Formal Methods for Software Development

Propositional and (Linear) Temporal Logic

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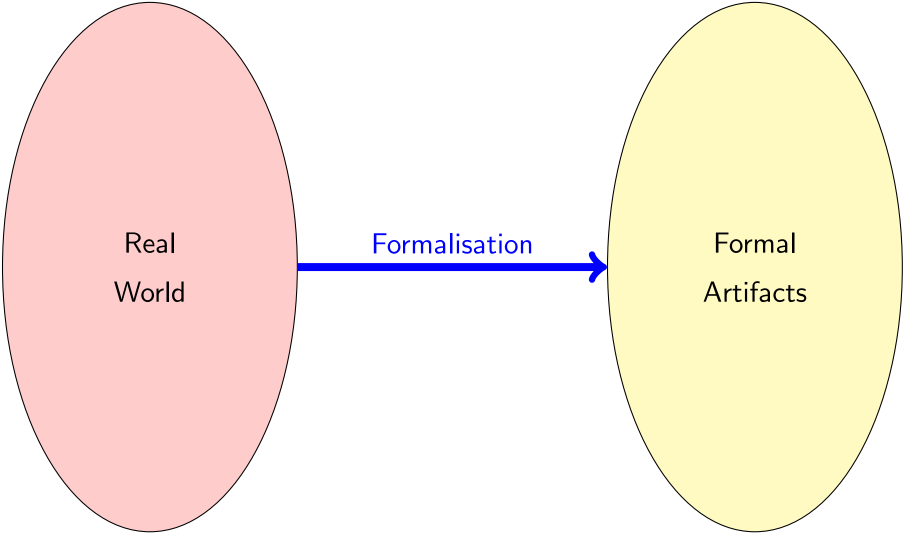

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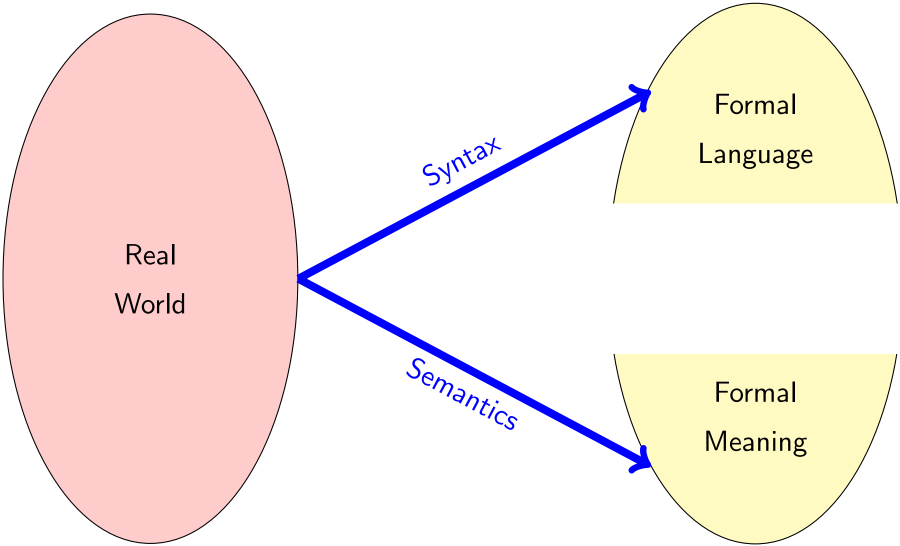

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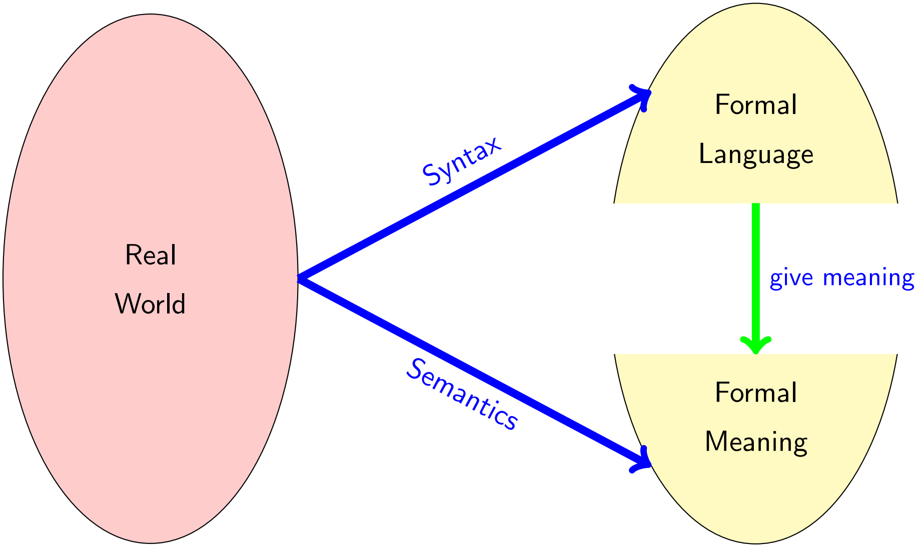

