

Traces via Strategies

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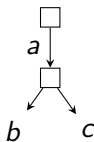
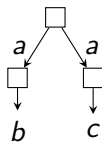
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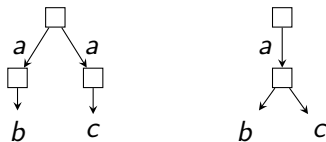
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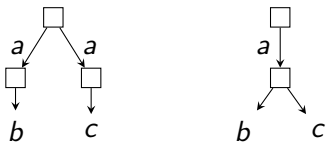


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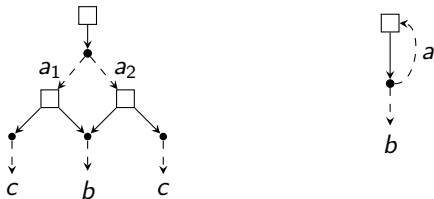
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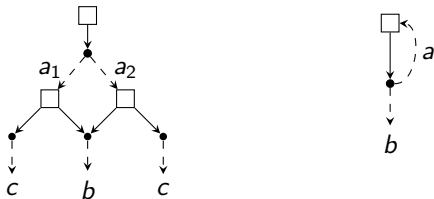
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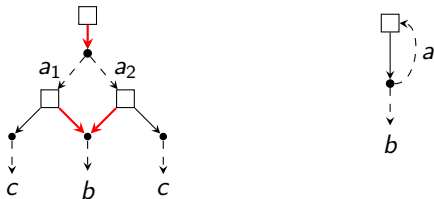
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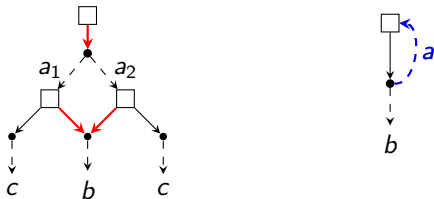
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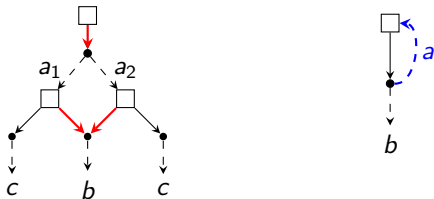
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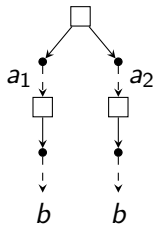
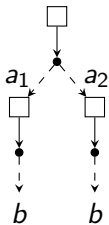
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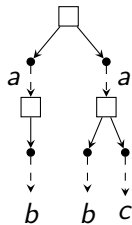
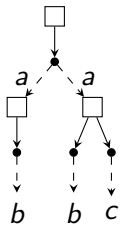
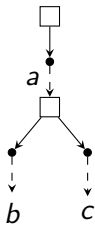


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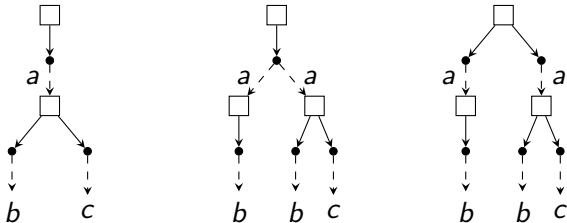
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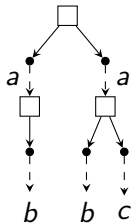
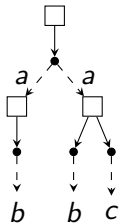
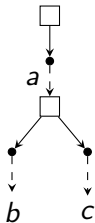
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Goal: phrase synthesis coalgebraically to obtain general theory.

Outline

1. Choose a monad S and functor F to model two-player games, giving us a finite trace semantics map [Hasuo et al., 2007]:

