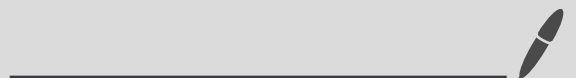


Theory of concurrency

2023/24

Lecture 5



A) EXPSPACE lower bound

B) coverability tree

1-bounded nets \subseteq elementary Petri nets \subseteq general Petri nets

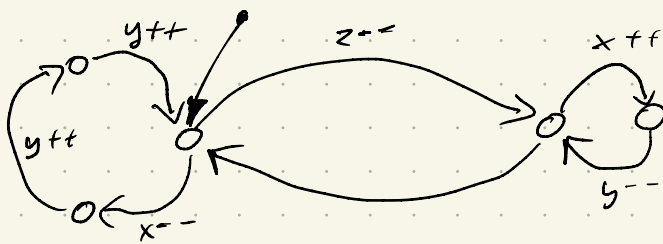
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B) most of them decidable

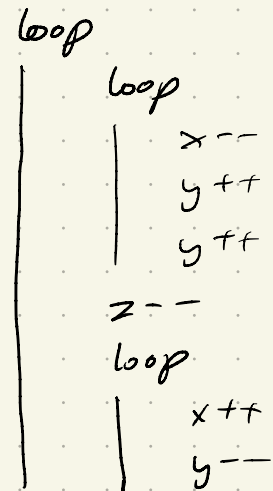
A) Lipton's construction

Model: counter automaton w/o 0-tests = Petri nets



init: $x=1, y=0, z=100$

convenient notation



2^{2^n} -bounded reachability of a control state in a counter automaton M of size n with 0-tests

(3 counters)

↑ quadratic blow-up

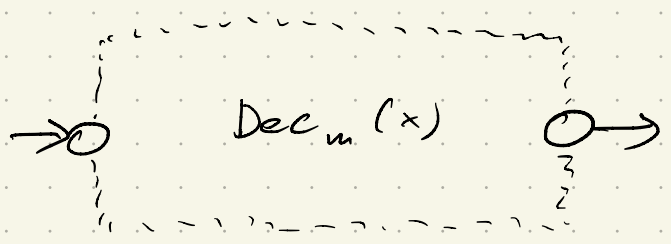
reachability of a control state in a counter automaton w/o 0-tests

($O(n)$ counters)

Observation:

$$2^{2^{m+1}} = \left(2^{2^m}\right)^2$$

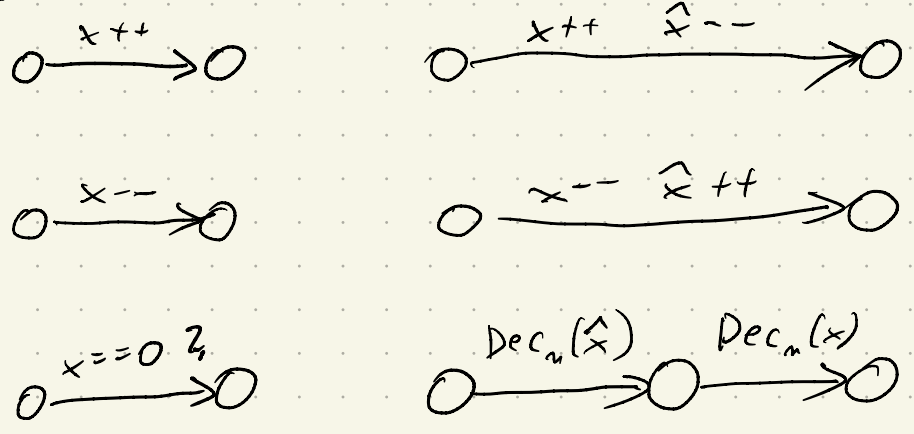
①



Assume "subroutines" $Dec_m(x)$: ($m = 0, 1, \dots, n$)

- $x \geq 2^{2^m} \rightarrow$ exactly one run succeeds, the effect is: $x \leftarrow x - 2^{2^m}$ $\hat{x} \leftarrow \hat{x} + 2^{2^m}$
- $x < 2^{2^m} \rightarrow$ all runs fail

