

Surminimisation of Automata

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In particular, *minimisation*, *minimal* refers to a trim automaton.

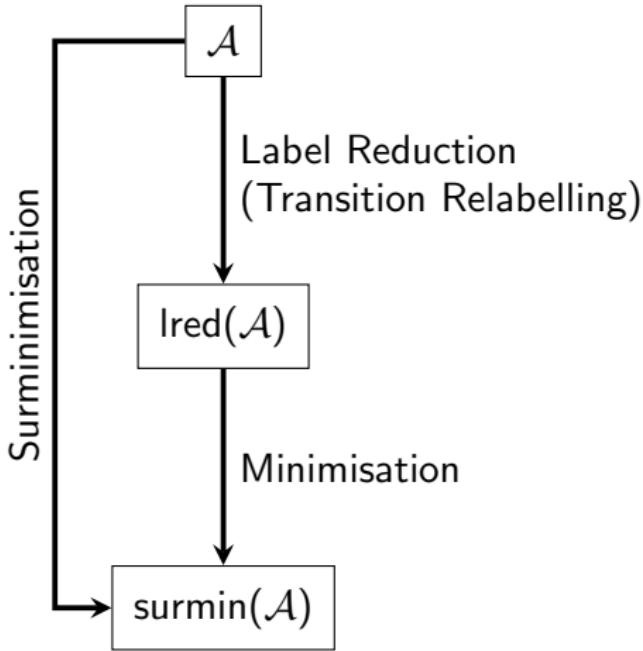
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Automaton Surminimisation