$$\text{tr} : \text{States} \rightarrow S(\text{Initial}_F)$$

2. Give a coalgebraic/categorical definition of strategies.
3. Characterising the trace map.

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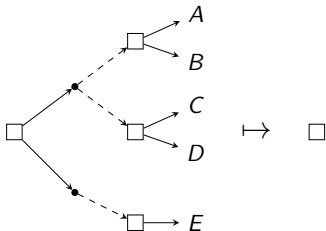
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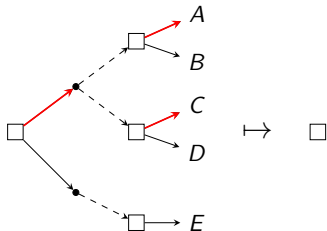
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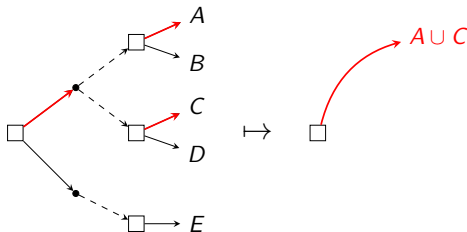
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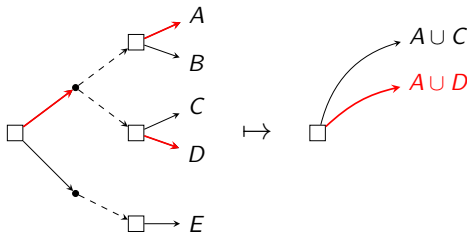
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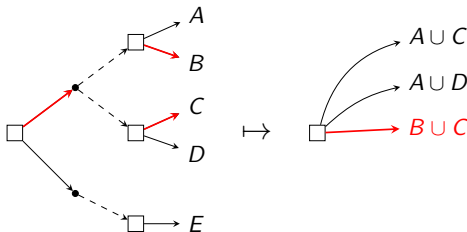
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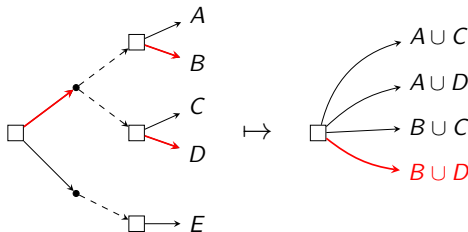
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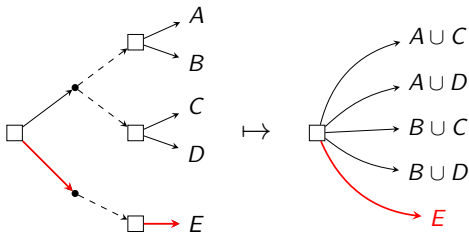
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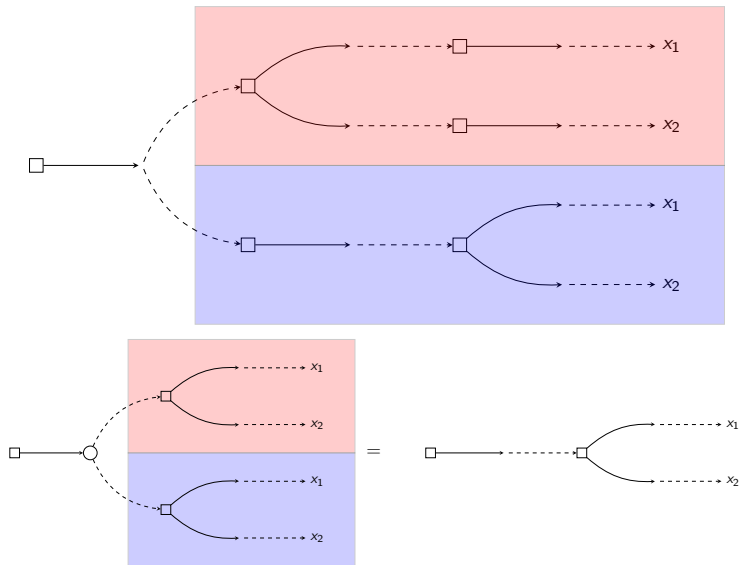
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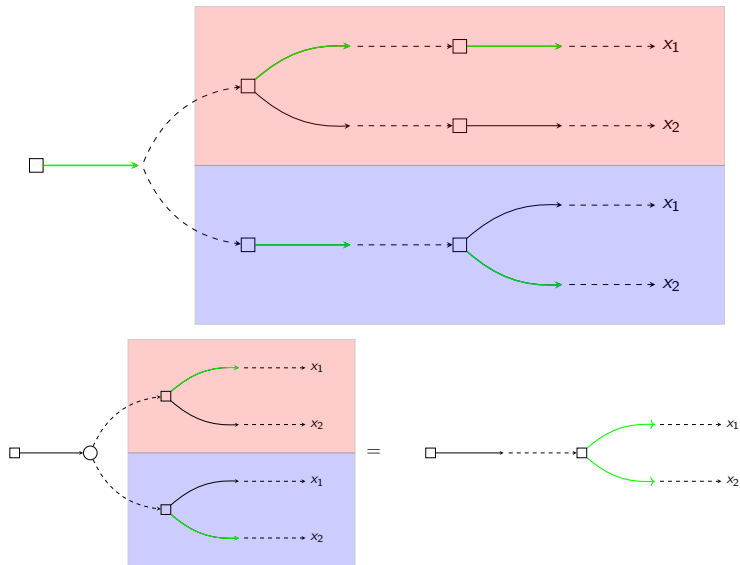


