



# It Is Easy to Be Wise After the Event: Communicating Finite-State Machines Capture First-Order Logic with “Happened Before”

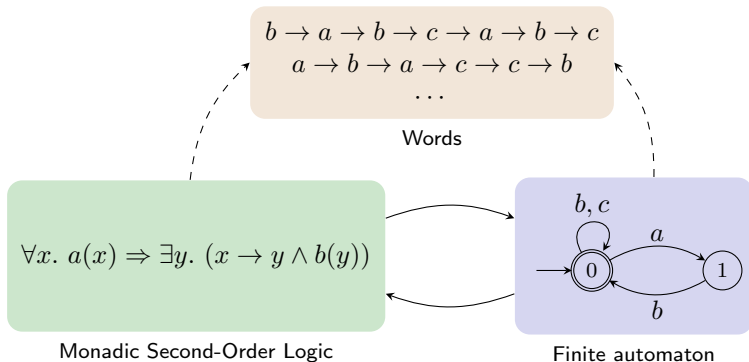
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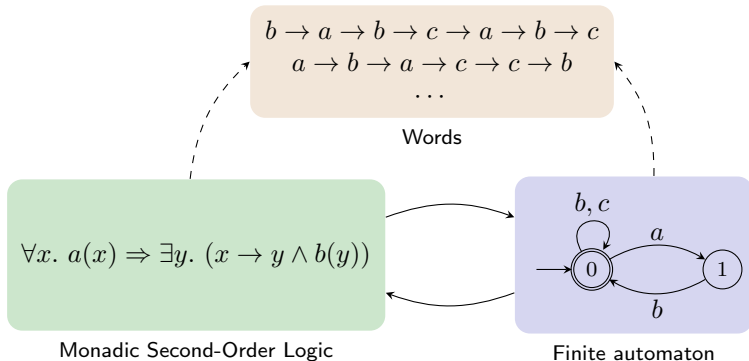
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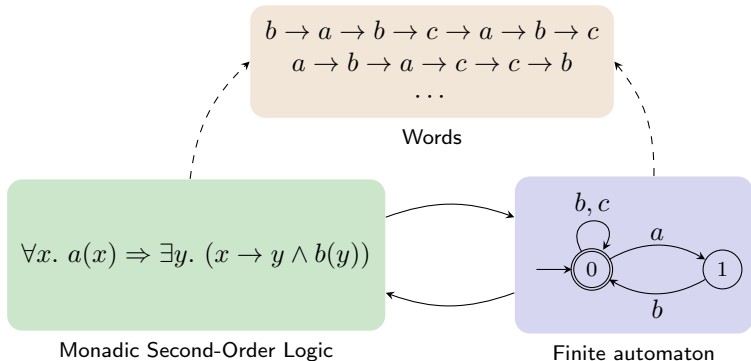
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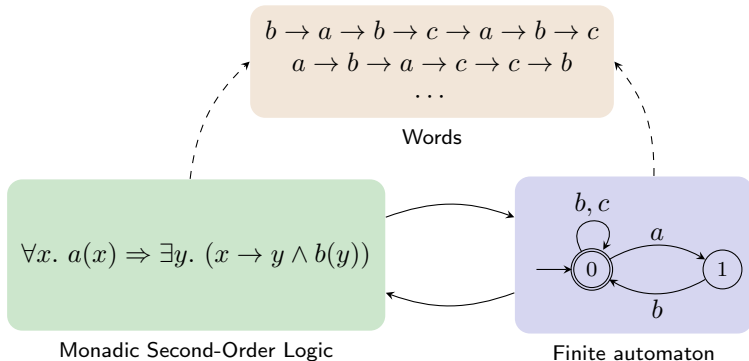


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Extended to trees [Thatcher-Wright '68], Mazurkiewicz traces [Thomas '90], ...

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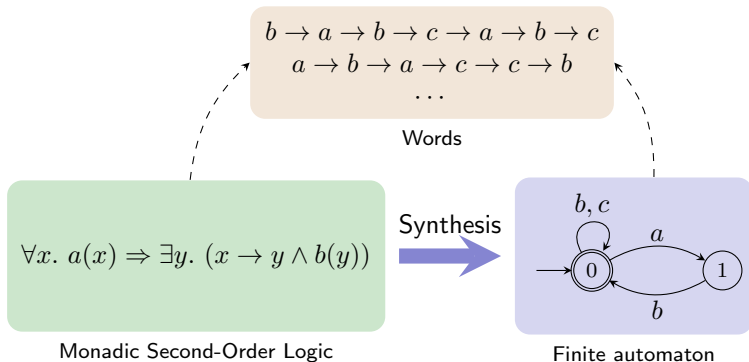


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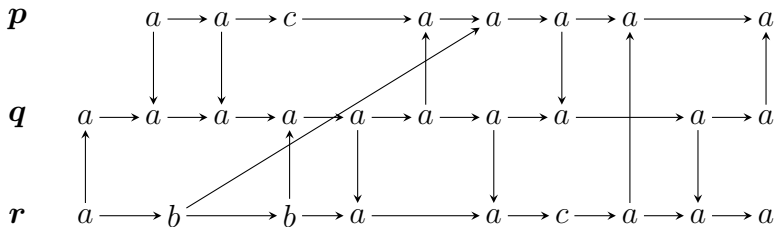
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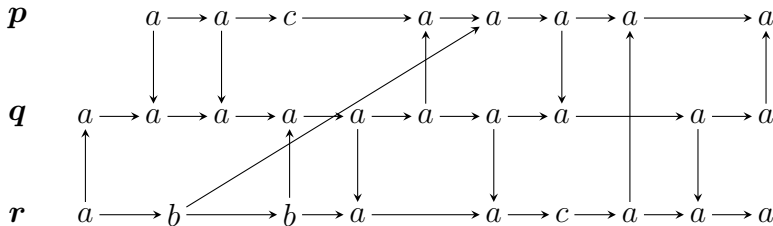
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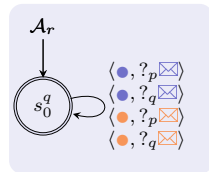
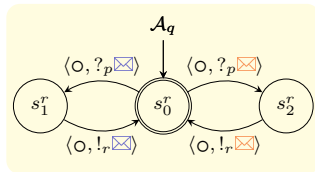
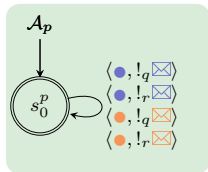
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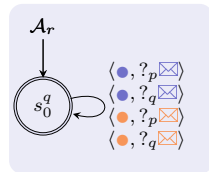
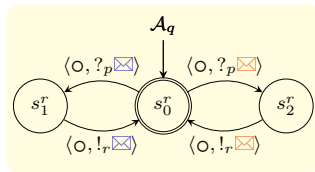
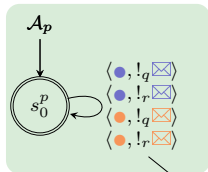
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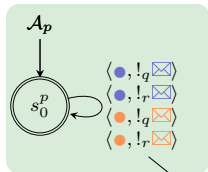


