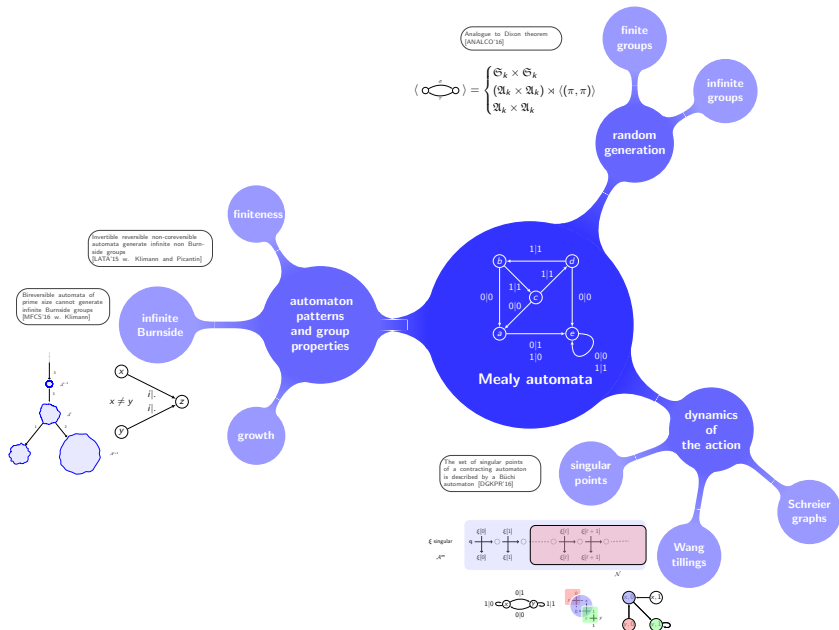


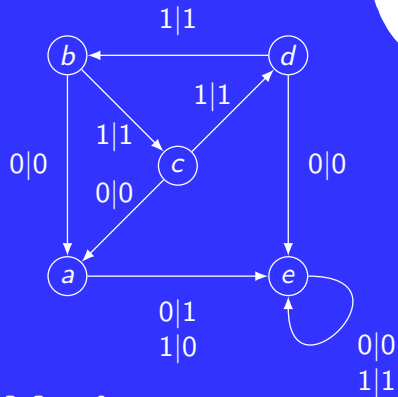
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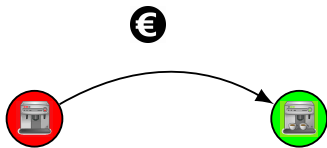


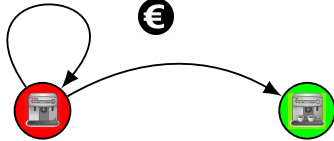


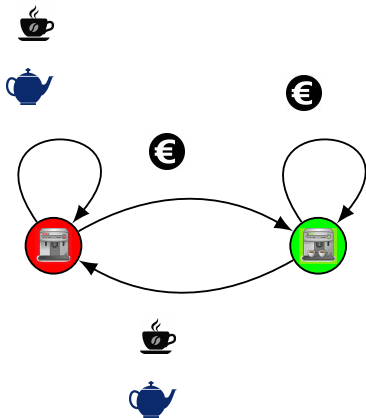
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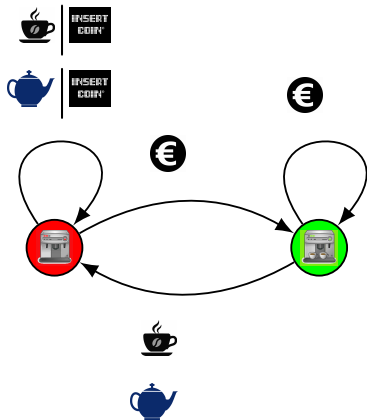


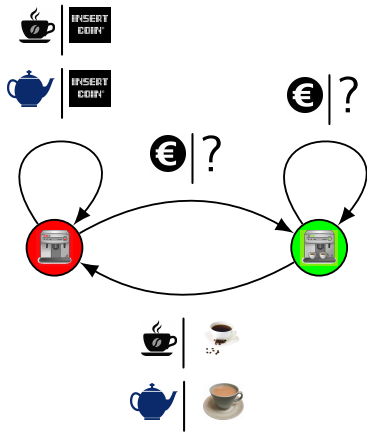


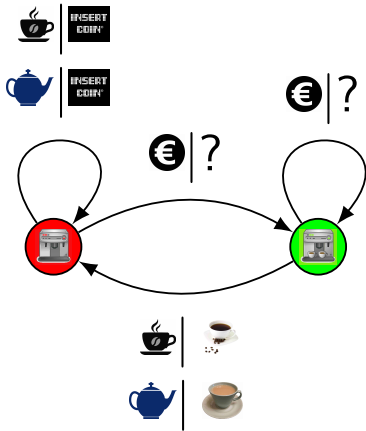


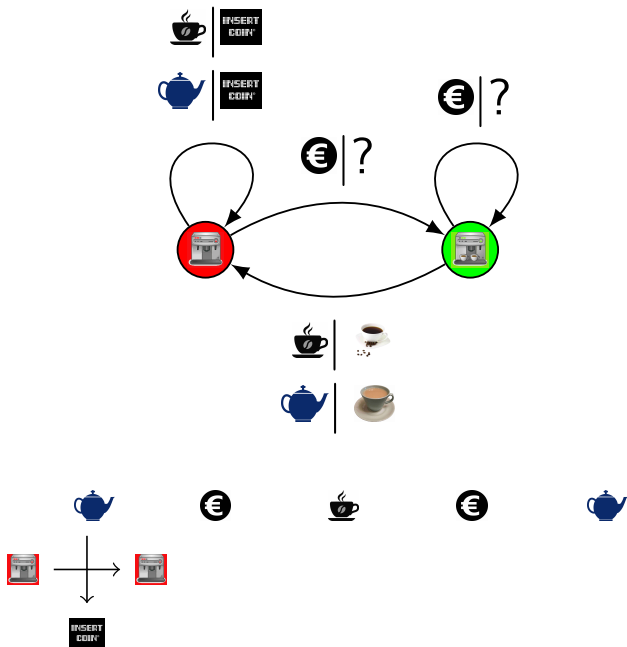


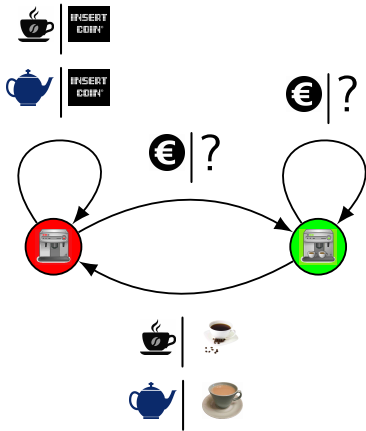


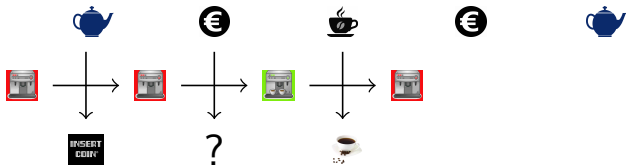
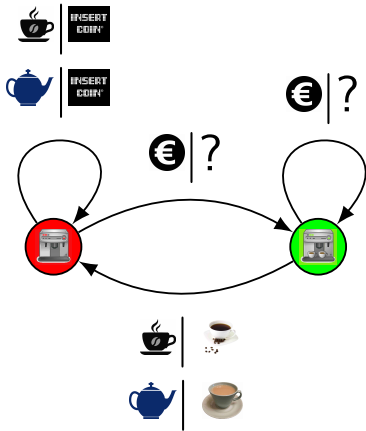


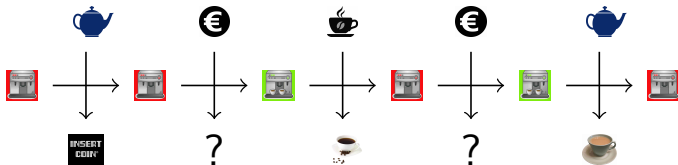
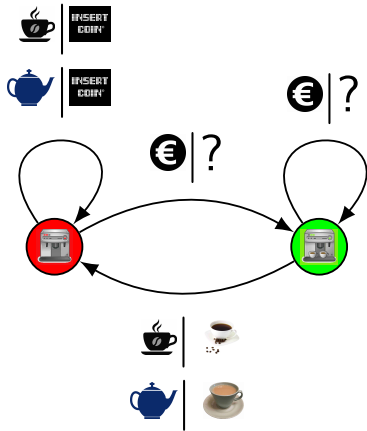




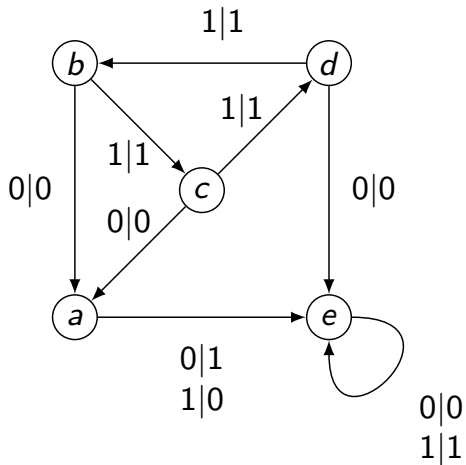




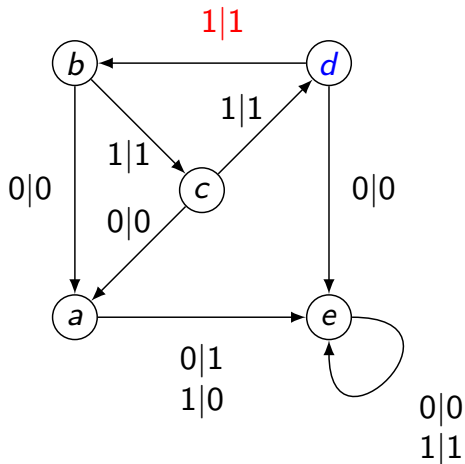




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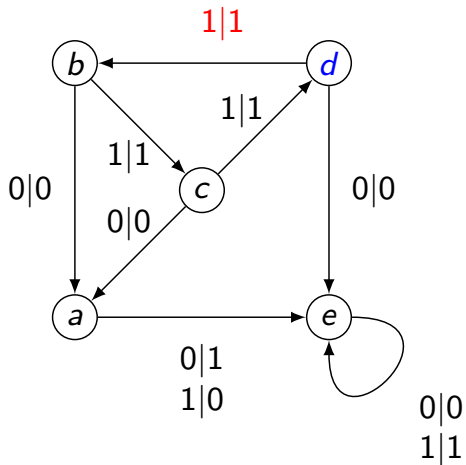


