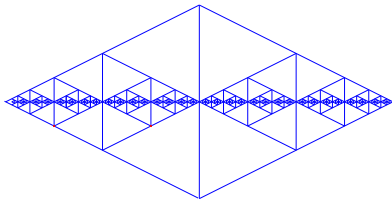


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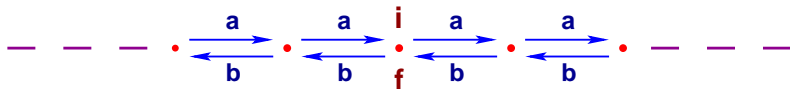
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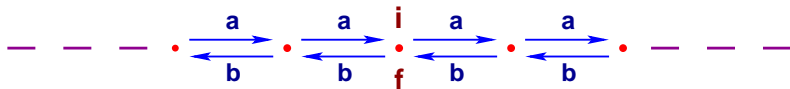


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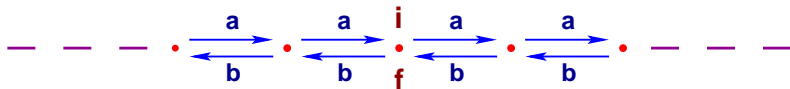


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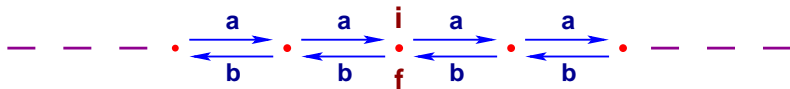


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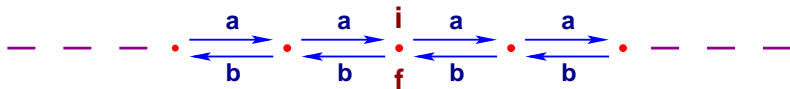


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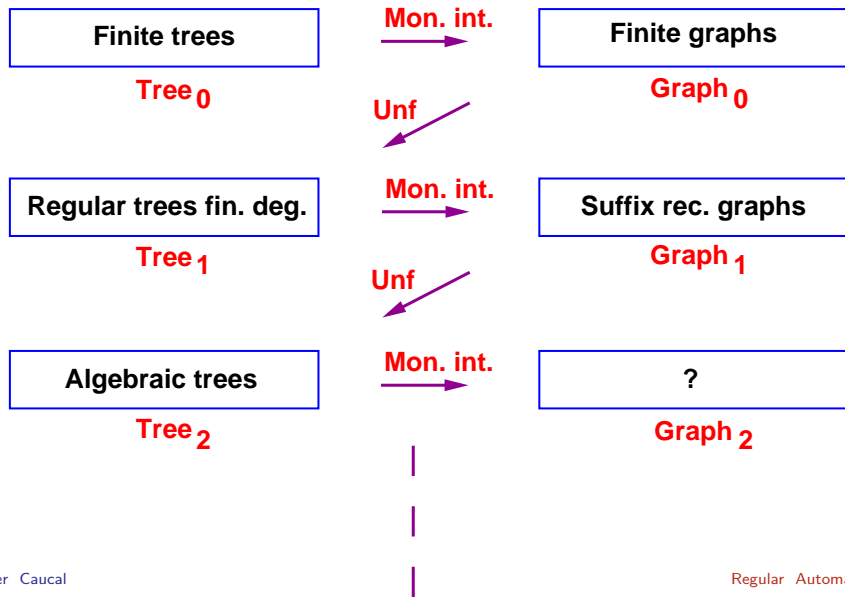


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**Inverse path function ?**

# Path functions

set  $\text{Exp}$  of path expressions

$$L \cup C \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Exp}$$

for any  $u, v \in \text{Exp}$

$$u^{-1}, u \cdot v, u^+, \neg u, u \vee v, u \wedge v \in \text{Exp}$$

path  $s \xrightarrow[G]{u} t$  for  $u \in \text{Exp}$

$s \xrightarrow{a} t$  for  $(s,a,t) \in G$

$s \xrightarrow{c} t$  for  $s = t \wedge (c,s) \in G$

$s \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} t$  for  $s = t$

$s \xrightarrow{u^{-1}} t$  for  $t \xrightarrow{u} s$

$s \xrightarrow{u \cdot v} t$  for  $\exists r (s \xrightarrow{u} r \wedge r \xrightarrow{v} t)$

$s \xrightarrow{u^+} t$  for  $s (\xrightarrow{u})^+ t$

$s \xrightarrow{\neg u} t$  for  $\neg (s \xrightarrow{u} t)$

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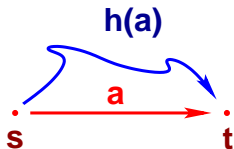
For instance  $s \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \wedge a \cdot a^{-1}} t$  means that  $s = t \wedge s \xrightarrow{a}$



Path function  $h : L \cup C \longrightarrow \text{Exp}$

applied by inverse on a graph  $G$

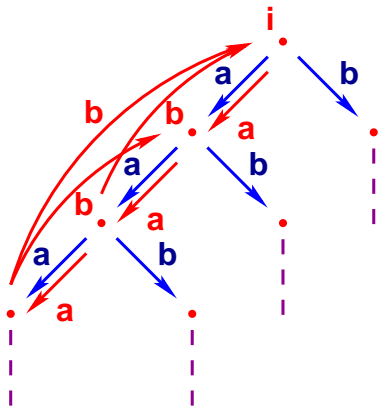
$$h^{-1}(G) = \{ (s,a,t) \mid s \xrightarrow[G]{h(a)} t \} \cup \{ (c,s) \mid s \xrightarrow[G]{h(c)} s \}$$







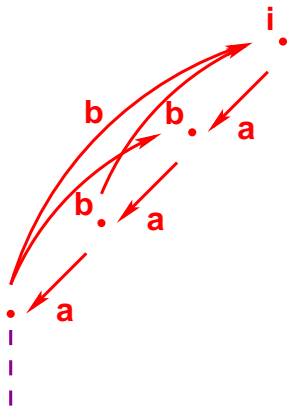




$i \longrightarrow E$   
 $a \longrightarrow Fa$   
 $b \longrightarrow F(a^{-1})^+a^{-1}$

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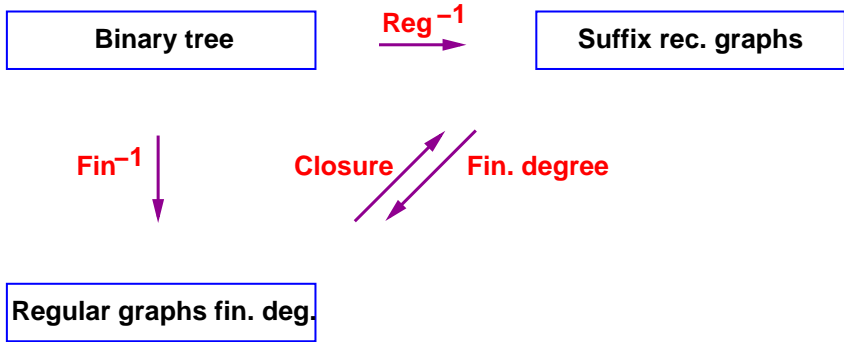
## Regular substitutions

Exp = set of regular expressions

$a^{-1}$  for  $a \in L$  ;  $u \cdot v$  ,  $u^+$  ,  $u \vee v$  for  $u, v \in \text{Exp}$

## Finite substitutions

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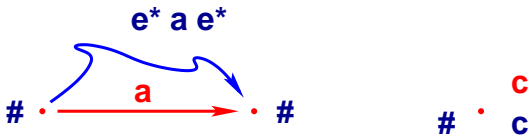




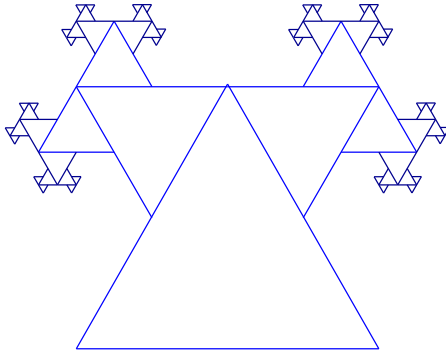
Closure w.r.t.  $e \in L$  and  $\# \in C$

$a \longrightarrow \# e^* a e^* \#$  for any  $a \in L - \{e\}$

$c \longrightarrow \# c$  for any  $c \in C - \{\#\}$



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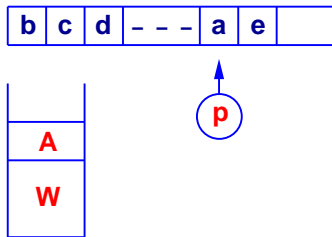
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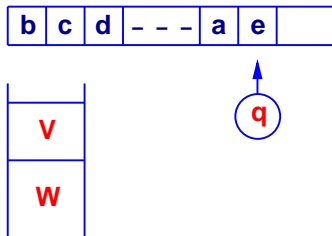
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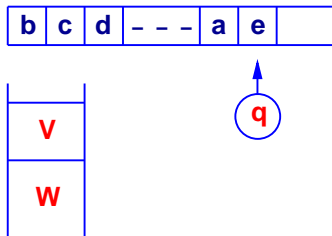
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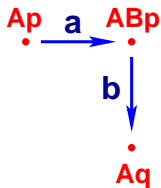
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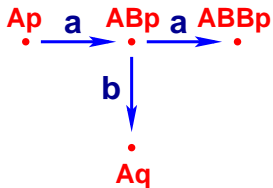


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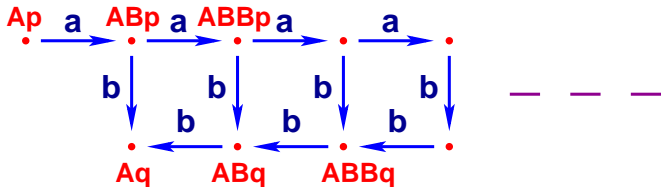


