

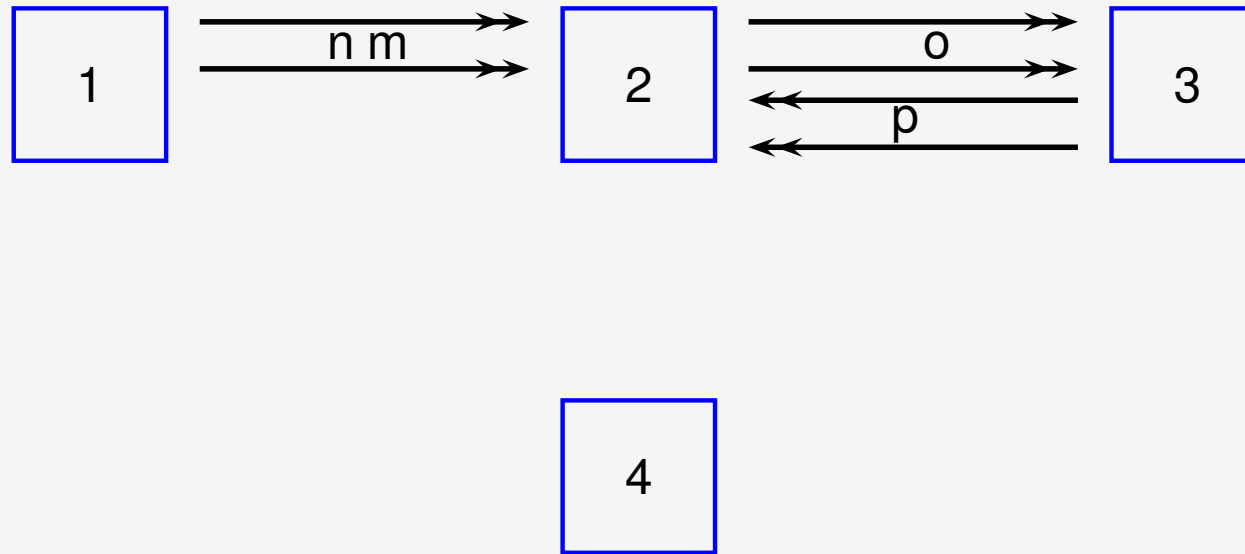
Model Checking Concurrent Systems with Unboundedly Many Processes Using Data Logics

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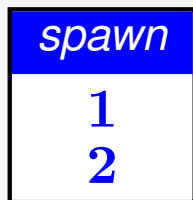


