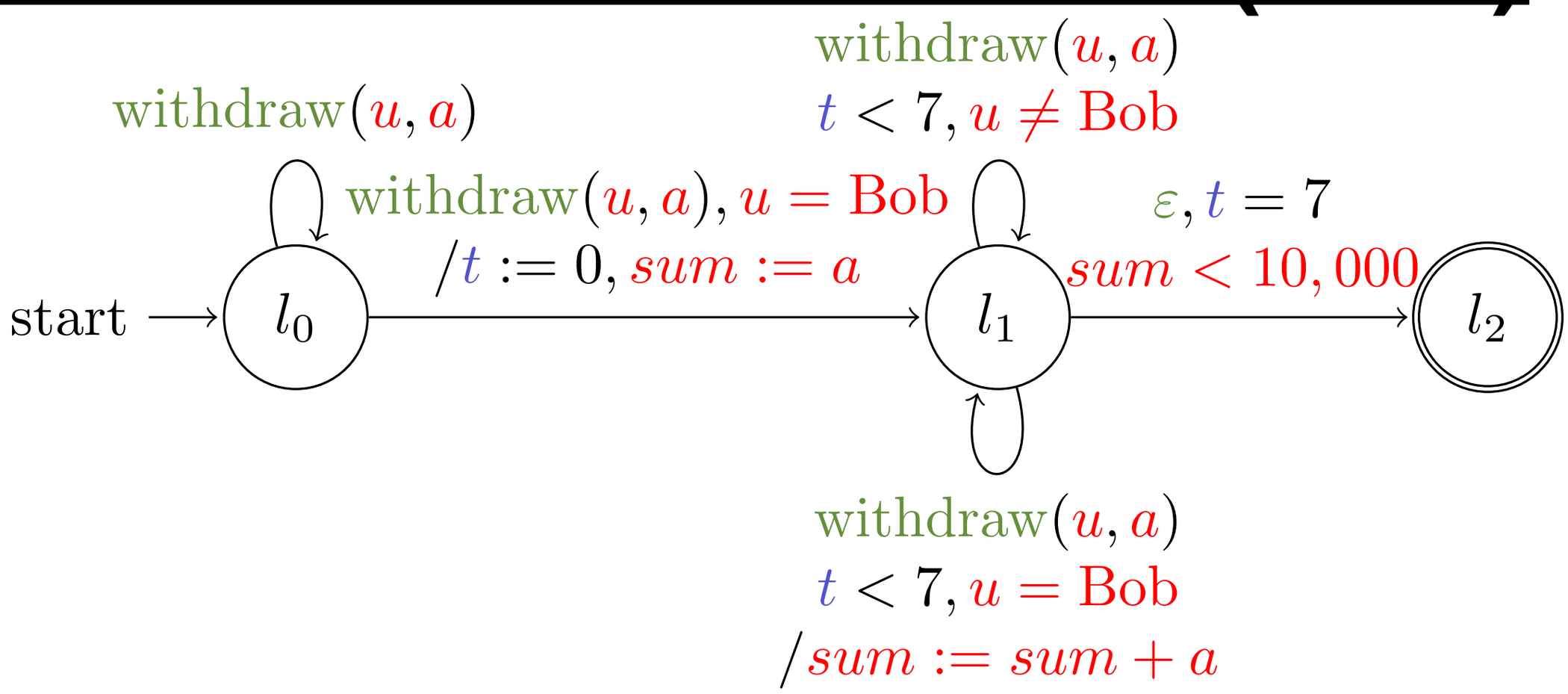

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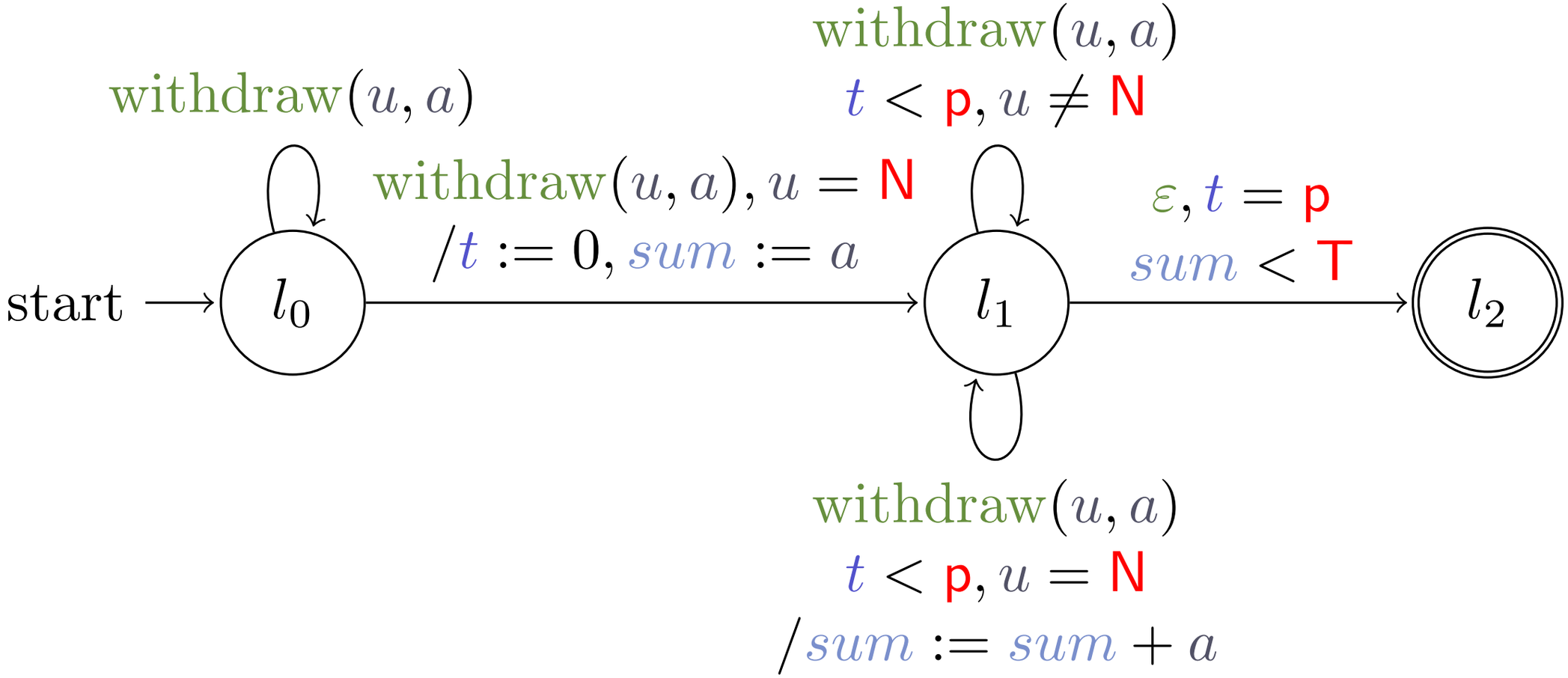
Parametric Timed Data Automaton (PTDA)



Data Type ($\mathbb{D}$, $\mathcal{DE}$, $\mathcal{DU}$)

$\mathbb{D}$: infinite domain

$\mathcal{DE}$: Boolean expression (for guards)

$\mathcal{DU}$: updates (for variable updates/assignments)

- (Explained Later) Our symbolic monitoring algorithm works for any data type with some symbolic operations
