

# Relation Algebra

from algorithms to formal proofs

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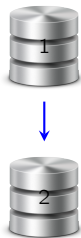


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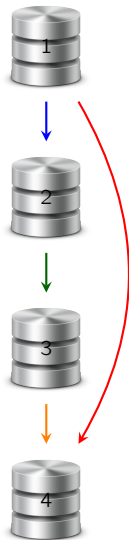
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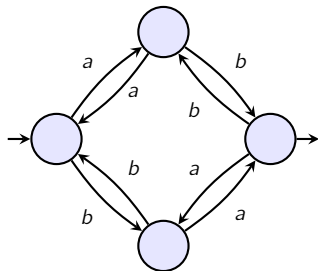
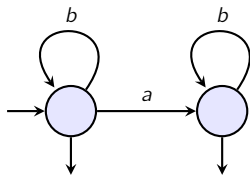
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$$\mathcal{L}(a \cdot (b \cup c)) = \{ab, ac\}$$

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

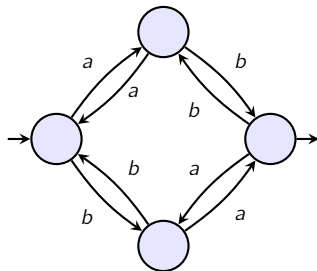
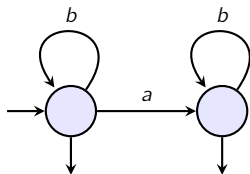
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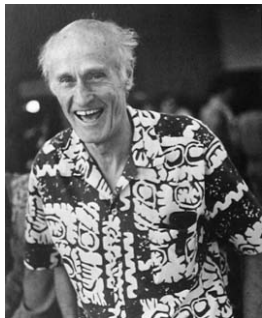
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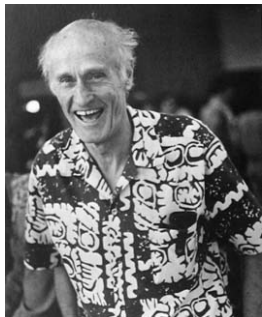
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## Corollary

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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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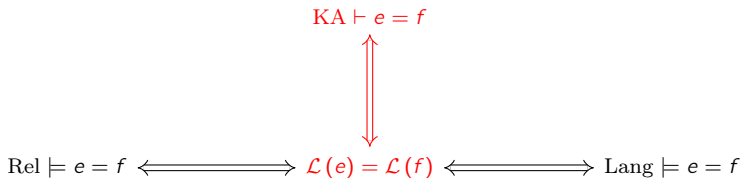
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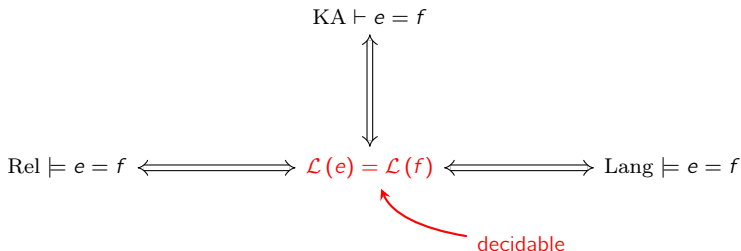


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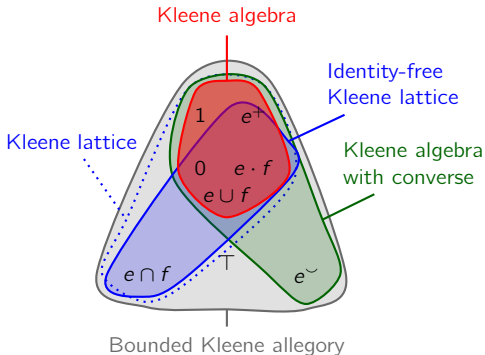
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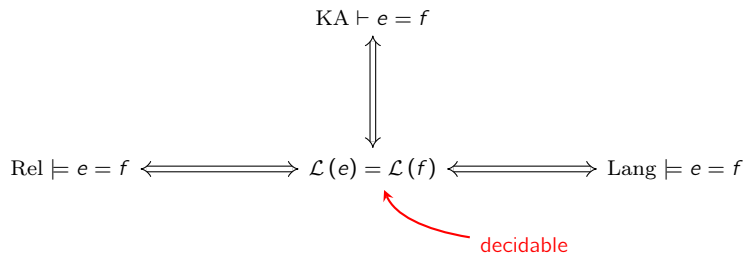
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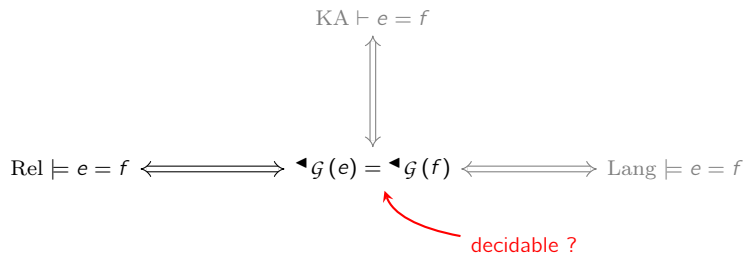
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## Counterexample

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

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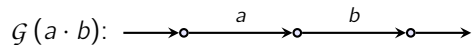
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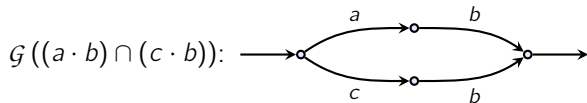
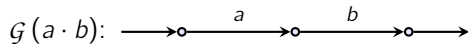
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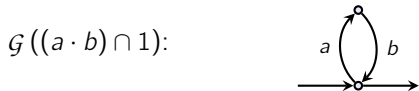
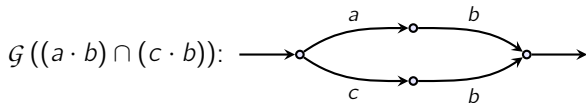
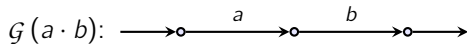
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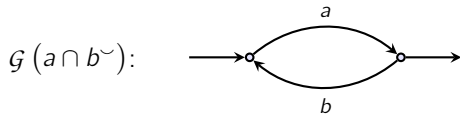
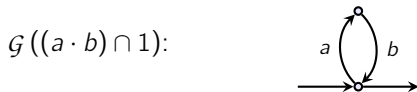
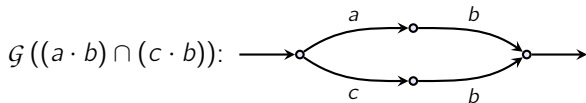
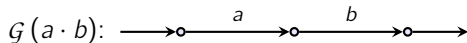
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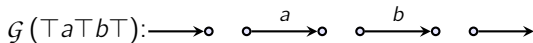
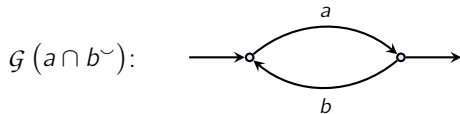
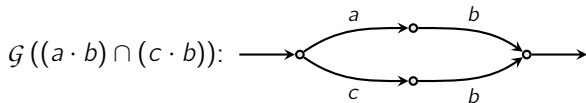
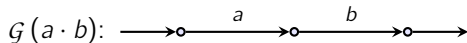
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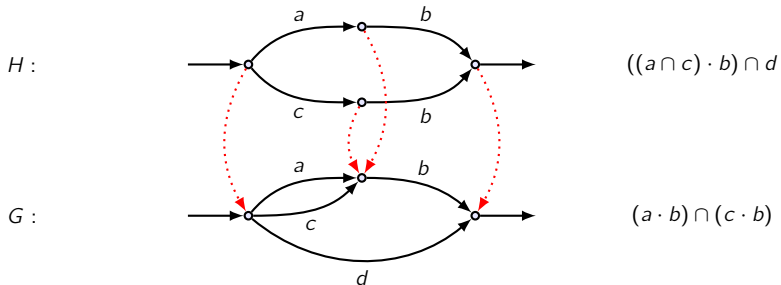
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## Preorder on graphs

