

COL:750

Foundations of Automatic Verification

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Course Webpage



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LTL Syntax

F = True

= p (atomic proposition)

= $F_1 \wedge F_2, F_1 \vee F_2, F_1 \rightarrow F_2, F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$

= $\neg F_1$

= $\mathbf{N} F_1$ **N** is “Next”. F_1 is True at next step. Often represented as **O, X**.

= $F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2$ **U** is “Until”. F_2 is True at “some point, say t”, and until then F_1 is True.
At “t”, F_1 doesn't have to hold any more!

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If you press the accelerator, the car will move in the next step.

accelerate $\rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ *moving*

If you shoot the ball, the result will be known in the next step.

shoot $\rightarrow \mathbf{N}$ (*goal* \vee *miss*)

$F = F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2$ \mathbf{U} is “Until”. F_2 is True at “some point”, and until then F_1 is True.

Mario will keep jumping until he lands.

jumping \mathbf{U} *landed*

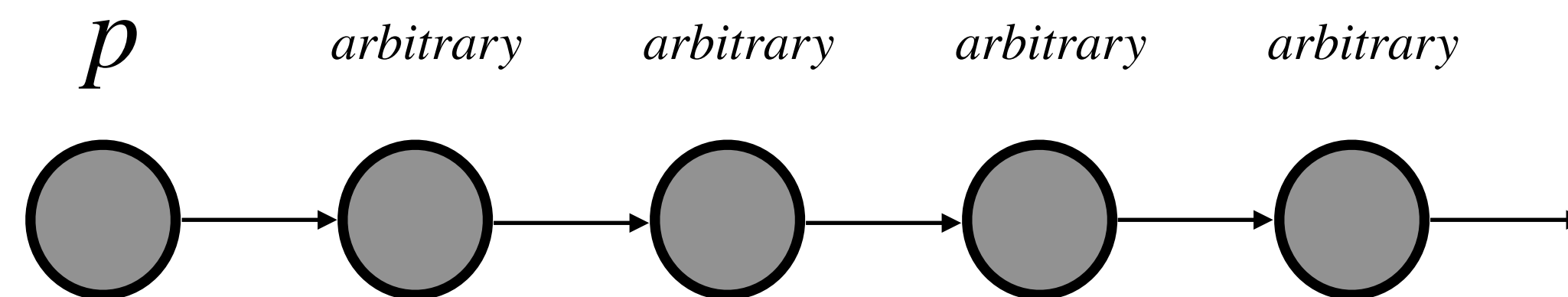
The emergency light will stay on until the power comes back.

EmergencyLight \mathbf{U} *PowerRestored*

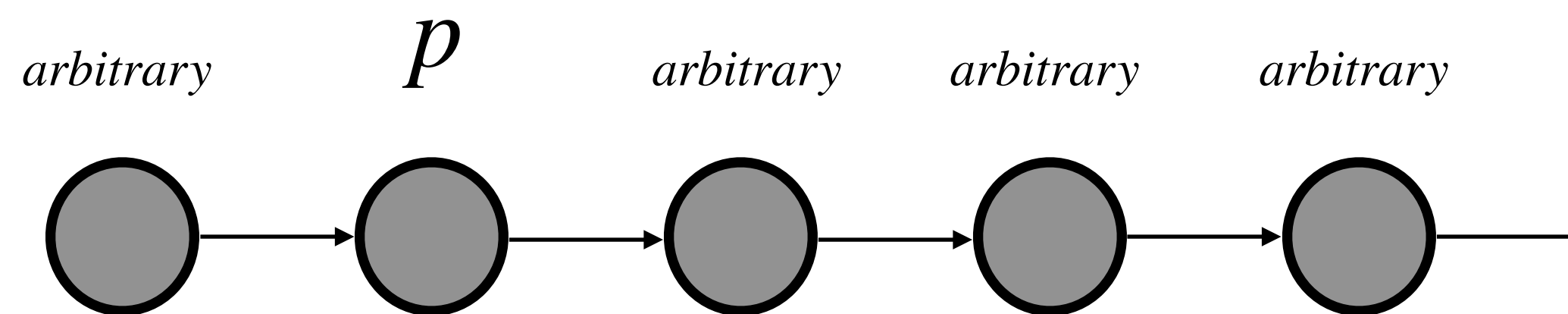
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Sequence of states (paths).