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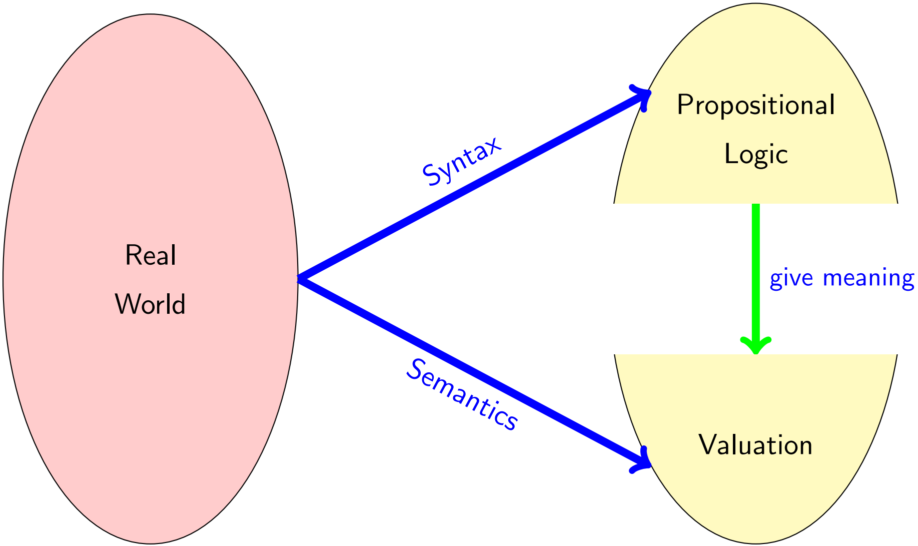

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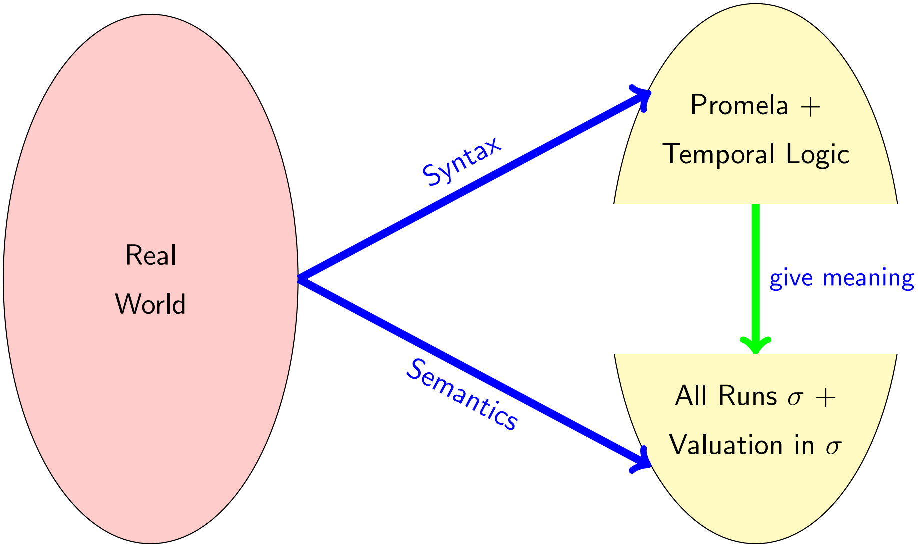

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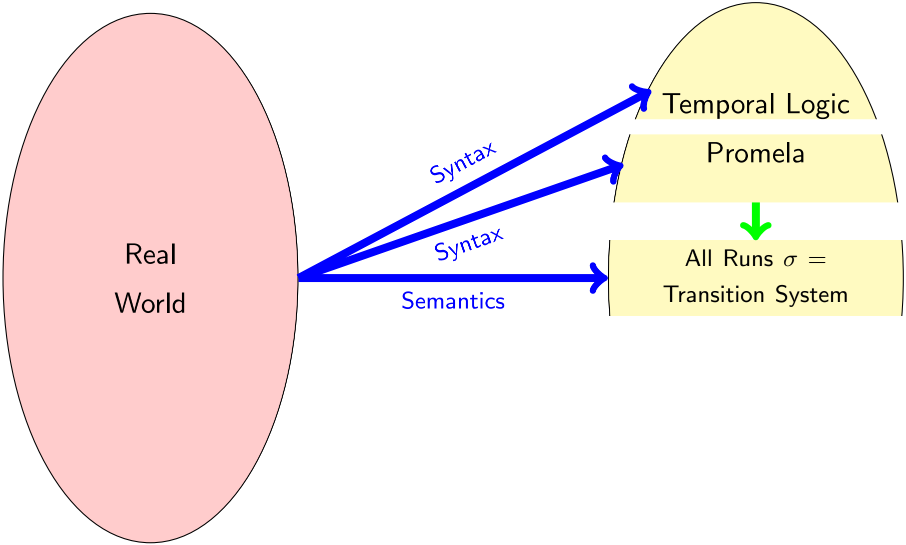

