Program Verification II.

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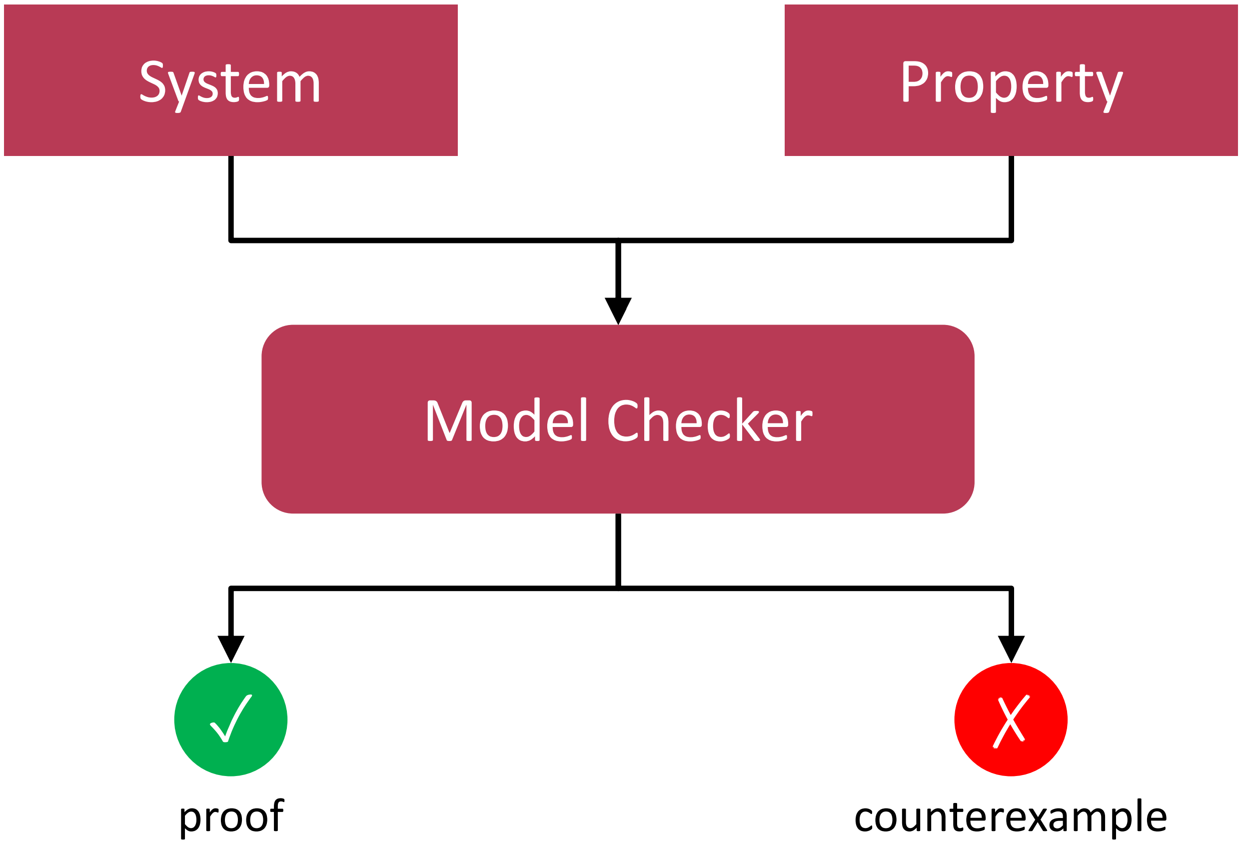
INTRODUCTION

