Quantified Event Automata

Toward Efficient and Expressive Monitors

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Parametric Runtime Monitoring Problem

Checking at runtime whether a system satisfies a parametric property.

Requires

- An expressive formalism for describing parametric properties
- An efficient algorithm for checking these hold at runtime

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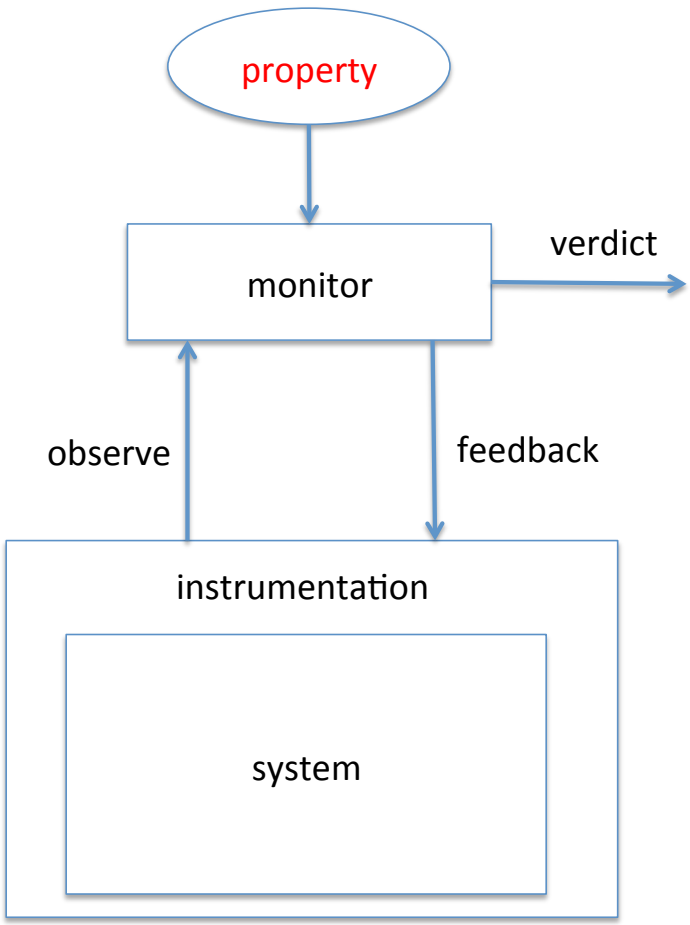

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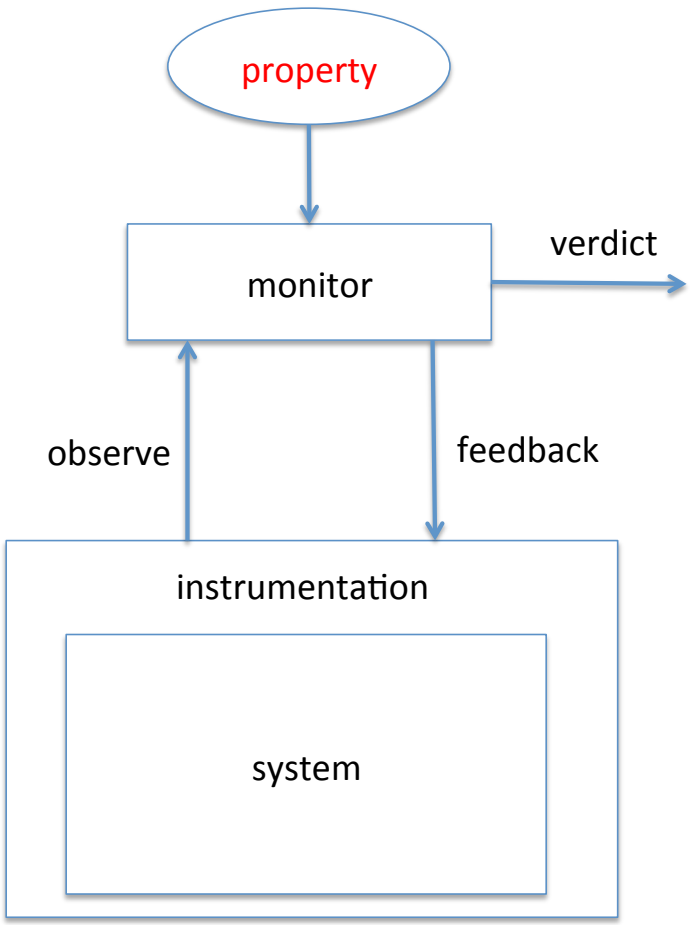

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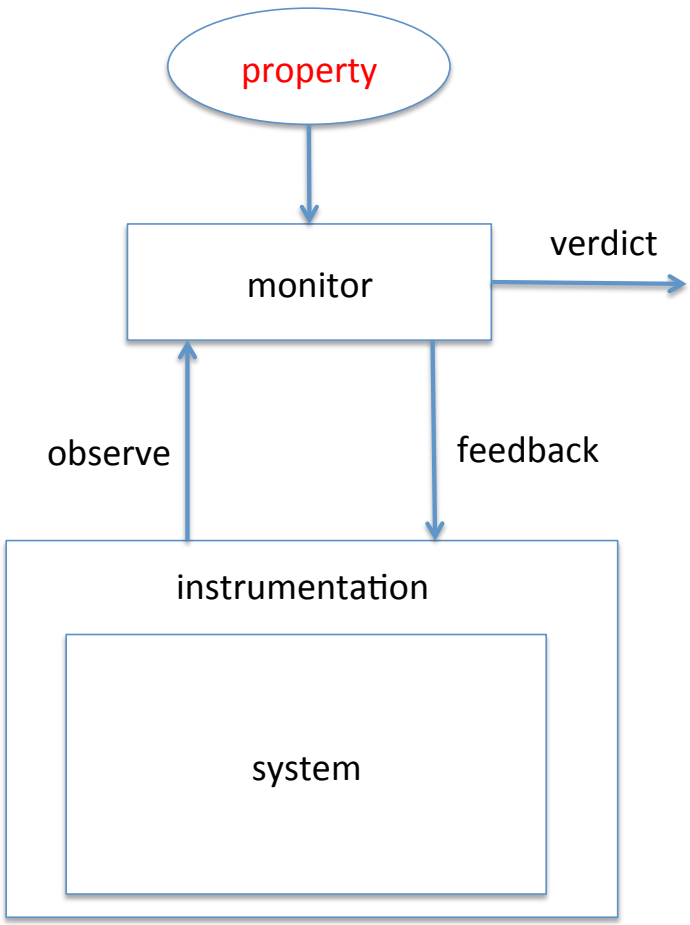

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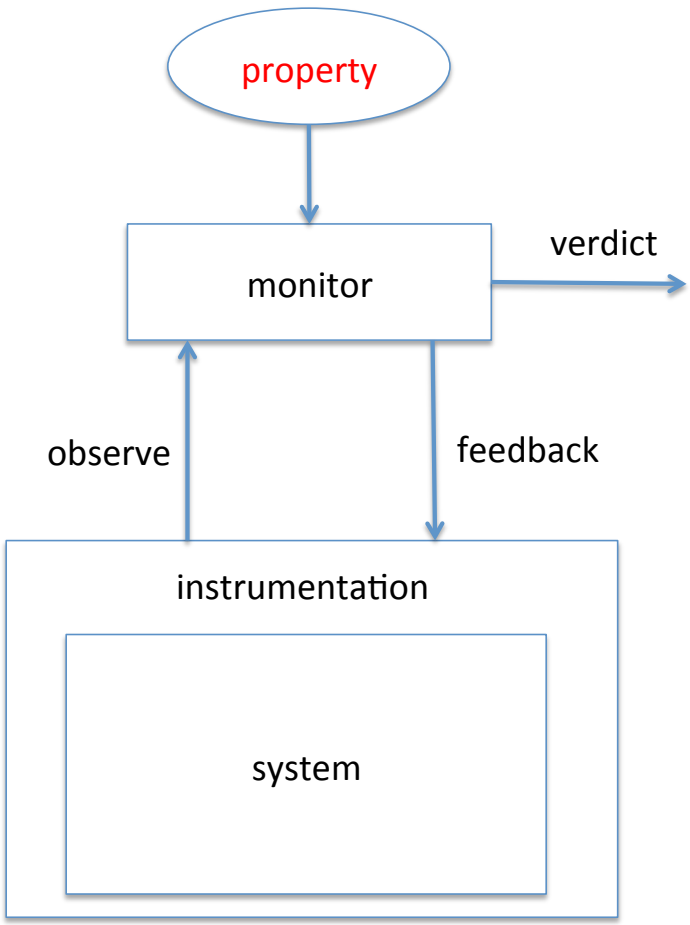

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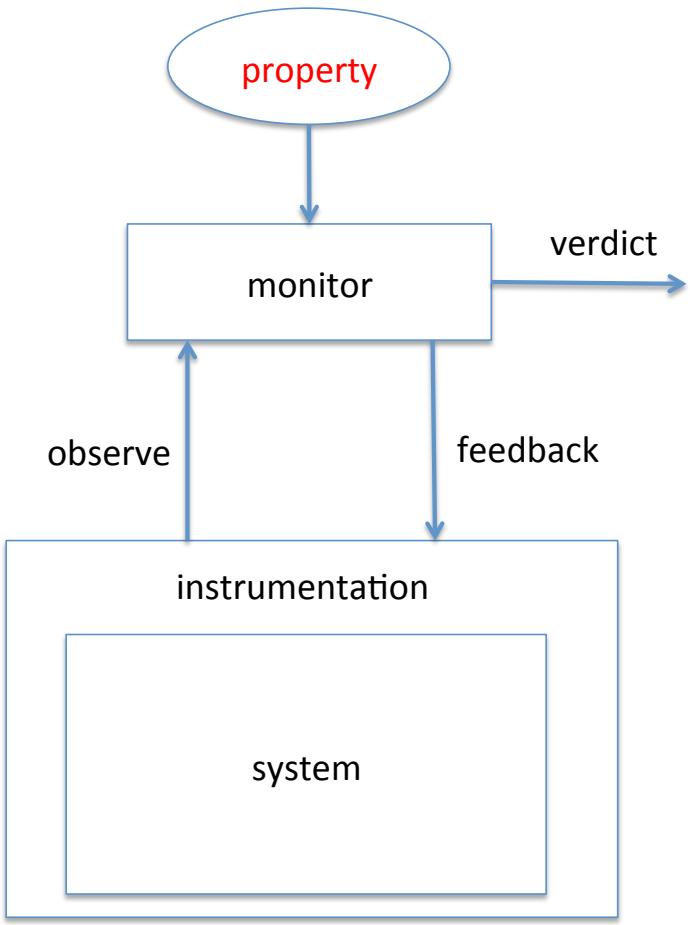

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- Generalise these by replacing these values with quantified variables with Quantified Event Automata (QEA)
- QEA describe a family of EA - based on the domains of the quantified variables

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- Describe a parametric property with Event Automata
- Alphabet of symbolic events
  - An event name and a list of data values or variables
- Transitions labelled with
  - symbolic events
  - guards
  - assignments
- Configurations contain local state (bindings)
- Automata model easy to manipulate at runtime

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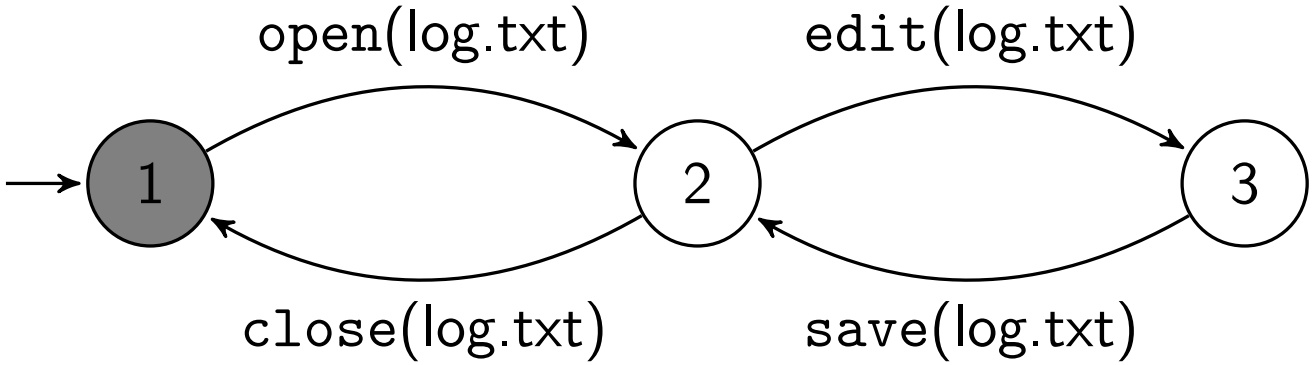

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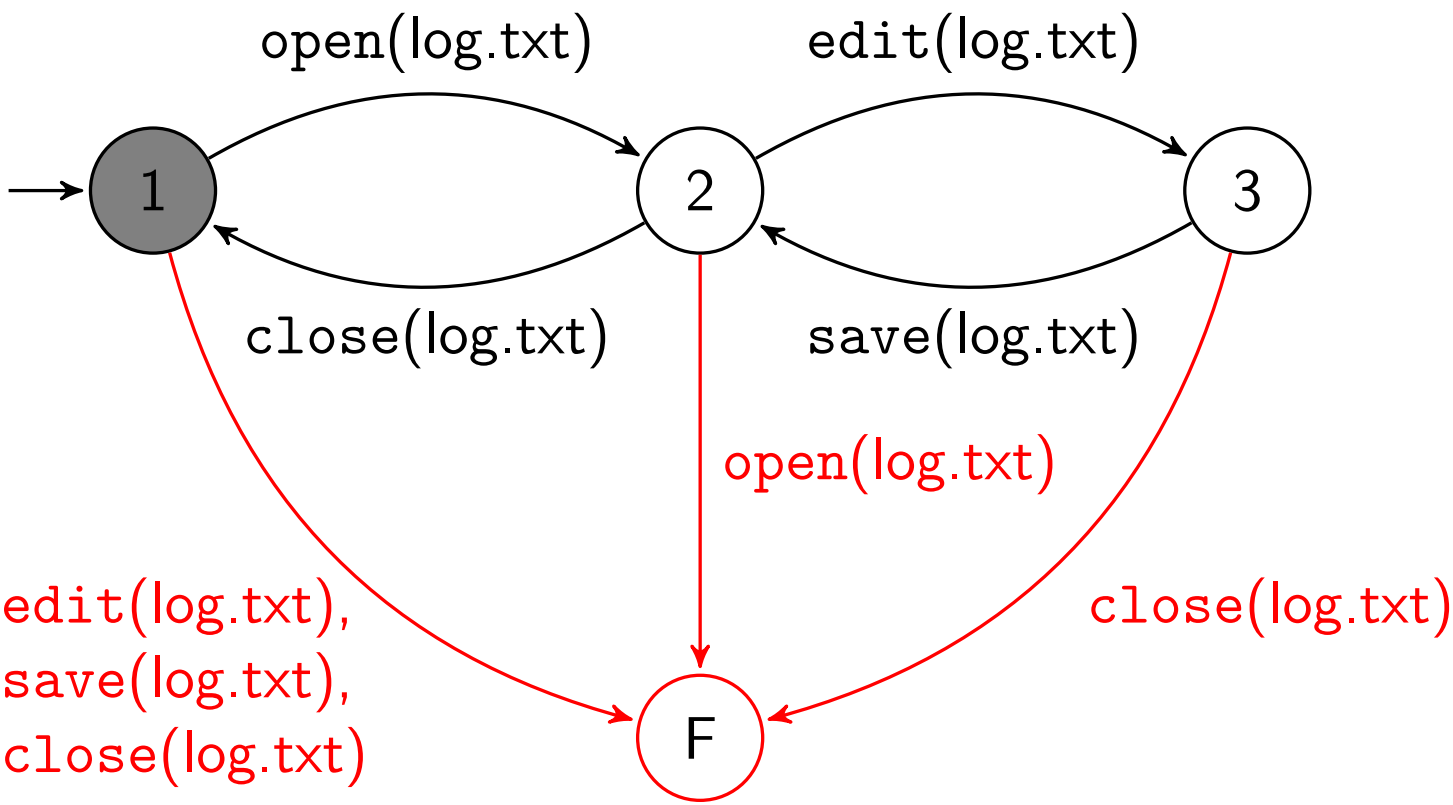

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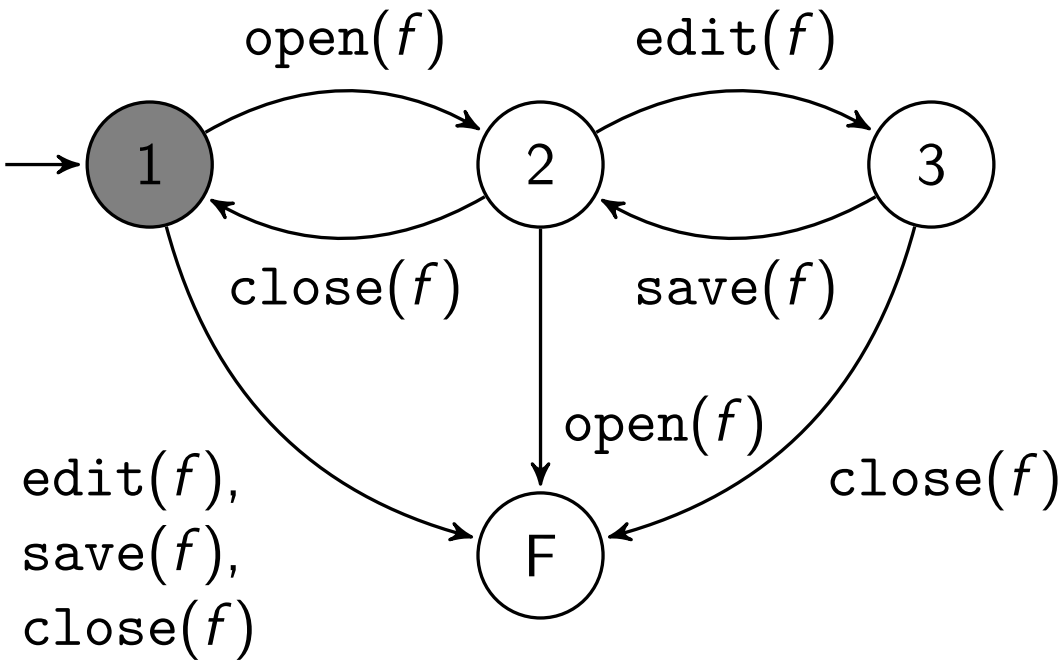

