

On the Total Variation Distance of SMPs

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Outline

- Semi-Markov Processes (SMPs)
- Total Variation Distance of SMPs
- Total Variation vs. Model Checking
- An Approximation Algorithm
- Concluding Remarks

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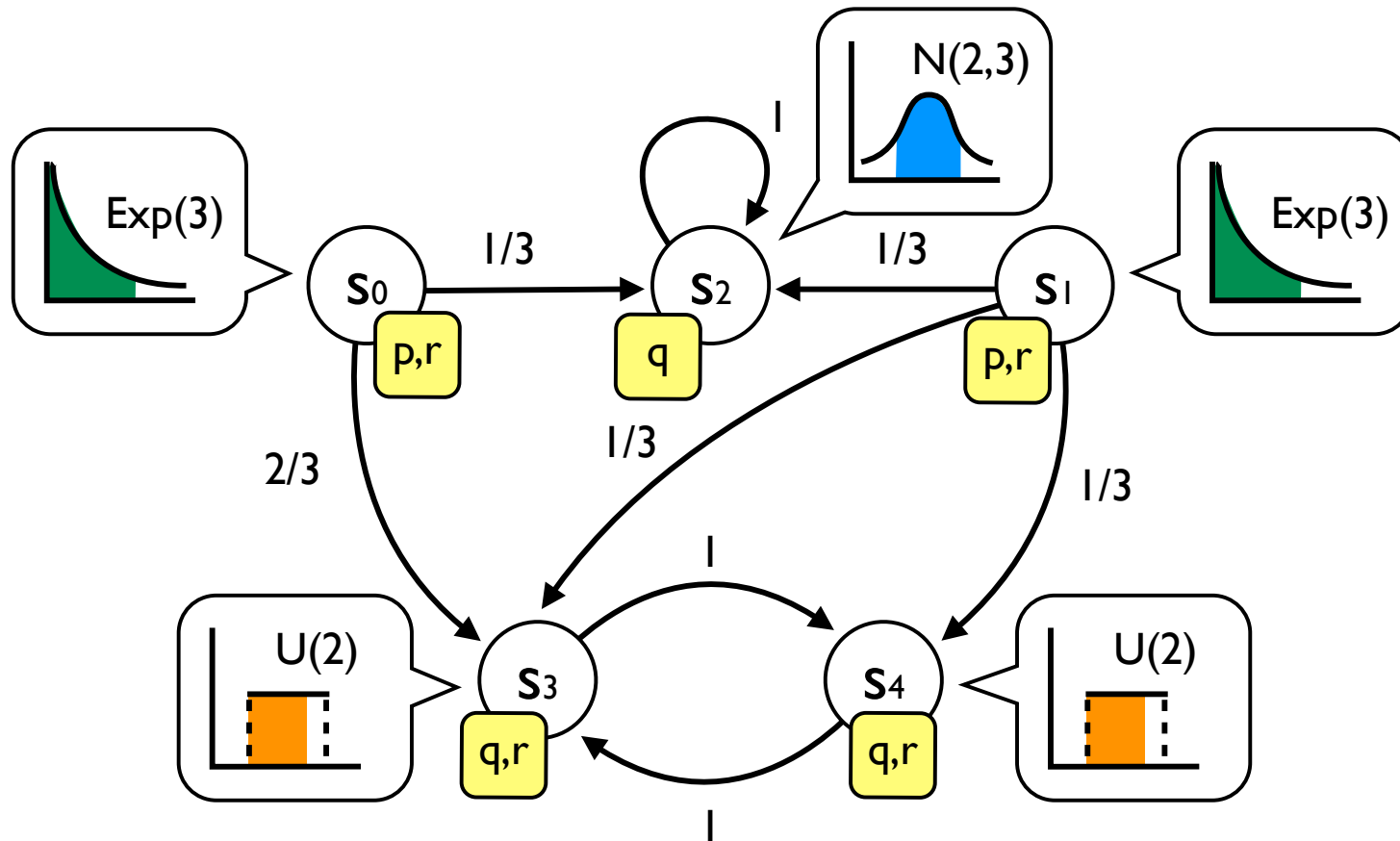
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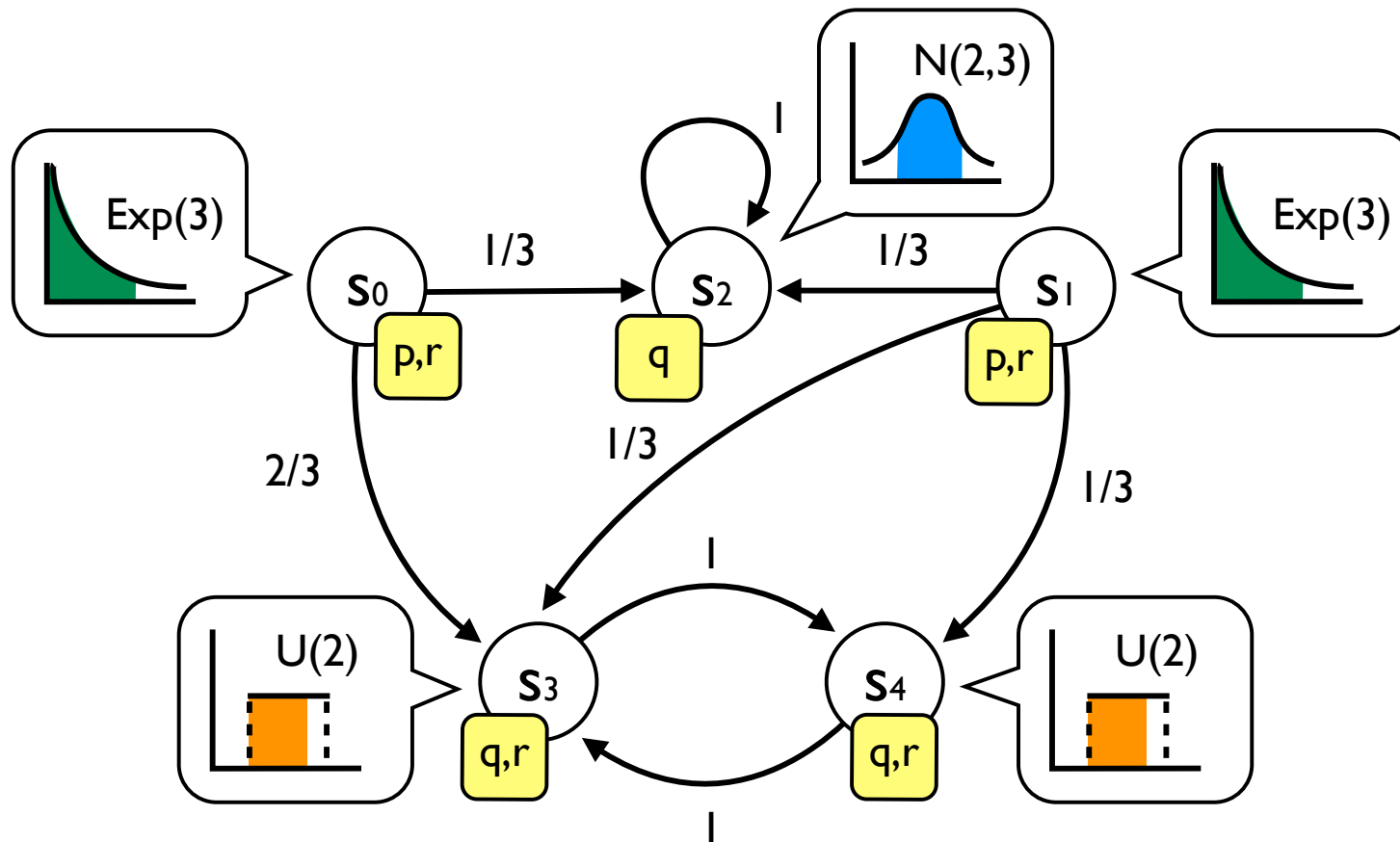
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The largest possible difference that μ and ν assign to the same event