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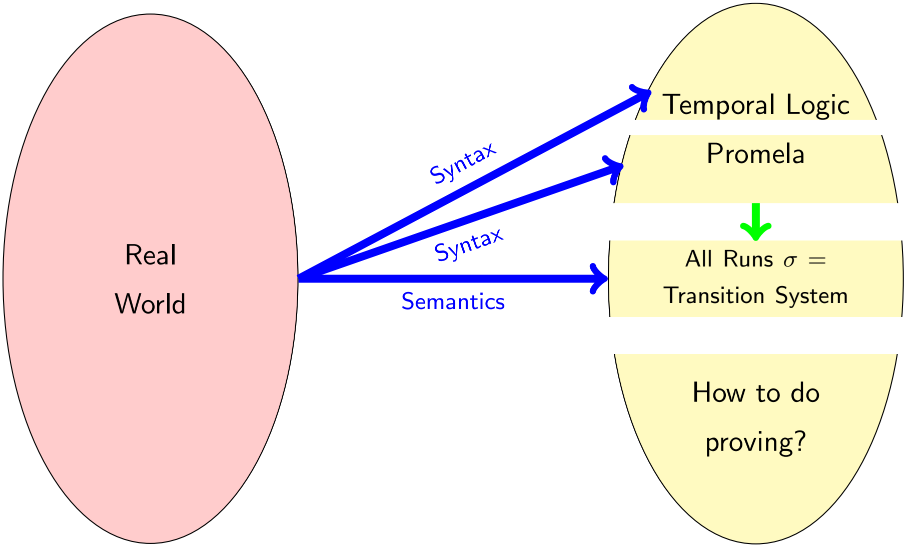

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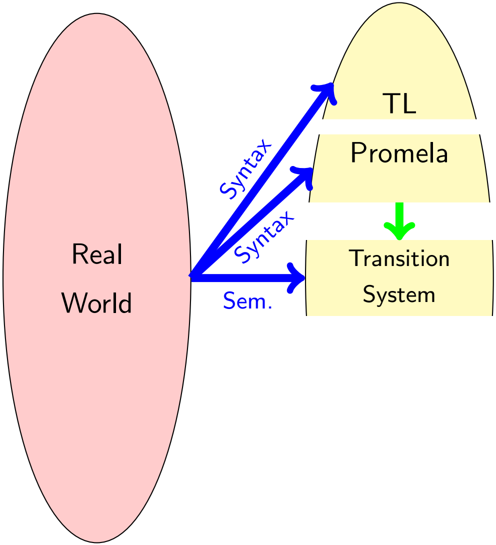

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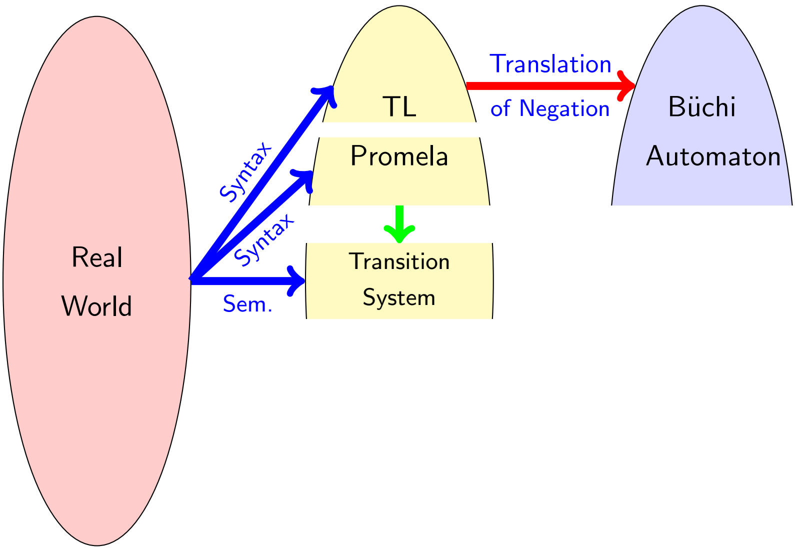

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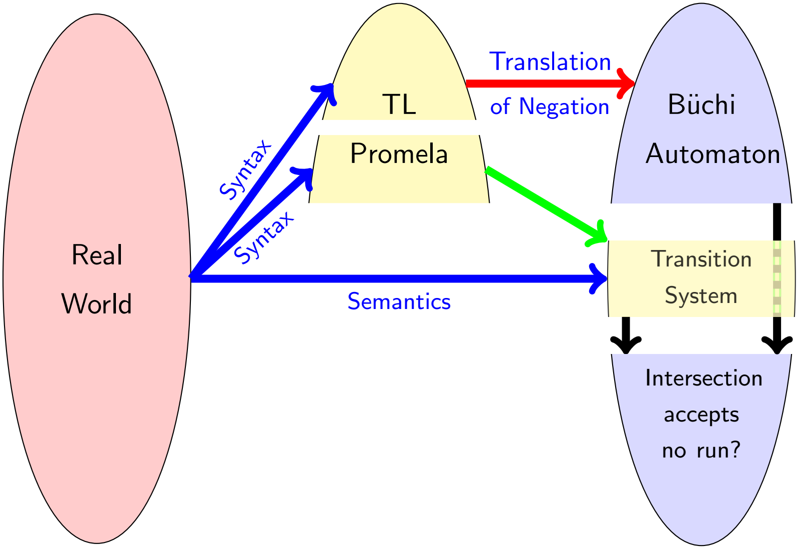

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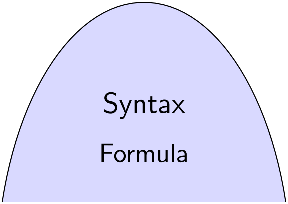