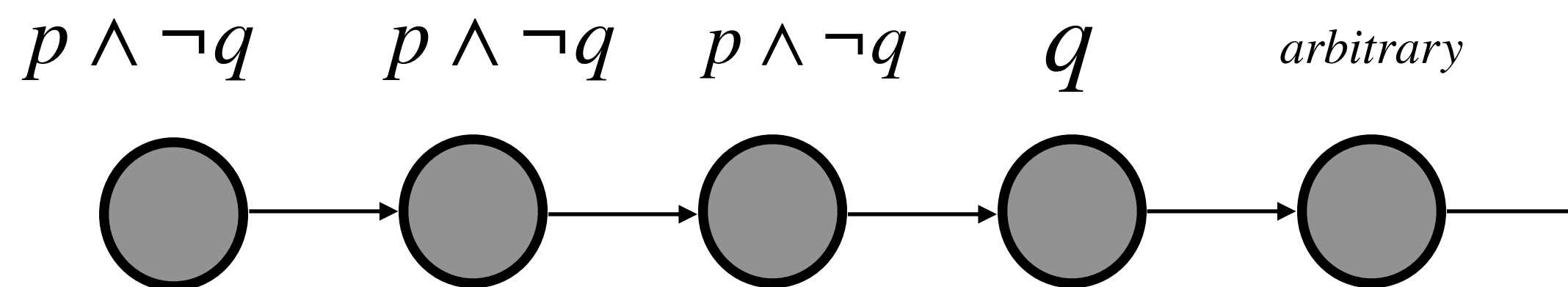
Atomic prop. P



$\mathbf{N} p$



$p \mathbf{U} q$

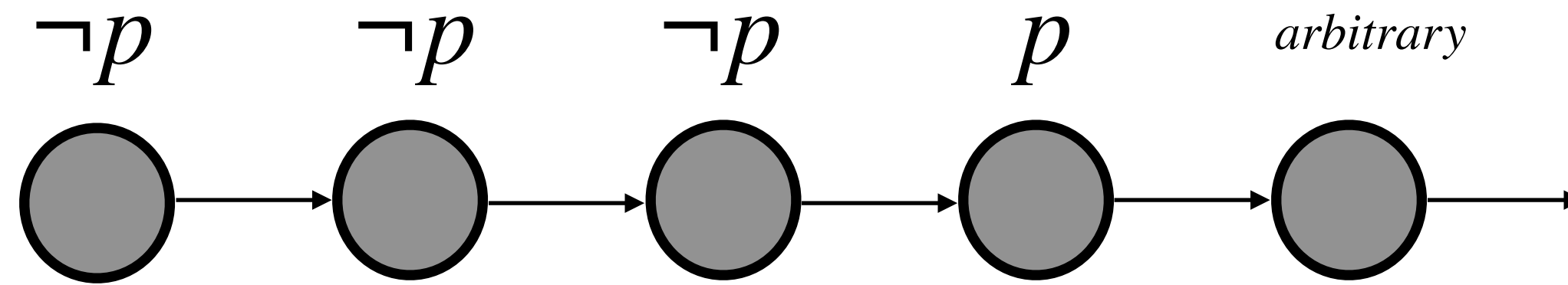


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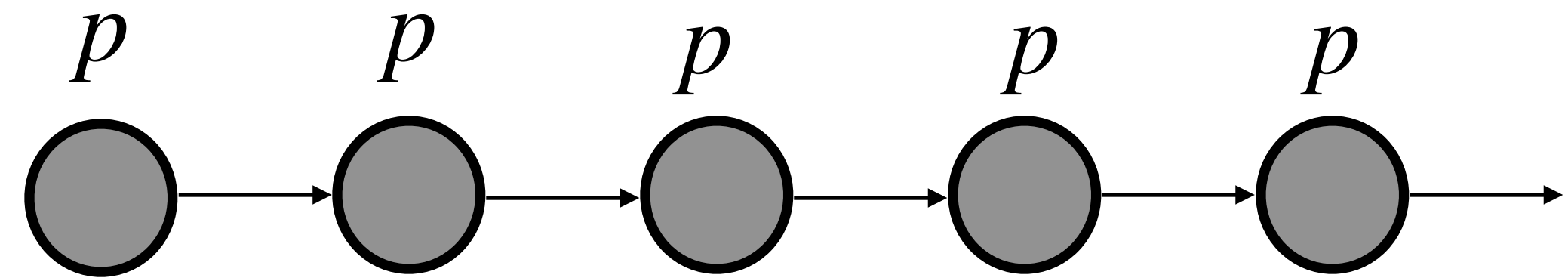
Primary temporal operators: **N U**

