

Converging from Branching to Linear Metrics on MCs

(theoretical aspects)

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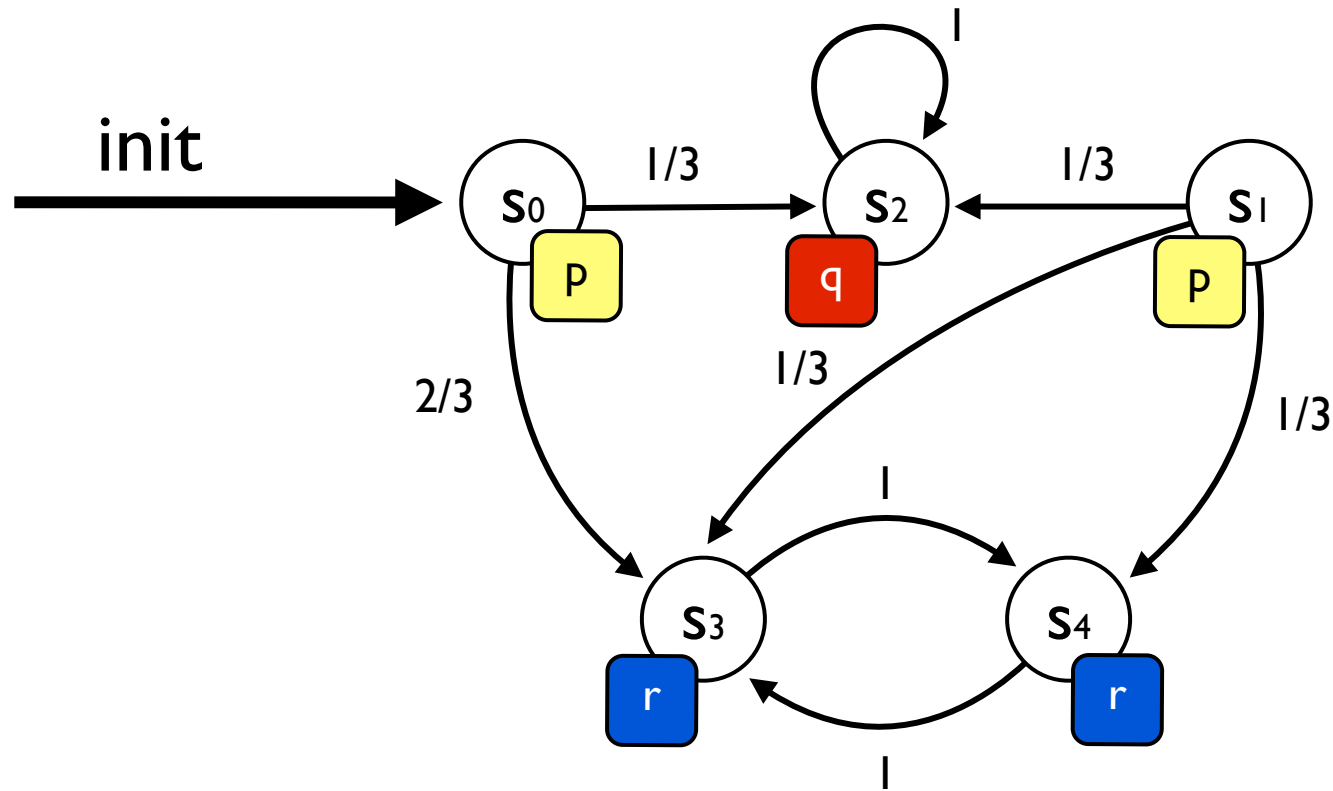
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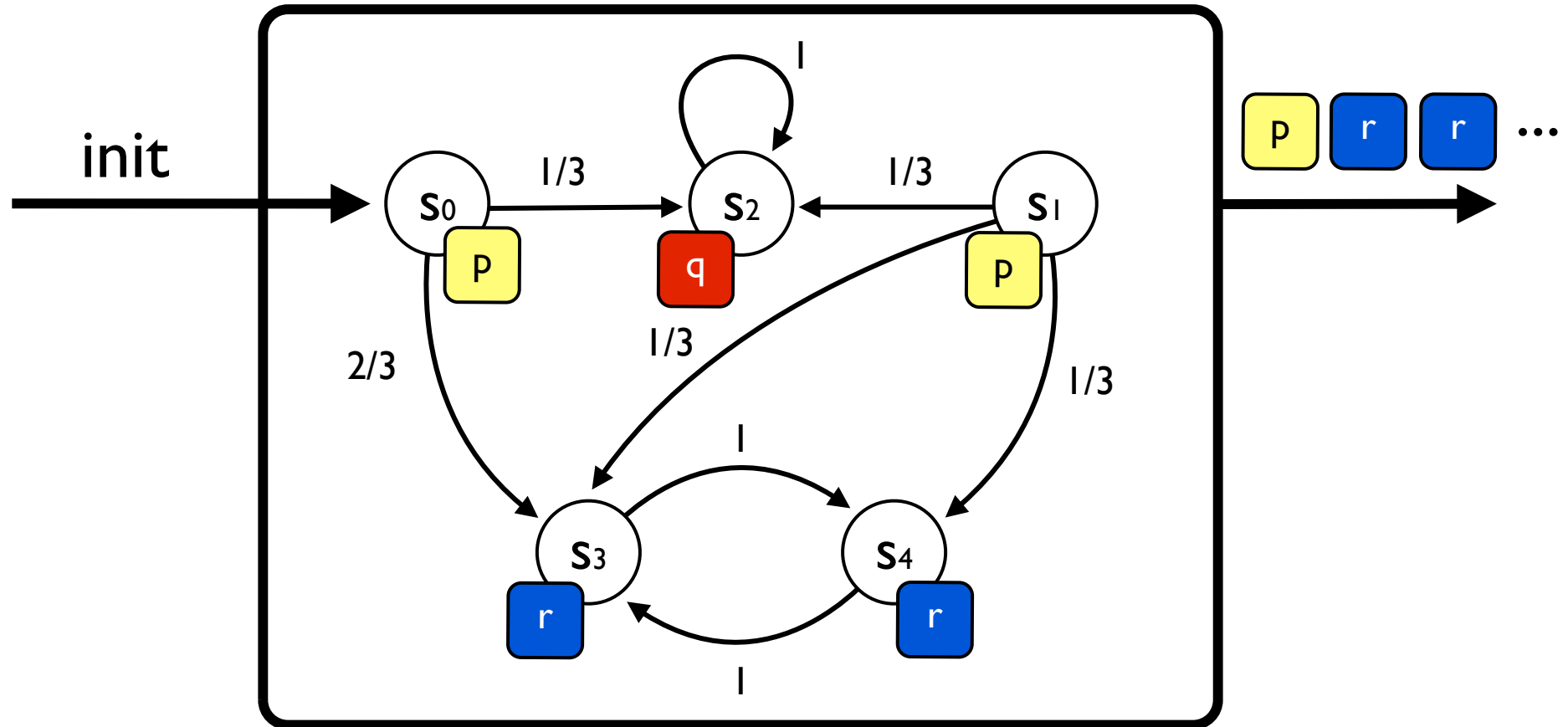
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 - **Why?** --systems biology, machine learning, artificial intelligence, security, etc.

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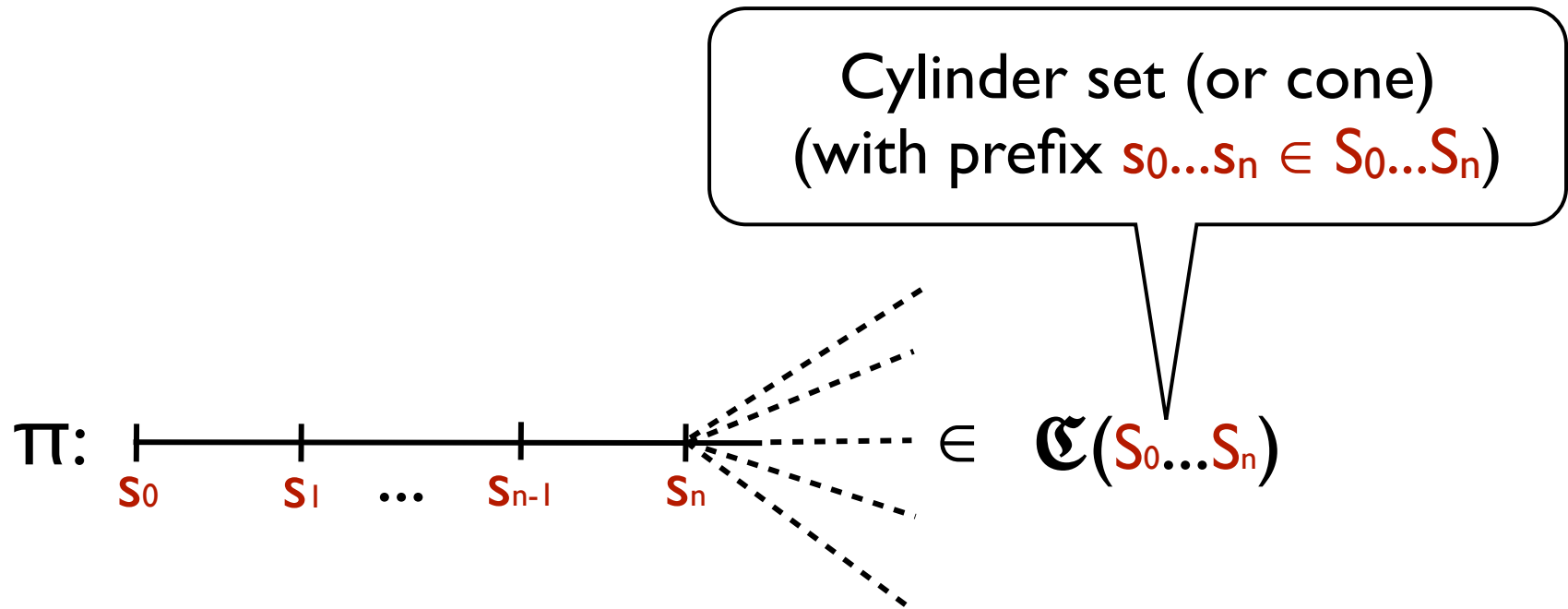


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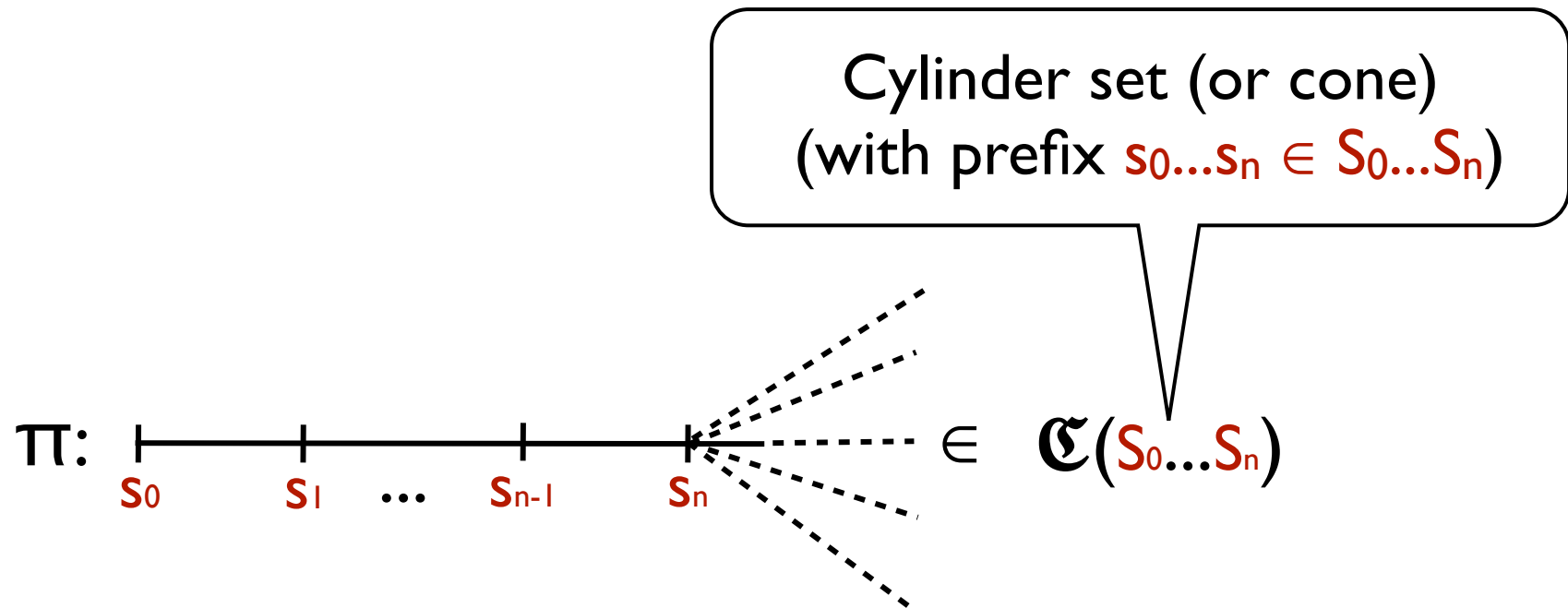


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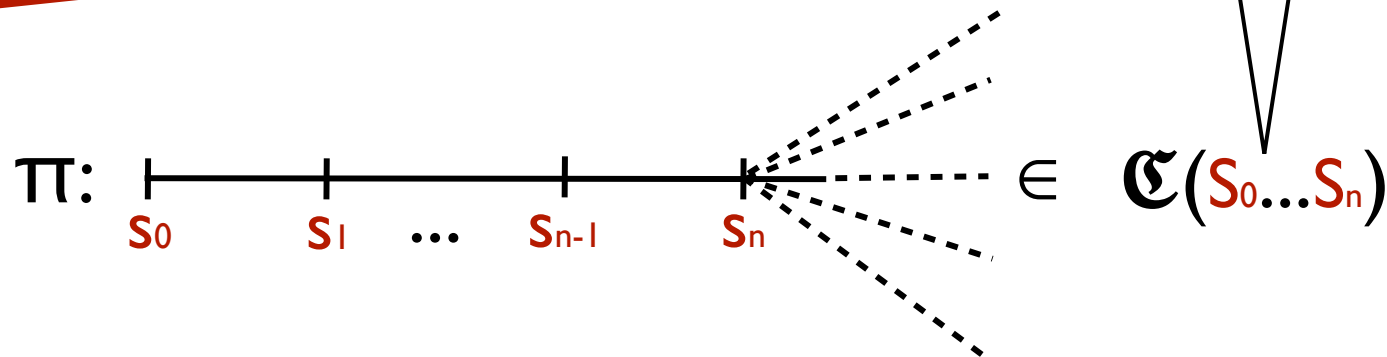


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construction

Cylinder set (or cone)
(with prefix $s_0 \dots s_n \in S_0 \dots S_n$)