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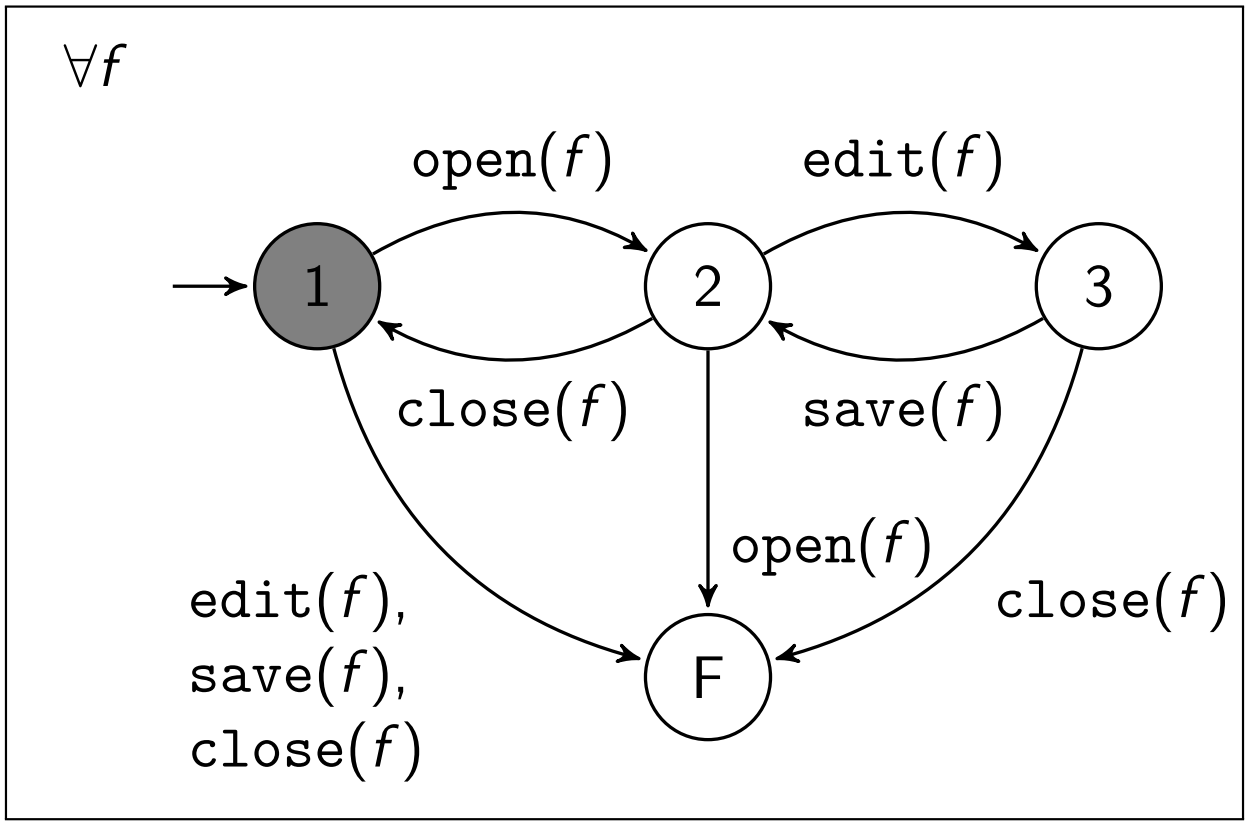

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and alphabet

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- For each binding θ
  - Let $\mathsf{E}(\theta)$ be the Event Automaton instantiated with θ
  - Let $\tau \downarrow_\theta$ be the trace projected with respect to θ
  - Check if $\tau \downarrow_\theta$ is in the language of $\mathsf{E}(\theta)$

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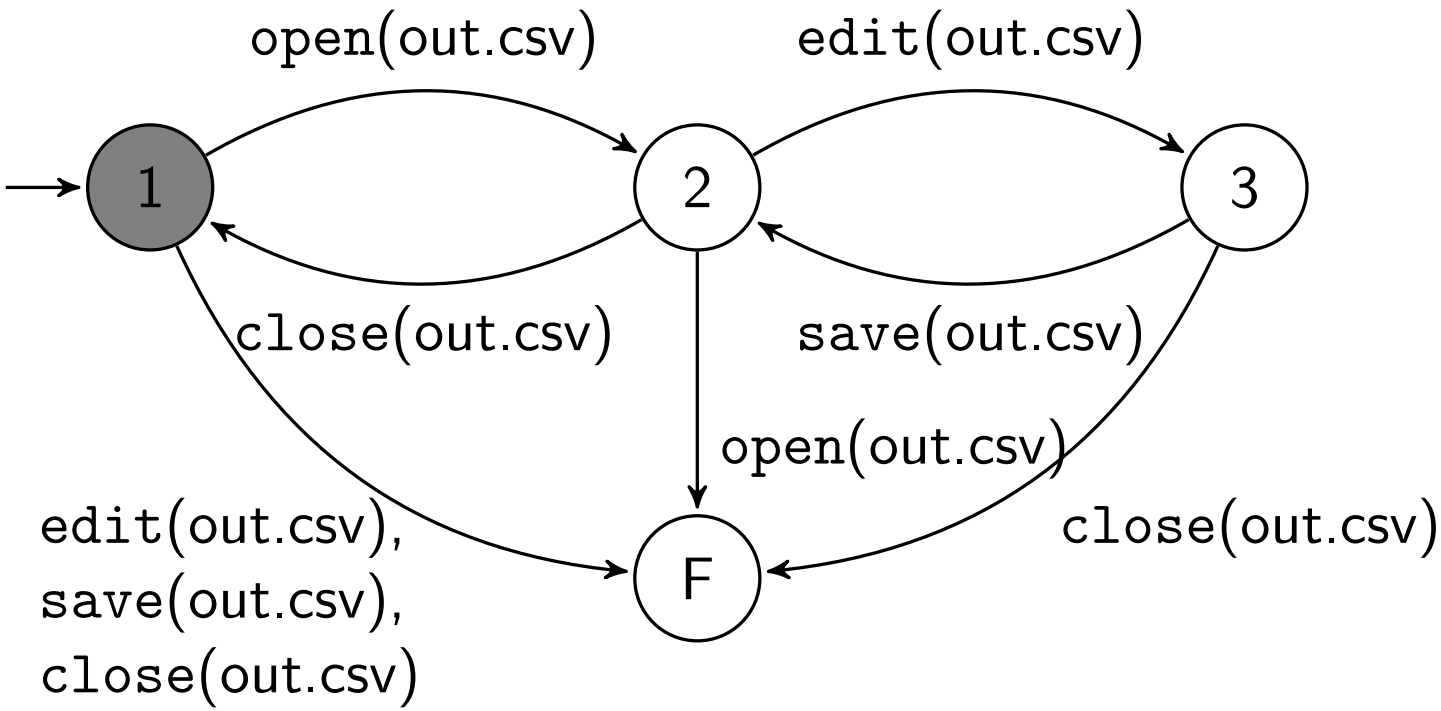

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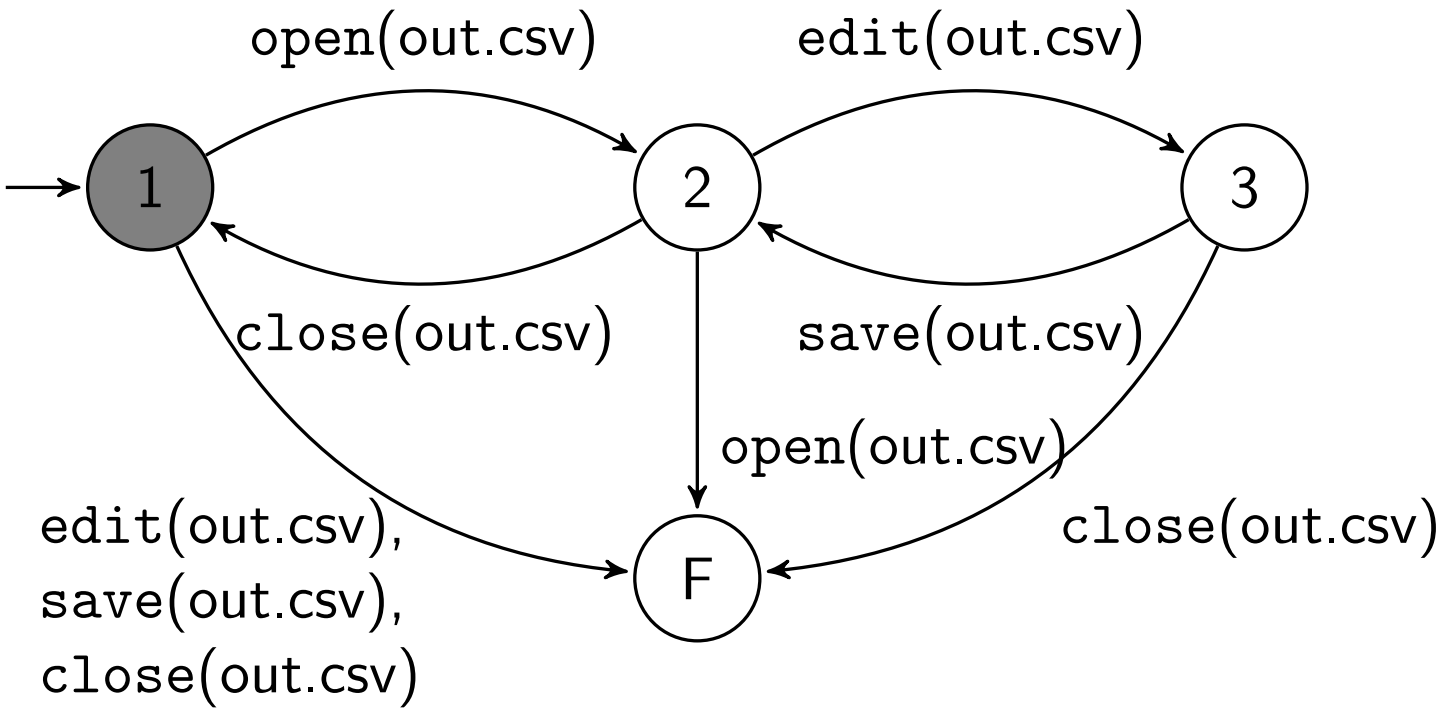

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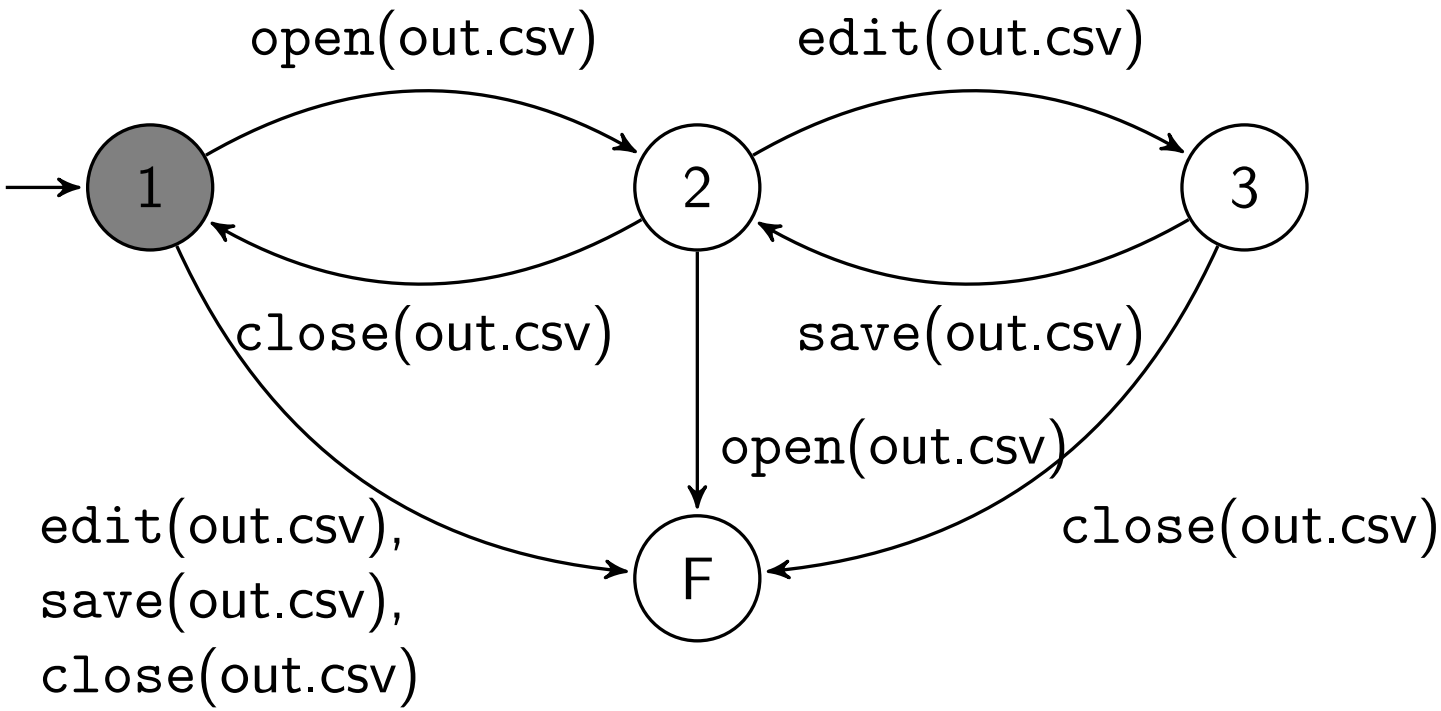

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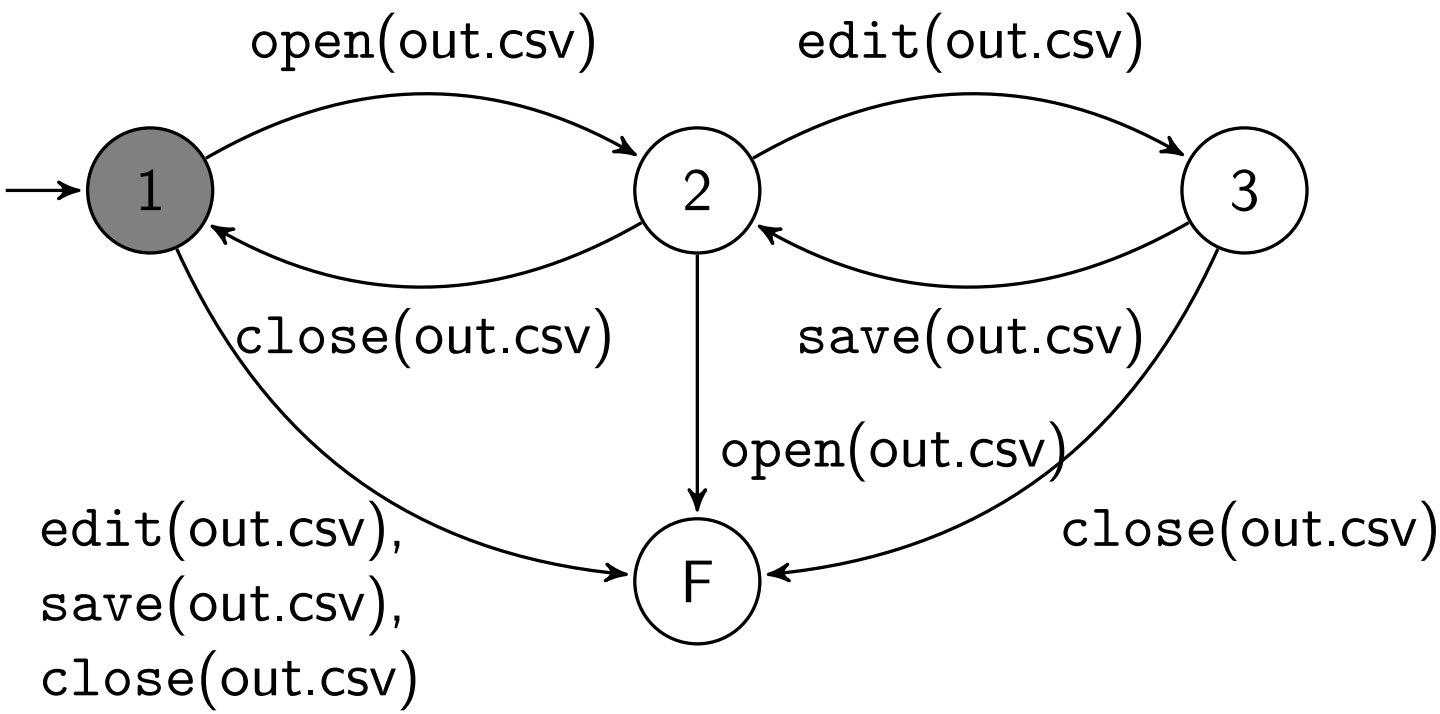

