# Systems Design Laboratory

Eclipse Supervisory Control Engineering Toolkit (ESCET)

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#### Motivation for Model-Based Systems Engineering



In the development of systems and supervisory controllers:

- the use of (formal) models and methods for controller design allows for the *validation* and *verification* of controllers *before* they are actually *implemented* and *integrated* into the system.
- the approach of *early validation* and *verification* have been shown to lead to *fewer defects* and *reduced costs*.

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As a result, more and more companies have been increasingly adopting the Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) paradigm.



The Eclipse Supervisory Control Engineering Toolkit (Eclipse ESCET™) project is an Eclipse Foundation open-source project that provides a toolkit for the development of supervisory controllers in the Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) paradigm.

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#### https://www.eclipse.org/escet/

### Model-Based Systems Engineering



- The toolkit has a strong focus on model-based design, supervisory controller synthesis, and industrial applicability, for example to cyber-physical systems.
- The toolkit supports the entire development process of (supervisory) controllers, from modeling, supervisory controller synthesis, simulation-based validation and visualization, and formal verification, to real-time testing and implementation.



The Eclipse Supervisory Control Engineering Toolkit (ESCET) was developed approximately over a period of approximately two decades (starting from the early 2000s) at the Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) in cooperation with many European and national projects.



In 2021, Eclipse ESCET became an independent Eclipse Foundation open source project, and is no longer formally associated with the TU/e.

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Eclipse ESCET™					
The Eclipse ESCET project provides a model-based approach and toolkik for the development of supervisory controllers. Learn more					
Languages and tools					
*	CIF	Ж	Chi	Ж	ToolDef
	CIF is a modeling language and extensive toolset supporting the entire development process of supervisory controllers.		Chi is a modeling language and toolset to analyze the performance of supervisory controllers.		ToolDef is a cross-platform and machine-independent scripting language to automate CIF and Chi tools.

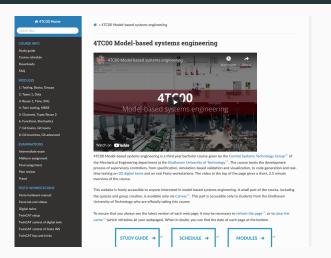
Eclipse ESCET is based on CIF: the *Compositional Interchange Format* for hybrid systems. CIF is an automata-based modeling language for the specification of discrete event, timed, and hybrid systems.



- Modeling of hybrid systems
- Graphical user interface
- Simulation
- Finite state automata operations

- Controller synthesis for (extended) finite state automata
- PLC code generation
- Employed in many real-word case studies

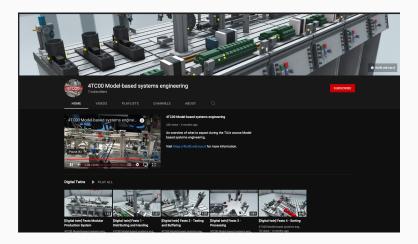
### Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) - 4TC00 course



Employed in the course 4TC00 Model-Based Systems Engineering (bachelor degree, 3rd year) Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e).

https://cstweb.wtb.tue.nl/4tc00/index.html

### Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e) - 4TC00 course



Check out the youtube channel for videos, examples, and more.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC11krIkRkgtbYDu19BwI\_Bw

#### Compositional Interchange Format (CIF)

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#### CIF

CIF is a declarative modeling language for the specification of discrete event, timed, and hybrid systems as a collection of synchronizing automata.

The CIF tooling supports the entire development process of controllers, including among others specification, supervisory controller synthesis, simulation-based validation and visualization, verification, real-time testing, and code generation.

#### **Features**

Powerful language

CIF features a powerful declarative automata-based modeling language for the specification of discrete event, timed and hybrid systems.

#### Extensive tools

The CIF tooling supports the entire development process of controllers, from specification to code generation.

