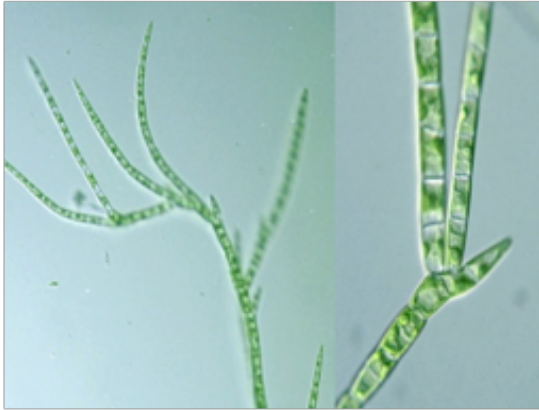


# Module 10: Finite State Machines with Gene Regulatory Networks

CSE 590: Molecular programming and neural computation

Guest Lecture: Kevin Oishi

# Living Systems Perform Discrete Computation

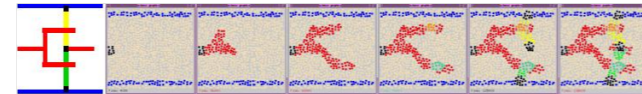
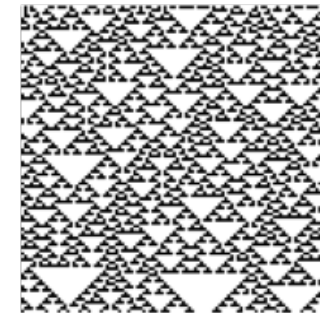


Lindenmeyer Systems  
(1968)

Variables: A,B  
Start: A  
Rules:  $A \rightarrow AB$ ,  $B \rightarrow A$

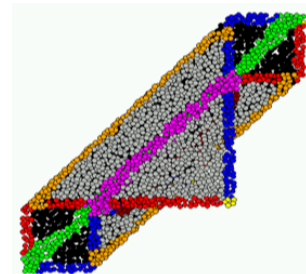
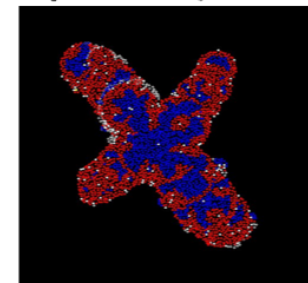
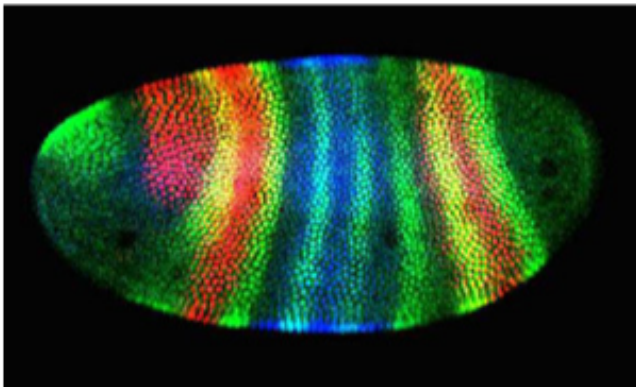


Cellular Automata (1940s)  
Conway's Game of Life

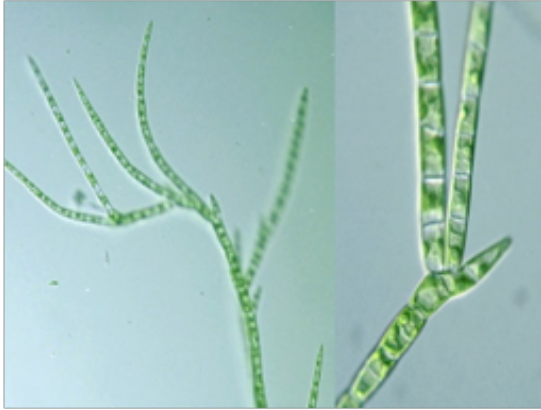


Amorphous Computing (1996)

- Growing Point Language
- Origami Shape Language
- Morphogenesis Language



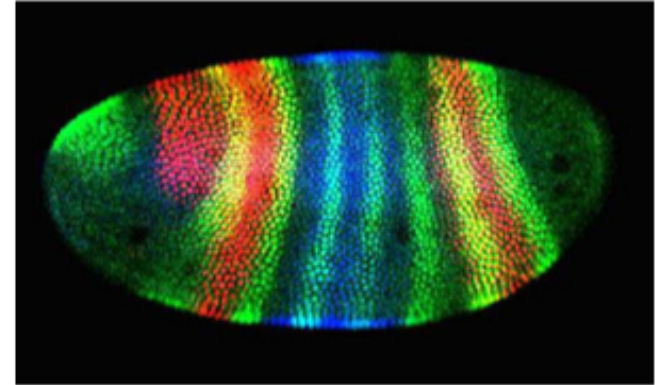
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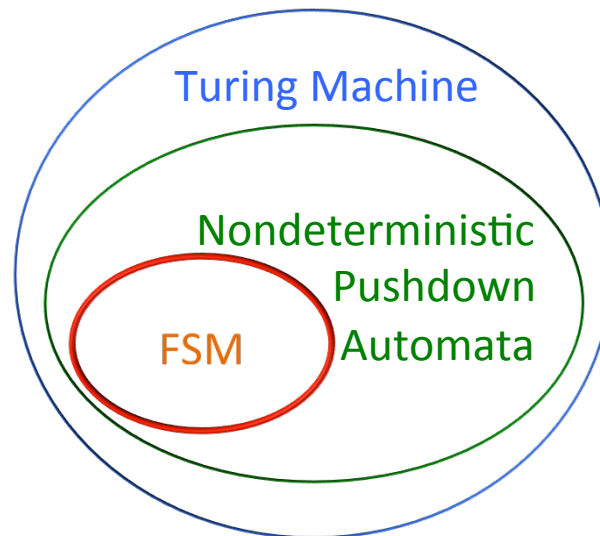
Nondeterministic pushdown automata



Cellular Automata

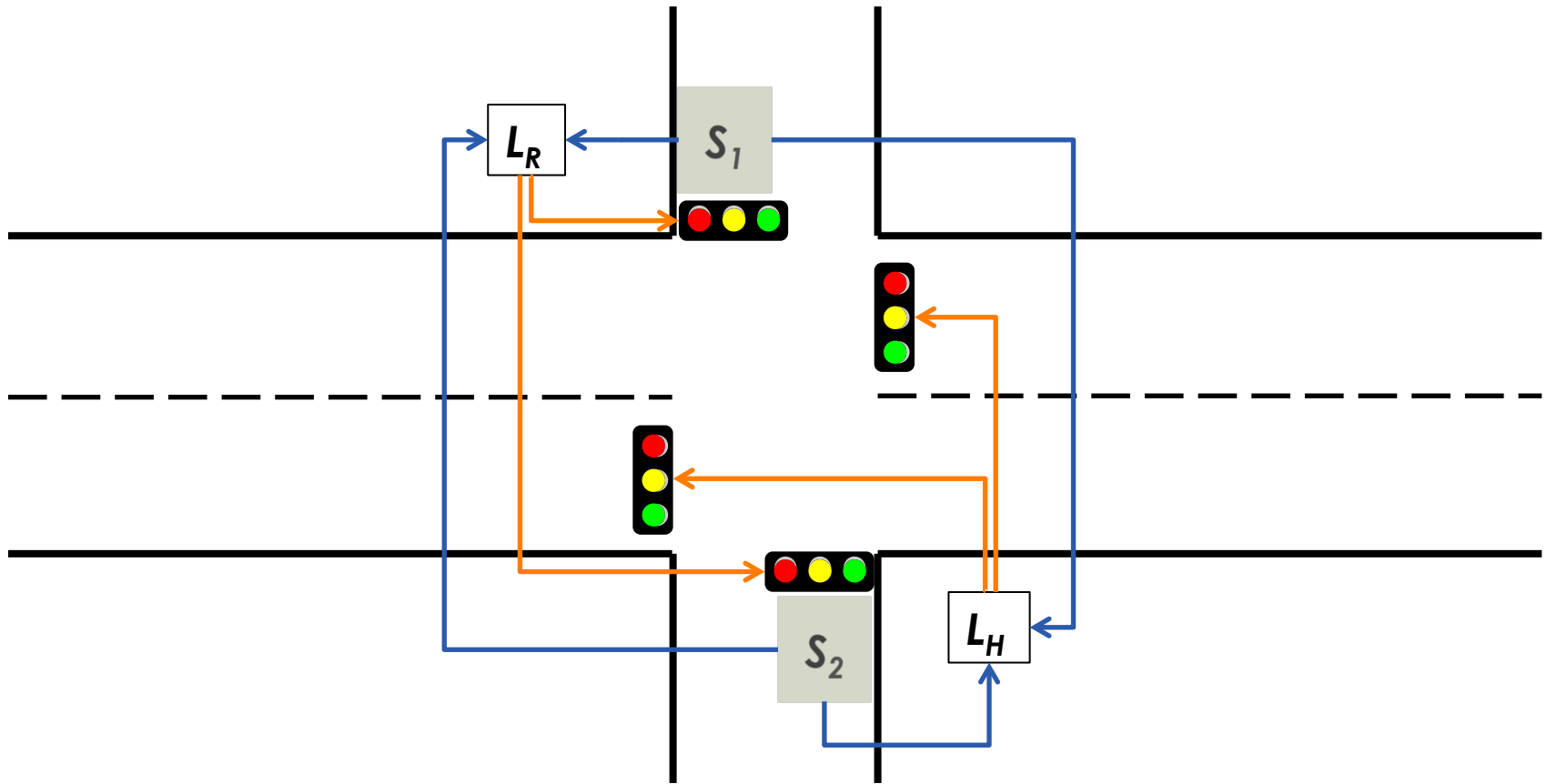


Turing Machine



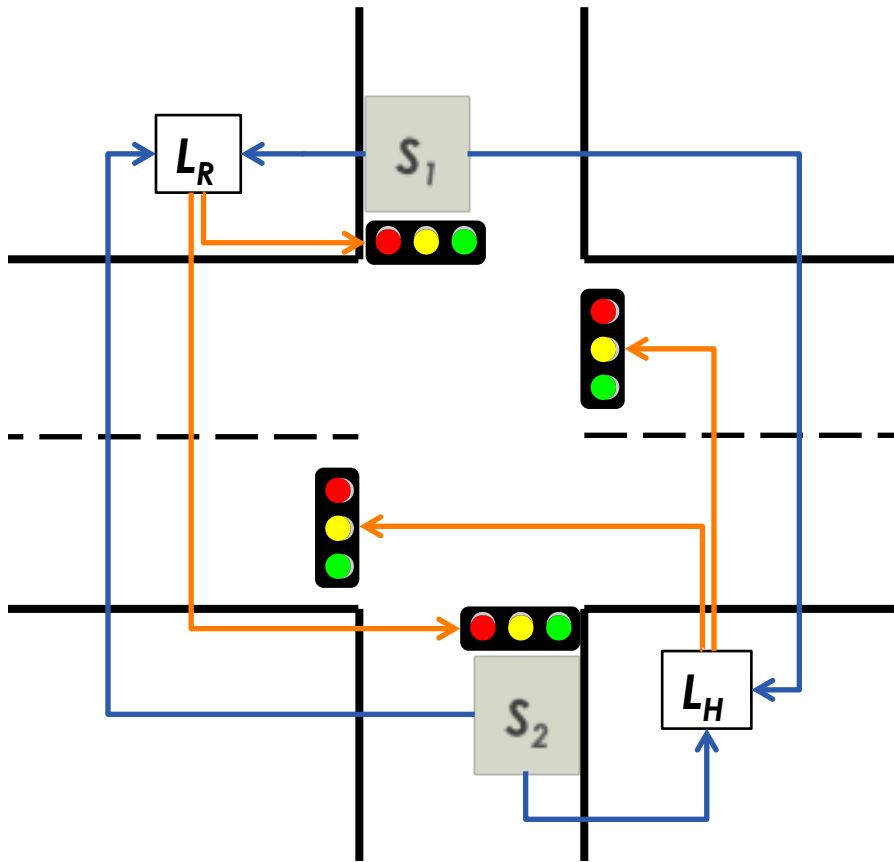
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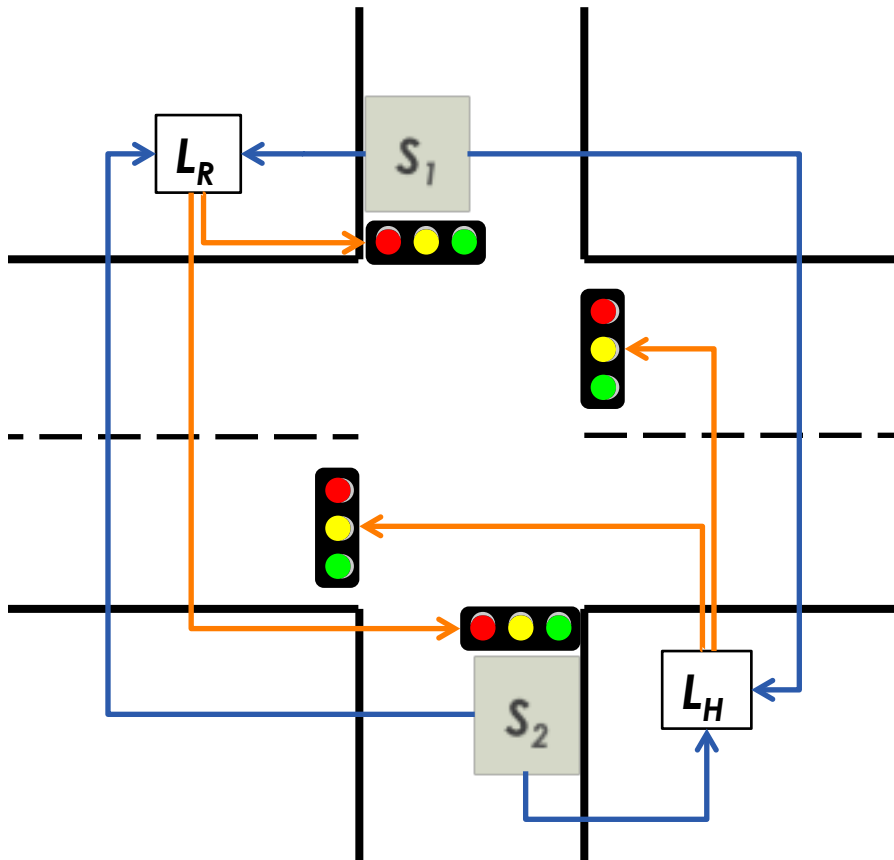


Objective:

Design traffic light controllers  $L_R$  and  $L_H$  that use sensors  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  to give a green light to highway traffic unless there are cars waiting to cross from the minor road.

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Example: Traffic Light Controller



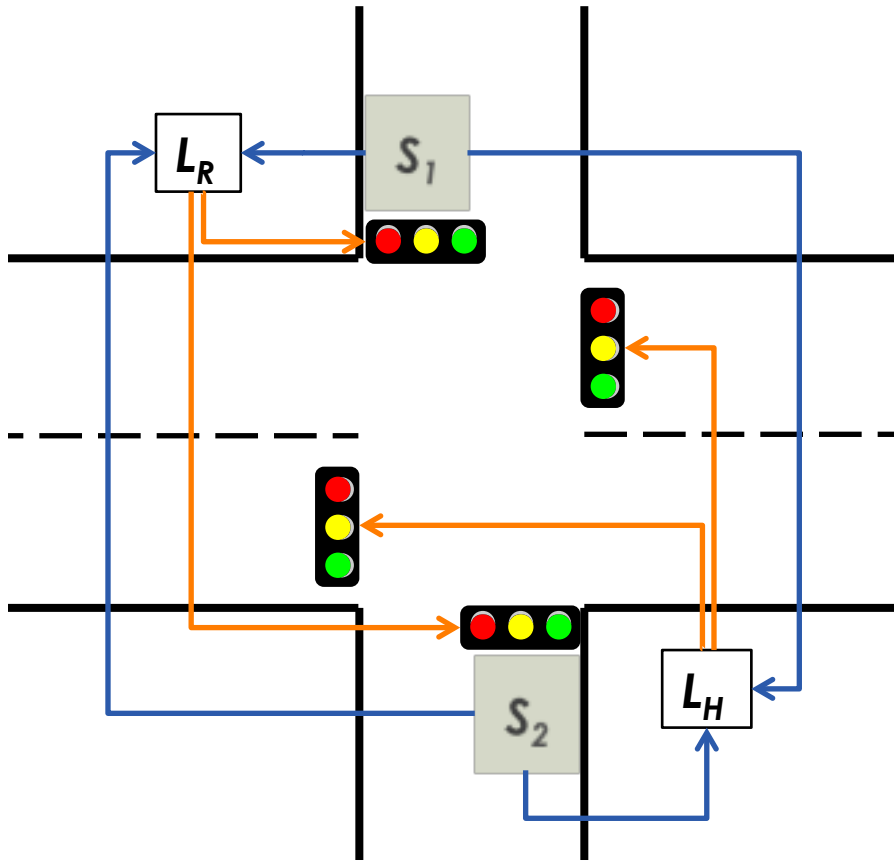
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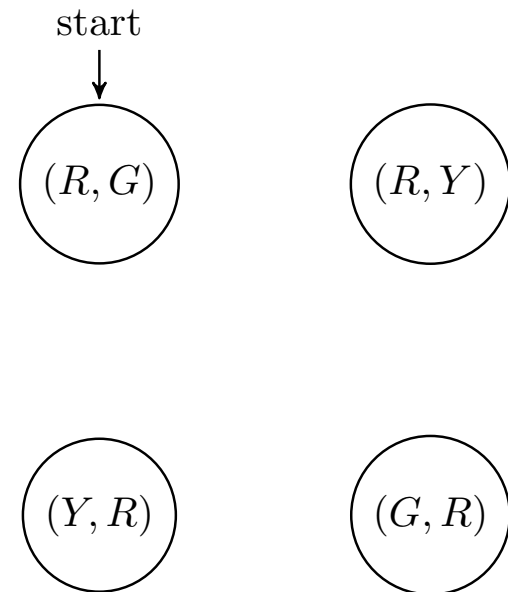
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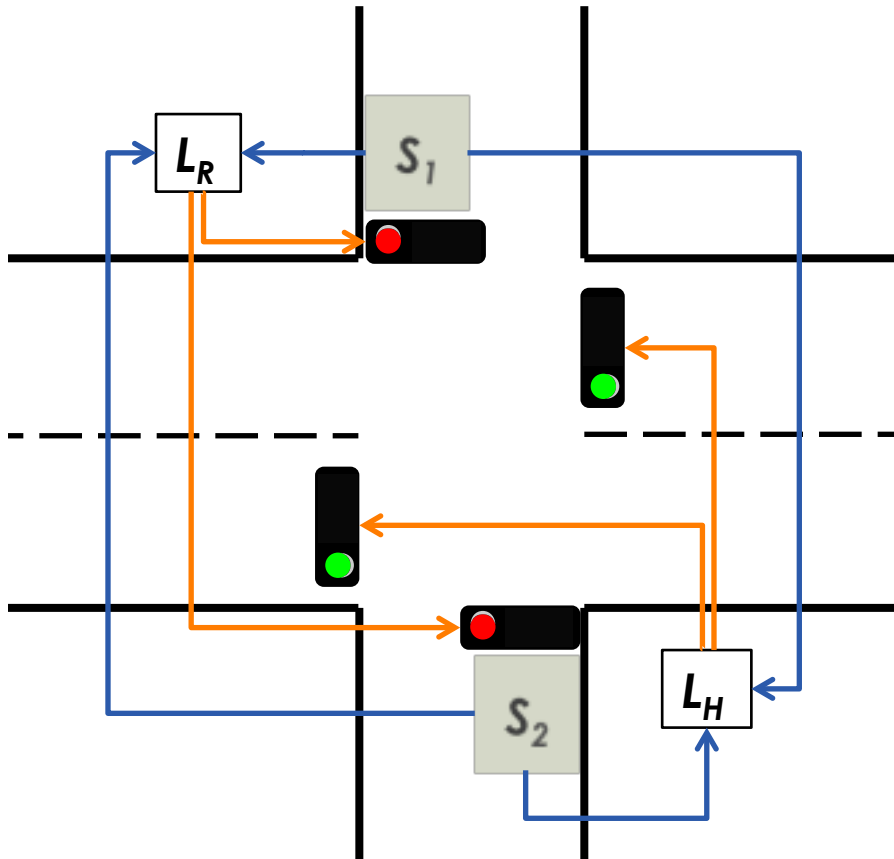
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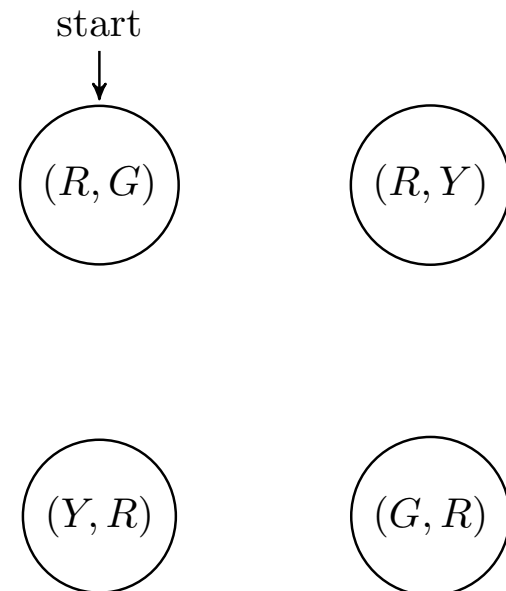
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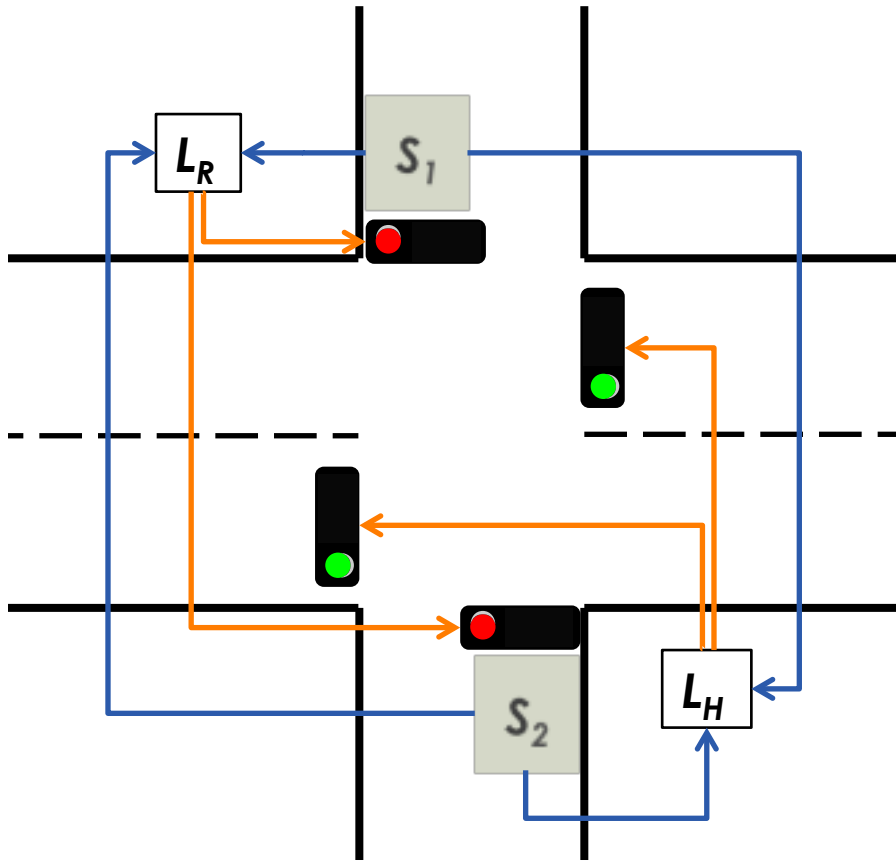
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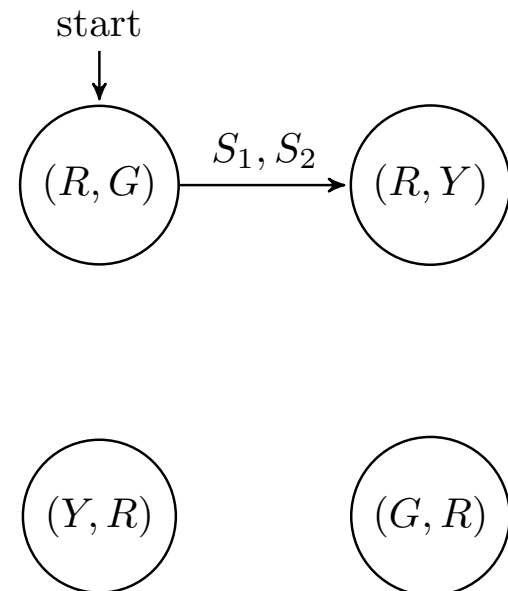
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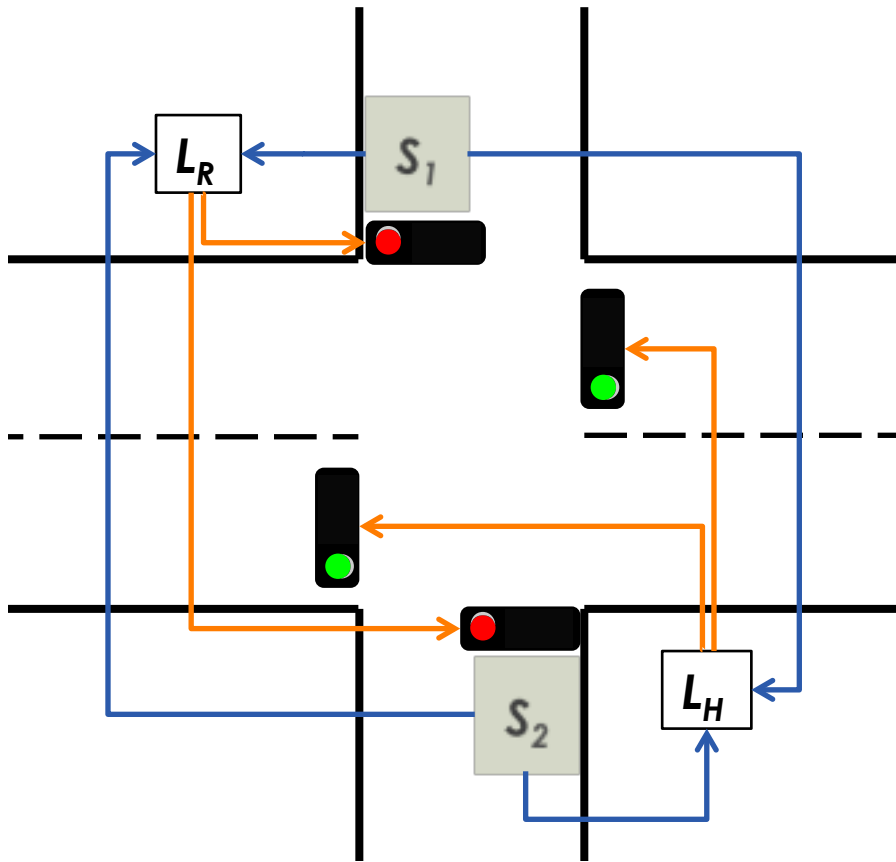
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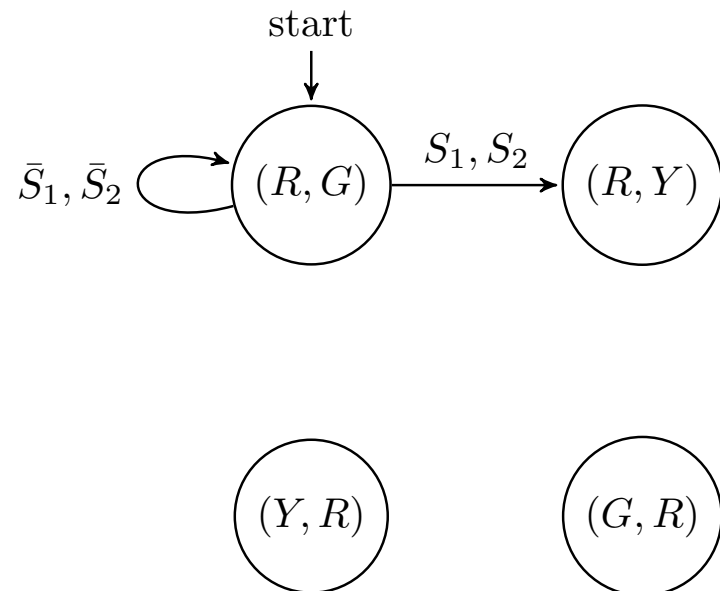
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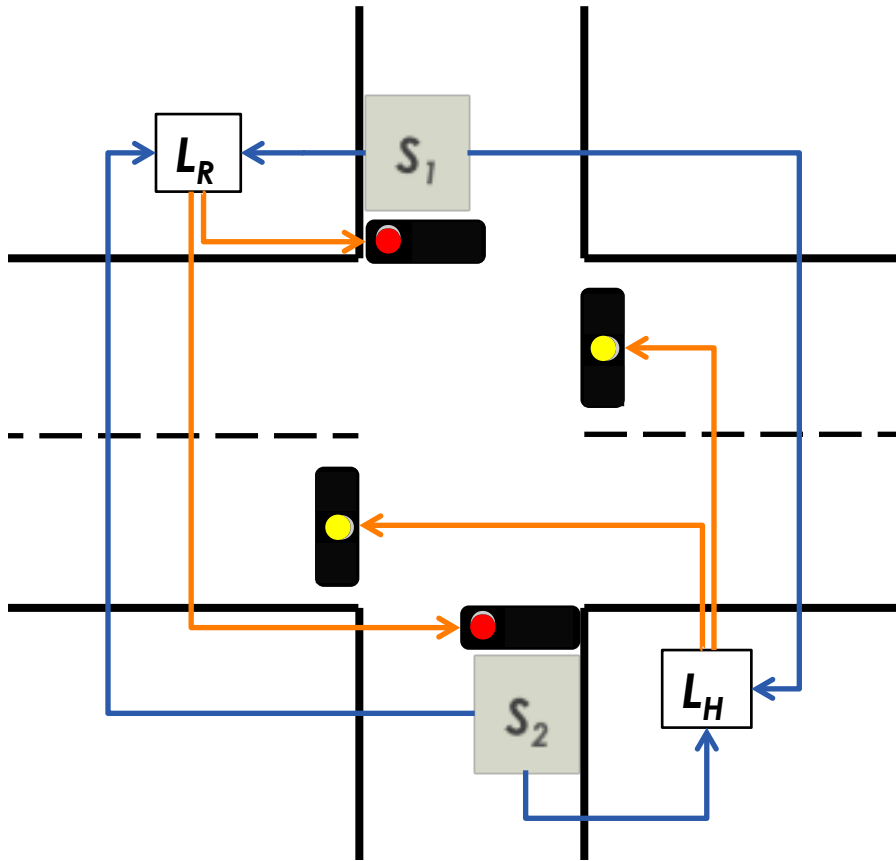
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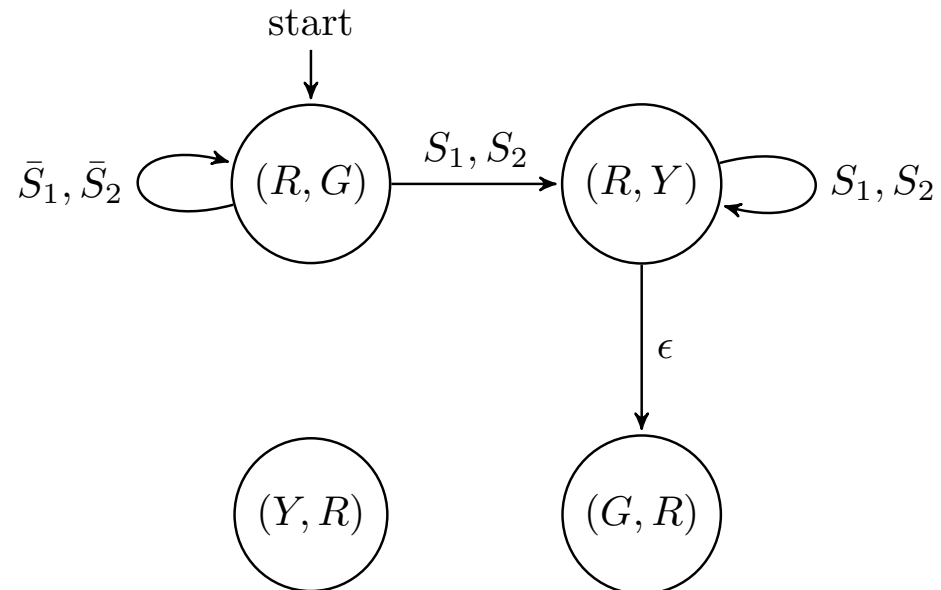
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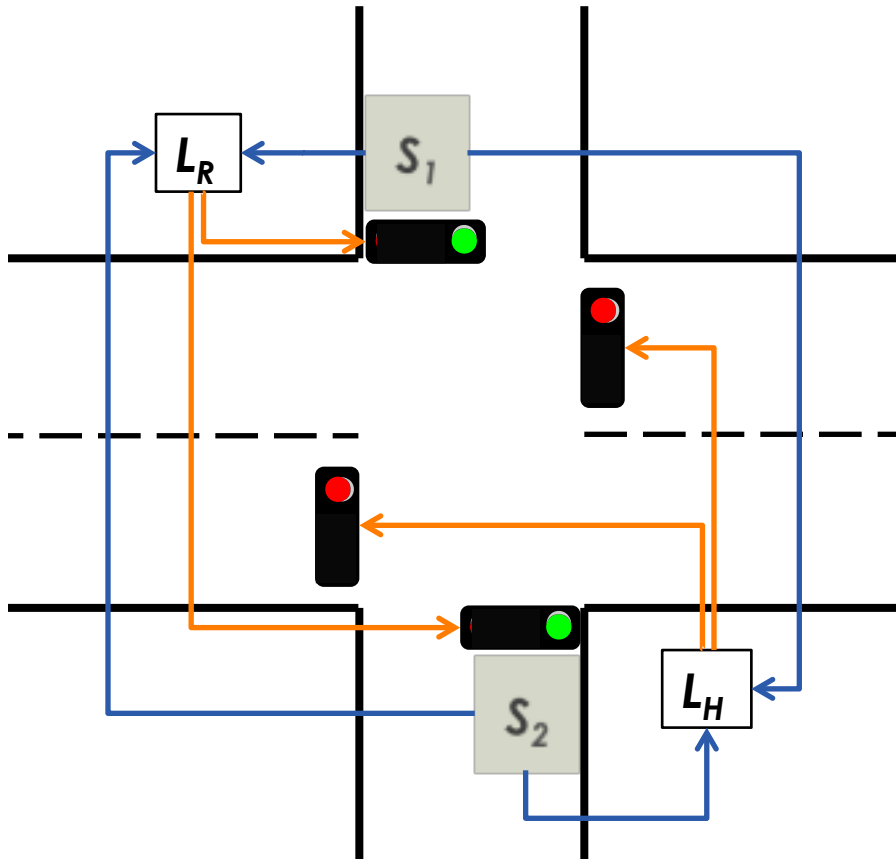
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What are the rest of the state transitions?