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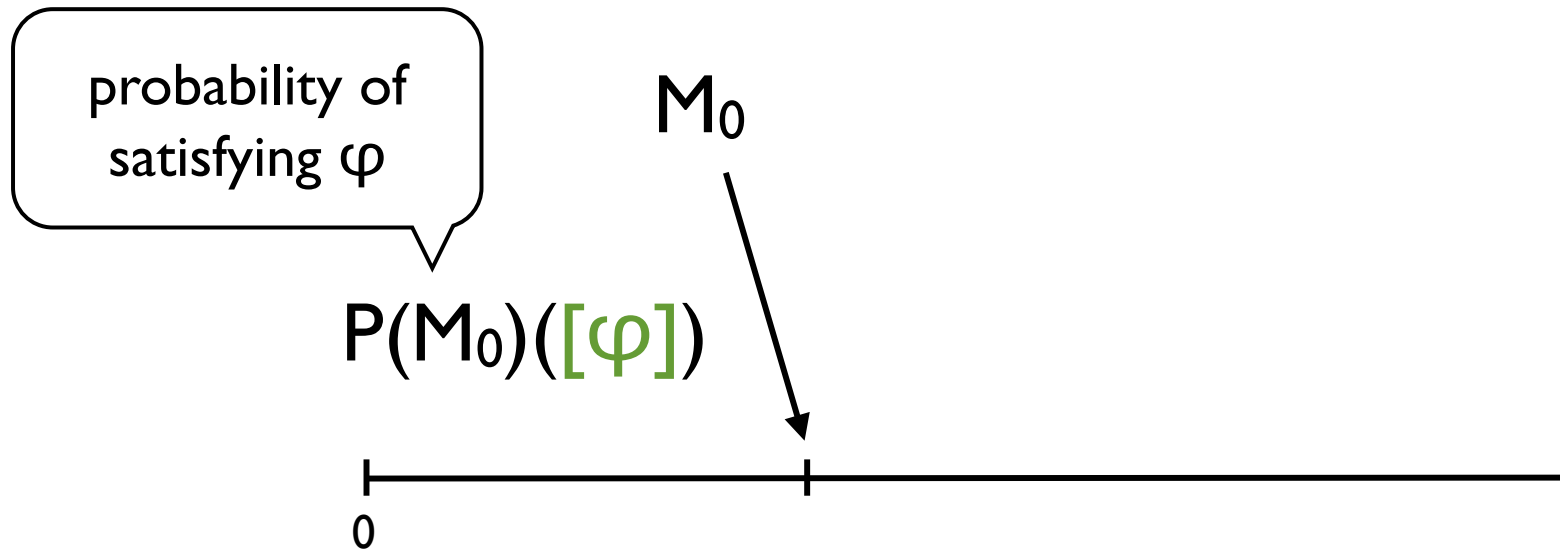
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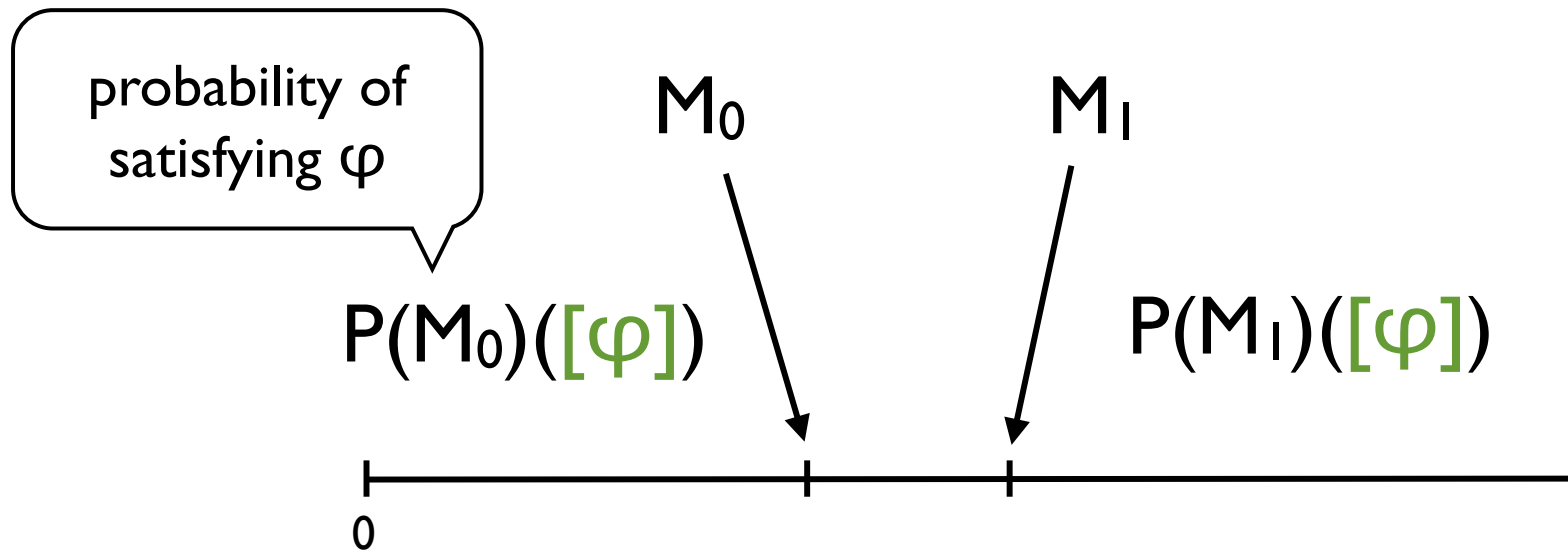
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- **Proposed solution:**
Behavioral metrics for quantifying the error

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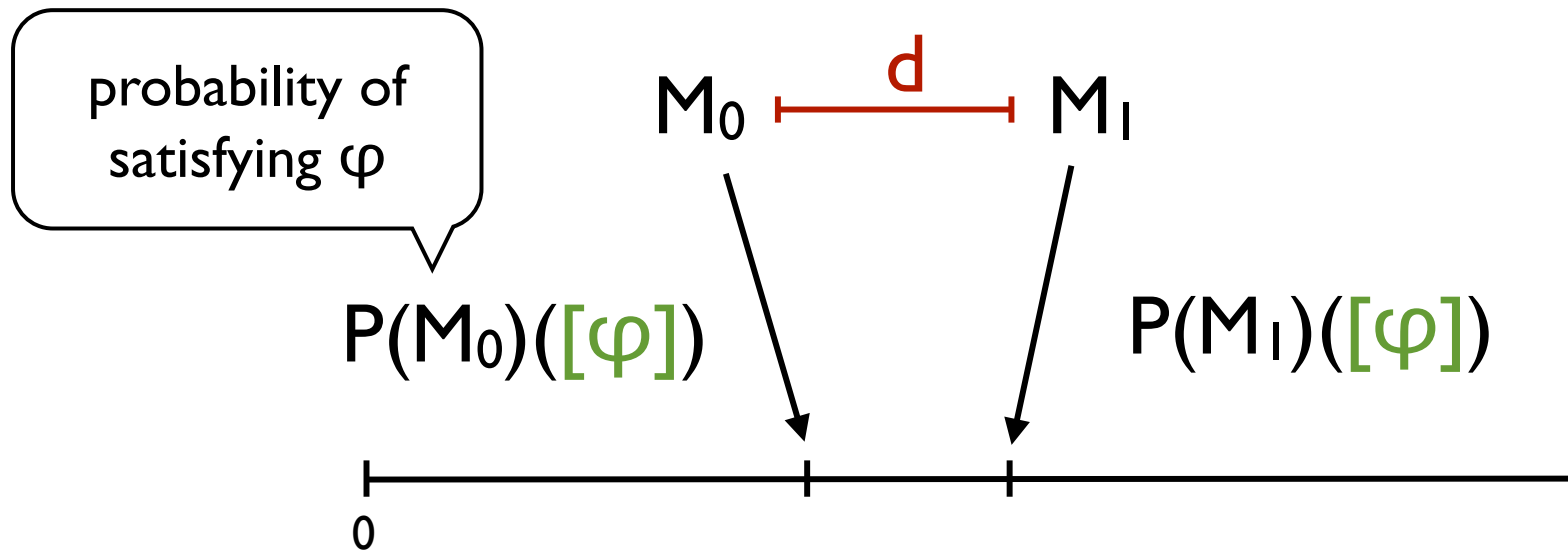


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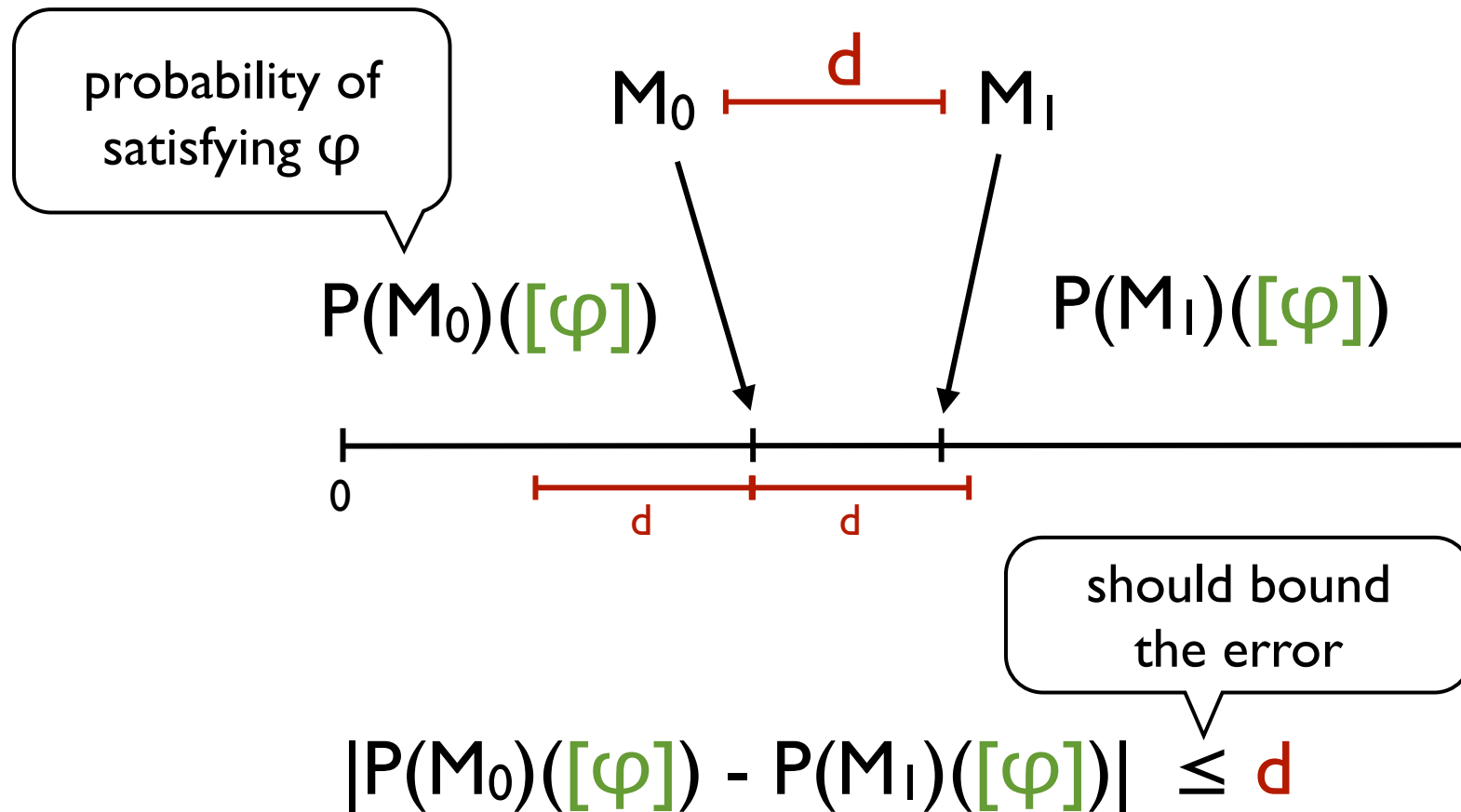
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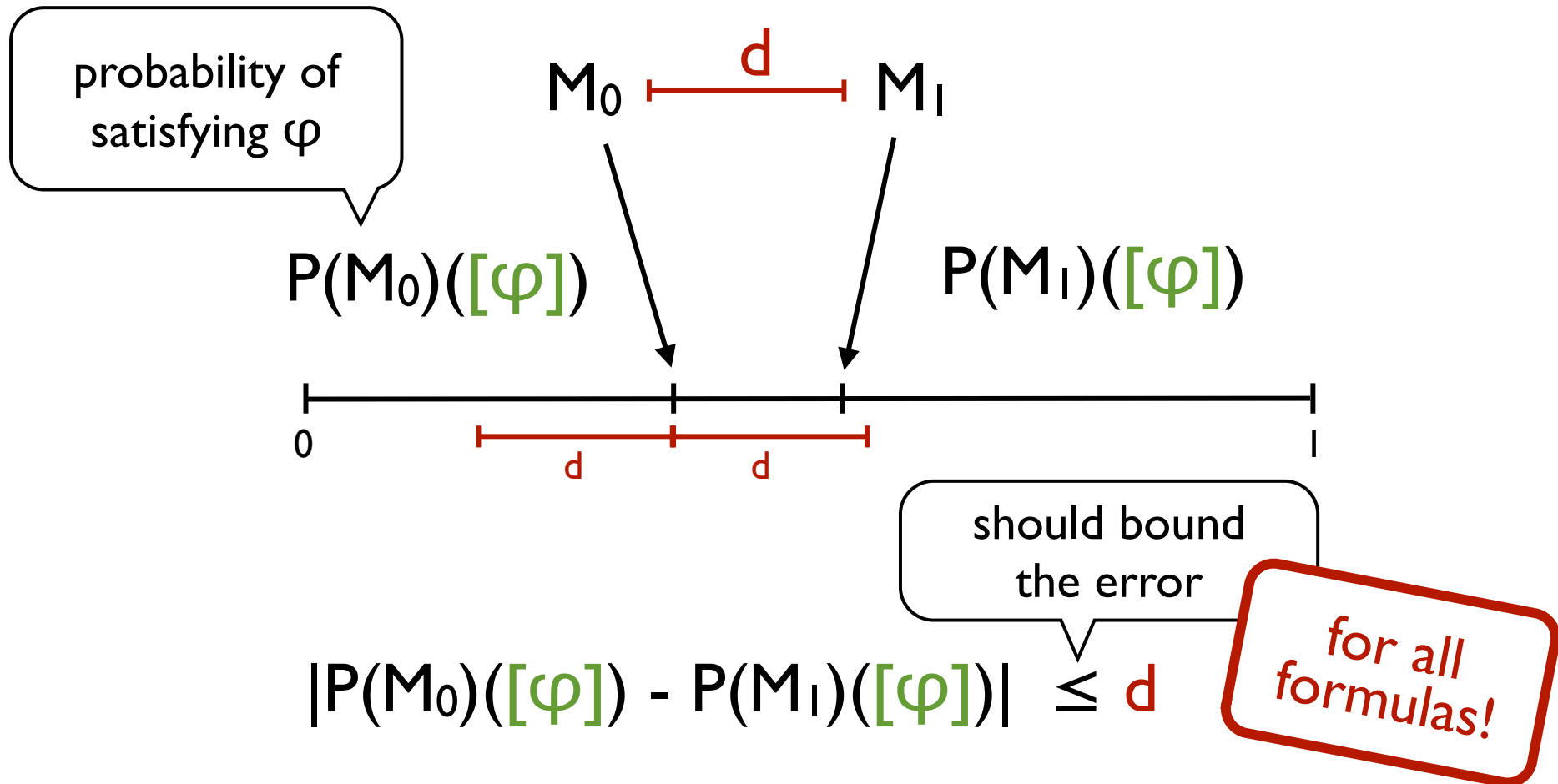


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LTL without next operator

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Three natural questions

Q1: Can we compute the two metrics?

Q2: Can we compute them exactly?
If not, can we approximate them
to any arbitrary precision?

Q3: What about complexity?

