

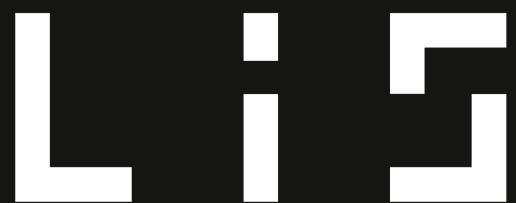
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On the complexity
of
computing the linear hull
of
weighted automata over \mathbb{Q}

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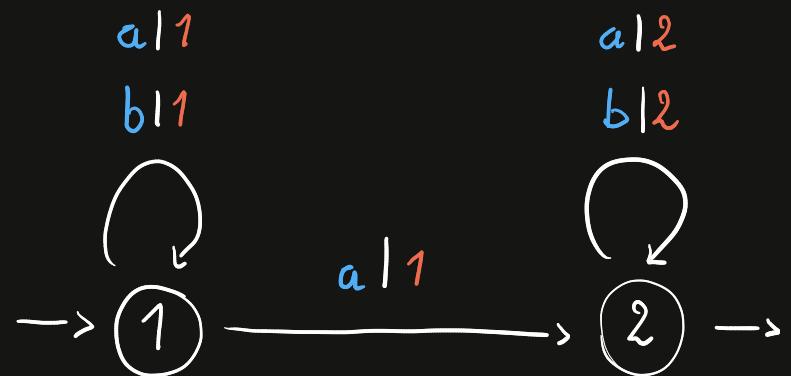


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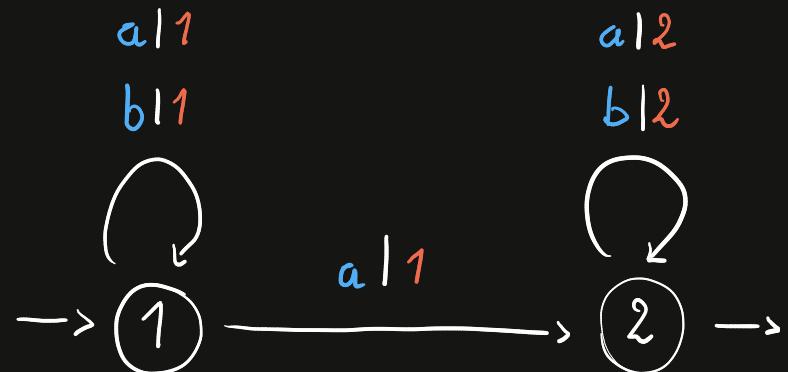
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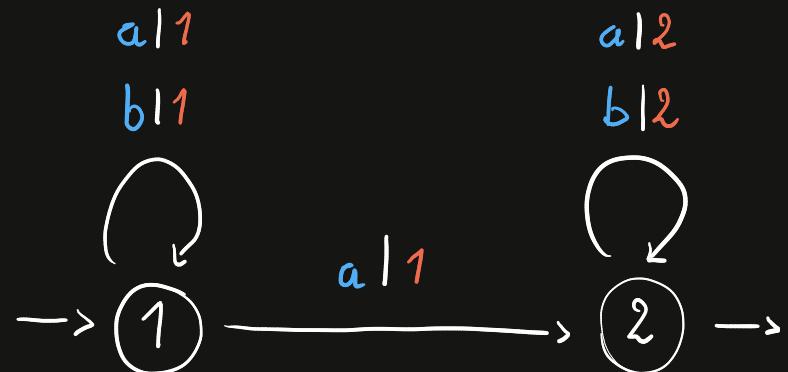
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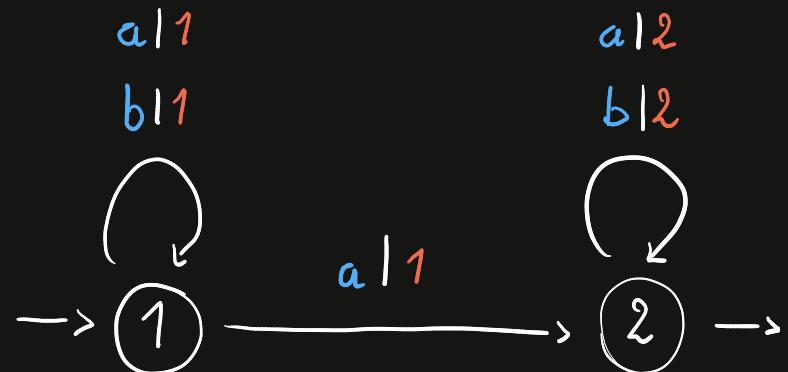
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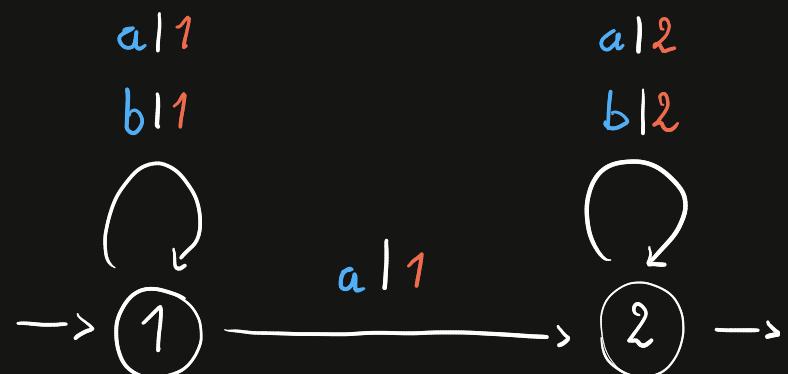
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Linear representation

(u, μ, v)

initial vector

$$u = (\quad)$$

terminal vector

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transition matrices

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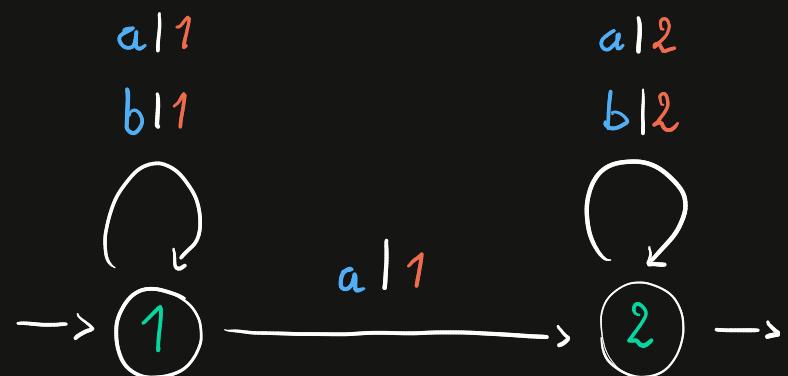
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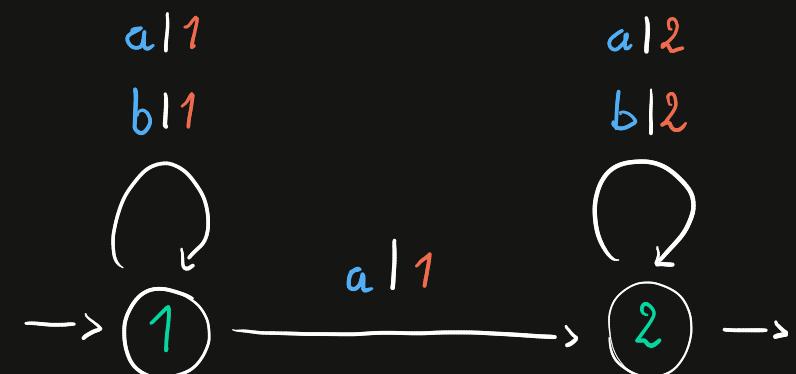
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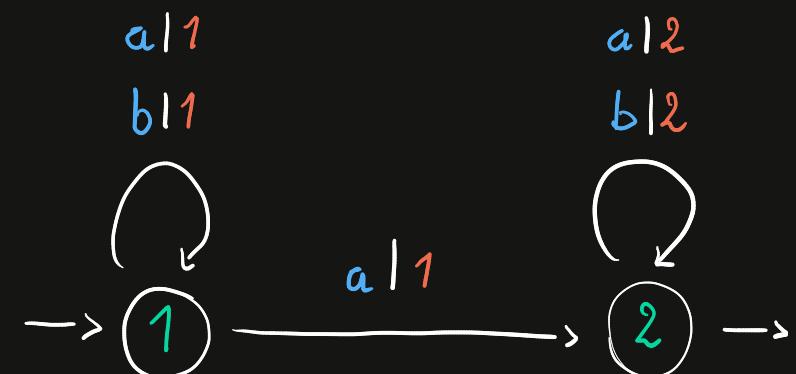
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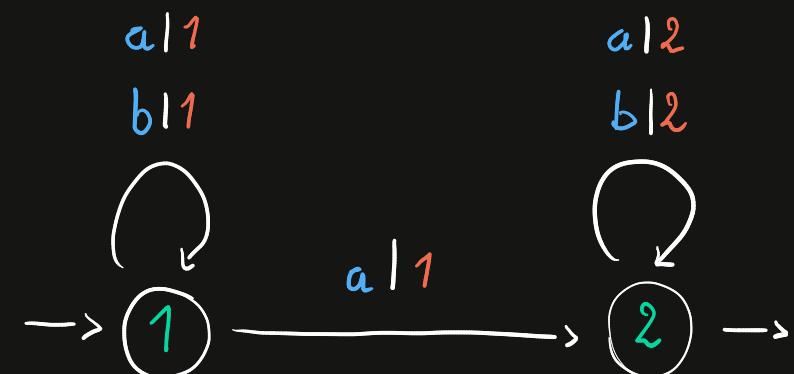
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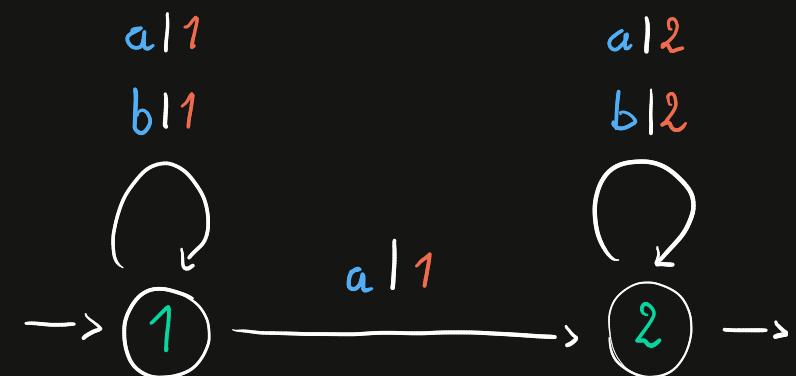
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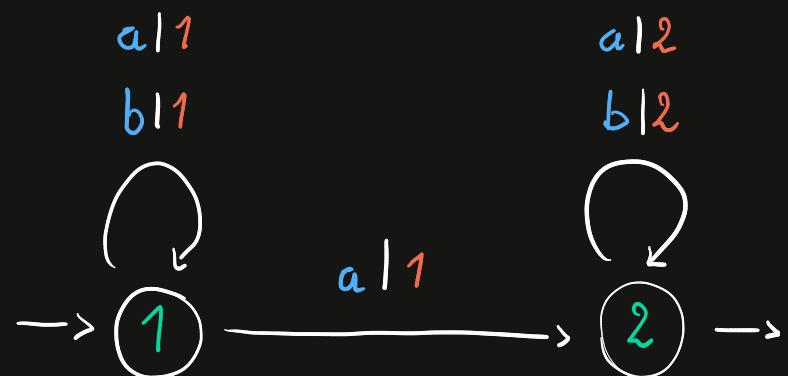
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$$aab \mapsto u \cdot \mu(aab) \cdot v$$

