

# XPath with transitive axes



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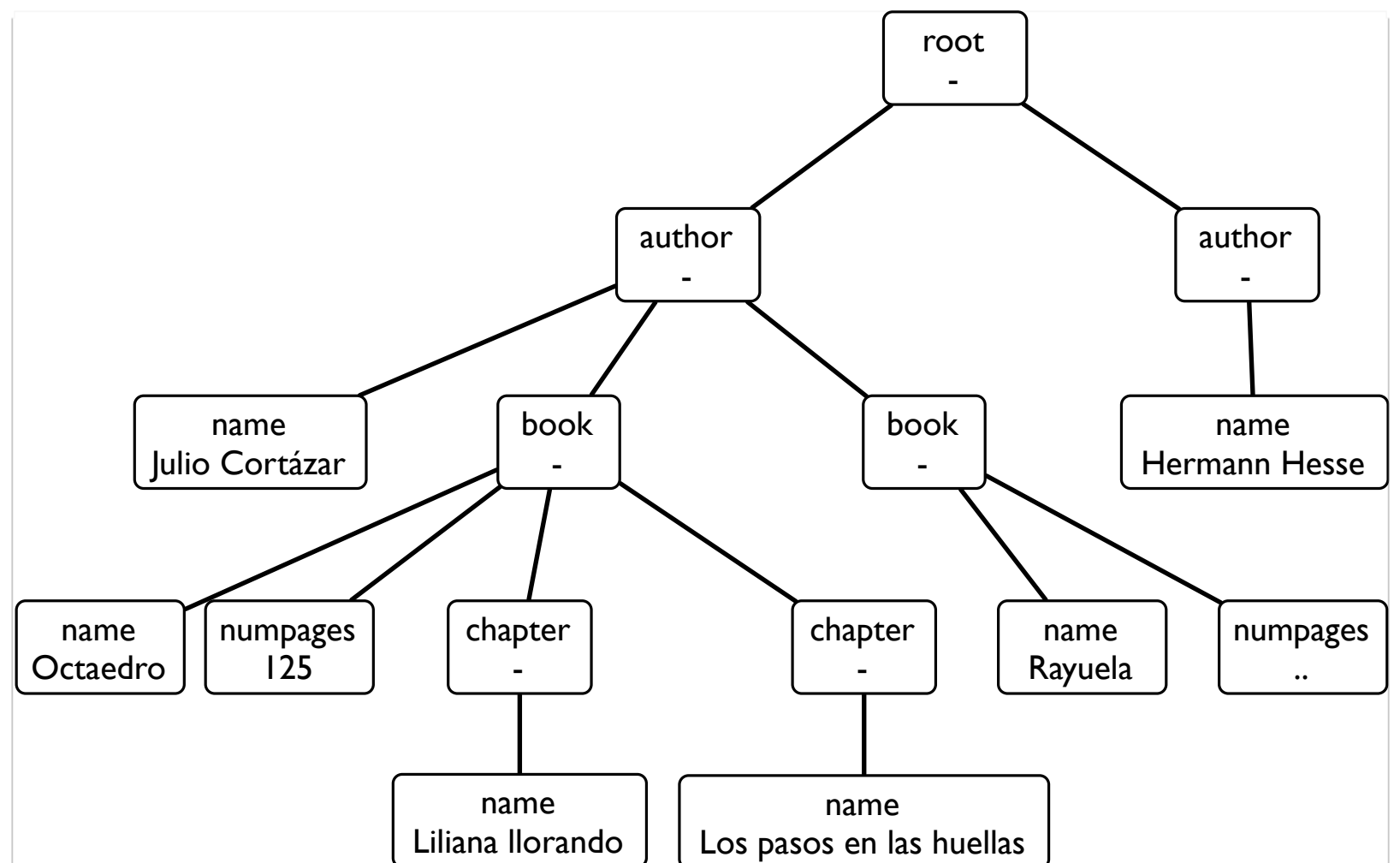
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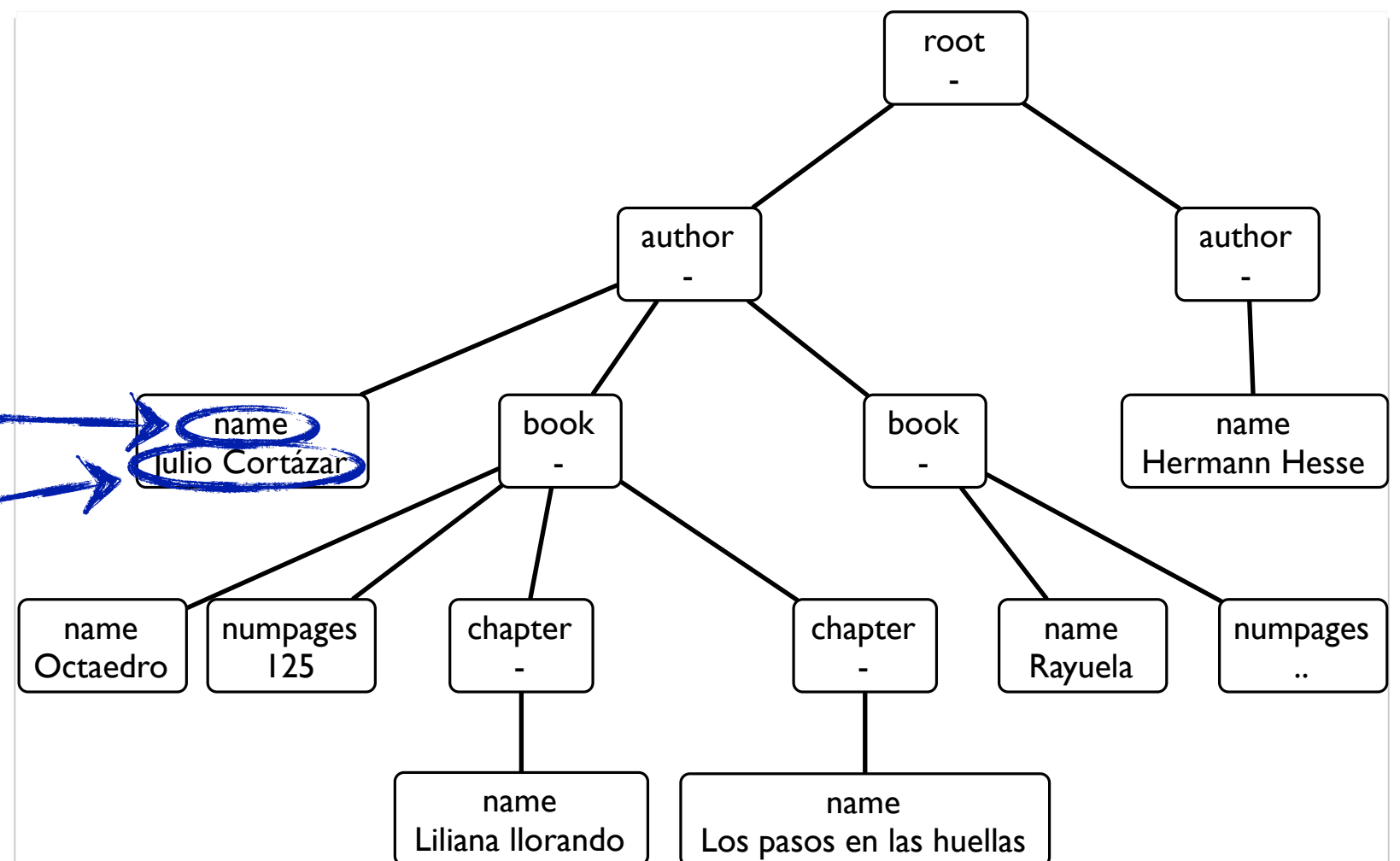
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data tree