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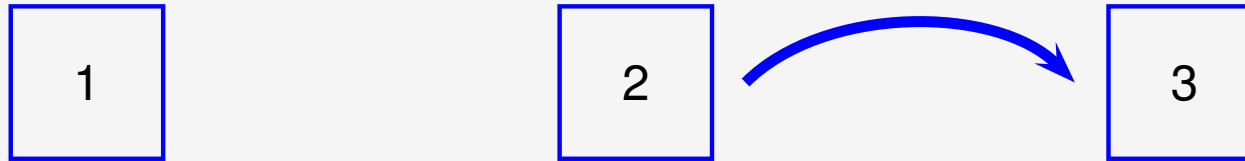
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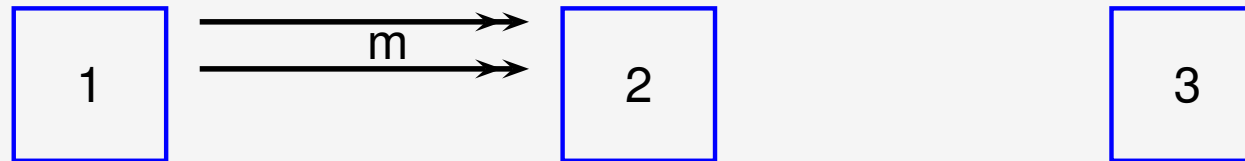
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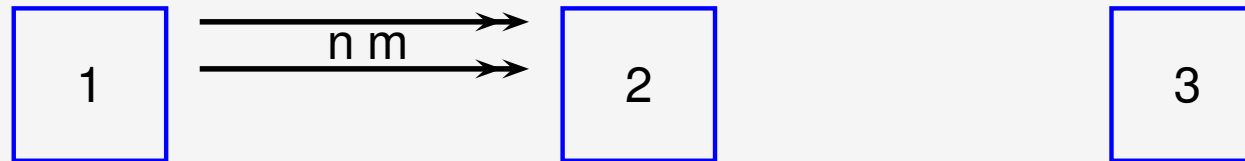
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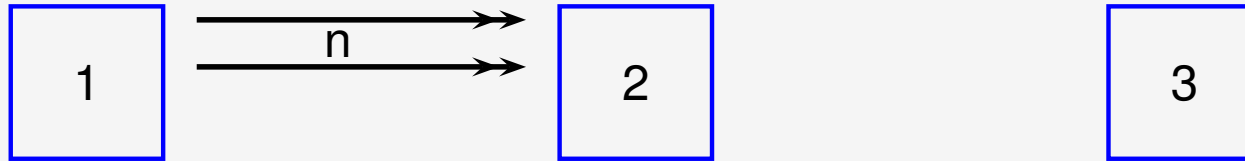
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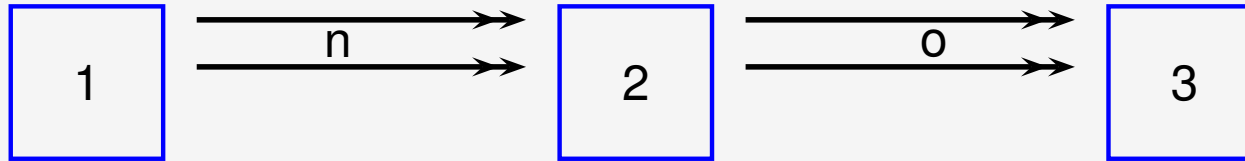
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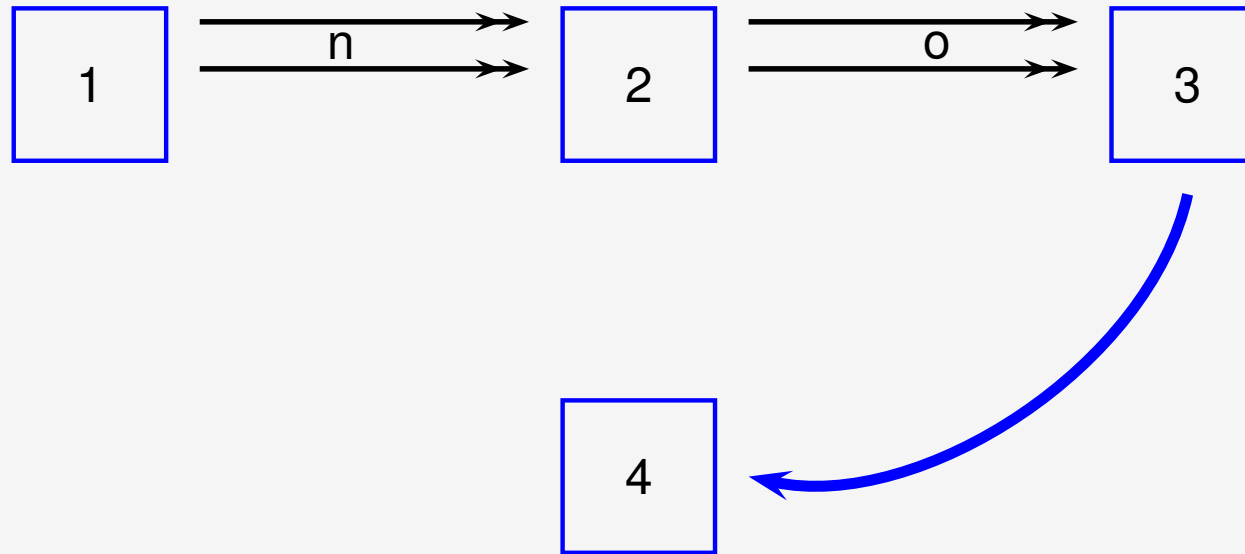
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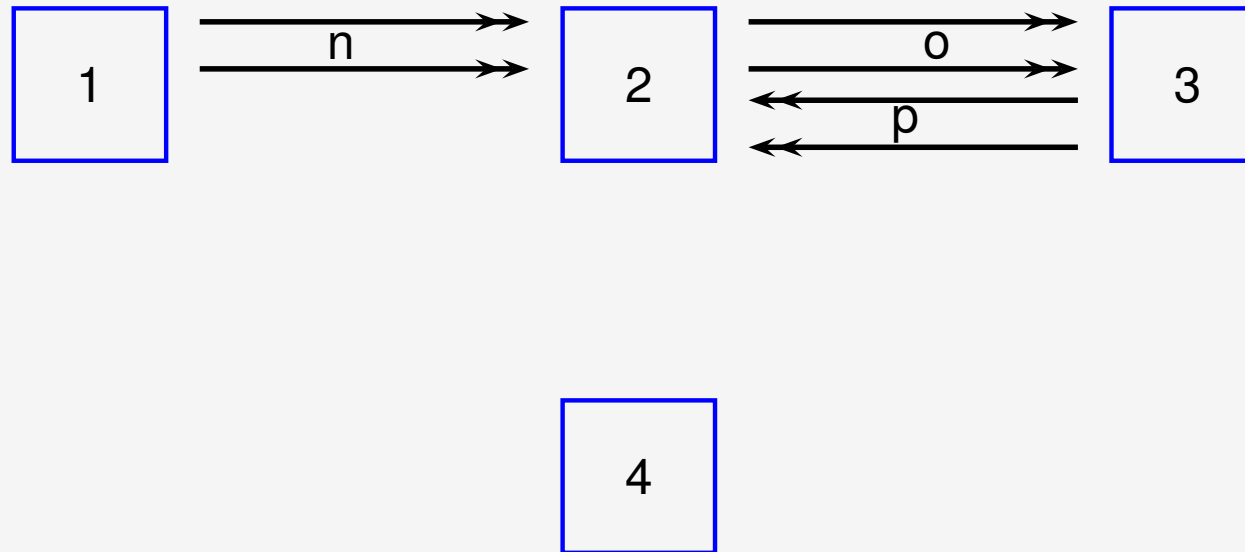
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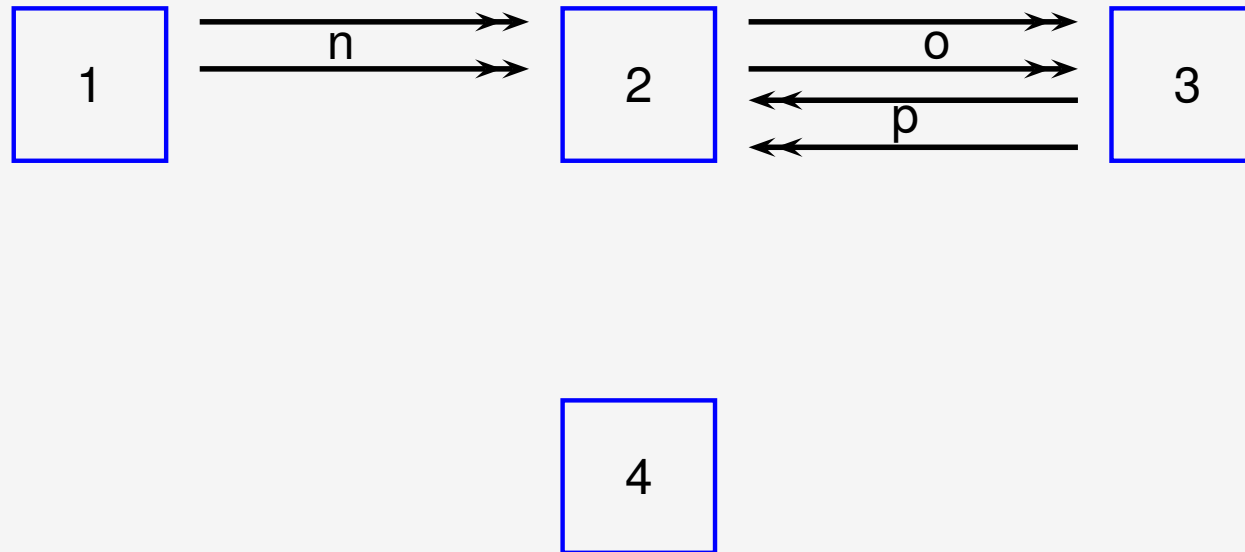
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- A system property

„Every sent message is received eventually.”

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Logics on Data Words – Data Logics

- Even very weak logics on data words have an undecidable satisfiability problem.
 - ▶ First order logic with only three variables is not decidable [Bojańczyk et al. 06]
 - ▶ **LTL** is in general not decidable [Demri et al. 06]
- Focus on restricted logics where the only predicate on data values is the equality relation

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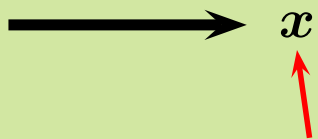
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- Satisfiability is decidable on
 - ▶ multi-dimensional data words with
 - ▶ future and past operators.
- Precise complexity not known but presumably very bad.
- Satisfiability is undecidable if
 - ▶ navigation along tuples is allowed

Investigations on Data Logics

- In many papers it is mentioned that system verification is one of the main motivations for the investigation of data logics:
 - ▶ Data values can be used to represent process IDs and data words to represent system runs.
 - ▶ Data logics can be used to specify system properties.
- Nevertheless, the most investigated question is rather satisfiability than model checking.