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- ▶ Freyd & Scedrov, *Categories, Allegories*, 1990 .
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# Graph languages

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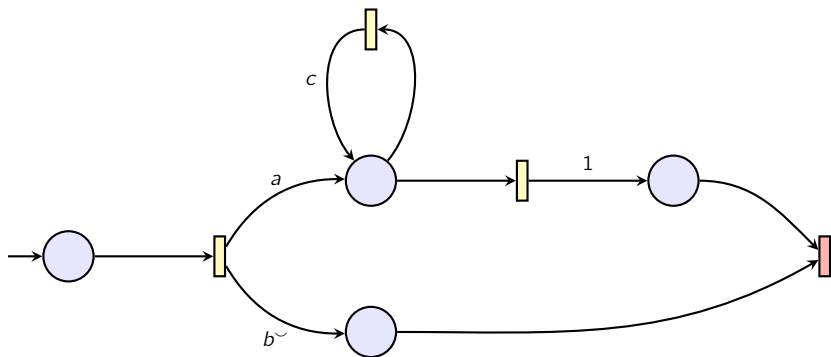
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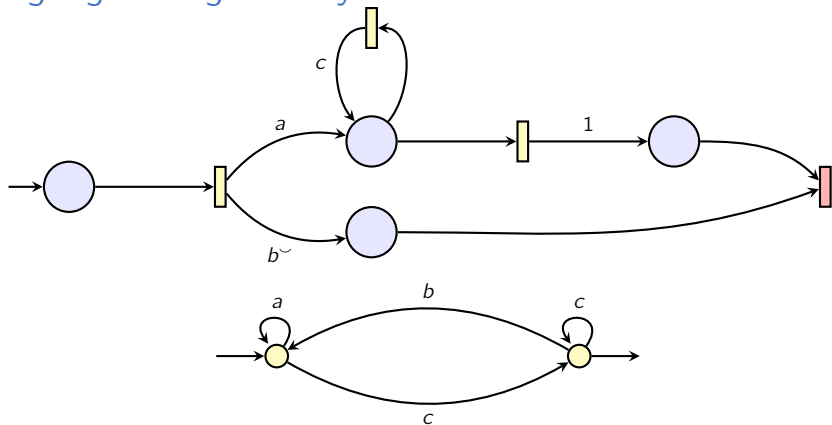
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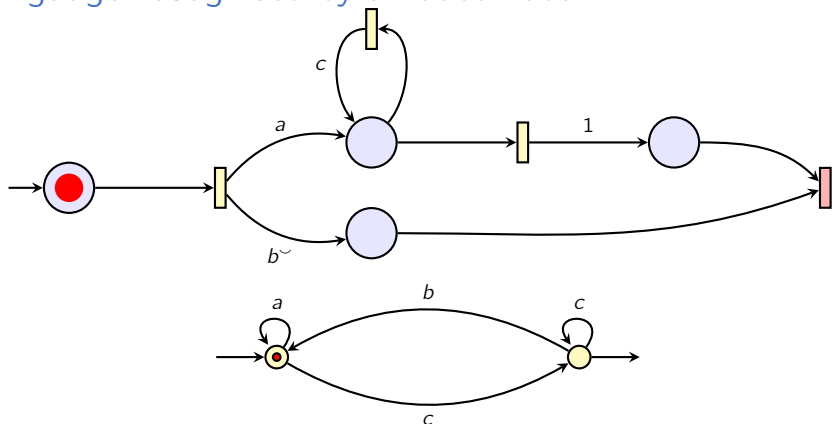
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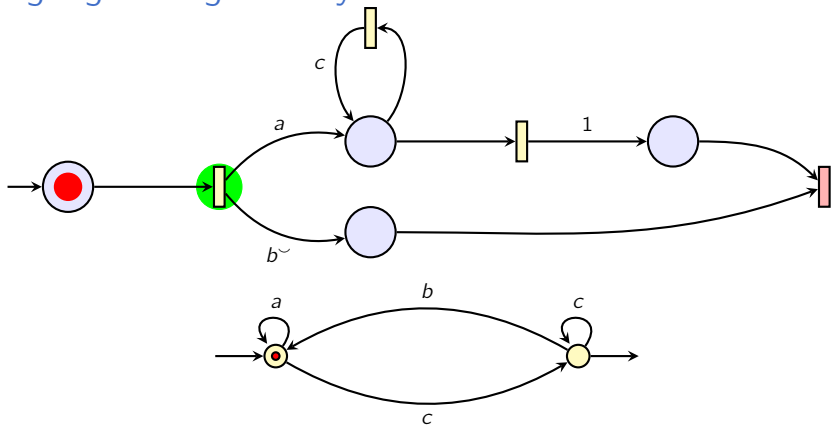
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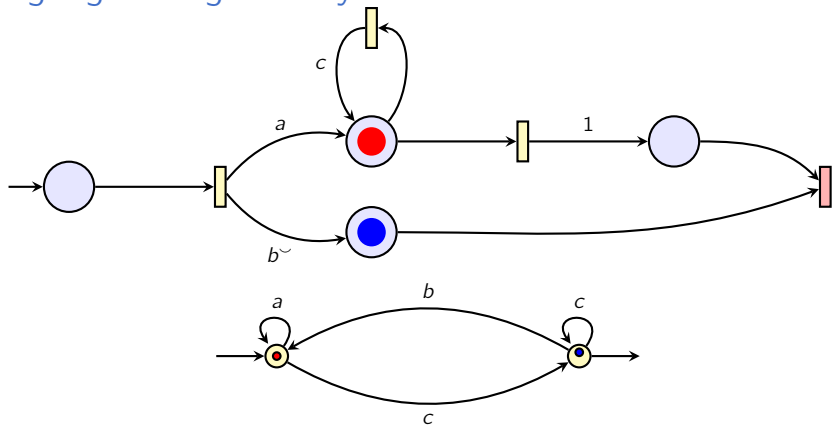
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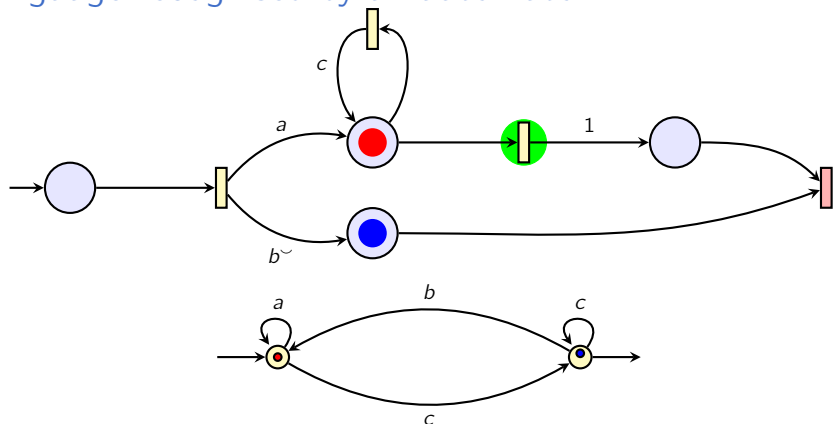
