

# On simulation in automata networks

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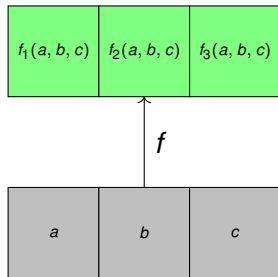
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This talk is about **automata network**:

- computational model to study such problems
- modeling tool, synchronism vs. asynchronism in nature

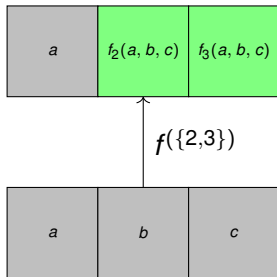
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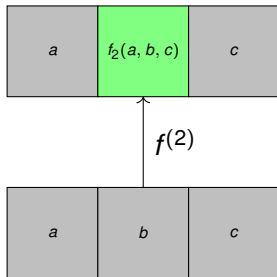
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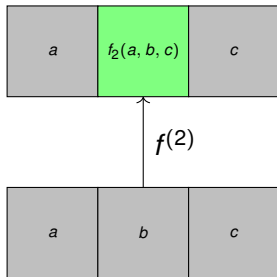
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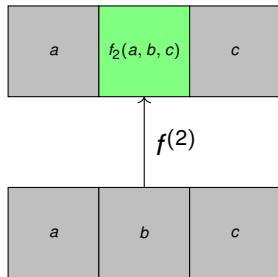
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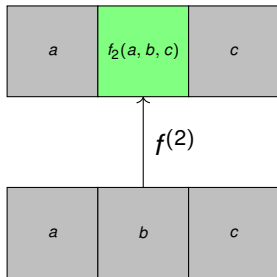
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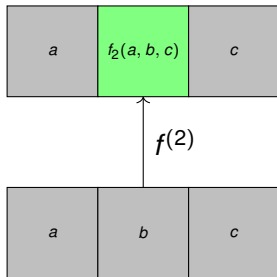
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Given  $g$ , is there  $f$  with  $g \in \langle f \rangle_{\text{Seq}}$  ?

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Key pattern in theorem:  $x, y, z$  with

- $g(x) = g(y)$
- $g^{-1}(z) = \emptyset$
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$$F(D, q) = \{f \in F(n, q) : G(f) \subseteq D\}$$

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