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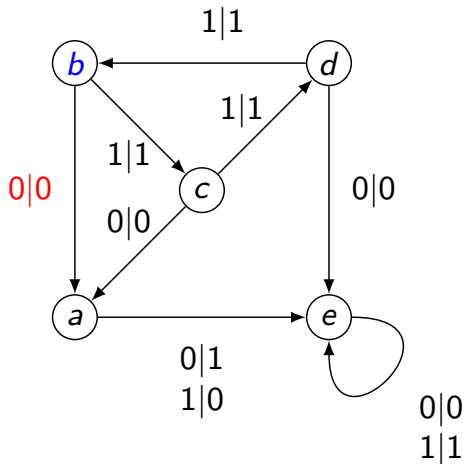


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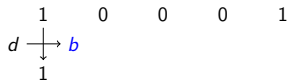
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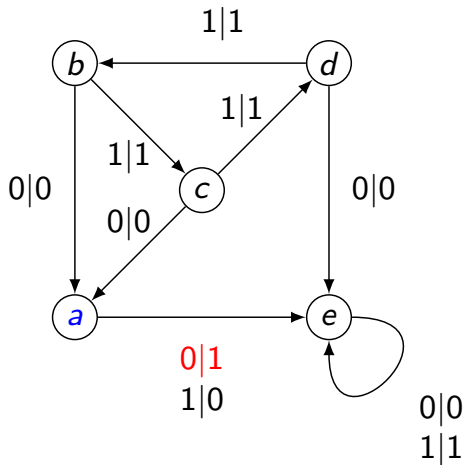


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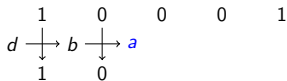


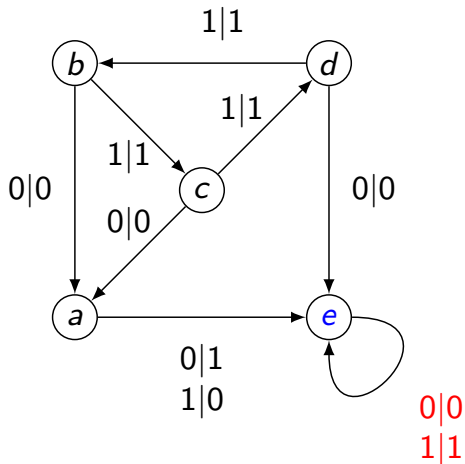


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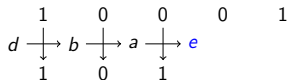


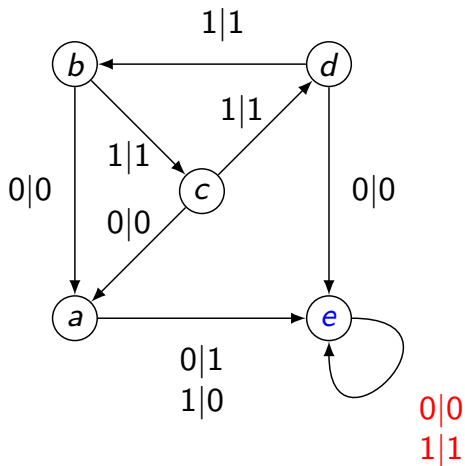


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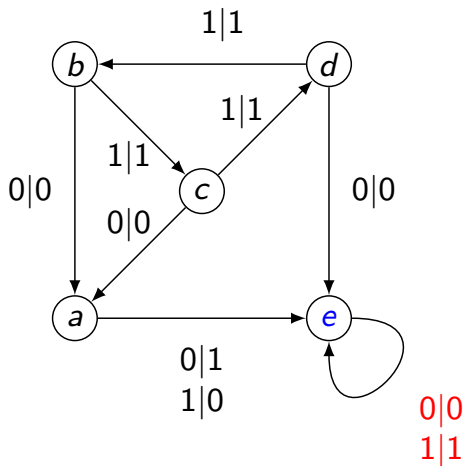


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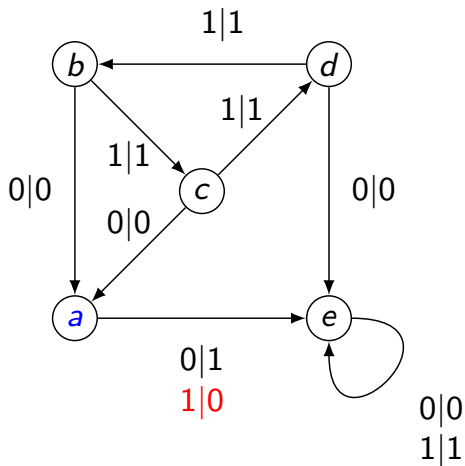


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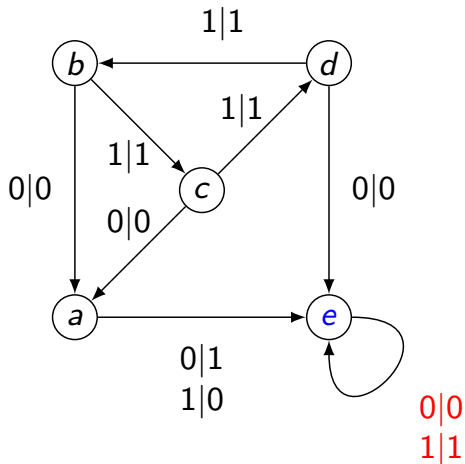
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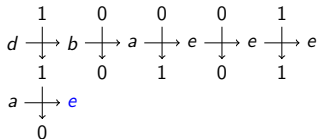
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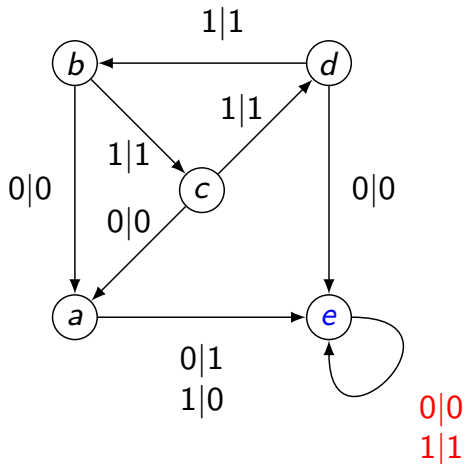


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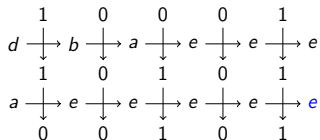


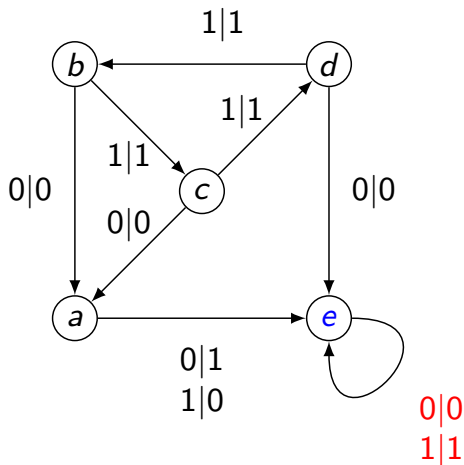


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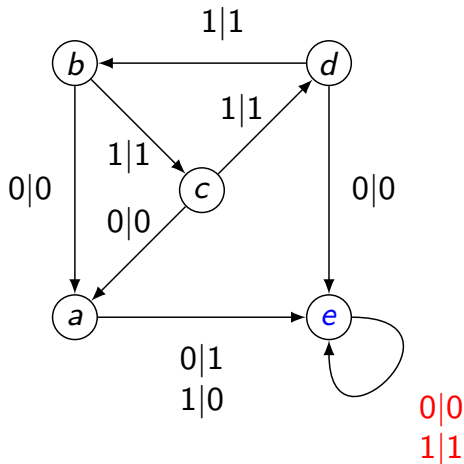
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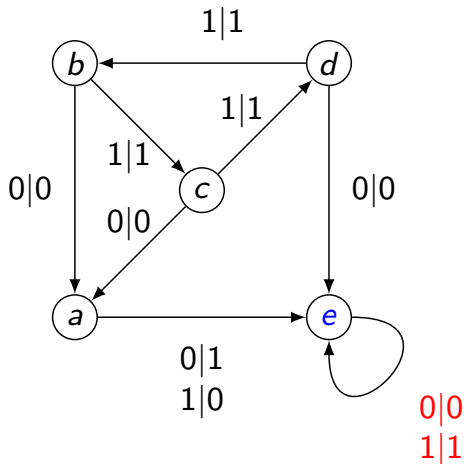
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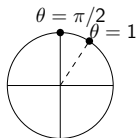
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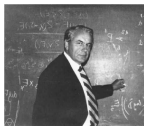
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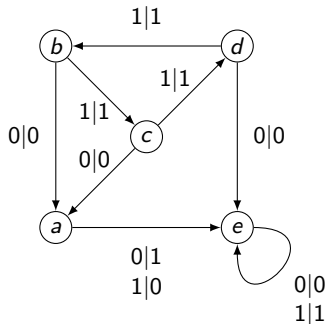
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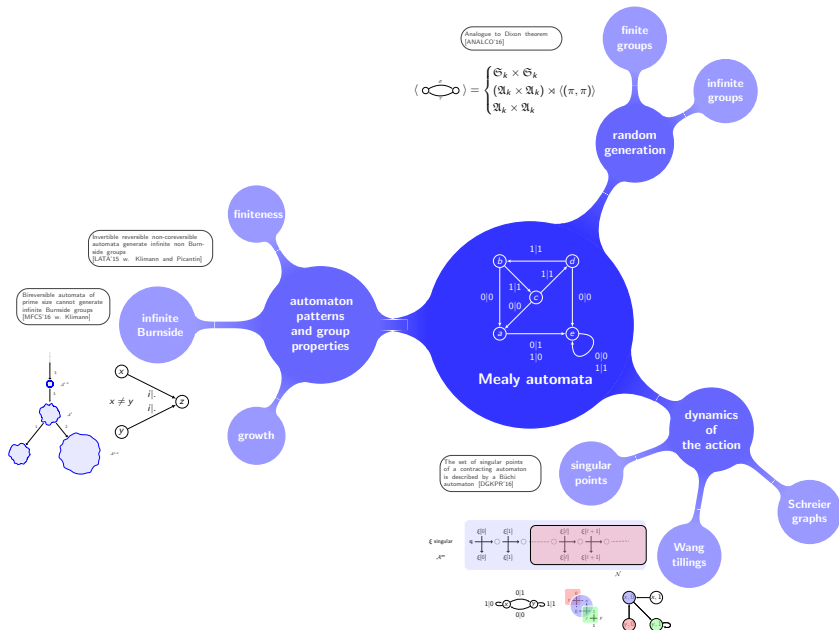


