Formal Methods
Module I: Automated Reasoning
Ch. 04: **Automata-Theoretic LTL Reasoning**

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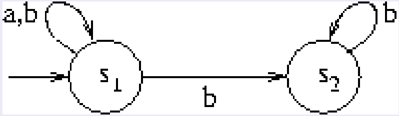

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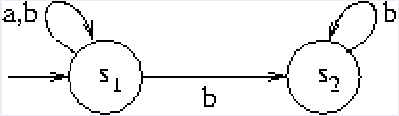

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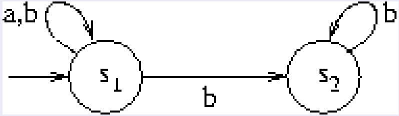

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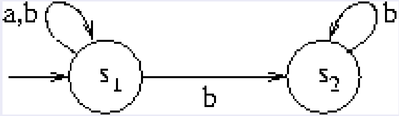

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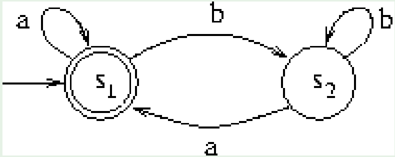

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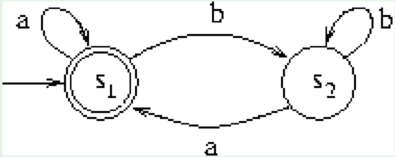

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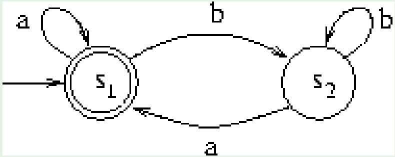

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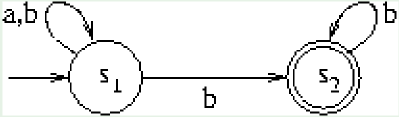

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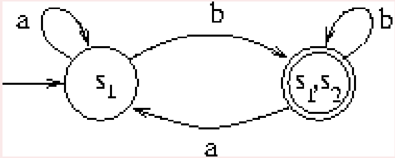

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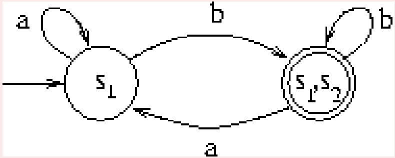

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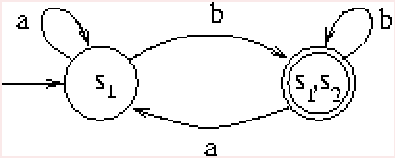

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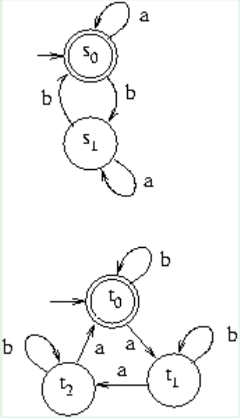

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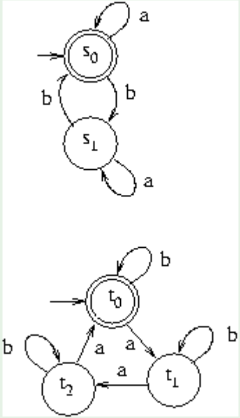

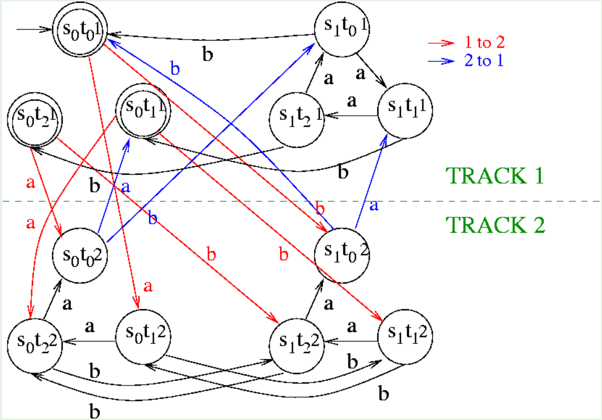

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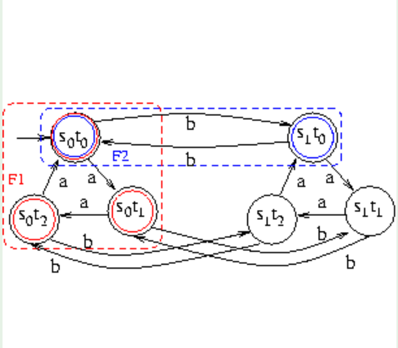

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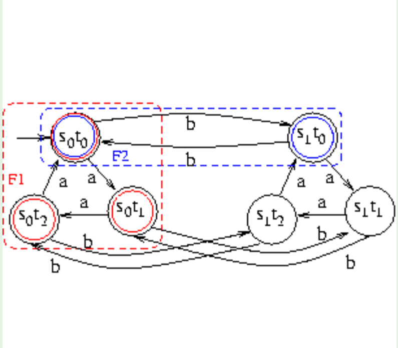

