

# Kamp Theorem for Pomset Languages of Higher Dimensional Automata

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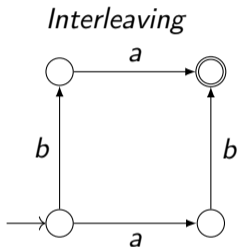
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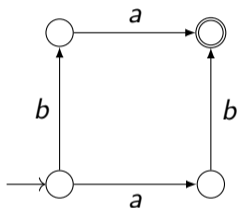
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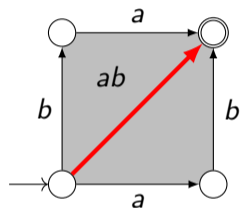


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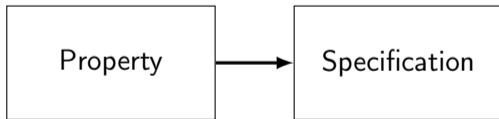
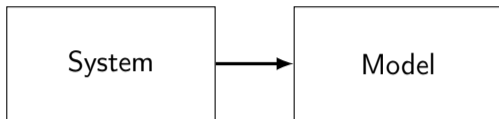
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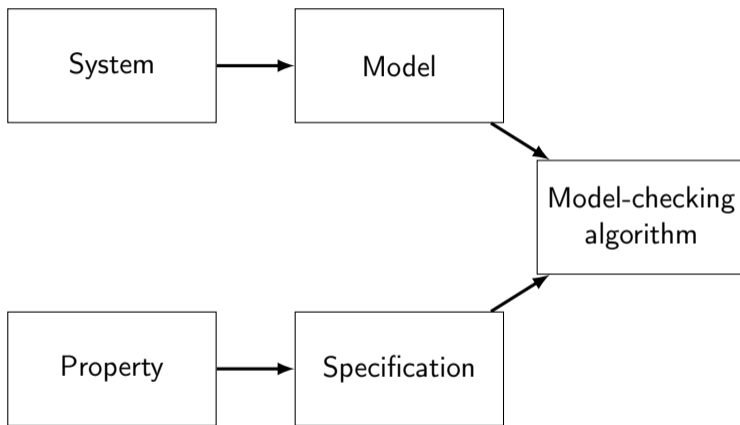
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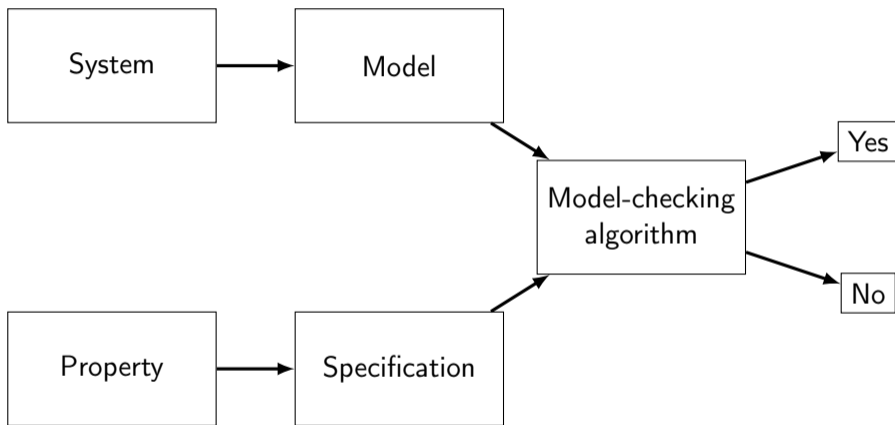
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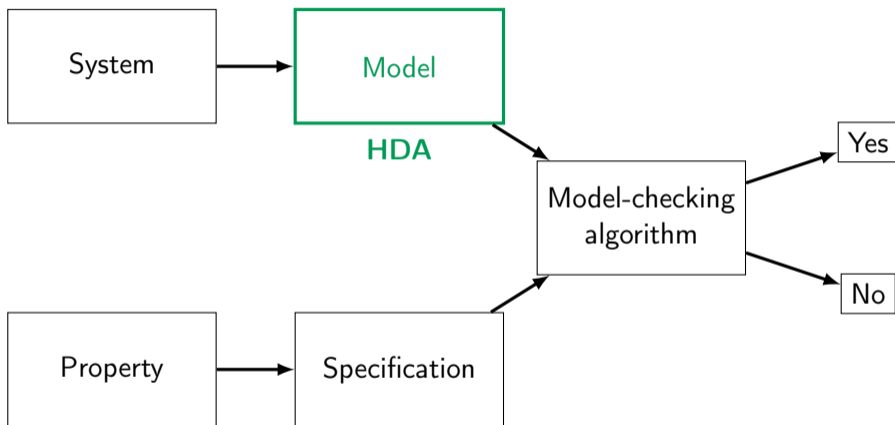
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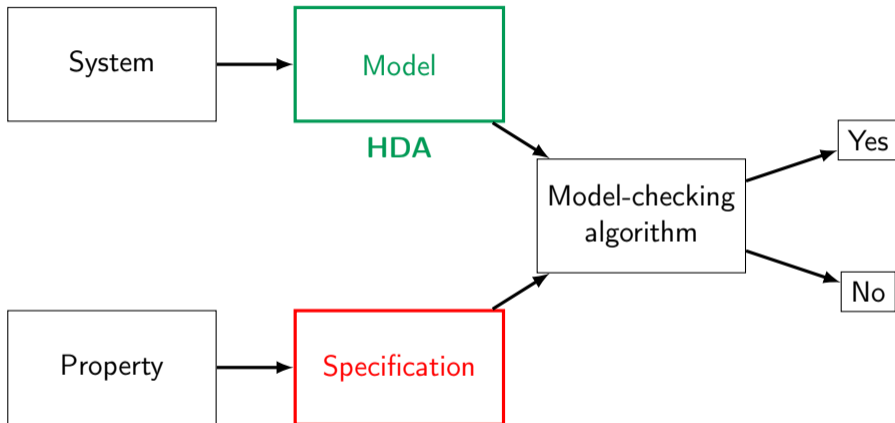
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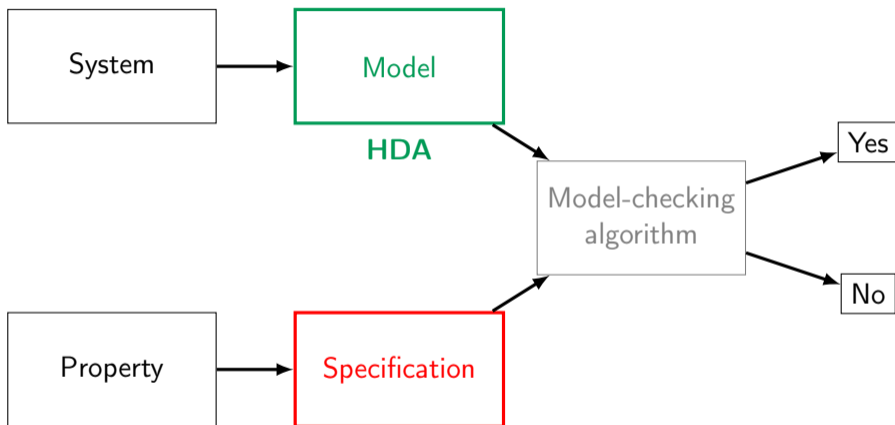