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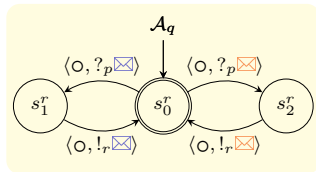
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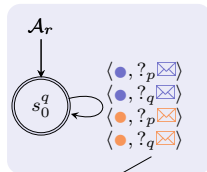
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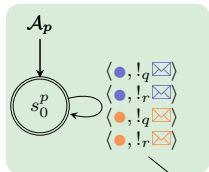




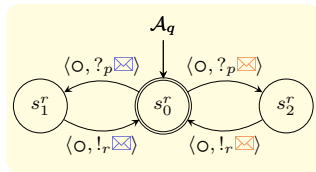
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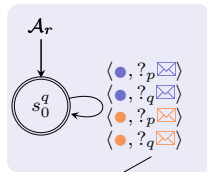
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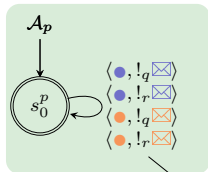
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- ▶ One finite-state transition system for each process, using a **finite** set of messages
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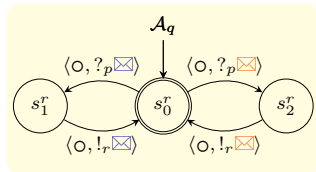
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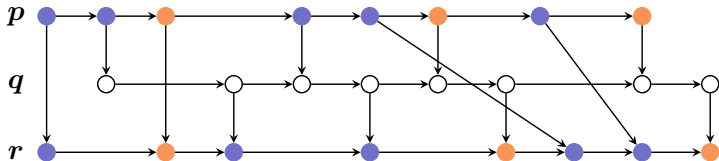
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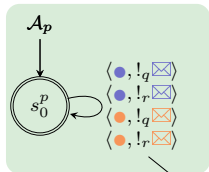
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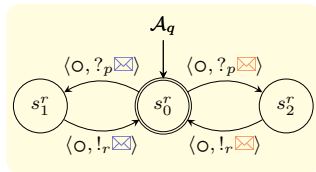
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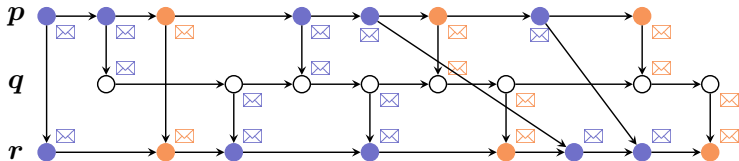
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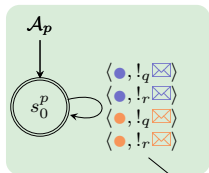
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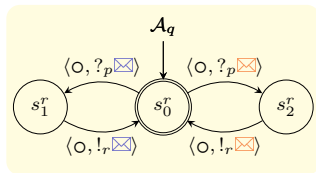
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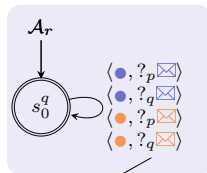
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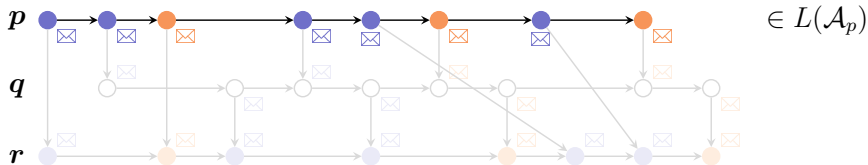
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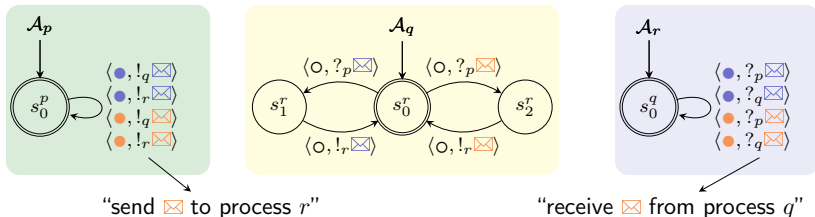
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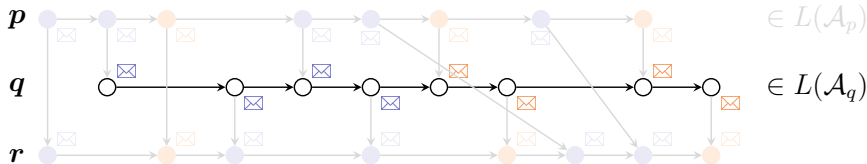
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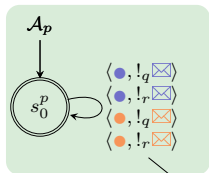
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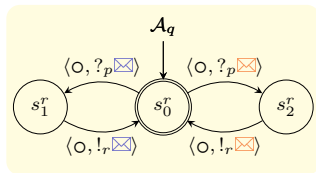
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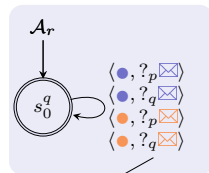
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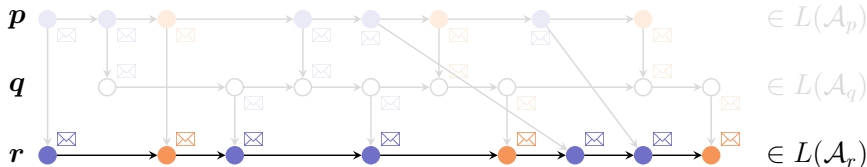
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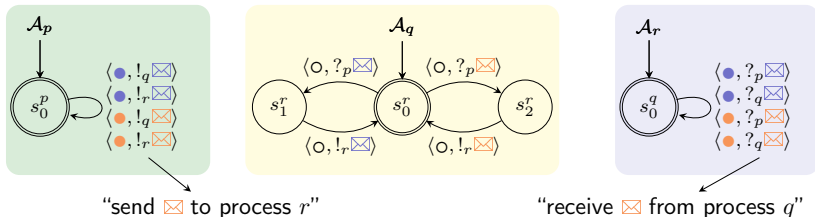
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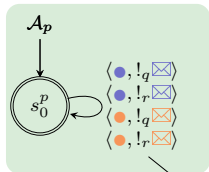
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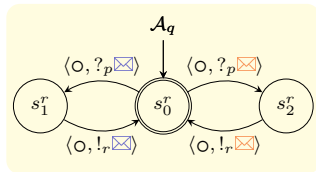
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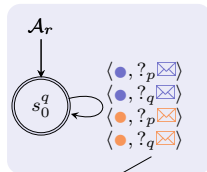
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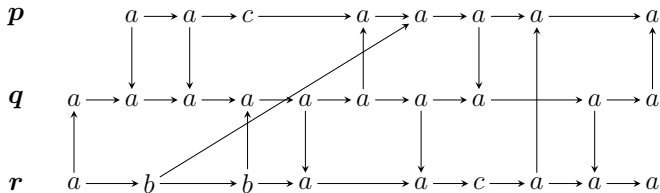
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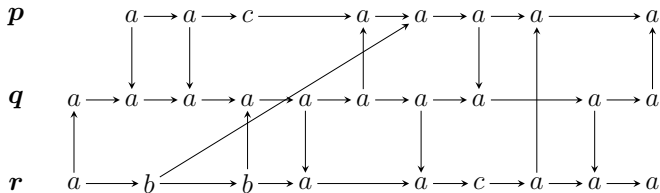
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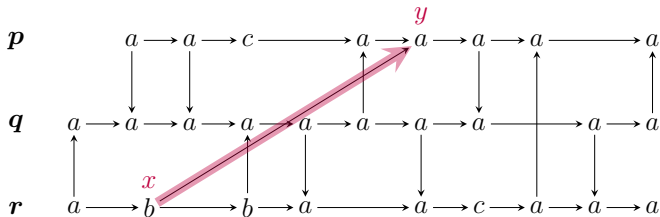
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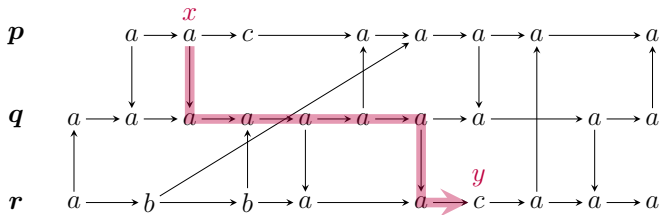
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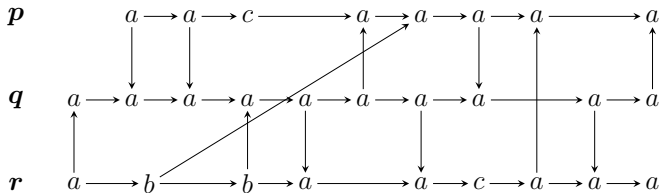
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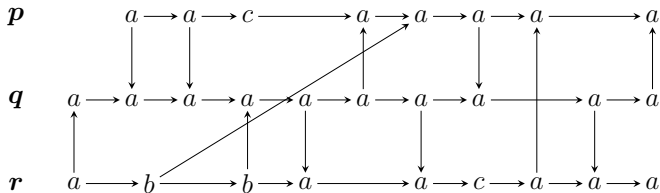
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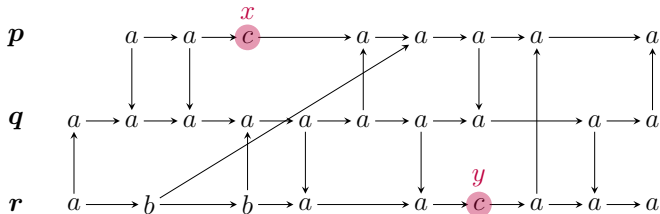
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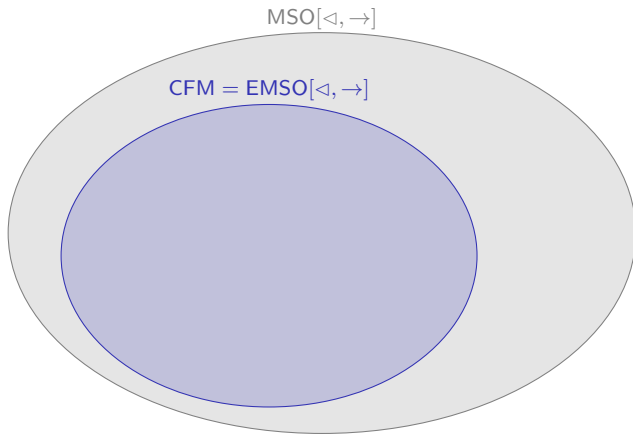
Over universally bounded MSCs, CFM = MSO[ $\triangleleft, \rightarrow, \leq$ ].