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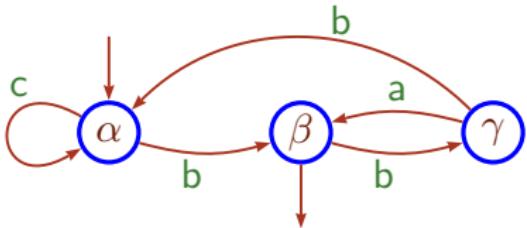
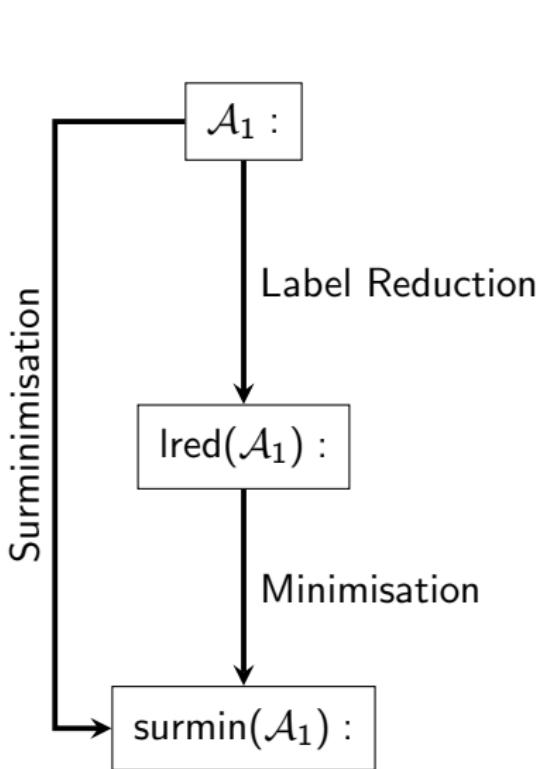
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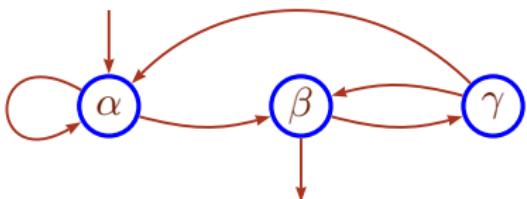
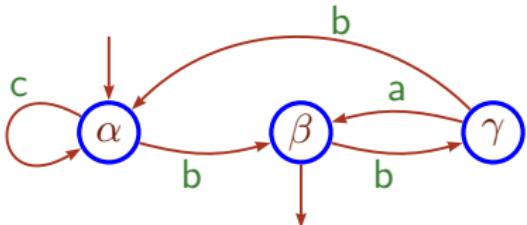
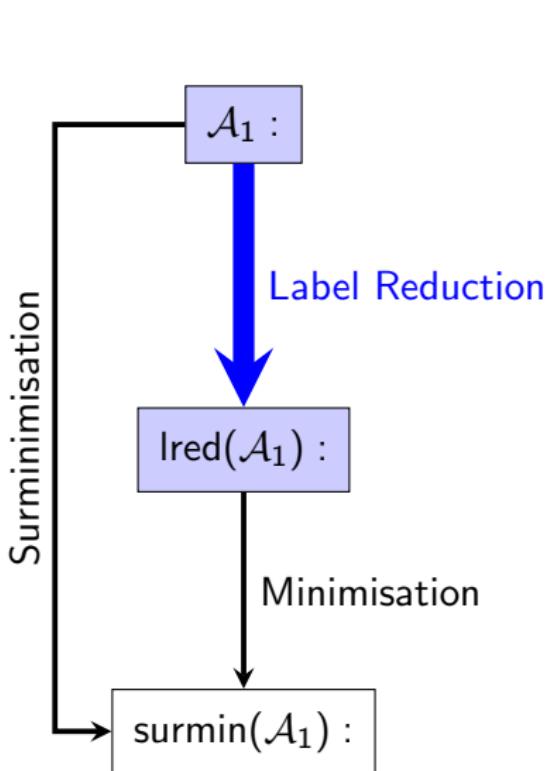
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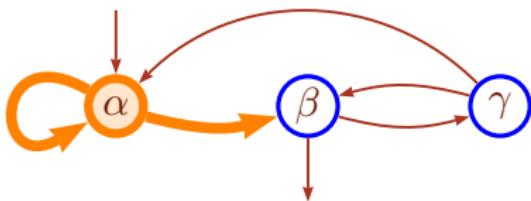
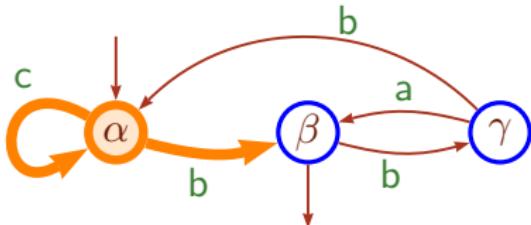
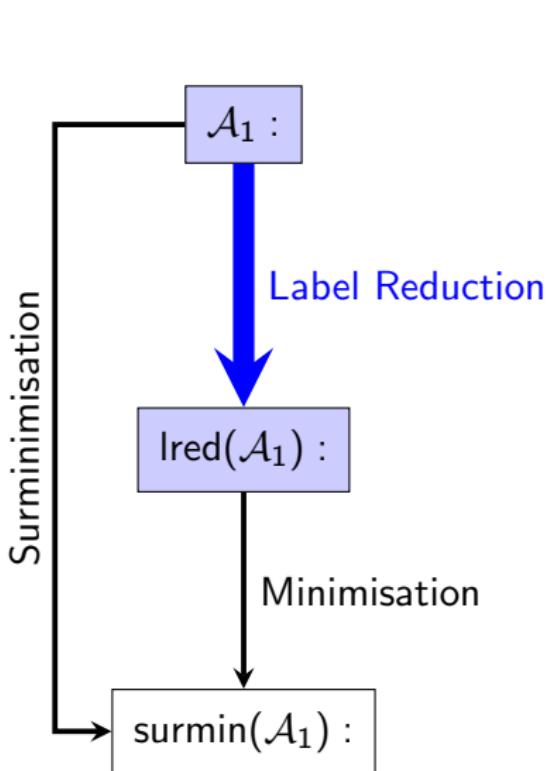
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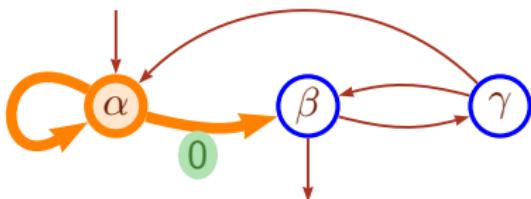
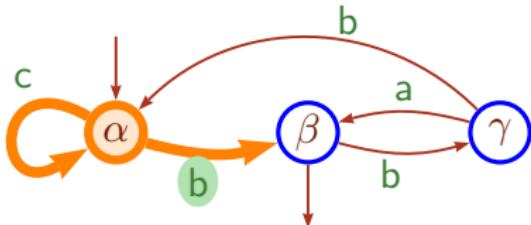
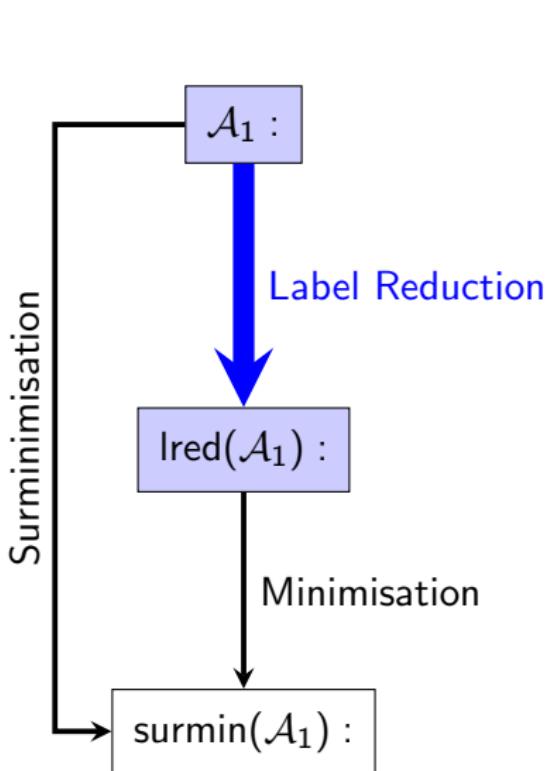
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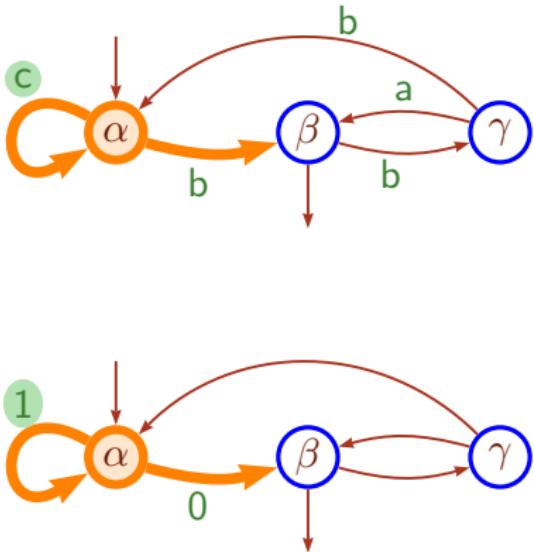
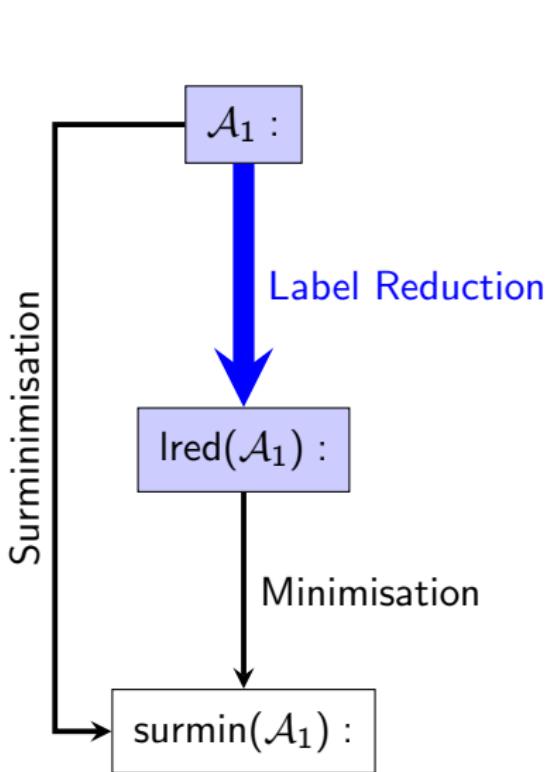
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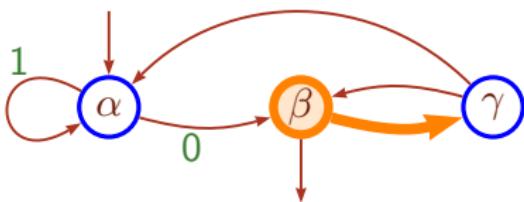
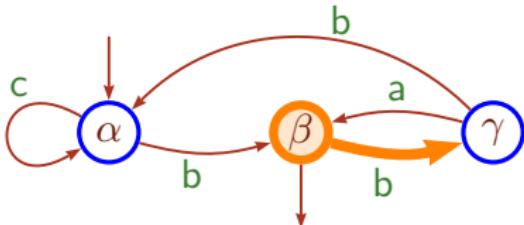
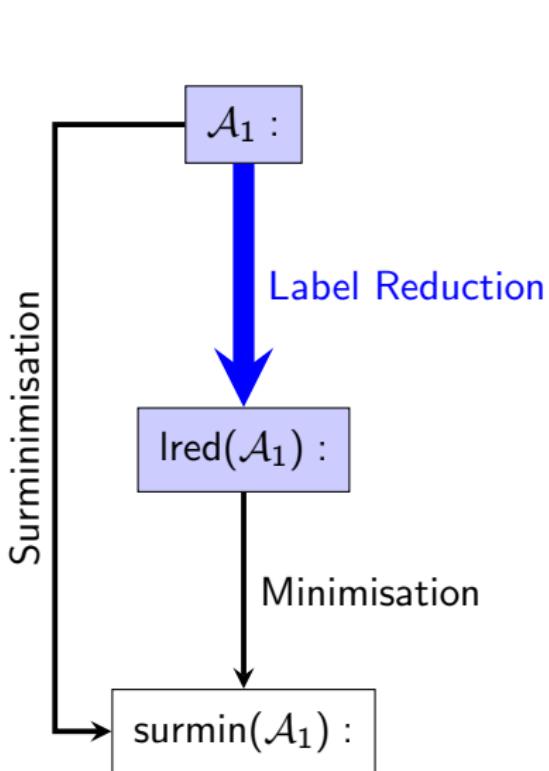
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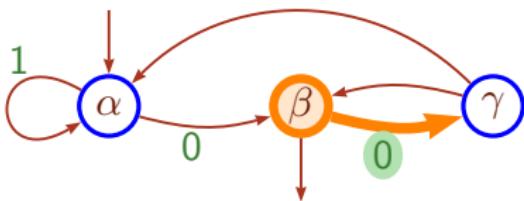
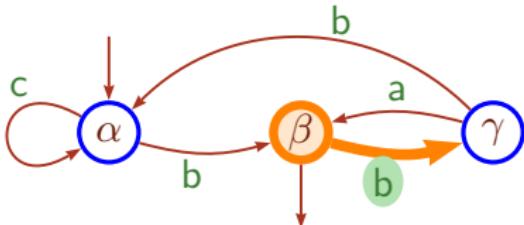
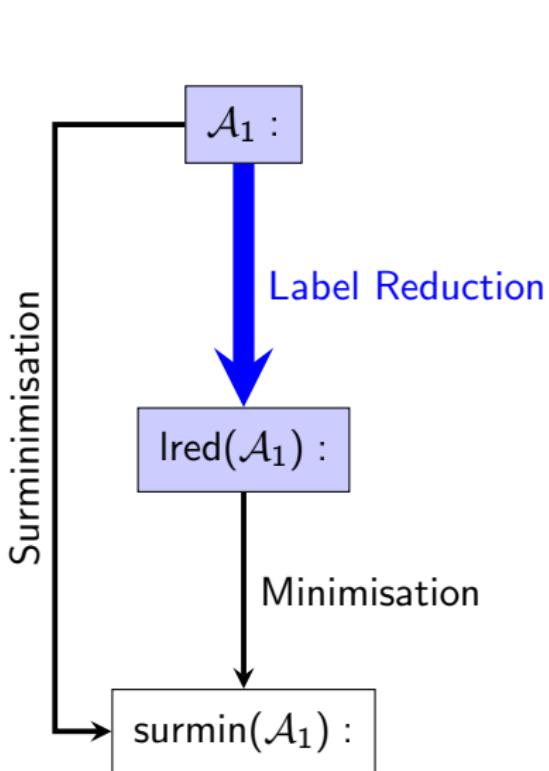
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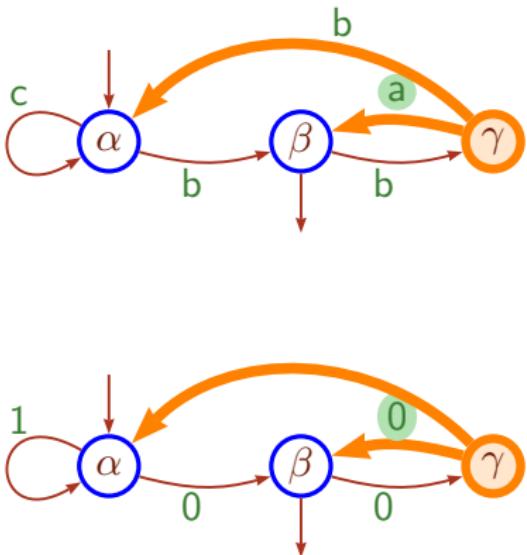
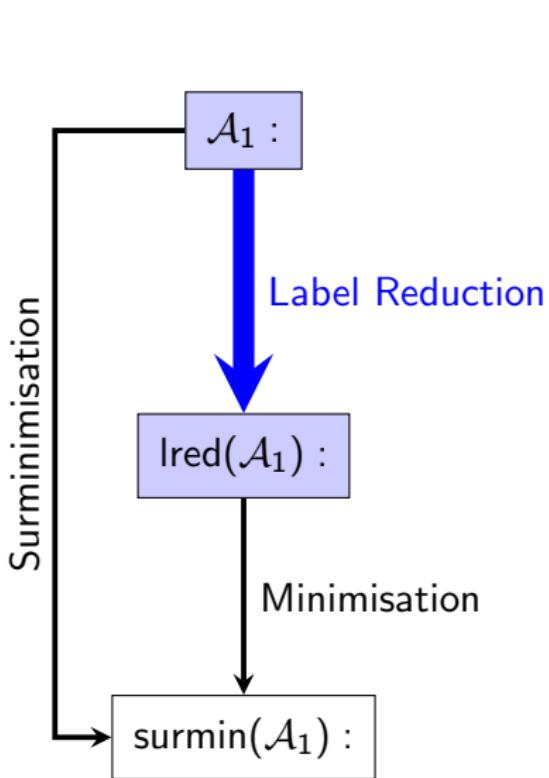
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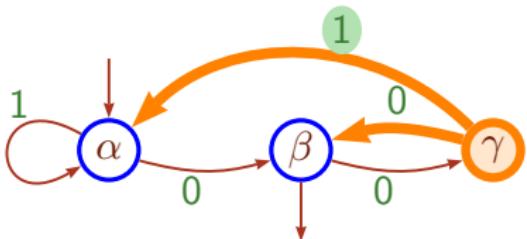