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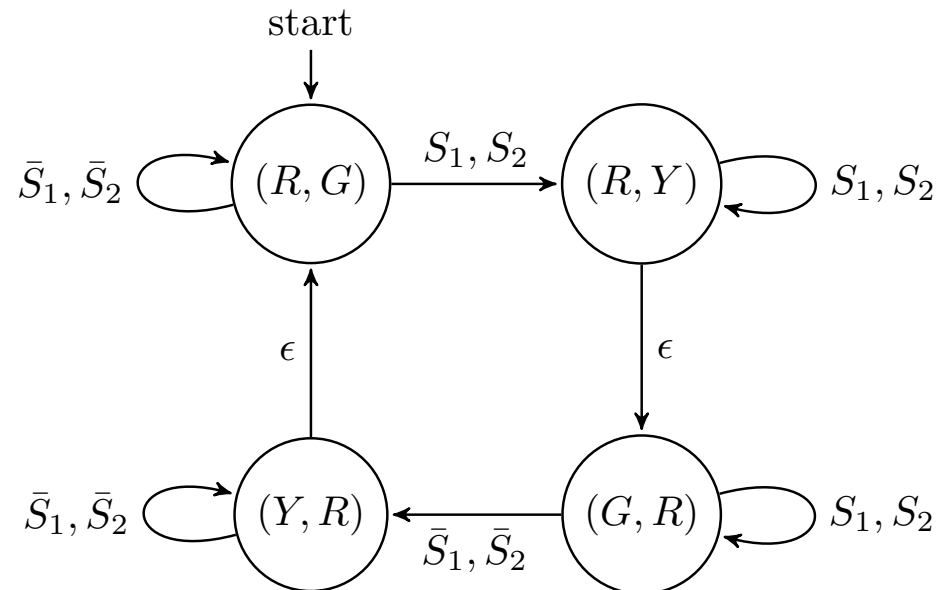
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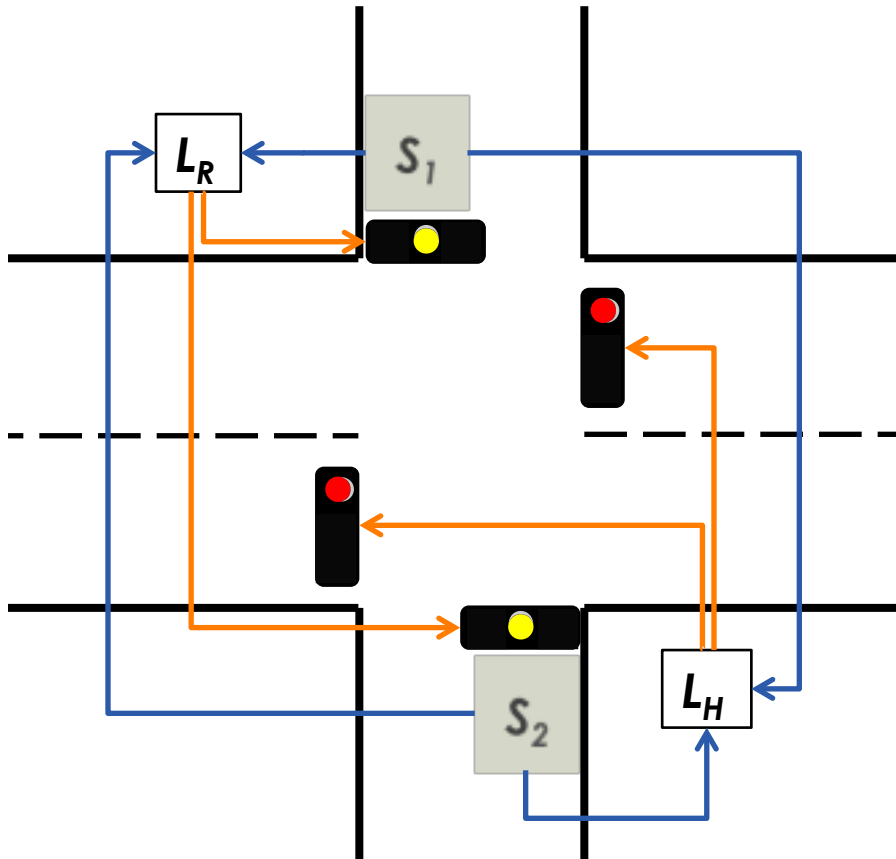
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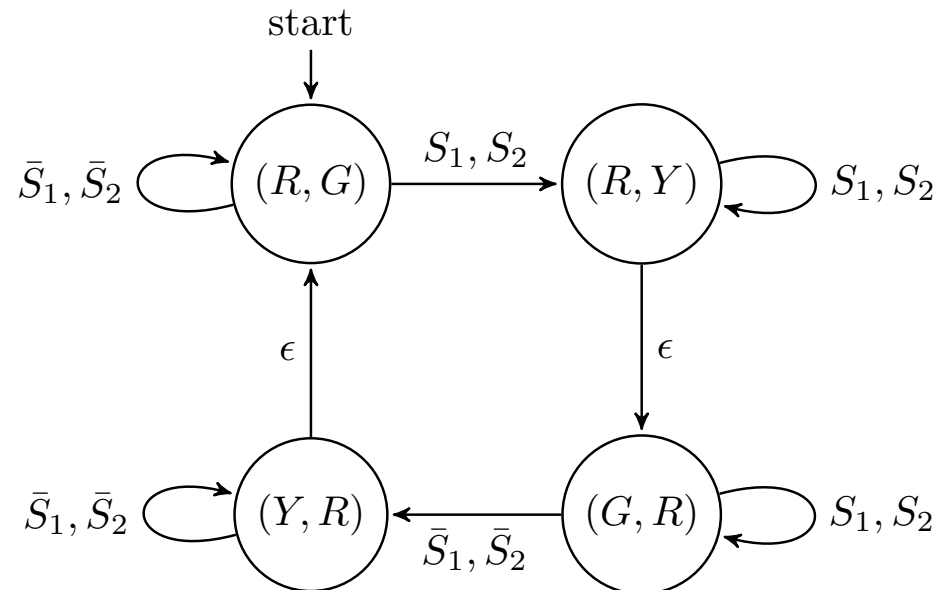
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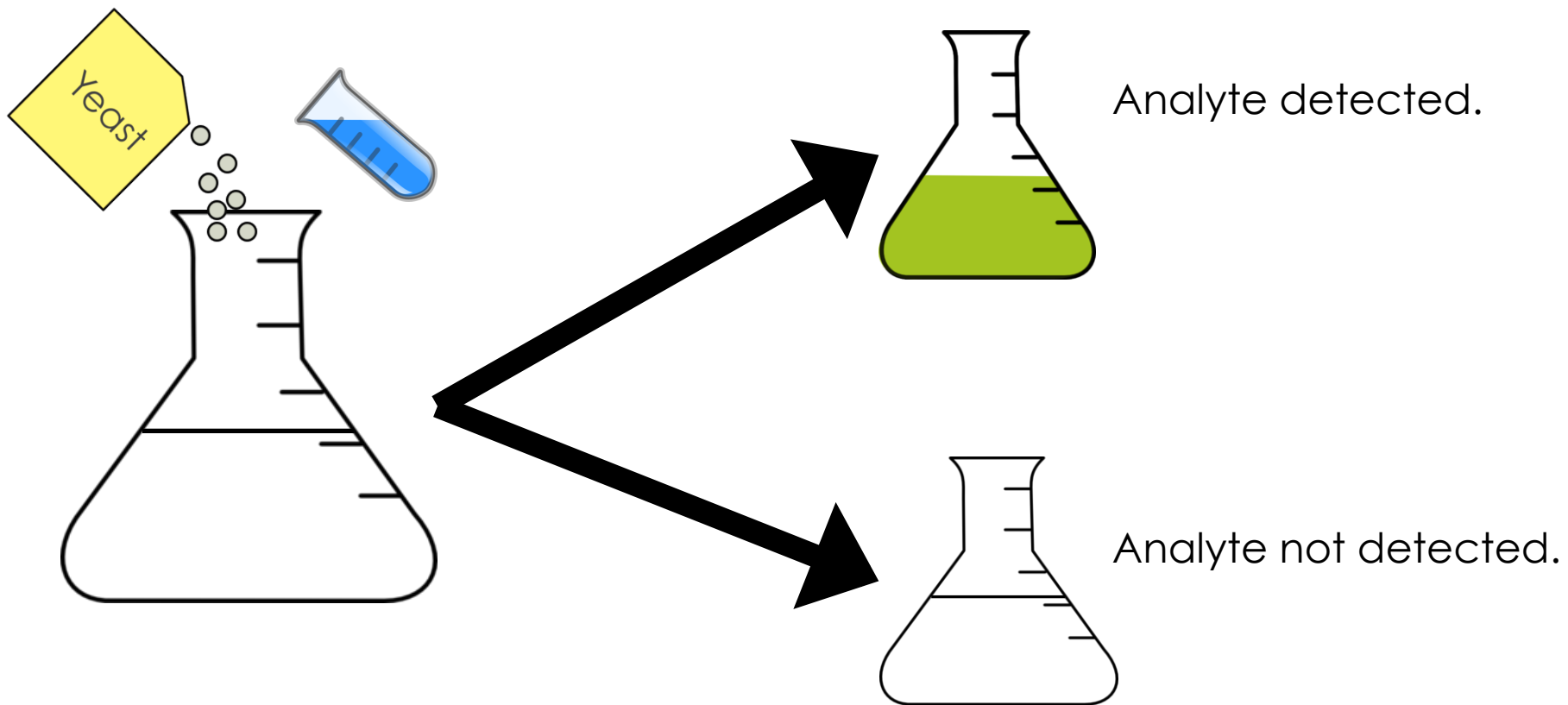


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Example: Yeast-based Ultrasensitive Detector

Objective: Use yeast to detect a very small number of a particular type of molecule (eg. protein markers in the early stages of an infection).

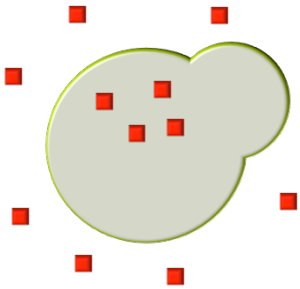


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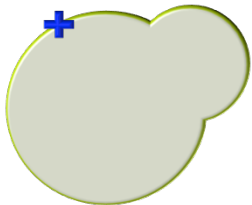
## Example: Yeast-based Ultrasensitive Detector



This is an engineered yeast strain USD001.



USD001 can produce and sense a small diffusible molecule, AHL.



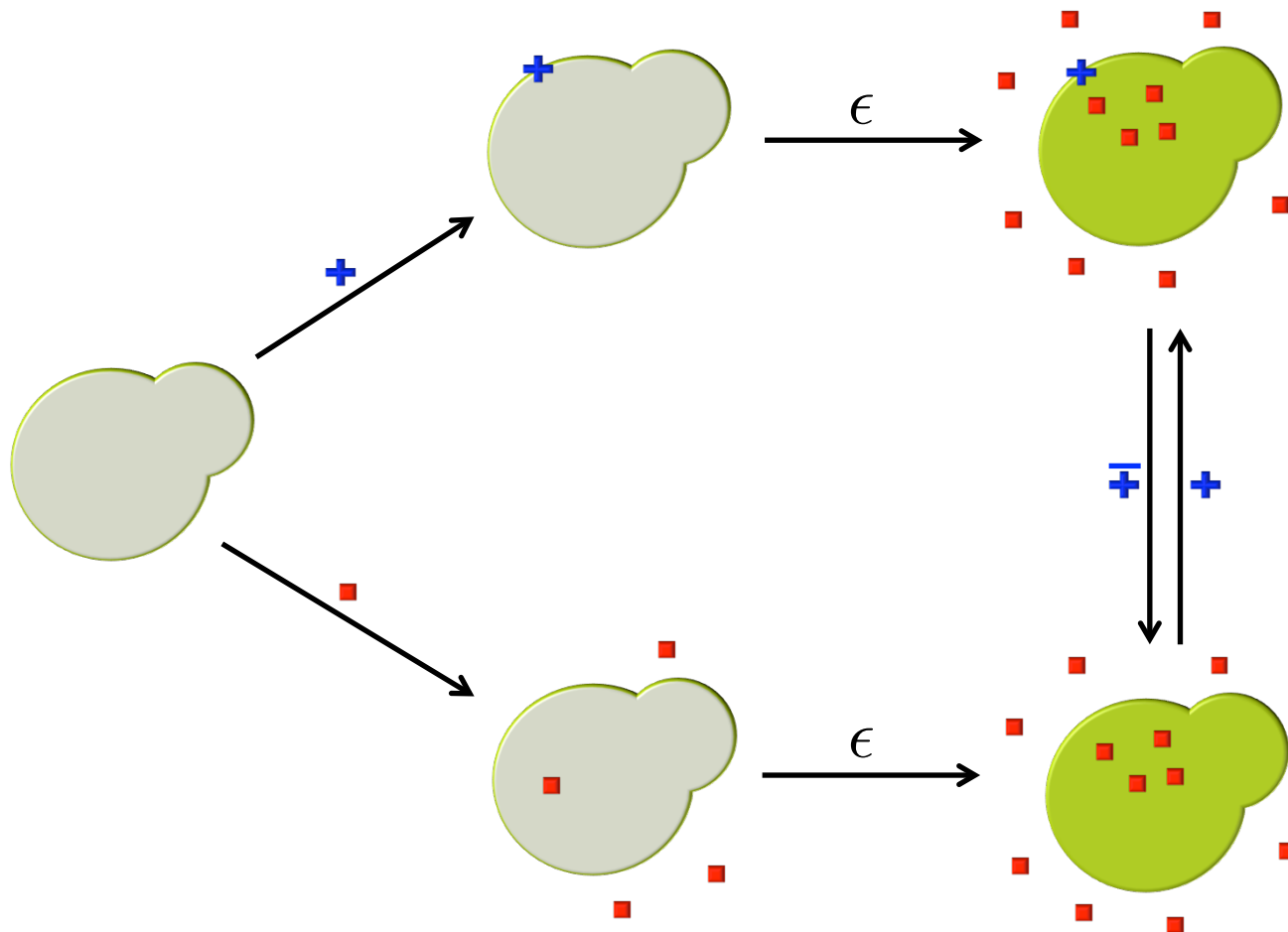
USD001 can also sense a single protein associated with an infectious disease.



USD001 can express a green fluorescent protein.

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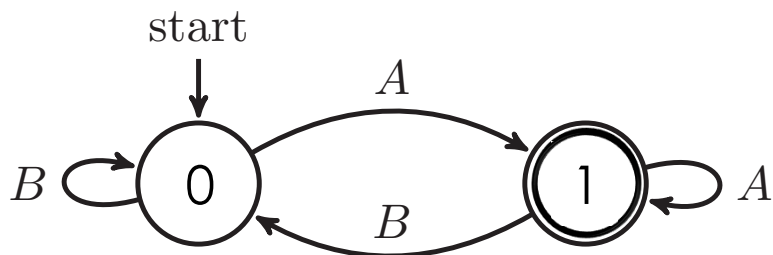


# Finite State Machines

## Syntax

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## Semantics

Input:  $w = \sigma_1\sigma_2\dots\sigma_n \in \Sigma^*$

Output: *Accept* or *Not Accept*

The machine begins in state  $q_0$ .

At each step  $i$  an input symbol  $\sigma_i$  is taken from the head of the input  $w$ .

The next state of the machine is

$$q_i = \delta(q_{i-1}, \sigma_i)$$

The input  $w$  is accepted if and only if

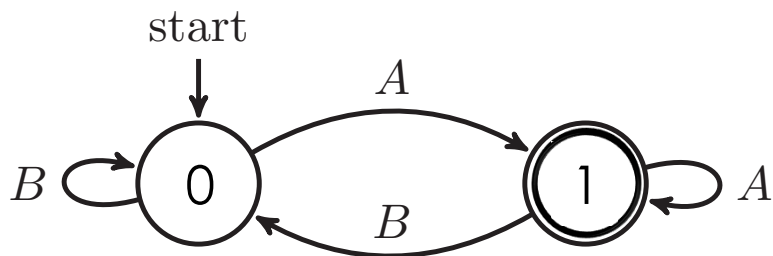
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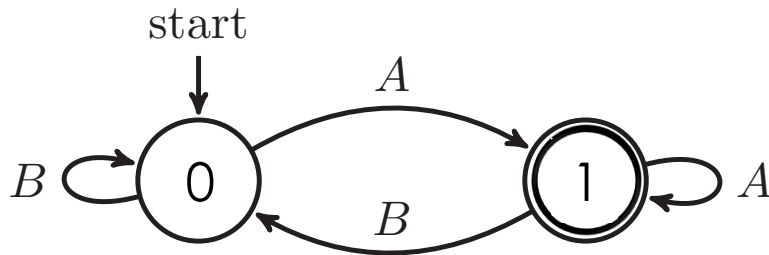
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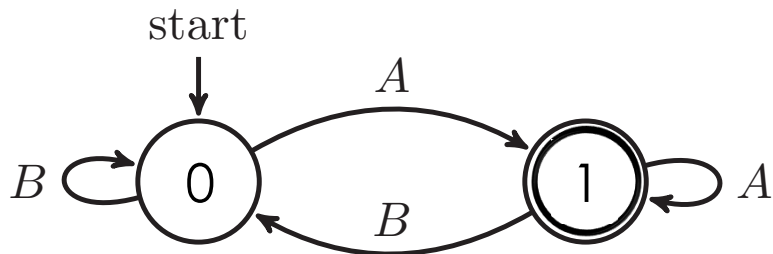
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- BABABA
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This machine accepts strings that end in "A", i.e. the regular expression  $(A^*B^*)^*A$ .

# Biomolecular Parts

A.

Trans. regulated



*DNA binding  
sequences*

Constitutive

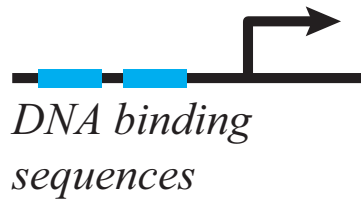


*Core promoter*

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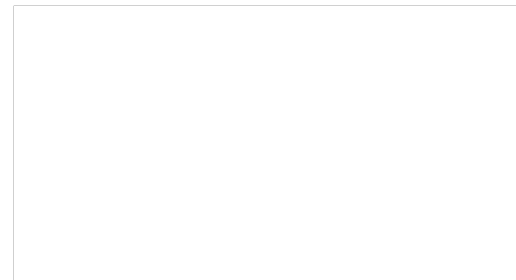
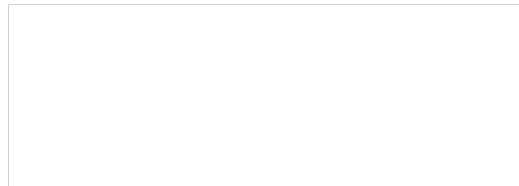


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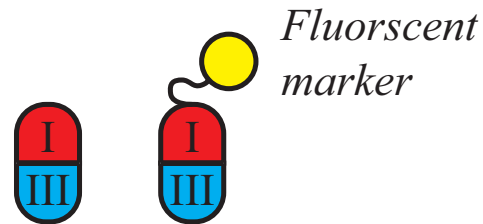


B.

