Model-Based Schedulability Analysis

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Reminder: analytical schedulability analysis

A scheduling policy encompasses 3 elements:

1. assumption about the problem: periodicity of processes, deadlines, use of resources, . . .
2. schedulability test
3. scheduling algorithm

Standard engineering practice.

Example: preemptive EDF

Preemptive EDF scheduling:

1. assumption: independent tasks of period T_i and execution time E_i sharing one processor and no other resource, rel. deadline = period
2. schedulable iff $\sum_i \frac{E_i}{T_i} \leqslant 1$
3. scheduling algorithm: earliest deadline first

And if we want to schedule tasks that share another, non-preemptable resource?

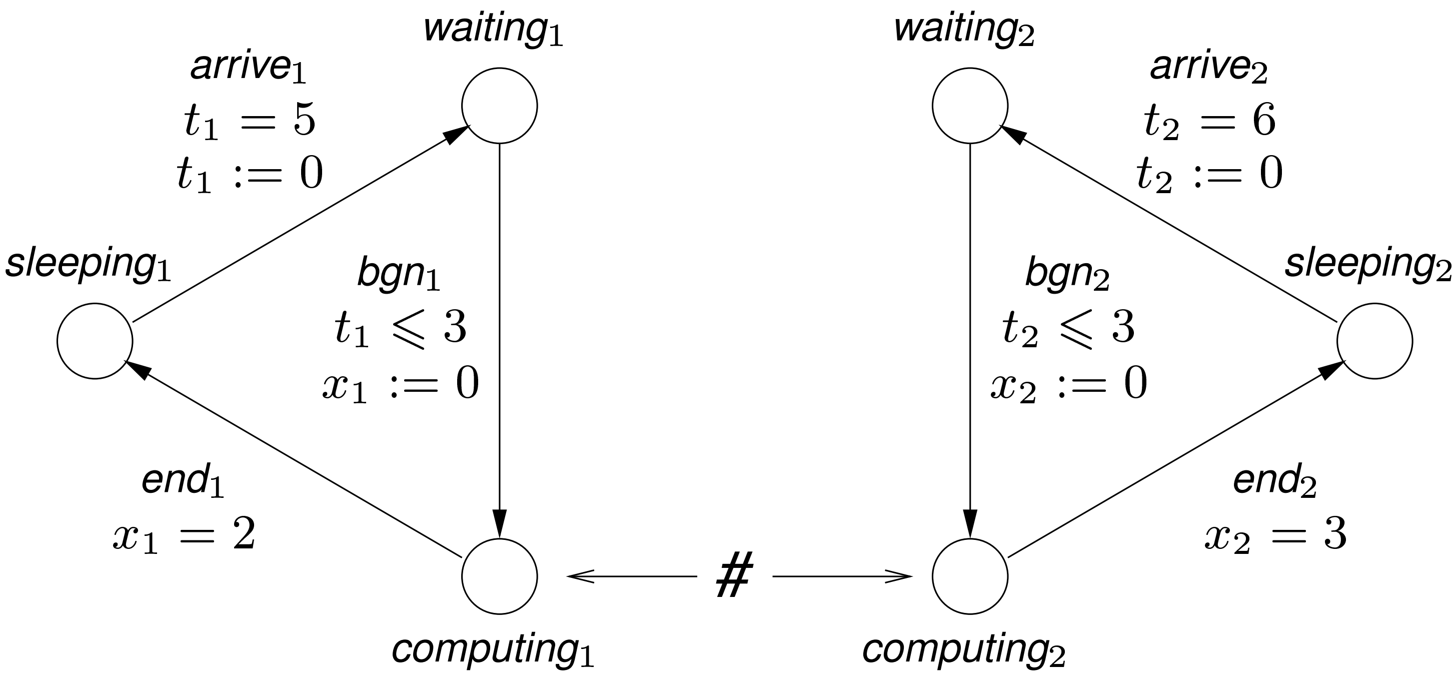
- generalize the scheduling policy (relax assumptions), or
- use model-based schedulability analysis.

