

Term Rewriting Systems 2010

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Outline

- Overview
- Examples
- Abstract Rewrite Systems
- Newman's Lemma
- Properties of Elements
- ARSs with Multiple Relations

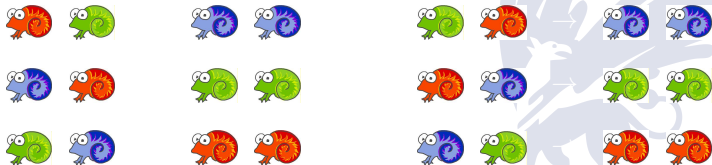


Examples



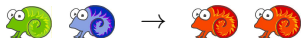
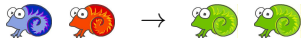
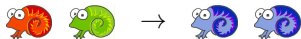


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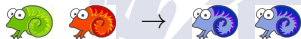
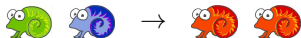
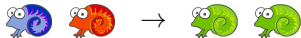
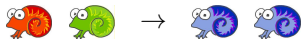


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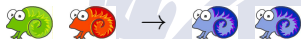
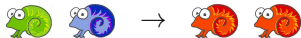
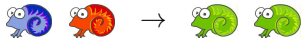
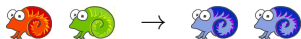


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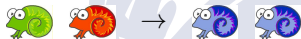
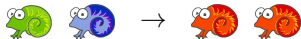
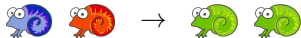
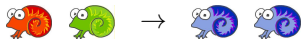


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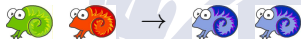
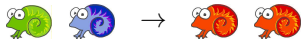
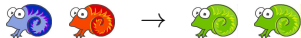
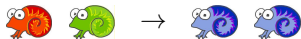


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What now, if accidentally cows with this virus are created? According to the engineers there is little risk because this never happened in their experiments, but various action groups demand absolute assurances.

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- ① & ② $\implies \mathcal{E}$ has decidable validity problem



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signature S K I (constants) · (application, binary, infix)

terms S ((K · I) · I) · S (x · z) · (y · z)

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inventor **Moses Schönfinkel** (1924)



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rewriting $(\lambda x. x \cdot x) \cdot (\lambda x. x \cdot x) \rightarrow (\lambda x. x \cdot x) \cdot (\lambda x. x \cdot x)$

inventor **Alonzo Church** (1936)



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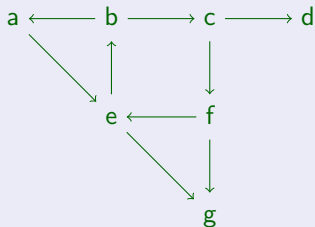


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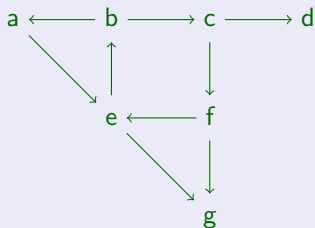
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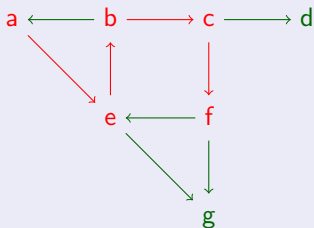


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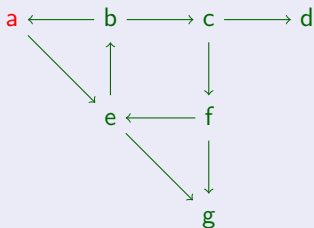
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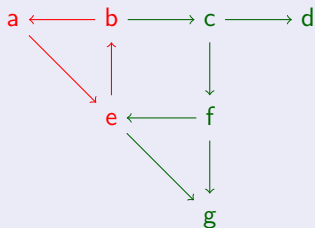
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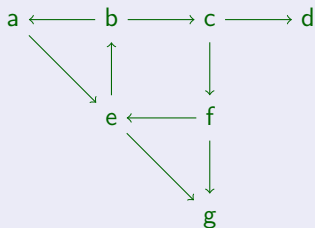
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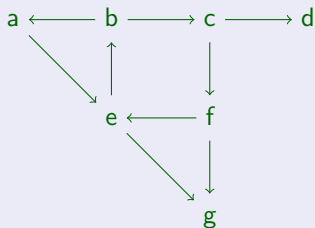
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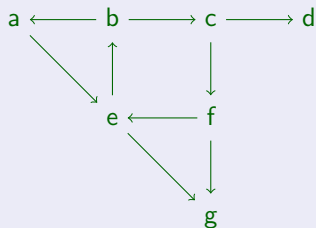
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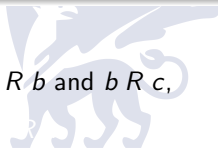


