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# An Incrementally Maintainable Index for Approximate Lookups in Hierarchical Data

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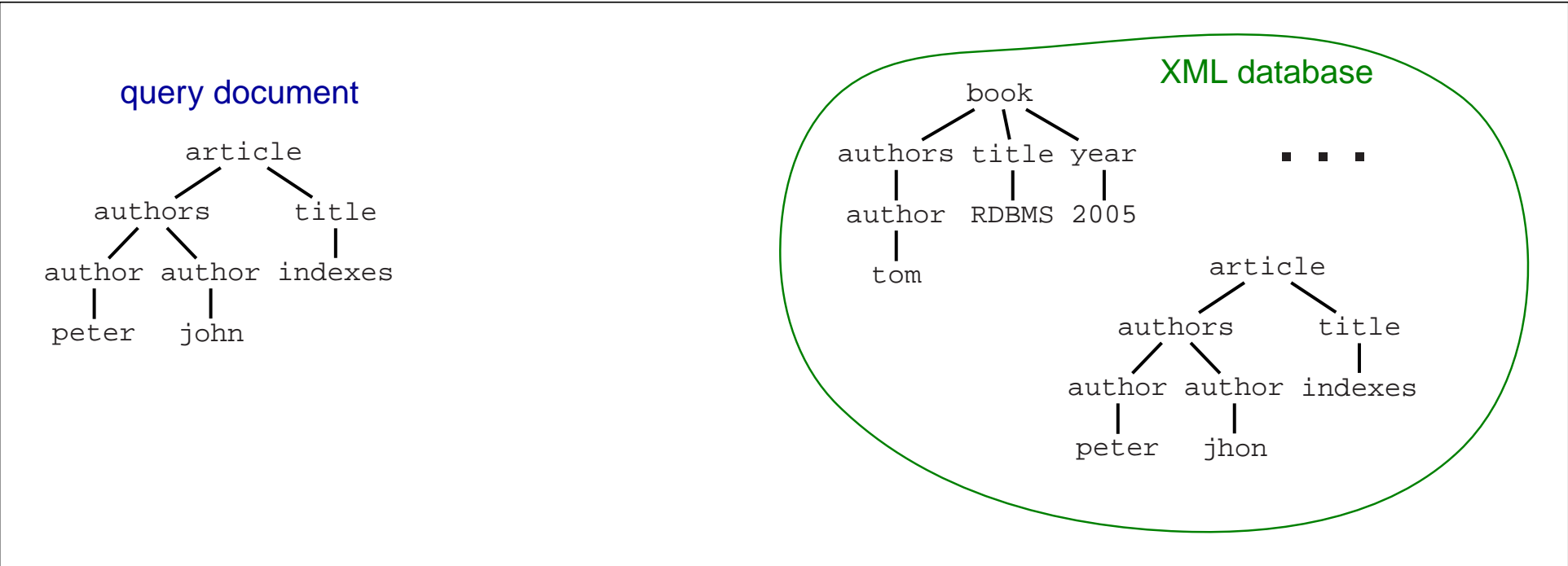
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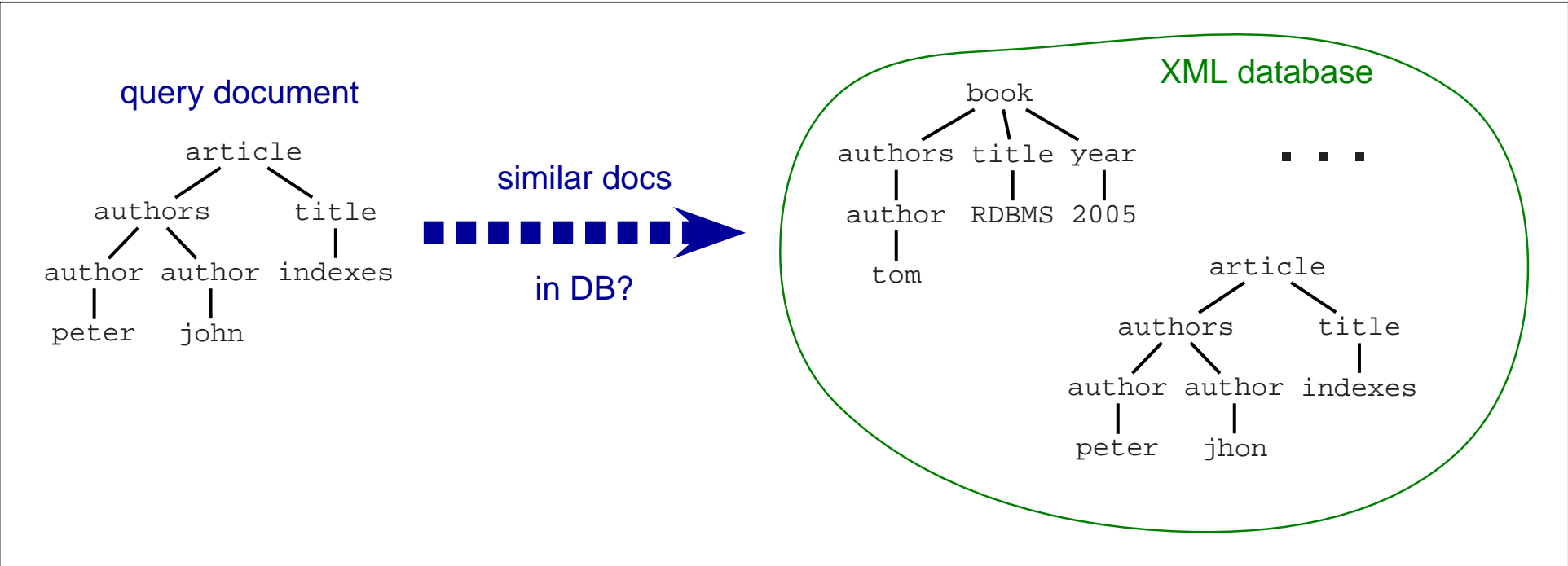
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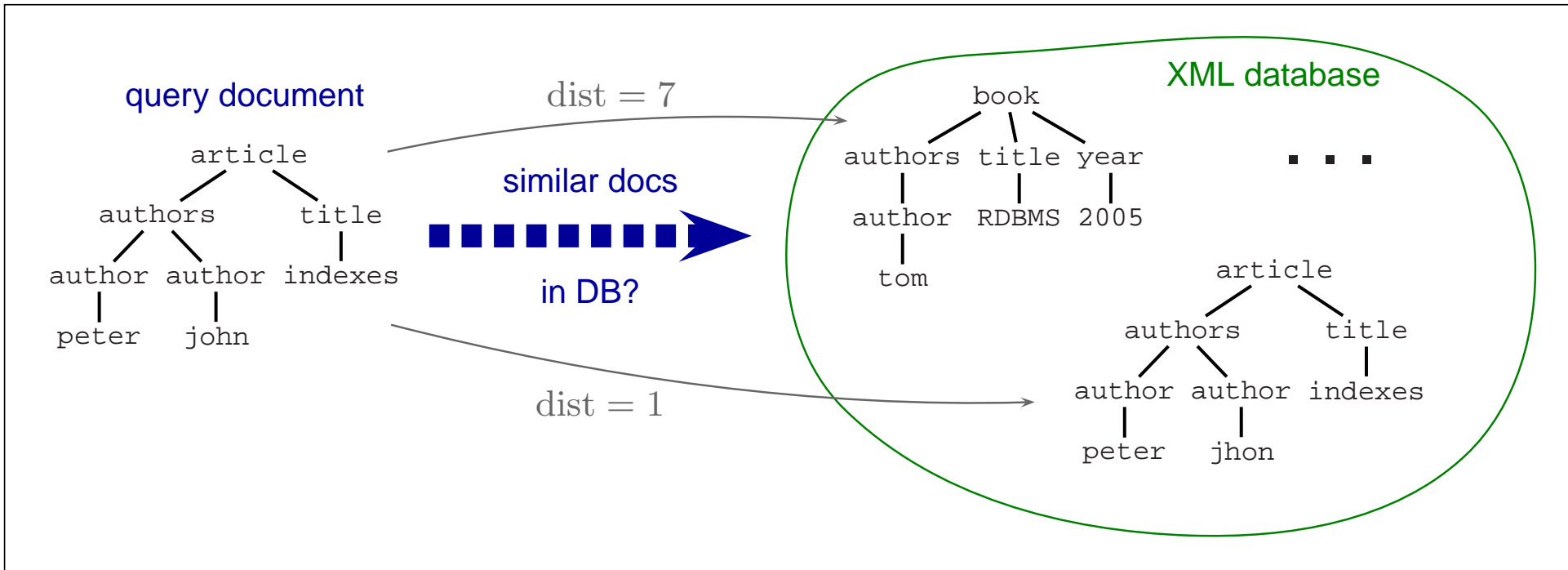
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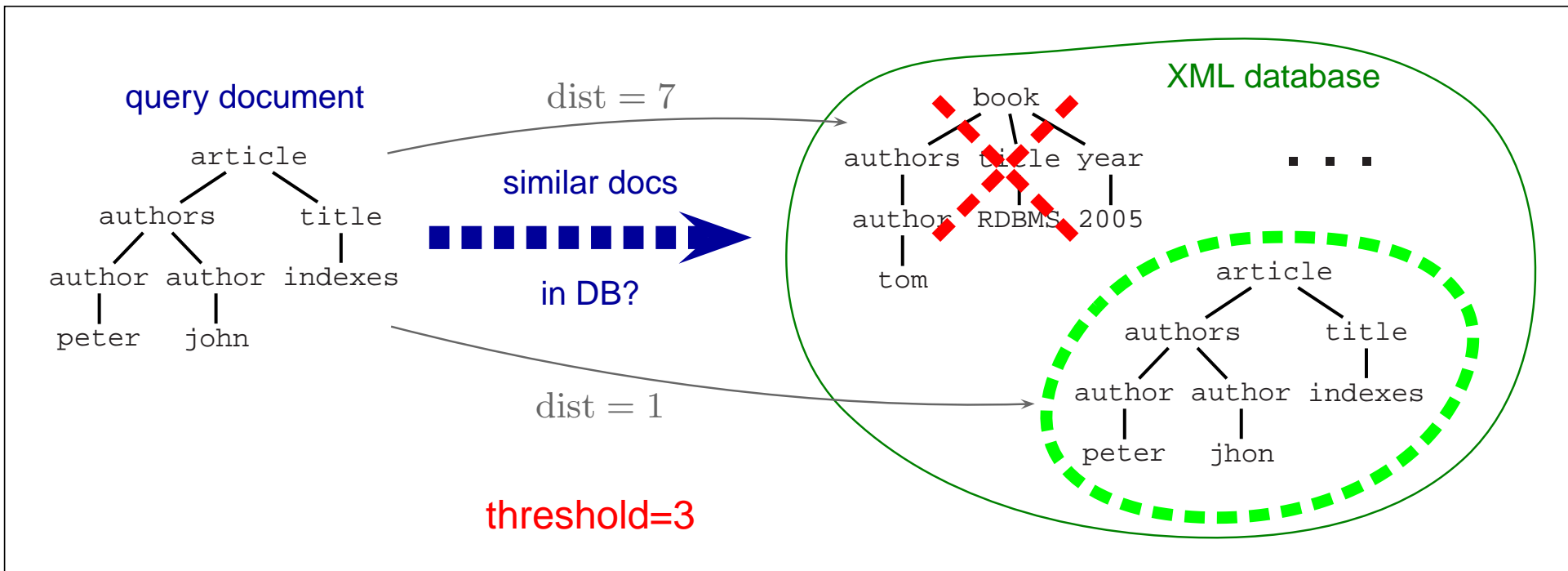






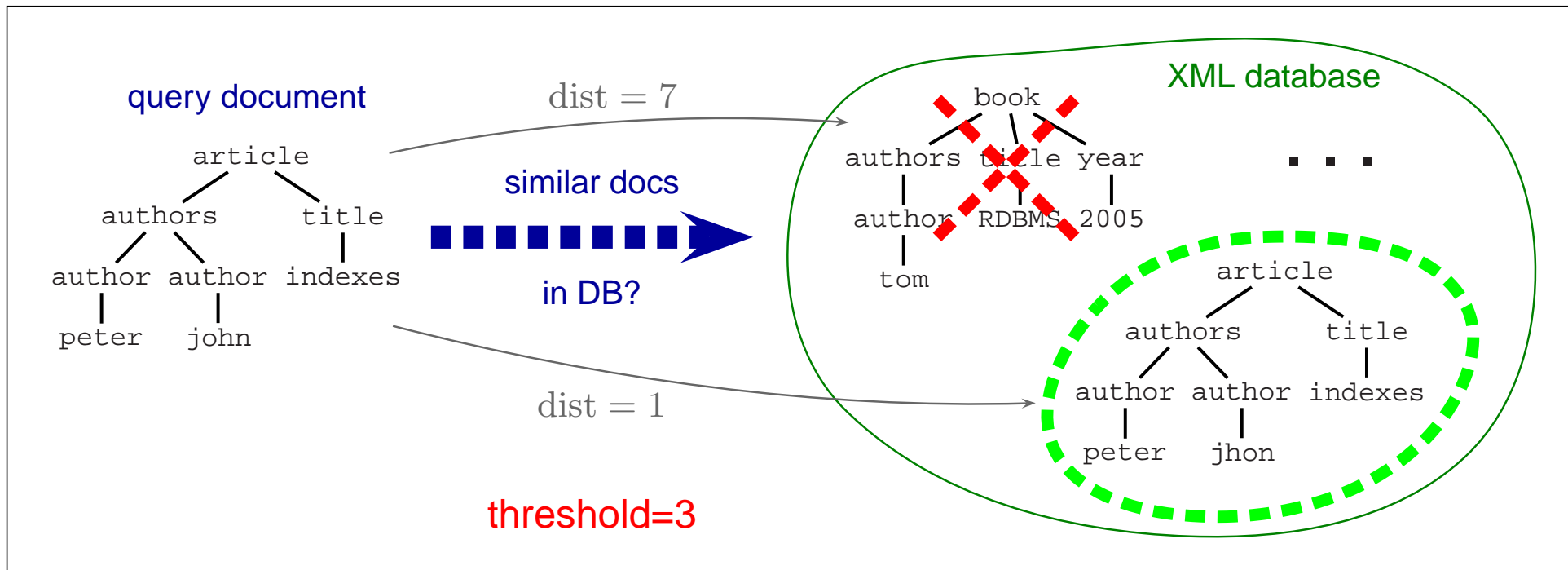
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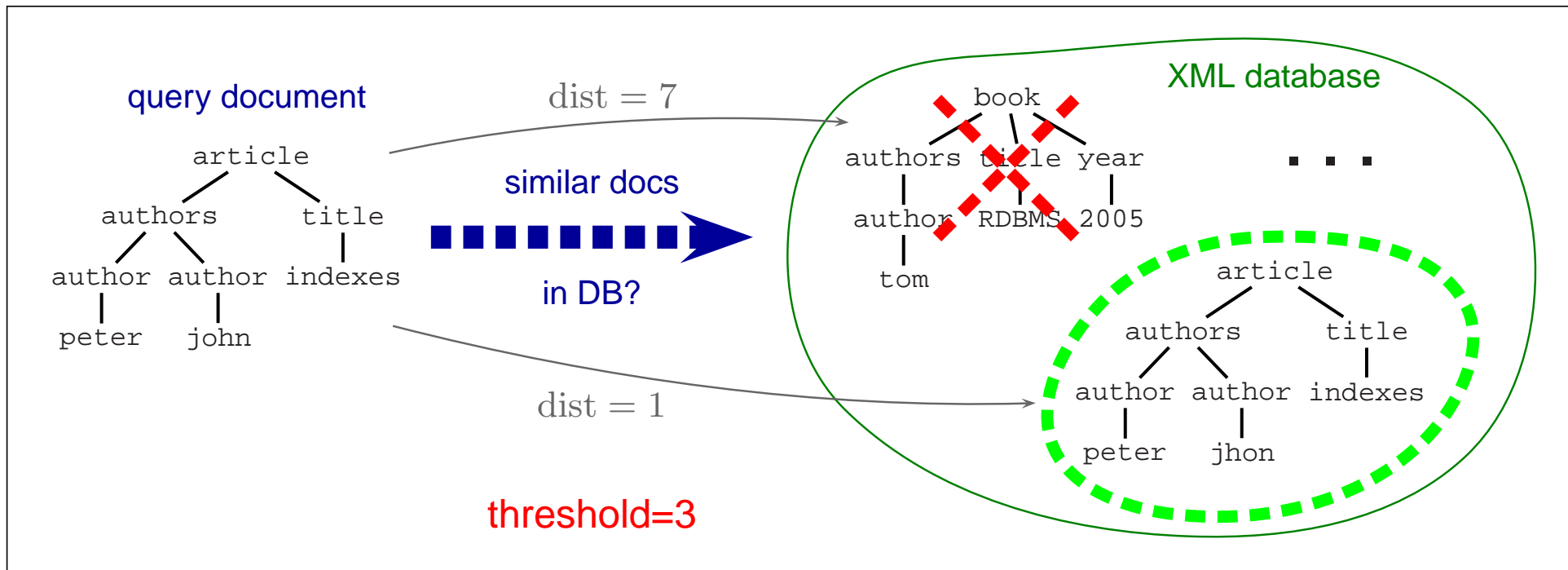


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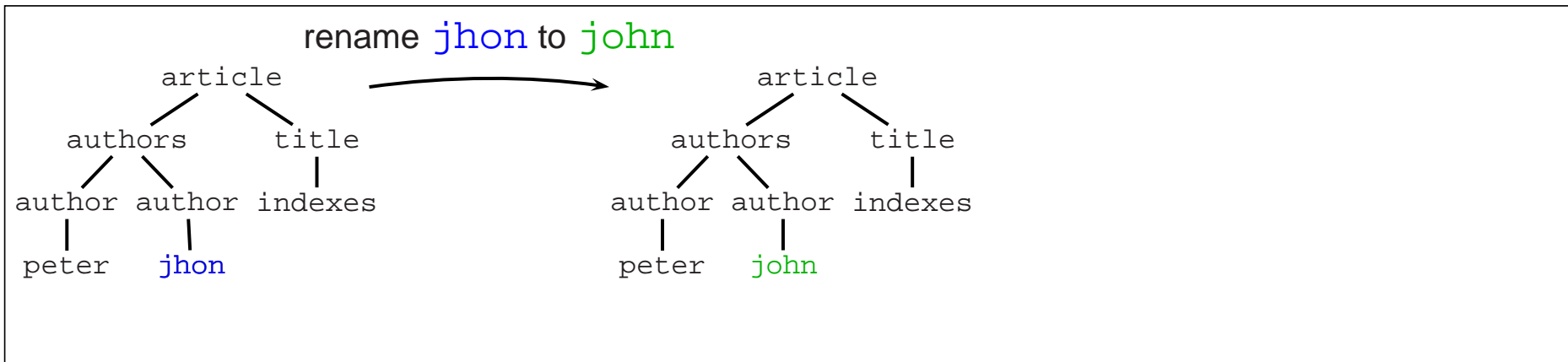
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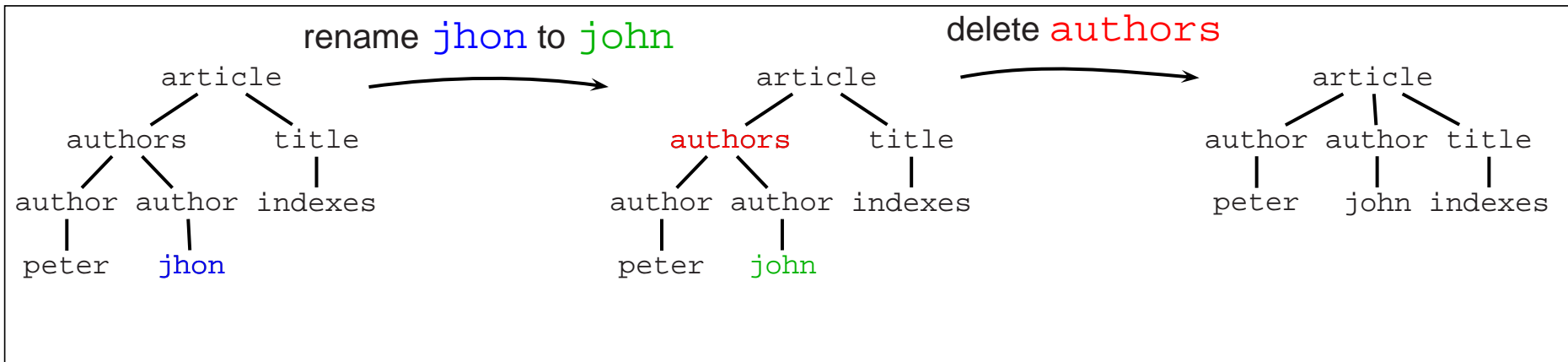
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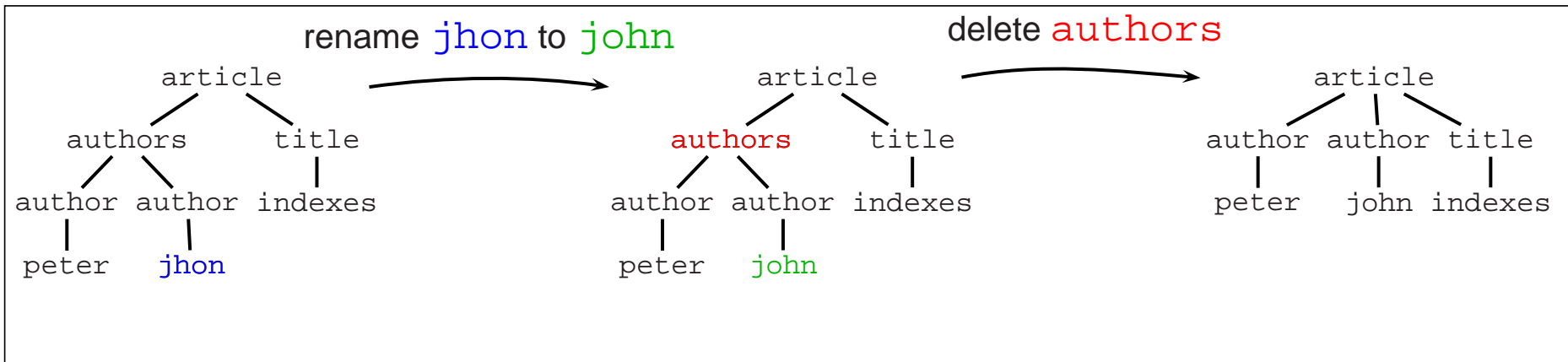
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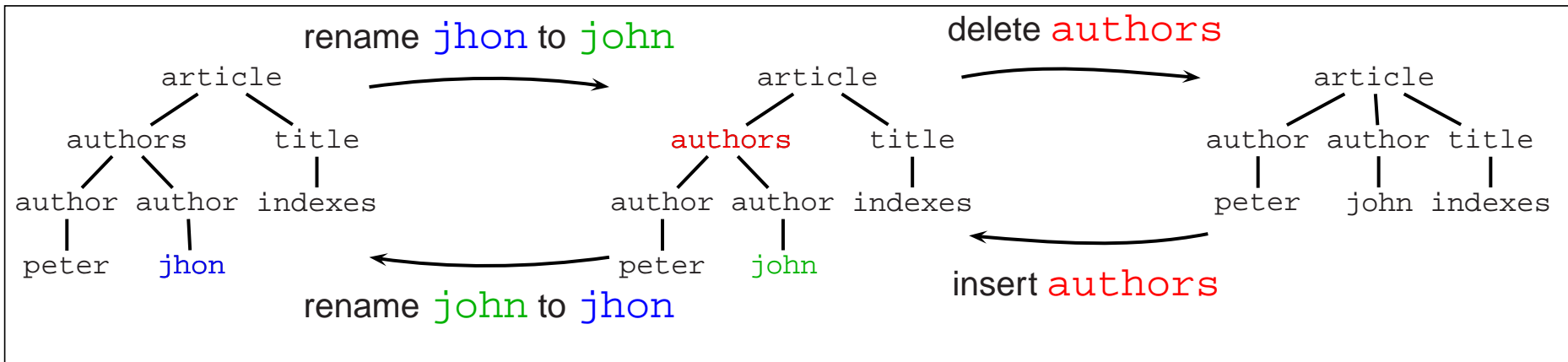
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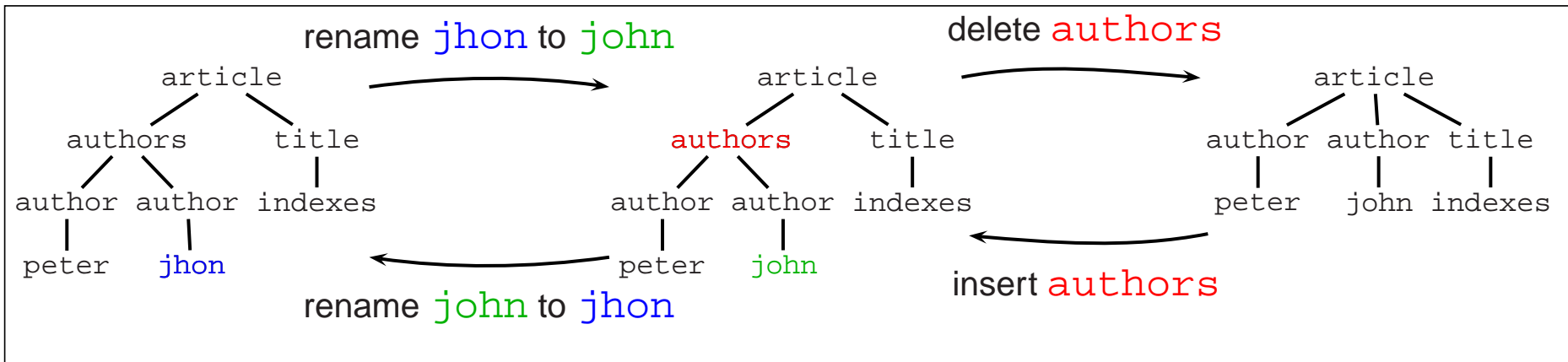
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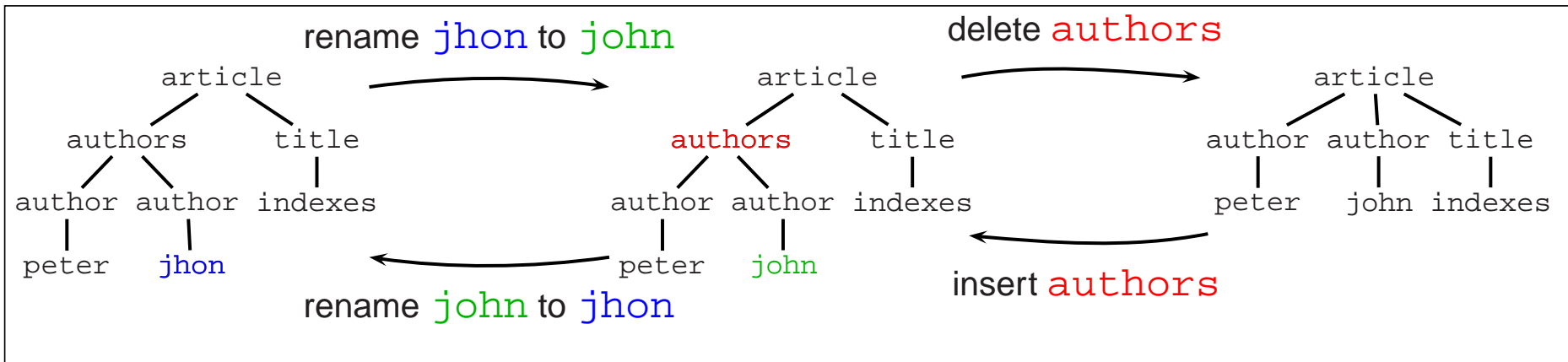