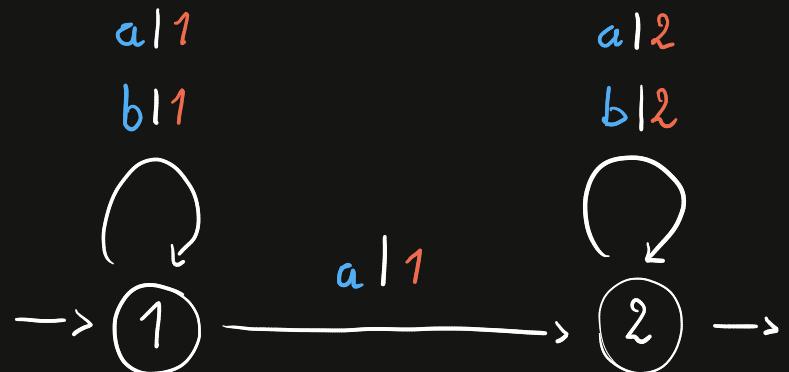
$$= u \cdot \mu(a) \cdot \mu(a) \cdot \mu(b) \cdot v$$

$$= (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= 6$$

Weighted Automata

(WA)



Not always equivalent
to a sequential WA
(input deterministic)

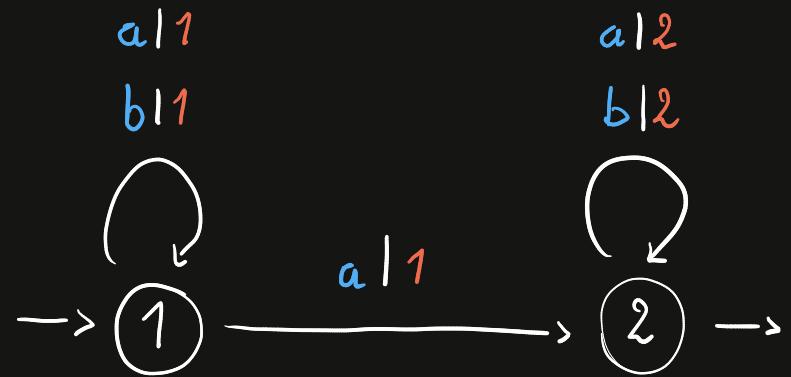
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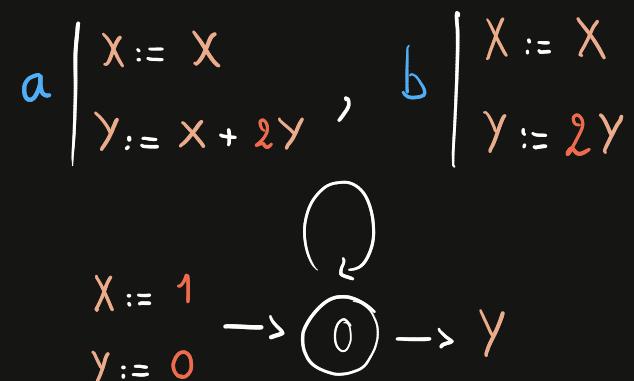
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Cost Register Automata (CRA) [Alur et al. 2013]



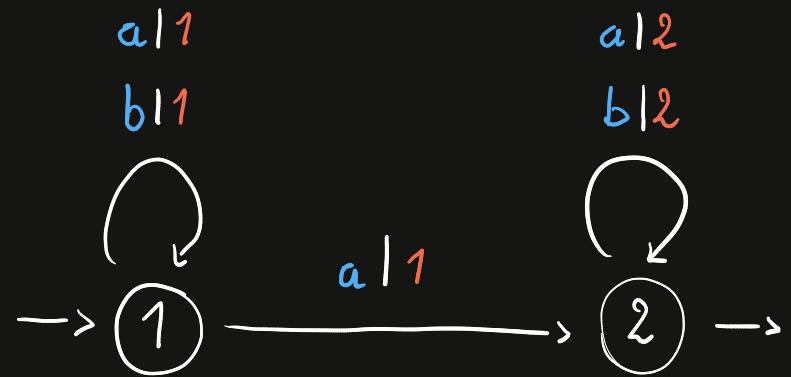
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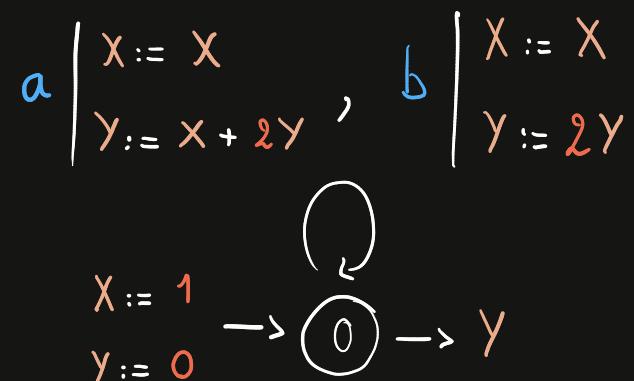
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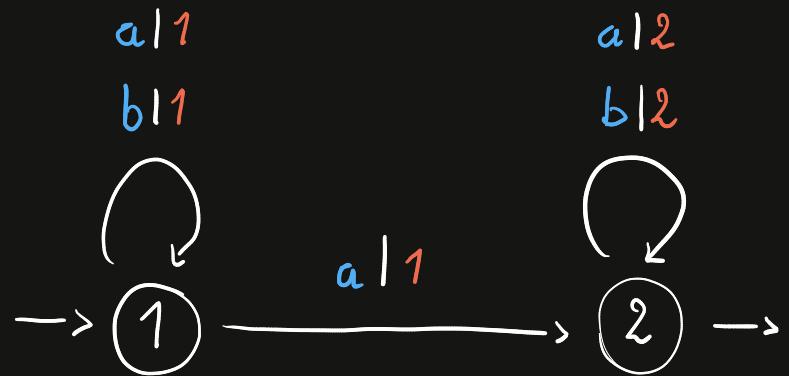
$aab :$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

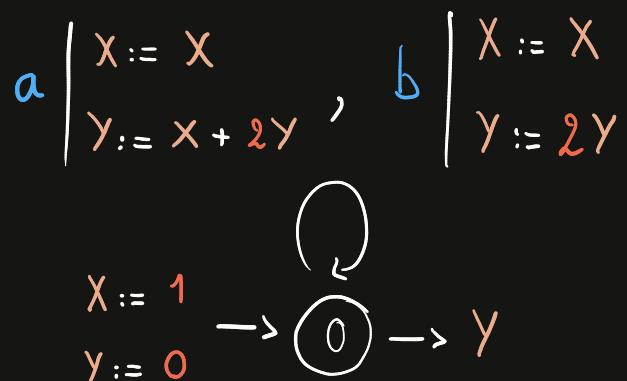
$$X = 1$$

$$Y = 0$$

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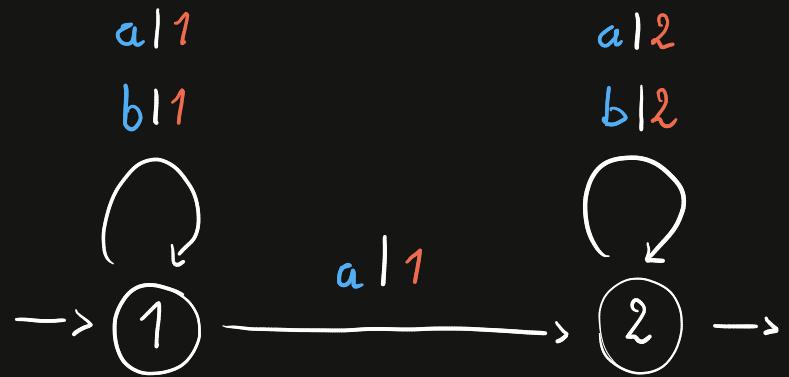
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$$\rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{a} 0$$

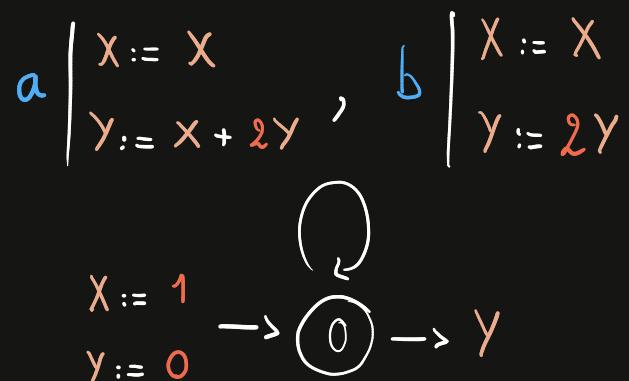
$$X = 1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$Y = 0 \rightarrow 1$$

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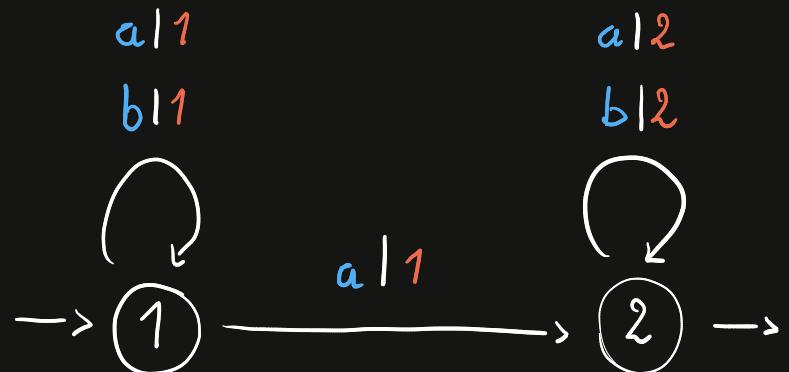
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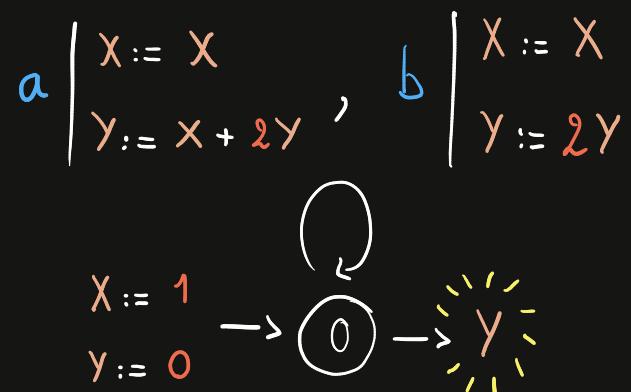
$$X = 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$Y = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3$$