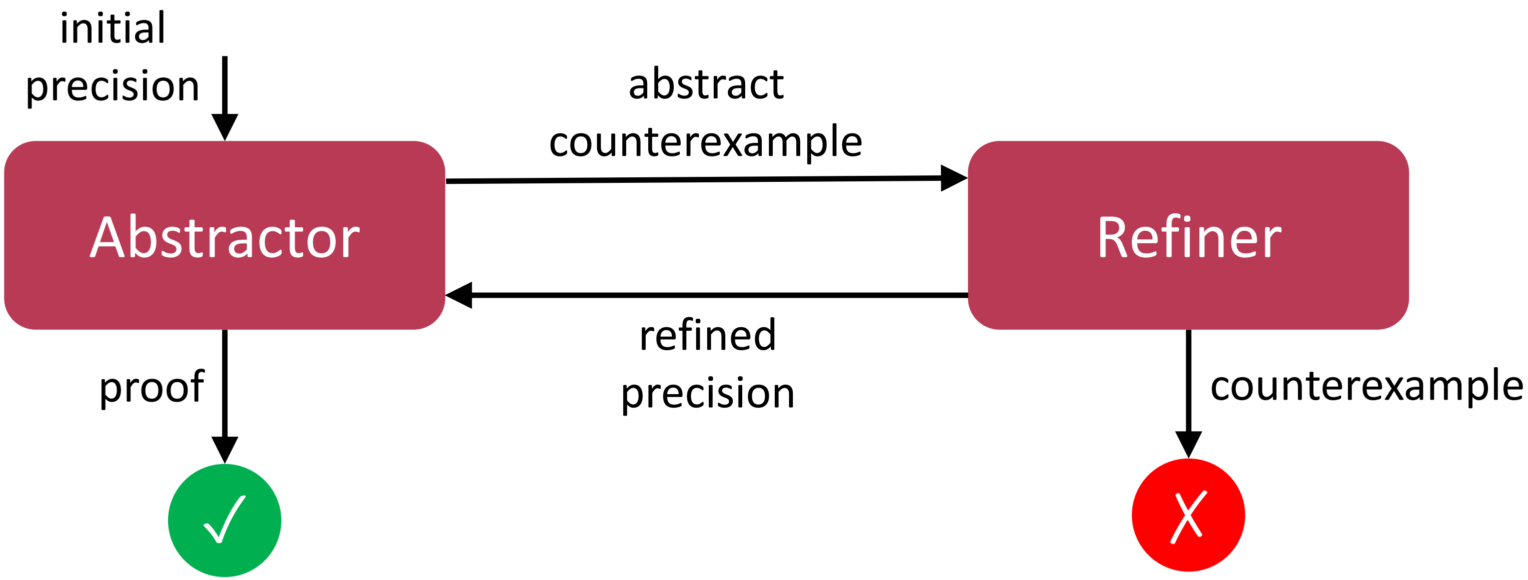
Topic of the Lab Session:

Implement a model chekcer based on Counterexample-Guided Abstraction Refinement (CEGAR)

Model Checking



CEGAR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VERIFICATION WORKFLOW

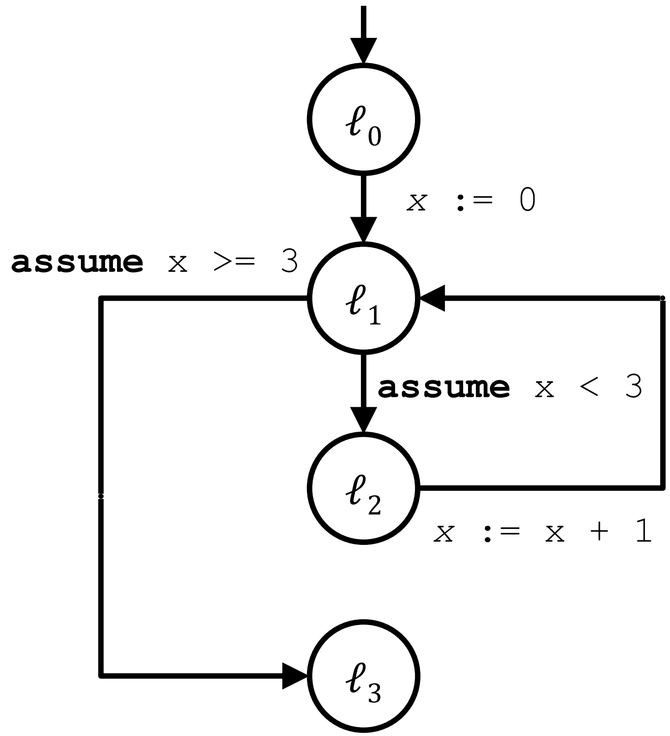
Abstraction

Given the CFA and a precision π, we build an *abstract reachability tree*

- An unwinding of the CFA to a rooted directed tree
- Each node is labeled by a set of literals over π
  - overapproximate the post-image of the parent
- Covering edges between nodes
  - the covering node is not covered
  - the nodes represent the same location
  - the label of the covering node entails the label of the covered node

Building the abstraction: step by step

Let precision $\pi = \{x < 3\}$.



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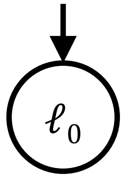

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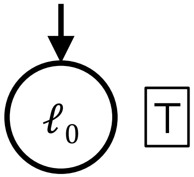
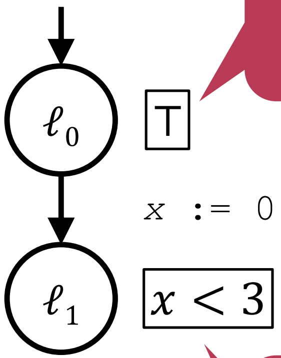


