

Well-structure pushdown systems
Case of Dense Timed-Pushdown Automata

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This Talk

- Pushdown Extension of Well-Structured Transition Systems (WSPDS), introduced at CONCUR13
 - ✓ Conditions for [quasi-coverability](#), coverability.
 - ✓ [Well-formed projection](#) for reachability.
- Examples as instances of WSPDS
 - ✓ Multiset PDS (without *well-formed projection*)
[\[Chadha-Viswanathan CONCUR07\]](#)
 - ✓ [Dense Time PDA \(with *well-formed projection*\)](#)
[\[Abdulla,et.al. LICS12\]](#)

Well structured transition system (WSTS)

- **Def.** WSTS $M = (S, \Delta)$ consists of
 - ✓ **WQO** (S, \preceq) (a possibly *infinite* states)
 - ✓ $\Delta \subseteq S \times S$ *monotonic* transitions

where (S, \preceq) is a WQO if any infinite sequence s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots in D has a pair (i, j) such that $i < j$ and $s_i \preceq s_j$.

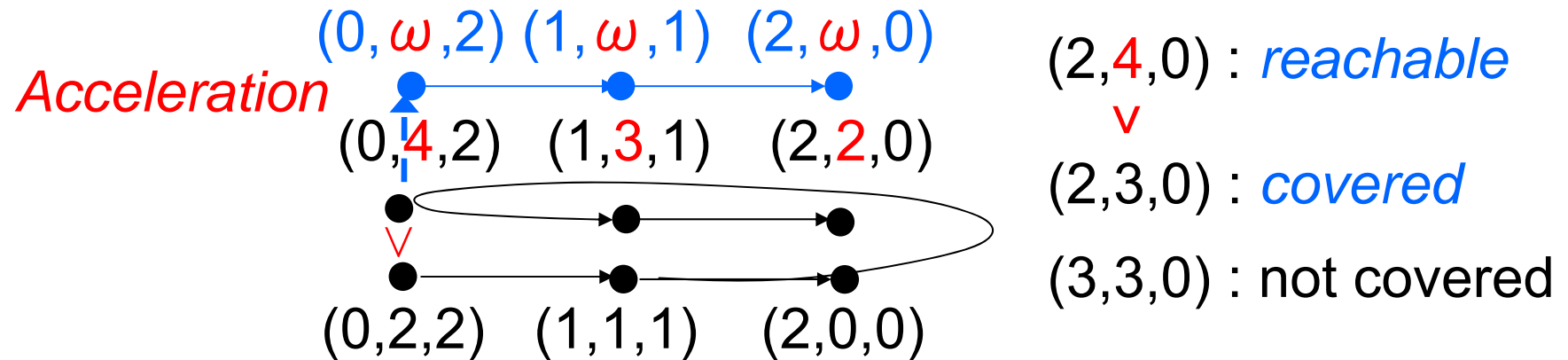
- **Remark.** Well-ordering is WQO; $> = \geq - \leq$ is WFO.
- **Theorem.** Coverability of a WSTS is decidable.
[Finkel87, Abdulla,et.al.00, Finkel-Schnoebelen01]

Petri-net (VAS = Vector Addition System)

