

Round-bounded control of parameterized systems

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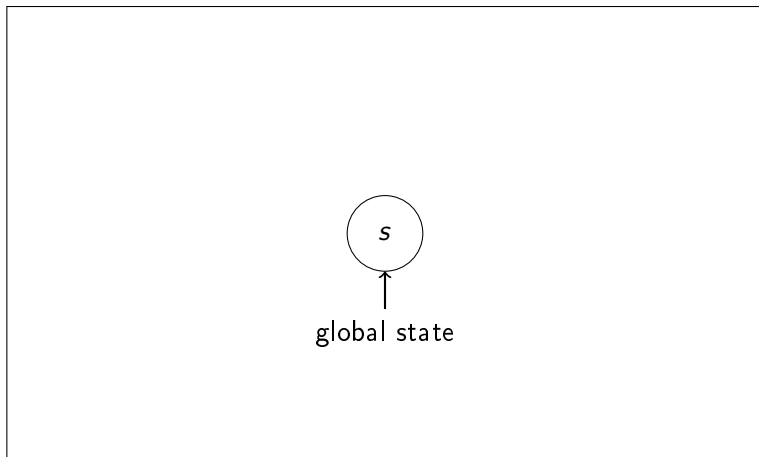
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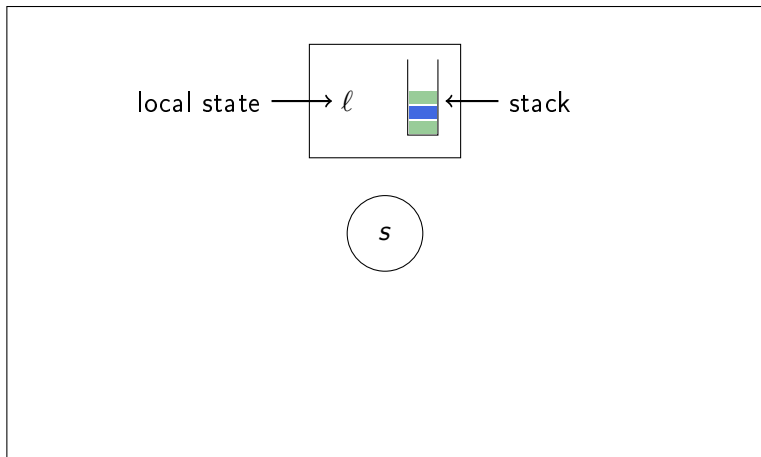
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Can we force every behavior to be correct?

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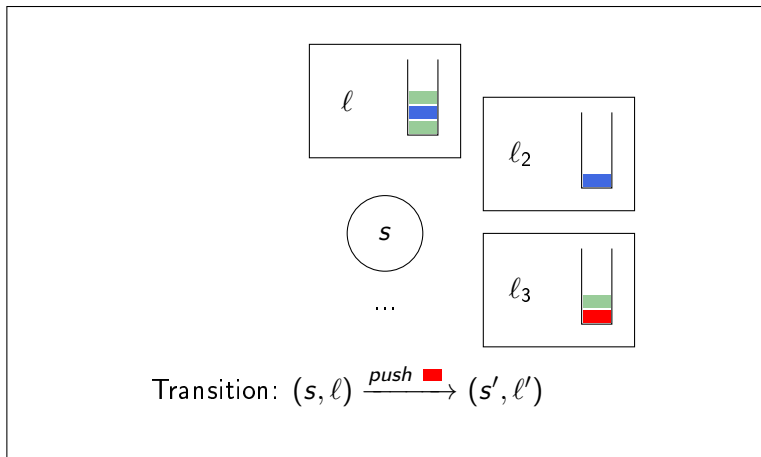
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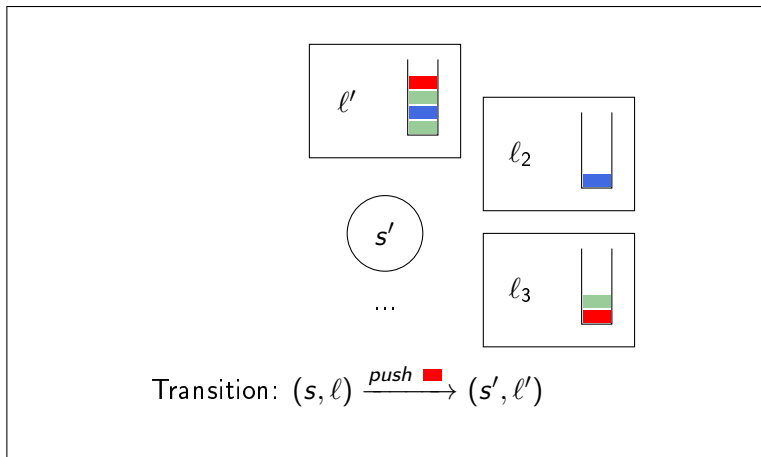
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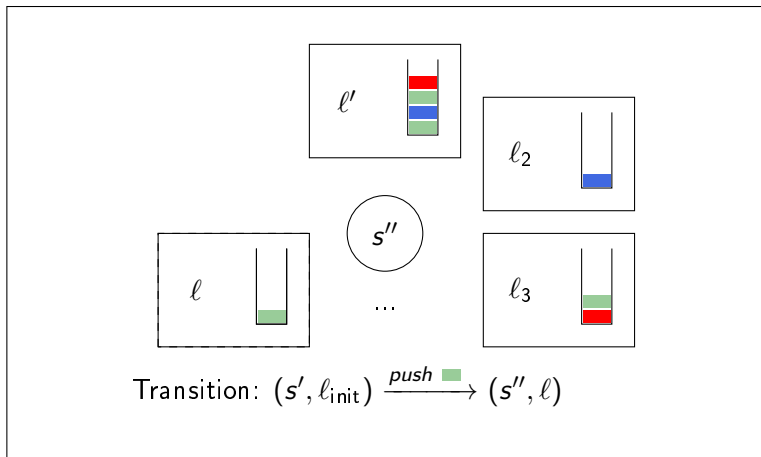
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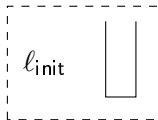
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2. Then each process performs the requested tasks,
3. Then each process stops.

