

The Equational Theory of Positive Relation Algebra

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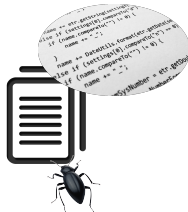
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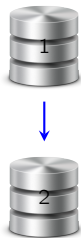


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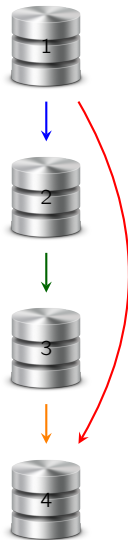
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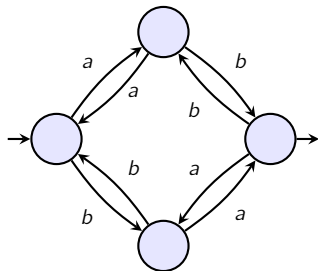
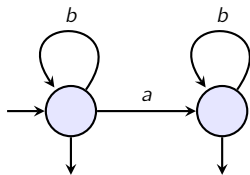
Examples

$$\mathcal{L}(a \cdot (b \cup c)) = \{ab, ac\}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}(a^*) = \{\varepsilon, a, aa, \dots\} = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

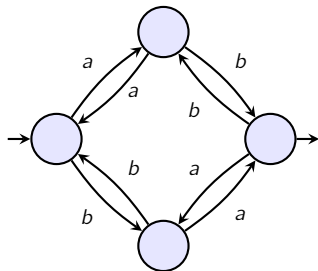
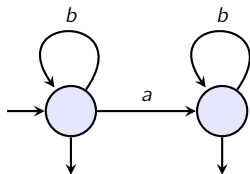
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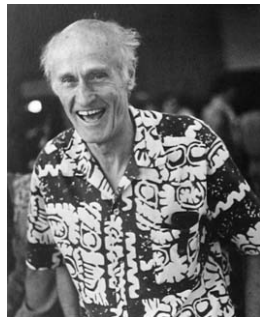
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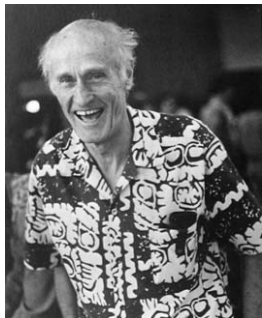
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Corollary

There is an algorithm testing if two regular expressions e and f represent the same language.



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A Kleene algebra is an algebraic structure $\langle K, \cup, \cdot, *, 0, 1 \rangle$ such that

- ▶ $\langle K, \cup, \cdot, 0, 1 \rangle$ is an idempotent semiring.
- ▶ The star satisfies the following laws:

$$1 \cup a \cdot a^* \leq a^*$$

$$b \cup a \cdot x \leq x \Rightarrow a^* \cdot b \leq x$$

(+ symmetric)



John Horton Conway

Examples:

Algebras of languages: the set of languages over some finite alphabet A .

Algebras of relations: the set of binary relations over some set O .

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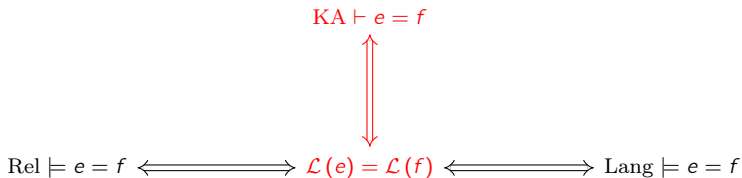
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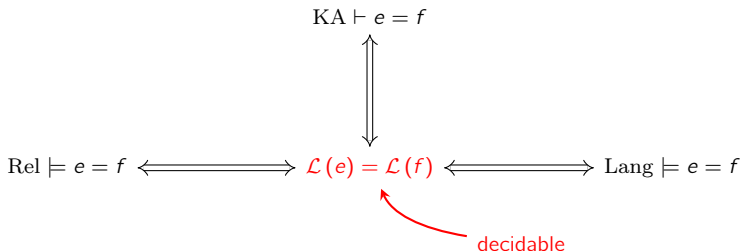


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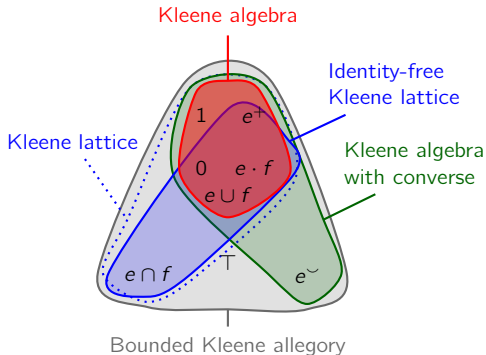
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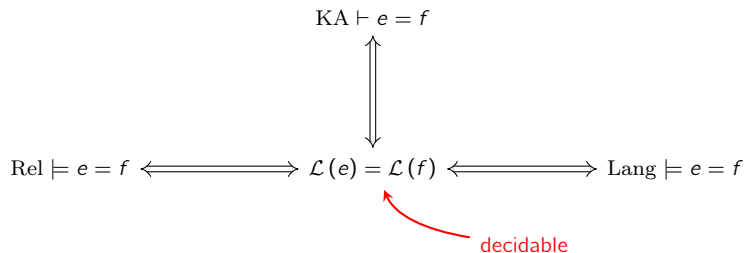
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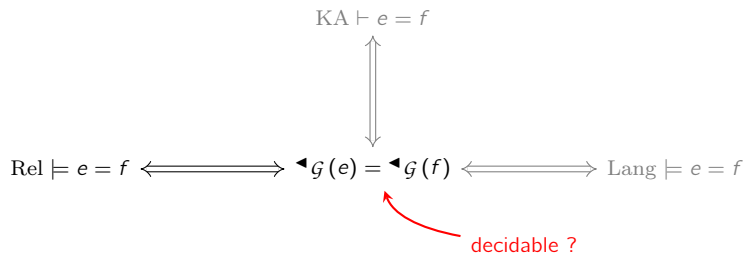
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Counterexample

$$\mathcal{L}(a \cap b) = \mathcal{L}(0) = \emptyset \quad \Bigg| \quad \mathcal{L}(a) = \mathcal{L}(a^\smile) = \{a\} \quad \Bigg| \quad \mathcal{L}(\top a \top b \top) \neq \mathcal{L}(\top b \top a \top)$$

