# Program termination · Lecture I

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# Myth: It is always impossible to prove terminating programs terminating

Truth: It is impossible to always prove terminating programs terminating

#### Introduction

if (n % 2 == 0) {
 n = n/2;
 } else {
 n = 3\*n +1;
 }
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while(n>1) {

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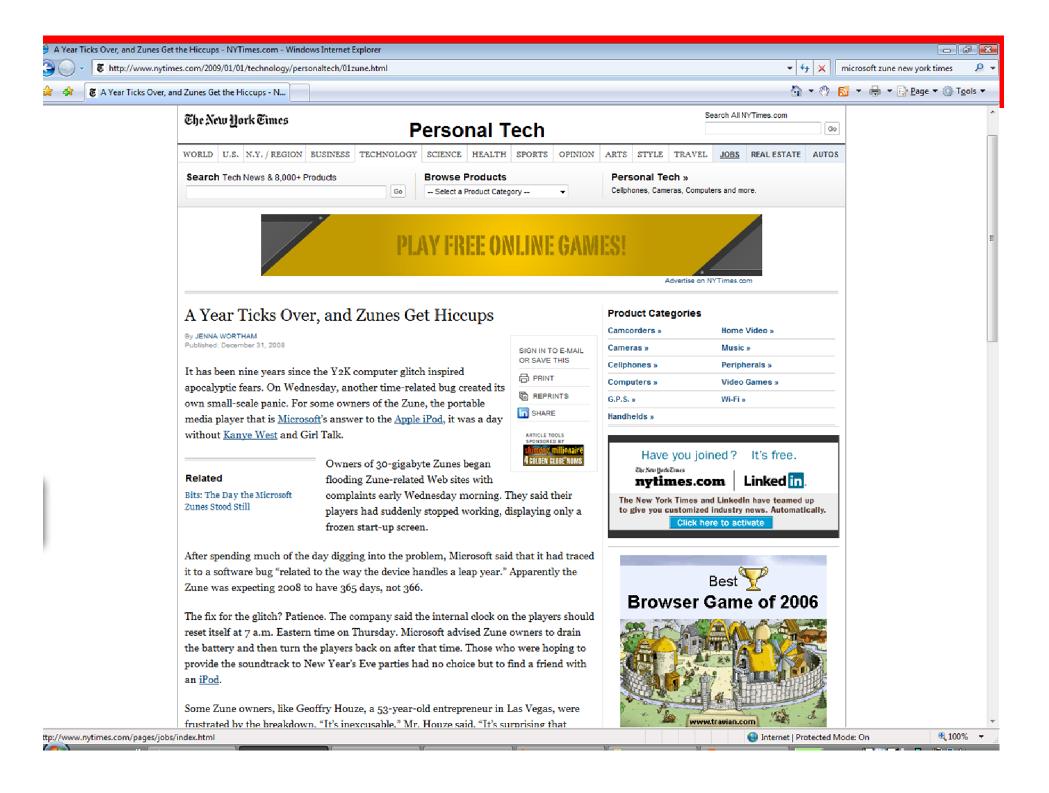
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→ Termination is a matter of practical importance:

- Liveness: Is every call to AcquireLock() followed by a call to ReleaseLock()?
- Pure termination: Does the mouse driver's dispatch routine always return control back to the OS?

Recent advances allow us to prove termination in many practical cases



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#### A Year Ticks Over, and Zunes Get Hiccups

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It has been nine years since the Y2K computer glitch inspired apocalyptic fears. On Wednesday, another time-related bug created its own small-scale panic. For some owners of the Zune, the portable media player that is Microsoft's answer to the Apple iPod, it was a day without Kanve West and Girl Talk.

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After spending much of the day digging into the problem, Microsoft said that it had traced it to a software bug "related to the way the device handles a leap year." Apparently the

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# **Glitch freezes Microsoft Zune music devices**

#### By JESSICA HODGSON

music player was tripped up by loap year, causing thousands of the devices to freeze on Wednesday, presenting a year-end embarrassment for a gadget that's already had a hard enough time win-

ning fans. On Wednesday, Zune owners flooded blogs and Internet chat sites to complain they couldn't listen to music on the 30-gigabyte version of the Zune, an early version of the device, because it wouldn't start up properly. The postings noted that the players got stuck with the Zune logo screen and were unresponsive.

Microsoft initially acknowledged there was a problem with some Zunes and told customers it was working to address it. Later, the company said engineers had Identified that the cause of the problem was an issue with the device's internal clock driver and how it handles a leap year, such as 2008. The issue relates to a part of the Zune hardware, and only affects the 30-gigabyte Zunes, a Microsoft

The issue, Microsoft said, would resolve itself as the device

moved to Jan. 1. Microsoft advised customers to let the battery run Microsoft Corp.'s Zane digital down on the devices before recharging and restarting.

A Microsoft spokeswoman said even those Zunes no longer covered by warranty should be able to be reset

Zune Pass subscribers should sync the device to their personal computers, the company added.

The 30-gigabyte model, released in November 2006, was the first Zune player from Microsoft. which wanted to challenge Apple Inc.'s iPod. Microsoft said it had sold more than 1.2 million of the units when it released updated models the following holiday season.

The Zune devices appear to have started freezing early Wednesday, according to customers' complaints. Microsoft didn't say how many of the devices were affected, but a spokeswoman said that all 30-gigabyte Zunes were potentially affected. A forum on the Microsoft Zune support site, titled "Help-frozen zune," had registered more than 20,000 comments by 5:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday.

Some bloggers and users ini-tially speculated that the issue may be caused by a "Y2K" problem, a reference to the issue that consumed



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computer experts at the end of 1999, when computer clocks had to switch to 2000. Many feared that the change of the millennium would interfere with the internal time settings in computers and potentially wreak havoc on systems around the globe. Companies spend thousands of dollars to protect themselves, largely unnecessarily.

Zune accounts for a very small proportion of Microsoft's roughly \$60 billion in annual sales and its market share is dwarfed by that of Apple, whose iPods have more

than 70% of the market, according to NPD figures.

Matt Rosoff, an analyst with Directions on Microsoft, a Seattlebased research firm that tracks the company, said the Zune snafu underscored the device's weakness in the market. Microsoft has "missed the boat" in the market for digital music players, Mr. Rosoff said. "That game is over."

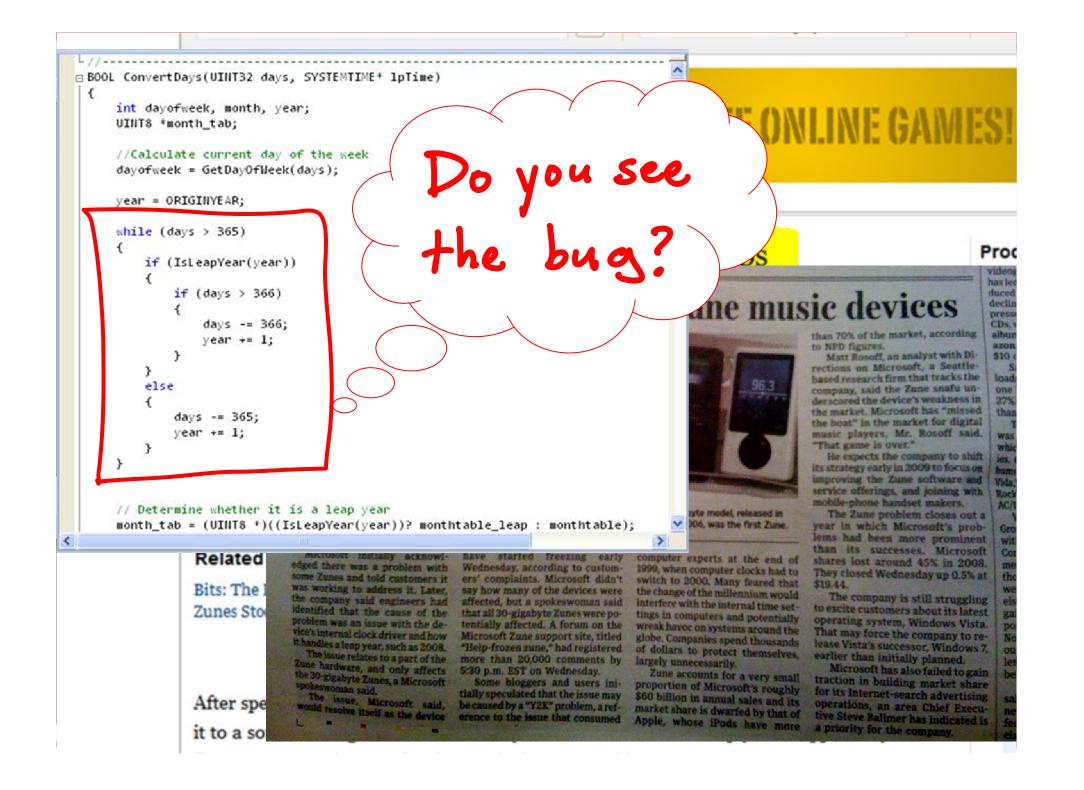
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The Zune problem closes out a year in which Microsoft's problems had been more prominent than its successes. Microsoft shares lost around 45% in 2008. They closed Wednesday up 0.5% at \$19.44.

The company is still struggling to excite customers about its latest. operating system, Windows Vista. That may force the company to release Vista's successor, Windows 7, earlier than initially planned.

Microsoft has also failed to gain traction in building market share for its Internet-search advertising operations, an area Chief Executive Steve Ballmer has indicated is a priority for the company.

