

Model checking — Endterm

- You have **120 minutes** to complete the exam.
- Answers must be written in a **separate booklet**. Do not answer on the exam.
- Please let us know if you need more paper.
- Write your name and Matrikelnummer on every sheet.
- Write with a non-erasable **pen**. Do not use red or green.
- You are not allowed to use auxiliary means other than pen and paper.
- You can obtain **40 points (plus 4 bonus points)**. You need **17 points** to pass.

Question 1: LTL and Büchi automata (2 + 2 + 2 + 3 = 9 points)

Consider the following LTL formulae over the set of atomic propositions $AP = \{p, q\}$:

$$\phi_1 = \mathbf{FG}(p \mathbf{U} q) \quad \phi_2 = \mathbf{FG}(\neg p \rightarrow q) \quad \phi_3 = \mathbf{G}(\neg p \vee (p \mathbf{R} q))$$

- Is there a word satisfying ϕ_1 but not ϕ_2 ? If so, exhibit such a word and if not, briefly explain why it does not exist.
- Is there a word satisfying ϕ_2 but not ϕ_1 ? If so, exhibit such a word and if not, briefly explain why it does not exist.
- Is there a word satisfying all three formulae? If so, exhibit such a word and if not, briefly explain why it does not exist.
- Give a Büchi automaton accepting exactly the words satisfying ϕ_1 . Make sure it accepts the following words: $\{p, q\}^\omega, \{p\}\{q\}^\omega$ and rejects the following words: $\emptyset^\omega, \{p\}^\omega$.

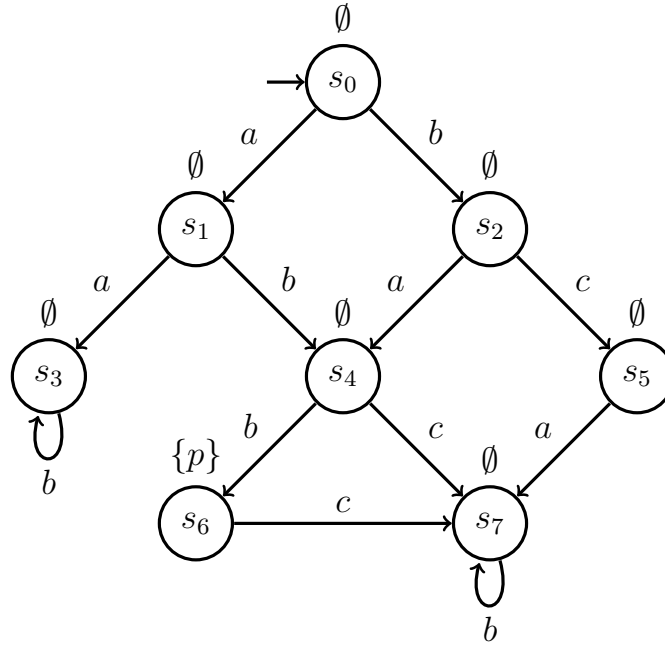
Question 2: CTL (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 points)

Consider the CTL formulas $\mathbf{EF}p, \mathbf{EFAG}p, \mathbf{AGEF}p, \mathbf{AGAF}p, \mathbf{AG}p$ over $AP = \{p\}$. Draw:

- a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}_1 satisfying $\mathbf{EF}p$ but not $\mathbf{EFAG}p$;
- a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}_2 satisfying $\mathbf{EFAG}p$ but not $\mathbf{AGEF}p$;
- a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}_3 satisfying $\mathbf{AGEF}p$ but not $\mathbf{AGAF}p$;
- a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}_4 satisfying $\mathbf{AGAF}p$ but not $\mathbf{AG}p$.

Question 3: Partial order reduction (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5 points)

Consider the labelled Kripke structure $\mathcal{K} = (S, A, \rightarrow, r, AP, \nu)$ where $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_7\}$, $A = \{a, b, c\}$ (A is the set of actions), $r = s_0$, $AP = \{p\}$, and \rightarrow and ν are graphically represented below. Observe that p holds only at state s_6 and nowhere else.



