

# Enforcing Opacity in Modular Systems

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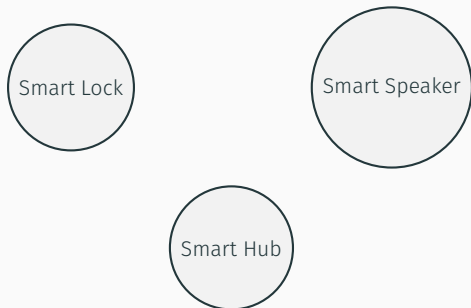
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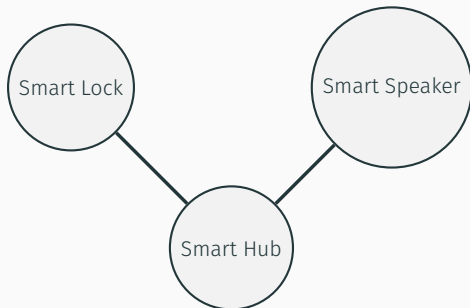
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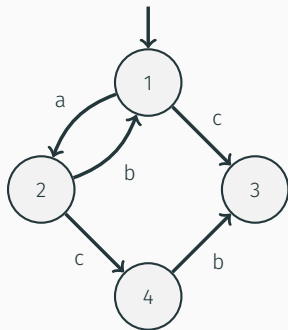
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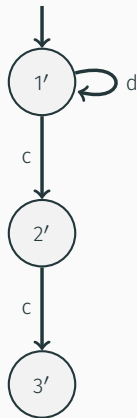
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2. Each module has its a set of **secret states**
3. Modules interact with **shared events**

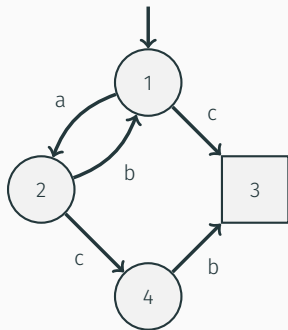




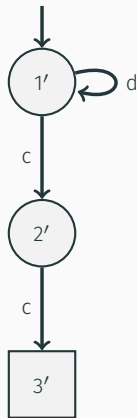
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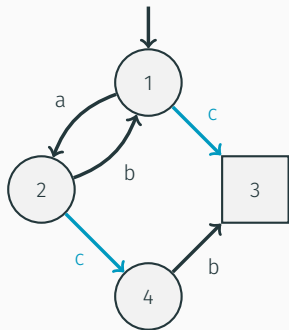


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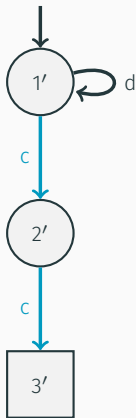
We construct the global system with the **parallel composition**

1. Synchronize on common events
2. Private events are interleaved

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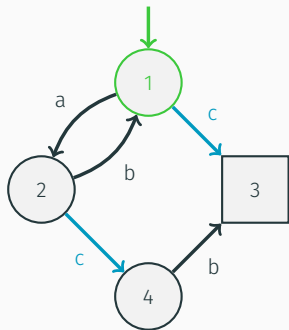
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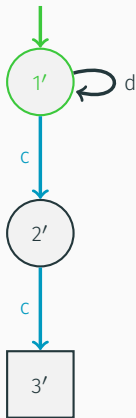
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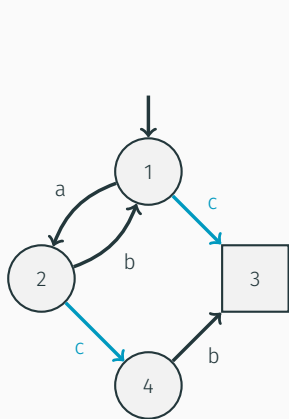


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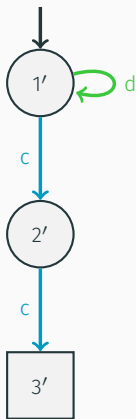


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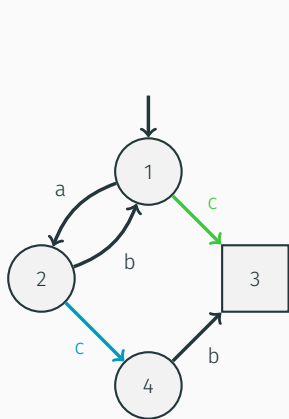