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for (entry = DeviceExtension->ReadQueue.Flink;
    entry != &DeviceExtension->ReadQueue;
    entry = entry->Flink) {
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irp = CONTAINING RECORD (entry, IRP, Tail.Overlay.ListEntry);
stack = IoGetCurrentIrpStackLocation (irp);
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if (stack->FileObject == FileObject) {
    RemoveEntryList (entry);
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oldCancelRoutine = IoSetCancelRoutine (irp, NULL);

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// of the test-and-set macro IoSetCancelRoutine.
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// Cancel routine not called for this IRP. Return this IRP.
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return irp;
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} else { 11

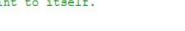
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// This IRP was just cancelled and the cancel routine was (or will
// be) called. The cancel routine will complete this IRP as soon as
// we drop the spinlock. So don't do anything with the IRP.
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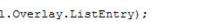
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ASSERT (irp->Cancel);

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- Perhaps recent advances will help unlock solutions to other problems
  - Search for thread-scheduling that guarantees termination (operating systems)
  - Wang's tiling problem (graphics)
  - Synthesis of compounds that kill targeted cells (medicine)

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- → Lecture 1:
  - Principles
  - Rank function synthesis
- → Lecture 3:
  - Recursion
  - WP synthesis
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  - Checking & refinement
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  - Fair termination
  - Data structures
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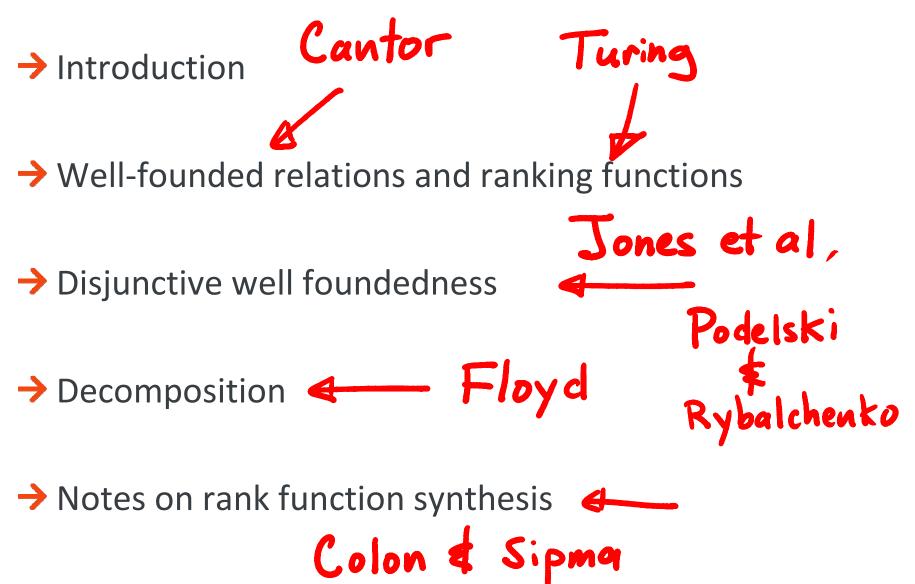
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#### Outline





#### → Introduction

# Well-founded relations and ranking functions

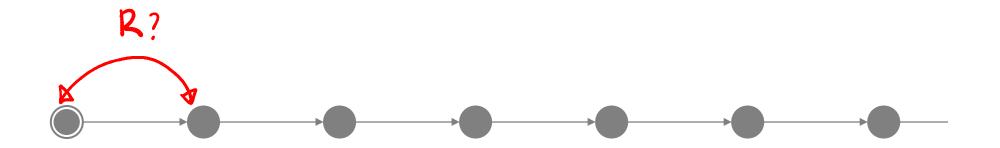
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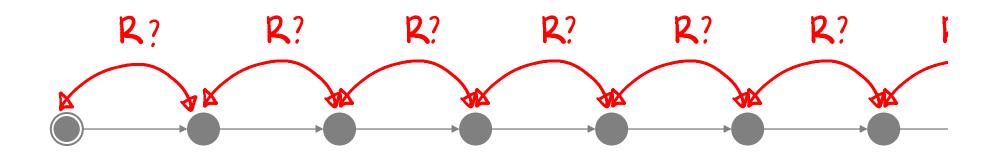
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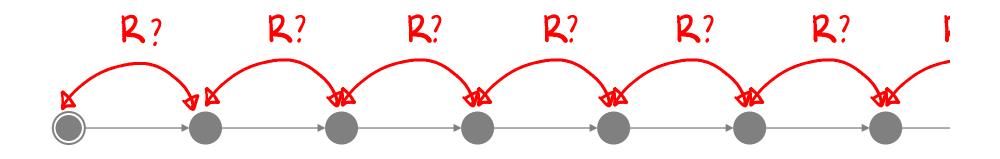
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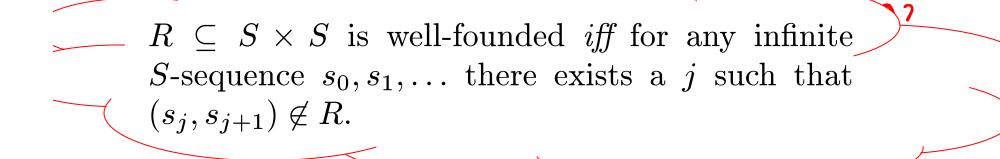




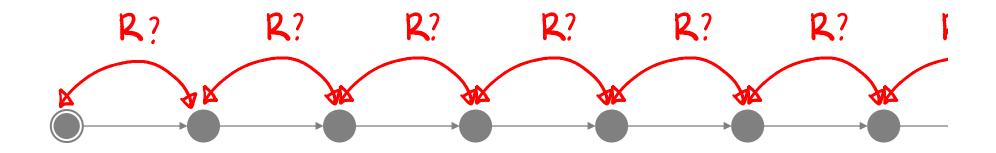




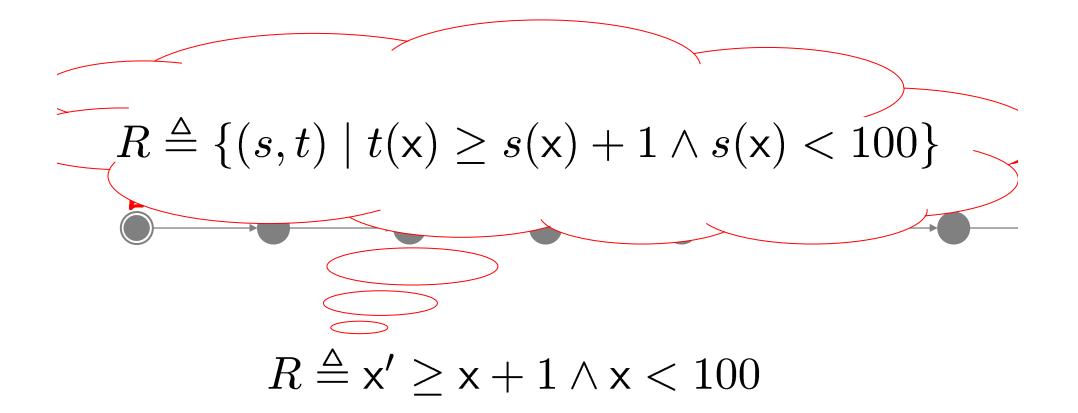
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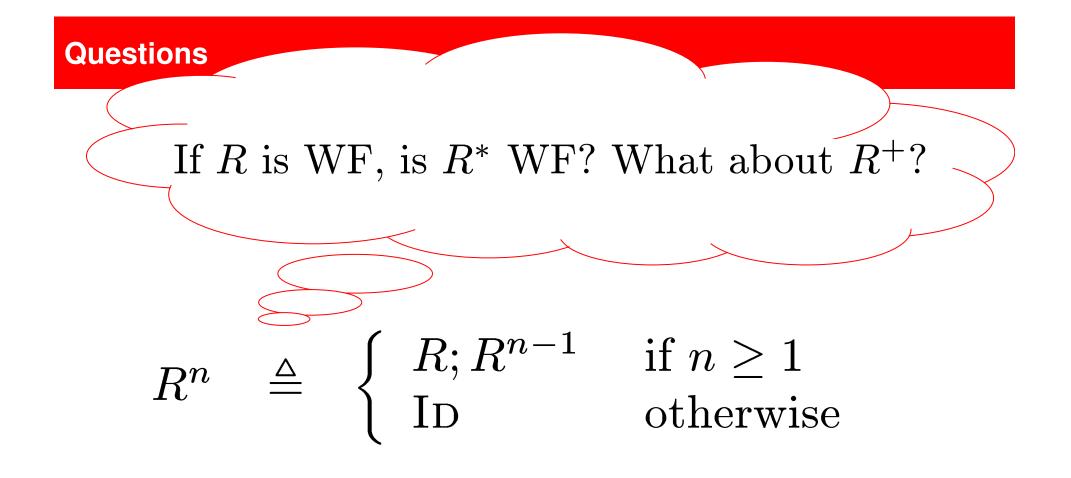
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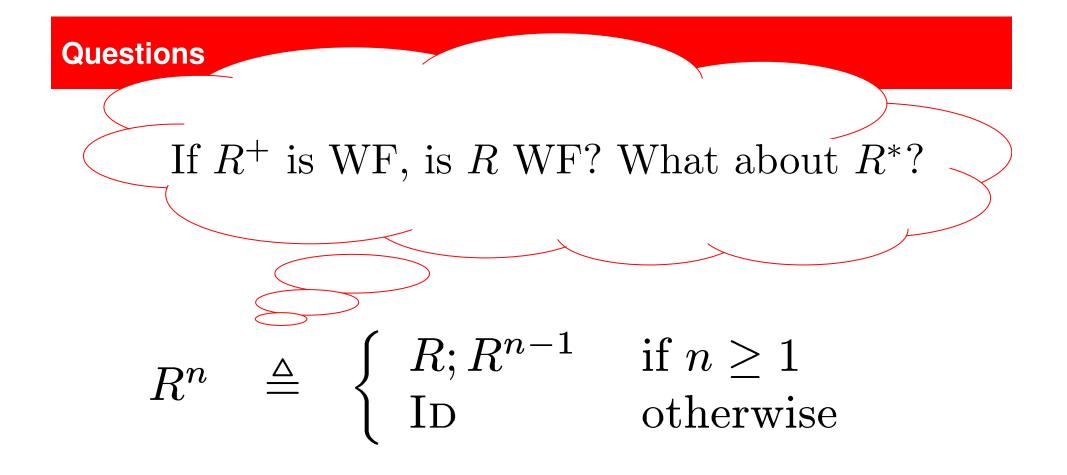
## $\rightarrow$ If R is WF and $R' \subseteq R$ , is R WF?

$$R^{n} \triangleq \begin{cases} R; R^{n-1} & \text{if } n \ge 1\\ \text{ID} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} R^+ & \triangleq & \{(s,t) \mid \exists n > 0.(s,t) \in R^n\} \\ R^* & \triangleq & R^+ \cup \mathrm{ID} \end{array}$ 



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→ Well-founded relations and ranking functions

#### → Disjunctive well foundedness

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→ Notes on rank function synthesis

 $(S,\leq)$  is a well-ordered set  $\mathit{iff}$  it is

- reflexive  $(a \leq a)$
- antisymmetric  $(a \le b \land b \le a \Rightarrow a = b)$
- transitive  $(a \le b \land b \le c \Rightarrow a \le c)$
- comparable  $(a \le b \lor b \le a)$
- every nonempty subset of S has a least element.

- The natural numbers are a well-ordered set, as in the worst case 0 is the least element of the subset.
- The integers are not well-ordered because there is no least element.
- For any integer constant  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \land x \ge b\}$  is a well-ordered set.
- The non-negative real numbers are not a well-ordered set because there there is no least element in the open interval (0,1).

#### Ranking functions and ranking relations

- →  $f: S \to Y$  is a ranking function if Y is a wellordered set.
- $\rightarrow$  We define the ranking relation of f to be:

 $\geq_f \qquad \triangleq \quad \{(s,t) \mid f(s) > f(t)\}$ 

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# Is R well founded?