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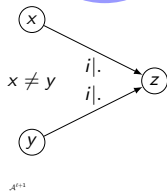
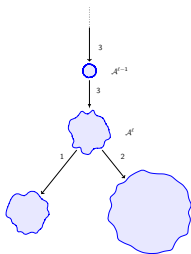
Invertible reversible non-coreversible automata generate infinite non Burnside groups
[LATA'15 w. Klimann and Picantin]

Bireversible automata of prime size cannot generate infinite Burnside groups
[MFCS'16 w. Klimann]

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automaton patterns and group properties

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Mealy automata

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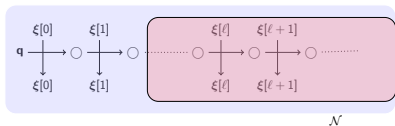
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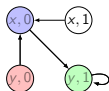
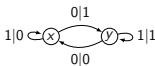
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Analogue to Dixon theorem
[ANALCO'16]

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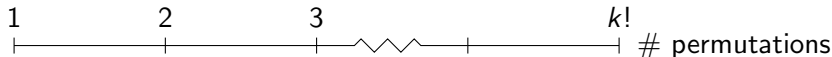
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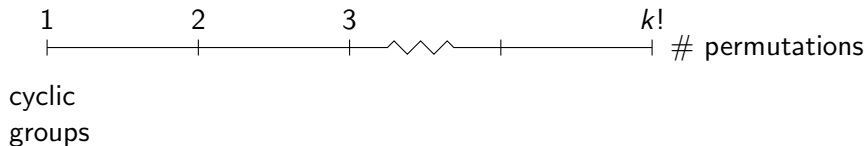
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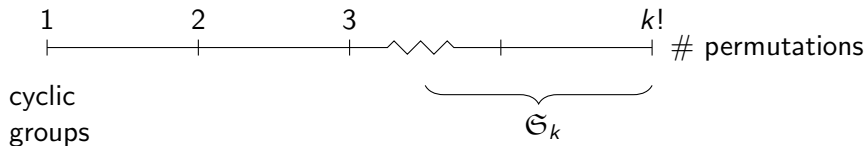
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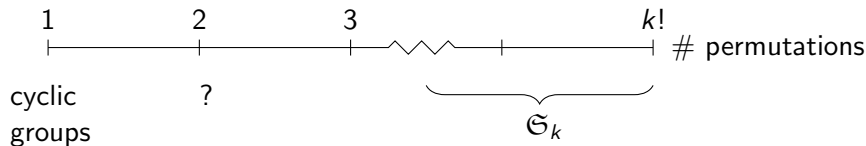
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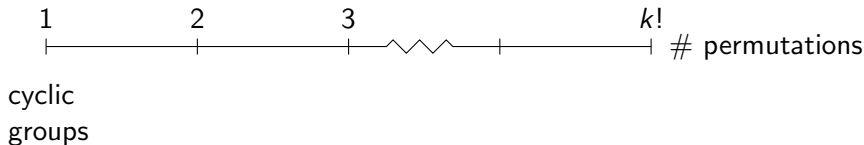
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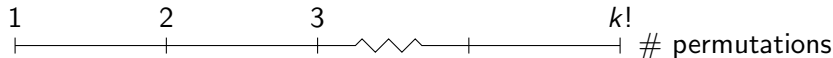
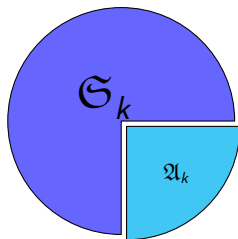
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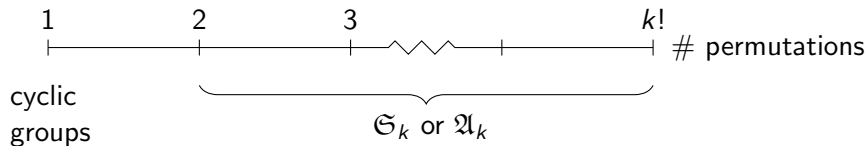
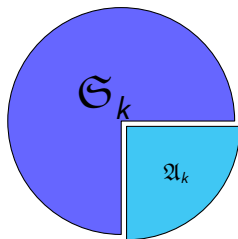


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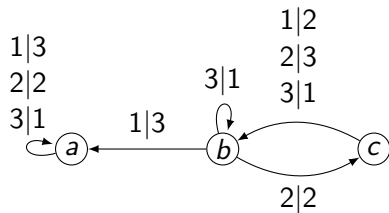
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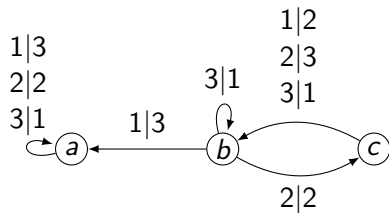


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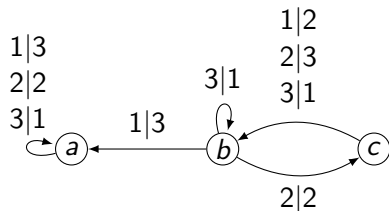
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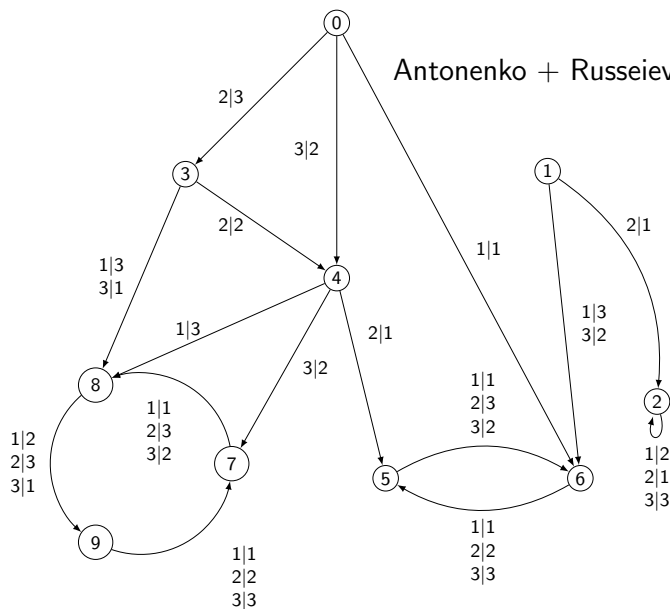
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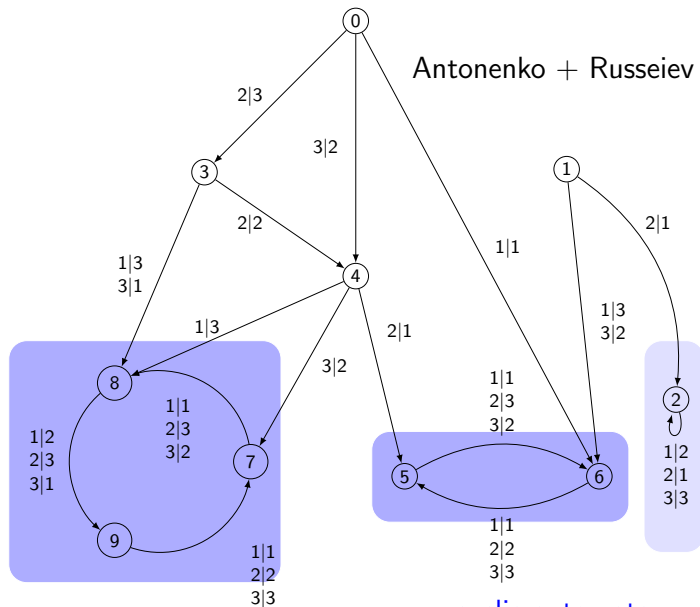
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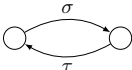
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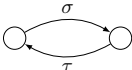
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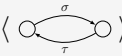
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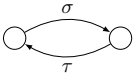
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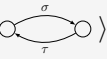
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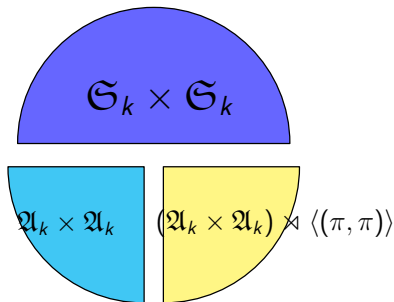
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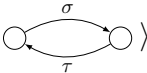
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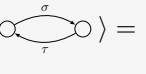


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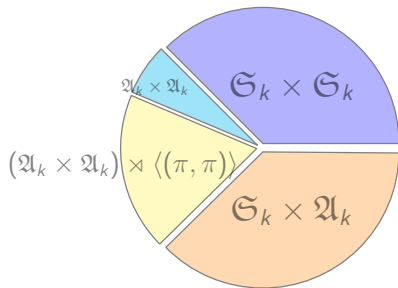
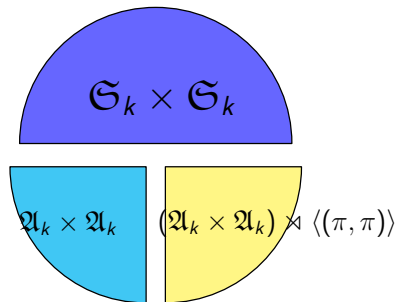
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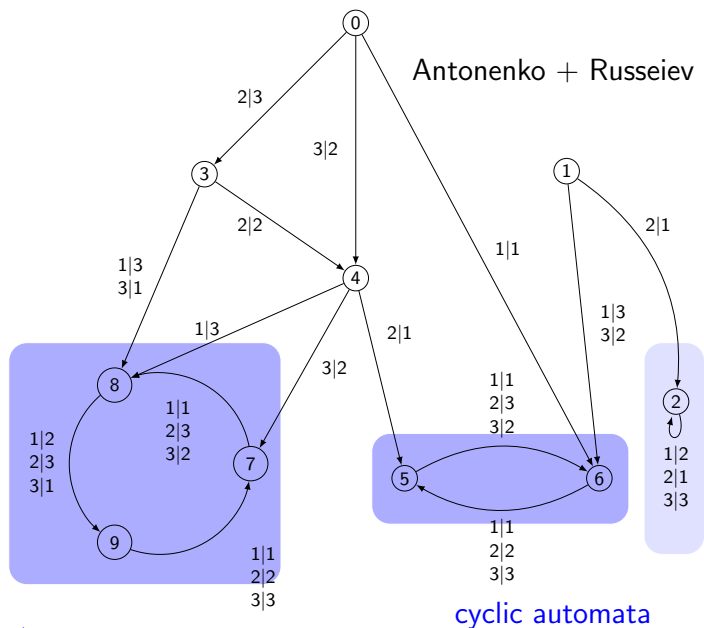
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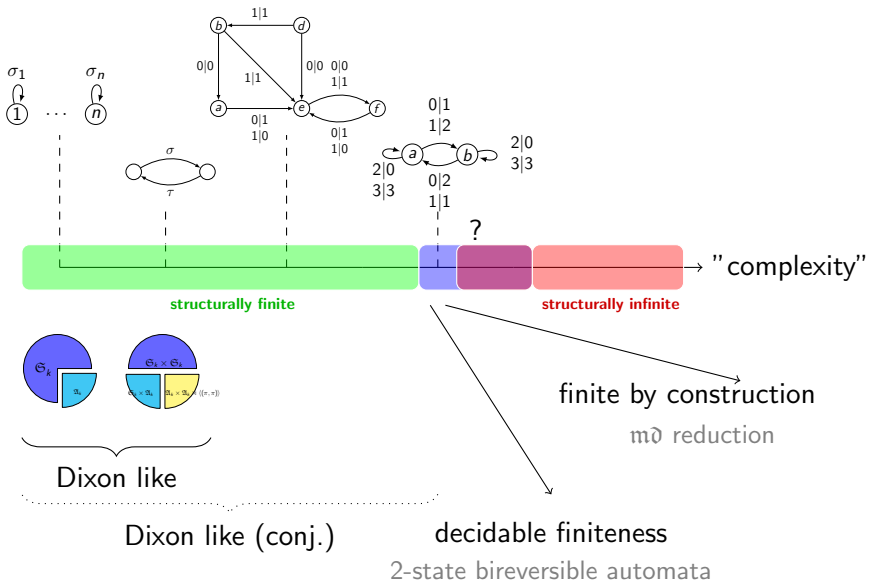
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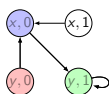
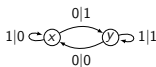
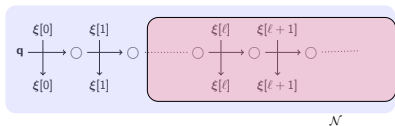
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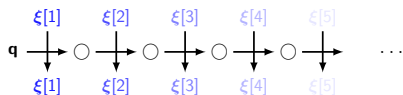