**data tree**  
 A finite, unranked  
 tree over  
 a finite alphabet  
 &  
 an infinite domain



# Reasoning on *data* trees

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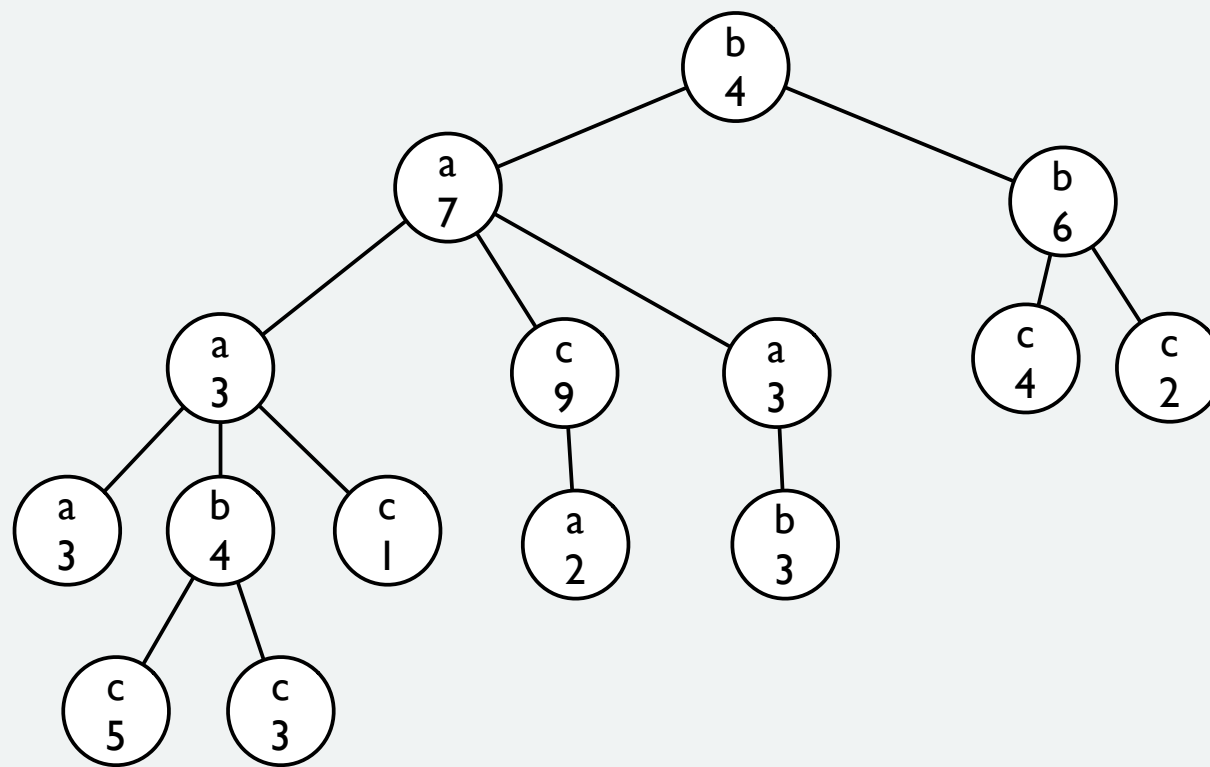
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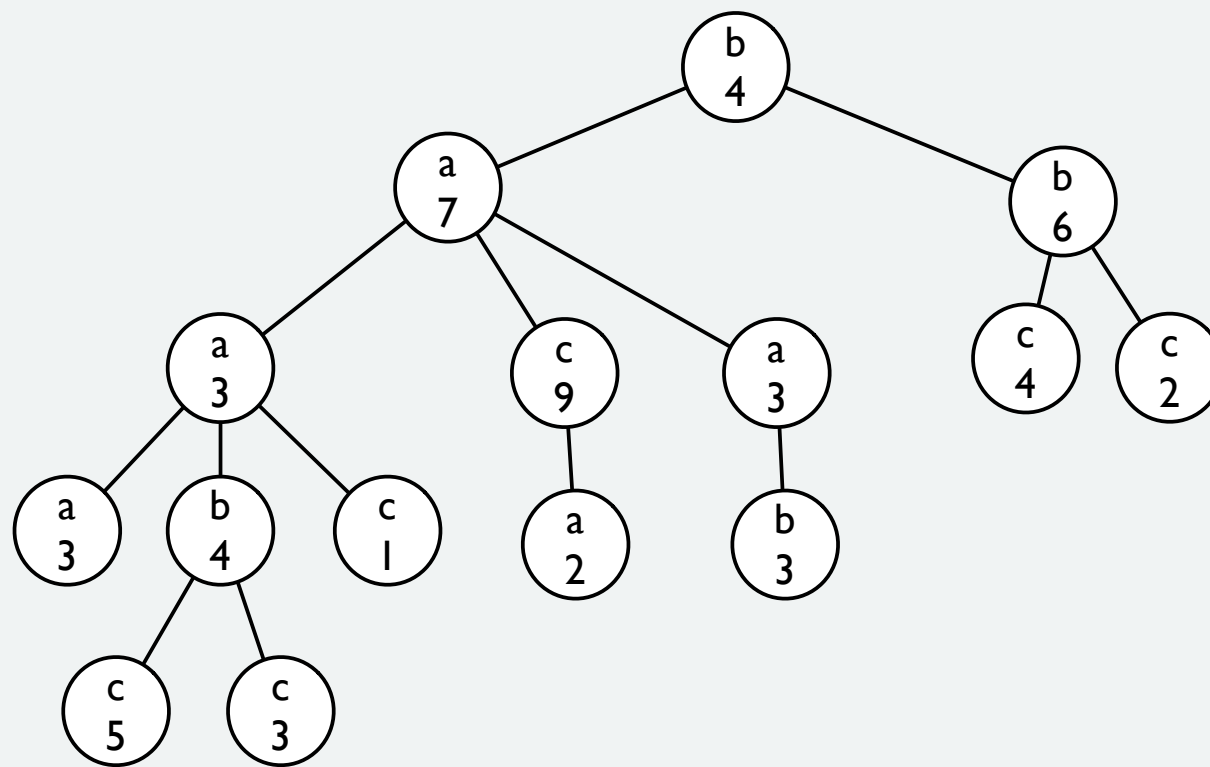
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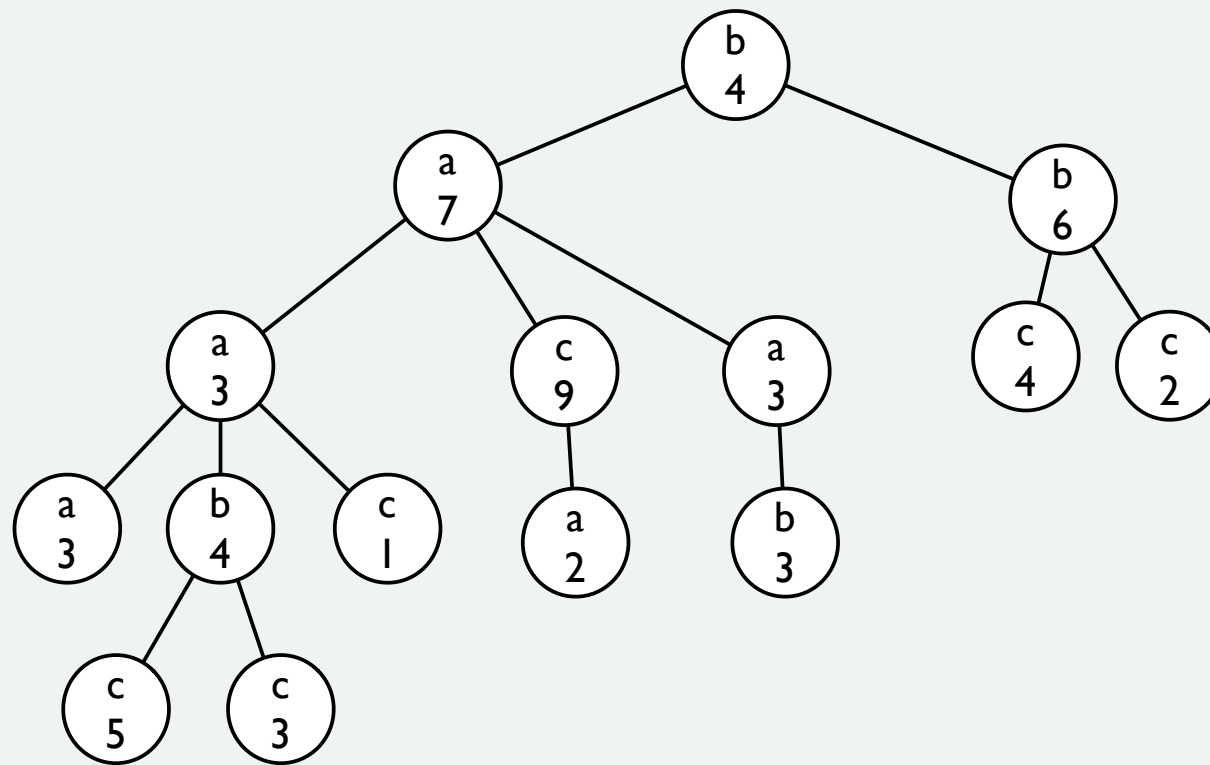
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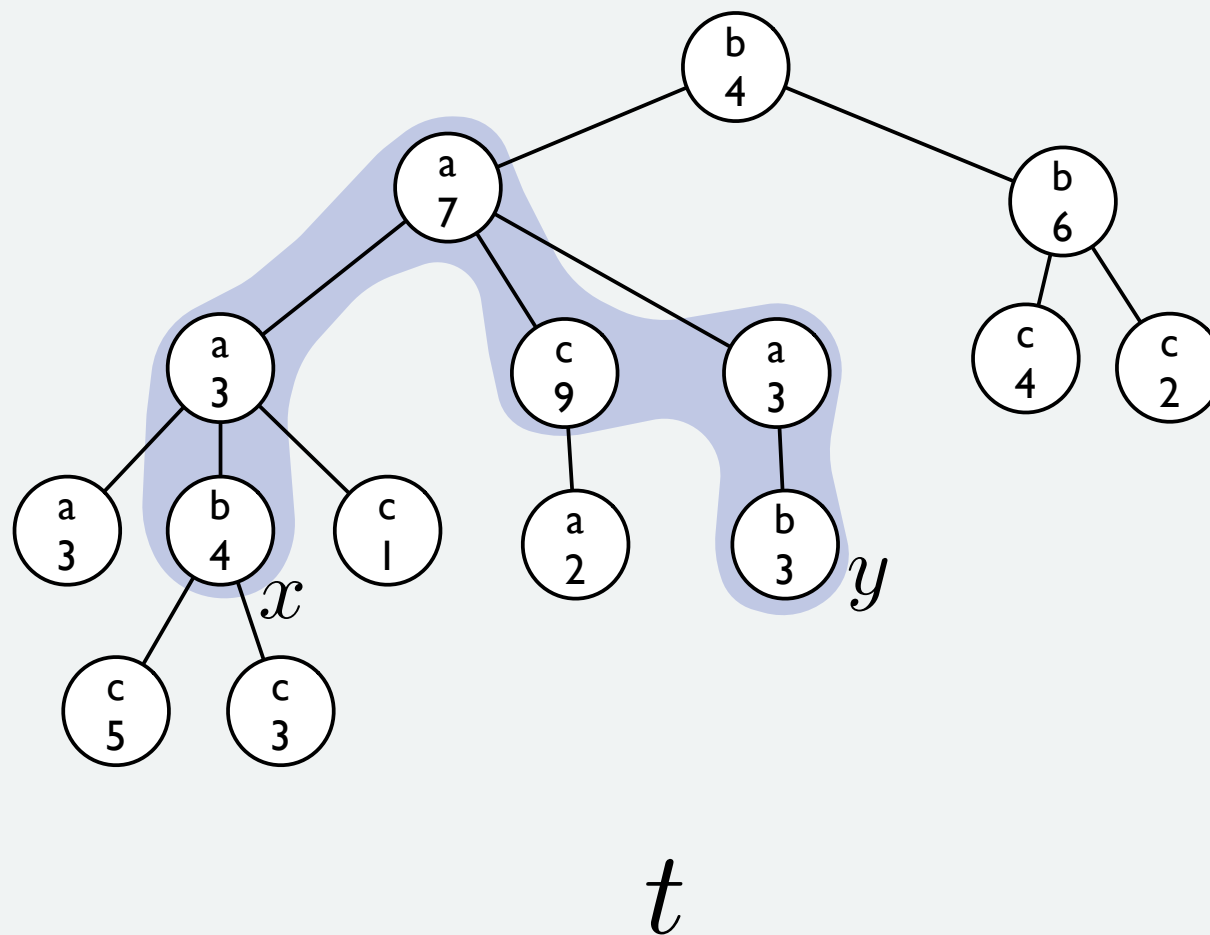
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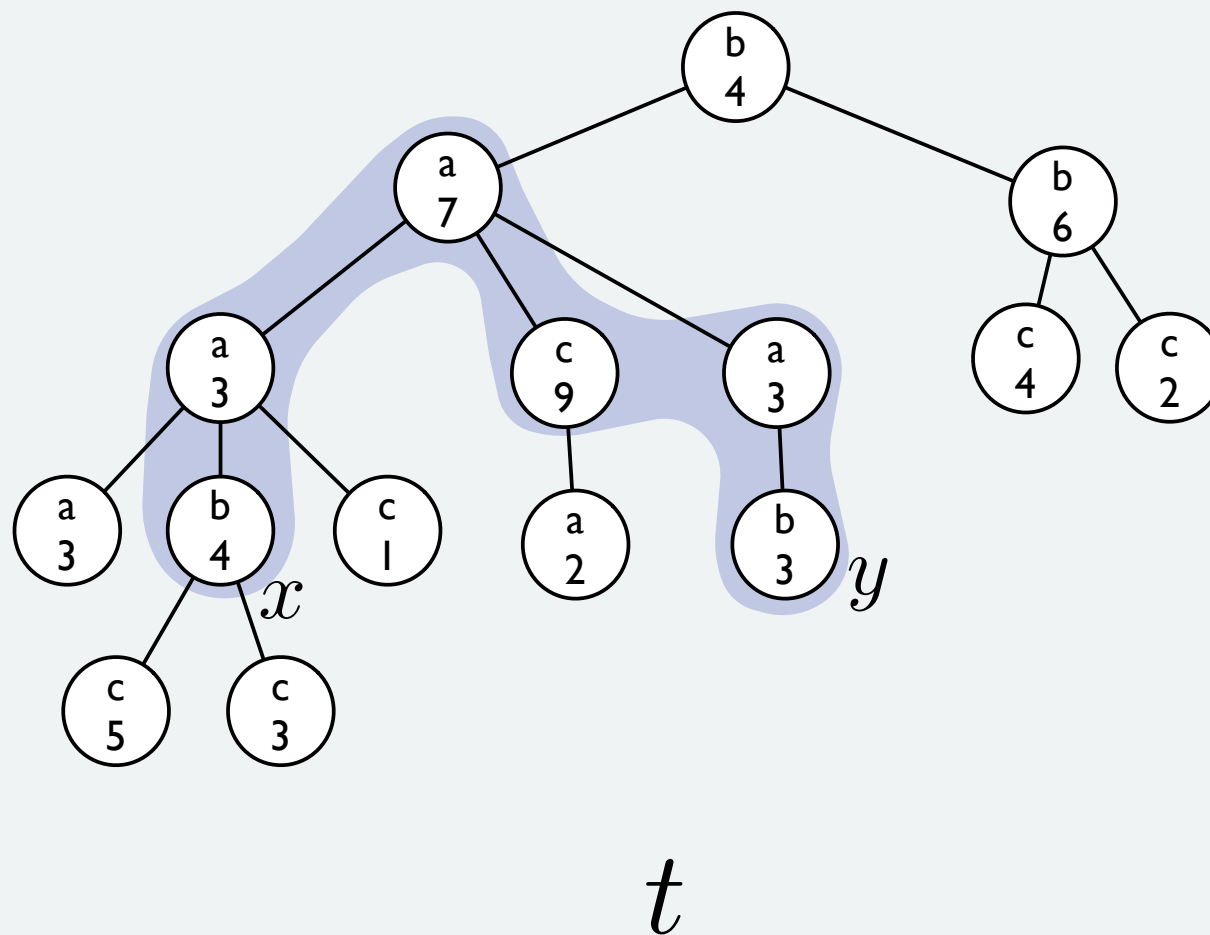
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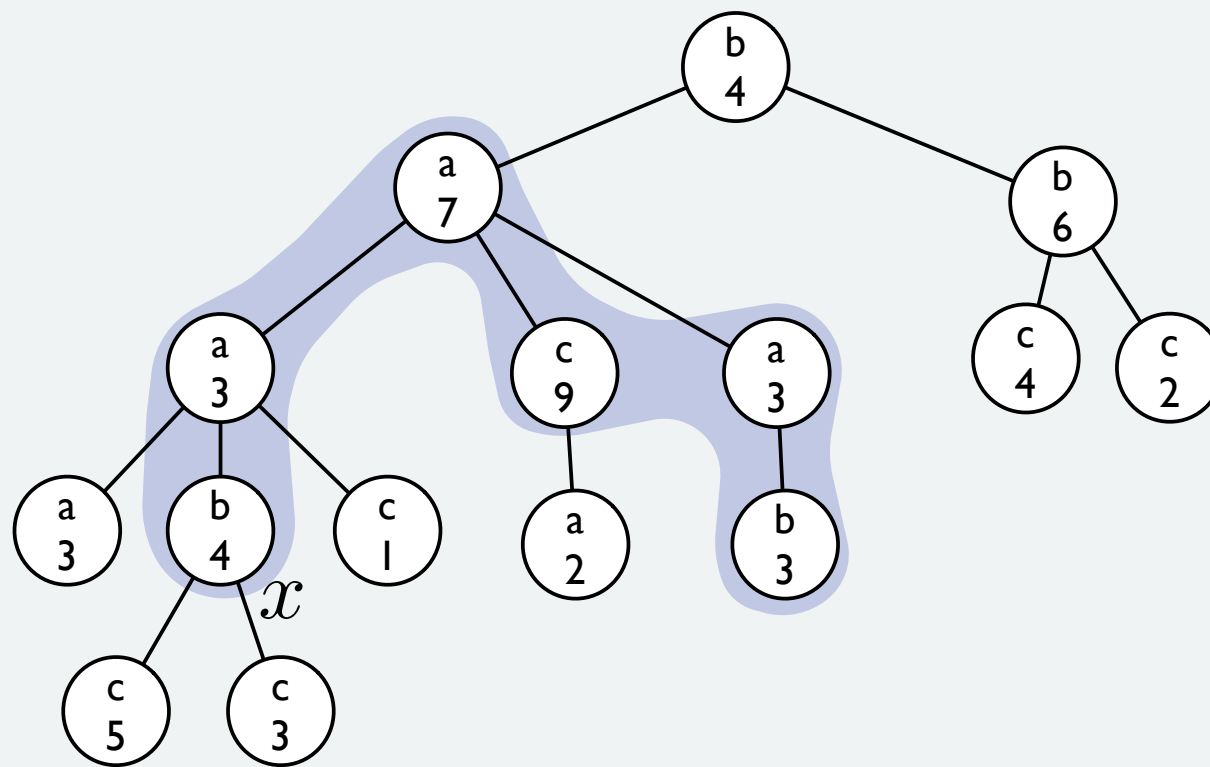
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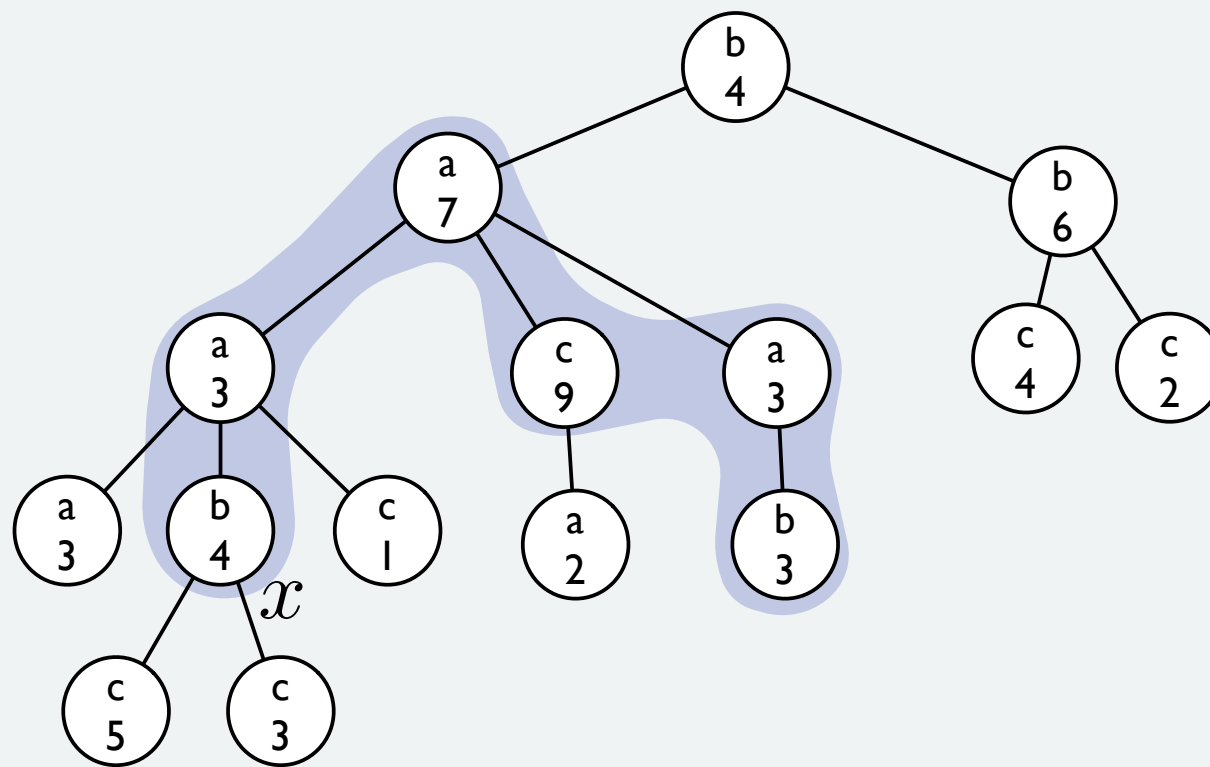


