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**Symbolic reductions of
probabilistic models using
linear process equations**

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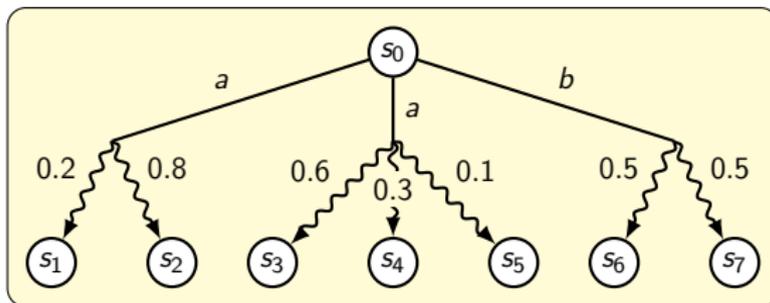
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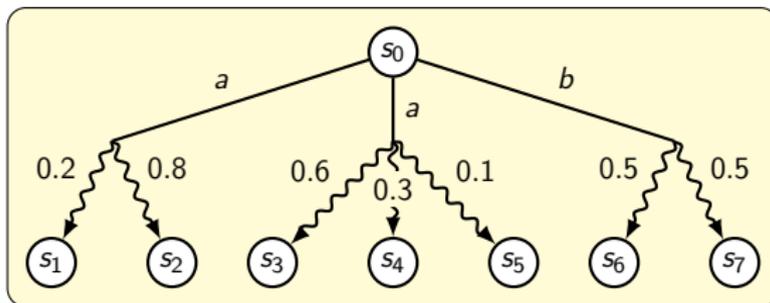


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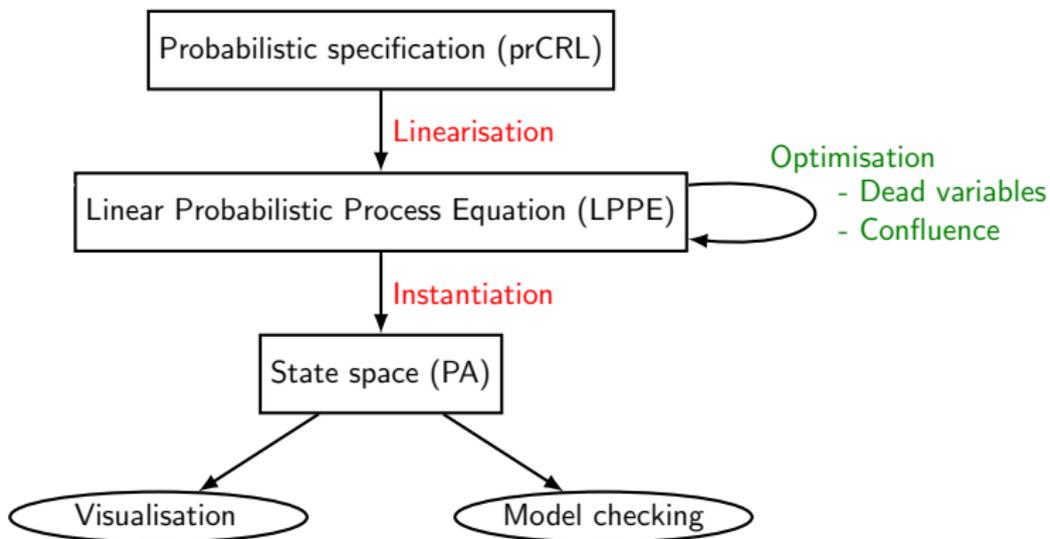


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Limitations of previous approaches:

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Process equations and processes

A **process equation** is something of the form $X(\vec{g} : \vec{G}) = p$.

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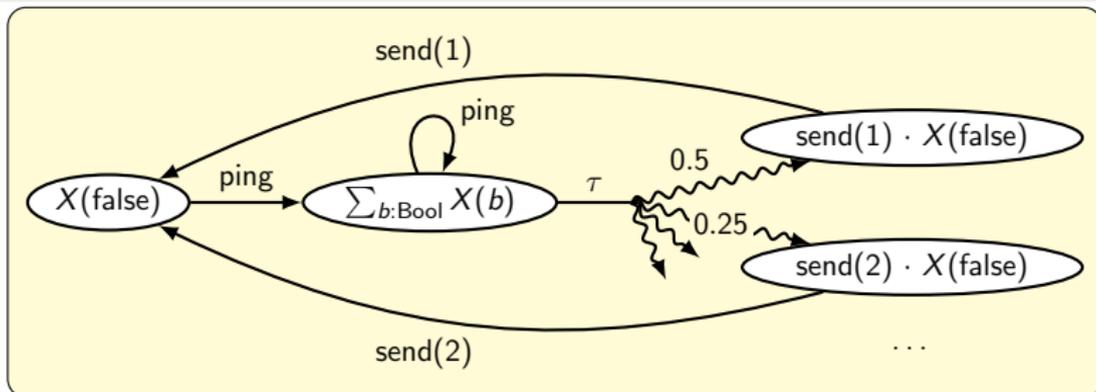
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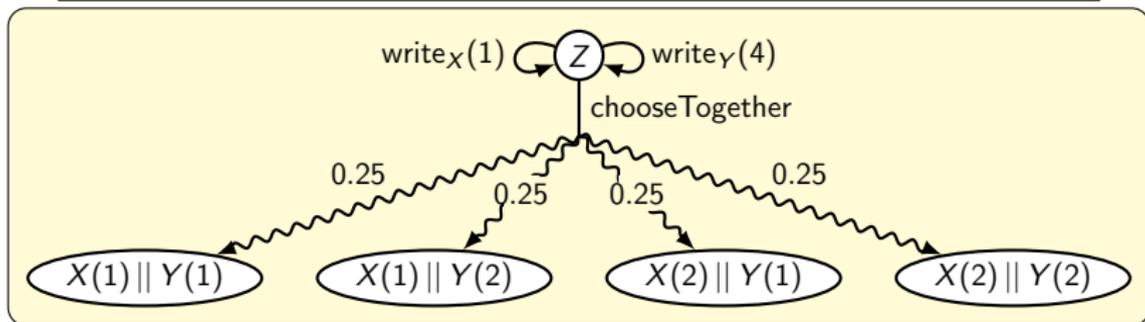
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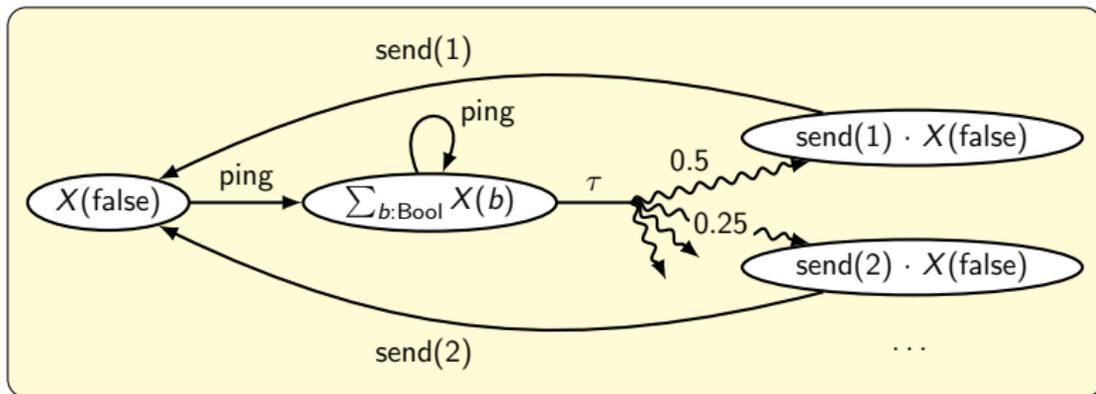