Characterizations

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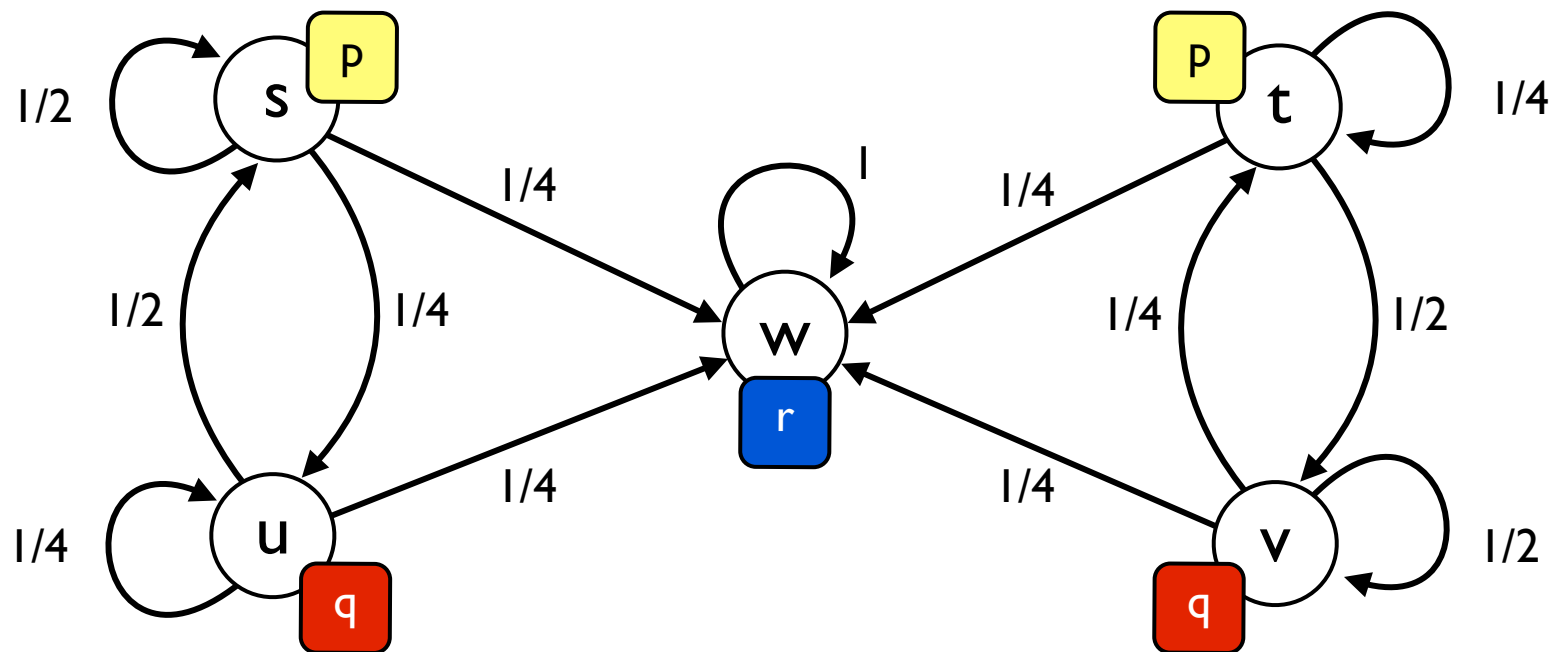
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Characterization Theorem

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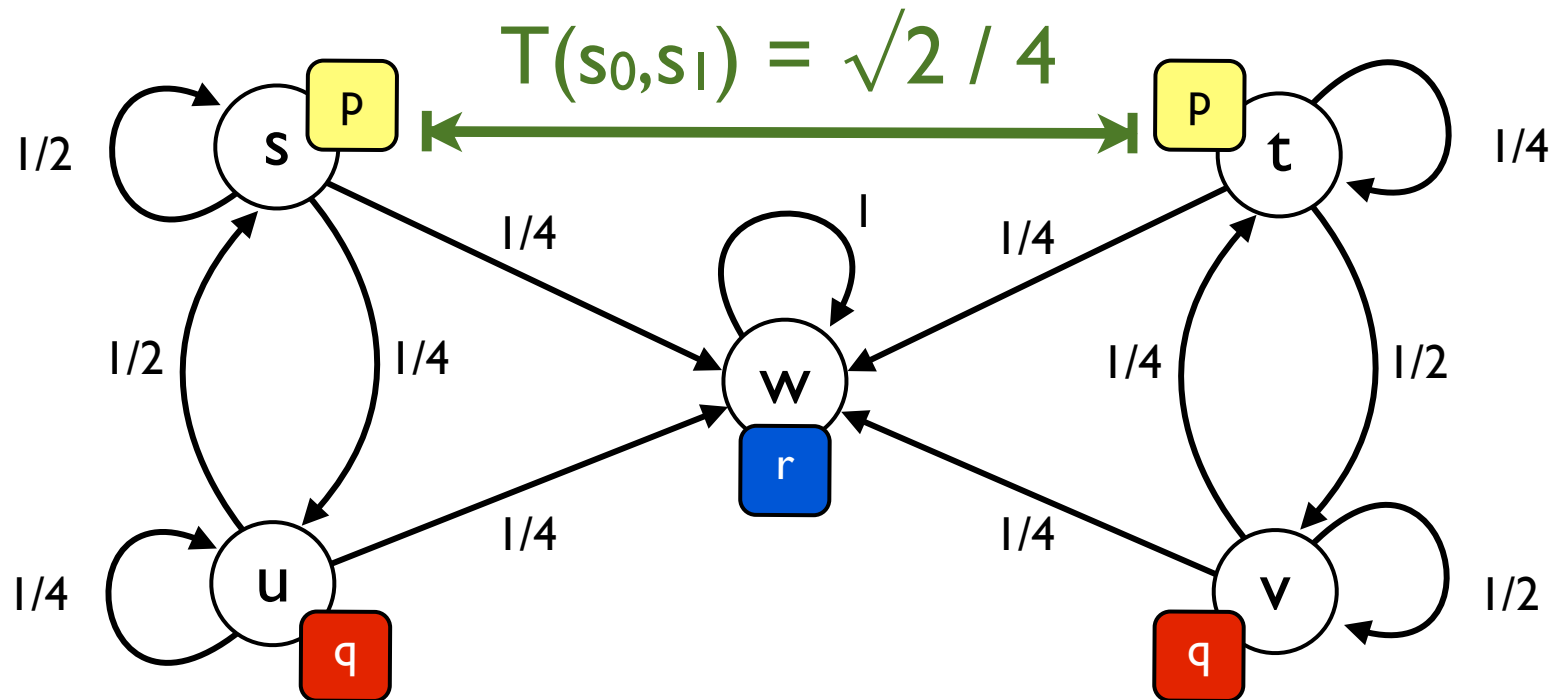
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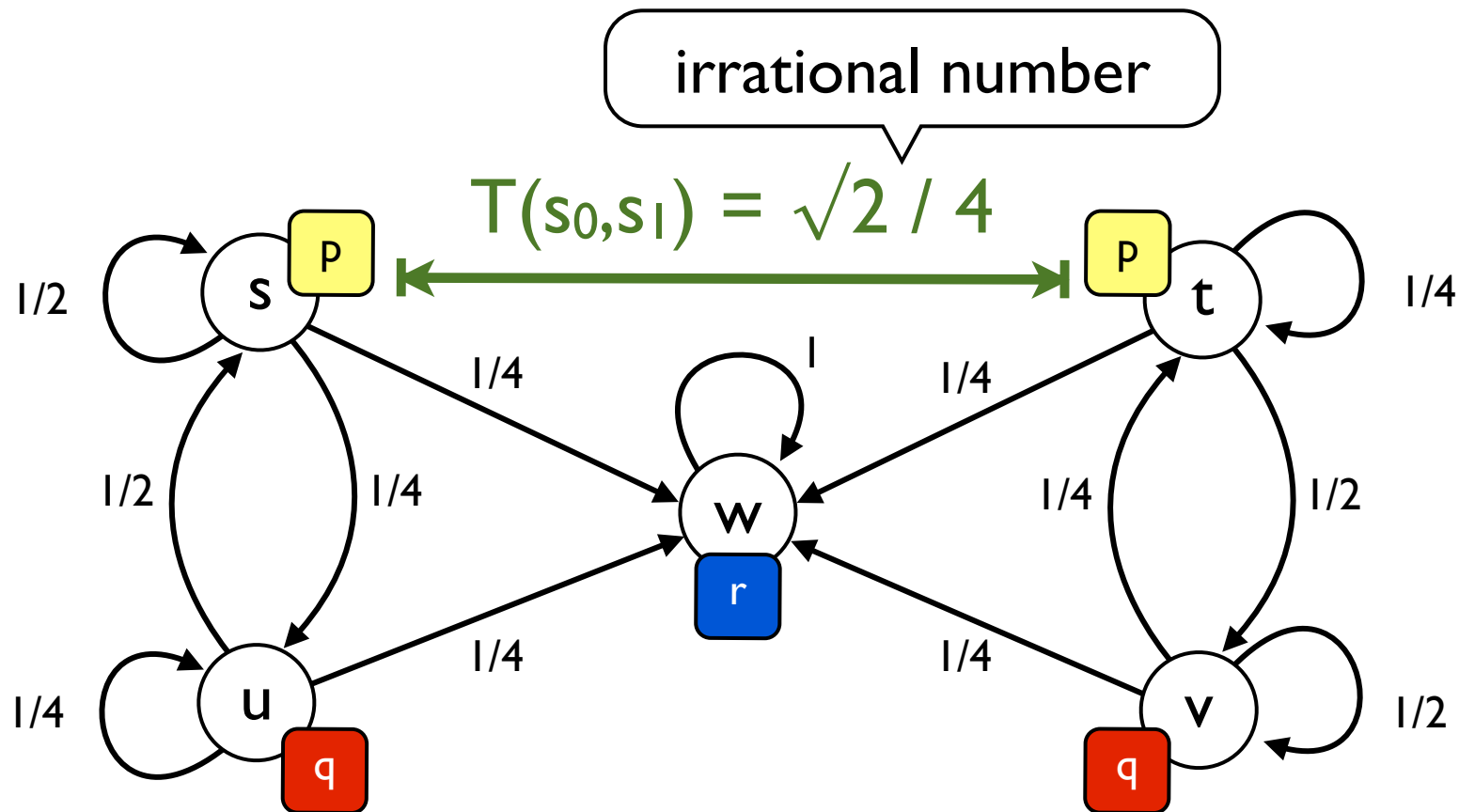
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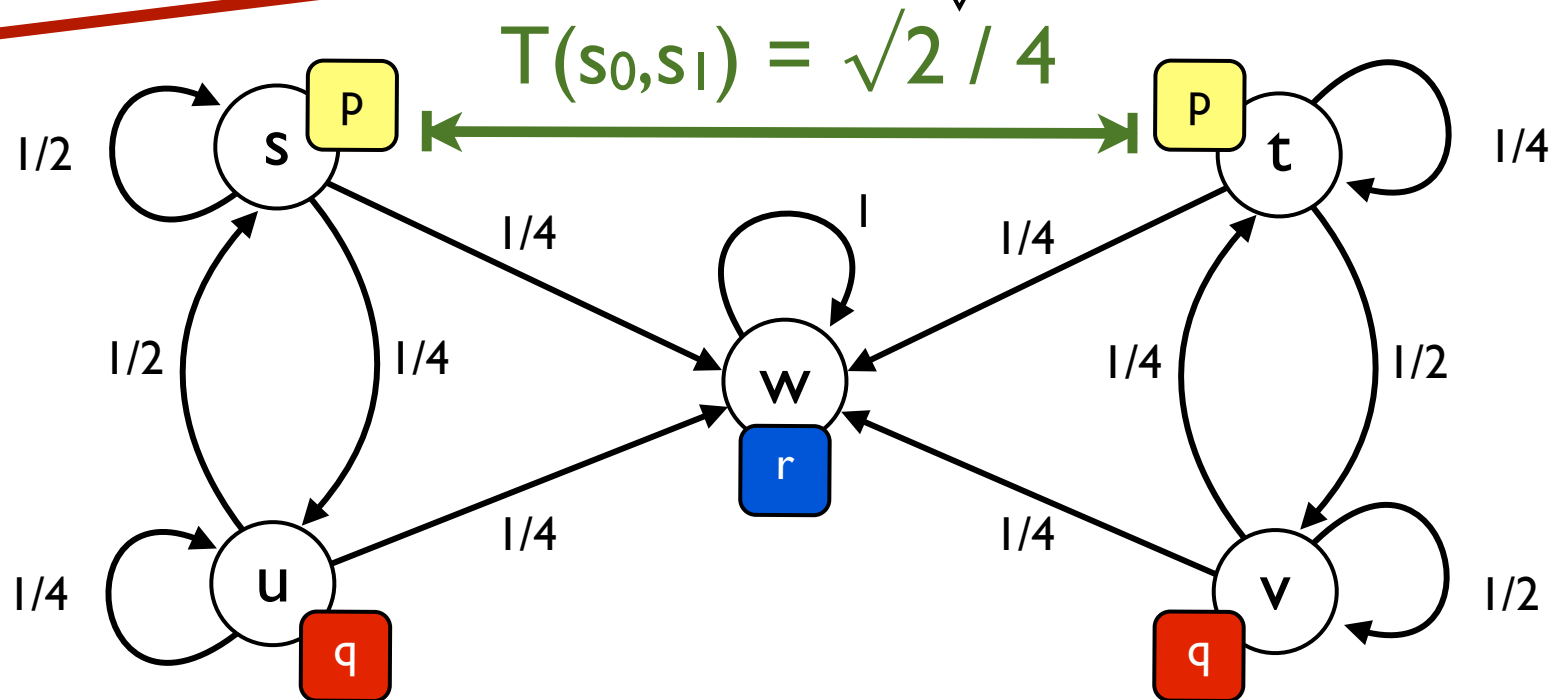


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Q: Can we approximate the logical/trace distances up to any arbitrary precision?