- (a) Give the largest relation $I \subseteq A \times A$ satisfying the three properties of an independence relation (irreflexivity, symmetry, and the “diamond property”) and explain why it is the largest.
- (b) Give the largest invisibility set $U \subseteq A$.
- (c) Does $red(s_0) = \{a\}$ satisfy condition C_1 (see below) for I and U ? Justify your answer.
- (d) Does $red(s_4) = \{b\}$ satisfy all of C_0 – C_3 (see below) for I and U ? Justify your answer.
- (e) Does $red(s_2) = \{a\}$ satisfy all of C_0 – C_3 (see below) for I and U ? Justify your answer.

Recall that the conditions C_0 – C_3 for $red(s)$ are:

- C_0 : $red(s) = \emptyset$ iff $en(s) = \emptyset$.
- C_1 : Every path starting at s satisfies: no action dependent on some action in $red(s)$ can be executed without an action from $red(s)$ occurring first.
- C_2 : If $red(s) \neq en(s)$, then all actions in $red(s)$ are invisible.
- C_3 : For all cycles in the reduced Kripke structure the following holds: if $a \in en(s)$ for some state s in the cycle, then $a \in red(s')$ for some (possibly other) state s' in the cycle.

Question 4: Binary decision diagrams (4 points)

Assume that you are given a Kripke structure with states $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_7\}$.

- (a) Compute a multi-BDD representing the two subsets of states $P = \{s_0, s_1, s_3, s_5, s_7\}$ and $Q = \{s_0, s_2, s_6, s_7\}$. Encode each state of S using three bits in the obvious way:

$$s_0 \mapsto 000, s_1 \mapsto 001, \dots, s_7 \mapsto 111.$$

Use the ordering $b_0 < b_1 < b_2$ where b_0 is the most significant bit and b_2 is the least significant bit of the binary encoding.

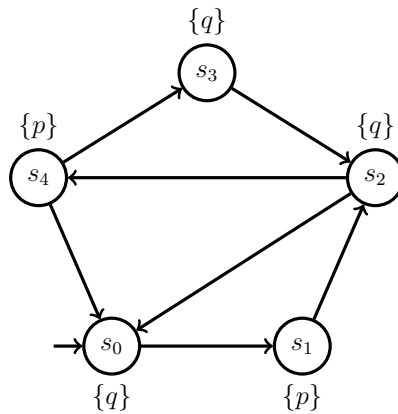
- (b) **2 bonus points:** Compute a BDD node for the set $P \cap Q$ using the BDD intersection algorithm (see below). Show the recursion tree.

Recall the BDD intersection algorithm. Let B and C be two nodes of a multi-BDD. The node for the intersection of B and C is computed as follows:

- If B and C are equal, then return B .
- If B or C are the 1 leaf, then return the other BDD.
- If B or C are the 0 leaf, then return 0.
- Otherwise, compare the two variables labelling of B and C , and let x be the smaller among the two (or the one labelling both).
- If B is labelled by x , then let B_1 and B_0 be the children of B ; otherwise, let $B_1 := B$ and $B_0 := B$. Define C_1 and C_0 analogously.
- Apply the strategy recursively to the pairs B_1, C_1 and B_0, C_0 , yielding BDD nodes E and F . If $E = F$, return E , otherwise return $mk(x, E, F)$.

Question 5: Abstraction refinement (2 + 1 + 2 = 5 points)

Consider the Kripke structure $\mathcal{K} = (S, \rightarrow, r, AP, \nu)$ where $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$, $r = s_0$, $AP = \{p, q\}$, and \rightarrow and ν are graphically represented as follows:

