

*Games for discrete-time Markov chain  
and their application to verification*

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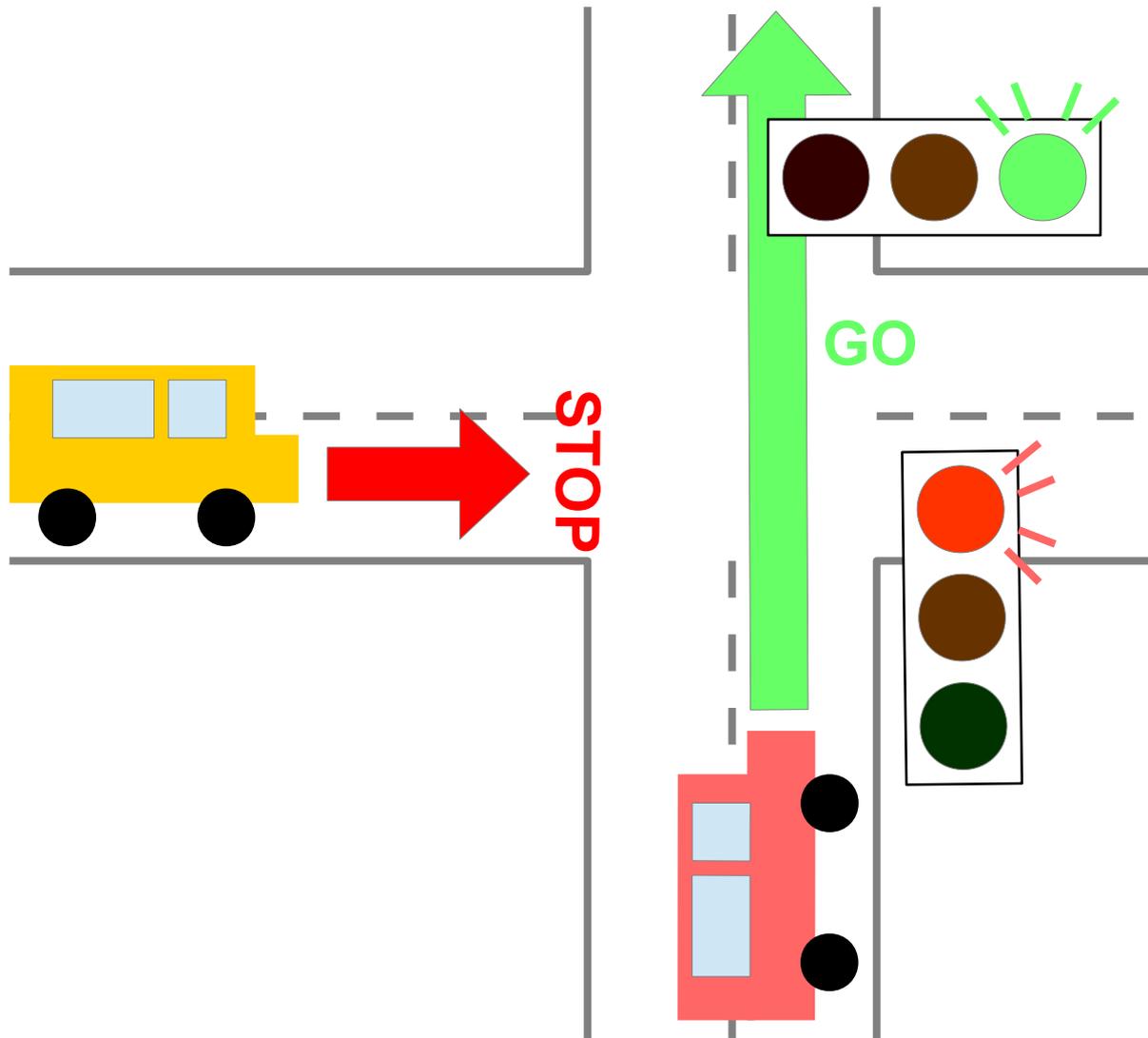
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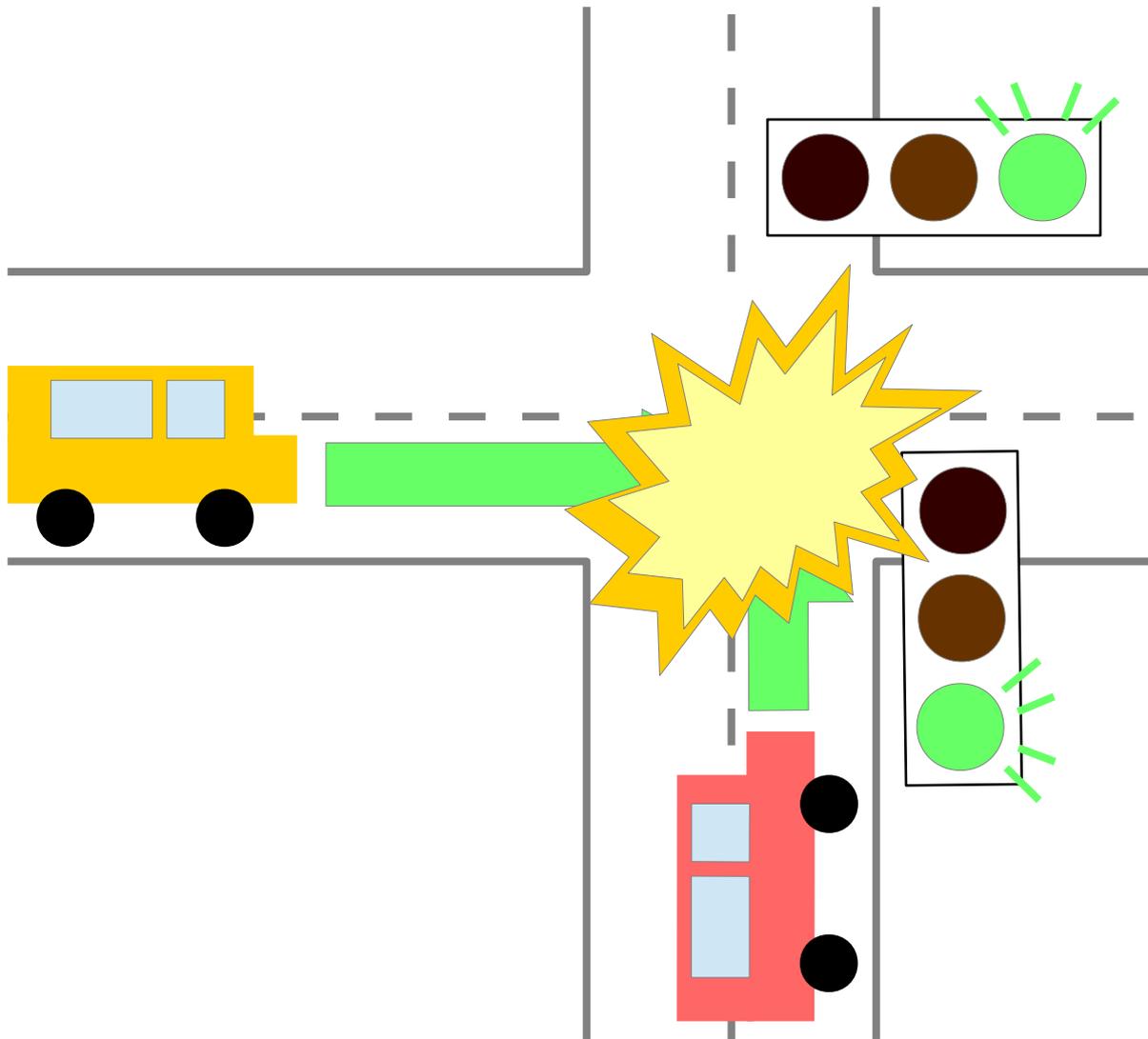
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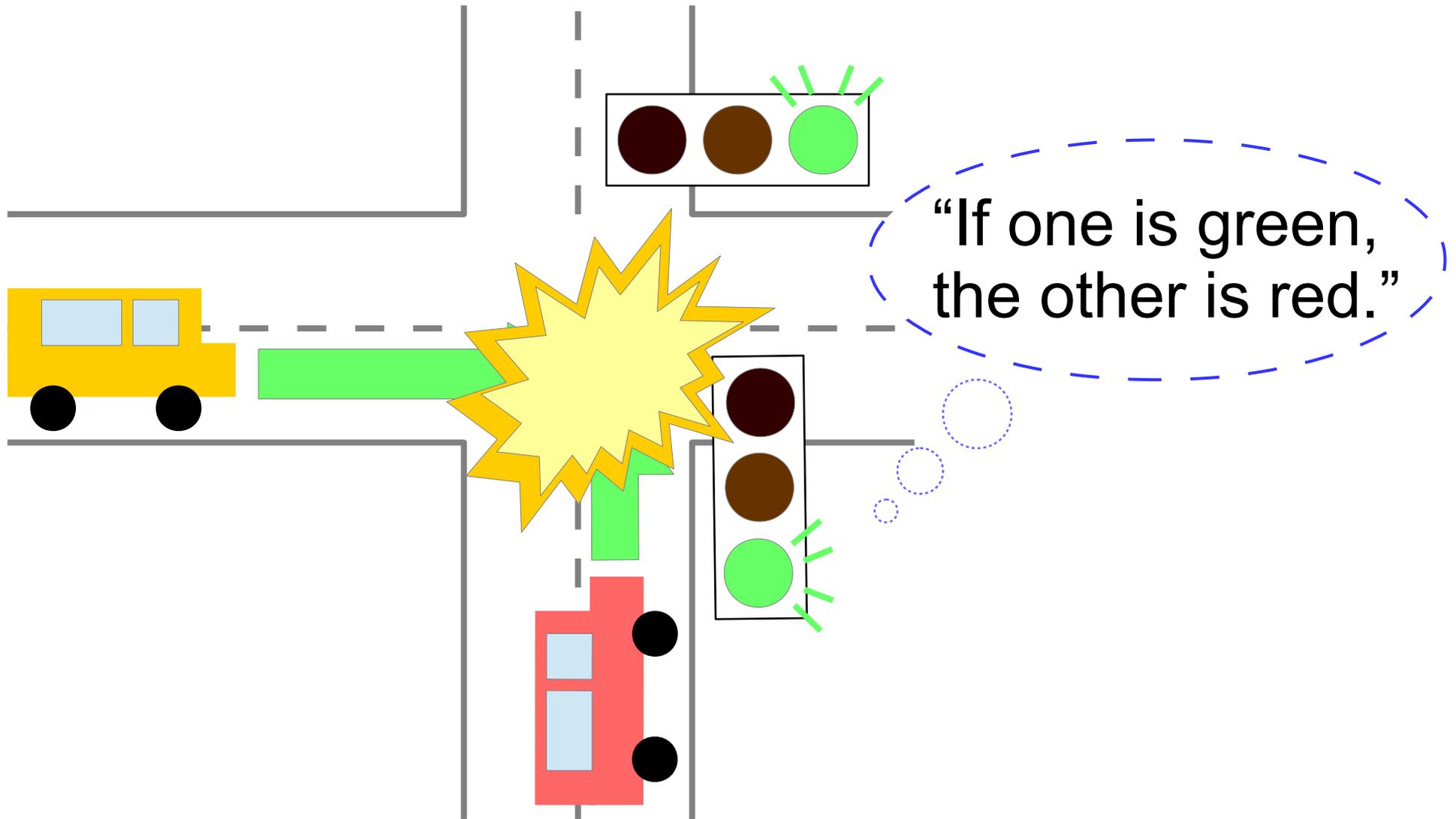