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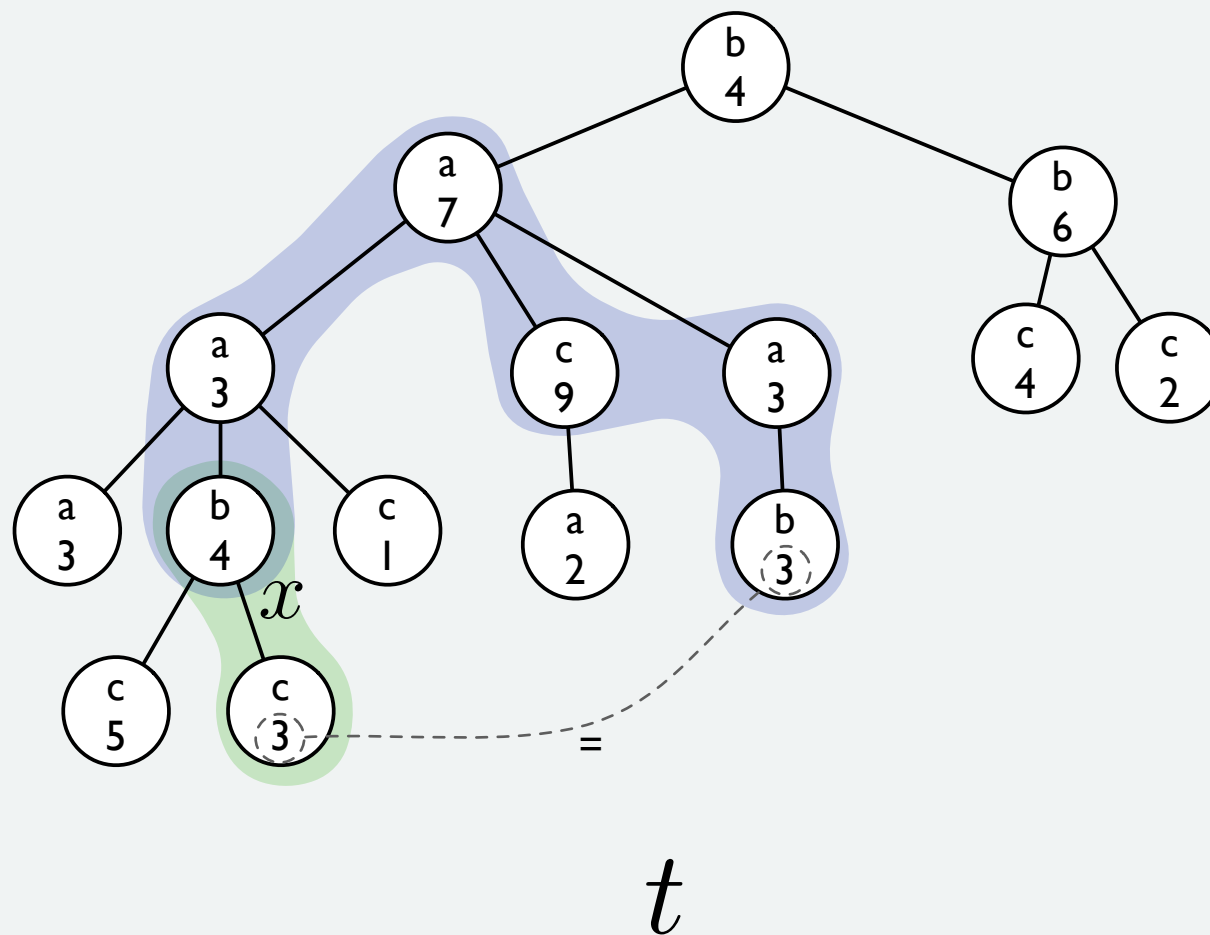


