

**MDSC team seminar**

**Qualitative modeling and dynamical analysis of Biological  
Regulatory Networks using Asynchronous Automata  
Networks**

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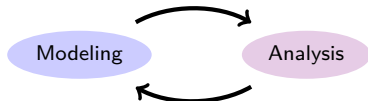


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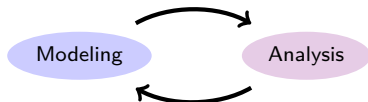
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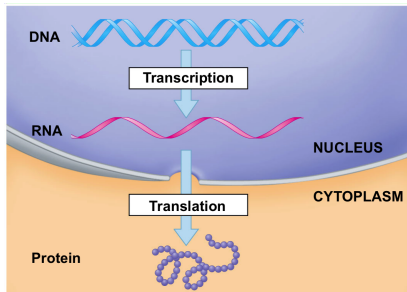
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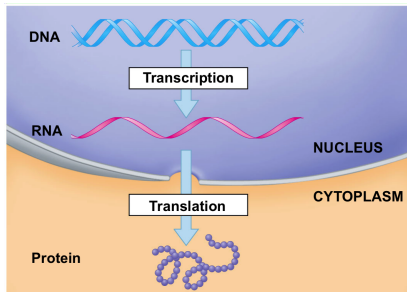


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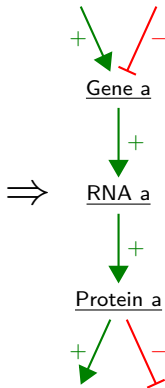


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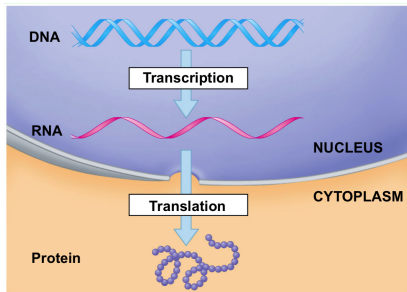
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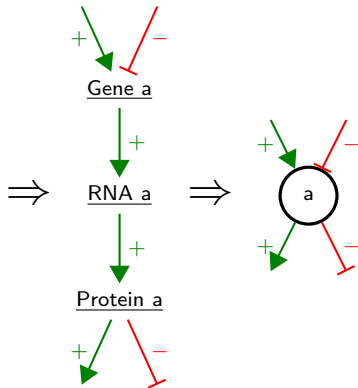
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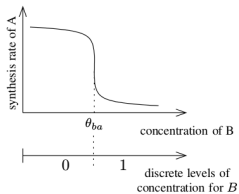


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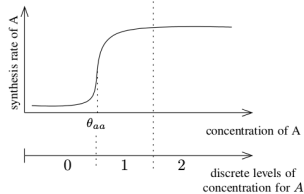
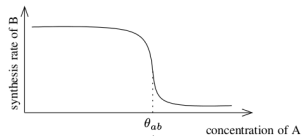
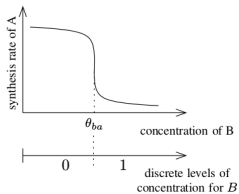
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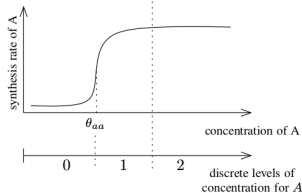
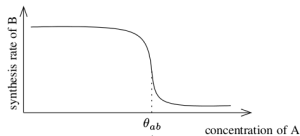
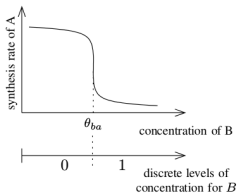
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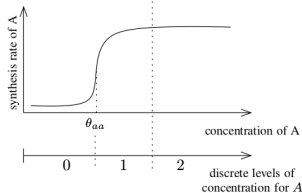
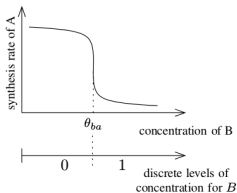
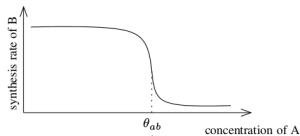
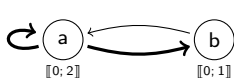
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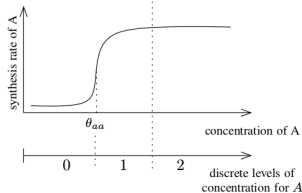
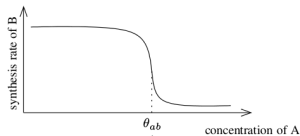
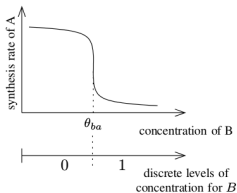
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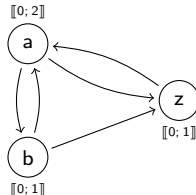
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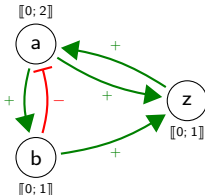
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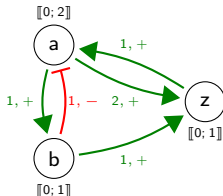
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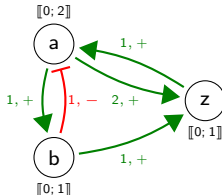


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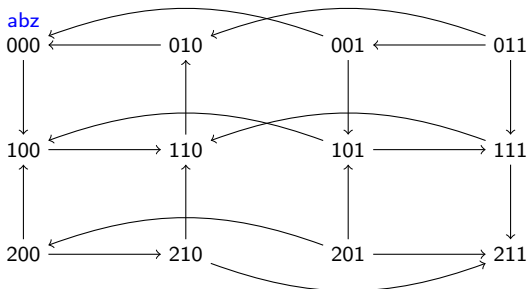


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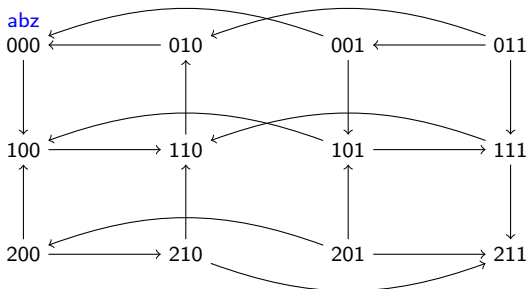


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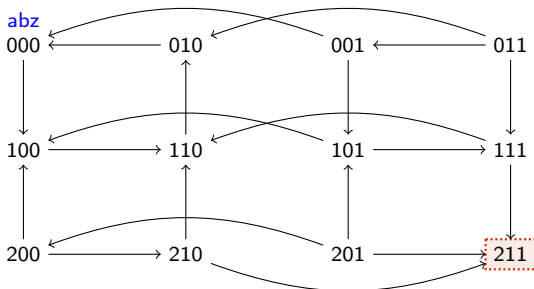
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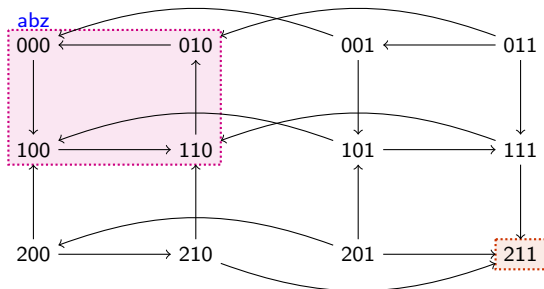
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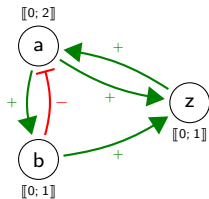
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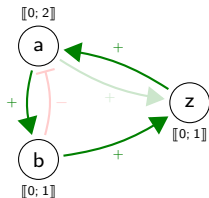