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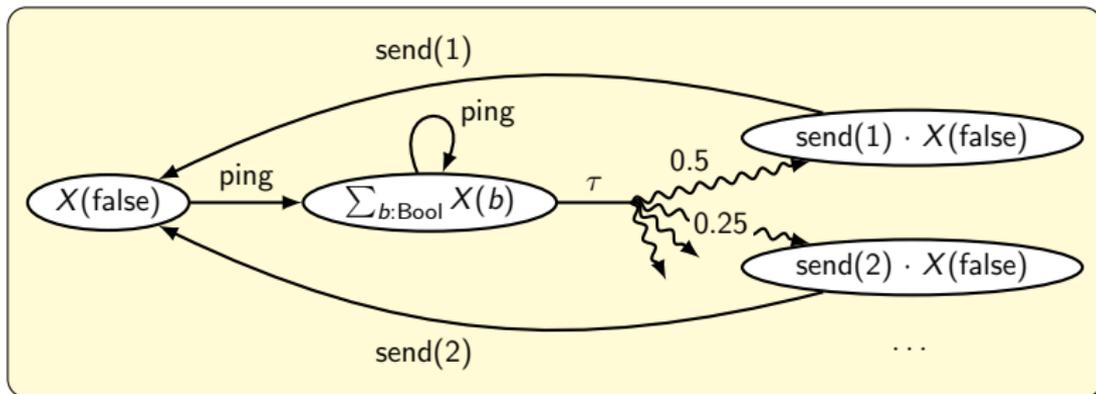
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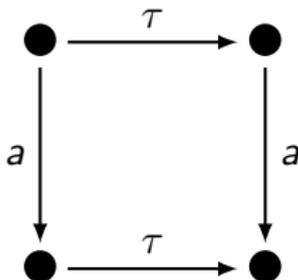
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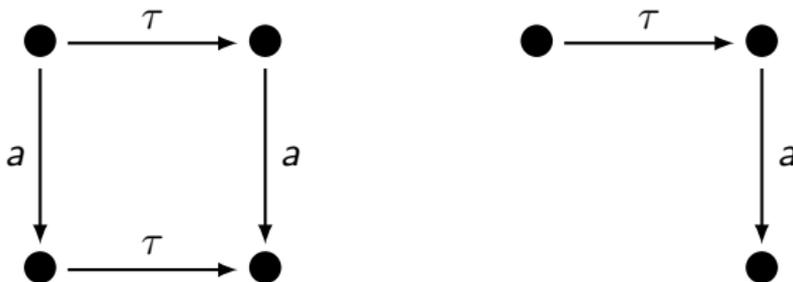


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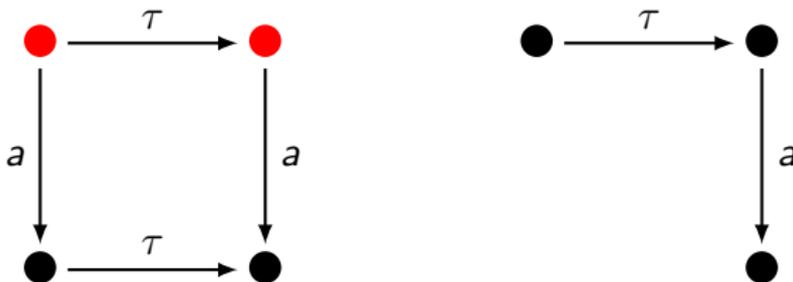


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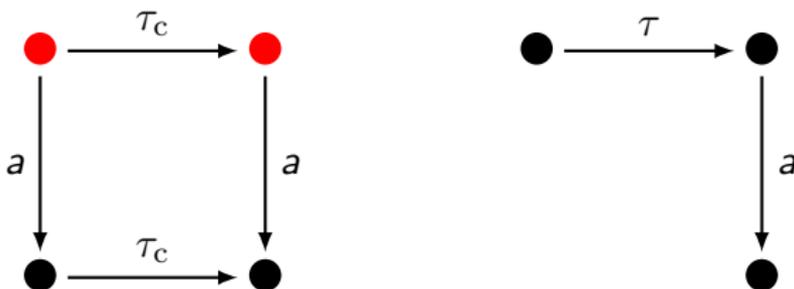


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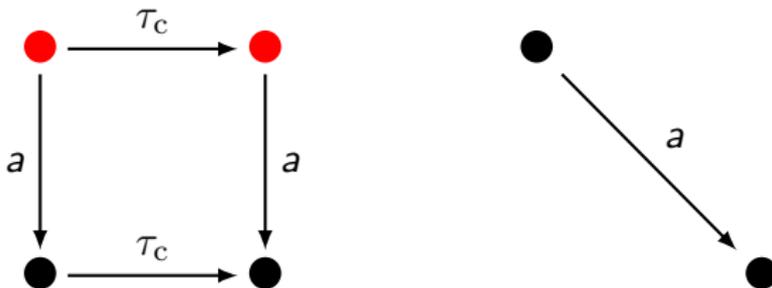


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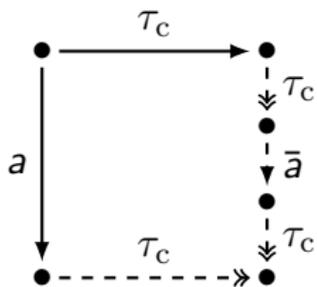
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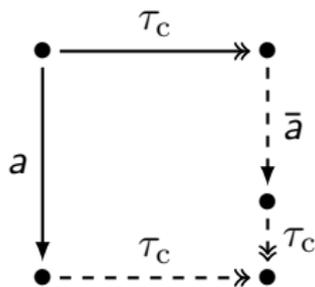
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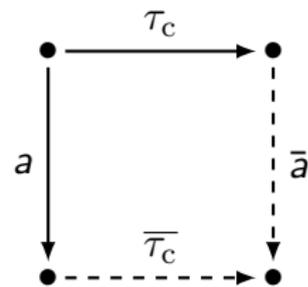
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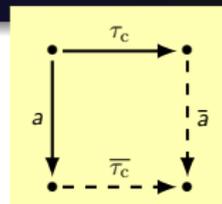