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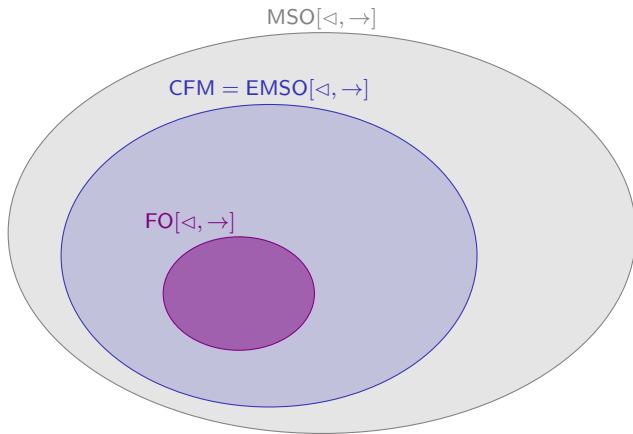
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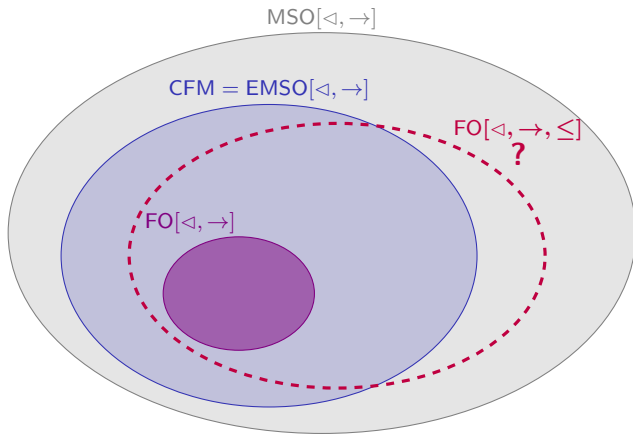
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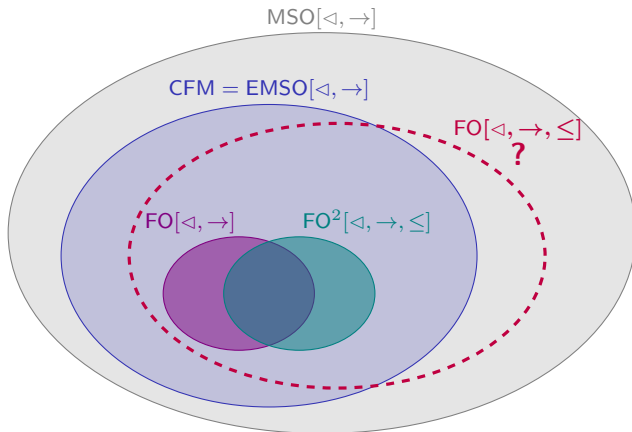
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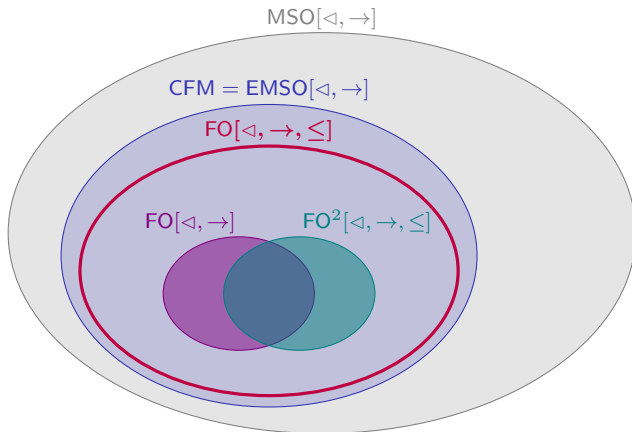


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Main result:      CFM = EMSO[ $\triangleleft, \rightarrow, \leq$ ]

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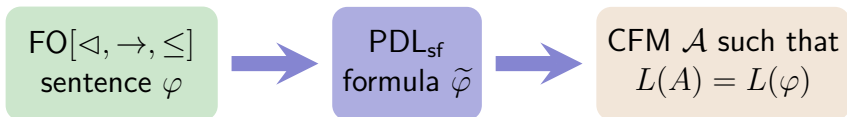


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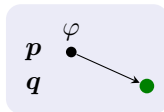
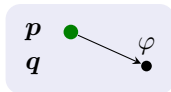
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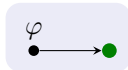
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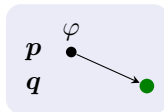
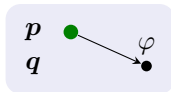
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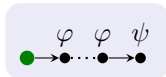
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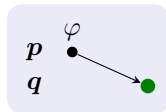
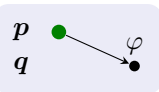
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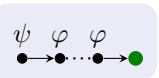
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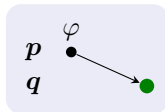
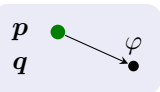
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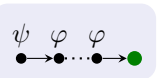
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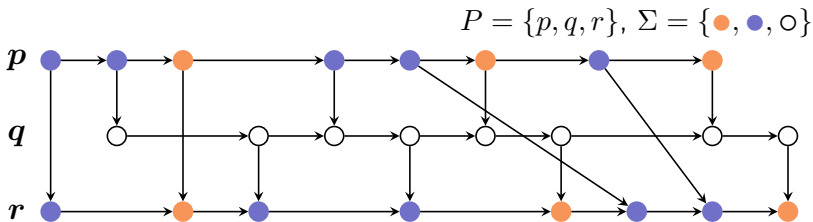

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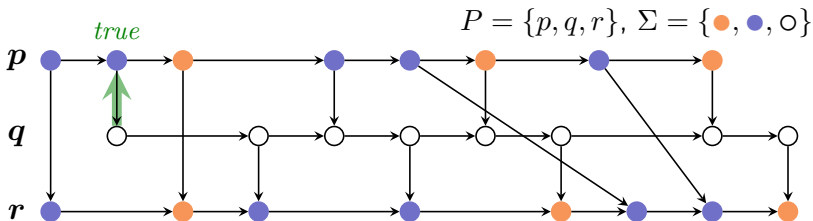

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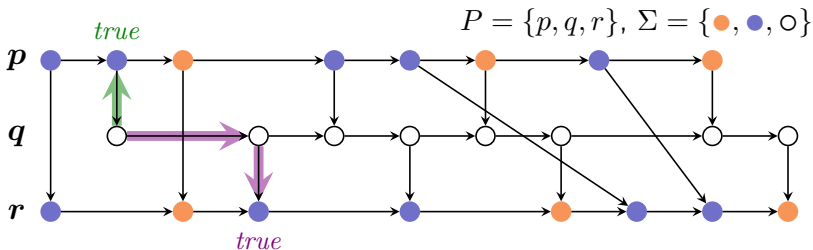