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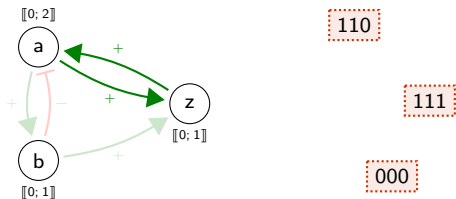
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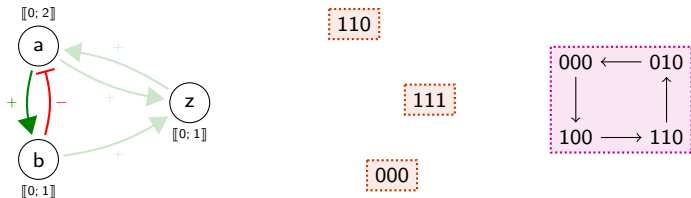


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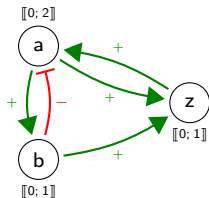


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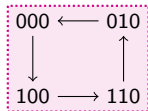
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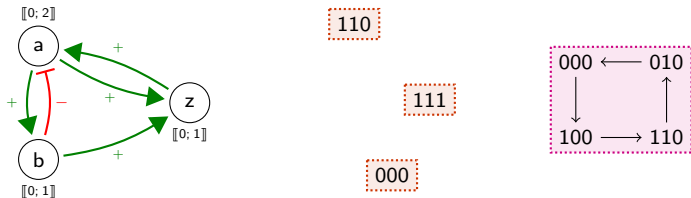
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Other results:

- Lower & upper bounds of the number of attractors
- Functionality of the cycles
- Sufficient condition for no stable state / Topological stable states

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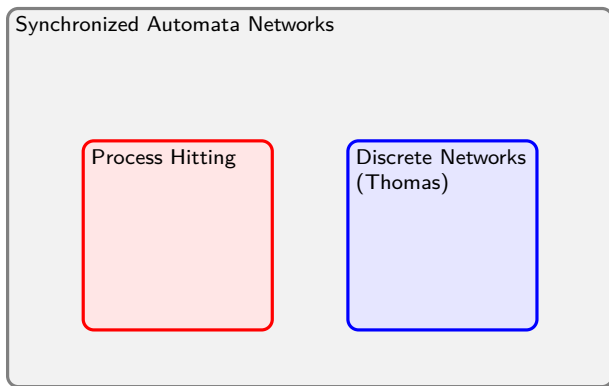
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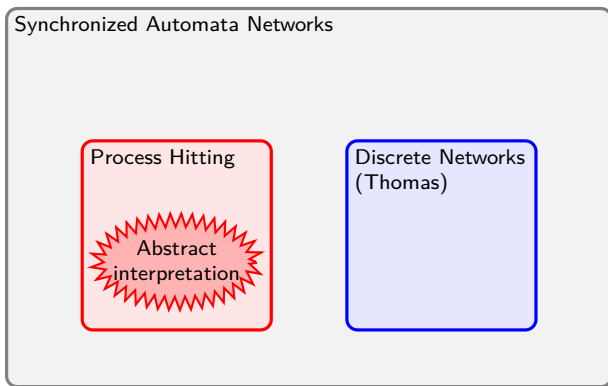
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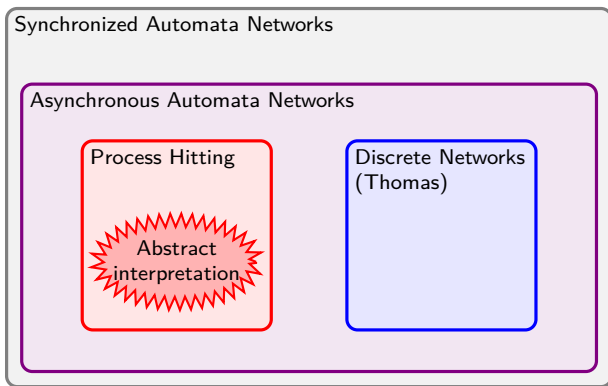
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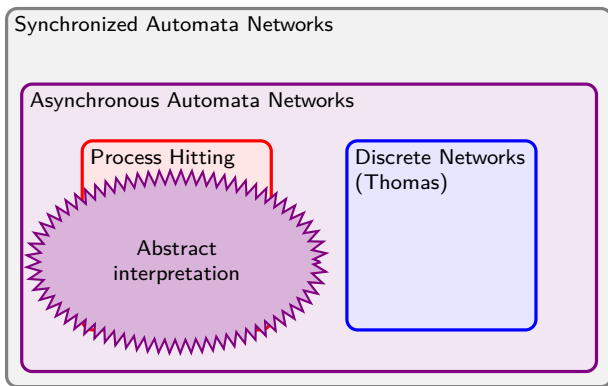


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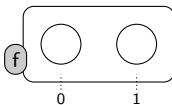
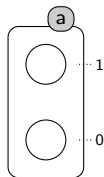
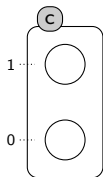




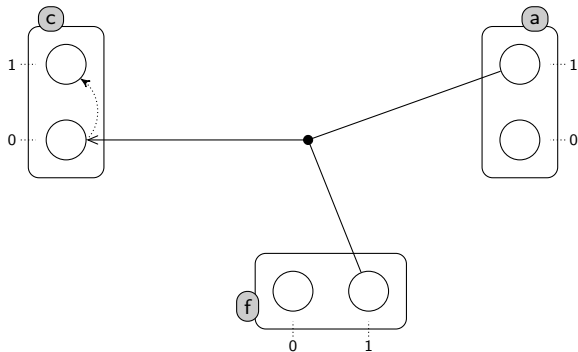
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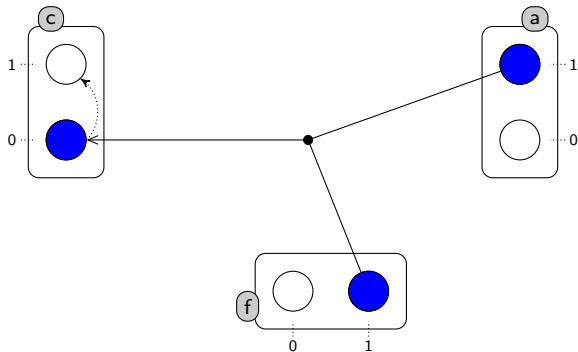
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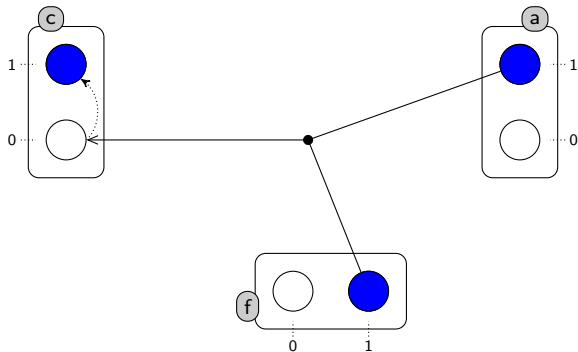
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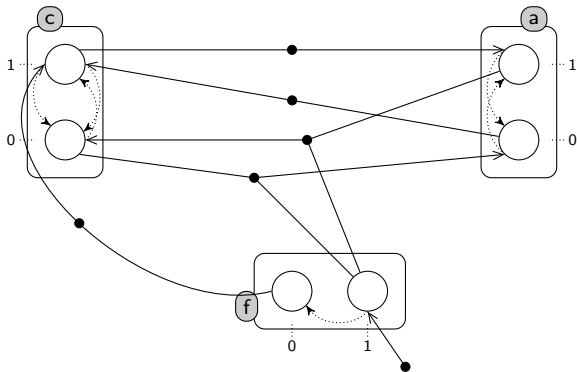


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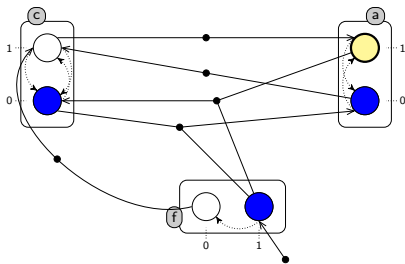