② simulation of M:



Counters:
 $x, \hat{x}, y, \hat{y}, z, \hat{z}$

init:
 $x = y = z = 0$
 $\hat{x} = \hat{y} = \hat{z} = 2^{2^n}$

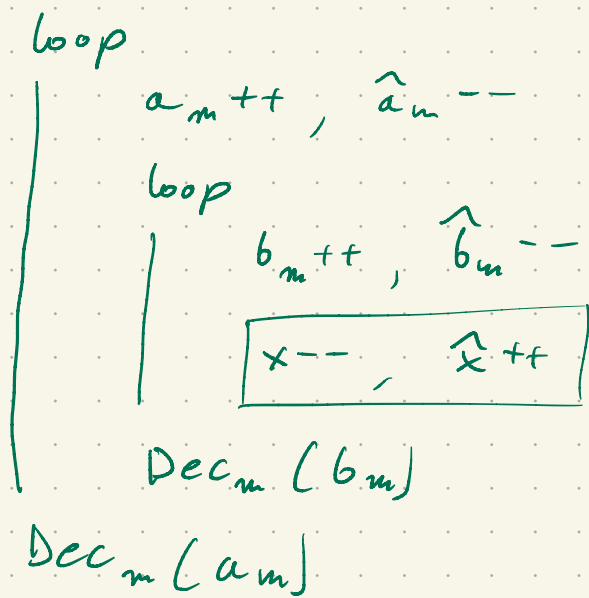
invariant:
 $x + \hat{x} = 2^{2^n}$
 $y + \hat{y} = 2^{2^n}$
 $z + \hat{z} = 2^{2^n}$

(budget)

③ $Dec_0(x) :$

$$x \in \{a_{m+1}, b_{m+1}\}$$

$Dec_{m+1}(x) :$



Counters :

$$\begin{aligned}
&a_0, \hat{a}_0, b_0, \hat{b}_0 \\
&a_1, \hat{a}_1, b_1, \hat{b}_1 \\
&\vdots \\
&a_{m-1}, \hat{a}_{m-1}, b_{m-1}, \hat{b}_{m-1}
\end{aligned}$$

init :

$$\begin{aligned}
a_m = b_m = 0 \\
\hat{a}_m = \hat{b}_m = 2^{2^m}
\end{aligned}$$

invariant :

$$\begin{aligned}
a_m + \hat{a}_m &= 2^{2^m} \\
b_m + \hat{b}_m &= 2^{2^m}
\end{aligned}$$

④ Initiation (bootstrapping)

$$Inc_0(\hat{a}_0, \hat{b}_0)$$

$$Inc_1(\hat{a}_1, \hat{b}_1)$$

⋮

$$Inc_{n-1}(\hat{a}_{n-1}, \hat{b}_{n-1})$$

$$Inc_n(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$$

(using $Dec_0(a_0), Dec_0(b_0)$)

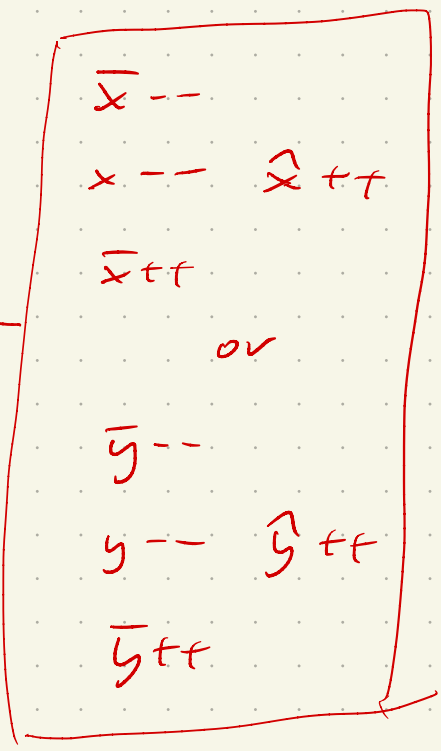
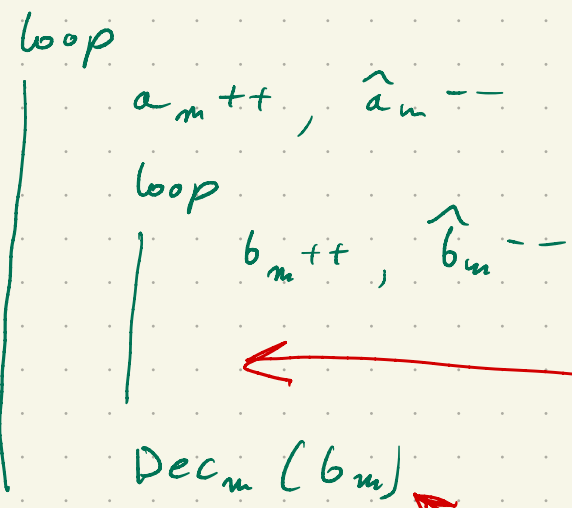
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(using $Dec_{n-2}(a_{n-2}), Dec_{n-2}(b_{n-2})$)