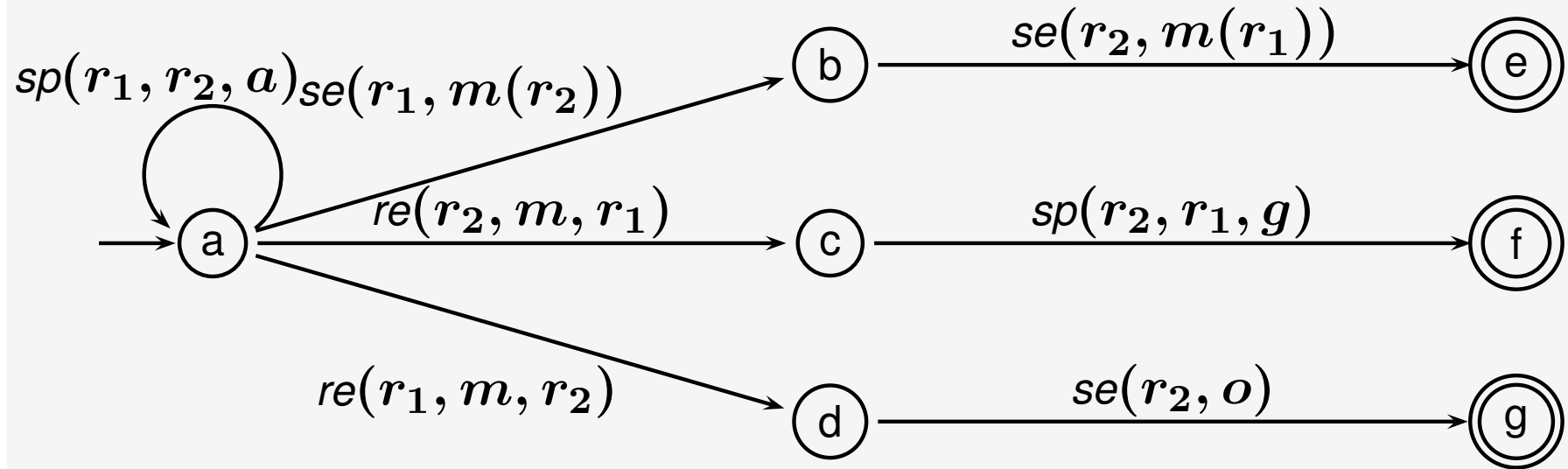
Our Main Motivation

- We want to consider the model checking problem with data logics on models which
 - ▶ describe the behavior of concurrent systems with unboundedly many processes, and
 - ▶ produce system runs which can be represented by data words if process IDs are identified by data values.
- Model Checking on models producing restricted data words can deliver good decidability and complexity results.

Dynamic Communicating Automata (DCA)

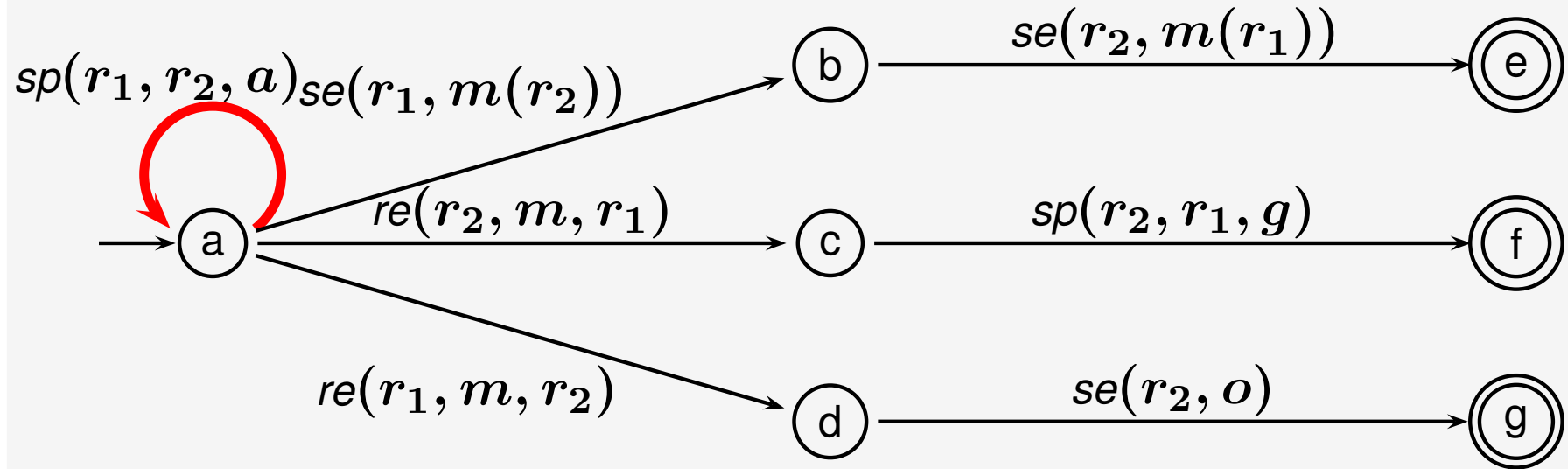
- Introduced by [Bollig and Hélouët 10]
- Extension of communicating finite state machines [Brand and Zafiropulo 83]
- Allows the creation of fresh processes
- Communication between processes through communication channels
- Maintenance of communication by storing process ID in registers