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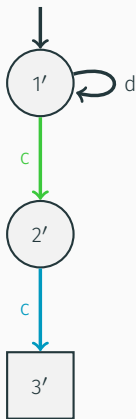


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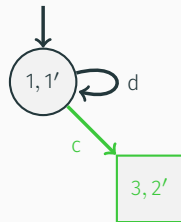
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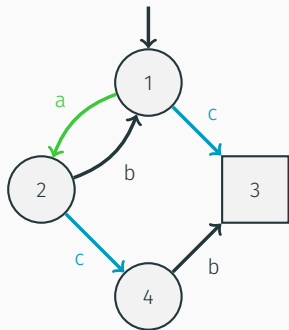


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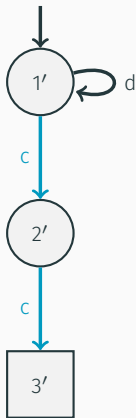


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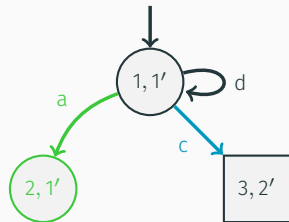
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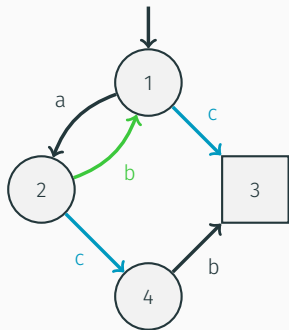
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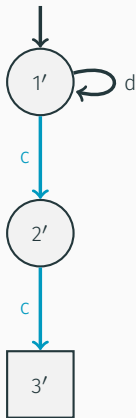
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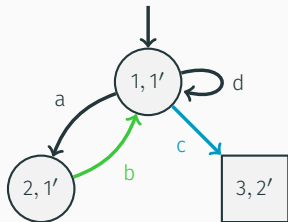
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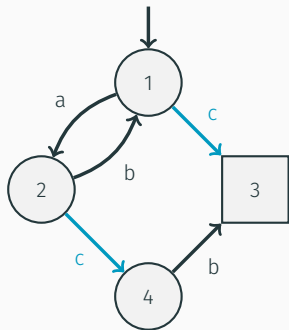


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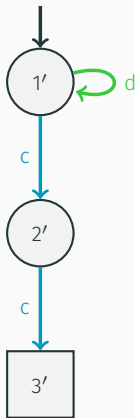


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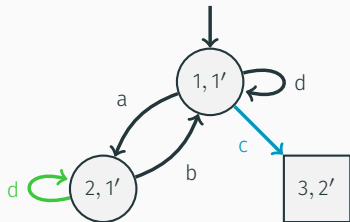
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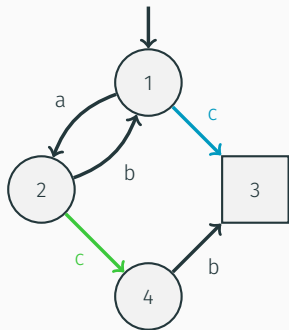


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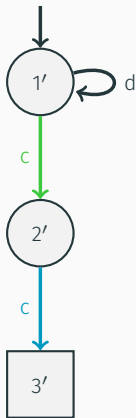


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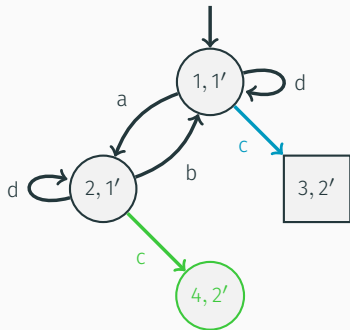
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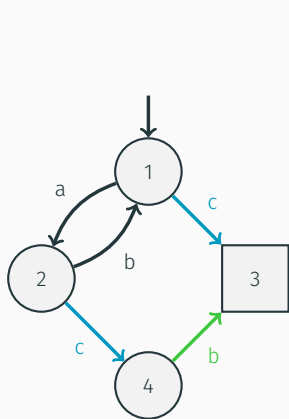


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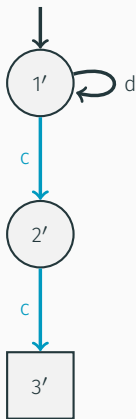


