Finite and Algorithmic Model Theory

Lecture 4 (Dresden 02.11.22, Long version)

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Feel free to ask questions and interrupt me!

Don't be shy! If needed send me an email (bartosz.bednarczyk@cs.uni.wroc.pl) or approach me after the lecture!

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$$\operatorname{qr}(\exists x \left[A(x) \wedge (\forall y R(y)) \vee (\exists z \top) \right]) = 2$$

for φ in PNF $\operatorname{qr}(\varphi) = \#\operatorname{quantifiers}$.

Quantifier rank can be exponentially smaller than the total number of quantifiers.

$$\varphi_0(x,y) := \mathbb{E}(x,y), \quad \varphi_{n+1}(x,y) := \exists z \ (\varphi_n(x,z) \land \varphi_n(z,y)) \quad \leadsto \ \operatorname{qr}(\varphi_n) = n \ \operatorname{but} \ \varphi_n \ \operatorname{has} \ 2^n - 1 \ \operatorname{quants}.$$

Formulae with bounded quantifier rank

Let τ be a *finite* signature, and let $m \in \mathbb{N}$. $\mathsf{FO}_m[\tau]$ is set of all FO formulae over τ with q.r. $\leq m$.

Notation: $\mathfrak{A} \equiv_m^{\tau} \mathfrak{B}$ iff \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} satisfy precisely the same $\mathsf{FO}_m[\tau]$ sentences (τ often omitted).

Lemma (Finiteness of $FO_m[\tau]$ with $\leq k$ free variables)

The set of all $FO_m[\tau]$ formulae with at most k free variables is finite up to logical equivalence.

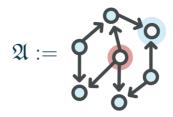
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Idea: characterise $FO_0[\tau]$ with a "truth table" of equality between constants/variables + induction!

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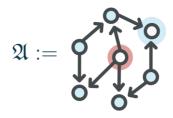


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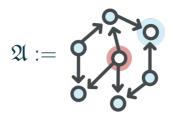


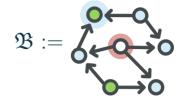
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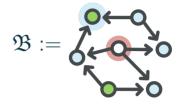
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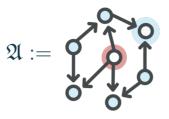


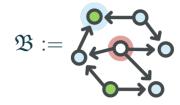




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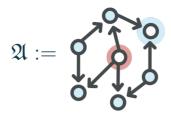
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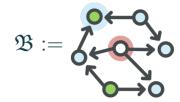




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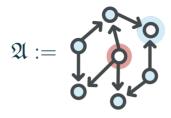


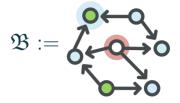




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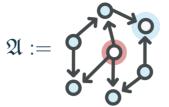


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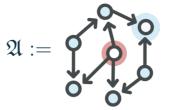


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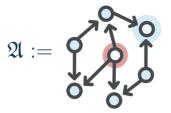


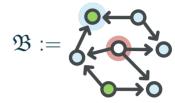
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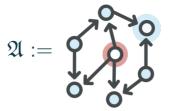
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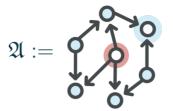


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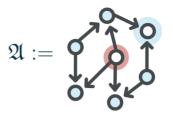


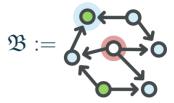
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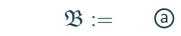




















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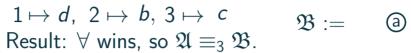
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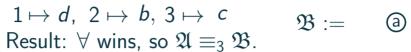
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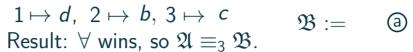
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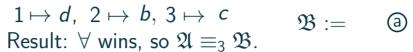
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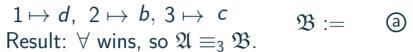
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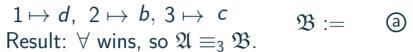
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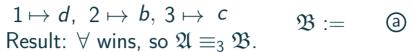
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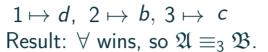
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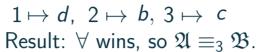
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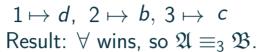
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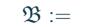








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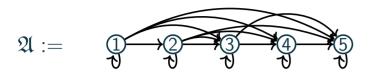