#### World-class algorithms

The CIF toolset features world-class algorithms for synthesis of supervisory controllers. Focus on the 'what' rather than the 'how'!

https://www.eclipse.org/escet/cif/

# **About CIF**

CIF is a rich state machine language with the following main features:

- Modular specification with synchronized events and communication between automata
- Many data types are available (booleans, integers, reals, tuples, lists, arrays, sets, and dictionaries), combined with a powerful expression language for compact variable updates.
- Text-based specification of the automata, with many features to simplify modeling large non-trivial industrial systems.
- Primitives for supervisory controller synthesis are integrated in the language.

# **About CIF**

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Highlights of the CIF tooling include:

- Text-based editor that allows to easily specify and edit models.
- Feature-rich powerful event-based and data-based supervisory controller synthesis tool.
- A simulator that supports both interactive and automated validation of specifications. Powerful visualization features allow for interactive visualization-based validation.
- Conversion to other formal verification tools such as mCRL2 and UPPAAL.
- Implementation language code generation (PLC languages, Java, C, and Simulink) for real-time testing and implementation of controllers.

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# About CIF

Supervisory controller synthesis is a key feature of CIF.

- It involves the automatic generation of supervisory controllers from a specification of the uncontrolled system and the (safety) requirements that the controller needs to enforce.
- This moves controller design from "how should the implementation work" to "what should the controller do".
- Implementation of the controller is achieved through code generation, reducing the number of errors introduced at this stage.

# **About CIF**

- CIF has been applied in industry, for various domains, including the medical, semiconductor and public works (infrastructure) domains.
- The main application area of CIF is the development of supervisory controllers.
- The language and tools are generic, and can be used to work with state machines in general for various other purposes.



# **About CIF**

- The CIF language and tools are being developed as part of the Eclipse ESCET open-source project.
- The CIF tools are part of the Eclipse ESCET toolkit.

#### ToolDef: An Integrated Scripting Language

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#### ToolDef

Tired of scripting with Windows batch files and Linux shell scripts?

ToolDef is a cross-platform scripting language with the simplicity of Python and the

power of Java.

#### Learn more

#### Features

Intuitive language

ToolDef features a simple and intuitive Python-inspired syntax that makes it easy to write scripts. Reduce mistakes

Static typing reduces simple mistakes, compared to Windows batch files, Linux shell scripts and Python.

#### ℅ Powerful tools

ToolDef features many built-in data types and tools, and integrates well with Java and the Eclipse ESCET tools.



The ToolDef tooling is part of the Eclipse ESCET toolkit. It is available for Windows, Linux and macOS, portable and ready to go.



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## **About ToolDef**

ToolDef allows us to:

- write scripts using a simple and intuitive syntax, loosely based on the better aspects of Python.
- catch simple mistakes early on due to static typing.
- work with data of all kinds, using a large number of built-in data types.
- manipulate data and paths, work with files and directories, and much more, with over 80 built-in tools.
- share your tools as ToolDef libraries.
- unleash the full power of Java by importing any Java static method and using it like any other ToolDef tool.

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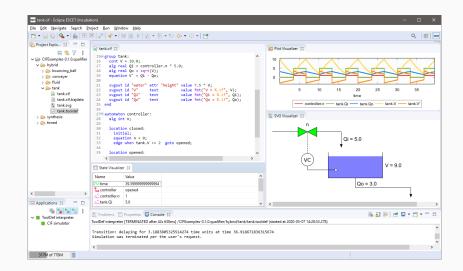
#### Eclipse ESCET™ downloads

The Eclipse ESCET toolkit contains the tooling for CIF, Chi and ToolDef.

