Kattis

Strings

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Today we're going to cover

- String matching
  - Naive algorithm
  - Knuth–Morris–Pratt (KMP) algorithm
- Tries
- Aho-Corasick
- Suffix Tries
- Suffix Arrays

String problems

- Strings frequently appear in our kind of problems
  - I/O
  - Parsing
  - Identifiers/names
  - Data
- But sometimes strings play the key role
  - We want to find properties of some given strings
  - Is the string a palindrome?
- Here we're going to talk about things related to the latter type of problems
- These problems can be hard, because the length of the strings are often huge

String matching

- Given a string S of length n,
- and a string T of length m,
- find all occurrences of T in S
- Note:
  - Occurrences may overlap
  - Assume strings contain characters from some alphabet Σ

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- For each substring of length m in S,
- check if that substring is equal to T.

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        m = t.size();

    for (int i = 0; i + m - 1 < n; i++) {
        bool found = true;
        for (int j = 0; j < m; j++) {
            if (s[i + j] != t[j]) {
                found = false;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (found) {
            return i;
        }
    }

    return -1;
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- If, at position i, q characters match (i.e. $T[1 \ldots q] = S[i \ldots i + q - 1]$), then
  - if $q = 0$, shift pattern 1 position right
  - otherwise, shift pattern $q - \pi[q]$ positions right

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- Given π, matching only takes $O(n)$ time
- π can be computed in $O(m)$ time
- Total time complexity of KMP therefore $O(n + m)$ worst case

Knuth–Morris–Pratt algorithm

```
vi kmppi(string &p) {
  int m = p.size(), i = 0, j = -1;
  vi b(m + 1, -1);
  while(i < m) {
    while(j >= 0 && p[i] != p[j]) j = b[j];
    b[++i] = ++j;
  }
  return b;
}

vi kmp(string &s, string &p) {
  int n = s.size(), m = p.size(), i = 0, j = 0;
  vi b = kmppi(p), a = vi();
  while(i < n) {
    while(j >= 0 && s[i] != p[j]) j = b[j];
    ++i; ++j;
    if(j == m) {
      a.push_back(i - j);
      j = b[j];
    }
  }
  return a; }
```

Sets of strings

- We often have sets (or maps) of strings
- Insertions and lookups usually guarantee $O(\log n)$ comparisons

- But string comparisons are actually pretty expensive...

- There are other data structures, like tries, which do this in a more clever way

Tries

- Tries contain strings not at every node, but as paths in a tree.
- Each node only has a character and we say the trie contains the string if you can get it by walking along nodes starting at the root.
- The nodes can also carry additional data, quite a lot in fact, as we will see later.

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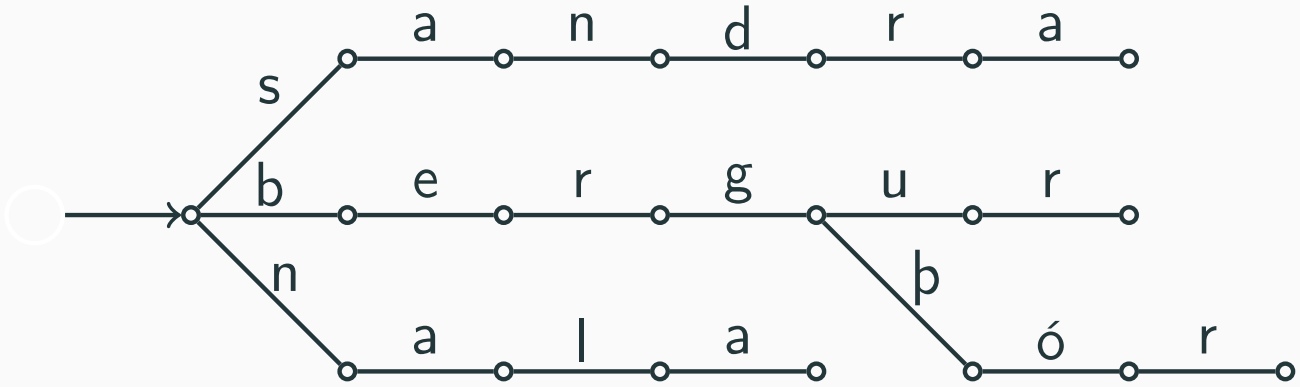

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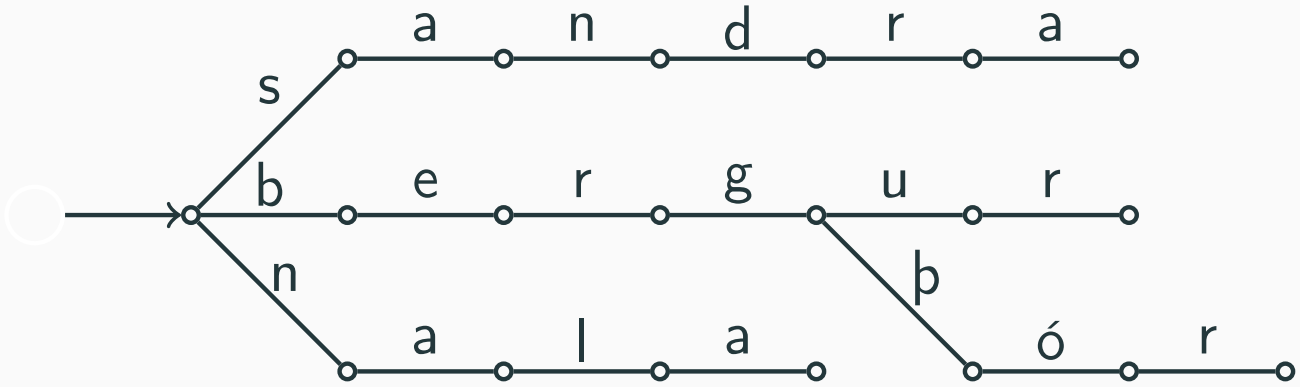

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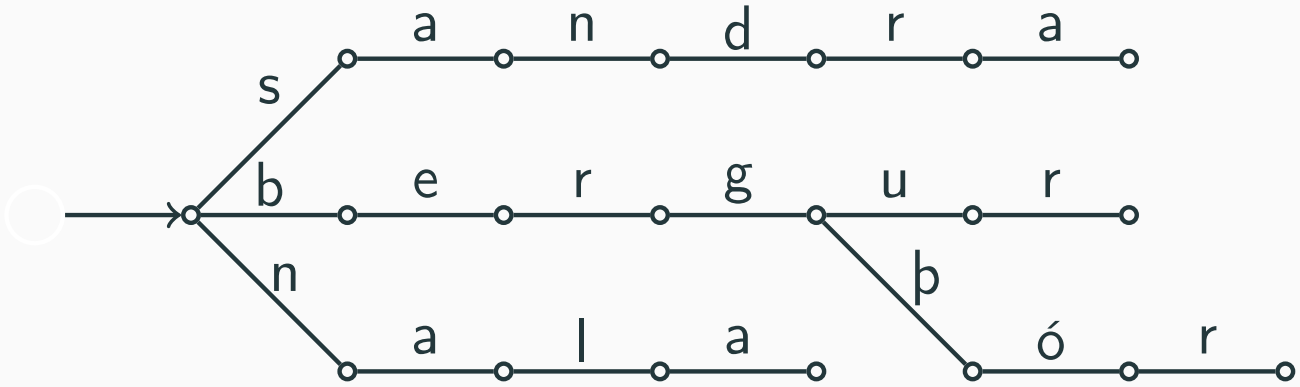

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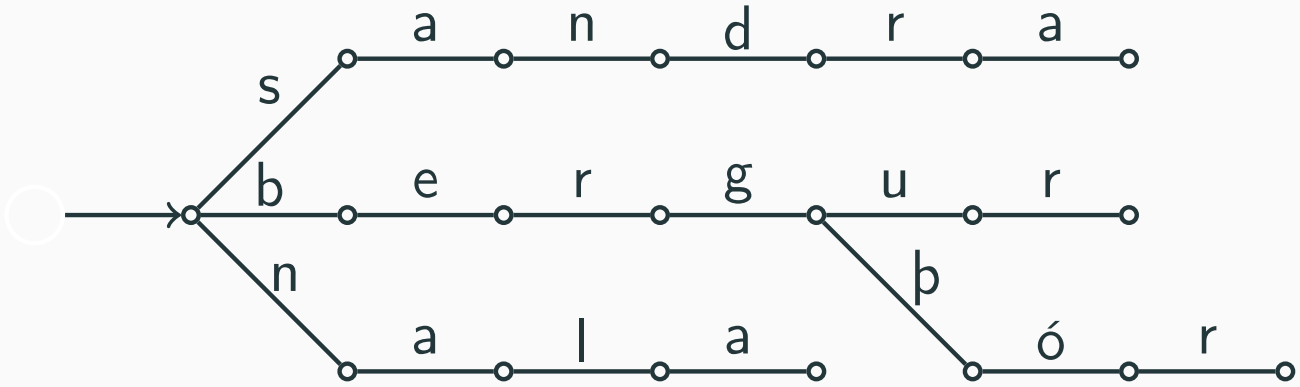

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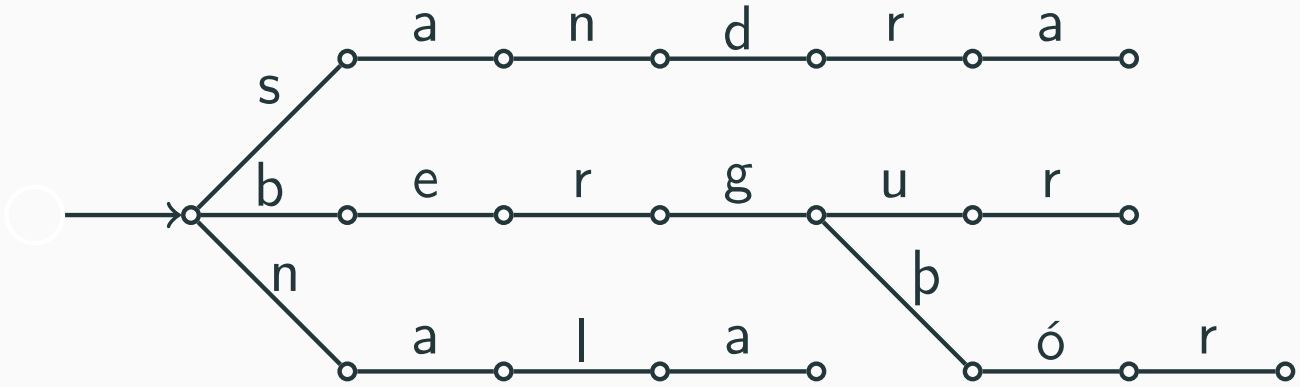

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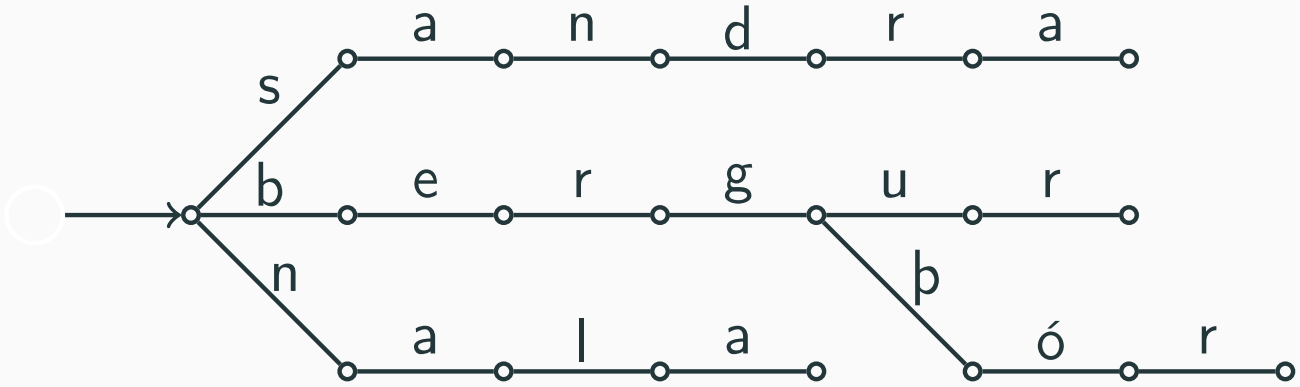

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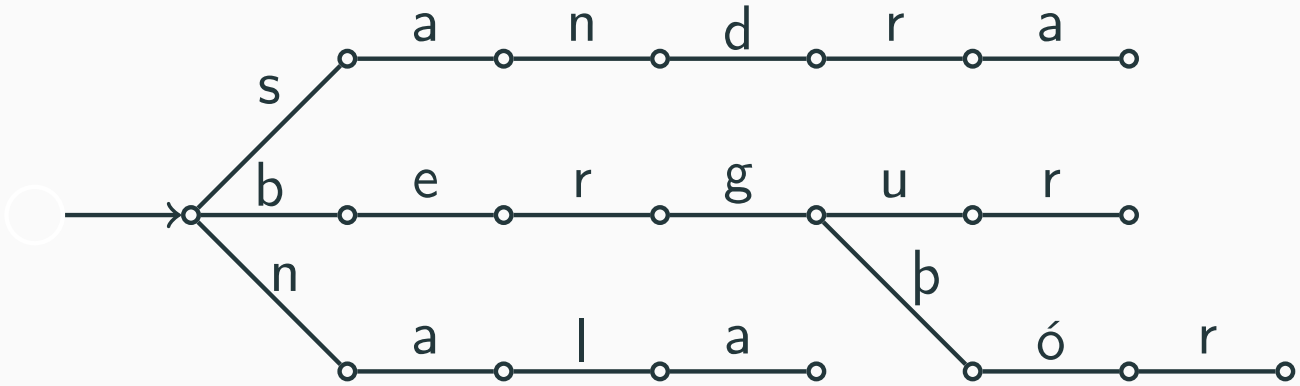

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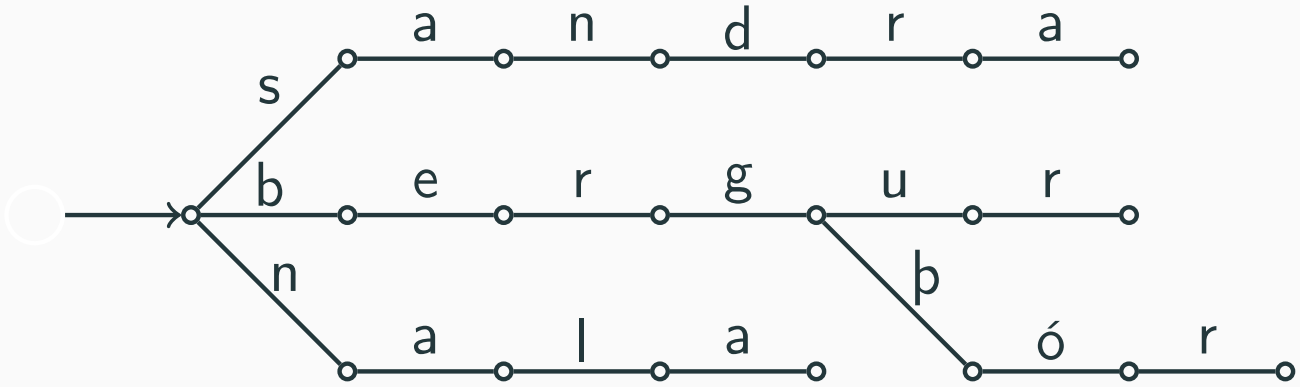

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End nodes

- It is common to mark some nodes as end nodes.
- This is an example of extra data to put into nodes.
- Then we can consider a string s to be in the tree if you can walk through the tree to get the string **and** end at an end node.

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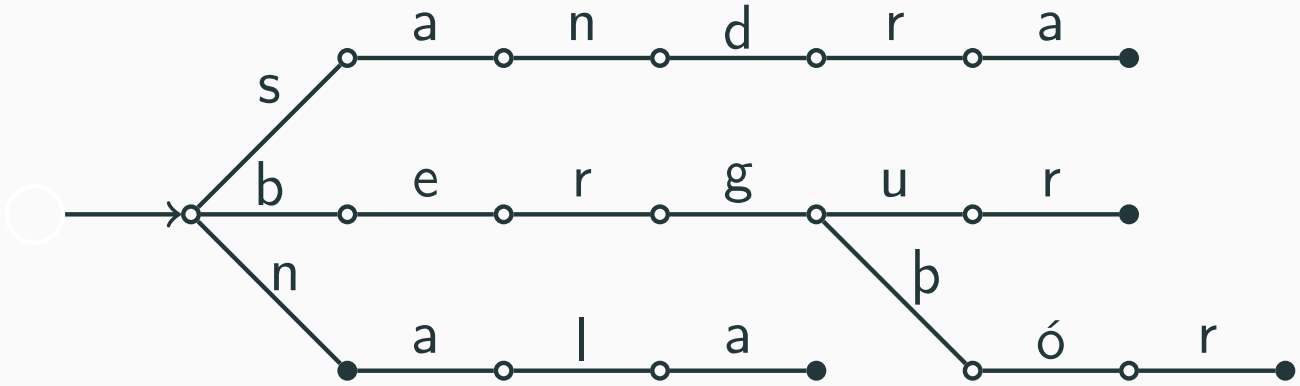

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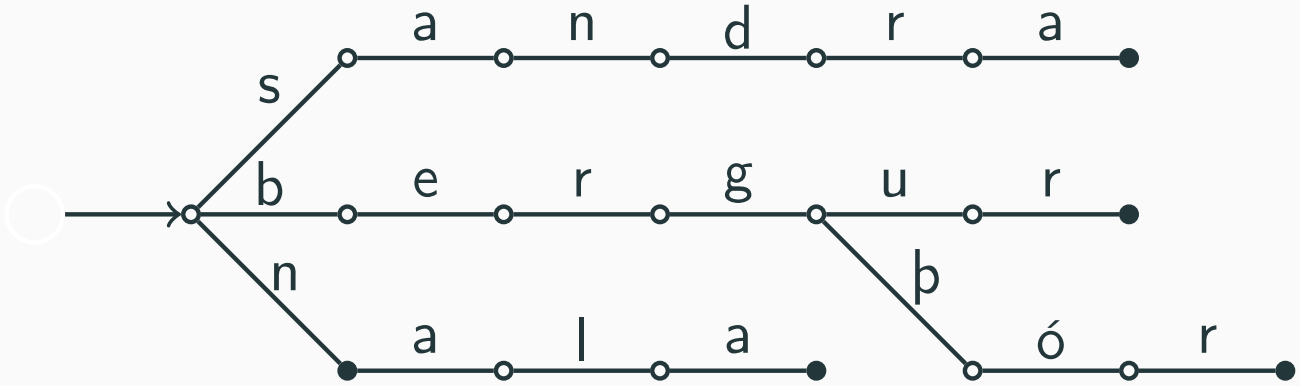

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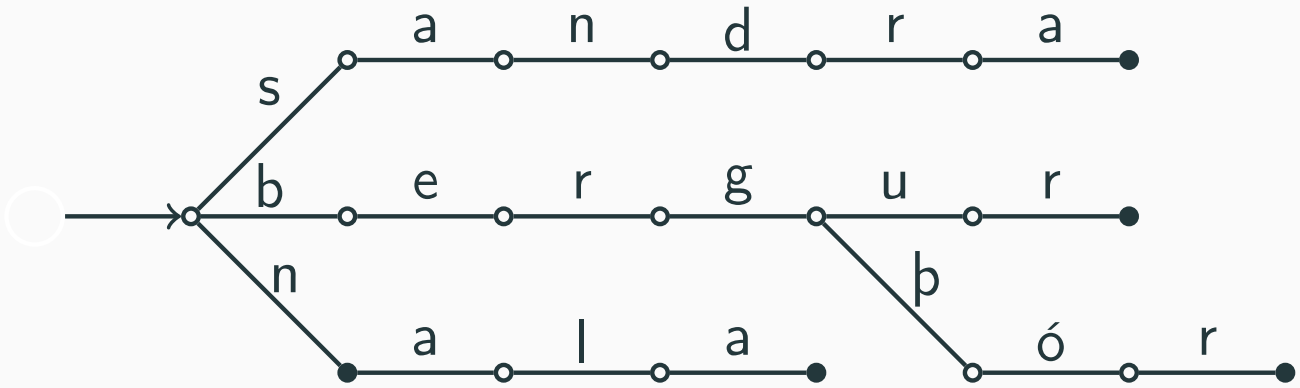

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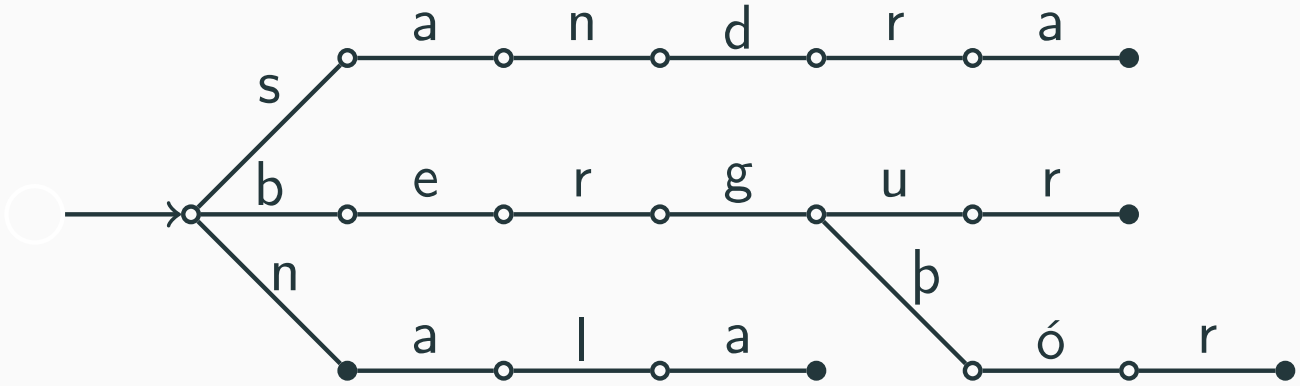

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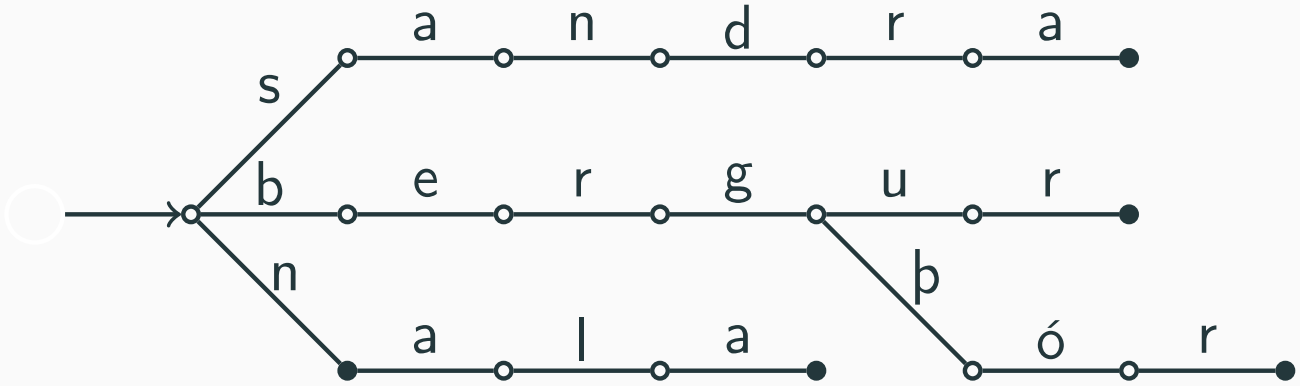

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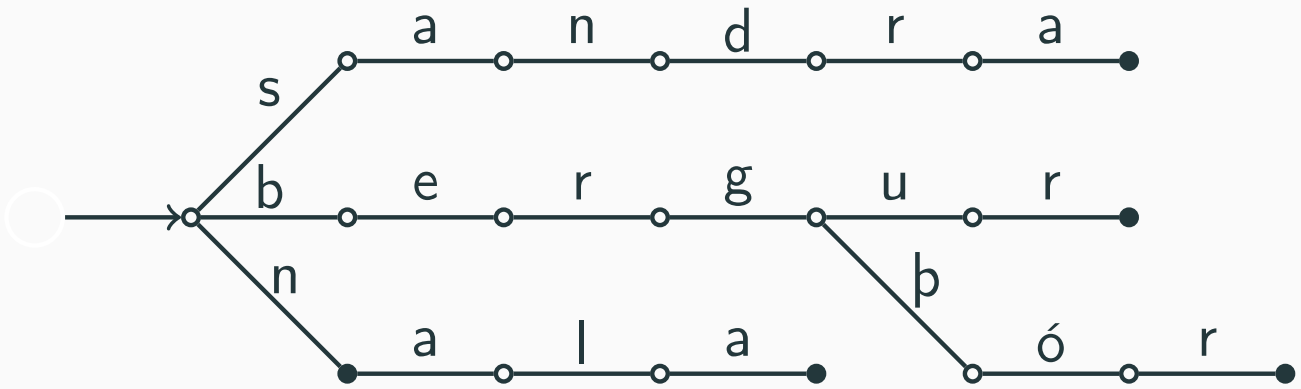

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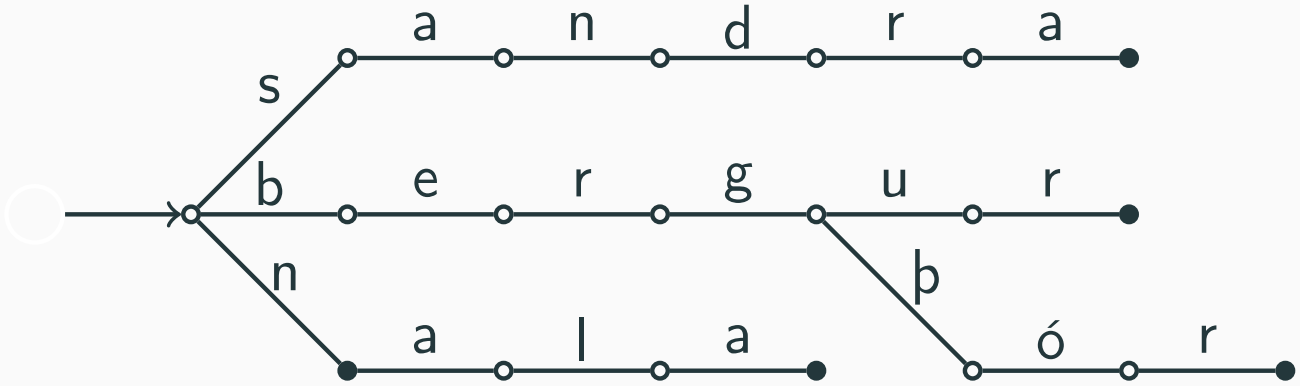

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Adding strings

- What if we want to add a string to a trie?
- We walk through it as usual, but simply add nodes when we find ourself at a dead end with letters left to walk through.
- This increases the size of the tree by at most the size of the string.

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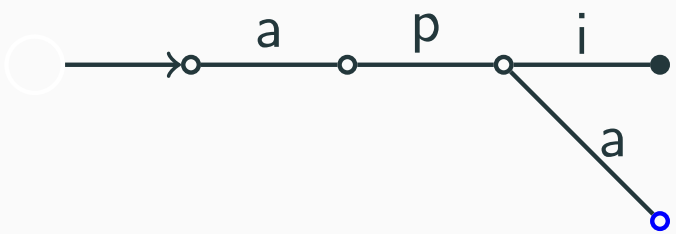

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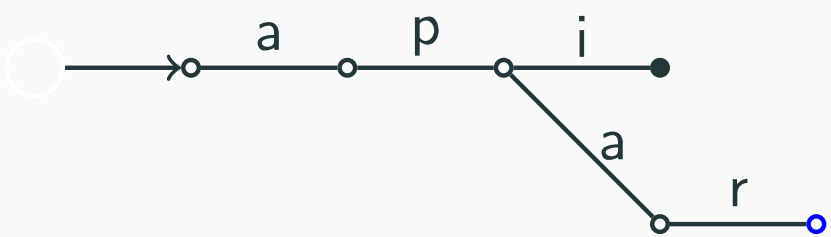

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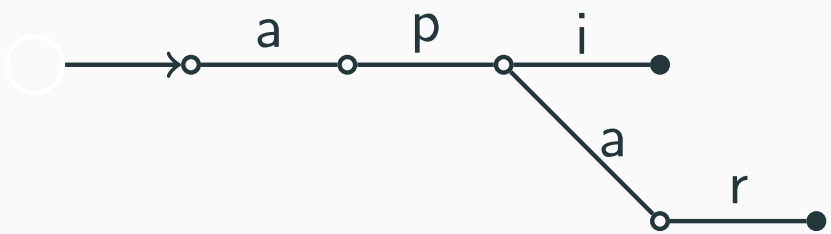

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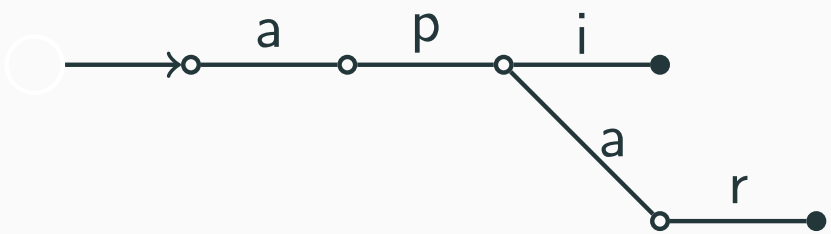

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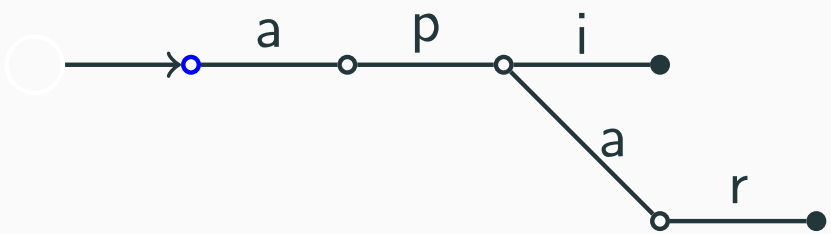

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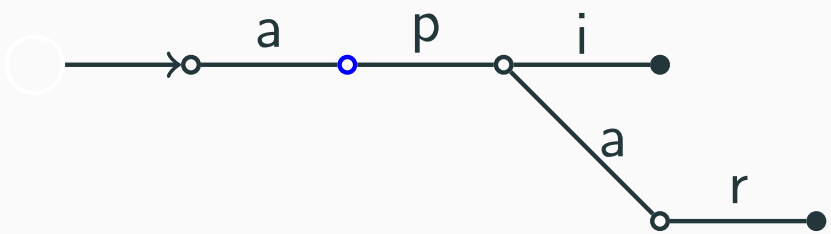

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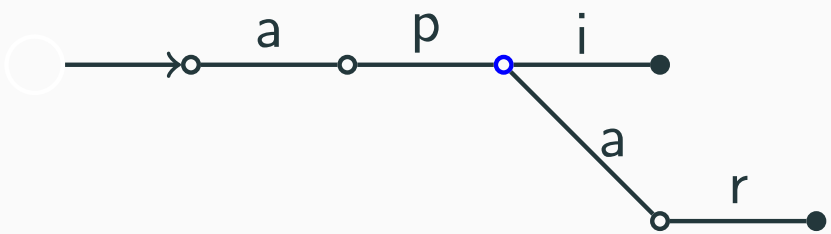

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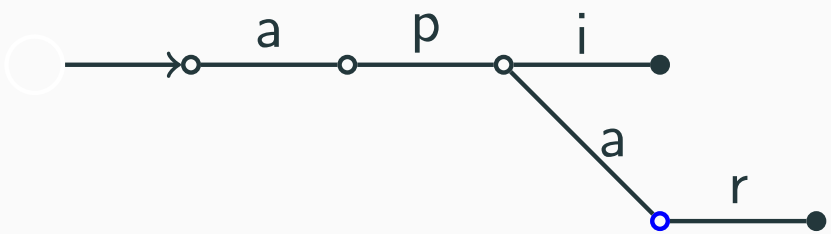

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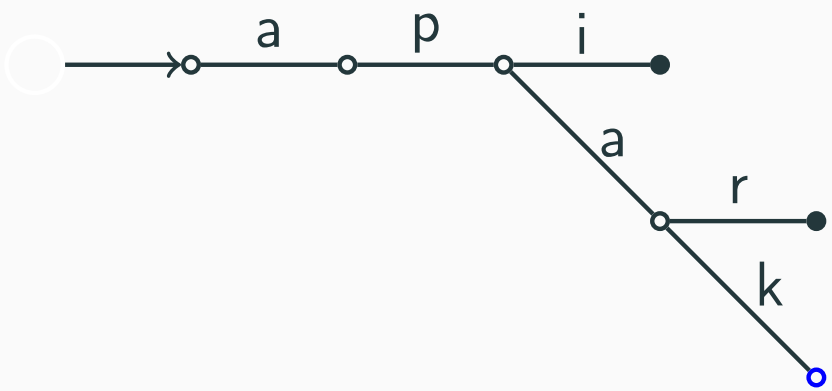