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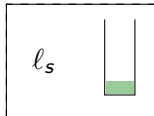
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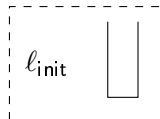
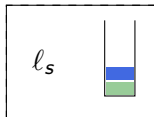
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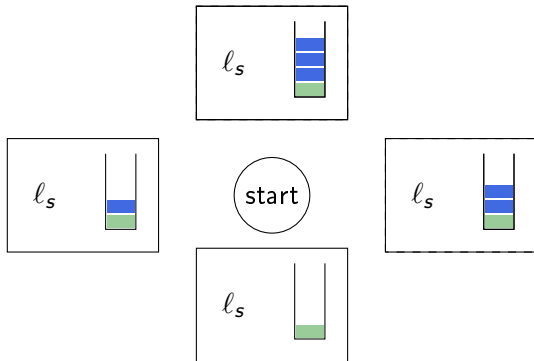


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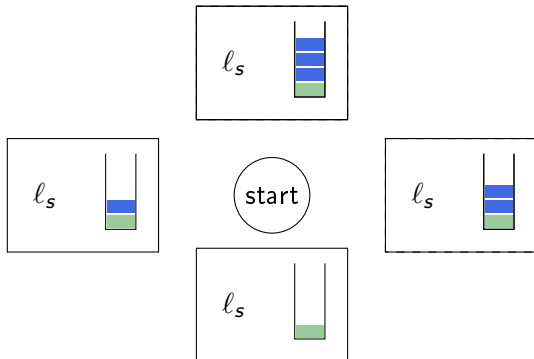
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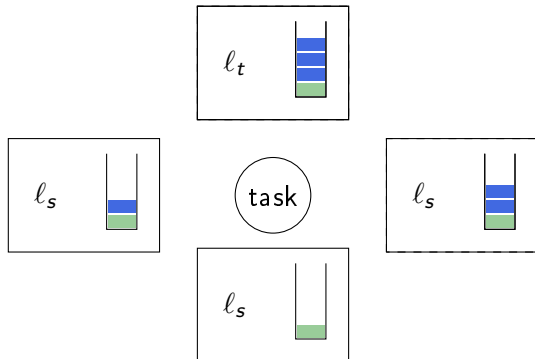
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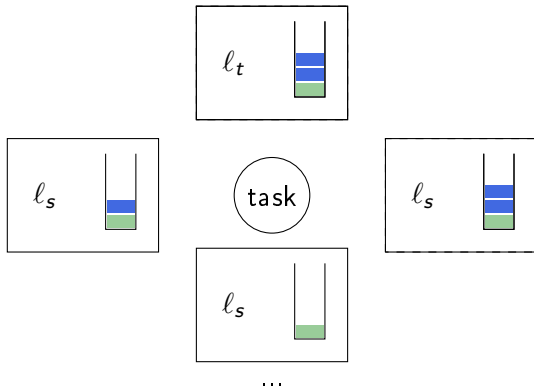
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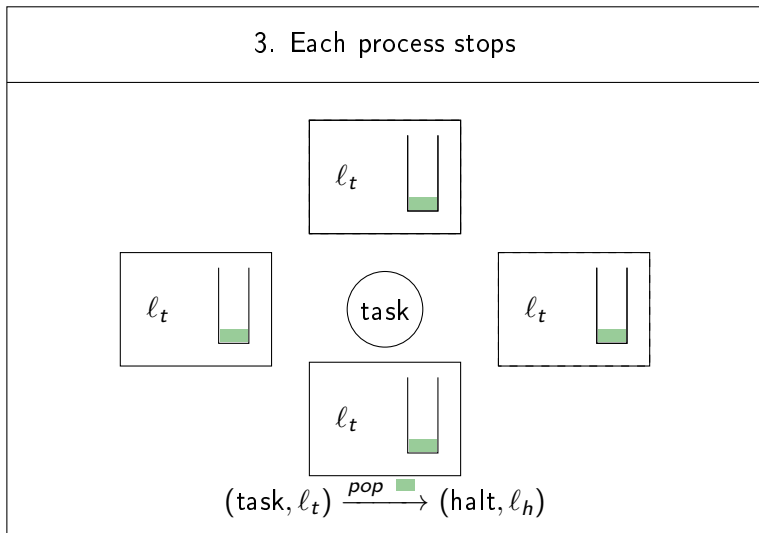
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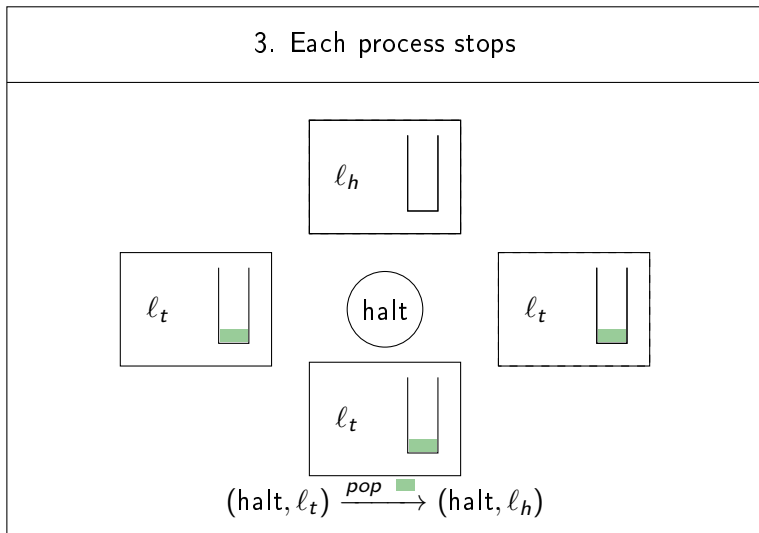
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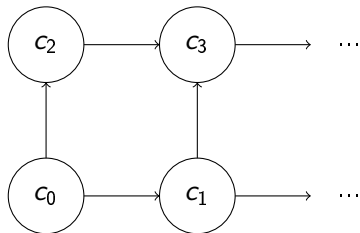
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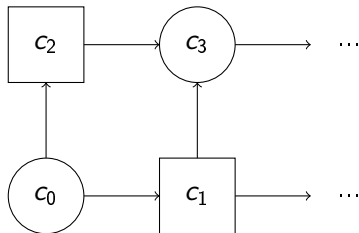
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Round-bounded Reachability is PSPACE-complete.