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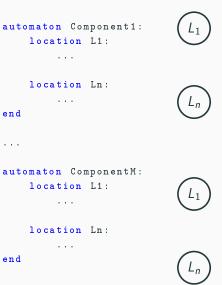
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#### **ESCET** - Integrated Development Environment

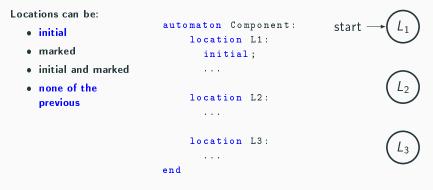


#### **CIF Basics - Automata**

- CIF models consist of components
- Each component represents a part of the system
- Components are modeled as automata.
- Automata are the basics of CIF constructs
- The name "locations" comes from hybrid automata
- State = location + values of continuous variables
- For finite state automata, states = locations



#### **CIF Basics - Locations**



Location L1 is initial, whereas locations L2 and L3 are neither initial nor marked.

#### **CIF Basics - Locations**

```
Locations can be:
                             automaton Component:
                                                              start

    initial

                                  location L1:
   marked
                                     initial;

    initial and marked

                                     . . .
   none of the
                                  location L2:
     previous
                                     marked;
                                     . . .
                                                                          L3
                                  location L3:
                                     . . .
                             end
```

Location L1 is initial, location L2 is marked, whereas location L3 is neither initial nor marked.

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  marked
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  initial and marked
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                                 location L2:
     previous
                                   marked;
                                    . . .
                                                                       L3
                                 location L3:
                                    . . .
                            end
```

Location L1 is both initial and marked, location L2 is marked, whereas location L3 is neither initial nor marked.

#### Events can be:

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global

automaton Component: event b; event c; location L1: initial; marked; ... location L2: ... end

event a;

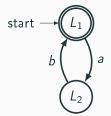
Event a is global, whereas events b and c are local.

# CIF - Edges (i.e., Transitions)

Edges:

- model transitions
- have a unique source
- have a unique target
- are associated to events

```
event a;
automaton Component:
    event b;
    location L1:
        initial; marked;
        edge a goto L2;
    location L2:
        edge b goto L1;
```



#### We have two transitions

1) A transition from L1 to L2 executing event a

end

2) A transition from L2 to L1 executing event b

So basically, the automaton will continue executing

a,b,a,b,a,b,a,b,a,b,a,b,...

# CIF - Edges (cont.)

#### Edges:

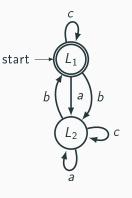
- model transitions
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We have 6 transitions

- end
- 1) A transition from L1 to L2 executing event a
- 2) A transition from L1 to L2 executing event b

event a; automaton Component: event b; event c; location L1: initial; marked; edge a goto L2; edge b goto L2; edge c goto L1; location L2: edge b goto L1;

> edge a goto L2; edge c goto L2;



- 3) A self-loop transition at L1 executing event c
- 4) A transition from L2 to
  - L1 executing event b

- 5) A self-loop transition at L2 executing event a
- 6) A self-loop transition at L2 executing event<sub>2</sub>g

#### CIF - Edges - Short Notations

```
event a;
automaton Component:
    event b;
    event c:
    location L1:
      initial; marked;
      edge a goto L2;
      edge b goto L2;
      edge c goto L1;
    location L2:
      edge b goto L1;
      edge a goto L2;
      edge c goto L2;
```

```
event a;
automaton Component:
    event b,c;
                       start
    location L1:
      initial; marked;
      edge a, b goto L2;
                                     a, b
                             Ь
      edge c;
                                 L_2
    location L2:
      edge b goto L1;
      edge a,c;
                                a.c
end
```

end

#### General syntax:

edge a[,b,...] [goto Lj];

 $\Rightarrow$ 

When an automaton has a single location:

- we can omit the name of the location
- only self-loop transitions are allowed (no need to specify the target)