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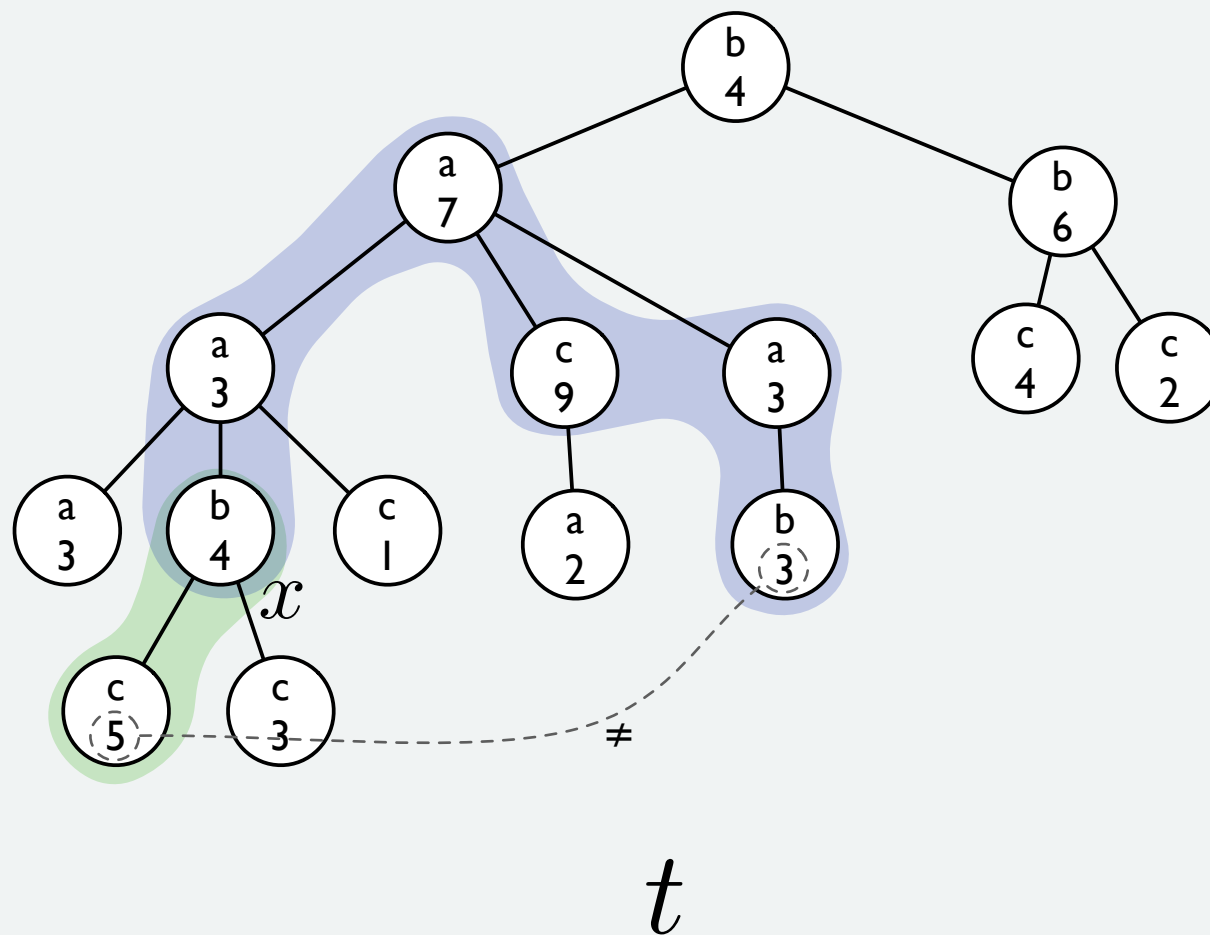




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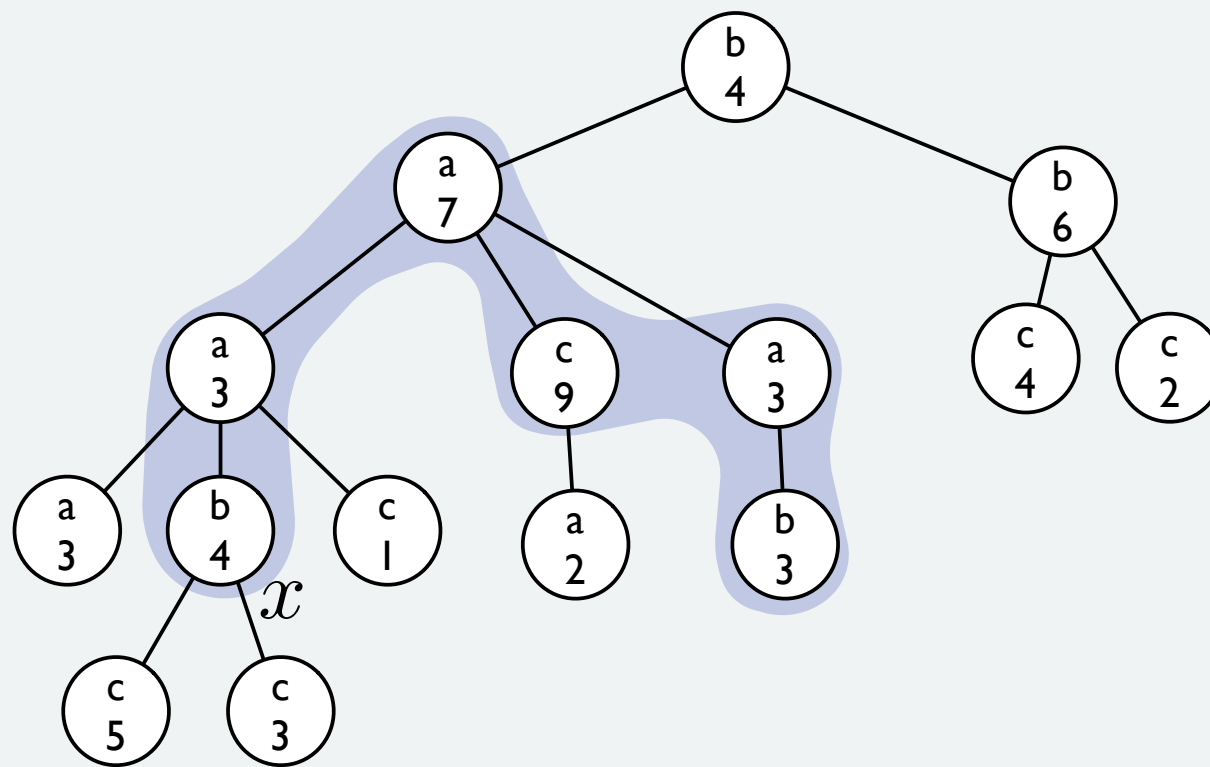
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Can we derive a profile verifying  $\phi$  from the empty profiles using our algebra?