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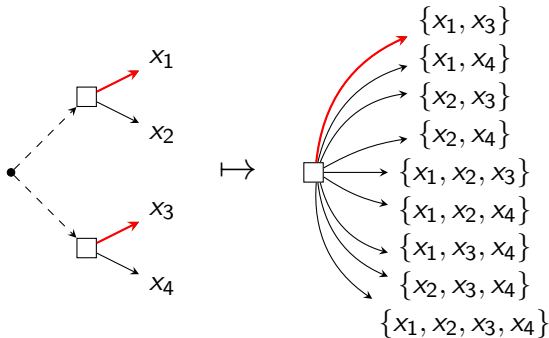
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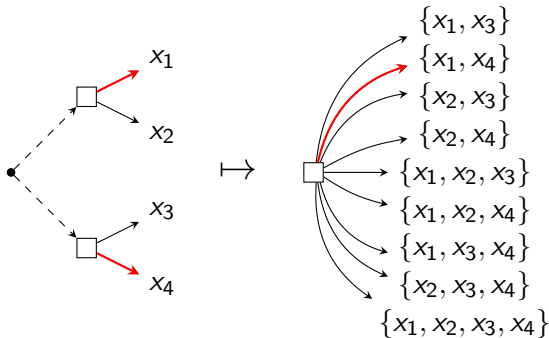
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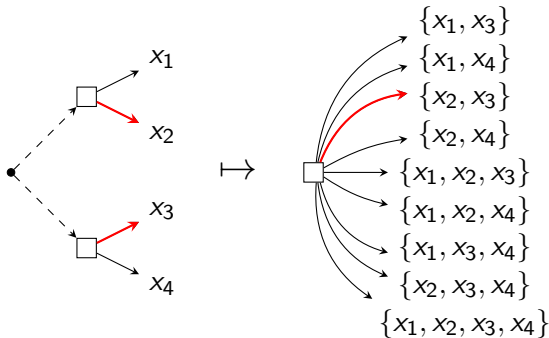
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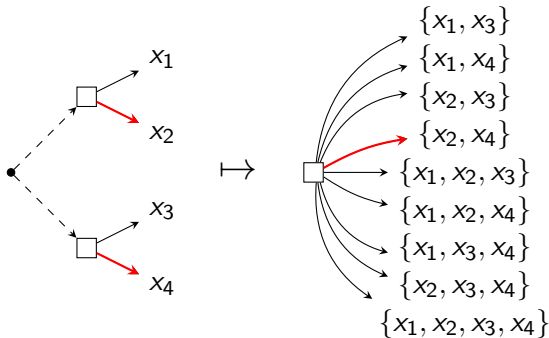
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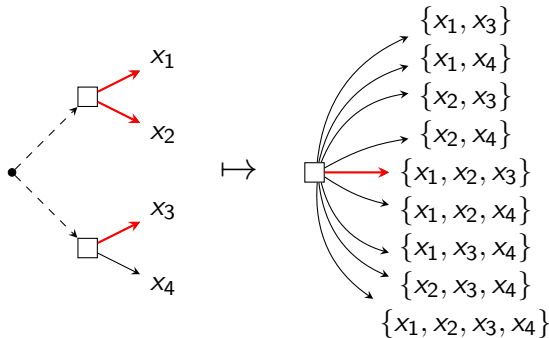
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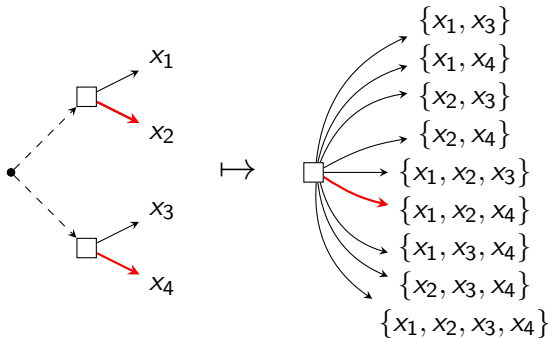
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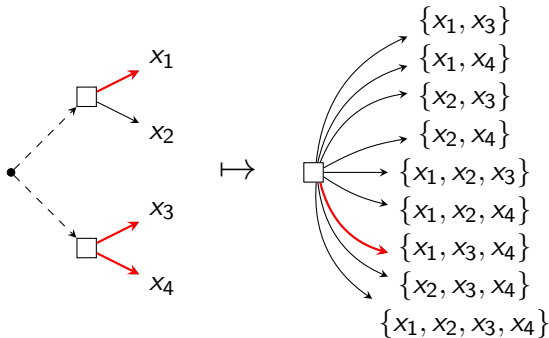
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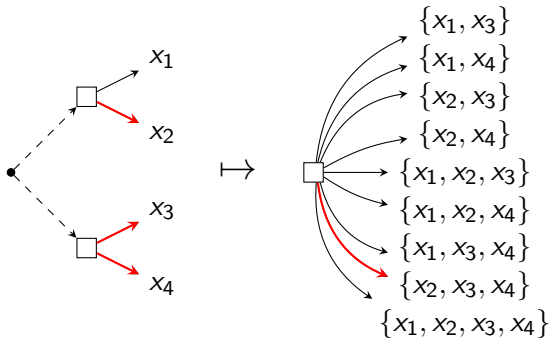
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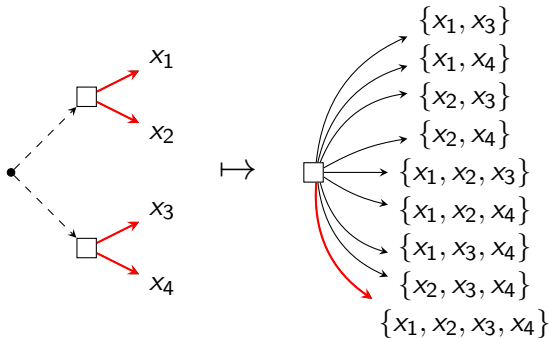
