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SAMSA Workshop

On the complexity
of
computing the linear hull
of
weighted automata over $\mathbb{Q}$

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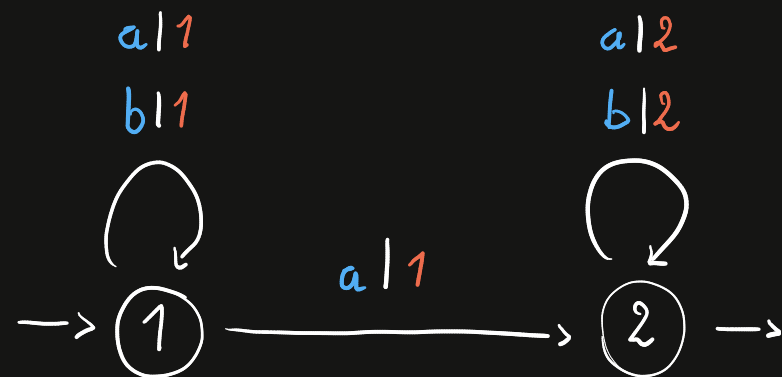


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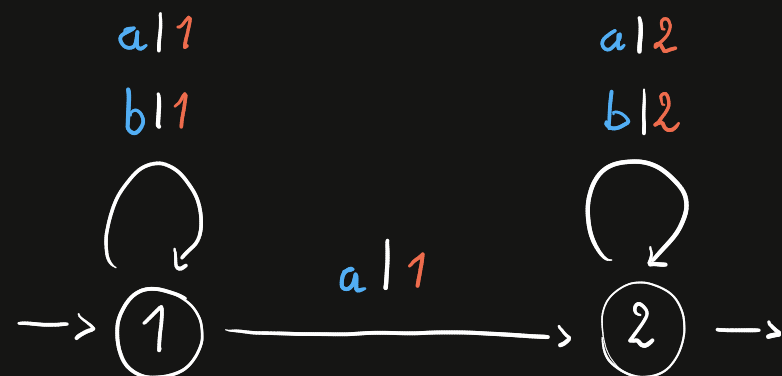
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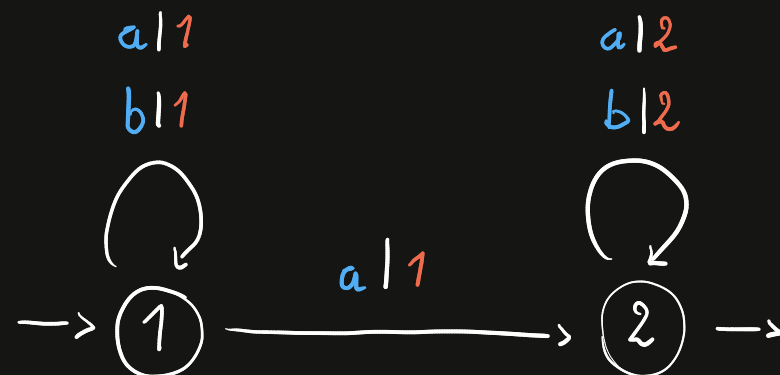
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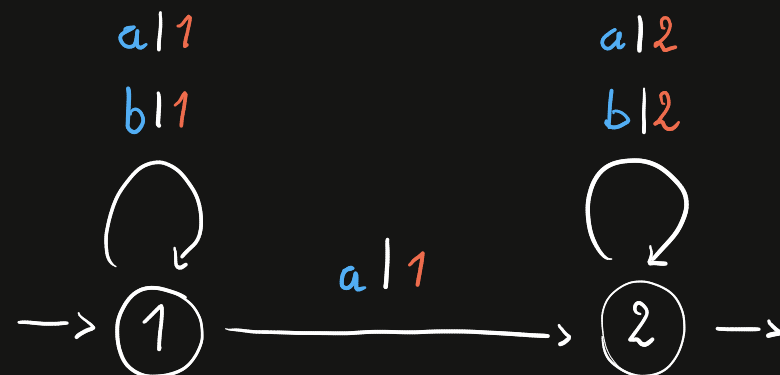
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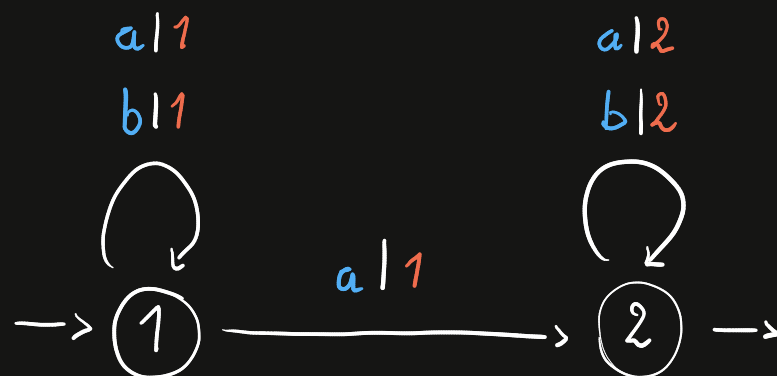
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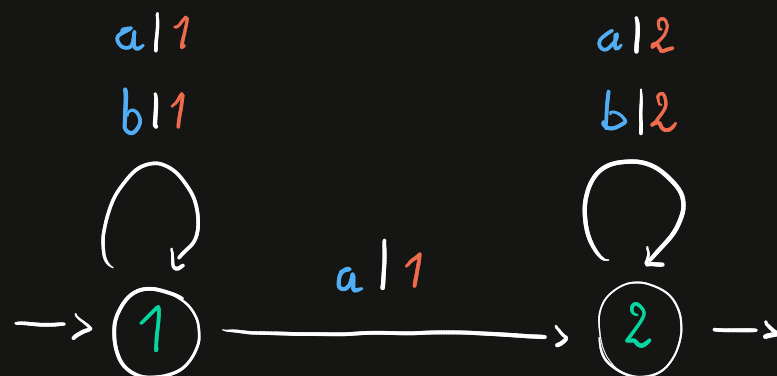
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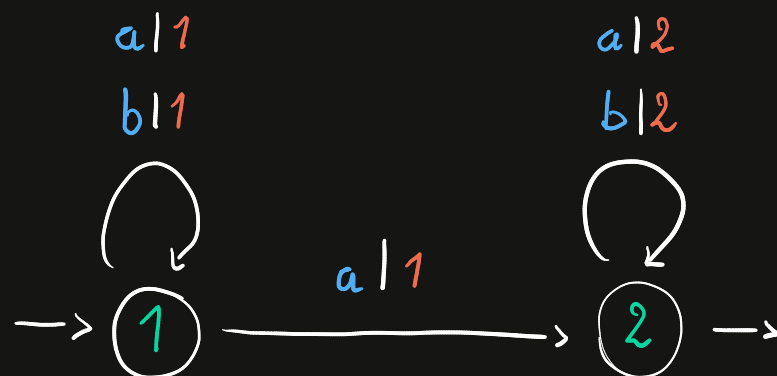
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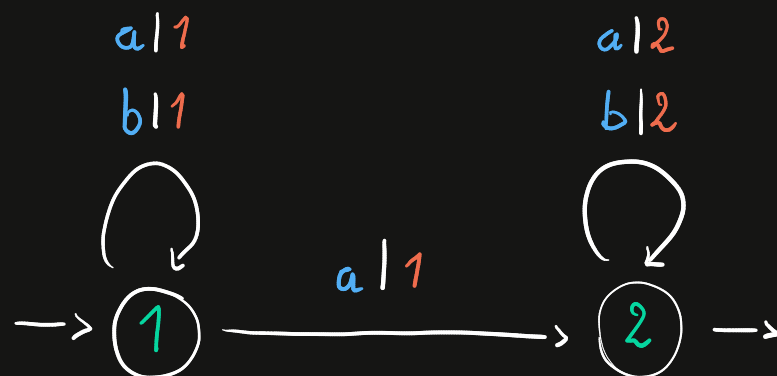
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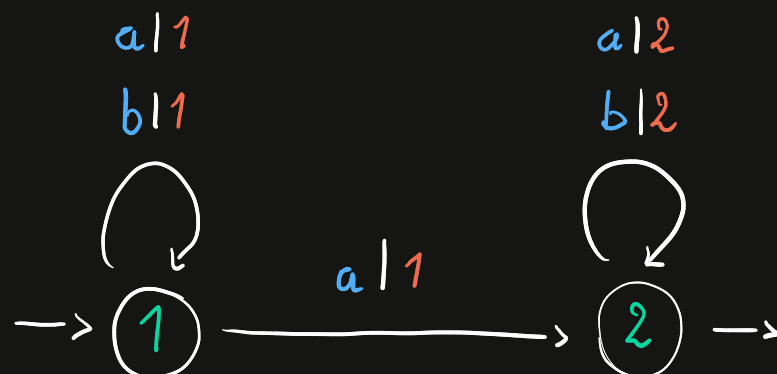
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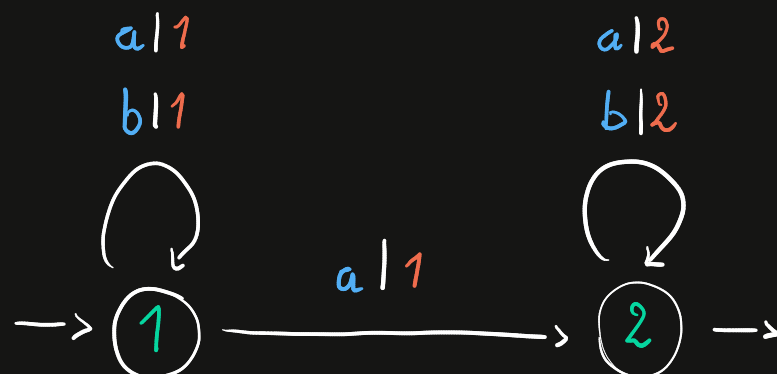
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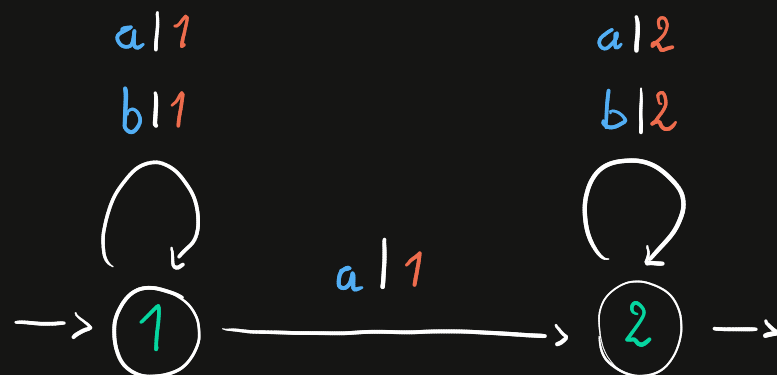
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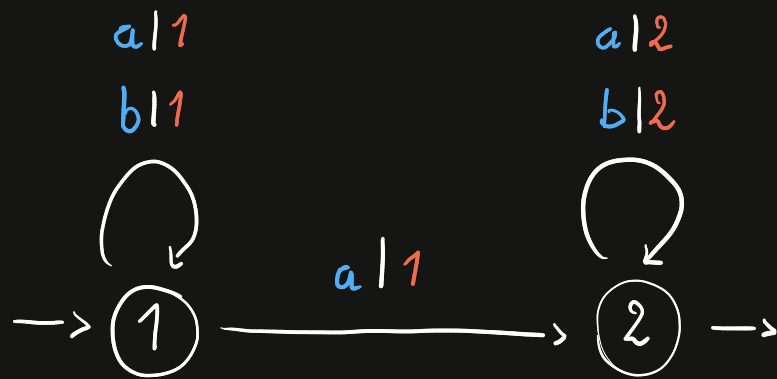
$$aab \mapsto u \cdot \mu(aab) \cdot v$$

$$= u \cdot \mu(a) \cdot \mu(a) \cdot \mu(b) \cdot v$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 6$$