  - e.g., Strings ($\mathbb{S}$), Rationals ($\mathbb{Q}$), …

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Idea of our Symbolic Monitoring Algorithm

follow the transitions of PTDA

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abstraction of clock/data/param. val.

(e.g., by convex polyhedra or lists of forbidden strings)

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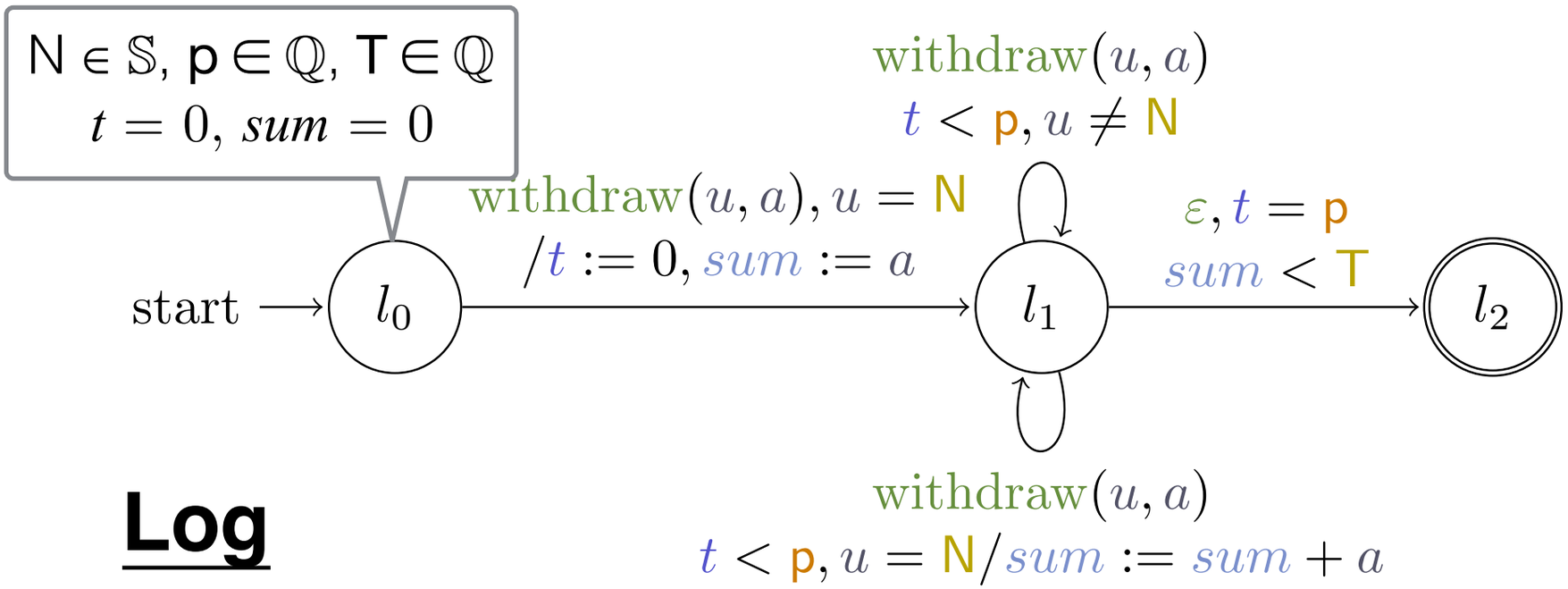
(Non-deterministic branching by breadth first search)

