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Common approach:

- Use **contextual refinement** as spec
- Use **linearizability** to prove it

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Plan for this talk:
Logical atomicity v0.1, v0.2, v1

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Logical Atomicity, v0.1: the basics

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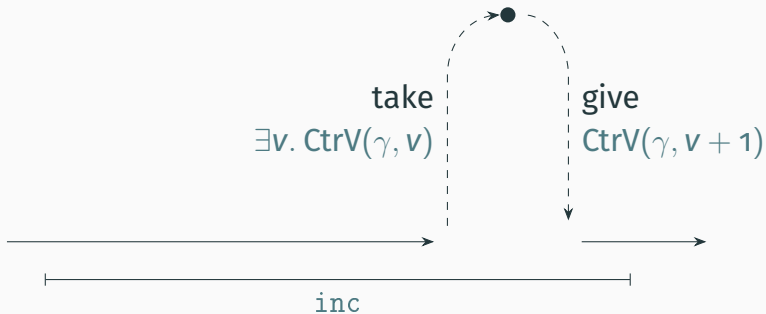
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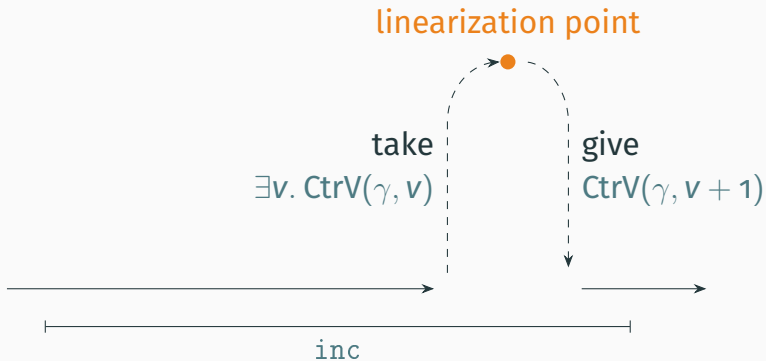
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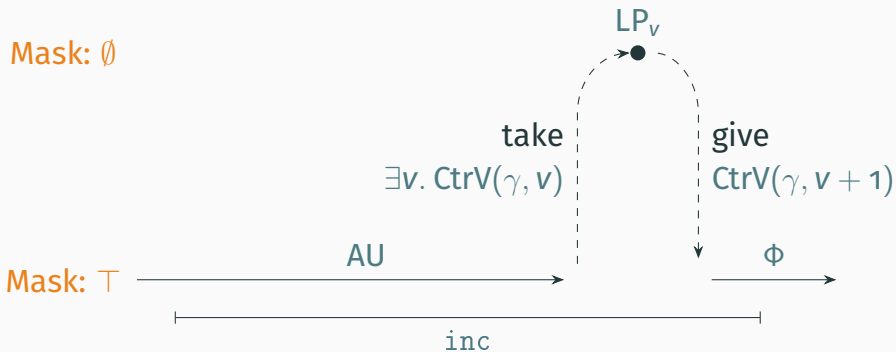
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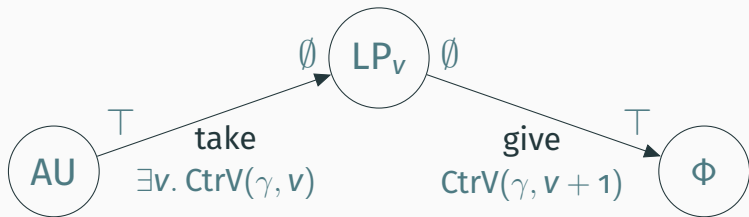