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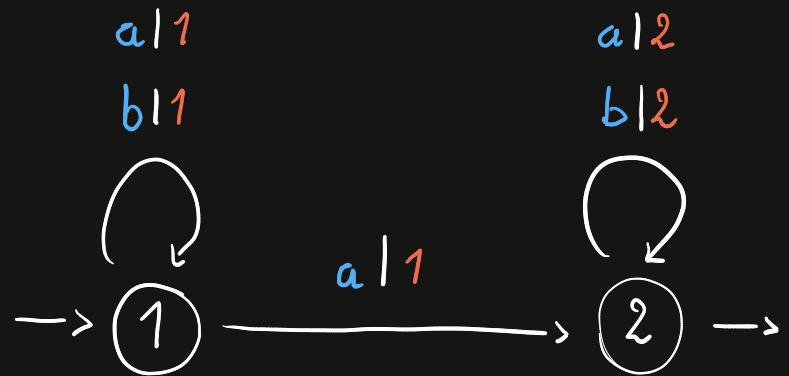
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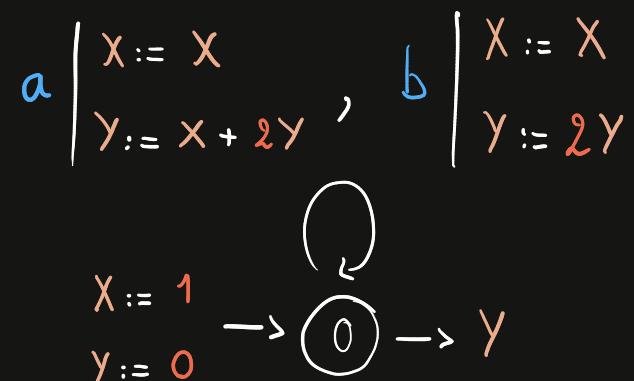
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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \rightarrow \\
 &x = 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \\
 &y = 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 3 \xrightarrow{\text{!}} 6 \\
 &a a b \mapsto 6
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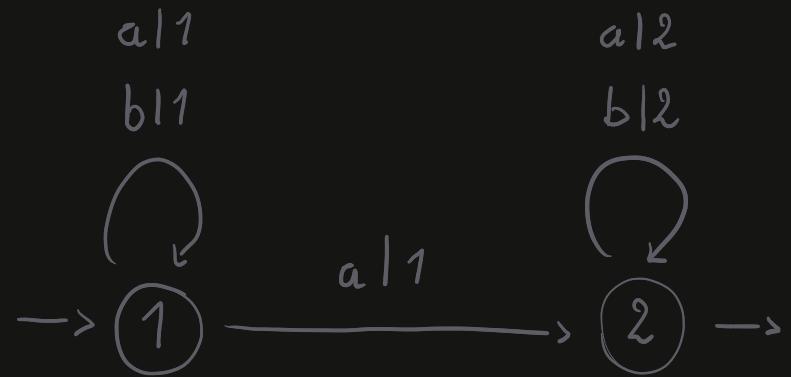
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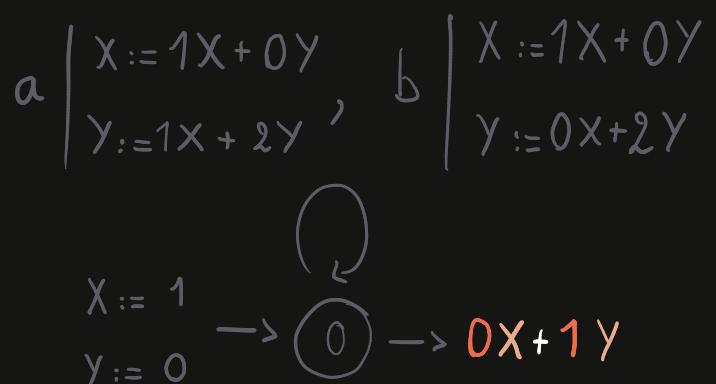
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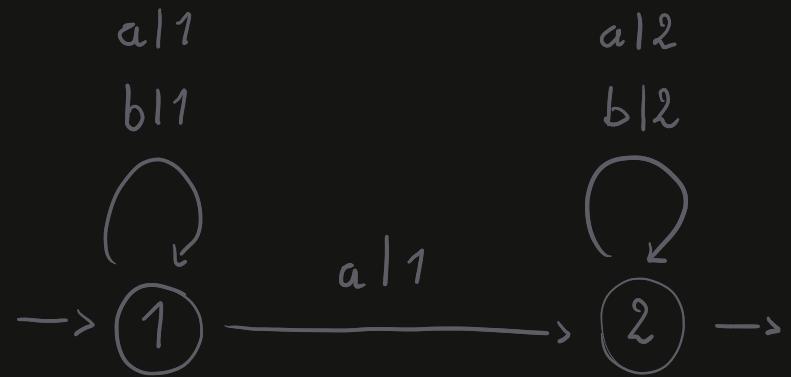
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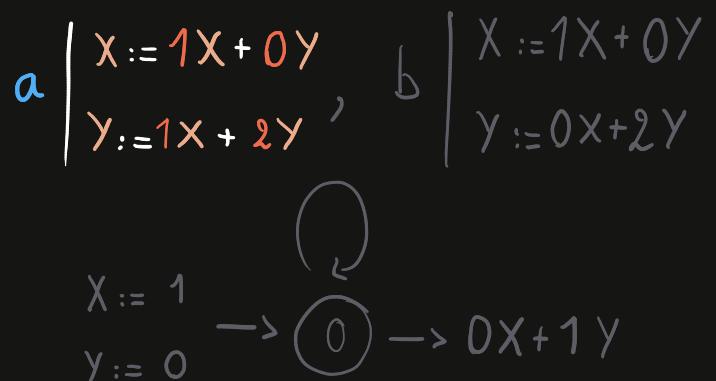
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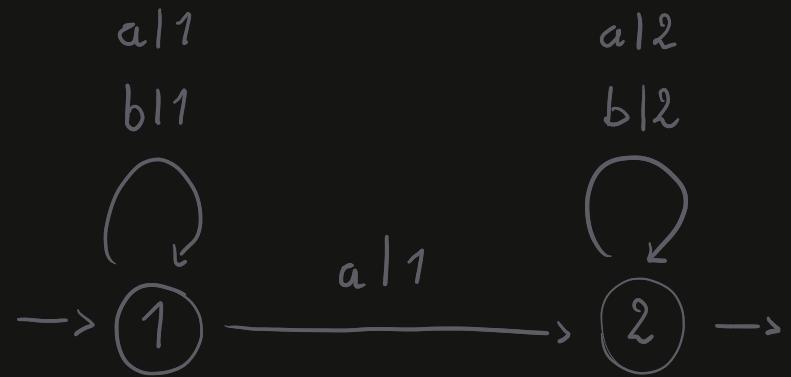
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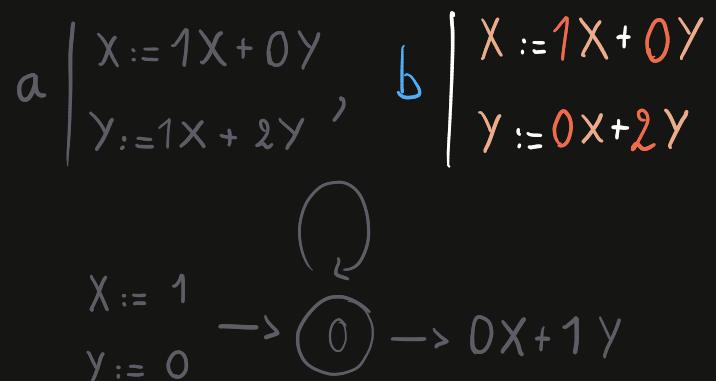
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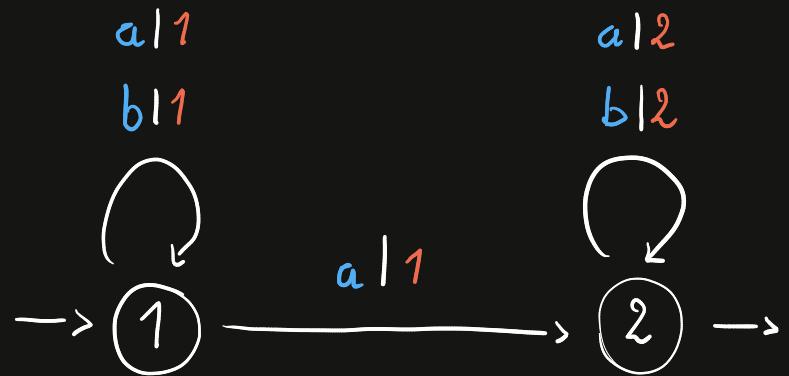
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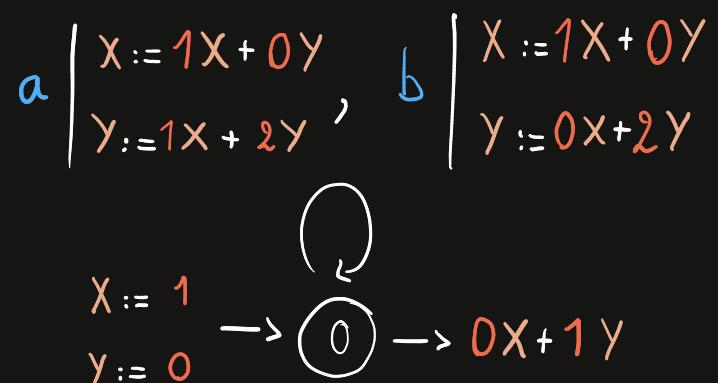
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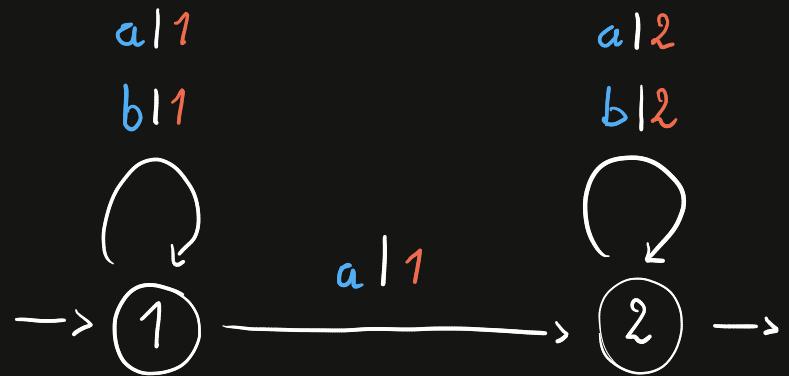
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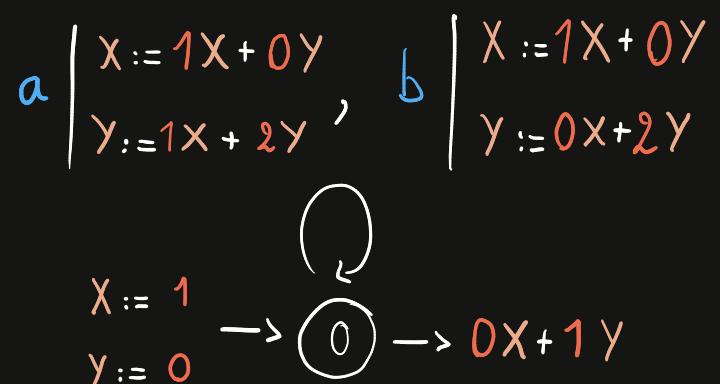
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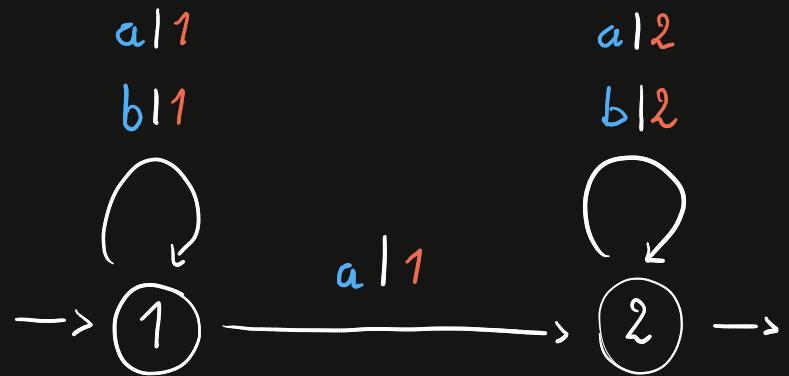
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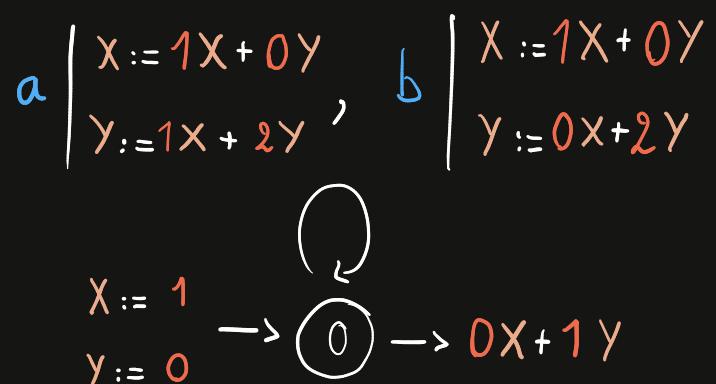
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- 1 Register CRA \Leftrightarrow Sequential WA
 $(X := \alpha X)$