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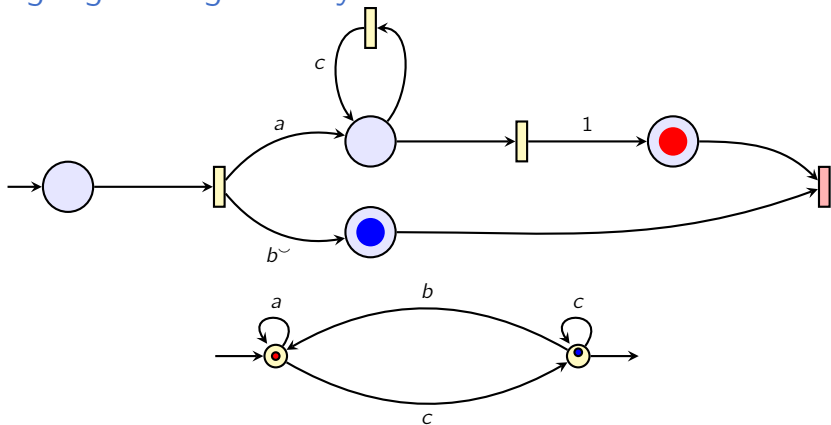
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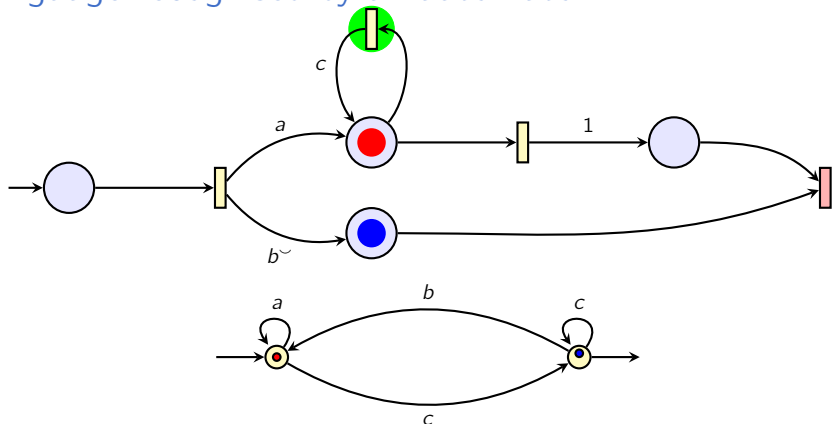
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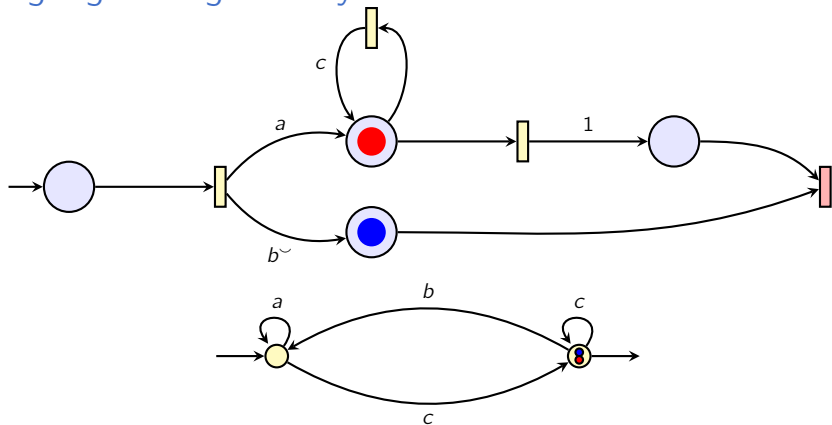
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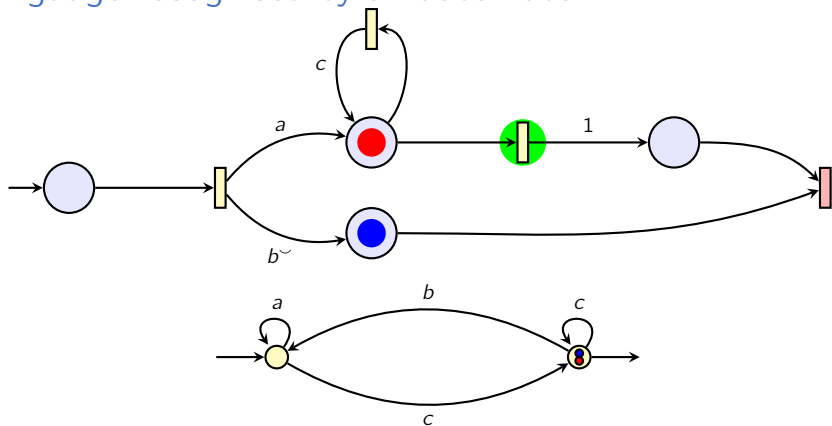
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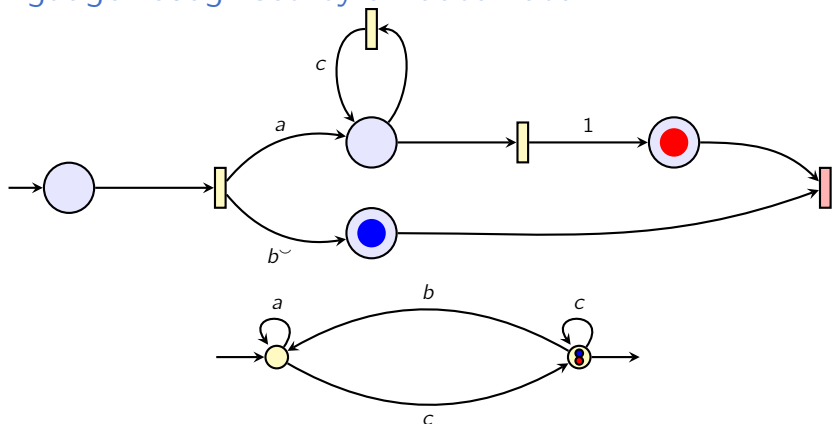
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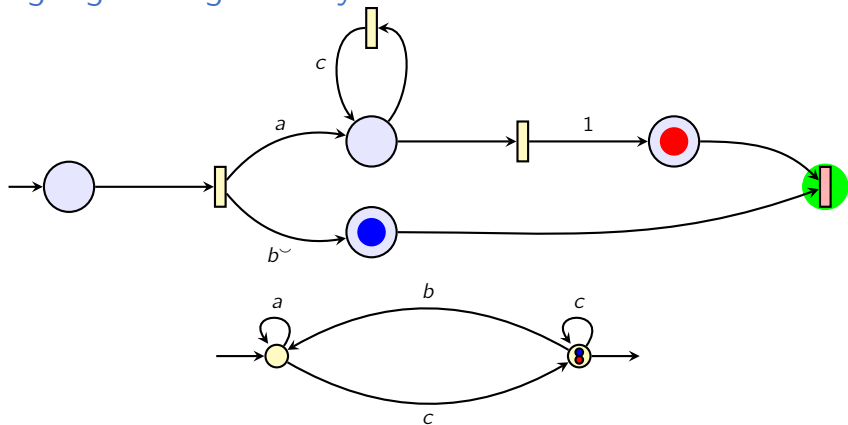
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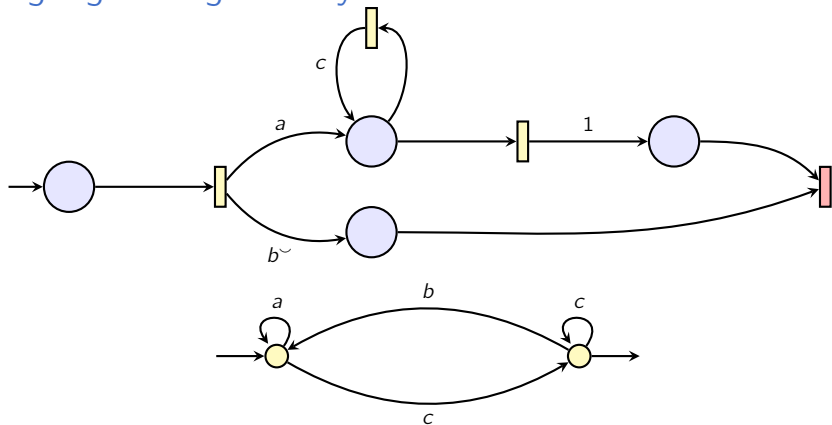
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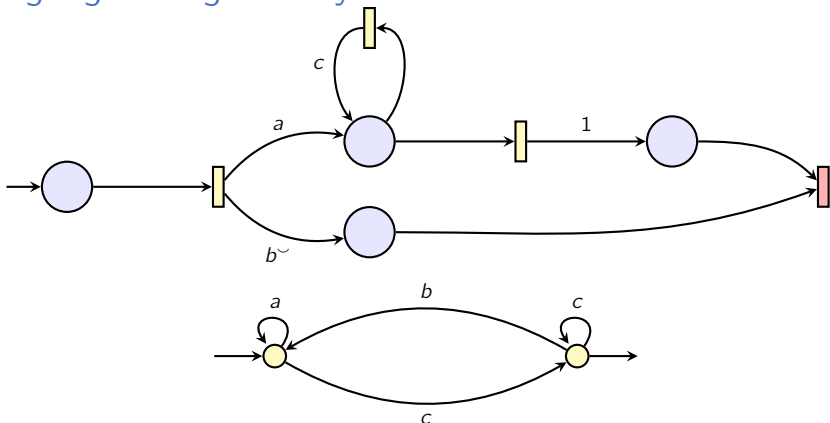