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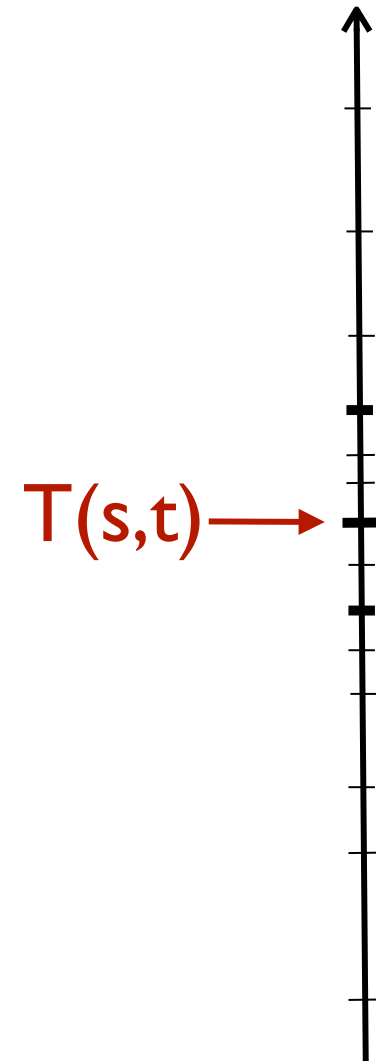
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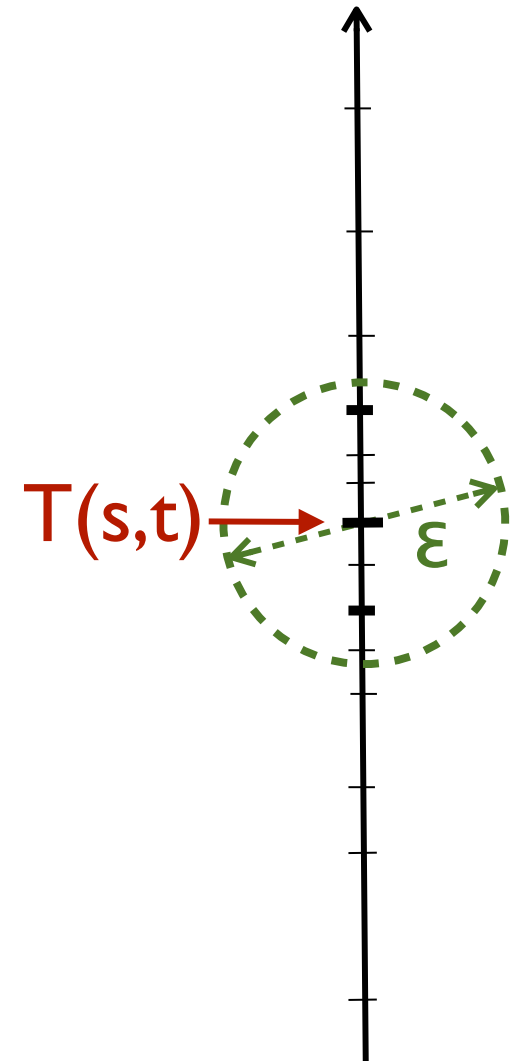
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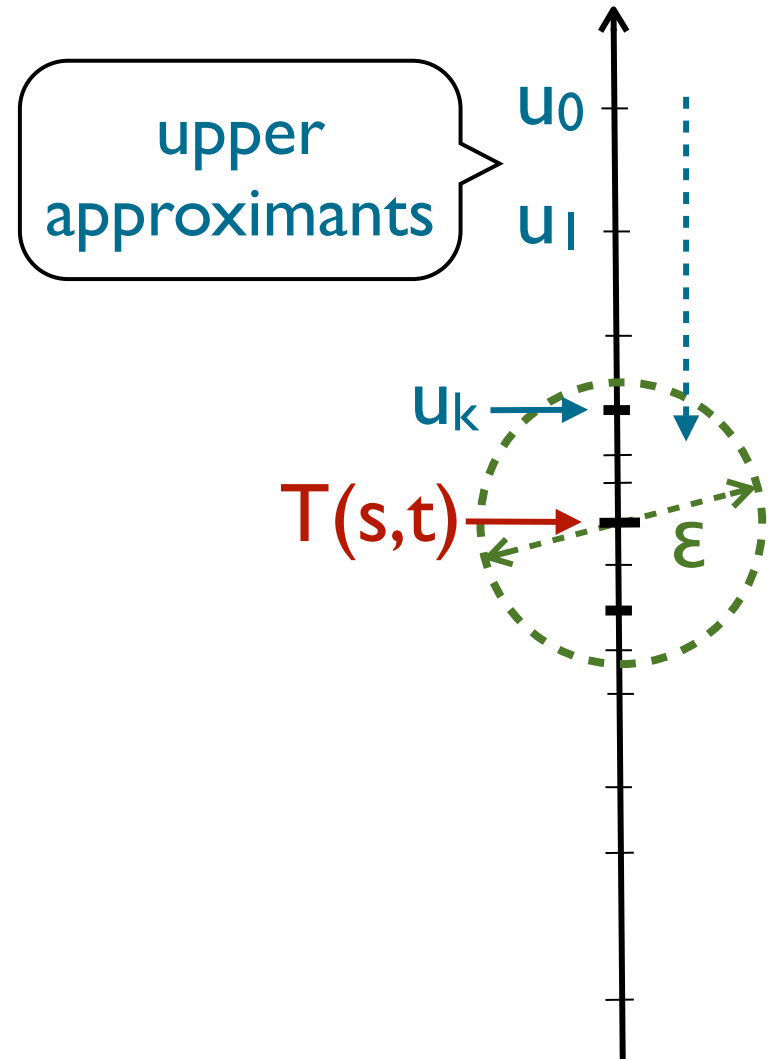
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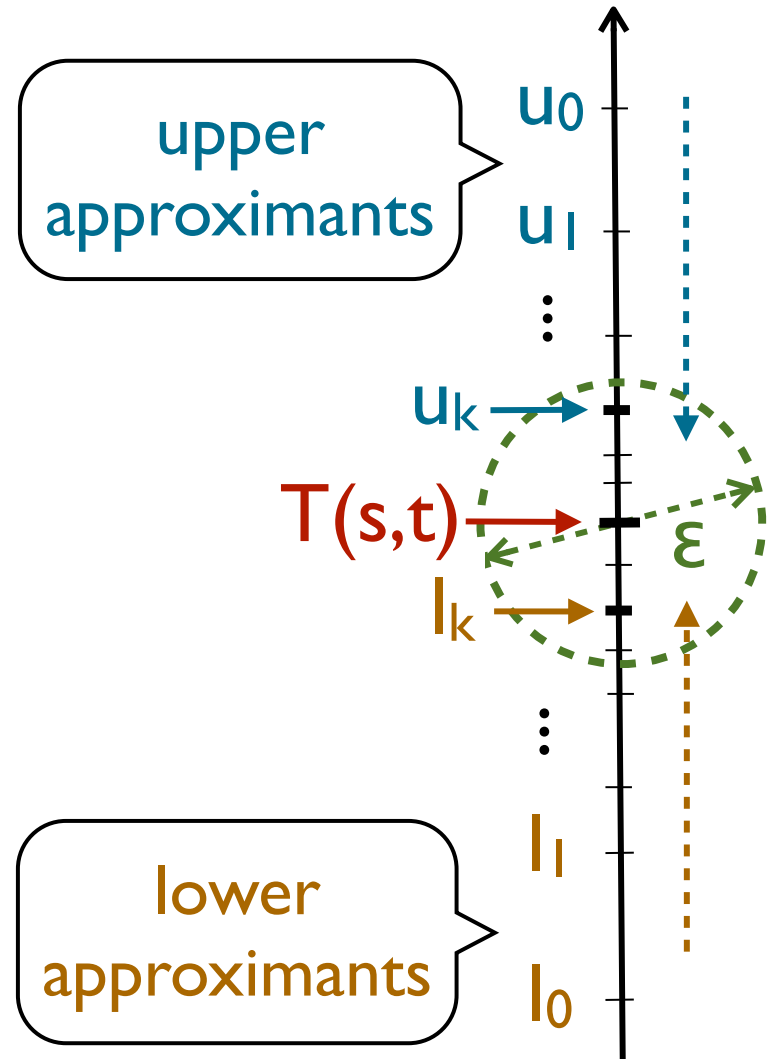
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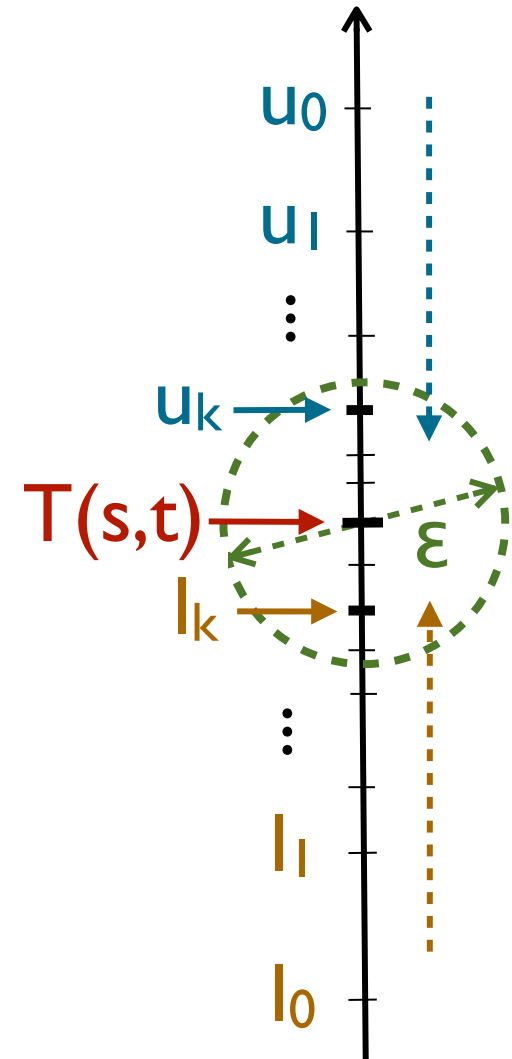
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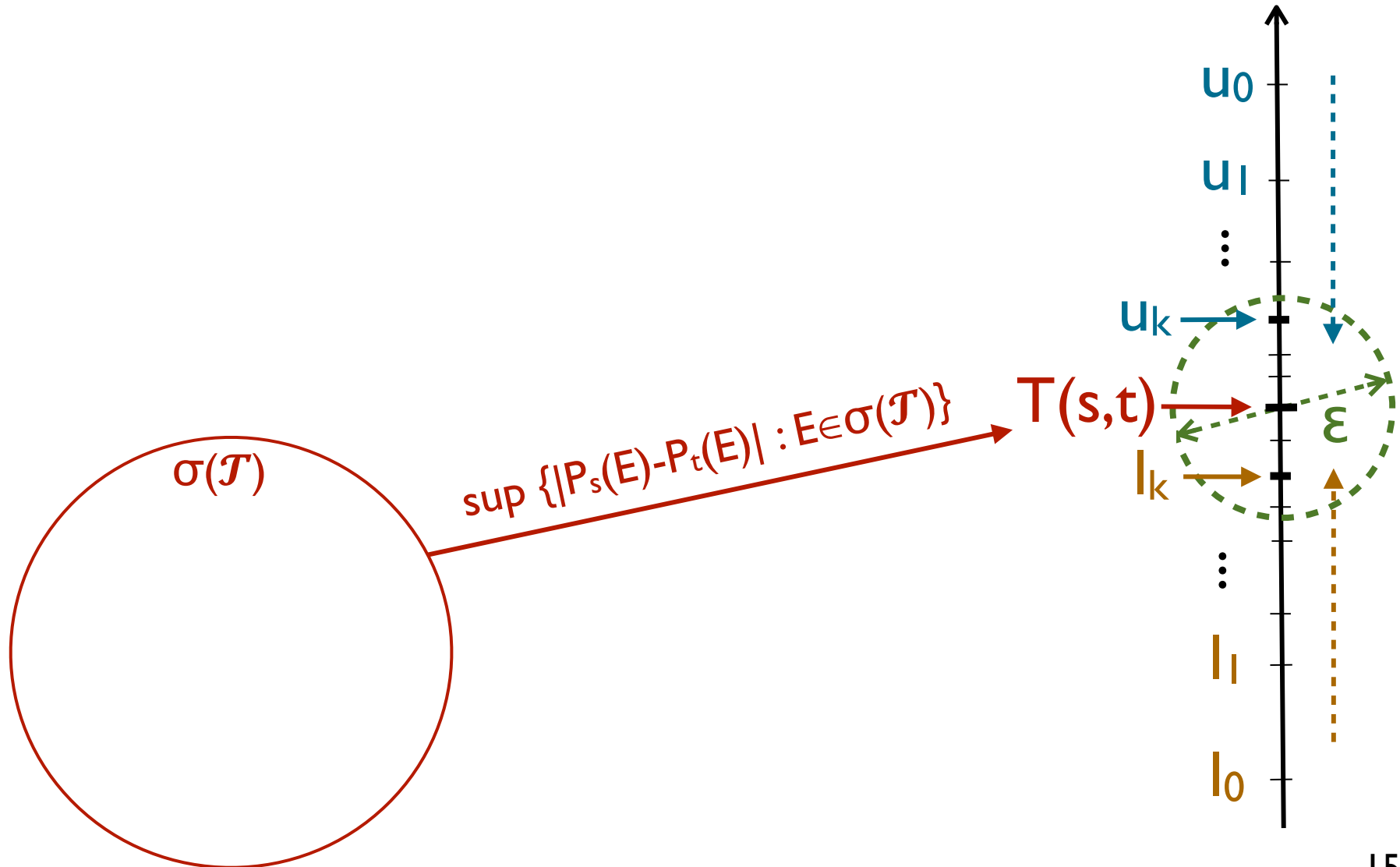


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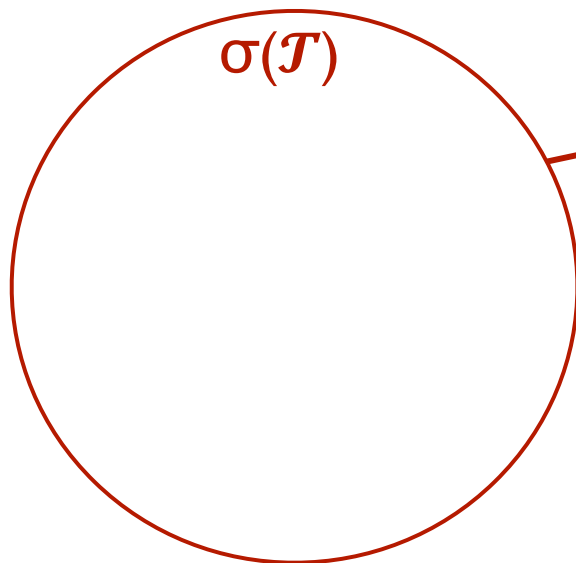


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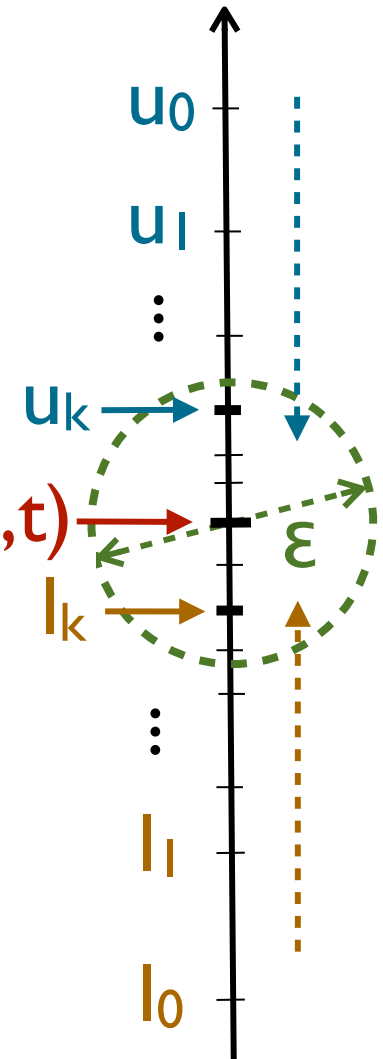
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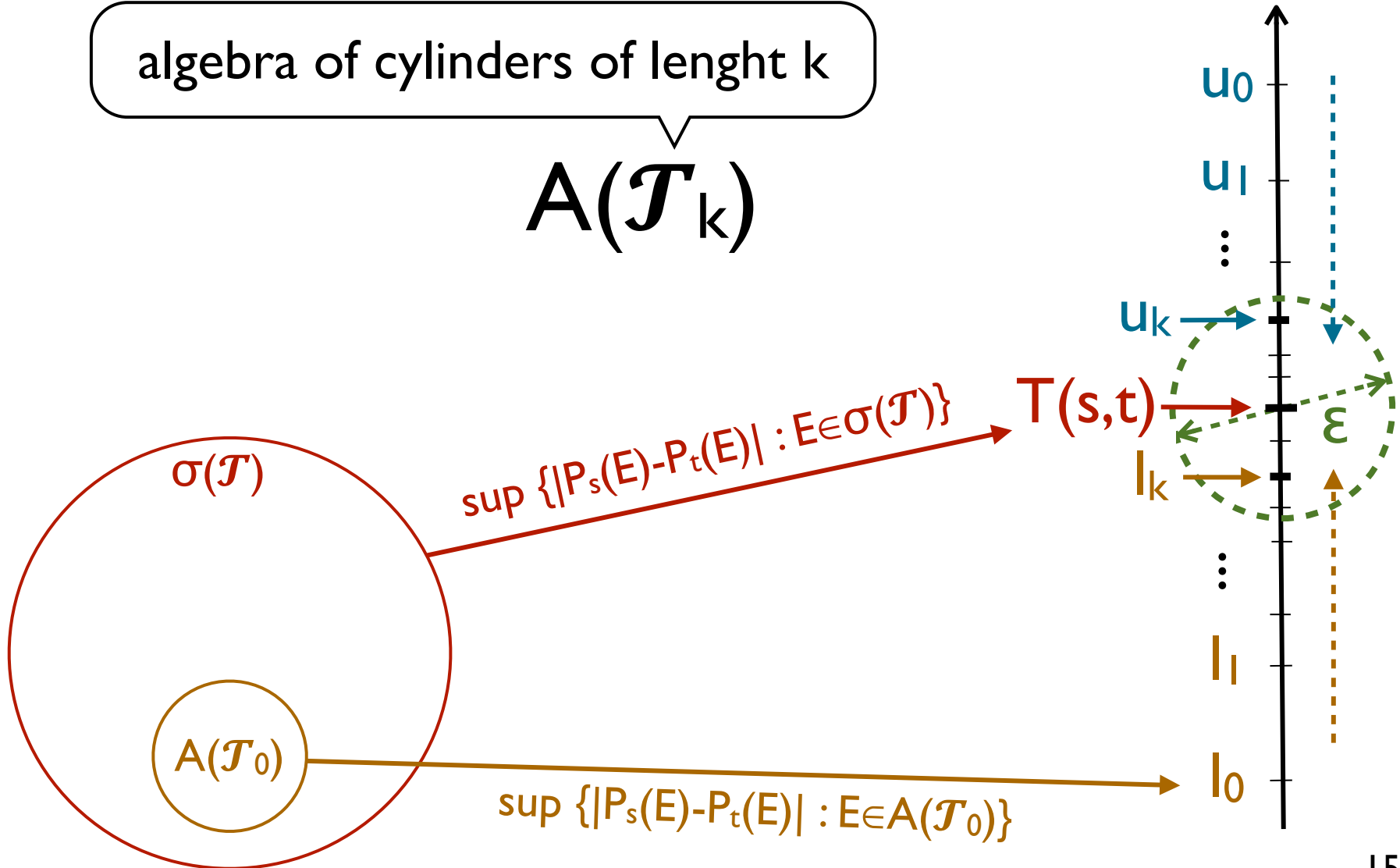