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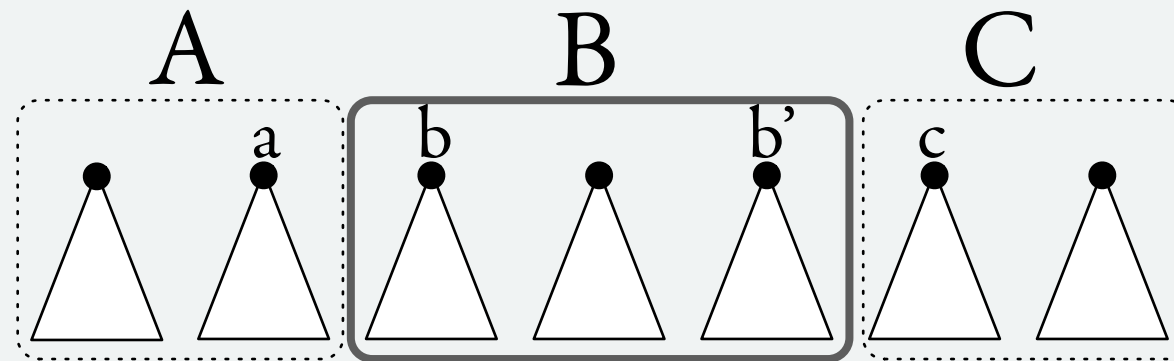
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all path expressions  $\alpha$  of  $\phi$  are of the form  ,  or 

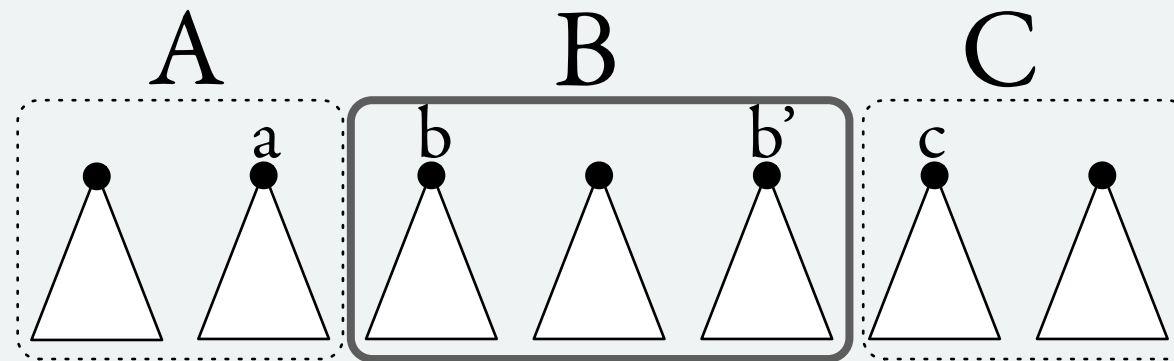
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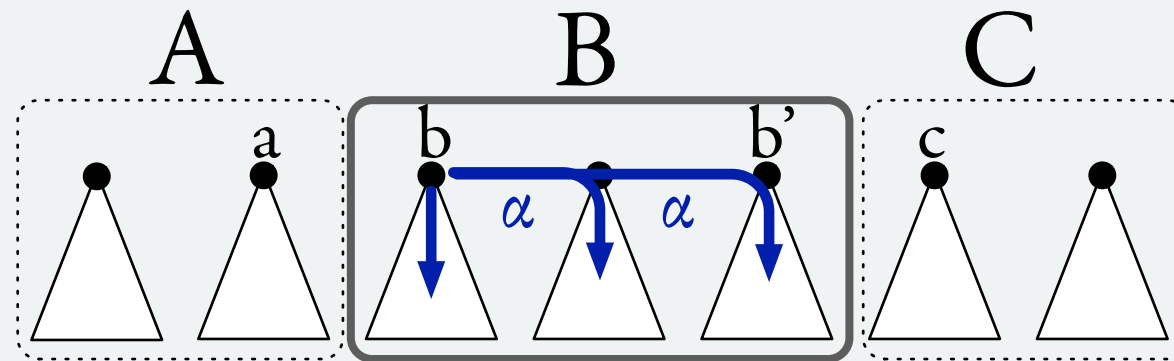
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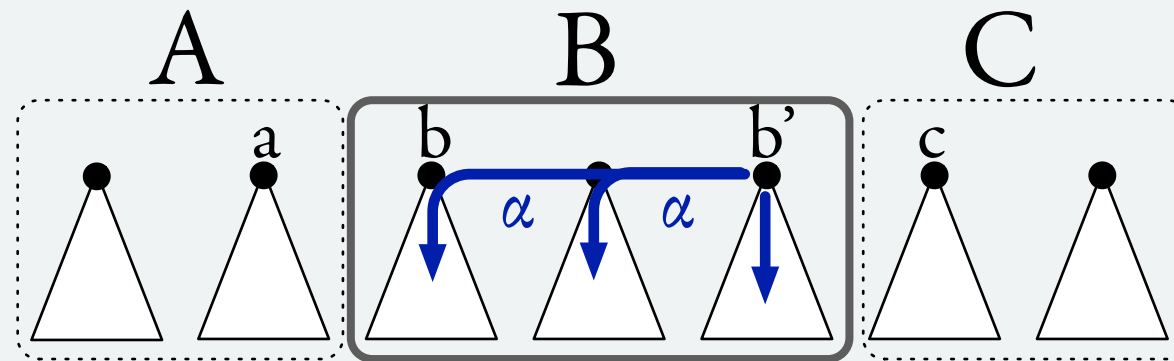
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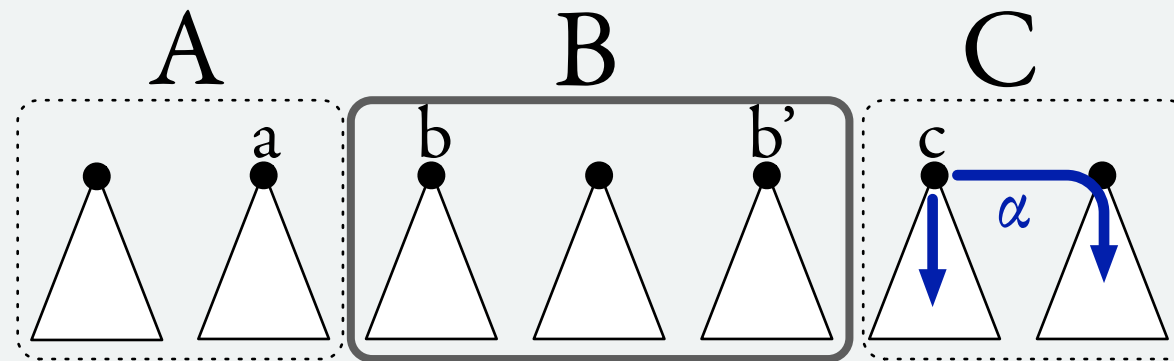
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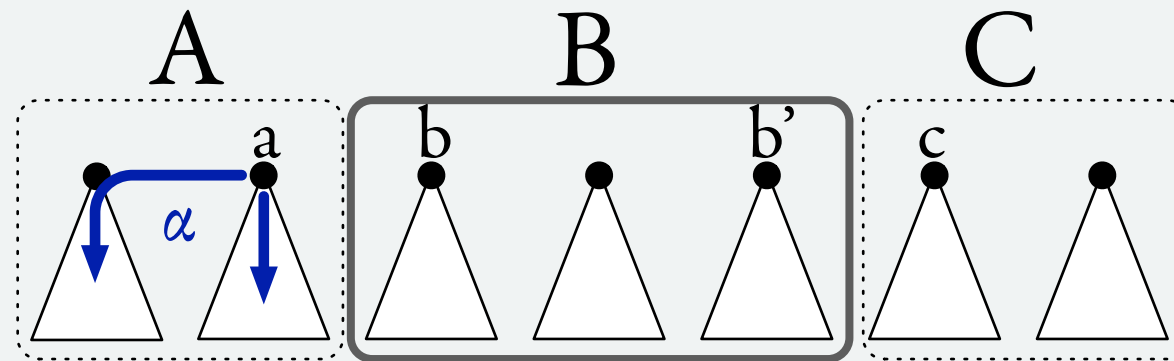


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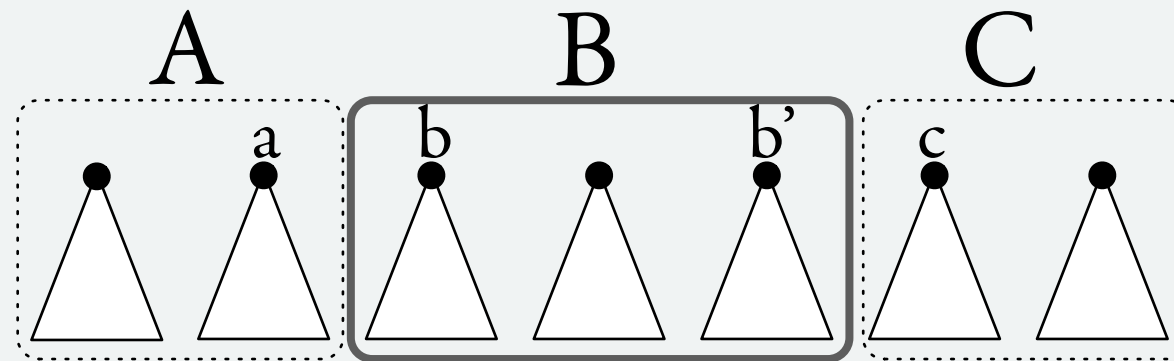


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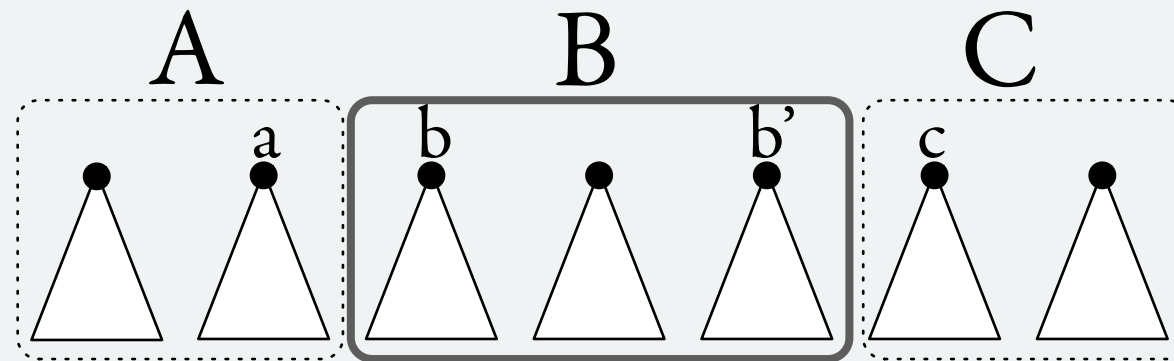


