
PLAYING GAMES WHEN STATES HAVE RICH STRUCTURE

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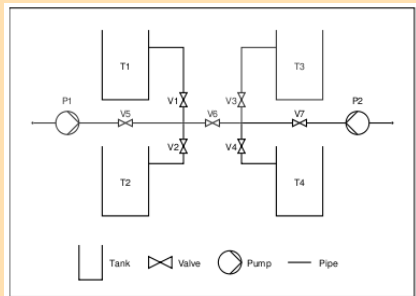
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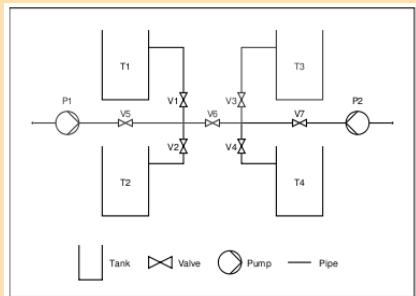
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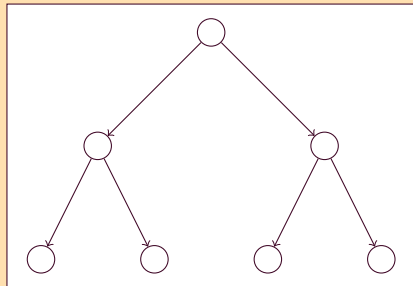
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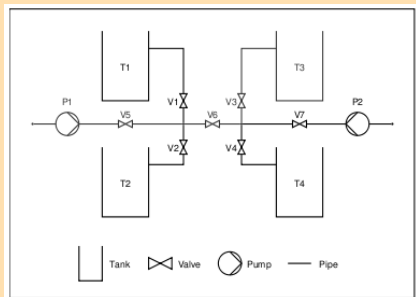
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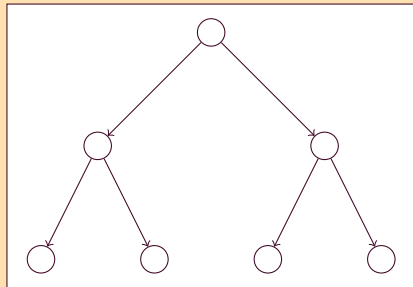
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Can we model states by arbitrary relational structures?

- (1) change described using appropriate rewriting rules
- (2) properties given in MSO on structures + temporal logic for change

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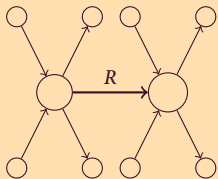
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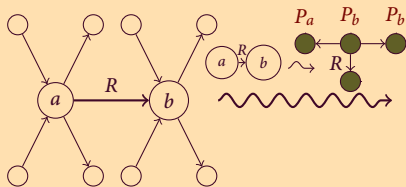
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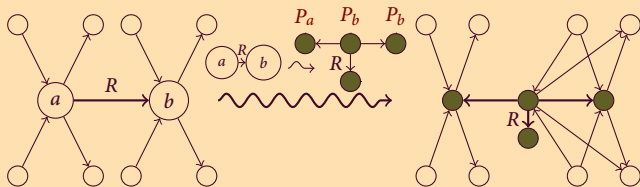
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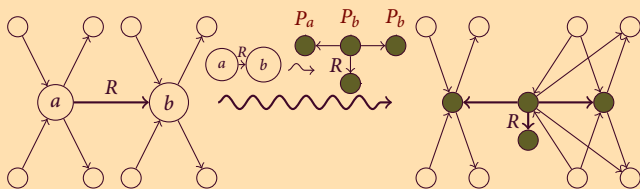
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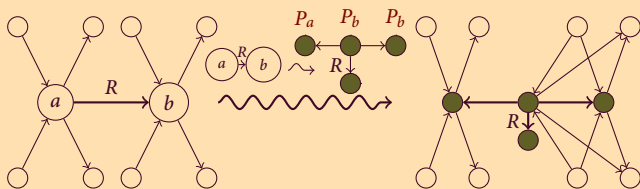
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$\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{A}[\mathfrak{L} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}/\sigma]$ iff $B = (A \setminus \sigma(L)) \dot{\cup} R$ and,

for $M = \{(r, a) \mid a = \sigma(l), r \in P_i^{\mathfrak{R}} \text{ for some } l \in L\} \cup \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\}$,