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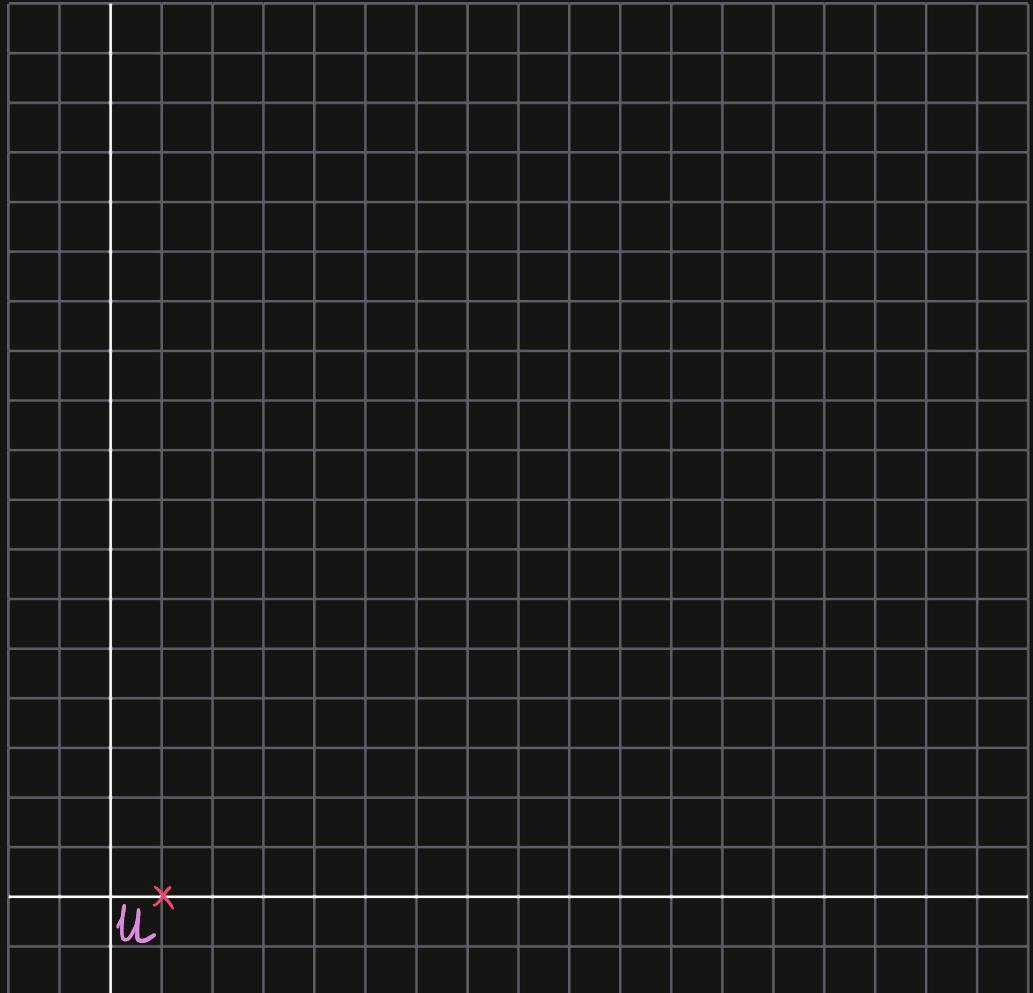
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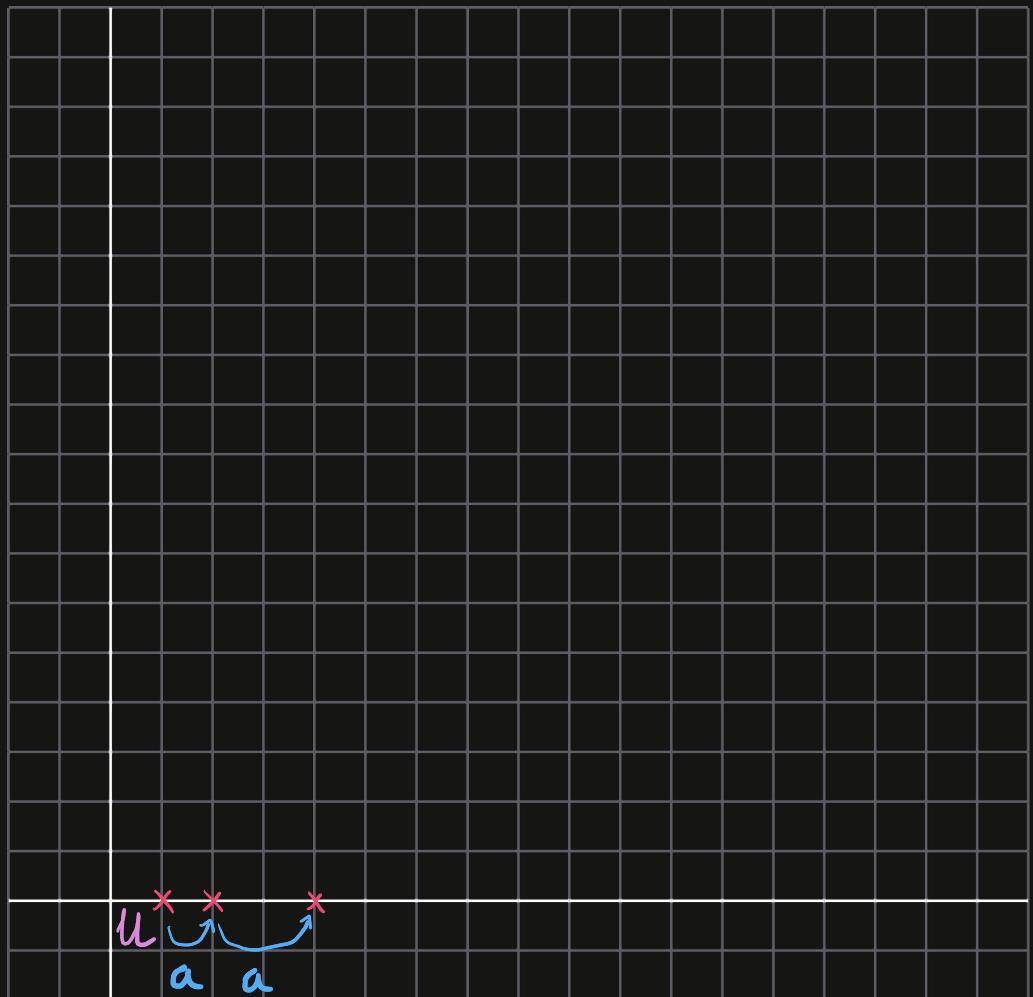
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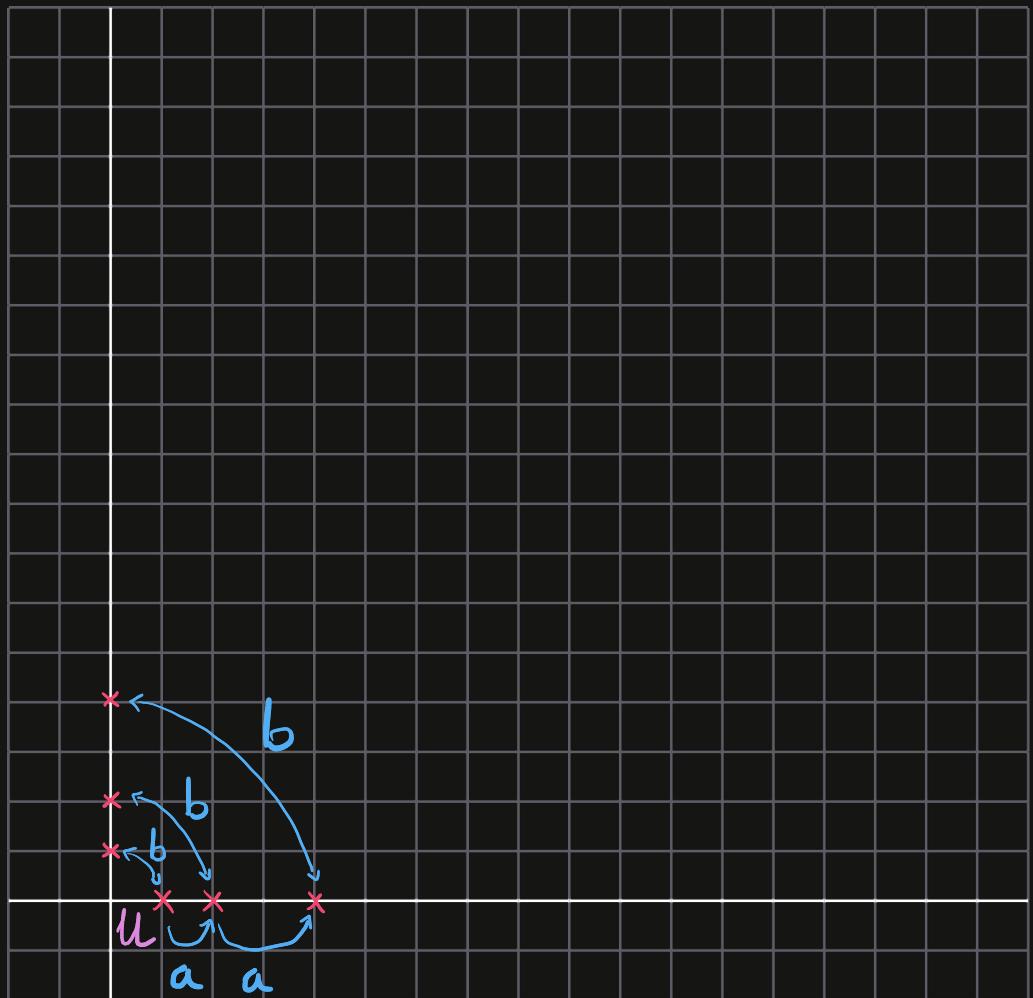
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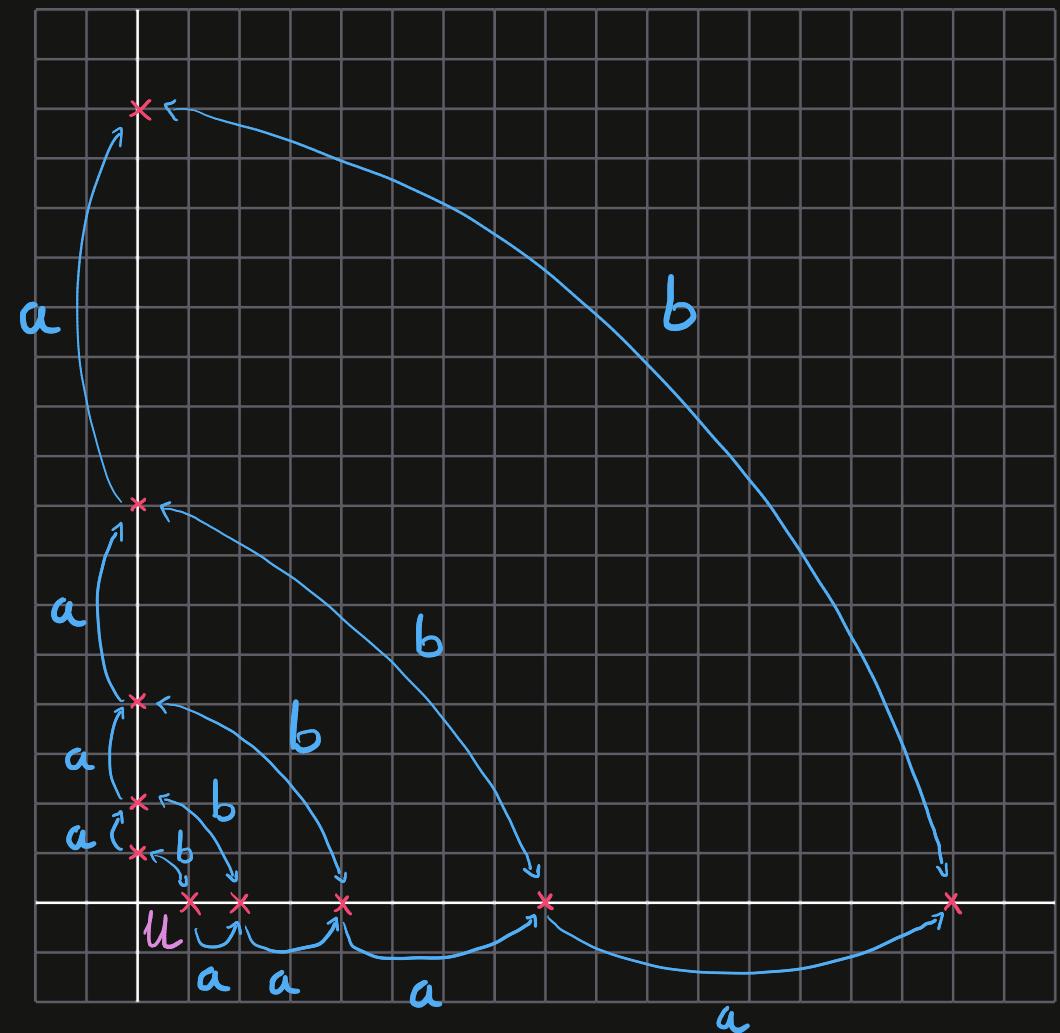