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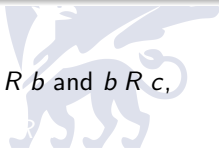


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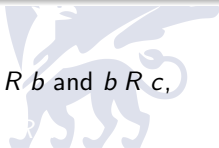


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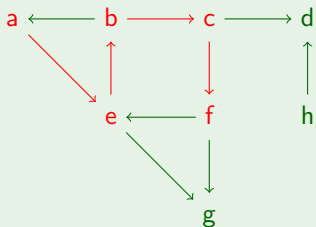
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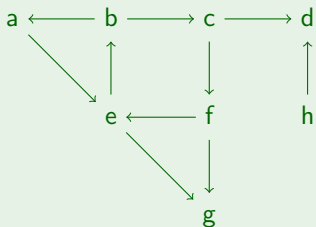
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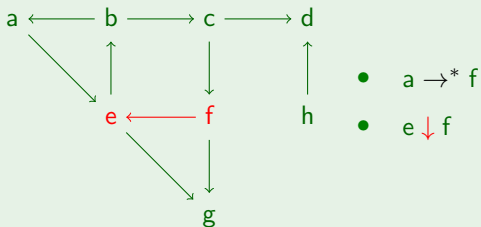
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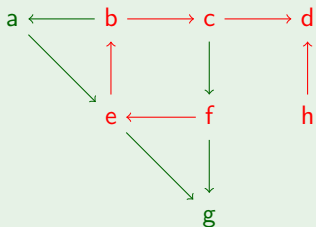
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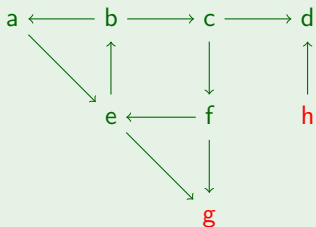
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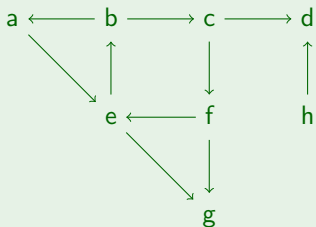
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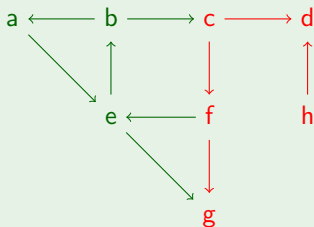
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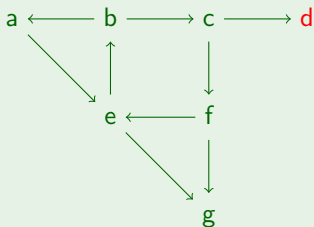
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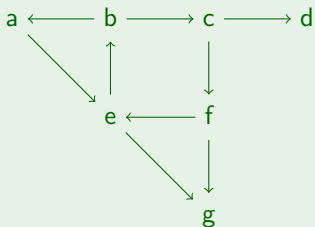
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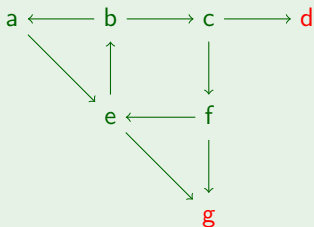
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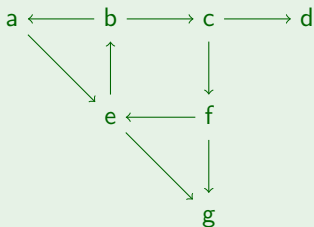
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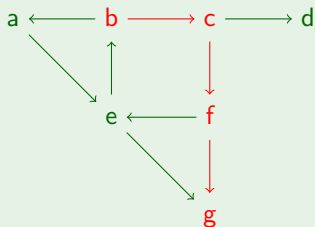
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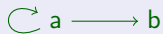


