

Monads, comonads, and Mealy machines

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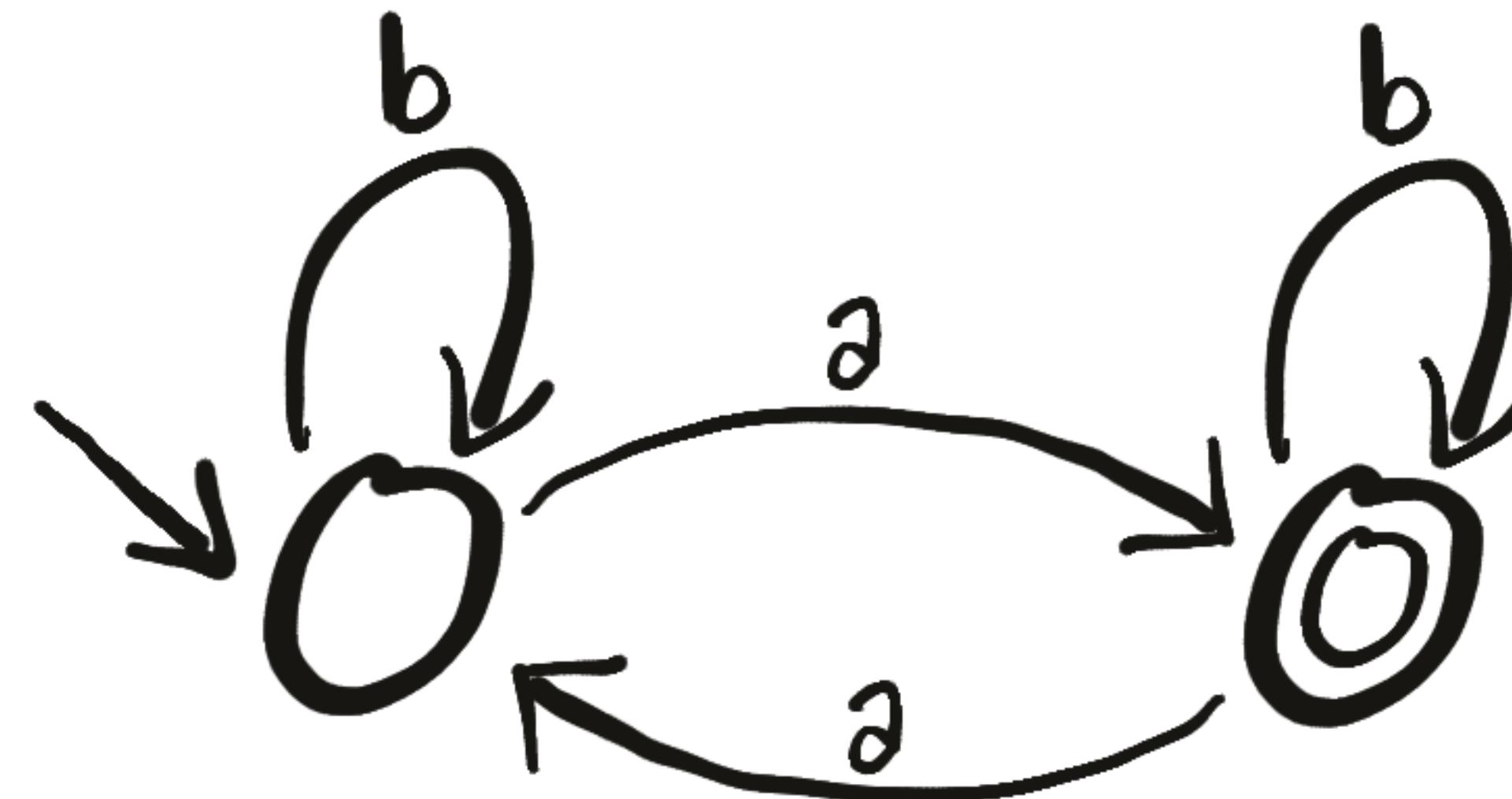
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M. Bojańczyk. *Recognisable languages over monads*.

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Deterministic finite automata



$$L \subseteq \{a, b\}^*$$

The input word contains an odd number of a's

Monoids

$$(A, 1, \cdot)$$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

$$1 \cdot a = a = a \cdot 1$$

Monoids

$$(\mathbb{Z}_2, 0, +)$$

$$(\{a, b\}^*, \epsilon, \cdot)$$

$$(\mathbb{N}, 0, \max)$$

Finite monoids and regular languages

A $h : \Sigma \rightarrow A$ $f : A \rightarrow \{\text{Yes, No}\}$

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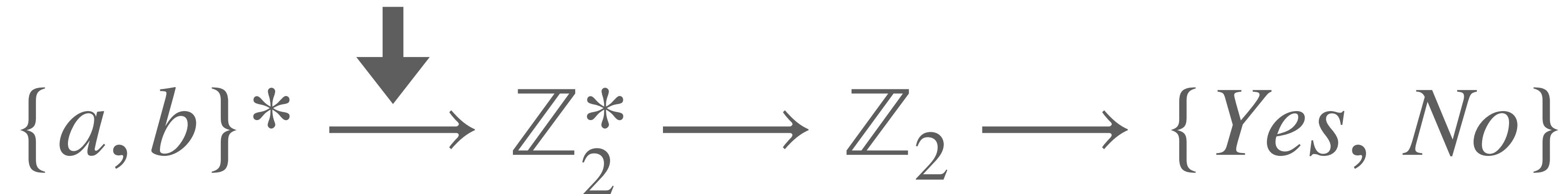
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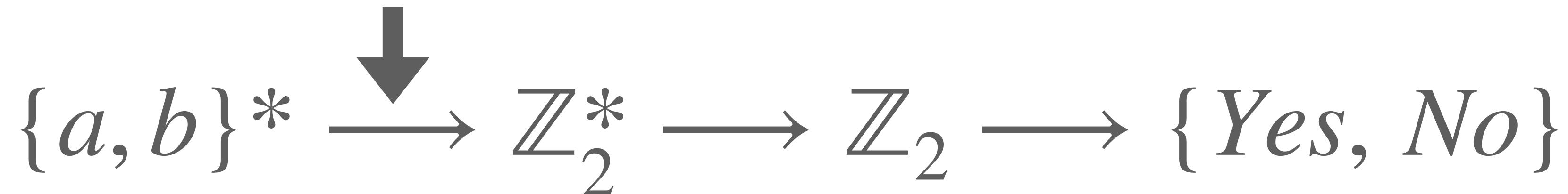
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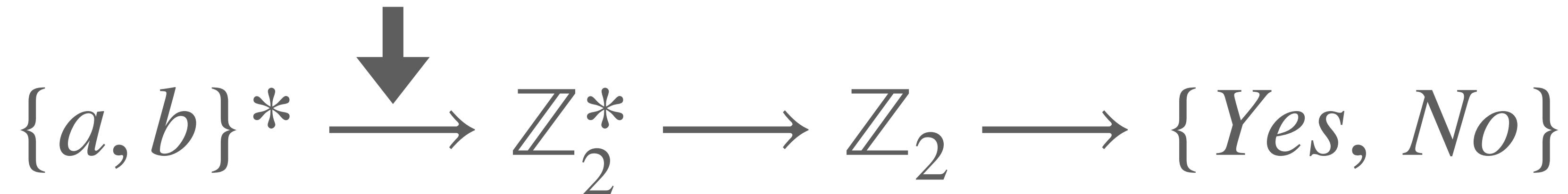
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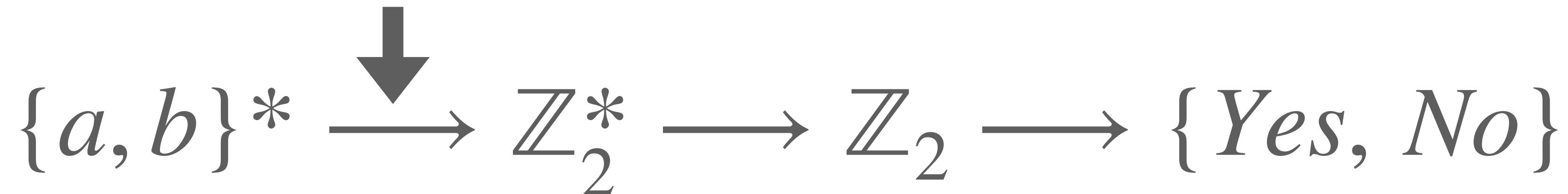
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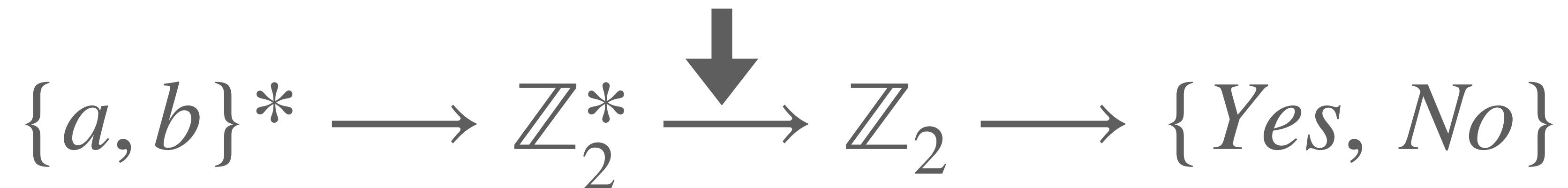
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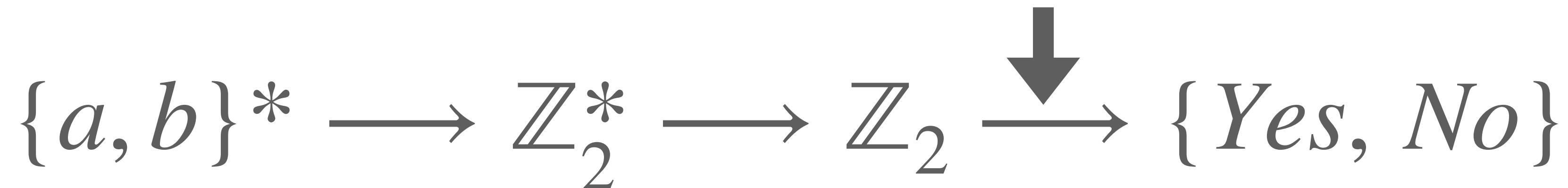


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$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= No \\f(1) &= Yes\end{aligned}$$