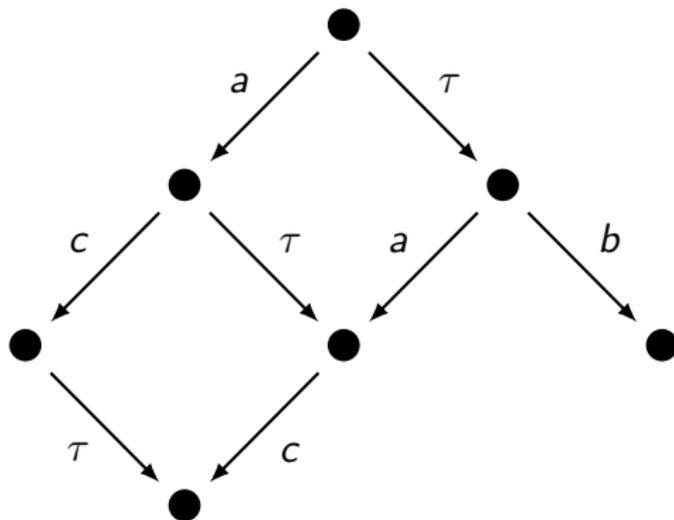
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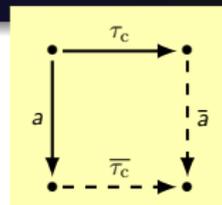
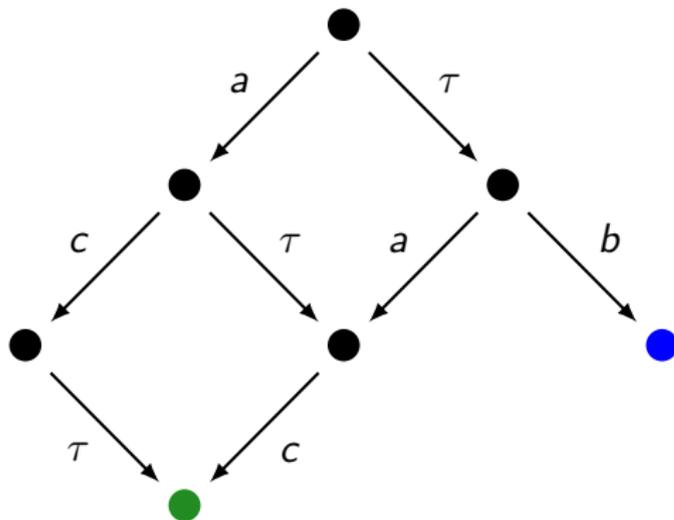
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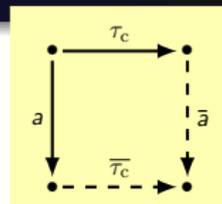
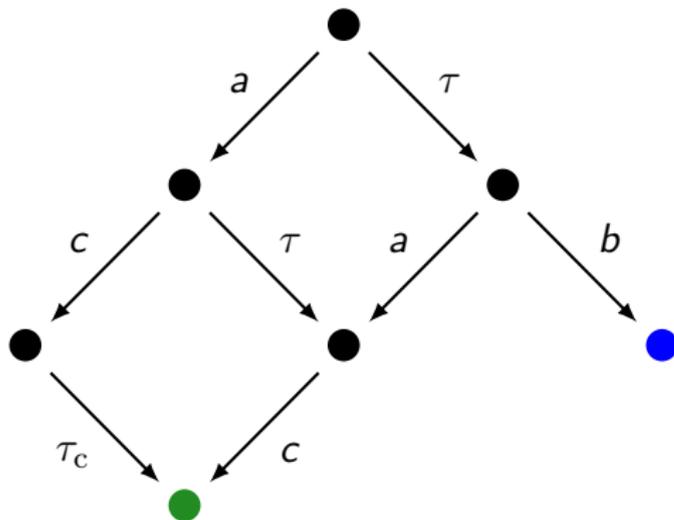
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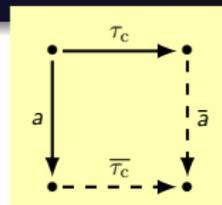
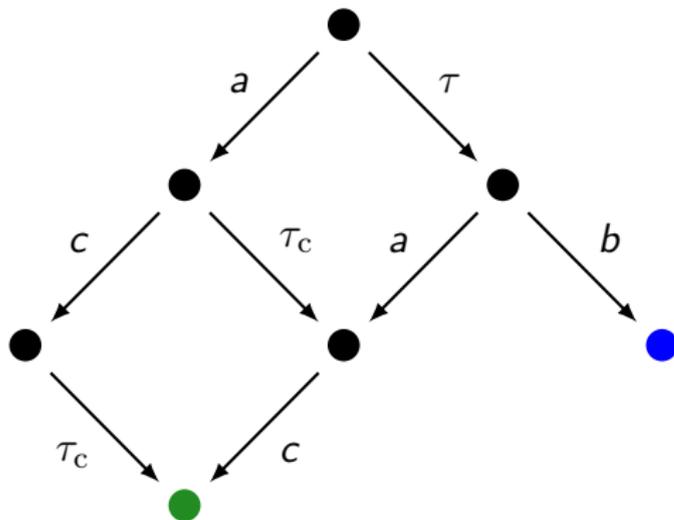
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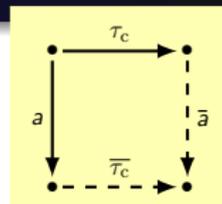
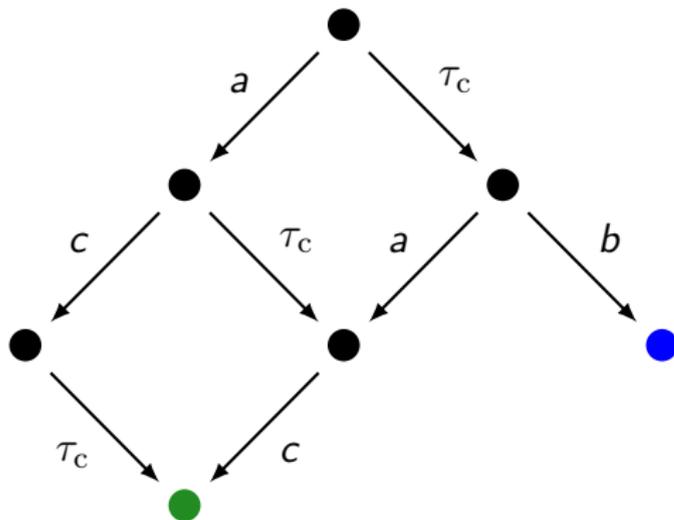
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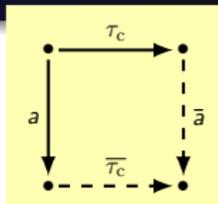
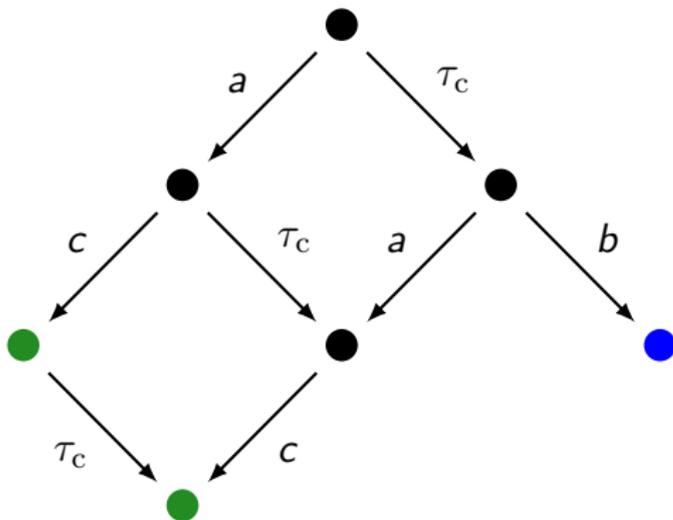
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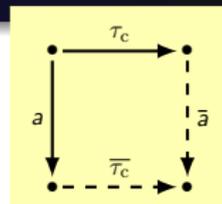
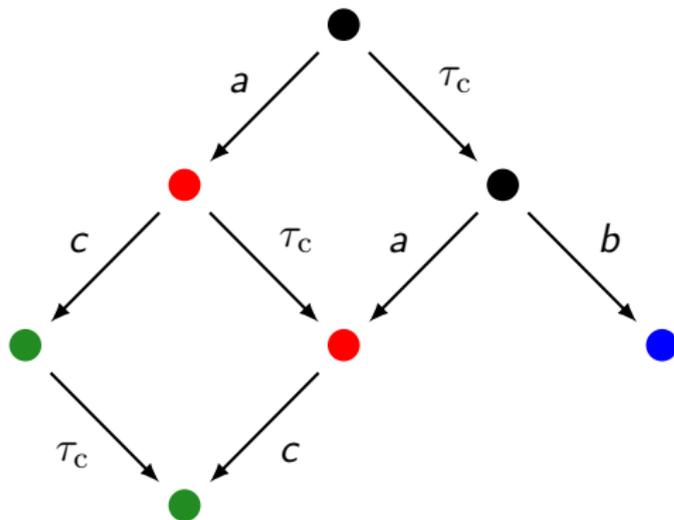
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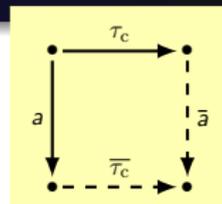