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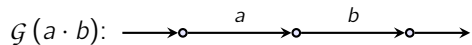
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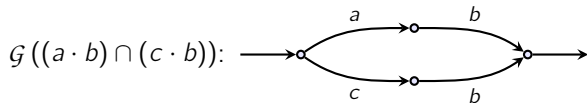
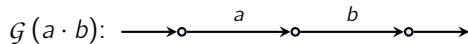
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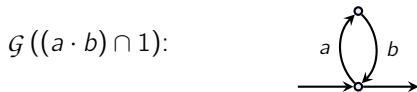
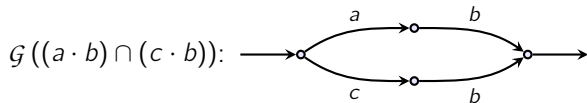
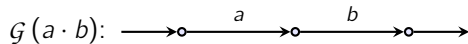
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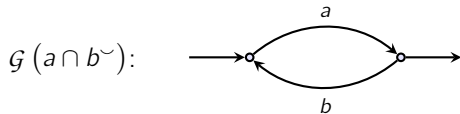
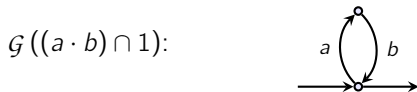
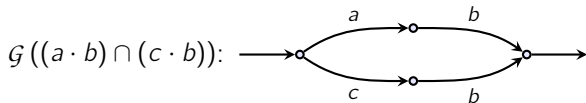
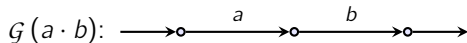
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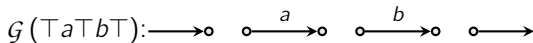
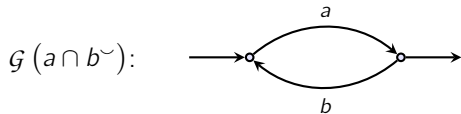
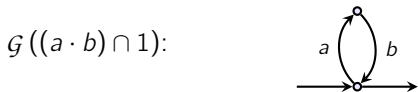
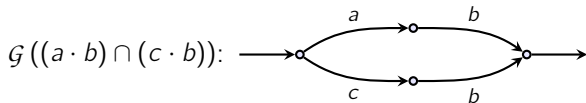
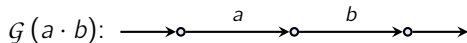
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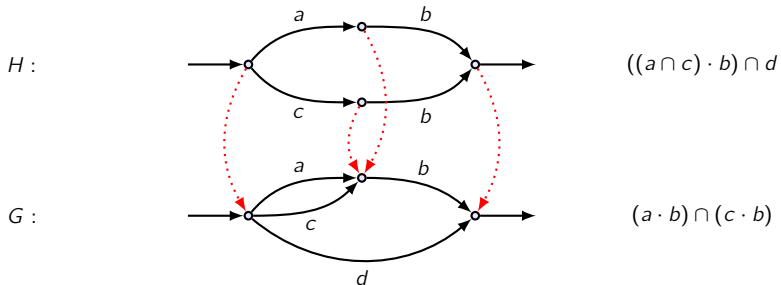
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Preorder on graphs

$G \triangleleft H$ if there exists a graph morphism from H to G .



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- ▶ Freyd & Scedrov, *Categories, Allegories*, 1990 .
- ▶ Andréka & Bredikhin, *The equational theory of union-free algebras of relations*, 1995