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(in the second case at least one $b_j \notin \mathfrak{A}$)

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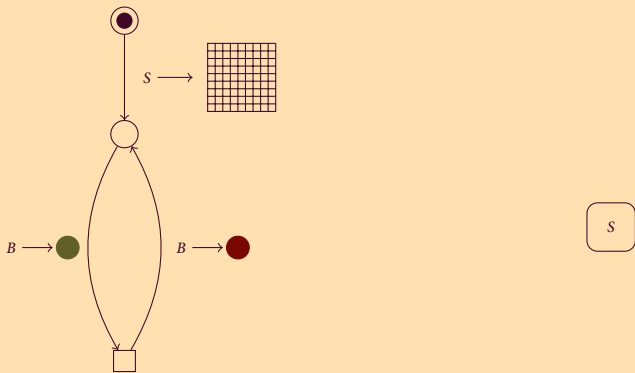
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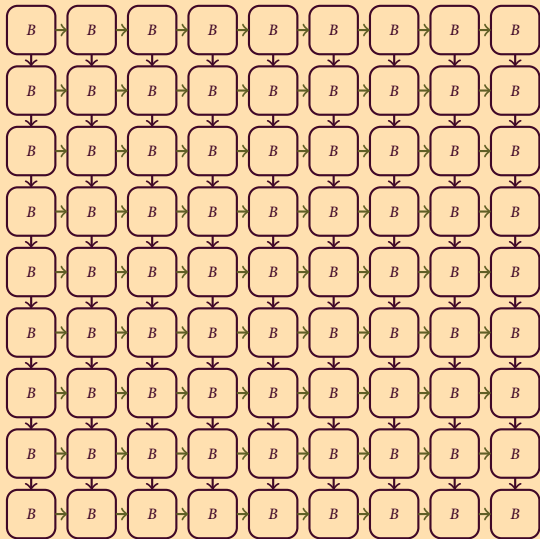
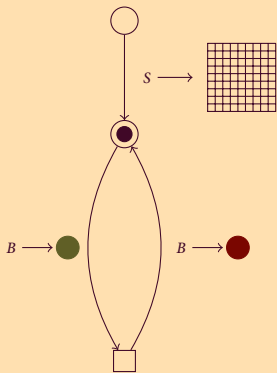
Motivation: many questions are **naturally defined as such games:**