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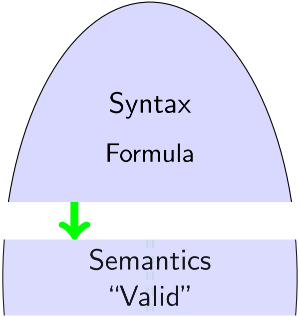

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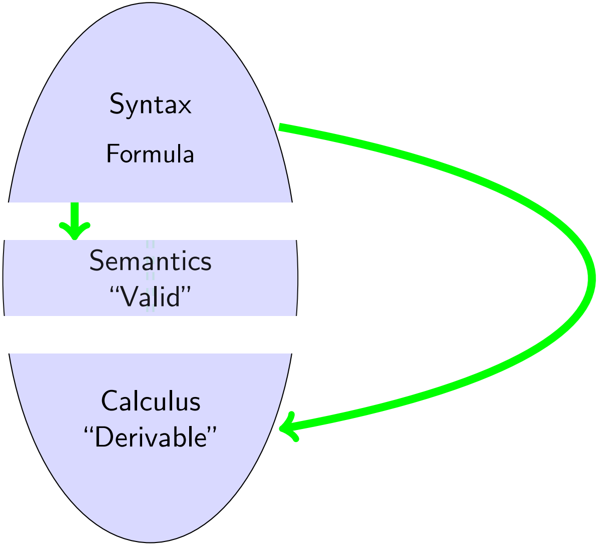

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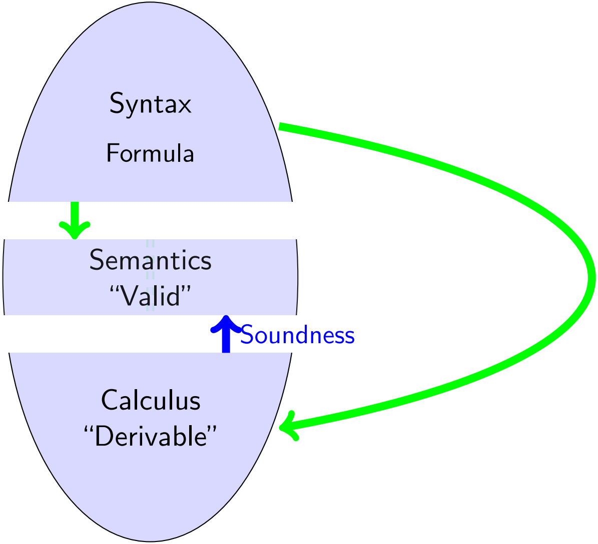

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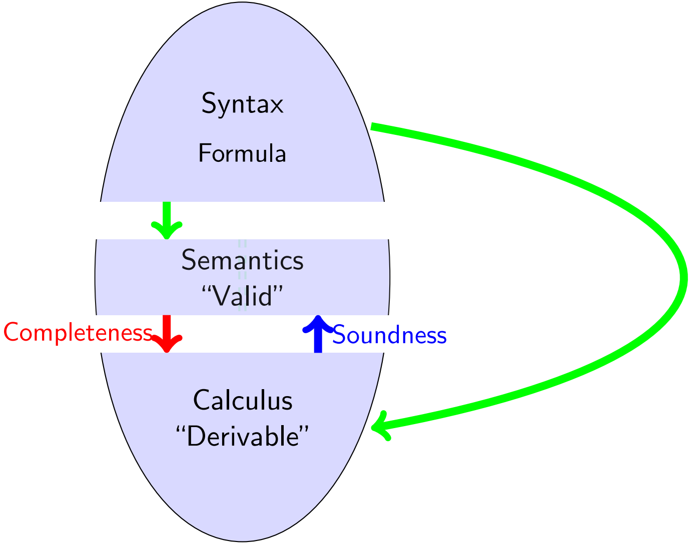

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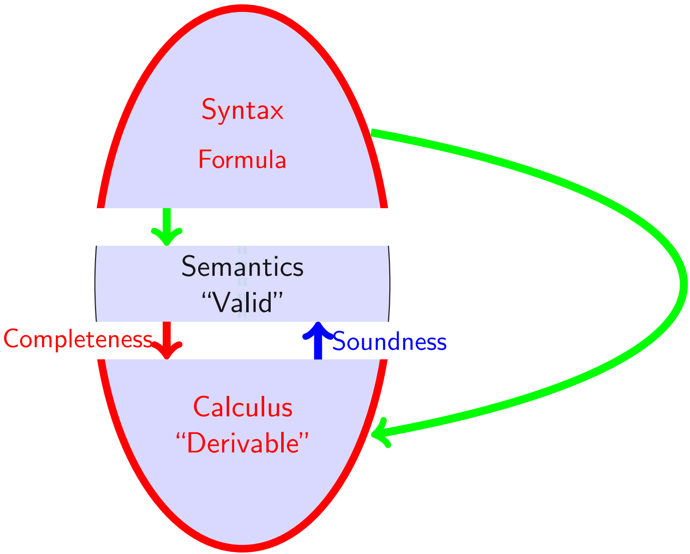

