

Reachability in extensions of Petri nets



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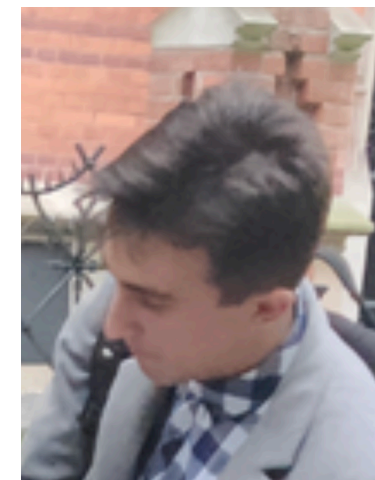
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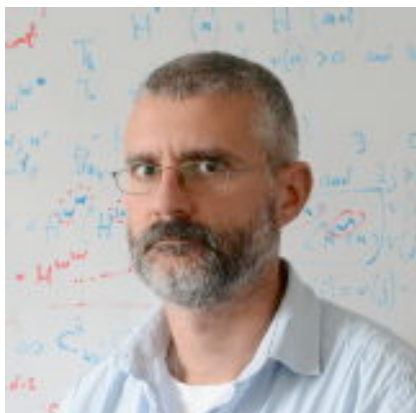
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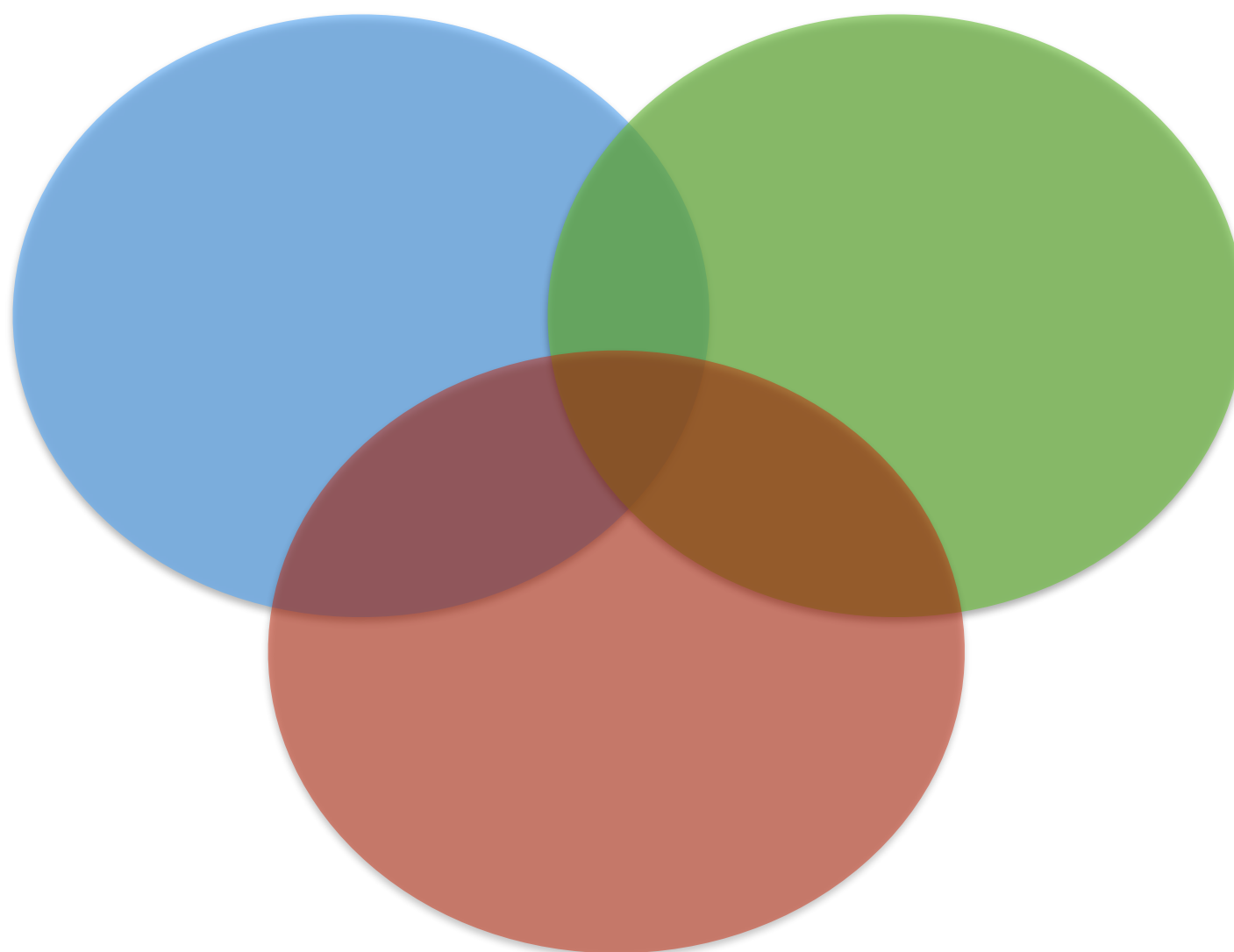
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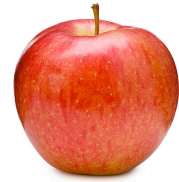
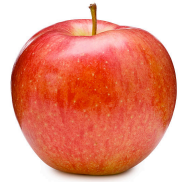
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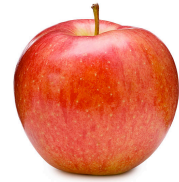
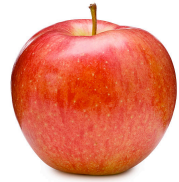


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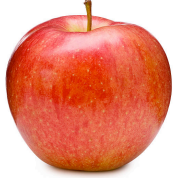
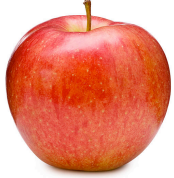


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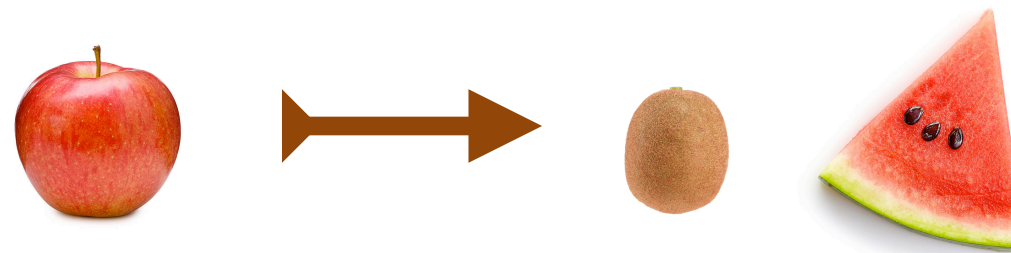