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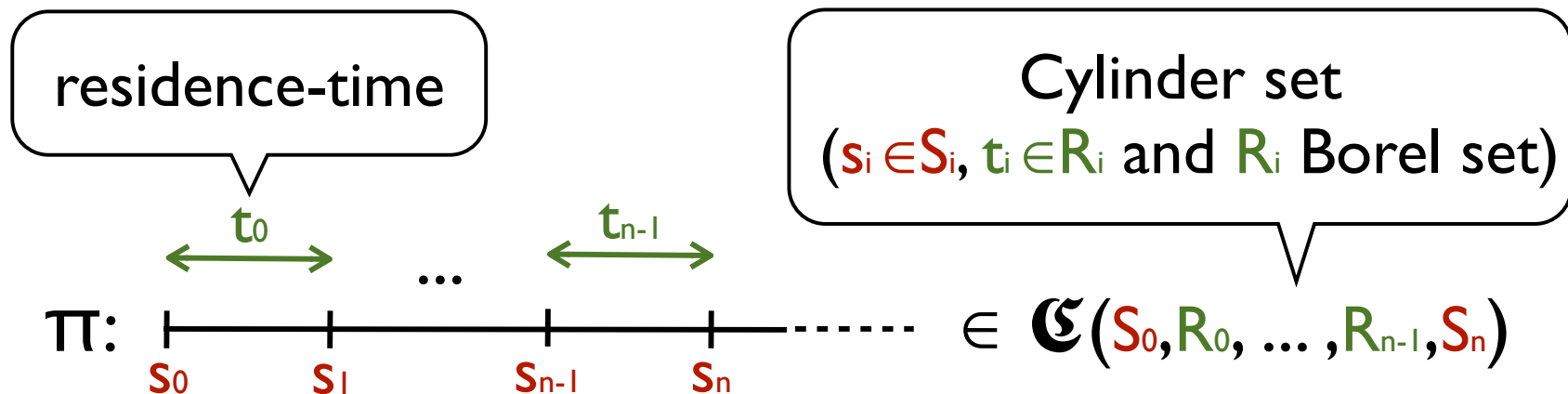


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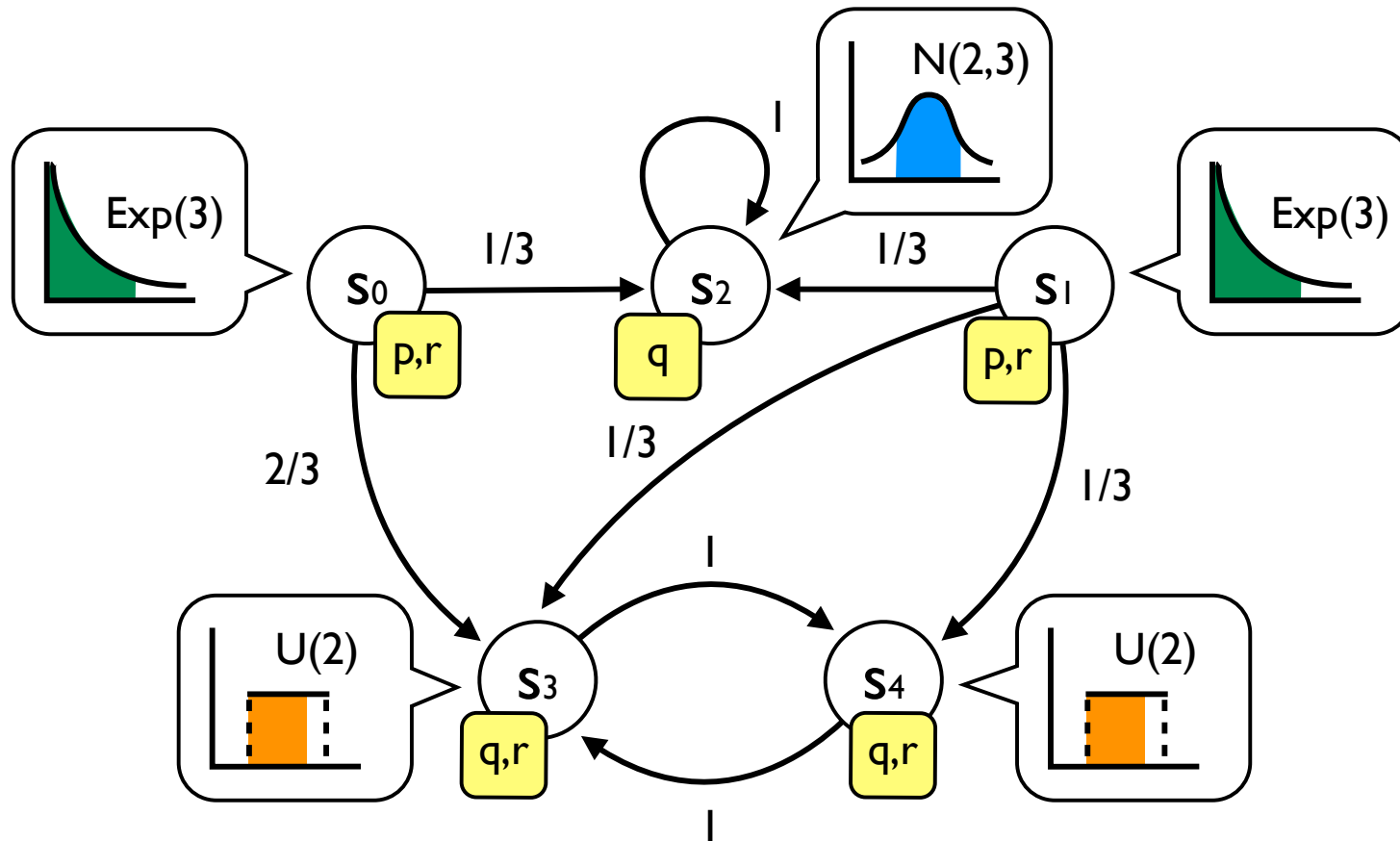
Given an initial state, SMPs can be interpreted as “machines” that emit timed traces of states at a certain probability