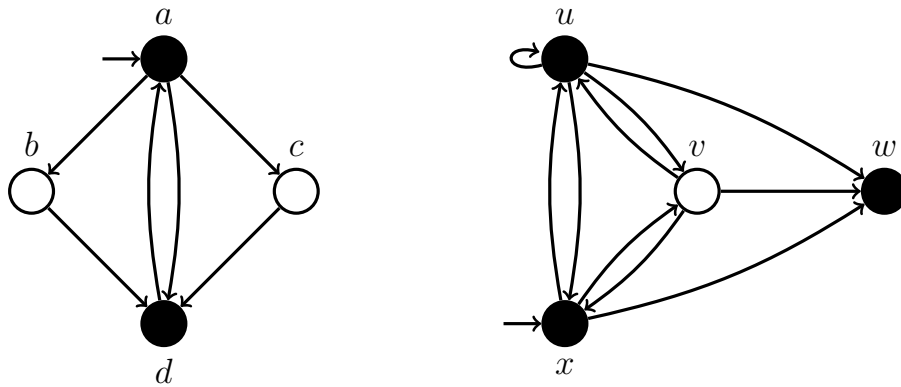


Let \approx be the equivalence relation over S given by $s \approx t$ iff $\nu(s) = \nu(t)$.

- (a) Construct the Kripke structure \mathcal{K}' obtained by abstracting S with respect to \approx .
- (b) Give a counterexample showing that \mathcal{K}' does not satisfy **GF** p .
- (c) Following the procedure seen in class, use the counterexample to refine \mathcal{K}' into a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}'' .
- (d) **2 bonus points:** Keep refining the abstraction until you prove that \mathcal{K} satisfies **GF** p .

Question 6: Simulations and bisimulations (2 + 2 + 2 = 6 points)

Consider the two following Kripke structures \mathcal{K}_1 (left) and \mathcal{K}_2 (right) over $AP = \{p\}$. States coloured black satisfy proposition p and others do not.



- (a) Does \mathcal{K}_2 simulate \mathcal{K}_1 ? If your answer is *yes*, then give a simulation relation, and if it is *no*, then explain why no simulation relation exists.
- (b) Does \mathcal{K}_1 simulate \mathcal{K}_2 ? If your answer is *yes*, then give a simulation relation, and if it is *no*, then explain why no simulation relation exists.
- (c) Define what is a bisimulation. Give a Kripke structure \mathcal{K}_3 bisimilar to \mathcal{K}_2 but with fewer states than \mathcal{K}_2 .

Question 7: Pushdown systems (3 + 3 + 1 = 7 points)

Consider the following recursive program with a global boolean variable x :

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boolean x;

procedure foo;           procedure bar;
f0:   x := not x;       b0:   if x then
                               call foo;
f1:   if x then         endif;
      call foo;
      else               b1:   return;
      call bar;
      endif;

f2:   return;
    
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- (a) Model the program, where the value of x is not initialized, with a pushdown system $\mathcal{P} = (P, \Gamma, \Delta)$. Give explicit enumerations of the set of control states P , the stack alphabet Γ , and the set of rules Δ .
Hint: Δ contains 10 rules.
- (b) Let E be the set of all configurations of \mathcal{P} with empty stack. Give a \mathcal{P} -automaton recognizing the language E . Use the saturation rule to compute a \mathcal{P} -automaton recognizing the language $pre^*(E)$. For each transition added by the saturation rule, briefly explain how it is generated.
Hint: The \mathcal{P} -automaton for $pre^*(E)$ should have 10 transitions.
- (c) Is there any configuration of $P \times \Gamma^*$ from which it is impossible to reach a configuration with empty stack? Briefly justify your answer.

Solution 1: LTL and Büchi automata (2 + 2 + 2 + 3 = 9 points)

- $\phi_1 = \mathbf{FG}(p \mathbf{U} q)$ — eventually, \emptyset must stop occurring and q must appear infinitely often.
- $\phi_2 = \mathbf{FG}(\neg p \rightarrow q)$ — eventually always $p \vee q$.
- $\phi_3 = \mathbf{G}(\neg p \vee (p \mathbf{R} q))$ — equivalent to $\mathbf{G}(\neg p \vee (p \wedge q))$.

