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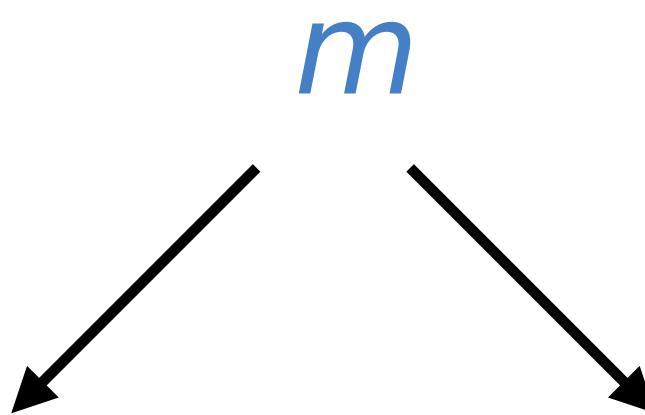
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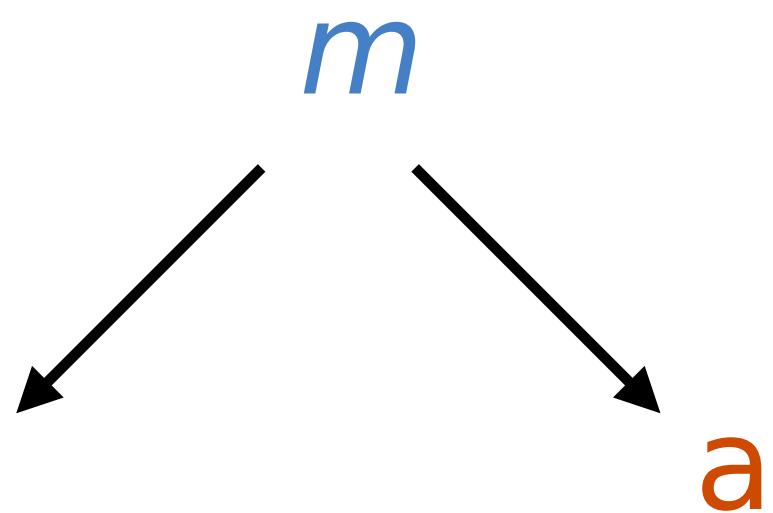
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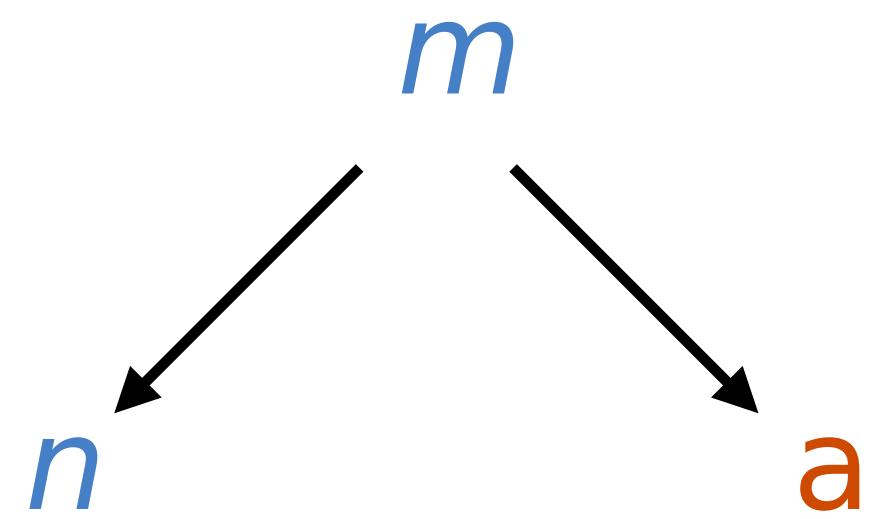
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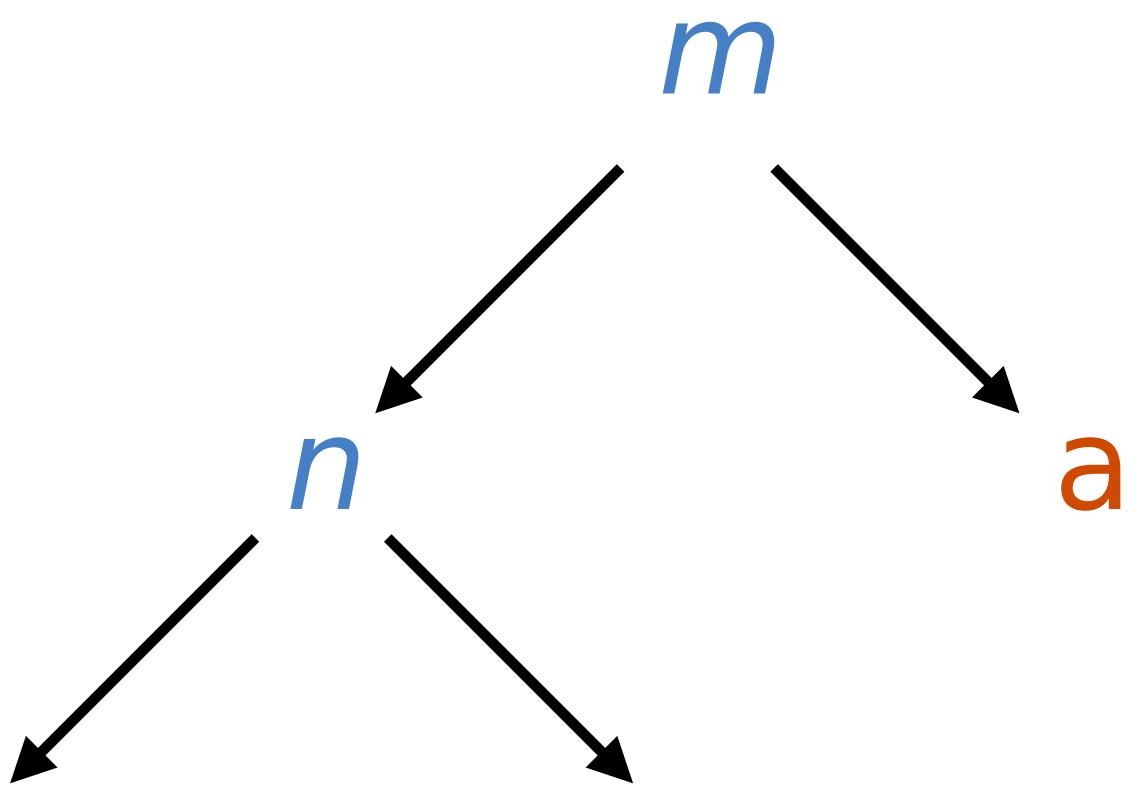
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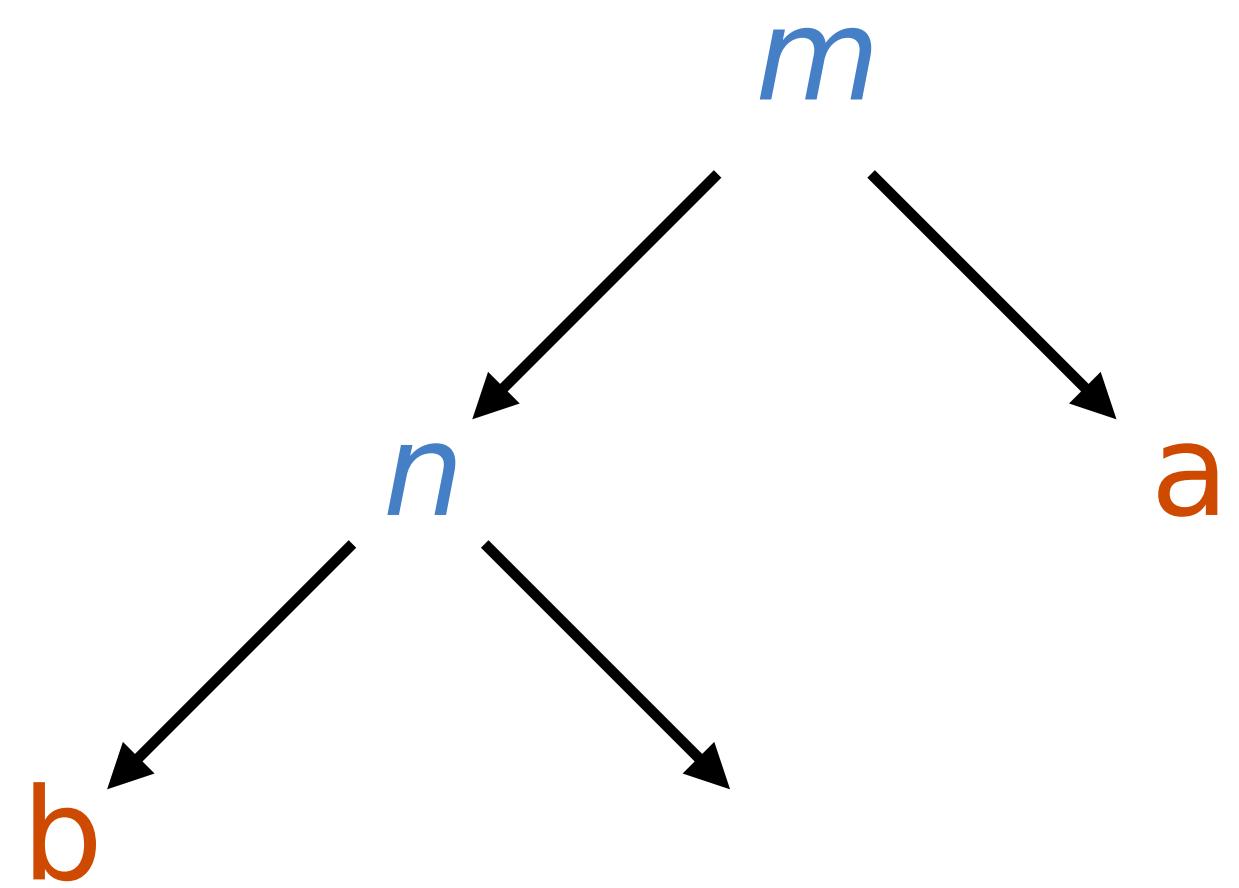
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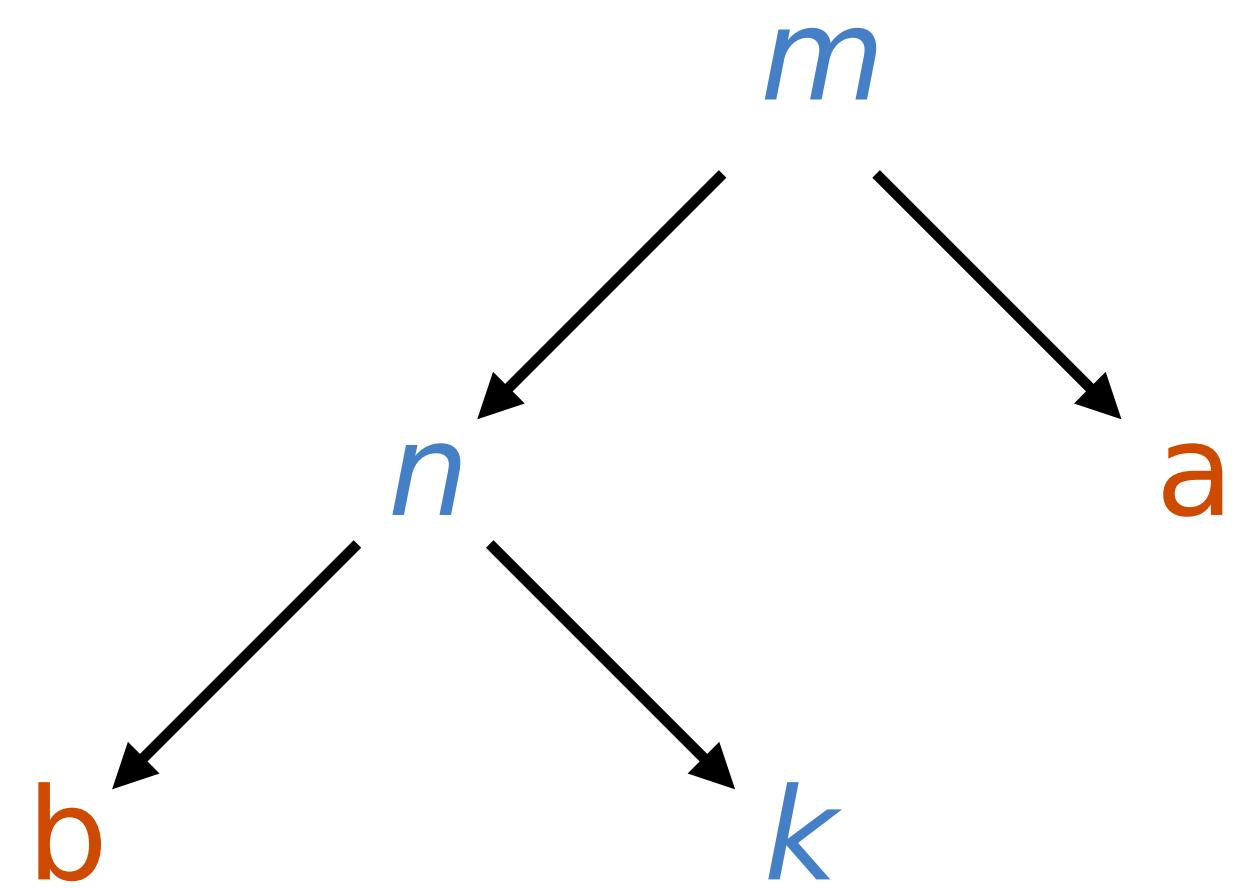
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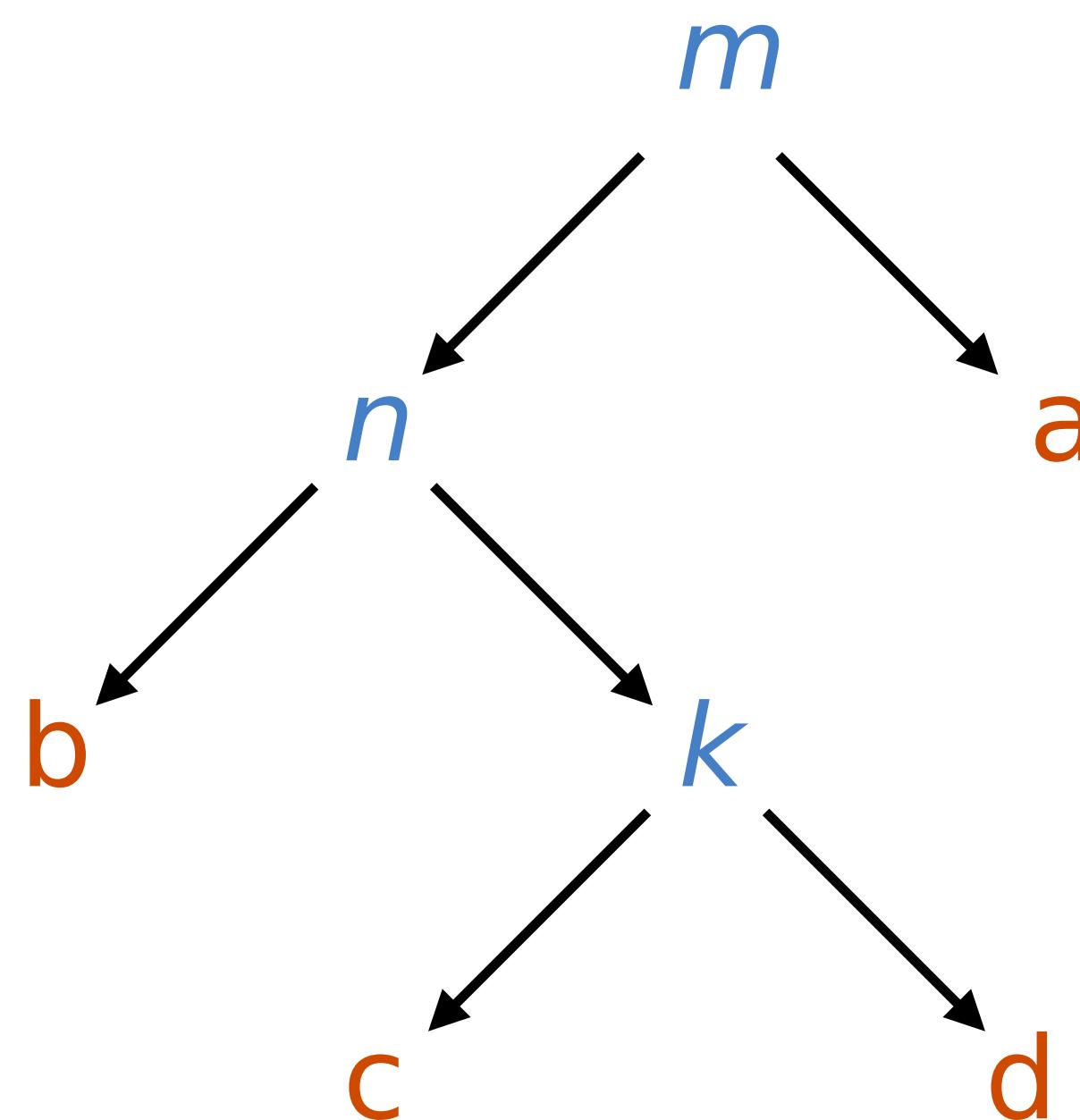
