

# Infinite Games: Motivation

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- ▶ Given a **logical specification**, we can do either:
  - ▶ **VERIFICATION**: **prove** that a given system satisfies the specification
  - ▶ **SYNTHESIS**: **build** a system that satisfies the specification

## Example: Elevator

- ▶ **Aim:** build controller that moves elevator of 10 floor building
- ▶ **Environment:** Passengers pressing buttons to (1) call elevator and (2) request floor
- ▶ **System state:**
  1. Set of requested floor numbers:  $\{0, 1\}^{10}$
  2. Current position of lift:  $\{1, \dots, 10\}$
  3. Indicator whose turn is next (assuming lift and passengers act in alternation)  $\{0, 1\}$

# Infinite Games

Two players:

1. Controller is Player 0
2. Passengers are Player 1

A **play** of a game is an infinite sequence of states of elevator transition system, where the two players choose moves alternatively.

How does the transition system look like?

- ▶ State space:  $\{0, 1\}^{10} \times \{1, \dots, 10\} \times \{0, 1\}$
- ▶ Transitions:
  - ▶ Player 0:  $(r_1 \dots r_{10}, j, 0) \rightarrow [r'_1 \dots r'_{10}, j', 1]$  s.t.  $r_j = 0, \forall i \neq j r_i = r'_i$   
Actions: open/closes doors and move lift
  - ▶ Player 1:  $[r_1 \dots r_{10}, j, 1] \rightarrow (r'_1 \dots r'_{10}, j', 0)$  s.t.  $j = j', \forall i : r_i \leq r'_i$   
Actions: request floors

## Desired Properties

- ▶ Every requested floor is eventually reached
- ▶ Floors along the way are served if requested
- ▶ If no floor is request, elevator goes to ground floor
- ▶ ...

These are conditions on infinite sequences!

Player 0 (controller) **wins** the play if all conditions are satisfied independent of the choices Player 1 makes. This corresponds to finding a **winning strategy** for Player 0 in an infinite game.

## Our Aim

### Solution of the Synthesis Problem

1. Decide whether there exists such a winning strategy -  
**Realizability Problem**
2. If “yes”, then construct the system - **Synthesis Problem**

### Main result:

The synthesis problem is algorithmically solvable for finite-state systems with respect to specifications given as  $\omega$ -automata or linear-time temporal logic.

## Other Applications of Games

- ▶ Program repair or program sketching
- ▶ Nicer and more intuitive proofs for logics over trees
- ▶ Verification for logics over trees



# Model Checking versus Repair

## An Example

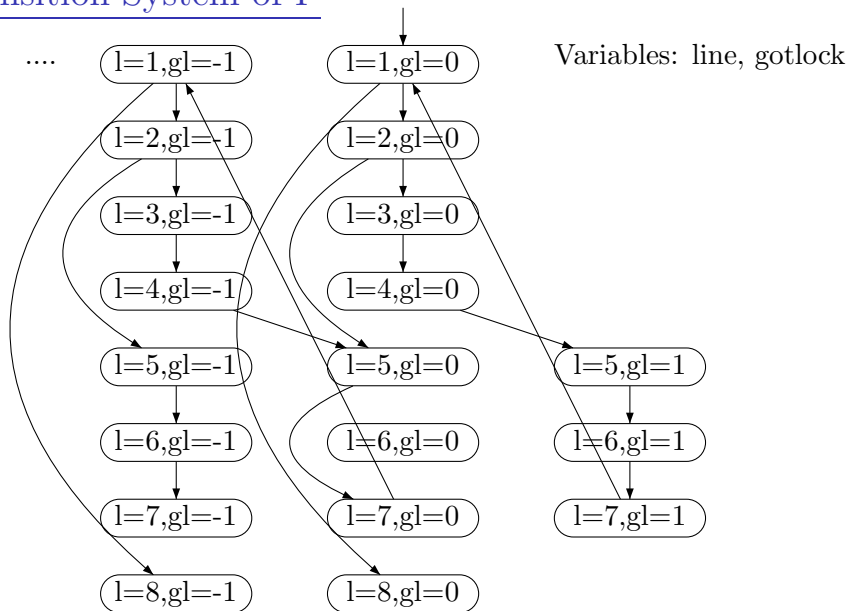
## Lock Example

```
...  
1  while(...) {  
2      if (...) {  
3          lock();  
4          gotlock++;  
        }  
        ...  
        ...  
5      if (gotlock!=0)  
6          unlock();  
7      gotlock--;  
    }  
8  ...
```

# Property

P1: do not acquire a lock twice

# Transition System of P



## Recall LTL

Boolean Operators:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \dots$

Temporal Operators:

- ▶ **next:**  $\bigcirc\varphi$  ... in the next step  $\varphi$  holds
- ▶ **until:**  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{U} \varphi_2$  ... at some point in the future  $\varphi_2$  holds and until then  $\varphi_1$  holds

Useful abbreviations:

- ▶ **eventually:**  $\diamond\varphi = \text{true} \mathbf{U} \varphi$
- ▶ **always:**  $\square\varphi = \neg\diamond\neg\varphi$
- ▶ **weakuntil:**  $\varphi_1 \mathbf{W} \varphi_2 = (\varphi_1 \mathbf{U} \varphi_2) \vee \square\varphi_1$

Note that

$$\neg(\varphi_1 \mathbf{U} \varphi_2) = (\neg\varphi_2 \mathbf{U} \neg\varphi_1 \wedge \neg\varphi_2) \vee \square\neg\varphi_2 = \neg\varphi_2 \mathbf{W}(\neg\varphi_1 \wedge \neg\varphi_2).$$

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## Model Checking

$$L(\text{Program}) \subseteq L(P1)$$

$$L(\text{Program}) \cap L(\neg P1) = \emptyset$$

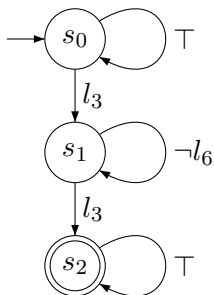


## Automaton for $\neg P1$

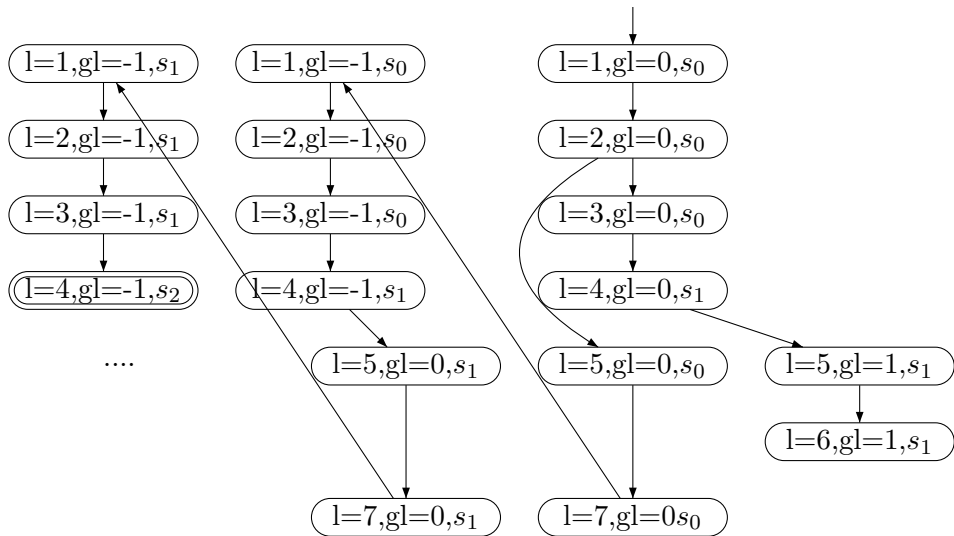
$$\neg P1 = \neg \square(l_3 \rightarrow \bigcirc(\neg l_3 \mathbf{W} l_6))$$

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Simplified version:



## Product of Program and Property



## Counterexample

1. Line 1: enter while loop
2. Line 2: skip over if
3. ...
4. Line 1: enter while loop
5. Line 2: enter if (call lock)
6. ...
7. Line 1: enter while loop
8. Line 2: enter if (call lock again)

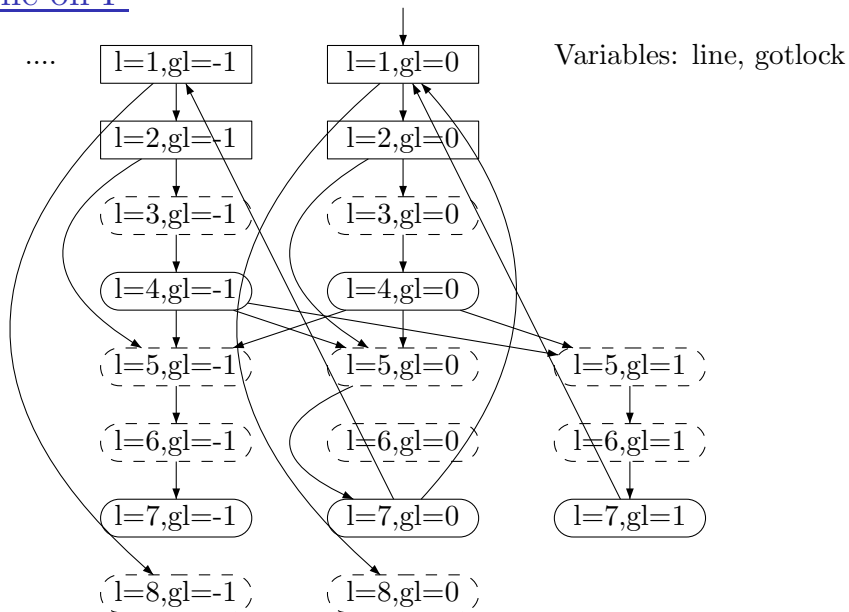
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2      if (...) {
3          lock();
4          gotlock++;
          }
          ...
          ...
5      if (gotlock!=0)
6          unlock();
7      gotlock--;
          }
8  ...
```

# Repair

## Repair: Step 1 - Free variables