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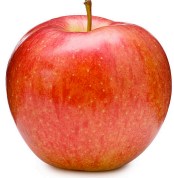
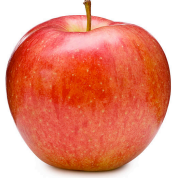
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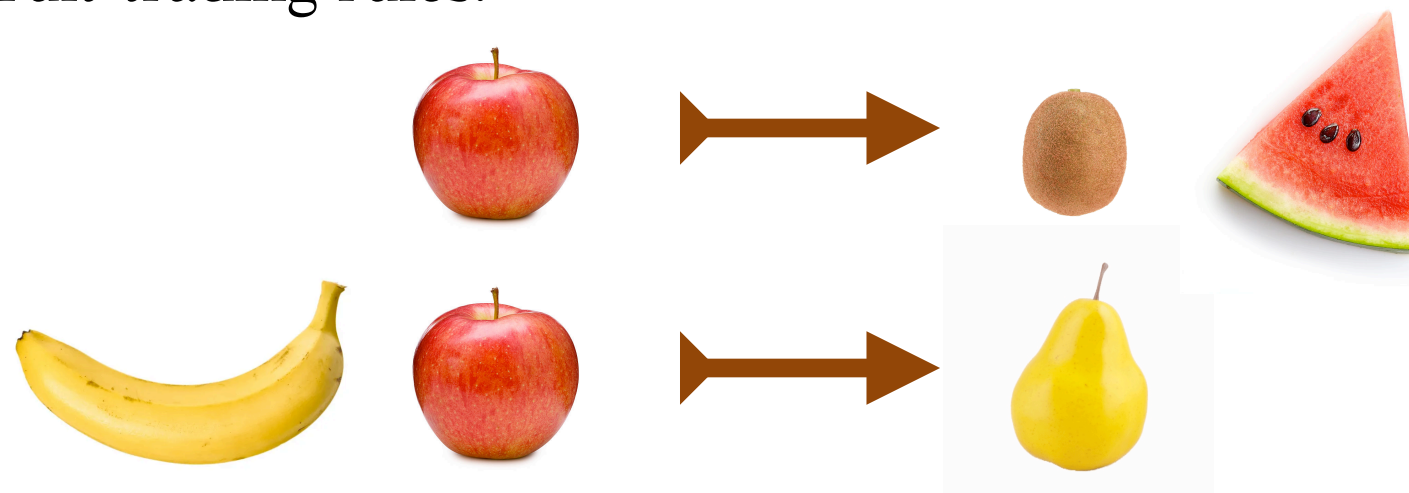
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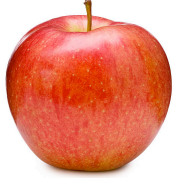
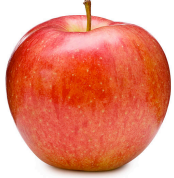
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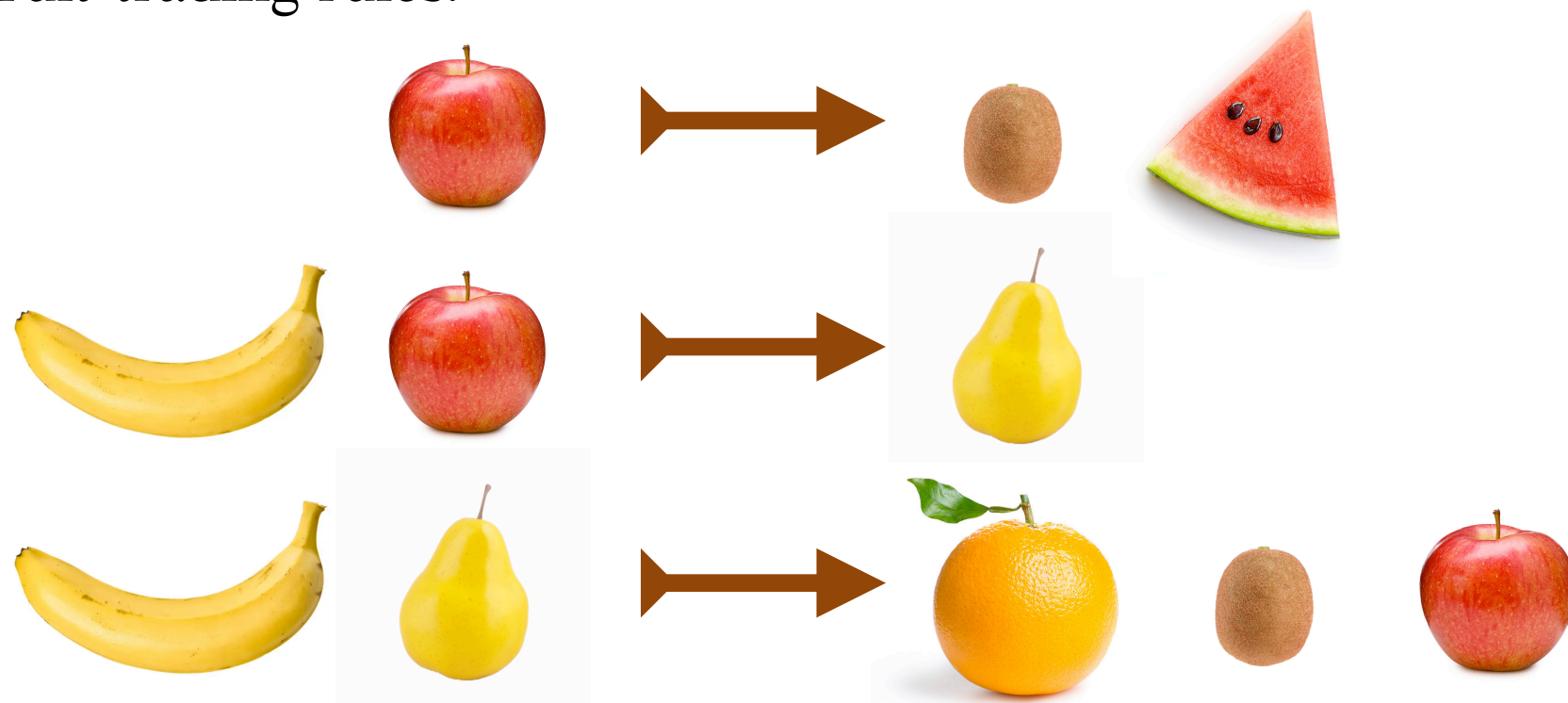
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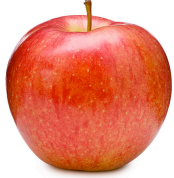
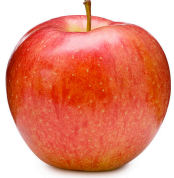
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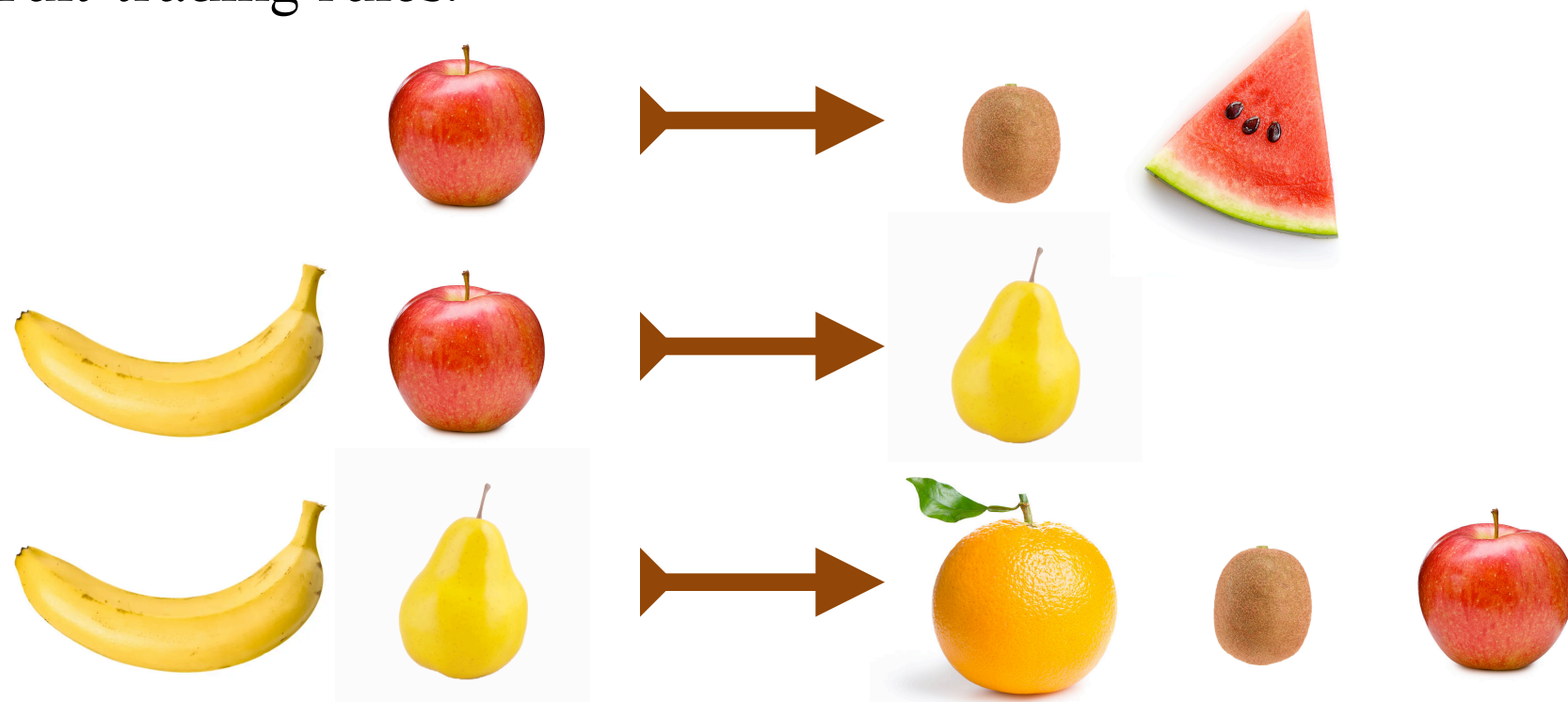
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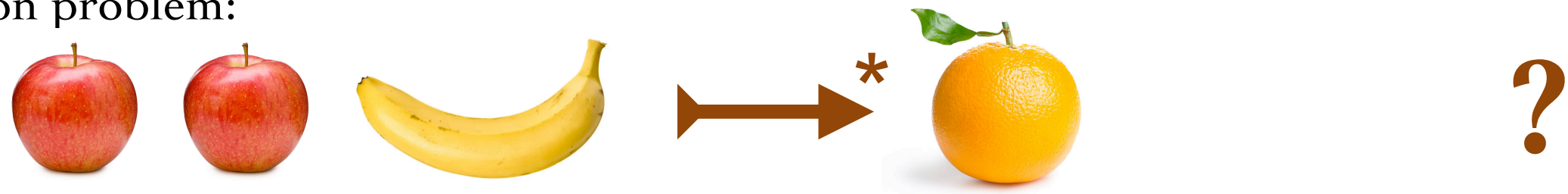
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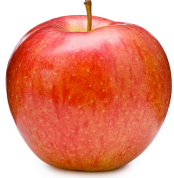
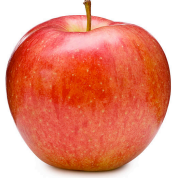
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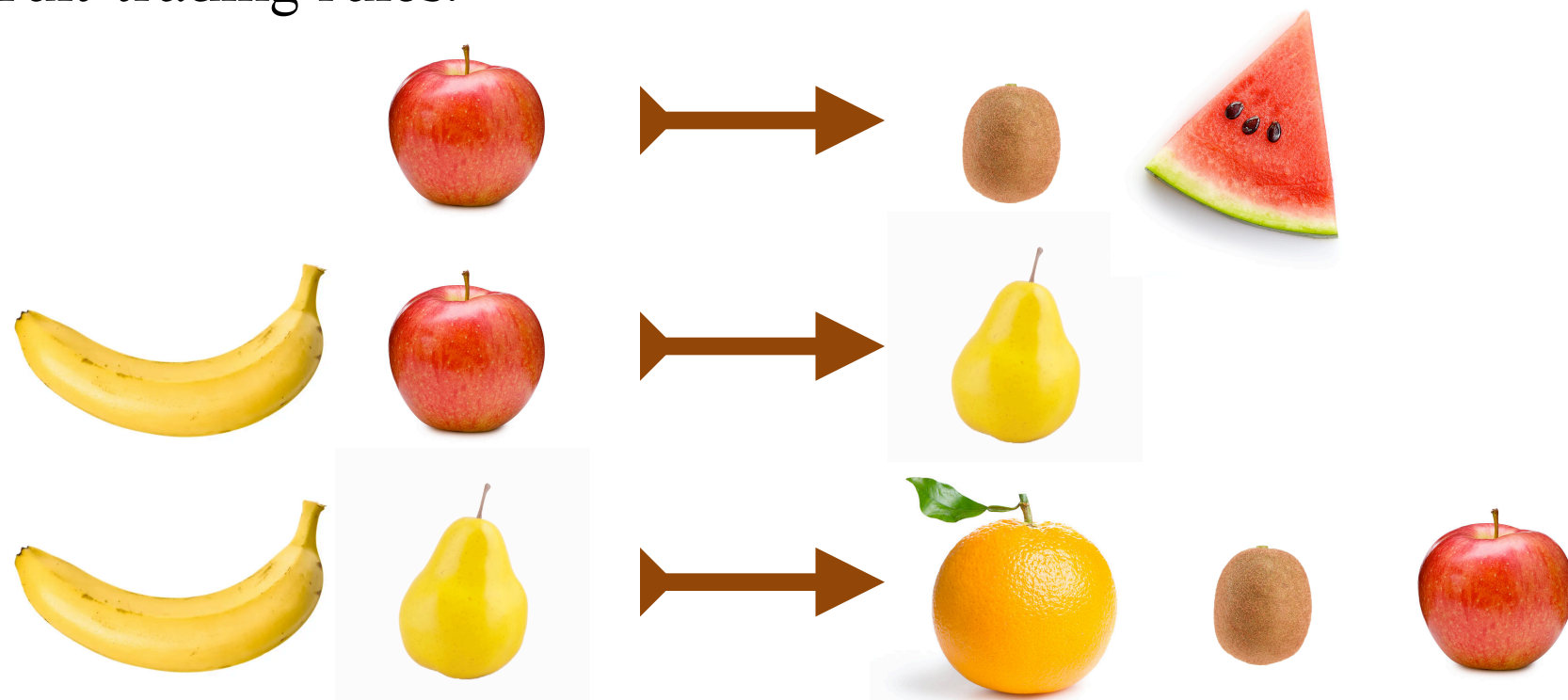