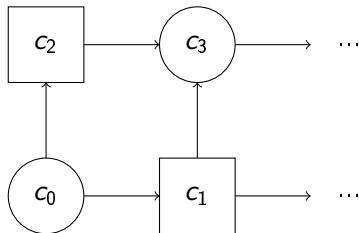
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Control problem

Is there a winning strategy for the Controller?

Main result

Decidable, but inherently non-elementary.

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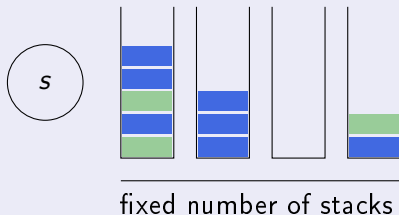


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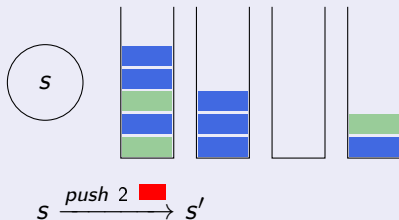


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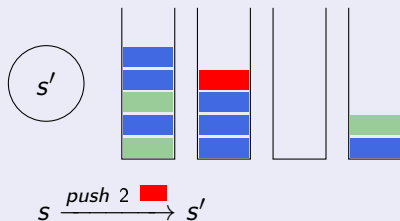


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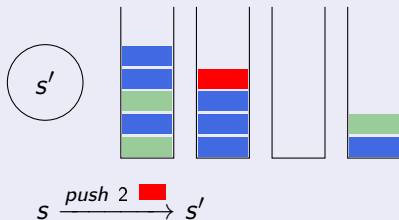


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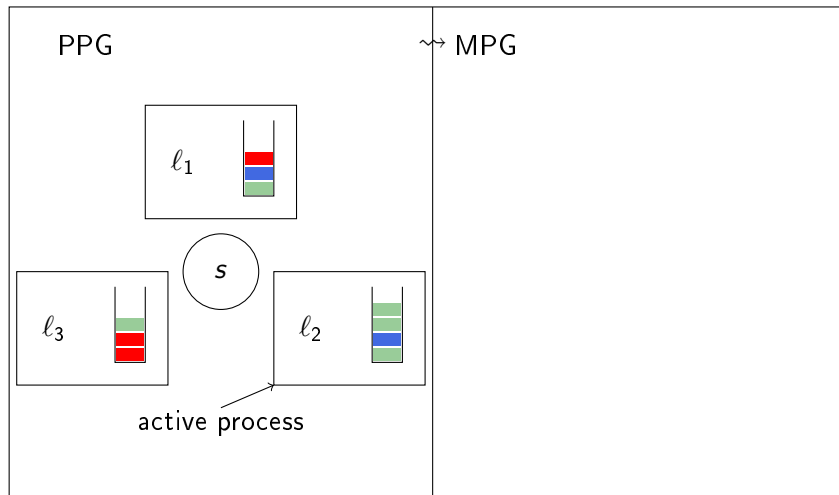
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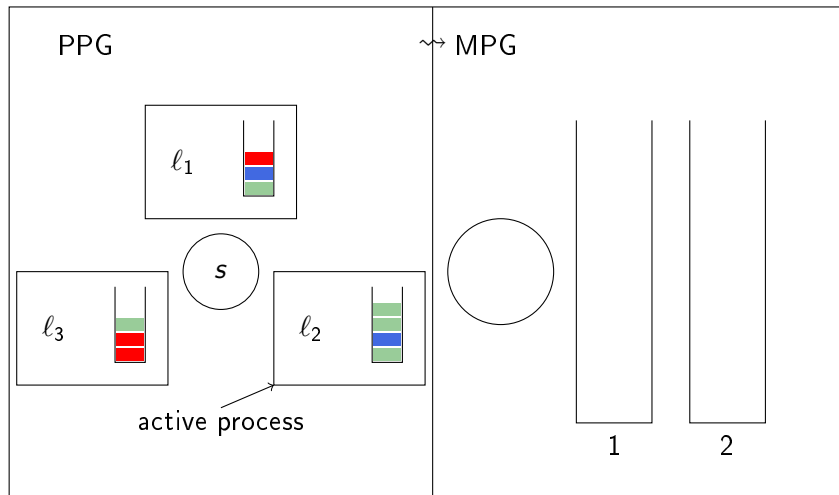
Phase-bounded