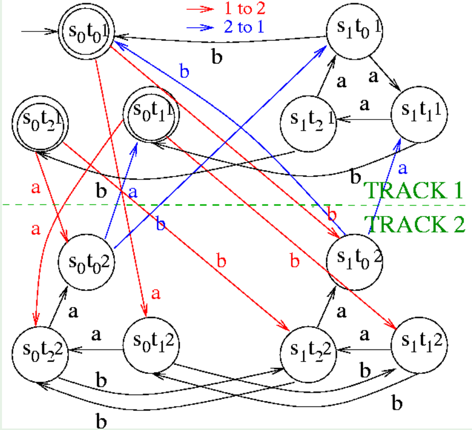

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         pop(S1);
         if (v∈F && !DFS2(v,S2,T2,A))    //test after popping!
            return False;
   }     }
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Double Nested DFS - Second DFS

```
Bool DFS2(state f, stack & S, Hashtable & T, NBA A) {
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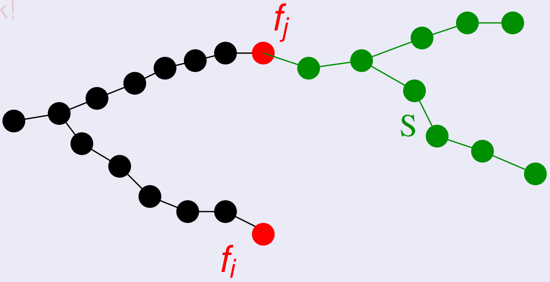

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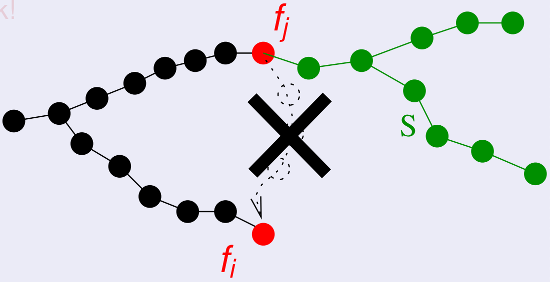

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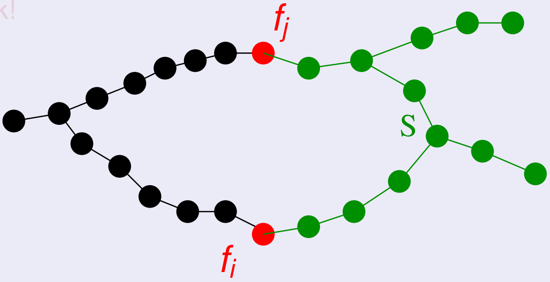

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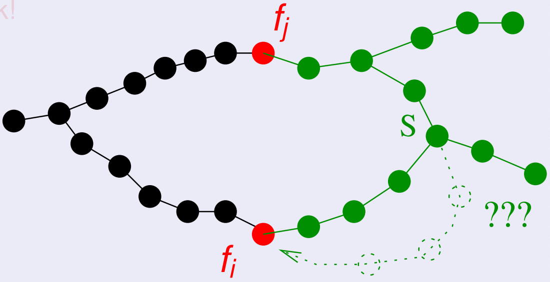

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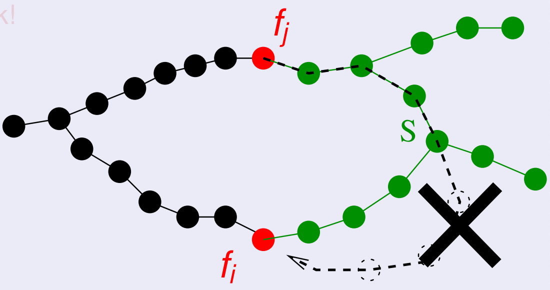

