

# Progress Control

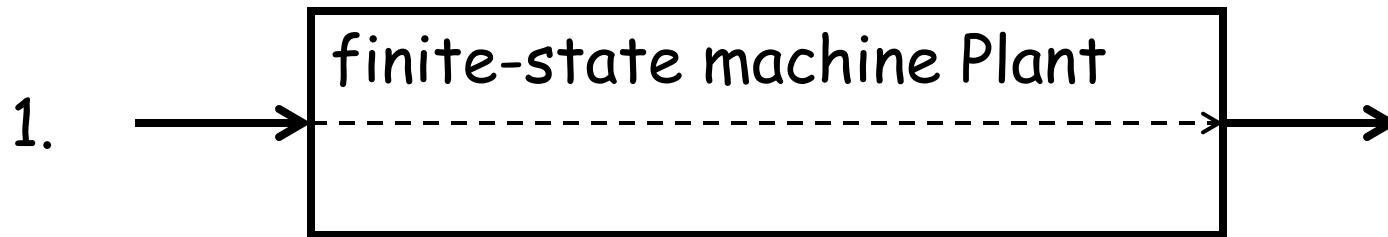
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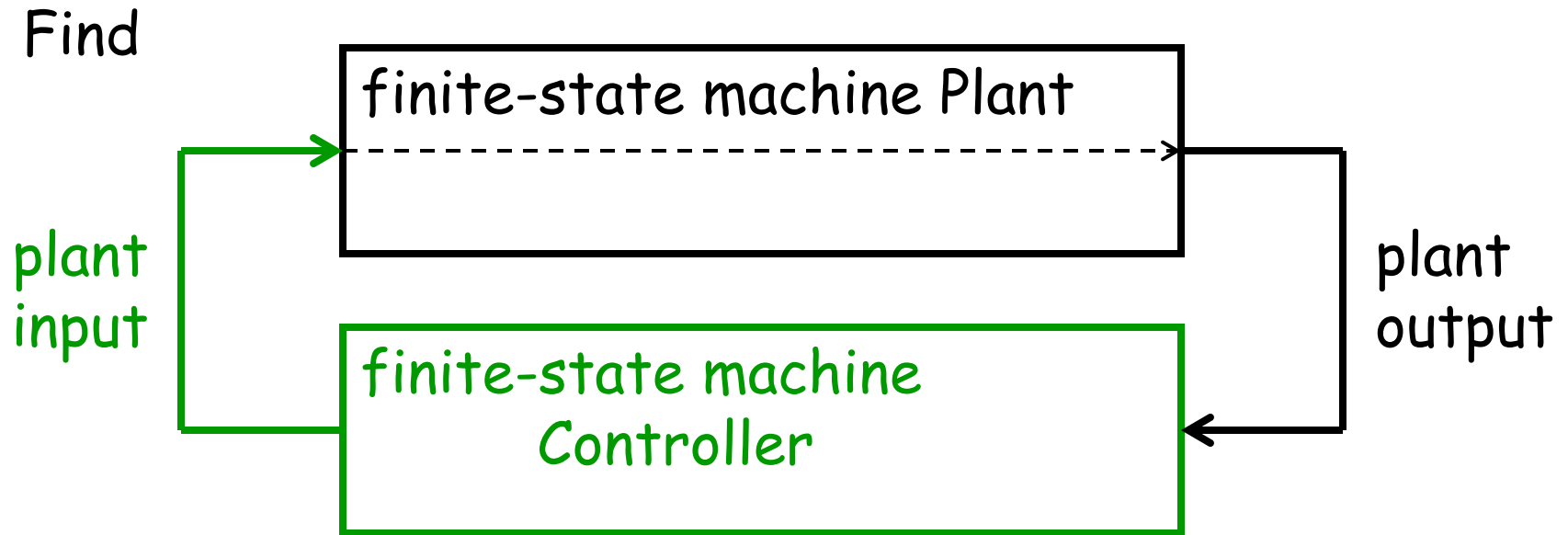
# The Safety Control Problem

Given



2. set **Error** of plant states

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such that the composite system never enters a state in **Error**

Control is a **Game** : Plant vs. Controller

Each round consists of two moves:

first Controller chooses plant input,  
then Plant chooses plant output

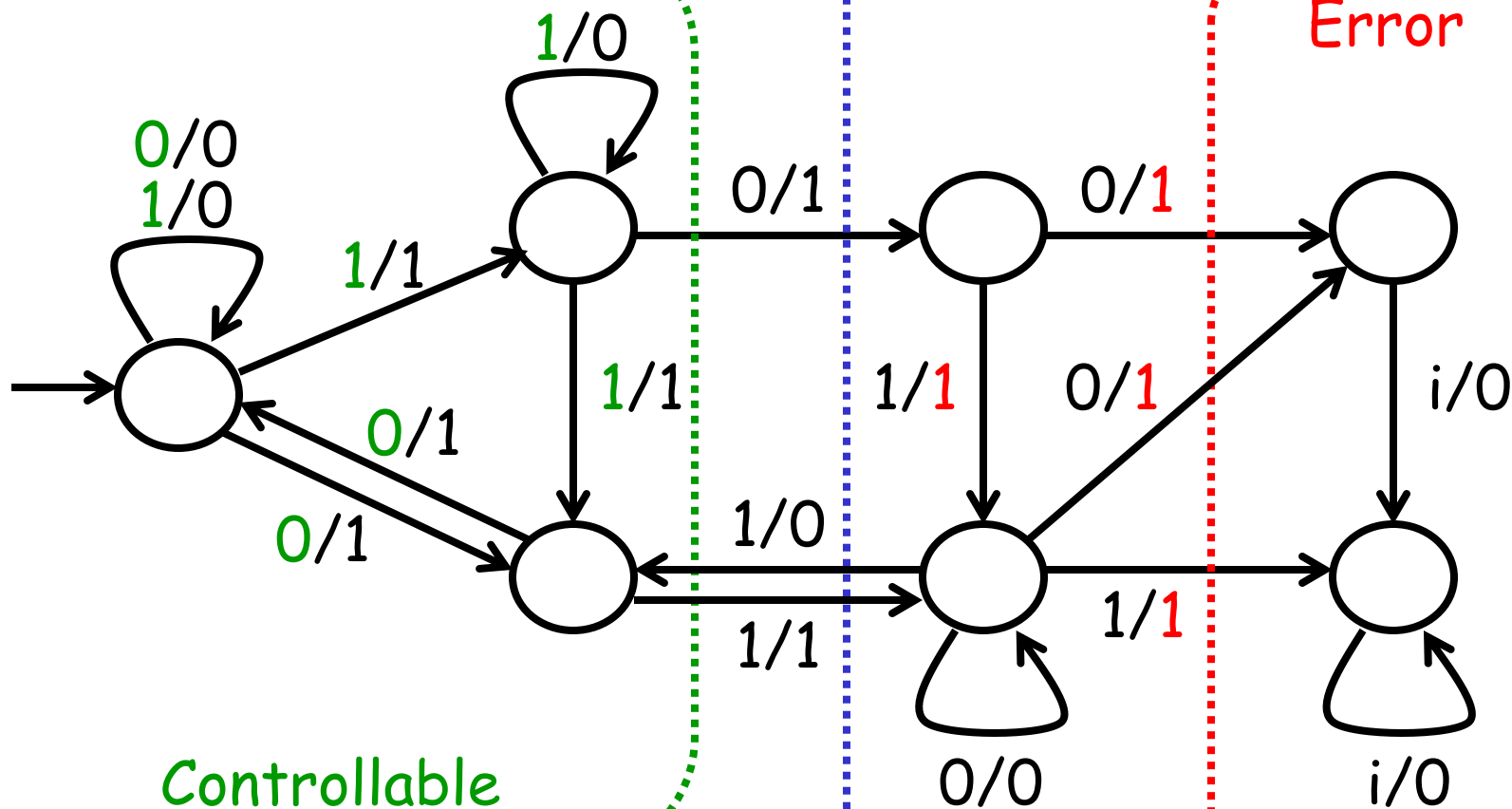
**Controllable plant states** : controller has a strategy to meet the objective (avoid error states)

**Uncontrollable plant states**: plant has a strategy to violate the objective (reach an error state)

Plant

Uncontrollable

Error



Controller objective = SAFETY :

stay away from the states in the set Error

Plant objective = PROGRESS :

get to a state in the set Error

The dual control problem:

**PROGRESS**

controller attempts to lead the plant into a specified set of states (the "target" states)

## Safety Control vs. Progress Control

The roles of Plant and Controller are reversed.

But the progress-controllable states are not the safety-uncontrollable, because the game is not symmetric (the controller always moves first).

Still, the solutions are very similar.

Plant

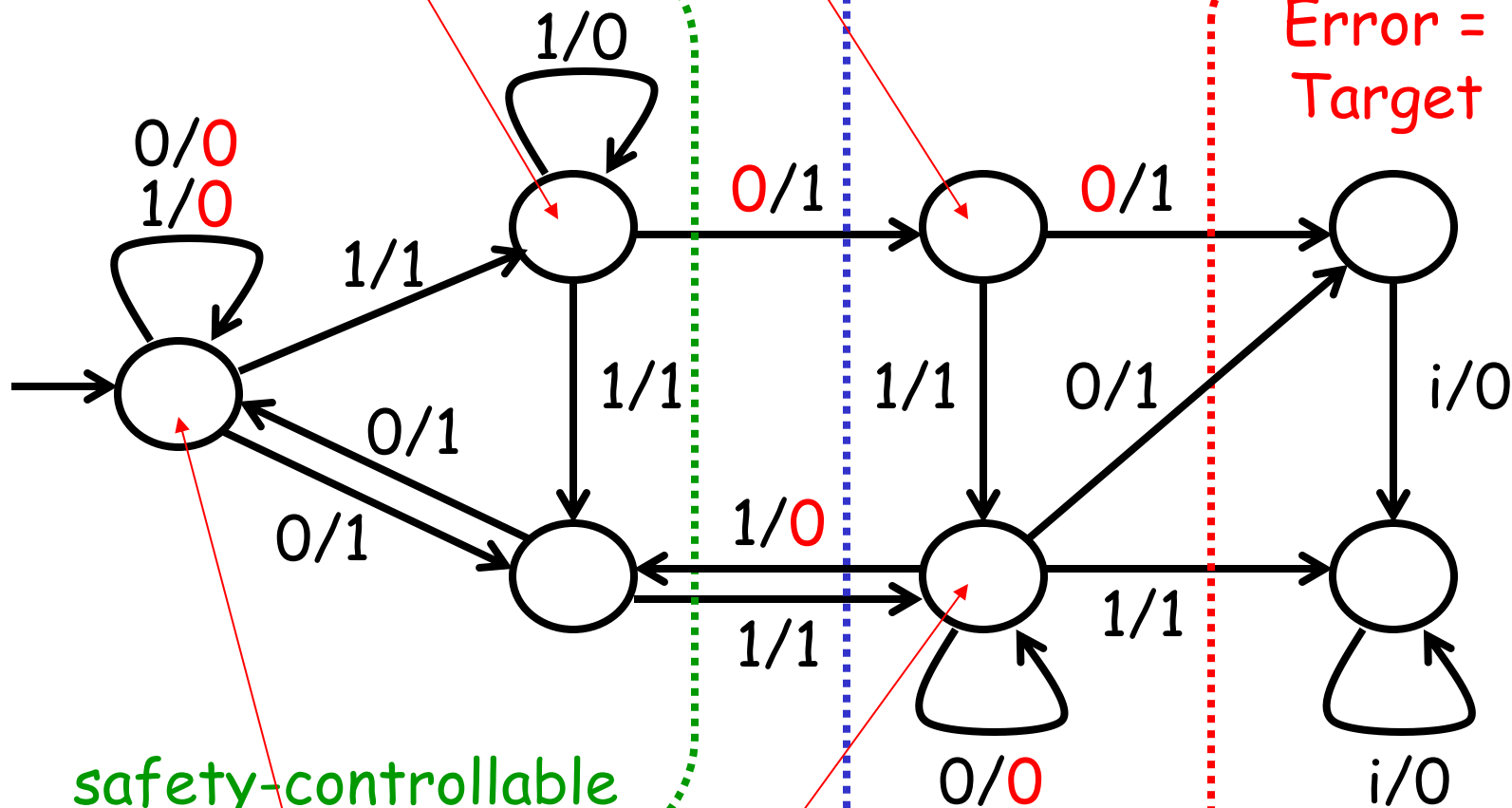
progress-controllable

safety-uncontrollable

Error =  
Target

safety-controllable

progress-uncontrollable



## Recall Safety Control Step 1:

Compute the **safety-uncontrollable** states of Plant

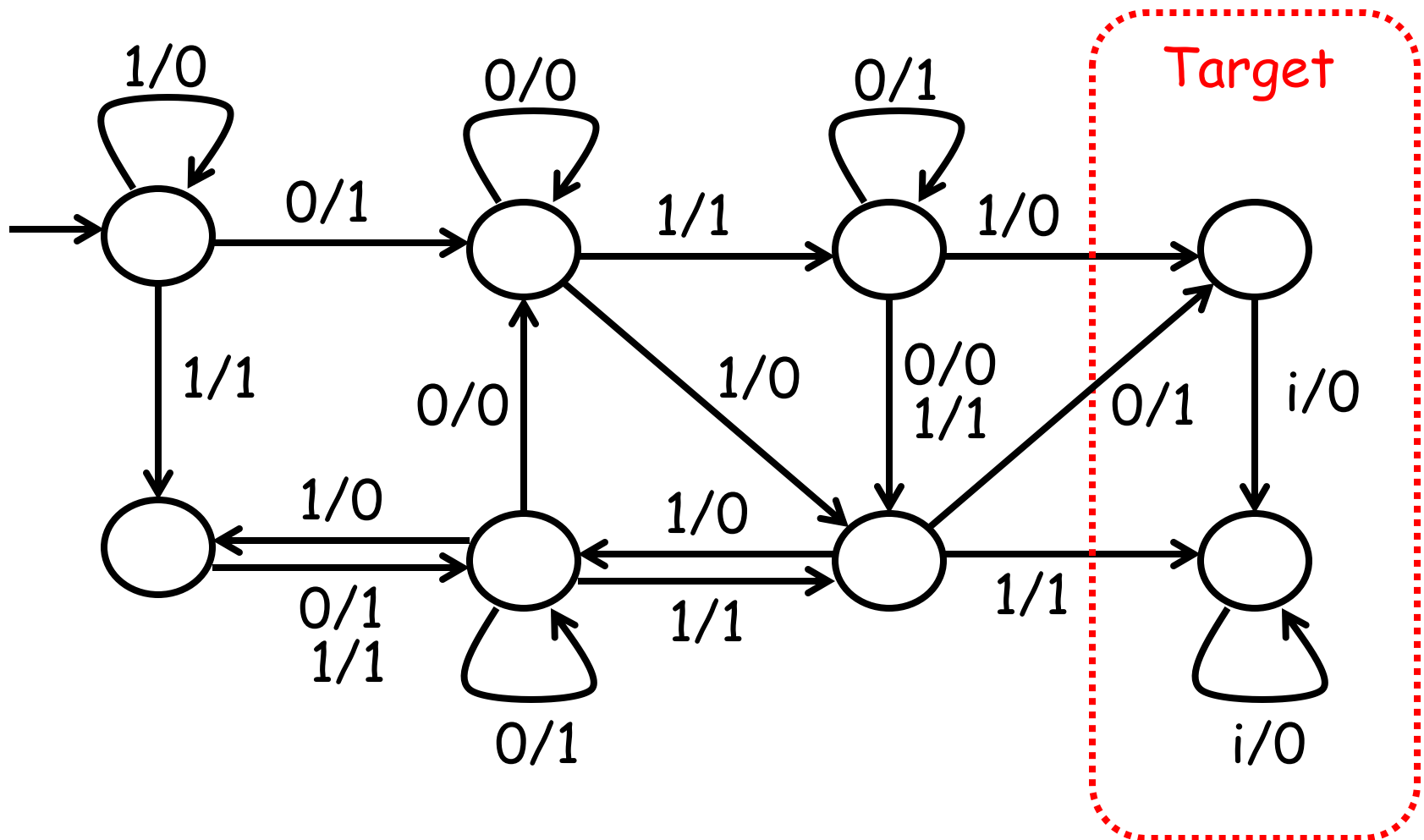
1. Every state in **Error** is safety-uncontrollable.
2. For all states  $s$ ,
  - if for all inputs  $i$ 
    - there exist a safety-uncontrollable state  $s'$  and an output  $o$  such that  $(s', o) \in \text{possibleUpdates}(s, i)$
  - then  $s$  is safety-uncontrollable.