I. Transcriptional repression domain



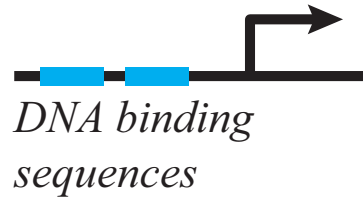
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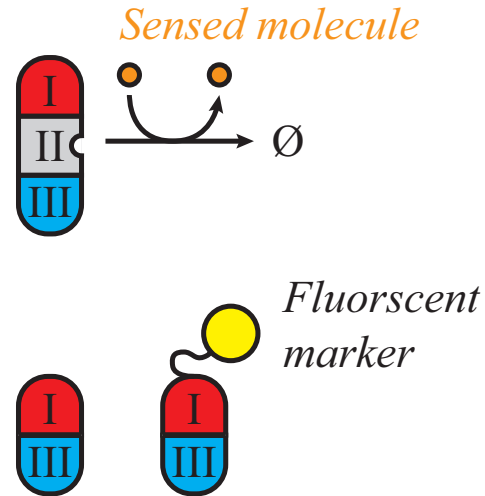


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III. Programmable DNA binding domain



# Biomolecular Parts

Component  
Type

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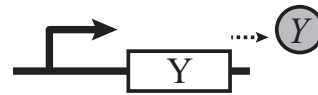
Biomolecular  
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Transcriptionally  
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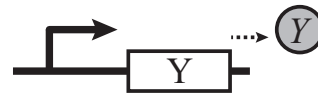
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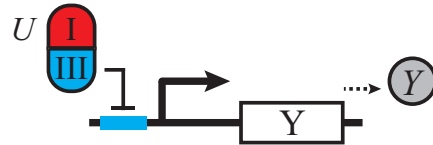
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Y

Singly  
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U  $\dashv$  Y

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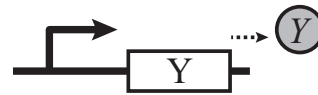
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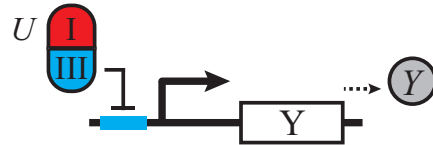
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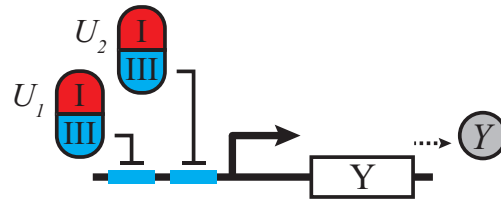
Y

Singly  
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$U \longrightarrow \perp Y$

Doubly  
Regulated  
Gene



$U_1 \longrightarrow \perp Y$   
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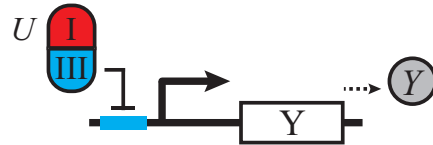
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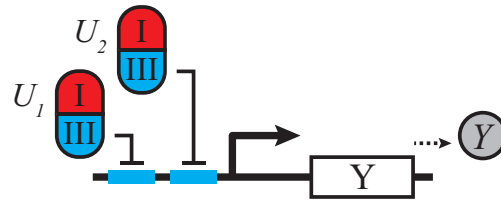
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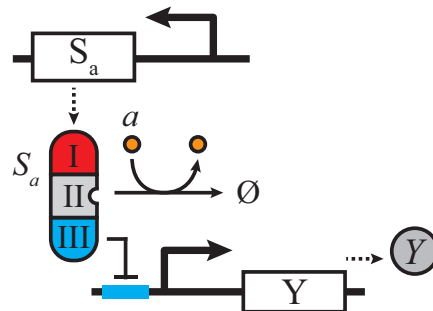
$U \dashv Y$

Doubly  
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$U_1 \dashv U_2 \dashv Y$

Small  
Molecule  
Sensor



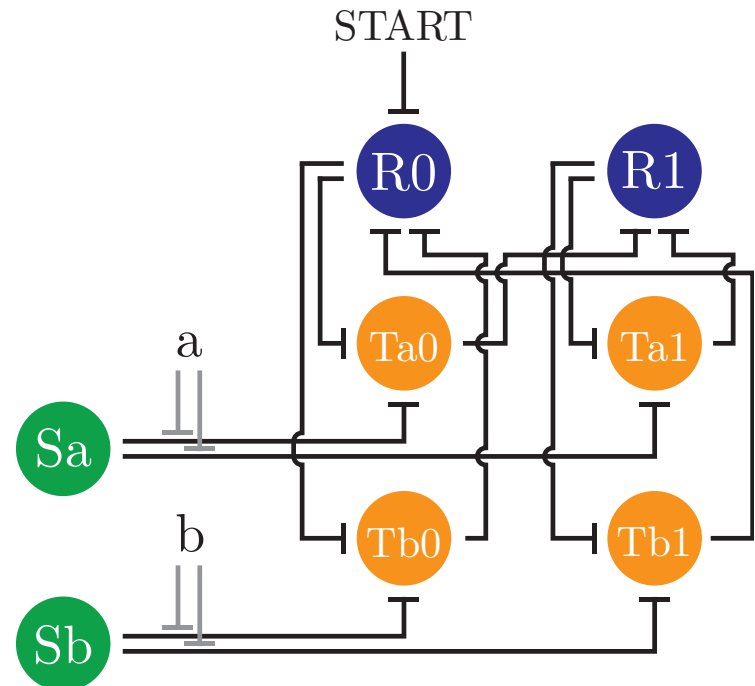
$S_a \dashv^a Y$

# Gene Regulatory Networks

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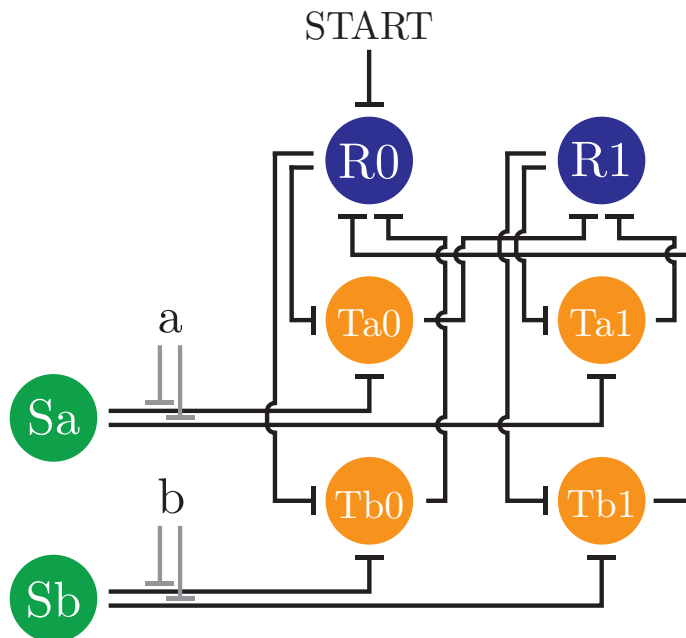
## Semantics

Boolean Network Dynamics  
(Kauffman, 1969)

$$Y^t = f(Y^{t-1}, U^t)$$

Let  $Y^t$  be a time-varying state vector and  $U^t$  be a time-varying input vector, i.e.,

$$Y^t = \begin{bmatrix} R_0^t \\ R_1^t \\ S_a^t \\ S_b^t \\ T_{a,0}^t \\ T_{b,0}^t \\ T_{a,1}^t \\ T_{b,1}^t \end{bmatrix} \quad U^t = \begin{bmatrix} a^t \\ b^t \end{bmatrix}$$



# Boolean Network Dynamics

Component Type	Gene Regulatory Network	Boolean Network Equations
Transcriptionally Unregulated Gene	Y	$Y^t = on$
Singly Regulated Gene	$U \longrightarrow \neg Y$	$Y^{t+1} = \neg U^t$
Doubly Regulated Gene	$  \begin{array}{c}  U_2 \\  \perp \\  U_1 \longrightarrow \neg Y  \end{array}  $	$Y^{t+1} = \neg(U_1^t \vee U_2^t)$
Small Molecule Sensor	$  \begin{array}{c}  a \\  \perp \\  S_a \longrightarrow \neg Y  \end{array}  $	$S_a^t = \neg a^t$ $Y^{t+1} = \neg S_a^t$

# Boolean Network Dynamics

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Transcriptionally Unregulated Gene

Y

$$Y^t = on$$

Singly Regulated Gene

U  $\longrightarrow$  Y

$$Y^{t+1} = \neg U^t$$

$U^t$	$Y^{t+1}$
0	
1	

Doubly Regulated Gene

$$\begin{array}{c}
 U_2 \\
 \perp \\
 U_1 \longrightarrow Y
 \end{array}$$

$$Y^{t+1} = \neg(U_1^t \vee U_2^t)$$

Small Molecule Sensor

$$\begin{array}{c}
 a \\
 \perp \\
 S_a \longrightarrow Y
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_a^t &= \neg a^t \\
 Y^{t+1} &= \neg S_a^t
 \end{aligned}$$

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Singly Regulated Gene

U  $\longrightarrow$  Y

$$Y^{t+1} = \neg U^t$$

$U^t$	$Y^{t+1}$
0	1
1	0

Doubly Regulated Gene

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# Boolean Network Dynamics

Component Type

Gene Regulatory Network

Boolean Network Equations

What is the truth table for the Double Regulated Gene and Small Molecular Sensor?

Transcriptionally Unregulated Gene

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$$Y^t = on$$

Singly Regulated Gene

$U \longrightarrow Y$

$$Y^{t+1} = \neg U^t$$

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1	0

Doubly Regulated Gene

$U_1 \longrightarrow Y$   
 $U_2 \perp$

$$Y^{t+1} = \neg(U_1^t \vee U_2^t)$$

$U_1^t$	$U_2^t$	$Y^{t+1}$
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Small Molecule Sensor

$S_a \xrightarrow{a} Y$

$$S_a^t = \neg a^t$$

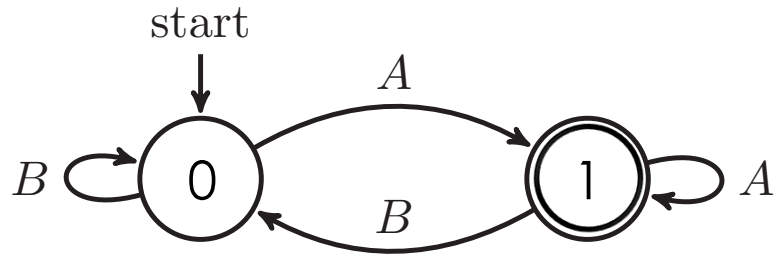
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$a^t$	$Y^{t+1}$

# Boolean Network Dynamics

Component Type	Gene Regulatory Network	Boolean Network Equations	What is the truth table for the Double Regulated Gene and Small Molecular Sensor?															
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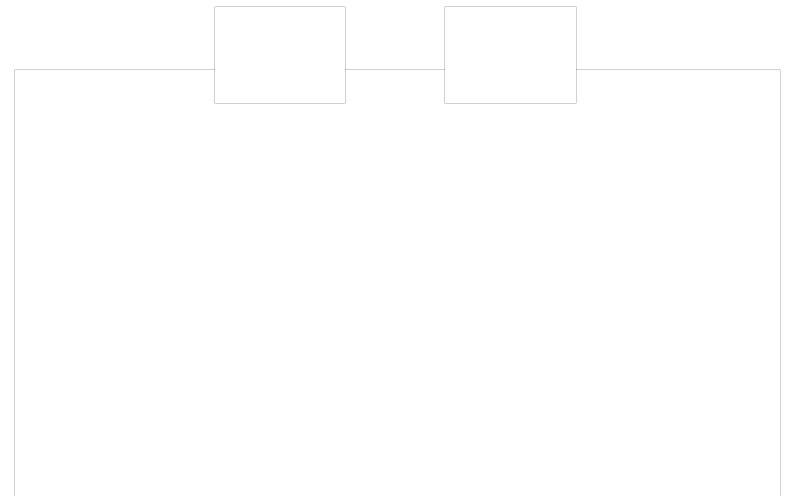


$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

## Objective:

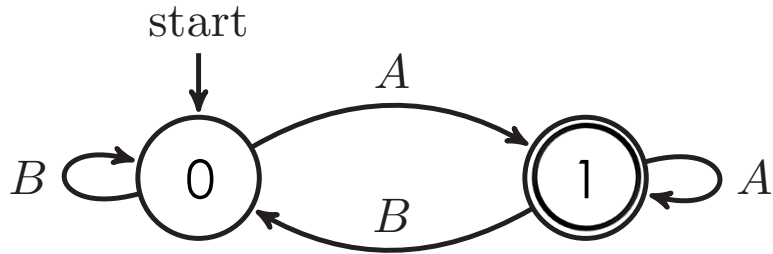
Given a FSM  $M$  as a specification, construct a GRN  $g(M)$  that encodes the behavior the FSM.

Symbol	Meaning
$Q$	set of <i>states</i>
$\Sigma$	set of <i>input symbols</i>
$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$	<i>state transition</i> function
$q_0 \in Q$	<i>initial state</i>
$F \subseteq Q$	set of <i>accepting states</i>

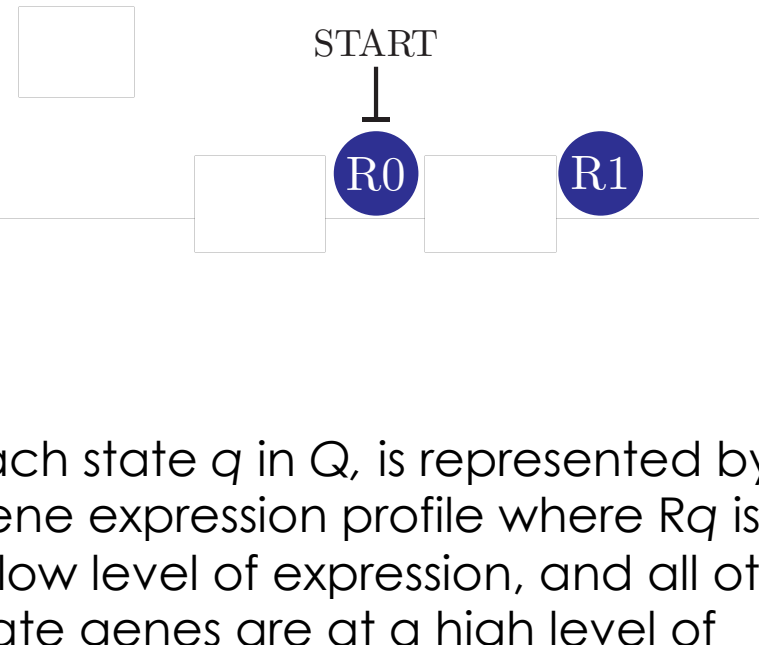
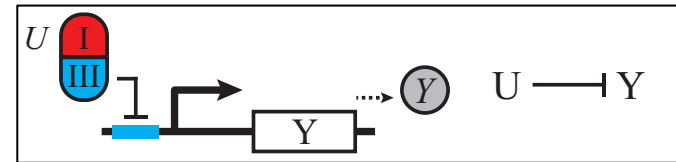


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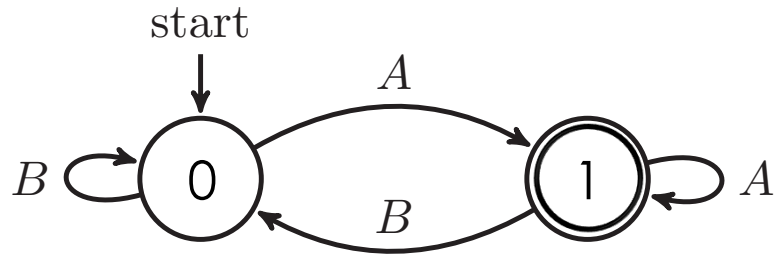
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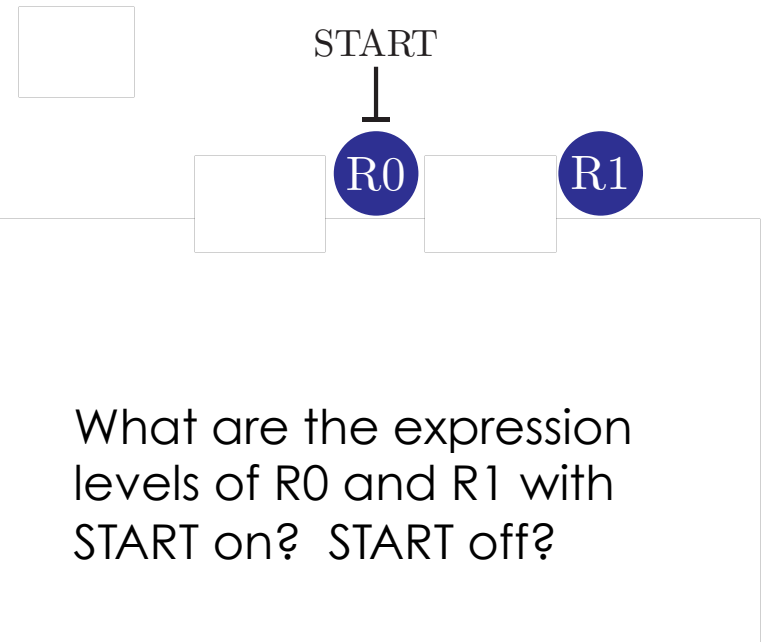
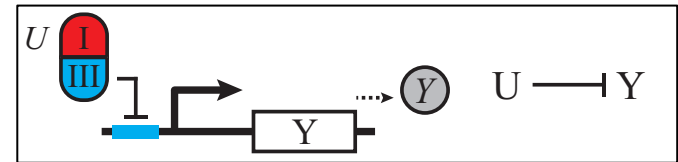
Each state  $q$  in  $Q$ , is represented by a gene expression profile where  $Rq$  is at a low level of expression, and all other state genes are at a high level of expression.

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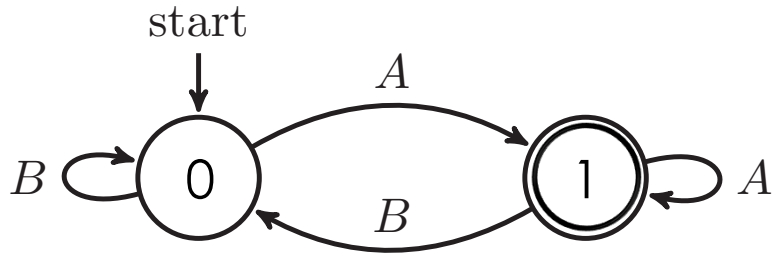


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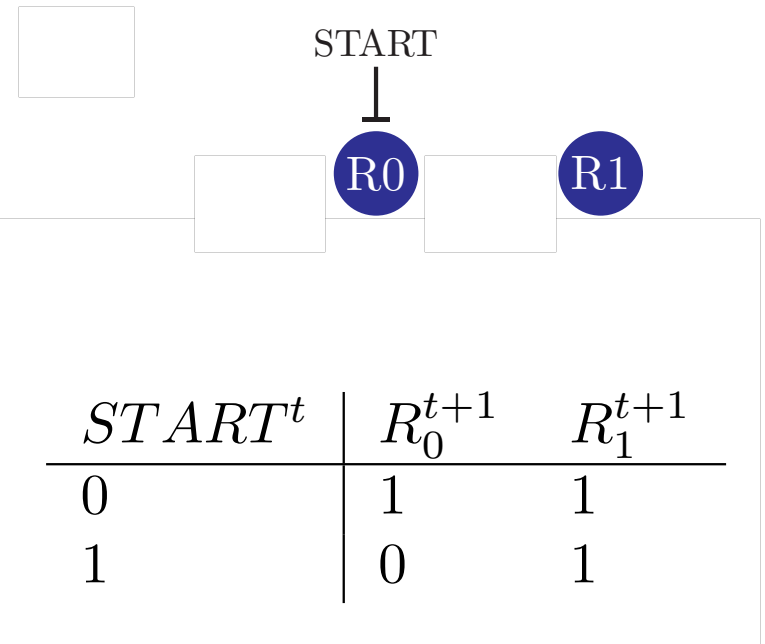
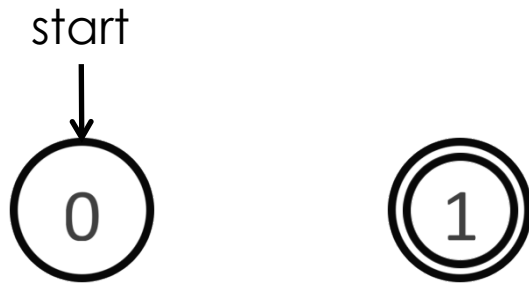
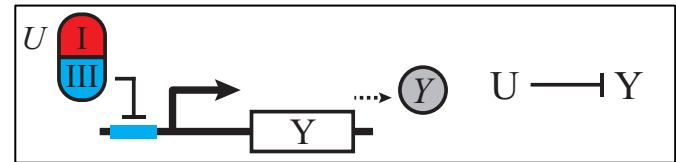


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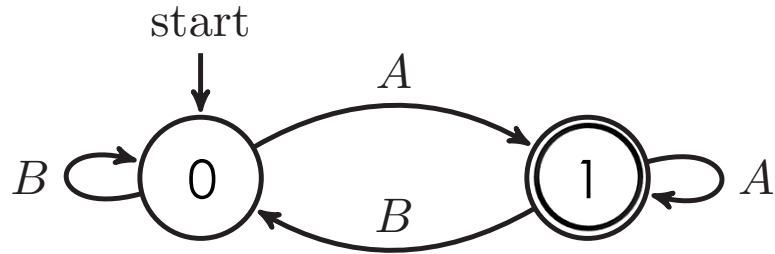


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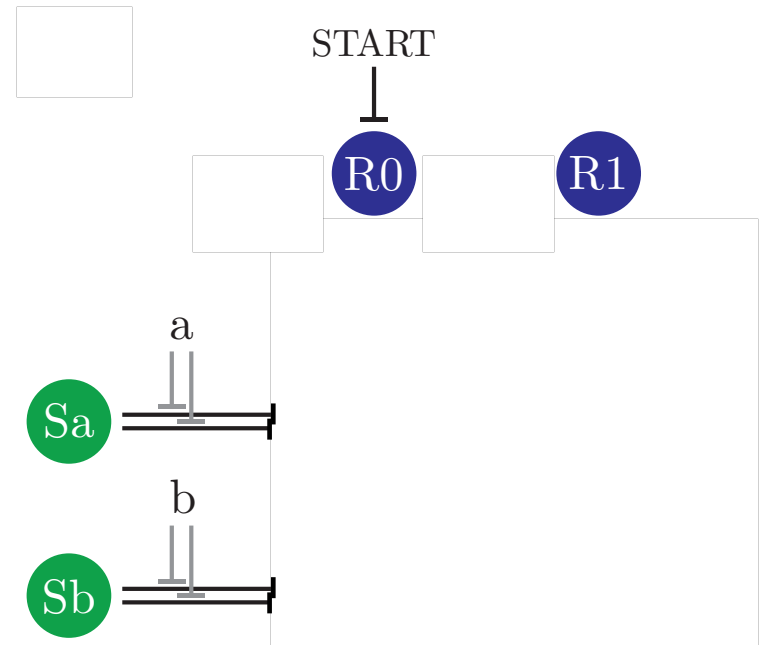
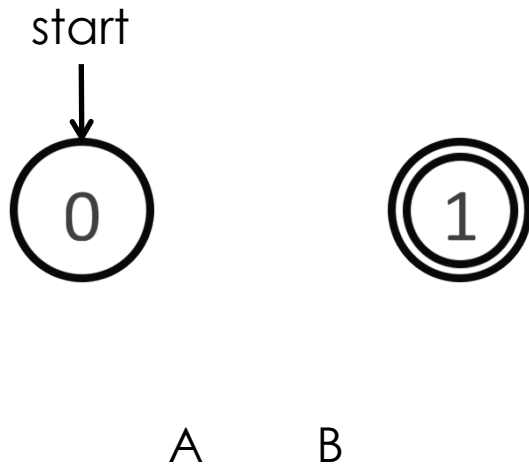
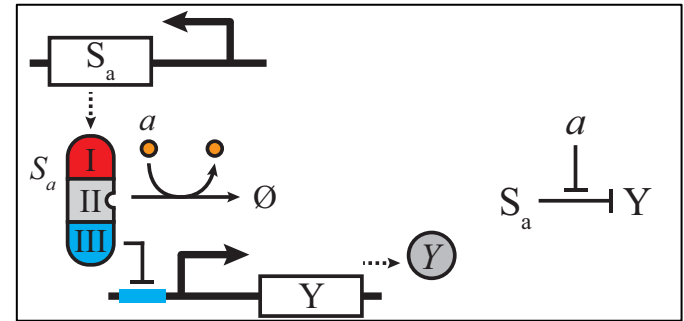


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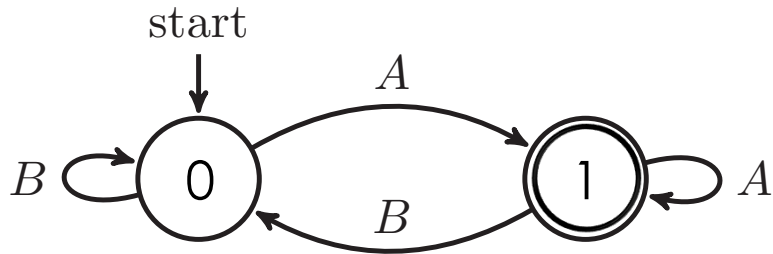


For each  $\sigma$  in  $\Sigma$ , let  $S_\sigma$  be a transcriptionally unregulated **sensor gene** for **inducer**  $\sigma$ .

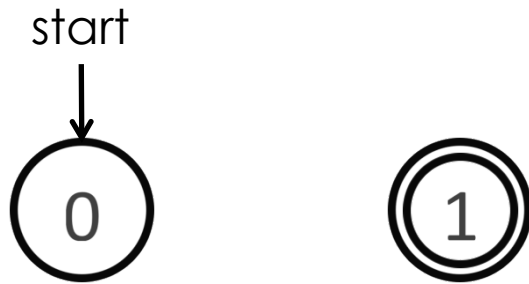
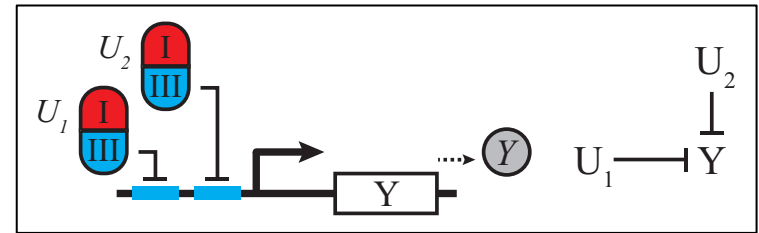


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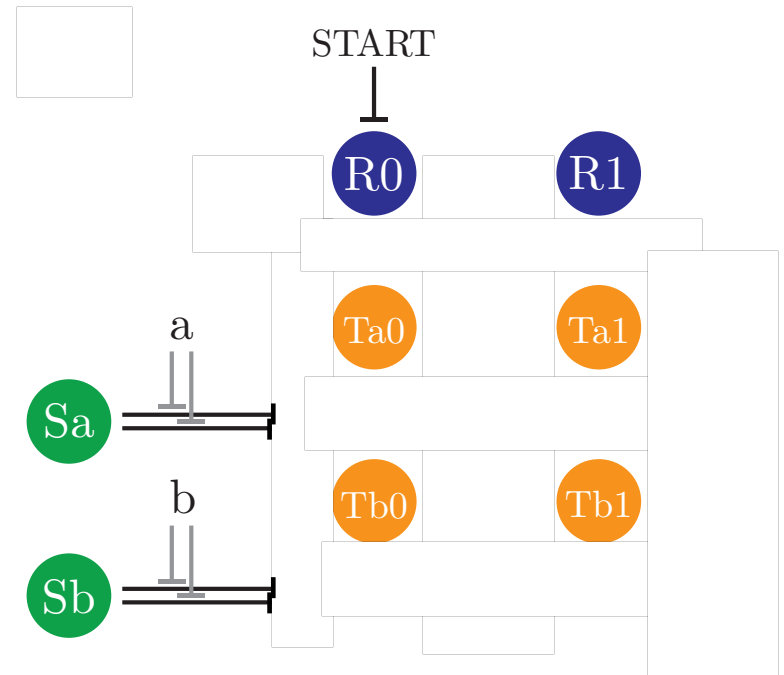
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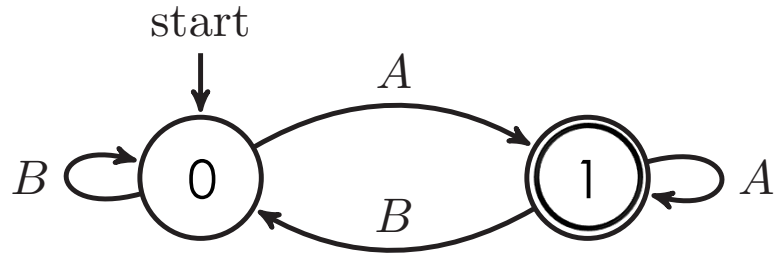
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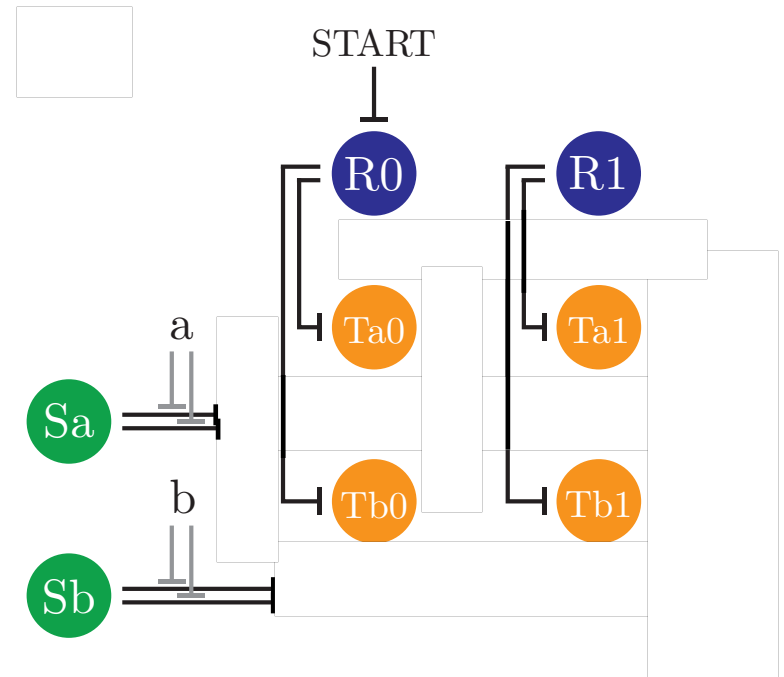
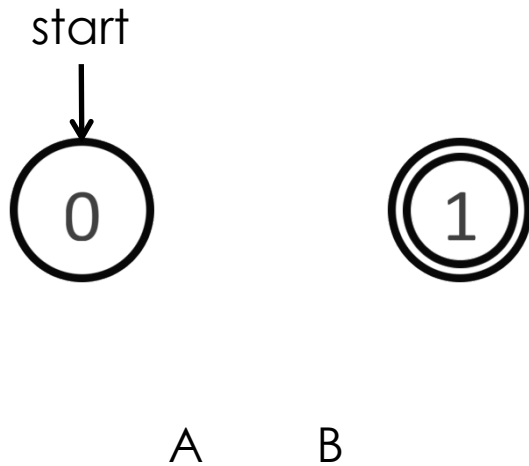