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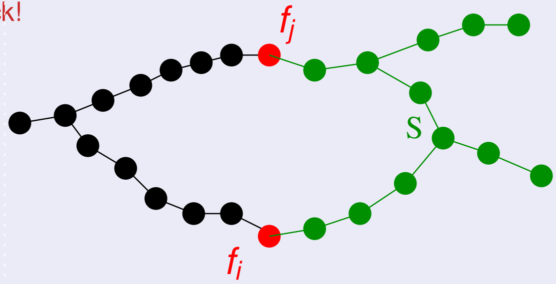

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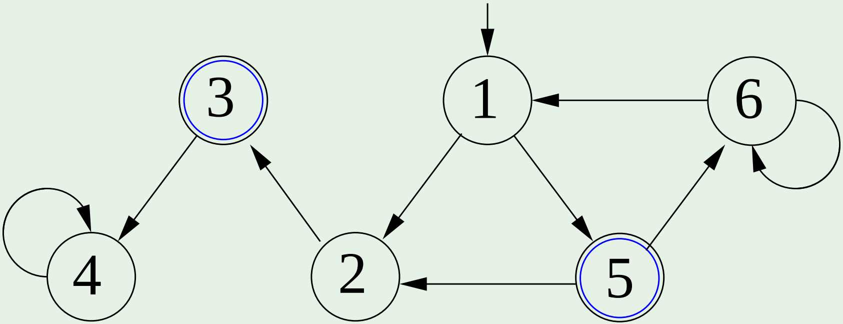

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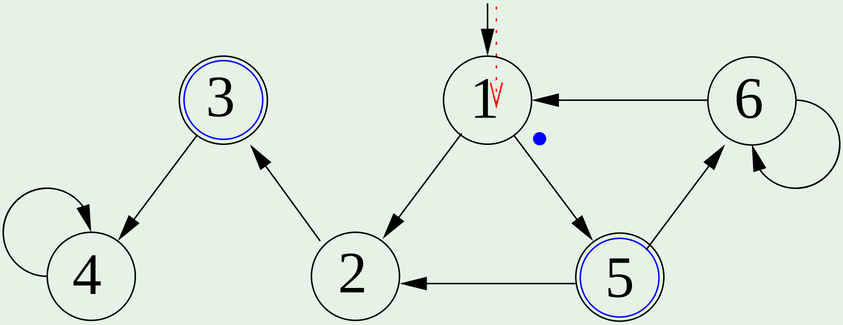

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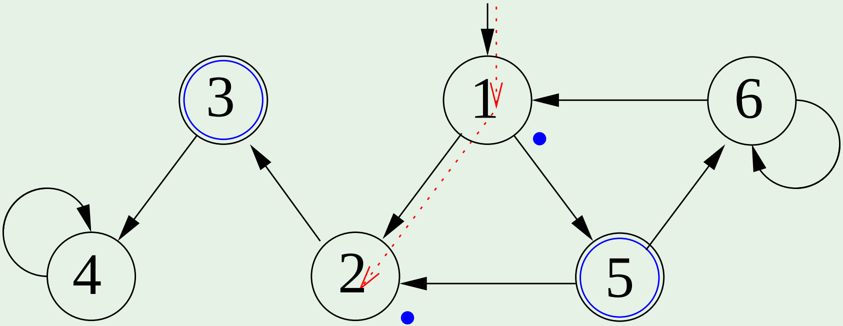

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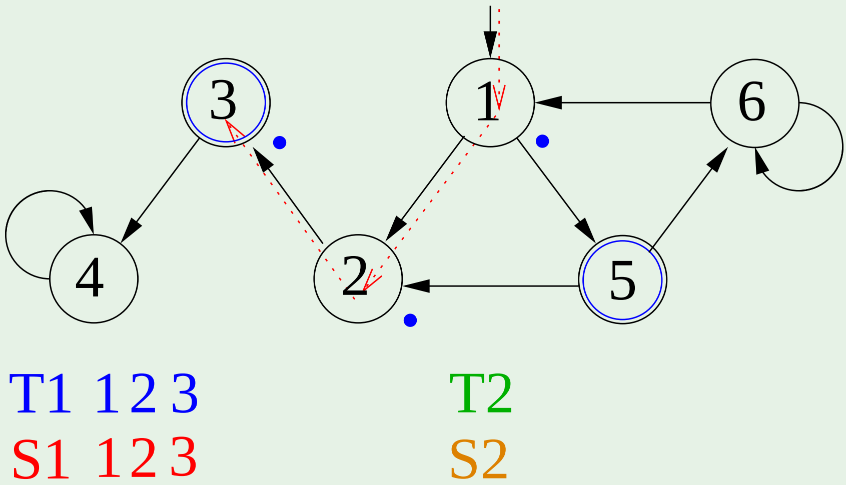

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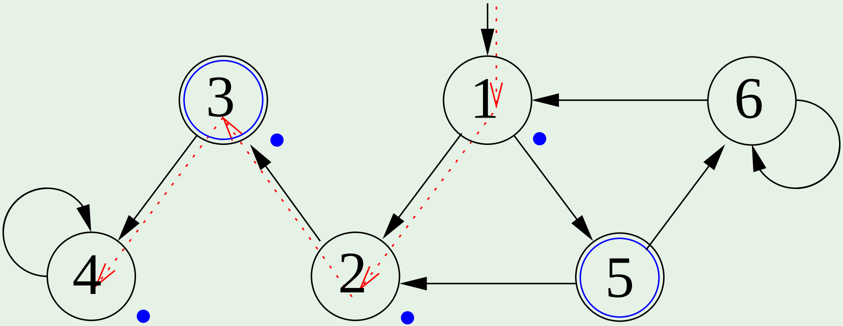

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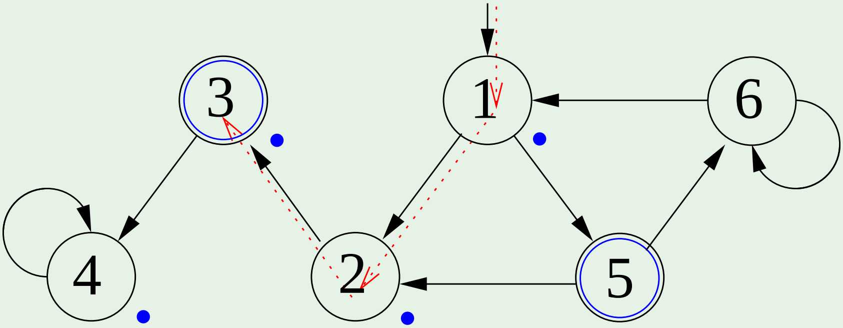

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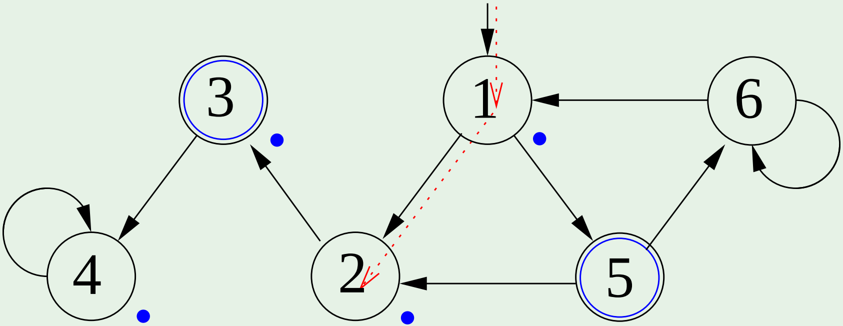

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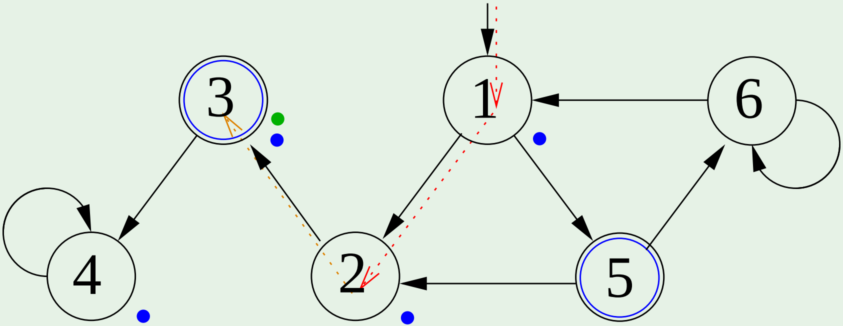

