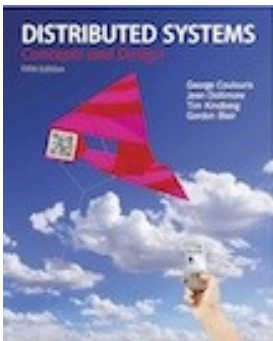


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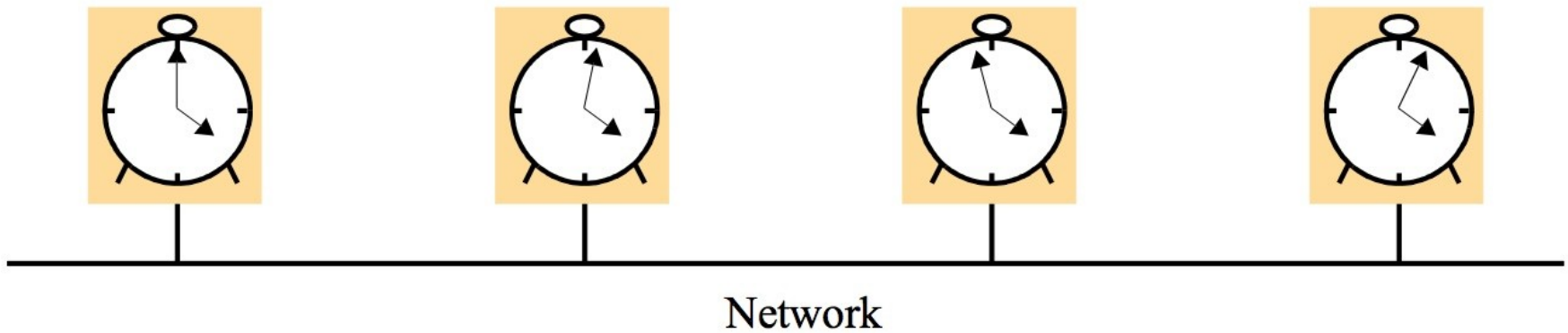
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# Figure 14.1

## Skew between computer clocks in a distributed system



## Figure 14.2 Clock synchronization using a time server

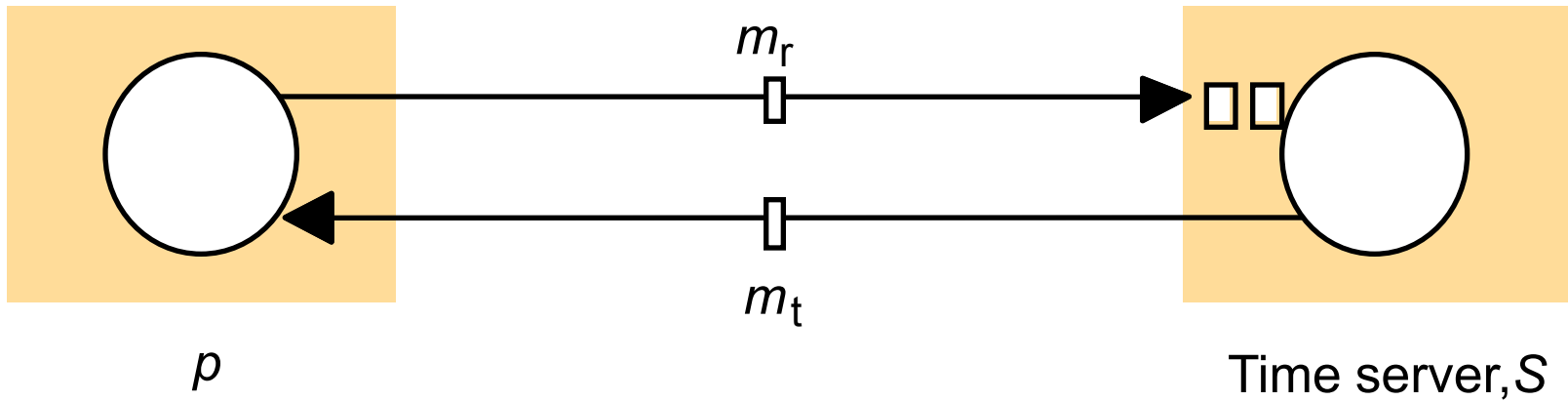
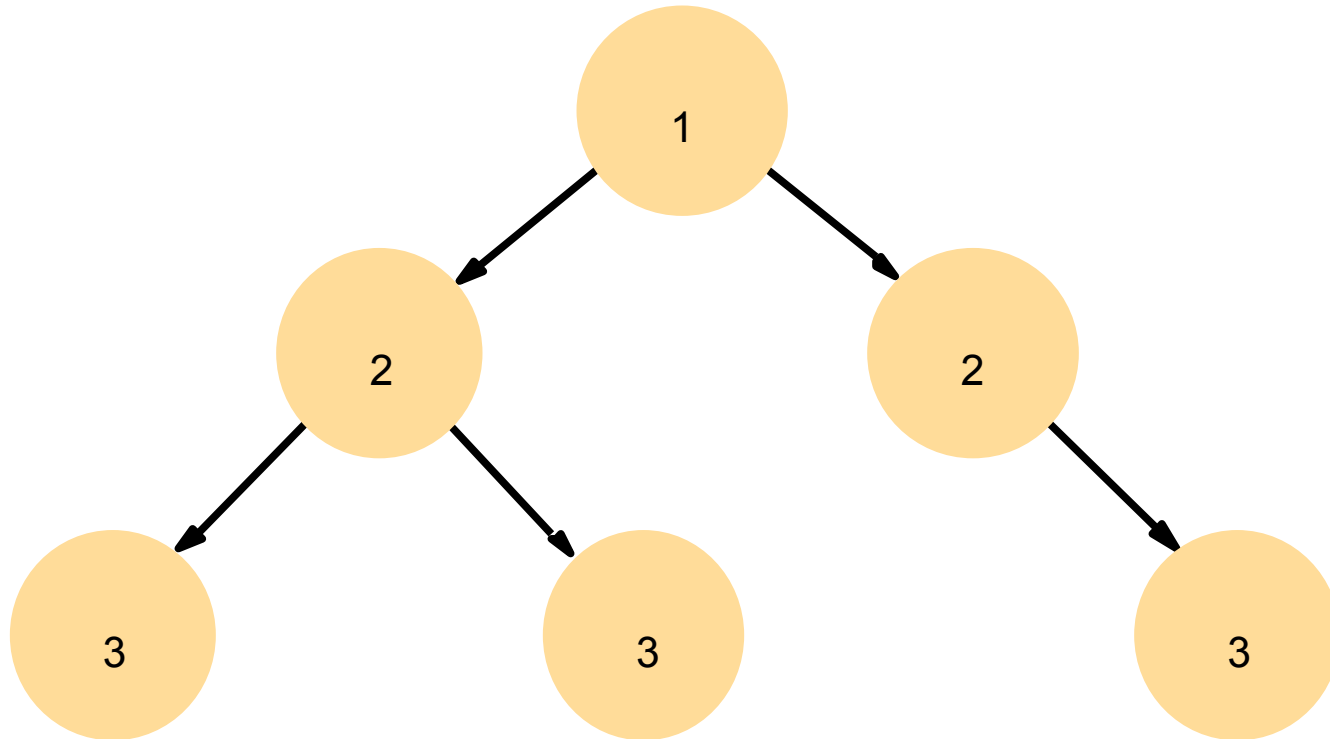