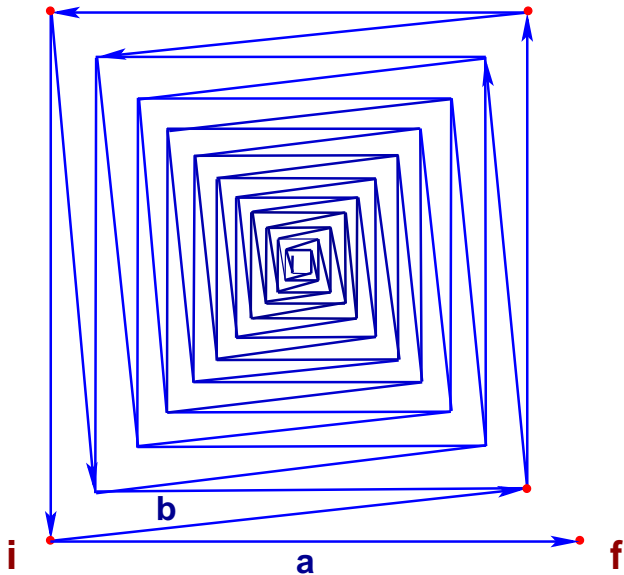
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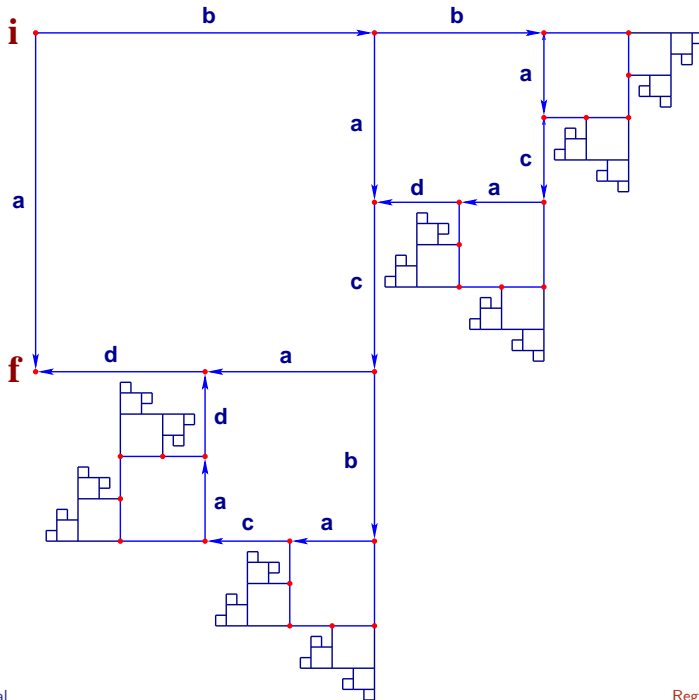
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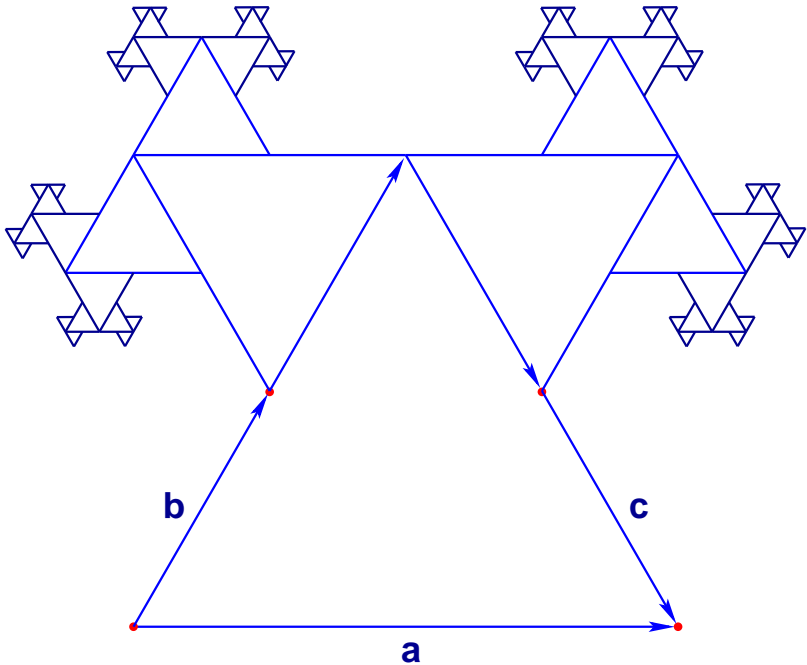
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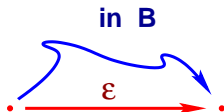
for languages  $L$  and  $B$ , the reduction of  $L$  by  $B$  is

$$L \downarrow B = L \cup (\{ uw \mid \exists v \in B (uvw \in L) \}) \downarrow B$$

Lemma Benois 69

$$L \text{ regular} \implies L \downarrow B \text{ regular}$$

saturation method:



$$B = \{ x \overleftarrow{x} \mid x \in P \cup Q \}$$

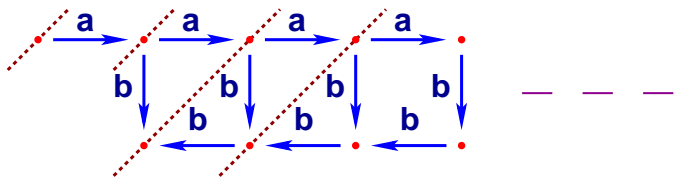
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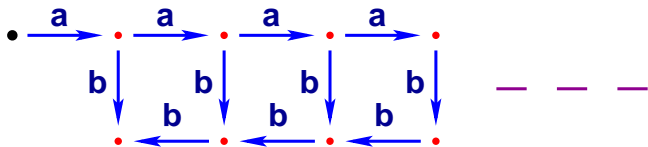
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## Theorem Muller Schupp 1985

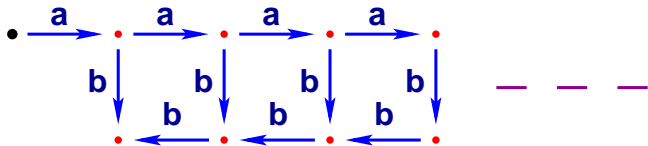
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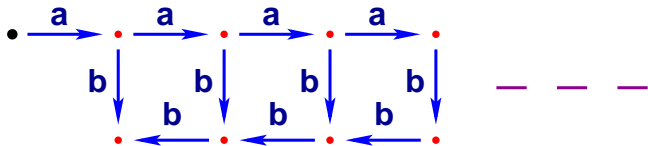
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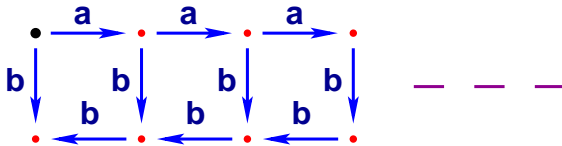


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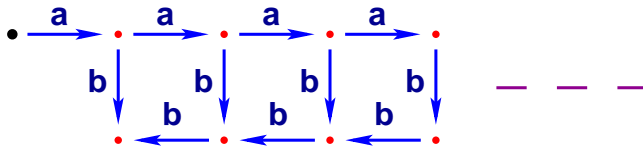


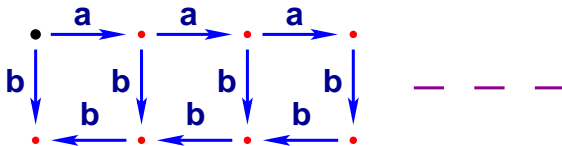
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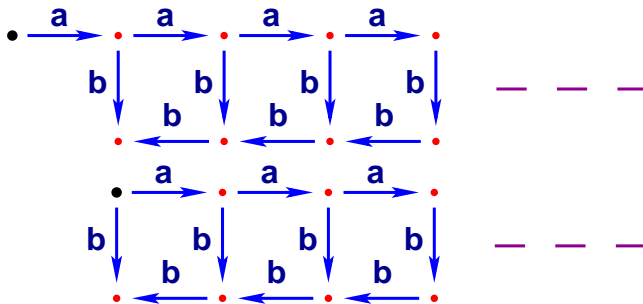


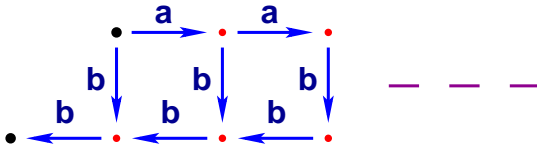
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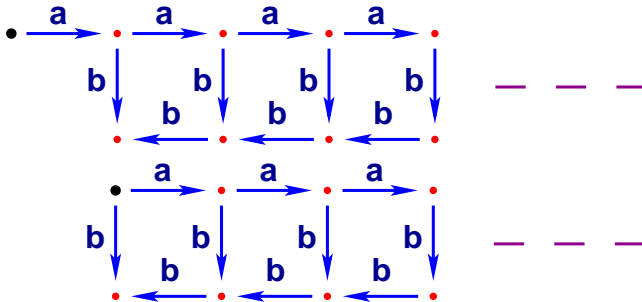