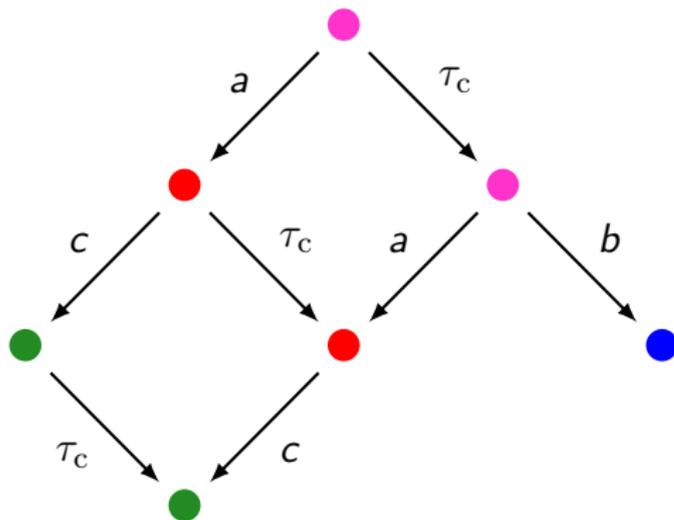
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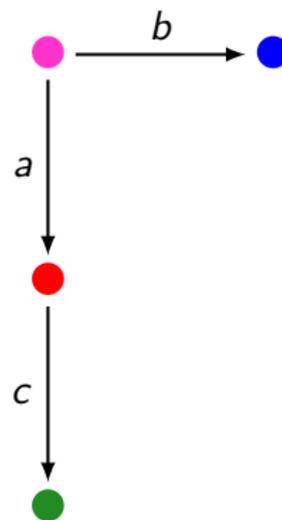
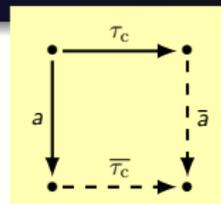
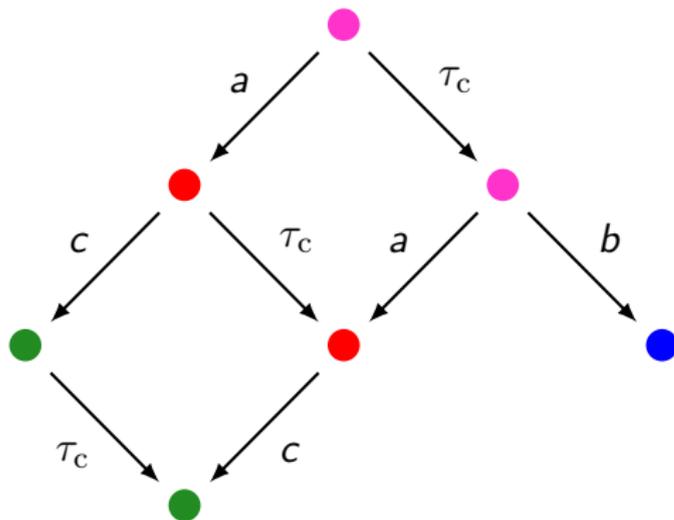
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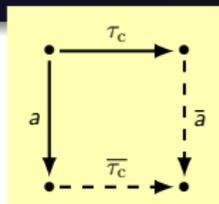
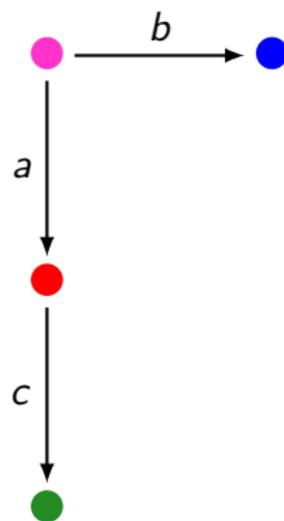
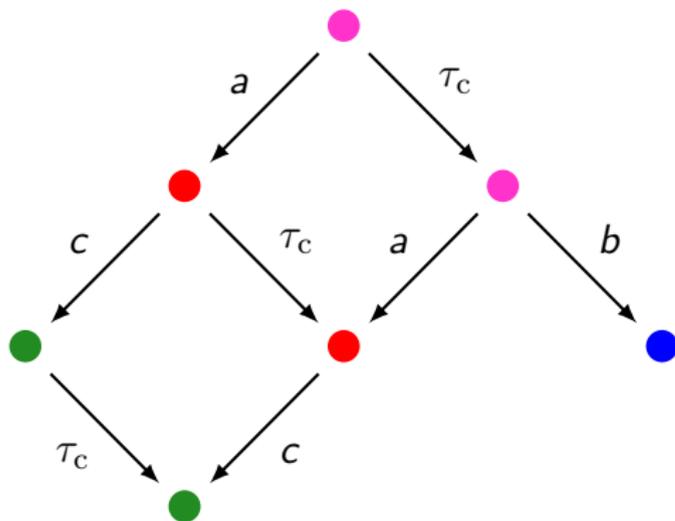
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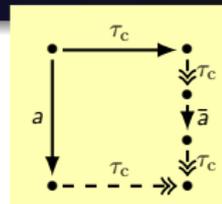
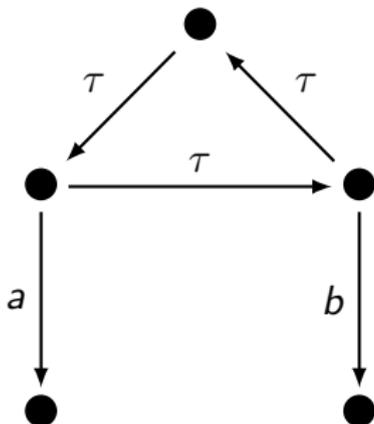
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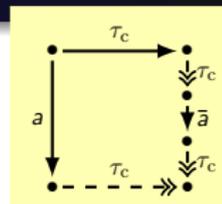
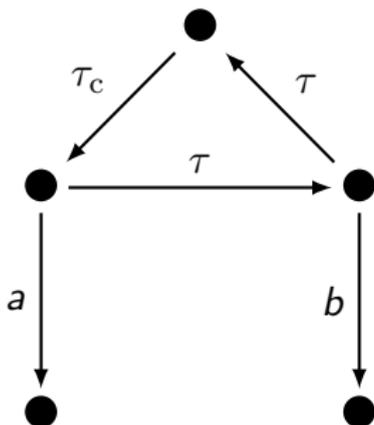
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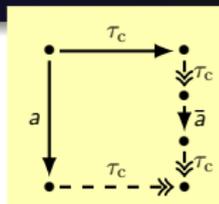
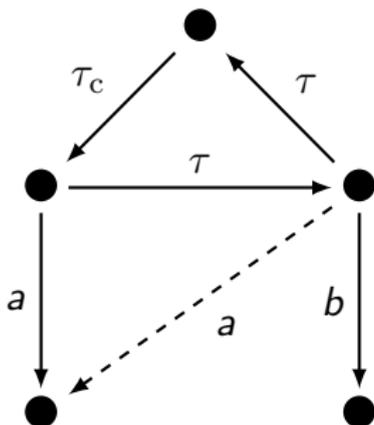
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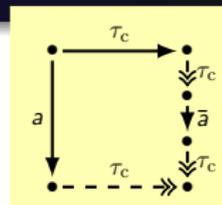
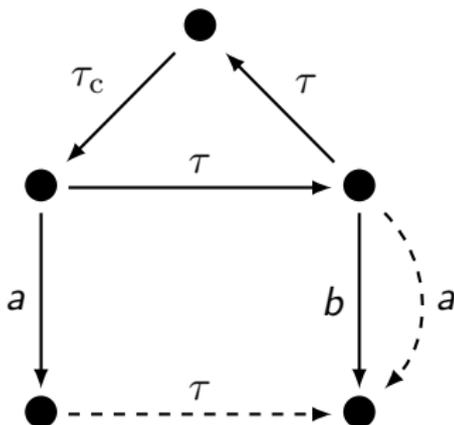