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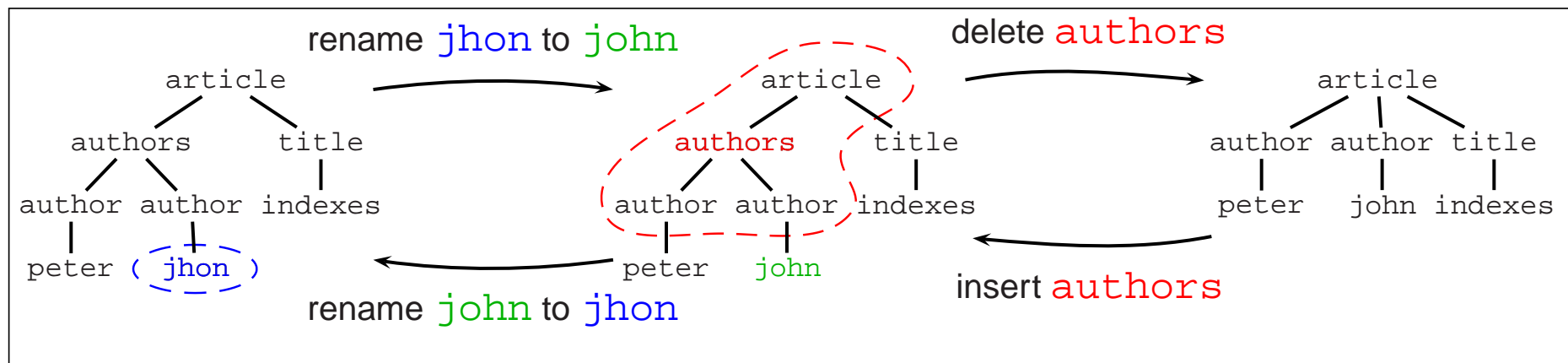
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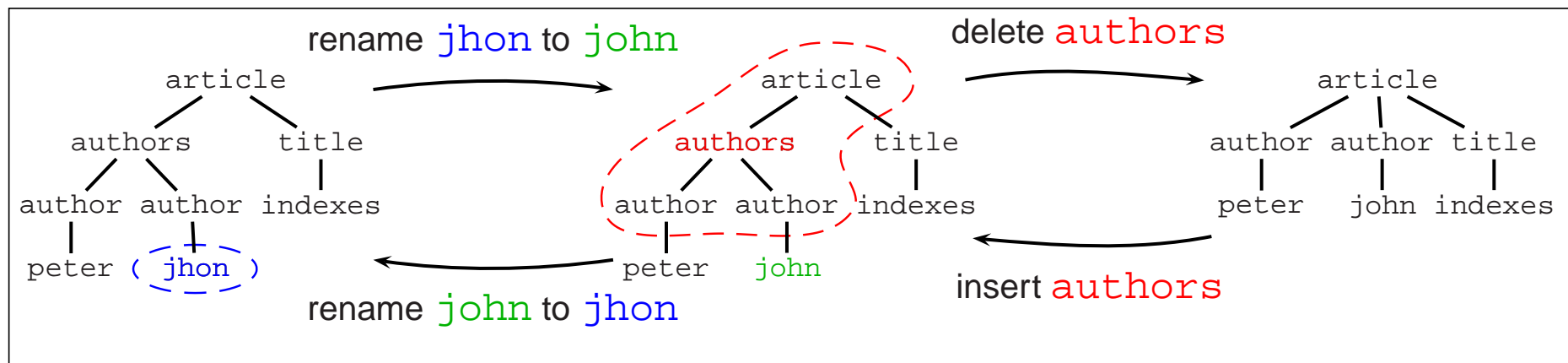
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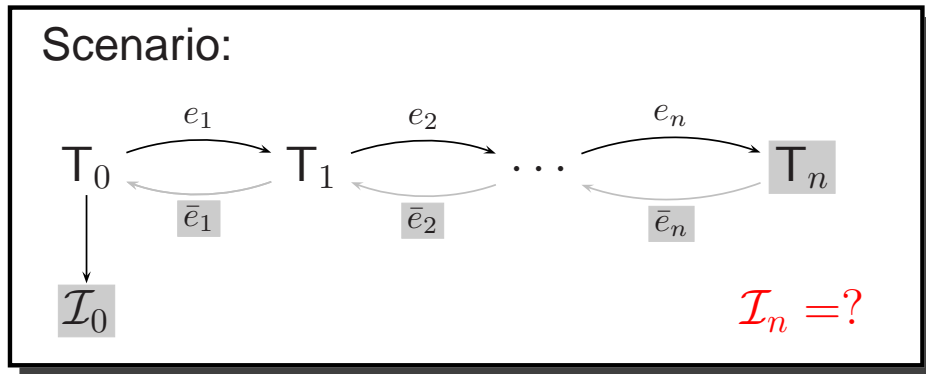
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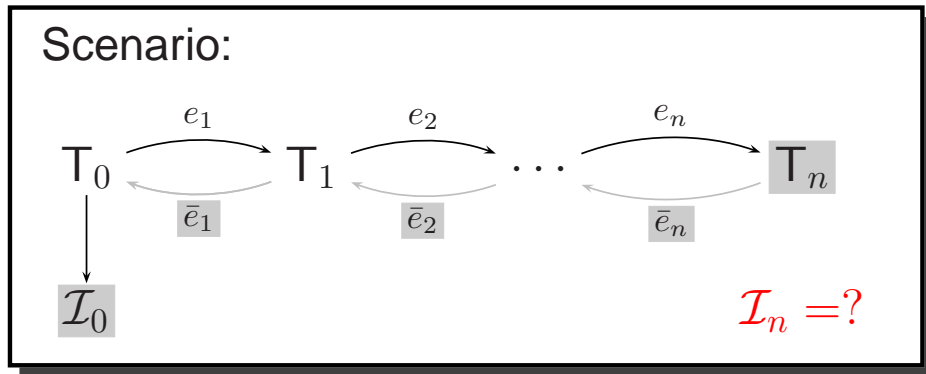
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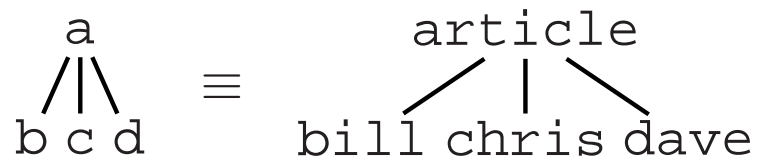
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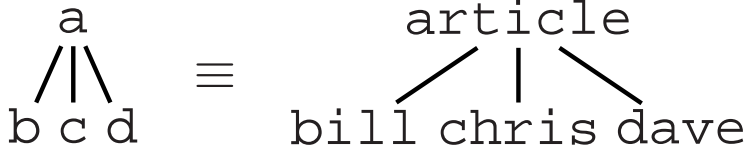
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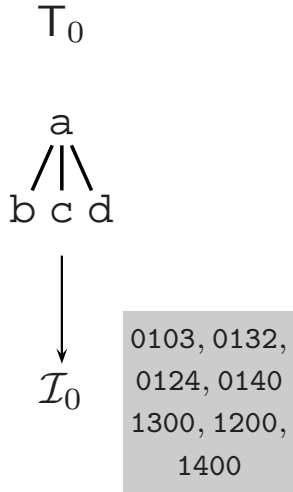
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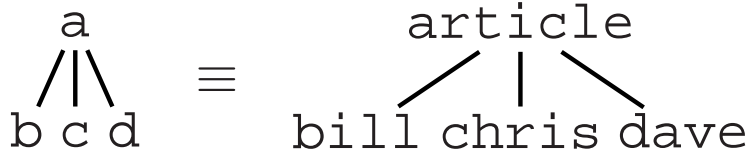
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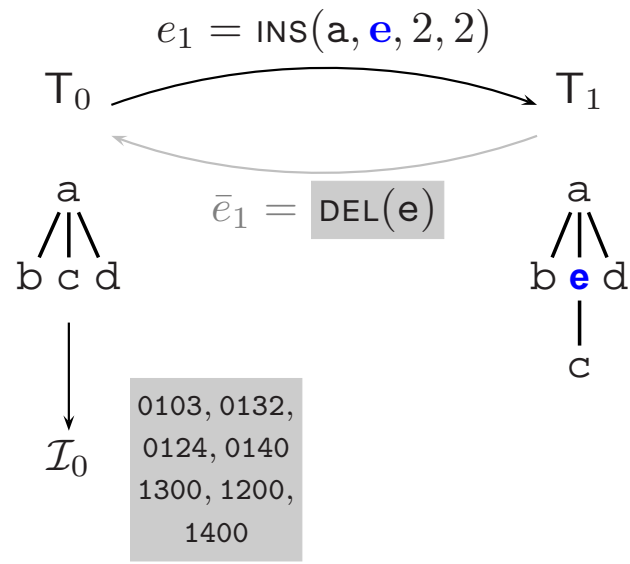
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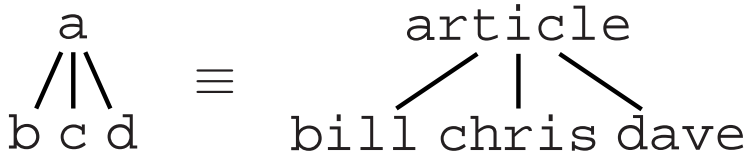
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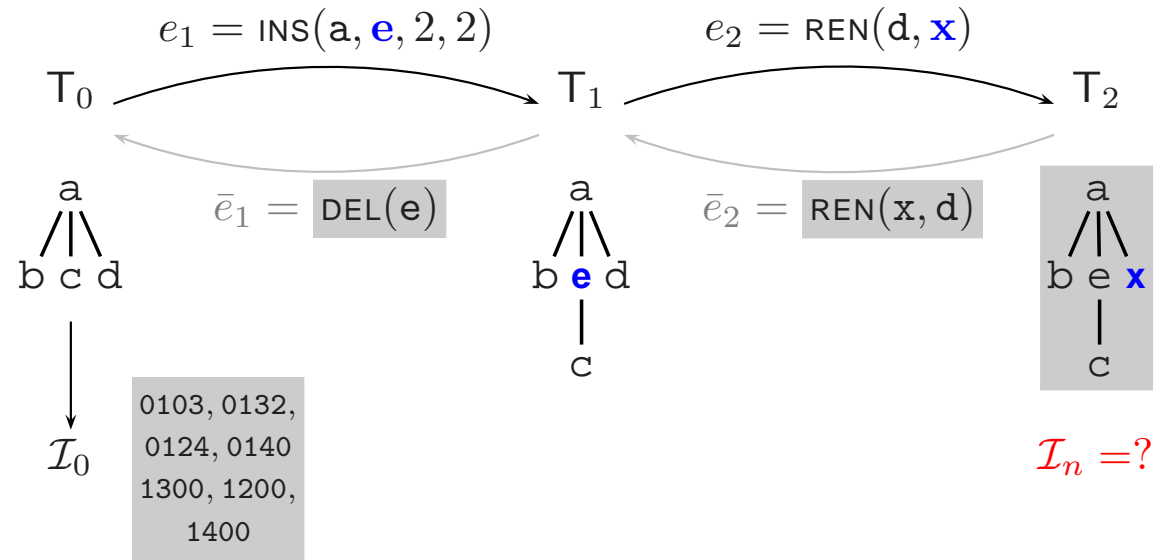
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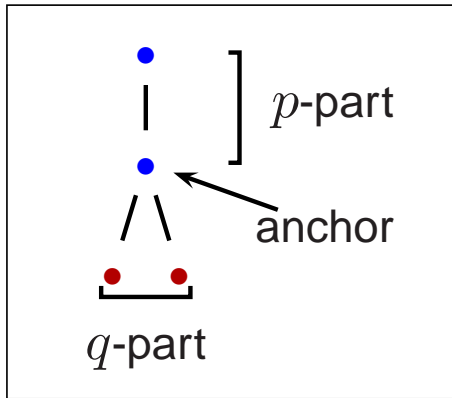
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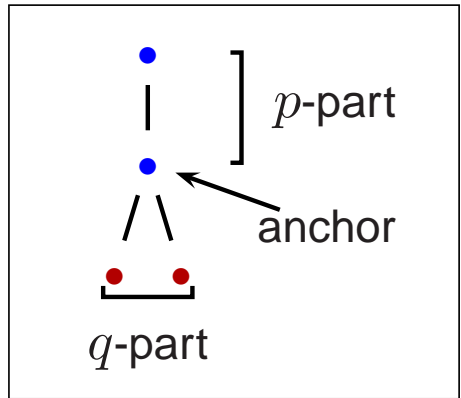
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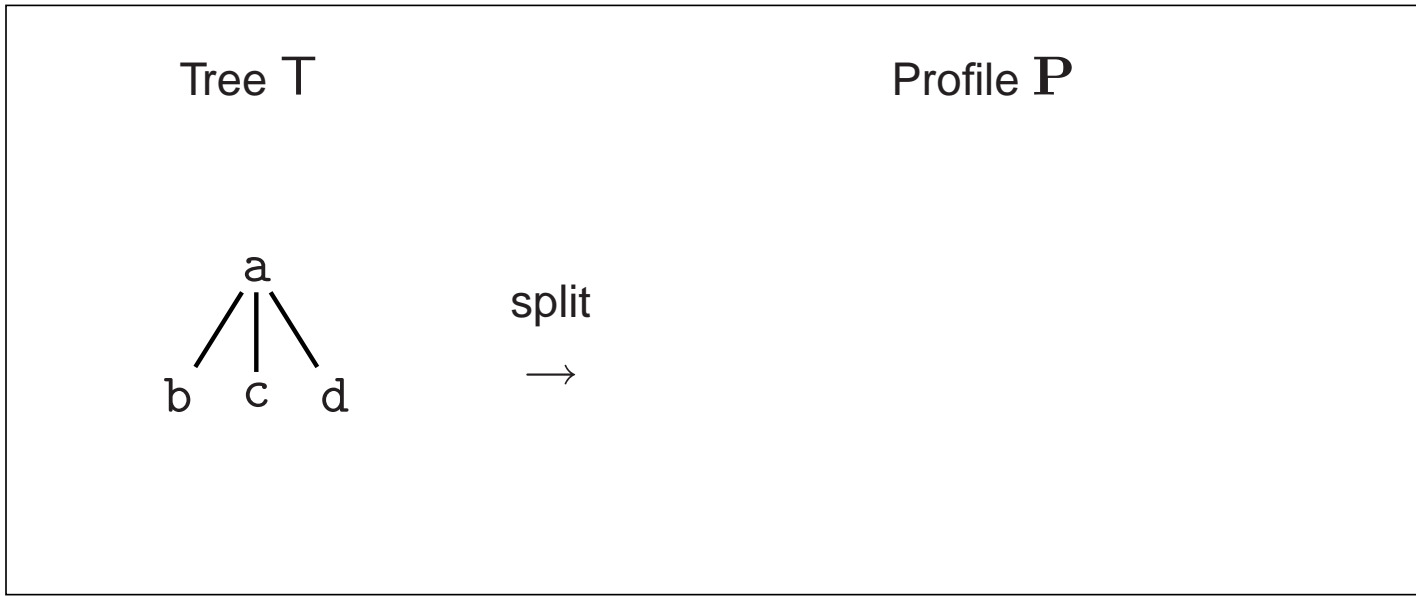
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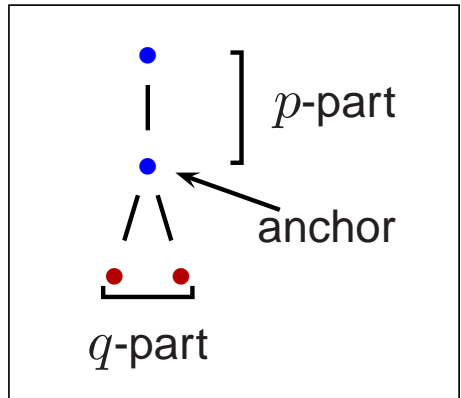


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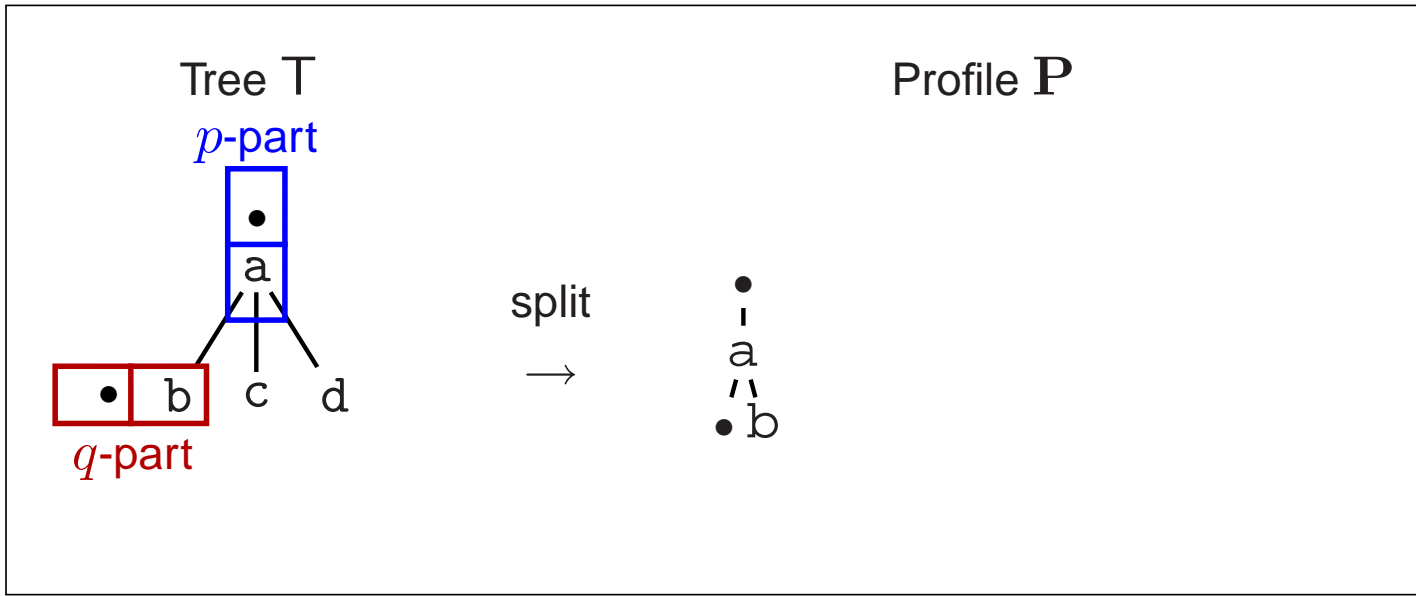




