

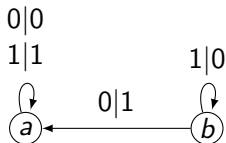
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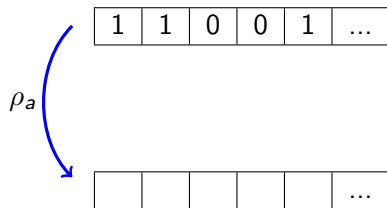
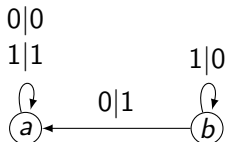


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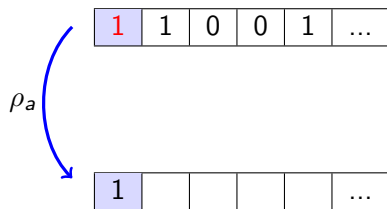
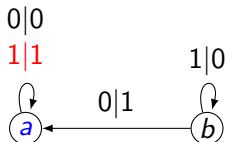
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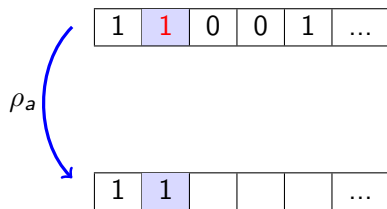
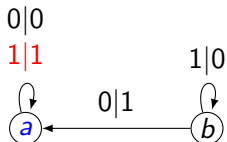
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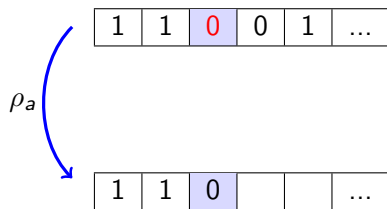
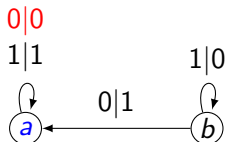
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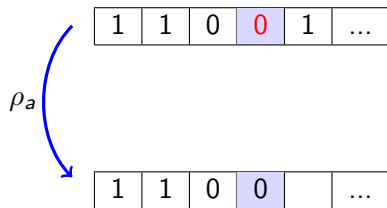
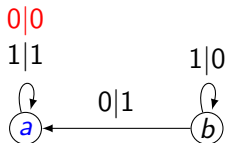
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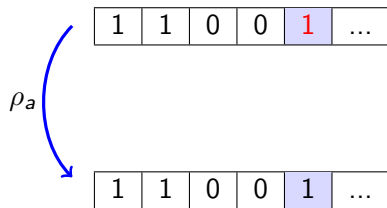
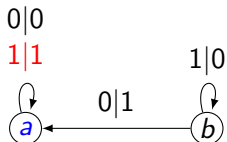
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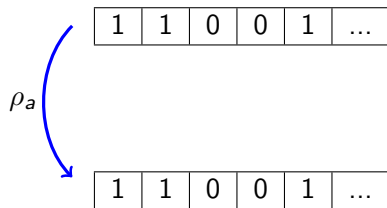
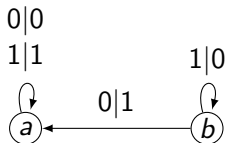


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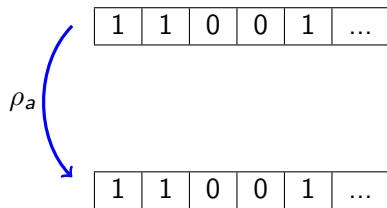
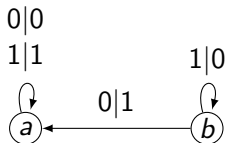


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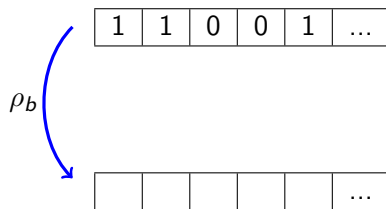
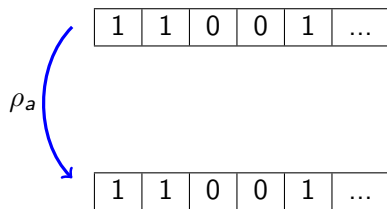
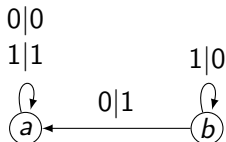
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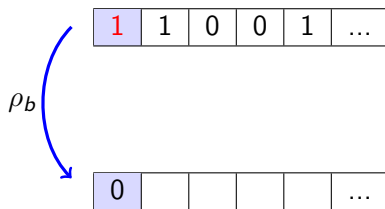
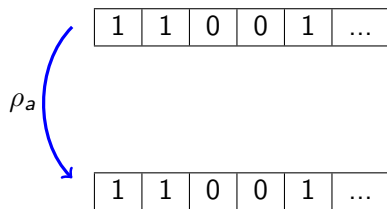
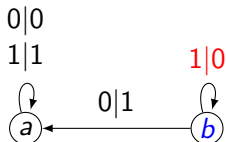
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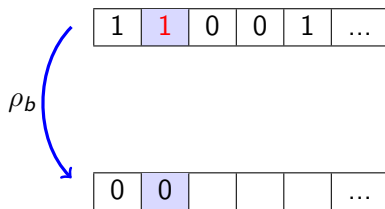
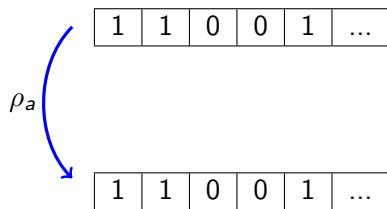
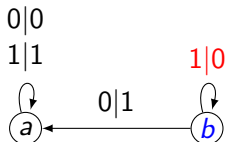
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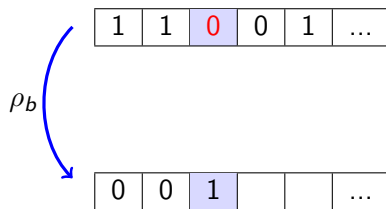
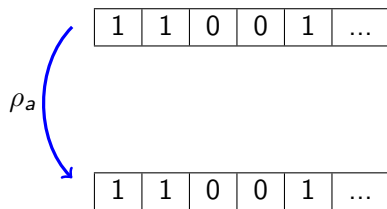
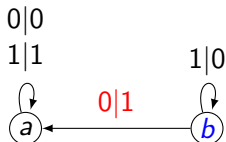
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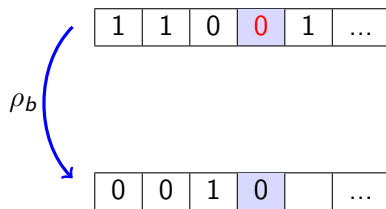
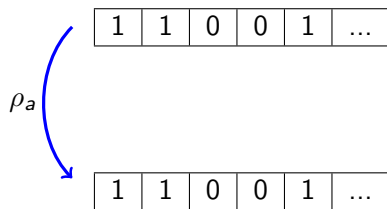
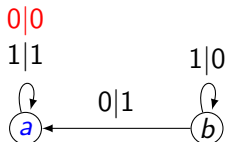
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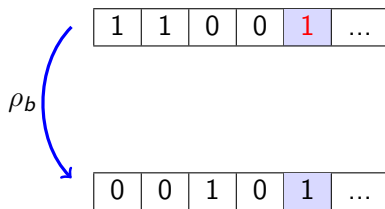
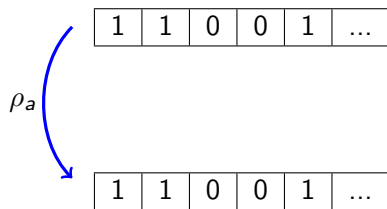
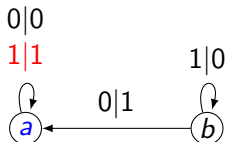
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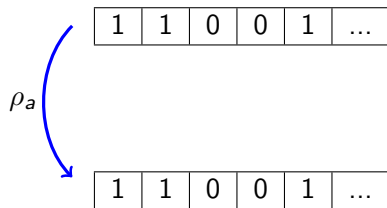
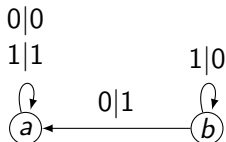
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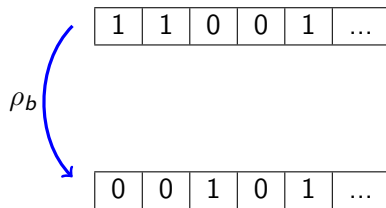
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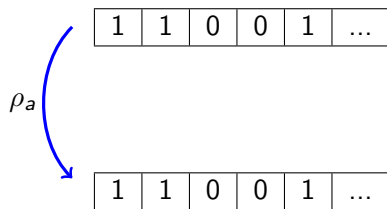
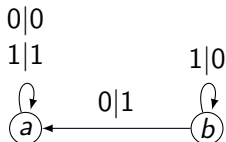


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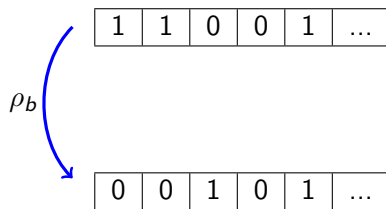


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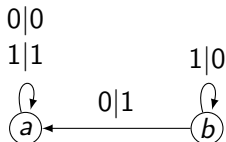