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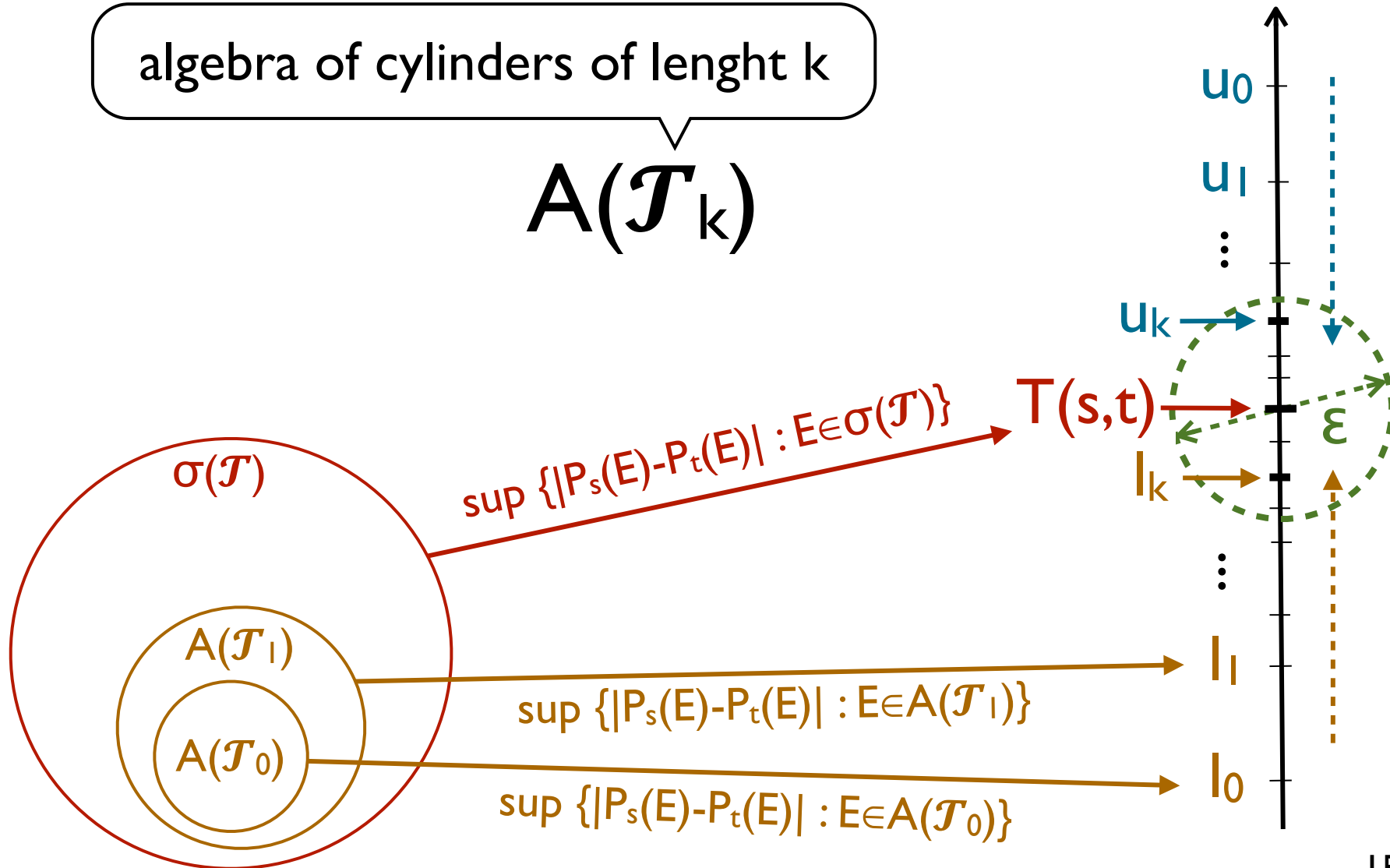


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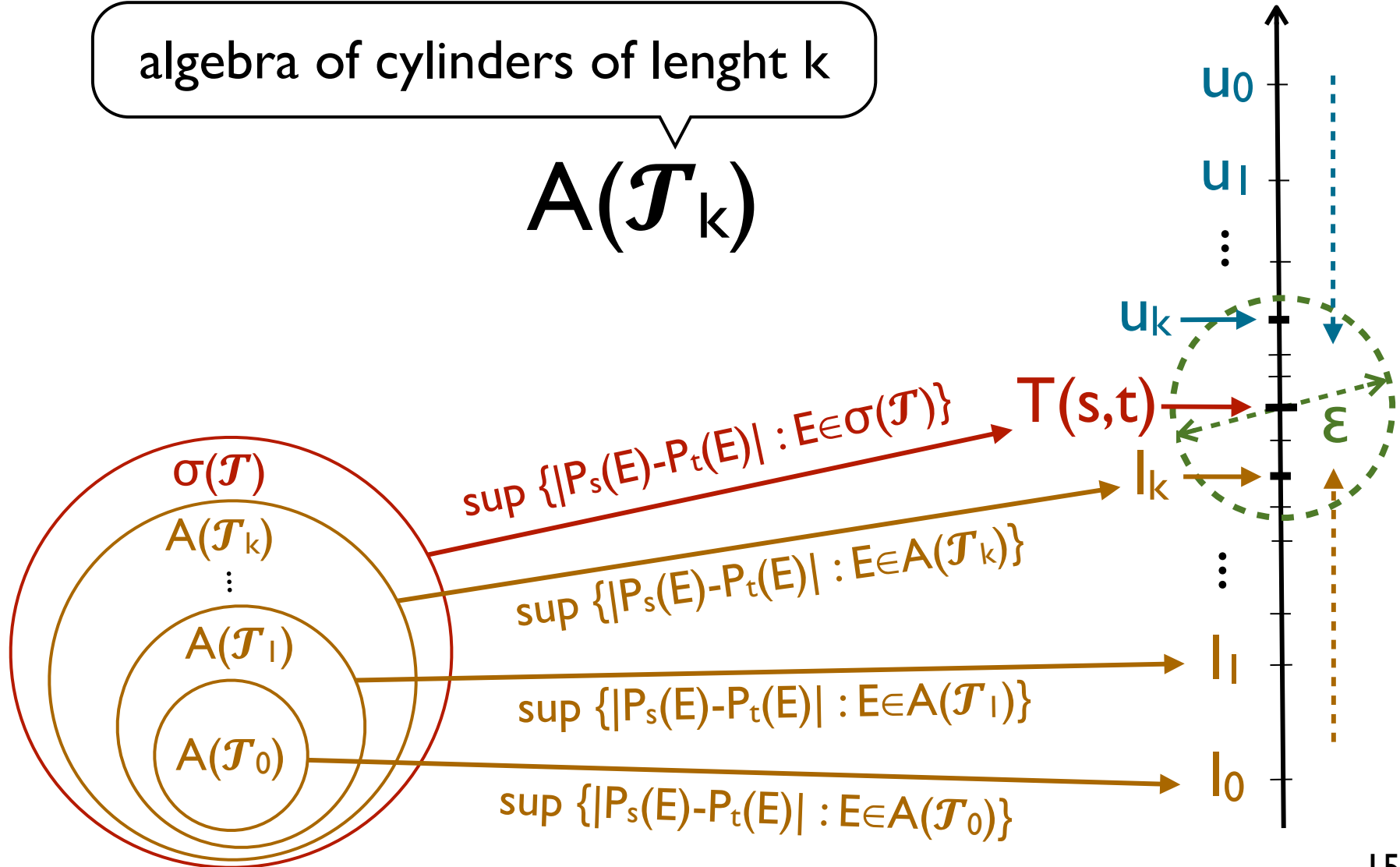


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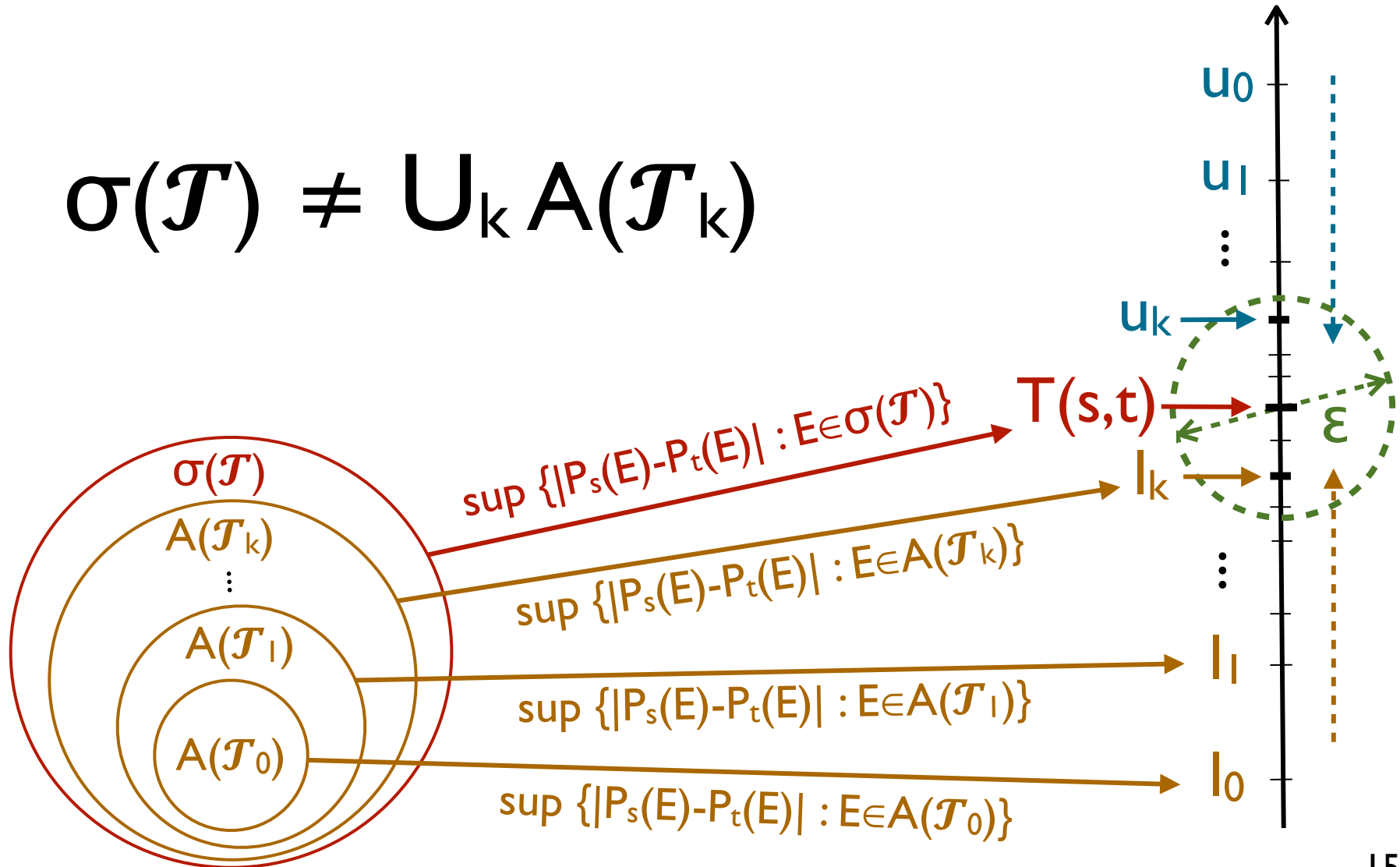
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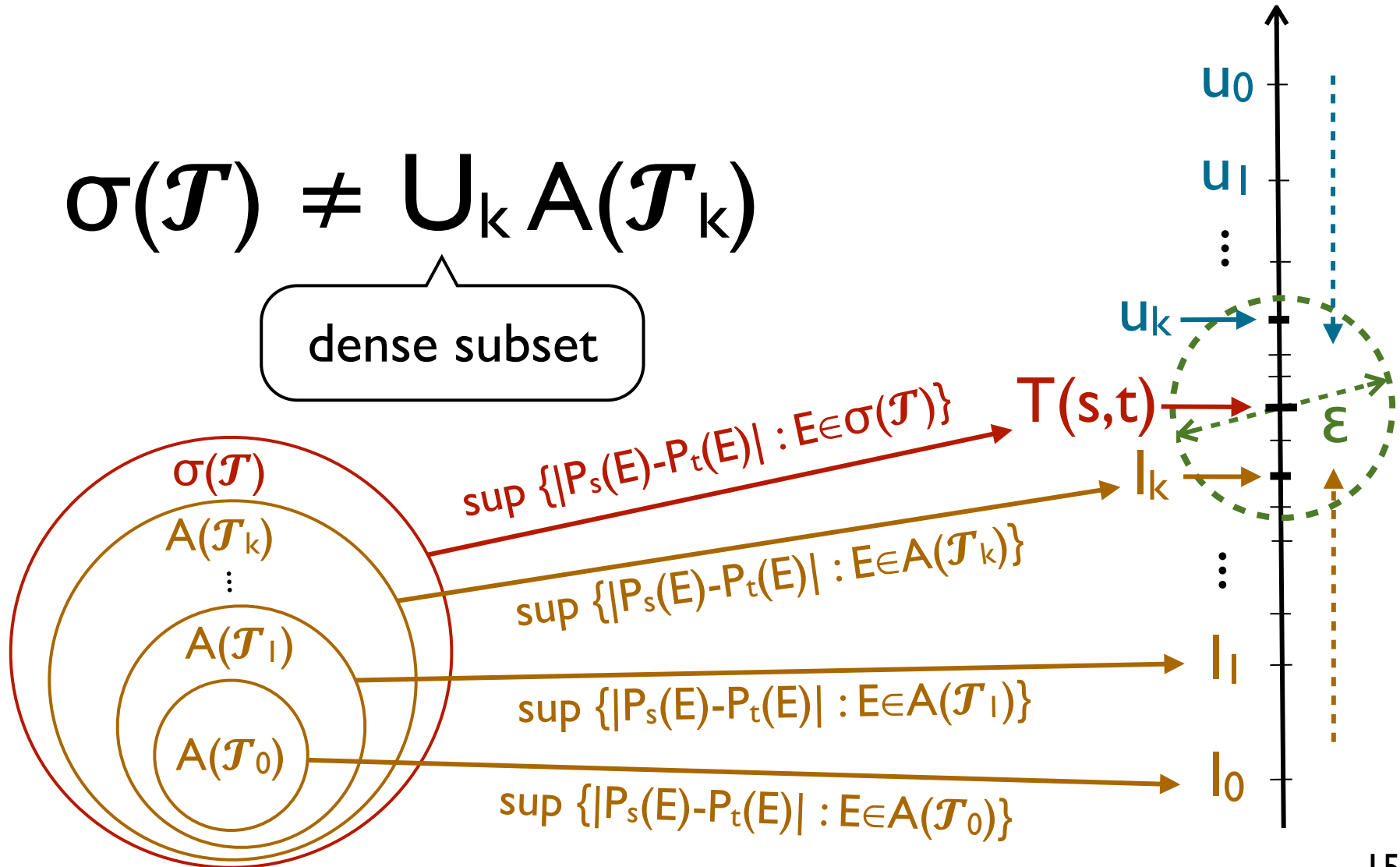