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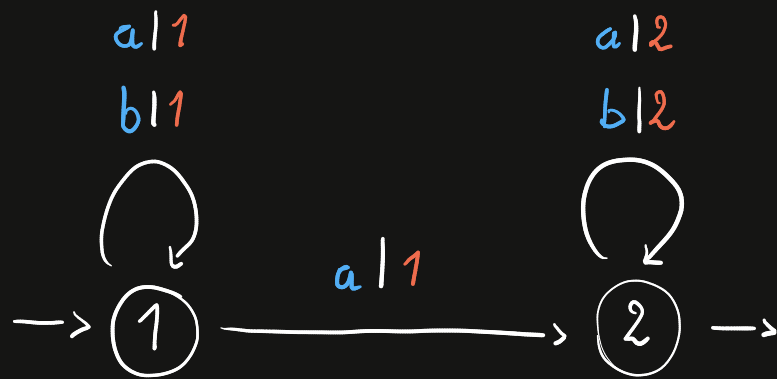
⚠ Not always equivalent
to a **sequential WA**
(input deterministic)

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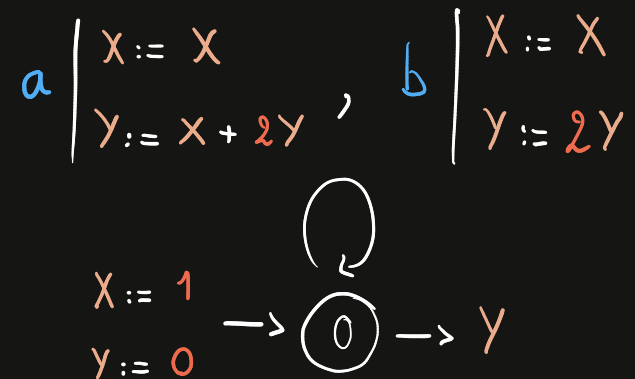


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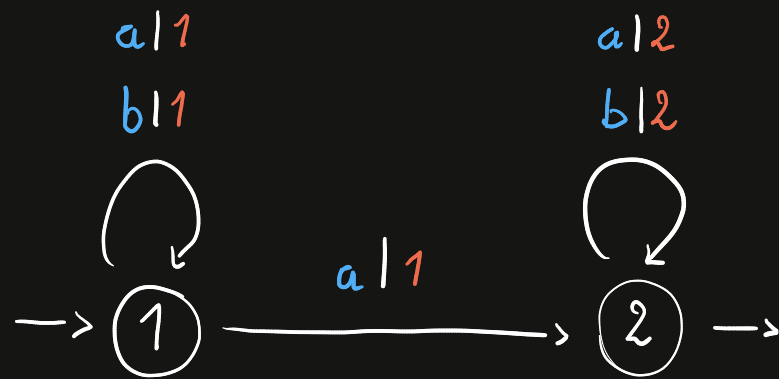
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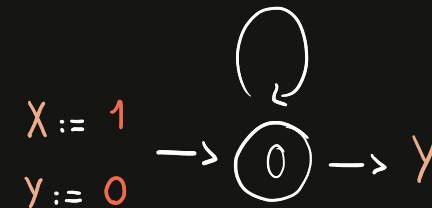
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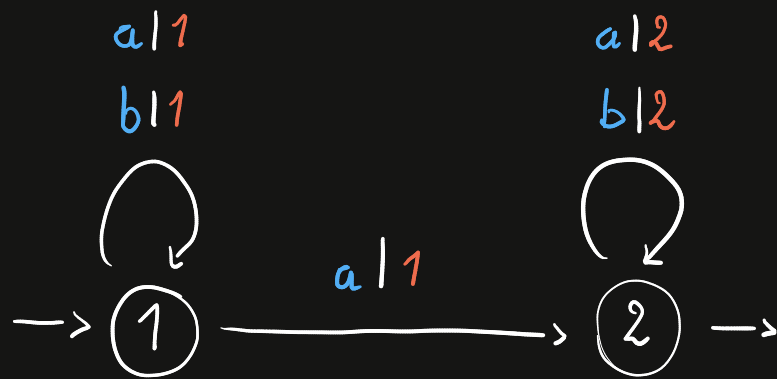
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$$\rightarrow 0$$

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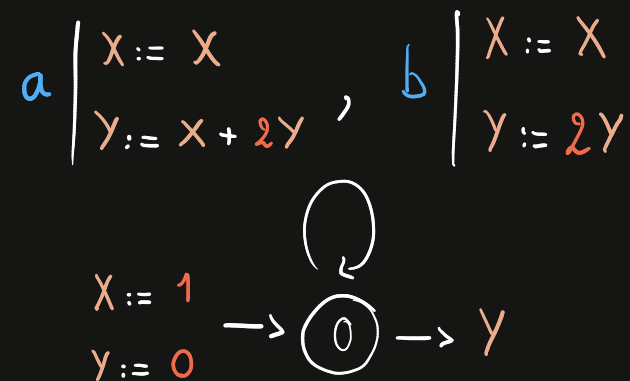
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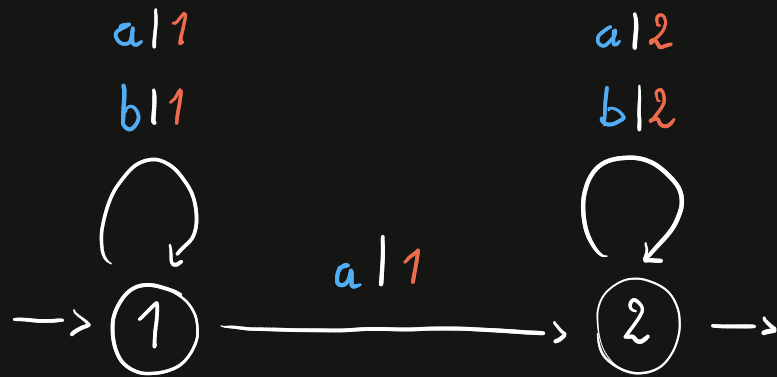
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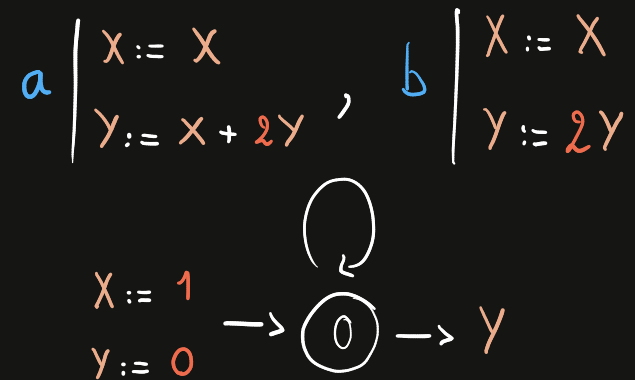
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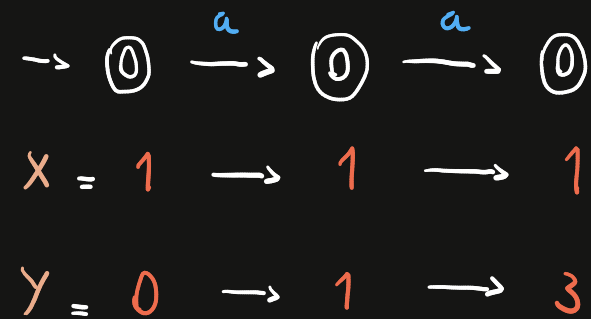
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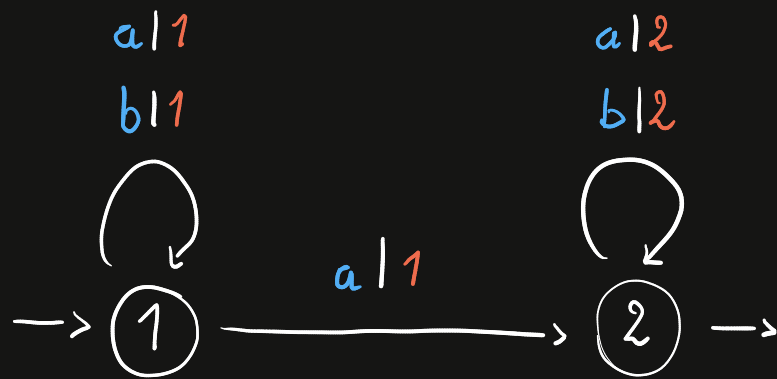
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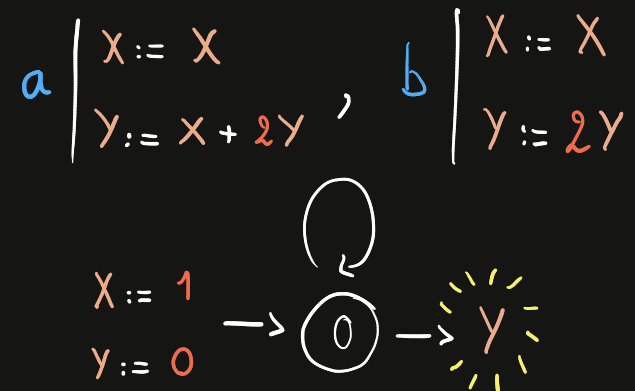
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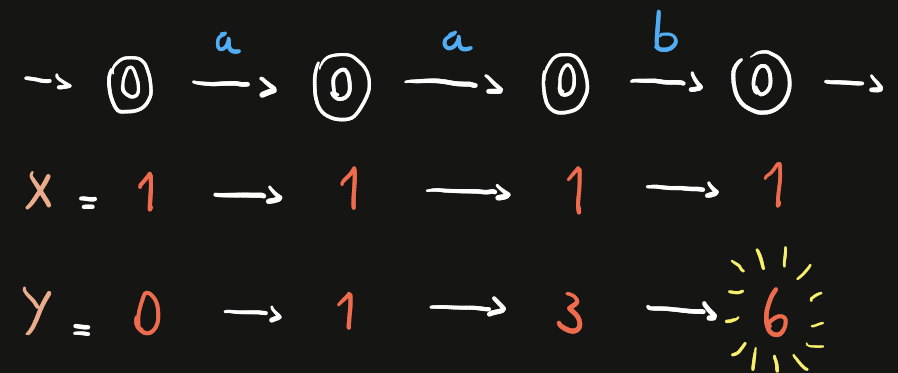
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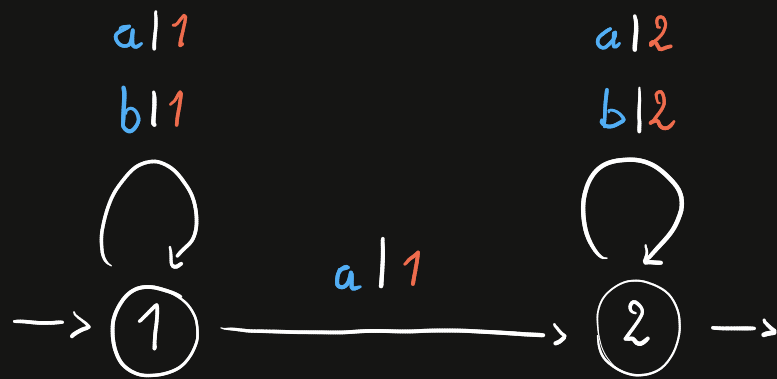


