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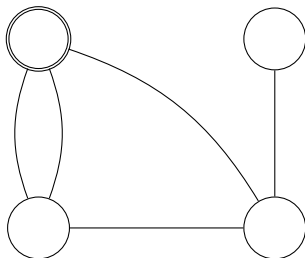
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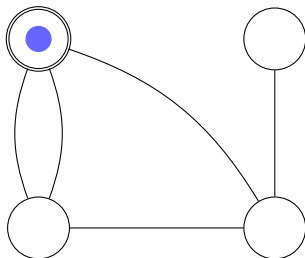


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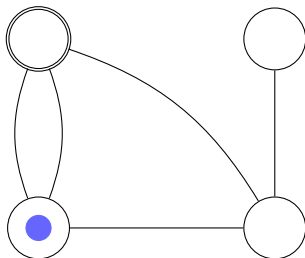


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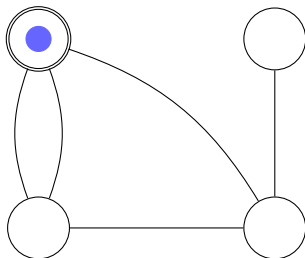


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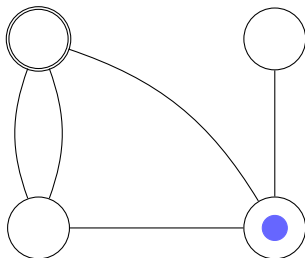


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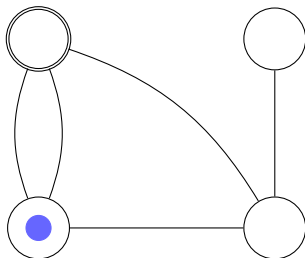


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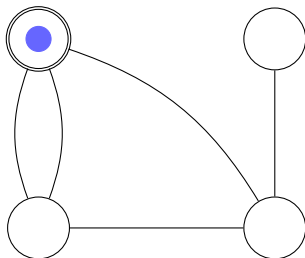


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The transition system is said to be **finite-state** if for every state variable v , the domain $dom(v)$ for this variable is finite.

We will only study finite-state transition systems.

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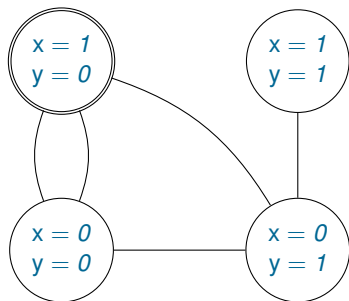
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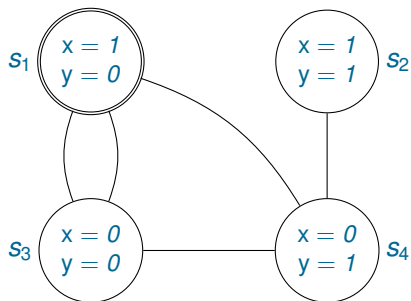
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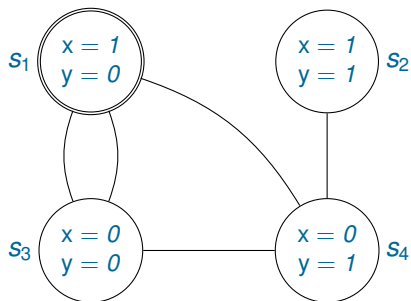
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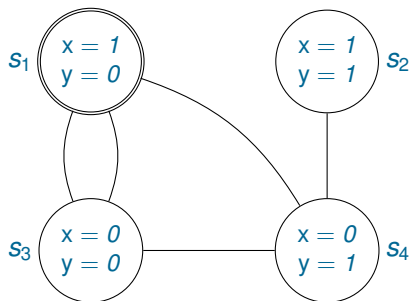


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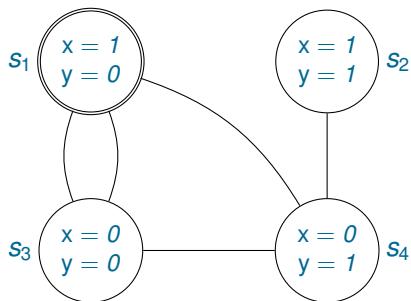
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- ▶ A **transition** t is any set of pairs of states.
- ▶ A transition t is **applicable** to a state s if there exists a state s' such that $(s, s') \in t$.
- ▶ A transition t is **deterministic** if for every state s there exists at most one state s' such that $(s, s') \in t$.

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Formalization: Variables and Domains

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st_beer	{0, 1}	drink storage contains beer
disp	{ <i>none, beer, coffee</i> }	content of drink dispenser
coins	{0, 1, 2, 3}	number of coins in the slot
customer	{ <i>none, student, prof</i> }	customer

Transitions for the Vending Machine

1. *Recharge* which results in the drink storage having both beer and coffee.
2. *Customer_arrives*, after which a customer appears at the machine.
3. *Customer_leaves*, after which the customer leaves.
4. *Coin_insert*, when the customer inserts a coin in the machine.
5. *Dispense_beer*, when the customer presses the button to get a can of beer.
6. *Dispense_coffee*, when the customer presses the button to get a cup of coffee.
7. *Take_drink*, when the customer removes a drink from the dispenser.