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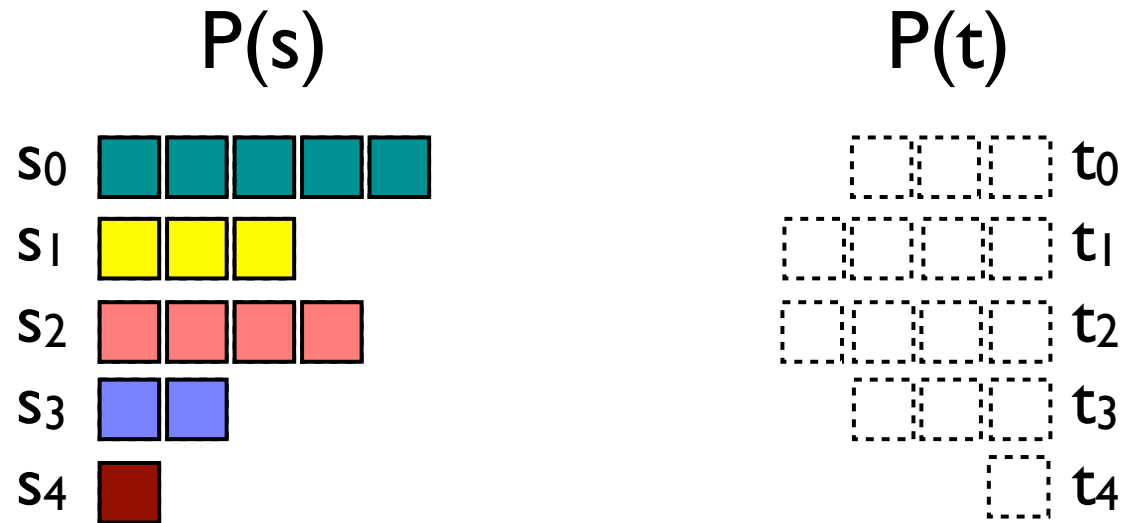
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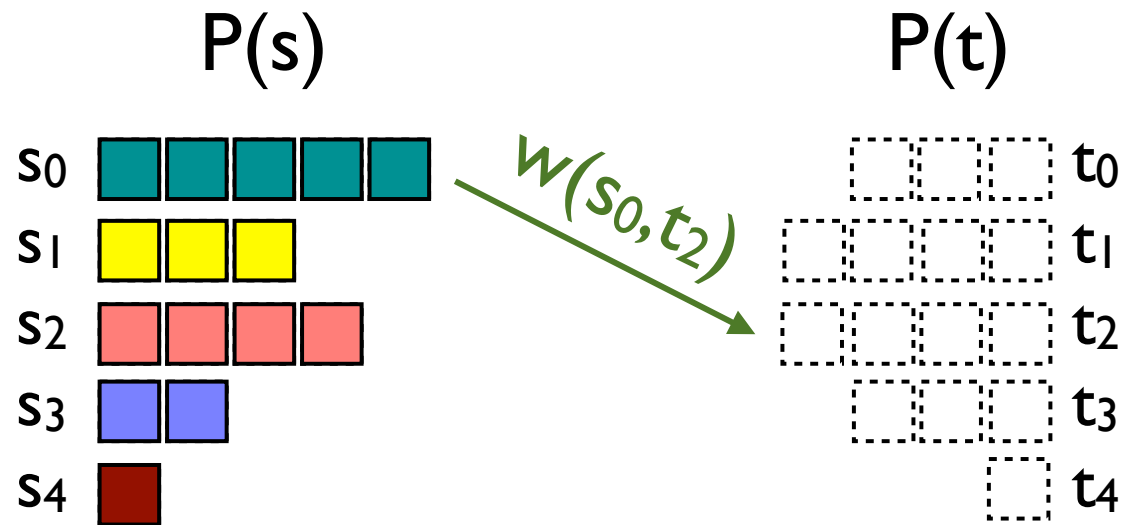


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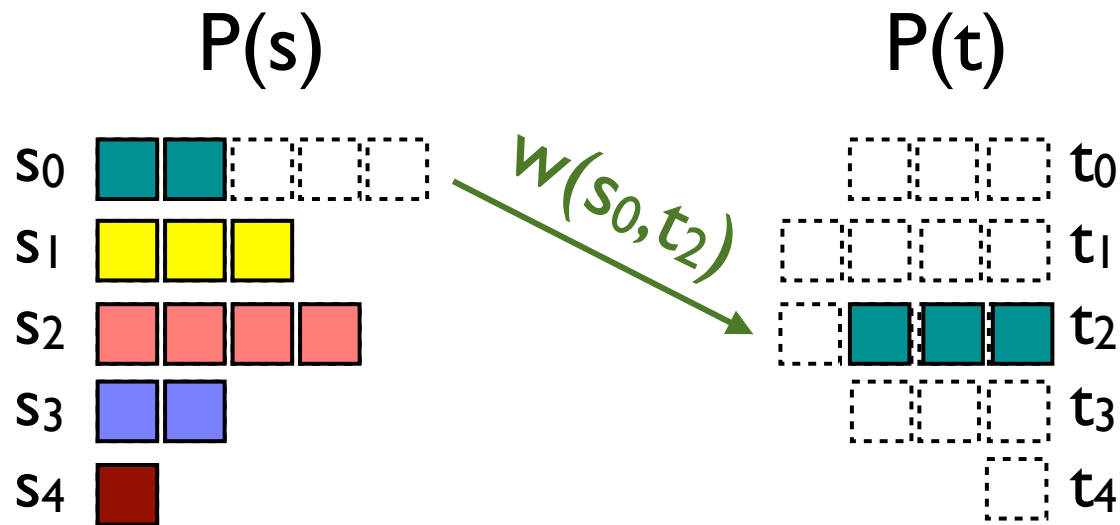