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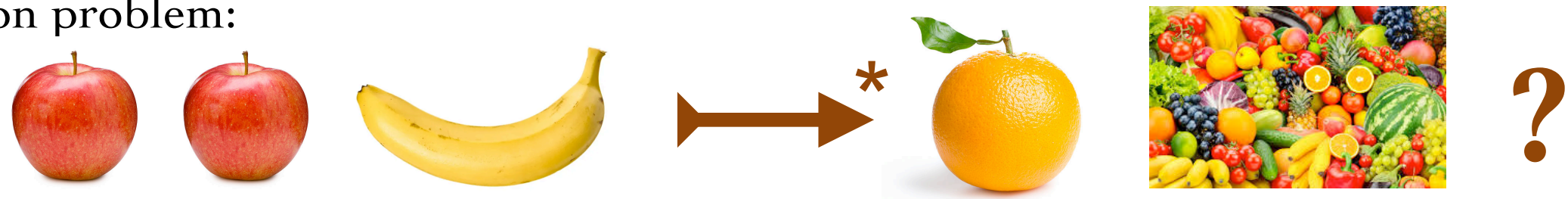
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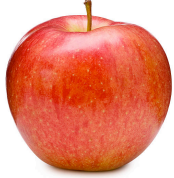
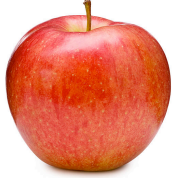
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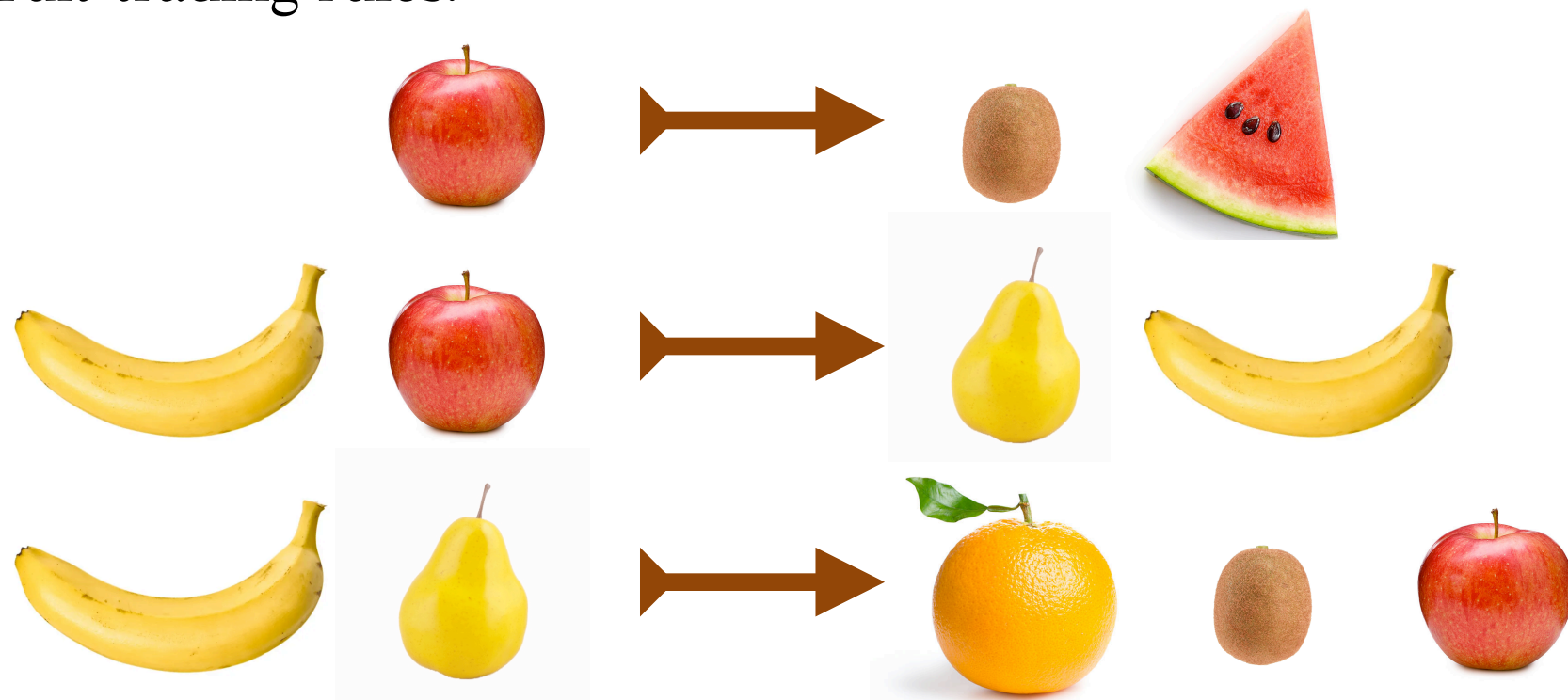
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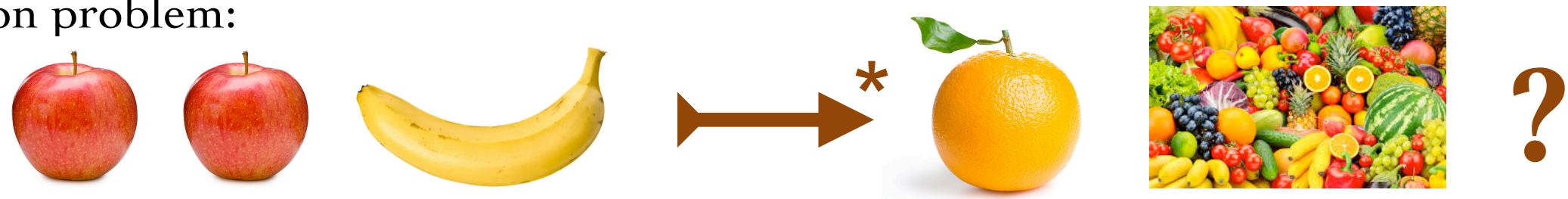
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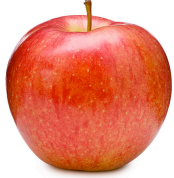
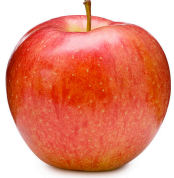
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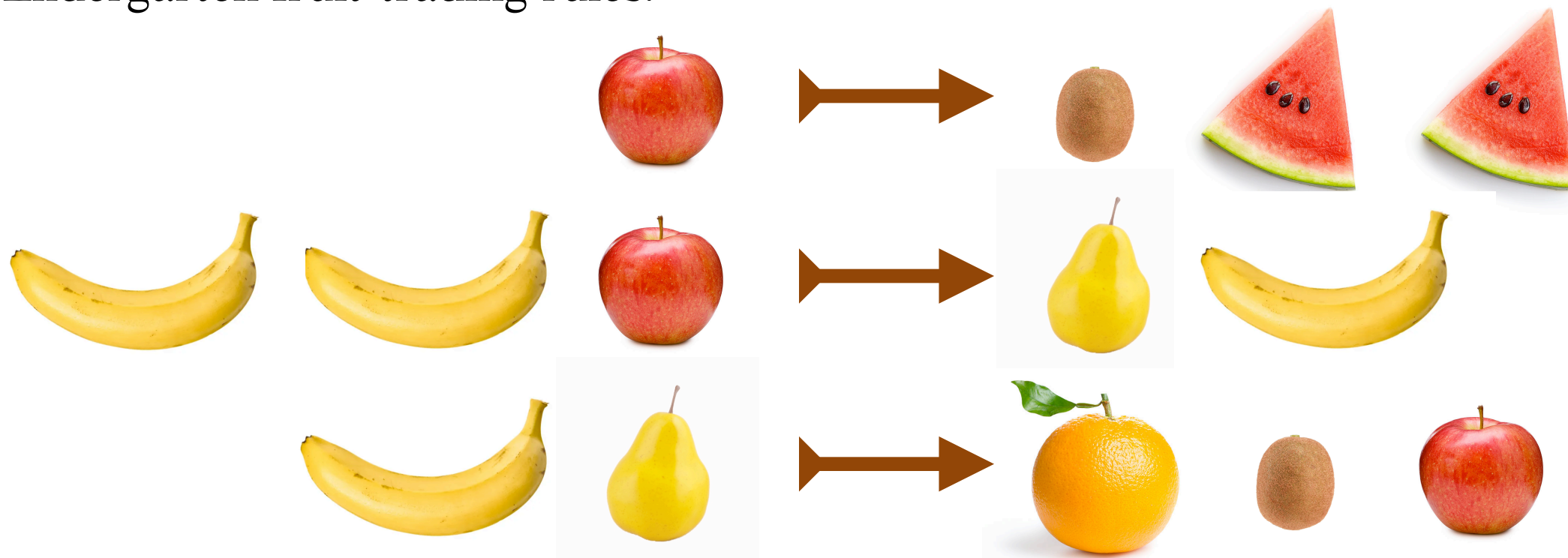
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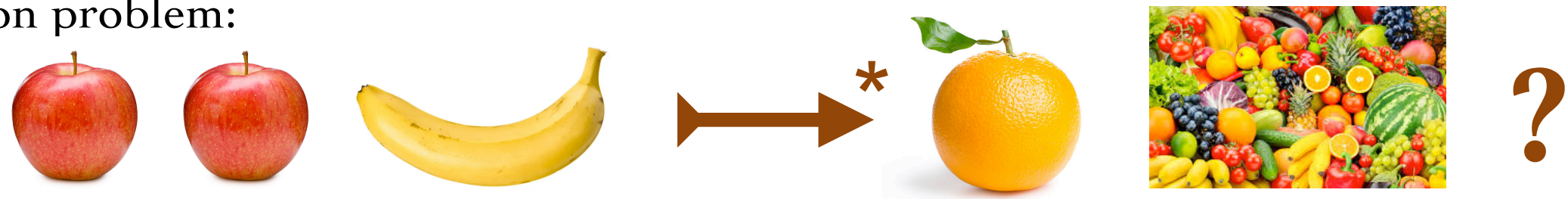
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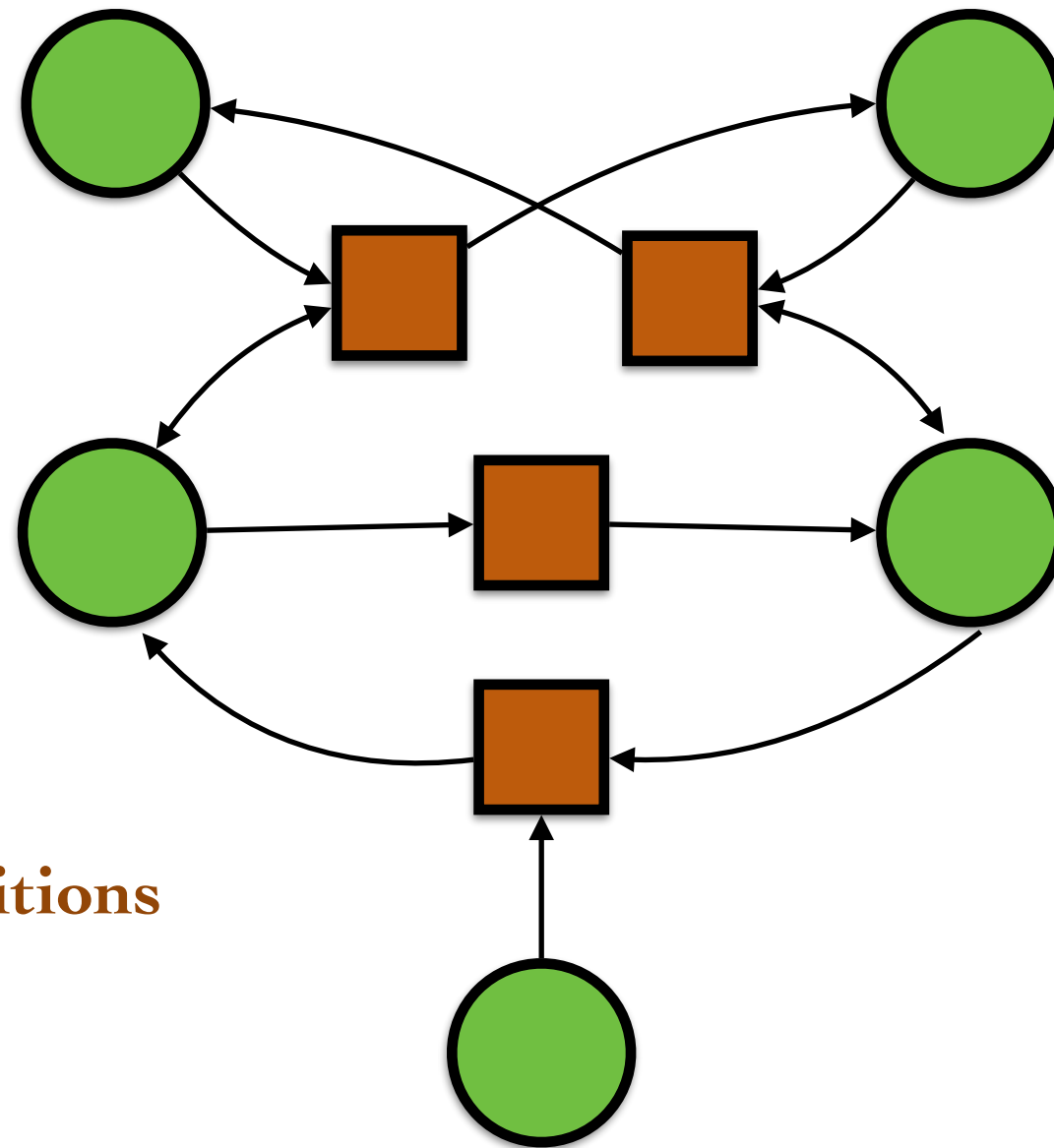
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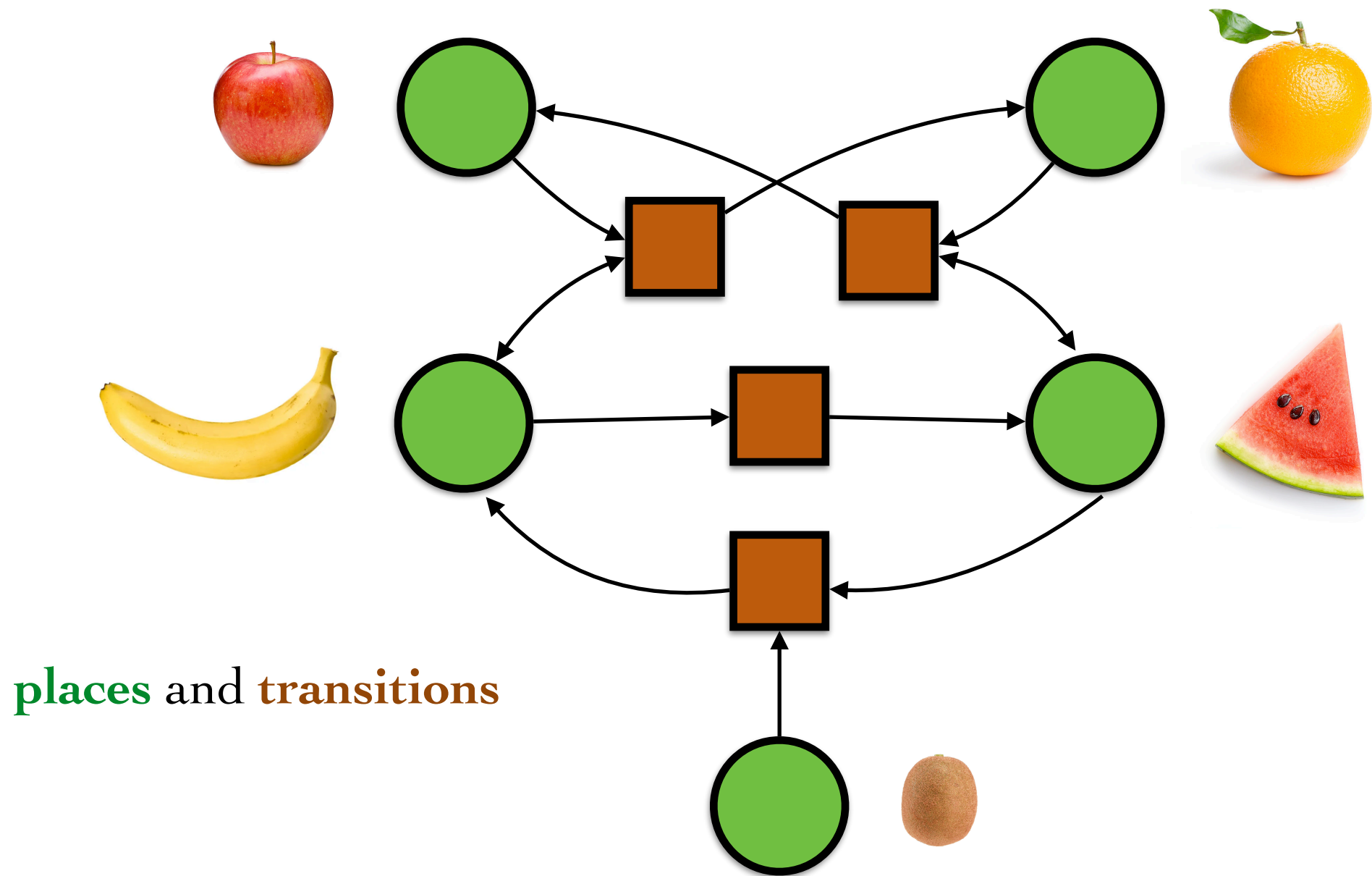


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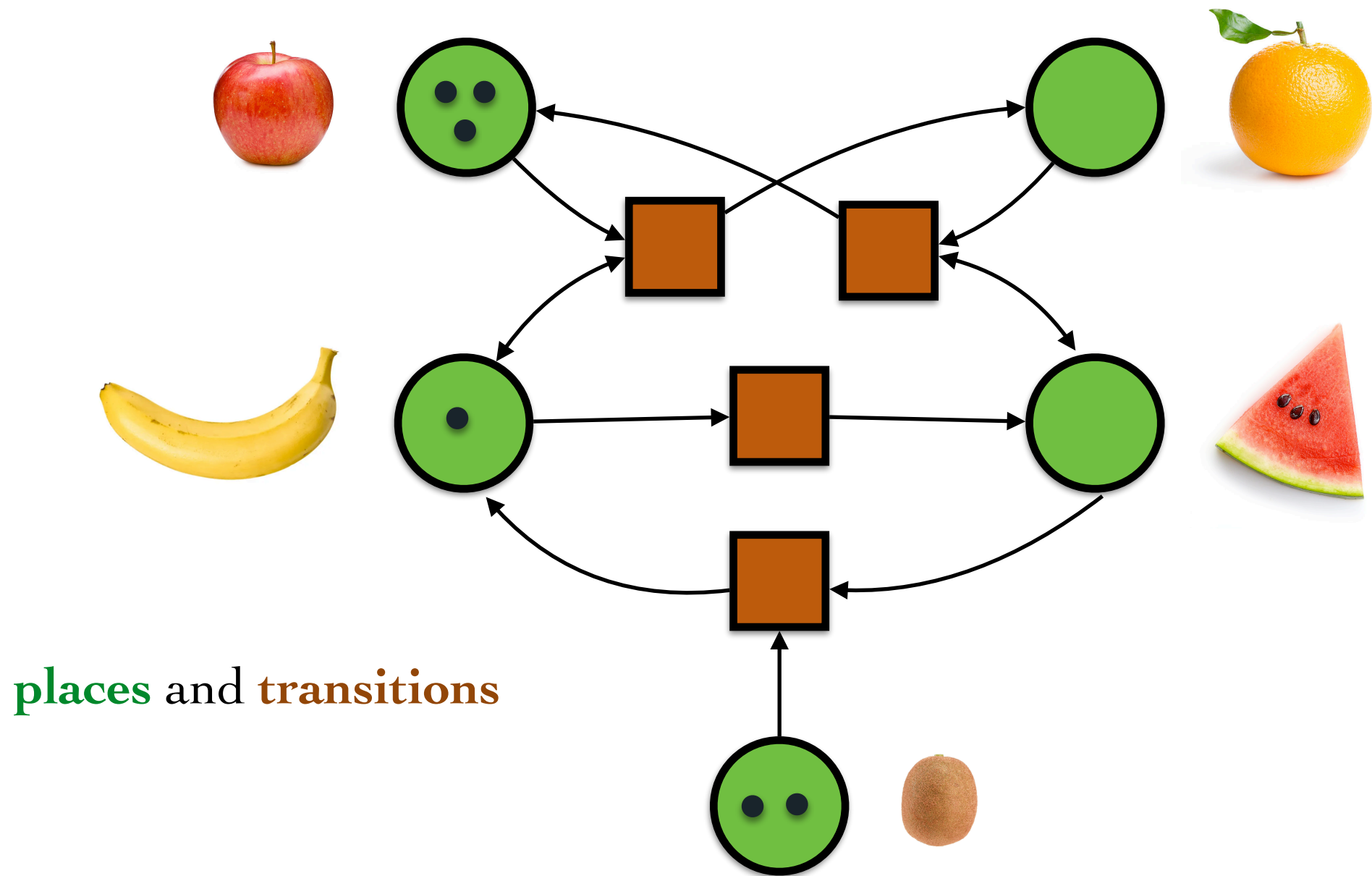