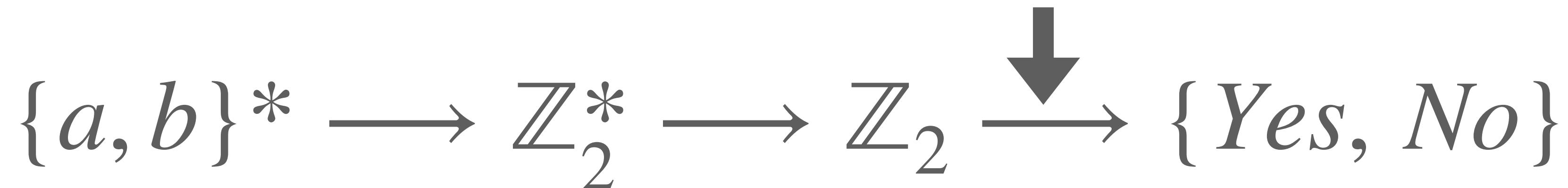
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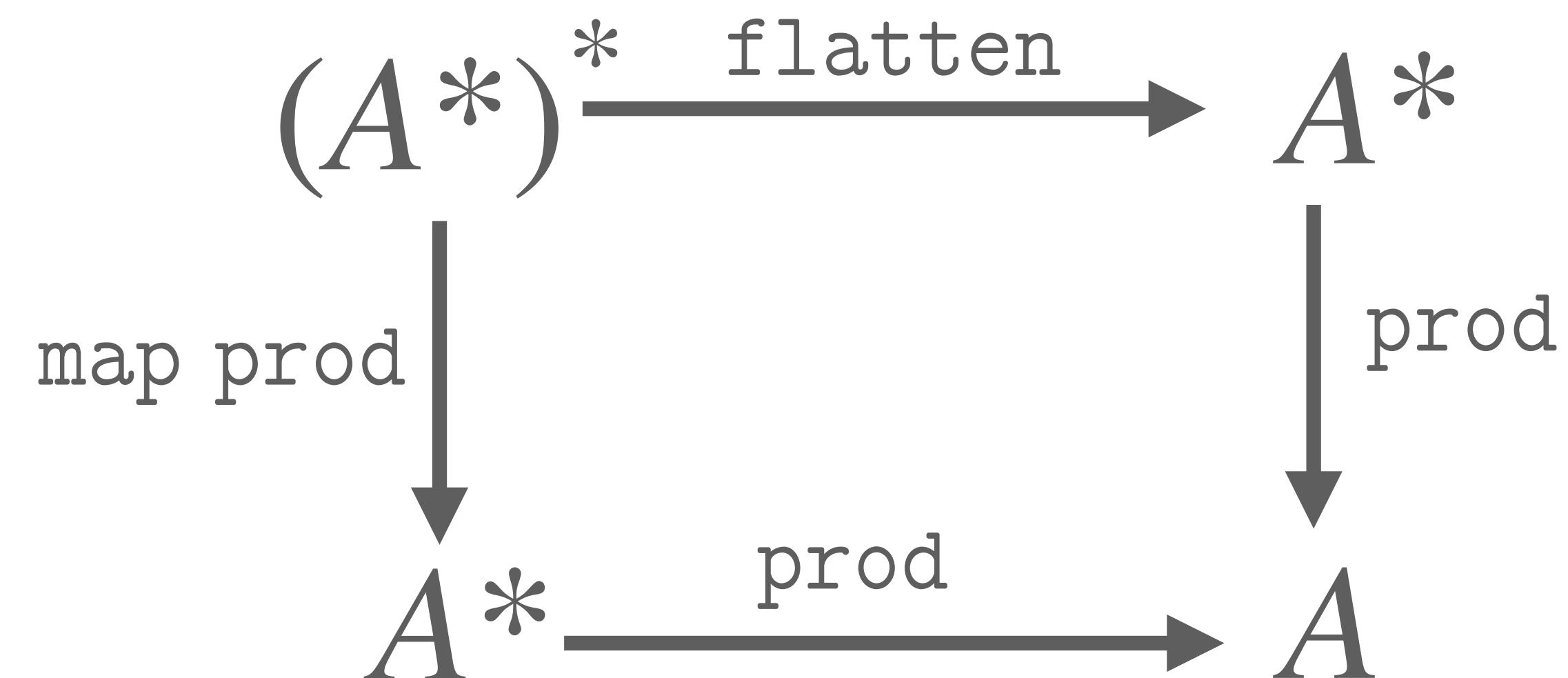
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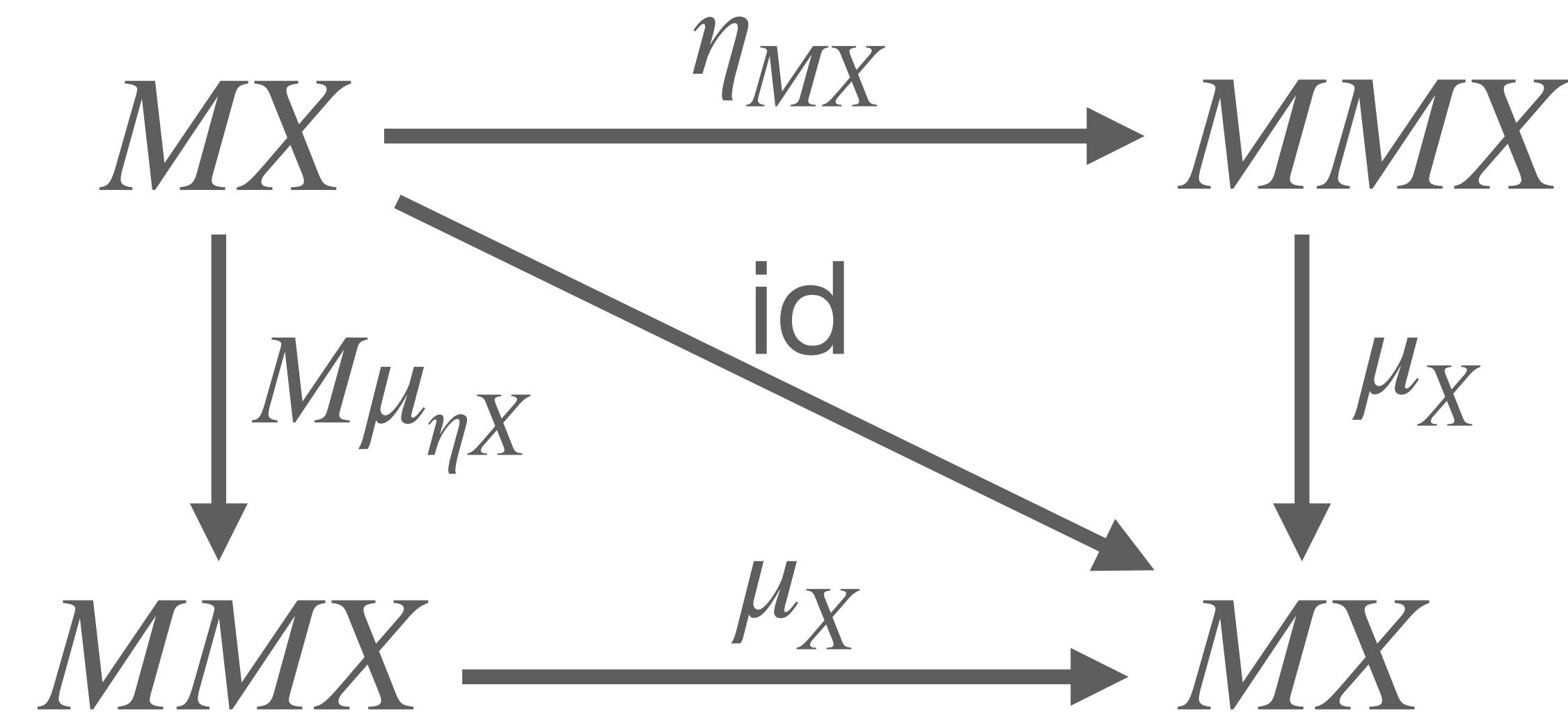
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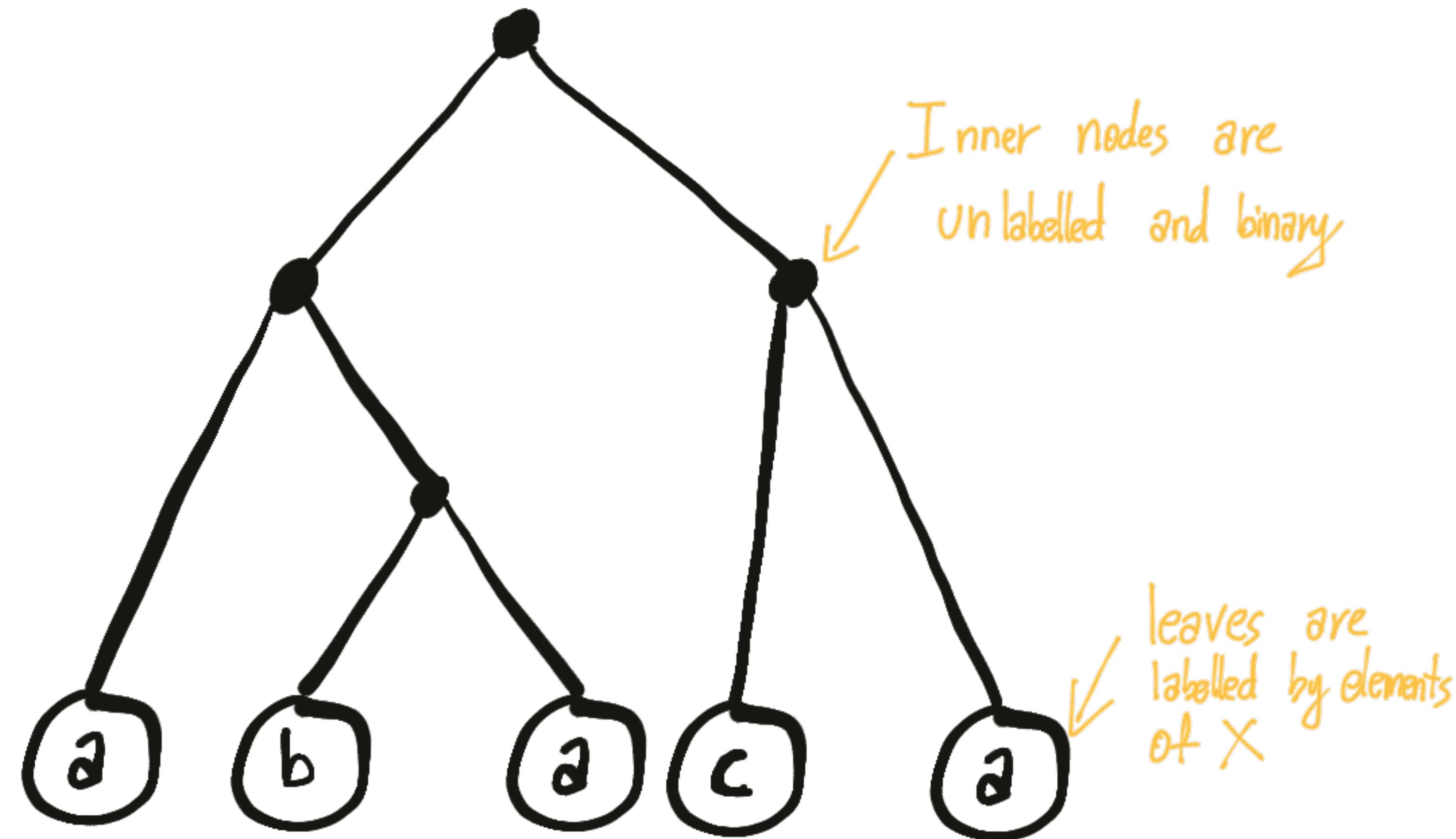
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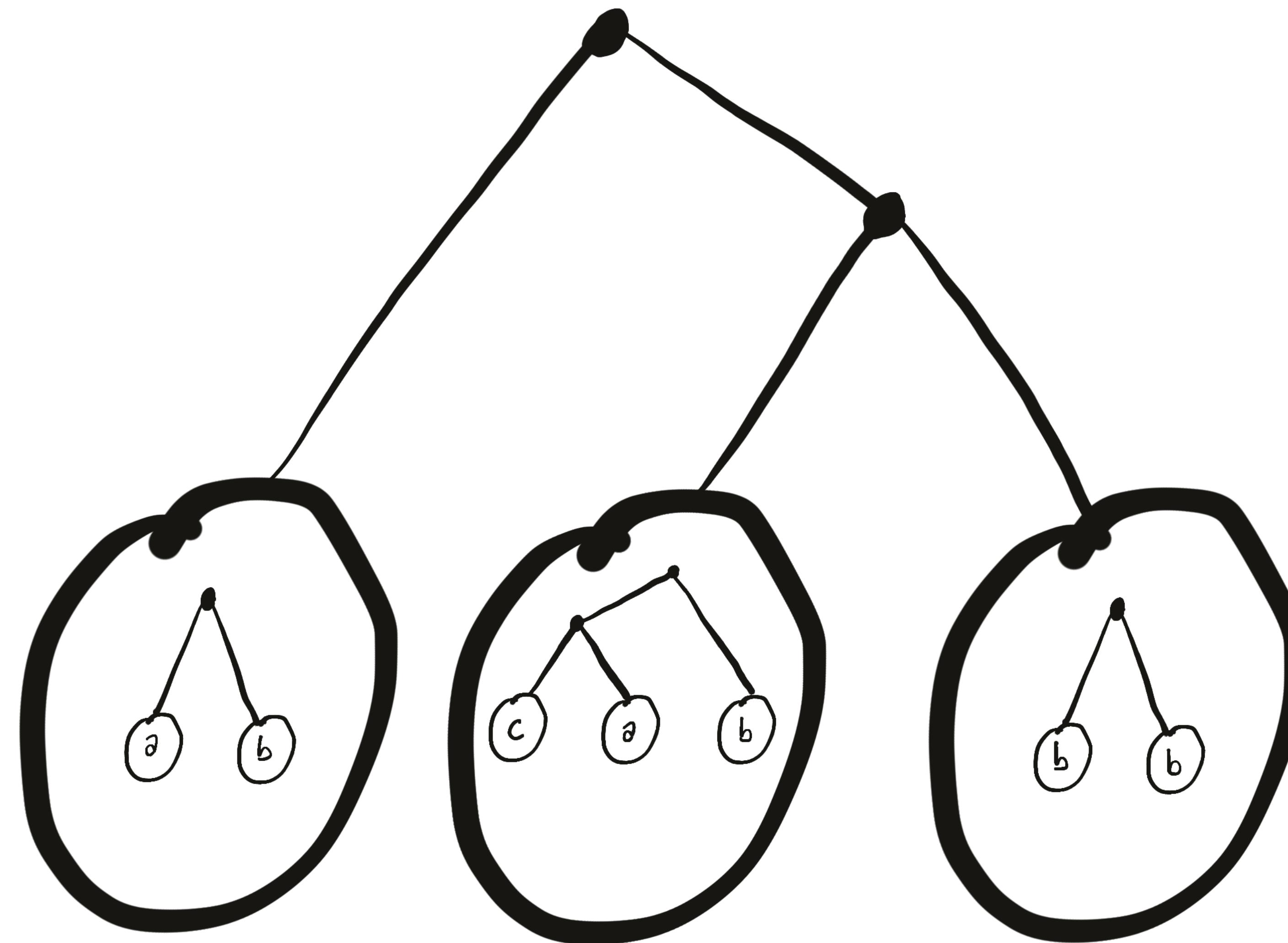
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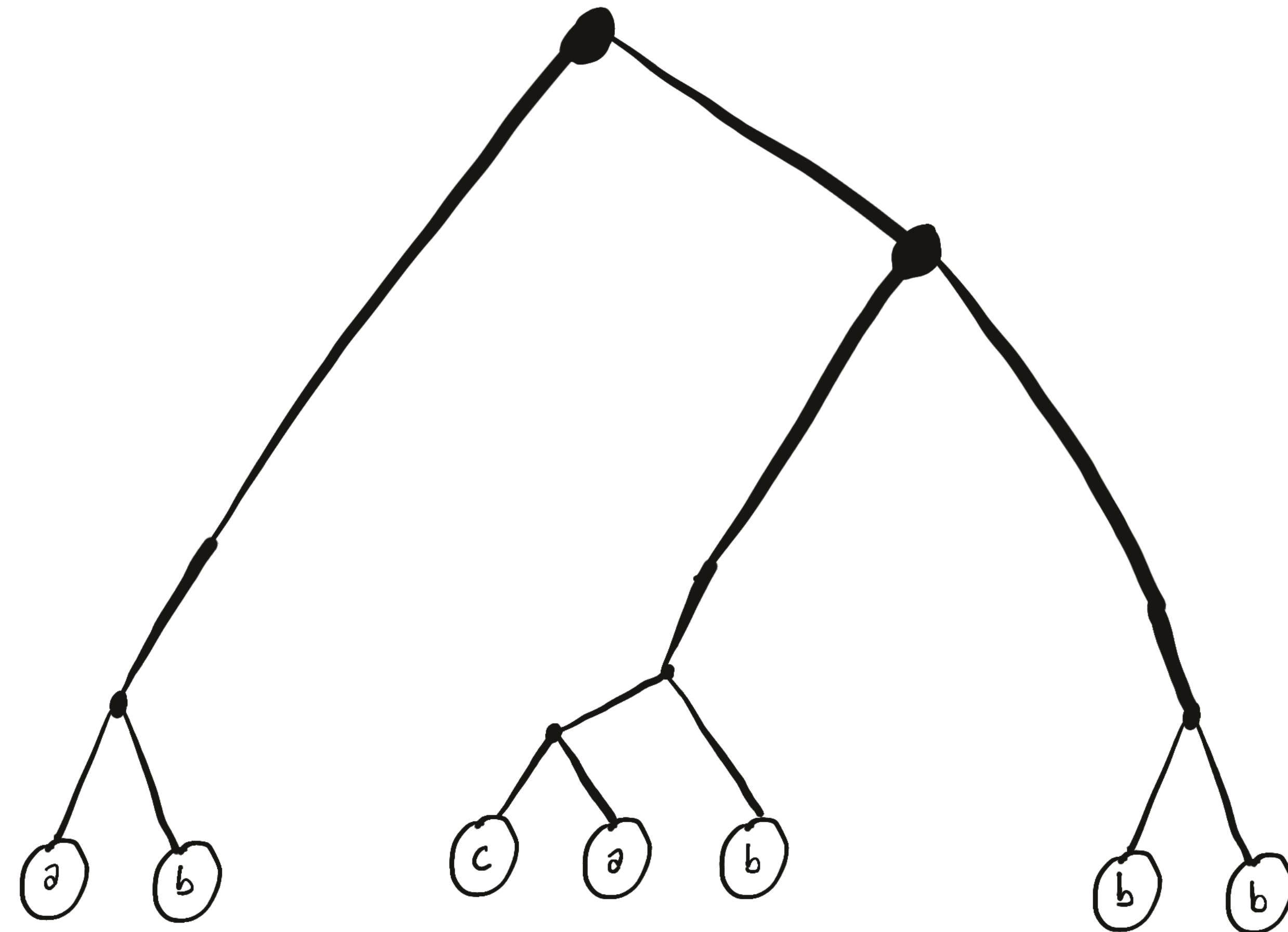
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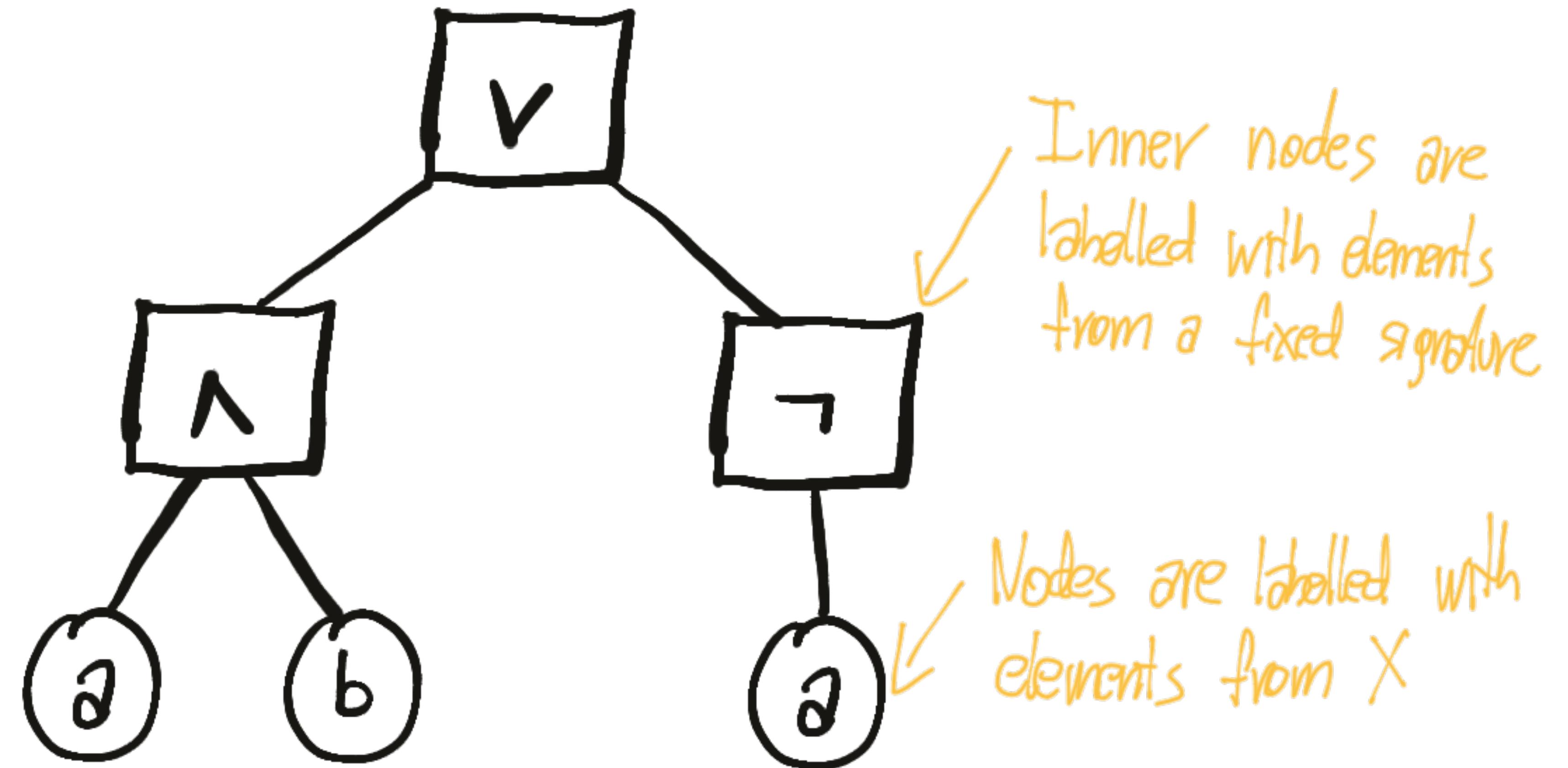
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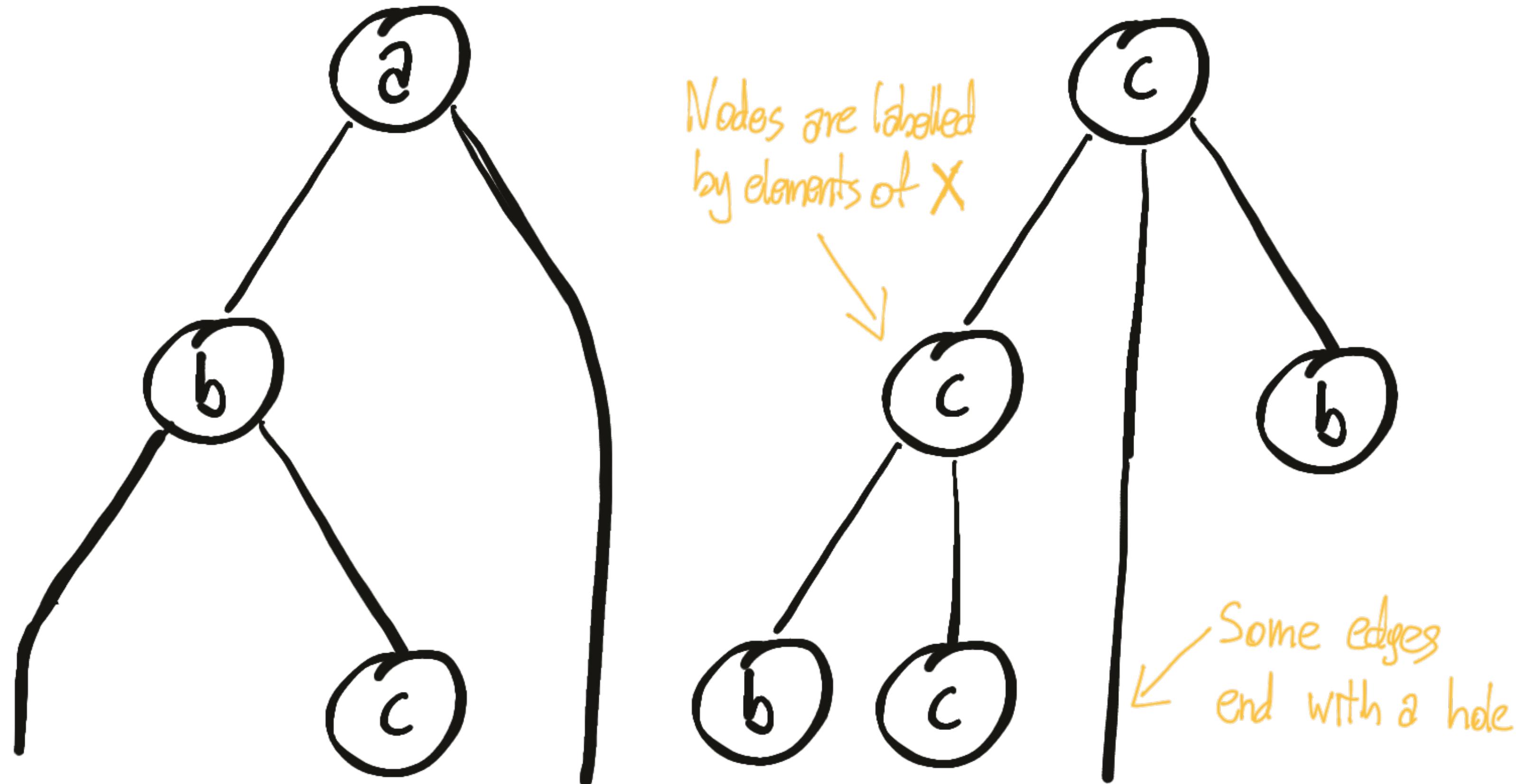
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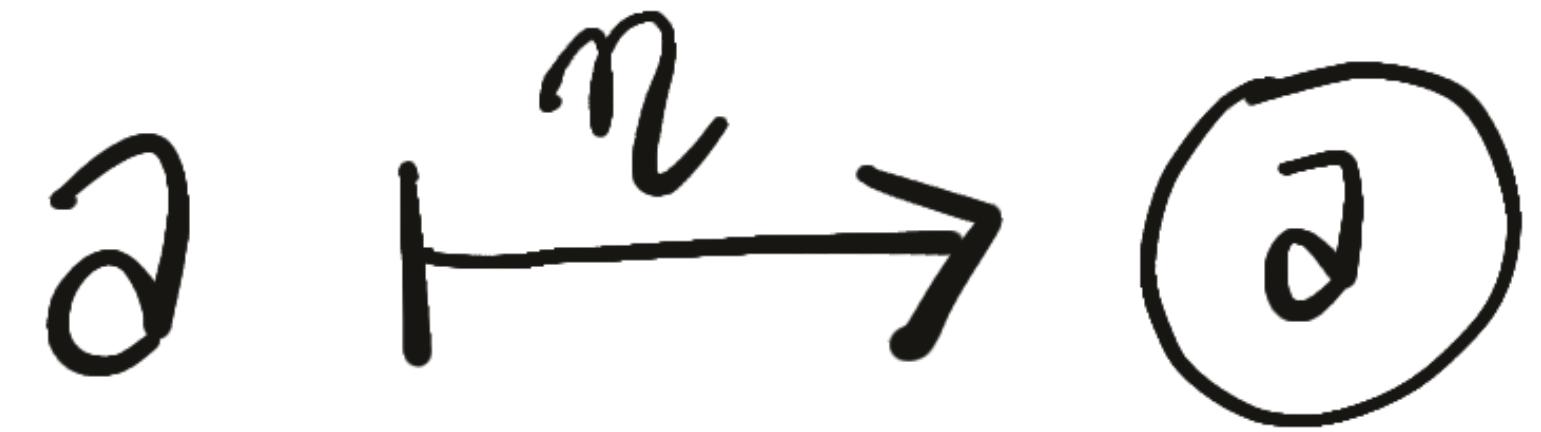


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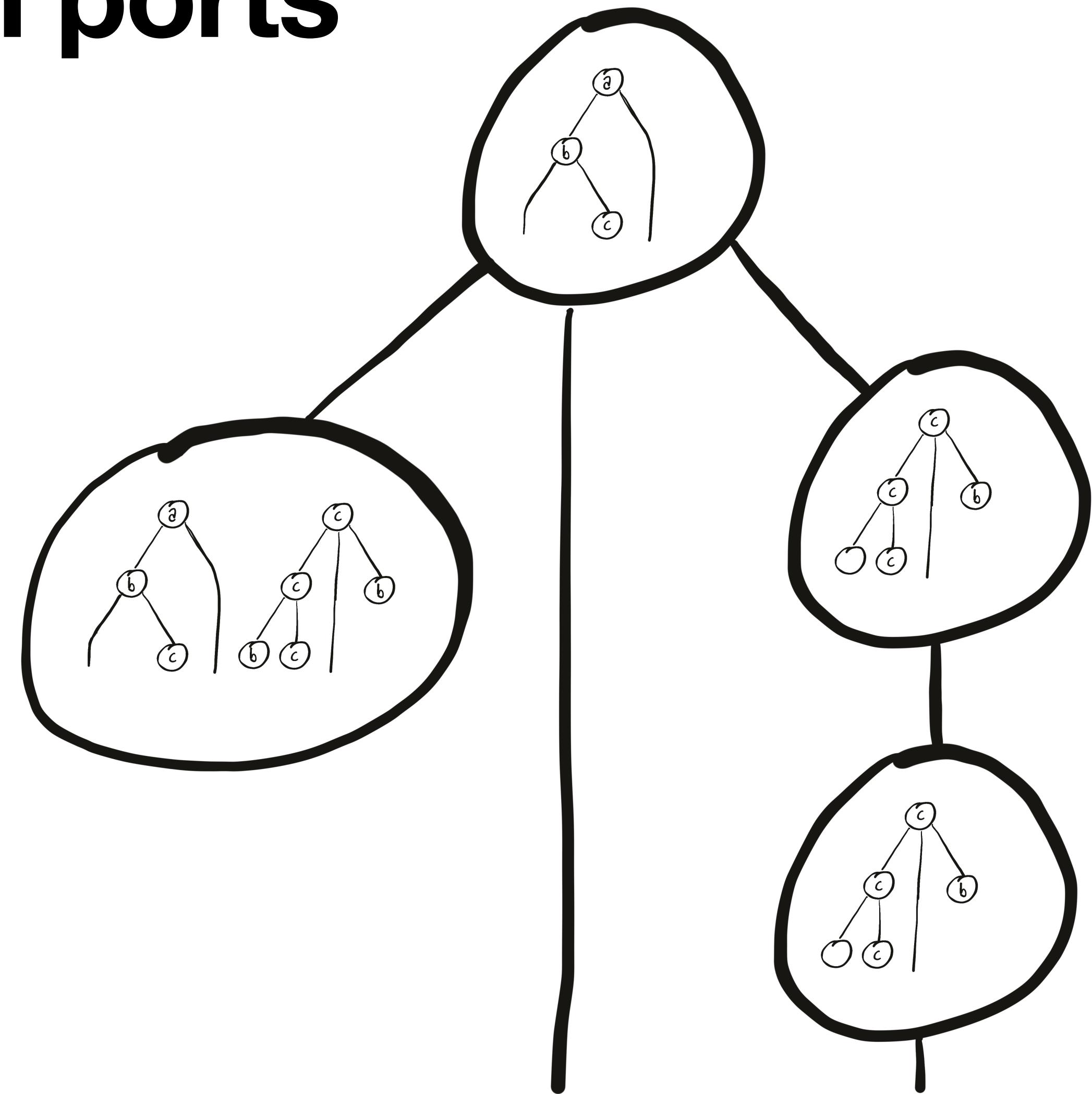
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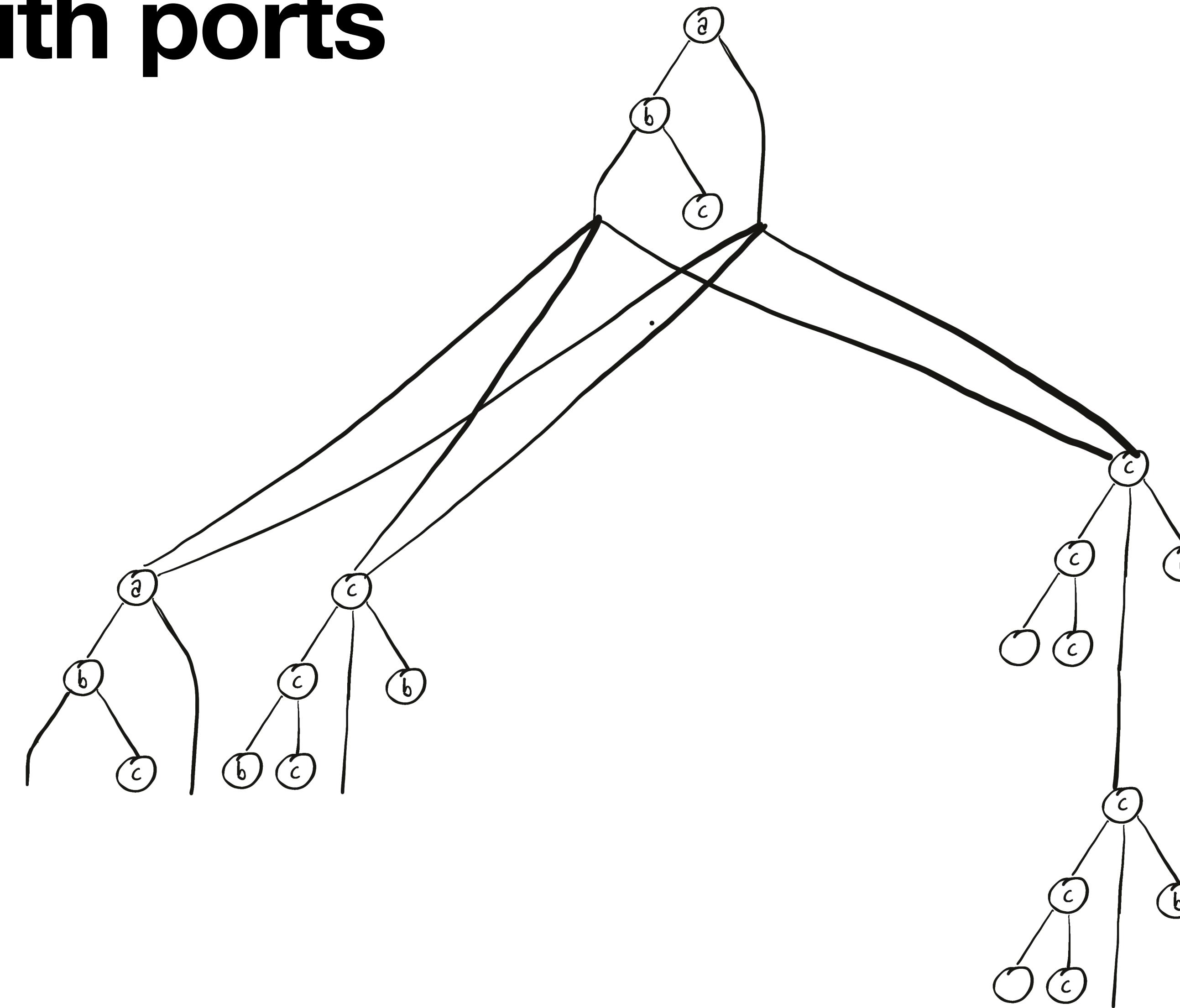