Symbolic Monitoring by Following Transitions



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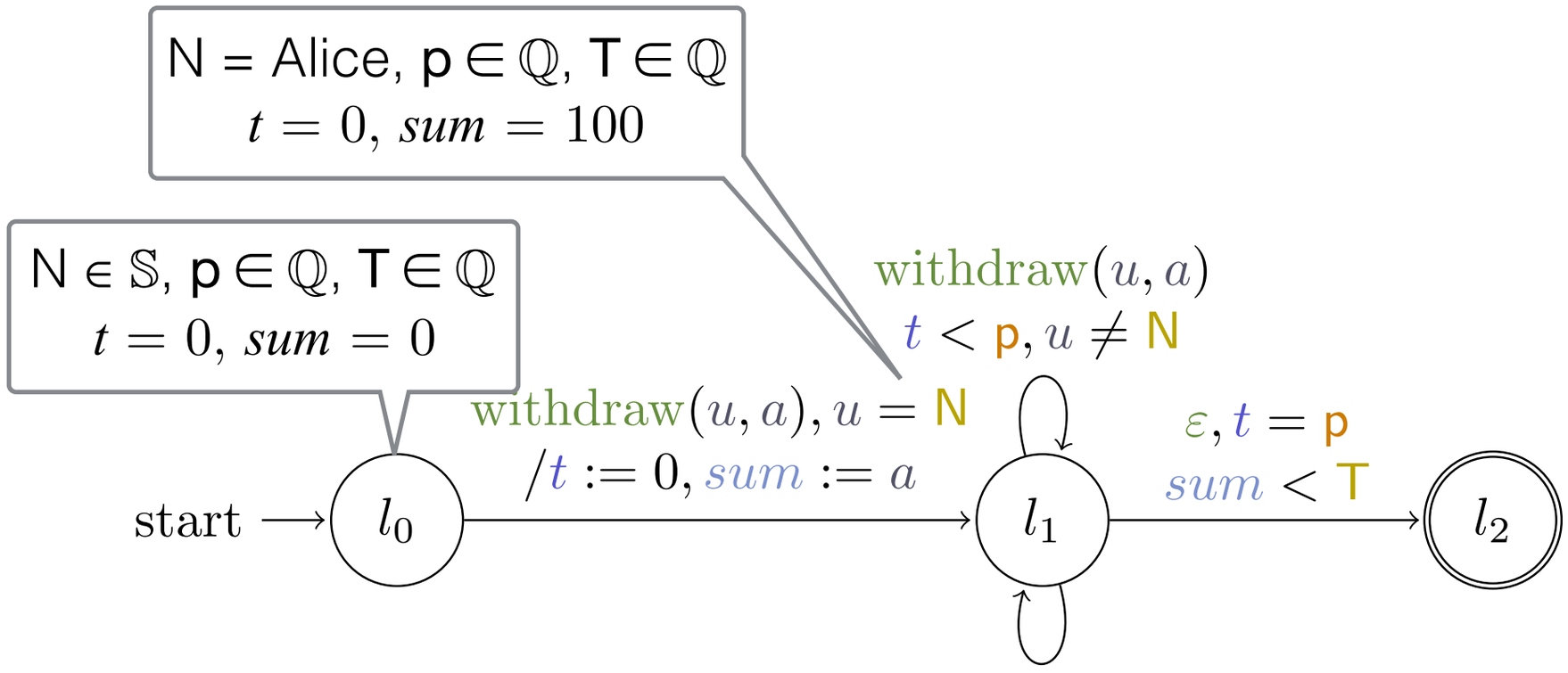