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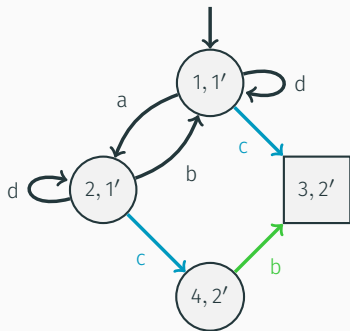
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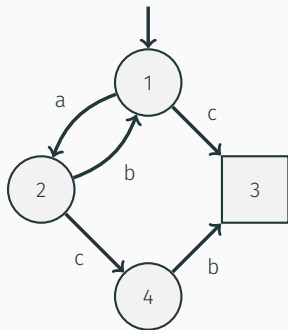


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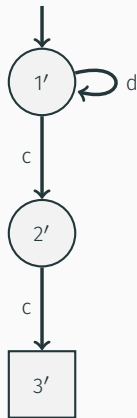


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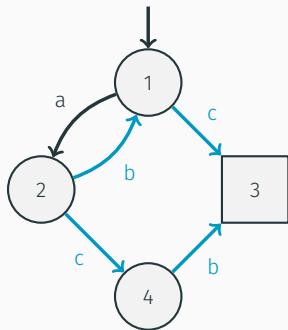
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- Full knowledge of system architecture
- Has an **observable alphabet**



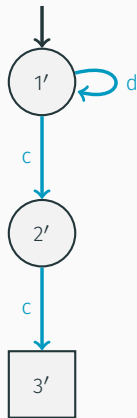
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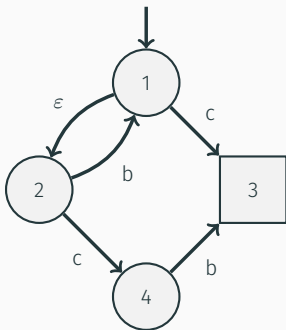
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- **Determinization**: we treat events not in the attacker's alphabet as epsilon events and determinize the system

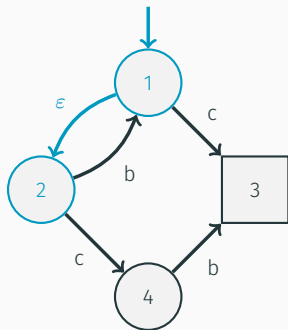
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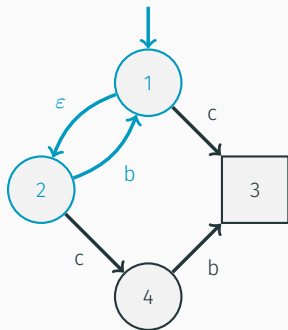


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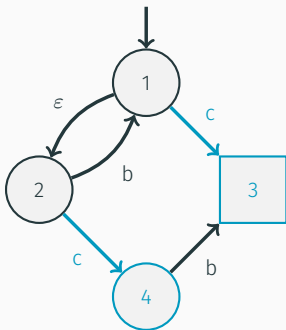


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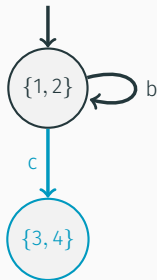


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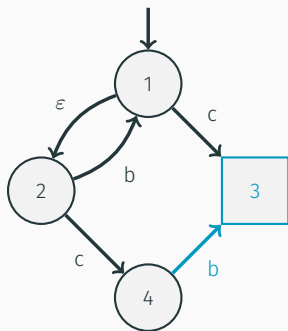
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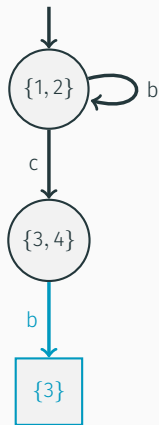
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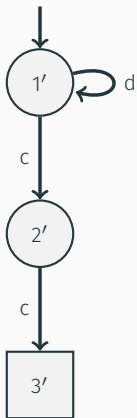


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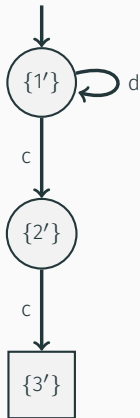


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What if we could check opacity locally, allowing us to avoid constructing the full system?

