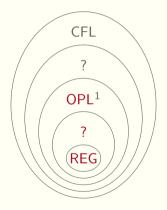
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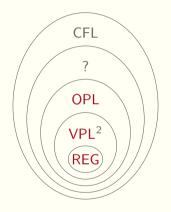
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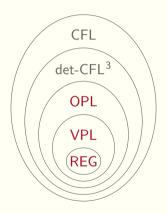
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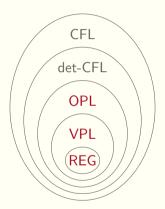


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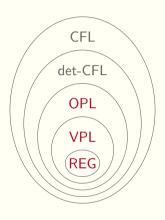
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# **Example of System**

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call_B() {
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    try
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                                call_C()
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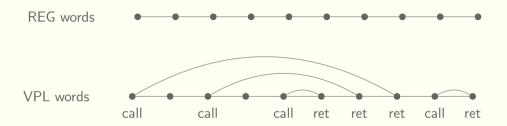
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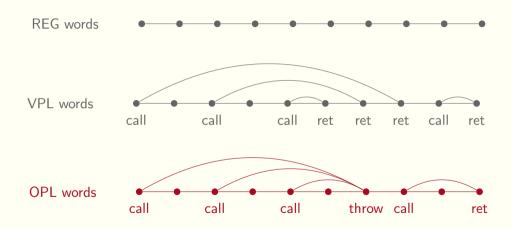
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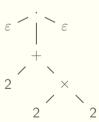


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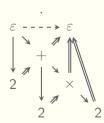
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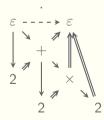
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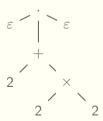




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## **Operator Precedence Alphabet**

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#### Chain

 $\bullet$   $a_0 \dots a_n$  is a simple chain when  $a_0 < a_1 = \dots = a_{n-1} > a_n$   $a_0 [a_1 \dots a_{n-1}]^{a_n}$ 

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•  $a_0u_0\ldots b_{n-1}u_{n-1}b_n$  is a **nested chain** when  $b_0[b_1\ldots b_{n-1}]^{b_n}$  and  $u_i\neq\varepsilon\Rightarrow b_i[u_i]^{b_{i+1}}$ 

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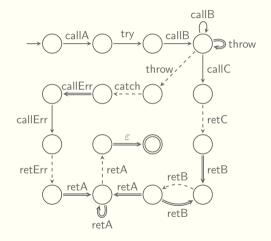
▶ Pop:  $(q, \langle b, p \rangle \theta) \stackrel{a}{\Longrightarrow} (q', \theta)$  without consuming the input letter