```
automaton Component:
    event a;
    location:
        initial; marked;
        edge a;
end
```

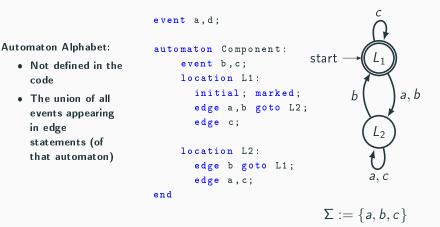


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## **CIF** - Implicit Alphabet

code

in edge



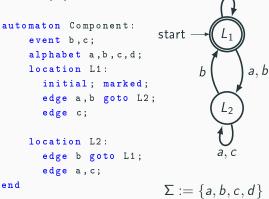
Event d is always executable in a concurrent execution with some other automaton that can execute d.

### **CIF** - **Explicit** Alphabet

```
event a,d;
```

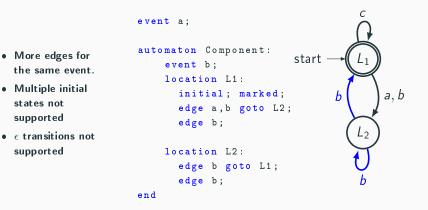
Automaton Alphabet:

- Explicitly defined
- No obligation of using alphabet events on transitions



Watch out: being in the alphabet of the automaton but not taking part in any of its transitions, event d is never executable in a concurrent execution with some other automaton that can execute d.

#### **CIF** - Non Determinism



By executing event b from location L2 we can either remain there or move to L1.

Beside globality or locality, events are also partitioned in:

- controllable (default)
- uncontrollable

```
controllable event a;
automaton Component:
    uncontrollable event b;
    event c;
    location L1:
        initial; marked;
        ...
    location L2:
        ...
end
```

Event a is global and controllable, b is local and uncontrollable, whereas c is local and controllable.

#### Supervisory Control - Events - Short Notation

```
controllable event a;
automaton Component:
    event b;
    event c;
    uncontrollable event d; ⇒
    location L1:
        initial; marked;
        ...
    location L2:
        ...
```

```
controllable a;
automaton Component:
    event b, c;
    uncontrollable d;
    location L1:
        initial; marked;
        ...
```

```
location L2:
```

end

#### end

#### General syntax

```
Controllable events
```

#### Uncontrollable events

```
event a[,b,...];
controllable event a[,b,...];
controllable a[,b,...];
```

uncontrollable event a[,b,...]; uncontrollable a[,b,...];

### CIF - Edges - Uncontrollable Transitions

```
Edges related to
uncontrollable events
model uncontrollable
transitions.
```

```
event a;
automaton Component:
    event b;
    uncontrollable c; start
    location L1:
        initial; marked;
        edge a,b goto L2;
        edge c;
```

```
location L2:
  edge b goto L1;
  edge a,c;
```

end

#### General syntax:

edge a[,b,...] [goto Lj];

a, b

b

 $L_2$ 

# Automata can be of the following types

- Plant
- Requirement
- Supervisor

```
plant automaton C:
    ...
end
requirement automaton R:
    ...
end
supervisor automaton S:
    ...
end
```

 $\Rightarrow$ 

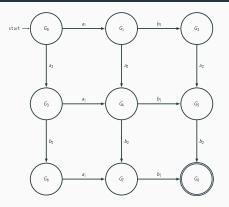
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supervisor automaton S:
...
end
```

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plant C:
    ...
end
requirement R:
```

