

# Networked Embedded System



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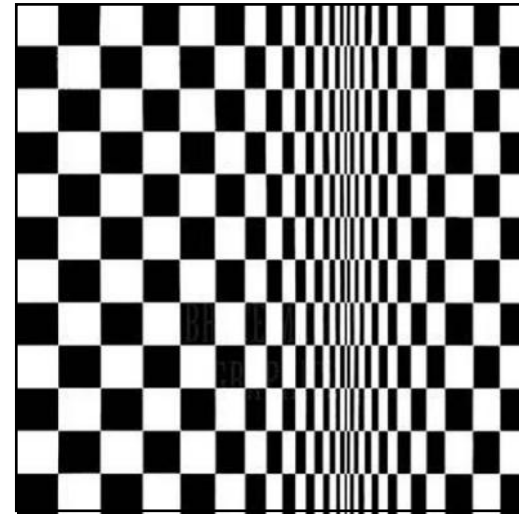
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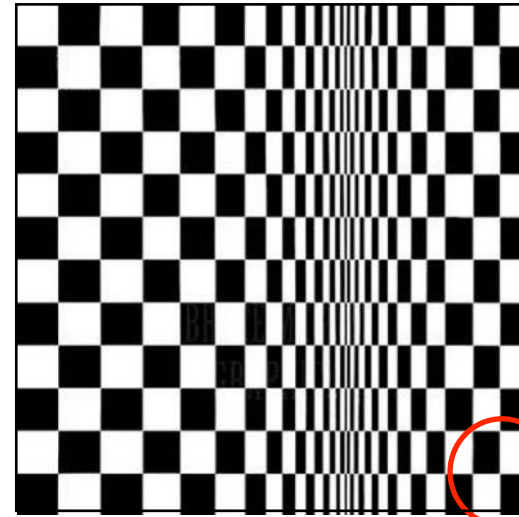


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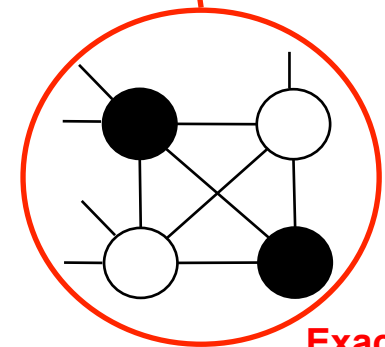
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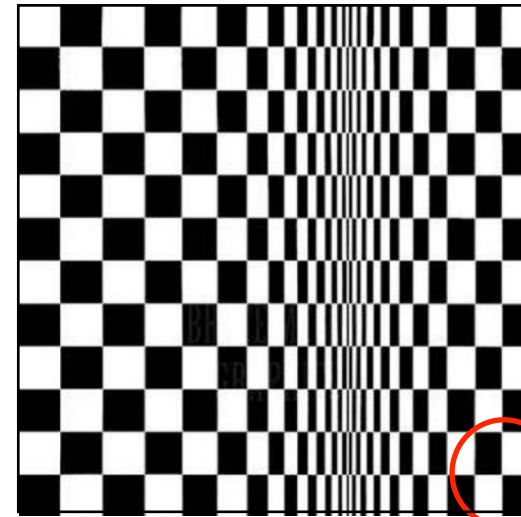
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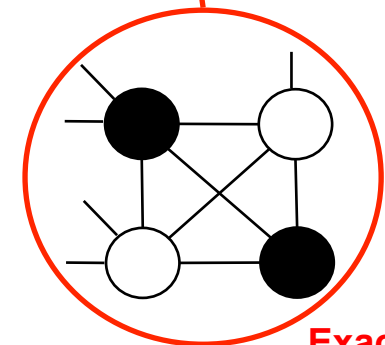


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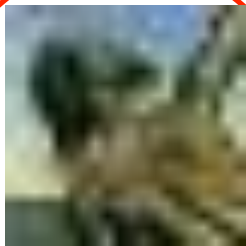


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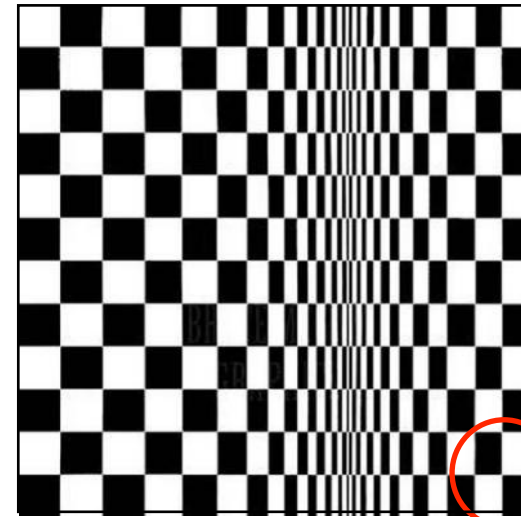
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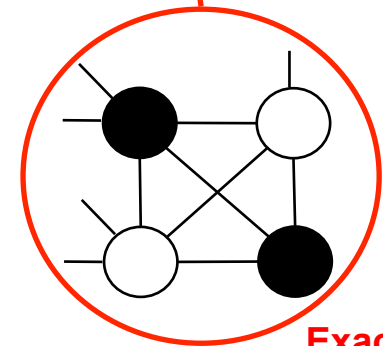
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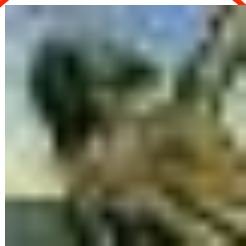