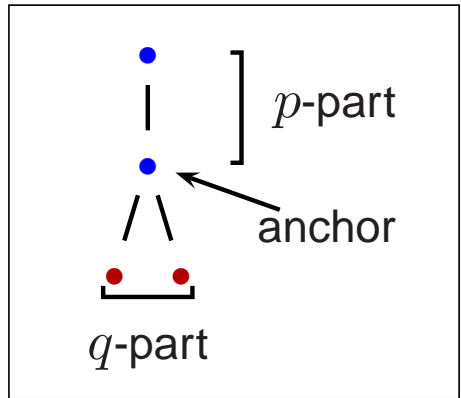
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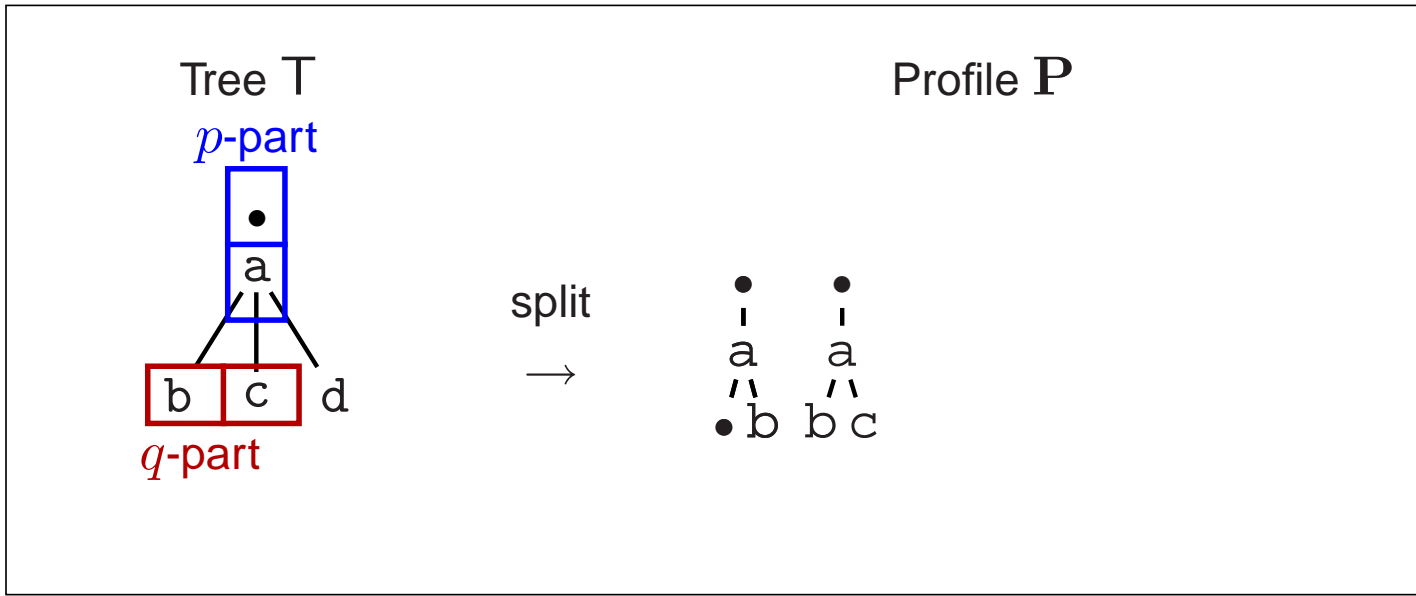
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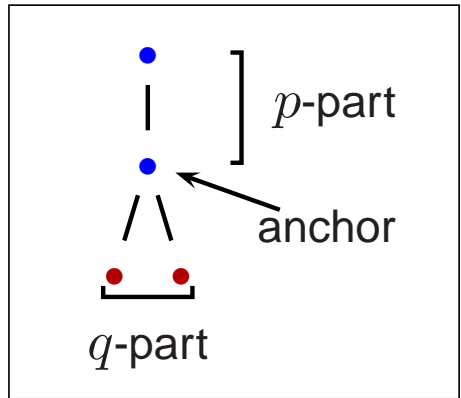
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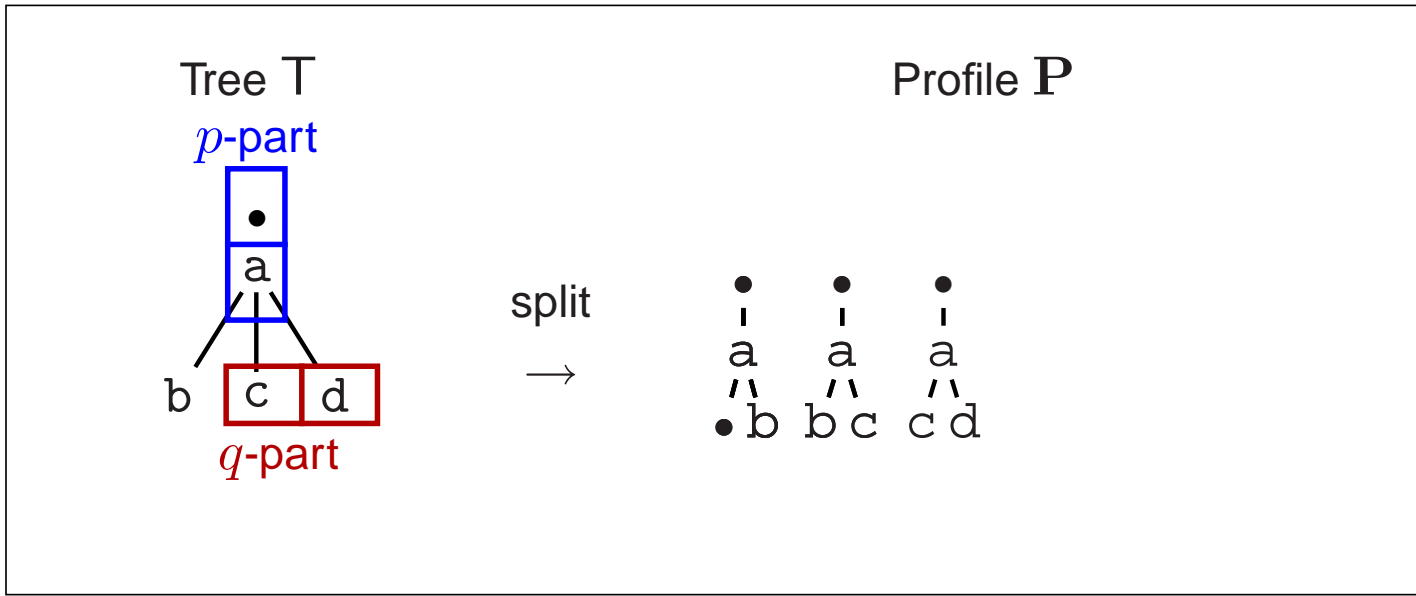
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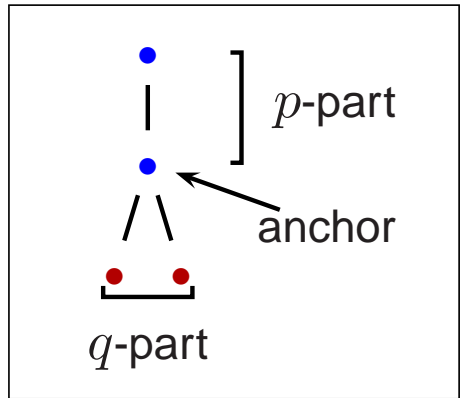
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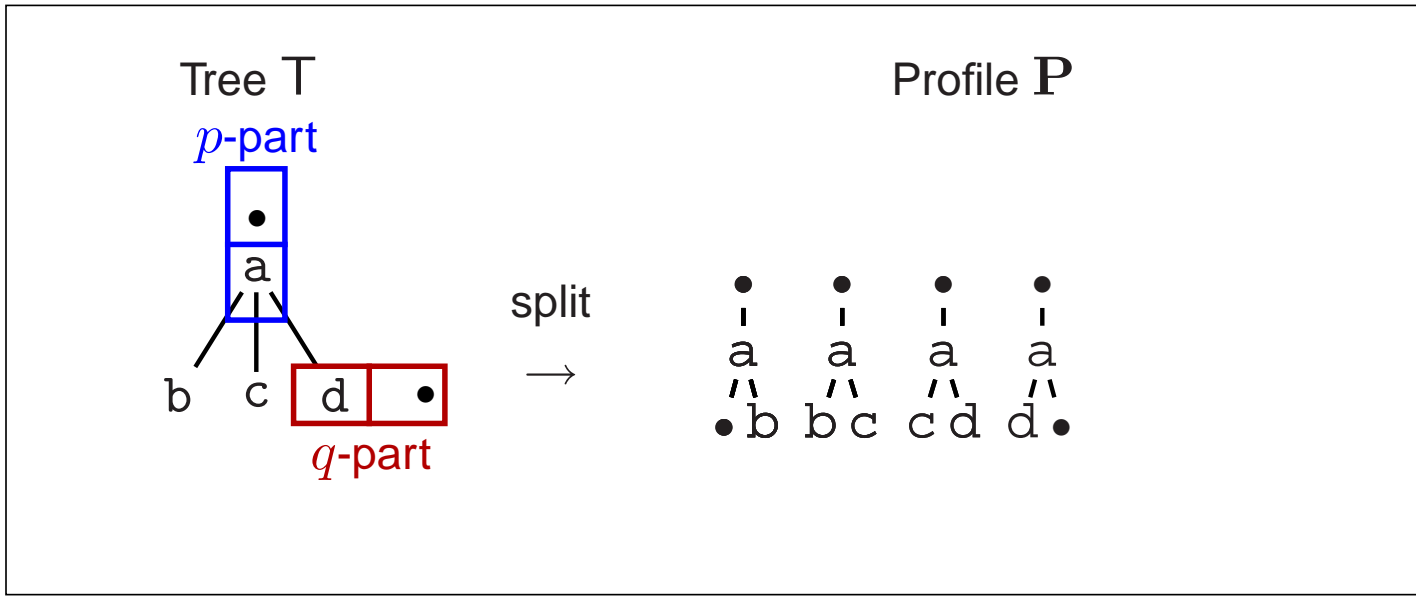
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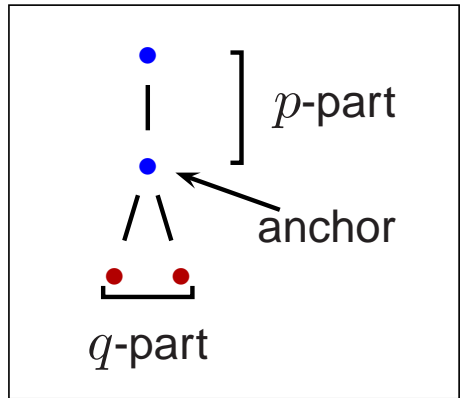
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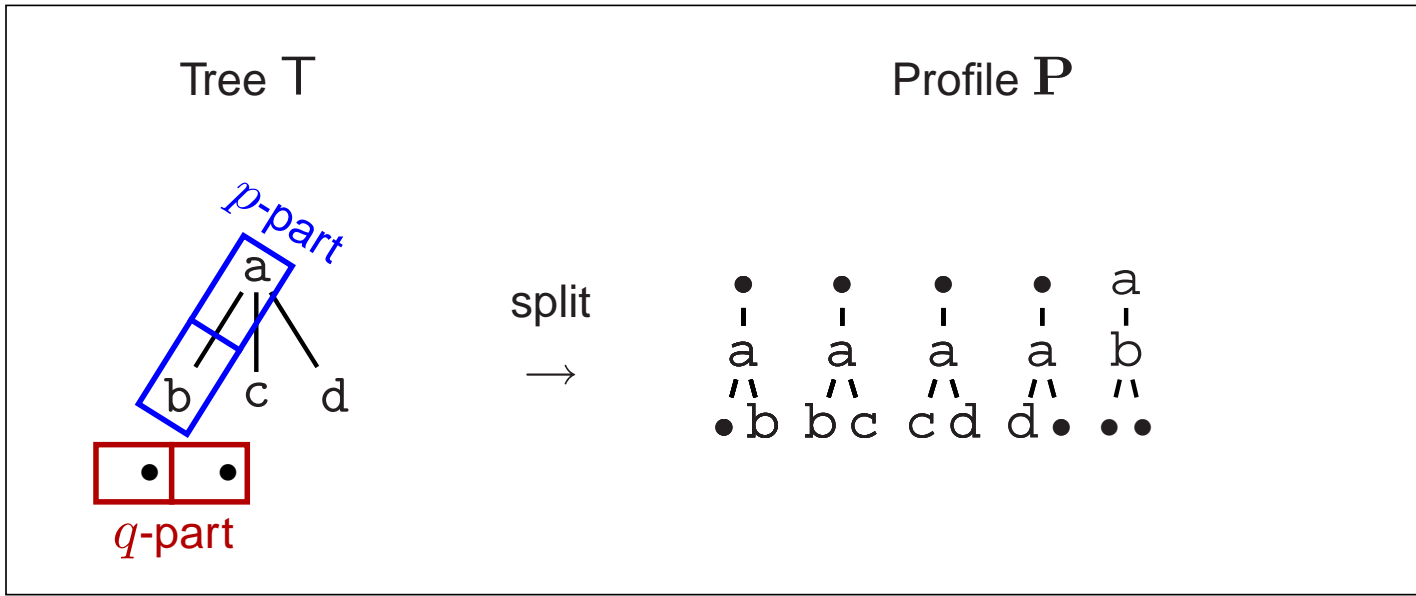
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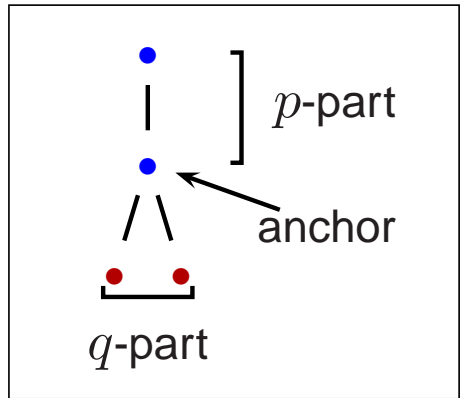
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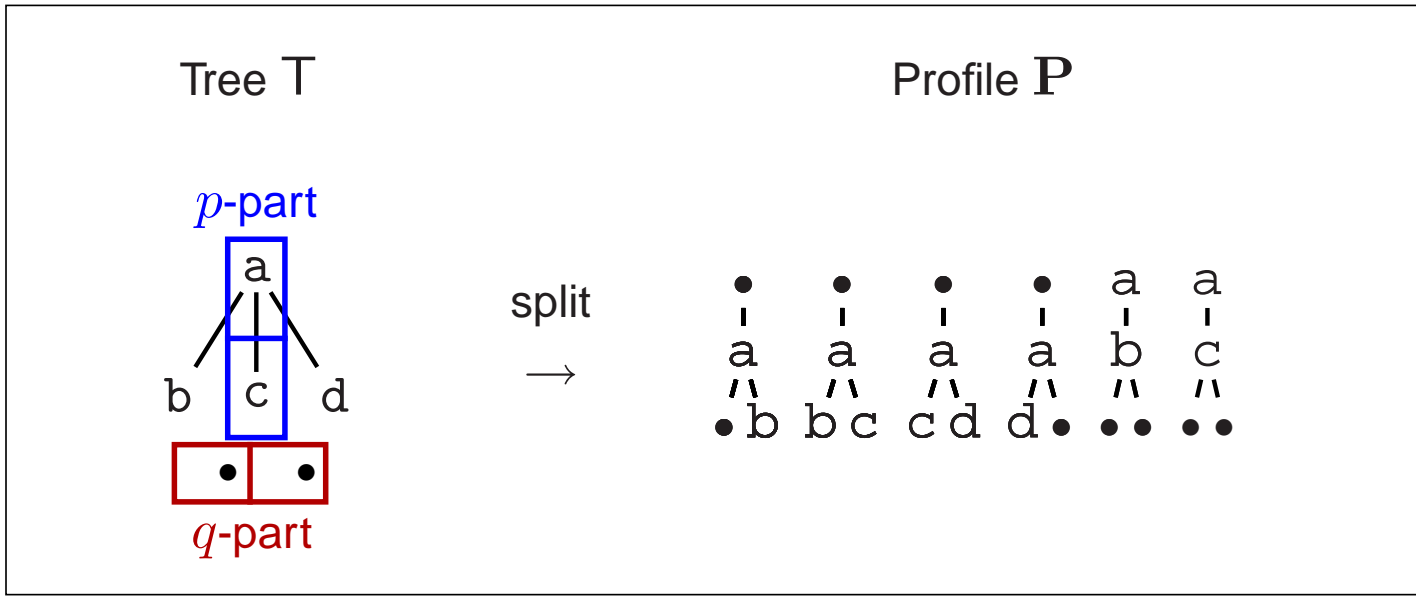
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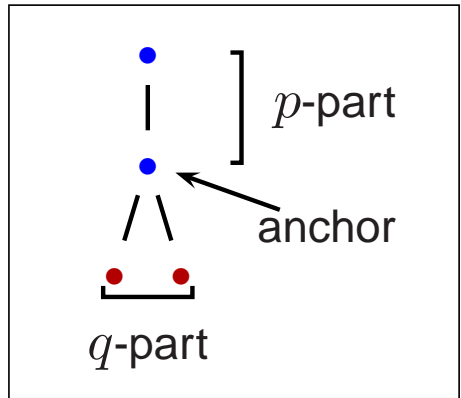
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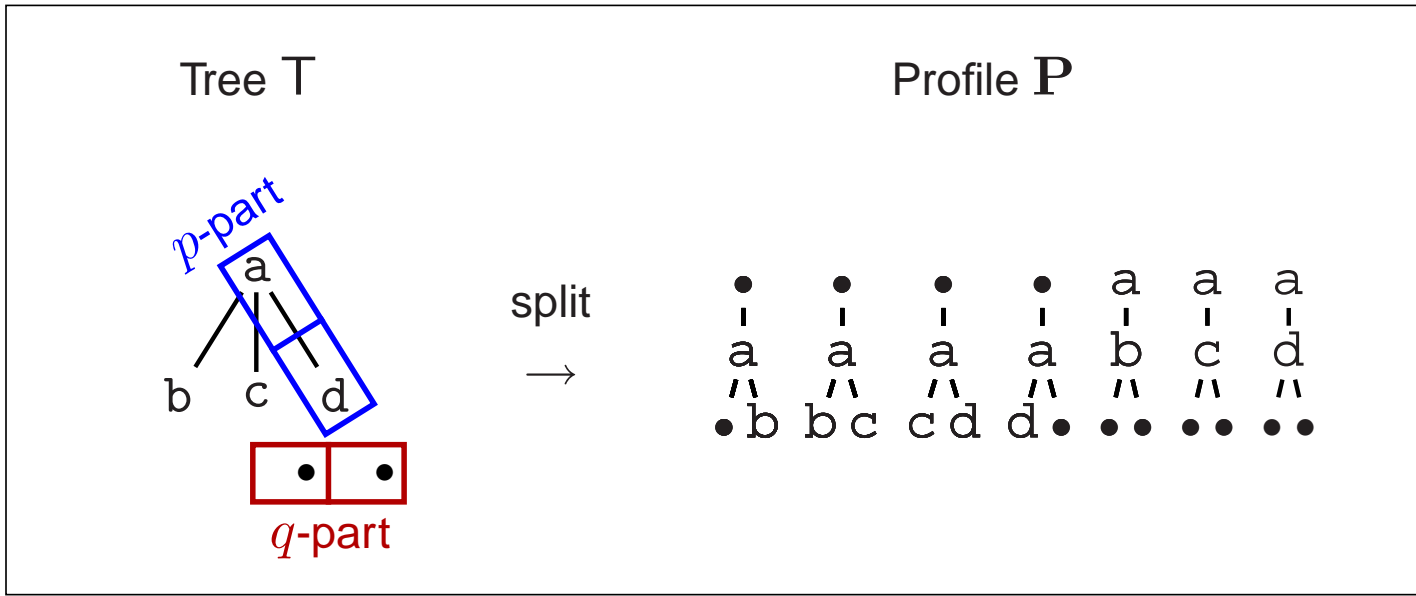
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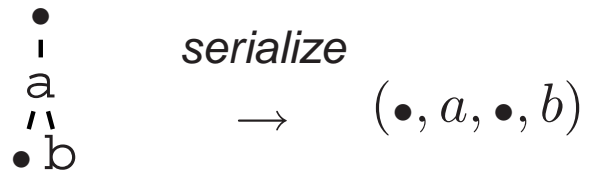
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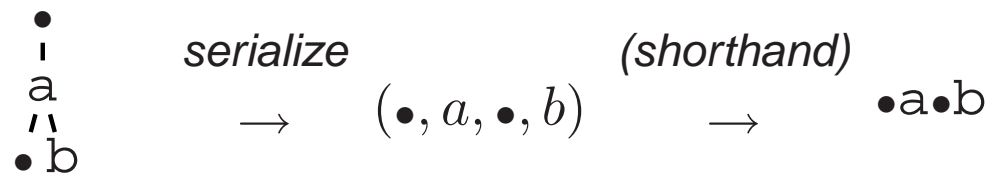
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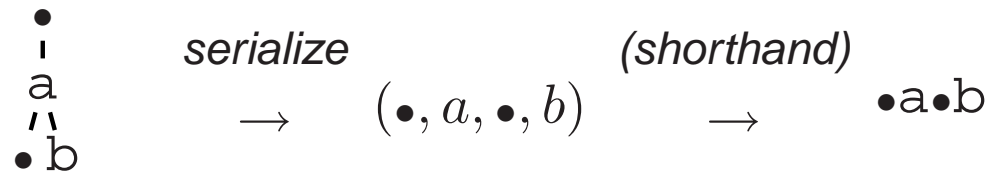
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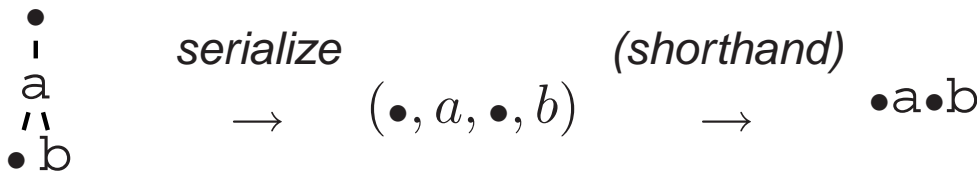


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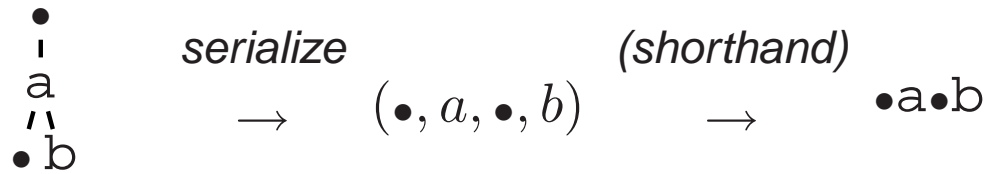
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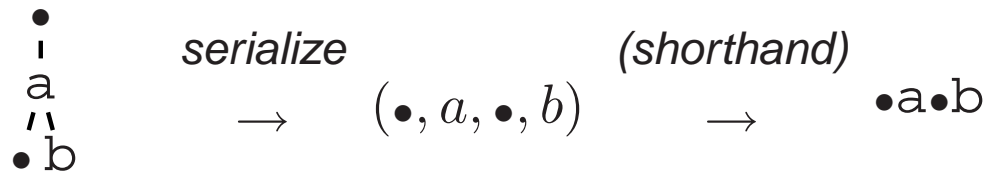
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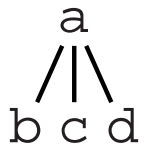
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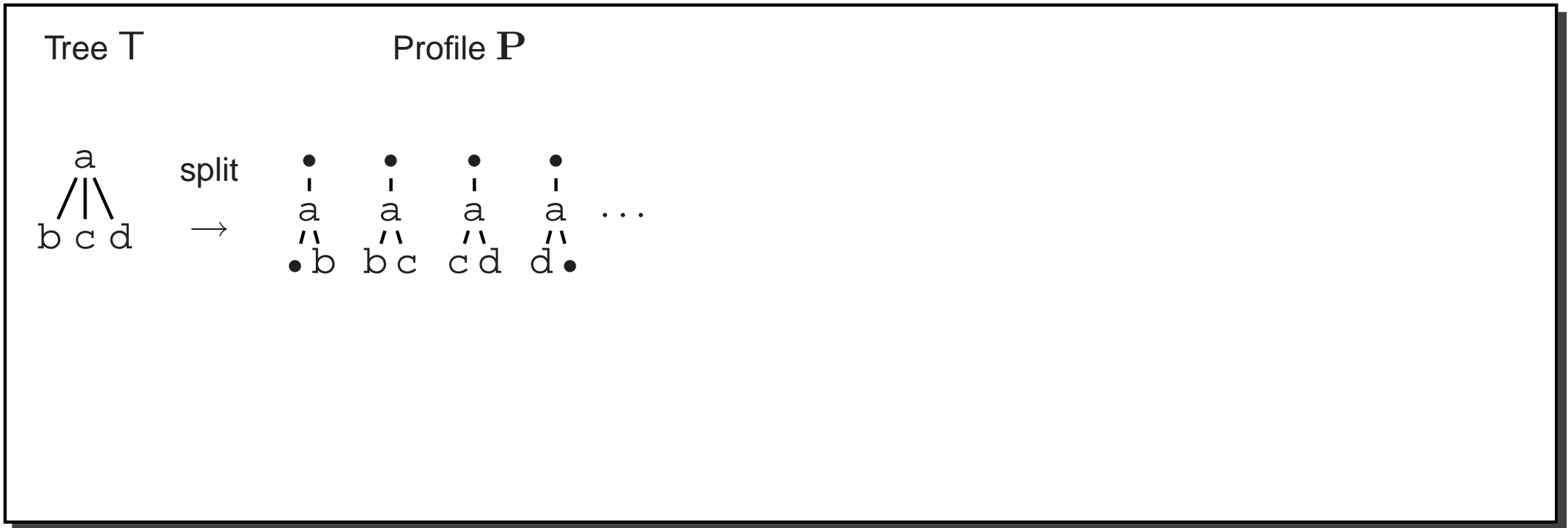
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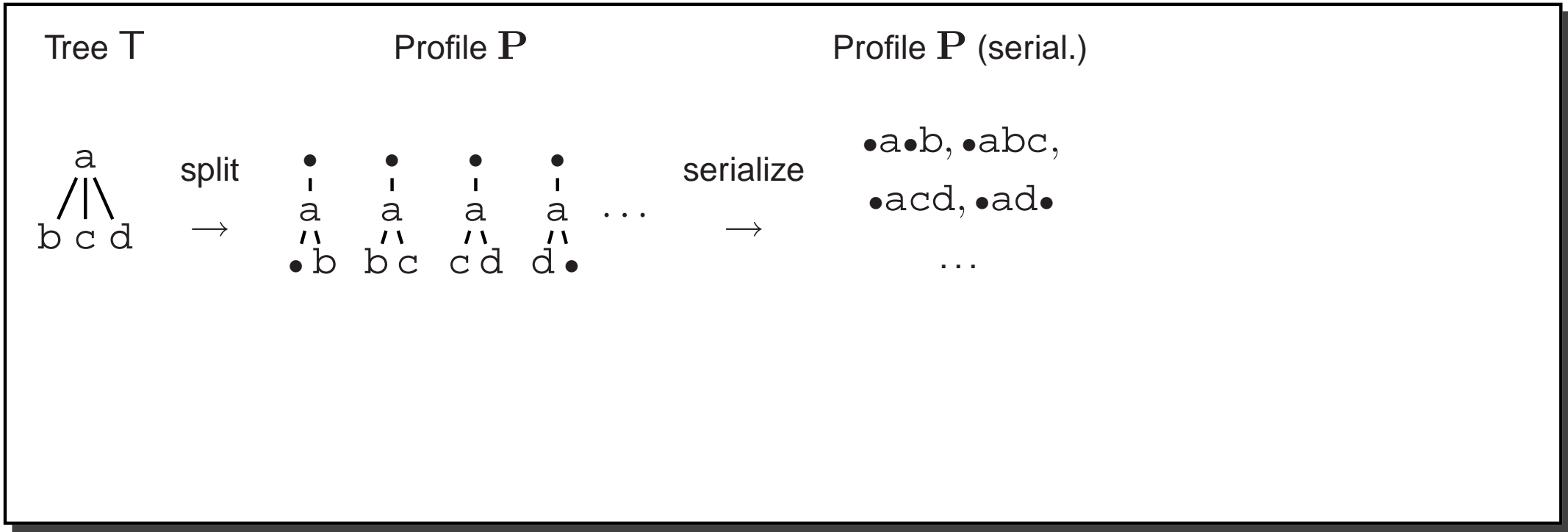


