

Coalgebras for Concurrency

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A bridge between automata and concurrency theory.

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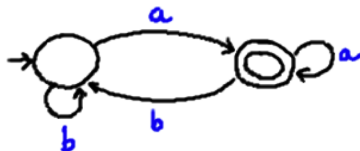
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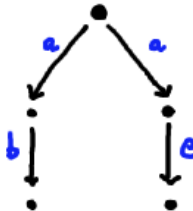
Context

- Automata are basic structures in Computer Science.
- Language equivalence: well-studied, several algorithms.
- Renewed attention (POPL'11, '13, '14).



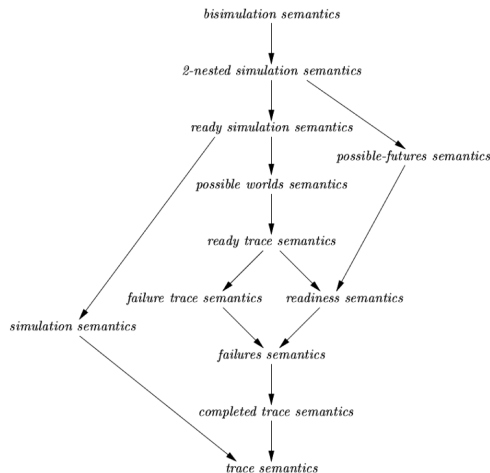
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- Concurrency: a spectrum of equivalences.
- Checking usually done by reducing to bisimilarity.



An alternative road

- Many efficient algorithms for equivalence of automata.
- Applications in concurrency?



From automata to concurrency

Various spectrum equivalences
=
Language equivalence of a *transformed* system
=
Automaton with outputs and structured state space (Moore automata).

Bonsangue, Bonchi, Caltais, Rutten, S. MFPS 12

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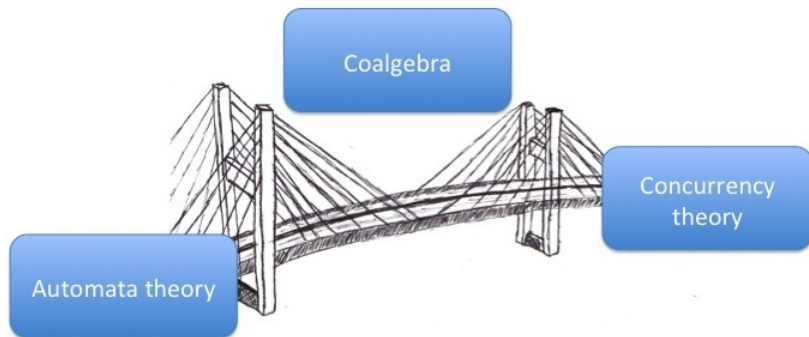
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The approach



Roadmap

1. Brief introduction to coalgebra.
2. Two algorithms for language equivalence and generalizations.
3. Trends and opportunities.

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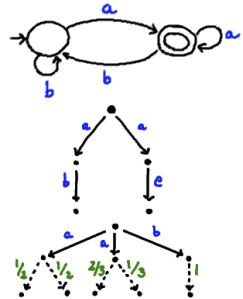
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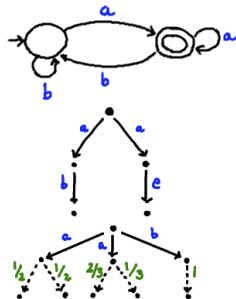
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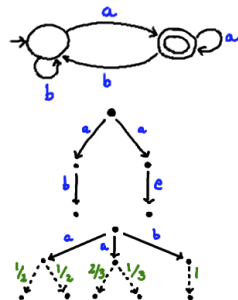
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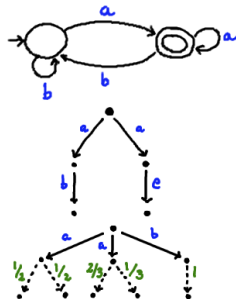
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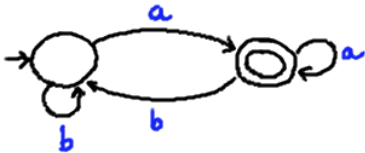
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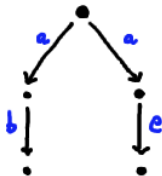


Can we do all of this **uniformly** in a single framework?

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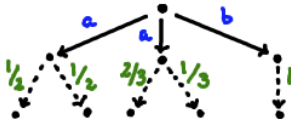


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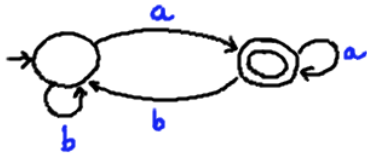
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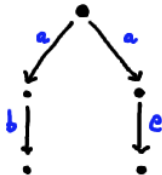


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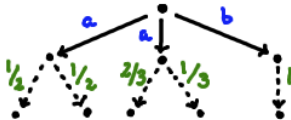


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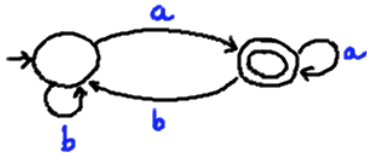
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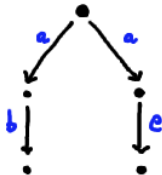


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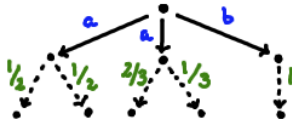
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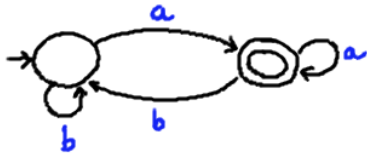
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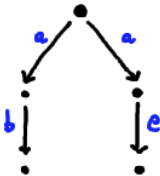
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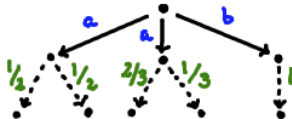
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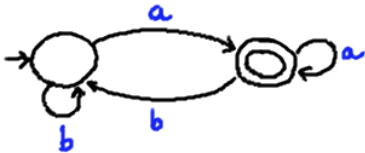
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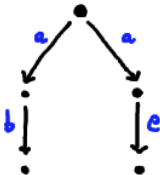
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1 + 2 are classic coalgebra; 3 + 4 are recent work.

Current state of affairs

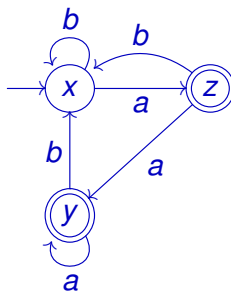
- Coalgebra/coinduction – semantic side of the world: operational/denotational semantics, logics, ...
- Key role in current development of functional languages, type theory, ...
- This talk: uniform derivation of algorithms and applications to concurrency.