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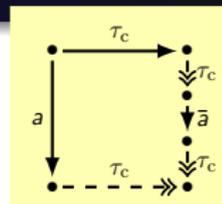
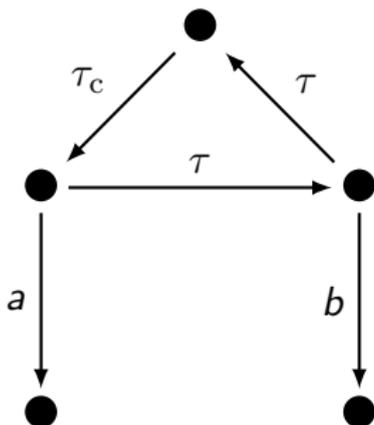
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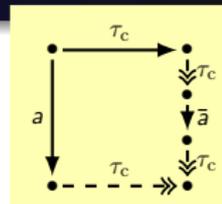
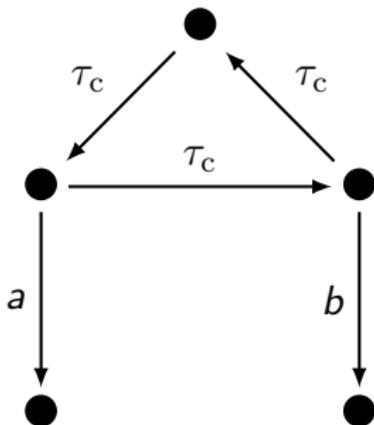
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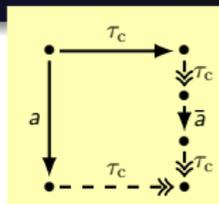
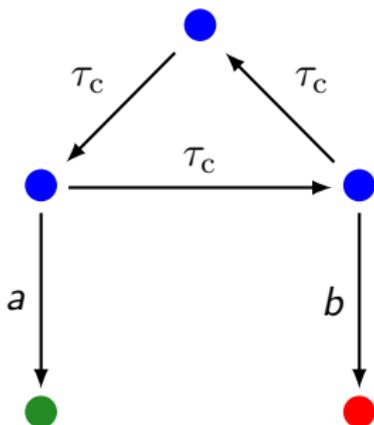
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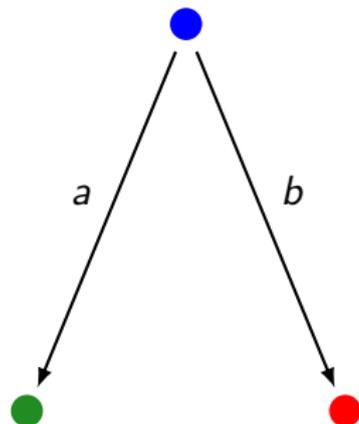
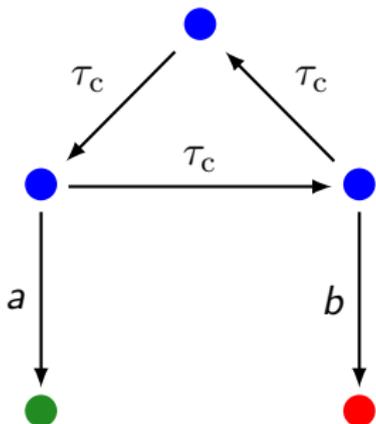
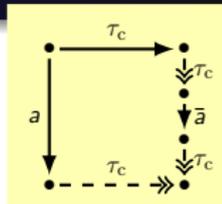
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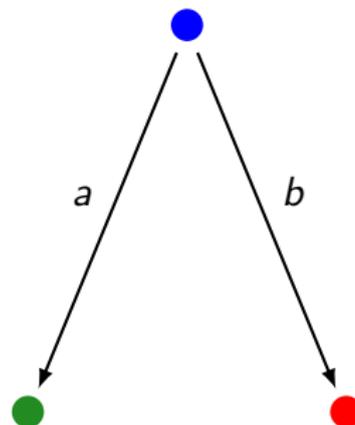
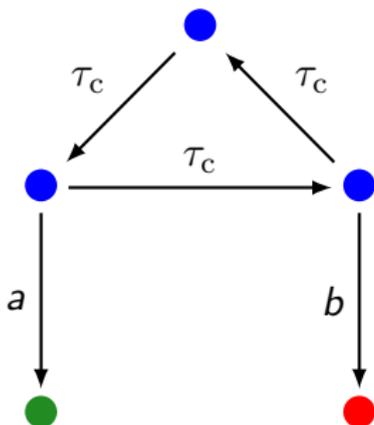
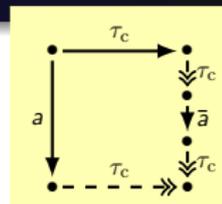
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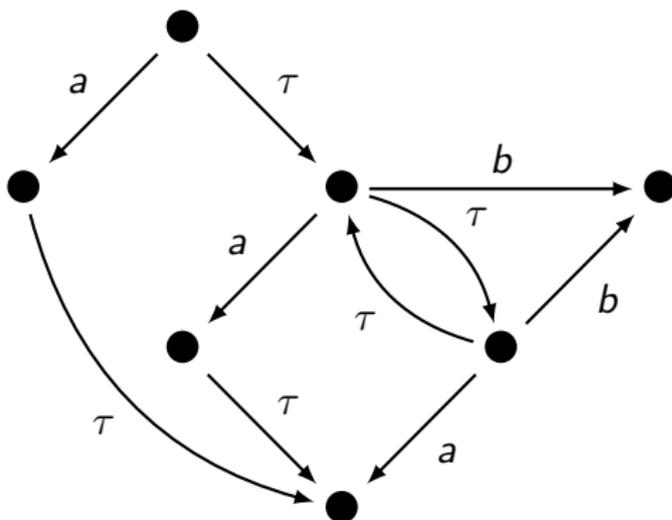
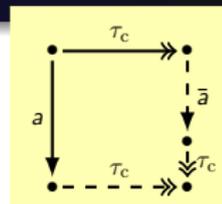
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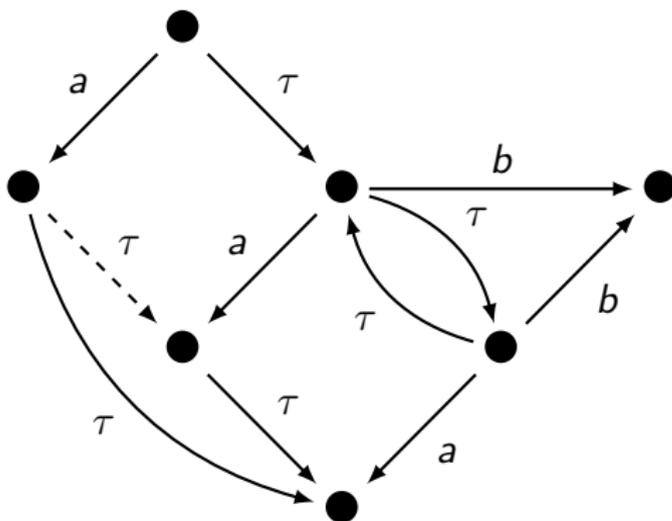