Phase: pop only from one stack, push unrestricted.

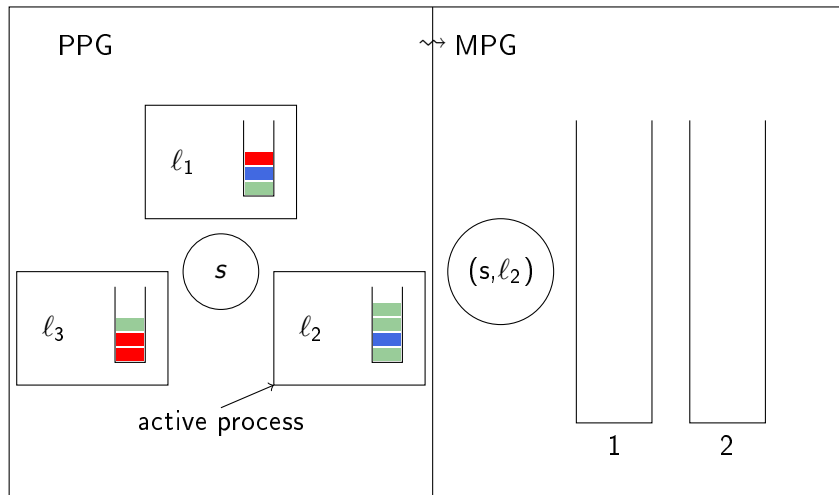
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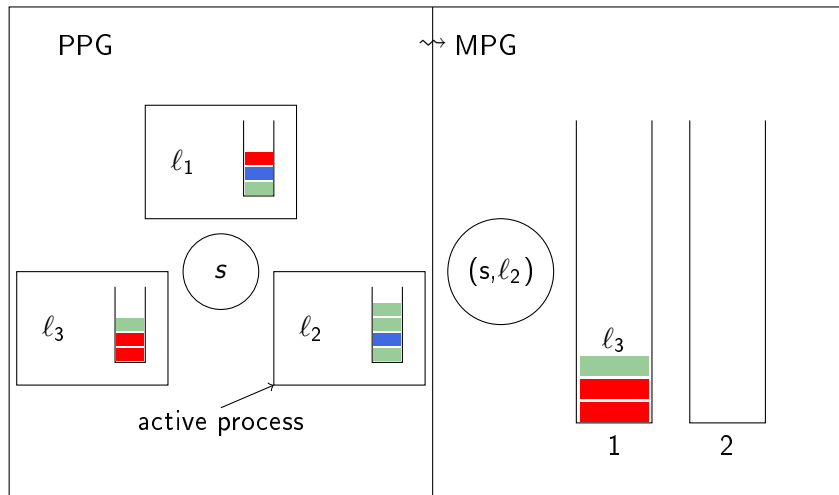
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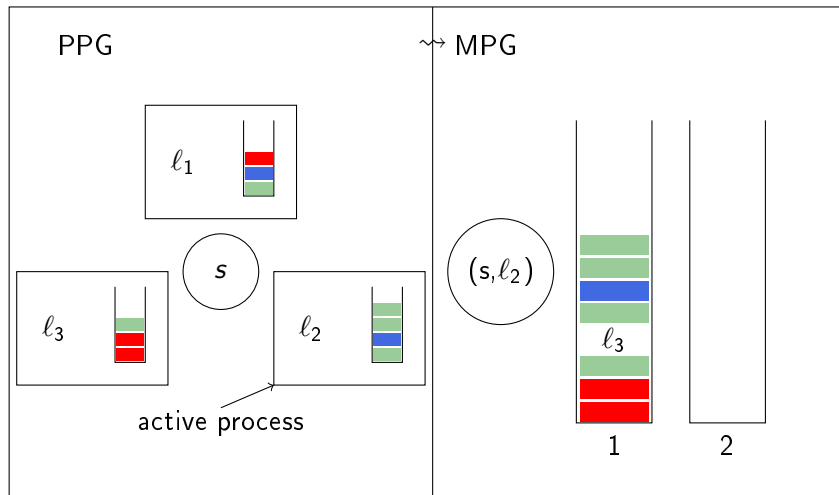
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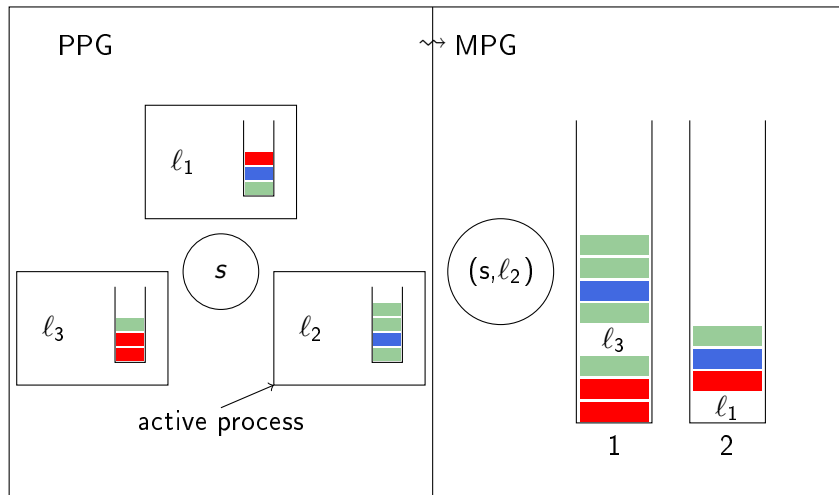