## Progress Control Step 1:

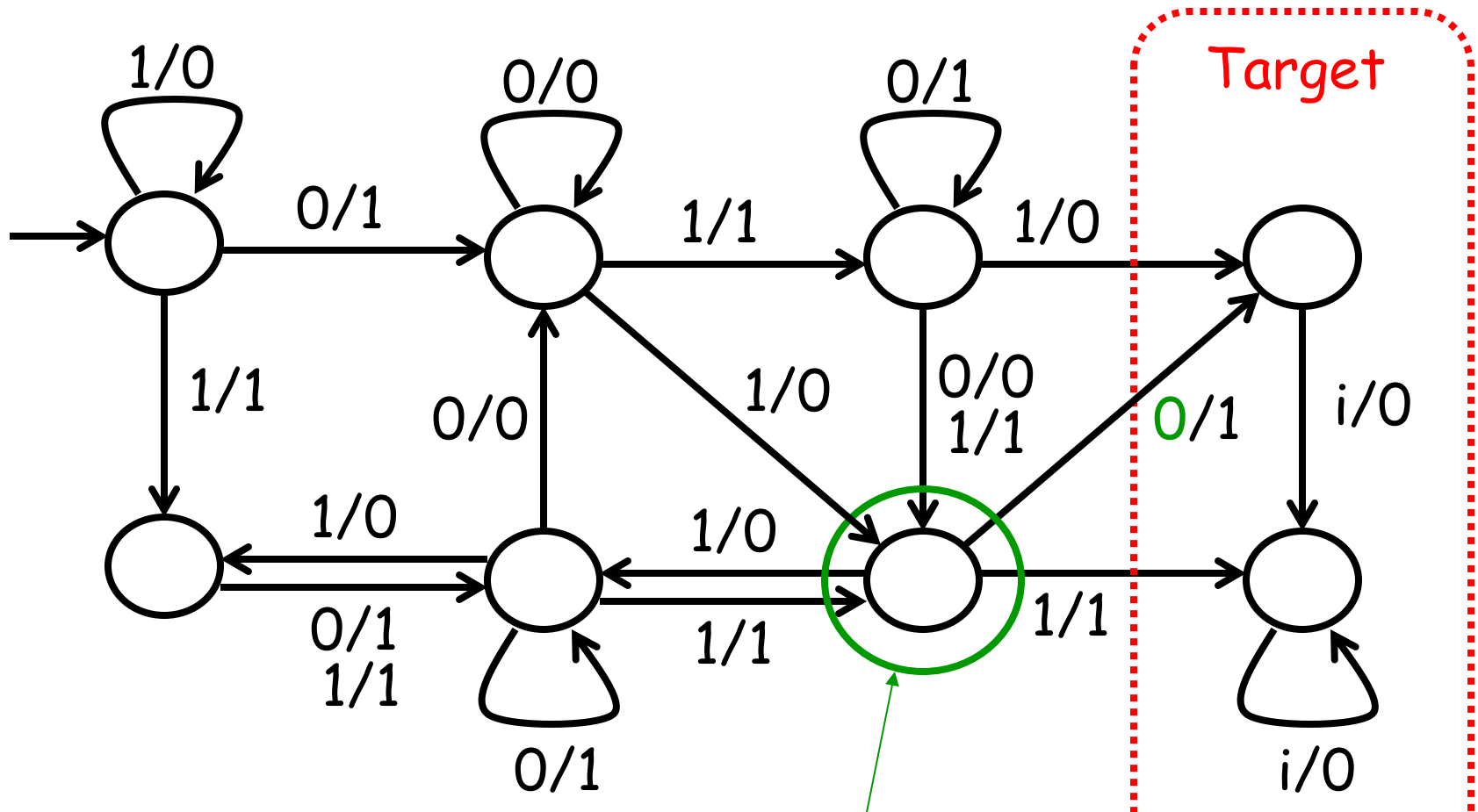
Compute the **progress-controllable** states of Plant

1. Every state in **Target** is progress-controllable.
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  - if there exists an input  $i$   
for all states  $s'$  and outputs  $o$   
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then  $s'$  is progress-controllable
  - then  $s$  is progress-controllable.

Plant



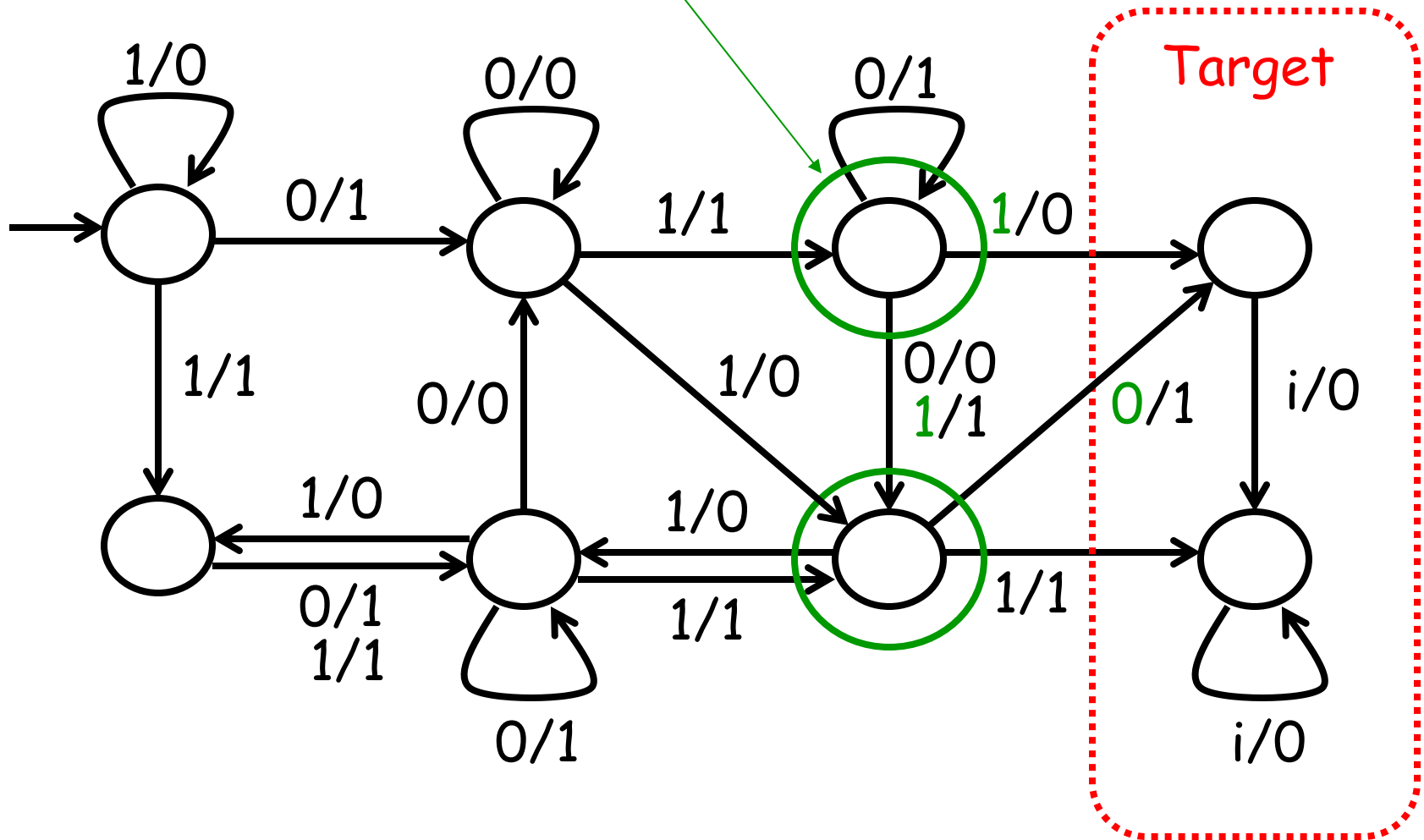
Plant



progress-controllable (can force  
plant into target in 1 transition)

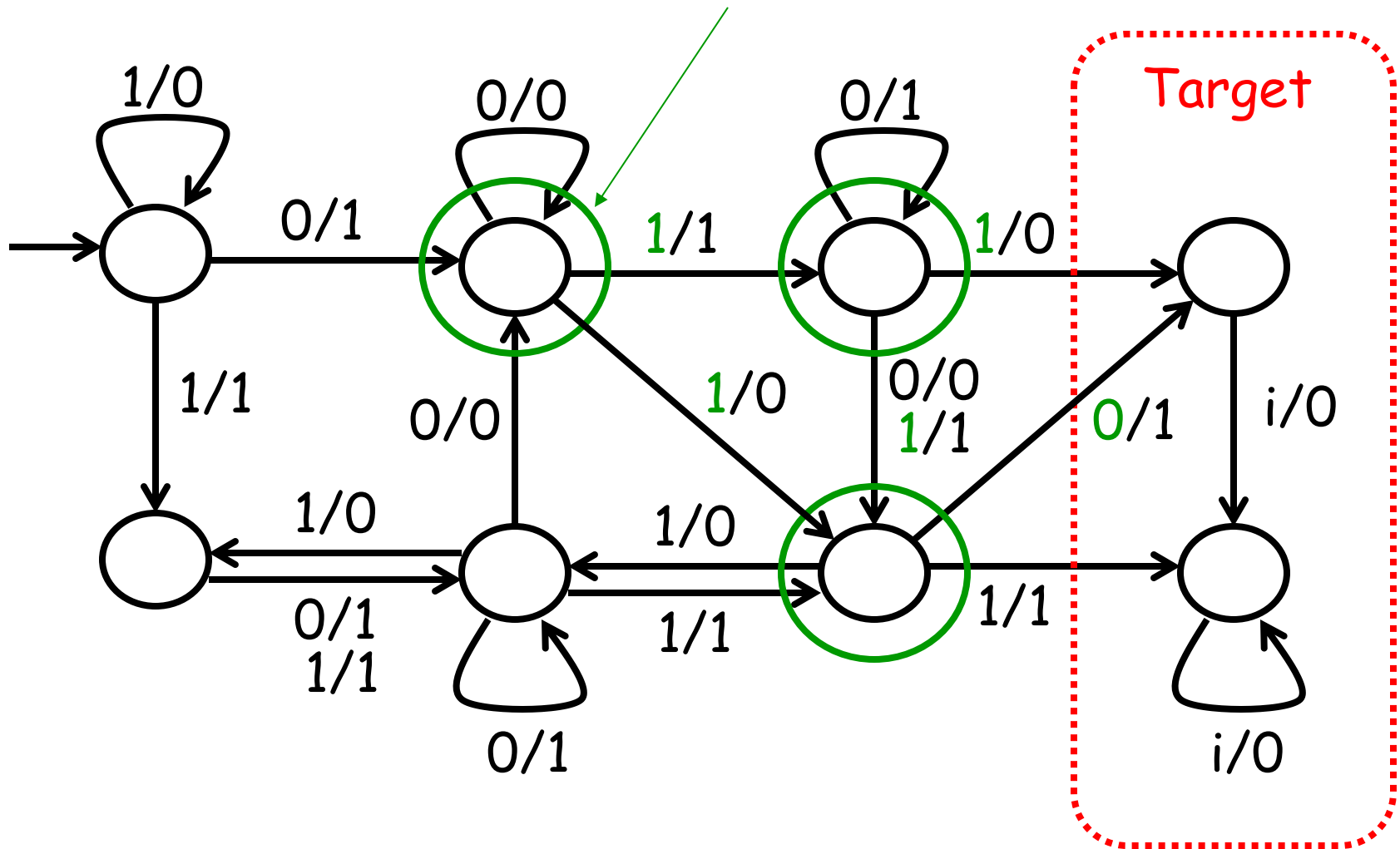
Plant

progress-controllable (can force  
plant into target in  $\leq 2$  transitions)



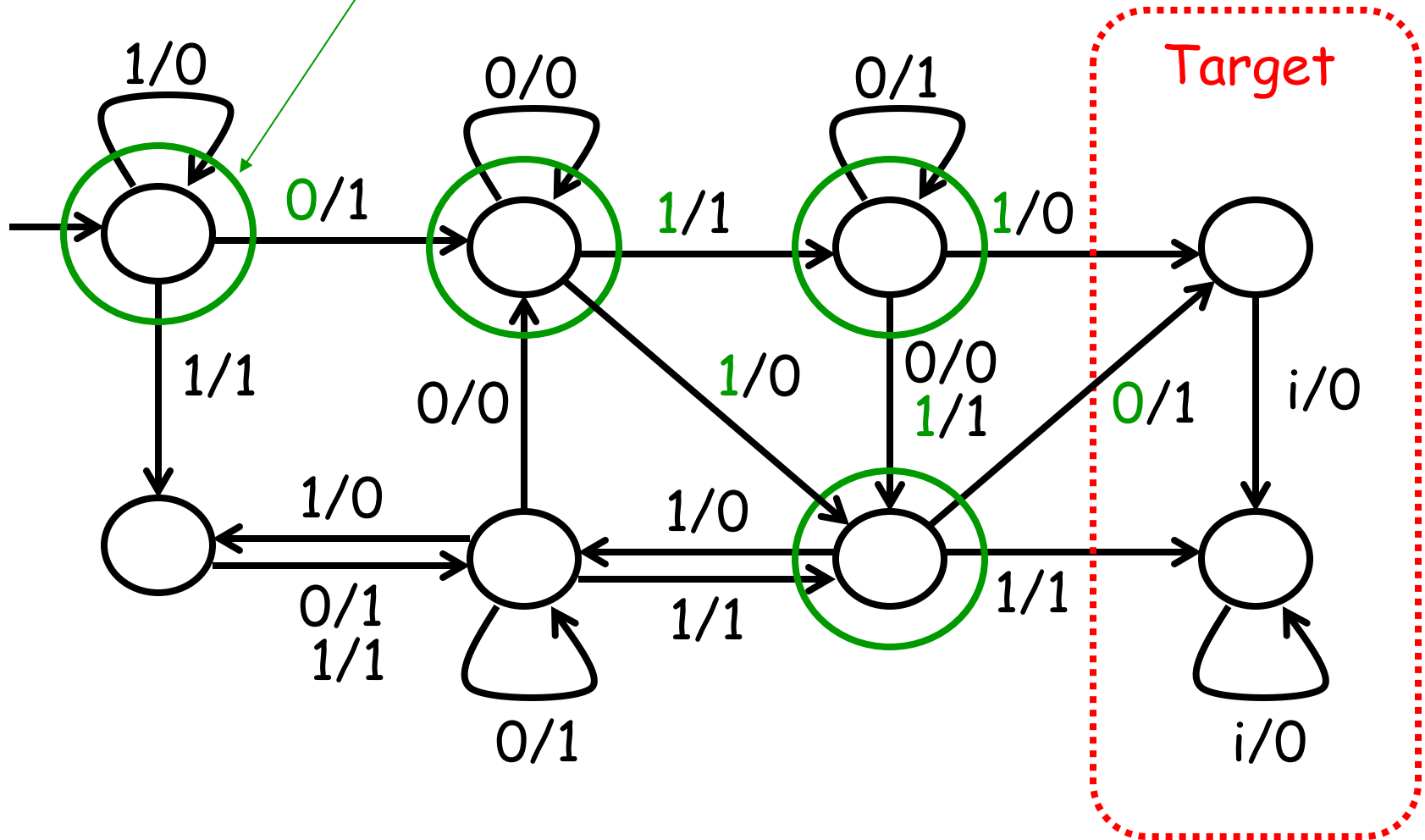
Plant

progress-controllable (can force  
plant into target in  $\leq 3$  transitions)