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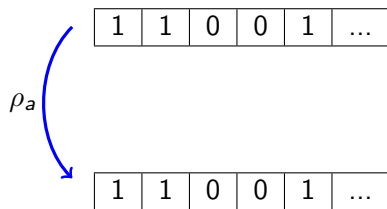


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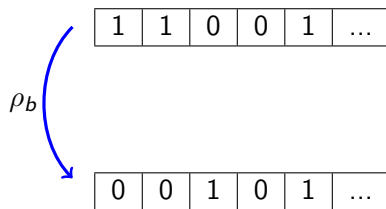
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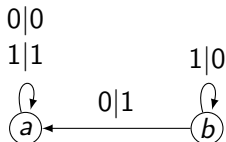


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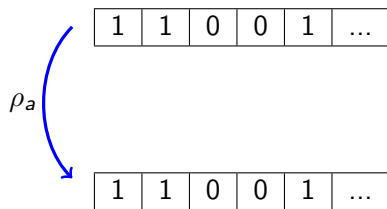


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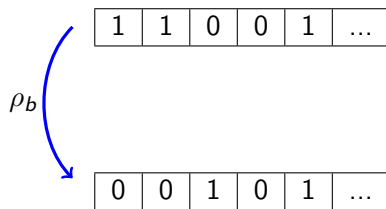
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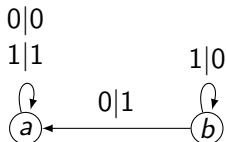


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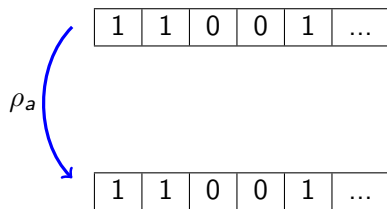


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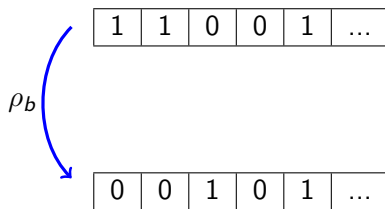
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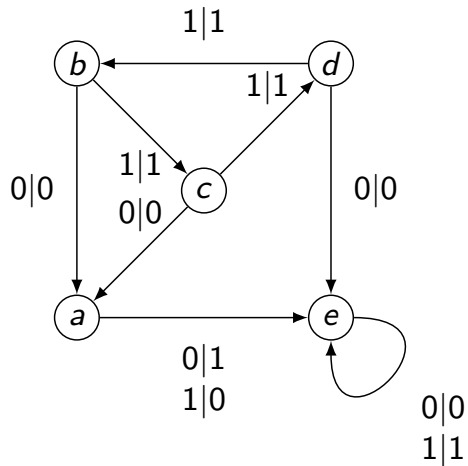


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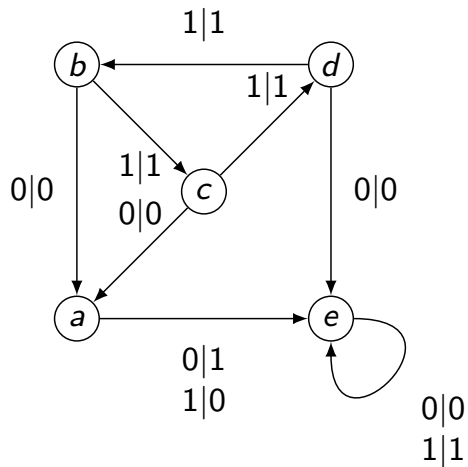


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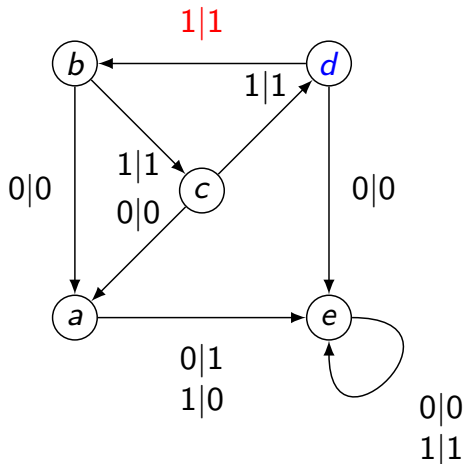
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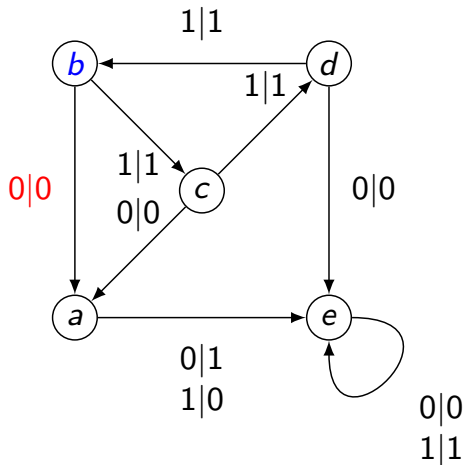
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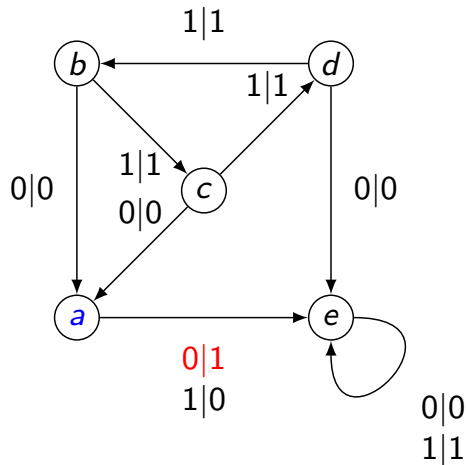
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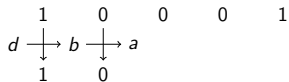
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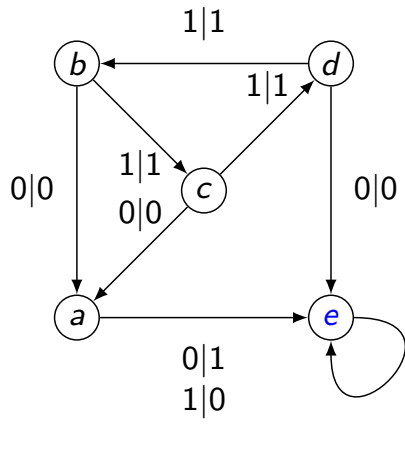


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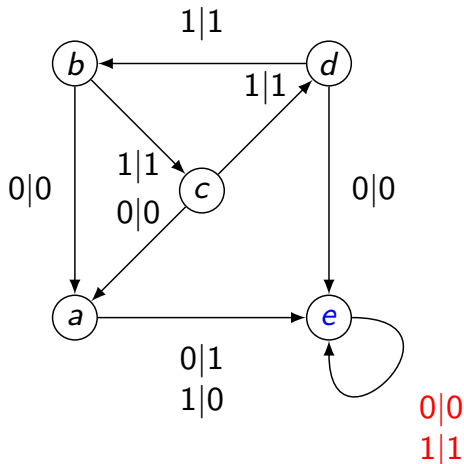
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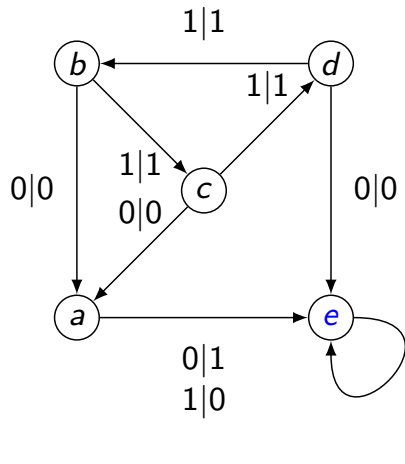
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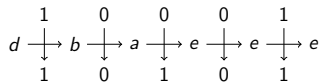
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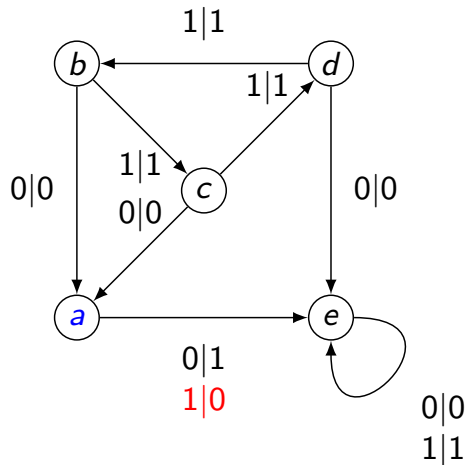


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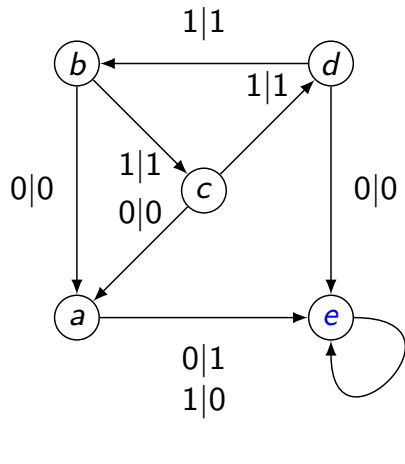