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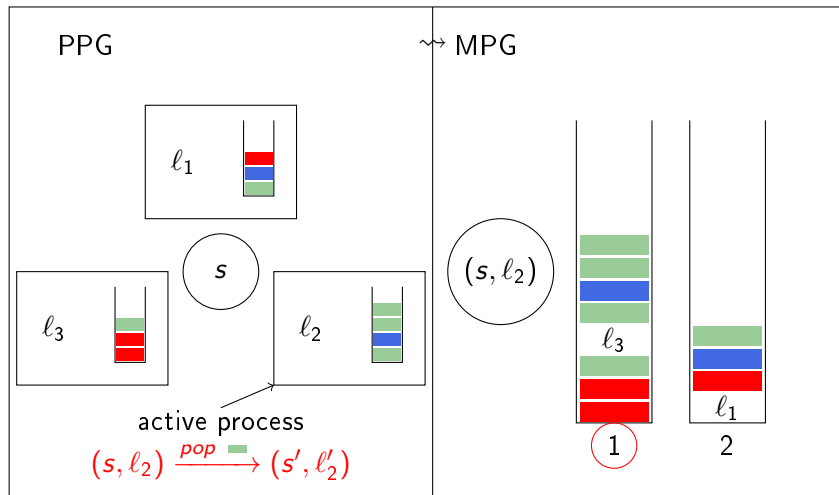
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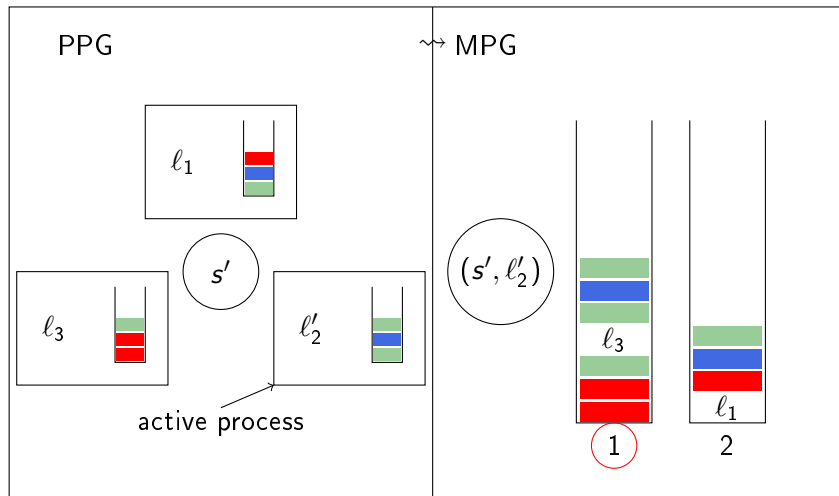
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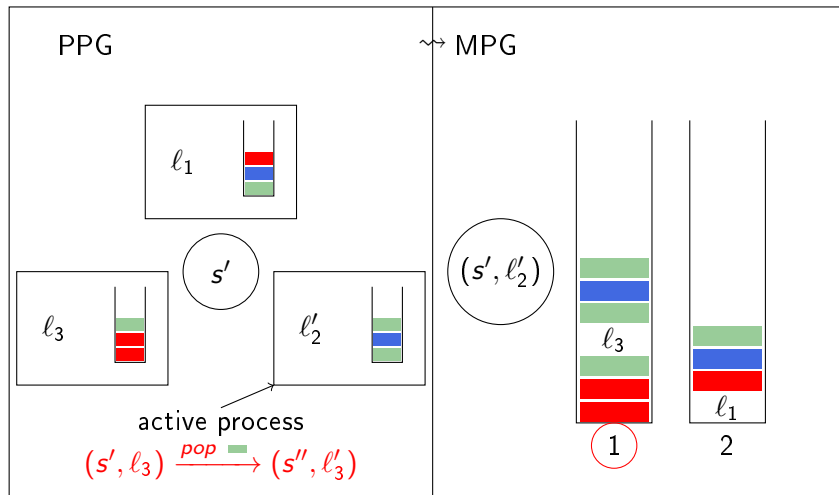
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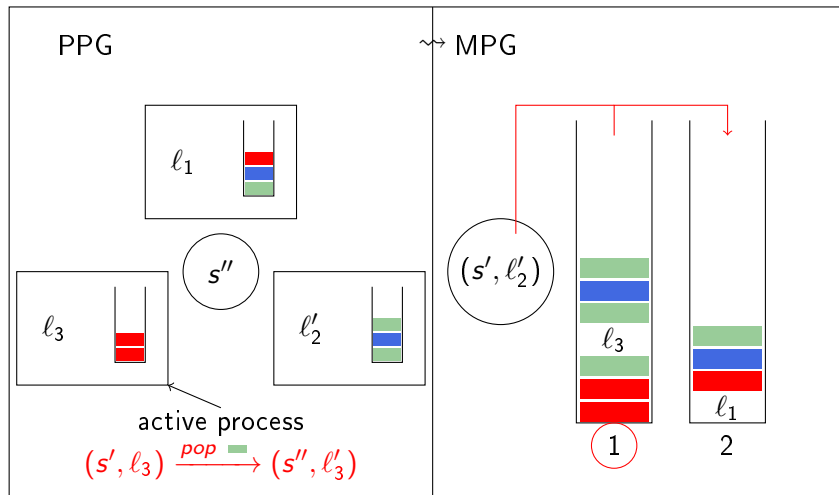