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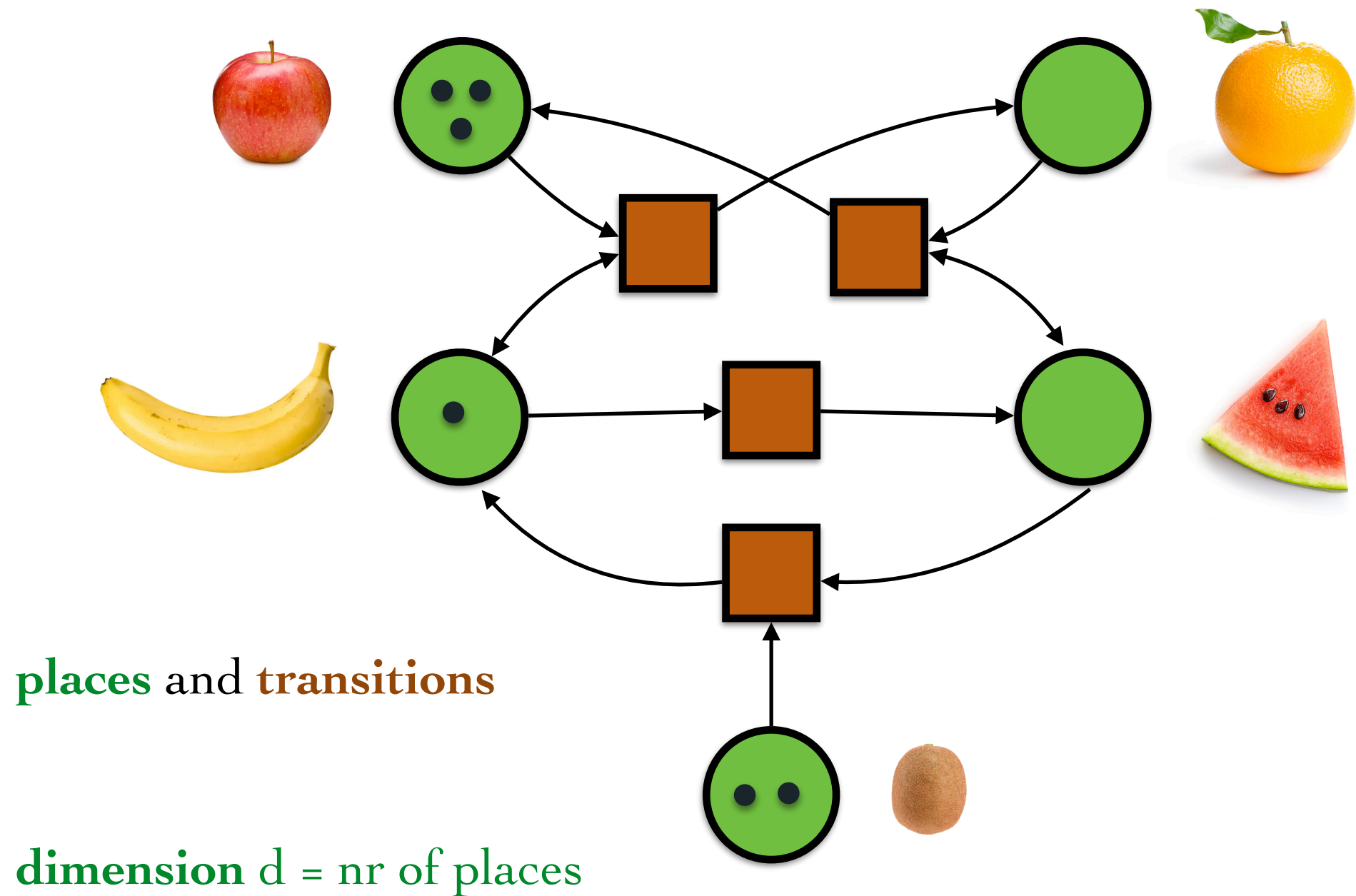
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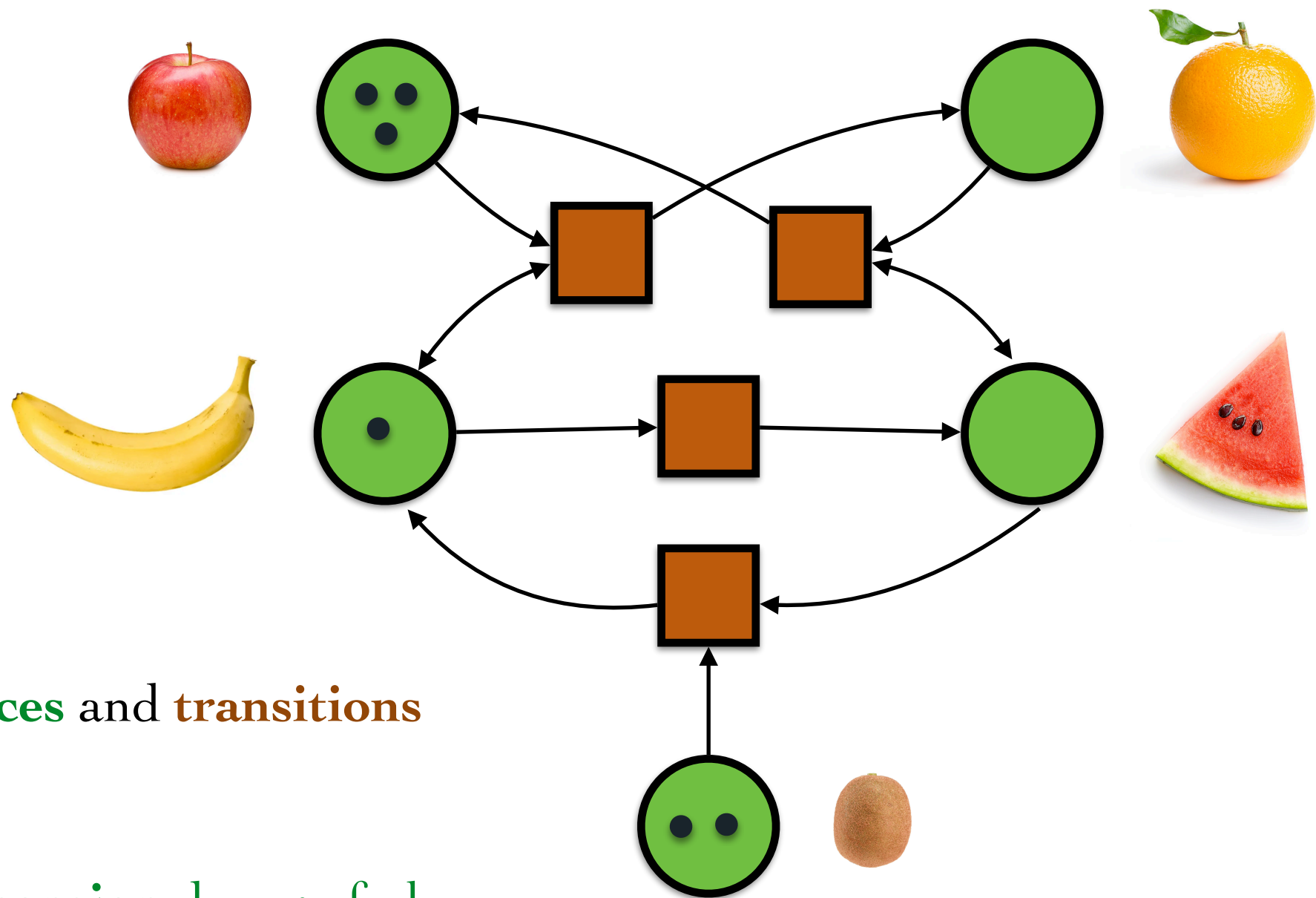
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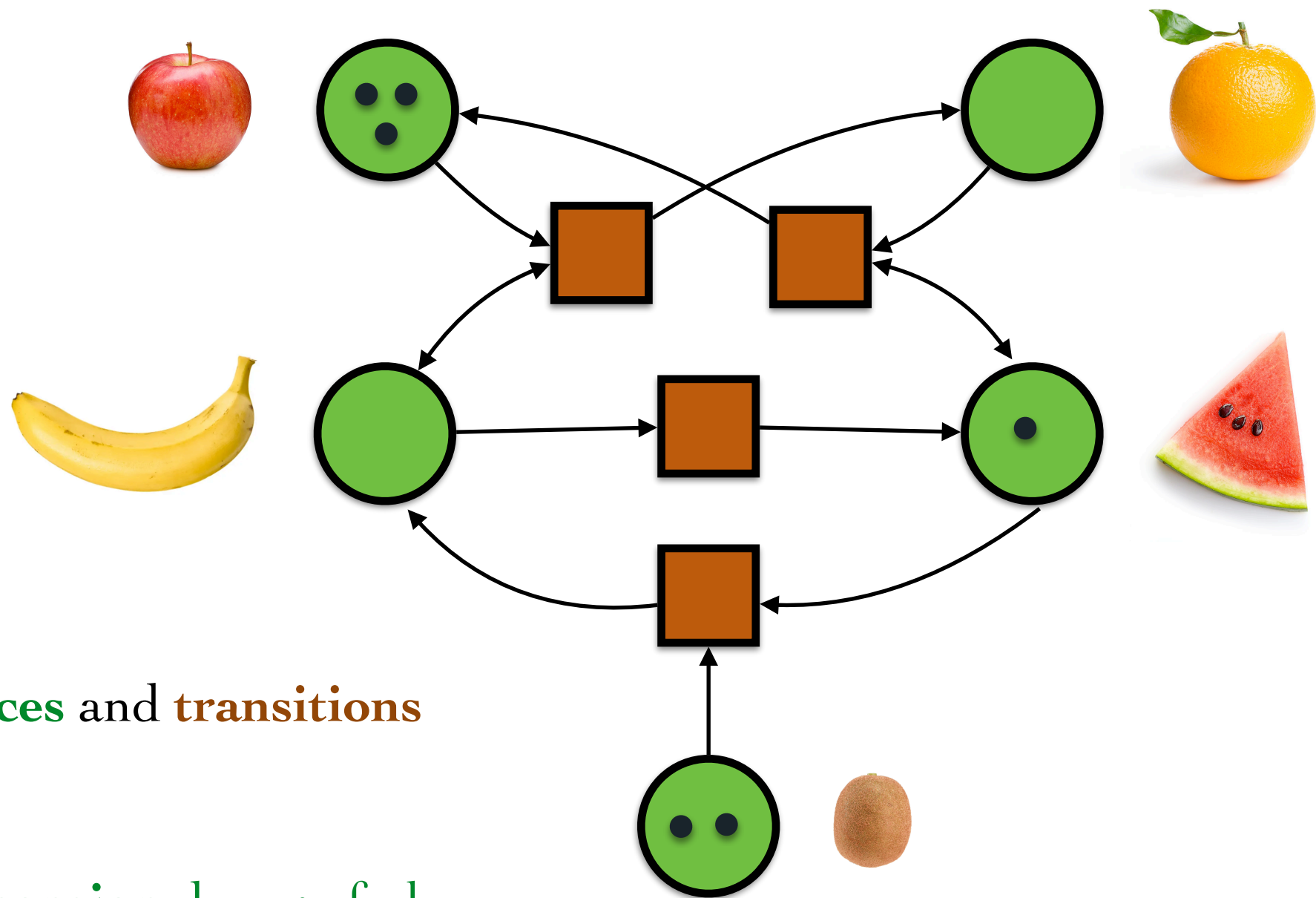
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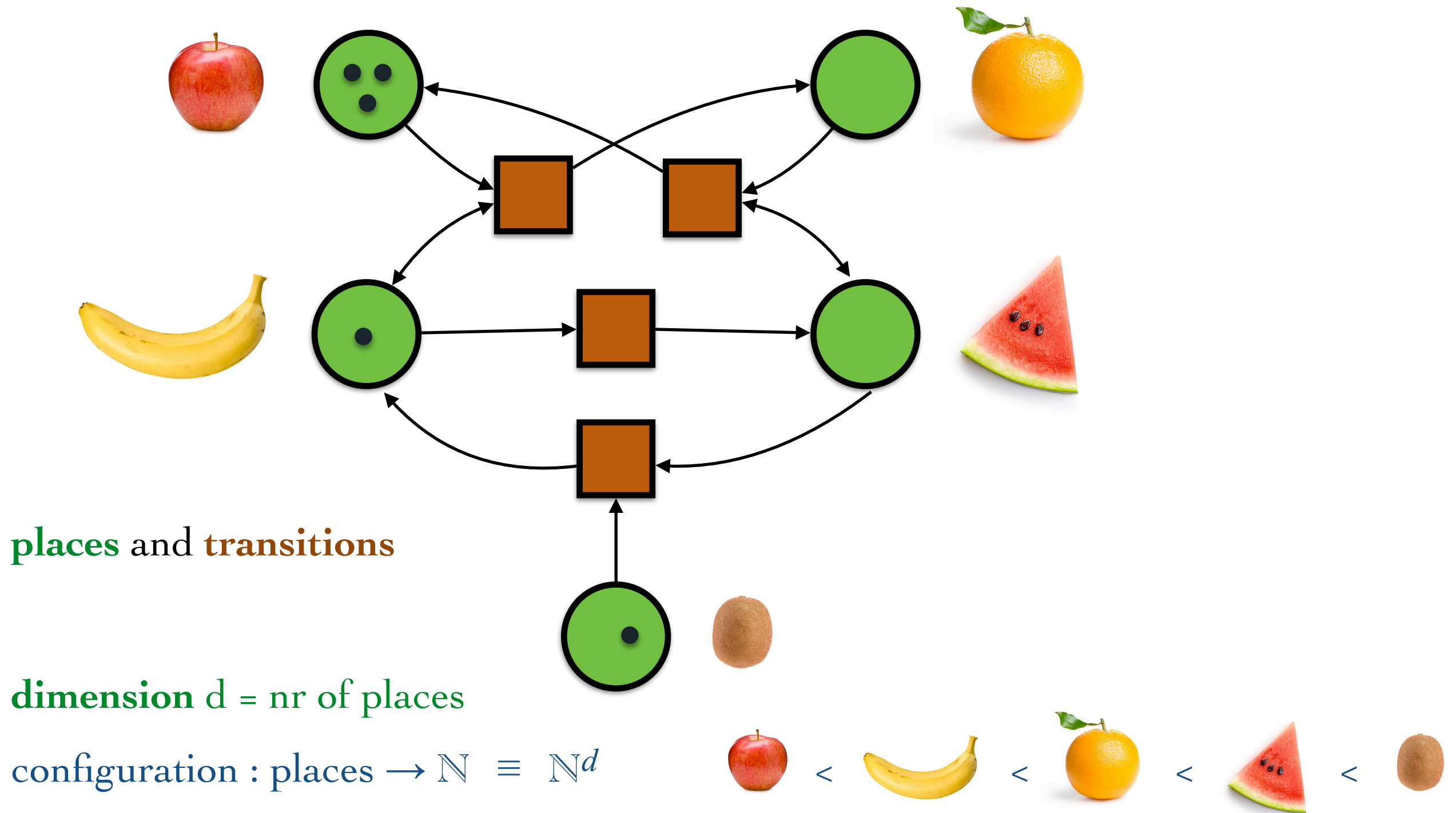
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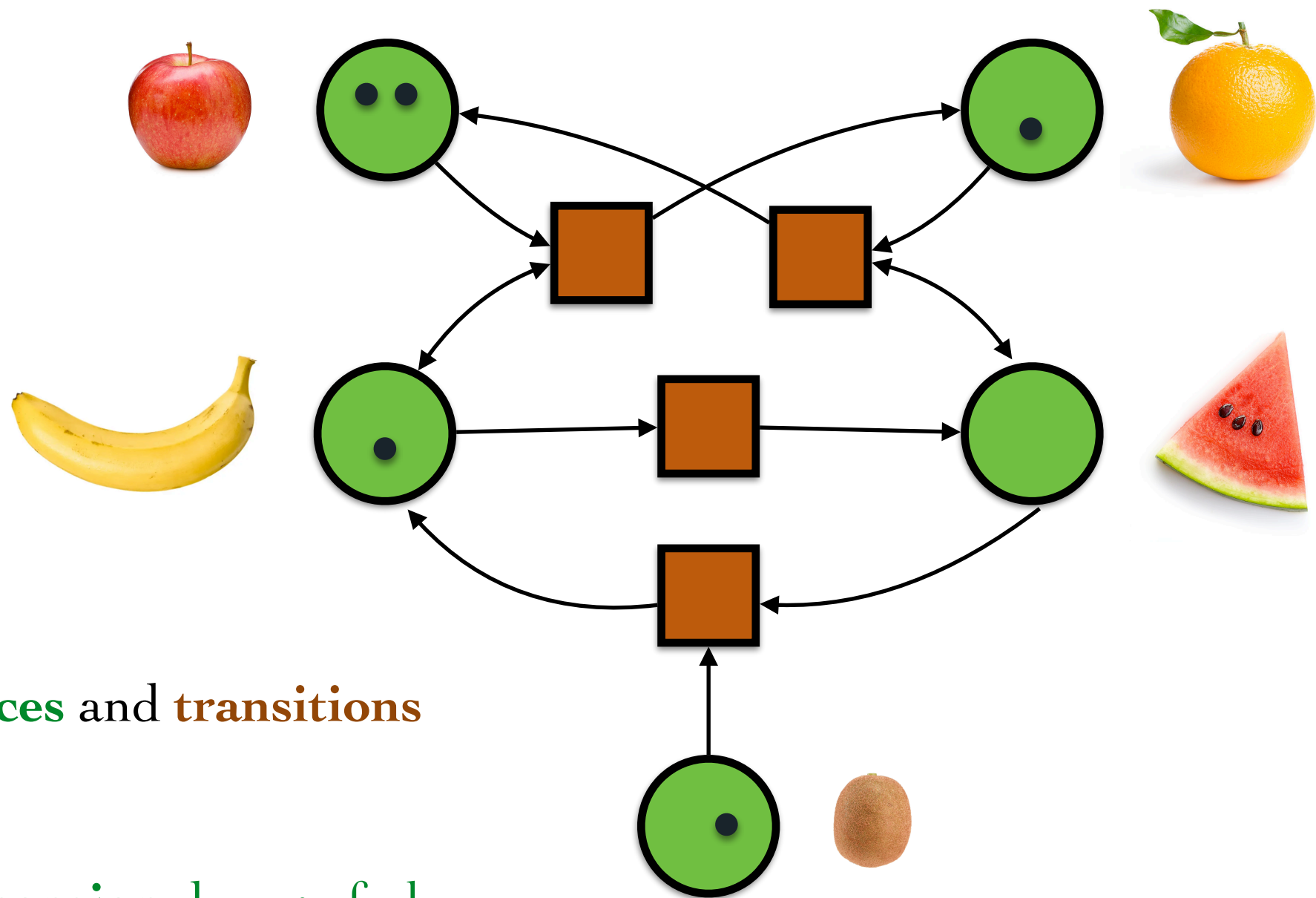
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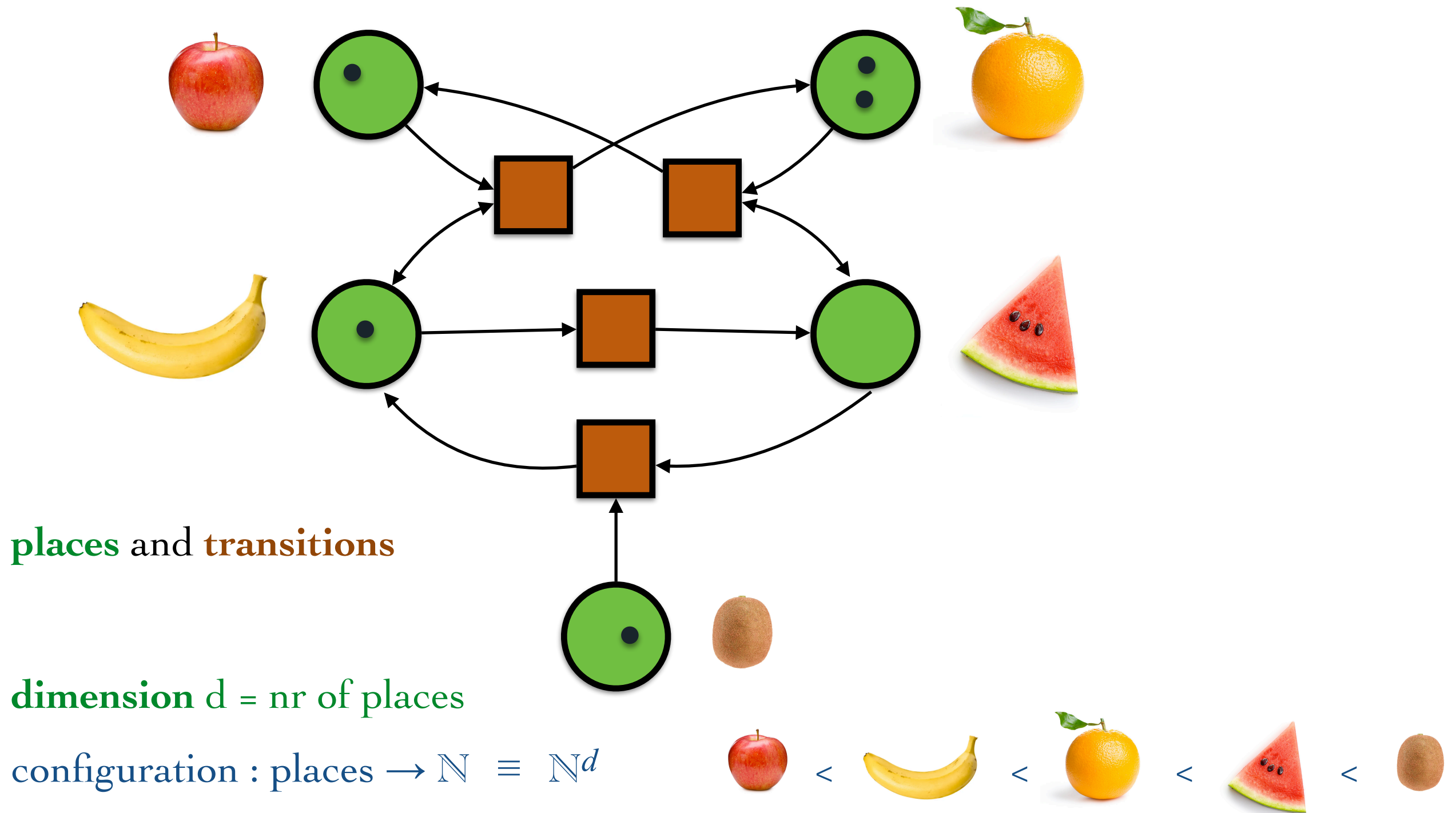
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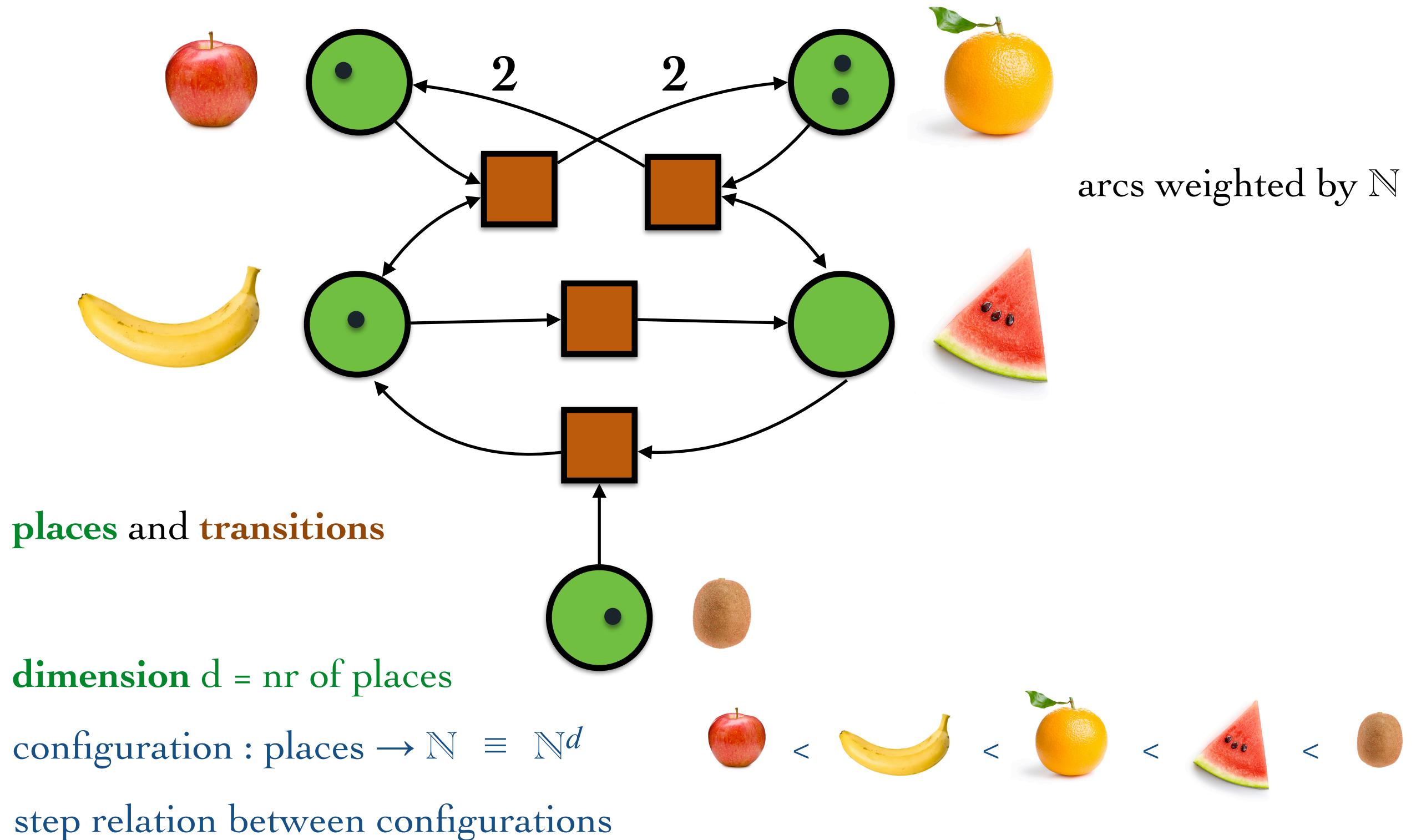
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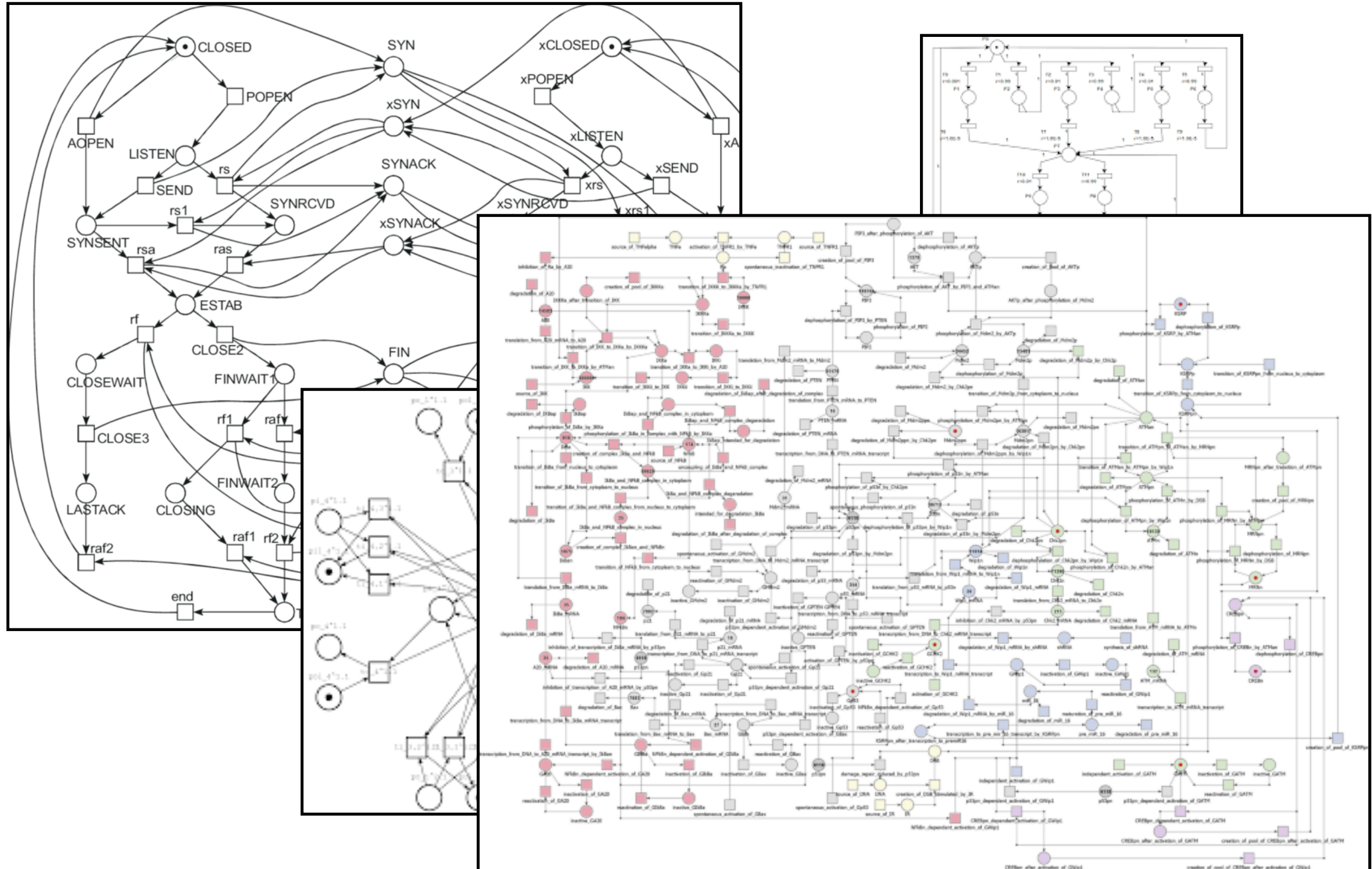