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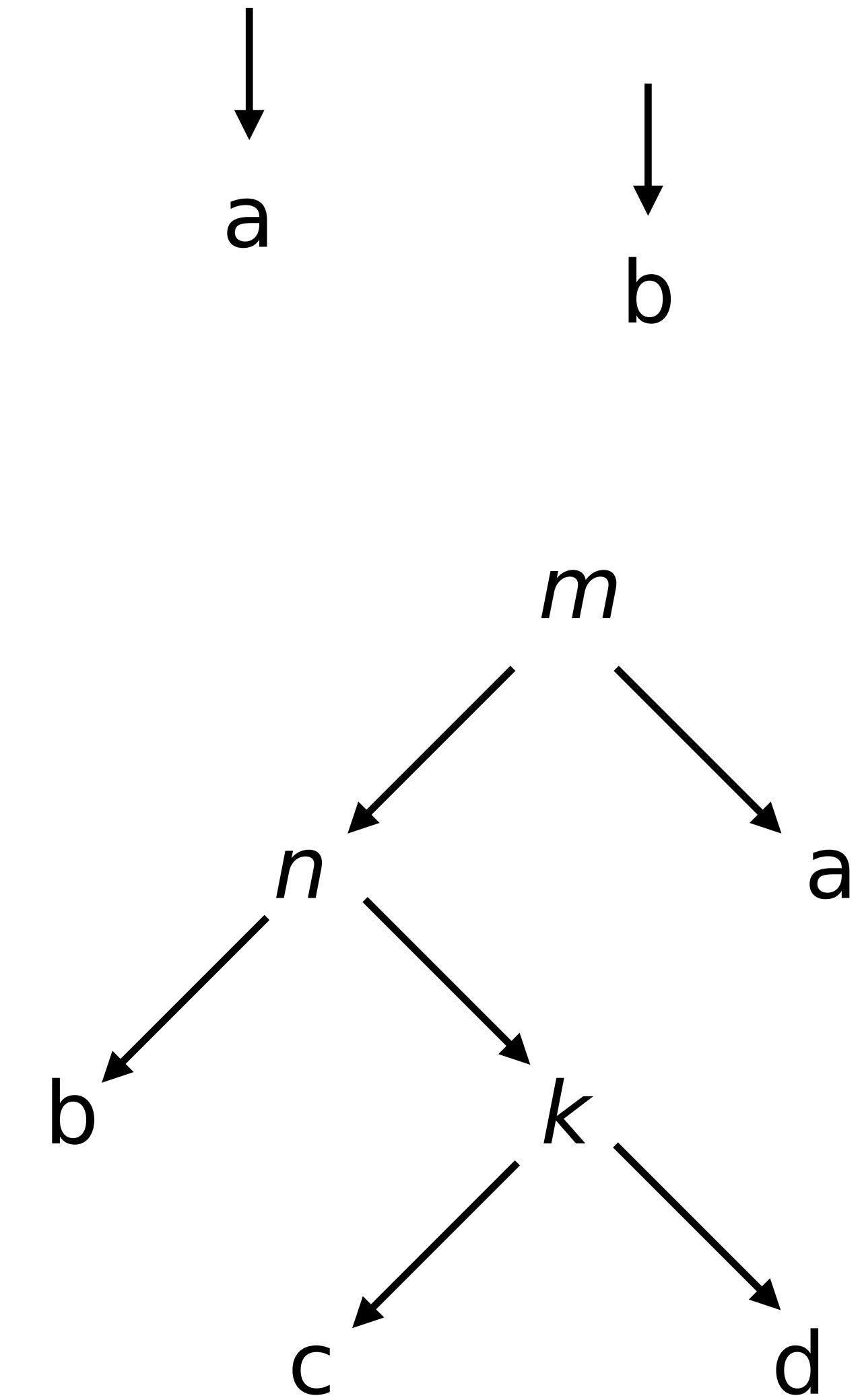
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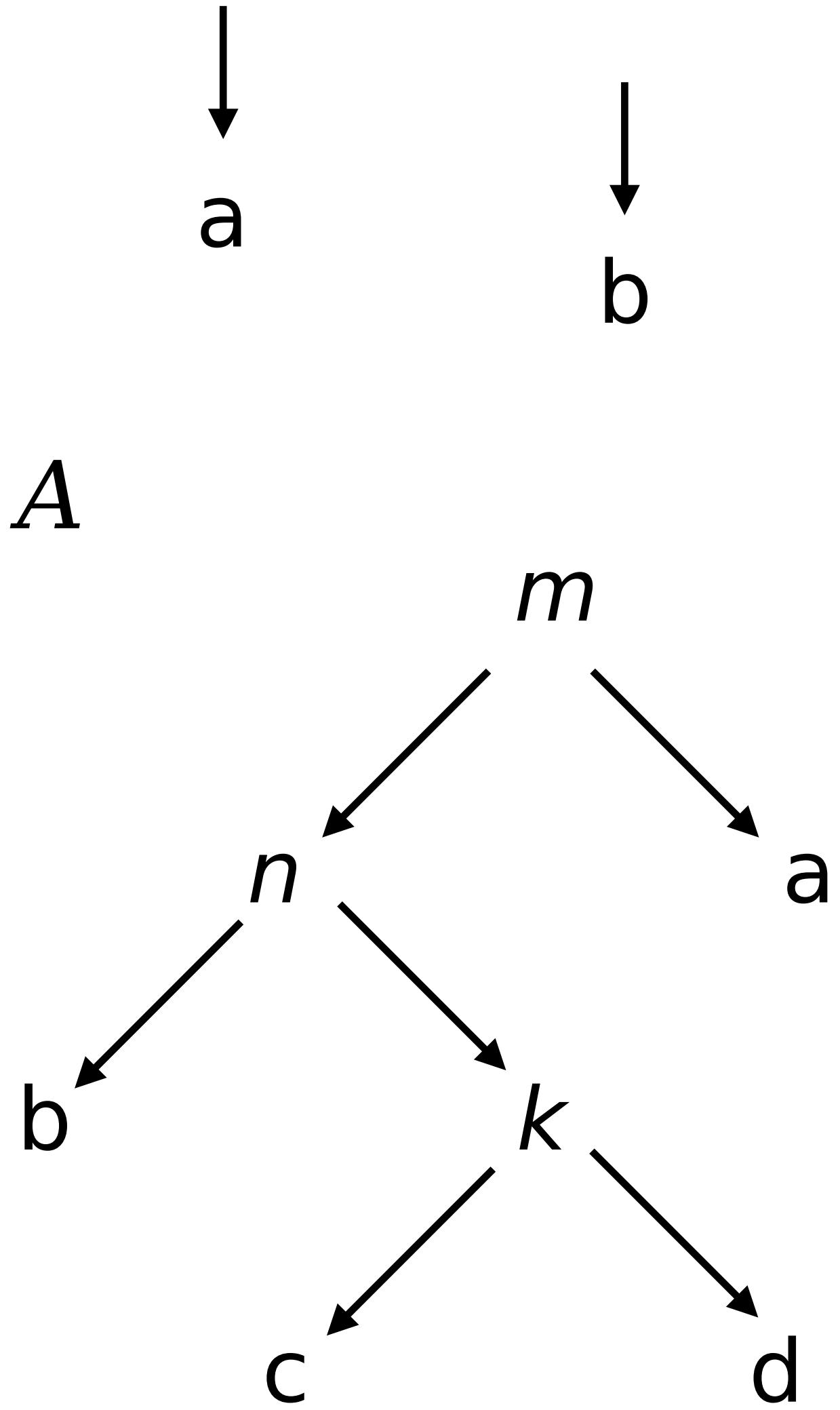
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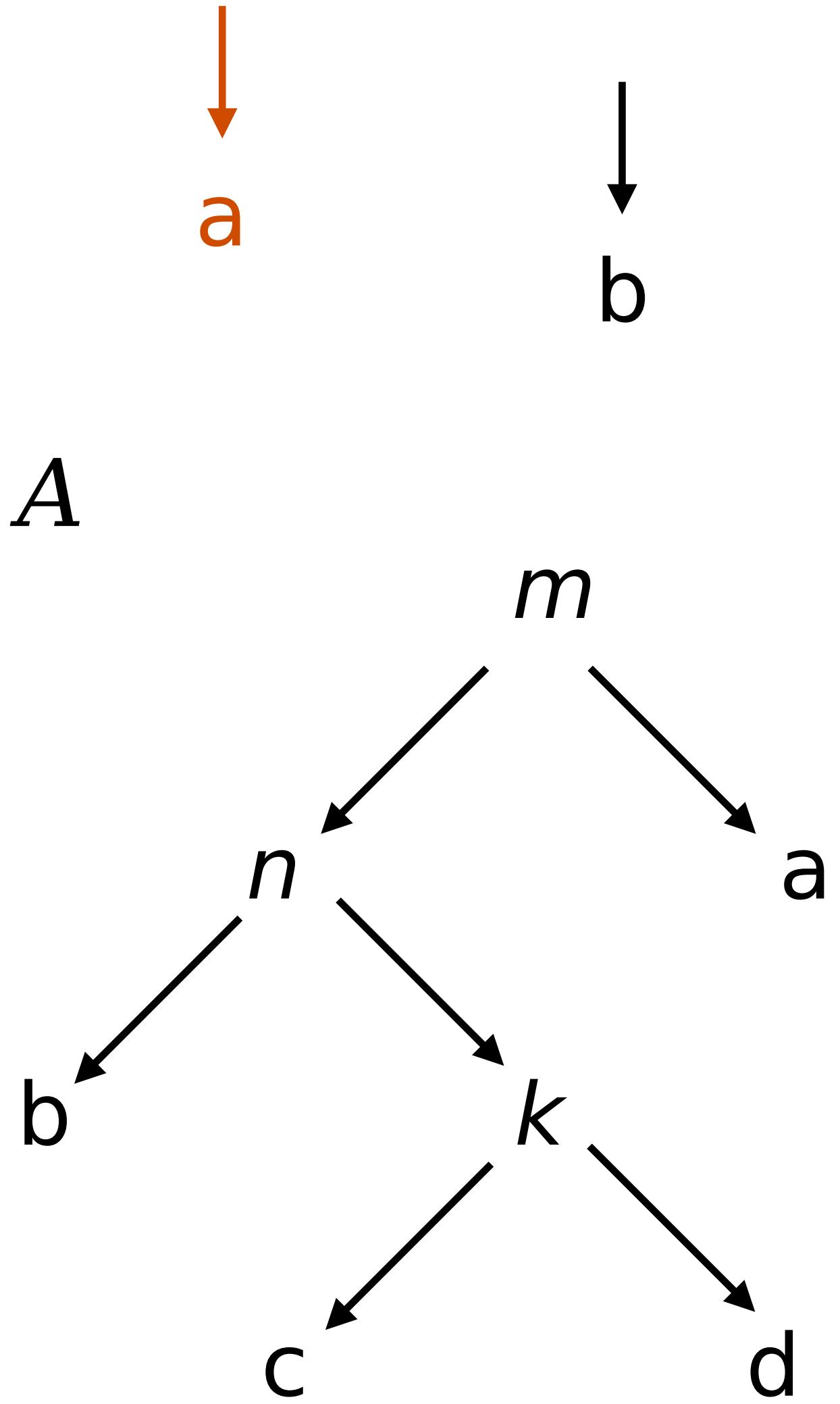
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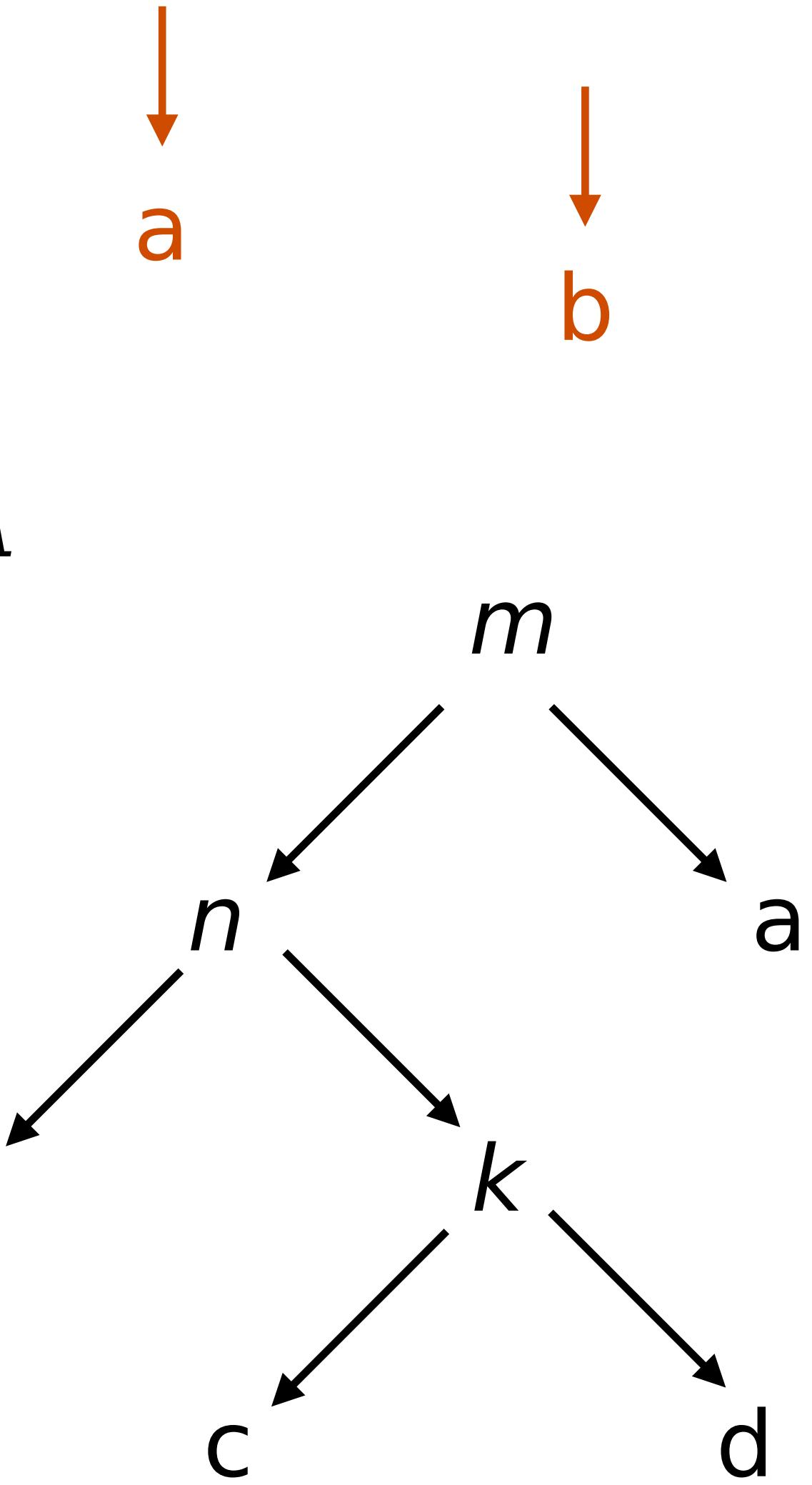
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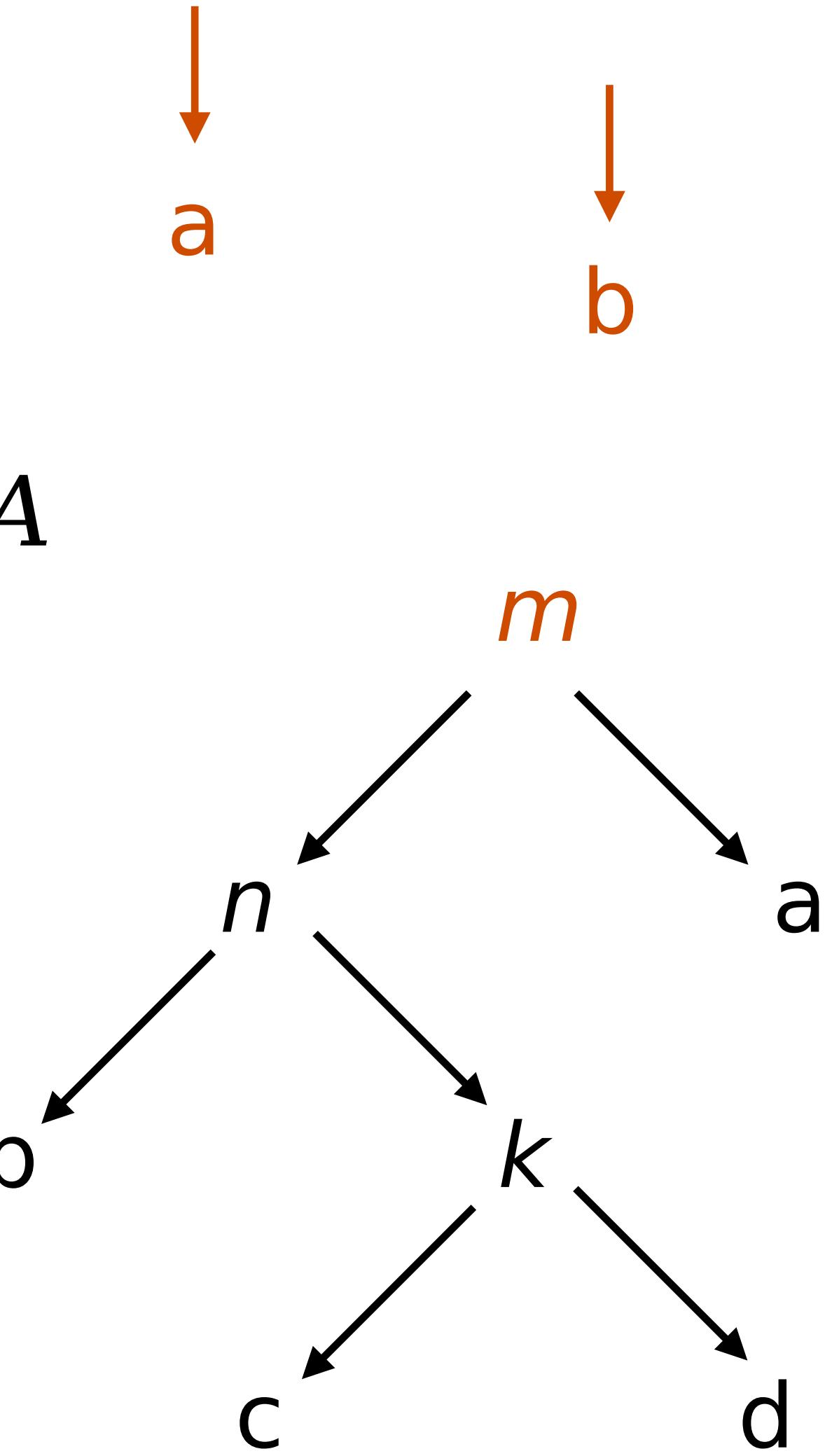
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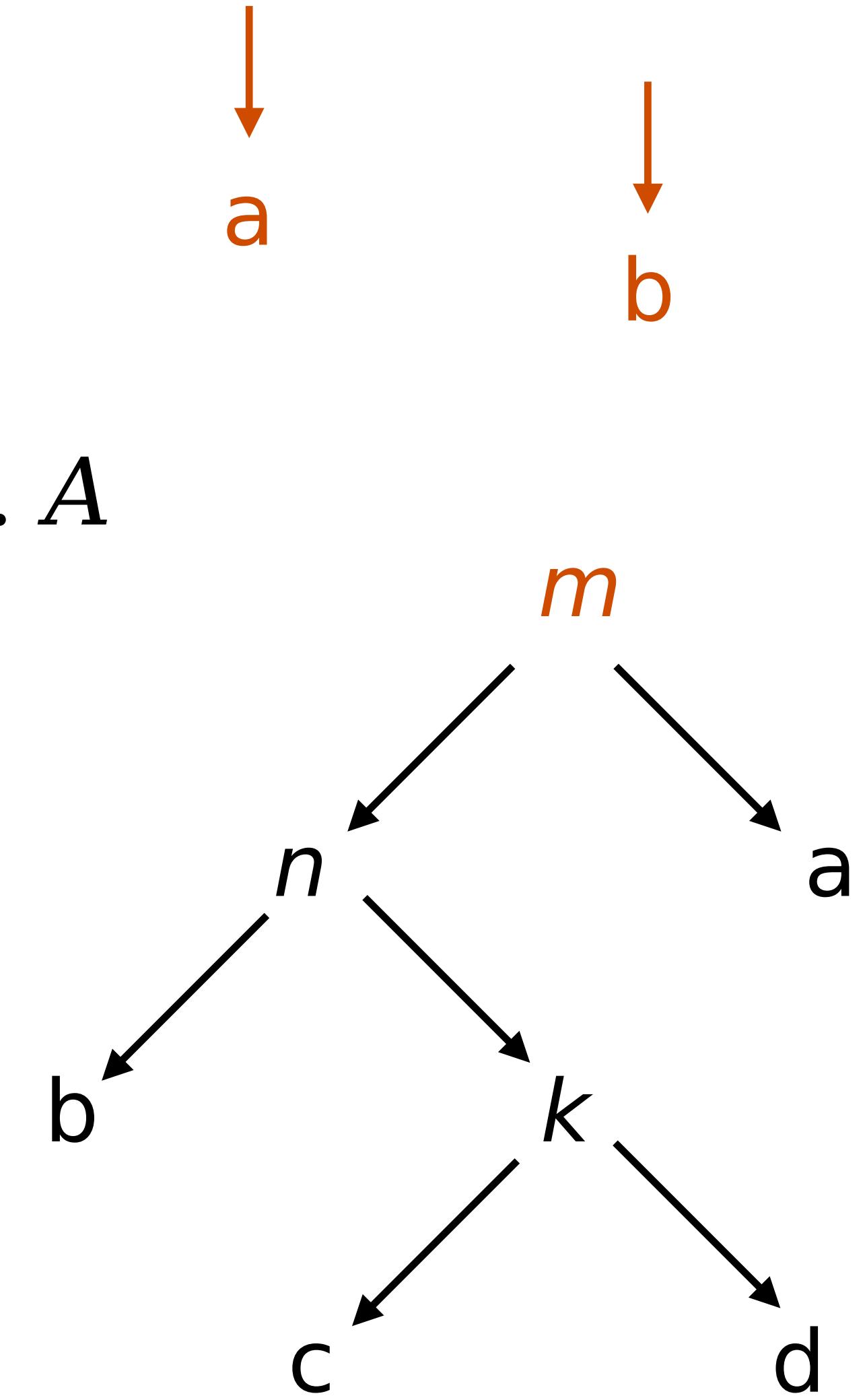
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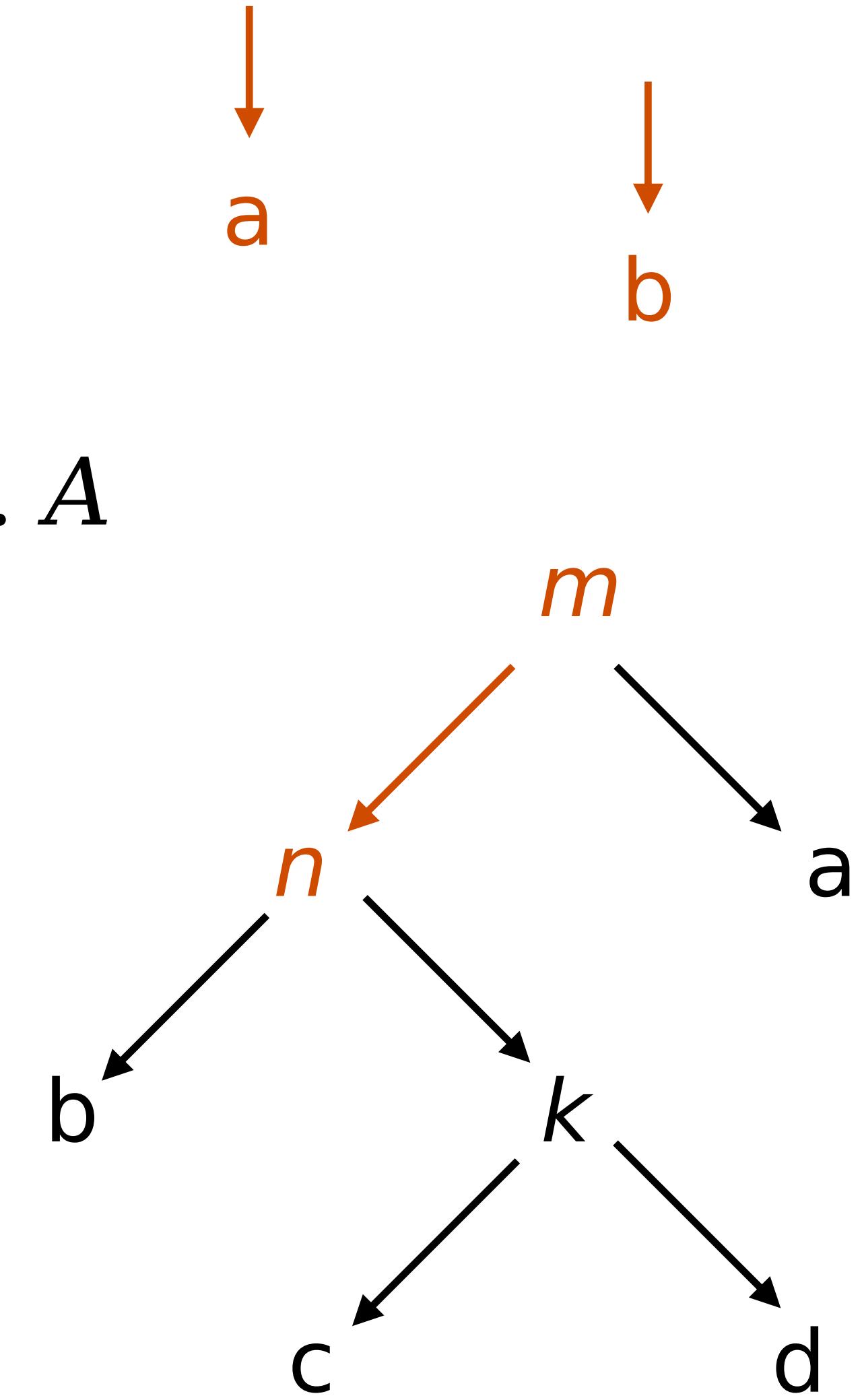