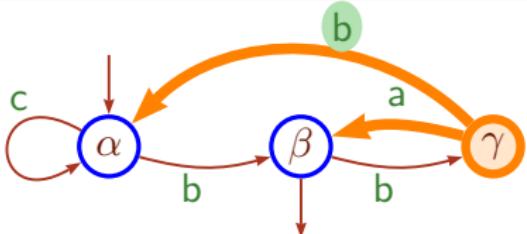
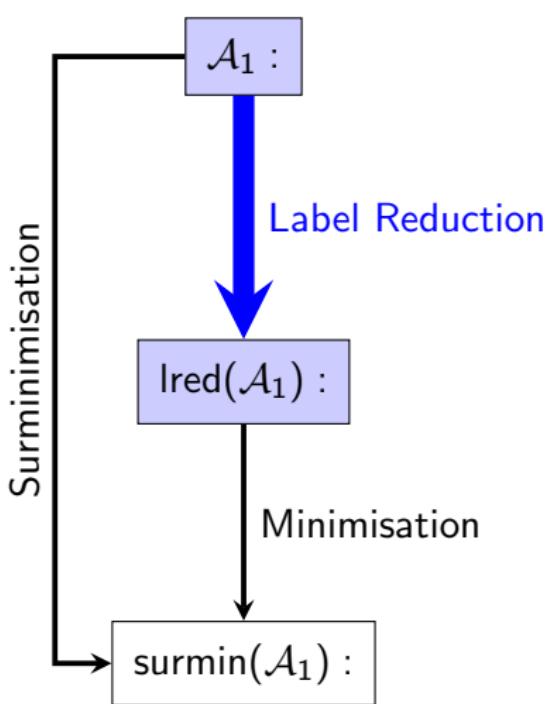
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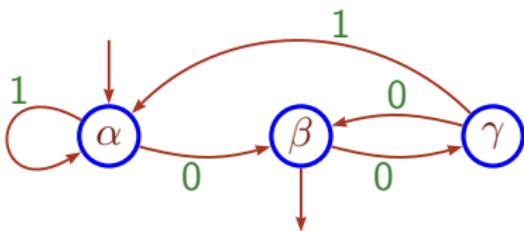
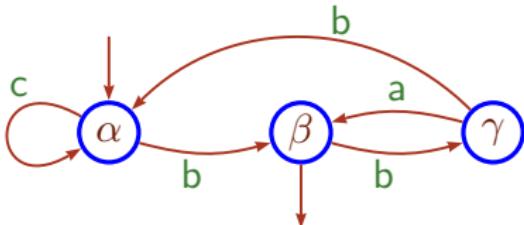
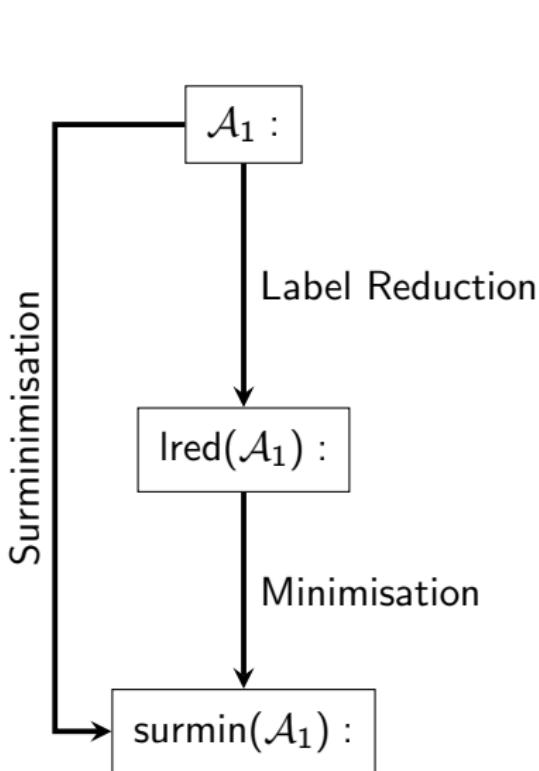
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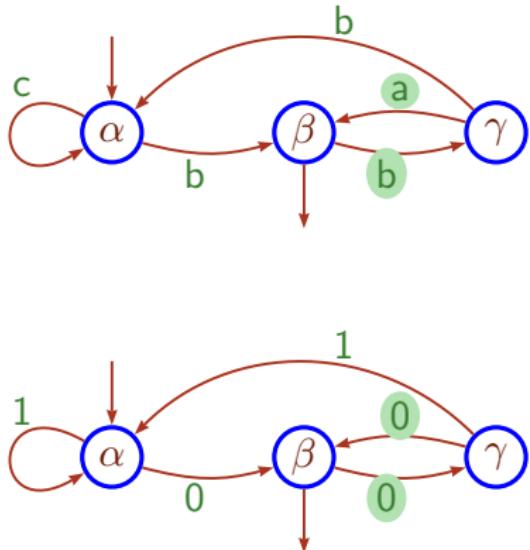
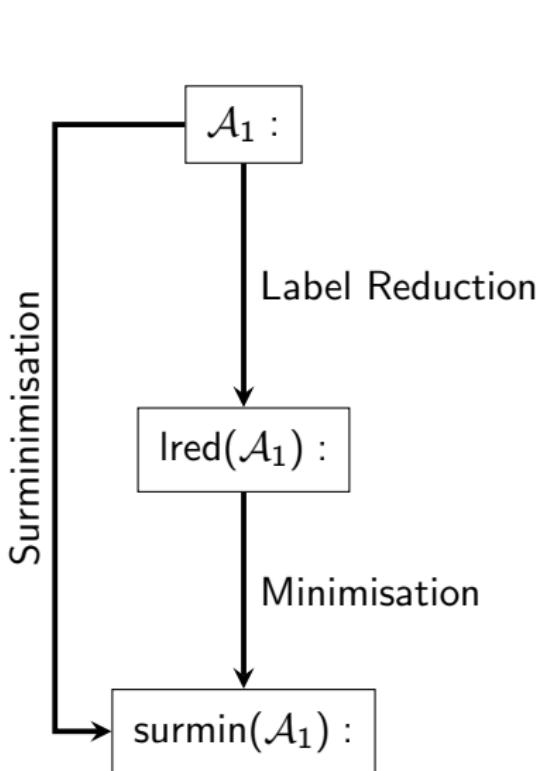
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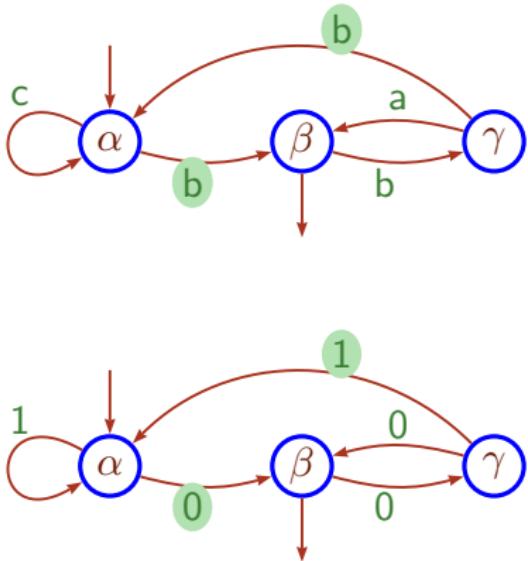
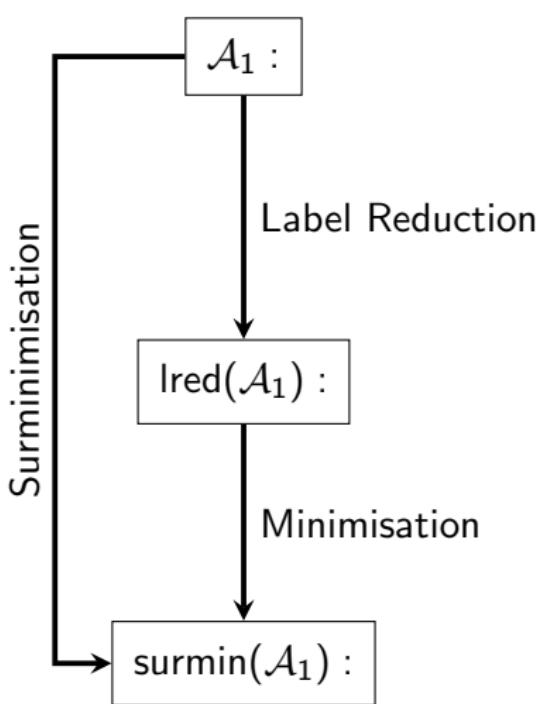
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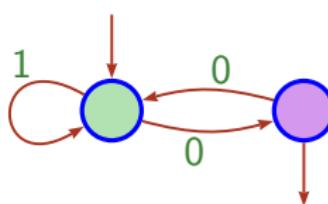
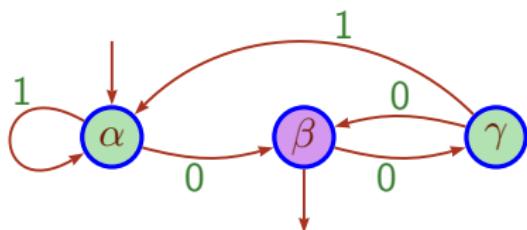
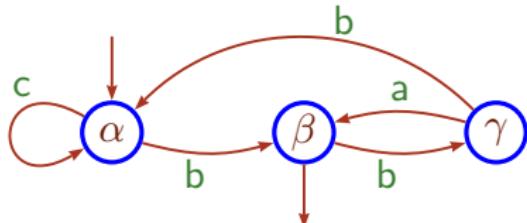
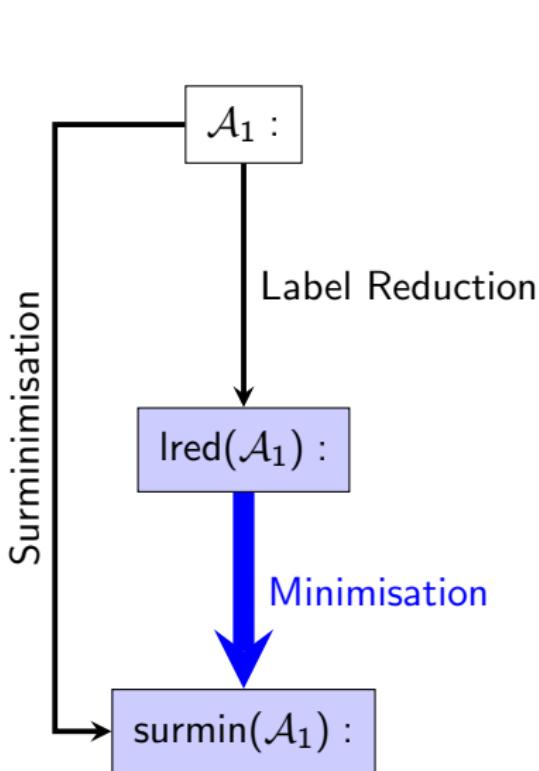
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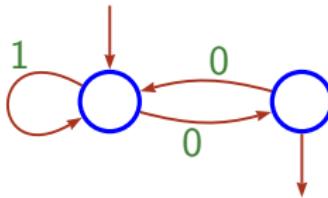
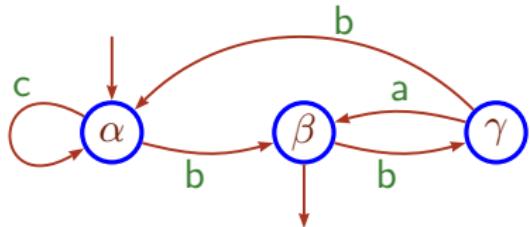
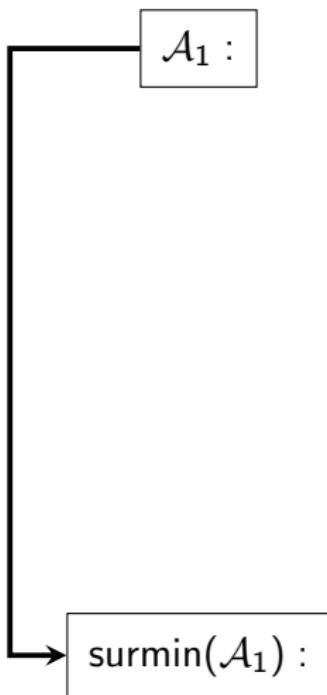
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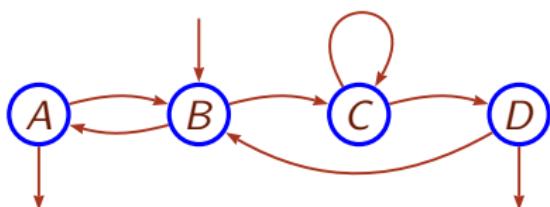
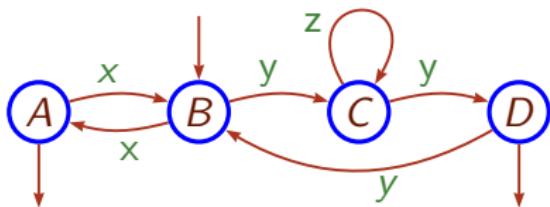
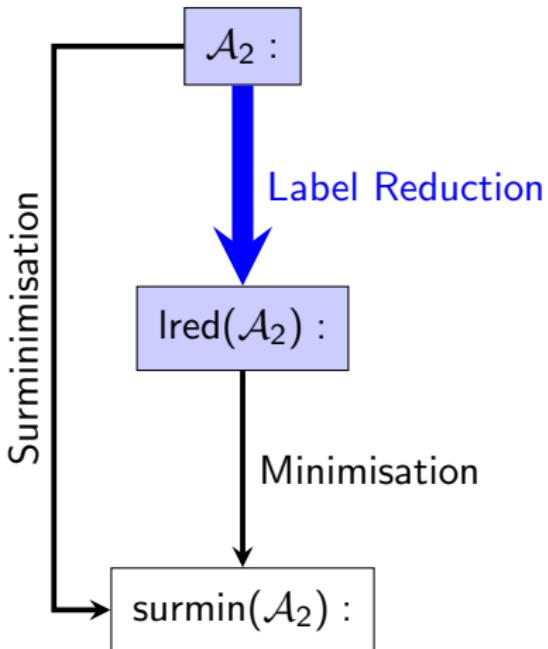
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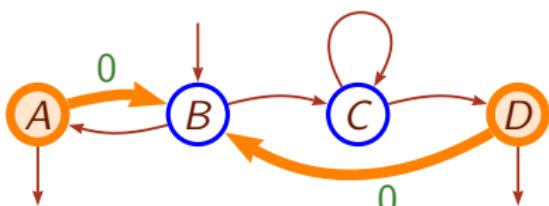
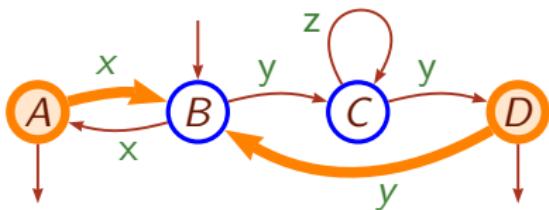
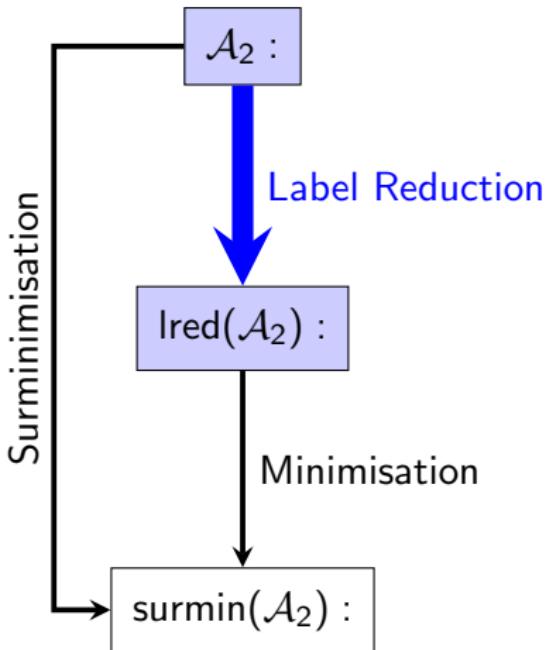
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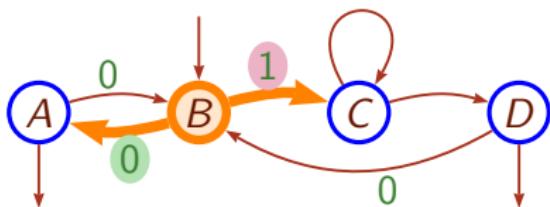