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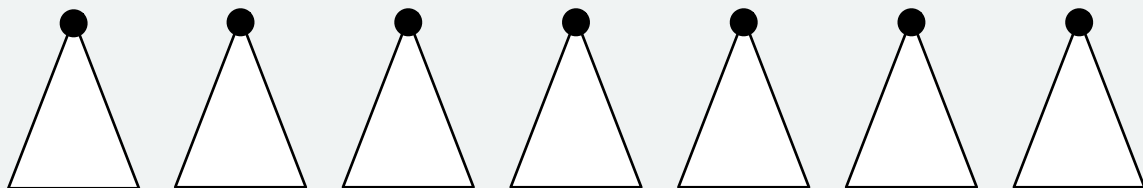
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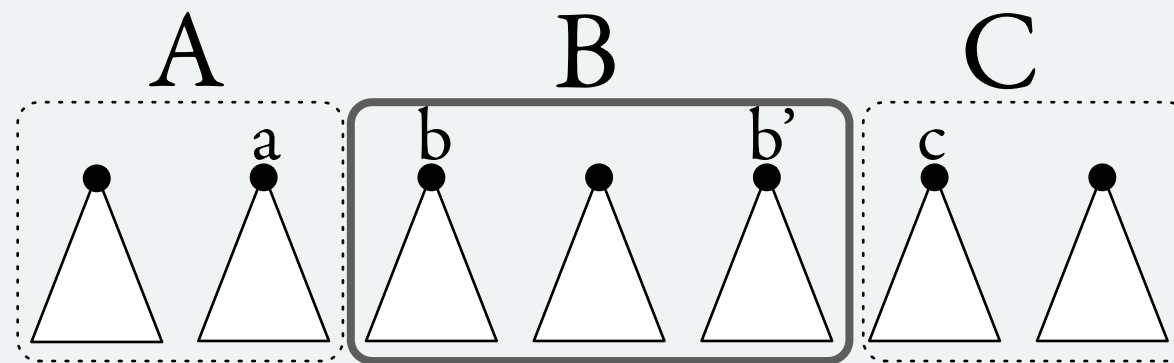
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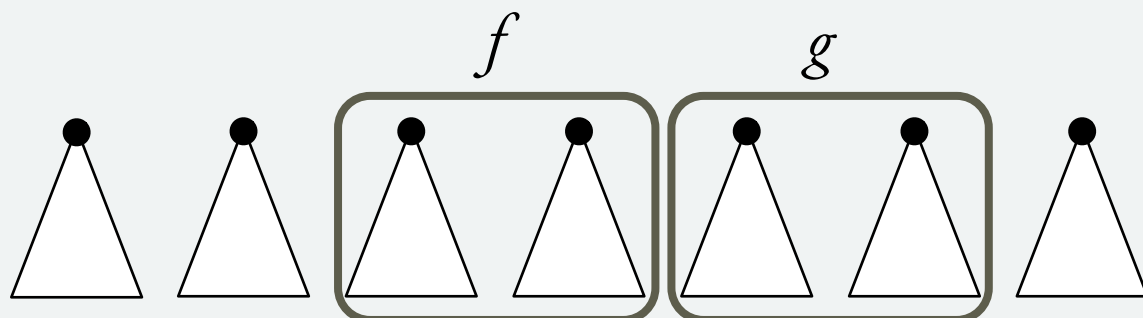
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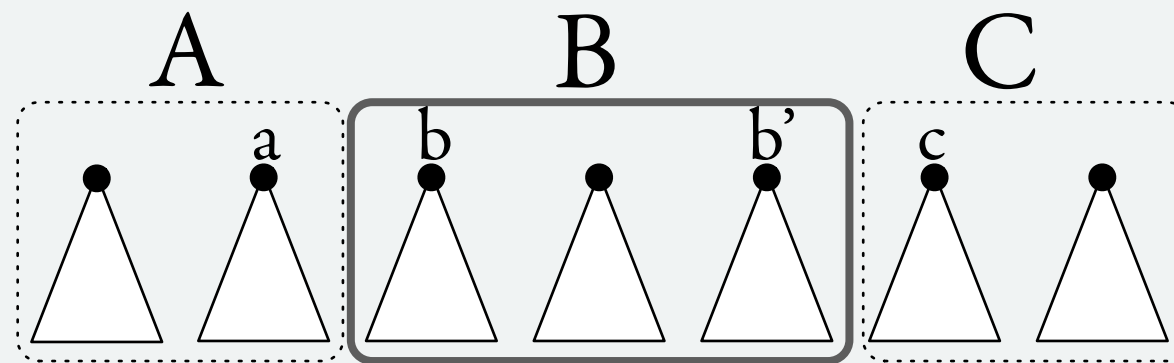
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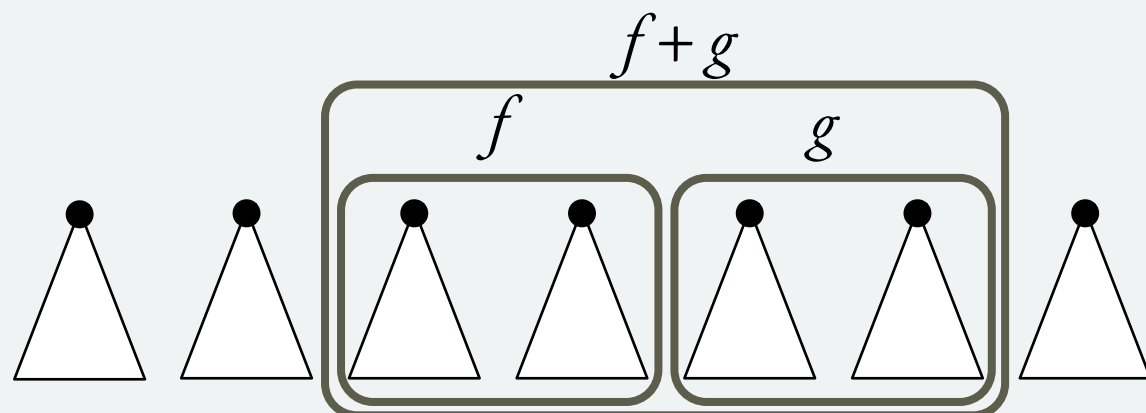
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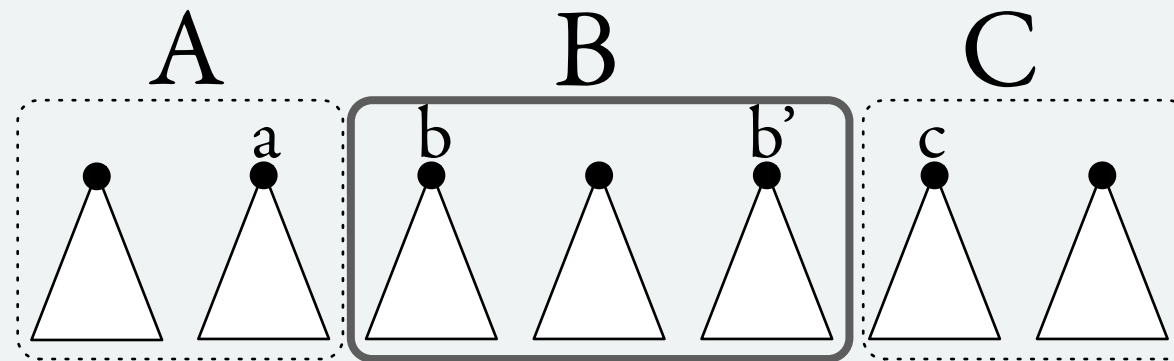
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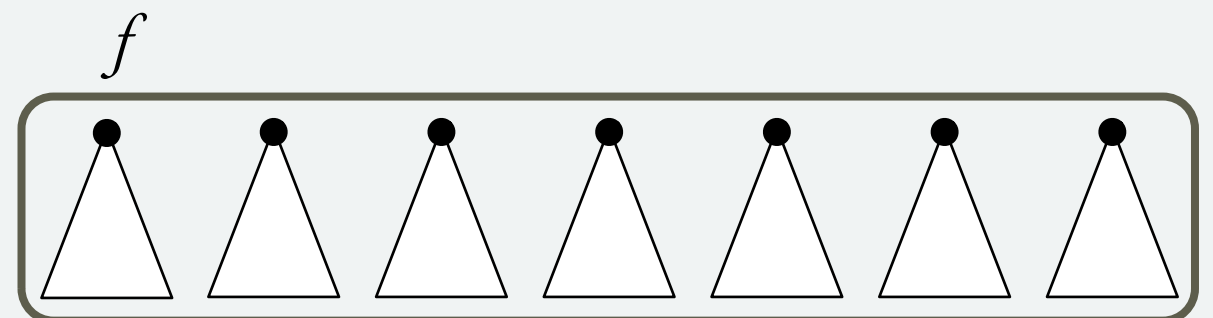
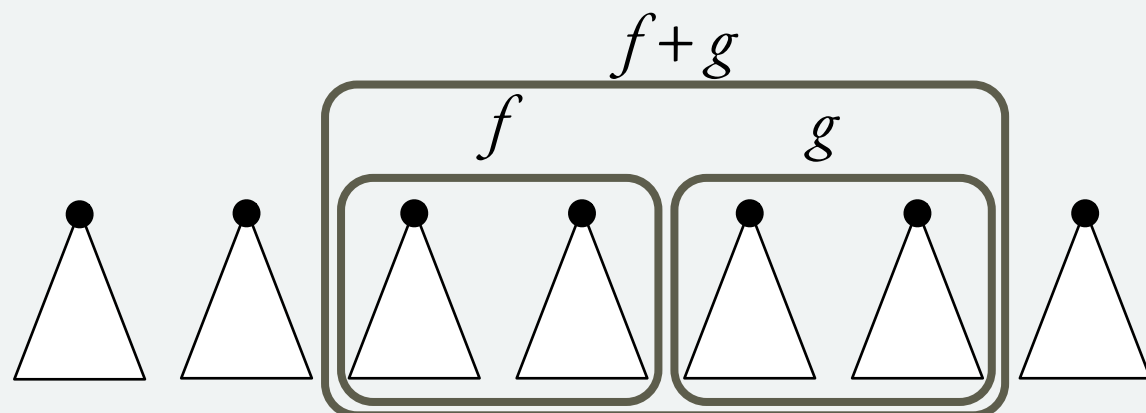
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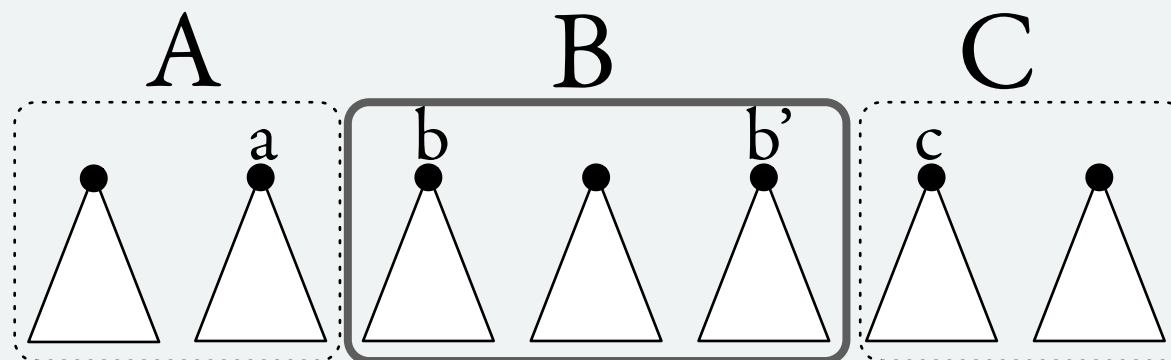
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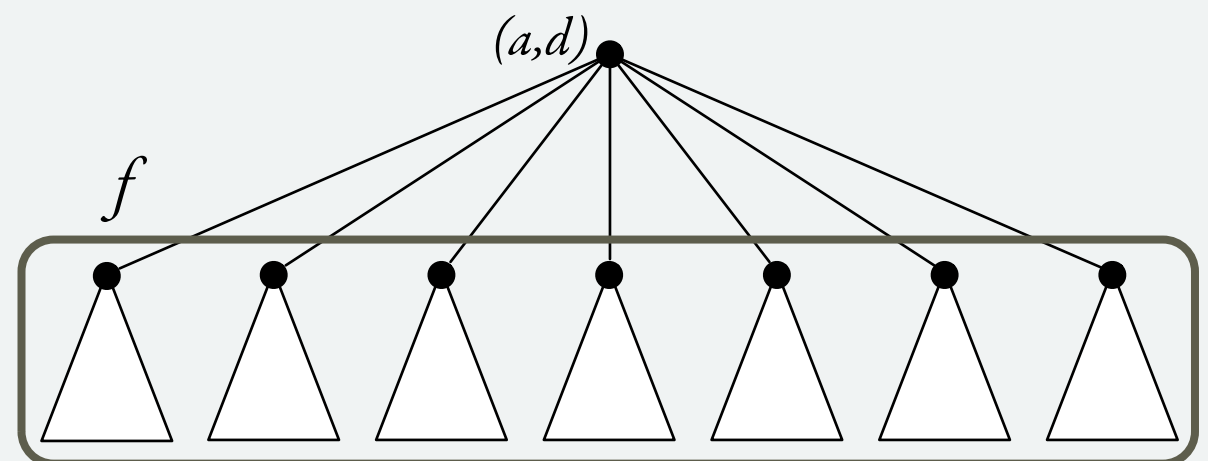
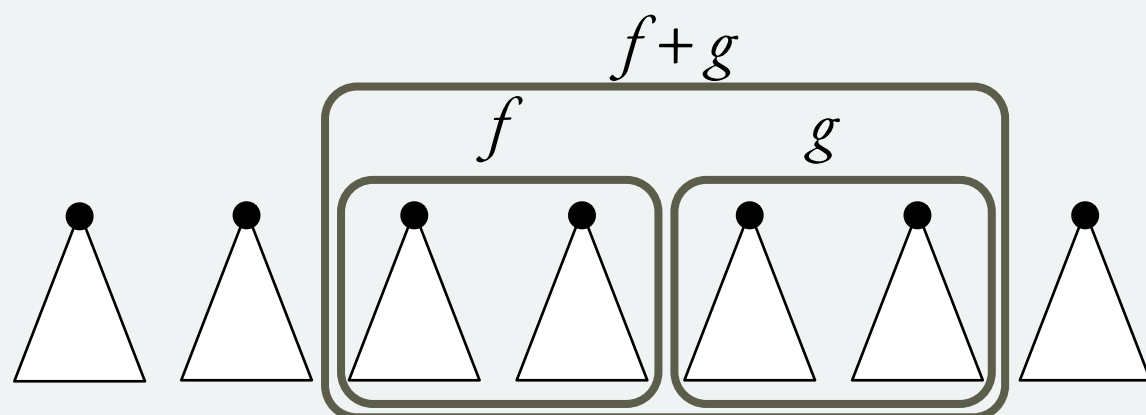
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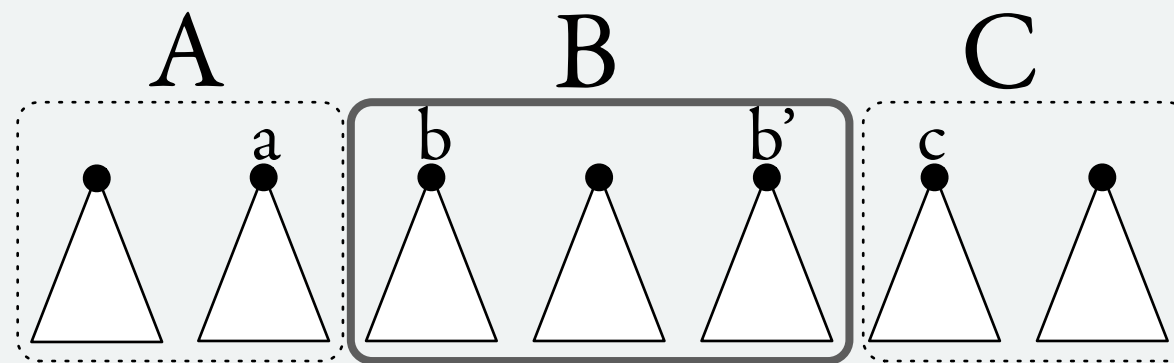
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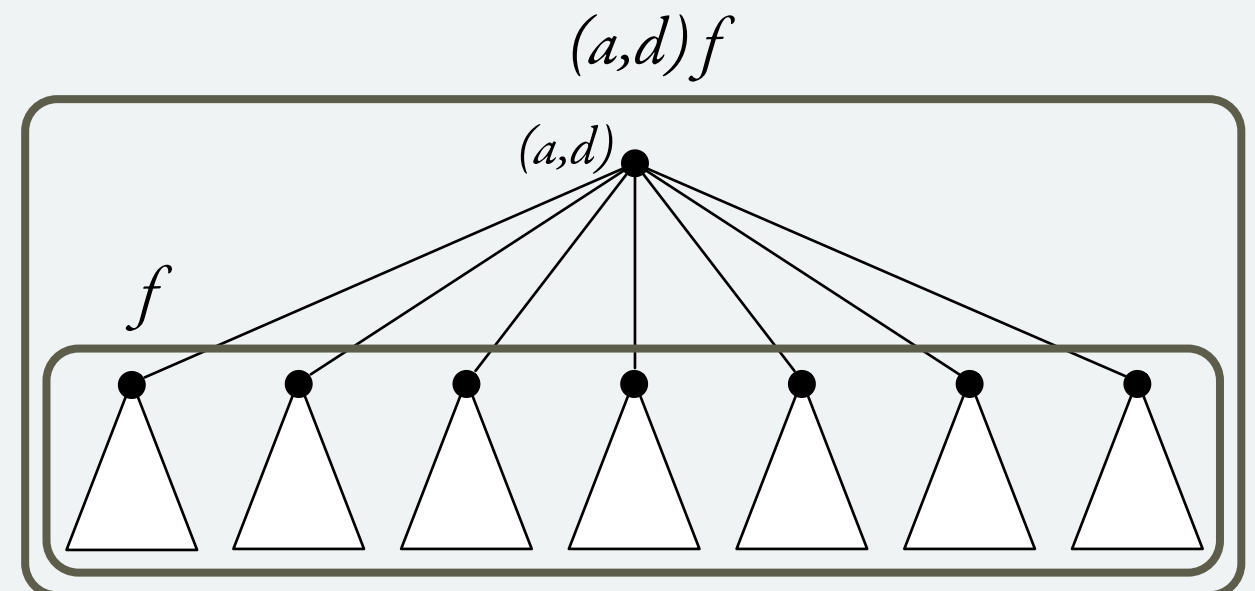
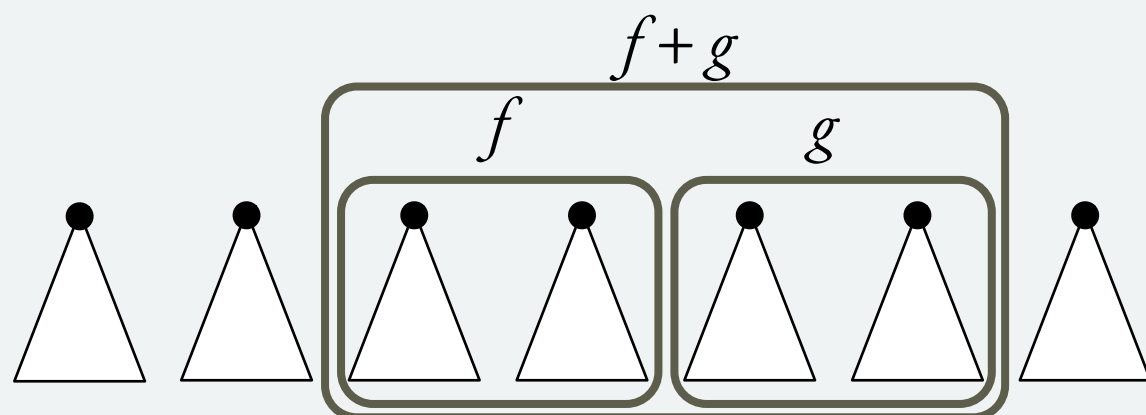
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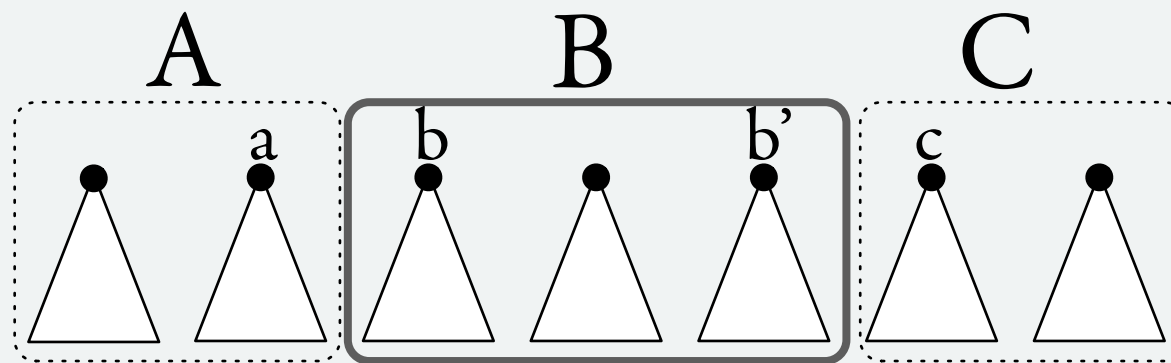
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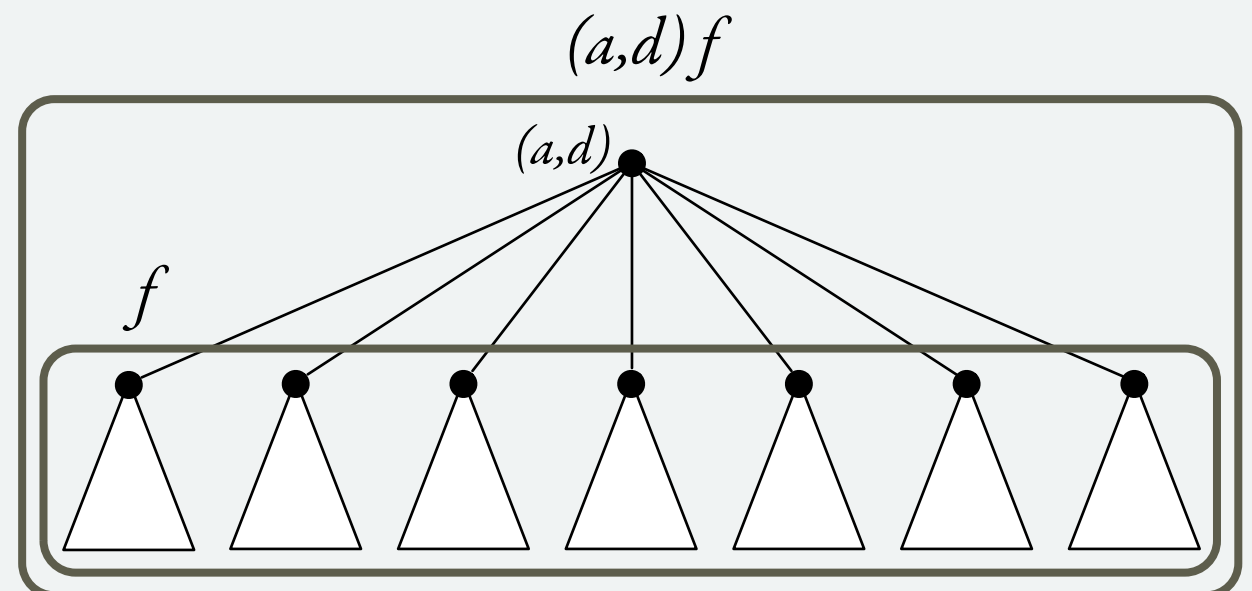
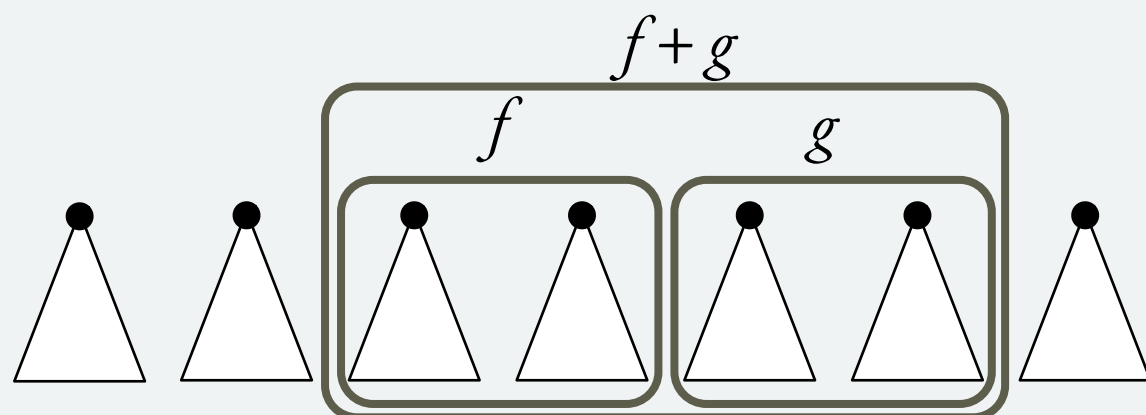
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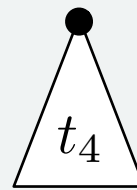
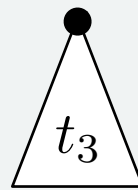
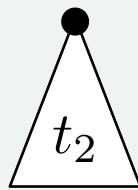
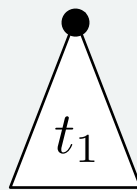
**Algebra** consistent profiles = profiles that do not contradict  $\phi$