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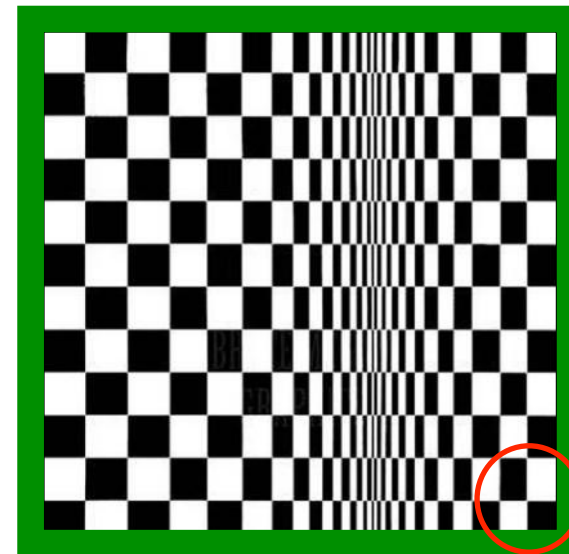
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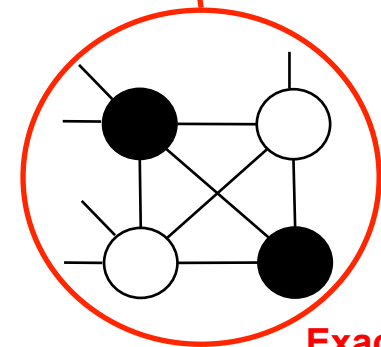
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- Admit symbolic models
- Can be approximated by symbolic models
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- Admit symbolic models
  - Autonomous Systems (no input)
    - Timed Automata [Alur and Dill, 1992]
    - Multirate Automata [Alur et al., 1993]
    - Rectangular Automata [Henzinger et al., 1998]
    - o-minimal hybrid systems [Lafferriere et al., 2000]
  - Discrete-time linear control systems [Tabuada et al., 2006]
- Can be approximated by symbolic models
  - Incrementally stable nonlinear control systems [Pola et al., 2008]
  - Incrementally stable switched nonlinear systems [Girard et al., 2008]
  - Incrementally stable nonlinear control systems with disturbances [Pola et al. 2008]
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# Recall: Hybrid Systems



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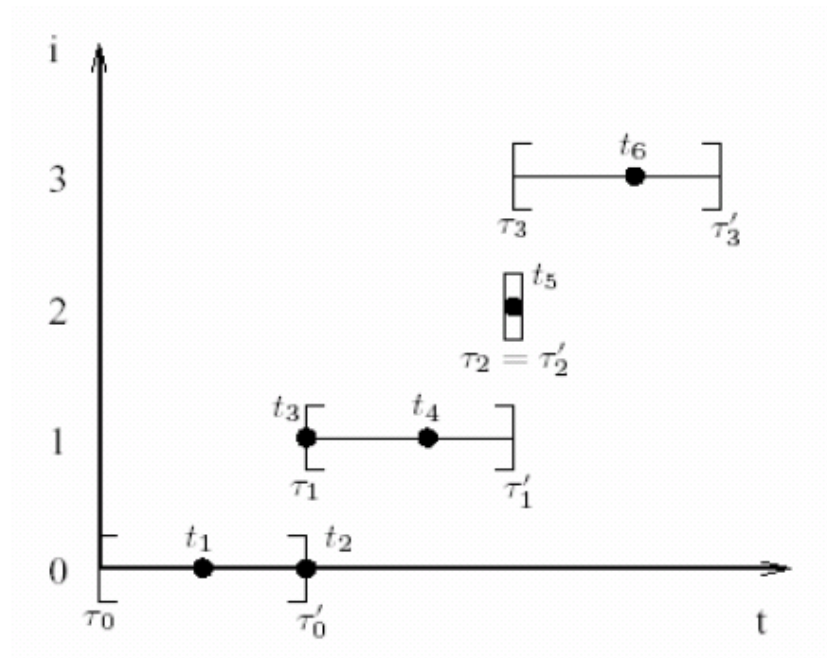
*Base temporale (time basis)*: sequenza di  $N+1$  intervalli

$I_i = [\tau_i, \tau_i']$  ( $i = 0, \dots, N$ ) tali che

- per ogni  $i < N$ ,  $\tau_i \leq \tau_i' = \tau_{i+1}$
- se  $N < \infty$ ,  $I_N = [\tau_N, \tau_N']$  o  $I_N = [\tau_N, \tau_N')$

$\mathcal{T}$  denota l'insieme delle basi temporali

# Recall: Hybrid Systems



## *Esecuzione*

Una *esecuzione* di un sistema ibrido autonomo

$$H = ( Q, X, Init, f, Dom, E, G, R )$$

è una *traiettoria*  $\chi = (\tau, q, x)$

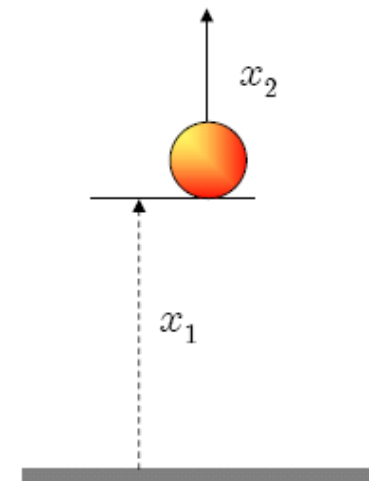
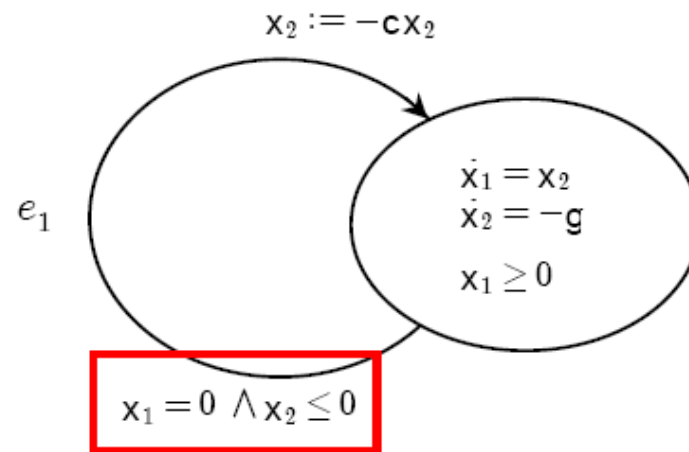
con  $\tau \in T$ ,  $q: i \rightarrow Q$ ,  $x: i \rightarrow x^i(t)$  tali che