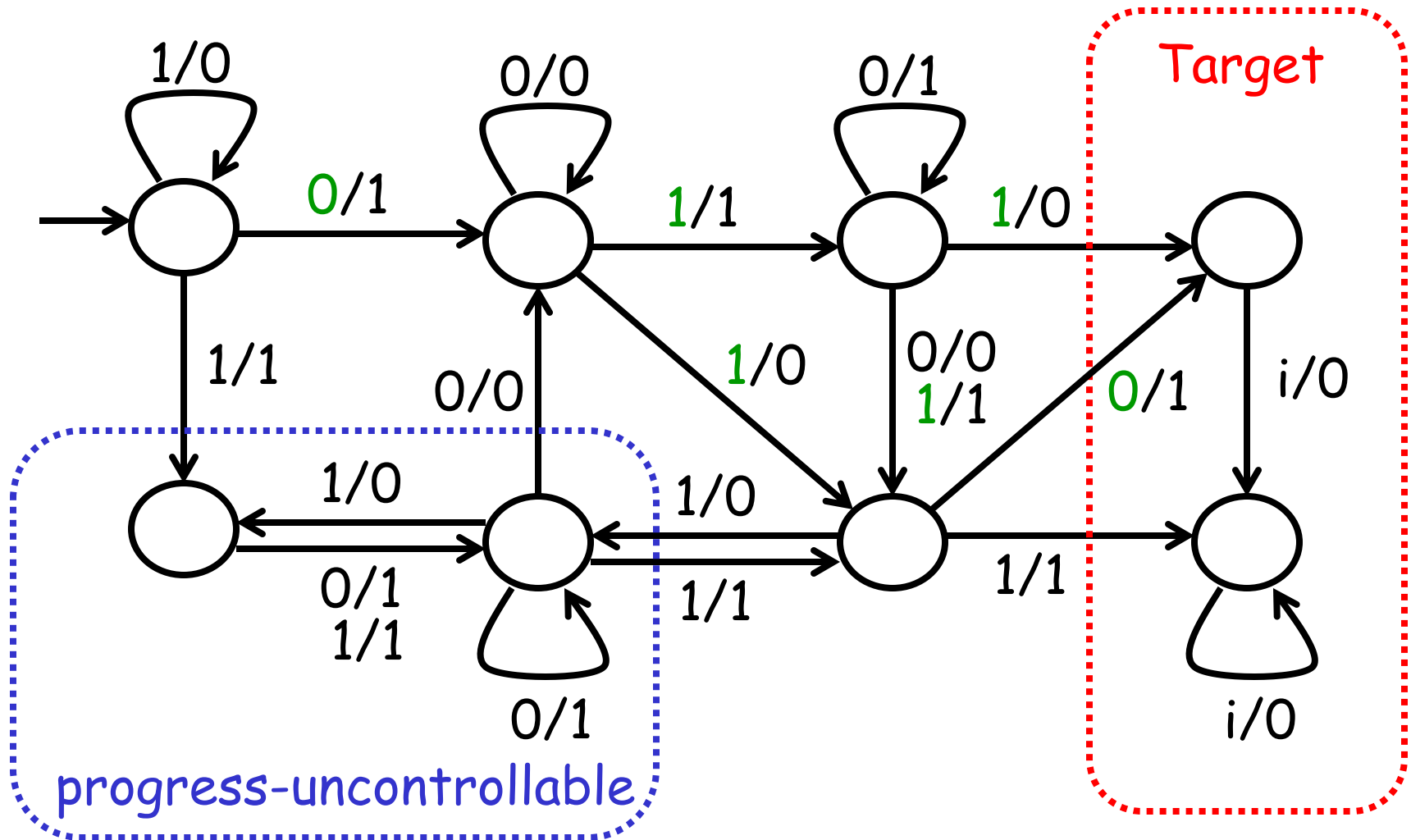


Plant

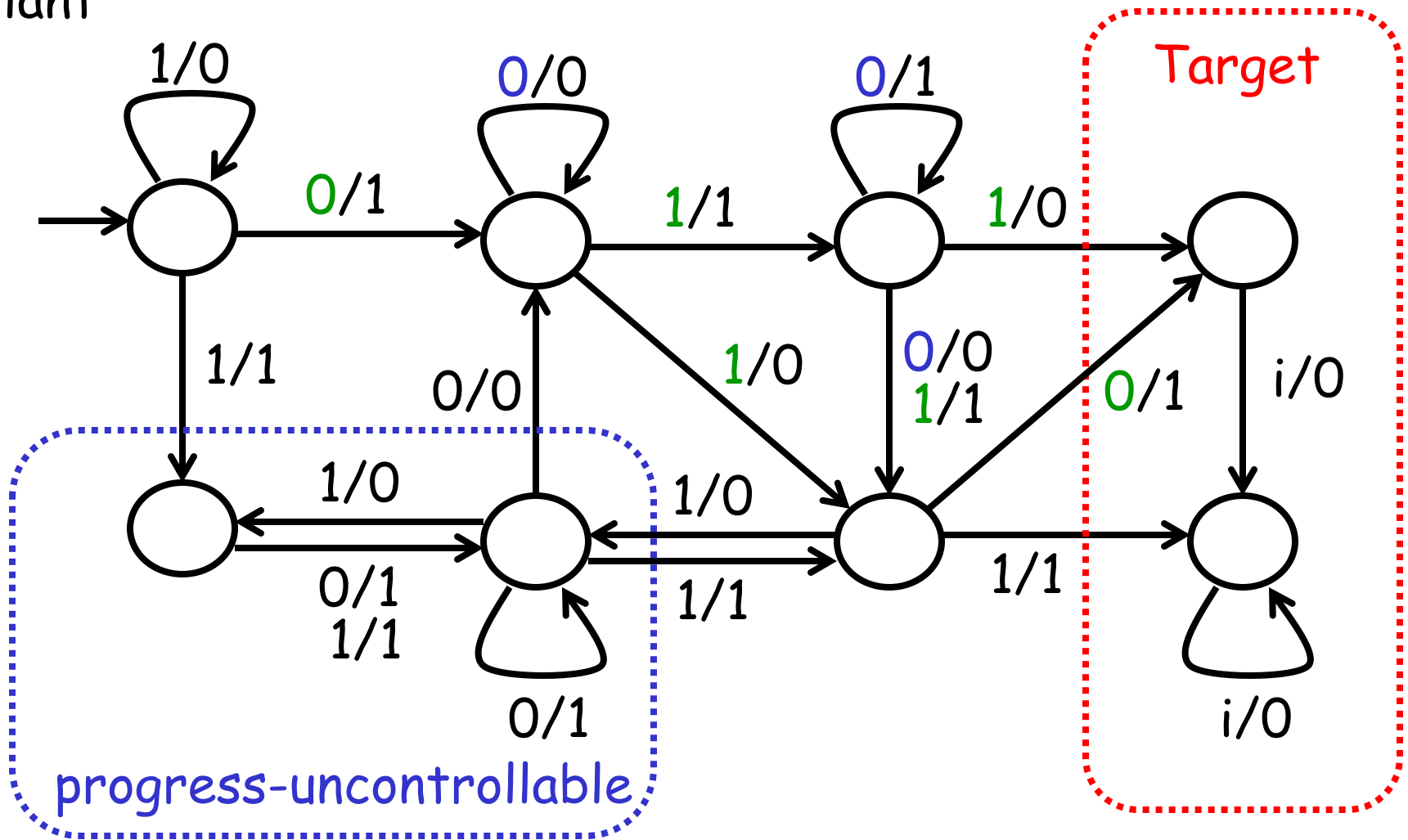
progress-controllable (can force  
plant into target in  $\leq 4$  transitions)



Plant



Plant



green: helpful inputs (ensure progress towards target)  
 blue: safe inputs (keep plant out of uncontrollable states)

## Recall Safety Control Step 2:

Track consistent set of **safety-controllable** plant states

1. A subset  $S \subseteq \text{Safety-controllable}$  is **consistent** if there is an input  $i$  such that for all states  $s \in S$ , all states in  $\text{possibleUpdates}(s,i)$  are safety-controllable.
2. Prune from the state machine whose states are the consistent subsets of Safety-controllable and whose outputs are safe the states without successors.
3. If the result contains  $\text{possibleInitialStates}$  (of the plant) as a state, then it is the desired Controller. Otherwise, no controller exists.

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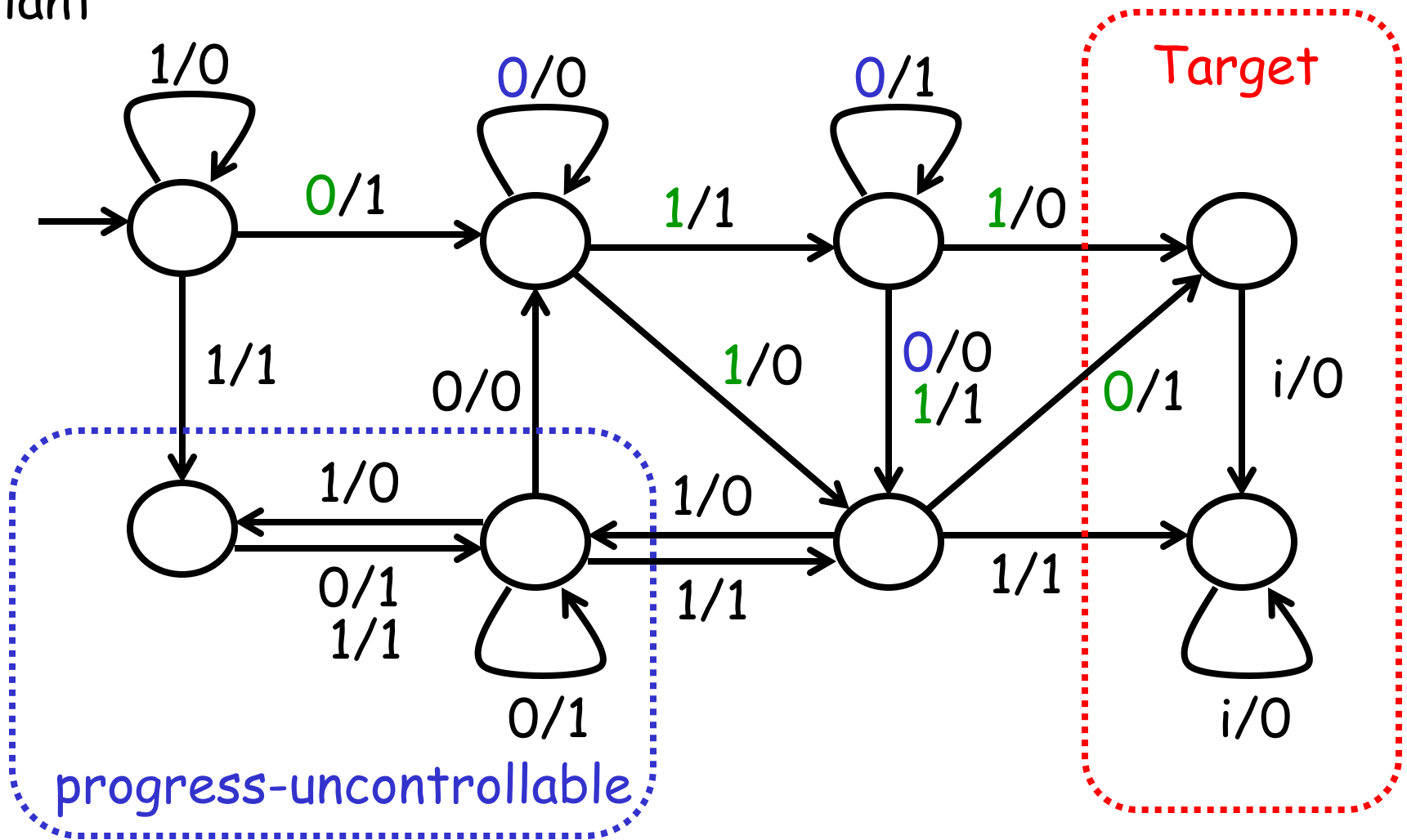
Track consistent set of **progress-controllable** plant states

1. A subset  $S \subseteq \text{Progress-controllable}$  is **consistent** if there is an input  $i$  such that for all states  $s \in S$ , all states in  $\text{possibleUpdates}(s,i)$  are progress-controllable.
2. Construct the state machine whose states are the consistent subsets of Progress-controllable without target states (including the empty set  $\emptyset$ ), and whose outputs are safe. A safe output is a controller output (and so a plant input) which cannot lead the plant to a progress-uncontrollable state (so safe outputs are blue and green plant inputs).
3. If the result contains  $\text{possibleInitialStates}$  (of the plant) as a state, and there is an acyclic, output-closed subgraph from  $\text{possibleInitialStates}$  to  $\emptyset$ , then prune away all states not in the subgraph; this is the desired Controller. Otherwise, no controller exists. A subgraph is output-closed if transitions with safe but not helpful outputs are removed.

As usual, if the plant is **output-deterministic**, then we need consider only consistent sets of size 1.