Timed paths & Events

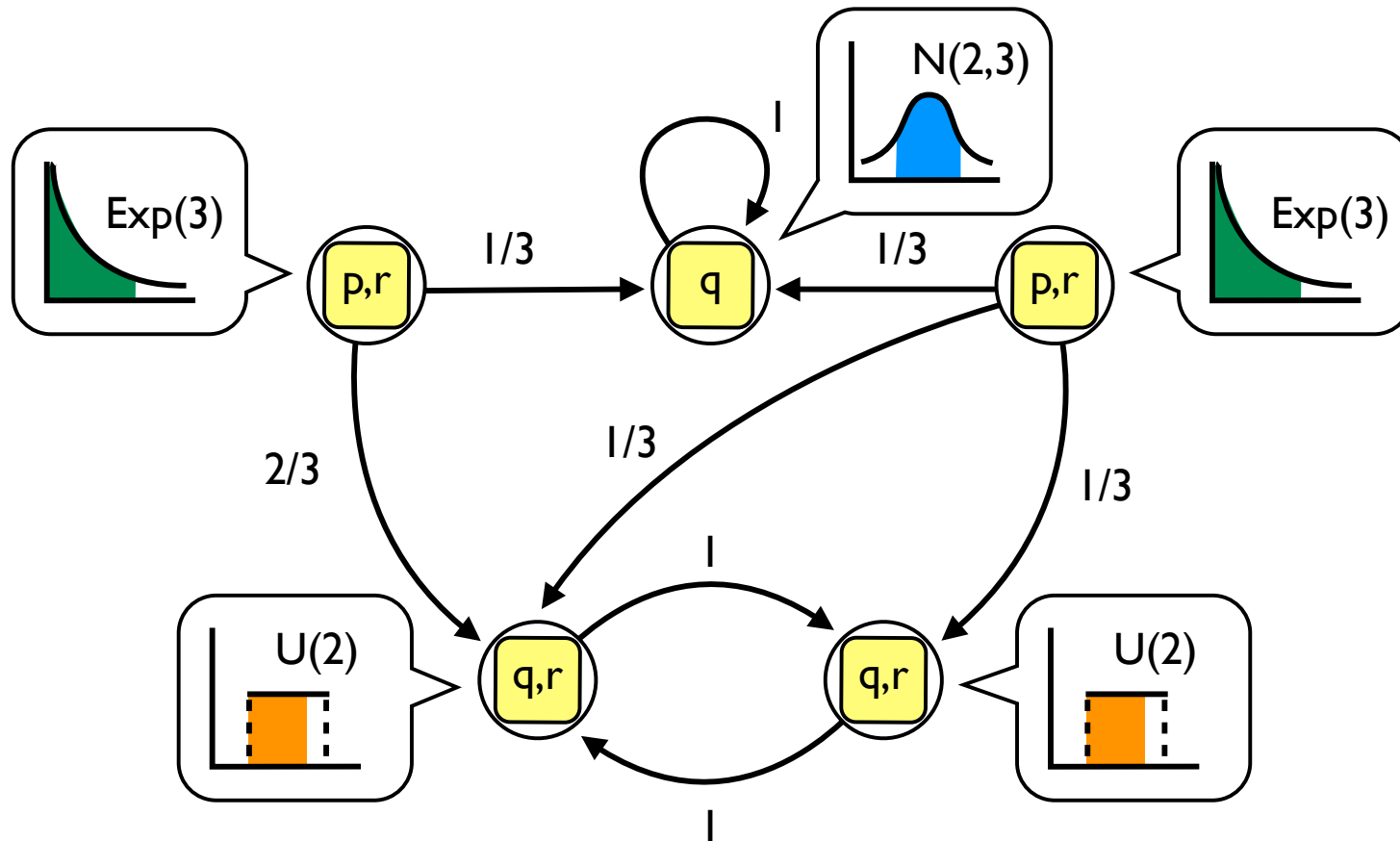


$P[s](\mathfrak{C}(S_0, R_0, \dots, R_{n-1}, S_n)) =$ “probability that, *starting from* s ,
 the SMP emits a timed path
 with prefix in $S_0 \times R_0 \times \dots \times R_{n-1} \times S_n$ ”