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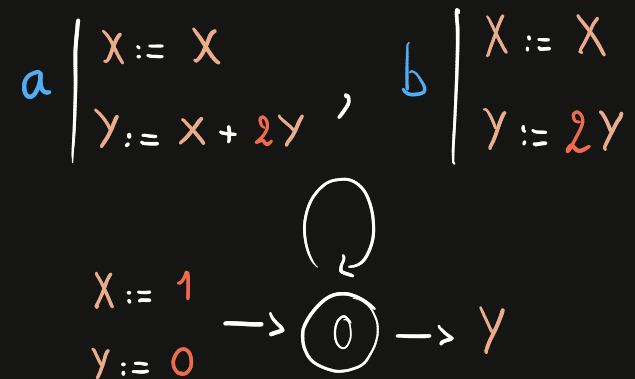


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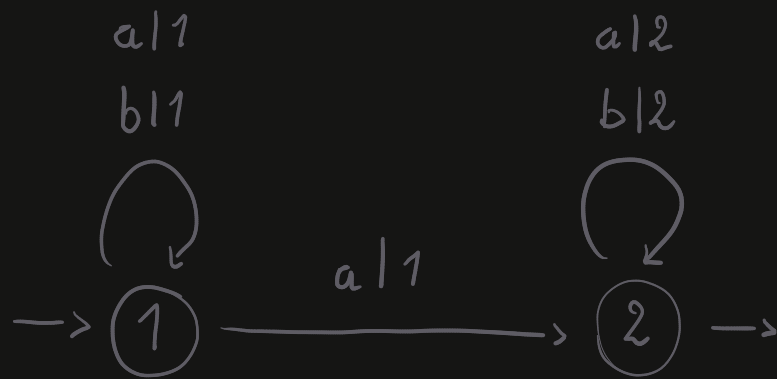
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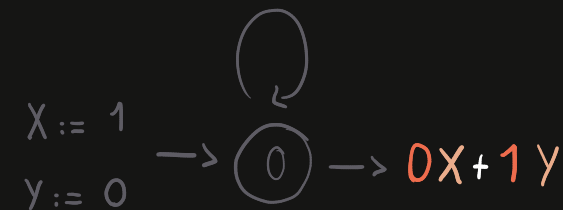
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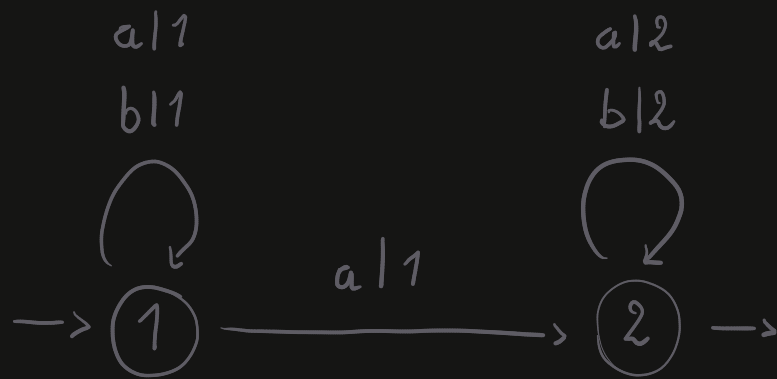
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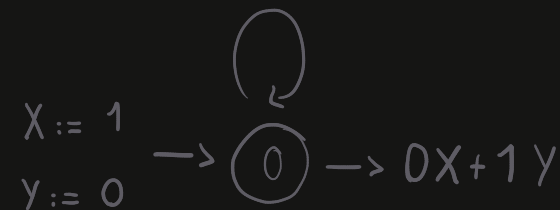
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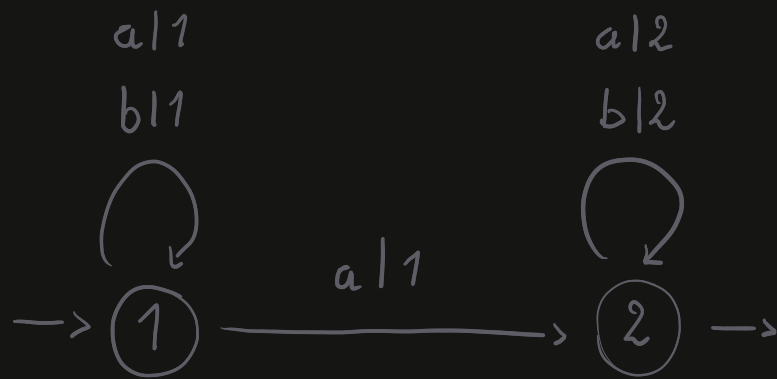