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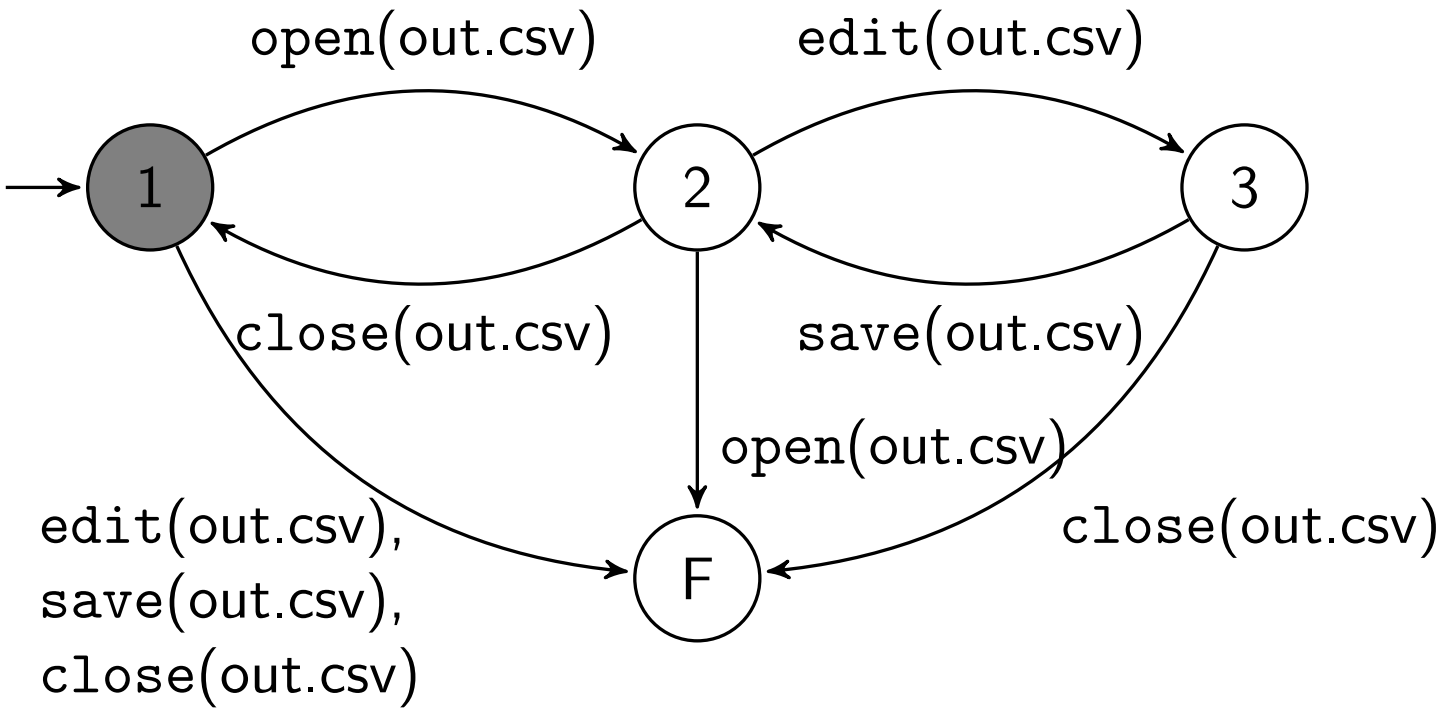

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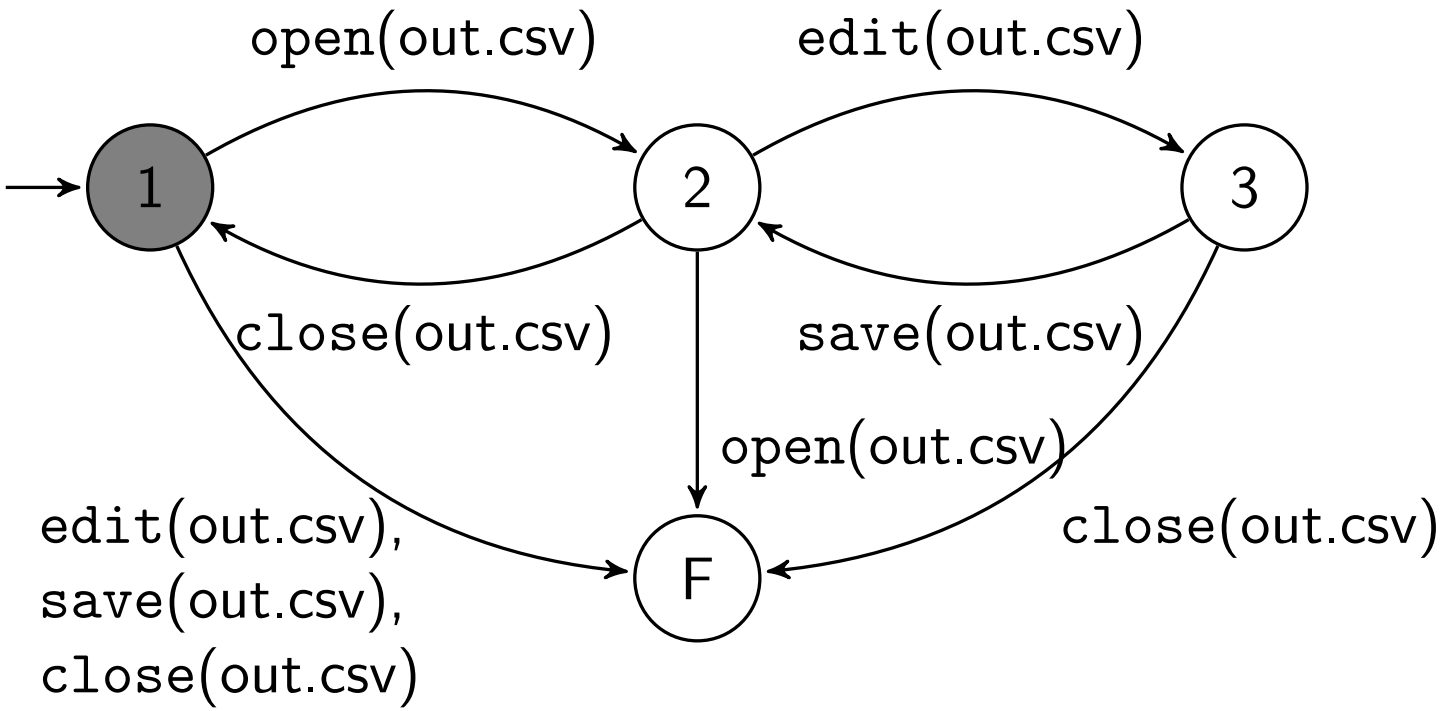

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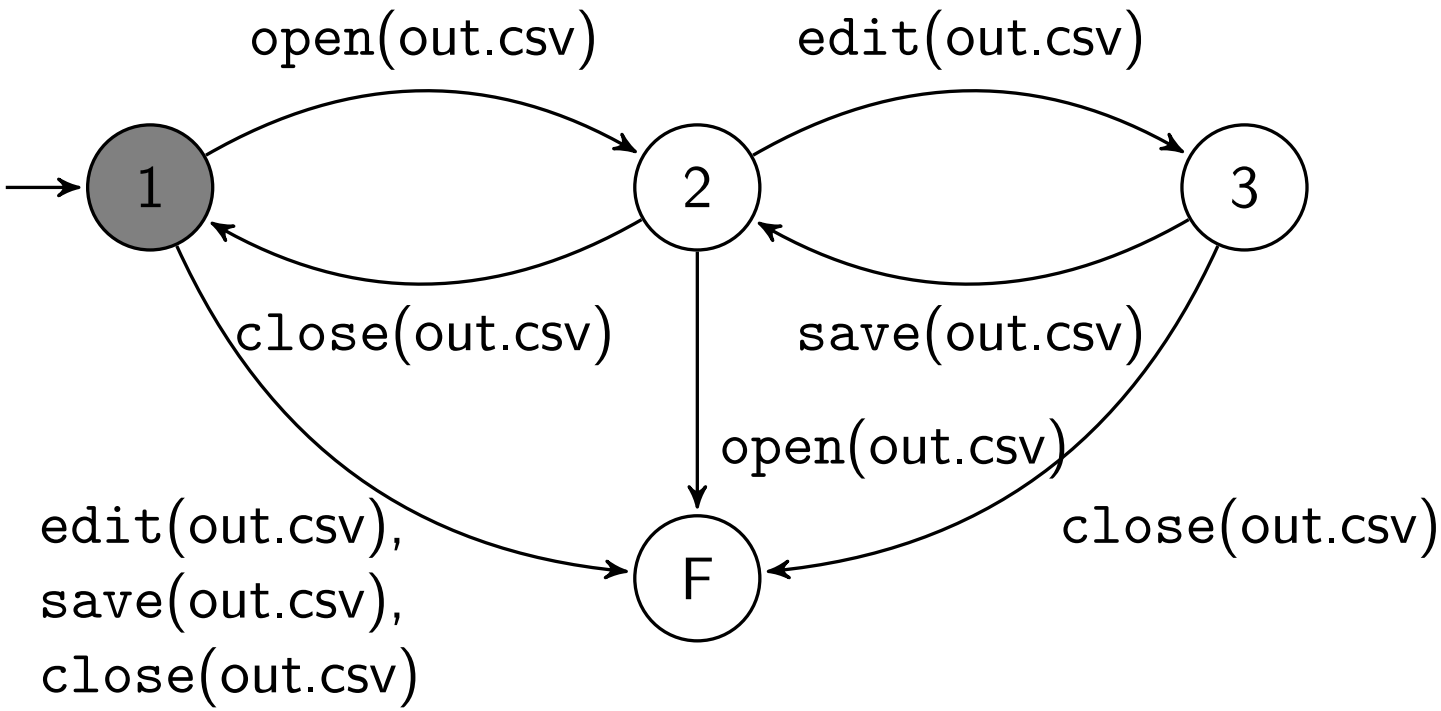

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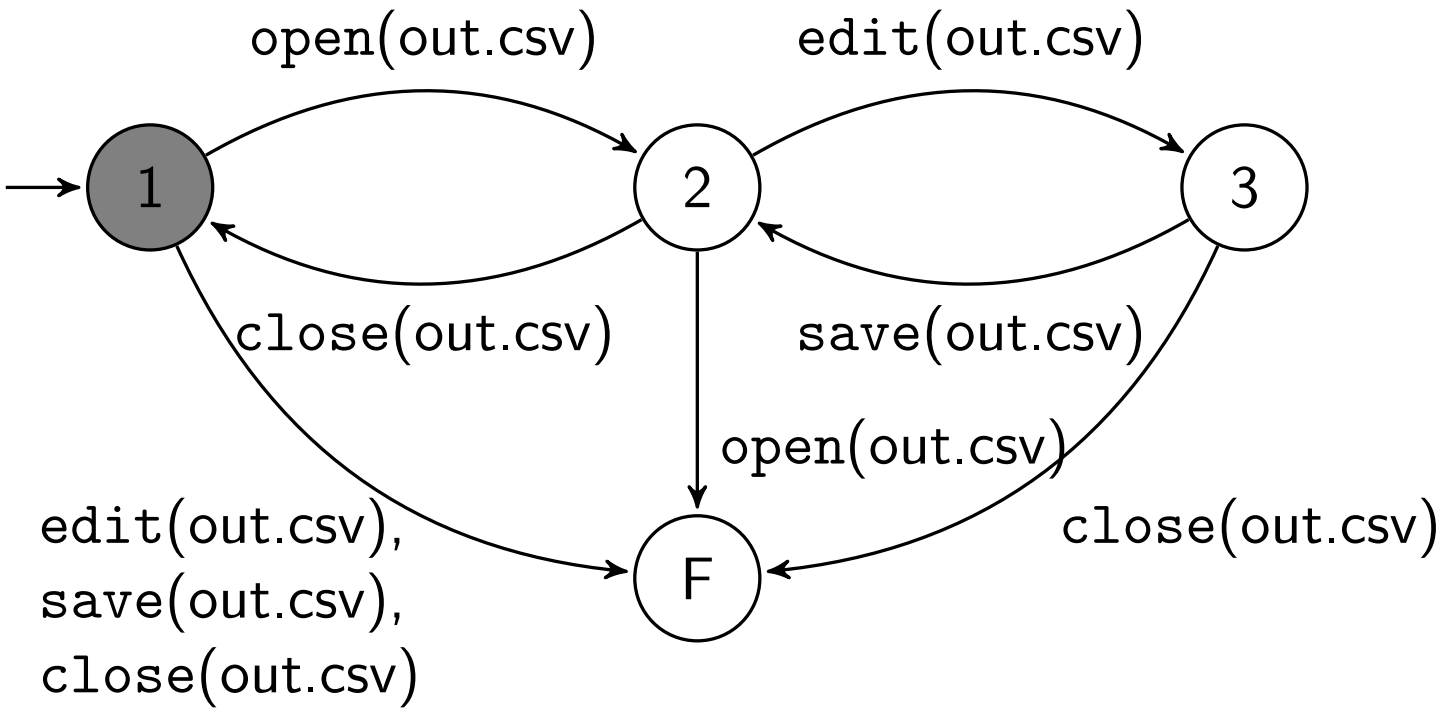

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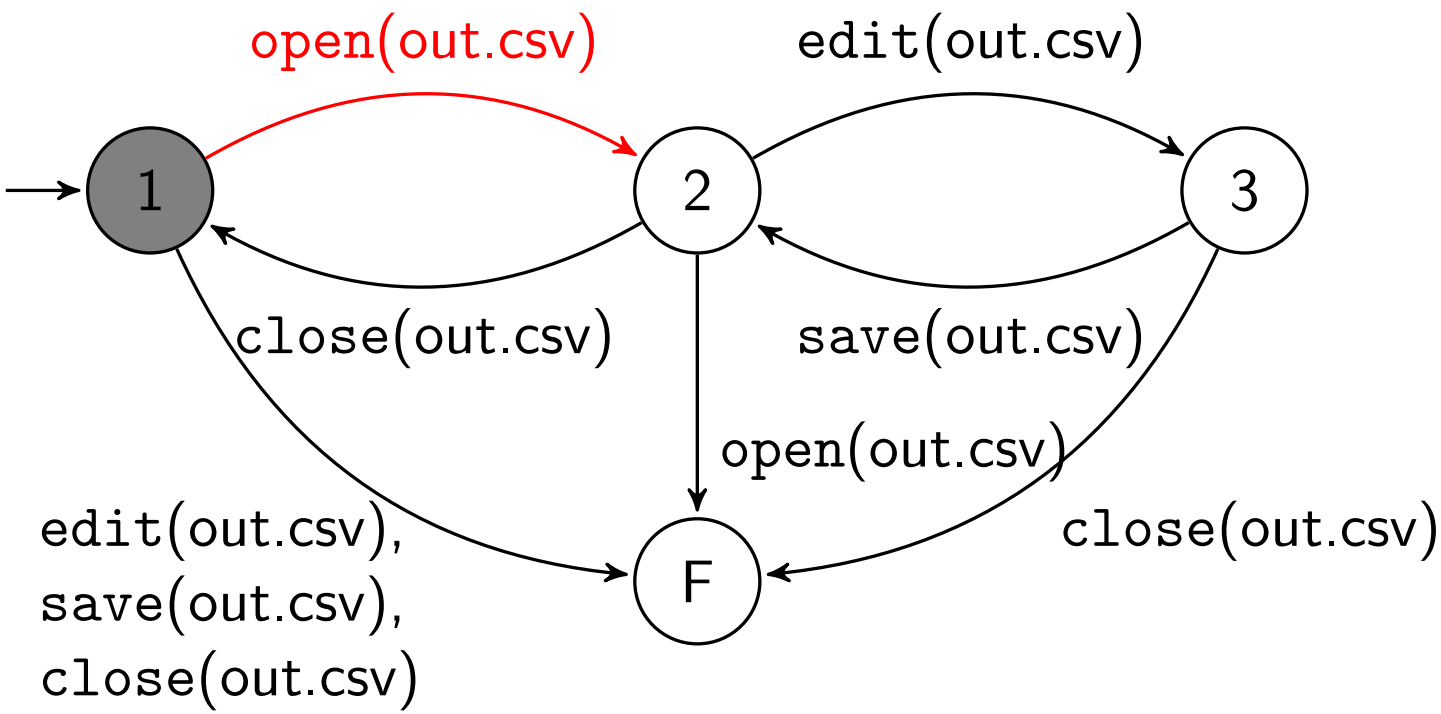