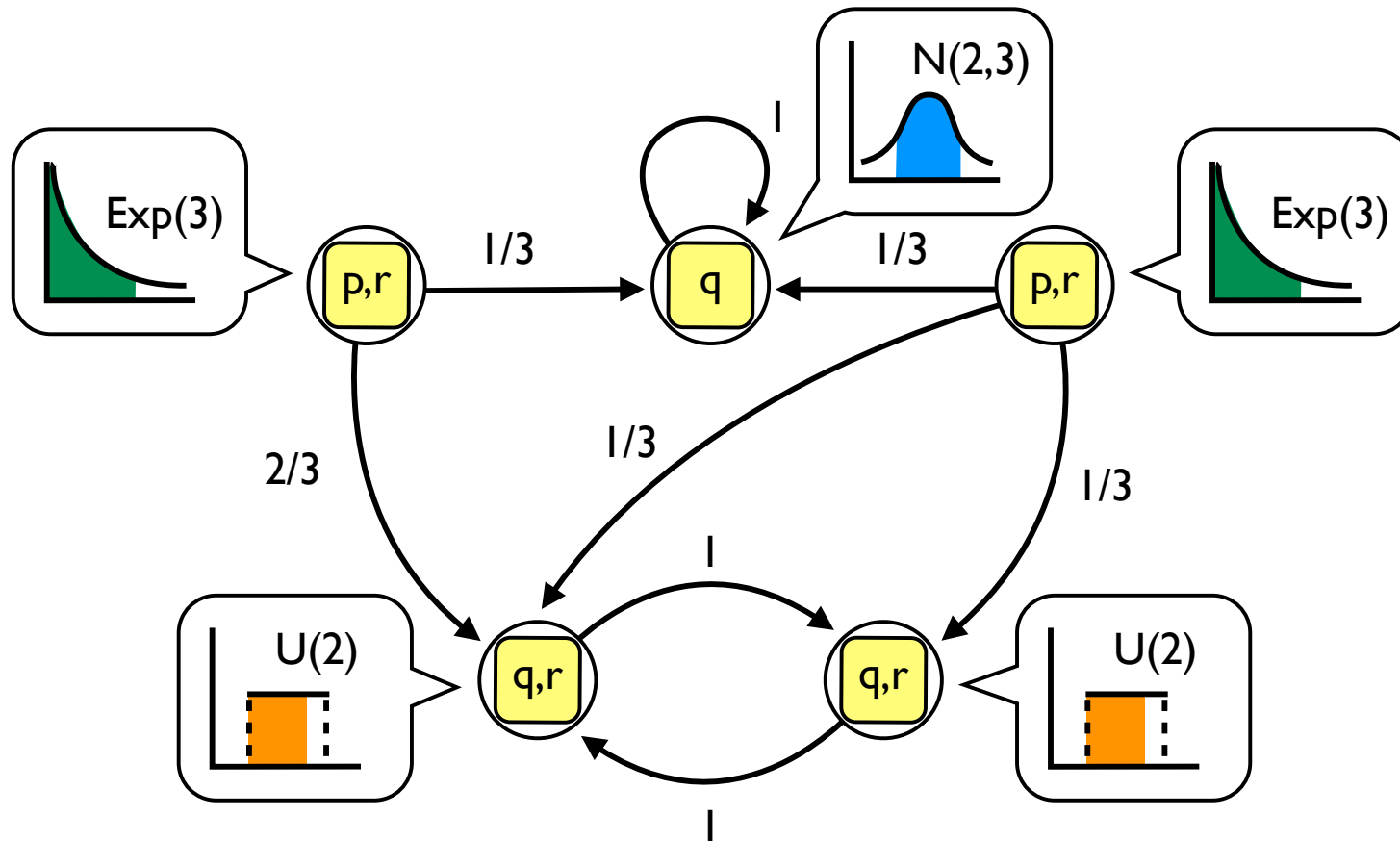
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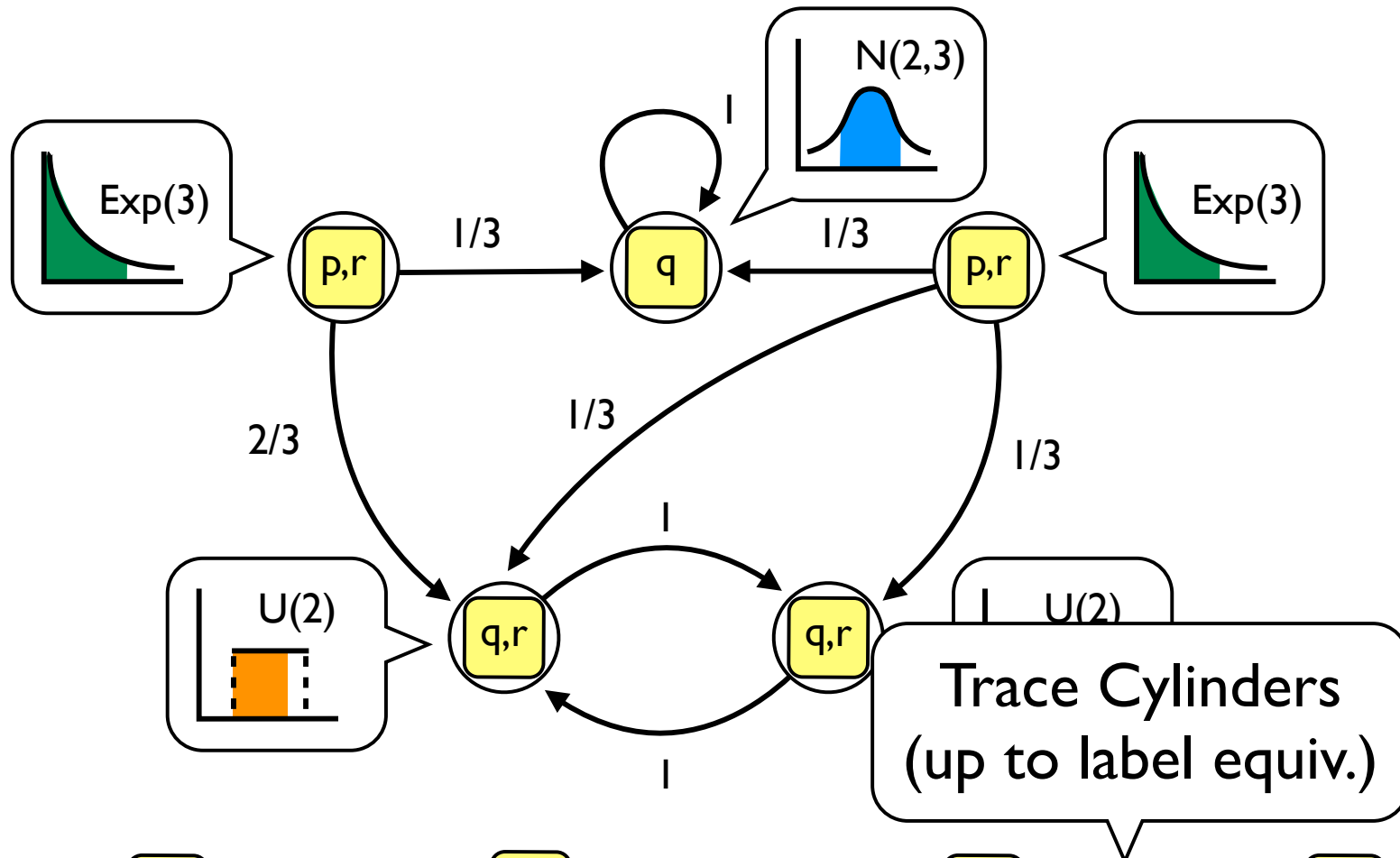