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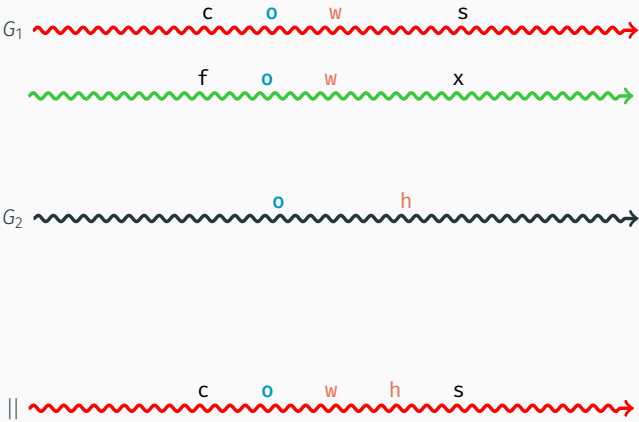




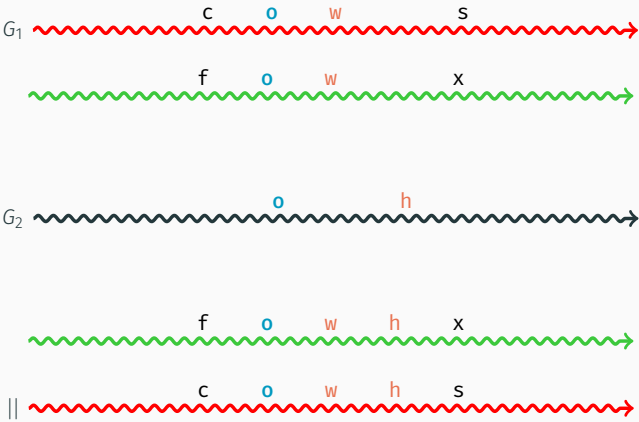
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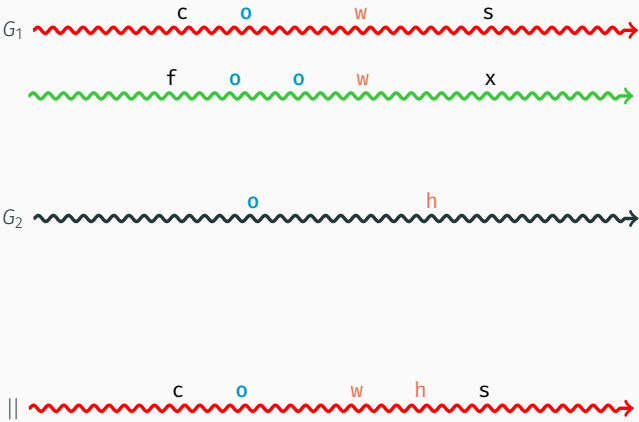
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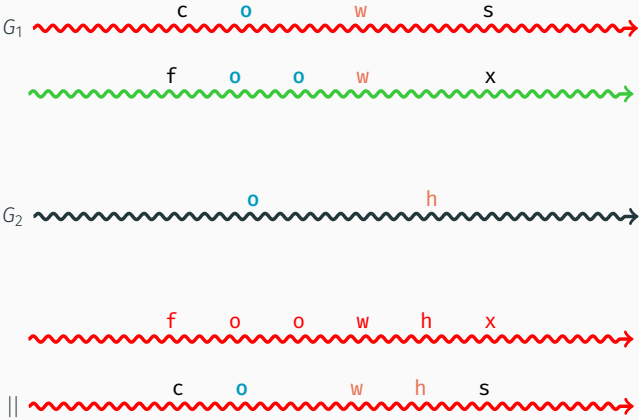
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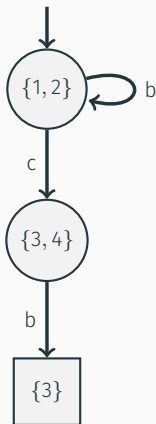
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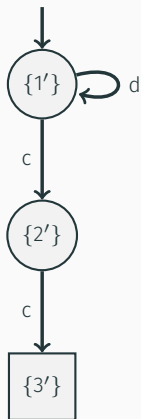
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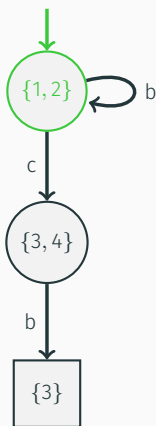
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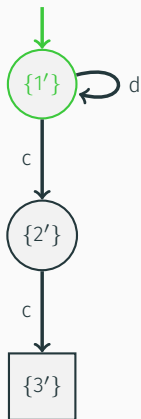
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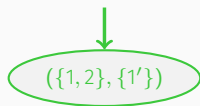
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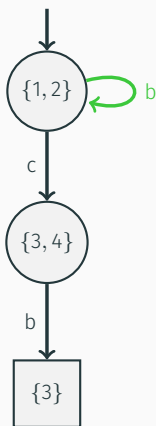