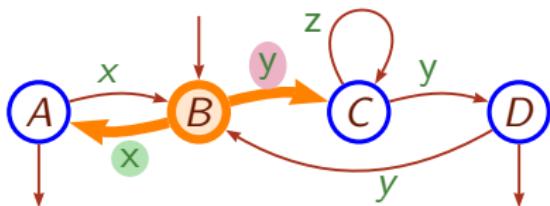
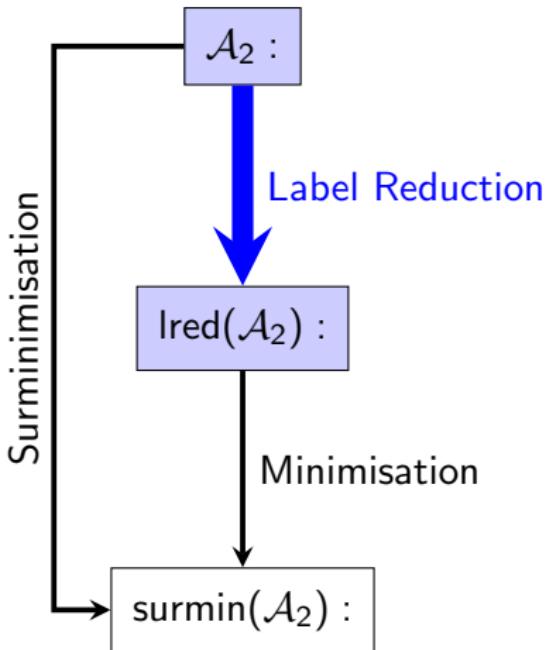
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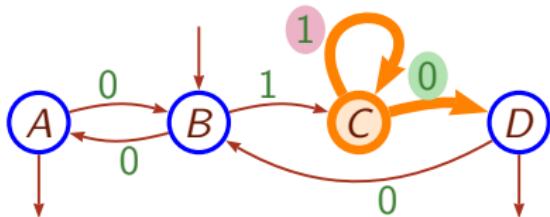
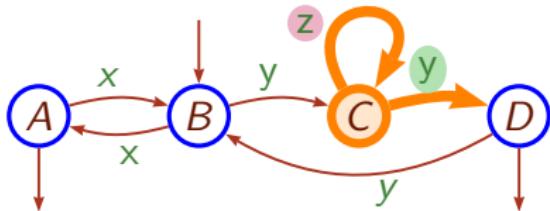
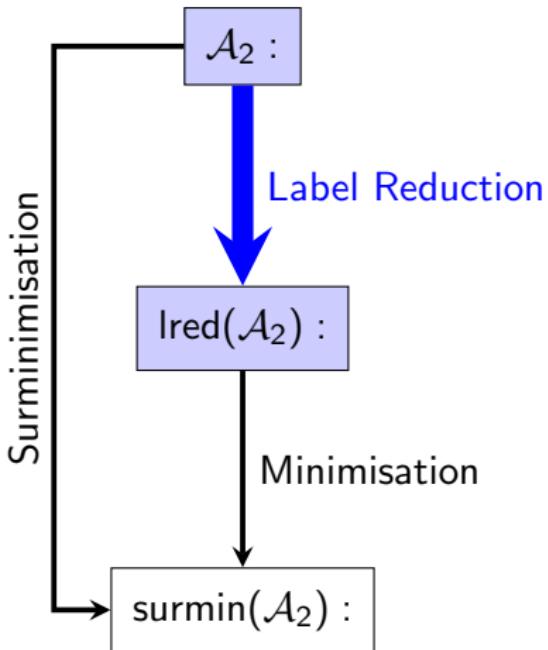
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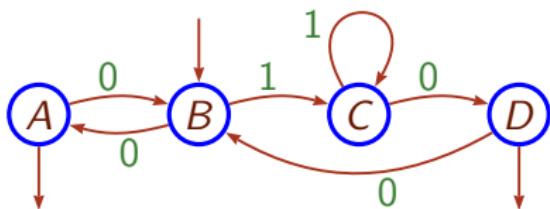
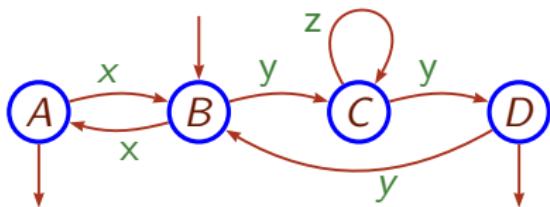
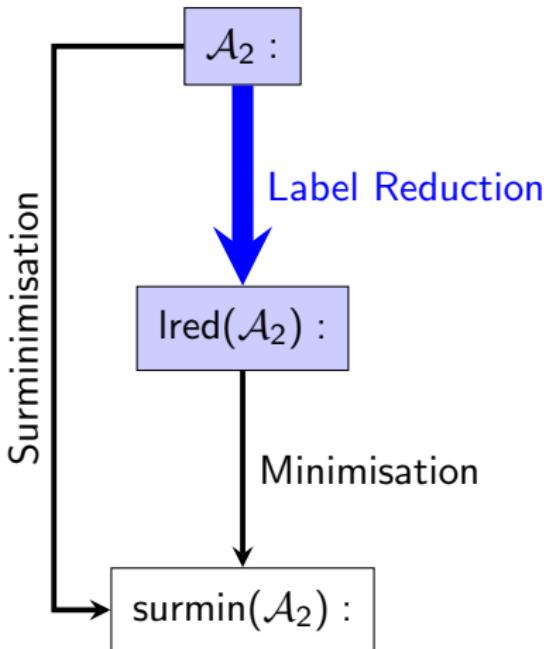
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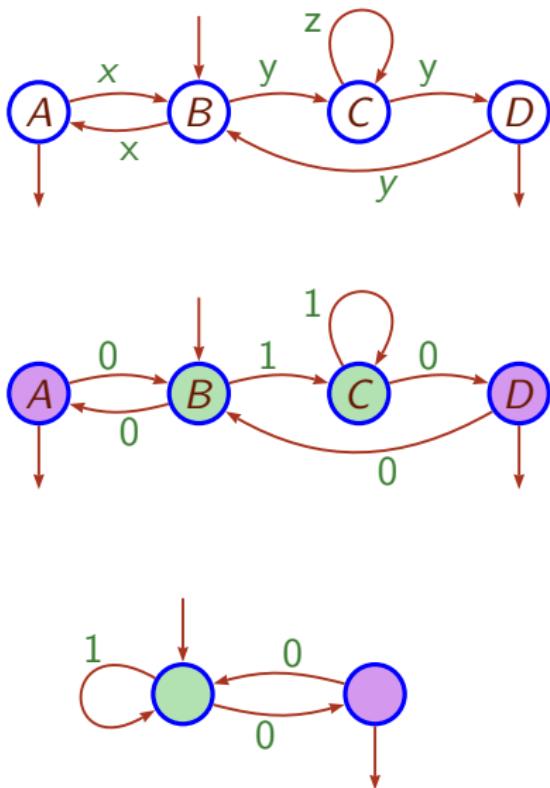
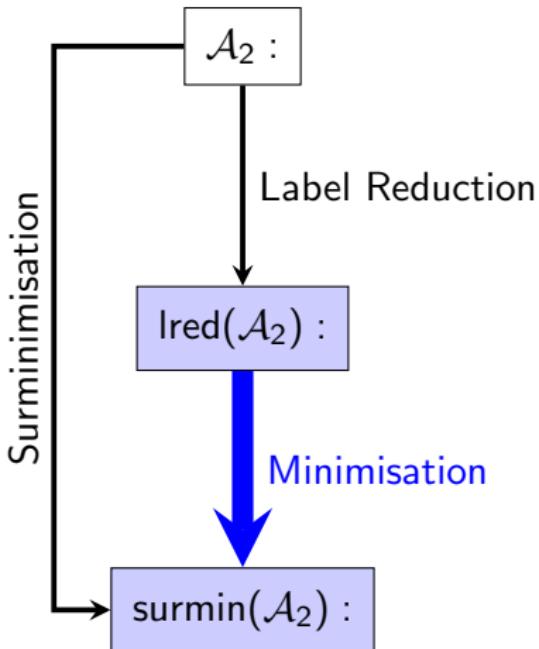
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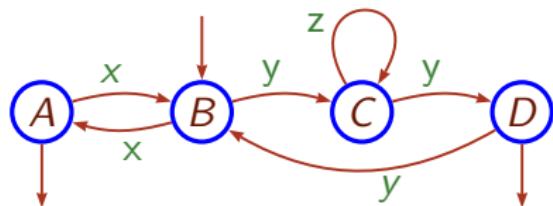
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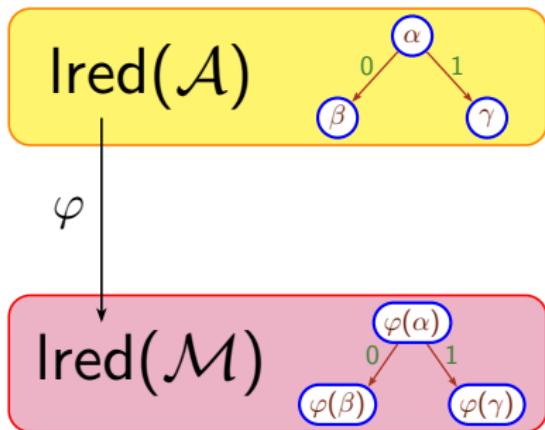
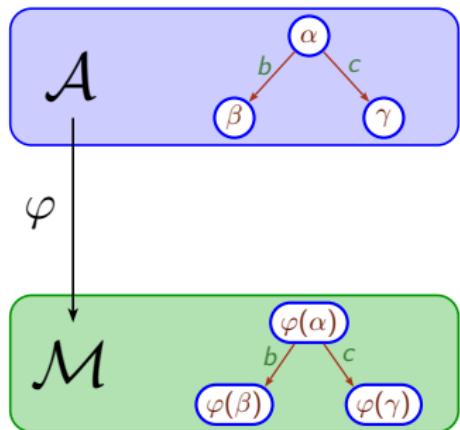
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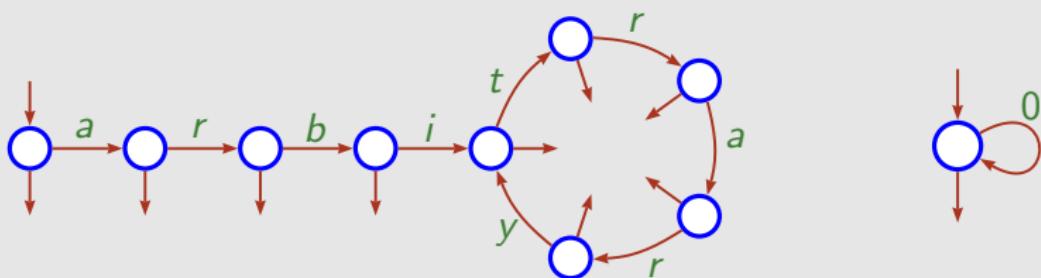
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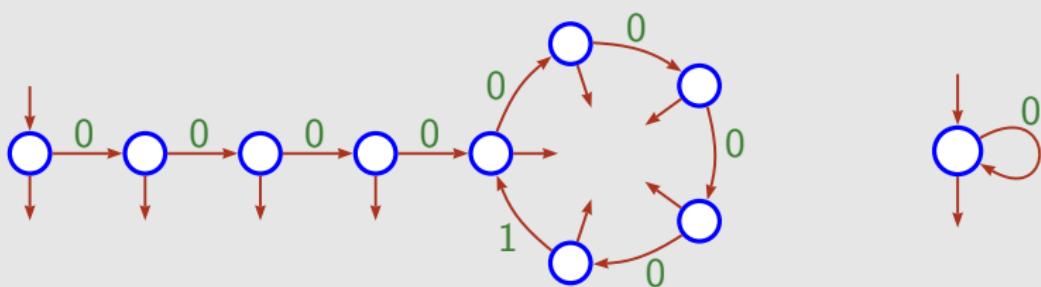
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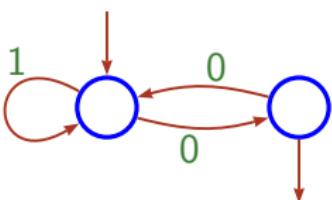
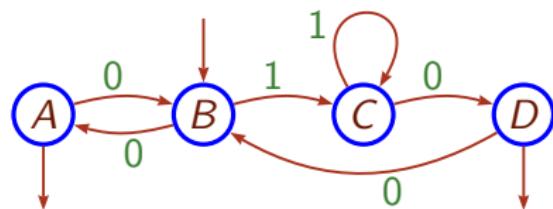
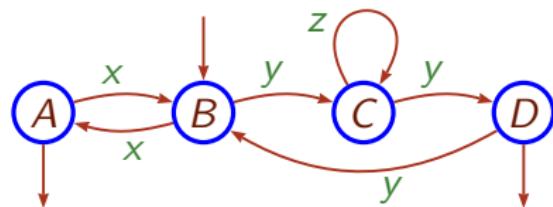
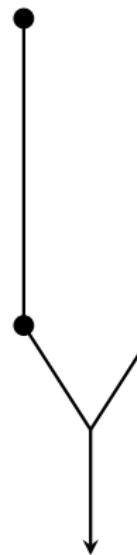
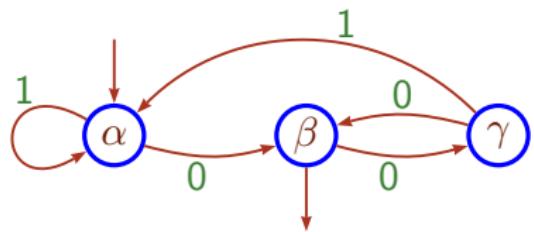
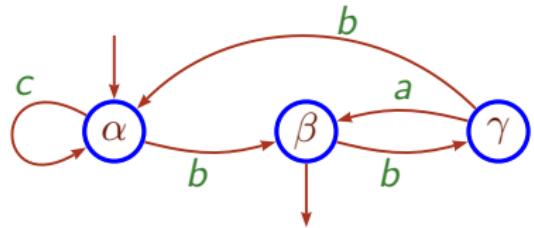
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Equivalent definition