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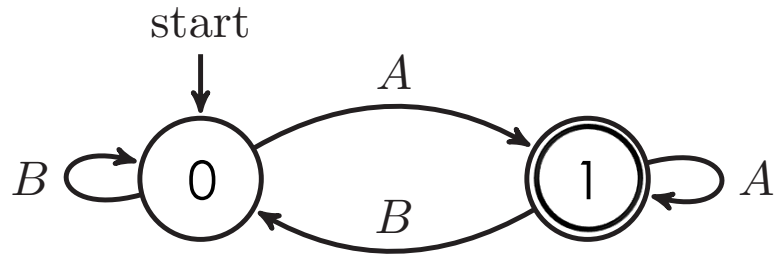


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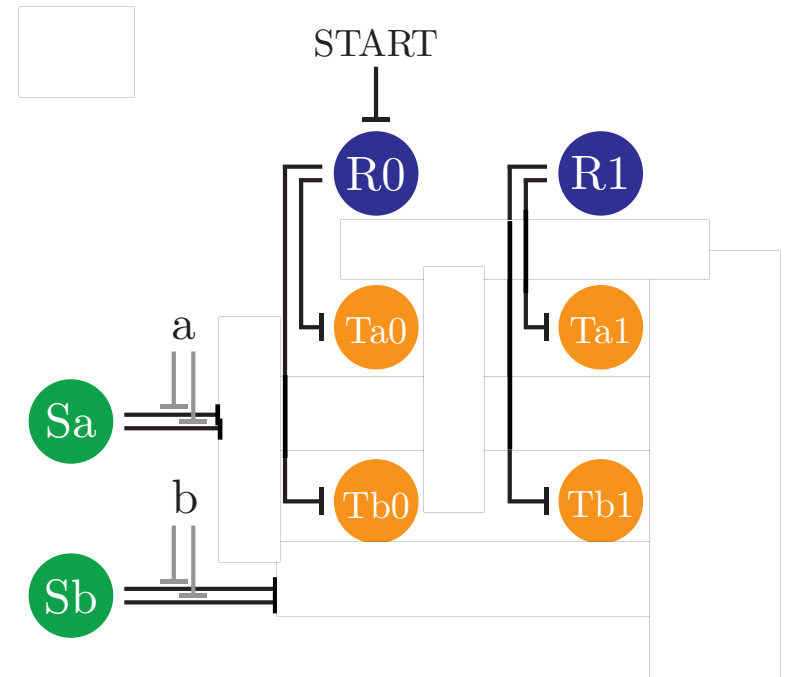
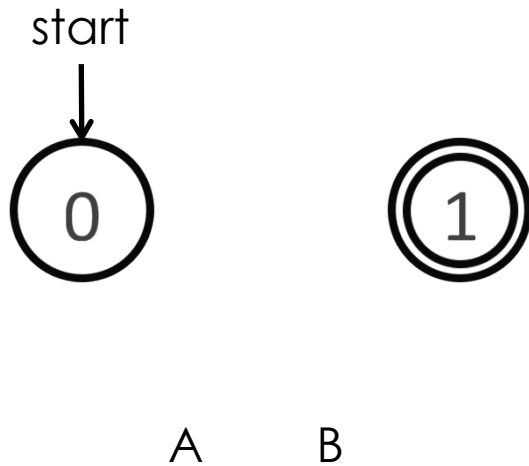
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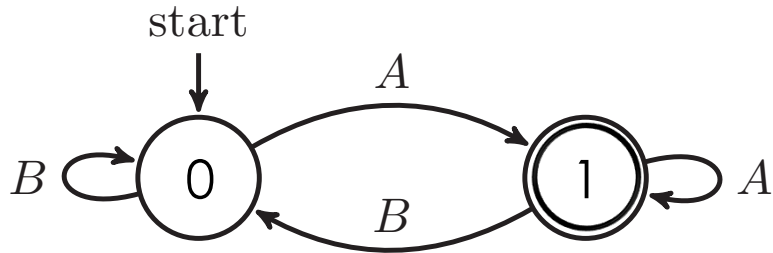
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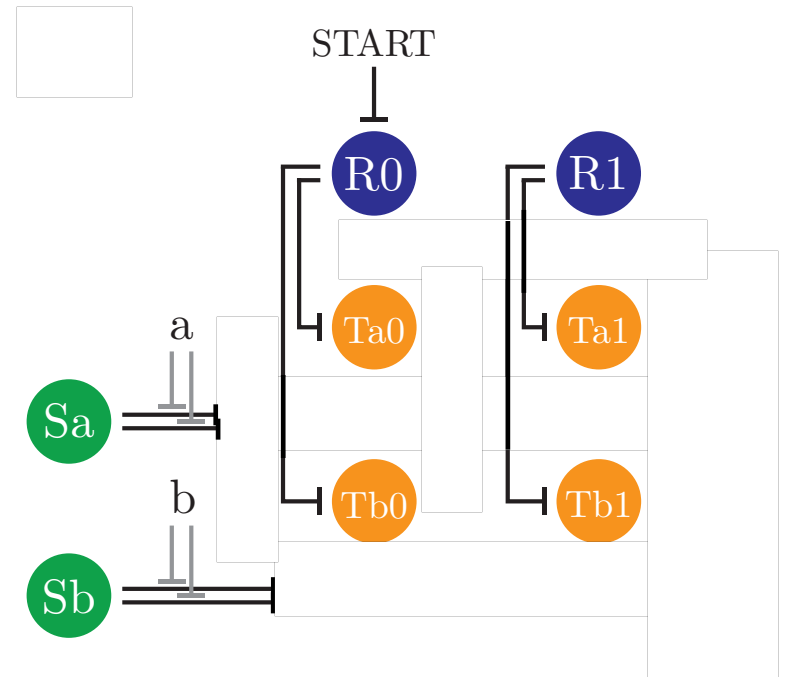
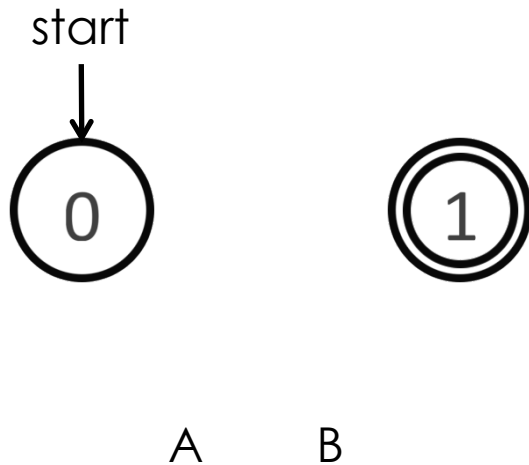
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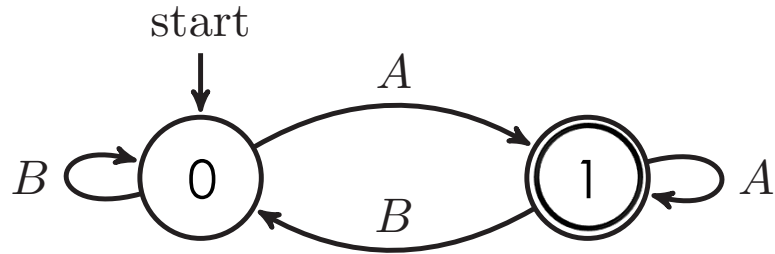
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$$= START^{t-1}$$

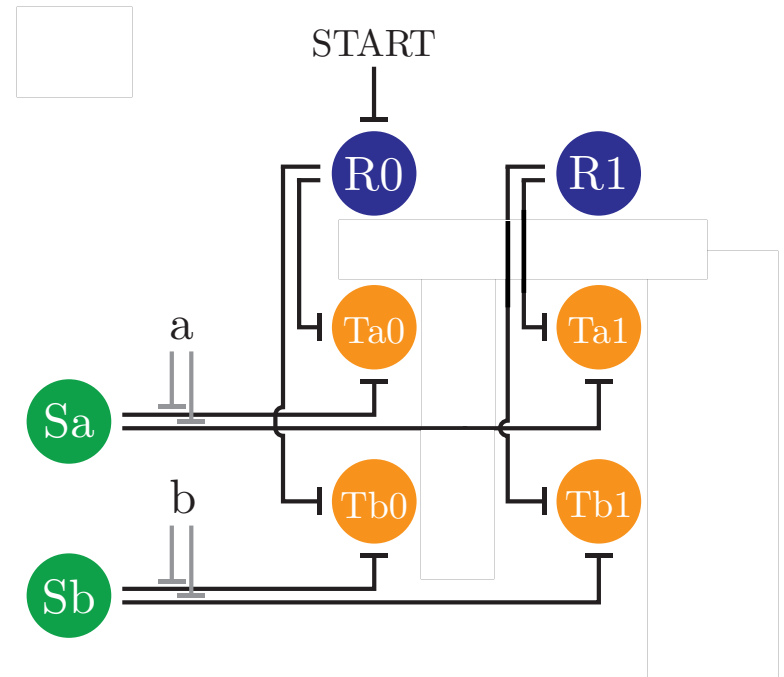
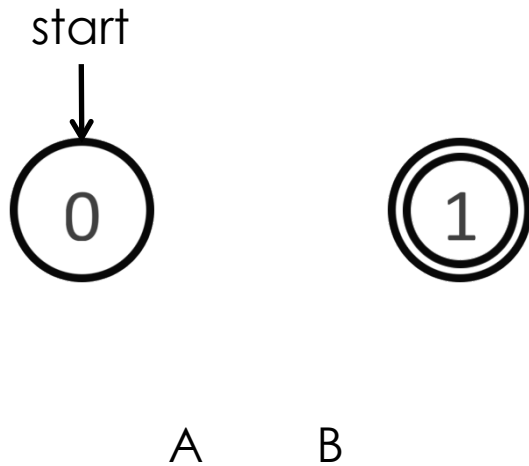


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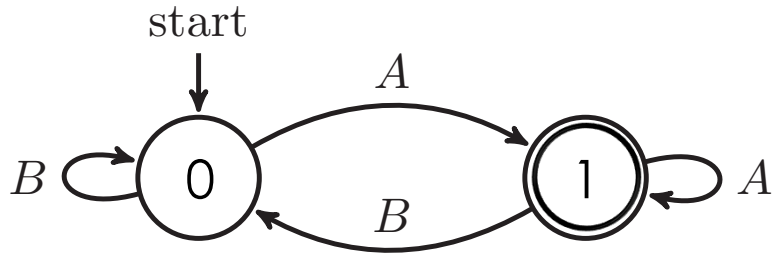


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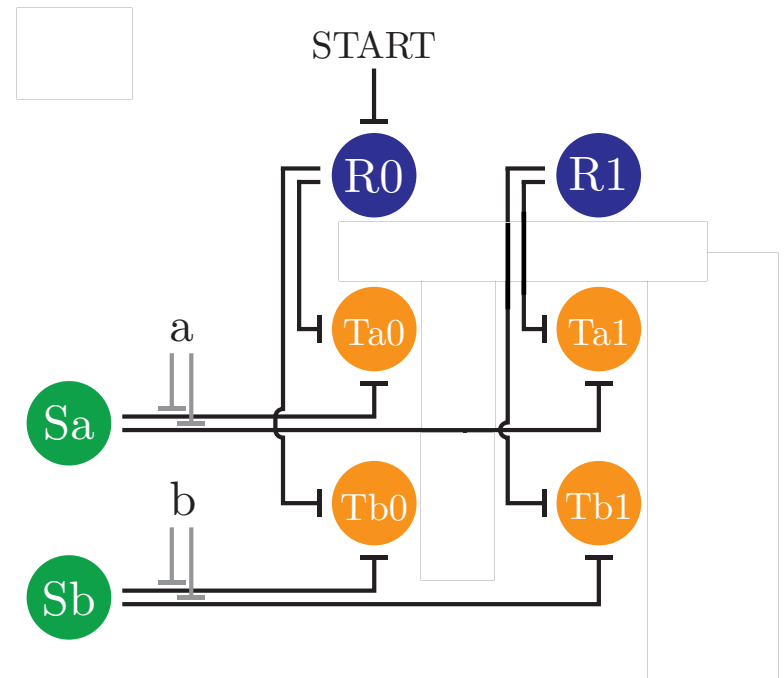
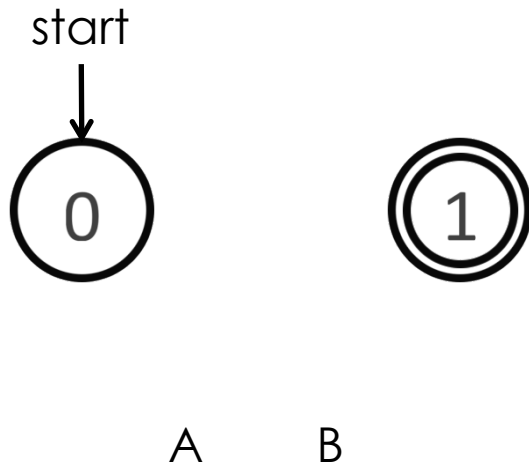
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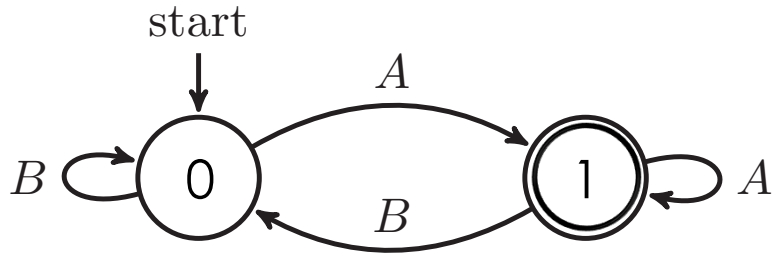
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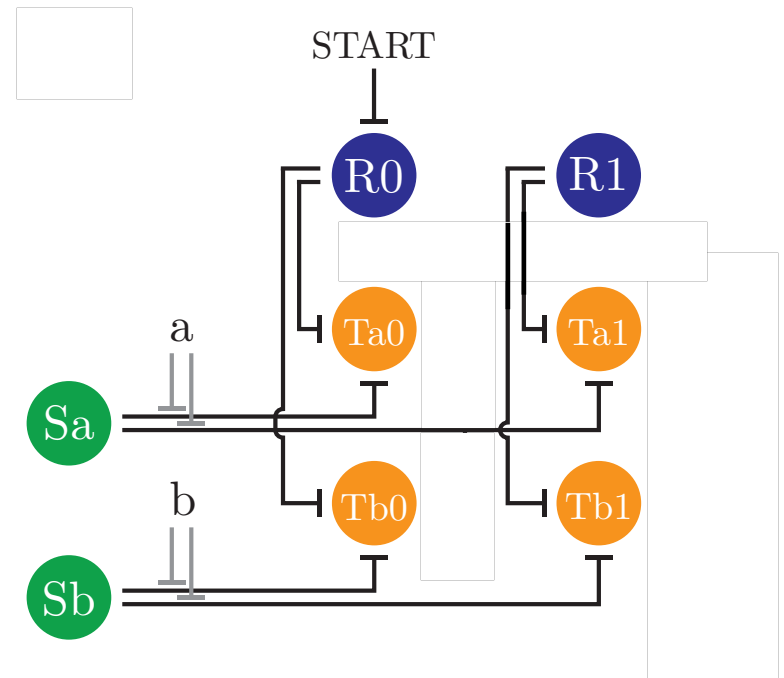
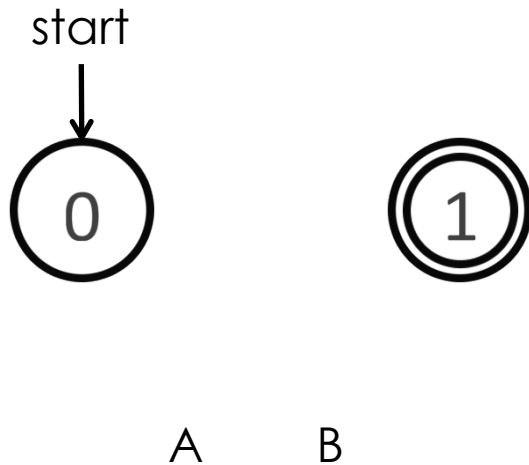
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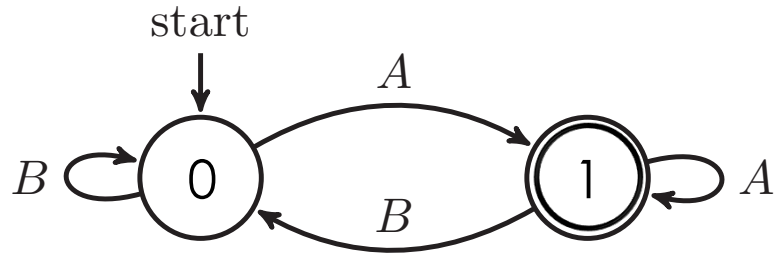
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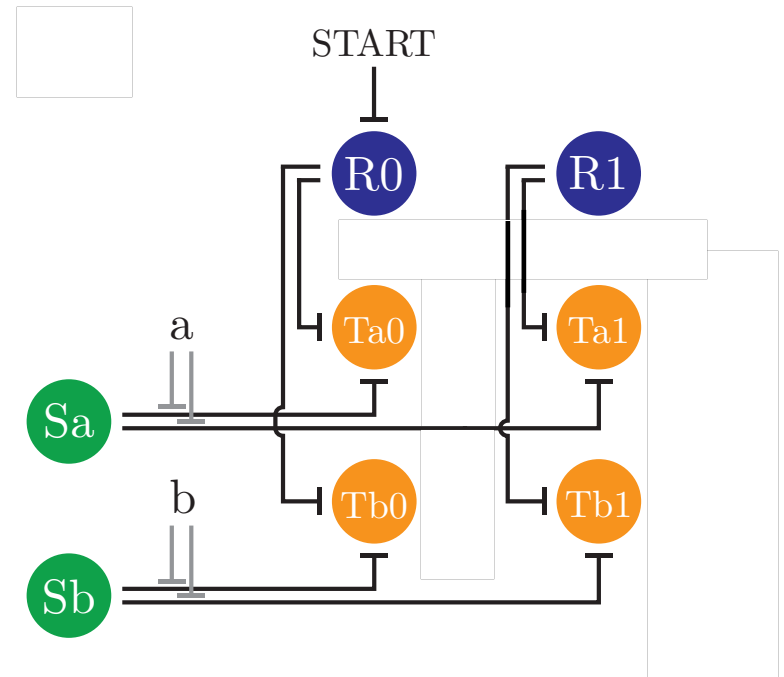
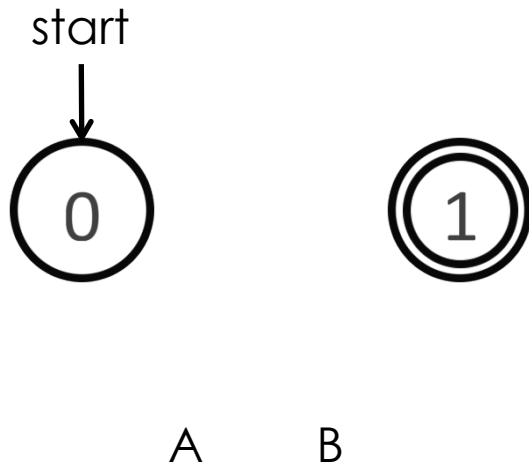


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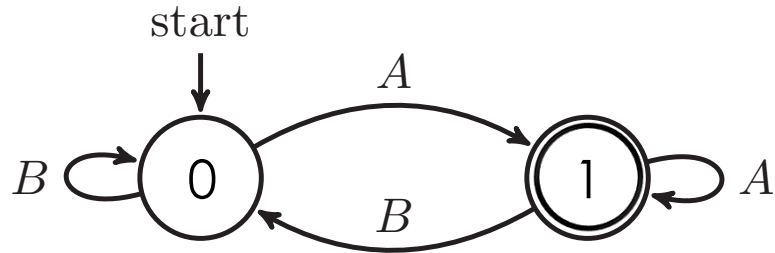


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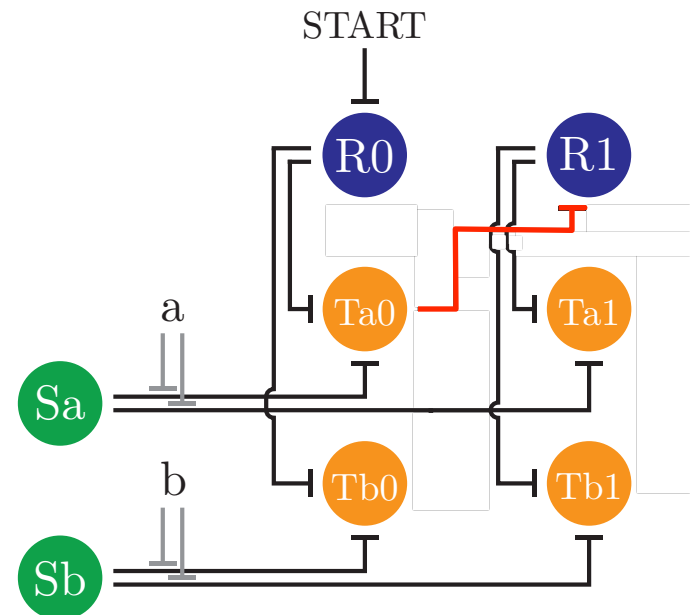
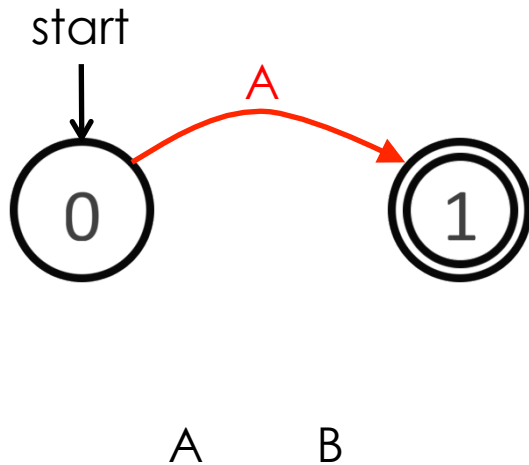


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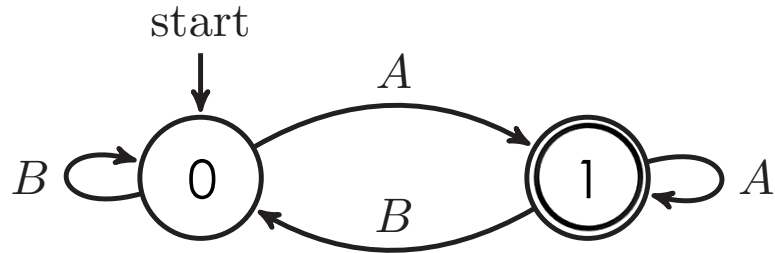
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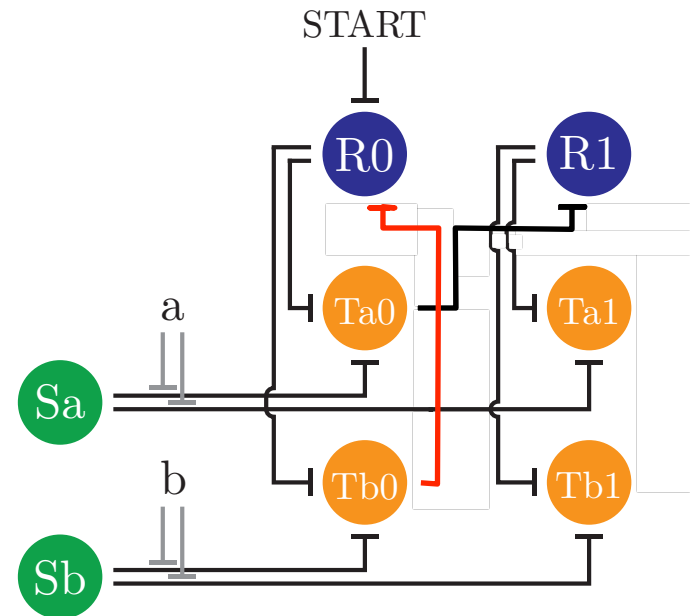
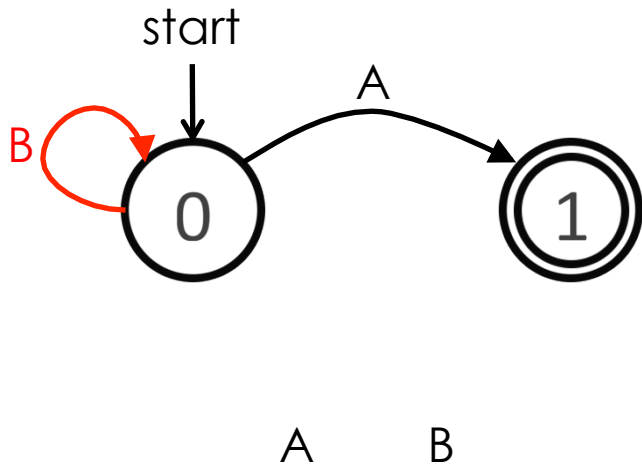


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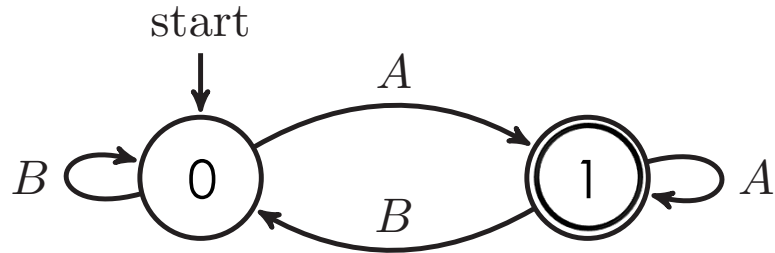


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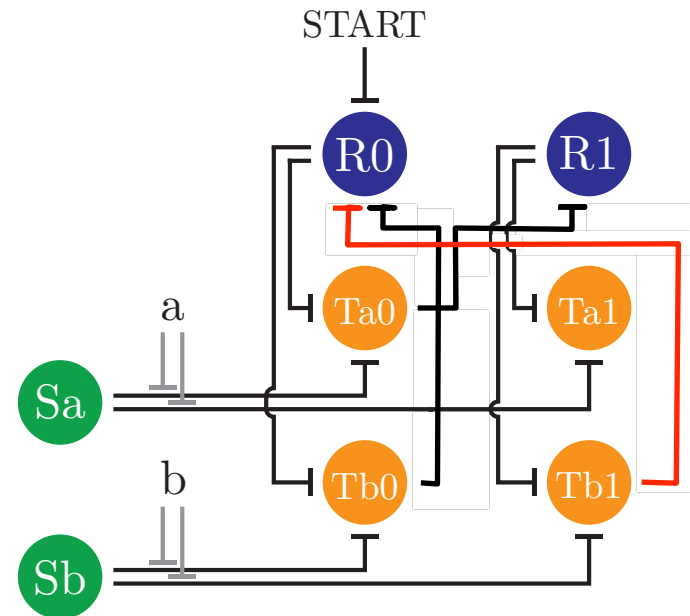
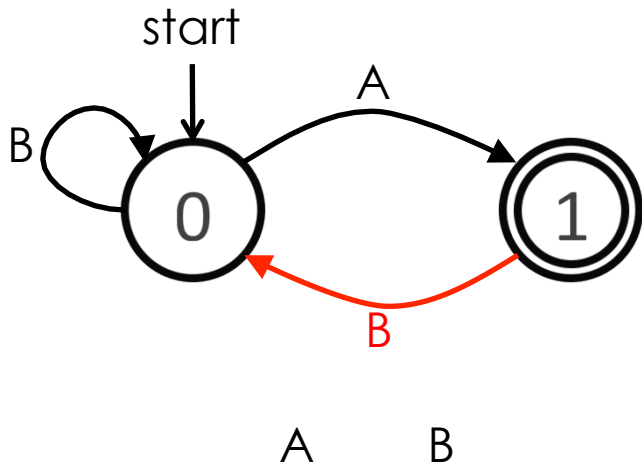