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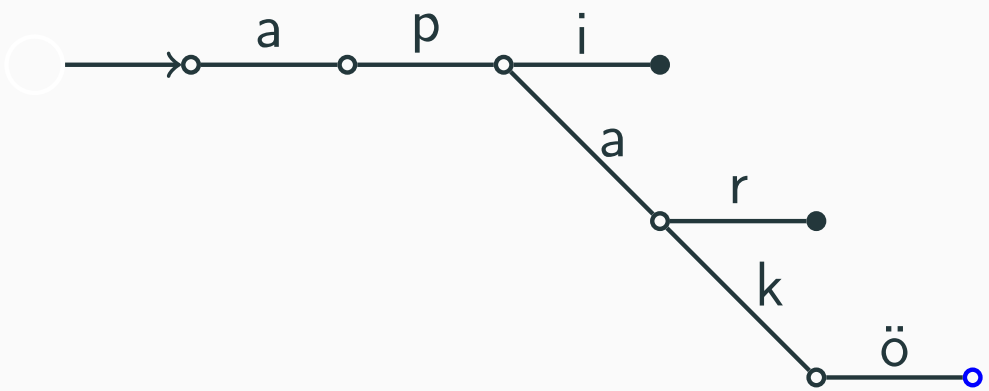

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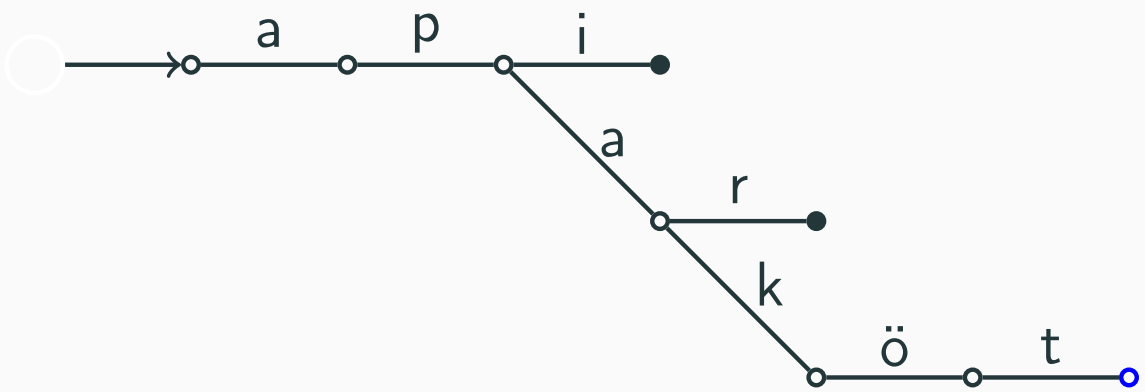

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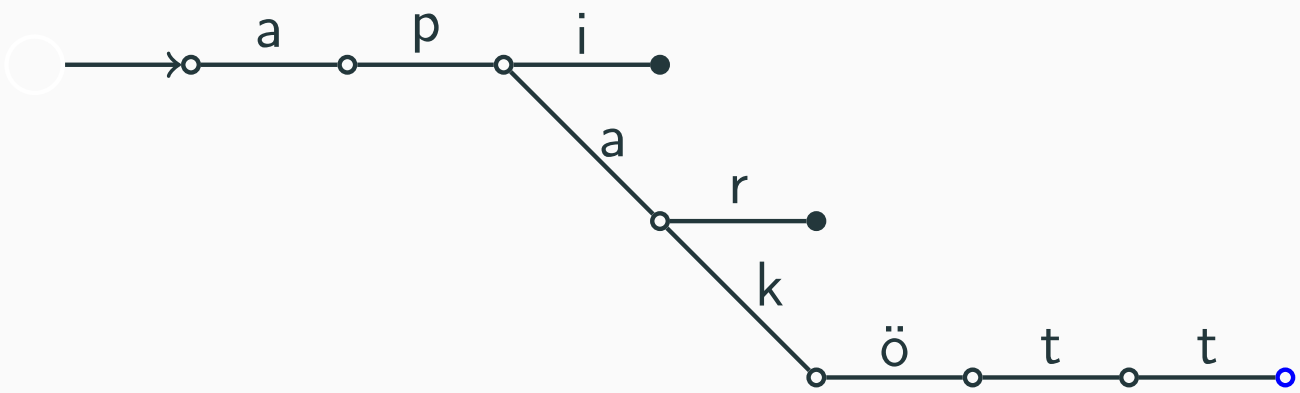

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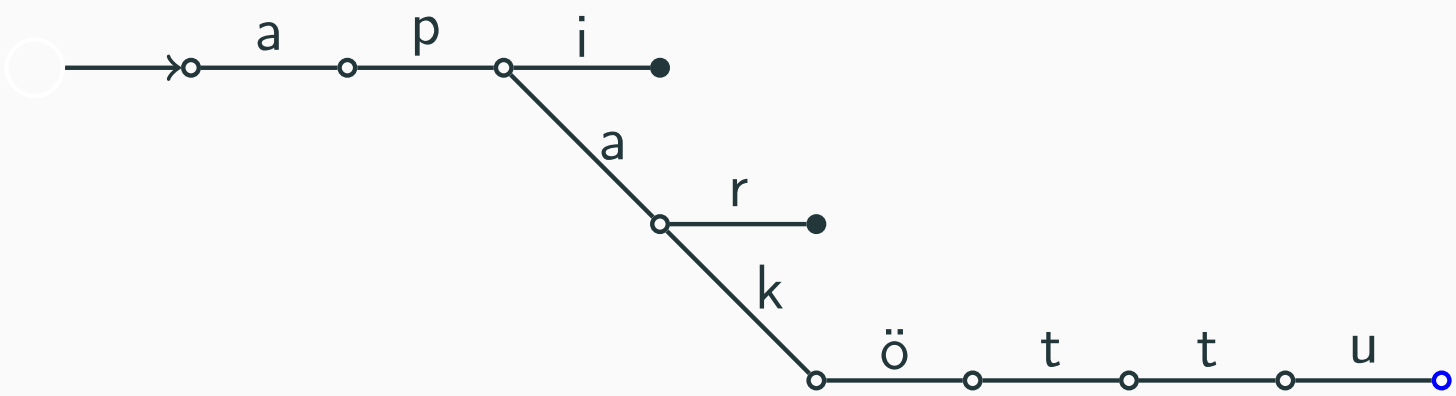

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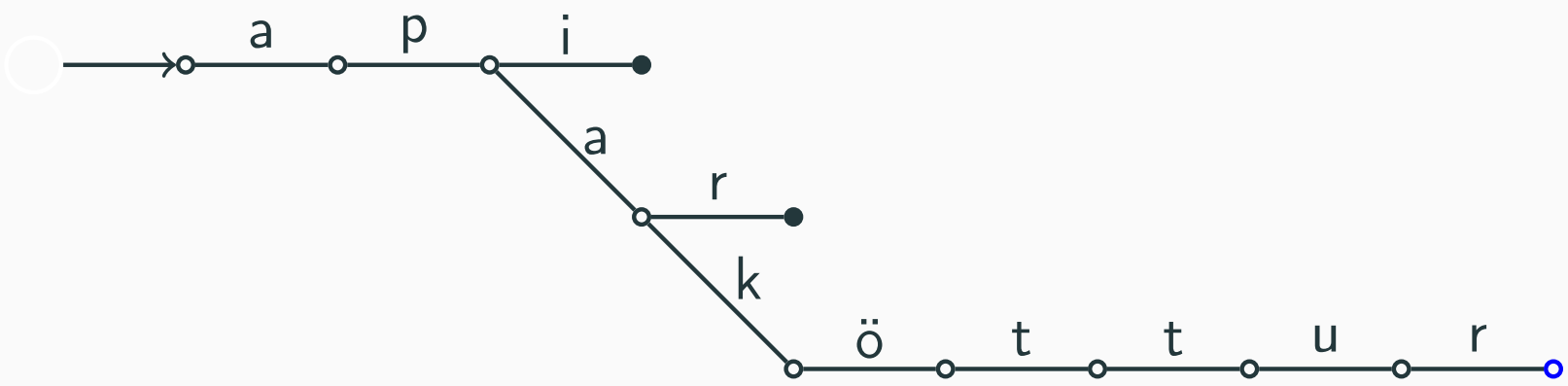

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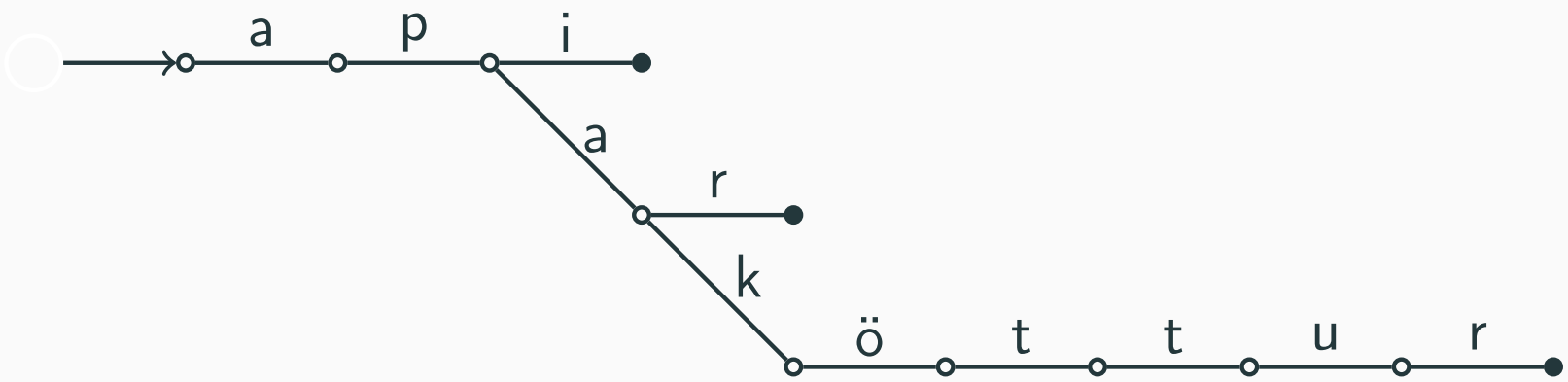

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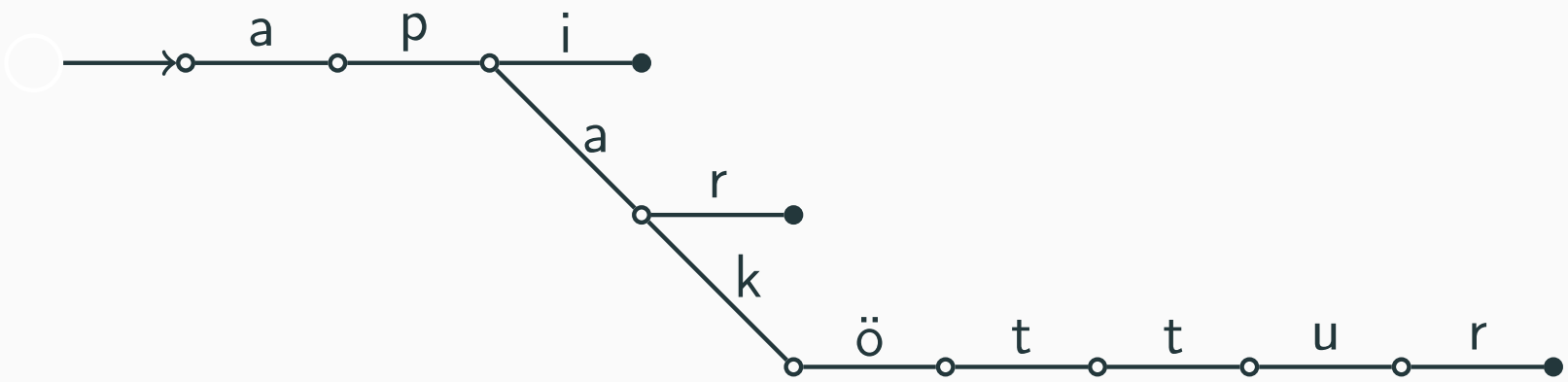

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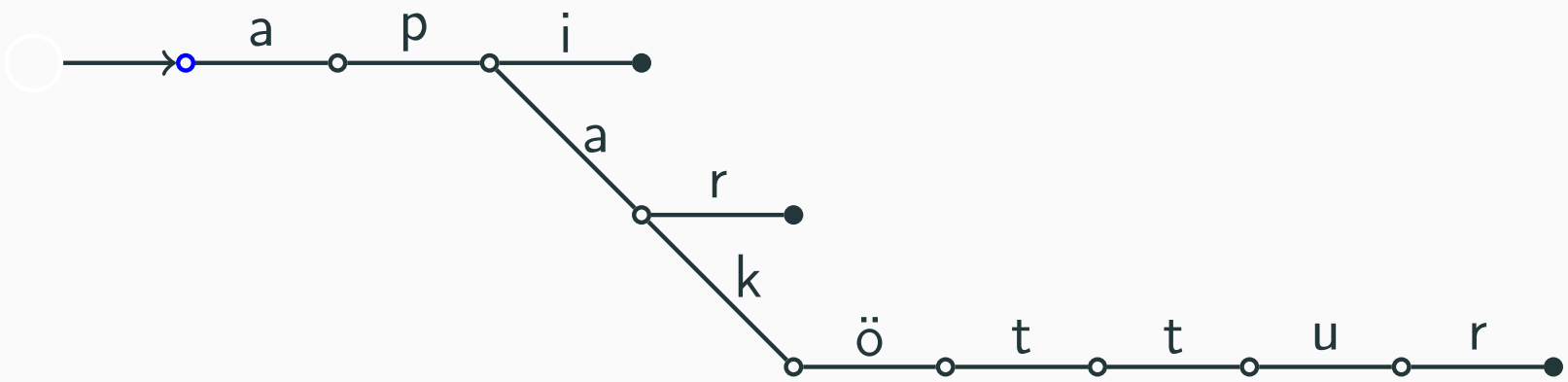

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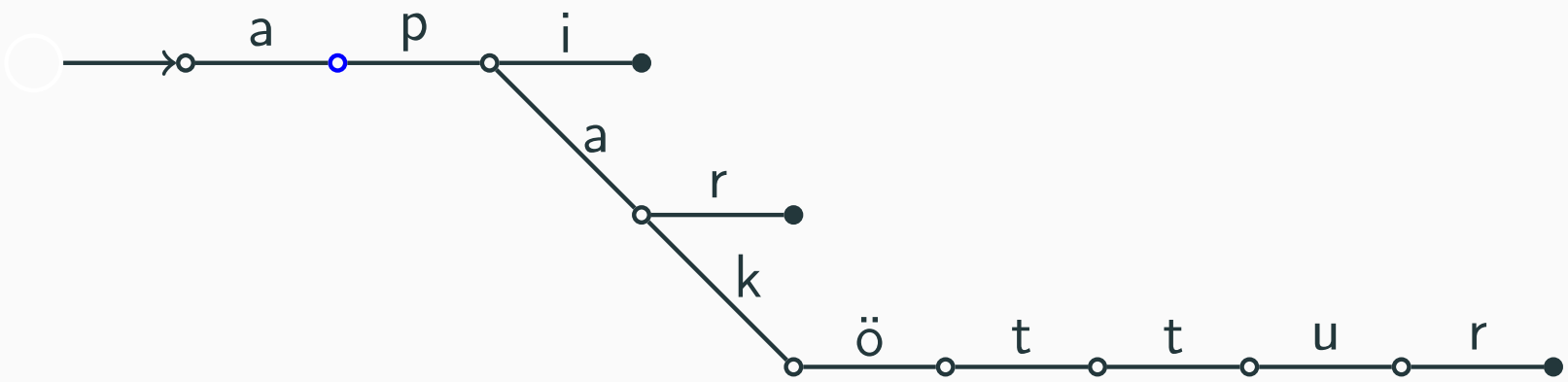

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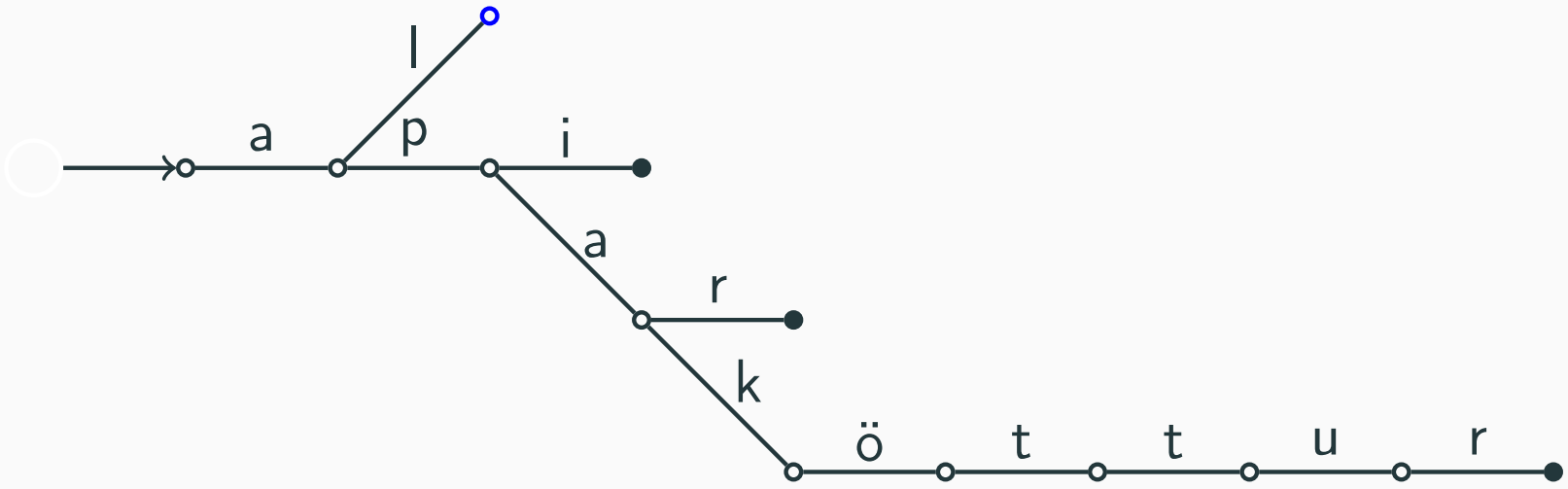

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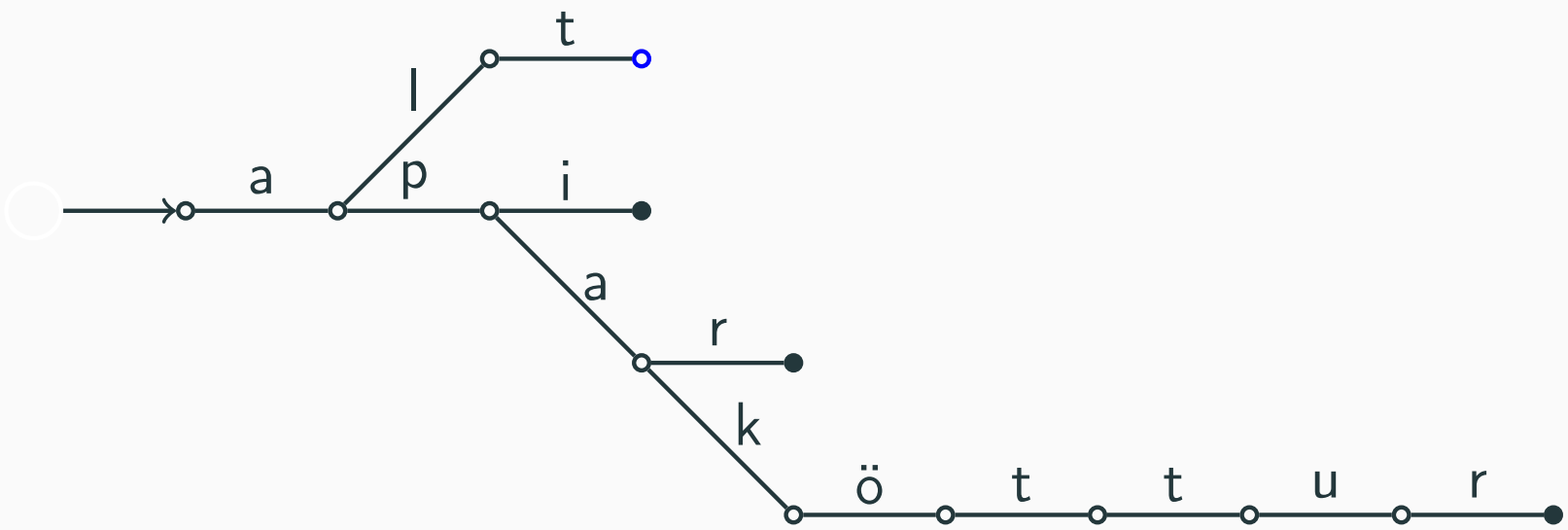

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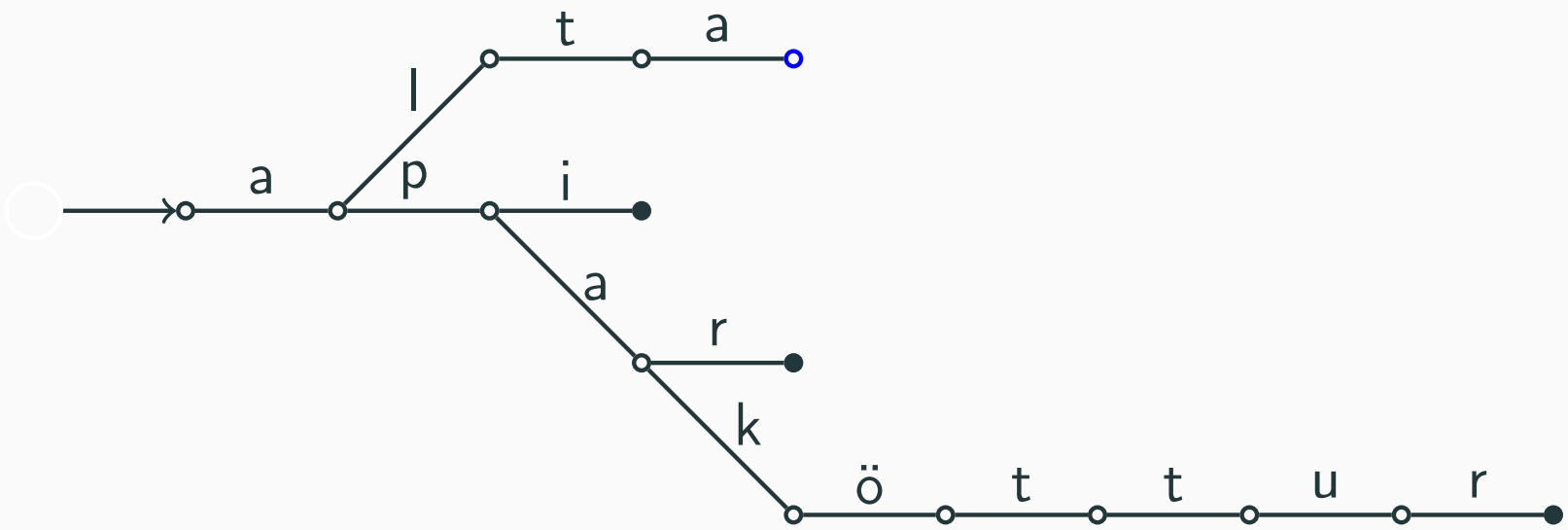

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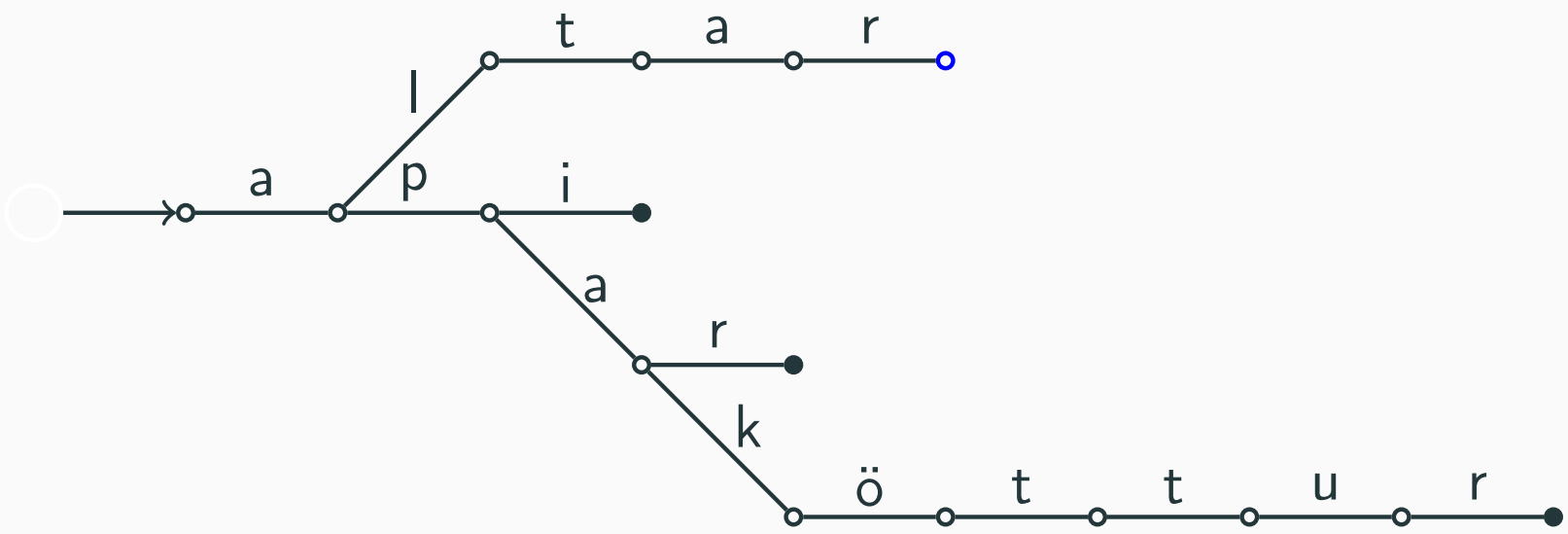

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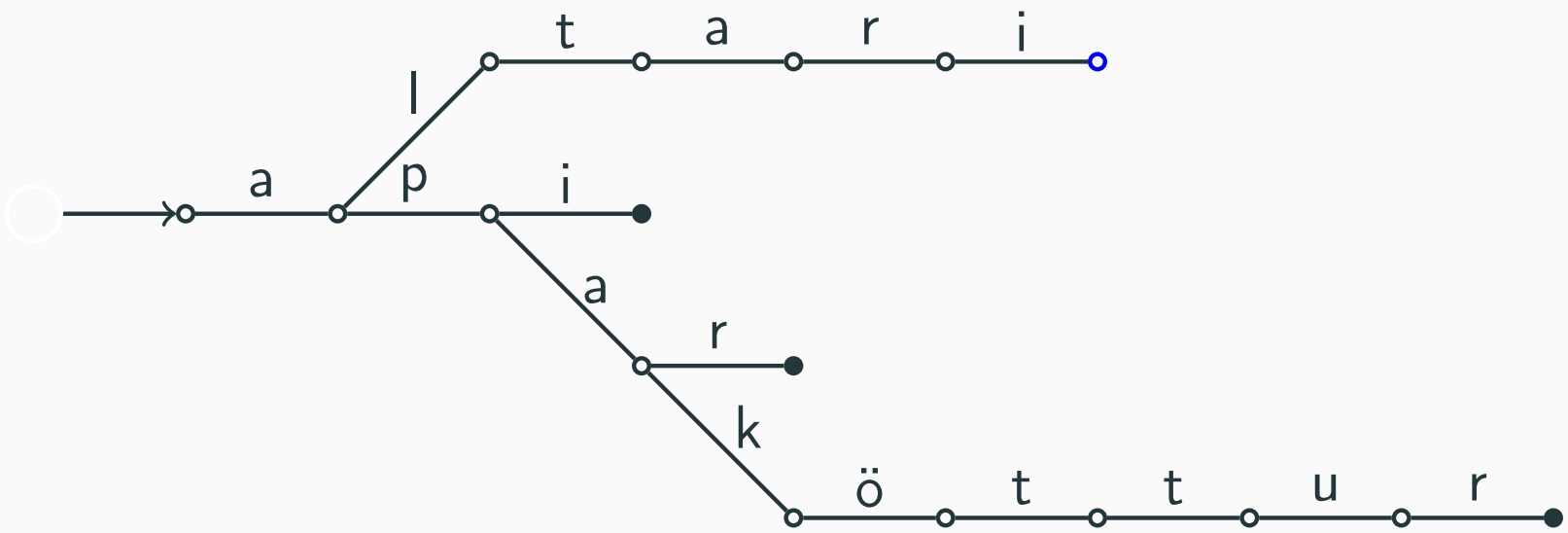

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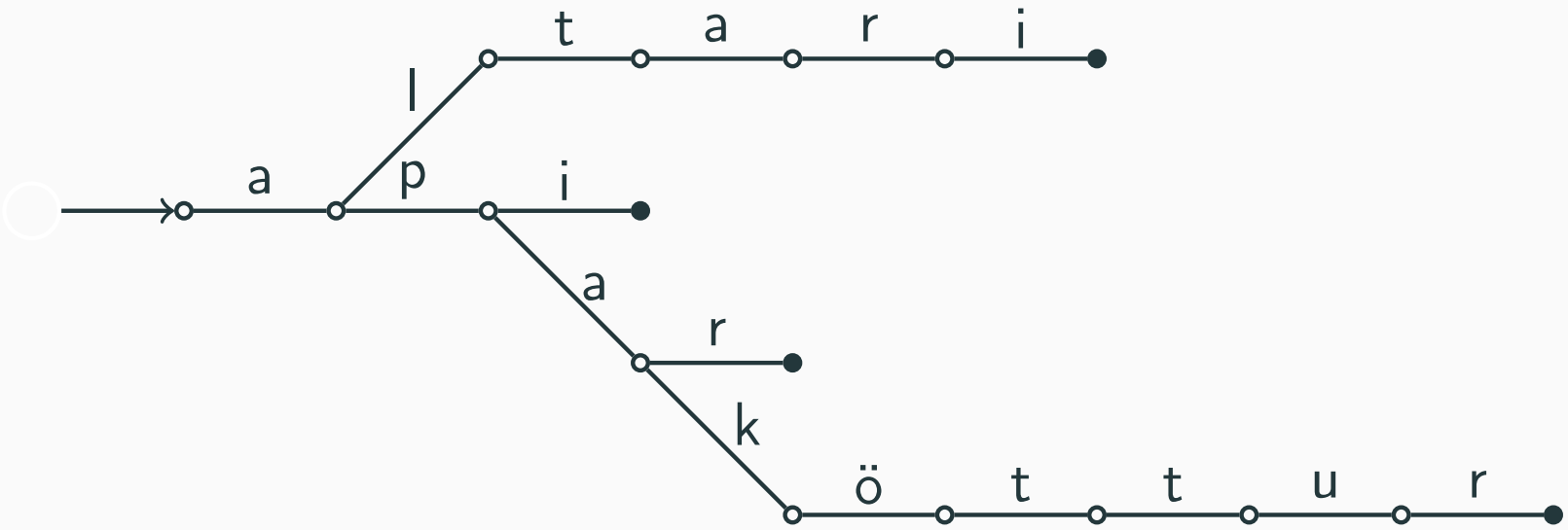

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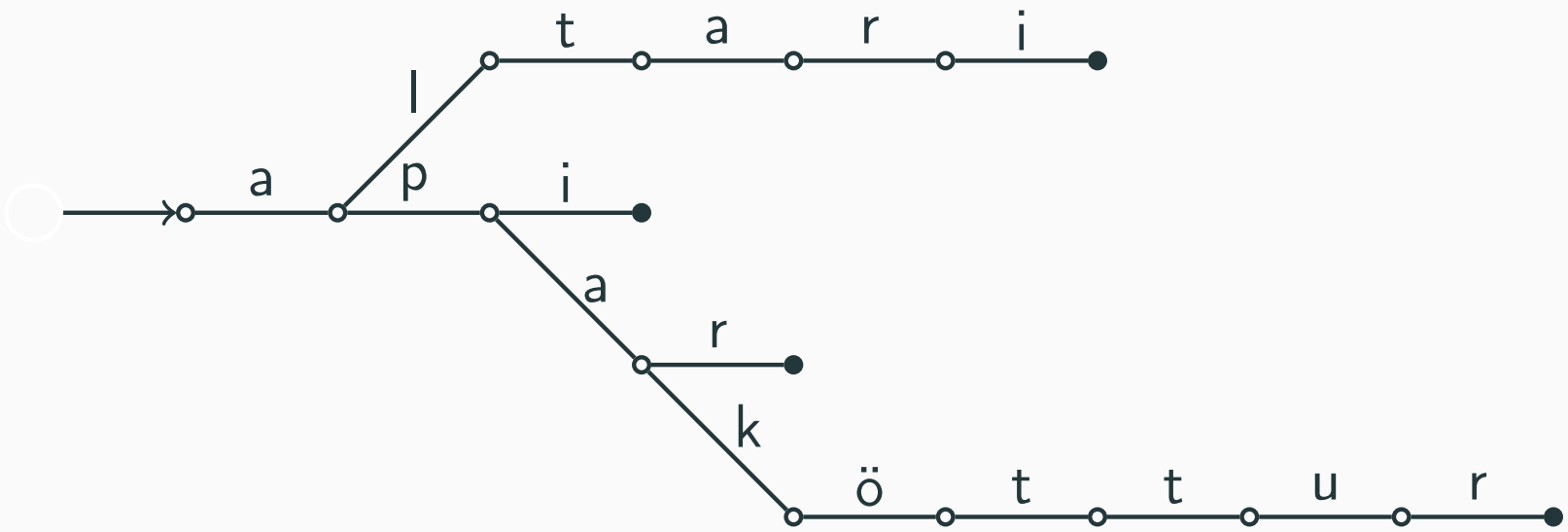