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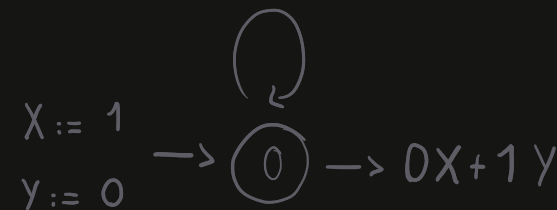
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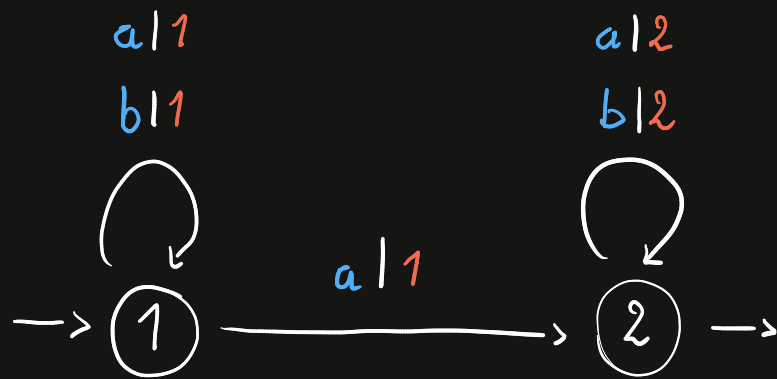
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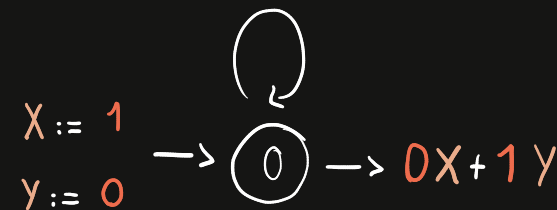
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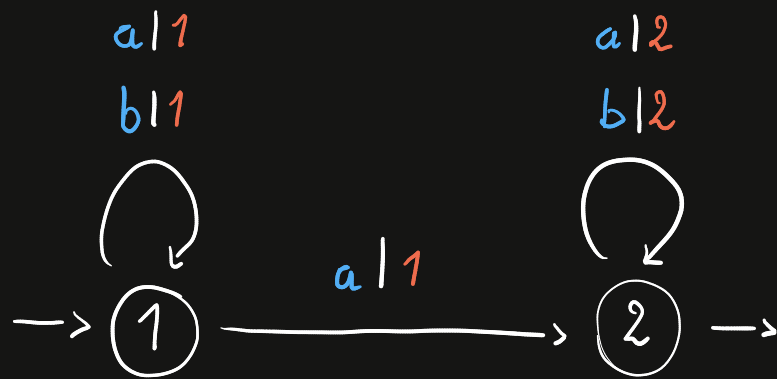
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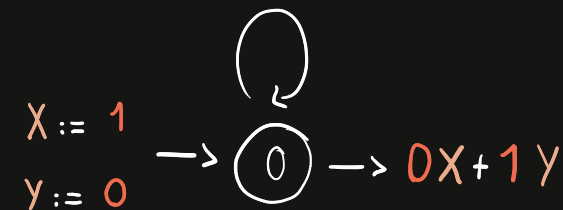
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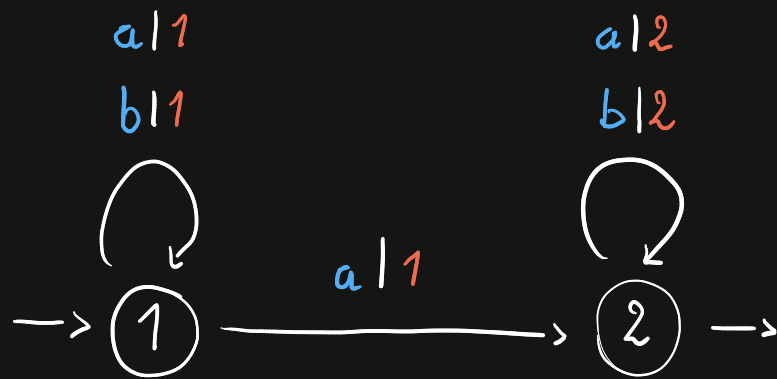