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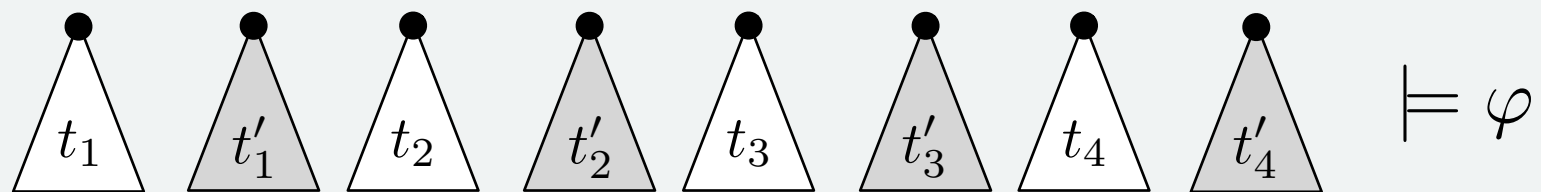
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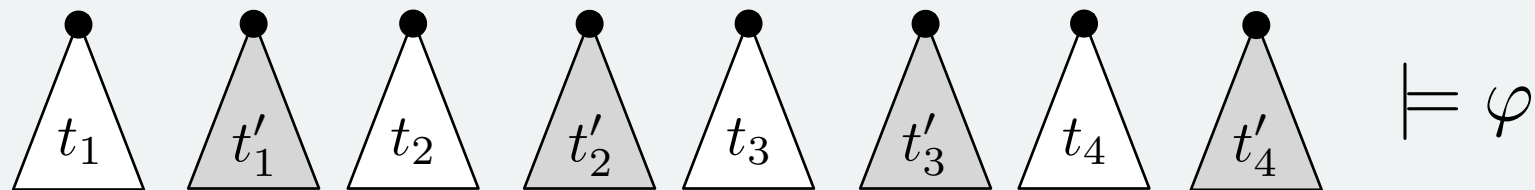
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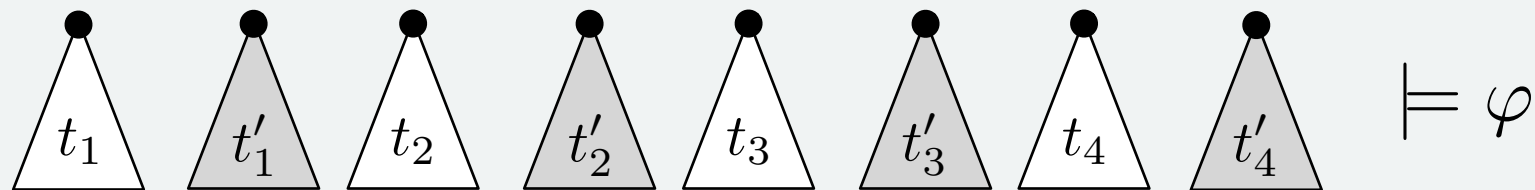
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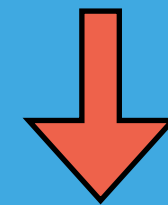