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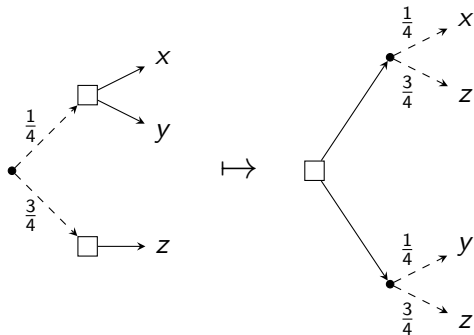
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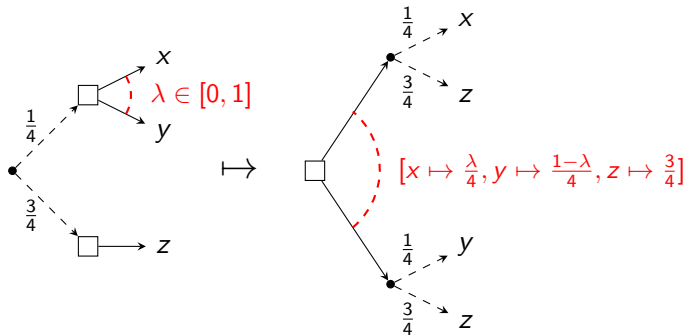
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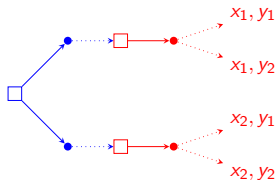
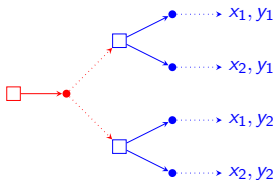
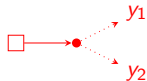
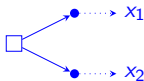
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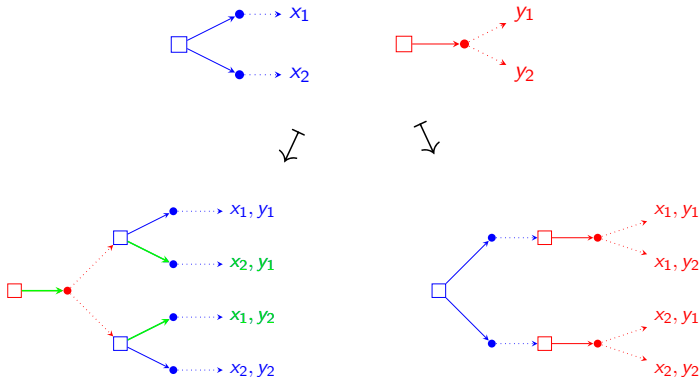
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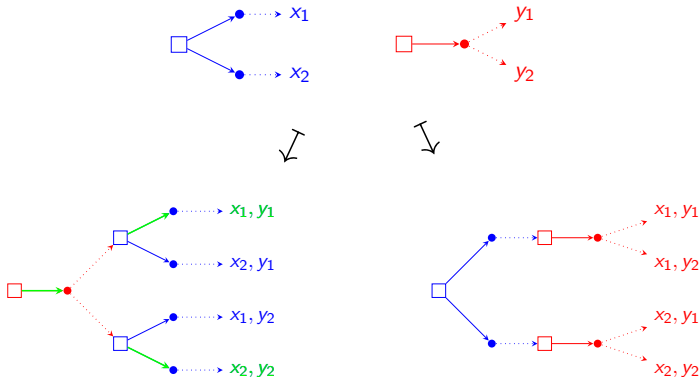
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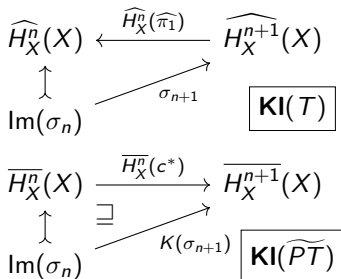
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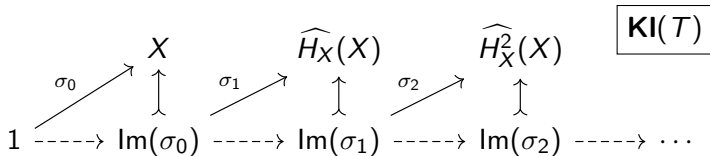
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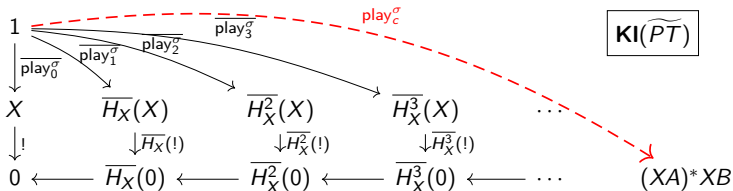