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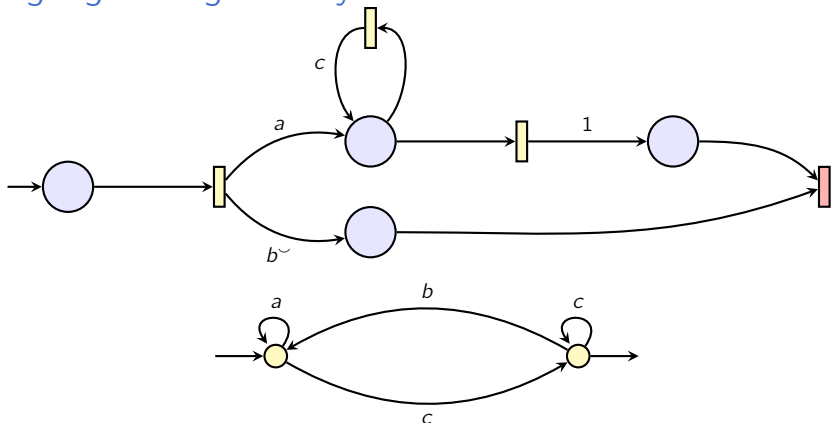
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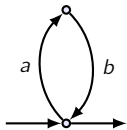
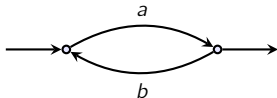
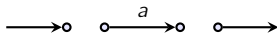
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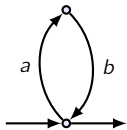
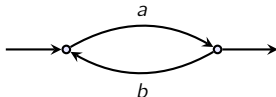
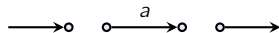
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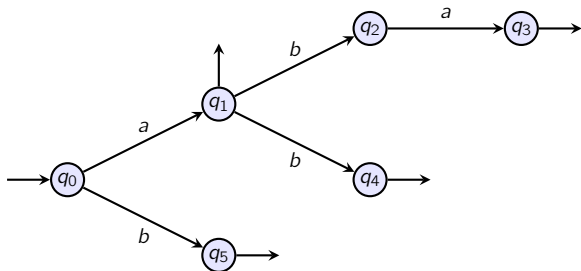
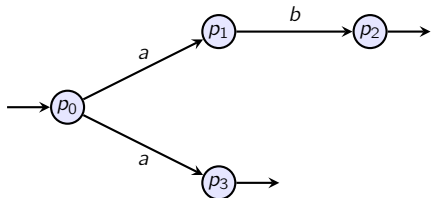
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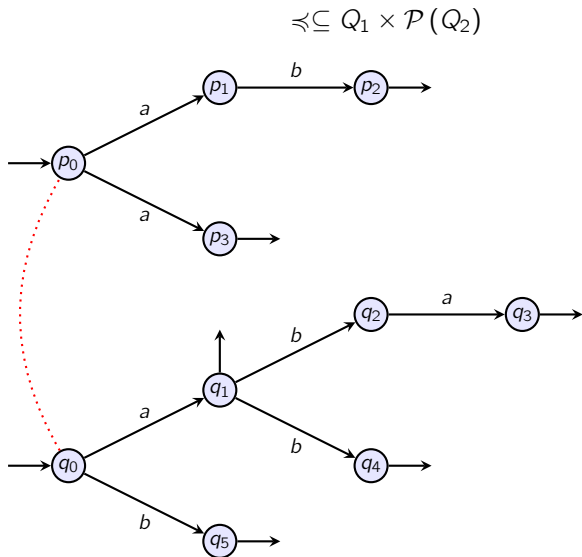
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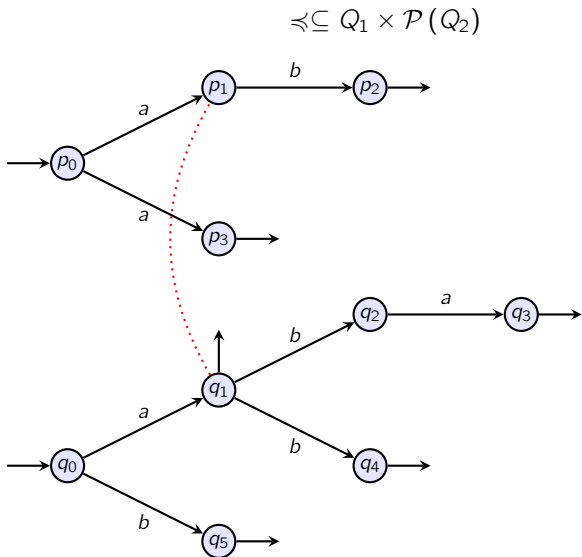


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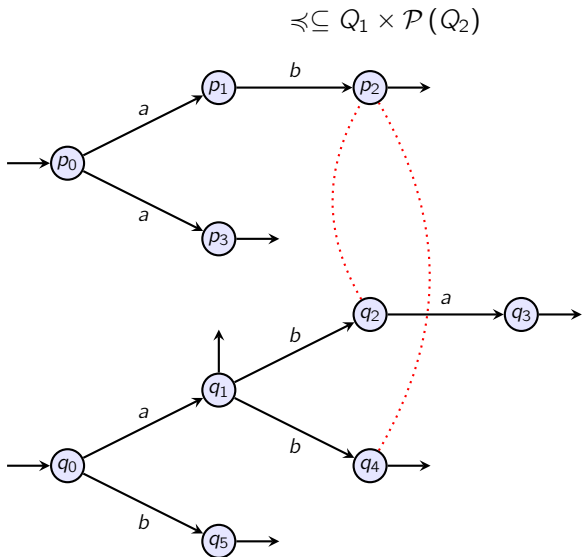


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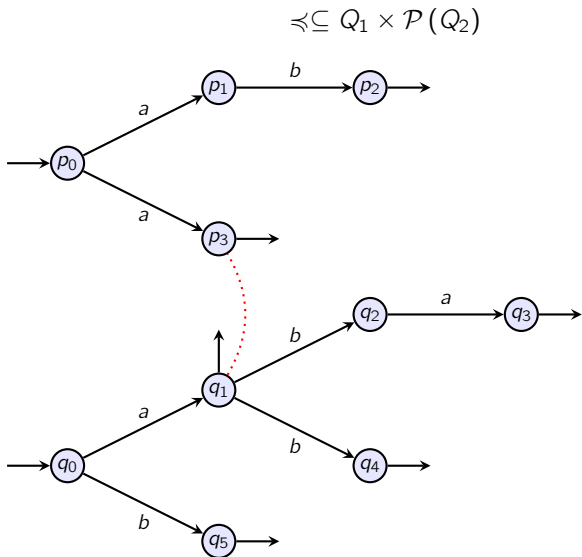