- $(q(0), x^0(0)) \in Init$
- *evoluzione continua*:  $t \in [\tau_i, \tau_i')$ ,  $\dot{x}^i(t) = f(q(i), x^i(t))$  e  $x^i(t) \in Dom(q(i))$
- *evoluzione discreta*: per ogni  $i = 0, \dots, N-1$ ,  
 $e = (q(i), q(i+1)) \in E$ ,

$$x^i(\tau_i') \in G(e) \text{ e } x^{i+1}(\tau_{i+1}) \in R(e, x^i(\tau_i'))$$

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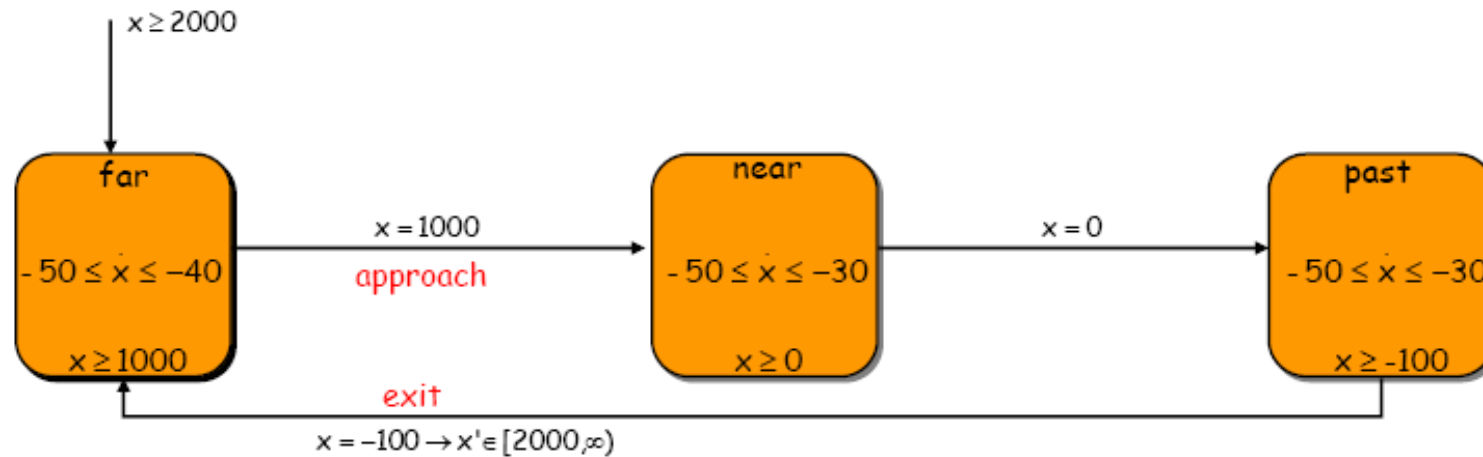
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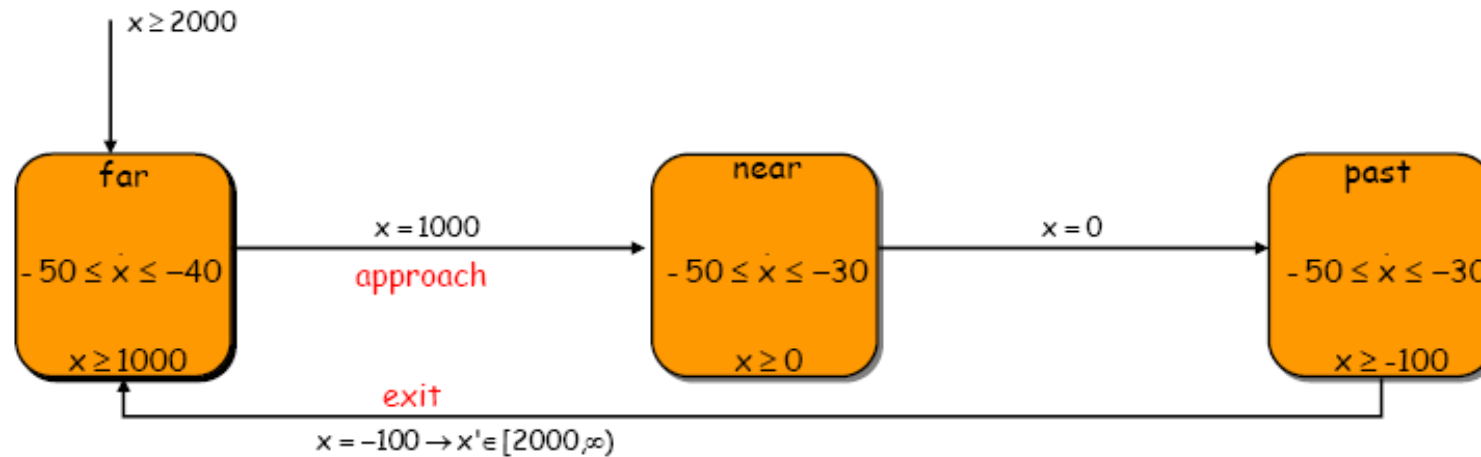


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Rectangular hybrid automata are **initialized** if the following holds:

After a discrete transition, if the differential equation for a variable changes, then the variable must be reset to a fixed interval.

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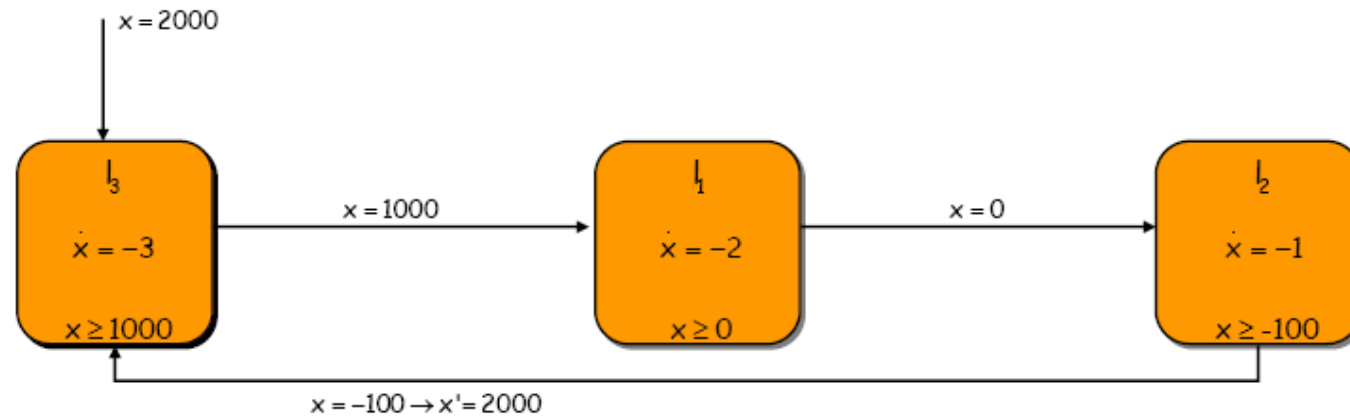
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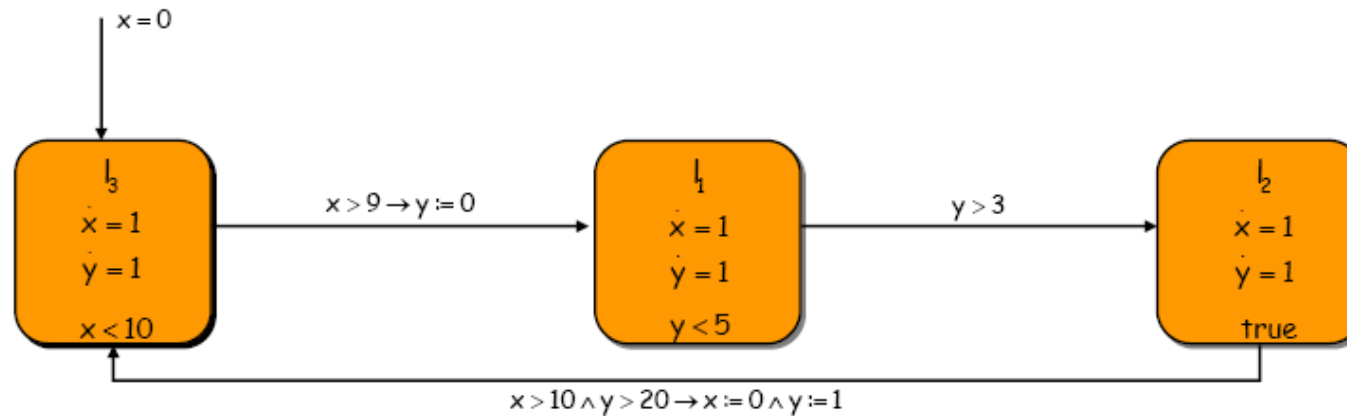
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# Timed Automata