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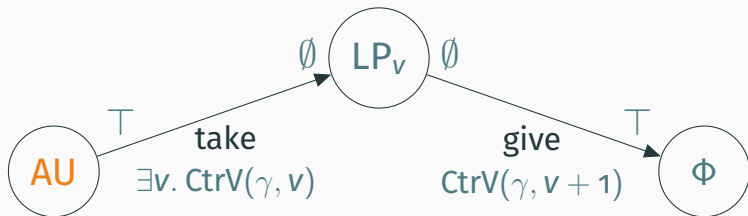
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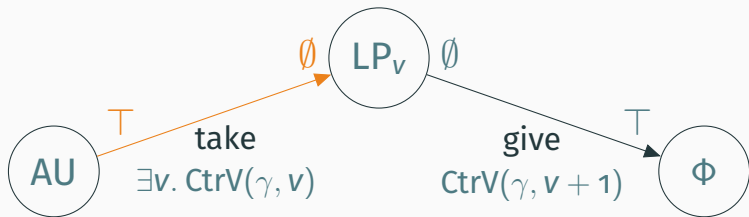
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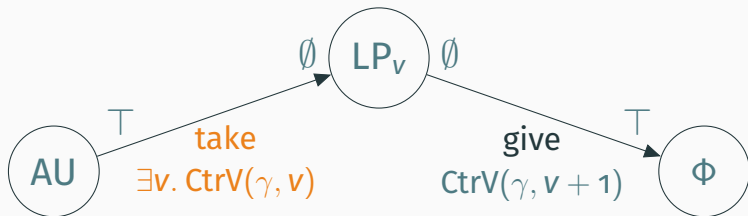
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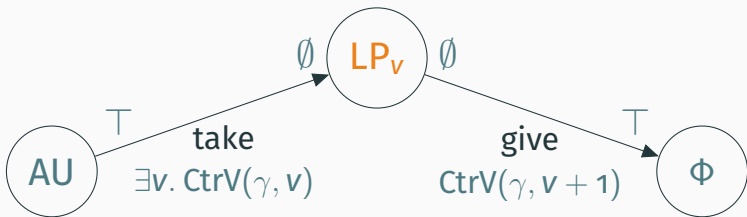
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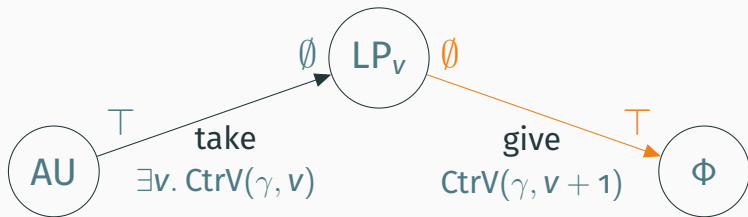


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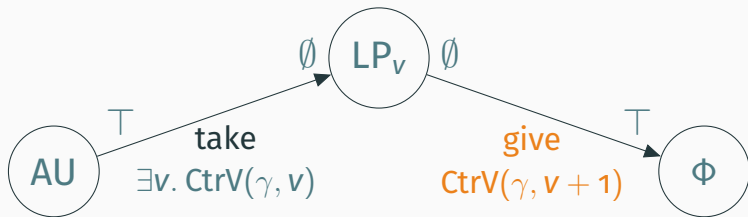
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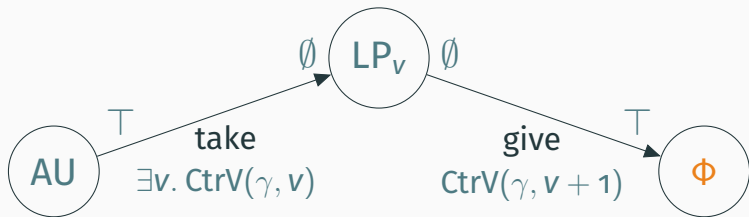
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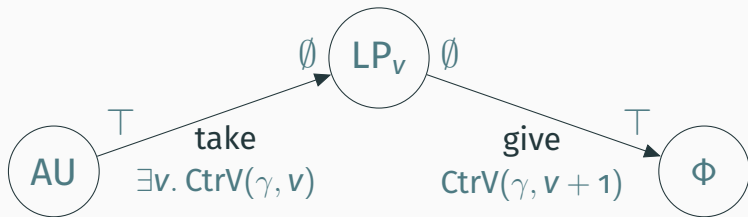
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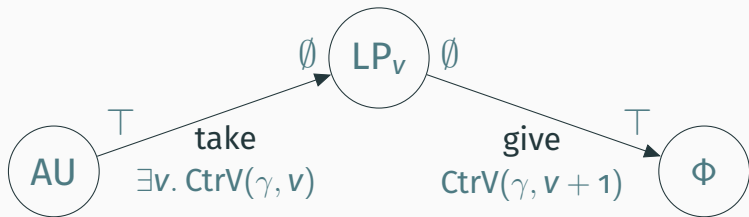
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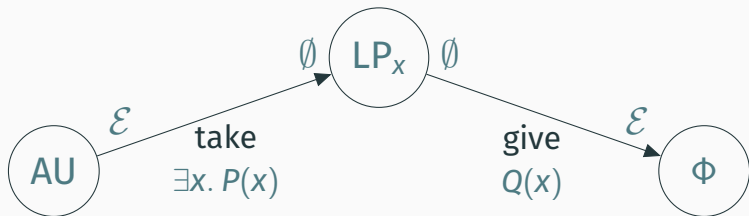
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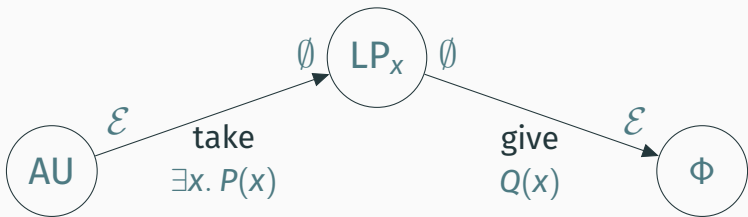
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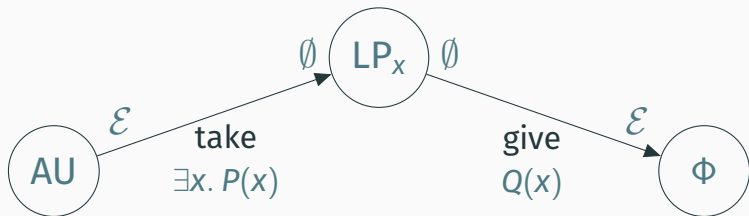
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Mask: \emptyset