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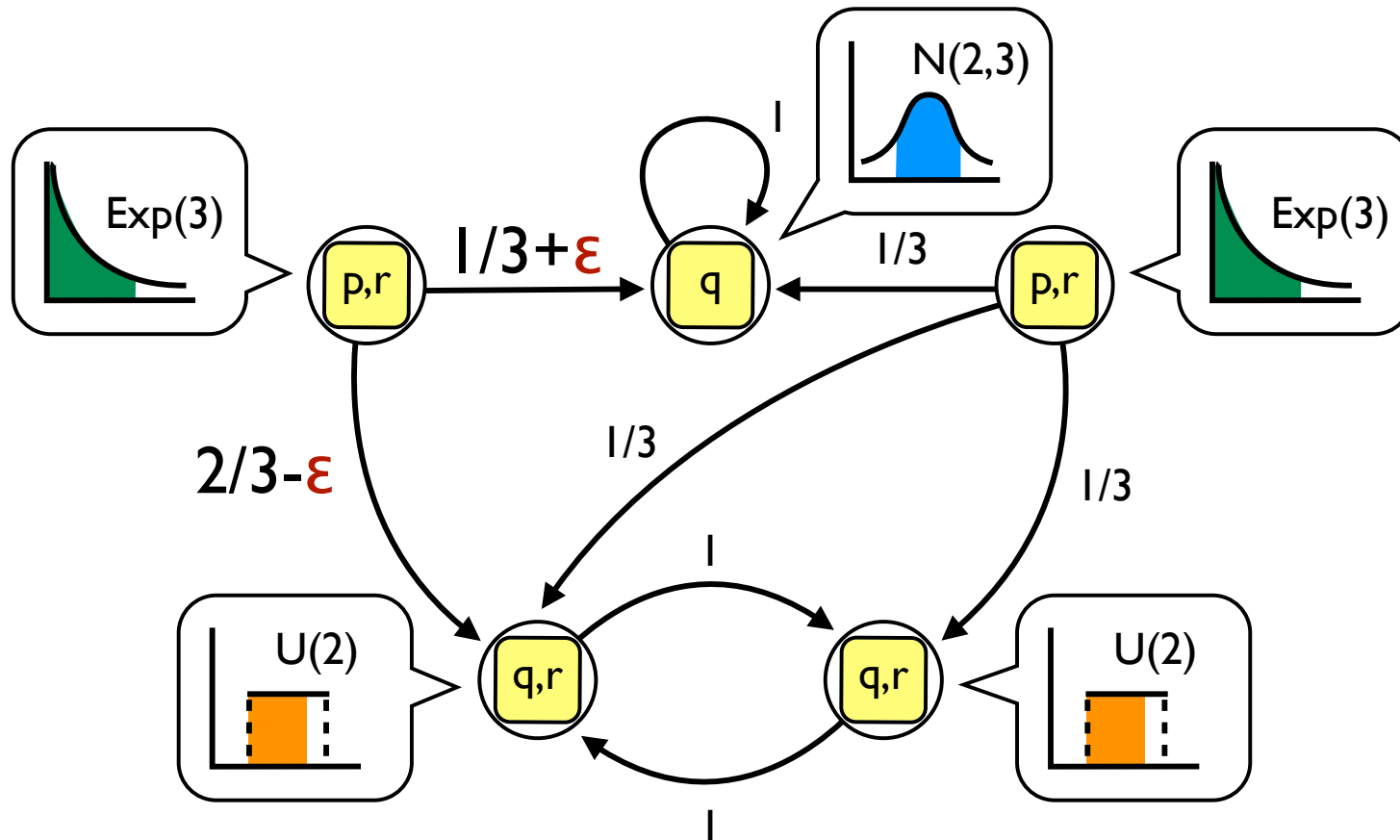
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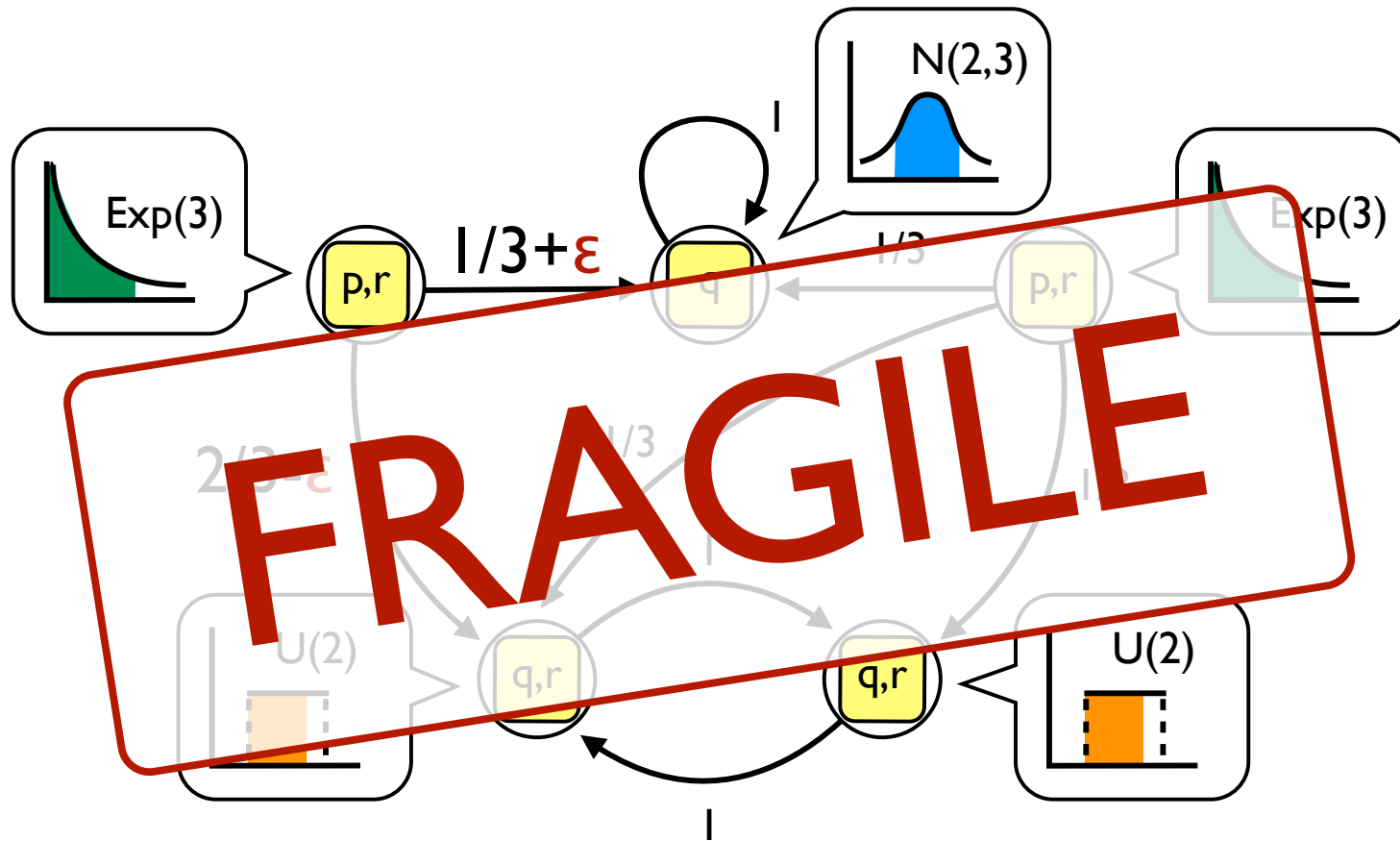
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It's a Behavioral Distance!