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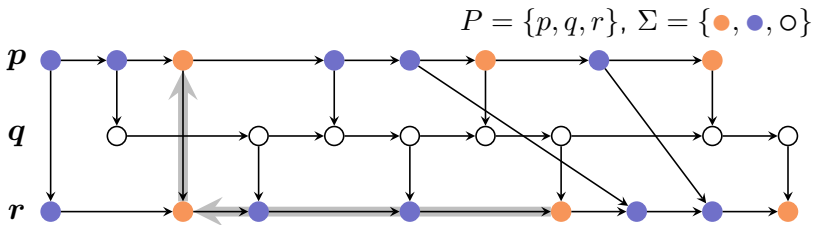
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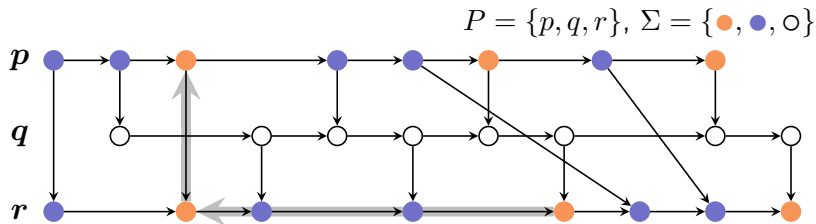


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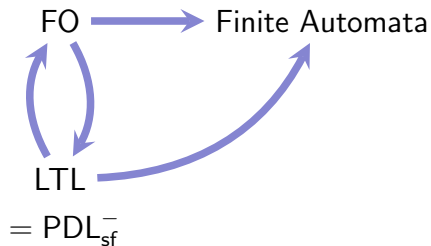
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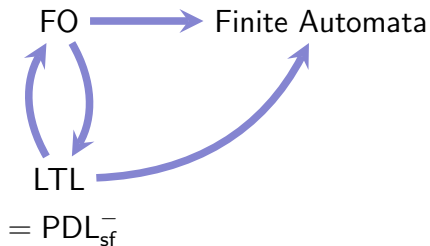
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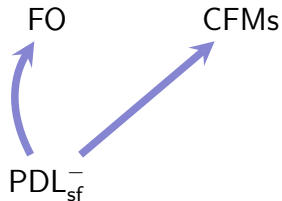


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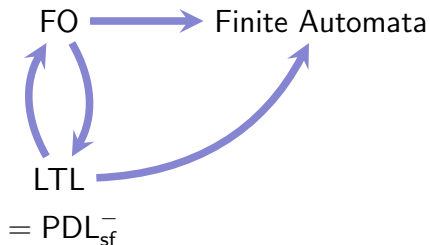


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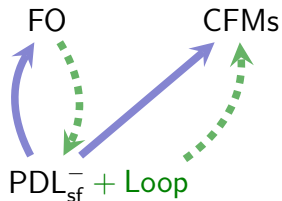


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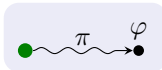
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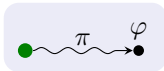
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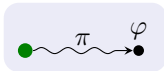
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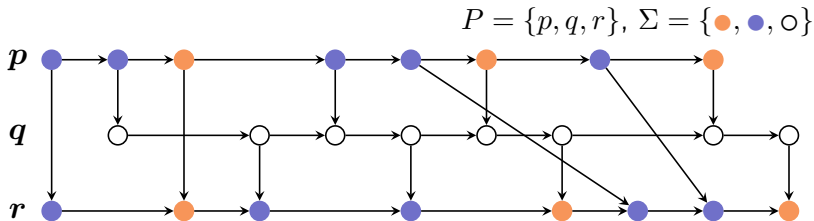
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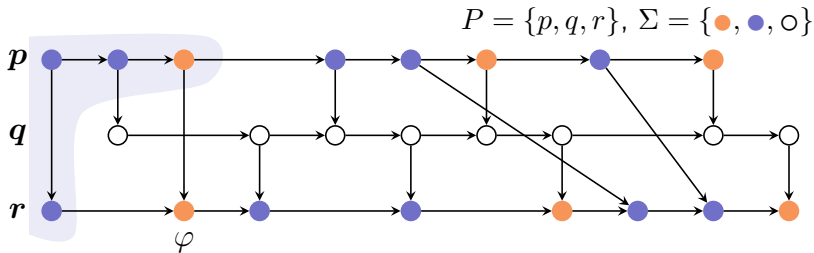
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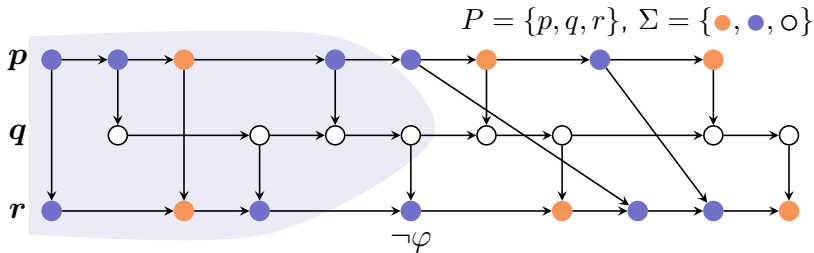
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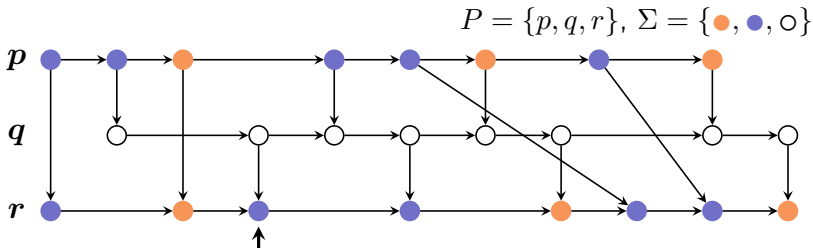
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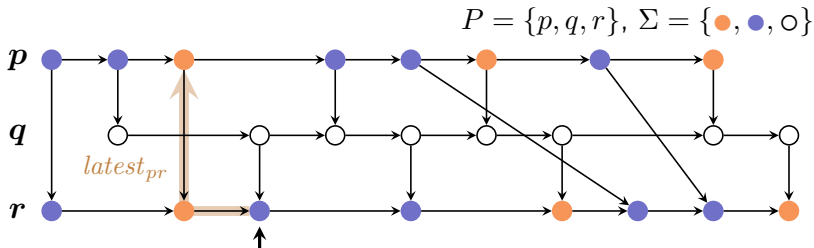
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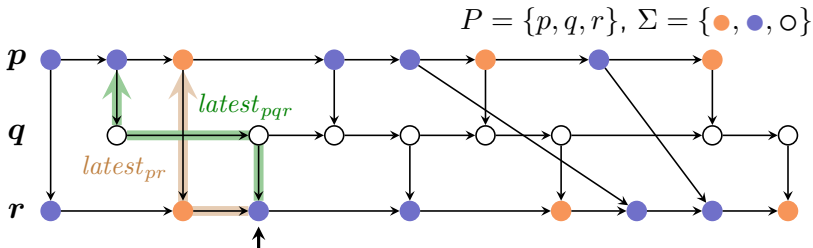