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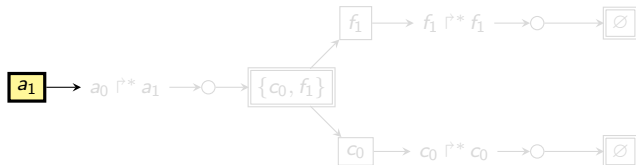
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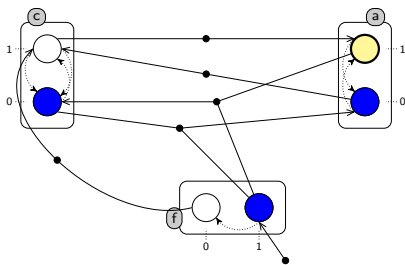


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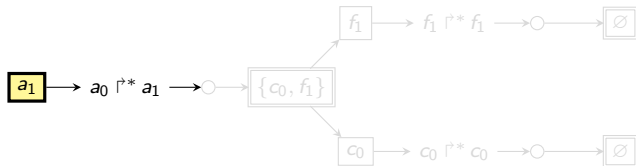


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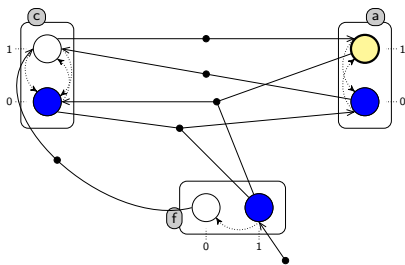
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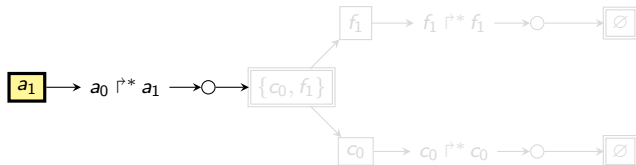
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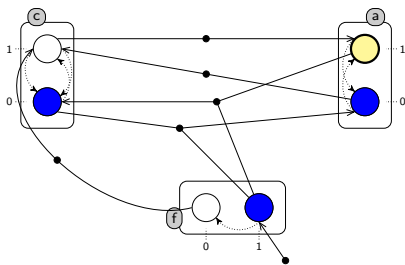


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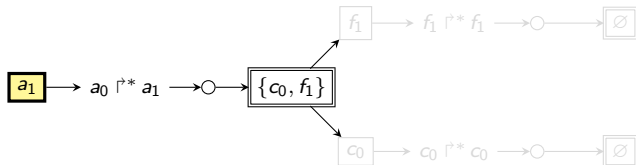


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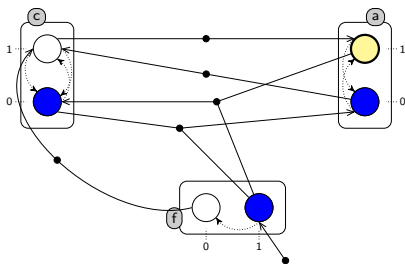


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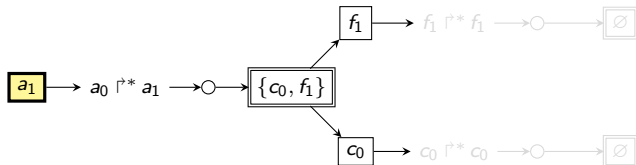


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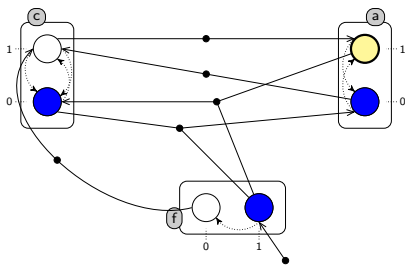


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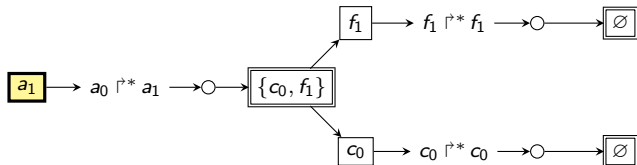


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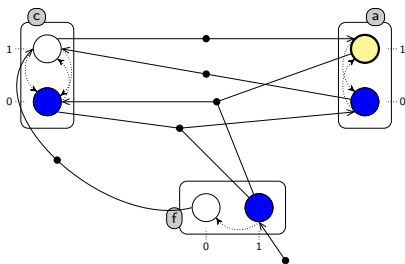


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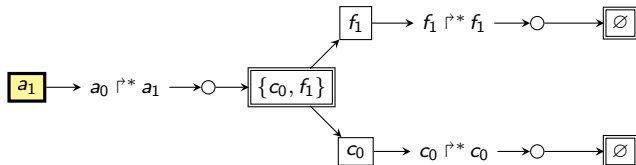


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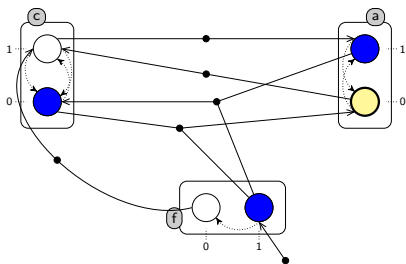


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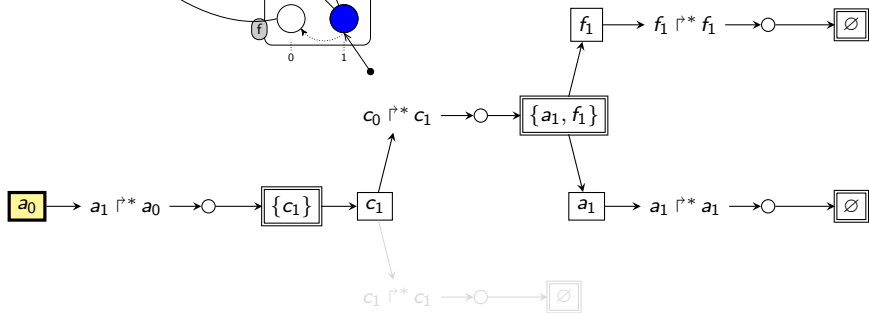


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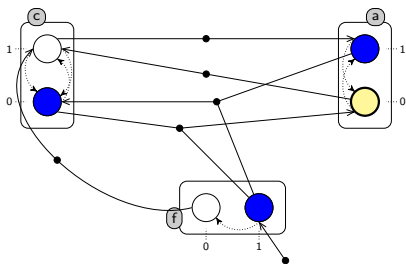


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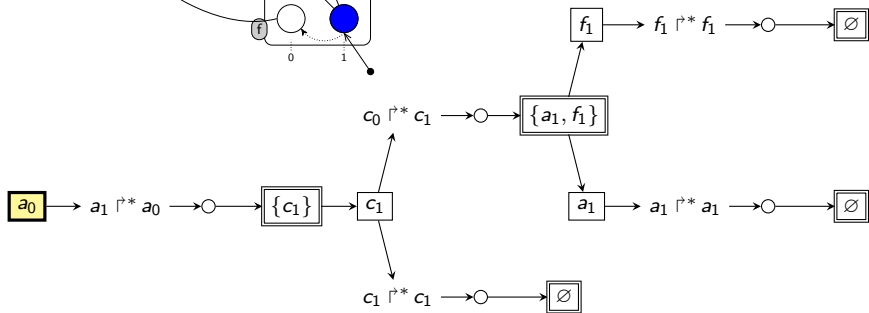


