

# COL:750

## Foundations of Automatic Verification

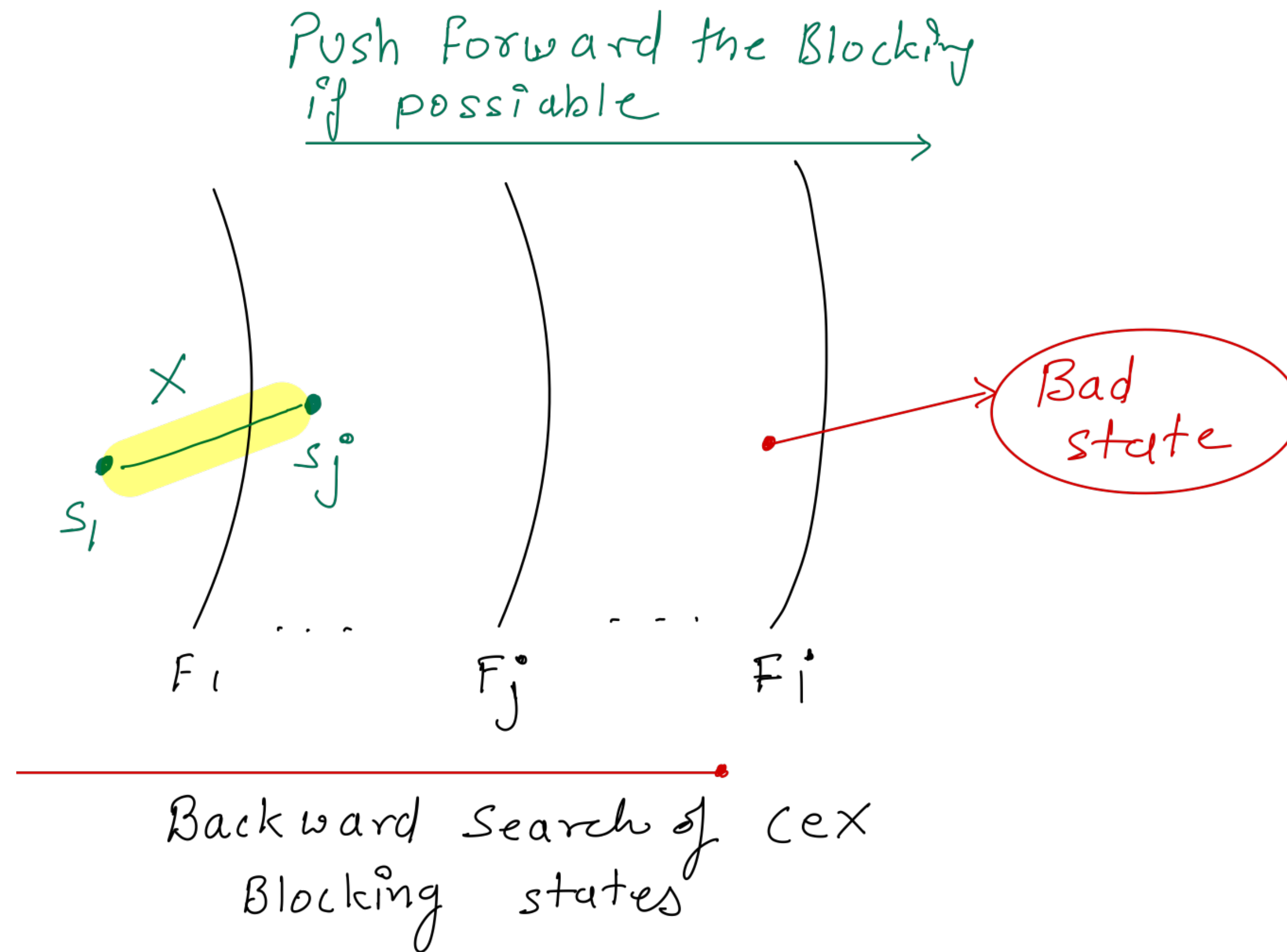
