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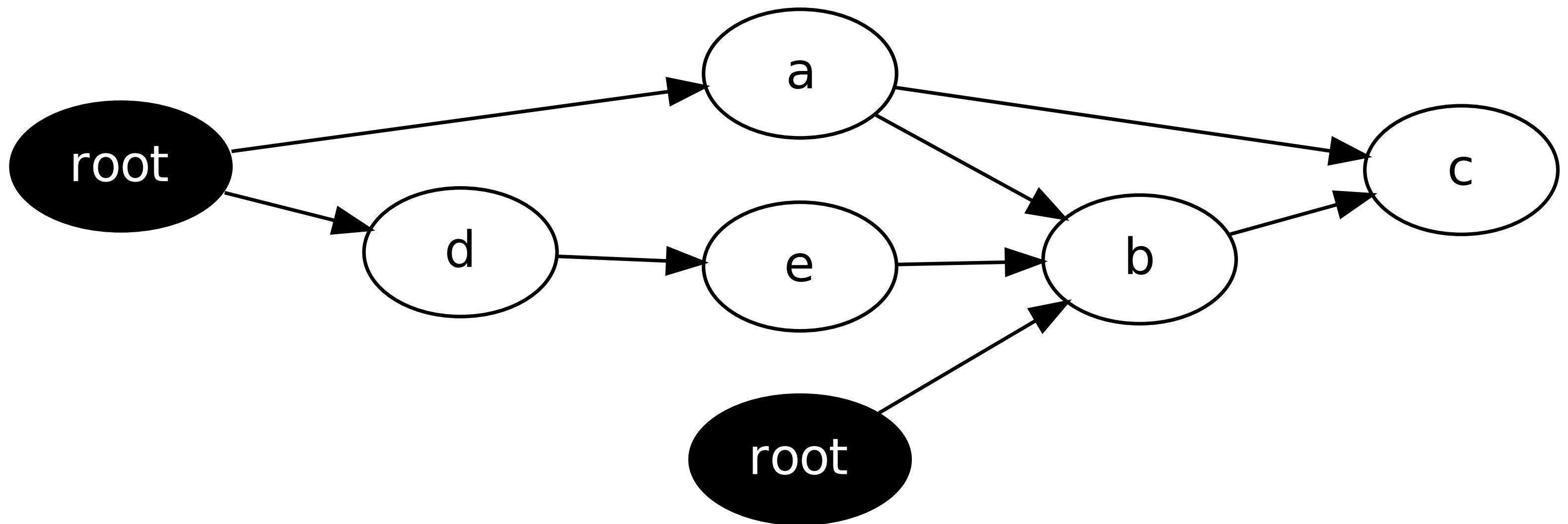


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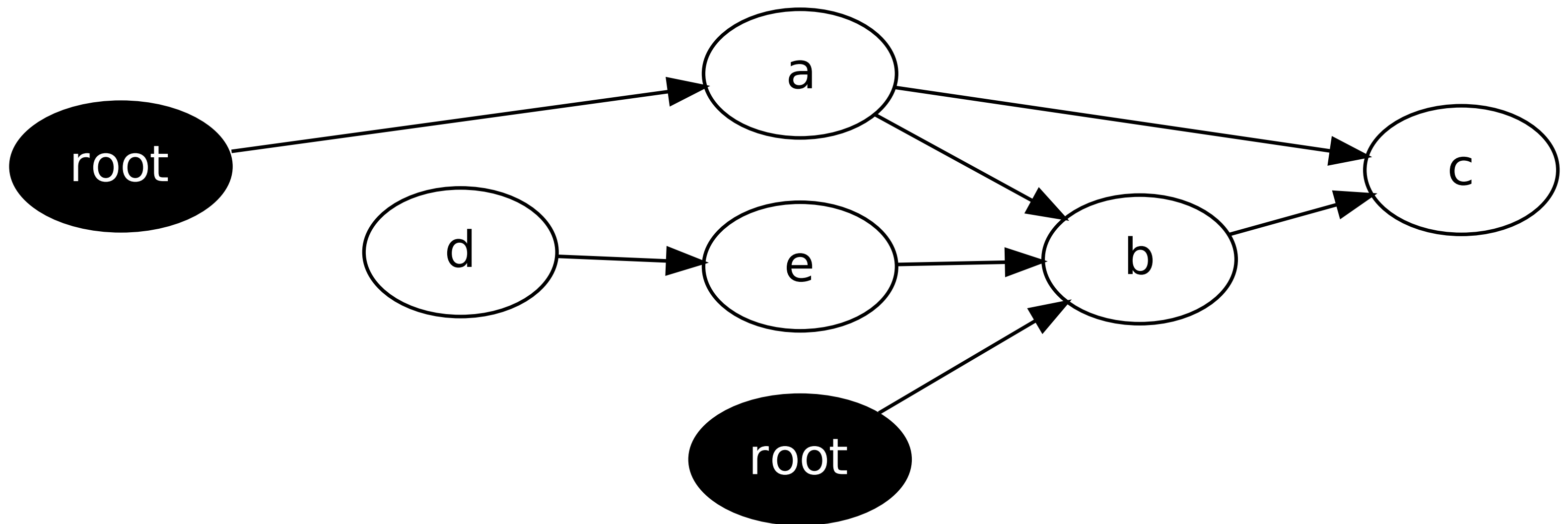
## The Ghost in the Virtual Machine A Reference to References