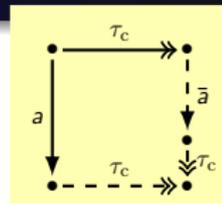
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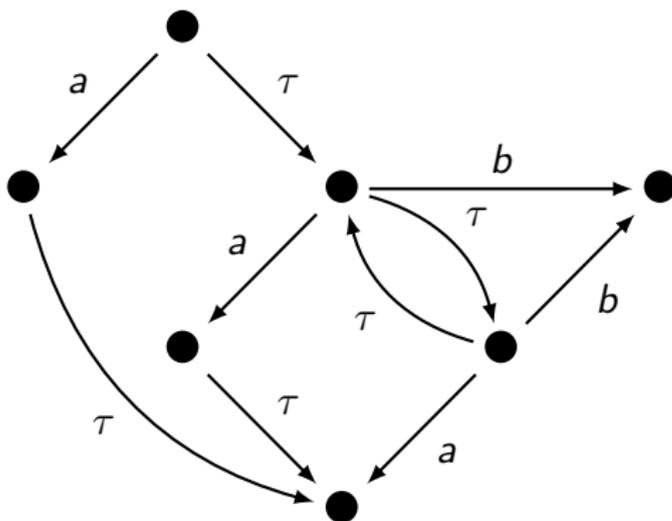
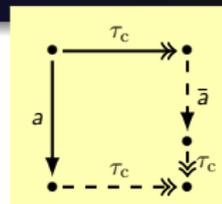
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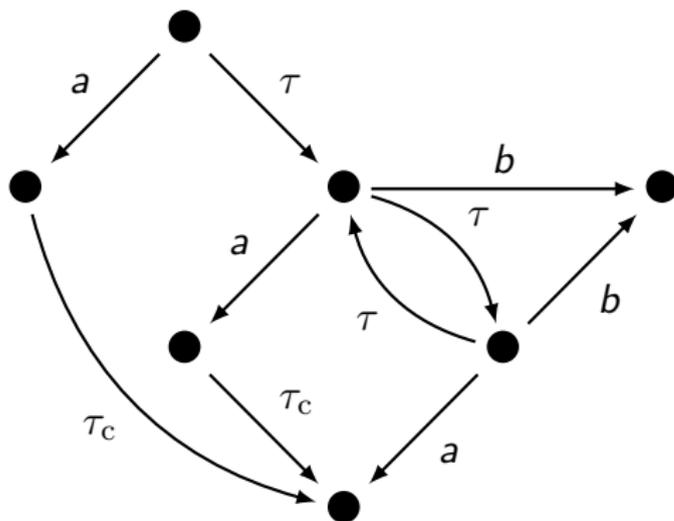
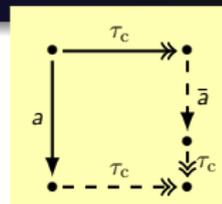
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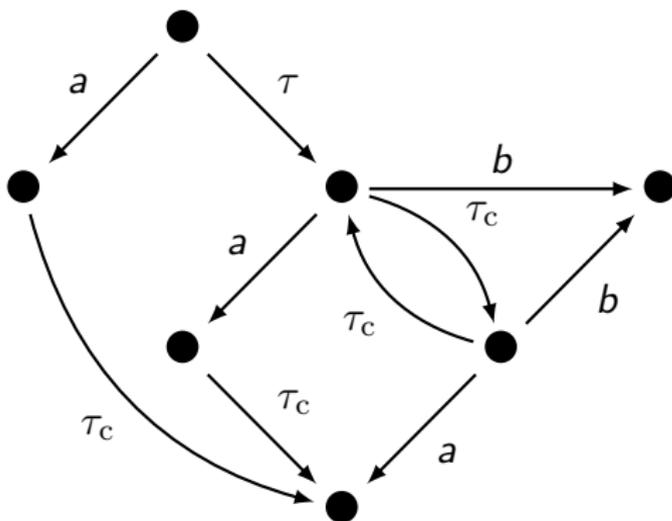
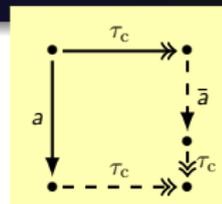
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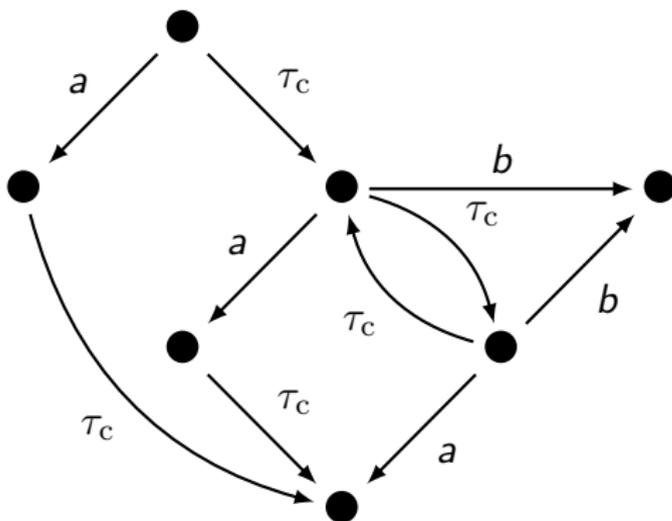
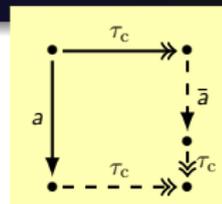
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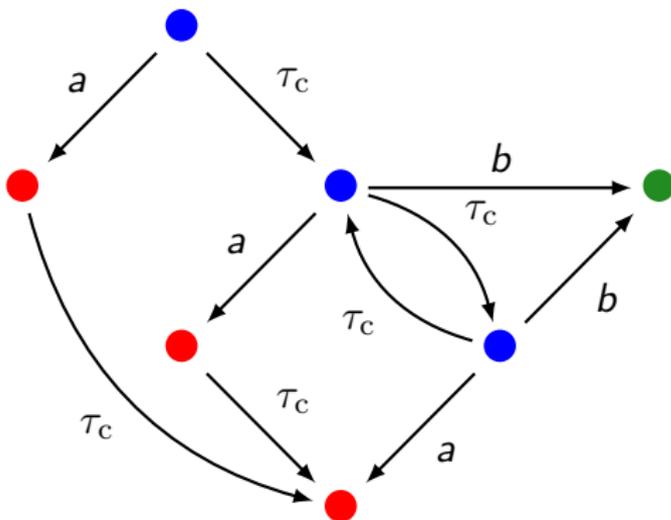
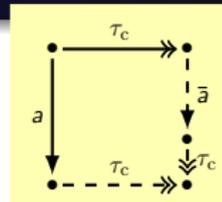
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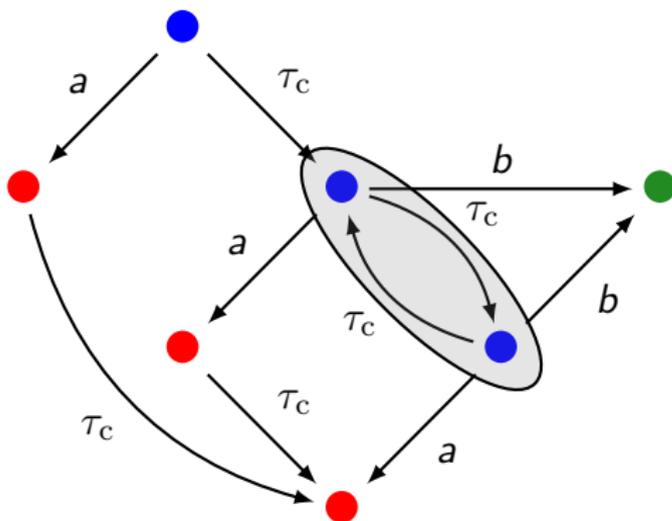
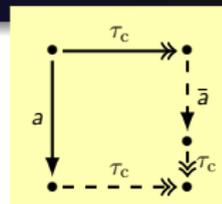
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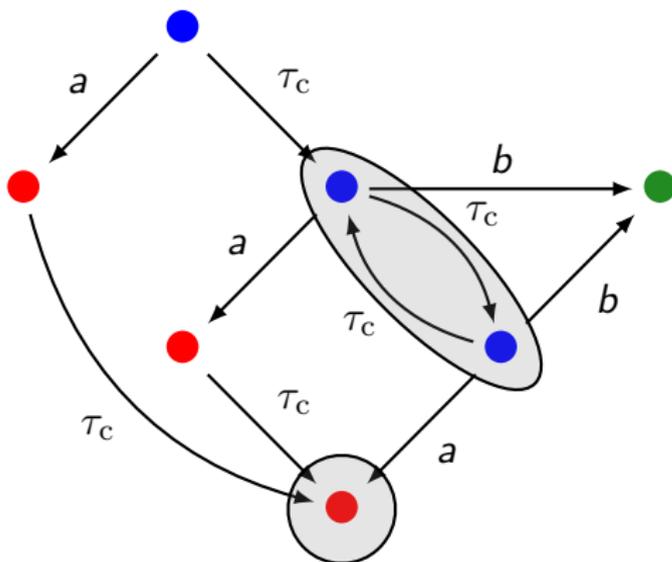