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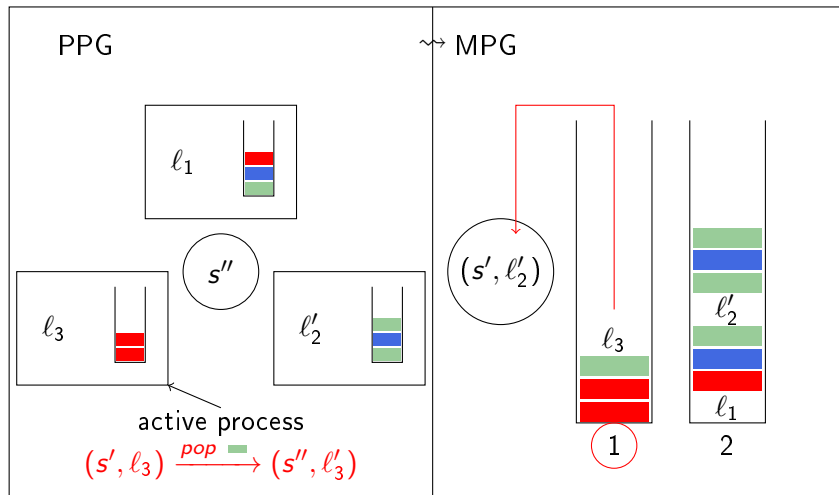
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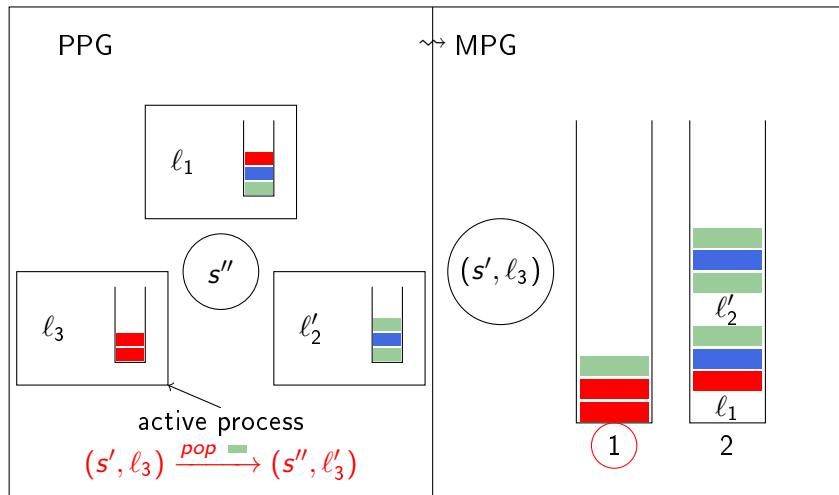
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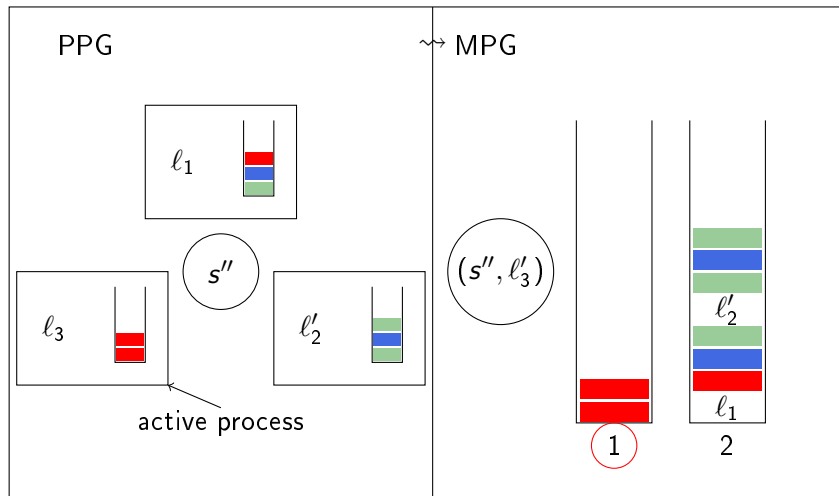
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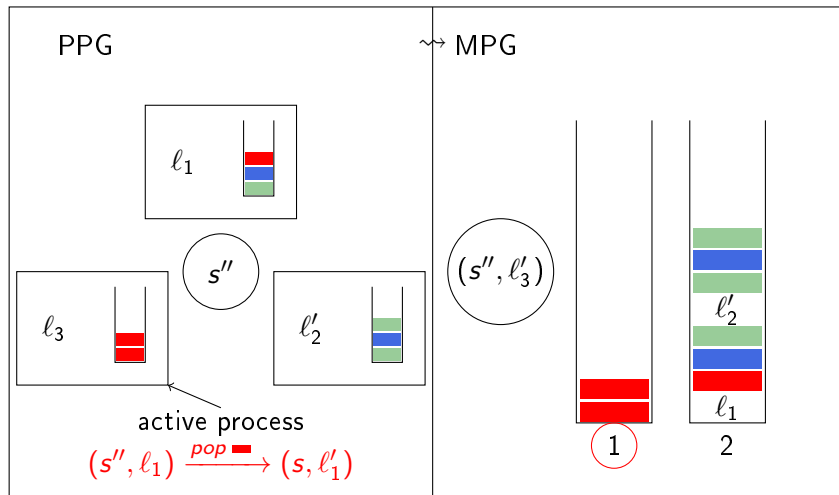