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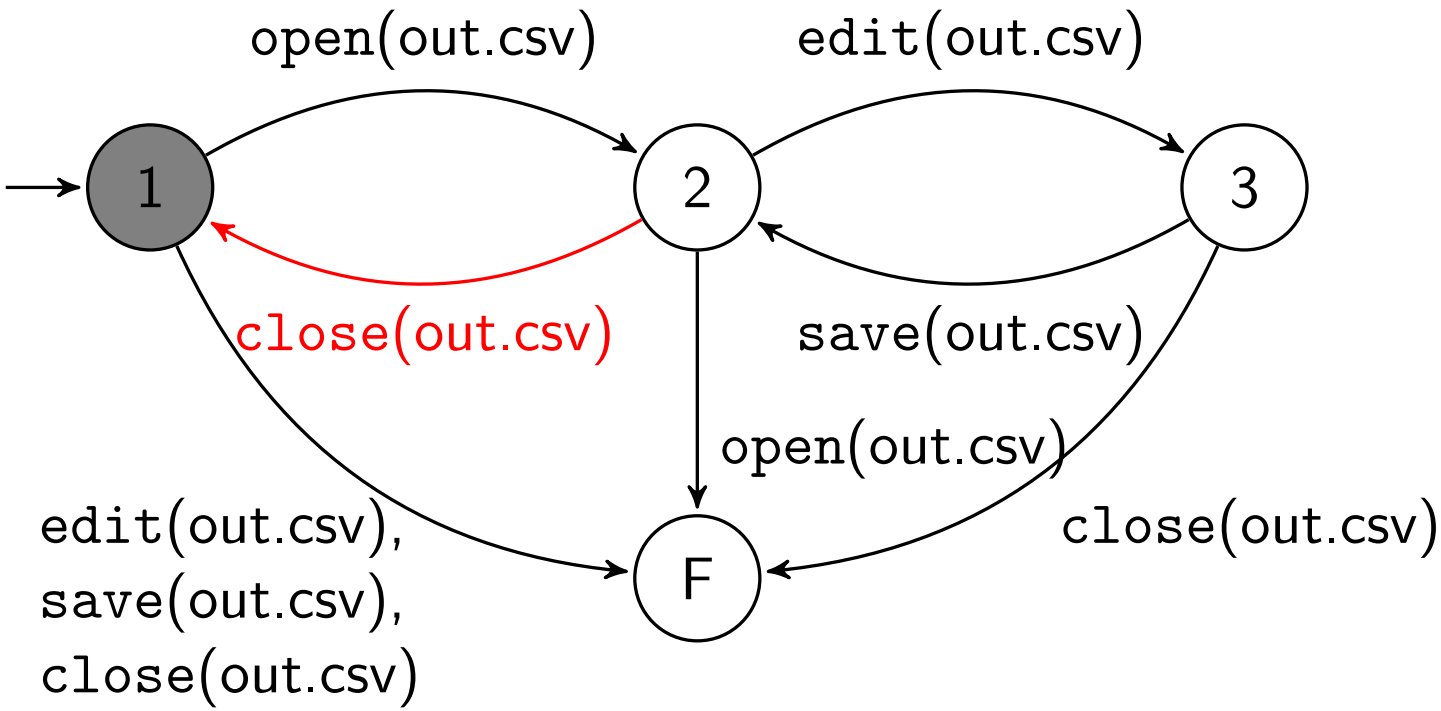

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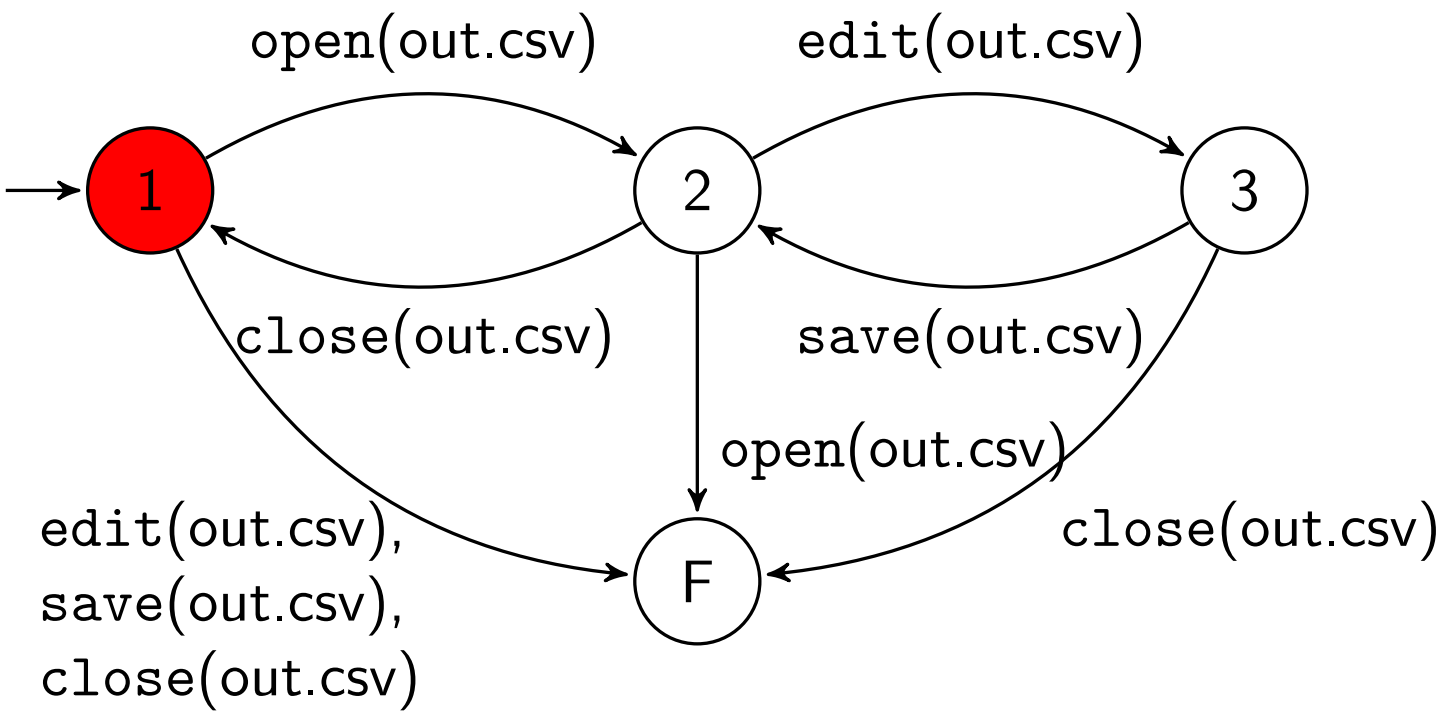

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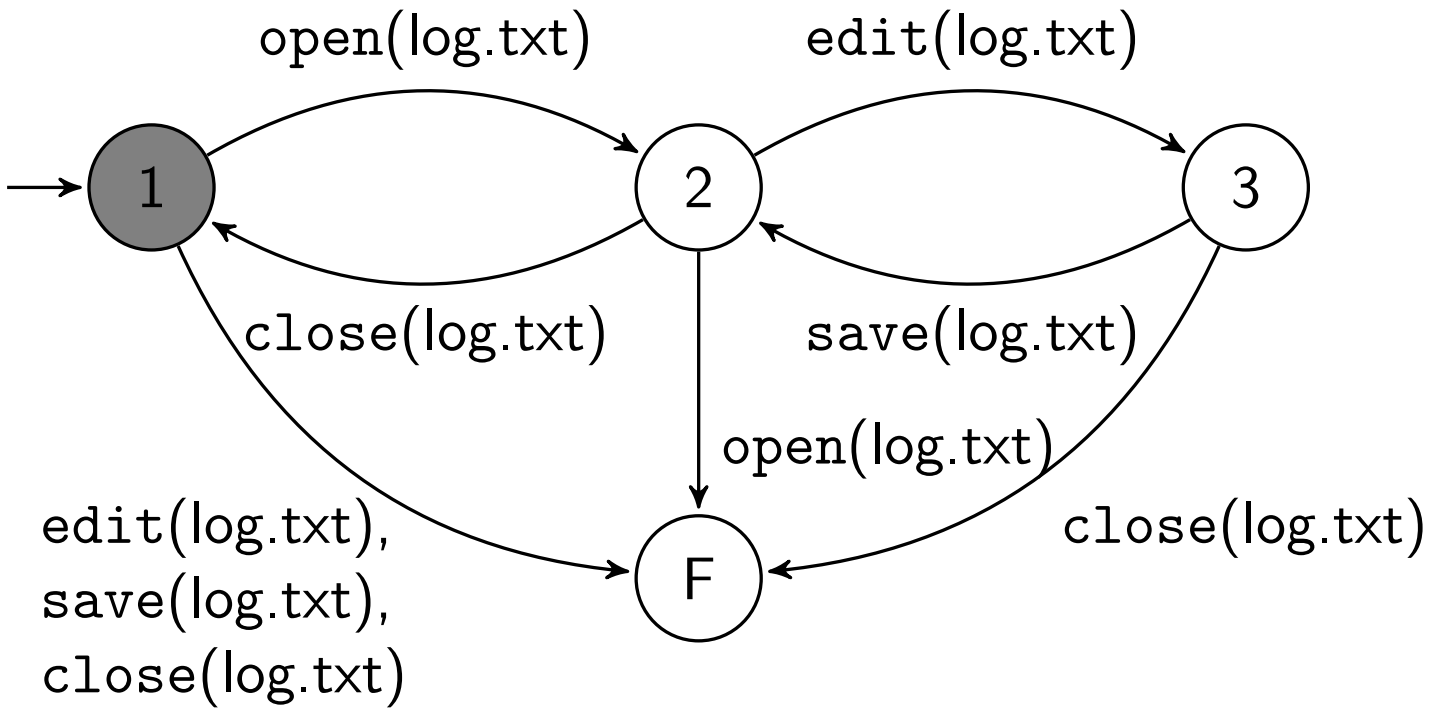

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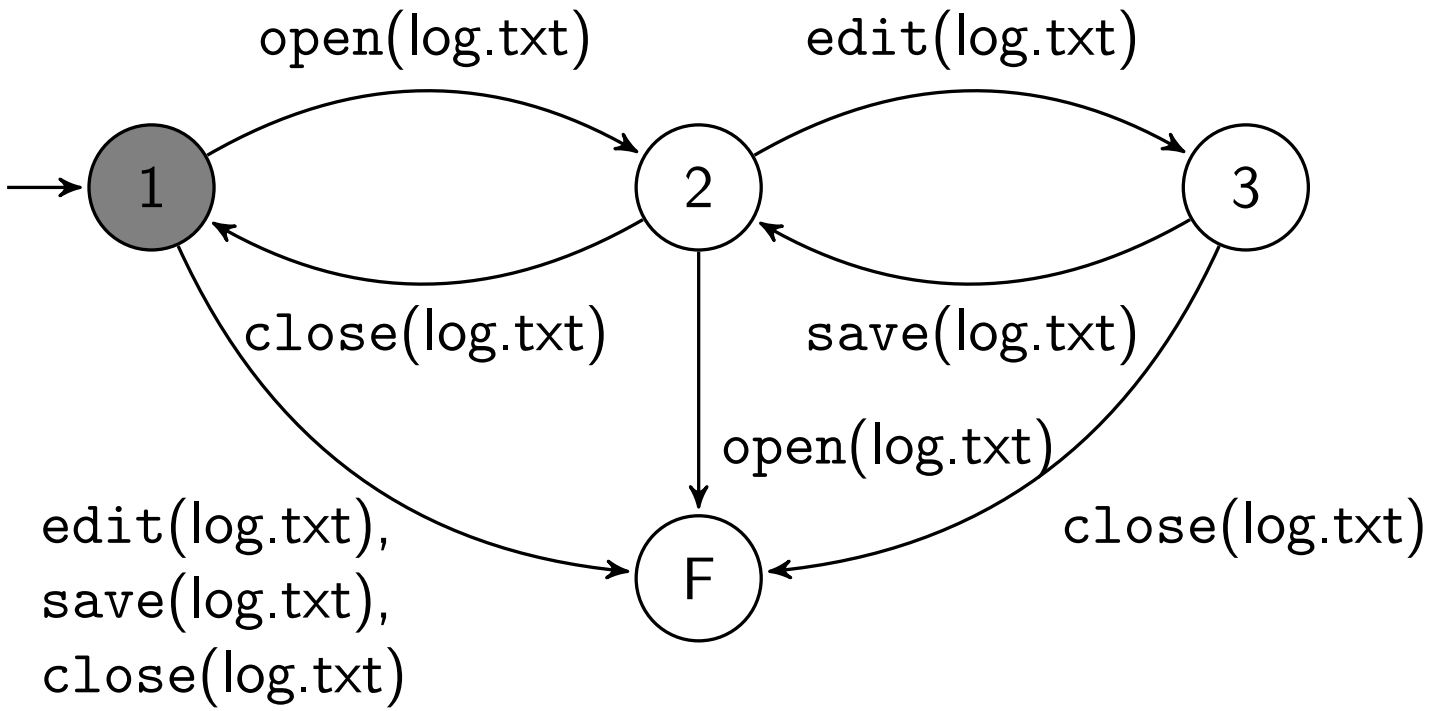

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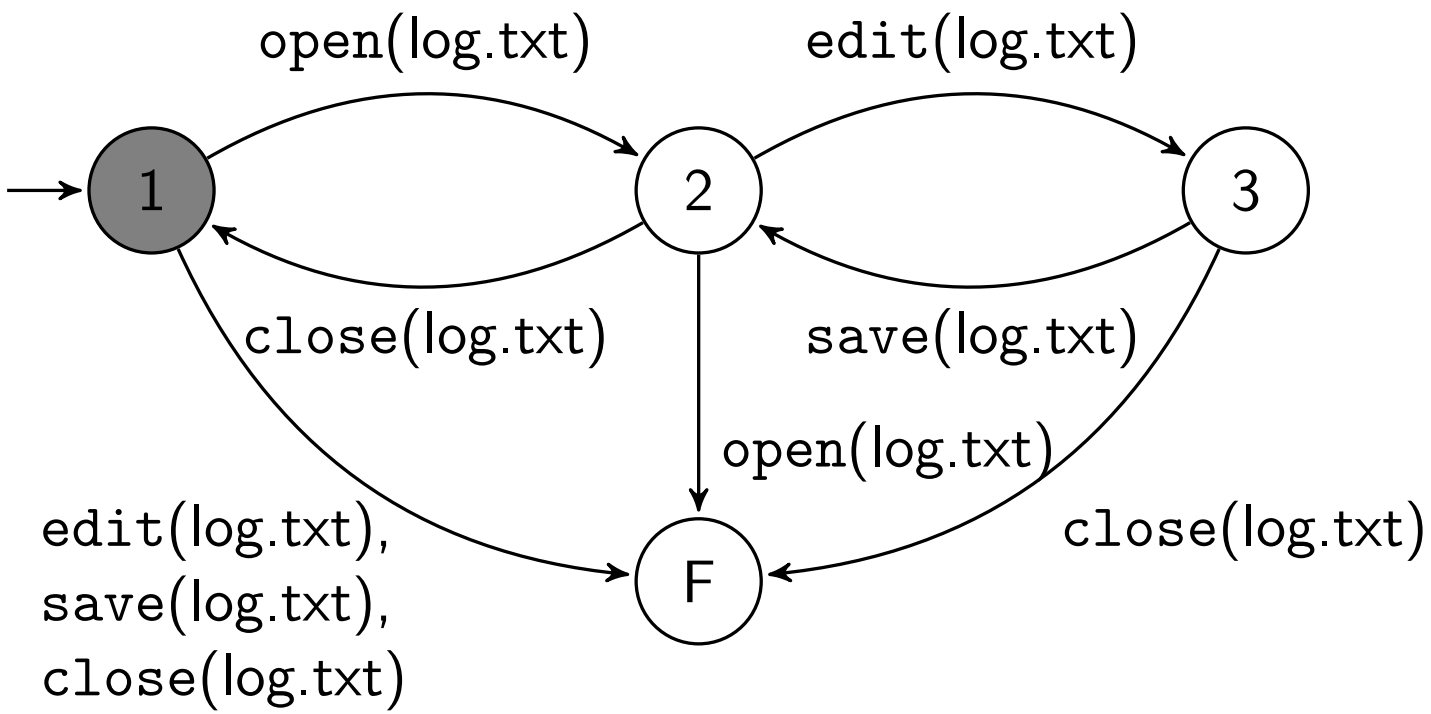