$$\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{B} \iff \text{surmin}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{surmin}(\mathcal{B})$$

\mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 are T-equivalent



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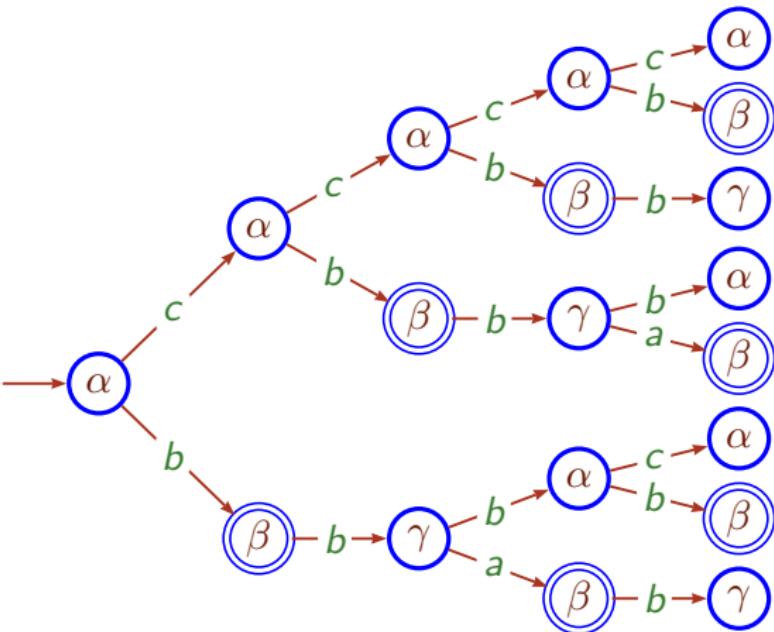
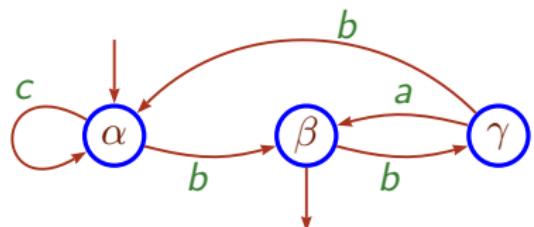
A DFA \mathcal{A} $\xrightarrow{\text{unfolds into}}$ a labelled tree $T_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Runs of \mathcal{A} $\xrightarrow{\text{becomes}}$ branches of $T_{\mathcal{A}}$.