$$d(s, s') = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad s \approx_T s'$$

Trace Distance vs. Model Checking

(i.e., what do they have in common?)

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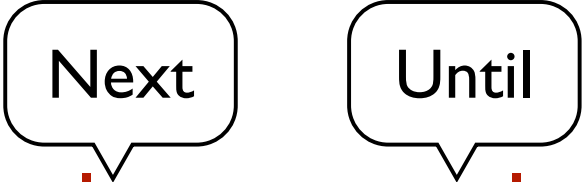
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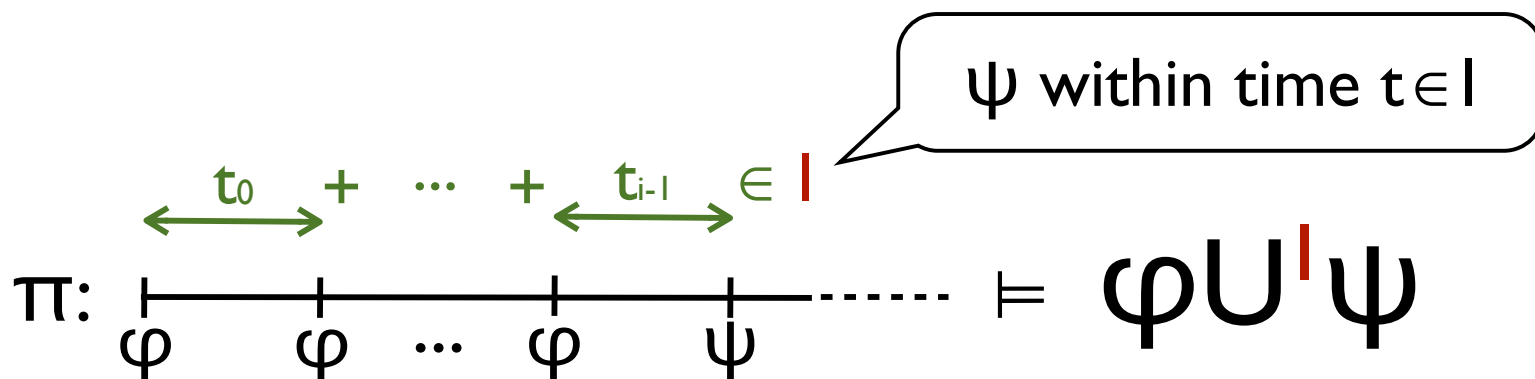
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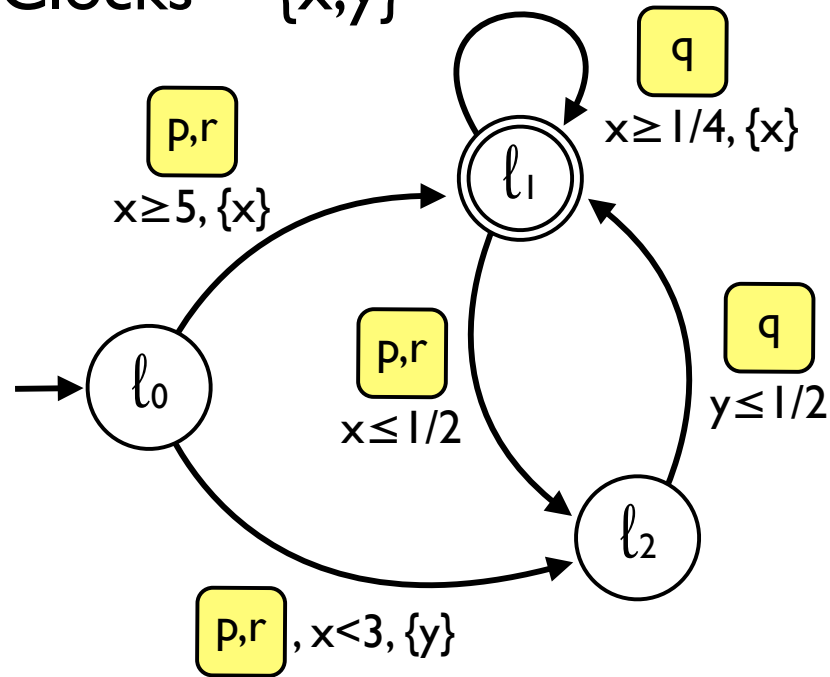
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Timed Automata

(Alur-Dill)

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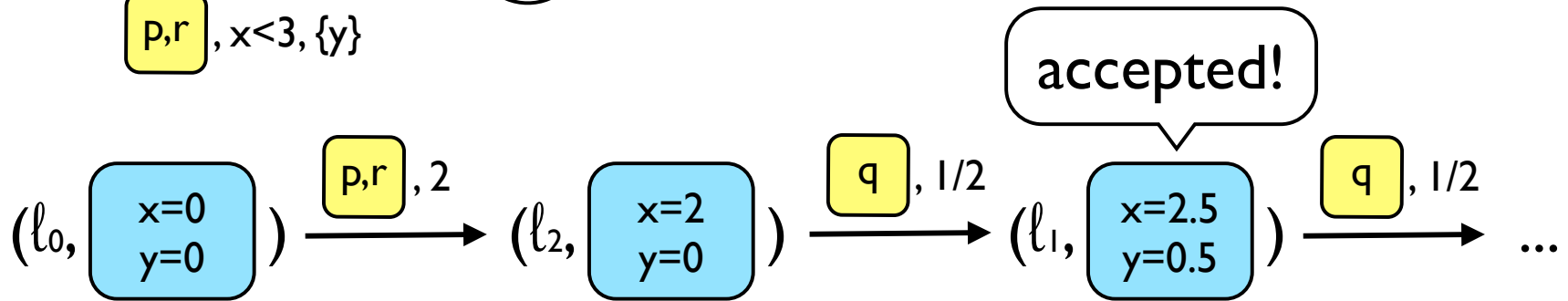
Clocks = {x,y}