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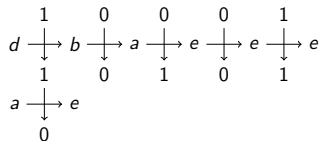
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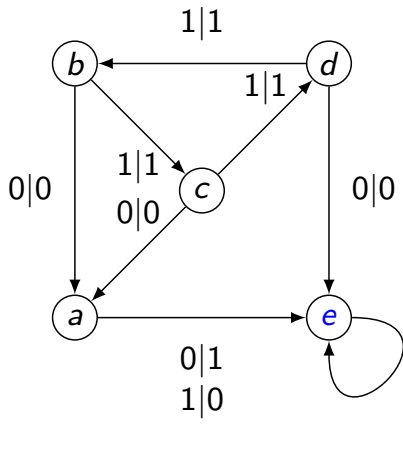


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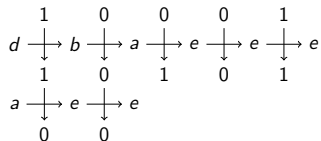


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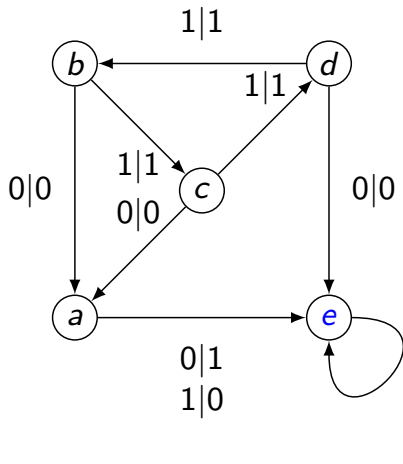
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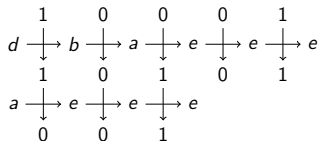


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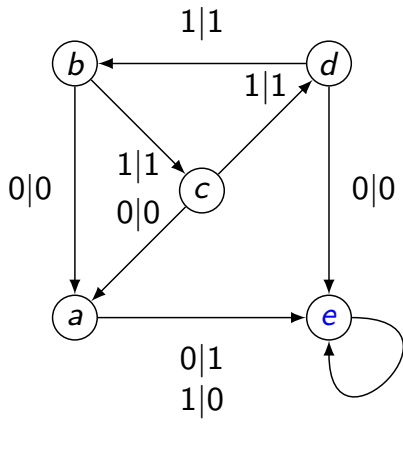
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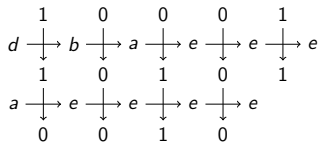
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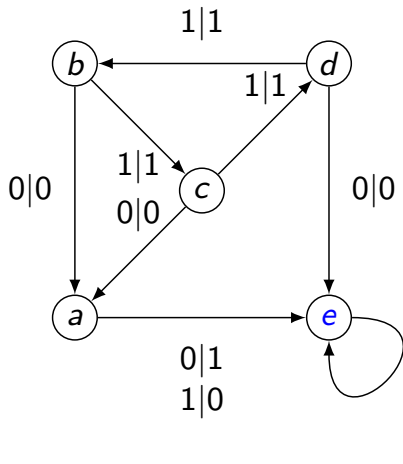
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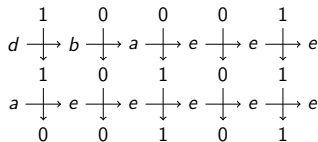
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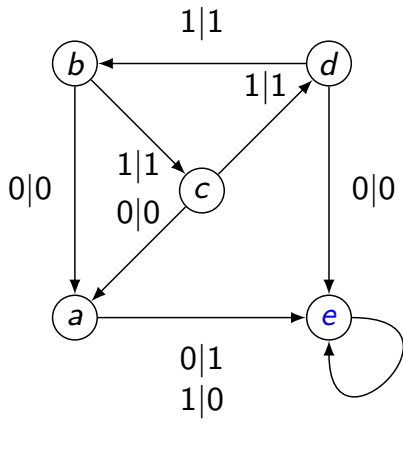


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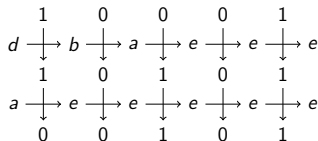


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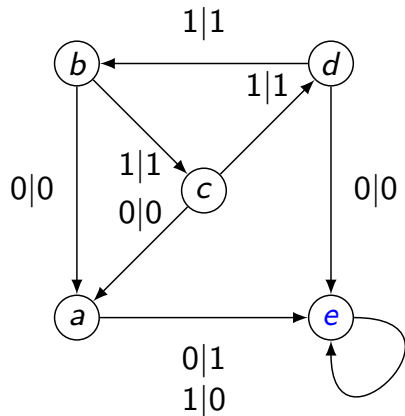


$$\rho_{da}(10001) = \rho_a(\rho_d(10001))$$

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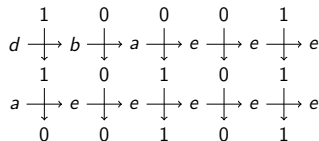
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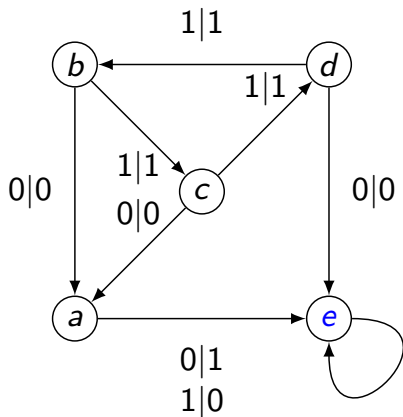
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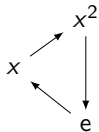
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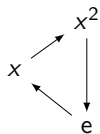
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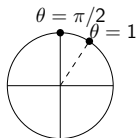
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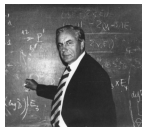
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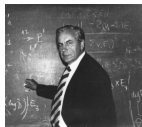
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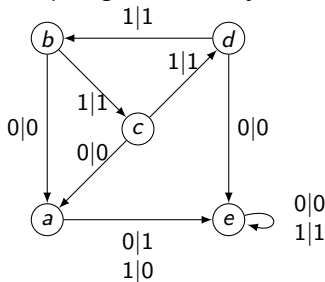
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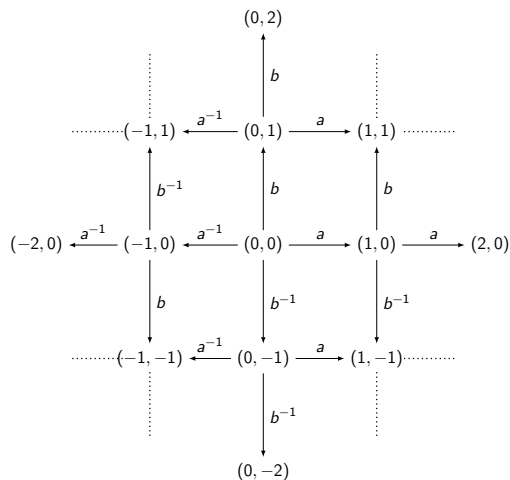
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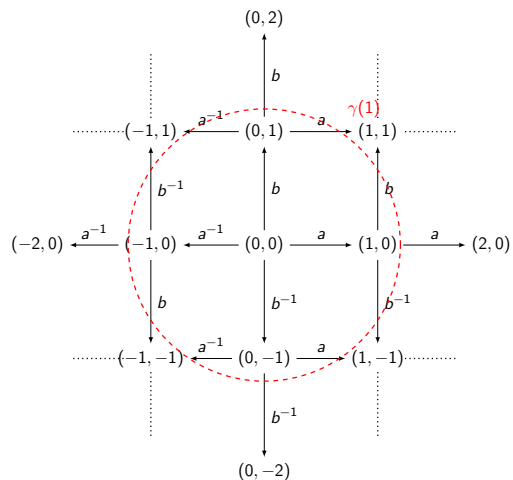