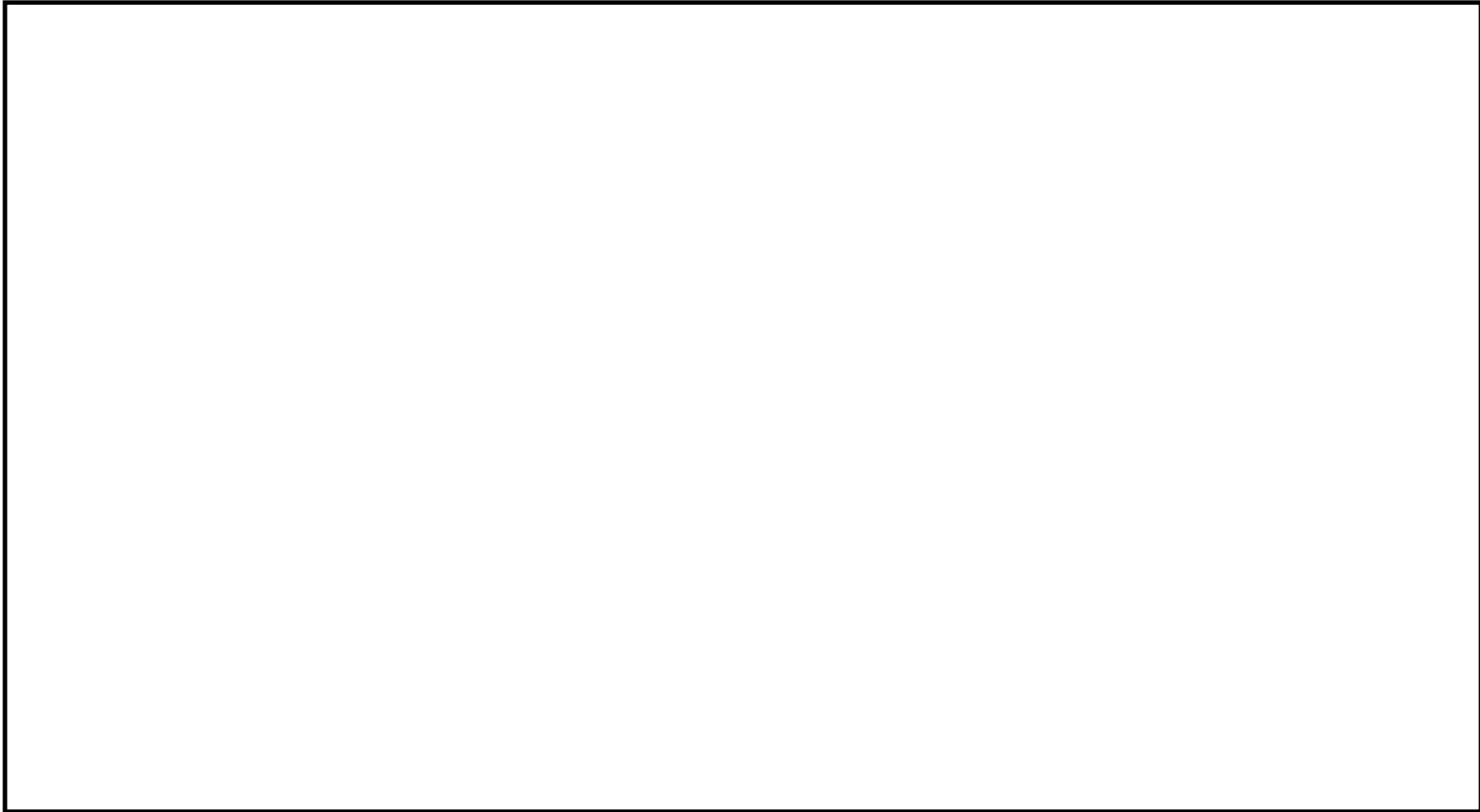
Timed automata are important because:

- there exist softwares (e.g. UPPAAL) for verification of temporal logic properties
- Timed automata approximate (in the sense of abstraction) hybrid systems