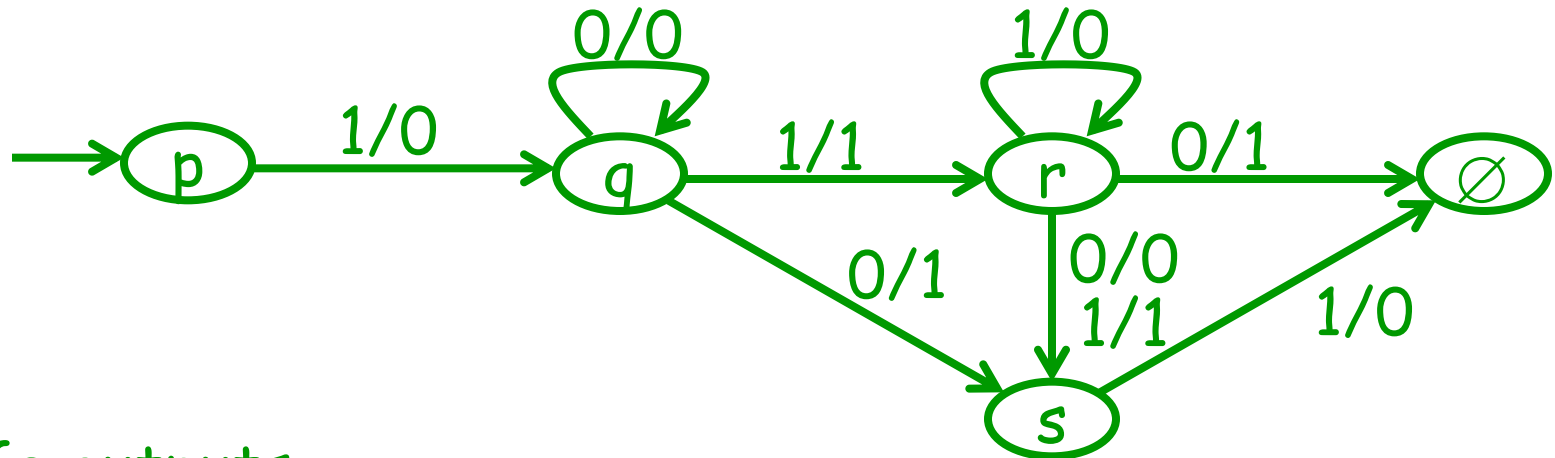
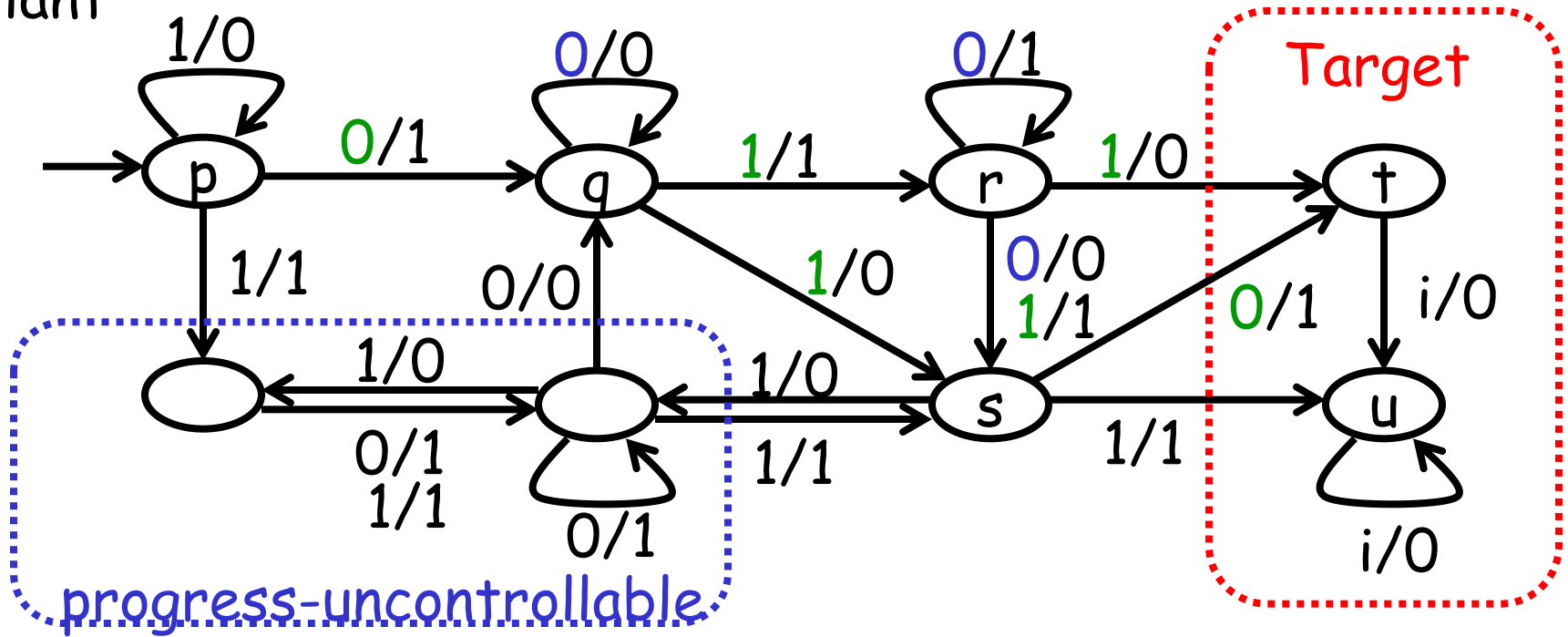
(In other words, the controller always knows the state of the plant.)

Plant



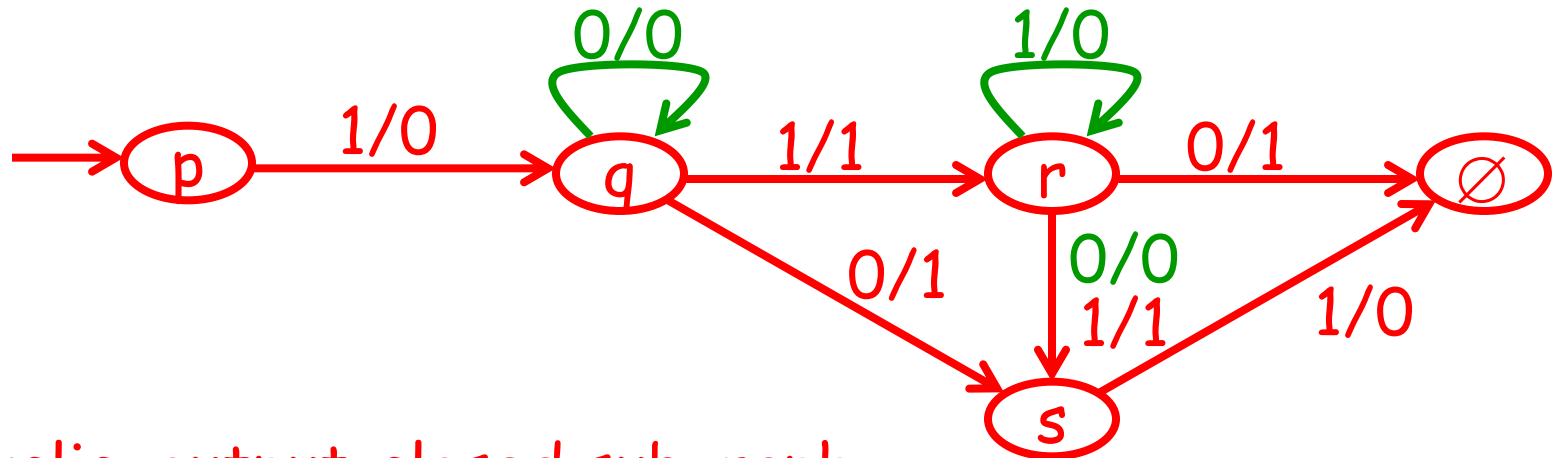
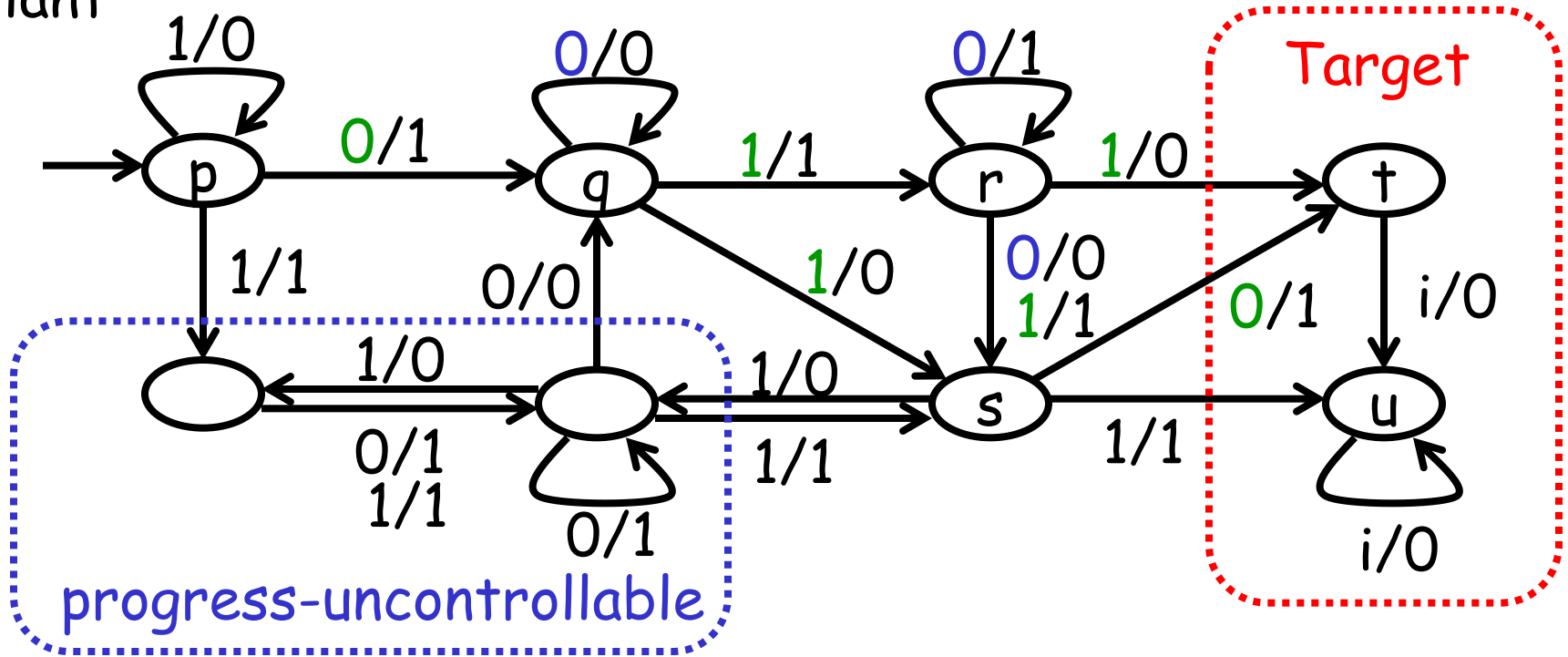
Output-deterministic !

Plant



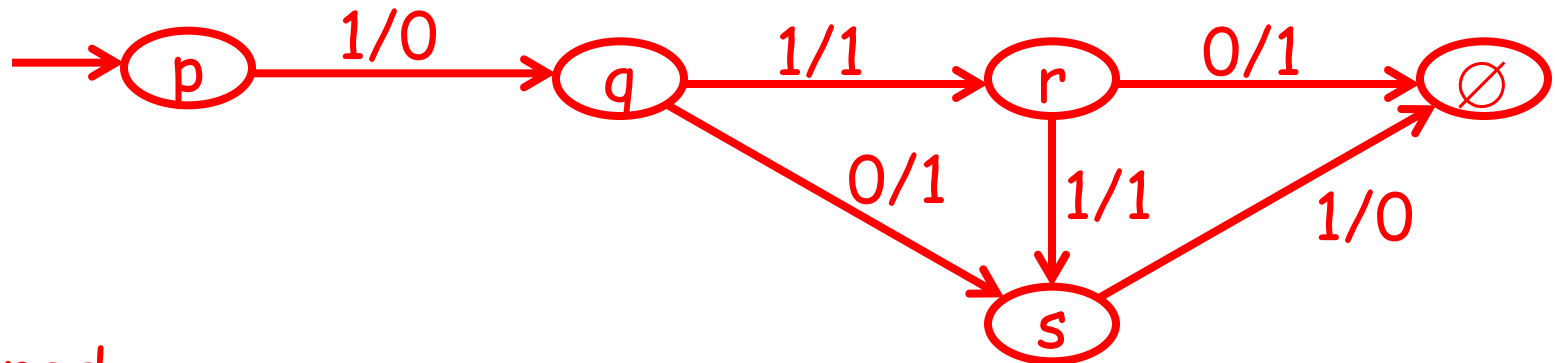
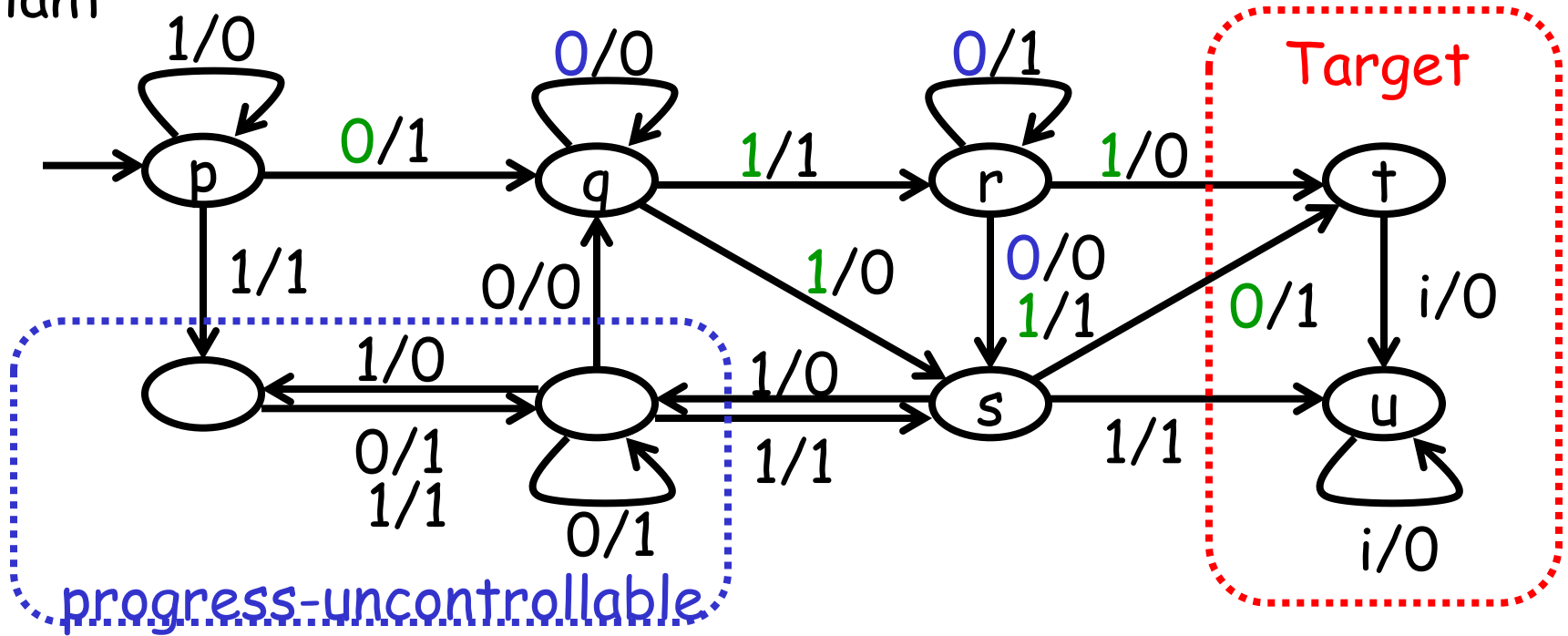
Safe outputs