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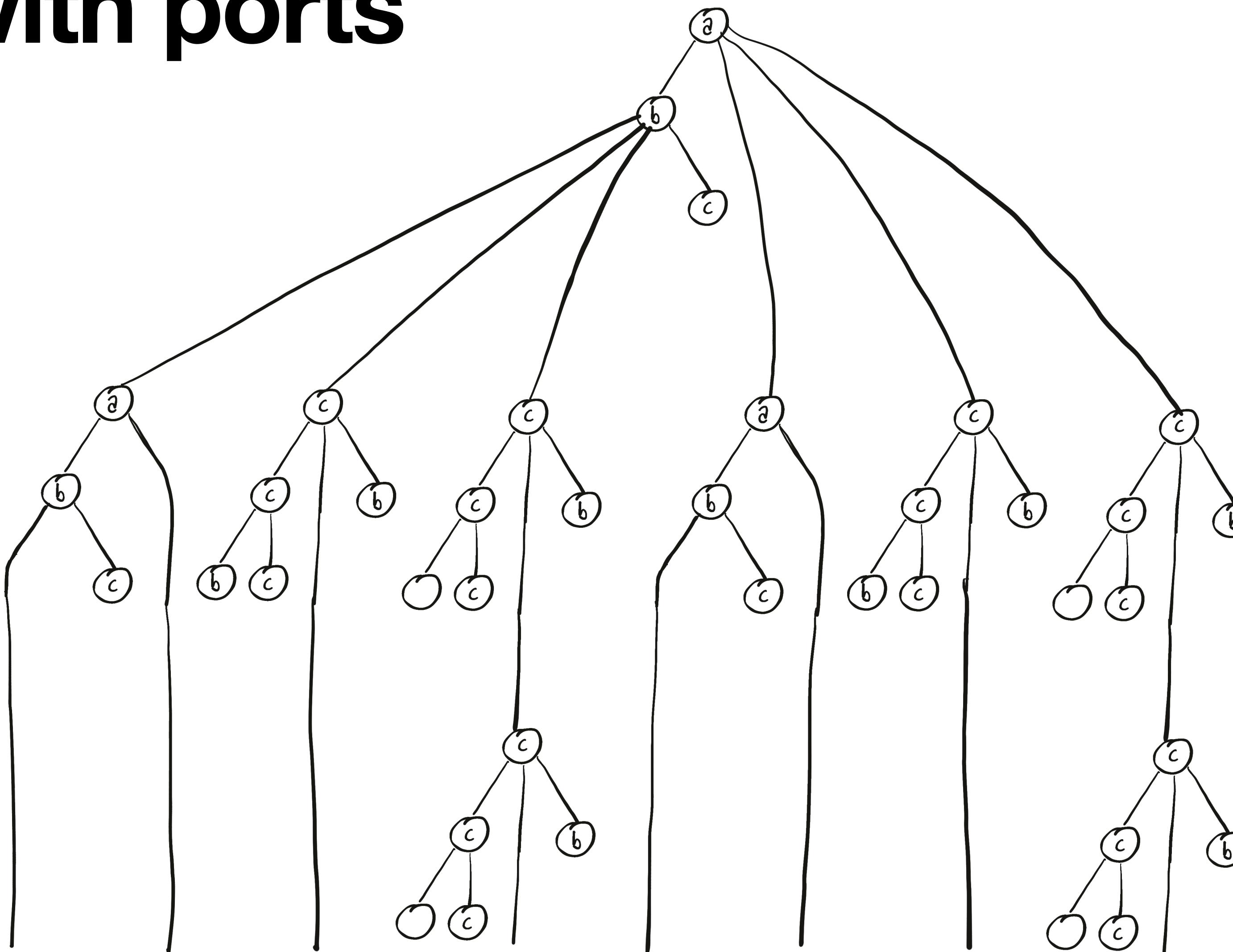


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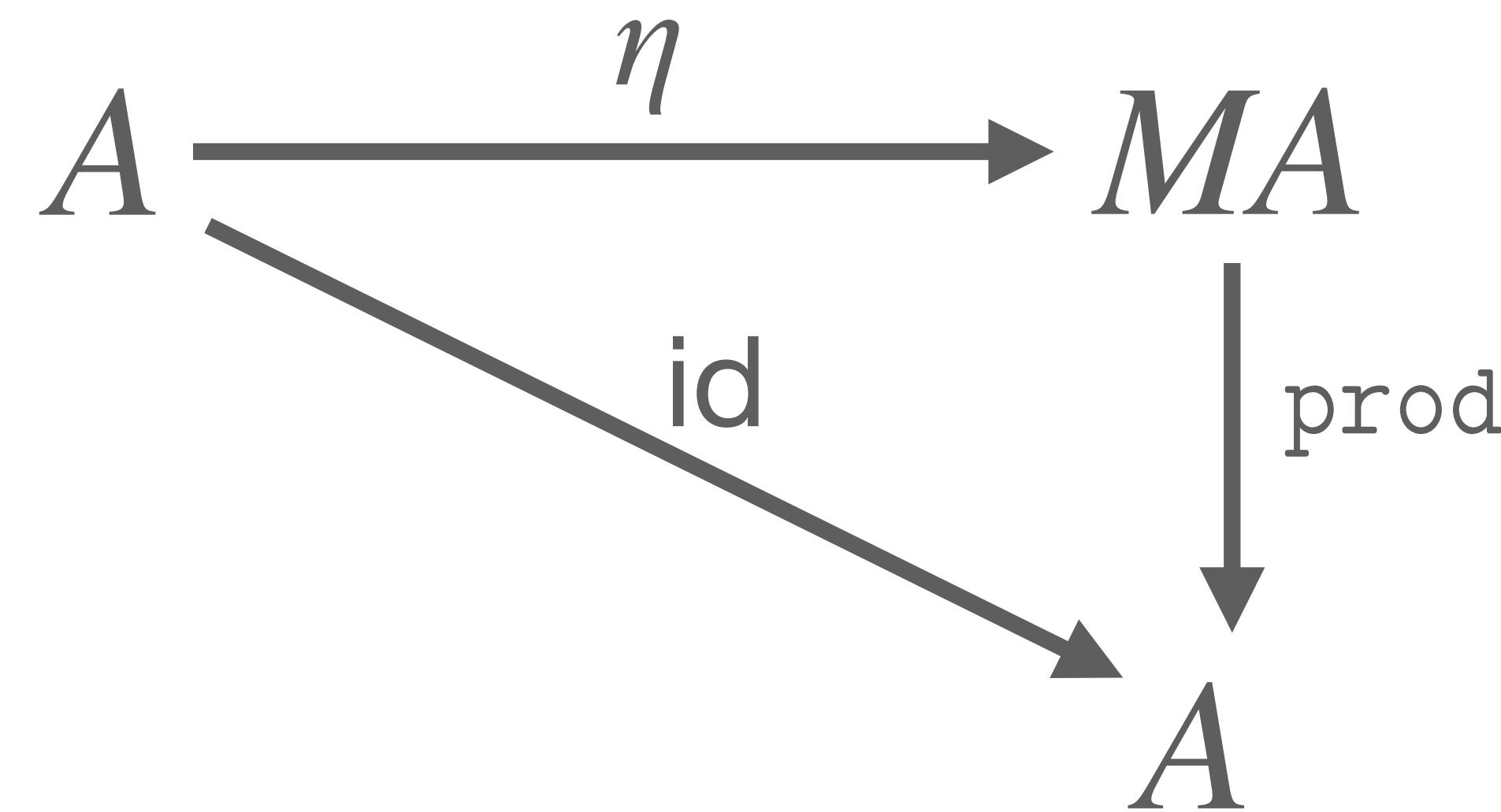
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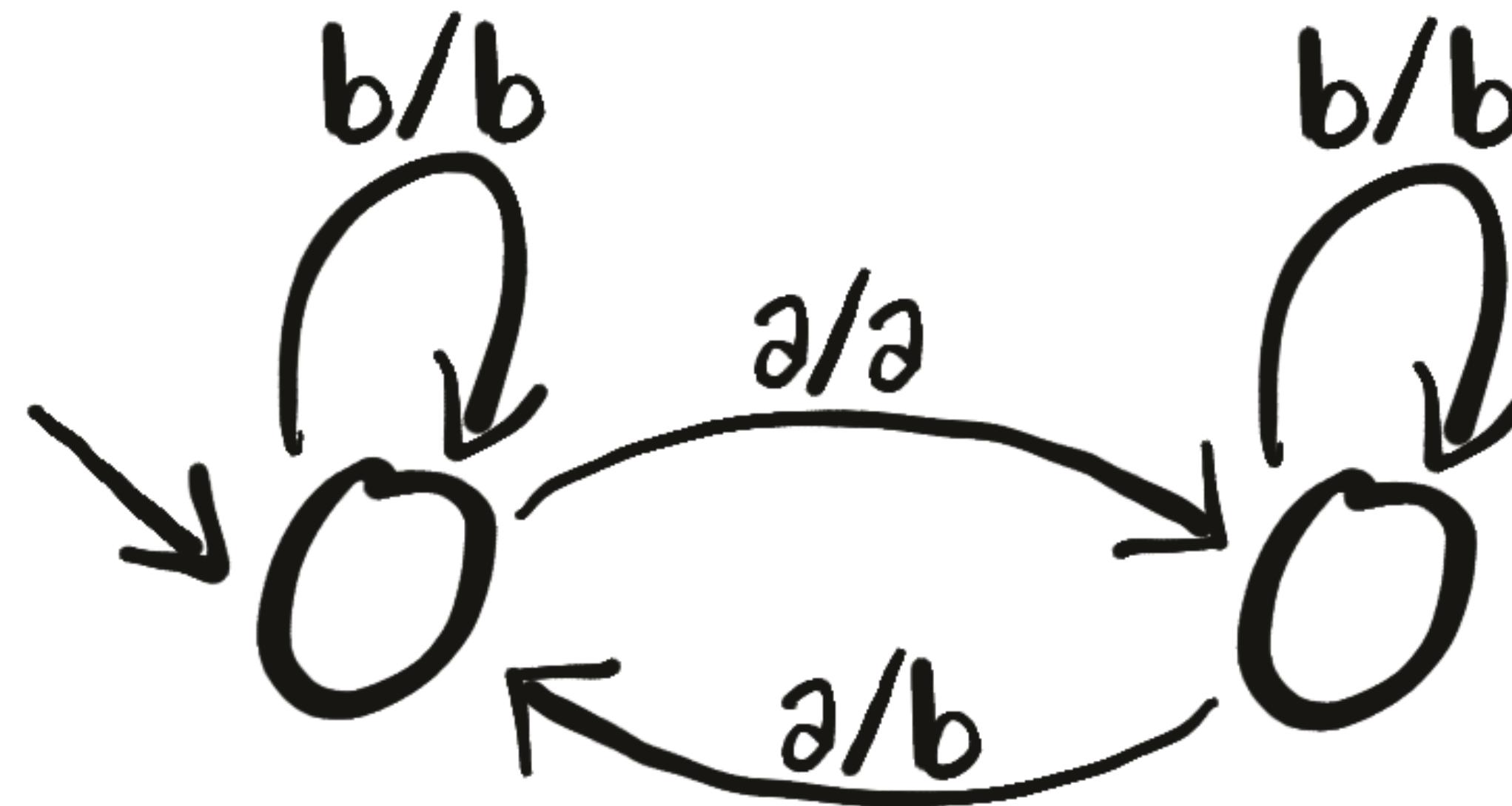
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Regular tree languages