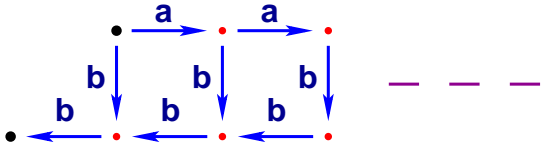
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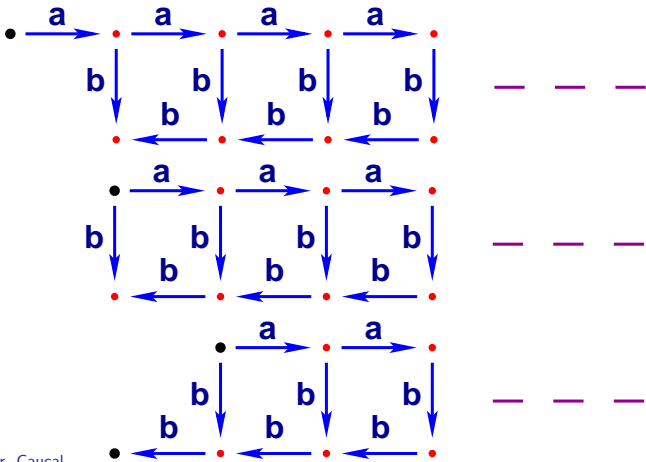


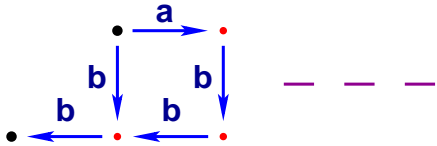
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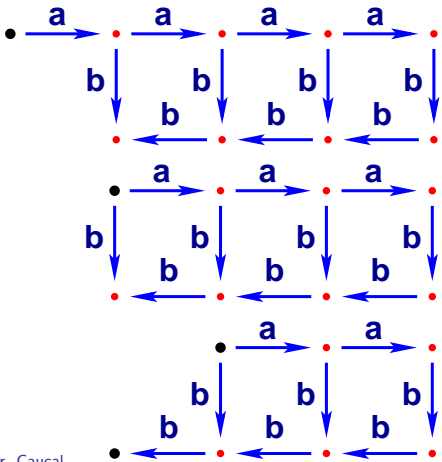


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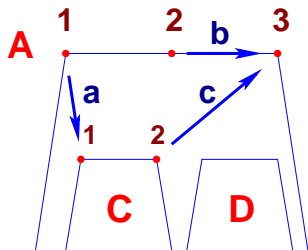




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A pushdown letter for each connected component

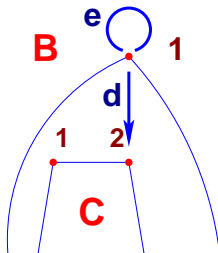
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A C 2  $\xrightarrow{c}$  A 3



B 1  $\xrightarrow{d}$  B C 2

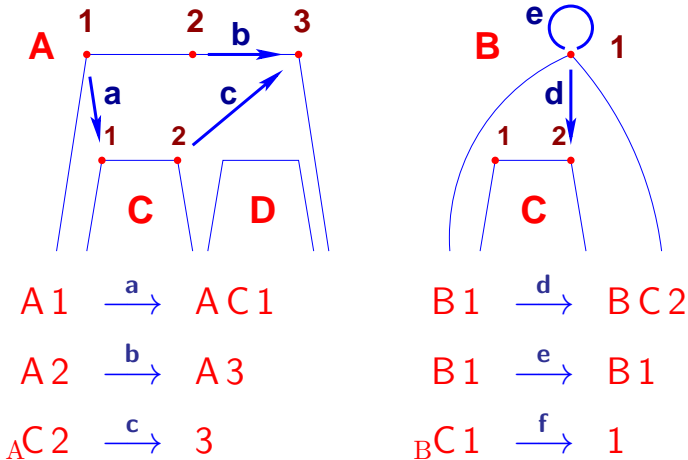
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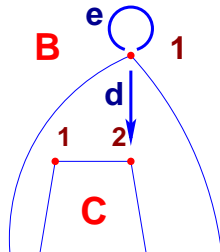
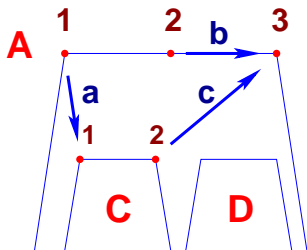
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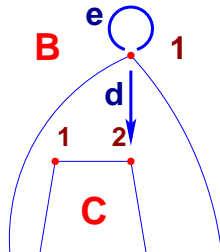
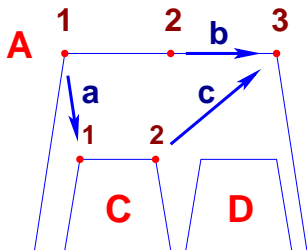
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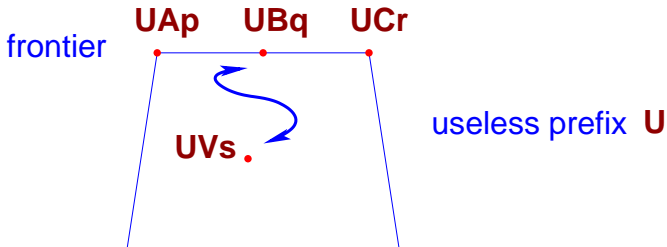
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$\Longrightarrow$  : Pushdown automaton (with an axiom)

Maximal length of the r.h.s.  $m \leq 3$

$A p \xrightarrow{a} q$      $A p \xrightarrow{a} B q$      $A p \xrightarrow{a} C B q$

Finite decomposition by length



Finite number of possible frontiers

$m \geq 3$  : frontier depends only on suffixes  $\leq m-1$

Finite decomposition by distance

# Decomposition by distance

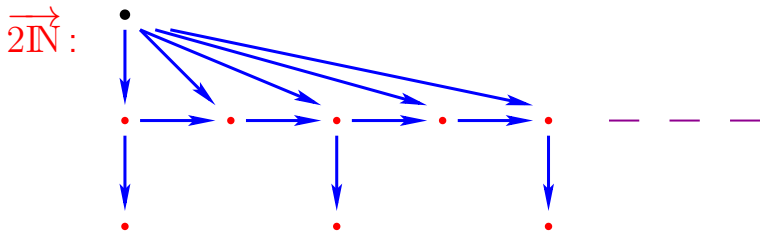
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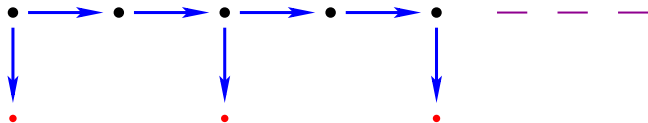
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Let  $G$  be any connected graph of finite degree

Let  $P, Q$  be any finite non empty vertex subsets

Property 1992

*If  $G$  has a finite decomposition (?) then*

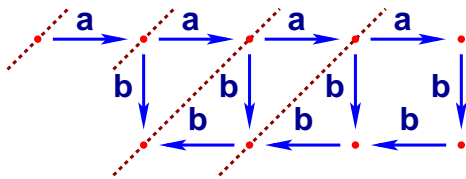
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Corollary

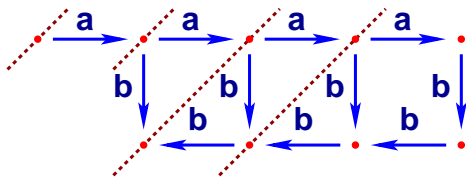
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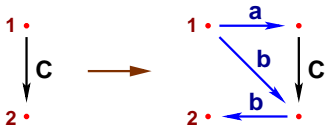
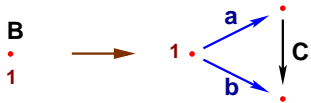
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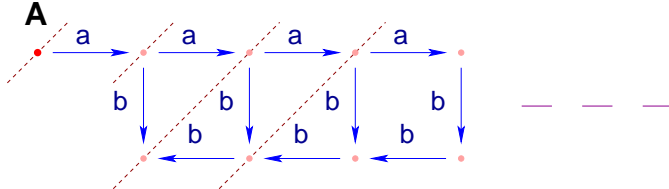


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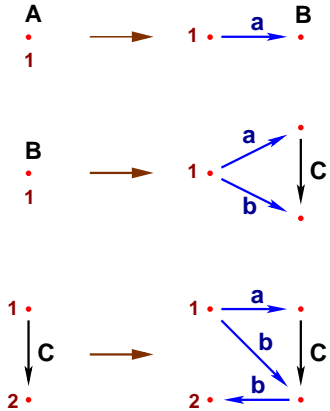


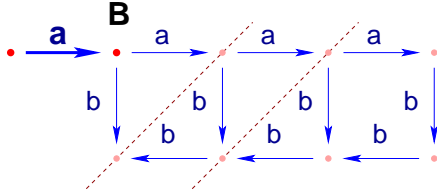
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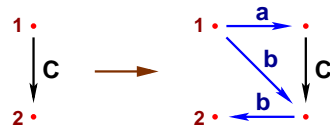
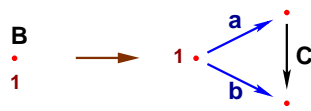


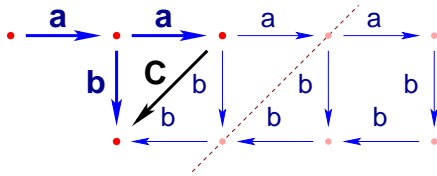
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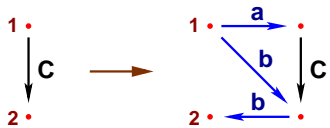
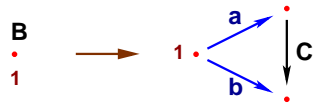
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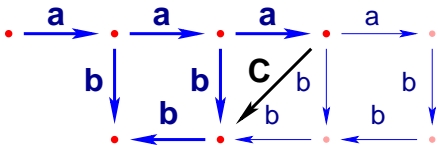




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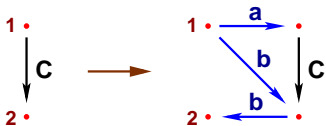
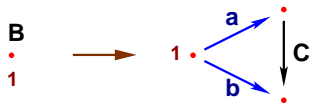
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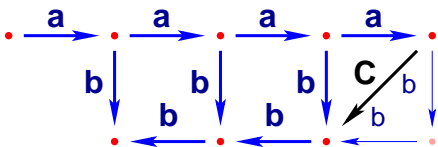