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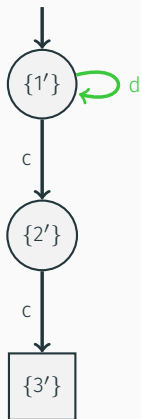


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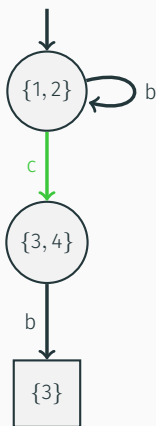


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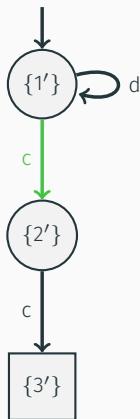


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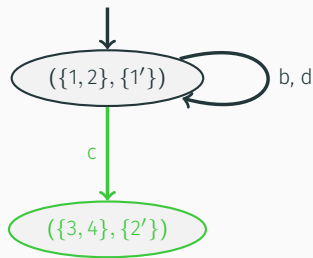
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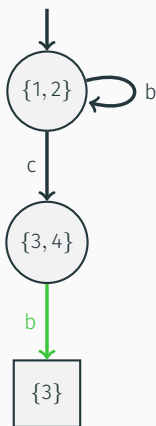


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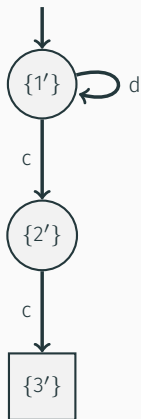


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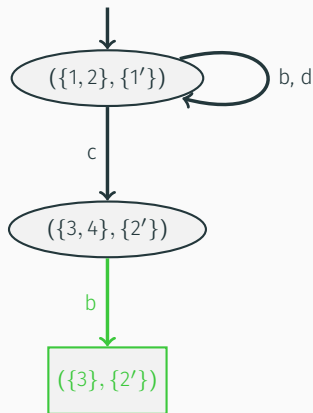
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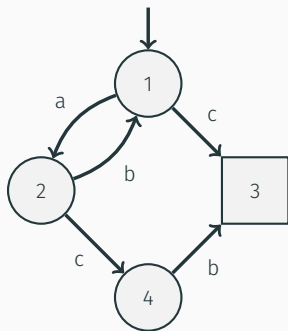
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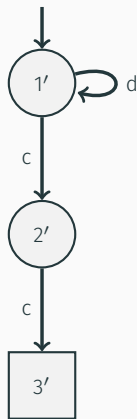
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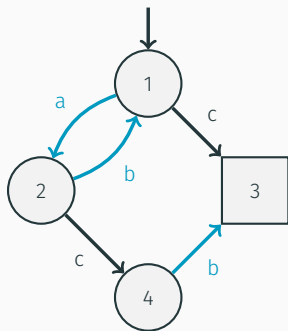


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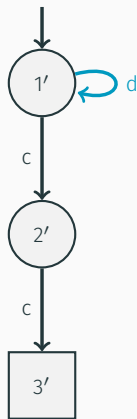


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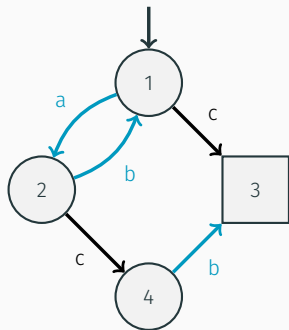


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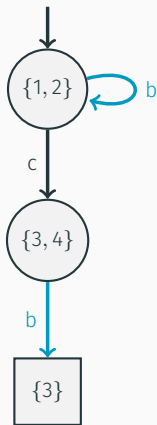