Figure 14.3  
An example synchronization subnet in an NTP implementation

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Note: Arrows denote synchronization control, numbers denote strata.

Figure 14.4  
Messages exchanged between a pair of NTP peers

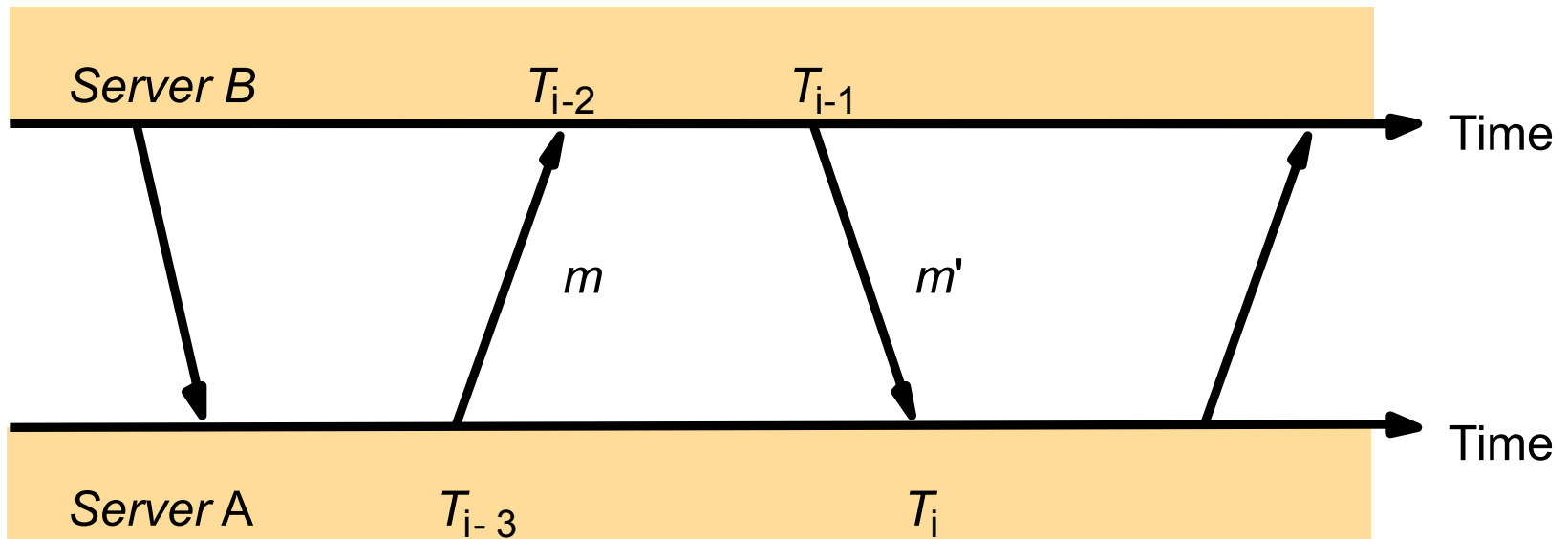


Figure 14.5  
Events occurring at three processes

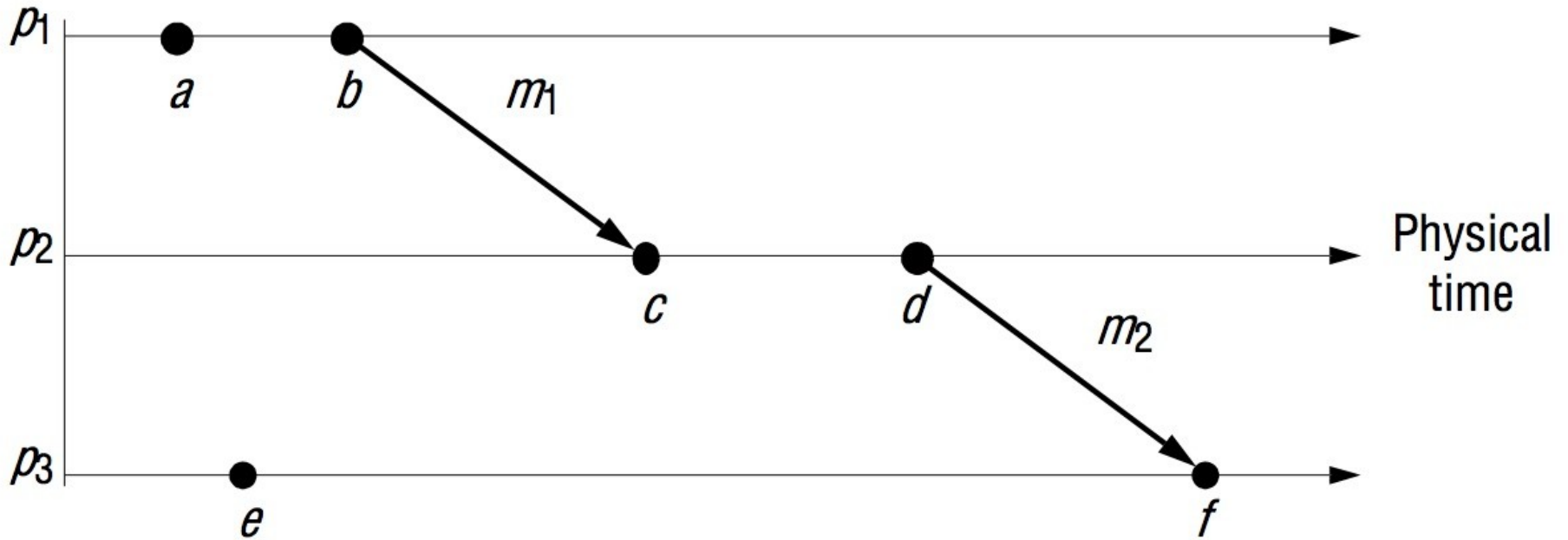


Figure 14.6  
Lamport timestamps for the events shown in Figure 14.5

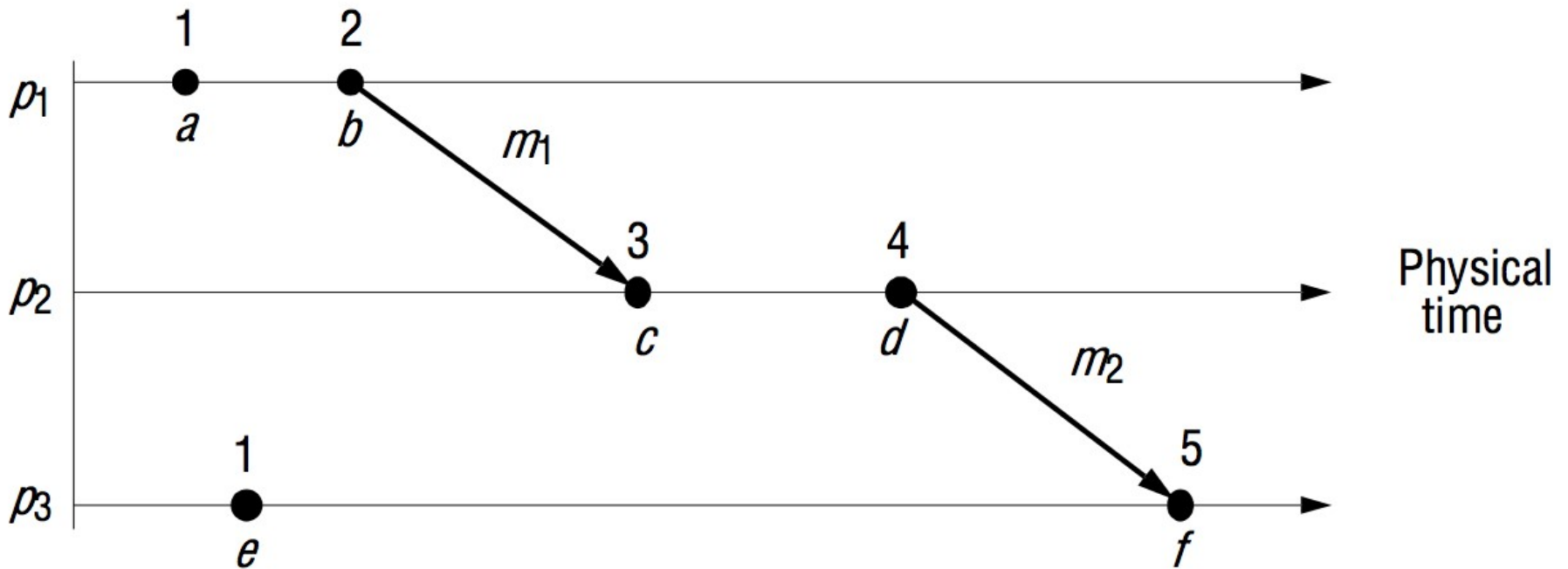
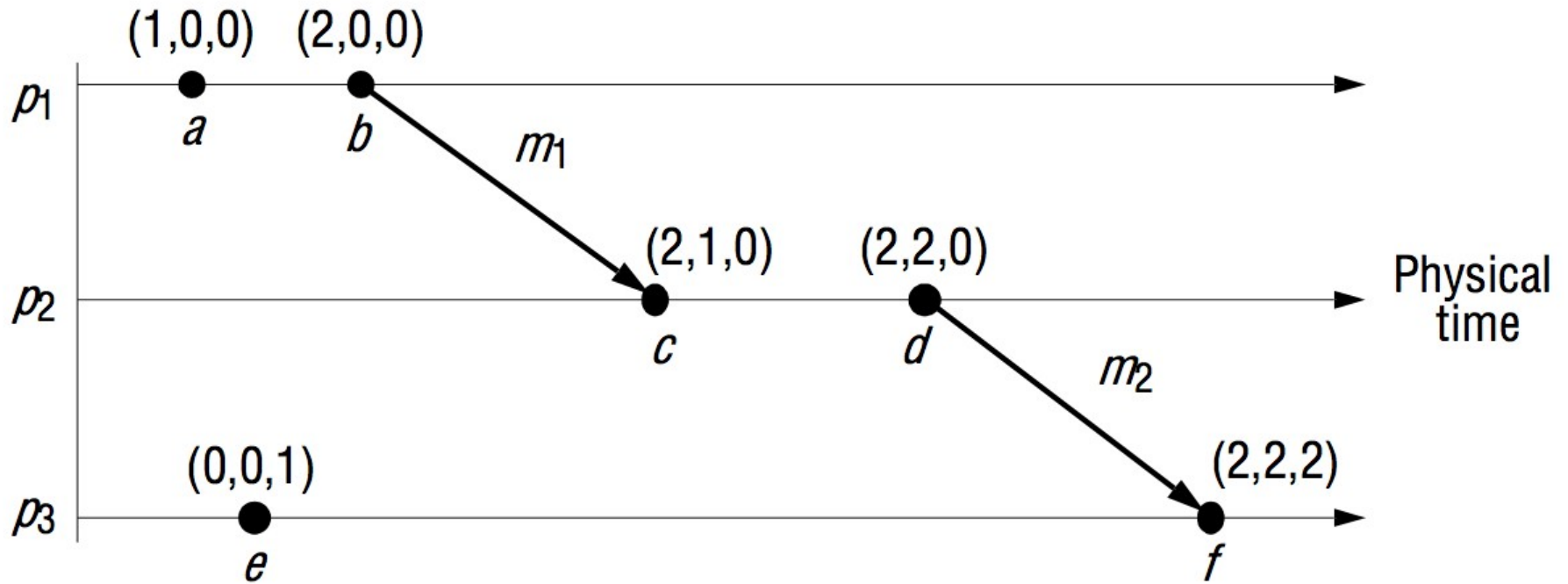