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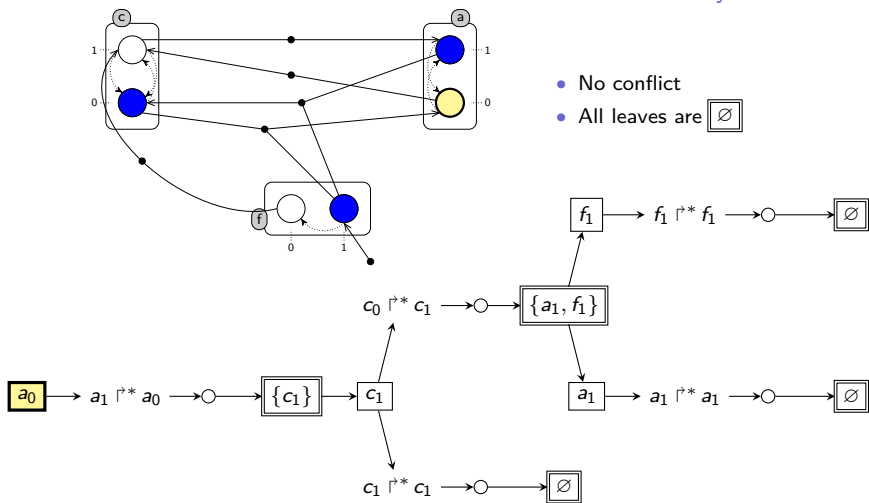
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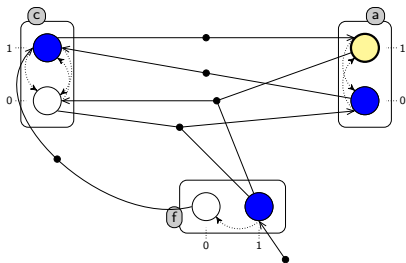
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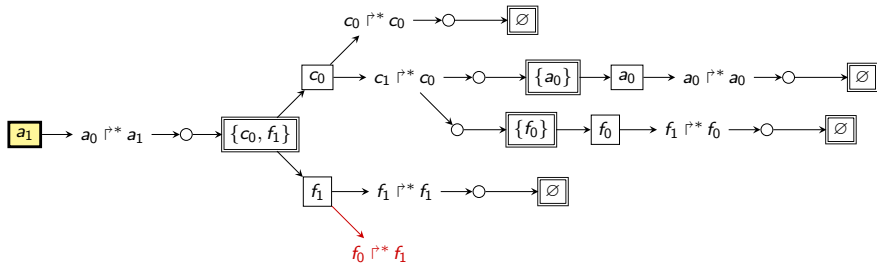
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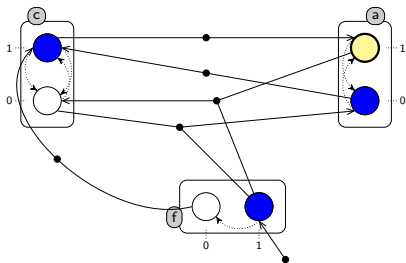


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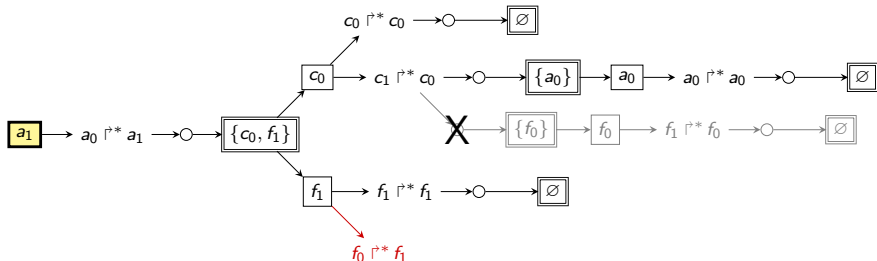


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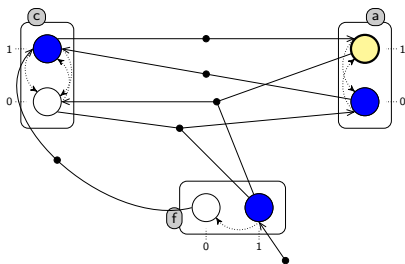


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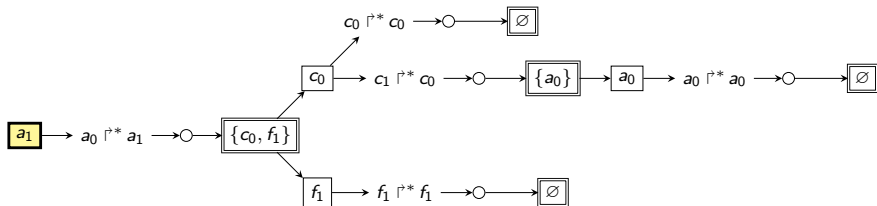


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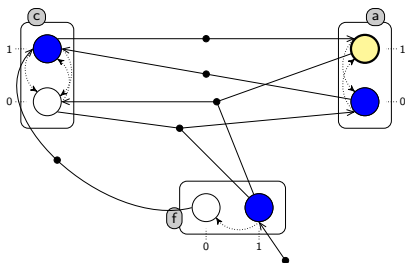


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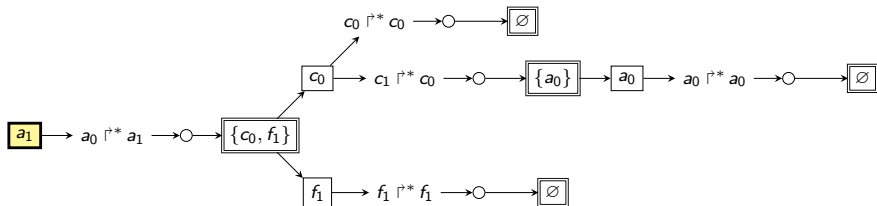


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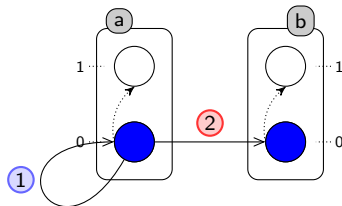
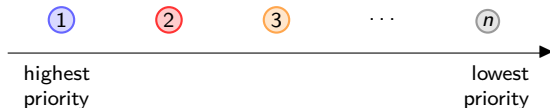
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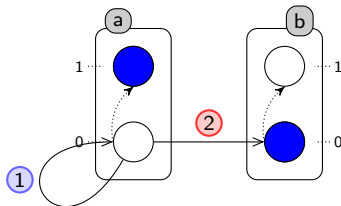
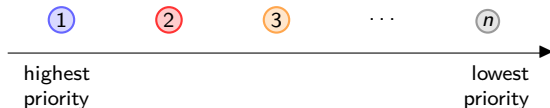