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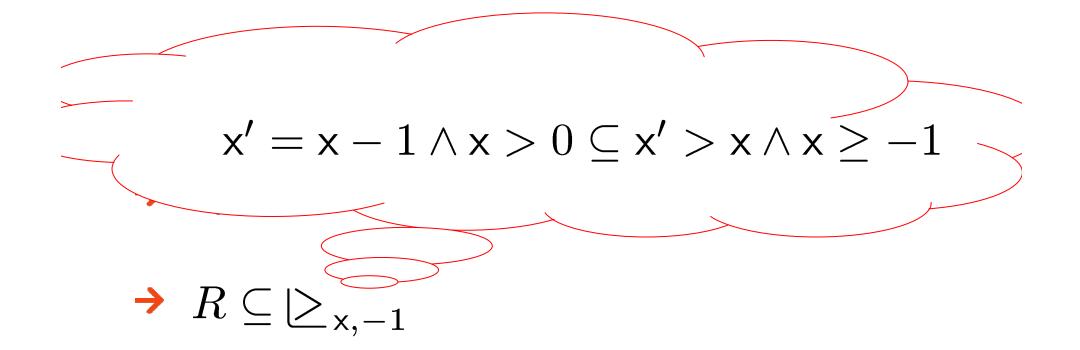
$$\Rightarrow R \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathbf{x}, -1} \qquad \text{Shorthand for } \mathbf{f}: \mathbf{S} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbf{N}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}) \triangleq \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x})$$

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$$\rightarrow R \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathsf{x},-1}$$





 $\forall x, x'. \ x' = x - 1 \land x > 0 \Rightarrow x' > x \land x \ge -1$  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - 1 \land \mathbf{x} > 0 \subseteq \mathbf{x}' > \mathbf{x} \land \mathbf{x} \ge -1$  $\rightarrow R \subseteq {\geq_{\mathsf{x},-1}}$ 

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#### Questions

(a) 
$$1 < 0$$
  
(b)  $0 < 1$   
(c)  $\mathbf{x}' > \mathbf{x} \land \mathbf{x}' < 1000$   
(d)  $\mathbf{x}' > \mathbf{x} \land \mathbf{x}' > 1000$   
(e)  $\mathbf{x}' \ge \mathbf{x} + 1 \land \mathbf{x}' < 1000$   
(f)  $\mathbf{x}' \ge \mathbf{x} - 1 \land \mathbf{x}' < 1000$   
(g)  $\mathbf{y}' \ge \mathbf{y} + 1 \land \mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{z} \land \mathbf{z} < 1000$   
(h)  $\mathbf{y}' + 1 \ge \mathbf{y} \land \mathbf{z}' = \mathbf{z} \land \mathbf{z} < 1000$   
(i)  $(\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - 1 \lor \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + 1) \land \mathbf{x} < 1000$   
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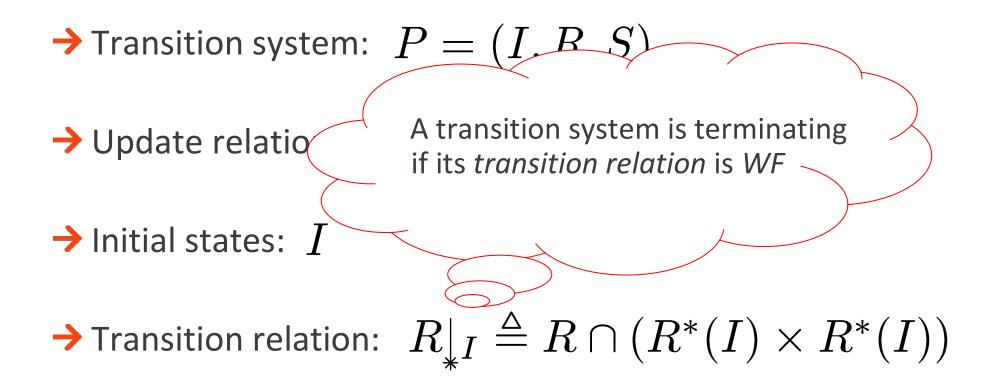
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 Transition system:  $P = (I, R, S)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Update relation: R

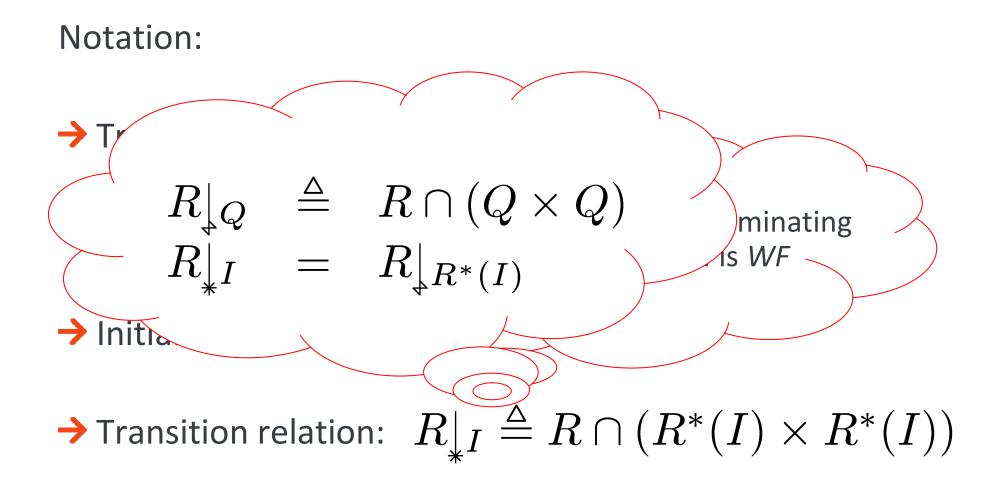
 $\rightarrow$  Initial states: I

→ Transition relation:  $R_{\downarrow I} \triangleq R \cap (R^*(I) \times R^*(I))$ 

#### Notation:



#### **Transition systems**



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### Update relations are typically not well founded, even when the transition relation is

# Computing a precise R\*(I) is very hard (technically, undecidable)

In practice, we must find a supporting invariant that is "computable" yet still powerful enough for termination:

Q is an invariant of iff  $Q \supseteq R^*(I)$ 

Much of the hard part when proving WF is finding the right invariant

 $R \triangleq \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} \land \mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{y} \land \mathbf{x} > 0$  $I \triangleq \mathbf{y}' < -1$ 

# → Is the update relation well founded?

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- → Is the update relation well founded?
- → Is the transition relation well founded?
- How would you prove this with a decision procedure?

# → Introduction

→ Well-founded relations and ranking functions

Disjunctive well foundedness

→ Decomposition techniques

→ Rank function synthesis (if time permits)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \bigwedge \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{x} > \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathsf{y} > \mathbf{0}, \\ (\mathsf{x}' = \mathsf{x} - 1 \land \mathsf{y}' = \mathsf{y} + 1) \lor (\mathsf{x}' = \mathsf{x} \land \mathsf{y}' = \mathsf{y} - 1) \end{array} \right\} \end{array} \right\}$$

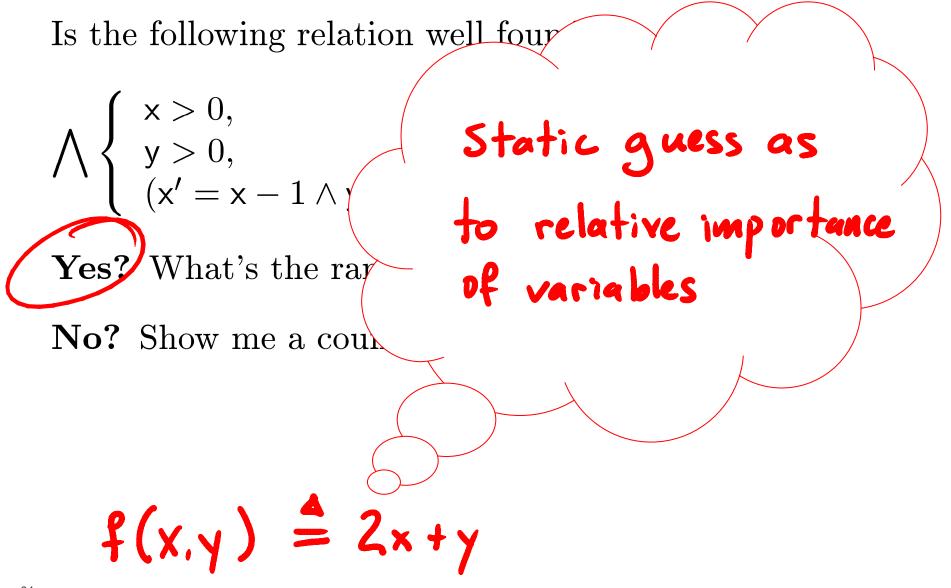
Yes? What's the ranking function?

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$$f(x,y) \stackrel{4}{=} ??$$

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$$f(x,y) \stackrel{\texttt{A}}{=} 2x+y$$



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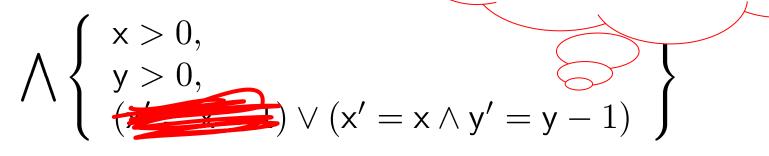
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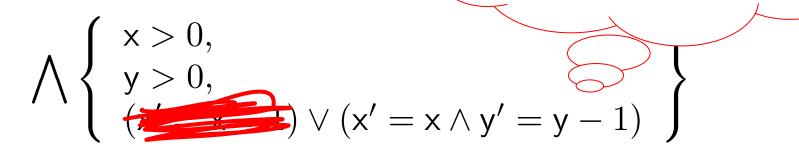
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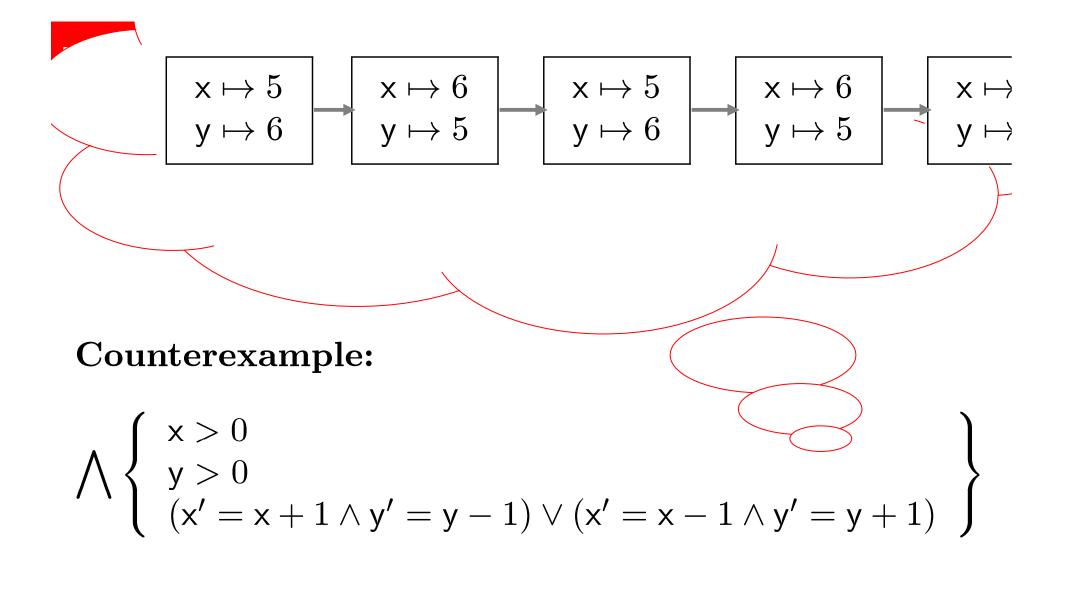
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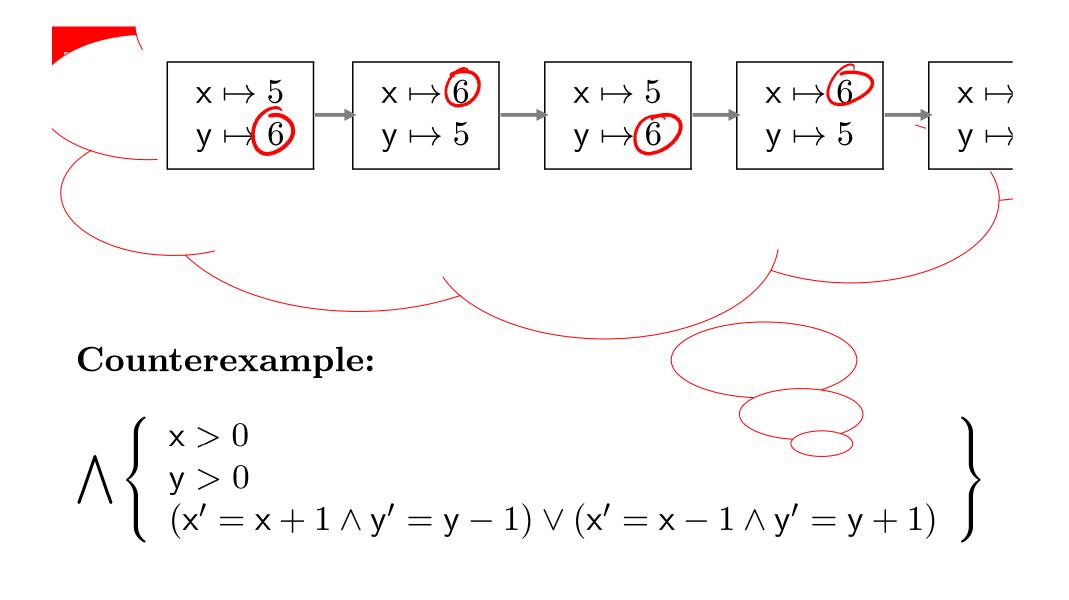
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#### Induction