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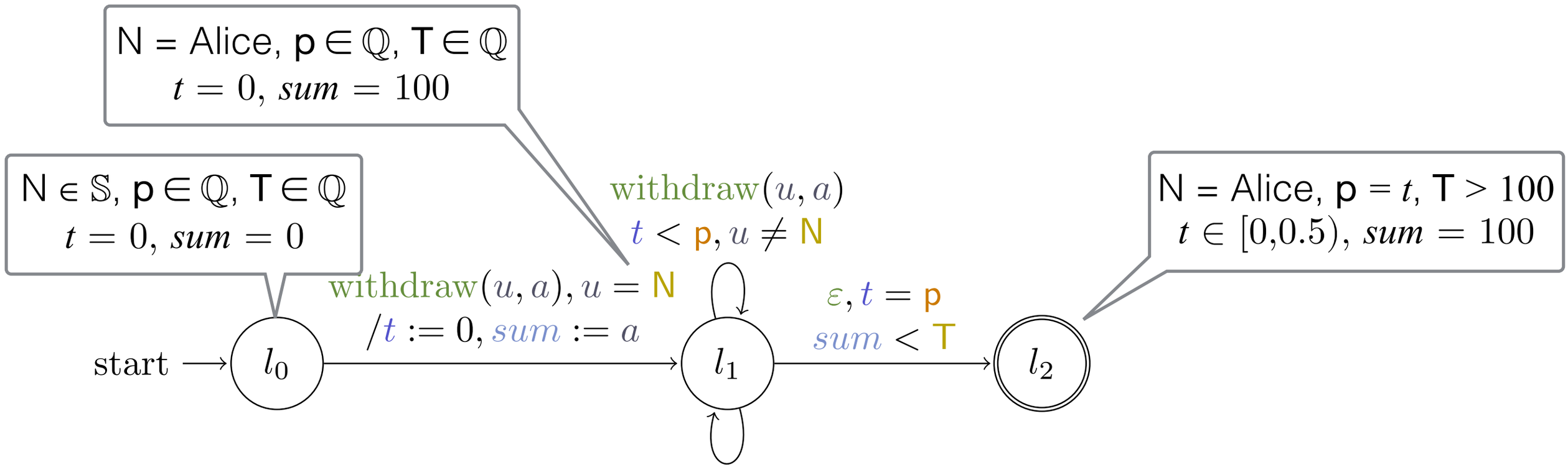

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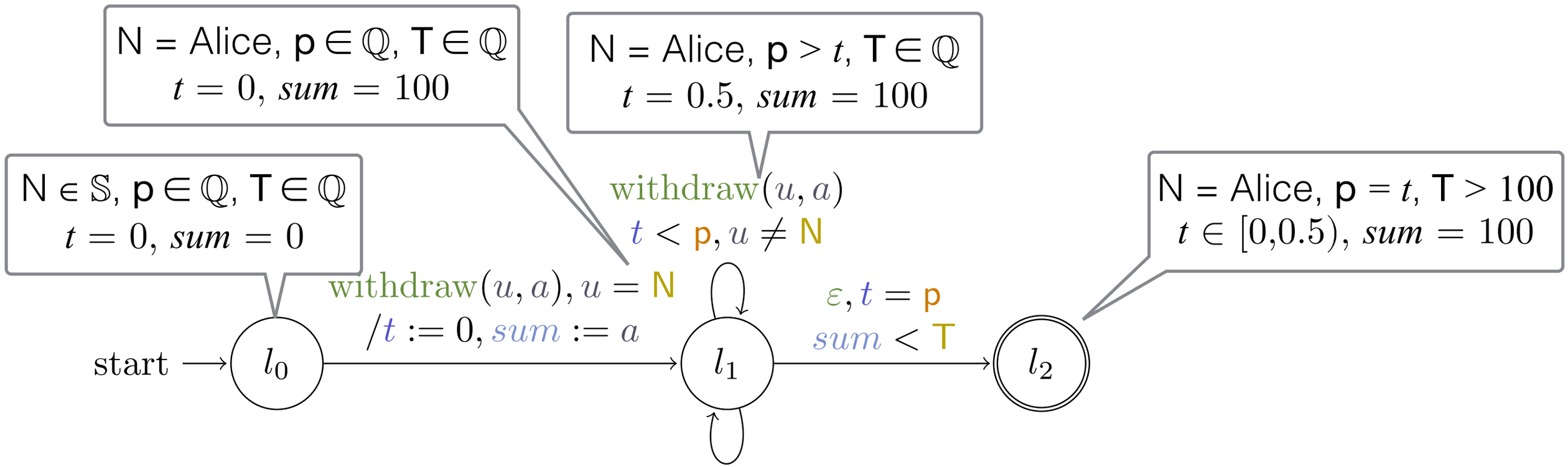

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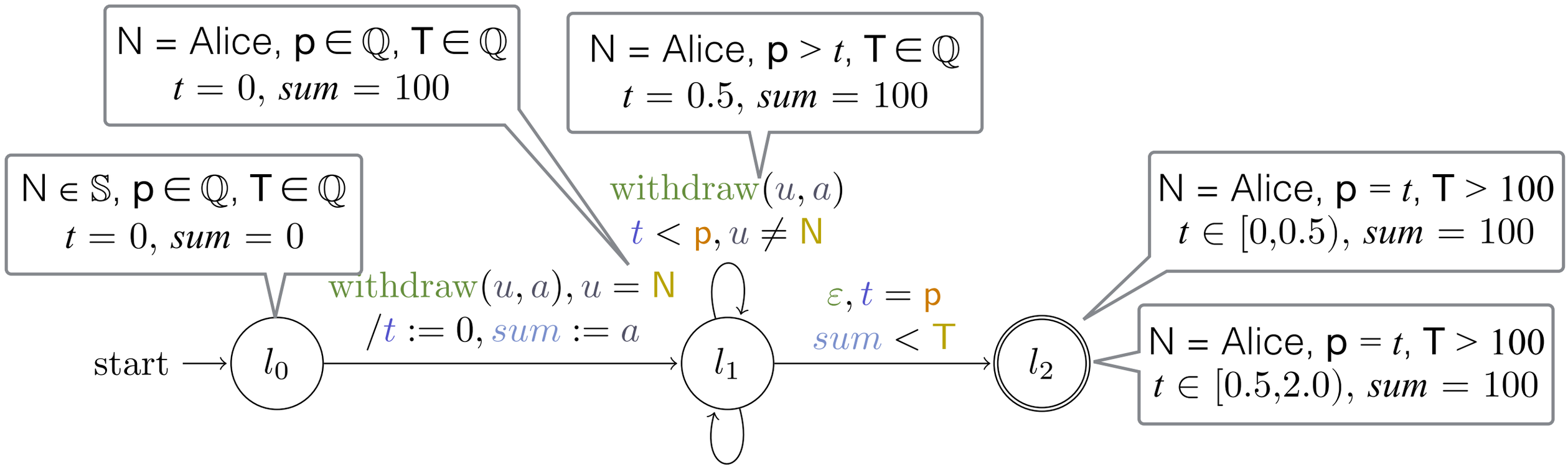