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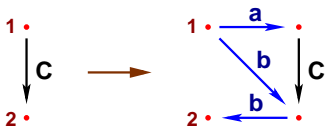
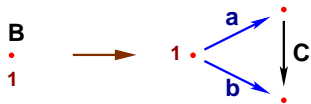
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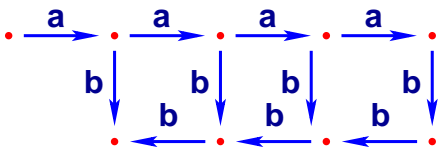


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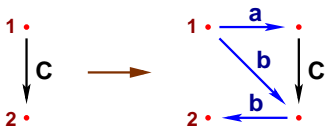
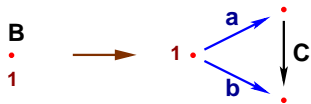
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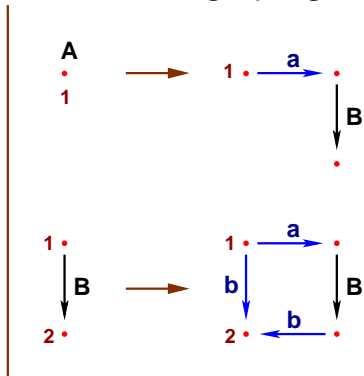




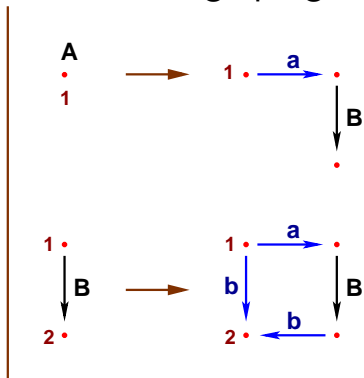
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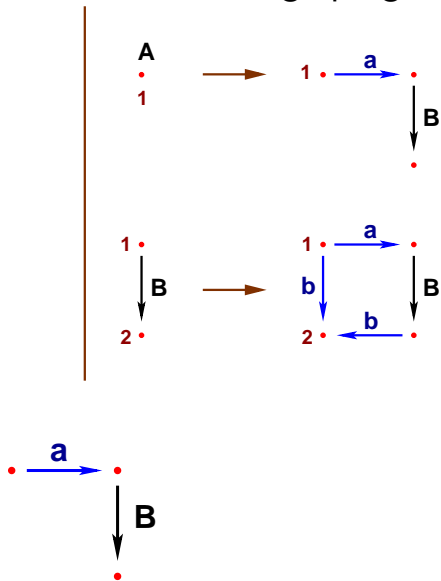


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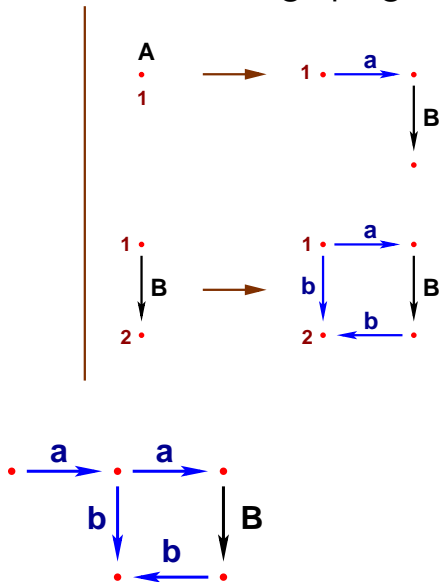


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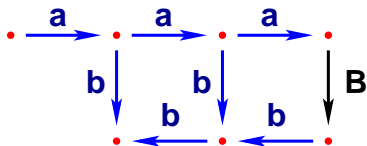
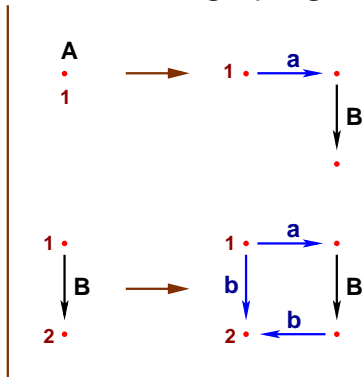
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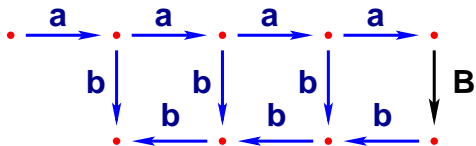
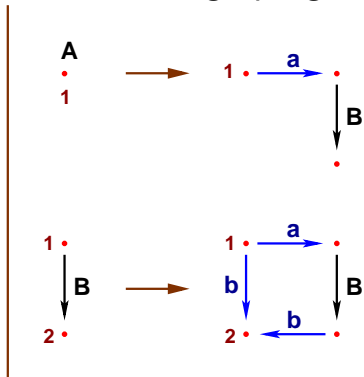
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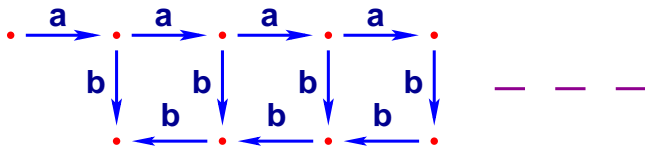
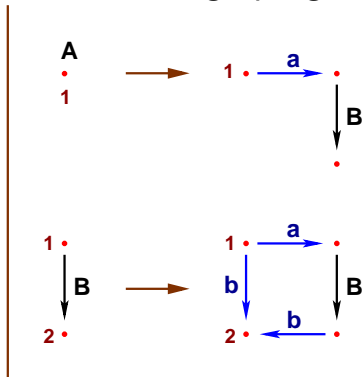
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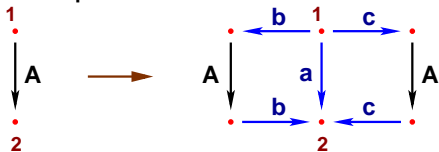


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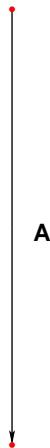
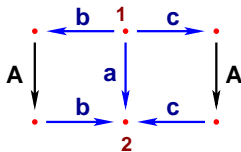




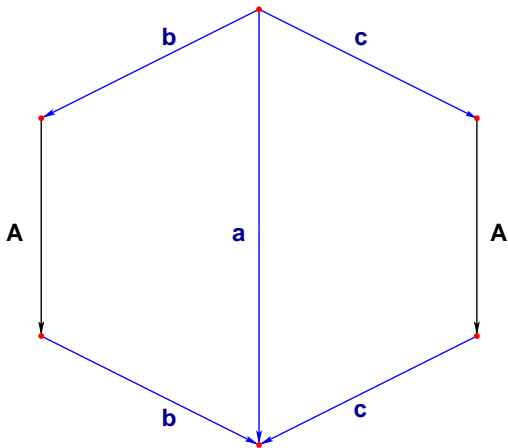
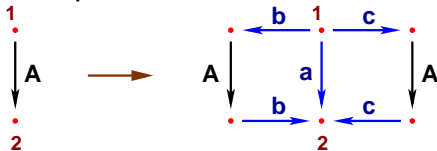
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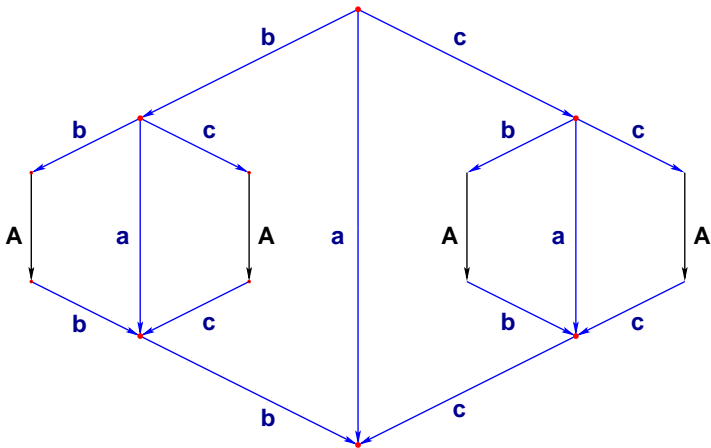
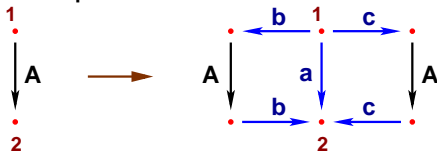
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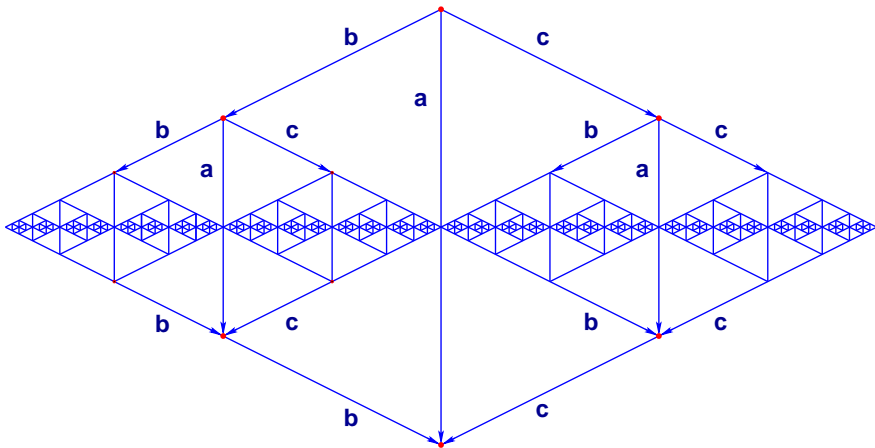
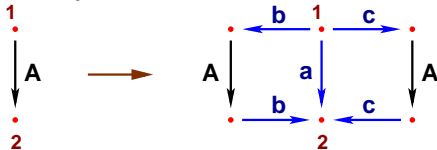
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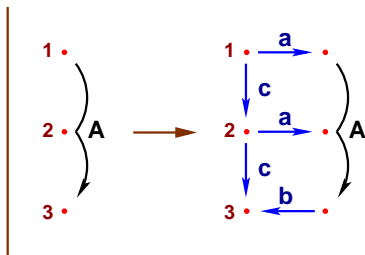
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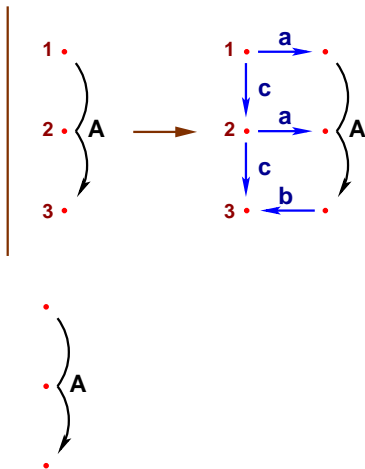
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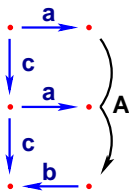
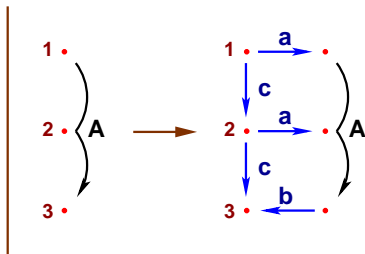
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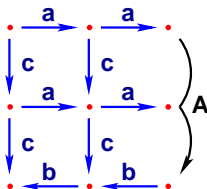
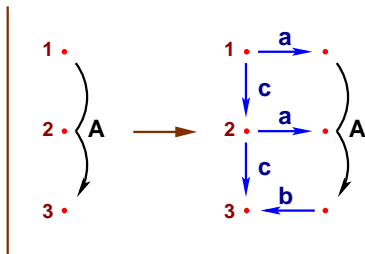