Figure 14.7  
Vector timestamps for the events shown in Figure 14.5





# Figure 14.8

## Detecting global properties

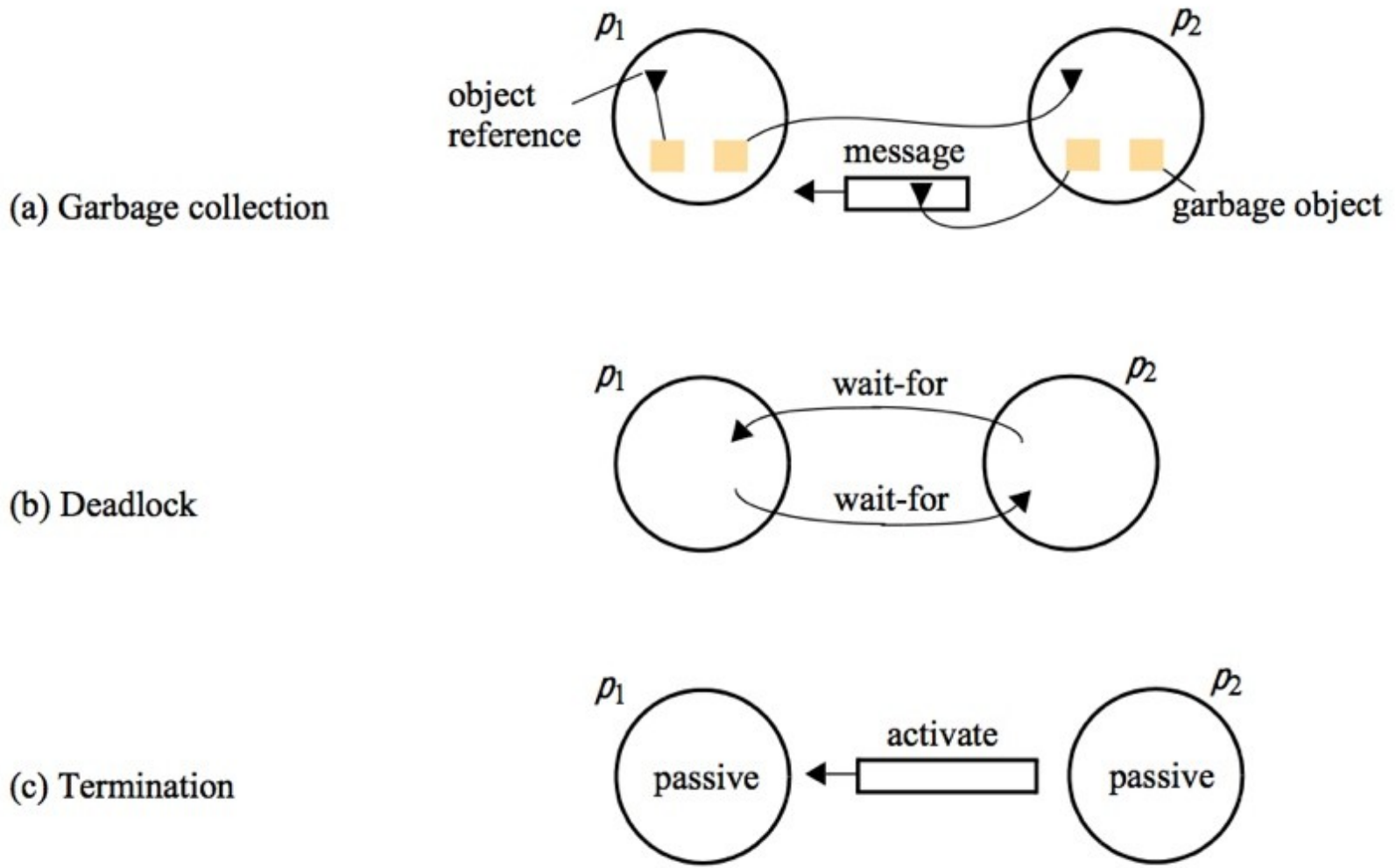
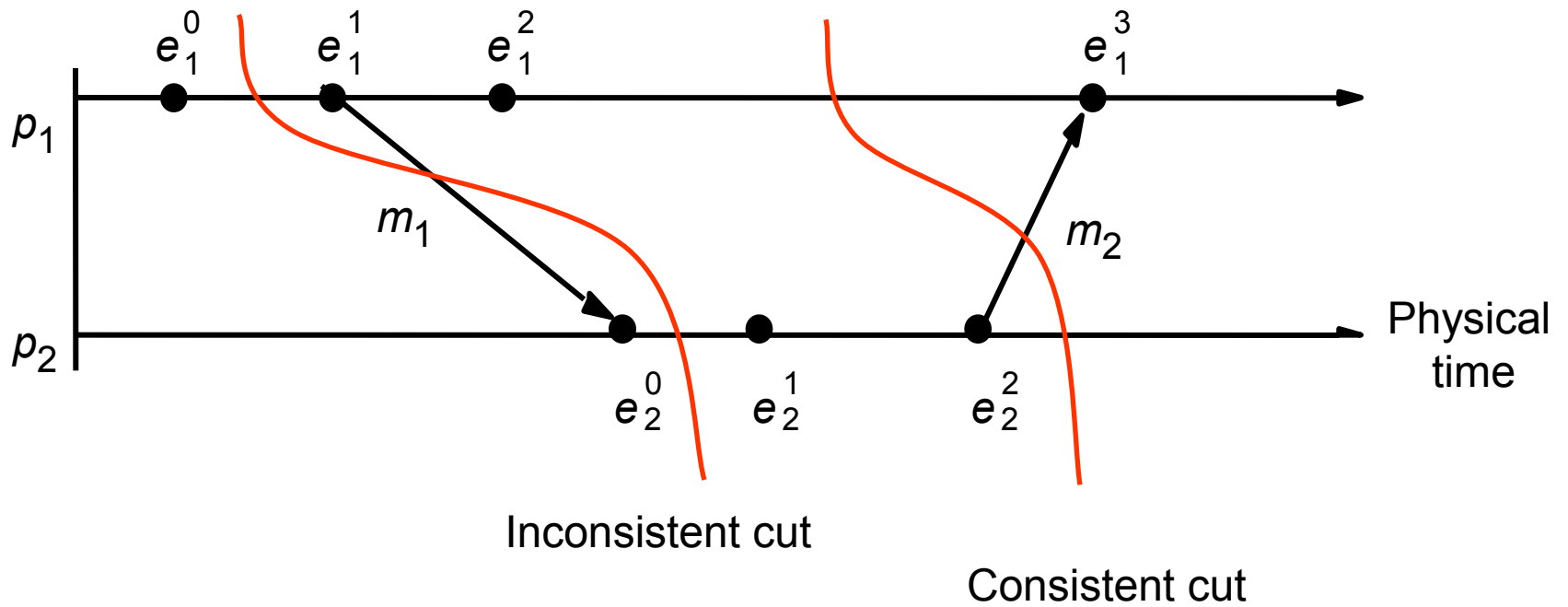