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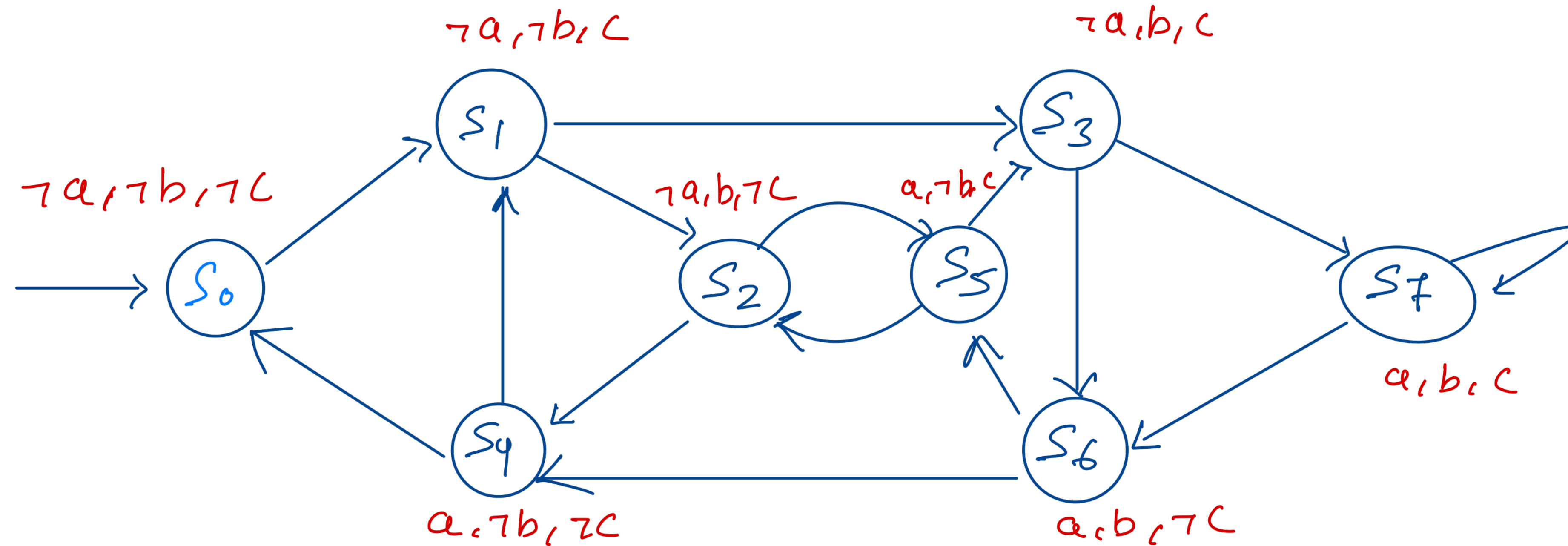