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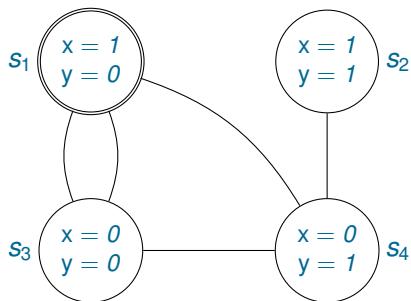
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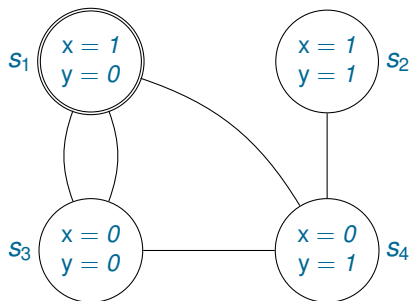
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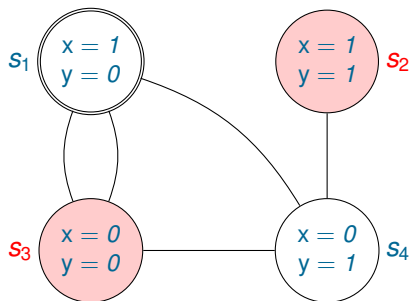


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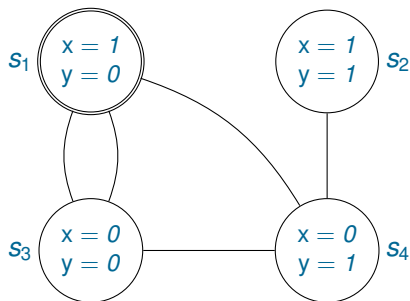
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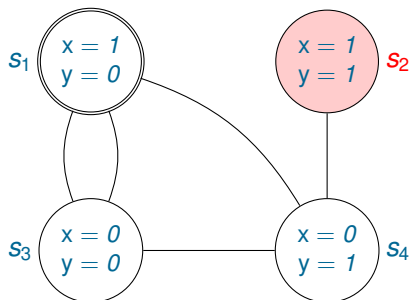
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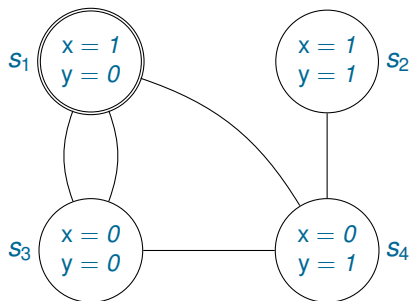
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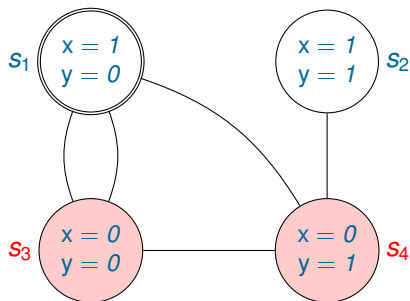
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- ▶ dfrinks may appear in and disappear from the dispenser.
- ▶ ...

Frame Problem

One has to express explicitly, maybe for a large number of state variables, that the values of these variables do not change after a transition. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\text{coins} = 0 \leftrightarrow \text{coins}' = 0) \wedge \\ &(\text{coins} = 1 \leftrightarrow \text{coins}' = 1) \wedge \\ &(\text{coins} = 2 \leftrightarrow \text{coins}' = 2) \wedge \\ &(\text{coins} = 3 \leftrightarrow \text{coins}' = 3). \end{aligned}$$

This **frame problem** arises in artificial intelligence, knowledge representation, and reasoning about actions.

End of Lecture 17

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Notation for the Frame Formula

Abbreviations (we assume $dom(x) = dom(y)$):

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$$only(x_1, \dots, x_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_{y \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}} y = y'.$$

This formula expresses that x_1, \dots, x_n are **the only** variables whose values can be changed by the transition.

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Transitions for the Vending Machine

1. *Recharge* which results in the drink storage having both beer and coffee.
2. *Customer_arrives*, after which a customer appears at the machine.
3. *Customer_leaves*, after which the customer leaves.
4. *Coin_insert*, when the customer inserts a coin in the machine.
5. *Dispense_beer*, when the customer presses the button to get a can of beer.
6. *Dispense_coffee*, when the customer presses the button to get a cup of coffee.
7. *Take_drink*, when the customer removes a drink from the dispenser.

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Coin_insert $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ $\text{customer} \neq \text{none} \wedge \text{coins} \neq 3 \wedge$
 $(\text{coins} = 0 \rightarrow \text{coins}' = 1) \wedge$
 $(\text{coins} = 1 \rightarrow \text{coins}' = 2) \wedge$
 $(\text{coins} = 2 \rightarrow \text{coins}' = 3) \wedge$
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Take_drink $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ customer \neq *none* \wedge disp \neq *none* \wedge
disp' = *none* \wedge
only(disp).

Transitions

Model checkers often use the convention that the variables that can change are those variables x such that x' occurs in the problem. Under this convention we can remove *only(...)* from all transitions and change *Dispense_beer* and *Dispense_coffee* as follows:

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