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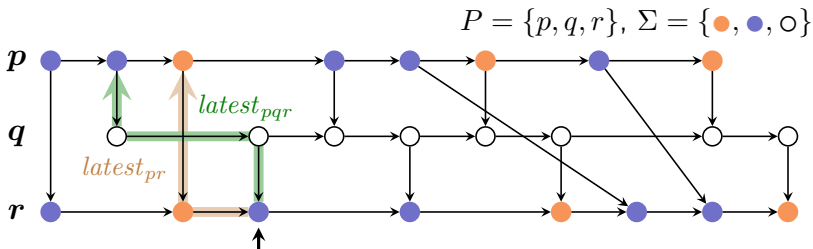


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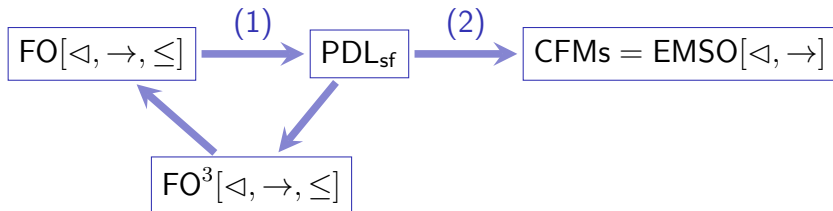
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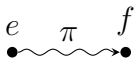
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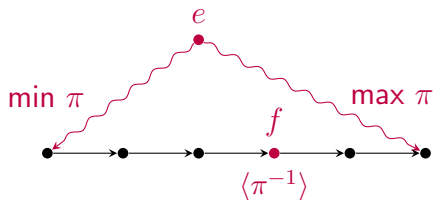
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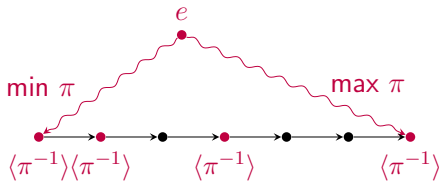
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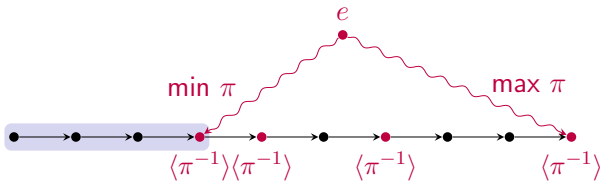