constraint satisfaction, model checking, graph measures, games people play

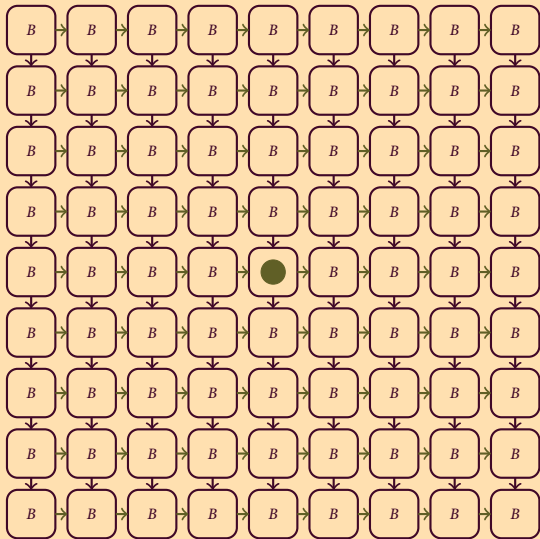
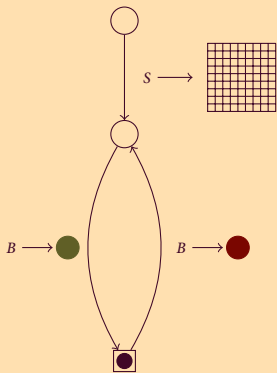
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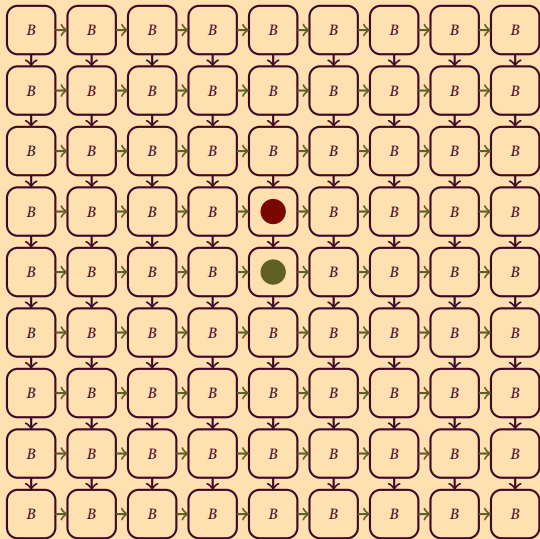
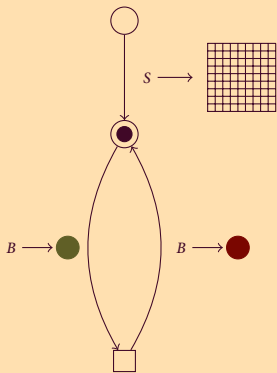
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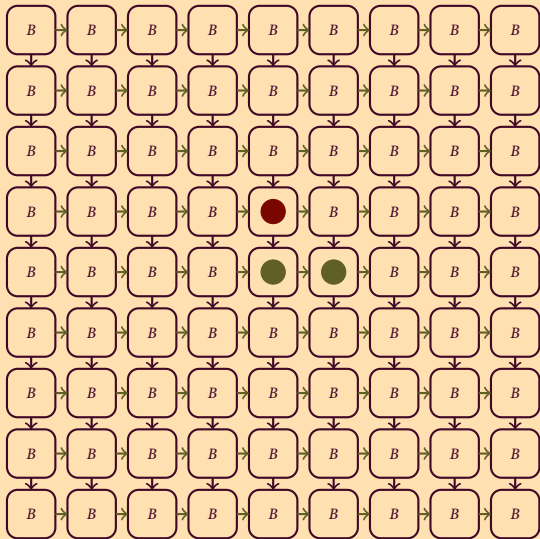
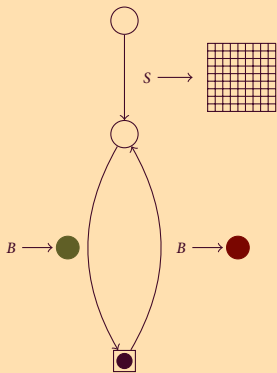
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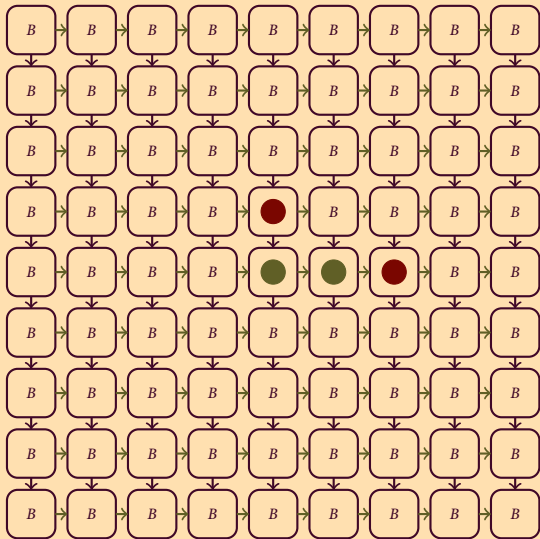
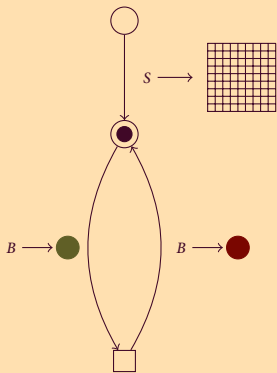