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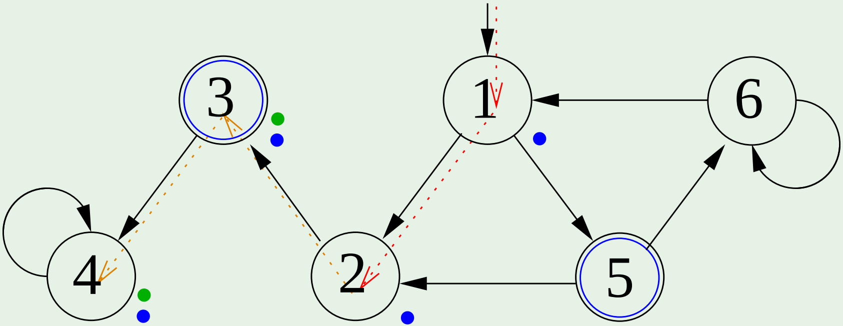

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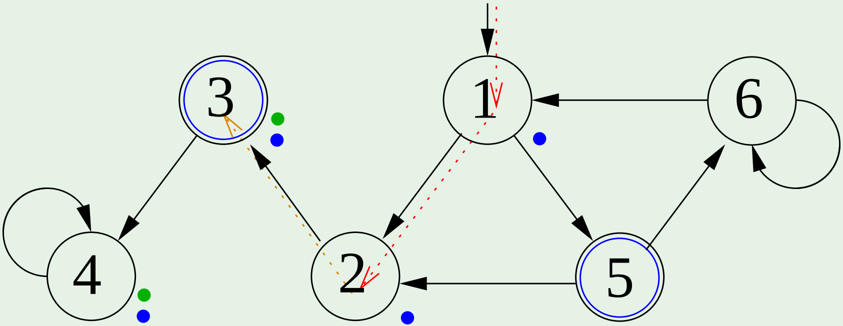

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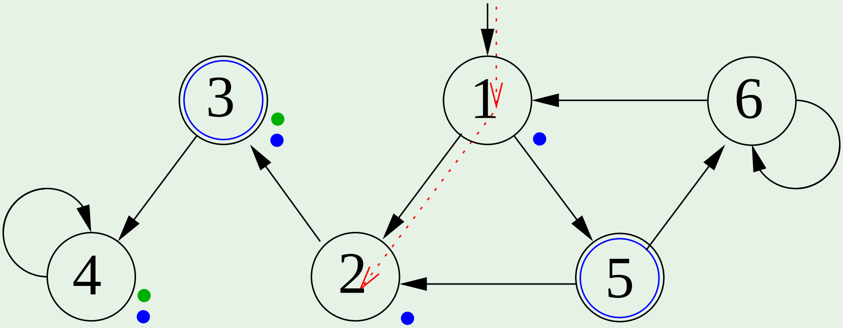

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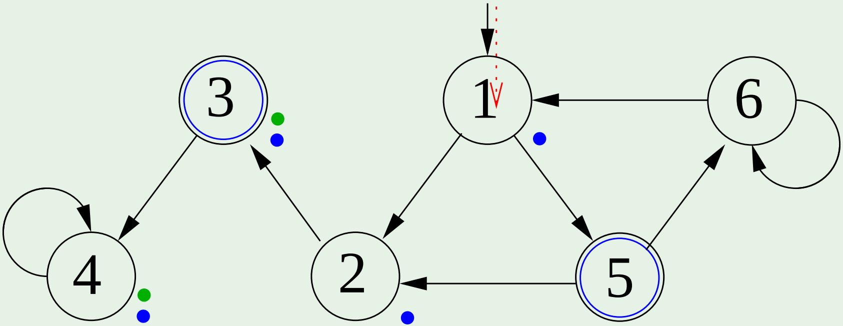

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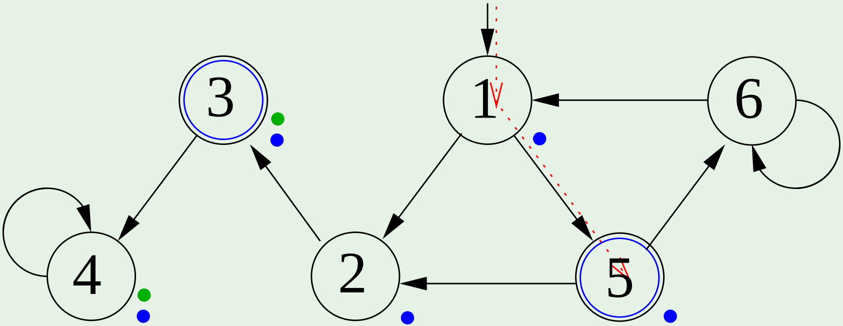

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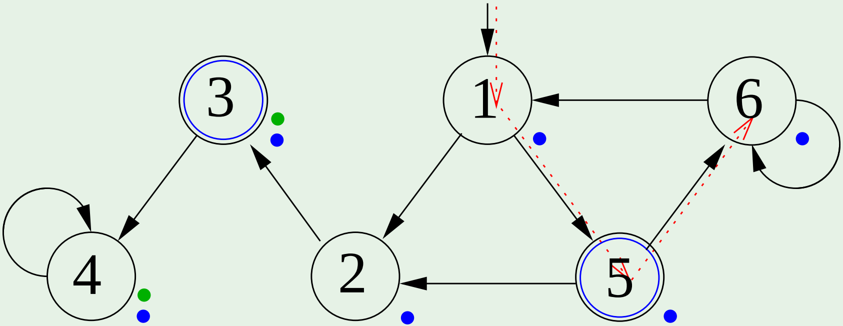

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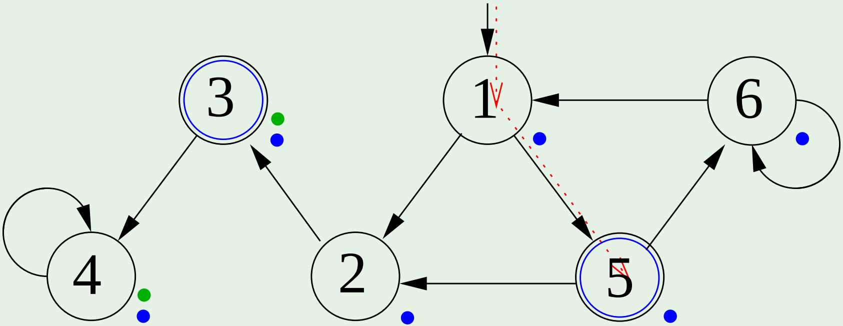

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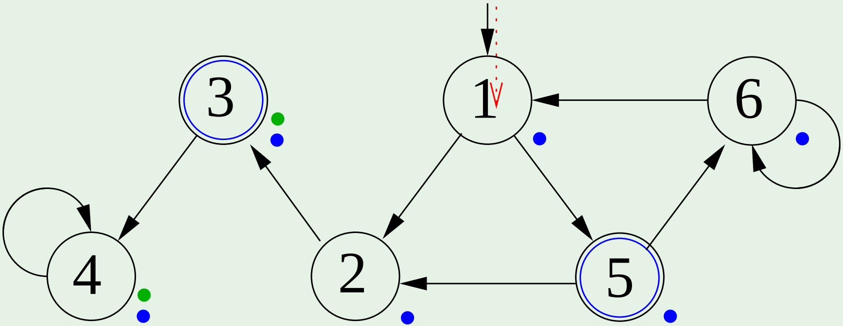

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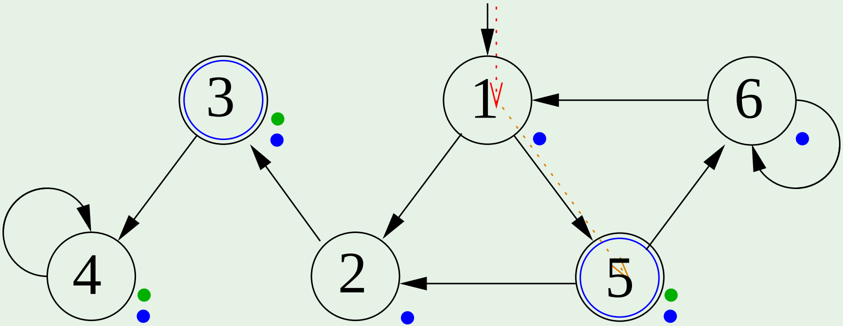