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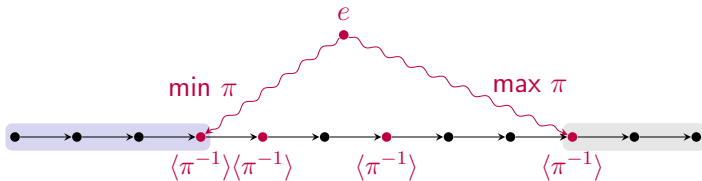
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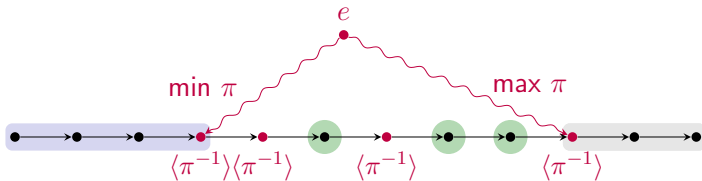
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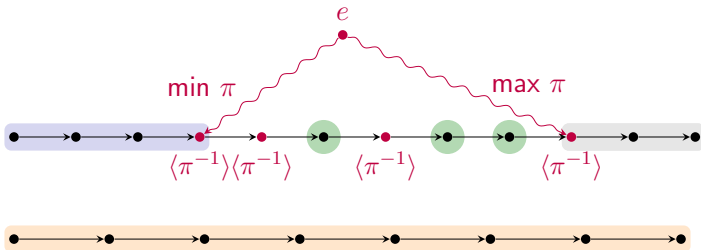
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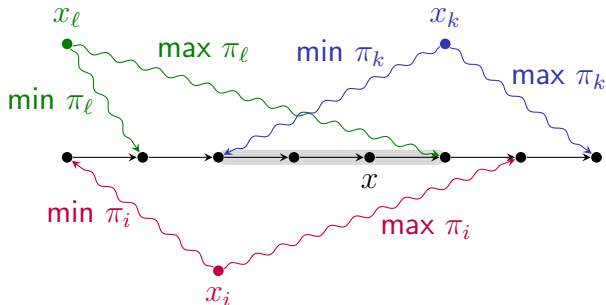
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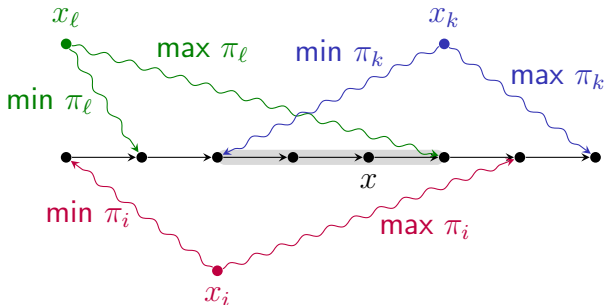
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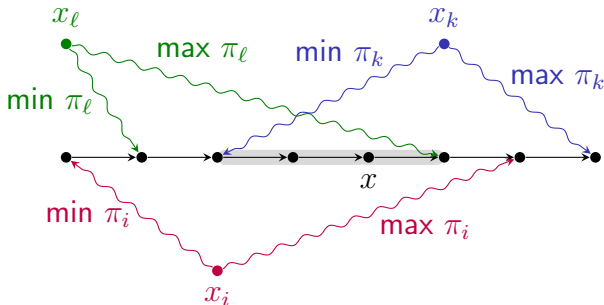
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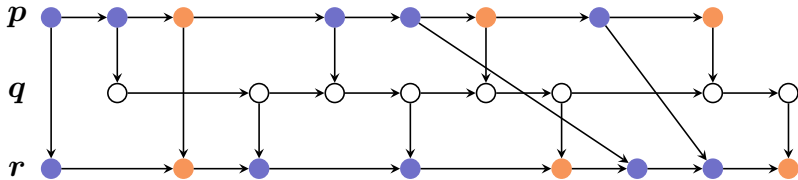
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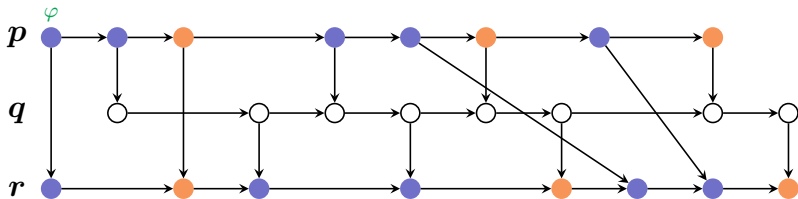
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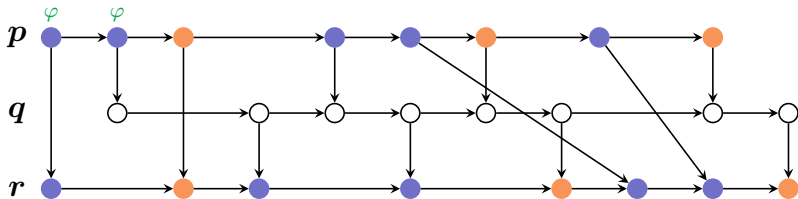
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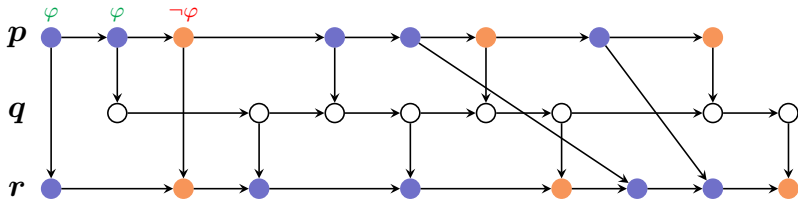
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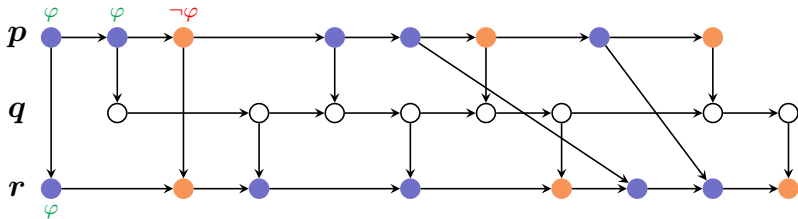
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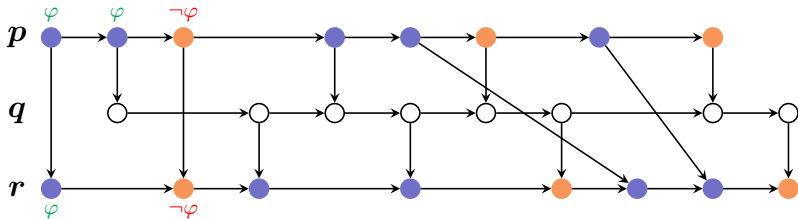