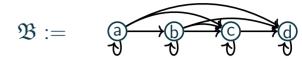


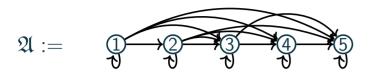




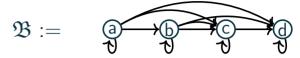










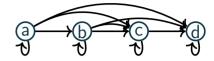


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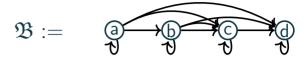


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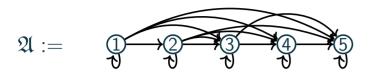




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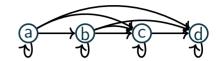


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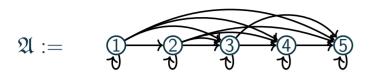


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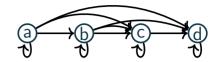
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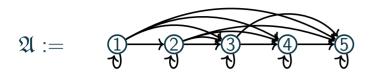
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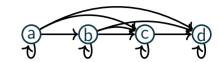


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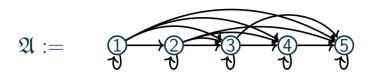


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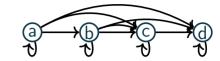
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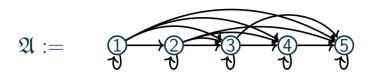
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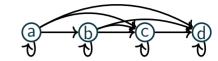
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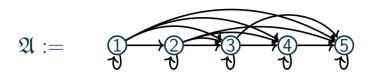
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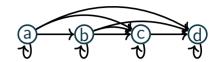
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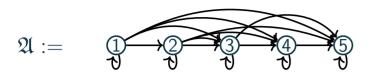


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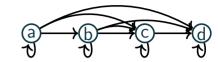












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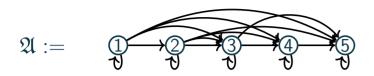


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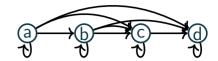












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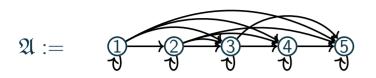


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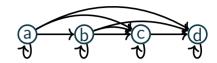












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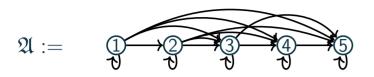


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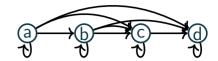












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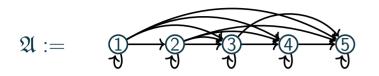


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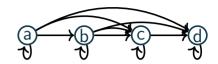












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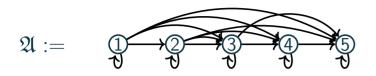
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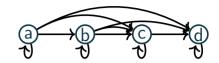
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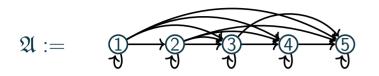


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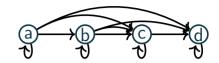












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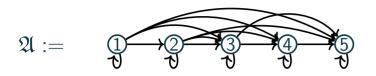
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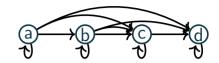












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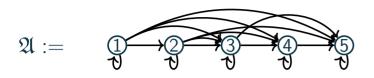
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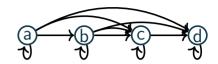












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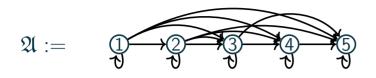
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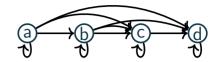












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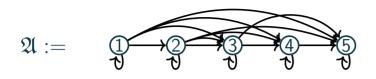


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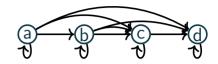












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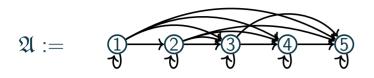
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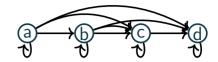


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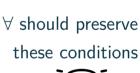




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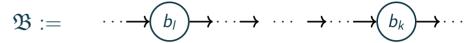