```
end
supervisor S:
```

end

#### The Database Concurrency Example



Two transactions

• 
$$T_1 := a_1 b_1$$

•  $T_2 := a_2 b_2$ 

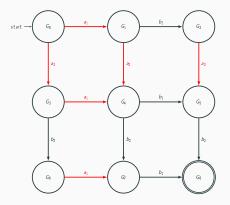
 $(x_i \text{ some operation by transaction } i$ on record x)

- G<sub>0</sub> is the initial state
- $G_8$  is the marked state (=completion of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ )

"From the theory of database concurrency control, it can be shown that the only admissible strings are those where  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  if and only if  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ ."

Cassandras, Lafortune - Introduction to Discrete Event Systems

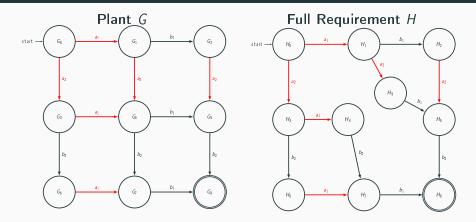
# Example 1



- Events  $a_1, a_2$  are uncontrollable
- Events  $b_1, b_2$  are controllable
- G<sub>0</sub> is the initial state
- $G_8$  is the marked state

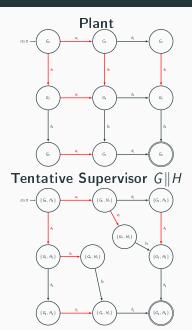
Requirement:  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  if and only if  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ 

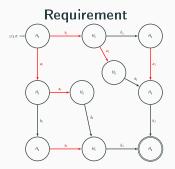
#### **Example 1 - Plant and Requirement**



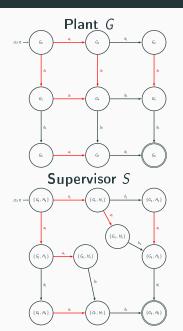
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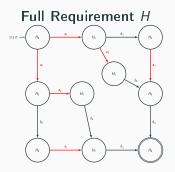
Note: Full Requirement := Plant || Essential Requirement





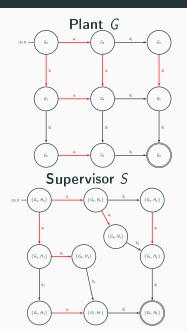
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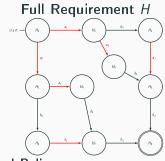




Requirement:  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  if and only if  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ 

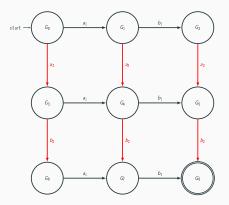
- No states to remove
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- Final supervisor





**Control Policy:** 

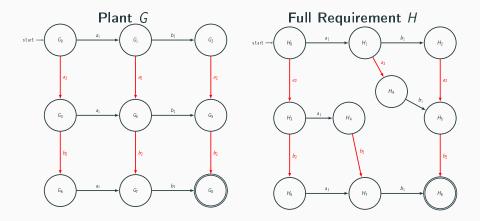
- If the **plant** gets to G by executing  $a_1a_2$ , then S disables  $b_2$ .
- Otherwise, the **plant** gets to *G* by executing  $a_2a_1$  and *S* disables  $b_1$ .

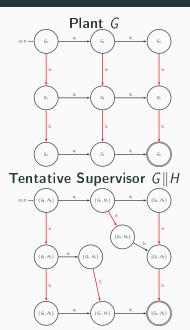


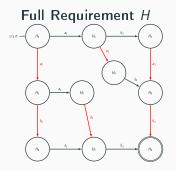
- Events  $a_1, b_1$  are controllable
- Events  $a_2, b_2$  are uncontrollable
- G<sub>0</sub> is the initial state
- $G_8$  is the marked state

Same Requirement:  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  if and only if  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ 

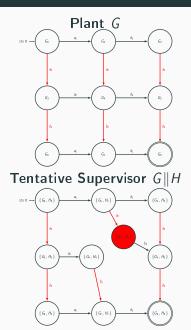
#### **Example 2 - Plant and Requirement**

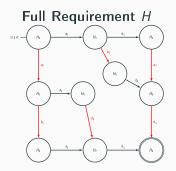