Clock Guards

$$g := x \bowtie q \mid g \wedge g$$

for $\bowtie \in \{<, \leq, >, \geq\}, q \in \mathbb{Q}$



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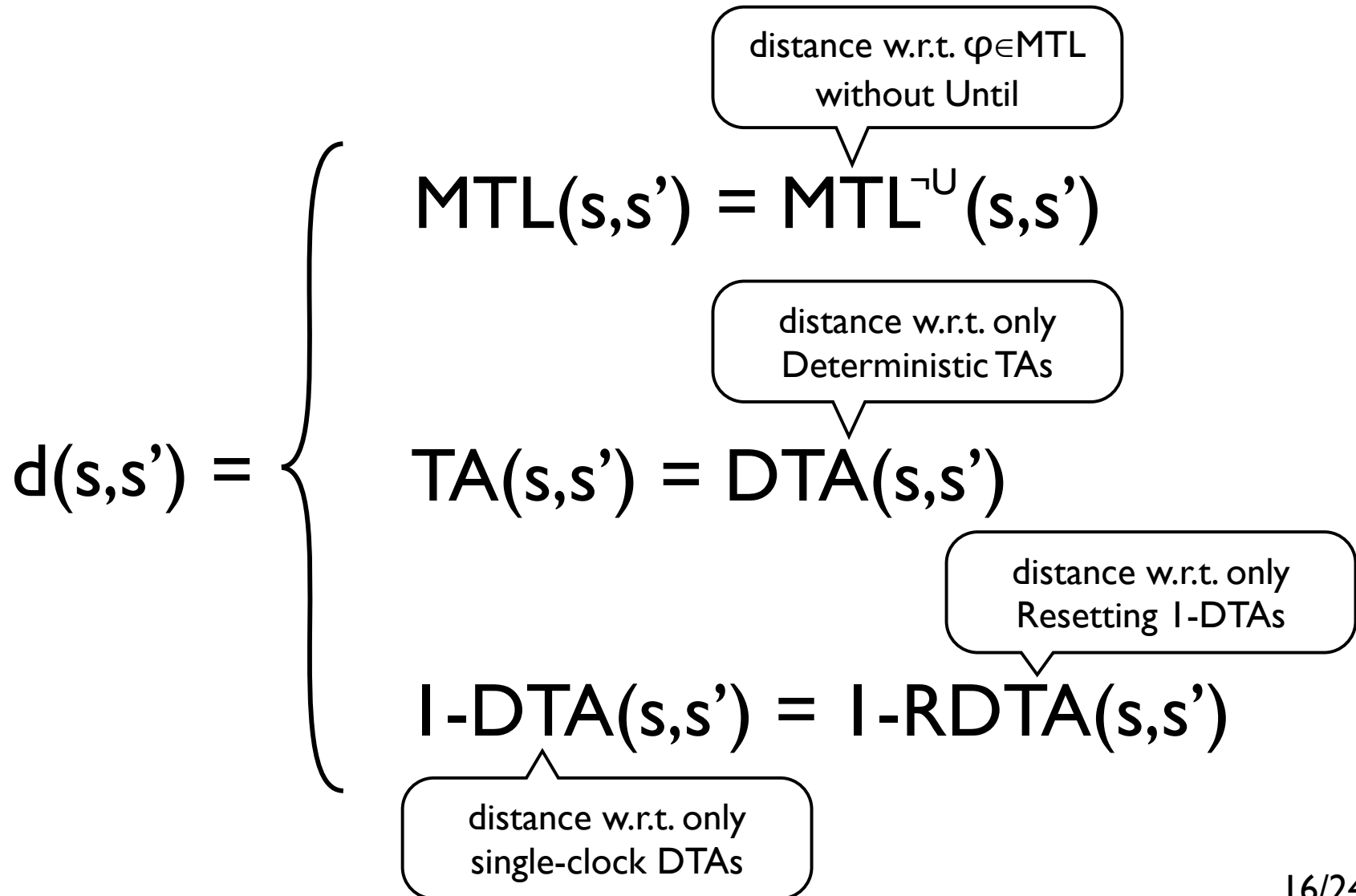
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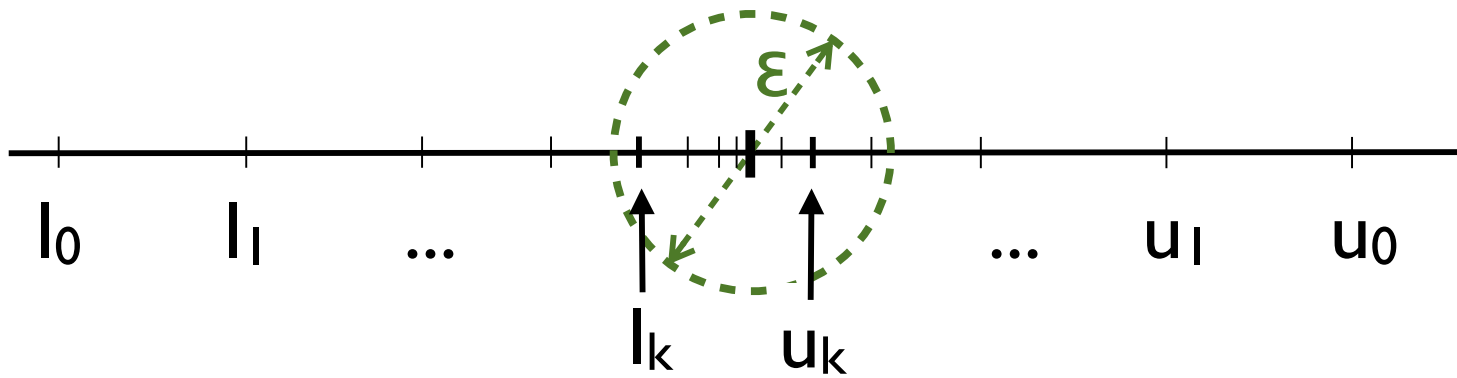
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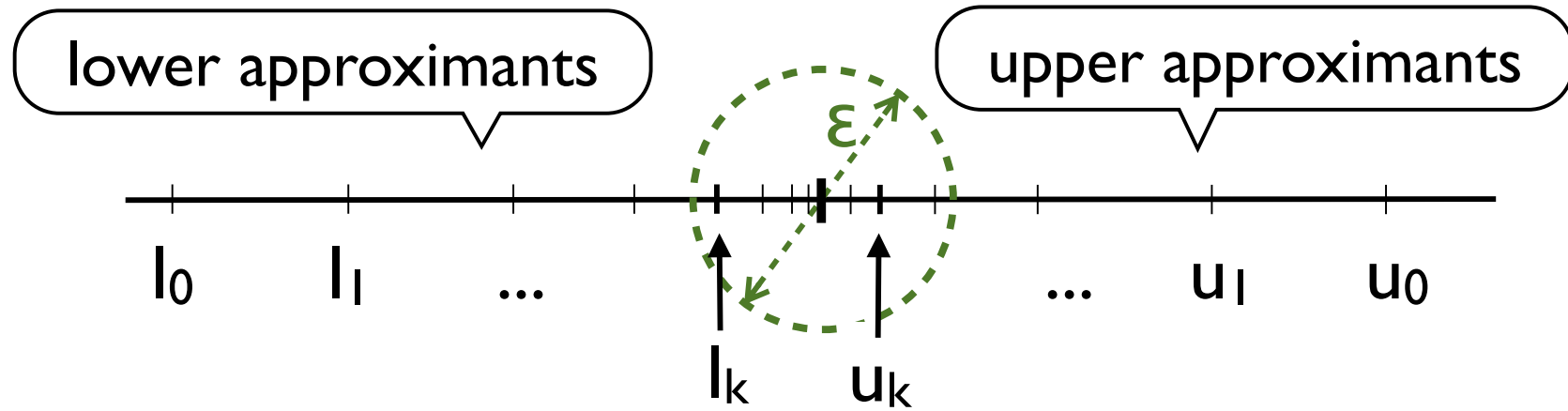