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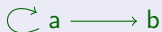
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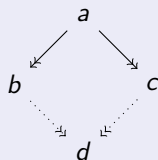


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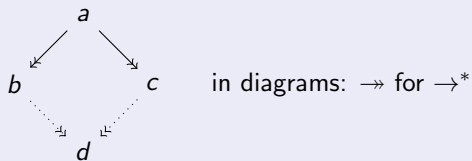


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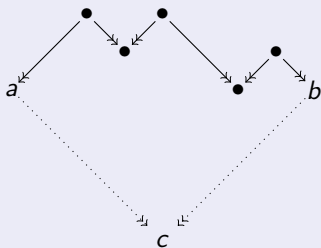
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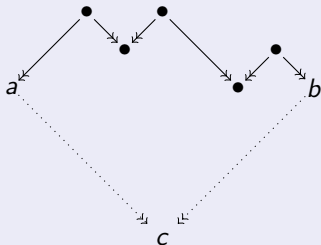


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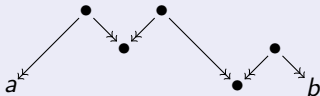
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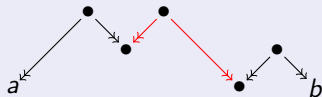
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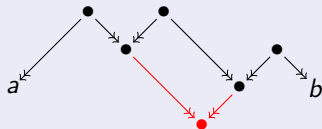
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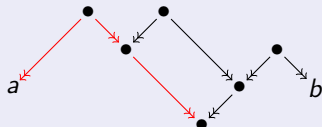
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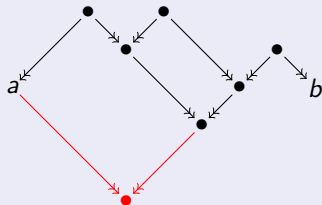
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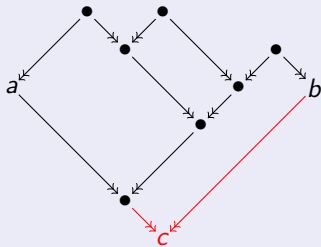
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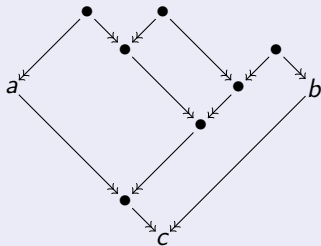
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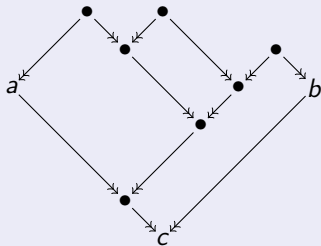
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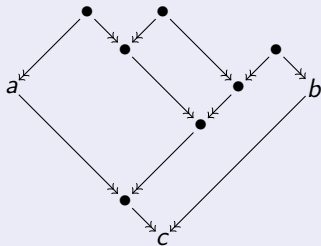
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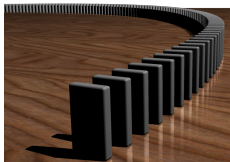


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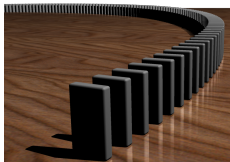


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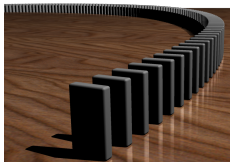