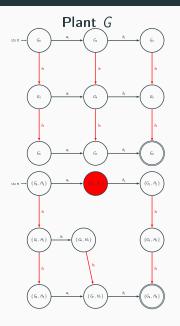


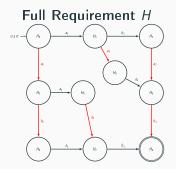
• Any problems?



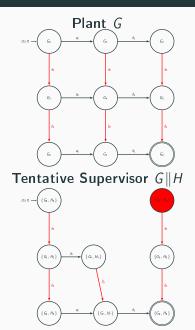


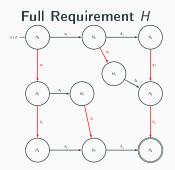
•  $\{G_4, H_9\}$  is uncontrollable



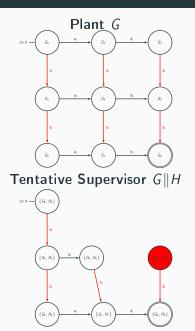


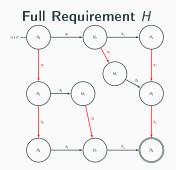
•  $\{G_1, H_1\}$  is uncontrollable



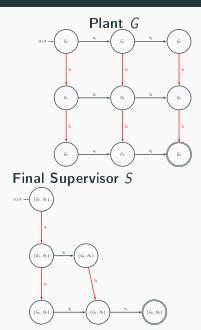


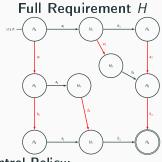
•  $\{G_2, H_2\}$  is non-accessible





•  $\{G_5, H_5\}$  is not accessible

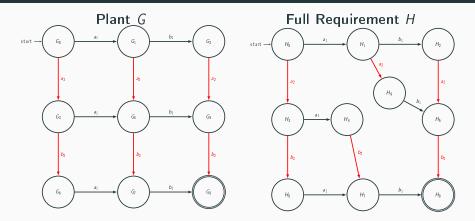




**Control Policy:** 

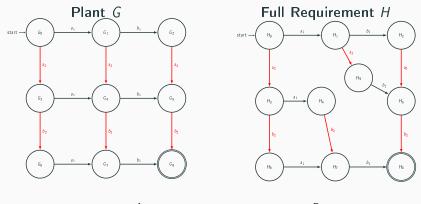
- At the beginning S disables  $a_1$
- When the **plant** *G* is in state *G*<sub>4</sub>, *S* disables *b*<sub>1</sub>.

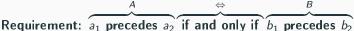
#### **Essential Requirement**



Requirement:  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$  if and only if  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ Question: Can we write some other R so that  $G || R \equiv G || H$  (i.e., such that  $\mathcal{L}(G || R) = \mathcal{L}(G || H)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_m(G || R) = \mathcal{L}_m(G || H)$ )?

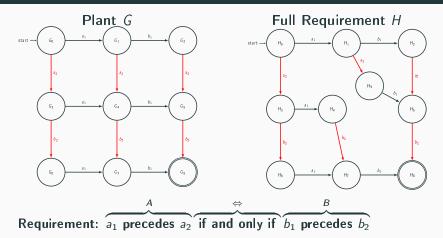
#### **Essential Requirement - Decomposition**





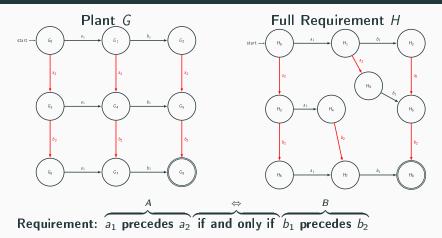
- $A \Rightarrow B$  : If  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$ , then  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$
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## Essential Requirement - Logical Equivalence Rewriting



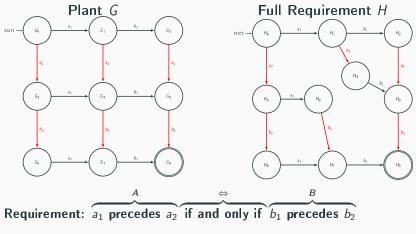
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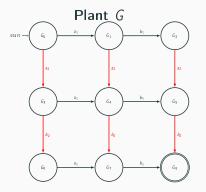
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### Essential Requirement - Better Equivalent Decomposition



•  $A \Rightarrow B$ : If  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$ , then  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$  ( $R_1$ )

•  $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$ : If  $a_2$  precedes  $a_1$ , then  $b_2$  precedes  $b_1$  ( $R_2$ )

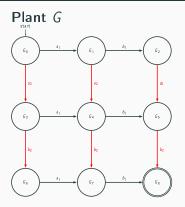


#### Essential Requirement R<sub>1</sub>

- States?
- Transitions?

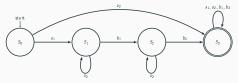
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## Essential Requirement - R<sub>1</sub> - Attempt 1



Structure! Every path from  $G_0$ to  $G_8$  contains exactly 1 occurrence of each event.