Mealy machines, monads, and comonads

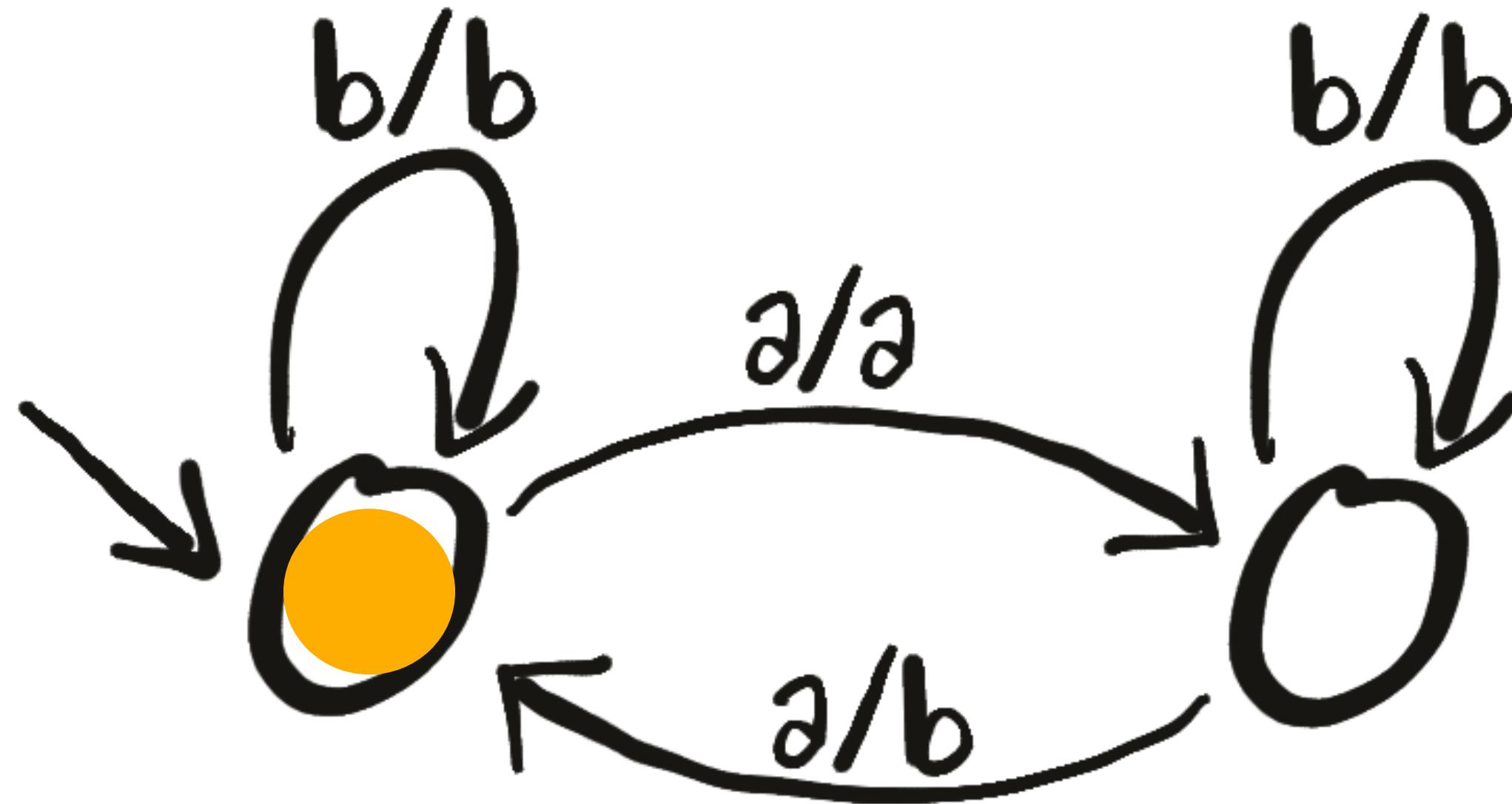
Mealy machine



$$t \in \{a, b\}^* \rightarrow \{a, b\}^*$$

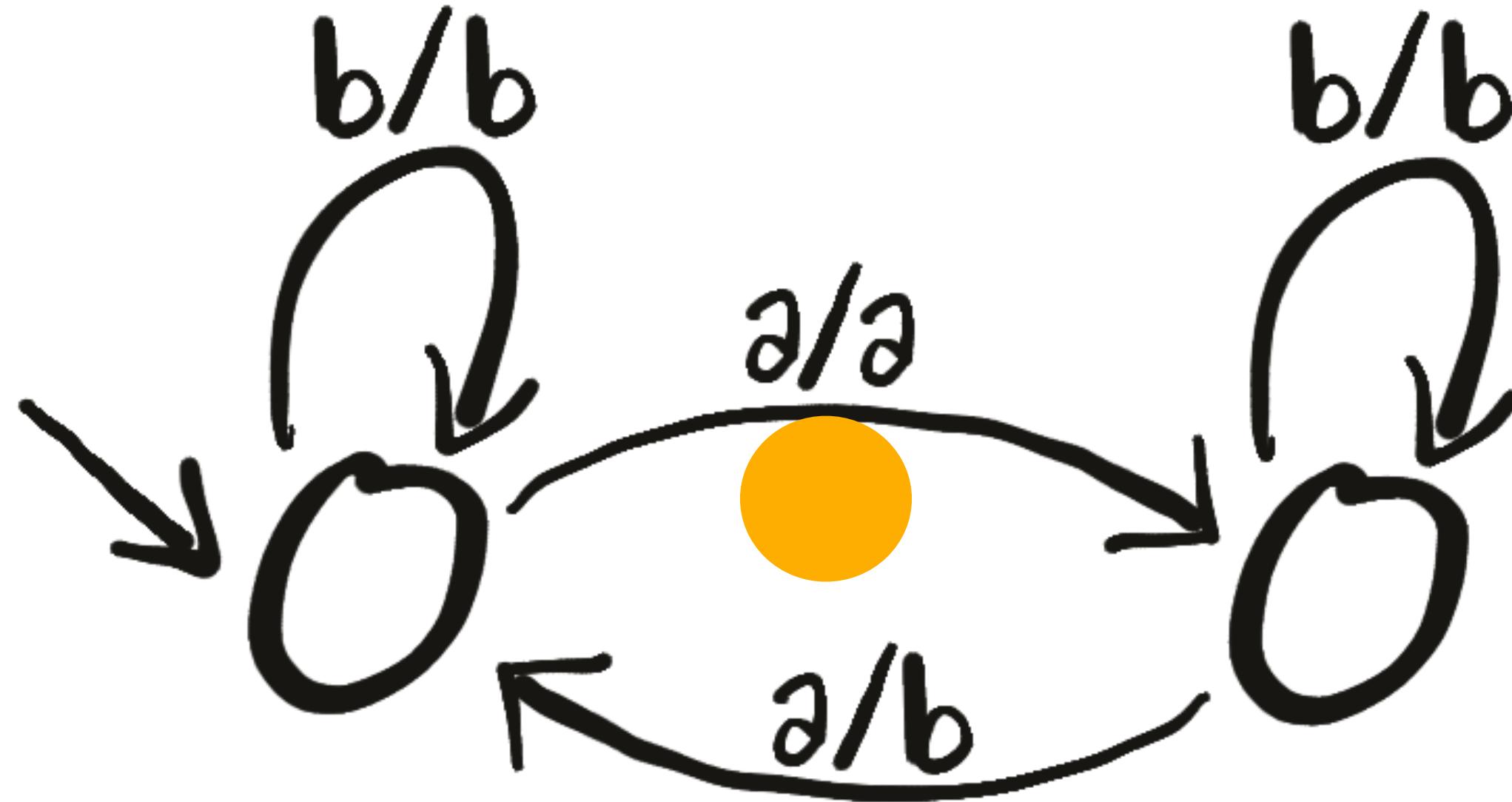
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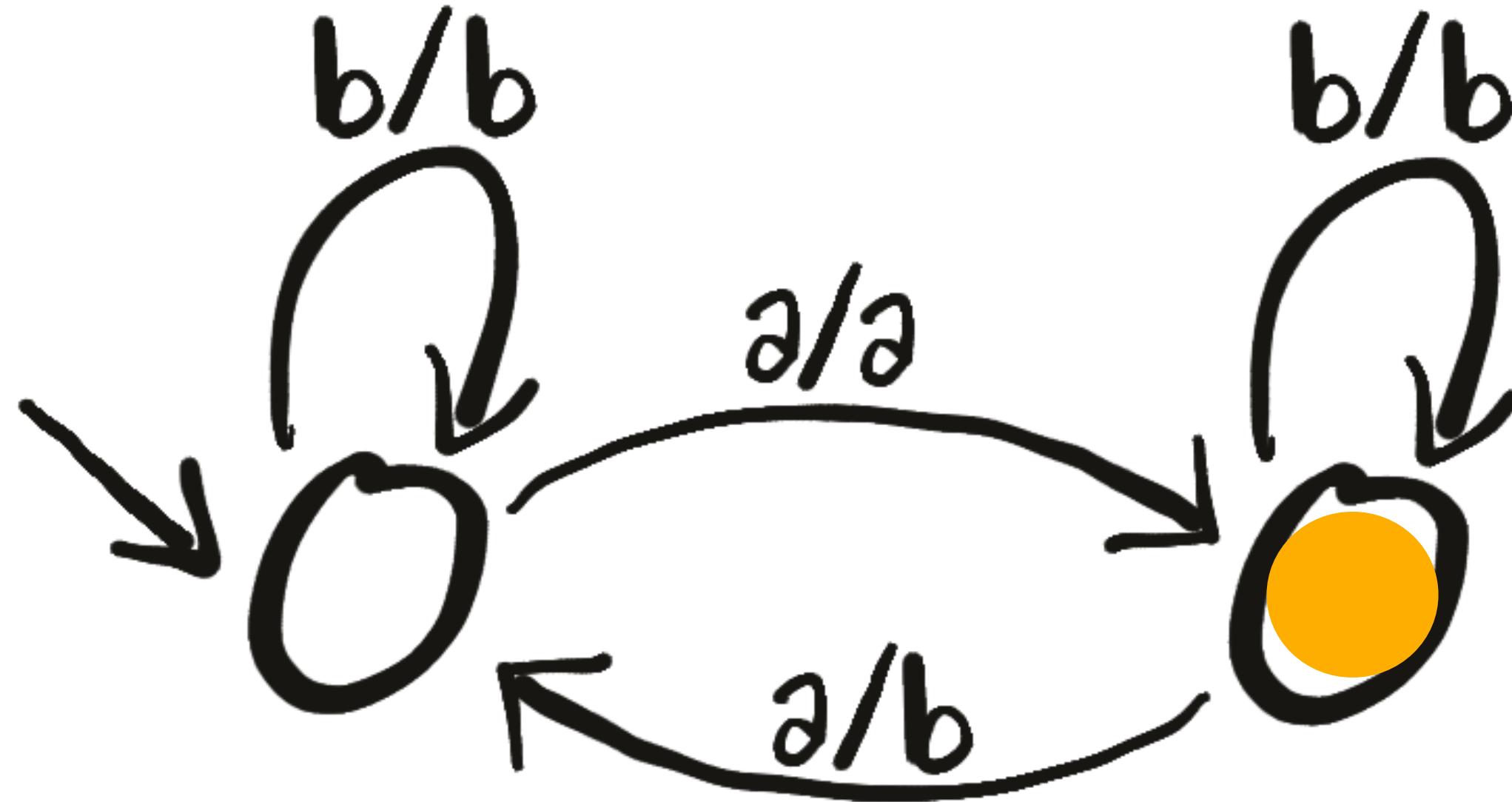
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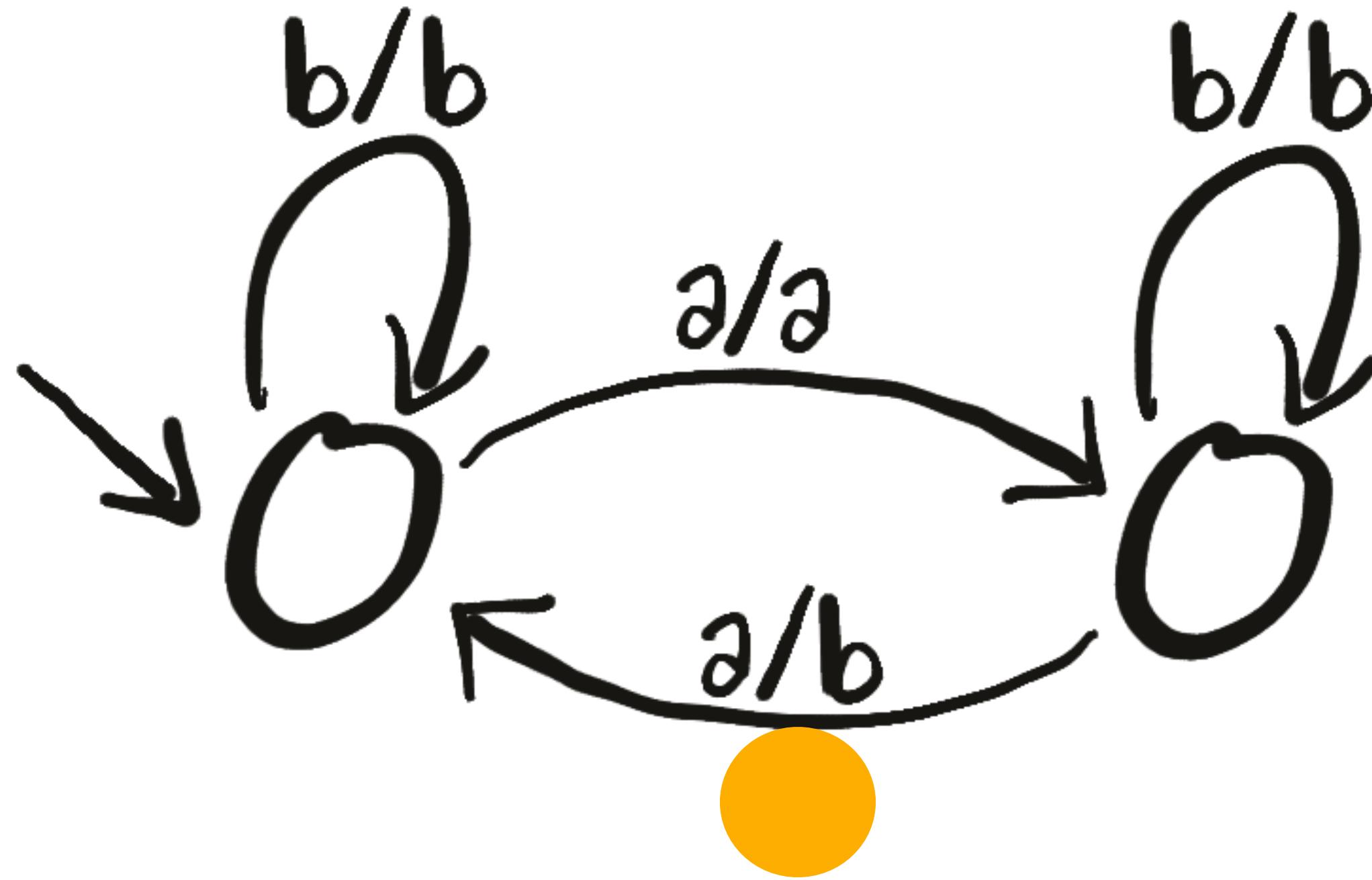
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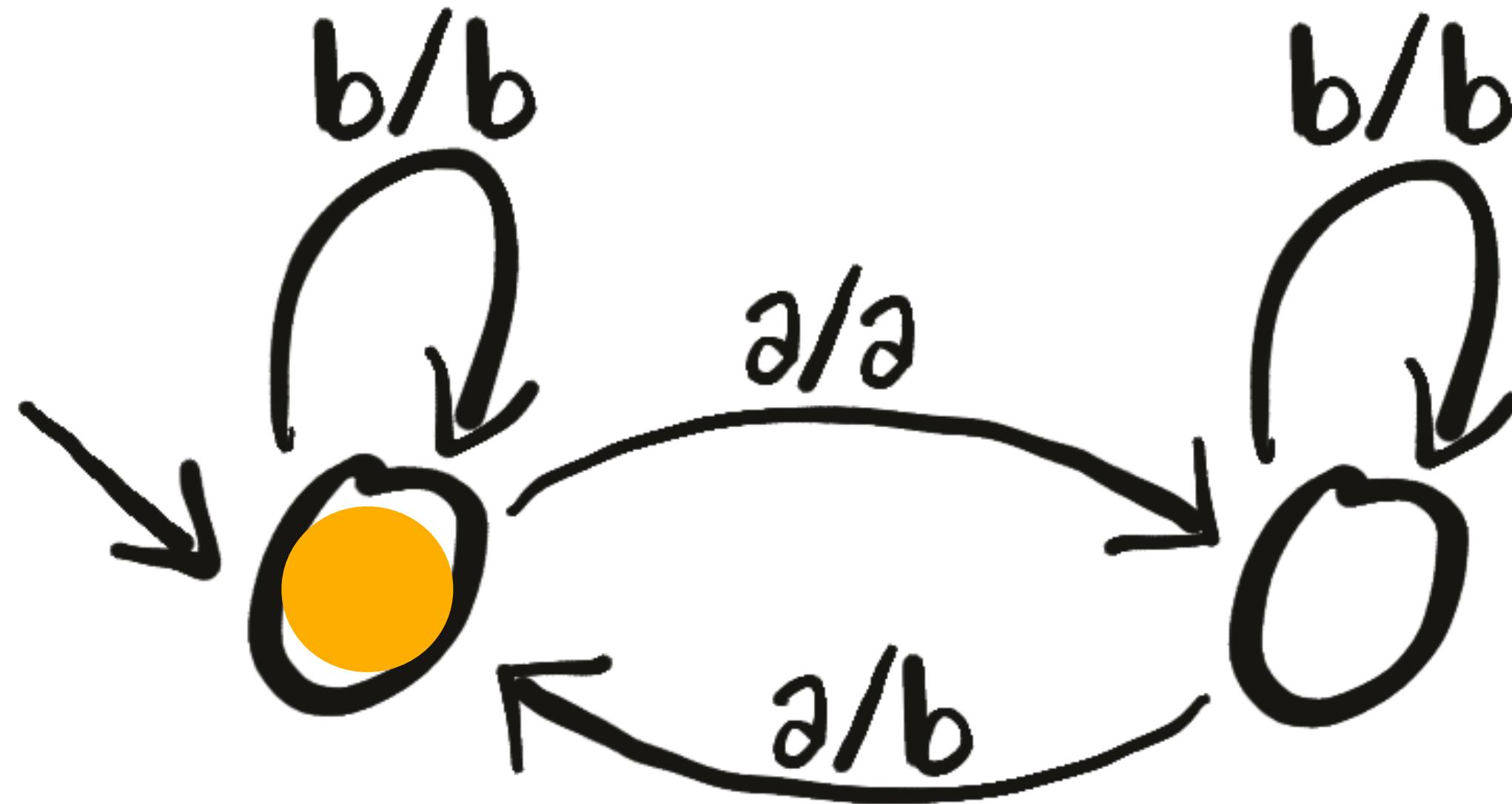
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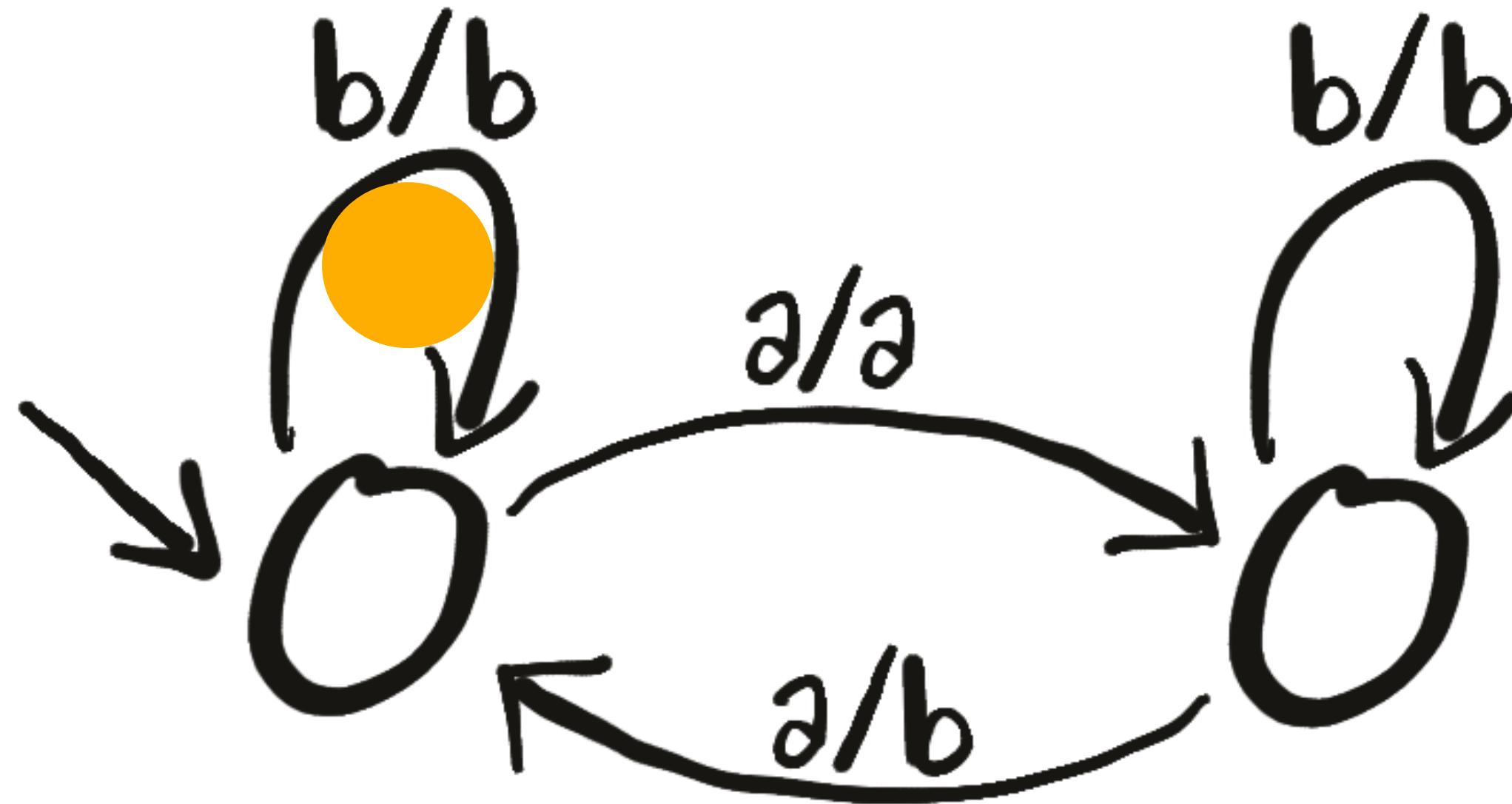
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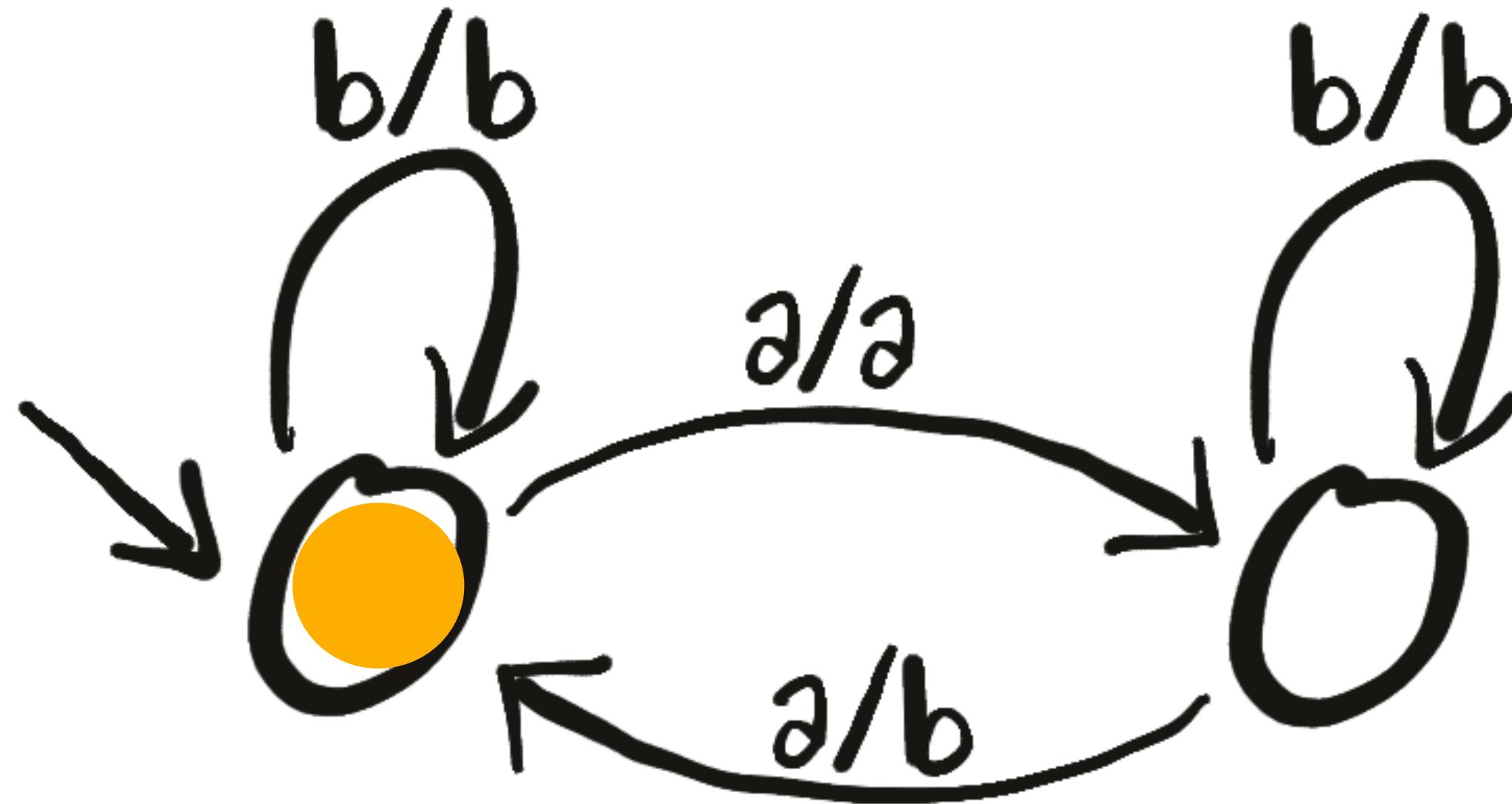
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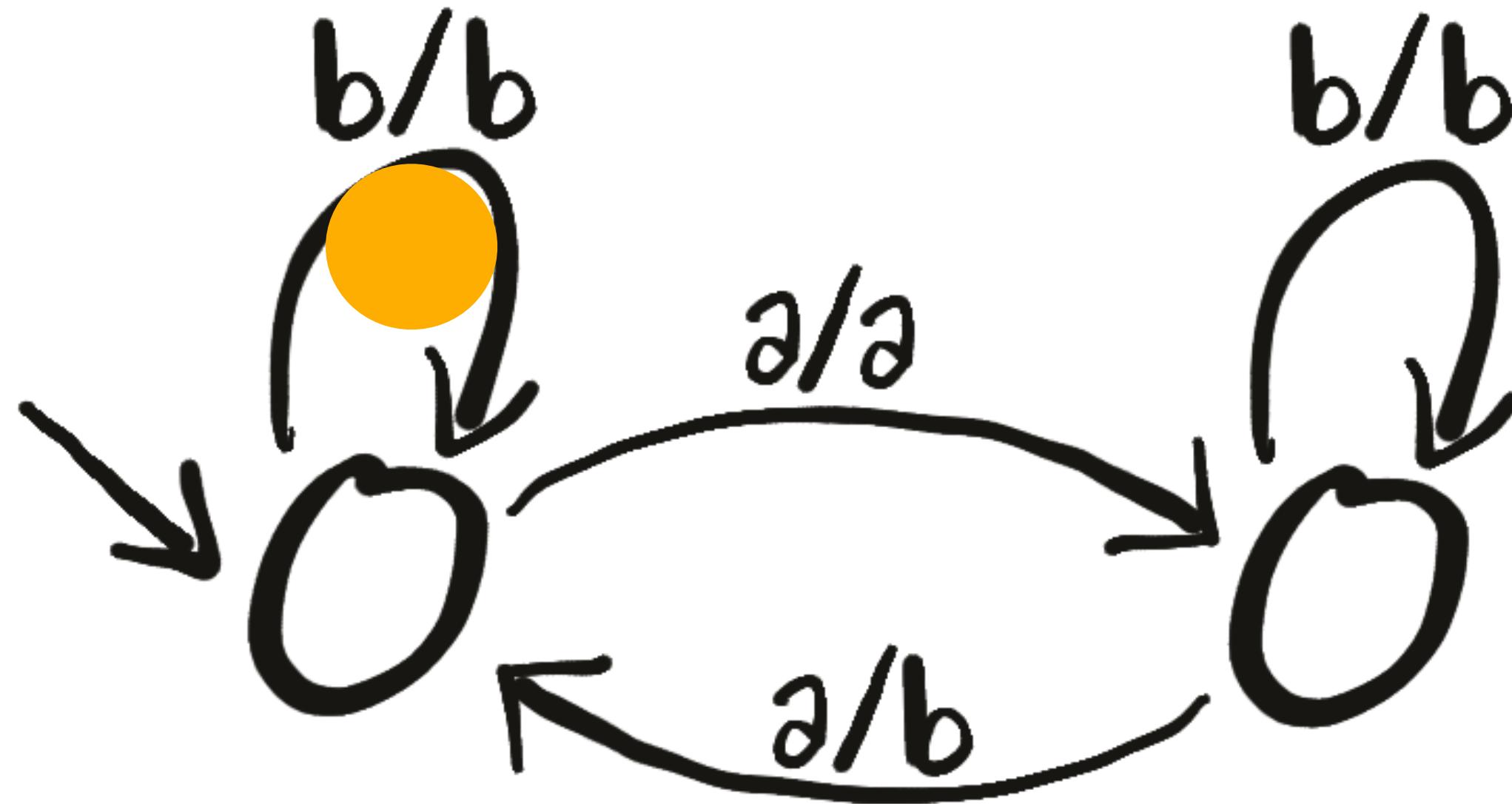