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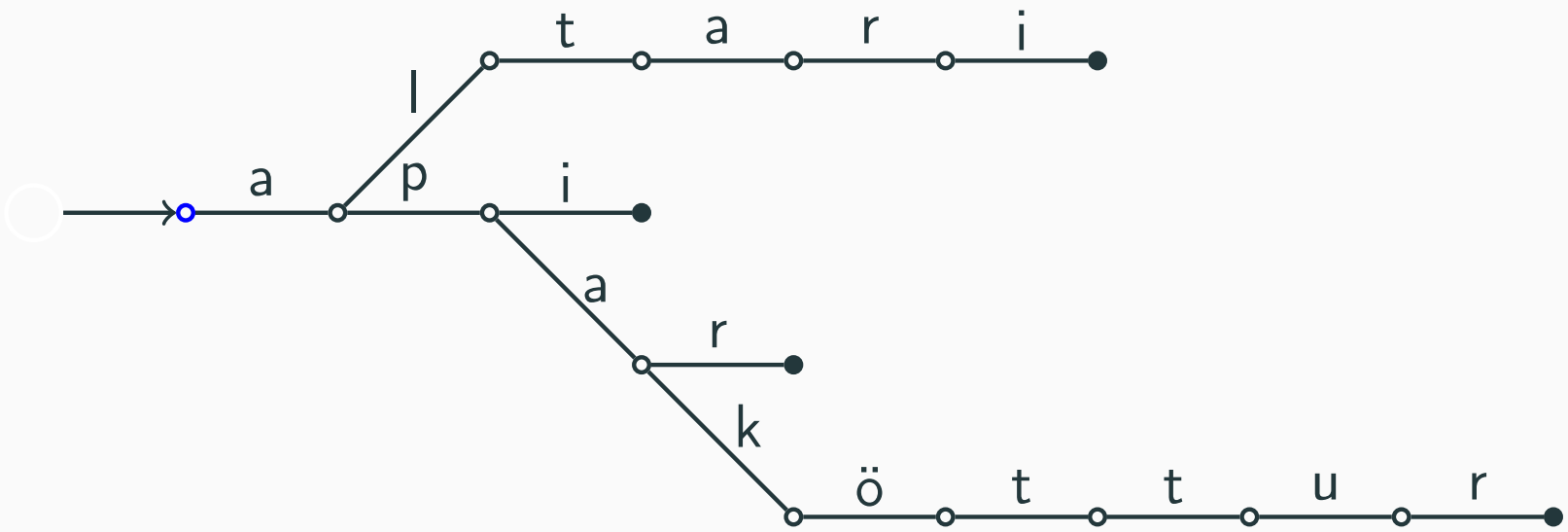

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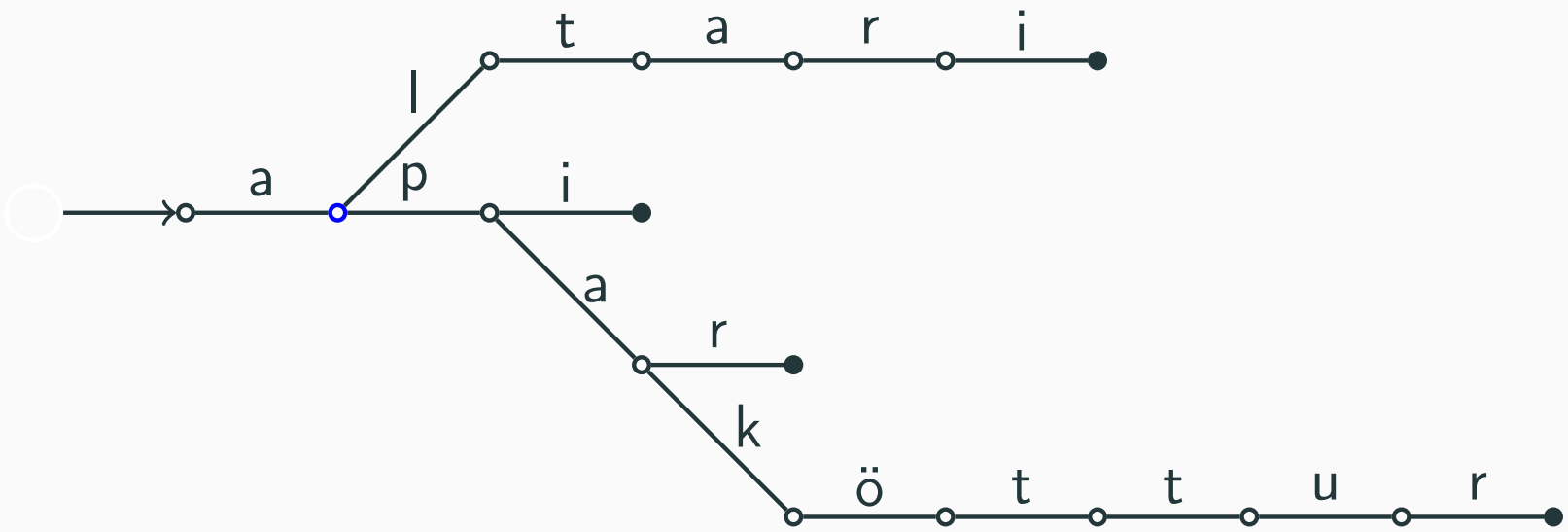

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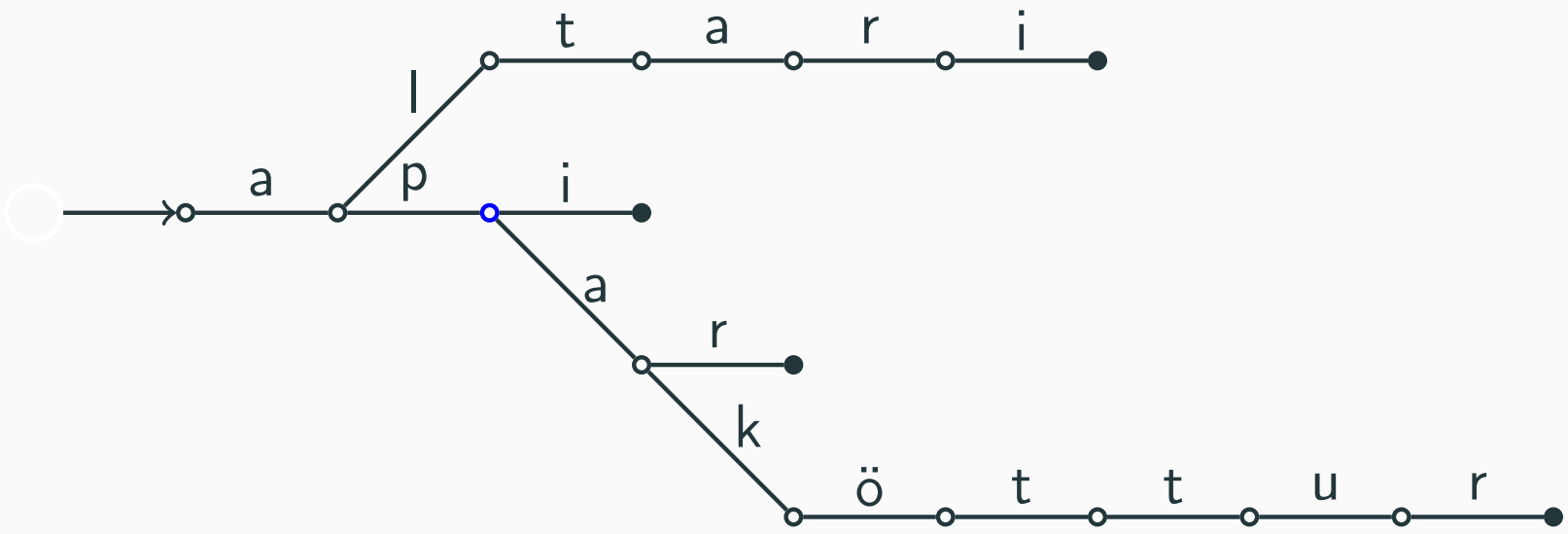

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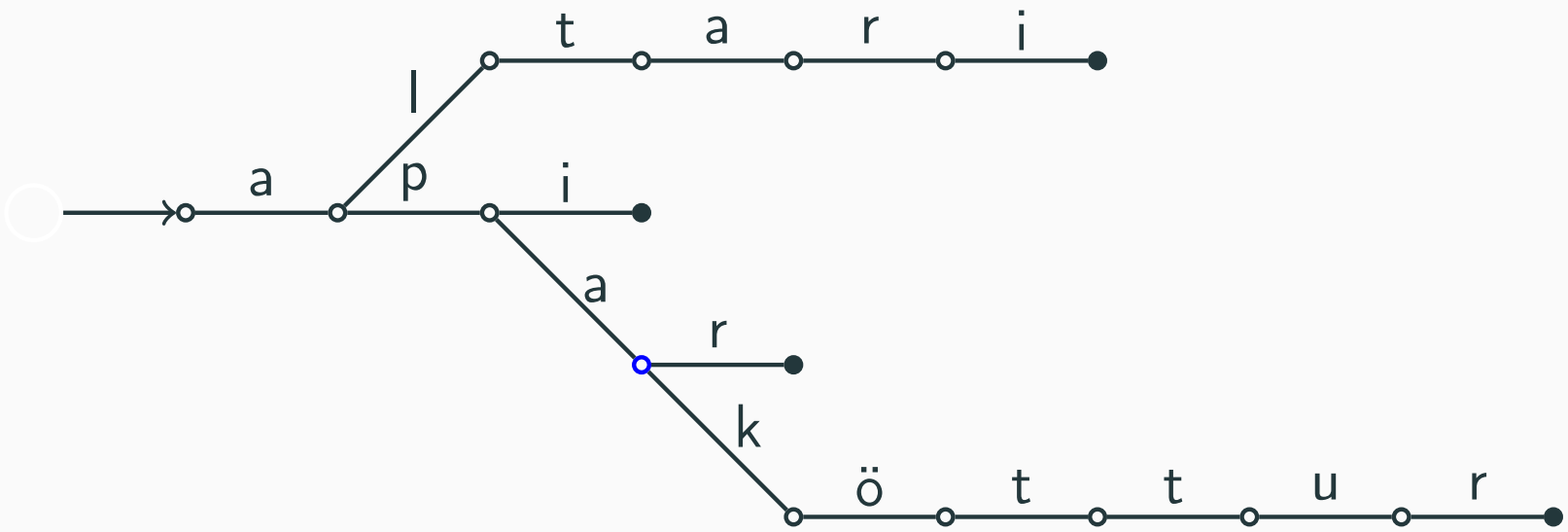

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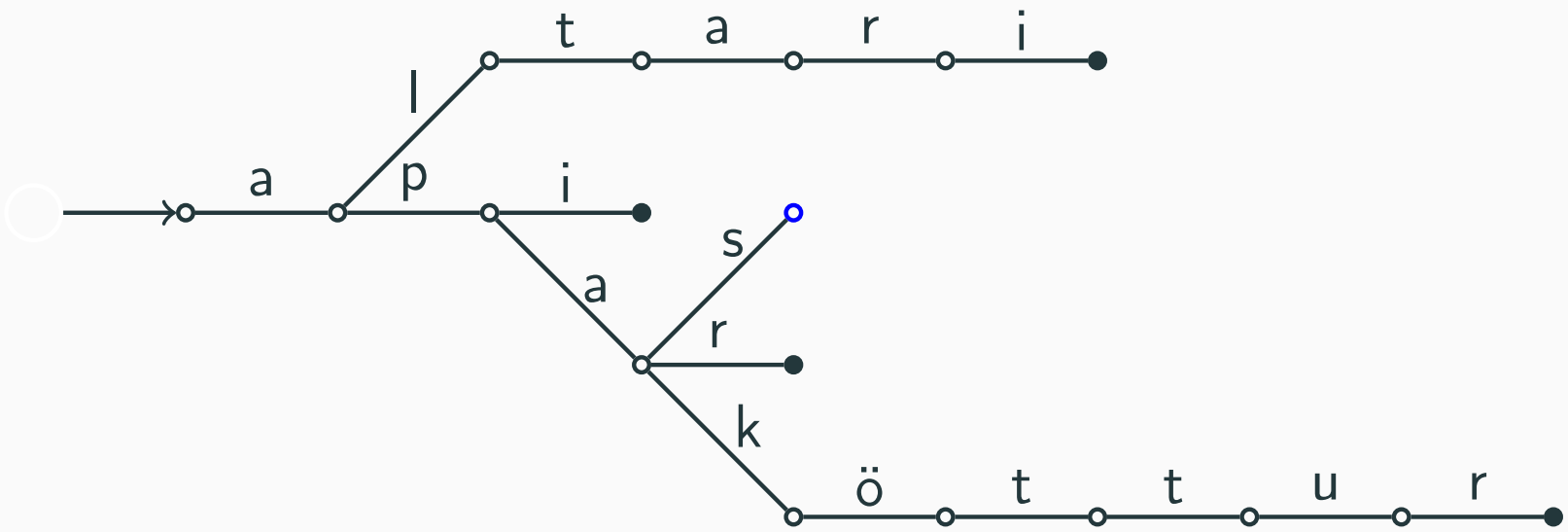

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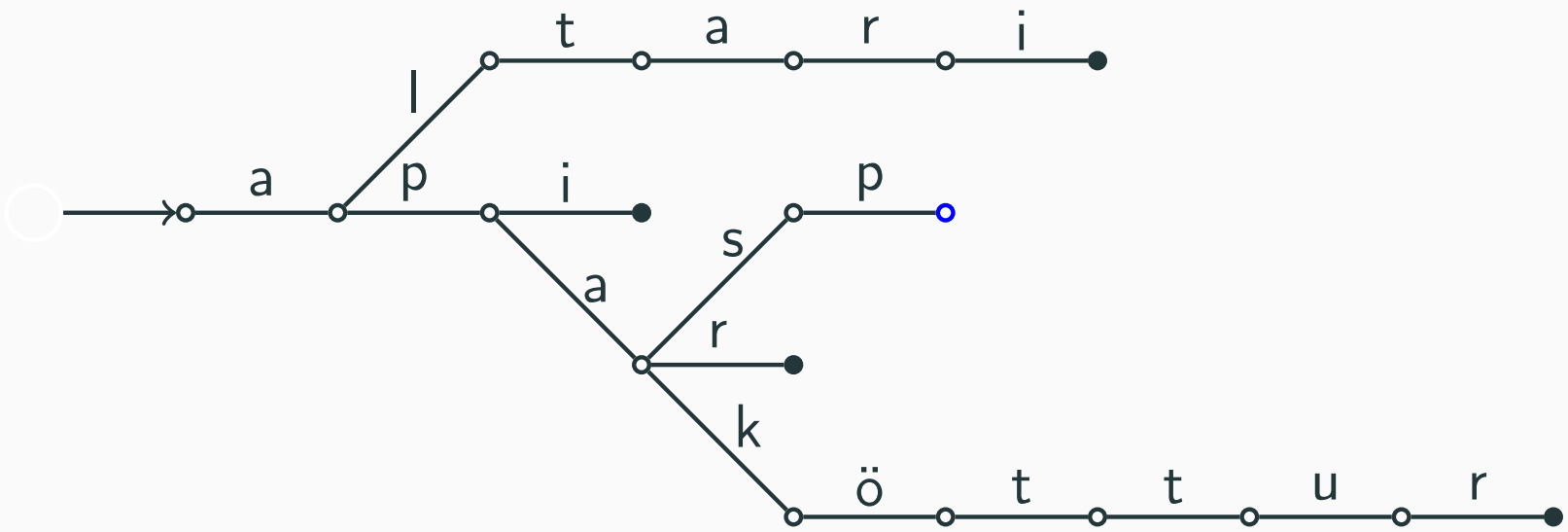

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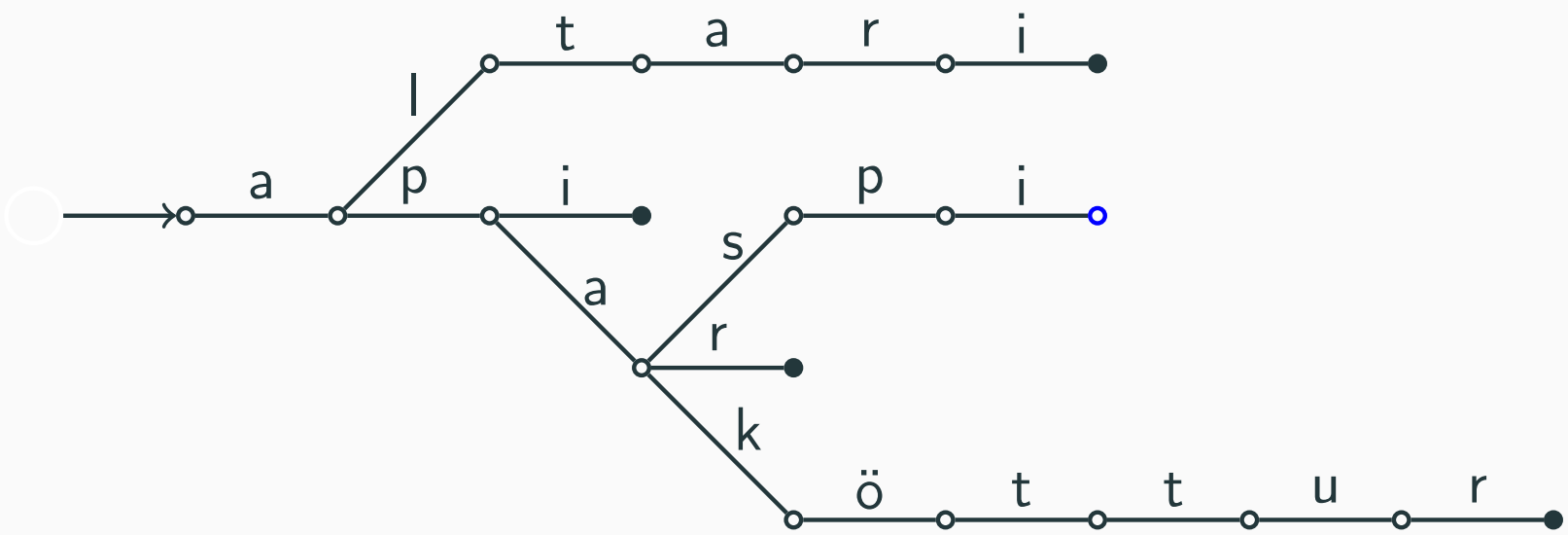

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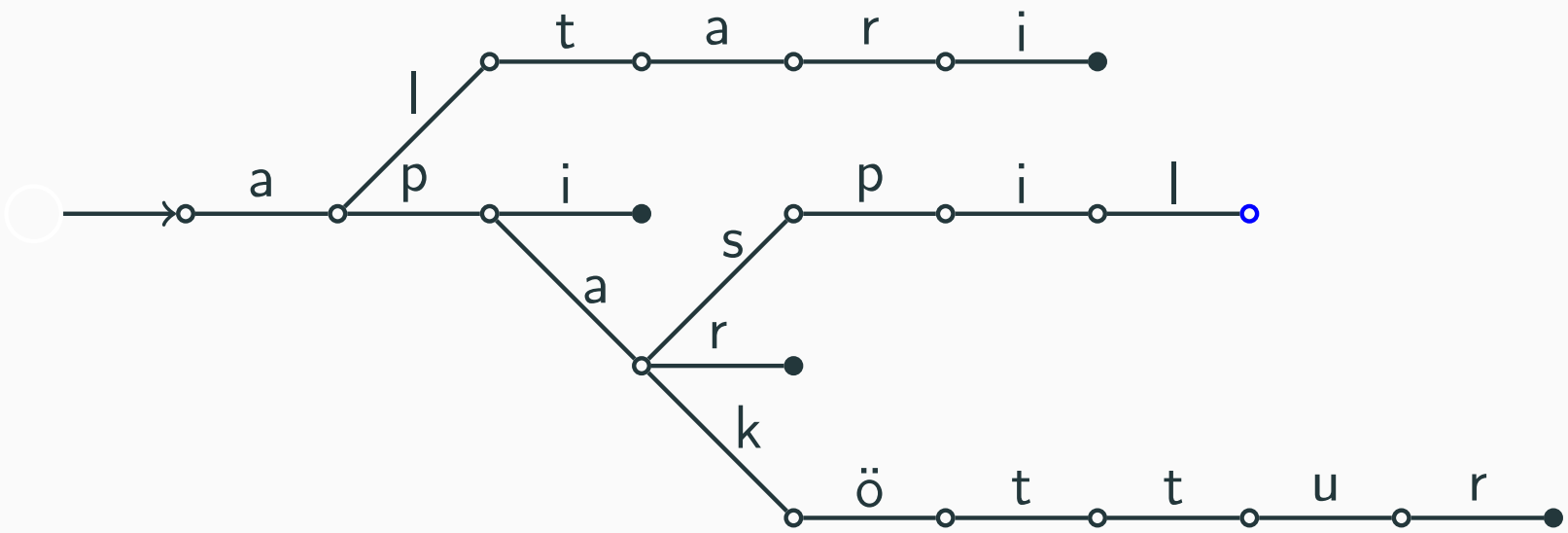

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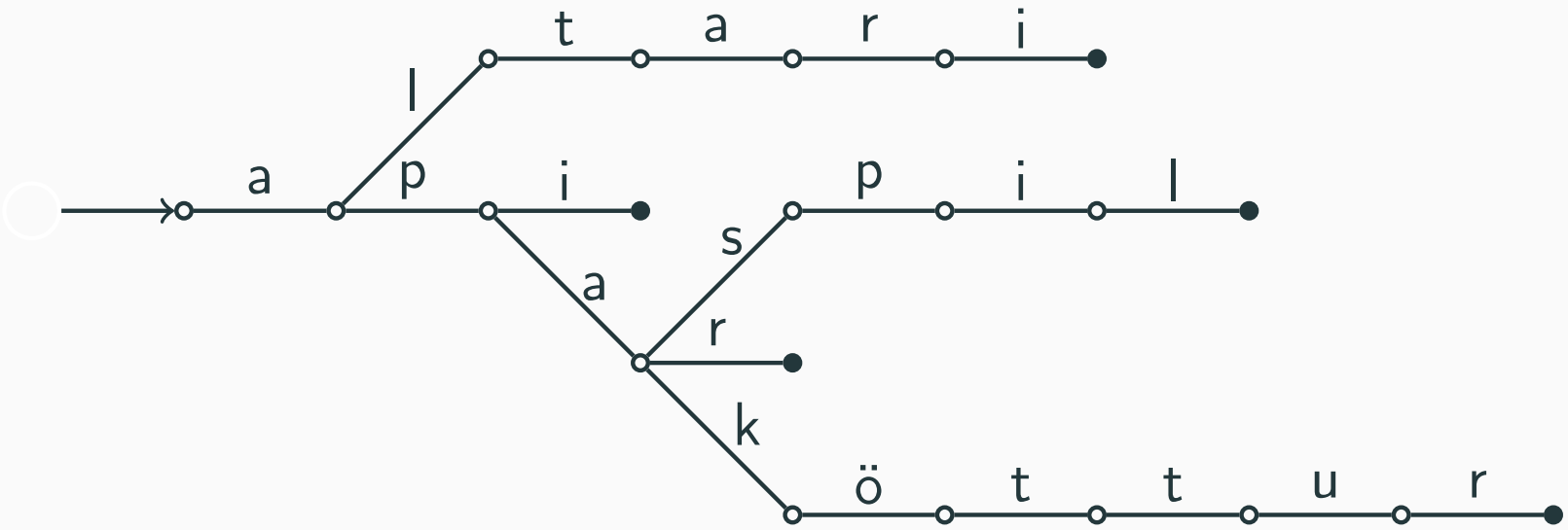

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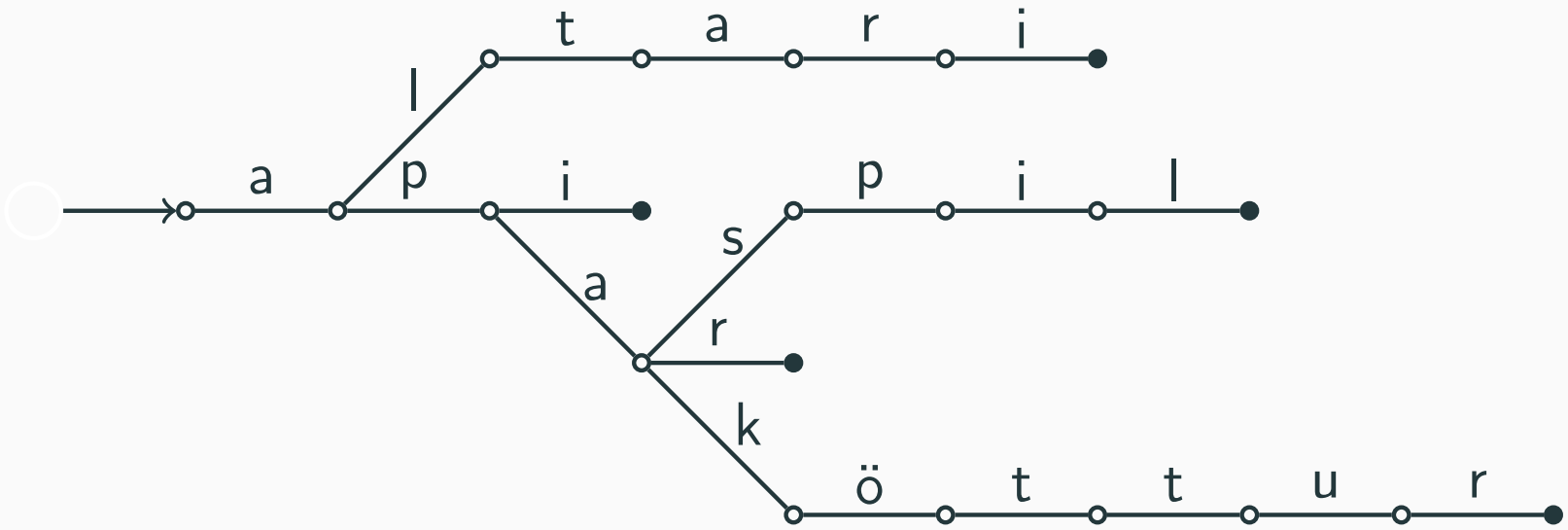

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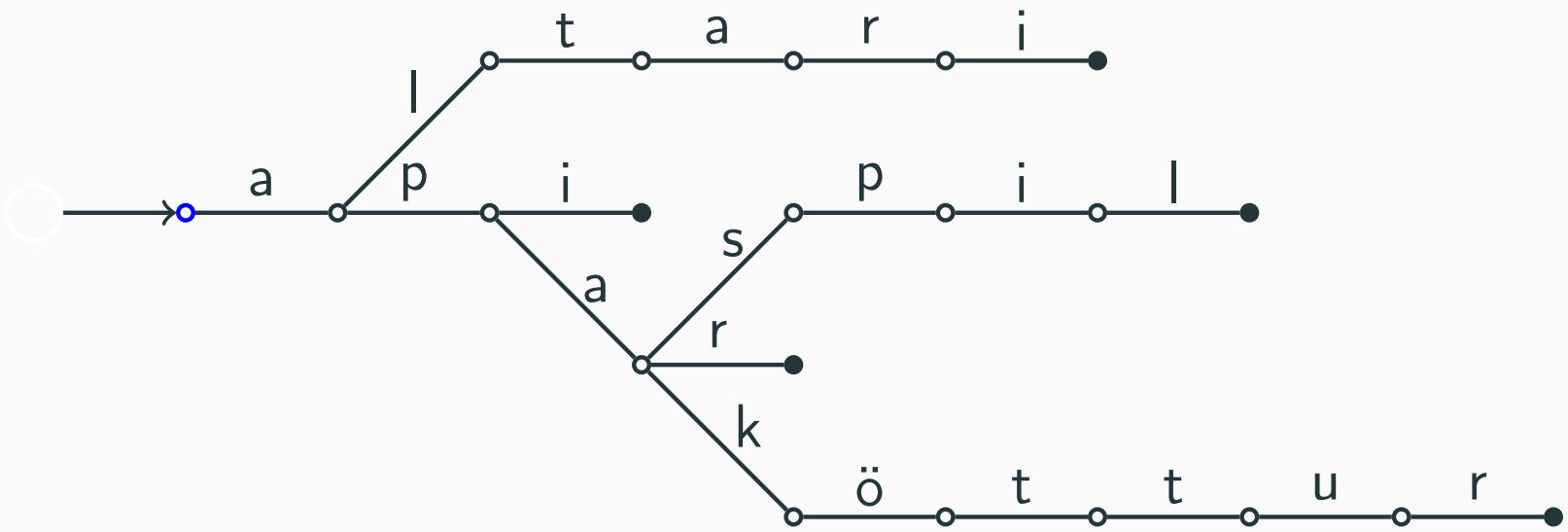

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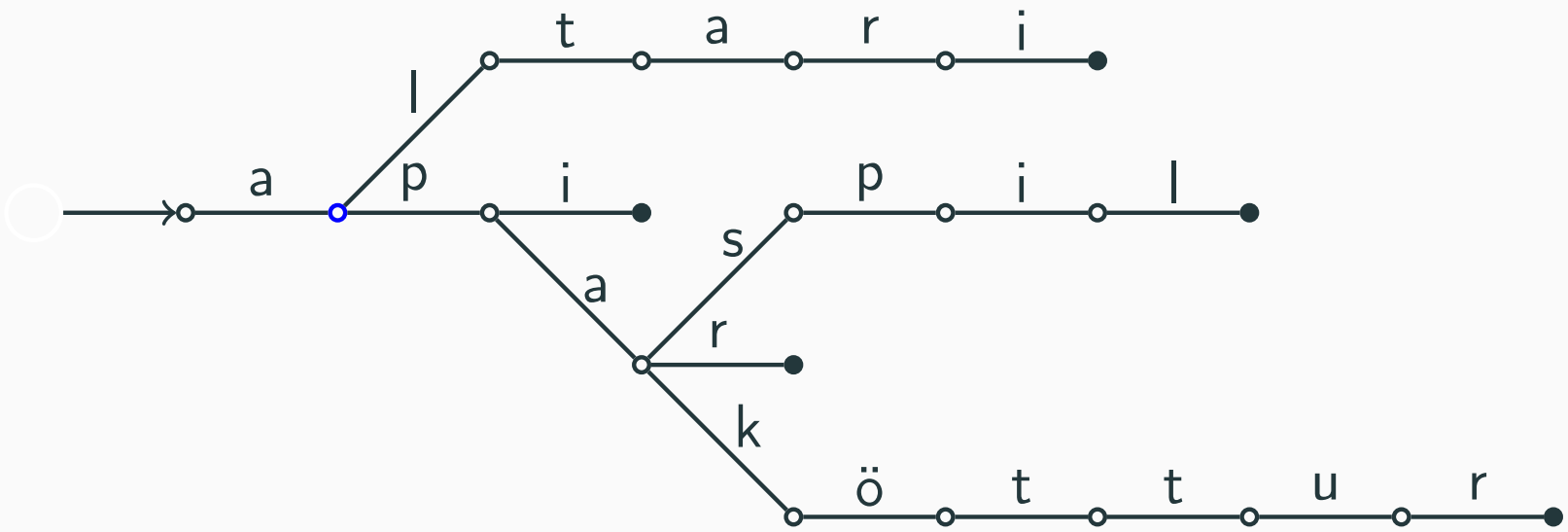

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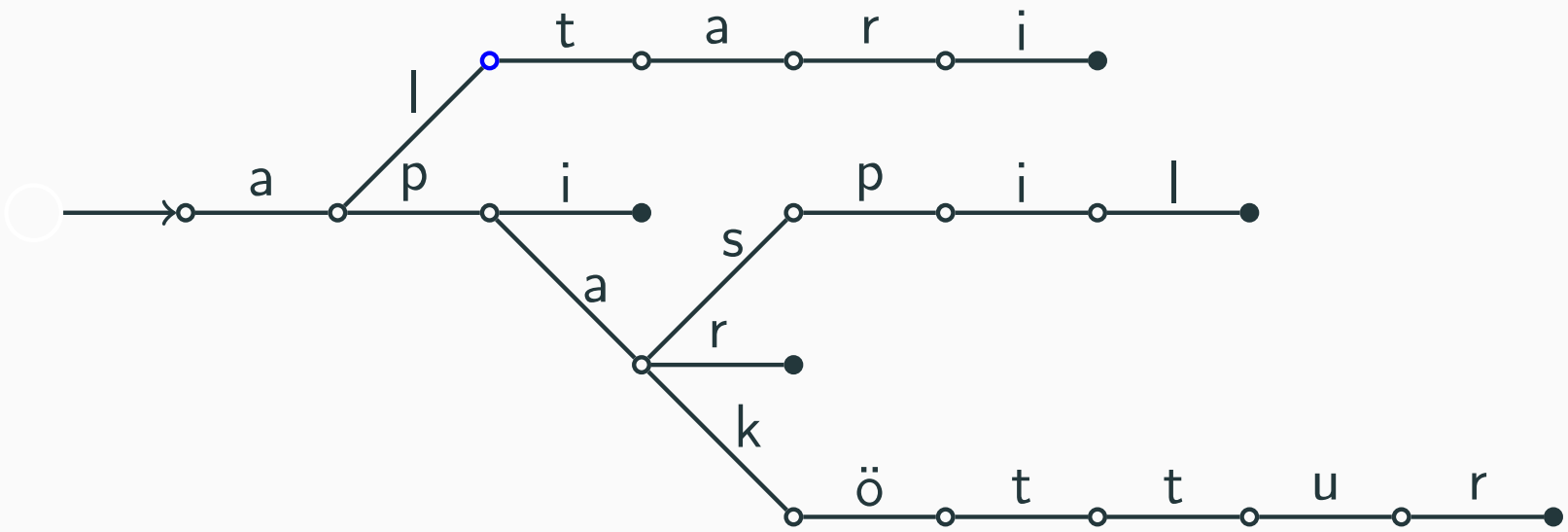