Eventually $\diamond F$ F will become true at some point in the future.

$$\diamond F \equiv \text{True } U F$$



Always (valid) $\square F$ F is always True.



$$\square F \equiv \neg \diamond \neg F \quad (\text{Never (Eventually } (\neg F)\text{)}).$$

LTL Syntax

Primary temporal operators: **N U**

Weak Until — $F_1 \mathbf{W} F_2$, F_1 must remain true until F_2 becomes true, but F_2 doesn't necessarily need to become true at any point.

$F_1 \mathbf{W} F_2 \equiv (F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2) \vee (\Box F_1)$ It is considered weaker version of **U**, which requires F_2 to eventually True.

System is in safe mode **W** system is ready

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Release — $F_1 \mathbf{R} F_2$, F_2 must remain true until and including the point where F_1 first becomes true, but F_1 doesn't necessarily need to become true at any point.

$$F_1 \mathbf{R} F_2 \equiv ((F_2 \wedge \neg F_1) \mathbf{W} (F_2 \wedge F_1))$$

LTL: Operator Precedence

How to read $\mathbf{N} p \mathbf{U} q$?

$\neg, \diamond, \square, \mathbf{N}$ Binds stronger than $\mathbf{U}, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$

$\mathbf{N} p \mathbf{U} q \equiv ((\mathbf{N} p) \mathbf{U} q)$ The next state must satisfy p , and p must hold until q happens

$\square p \vee q \equiv ((\square p) \vee q)$ Either p always holds or q must hold in the current state.

Binds from right to left: $\neg \mathbf{N} p \equiv \neg(\mathbf{N} p)$

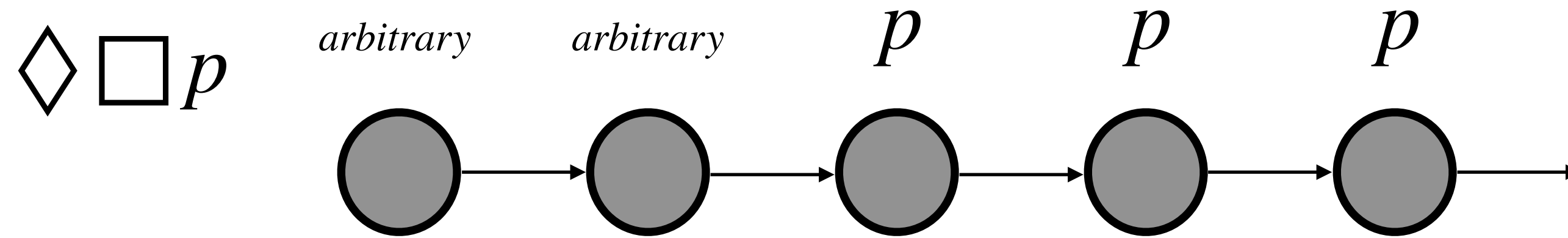
\mathbf{U} Binds stronger than $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ $p \mathbf{U} q \vee r \equiv (p \mathbf{U} q) \vee r$

LTL: Common Cases

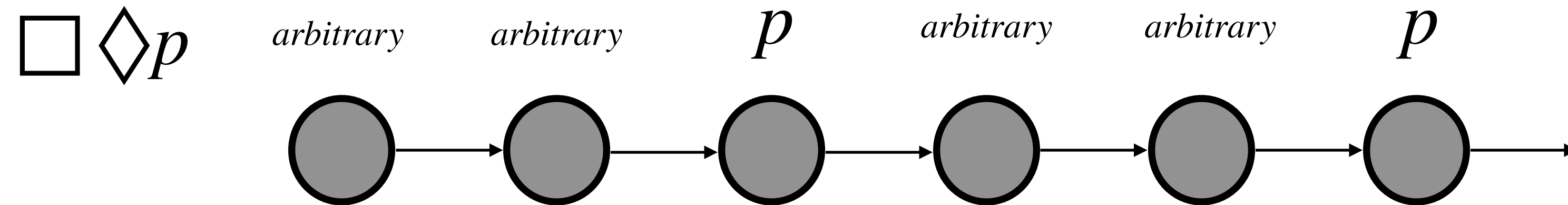
Response — If p then eventually q. $p \rightarrow \diamond q$