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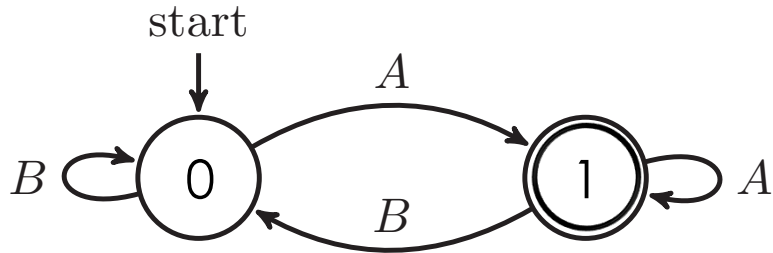


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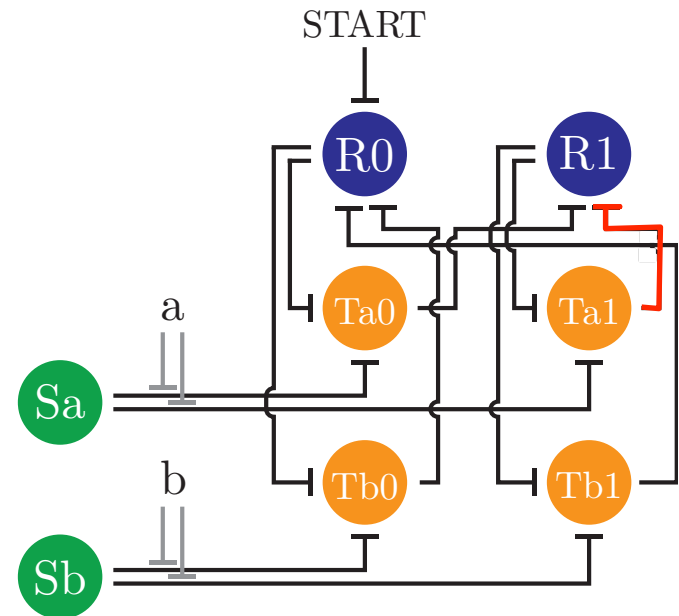
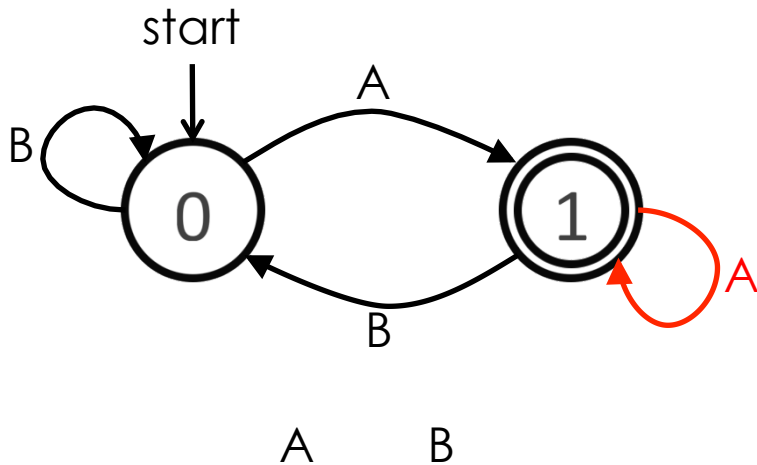


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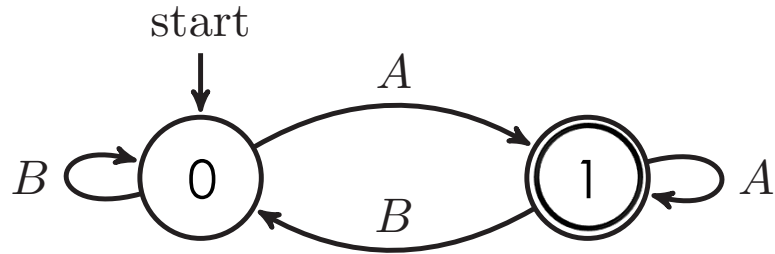


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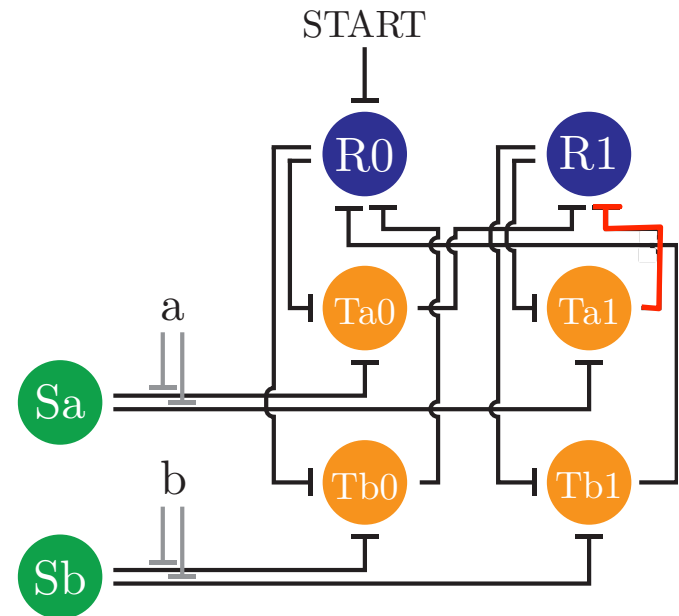
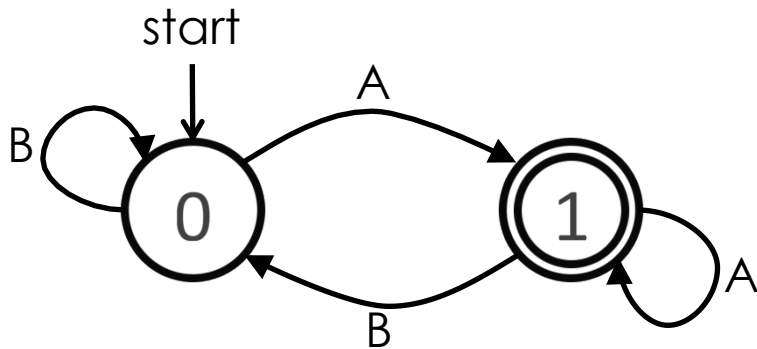
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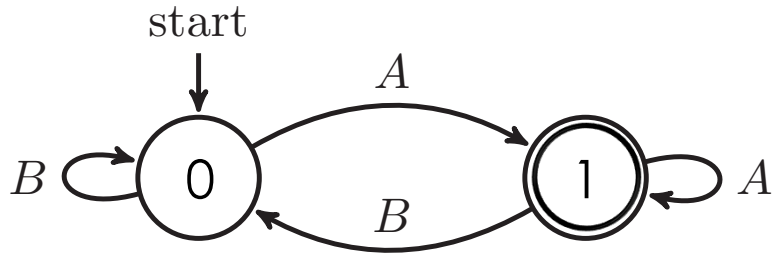
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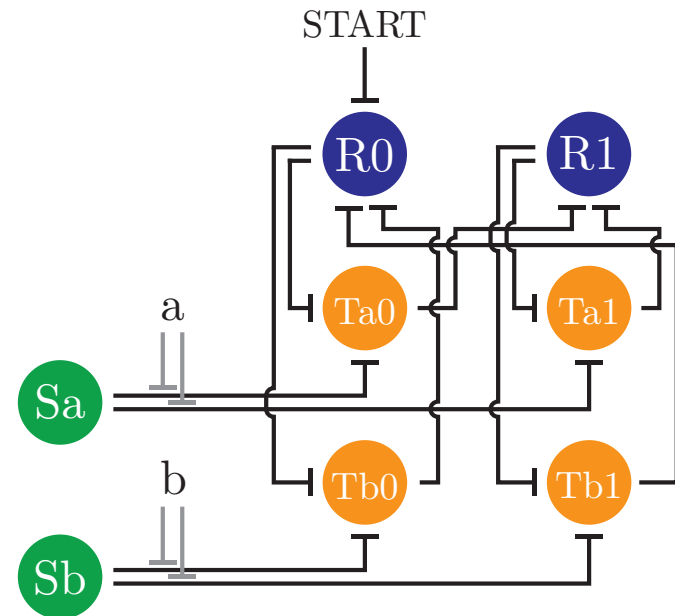
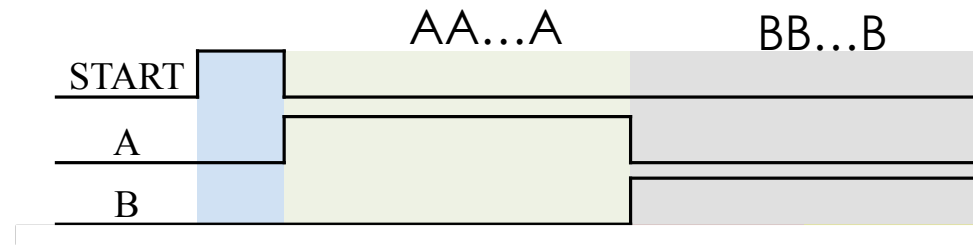


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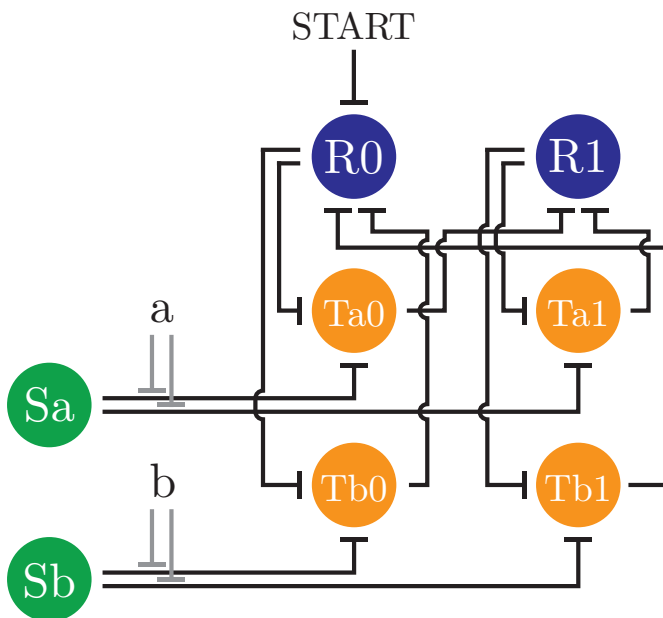


An input sequence  $w$  in  $\Sigma^*$  is represented by a trajectory over START and the inducers, e.g.



# Input trajectories for the BN Model of $g(M)$

Let  $h_{BN}(w, t)$  be the input trajectory to  $g(M)$  where  $w = \sigma_{c_1} \sigma_{c_2} \dots \sigma_{c_m}$ ,



$$h_{BN}(w, t) = \begin{bmatrix} START^t \\ \sigma_1^t \\ \sigma_2^t \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n^t \end{bmatrix}$$

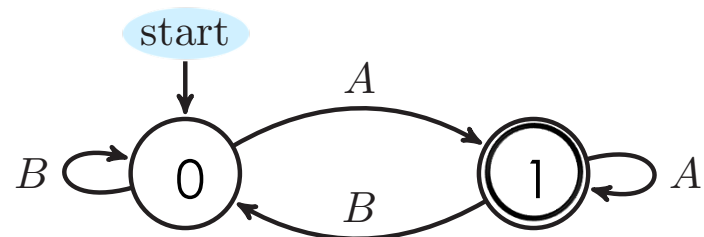
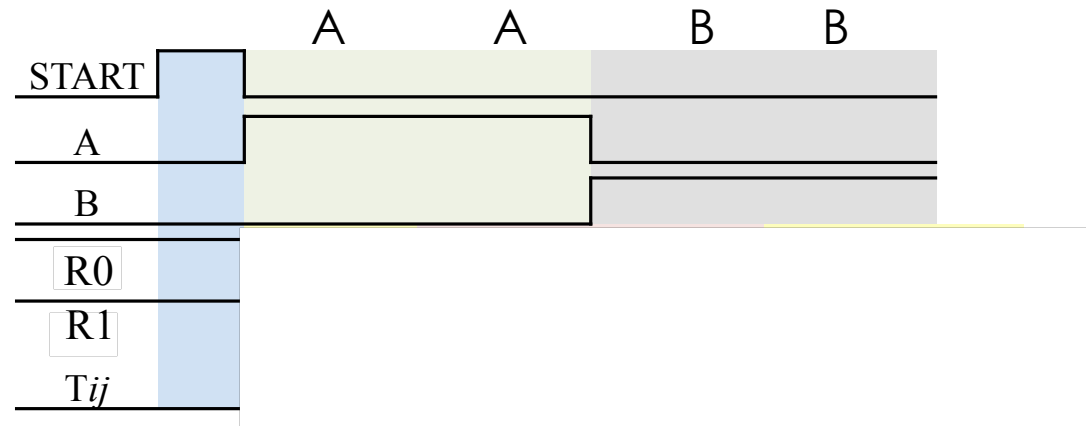
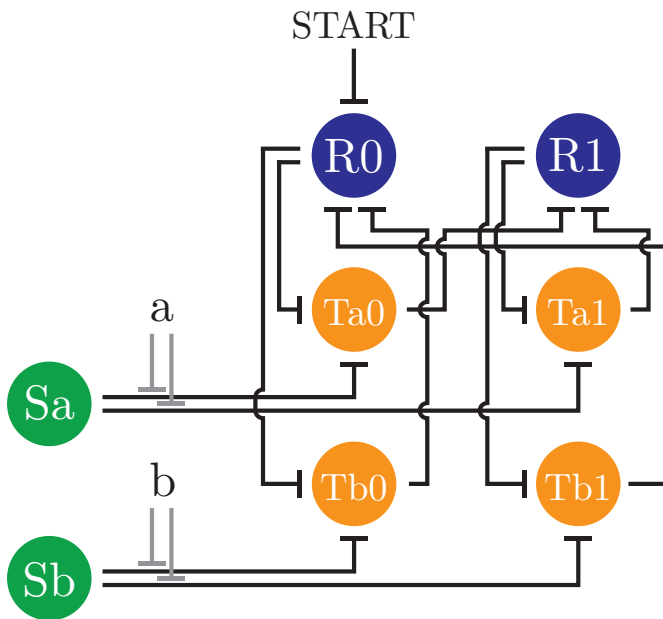
$$START^t = \begin{cases} on, & t \in \{0, 1\} \\ off, & otherwise, \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_j^t = \begin{cases} on, & \exists c_i \text{ s.t. } j = c_i \text{ and } t \in \{2i, 2i + 1\} \\ off, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

What does the input trajectory for "AABB" look like?