$$\begin{array}{ll} R & \triangleq & \mathsf{x} > 0 \land \mathsf{y} > 0 \land \mathsf{x}' = \mathsf{x} - 1 \land \mathsf{y}' = \mathsf{y} \\ & \lor & \mathsf{x} > 0 \land \mathsf{y} > 0 \land \mathsf{y}' = \mathsf{y} - 1 \end{array}$$

$$Q \triangleq ([\geq_{\mathbf{y},0} \cap [\geq_{\mathbf{x},0}) \cup [\geq_{(\mathbf{y},0)}]$$

 $R \subseteq Q, (Q; R) \subseteq Q$ , thus  $R^+ \subseteq Q \checkmark$ 



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# Can you prove termination with induction?

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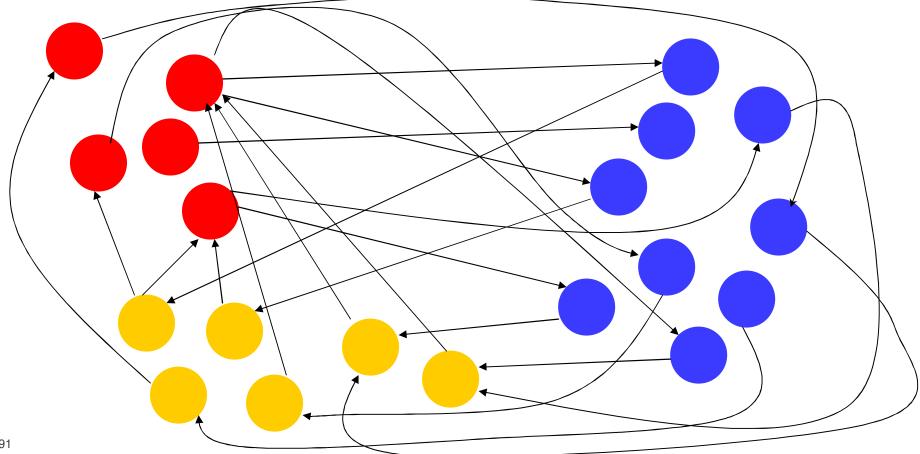
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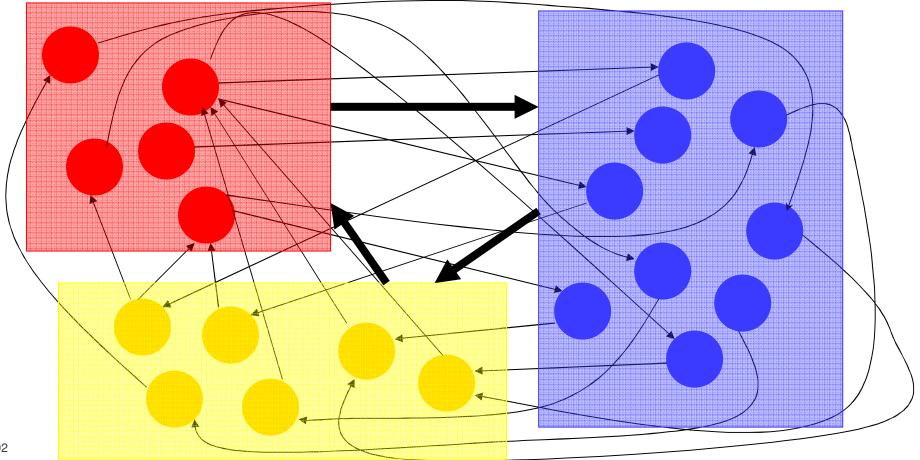
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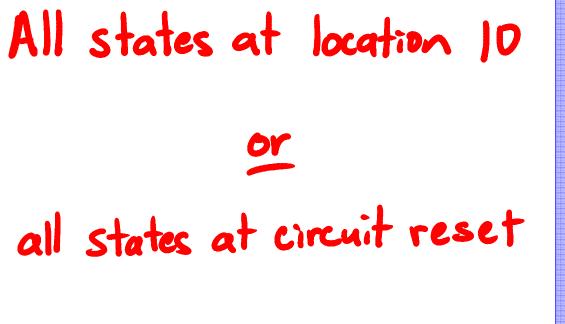
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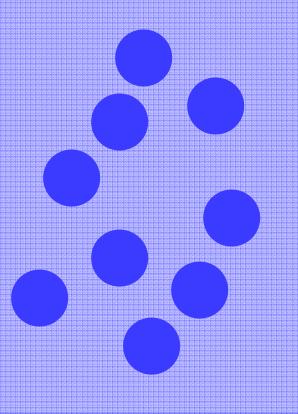


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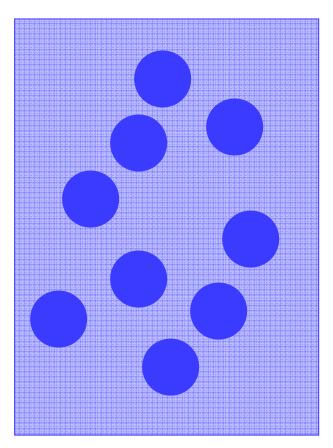
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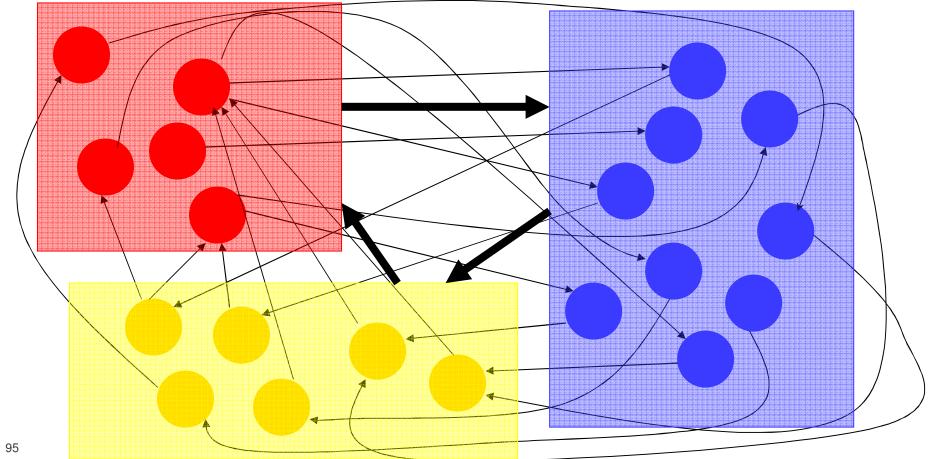