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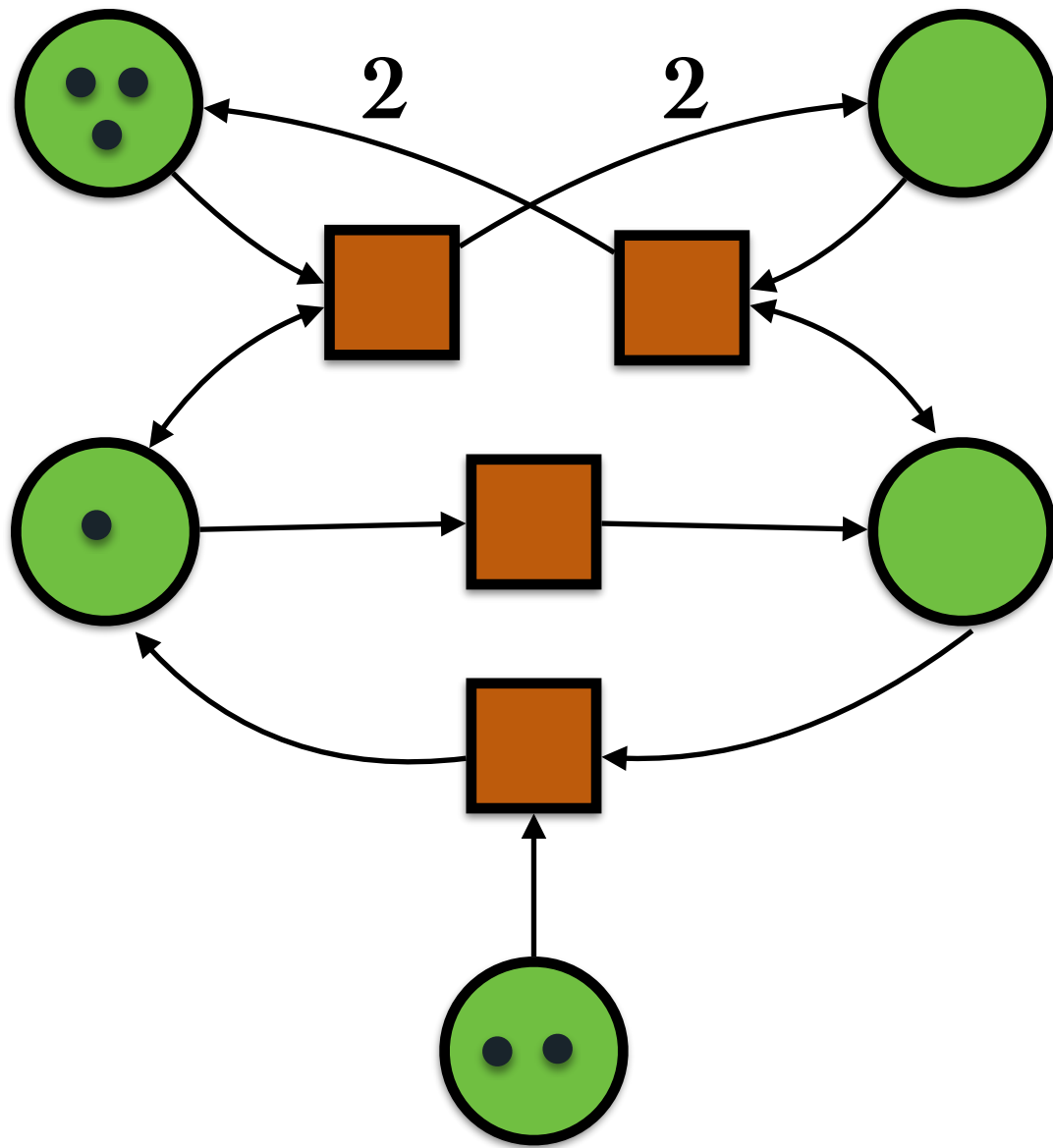


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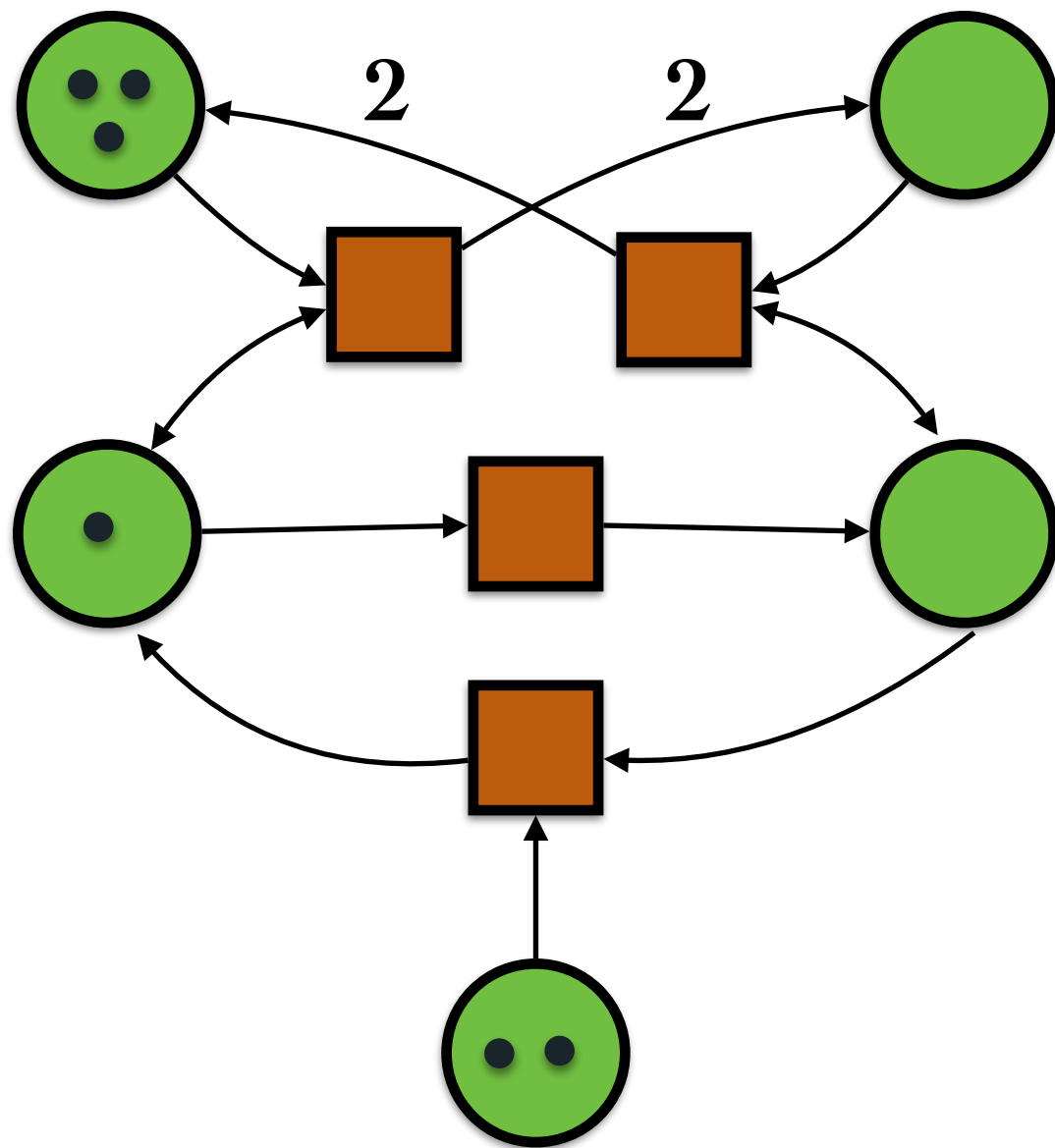