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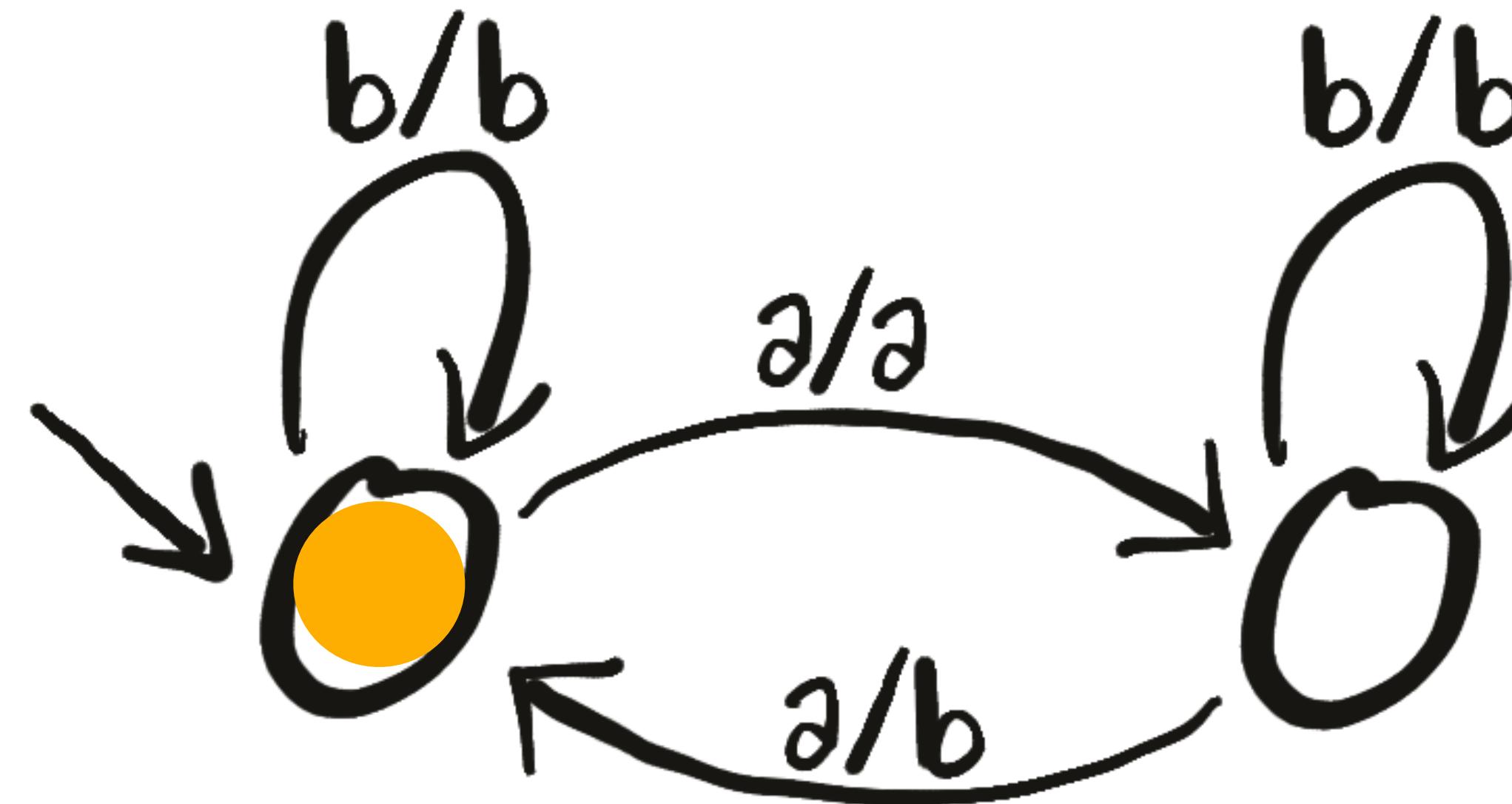
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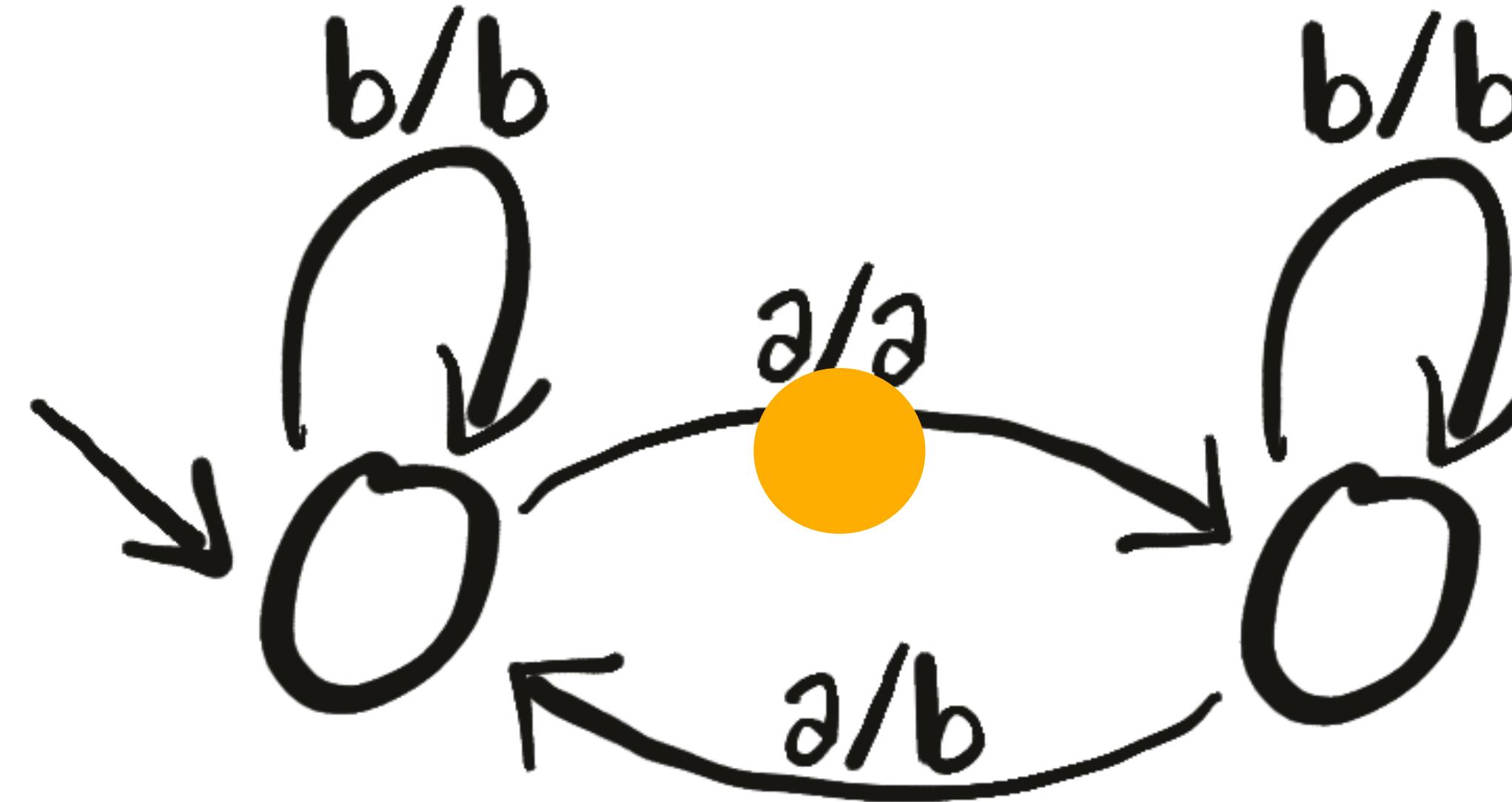
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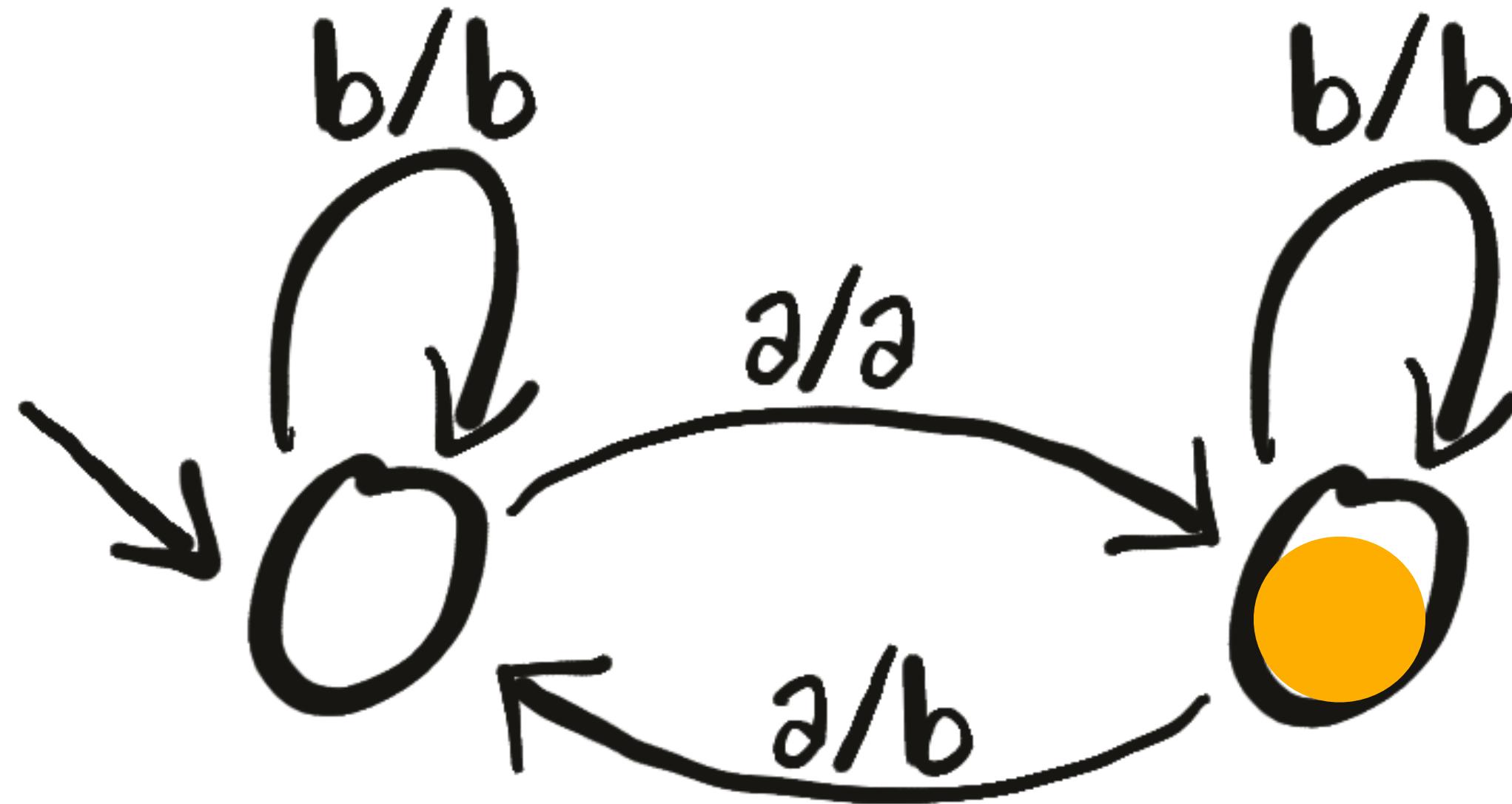
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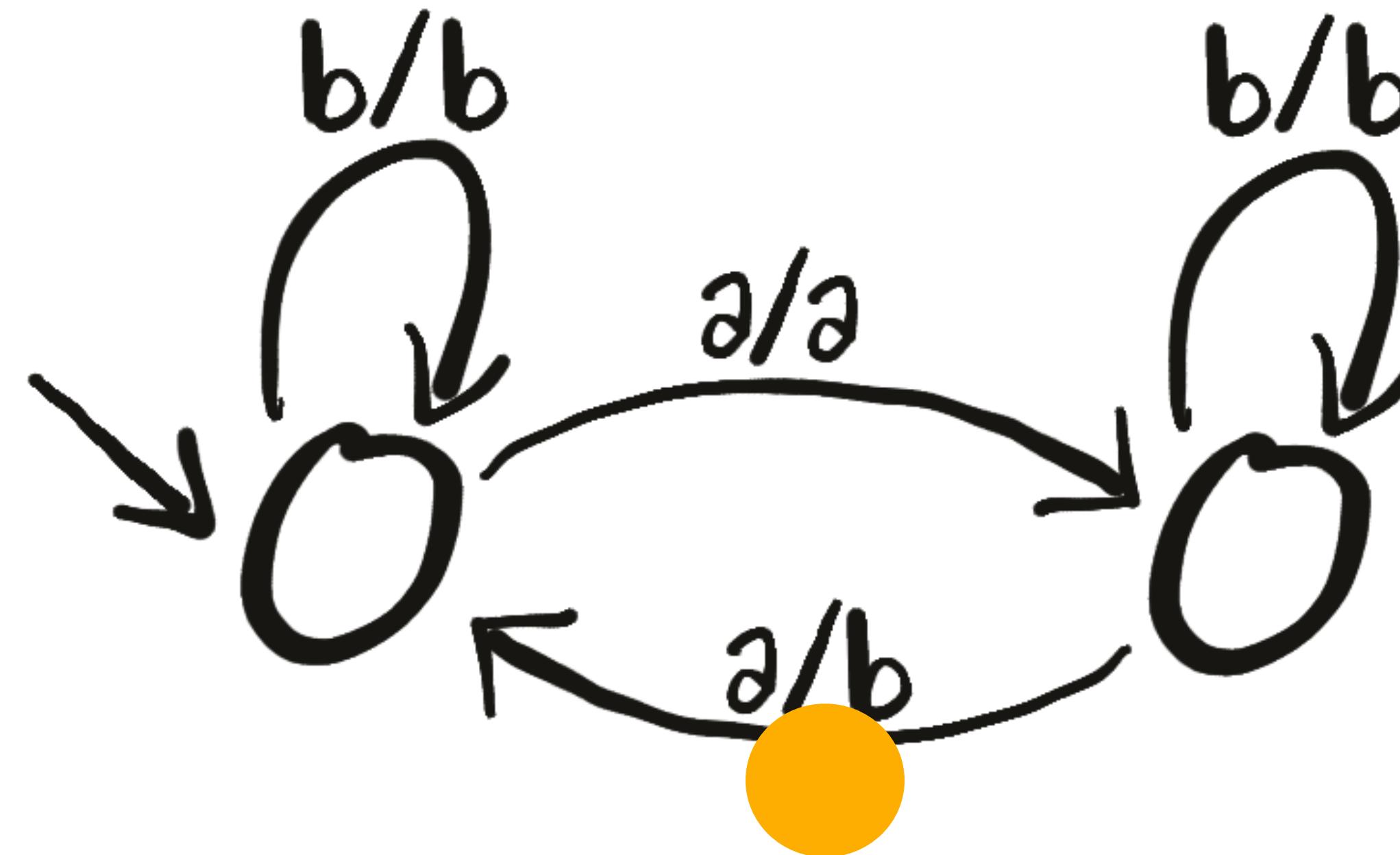
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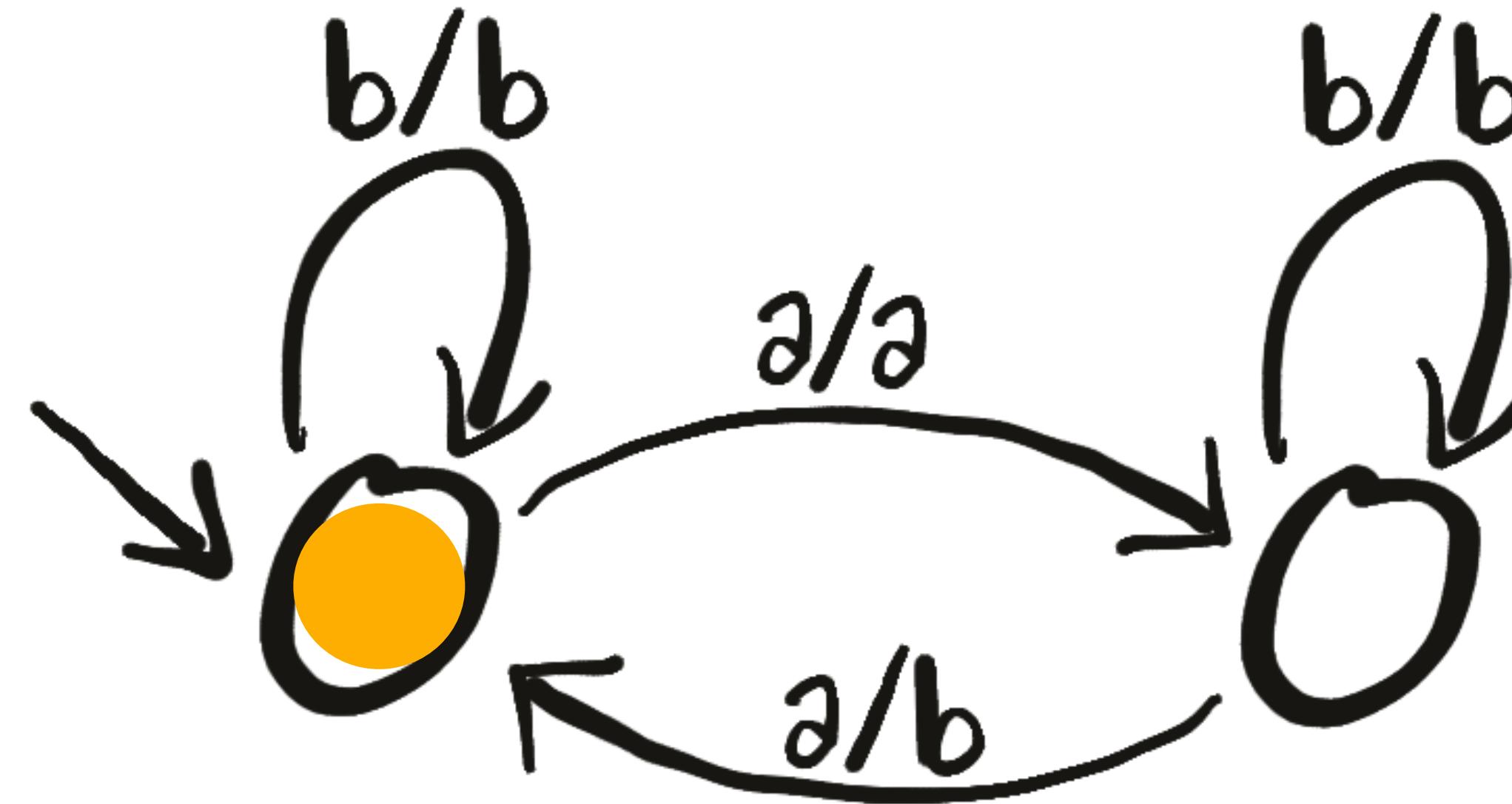
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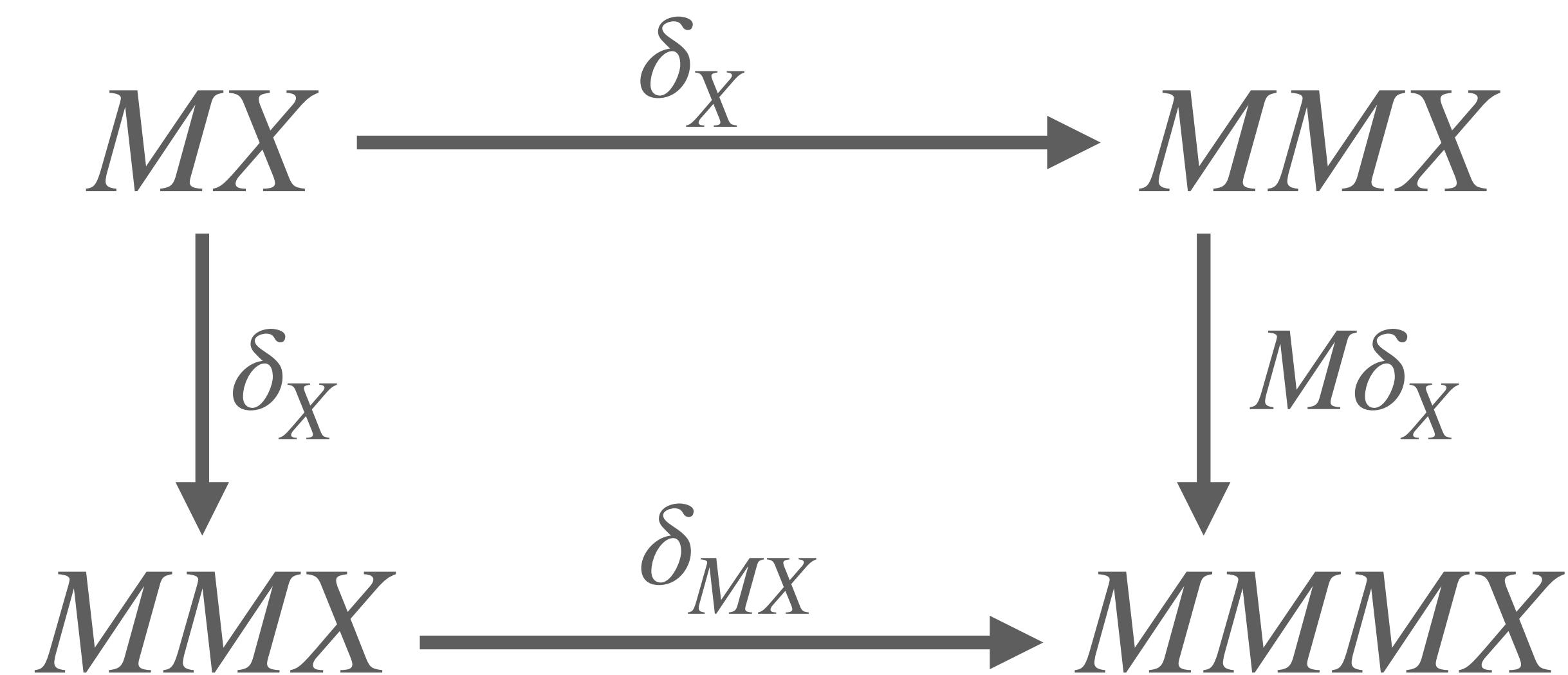
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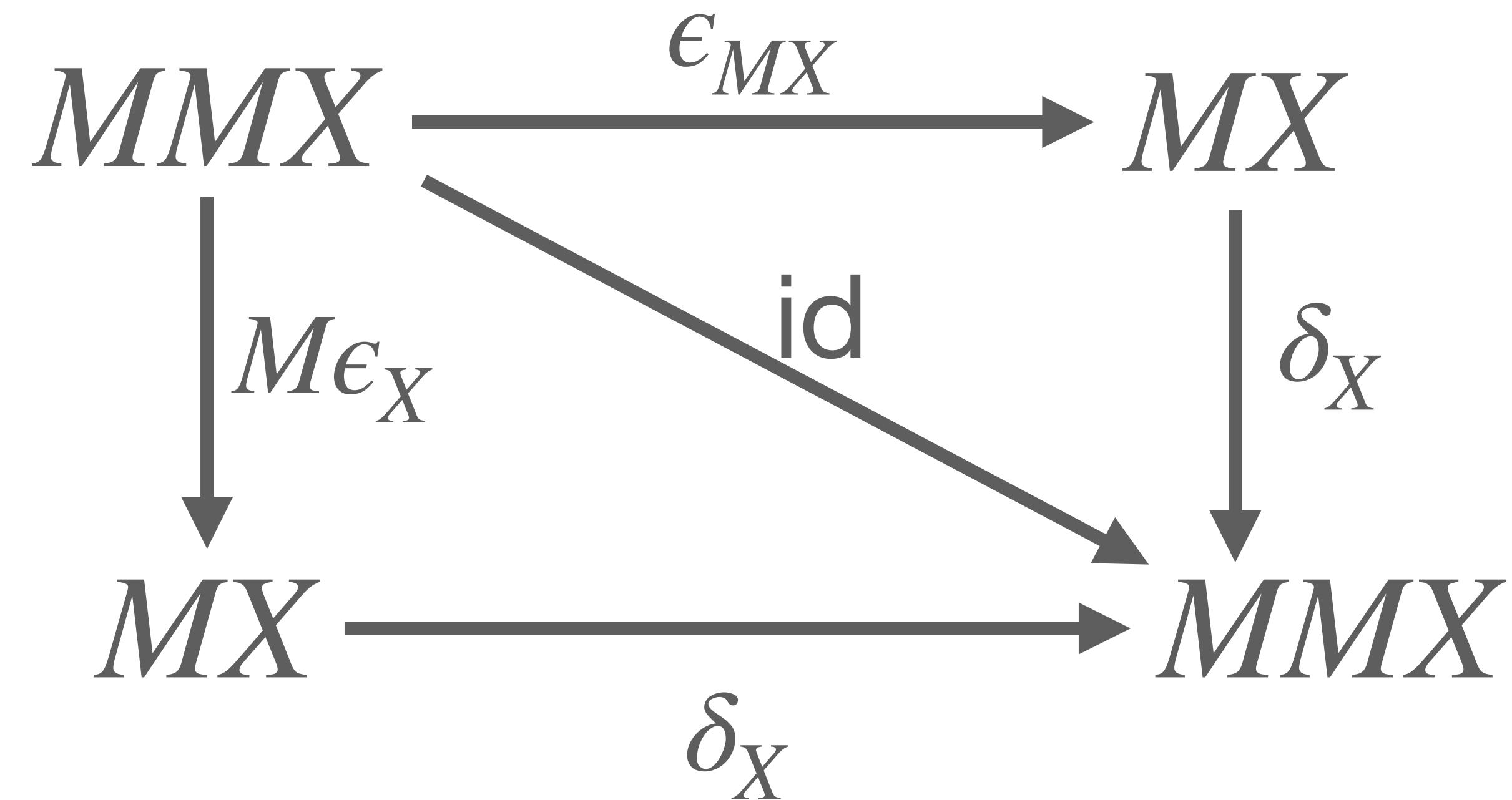
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Mealy machines