Figure 14.9  
Cuts



## Figure 14.10 Chandy and Lamport's 'snapshot' algorithm

*Marker receiving rule for process  $p_i$*

On  $p_i$ 's receipt of a *marker* message over channel  $c$ :

*if* ( $p_i$  has not yet recorded its state) it

records its process state now;

records the state of  $c$  as the empty set;

turns on recording of messages arriving over other incoming channels;

*else*

$p_i$  records the state of  $c$  as the set of messages it has received over  $c$   
since it saved its state.

*end if*

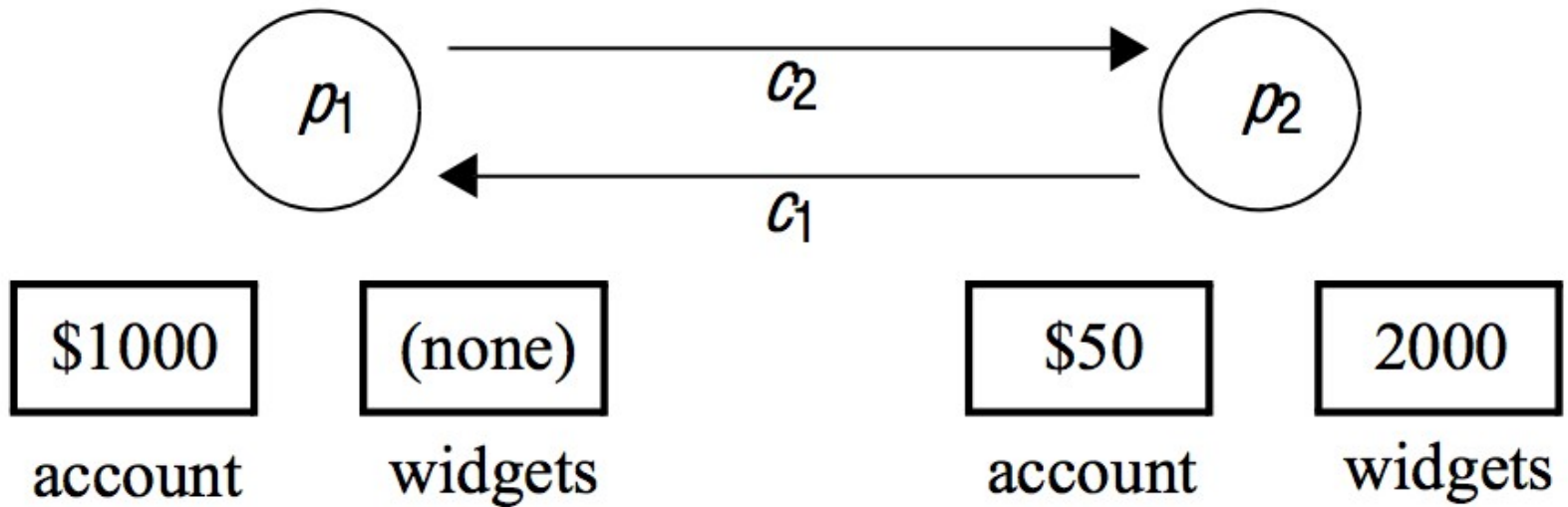
*Marker sending rule for process  $p_i$*