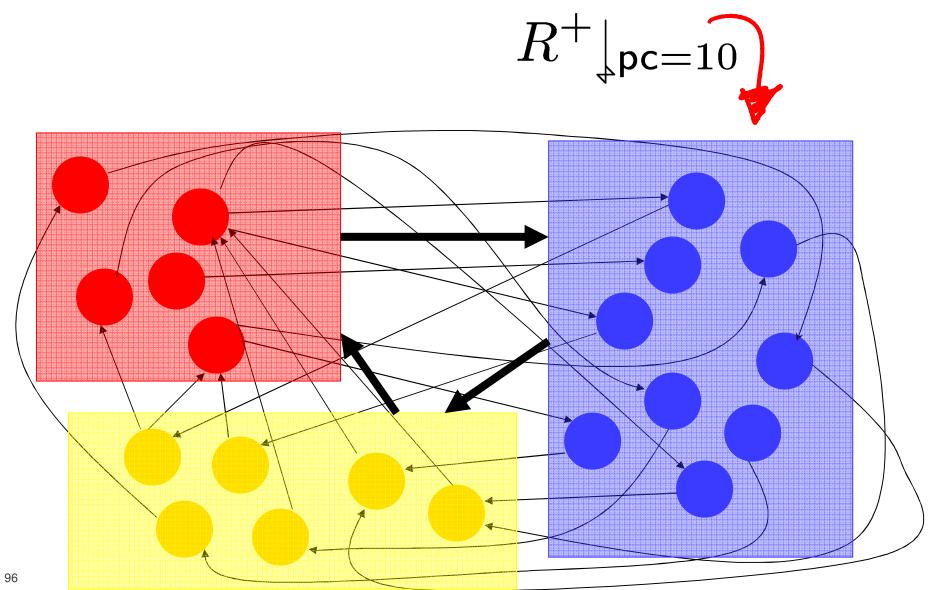


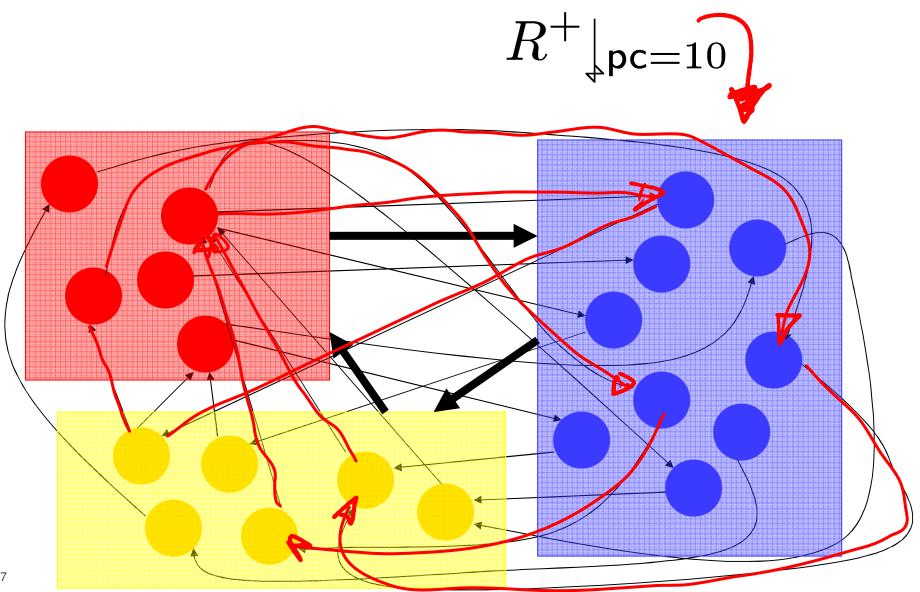
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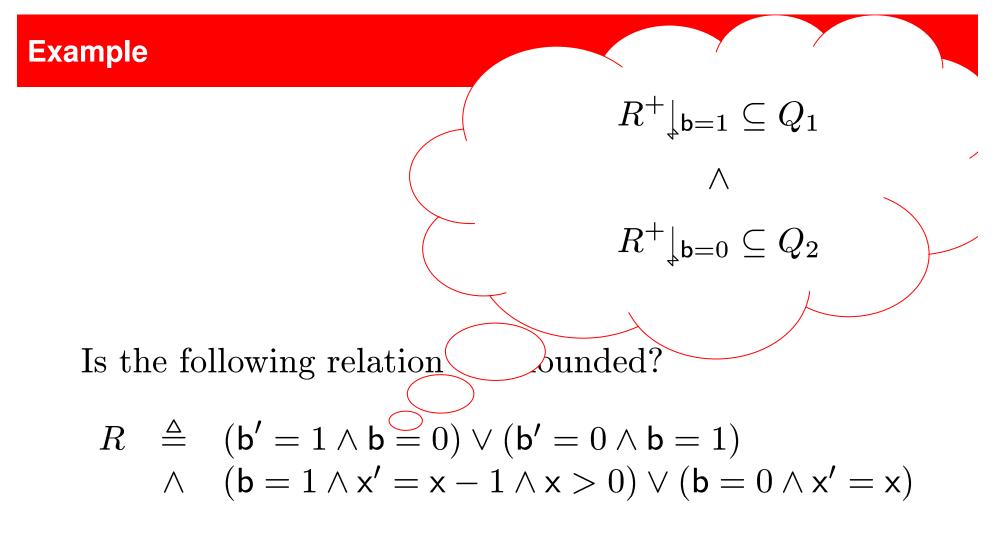
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- Let  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  be constants from VAL.
- Assume that, if R(s,t) and  $t(v) = k_2$  then  $s(v) = k_1$ .
- $\forall l \in L.(R|_{I}^{+})|_{v=l}$  is well founded *iff*  $\forall l \in L - \{k_2\}.(R|_{I}^{+})|_{v=l}$  is well founded

### Is the following relation well founded?

$$R \triangleq (\mathbf{b}' = 1 \land \mathbf{b} = 0) \lor (\mathbf{b}' = 0 \land \mathbf{b} = 1)$$
  
 
$$\land (\mathbf{b} = 1 \land \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} - 1 \land \mathbf{x} > 0) \lor (\mathbf{b} = 0 \land \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x})$$

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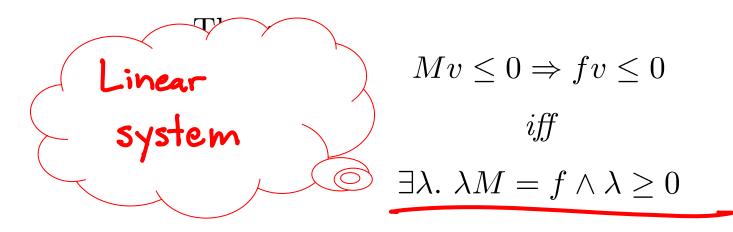
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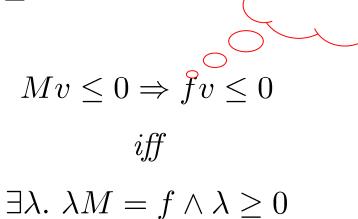
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## A Complete Method for the Synthesis of Linear Ranking Functions

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**Abstract.** We present an automated method for proving the termination of an unnested program loop by synthesizing linear ranking functions. The method is complete. Namely, if a linear ranking function exists then it will be discovered by our method. The method relies on the fact that we can obtain the linear ranking functions of the program loop as the solutions of a system of linear inequalities that we derive from the program loop. The method is used as a subroutine in a method for proving termination and other liveness properties of more general programs via transition invariants; see [PR03].

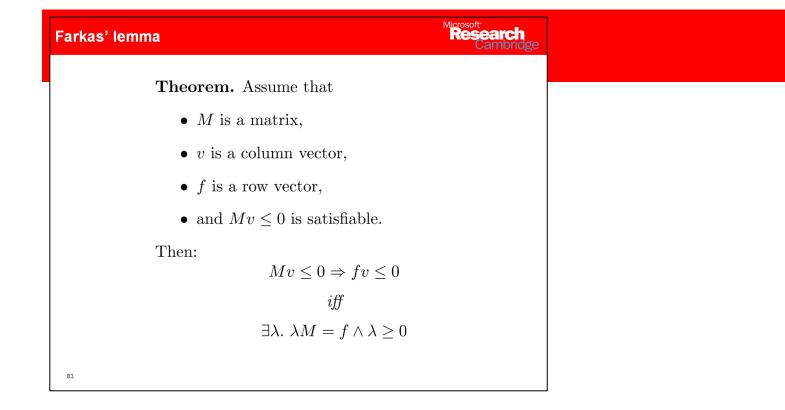
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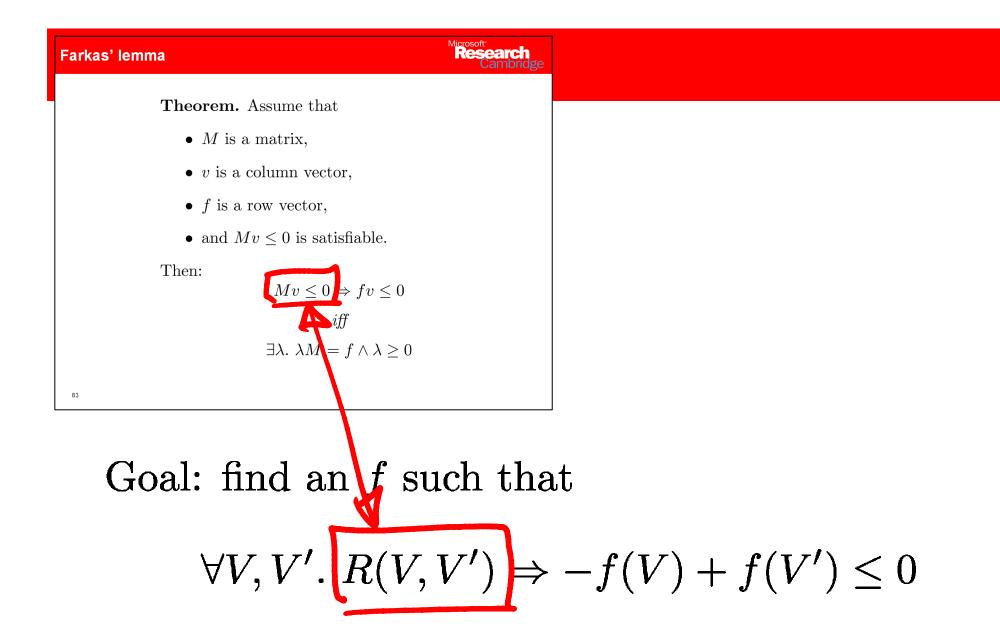
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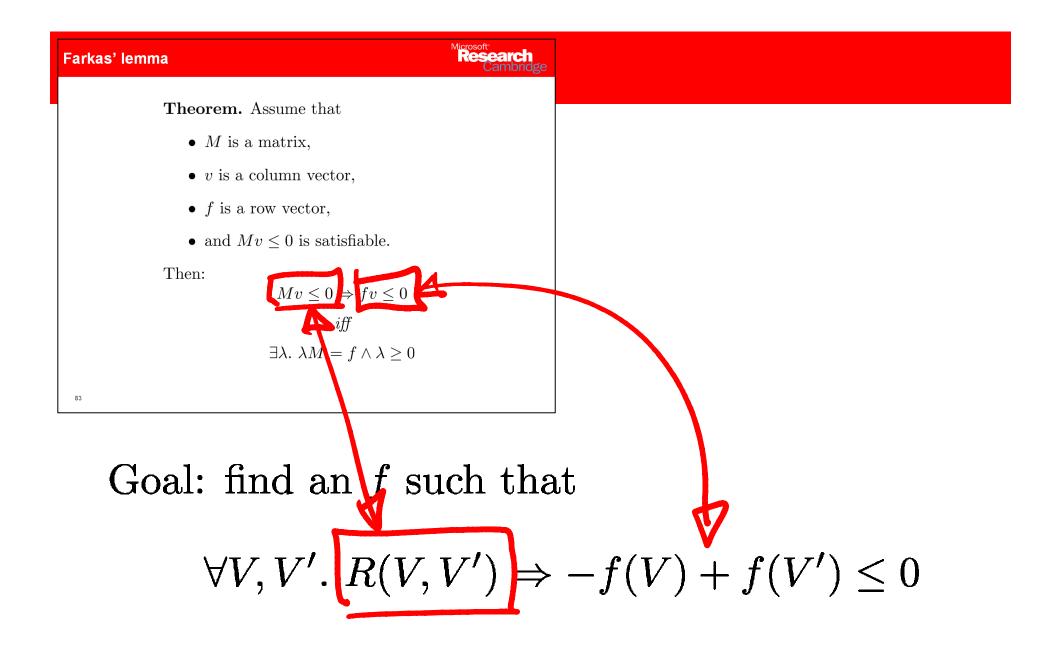
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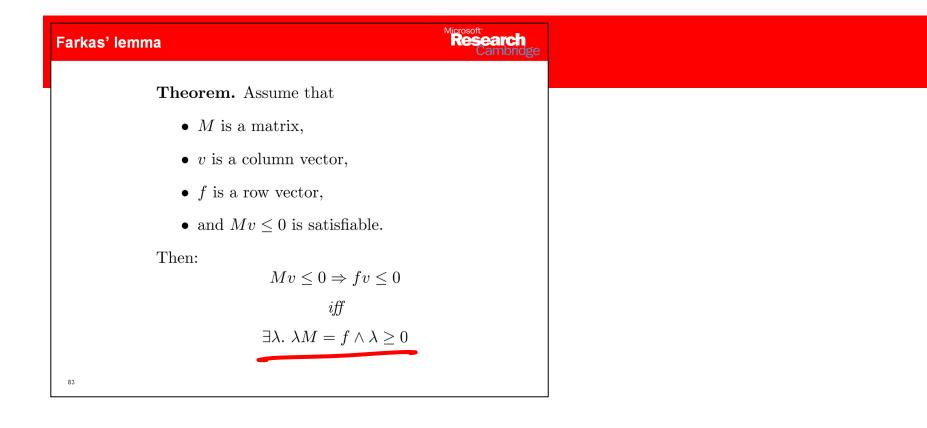
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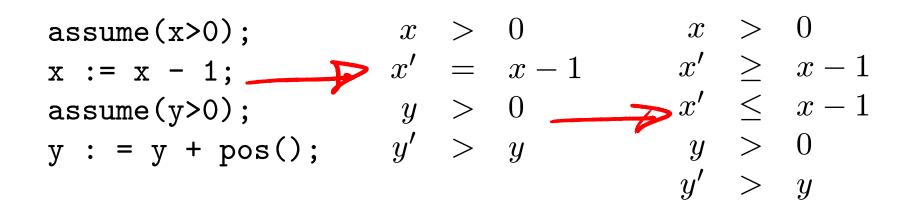