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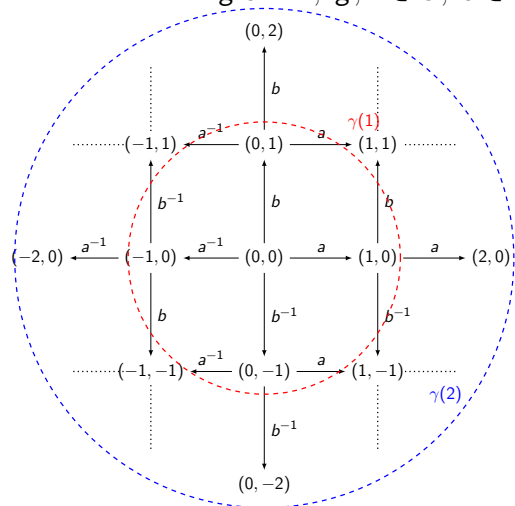
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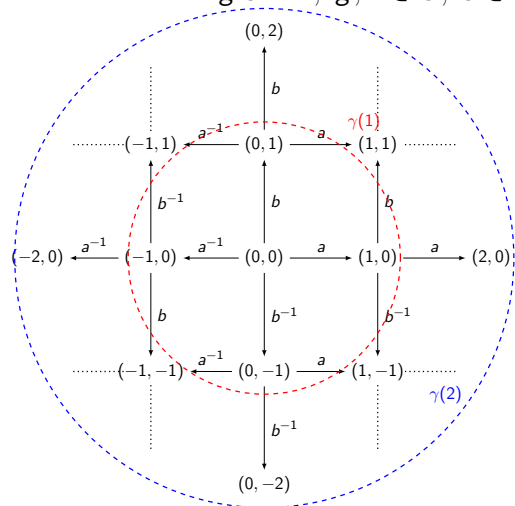
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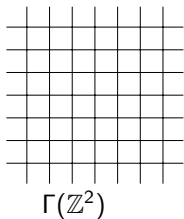
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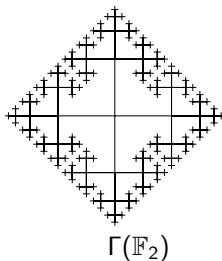
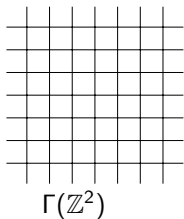
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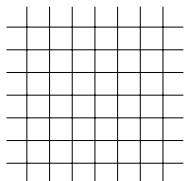
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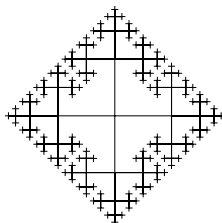
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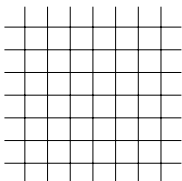
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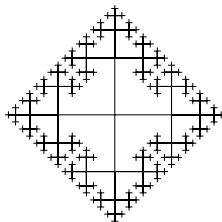
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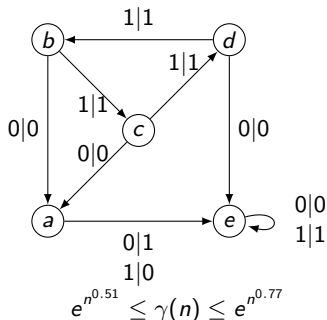
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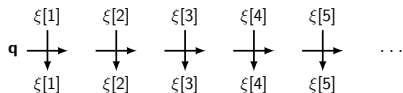
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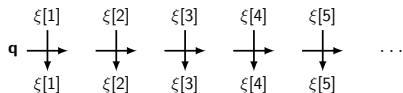




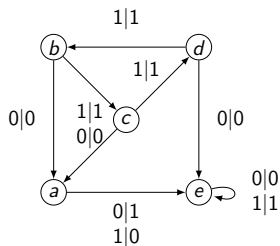
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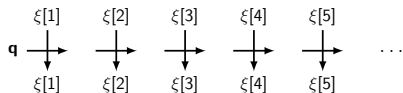


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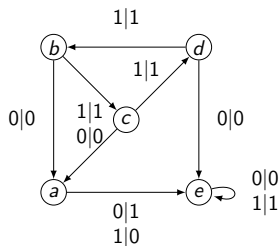
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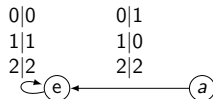


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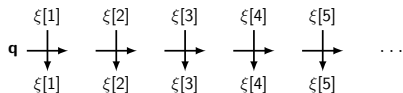


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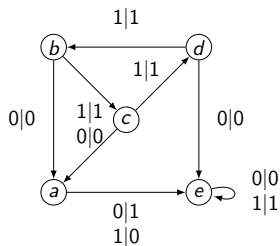
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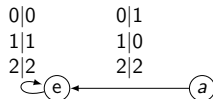


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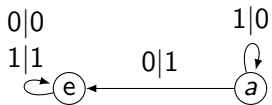
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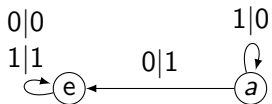


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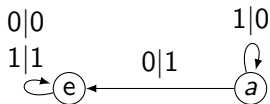


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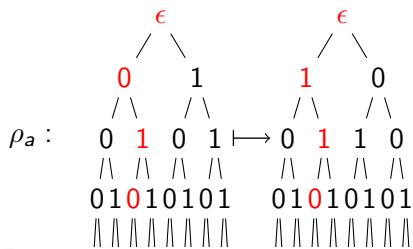
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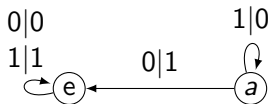


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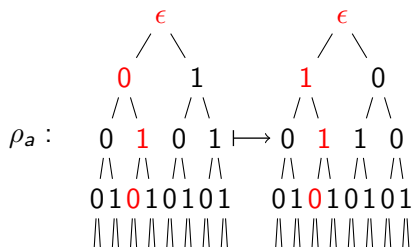


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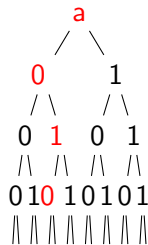


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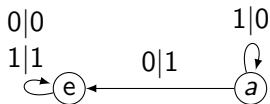
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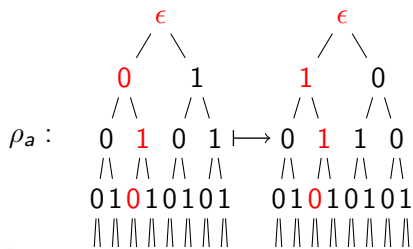


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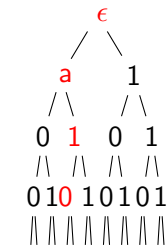


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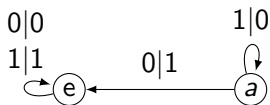


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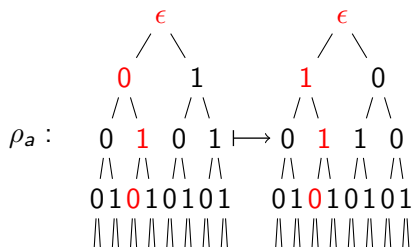


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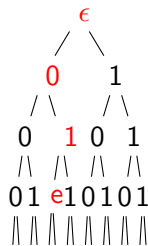


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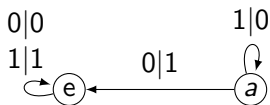
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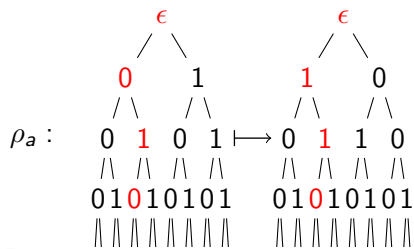


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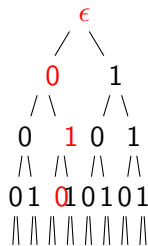


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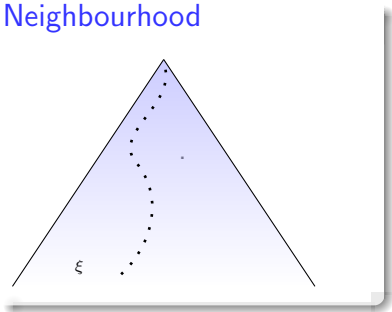
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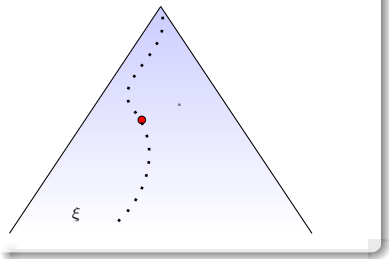
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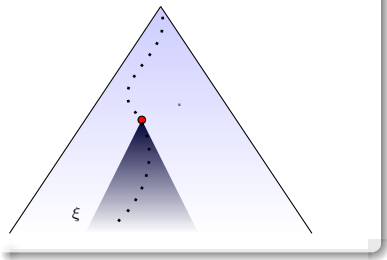
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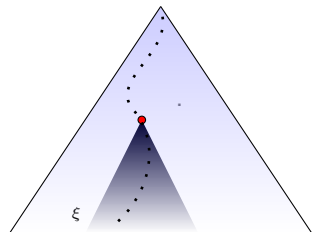
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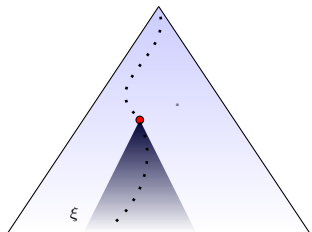
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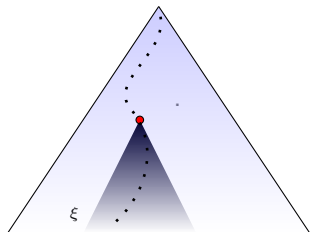
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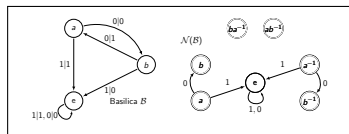
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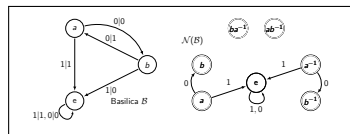