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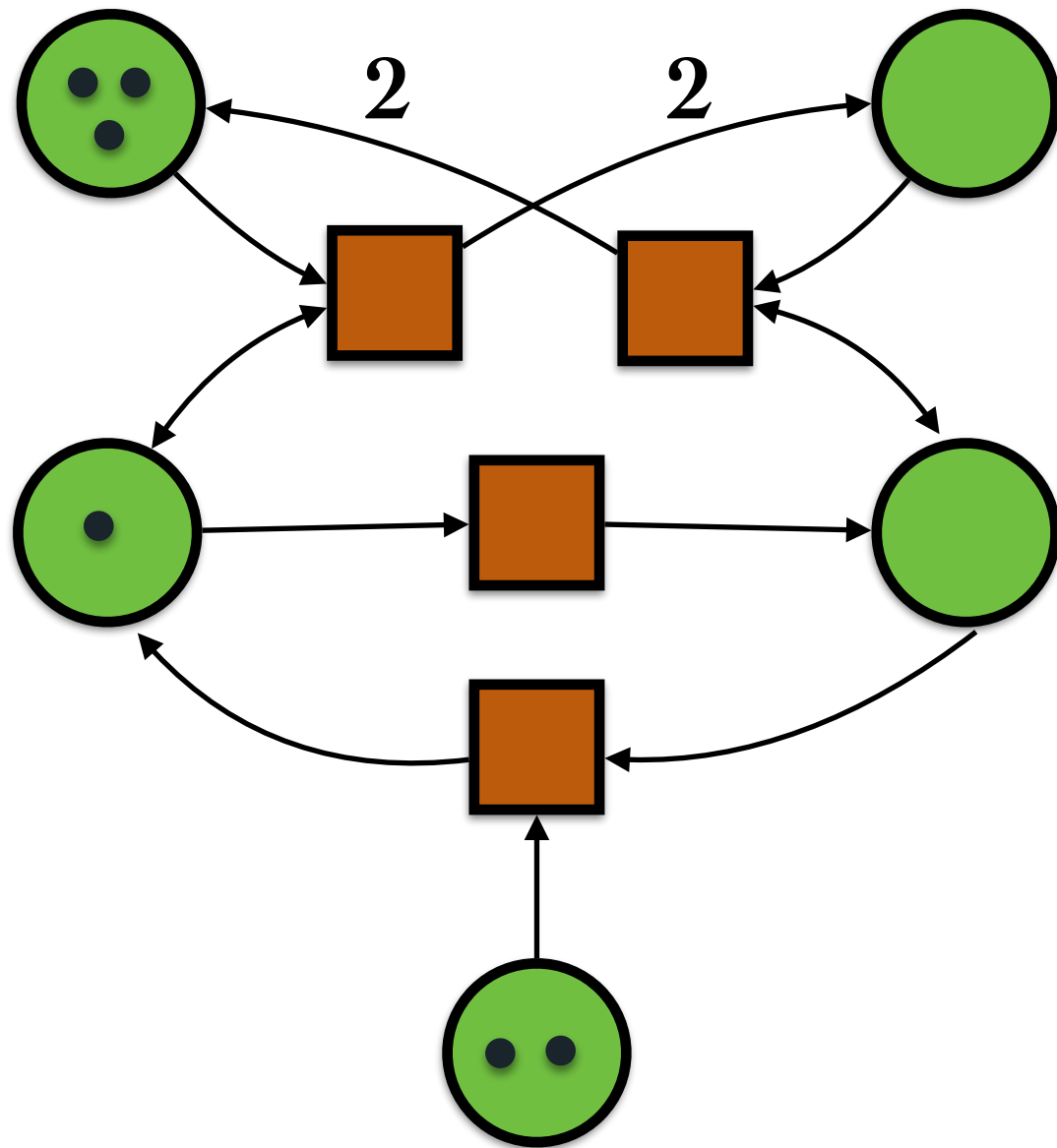
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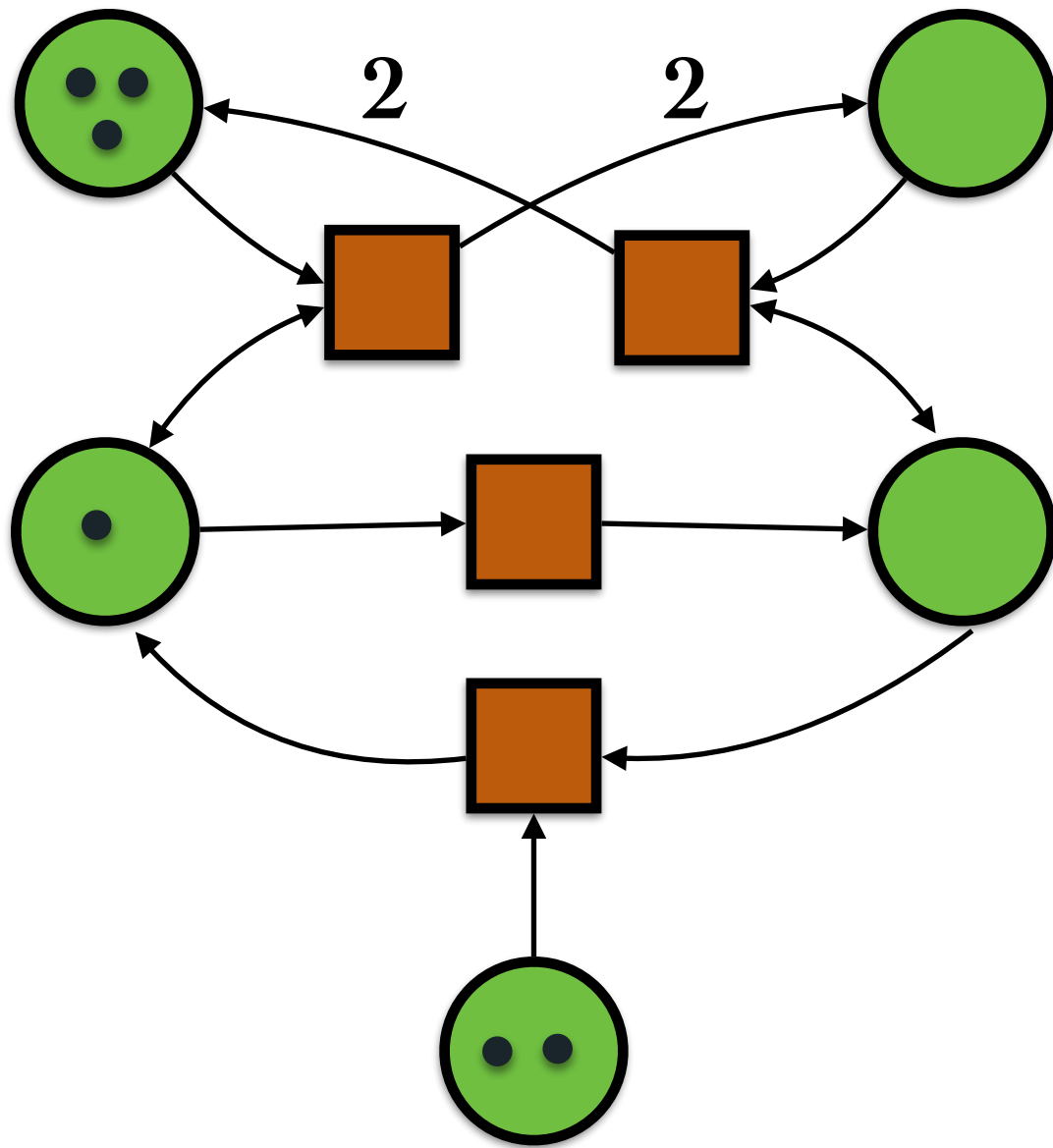
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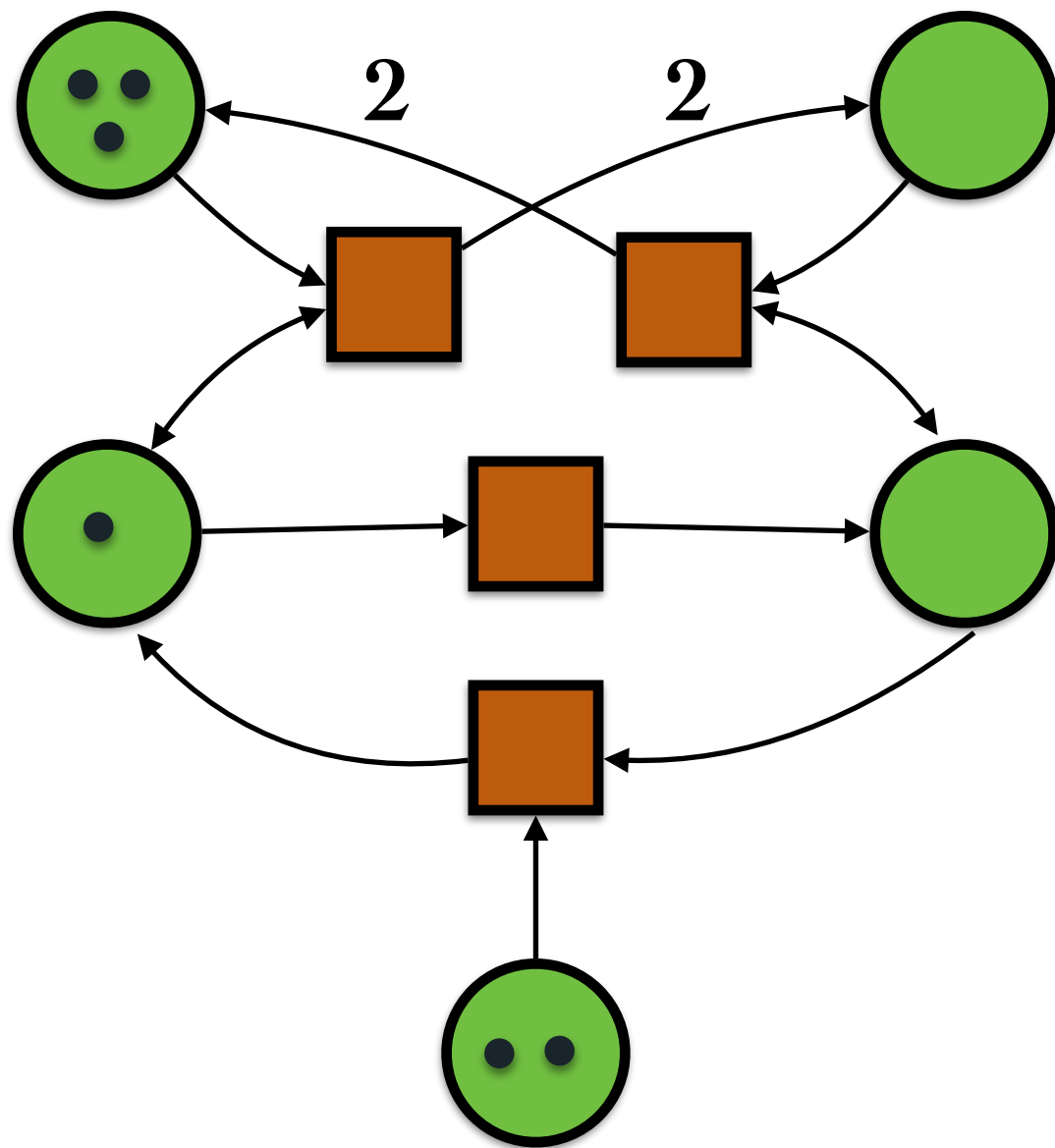
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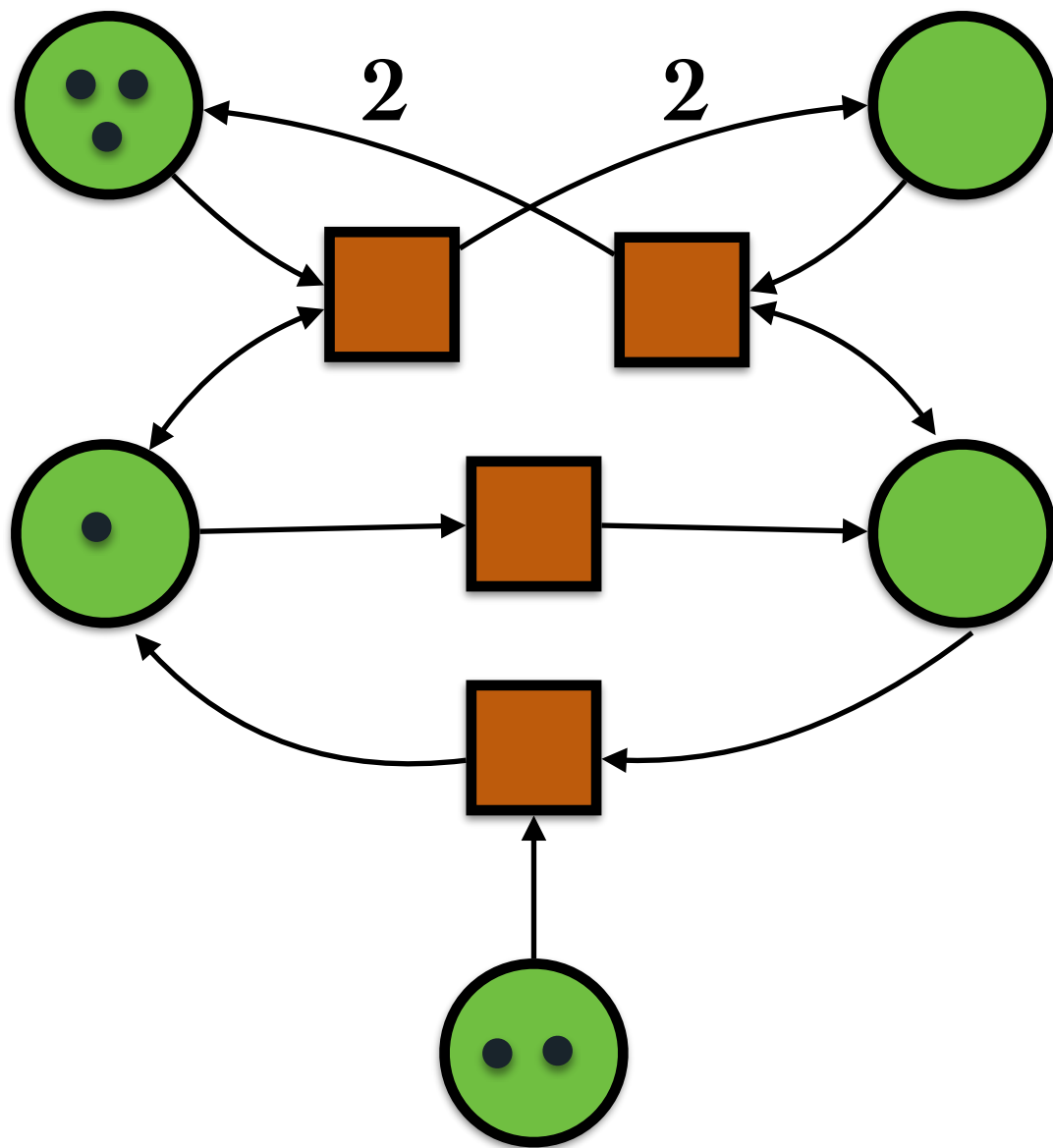
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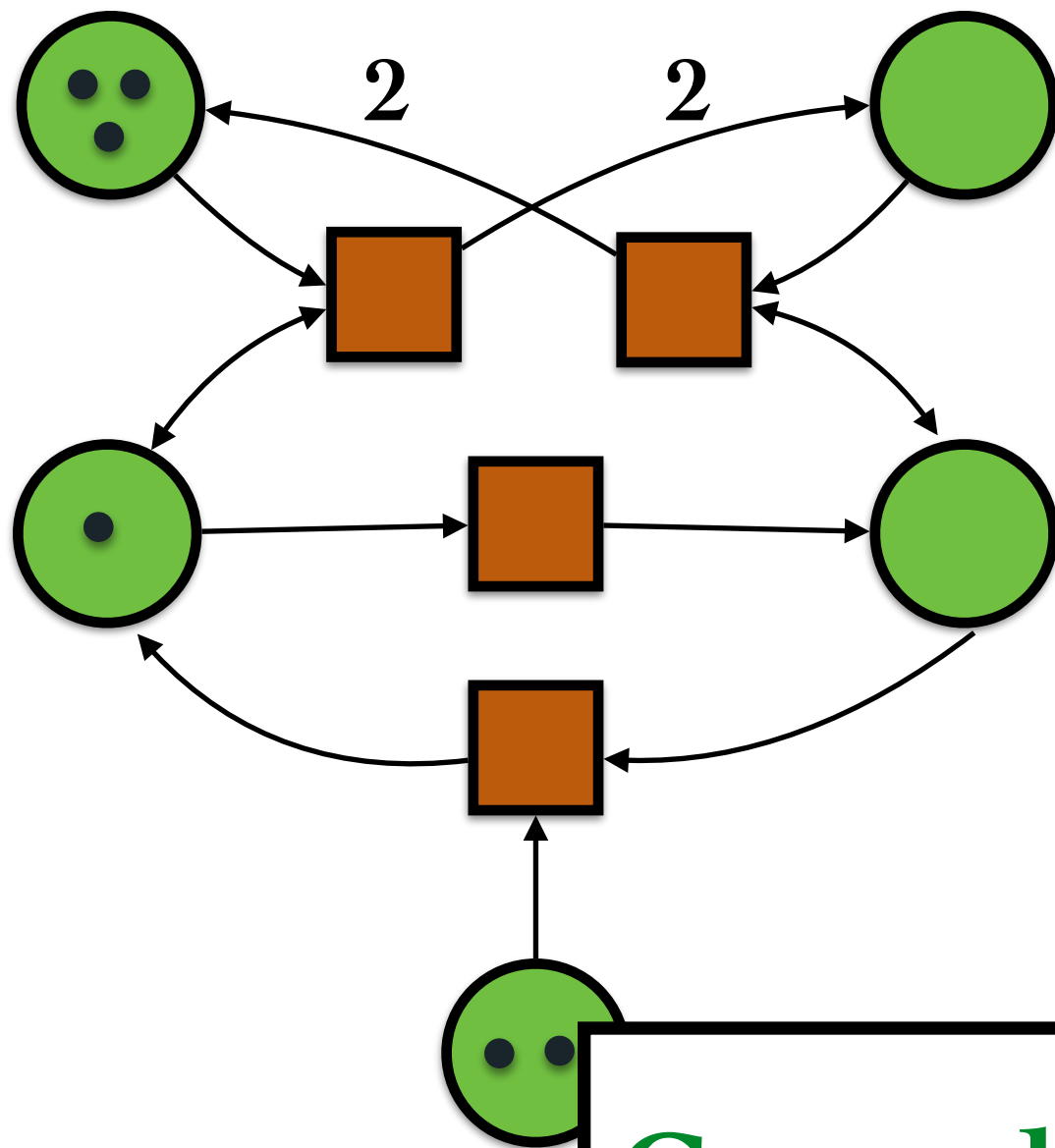
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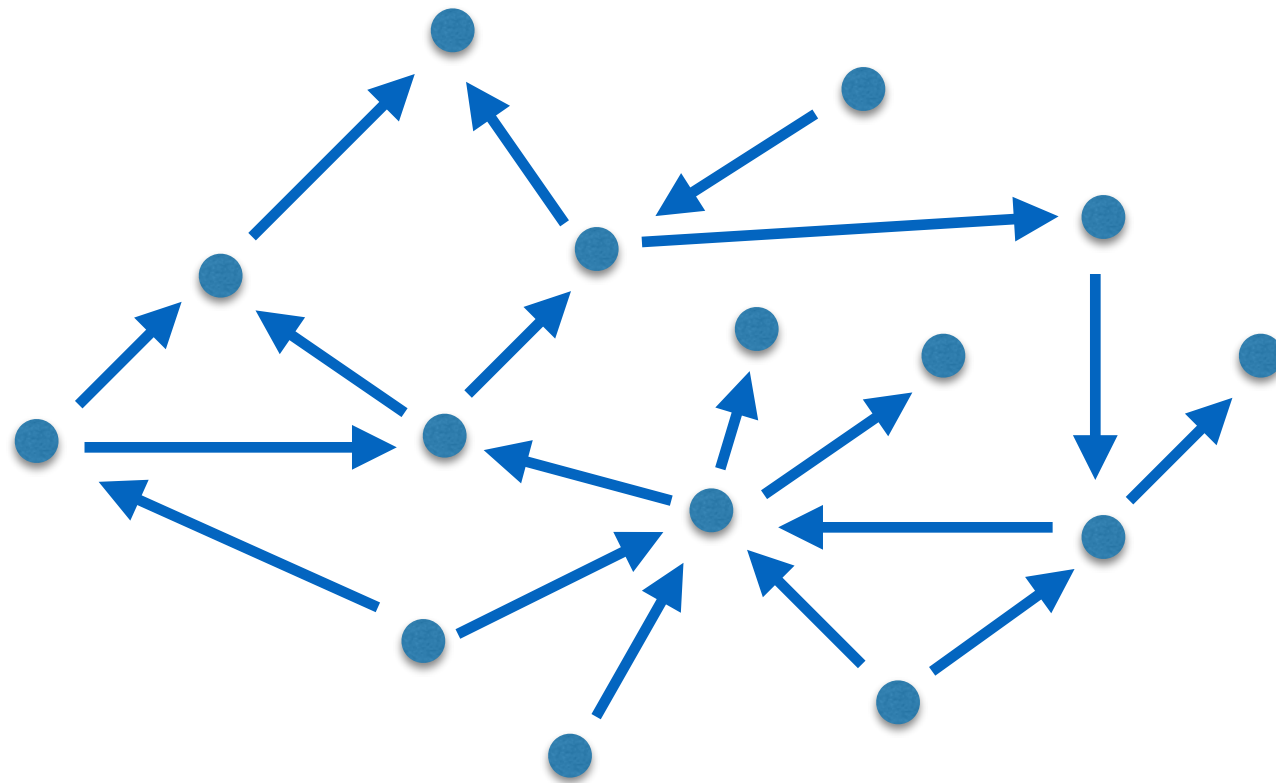
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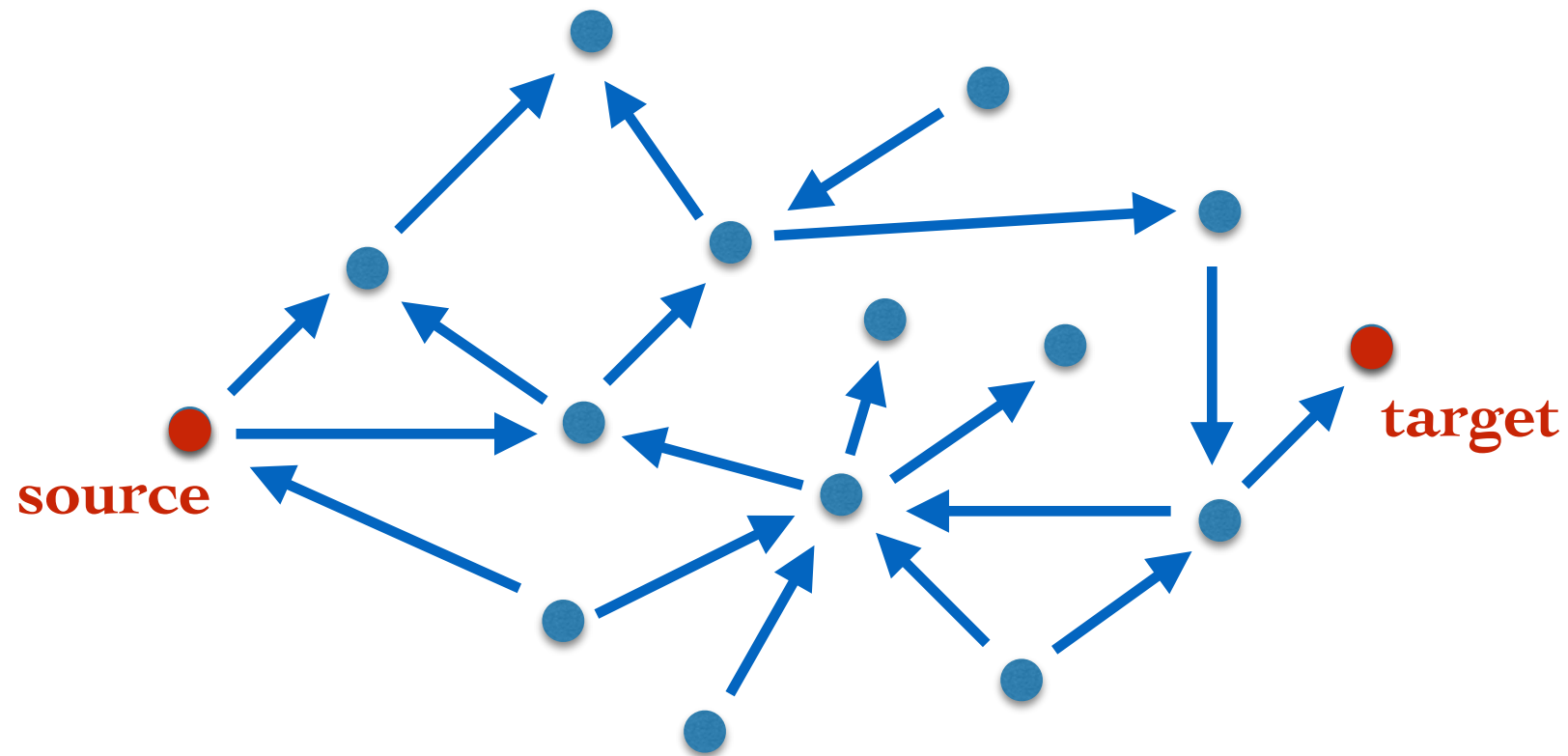
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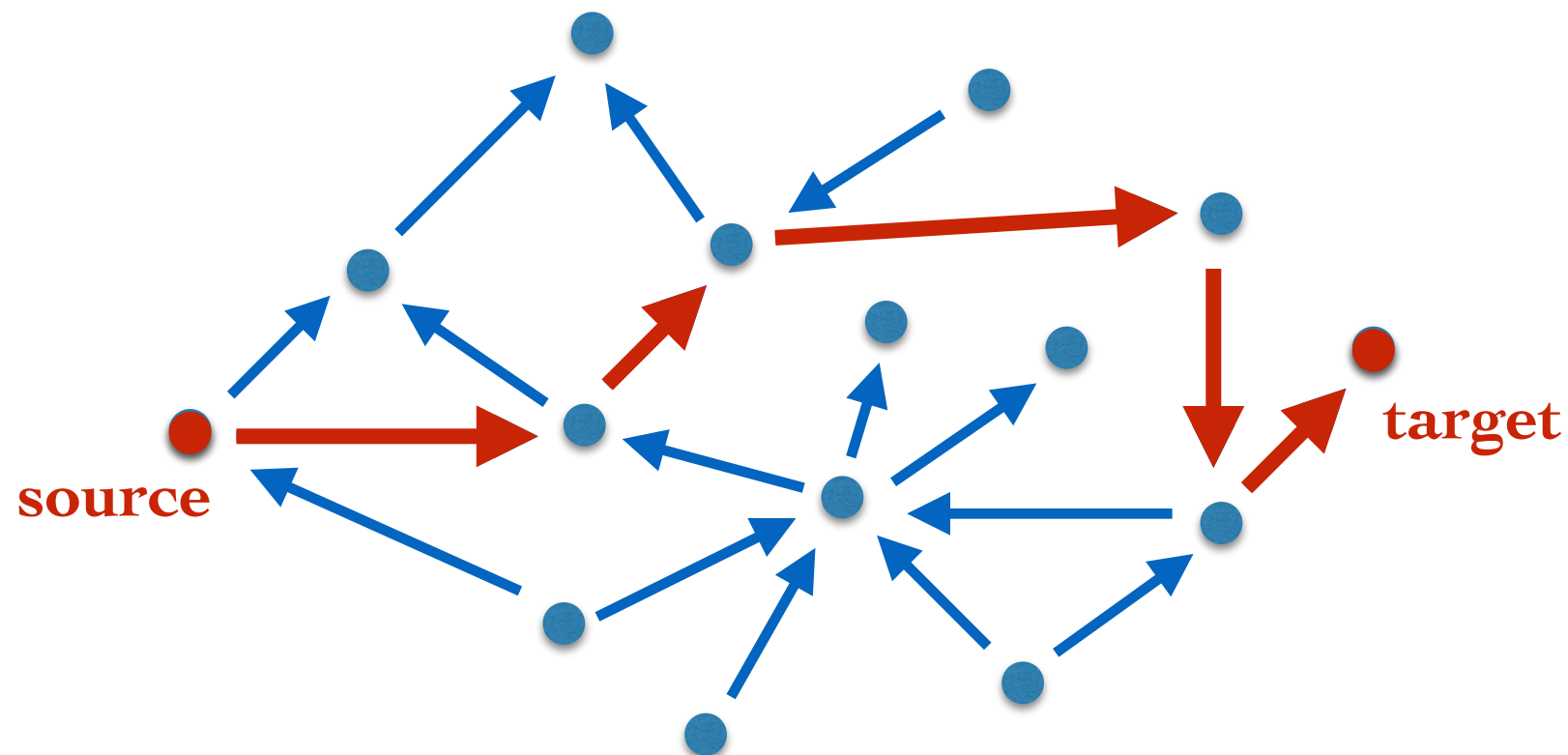
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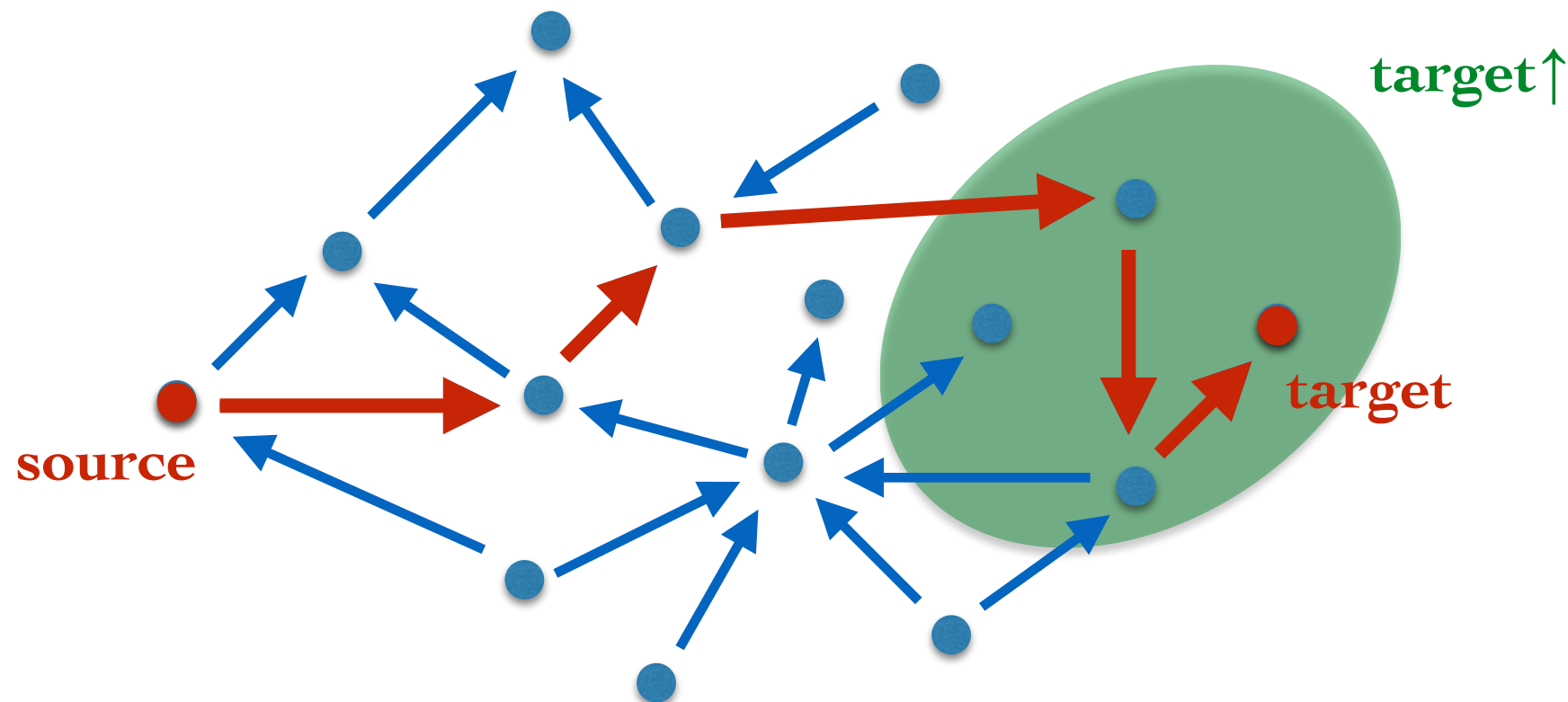