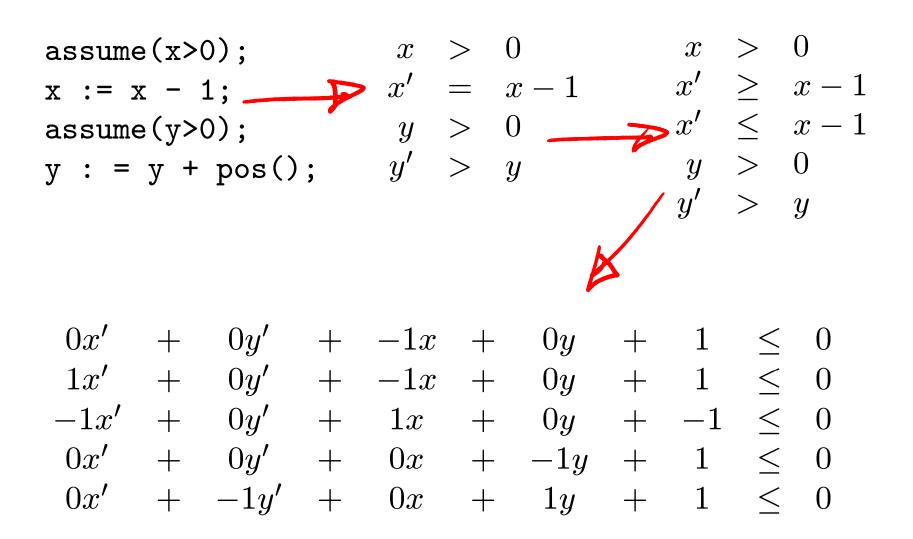


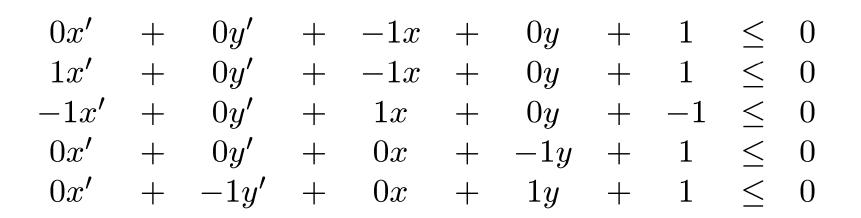
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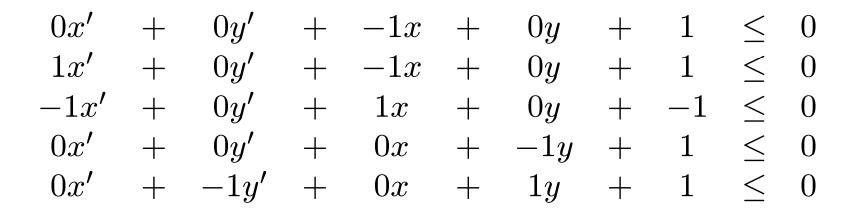
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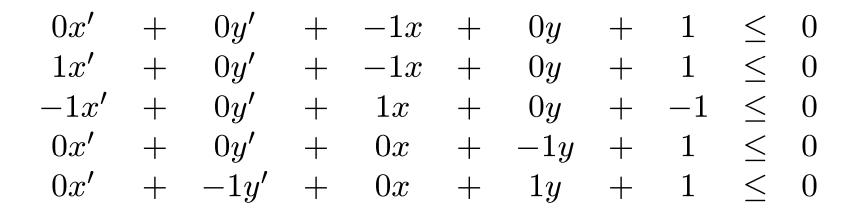
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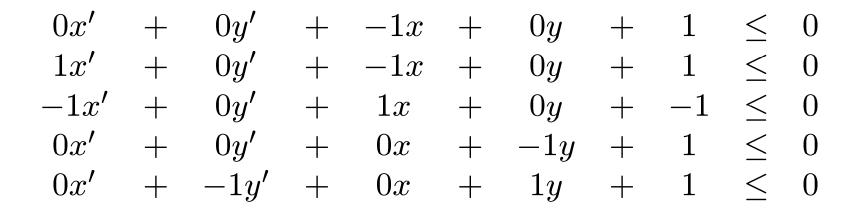






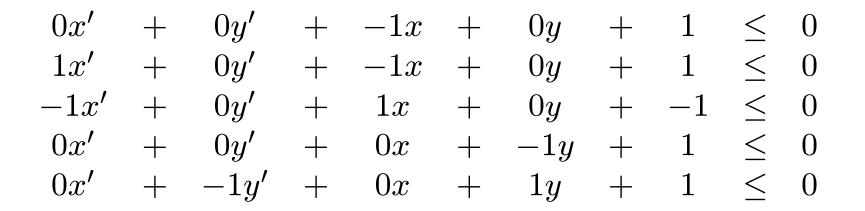


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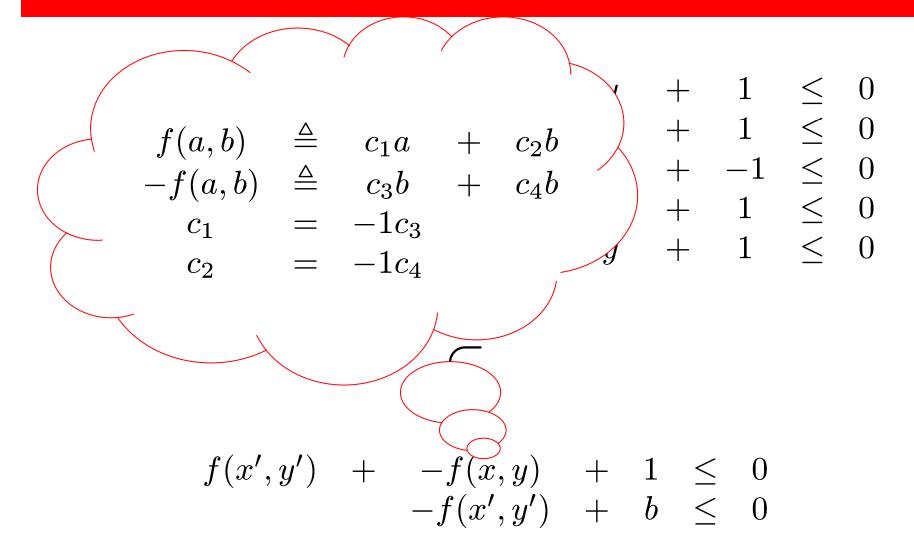
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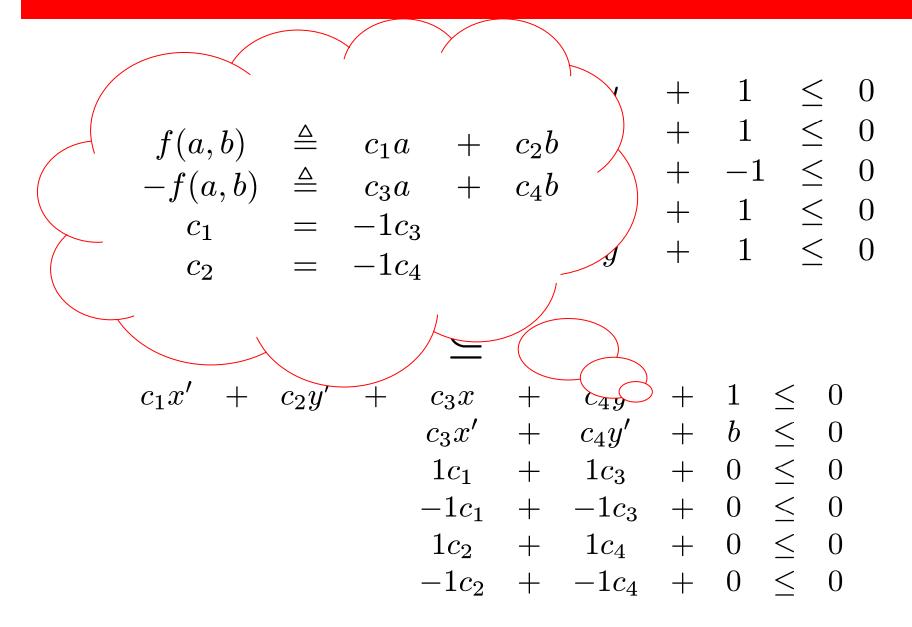