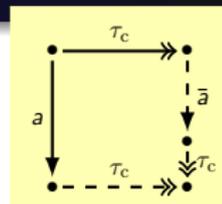
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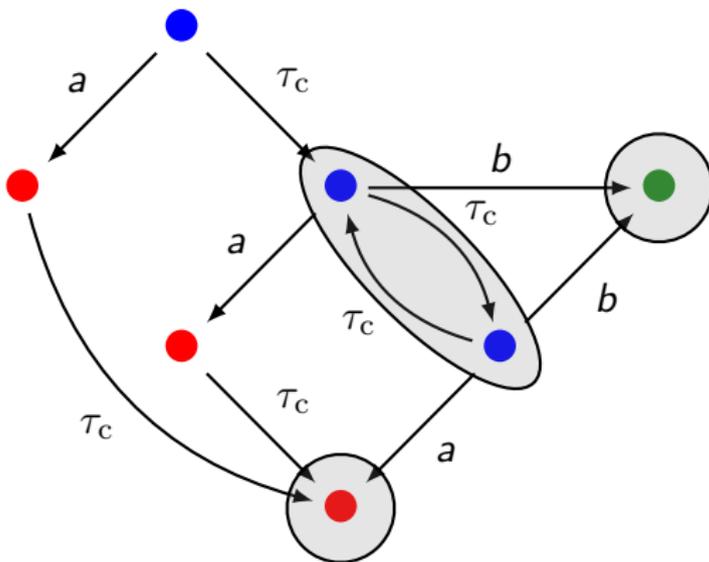
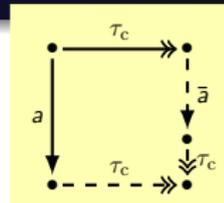
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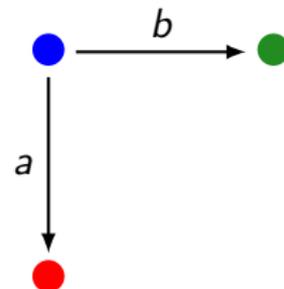
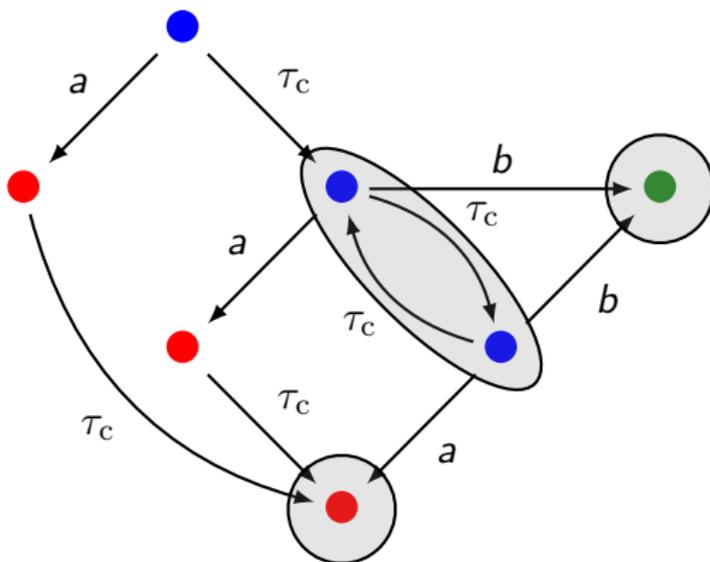
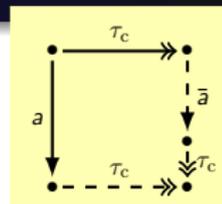
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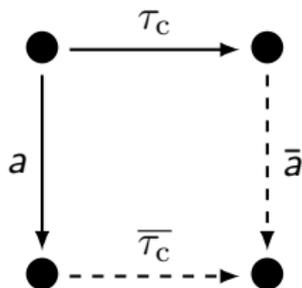
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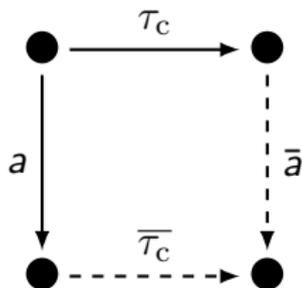
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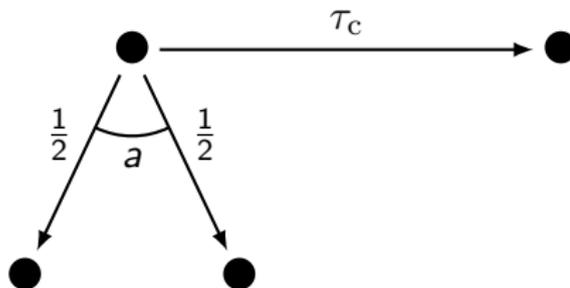
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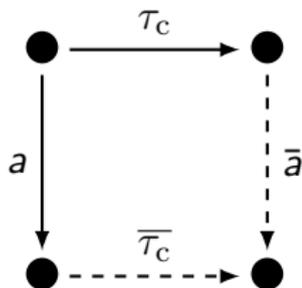
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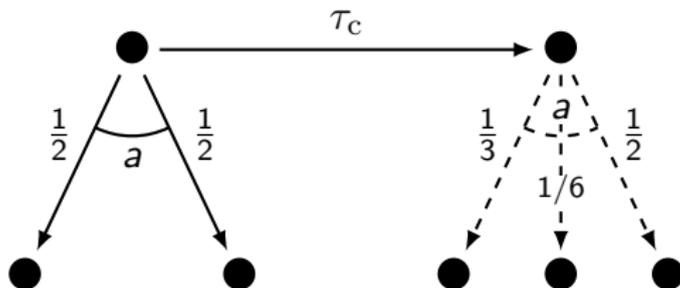
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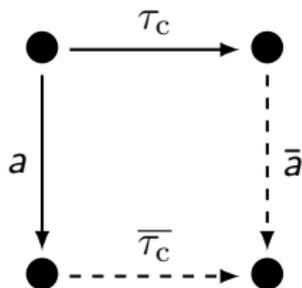