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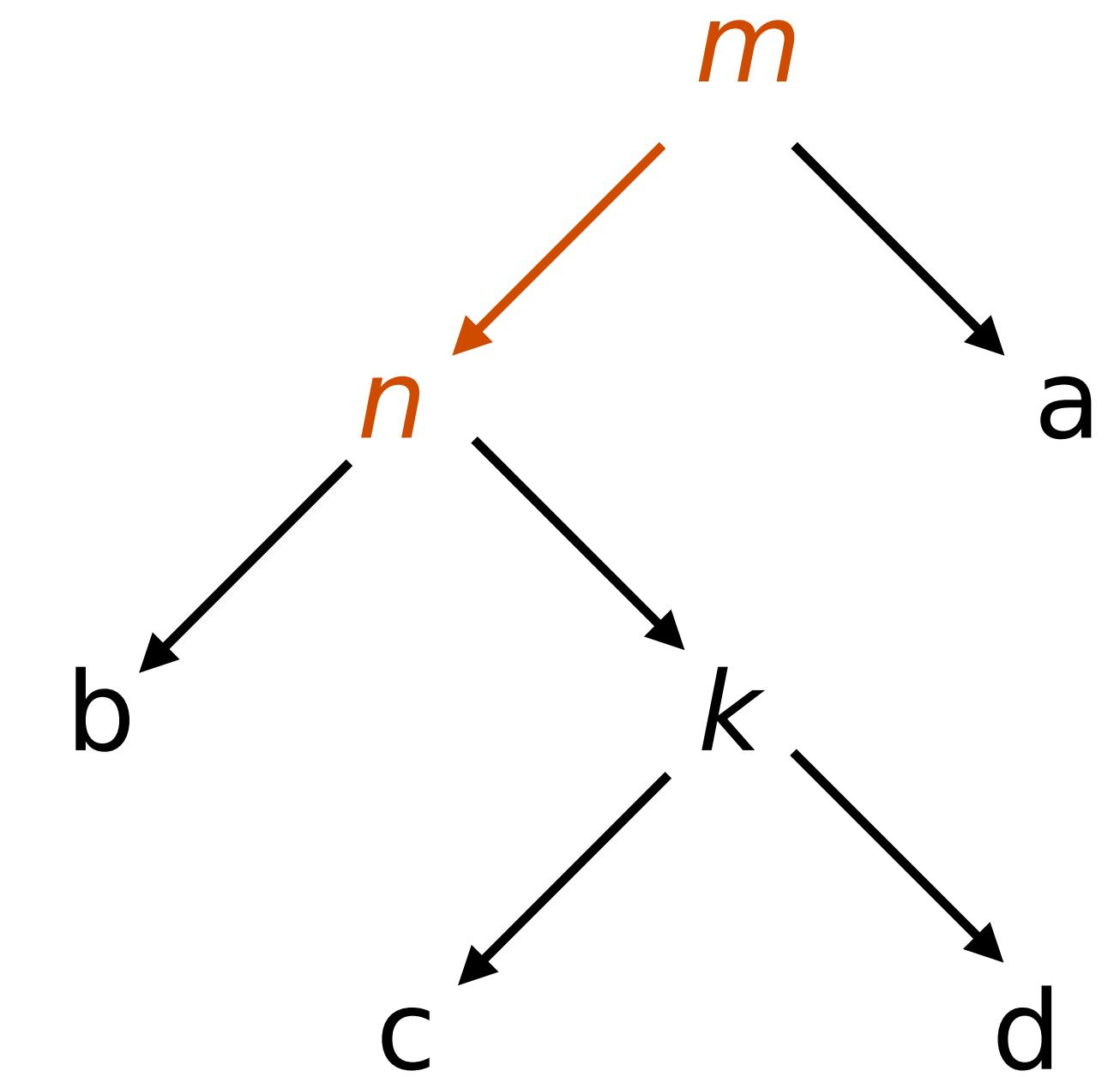
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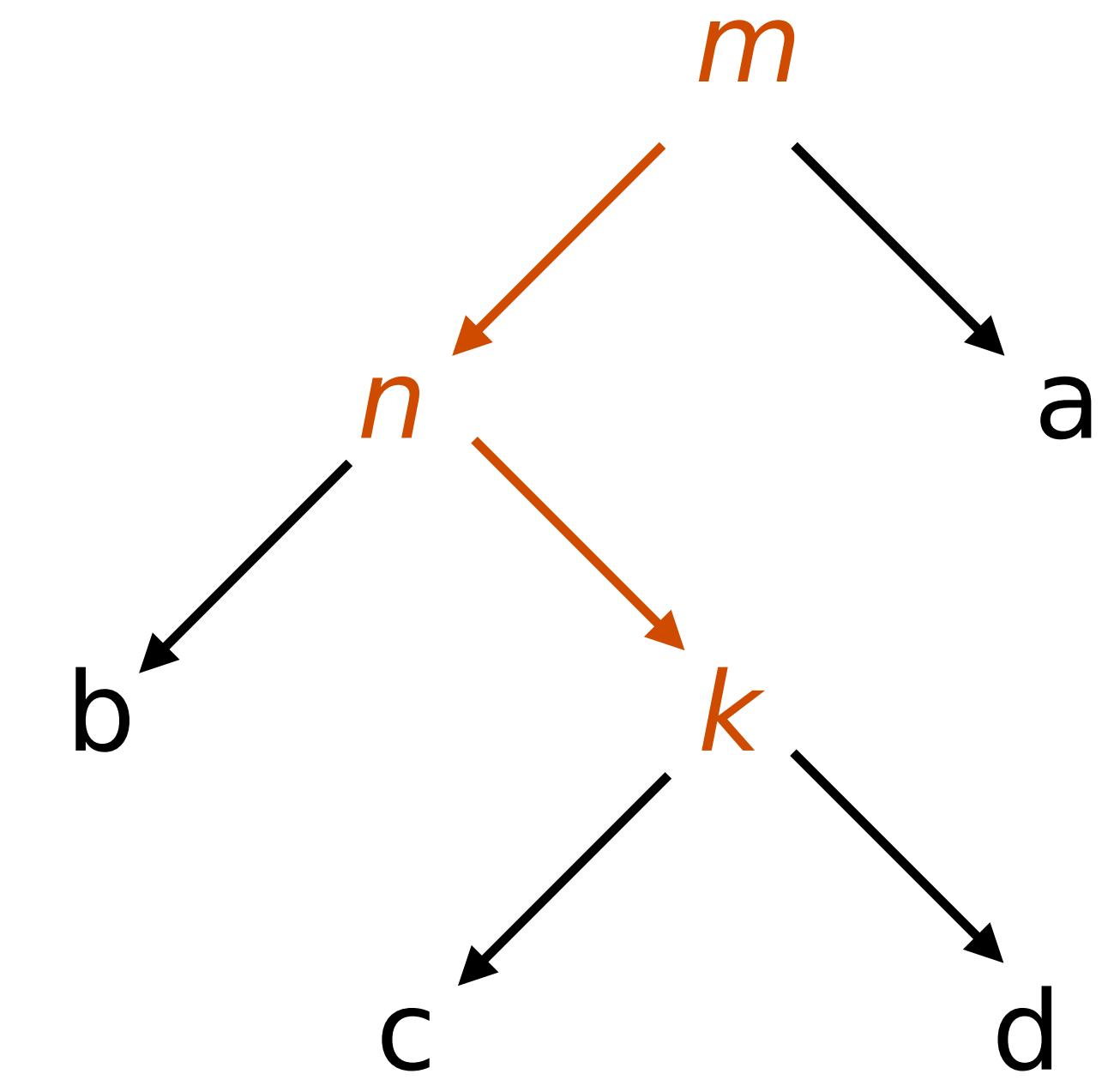
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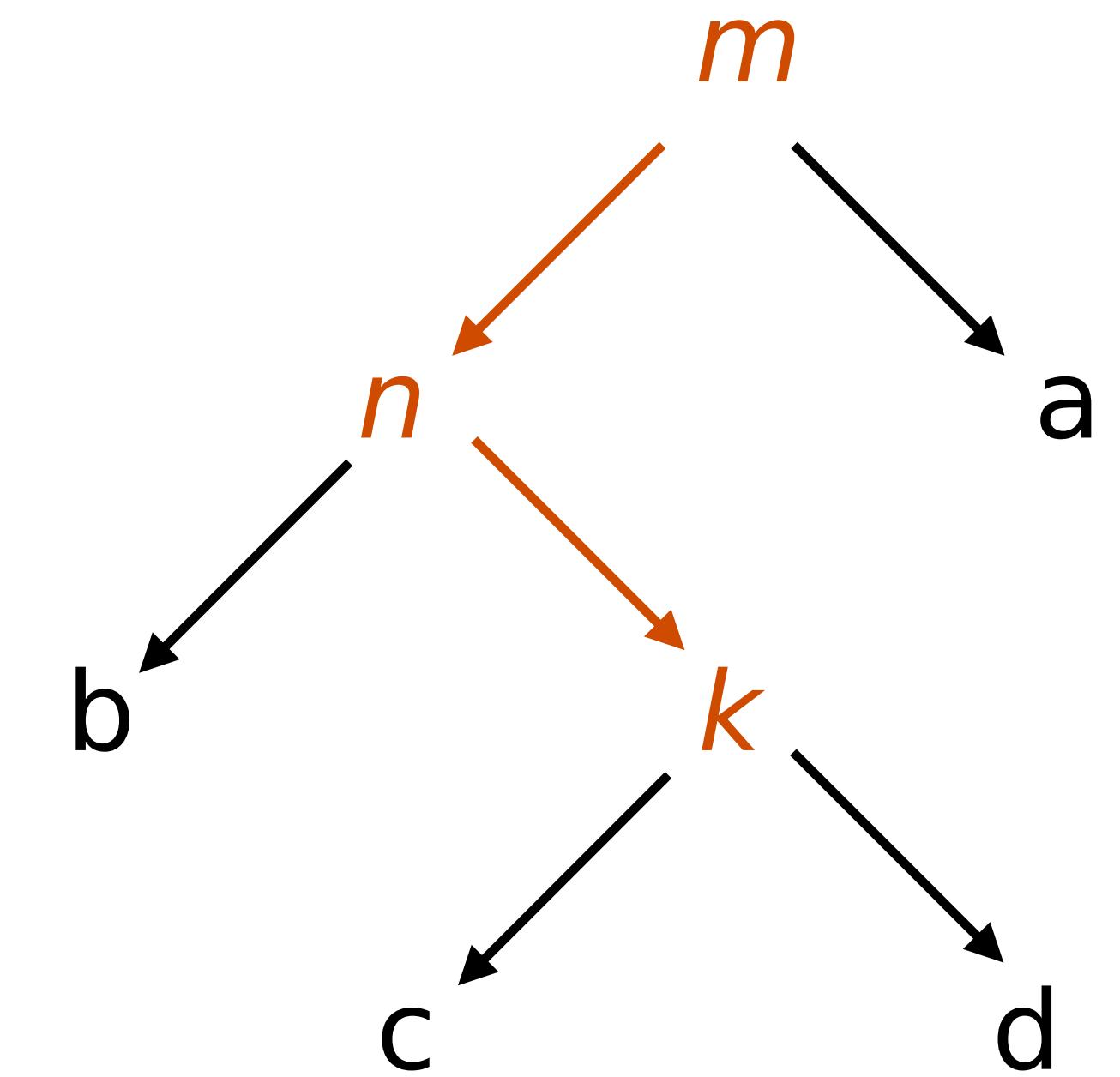
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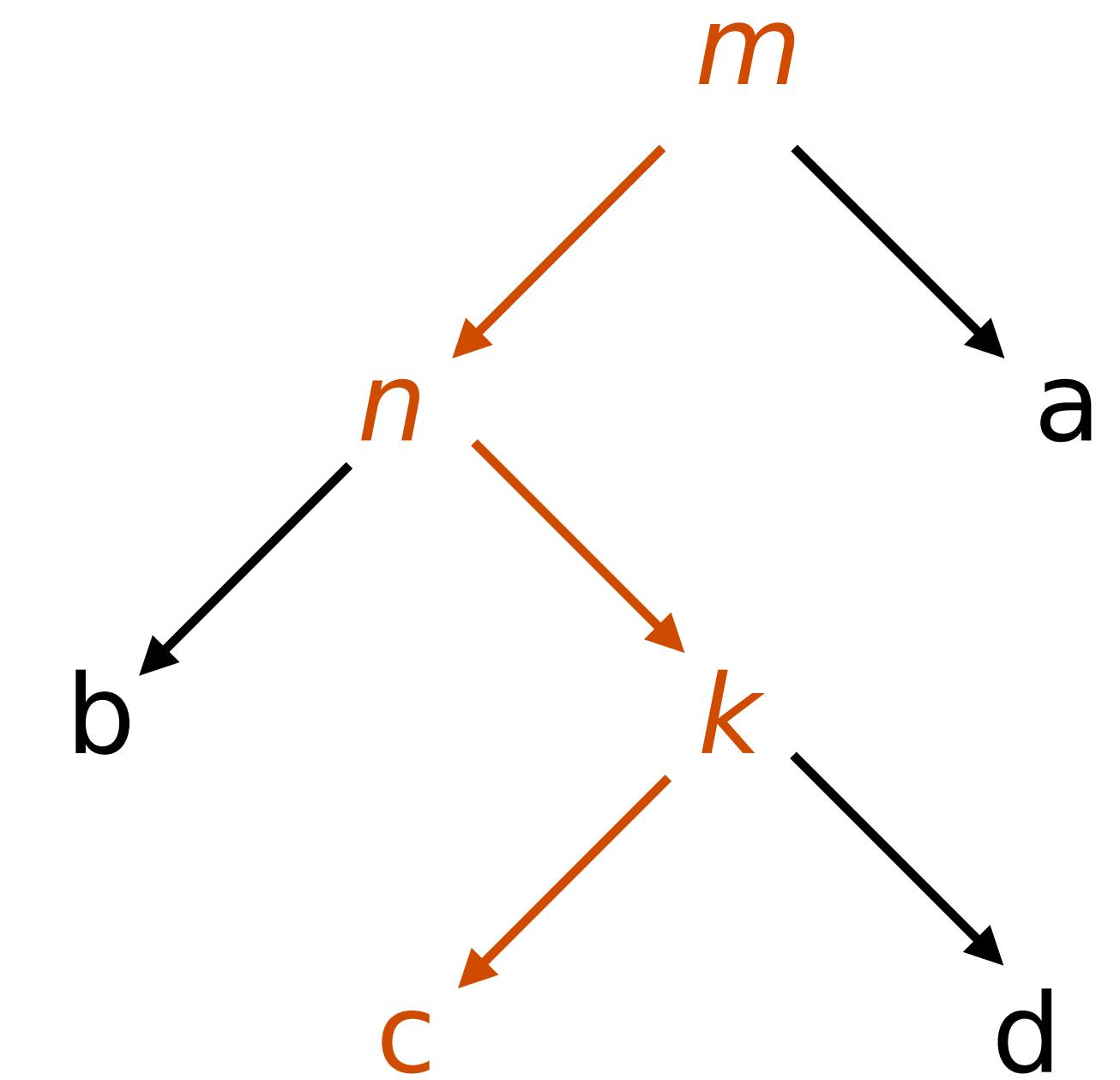
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What about Continuity?

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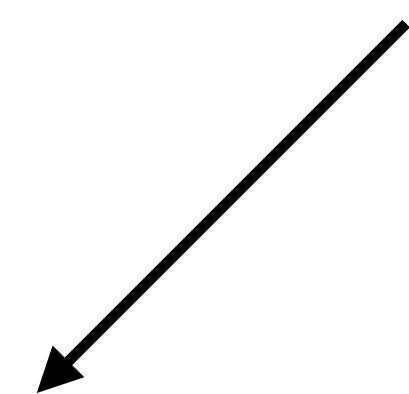
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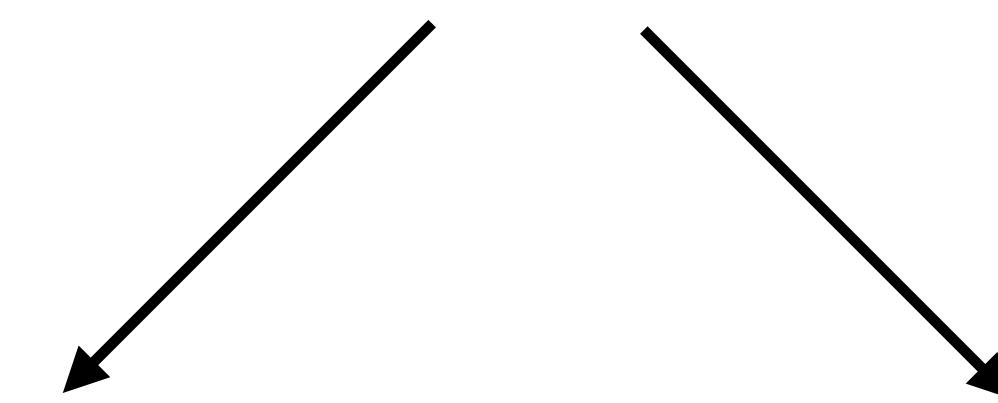