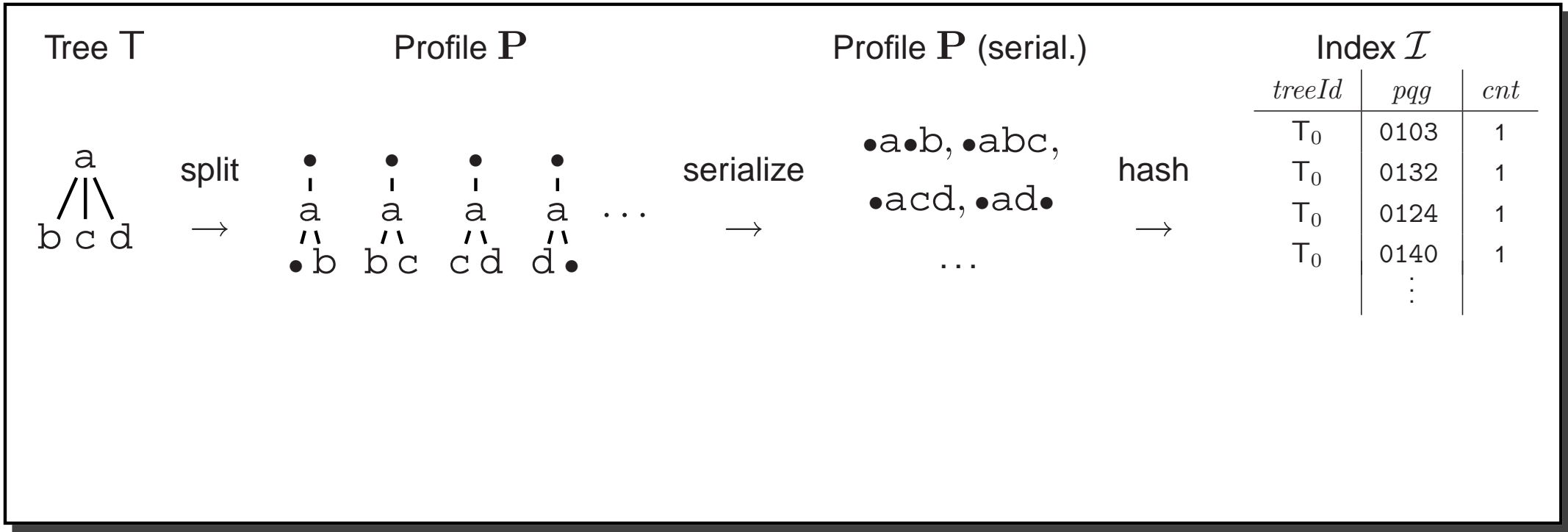


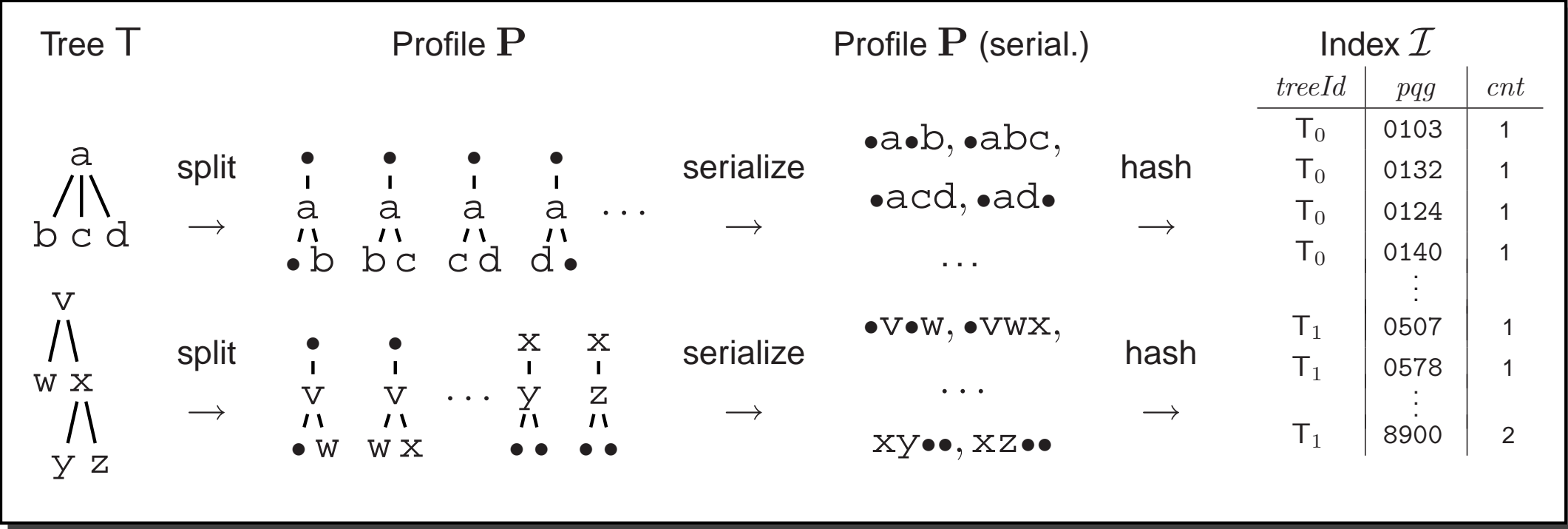
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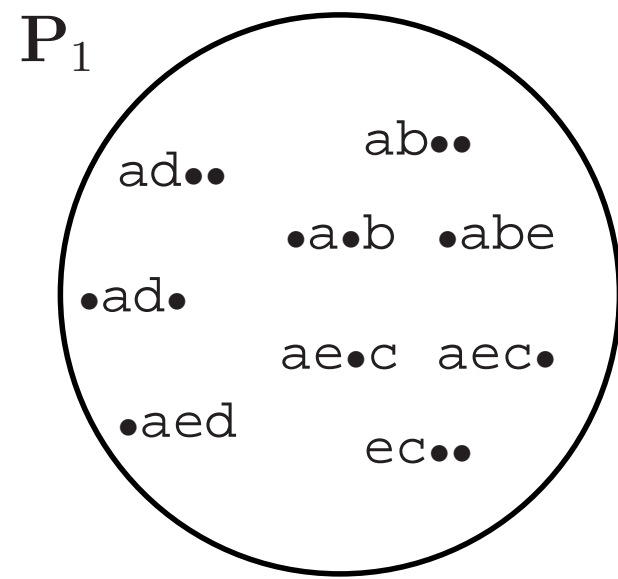


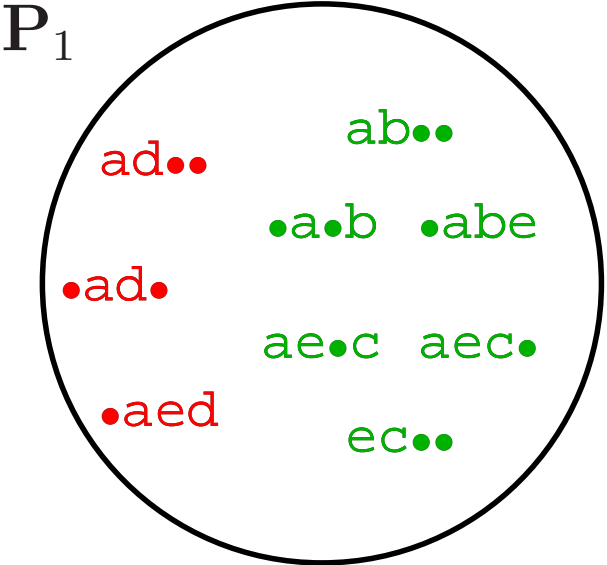
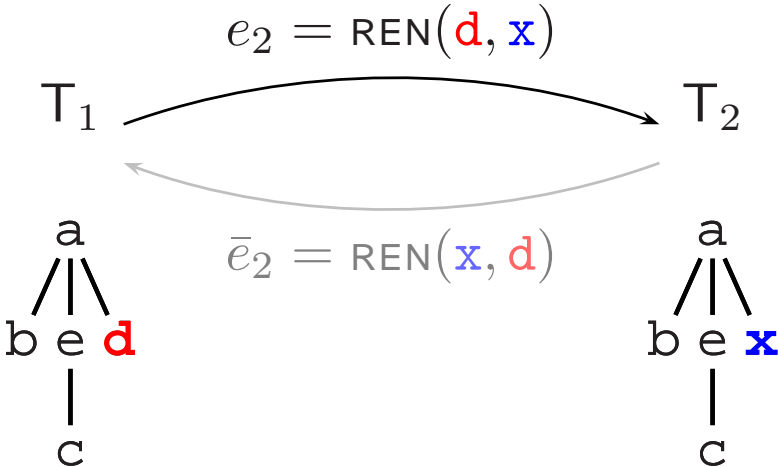




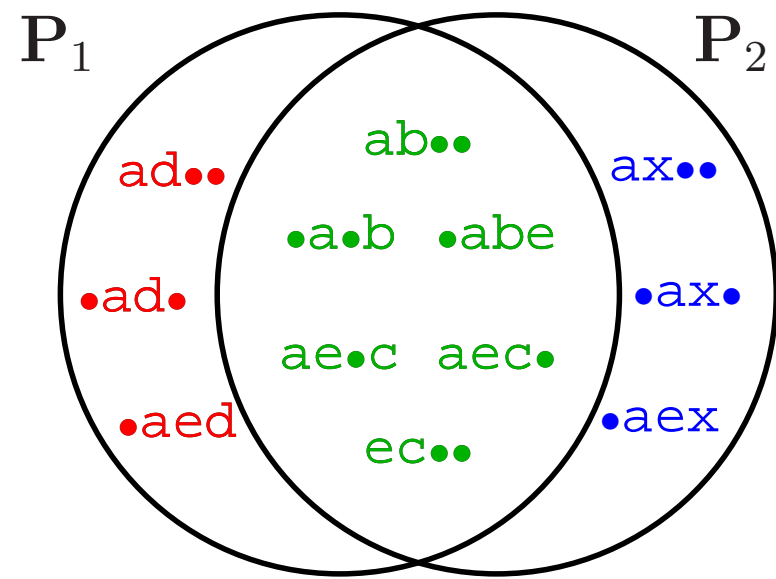
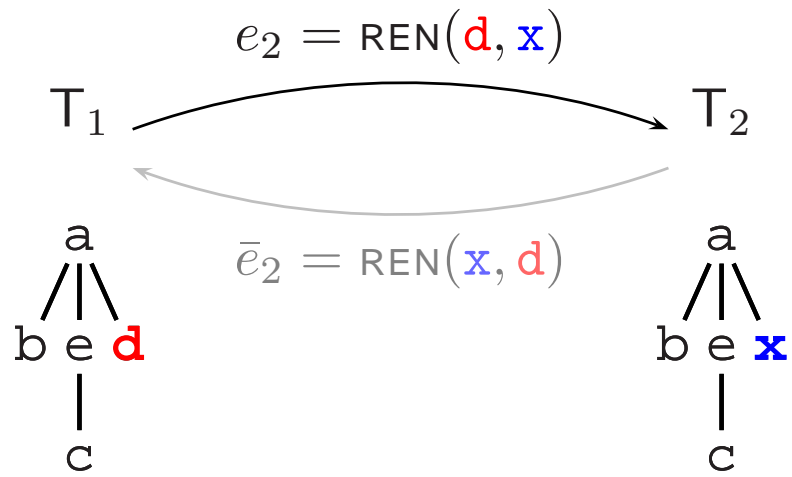


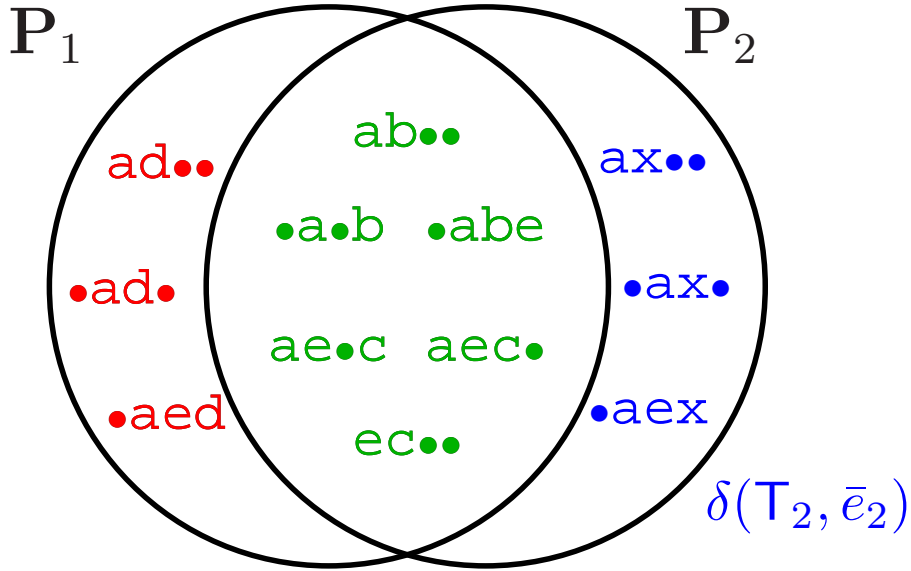
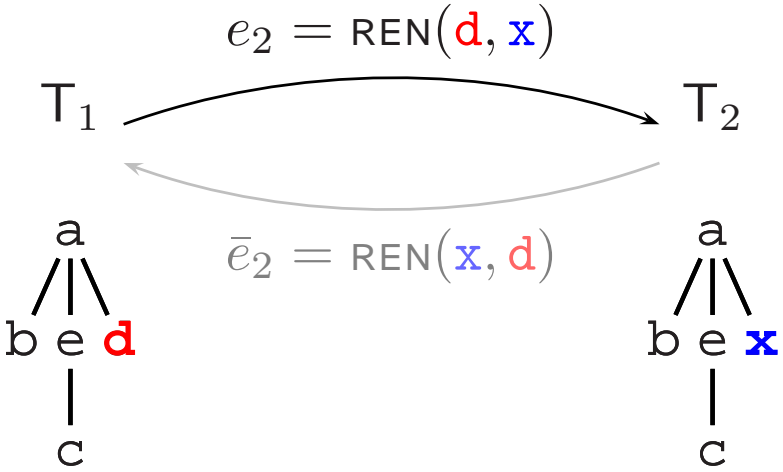






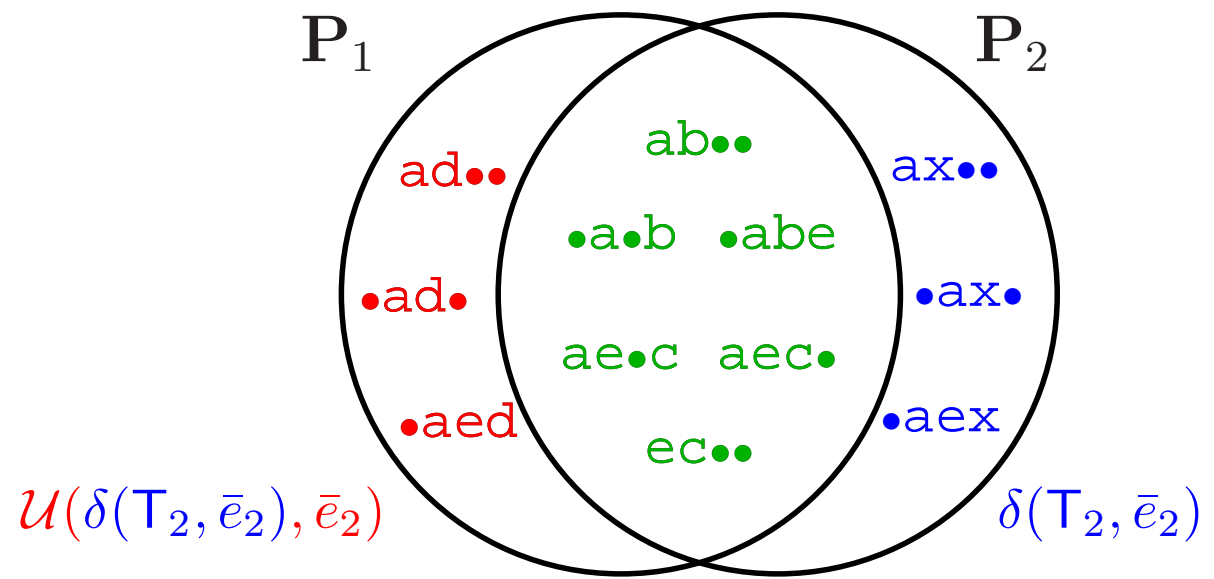
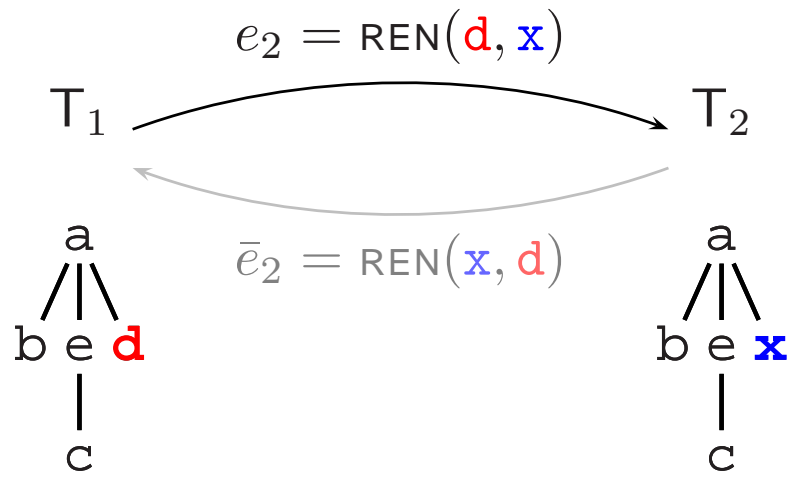






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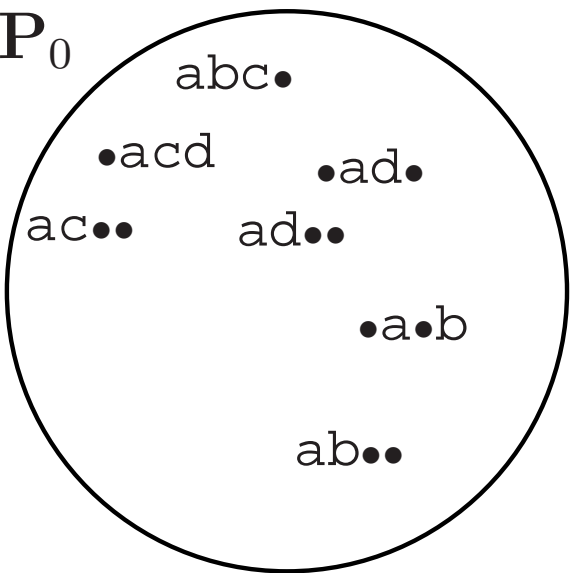
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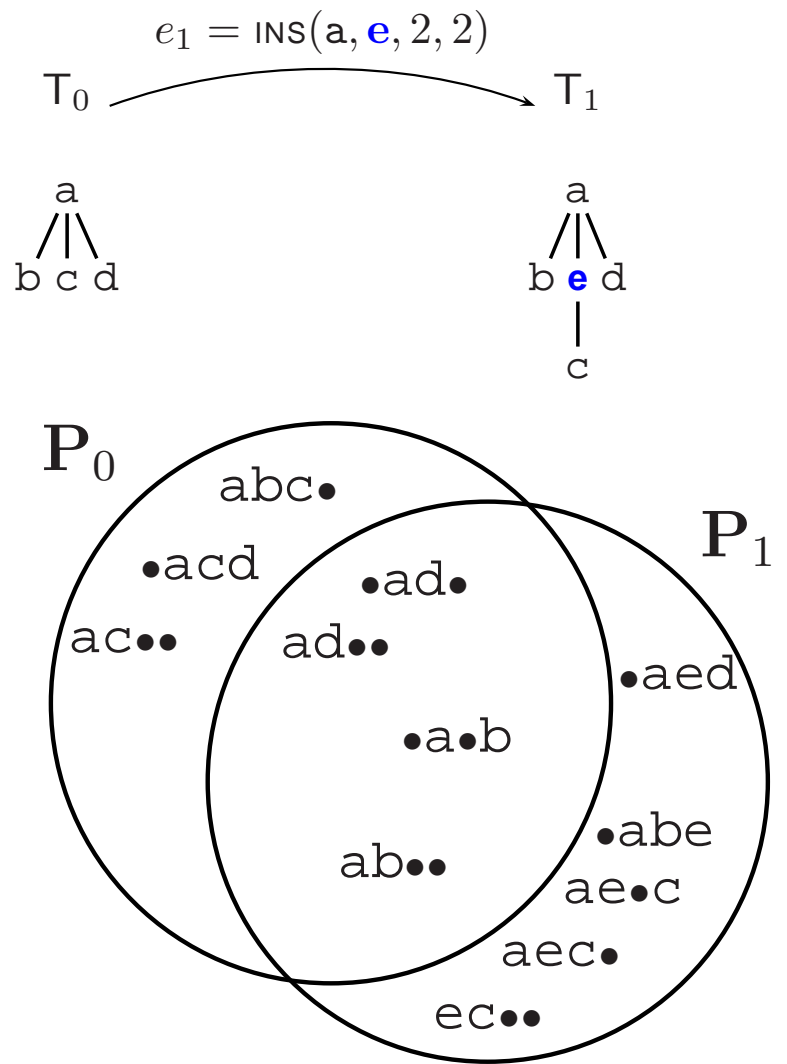


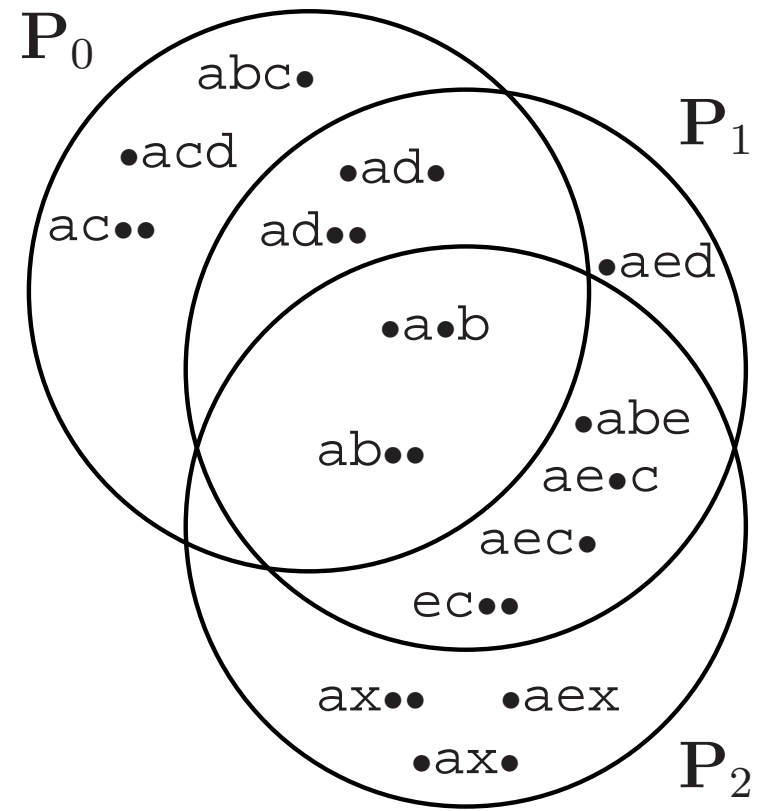
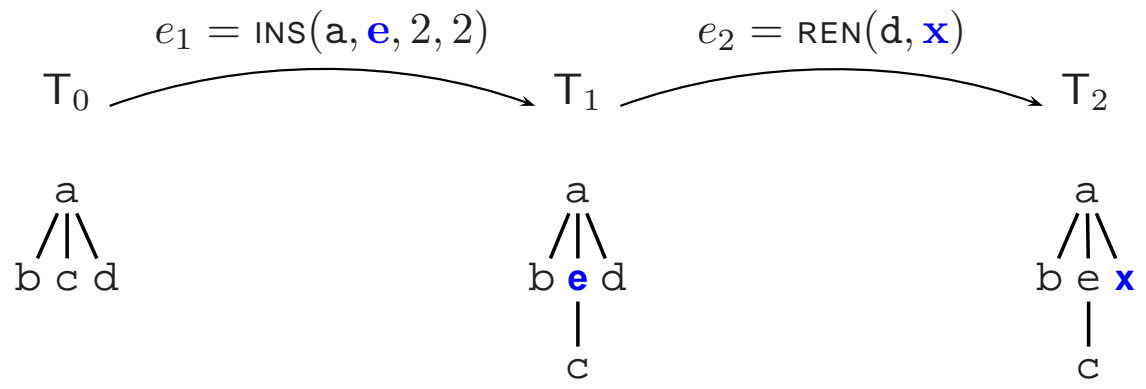
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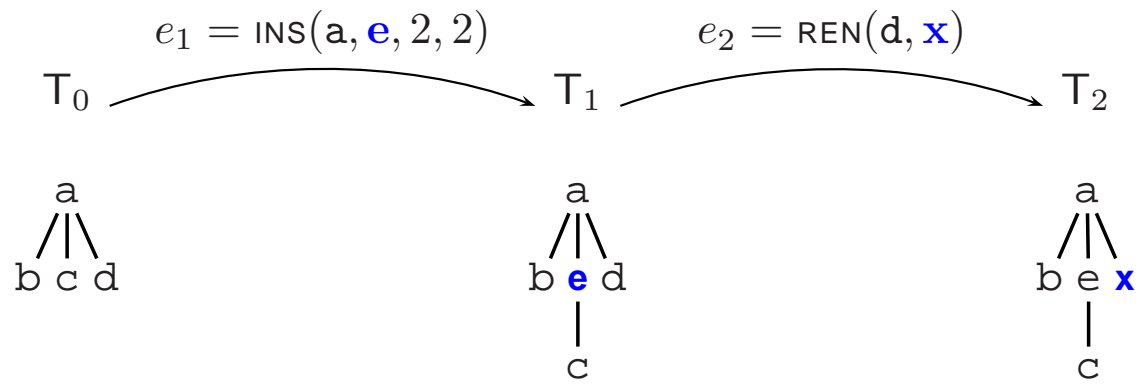