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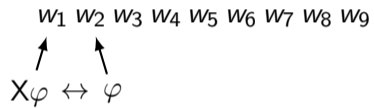
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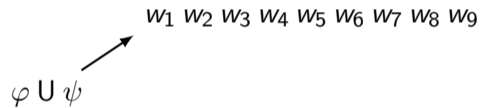
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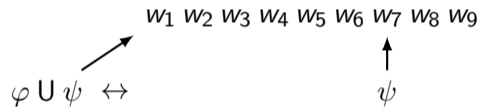
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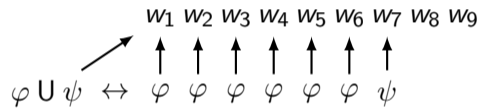
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**What about pomsets?**

## State of the art

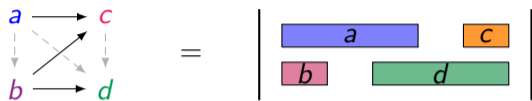
[Diekert and Gastin 2006] FO  $\equiv$  LTL-style logics over **Mazurkiewicz** traces

[Johansen 2014] Defines modal logic for **higher-dimensional structures**

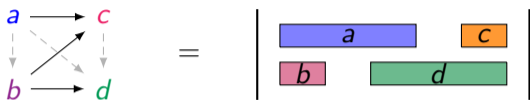
[Zouari et al. 2024] Defines **CTL-like** (branching time) logic for HDA