After  $p_i$  has recorded its state, for each outgoing channel  $c$ :

$p_i$  sends one marker message over  $c$

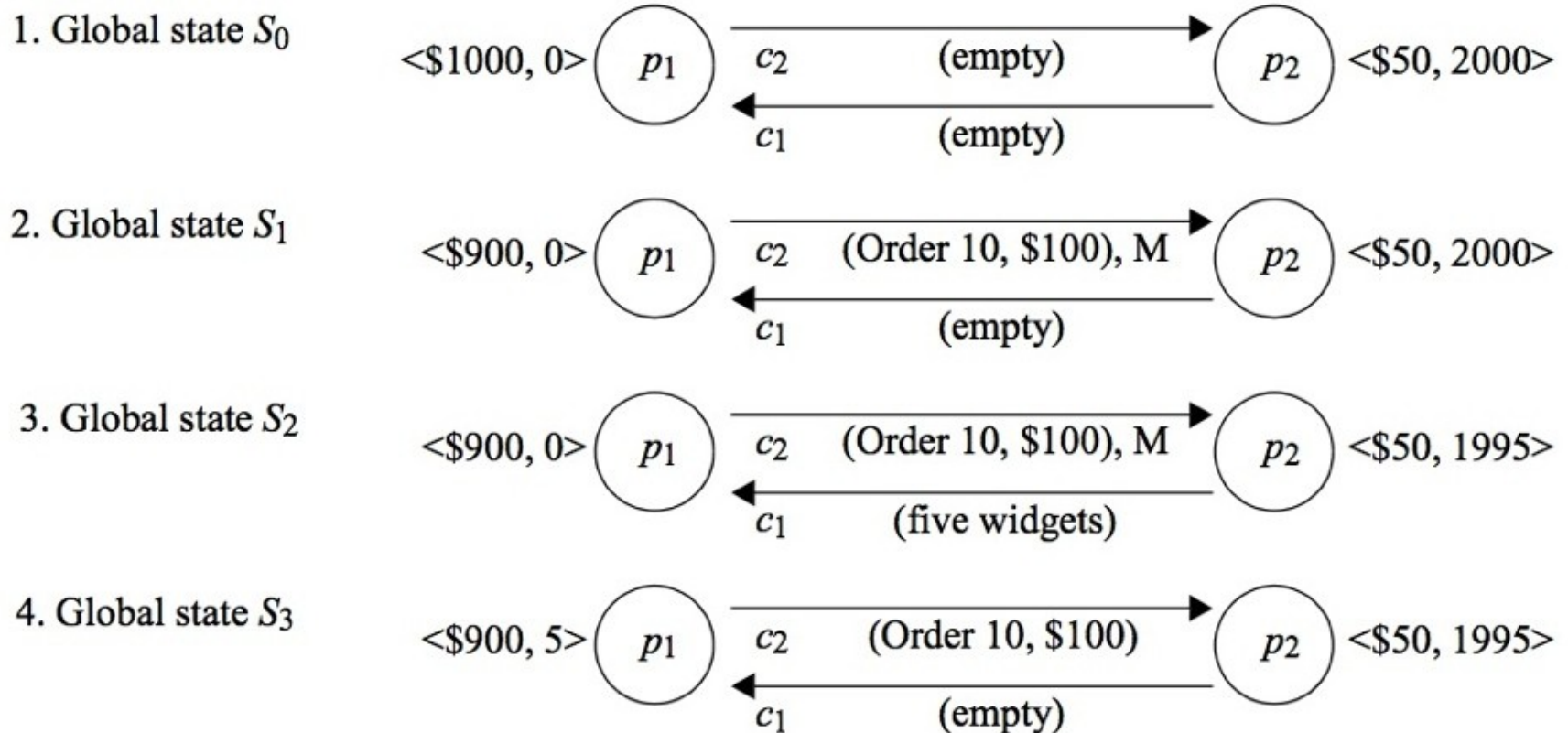
(before it sends any other message over  $c$ ).

Figure 14.11  
Two processes and their initial states



## Figure 14.12

### The execution of the processes in Figure 14.11



(M = marker message)