Graph languages

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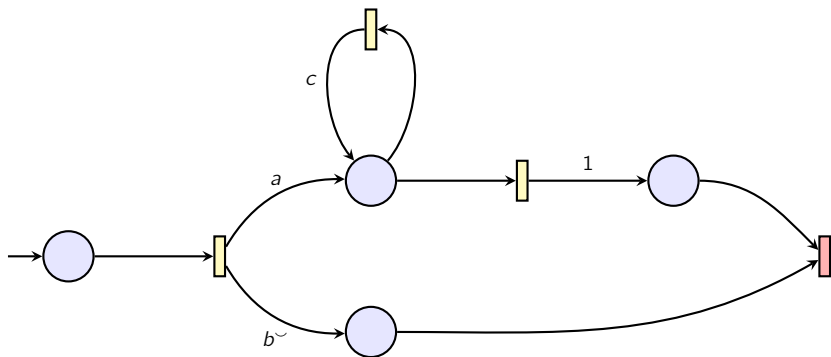
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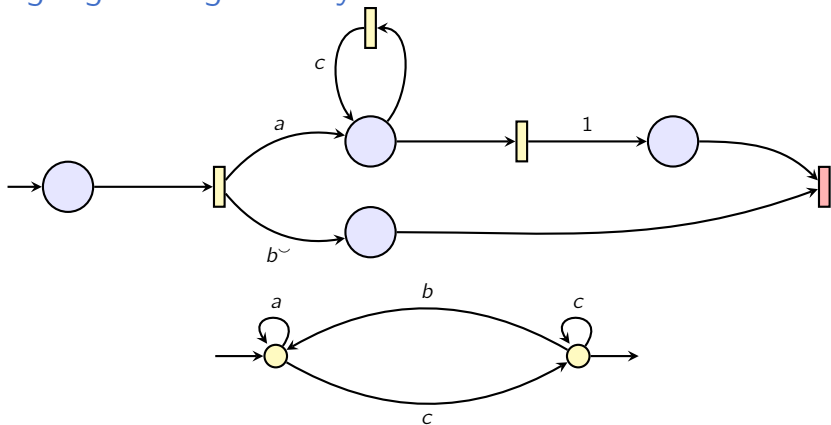
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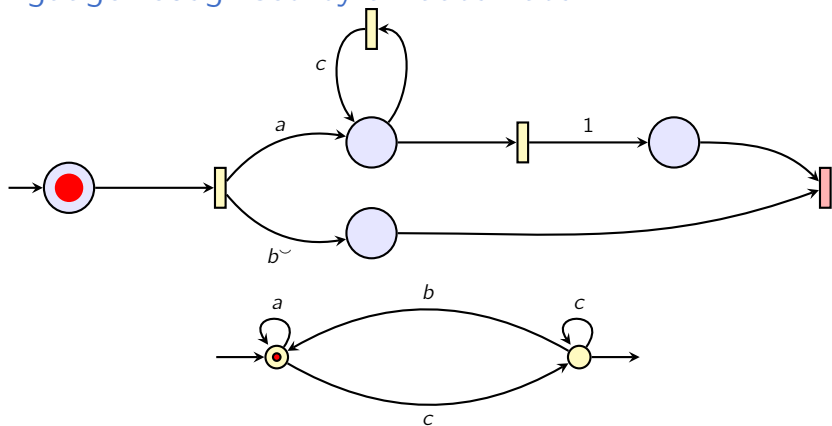
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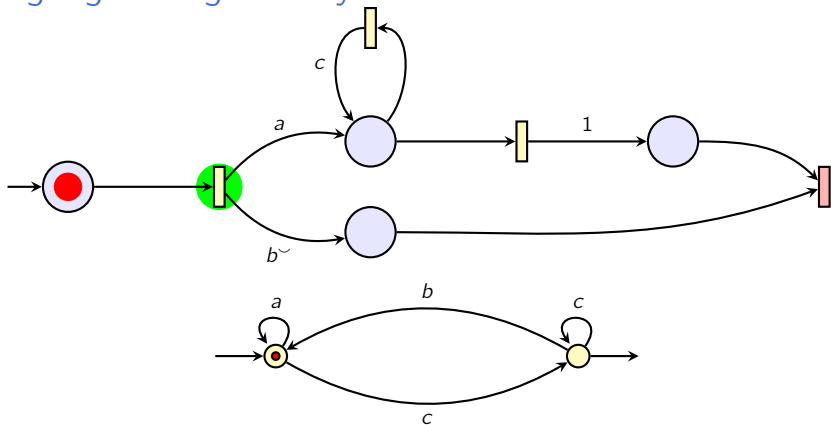
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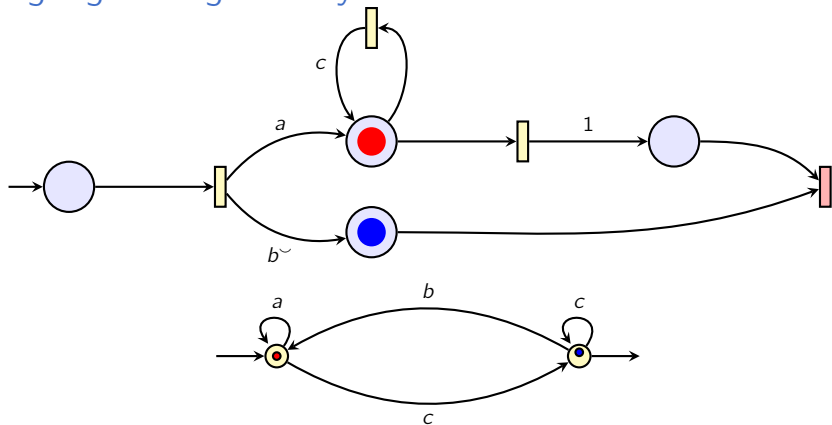
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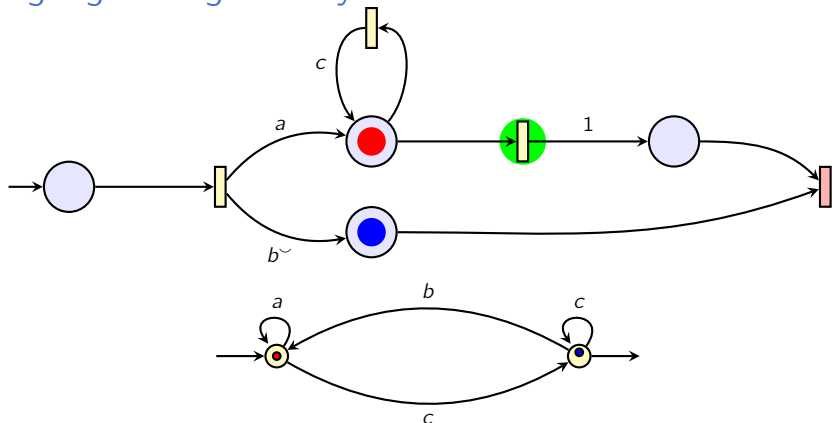
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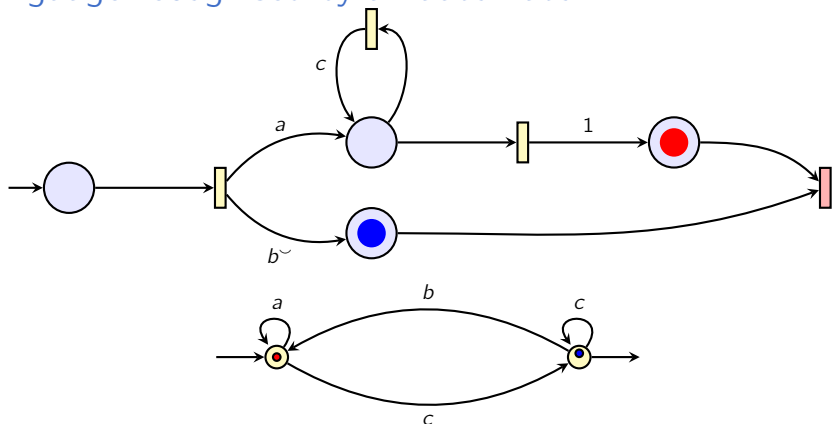
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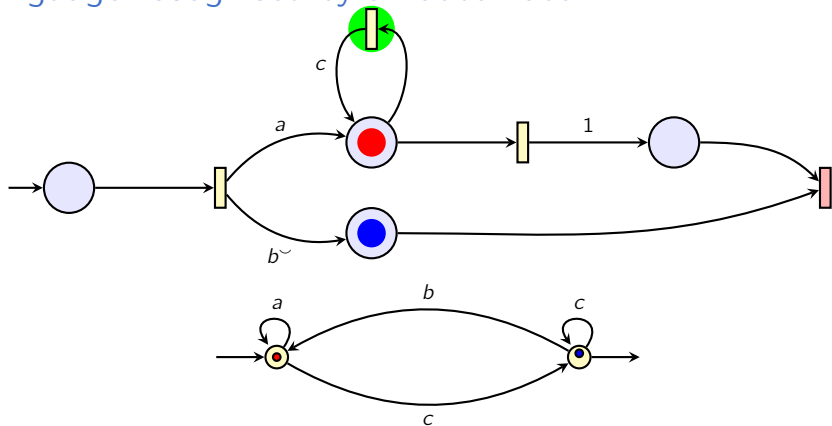
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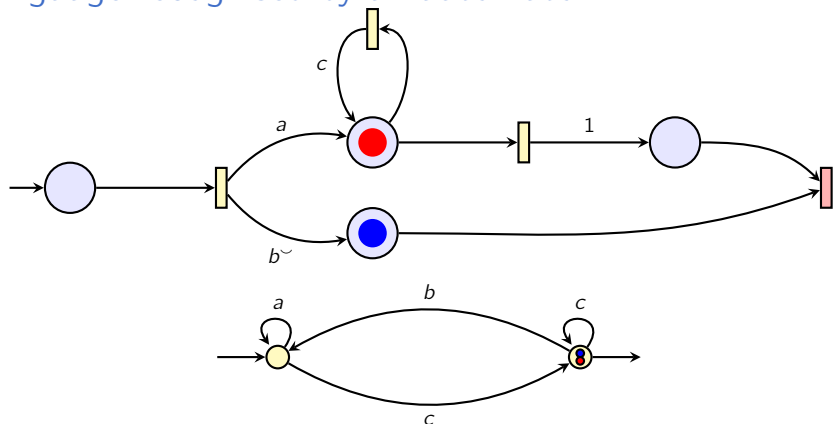
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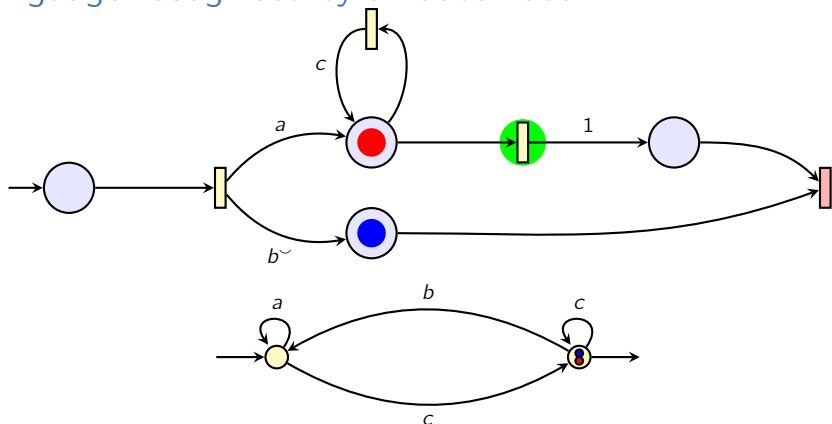
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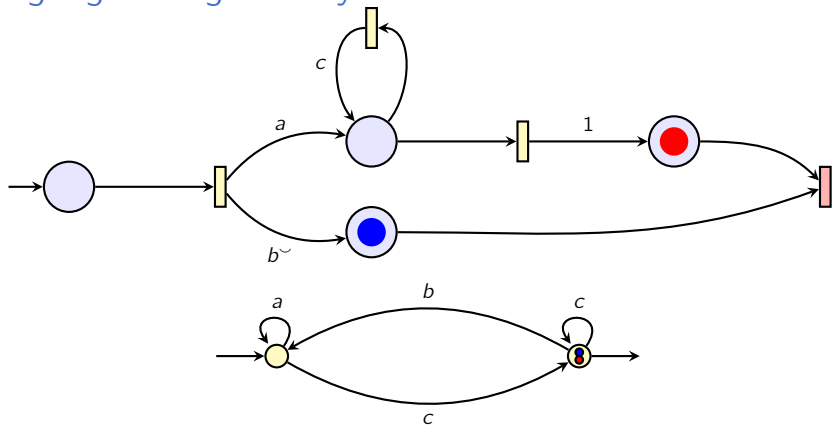
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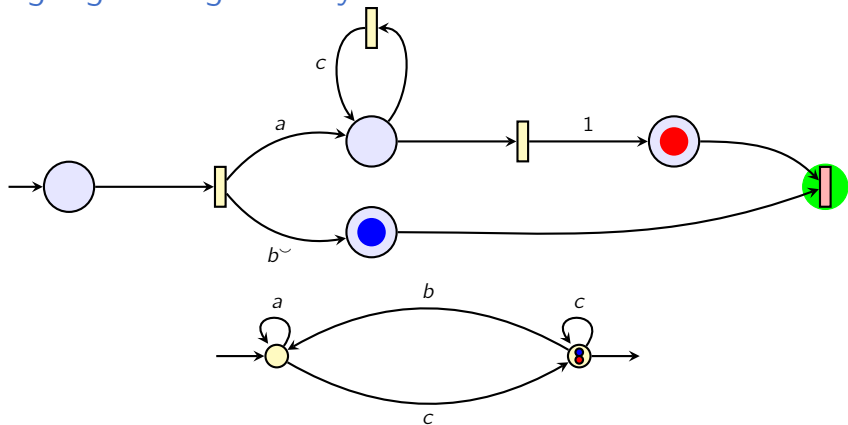
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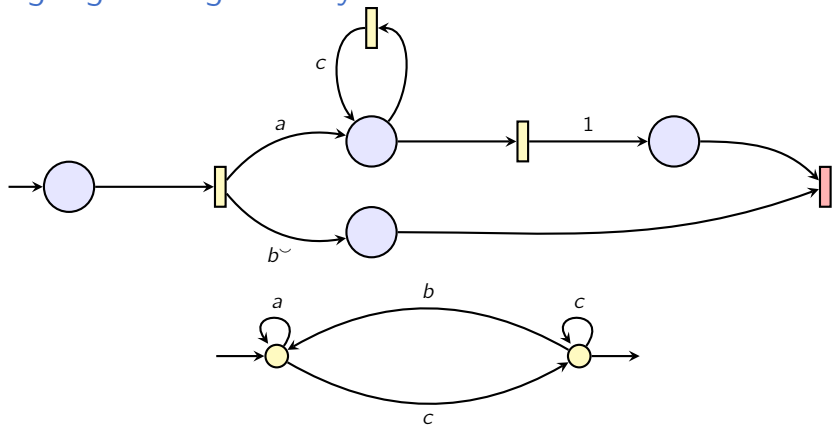
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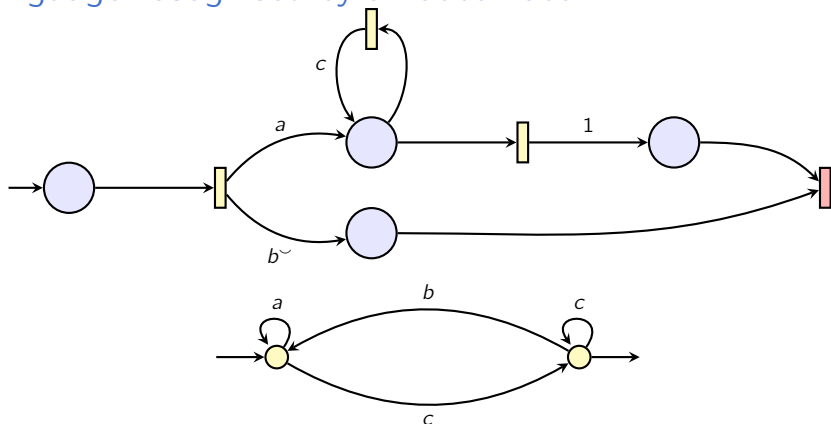