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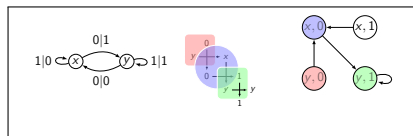
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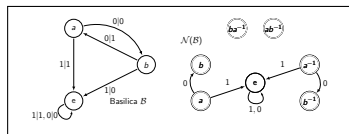
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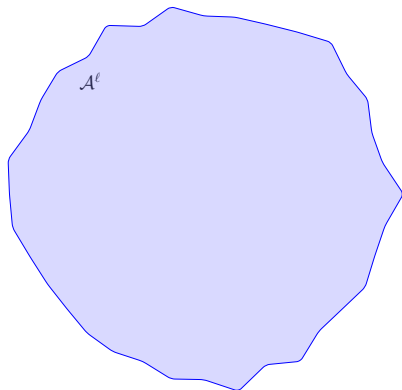
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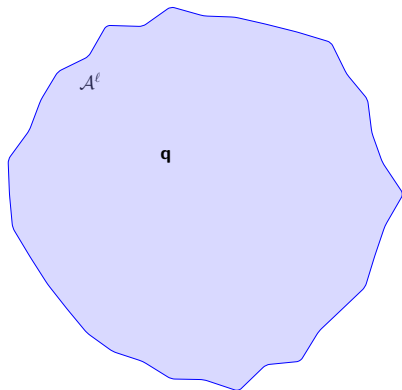




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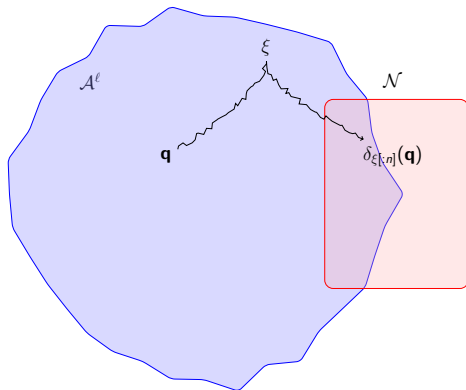
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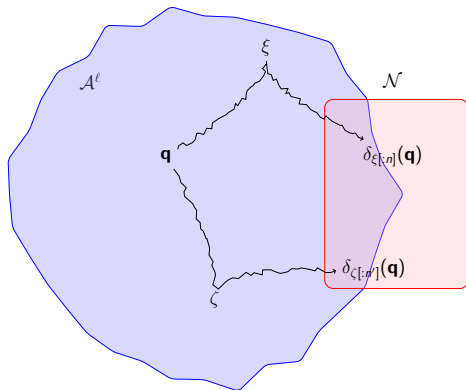
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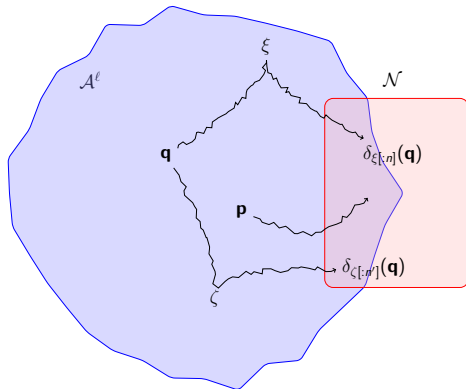
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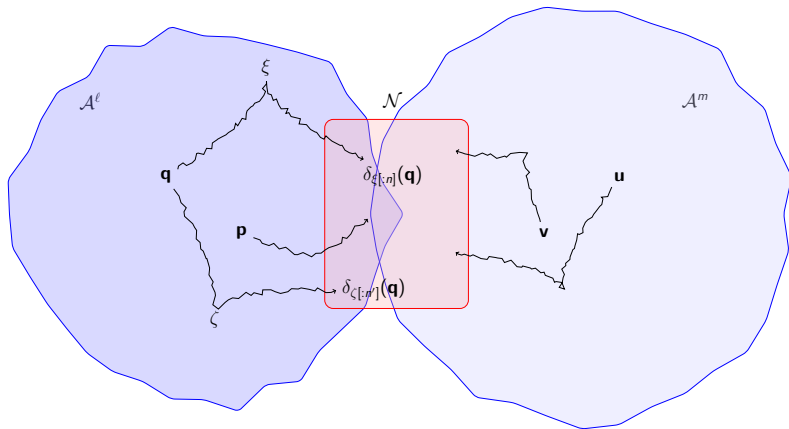
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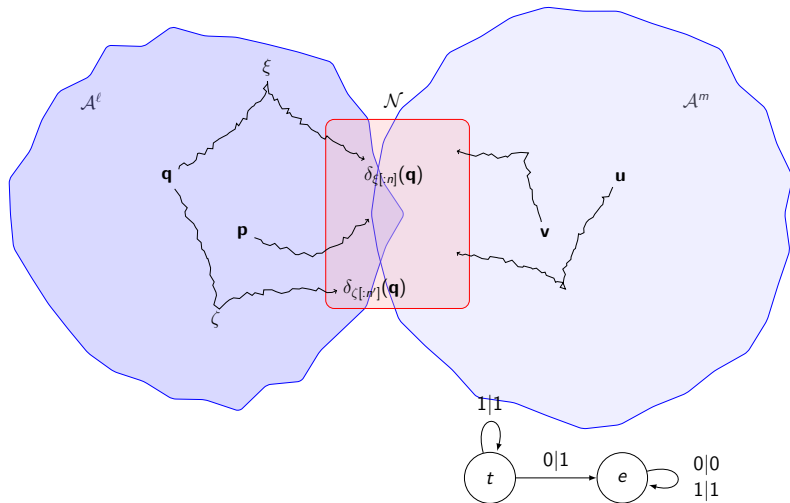
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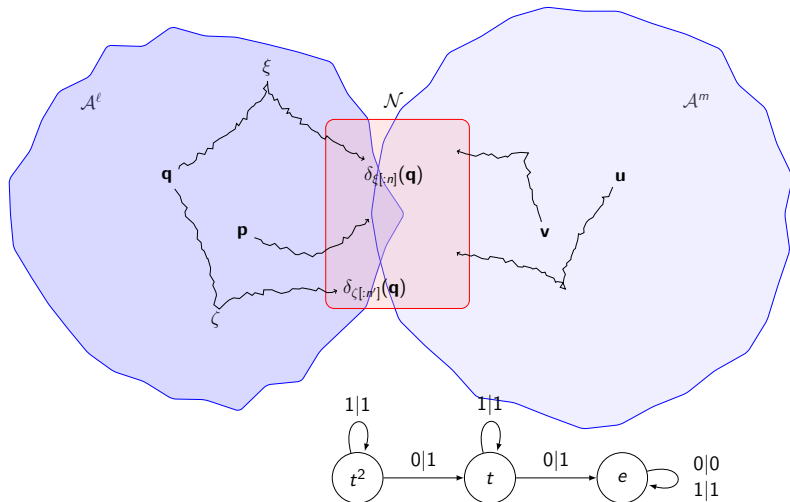
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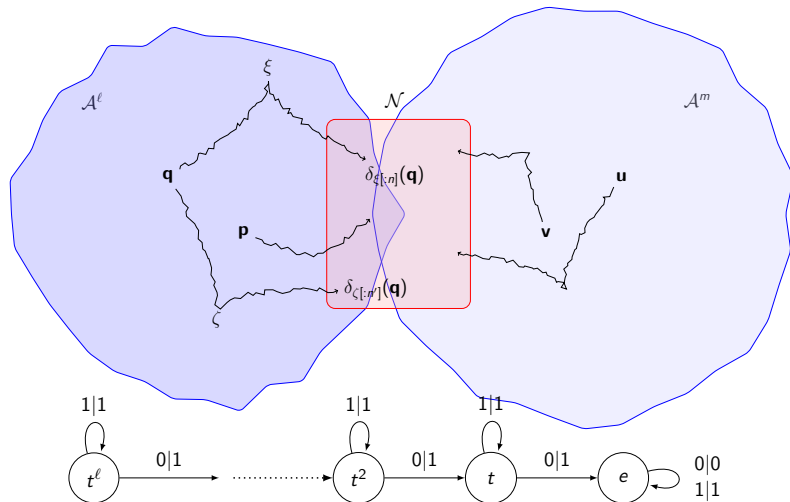
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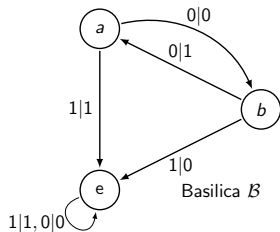
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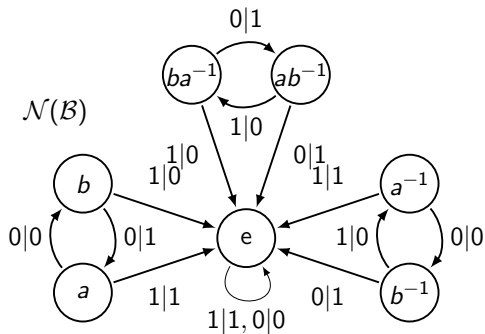
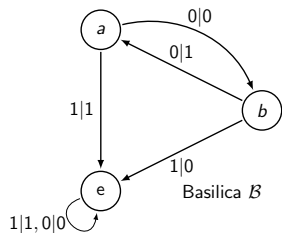