Brzozowski's algorithm

Brzozowski's algorithm, (co)algebraically – Kozen's festschrift 2012

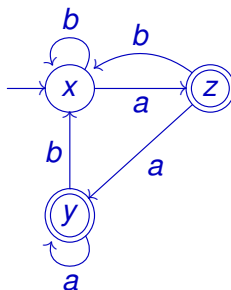


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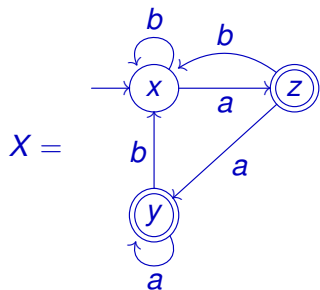
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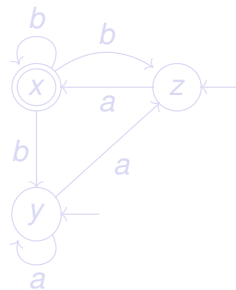


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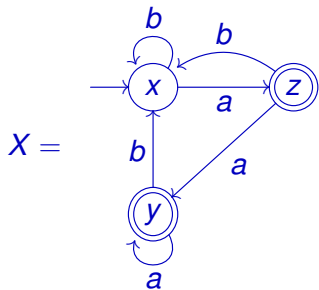


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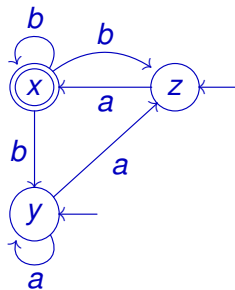


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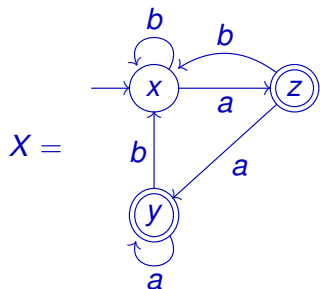


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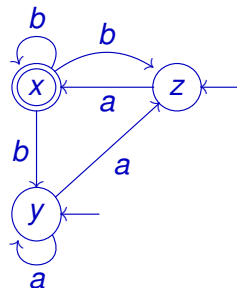


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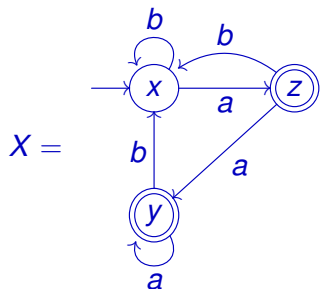


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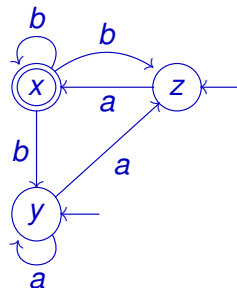


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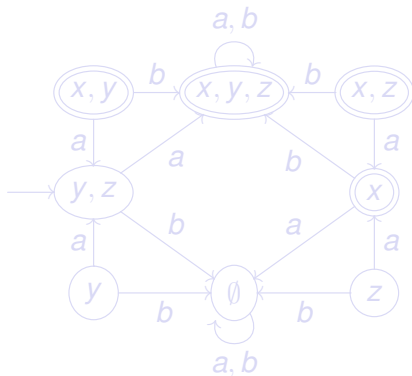
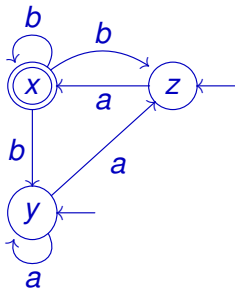


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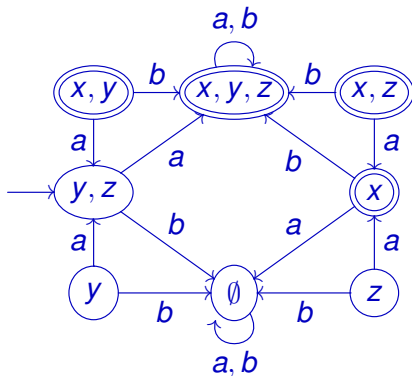
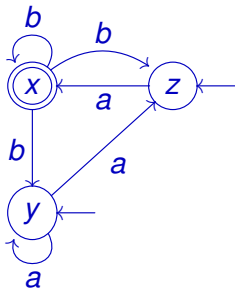
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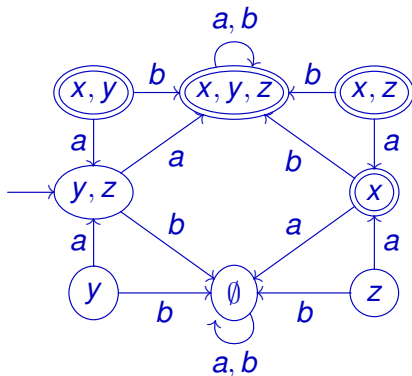
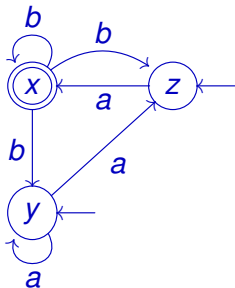
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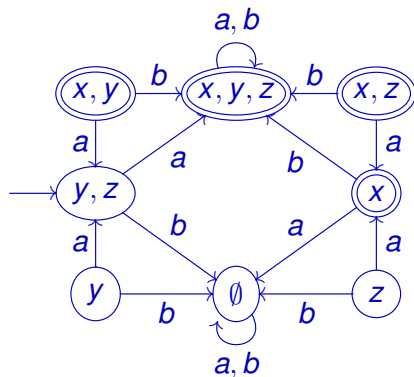
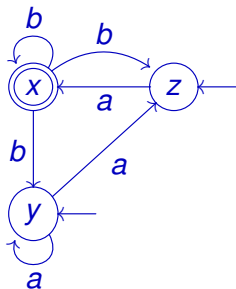
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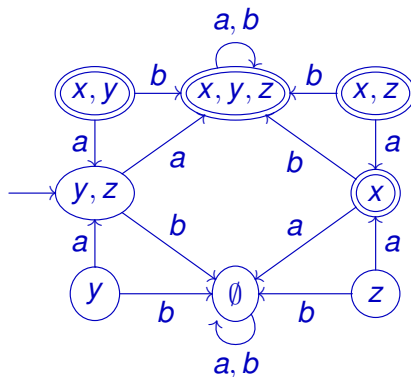
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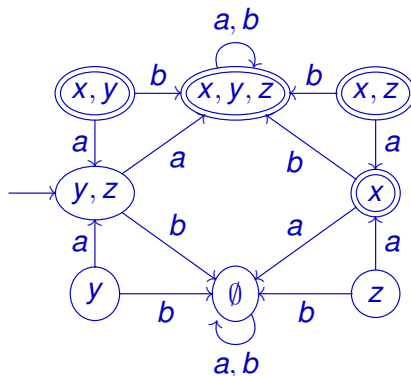


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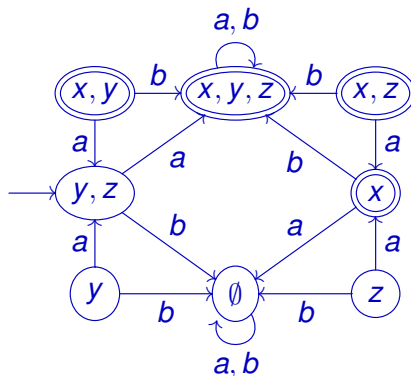