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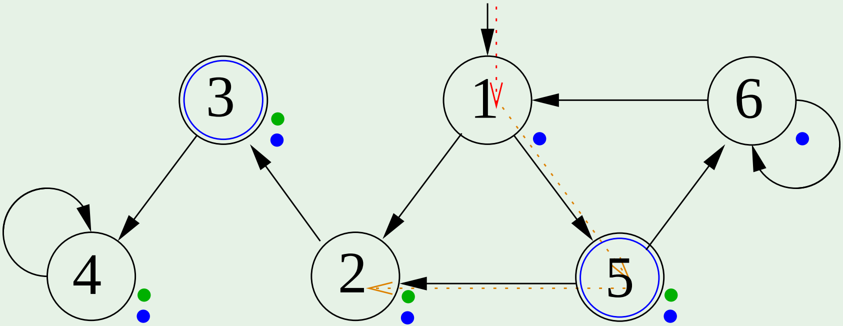

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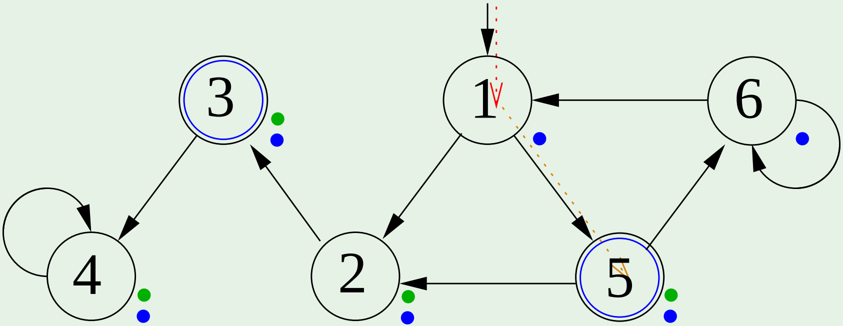

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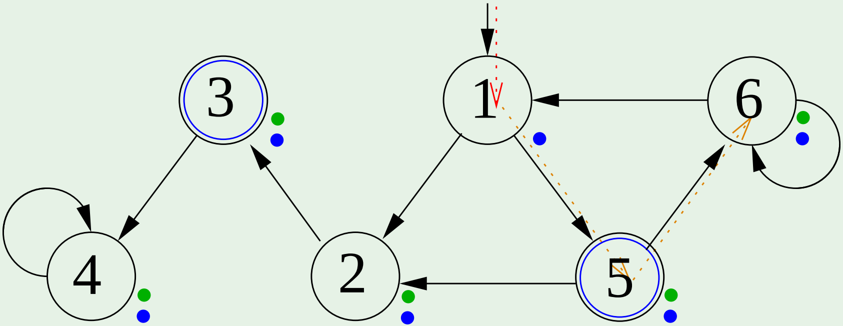

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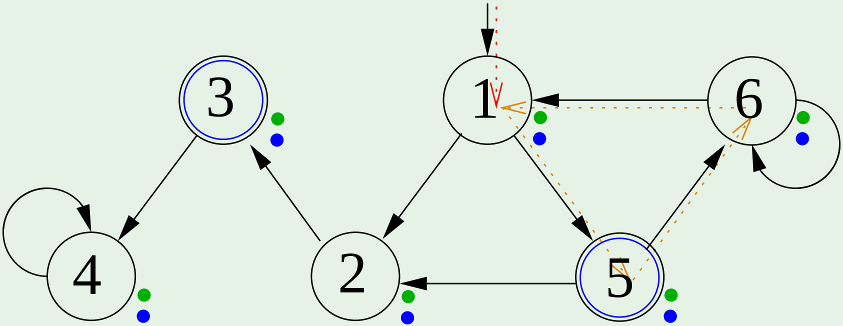

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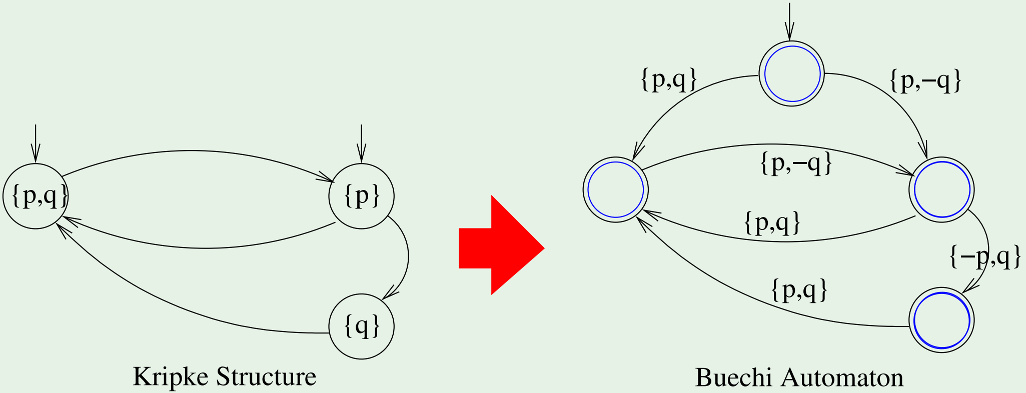

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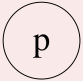

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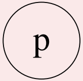

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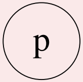

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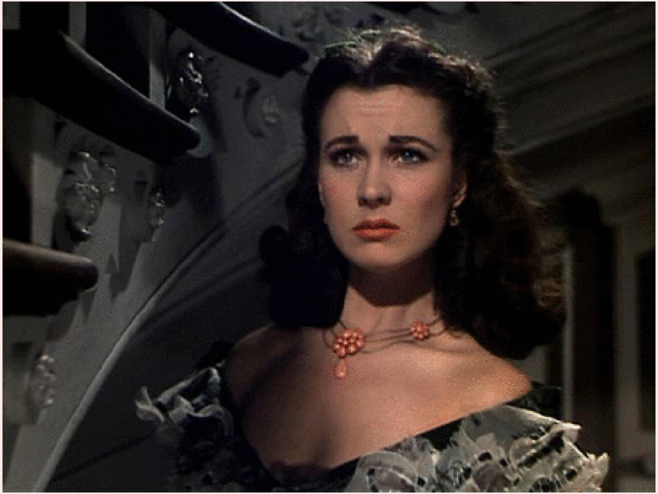