In the initial state all variables have an arbitrary value

Building the abstraction: step by step



If from an arbitrary state …

… we execute the assignment …

… we only obtain states where $x < 3$ holds

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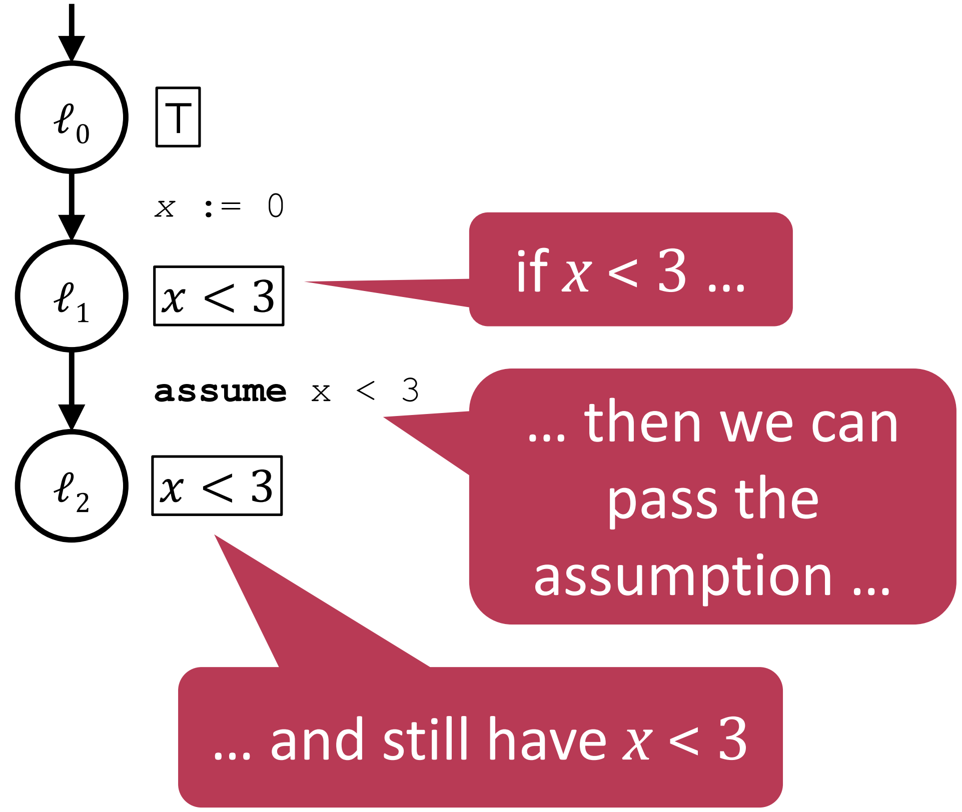

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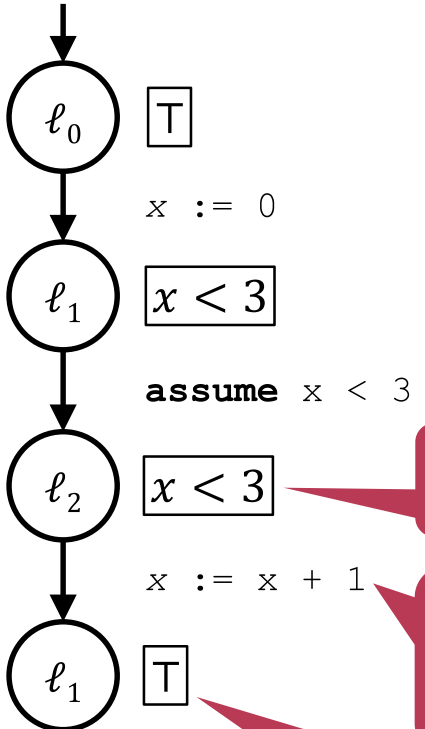