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- equivalent to many other problems in
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1969 — decidability of coverability [Karp, Miller]

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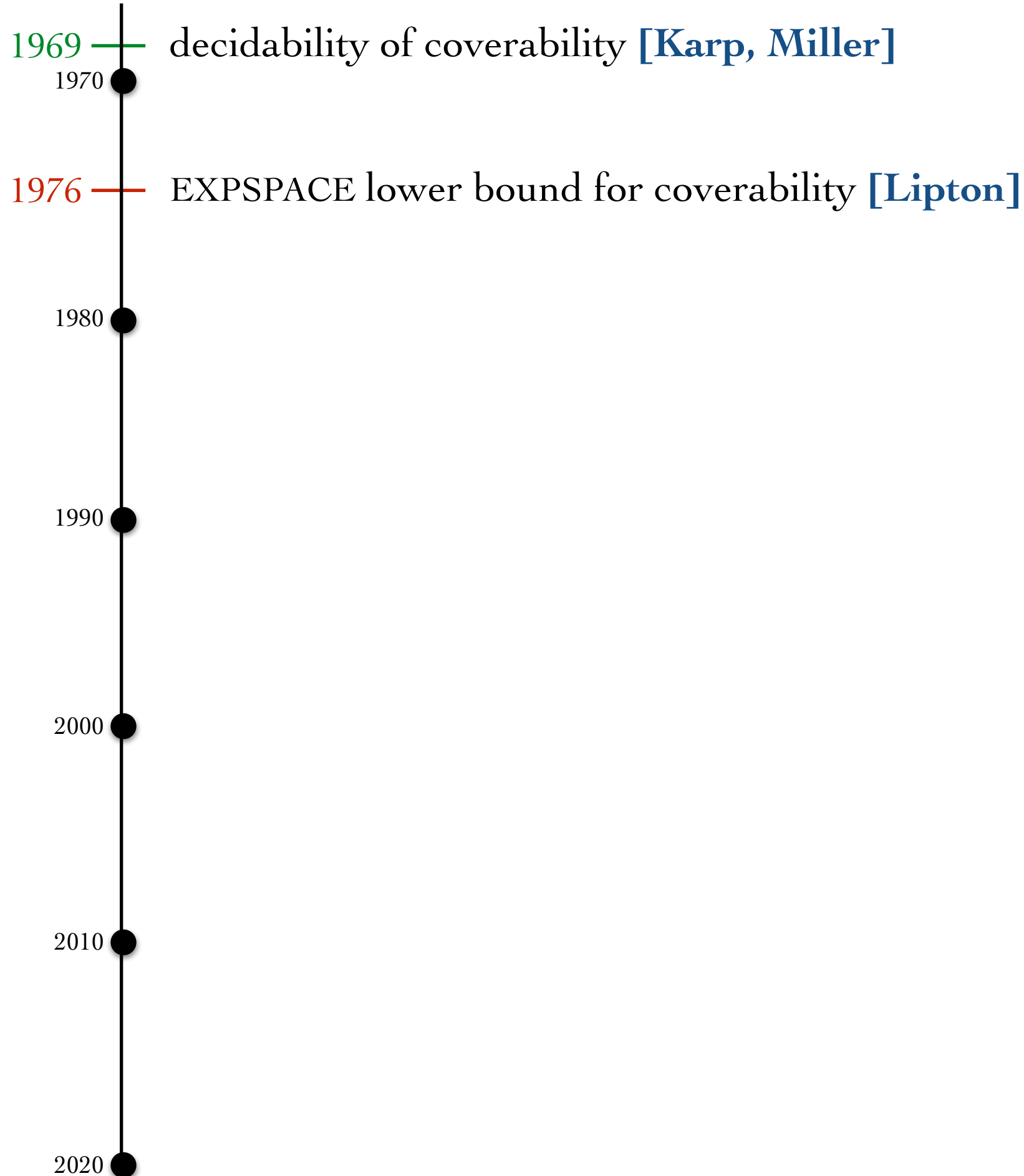
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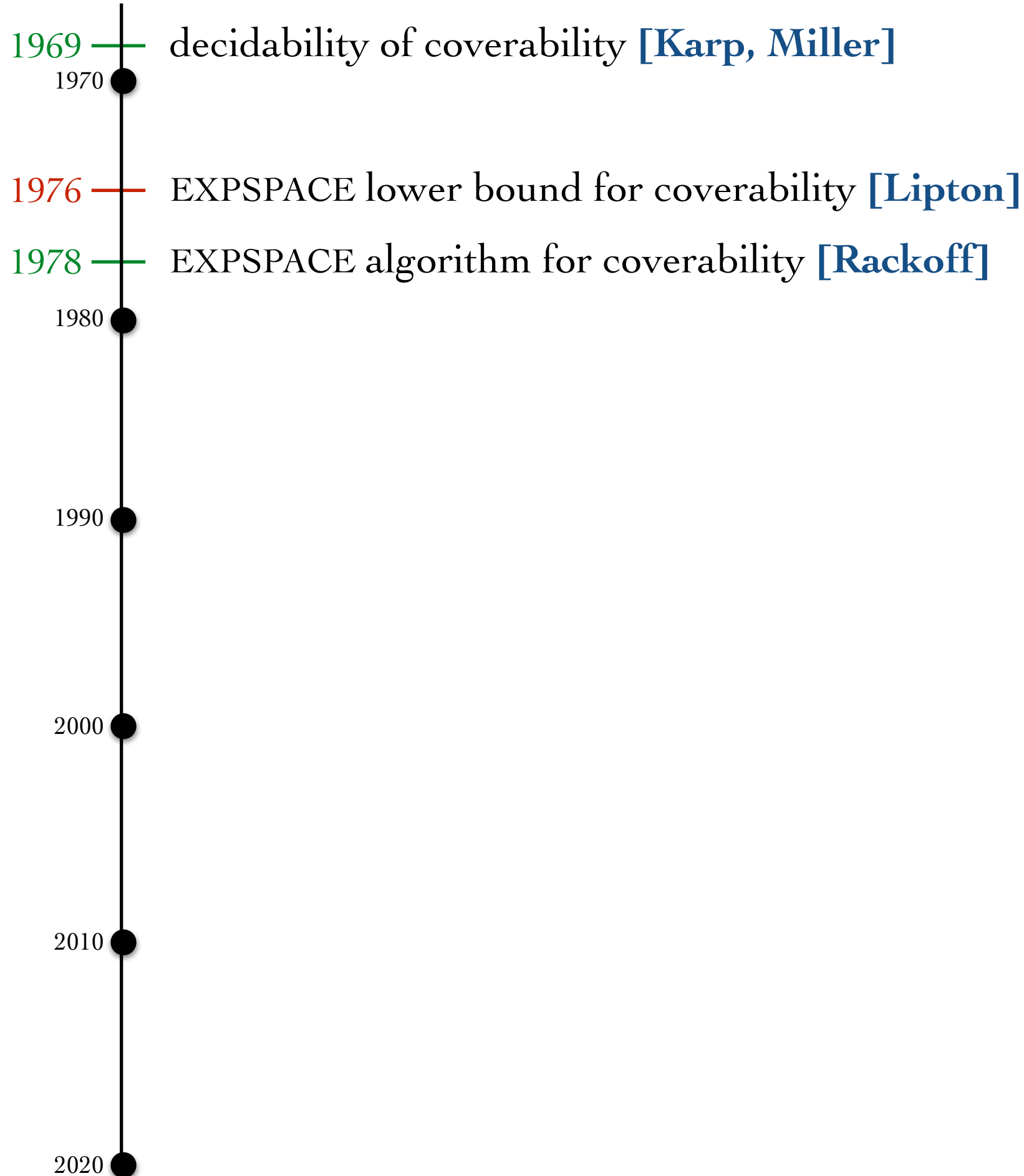
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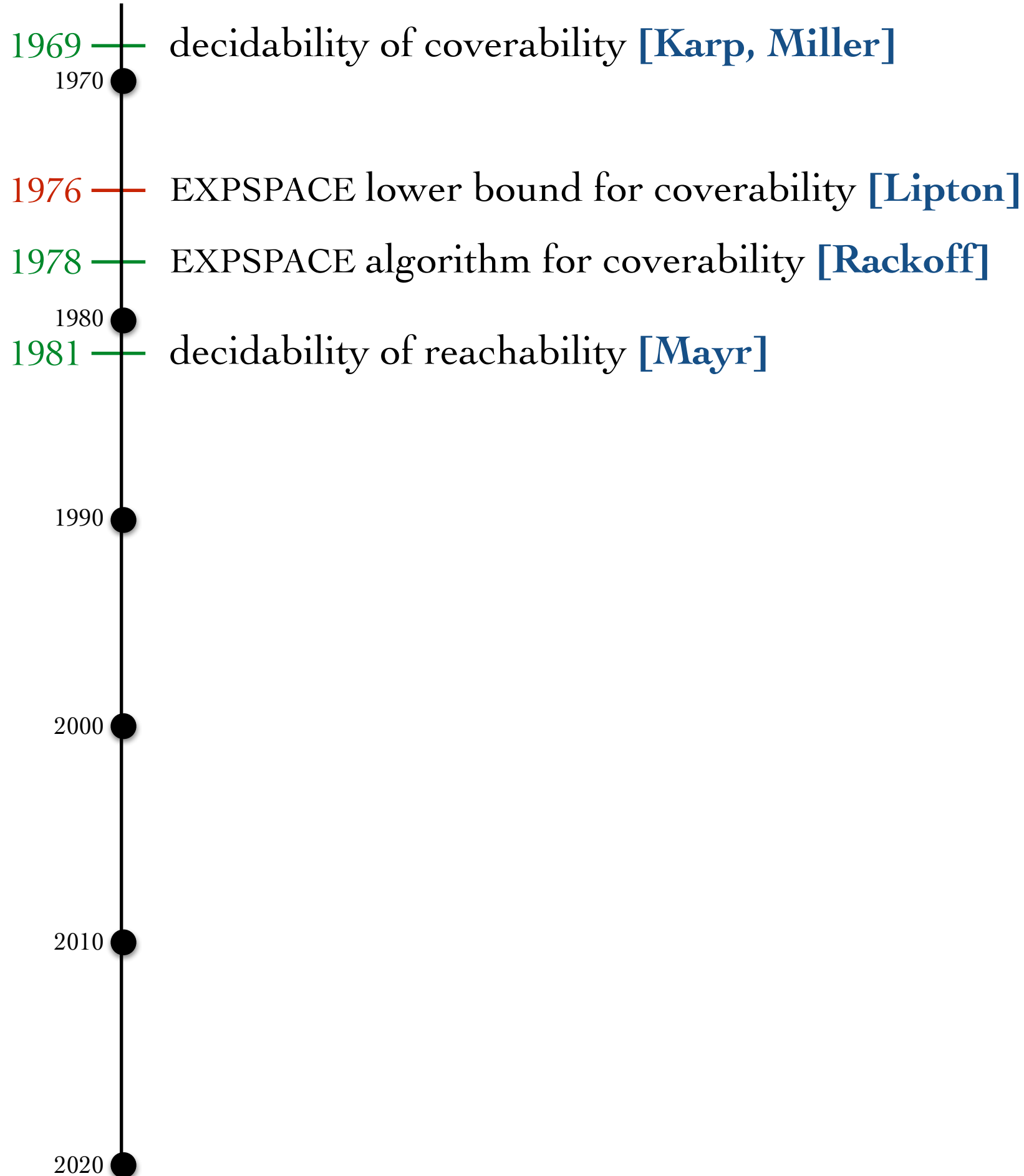
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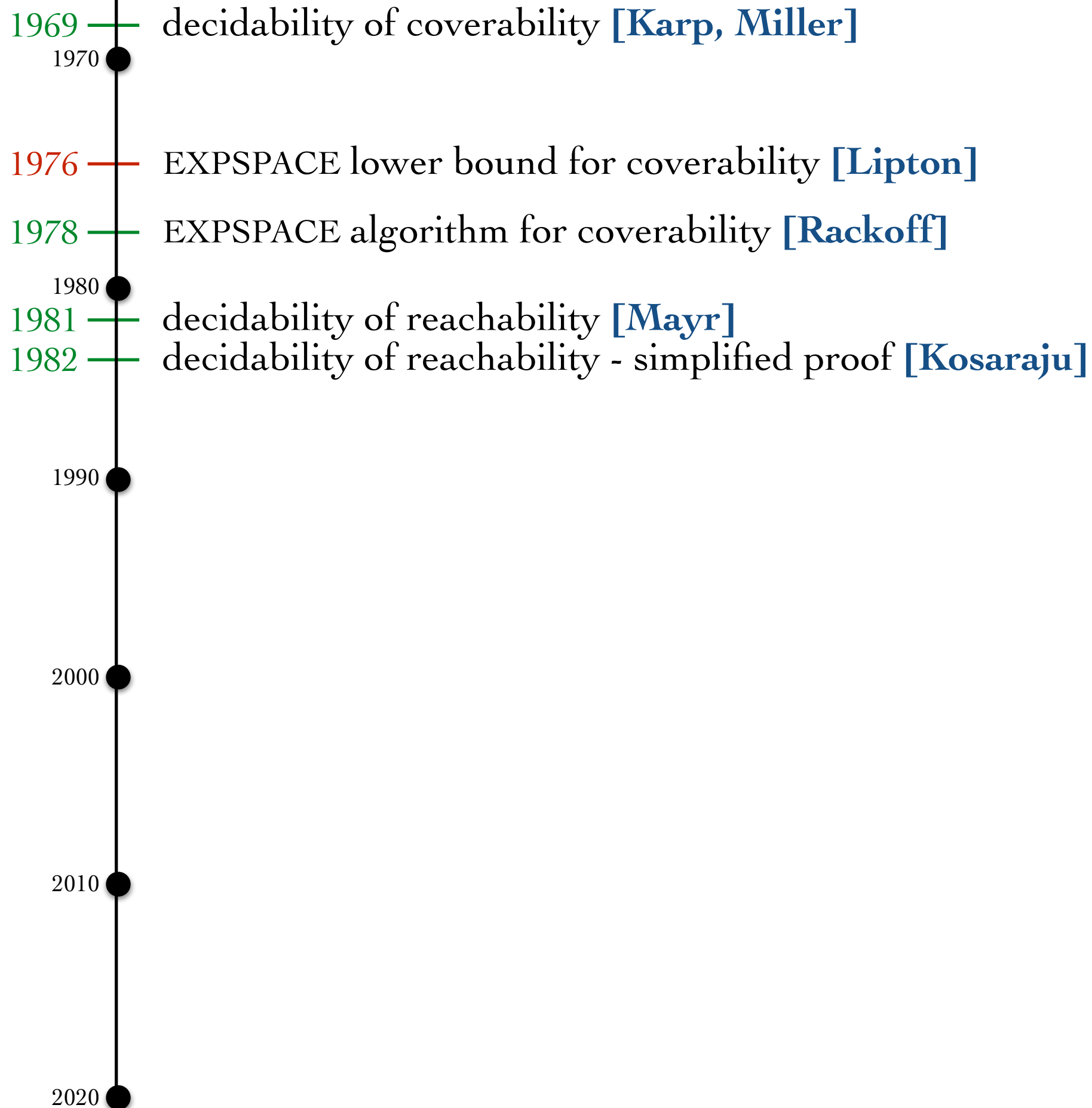
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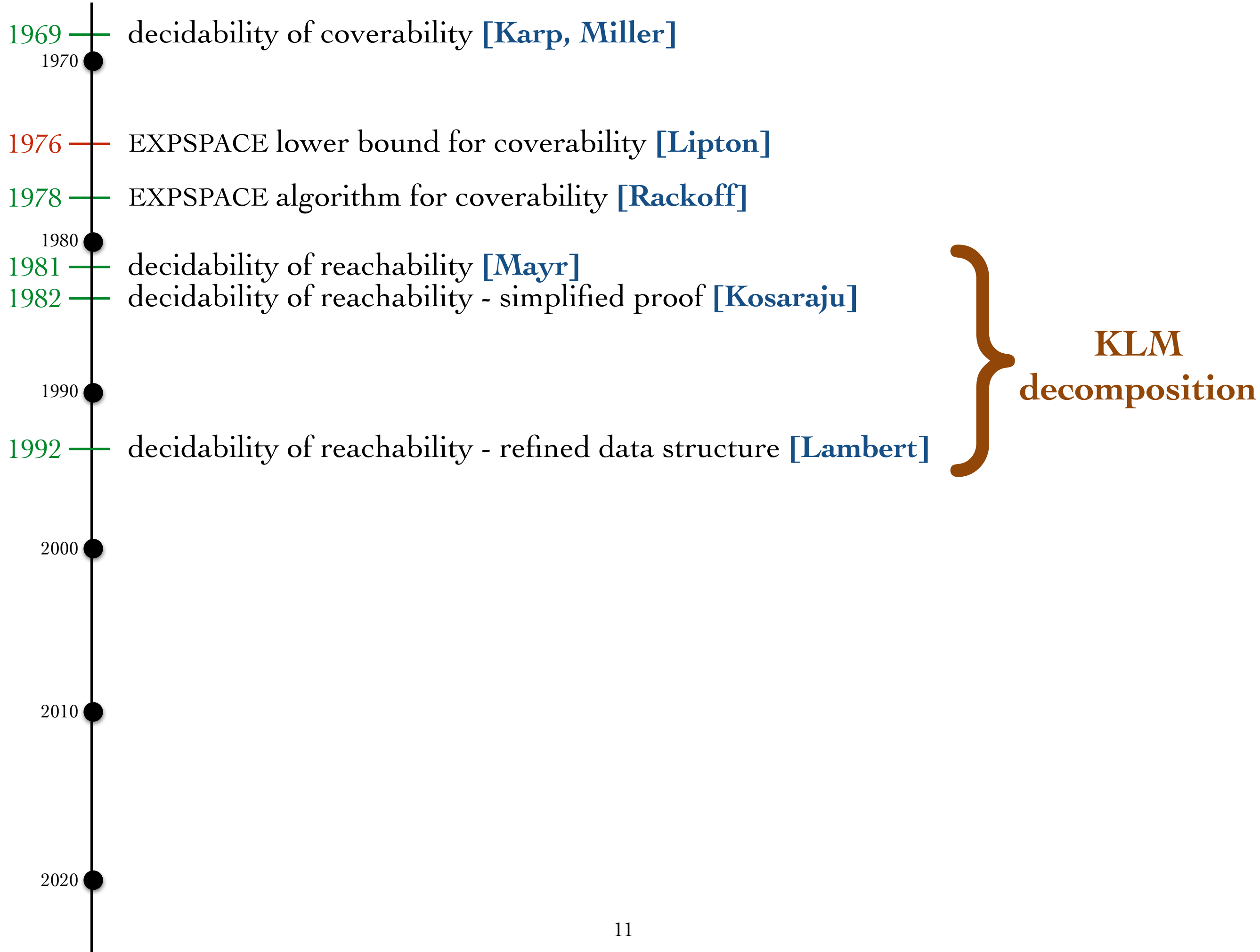
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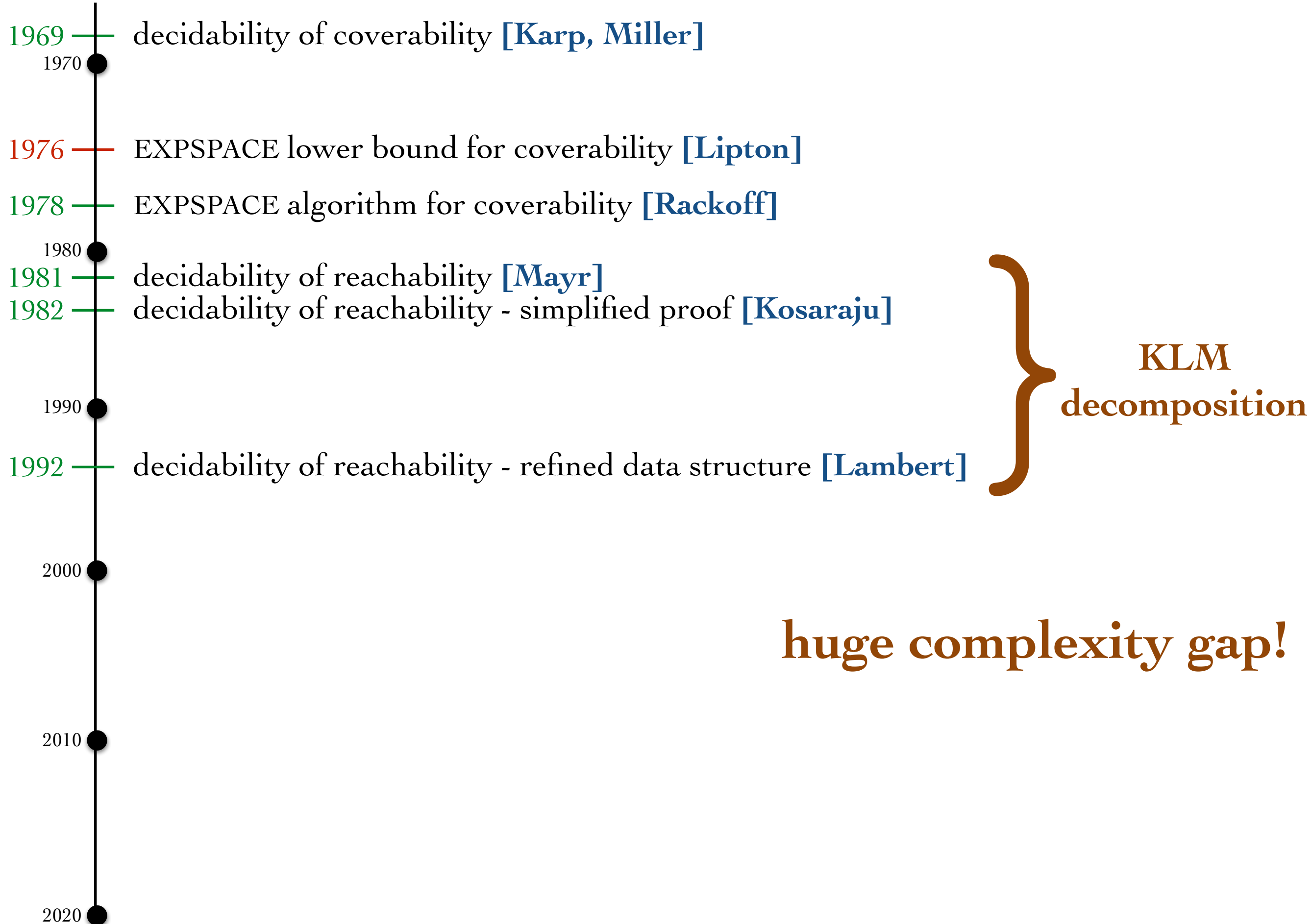