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What is in the trace map?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \overset{\text{tr}_c}{\dashrightarrow} & A^*B \\
 \downarrow c & & \downarrow \overline{\alpha^{-1}} \\
 \overline{H}(X) & \overset{\overline{H}(\text{tr}_c)}{\dashrightarrow} & \overline{H}(A^*B)
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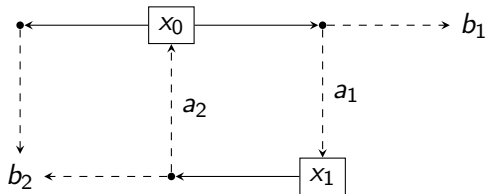
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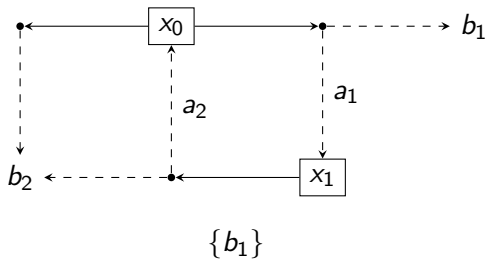
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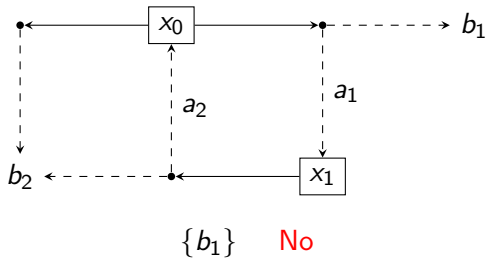
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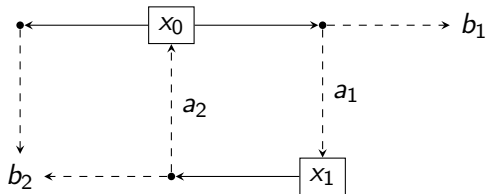
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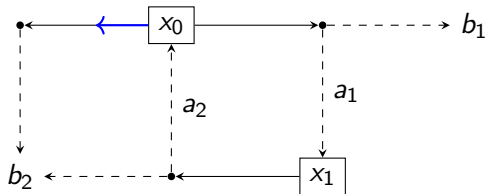