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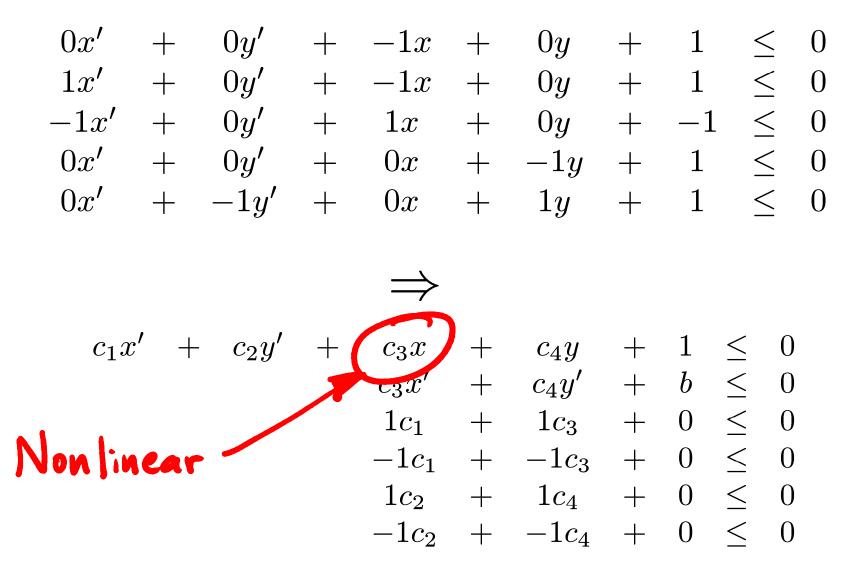
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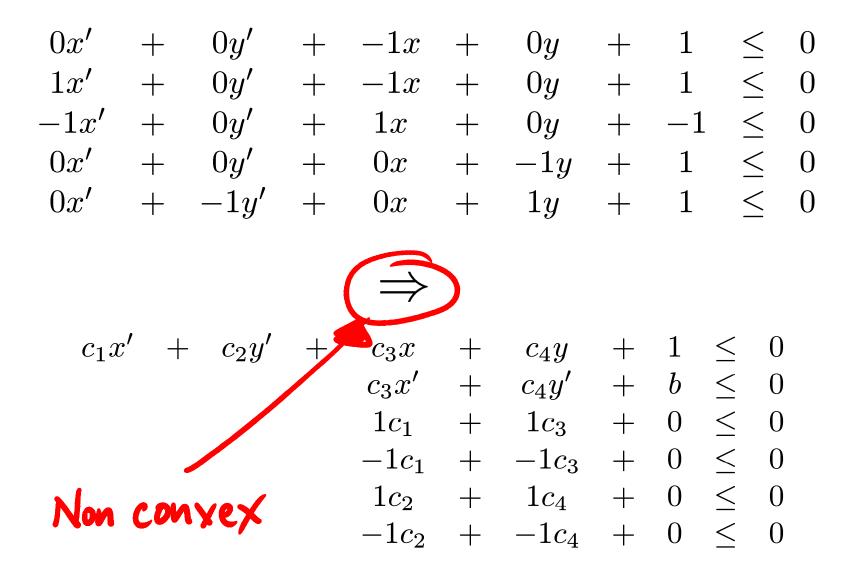
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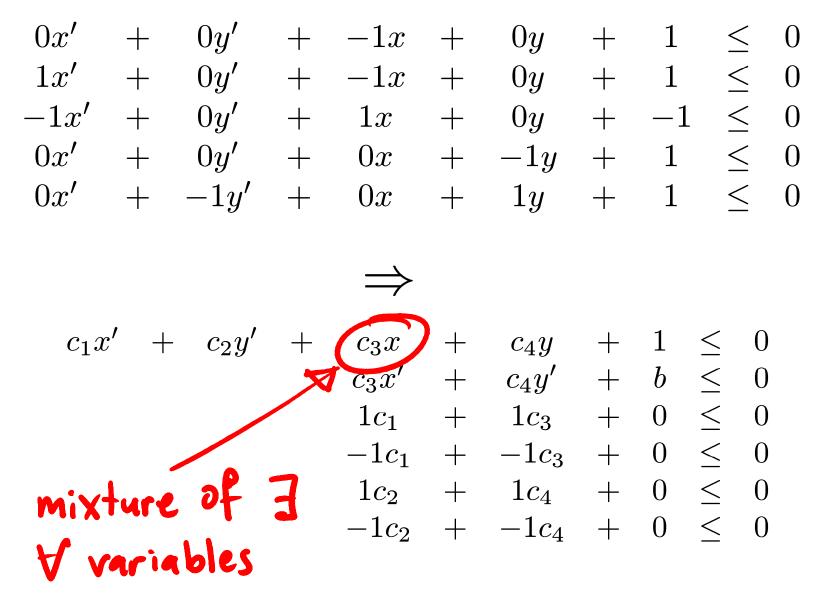
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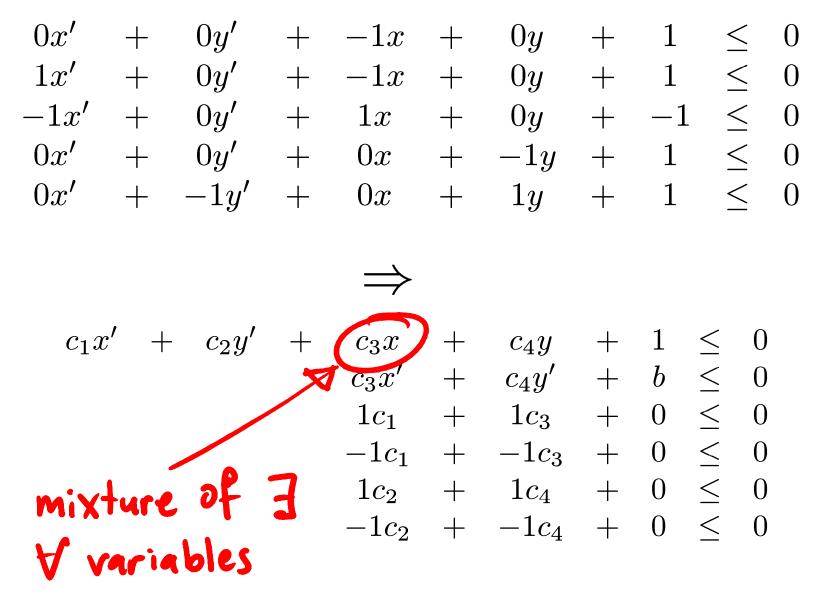
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(for simplicity)

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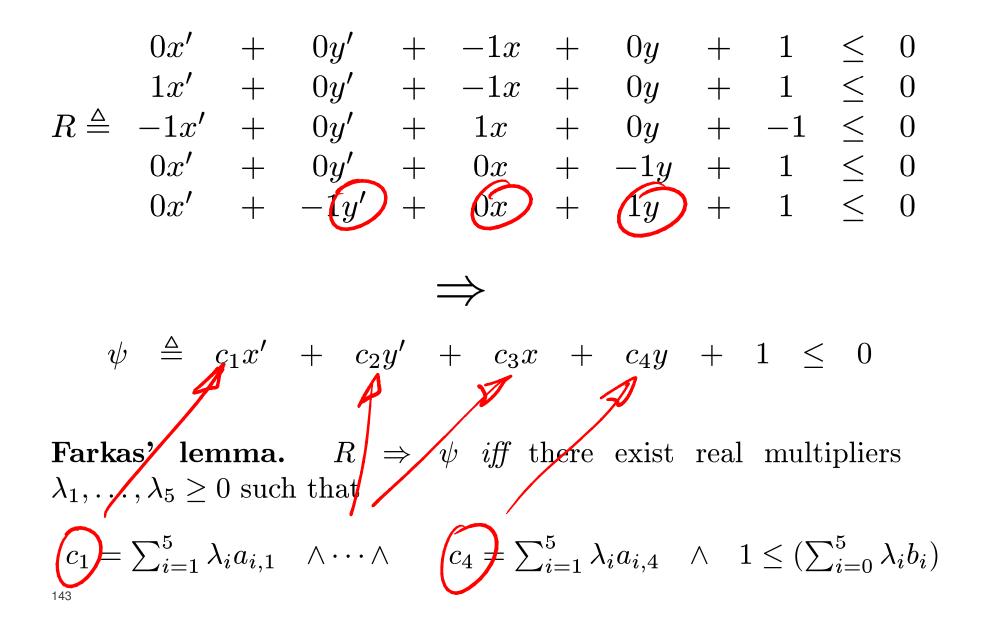
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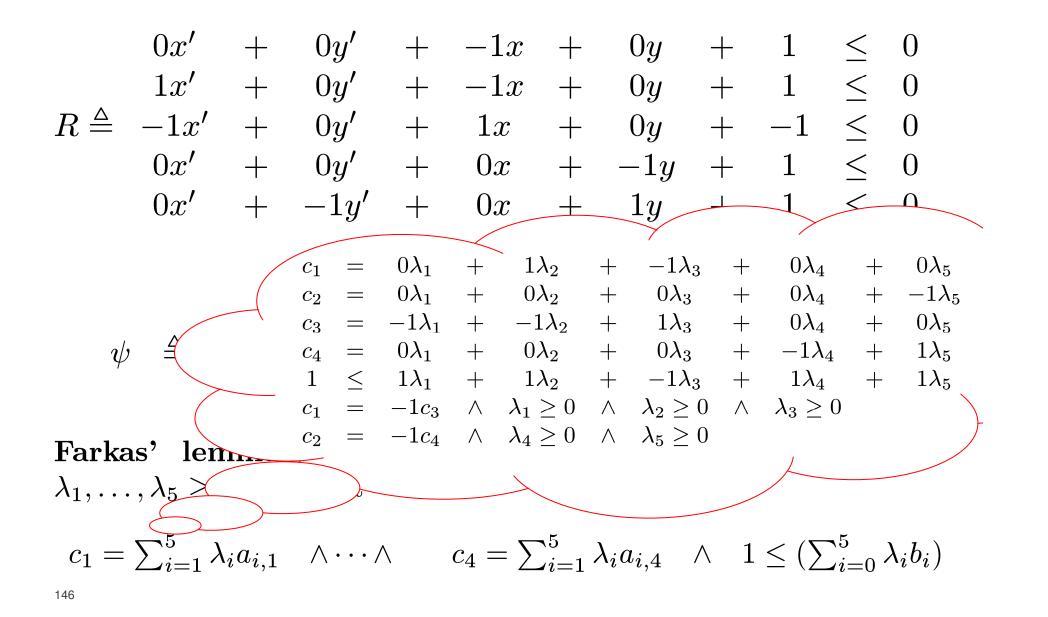