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right-to-left Mealy machines

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letter-to-letter rational functions

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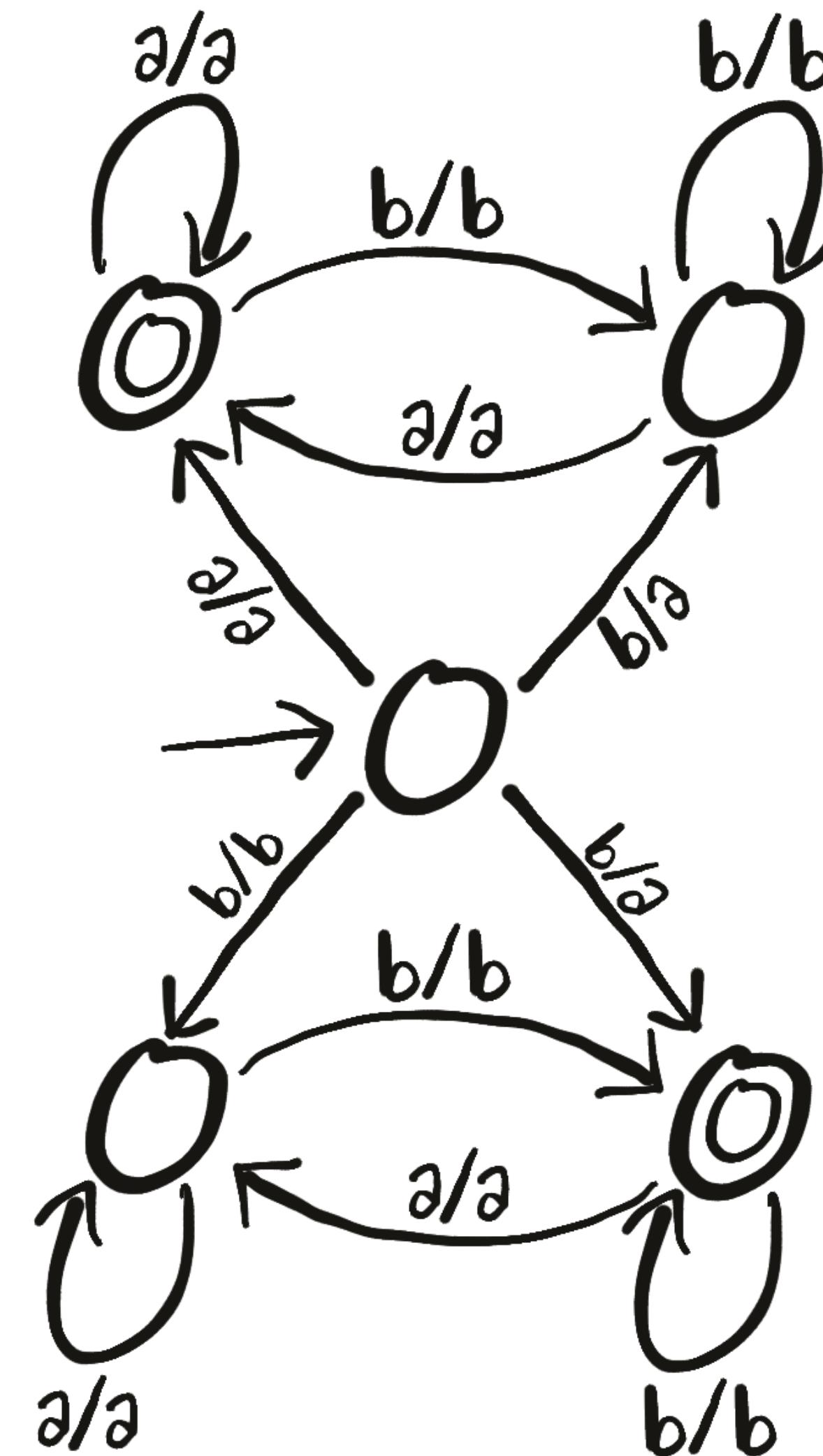
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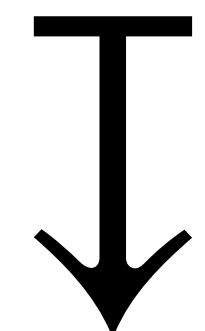
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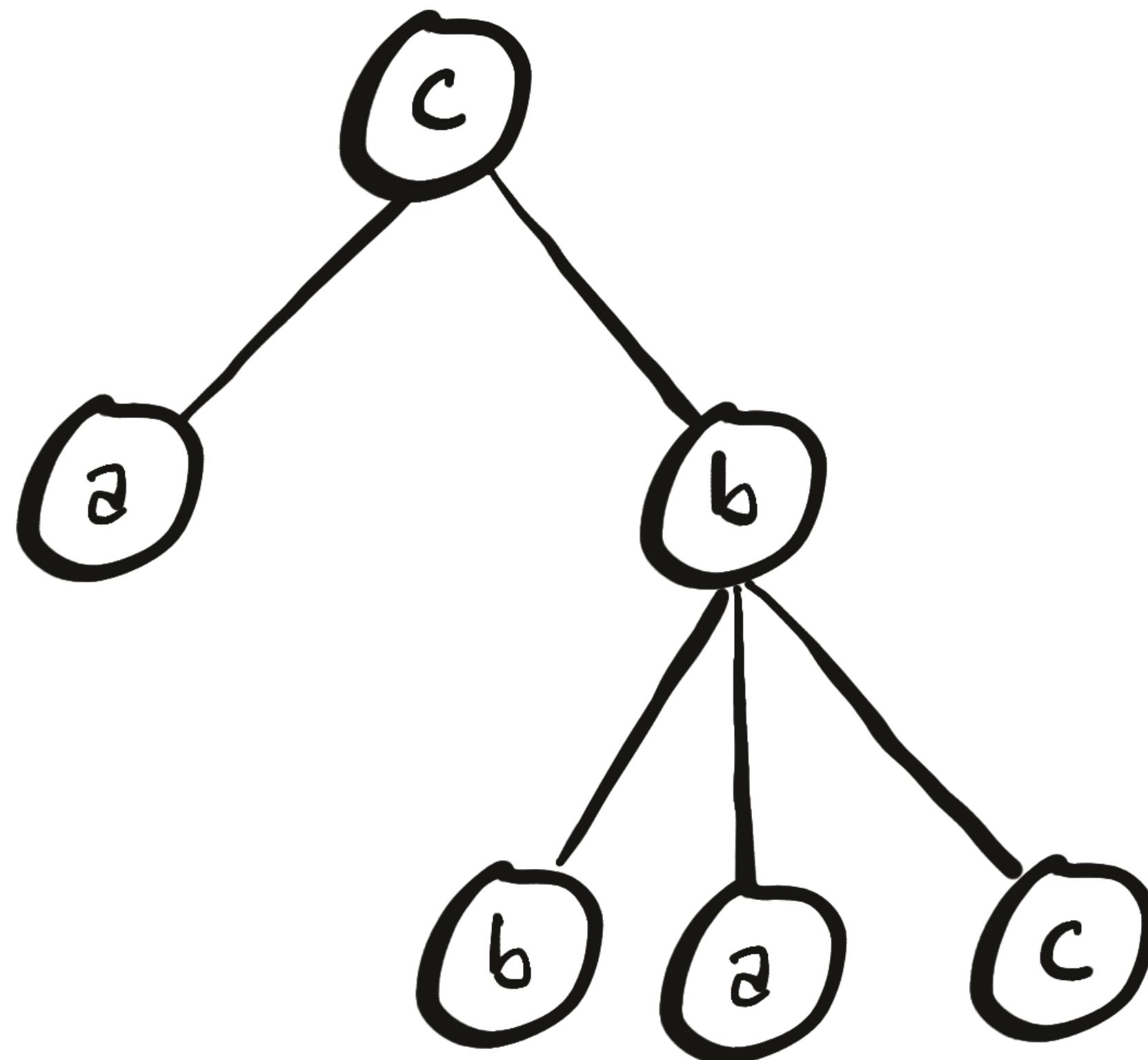
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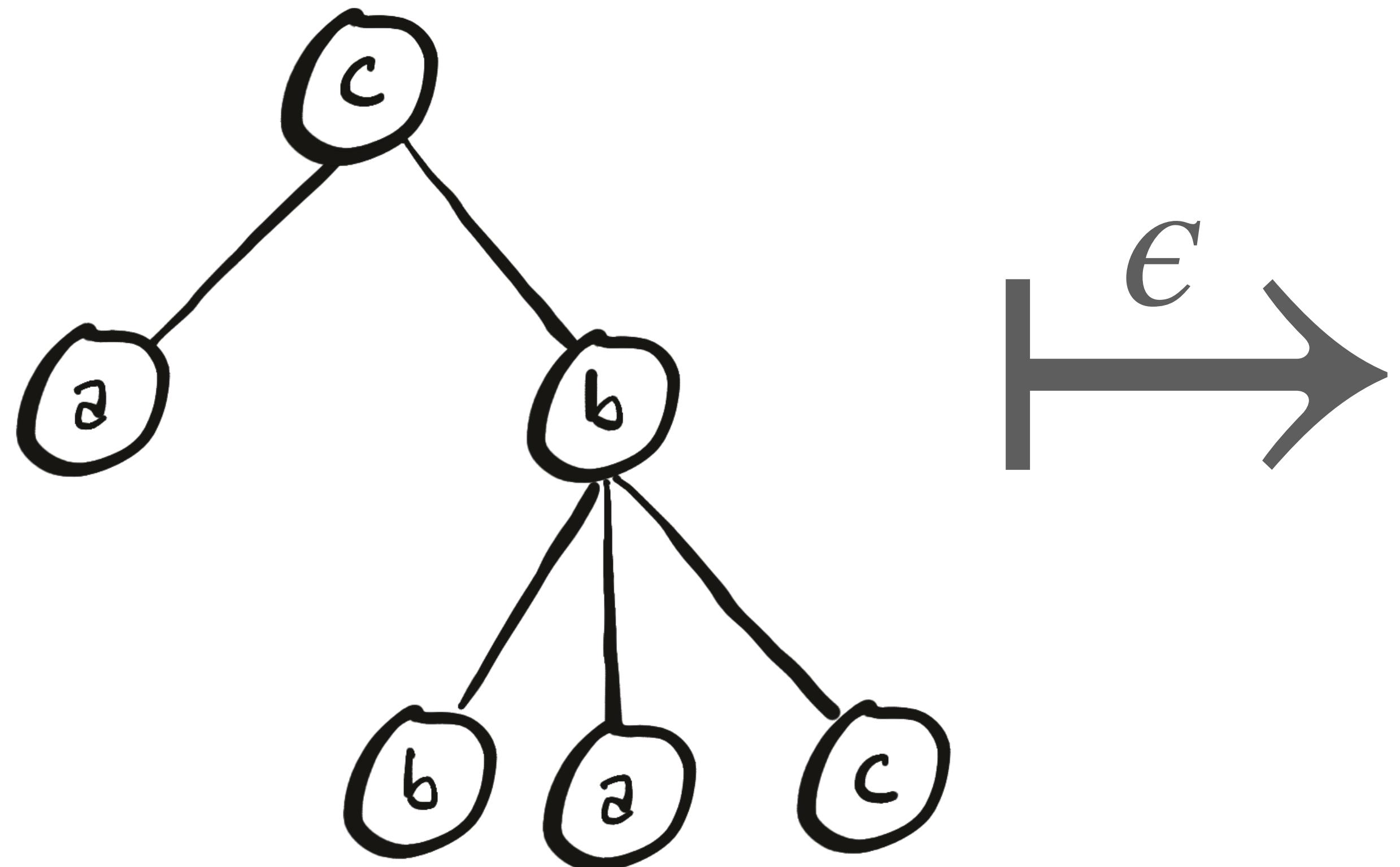
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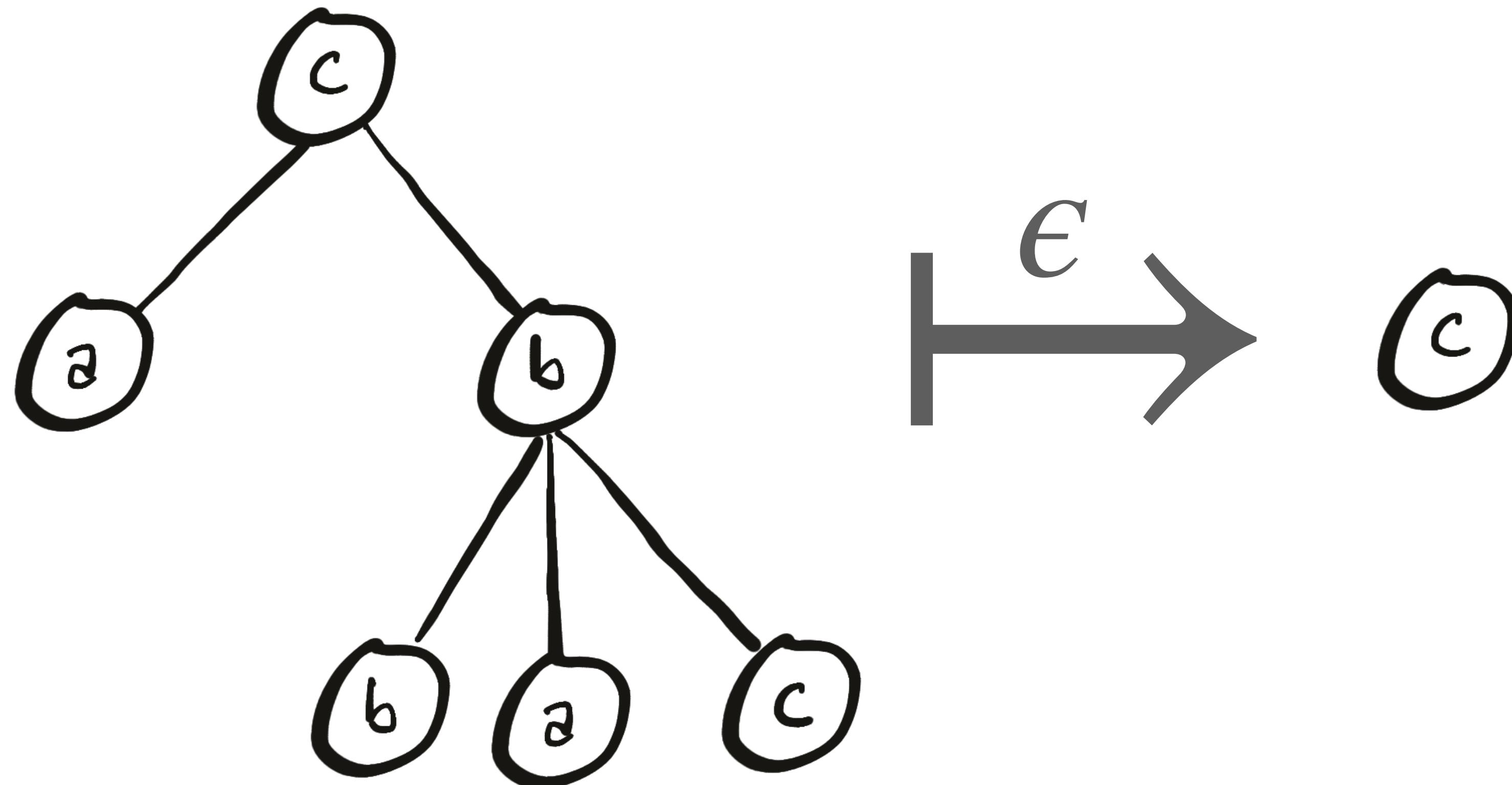