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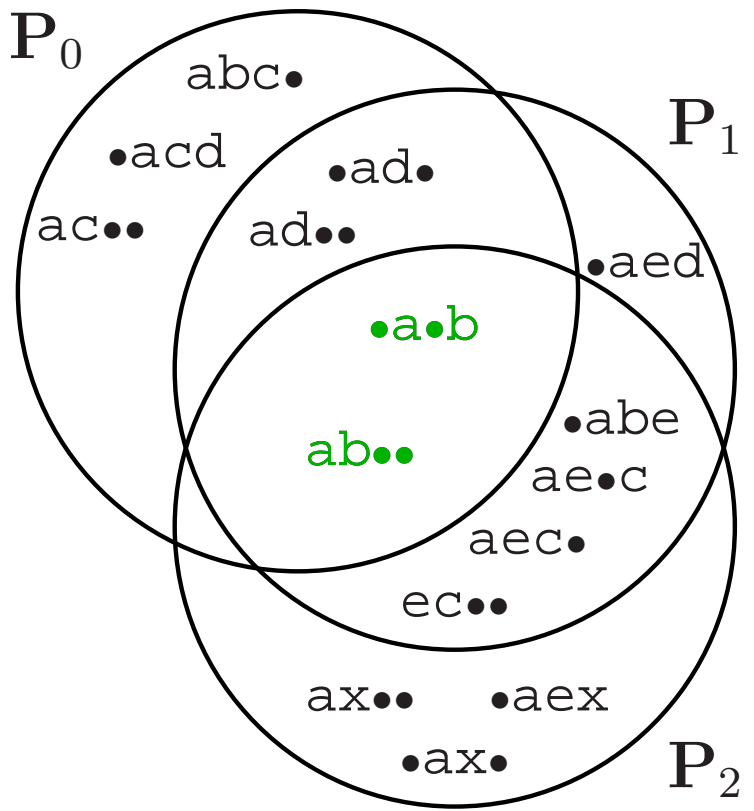






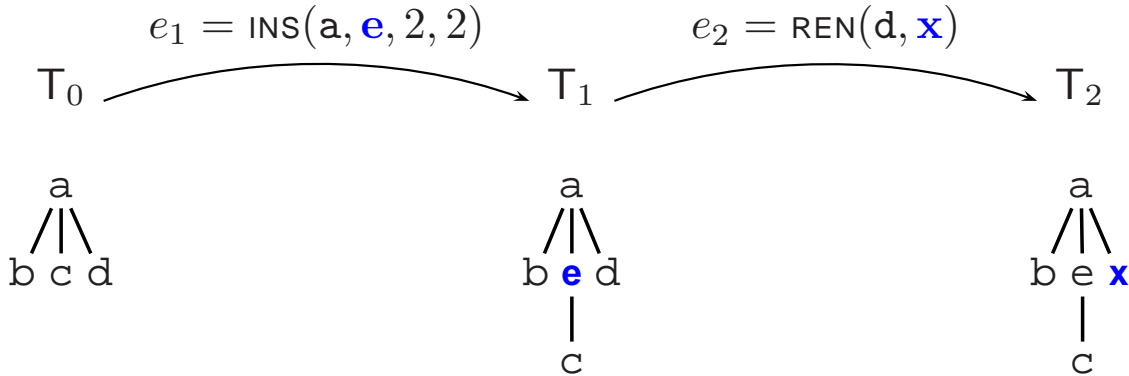


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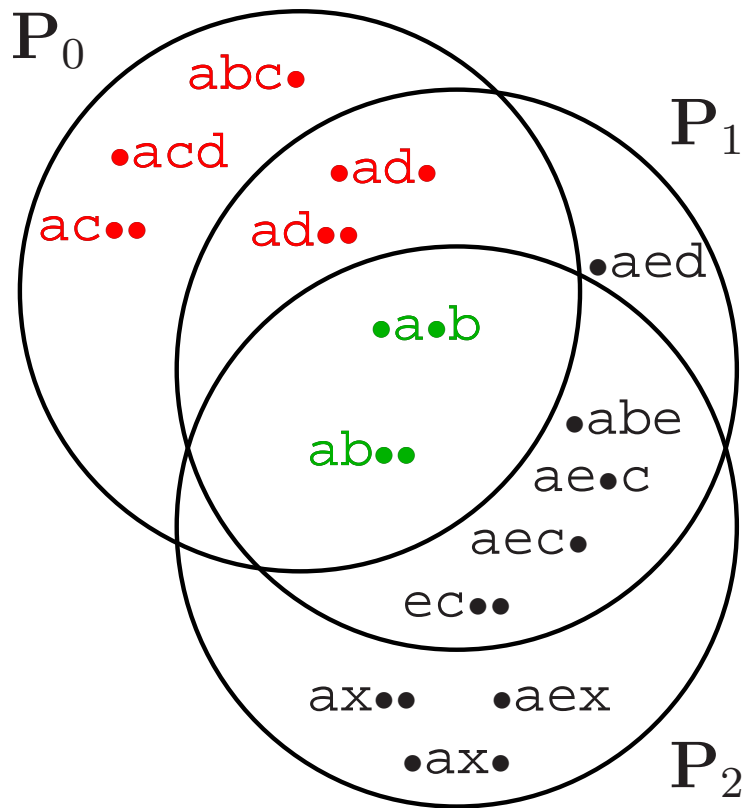


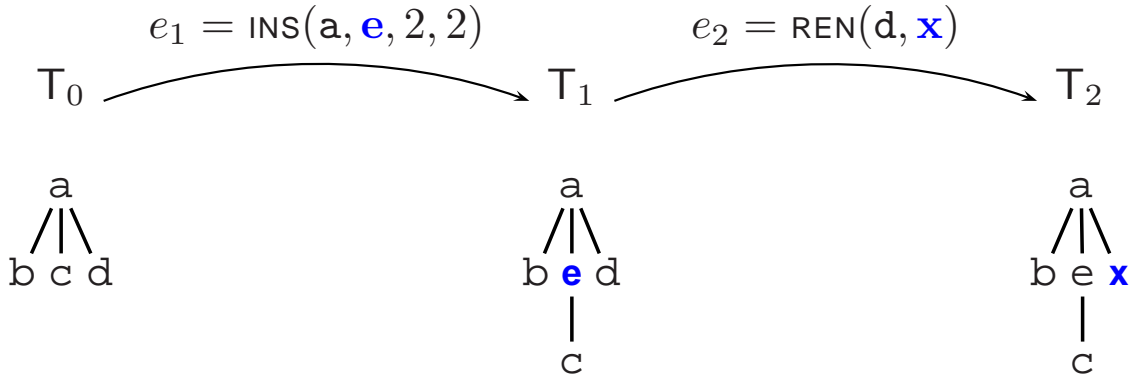
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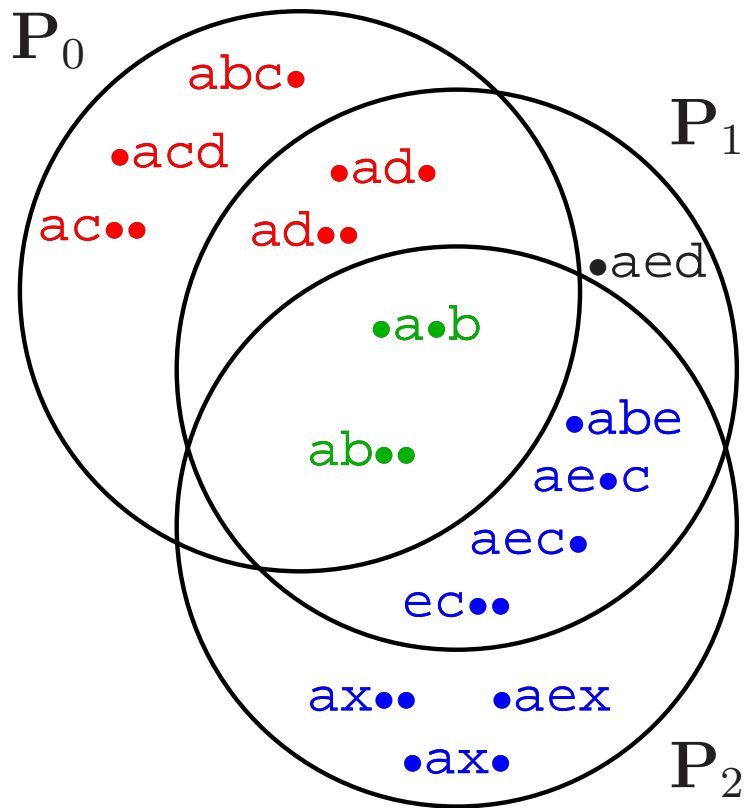
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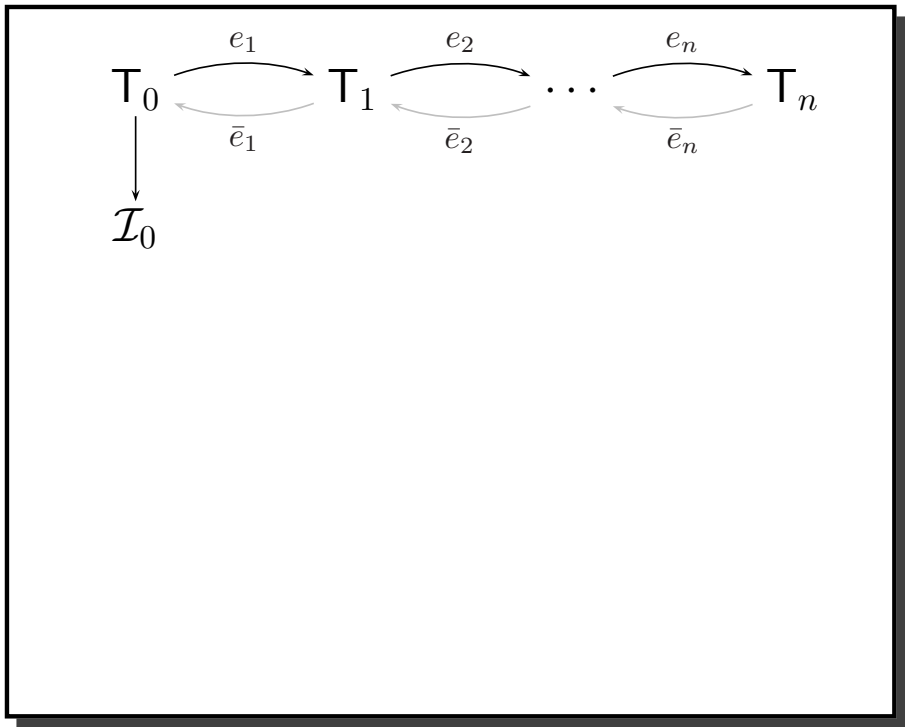
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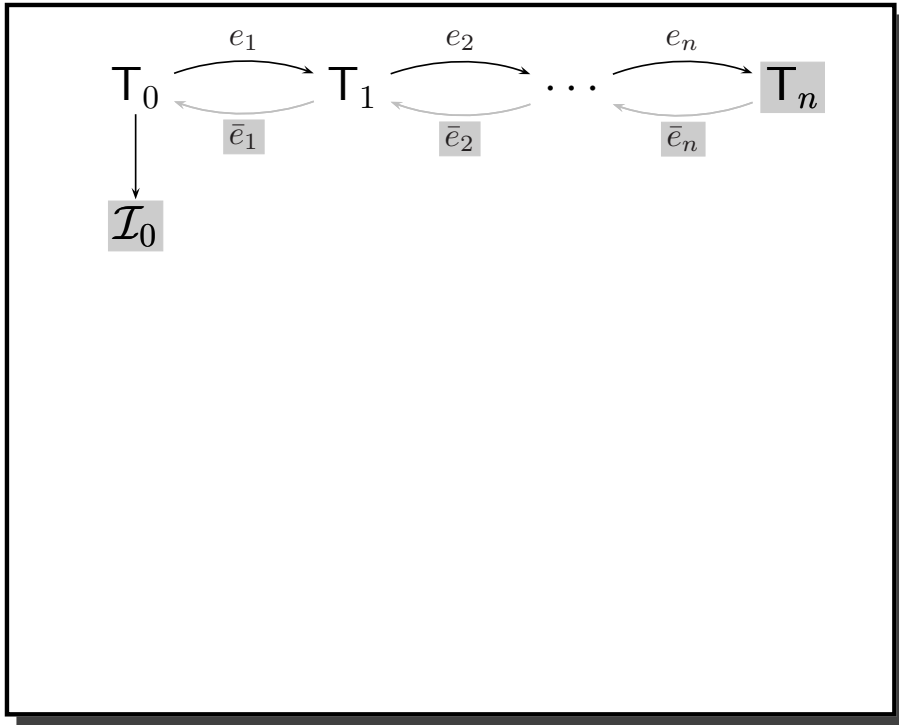
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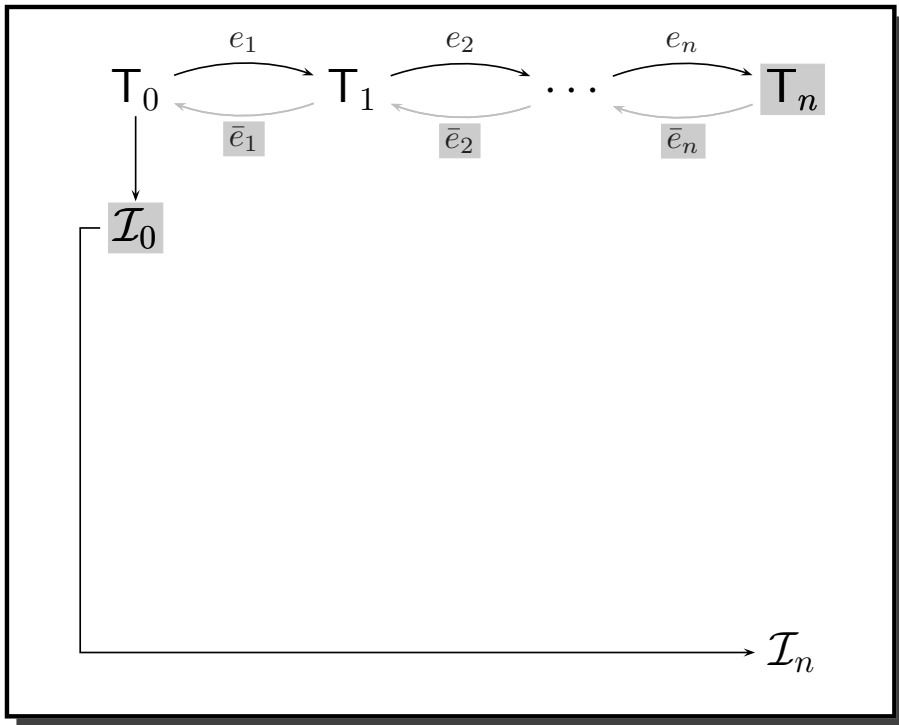






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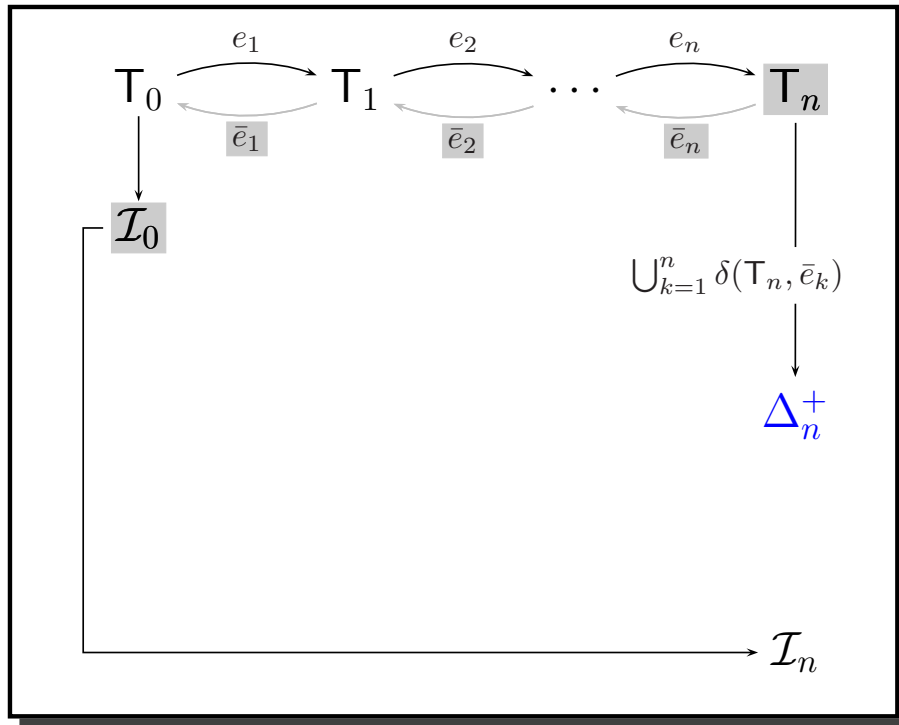
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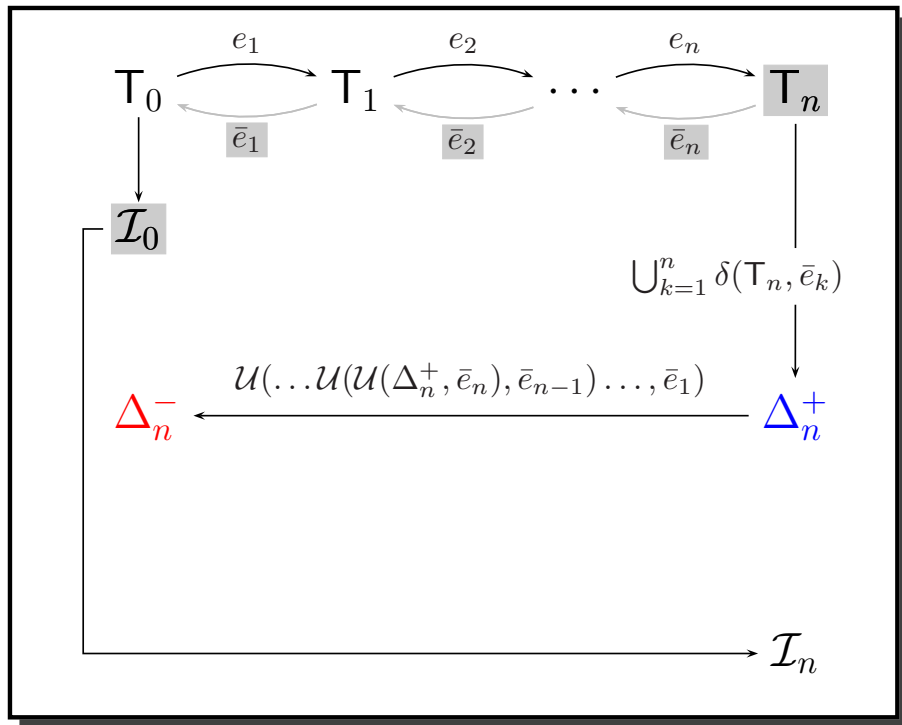
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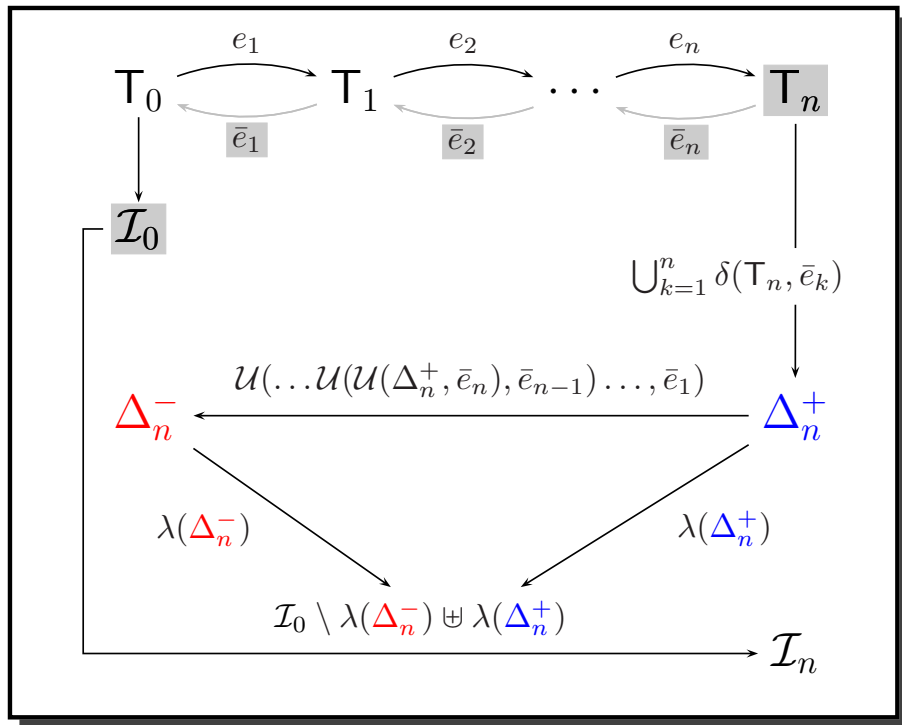
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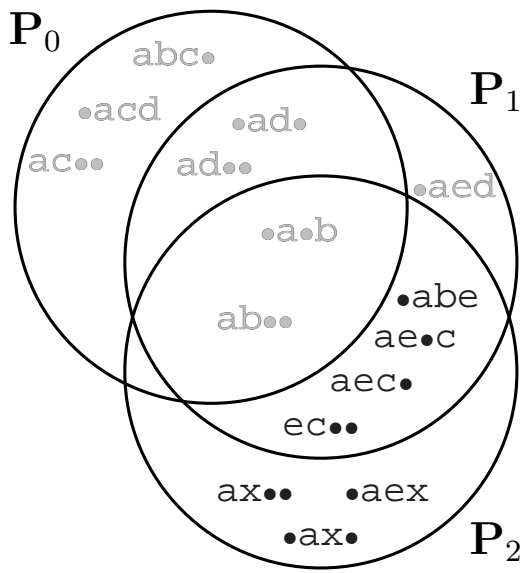
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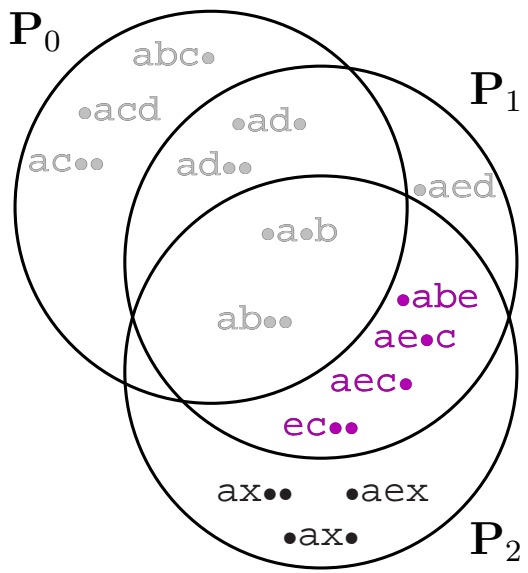
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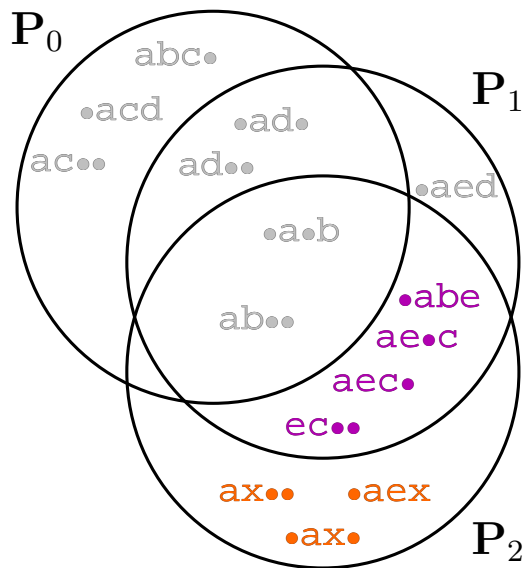




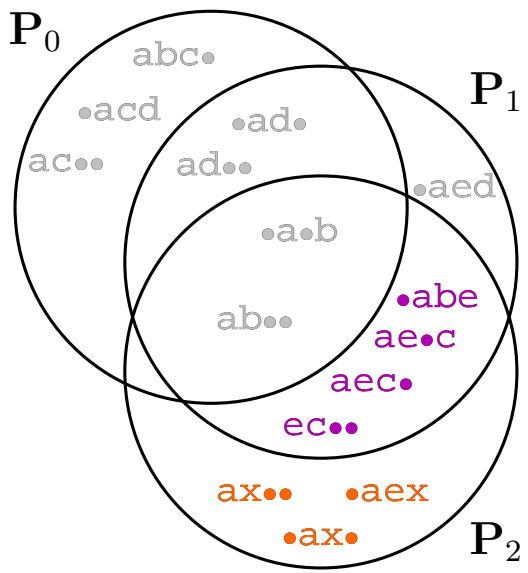
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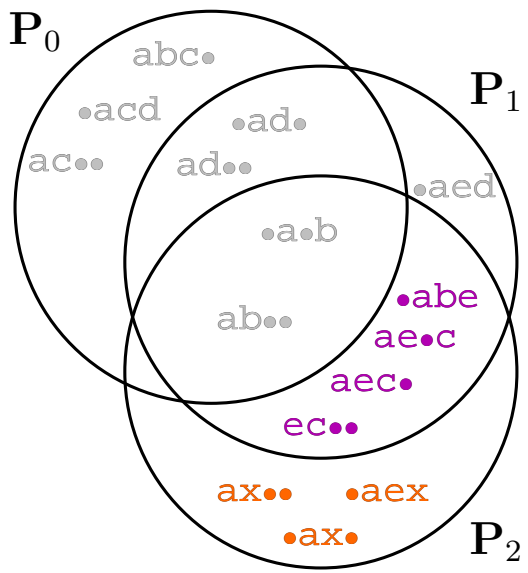