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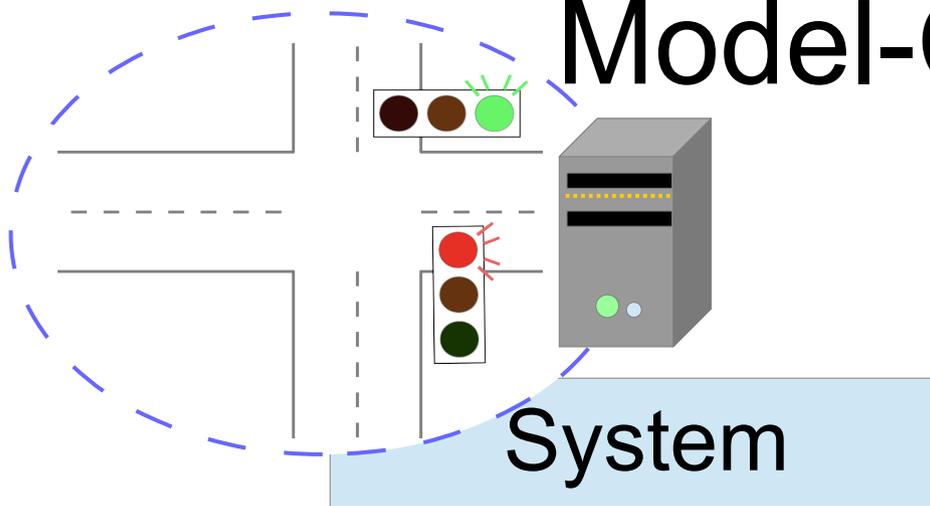


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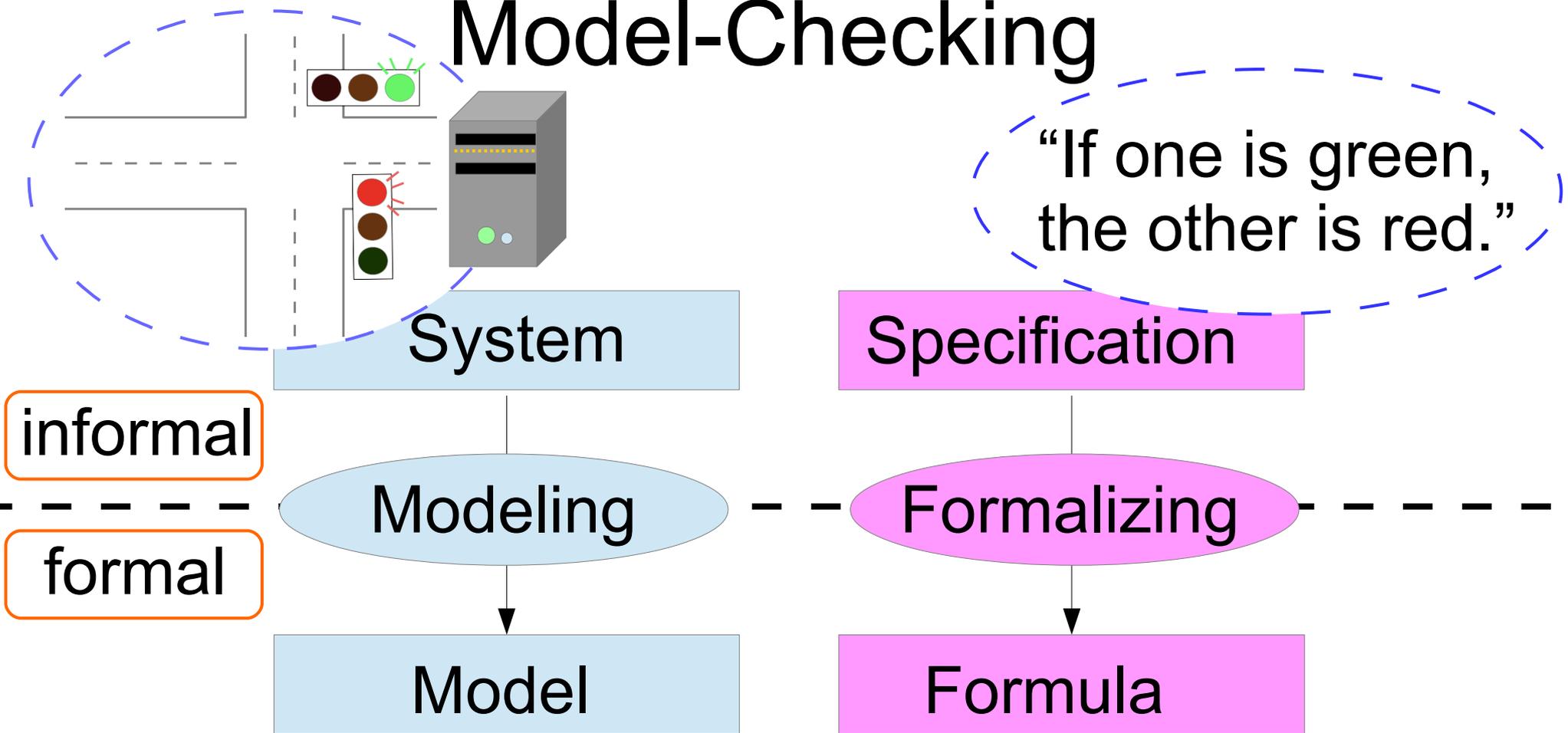
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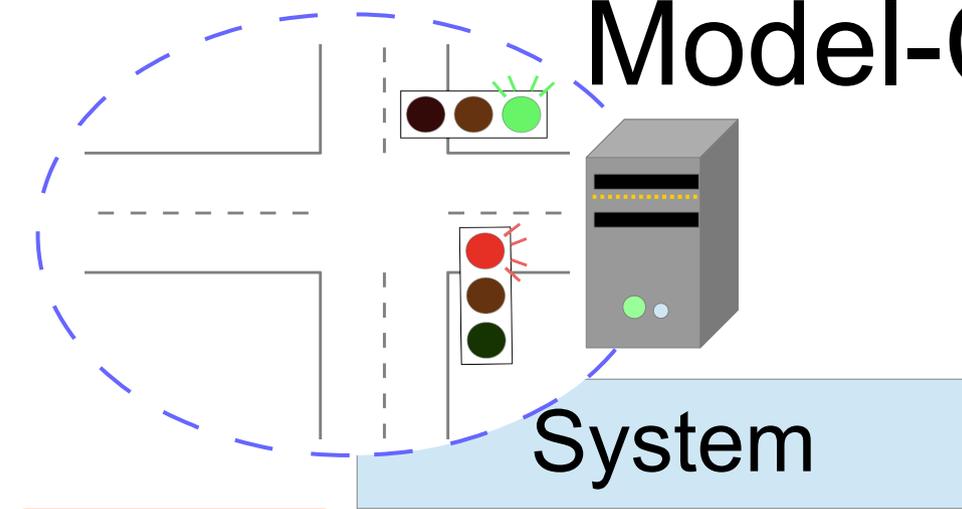
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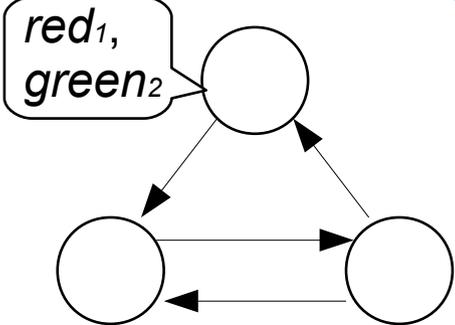
Modeling

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formal