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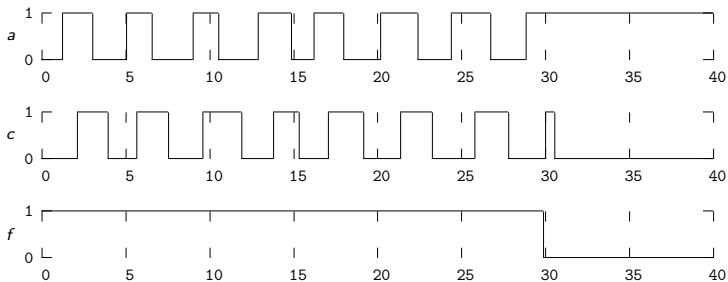
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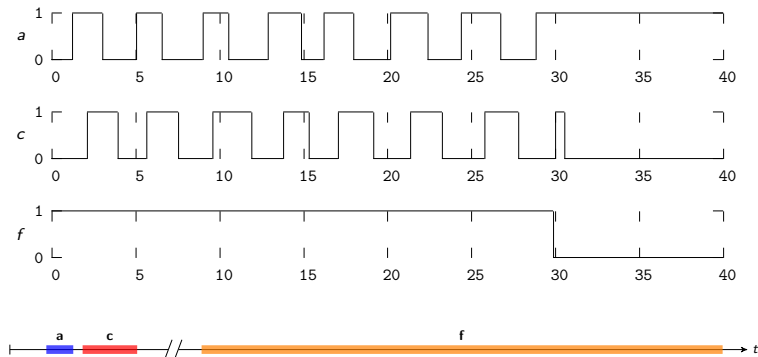
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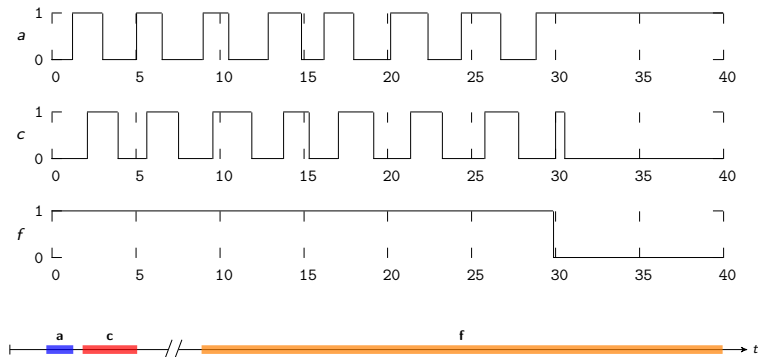
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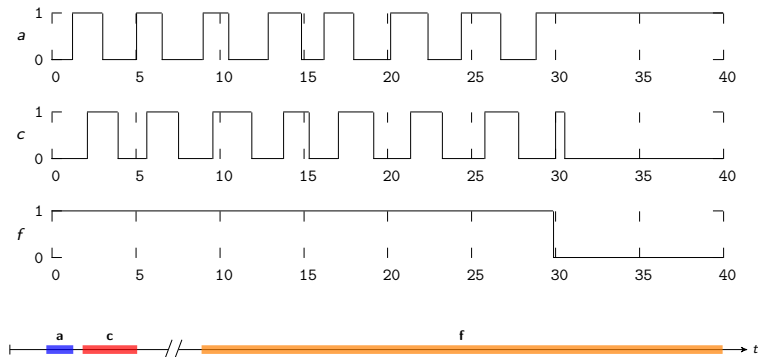
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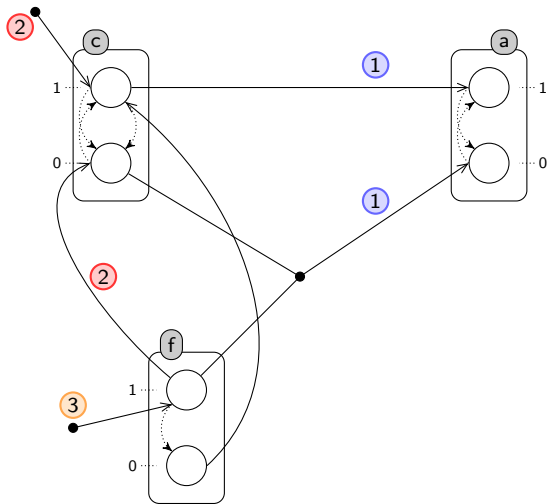


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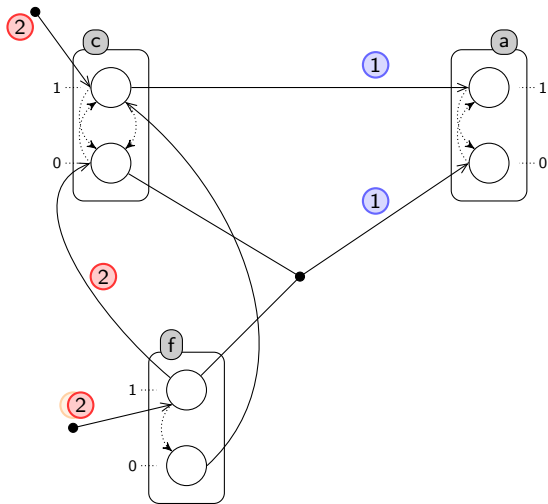
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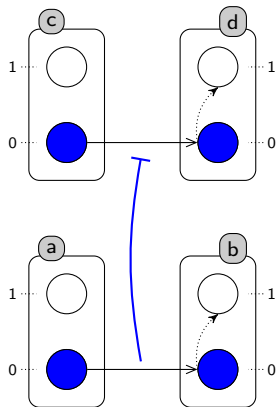
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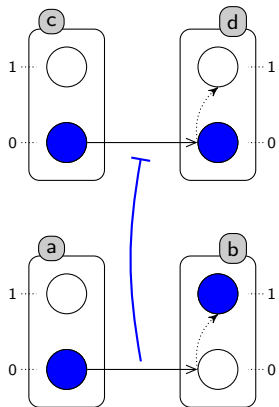
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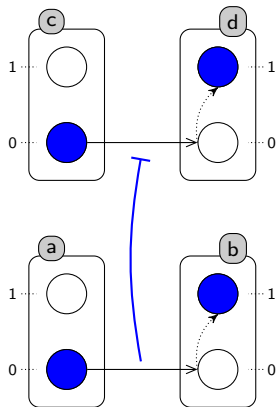
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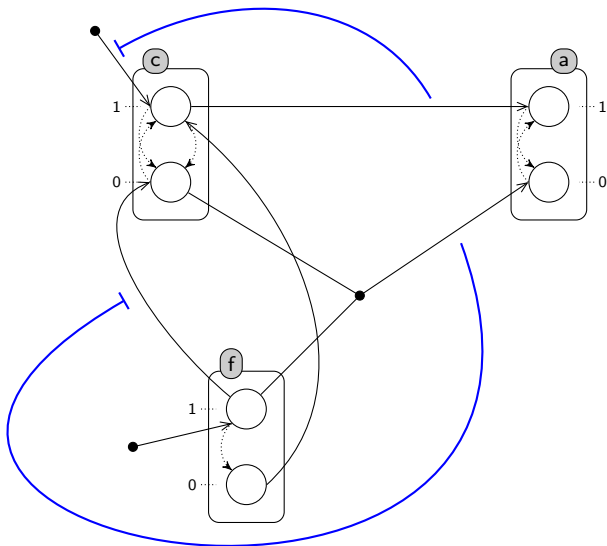
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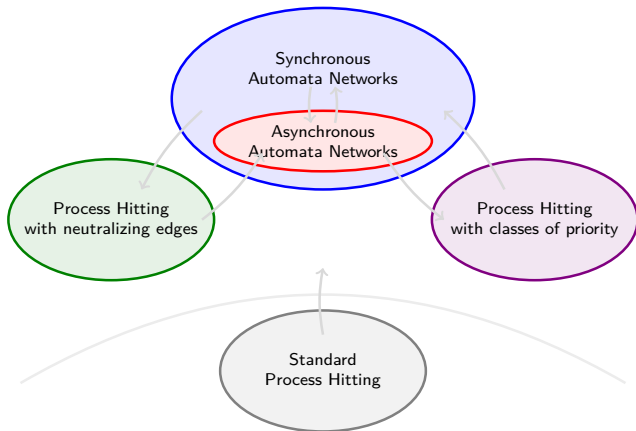
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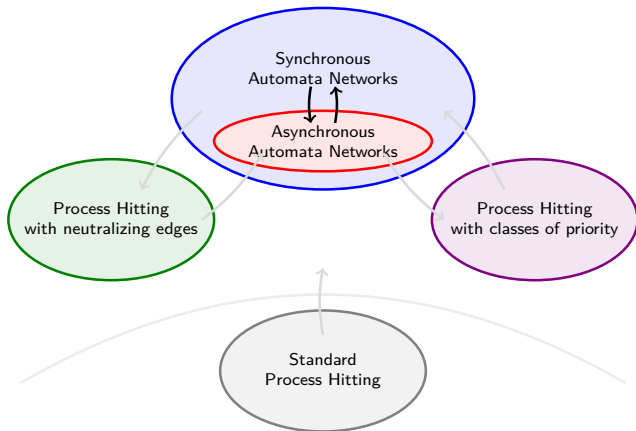
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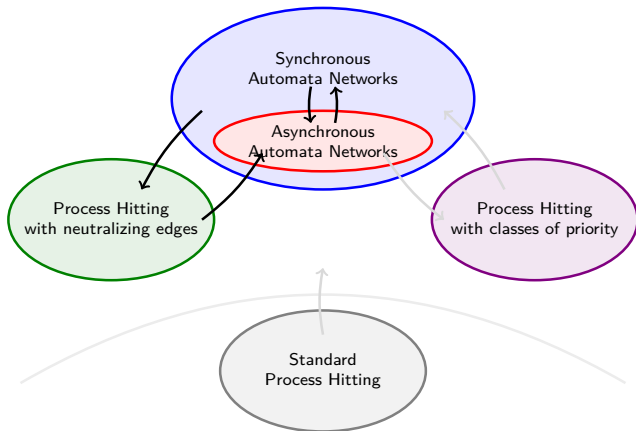
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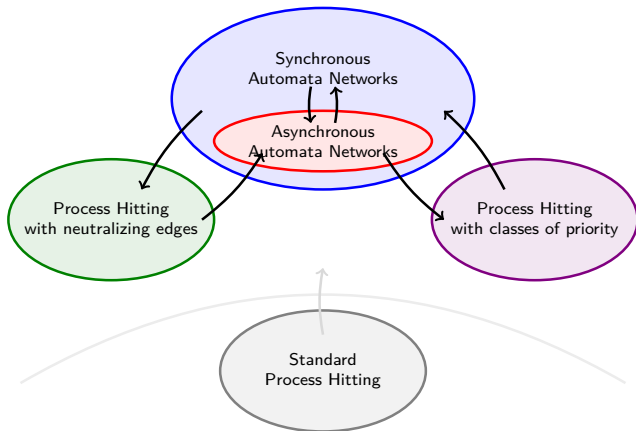
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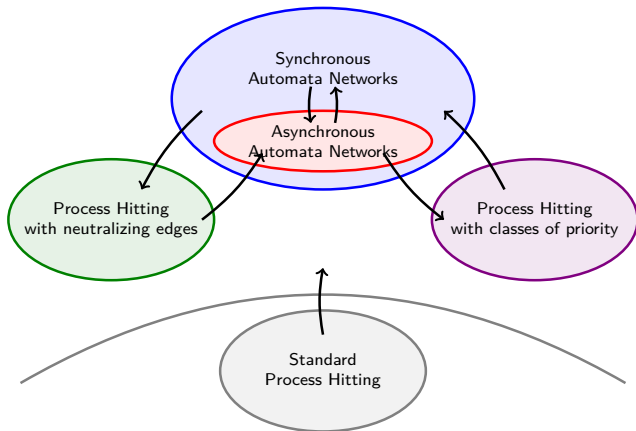
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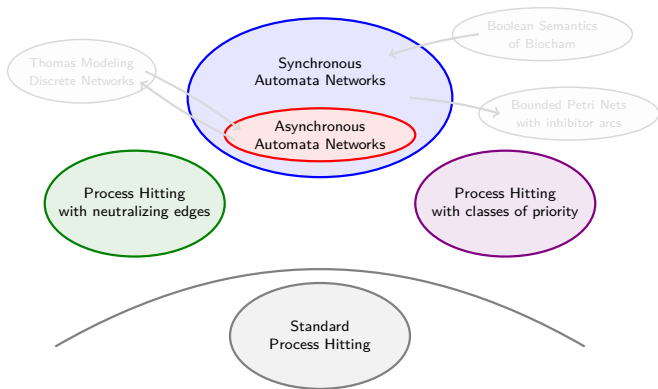
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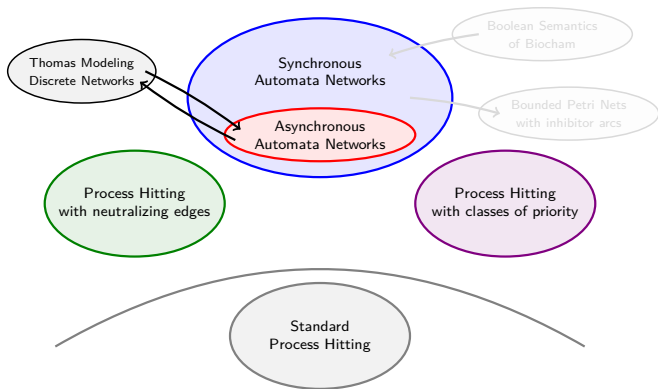
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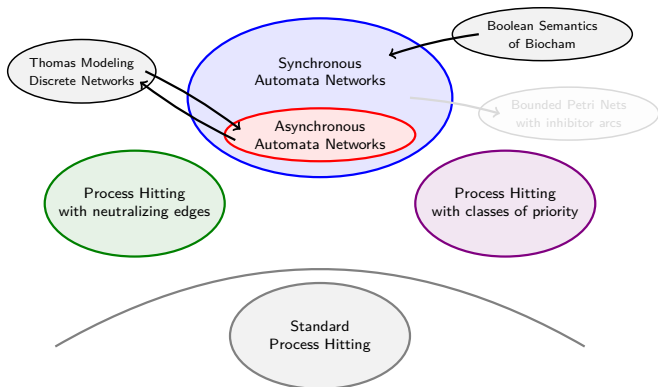