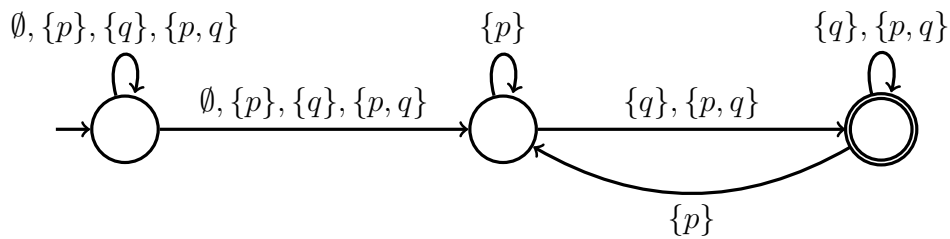
- (a) No. We have $p \mathbf{U} q \implies p \vee q$ and hence $\mathbf{FG}(p \mathbf{U} q) \implies \mathbf{FG}(p \vee q) \equiv \mathbf{FG}(\neg p \rightarrow q)$.
- (b) Yes. $\{p\}^\omega$ satisfies ϕ_2 but not ϕ_1 .
- (c) Yes. $\{p, q\}^\omega$ satisfies all three.
 - (a) is satisfied because $\mathbf{G}(p \wedge q) \implies \mathbf{G}(p \mathbf{U} q)$;
 - (b) is satisfied because $p \wedge q \implies p \vee q$; and
 - (c) is satisfied because $\phi_3 \implies \mathbf{G}(\neg p \vee (p \wedge q))$ and the word ensures $p \wedge q$ at all points.

(d) It should accept

- $\{p, q\}^\omega$
- $\emptyset\{p, q\}^\omega$
- $\{p\}\{q\}^\omega$
- $(\{p\}\{q\})^\omega$
- $\{q\}^\omega$

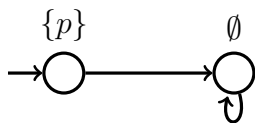
and it should reject

- \emptyset^ω
- $\{p\}^\omega$

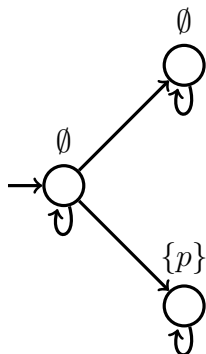


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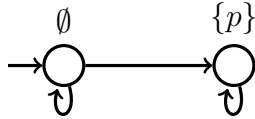
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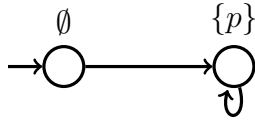
(b) $\mathbf{EFAG}p$ but not $\mathbf{AGEF}p$:



(c) **AGEF** p but not **AGAF** p :



(d) **AGAF** p but not **AG** p :

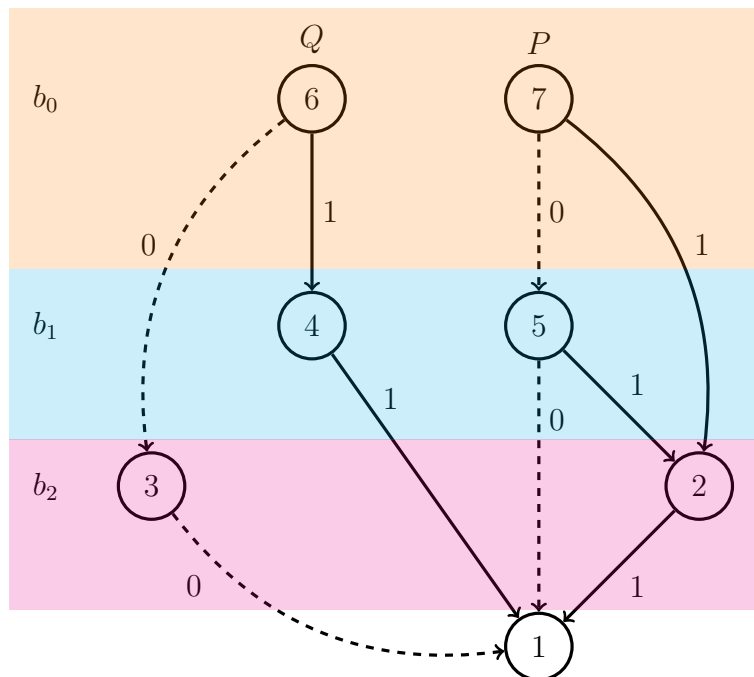


Solution 3: Partial order reduction (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5 points)