Model

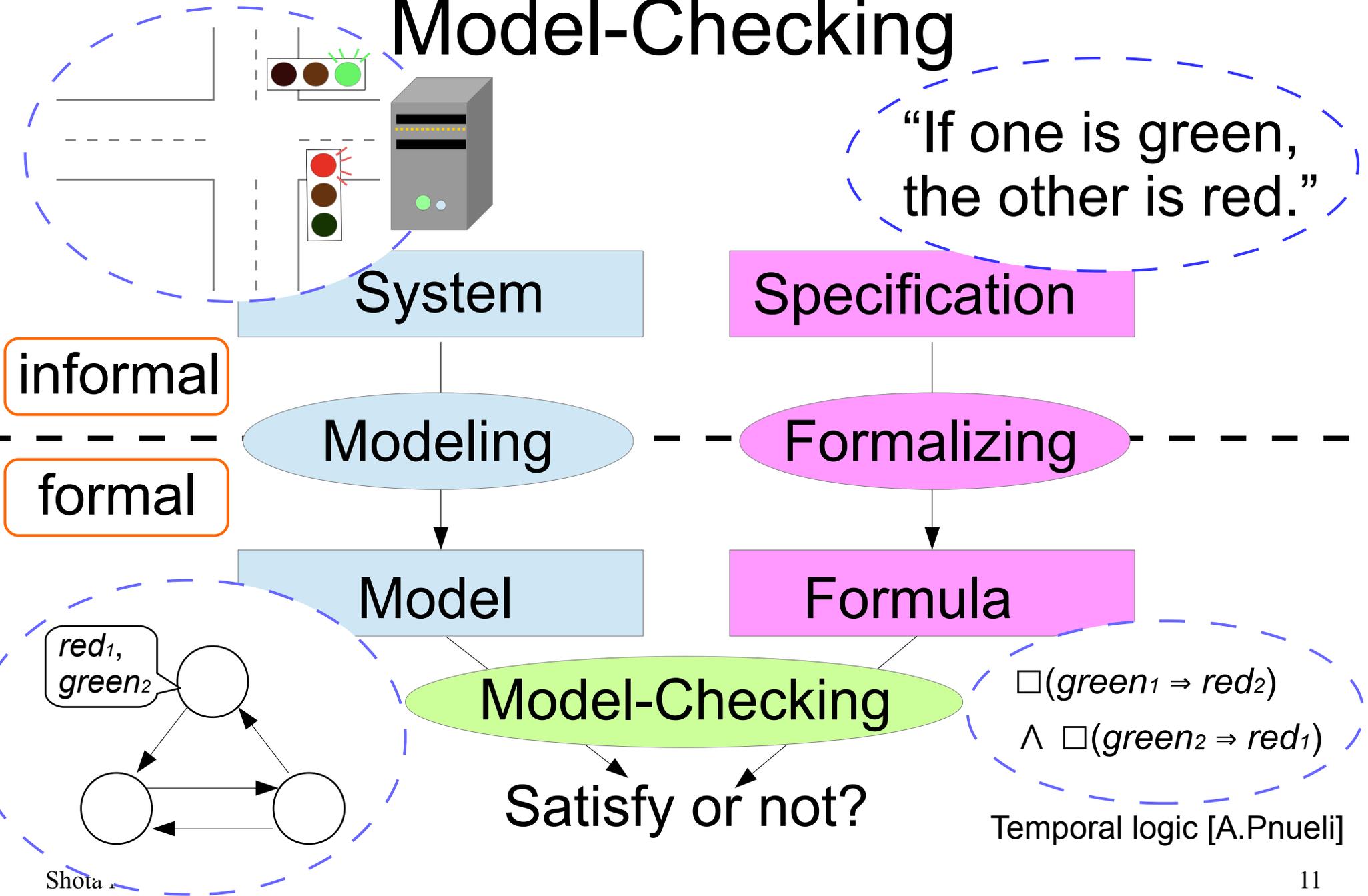
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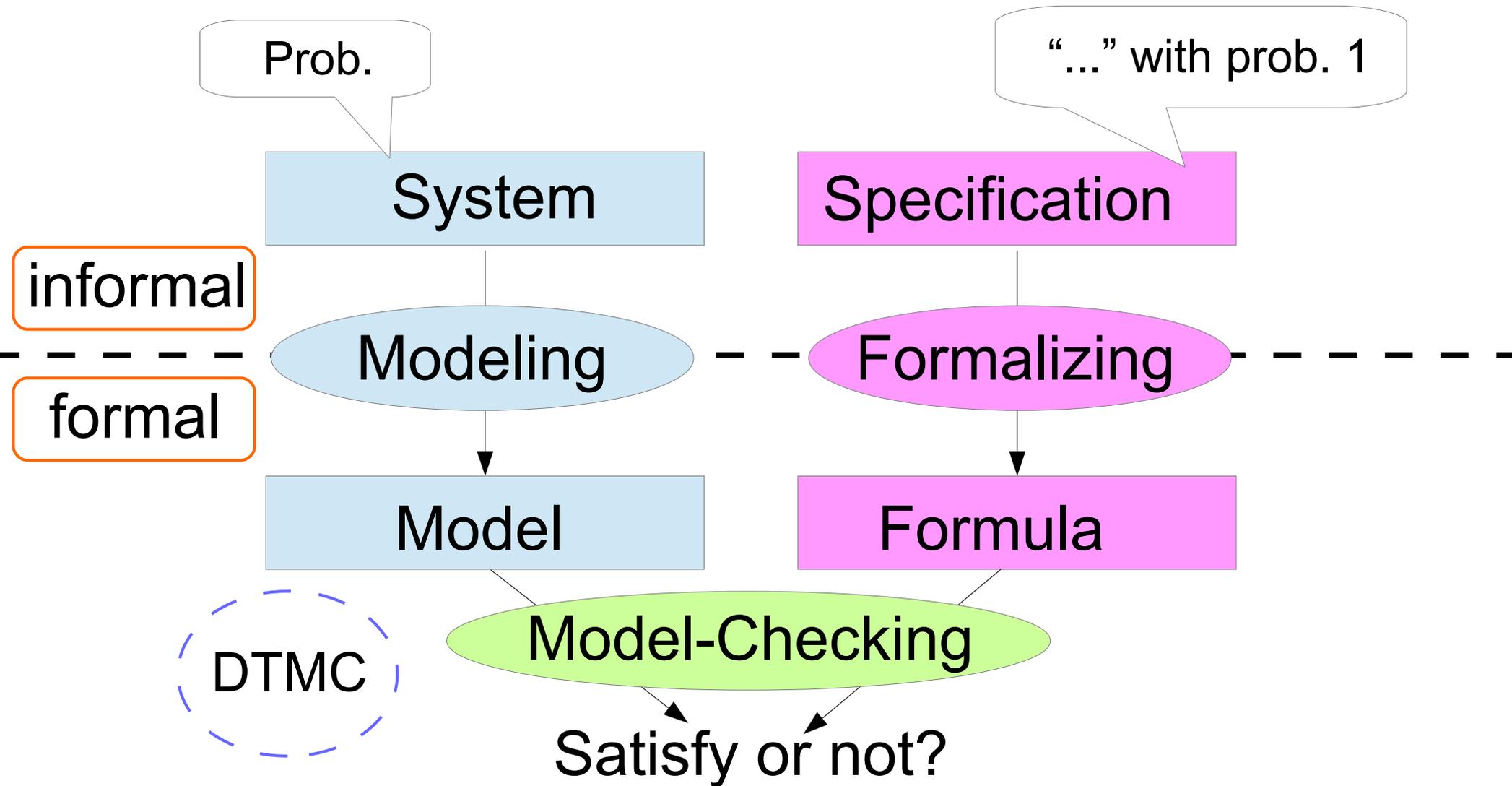
$\Box(\text{green}_1 \Rightarrow \text{red}_2)$   
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Temporal logic [A.Pnueli]

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# Probabilistic Model-Checking