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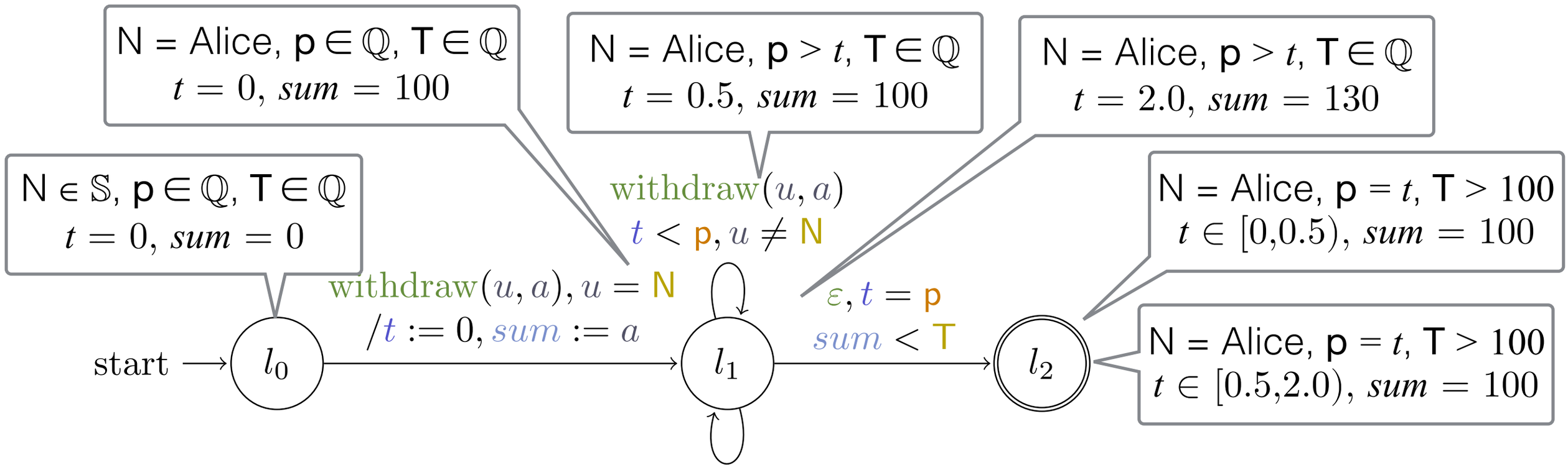

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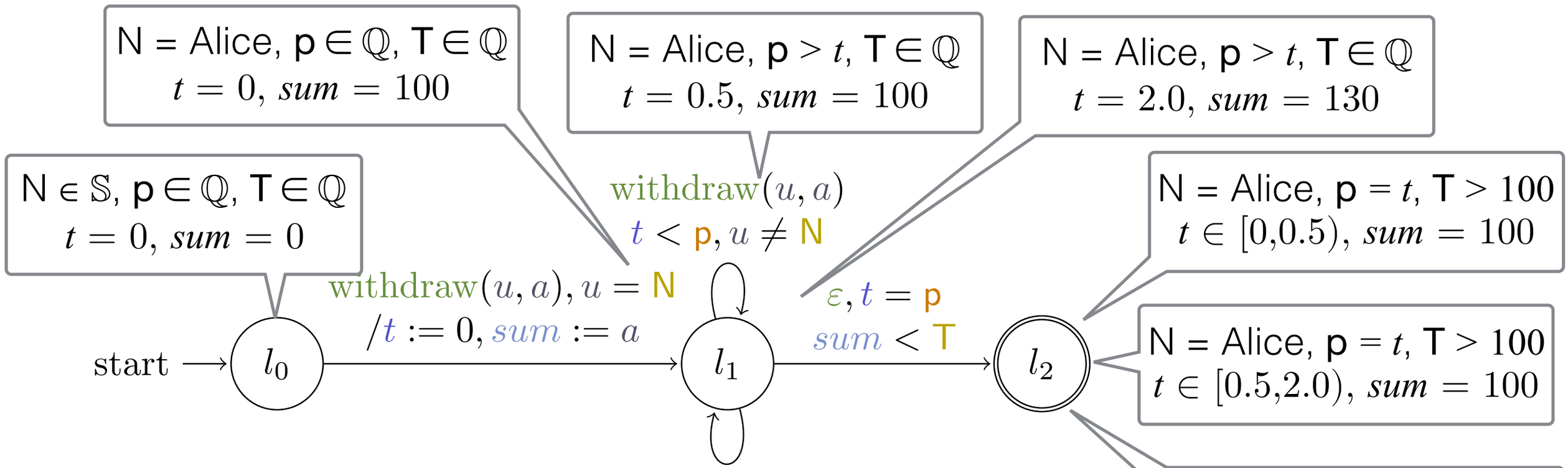