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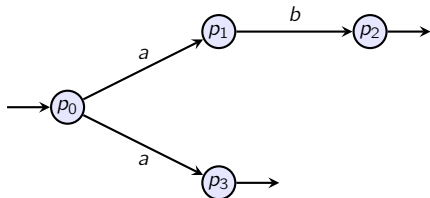
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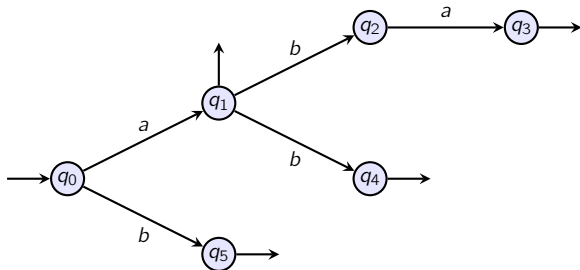


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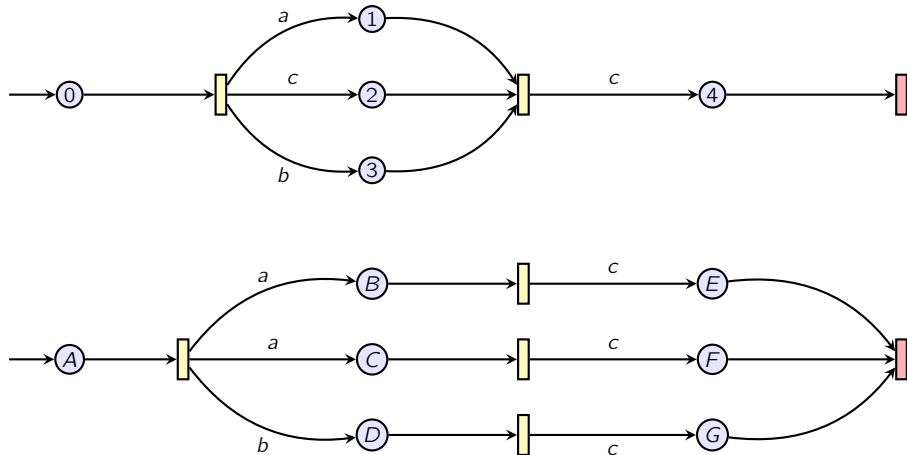