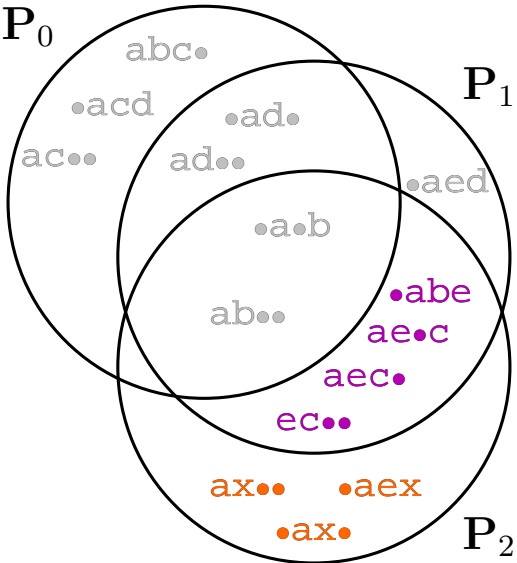
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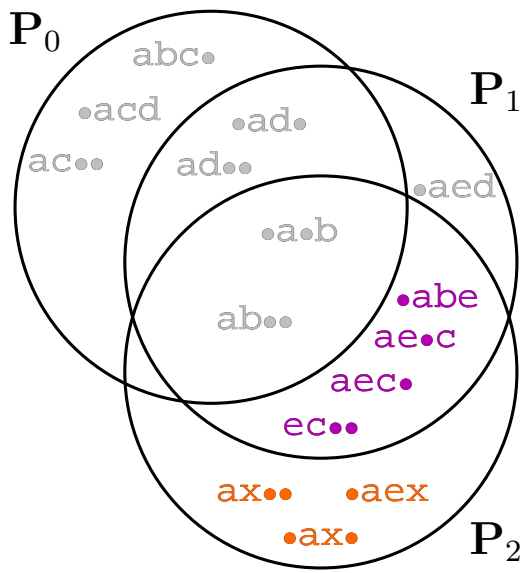


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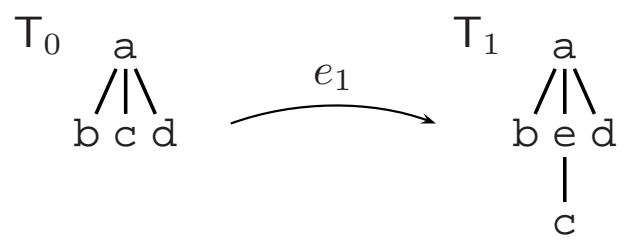
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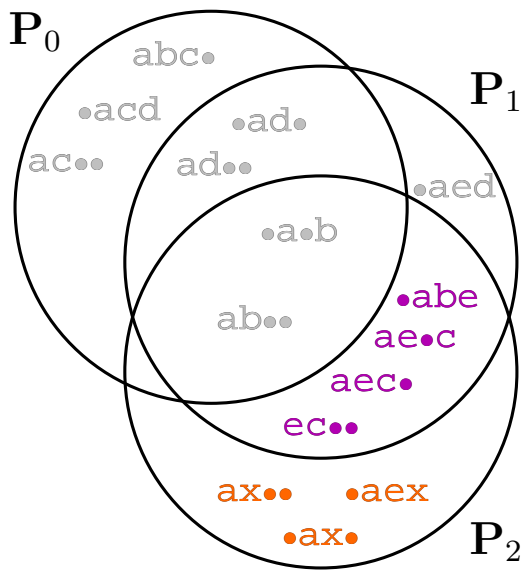


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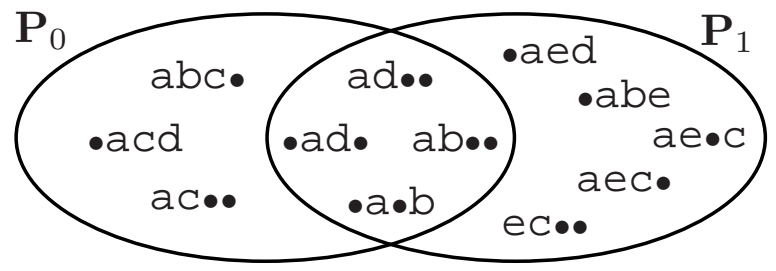
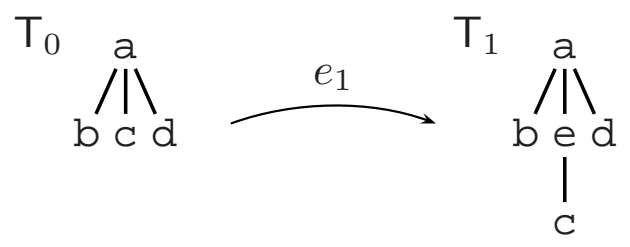




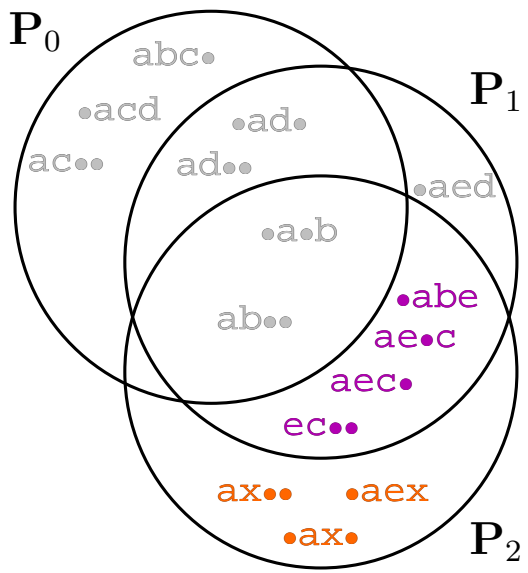
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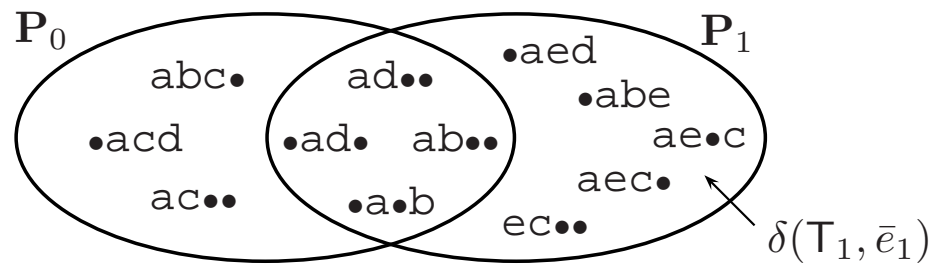
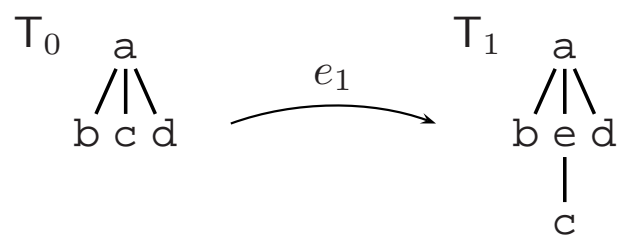


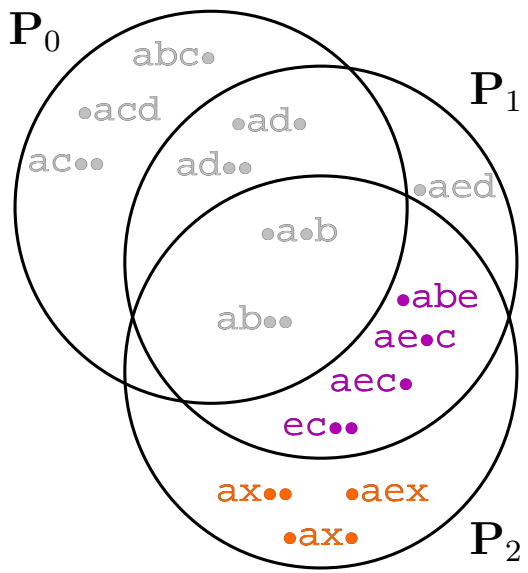


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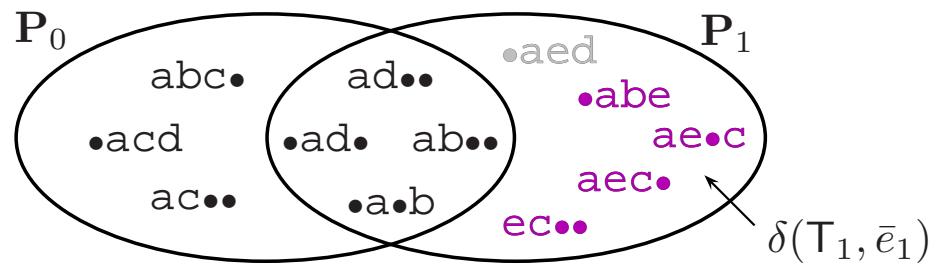
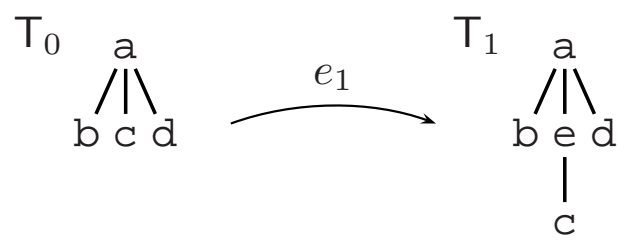


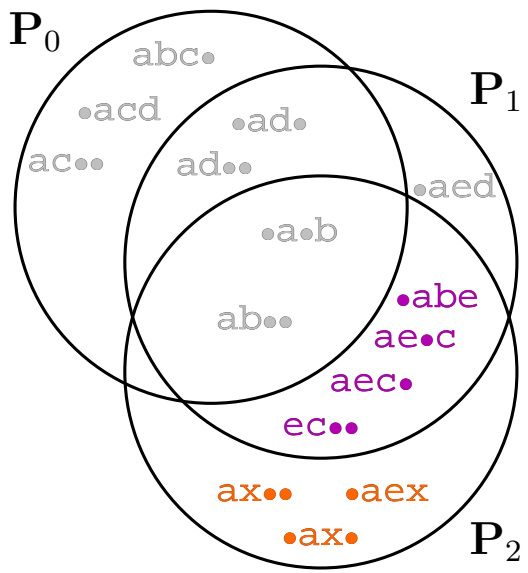


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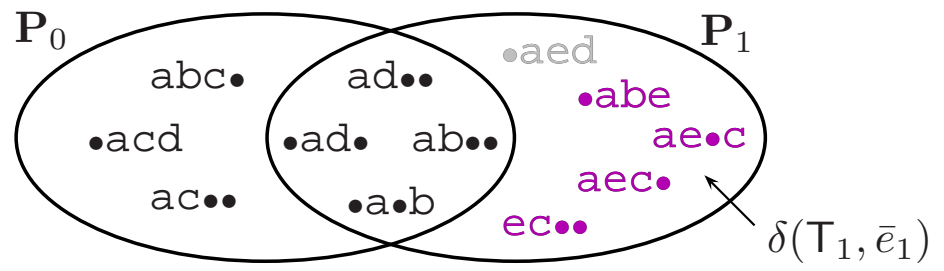
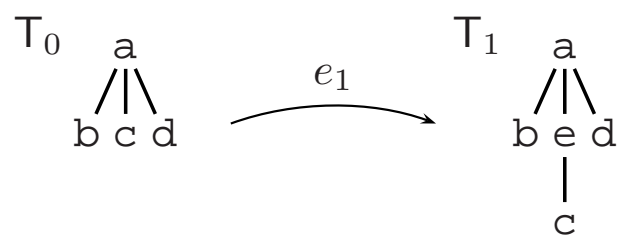




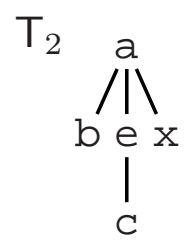
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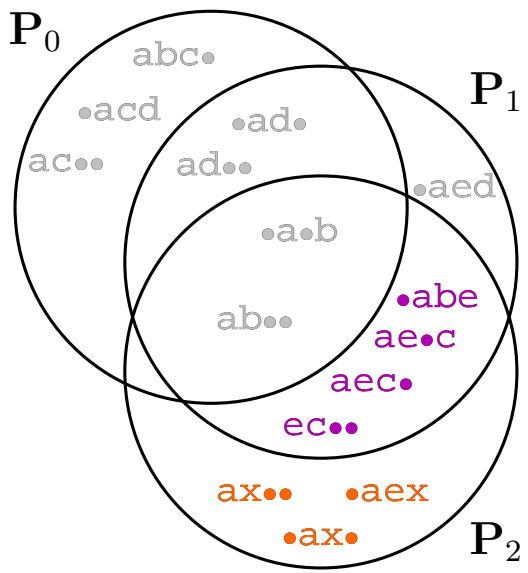
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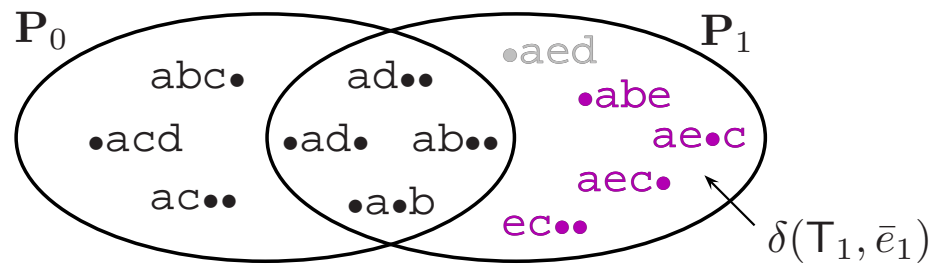
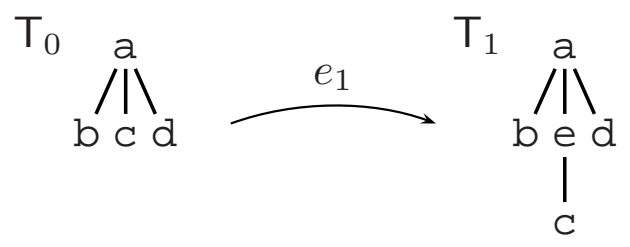




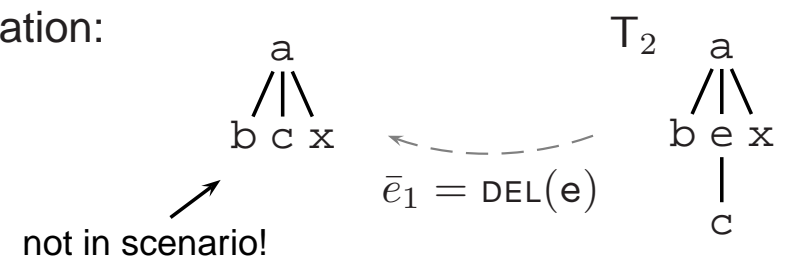
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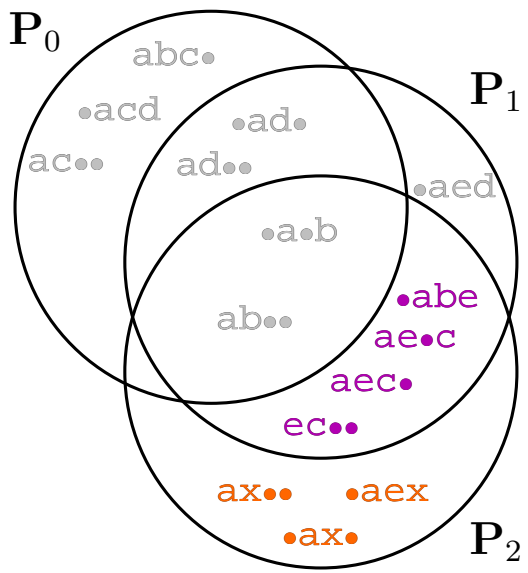
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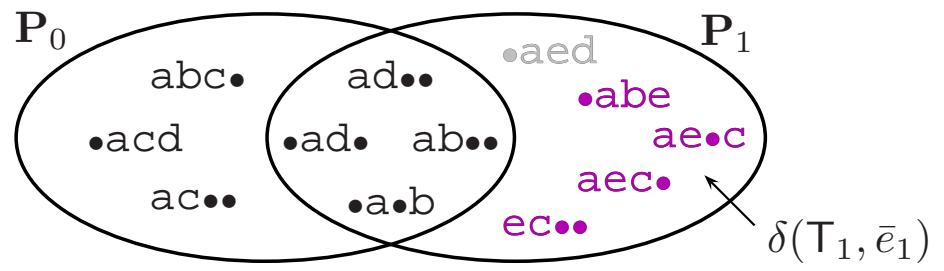
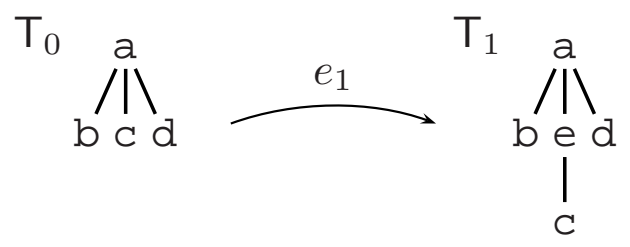




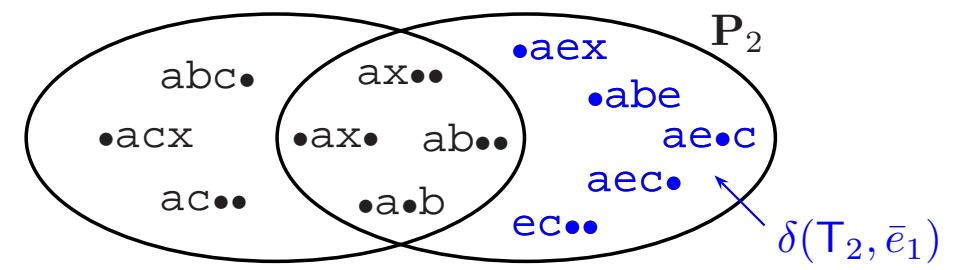
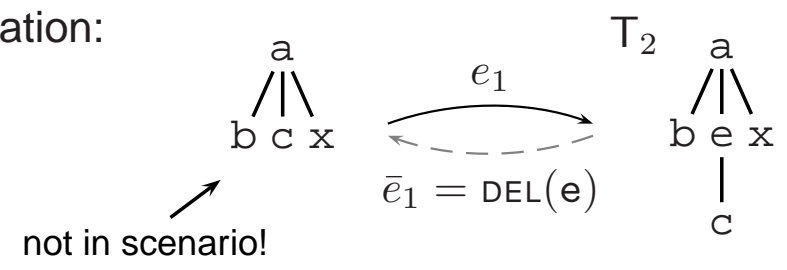
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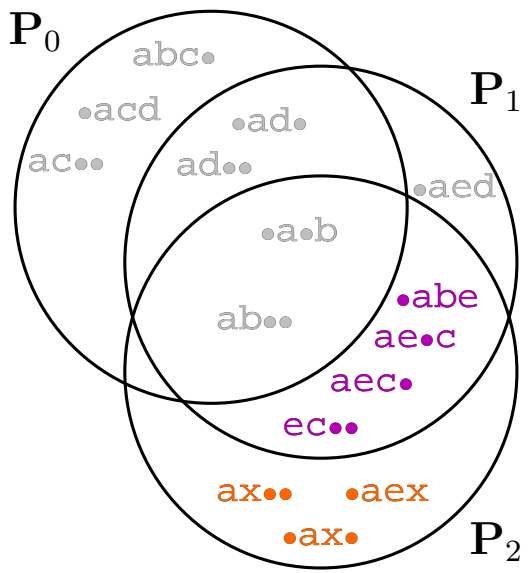
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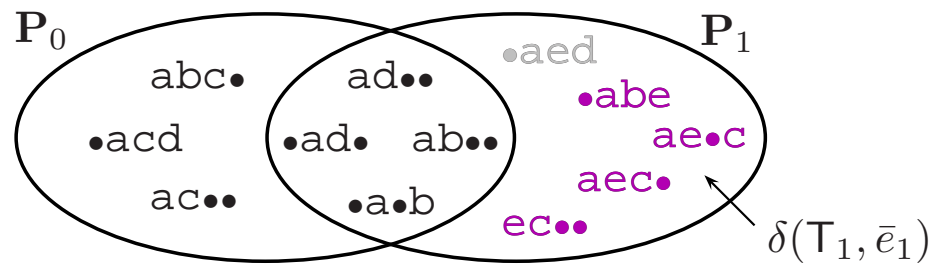
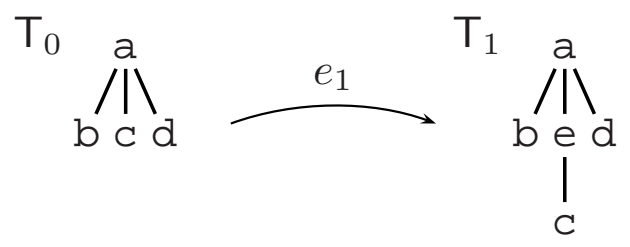




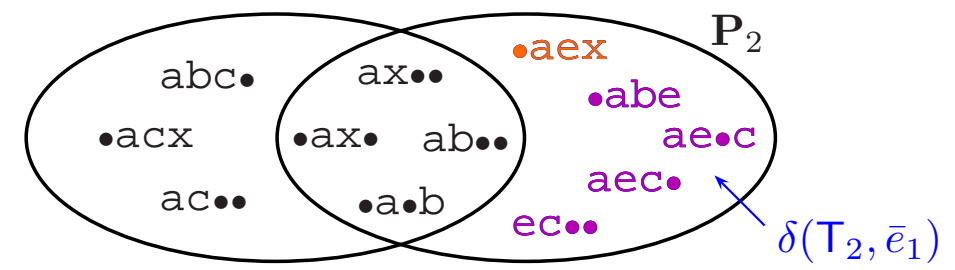
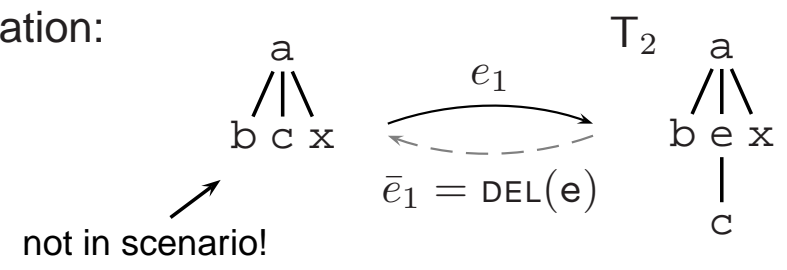
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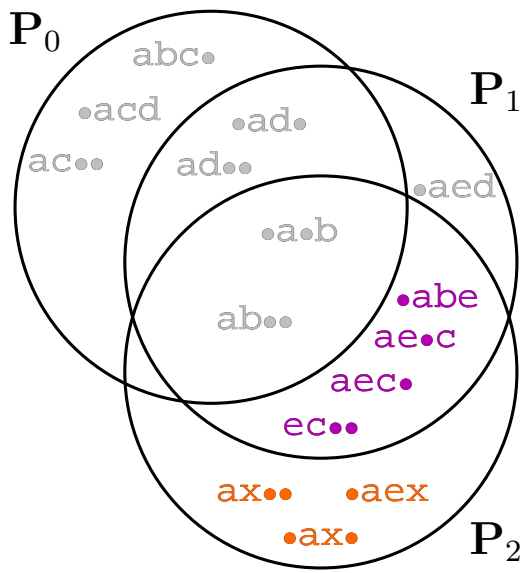
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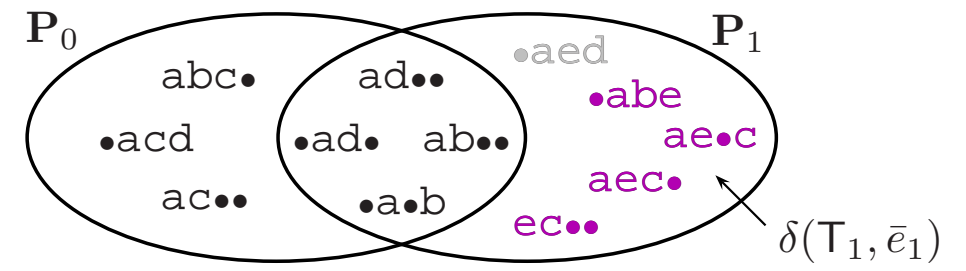
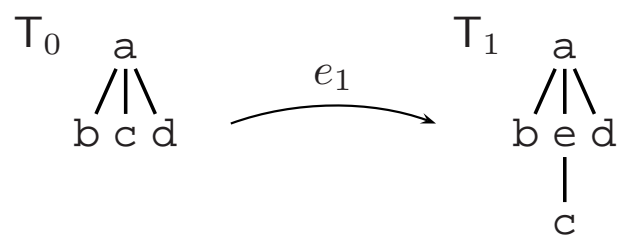