[Amrane et al. 2024] **Monadic second order** (MSO) logic  $\equiv$  HDAs

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**Formally**, given an alphabet  $\Sigma$ :

$P$  set of **events**

$<_P$  **precedence order** (represented by  $\rightarrow$ ),

$\dashrightarrow_P$  **event order** (represented by  $\dashrightarrow$ , or top-to-bottom),

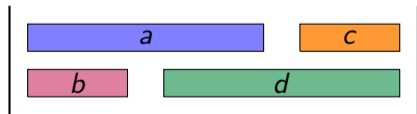
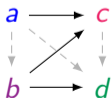
$\lambda_P : P \rightarrow \Sigma$  **labelling function**.

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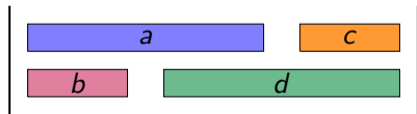
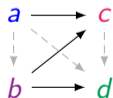


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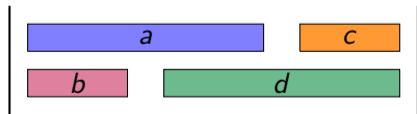
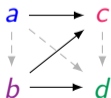


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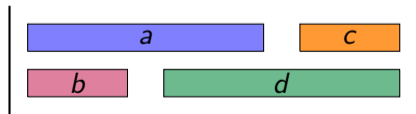
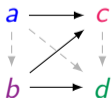


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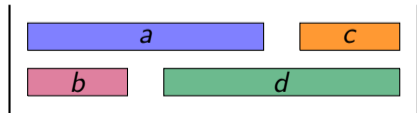
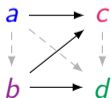
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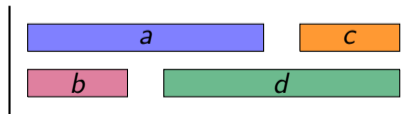
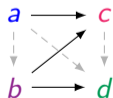


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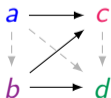
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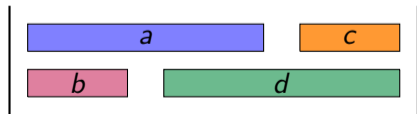
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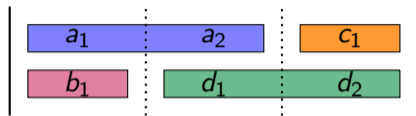
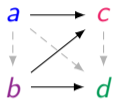
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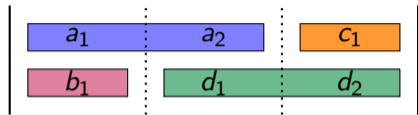
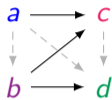
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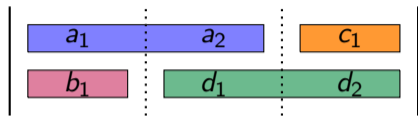
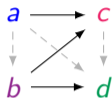
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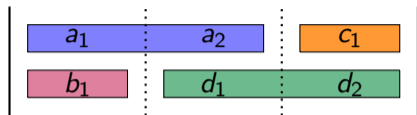
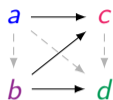
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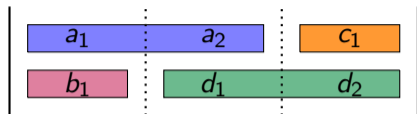
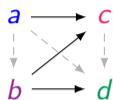
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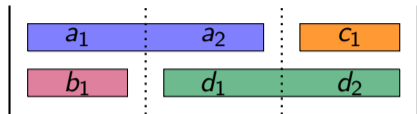
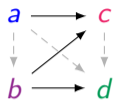
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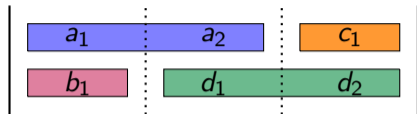
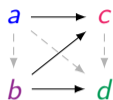
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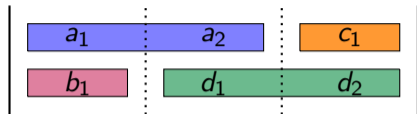
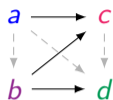
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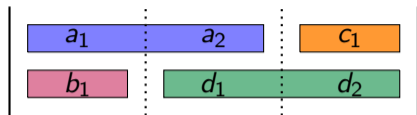
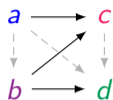
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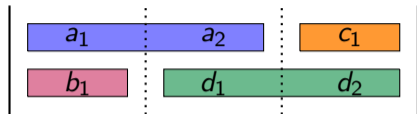
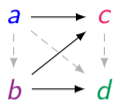
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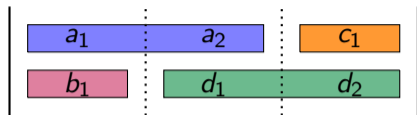
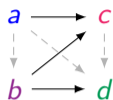
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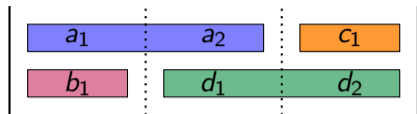
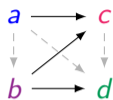
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## Semantics – Next