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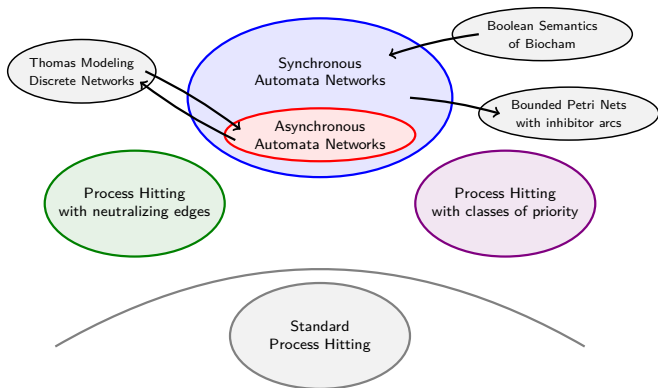
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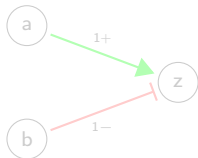
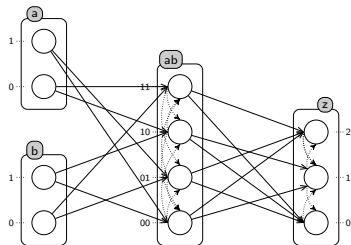
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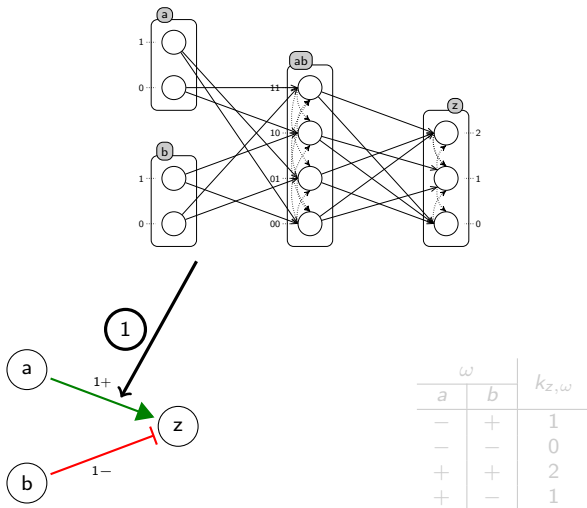
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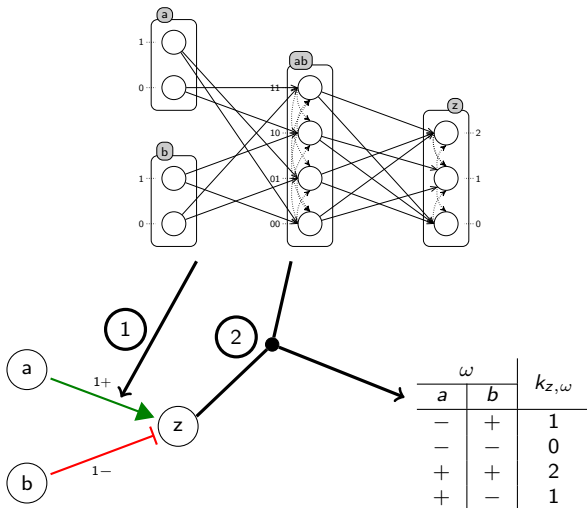