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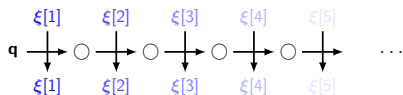
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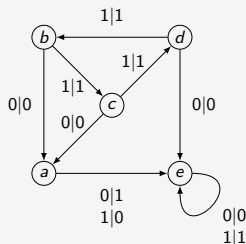


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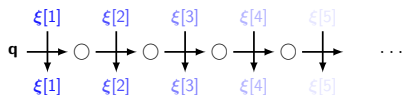
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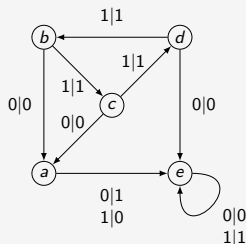
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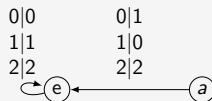


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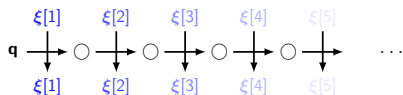
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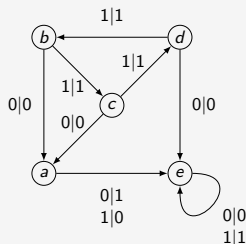
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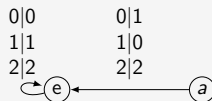


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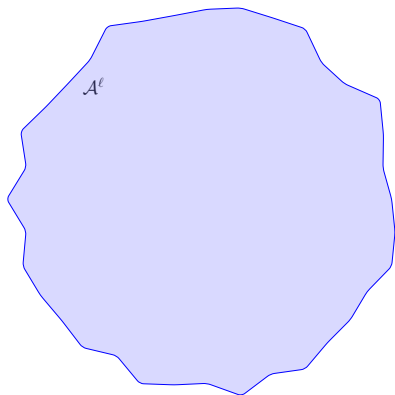
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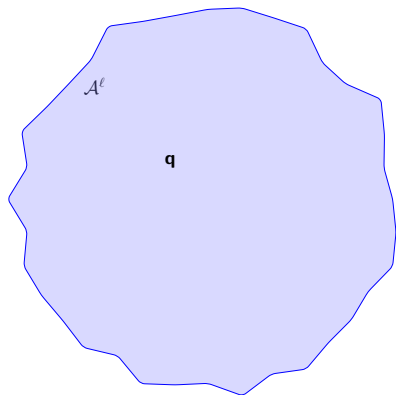
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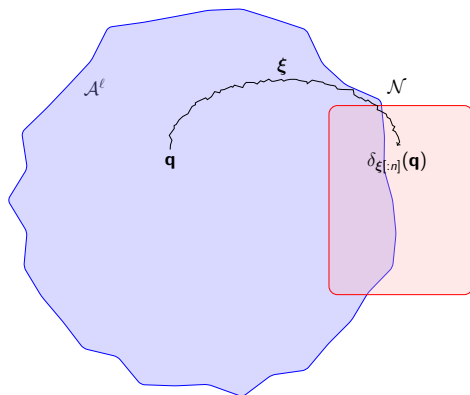
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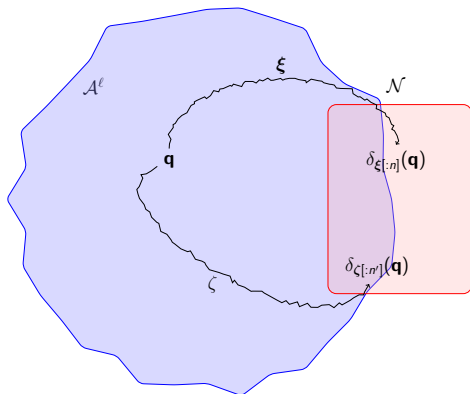
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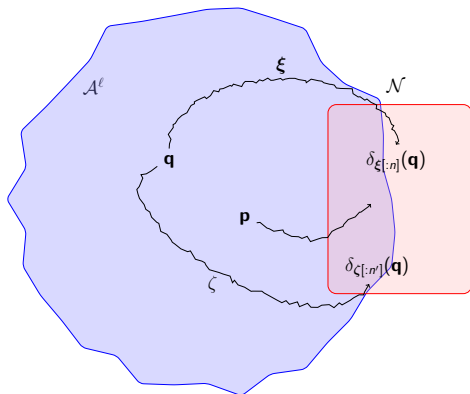
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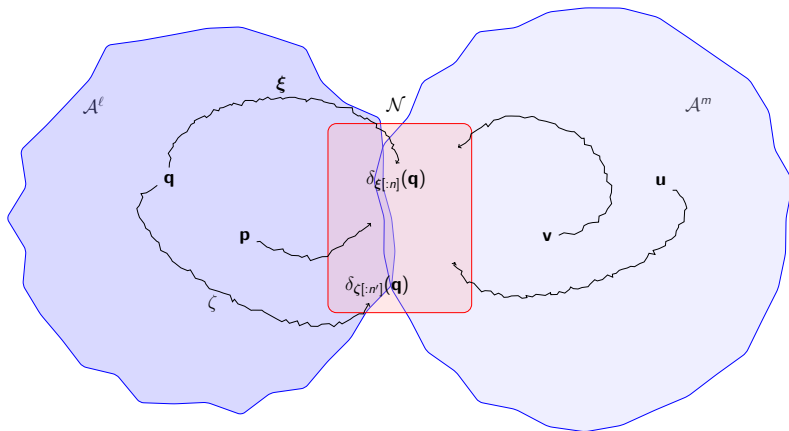
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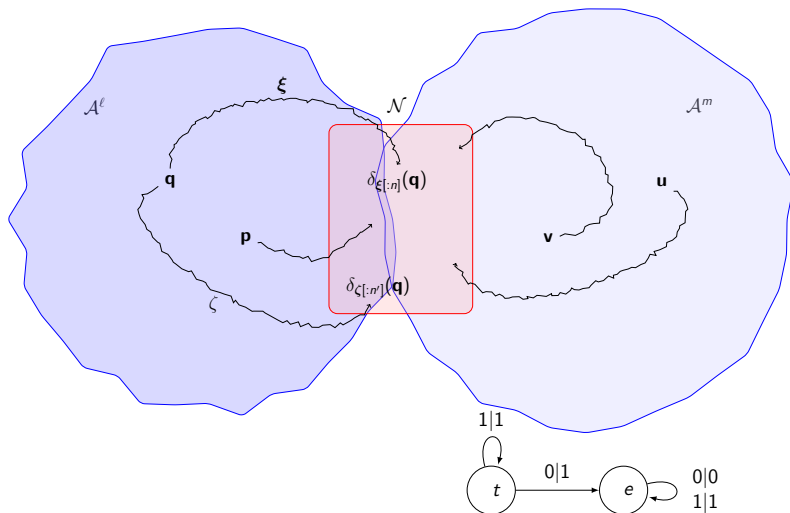
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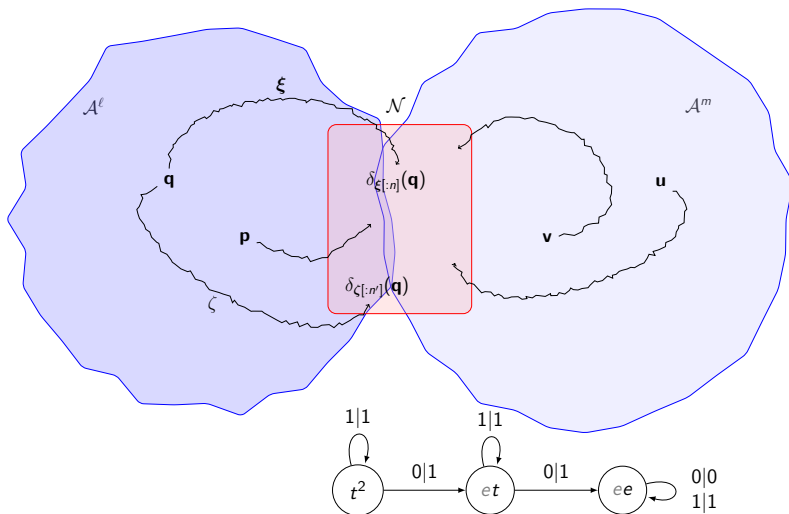
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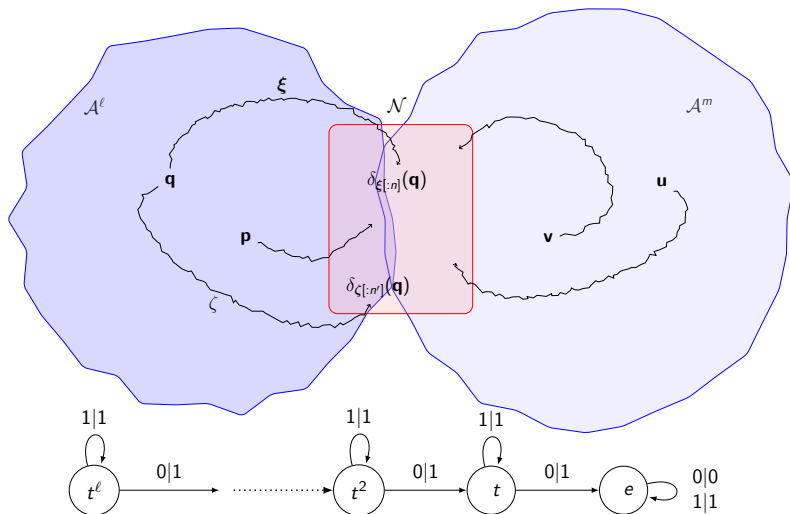
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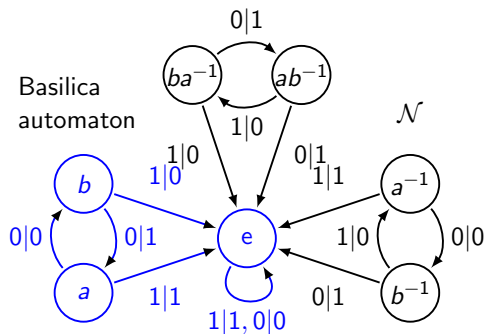