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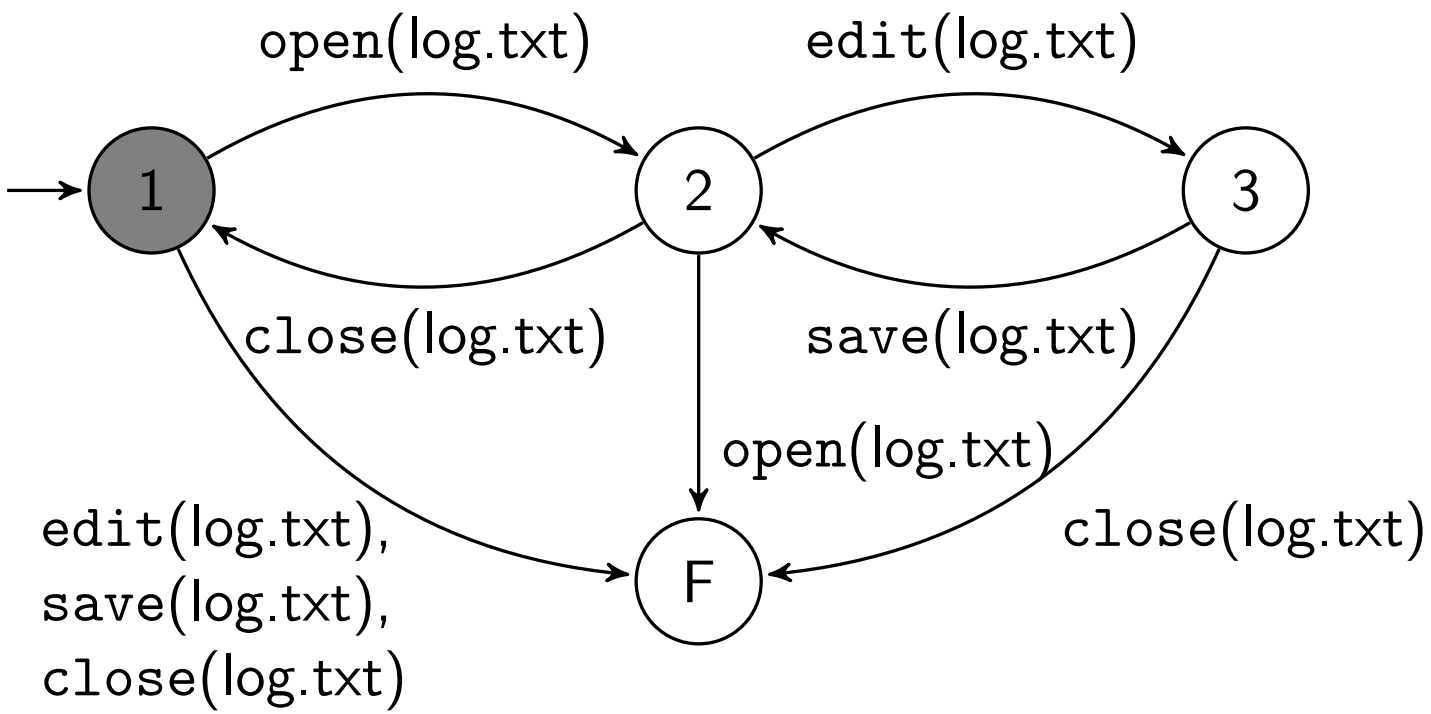

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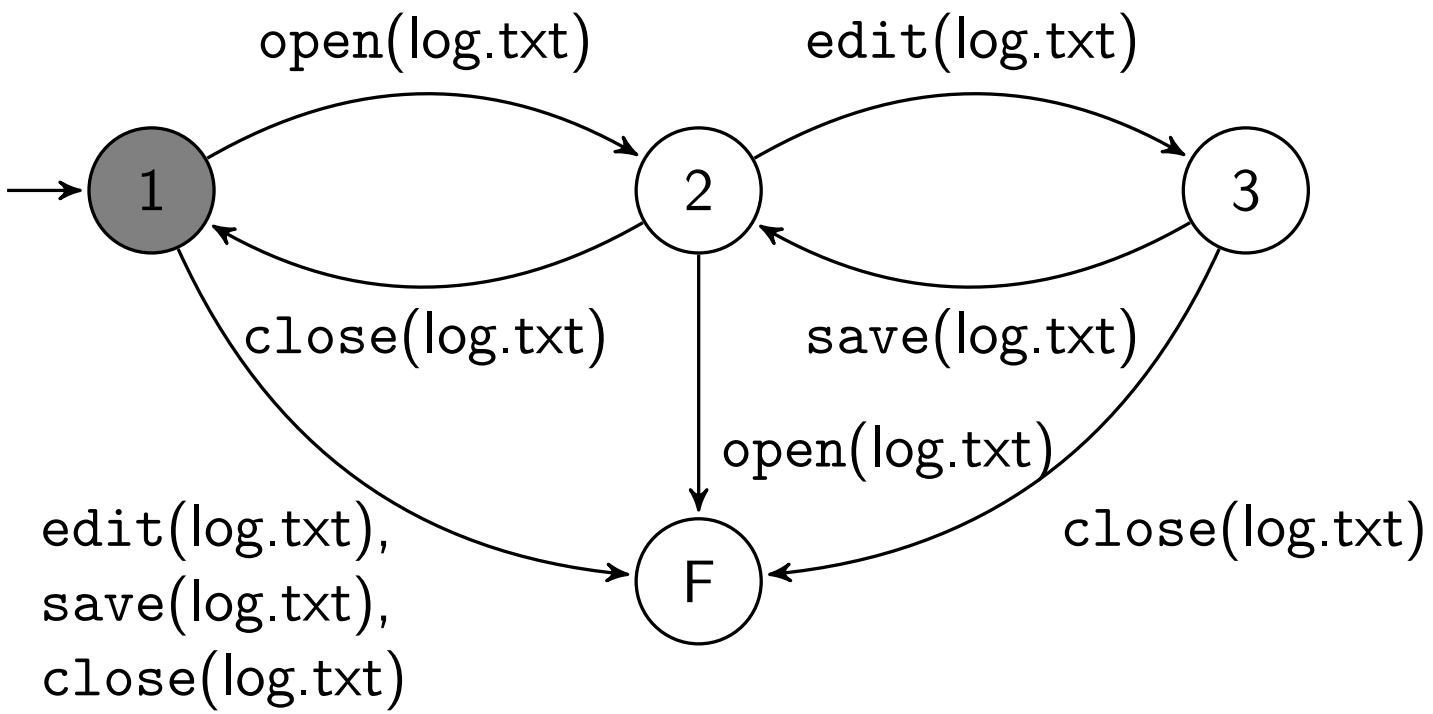

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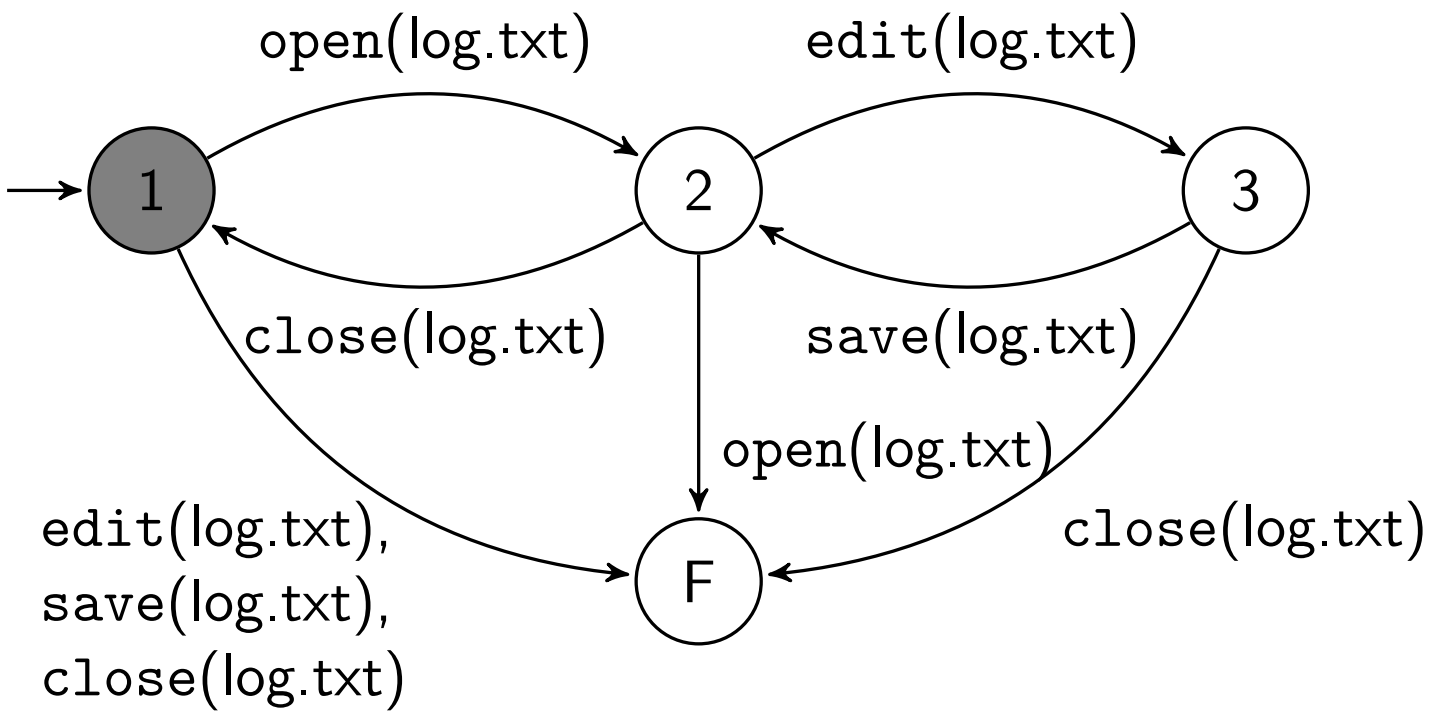

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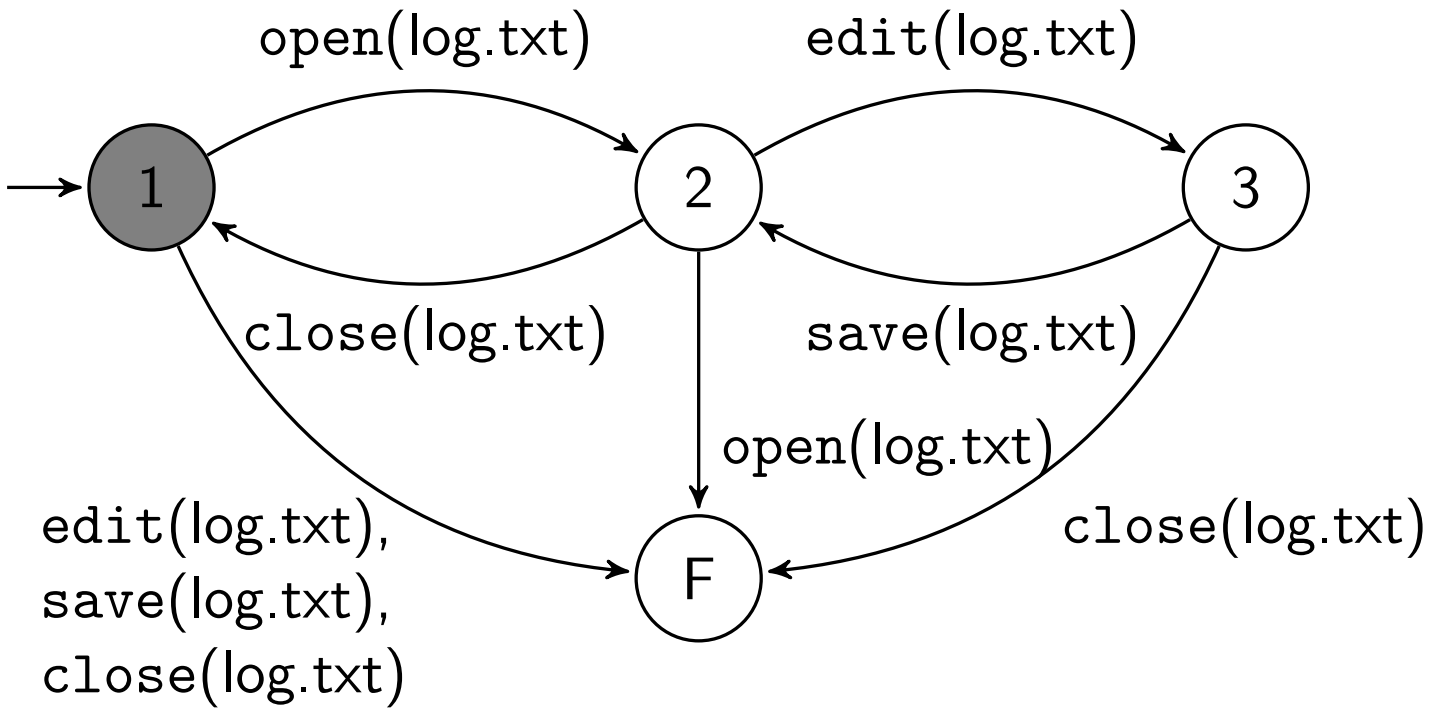

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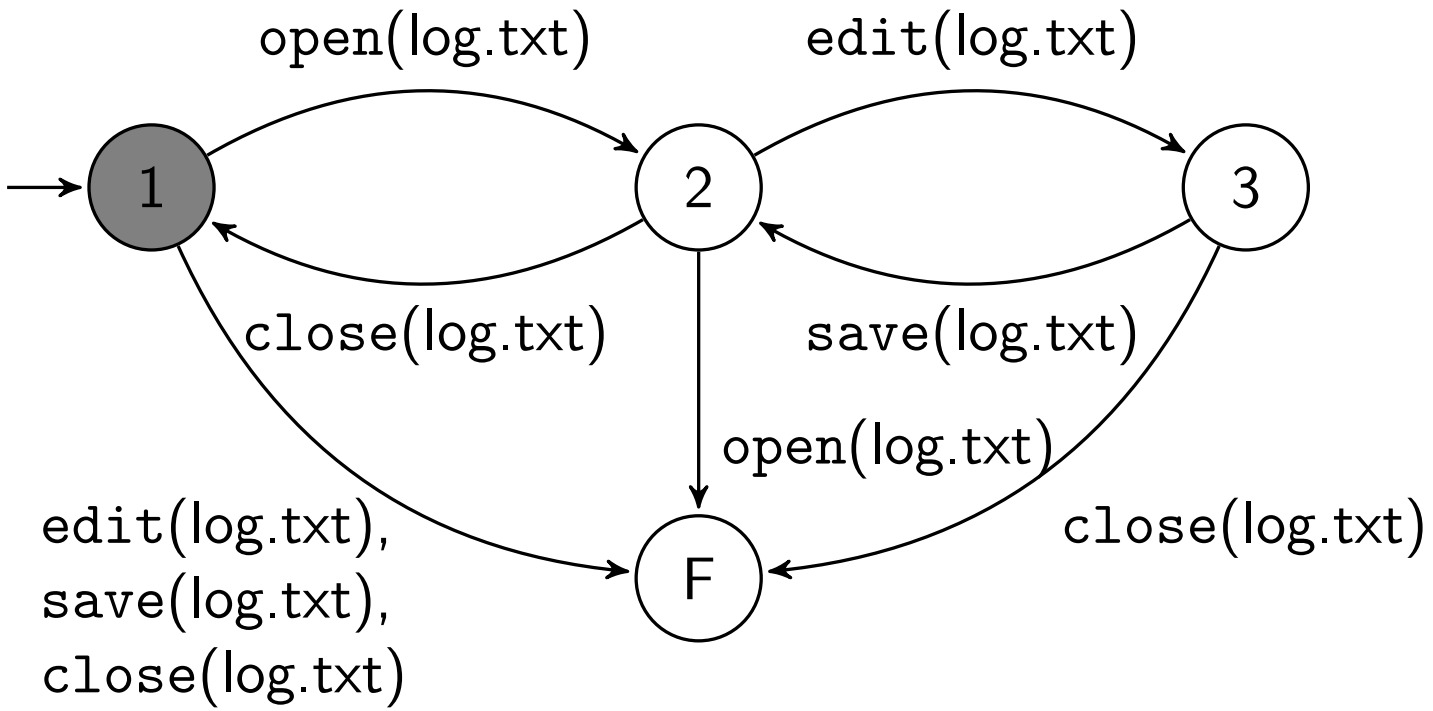

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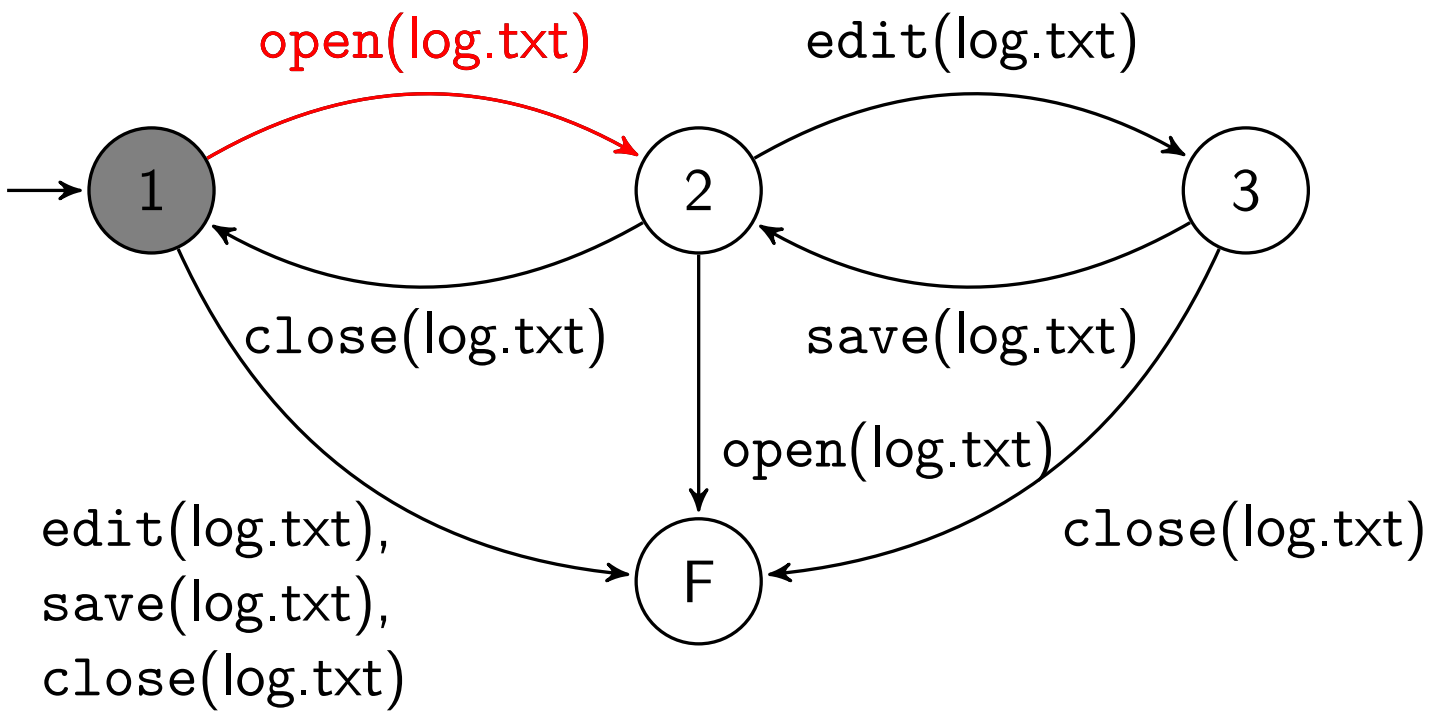