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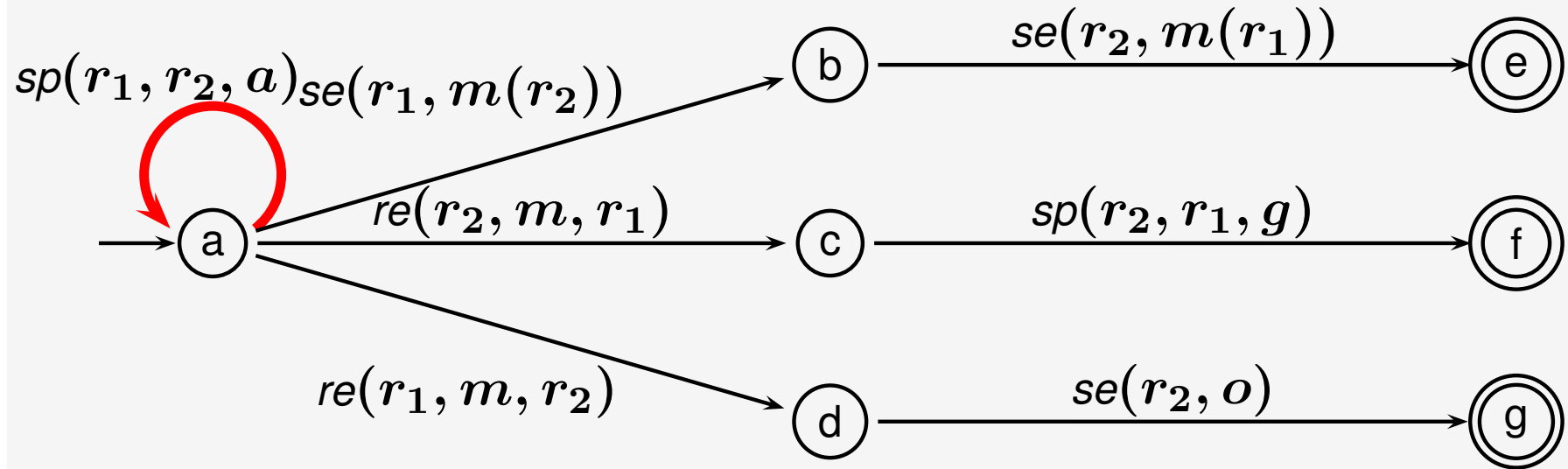


