

On a Logic for Coalitional Games with Priced-Resource Agents

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Logical Formalisms

Coalition Logic (CL) and Alternating-time Temporal Logic (ATL)

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Theorem (Goranko, TARK 2001)

CL can be embedded into ATL

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RAL [Bulling, Farwer, ECAI 2010]

If actions may produce resources,
then Model Checking becomes **UNDECIDABLE**

Team A

Endowment: $\eta : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^r$

$\langle\langle A^\eta \rangle\rangle \diamond p$ whatever other agents do

A crucial property

Due to the nesting of the team operators in a formula, the agents can be provided with a **new endowment** of resources to perform **subtasks**

$\langle\langle A^\eta \rangle\rangle \circ \langle\langle A^{\eta'} \rangle\rangle \diamond p$ agents of team A, equipped with the endowment of resources η , can force the next state to be s.t. they can guarantee that p eventually holds equipped with the new endowment η'

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- Very significant present-day issues related to procurement of resources:
 - ▶ resources are available on the market (or in nature) in **limited amount**
 - ▶ the cost for achieving them depends on such an availability (**price of resources**)

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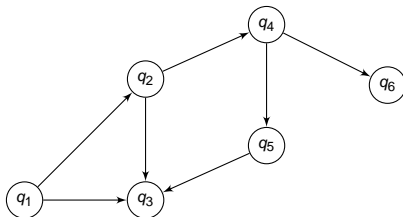
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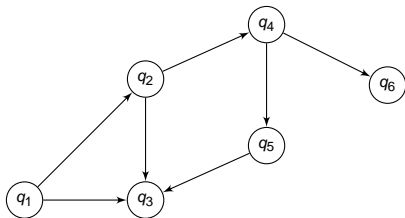
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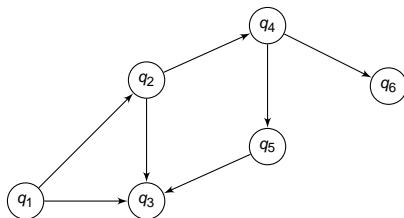
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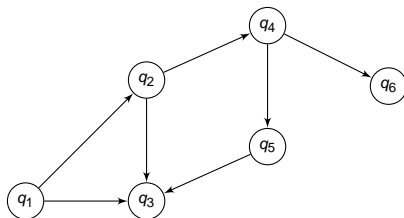
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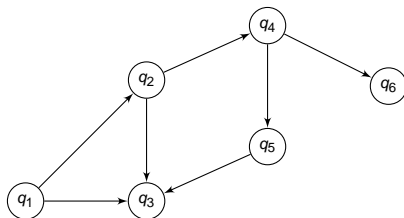
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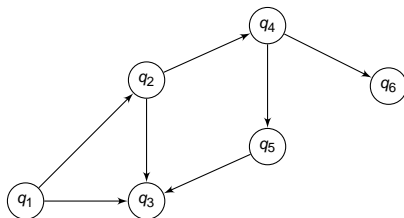
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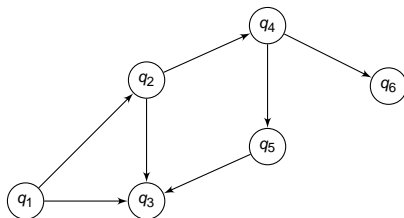
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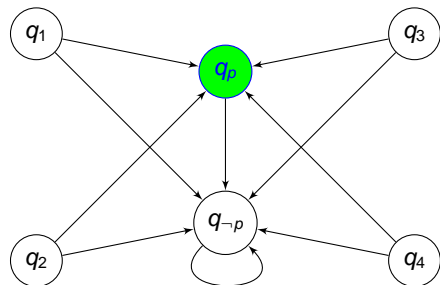