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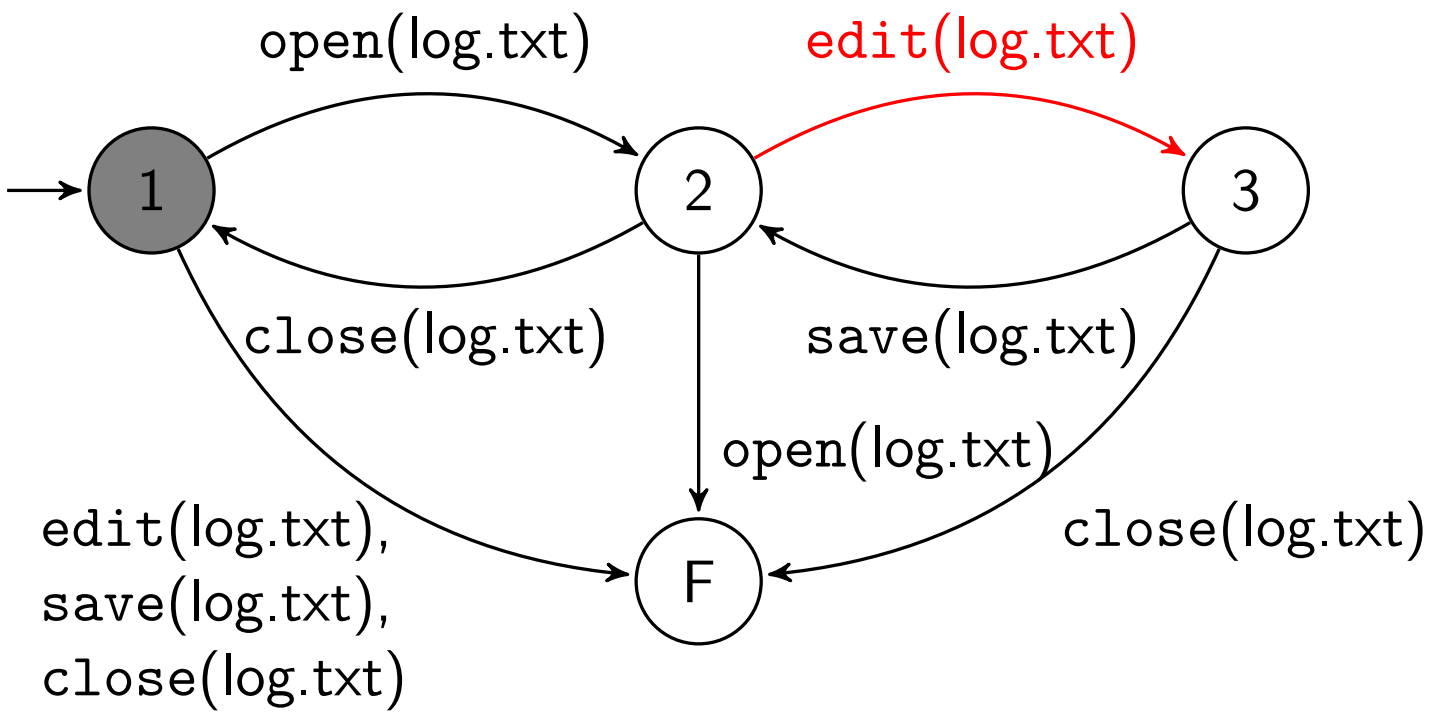

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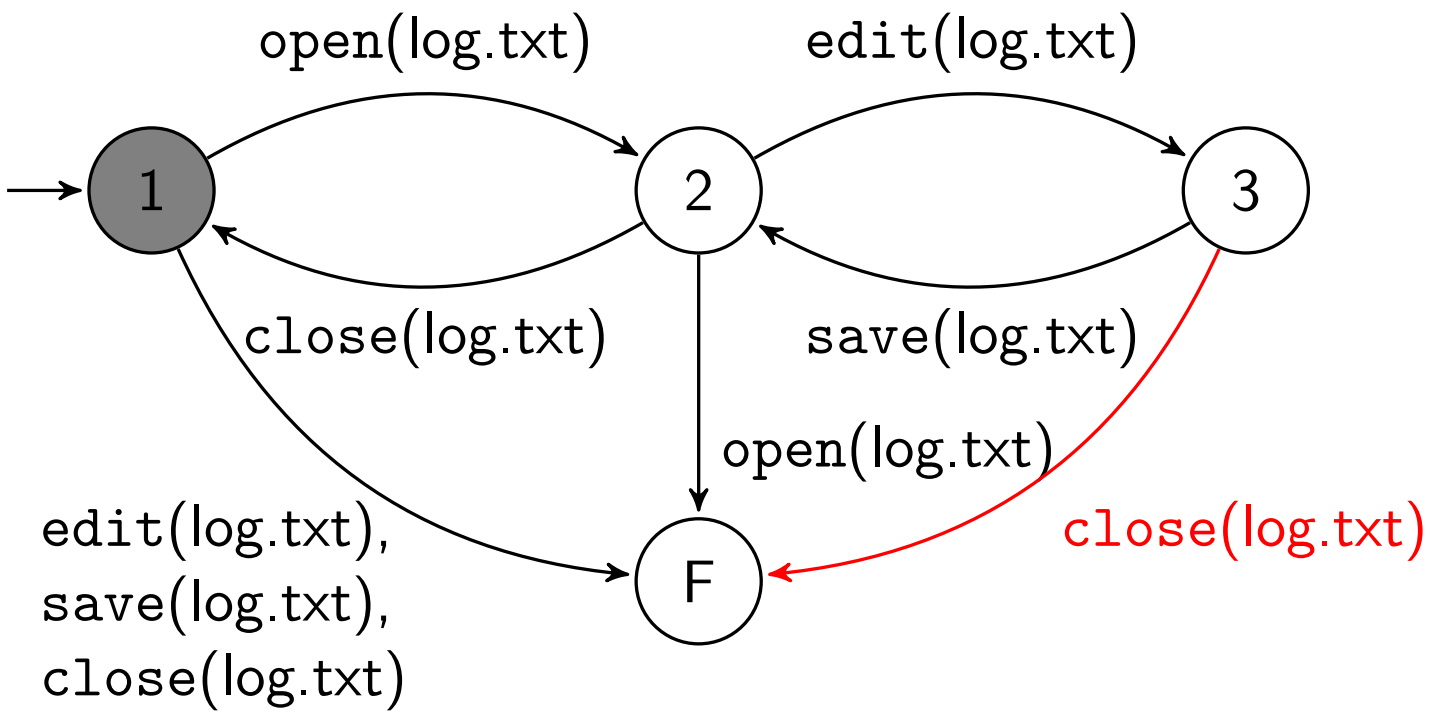

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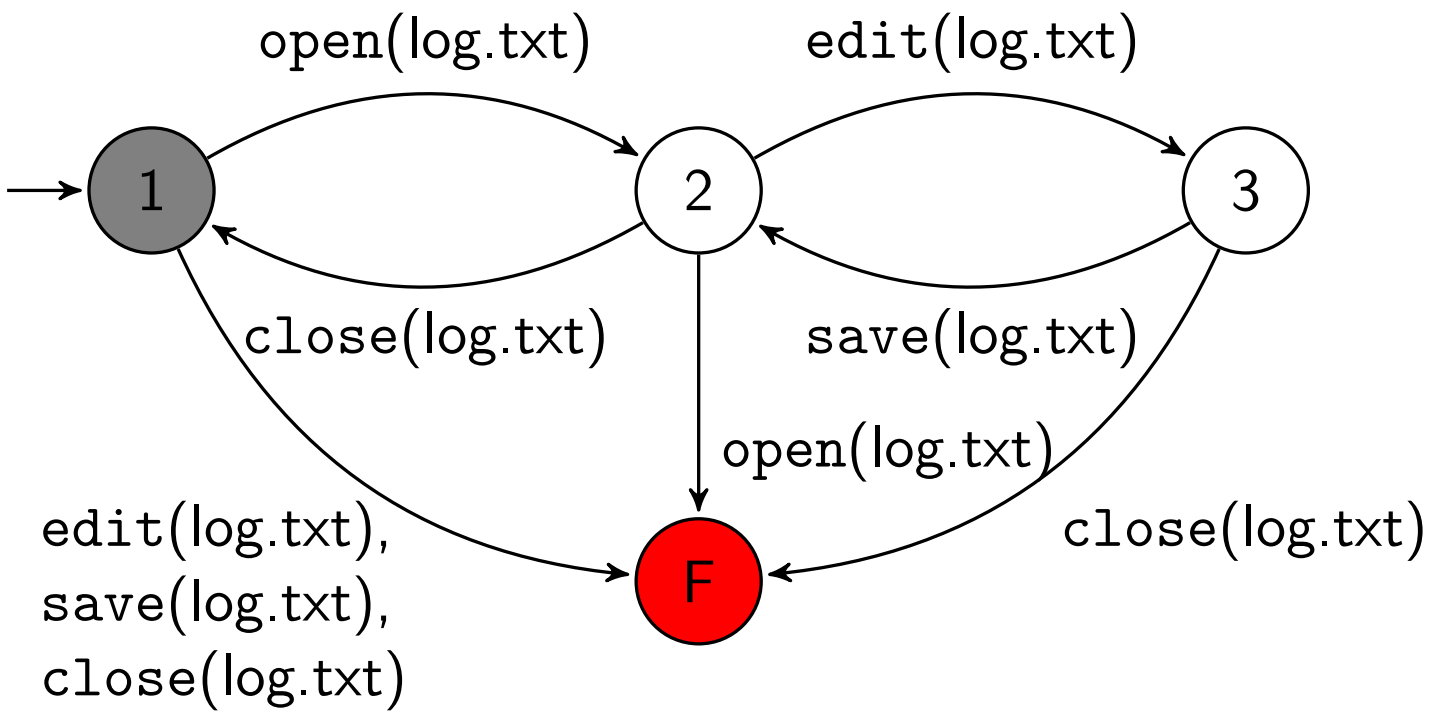

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Interpreting Quantifications

- If the quantification is all universal i.e. for $\forall x, \forall y$ we need $\tau \downarrow_\theta$ in the language of $\mathsf{E}(\theta)$ for all bindings θ i.e. for all values in the domains of x and y
- Existential quantification is treated as expected
  - Given $\forall x, \exists y$ we must find a binding $\theta = [x \mapsto v_x, y \mapsto v_y]$ for each value v_x in the domain of x such that $\tau \downarrow_\theta$ is in the language of $\mathsf{E}(\theta)$
  - If all quantifications are existential we must find at least **one** binding θ such that $\tau \downarrow_\theta$ is in the language of $\mathsf{E}(\theta)$
- Note that these bindings are given by the domains of the quantified variables, which are dependent on the trace

Outline

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Definition (Event Automaton)

An Event Automaton $\langle Q, \mathcal{A}, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ is a tuple where

- Q is a set of states,
- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathit{SymbolicEvent}$ is a alphabet of events,
- $\delta \subseteq (Q \times \mathcal{A} \times \mathit{Guard} \times \mathit{Assign} \times Q)$ is a set of transitions,
- q_0 is an initial state, and
- $F \subseteq Q$ is a set of final states.

Definition (Quantified Event Automaton)

A QEA is a pair $\langle \Lambda, \mathrm{E} \rangle$ where

- $\Lambda \in (\{\forall, \exists\} \times \texttt{variables}(\mathrm{E}) \times \mathit{Guard})^*$ is a list of quantified variables with guards, and
- E is an Event Automaton

Free Variables

- Some variables in the Event Automaton may not be quantified
- These are called free variables
- Free variables are (re)bound as the trace is processed
- Allowing us to capture changing data values

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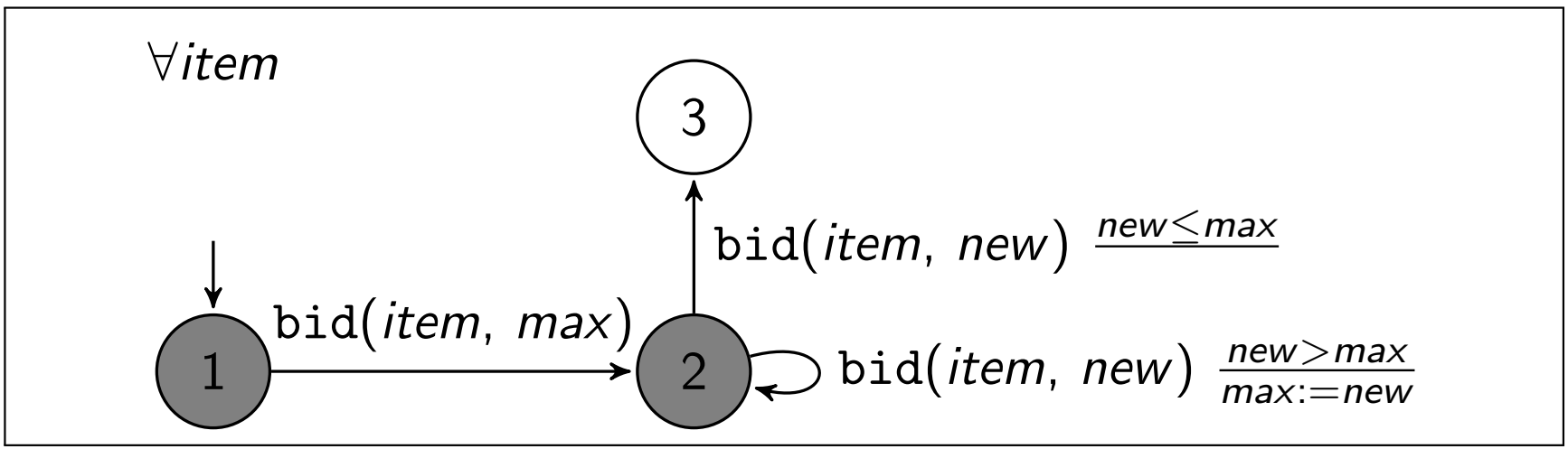

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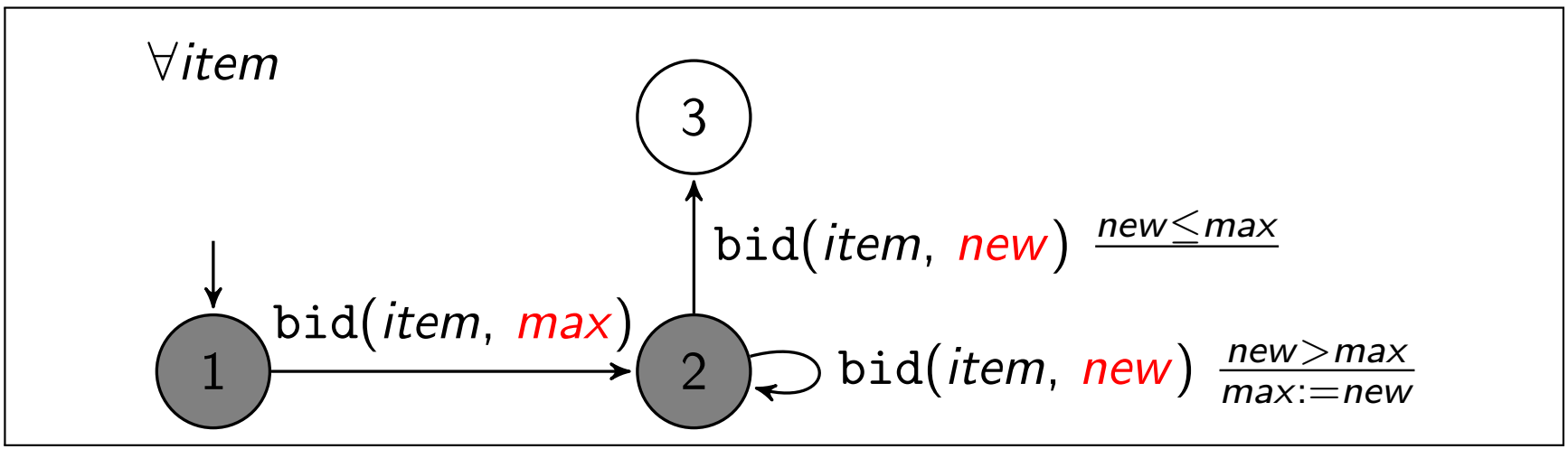