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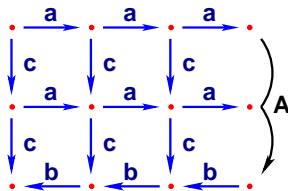
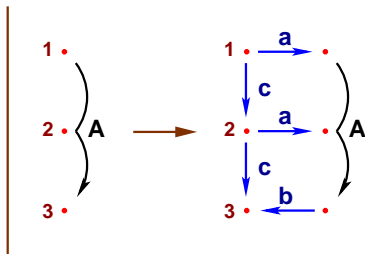
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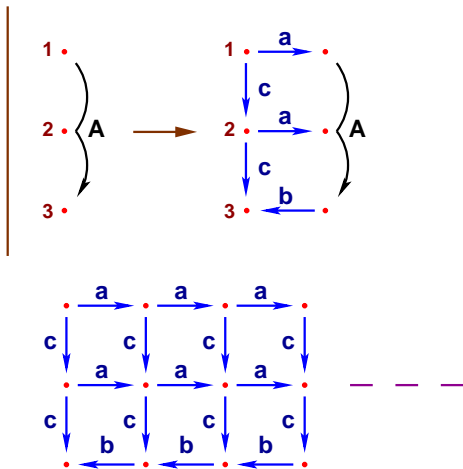
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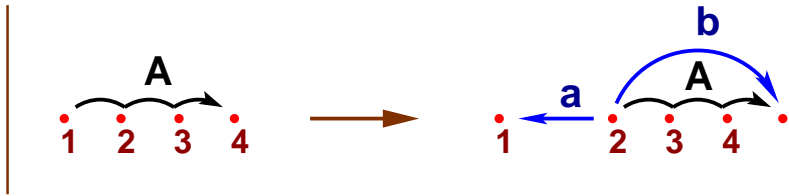


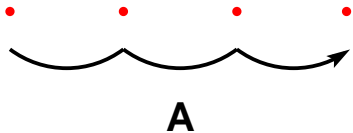
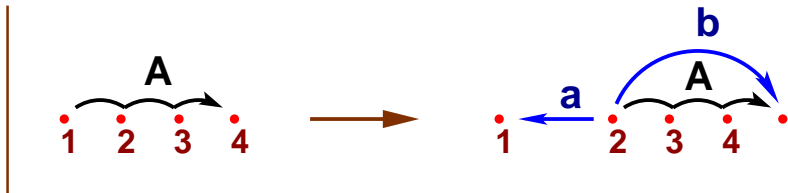
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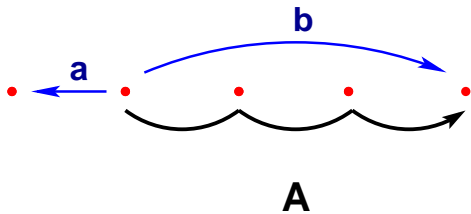
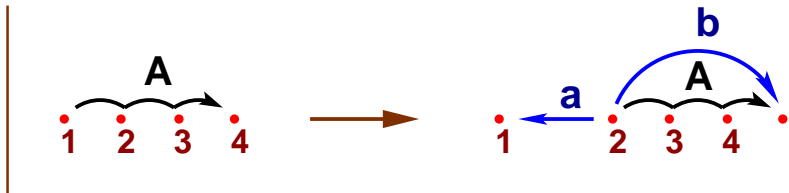
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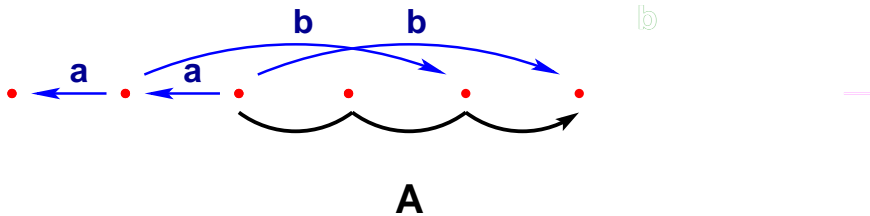
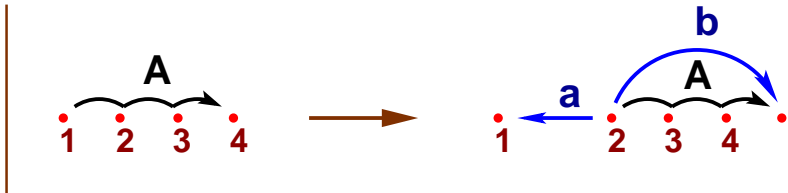


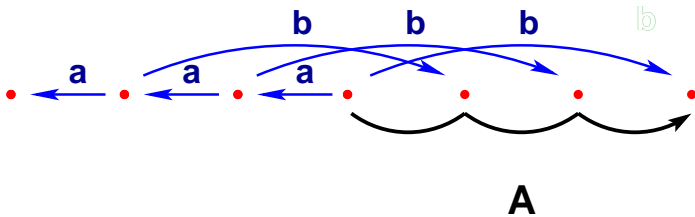
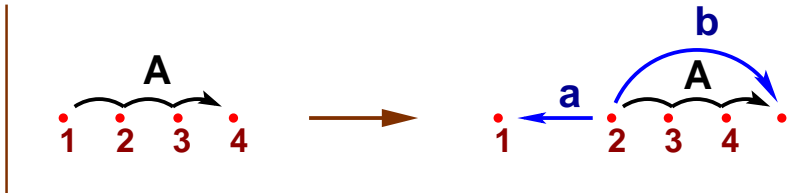




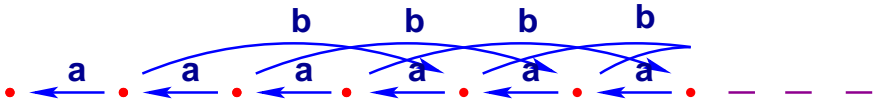
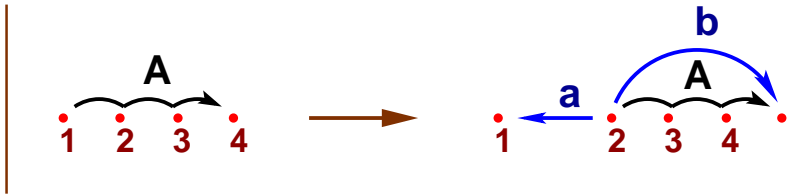


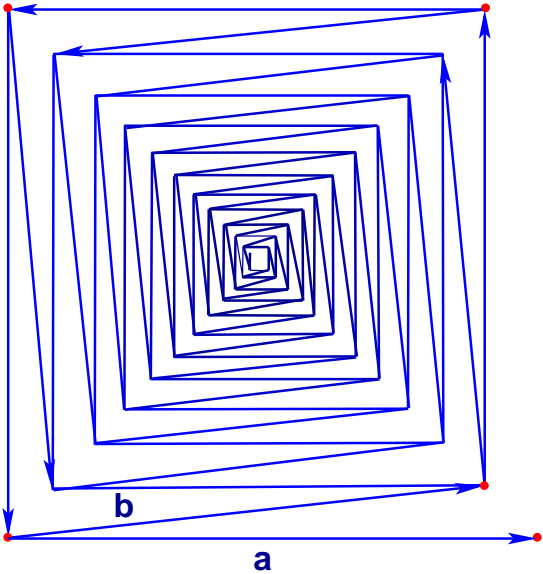
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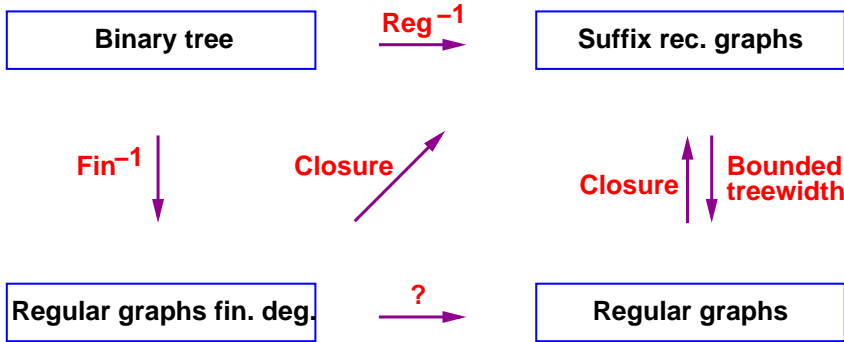