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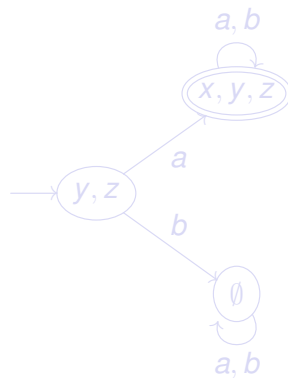
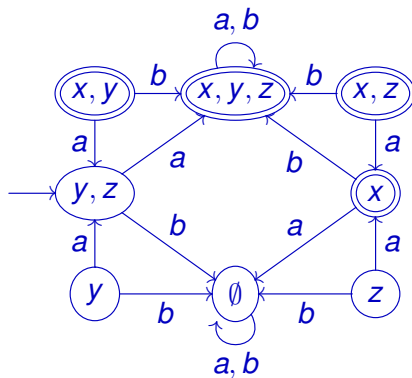
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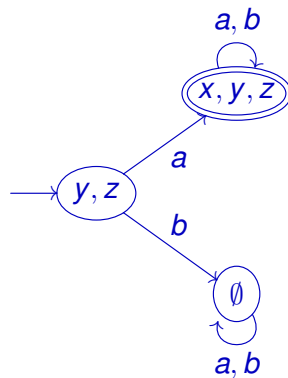
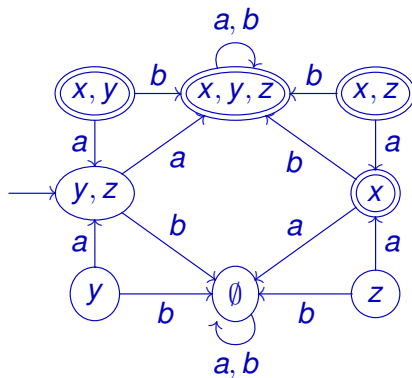
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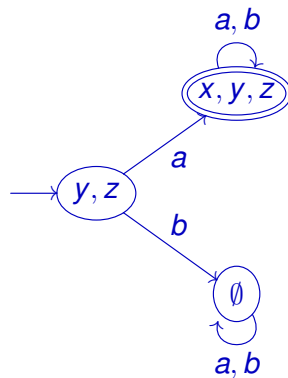
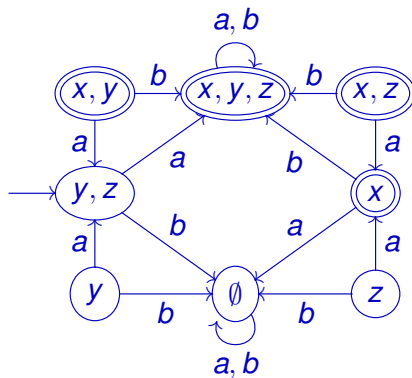
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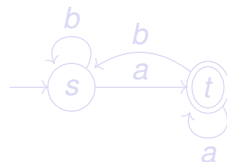
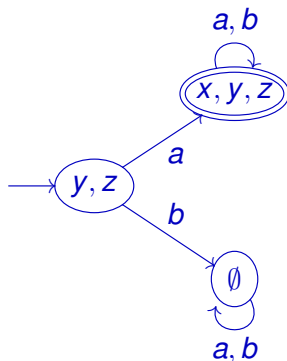
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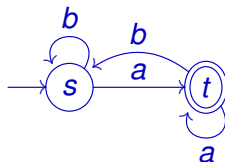
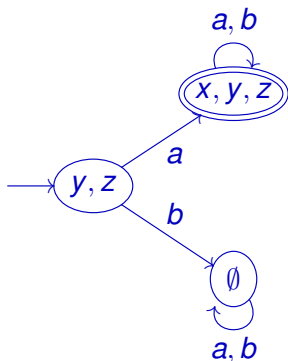
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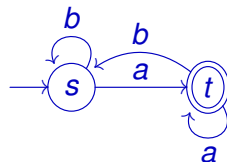
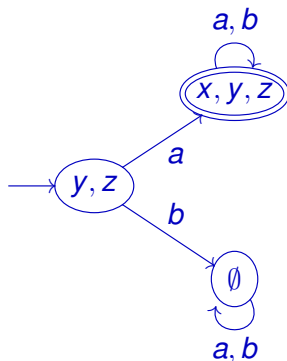
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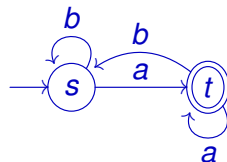
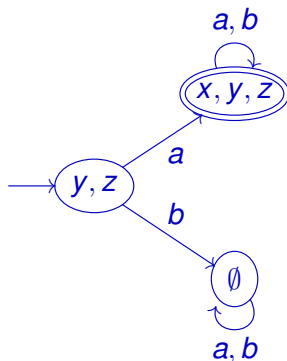
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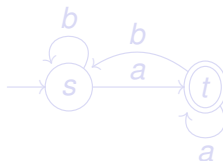
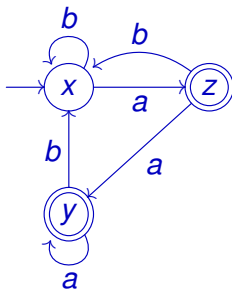
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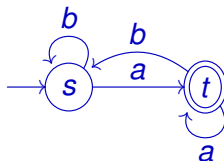
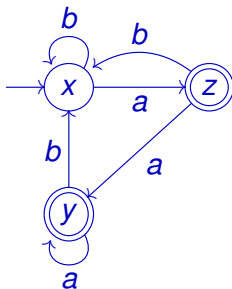
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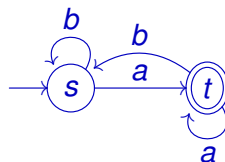
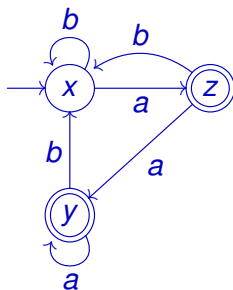
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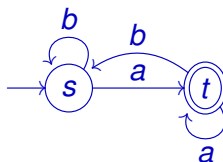
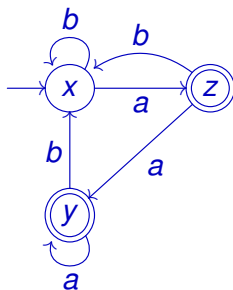
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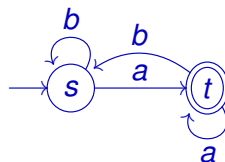
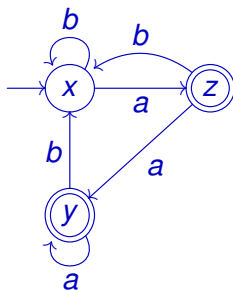
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Correctness and generalizations in [BBRS'12, BBHPRS'13].