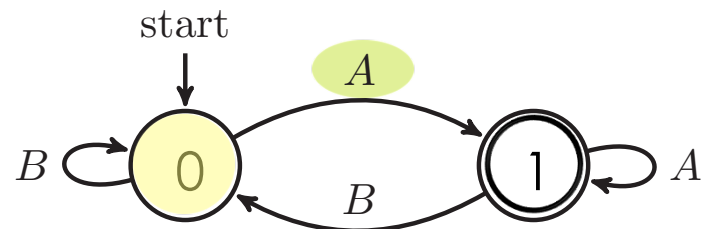
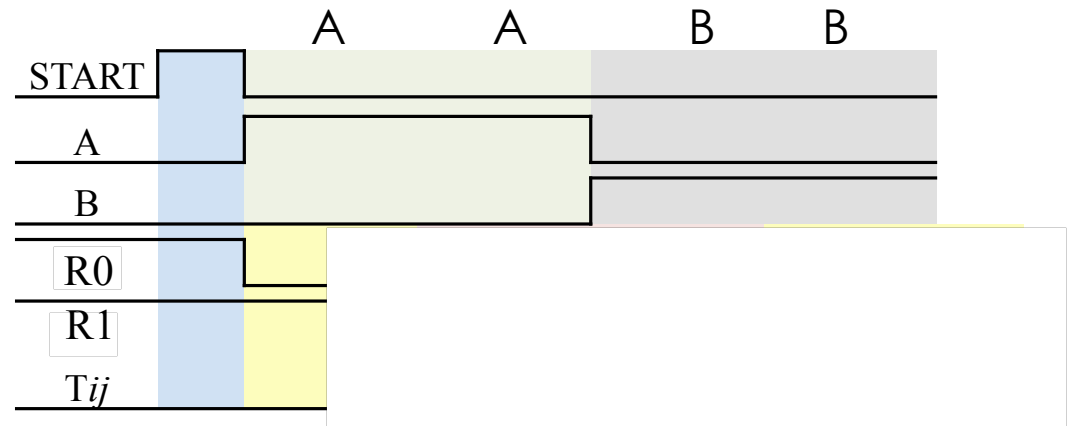
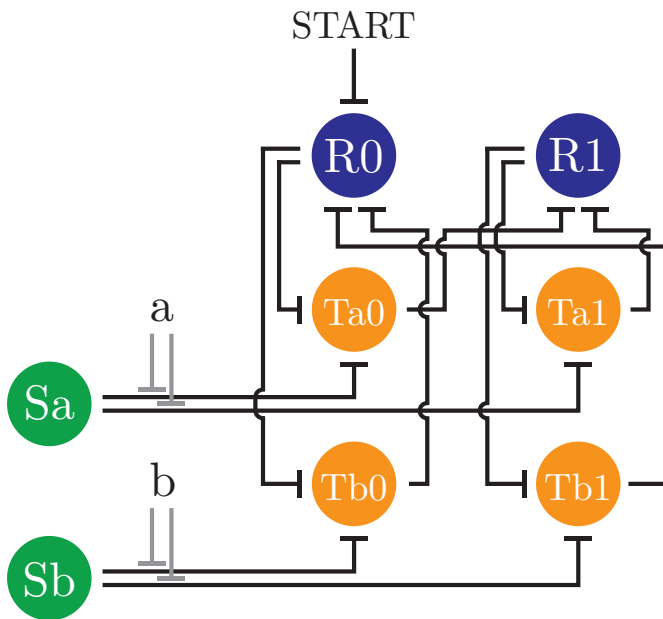
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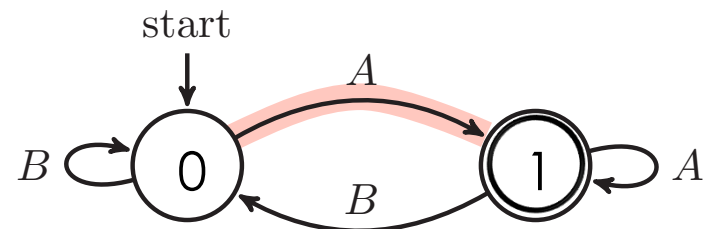
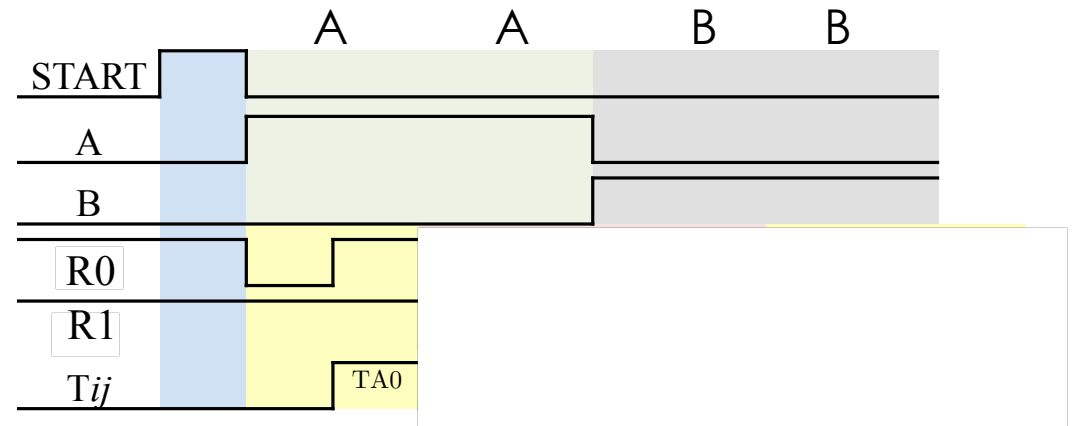
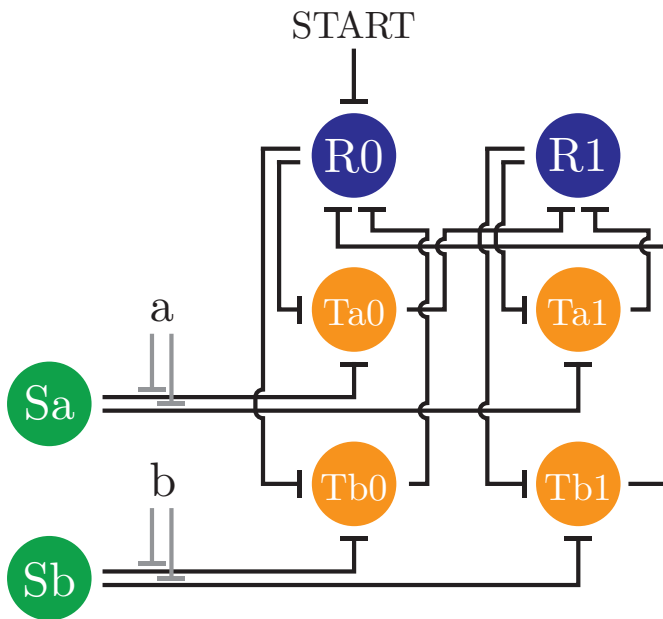
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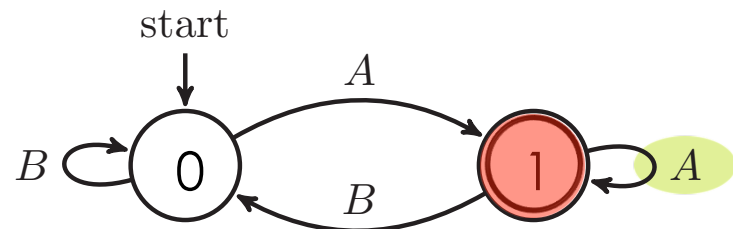
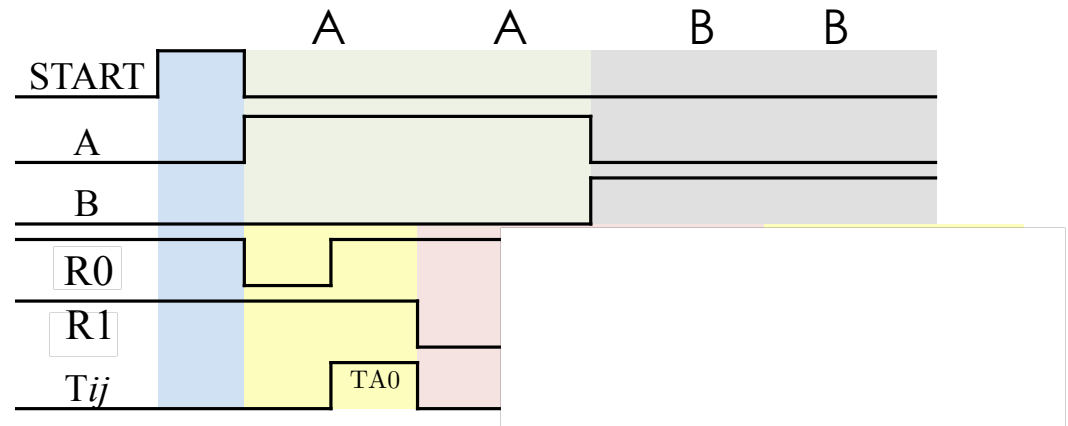
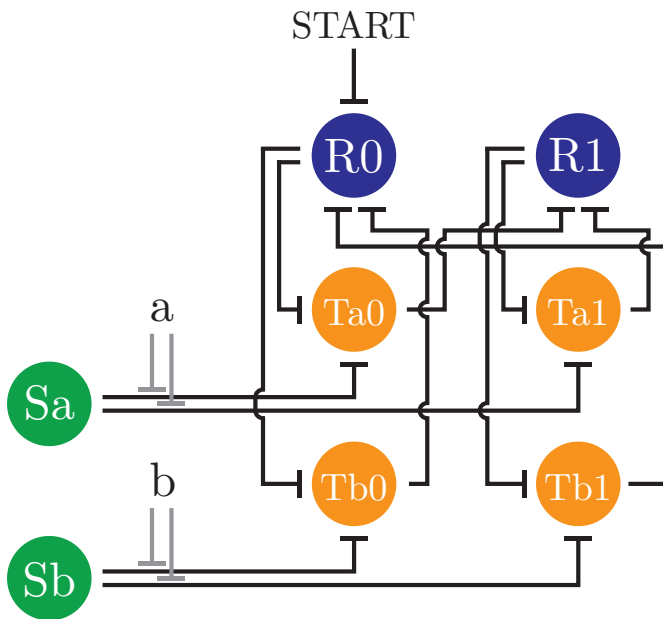
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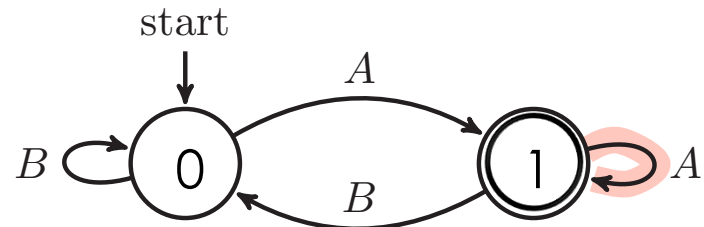
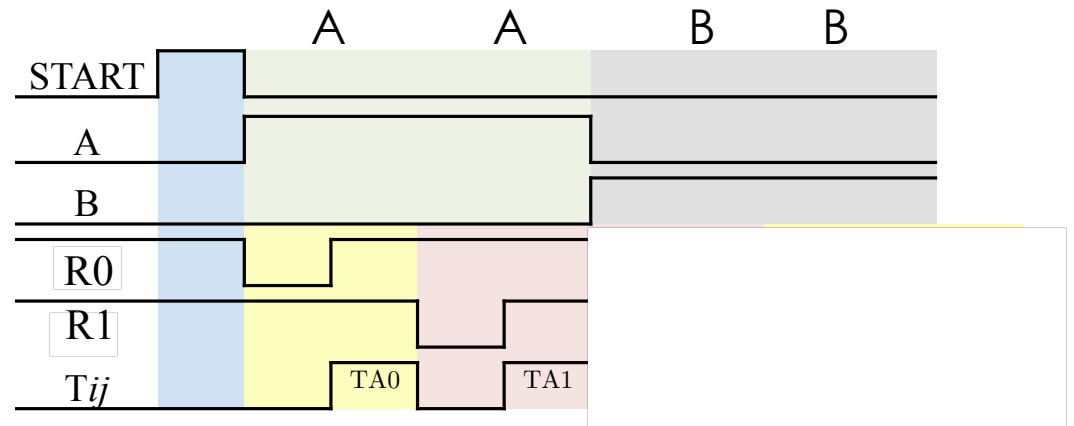
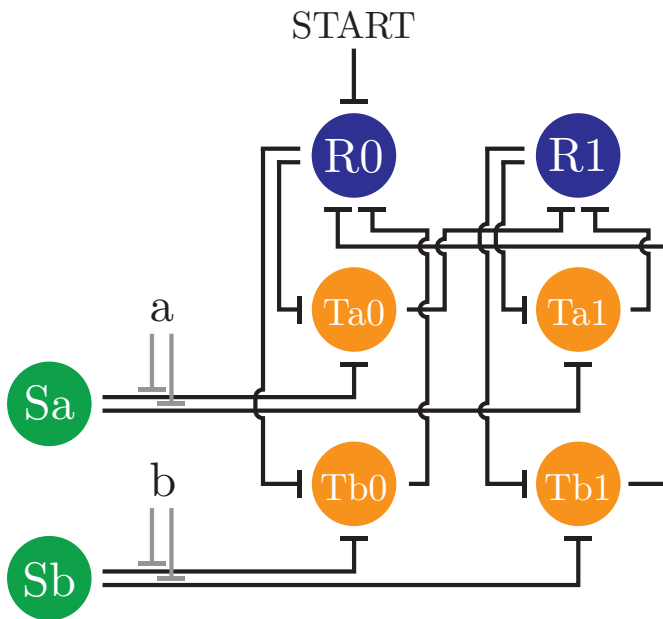
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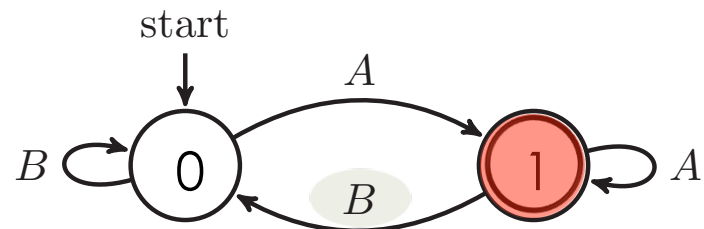
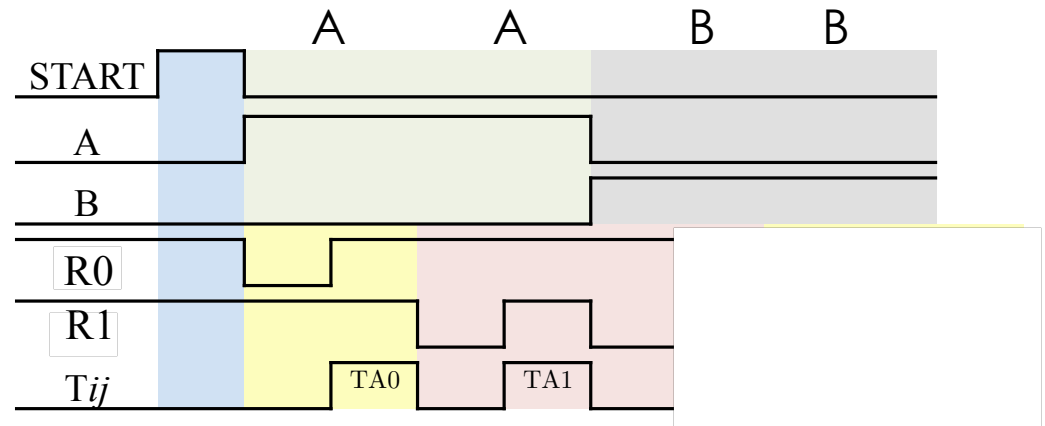
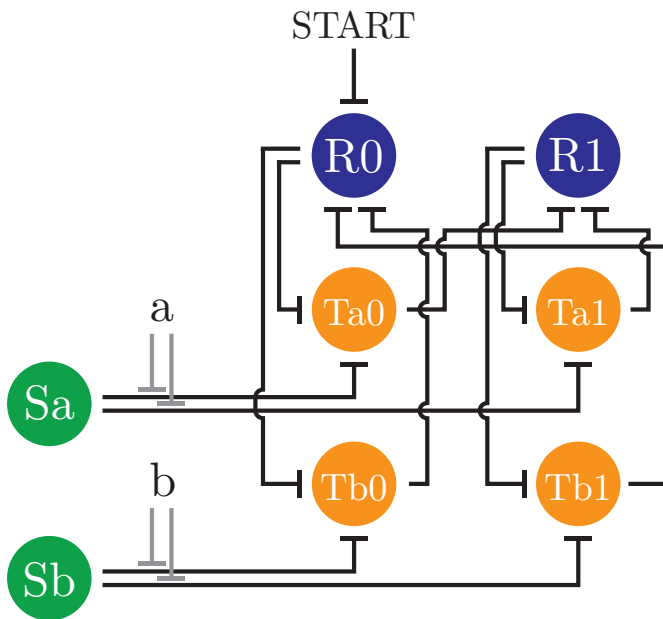
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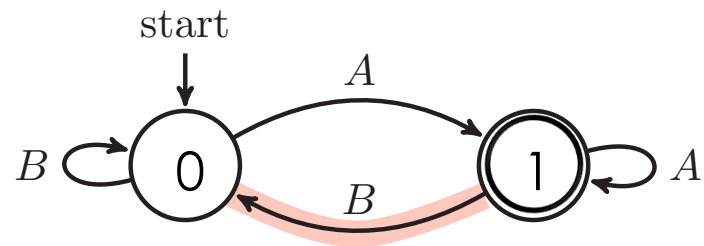
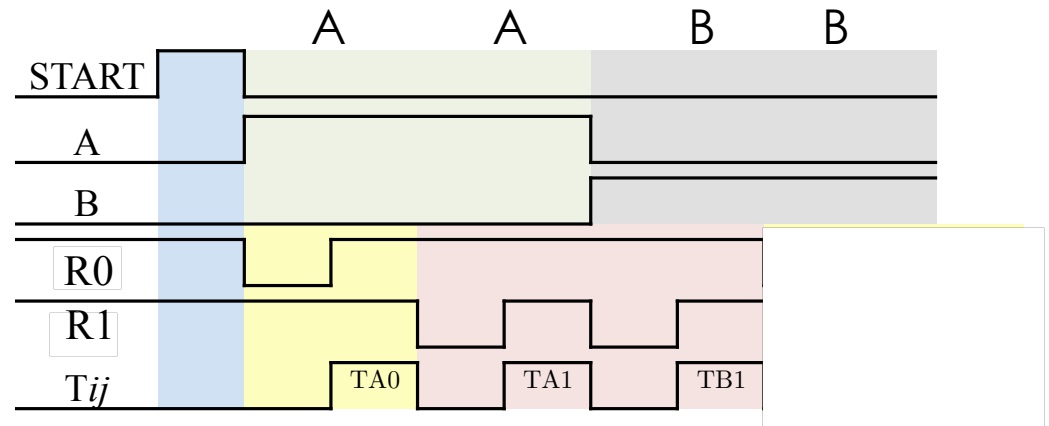
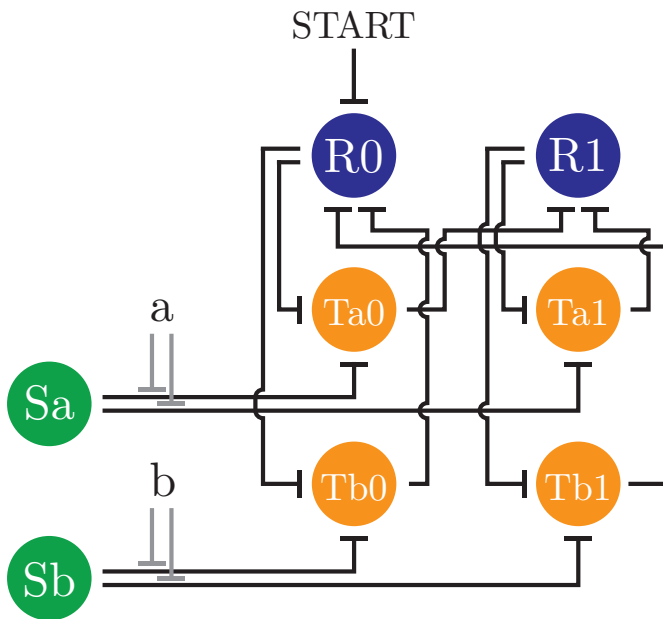
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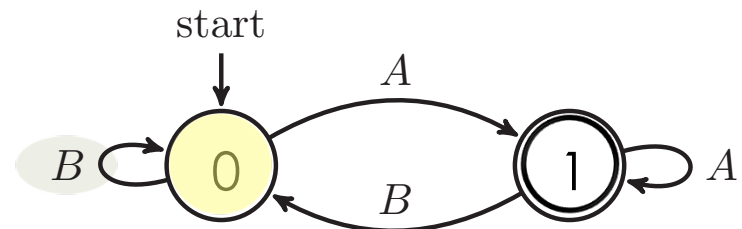
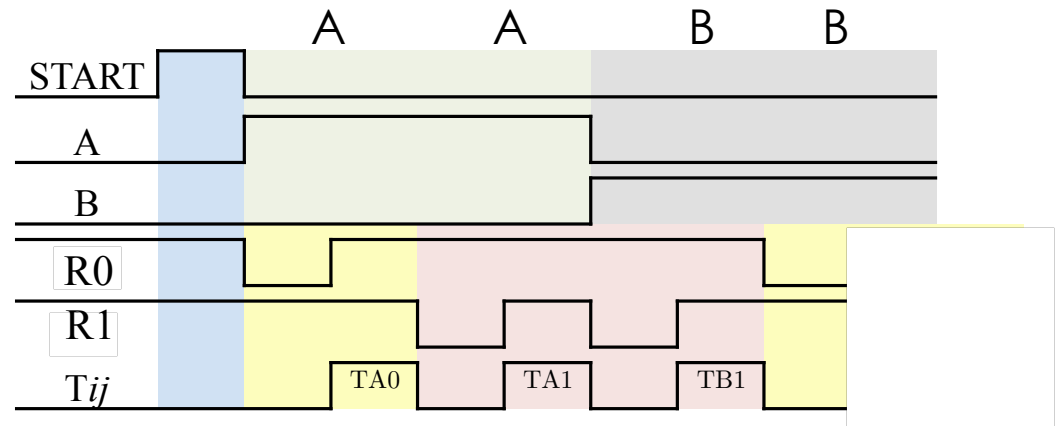
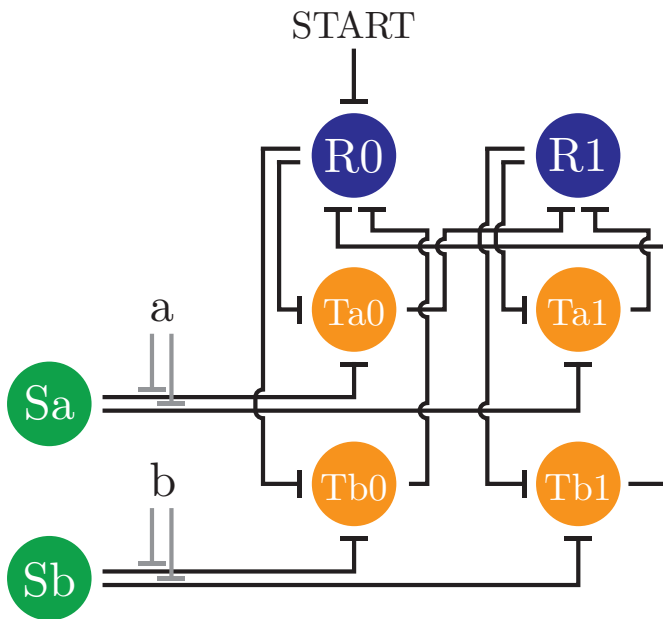
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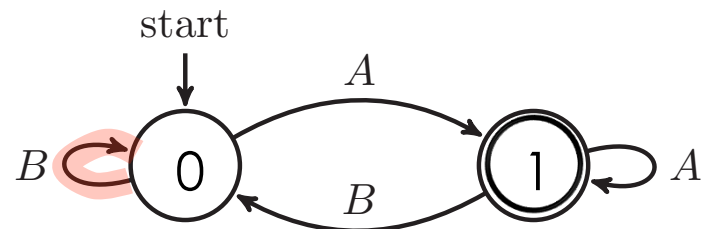
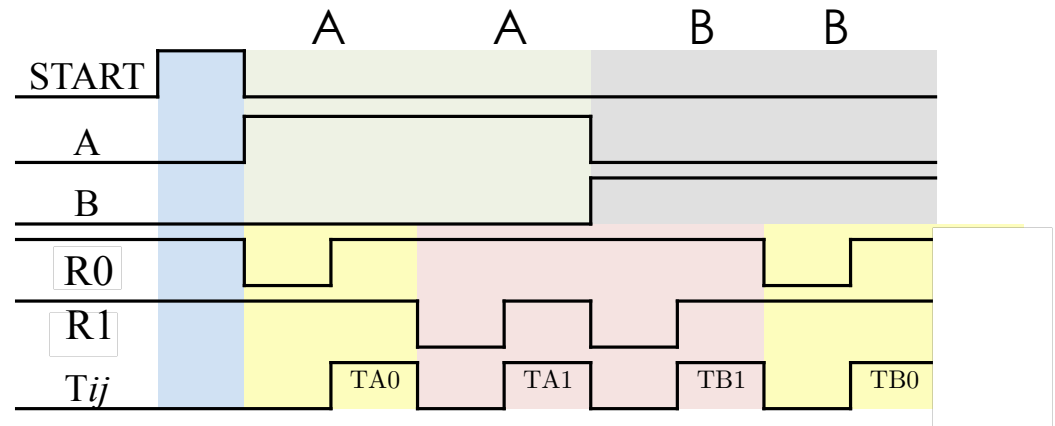
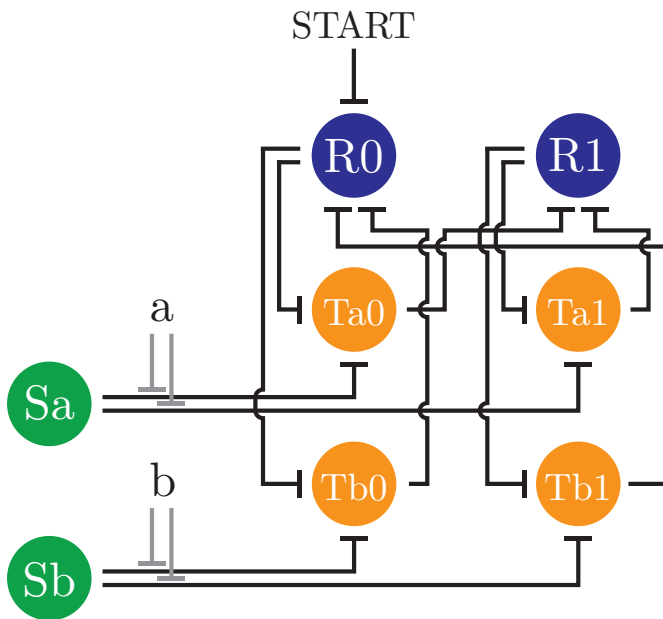
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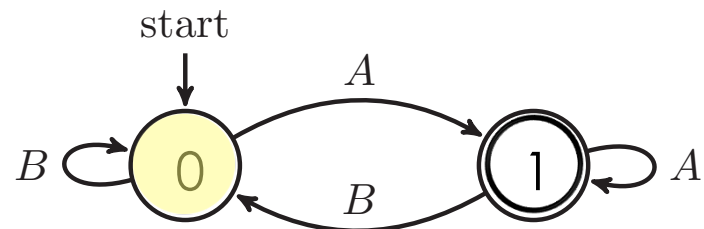
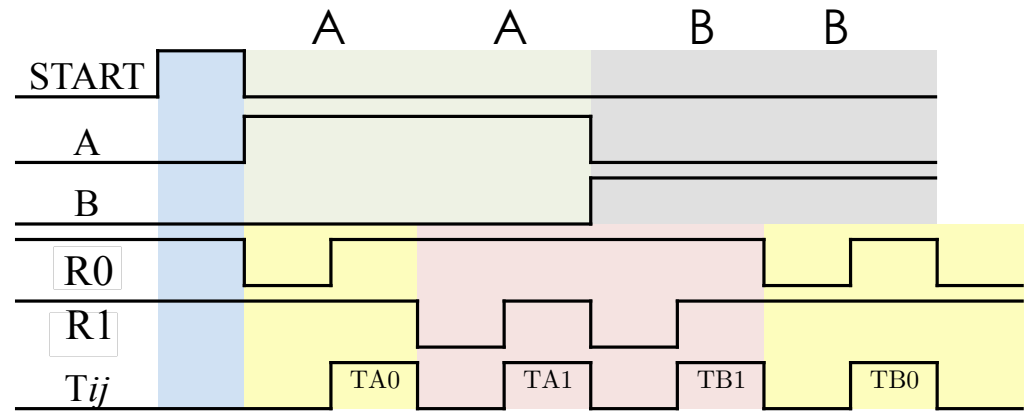
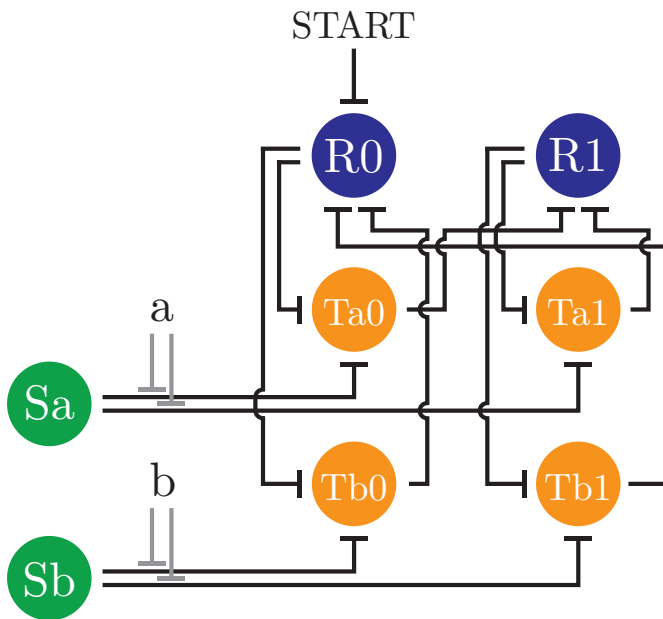
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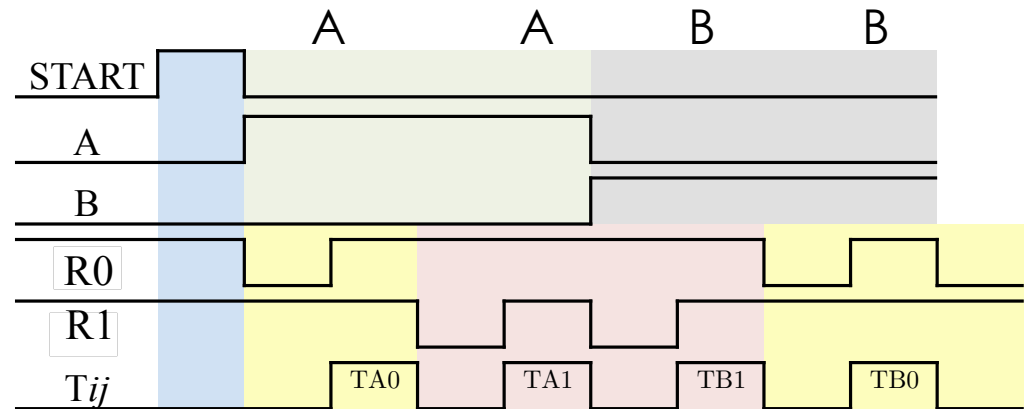
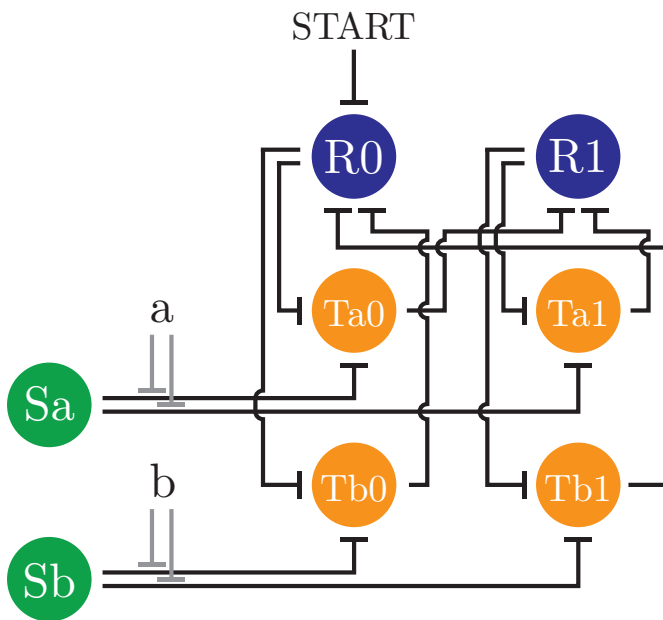
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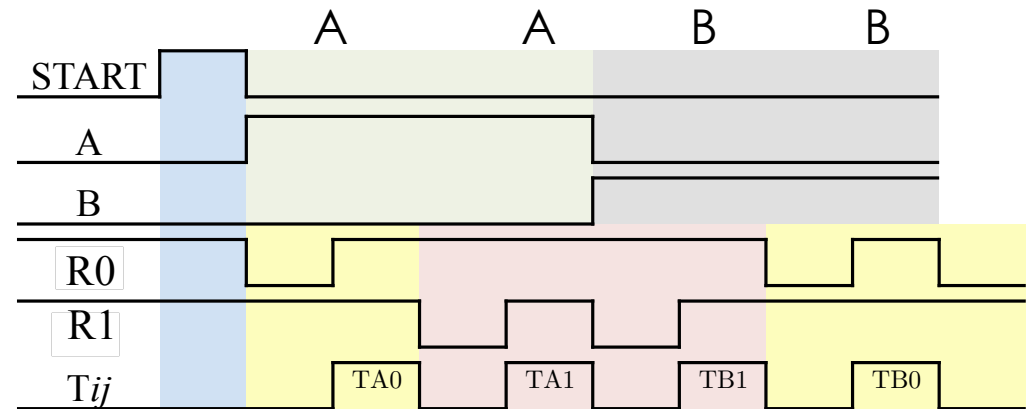
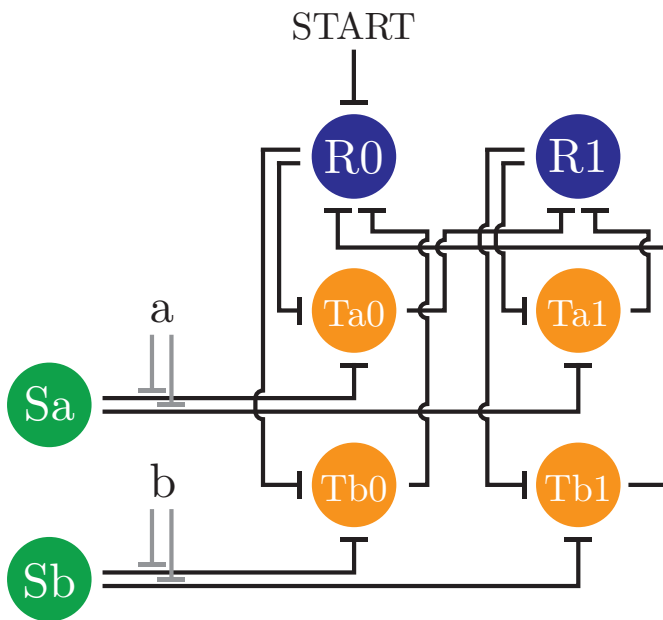


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**Theorem.** *Given a finite state machine  $M$ , the GRN  $g(M)$  simulates  $M$  when modeled as a Boolean network.*

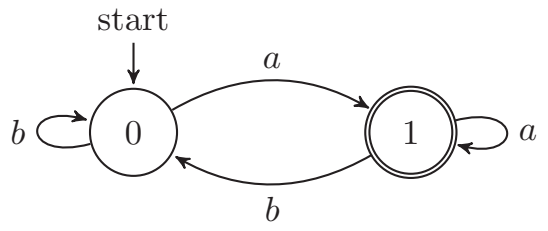
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**Theorem.** Assuming a Boolean network model, GRNs are computationally equivalent to FSMs.

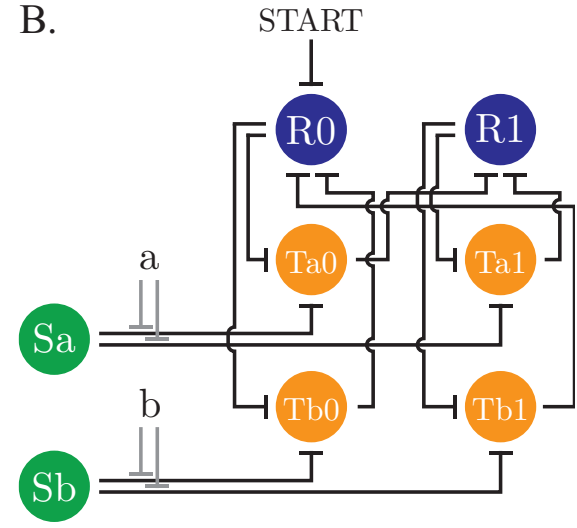
# Representations of the Two-State Machine

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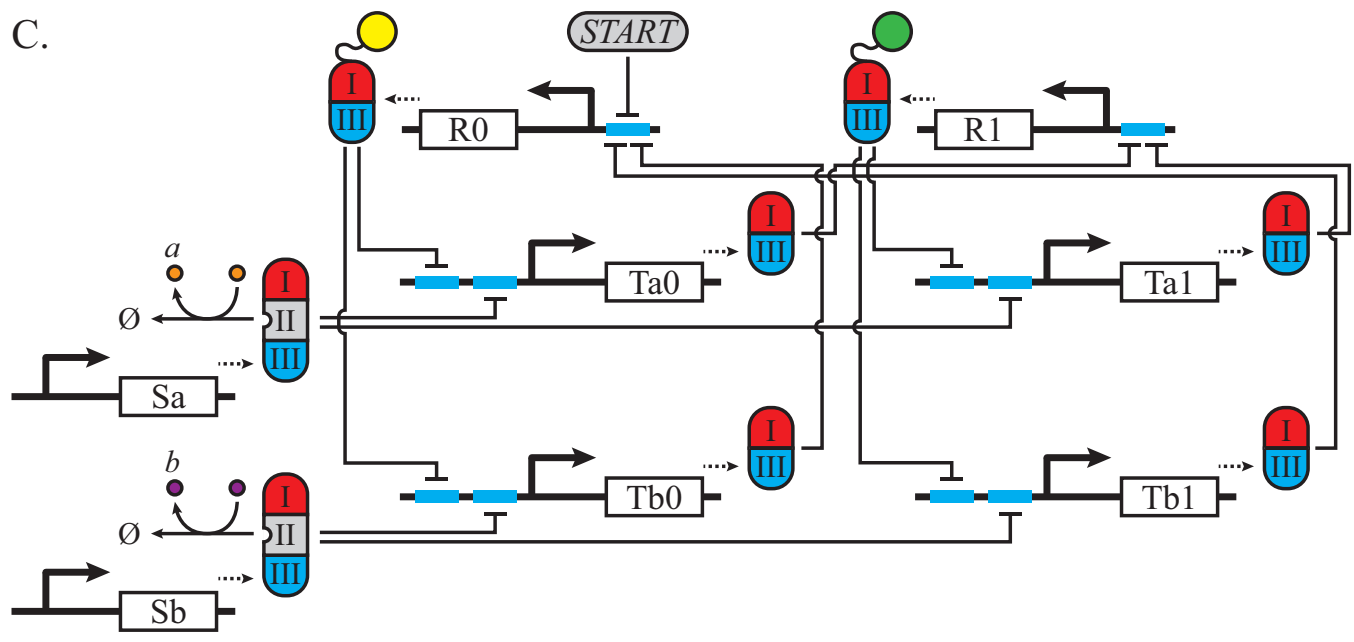


$Q = \{0, 1\}$      $\delta(0, a) \mapsto 1$   
 $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$      $\delta(0, b) \mapsto 0$   
 $F = \{1\}$          $\delta(1, a) \mapsto 1$   
 $q_0 = 0$           $\delta(1, b) \mapsto 0$


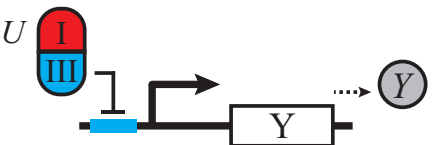
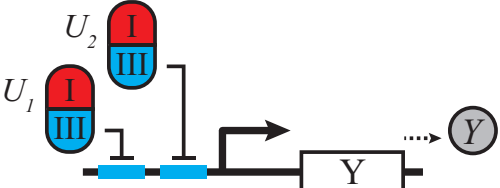
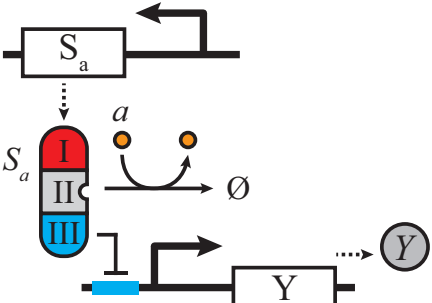
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# Delay Differential Equations Model

Component Type	Biomolecular Realization	GRN
Transcriptionally Unregulated Gene		$Y$
Singly Regulated Gene		$U \dashv Y$
Doubly Regulated Gene		$U_1 \dashv U_2 \dashv Y$
Small Molecule Sensor		$S_a \xrightarrow{a} \dashv Y$

Gene expression levels are NOT generally binary.

Continuous time model.