if $x < 3$ …

… and we increment it …

… $x < 3$ either holds or not, thus we have an arbitrary state

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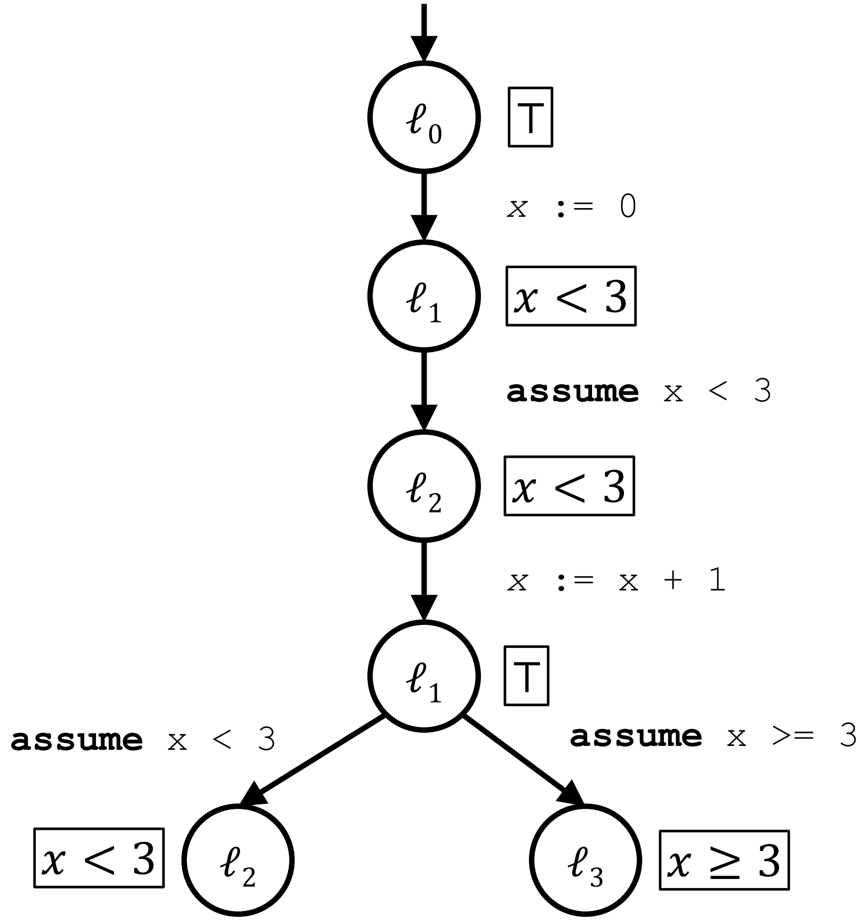