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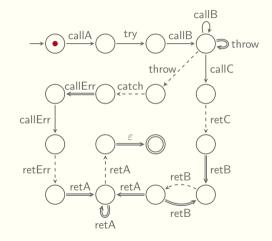
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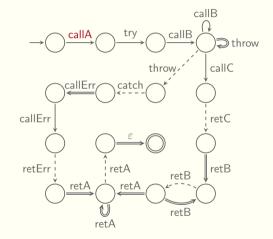
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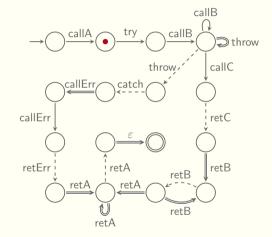
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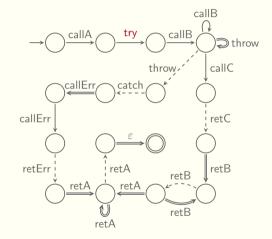
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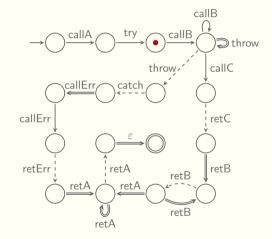
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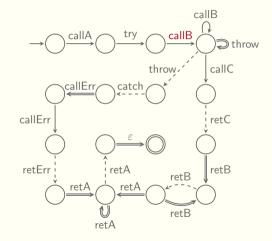
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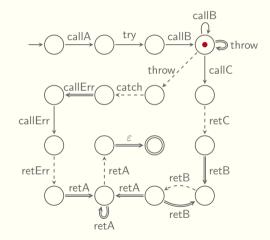
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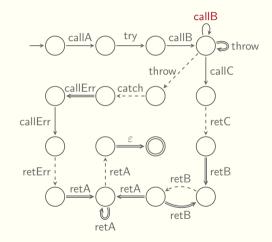
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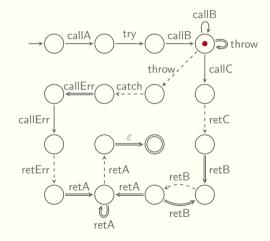
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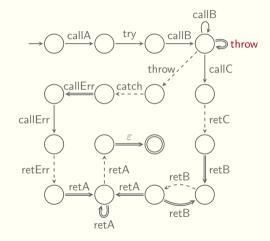
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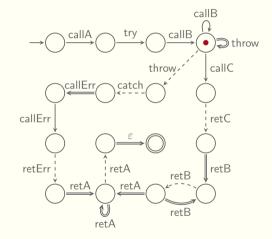
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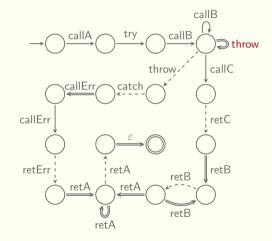
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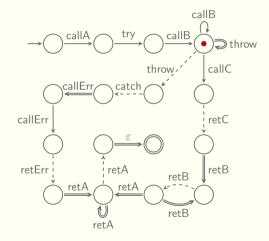
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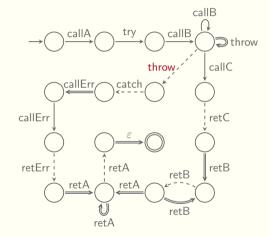
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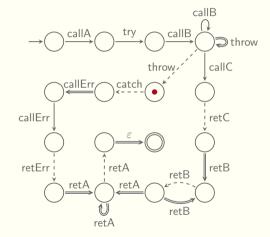
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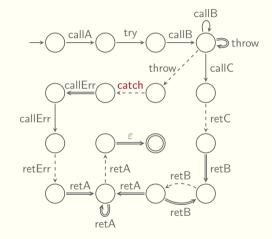
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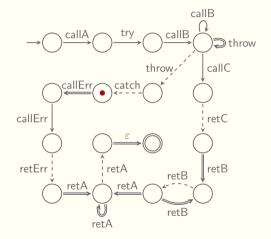
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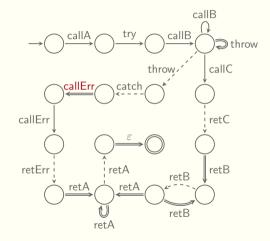
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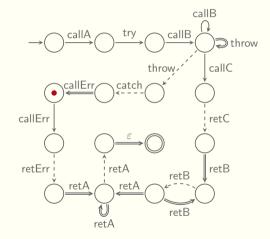
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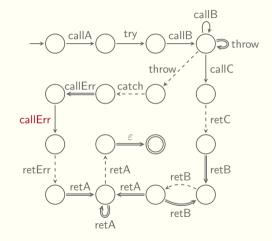
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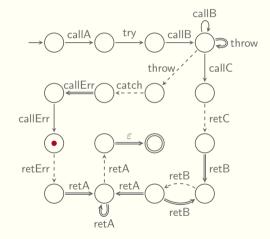
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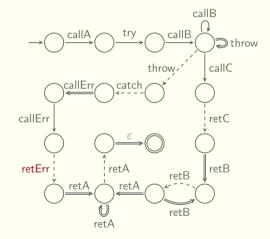
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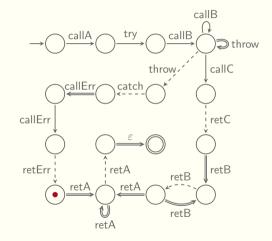
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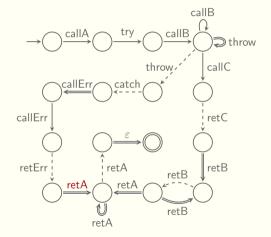
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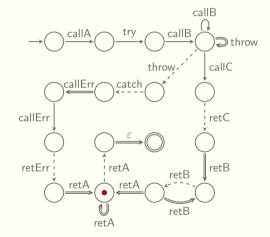
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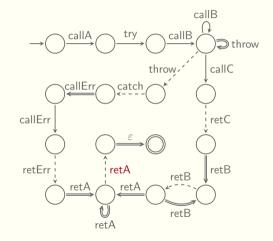
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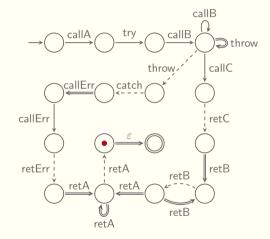
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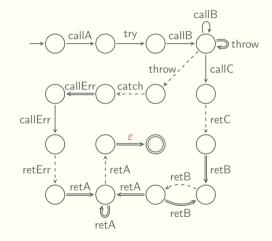
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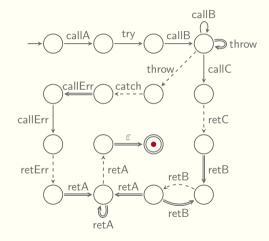
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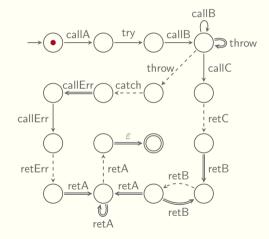