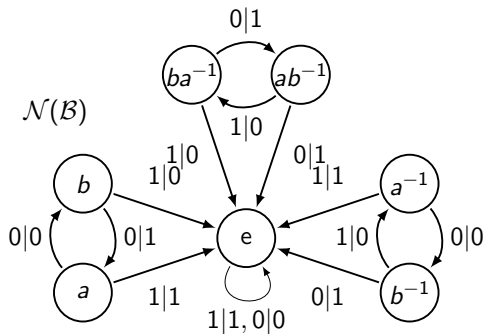
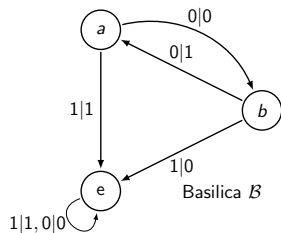
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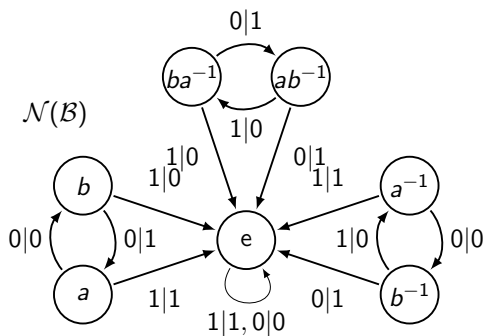
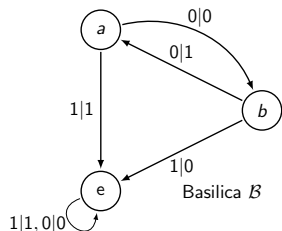


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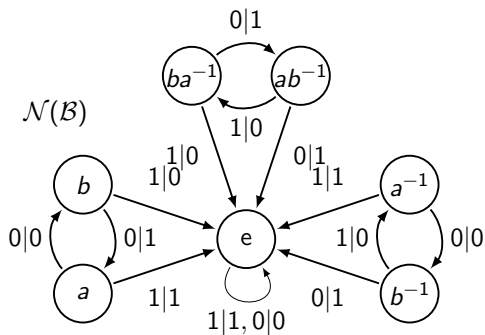
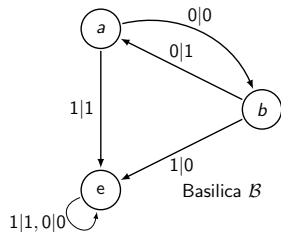
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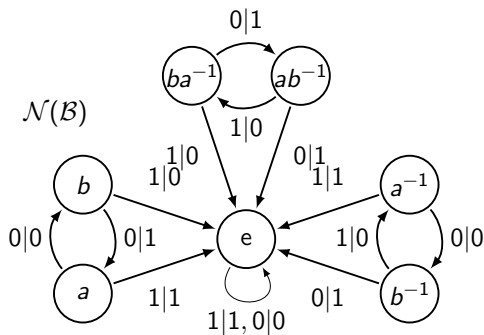
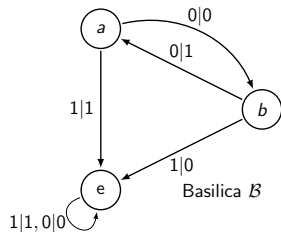
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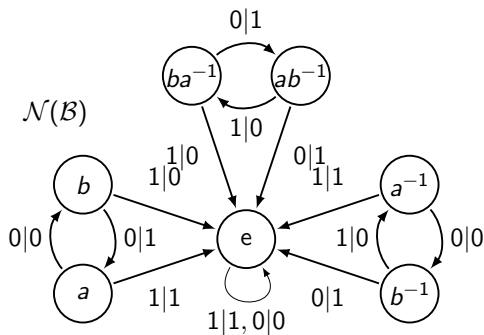
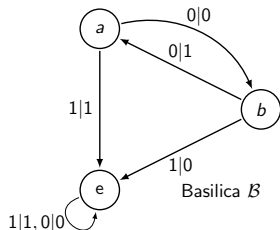
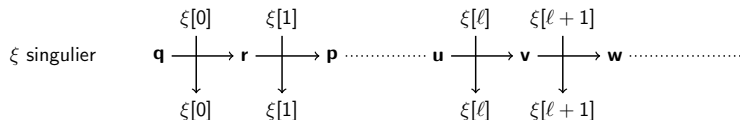
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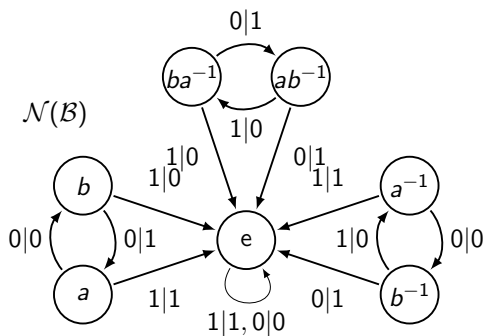
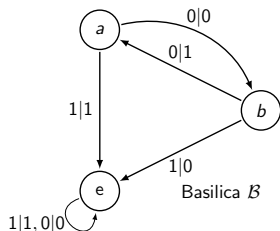
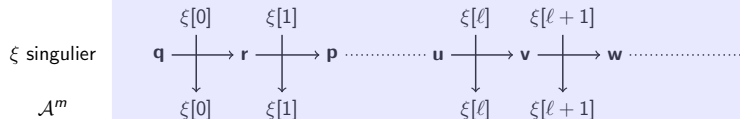
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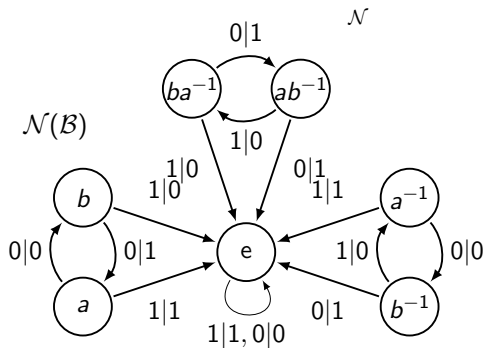
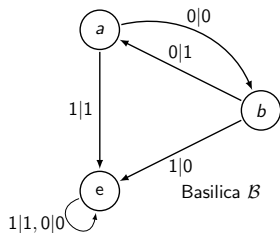
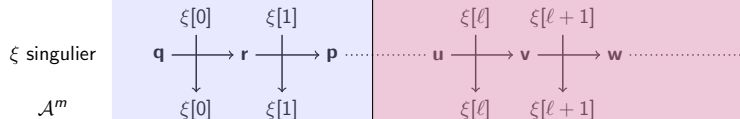
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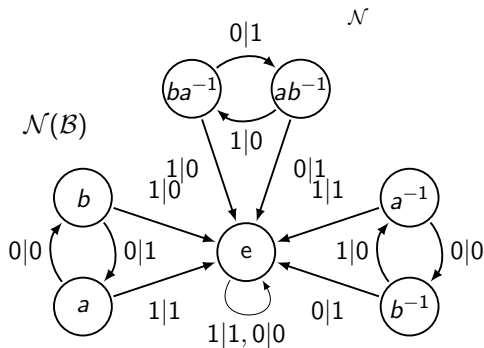
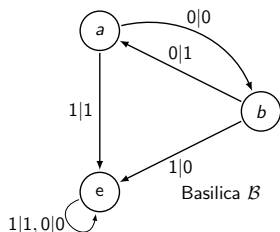
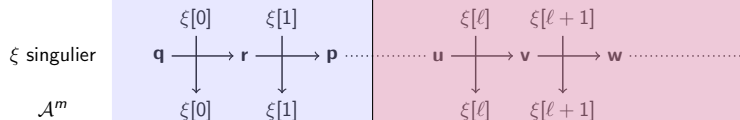


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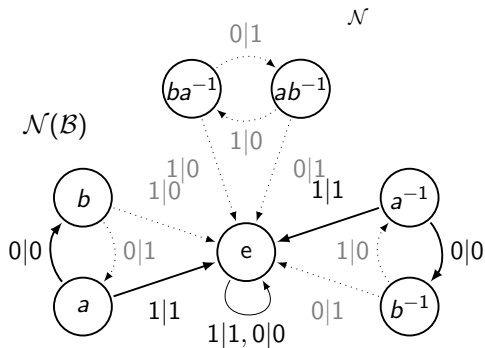
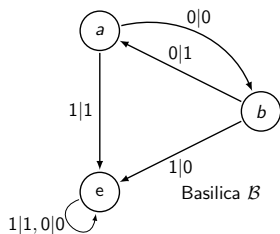
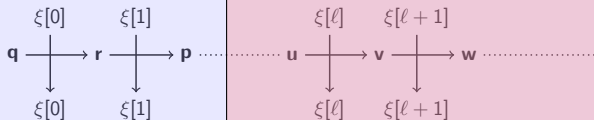
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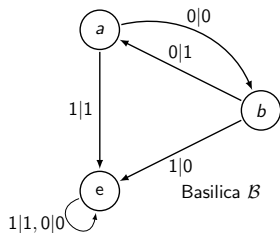
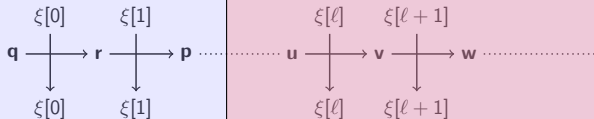
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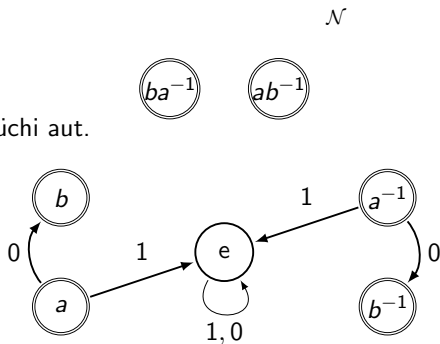
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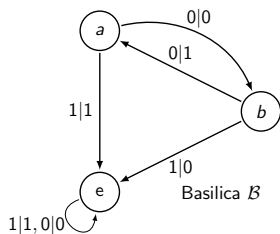
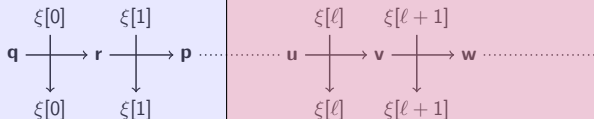
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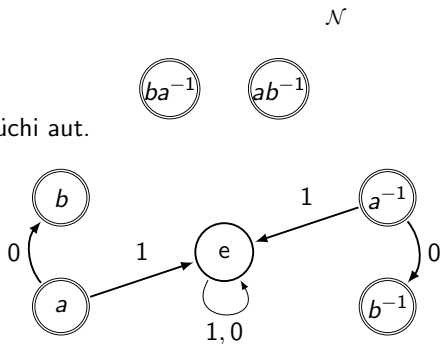
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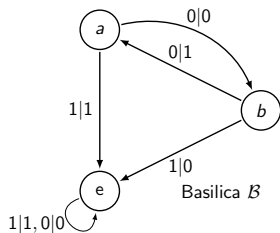
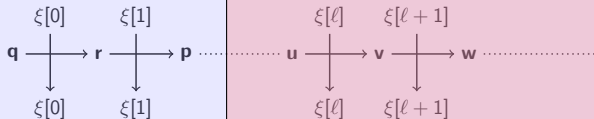