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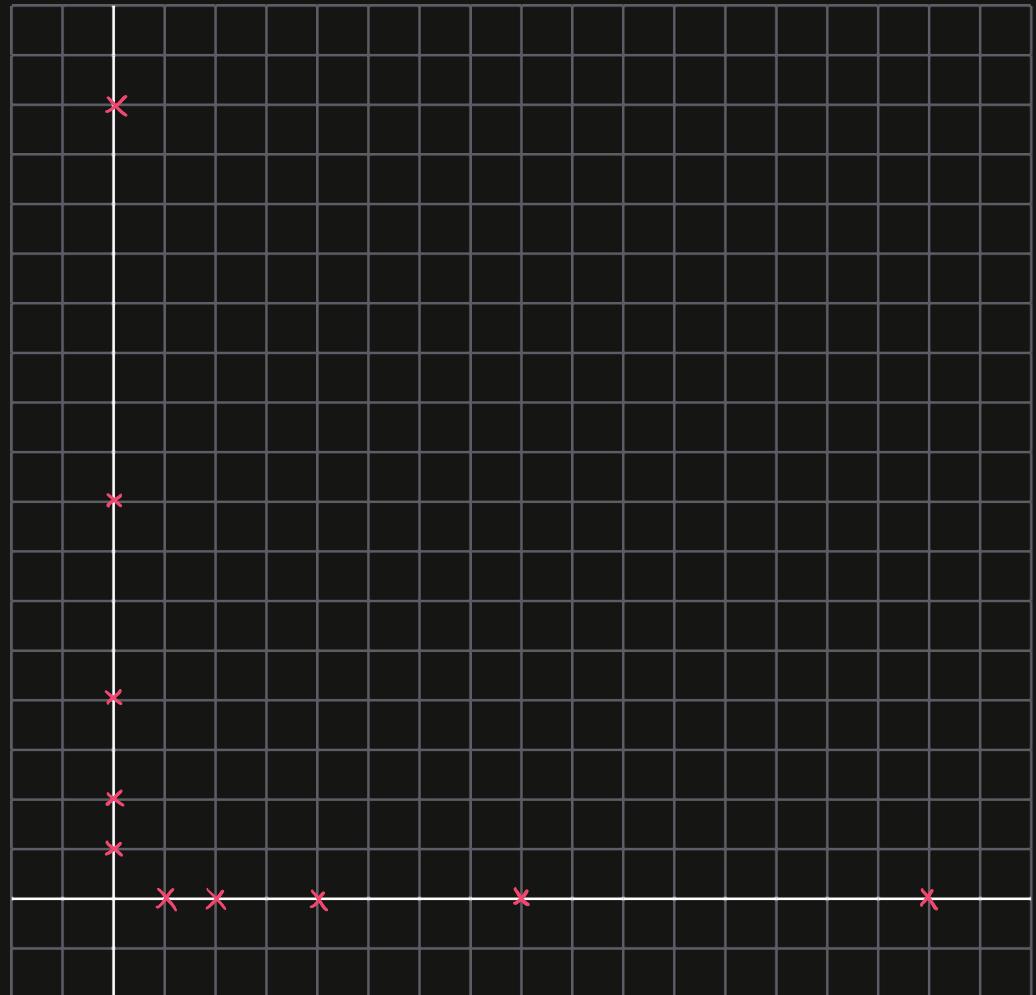
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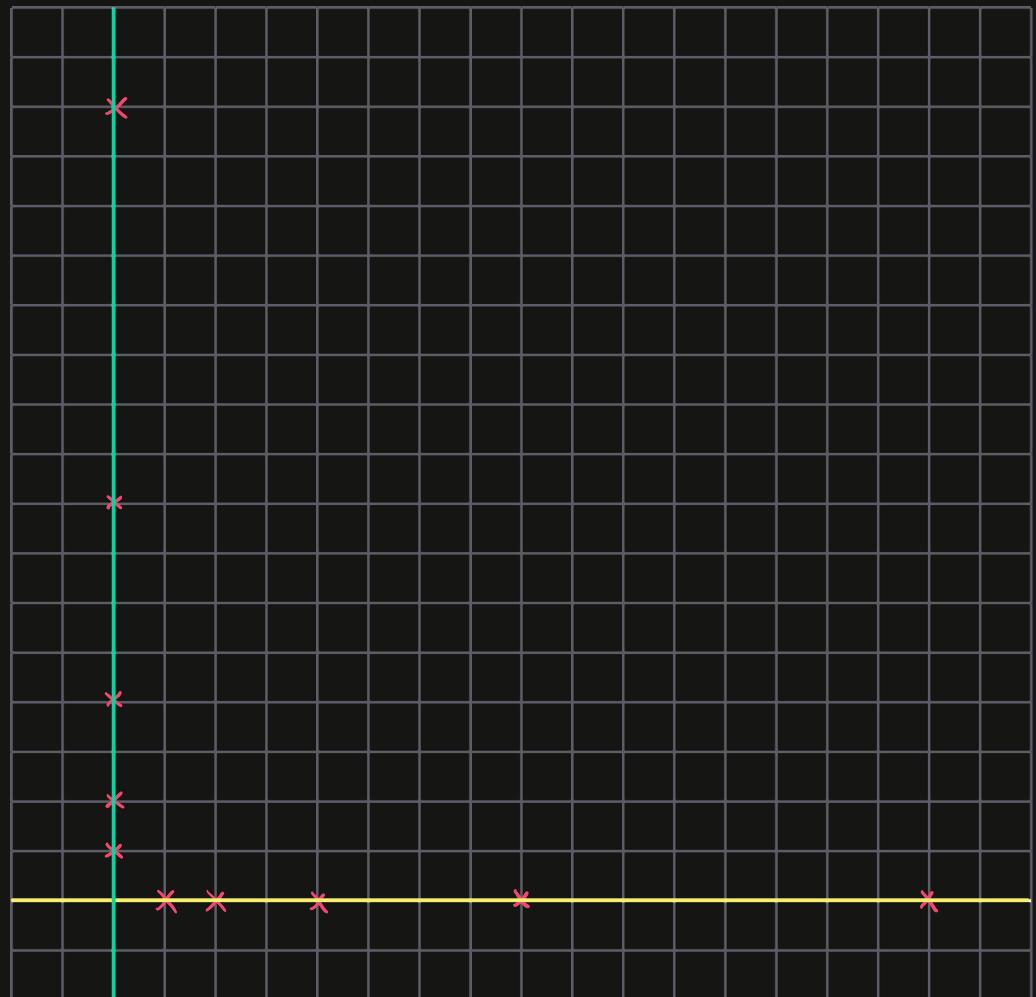
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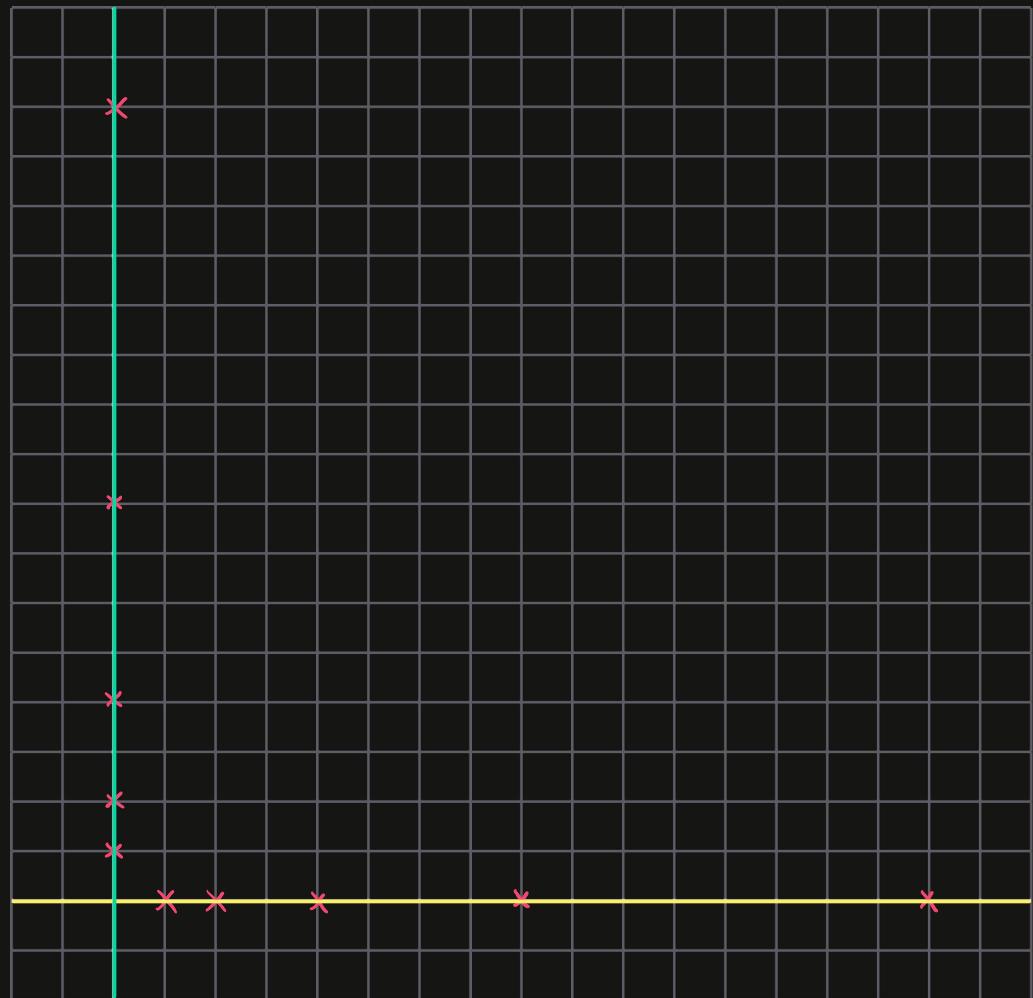
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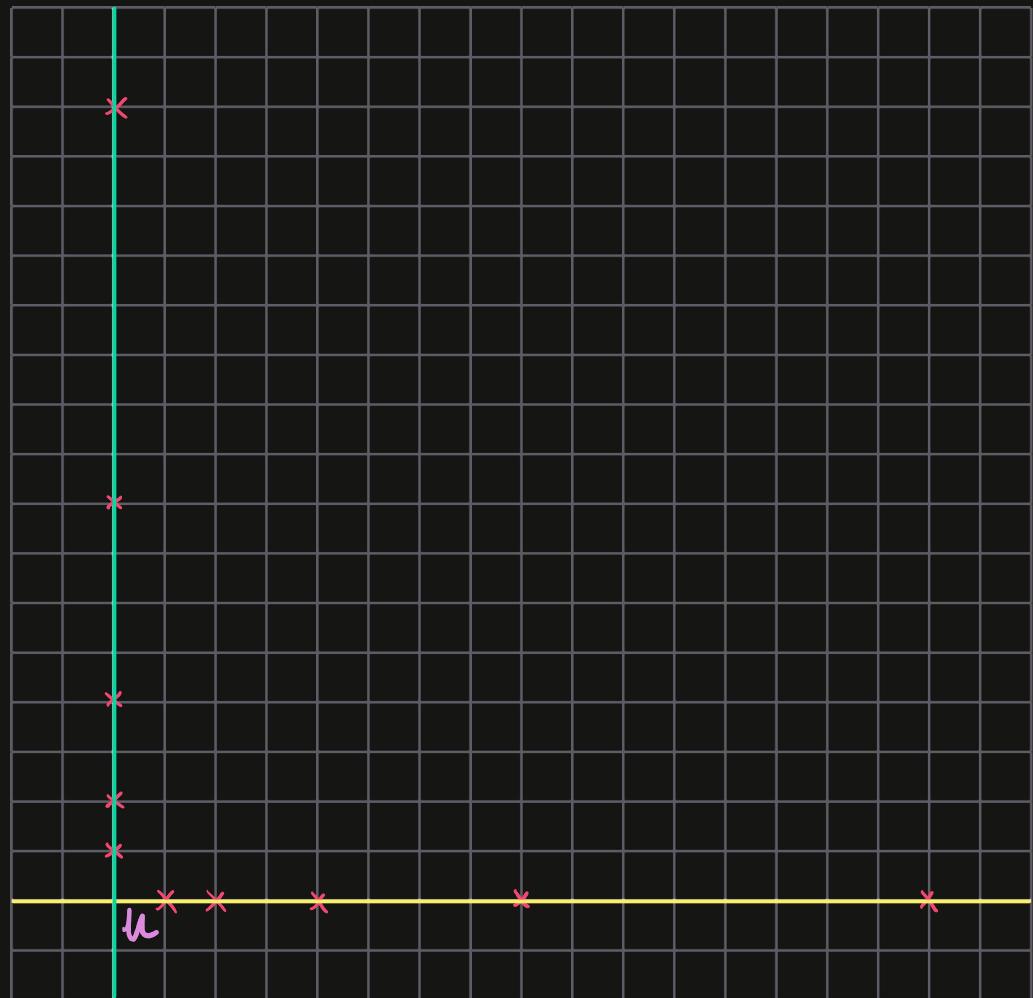