Figure 14.13

Reachability between states in the snapshot algorithm

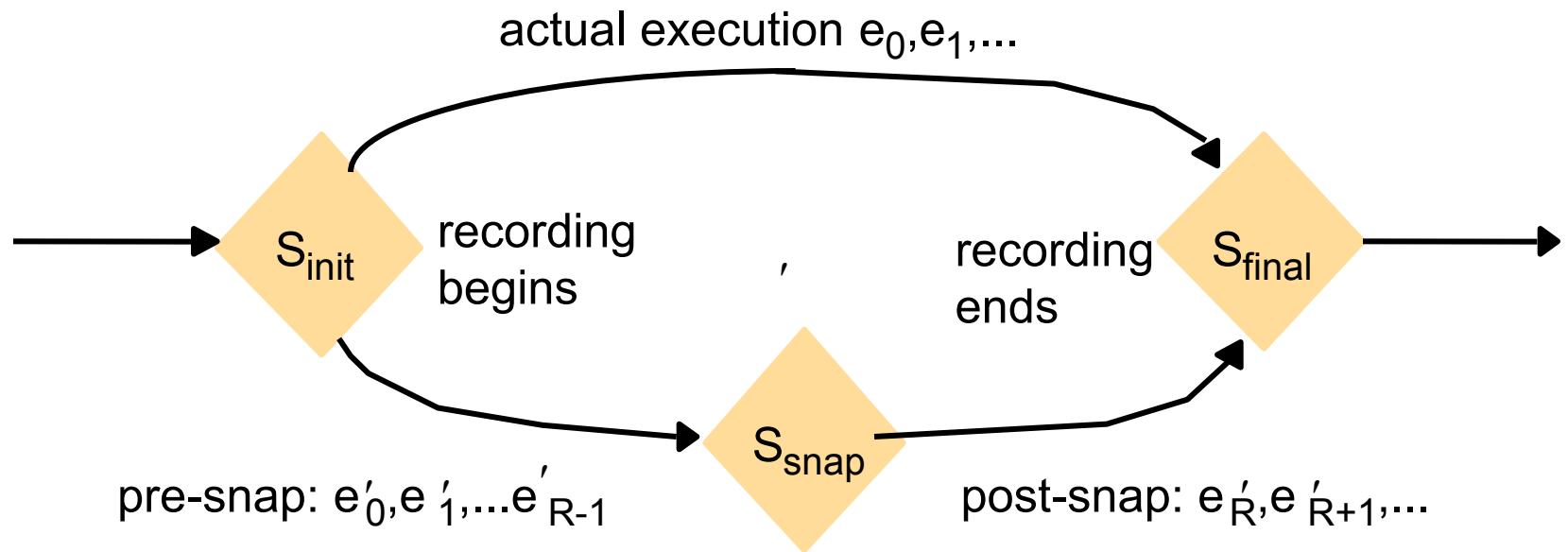


Figure 14.14

Vector timestamps and variable values for the execution of Figure 14.9

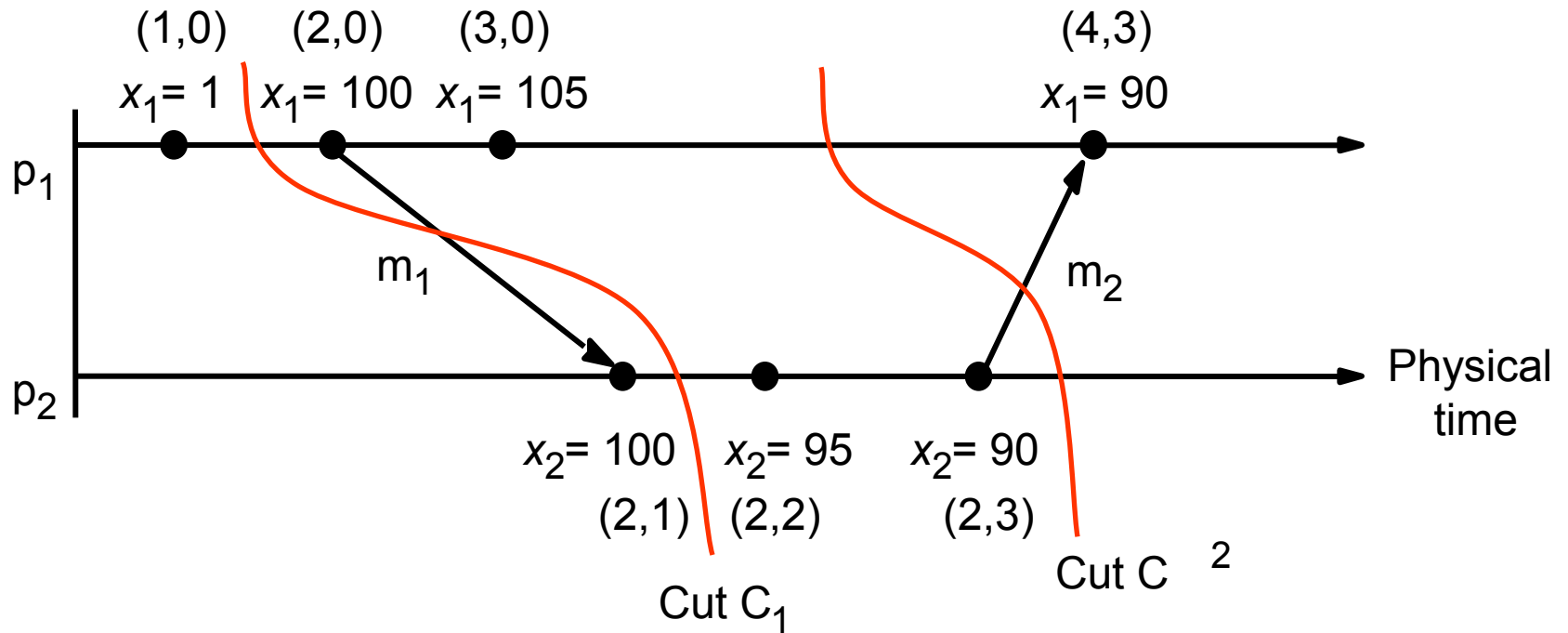
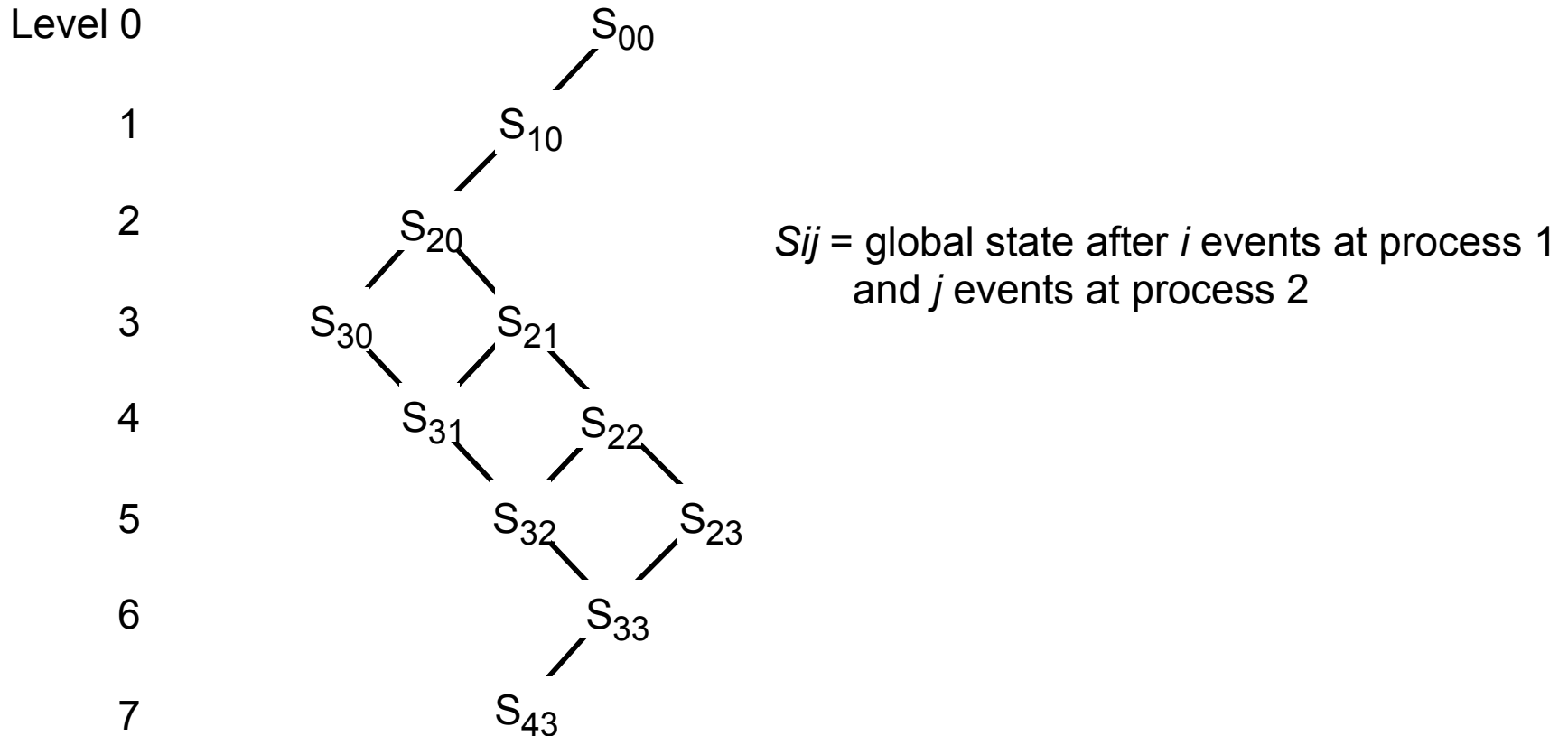