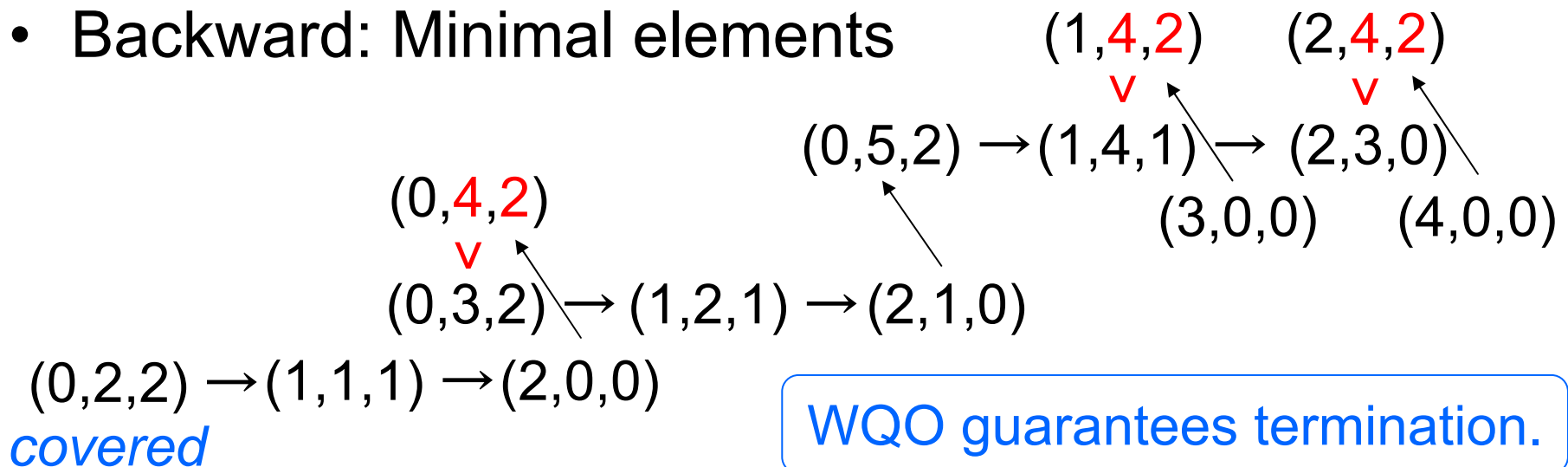
- **VAS** : finite integer vector addition rules on \mathbb{N}^k
e.g., $\{ \mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{m} + (1,-1,-1), \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{n} + (-2,4,2) \}$
- **Decidability**
 - ✓ Reachability, e.g., $(0,2,2) \rightarrow^* (2,3,0) ?$
[E.Mayr 81, Lambert 92, Leroux 11]
 - ✓ Coverability, e.g., $(0,2,2) \rightarrow^* \exists \mathbf{m}' \geq (2,3,0) ?$
[Karp-Miller acceleration 69, Finkel 93, GRB 07]

Example: Coverability $(0,2,2)$ to $(2,3,0)$
 where $\{ \mathbf{m} \rightarrow \mathbf{m} + (1,-1,-1), \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \mathbf{n} + (-2,4,2) \}$

- Forward: Acceleration



- Backward: Minimal elements

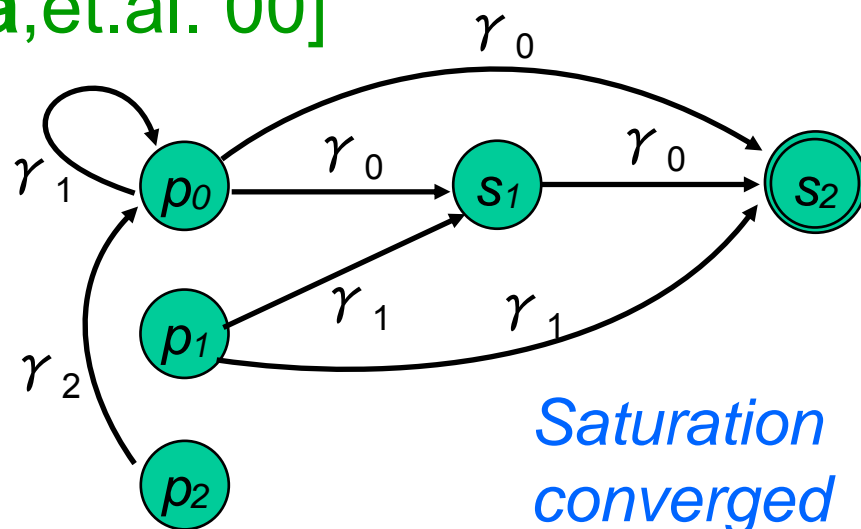


PDS (Pushdown systems) (S, Γ, Δ)