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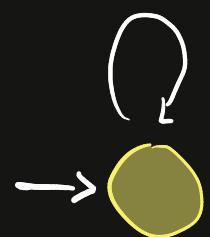
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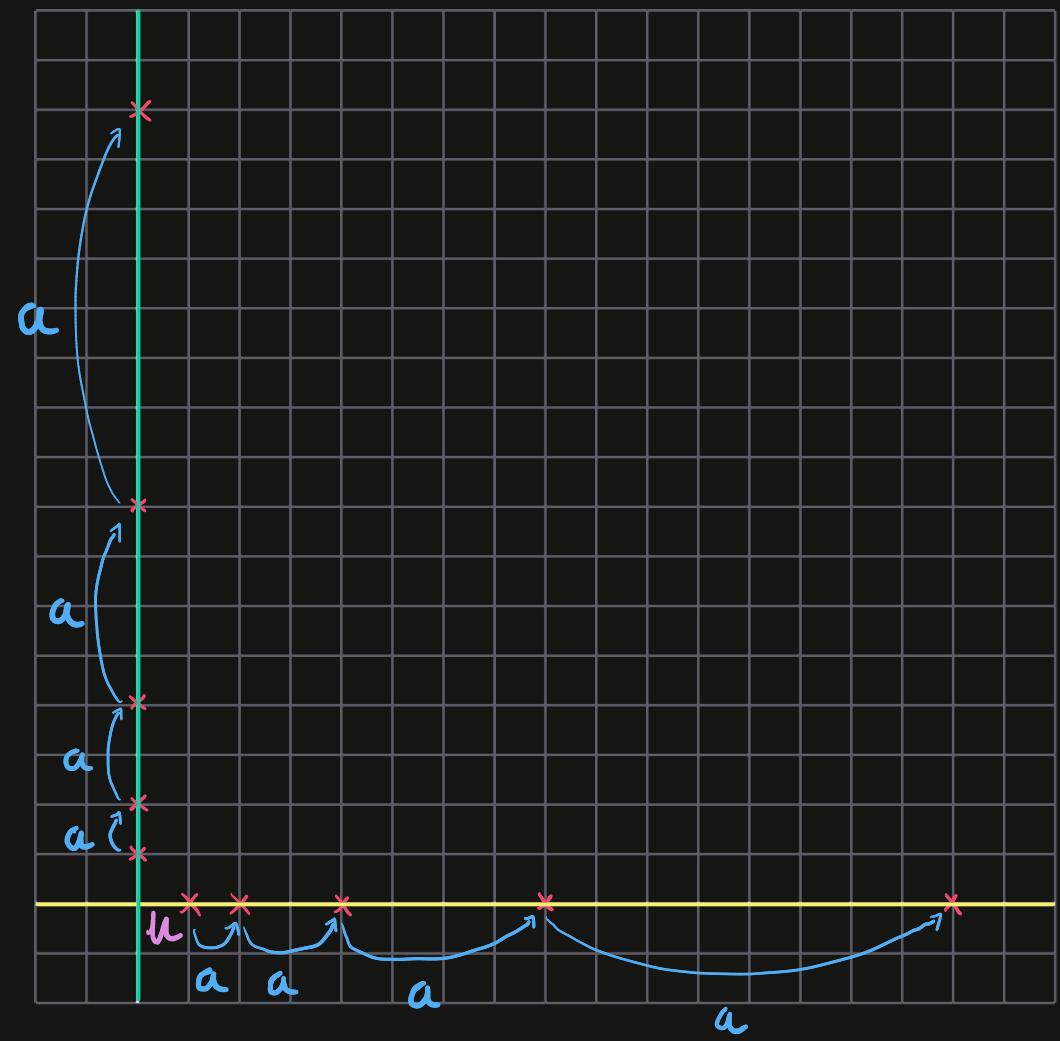
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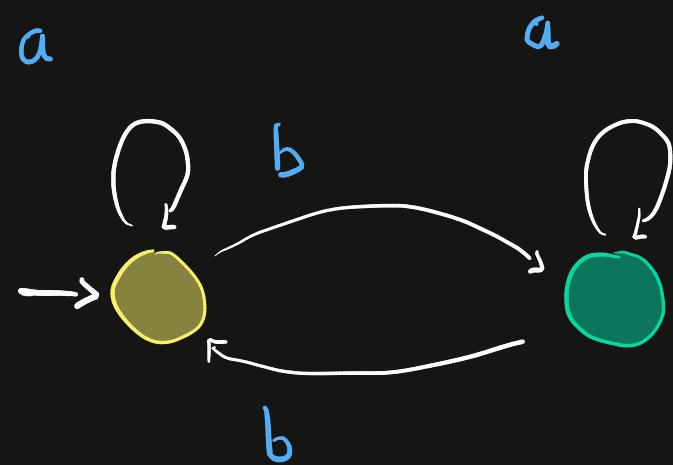
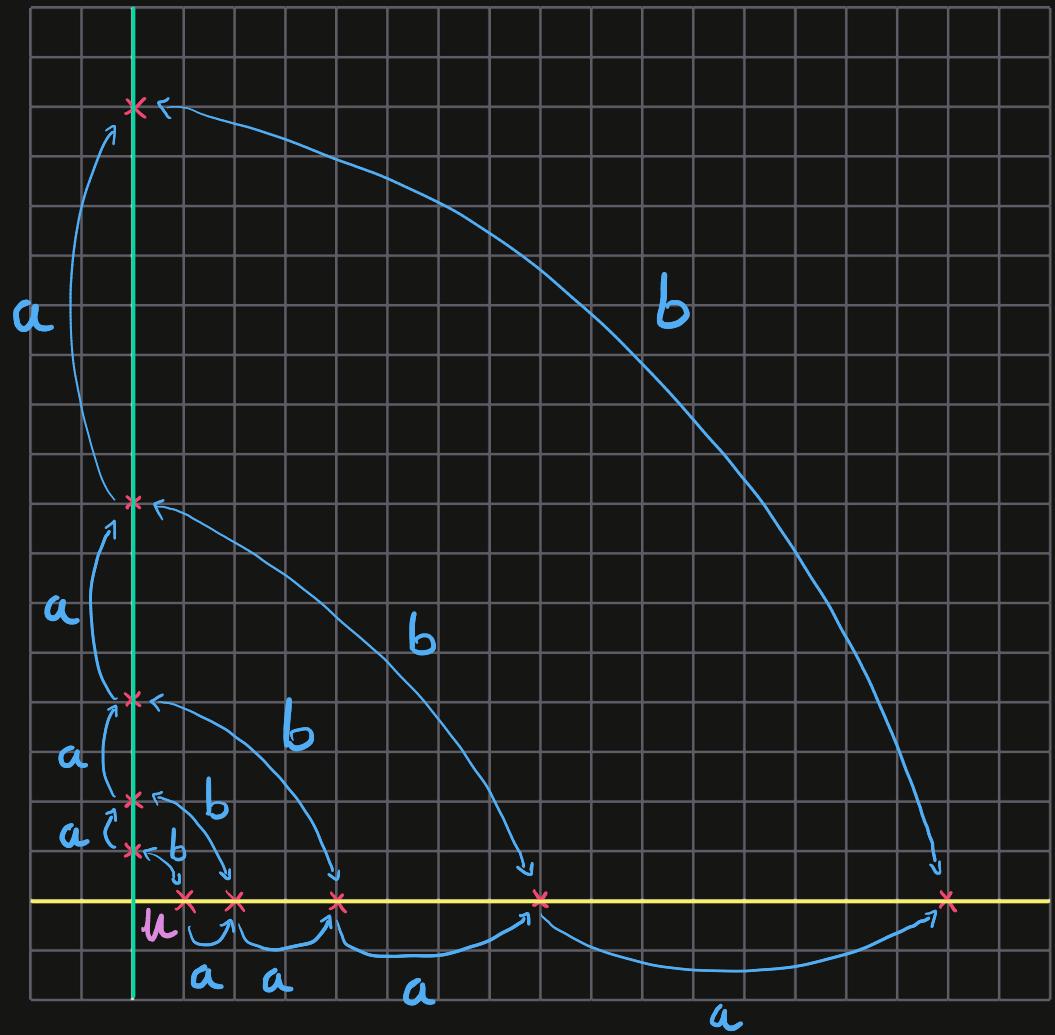
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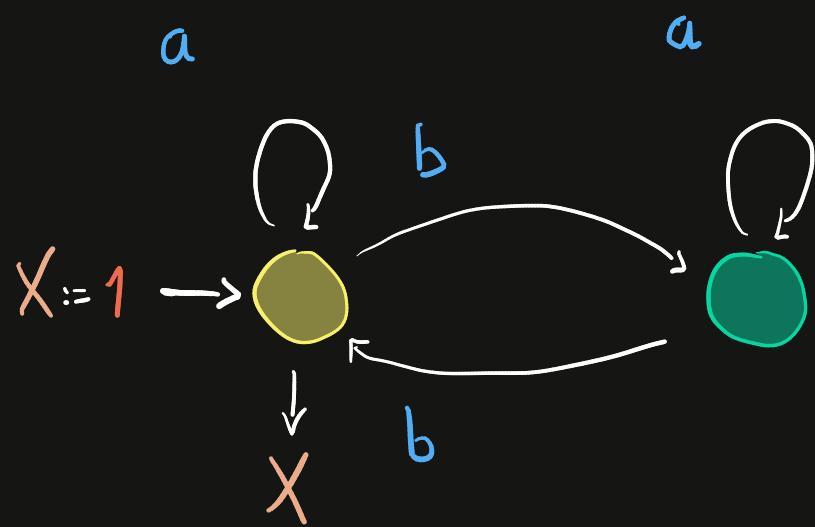