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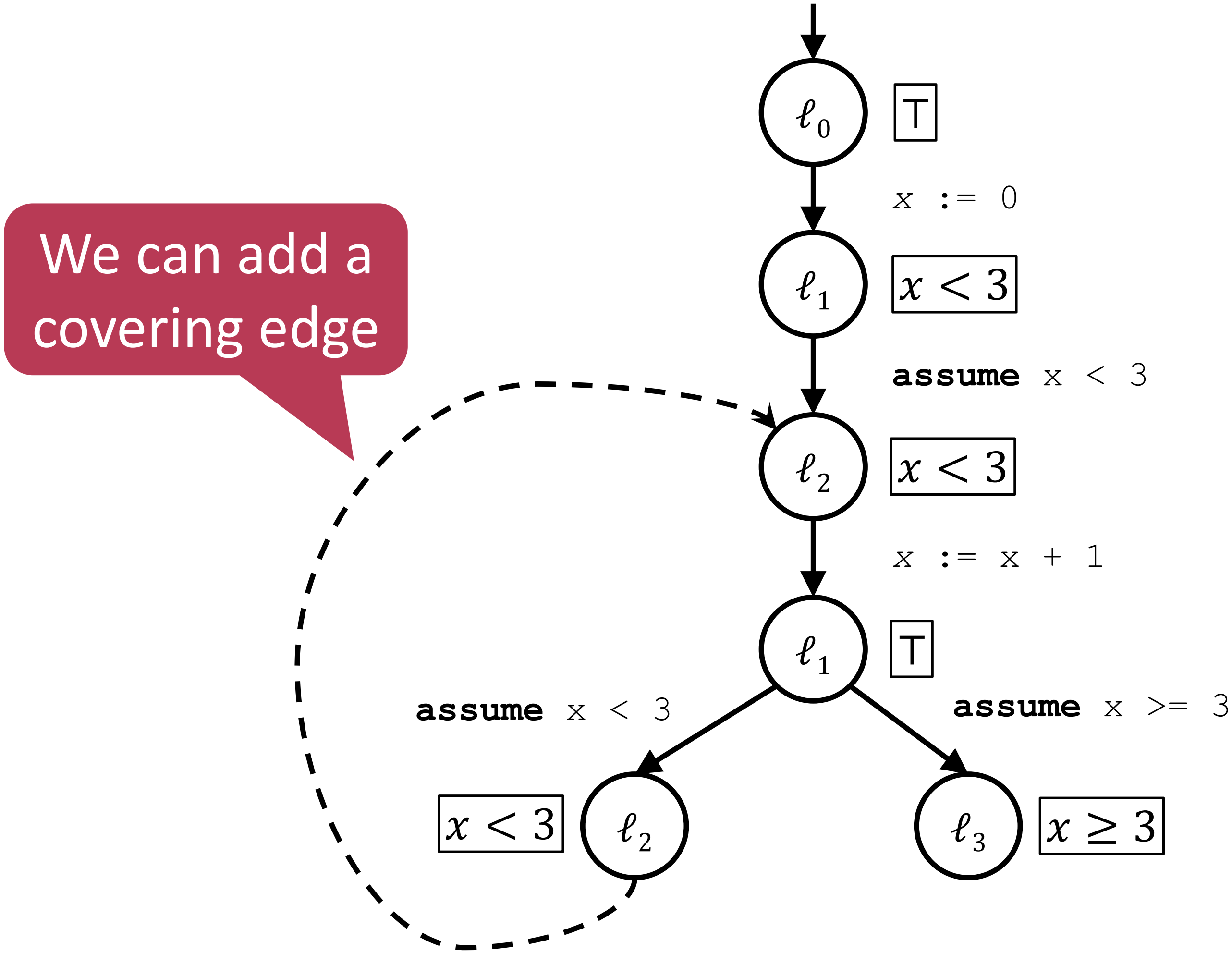
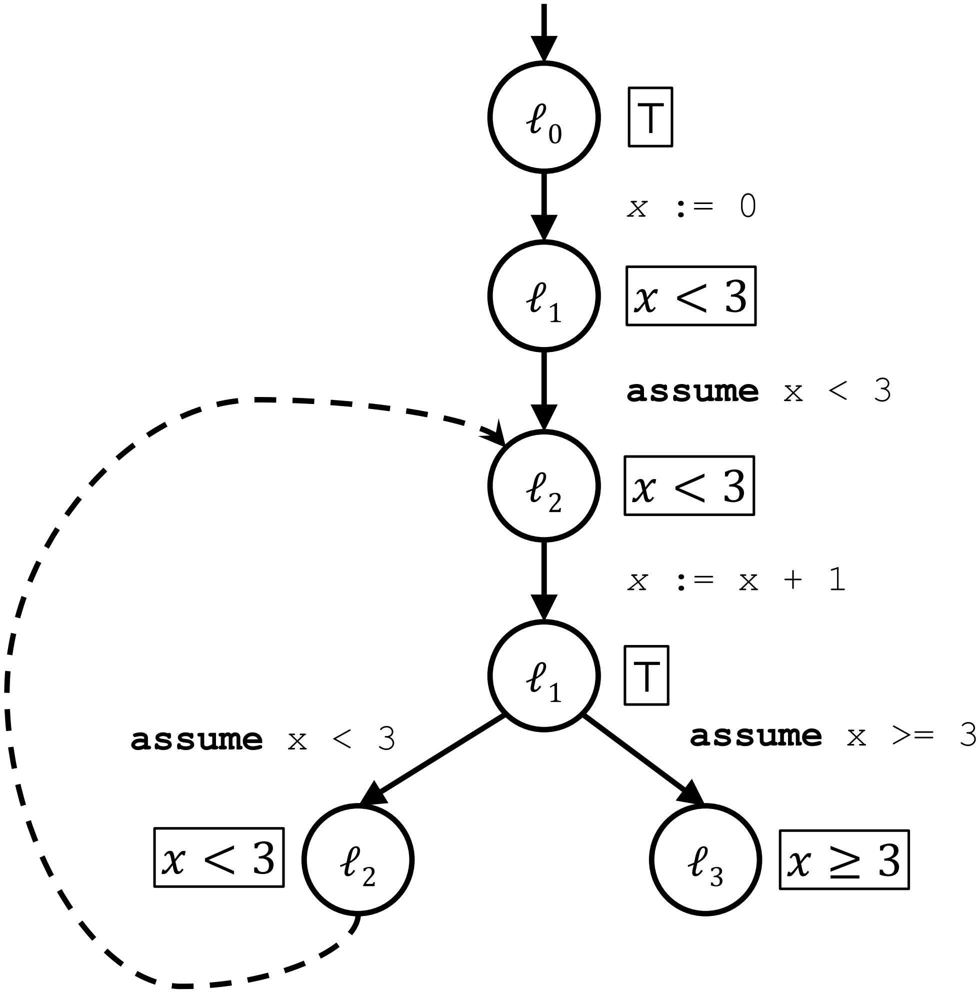