linearization point

take $\exists \mathbf{v}. l \mapsto \mathbf{v}$

give $l \mapsto \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{1}$

Mask: \top

inc

$$\langle v. l \mapsto v \rangle \text{inc}(l) \langle l \mapsto v + 1 \rangle^T$$

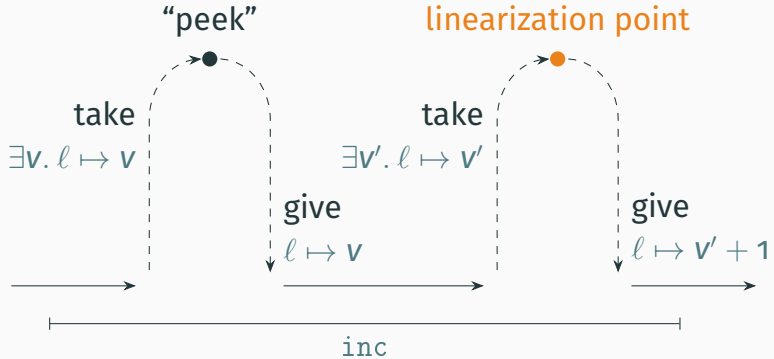
We can only use the atomic update **once**,
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rec inc(x) = let v = !x;  
             if CAS(x, v, v + 1) then v  
             else inc(x)
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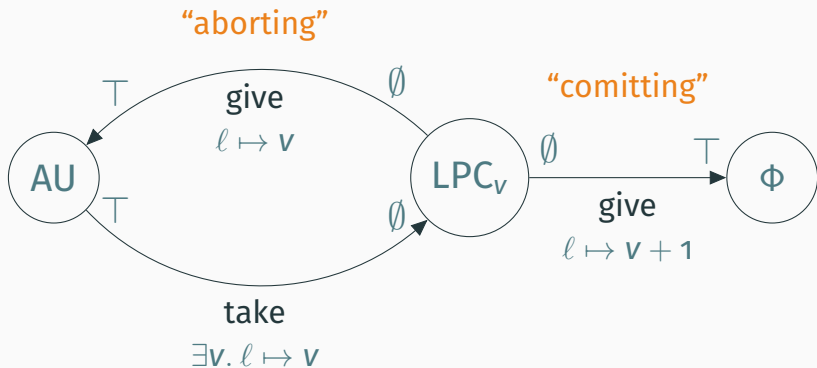
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Logical Atomicity, vo.2: aborting (the Good)