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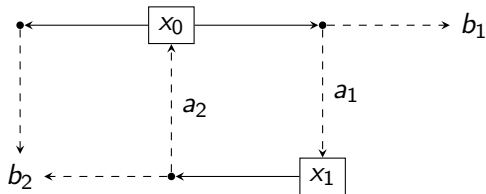
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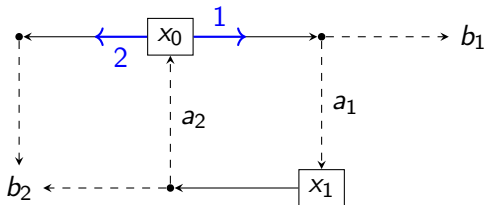
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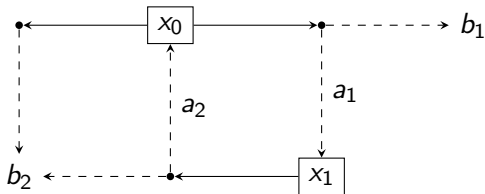
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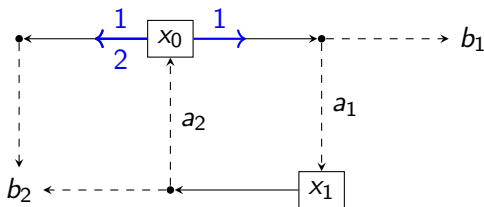
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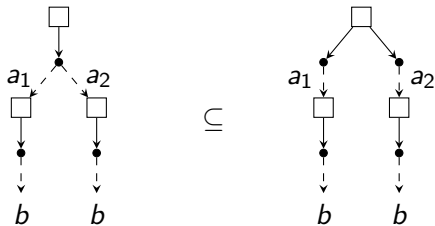
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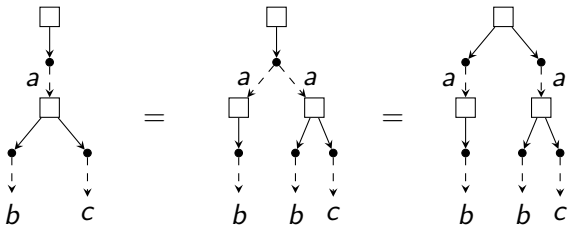
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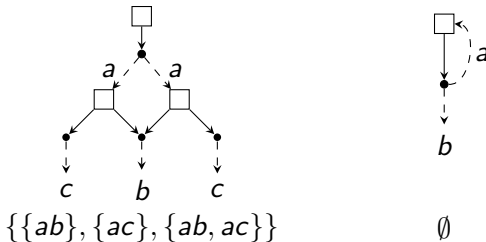
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 $\{\{a_1b, a_2b\}\}$ $\{\{a_1b\}, \{a_2b\}, \{a_1b, a_2b\}\}$



$\{\{ab\}, \{ac\}, \{ab, ac\}\}$

Conclusion






This talk:

- ▶ Obtained a finite trace semantics map
- ▶ Defined strategies in $\mathbf{KI}(T)$
- ▶ Characterised the trace map in terms of strategies

Future work

- ▶ Product construction with an automaton
- ▶ Infinite traces

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