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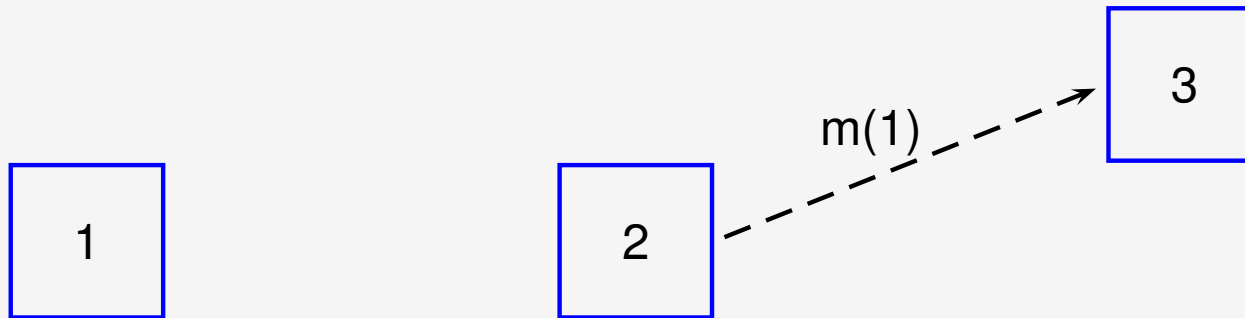
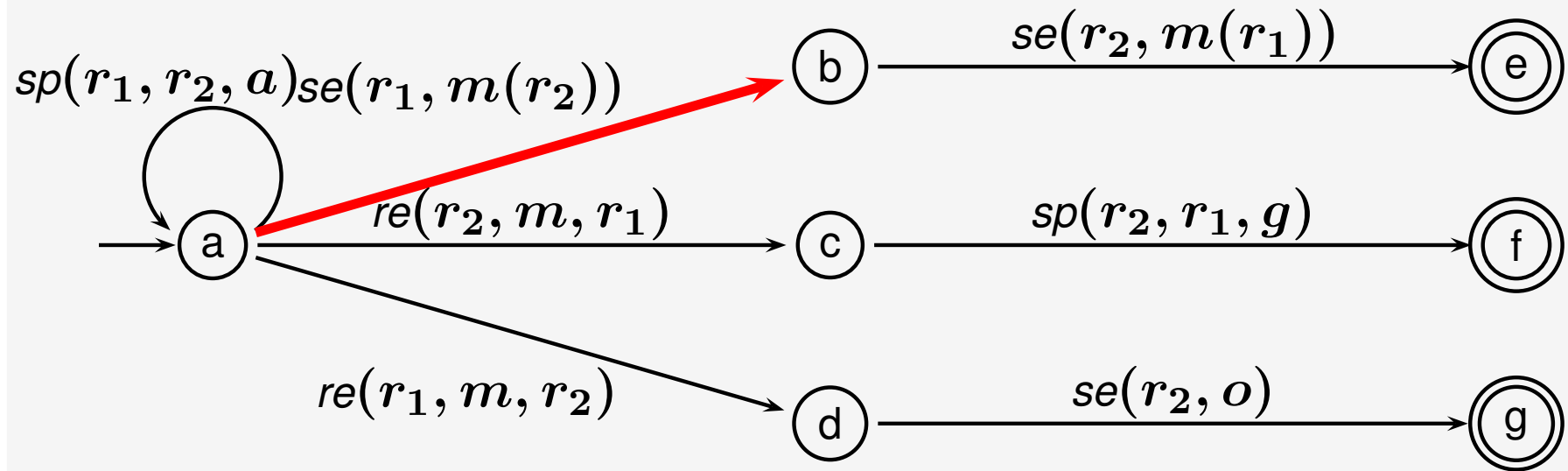
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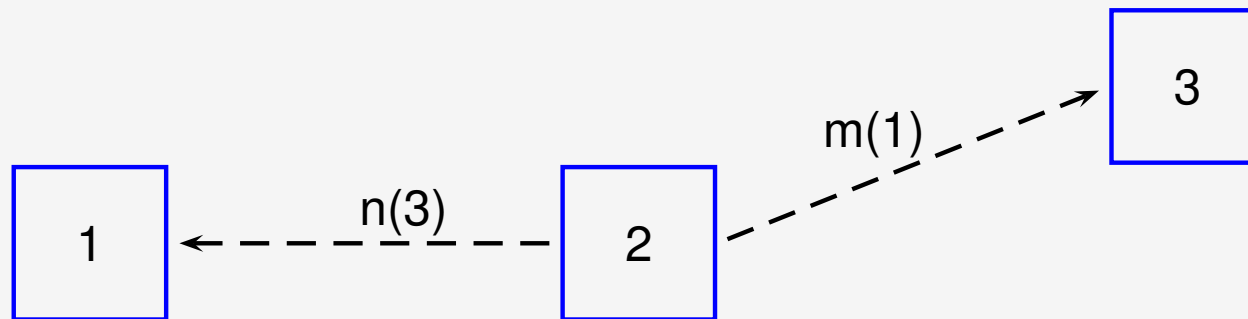
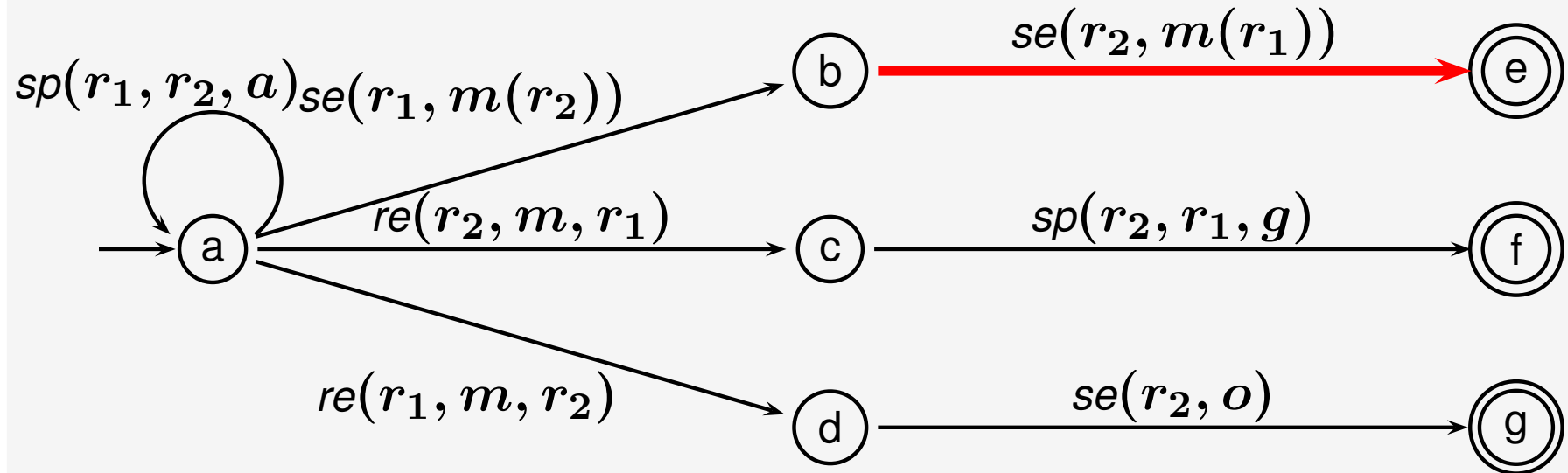
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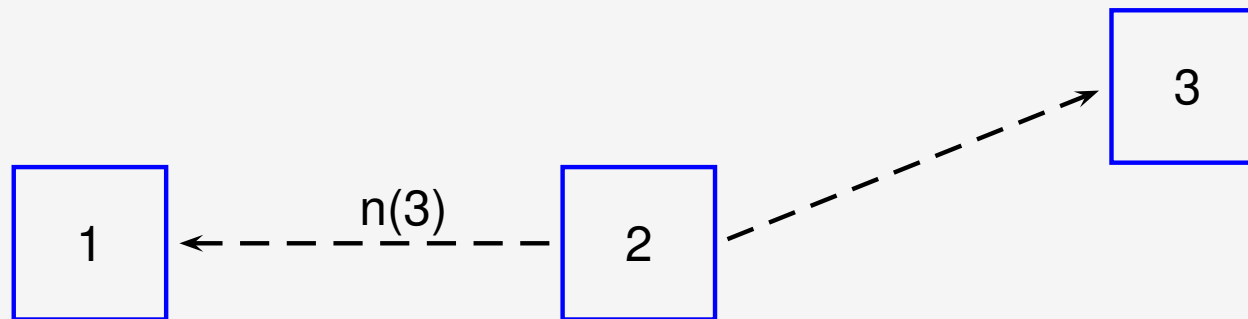
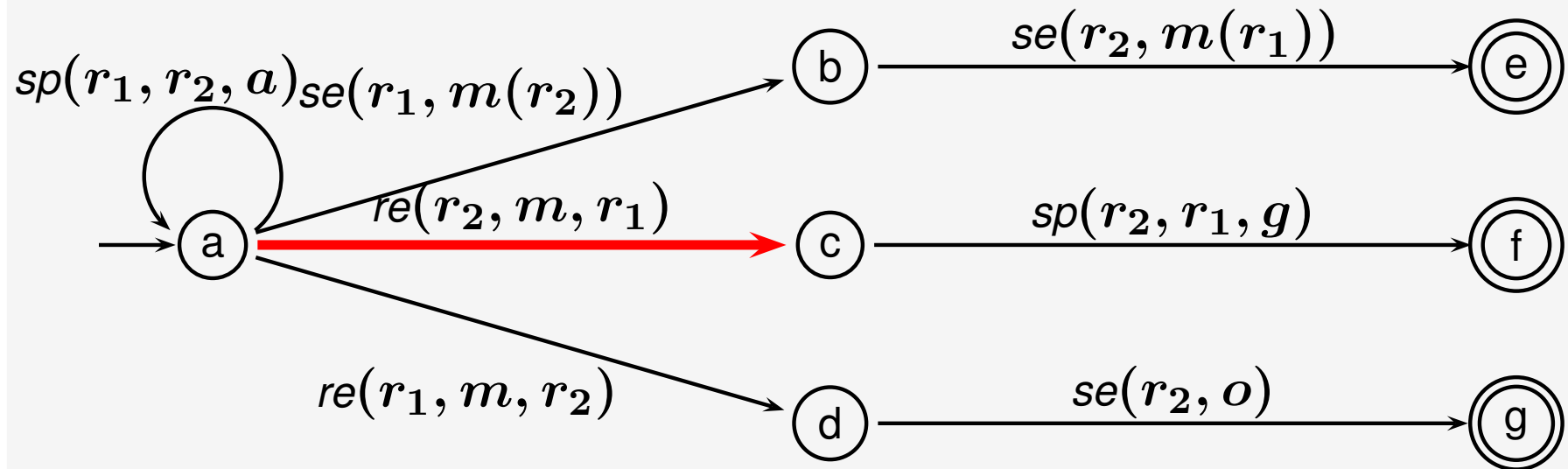