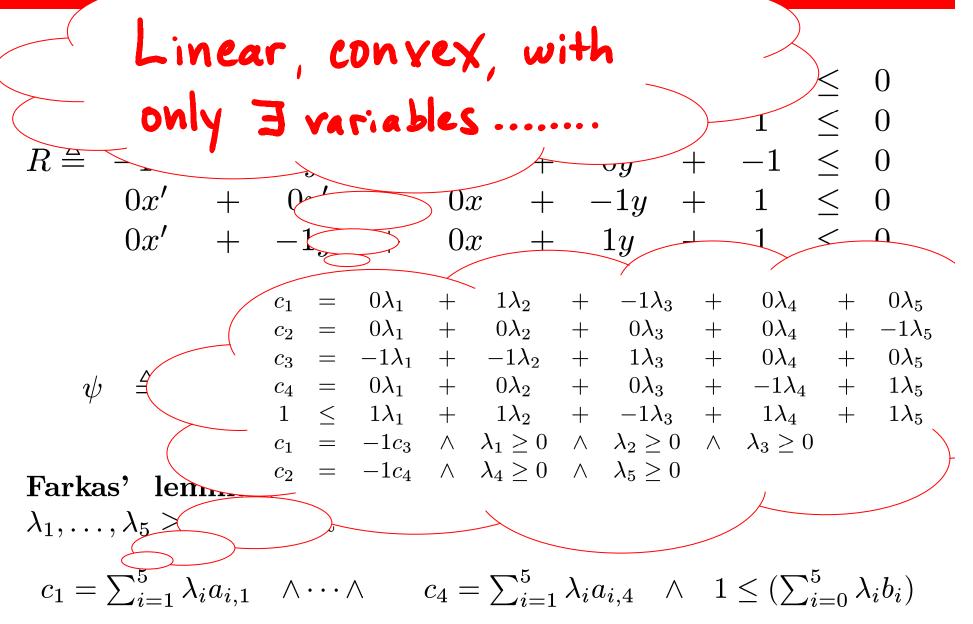
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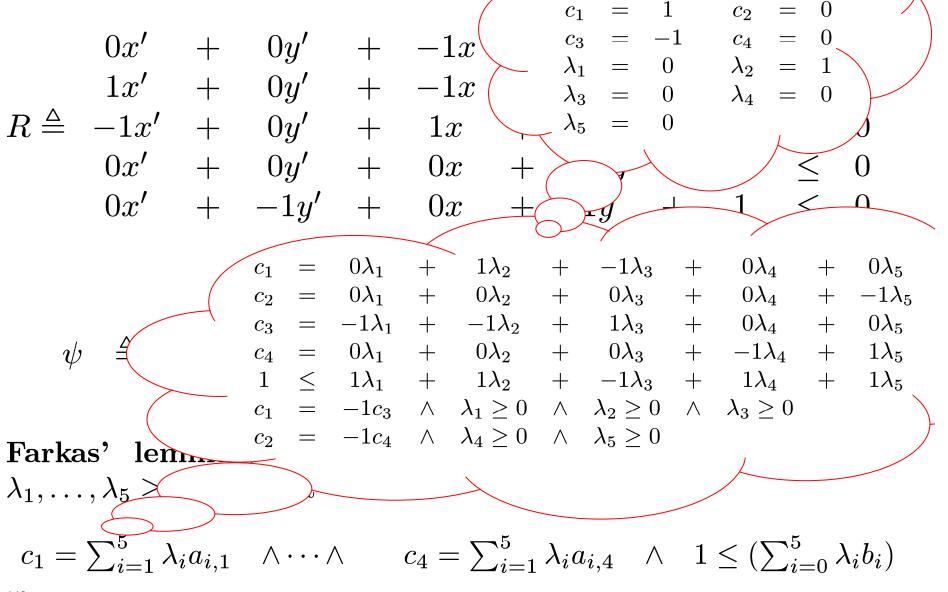




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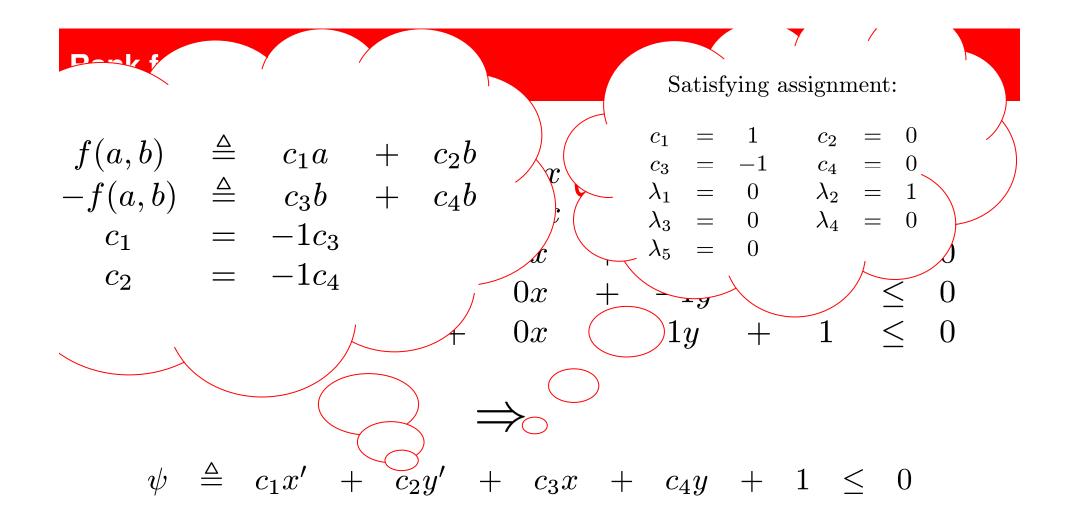


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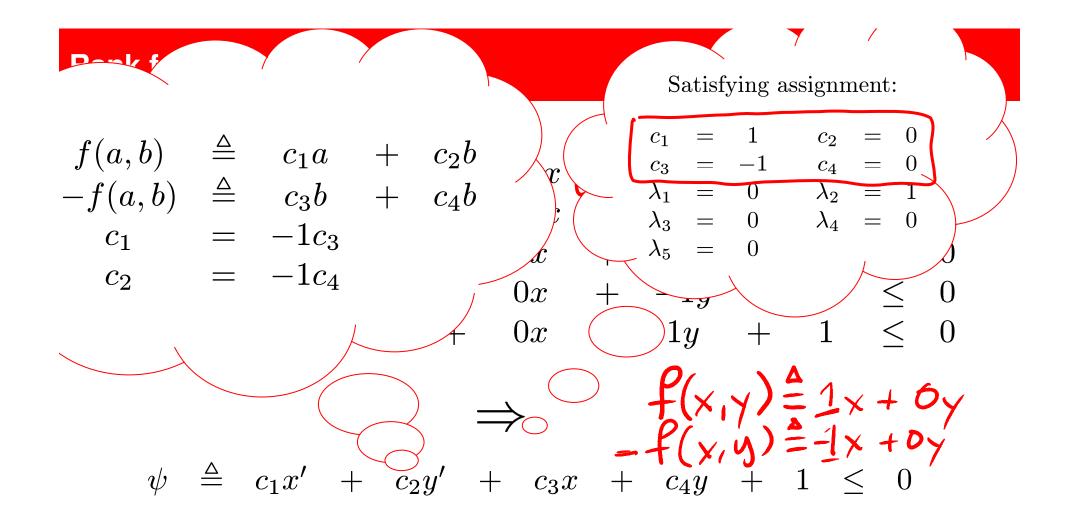
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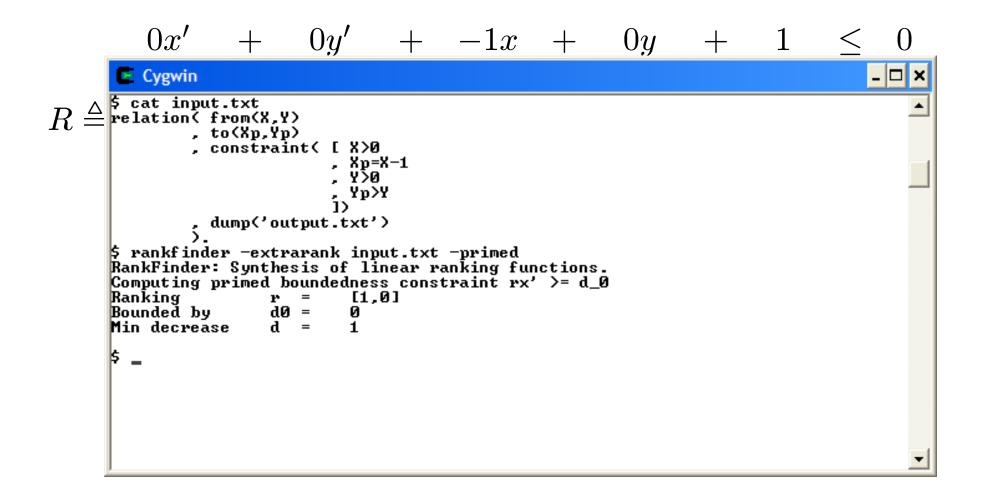


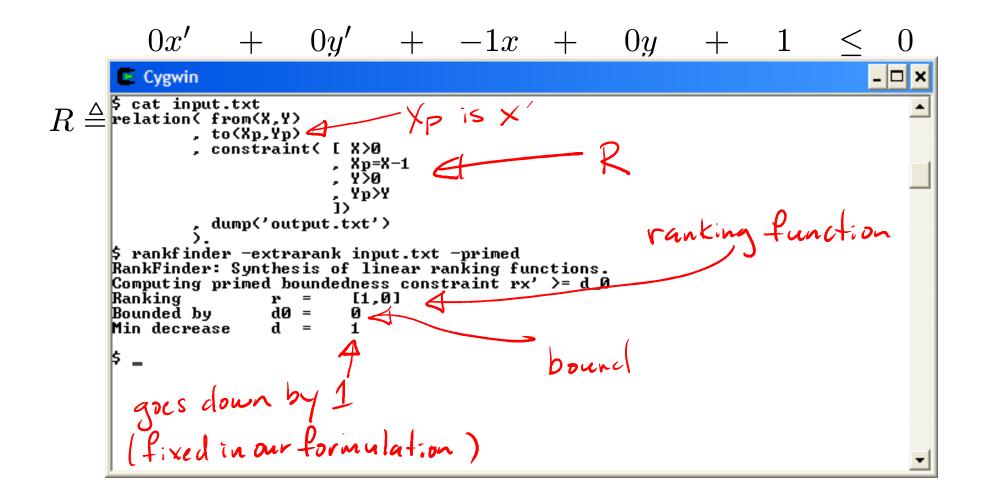
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0x' + 0y' + -1x+ 0y $+ 1 \leq 0$  $+ 1 \leq 0$ 1x' + 0y' + -1x+ 0y $R \triangleq -1x' + 0y' + 1x + 0y + -1 \leq 0$  $0x' + 0y' + 0x + -1y + 1 \leq$ 0  $+ 1 \leq$ 0x' + -1y' + 0x + 1y0  $f(x,y) \stackrel{\text{\tiny a}}{=} 1x + 0y$  $f(x,y) \stackrel{\text{\tiny a}}{=} 1x + 0y$ b = -1

 $\subseteq$ 

 $\geq_{x,0}$ 





- Question: can we automatically synthesize *f*s if we limit their form?
  - Linear ranking functions from linear convex relations: Yes, always!
  - Linear ranking functions from linear non-convex relations: Yes, sometimes.....
  - Linear ranking functions from non-linear convex relations: Yes, sometimes.....
  - Linear ranking functions with invariants from convex relations: Yes, always.....
  - Non-linear ranking functions from non-linear convex relations: Yes, sometimes.....
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→ Not all WF linear relations have linear ranking functions

→ Example 1: 
$$R \triangleq x \ge 0 \land x' = -2x + 10$$

• No linear f exists s.t.  $R \subseteq \geq_f$ 

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$$R^+ \subseteq \geq_{\mathsf{x},0} \cup \geq_{(-\mathsf{x},-10)}$$

- → Example 2:  $R \triangleq x > 0 \land x' = x y \land y' = y + 1$ 
  - No linear f exists s.t.  $R \subseteq \ge_f$
  - $R^+ \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathsf{x},0} \cup \triangleright_{(-\mathsf{y},0)}$
- Other examples: Ackermann's function and most programs with complex nested loops



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