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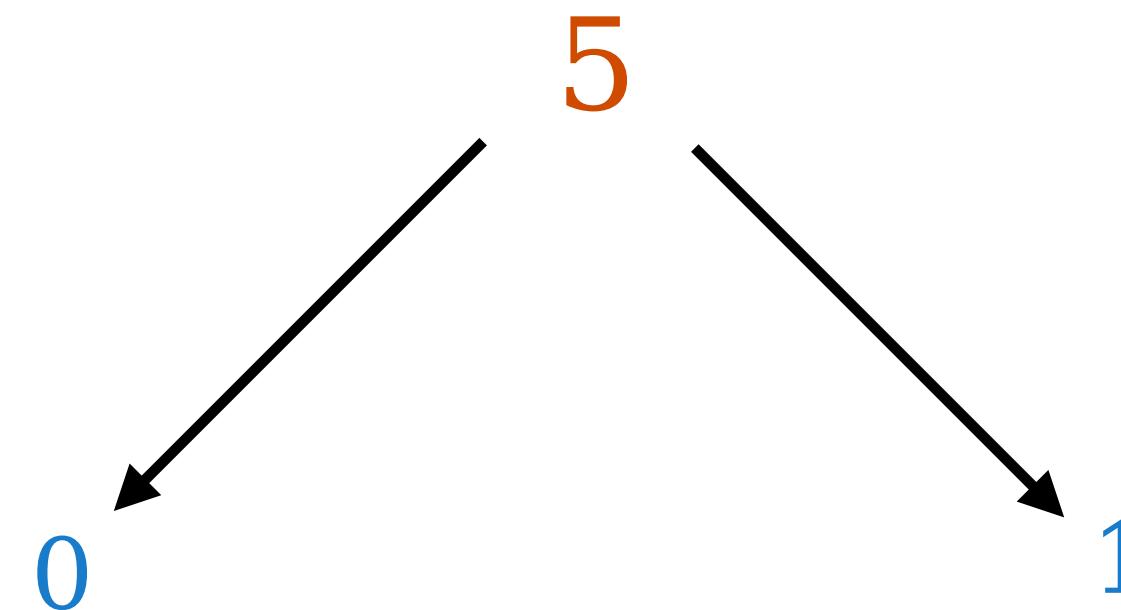
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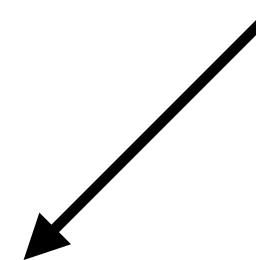
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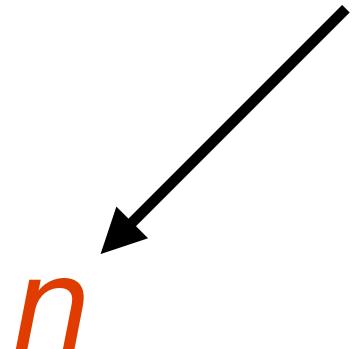
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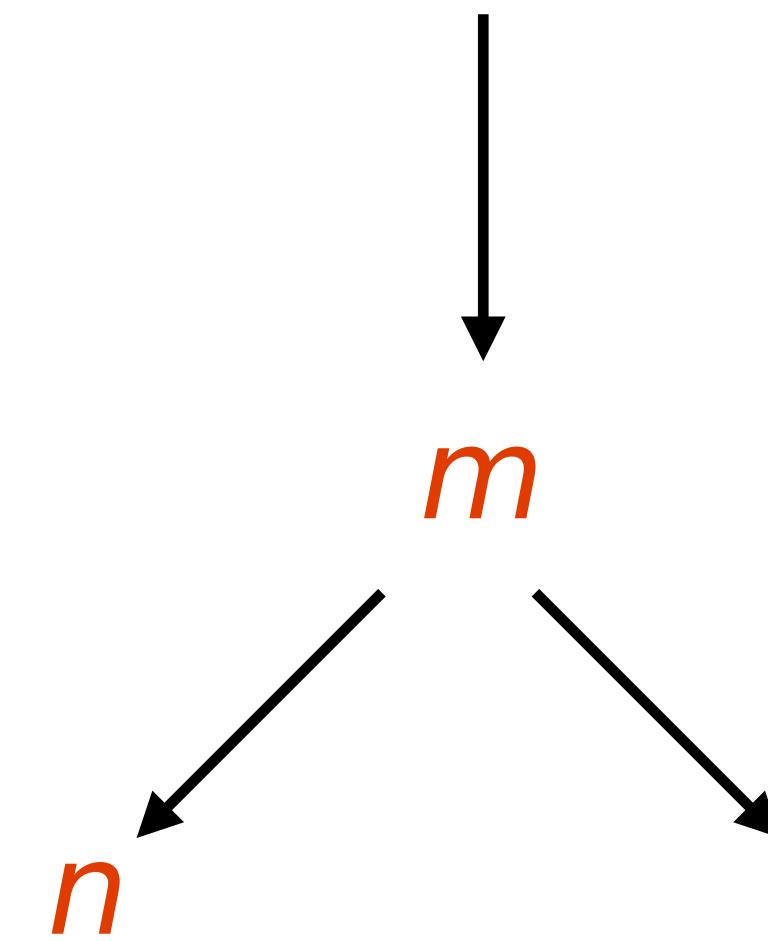
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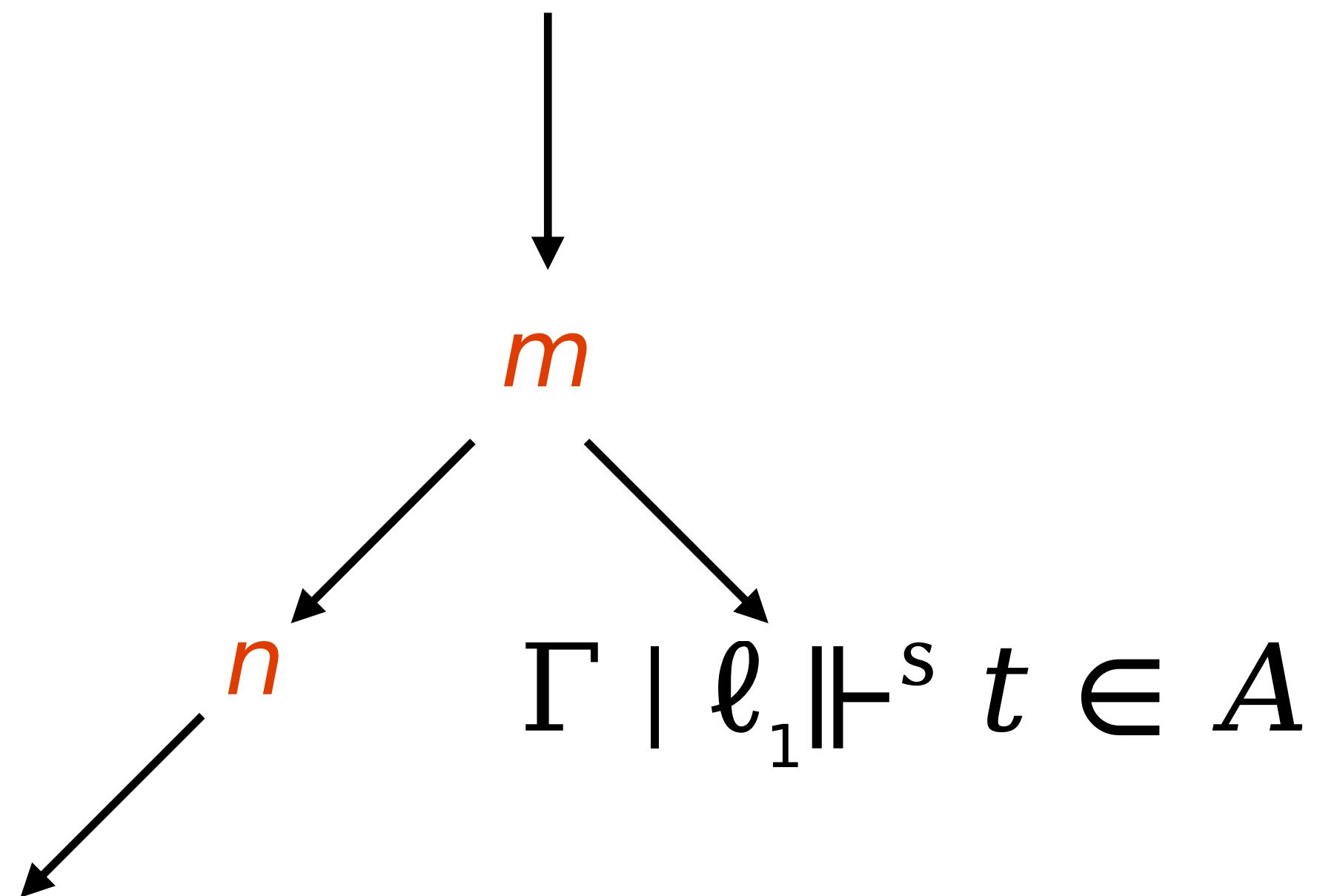
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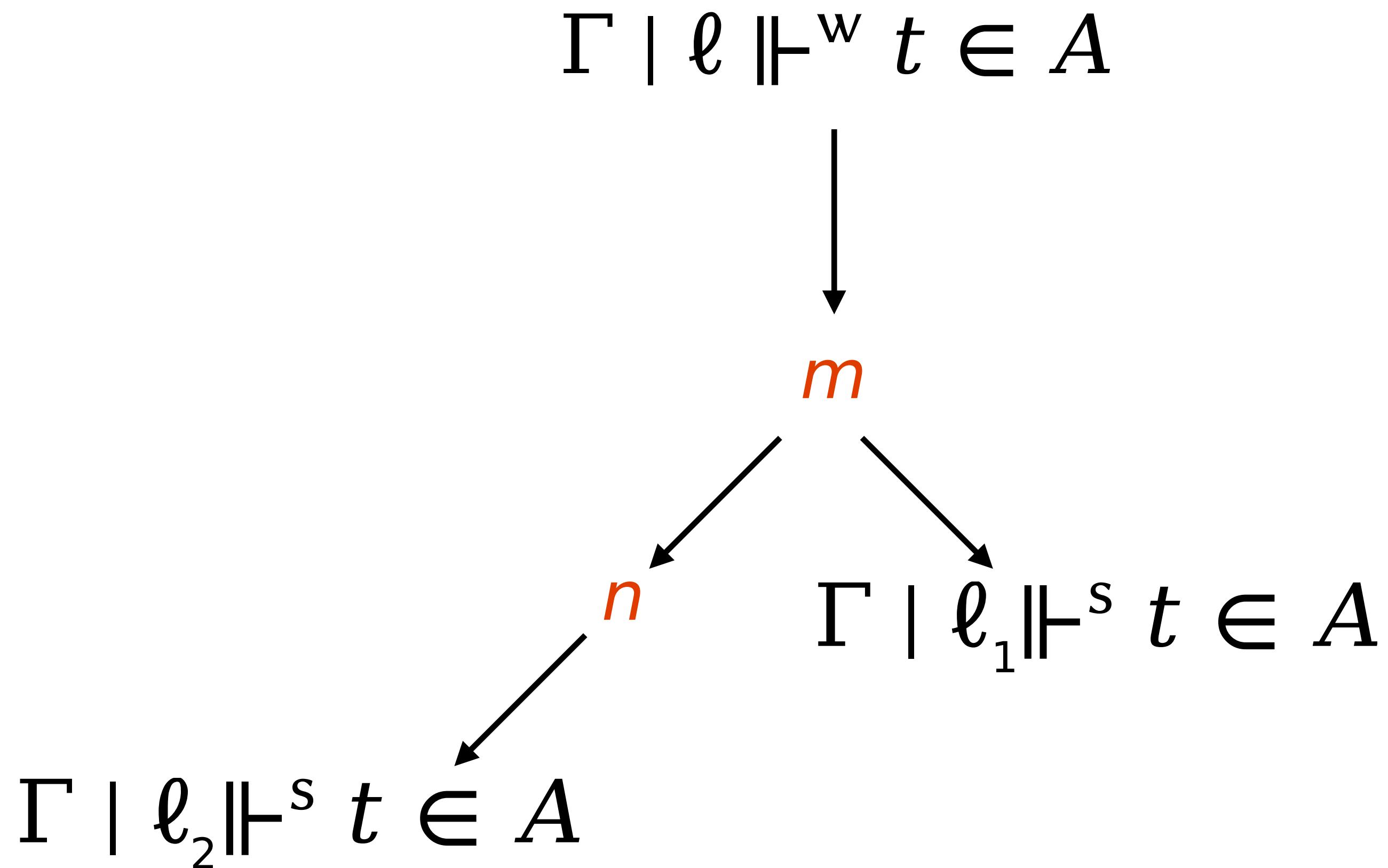
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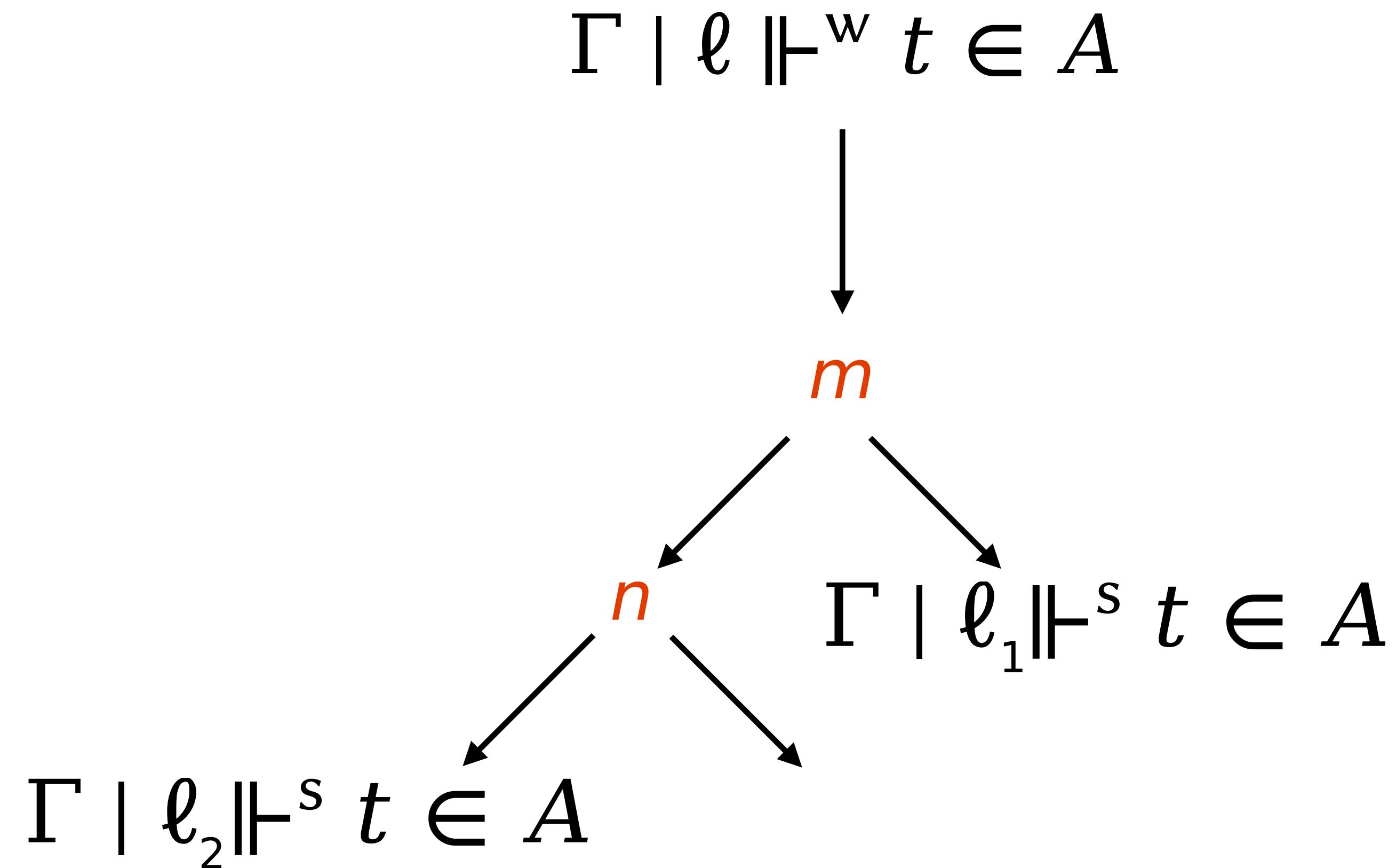