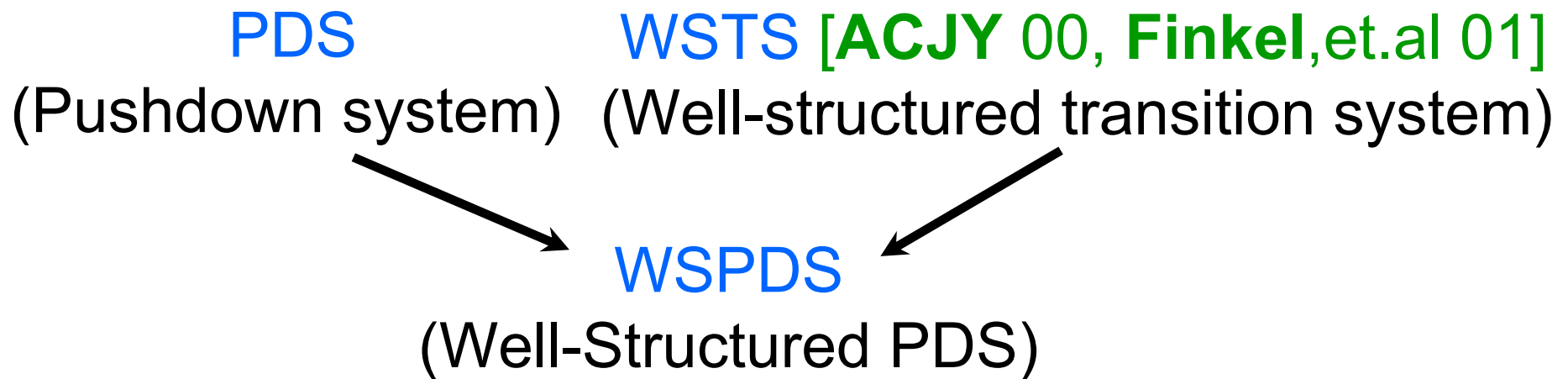
- **PDS** example
 - (1). $\langle p_0, \gamma_0 \rangle \rightarrow \langle p_1, \gamma_1 \gamma_0 \rangle$
 - (2). $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle p_2, \gamma_2 \gamma_0 \rangle$
 - (3). $\langle p_2, \gamma_2 \rangle \rightarrow \langle p_0, \gamma_1 \rangle$
 - (4). $\langle p_0, \gamma_1 \rangle \hookrightarrow \langle p_0, \epsilon \rangle$
- Reachability is decidable $\langle p_1, \gamma_1 \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle p_0, \gamma_0 \gamma_0 \rangle ?$
 - ✓ **CYK**-algorithm 65, **P-automaton** [Büchi 64, Finkel,et.al. 87, Esparza,et.al. 00]

Construct \mathcal{A} with
 $L(\mathcal{A}) = Pre^*(\langle p_0, \gamma_0 \gamma_0 \rangle)$

Reachable!



Well-Structured Pushdown Systems (WSPDS)



- **WSPDS** $(S, \Gamma, \Delta) : (S, \leq), (\Gamma, \preceq)$ are **WQO**
 - ✓ **Th.** When P-automaton converges, coverability is decidable. (CONCUR13)
- **Forward** : *Post** + *acceleration*
 - ✓ RVASS, BVAS, VASS with one zero-test
- **Backward**: *Pre** + *minimal elements*
 - ✓ Multiset PDS, **Dense Time PDA** (*Pre** diverges)