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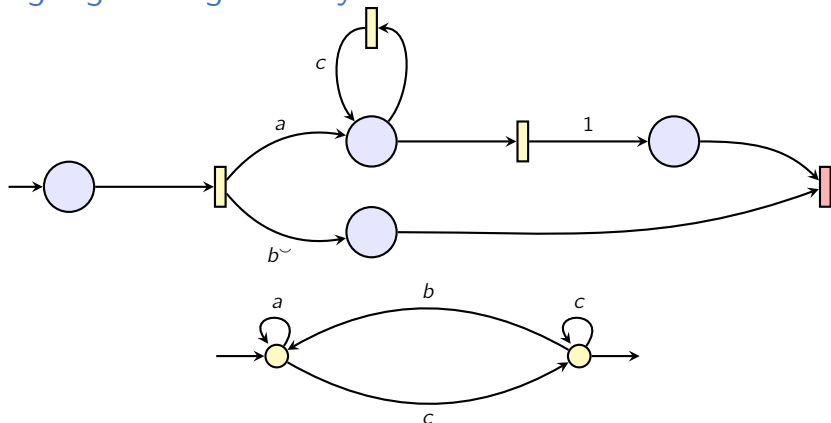
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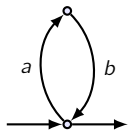
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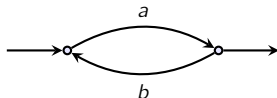
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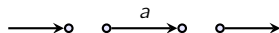
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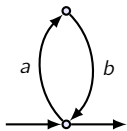
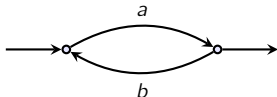
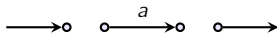
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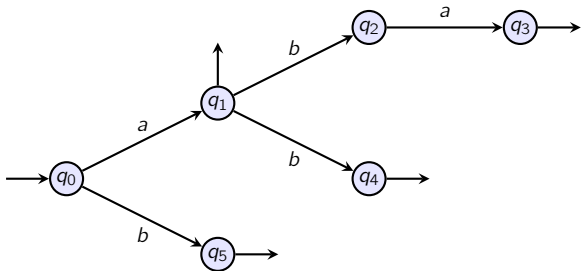
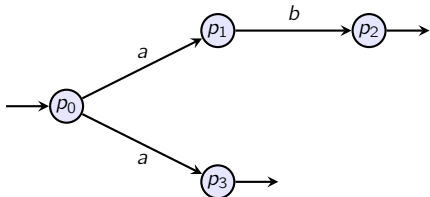
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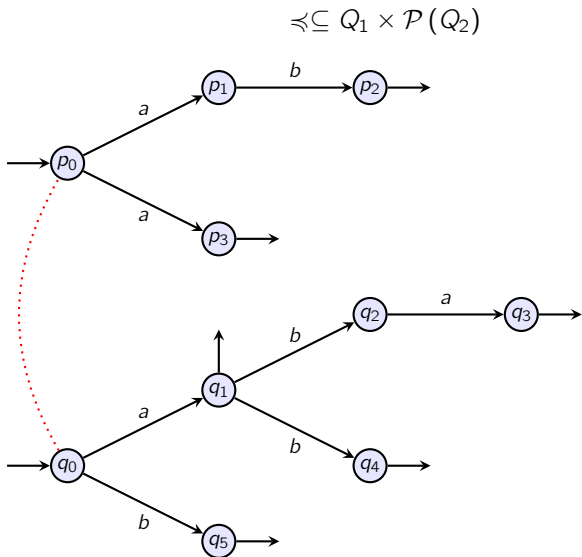
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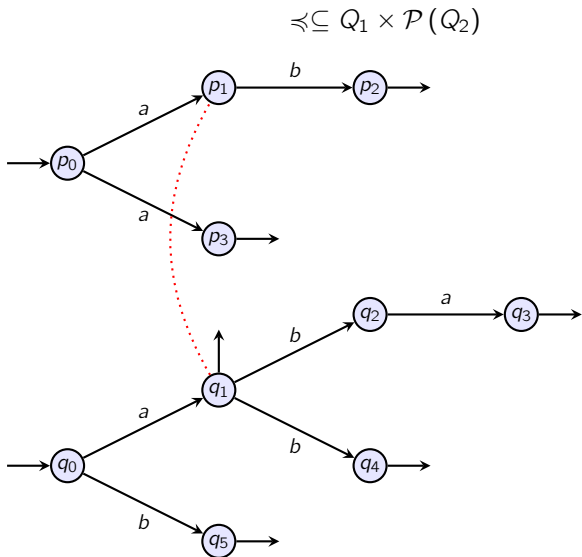