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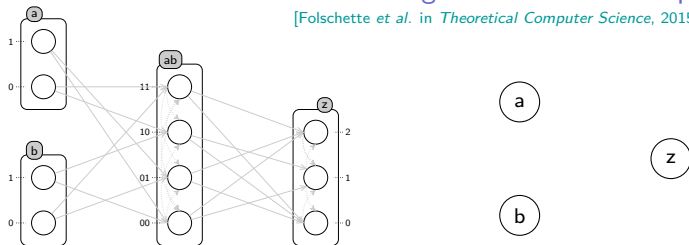


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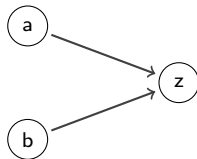
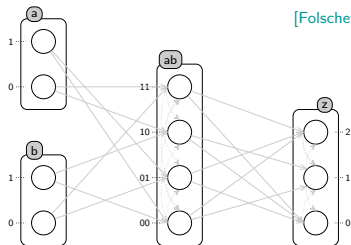
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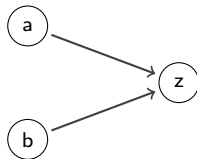
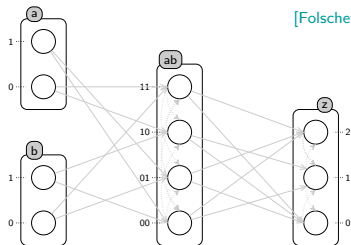
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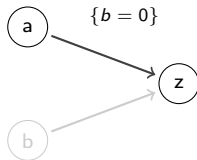
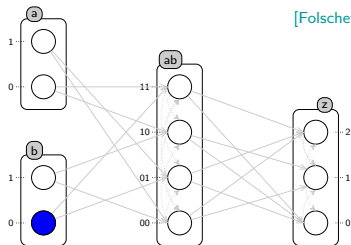
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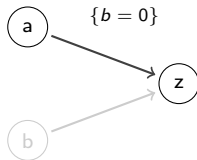
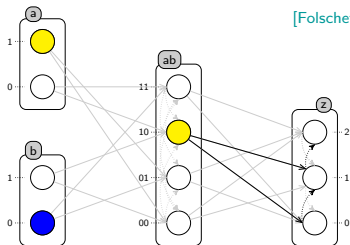


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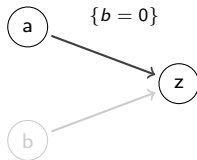
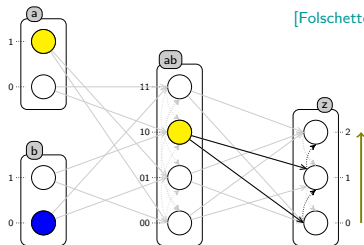


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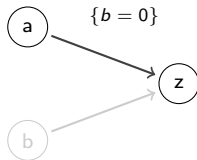
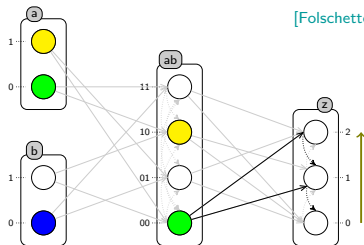


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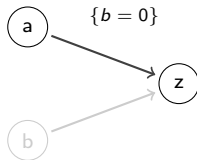
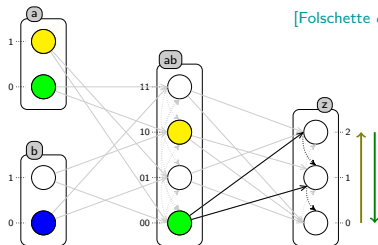


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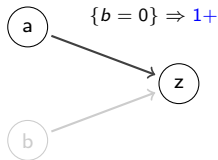
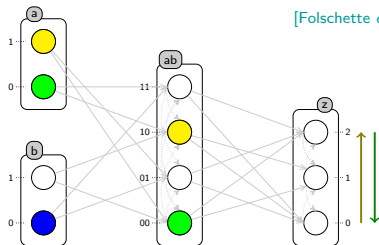


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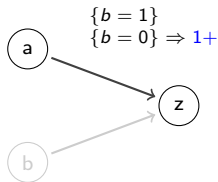
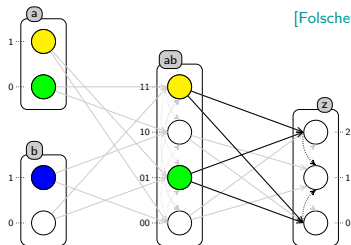


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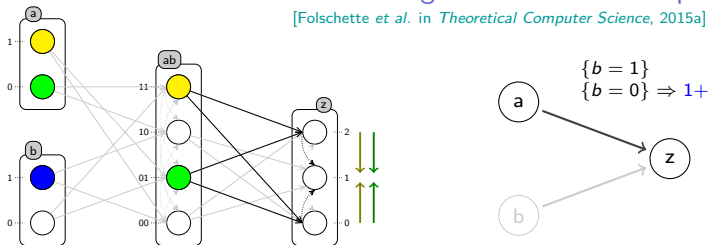
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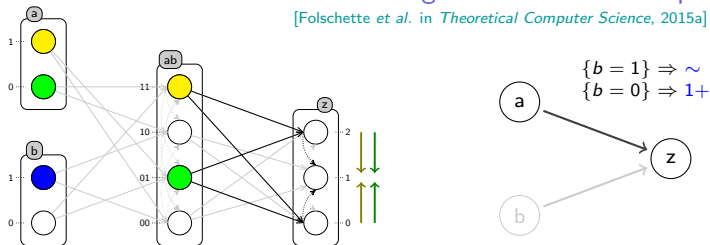


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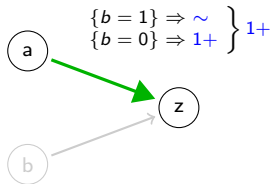
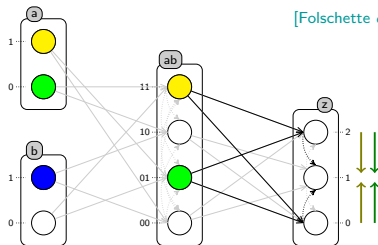


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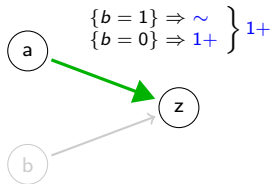
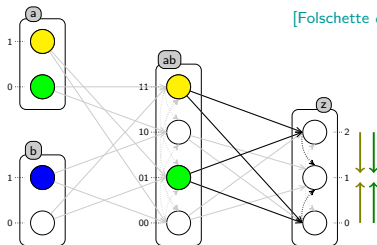