Model-based schedulability analysis

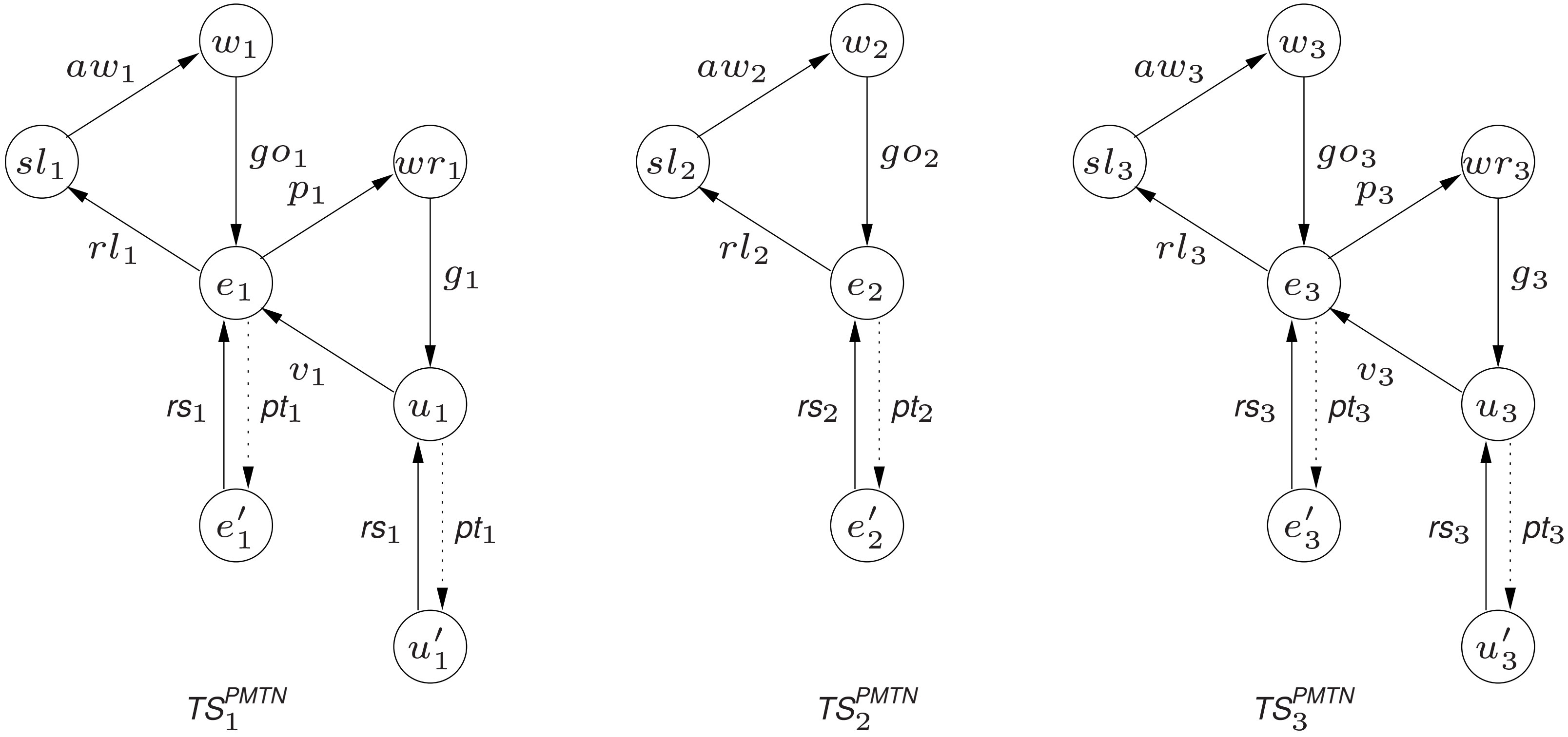
Idea:

- Model the problem (tasks and scheduling policy) in a general mathematical framework, e.g. timed automata with priorities.
- Formulate schedulability as a property of the model.
- Check if the model satisfies the property.