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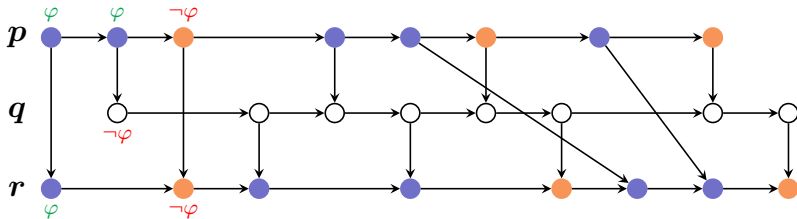
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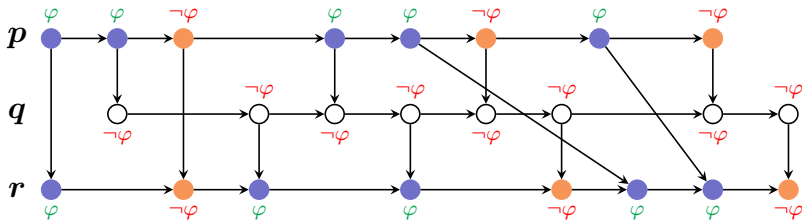
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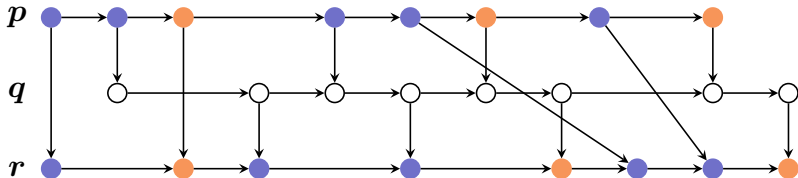
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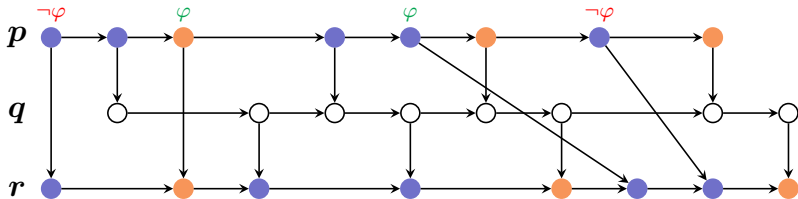
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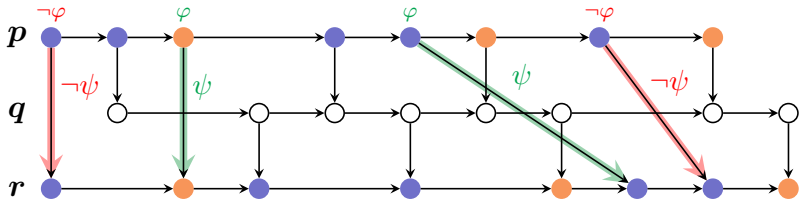
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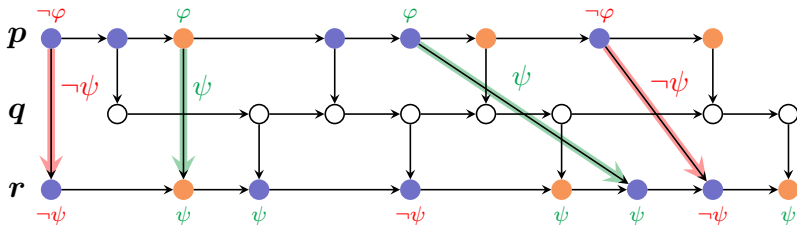
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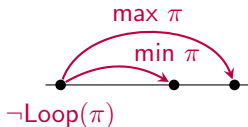
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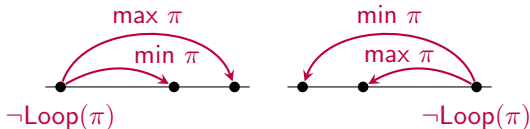
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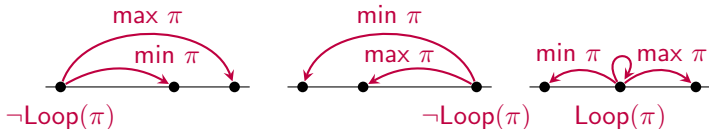
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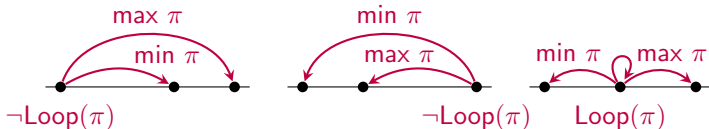
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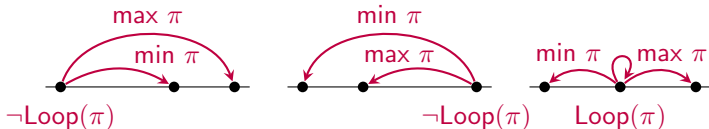