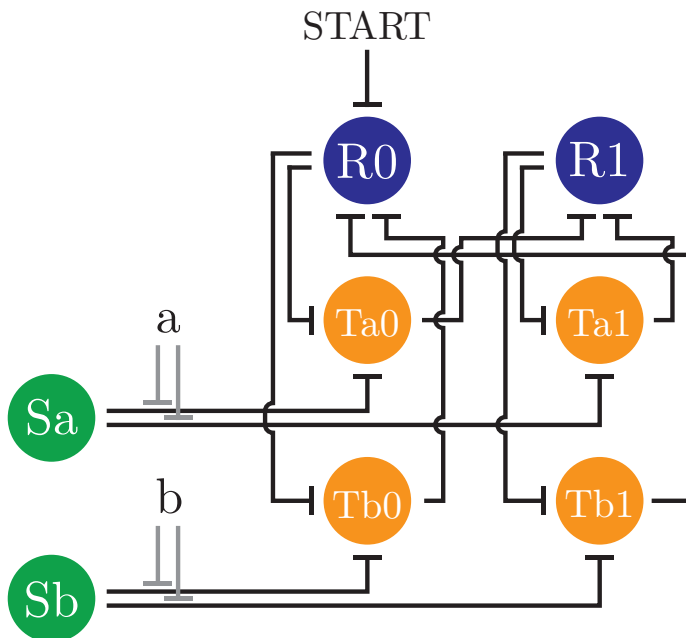
Study the effects of:  
 production rate  
 degradation rate  
 dilution rate  
 binding affinity

# Delay Differential Equations Model

## Syntax

$$G = (V, E_r, E_a)$$

Symbol	Meaning
$V$	set of <i>gene products</i> or <i>inducers</i>
$E_r \subset V \times (V \cup E_r \cup E_a)$	<i>repression relation</i>
$E_a \subset V \times (V \cup E_r \cup E_a)$	<i>activation relation</i>



## Semantics

Delay Differential Equations

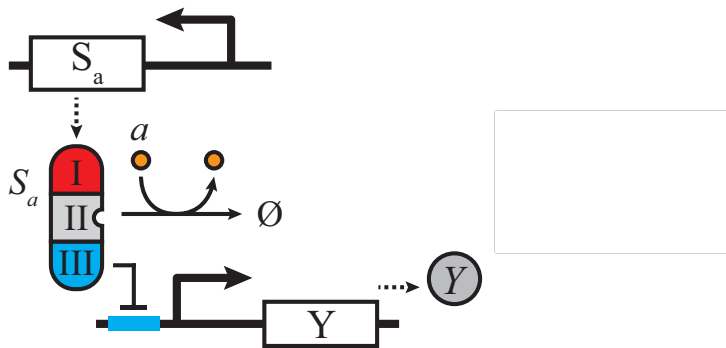
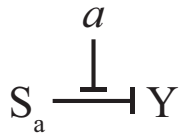
$$\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) = f(Y(t - \tau), U(t))$$

Let  $Y(t)$  be a time-varying state vector and  $U(t)$  be a time-varying input vector, i.e.,

$$Y^t = \begin{bmatrix} R_0(t) \\ R_1(t) \\ S_a(t) \\ S_b(t) \\ T_{a,0}(t) \\ T_{b,0}(t) \\ T_{a,1}(t) \\ T_{b,1}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad U(t) = \begin{bmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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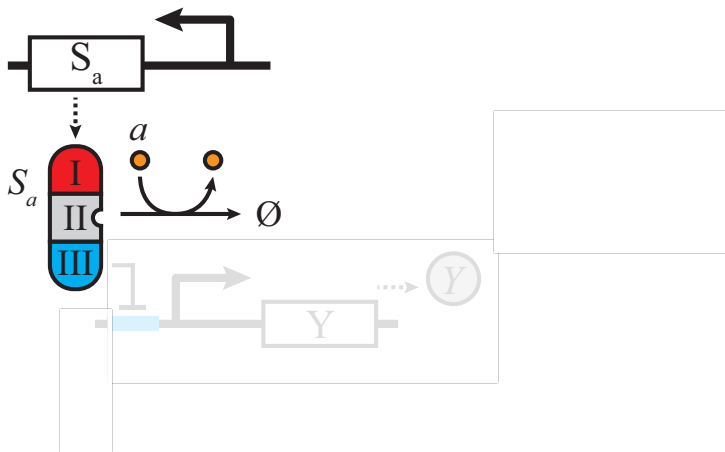
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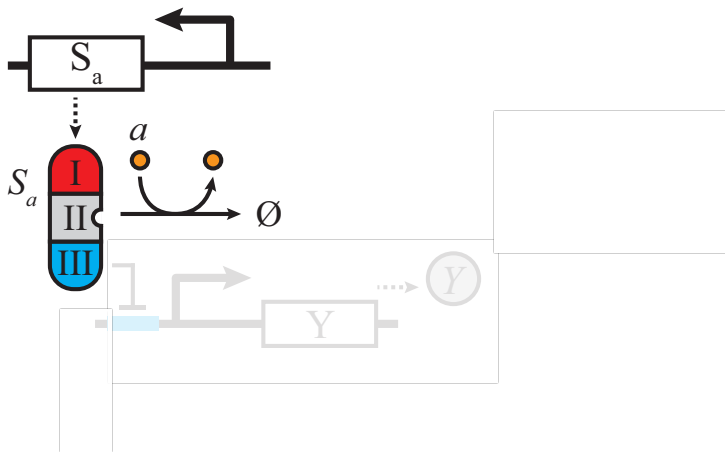


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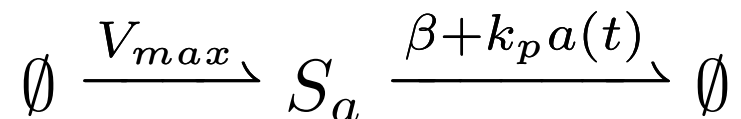
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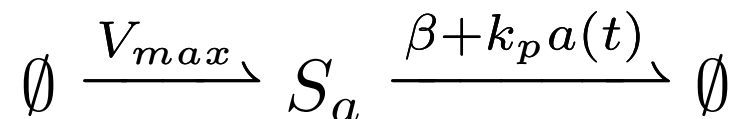
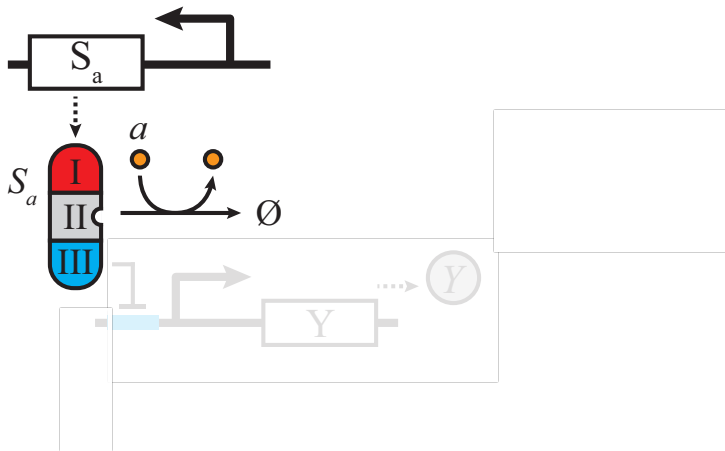


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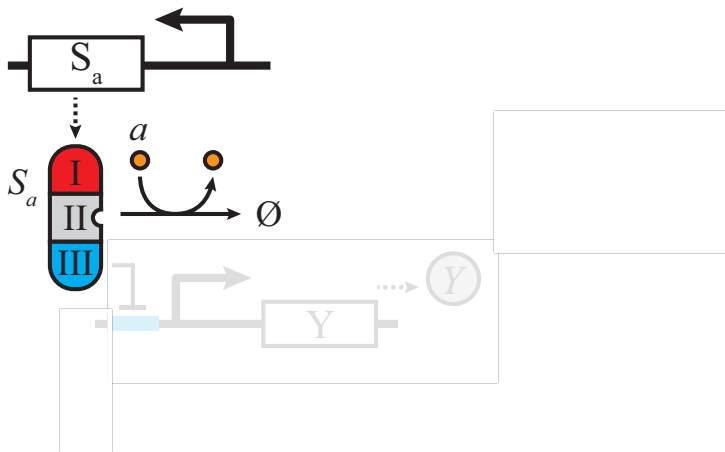
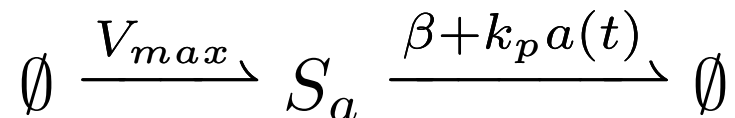
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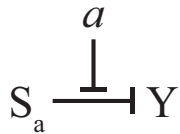
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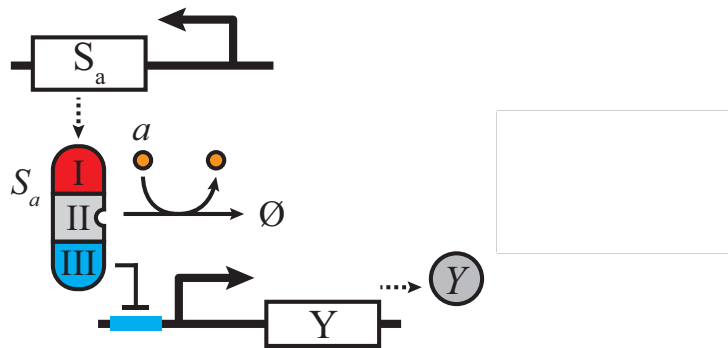


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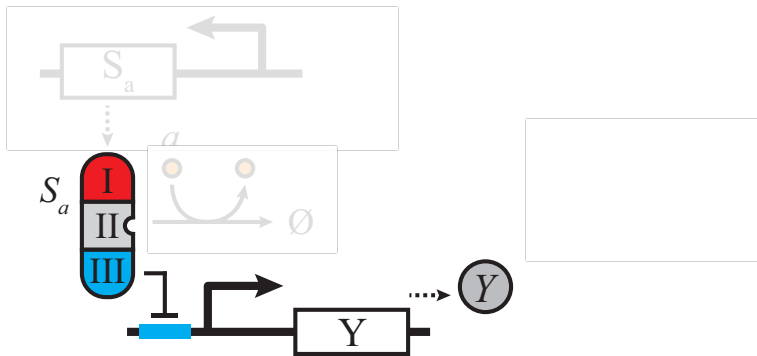
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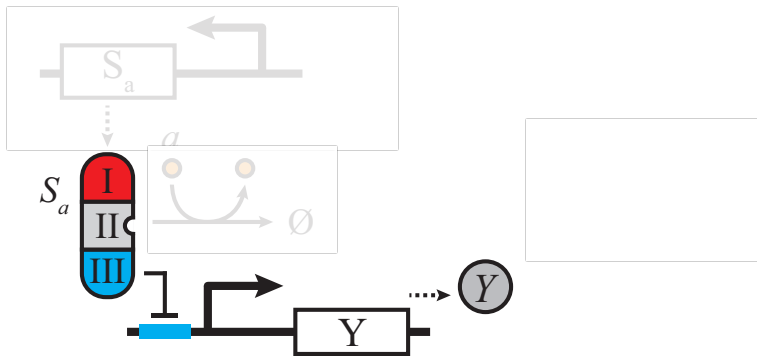
What happens when  $S_a^* = 0$  ?  
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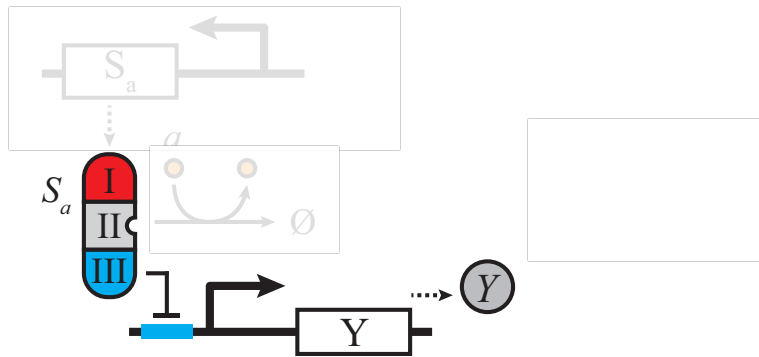
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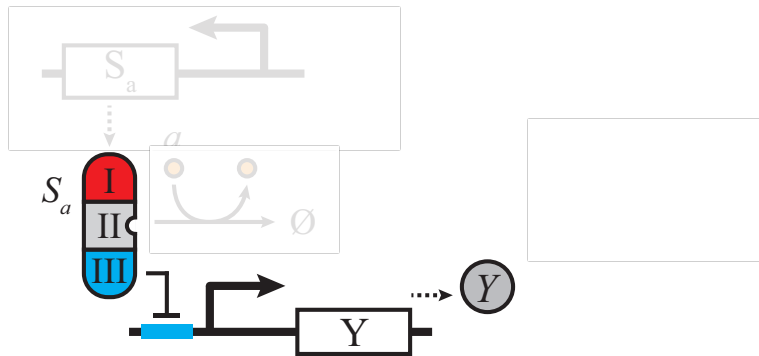
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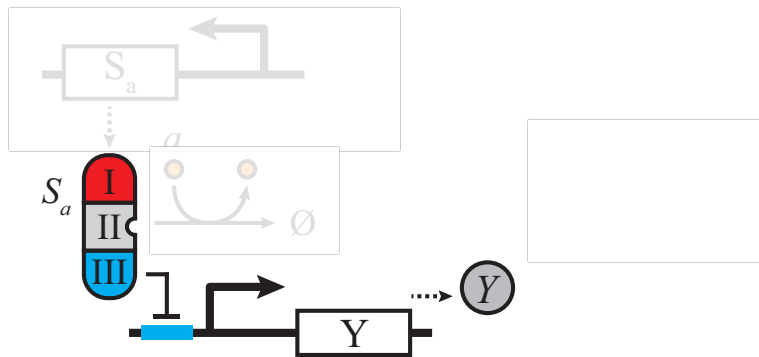
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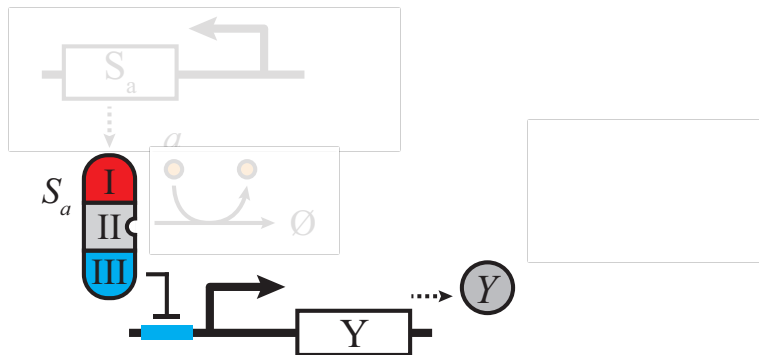
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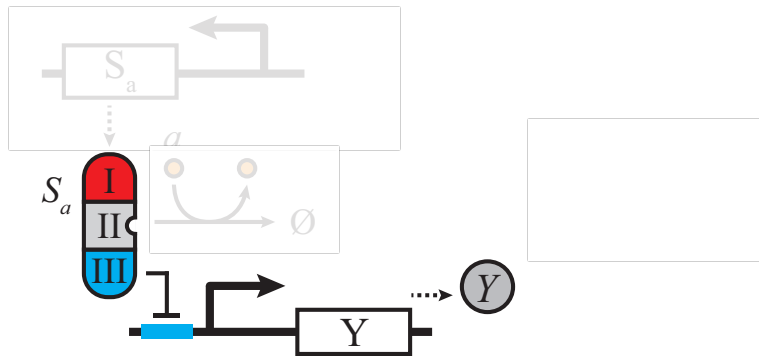
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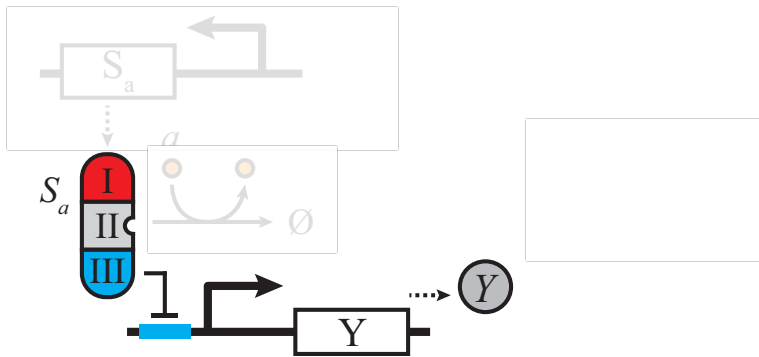
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# Delay Differential Equations Model

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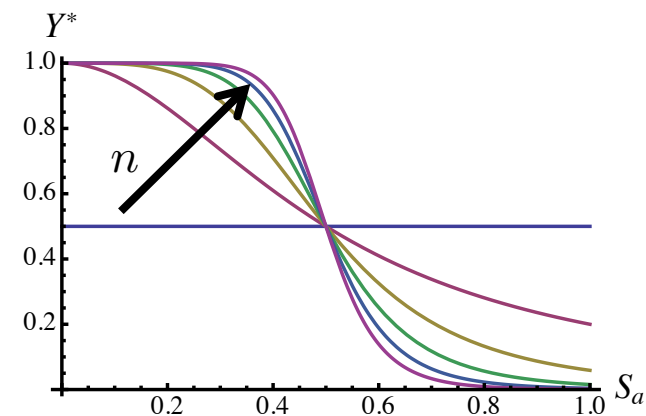
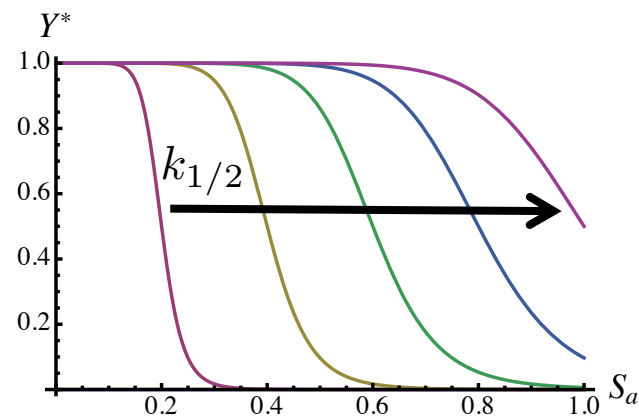
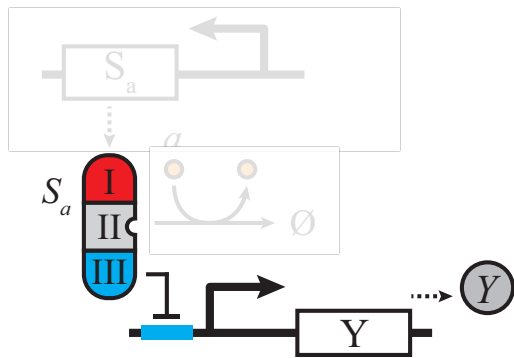
$$= \frac{V_{max}}{2} - \beta Y^*$$

$$Y^* = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{V_{max}}{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} Y_{max}^*$$


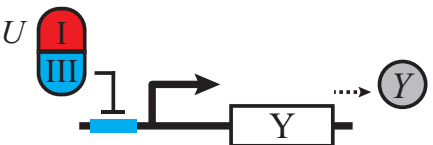
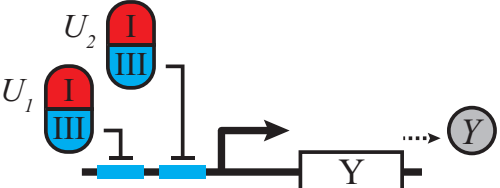
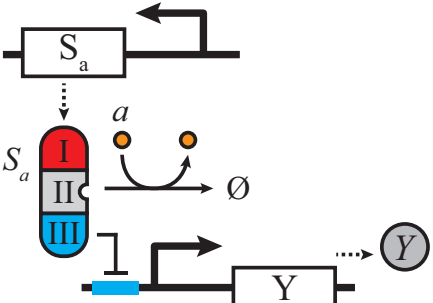
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## Dose Response for $V_{max} = \beta = 1$



# Delay Differential Equations Model

Component Type	Biomolecular Realization	GRN	Delay Differential Equations
Transcriptionally Unregulated Gene		$Y$	$\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) = V_{max} - \beta Y(t)$
Singly Regulated Gene		$U \dashv Y$	$\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) = \frac{V_{max}}{1 + \left(\frac{U(t-\tau)}{k_{1/2}}\right)^n} - \beta Y(t)$
Doubly Regulated Gene		$U_1 \dashv U_2 \dashv Y$	$\frac{d}{dt}Y(t) = \frac{V_{max}}{1 + \left(\frac{U_1(t-\tau) + U_2(t-\tau)}{k_{1/2}}\right)^n} - \beta Y(t)$
Small Molecule Sensor		$S_a \dashv Y$	$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}S_a(t) &= V_{max} - (\beta + k_p a(t))S_a(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt}Y(t) &= \frac{V_{max}}{1 + \left(\frac{S_a(t-\tau)}{k_{1/2}}\right)^n} - \beta Y(t) \end{aligned}$

# Input trajectories for the DDE Model of $g(M)$

Let  $h_{DDE}(w, \Delta t, t)$  be the input trajectory to DDE model of  $g(M)$  with pulse width  $\Delta t$ , where

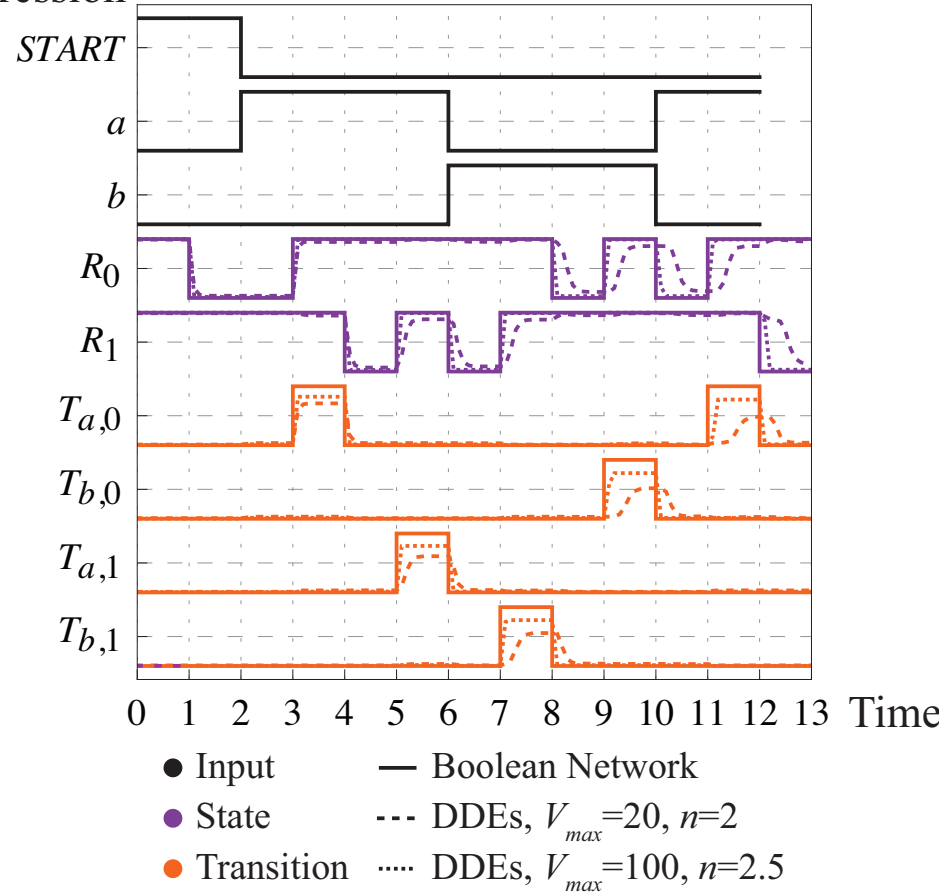
$$w = \sigma_{c1} \sigma_{c2} \dots \sigma_{cm}$$

$$h_{DDE}(w, t) = \begin{bmatrix} START(t/\Delta t) \\ \sigma_1(t/\Delta t) \\ \sigma_2(t/\Delta t) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_n(t/\Delta t) \end{bmatrix}$$

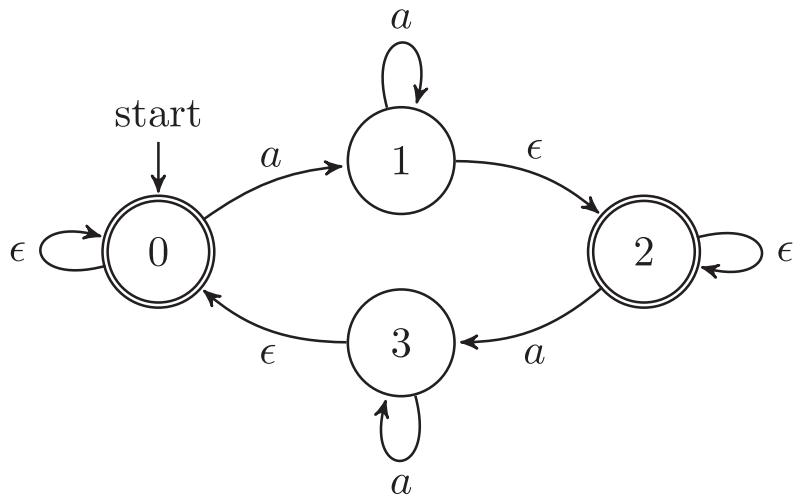
$$START(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in [0, 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_j(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \exists c_i \text{ s.t. } j = c_i \text{ and } t \in [2i, 2i + 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Expression



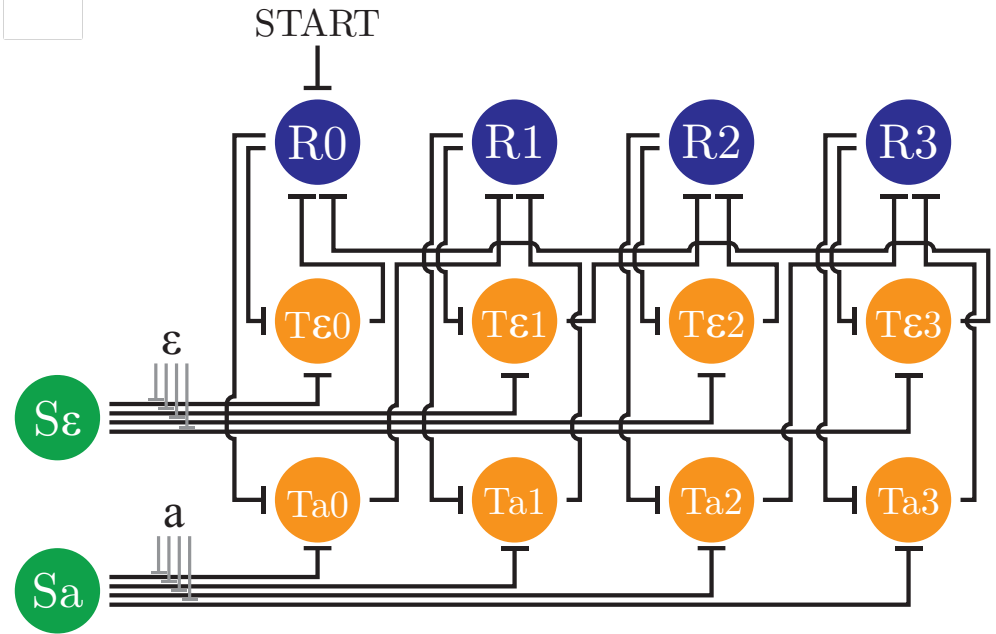
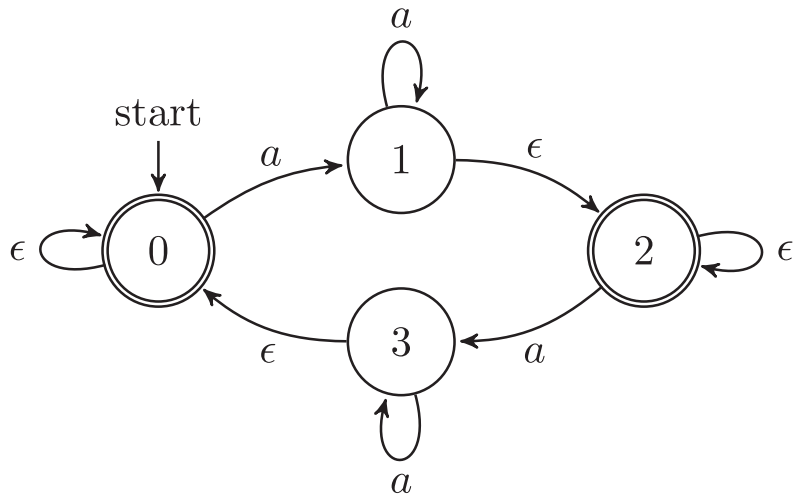
# Example II: Modulo-Two Pulse Counter



**$\epsilon$ -symbol.** Applied whenever another input symbol is not supplied.

Input	Final State
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# Example II. Module-Two Pulse Counter



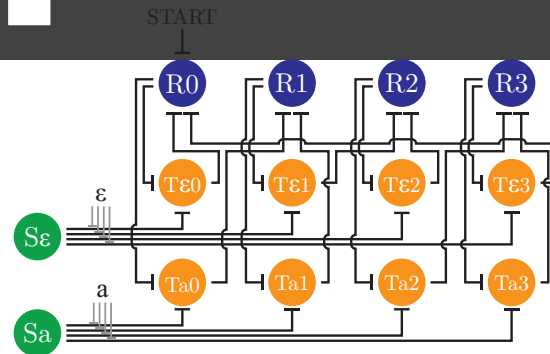
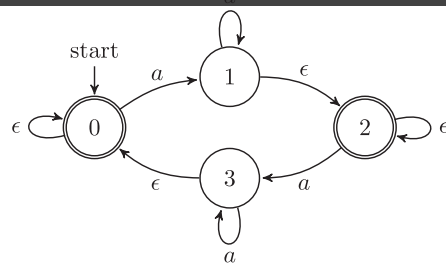
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**$\epsilon$ -signal.** Inducer that is present in the absence of any other inducers.