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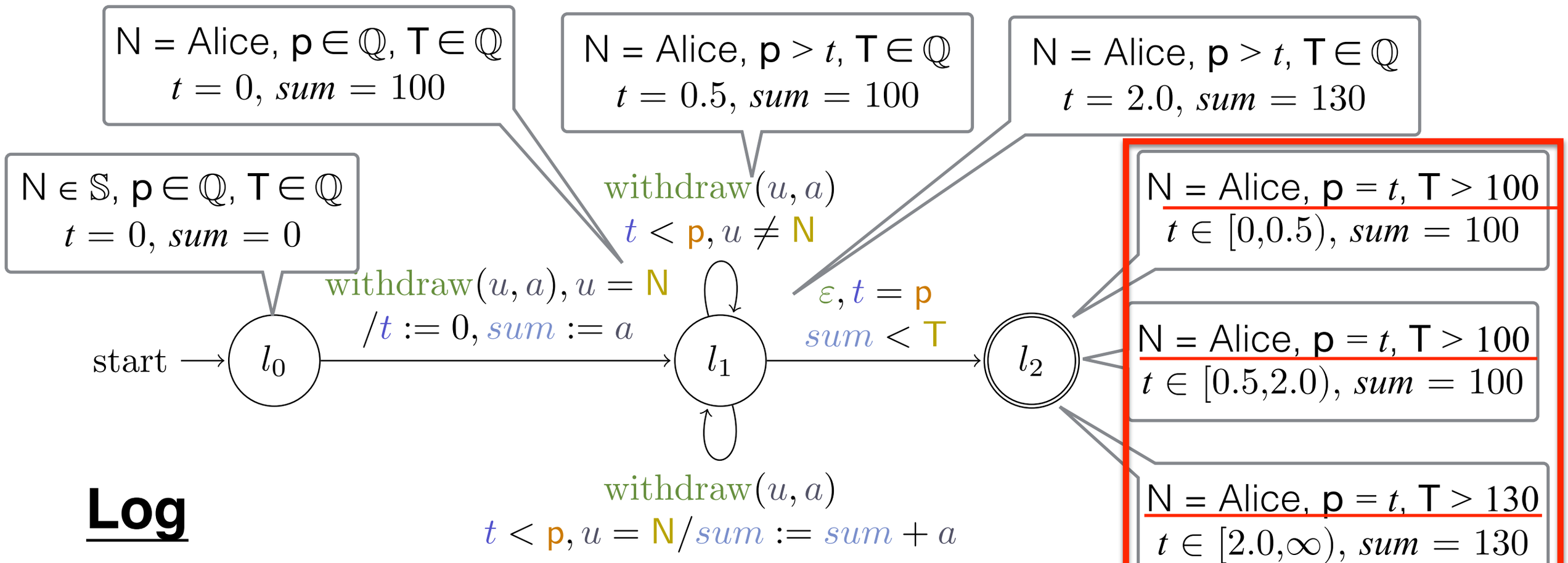

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Result

Termination of Symbolic Monitoring

Thm.
Our symbolic monitoring algorithm terminates for any data types ($\mathbb{D}$, $\mathcal{DE}$, $\mathcal{DU}$) such that we can compute restriction, update, emptiness checking, and projection.

Examples

- Strings ($\mathbb{S}$) with lists (of forbidden strings)
- Rationals ($\mathbb{Q}$) with convex polyhedra

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Environment of Experiments

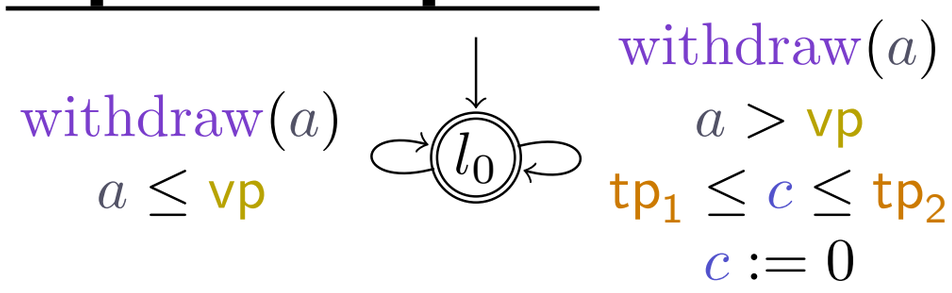
- **Data**: **strings** (by lists) and **rationals** (by convex polyhedra)
- Used 3 original benchmarks:
  - **Copy**: “The value of a signal should be copied to another signal”
    - Inspired by [Brim+, Information and Computation 236]
  - **Dominant**: “Detect a dominant withdrawal by a user”
    - Inspired by [Basin+, RV-CuBES’17]
  - **Periodic**: Synthesize periods of periodic withdrawals (Explained later)
- Amazon EC2 c4.large instance / Ubuntu 18.04 LTS (64 bit)
  - 2.9 GHz Intel Xeon E5-2666 v3, 2 vCPUs, 3.75 GiB RAM

“Periodic" Benchmark

Input 1: Log

- small withdrawals occurs every 5±1 time units
- middle withdrawals occurs every 50±3 time units
- large withdrawals occurs every 100±5 time units

Input 2: Spec.