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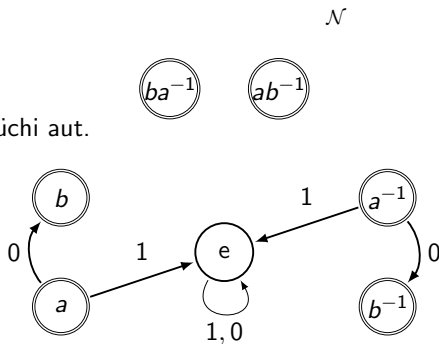
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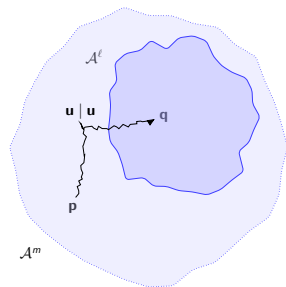
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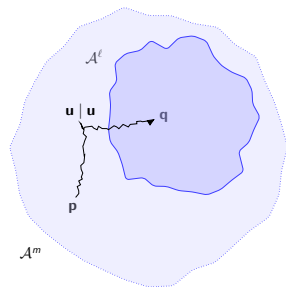
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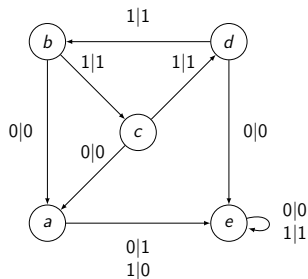
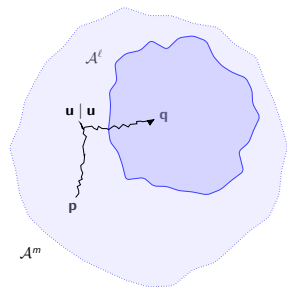


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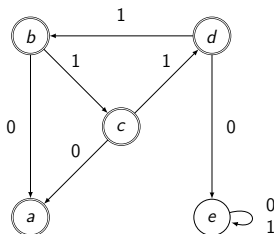
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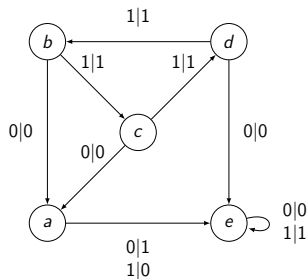
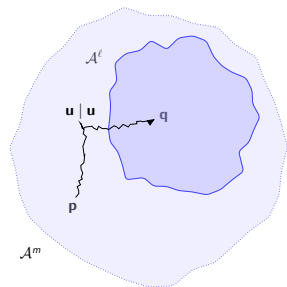
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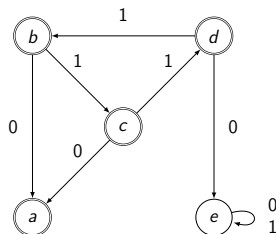
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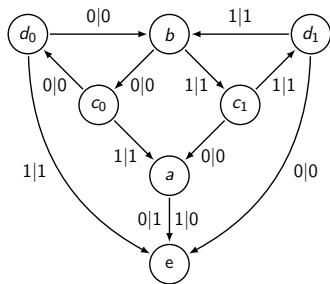
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## Proposition [Vorobets, AGKPR]

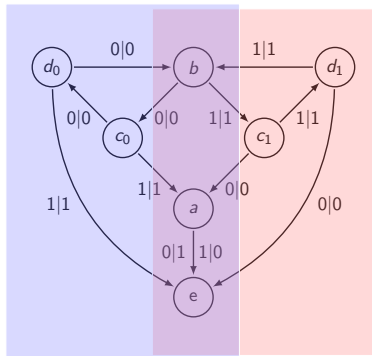
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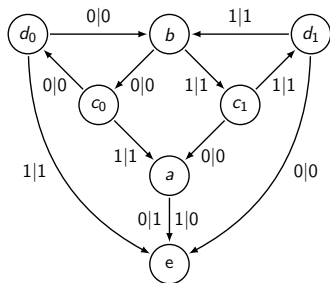
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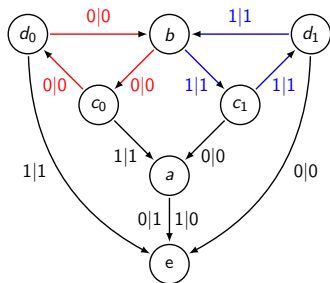
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Corollary

$$(000 + 111)^\omega \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{W})$$

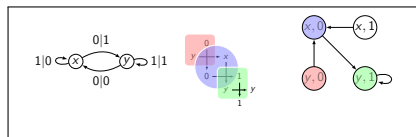
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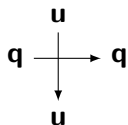
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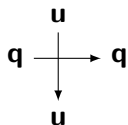
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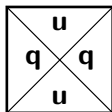
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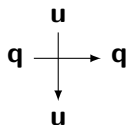
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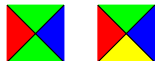
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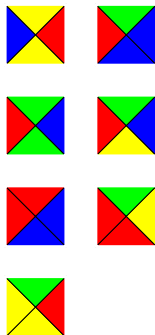
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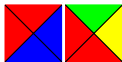
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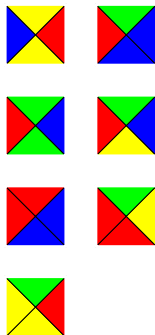
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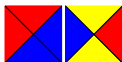
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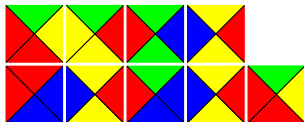
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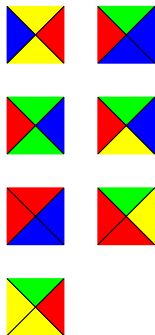
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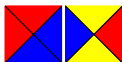
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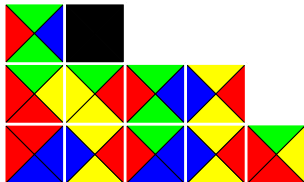
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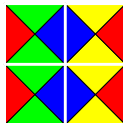


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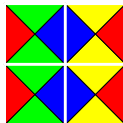




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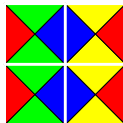
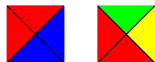
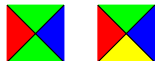
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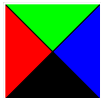


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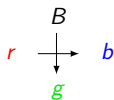
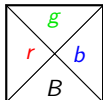
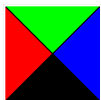
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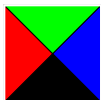
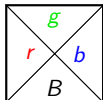
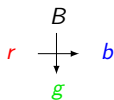
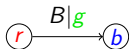
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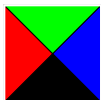
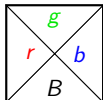
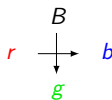
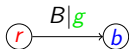
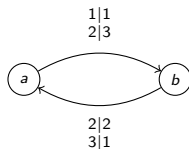
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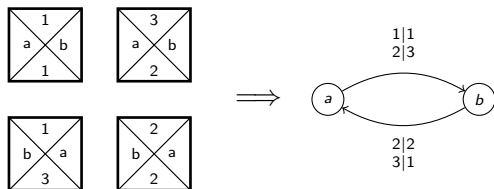
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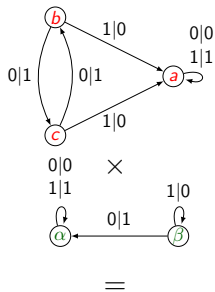


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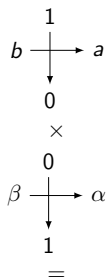
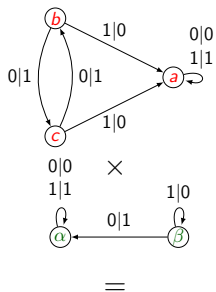