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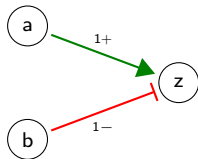
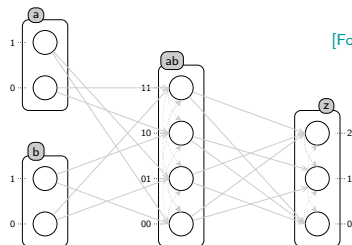
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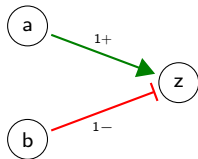
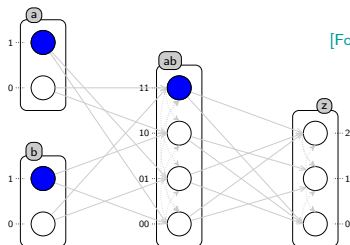
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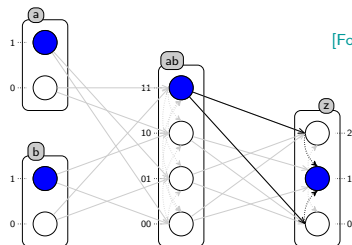
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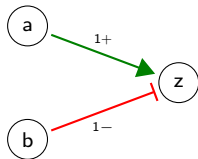
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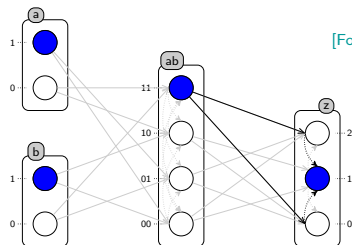
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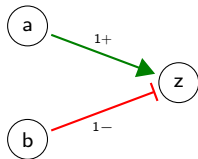
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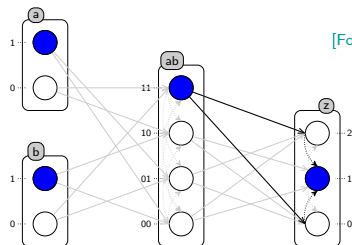
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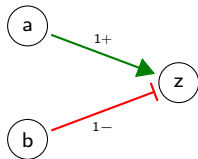
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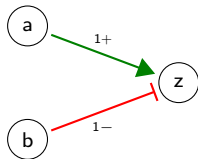
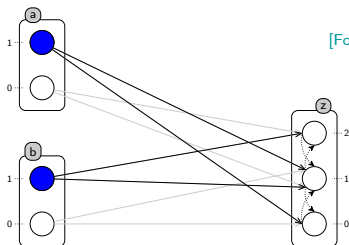
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**egfr20** : Epithelial Growth Factor Receptor (20 components) [Sahin *et al.*, 2009]

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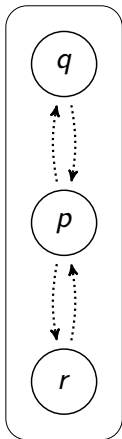
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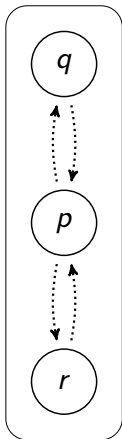
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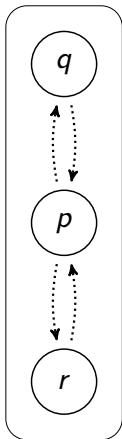
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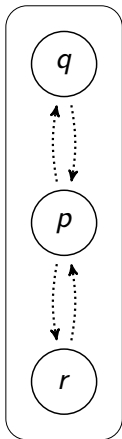
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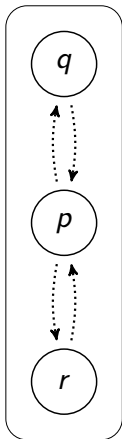
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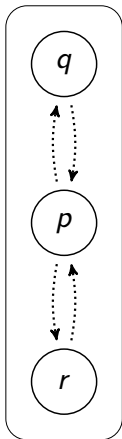
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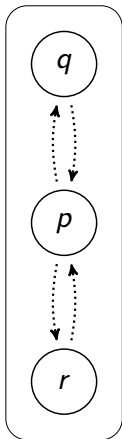
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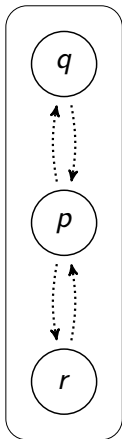
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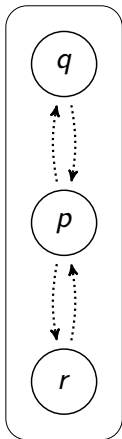
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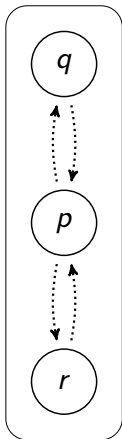
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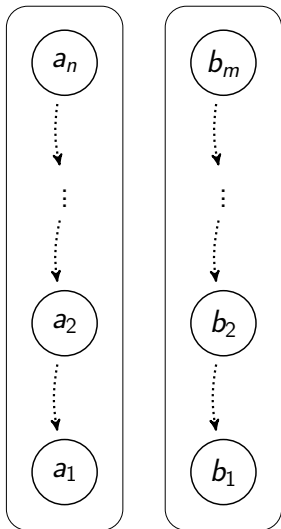
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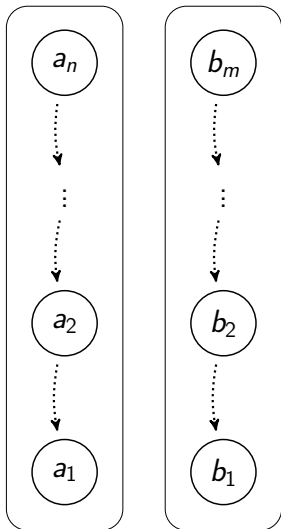
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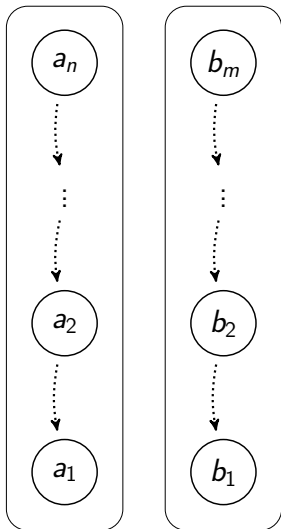
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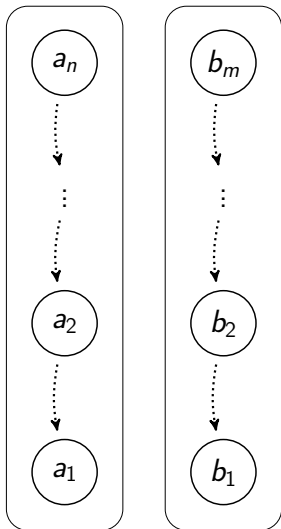
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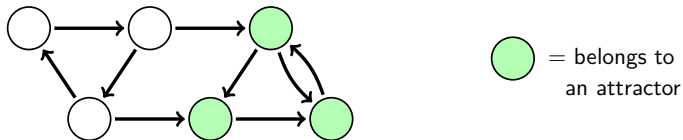
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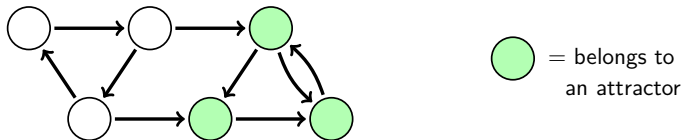
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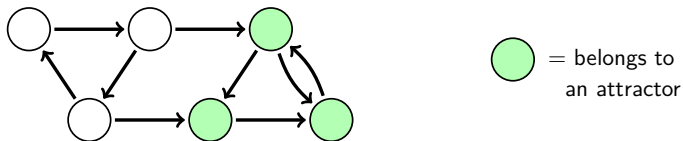
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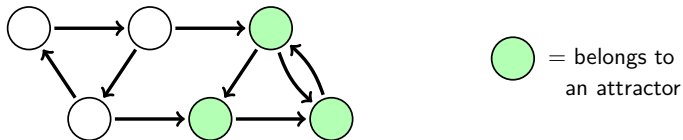
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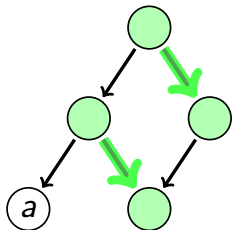
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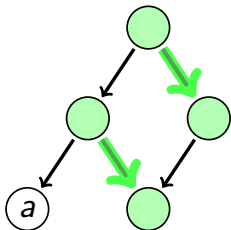
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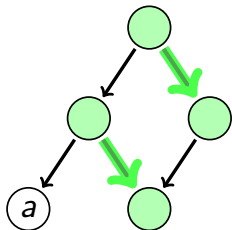
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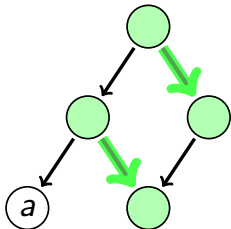
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