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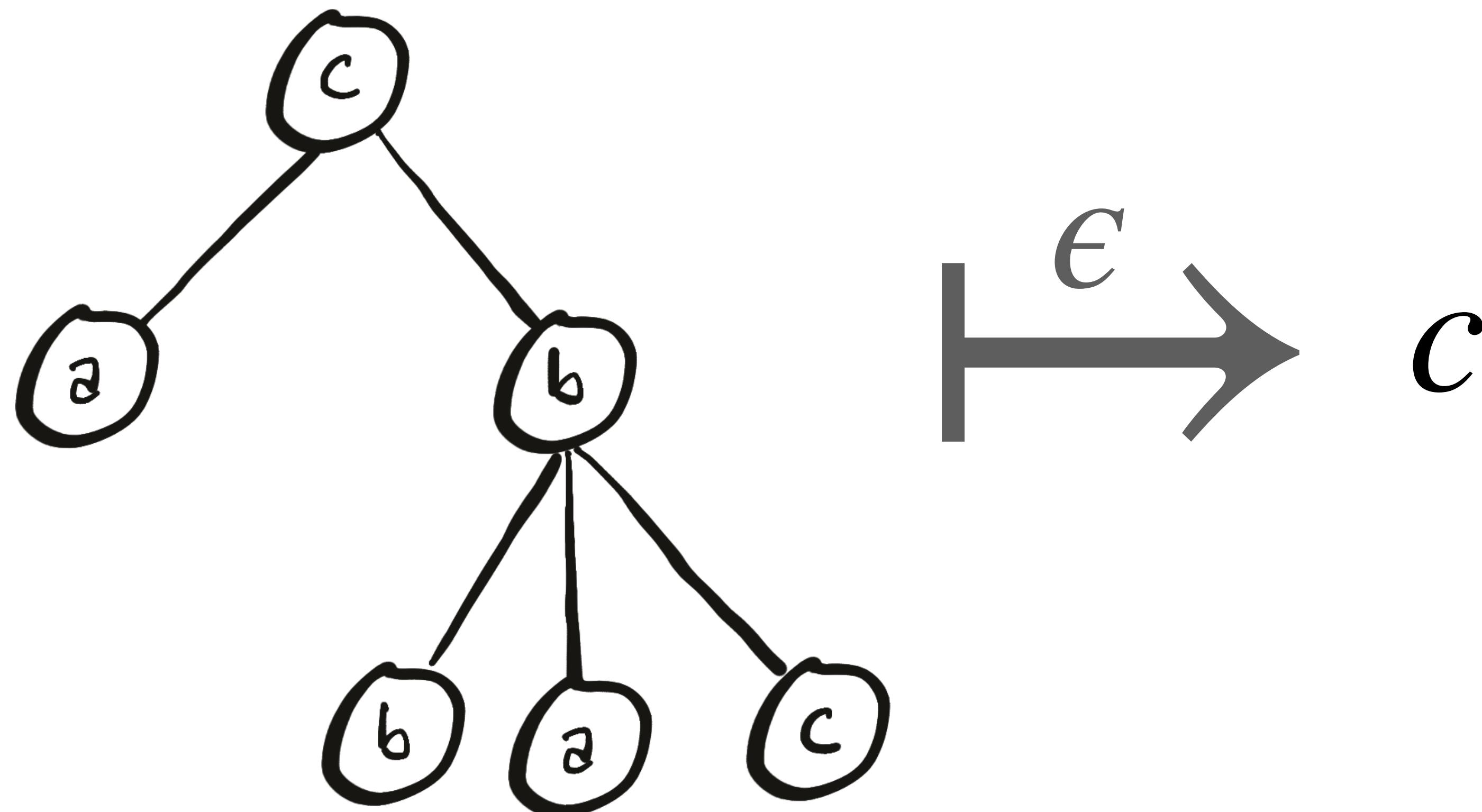
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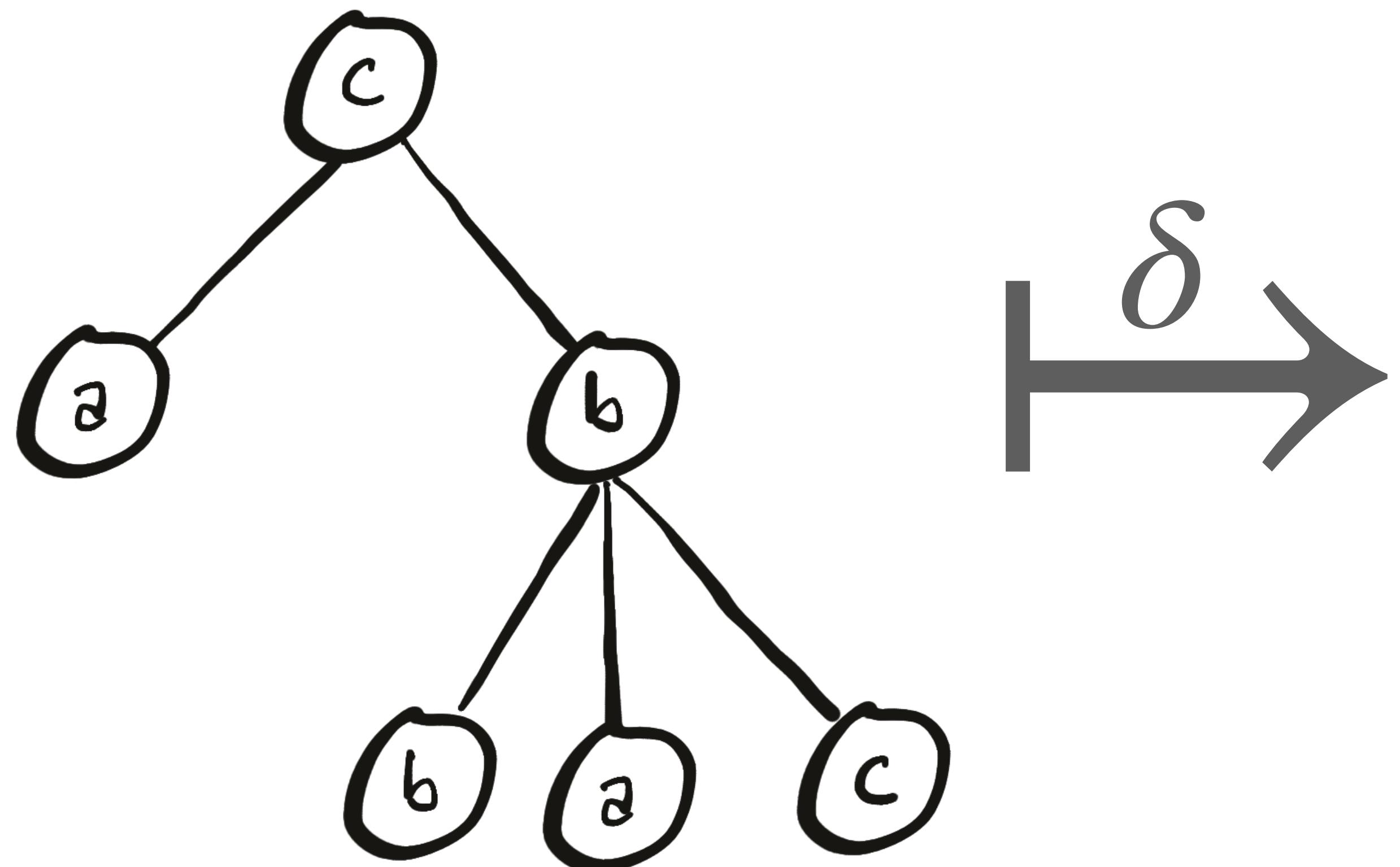
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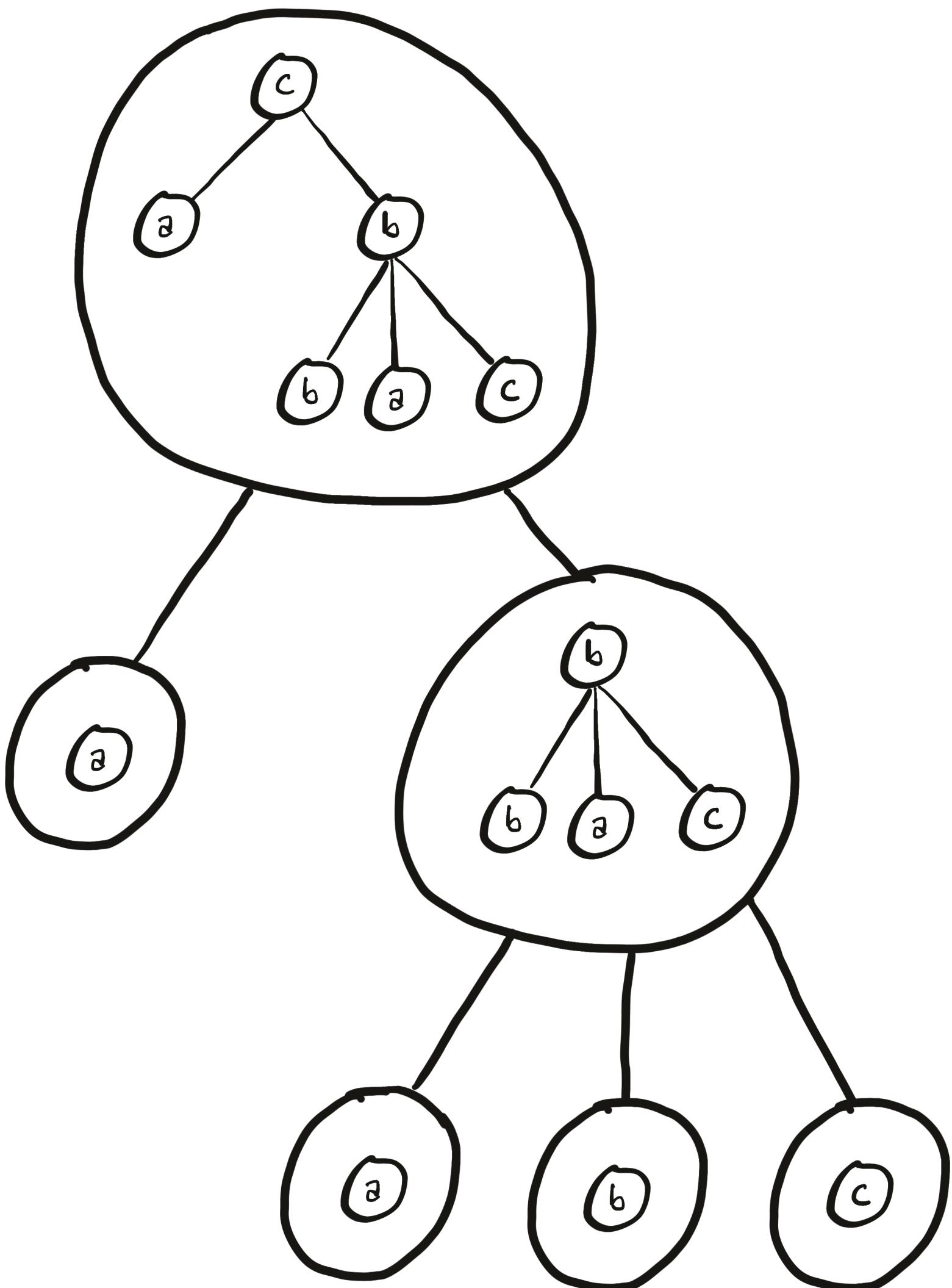
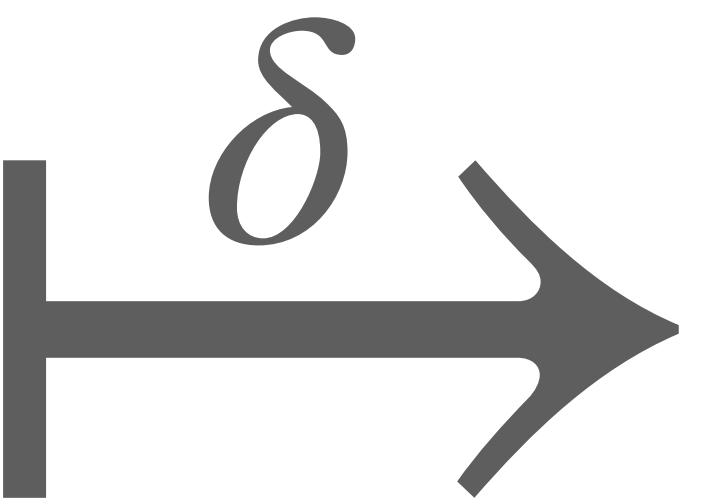
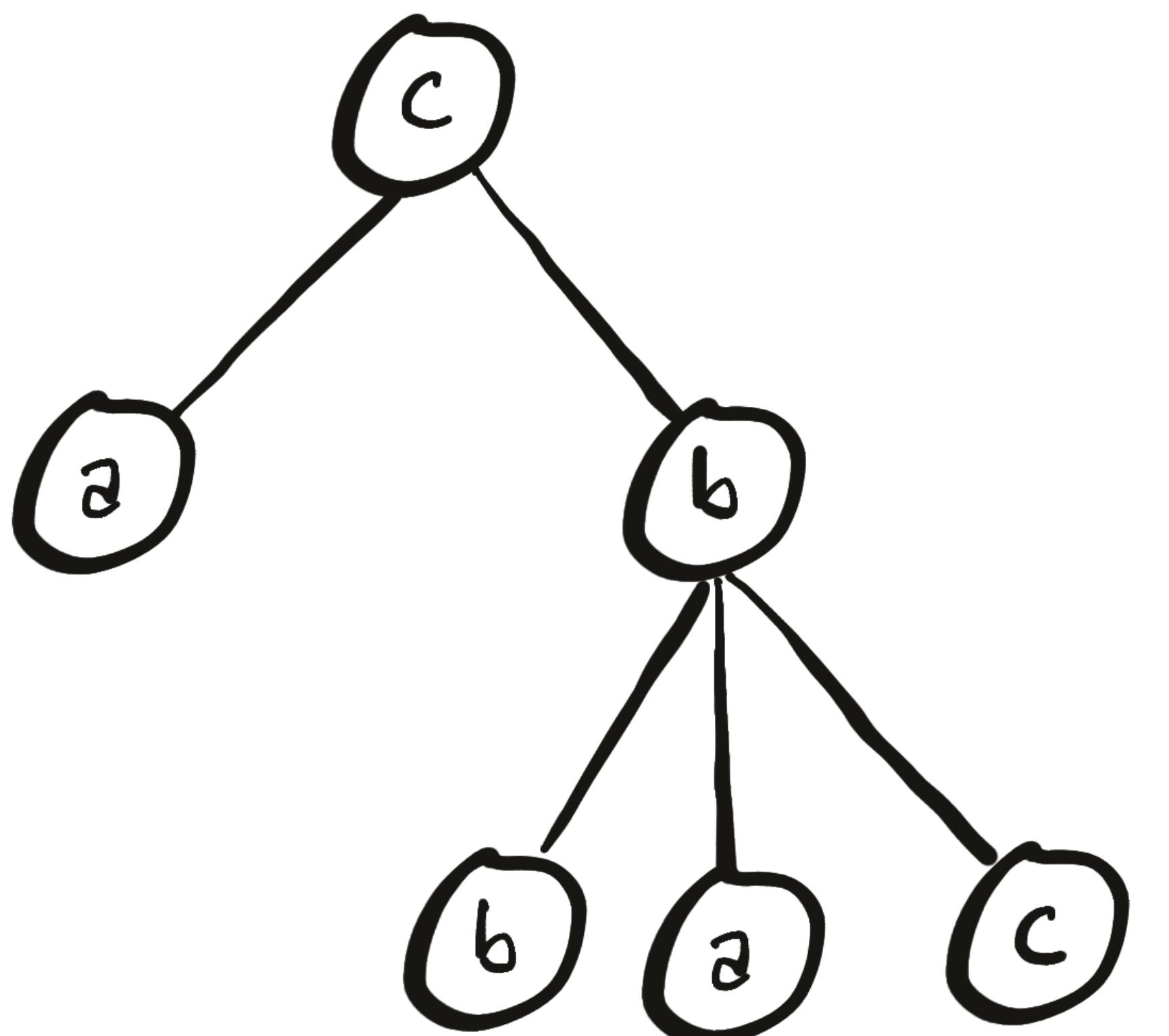
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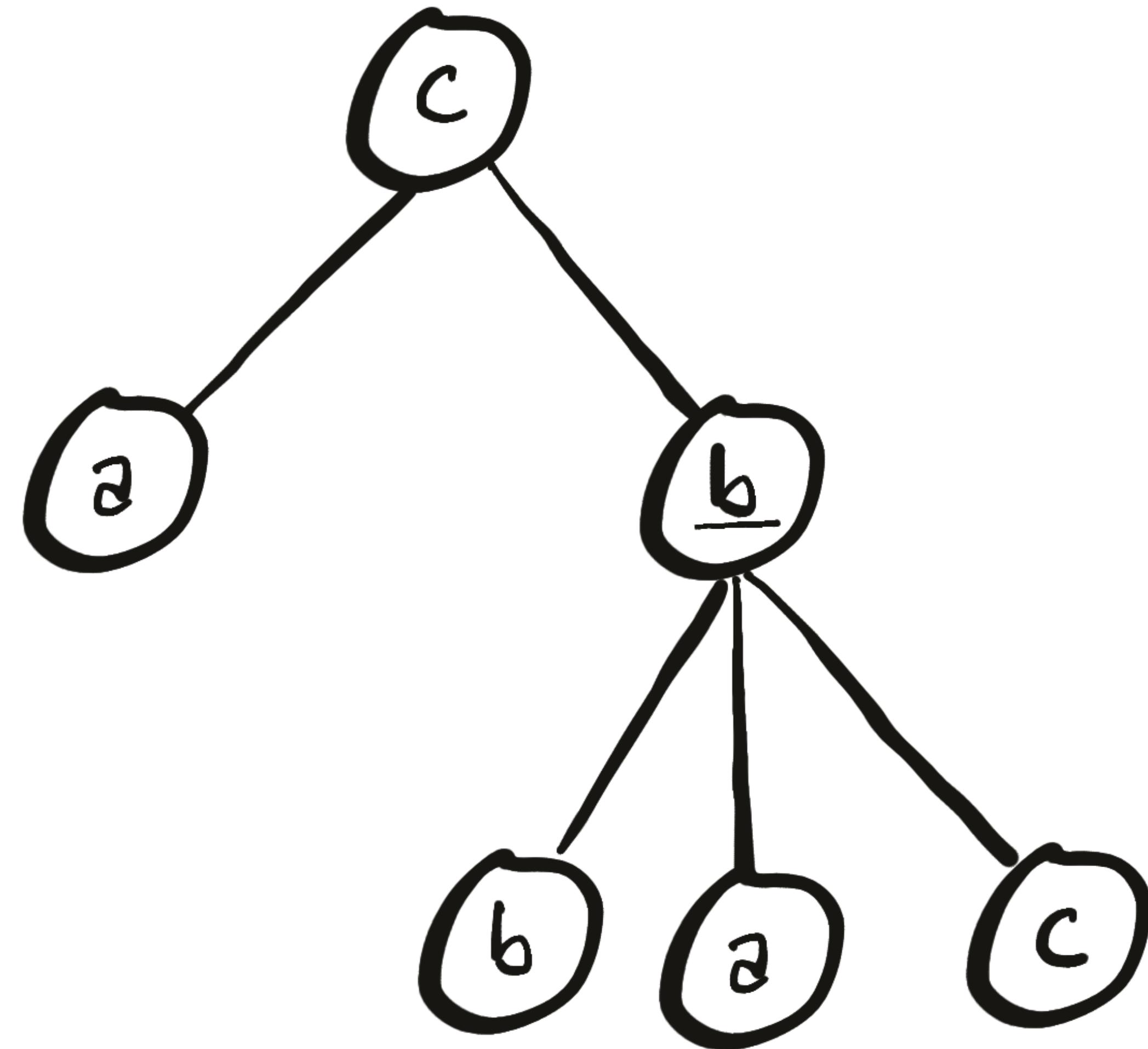
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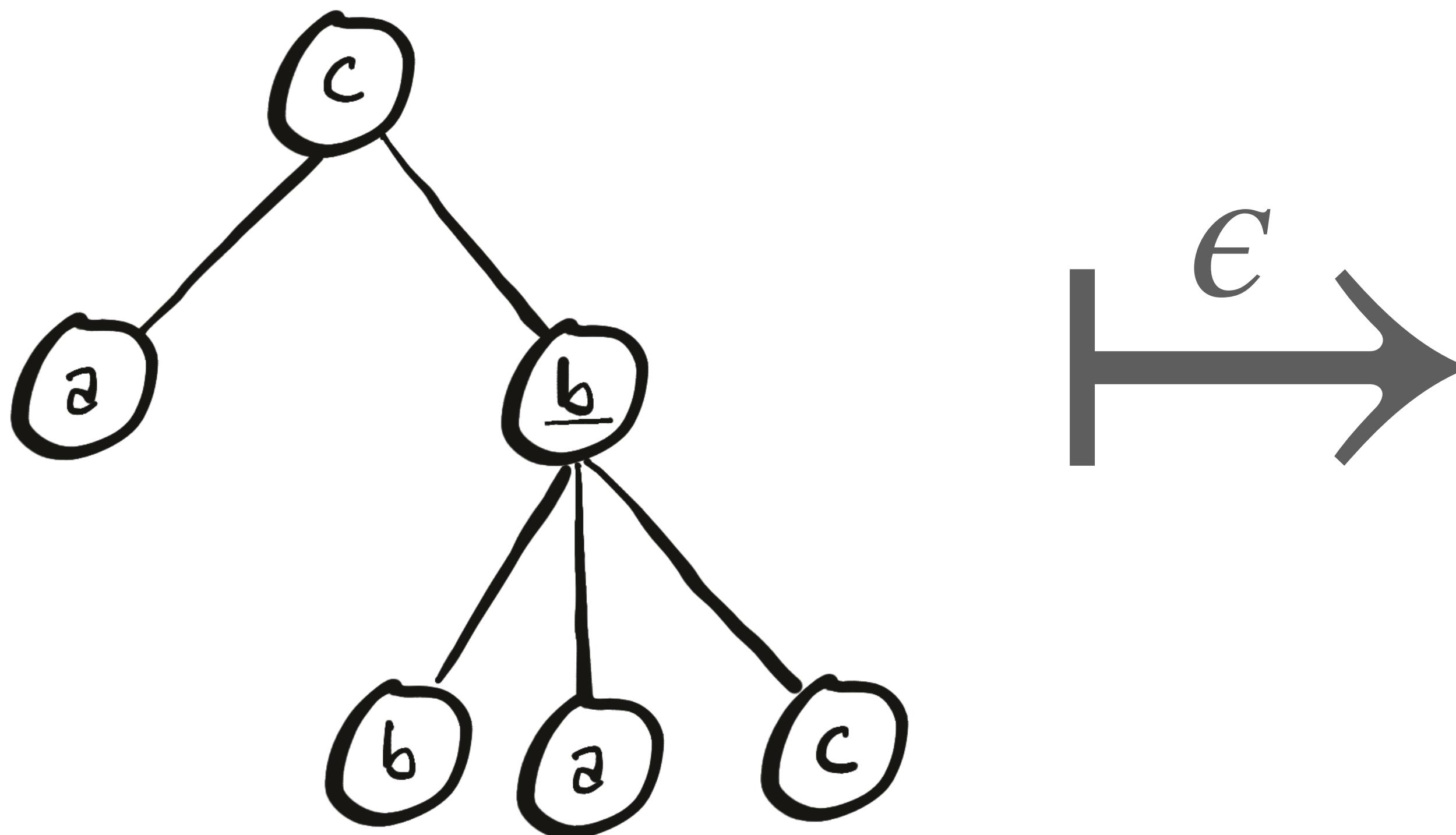