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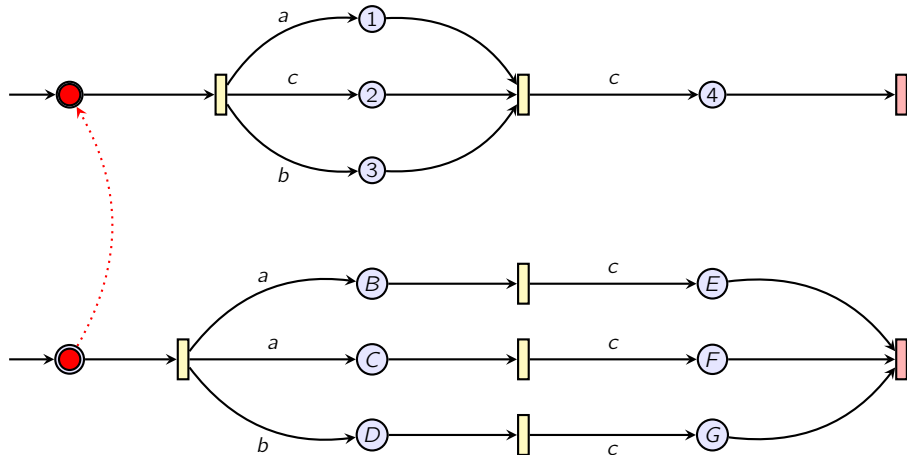
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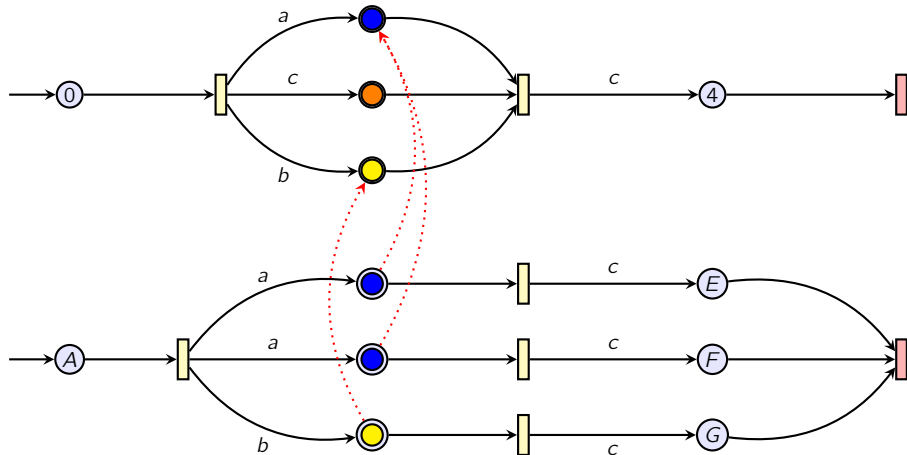
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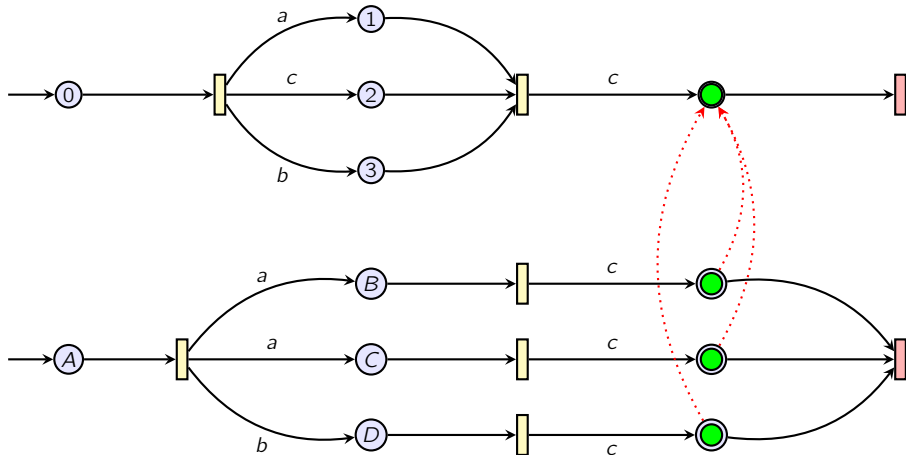
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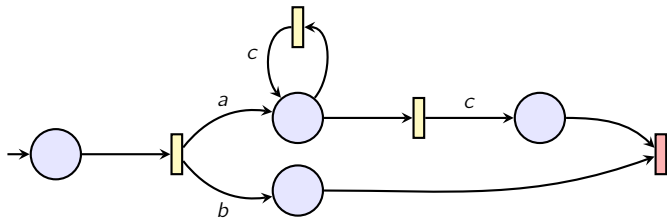
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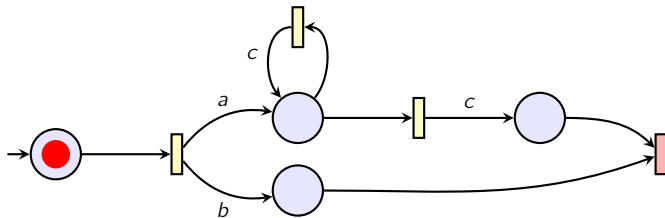
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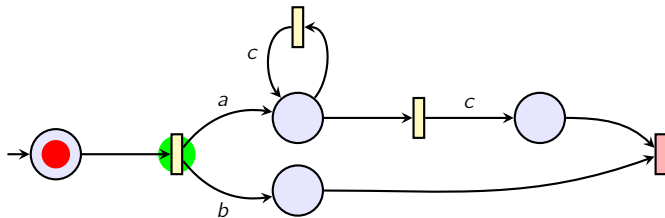
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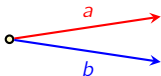
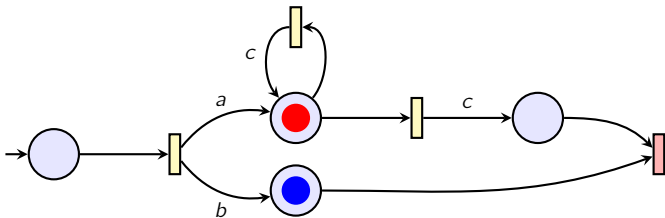
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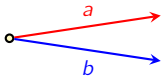
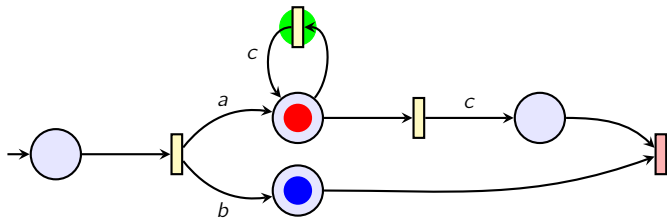
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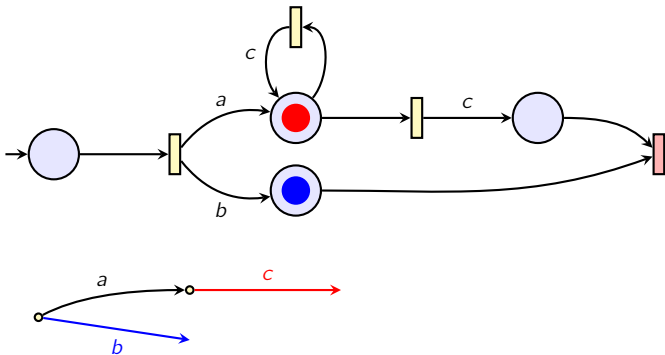
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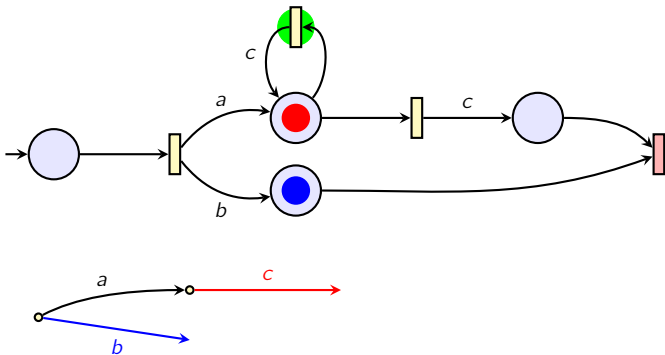
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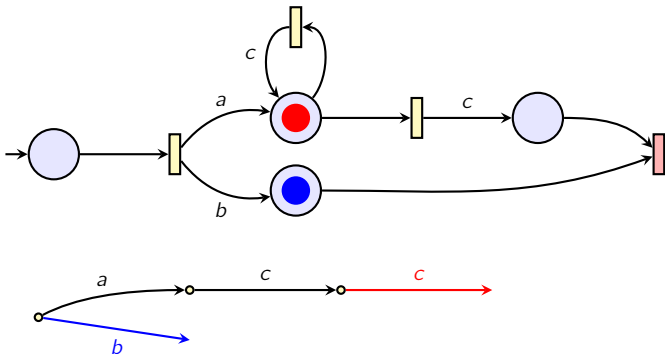
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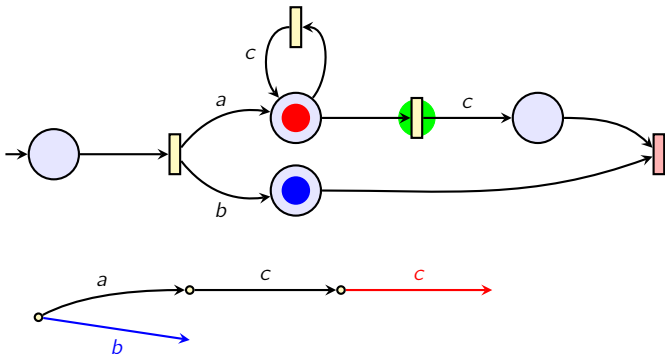
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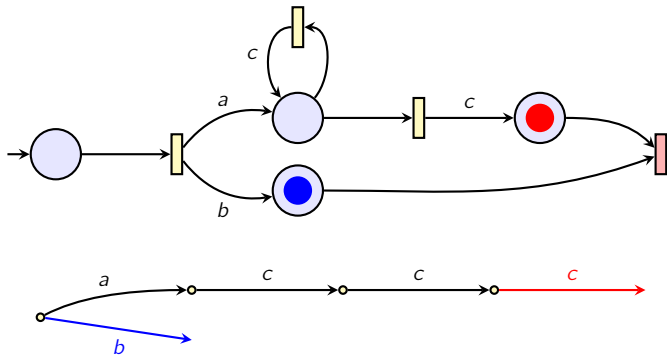
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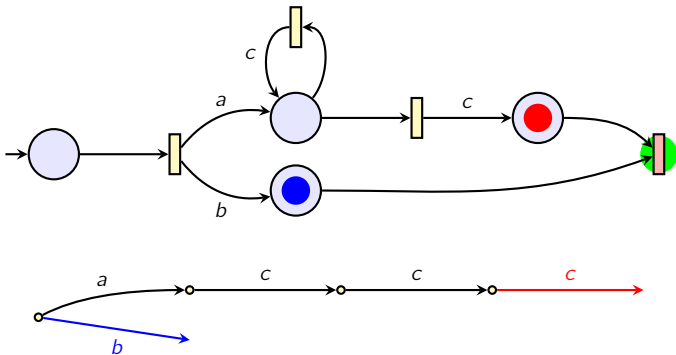
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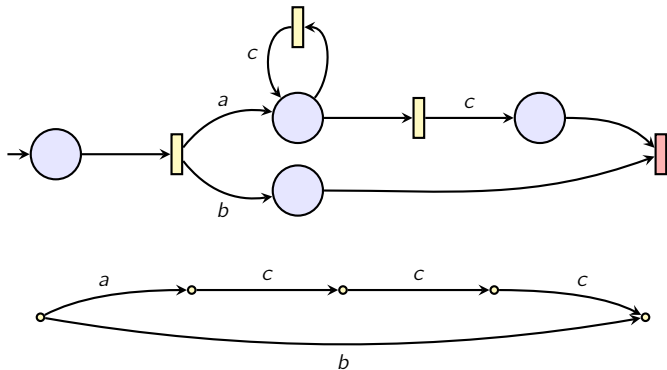
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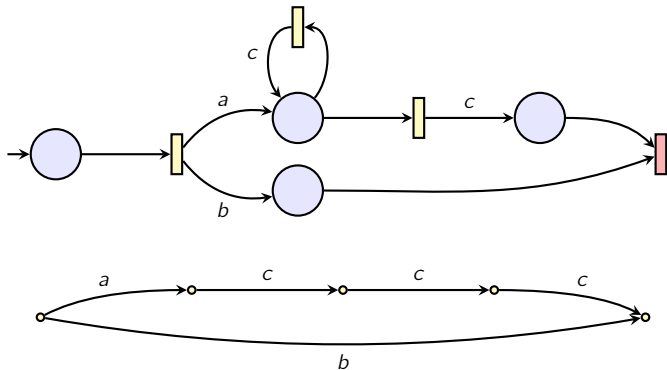
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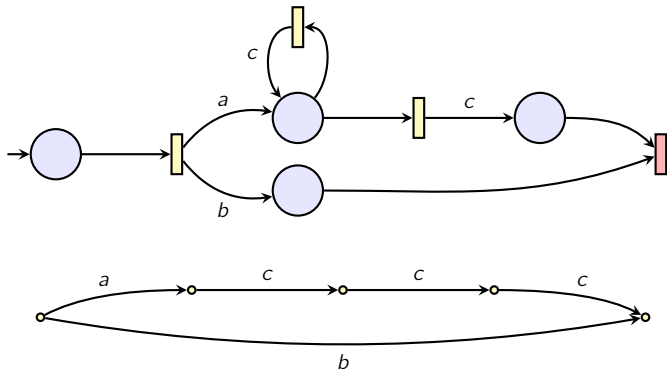
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# Traces, languages and expressions