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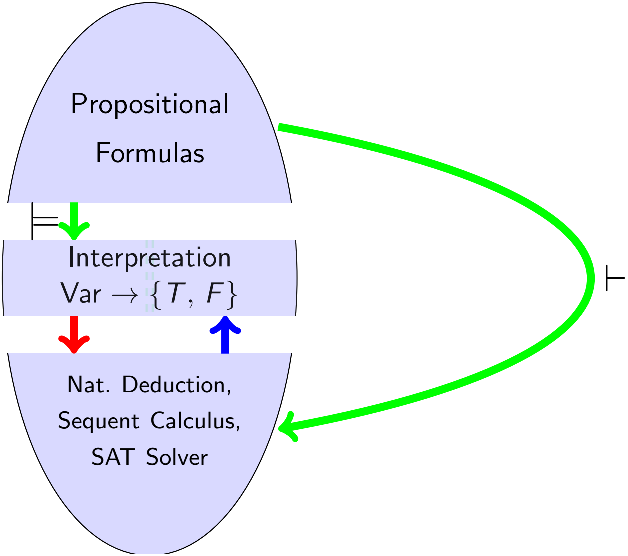

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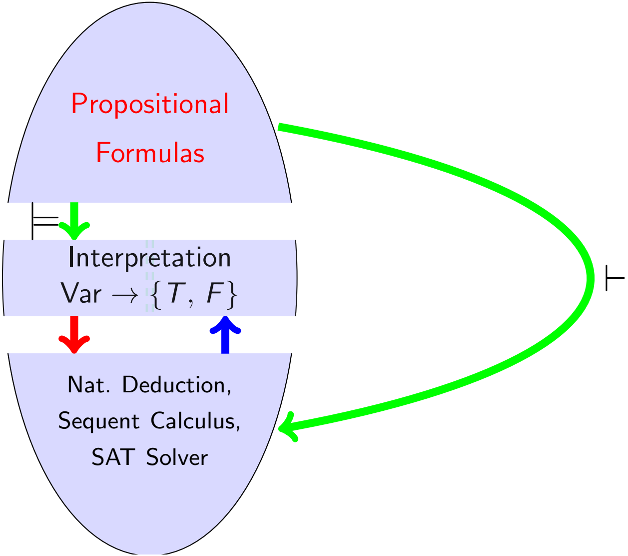

Syntax of Propositional Logic

Signature

A set of *atomic propositions AP*
(with typical elements $p, q, r, \ldots$)

Propositional Connectives

$\mathrm{true}, \ \mathrm{false}, \ \wedge, \ \vee, \ \neg, \ \rightarrow, \ \leftrightarrow$

Set of Propositional Formulas For_0

- All elements of $AP \cup \{\mathrm{true}, \mathrm{false}\}$ are formulas
- If ϕ and ψ are formulas then

$$\neg\phi, \quad \phi \wedge \psi, \quad \phi \vee \psi, \quad \phi \rightarrow \psi, \quad \phi \leftrightarrow \psi$$

  are also formulas
- There are no other formulas (inductive definition)

Remark on Concrete Syntax

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except for tool-specific slides, input files.

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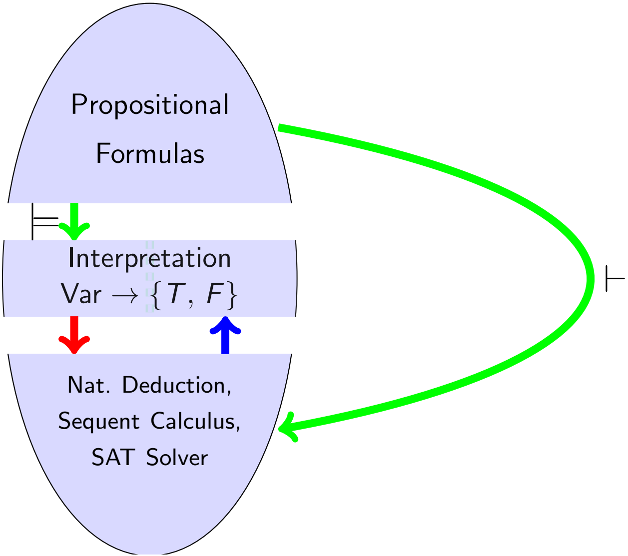

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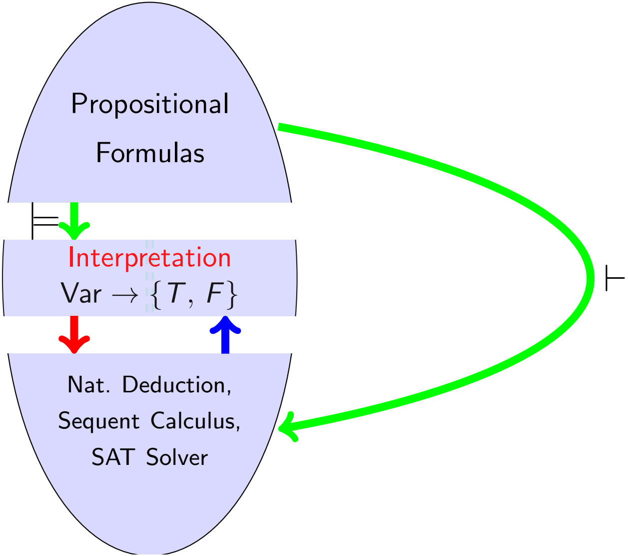