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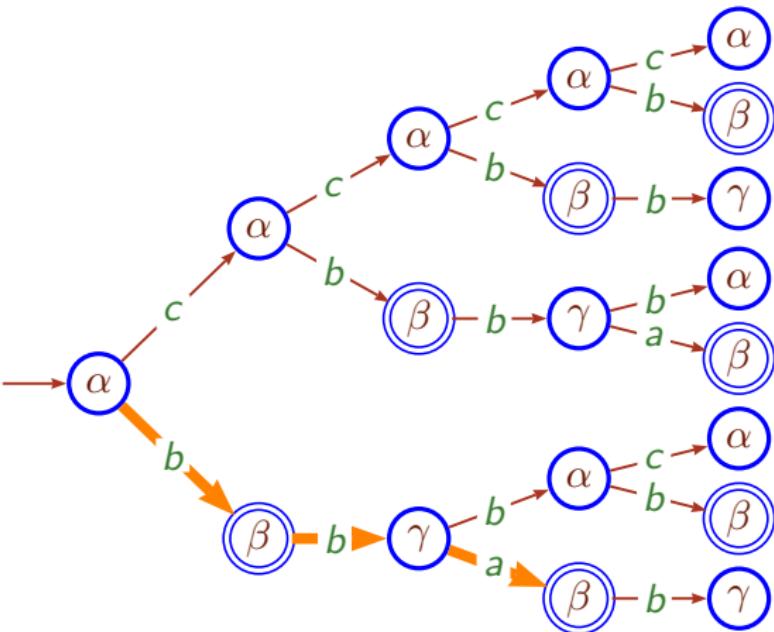
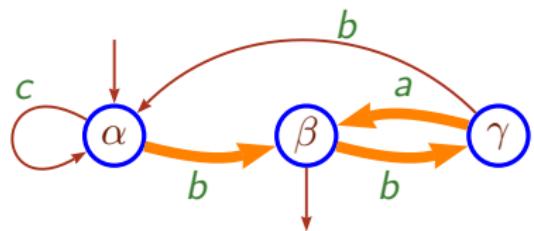
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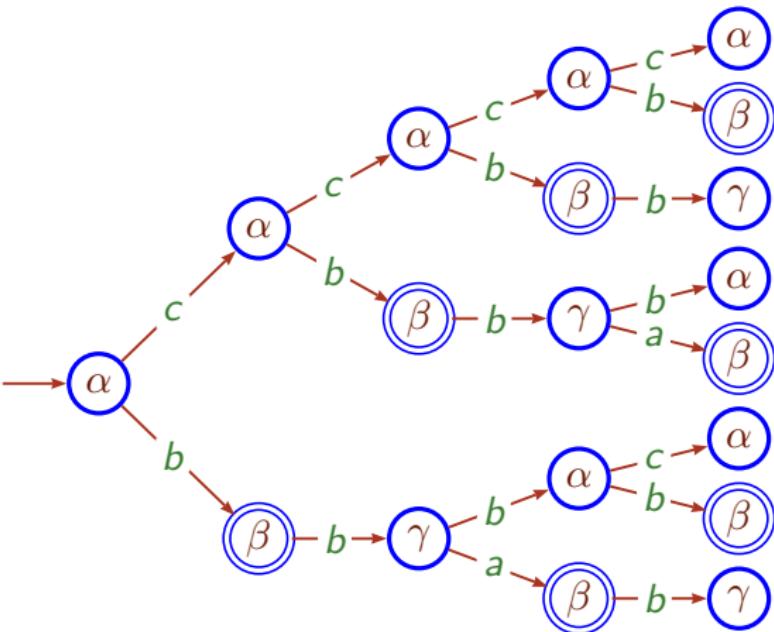
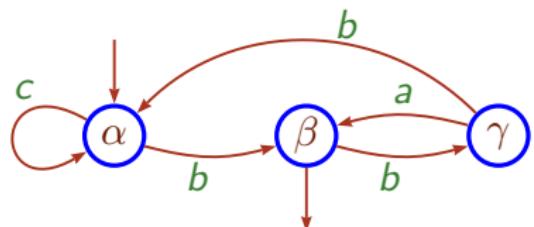
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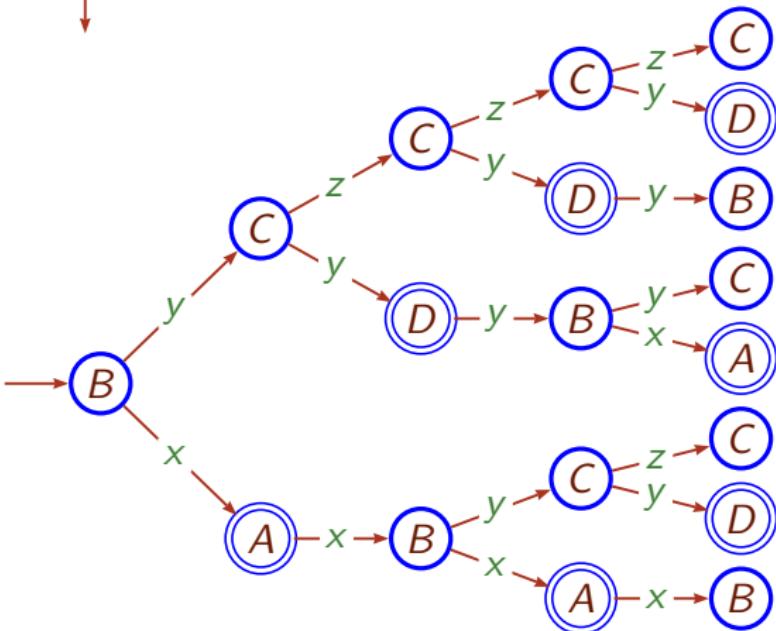
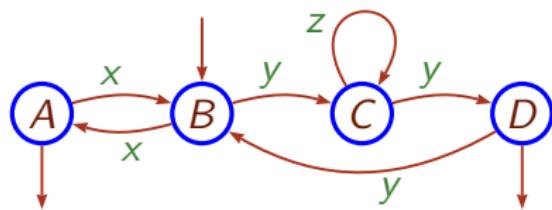
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1 Surminimisation

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3 Numeration Systems

Definition (Radix order)

A : an alphabet provided with a total order.

A^* is ordered by the *radix order*:

$$u <_{\text{rad}} v \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{cases} |u| < |v| \\ \text{or} \\ |u| = |v| \text{ and } u \text{ is lexicograph. smaller than } v \end{cases}$$

Example : $\epsilon <_{\text{rad}} 20 <_{\text{rad}} 21 <_{\text{rad}} 100$

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Enumeration of L_3 according to the radix order:

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$\langle 0 \rangle$	$\langle 1 \rangle$	$\langle 2 \rangle$	$\langle 3 \rangle$	$\langle 4 \rangle$	$\langle 5 \rangle$	$\langle 6 \rangle$	$\langle 7 \rangle$	$\langle 8 \rangle$	$\langle 9 \rangle$	\dots