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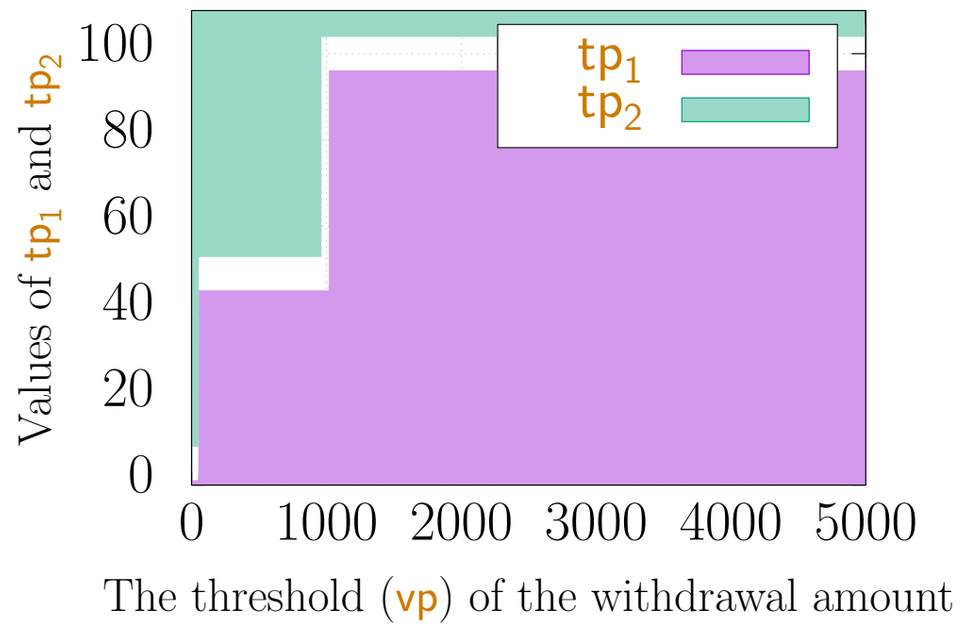

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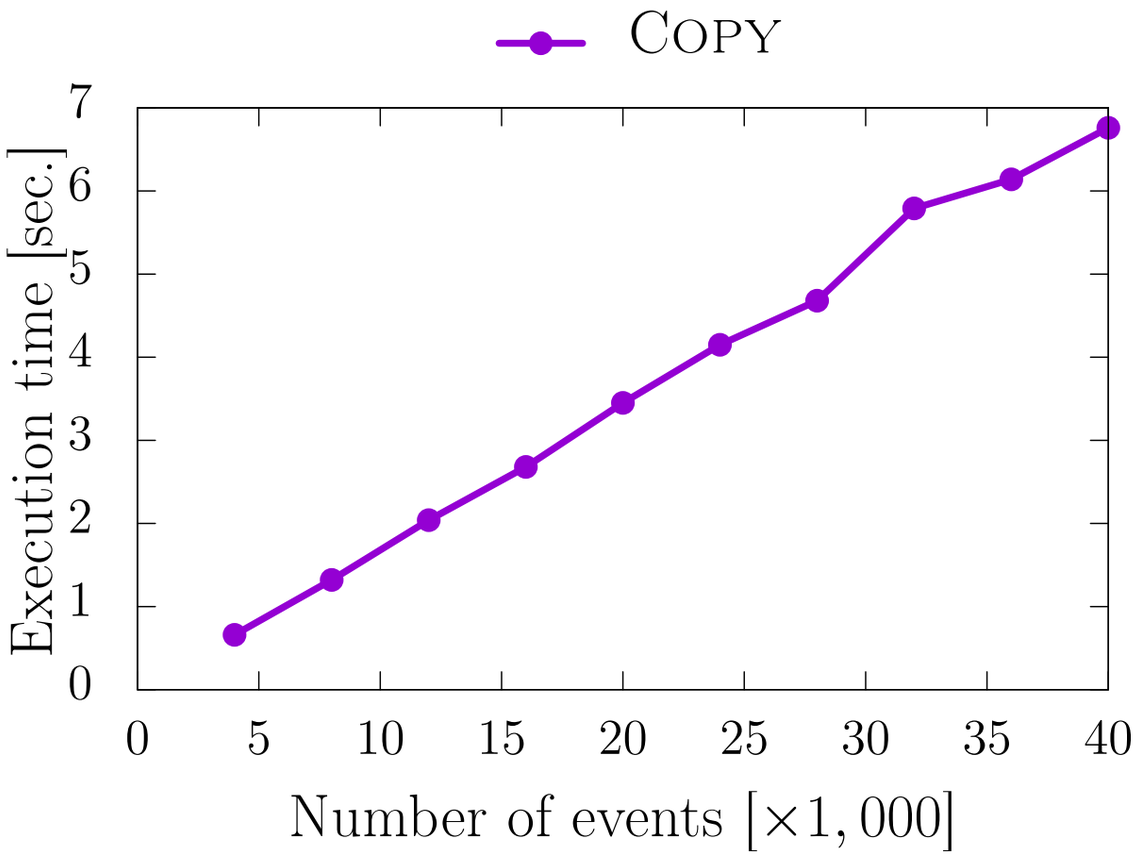