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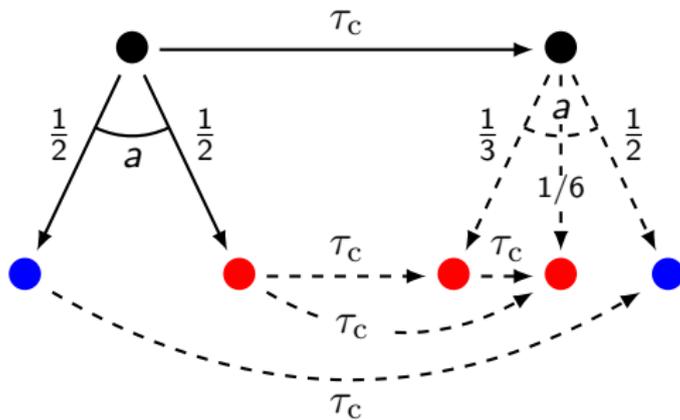
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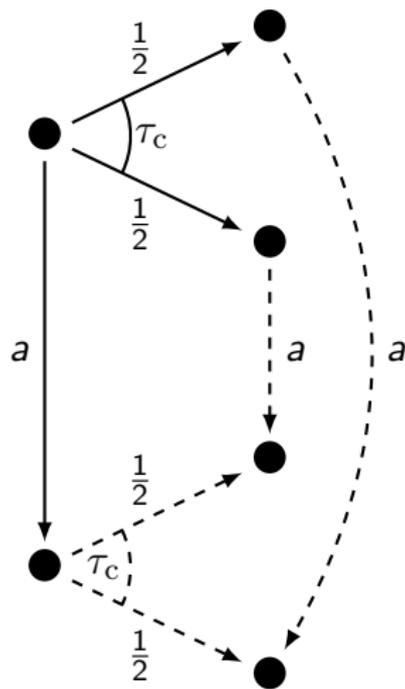
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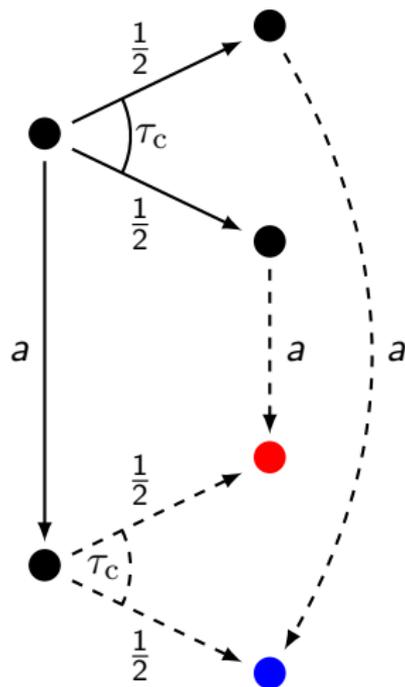
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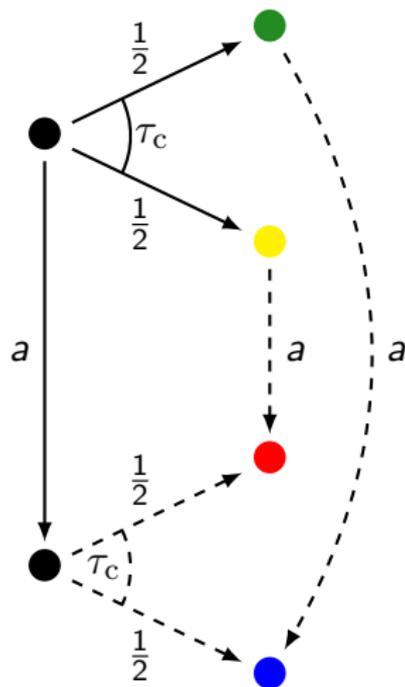
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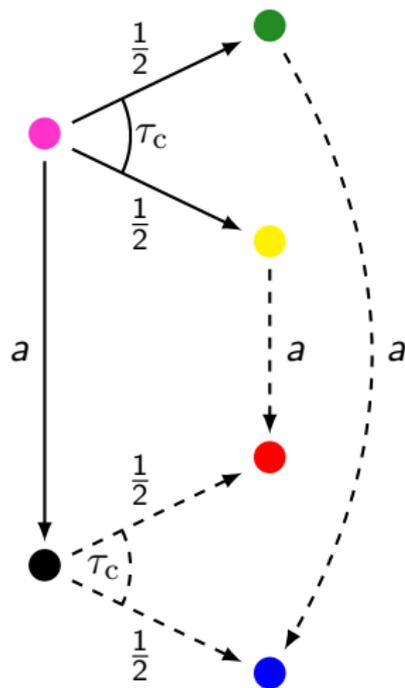
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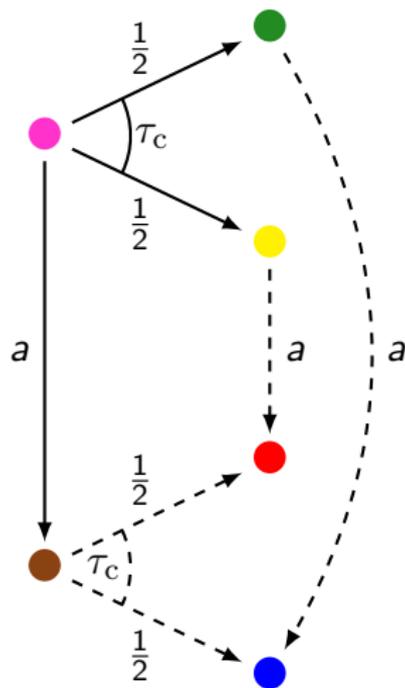
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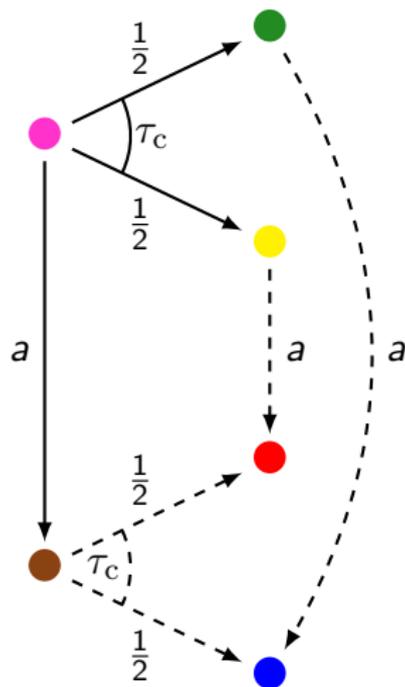
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As all states are (potentially) different, no reduction can be obtained.

Detecting confluence using LPPEs

Given an LPPE, confluence can be detected using [theorem proving](#).

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