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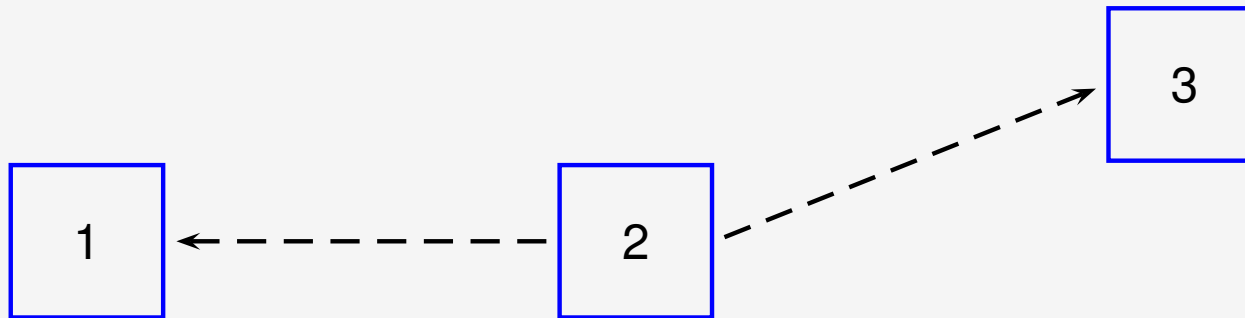
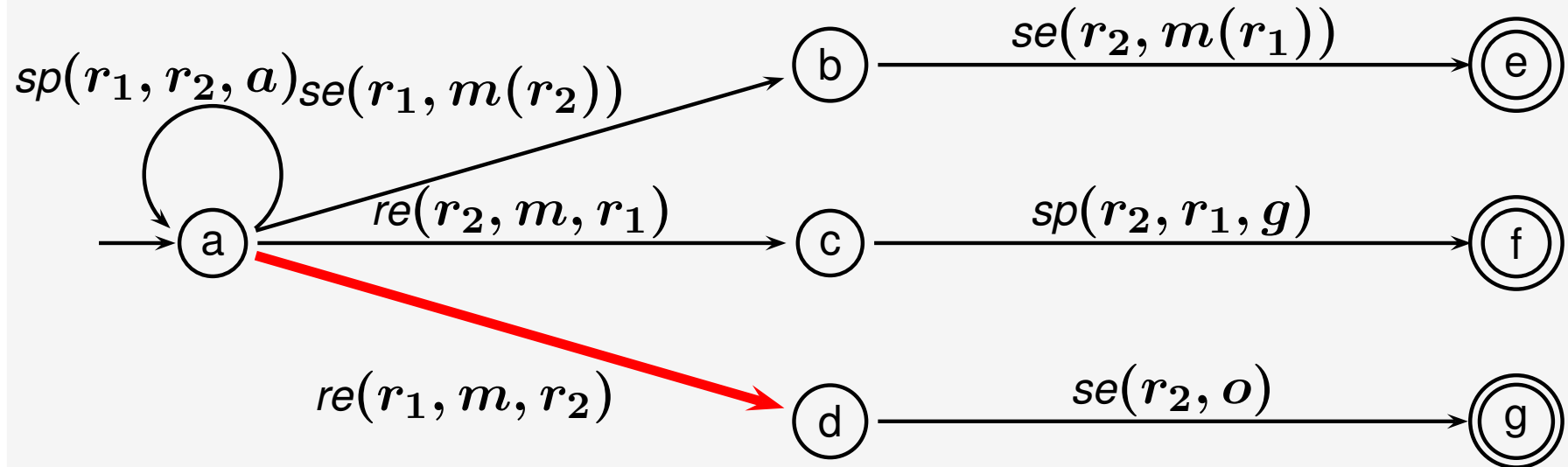
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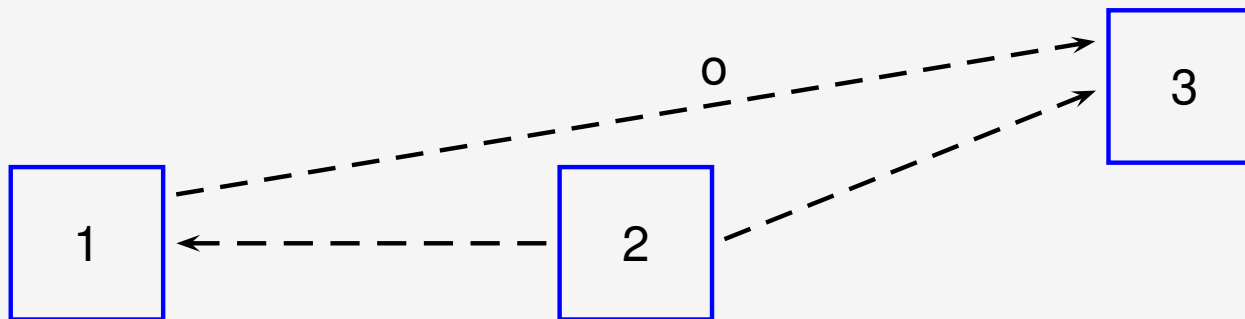
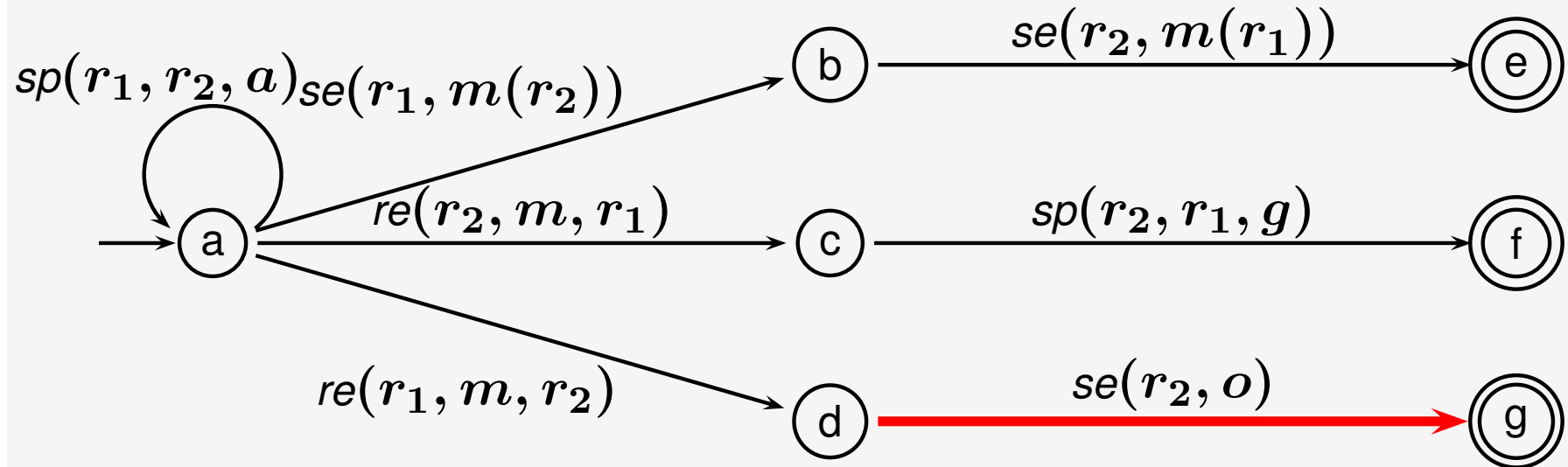
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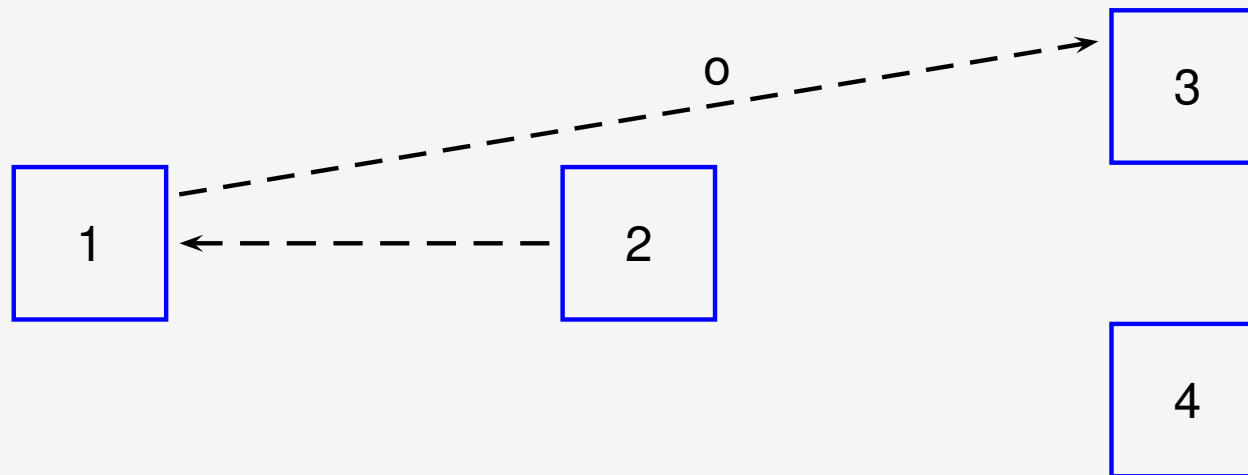
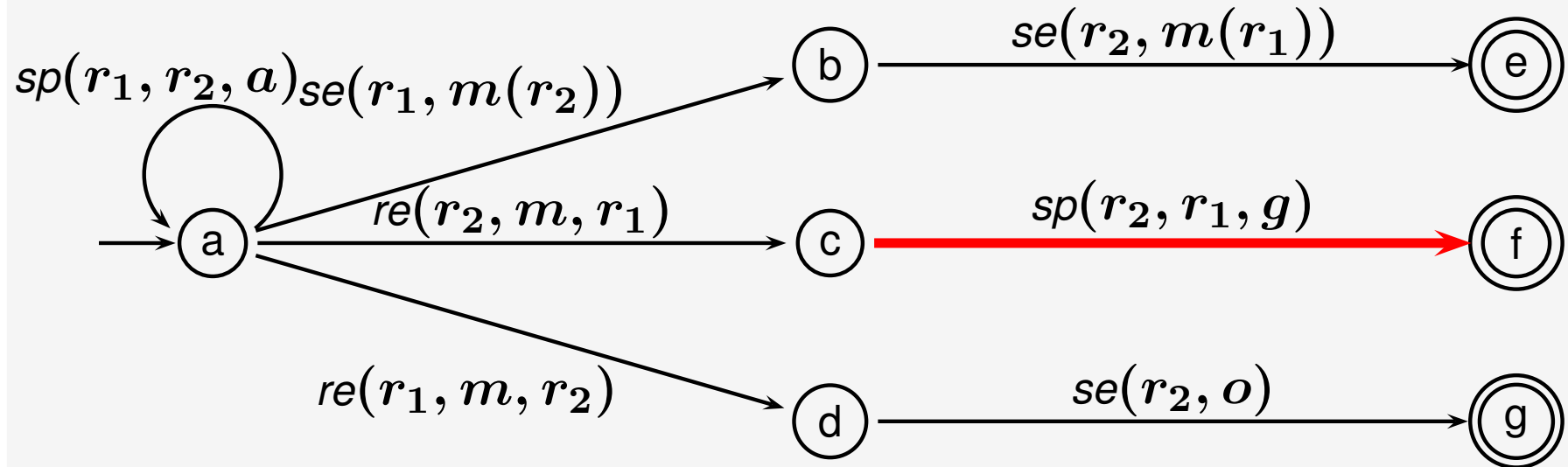