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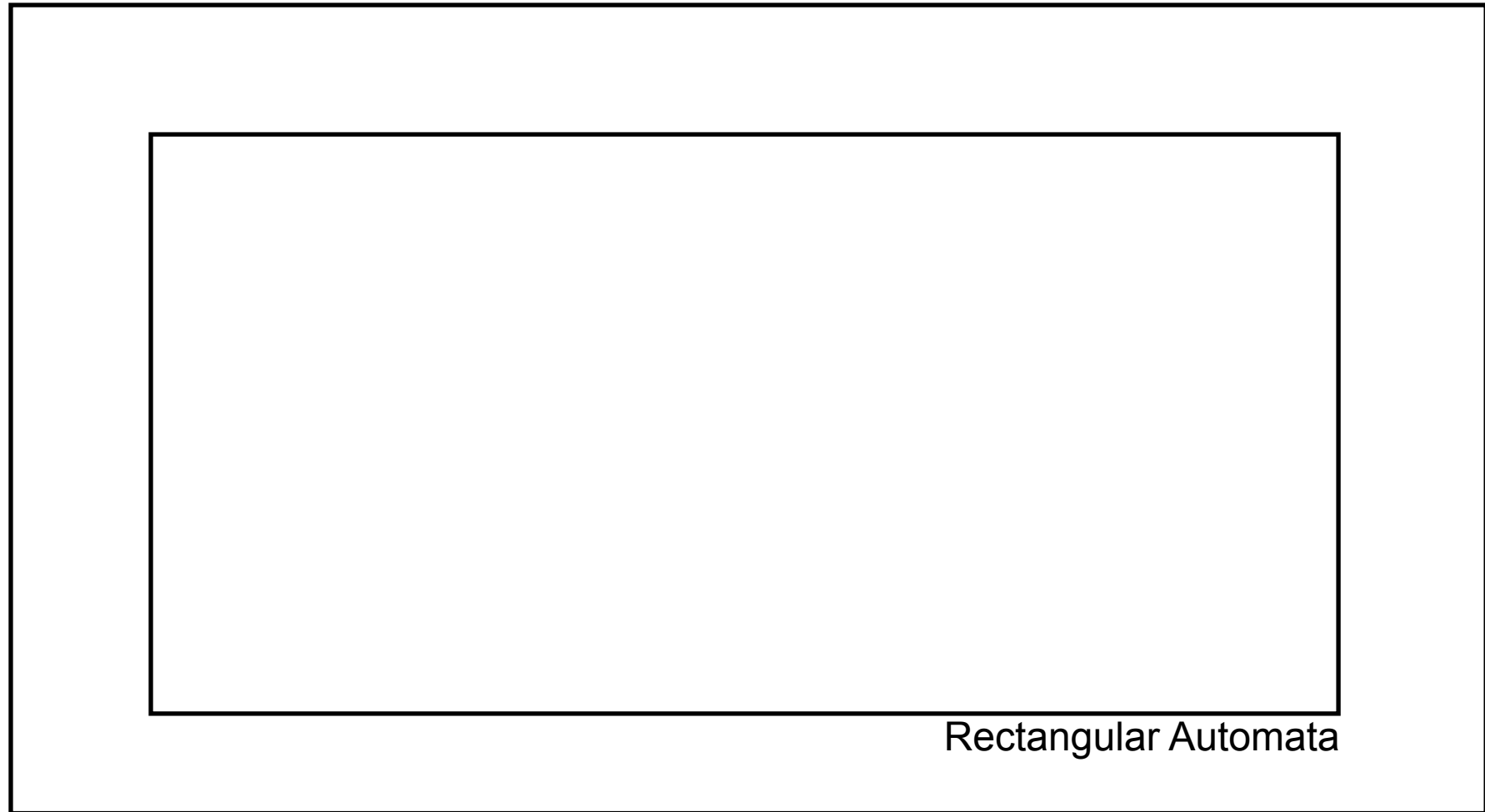
# Summarizing ...