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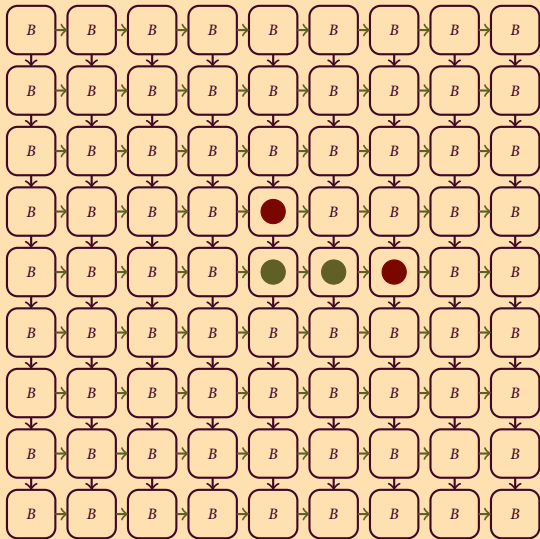
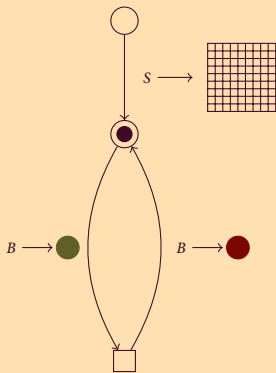
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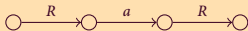
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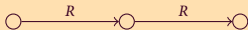
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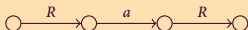
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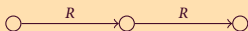
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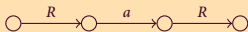