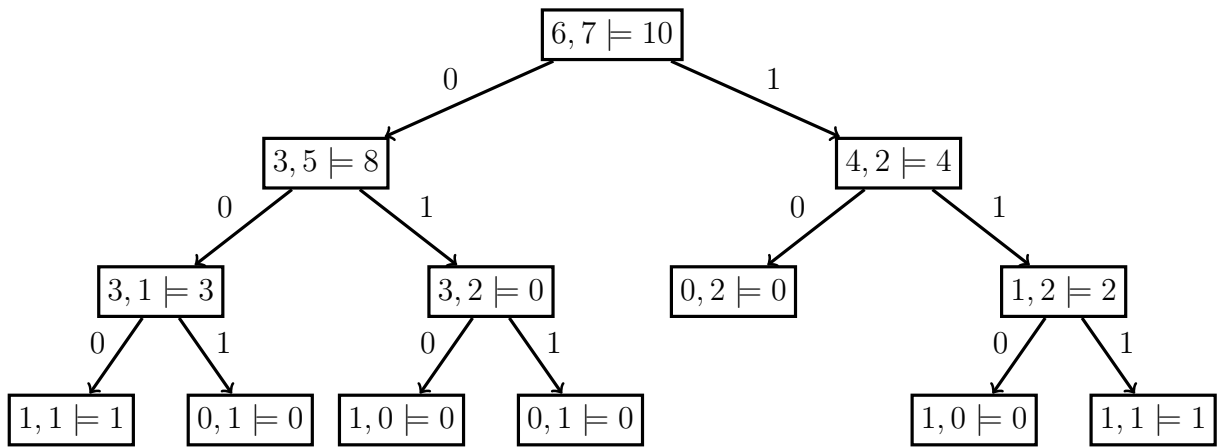
- (a) $I = \{(a, c), (c, a), (b, c), (c, b)\}$. Note that I cannot contain $\{(a, b), (b, a)\}$ since the diamond property is violated in s_3 .
- (b) $U = \{a\}$.
- (c) No, C_1 is violated because b can be executed before a .
- (d) No, C_2 is violated because b is visible.
- (e) Yes:
 - (i) C_0 is satisfied because $red(s_2)$ is not empty.
 - (ii) C_1 is satisfied because a is executed before b in all three paths starting in s_2 .
 - (iii) C_2 is satisfied because a is invisible.
 - (iv) C_3 is satisfied because the only cycles of the reduced Kripke structure are the self-loops at s_3 and s_7 , and $red(s_3) = en(s_3) = red(s_7) = en(s_7) = \{b\}$ which follows from C_0 .

Solution 4: Binary decision diagrams (4 points)