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Embedded Systems

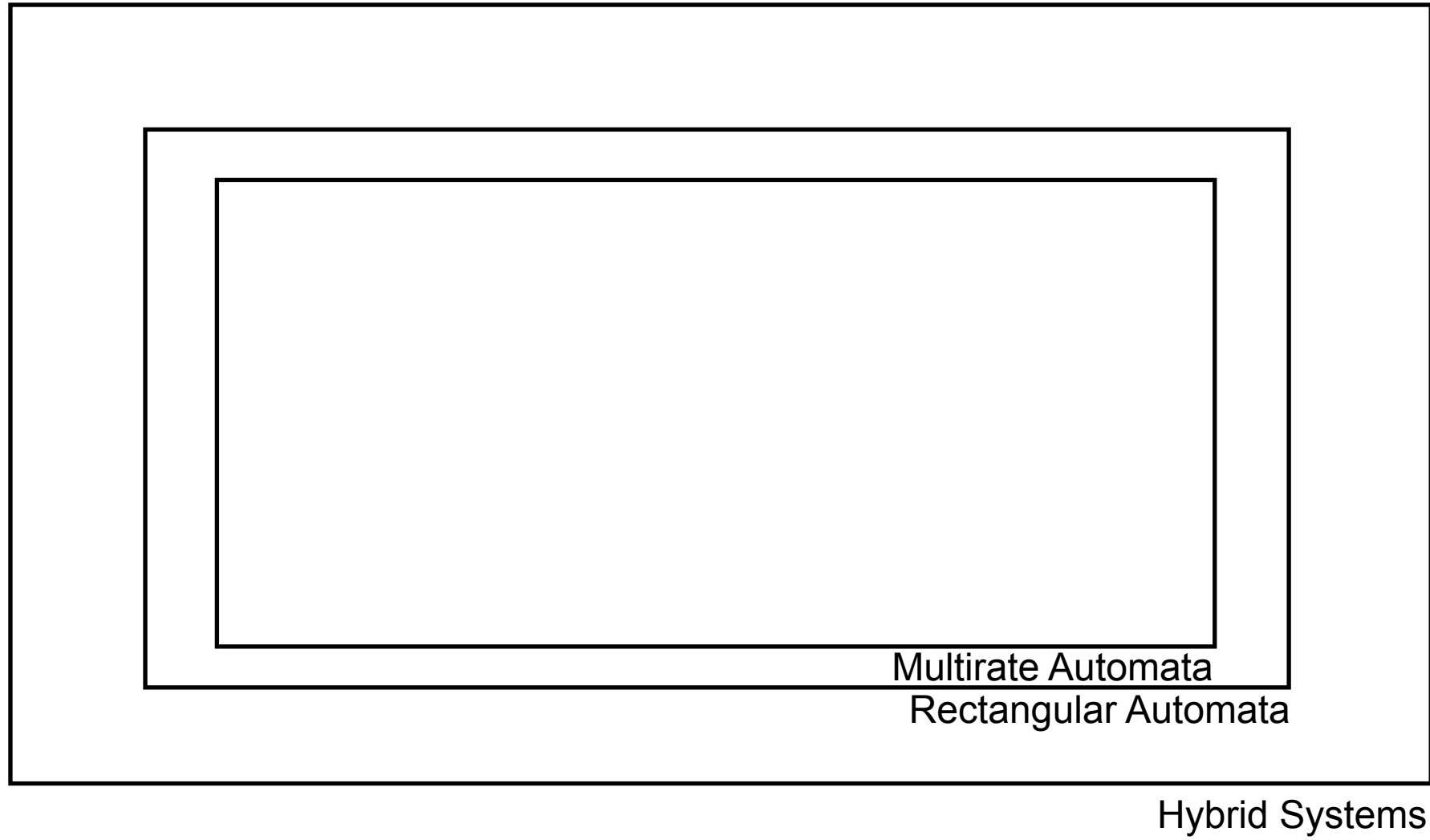
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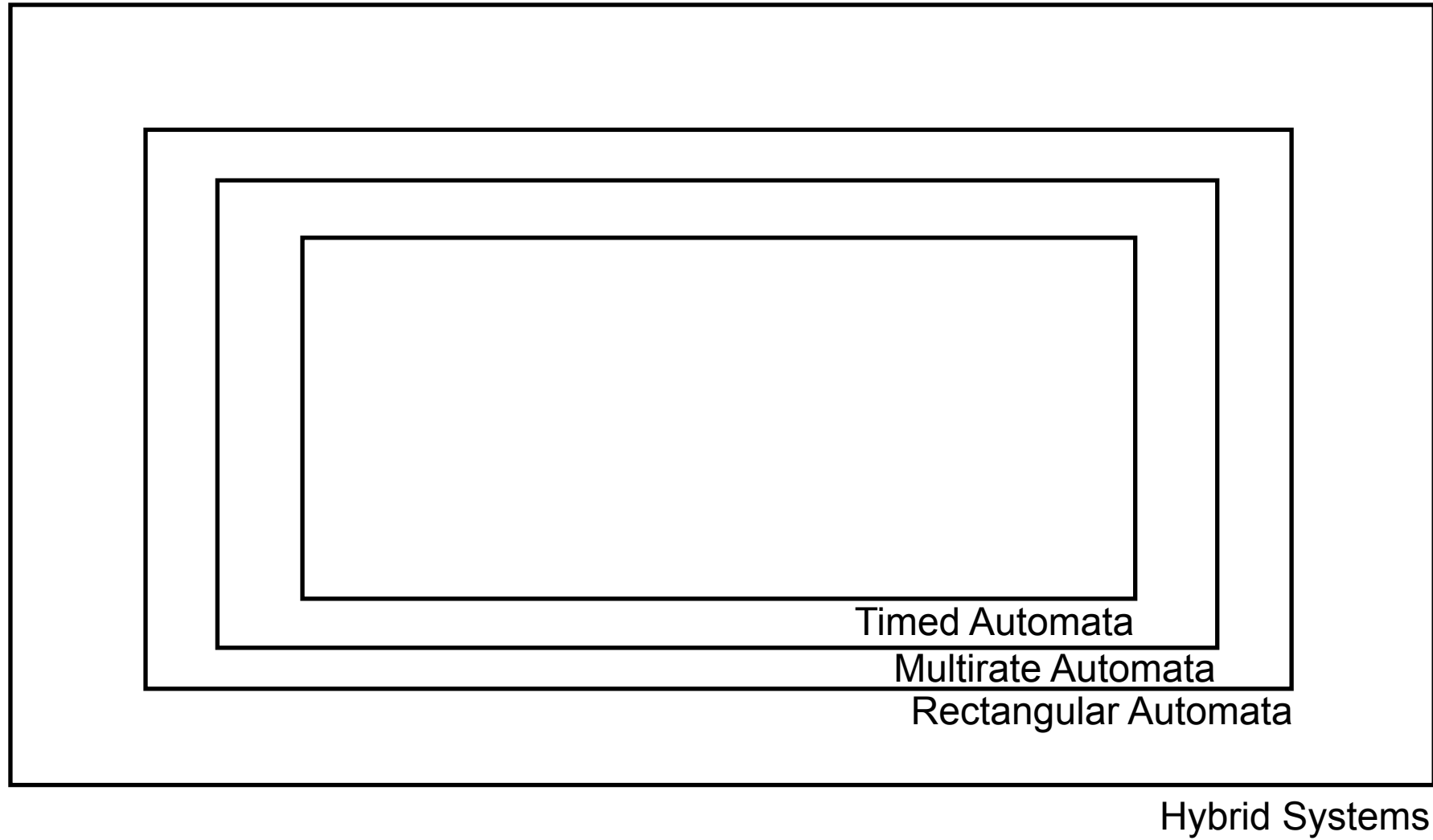
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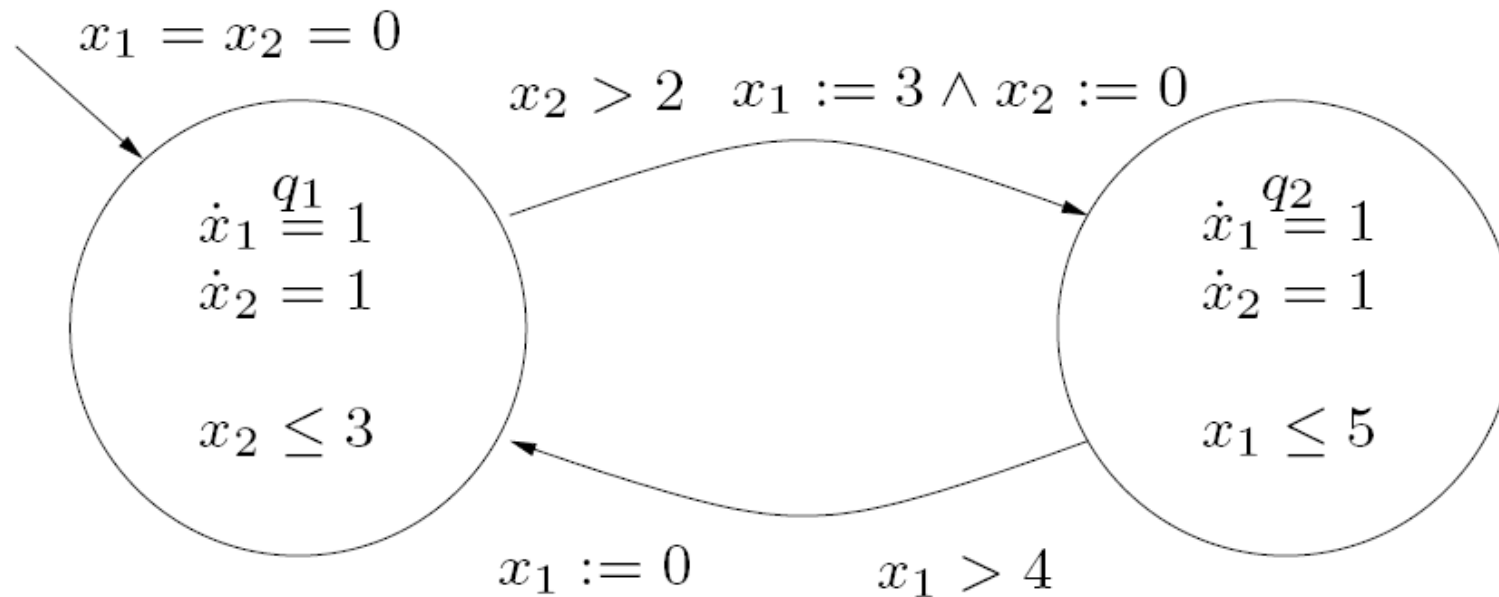