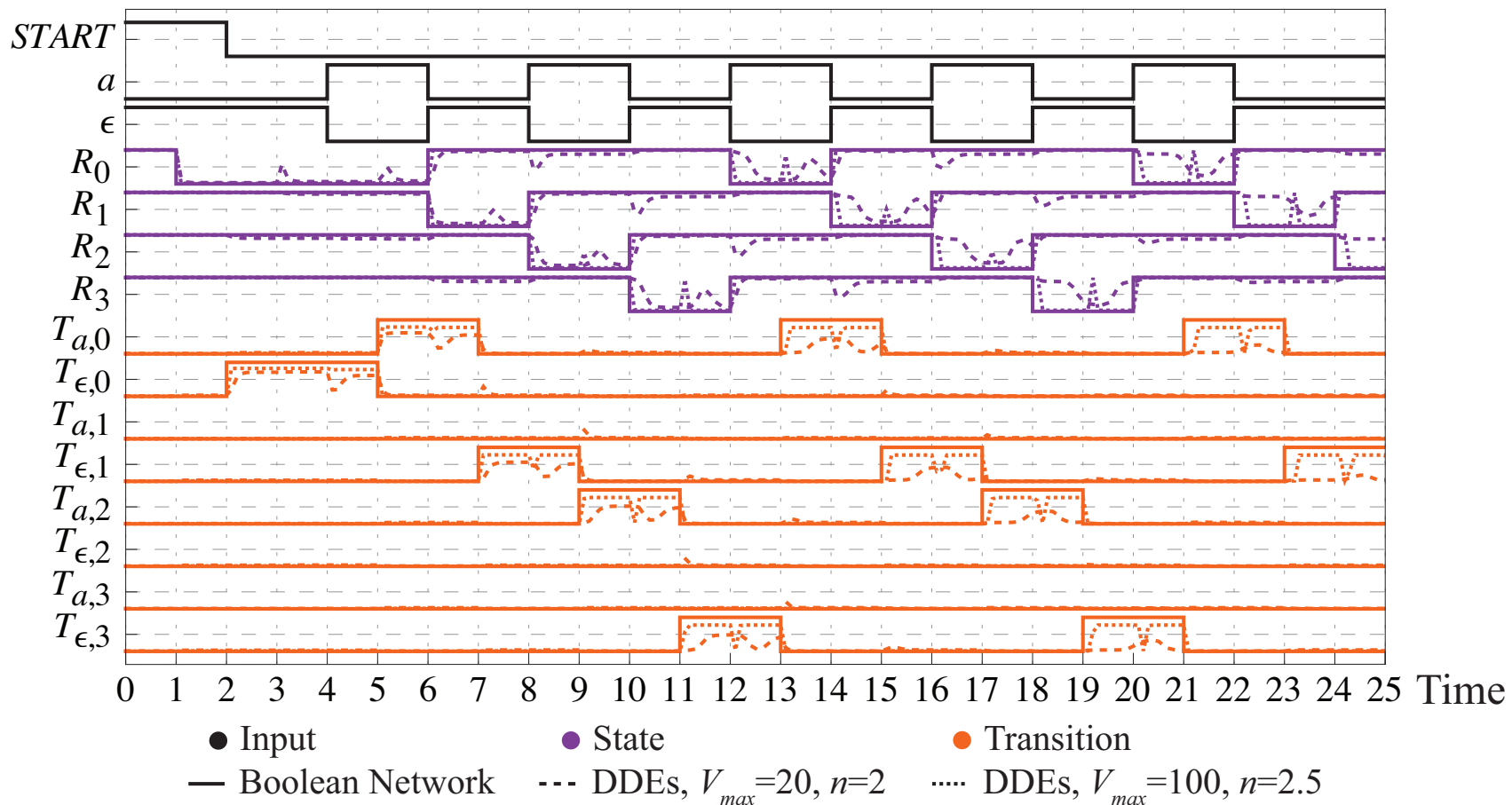
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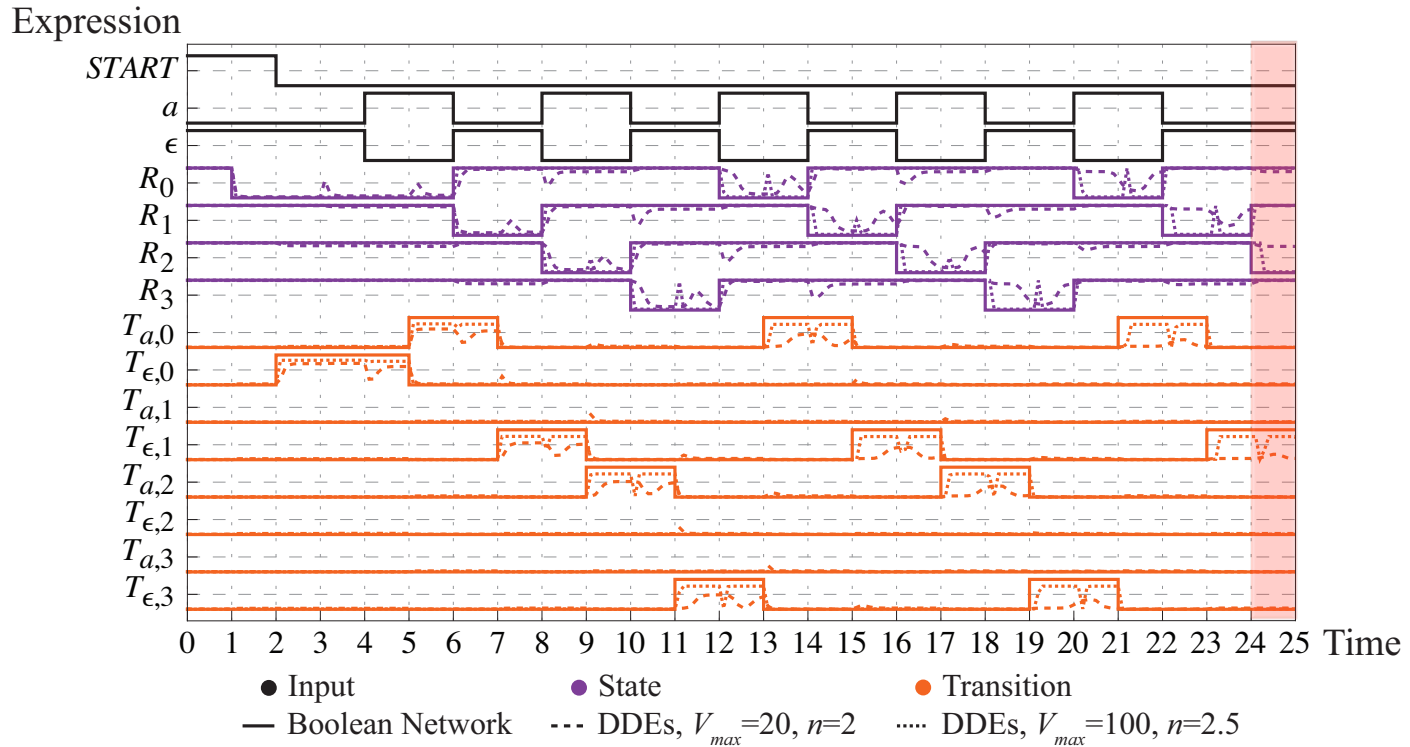


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# Counter

## Comparing the DDE and BN

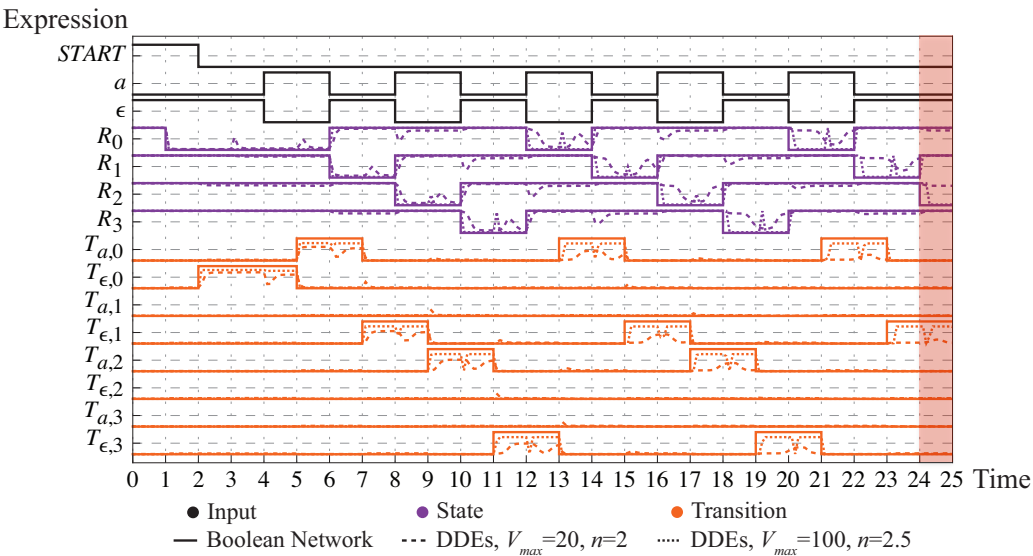


$$e_{avg} = \max_{q \in Q} \frac{2}{\Delta t} \int_{12\Delta t}^{12.5\Delta t} |R_q(t) - \hat{R}_q(t)| dt$$

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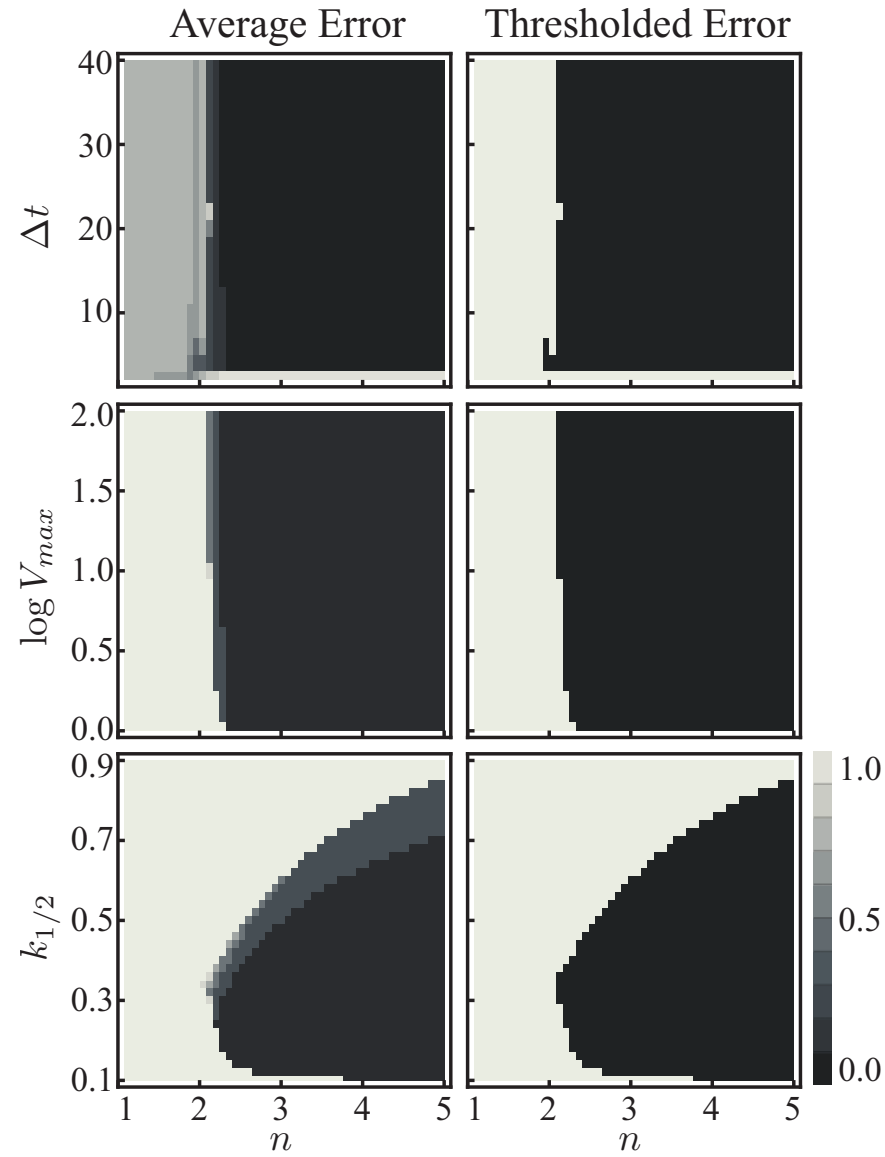
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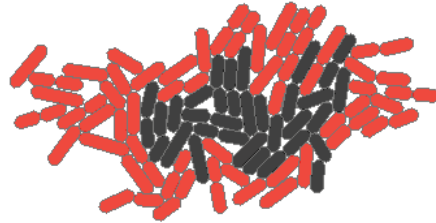


# FSMs for Cellular Information Processing

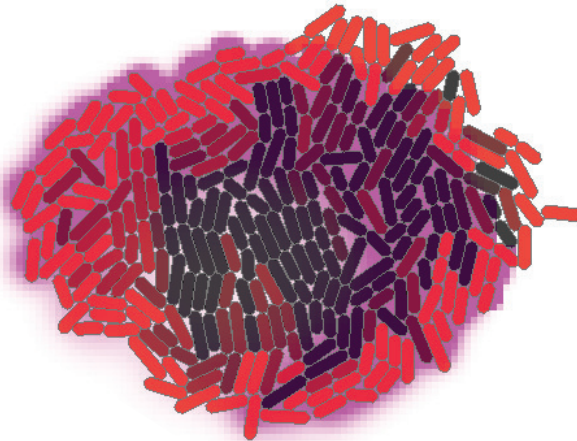
  
 $t = 0$

  
 $t = 45.4$

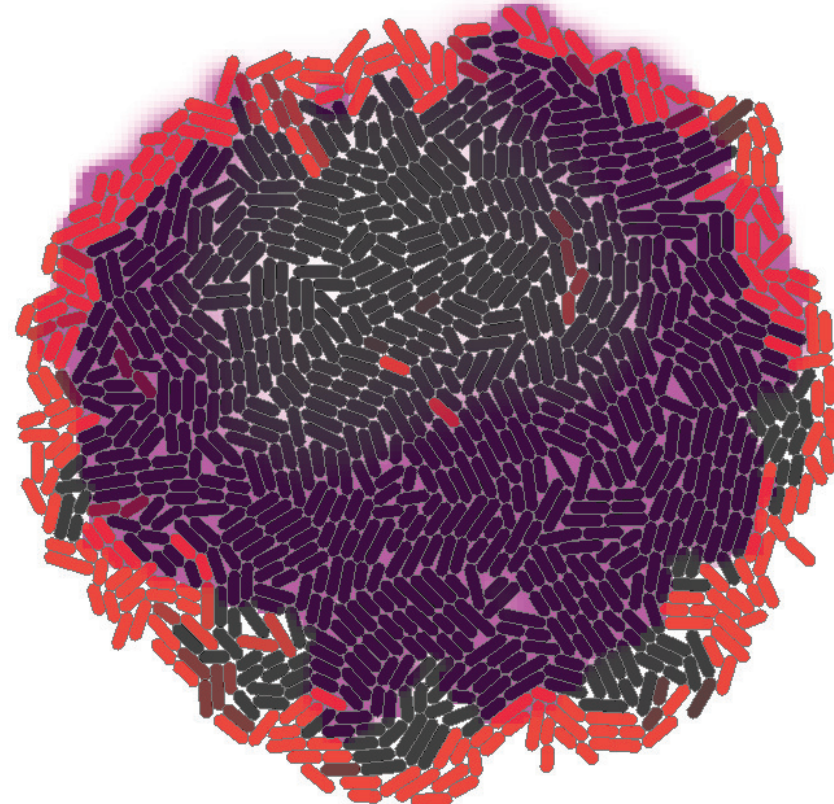
  
 $t = 84.6$



$t = 144.9$



$t = 177.2$

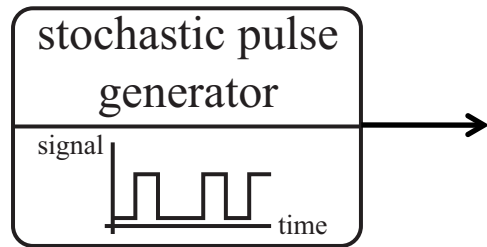


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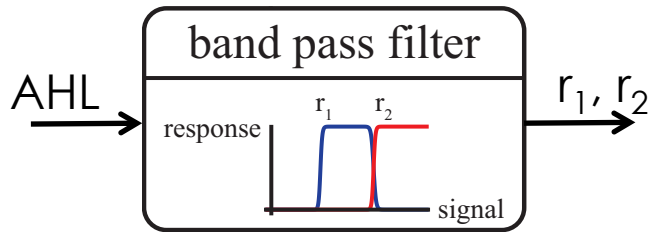
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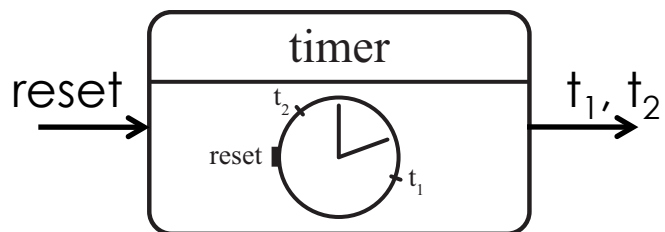
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Turns on expression of a gene stochastically.



Turns on expression of two different genes according to the concentration of a diffusible molecule.



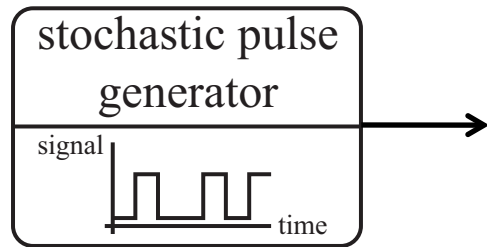
Turns on expression of two different genes at times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  after reset.

Can be reset by expressing a "reset" gene.

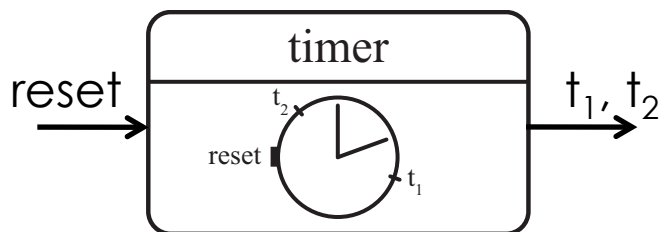
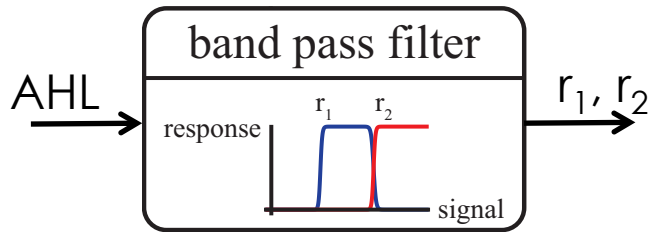
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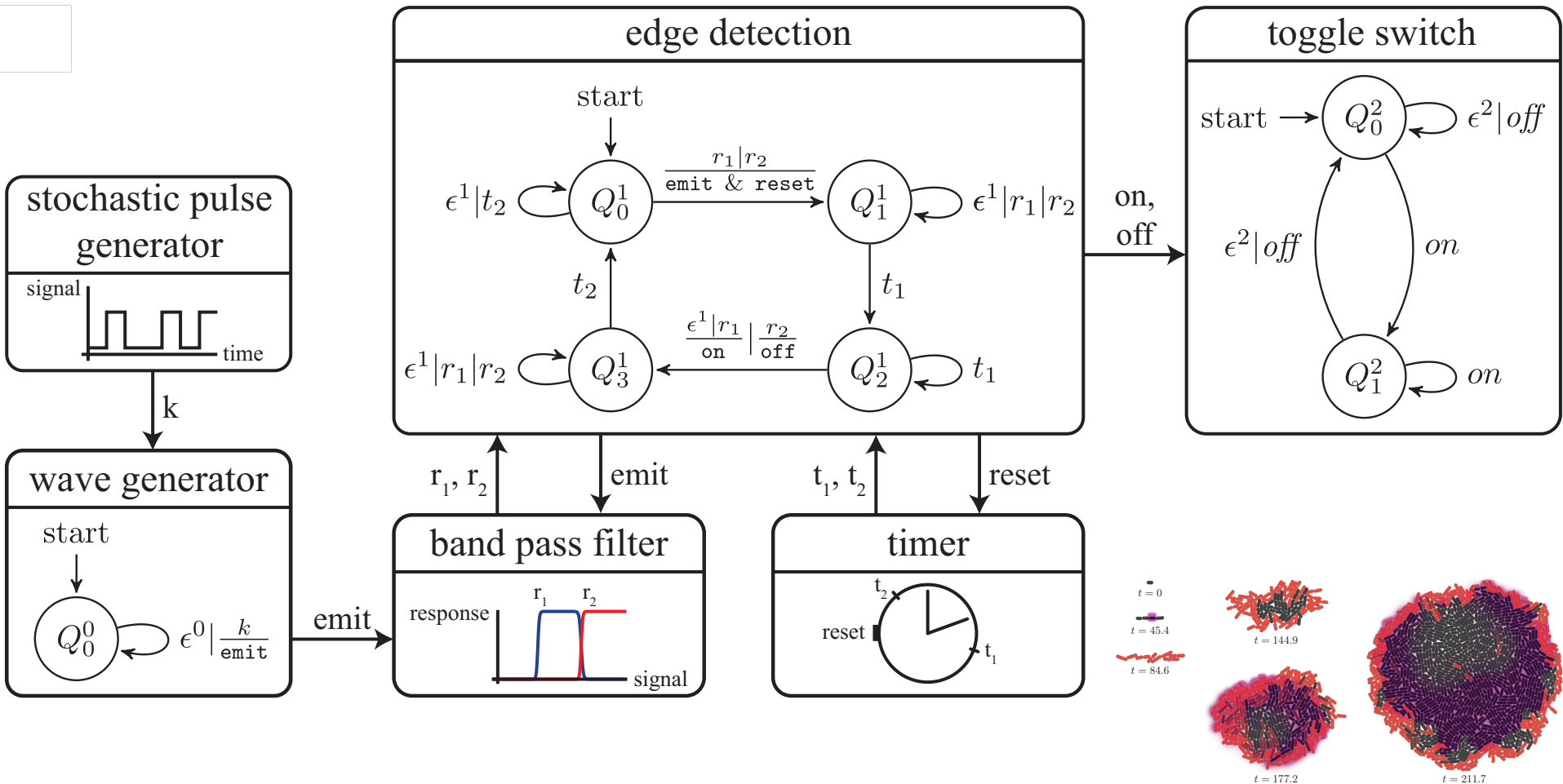
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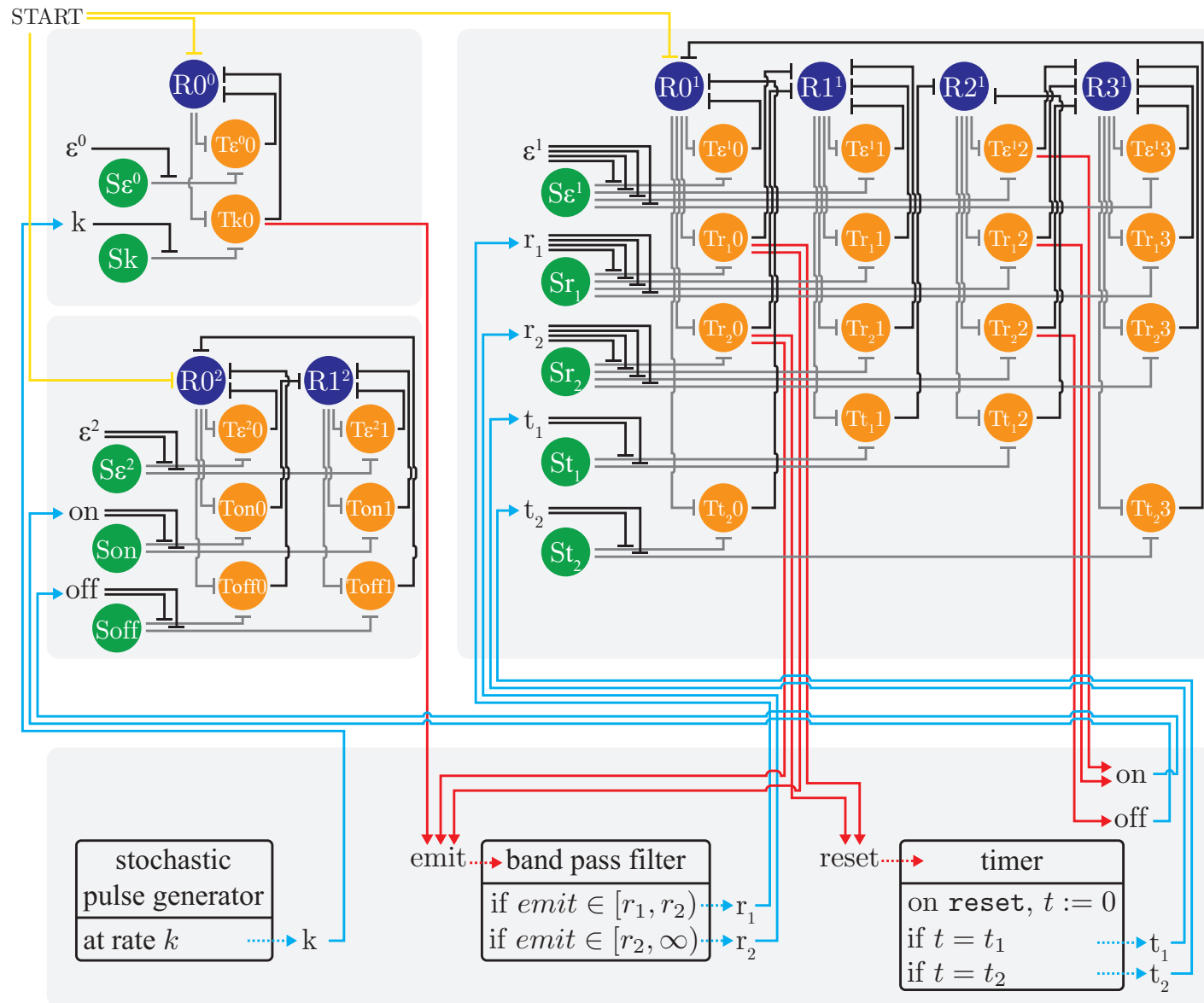
Idea: Determine "edgeness" based on a myopic stadium wave.



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Cells: 1, t = 0.00