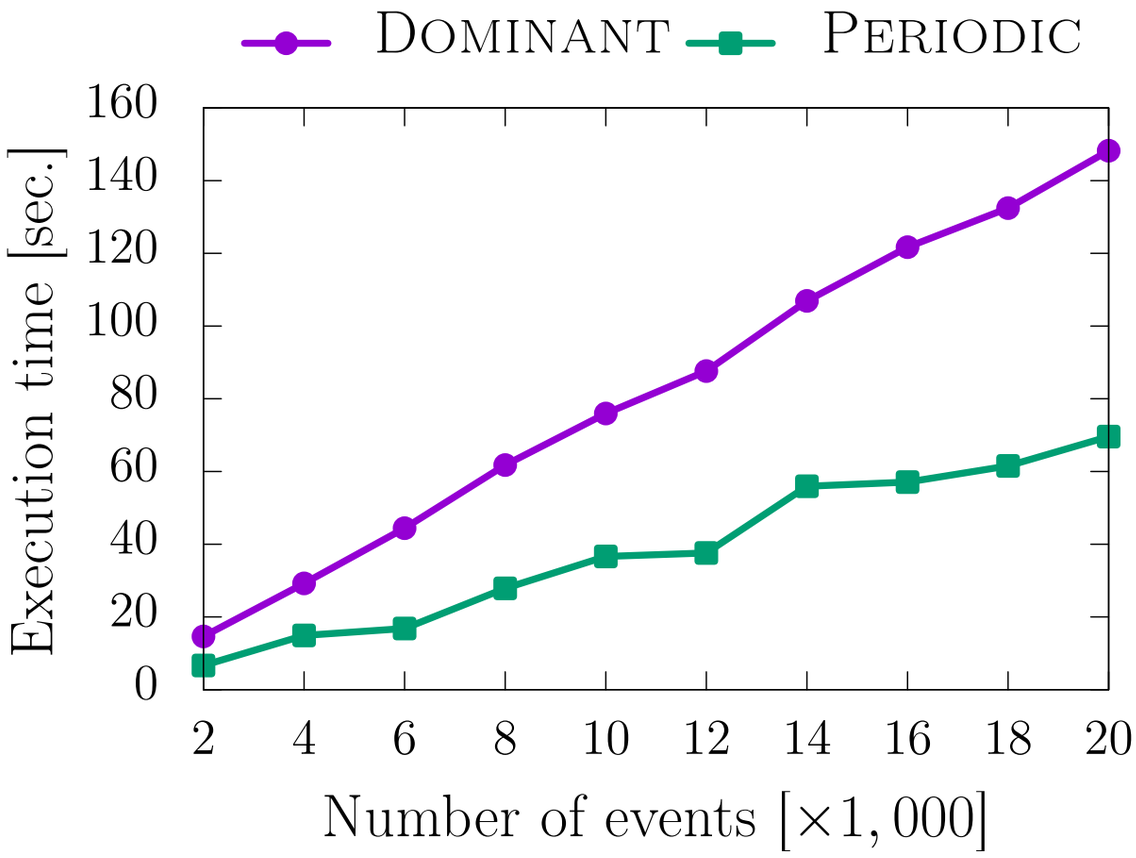

- 20,000 entries in 1 - 2 min.
- Execution time is **linear** in all of three benchmarks
  - Much more efficient than the worst case!!

Related Works

- Symbolic Register Automata [D'Antoni+, CAV 2019]
  - **Register** to remember previous information
- MFOTL [Basin+, J. ACM 62(2) 2015] [Basin+, RV-CuBES 2017] (MonPoly)
  - Many common concepts
    - timing constraints, quantified variables, and aggregation
    - **Concrete** outputs
- PSTL [Asarin+, RV 2011], [Bakhirkin+, HSCC 2018]
  - It **synthesizes** the parameter valuations
  - Specific to **real**-values / Signal-based
- QTL [Havelund+, FMCAD 2017], [Havelund+, MT-CPS'18] (DejaVu)
  - They use **BDD** in monitoring, though their outputs are rather **concrete**
  - no native support of timestamps

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  - about 20,000 entries in 1 or 2 min

Future Works

- Use BDD for more “symbolic” monitoring
- Employ polarity for further efficiency
  - Polarity: Either only expr < p or only expr > p
- Inference when $\mathbb{D}$ is finite
  - If $\mathbb{D}$ = {a,b,c}, neither a nor b ⇒ c