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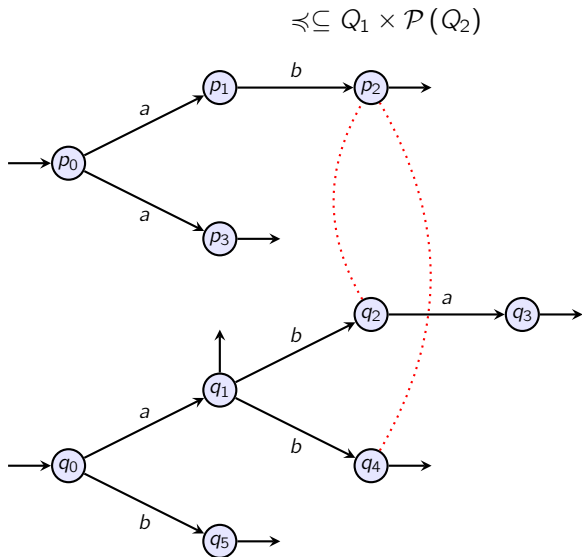


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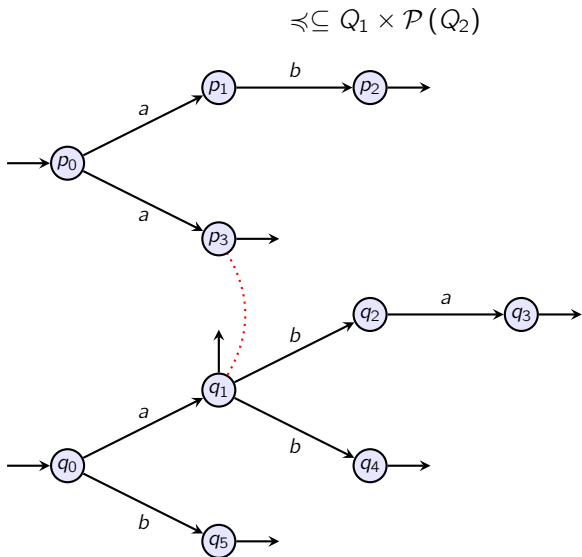
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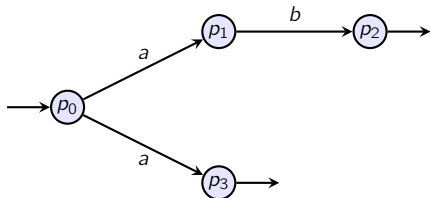
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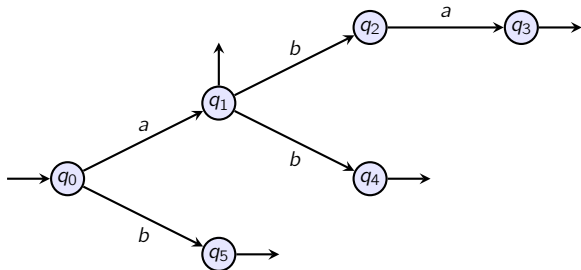


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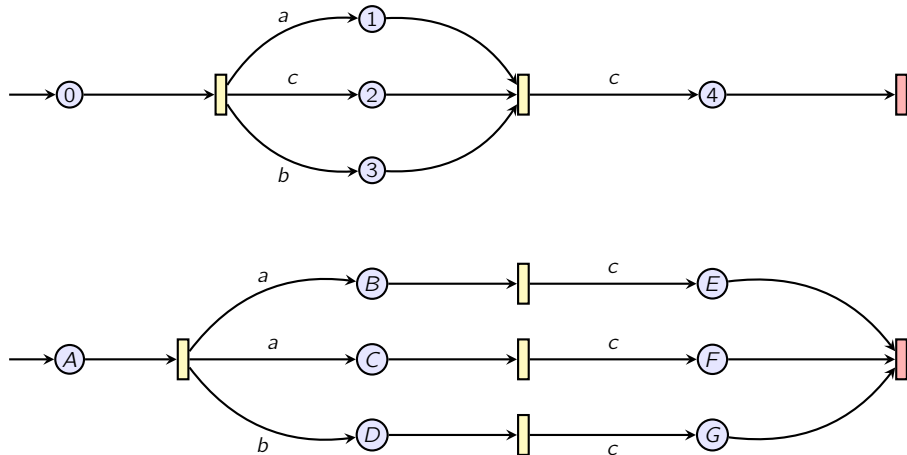