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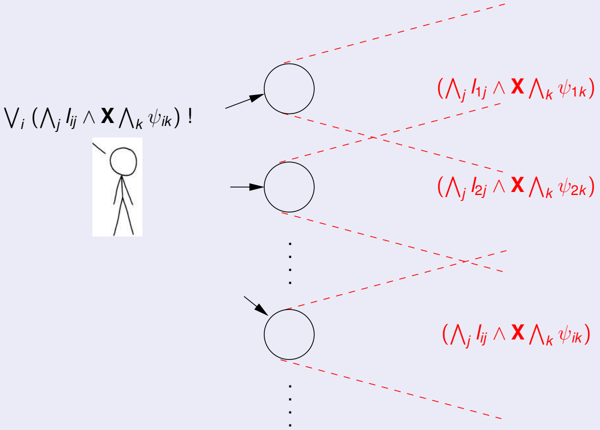

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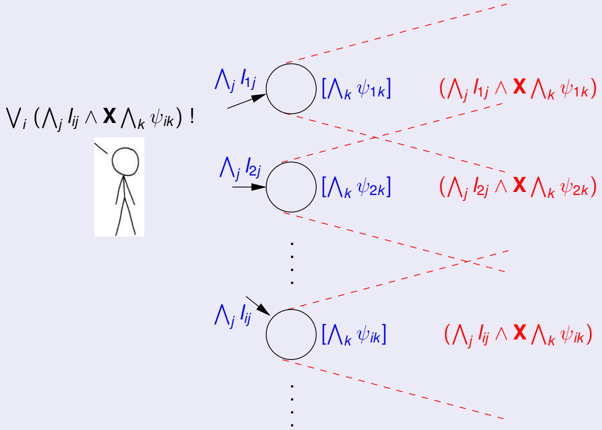

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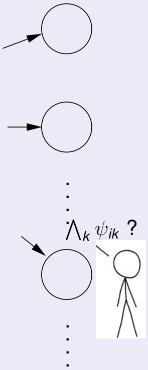

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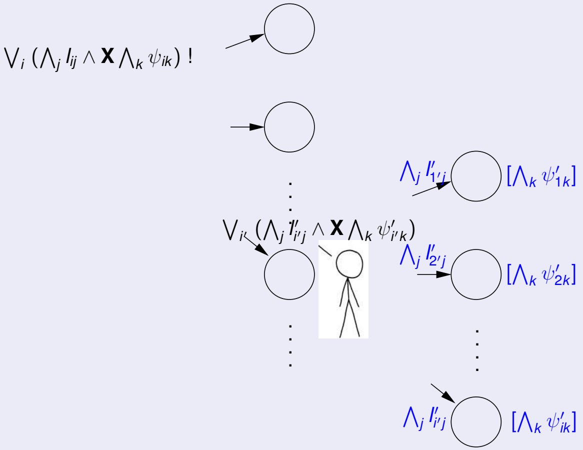

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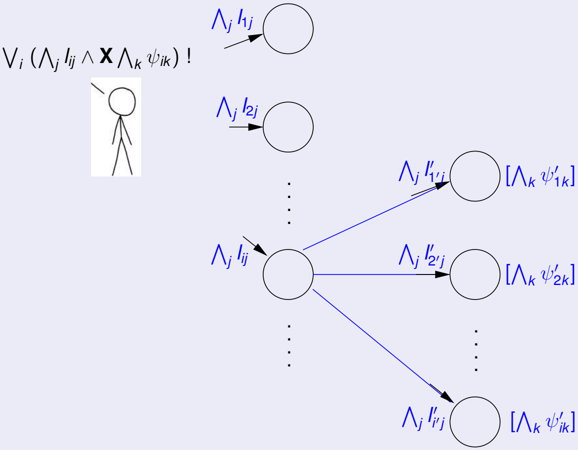

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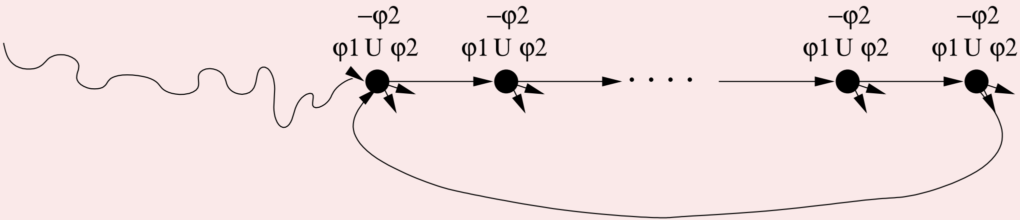

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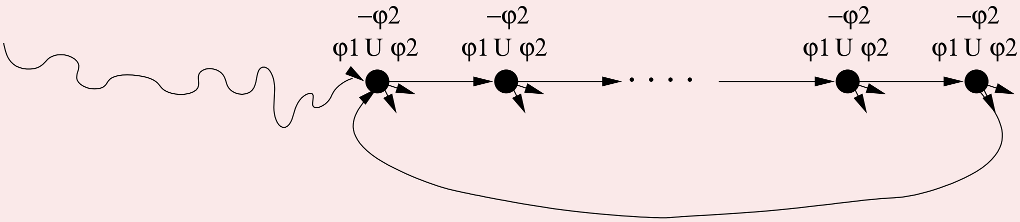

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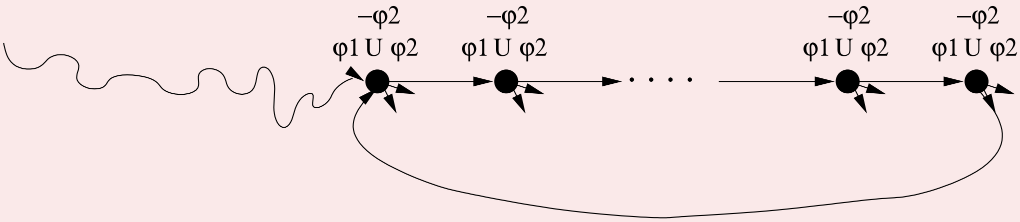

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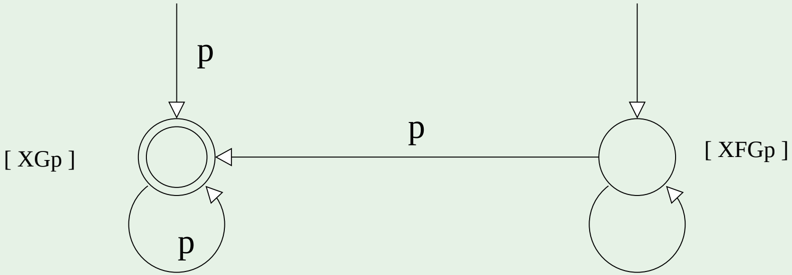