Example: two periodic processes



Example: three processes sharing two resources



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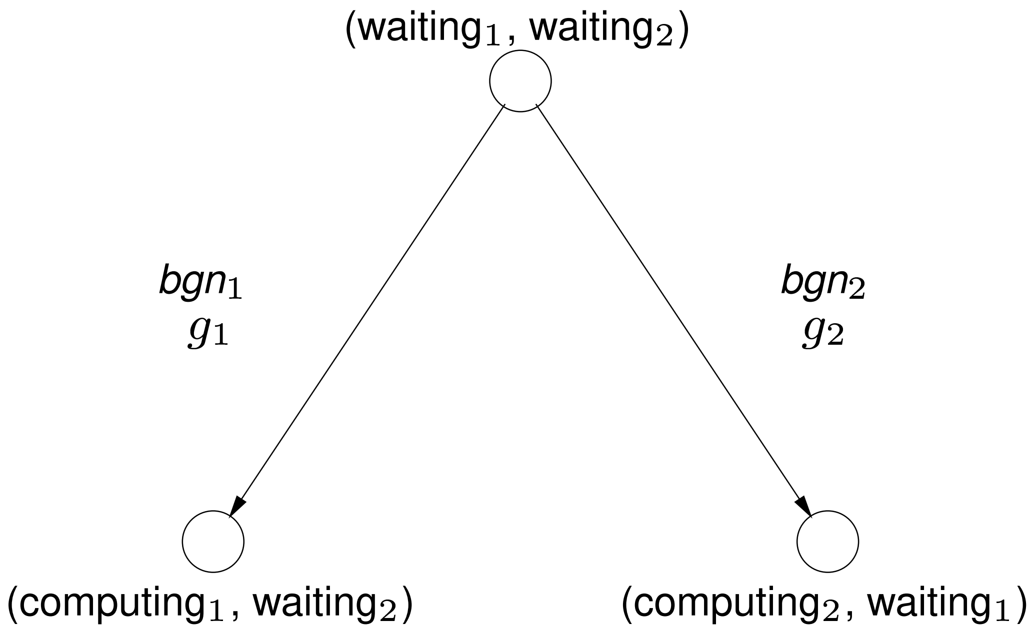