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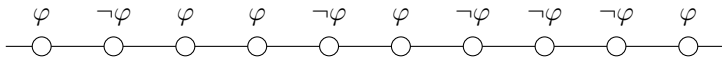
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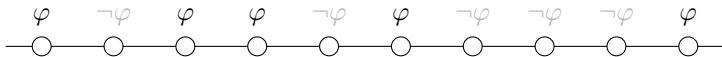
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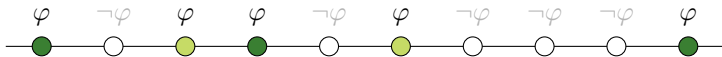
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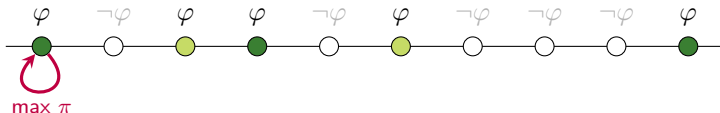
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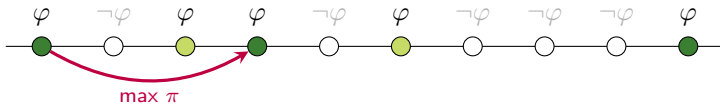
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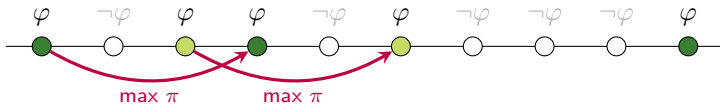
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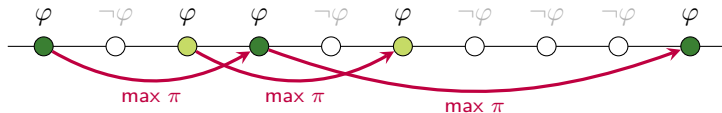
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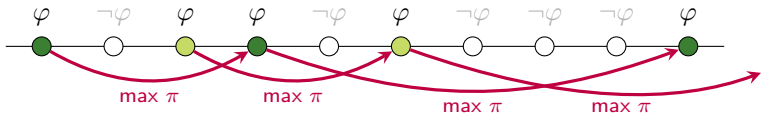
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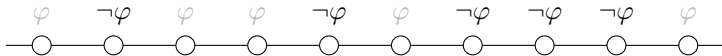
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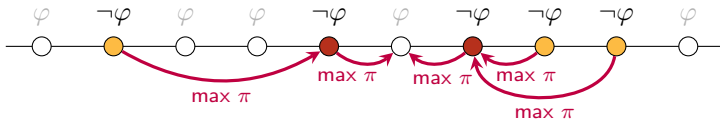


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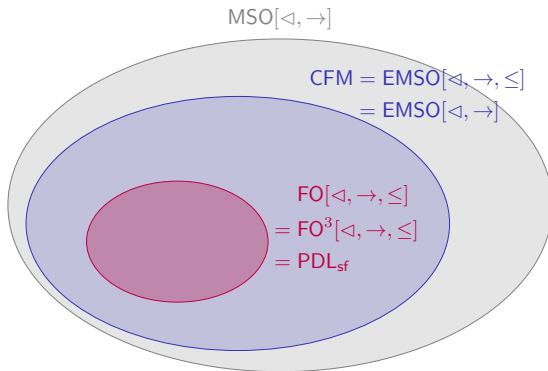
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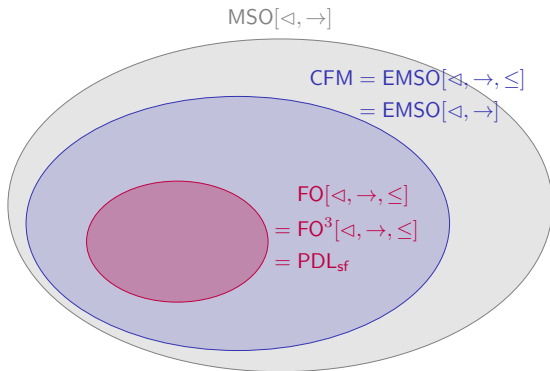
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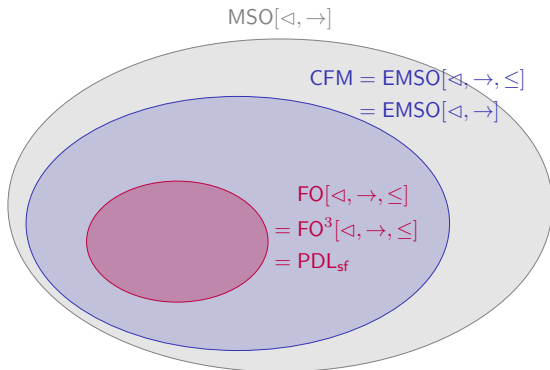


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