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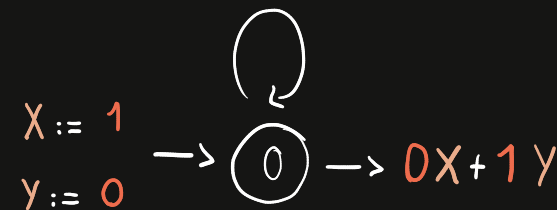
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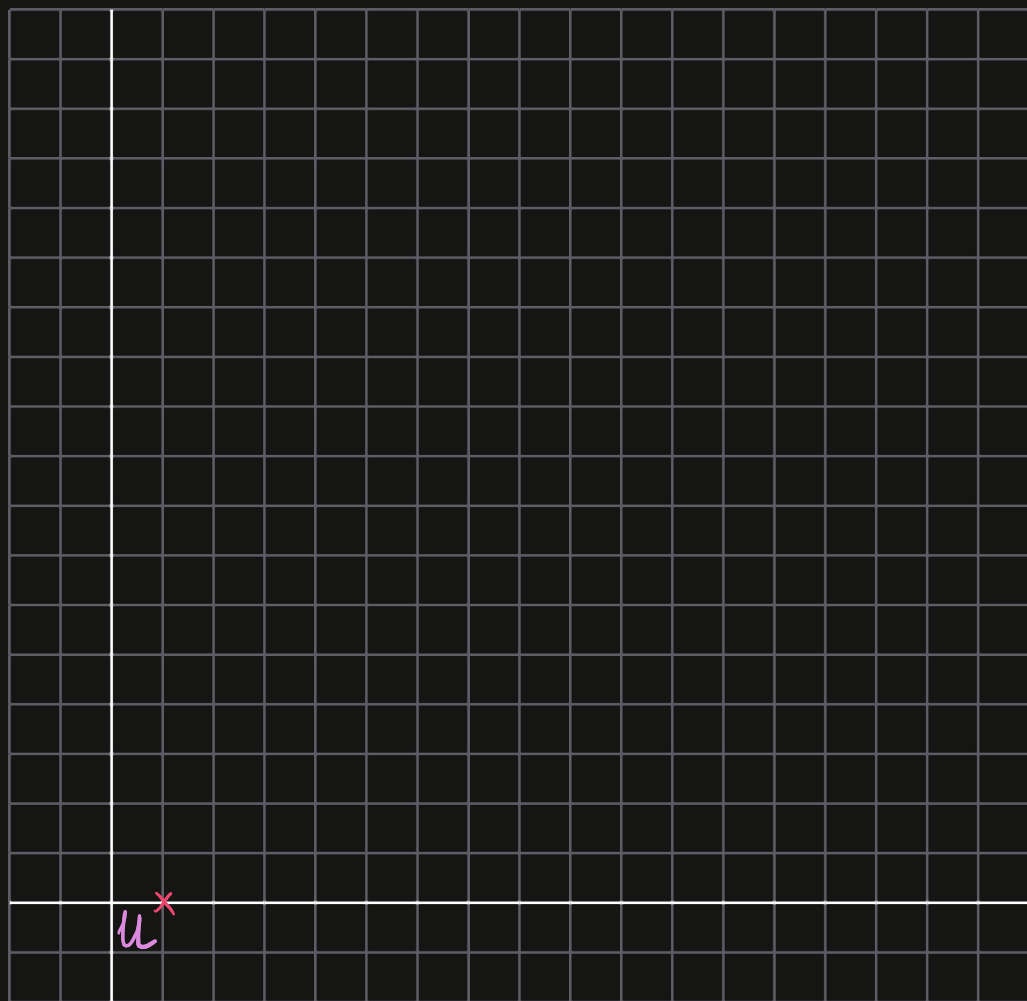
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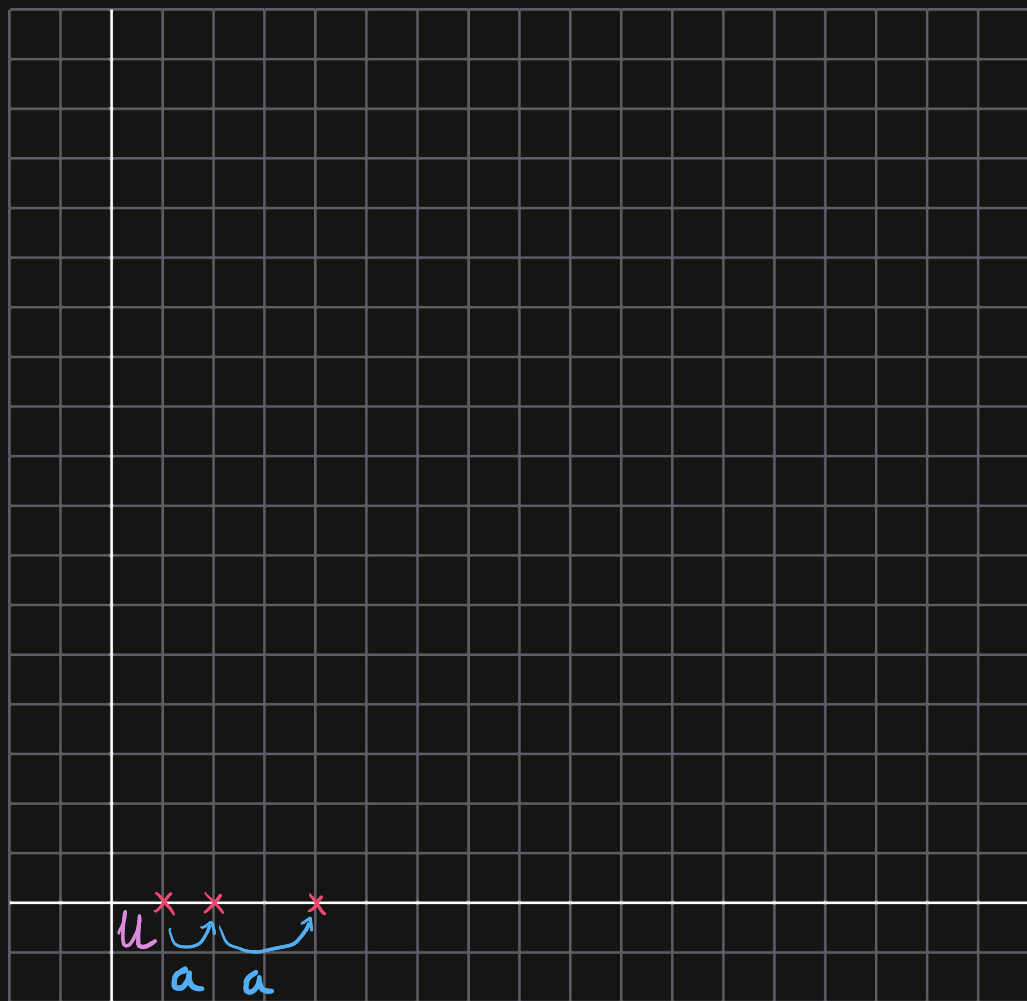
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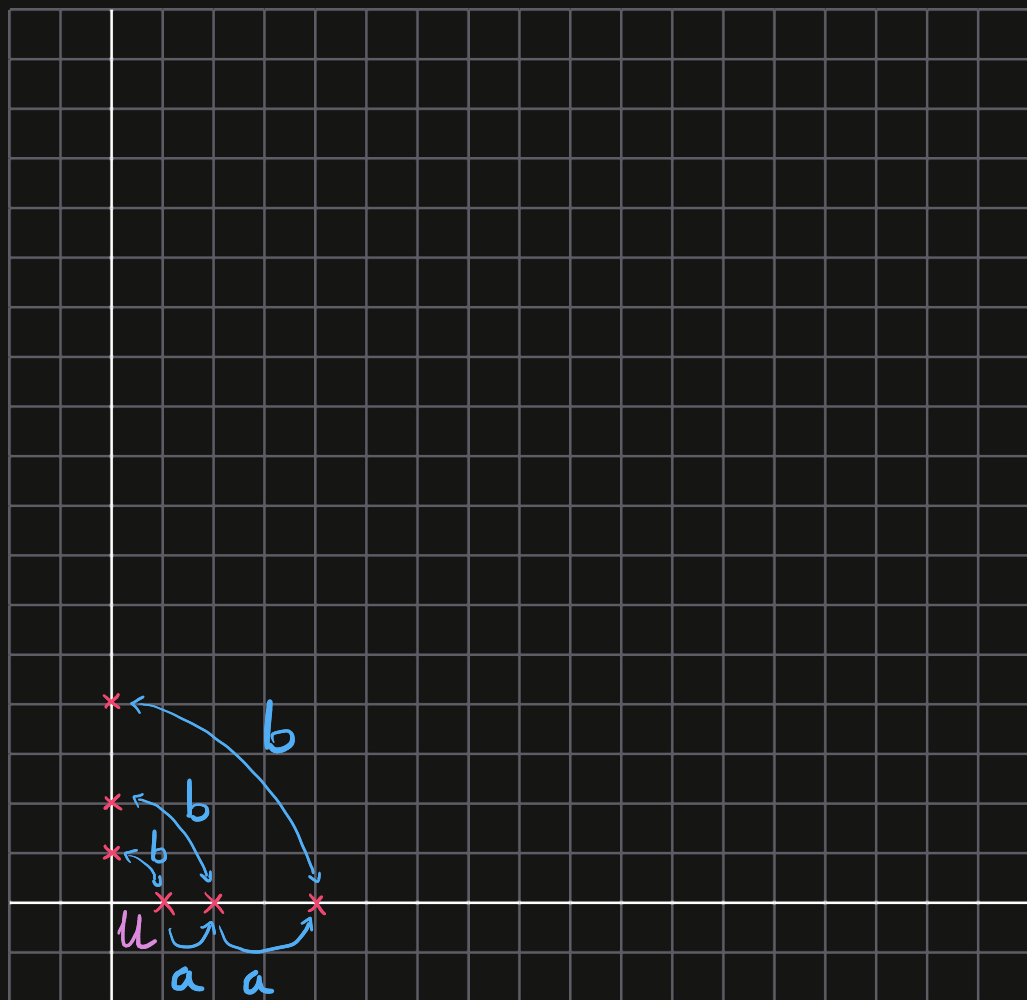
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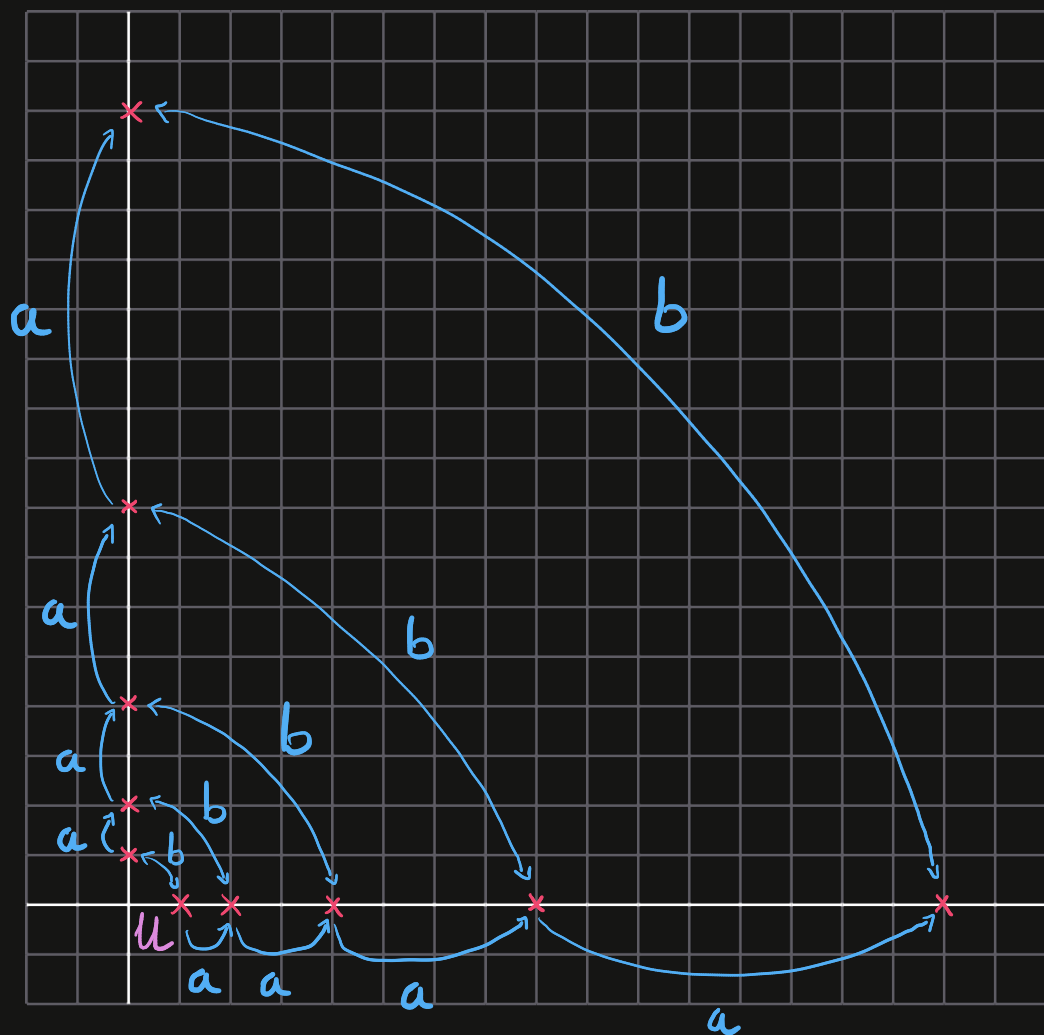
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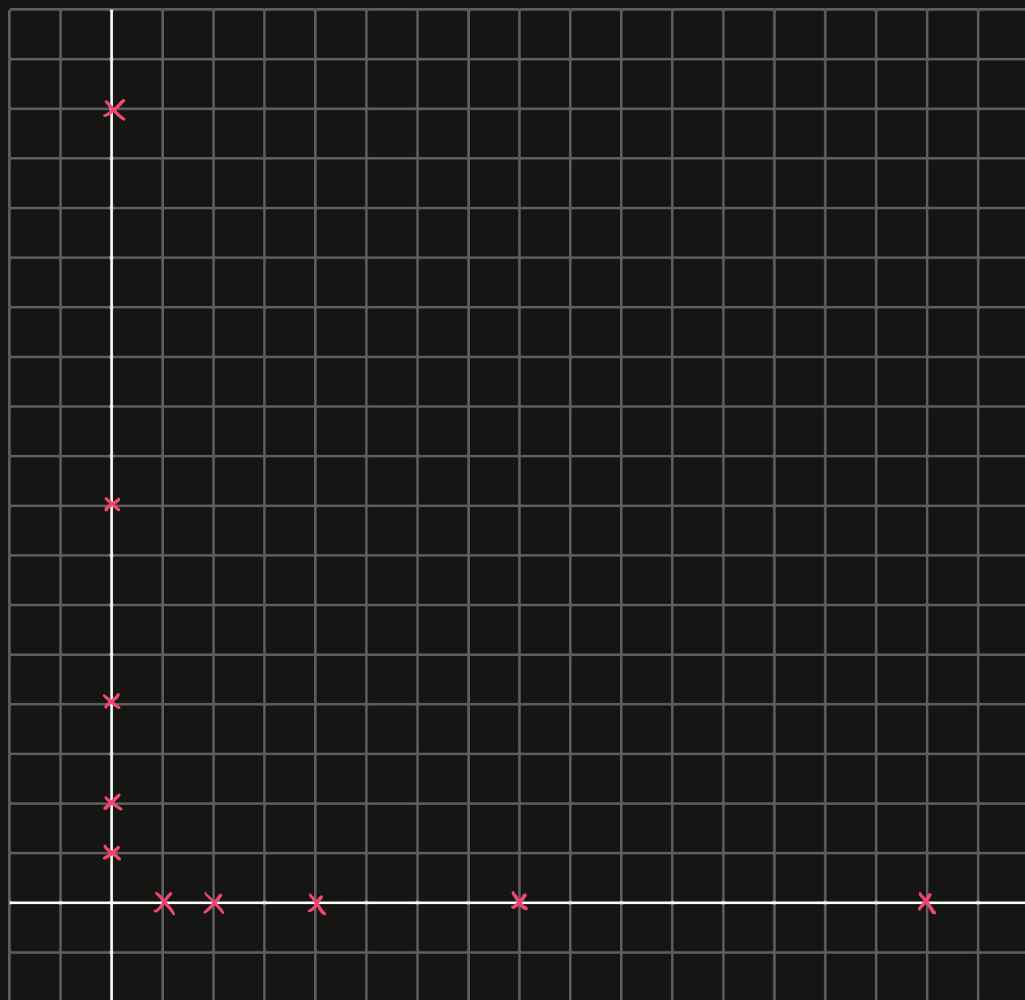