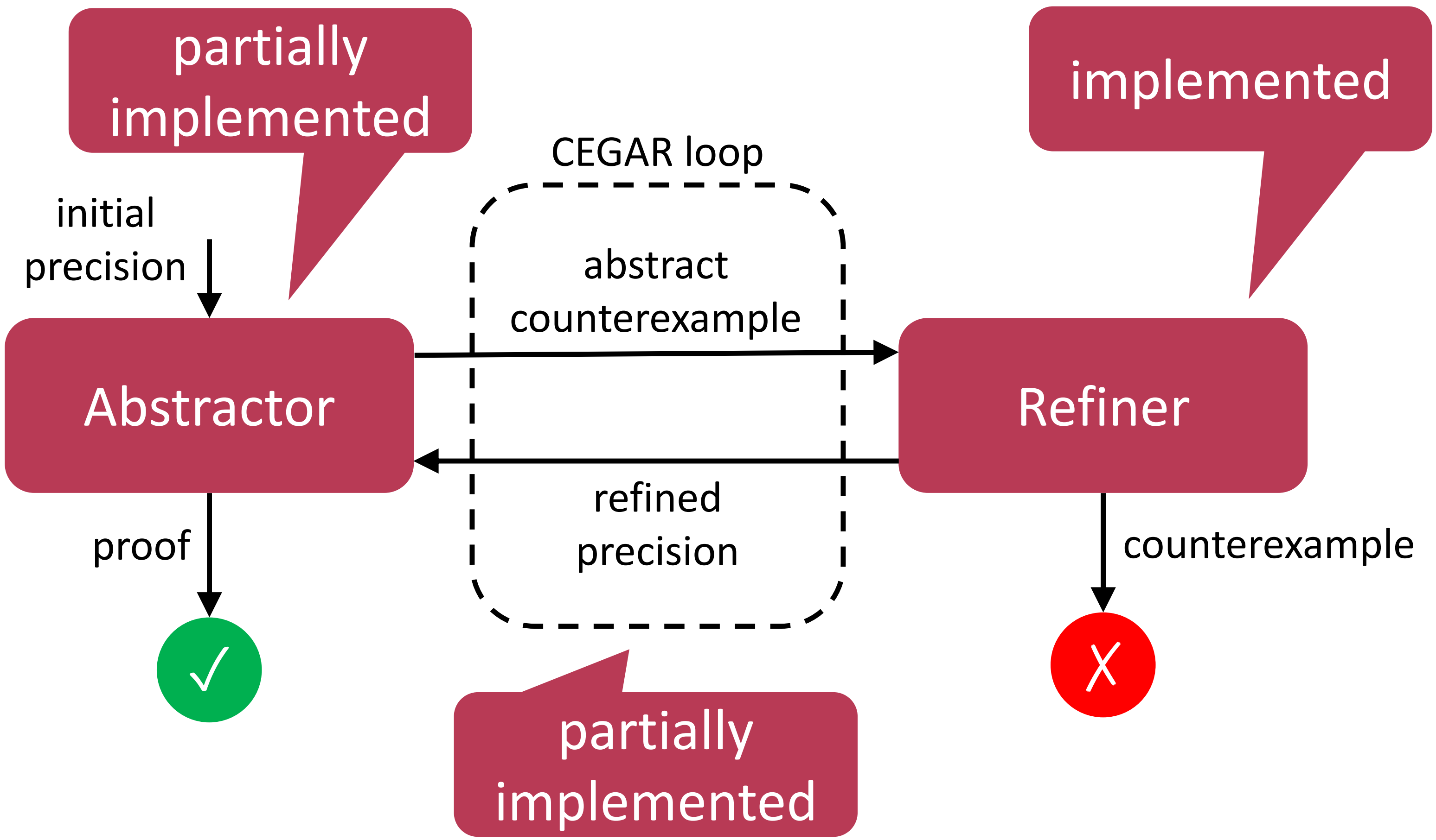
Building the abstraction: result



Refinement

- The abstract reachability tree represents an *overapproximation* of all possible behaviors
- It may contain *spurious counterexamples*:
  a path to an error location that is not feasible
- Refinement: add new predicates to the precision
- Rebuild the tree based on the new precision

CEGAR: Tasks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Pseudocode for the Abstractor