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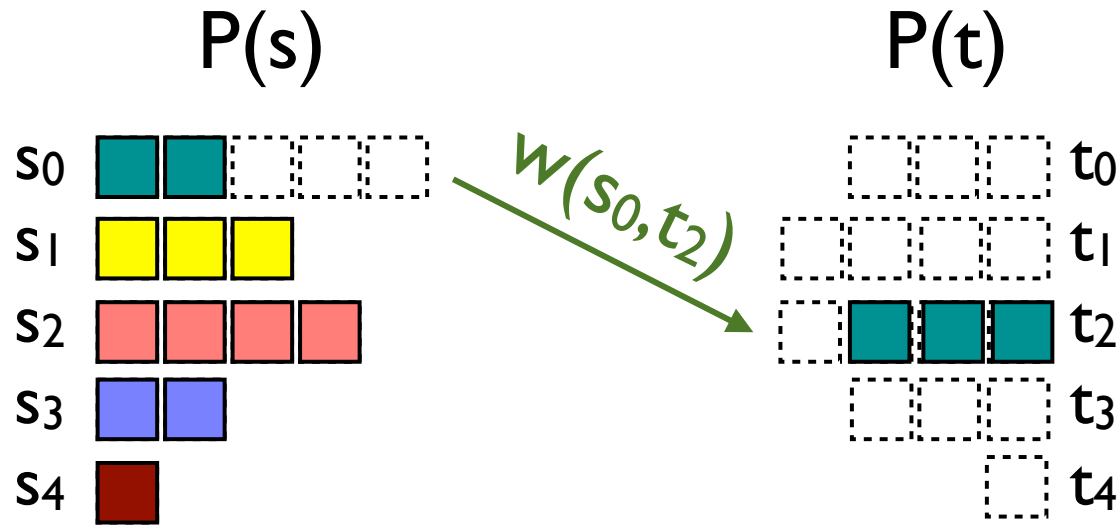
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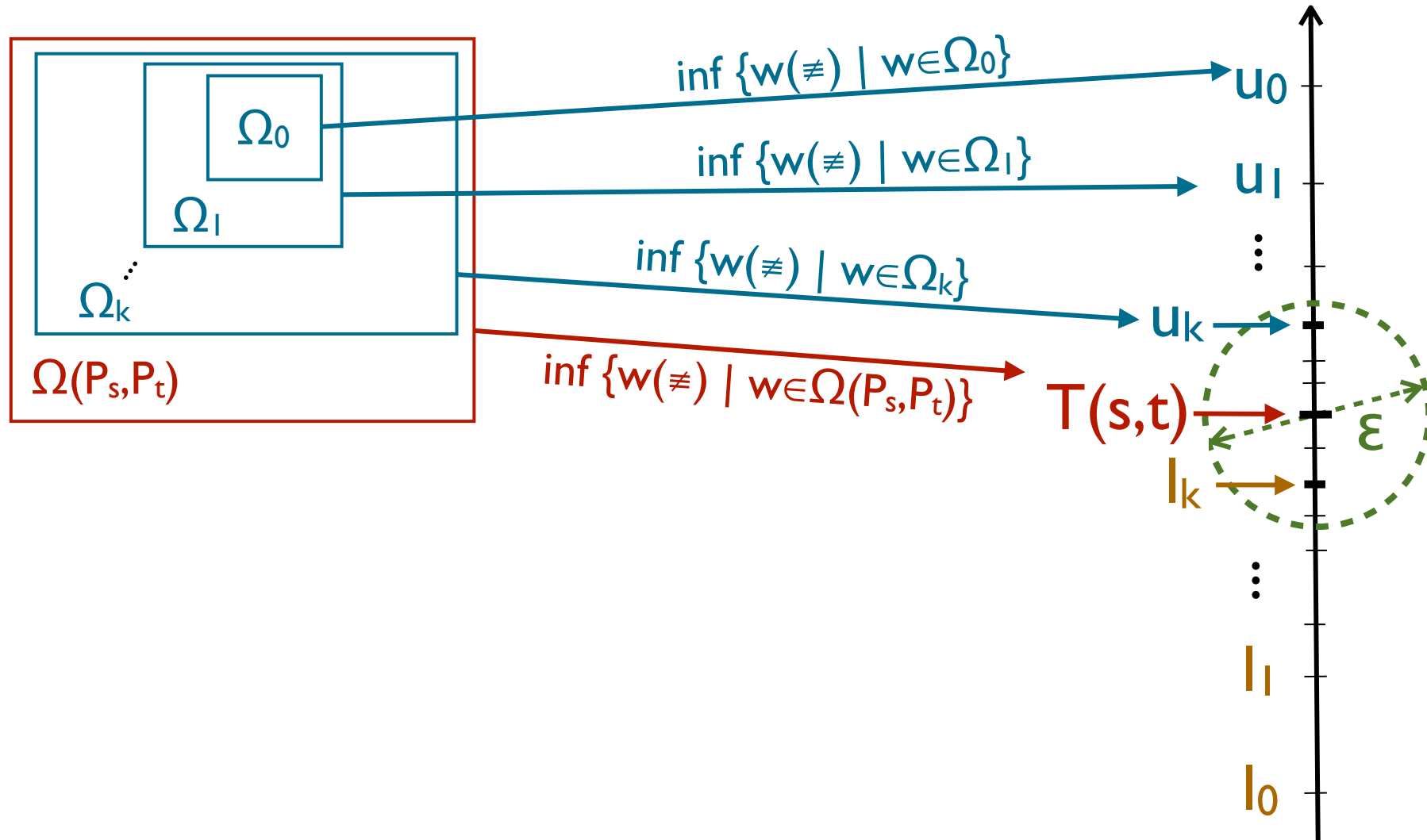
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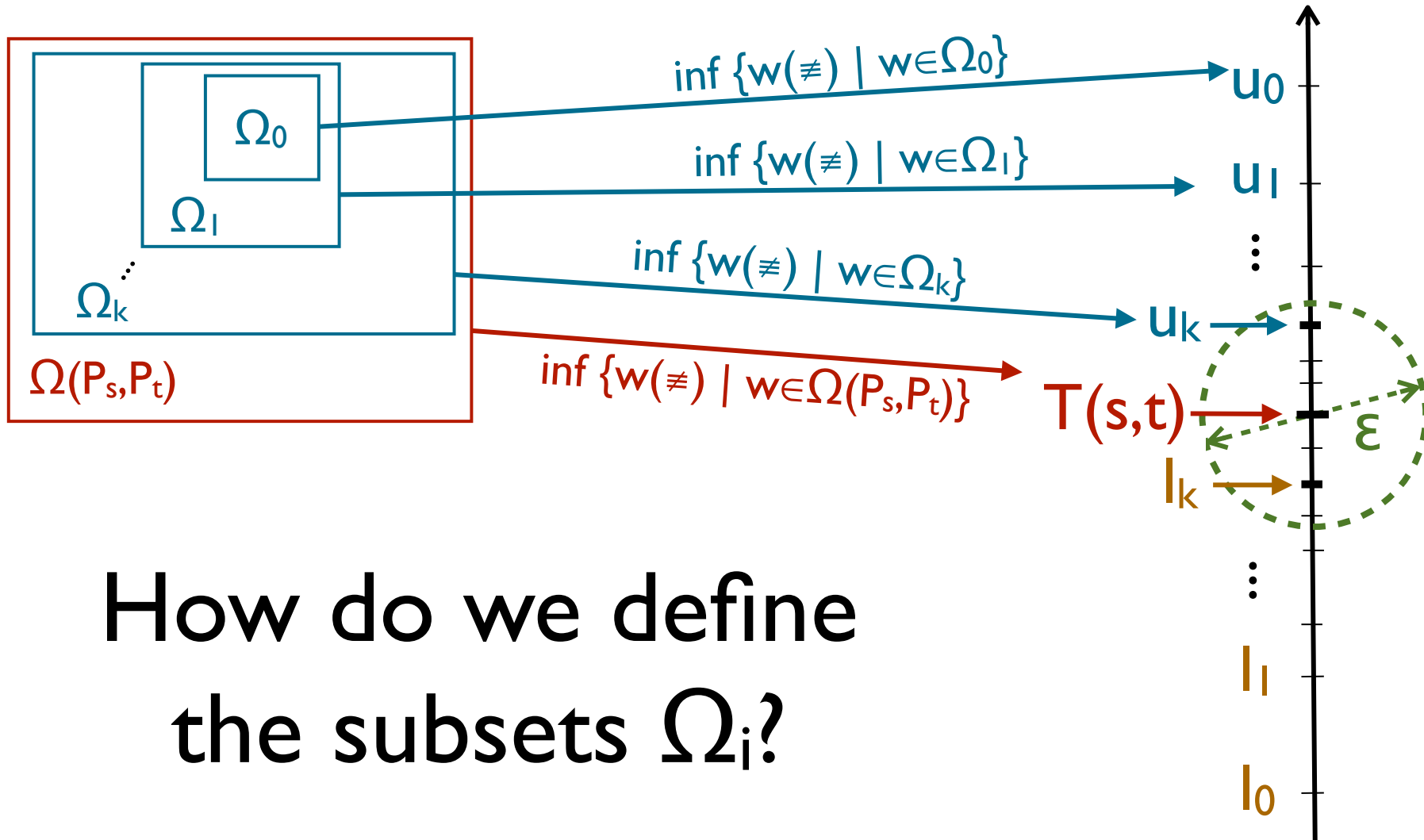
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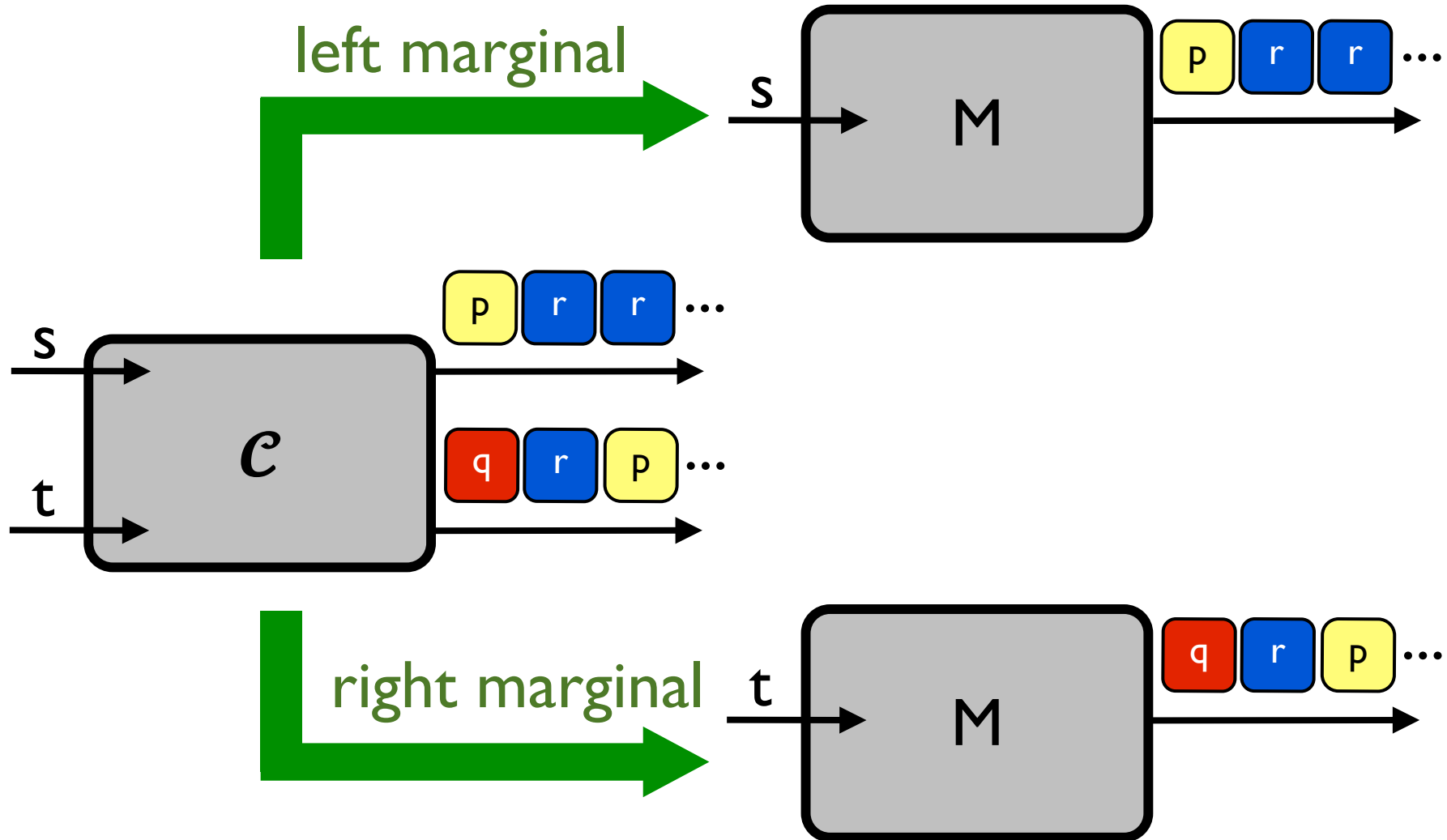
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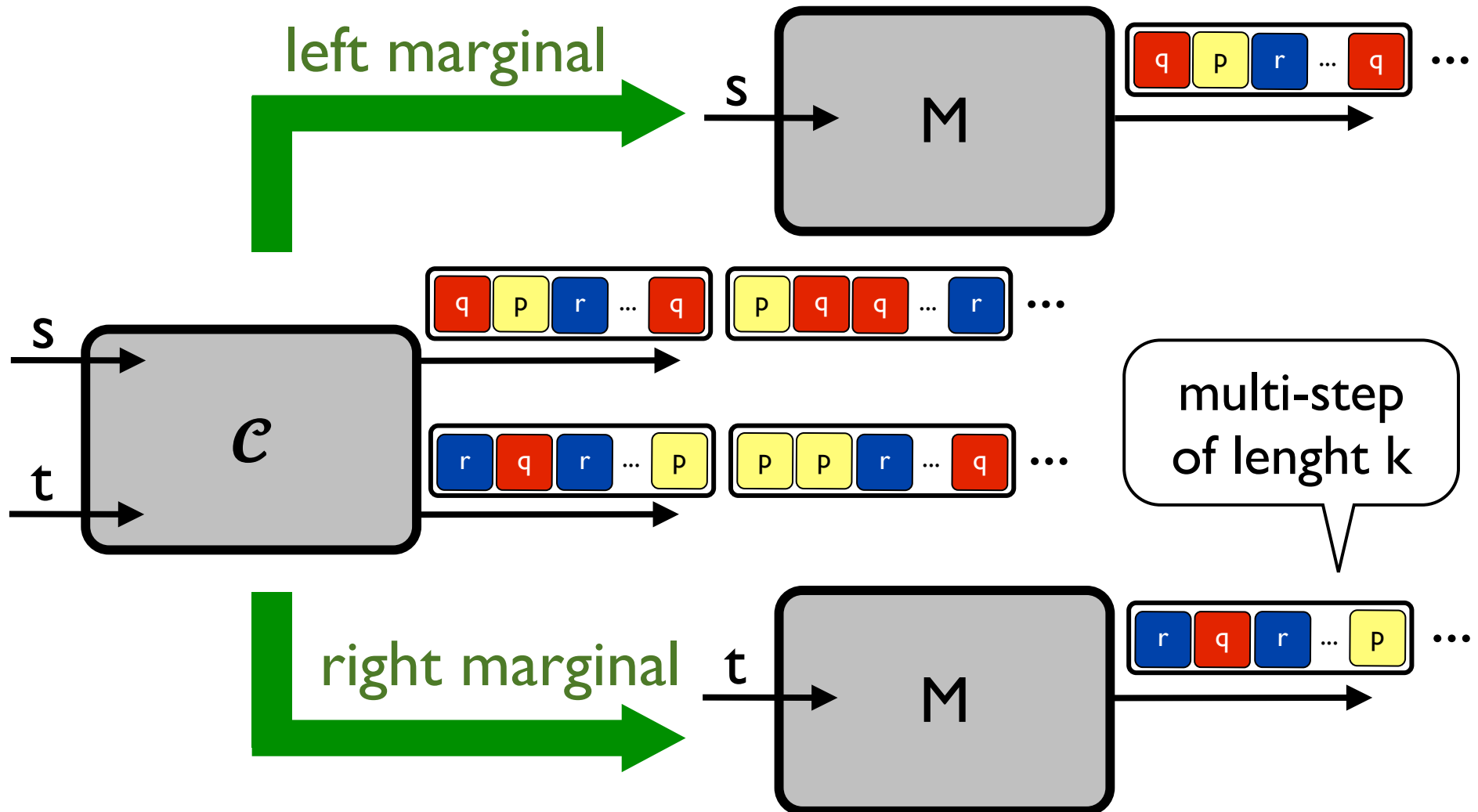
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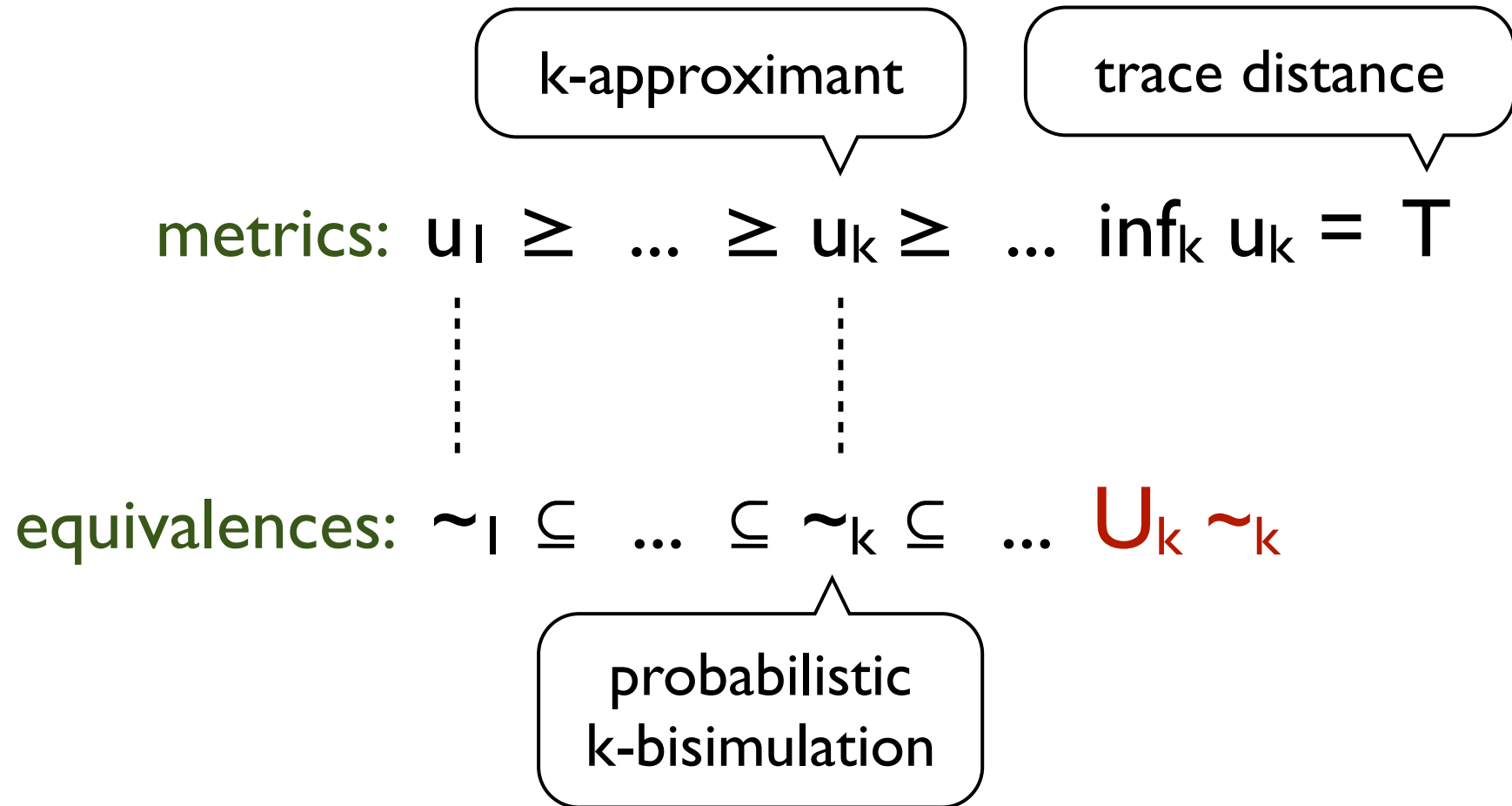