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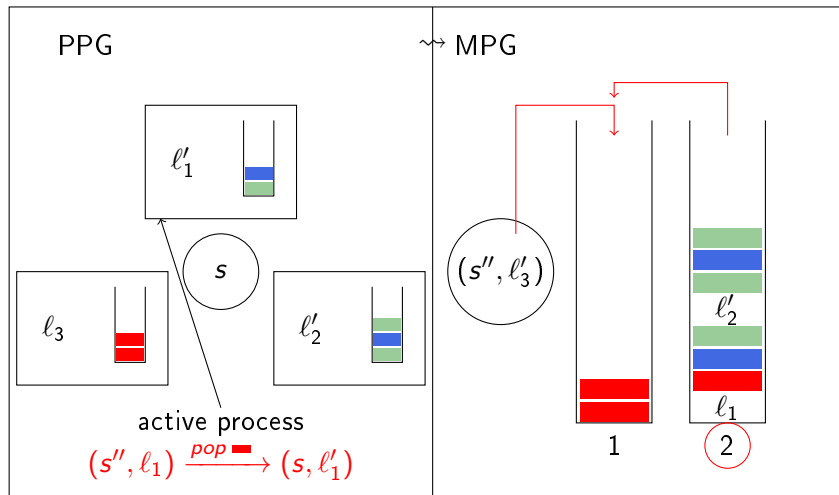
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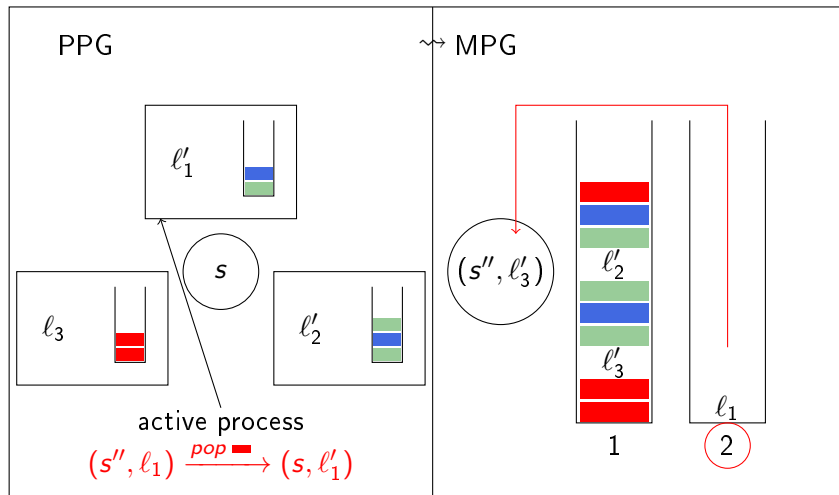
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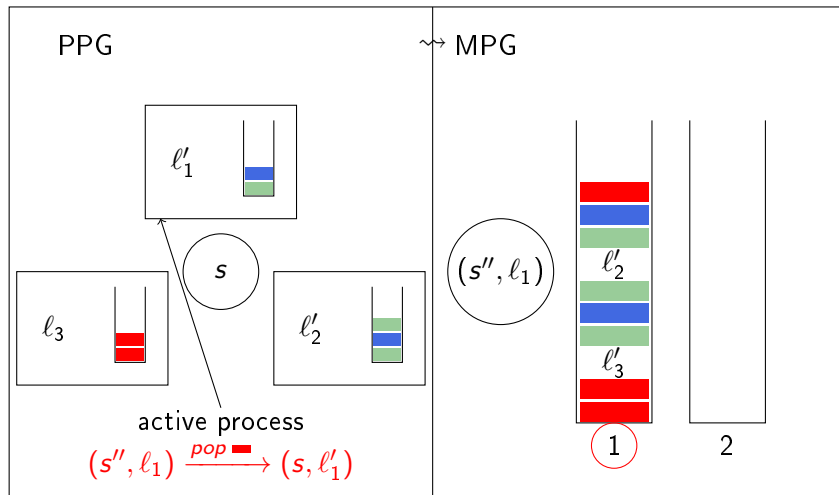
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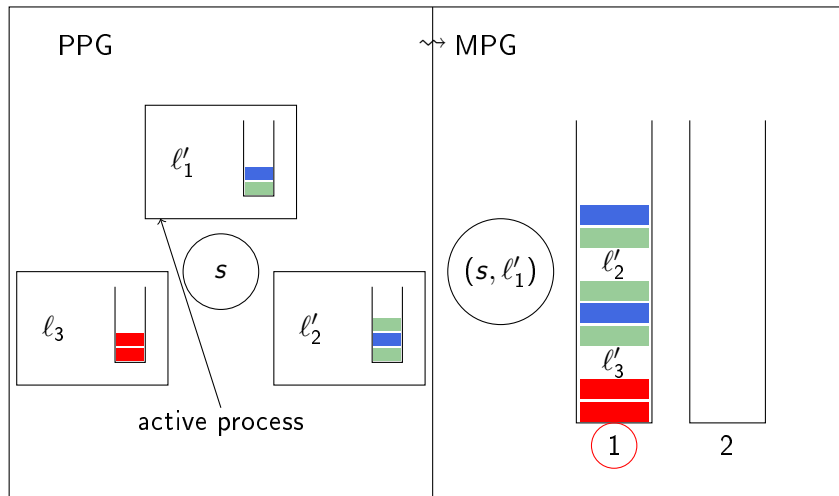
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Syntax