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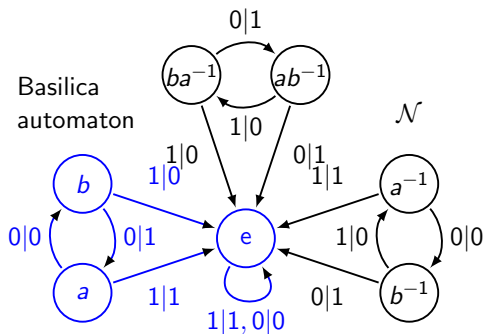


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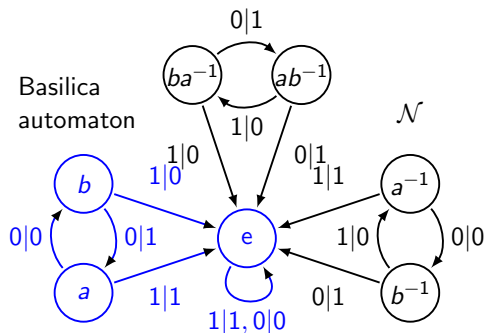
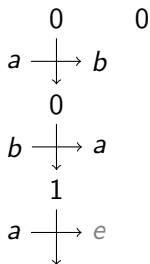


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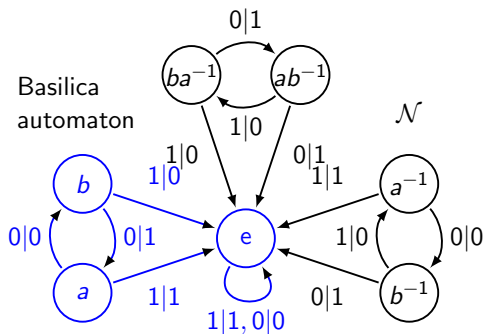
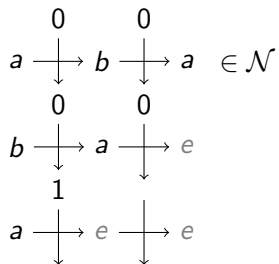
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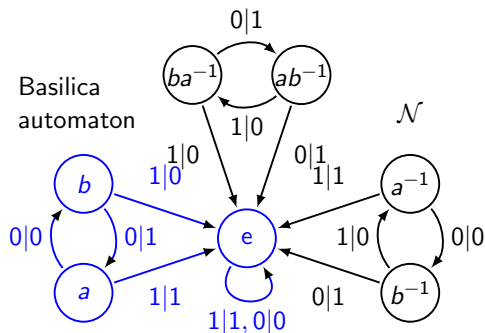
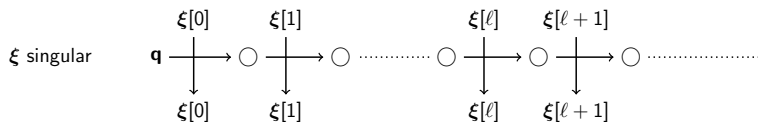
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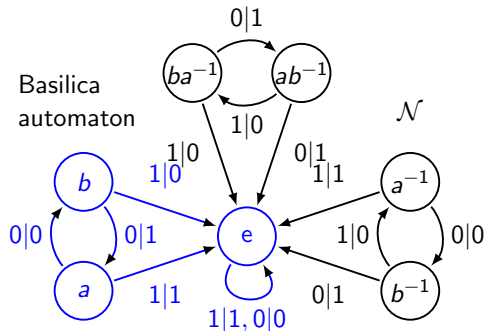
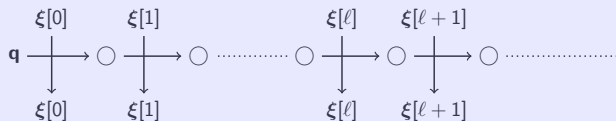
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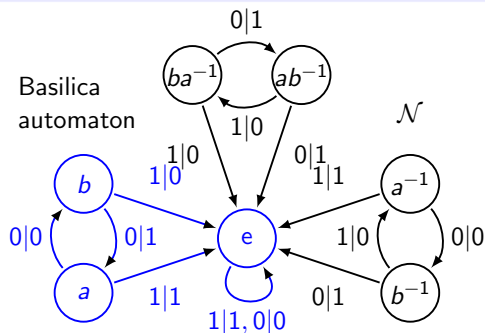
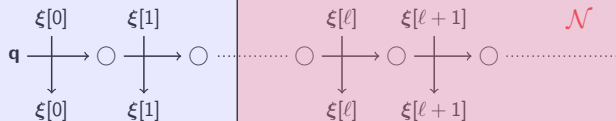
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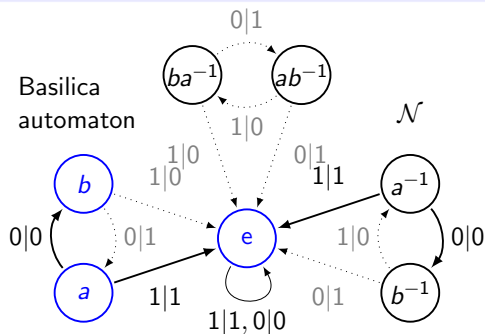
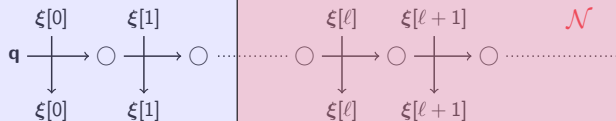
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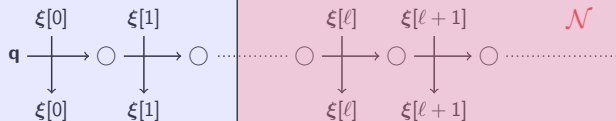
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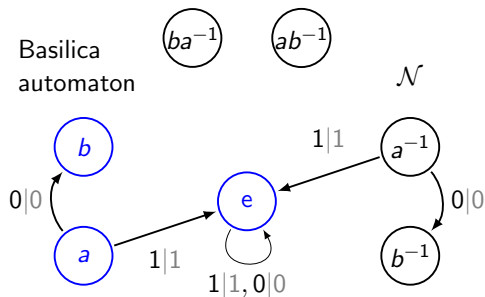
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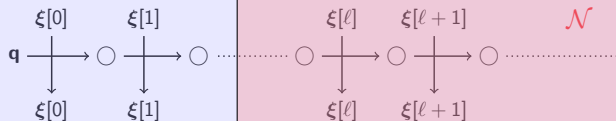
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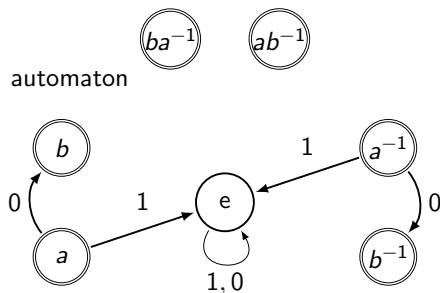
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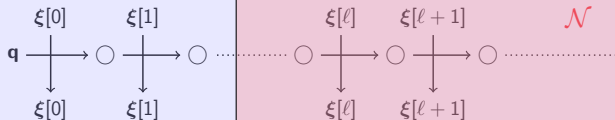
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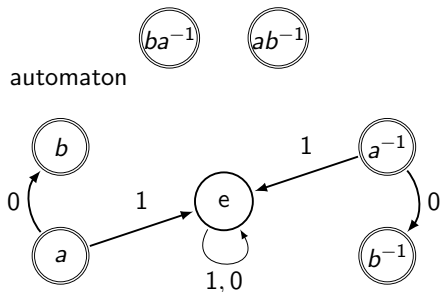
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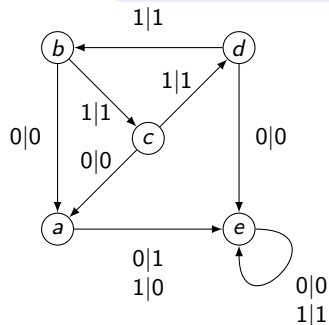
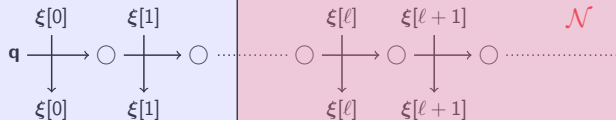
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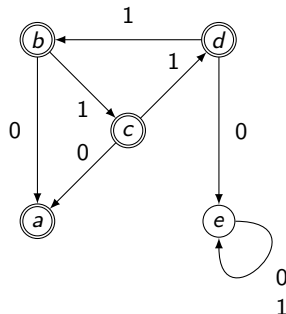
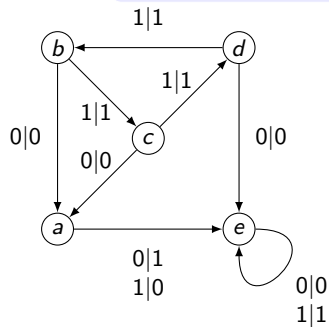
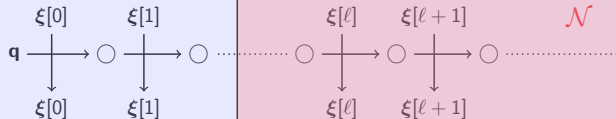
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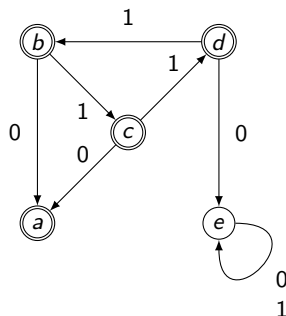
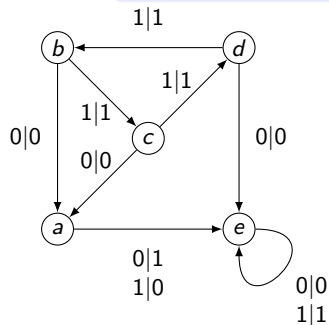
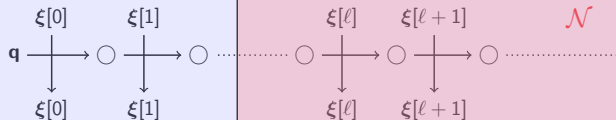
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Proposition [Vorobets, DGKPR]