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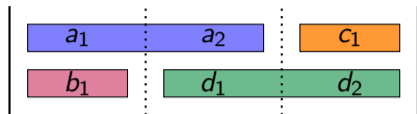
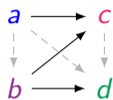
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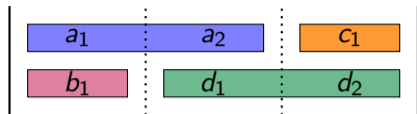
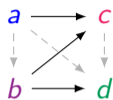
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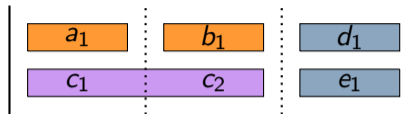
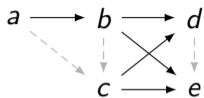
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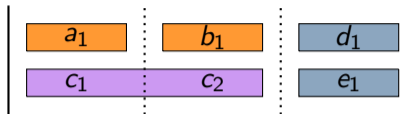
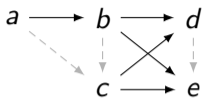
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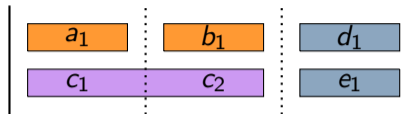
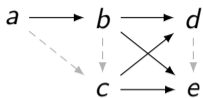
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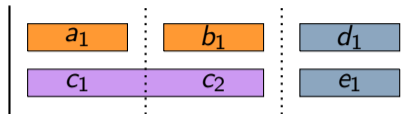
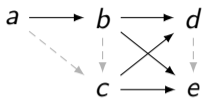
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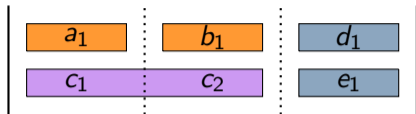
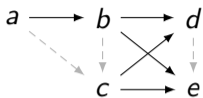
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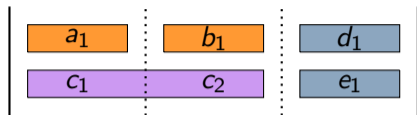
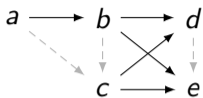
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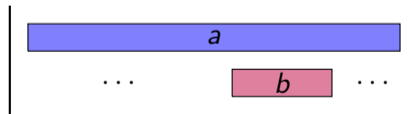
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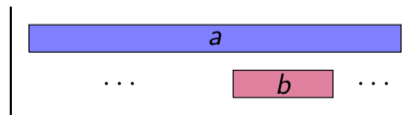
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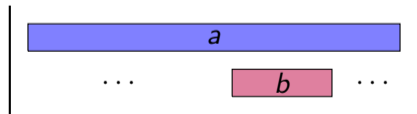
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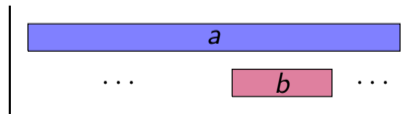
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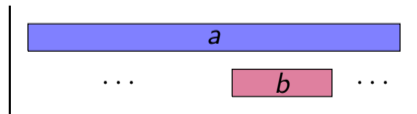
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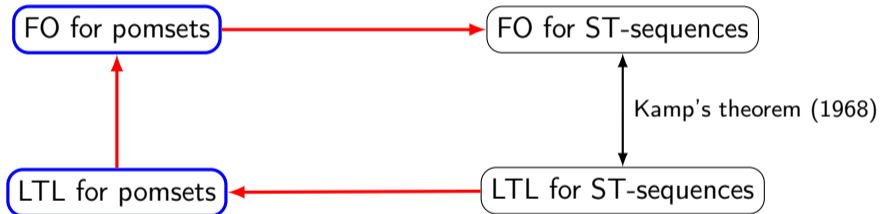
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## Proof sketch