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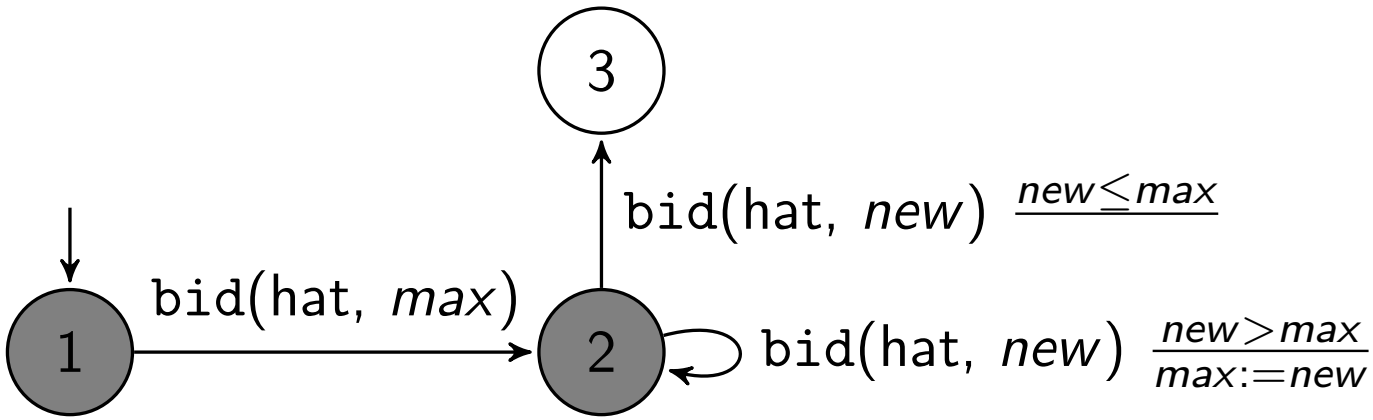

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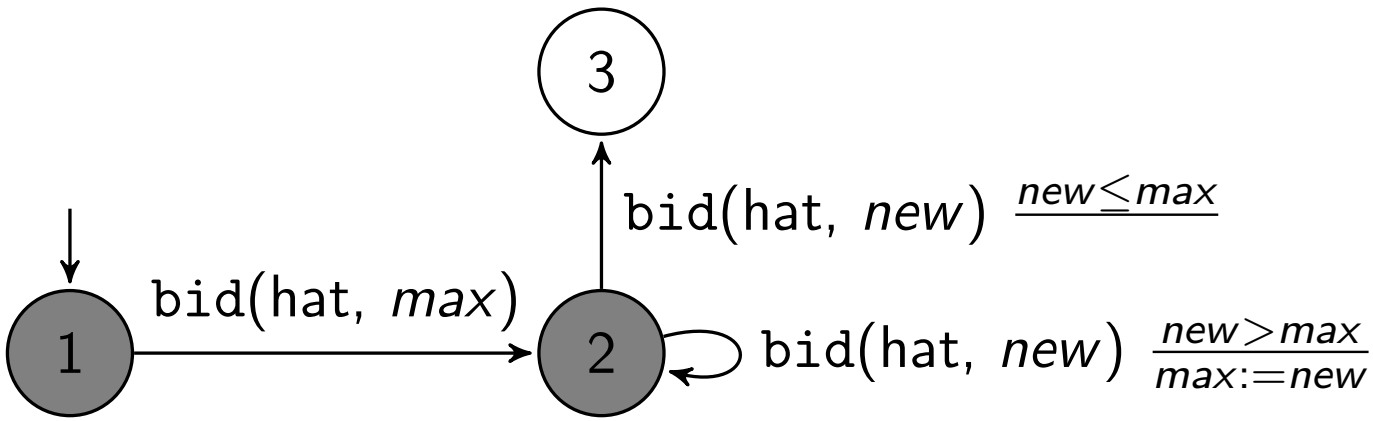

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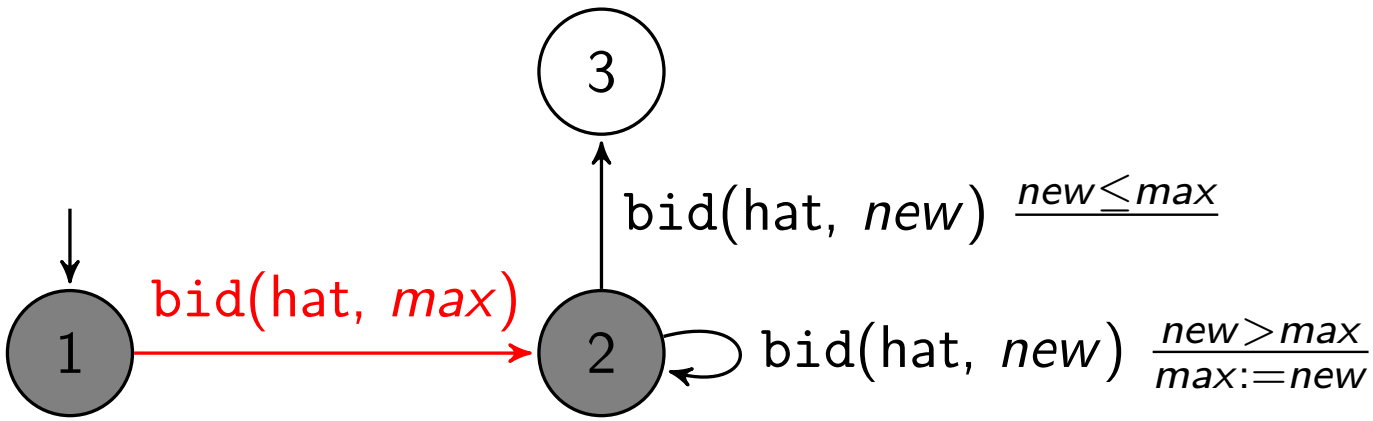

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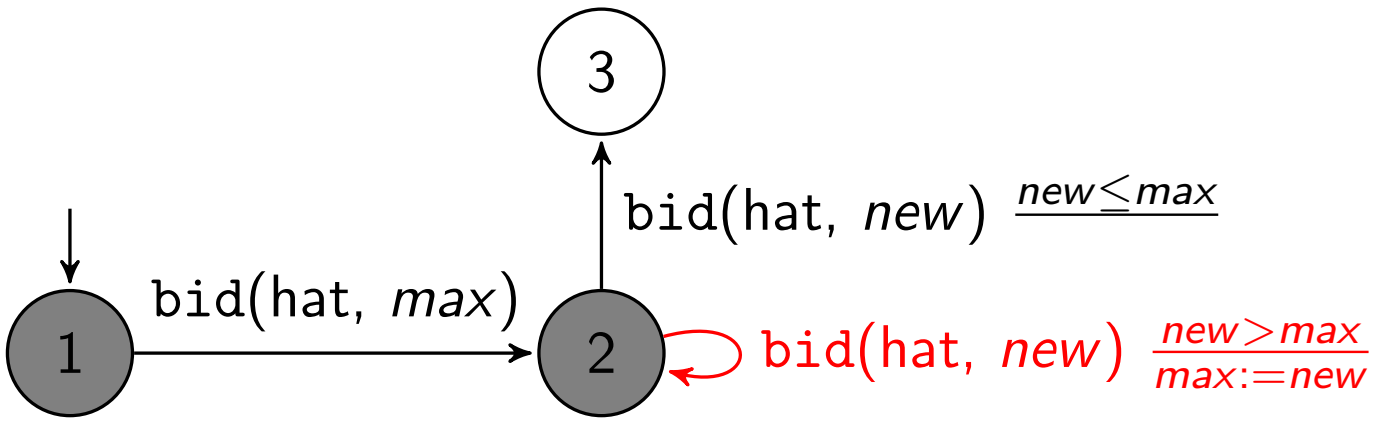

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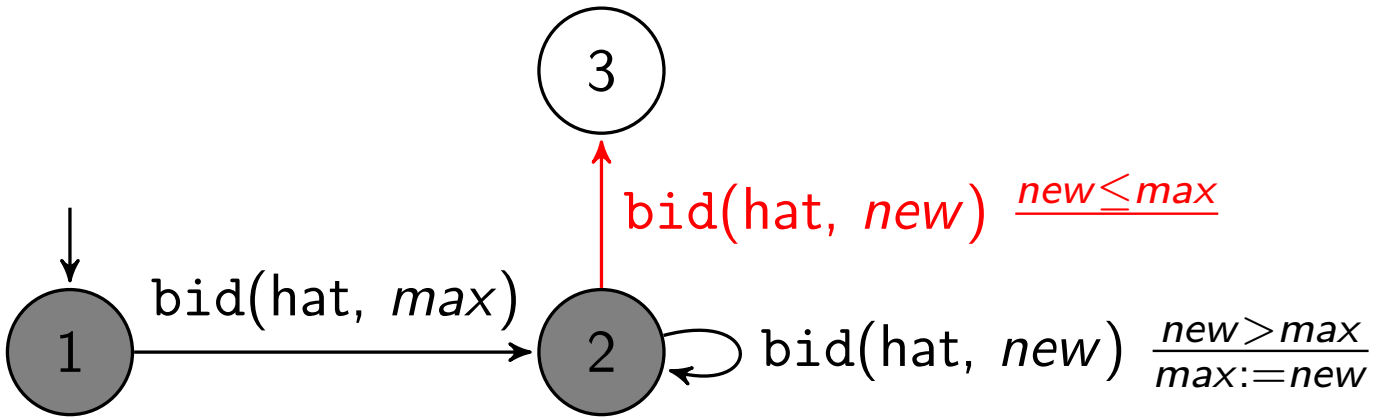

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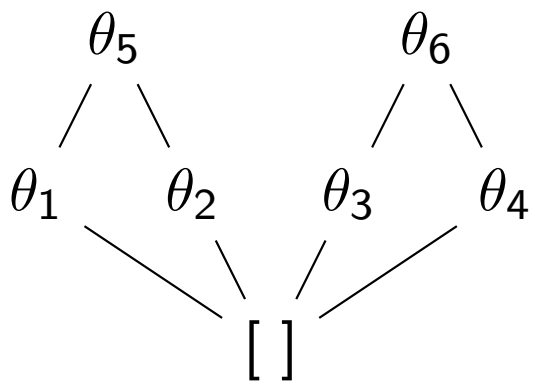
A Small Step Semantics

- Not all information received at once - therefore, need to build up partial bindings and partial projections
- Associate projections with bindings

$$\mathit{Binding} \rightharpoonup \mathit{Trace}$$

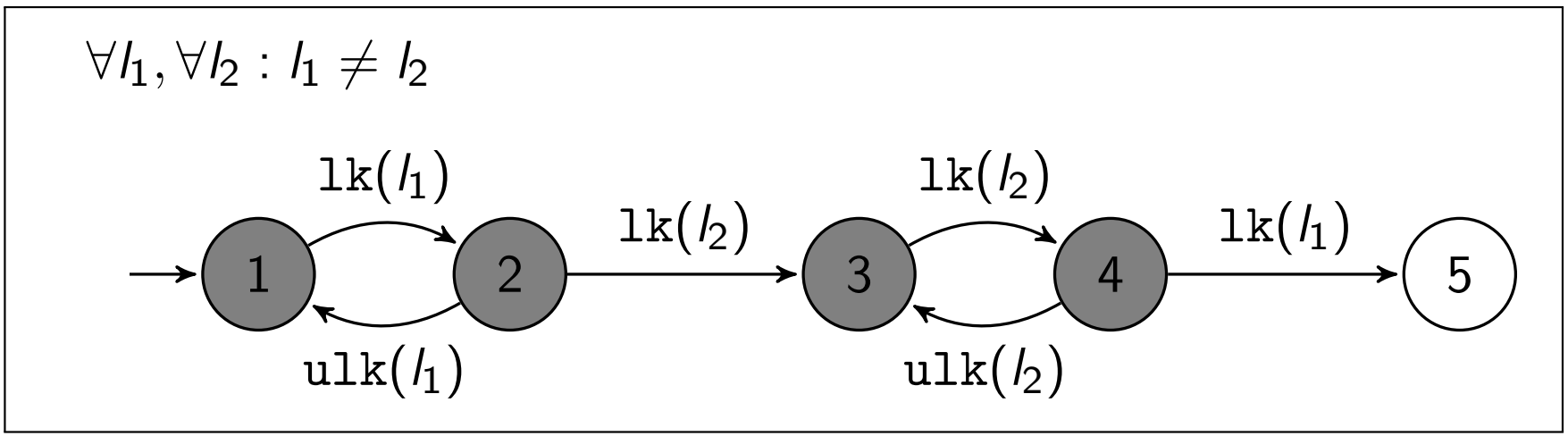
- When adding a new binding use the largest (given by partial order on bindings) existing consistent binding



Lock Ordering Example

Property : Lock Ordering

Every distinct pair of locks should be taken and released in a consistent order.



lk = lock ulk = unlock

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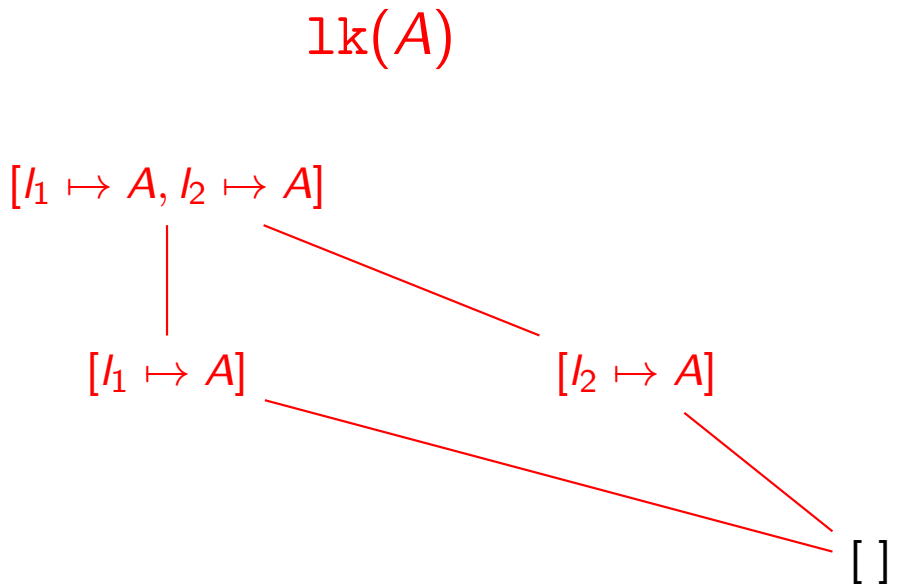

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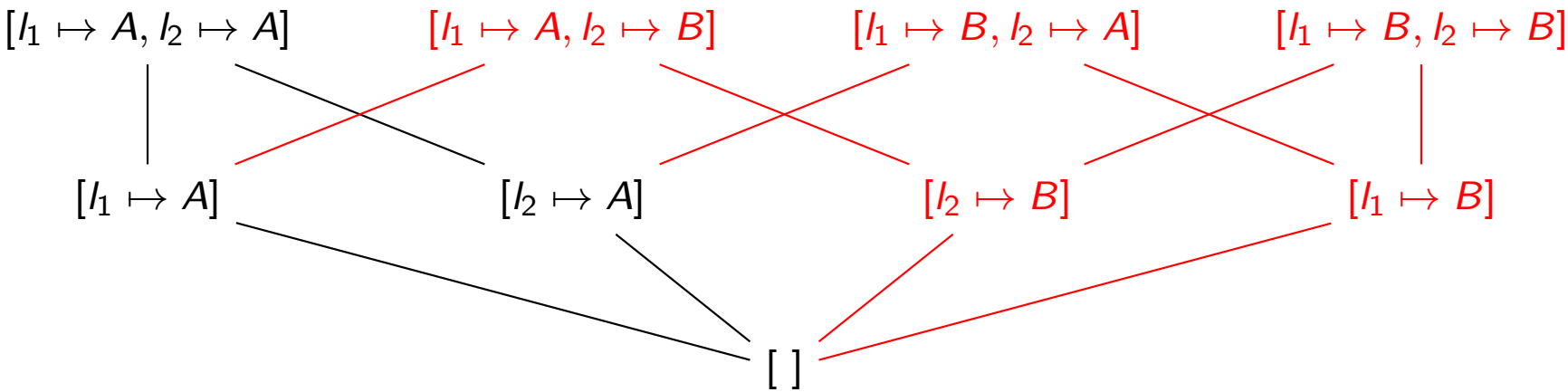

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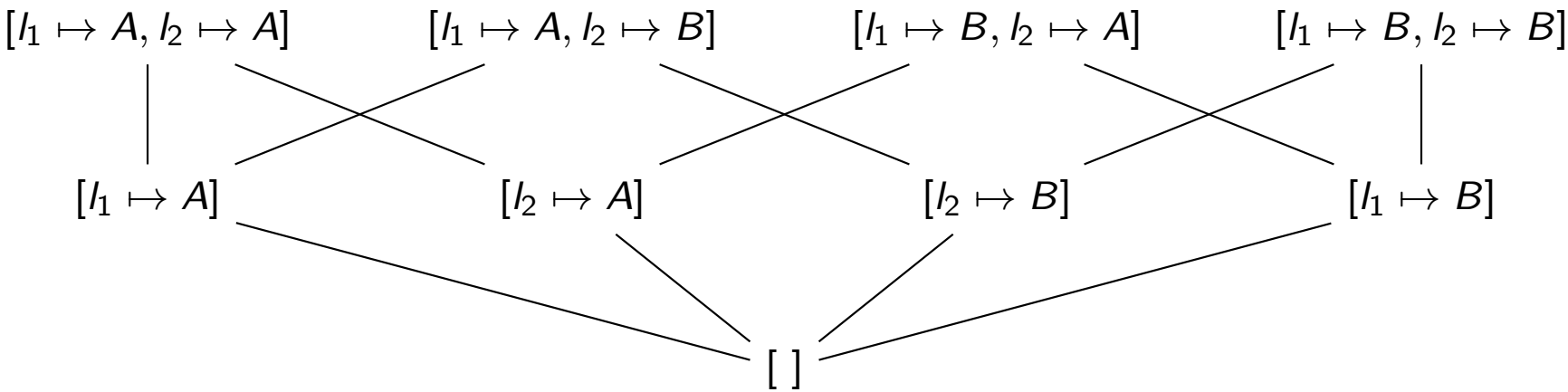