Figure 14.15

The lattice of global states for the execution of Figure 14.14





## Figure 14.16

### Algorithms to evaluate *possibly* $\phi$ and *definitely* $\phi$

#### 1. Evaluating *possibly* $\phi$ for global history $H$ of $N$ processes

```
 $L := 0;$   
 $States := \{ (s_1^0, s_2^0, \dots, s_N^0) \};$   
while ( $\phi(S) = False$  for all  $S \in States$ )  
     $L := L + 1;$   
     $Reachable := \{ S' : S' \text{ reachable in } H \text{ from some } S \in States \wedge \text{level}(S') = L \};$   
     $States := Reachable$   
end while  
output "possibly  $\phi$ ";
```

#### 2. Evaluating *definitely* $\phi$ for global history $H$ of $N$ processes

```
 $L := 0;$   
if ( $\phi(s_1^0, s_2^0, \dots, s_N^0)$ ) then  $States := \{ \}$  else  $States := \{ (s_1^0, s_2^0, \dots, s_N^0) \};$   
while ( $States \neq \{ \}$ )  
     $L := L + 1;$   
     $Reachable := \{ S' : S' \text{ reachable in } H \text{ from some } S \in States \wedge \text{level}(S') = L \};$   
     $States := \{ S \in Reachable : \phi(S) = False \}$   
end while  
output "definitely  $\phi$ ";
```

# Figure 14.17

## Evaluating *definitely* \

Level 0

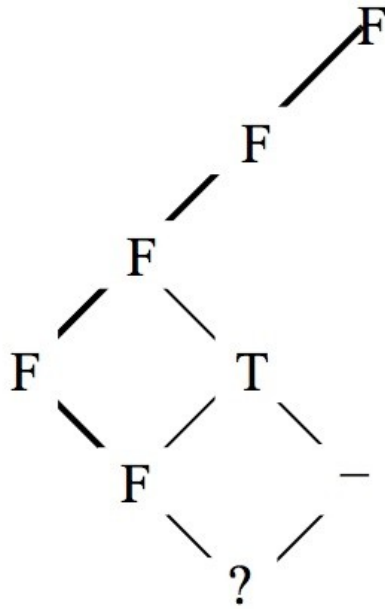
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$F = (\phi(S) = \text{False}); T = (\phi(S) = \text{True})$