Coverability and Quasi-coverability

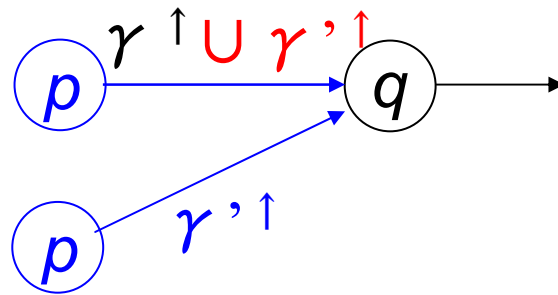
- **Def.** Given source / target configurations $\langle p, w \rangle, \langle q, v \rangle$
 - ✓ Coverability: $\exists q', v' . \langle p, w \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle q', v' \rangle, q \leq q', v \leq v'$
 - ✓ Quasi-coverability: $\exists p', w', q', v' . \langle p', w' \rangle \rightarrow^* \langle q', v' \rangle, p \leq p', w \leq w', q \leq q', v \leq v'$

where $\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_n \leq \gamma'_1 \gamma'_2 \dots \gamma'_n \Leftrightarrow \forall k. \gamma_k \leq \gamma'_k$

- **Th.** For WSPDS (S, Γ, Δ) , assuming computability of immediate predecessor sets ($pre(w^\uparrow)$),
 - ✓ If Pre^* automaton converges (e.g., $|S| < \infty$), coverability is decidable. (CONCUR13)
 - ✓ If a WSPDS is *growing*, quasi-coverability is decidable. (This work)

Idea for coverability

- WSTS techniques on edges of Pre^* automaton.
 - ✓ Example: Coverability of Multiset PDS



- If Pre^* automaton does not converge, strengthen quasi-coverability to reachability by finding a *compatible well-formed projection*. (Later)
 - ✓ Example: Dense Time PDA (DTPDA)

Multiset PDS [Chadha-Viswanathan07]

- Multi-set PDS (S, Γ, Δ) has

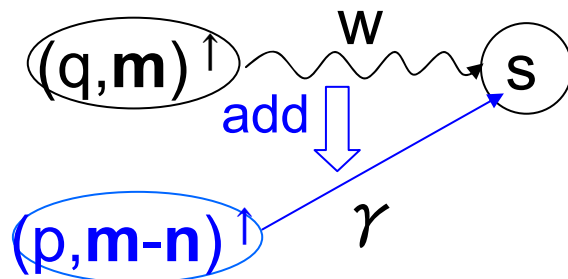
✓ $S =$ finite control states $\times \mathbb{N}^k$ (WQO)

✓ $\Gamma =$ finite stack alphabet

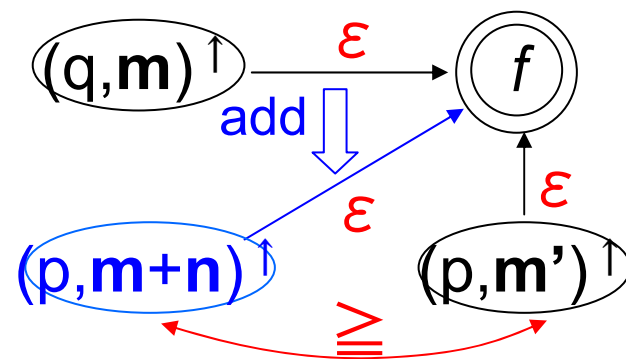
Coverability is decidable

✓ $\Delta :$ special forms (Pre^* converges)

$$\frac{(p, \gamma, q, w, \mathbf{n}) \in \delta_1}{\langle (p, \mathbf{m}), \gamma w' \rangle \mapsto \langle (q, \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{m}), w w' \rangle}$$