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$$T(a, b, c, a', b', c') = (a' \leftrightarrow b) \wedge (b' \leftrightarrow c)$$

$$\forall \square \neg a \vee \neg b \vee \neg c$$

# Bounded vs Unbounded Model Checking

Bounded:

We unroll the transition system up to a fixed depth  $k$ .

Is there a counterexample of length  $\leq k$ ?

If no counterexample is found, we increase  $k$  and repeat.

It only checks for violations up to length  $k$

Output— counterexample

Tools: CBMC, NuSMV

Unbounded:

We still unroll transitions, but with a different purpose: to construct an inductive invariant (proof that holds for all  $k$ ).

We generalize beyond specific length and reason about all reachable states.

The property is proven inductively.

Output— proof/ counterexample

Tools: NuSMV, IC<sub>3</sub>, PDR

# Reasoning About Code!

Our programming language (little but cute!)

Expressions:

$E := Z \mid V \mid E_1 + E_2 \mid E_1 - E_2 \mid E_1 \times E_2 \mid \dots$      $Z = \text{integers}, V = \text{variables}$

Boolean Expressions:

$B := T \mid F \mid E_1 = E_2 \mid E_1 \leq E_2 \mid E_1 < E_2 \mid \dots$

$x = 17;$

$y = 1;$

$y = 42;$

$z = 0;$

$z = x + y;$

*While*( $z \neq x$ )*do*

$C := V = E \mid$

$C_1; C_2 \mid$

*IF B Then*  $C_1$  *Else*  $C_2 \mid$

*While B Do*  $C$

$z = z + 1;$

$y = y * z;$

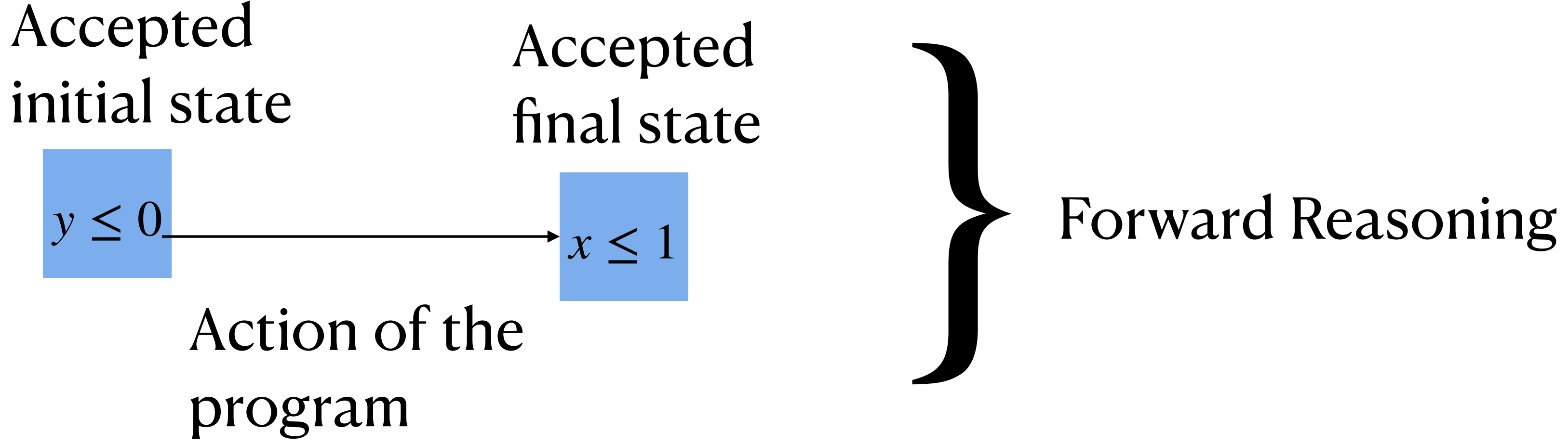
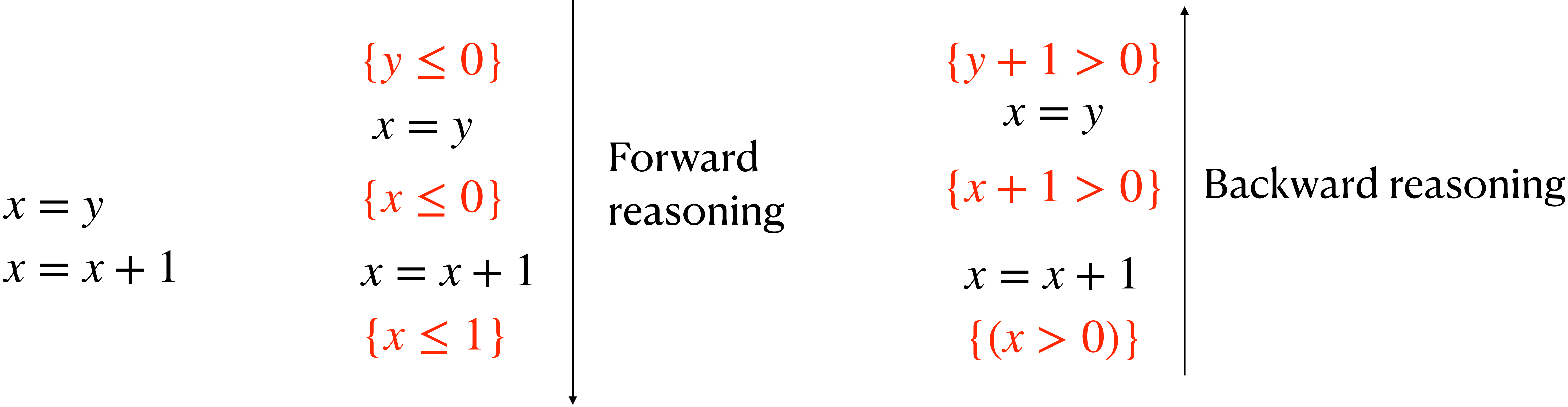
# Reasoning About Code!