#### Essential Requirement R<sub>1</sub>



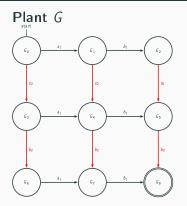
Rationale:

- We care about seeing either *a*<sub>1</sub> or *a*<sub>2</sub> at the beginning.
- If it's going to be *a*<sub>2</sub>, then whatever happens is ok.
- Otherwise it's going to be a<sub>1</sub> and the idea is that we eventually see a<sub>2</sub> (it's not important exactly when) and we need to see b<sub>1</sub> before b<sub>2</sub>.

#### Can we improve $R_1$ ?

**Requirement**  $R_1$ :  $A \Rightarrow B$ : If  $a_1$  precedes  $a_2$ , then  $b_1$  precedes  $b_2$ 

## Essential Requirement - R<sub>1</sub> - Attempt 2



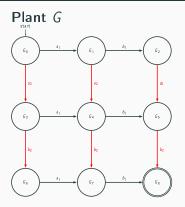
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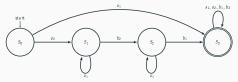
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## Essential Requirement - R<sub>2</sub> - Attempt 1



Structure! Every path from  $G_0$ to  $G_8$  contains exactly 1 occurrence of each event.

#### Essential Requirement R<sub>2</sub>



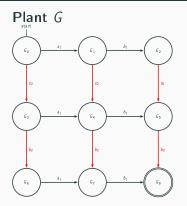
Rationale:

- We care about seeing either *a*<sub>1</sub> or *a*<sub>2</sub> at the beginning.
- If it's going to be *a*<sub>1</sub>, then whatever happens is ok.
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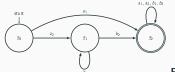
#### Can we improve $R_2$ ?

**Requirement**  $R_2$ :  $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$ : If  $a_2$  precedes  $a_1$ , then  $b_2$  precedes  $b_1$ 

## Essential Requirement - R<sub>2</sub> - Attempt 2



Structure! Every path from  $G_0$ to  $G_8$  contains exactly 1 occurrence of each event. Essential Requirement R<sub>2</sub>

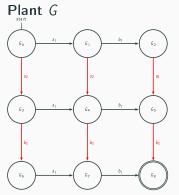




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**Requirement**  $R_2$ :  $\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B$ : If  $a_2$  precedes  $a_1$ , then  $b_2$  precedes  $b_1$ 

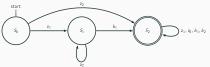
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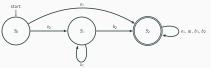
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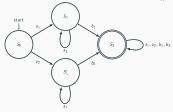
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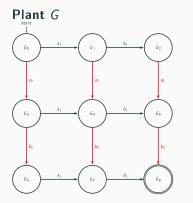
Essential Requirement R<sub>2</sub>



**Essential Requirement**  $R := R_1 || R_2$ 



### Essential Requirement - R



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**Requirement**  $R: A \Leftrightarrow B: a_2$ precedes  $a_1$  iff  $b_2$  precedes  $b_1$ 