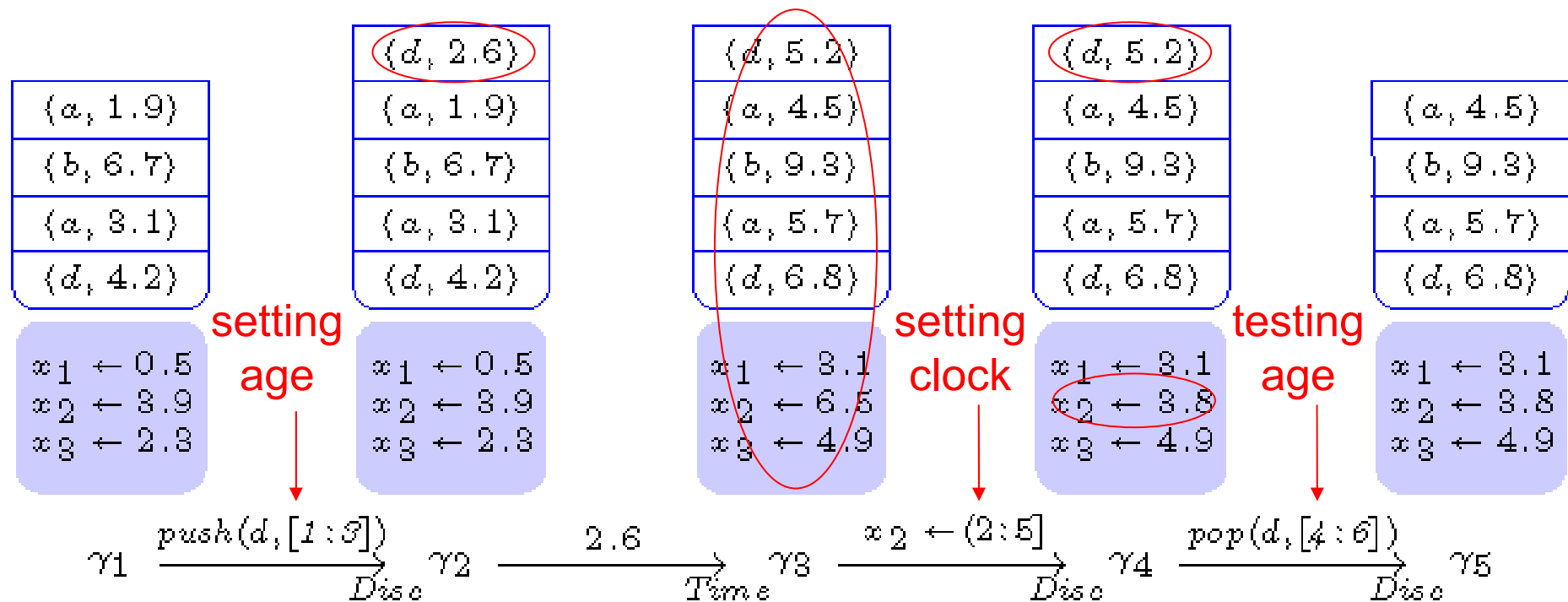
$$\frac{(p, q, \mathbf{n}) \in \delta_2, \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^k}{\langle (p, \mathbf{m}), \epsilon \rangle \mapsto \langle (q, \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}), \epsilon \rangle}$$



Only with the empty stack

Dense Time PDA (DTPDA) [Abdulla,et.al.12]

- Timed PDA with *global clocks* and *local ages*
 - ✓ *Discrete* transitions: Control transitions (with testing/setting time), and no time proceeds.
 - ✓ *Time* transitions: Time progress.