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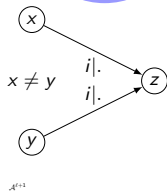
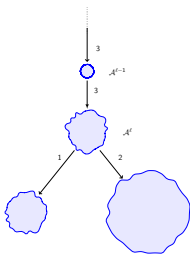
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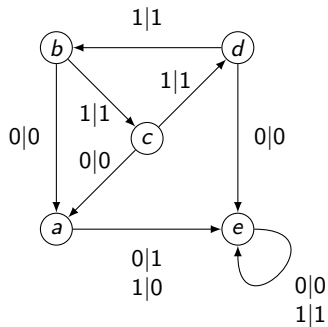
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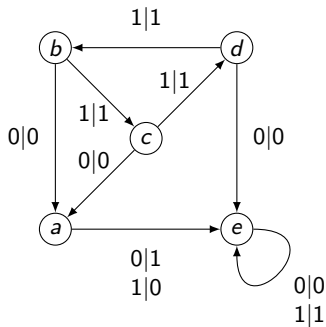
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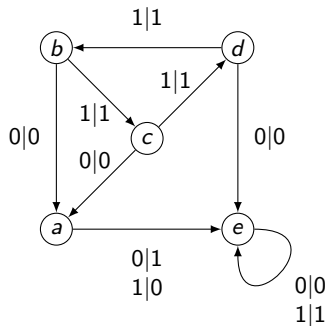
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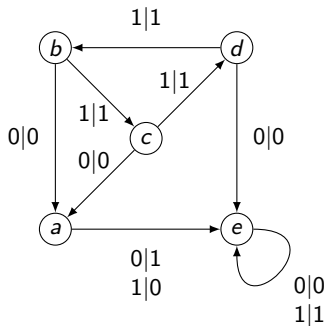
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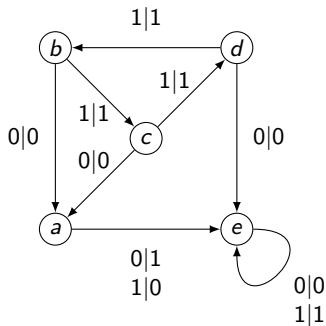
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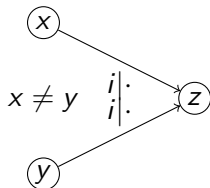
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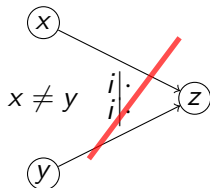
Actions of the states on the letters:

$$\rho_a : 0 \mapsto 1 \mapsto 0$$

$$\rho_b, \rho_c, \rho_d, \rho_e : 0 \mapsto 0; \quad 1 \mapsto 1$$

→ permutations

→ invertible



Action of a letter on the states:

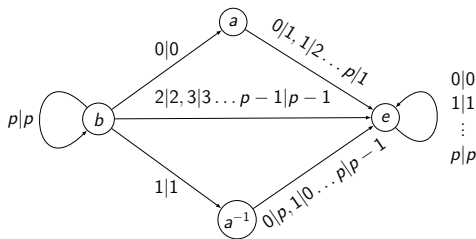
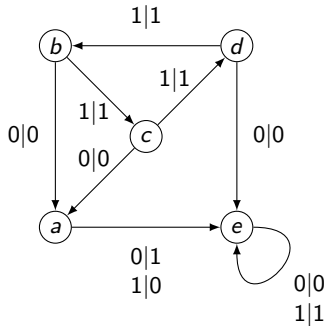
$$\delta_0 : a, d, e \mapsto e; \quad b, c \mapsto a$$

→ not a permutation

→ non-reversible

Observation

Every known automaton generating an infinite Burnside group happens to be non-reversible.



Question

Can a reversible automaton generate an infinite Burnside group?

Theorem(s)

An invertible and reversible automata which is:

cannot generate an infinite Burnside group.

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2-state

[Klimann]

STACS'13

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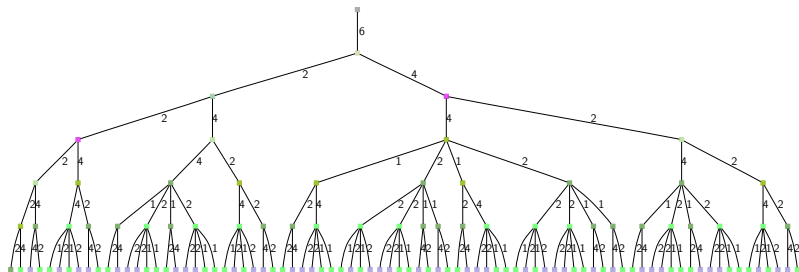
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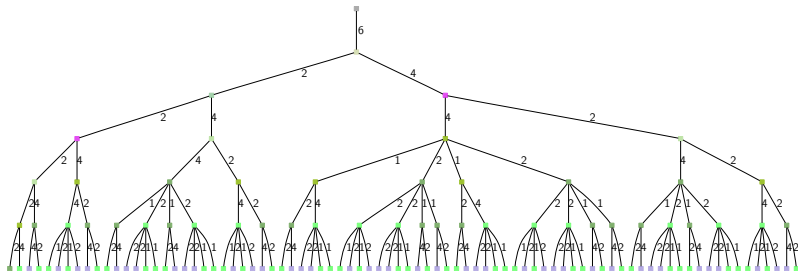
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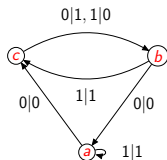
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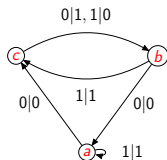
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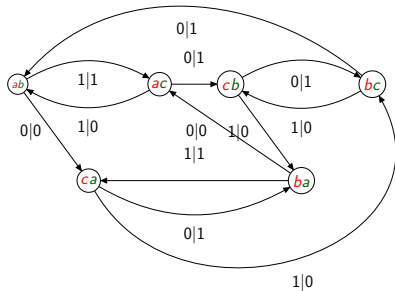
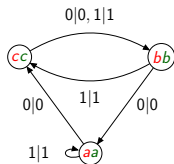


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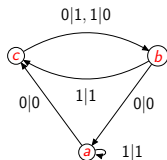


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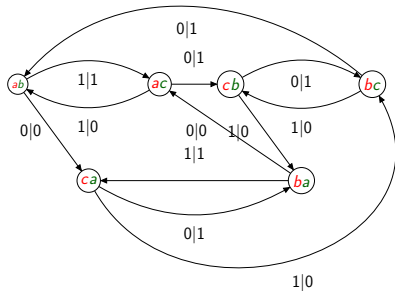
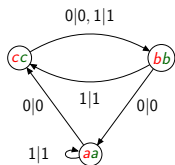


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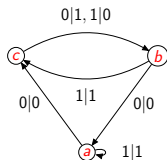


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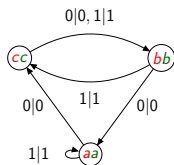
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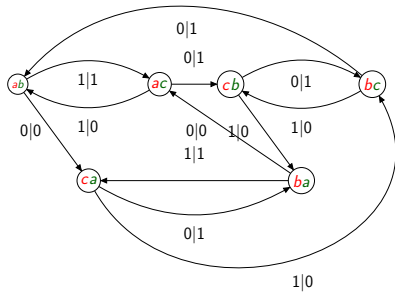


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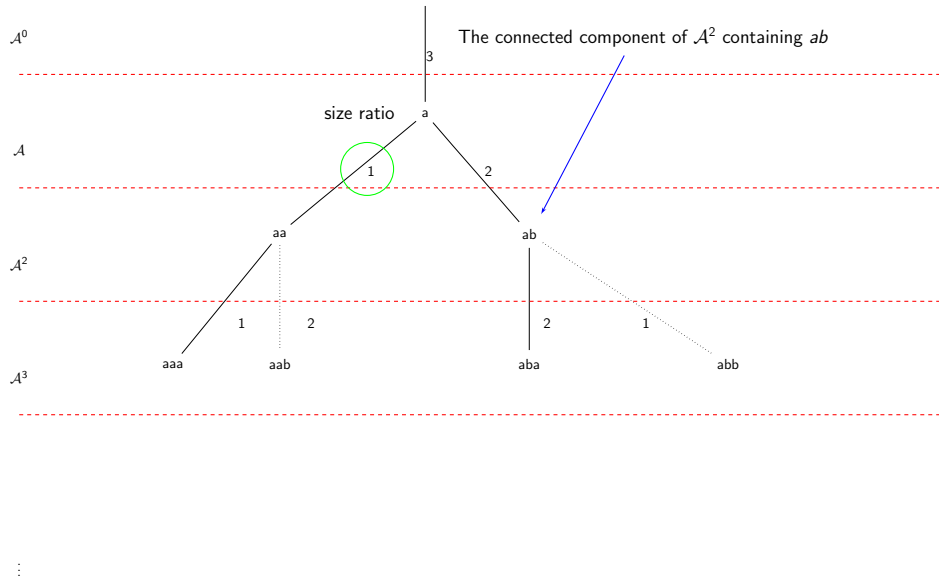
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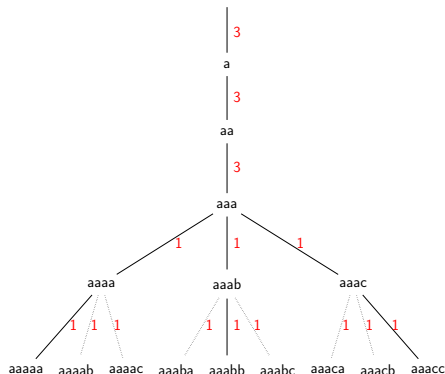
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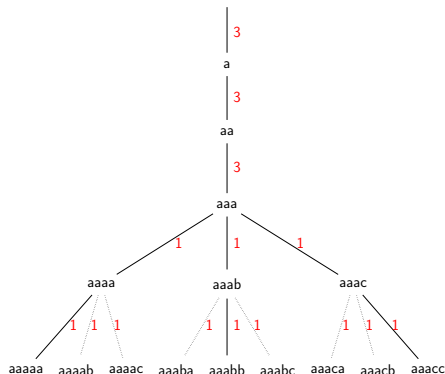
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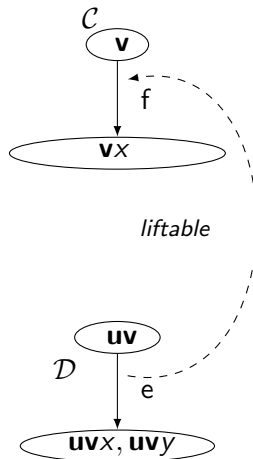
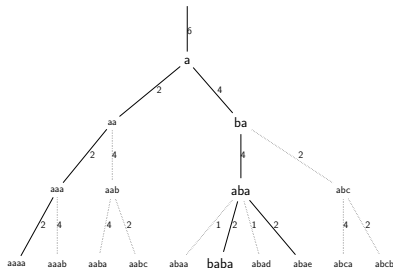
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Liftable