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Valuation Function

$val_{\mathcal{I}}$: Continuation of $\mathcal{I}$ on For_0

$$val_{\mathcal{I}} : For_0 \ \rightarrow \ \{T, F\}$$

$val_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathrm{true}) = T$
$val_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathrm{false}) = F$
$val_{\mathcal{I}}(p_i) = \mathcal{I}(p_i)$

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Semantics of Propositional Logic (Cont'd)

Valuation function (Cont'd)

$$val_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg\phi) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } val_{\mathcal{I}}(\phi) = F \\ F & otherwise \end{cases}$$

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Definition (Satisfiability, Validity)

A formula is satisfiable if it is satisfied by some interpretation.
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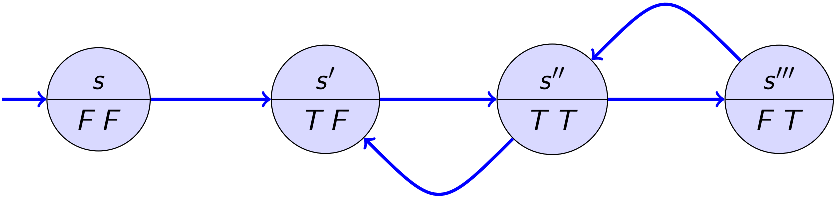

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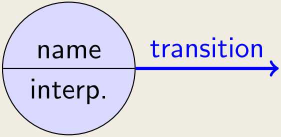
Notation



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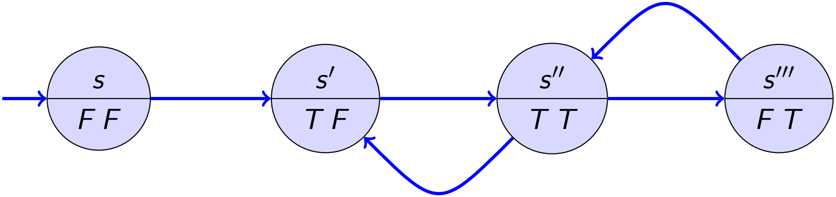

- Each state has *its own* interpretation $\mathcal{I} : \{p, q\} \to \{T, F\}$
  - Convention: list interpretation of variables in lexicographic order
- Computations, or runs, are *infinite* paths through states
  - 'finite' runs simulated by looping on terminal state
- Prefix of some example runs:
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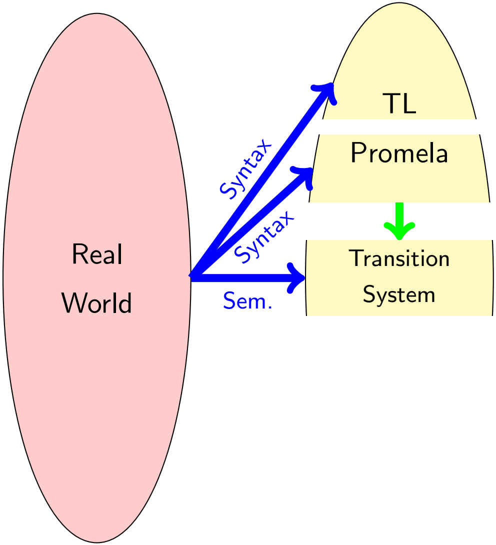

Transition System of some PROMELA Model

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bool p, q;
p = true; q = p;
do :: q = false; q = p
   :: p = false; p = true
od
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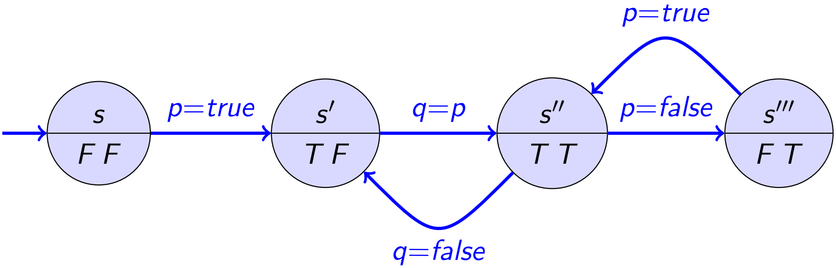

(assignments only for illustration, not part of transition system)

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The trace $tr(\sigma)$ of a run $\sigma = s_0\, s_1\, s_2 \ldots$ is the sequence
$\tau = \mathcal{I}_0\, \mathcal{I}_1\, \mathcal{I}_2 \ldots$
such that $\mathcal{I}_i = L(s_i)$.
A trace of transition system $\mathcal{T}$ is $tr(\sigma)$ for any run σ of $\mathcal{T}$.

Runs and Traces Visually

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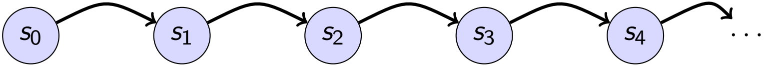

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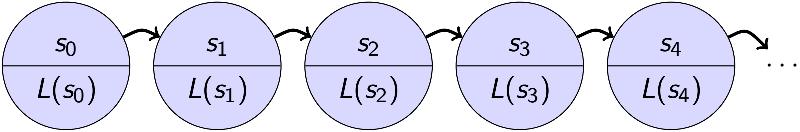

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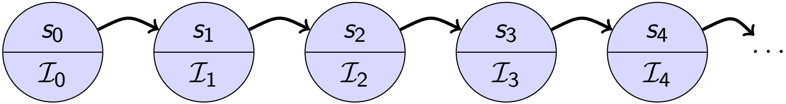