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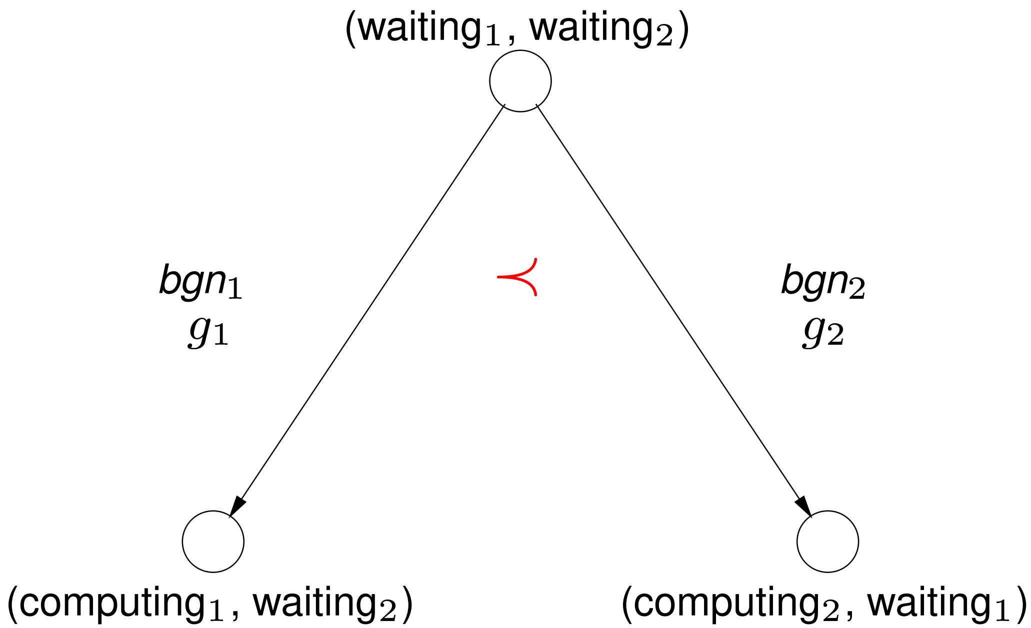
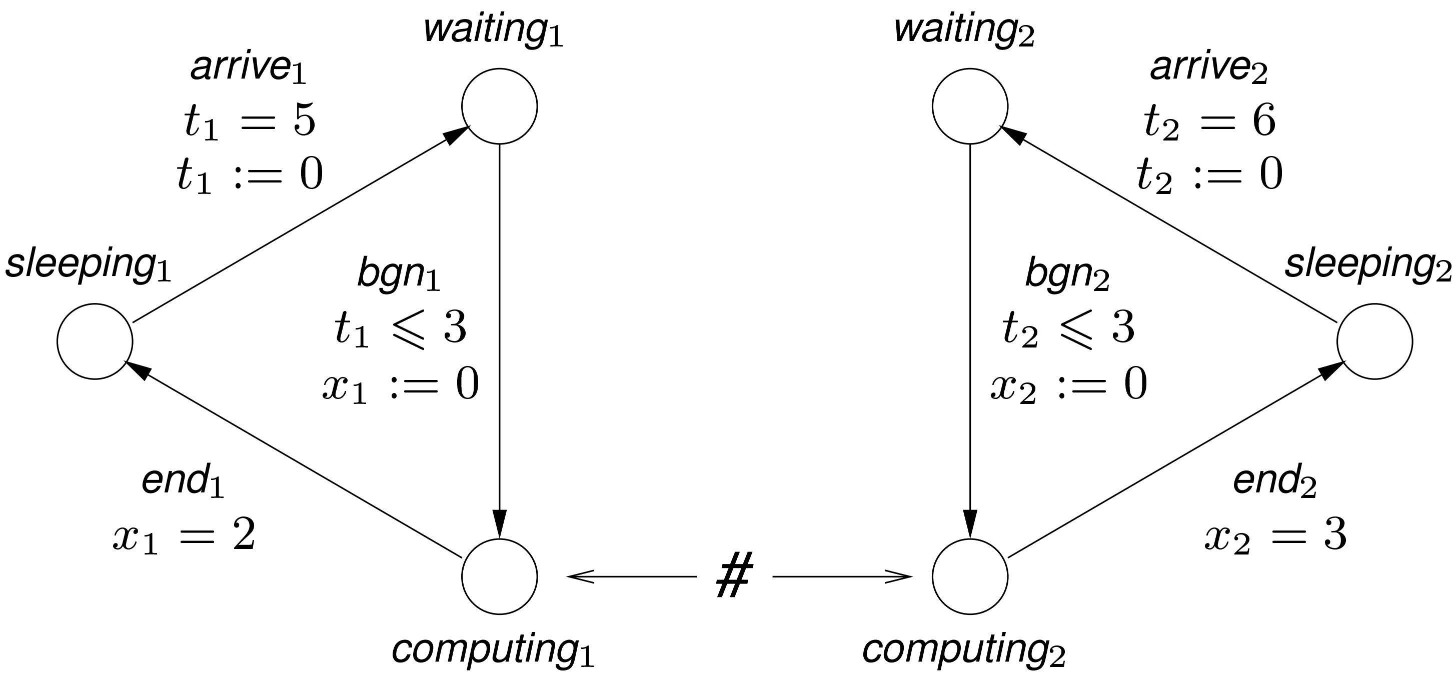