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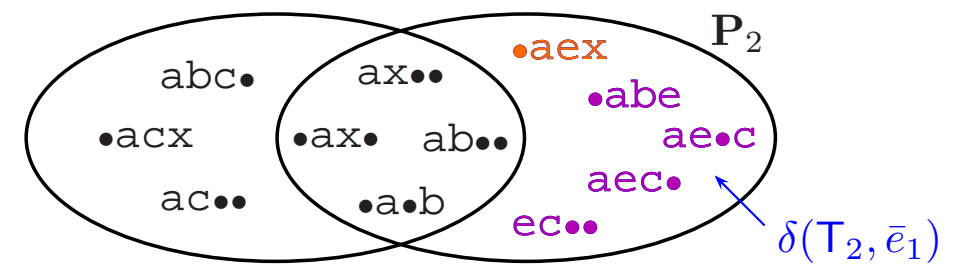
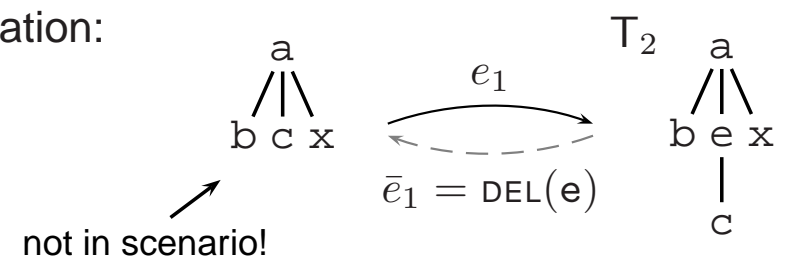
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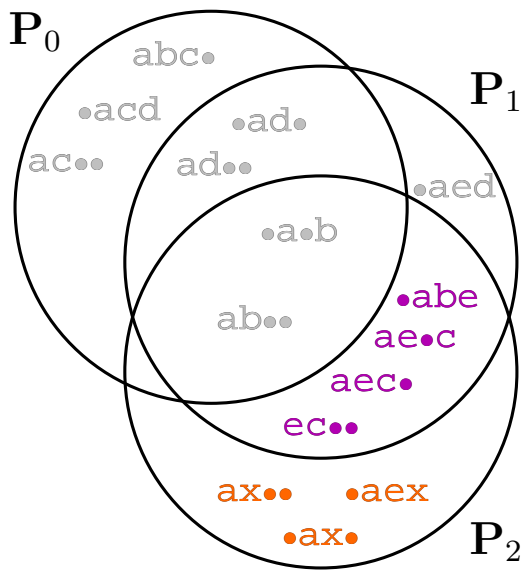
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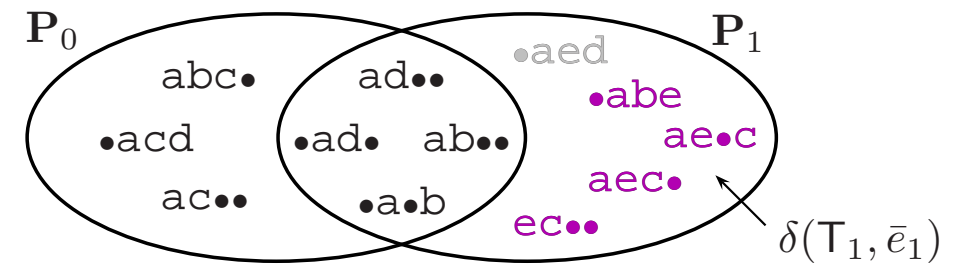
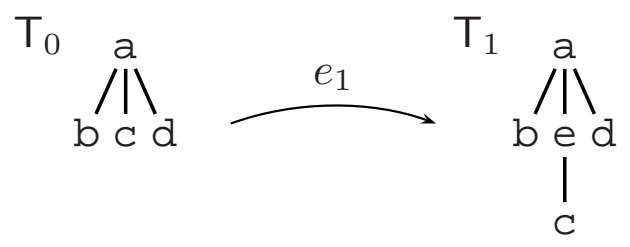
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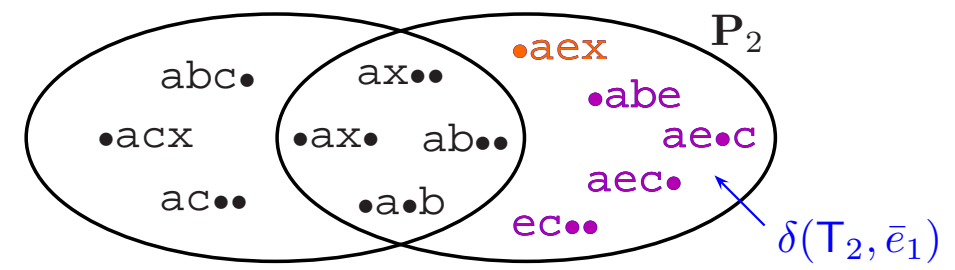
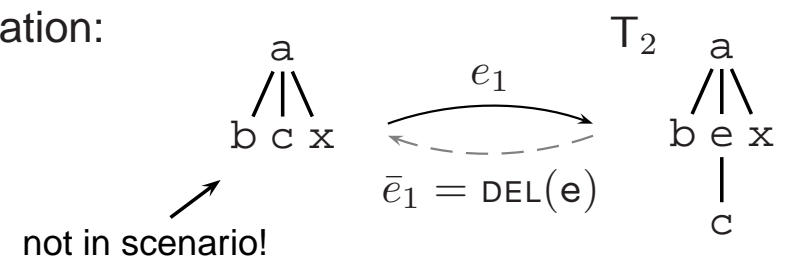
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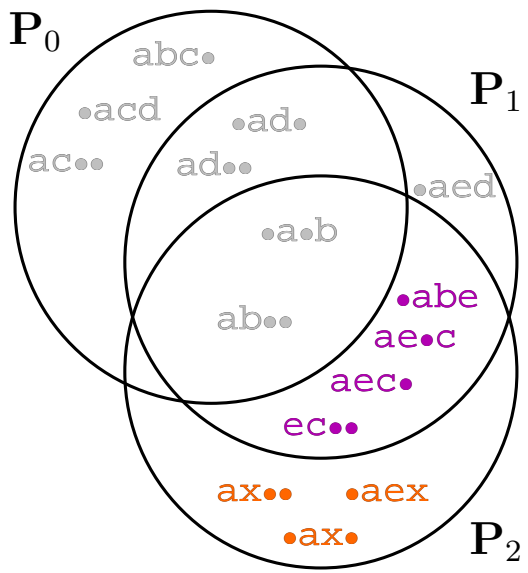
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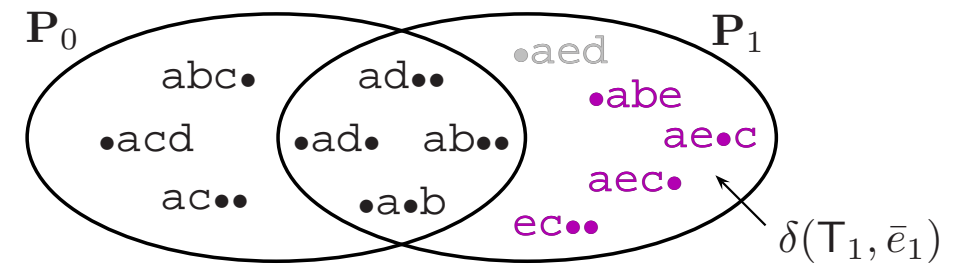
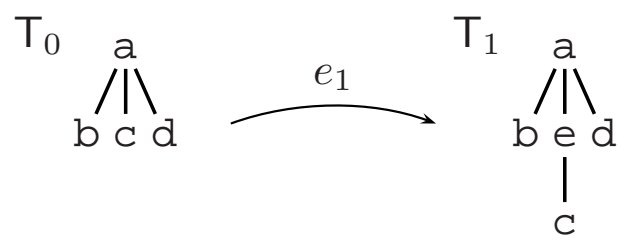
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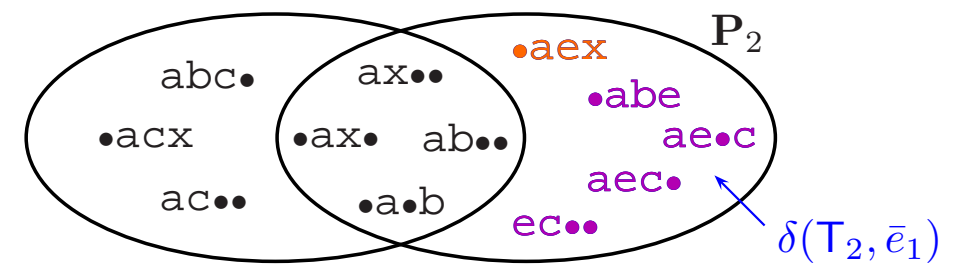
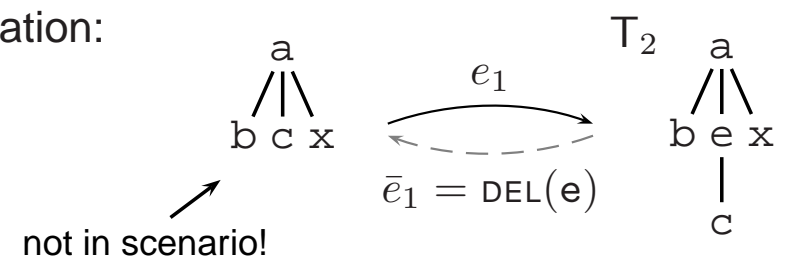
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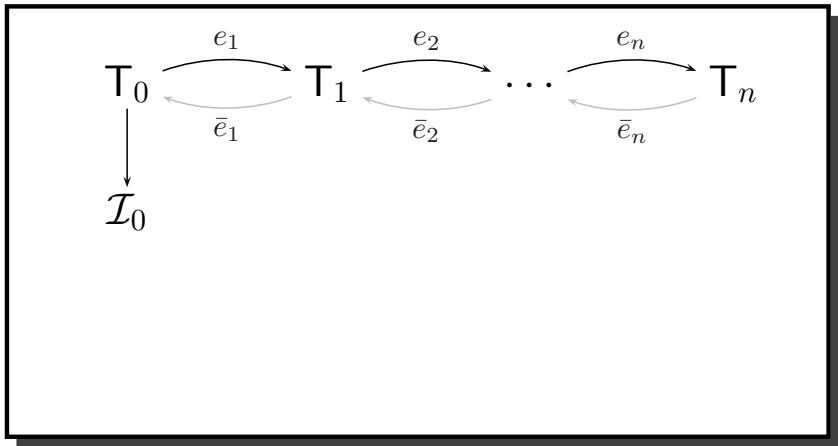
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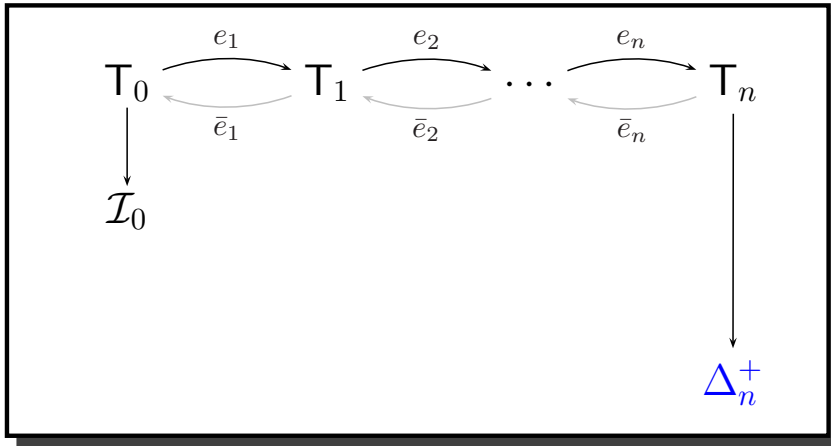
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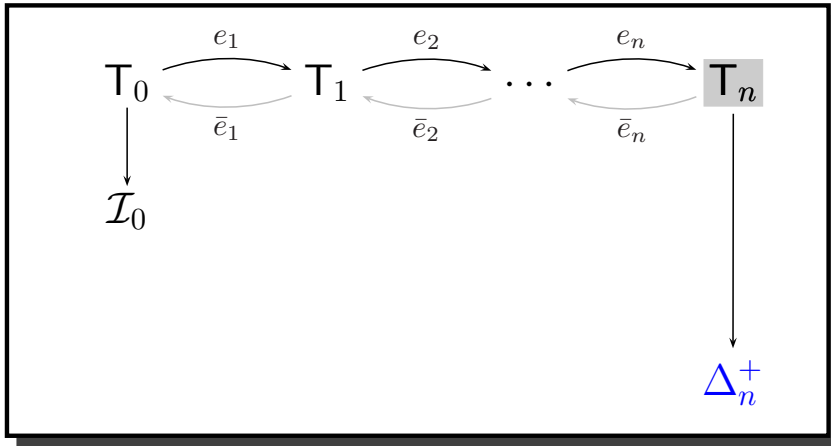
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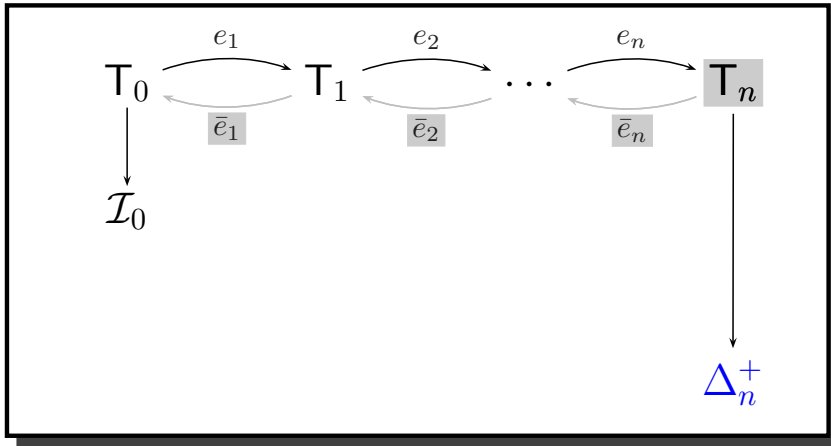


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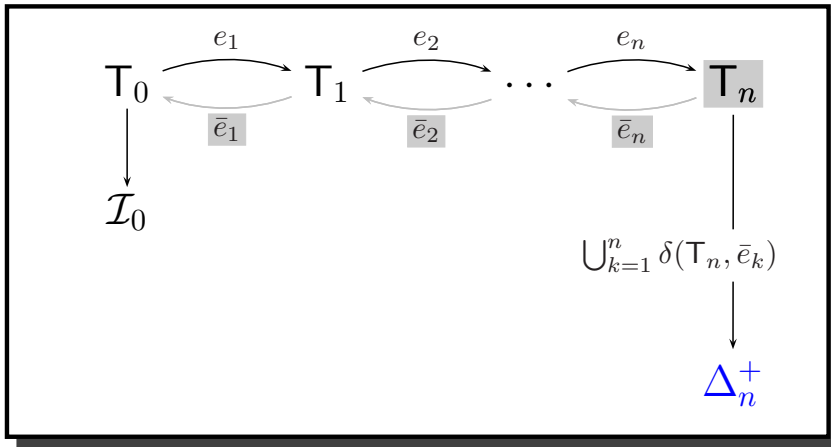
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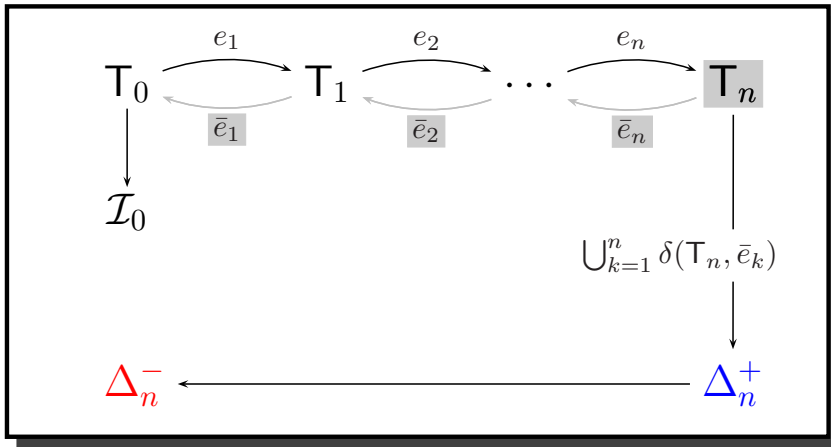
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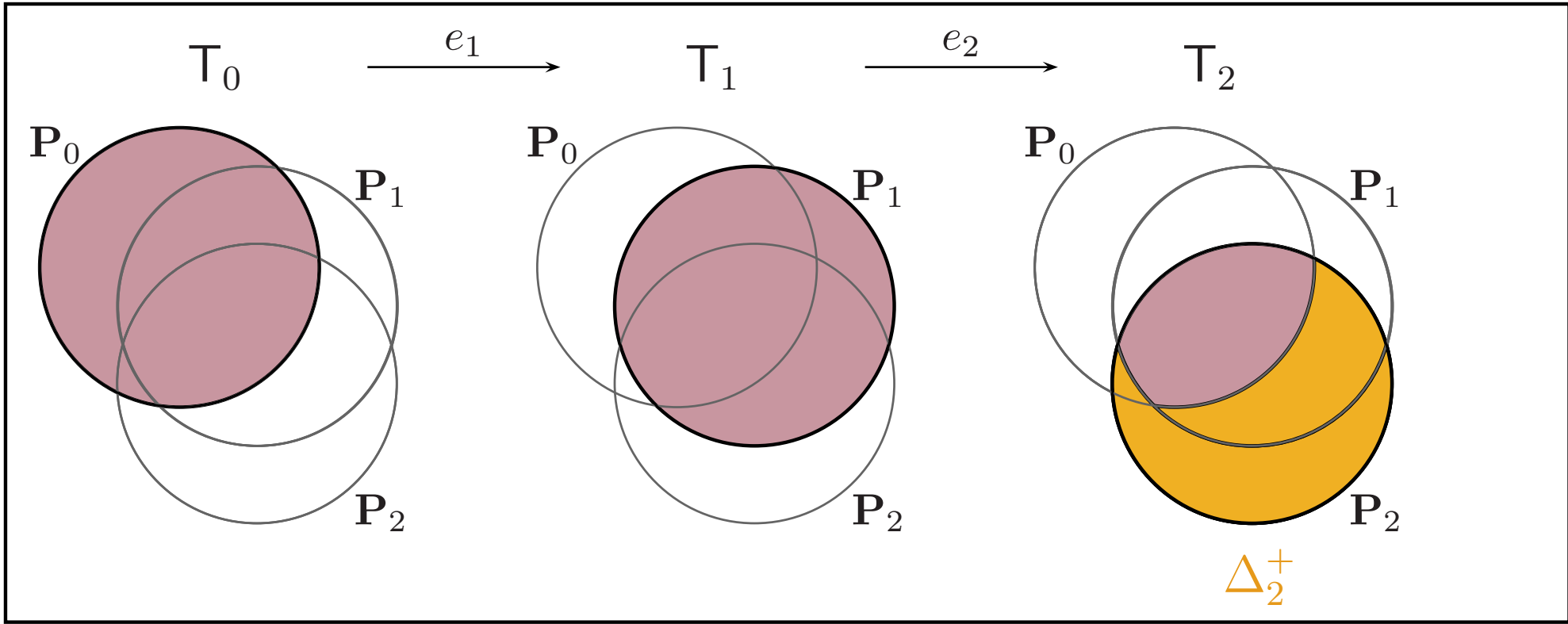
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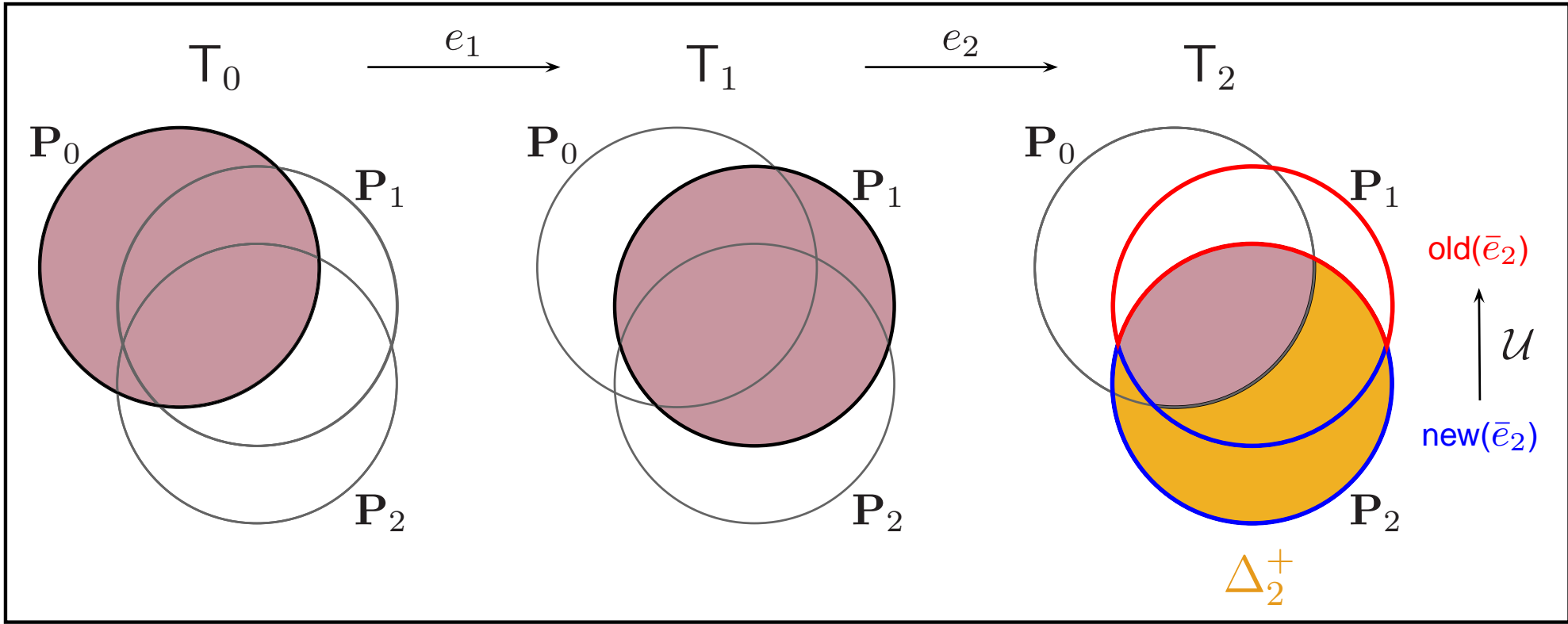
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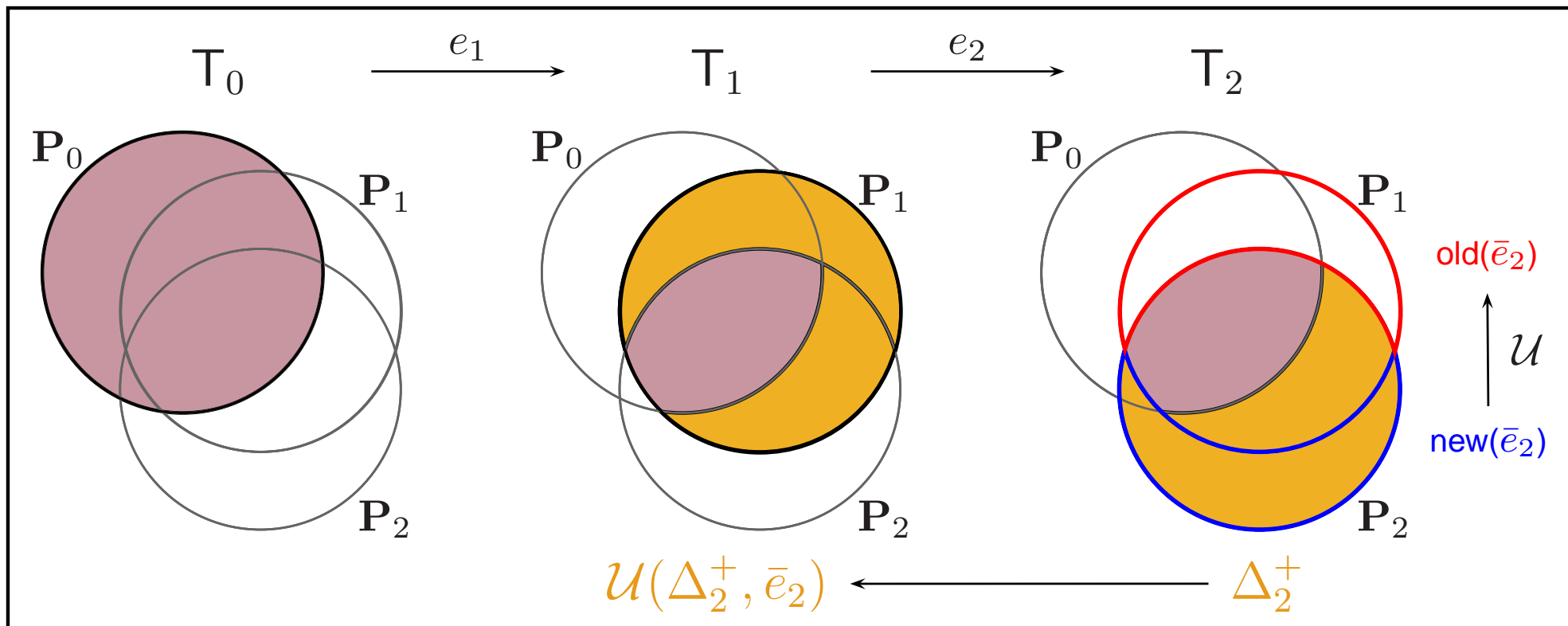
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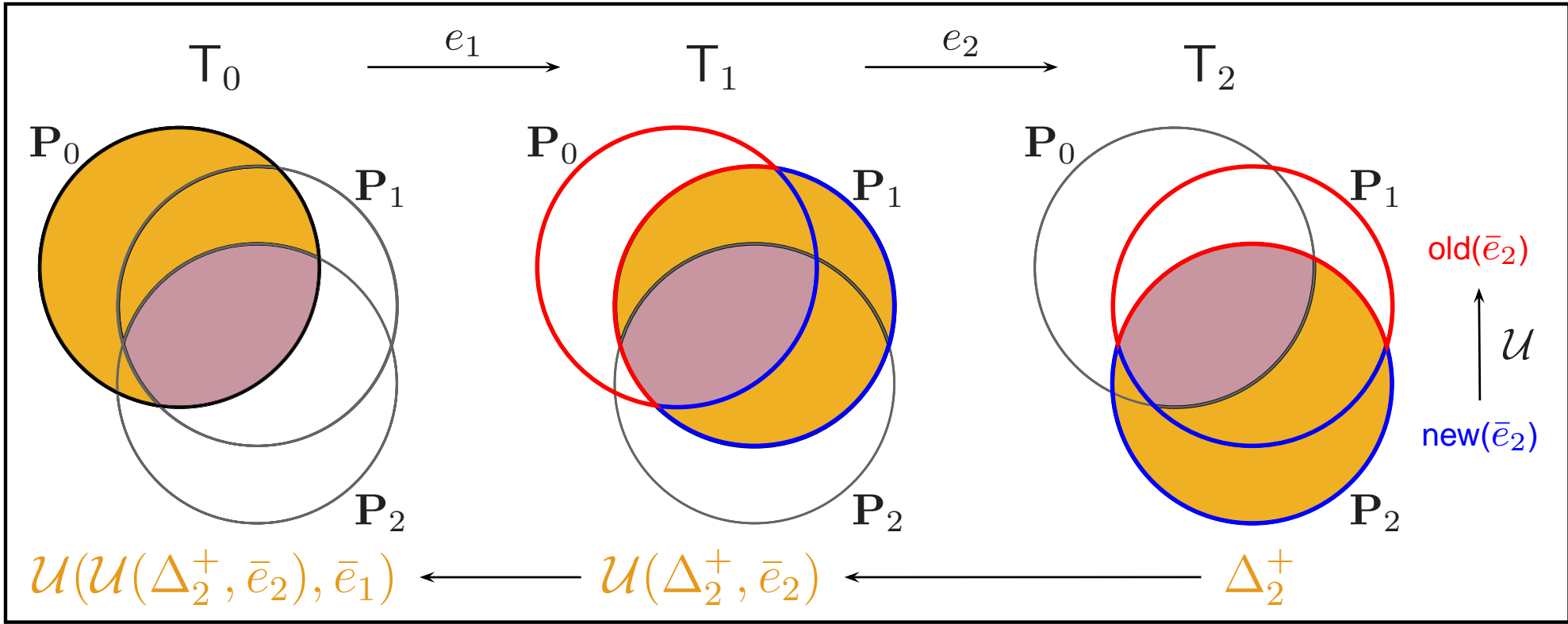