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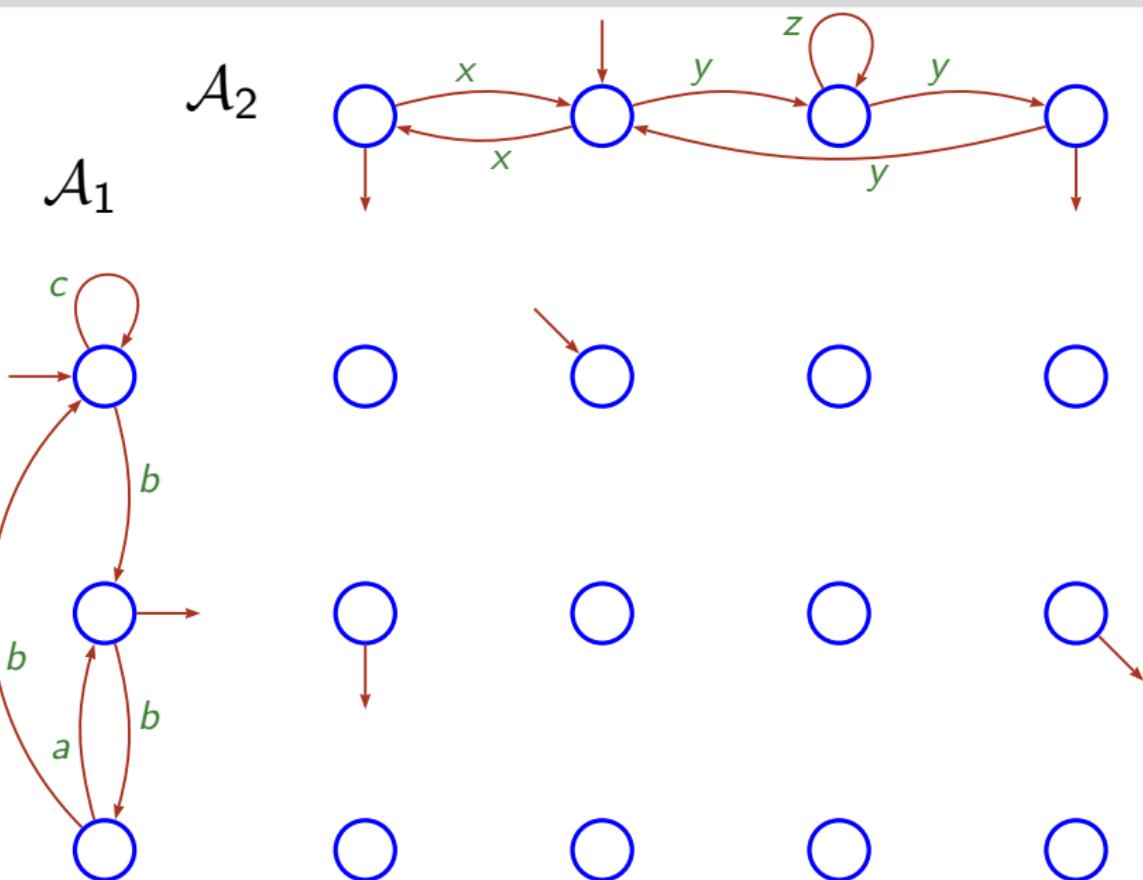
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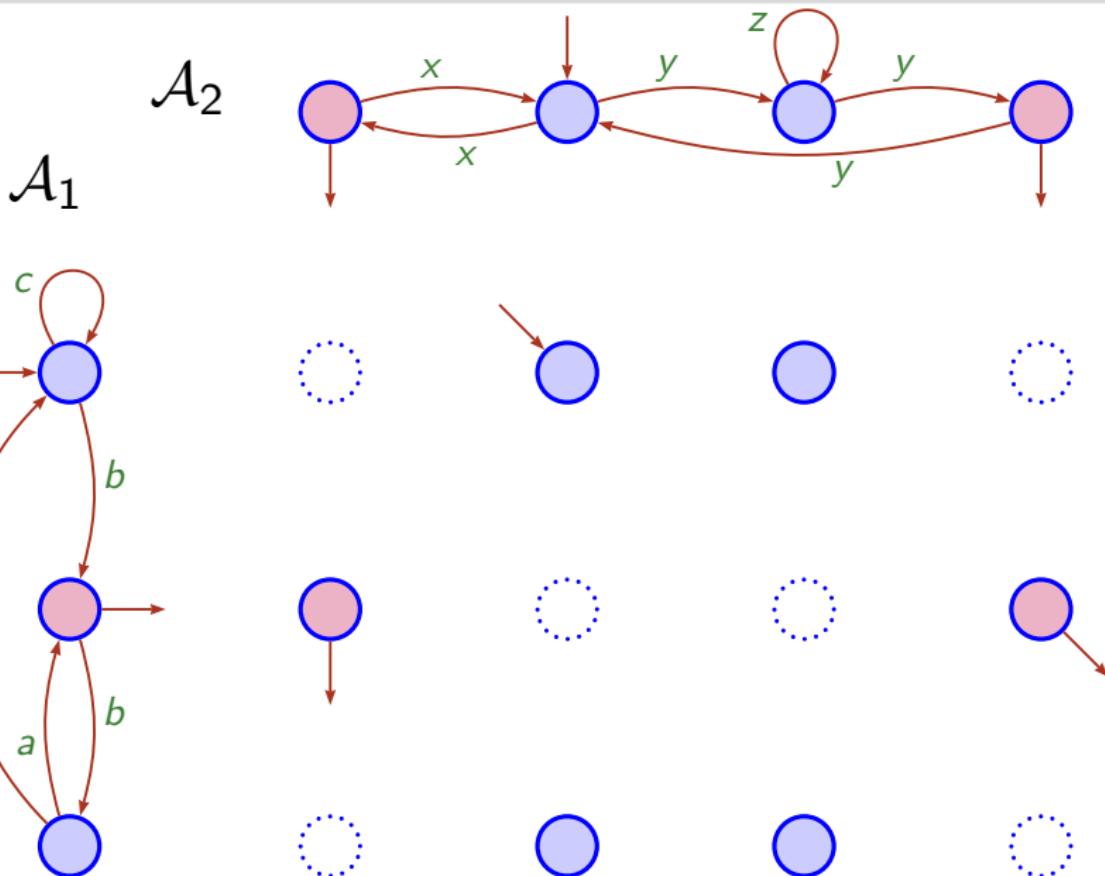
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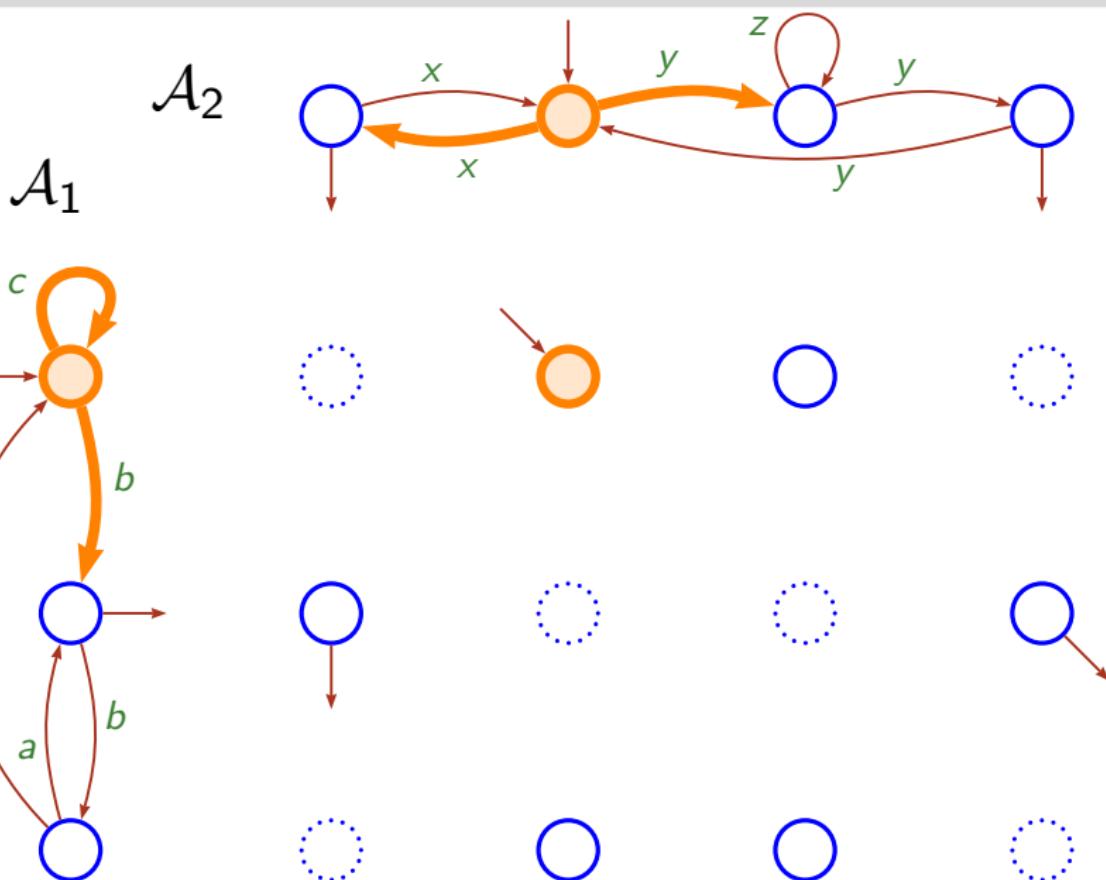
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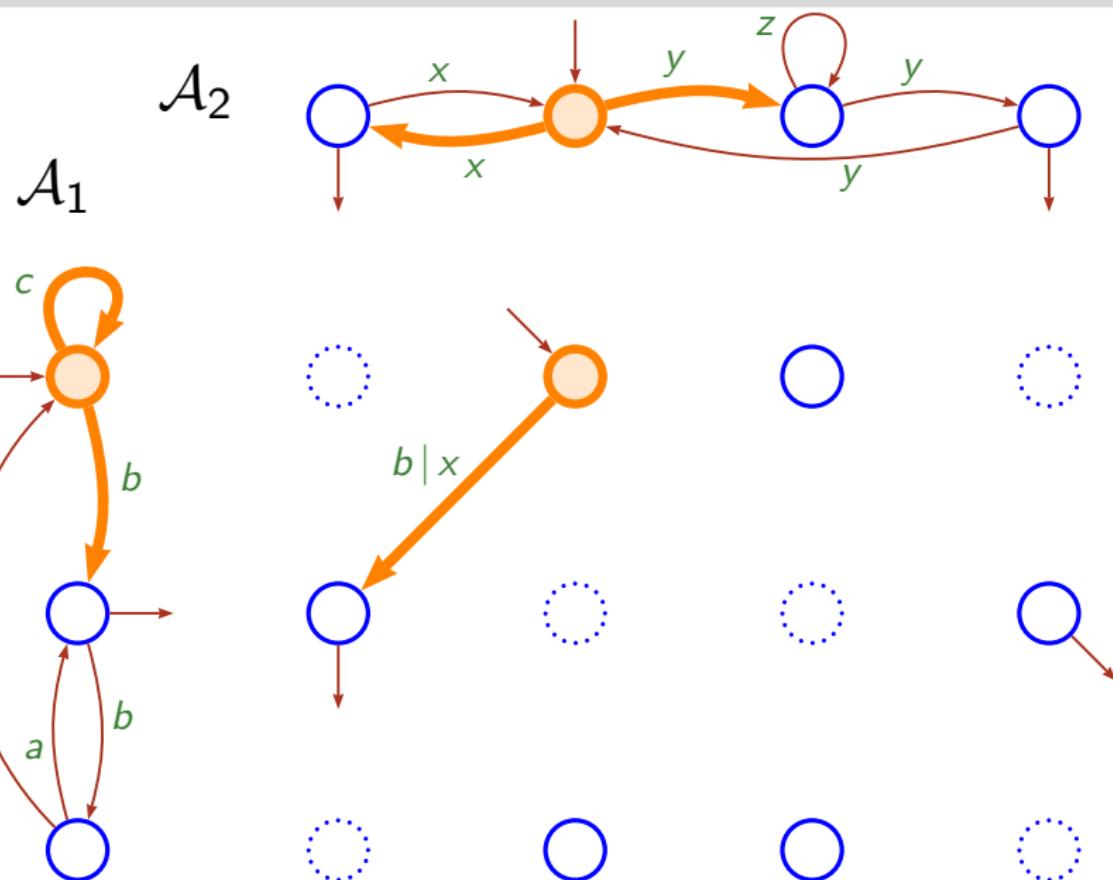
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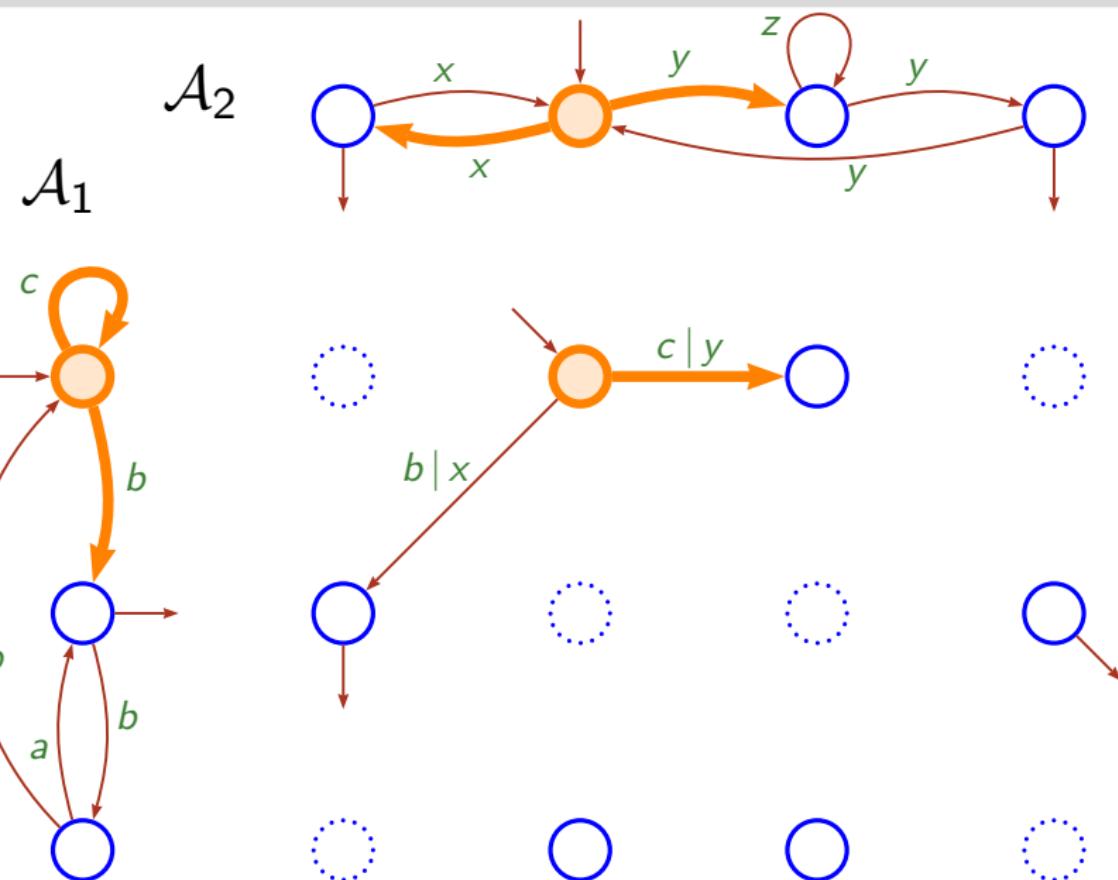
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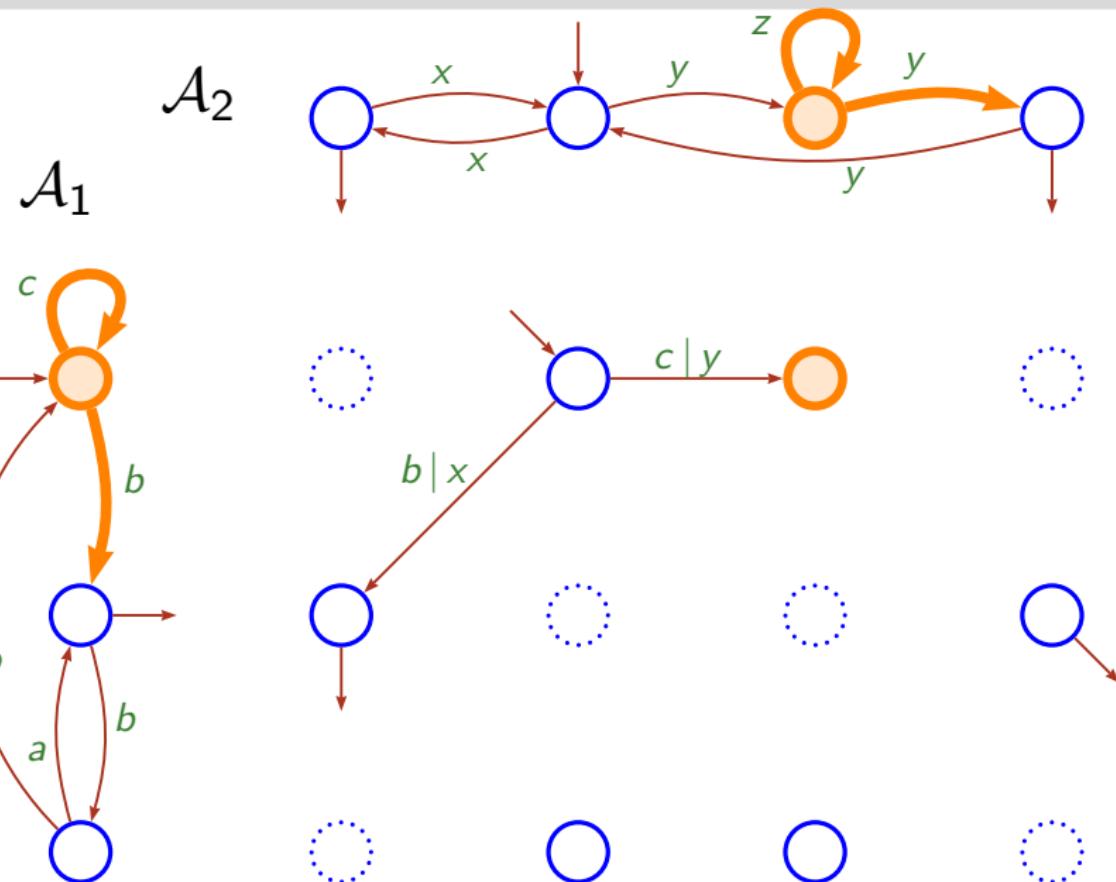
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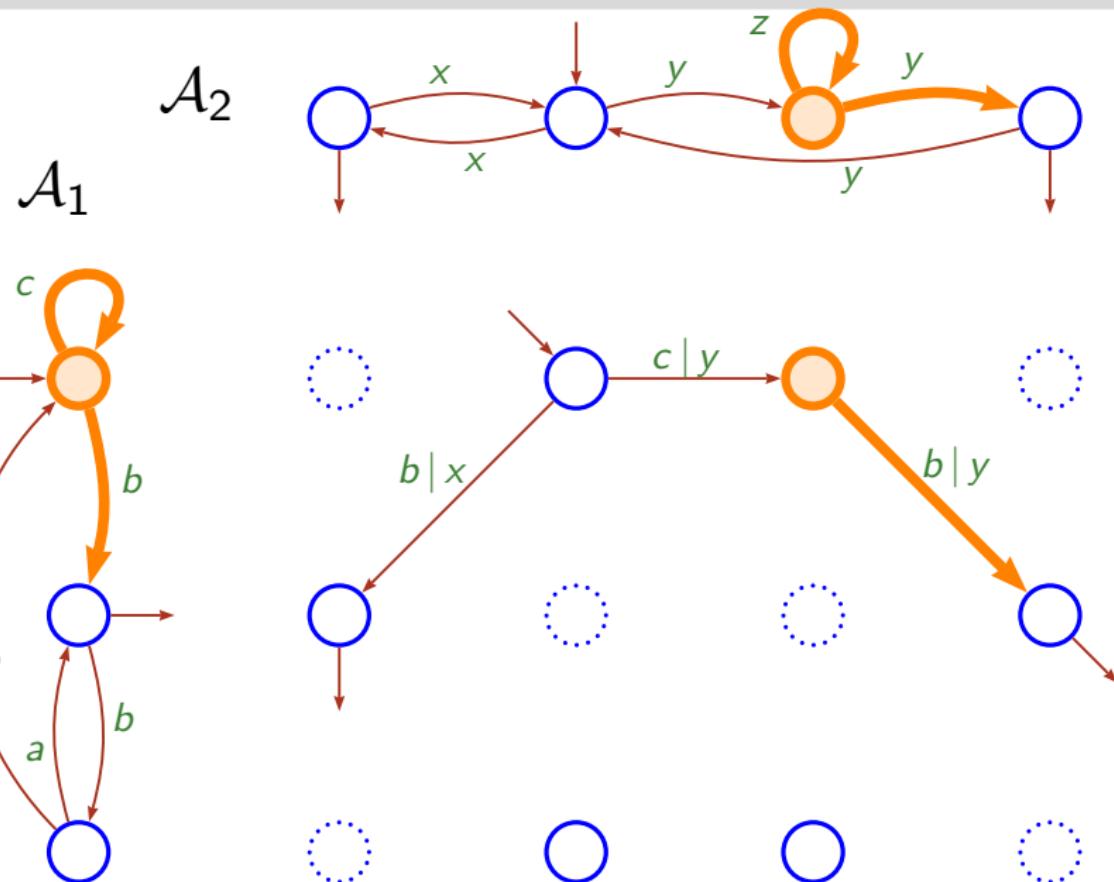
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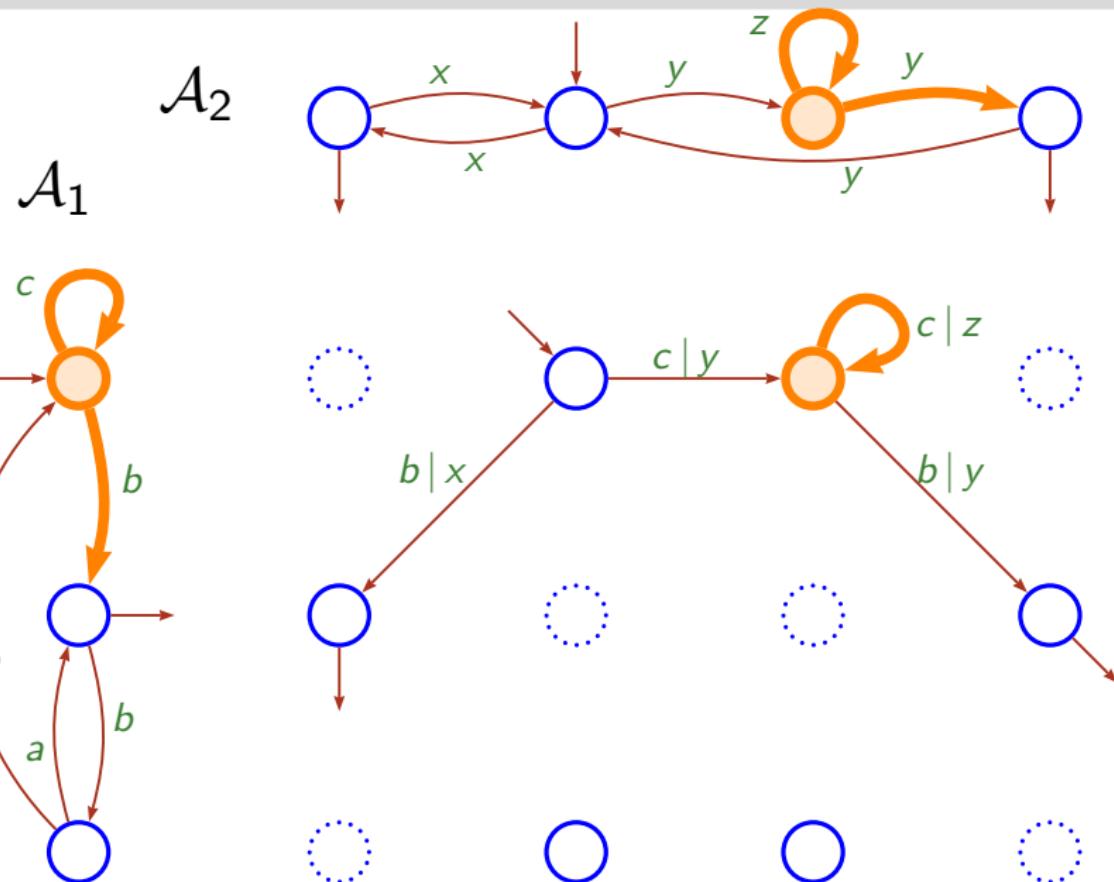
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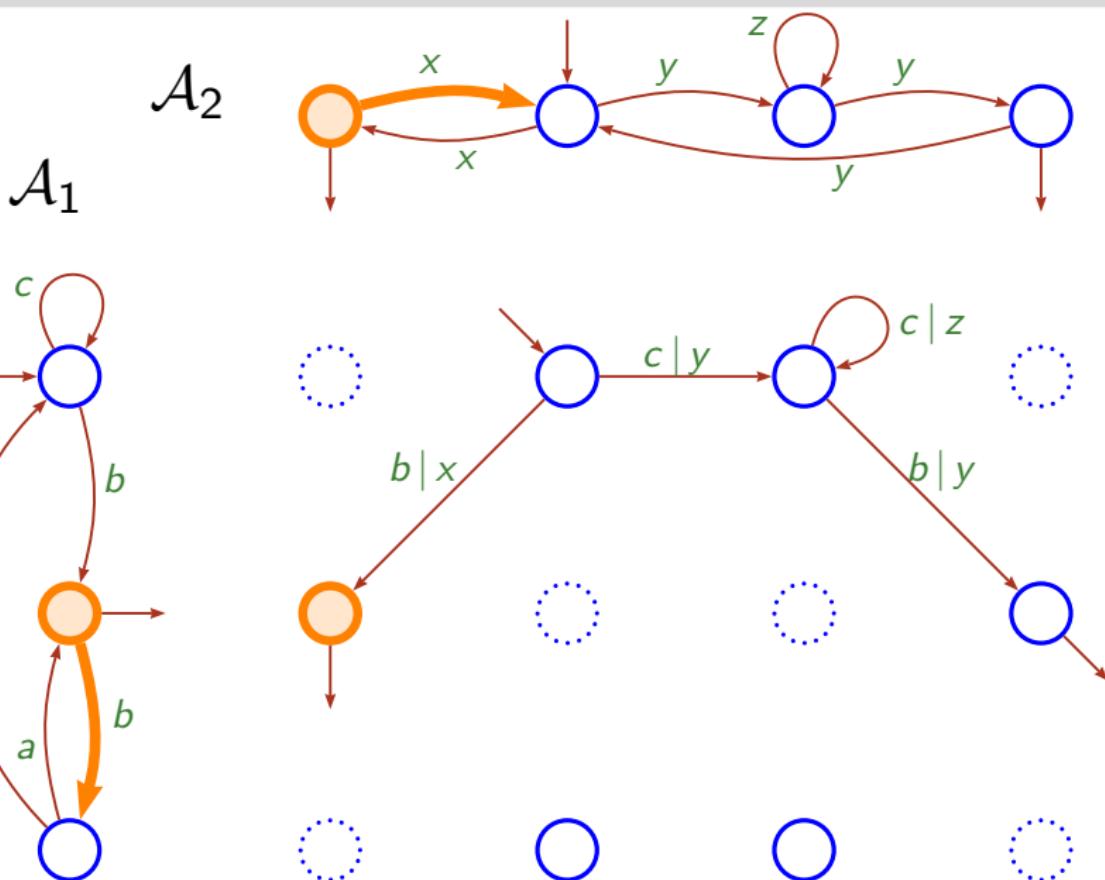
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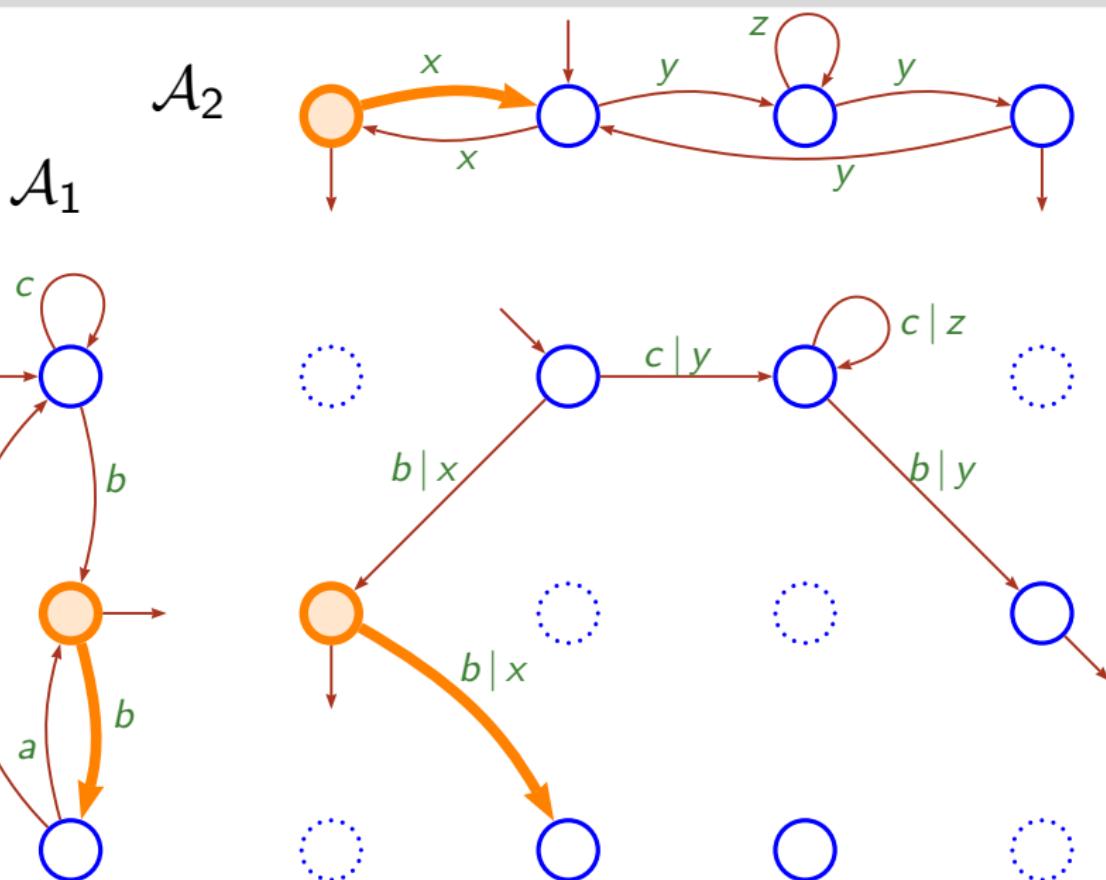