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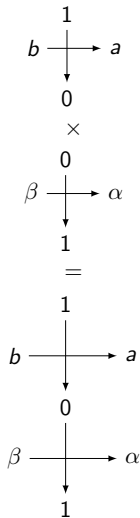
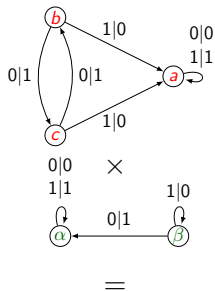
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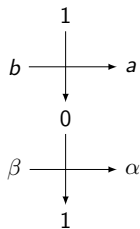
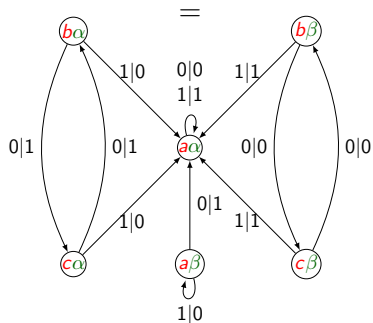
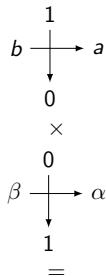
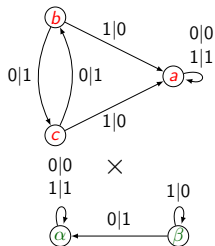
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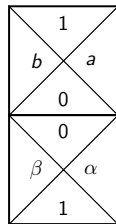
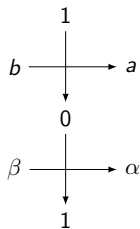
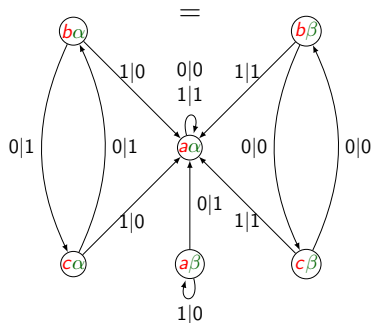
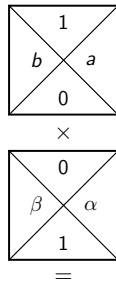
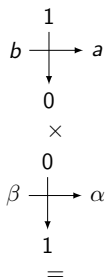
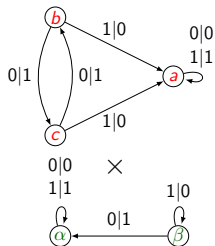
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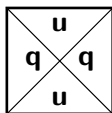
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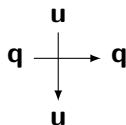
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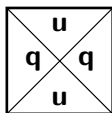
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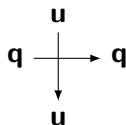


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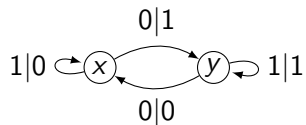
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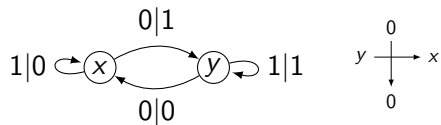
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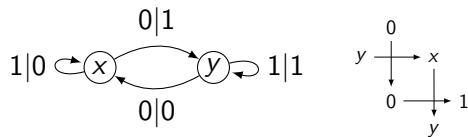
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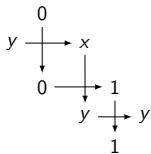
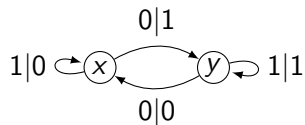
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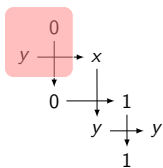
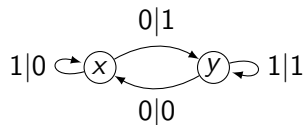
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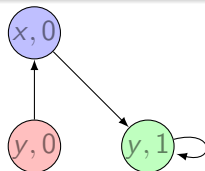
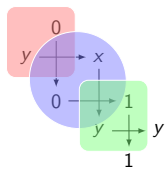
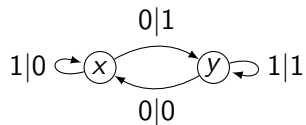
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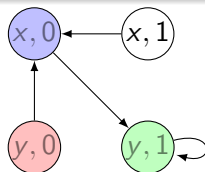
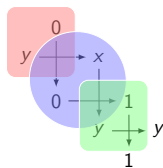
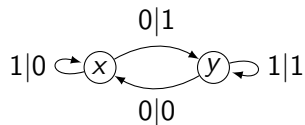
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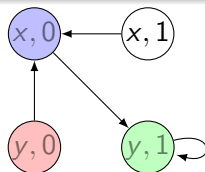
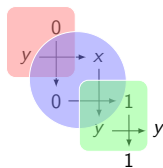
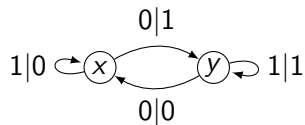
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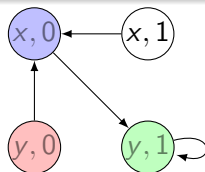
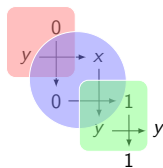
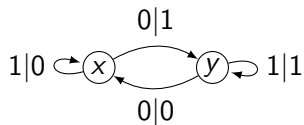


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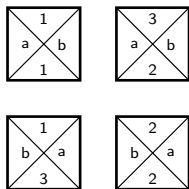
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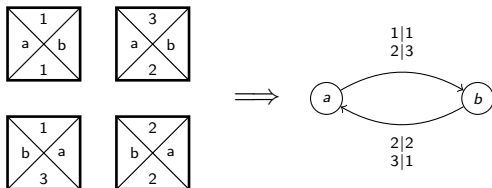
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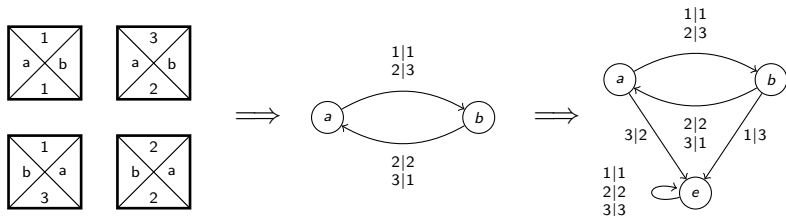
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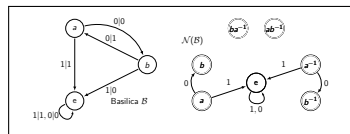


# Characterising singular points

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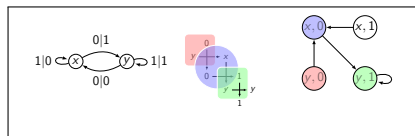
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
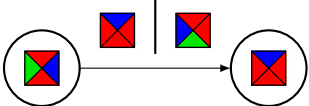

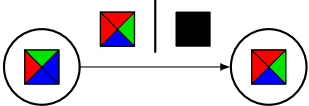
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# Gillibert's connection between Wang tiling and Mealy automata

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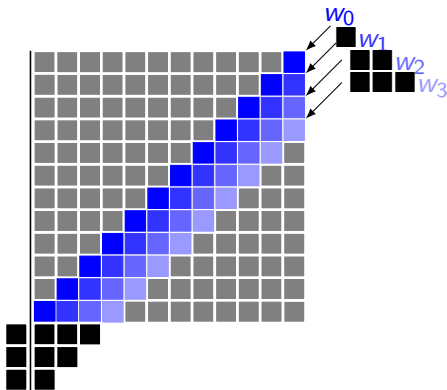
The Mealy automaton  $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{T}}$  associated with a  $wn$ -deterministic Wang tileset  $\mathcal{T}$  according to Gillibert.

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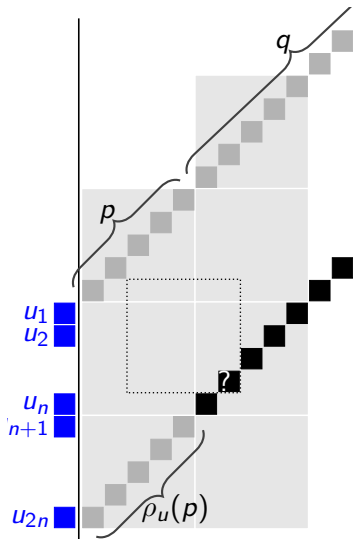
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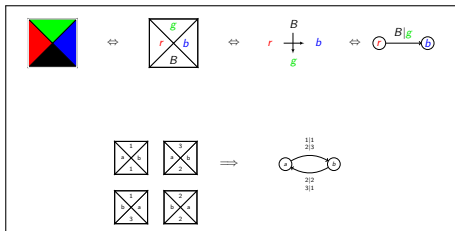
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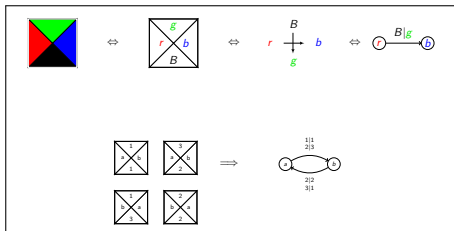
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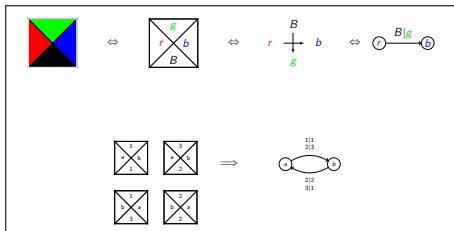
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