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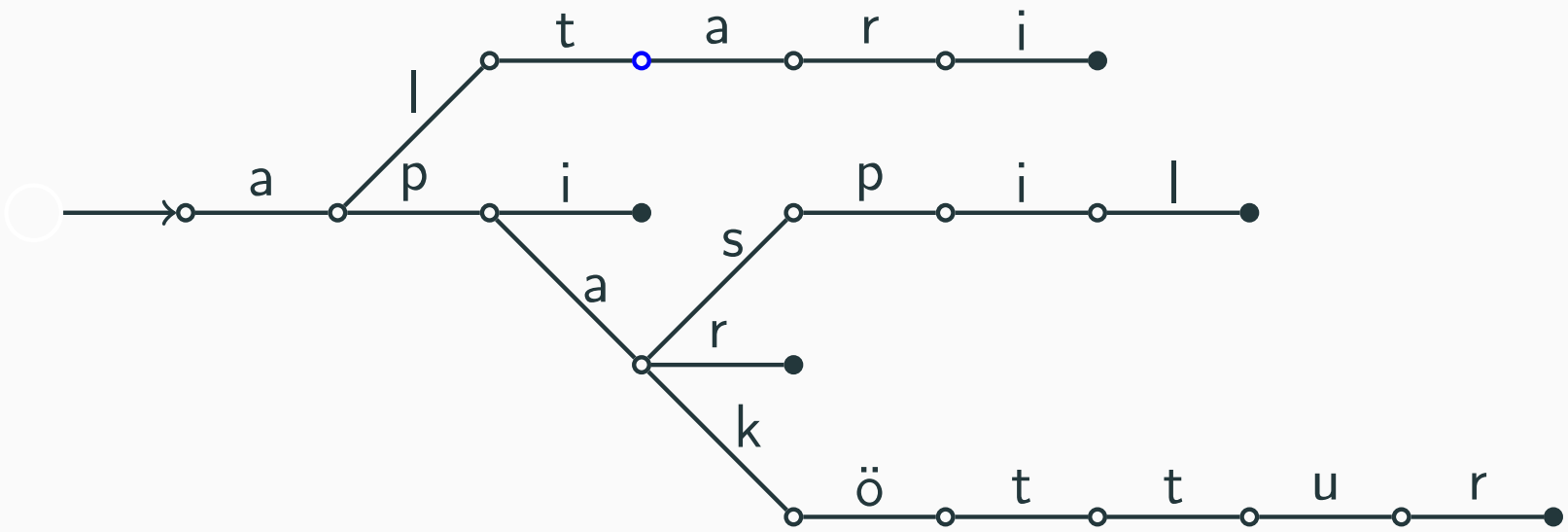

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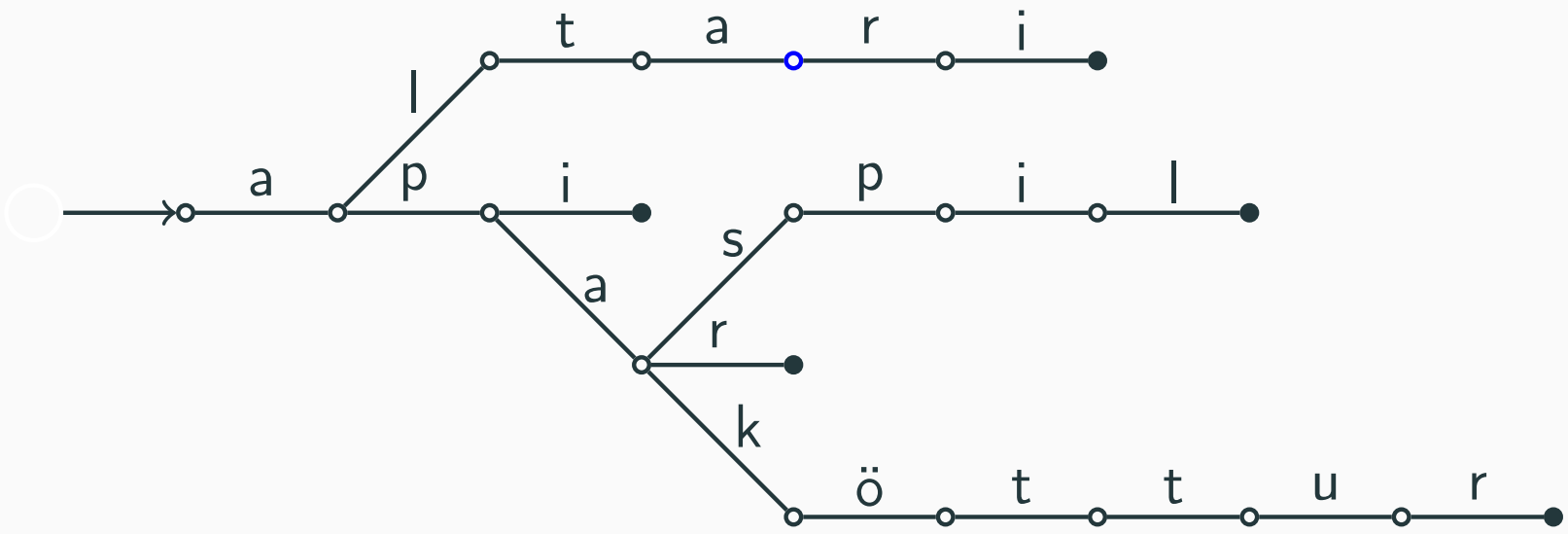

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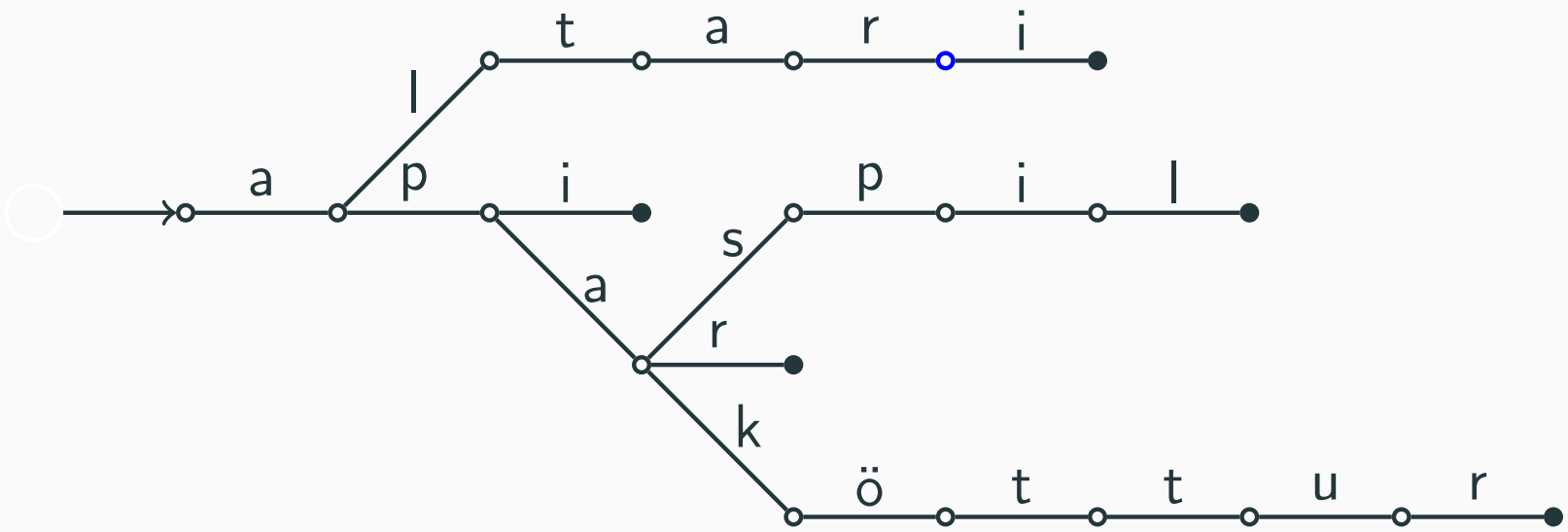

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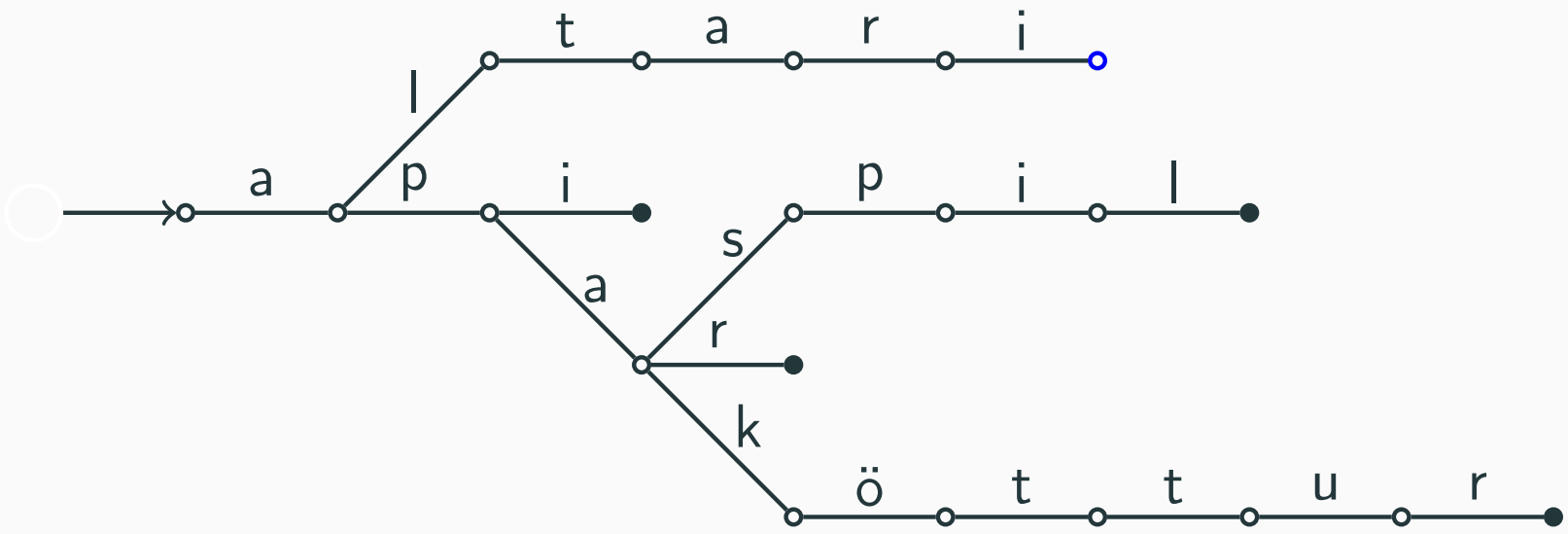

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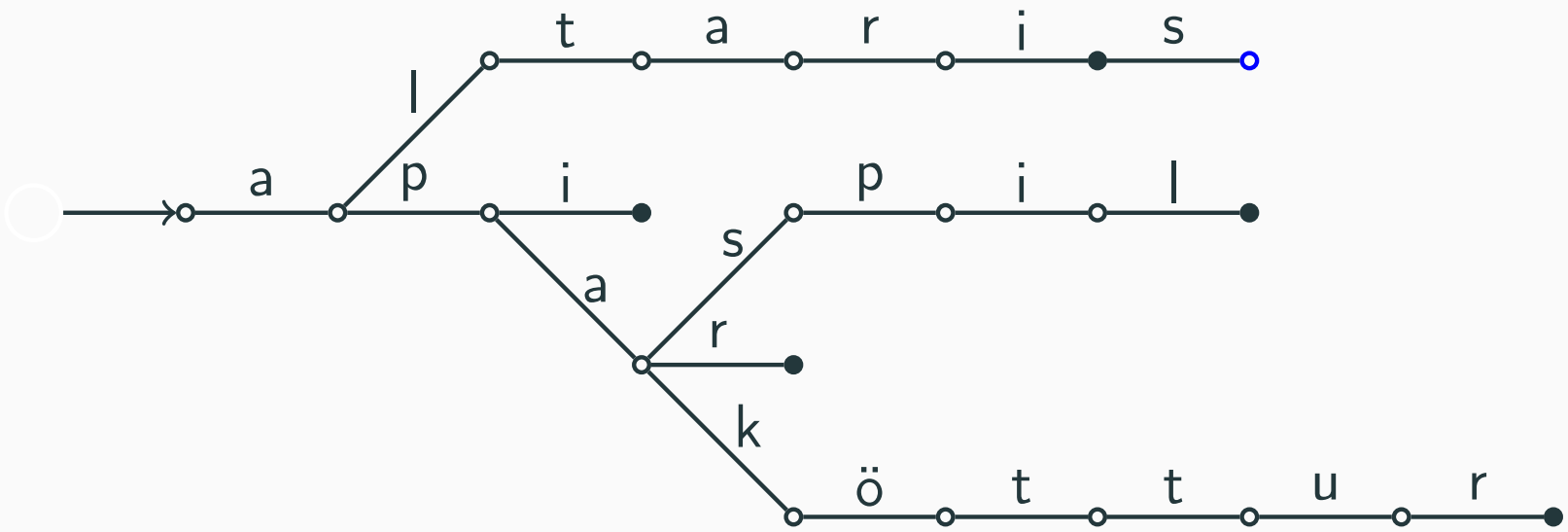

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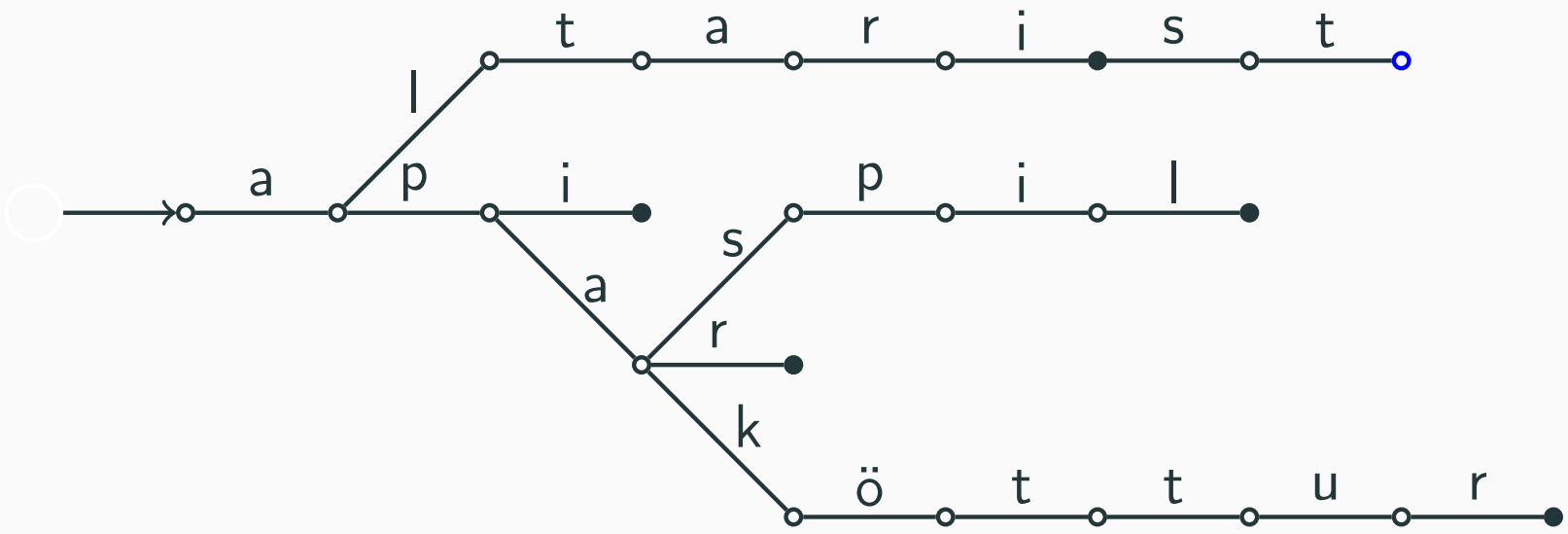

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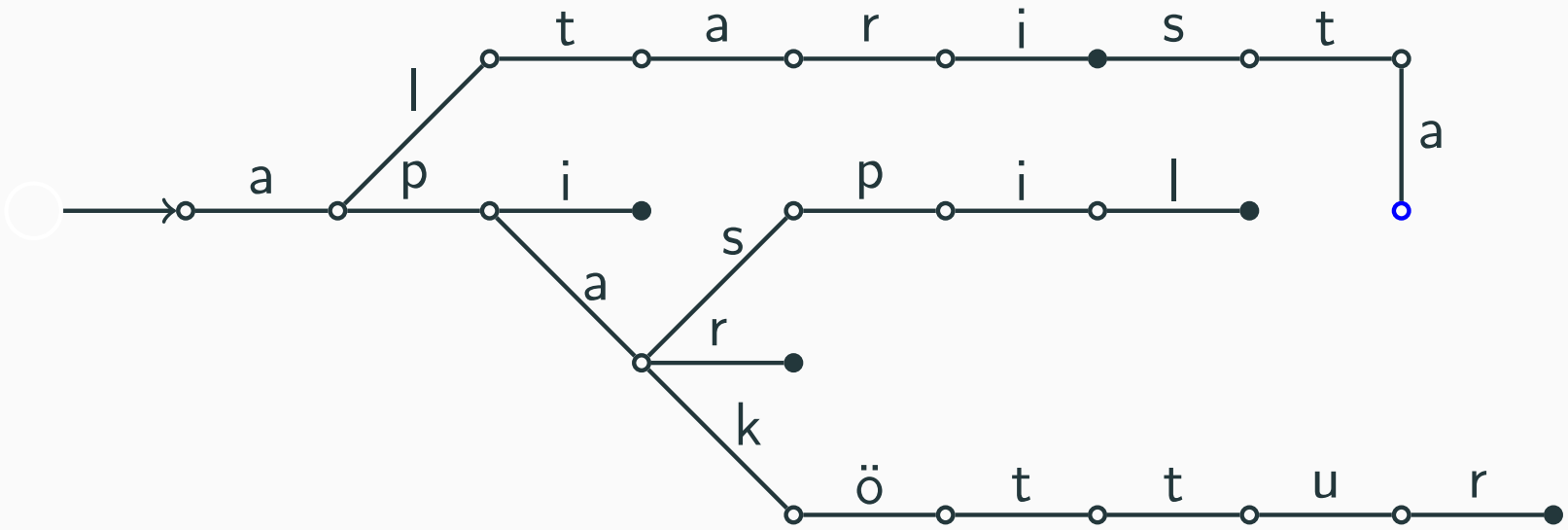

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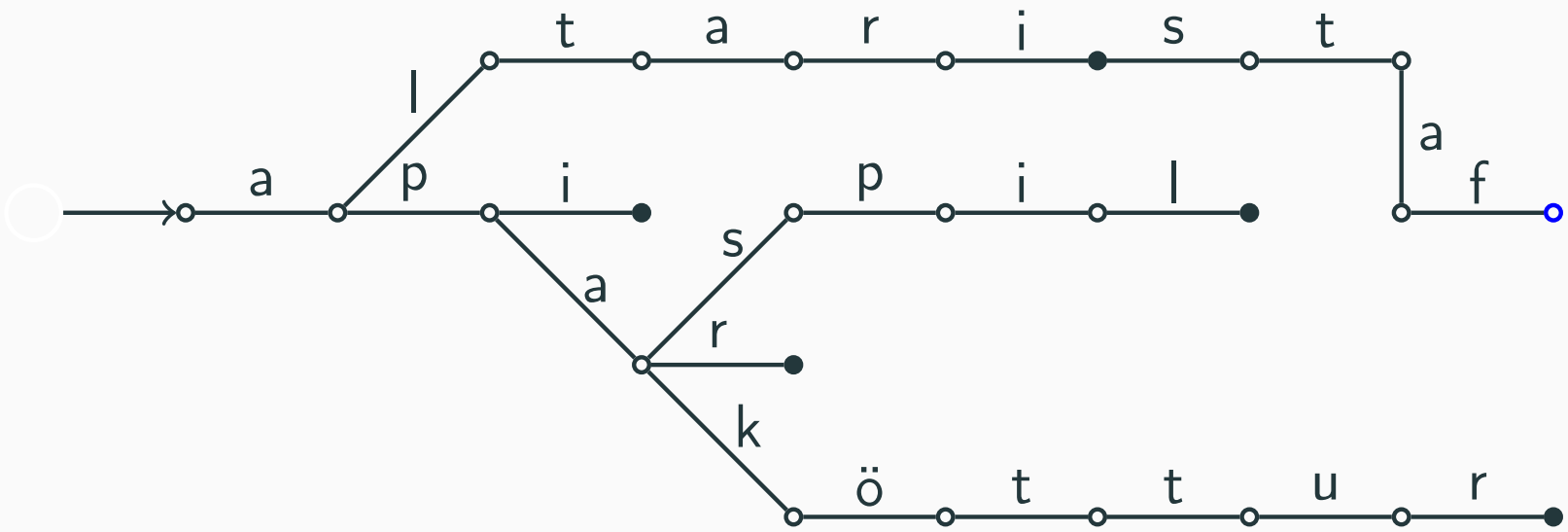

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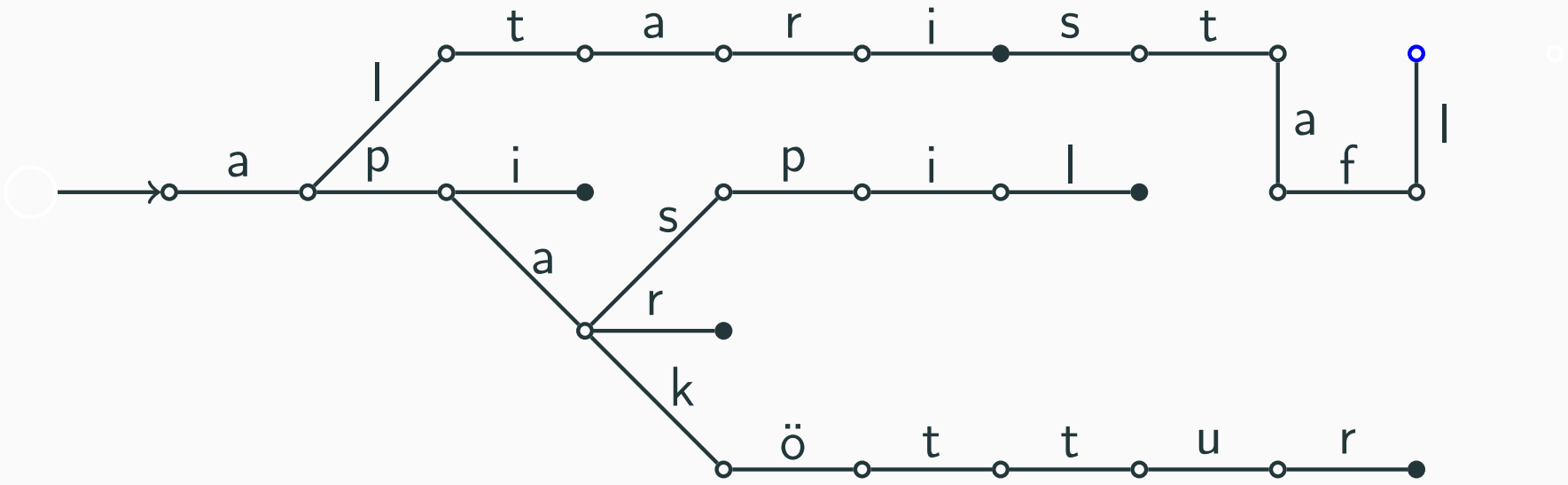

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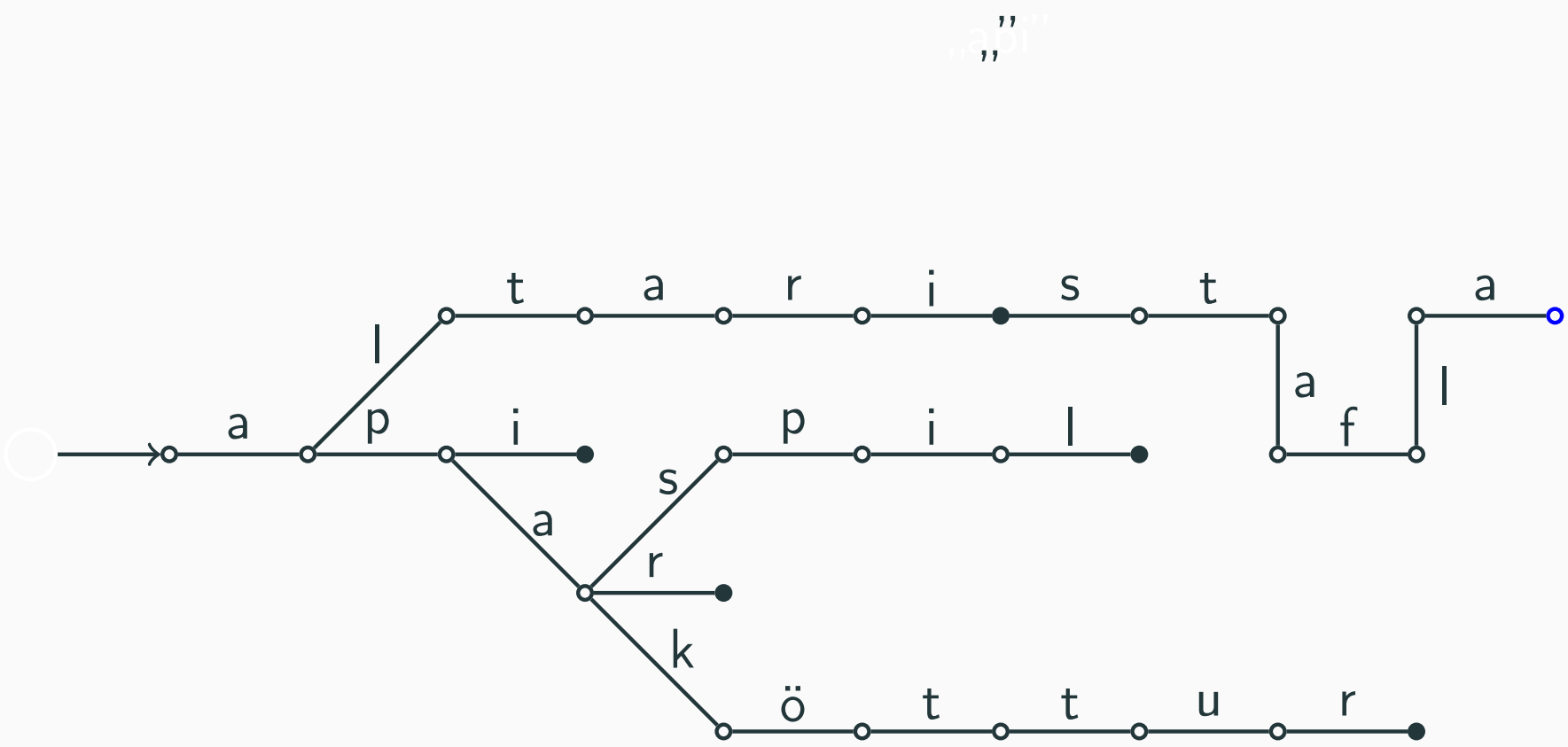

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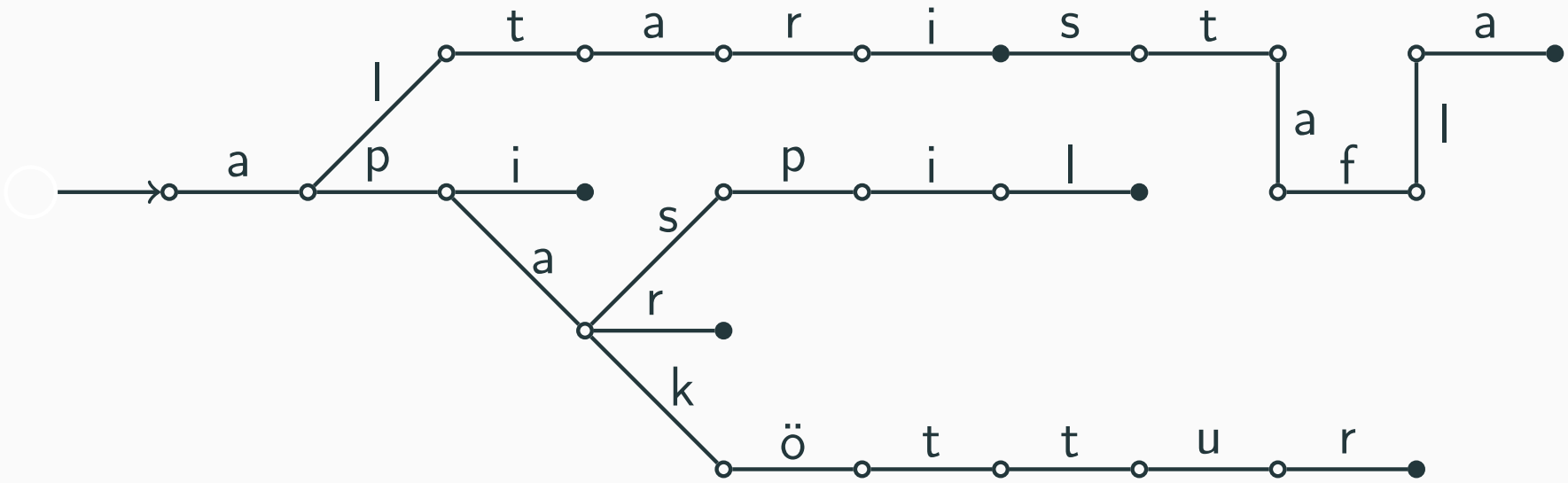

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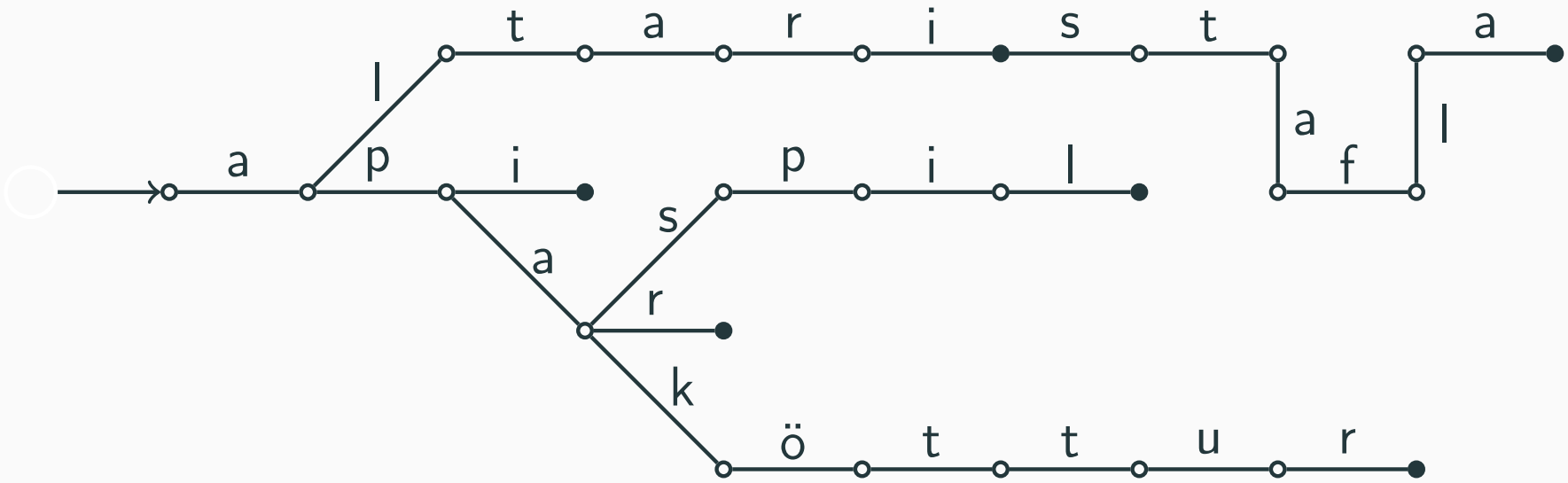

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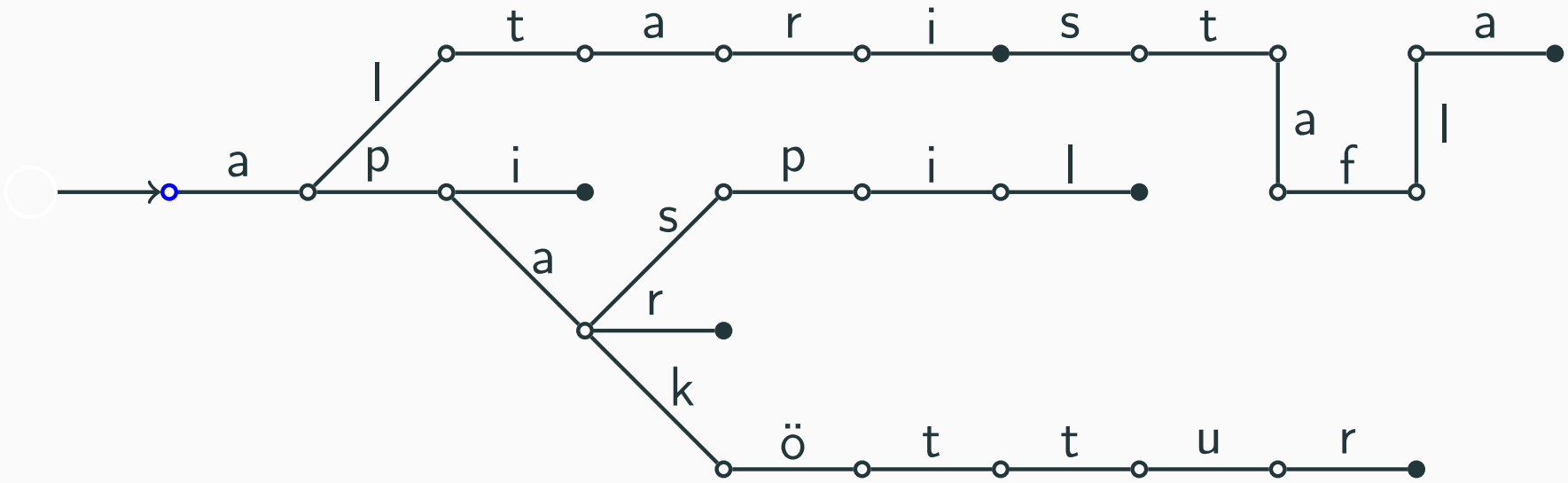