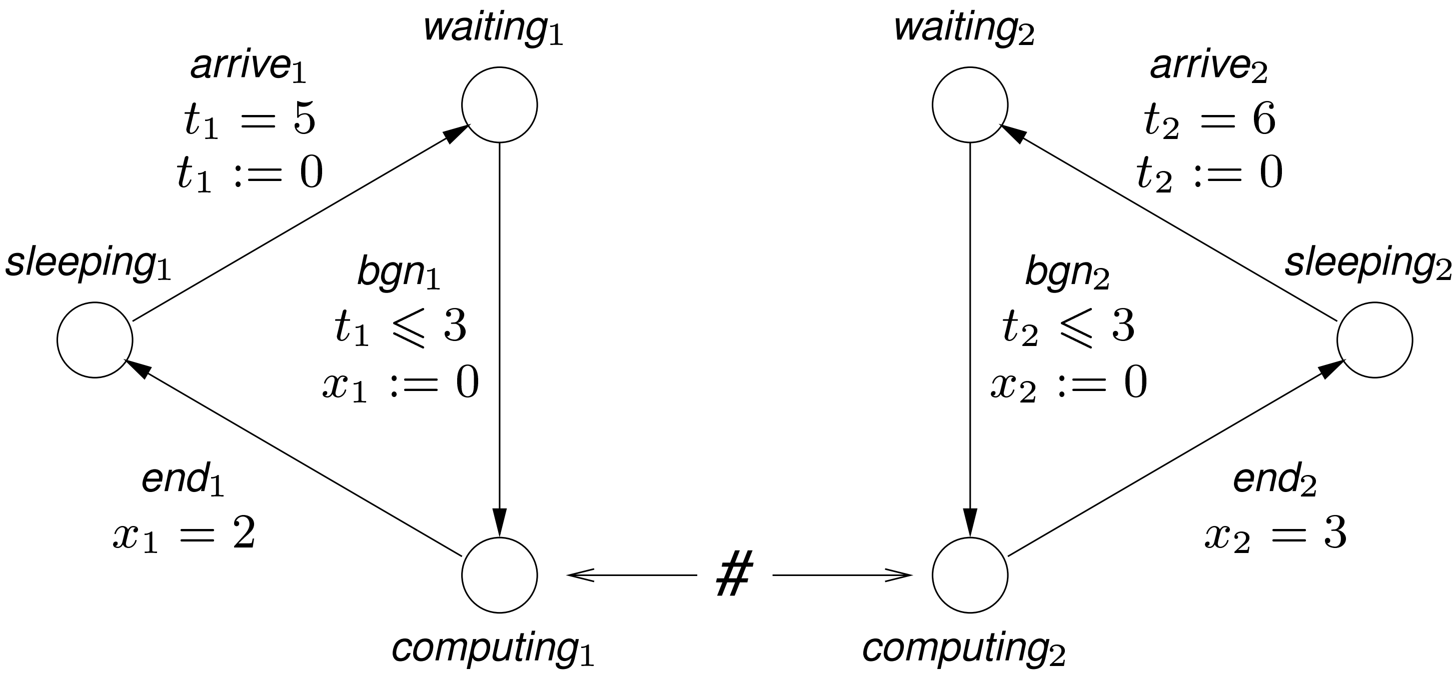
priority function	guard of bgn_1 restricted to
$true \Rightarrow bgn_1 \prec bgn_2$	$g_1 \wedge \neg g_2$
$\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow bgn_1 \prec bgn_2$	$g_1 \wedge \neg(\mathcal{C} \wedge g_2)$