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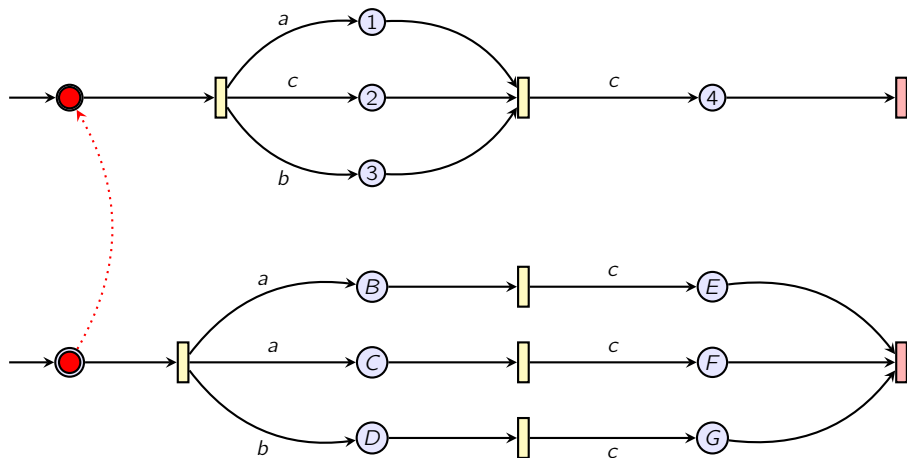
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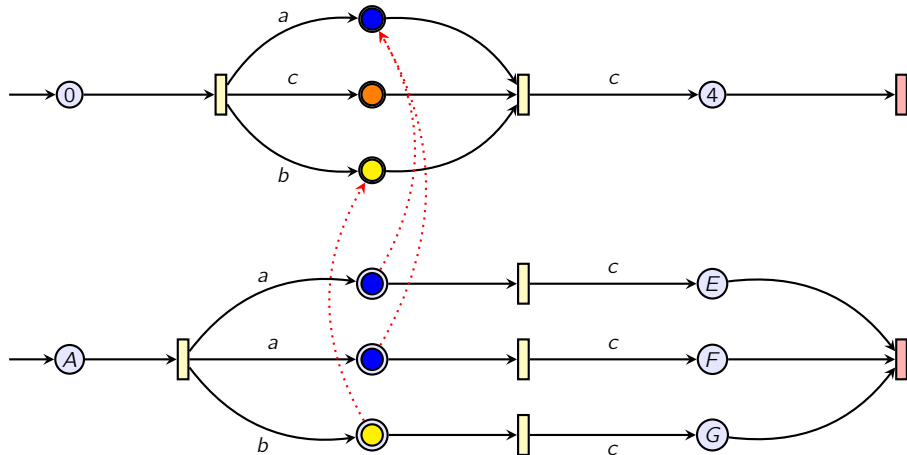
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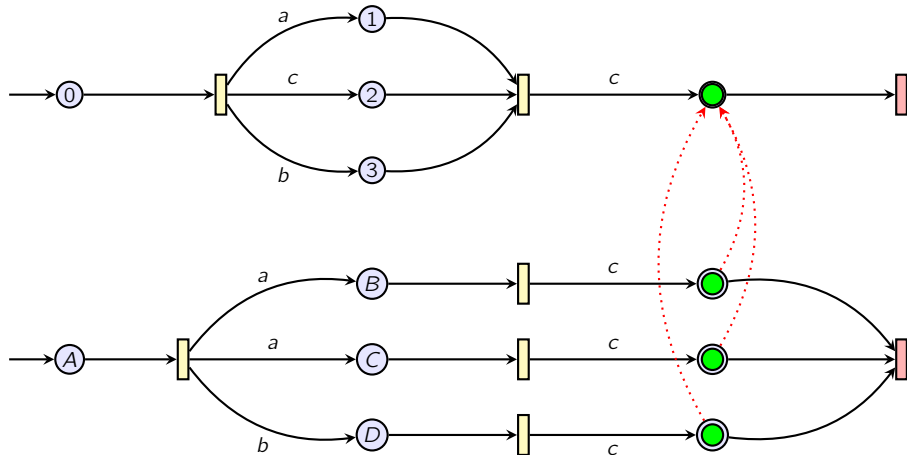
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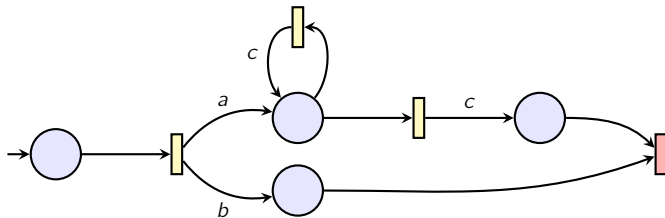
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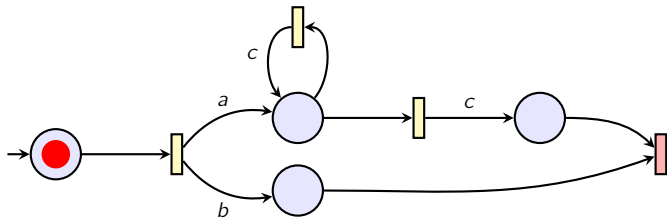
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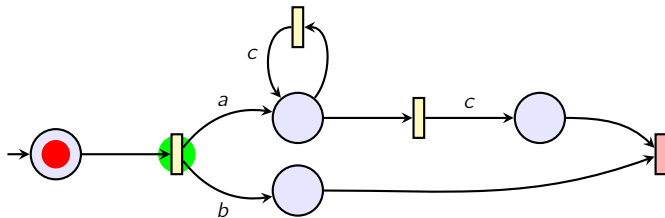
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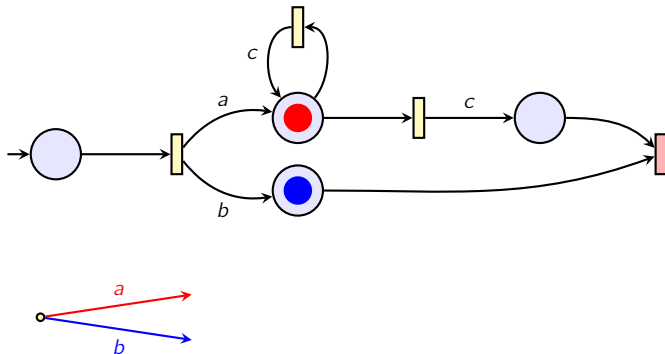
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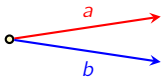
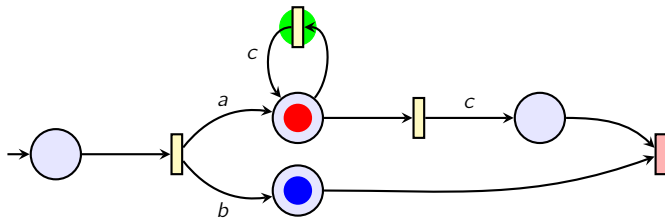
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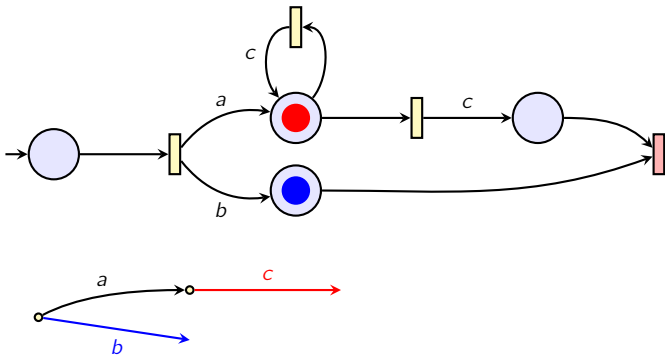
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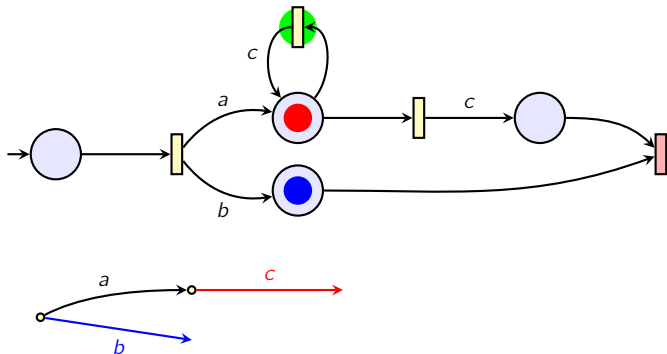
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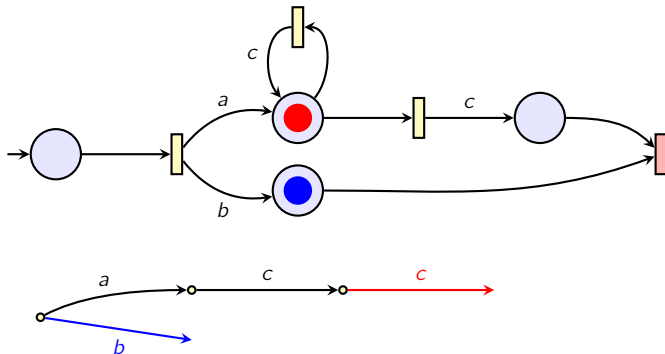
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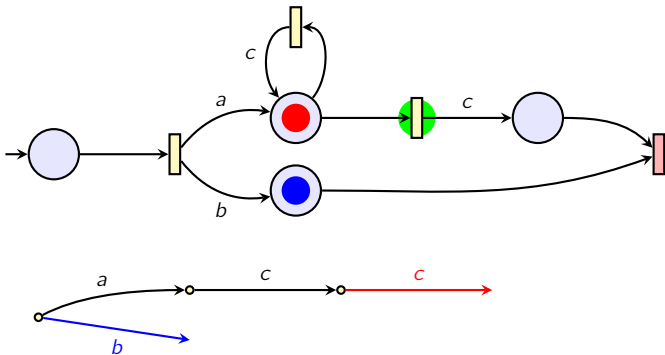
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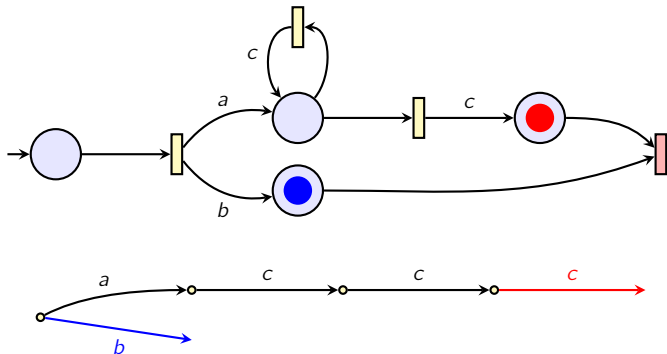
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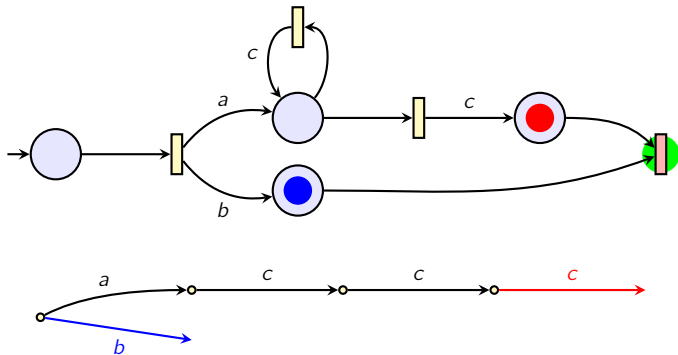
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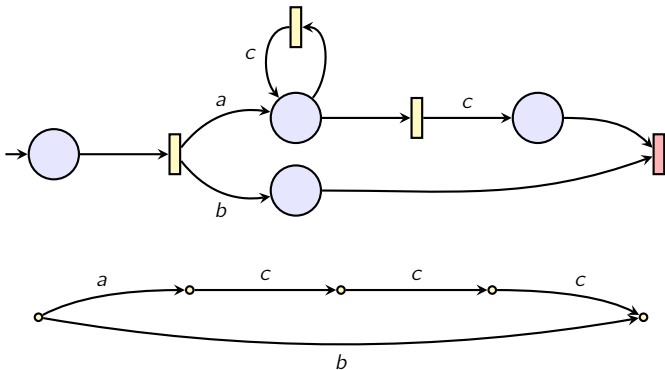
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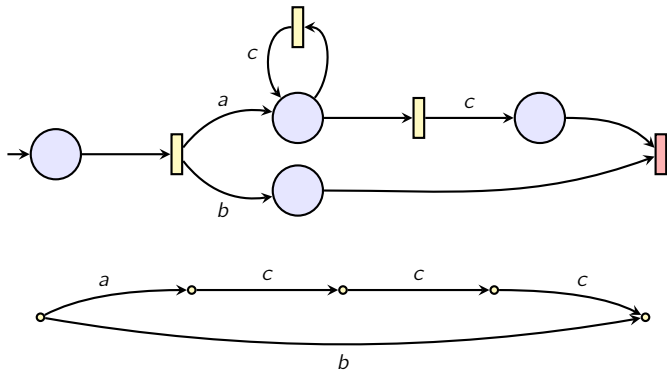
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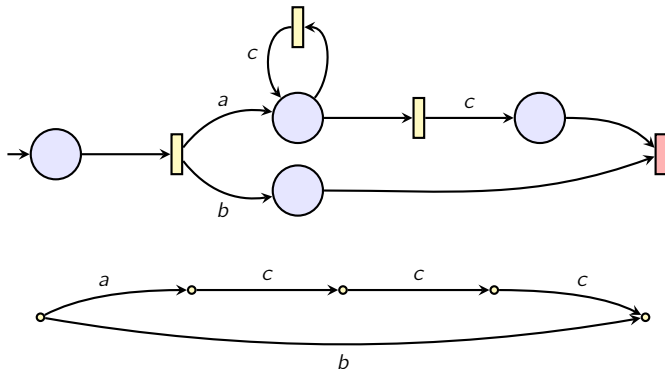
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Traces, languages and expressions