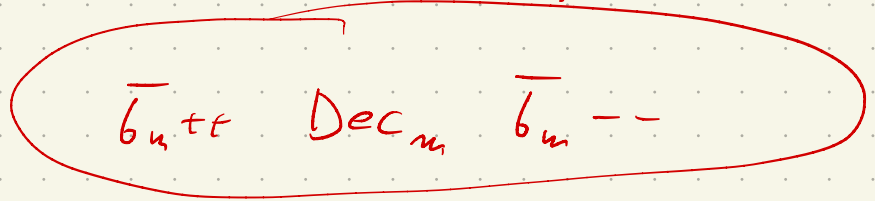
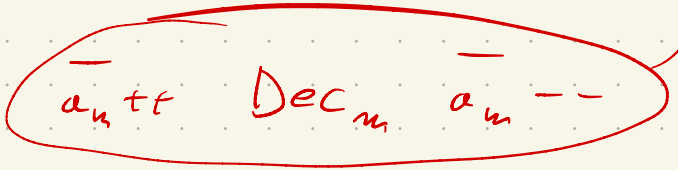
(using $Dec_{n-1}(a_{n-1}), Dec_{n-1}(b_{n-1})$)

CHEATING? size of $Dec_m(x)$ is $O(2^m)$!

~~$Dec_{m+1}(x)$~~ :



$Dec_m(a_m)$



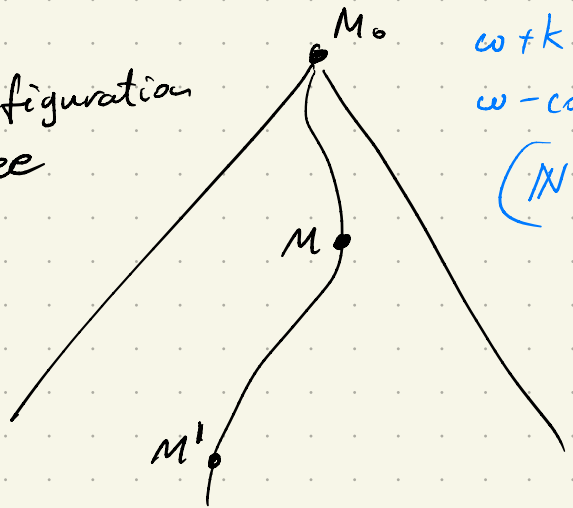
Question : Does the lower bound apply to :

- coverability
- boundedness
- finiteness (termination)
- etc

B) coverability tree

Model: general Petri nets

configuration tree



$w+k = w-k = w$
 w -conf:
 $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\})^d$

Lemma (Dickson):

Every infinite sequence M_0, M_1, M_2, \dots of w -configurations admits a domination

$$M_i \sqsubseteq M_j, i < j$$

pointwise order in $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\omega\})^d$