Plant



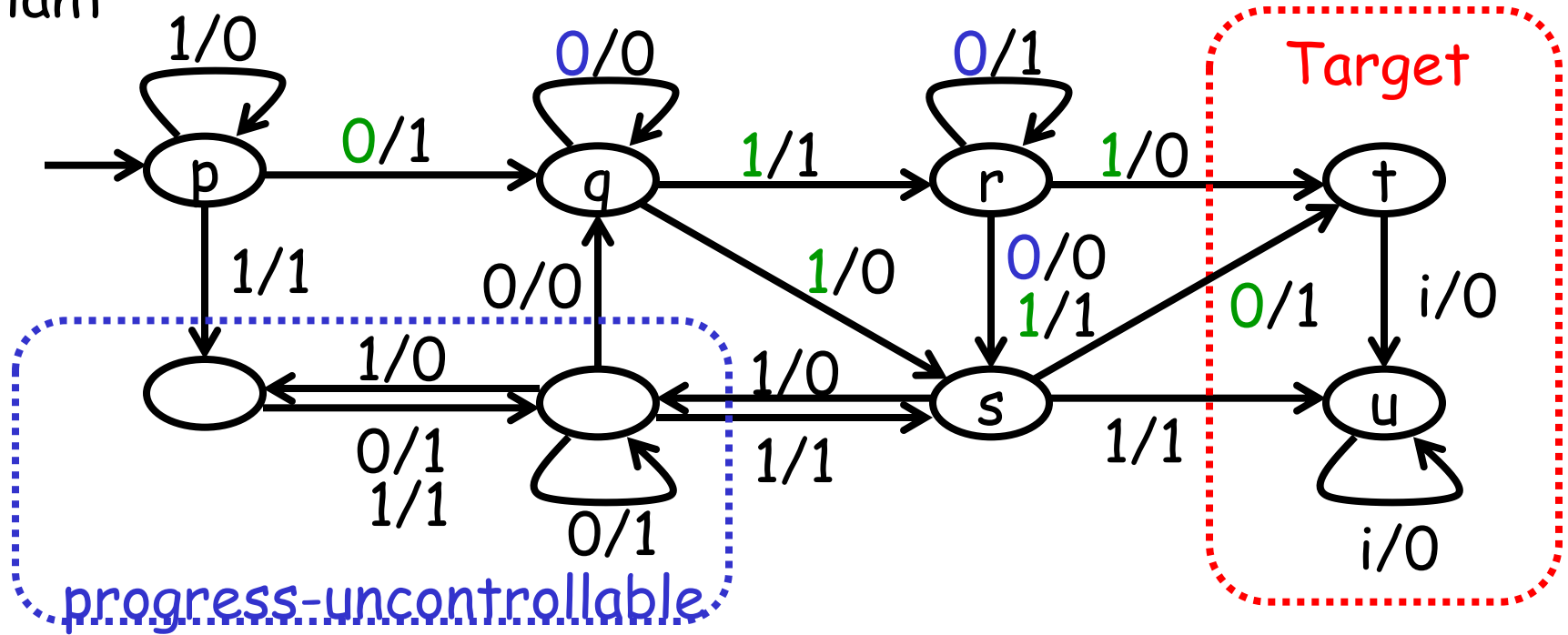
Acyclic, output-closed subgraph

Plant

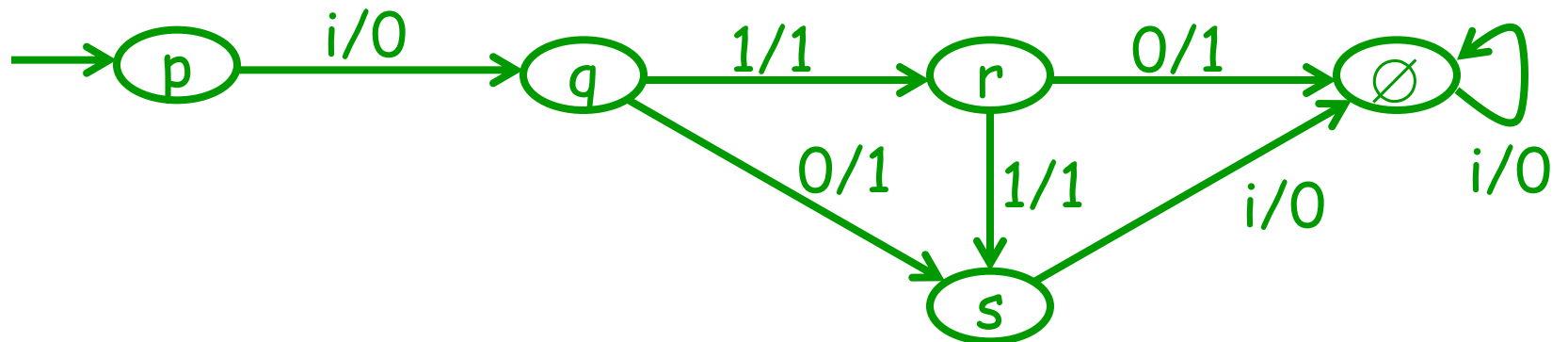


Pruned

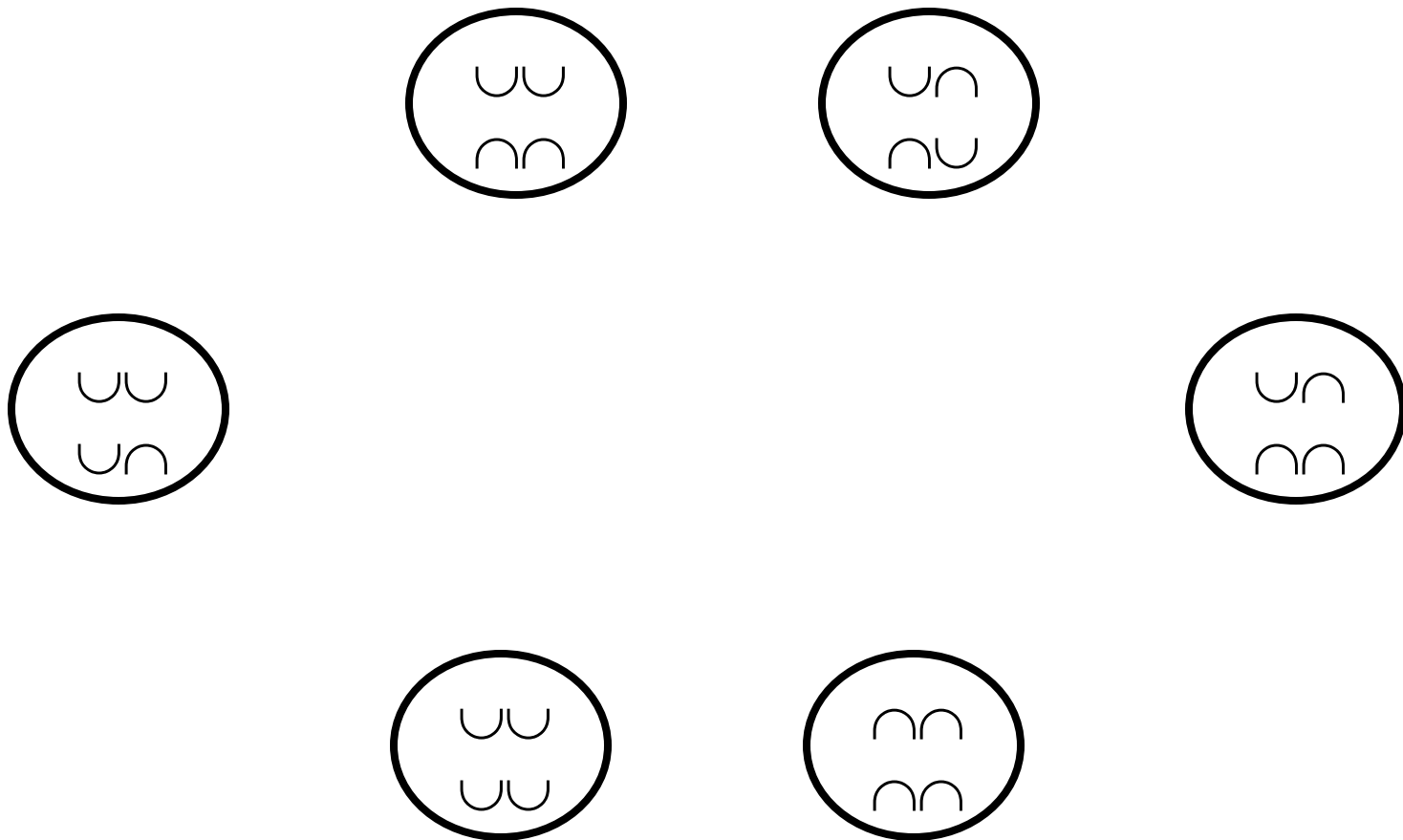
## Plant



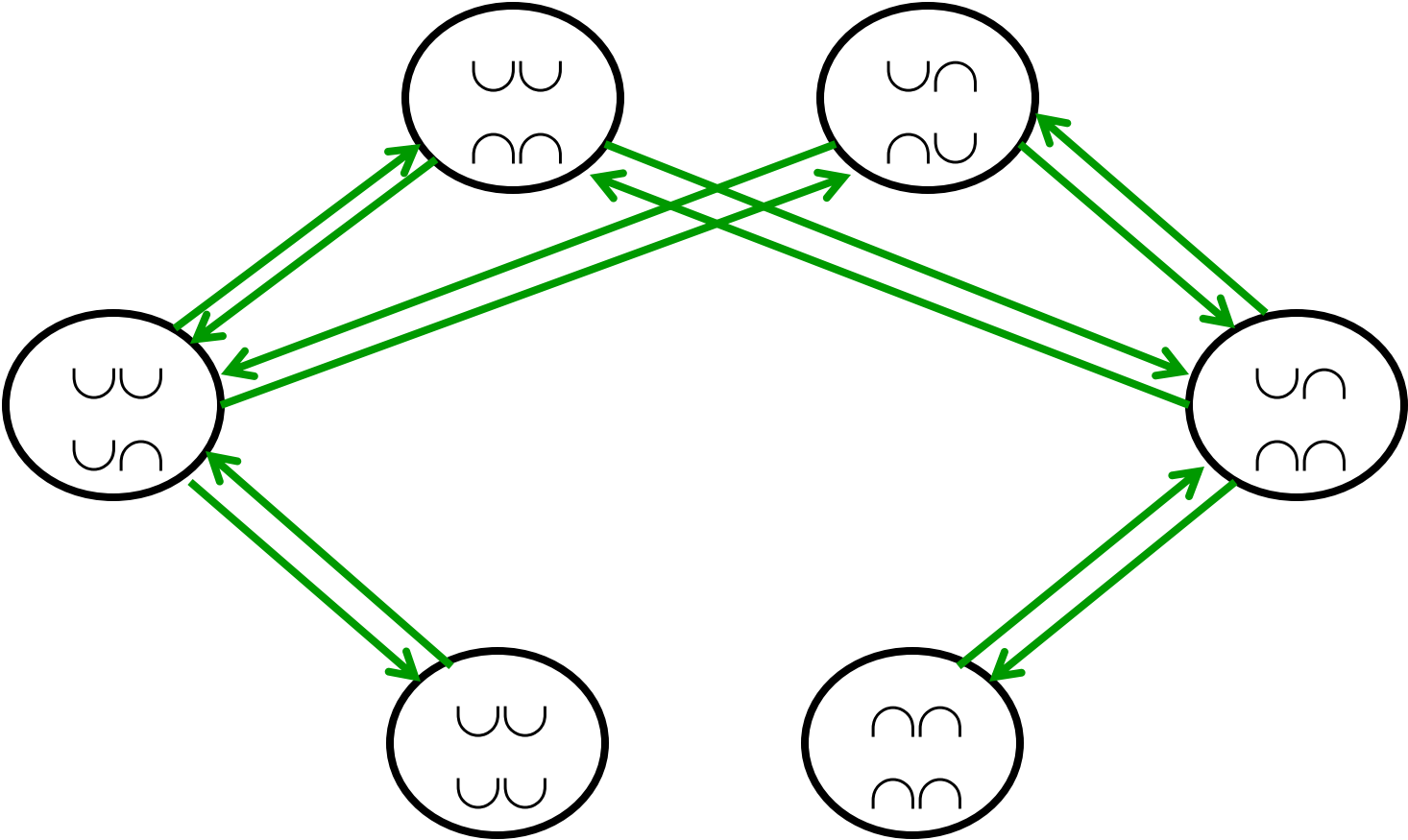
## Controller



# A Game Graph

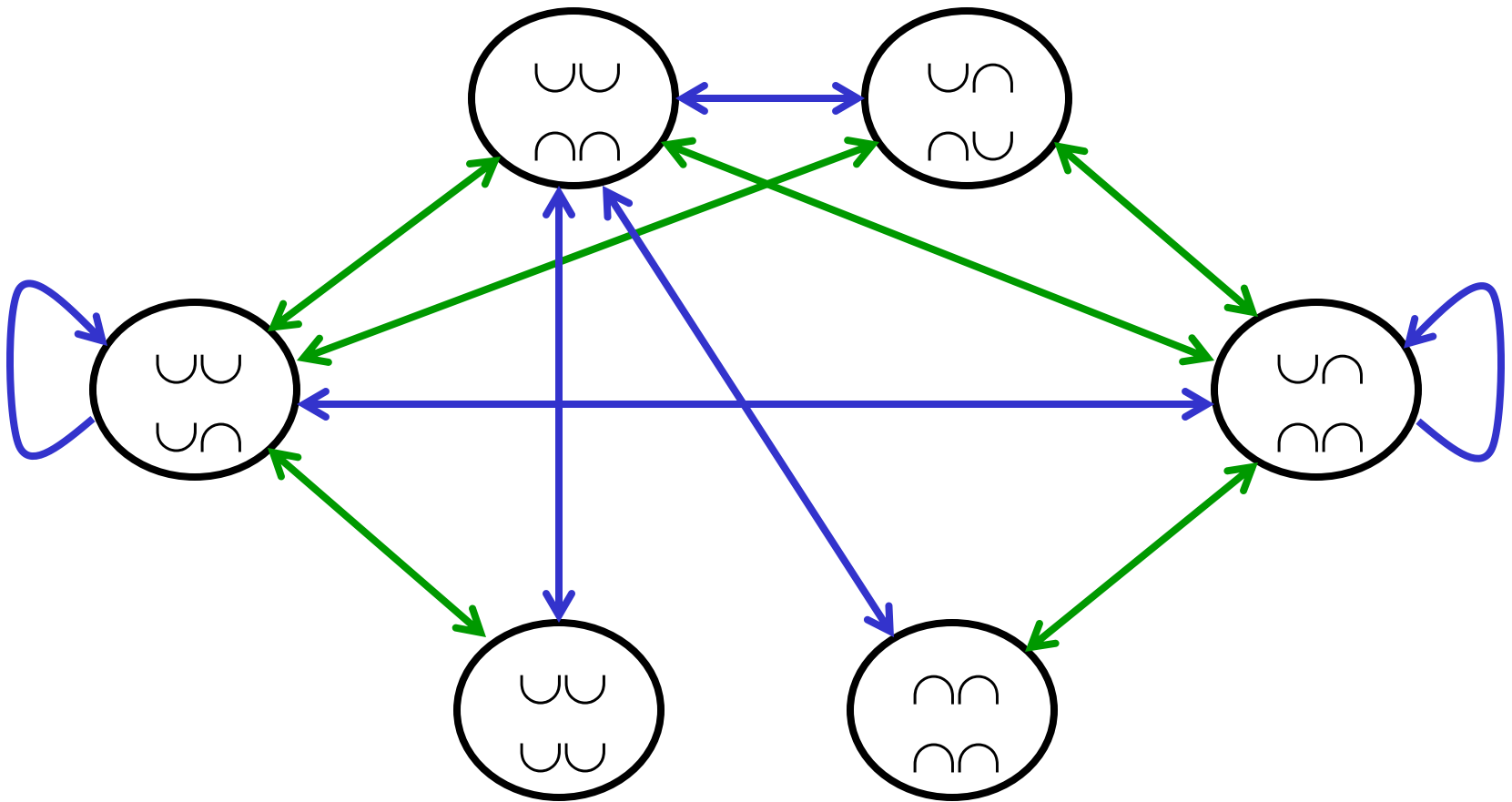


green: turn-1 / •