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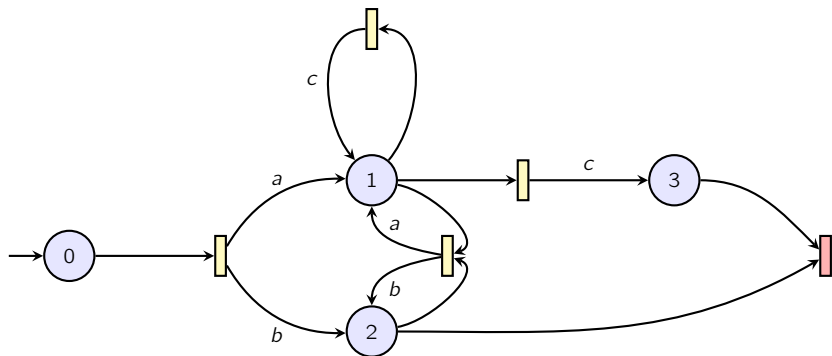
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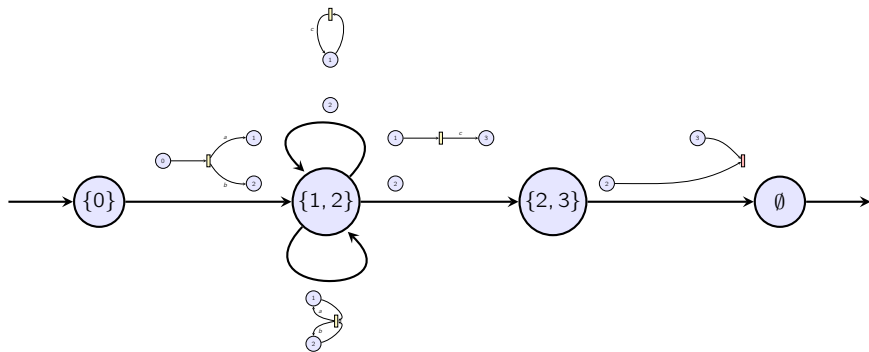
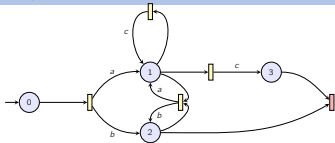
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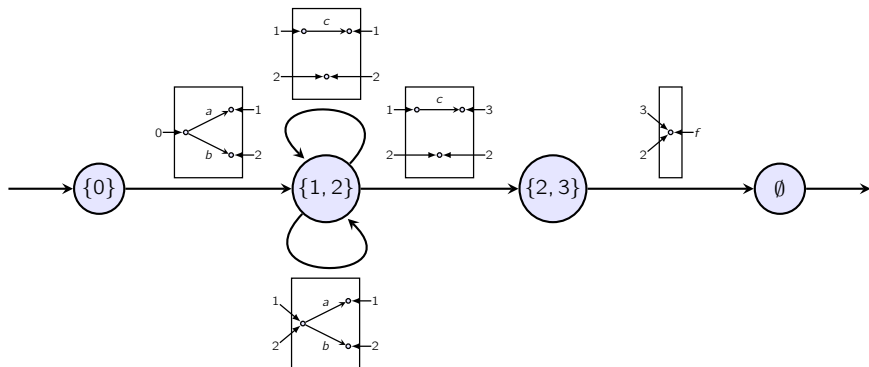
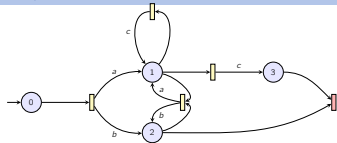
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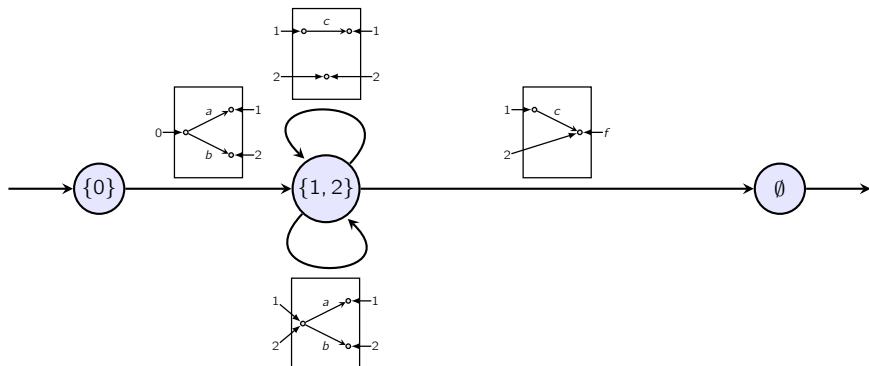
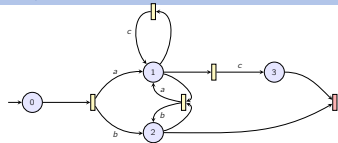
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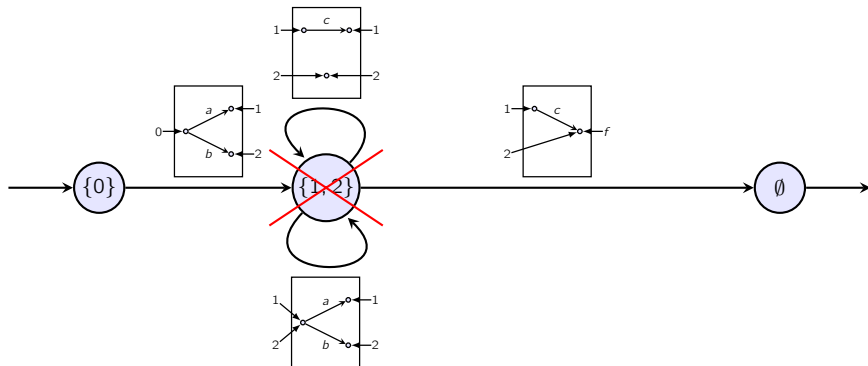
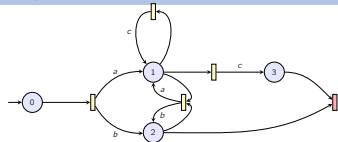
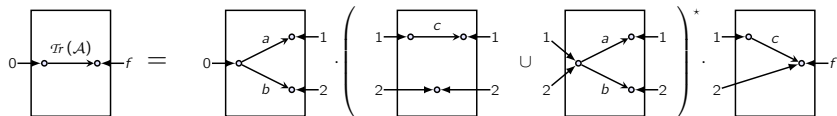
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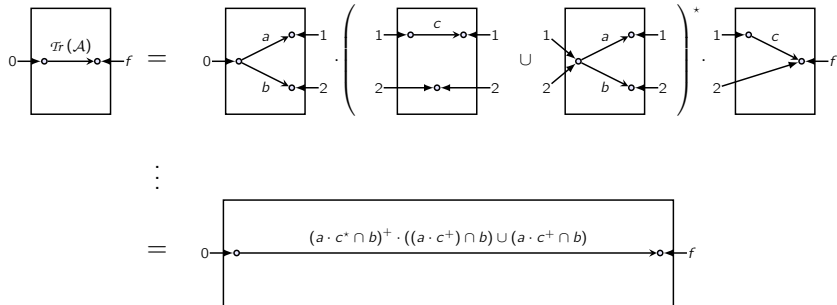
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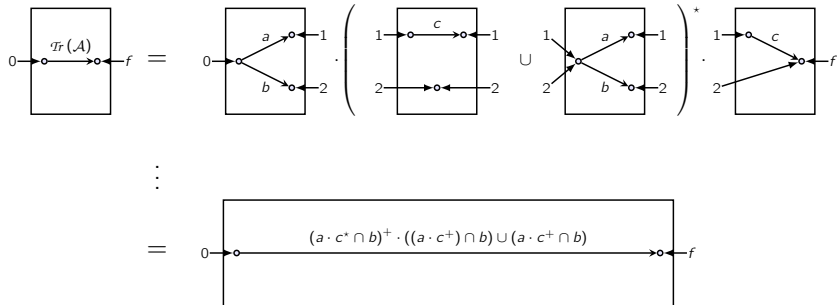