Precedence — If p then q until r. $p \rightarrow q \mathbf{U} r \equiv p \rightarrow (q \mathbf{U} r)$

Stability — Once we reach the stable state, we will always be in stable state.



Progress — We will always reach the stable state or desired state.



Correlation — Eventually p implies eventually q. $\diamond p \rightarrow \diamond q$

LTL: Formulas

Duality Law $\neg \mathbf{N} p \equiv \mathbf{N} \neg p$ $\neg \diamond p \equiv \square \neg p$ $\neg \square p \equiv \diamond \neg p$

Absorption Law $\diamond \square \diamond P \equiv \square \diamond p$ $\square \diamond \square P \equiv \diamond \square p$

Distributive Law $\mathbf{N}(p \mathbf{U} q) \equiv ((\mathbf{N} p) \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{N} q))$ $\diamond(p \vee q) \equiv \diamond p \vee \diamond q$

$$\diamond(p \wedge q) \not\equiv \diamond p \wedge \diamond q$$
$$\square(p \wedge q) \equiv \square p \wedge \square q$$

Expansion Law $p \mathbf{U} q \equiv q \vee (p \wedge (\mathbf{N} (p \mathbf{U} q)))$ $\square p \equiv p \wedge (\mathbf{N} (\square p))$

$$\diamond p \equiv p \vee (\mathbf{N} (\diamond p))$$

LTL: Examples

Traffic light is green infinitely often. $\square \diamond green$

Once red, the light can't become green immediately. $\square (red \rightarrow \neg \mathbf{N} green)$

Once red, the light always becomes green eventually after being yellow for some time.

$\square (red \rightarrow (\diamond green \wedge (\neg green \mathbf{U} yellow)))$ $\square (red \rightarrow \mathbf{N} (red \mathbf{U} (yellow \wedge \mathbf{N} (yellow \mathbf{U} green))))$

If an intruder is detected, then an alert must be raised at the 3 step.

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LTL: Semantics

We interpret our temporal formulae in a discrete, linear model of time.

$M = \langle N, I \rangle$, where N is a set of Natural number and $I : N \mapsto 2^\Sigma$

I maps each Natural number (representing a moment in time) to a set of propositions

Let $\pi = a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$ $\pi(i) = a_i$ AP at i^{th} level.

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 Semantics with respect to a given Trace (or Path) π

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$$\pi \models p \quad \text{Iff } p \in \pi(0) \quad \pi^i \models p \quad \text{Iff } p \in \pi(i)$$

$$\pi \models \mathbf{N} F_1 \quad \text{Iff } \pi^1 \models F_1 \quad \pi^i \models \mathbf{N} F \quad \text{Iff } \pi^{i+1} \models F_1$$

$$\pi \models F_1 \mathbf{U} F_2 \quad \text{Iff } \exists j \geq 0, \pi^j \models F_2, \text{ and } \pi^i \models F_1 \text{ for all } 0 \leq i < j$$

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Kripke Structure

AP — is a set of atomic propositions (Boolean valued variables, predicates)