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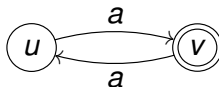
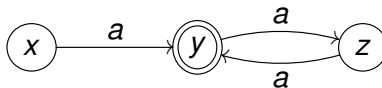
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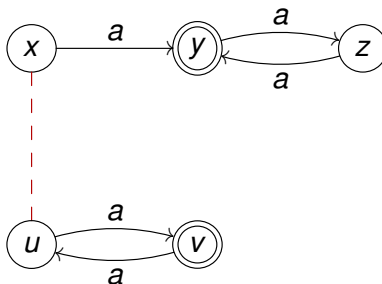
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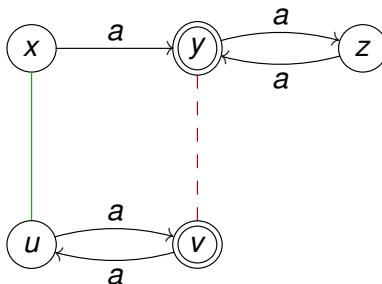
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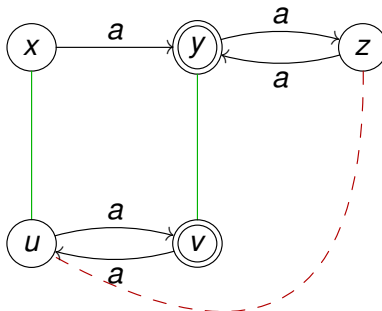
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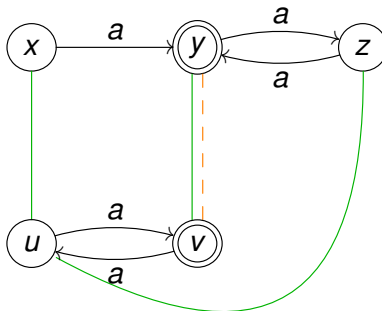
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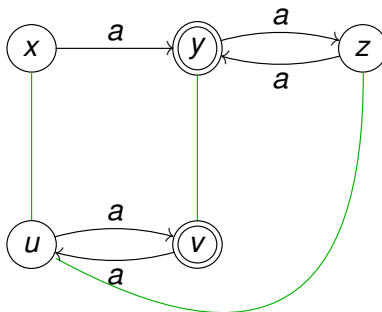
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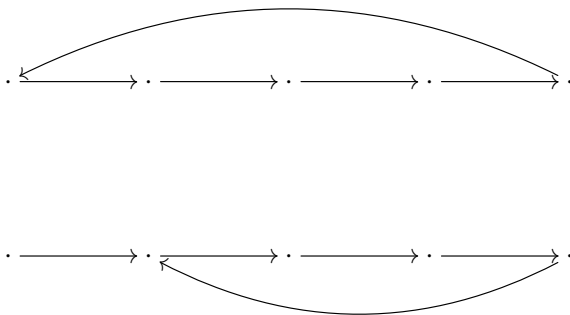
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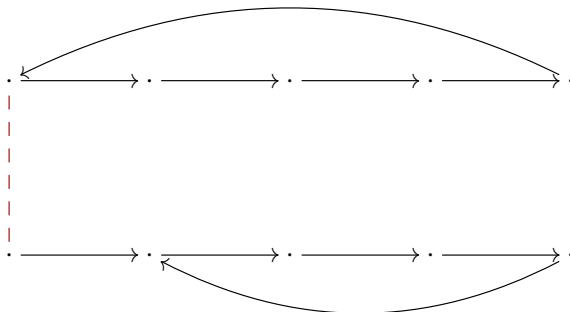
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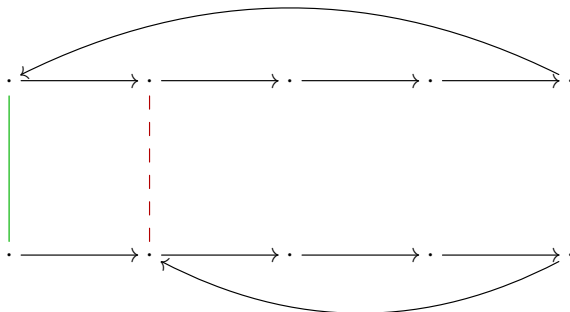
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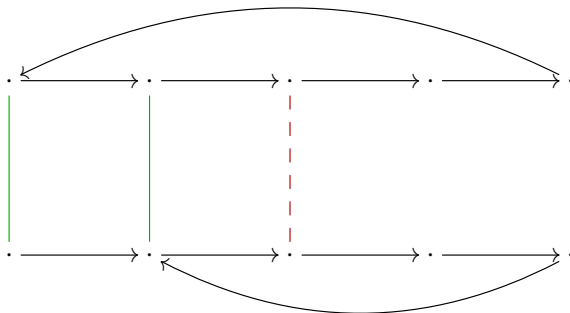
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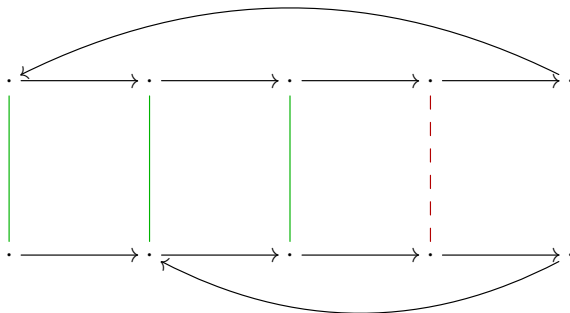
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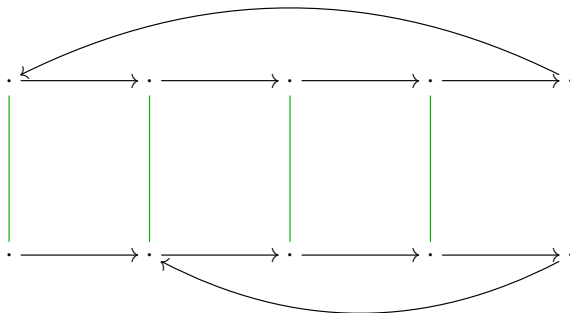
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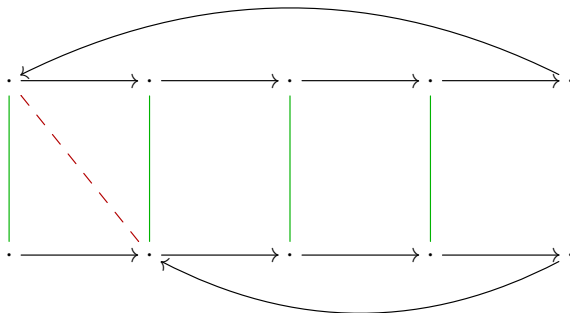
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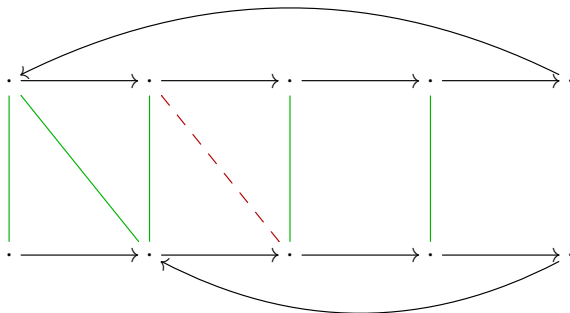
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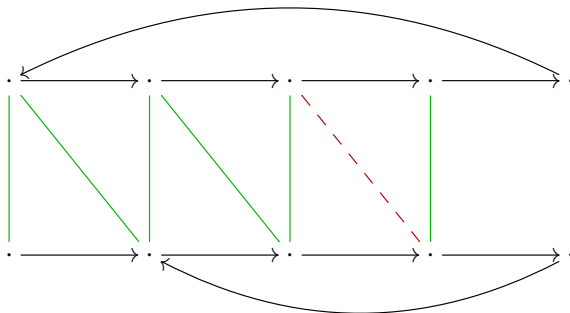
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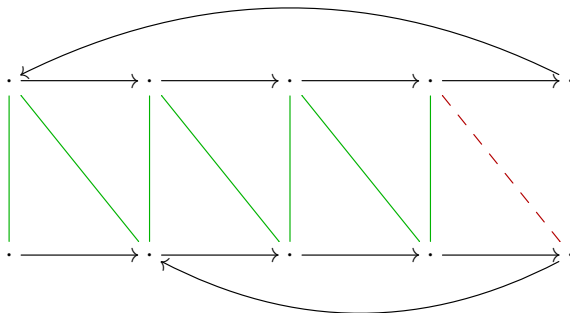
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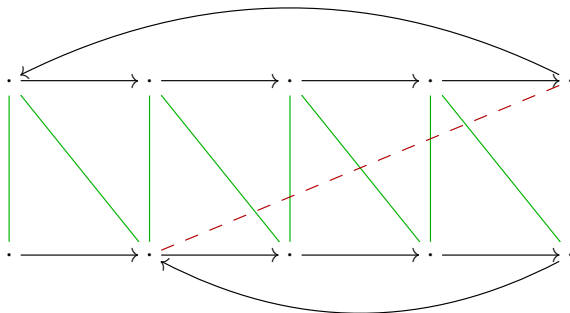
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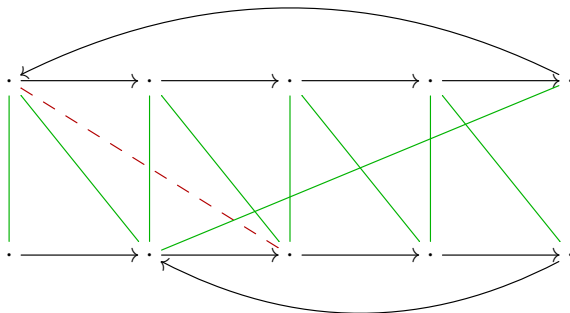
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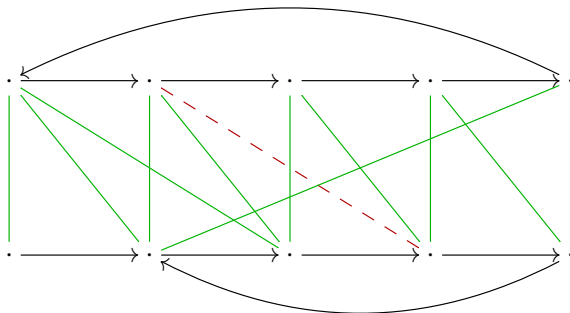
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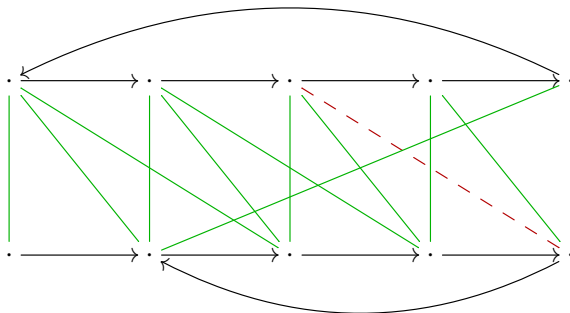
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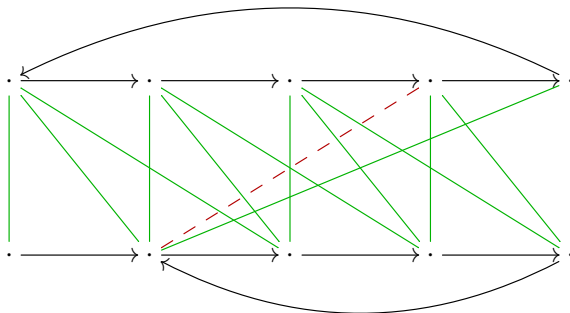
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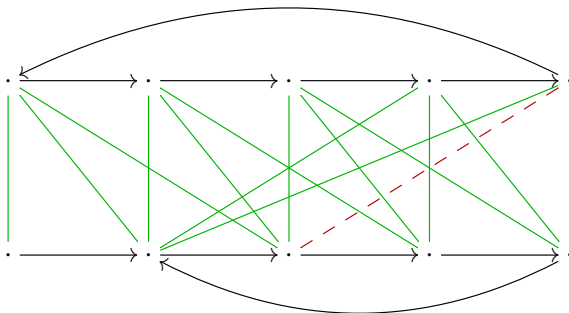
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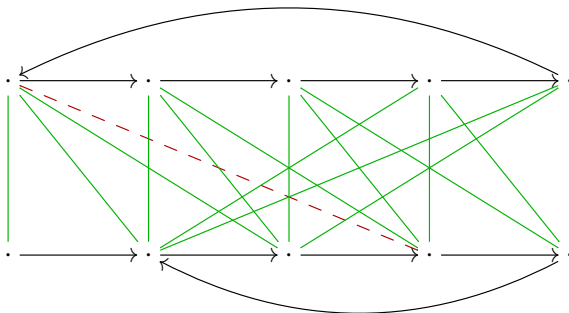
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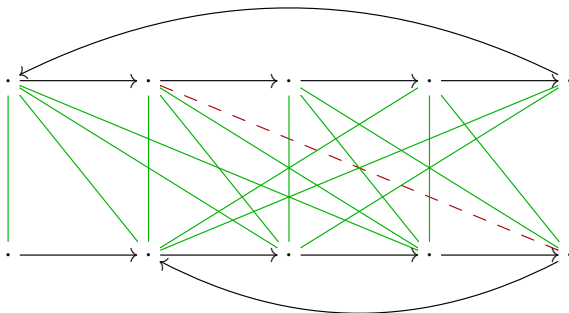
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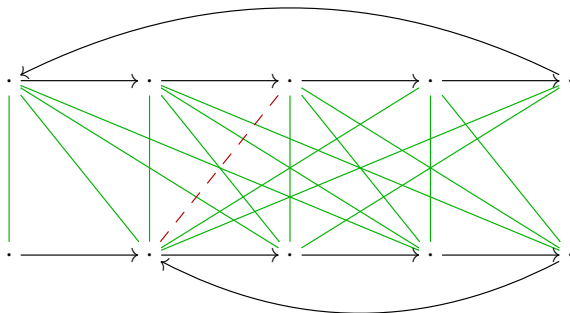
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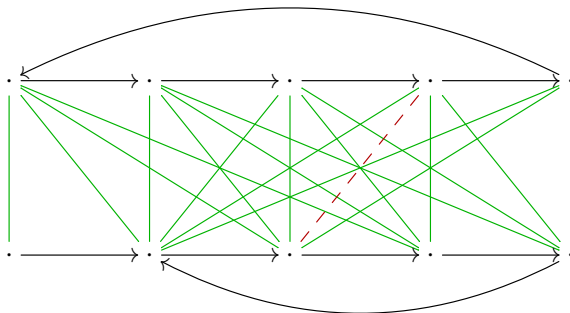
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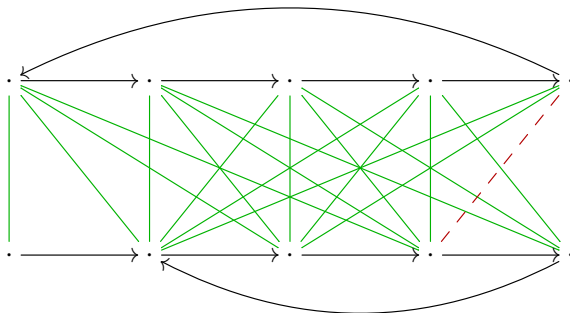