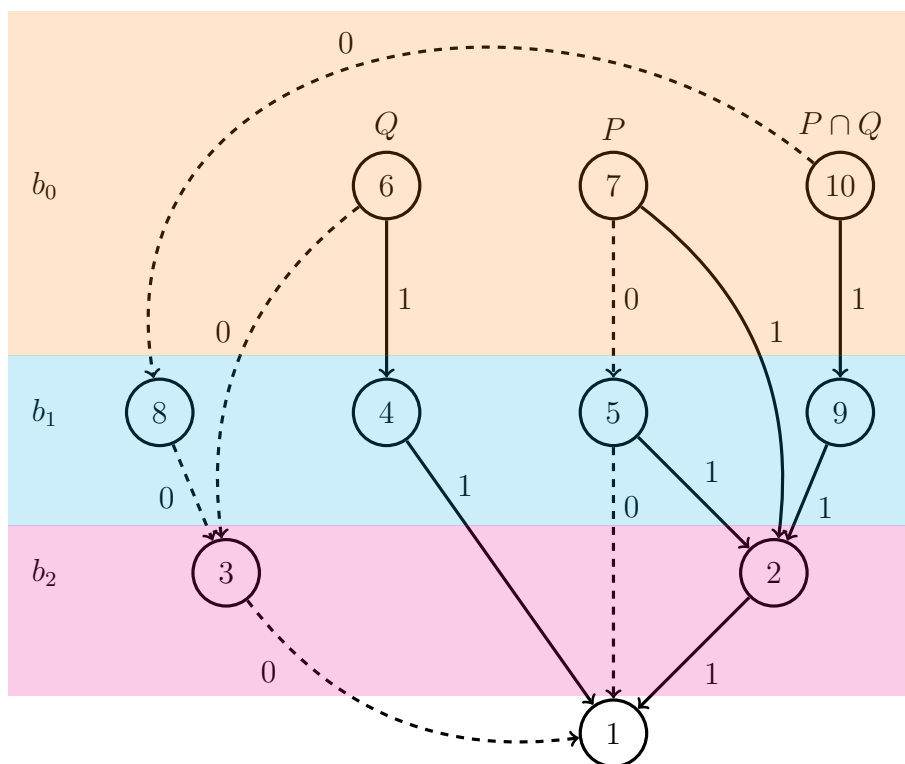
(a)



(b) Recursion tree:



Resulting multi-BDD:

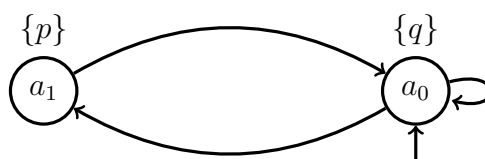


Solution 5: Abstraction refinement (2 + 1 + 2 = 5 points)

(a) First abstraction:

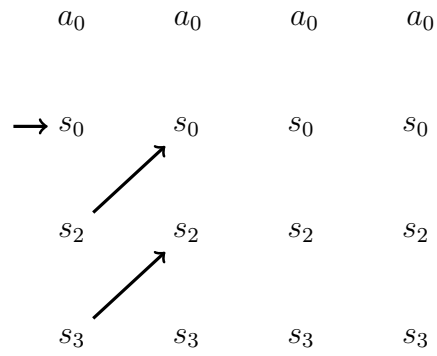
$$a_0 = \{s_0, s_2, s_3\},$$

$$a_1 = \{s_1, s_4\}$$



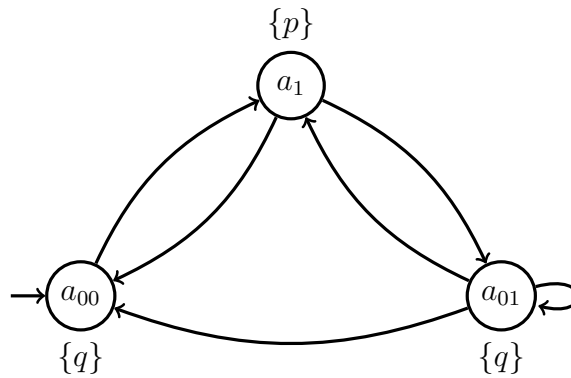
(b) Counter-example: a_0^ω .

(c) We have $|a_0| = 3$, so we unroll the loop 4 times:

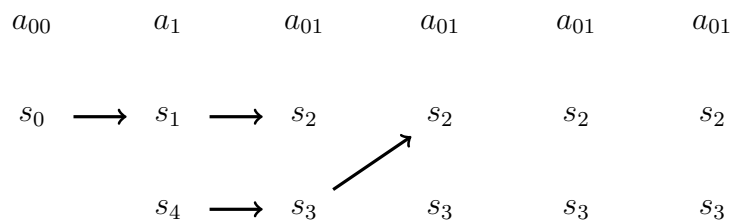


Fails to concretize in 1 step, so we realize that we need to refine. The states which are reachable from the initial state should be distinguished from the states which still have successors. We introduce:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{00} &= \{s_0\}, \\
 a_{01} &= \{s_2, s_3\}, \\
 a_1 &= \{s_1, s_4\}.
 \end{aligned}$$