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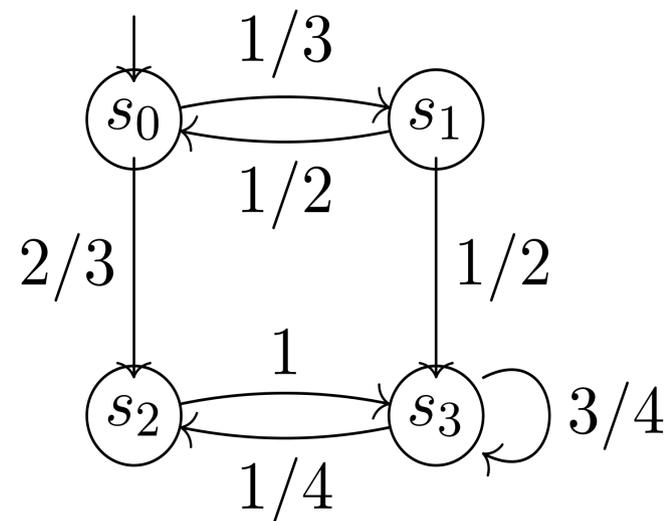
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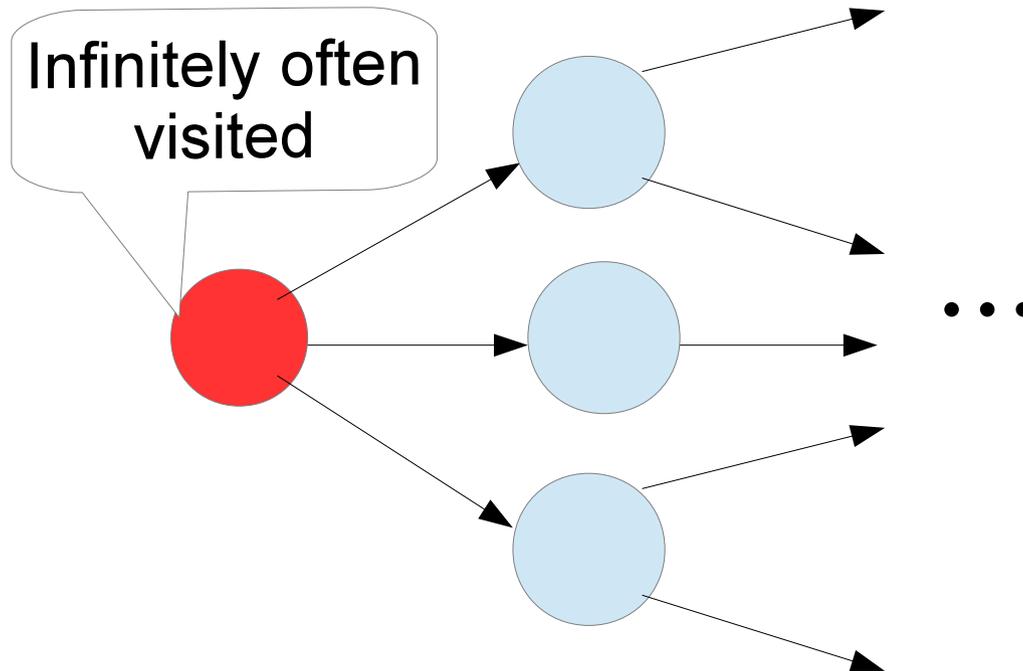
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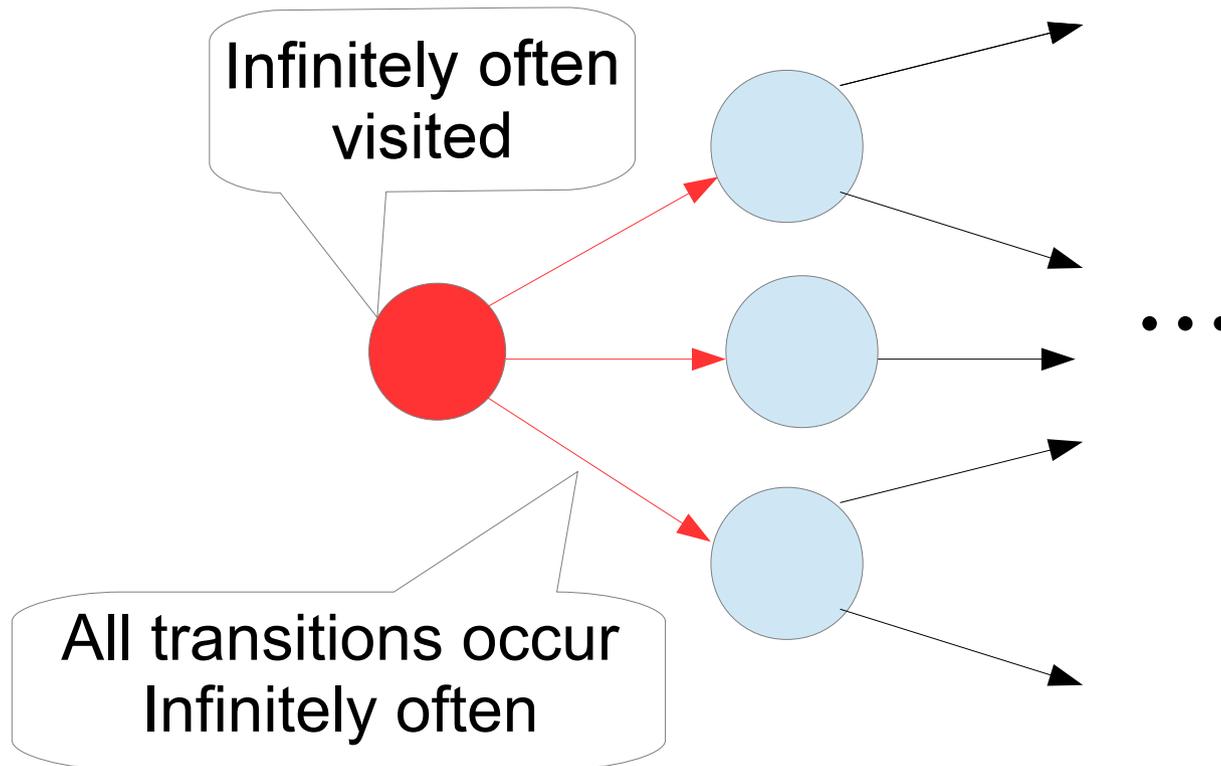
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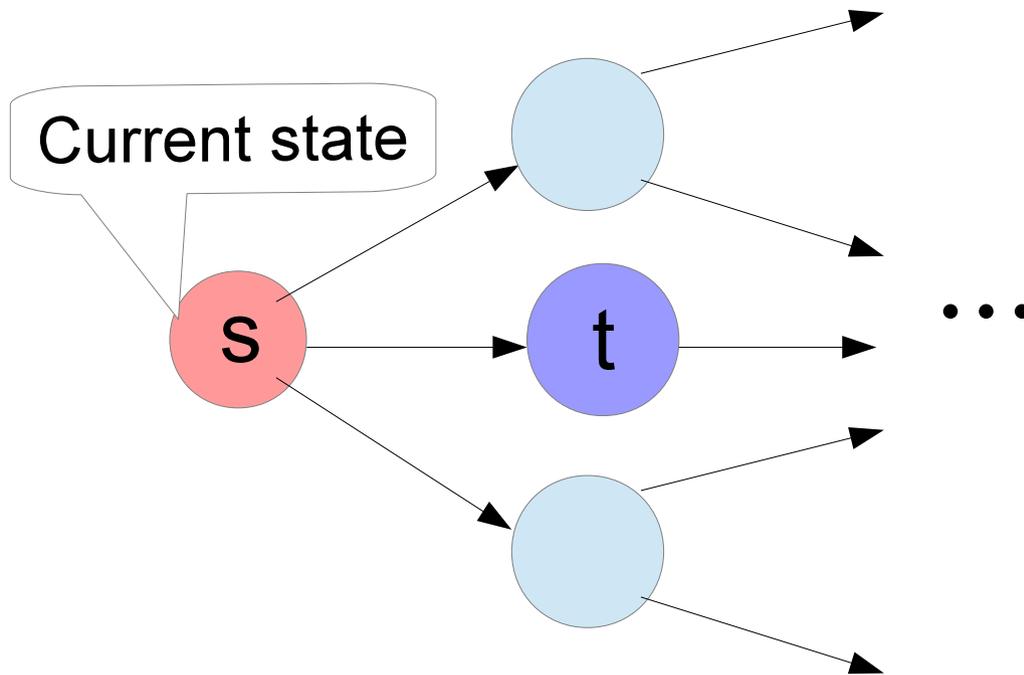