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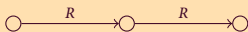
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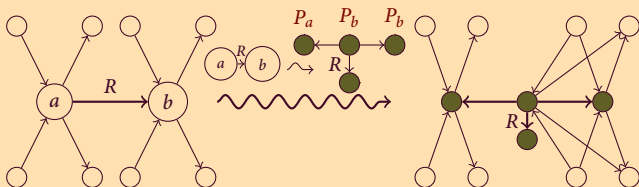


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Decidability of Simple Rewriting Games

Logics

- $L_\mu[\text{MSO}]$: Temporal properties expressed in L_μ (subsumes LTL) with properties of structures (states) expressed in MSO
- **lim MSO**: Property of the limit structure expressed in MSO

Theorem

- Let R be a **finite** set of (**universal**) **simple structure rewriting rules**,
- and φ be an $L_\mu[\text{MSO}]$ or **lim MSO** formula.

Then the set $\{\pi \in R^\omega : (\text{lim})S(\pi) \models \varphi\}$ is **ω -regular**.

Corollary

*Establishing the winner of (universal) finite simple rewriting games is decidable.
The winner has a winning strategy of a simple form.*

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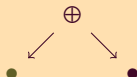
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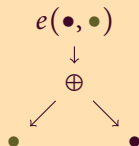
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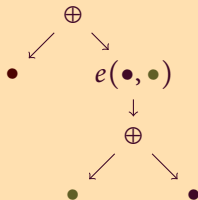
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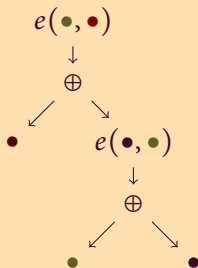
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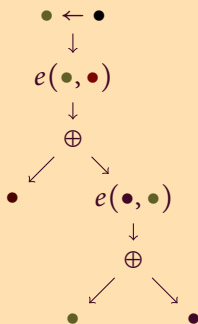
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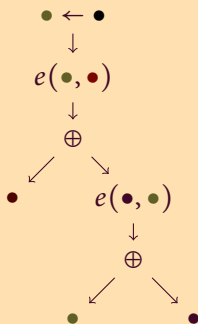
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For every k there is an **MSO-to-MSO interpretation** \mathcal{I} such that for all structures \mathfrak{A} of **clique-width** $\leq k$ holds $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A})) \cong \mathfrak{A}$.

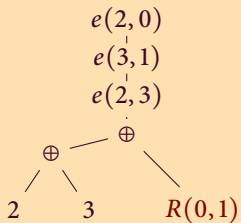
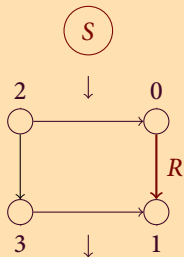
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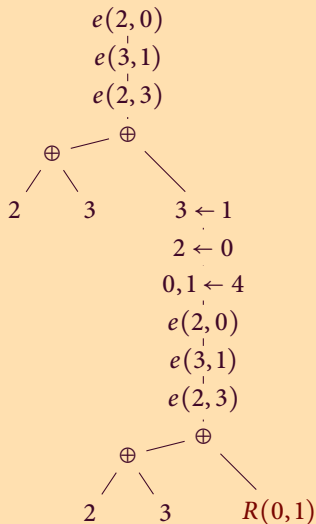
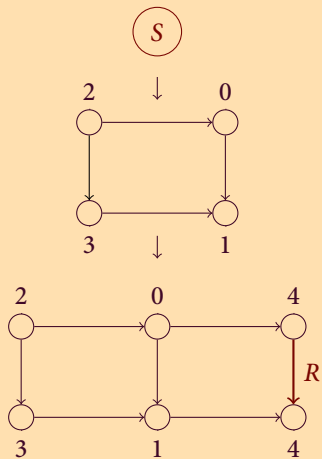
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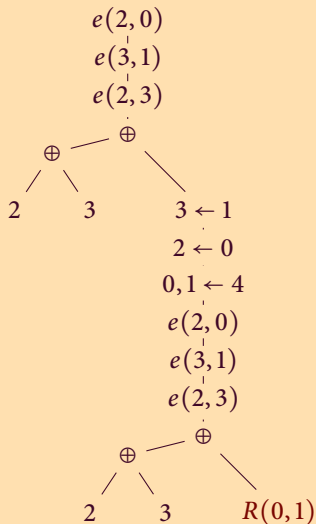
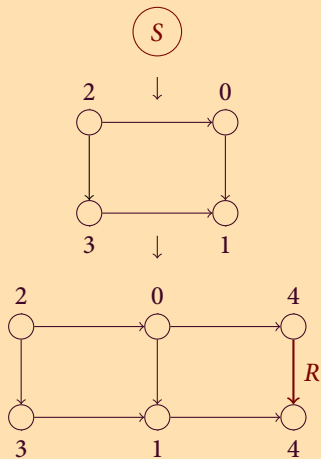
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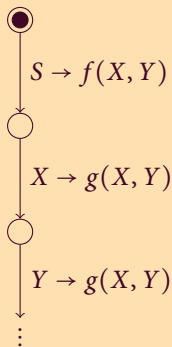


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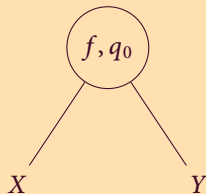
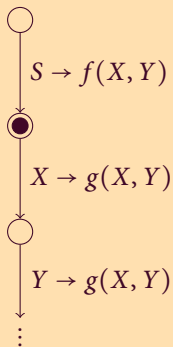