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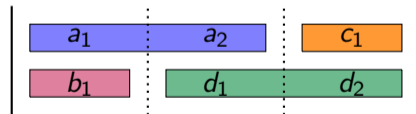
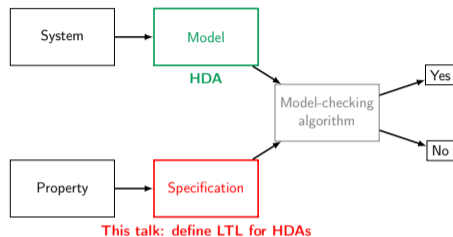
# Conclusion

## Contributions

- ▶ Sub-events
- ▶ LTL for pomsets
- ▶ LTL = FO

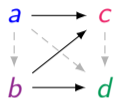
## Future works

- ▶ Model-checking algorithms
- ▶ HDAs are too strict: partial HDAs?



# ST-sequences

## Example:



$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \bullet \\ \bullet b \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \bullet \\ \bullet b \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \bullet \\ d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \bullet \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet c \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix}$$

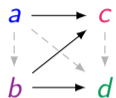
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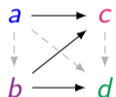
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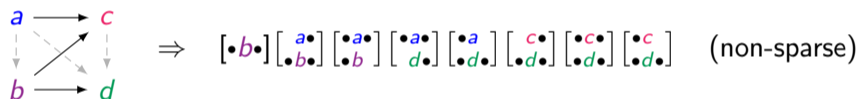
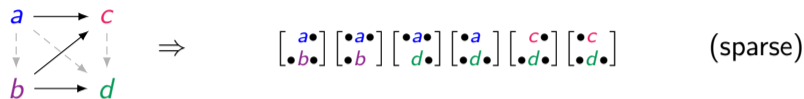


$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \bullet b \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \bullet \\ \bullet b \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \bullet \\ \bullet b \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \bullet \\ d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet a \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \bullet \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet c \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bullet c \\ \bullet d \bullet \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{non-sparse})$$

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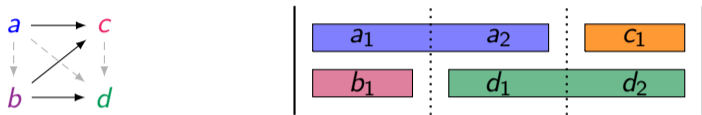


## Properties:<sup>3</sup>

1. ST-sequences are finite **words** over a finite alphabet
2. Sparse ST-decompositions are **unique**
3. ST-sequences are **equivalent representations** of pomsets

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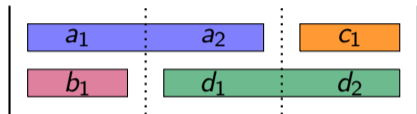
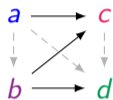
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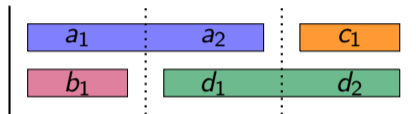
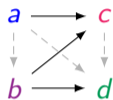
$\varphi \in \text{LTL ST-seq} \rightarrow \lceil \varphi \rceil_s, \lceil \varphi \rceil_t \in \text{LTL pomsets}$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \bullet a \bullet \\ d \bullet \end{array} \right] \dots \models \varphi \iff a_2 \text{ and } d_1 \models \lceil \varphi \rceil_s$$

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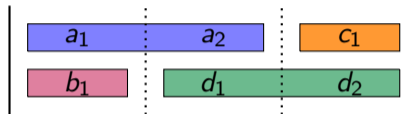
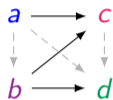


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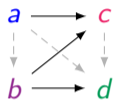
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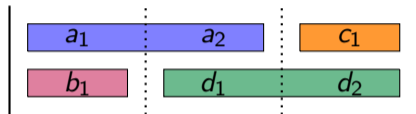
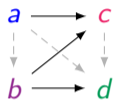
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