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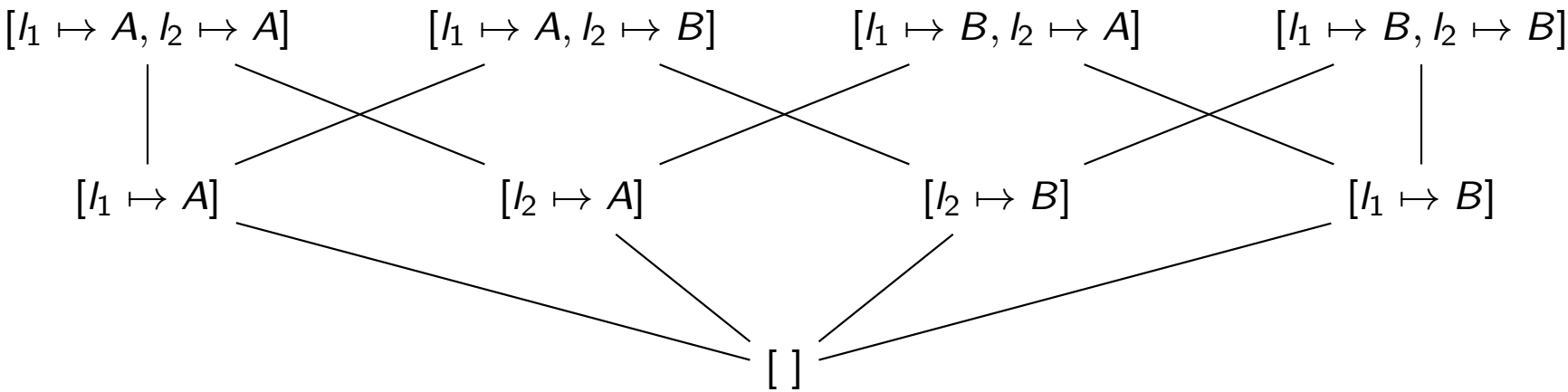

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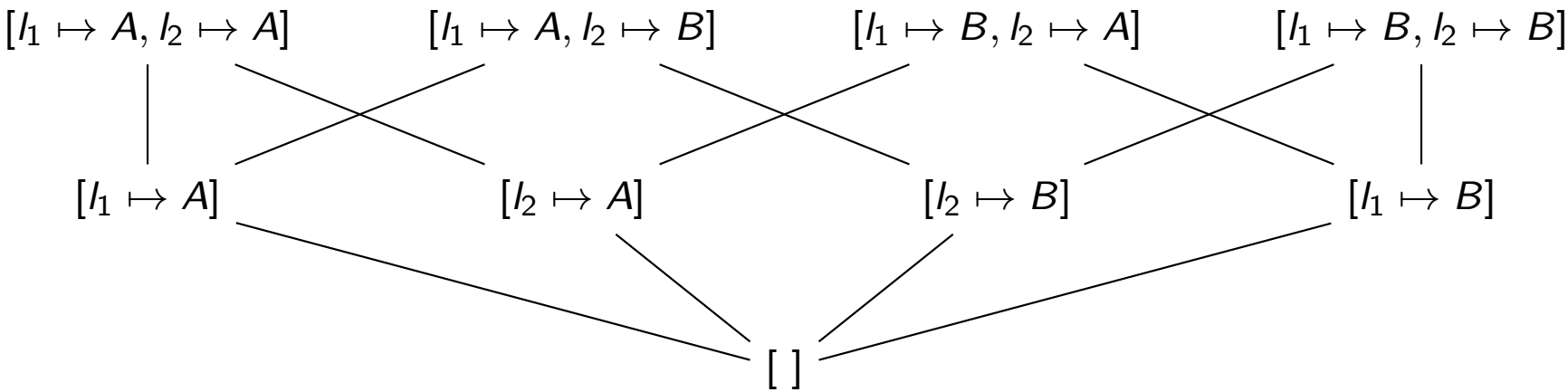

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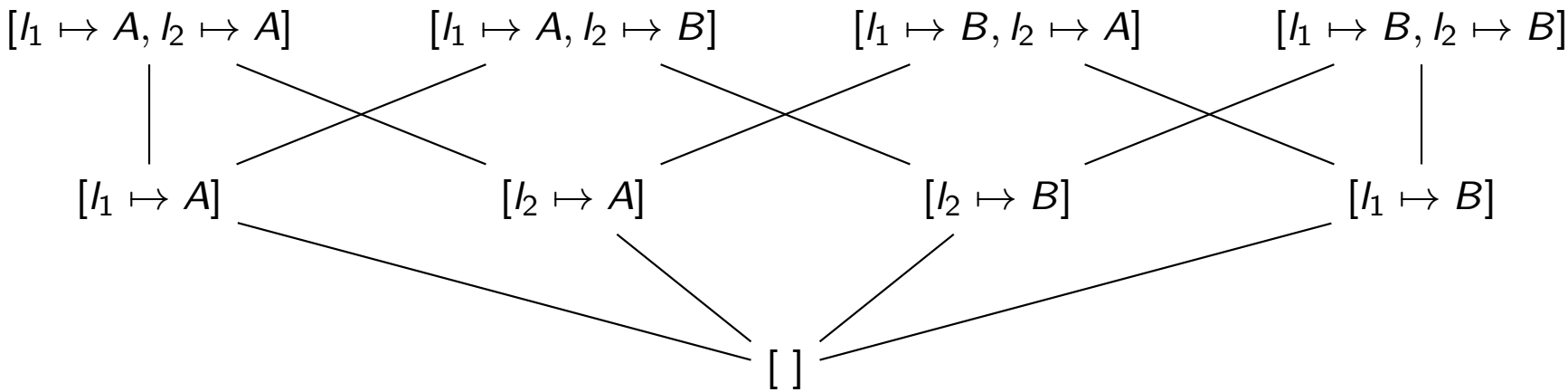

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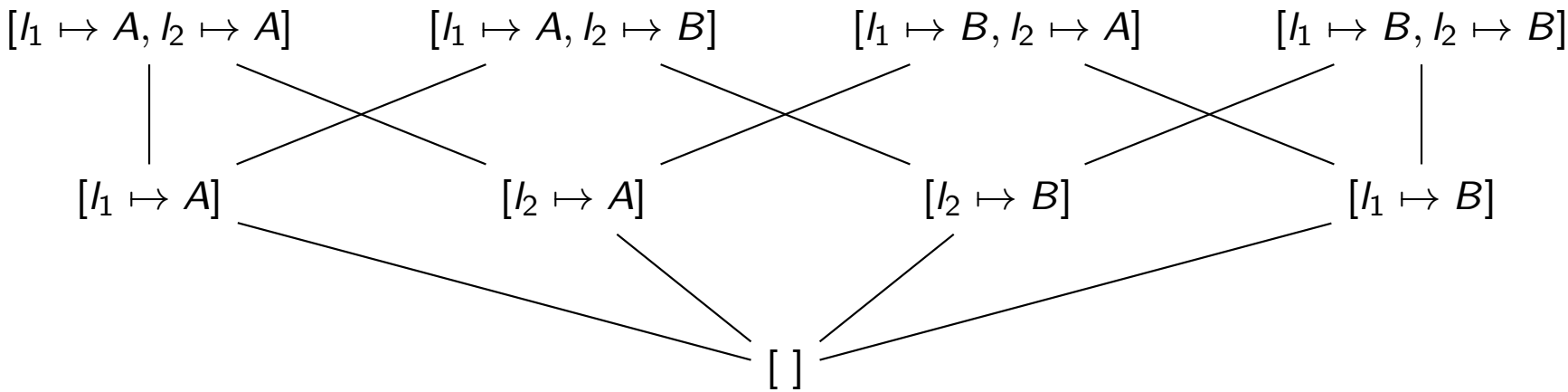

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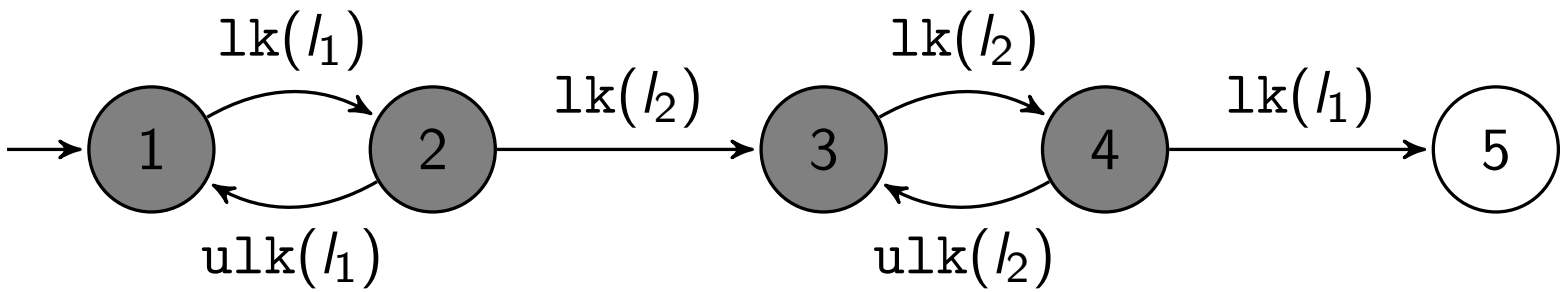

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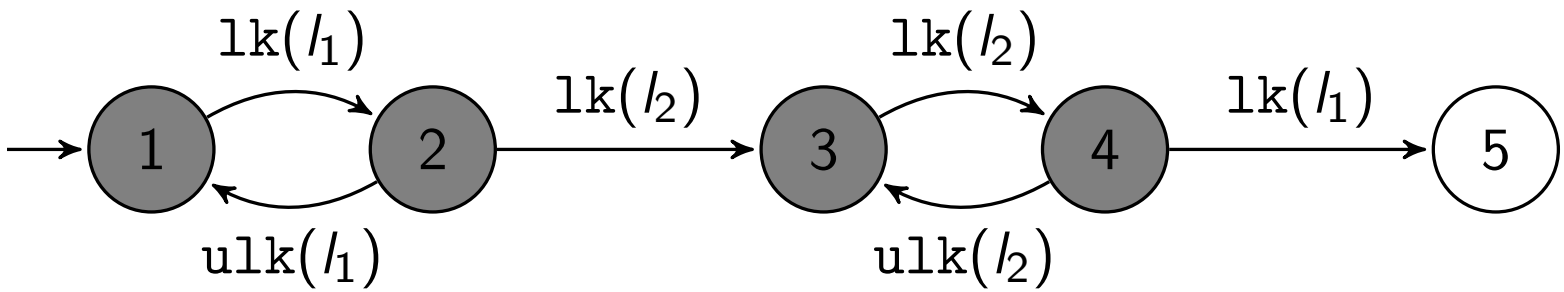

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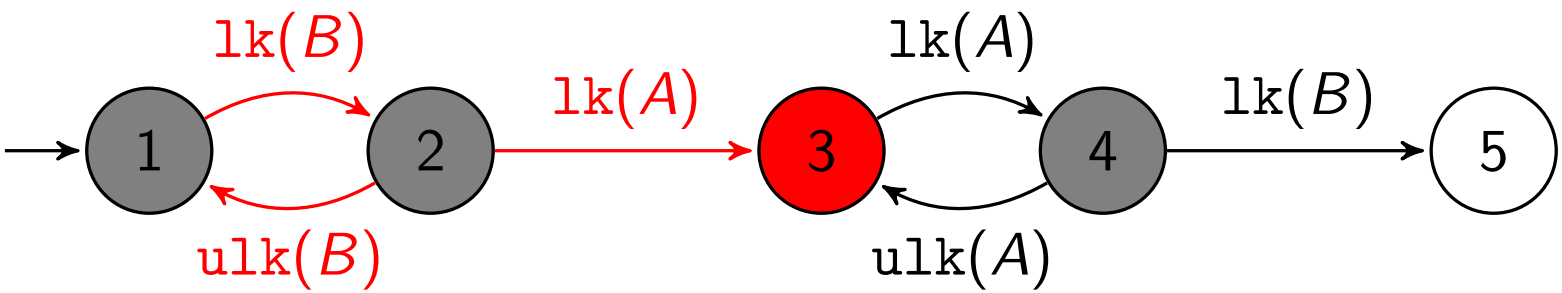

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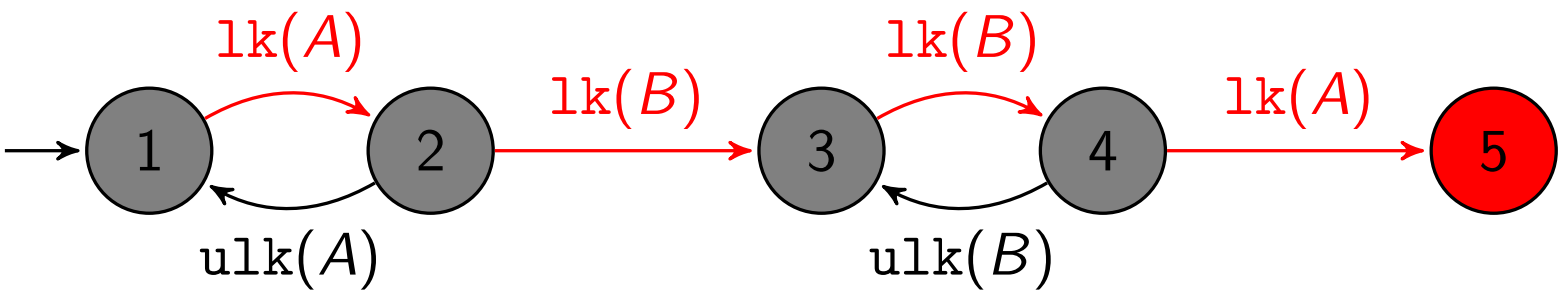

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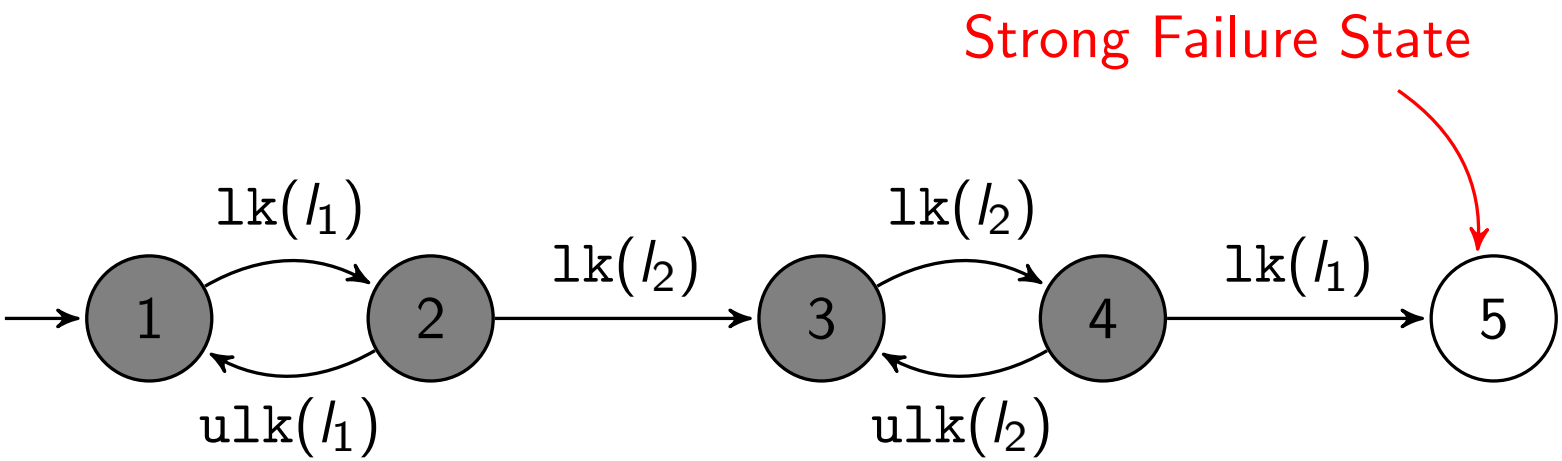

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No extensions of this trace can satisfy the property

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l_1	l_2		
~~A~~	~~A~~	~~lk(A).ulk(A).lk(A)~~	
A	B	lk(A).lk(B).ulk(B).ulk(A).lk(B).lk(A)	✗
B	A	lk(A).lk(B).ulk(B).ulk(A).lk(B).lk(A)	✓
~~B~~	~~B~~	~~lk(B).ulk(B).lk(B)~~	

$$\forall l_1, \forall l_2 : l_1 \neq l_2$$

No extensions of this trace can satisfy the property

= StrongFailure

Practicalities

- Storing trace projections directly would be inefficient
- Instead, store configurations directly

$$Configuration = State \times Binding$$

$$Binding \rightharpoonup \mathcal{P}(Configuration)$$

- Compute language acceptance from states reached

- We have a prototype implementation in Scala

- Can take advantage of previous work in this area
  - Indexing schemes
  - Garbage collection

Future Work

We are currently working on

- Efficient Algorithms for Runtime Monitoring
- Specification Inference targeting Quantified Event Automata

Thank you for listening

Any questions?