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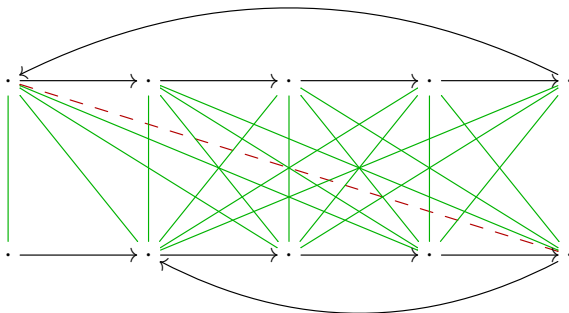
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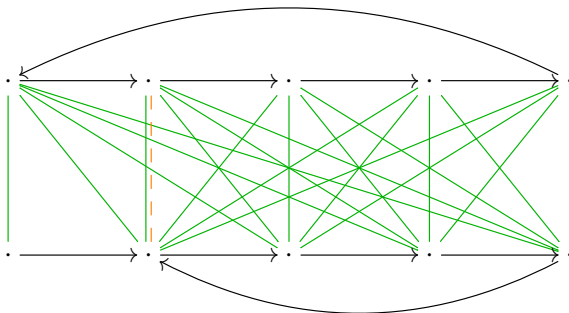
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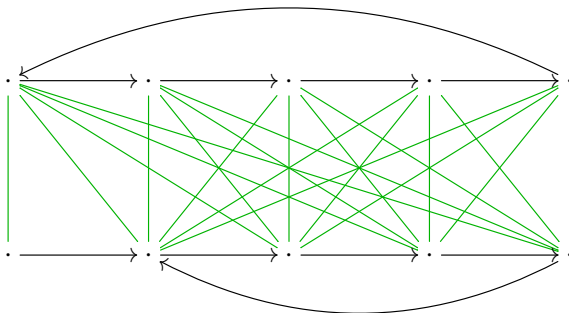
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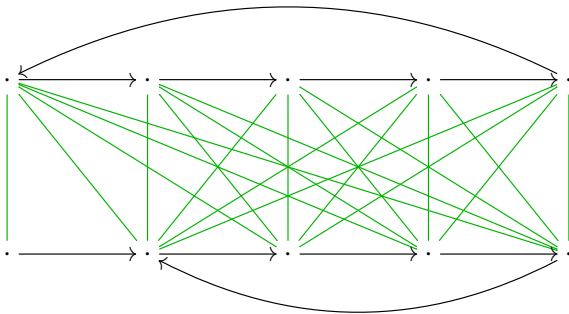
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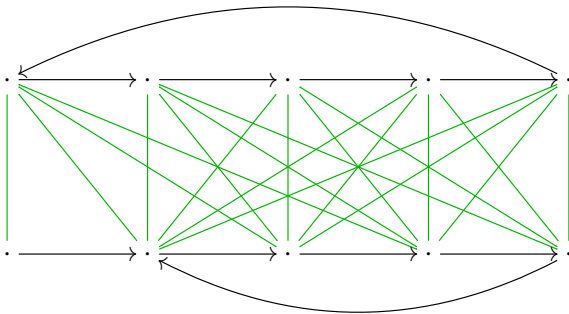
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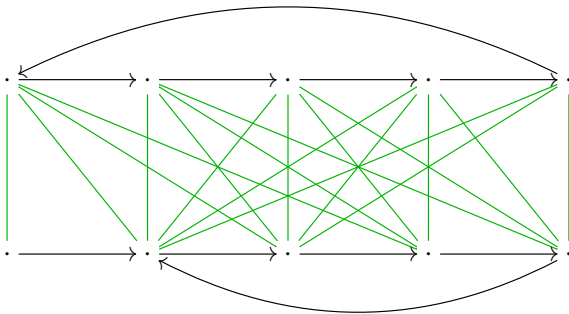
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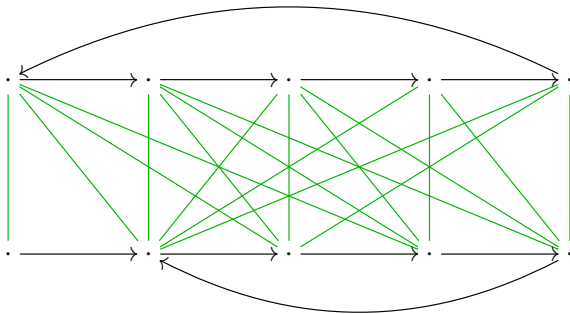
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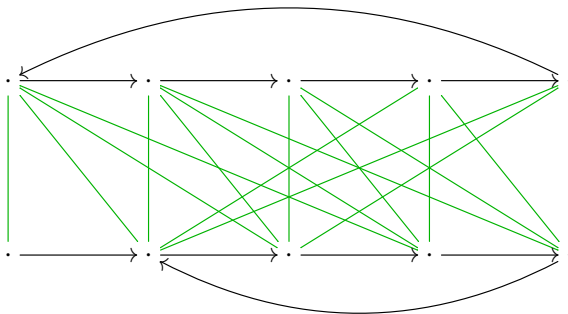
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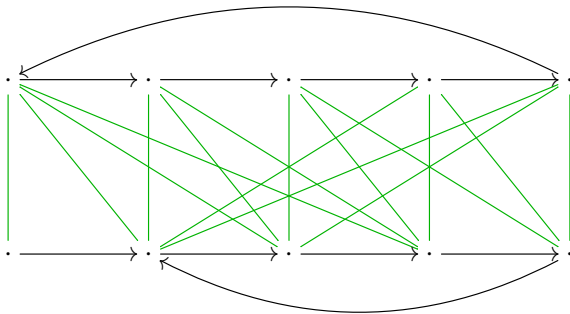
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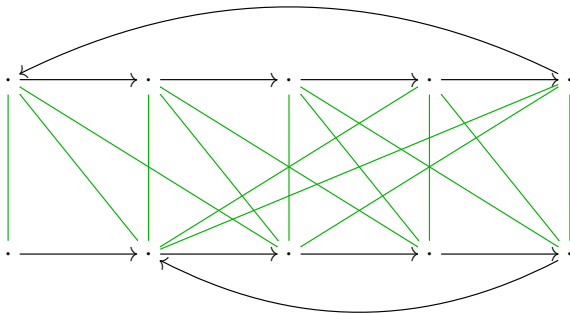
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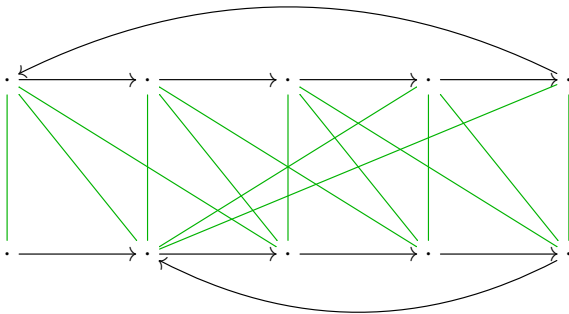
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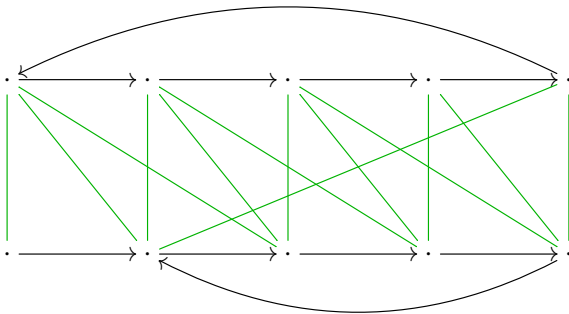
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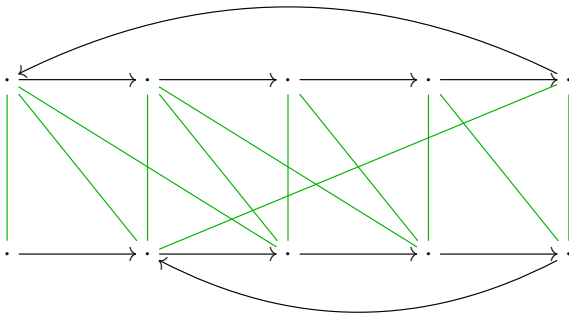
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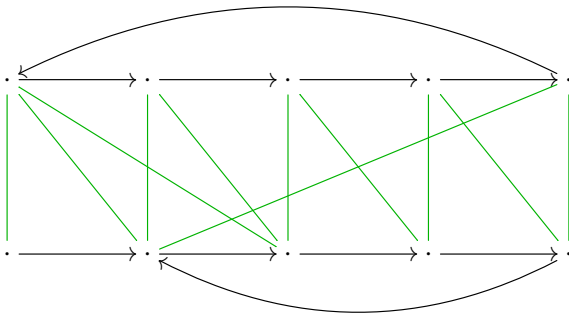
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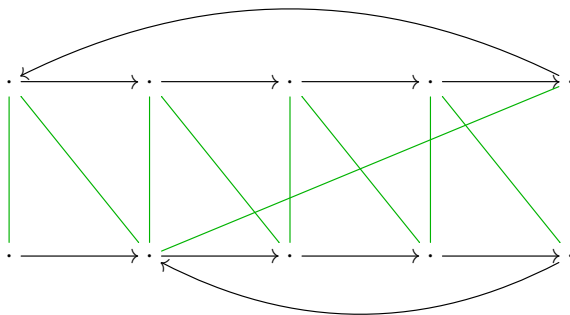
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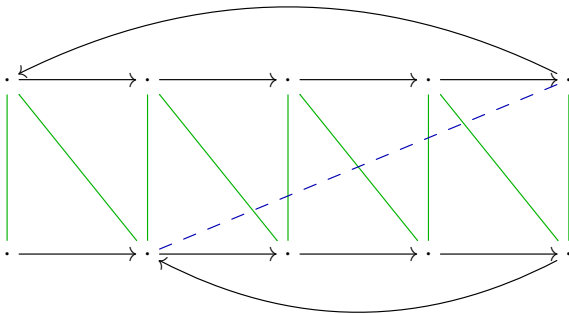
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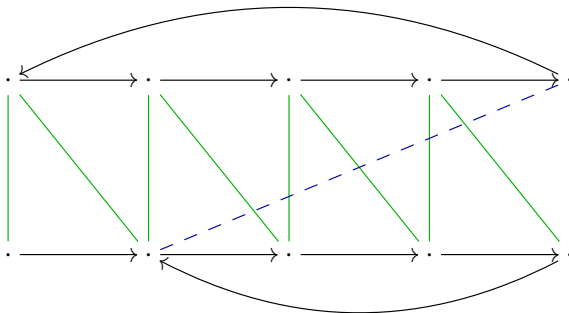
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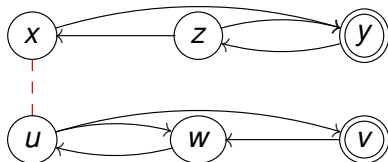
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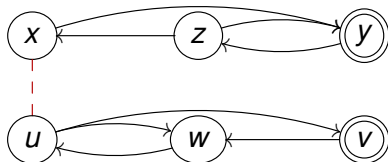
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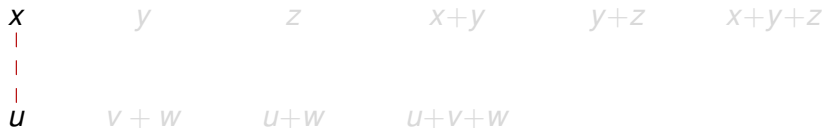
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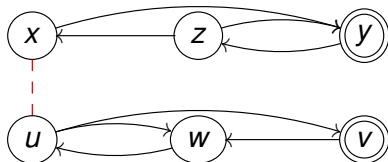
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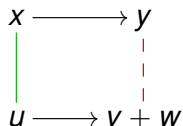
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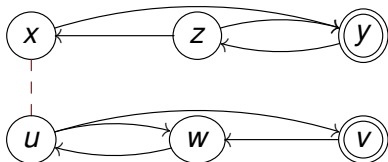
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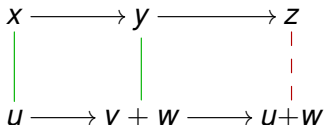
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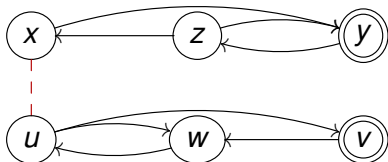
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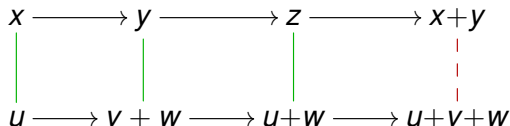
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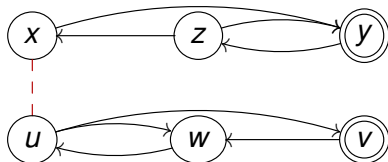