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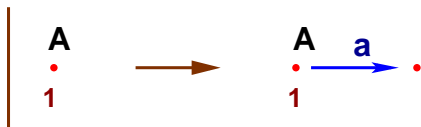
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*The connected components of the pushdown graphs are the connected regular graphs of finite degree.*

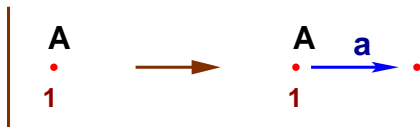
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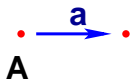
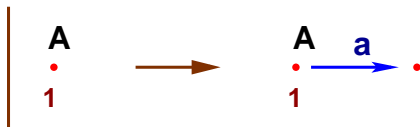


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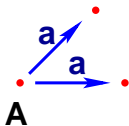


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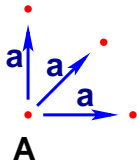
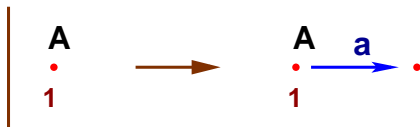


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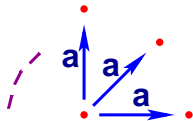
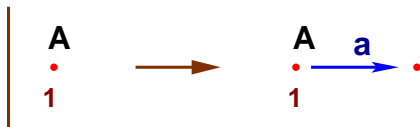




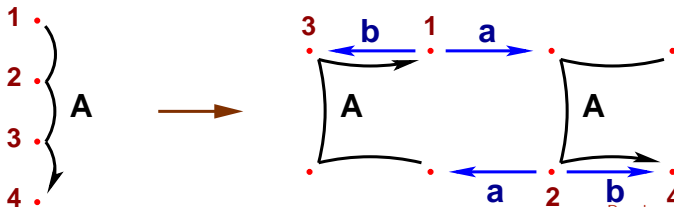
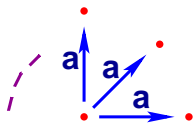
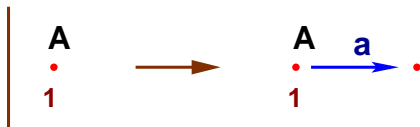
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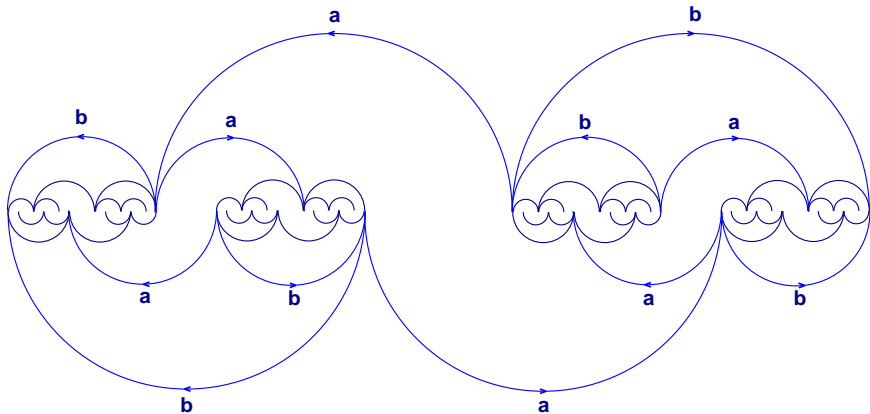


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# Suffix recognizable graphs ?

## Theorem of Muller and Schupp

*The accessible pushdown graphs are the rooted graphs of finite degree with a finite decomposition by distance*

The 'distance' is a normal form

*The accessible pushdown graphs are the rooted graphs of finite degree with a finite decomposition*

The 'pushdown automata' is another normal form

# Word rewriting system over an alphabet $\Sigma$

finite  $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$

rewriting  $\longrightarrow_R = \Sigma^* R \Sigma^*$

$xuy \longrightarrow_R xvy$  for  $(u,v) \in R$  and  $x,y \in \Sigma^*$

derivation  $\overset{*}{\longrightarrow}_R$  refl. trans. closure under  $\circ$

suffix rewriting  $\longrightarrow\!*_R = \Sigma^* R$

$xu \longrightarrow\!*_R xv$  for  $(u,v) \in R$  and  $x \in \Sigma^*$

suffix derivation  $\overset{*}{\longrightarrow\!*_R}$

## Proposition Büchi 1964

$\overset{*}{\longrightarrow\!*_R}(u) = \{v \mid u \overset{*}{\longrightarrow\!*_R} v\}$  regular language

$\xrightarrow{*}_R$  is regular preserving: for  $L$  regular

$$\xrightarrow{*}_R(L) = \{v \mid \exists u \in L (u \xrightarrow{*}_R v)\} \text{ regular}$$

recognizable system

$$R = \bigcup_i U_i \times V_i \text{ for } U_i, V_i \text{ regular}$$

## Theorem

*The suffix derivation  $\xrightarrow{*}_R$  for  $R$  recognizable is the suffix rewriting  $\xrightarrow{*}_S$  for some  $S$  recognizable hence is a regular binary relation on words*

## Benois's lemma

$$B = \{ x \overleftarrow{X} \mid x \in N \}$$

$$\overleftarrow{uv} = \overleftarrow{v} \overleftarrow{u} \quad \text{for any } u, v \in N^*$$

$$\{ \overleftarrow{u} v \mid (u, v) \in R \}^* \downarrow B \cap \overleftarrow{N^* N^*} = \bigcup_i \overleftarrow{U_i} \times V_i$$

$$S = \bigcup_i U_i \times V_i$$

$$\xrightarrow{*} R = \xrightarrow{*} S$$



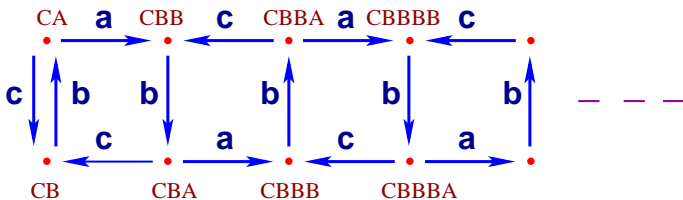
# Labelled word rewriting system

$$R \left| \begin{array}{ll} A \xrightarrow{a} BB & B \xrightarrow{b} A \\ BA \xrightarrow{c} B & CA \xrightarrow{c} CB \end{array} \right.$$

## Suffix transition

$$WU \xrightarrow{a} WV \quad \text{if} \quad (U \xrightarrow{a} V) \in R$$

## Suffix transition graph $N^*.R$ accessible from $CA$



## Theorem

*The accessible suffix graphs are the rooted regular graphs of finite degree.*

*The connected components of the suffix graphs are the connected regular graphs of finite degree.*

*The regular restrictions of the suffix graphs are the regular graphs of finite degree.*

Suffix recognizable graphs ?

## Recognizable systems over $N$

$$R \mid U_i \xrightarrow{a_i} V_i \text{ with } U_i, V_i \text{ regular over } N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Suffix transition graph } N^* R &= \bigcup_i N^* \cdot (U_i \xrightarrow{a_i} V_i) \\ &= \bigcup_i \{ wu \xrightarrow{a_i} wv \mid w \in N^*, u \in U_i, v \in V_i \} \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 1996

*The suffix recognizable graphs are*

*the regular restrictions of the suffix transition graphs of recognizable systems*

$$\bigcup_i W_i \cdot (U_i \xrightarrow{a_i} V_i) \text{ for } U_i, V_i, W_i \text{ regular}$$

*boolean algebra w.r.t.  $N^* \times T \times N^*$*

# Graphs at level 1 of the pushdown hierarchy

internal representation:

recognizable suffix systems

external representation:

mon. interp.,...,inverse regular substitutions

from the infinite binary tree

geometrical representation: graph grammars

## Graphs at level 2

graph grammars of level 2 ?