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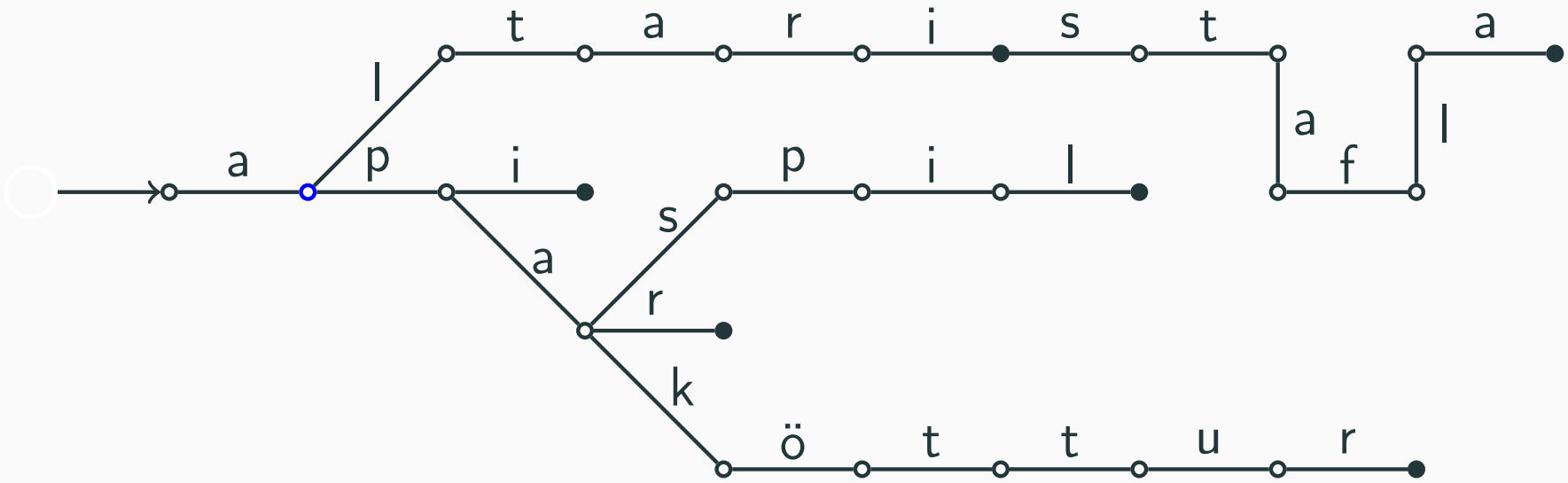

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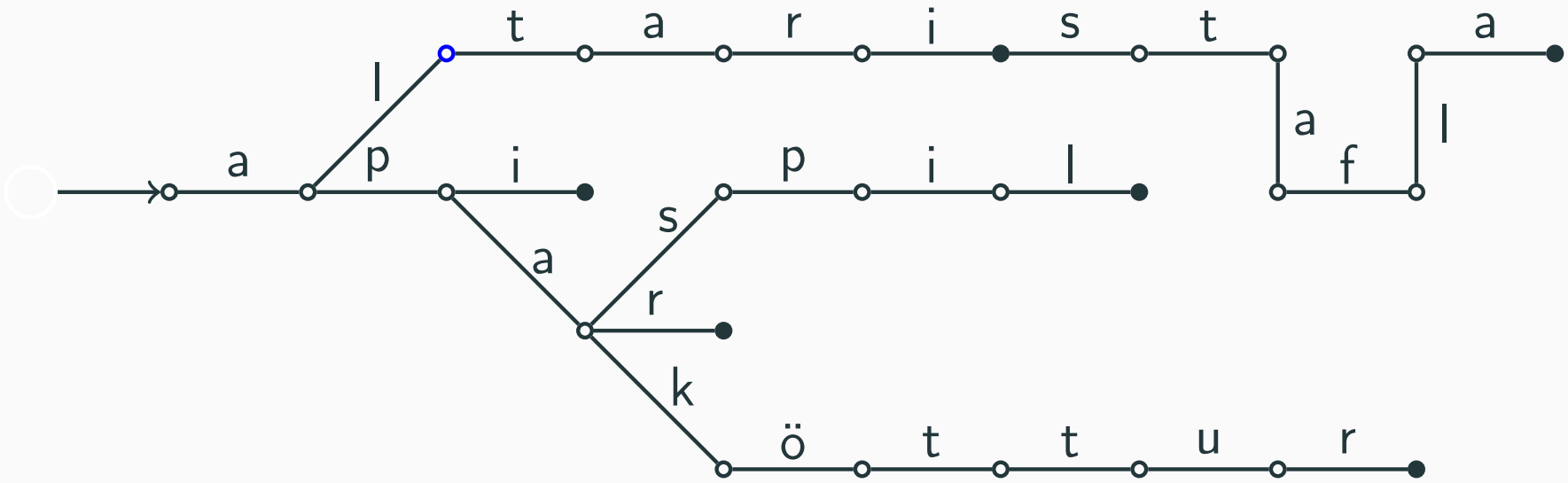

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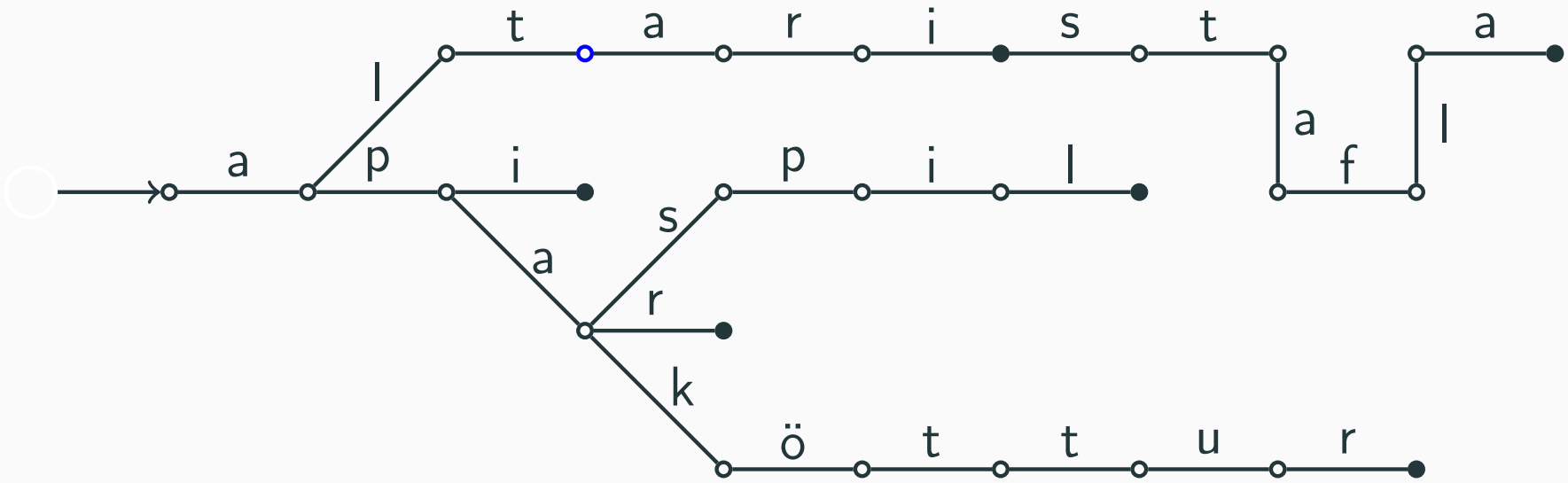

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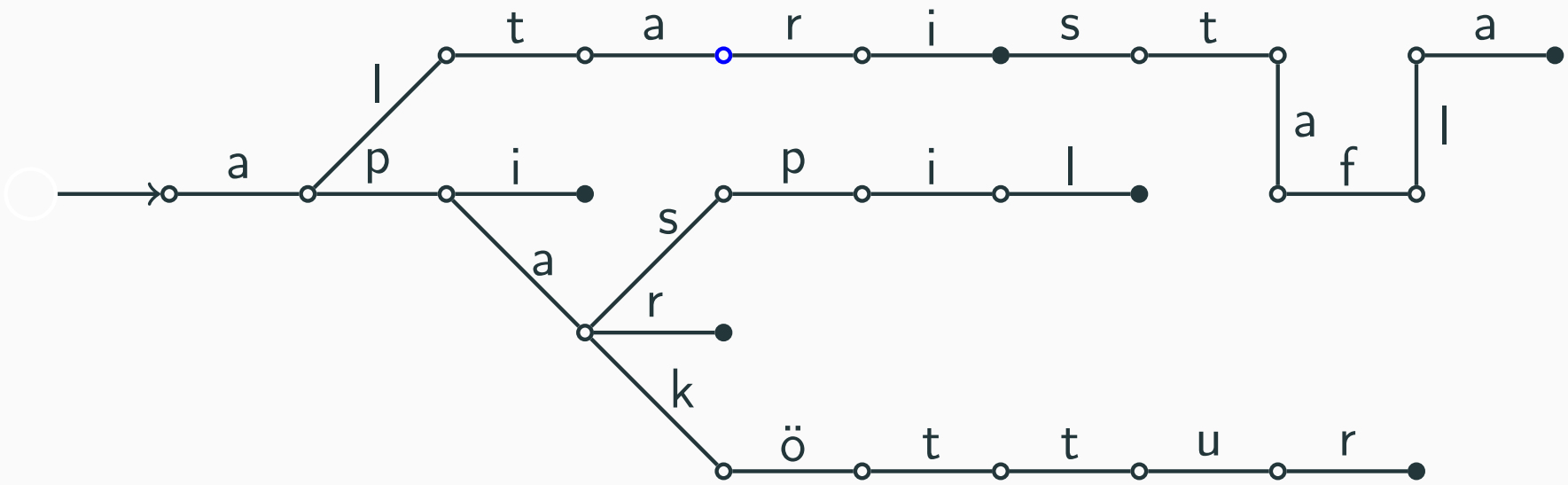

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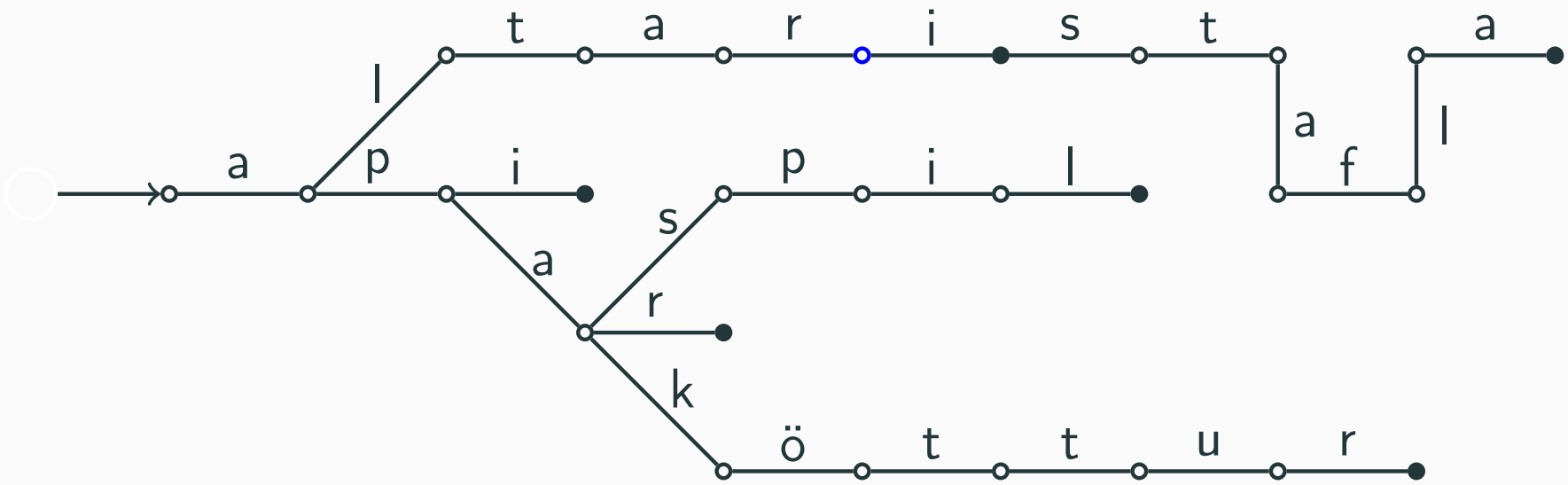

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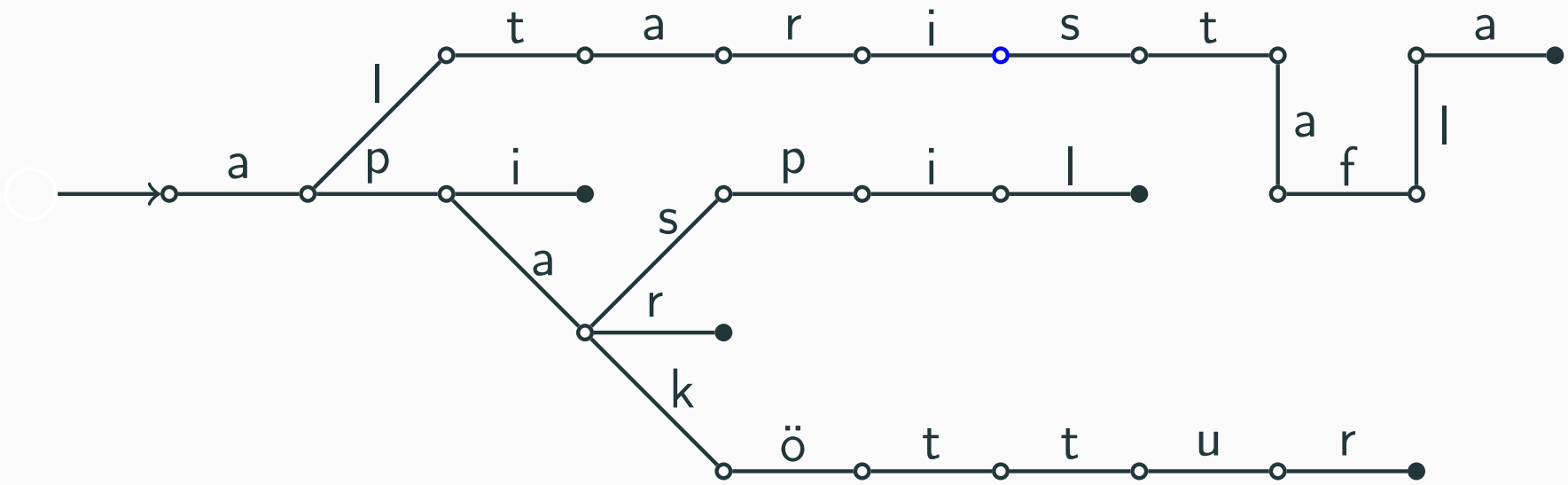

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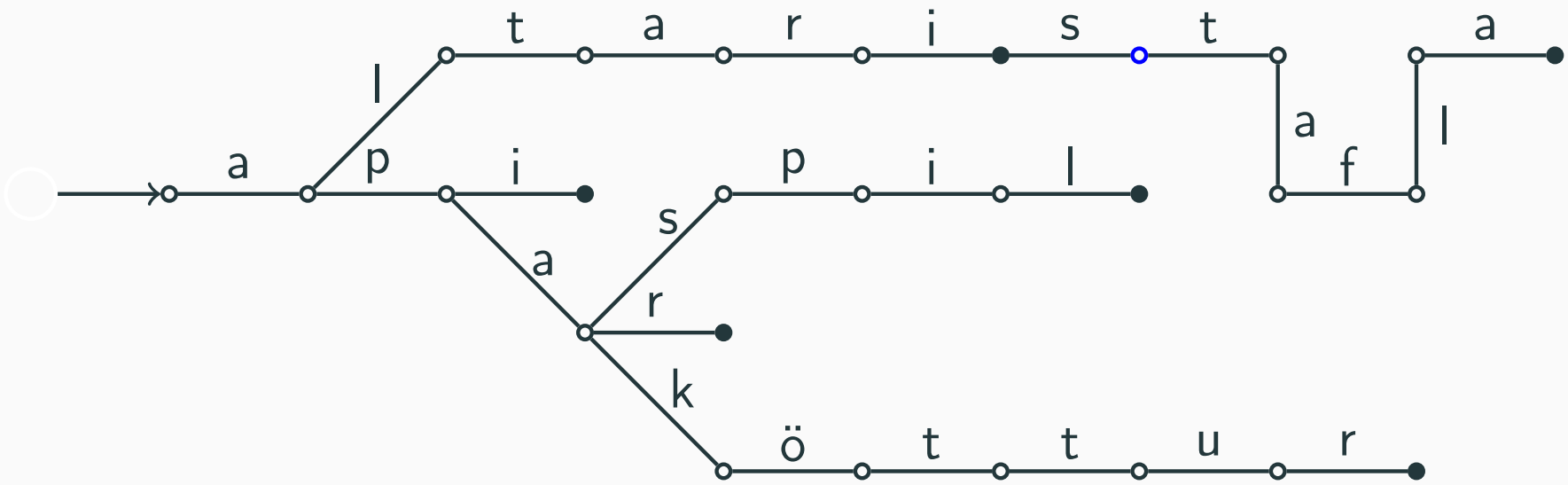

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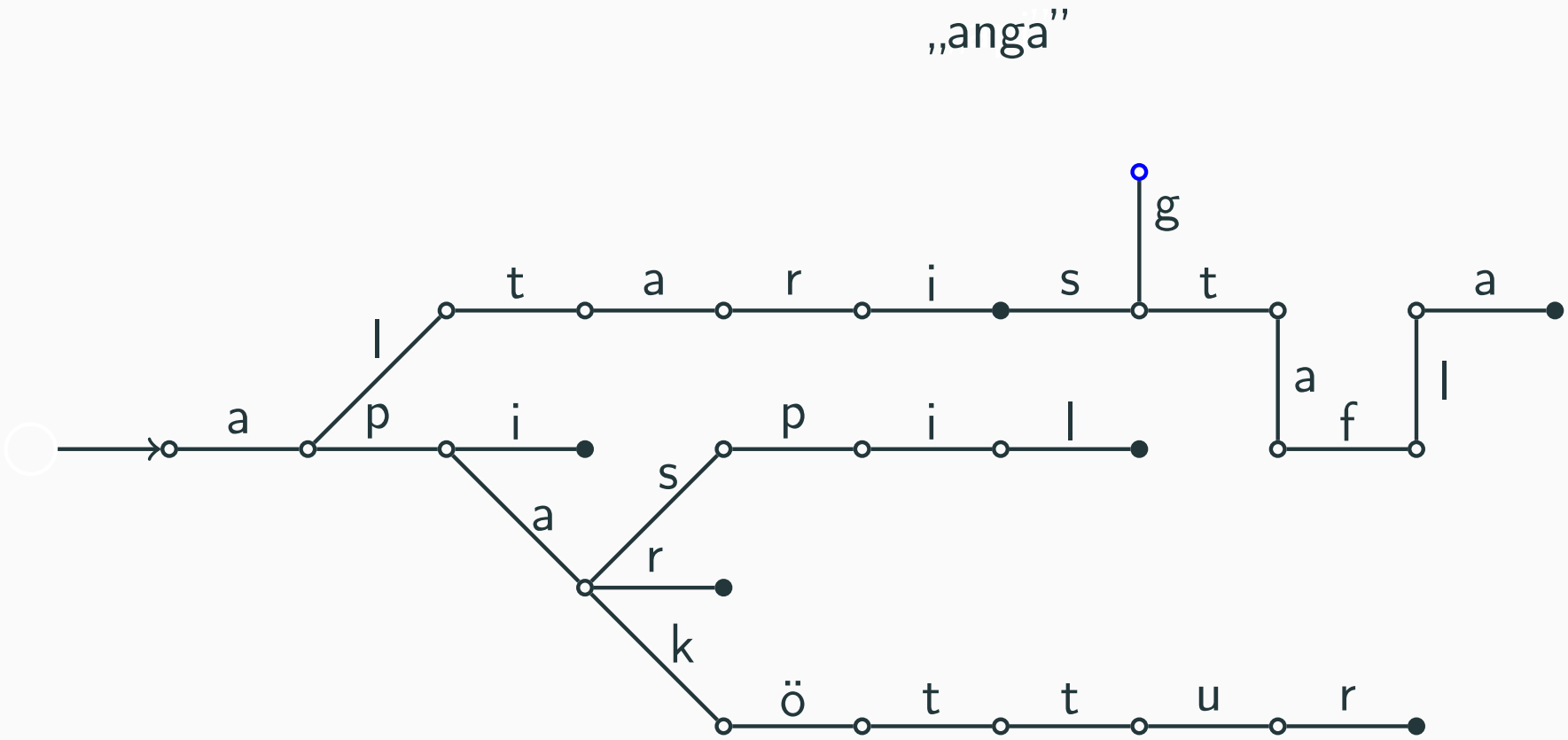

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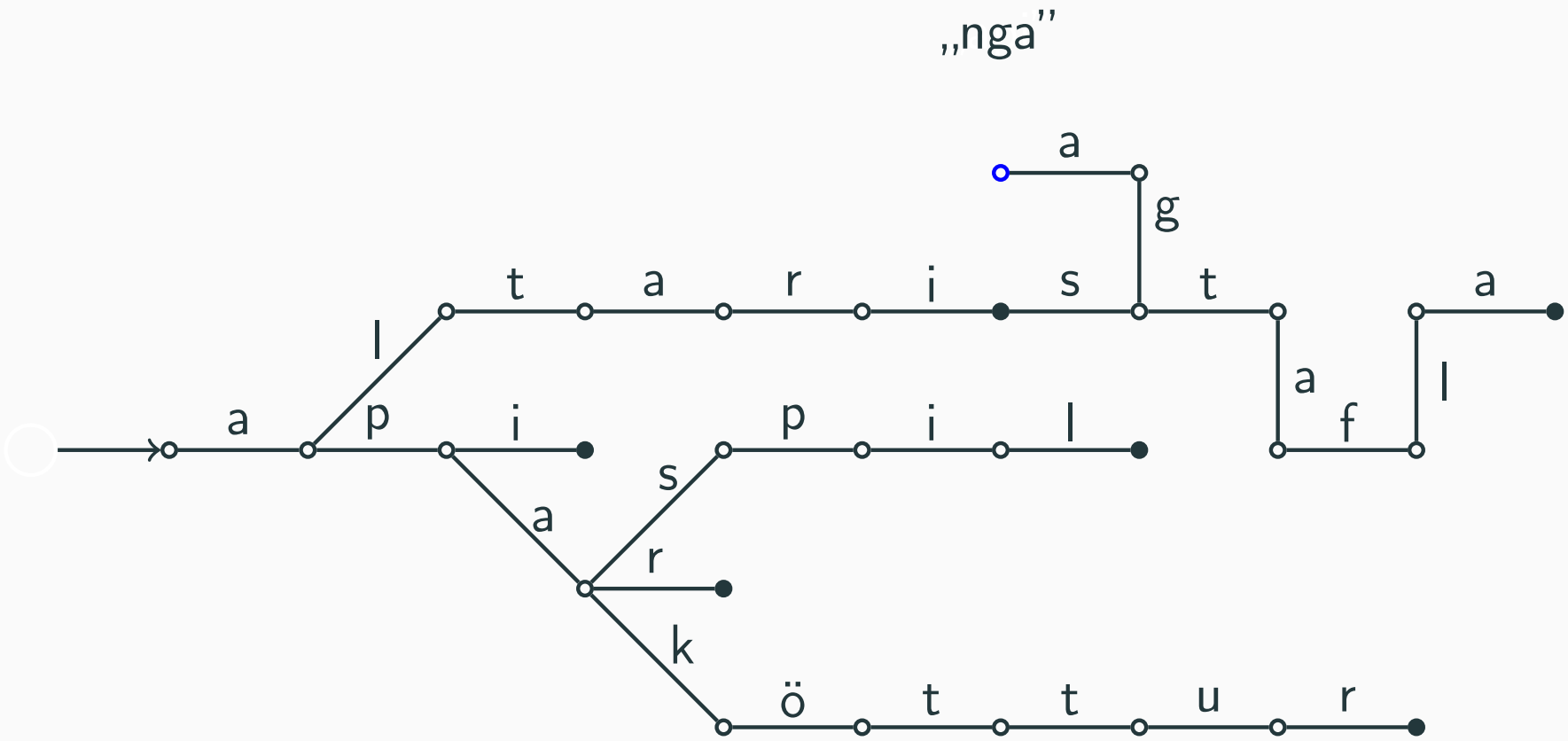

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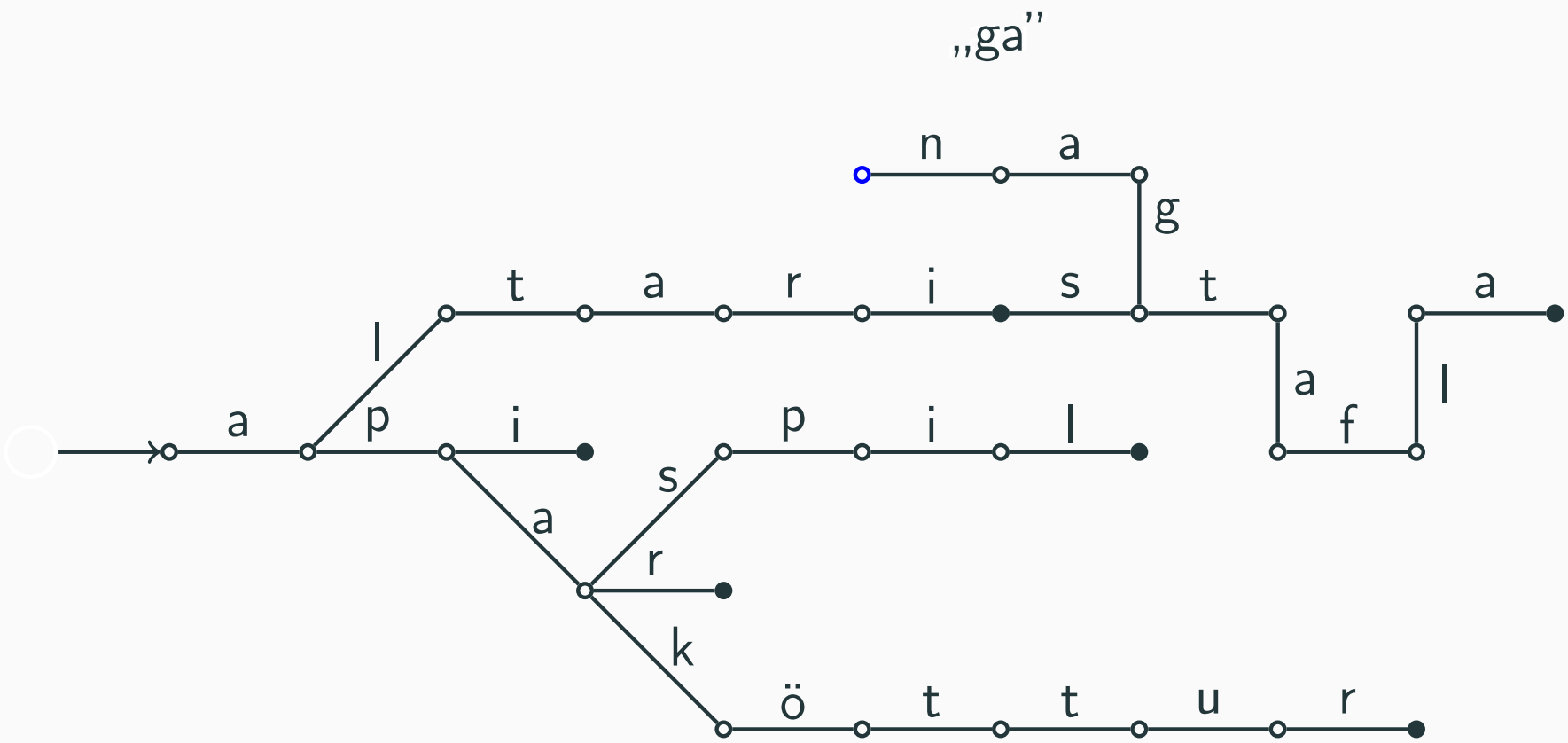

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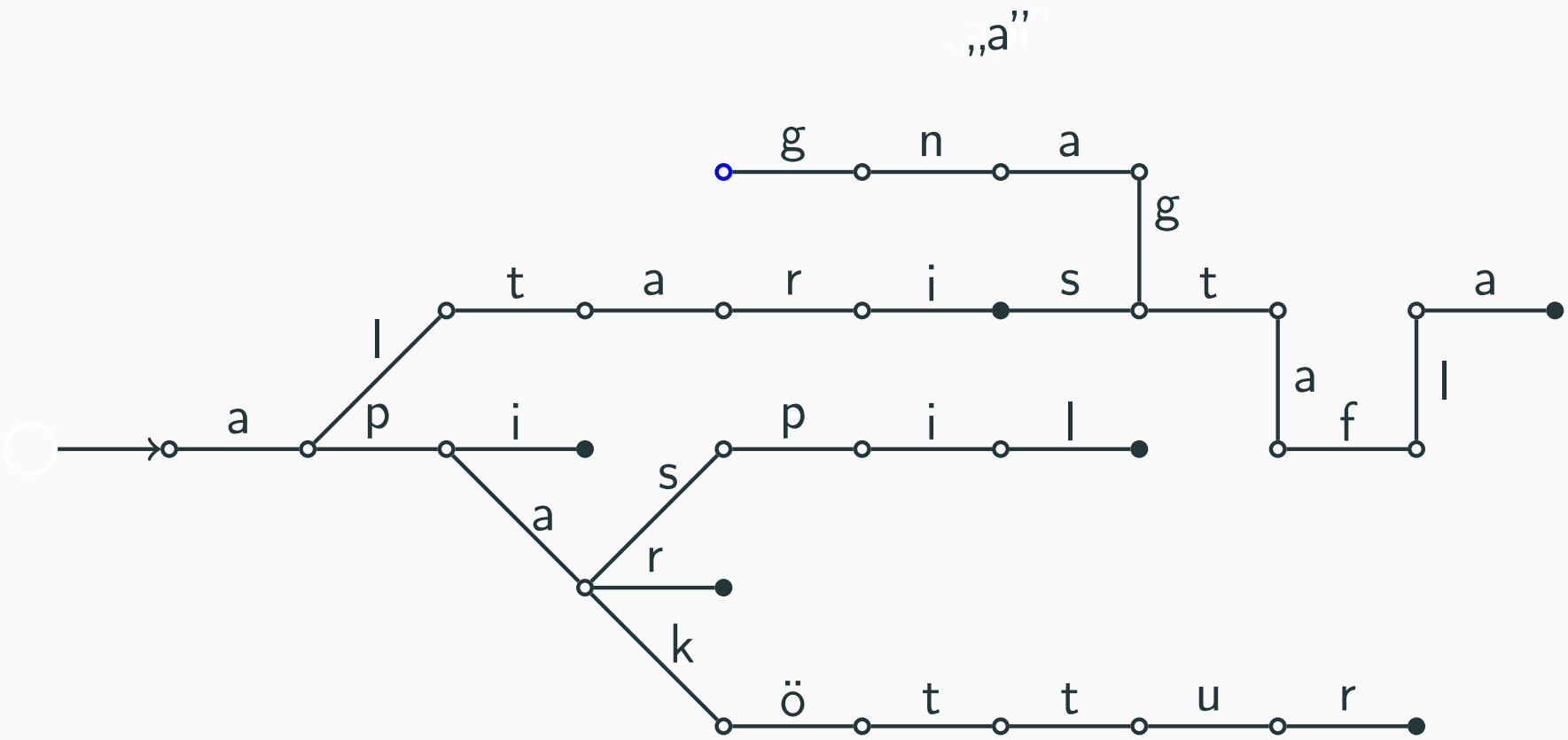