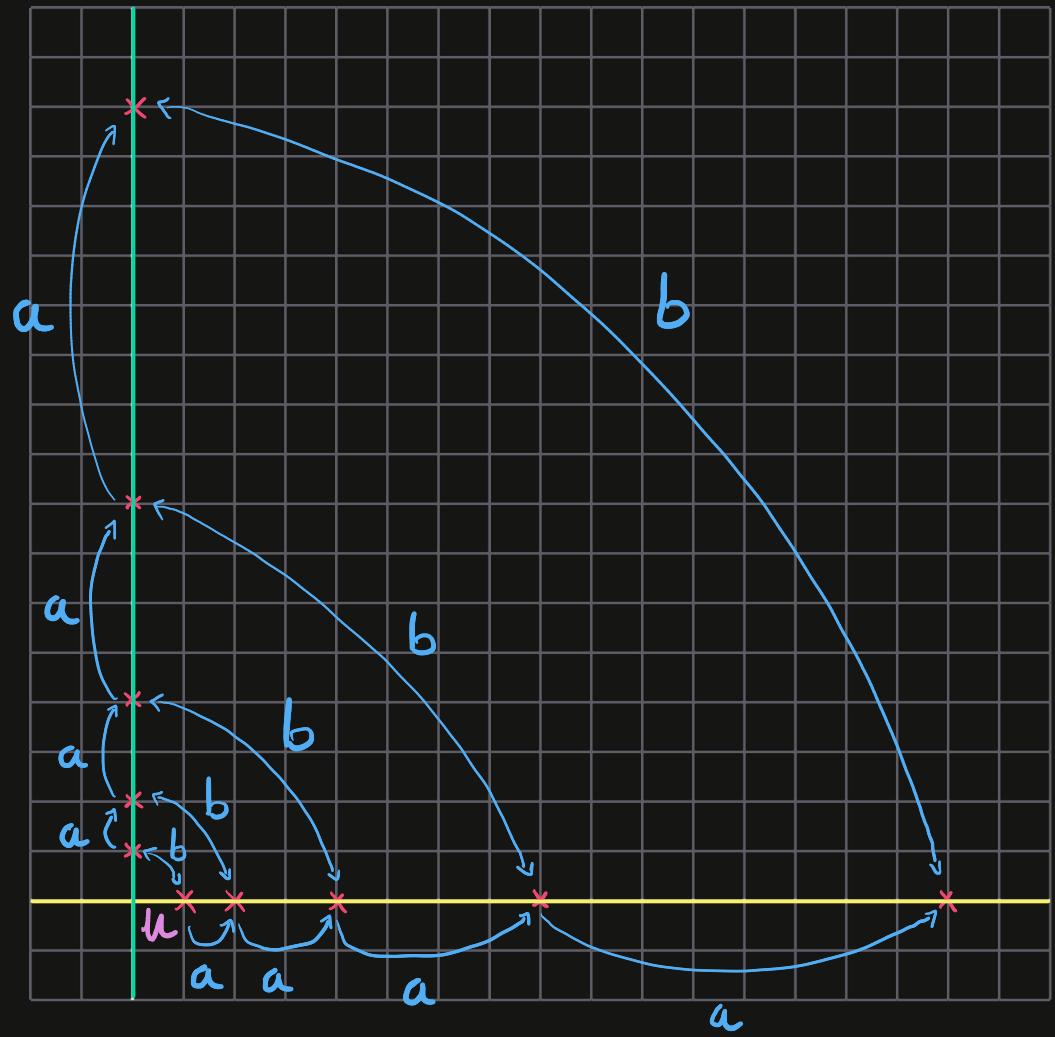
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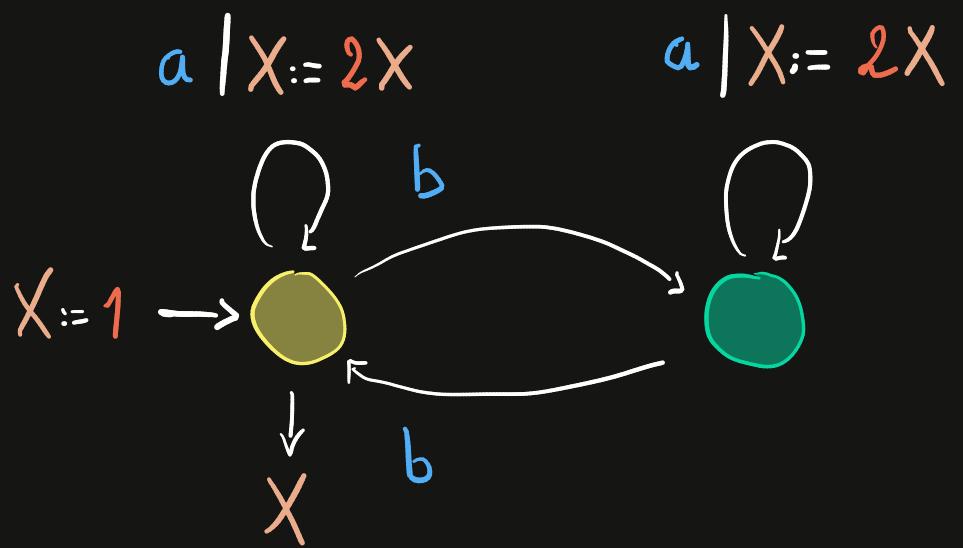
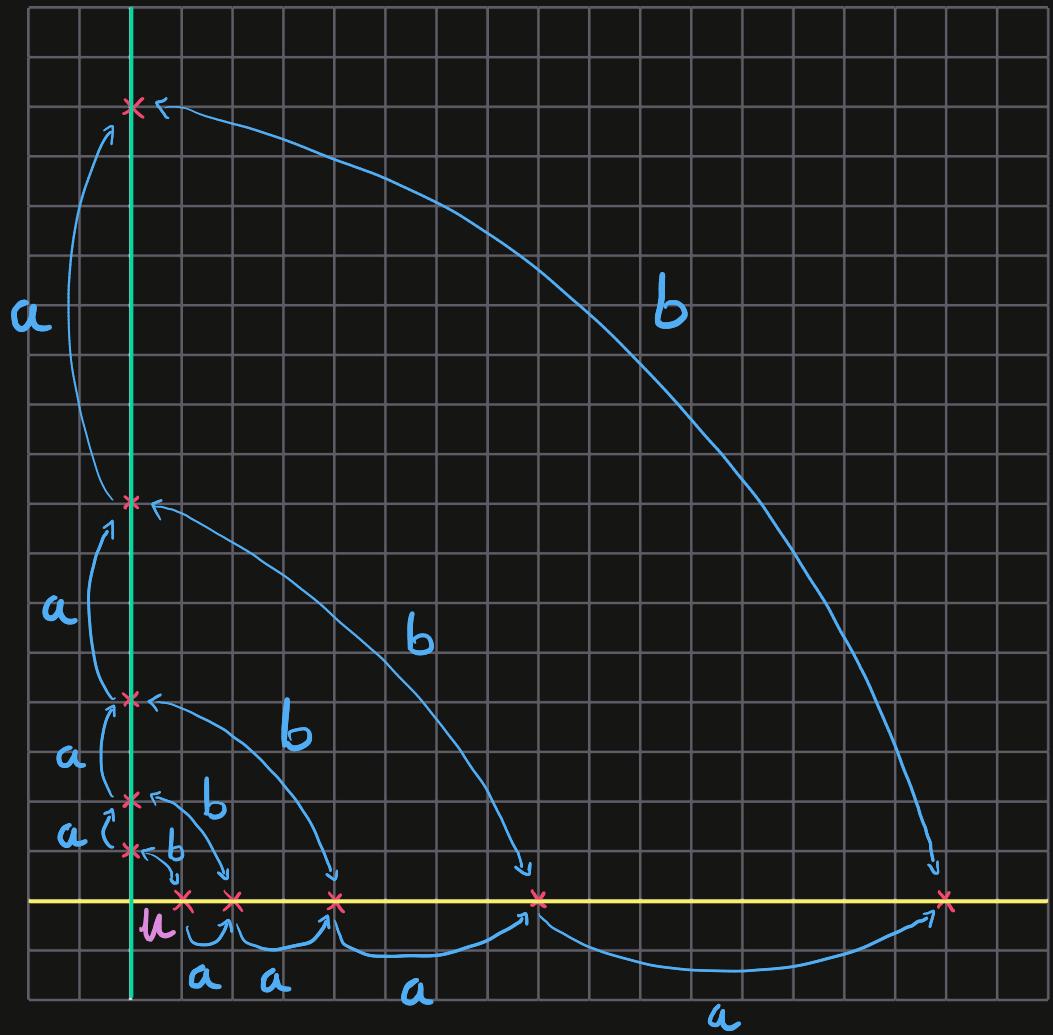
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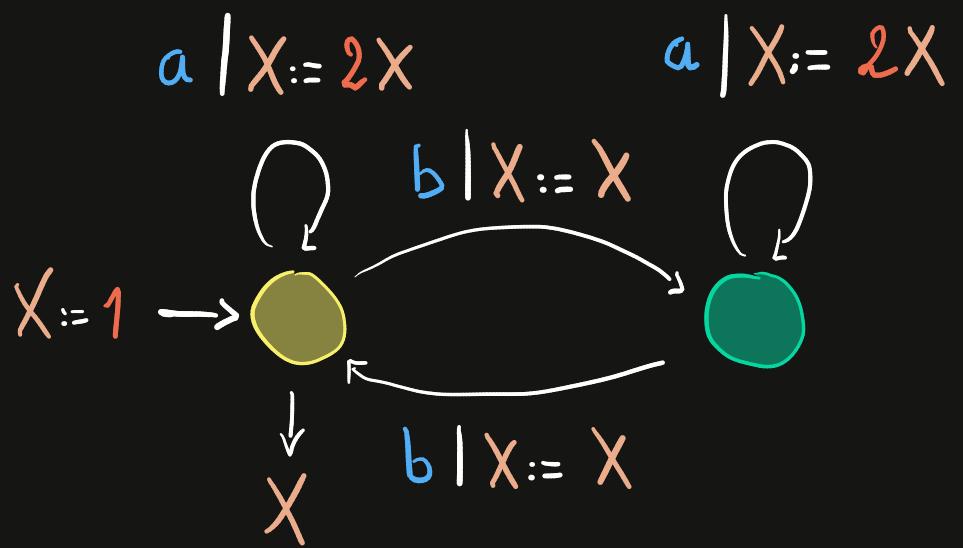
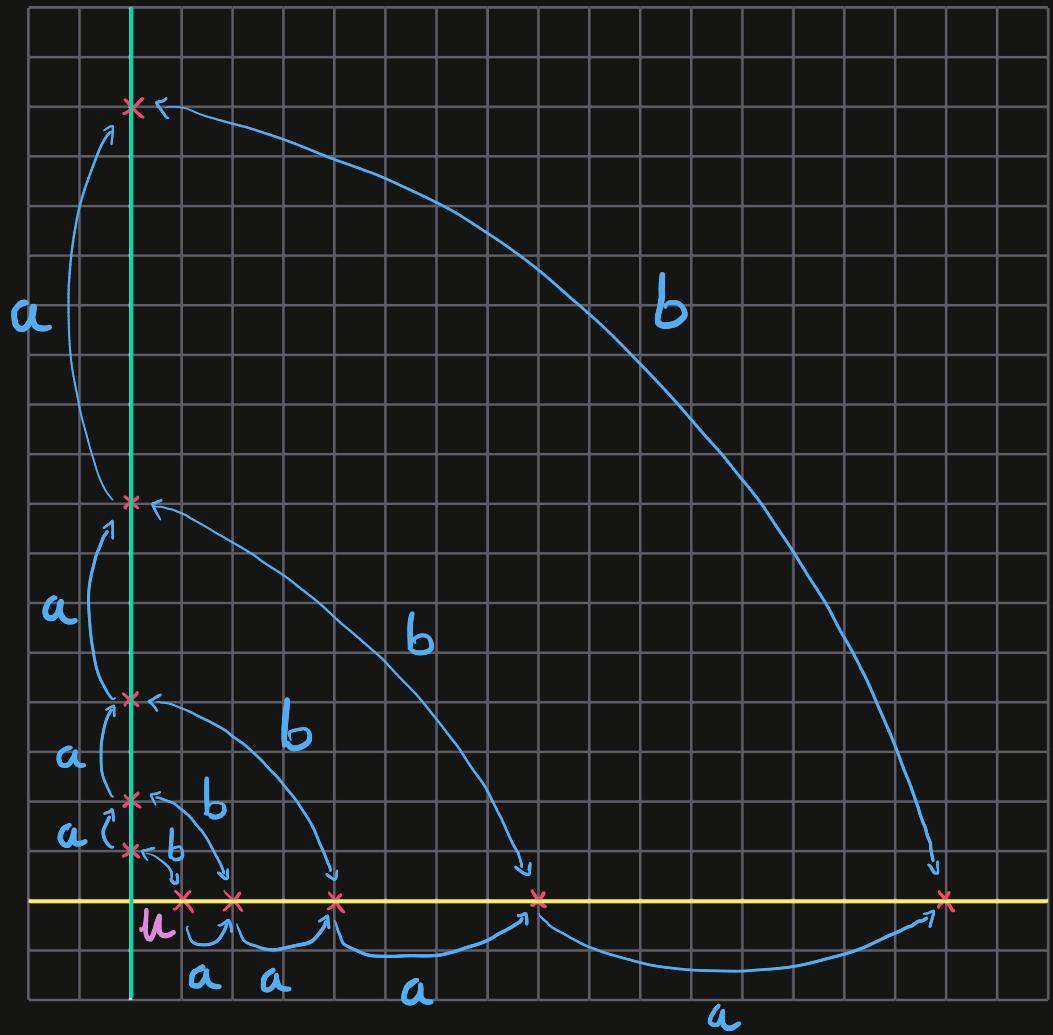
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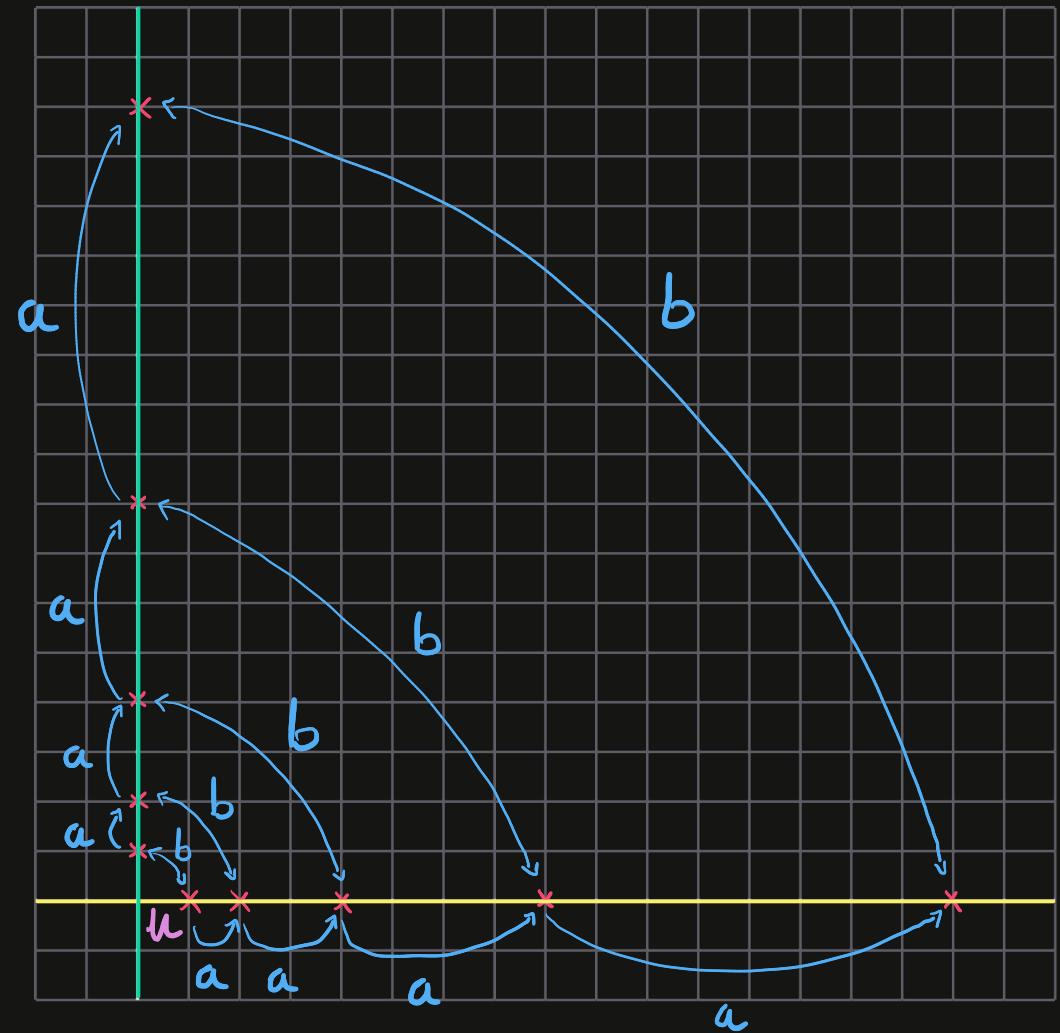