$x = 17;$	$\{True\}$
$y = 42;$	$x = 17$
$z = x + y;$	$\{x = 17\}$
	$y = 42$
	$\{(x = 17) \wedge (y = 42)\}$
	$z = x + y$
	$\{(x = 17) \wedge (y = 42) \wedge (z = 59)\}$

Forward reasoning



# Reasoning About Code!



# Hoare Triples

Partial correctness specification for specifying what a program does:

$$\{P\} C \{Q\}$$

$P$  is called “Pre-condition”

$C$  is a command

$C$  is code

$P, Q$  are conditions on the

$Q$  is called “Post-condition”

program variables used in  $C$

If  $P$  holds True, and  $C$  is executed and terminated, then  $Q$  is guaranteed to be True afterwards — If this holds, then  **$\{P\} C \{Q\}$  is a valid Hoare Triple.**

$\{x \neq 0\} y = x \times x \{y > 0\}$       Valid Hoare Triple

$\{x \geq 0\} y = 2 \times x \{y > 0\}$       Not a Valid Hoare Triple



# Hoare Triples — Partial and Total Correctness

What if the code doesn't terminate!

$\{P\} C \{Q\}$  is valid under partial correctness if from a instance in  $P$ , when  $C$  is executed, and **if  $C$  is terminated, then  $Q$  will hold.**

$\{P\} C \{Q\}$  is valid under total correctness if from instances in  $P$ , when  $C$  is executed, and  **$C$  is guaranteed to terminate, and  $Q$  will hold.**

$\{x = 1\} \textit{While True Do } x = x \{y = 2\}$  *Valid*

In partial correctness!

the postcondition is trivially satisfied in all terminating executions — of which there are none.

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Total Correctness = Partial Correctness + Termination!

We will restrict to  
Partial Correctness

One can show partial correctness and termination separately!

Termination

*While  $x > 1$  Do*

*If( $x \% 2 = 1$ ) Then  $x = 3x + 1$  Else  $x = x/2$*

Collatz conjecture!  
No proof that it will  
terminate

**Our Task!** Is to prove the correctness of the code, given their specification.

We had a specification, we wrote a code.

Input, Specification, output  $\{P\} C \{Q\}$

From the code, we can construct Pre and Post condition to have a valid Hoare triples!  
This should represent input, output of the specification.

Want strongest Post condition!

$\{x \geq 0\} y = 1; z = 2y + x; \{z \geq 0\}$

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solution space of Q should be as small as possible!

What exactly can happen after running C, assuming the input satisfies P?

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Want weakest pre condition!

$\{x \geq 6\} x = x + 1 \{x > 5\}$

$\{x = 10\} x = x + 1 \{x > 5\}$

$\{x \geq 5\} x = x + 1 \{x > 5\}$

least restrictive condition that still guarantees that after executing C, the postcondition Q holds.

It's the most general condition that guarantees Q holds after executing the statement.