Example: RMS



RMS scheduling: *true* $\Rightarrow$ *bgn*$_2 \prec$ *bgn*$_1$

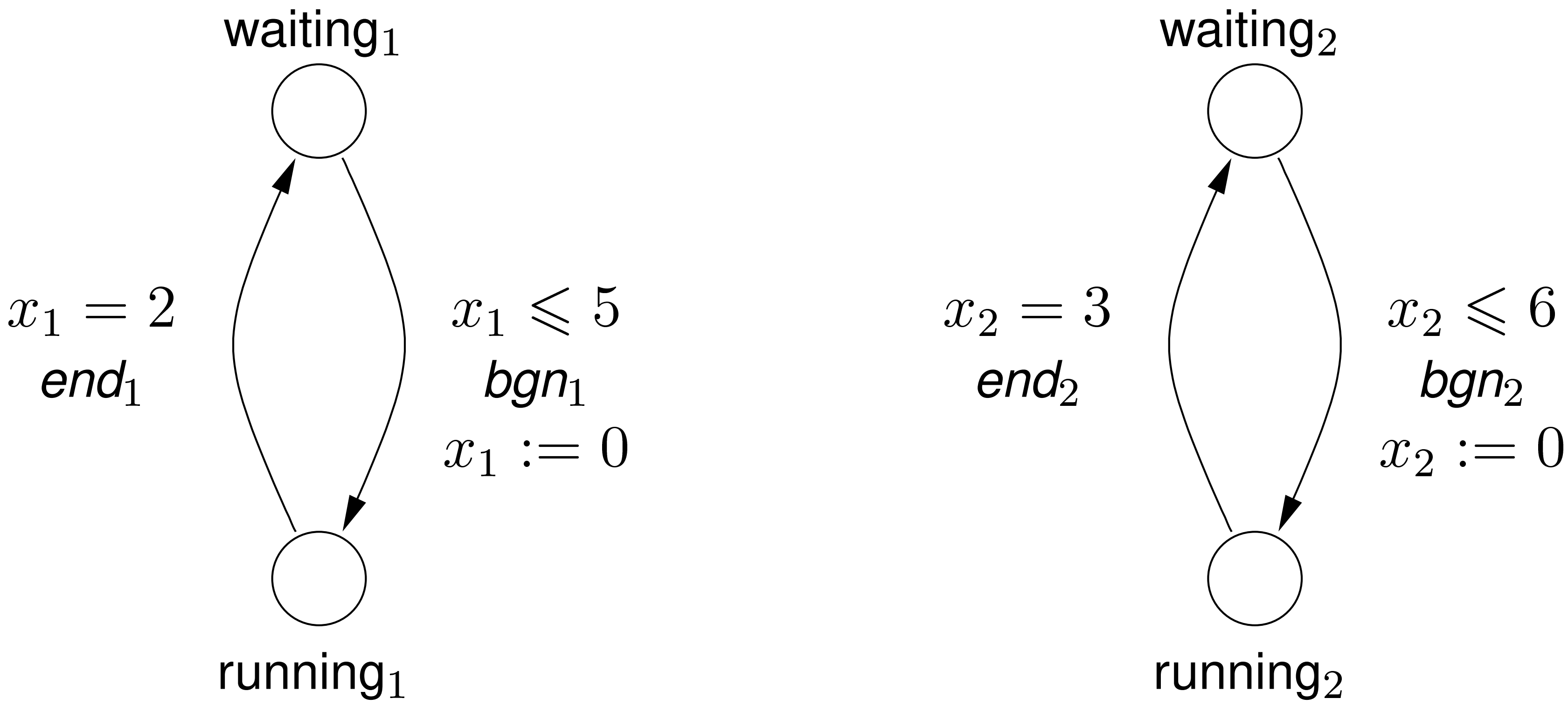
Example: EDF



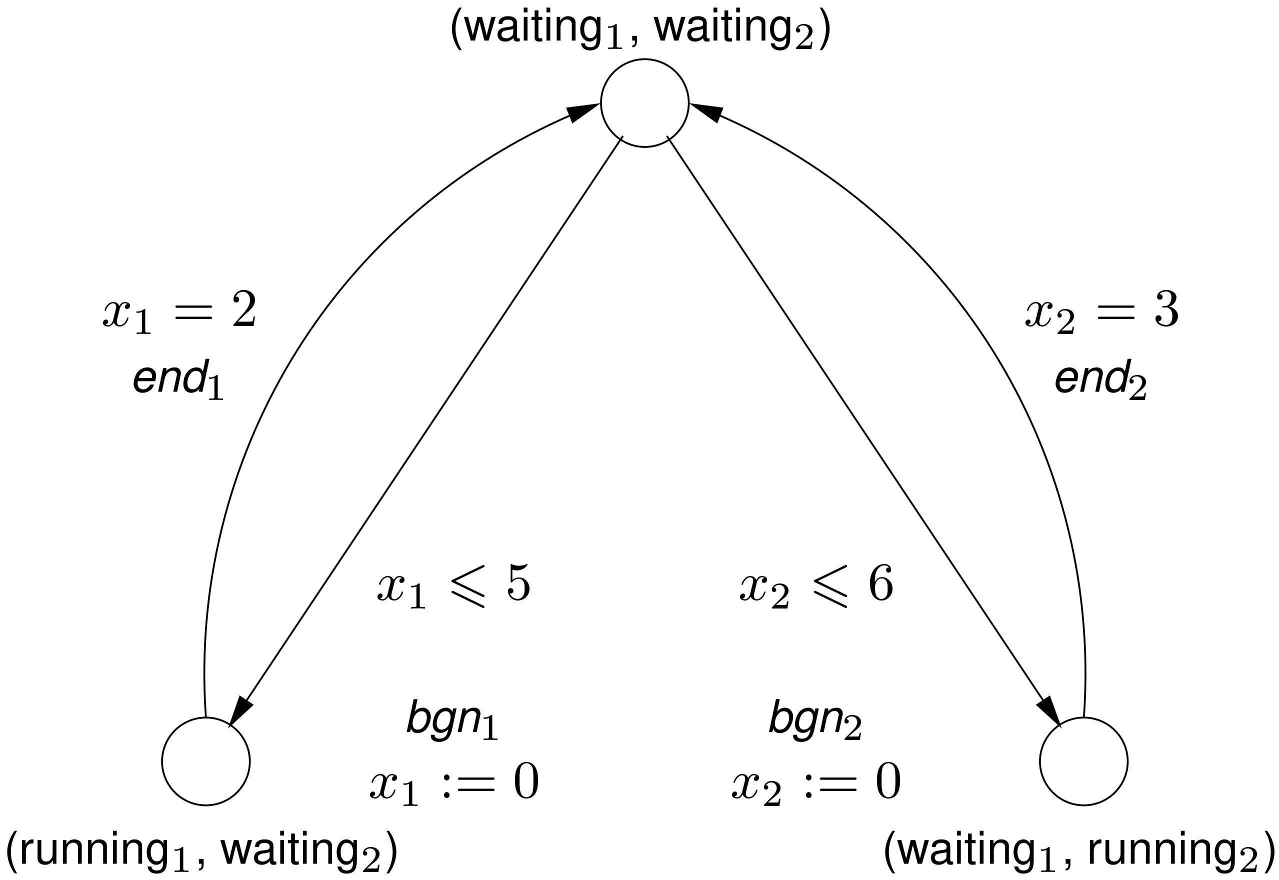
EDF scheduling: $5 - t_1 > 6 - t_2 \;\Rightarrow\;$ *bgn*$_1 \prec$ *bgn*$_2$

$5 - t_1 < 6 - t_2 \;\Rightarrow\;$ *bgn*$_2 \prec$ *bgn*$_1$

A very simple example



Constructing the product automaton



EDF scheduling: $5 - x_1 > 6 - x_2 \;\Rightarrow\; \mathit{bgn}_1 \prec \mathit{bgn}_2$