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Extension with three connectives (in this course):

Always If ϕ is a formula, then so is $\Box\phi$

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Until If ϕ and ψ are formulas, then so is $\phi\mathcal{U}\psi$

Concrete Syntax

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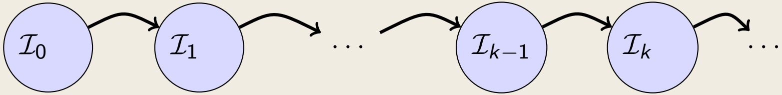

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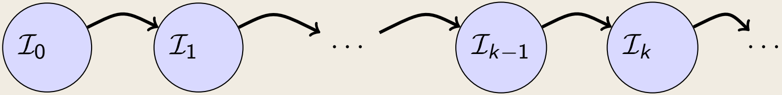

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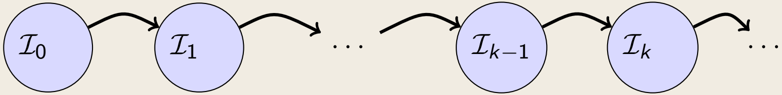

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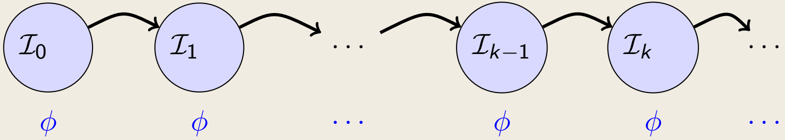

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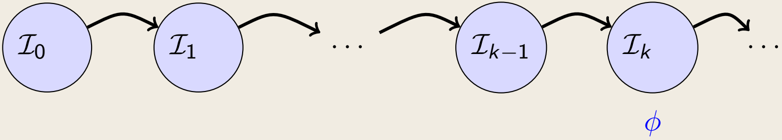

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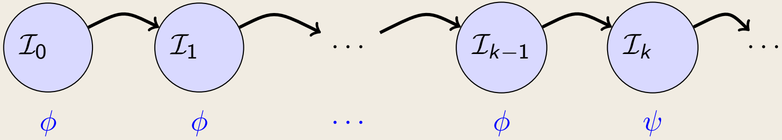

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Extension of validity of temporal formulas to transition systems:

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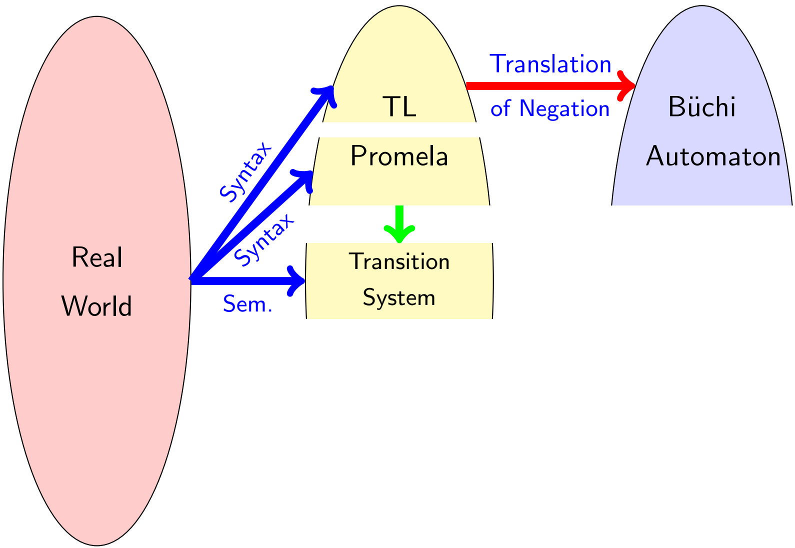
Formal Verification: Model Checking



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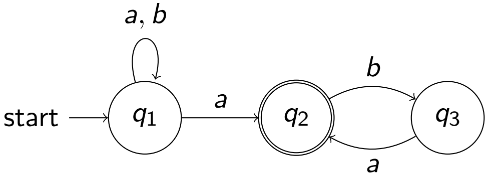

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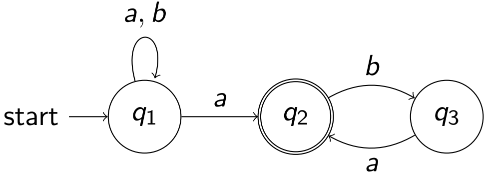

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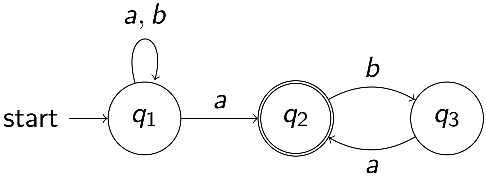

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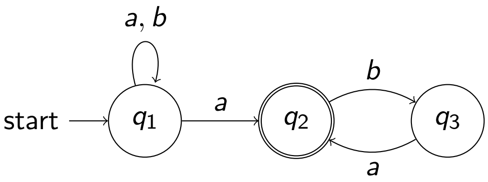

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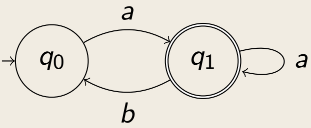