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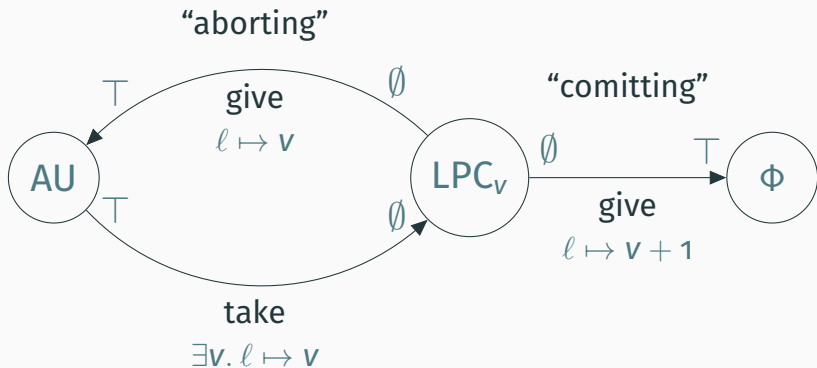
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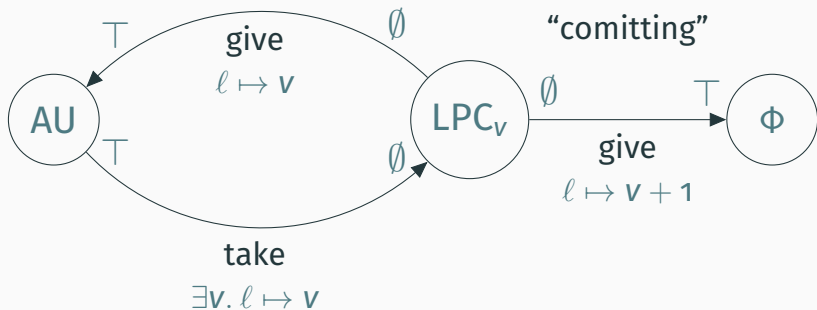
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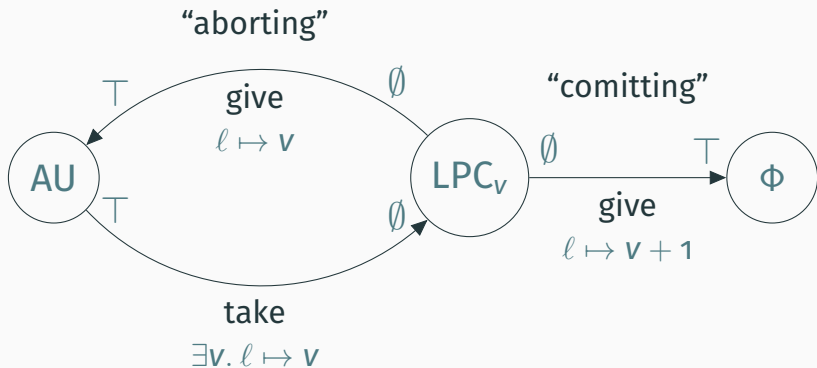
“Additive” conjunction \cong Internal choice

“aborting”



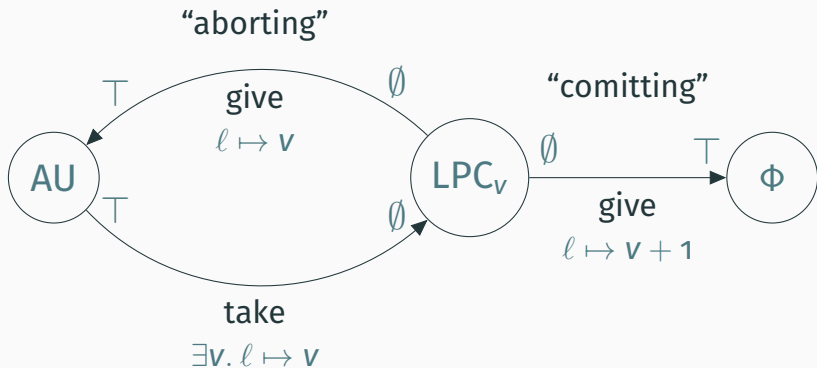
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late... timeless(P) persistent(P)
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Needed for helping:
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Logical Atomicity lets us give

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- Hoare-style specifications
- to concurrent data structures
- that make use of helping.