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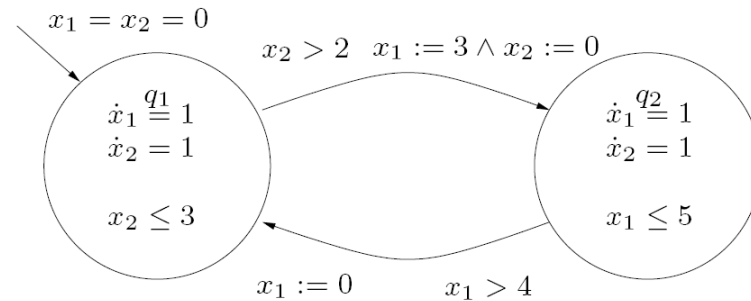


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## Hybrid Automaton

- $Q = \{q_1, q_2\};$
- $X = \mathbb{R}^2;$
- $f(q_1, x) = f(q_2, x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix};$
- $Init = \{(q_1, (0, 0))\};$
- $Dom(q_1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 \leq 3\}, Dom(q_2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 \leq 5\};$
- $E = \{(q_1, q_2), (q_2, q_1)\};$
- $G(q_1, q_2) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 > 2\}, G(q_2, q_1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1 > 4\};$
- $R(q_1, q_2, x) = \{(3, 0)\}, R(q_2, q_1, x) = \{(0, x_2)\}$

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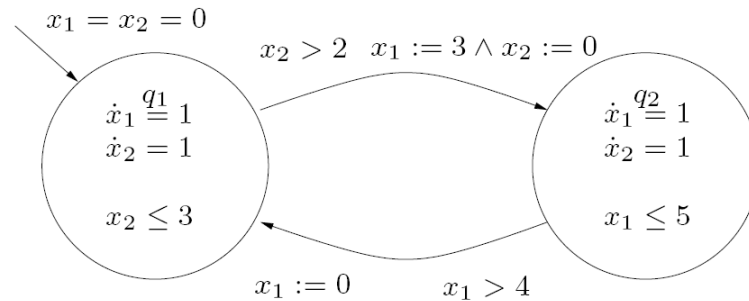


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- I can partition the state space in
- open (possibly infinite) rectangles
  - open triangles
  - open lines
  - points

Timed Automata **admit**  
Finite Bisimulation!

Region Graph

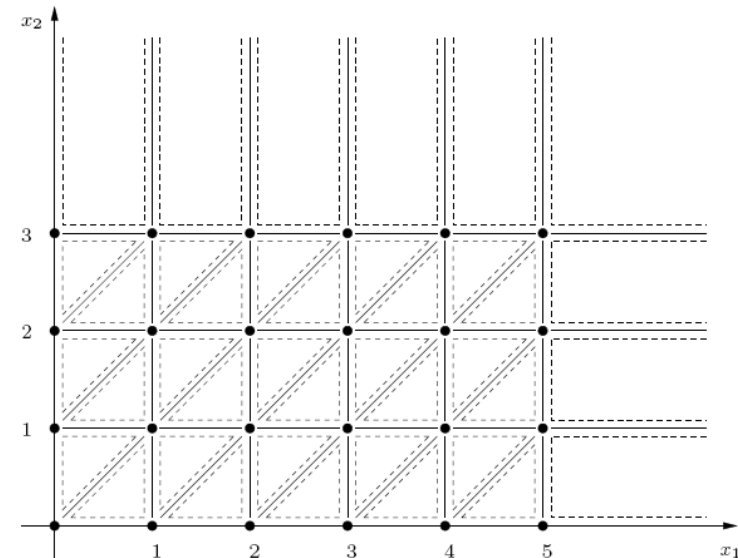


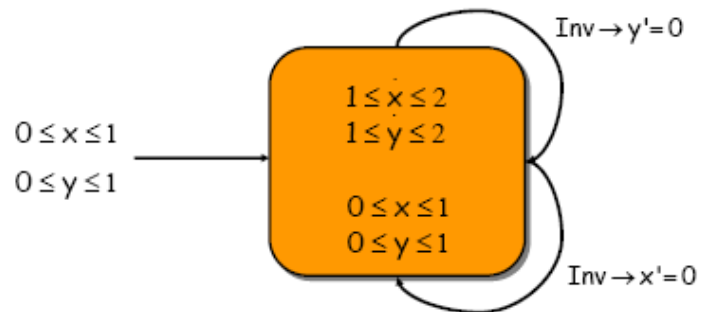
Figure 6.3: Region graph for the timed automaton of Figure 6.2.



Initialized Multirate Automata **admit** Finite Bisimulation!