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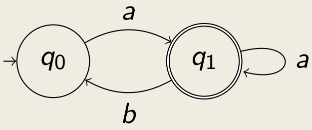

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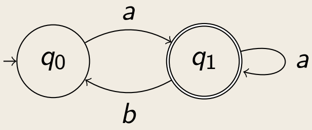

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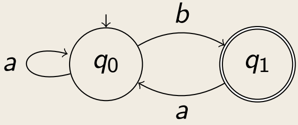

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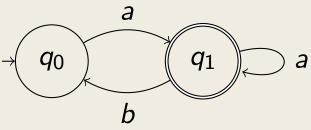

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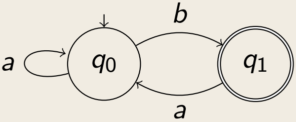

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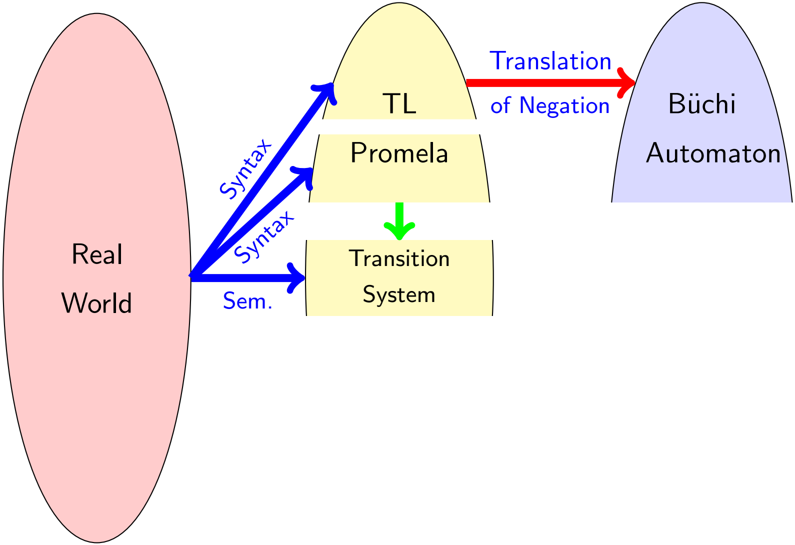

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(Recall slide 'Interpretations as Sets')

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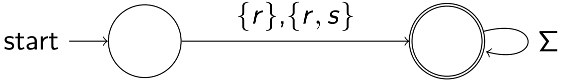

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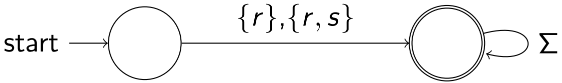

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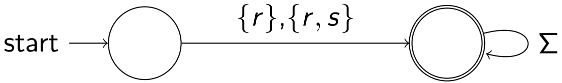

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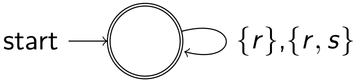

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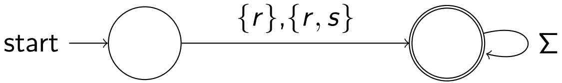

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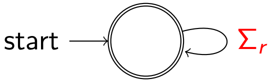

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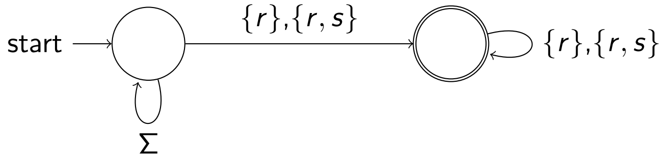

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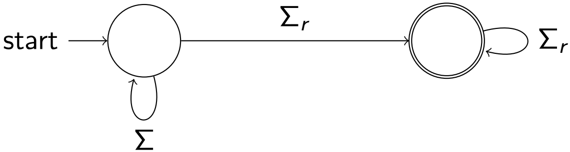

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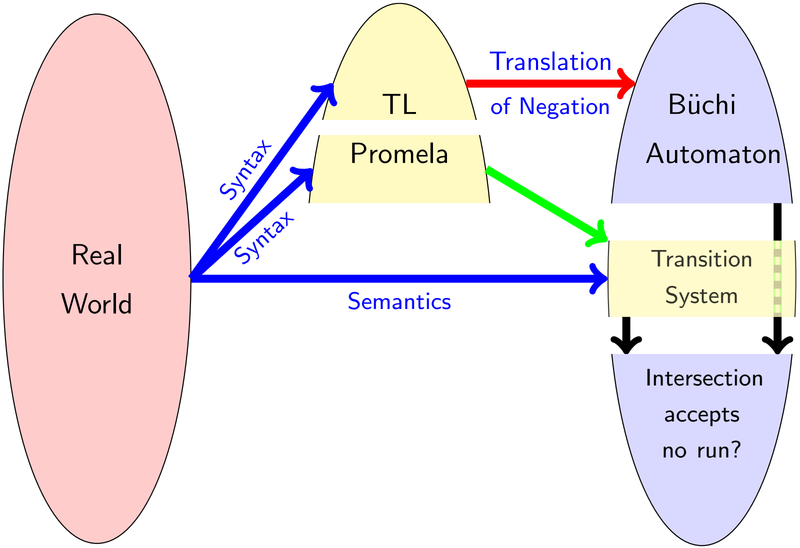

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