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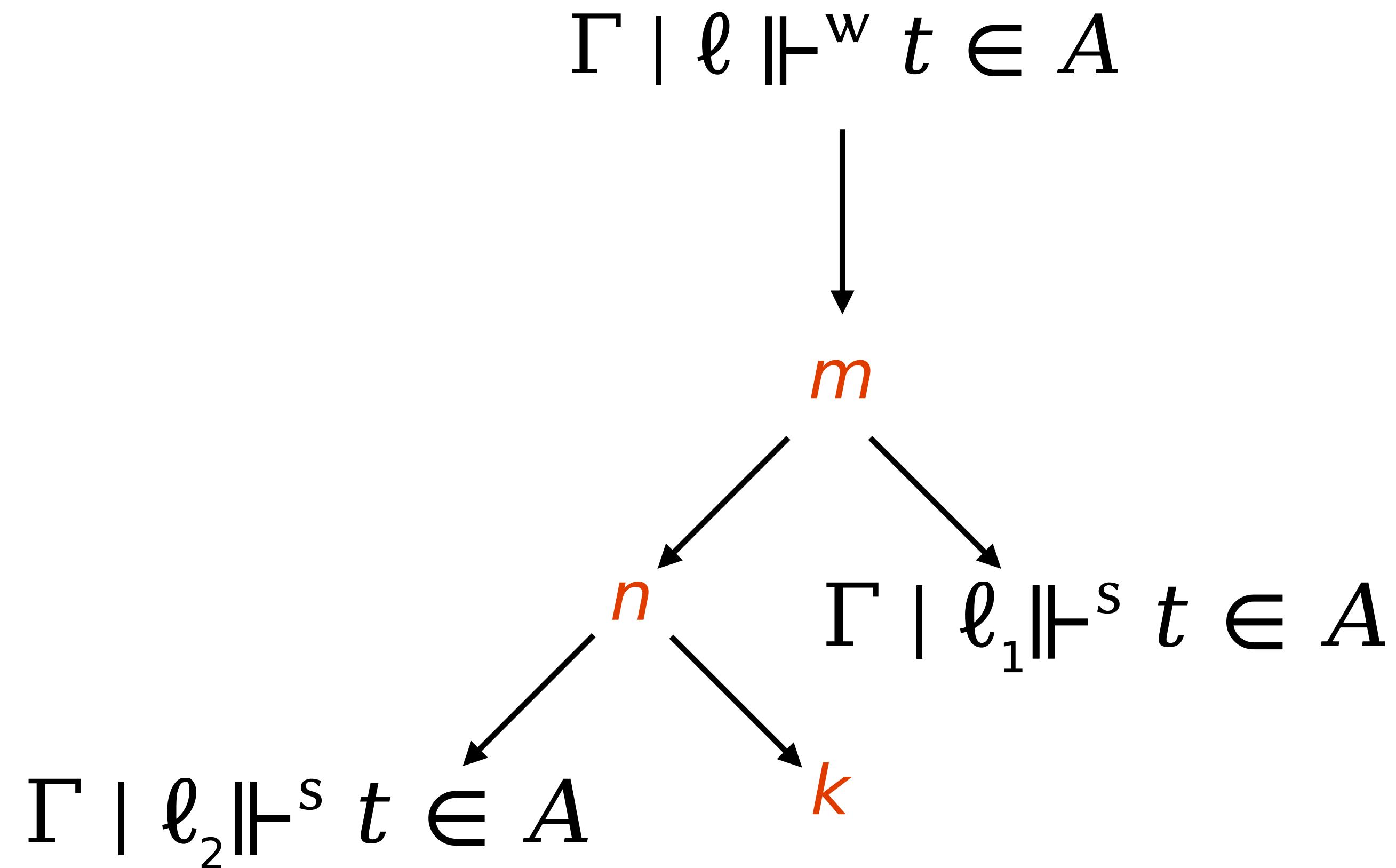
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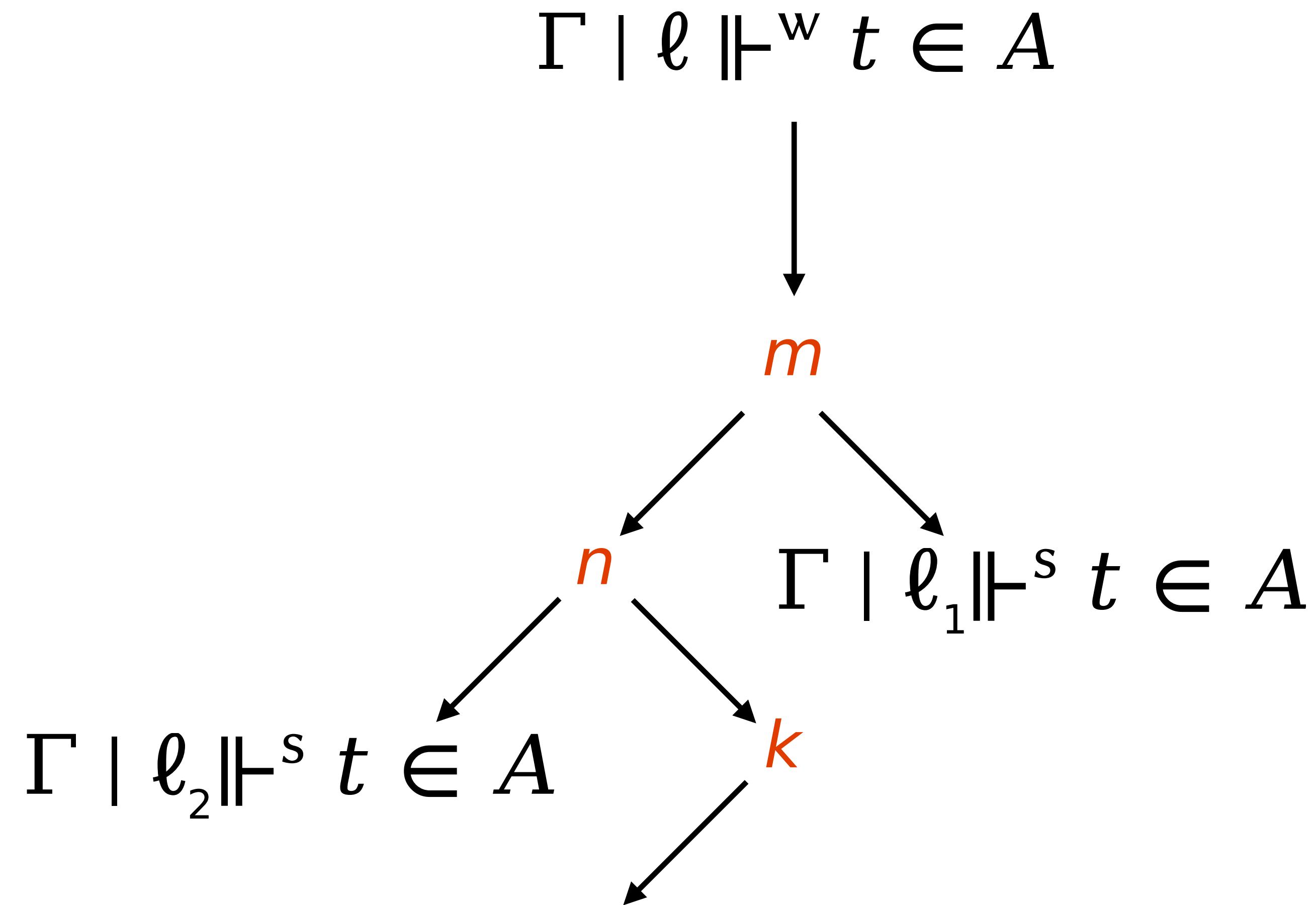
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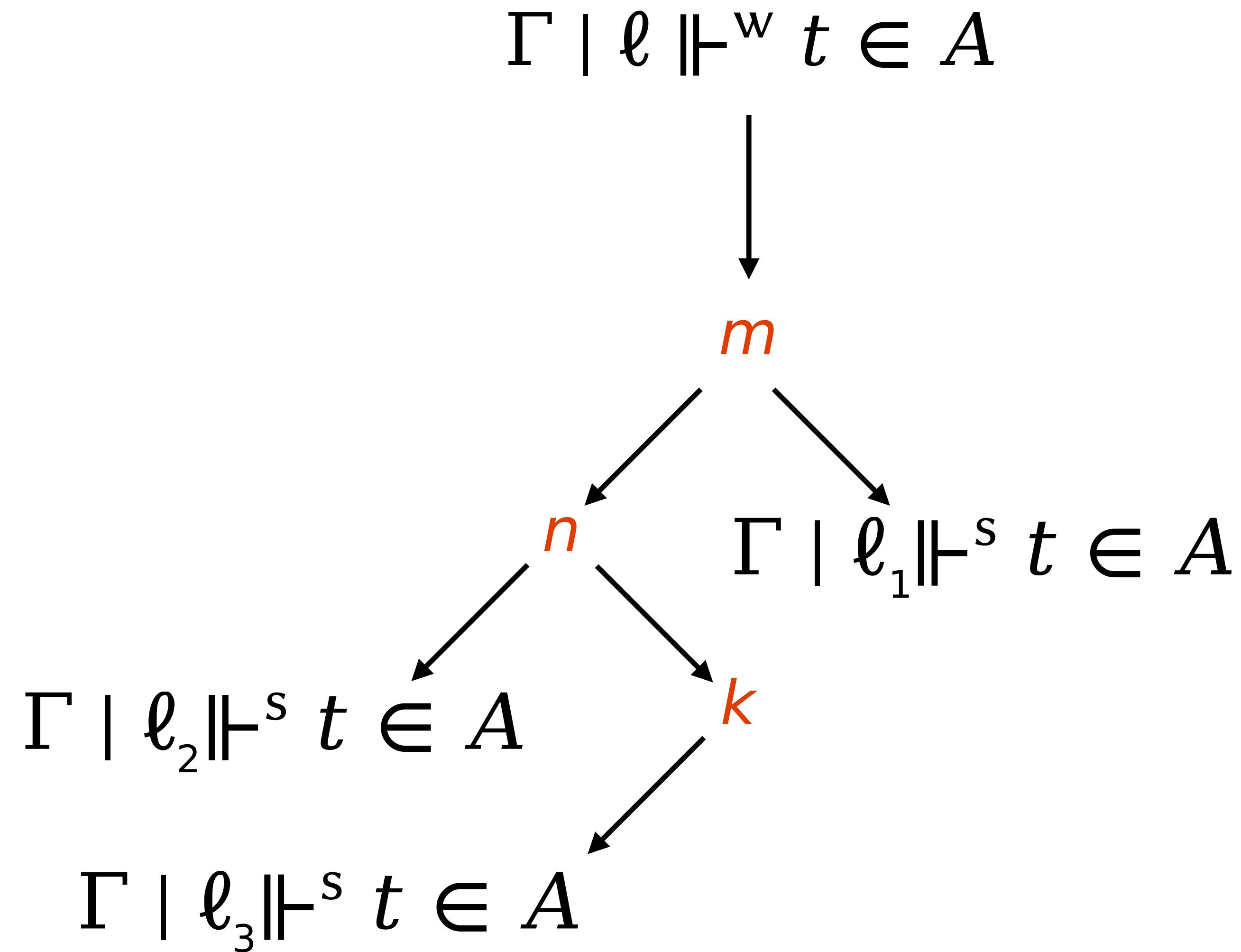
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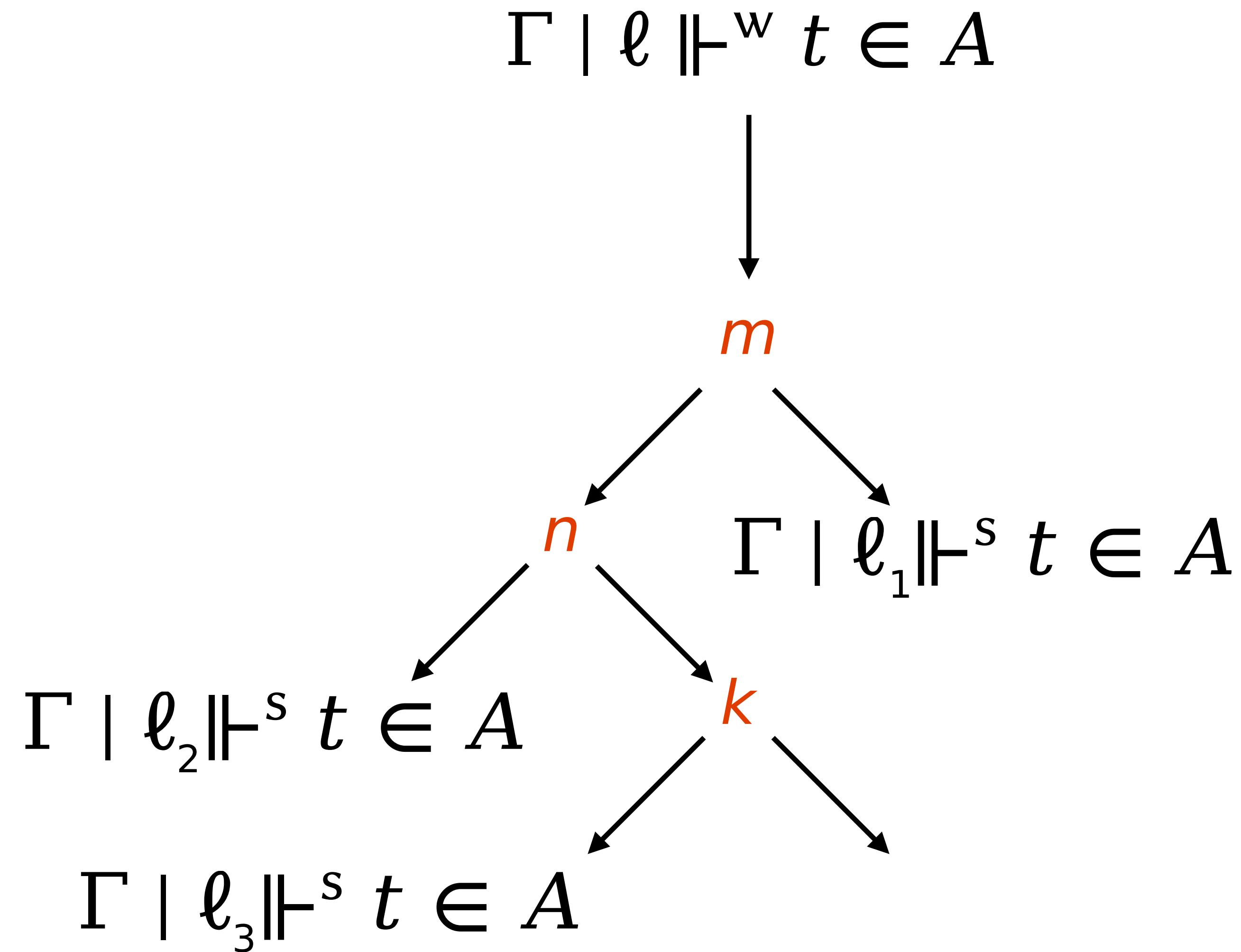
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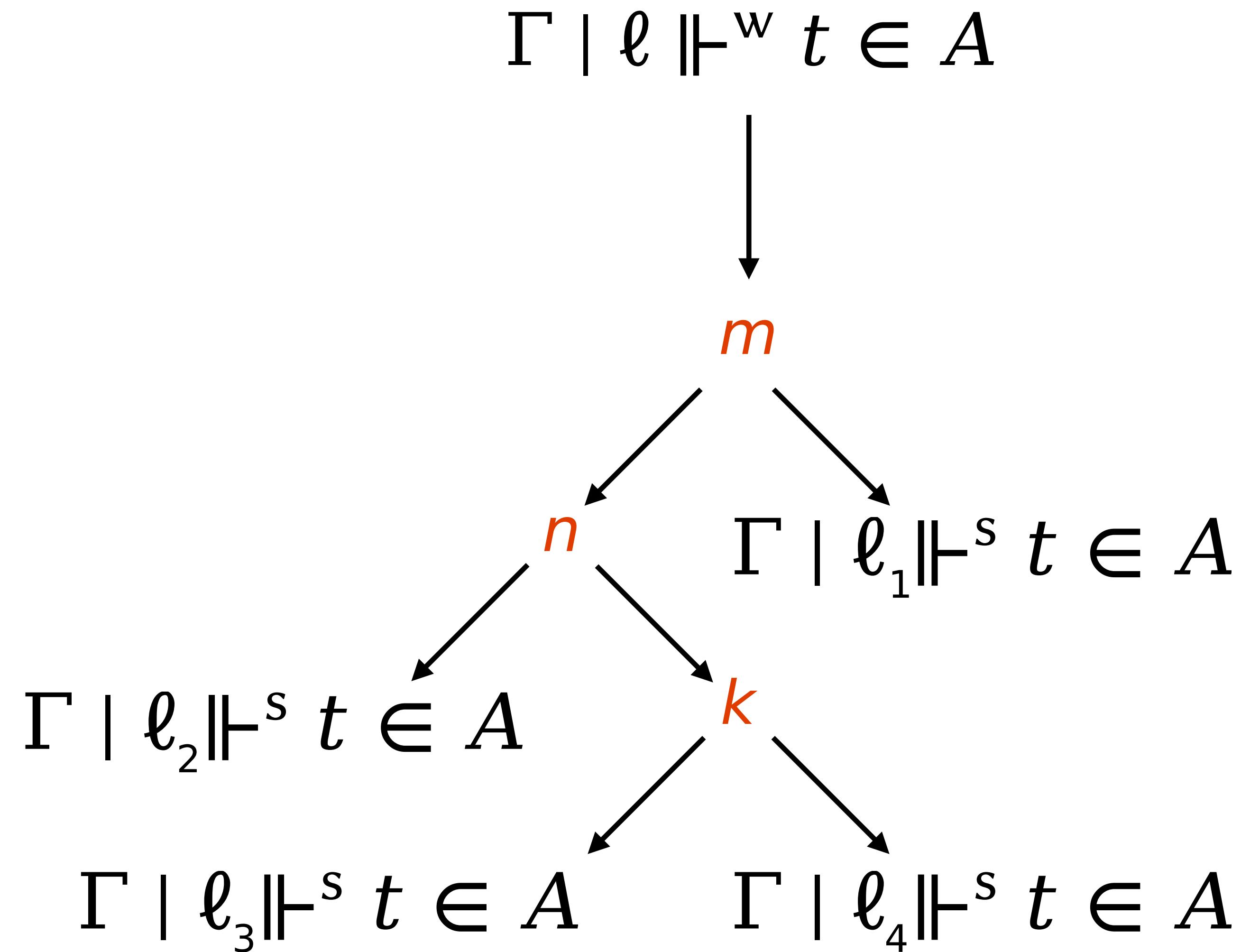
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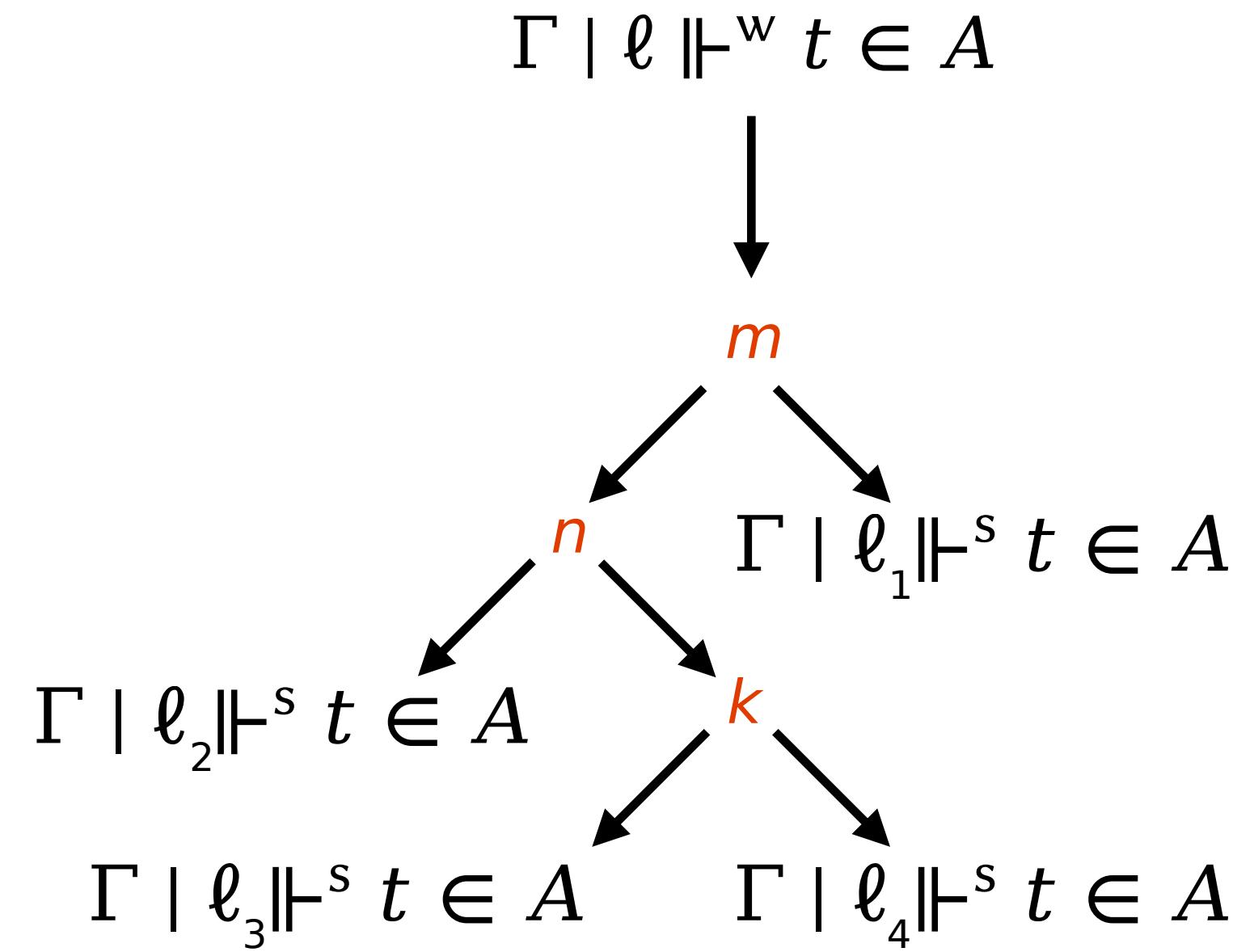


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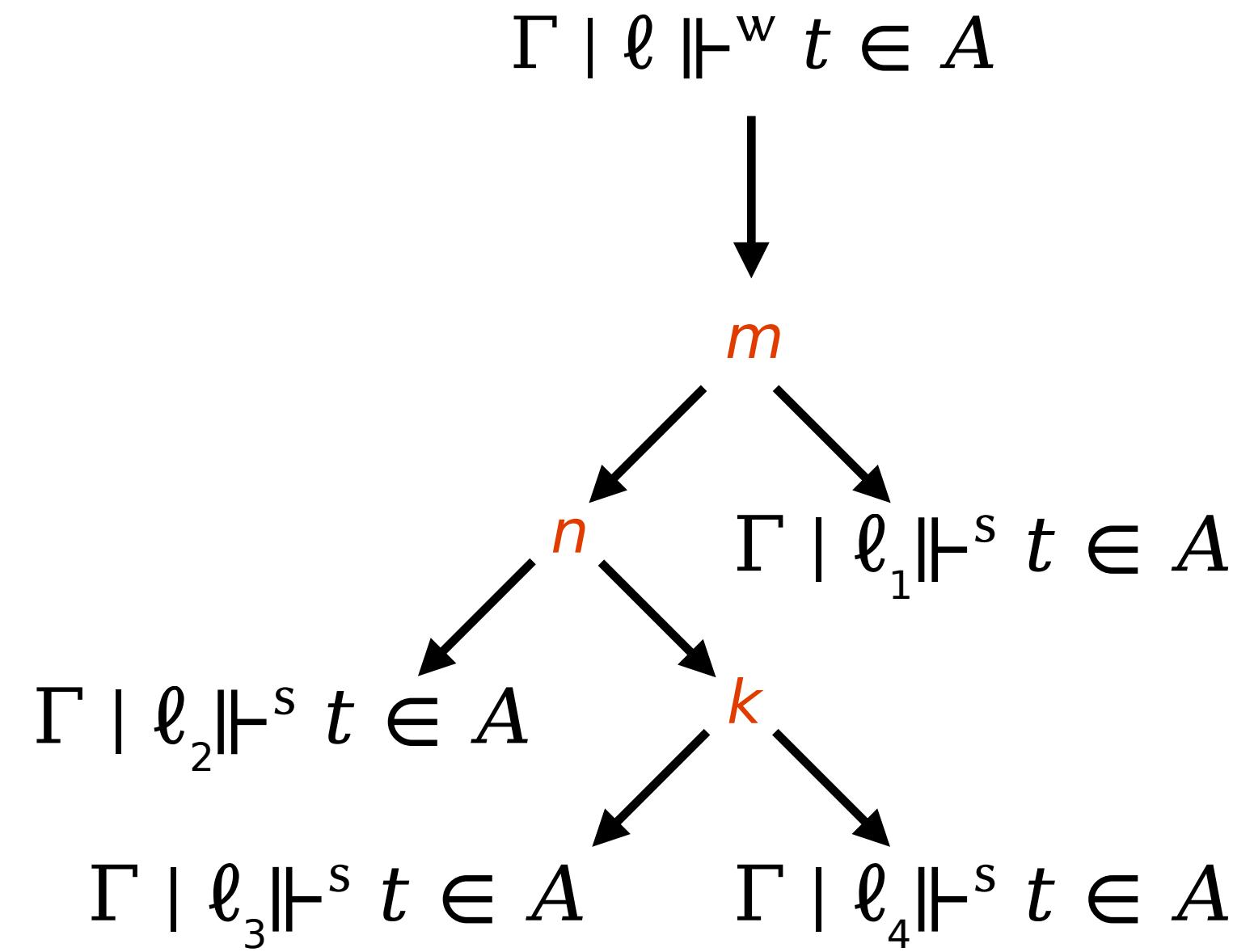