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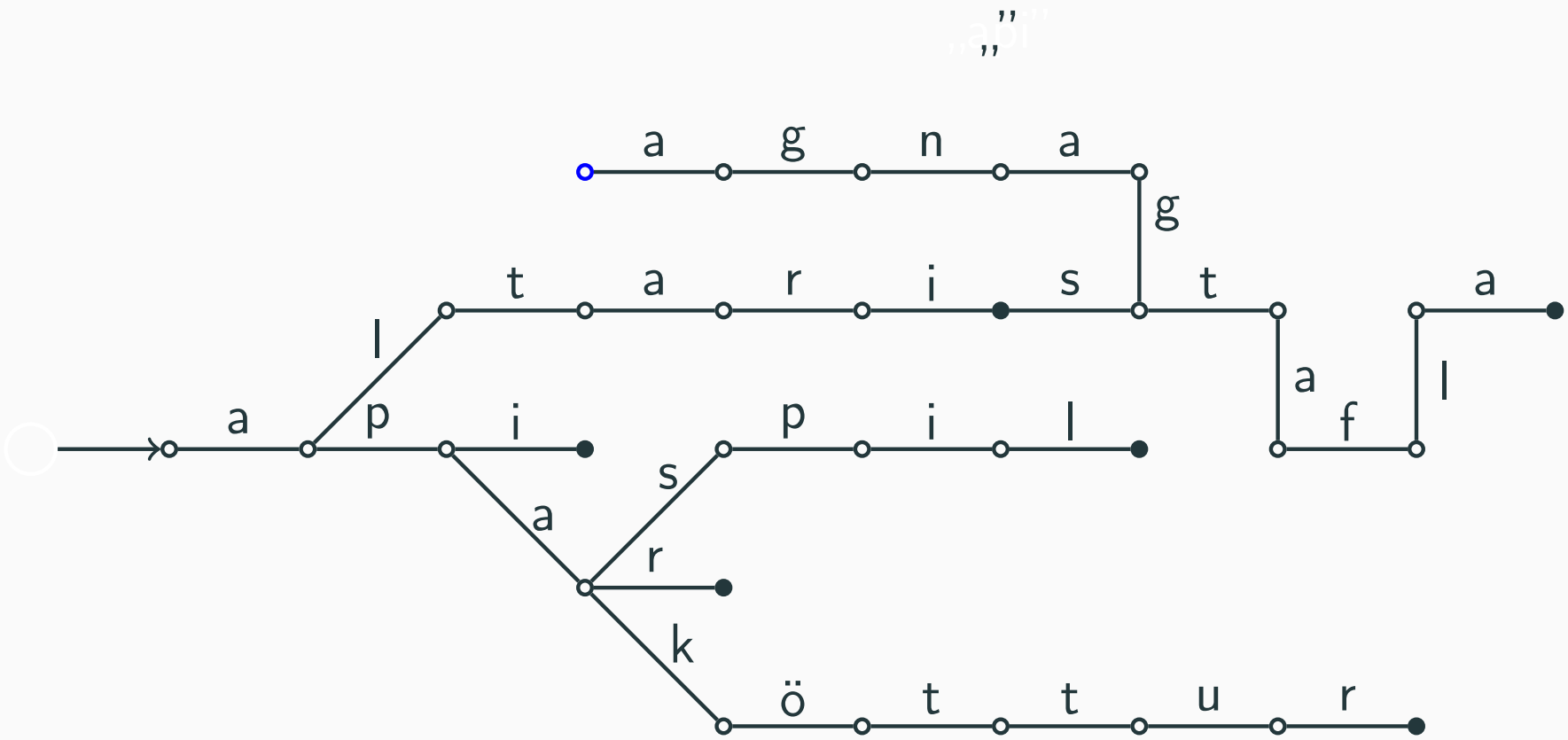

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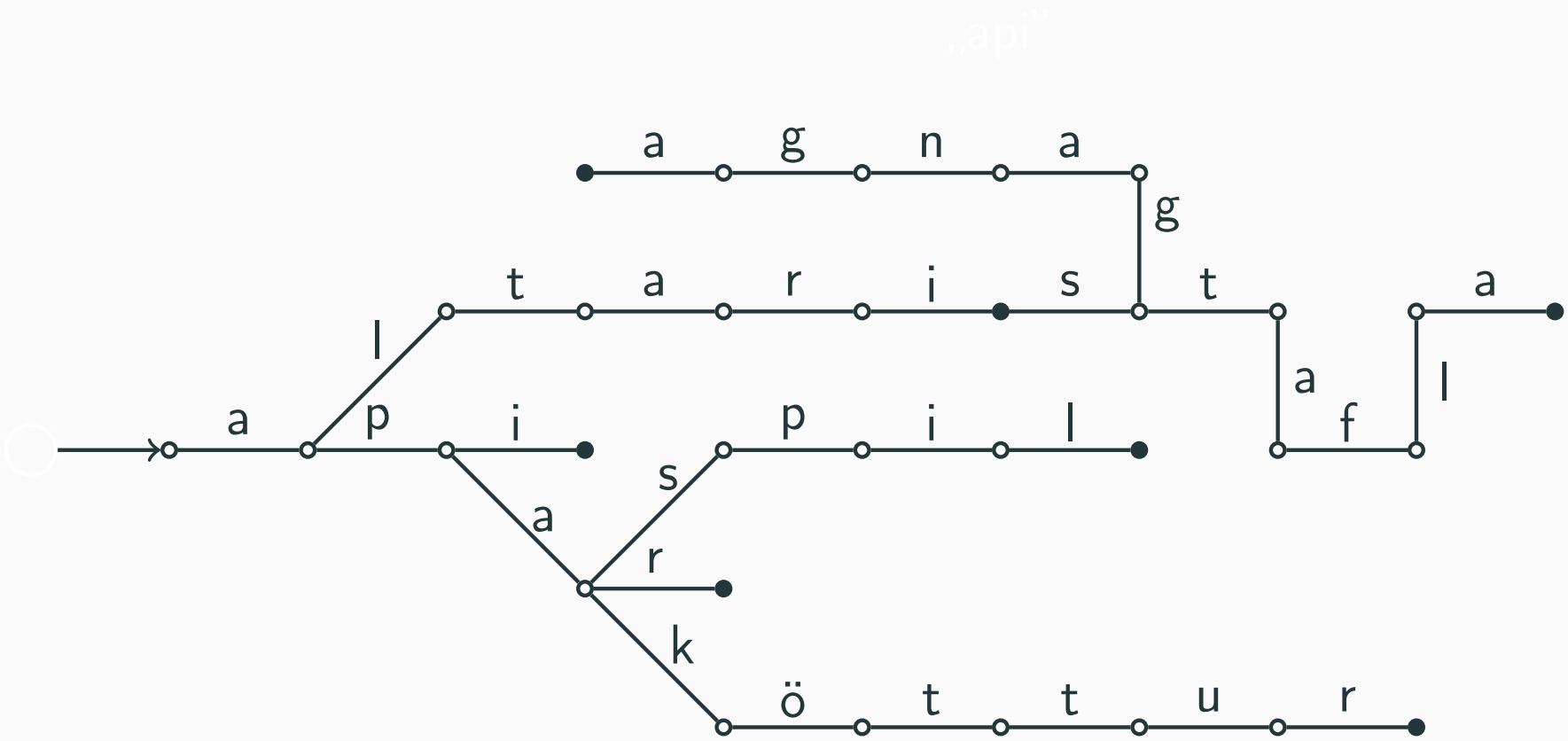

Tries

```
struct node {
    node* children[26];
    bool is_end;

    node() {
        memset(children, 0, sizeof(children));
        is_end = false;
    }
};
```

Tries

```
void insert(node* nd, char *s) {
    if (*s) {
        if (!nd->children[*s - 'a'])
            nd->children[*s - 'a'] = new node();

        insert(nd->children[*s - 'a'], s + 1);
    } else {
        nd->is_end = true;
    }
}
```

Tries

```
bool contains(node* nd, char *s) {
    if (*s) {
        if (!nd->children[*s - 'a'])
            return false;

        return contains(nd->children[*s - 'a'], s + 1);
    } else {
        return nd->is_end;
    }
}
```

Tries

```
node *trie = new node();

insert(trie, "banani");

if (contains(trie, "banani")) {
    // ...
}
```

Tries

- Time complexity?

- Let k be the length of the string we're inserting/looking for
- Lookup is $\mathcal{O}(k)$ and insertion is both $\mathcal{O}(k|\Sigma|)$
- The insertion takes this time because we might have to make k nodes, each needing $|\Sigma|$ pointers initialized

Aho-Corasick

- Let us now have some string s and a list of n strings p, where we denote the j-th string by p_j.
- Let $|s|$ be the length of s and $|p| = |p_1| + \cdots + |p_n|$.
- We want to find all substrings of s that are in the list p.
- We could run KMP n times, once for each p_j, for a time complexity of $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot |s| + |p|)$.
- The Aho-Corasick algorithm improves on this.

The algorithm

- We start by putting all strings in p into a trie T, we want to turn this into a finite state automata.
- We then want to turn T into a finite state automata.
- The nodes of the trie will be our states but the transitions from each state will correspond to a letter from Σ.

The automata

- Suppose we are in node v in T and want to transition according to the letter c in Σ.
- If there is an node corresponding to adding a c after v we can travel there.
- If not we need to travel back to some node w so the string corresponding to w is a suffix of the one corresponding to v.
- We want to drop the least amount of information, so we want w to be as long as possible.
- We call these transitions *suffix links*. Note that they are essentially independent of c.
- We let the suffix link of the root point back to itself for simplicity's sake.

Suffix links

- How do we find the suffix links?
- Let $f(w, c)$ denote the transition from node w with the letter c and let $g(w)$ be the suffix link of w.
- Also let p be the parent of p and $f(p, a) = v$. Then $g(v) = f(g(p), a)$.
- Thus we have a recursive formula we can use.

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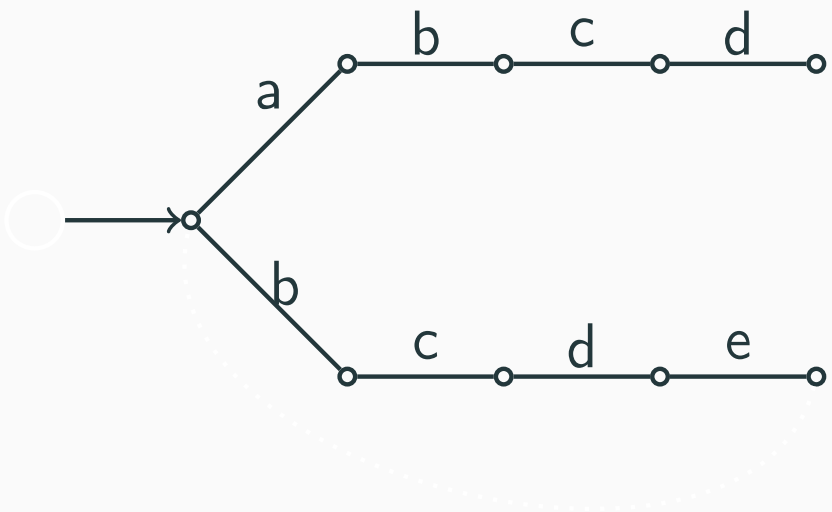

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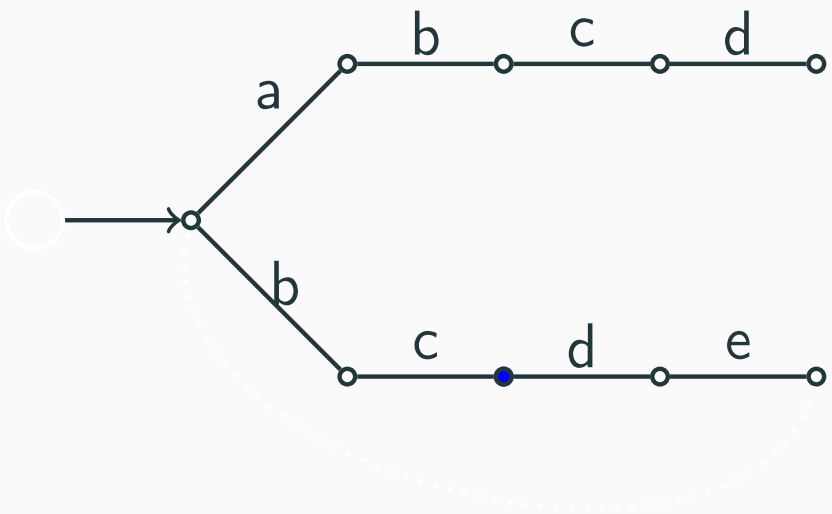

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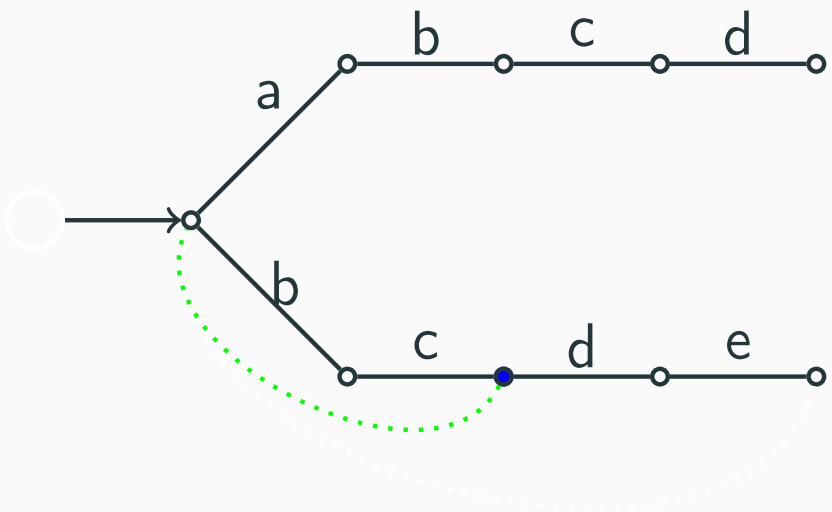

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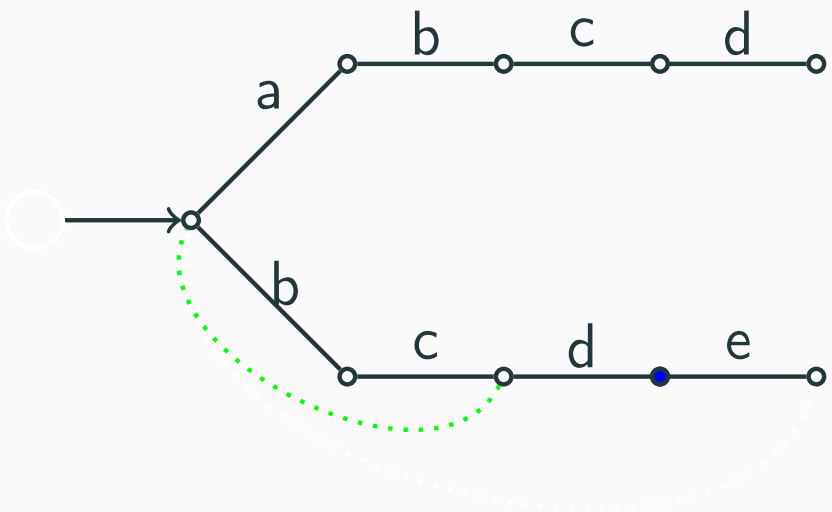

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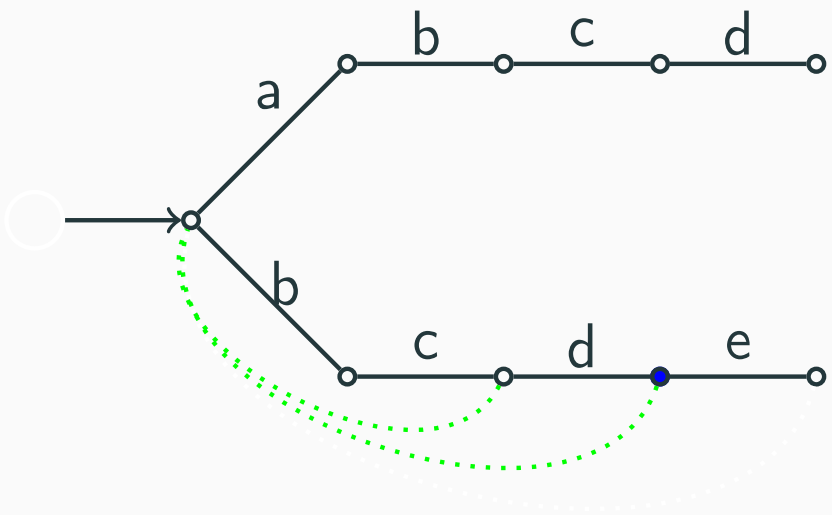

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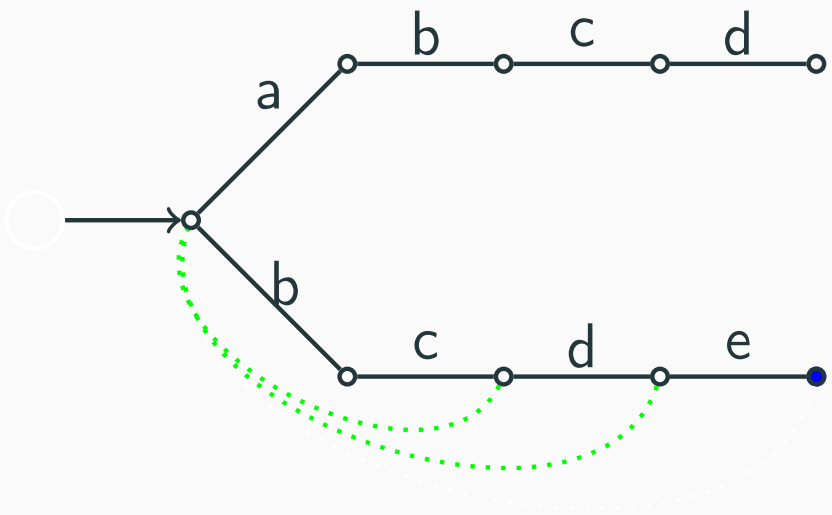

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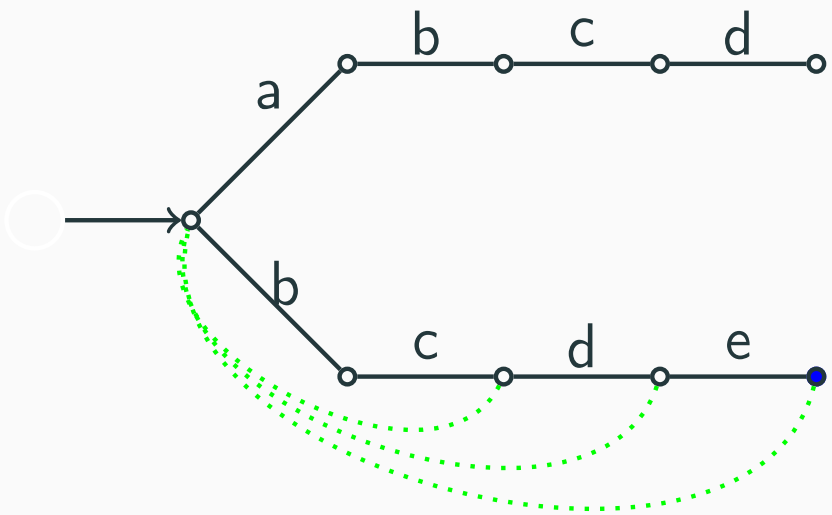

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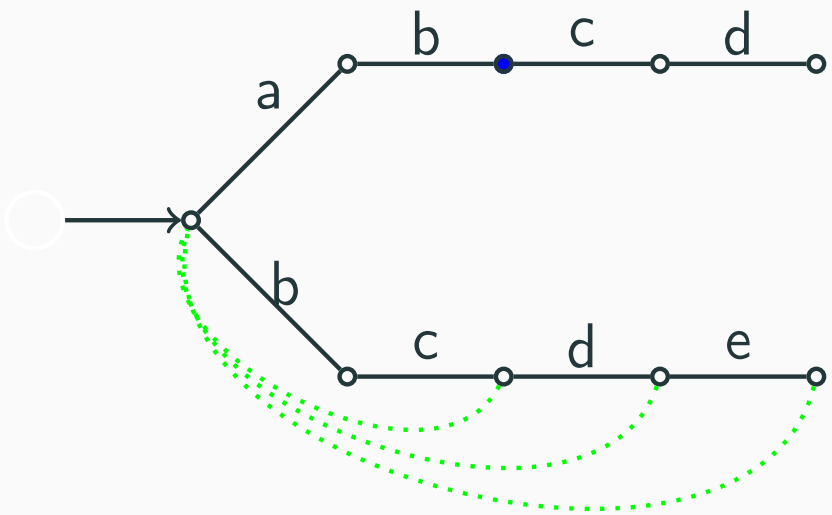

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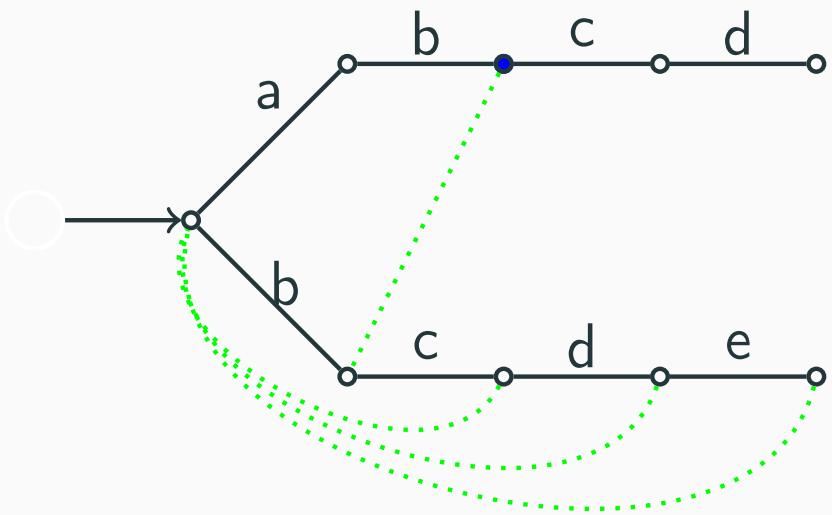

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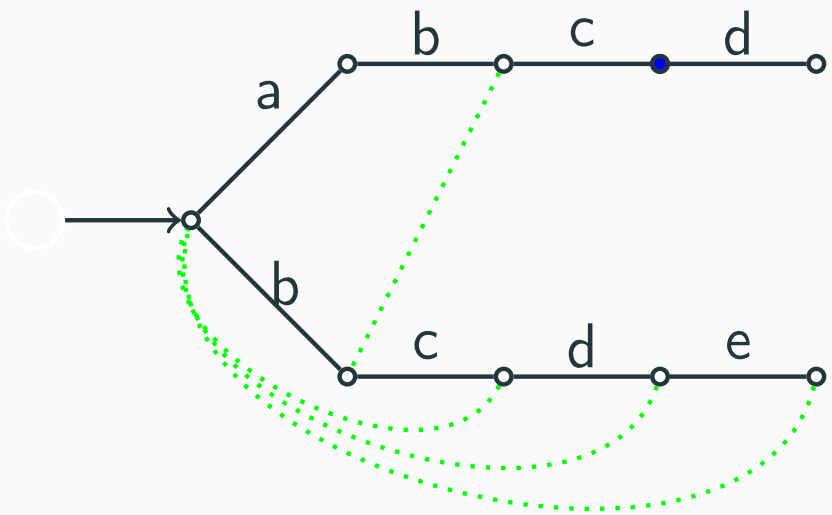

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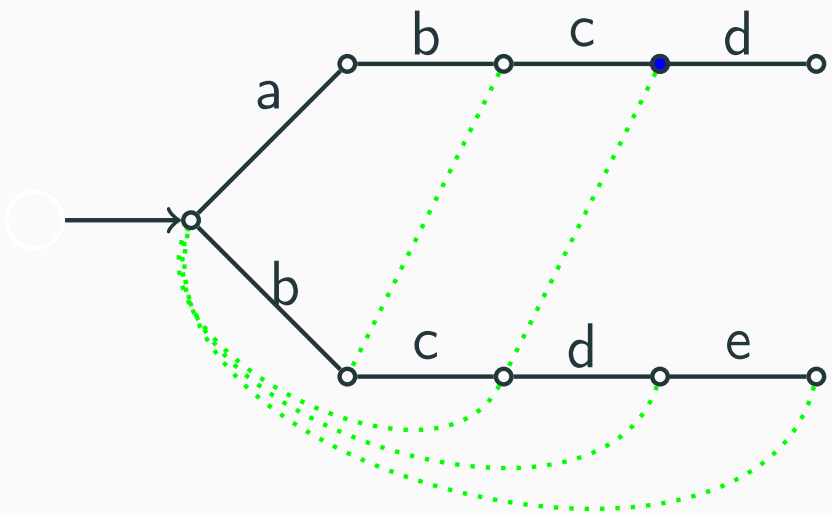

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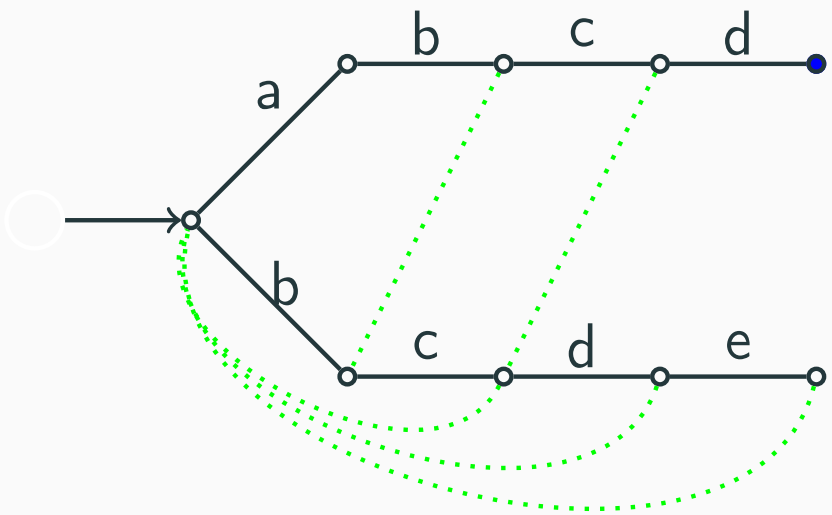

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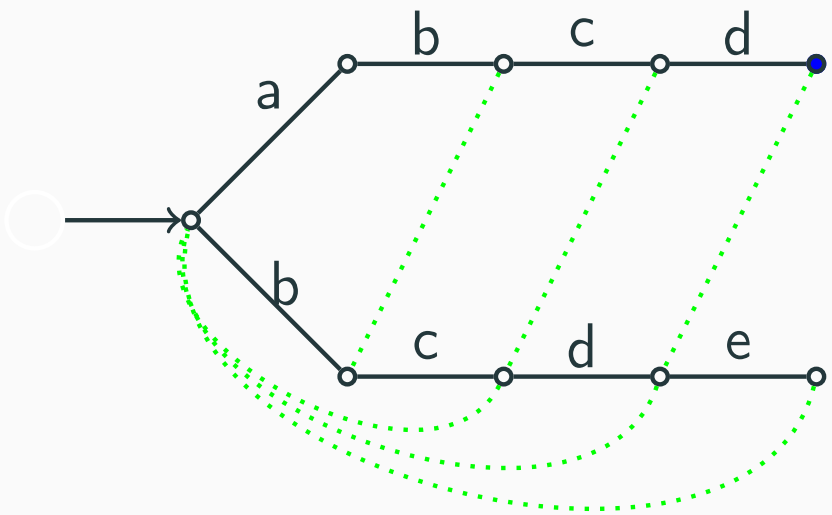

End nodes

- We also have to mark end nodes in T.
- We then walk through s and move around the state machine according to the letters encountered.

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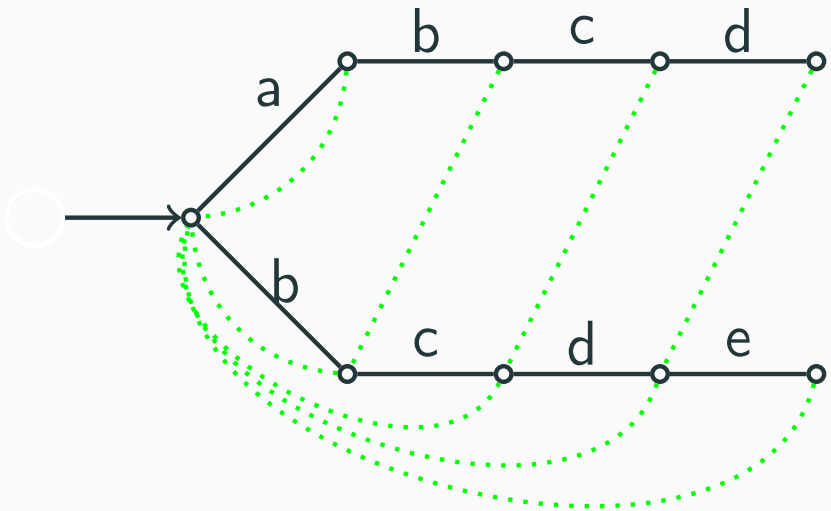

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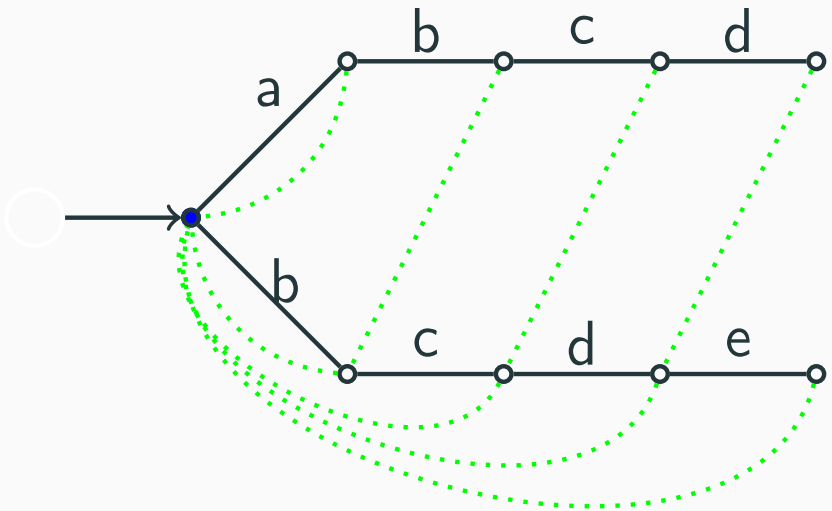

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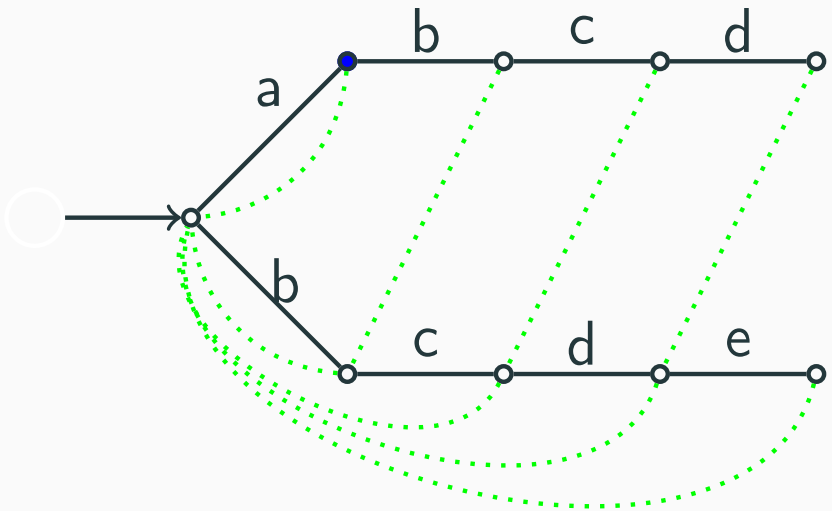

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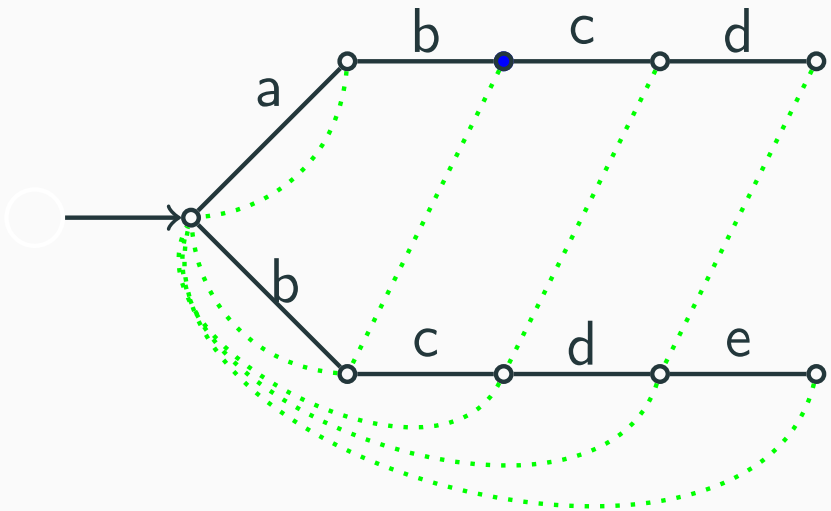

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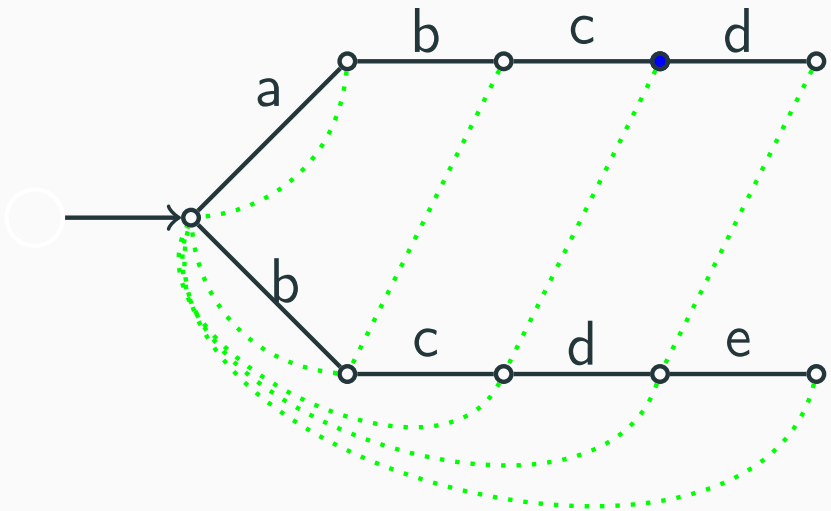