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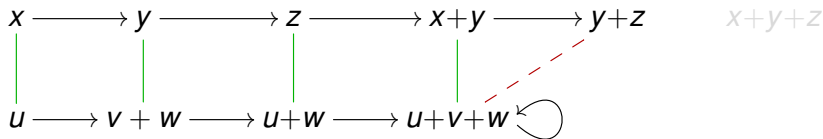
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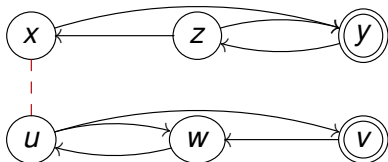
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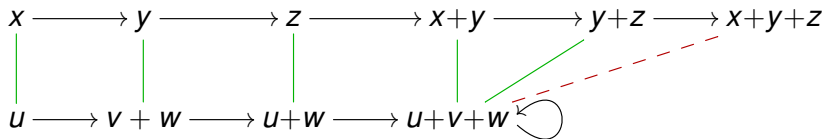
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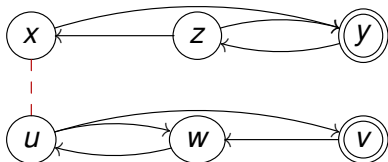
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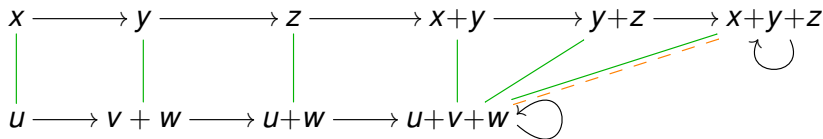
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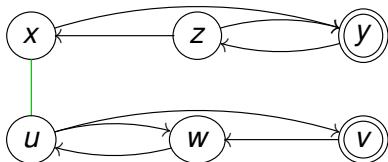
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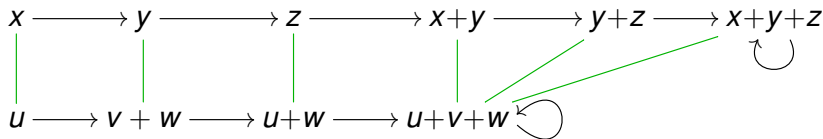
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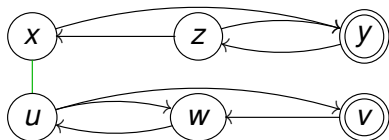
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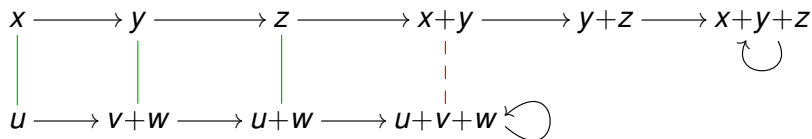