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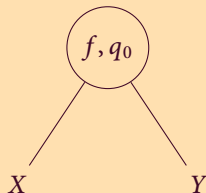
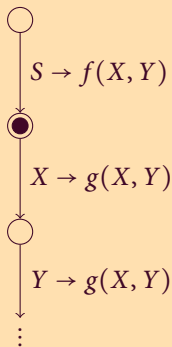
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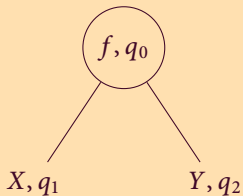
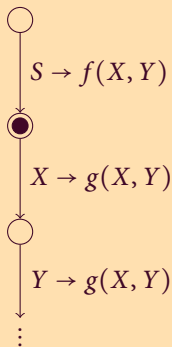


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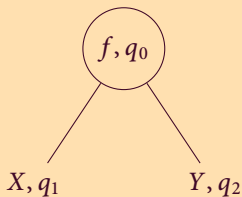
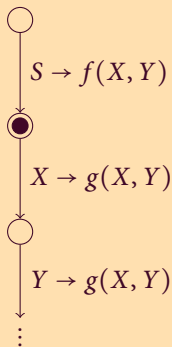
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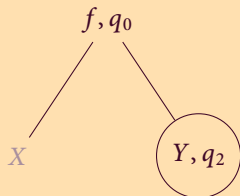
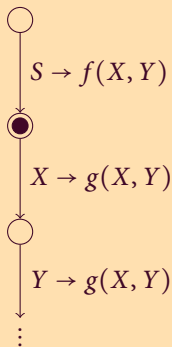


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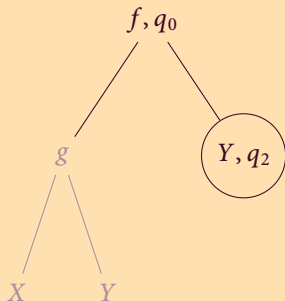
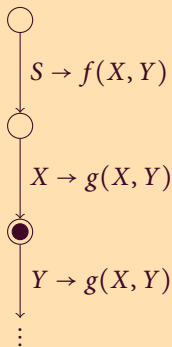


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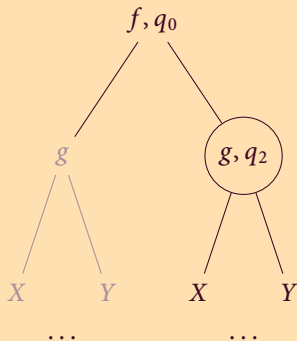
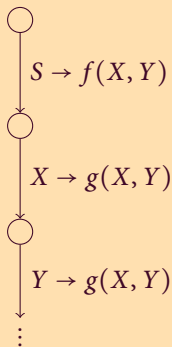
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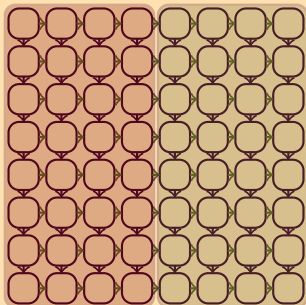
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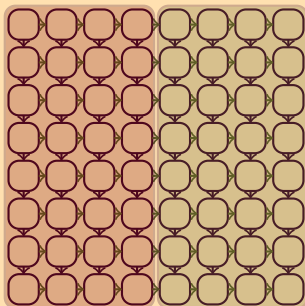
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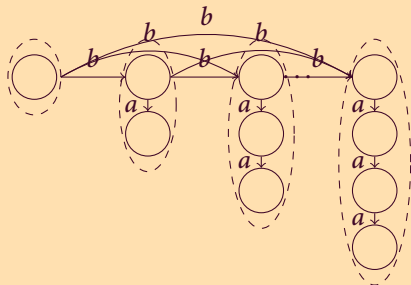
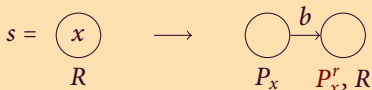
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