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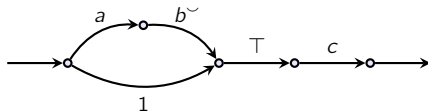
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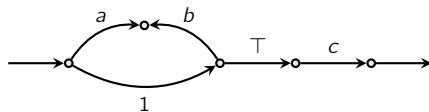
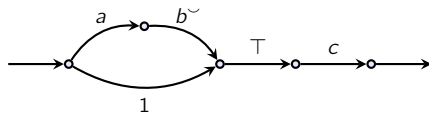
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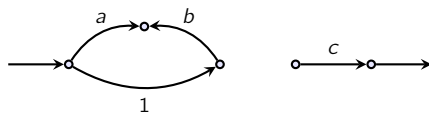
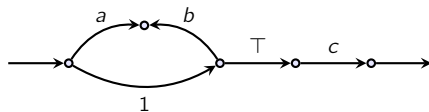
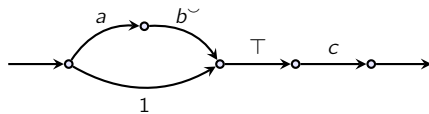
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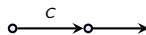
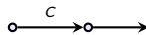
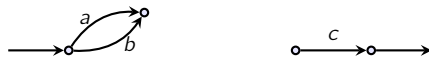
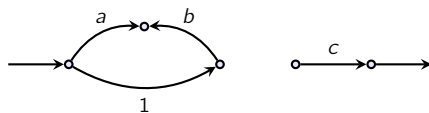
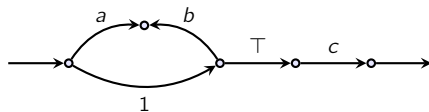
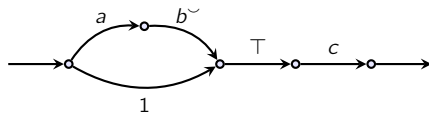
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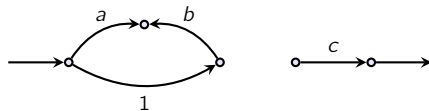
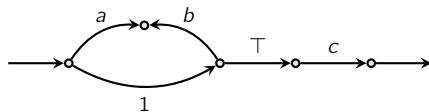
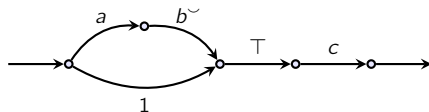
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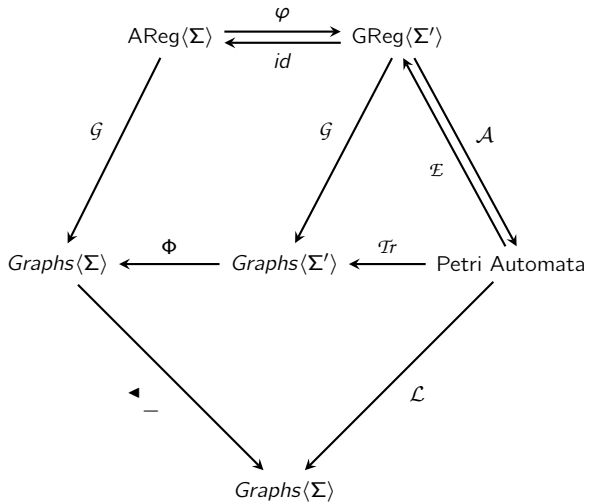
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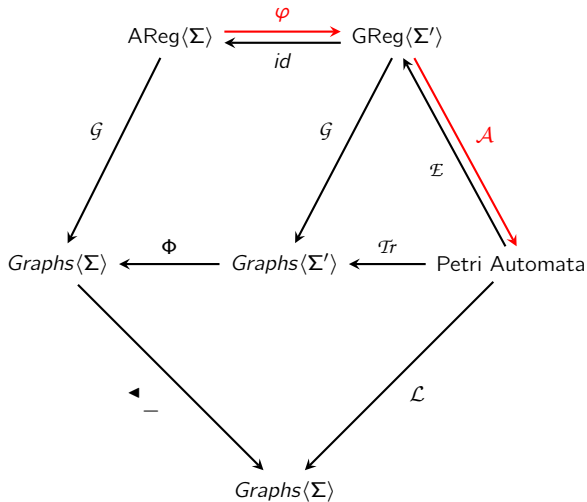
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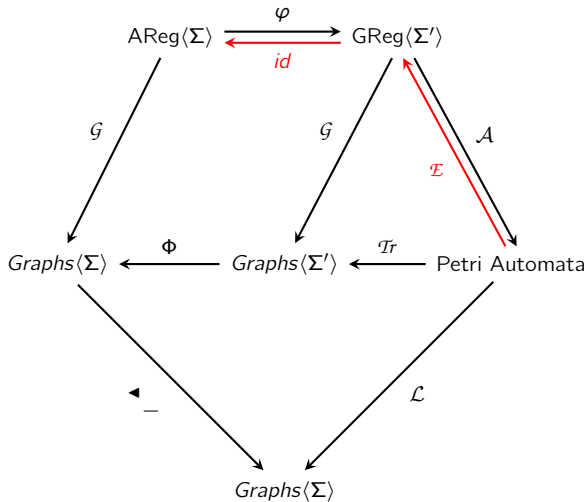
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$y$	$v_3$

$t$	$v_2$
$x$	$v_3$
$y$	$v_2$

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## Nominal Kleene Algebra

`local var  $t$  in {`      $t \leftarrow x$      ;      $x \leftarrow y$      ;      $y \leftarrow t$      `}`  
`( $\nu t.$       $tx$       $\circ$       $xy$       $\circ$       $yt$      )`

$x$	$v_2$
$y$	$v_3$

$t$	$v_1$
$x$	$v_2$
$y$	$v_3$

$t$	$v_2$
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# Nominal Kleene Algebra

$\text{local var } t \text{ in} \{ \quad t \leftarrow x \quad ; \quad x \leftarrow y \quad ; \quad y \leftarrow t \quad \}$   
 $(\nu t. \quad tx \quad \circ \quad xy \quad \circ \quad yt \quad )$

x	v <sub>2</sub>
y	v <sub>3</sub>

t	v <sub>1</sub>
x	v <sub>2</sub>
y	v <sub>3</sub>

t	v <sub>2</sub>
x	v <sub>3</sub>
y	v <sub>2</sub>

x	v <sub>3</sub>
y	v <sub>2</sub>

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Developed using the proof assistant Coq (~ 9000 lines of proof script).

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That's all folks!

Thank you!

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