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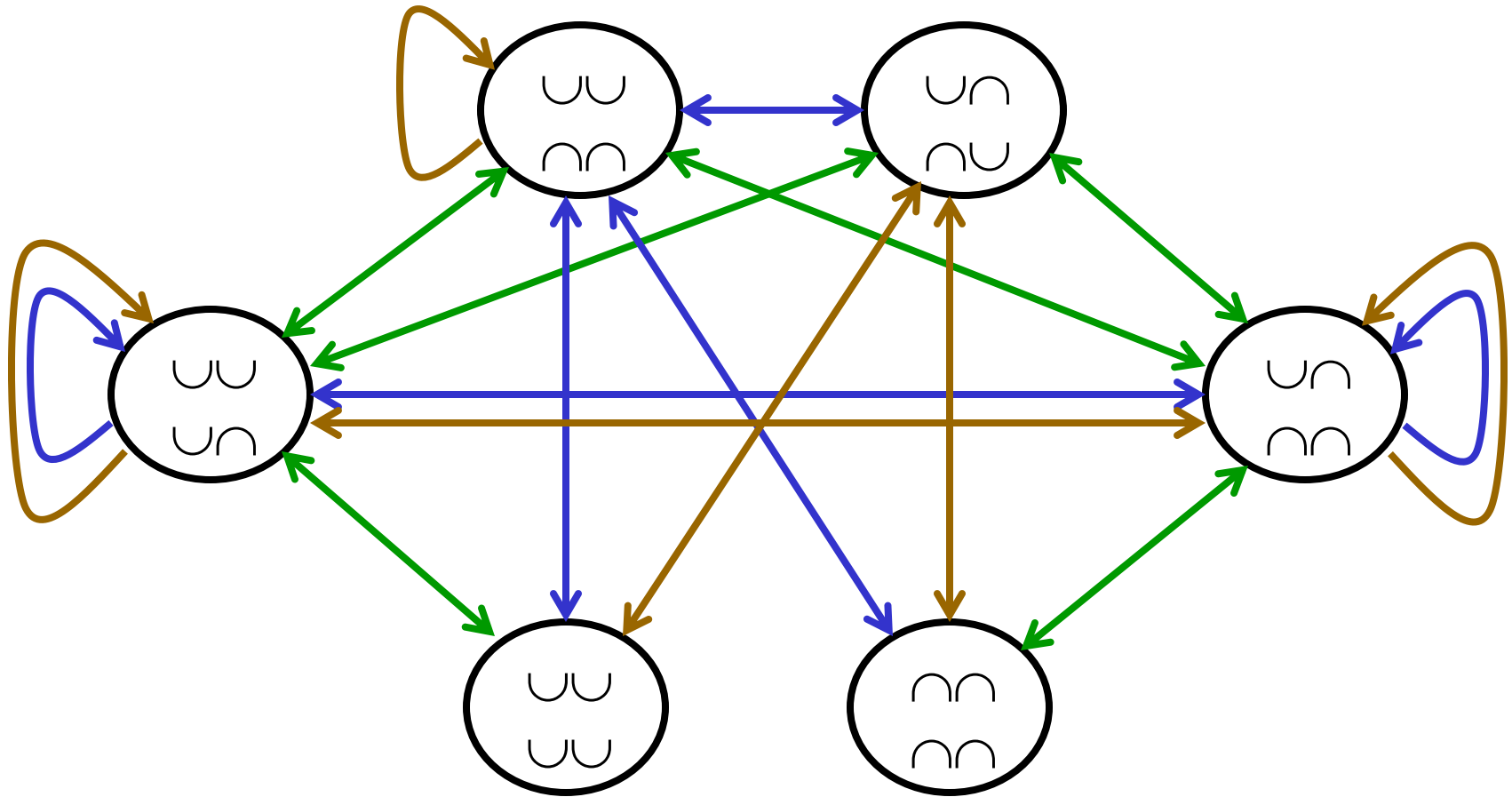
blue: turn-2-adjacent / •



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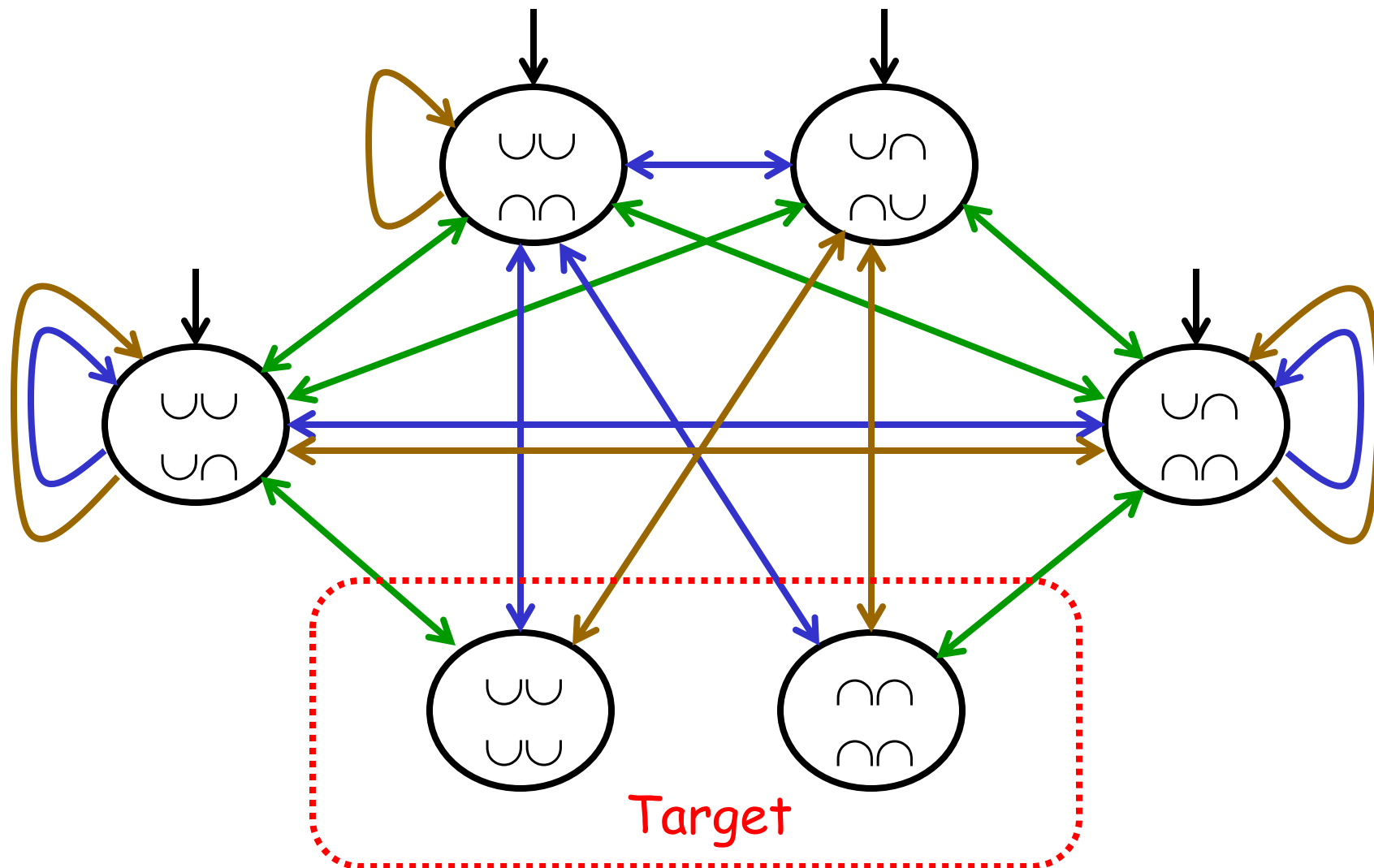
red: turn-2-diagonal / •



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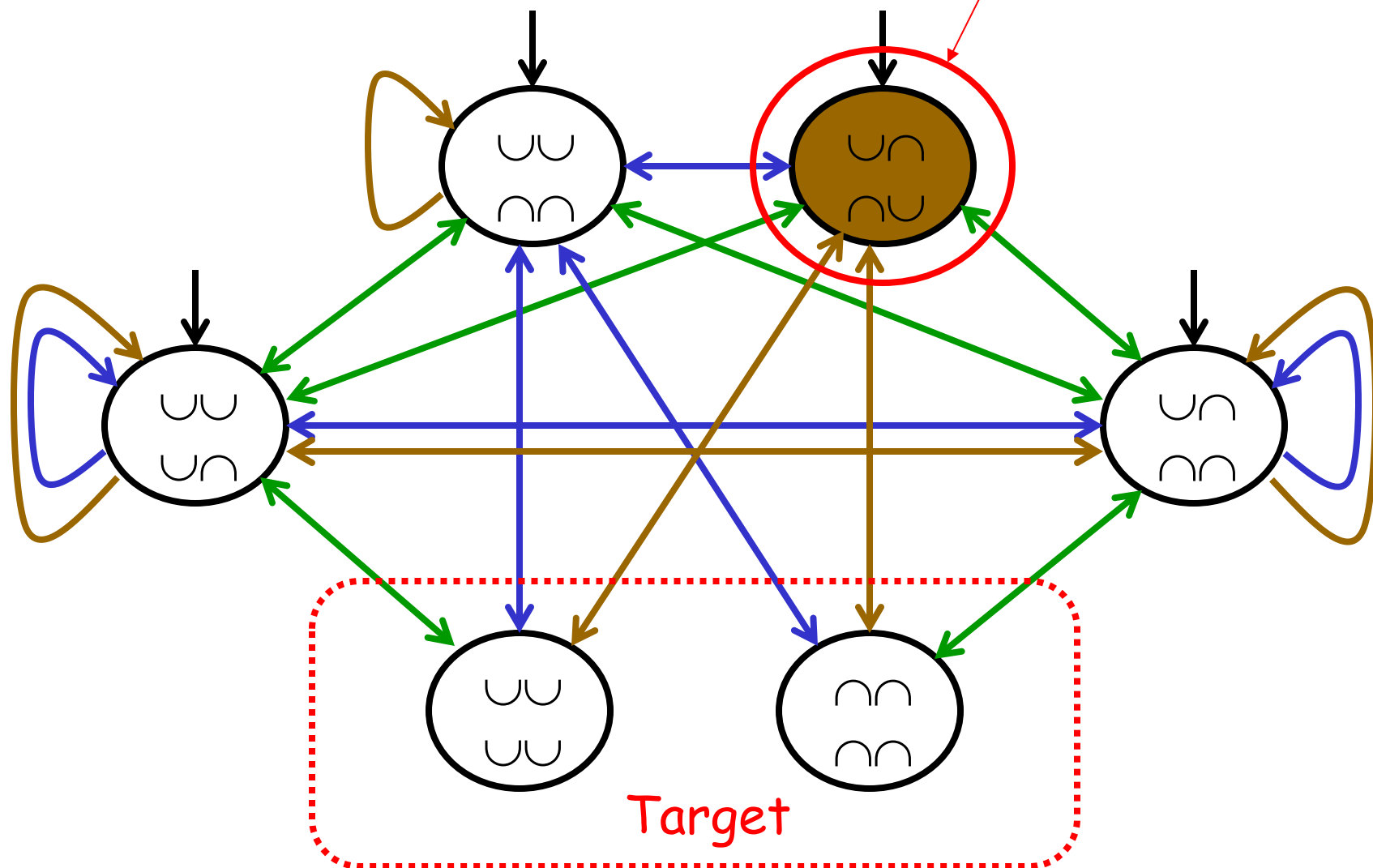