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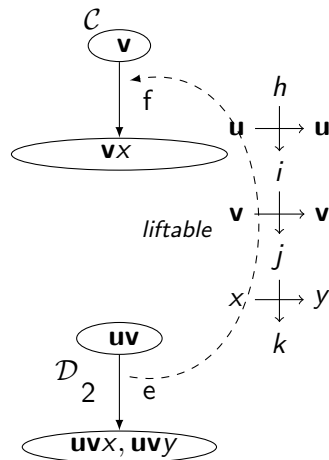
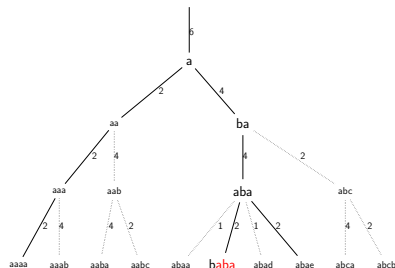
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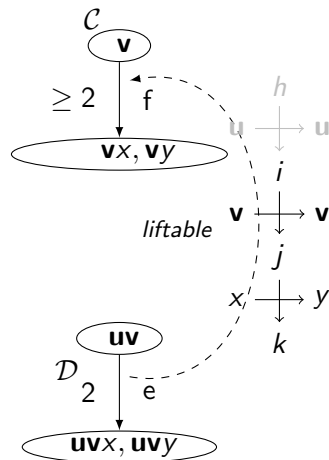
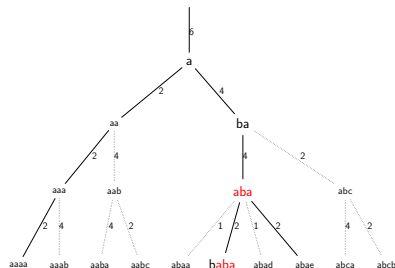
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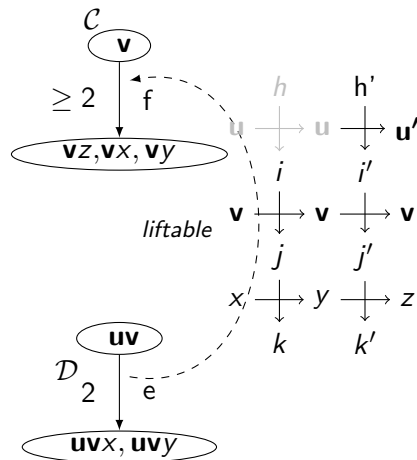
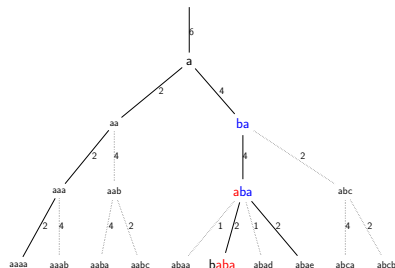
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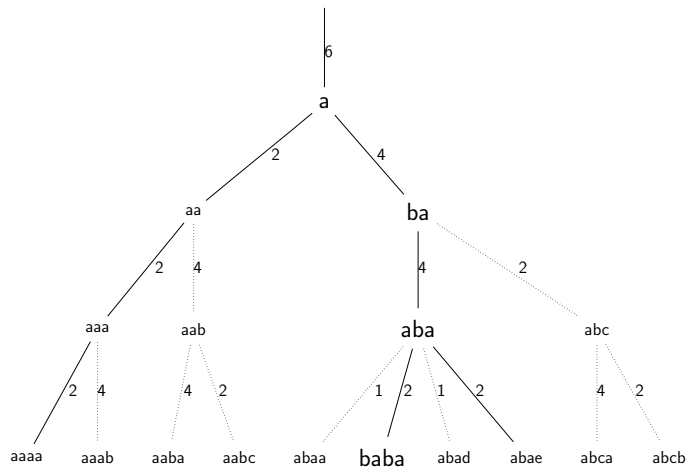
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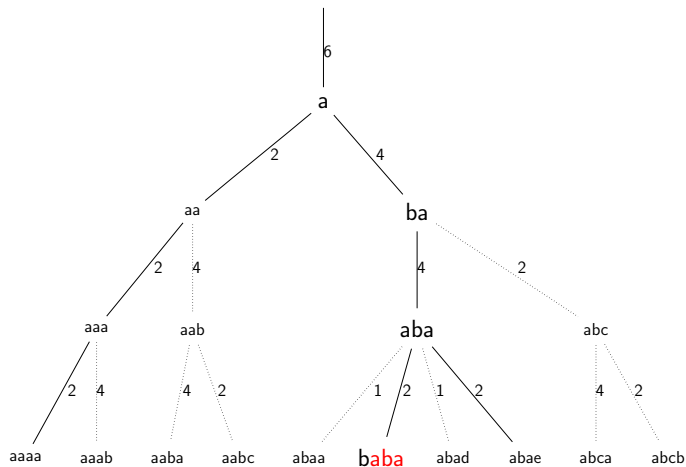
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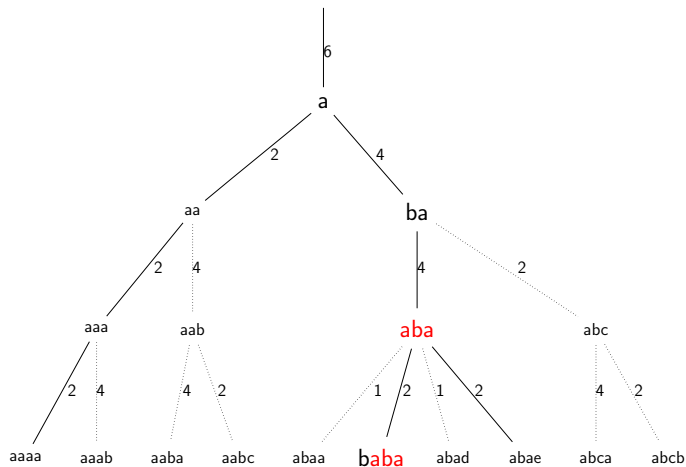
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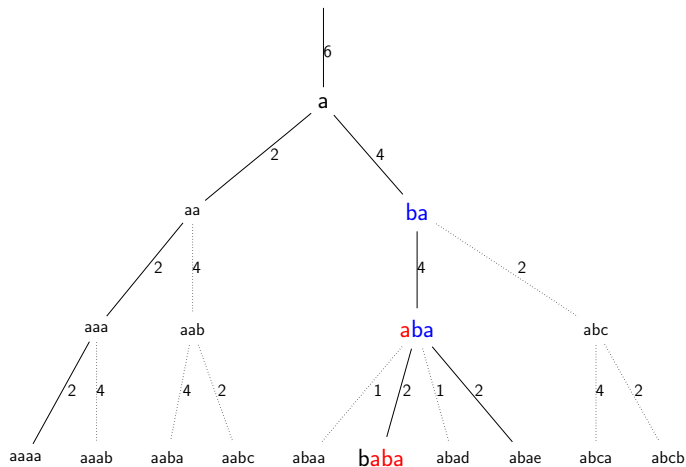
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Jungle tree