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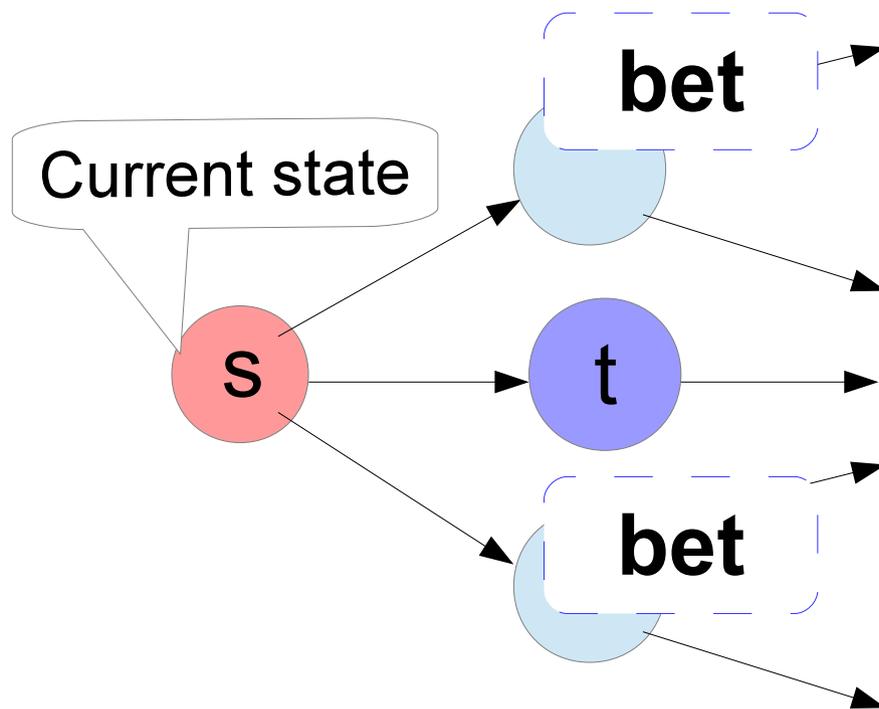
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- In case that  $P(s,t) > 0$ ,
  - Skeptic bets on all states except for  $t$
  - $s$  is visited infinitely often and  $t$  is visited only finitely often  
 $\Rightarrow$  Skeptic wins



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Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be