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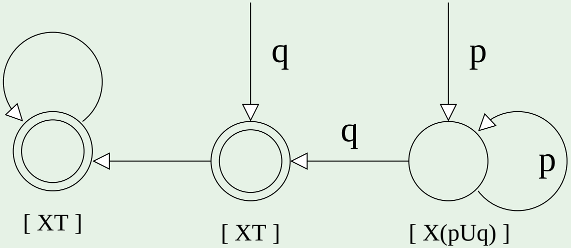

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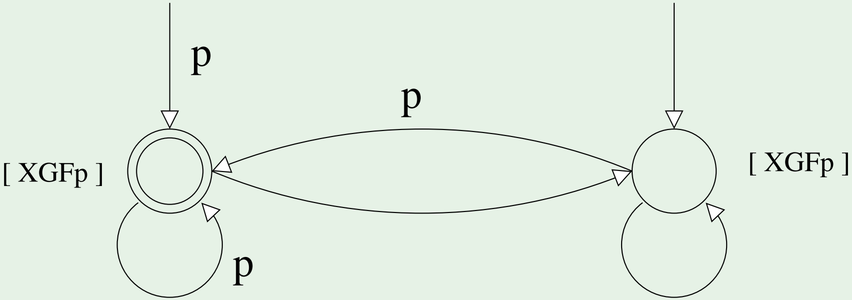

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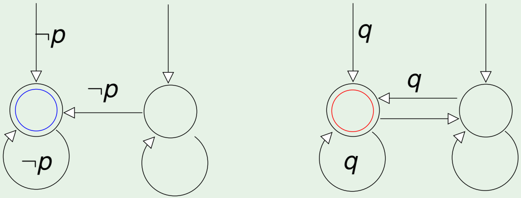

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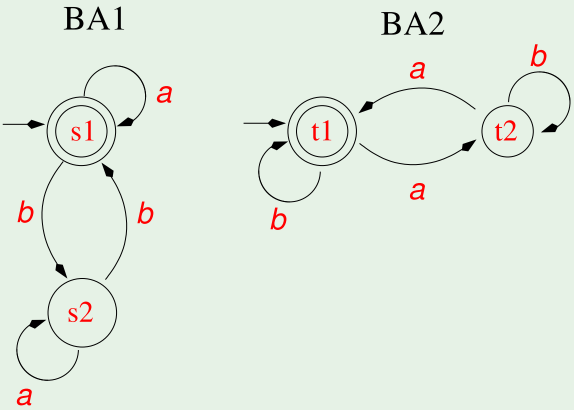

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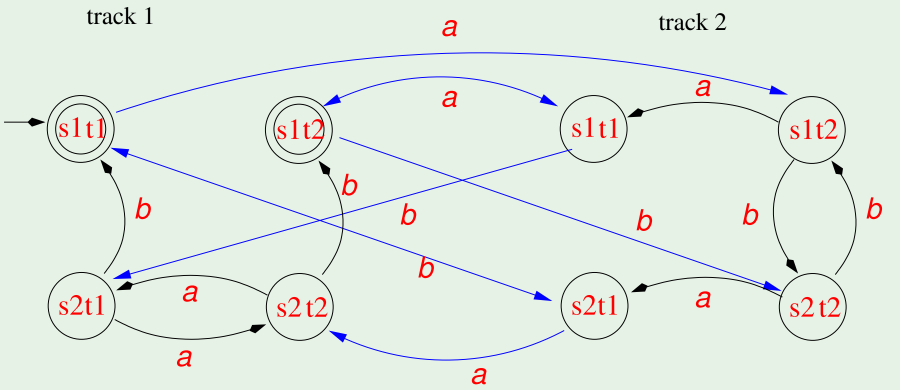

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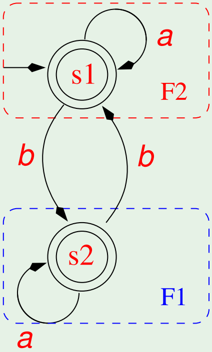

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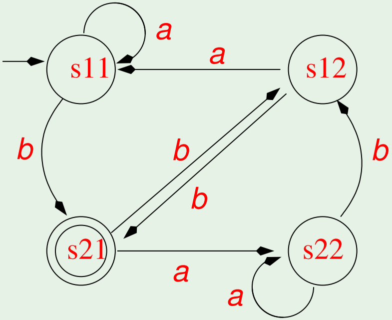

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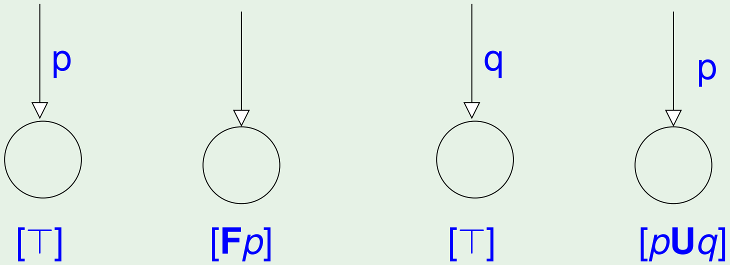

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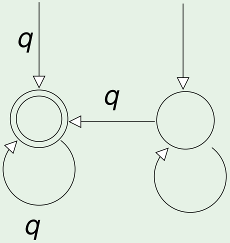