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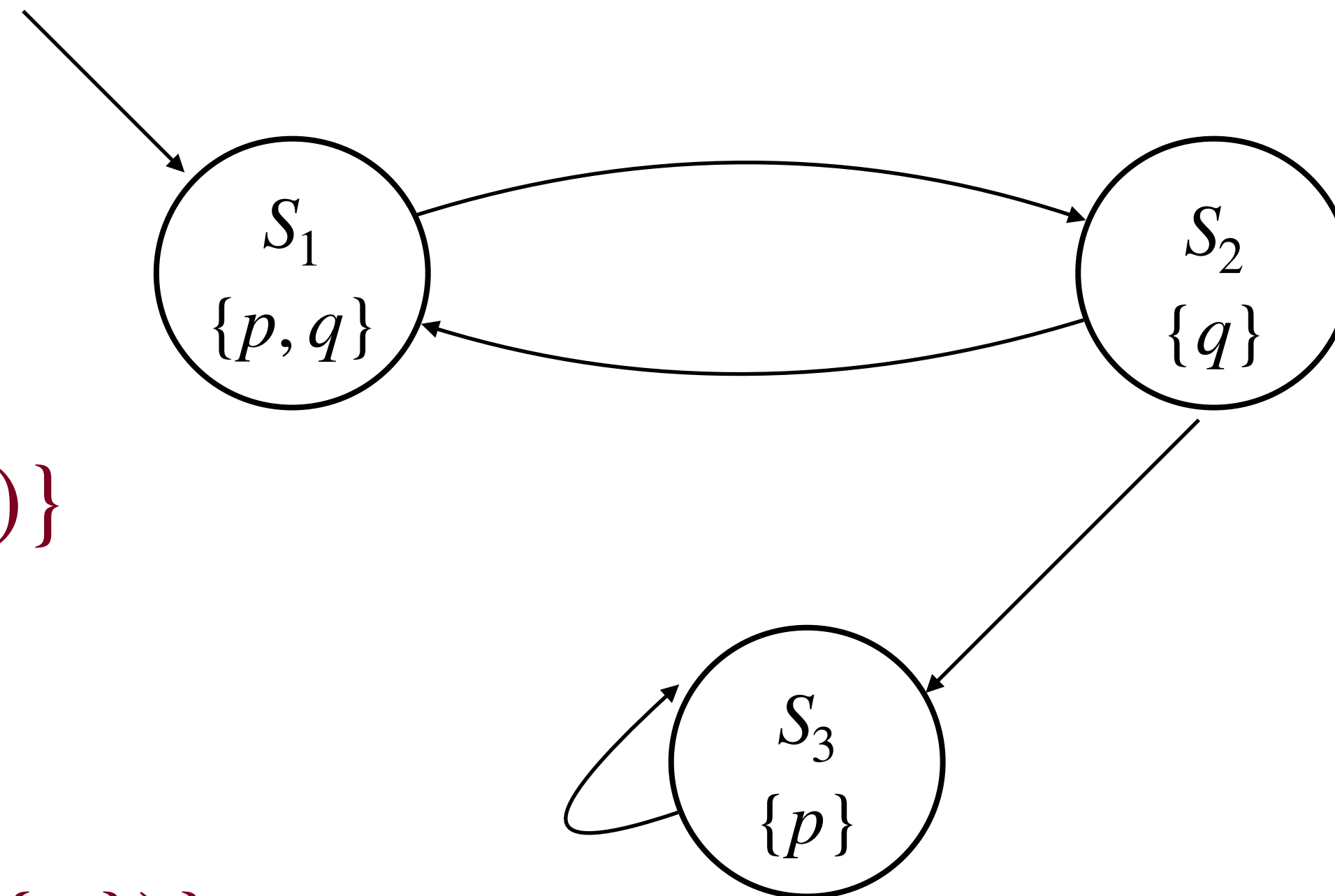
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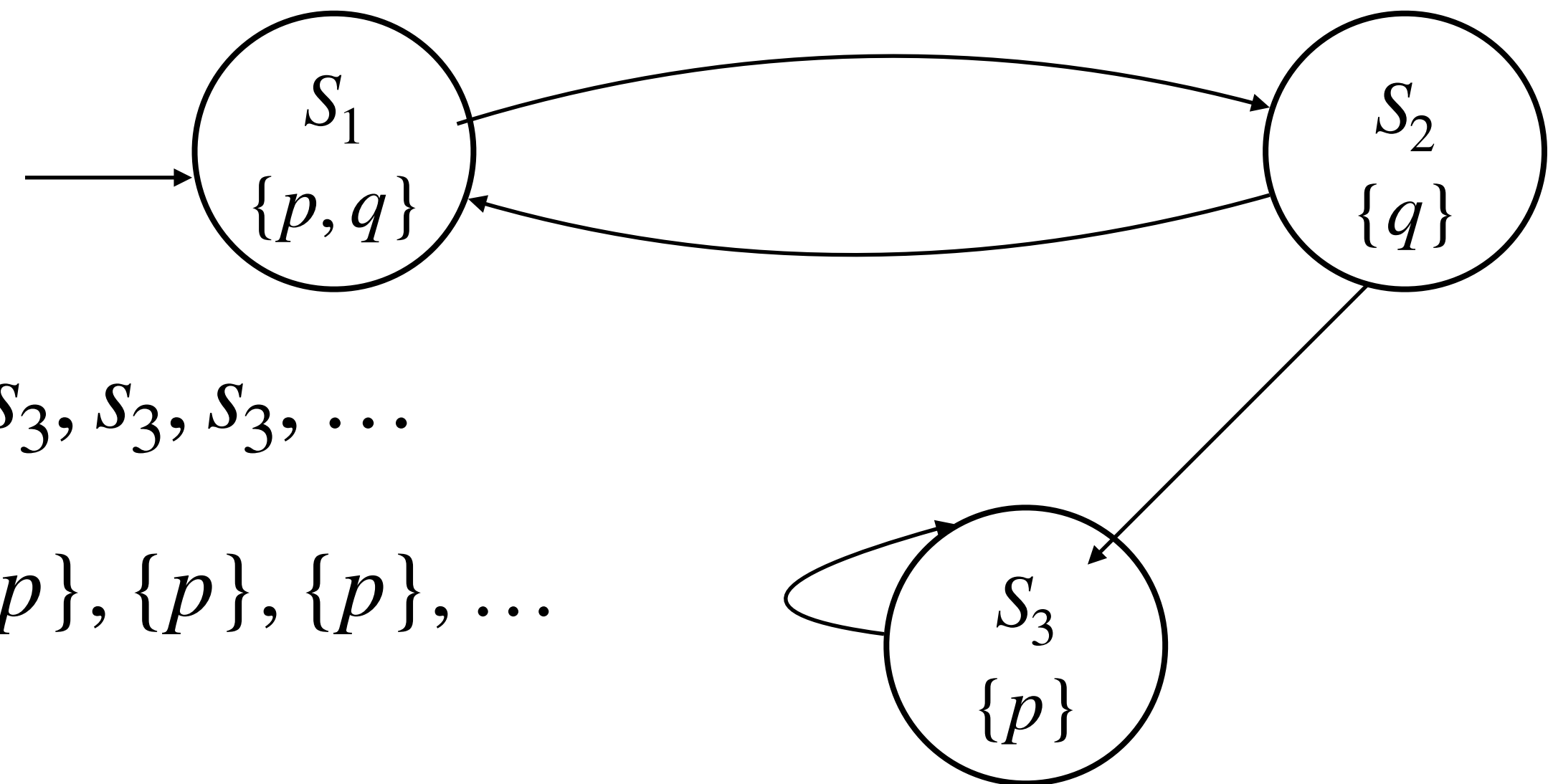
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M may produce a path $w = s_1, s_2, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_3, s_3, s_3, \dots$