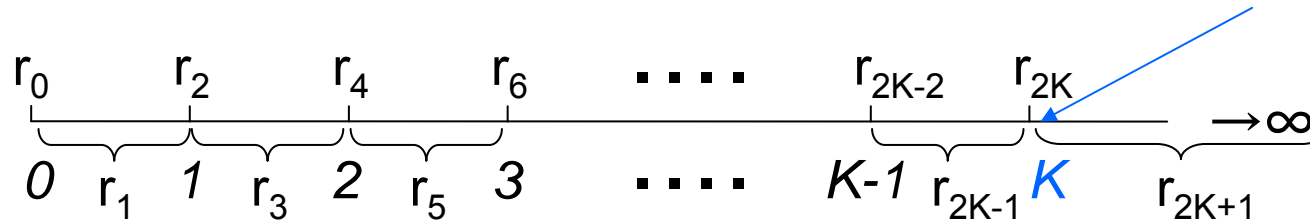


Difficulty: Local ages in the stack also proceeds

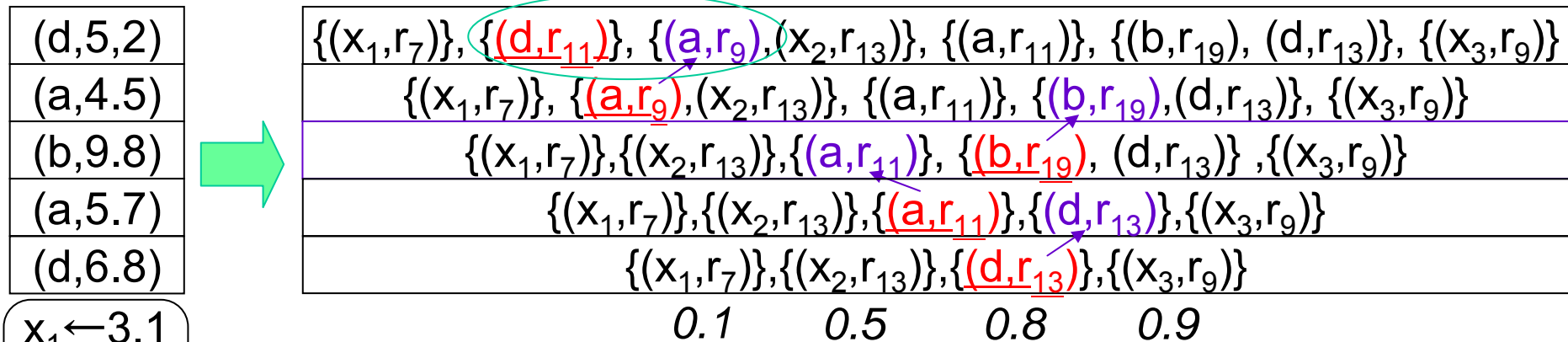
Dicretization (Region word)

- Word representation of region construction [Ouakline-Worrell04]

Max K appearing in time constraints



Local ages in the top and second frames are marked



x₁ ← 3.1
x₂ ← 6.5
x₃ ← 4.9

Encoding

Time progress: Rotation of the top frame.

Call: Put a local age into the region word and push.