distributions on  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , respectively.

A function  $\delta : S_1 \times S_2 \rightarrow [0,1]$  is a weight function for  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  w.r.t.  $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$  if:

- for each  $s \in S_1$ ,  $\sum_{s' \in S_2} \delta(s, s') = \mu(s)$ ,
- for each  $s' \in S_2$ ,  $\sum_{s \in S_1} \delta(s, s') = \nu(s')$ , and
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- Two games:  $G_1$  for  $(S_1, P_1)$  and  $G_2$  for  $(S_2, P_2)$
- Suppose that there exists a weight function  $\delta_{s_1, s_2}$  for  $P(s_1, -)$  and  $P(s_2, -)$  w.r.t.  $R$ .
  - Skeptic's move  $f^1$  in  $G_1$  can be constructed from a weight function  $\delta_{s_1, s_2}$  and Skeptic's move  $f^2$  in  $G_2$ :
$$f^1(s) = \sum_{s' \in S_2} \delta_{s_1, s_2}(s, s') f^2(s') / P(s_1, s)$$
  - $\forall s_1' \in S_1. \exists s_2' \in S_2. (s_1, s_2) \in R \wedge$ 
$$f^1(s_1') - \sum_{s \in S_1} f^1(s) P_1(s_1, s) \geq f^2(s_2') - \sum_{s' \in S_2} f^2(s') P_2(s_2, s')$$

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