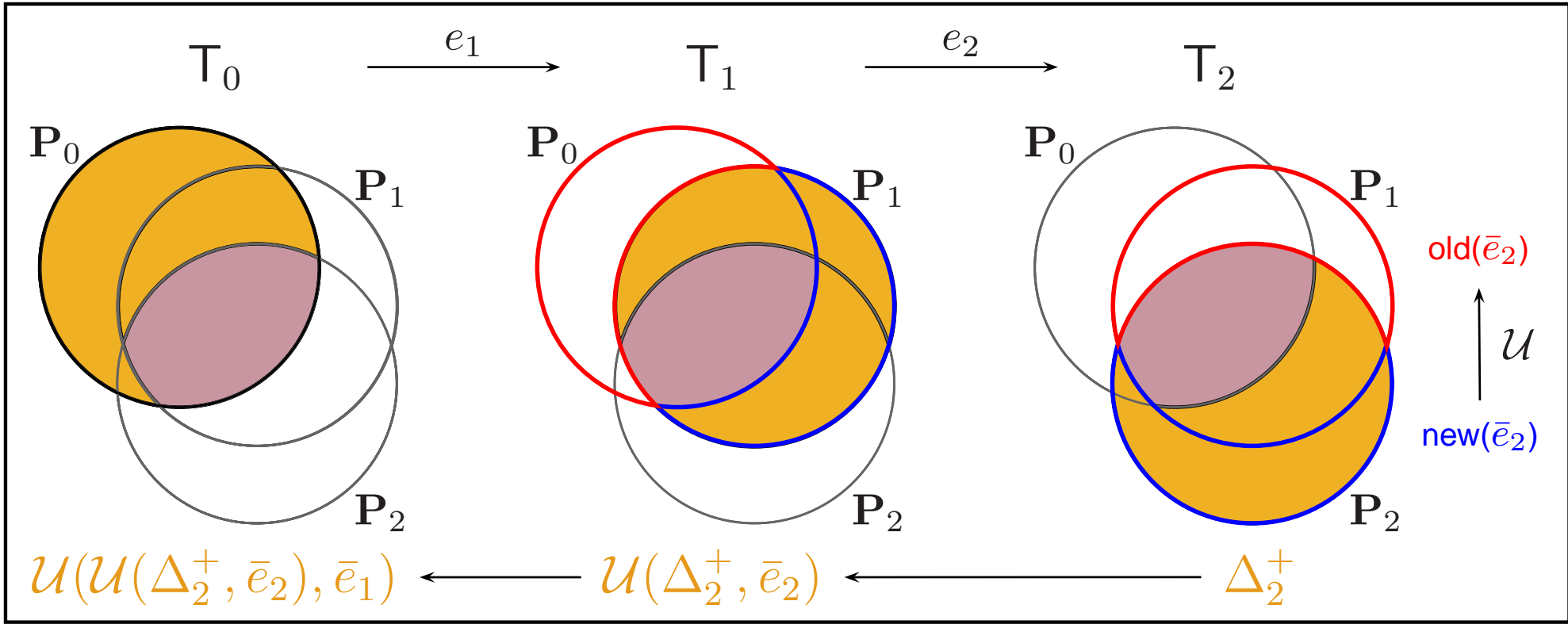
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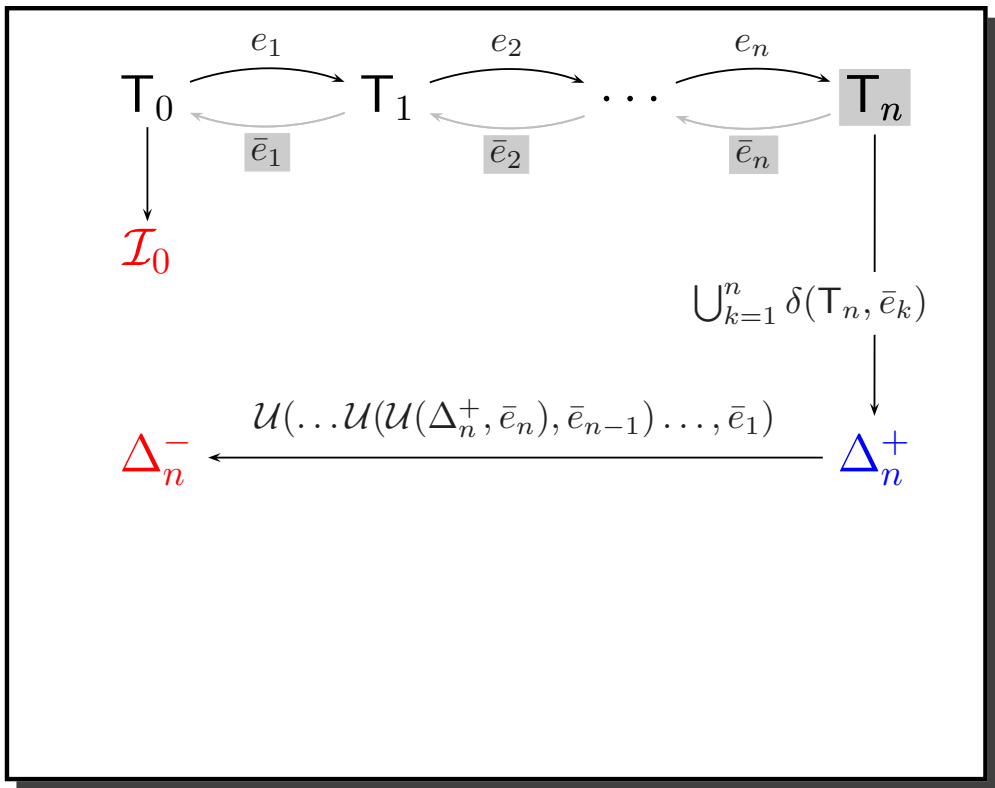
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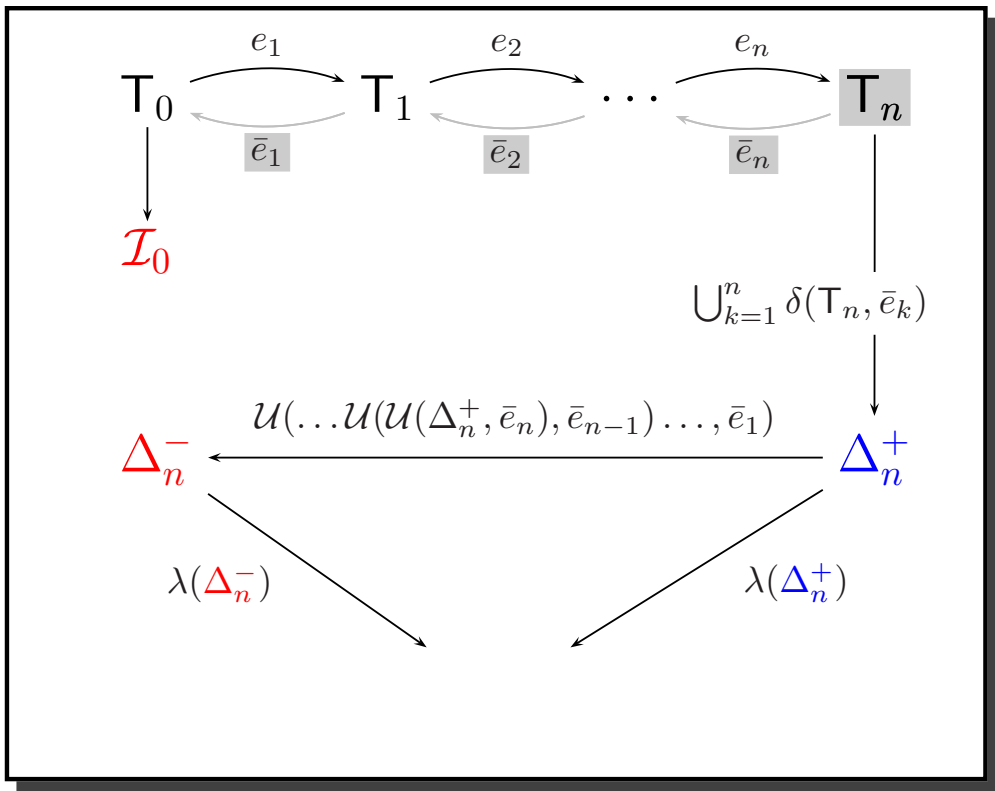
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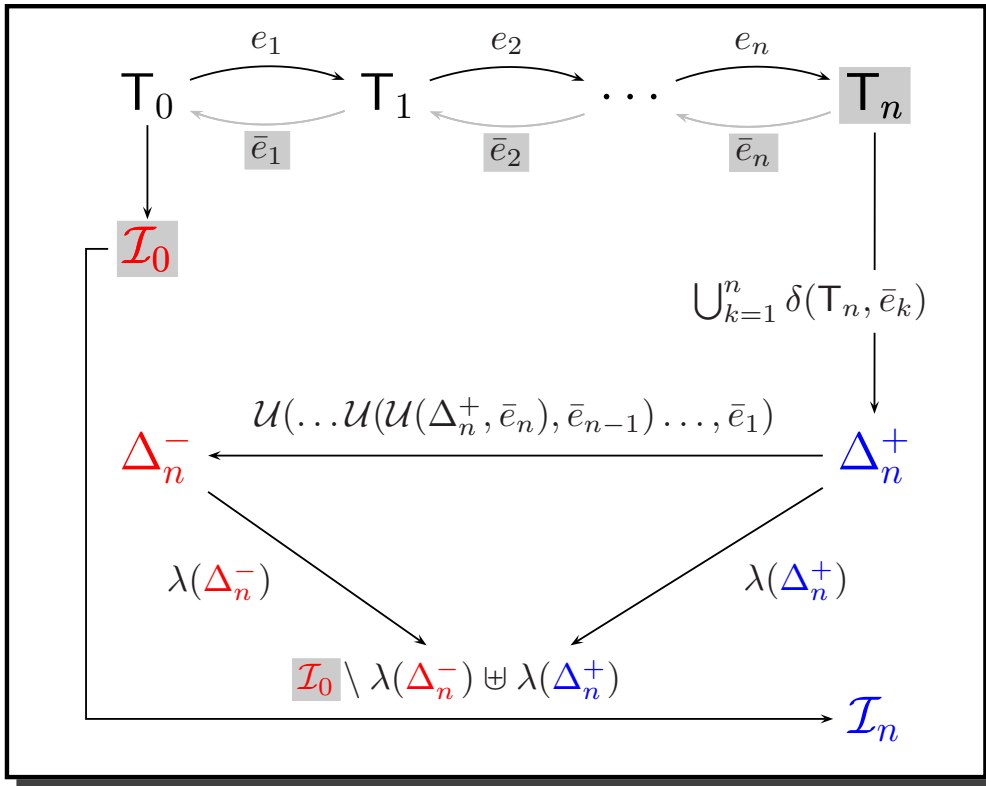
$$\Delta_n^- = \mathcal{U}(\dots \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{U}(\Delta_n^+, \bar{e}_n), \bar{e}_{n-1}) \dots, \bar{e}_1).$$

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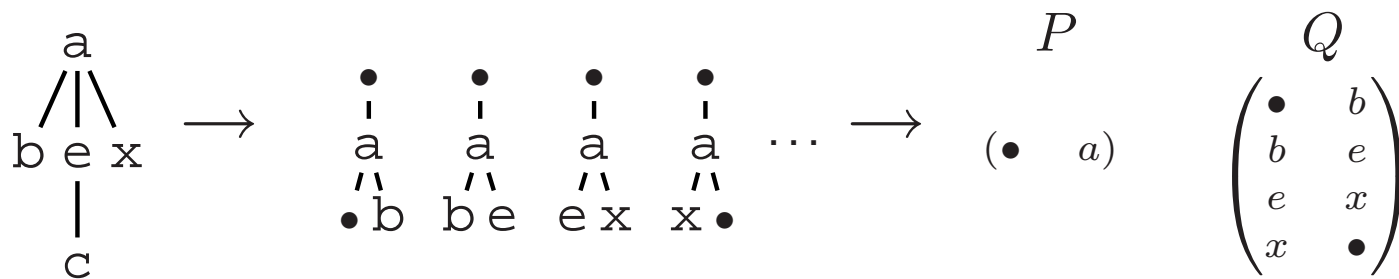
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**Implementation**

☞ Store  $p$ -part and  $q$ -part in tables  $P$  and  $Q$



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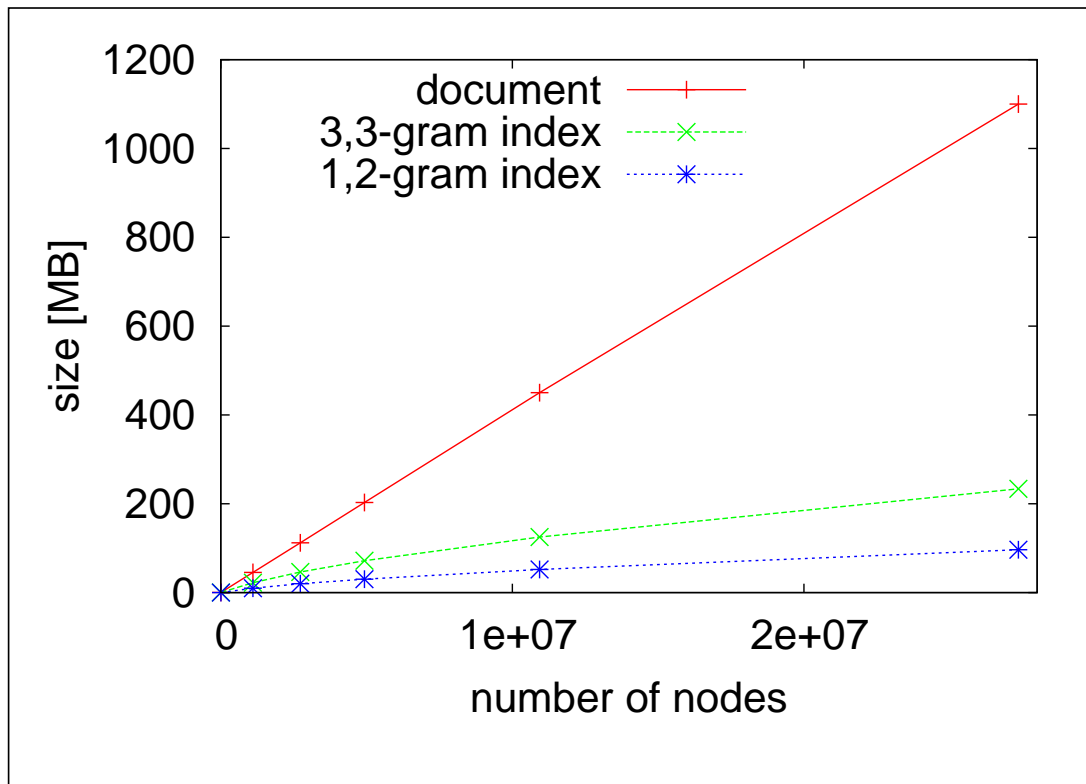
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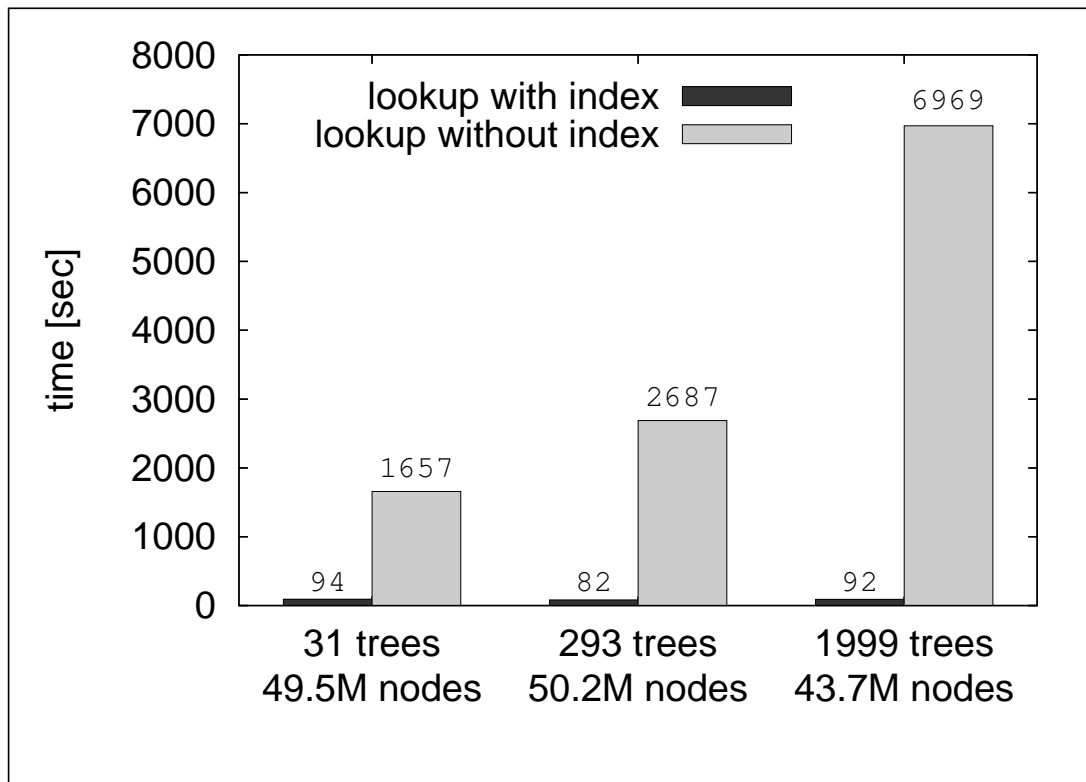
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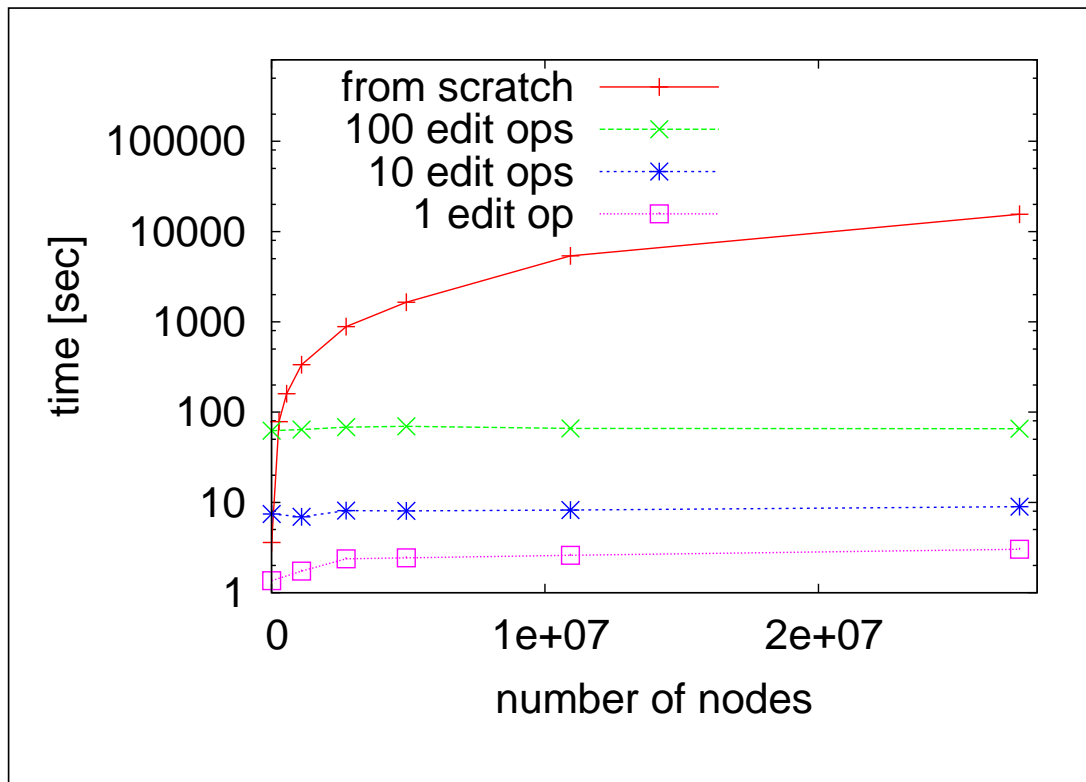
**Index greatly increases efficiency for lookup**



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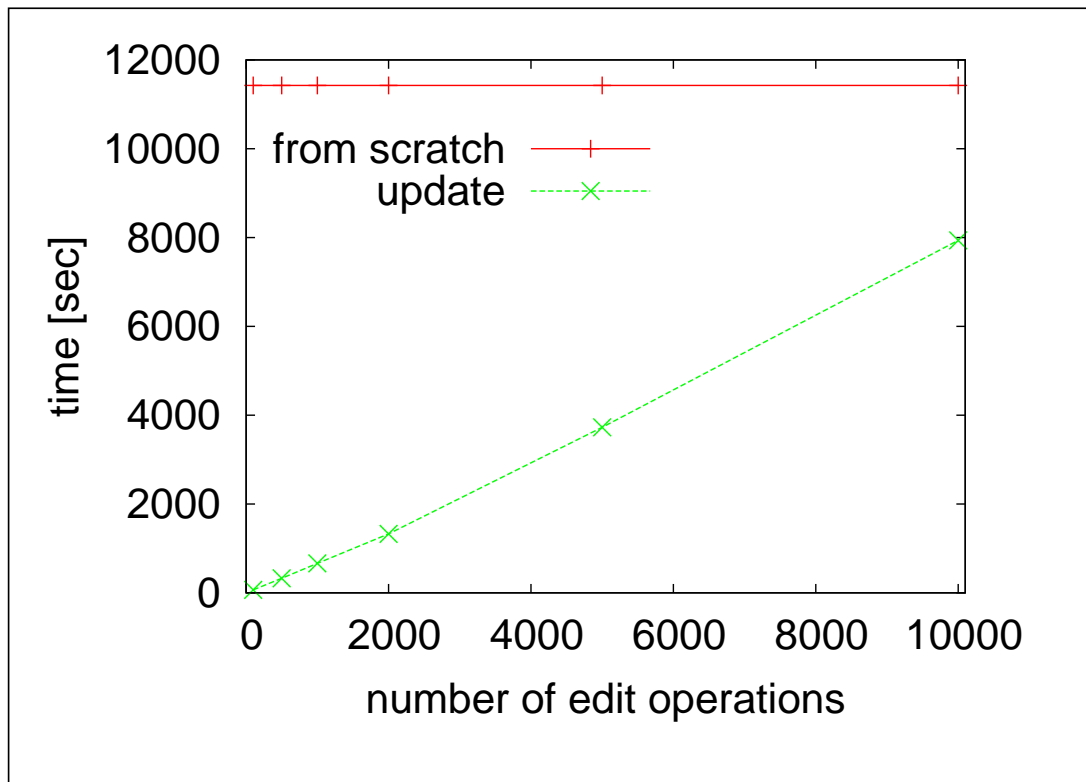


## Update independent of tree size



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**Update linear in log size**

- 👉 Experiment: **DBLP** (211MB, 11M nodes)
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☞ **Future work**

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