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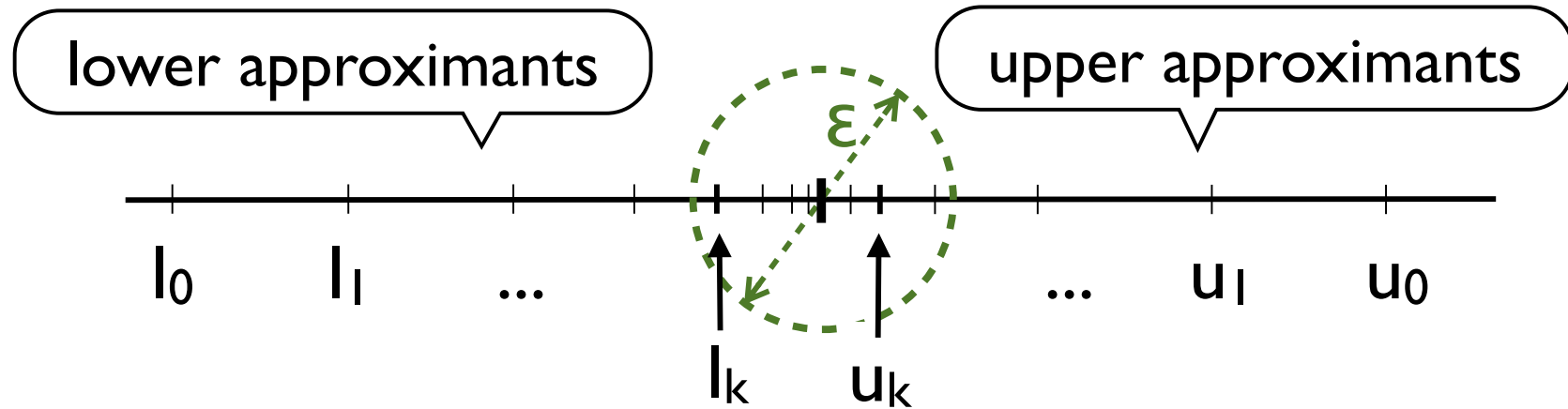
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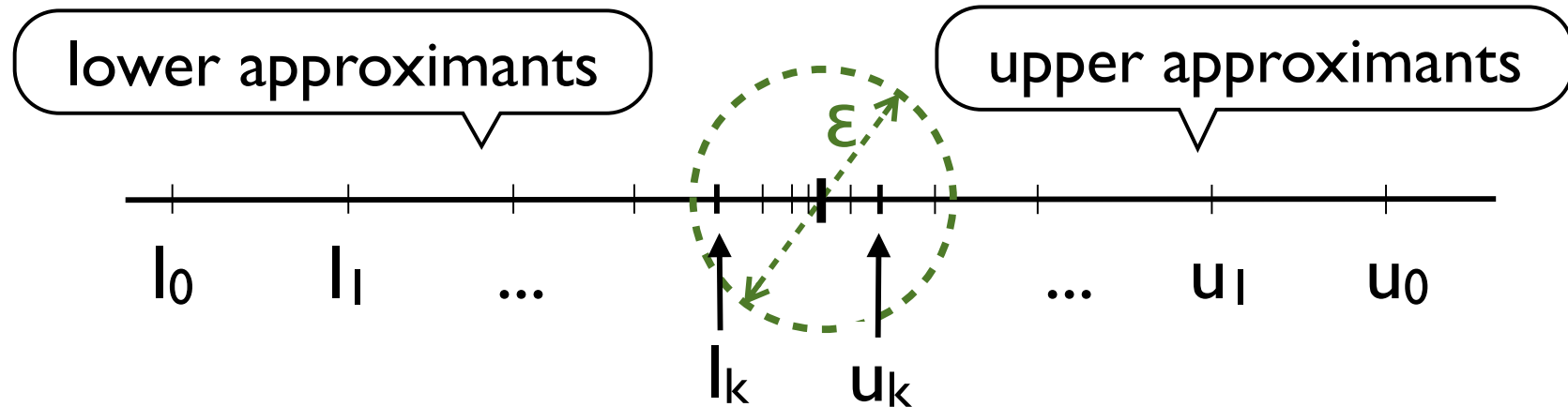


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Chen et al. [LICS'09]

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