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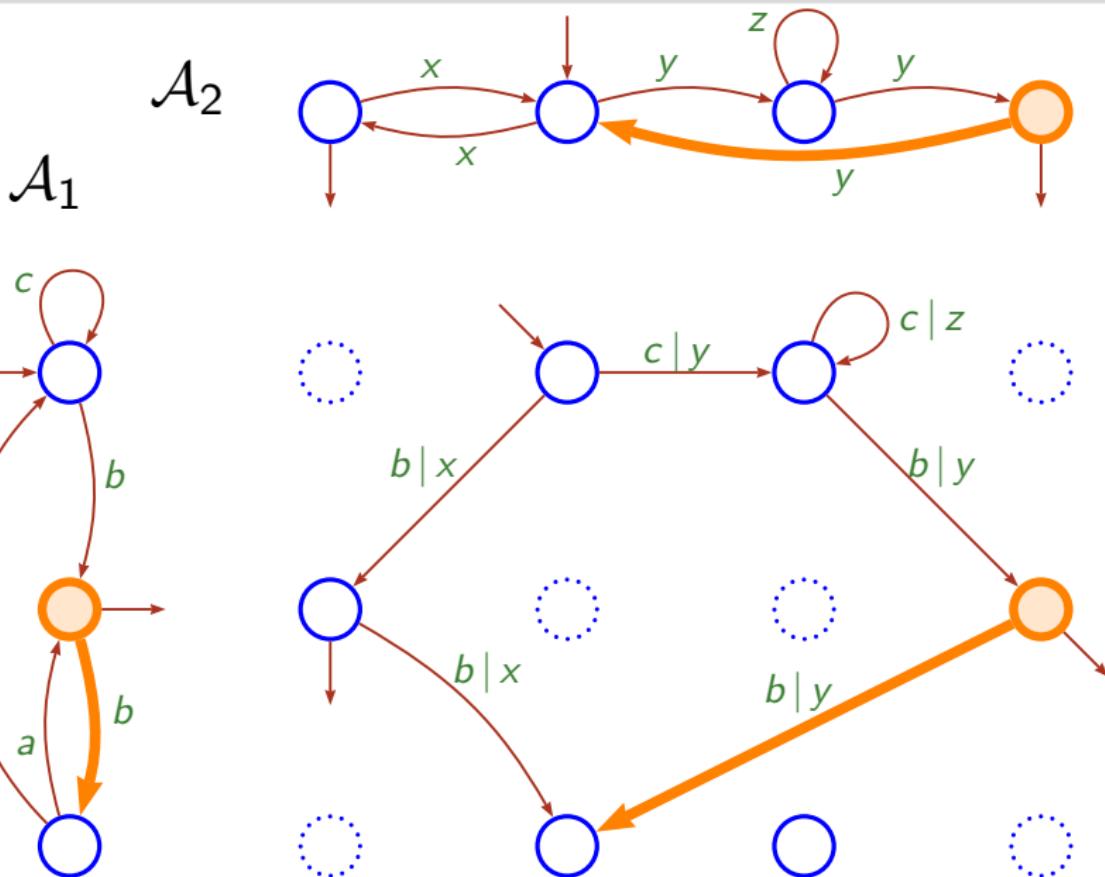
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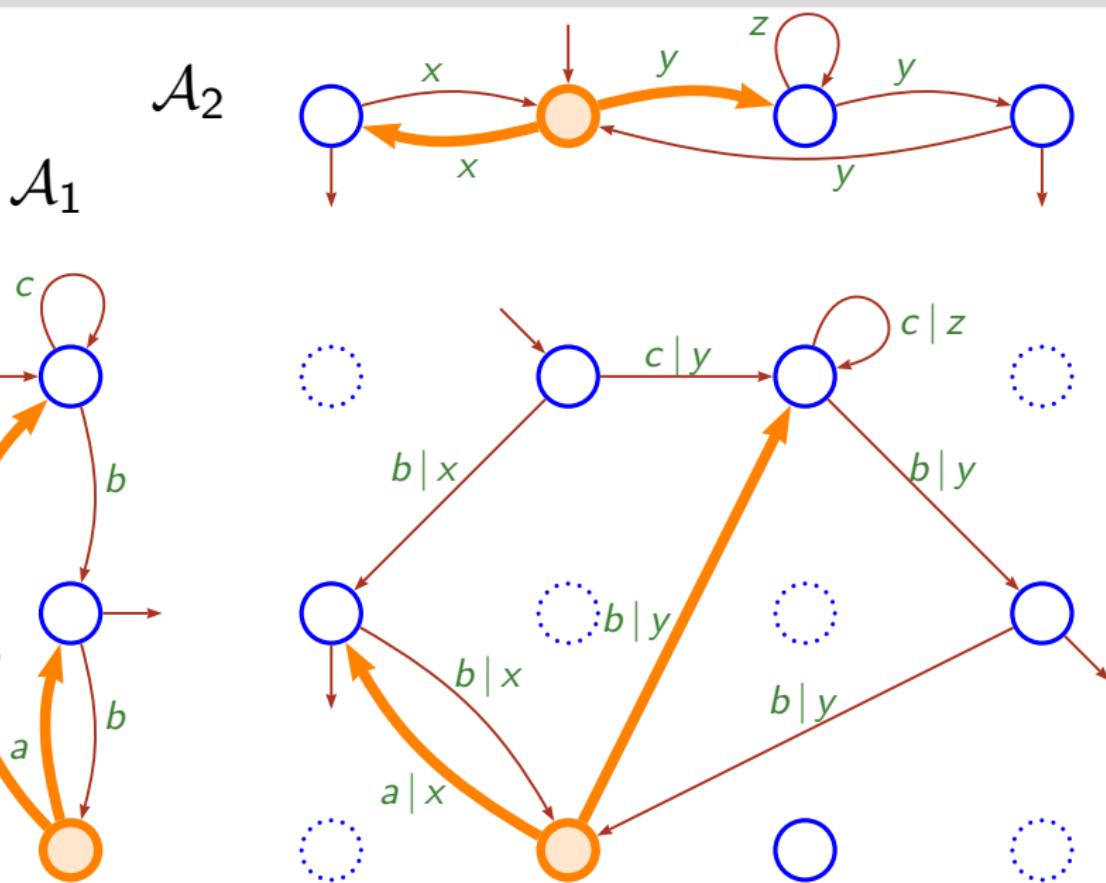
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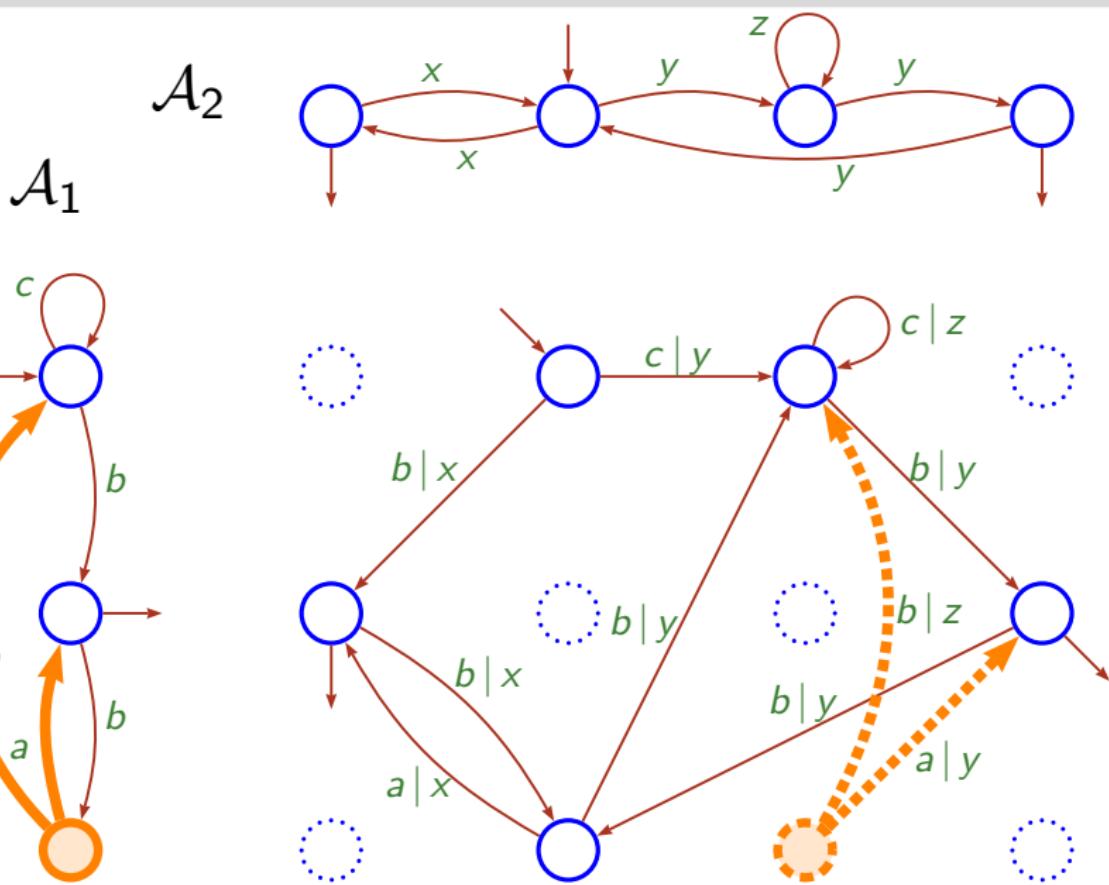
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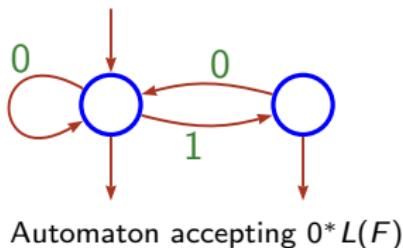
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Example: Fibonacci Numeration System

$$F = 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, \dots$$

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$$\langle 30 \rangle_F = 1010001 \quad (30 = 21 + 8 + 1 = F_6 + F_4 + F_0)$$



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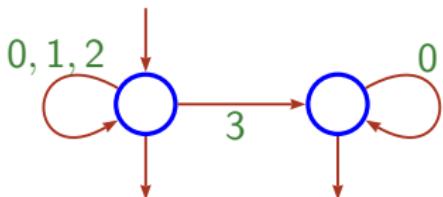
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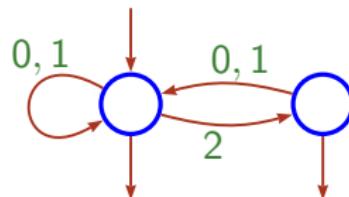
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