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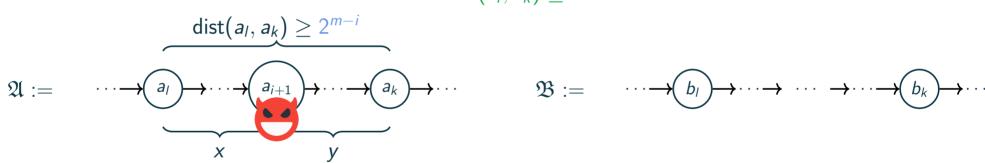
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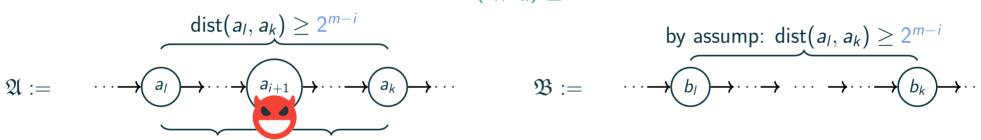
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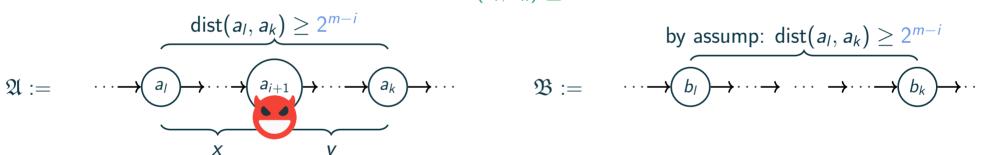
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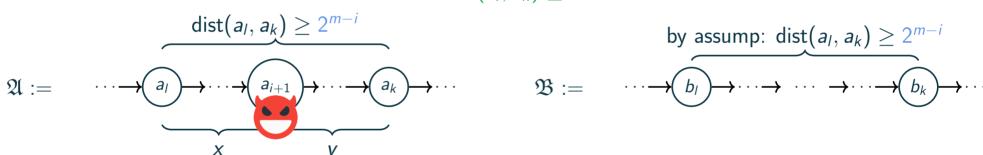
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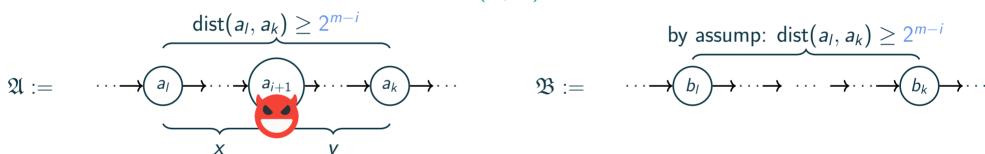
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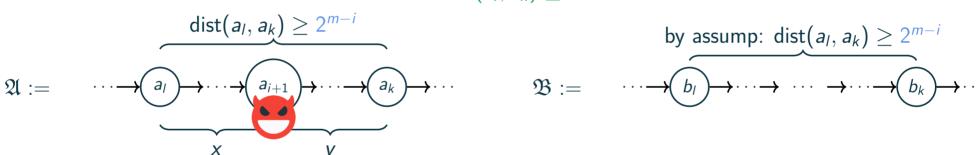
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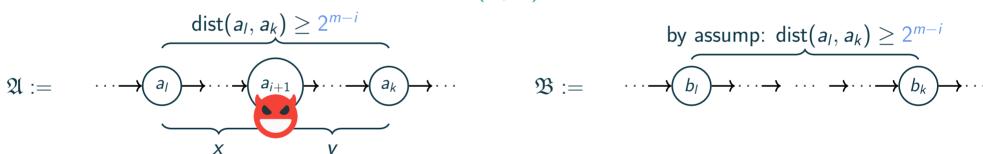
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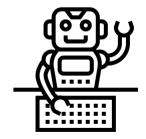
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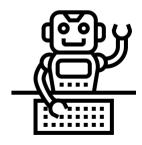
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There is an alternative approach to the previous proof by composing winning strategies. Key lemma:

Lemma (Composition lemma)

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We can compose strategies under:

1. Disjoint unions.

- Consult a lecture by Anuj Dawar 9:50-19:20 [Youtube].
- 2. Ordered sums. as well as Thm. 3.6, Proof #2 (p. 30–31) and Ex. 3.15 from [Libkin's book].
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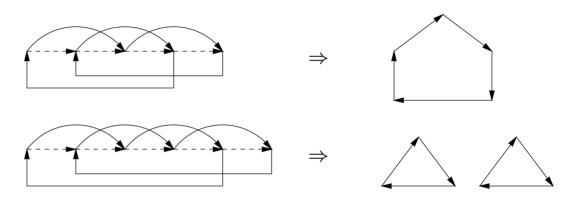
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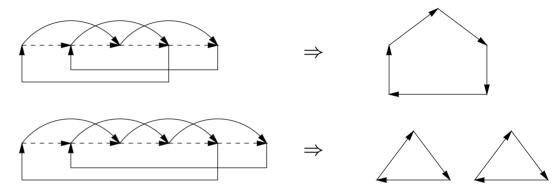
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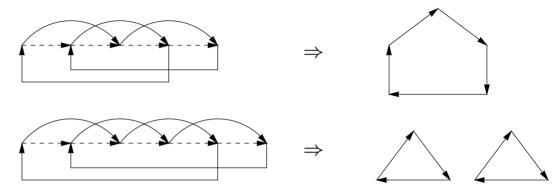
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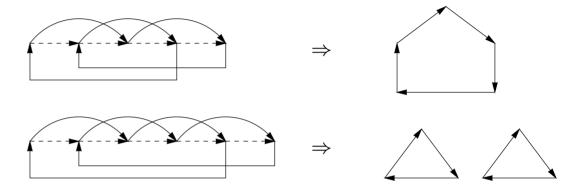


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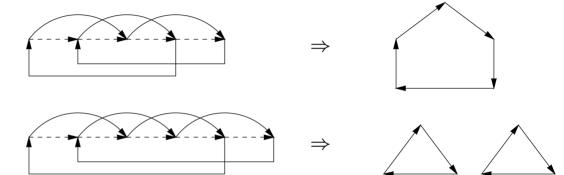
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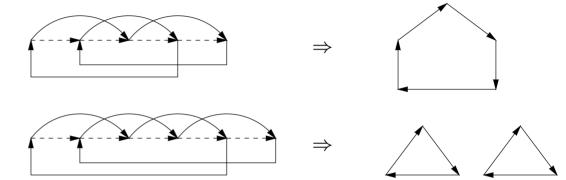


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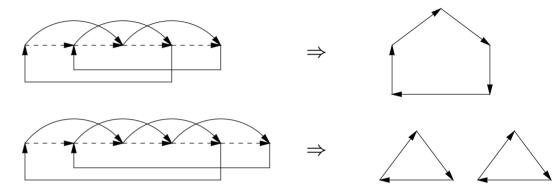


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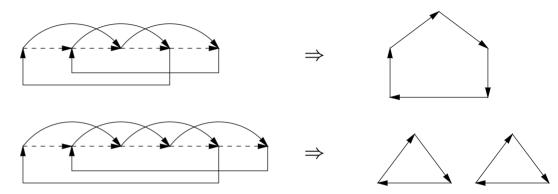


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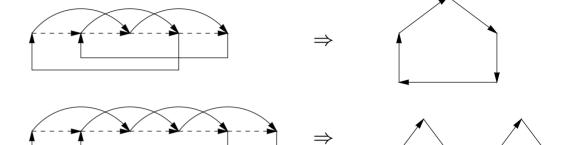
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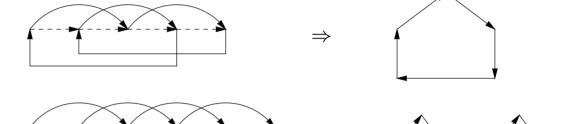
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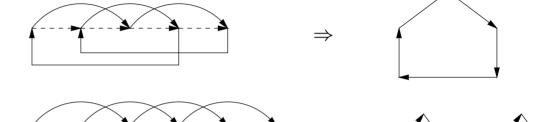


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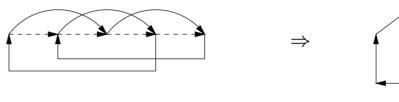
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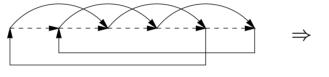
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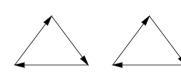
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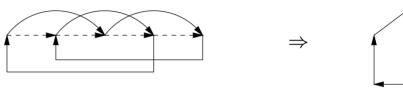
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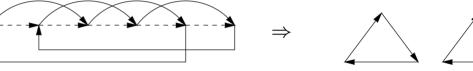
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