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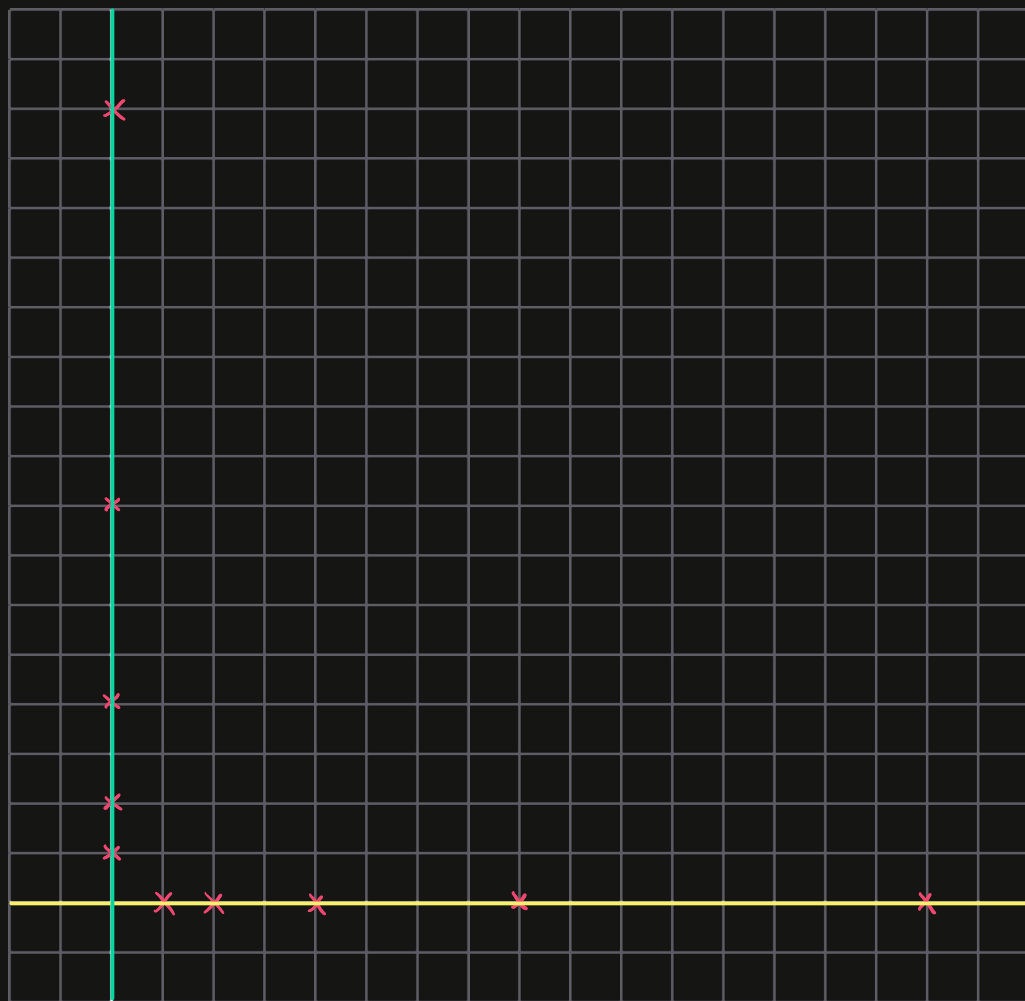
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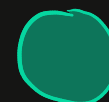
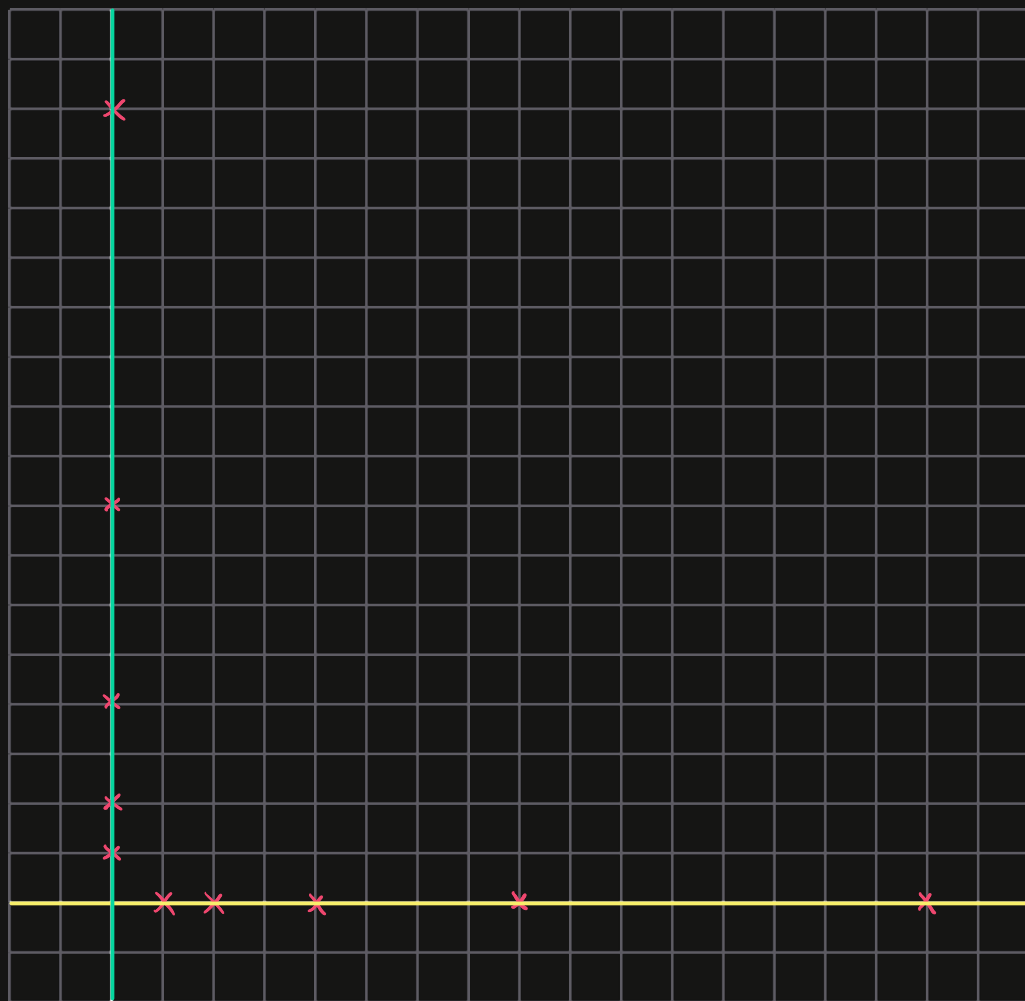
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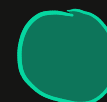
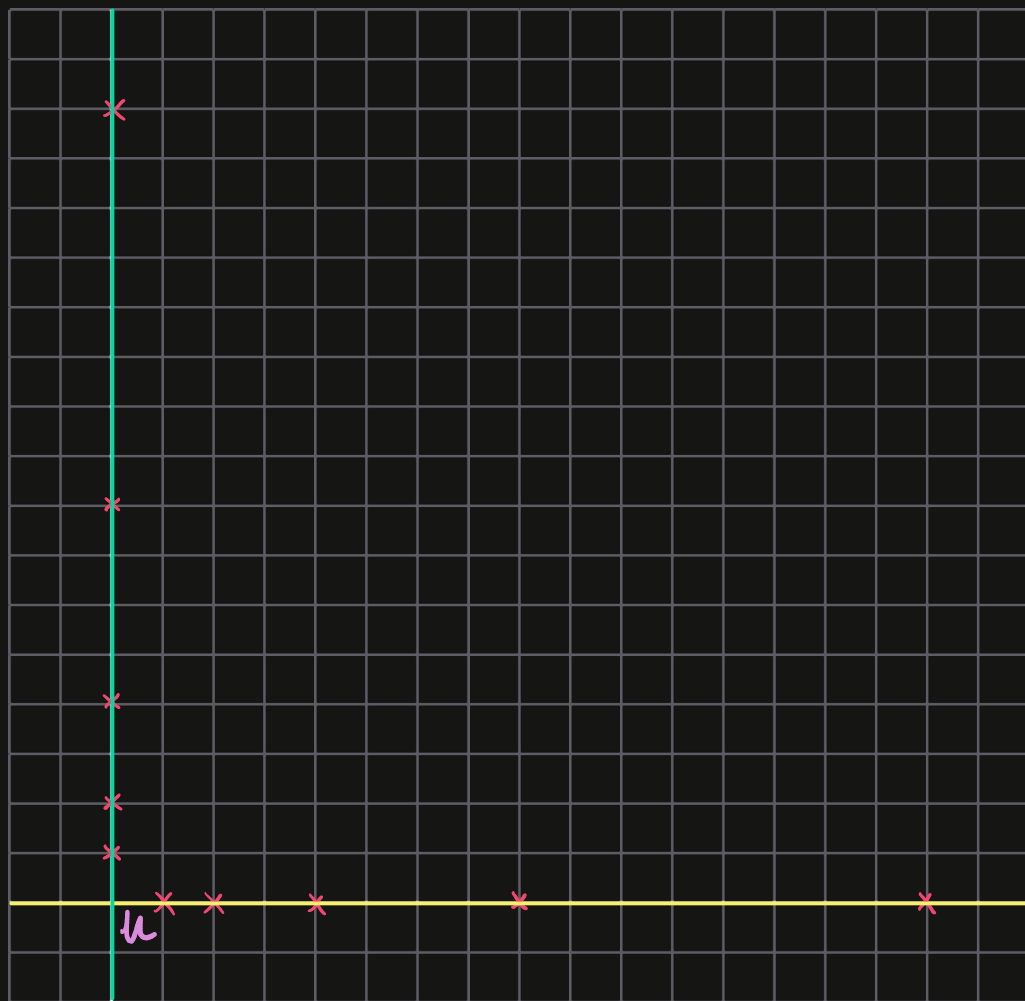
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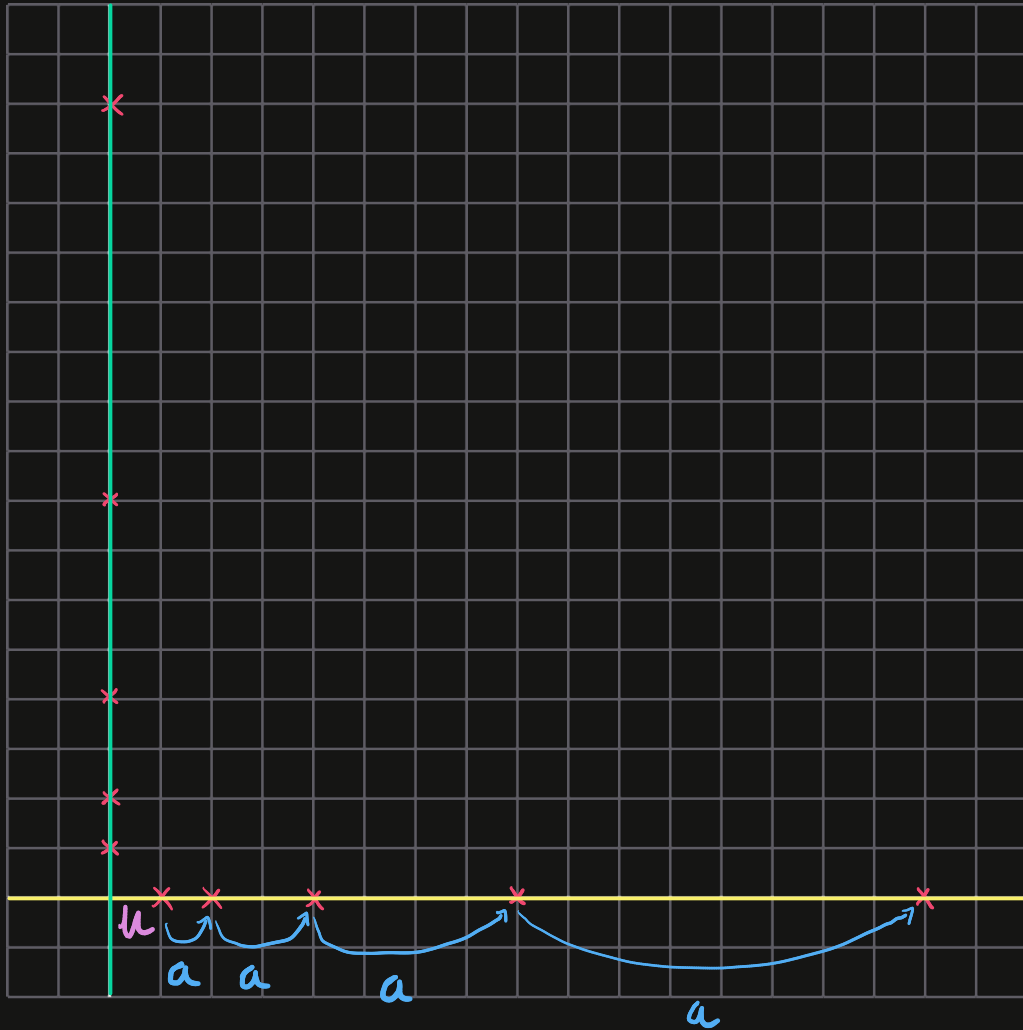
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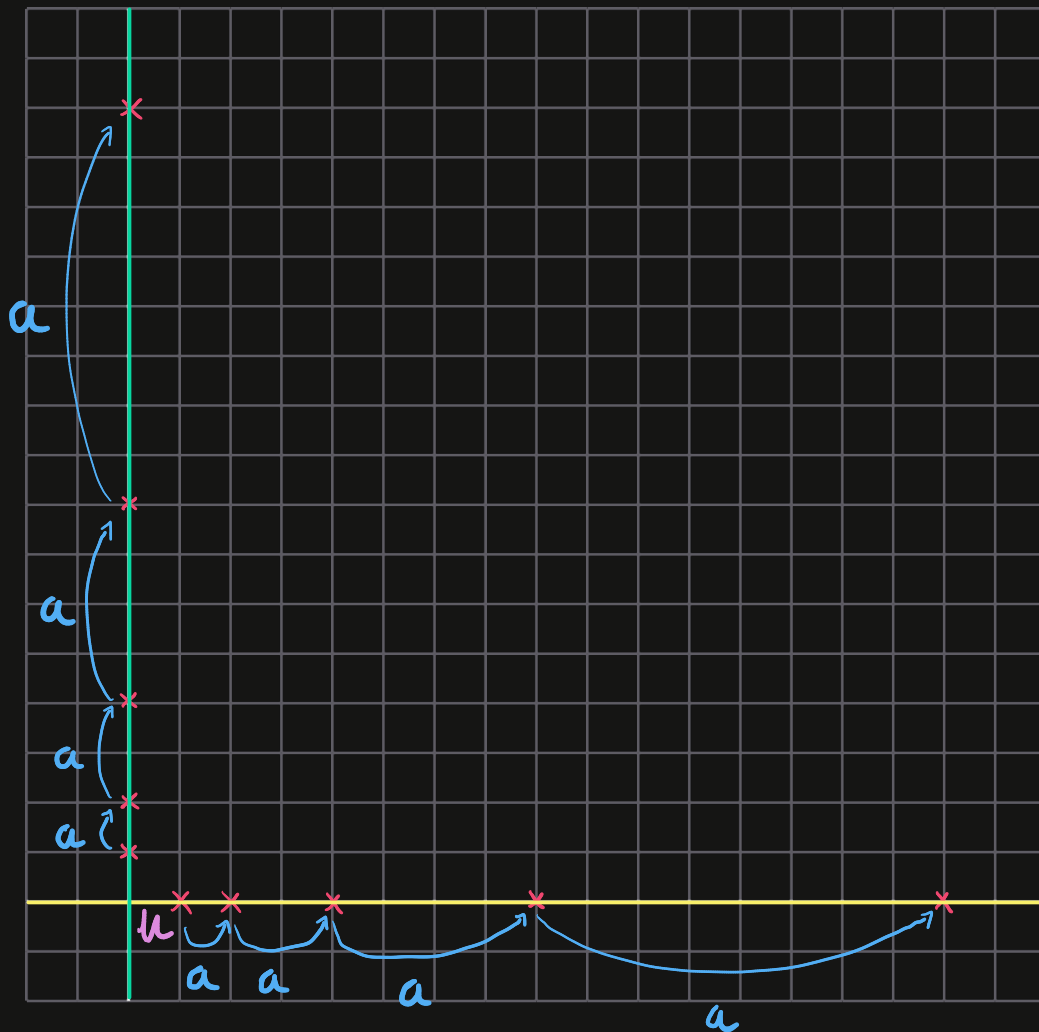