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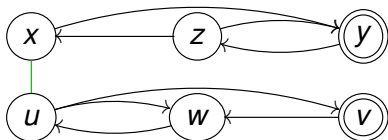
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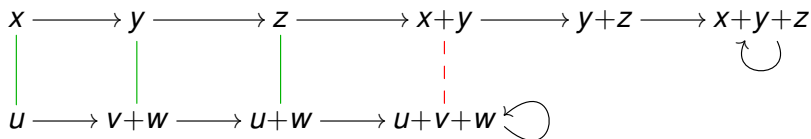
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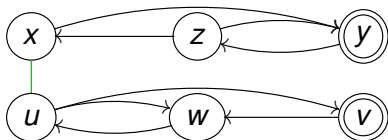
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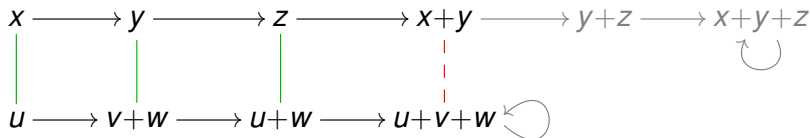
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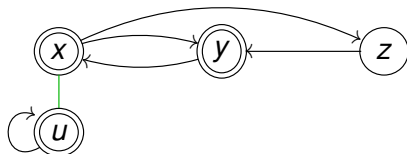
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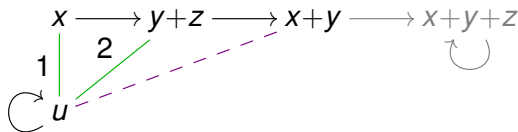