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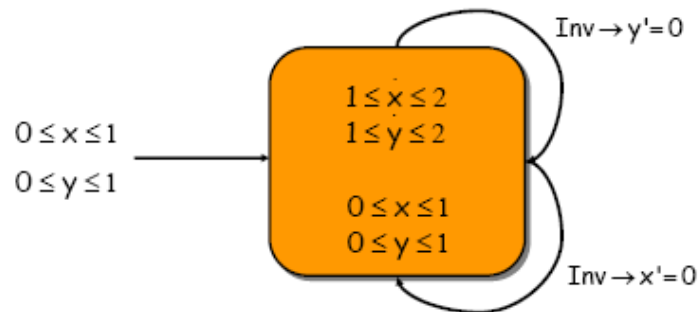


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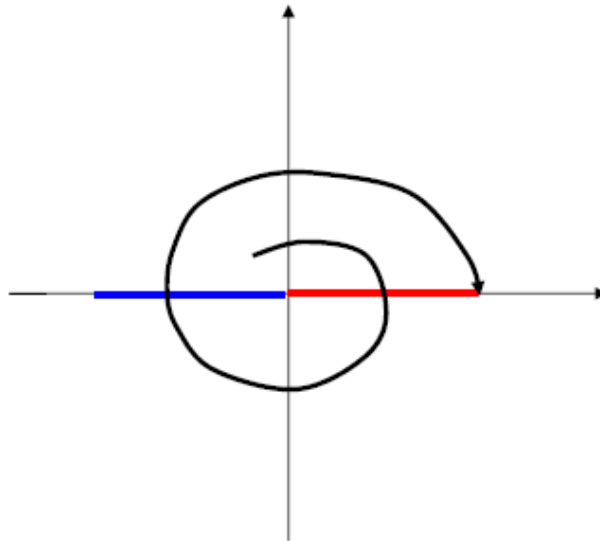
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... but

... all initialized rectangular automata admit a finite language equivalence quotient which can be constructed effectively.

## More complicated dynamics?



Bisimulation algorithm  
never terminates !!

### Sets

$$P_1 = \{(x, 0) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 4\}$$

$$P_2 = \{(x, 0) \mid -4 \leq x < 0\}$$

$$P_3 = \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus (P_1 \cup P_2)$$

### Dynamics

$$\dot{x}_1 = 0.2x_1 + x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -x_1 + 0.2x_2$$

## Basic problems

### Finite bisimulations of continuous dynamical systems

Given a vector field  $F(x)$  and a finite partition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

1. Does there exist a finite bisimulation ?
2. Can we compute it ?

## Reminder

### Representation issues

Symbolic representation for infinite sets  
Rectangular sets ? Semi-linear ? Semi-algebraic ?

### Operations on sets

Boolean (logical) operations  
Can we compute Pre and Post ?  
Is our representation closed under Pre and Post ?

### Algorithmic termination (decidability)

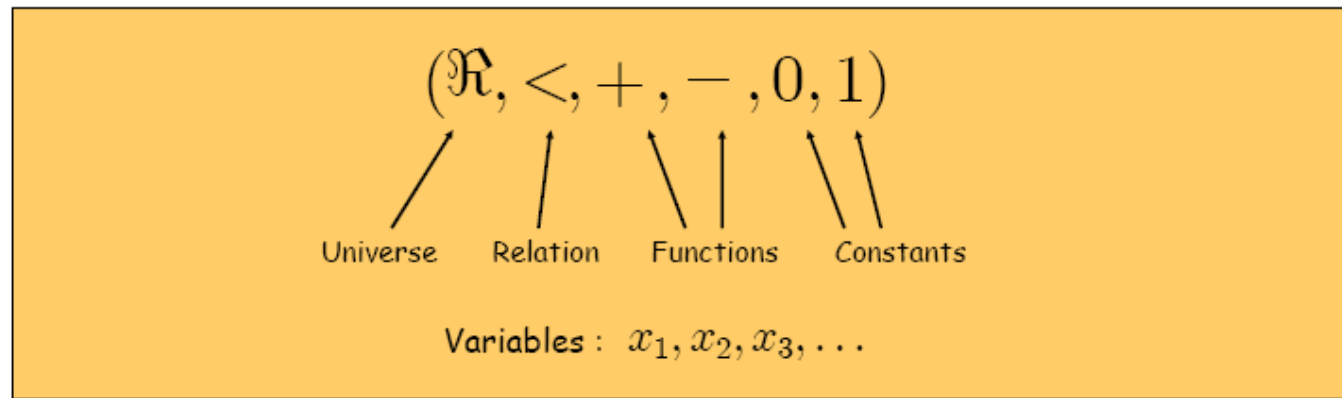
No guarantee for infinite transition systems  
We need "nice" alignment of sets and flows  
Globally finite properties



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## First-order logic

Every theory of the reals has an associated language



TERMS :                      Variables, constants, or functions of them

$$x_1 - x_2 + 1, 1 + 1, -x_3$$

ATOMIC FORMULAS :              Apply the relation and equality to the terms

$$x_1 + x_2 < -1, 2x_1 = 1, x_1 = x_3$$

(FIRST ORDER) FORMULAS : Atomic formulas are formulas

If  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  are formulas, then  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \neg \varphi_1, \forall x. \varphi_1, \exists x. \varphi_1$



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## First-order logic

### Useful languages

$$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, 0, 1) \quad \forall x \forall y (x + 2y \geq 0)$$

$$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, 0, 1) \quad \exists x. ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, e^x, 0, 1) \quad \exists t. (t \geq 0) \wedge (y = e^t x)$$

A theory of the reals is **decidable** if there is an algorithm which in a finite number of steps will decide whether a formula is true or not

A theory of the reals admits **quantifier elimination** if there is an algorithm which will eliminate all quantified variables.



$$\exists x. ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \equiv b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$$

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## First-order logic

Theory	Decidable ?	Quant. Elim. ?
$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, 0, 1)$	YES	YES
$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, 0, 1)$	YES	YES
$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, e^x, 0, 1)$	?	NO

**Tarski's result** : Every formula in  $(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, 0, 1)$  can be decided

1. Eliminate quantified variables
2. Quantifier free formulas can be decided

## O-Minimal Theories

A definable set is  $Y = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$

A theory of the reals is called **o-minimal** if every definable subset of the reals is a **finite** union of points and intervals

Example:  $Y = \{(x) \in \mathbb{R} \mid p(x) \geq 0\}$  for polynomial  $p(x)$

Recent o-minimal theories

$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, 0, 1)$

$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, 0, 1)$

$(\mathbb{R}, <, +, -, \times, e^x, 0, 1)$



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## Basic answers

### Finite bisimulations of continuous dynamical systems

Consider a vector field  $X$  and a finite partition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where

1. The flow of the vector field is definable in an o-minimal theory
2. The finite partition is definable in the same o-minimal theory

Then a finite bisimulation always exists.



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