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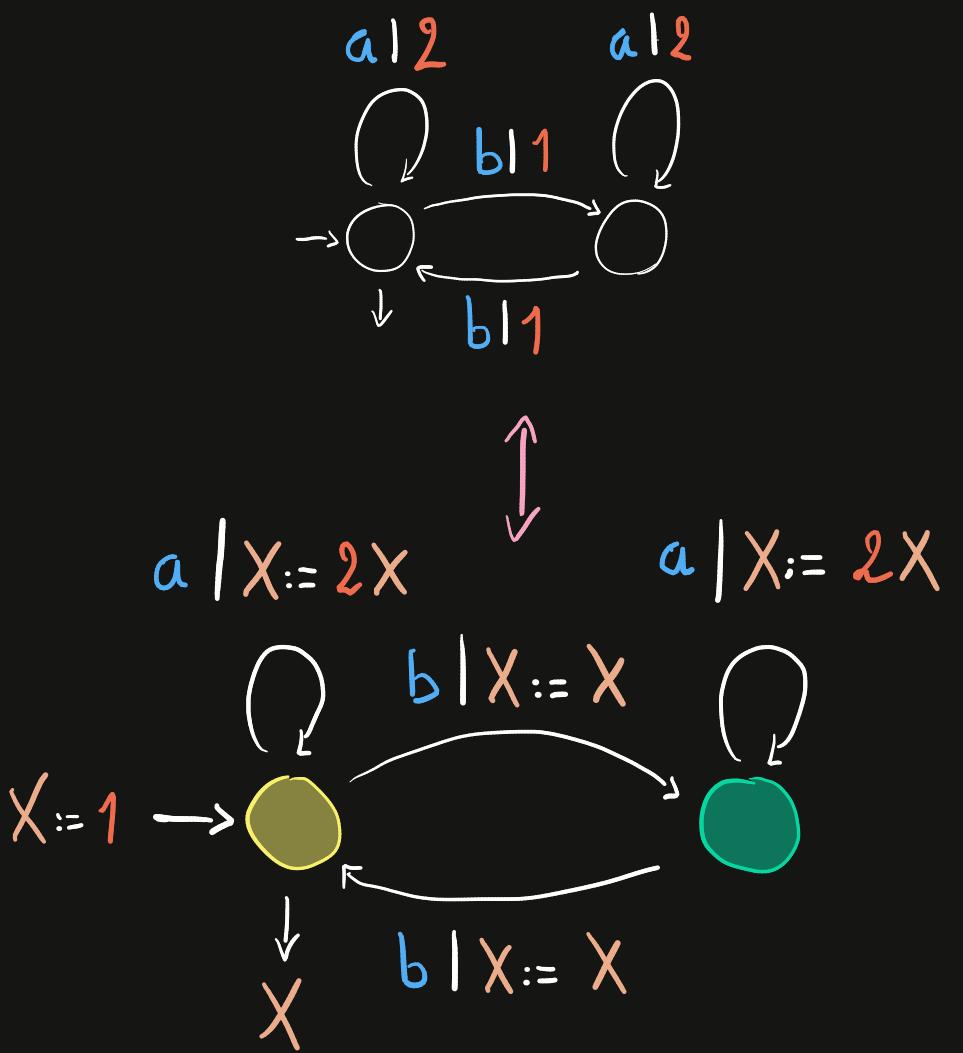
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