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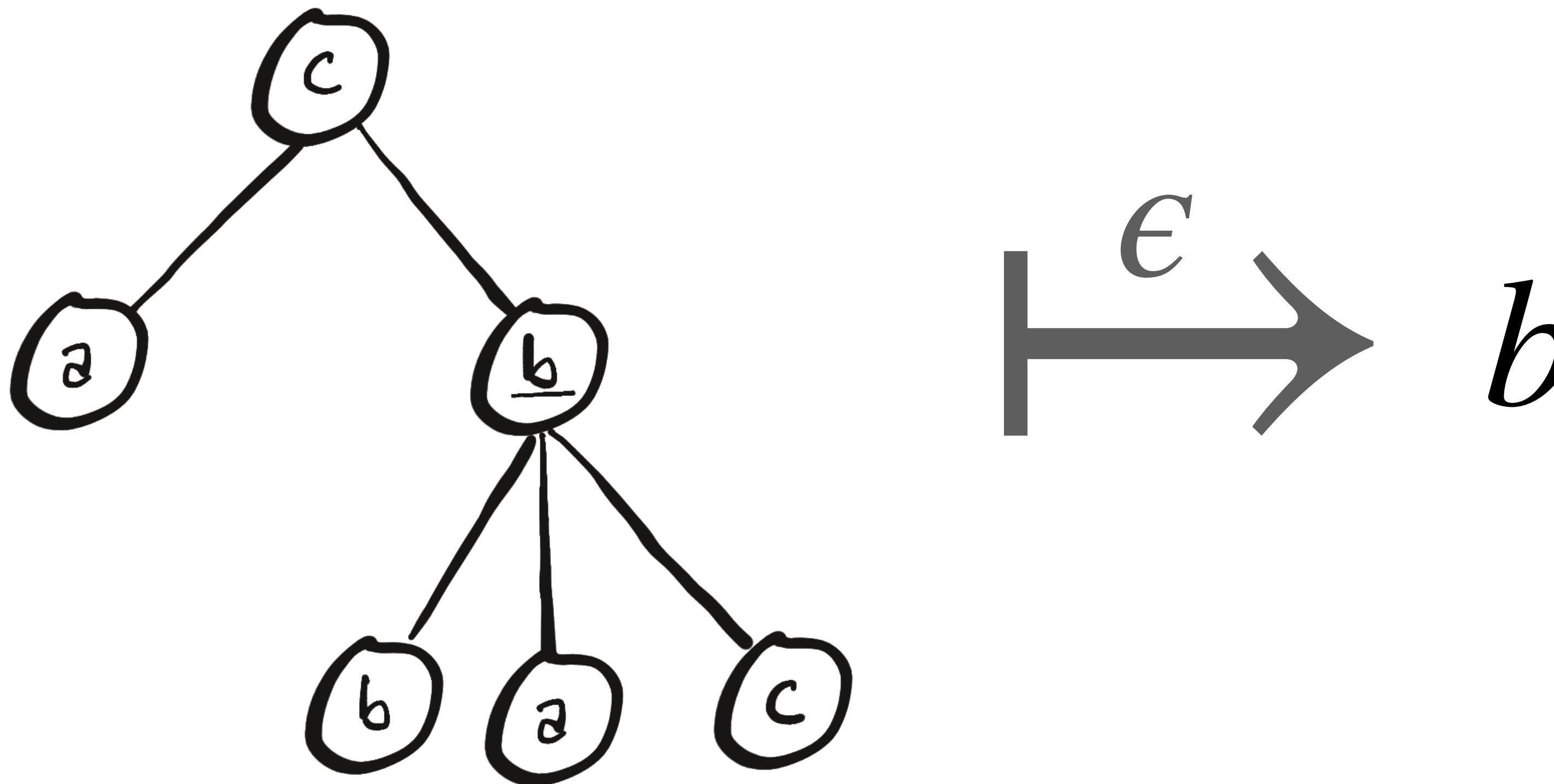
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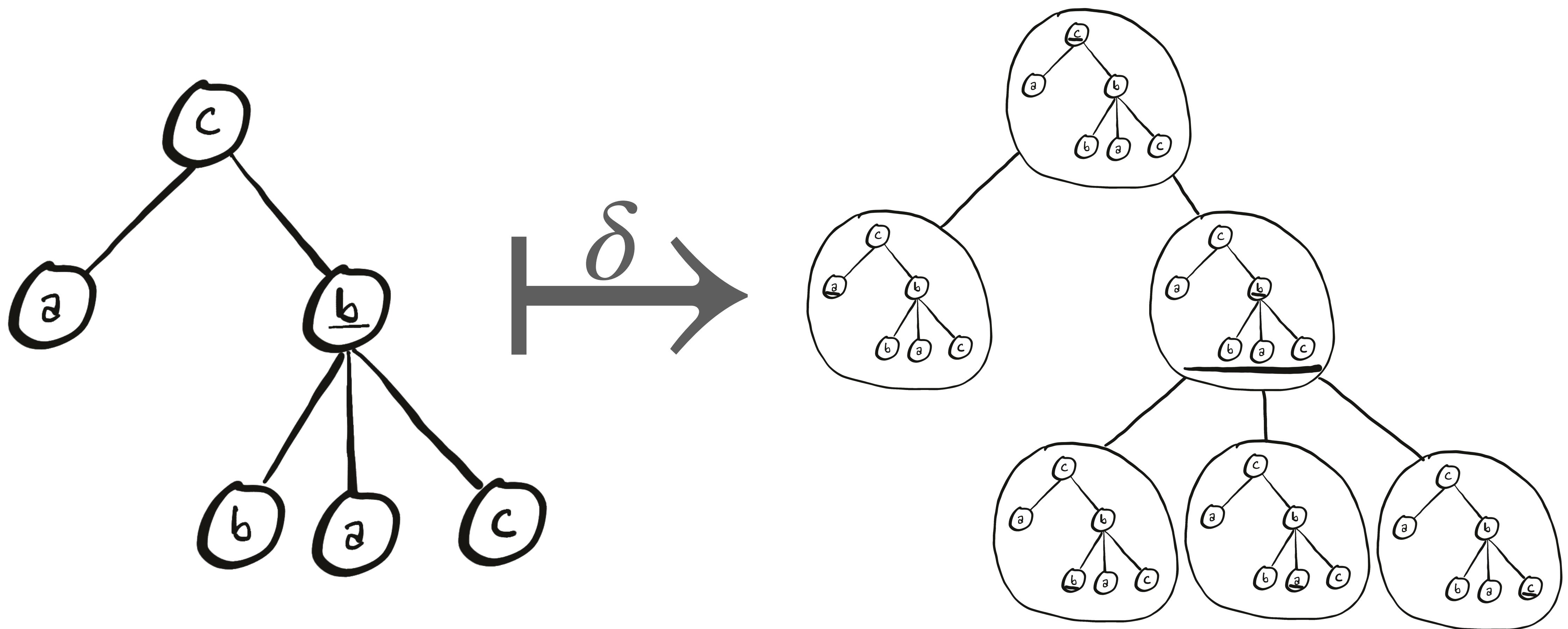
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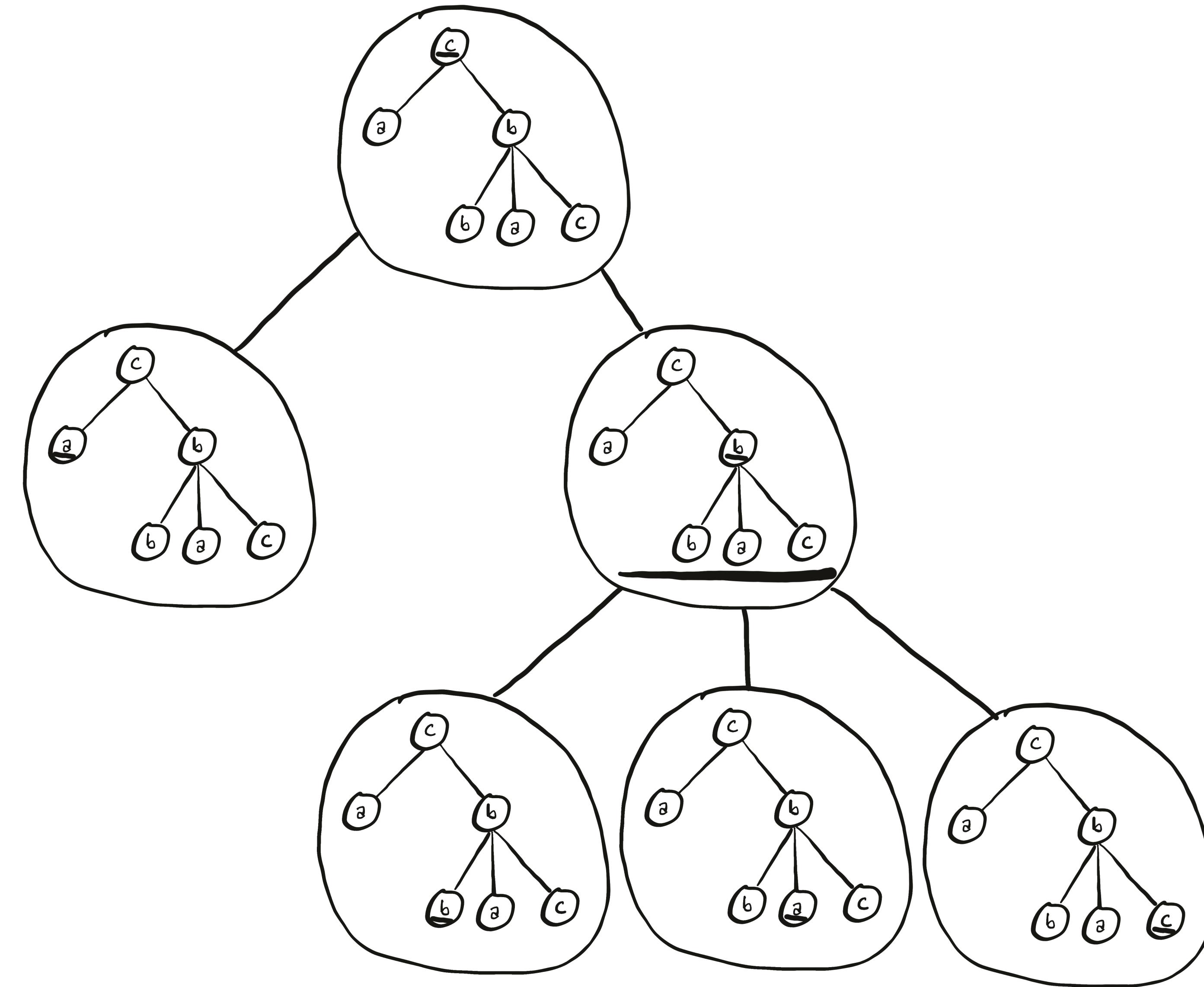
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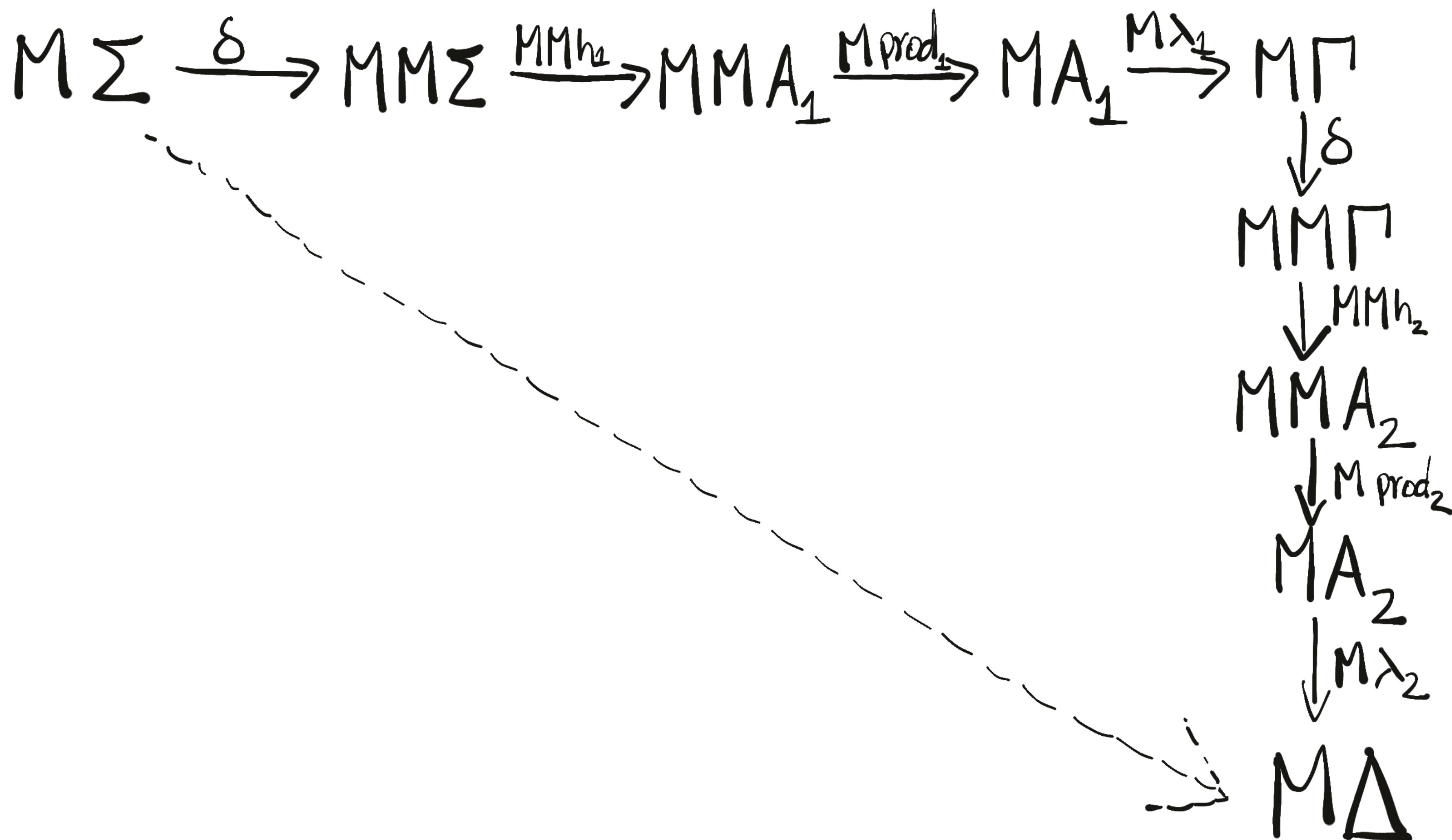
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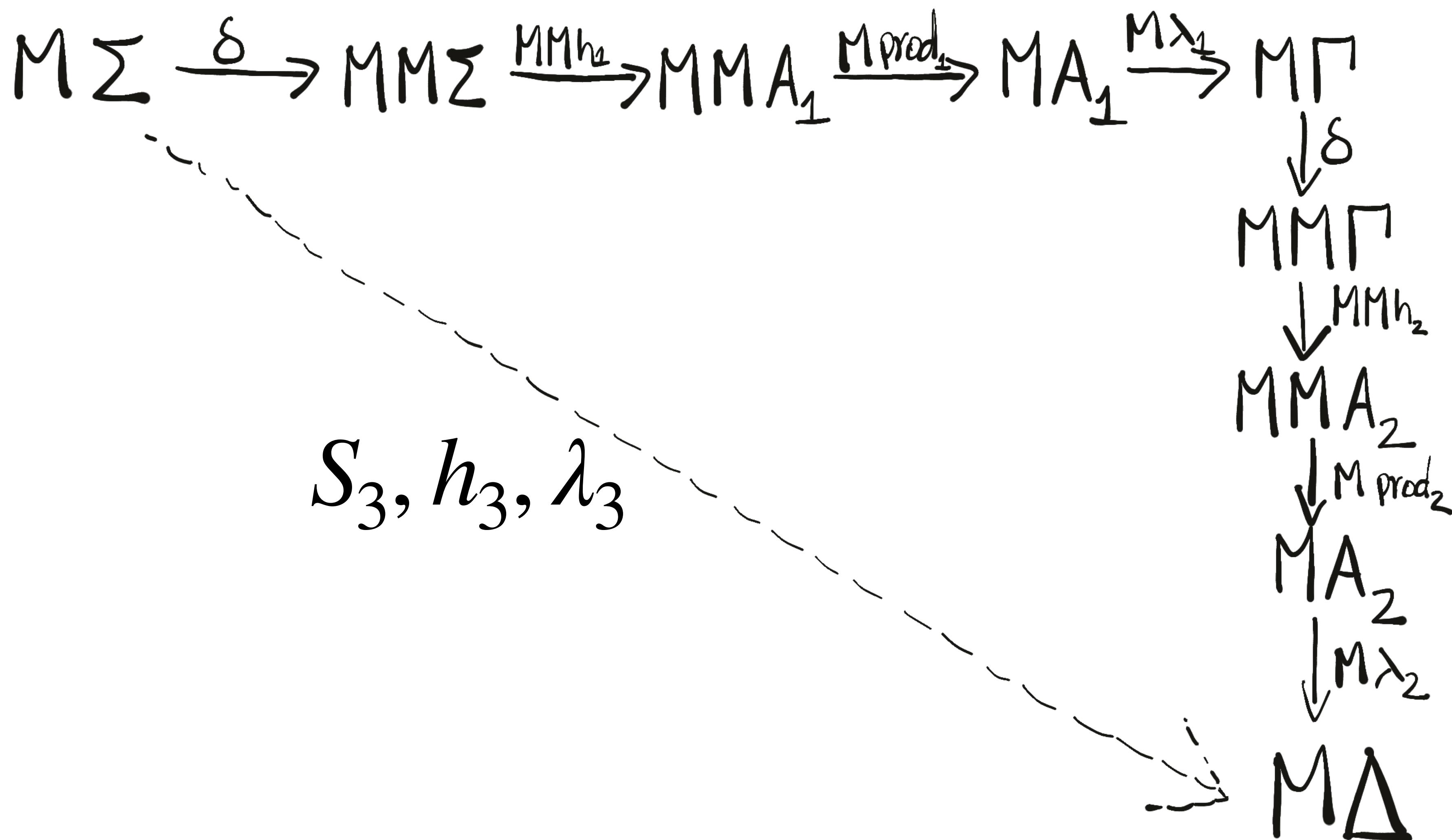
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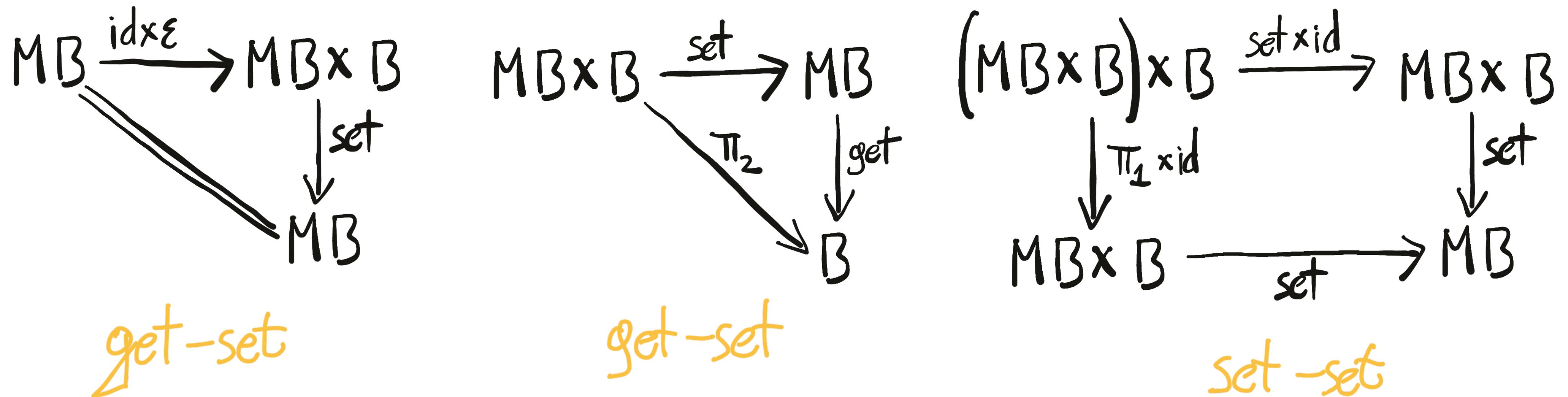
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