```
1   while(...) {
2       if (...) {
3           lock();
4           gotlock=?;
5       }
6       ...
7       ...
8       if (gotlock!=0)
9           unlock();
10          gotlock=?;
11      }
12  ...
```

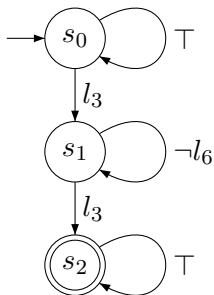
## Game on P



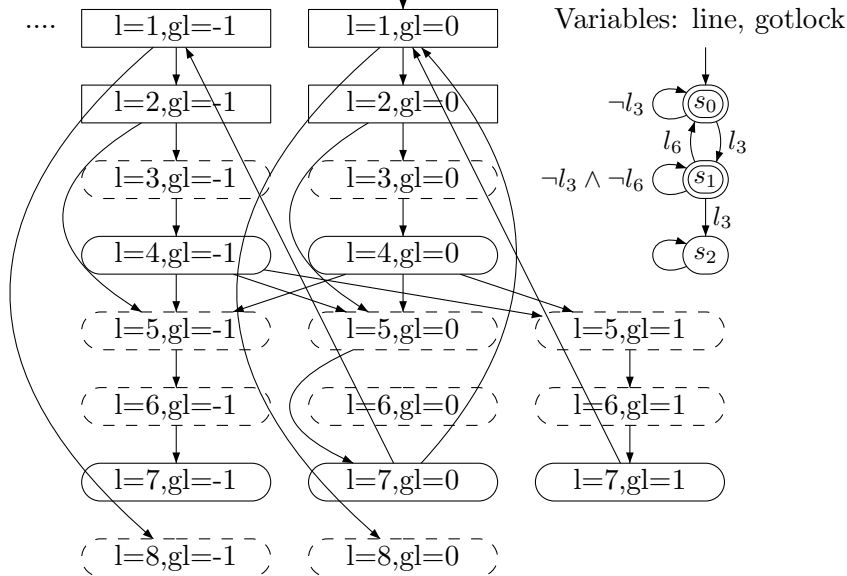
## Repair: Winning Condition

Note in MC: non-determinism due to input and due to automaton are treated the same way!

In Game: non-determinism may cause troubles.

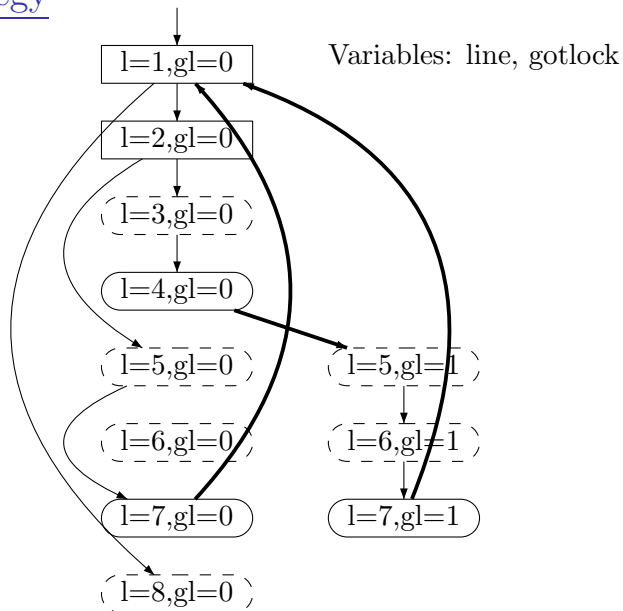


## Add Automaton to Game on P





## A Winning Strategy



## A Correct Program

```
1   while(...) {
2       if (...) {
3           lock();
4           gotlock=1;
5       }
6       ...
7       ...
8       if (gotlock!=0)
9           unlock();
10          gotlock=0;
11      }
12  ...
```