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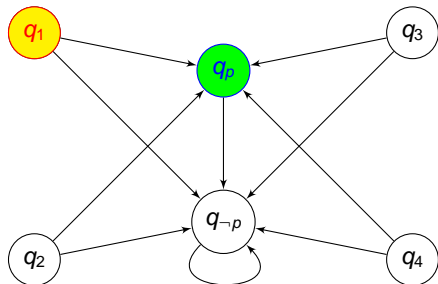
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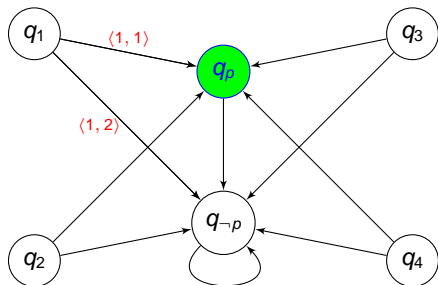
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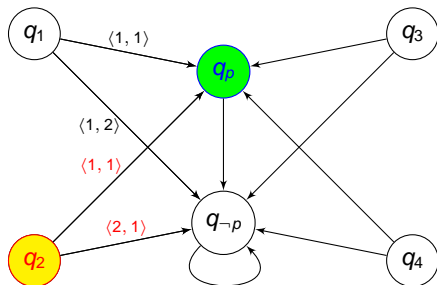
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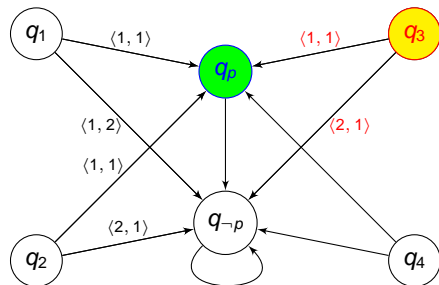
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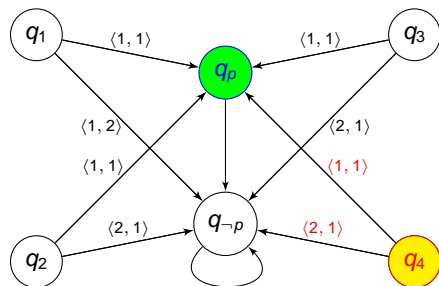
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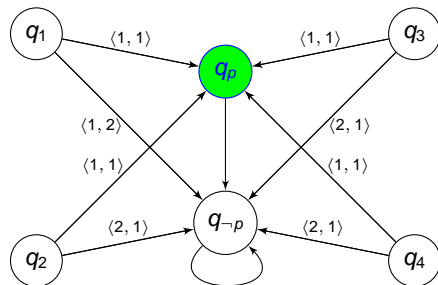
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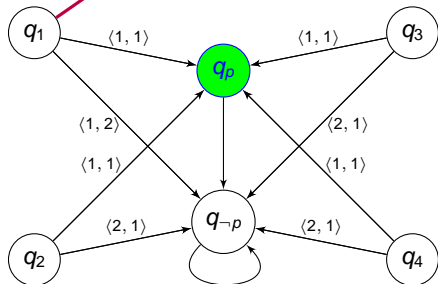
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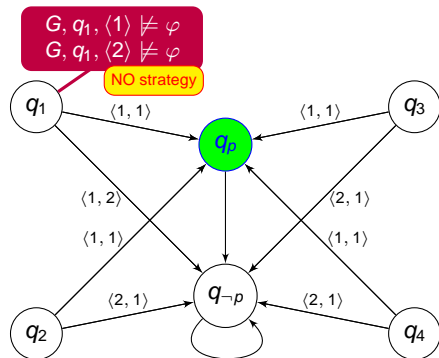
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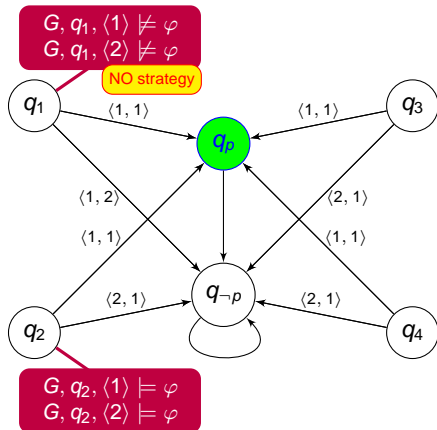
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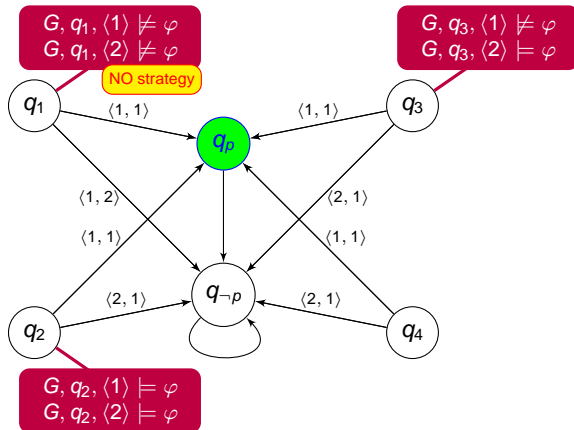
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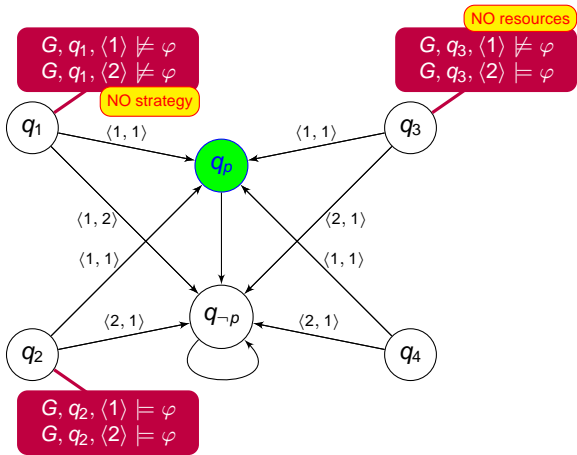
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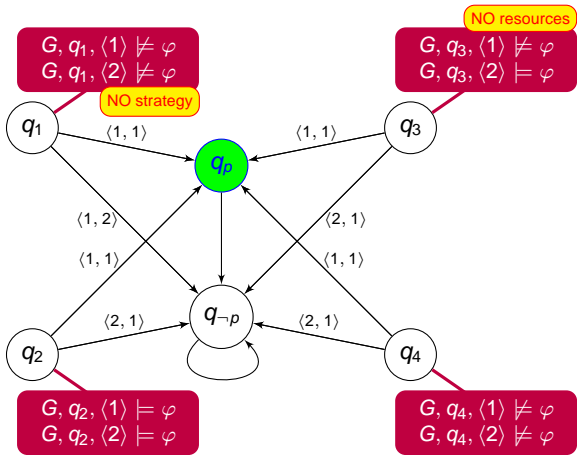
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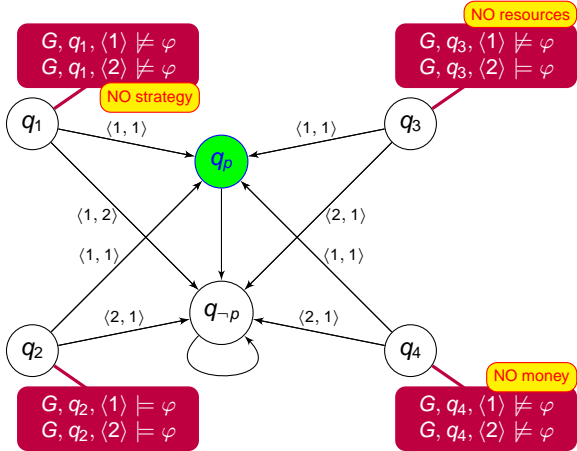
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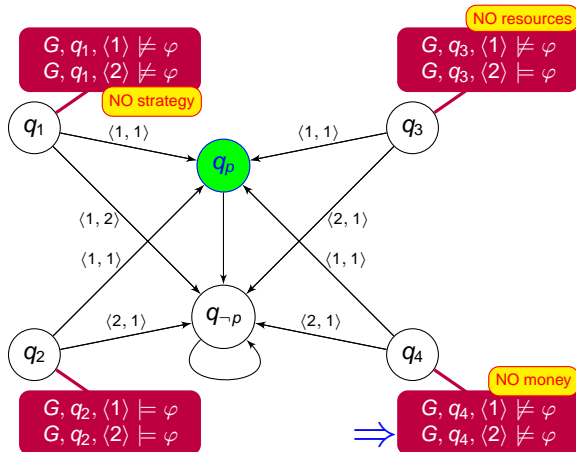
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Reduction - the idea