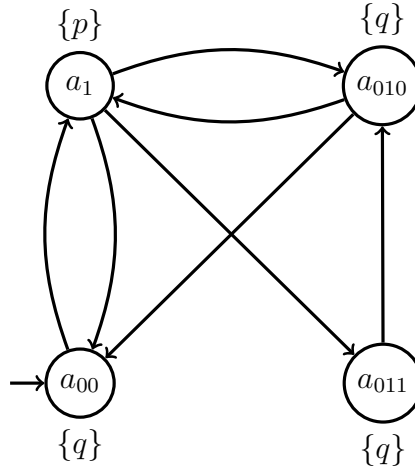
(d) New counter-example: $a_{00}a_1a_{01}a_{01}^\omega$:



We split s_2 and s_3 , and introduce:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{010} &= \{s_2\}, \\
 a_{011} &= \{s_3\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the following which satisfies **GFp**:



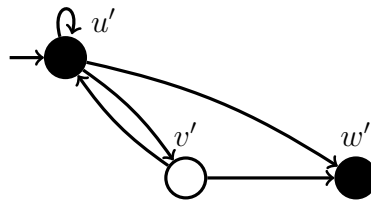
Solution 6: Simulations and bisimulations (2 + 2 + 2 = 6 points)

(a) Yes: $\{(a, x), (b, v), (c, v), (d, w)\}$.

(b) No, we prove it by contradiction. Assume that \mathcal{K}_1 simulates \mathcal{K}_2 and let H be the simulation. Since x and a are the respective initial states, $(x, a) \in H$. Since $(x, a) \in H$ and $x \rightarrow u$ where u is black, there must exist a black state in \mathcal{K}_1 with a transition from a . The only candidate in this case is d . Hence, $(u, d) \in H$. By a similar argument, if $(u, d) \in H$ and $u \rightarrow v$ where v is white, then there must exist a white state in \mathcal{K}_1 with a transition from d — which is not the case. Hence \mathcal{K}_1 does not simulate \mathcal{K}_2 .

(c) A relation H is called a bisimulation between \mathcal{K} and \mathcal{K}' iff H is a simulation from \mathcal{K} to \mathcal{K}' and $\{(t, s) : (s, t) \in H\}$ is a simulation from \mathcal{K}' to \mathcal{K} .

We merge x and u in \mathcal{K}_2 to obtain \mathcal{K}_3 which is as follows:

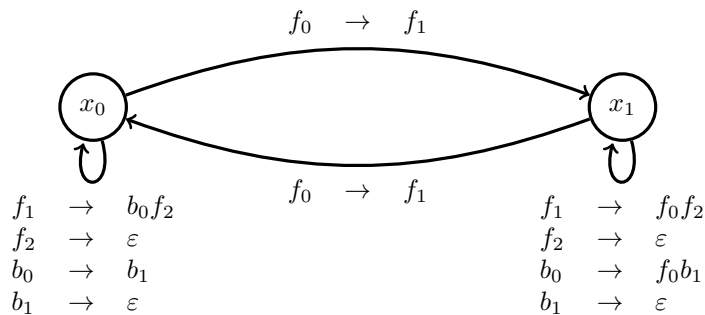


We define the bisimulation relation as follows:

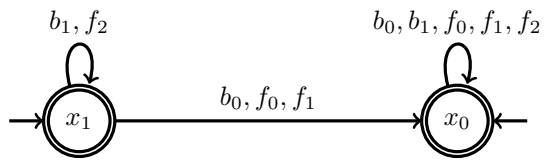
$$H = \{(x, u'), (u, u'), (v, v'), (w, w')\}.$$

Solution 7: Pushdown systems (3 + 3 + 1 = 7 points)

(a) The stack alphabet is $\Gamma = \{f_0, f_1, f_2, b_0, b_1\}$ and the pushdown system is as follows:



(b)



(c) No, there is no such configuration since the \mathcal{P} -automaton obtained in (b) accepts $P \times \Gamma^*$.