waitlist := { *root* }

while there exists an element *n* in *waitlist* **do**

  remove *n* from *waitlist*

  if *n* is an error node **then**

    return counterexample path to *n*

  else if there exists *n'* that may cover *n* **then**

    add covering edge from *n* to *n'*

  else

    expand *n* w. r. t. π

    add all successors of *n* to *waitlist*

return the program is correct

LIST OF QUESTIONS

List of questions

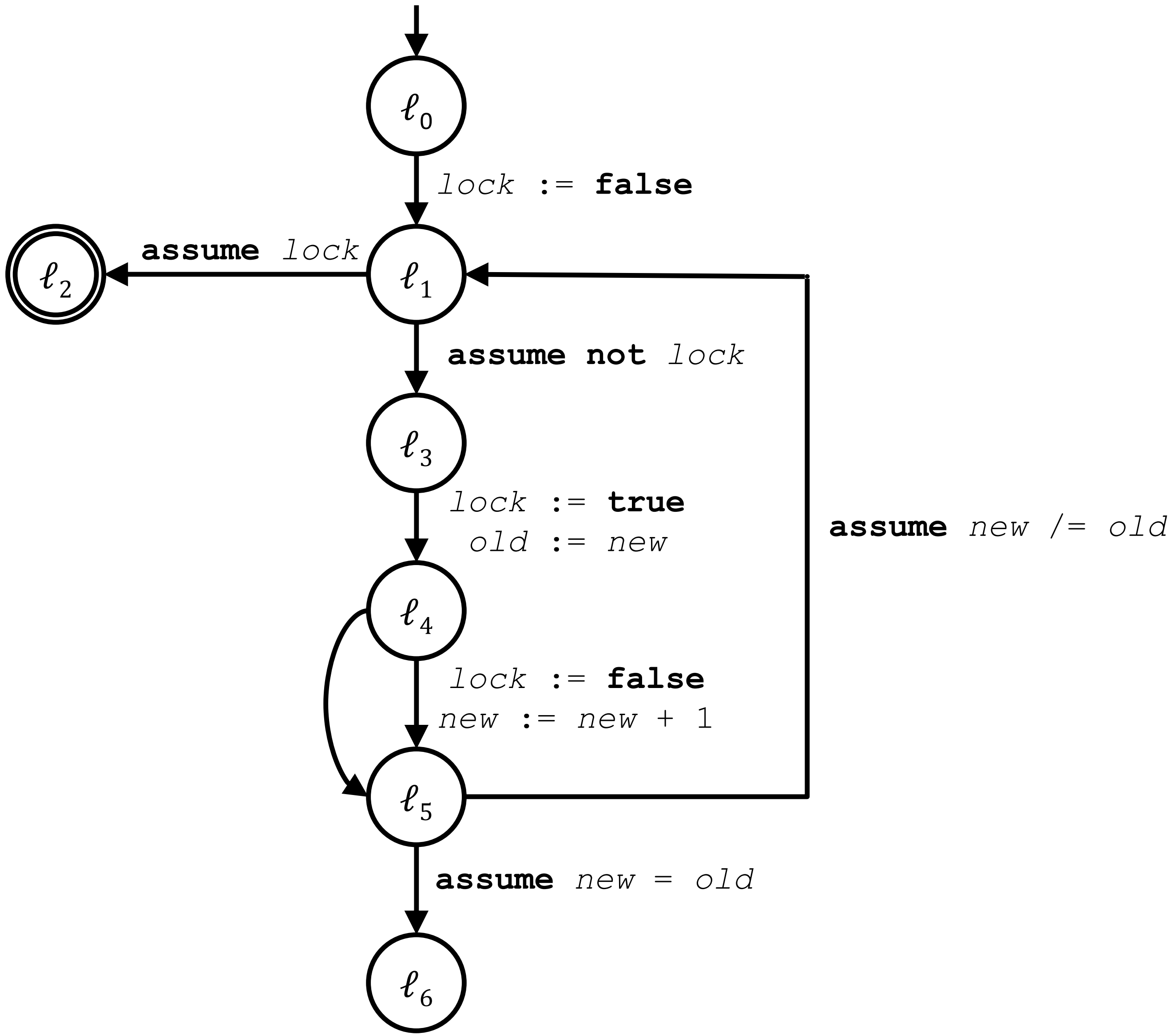
Consider the program given on the next slide.

1. Build the abstraction for $\pi = \emptyset$.
   Is the abstraction safe?
   (Does it prove the correctness of the program?)
2. Build the abstraction for $\pi = \{lock\}$.
   Is the abstraction safe?
3. Build the abstraction for $\pi = \{lock, old = new\}$.
   Is the abstraction safe?

Example

```
lock = false;
do {
  assert(!lock);
  lock = true;
  old = new;
  if (*) {
    lock = false;
    new++;
  }
} while (new != old);
```

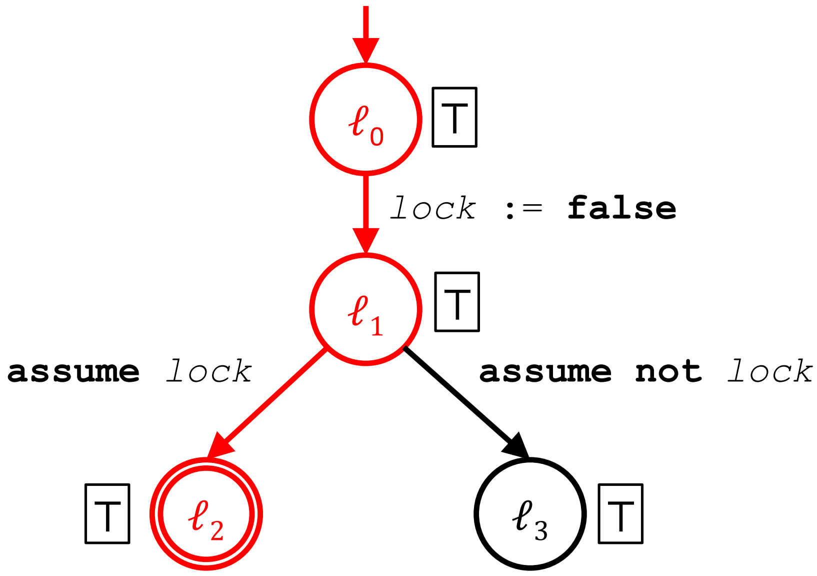
Example



ℓ0
lock := false
assume lock
ℓ2
ℓ1
assume not lock
ℓ3
lock := true
old := new
assume new /= old
ℓ4
lock := false
new := new + 1
ℓ5
assume new = old
ℓ6