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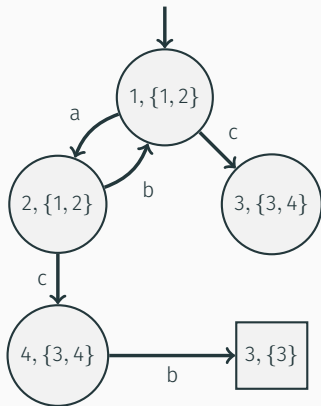
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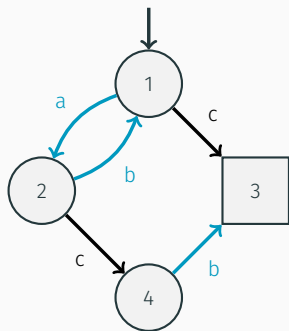


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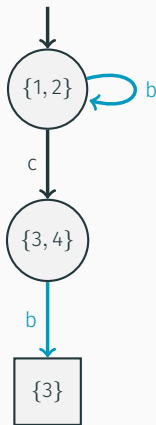


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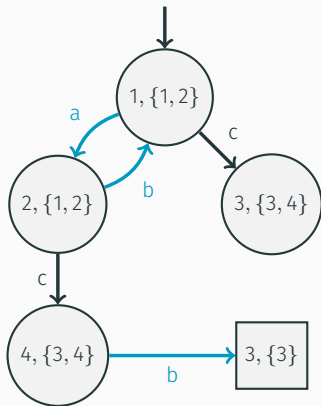
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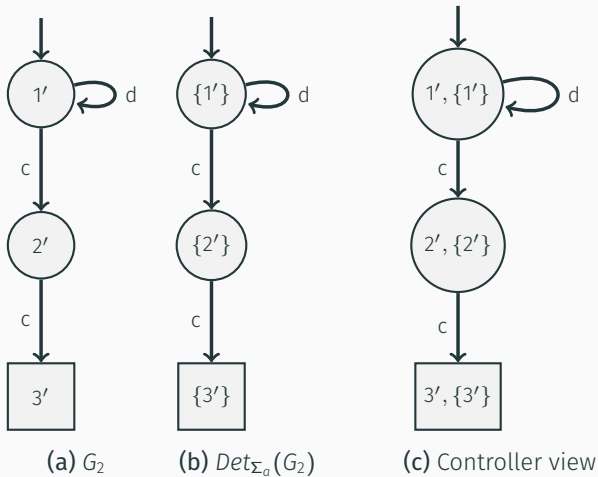


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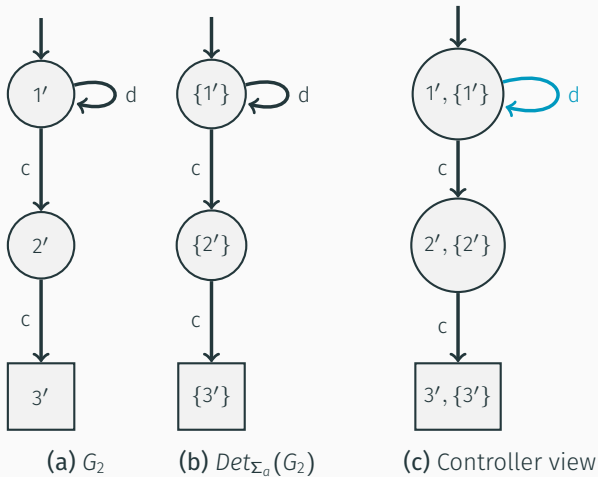
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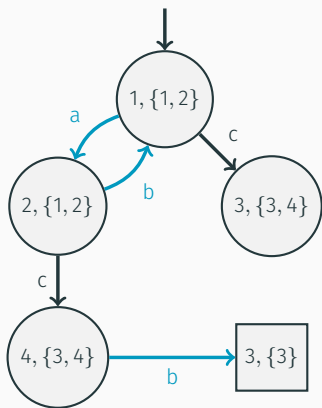


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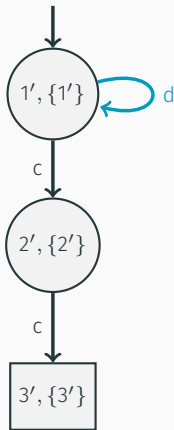


Naive approach: enforce opacity locally without considering other modules.