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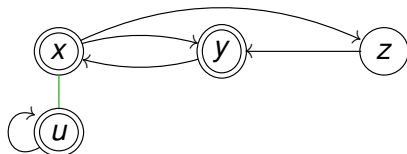


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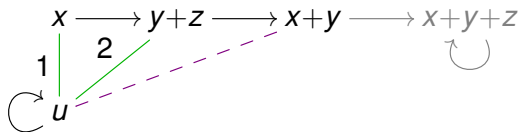


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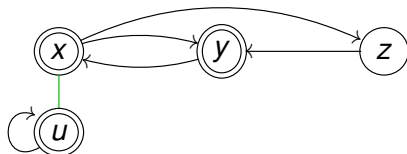


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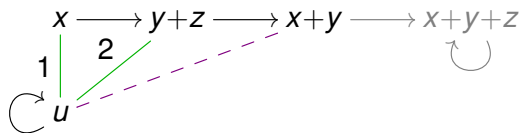


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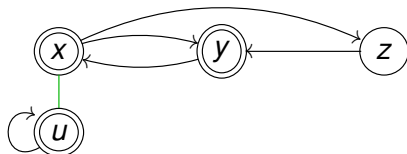


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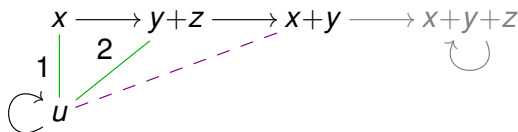


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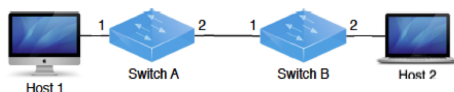
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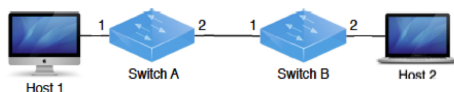
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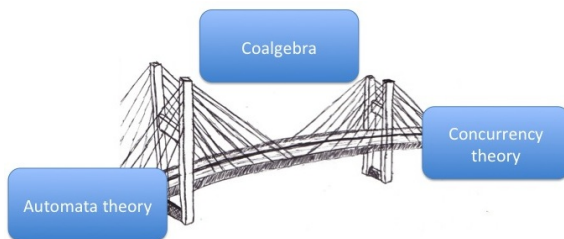
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