In some sense (informally), solution space of P should be as big as possible!

# Floyd - Hoare Logic

A deductive proof system for Hoare triples  
Proof system by Hoare and “some” underlying ideas by Floyd

Deductive proof system — derive conclusion from premises using a set of rules and axioms

To prove/disprove that a Hoare Triple is valid

A proof in Floyd-Hoare logic is a sequence of lines, each of which is either an axiom of the logic or follows from earlier lines by a rule of inference of the logic

# Floyd - Hoare Logic Assignment Axiom

Assignment Axiom:

$$\{Q[x = E]\} x = E; \{Q\}$$

With respect to Post condition!

$$\{y + 1 > 0\} \quad Q[x = y]$$

$$x = y$$

$$\{x + 1 > 0\} \quad Q[x = x + 1]$$

$$x = x + 1$$

$$\{(x > 0)\}$$

Backward reasoning

$$\{x = 2\} \quad Q[x = x + 1]$$

$$x = x + 1$$

$$\{(x = 3)\}$$

# Floyd - Hoare Logic

## Sequence Rule

$$\frac{\{P\}C_1\{R\}, \{R\}C_2\{Q\}}{\{P\}C_1, C_2\{Q\}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Premises} \\ \text{Conclusion} \end{array}$$

$$\{y + 1 \geq 0\}x = y\{x + 1 \geq 0\}, \{x + 1 \geq 0\}x = x + 1; \{x > 0\}$$

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$$\{y + 1 \geq 0\}x = y; x = x + 1; \{x > 0\}$$

$$\{True\}x = 5\{x == 5\}, \{x == 5\}y = 2 \times x; \{y = 10\}$$

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$$\{True\}x = 5; y = 2 \times ; \{y = 10\}$$

# Floyd - Hoare Logic

## Conditional Rule

$$\frac{\{P \wedge B\}C_1\{Q\}, \{P \wedge \neg B\}C_2\{Q\}}{\{P\}\text{if } B \text{ then } C_1 \text{ else } C_2 \{Q\}}$$

$$\frac{\{True \wedge (x > 0)\}y = 1\{y = 1 \vee y = 2\}, \{True \wedge (x \leq 0)\}y = 2\{y = 2\}}{\{True\}\text{if } x > 0 \text{ then } y = 1 \text{ else } y = 2 \{y = 1 \vee y = 2\}}$$



# Floyd - Hoare Logic

## While Rule

- Loop Invariants (I) —
  - It should hold before the loop starts.
  - If it holds before the an iterations, and loop guard (B) is True, it must hold after executing the body C.
  - If the loop terminates,  $I \wedge \neg B$  holds

**And, should be strong to imply the post condition**

while $x > 0$ do		$sum = 0; i = 1;$	$I = sum \geq 0$
$x = x - 1$	$I = x \geq 0$	while $i \leq n$ do	$I = (1 \leq i \leq n) \wedge (sum = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} j)$
		$sum = sum + i; i = i + 1$	

# Floyd - Hoare Logic

## While Rule

$$\frac{\{I \wedge B\} C \{I\}}{\{I\} \textit{While } B \textit{ do } C \{I \wedge \neg B\}}$$

If executing  $C$  once preserve the truth of  $I$ , then executing  $C$  a number of times also preserve the truth of  $I$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textit{while } x > 0 \textit{ do} \\ \quad x = x - 1 \end{array} \quad \frac{\{x \geq 0\} \wedge (x > 0) \{x = x - 1\} \{x \geq 0\}}{\{x \geq 0\} \textit{While } x > 0 \textit{ do } x = x - 1 \{x \geq 0 \wedge \neg B\}}$$