1) $M = M'$ \rightarrow omit M' and all its descendants

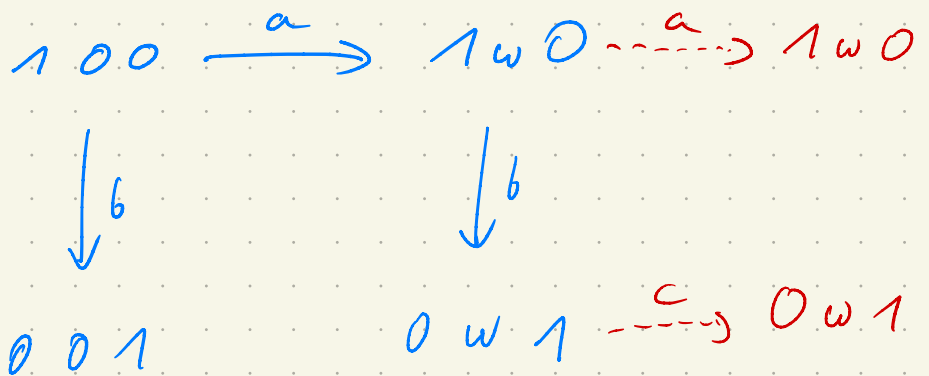
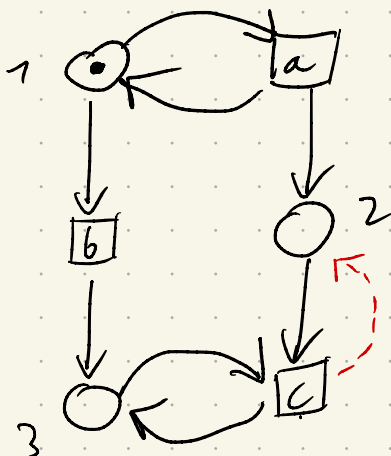
2) $M \sqsubseteq M'$ \rightarrow instead of M' add \bar{M}' , where

$$\bar{M}'(i) = \begin{cases} M'(i) & \text{if } M(i) = M'(i) \\ \omega & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

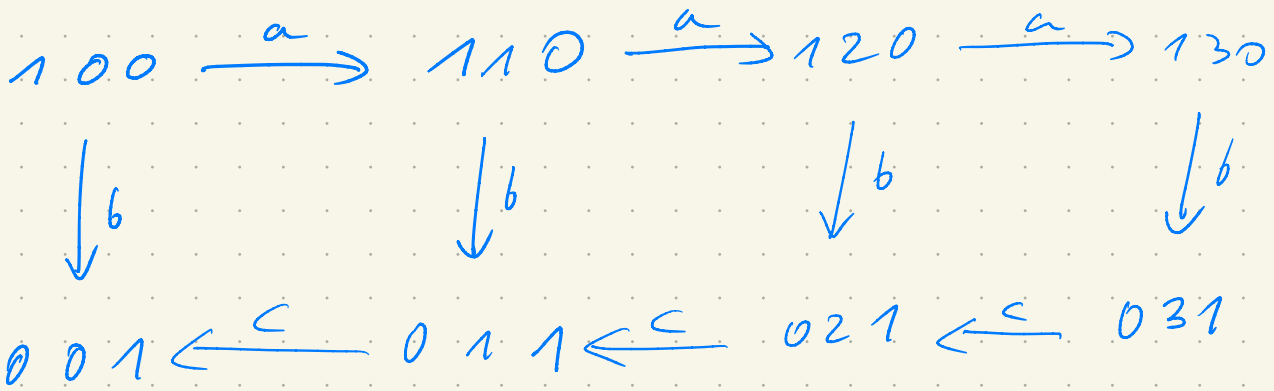
Fact: Coverability tree is finite

Example:

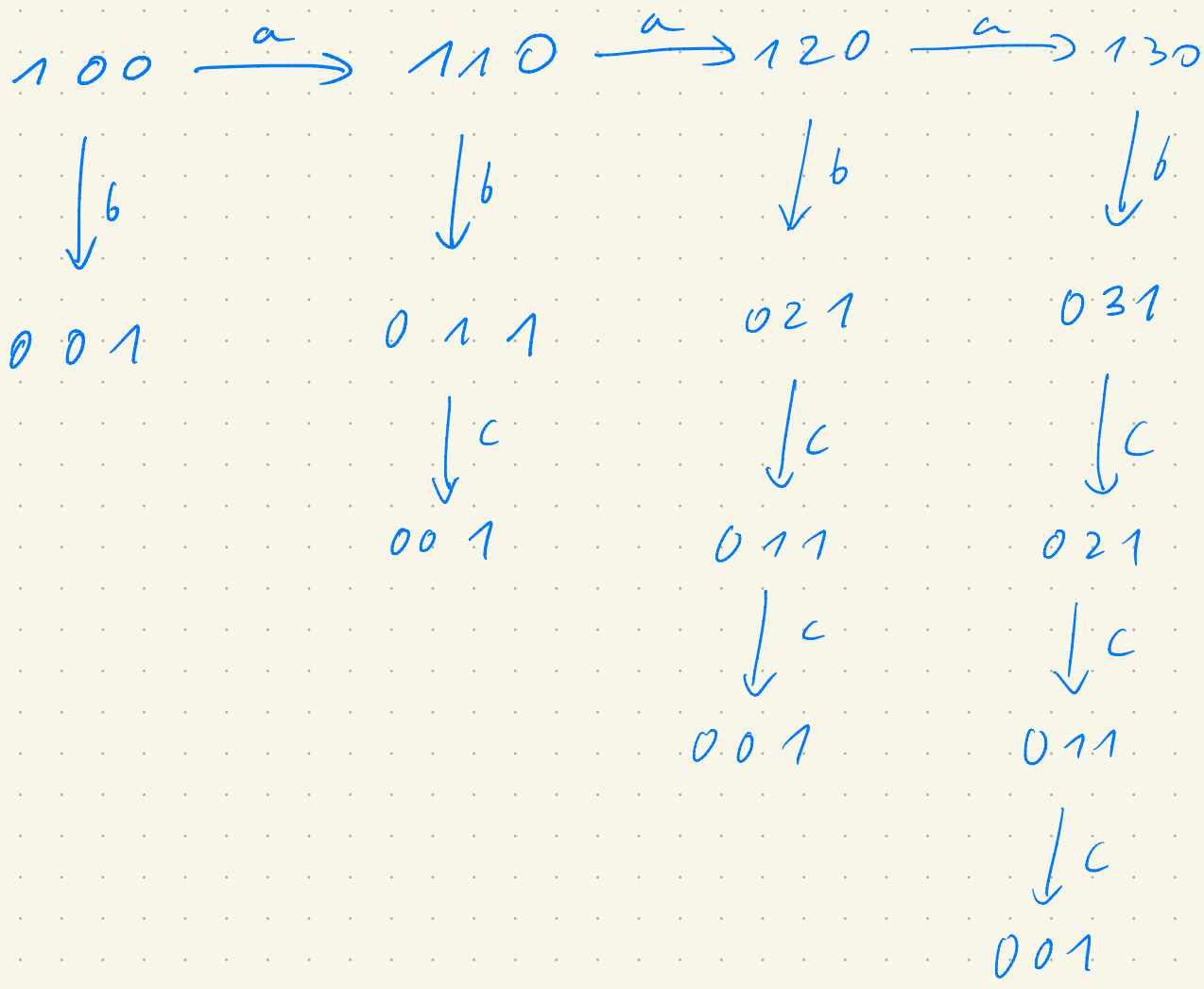
coverability tree:



configuration graph :



configuration tree :



Fact: (coverability tree "covers" configuration tree)

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• $\forall M \in \text{configuration tree}$

$\exists M' \in \text{coverability tree} \quad M \sqsubseteq M'$

• $\forall M' \in \text{coverability tree}$

$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$

$\exists M \in \text{configuration tree}$

$\forall p \in P.$

$M(p) = M'(p) \quad \text{if } M'(p) < \omega$

$M(p) \geq k \quad \text{if } M'(p) = \omega$

Question: How do we decide coverability, boundedness, place-boundedness using coverability trees?