# Recognizability for regular automata

# Proposition

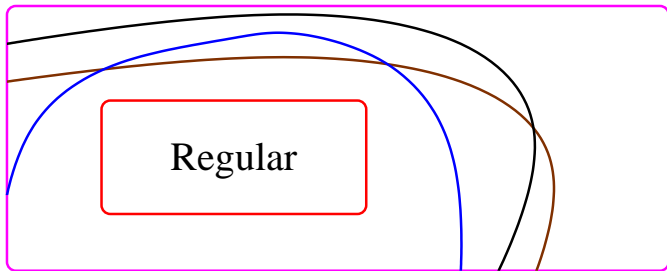
- The *deterministic* regular automata of finite degree recognize the *deterministic* real-time context-free languages
- The *deterministic* regular automata recognize the *deterministic* context-free languages
- The context-free languages are preserved by union  
but not by complementation and intersection
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but not by union and intersection

# Synchronization of a regular automaton $G$

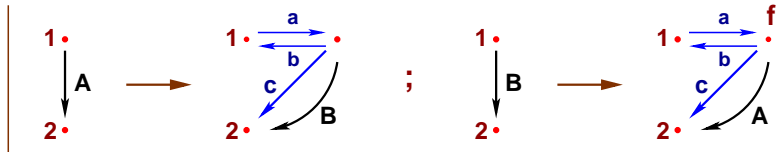
Family  $\text{Sync}(G)$  of context-free languages

containing the regular languages  $\subseteq L(G)$

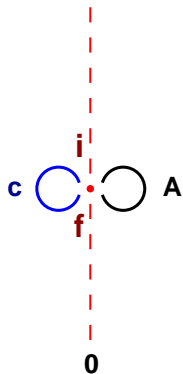
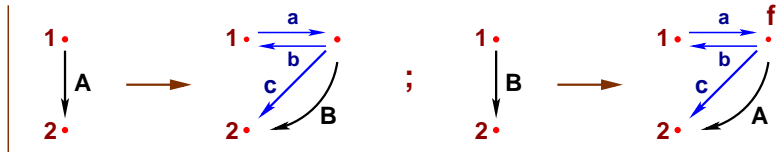
$\text{Sync}(G)$  boolean algebra for  $G$  unambiguous

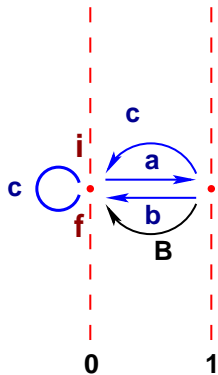
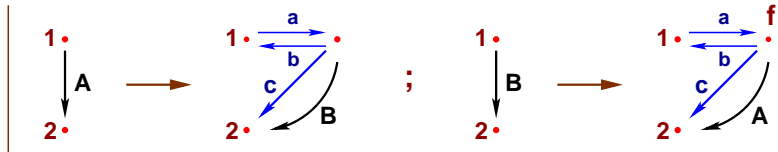


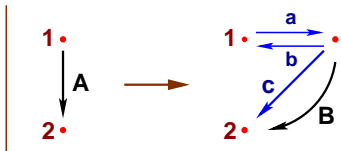
Unambiguous context-free languages



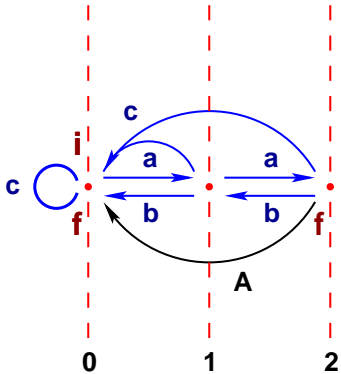
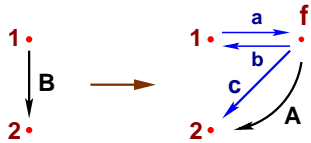


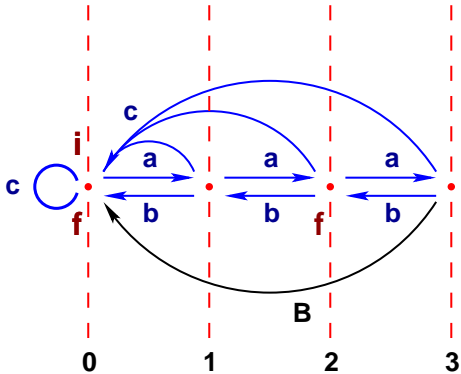
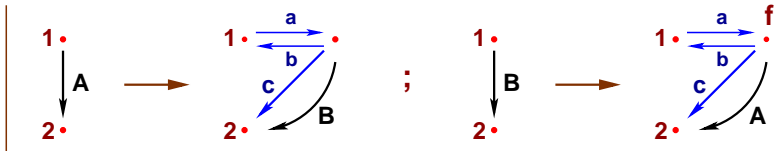


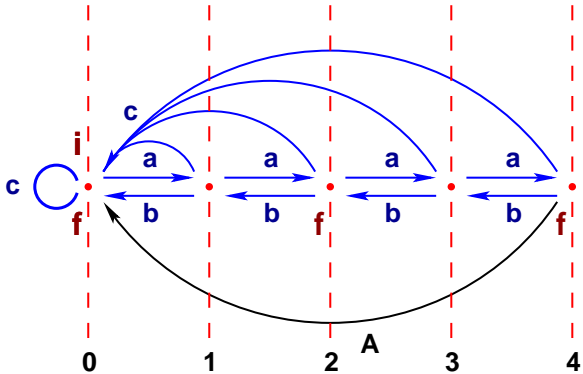
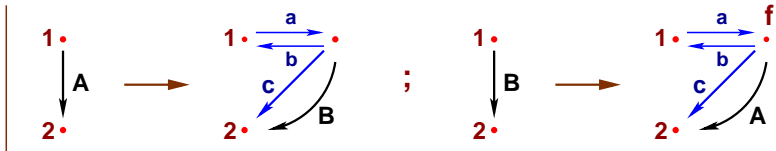


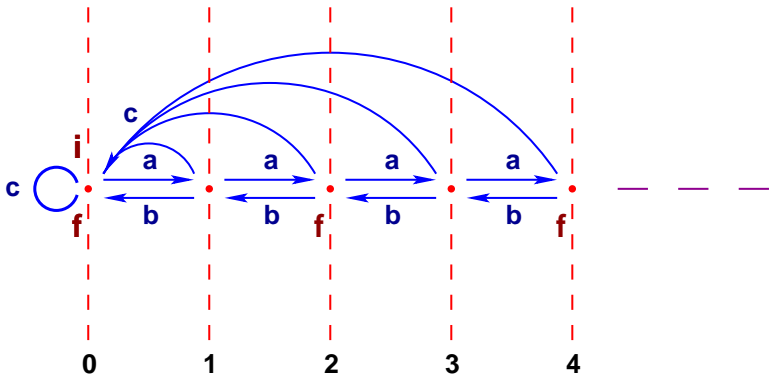
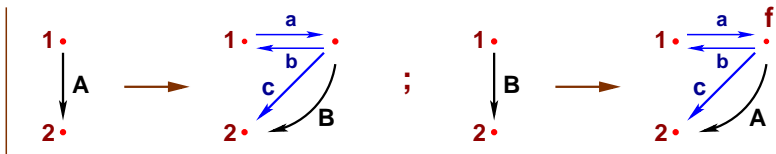


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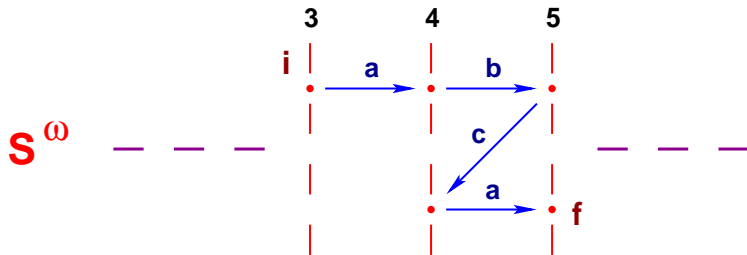


level of a vertex

Grammar  $S$  synchronized by  $R$  if

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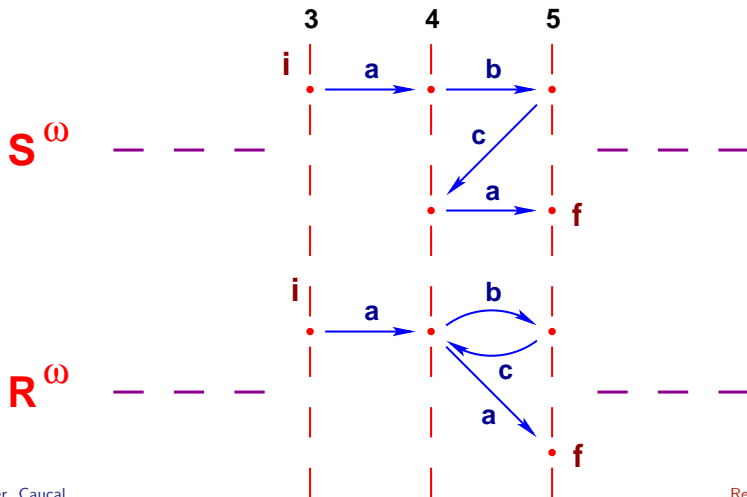
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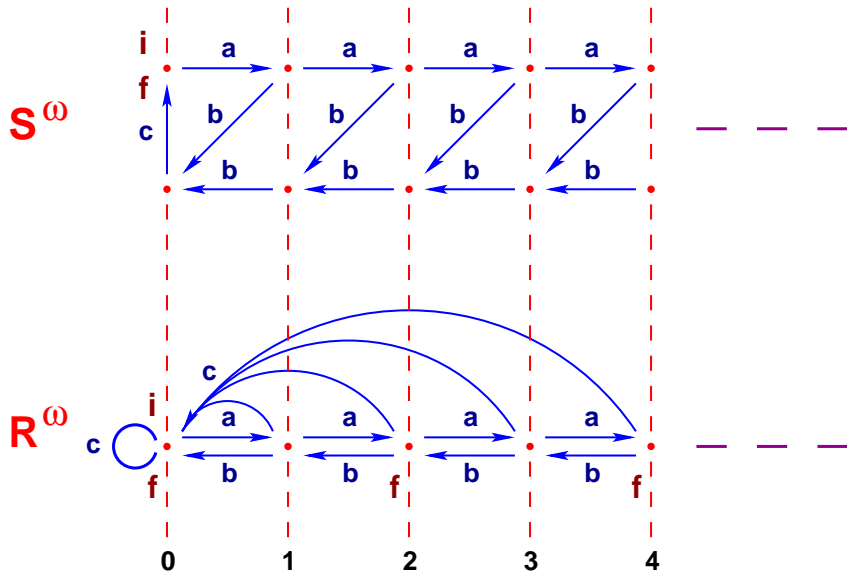
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$S$  synchronized by  $R$  :  $L(S) \subseteq L(R)$