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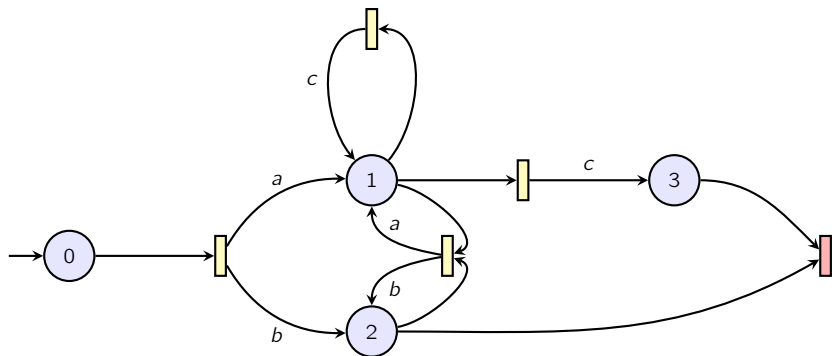
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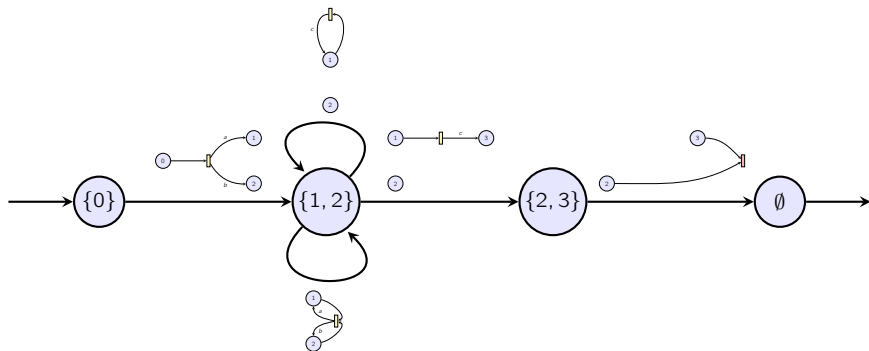
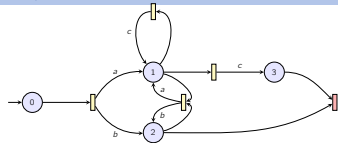
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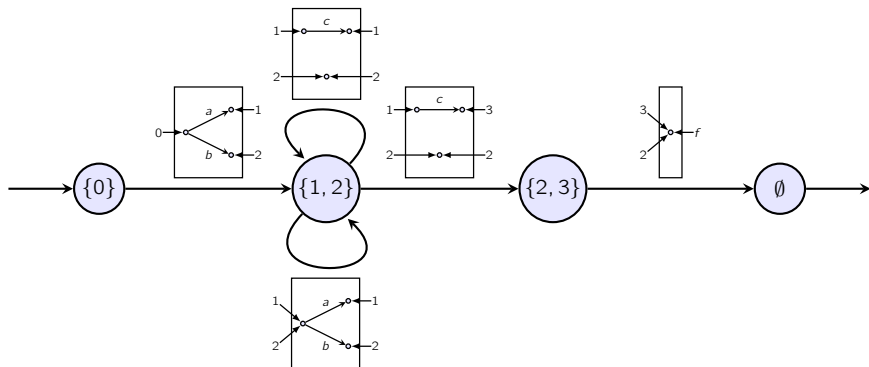
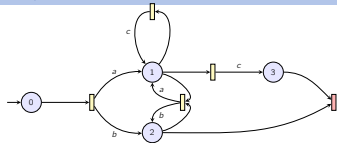
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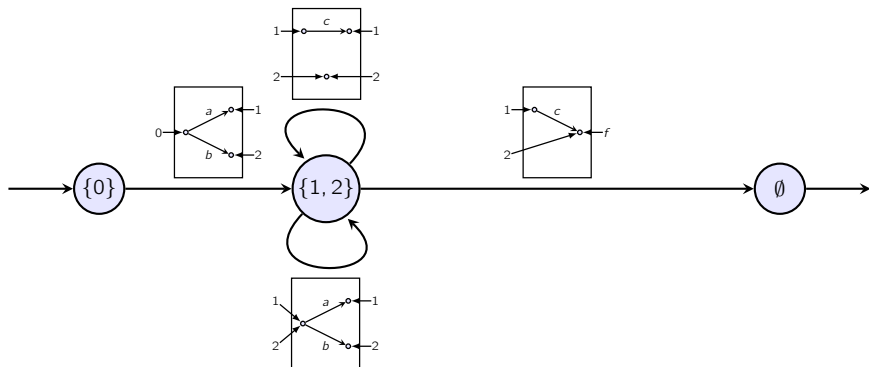
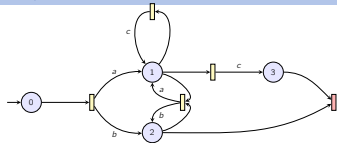
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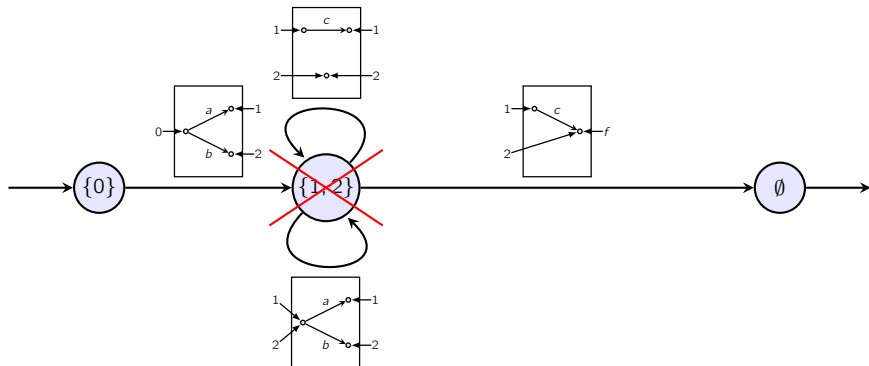
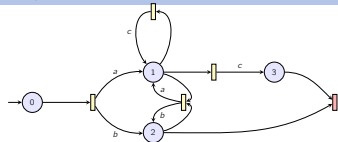
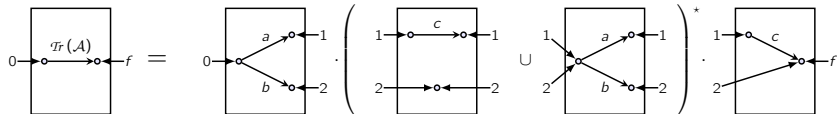
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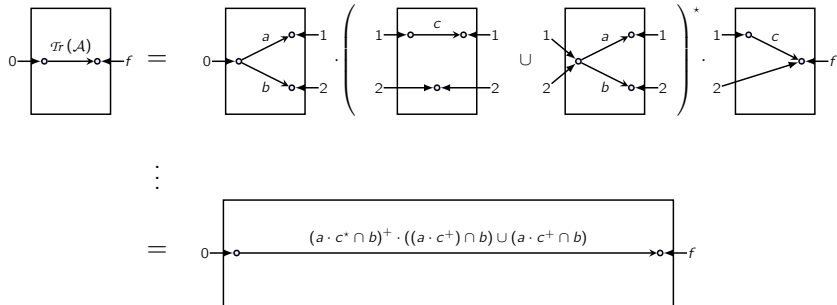
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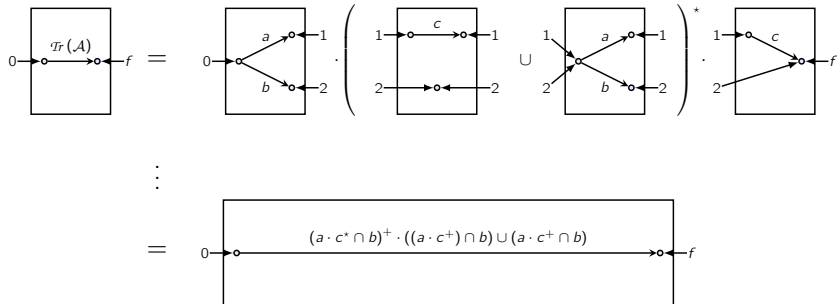