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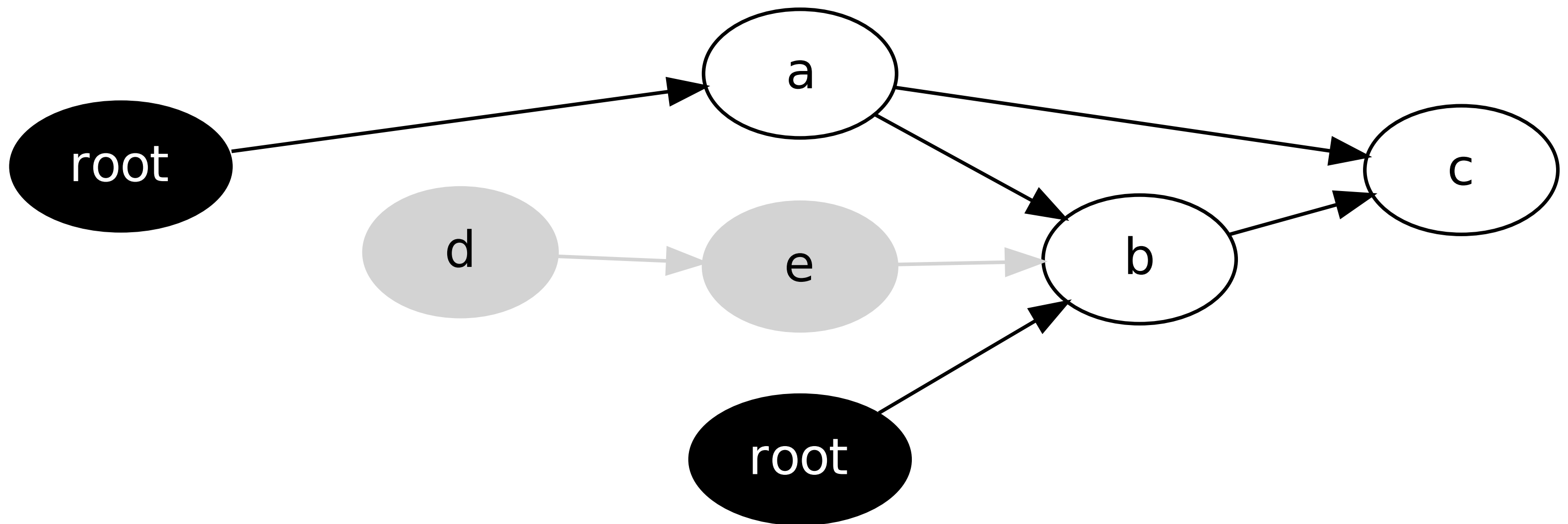
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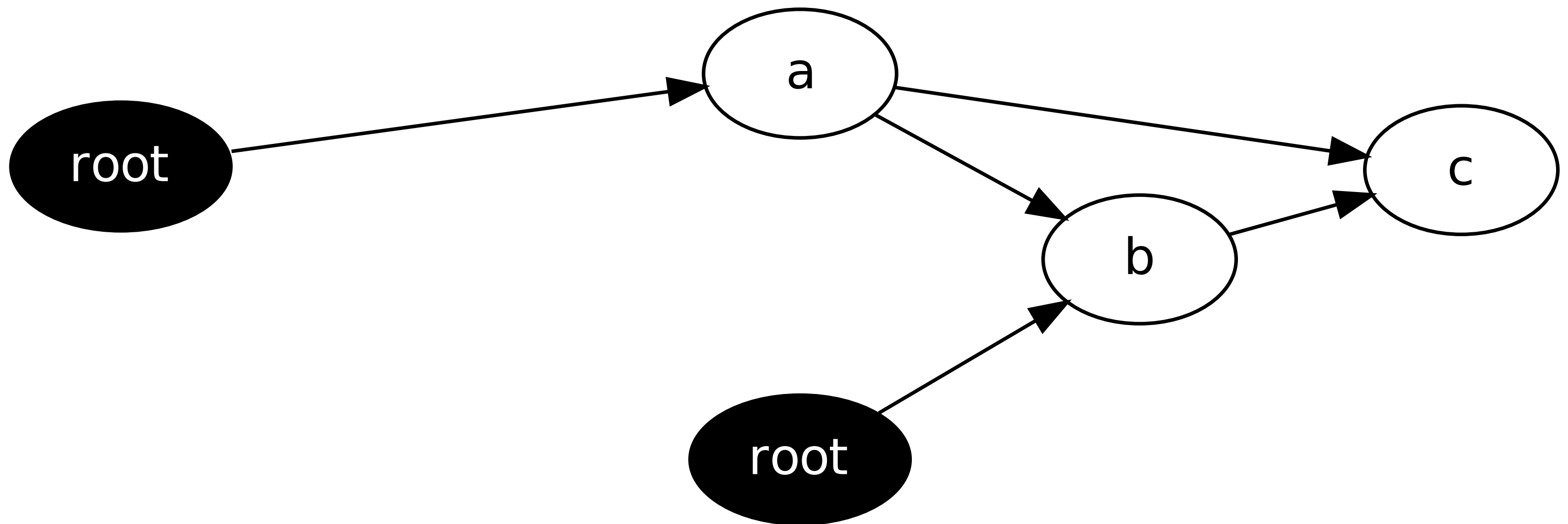
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# Object Reachability

- > An object is `_reachable_` if a live thread can access it.
- > Examples of heap roots:
  - System classes (which have static state)
  - Thread stacks
  - In-flight exceptions
  - JNI global references
  - The finalizer queue
  - Interned strings
  - etc. (VM-dependent)



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    @Override protected void finalize() throws Throwable {  
        try {  
            ... // Clean up Foo.  
        } finally {  
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        }  
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