## Synchronized languages by $R$

$$\text{Sync}(R) = \{ L(S) \mid S \text{ synchronized by } R \}$$

### Theorem 08

$\text{Sync}(R) = \text{Sync}(S)$  for  $R, S$  gen. the same graph

### Definition

For any regular automaton  $G$

$$\text{Sync}(G) = \text{Sync}(R) \text{ for } R \text{ generating } G$$

## Theorem 08 with Hassen

For any *deterministic* regular automaton  $G$

$\text{Sync}(G)$  is an effective Boolean algebra w.r.t.  $L(G)$

For  $G$  deterministic, complete, of finite degree

Nowotka, Srba 07

## Theorem 08

For any *unambiguous* regular automaton  $G$

$\text{Sync}(G)$  is an effective Boolean algebra w.r.t.  $L(G)$

## Corollary

For any *unambiguous* regular automaton  $G$

$\text{Sync}(G)$  has a decidable inclusion problem

**a , b , c**



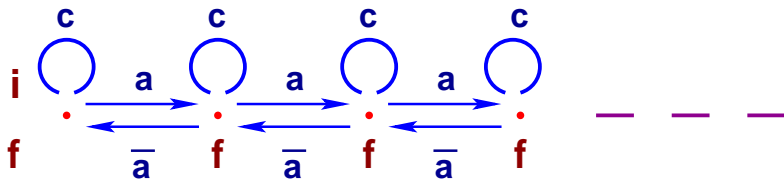
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Family of regular languages

Finite automaton  $G$

Family of regular languages included in  $L(G)$

# Deterministic regular automaton $G$

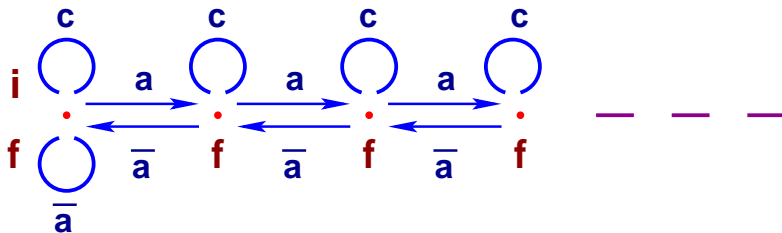


Family of input-driven languages

Mehlhorn 1980

contains the regular languages  $\subseteq L(G)$

# Complete deterministic regular automaton

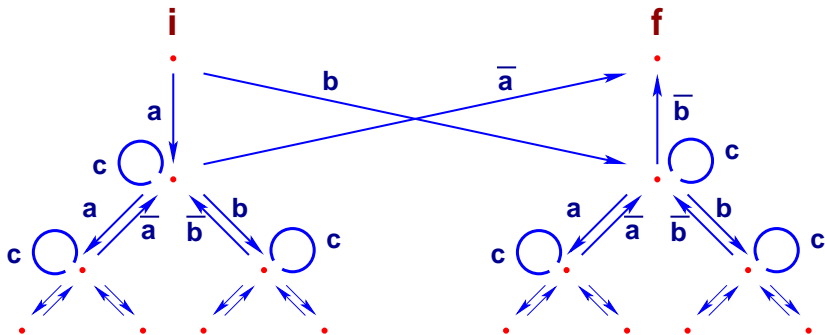


Family of visibly pushdown languages

Alur Madhusudan 2004

contains all the regular languages





Family of balanced languages

Berstel Boasson 2002

# Setback

The synchronization depends on

- graph grammars : vertex levels
- pushdown automata : configuration lengths

restricted and technical notion

simple and natural notion : morphism

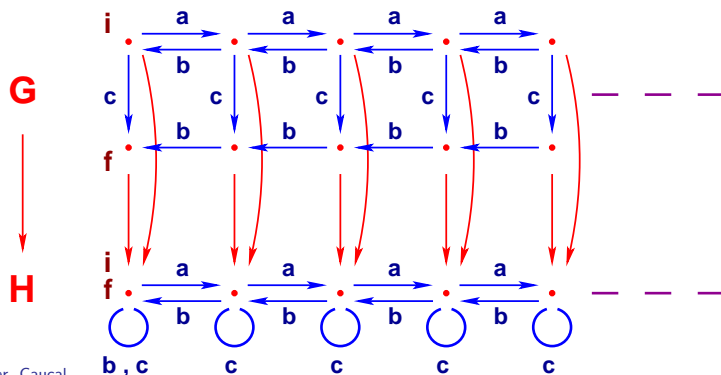
# Automaton morphism $G \xrightarrow{h} H$

mapping  $h : V_G \longrightarrow V_H$  such that  $h(G) \subseteq H$  i.e.

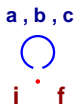
$$s \xrightarrow{a}_G t \implies h(s) \xrightarrow{a}_H h(t)$$

$$cs \in G \implies ch(s) \in H$$

we say that  $G$  is reducible into  $H$



any automaton is reducible into



A morphism  $G \xrightarrow{h} H$  is locally bounded if

there exists  $b \geq 0$  such that for any  $t \in V_H$

$$h^{-1}(t) = \{ s \in V_G \mid h(s) = t \}$$

is of cardinal at most  $b$ ; we write  $G \xrightarrow{h}_{lb} H$

Recognizability / automaton family  $F$

$$\text{Rec}_F(H) = \{ L(G) \mid G \in F \wedge G \xrightarrow{h}_{lb} H \}$$

Family  $A$  of regular automata of finite degree

Theorem

For any unambiguous  $H \in A$

$\text{Rec}_A(H)$  is a boolean algebra w.r.t.  $L(H)$

unique morphism for  $G \rightarrow H$  unambiguous

Synchronization / automaton family  $F$

$$\text{Sync}_F(H) = \{ L(G) \mid [G \rightarrow_{\text{lb}} H] \in F \}$$

## Theorem

For any unambiguous  $H \in A$

$\text{Rec}_A(H) = \text{Sync}_A(H)$  is a boolean algebra /  $L(H)$

$\text{Sync}_A(H) \subseteq \text{Rec}_A(H)$  : by definitions

$\text{Rec}_A(H) \subseteq \text{Sync}_A(H)$  : corresponds to the

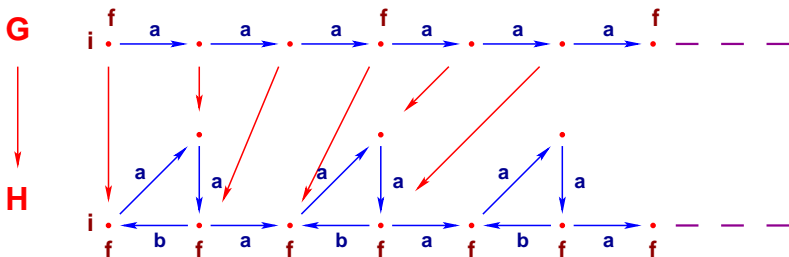
## Key property

If  $G \xrightarrow{\text{lb}} H$  unambiguous with  $G, H \in A$

then  $[G \rightarrow H] \in A$

decomposition of  $[G \xrightarrow{f} H]$

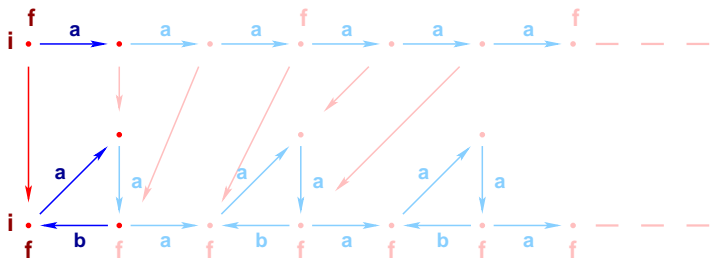
= decomposition of  $H + f^{-1}$



not by distance

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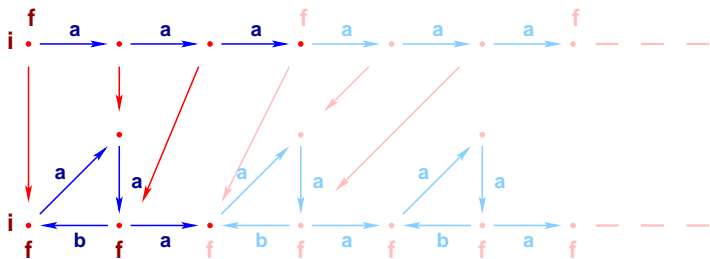


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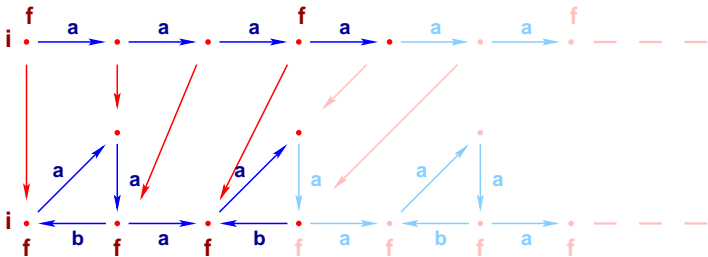
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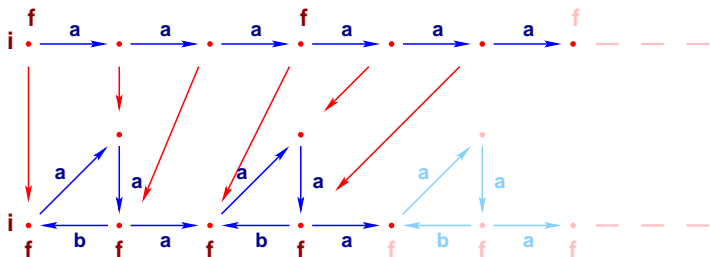
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