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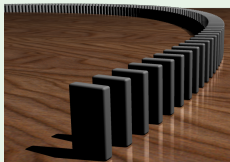
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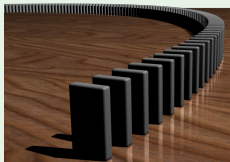
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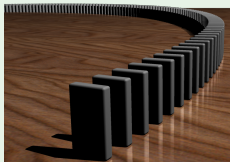
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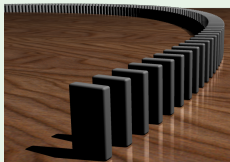
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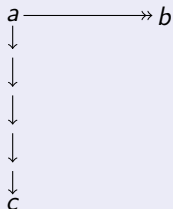
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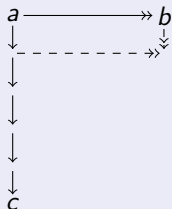
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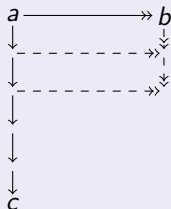
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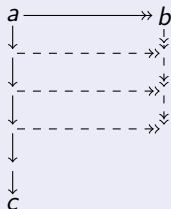
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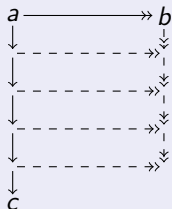
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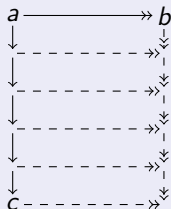
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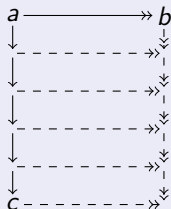
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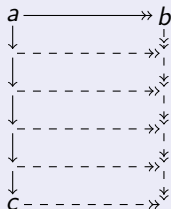
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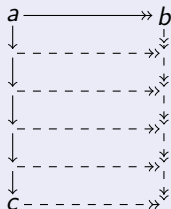
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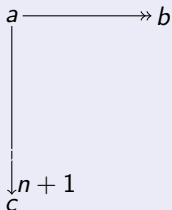
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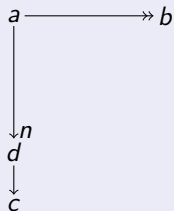
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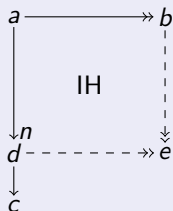
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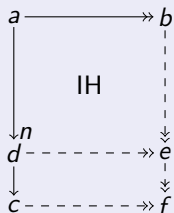
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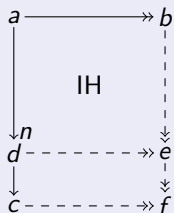
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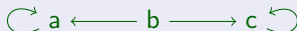
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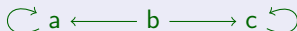
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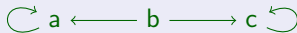
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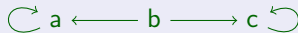
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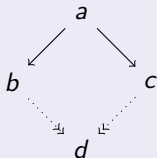


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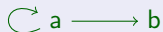
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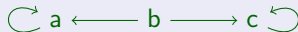
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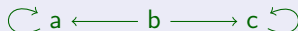
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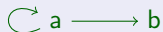
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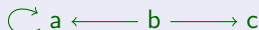