Return: Propagate time progress to the next frame and pop

Well-formed projections

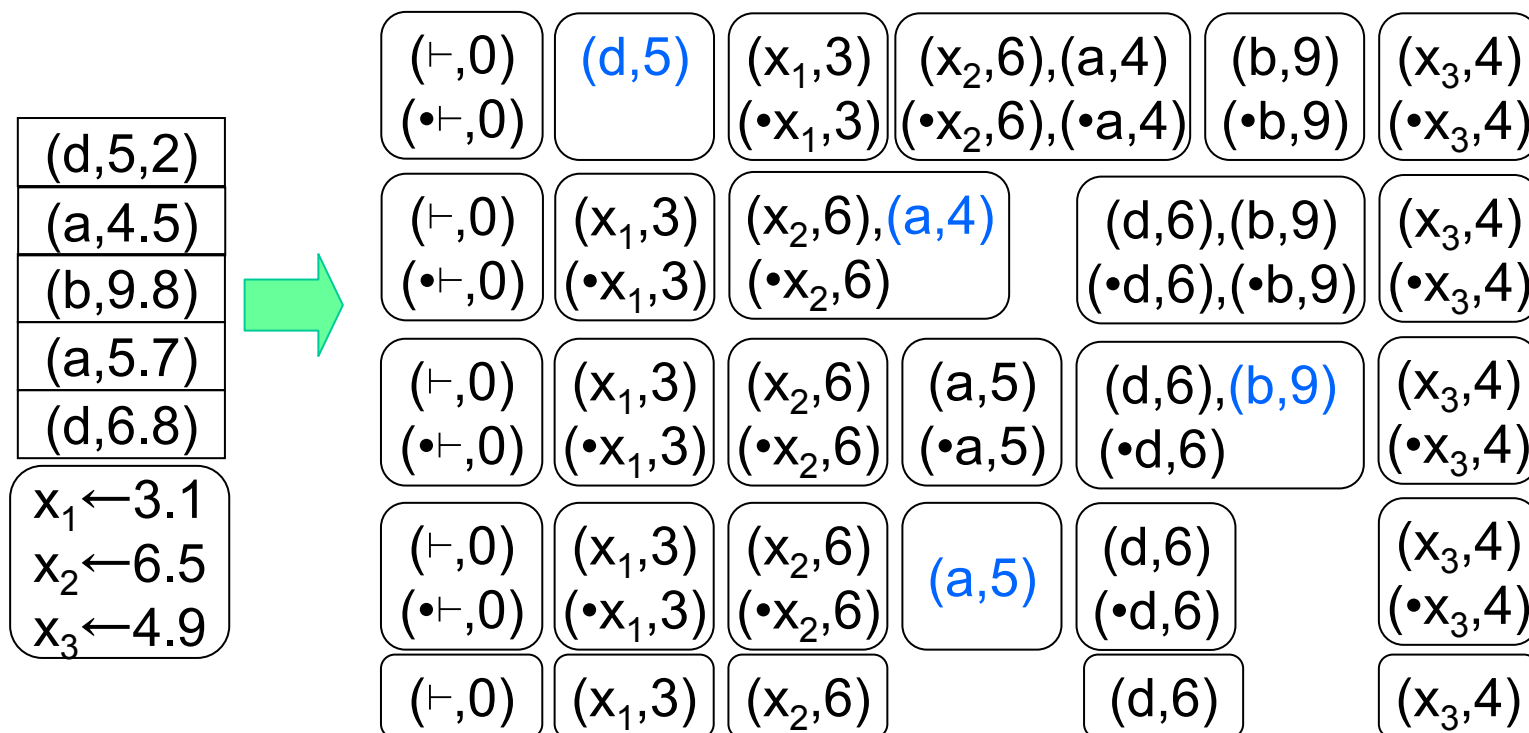
- **Def.** A monotonic projection \Downarrow such that, if not undefined, compatible with transitions.
- **Remark.** If the source / target configurations $\langle p, w \rangle$, $\langle q, v \rangle$ hold $\langle p, w \rangle \Downarrow = \langle p, w \rangle$ and $\langle q, v \rangle \Downarrow = \langle q, v \rangle$, quasi-coverability becomes reachability.
- For the discretization of DTPDA, it is

$\{(x_1, r_7)\}, \{(c, r_7)\}, \{(d, r_{11})\}, \{(a, r_9), (x_2, r_{13})\}, \{(a, r_{11})\}, \{(b, r_{19}), (d, r_{13})\}, \{(a, r_5)\}, \{(x_3, r_9)\}$
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\Downarrow keeps global clocks, and ages propagated from marked ages.

Comparison with original DTPDA encoding

- The similar idea of region words, but overwrites local ages with the same stack alphabet. (\bullet shows the pointers to the next frame) \Rightarrow (finite) PDS encoding
 - ✓ Reachability was shown.



Conclusion

- WSPDS reduces coverability to convergence of P-automaton.
 - ✓ **Forward:** “ $Post^*$ + acceleration” reprovves RVASS, BVAS, VASS with one zero-test.
 - ✓ **Backward:** “ Pre^* + minimal elements” reprovves Multiset PDS, DTPDA (with well-formed projection).

- Extension with invariants

✓ For TA, not much differences.

✓ For DTPDA, *invariants on local ages* are hidden in the stack, which can be handled by our encoding.