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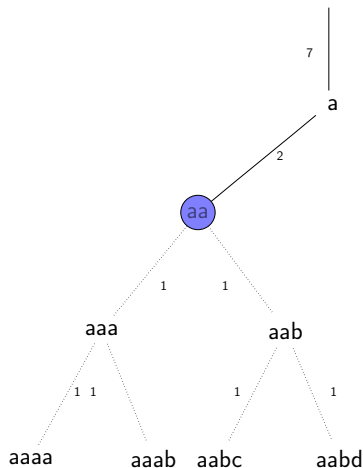
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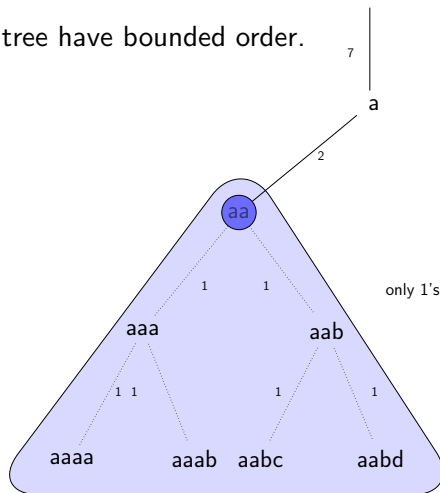
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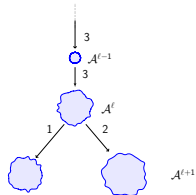
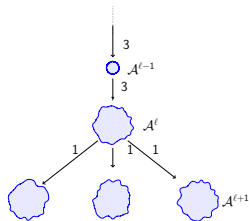
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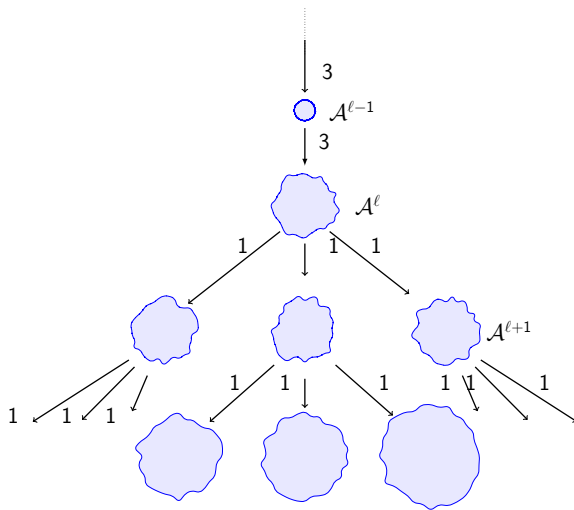
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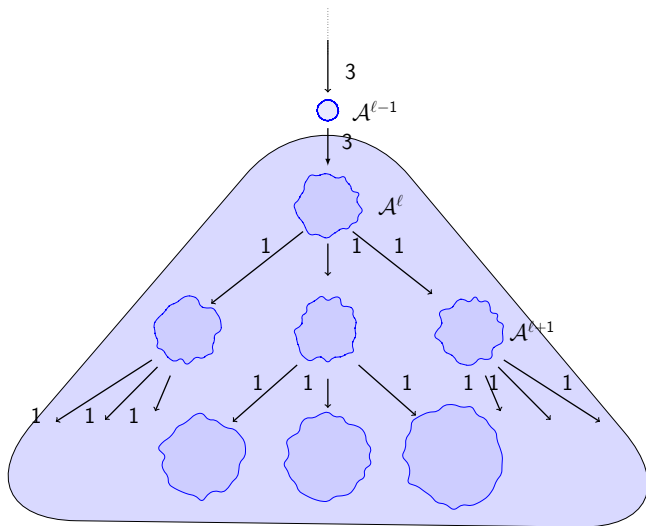
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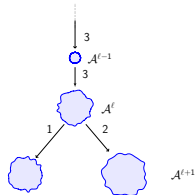
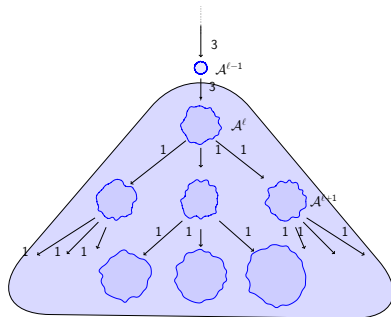
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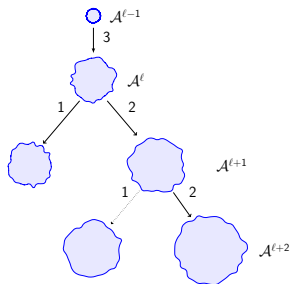
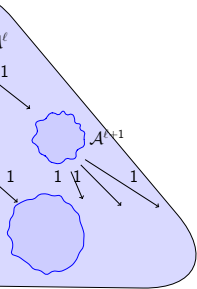
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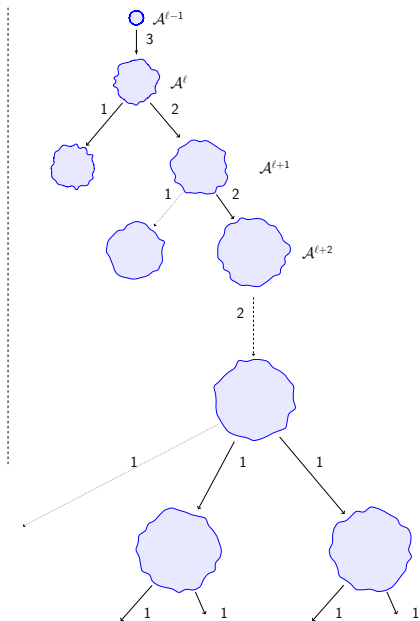
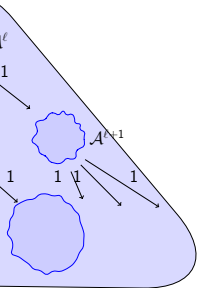
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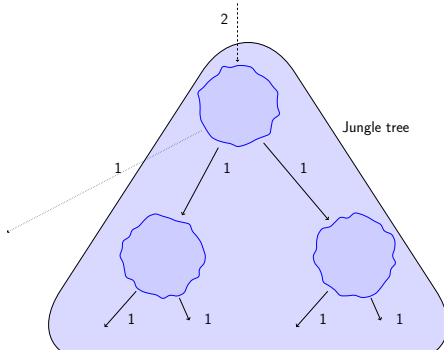
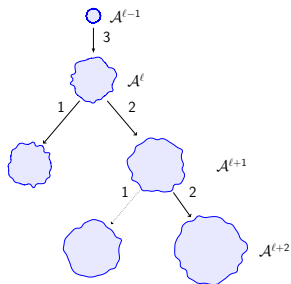
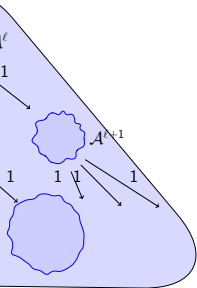
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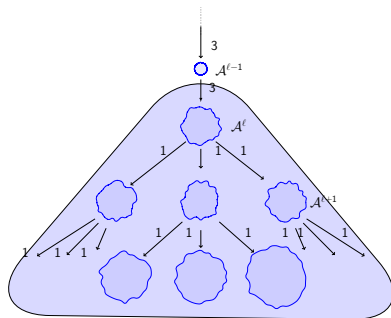
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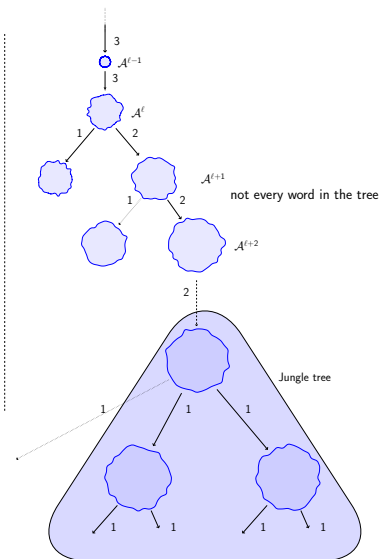
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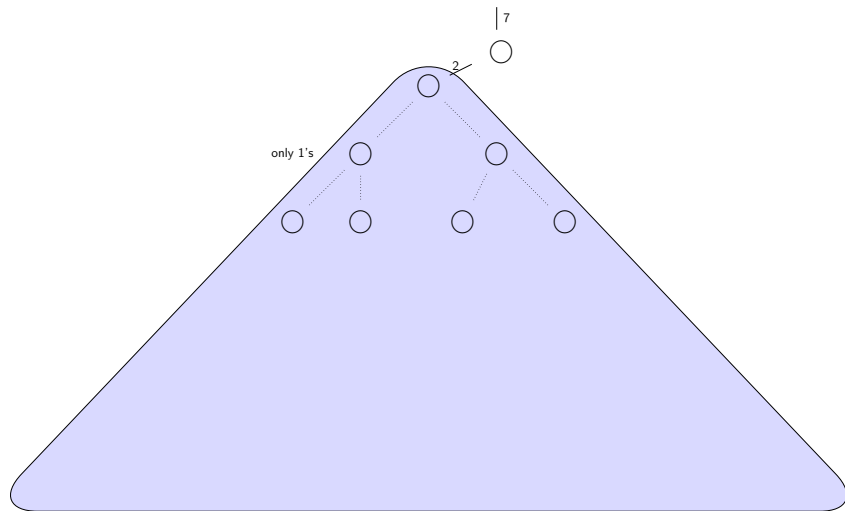
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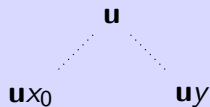
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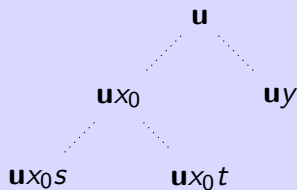


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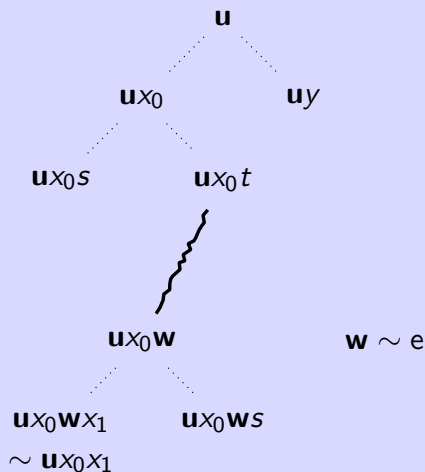
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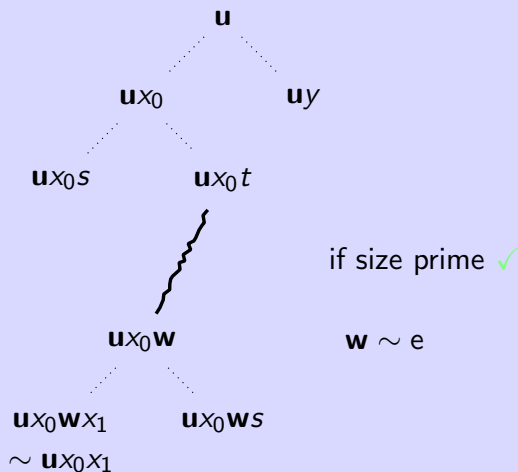
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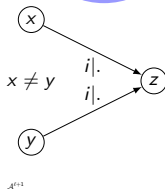
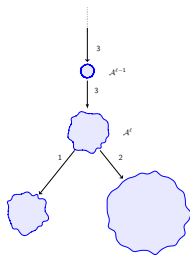
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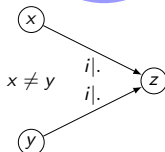
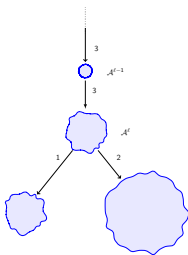
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Level transitive reversible automata have exponential growth [Klimann'16]

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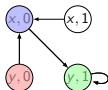
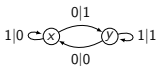
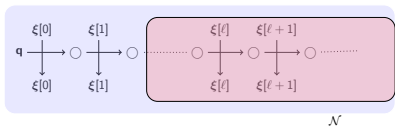
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The set of singular points
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Analogue to Dixon theorem
[ANALCO'16]

$$\langle \text{graph} \rangle = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{S}_k \times \mathfrak{S}_k \\ (\mathfrak{A}_k \times \mathfrak{A}_k) \rtimes \langle (\pi, \pi) \rangle \\ \mathfrak{A}_k \times \mathfrak{A}_k \end{cases}$$

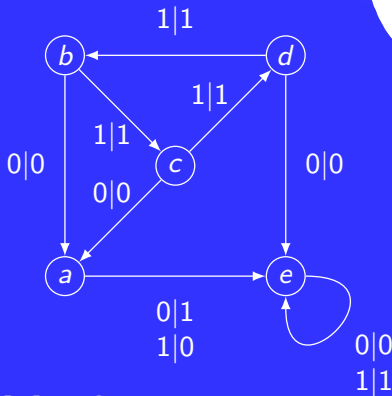

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