# Floyd - Hoare Logic

## Consequence Rule

$$\frac{P' \rightarrow P \quad \{P\}C\{Q\} \quad Q \rightarrow Q'}{\{P'\}C\{Q'\}}$$

$$\frac{\{x = 2\}x = x + 1\{x = 3\} \quad (x = 3) \rightarrow (x \geq 3)}{\{x = 2\}x = x + 1\{x \geq 3\}}$$

$$\frac{(x = 0) \rightarrow (x \geq 0) \quad \{x \geq 0\}x = x + 1\{x > 1\}}{\{x = 0\}x = x + 1\{x \geq 1\}}$$

## Toy Examples:

$$z = x ; z = z + y$$

To prove/disprove  $\{True\} z = x ; z = z + y \{z = x + y\}$

Compute precondition using Assignment Axiom:

$\{True\}$

$$z = x$$

$\{z = x\}$

$$z = z + y$$

$\{z = x + y\}$

$$\{Q[x = E]\} x = E; \{Q\}$$

$$x + y = z + y \quad x = x$$

$$\text{Sequence Rule } \frac{\{P\}C_1\{R\}, \{R\}C_2\{Q\}}{\{P\}C_1, C_2\{Q\}}$$

$$\{True\} z = x ; z = z + y \{z = x + y\}$$

## Toy Examples:

$\{True\} \text{ Prog } \{y = x + 1\}$

$a = x + 1;$

$if(a - 1 == 0)$

$y = 1;$

*else*

$y = a;$

## Toy Examples:

$\{True\} \text{ Prog } \{y = x + 1\}$

$\{True\}$

$(x == 0) \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (\neg(x == 0) \rightarrow x + 1 = x + 1)$

$a = x + 1;$

$((a - 1 == 0) \rightarrow x = 0) \wedge (\neg(a - 1 == 0) \rightarrow a = x + 1)$

$if(a - 1 == 0)$

$\{1 = x + 1\}$

$y = 1;$

$\{y = x + 1\}$

$else$

$\{a = x + 1\}$

$y = a;$

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Conditional Rule  $\frac{\{P \wedge B\}C_1\{Q\}, \{P \wedge \neg B\}C_2\{Q\}}{\{P\}if B then C_1 else C_2 \{Q\}}$

Assignment Axiom

## Toy Examples:

$\{n \geq 0\} \text{ prog } \{fact = n!\}$

$i = 1$

$fact = 1$

*while*  $i \leq n$  *do*

$fact = fact \times i$

$i = i + 1$

# Toy Examples:

$\{n \geq 0\}$  prog  $\{fact = n!\}$

$\{0 \leq n\}$

$\{(1 \leq n + 1) \wedge (1 = (1 - 1)!)\}$

$i = 1$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (1 = (i - 1)!)\}$

$fact = 1$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (fact = (i - 1)!)\}$

while  $i \leq n$  do

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (fact = (i - 1)!)\} \wedge \{i \leq n\}$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n) \wedge (fact \times i = i \times (i - 1)!)\}$

$fact = fact \times i$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n) \wedge (fact = (i)!)\}$

$i = i + 1$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (fact = (i - 1)!)\}$

$\{(1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (fact = (i - 1)!)\} \wedge \{i > n\}$

$\{fact = n!\}$

While Rule

$$\frac{\{I \wedge B\}C\{I\}}{\{I\} \text{ While } B \text{ do } C\{I \wedge \neg B\}}$$

$I = (1 \leq i \leq n + 1) \wedge (fact = (i - 1)!)$

We want  $\{I \wedge B\}C\{I\}$

Using Consequence Rule  $\frac{P' \rightarrow P \quad \{P\}C\{Q\}}{\{P'\}C\{Q\}}$



Toy Examples:

$\{True\} \text{ prog } \{y = x!\}$

$y = 1$

$z = 0$

*while*  $z! = x$  *do*

$z = z + 1$

$y = y \times z$

Assuming input to this program is  $x$ .

Toy Examples:

$$\{n \geq 0\} \text{ prog } \{sum = \sum_{i=1}^n i\}$$

*sum* = 0

*i* = 1

*while i* ≤ *n do*

*sum* = *sum* + *i*

*i* = *i* + 1

Assuming input to this program is *n*.