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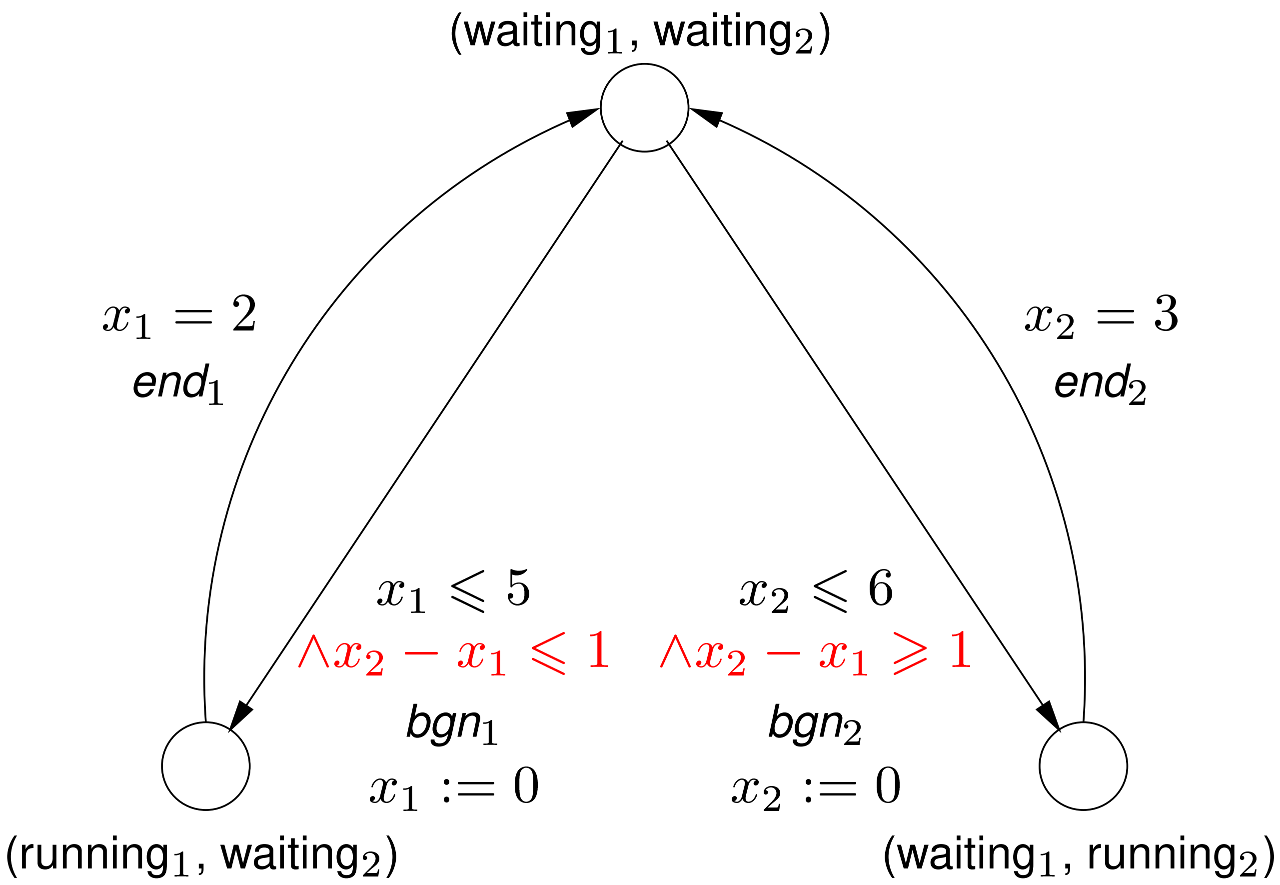
Applying the scheduling policy



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Computing the fixpoint

A state of the automaton: $(s, v) \in S \times V$.

Correctly scheduled states: $X \subseteq S \times (x_1 \leqslant 5 \wedge x_2 \leqslant 6)$ s.t.

$$X = X \cap pre(X)$$

where

$$pre(X) = \{(s, v) \mid \exists d \geqslant 0 \ \exists \text{ transition } t \ . \ (s, v + d) \xrightarrow{t} (s', v') \in X\}$$

Computing X:

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= S \times (x_1 \leqslant 5 \wedge x_2 \leqslant 6) \\ X_1 &= X_0 \cap pre(X_0) \\ &\vdots \\ X_\infty &= \bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} pre^i(X_0) \end{aligned}$$

Example: Priority Ceiling Protocol

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SCHEDULER pcp()
    forall Pi: process
    forall Pj: process
        BLOCKING (Pi, Pj) :=
            exists r1: nonpreemptable
            exists r2: nonpreemptable
                USING (Pi, r1) and WAITING (Pj, r2)
                and CEILING (r1) >= PRIO (Pj)

    PRIORITIES
        forall Pi: process
        forall Pj: process
            Pj <0 Pi  if
                forall Pk: process
                    PRIO (Pi) > PRIO (Pj) and
                    (PRIO(Pk) < PRIO(Pi) or not BLOCKING (Pj, Pk))

        forall Pi: process
        forall Pj: process
            Pj <0 Pi  if
                exists Pk: process
                    PRIO (Pi) < PRIO (Pj) and
                    PRIO (Pk) > PRIO (Pj) and BLOCKING (Pi, Pk)
END pcp
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Conclusion

Overview:

	analytical	model-based
1.	assumptions	only restriction: expressivity of formalism
2.	schedulability test	algorithm to check deadlock-freedom
3.	scheduling algorithm	

- trade-off generality/complexity
- integration of model-based and analytical schedulability analysis?

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