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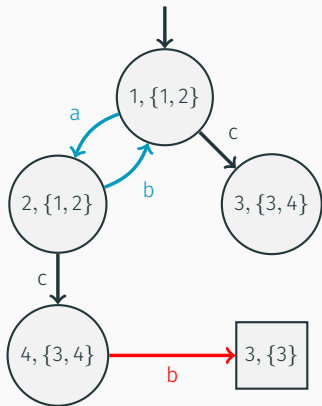


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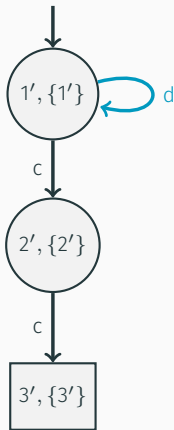


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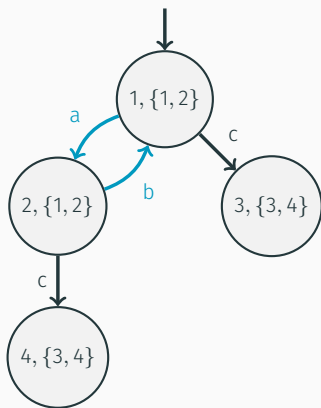


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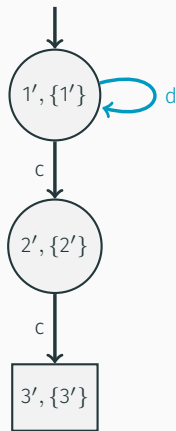


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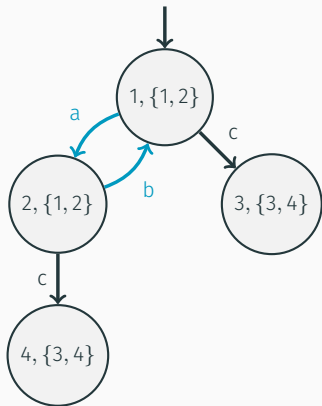


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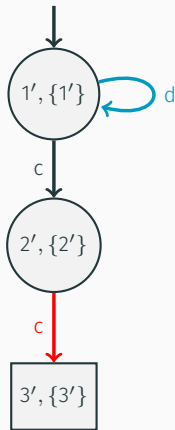


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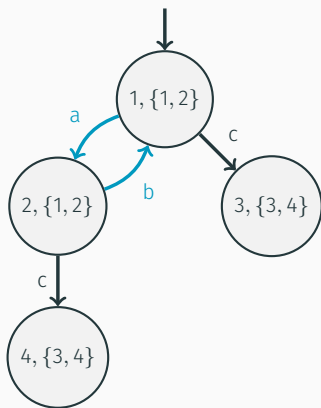


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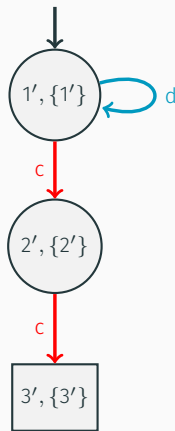


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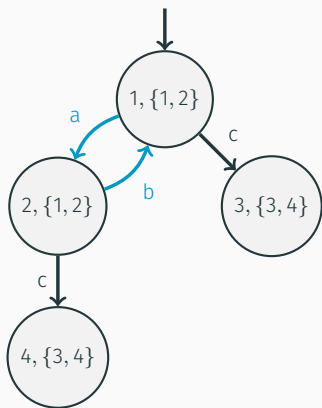


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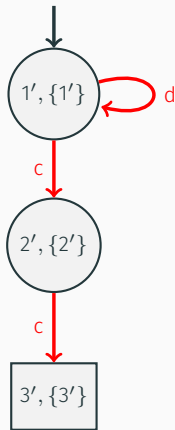


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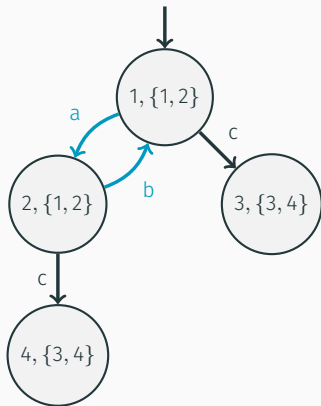
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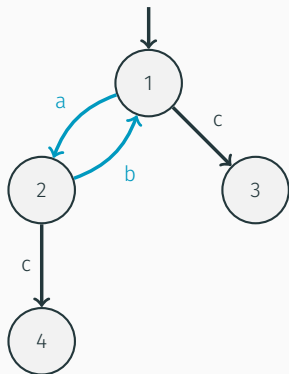
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We observed that  $\mathcal{S}_2$  was opaque, so we can use the fully permissive controller for  $G_2$ .

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Questions?