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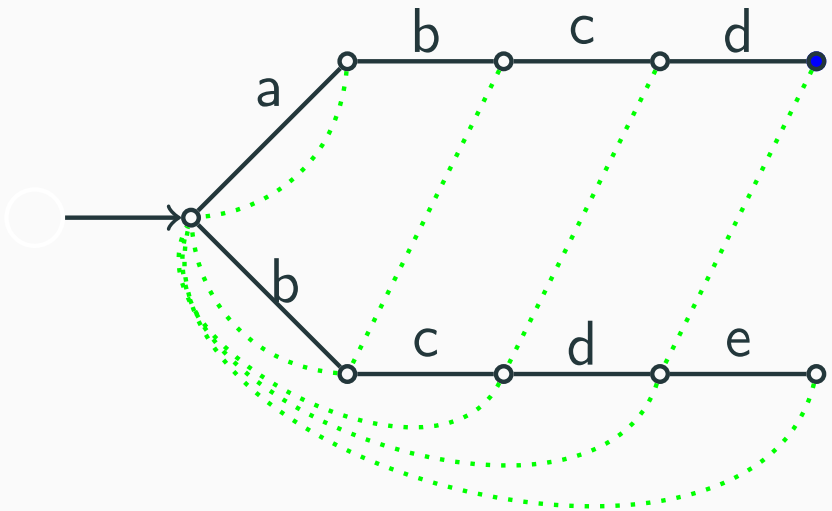

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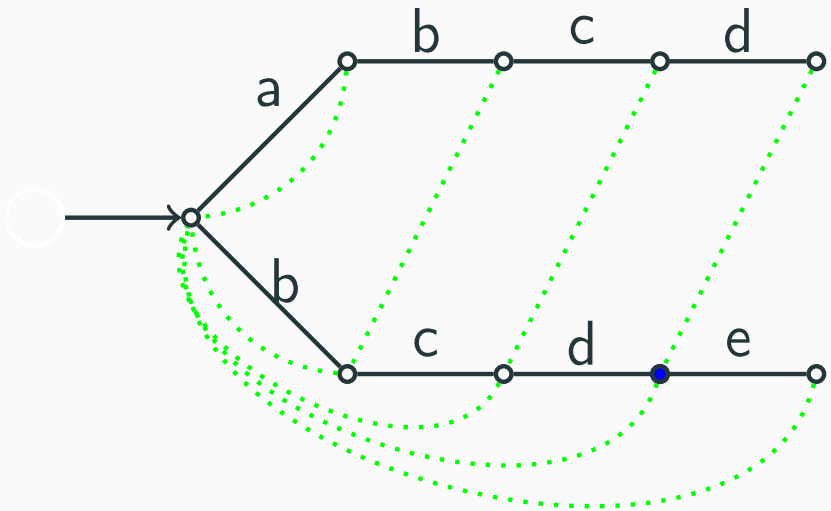

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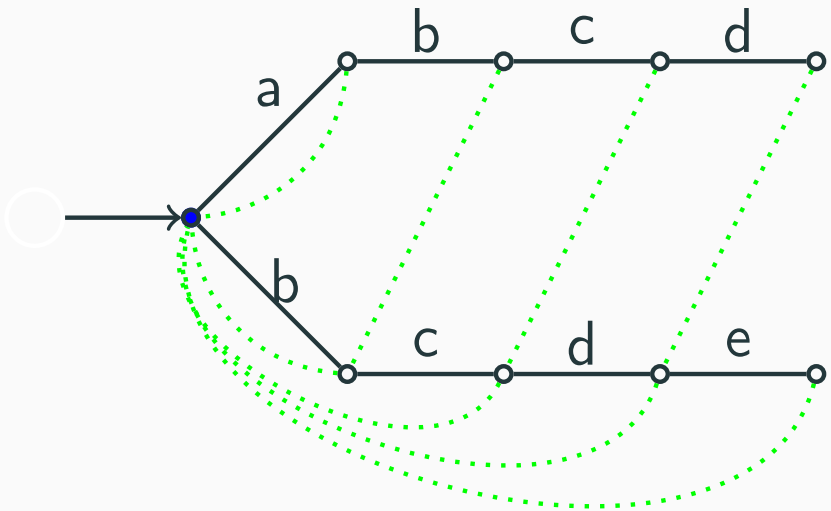

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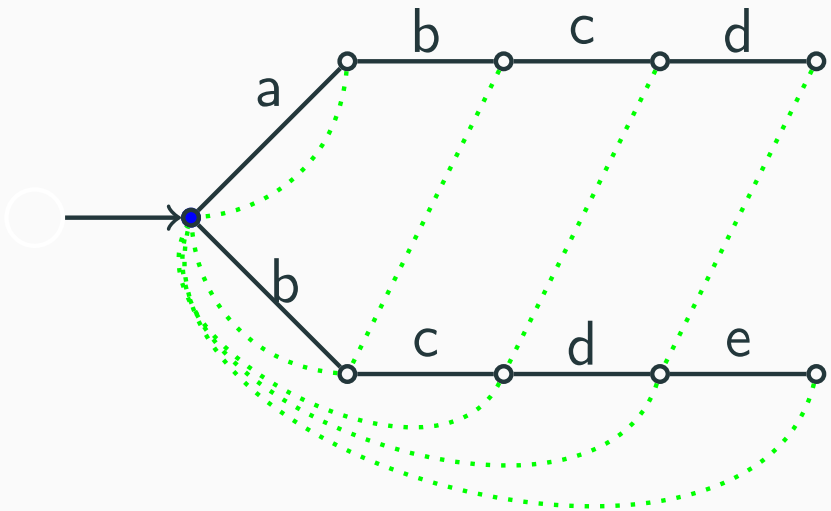

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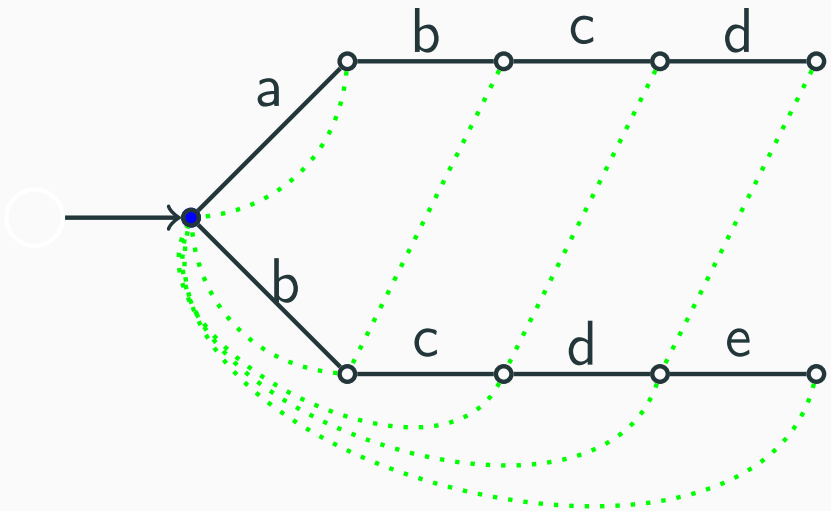

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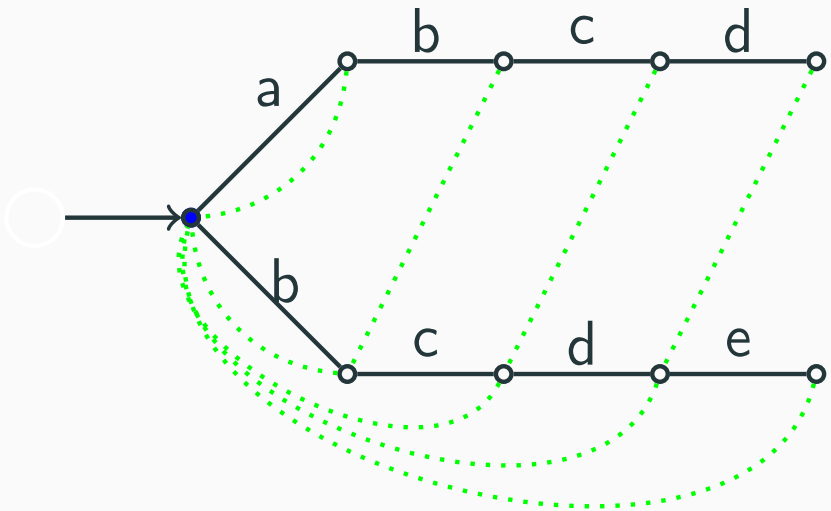

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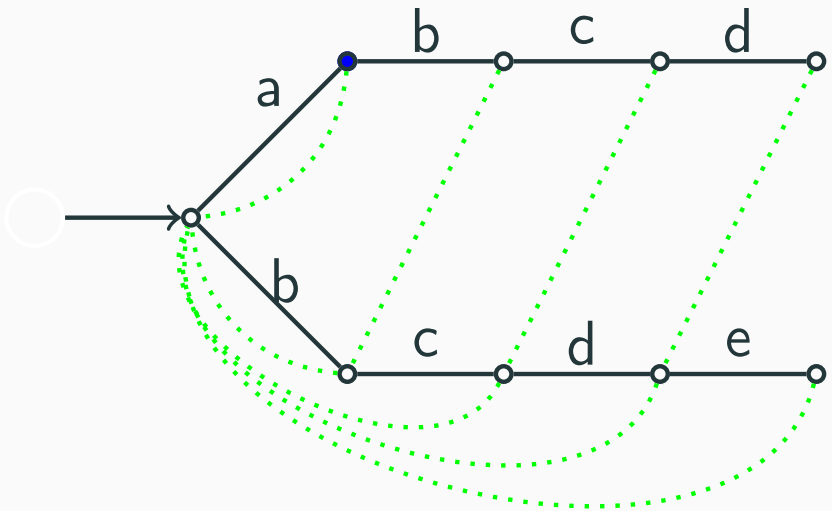

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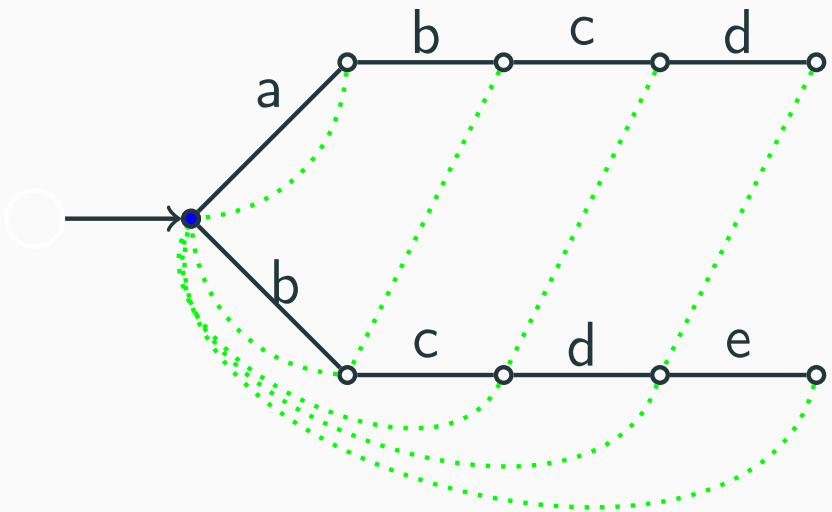

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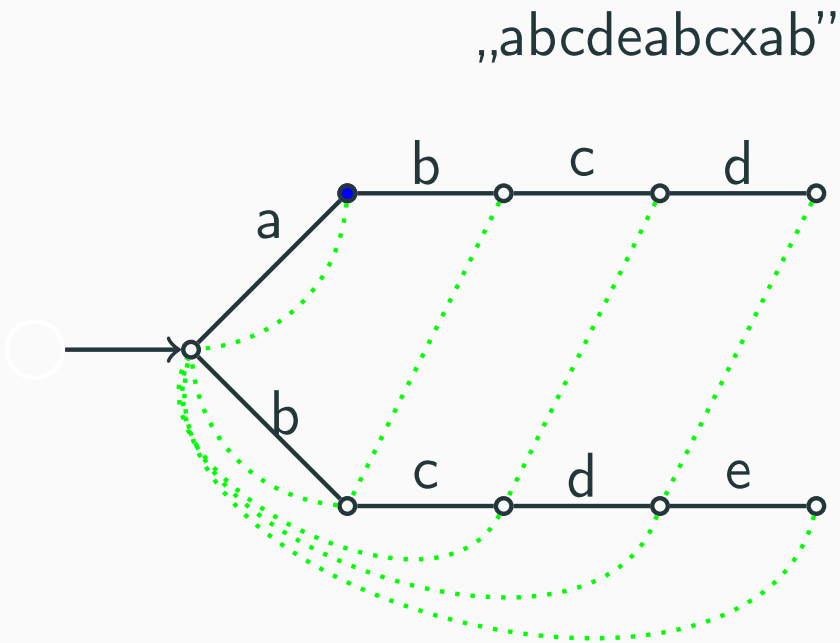

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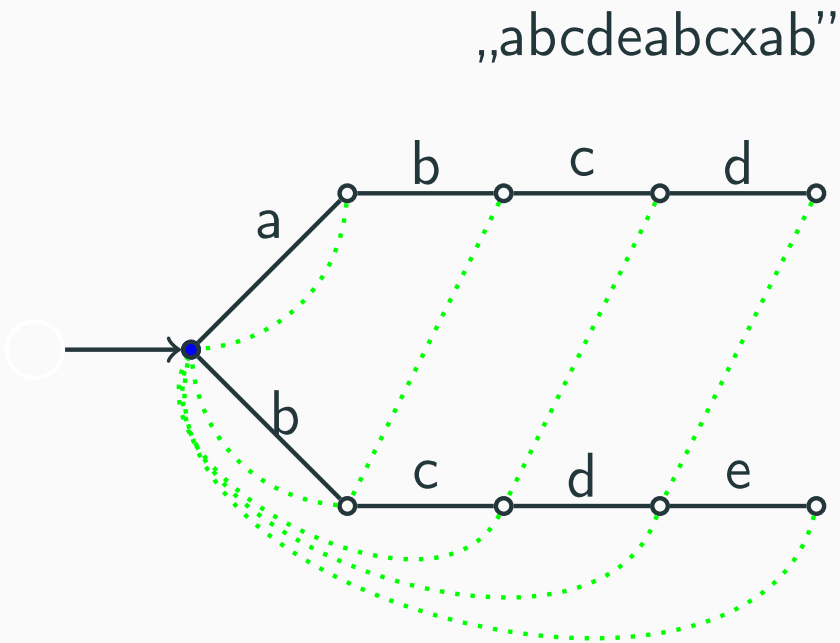

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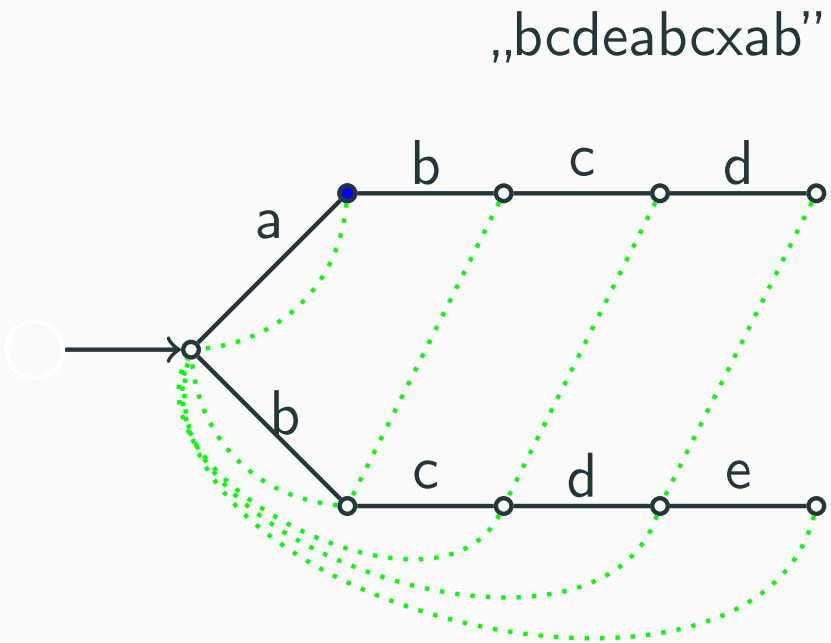

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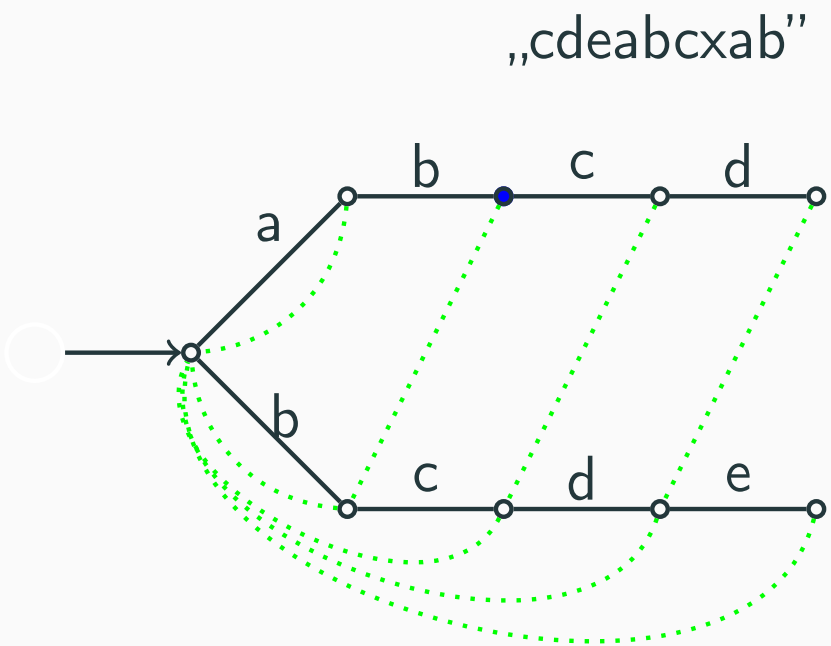

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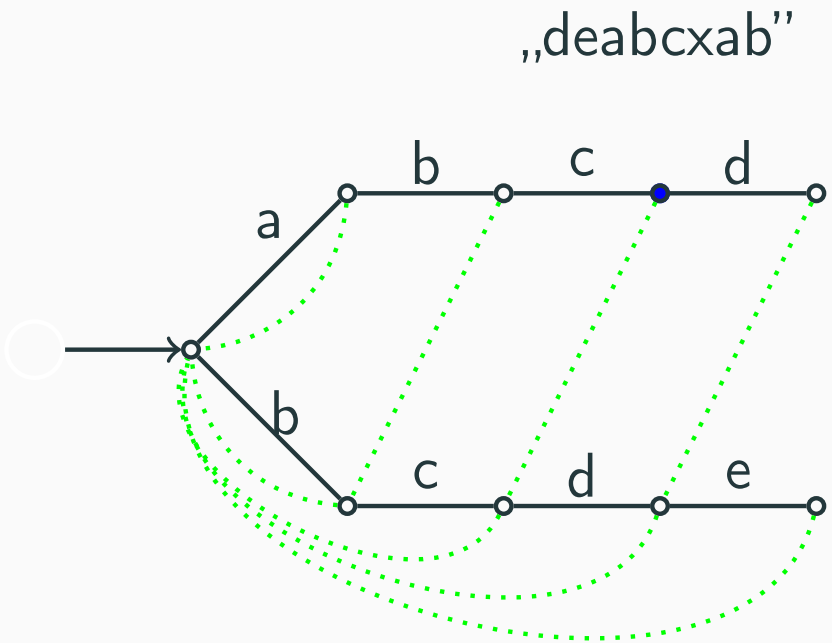

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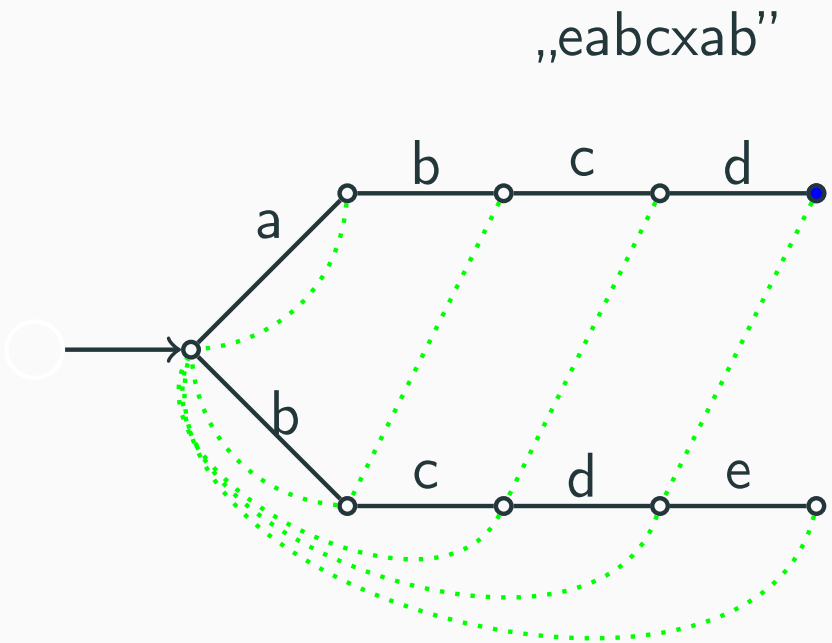

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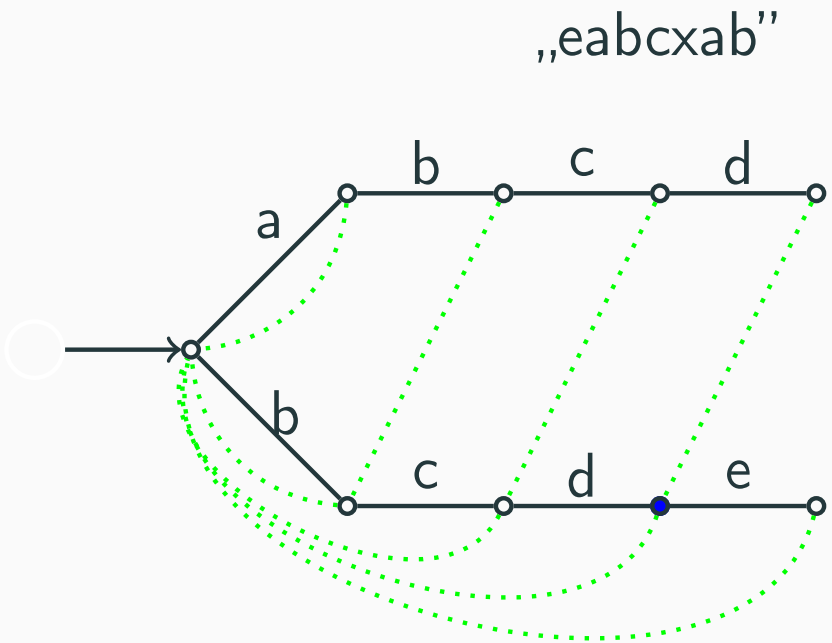

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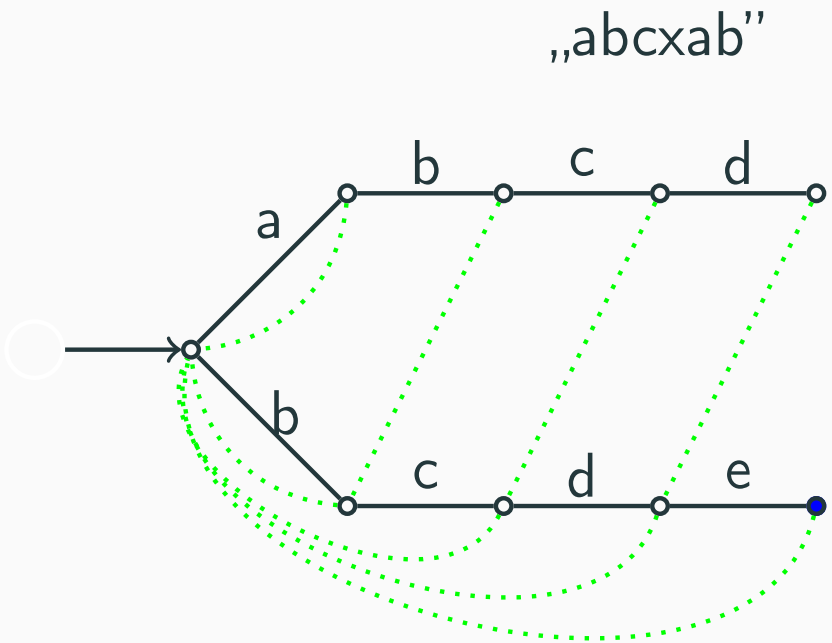

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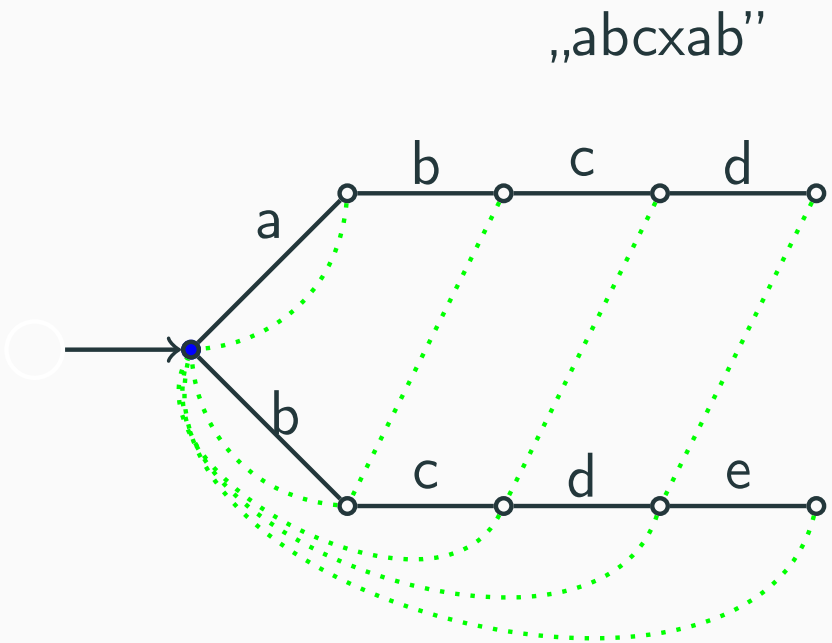

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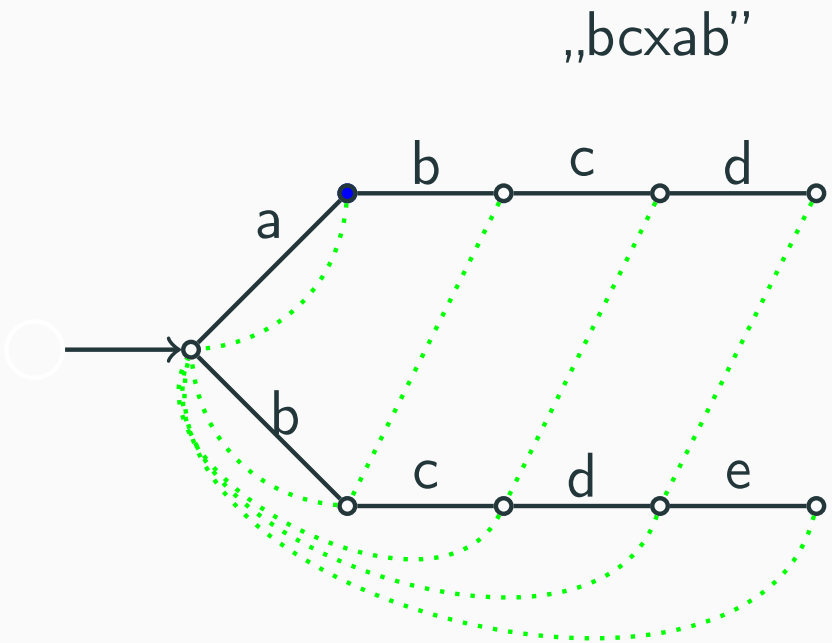

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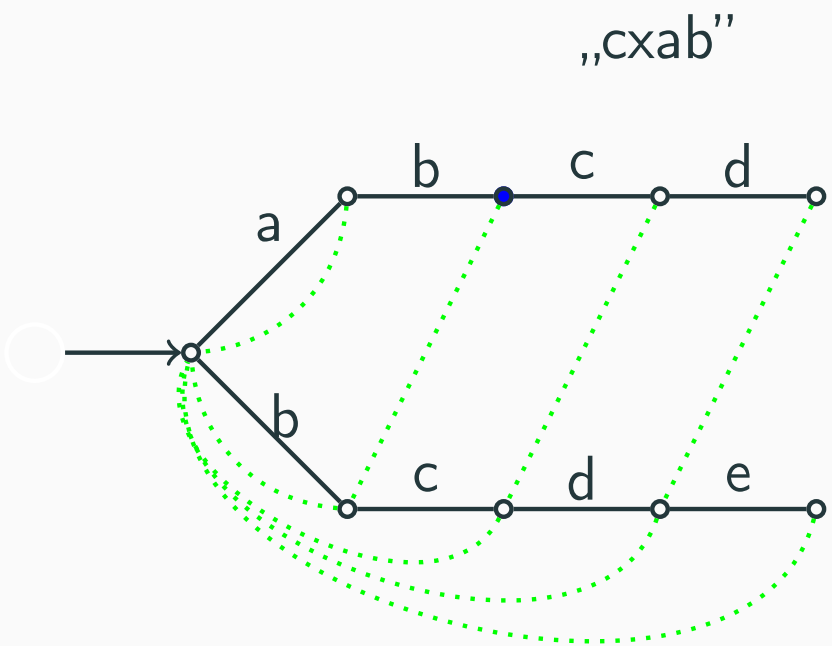

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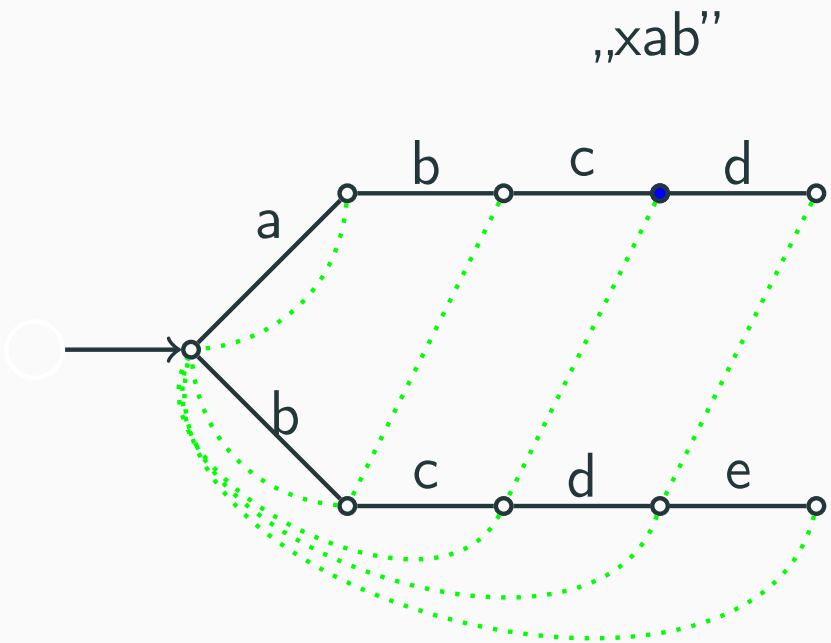

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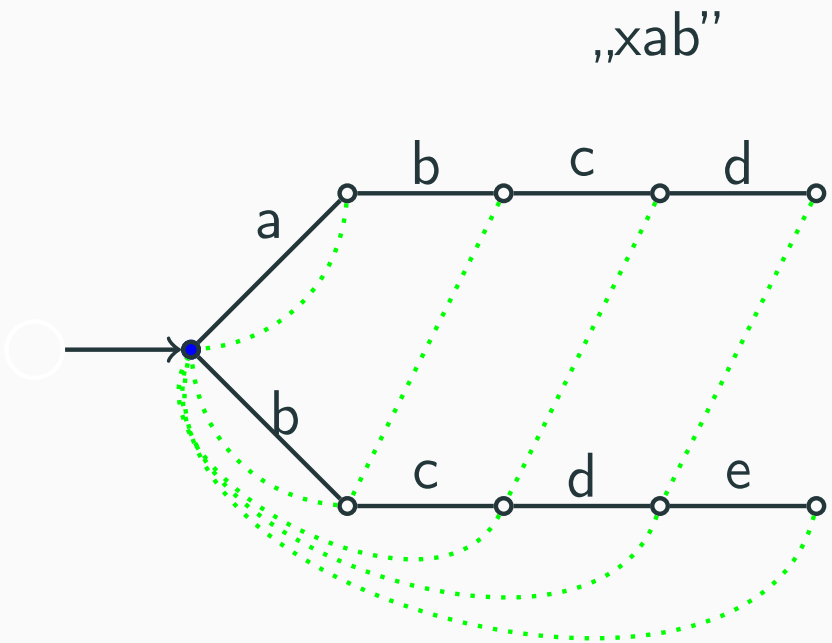