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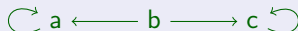
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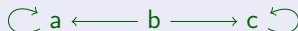
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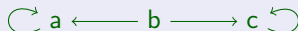
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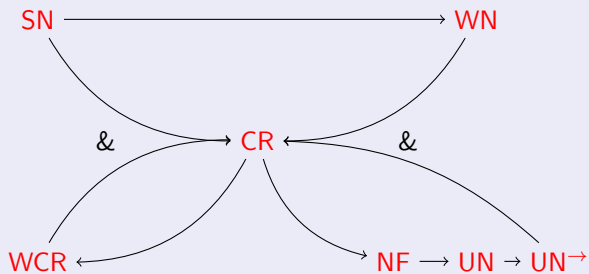
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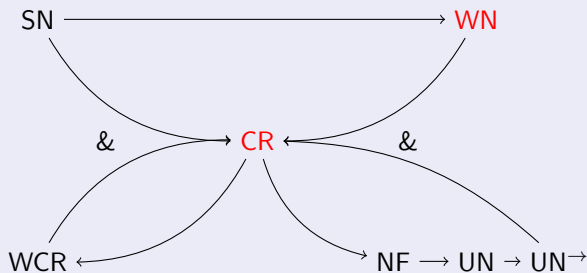
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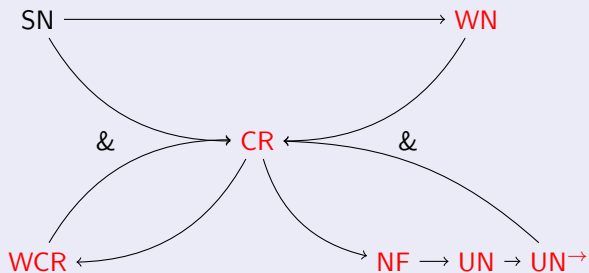
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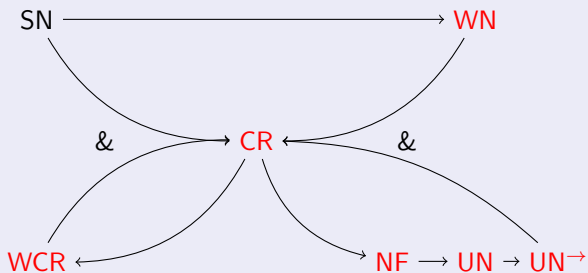
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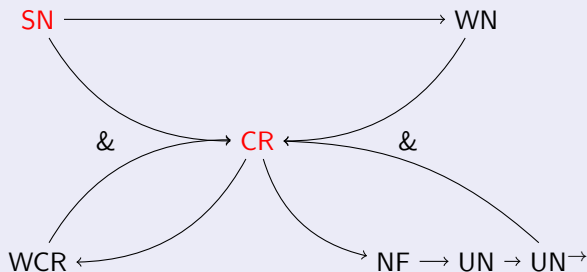
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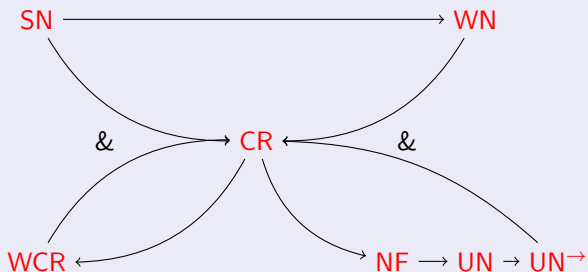
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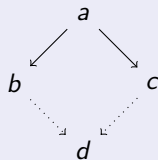
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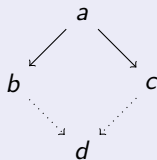
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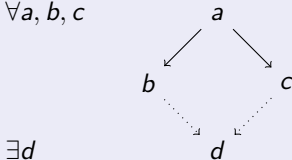
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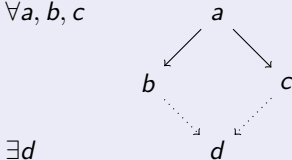


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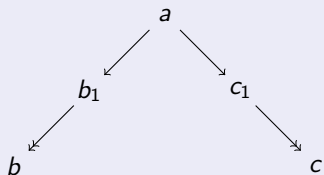
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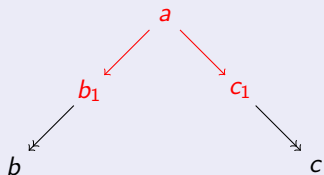
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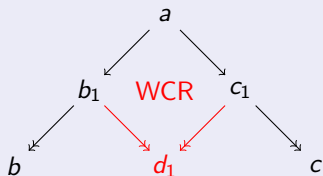
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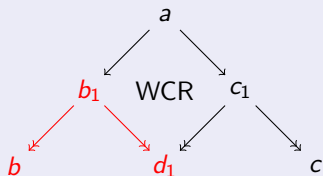
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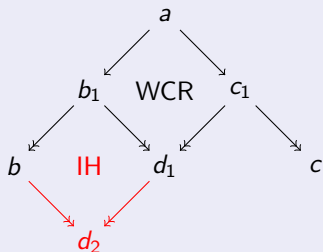
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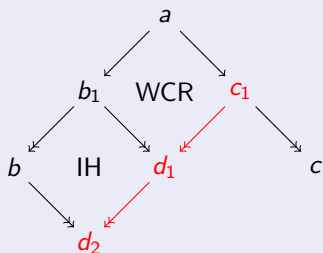
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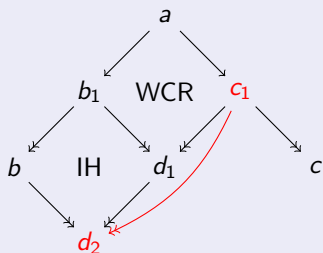
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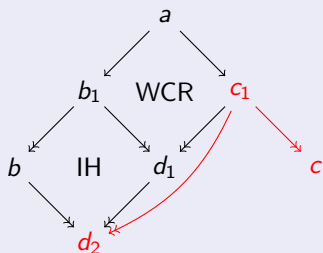
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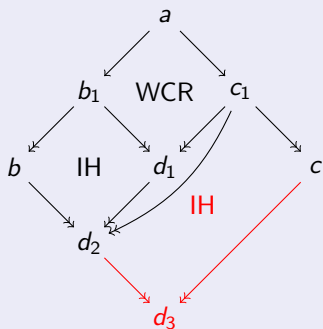
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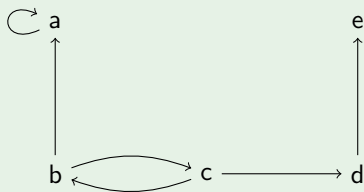
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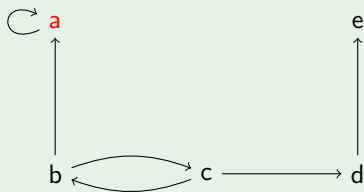
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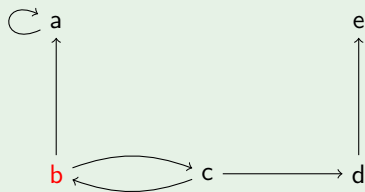