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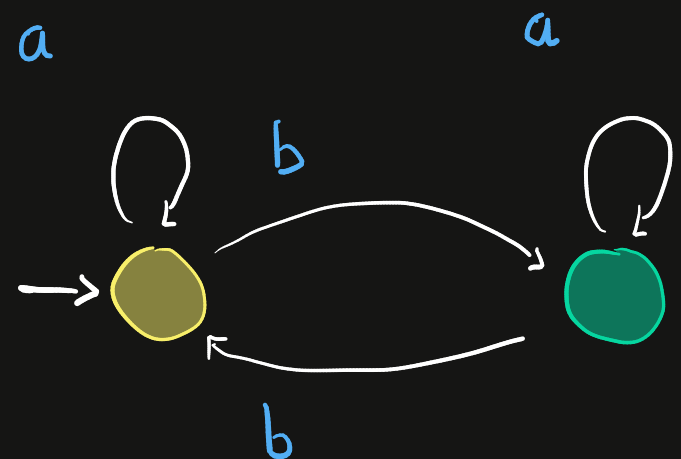
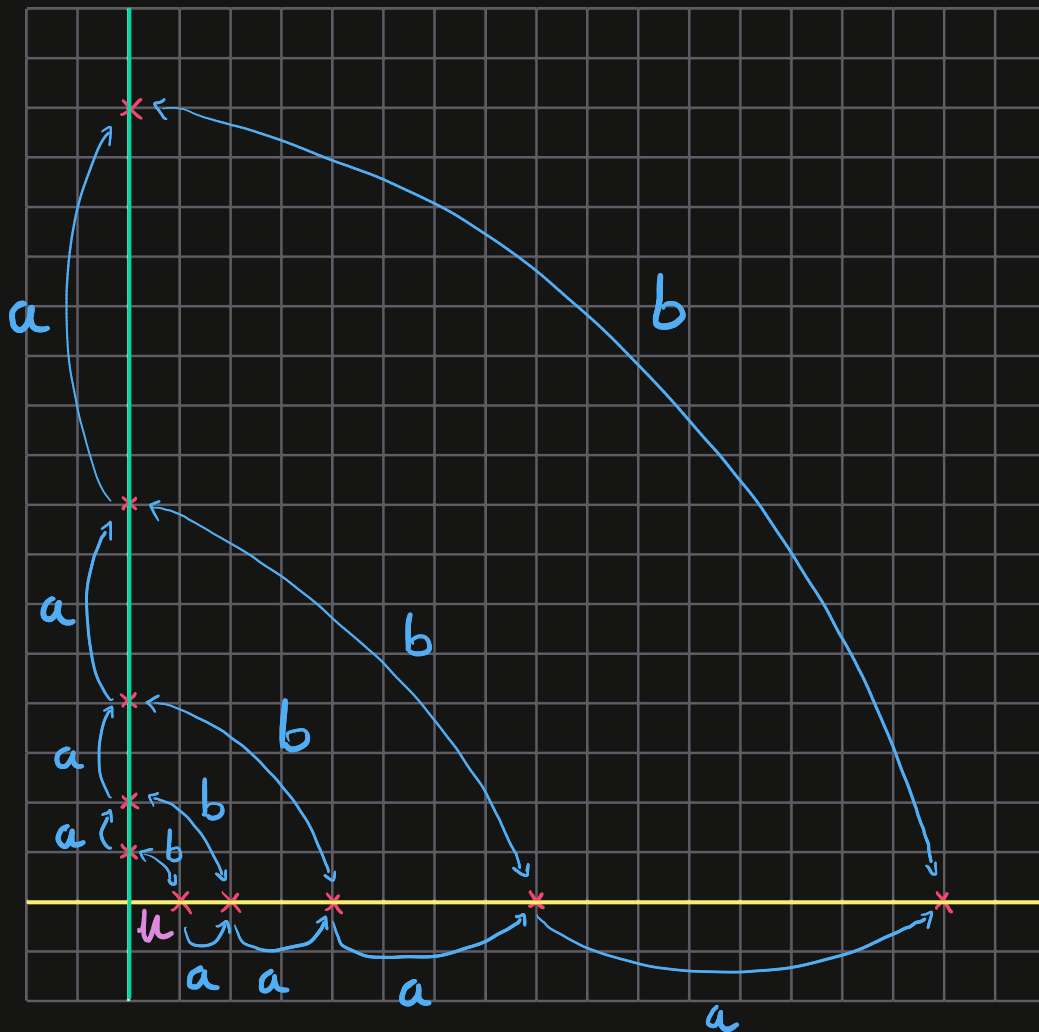
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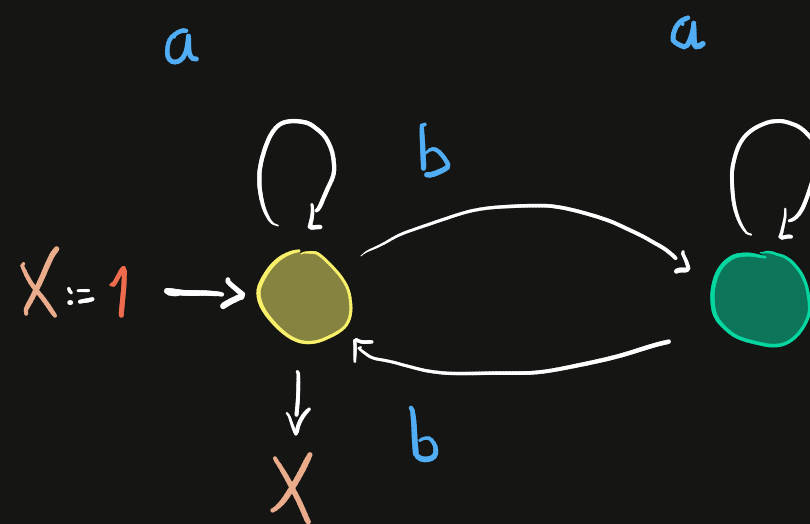
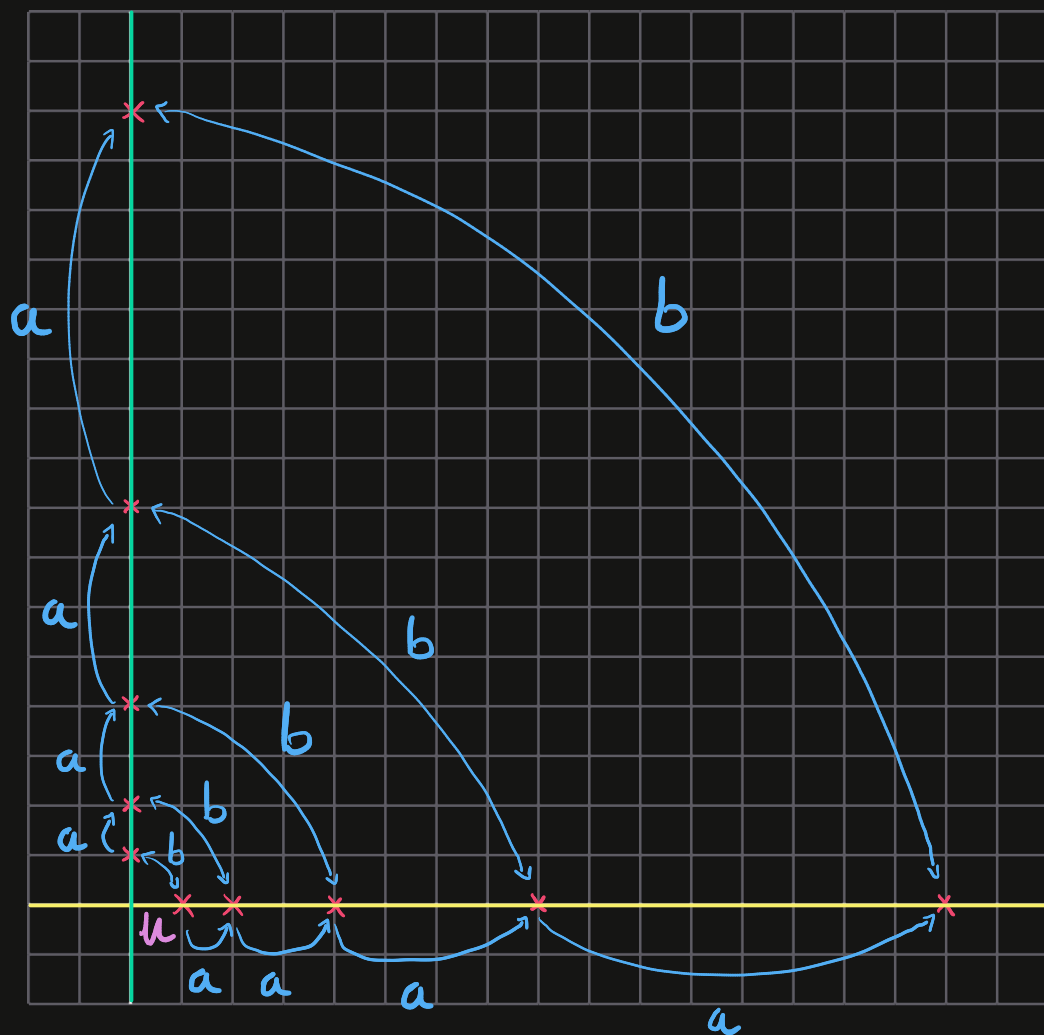
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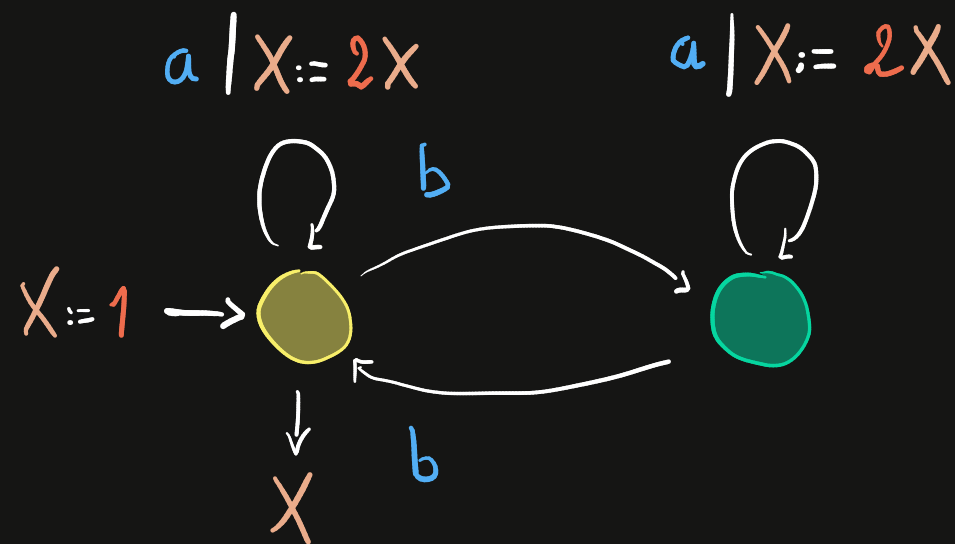
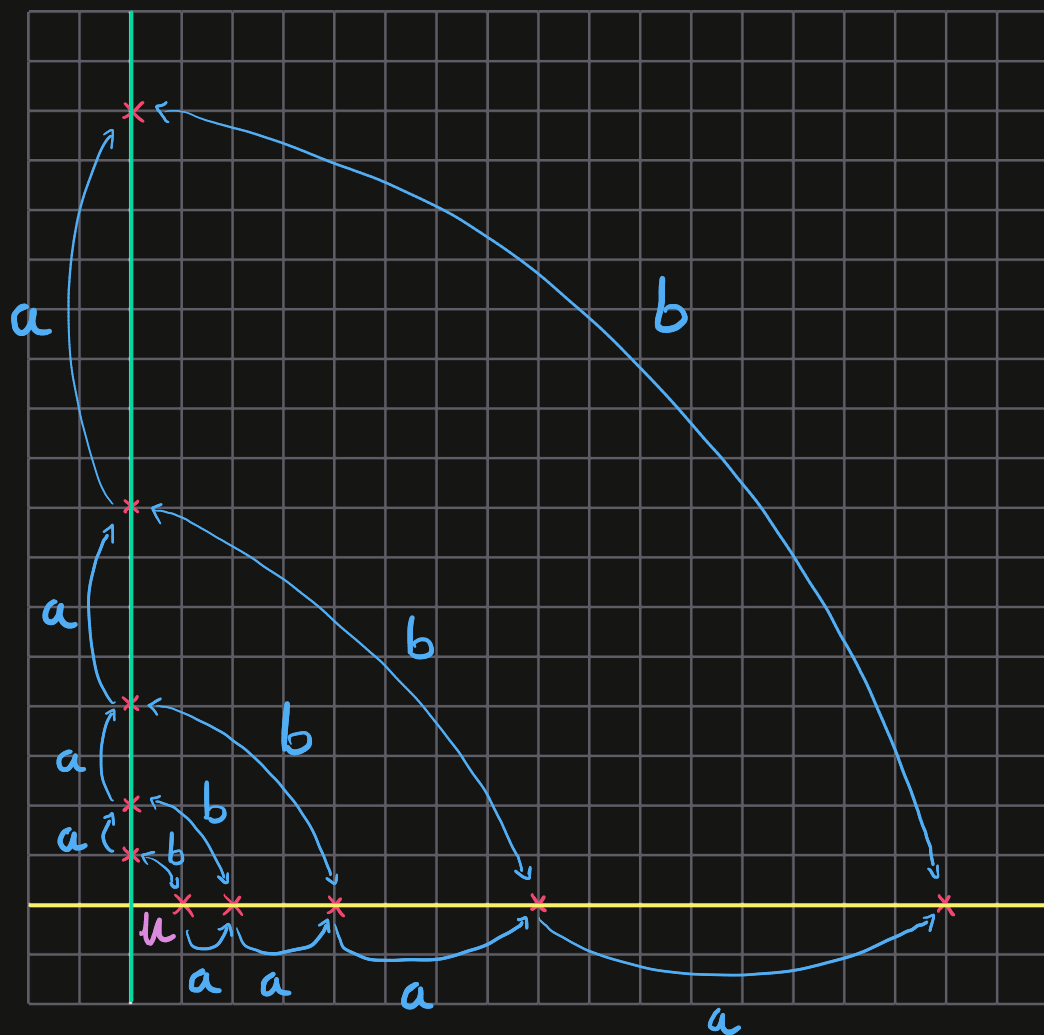
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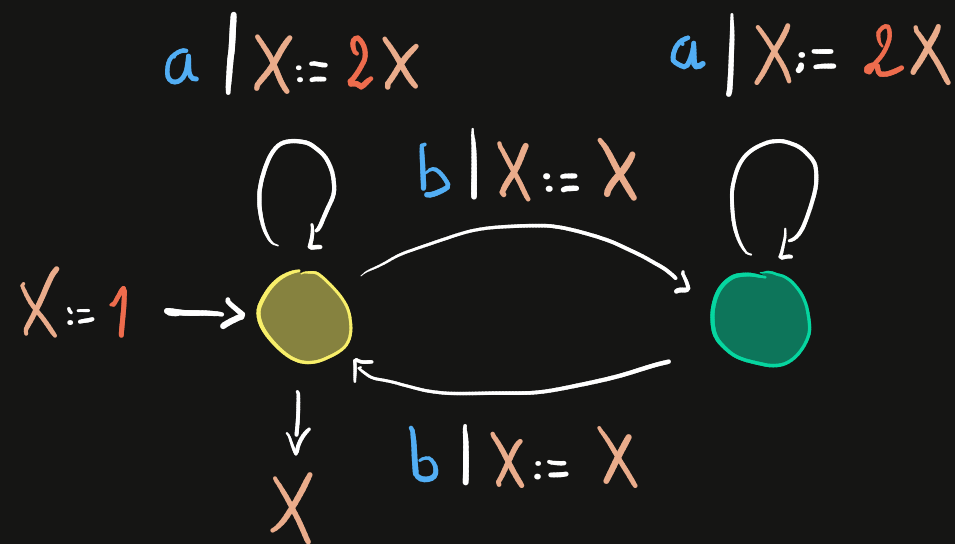
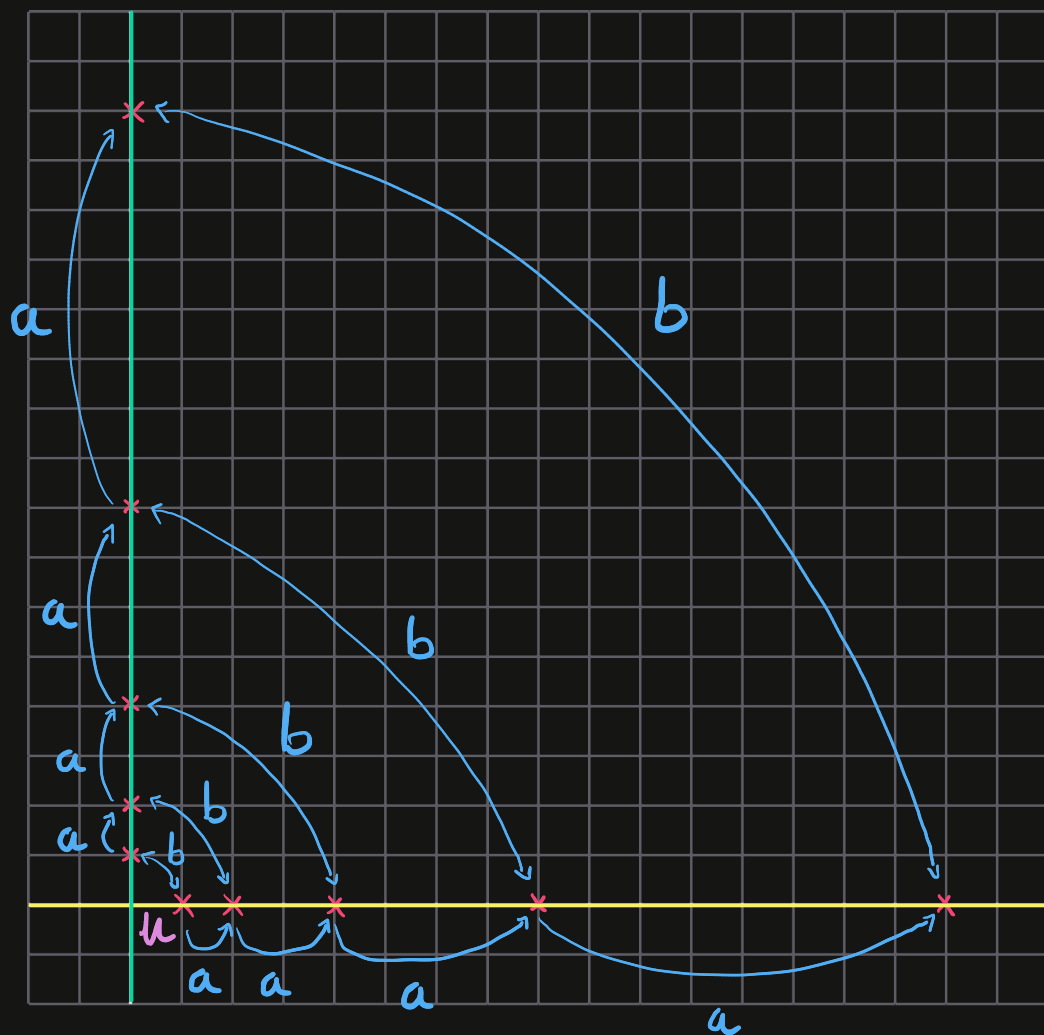