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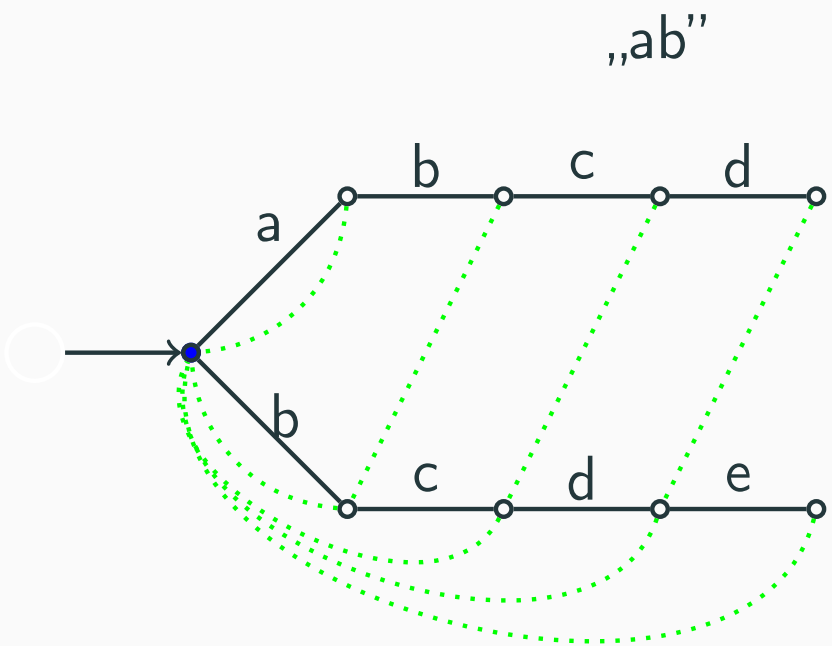

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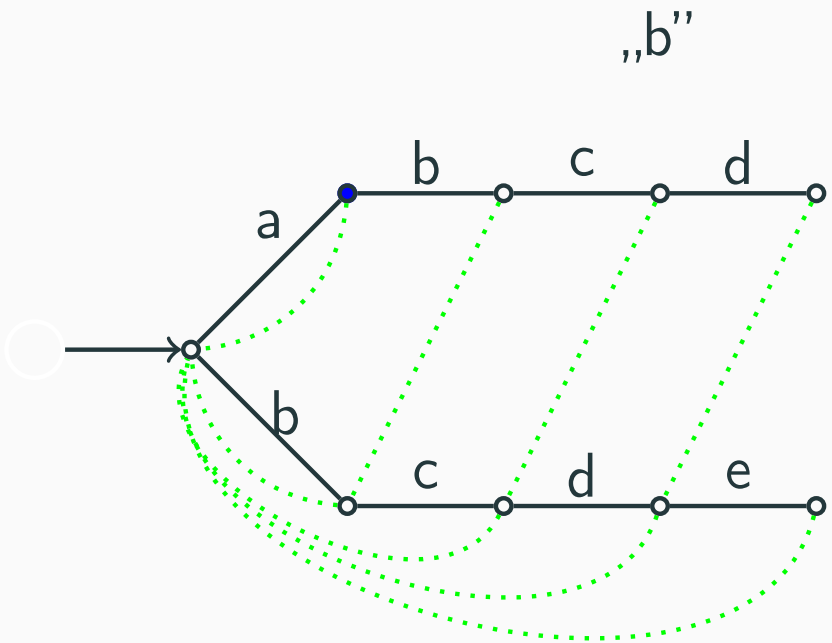

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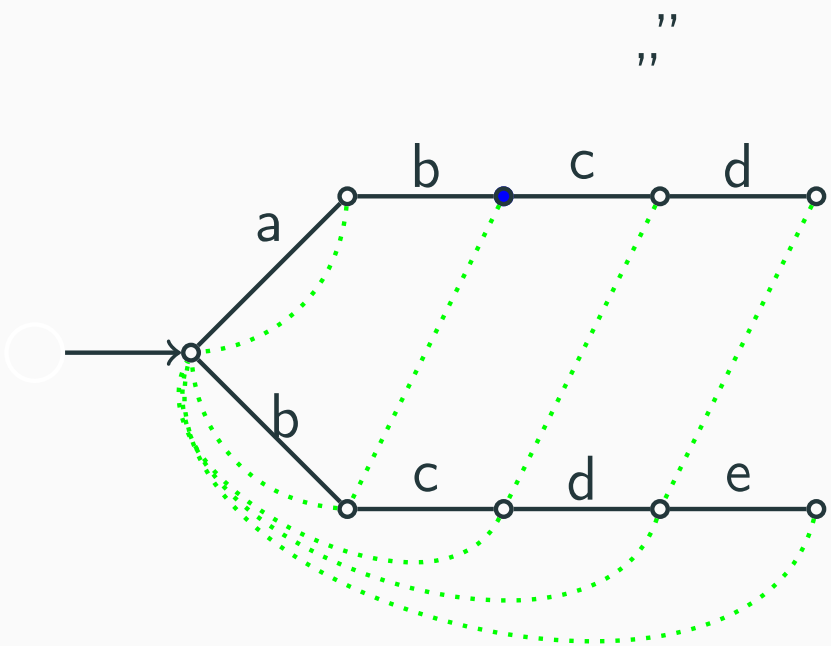

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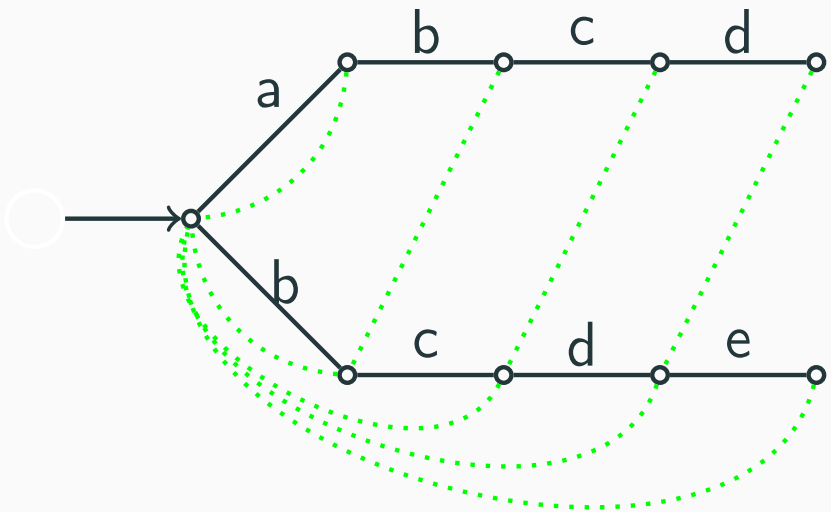

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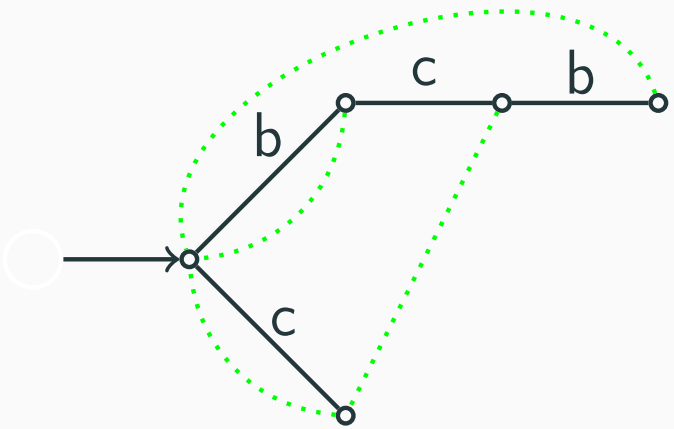

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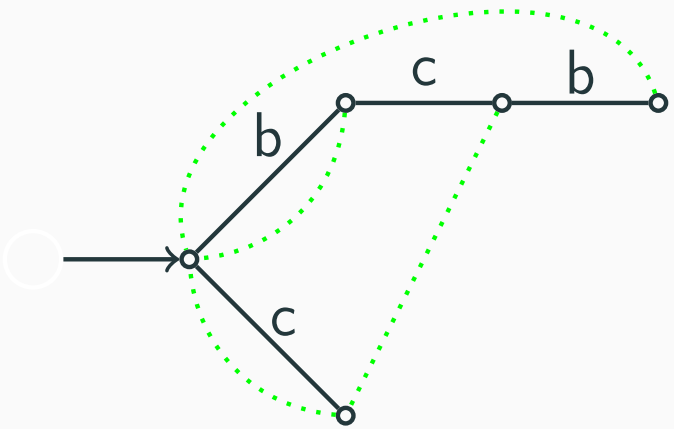

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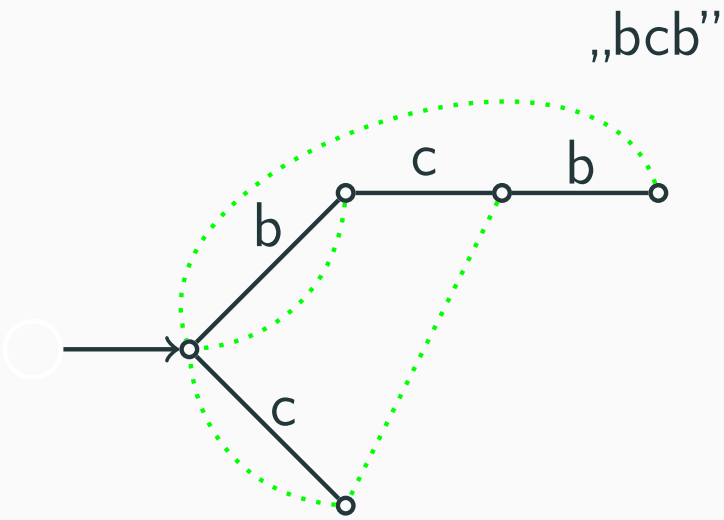

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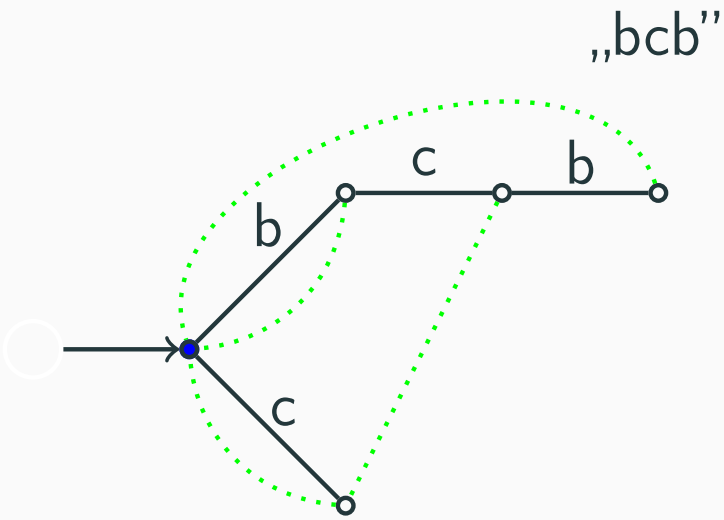

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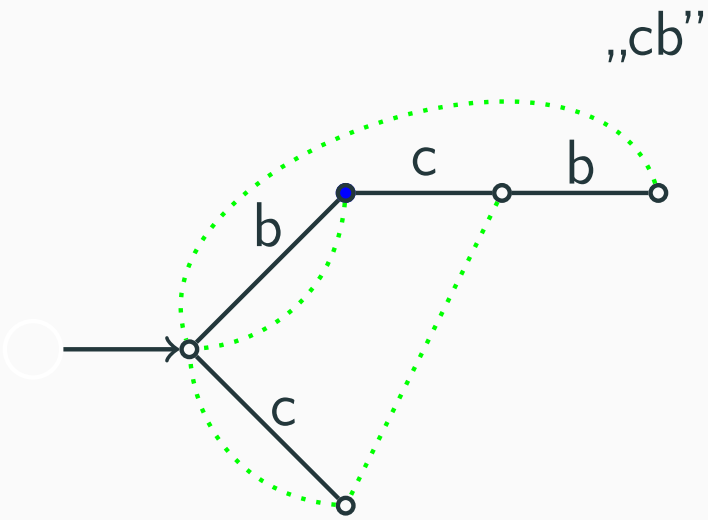

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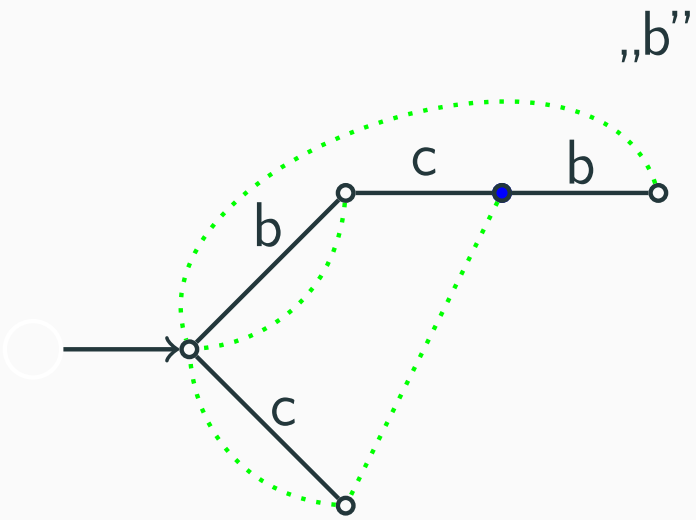

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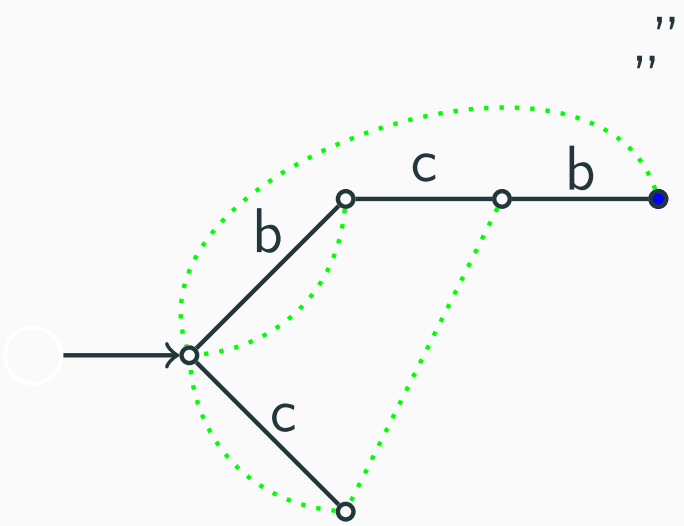

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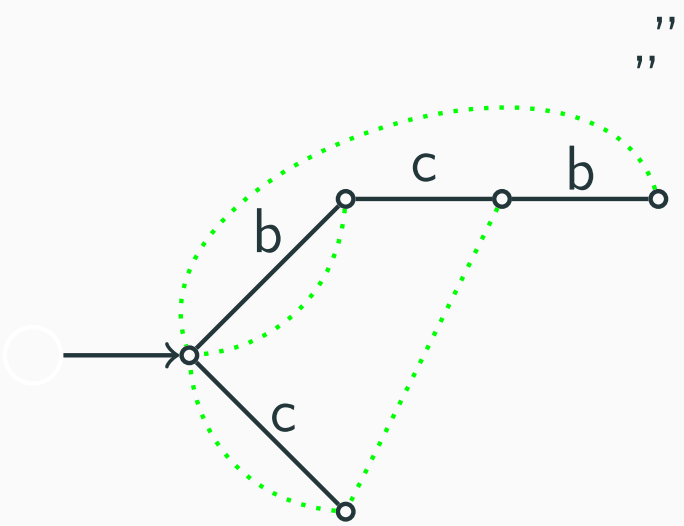

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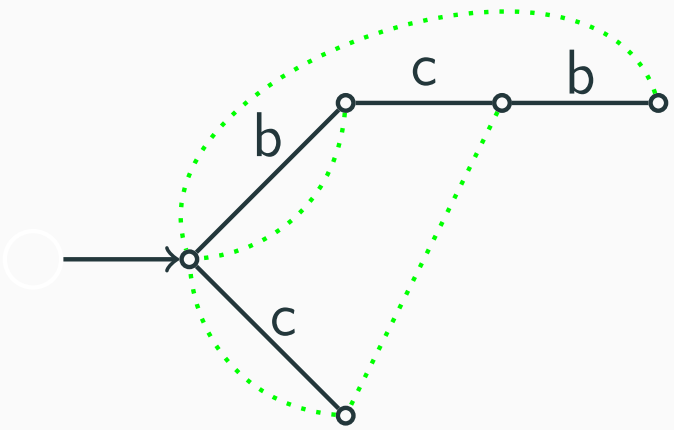

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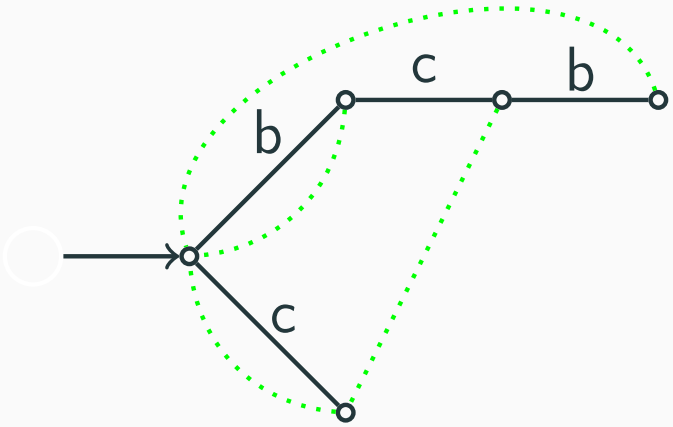

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- We add the concatenated links into the tree, calling them *exit links*.

Speed

- Let us assume the strings in p appear k times in s.
- Then the time complexity is $\mathcal{O}(|s| + |\Sigma| \cdot |p| + k)$
- If we only want the number of matches, the implementation can be modified accordingly and then the complexity is $\mathcal{O}(|s| + |\Sigma| \cdot |p|)$.
- Note that for a bounded alphabet, this second complexity is linear.

Implementation explanation

- The implementation contains three helper functions.
- The first is `trie_step(...)` which is used to move around the state machine.
- The second is `trie_suffix(...)` which is used to find suffix links.
- The third is `trie_exit(...)` which is used to find exit links.
- All these functions are recursive and memoized.

Aho nodes

```
#define ALPHABET 128
// Helper function to get index of letter
int val(char c) { return c; }
struct listnode {
    // n is index of next node, v is value of this node
    int v, n;
    listnode(int _v, int _n) : v(_v), n(_n) { }
};
struct trienode {
    // l is the index of the pattern that ends here or -1 if none
    // e is the exit link index, d is the suffix link index
    // p is the parent index
    // c is the character of the incoming edge
    // t is the transition table of the trie node
    int t[ALPHABET], l, e, p, c, d;
    trienode(int _p, int _c) :
        l(-1), e(-1), p(_p), c(_c), d(-1) {
        memset(t, -1, sizeof(t));
    }
};
```

Aho trie

```
struct trie {
    // r is the index of the root
    int r;
    vector<trienode> m;
    vector<listnode> w;

    trie() {
        m = vector<trienode>();
        w = vector<listnode>();
        r = trie_node(-1, -1);
    }

    int list_node(int v, int n) {
        w.push_back(listnode(v, n));
        return w.size() - 1;
    }
    int trie_node(int p, int c) {
        m.push_back(trienode(p, c));
        return m.size() - 1;
    }

    void trie_insert(string &s, int x) {
        int h, i = 0;
        for(h = r; i < s.size(); h = m[h].t[val(s[i])], i++)
            if(m[h].t[val(s[i])] == -1)
                m[h].t[val(s[i])] = trie_node(h, val(s[i]));
        m[h].l = list_node(x, m[h].l);
    }

    int trie_suffix(int h) {
        if(m[h].d != -1) return m[h].d;
        if(h == r || m[h].p == r) return m[h].d = r;
        return m[h].d =
            trie_step(trie_suffix(m[h].p), m[h].c);
    }

    int trie_step(int h, int c) {
        if(m[h].t[c] != -1) return m[h].t[c];
        return m[h].t[c] = h == r ? r :
            trie_step(trie_suffix(h), c);
    }

    int trie_exit(int h) {
        if(m[h].e != -1) return m[h].e;
        if(h == 0 || m[h].l != -1) return m[h].e = h;
        return m[h].e = trie_exit(trie_suffix(h));
    }
};
```

Aho implementation

```
int aho_corasick(string &s, vector<string> &p) {
    trie t; int h, i, j, k, w, m = p.size(), l[m];
    for(i = 0; i < m; i++) l[i] = p[i].size();
    for(i = 0; i < m; i++) t.trie_insert(p[i], i);
    s.push_back('\0');
    for(i = 0, j = 0, h = t.r; j < s.size(); j++) {
        k = t.trie_exit(h);
        while(t.m[k].l != -1) {
            for(w = t.m[k].l; w != -1; w = t.w[w].n) {
                cout << p[t.w[w].v] << " found at index " <<
                    j - l[t.w[w].v] << '\n';
            }
            k = t.trie_exit(t.trie_suffix(k));
        }
        h = t.trie_step(h, val(s[j]));
    }
    return i;
}
```

Suffix tries

- Say we're dealing with some string S of length n
- Let's insert all suffixes of S into a trie
- $S =$ `banani`
  - `insert(trie, "banani");`
  - `insert(trie, "anani");`
  - `insert(trie, "nani");`
  - `insert(trie, "ani");`
  - `insert(trie, "ni");`
  - `insert(trie, "i");`

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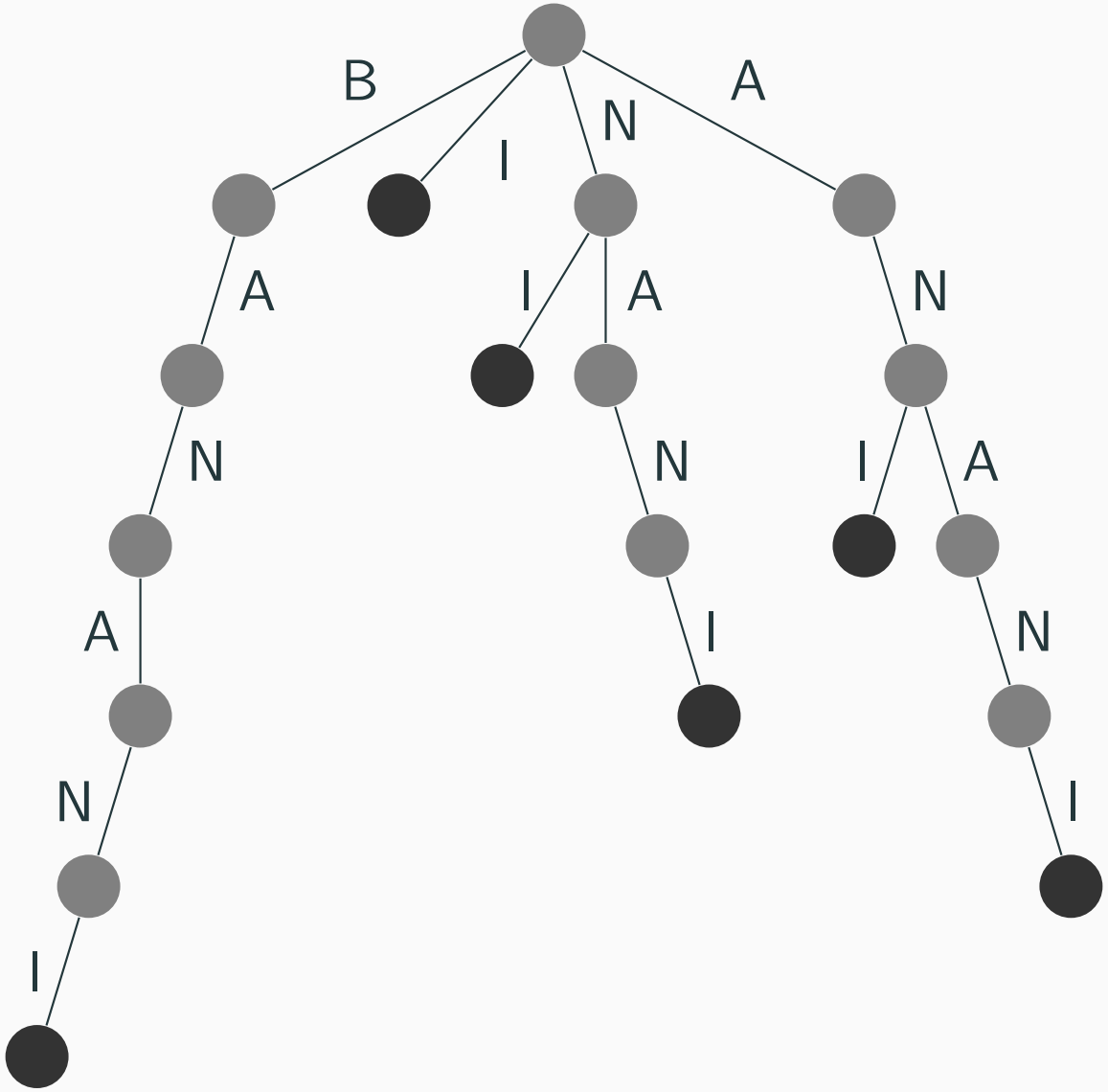
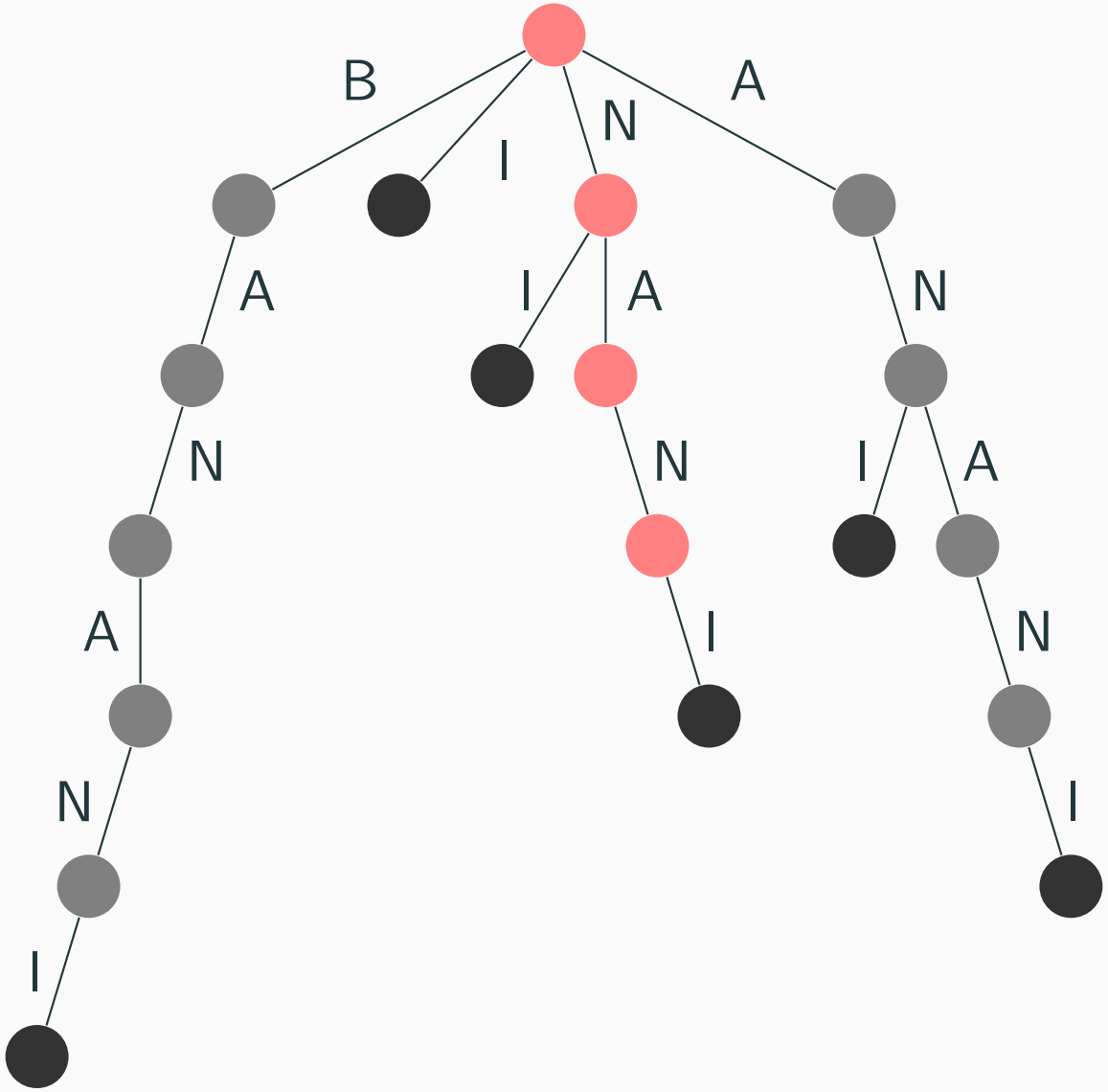


Suffix tries

- There are a lot of cool things we can do with suffix tries
- Example: String matching
- If a string T is a substring in S, then (obviously) it has to start at some suffix of S
- So we can simply look for T in the suffix trie of S, ignoring whether the last node is an end node or not
- This is just $O(m)$...

Suffix tries



Suffix tries

- String matching is fast if we have the suffix trie for S
- But what is the time complexity of suffix trie construction?
- There are n suffixes, and it takes $O(n)$ to insert each of them
- So $O(n^2)$, which is pretty slow
- Can we do better?
- There can be up to n^2 nodes in the graph, so this is actually optimal...

Suffix trees

- There exists a compressed version of a suffix trie, called a suffix tree
- It can be constructed in $O(n)$, and has all the features that suffix tries have
- But the $O(n)$ construction algorithm is pretty complex, a big disadvantage for us

Suffix arrays

- A variation of the previous structures
- Can do everything the other structures can do, with a small overhead
- Can be constructed pretty quickly with relatively simple code

Suffix arrays

- Take all the suffixes of S

```
banani
anani
nani
ani
ni
i
```

- and sort them

```
anani
ani
banani
i
nani
ni
```

Suffix arrays

- We can use this array to do everything that suffix tries can do
- Like string matching

Suffix arrays

- Let's look for `nan`

```
anani
ani
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- Let's look for `nan`
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- If there is at least one string left, we have a match

Suffix arrays

- Time complexity?
- For each letter in T, we do two binary searches on the n suffixes to find the new range
- Time complexity is $O(m \times \log n)$
- A bit slower than doing it with a suffix trie, but still not bad

Suffix arrays

- But how do we construct a suffix array for a string?
- A simple `sort(suffixes)` is $O(n^2 \log(n))$, because comparing two suffixes is $O(n)$
- And we still have the same problem as with suffix tries, there are almost n^2 characters if we store all suffixes

Suffix arrays

- The second problem is easy to fix
- Just store the indices of the suffixes

```
anani
ani
banani
i
nani
ni
```

- becomes

```
1: anani
3: ani
0: banani
5: i
2: nani
4: ni
```

Suffix arrays

- What about the construction?
- In short, we
  - sort all suffixes by only looking at the first letter
  - sort all suffixes by only looking at the first 2 letters
  - sort all suffixes by only looking at the first 4 letters
  - sort all suffixes by only looking at the first 8 letters
  - ...
  - sort all suffixes by only looking at the first 2^i letters
  - ...
- If we use an $O(n \log n)$ sorting algorithm, this is $O(n \log^2 n)$
- We can also use an $O(n)$ sorting algorithm, since all sorted values are between 0 and n, bringing it down to $O(n \log n)$

Suffix arrays

```
struct suffix_array {
    struct entry {
        pair<int, int> nr;
        int p;

        bool operator <(const entry &other) {
            return nr < other.nr;
        }
    };


    string s;
    int n;
    vector<vector<int> > P;
    vector<entry> L;
    vi idx;

    // constructor
};
```

Suffix arrays

```
suffix_array(string _s) : s(_s), n(s.size()) {
    L = vector<entry>(n);
    P.push_back(vi(n));
    idx = vi(n);

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        P[0][i] = s[i];
    }

    for (int stp = 1, cnt = 1; (cnt >> 1) < n; stp++, cnt <<= 1) {
        P.push_back(vi(n));
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            L[i].p = i;
            L[i].nr = make_pair(P[stp - 1][i], i + cnt < n ? P[stp - 1][i + cnt] : -1);
        }

        sort(L.begin(), L.end());
        for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
            if (i > 0 && L[i].nr == L[i - 1].nr) {
                P[stp][L[i].p] = P[stp][L[i - 1].p];
            } else {
                P[stp][L[i].p] = i;
            }
        }
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        idx[P[P.size() - 1][i]] = i;
    }
}
```

Suffix arrays

- There is also one other useful operation on suffix arrays
- Finding the longest common prefix (lcp) of two suffixes of S

```
1: anani
3: ani
0: banani
5: i
2: nani
4: ni
```

- `lcp(1,3) = 2`
- `lcp(2,1) = 0`

- This function can be implemented in $O(\log n)$ by using intermediate results from the suffix array construction

Suffix arrays

```
int lcp(int x, int y) {
    int res = 0;
    if (x == y) return n - x;
    for (int k = P.size() - 1; k >= 0 && x < n && y < n; k--) {
        if (P[k][x] == P[k][y]) {
            x += 1 << k;
            y += 1 << k;
            res += 1 << k;
        }
    }
    return res;
}
```

Longest common substring

- Given two strings S and T, find their longest common substring

- `S = banani`
- `T = kanina`

- Their longest common substring is `ani`

- *see example*