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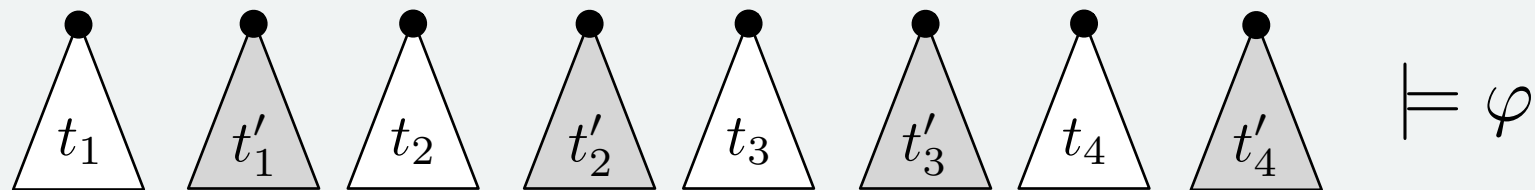


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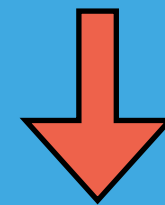


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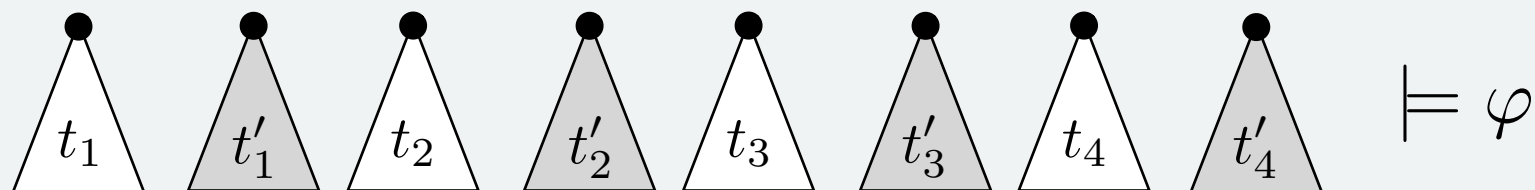


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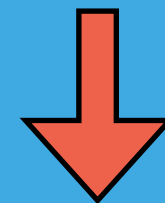


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closure property  $\leadsto$   $<$ -compatibility of FP algebra

derivation problem



derivation problem  
for  $<$ -minimal profiles

bounded extensions of

*boundedly many!*

Satisfiability problem for  $\phi$



Derivation problem for Forest Profiles

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Derivation problem over a **finite set** of Forest Profiles

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Finite-state reachability algorithm