$\pi^{s_1} \pi = \{p, q\}, \{q\}, \{p, q\}, \{q\}, \{p\}, \{p\}, \{p\}, \dots$

M can produce words belonging to the language —

$(\{p, q\}\{q\})^*(\{p\})^\omega \cup (\{p, q\}\{q\})^\omega$

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Kripke Structure

Given a kripke structure M and a path π in M , a state $s \in S$, and an LTL formula F :

1. $\langle M, \pi \rangle \models F$ iff $\pi^{s_0} \models F$, where s_0 is initial state of π
2. $\langle M, s \rangle \models F$ iff $\langle M, \pi \rangle \models F$ for paths starting at s_0 .
3. $\langle M \rangle \models F$. iff $\langle M, s_0 \rangle \models F$ for every $s_0 \in I$, where I initial states of M .

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A formula F is satisfiable if there exists at least one Kripke Structure M , and at least one initial state s_0 such that:

$$\langle M, s_0 \rangle \models F$$

A formula F is valid if for all Kripke Structures M , and for all initial states s_0 :

$$\langle M, s_0 \rangle \models F$$

LTL model checking — Given formula F , and Kripke Structure M checks if

$$\langle M, s_0 \rangle \models F \text{ holds for every initial state } s_0 \in I$$

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Thanks!