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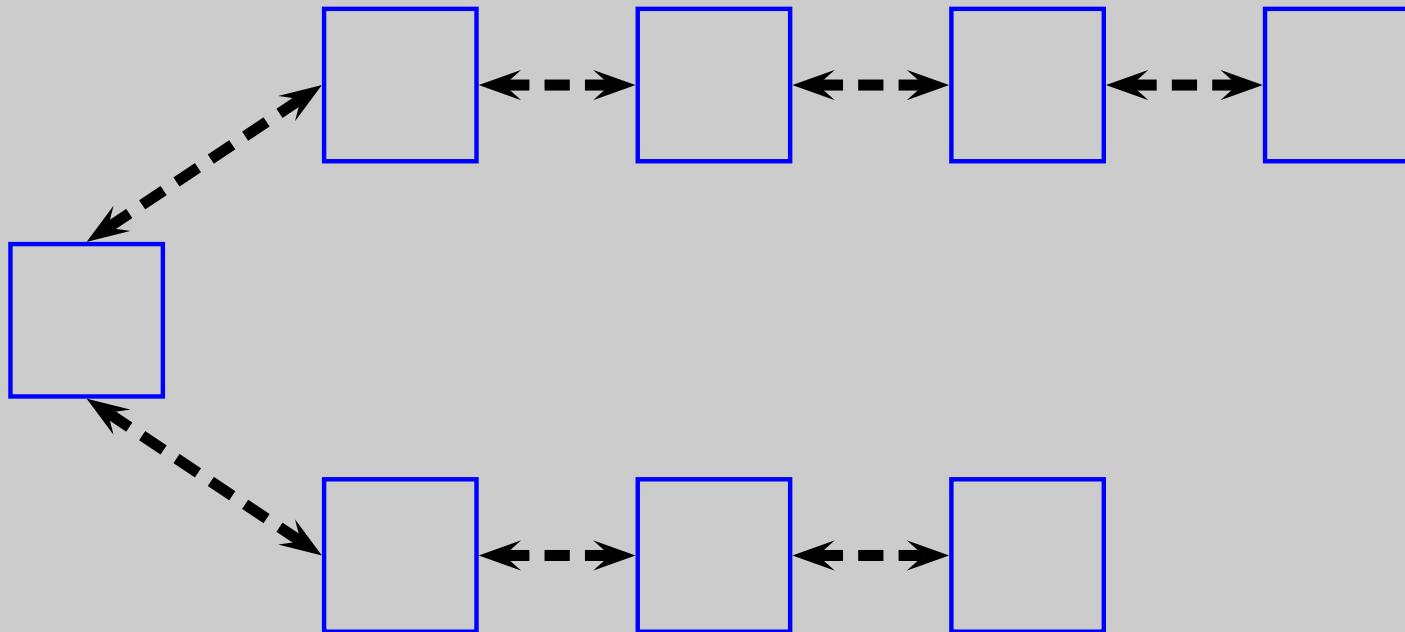
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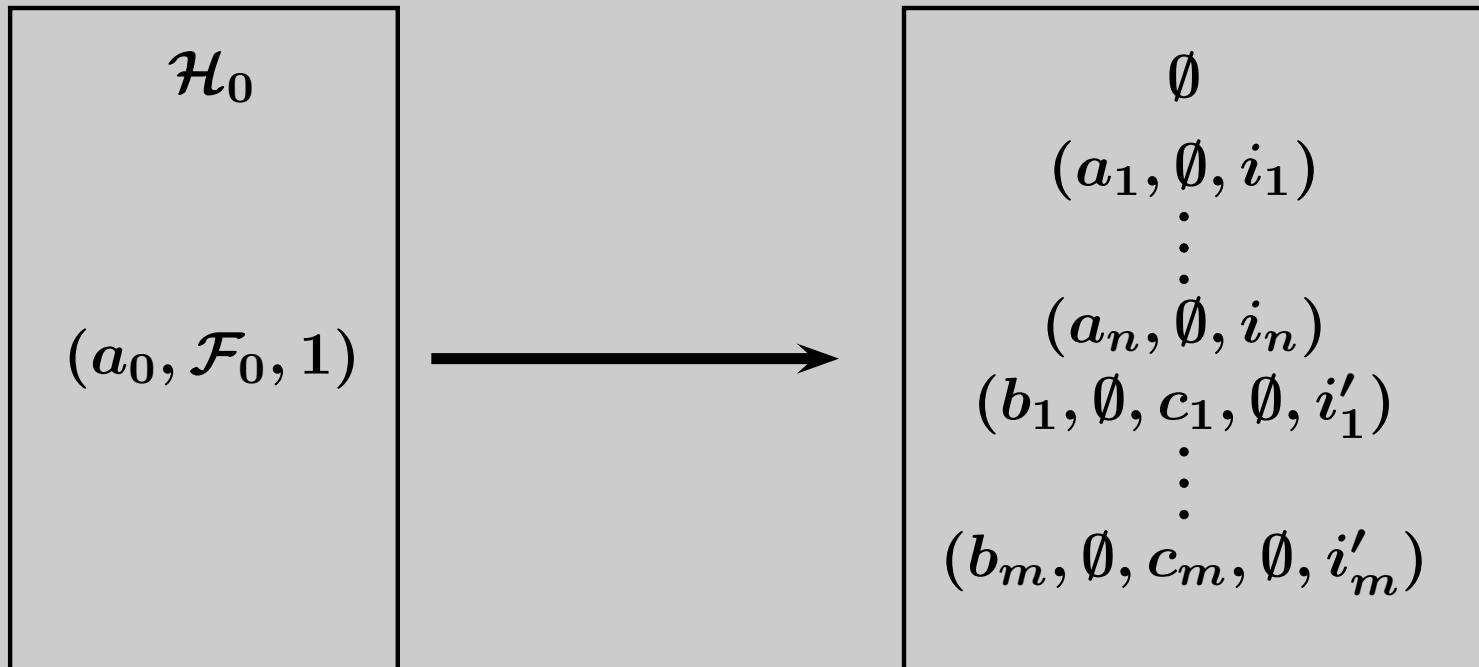
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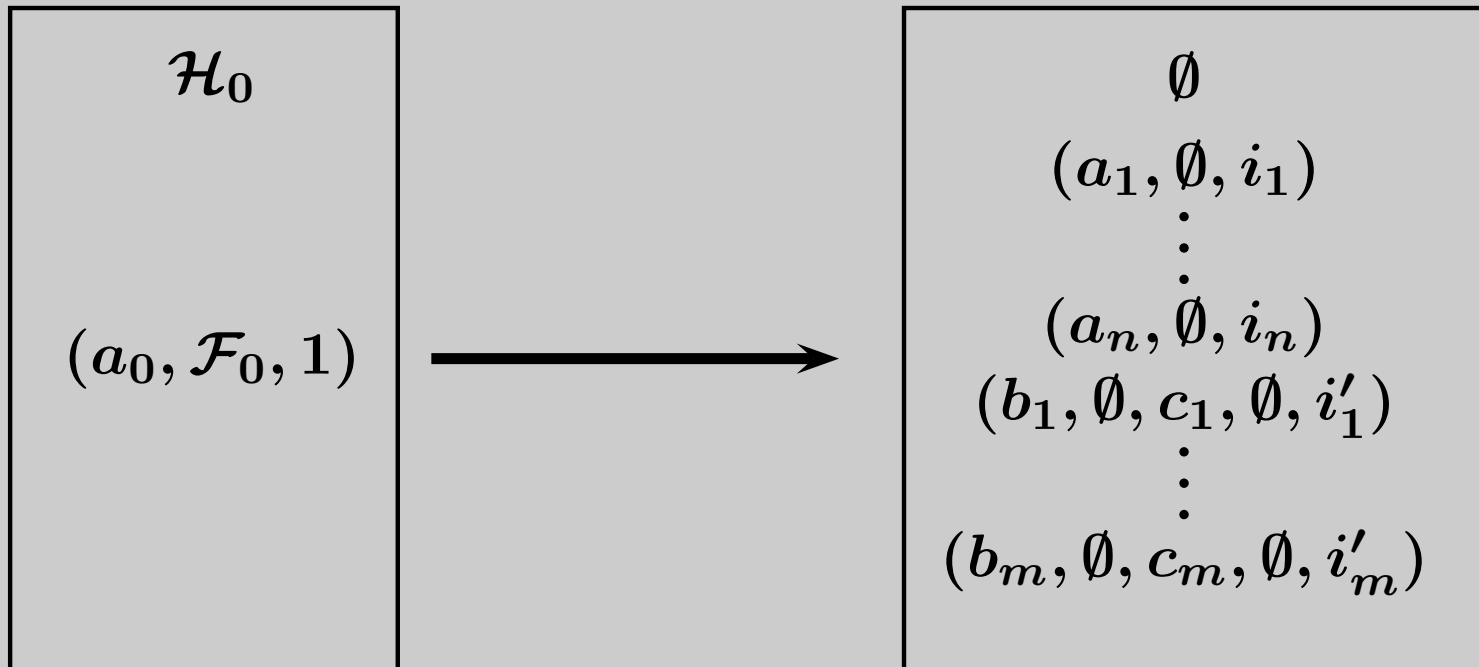
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3. Reduction to the nonemptiness problem for multi-counter automata without zero-tests.

Further Directions

- Model Checking of DCA where communication paths between processes are always bounded remains decidable.
 - ▶ How can DCA be restricted such that this property holds on all runs?
- Consider model checking on models which describe the *global* behavior of a system: register automata, register pushdown automata, MSC-based models.