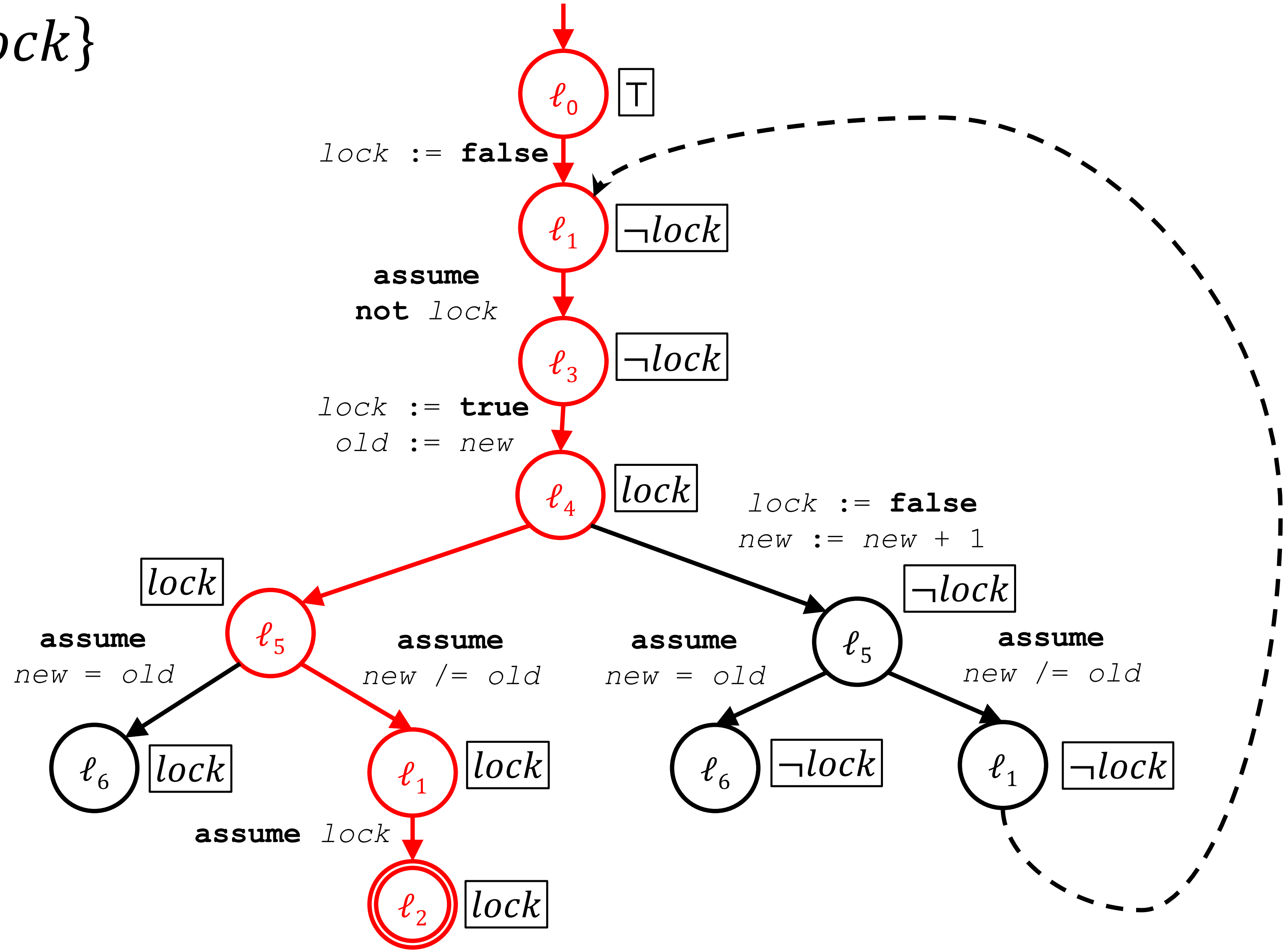
Solution (1)

$\pi = \emptyset$



Solution (2)

$\pi = \{lock\}$



Solution (3)

$\pi = \{lock, old = new\}$