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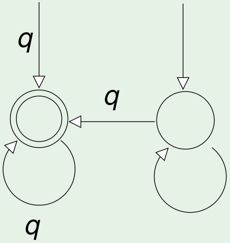

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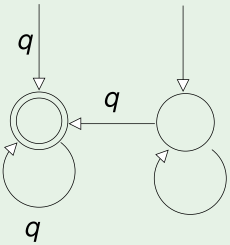

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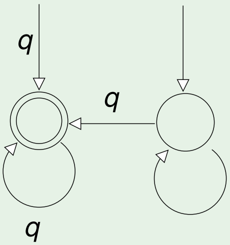

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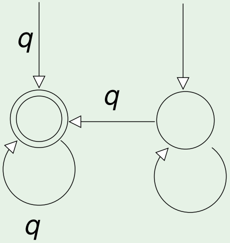

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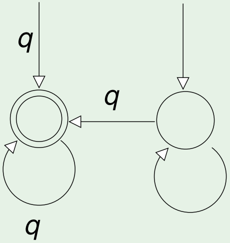

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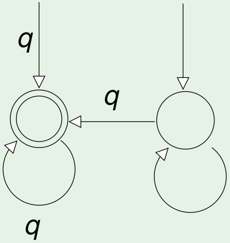

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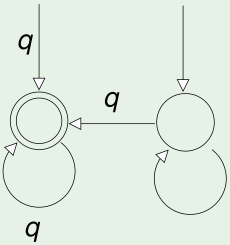

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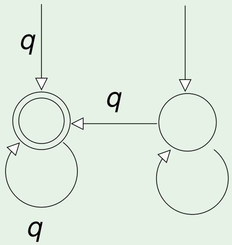

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