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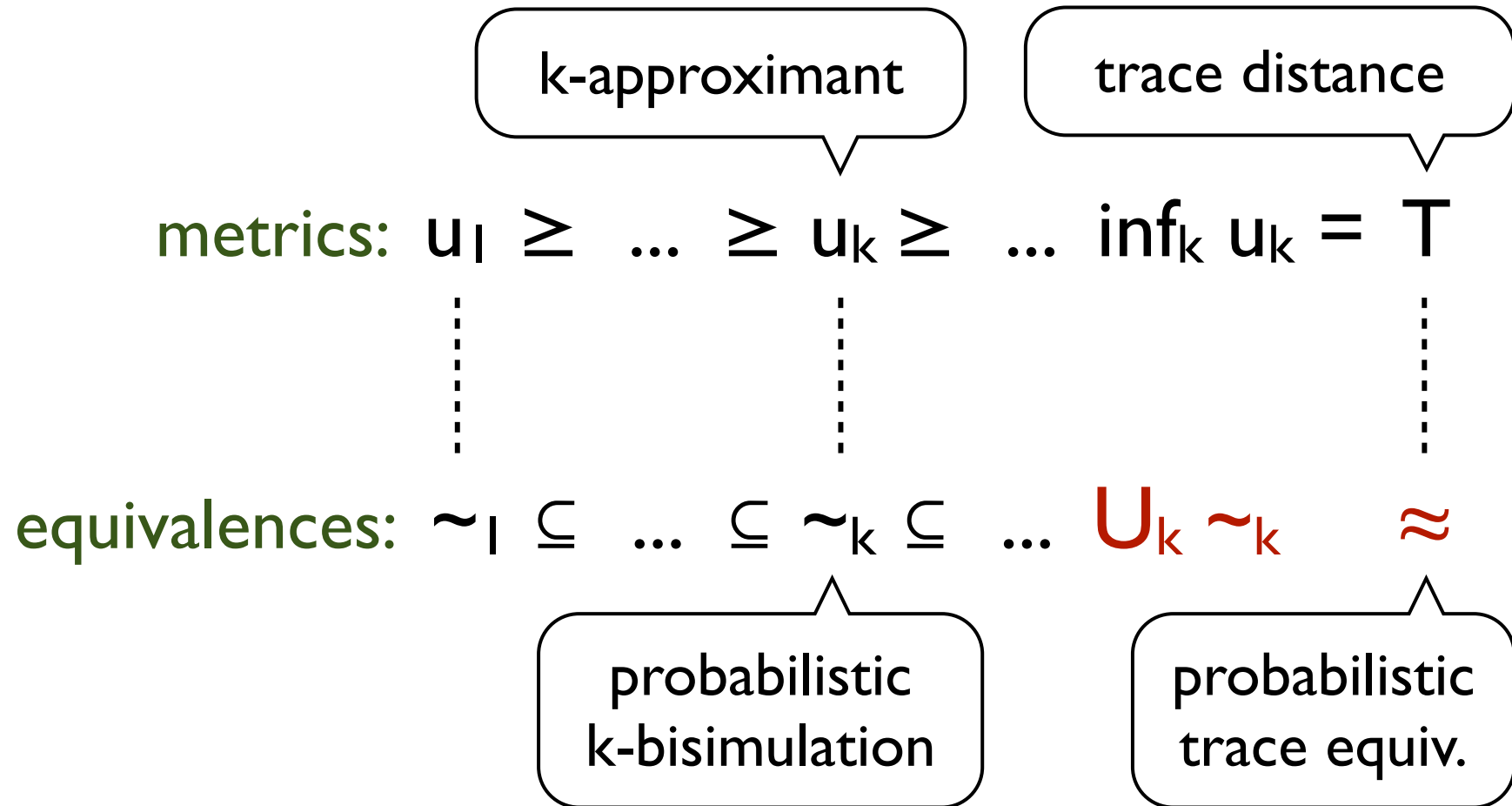
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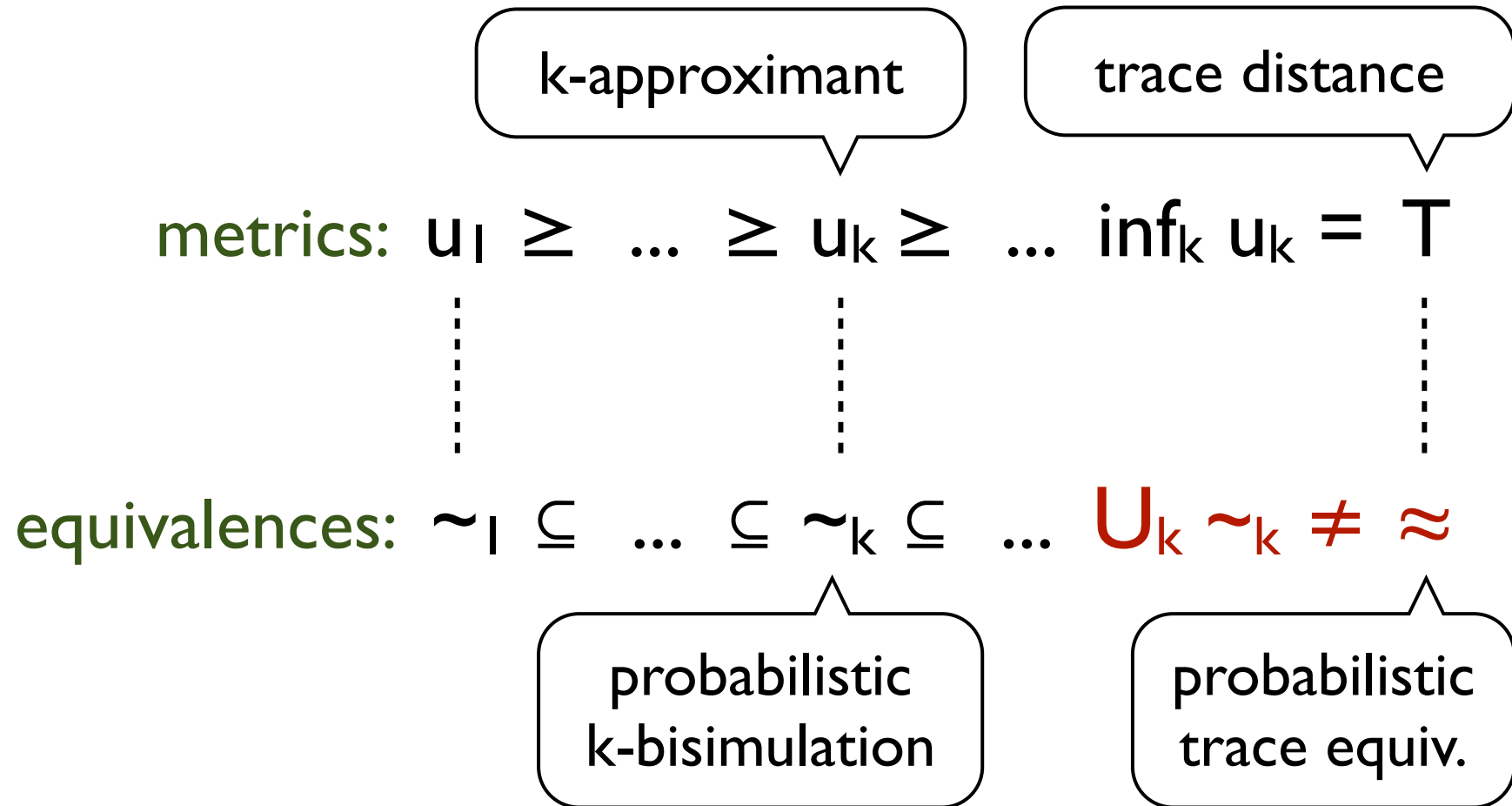
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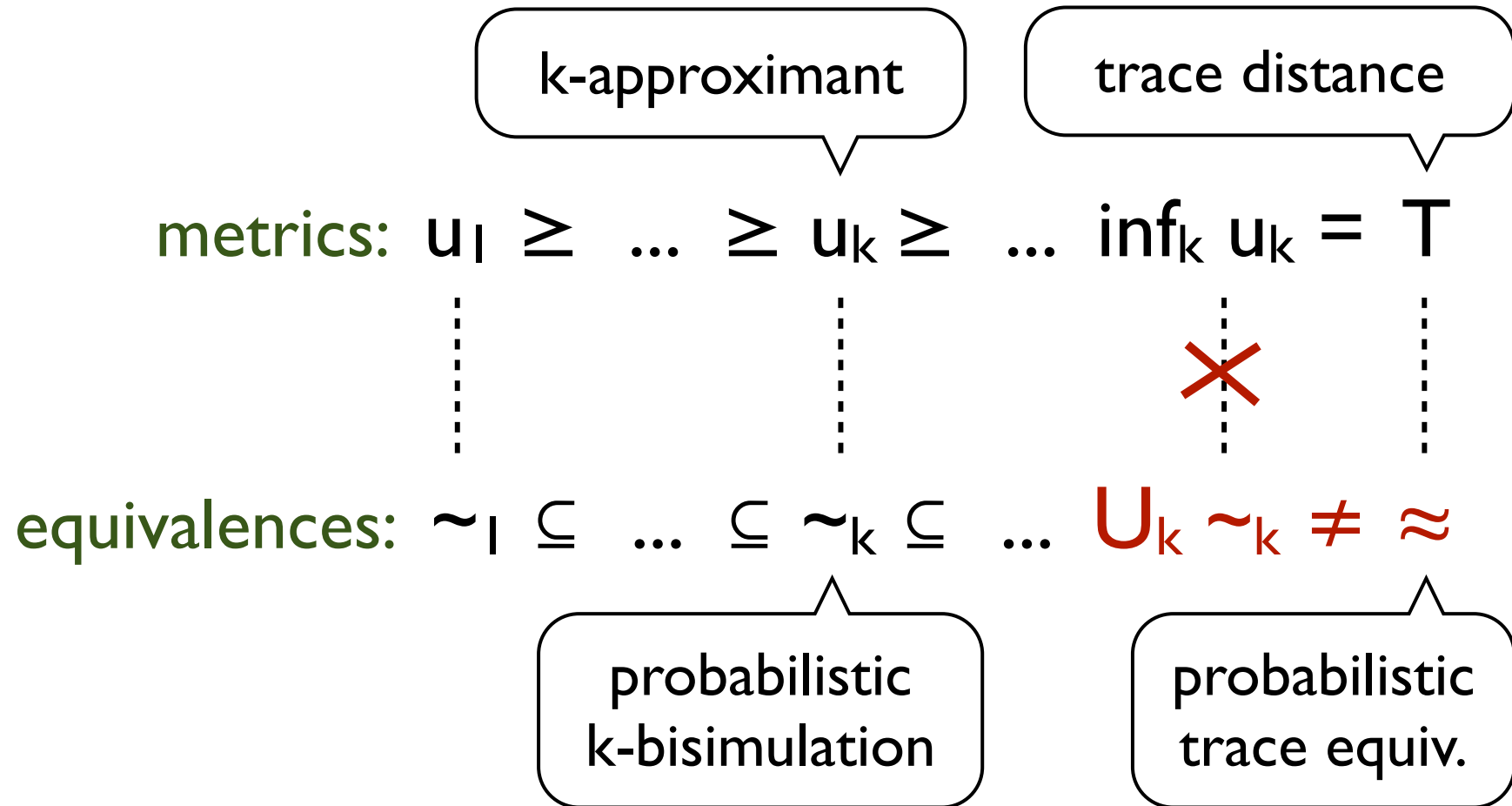
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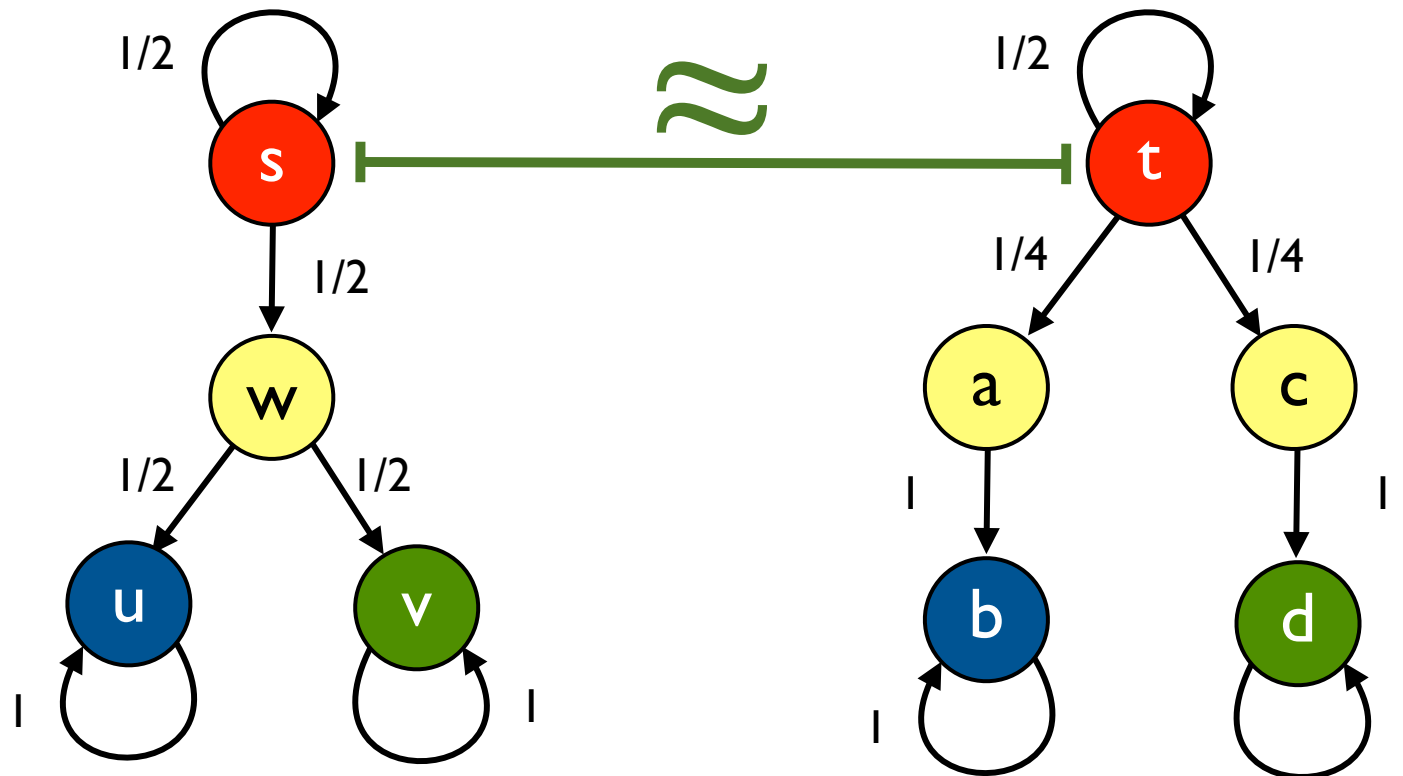
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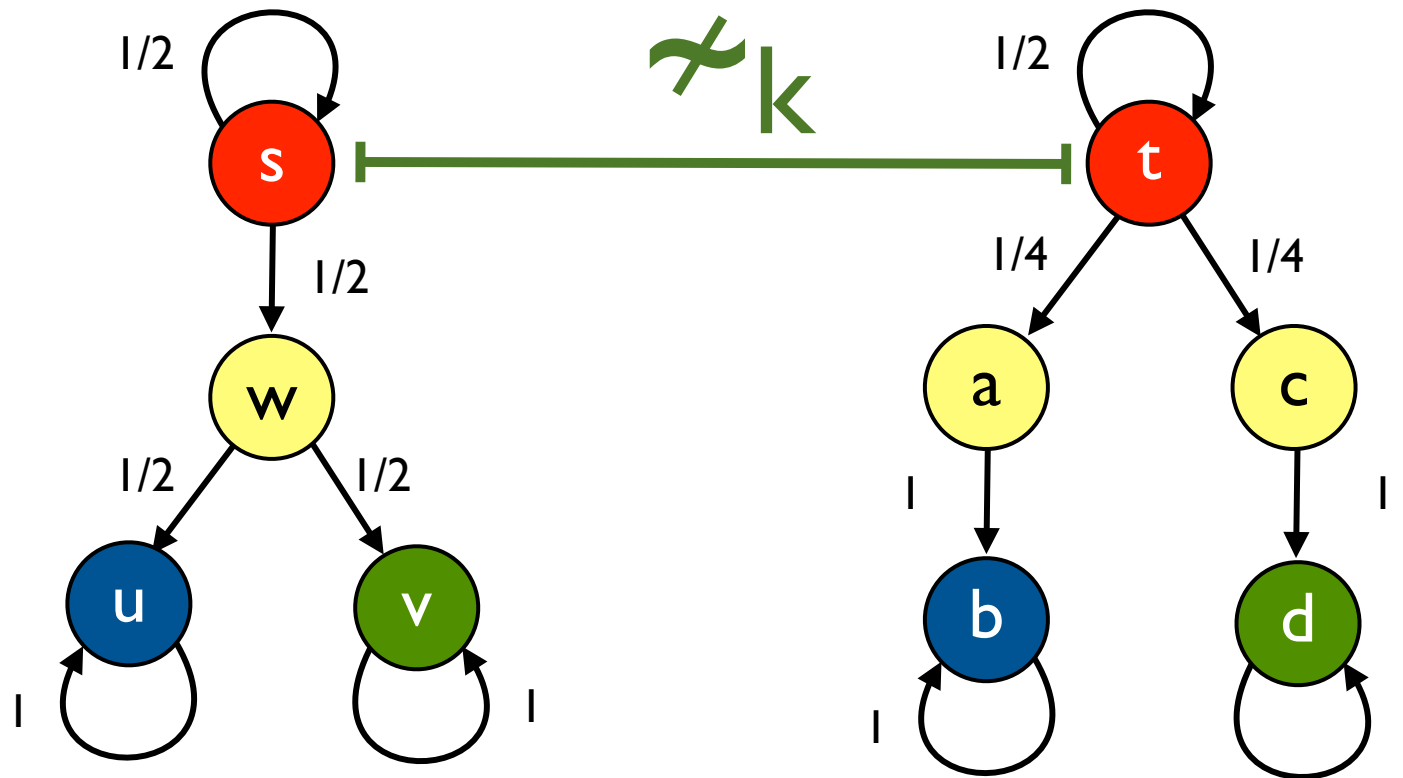
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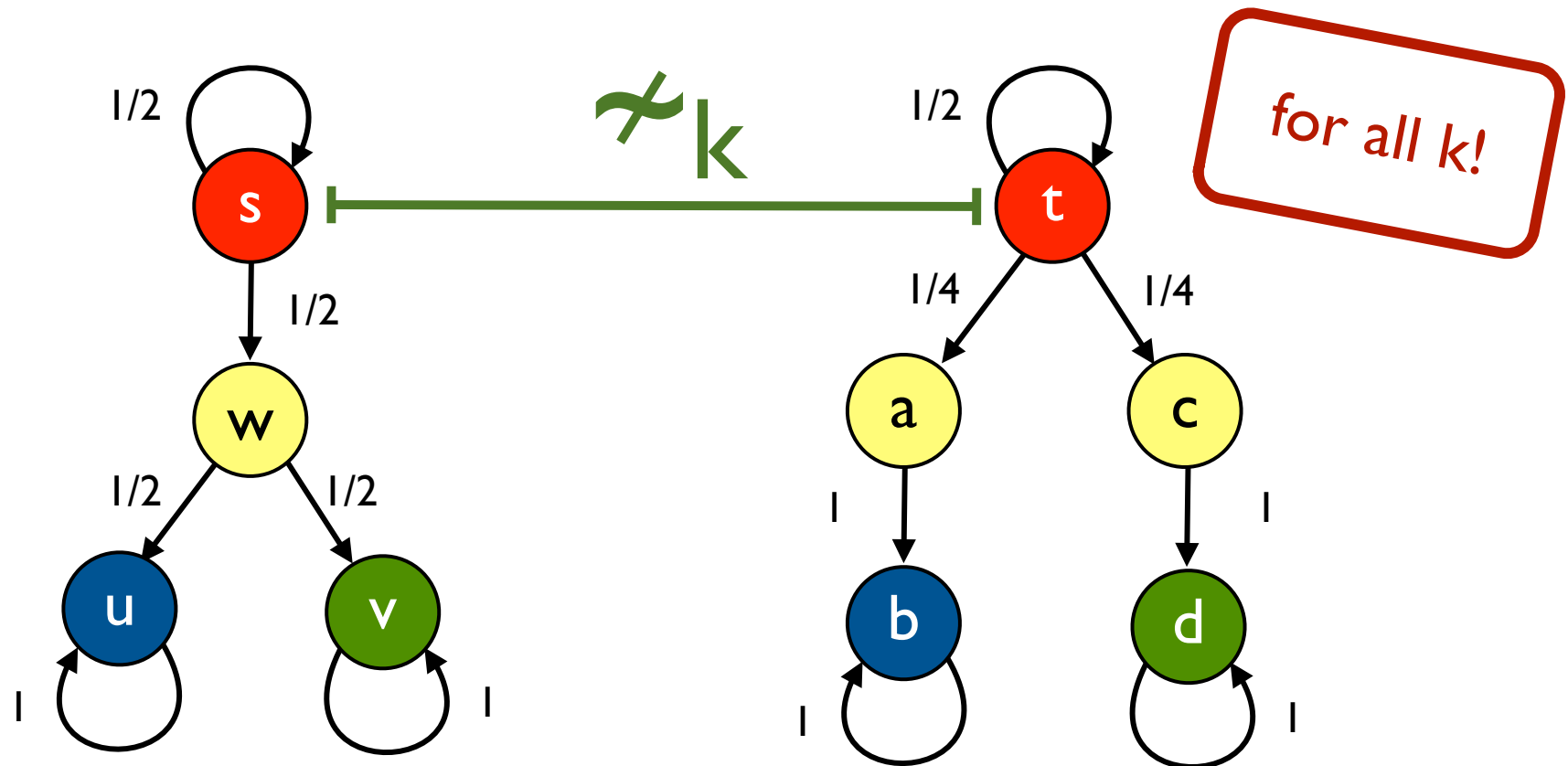
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