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Everything is normal

Martin-Löf à la Coq

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Abstract

We present an extensive mechanization of the metatheory of Martin-Löf Type Theory (MLTT) in the Coq proof assistant. Our development builds on pre-existing work in AGDA to show not only the decidability of conversion, but also the decidability of type checking, using an approach guided by bidirectional type checking. From our proof of decidability, we obtain a certified and executable type checker for a full-fledged version of MLTT with support for Π , Σ , \mathbb{N} , and **Id** types, and one universe. Our development does not rely on impredicativity, induction-recursion or any axiom beyond MLTT extended with indexed inductive types and a handful of predicative universes, thus narrowing the gap between the object theory and the metatheory to a mere difference in universes. Furthermore, our formalization choices are geared towards a modular development that relies on

checker is spent on establishing meta-theoretic properties, which are necessary to ensure termination of the type checker but have little to do with its concrete implementation.

Acknowledging this tension leads to two radically different approaches. On the one hand, one can simply postulate normalization, to better concentrate on the difficulties faced when certifying a realistic type-checker. The most ambitious project to date that follows this approach is META-Coq [[Sozeau, Anand, et al. 2020](#); [Sozeau, Forster, et al. 2023](#)], which formalizes a nearly complete fragment of Coq’s type system and provides a certified type checker aiming for execution in a realistic context, after extraction. On the other hand, one can concentrate on normalization and decidability of conversion, which are the most difficult theoretical problems. The most advanced formalizations on that end are [Abel, Öhman, et al. \[2017\]](#) and [Wieczorek and Biernacki](#)

Thank you!