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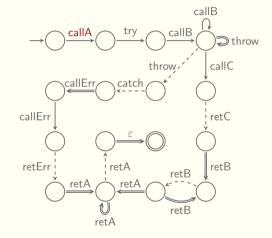
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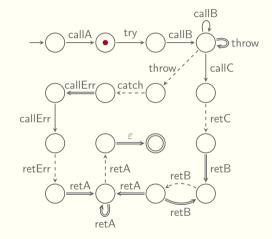
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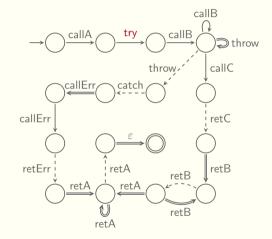
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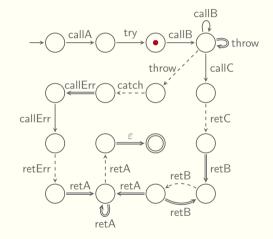
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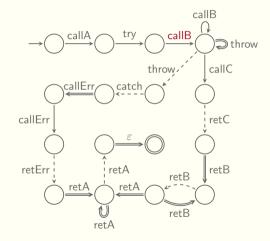
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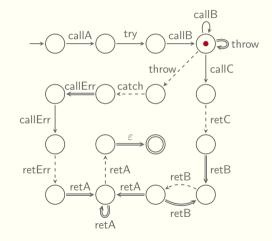
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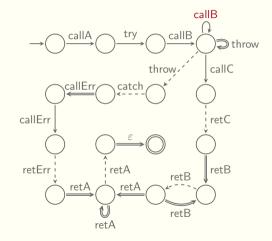
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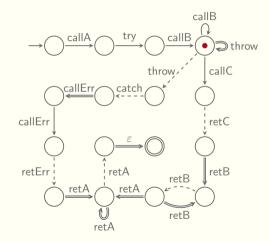
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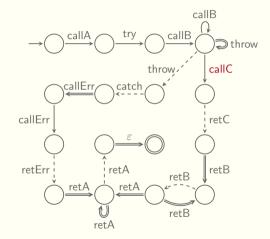
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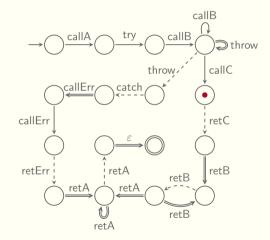
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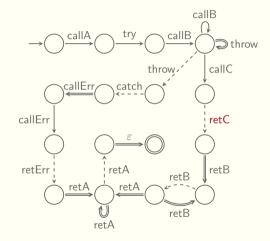
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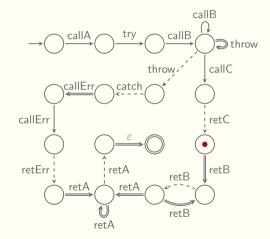
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Stack					
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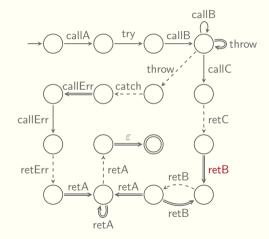
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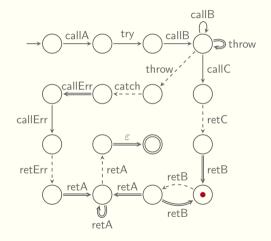
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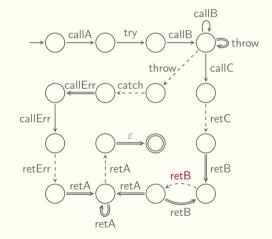
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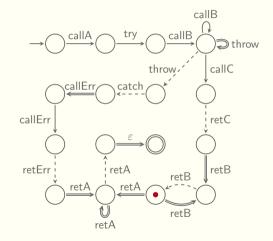
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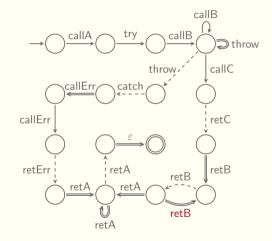
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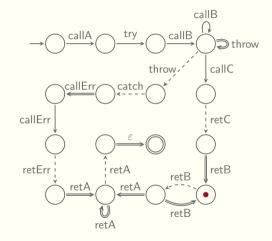
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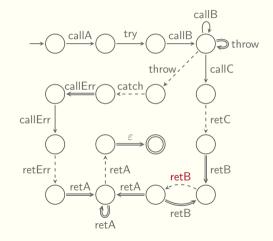
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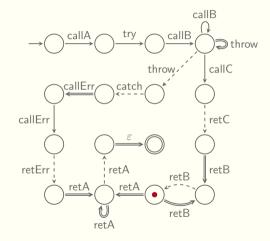
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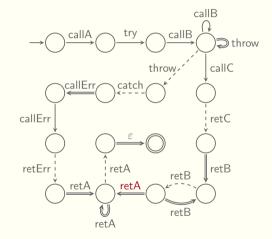
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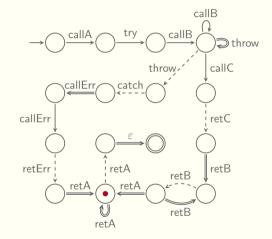
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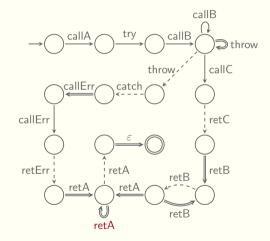
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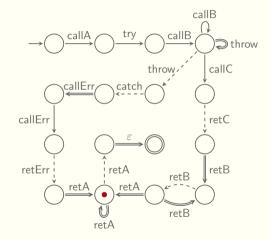
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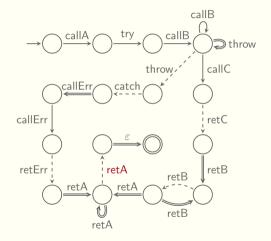
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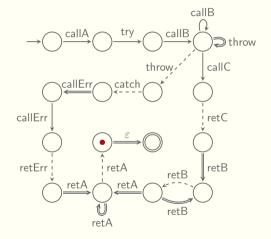
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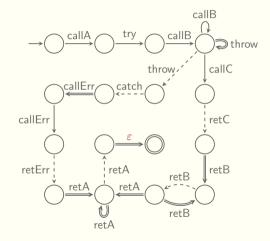
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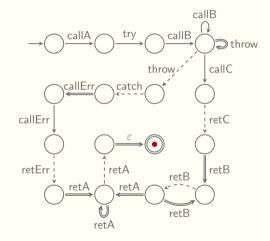
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#### **Key Argument**