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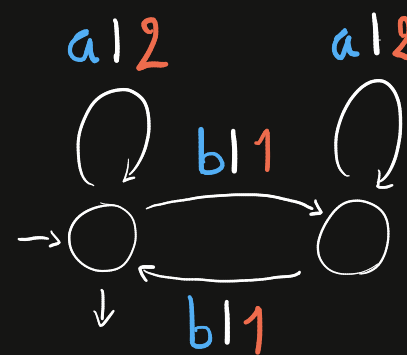
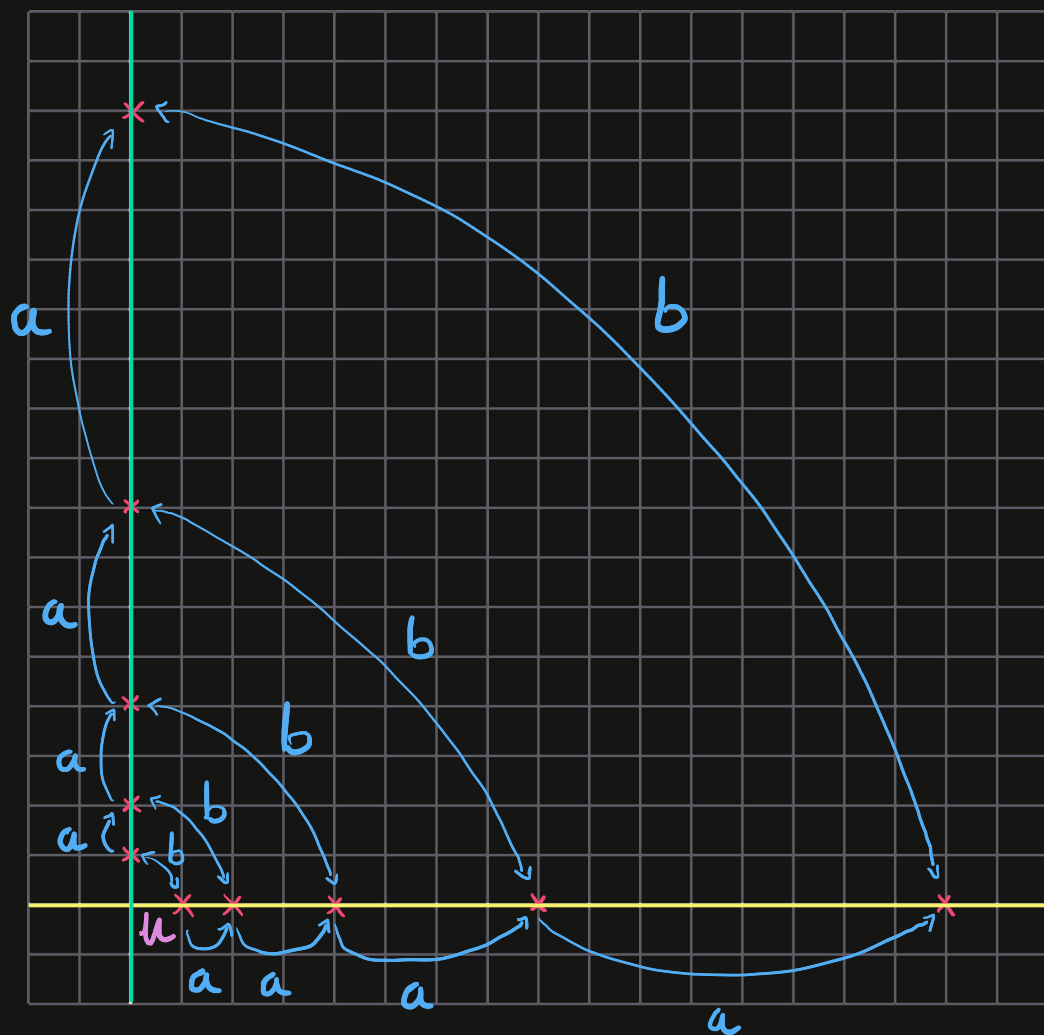
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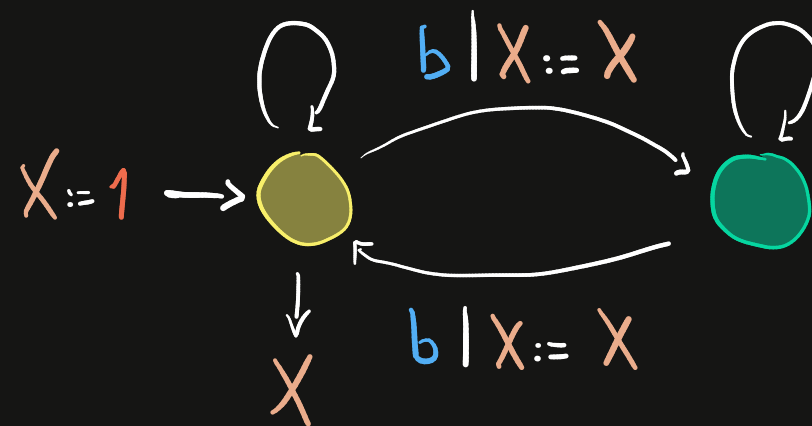
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[Behaliova, Lhote, Reynier 2024]

Main results

Thm: (characterization)

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& k registers
iff

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Cor: Register complexity of f

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