$$t ::= a(x) \mid x < y \mid x = y$$

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with $x, y \in \text{Var}$ and $a \in \Sigma$.

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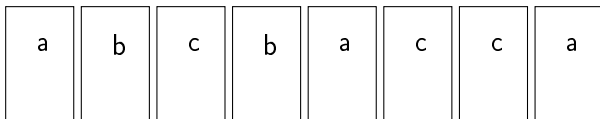
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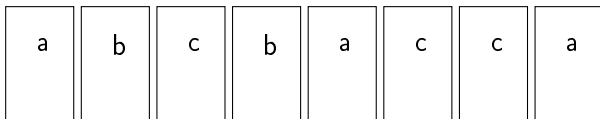
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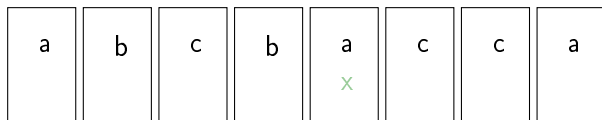
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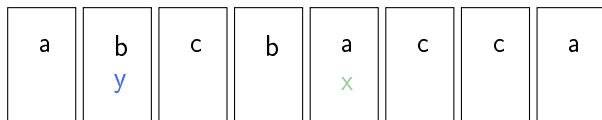
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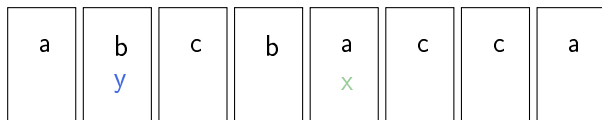


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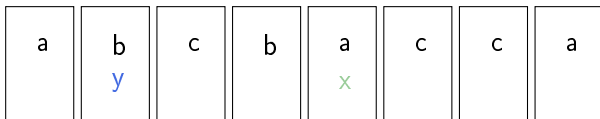
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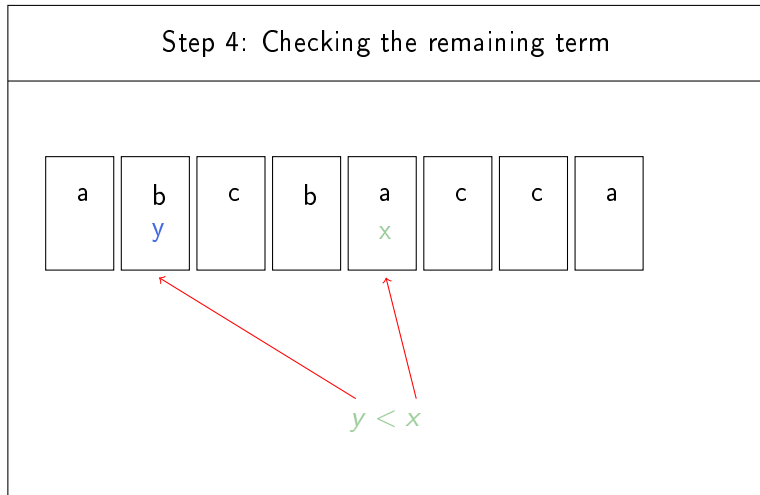
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