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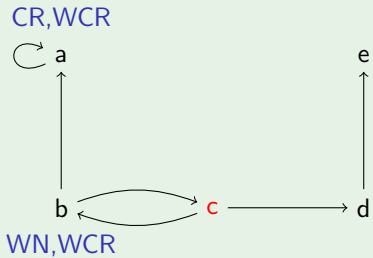


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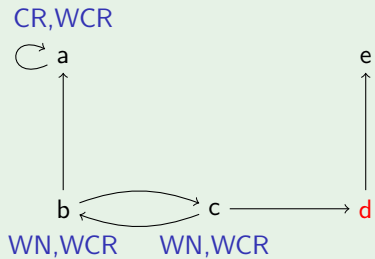
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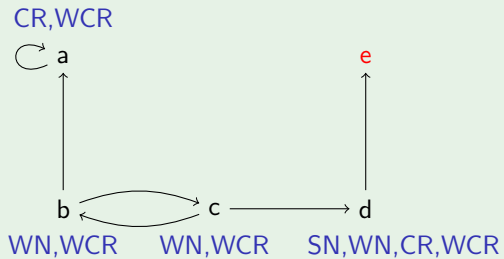
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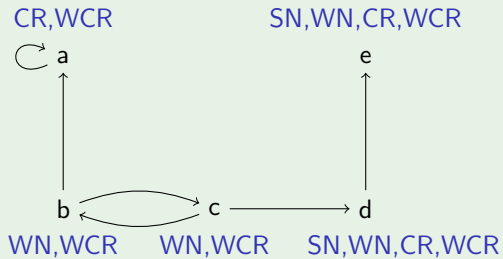
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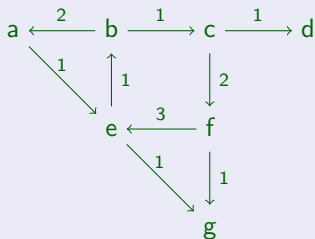
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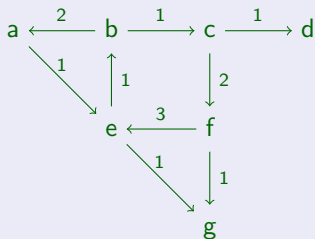
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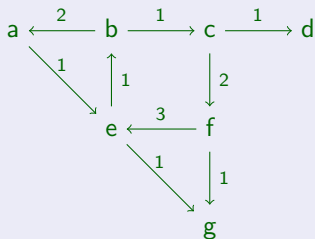
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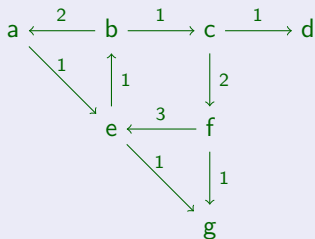
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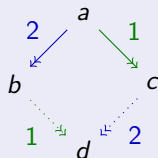
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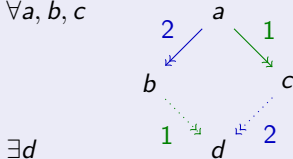
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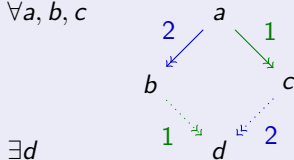
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