- Given a fully quantified Boolean formula Φ
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 - ▶ a priced game structure G
 - ▶ a location q in G
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 - ▶ a PRB-ATL formula φ

such that

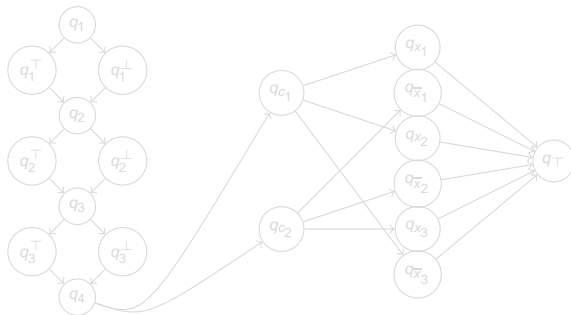
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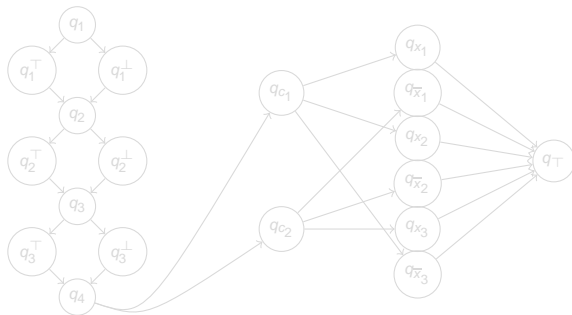


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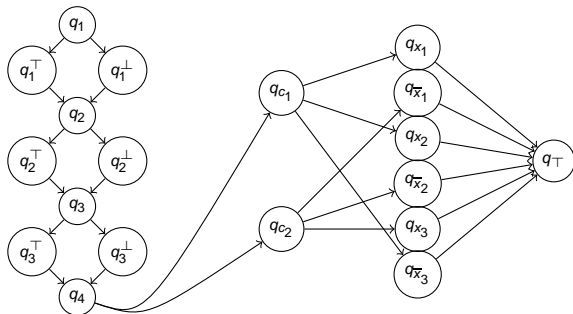


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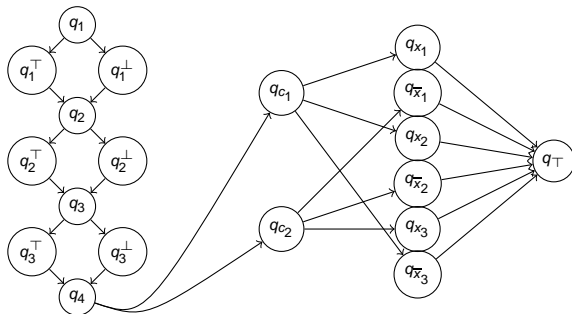


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