$$A \nsubseteq B$$

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# **Appendix**

#### From $\equiv_l$ to OPL

Let  $L \subseteq \widehat{\Sigma}^*$  such that  $\equiv_L$  has a finite index. We construct  $A = (Q, q_0, F, \Delta)$  where:

- $Q = \{([u], [v]) : u, v \in \widehat{\Sigma}^*\}$
- $q_0 = ([\varepsilon], [\varepsilon])$
- ▶  $F = \{([\varepsilon], [w]) : w \in L\}$
- $\qquad \qquad \Delta(([u],[v]),a,\langle b,([u'],[v'])\rangle\theta) \ \rightarrow \ (([uva],[\varepsilon]),\varepsilon,<\langle a,([u'],[v'])\rangle\theta) \\$
- $b \stackrel{.}{=} a$

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Let L be a OPL reconized by  $A = (Q, q_0, F, \Delta)$ . For all  $w \in \widehat{\Sigma}^*$  we define:

- $f_w(q) = \{q' \in Q : \exists \theta, (q, w\star, \bot) \rightsquigarrow (q', \star, \theta)\}$
- $\Phi_w(q) = \{\theta : \exists q', (q, w\star, \bot) \rightsquigarrow (q', \star, \theta)\}$

$$x \equiv_A y \iff (x \equiv_{\mathsf{chain}} y) \land (f_x = f_y) \land (g_x = g_y) \land (\bigwedge_{q \in Q} (\Phi_x(q))^\top = (\Phi_y(q))^\top)$$

- $x \equiv_A y \implies x \equiv_L y$
- $\hat{\Sigma}^*/\equiv_{\Delta}$  is finite