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progress-controllable

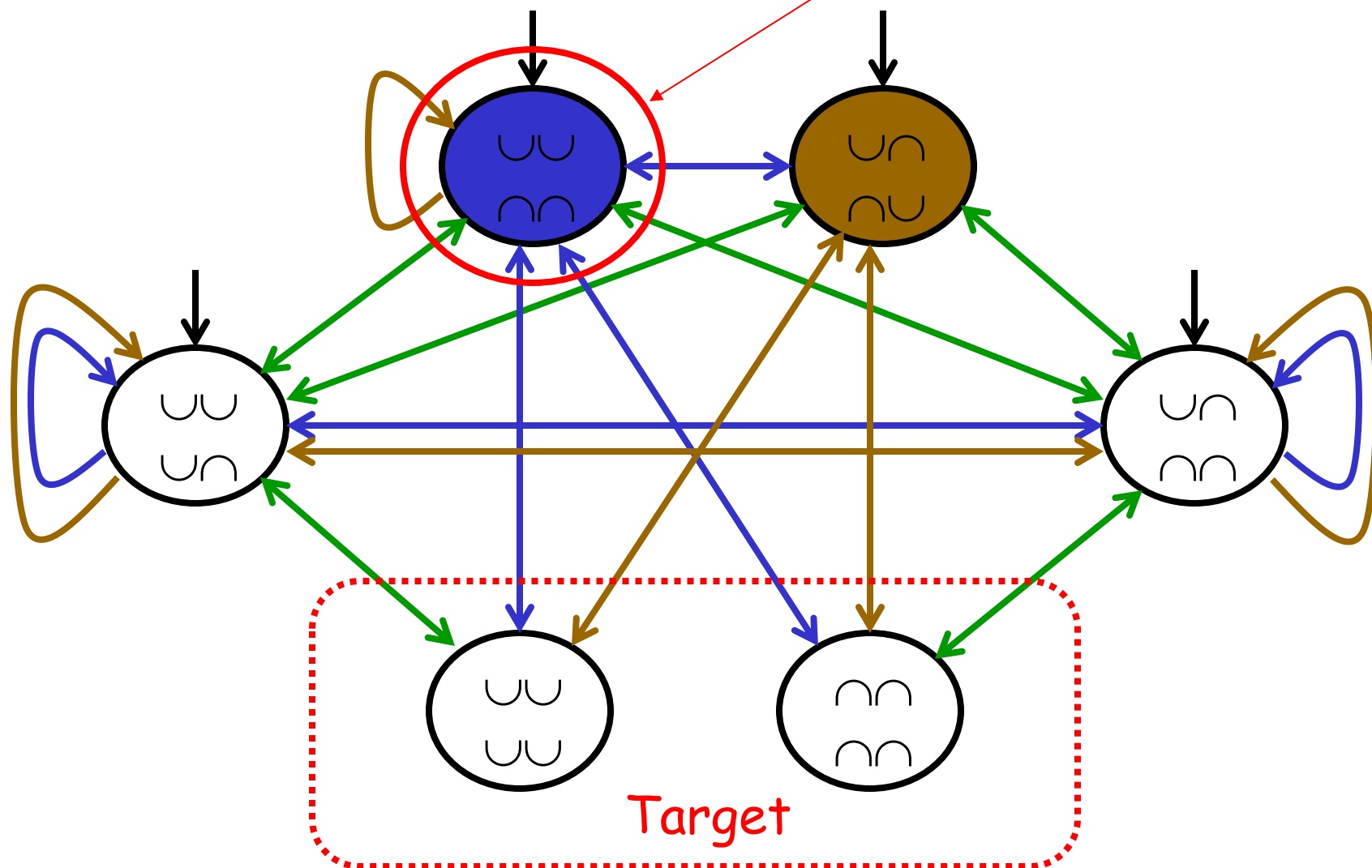


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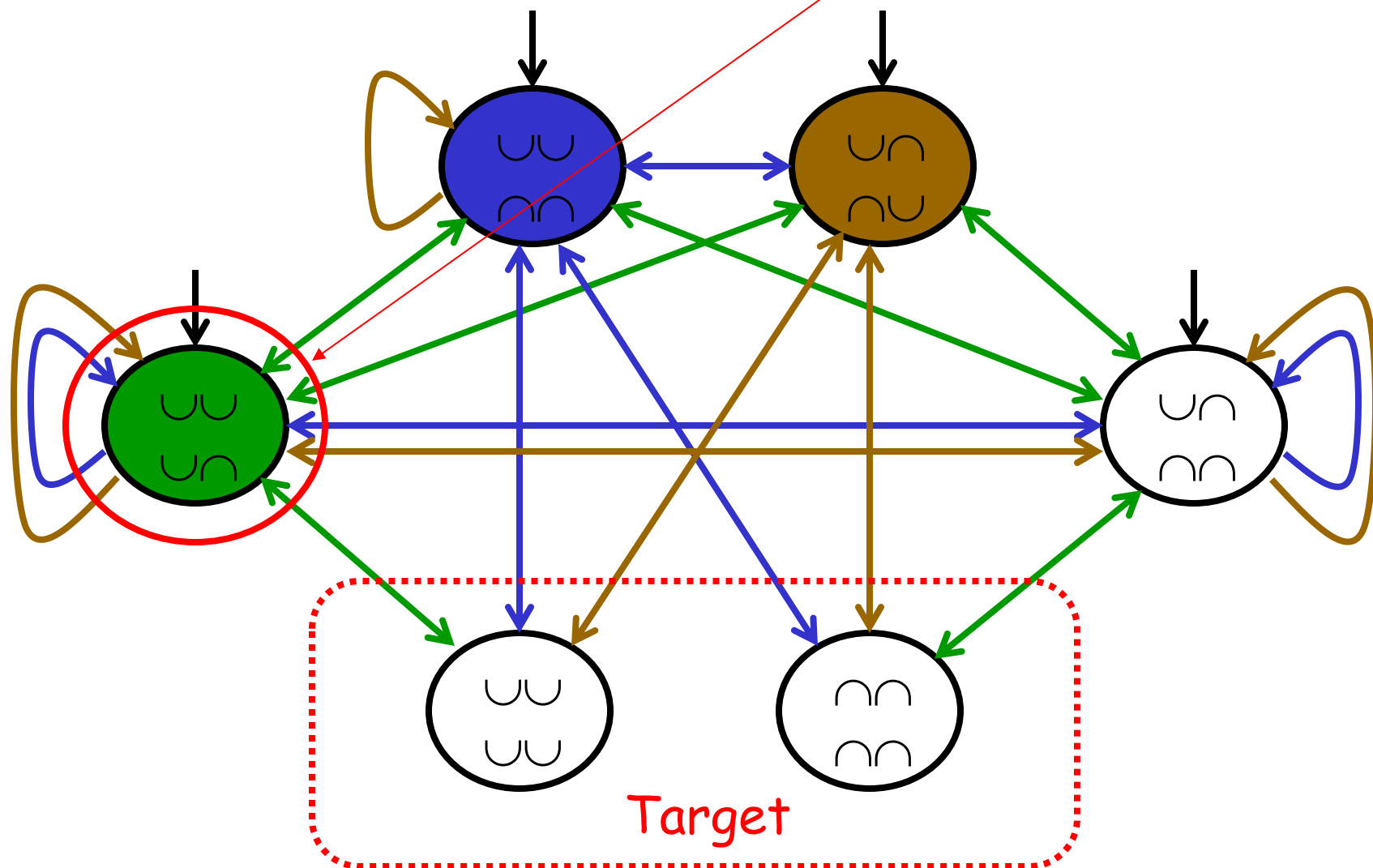


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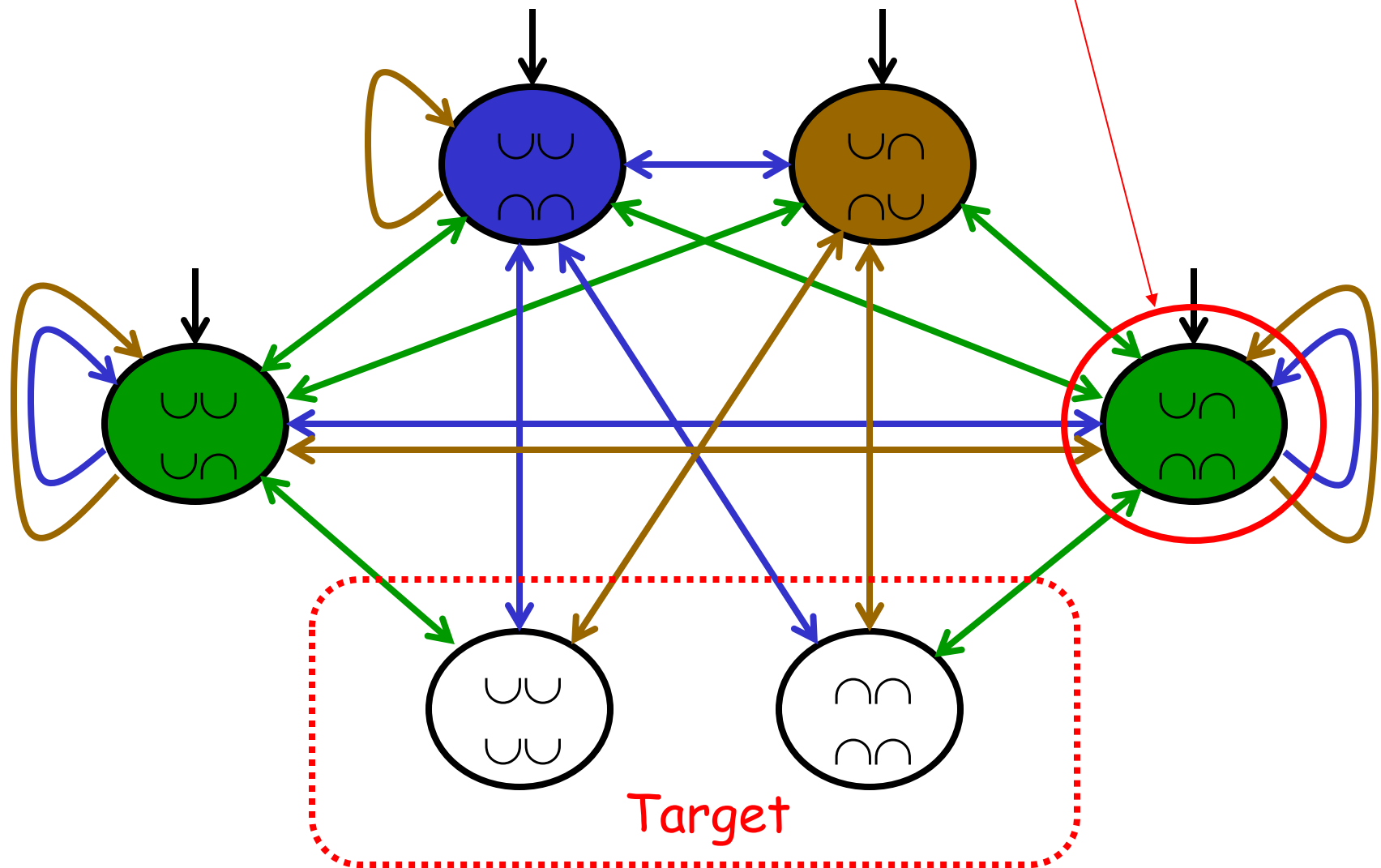
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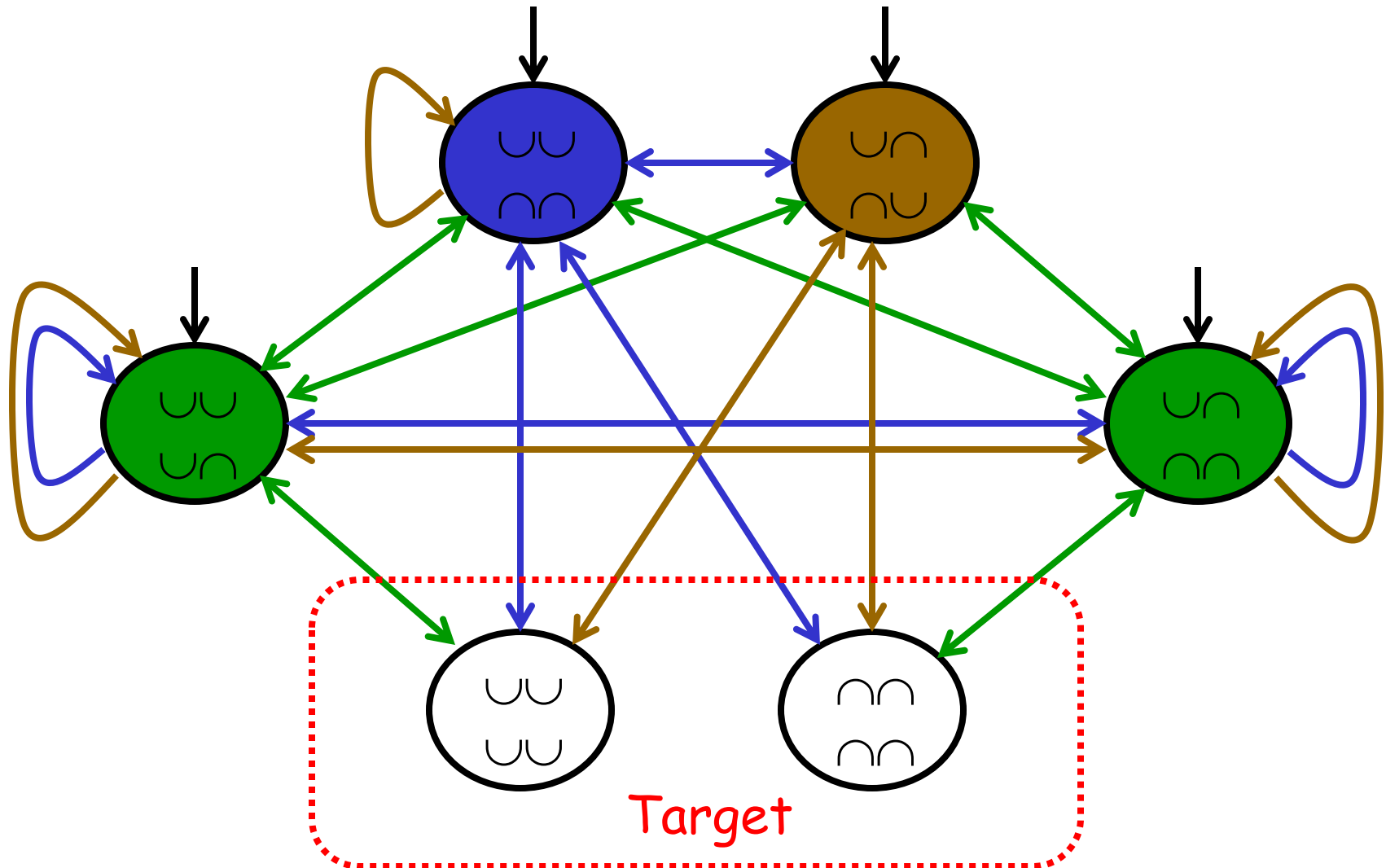


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All states are progress-controllable.

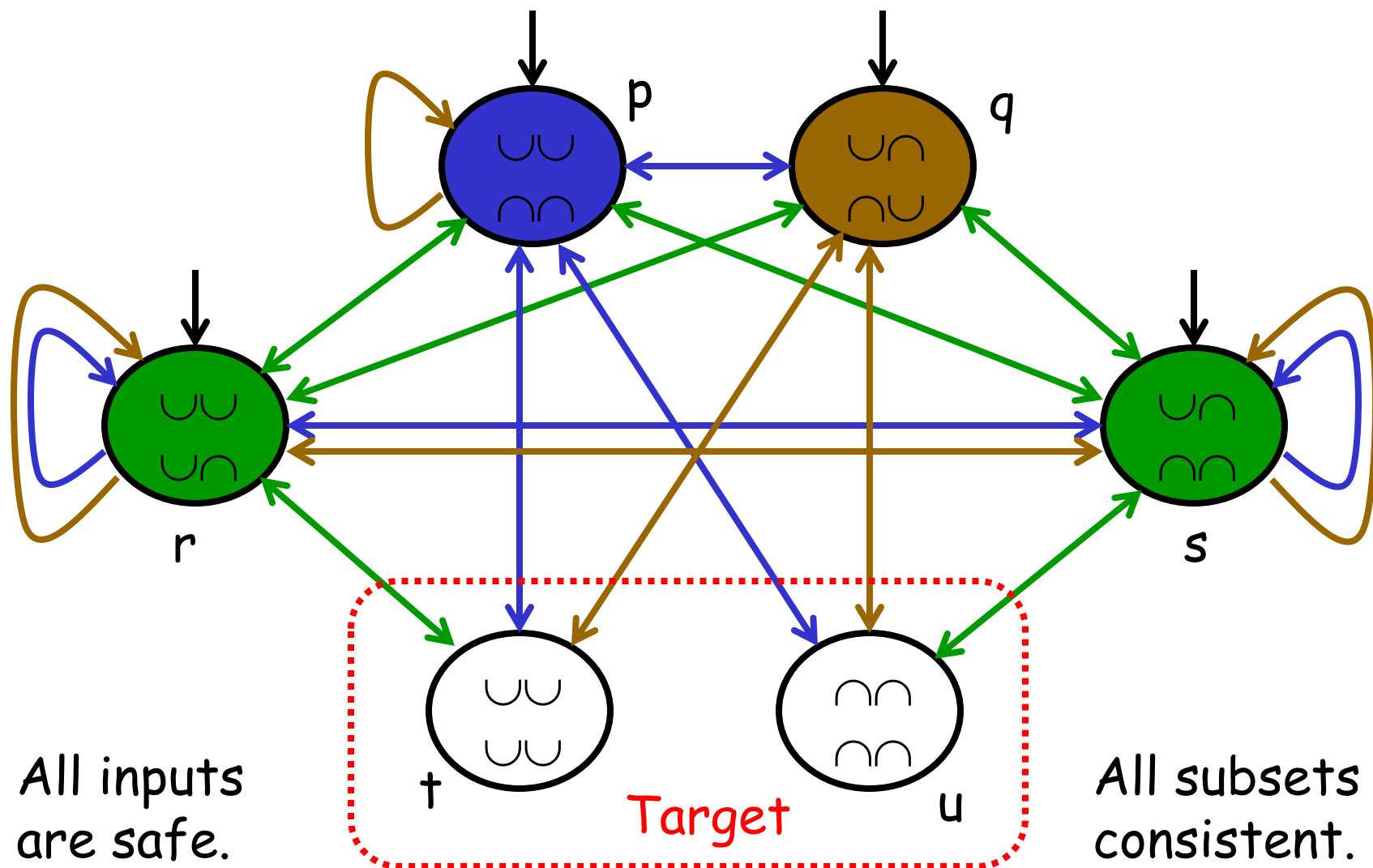


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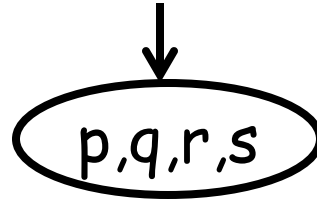
blue: turn-2-adjacent / •