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Result

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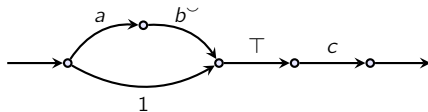
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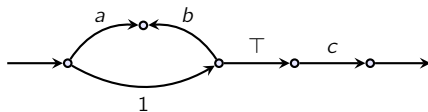
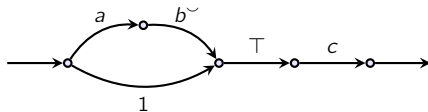
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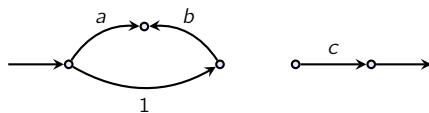
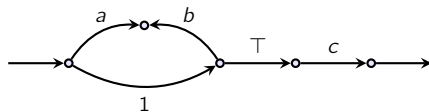
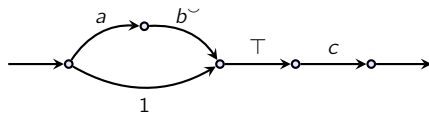
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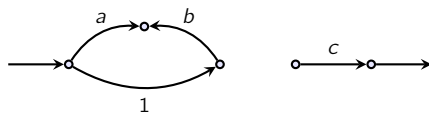
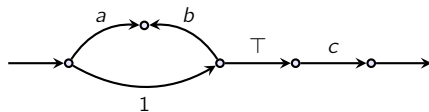
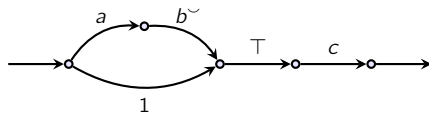
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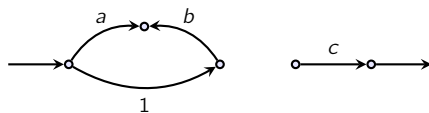
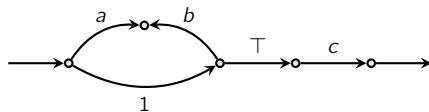
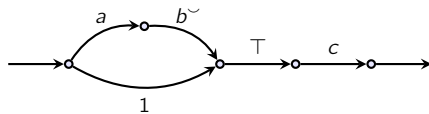
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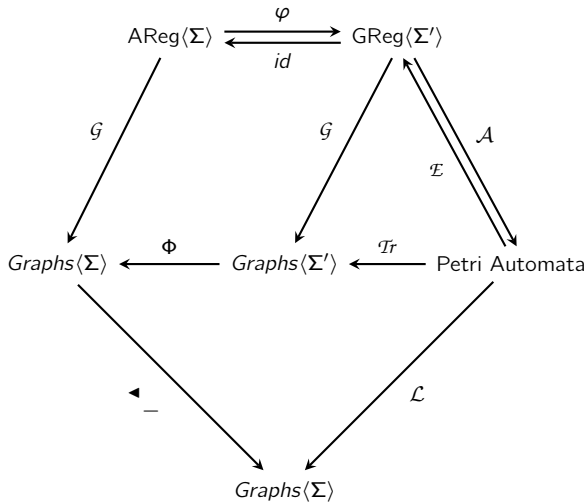
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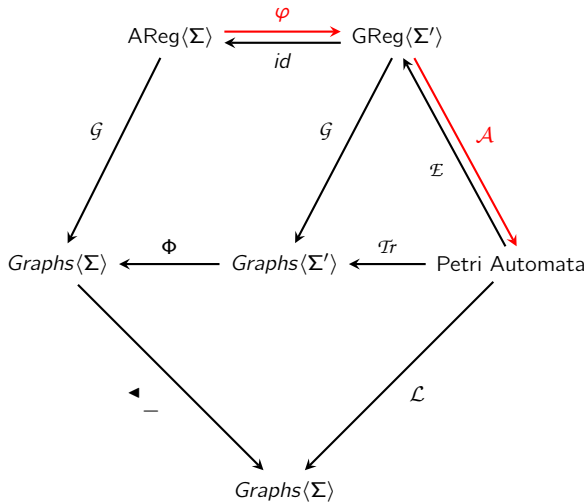
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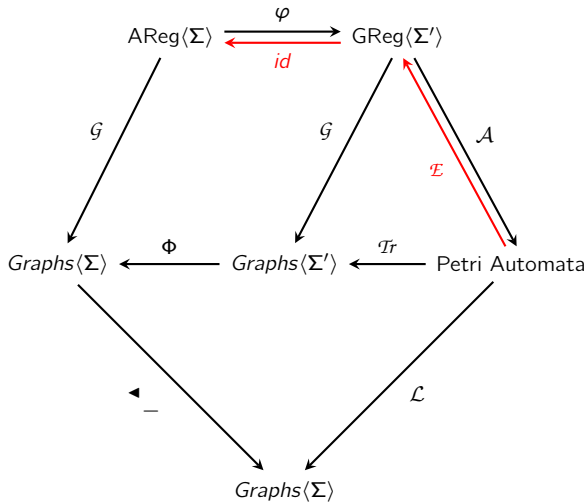
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