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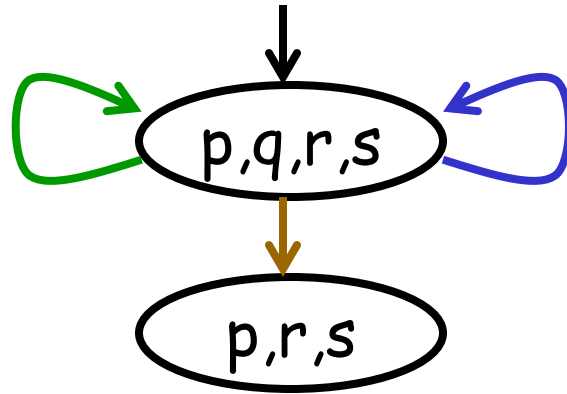
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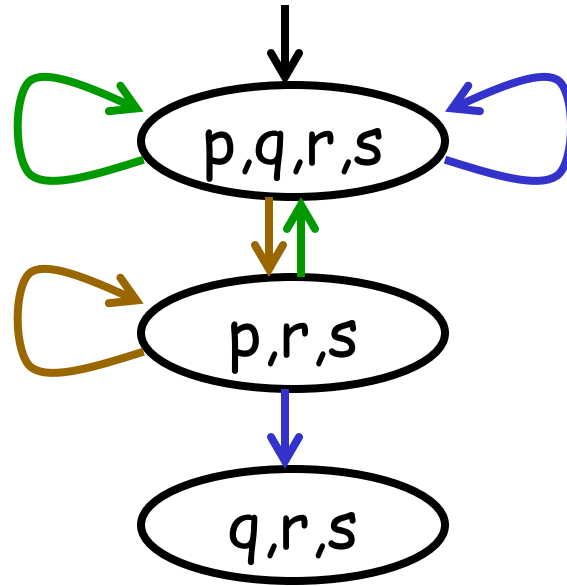
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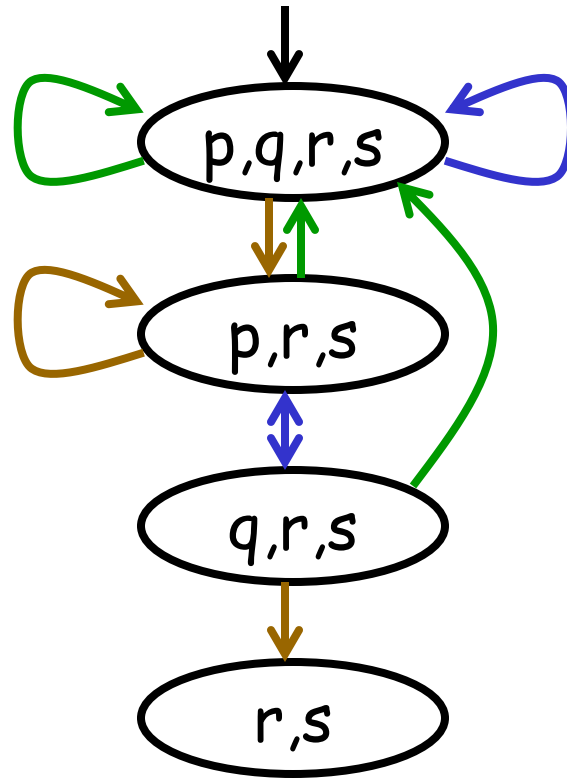
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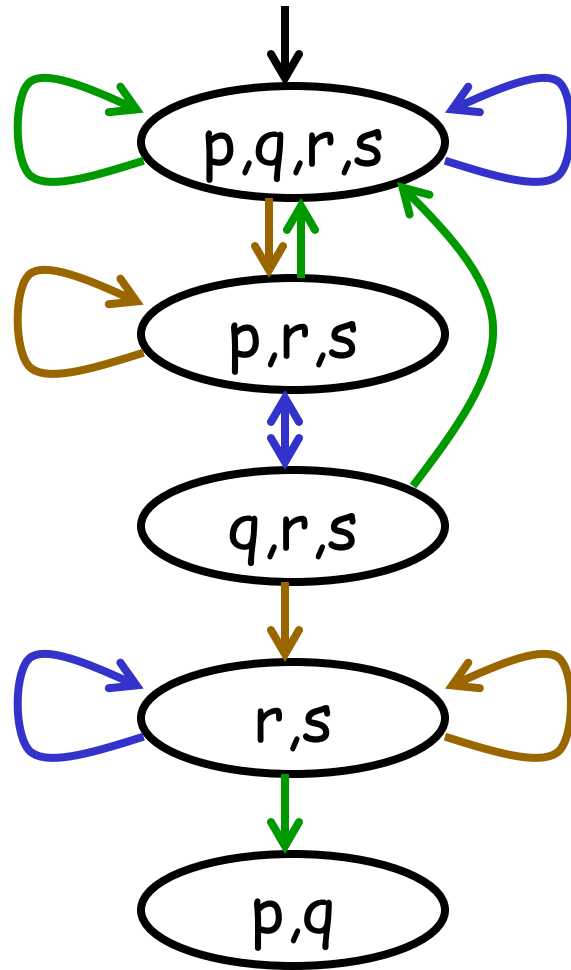
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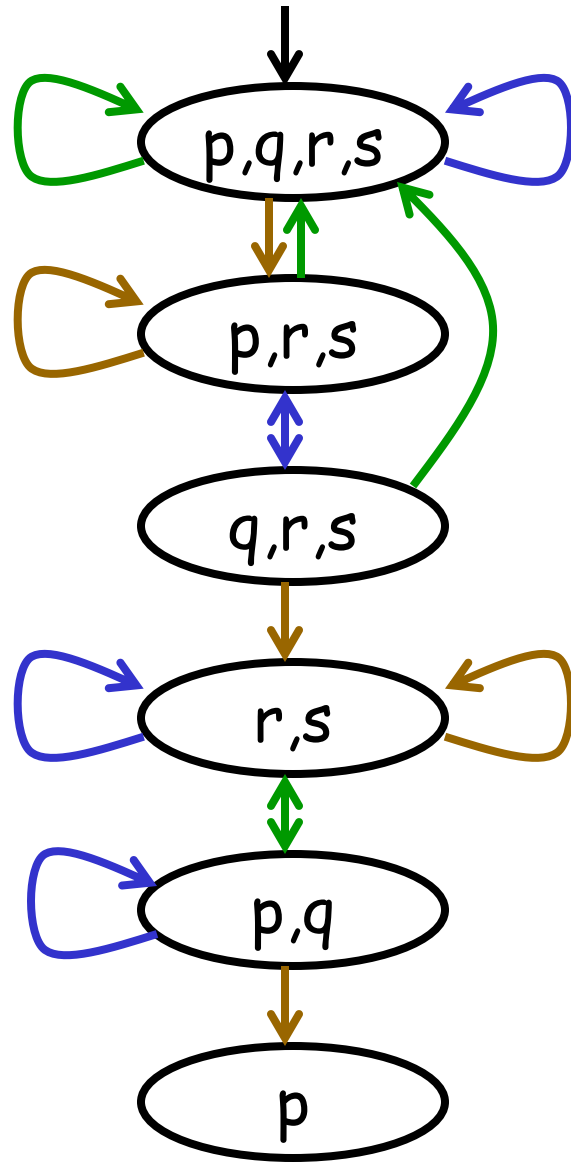
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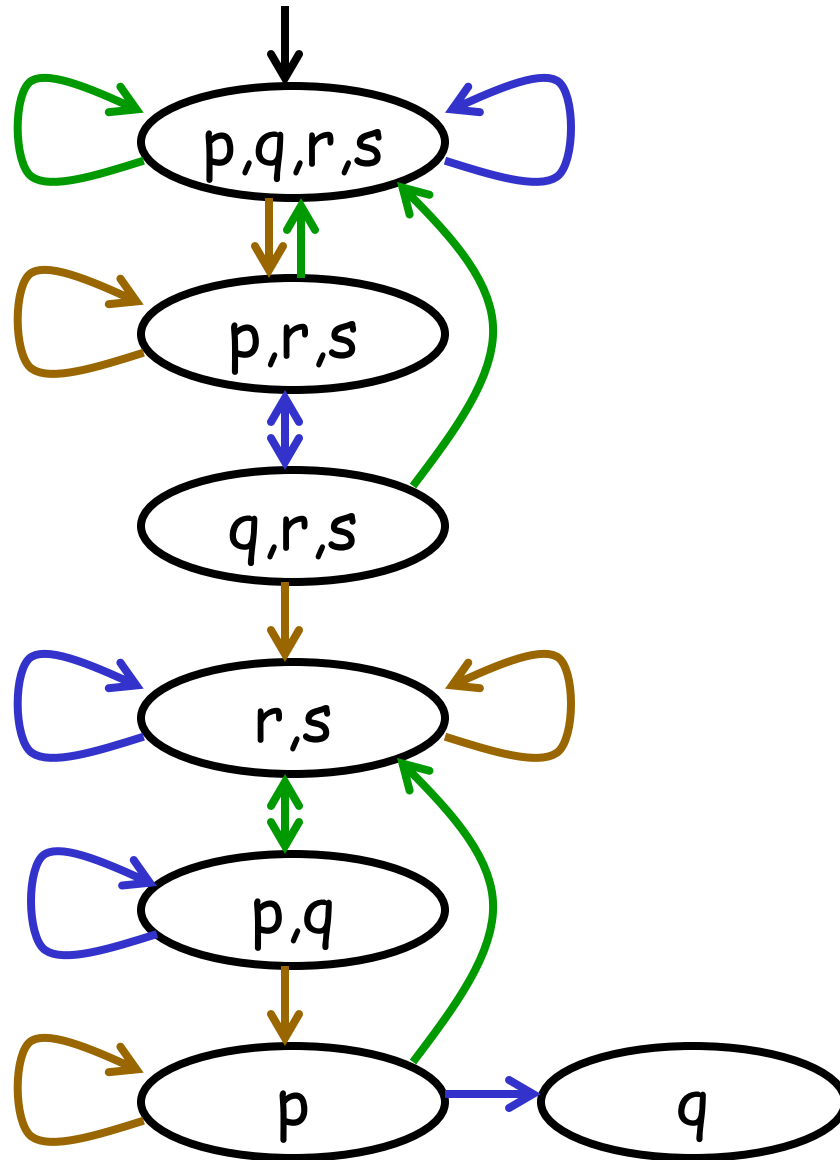
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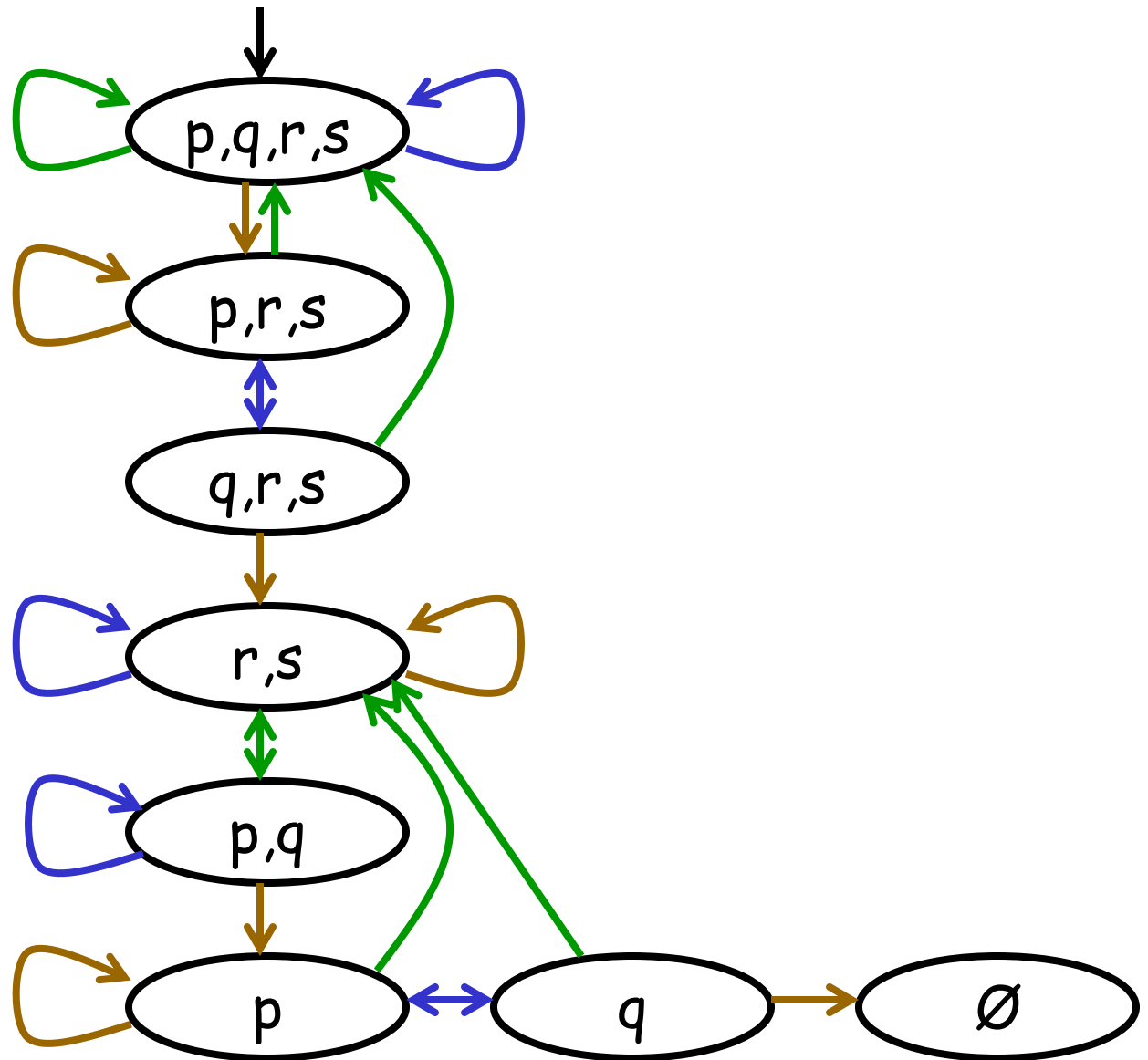
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# Controller