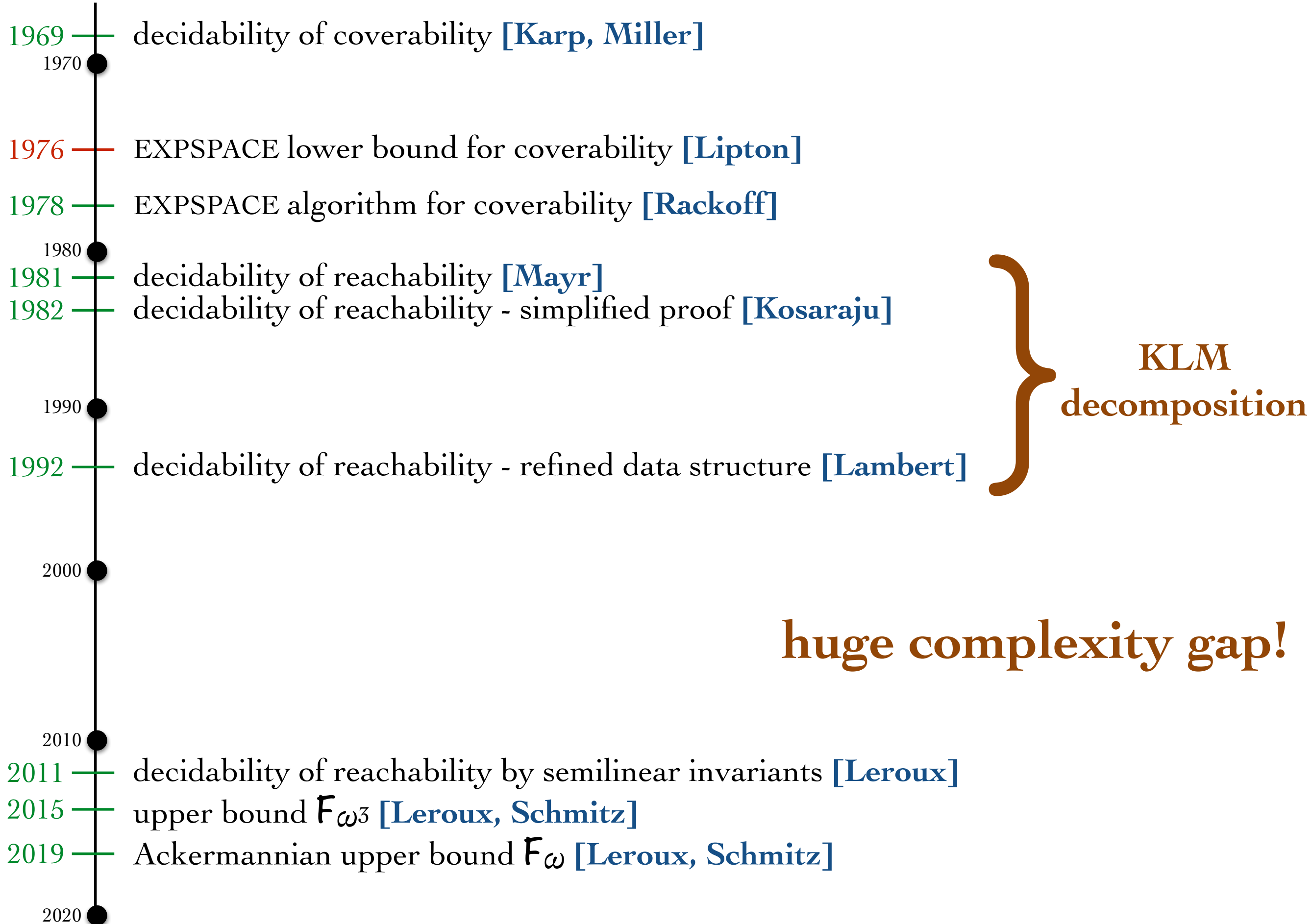












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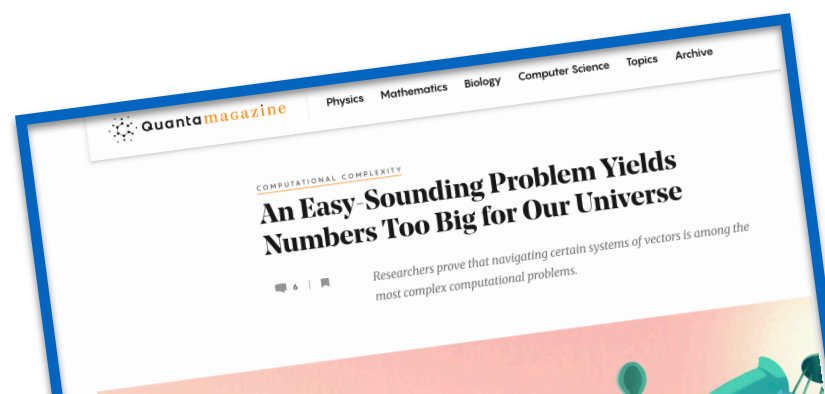
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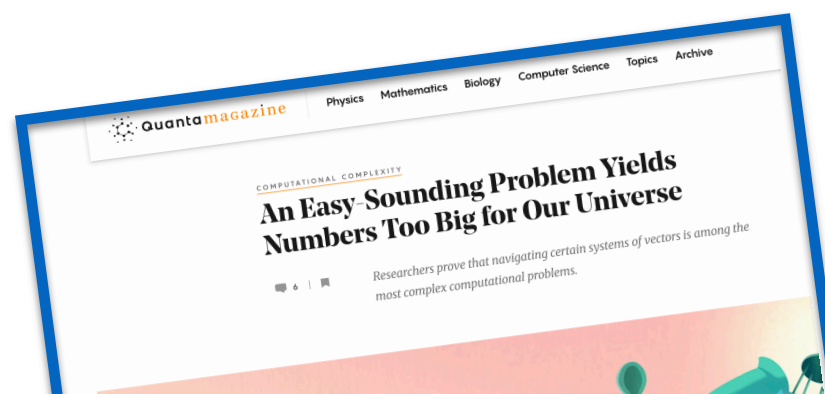
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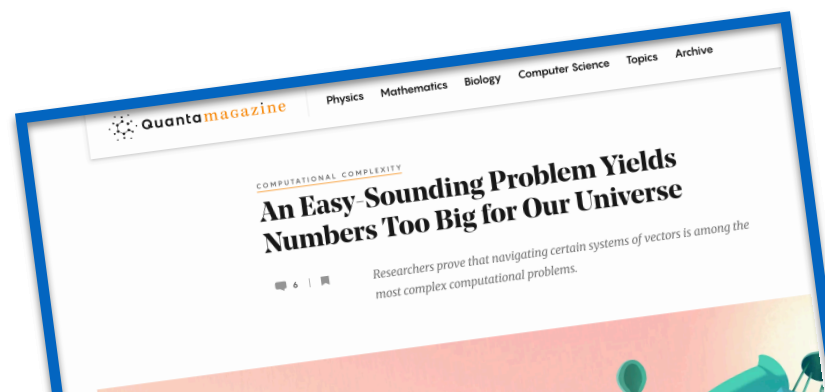
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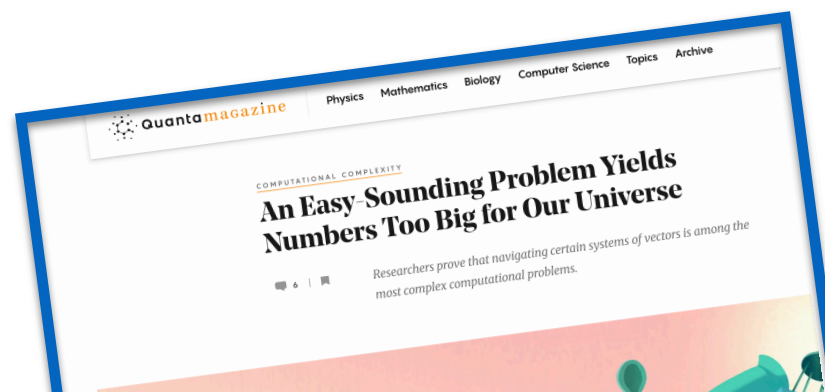
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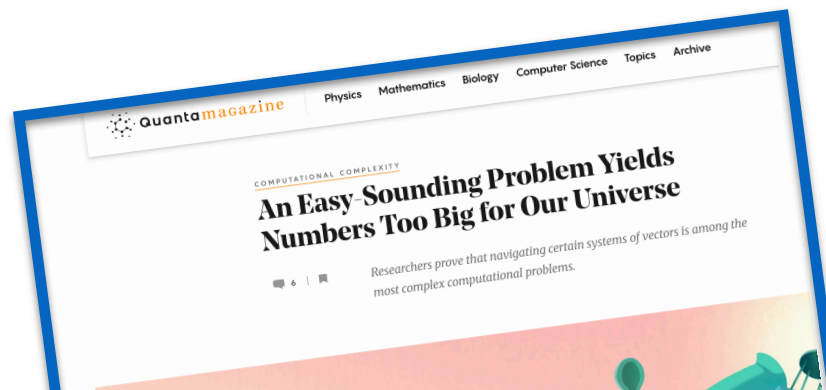
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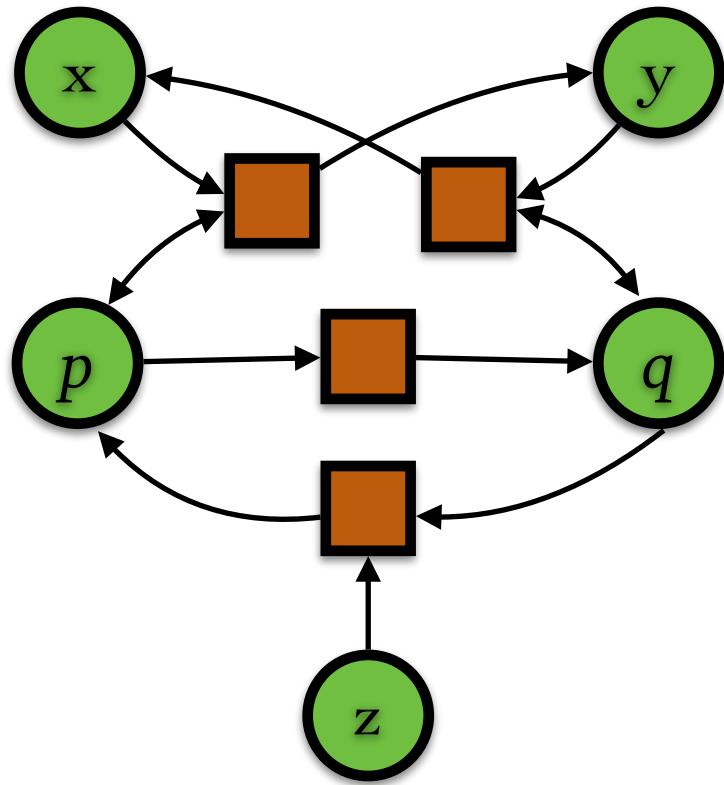
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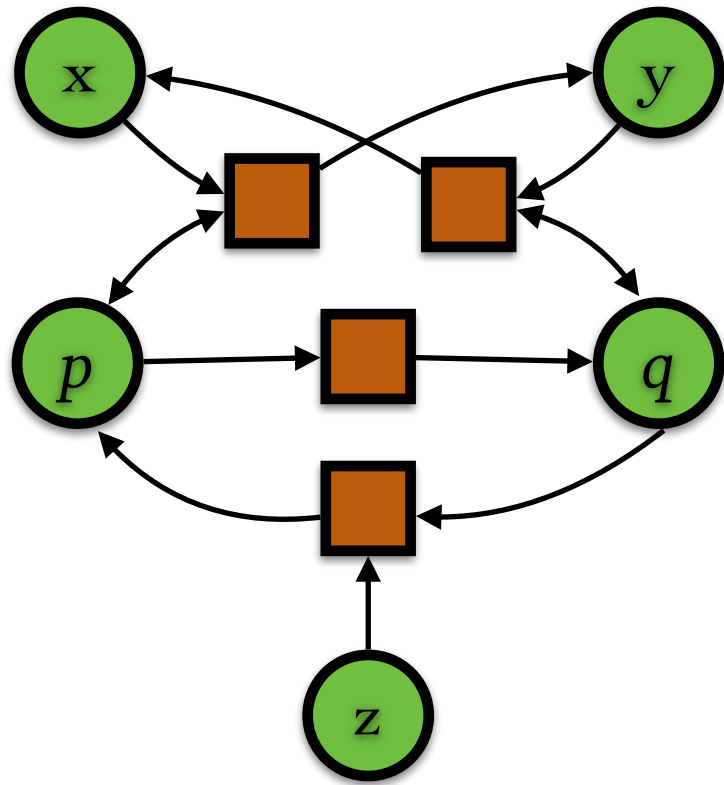
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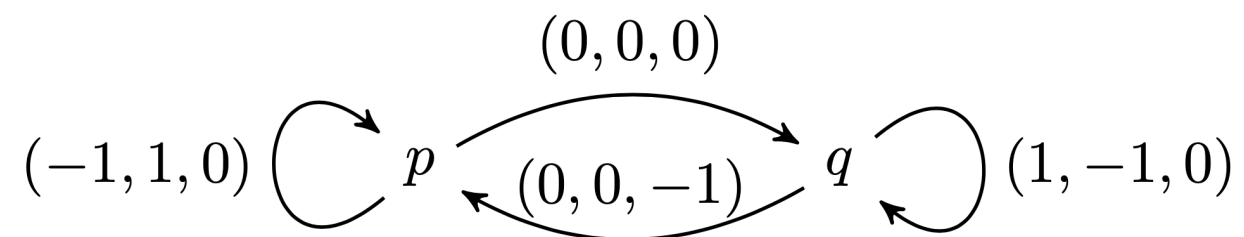


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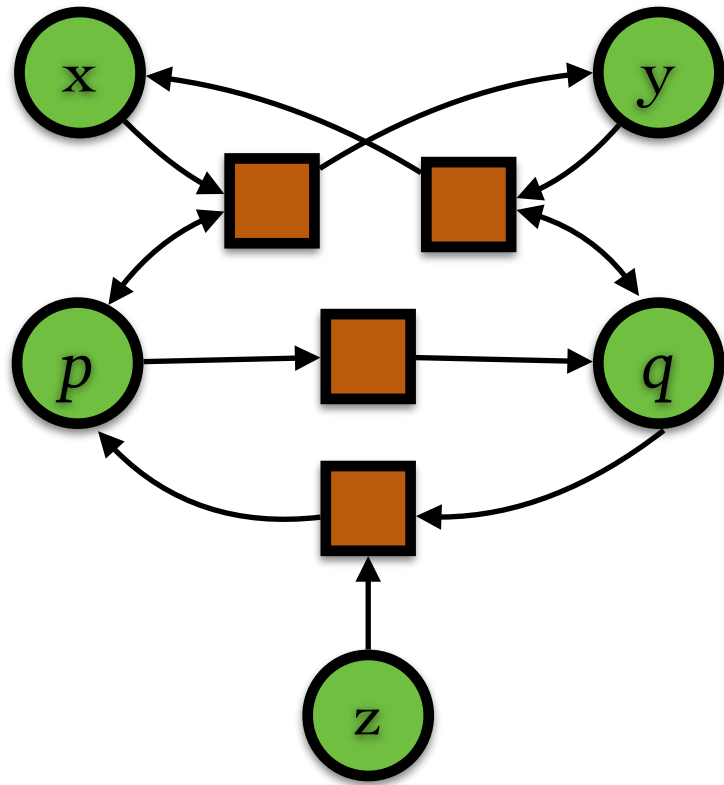


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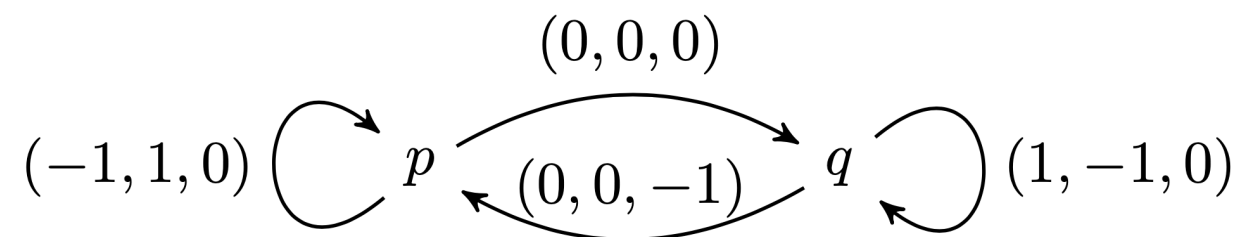


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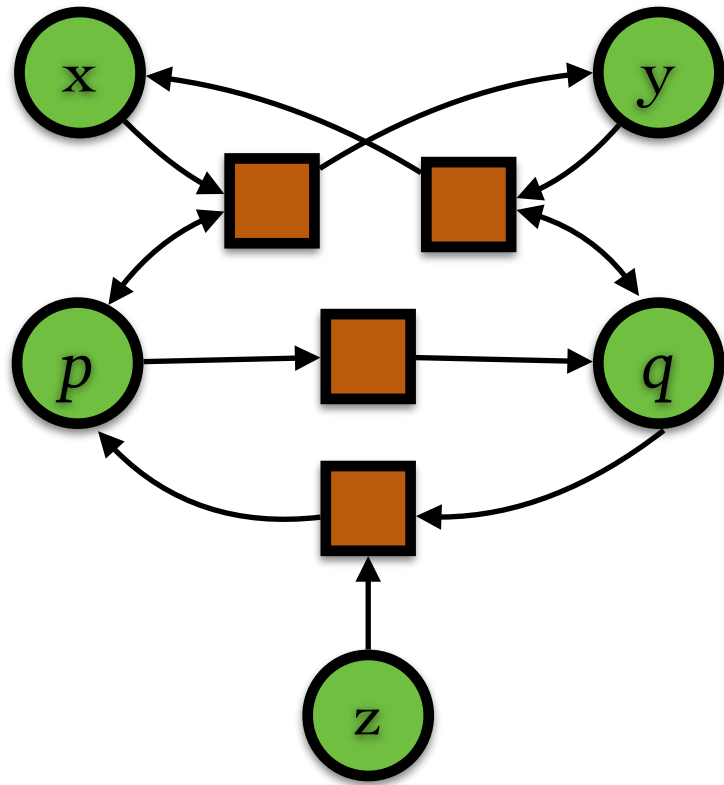
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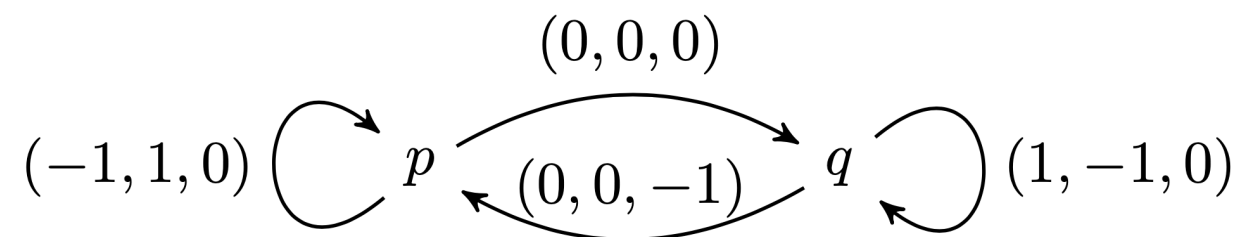


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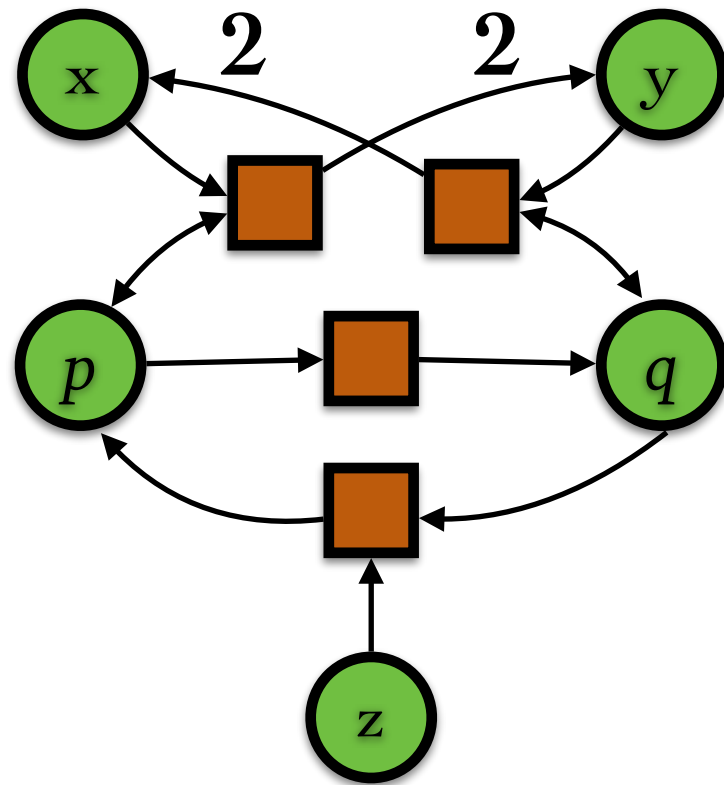
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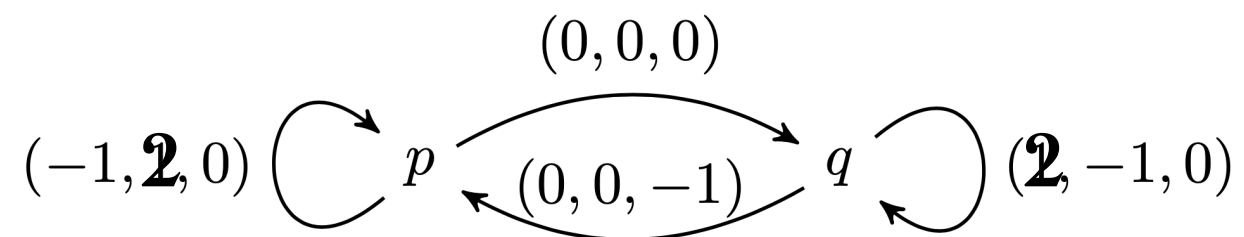
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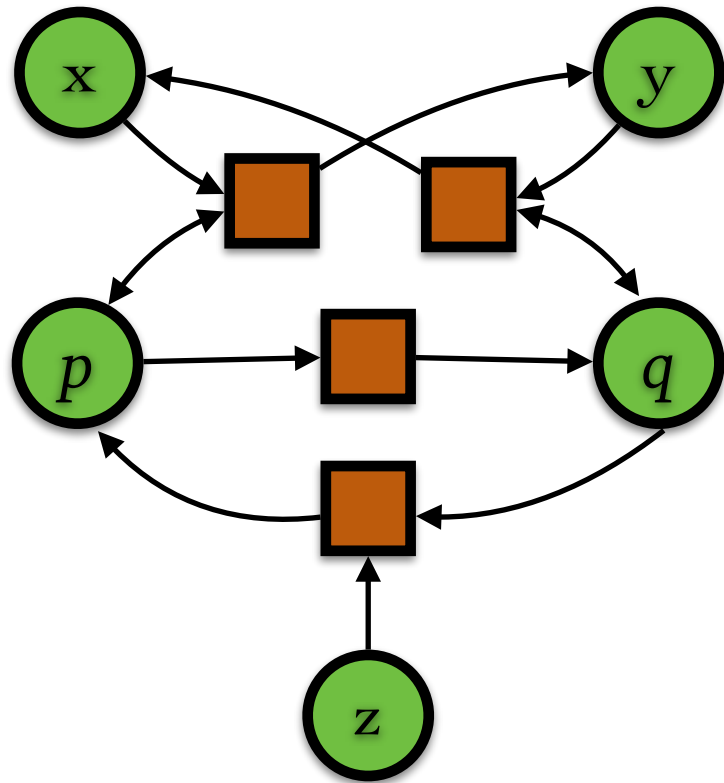
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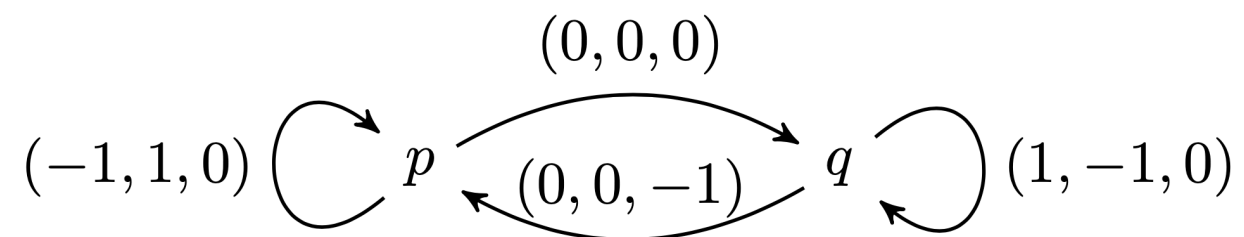
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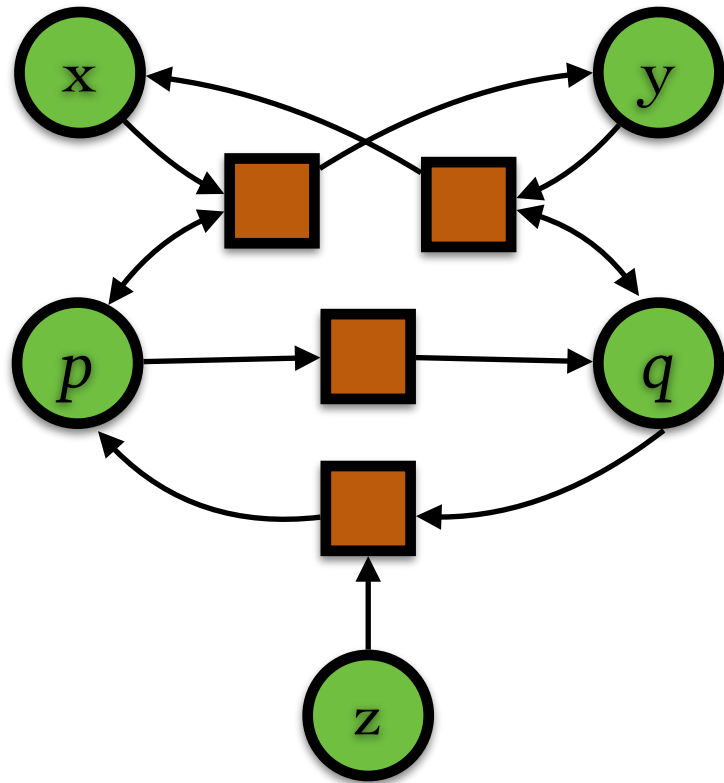
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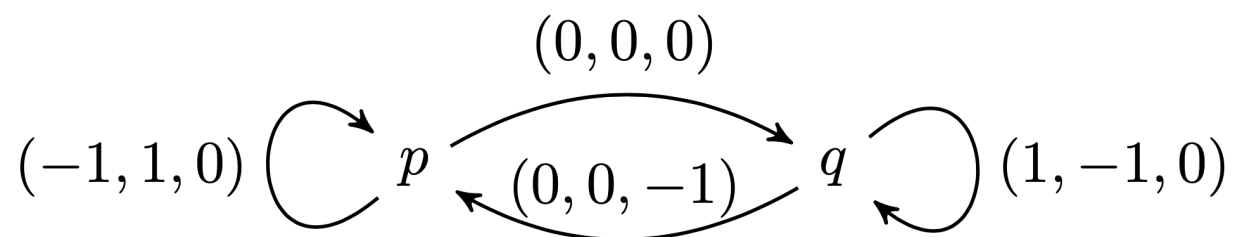
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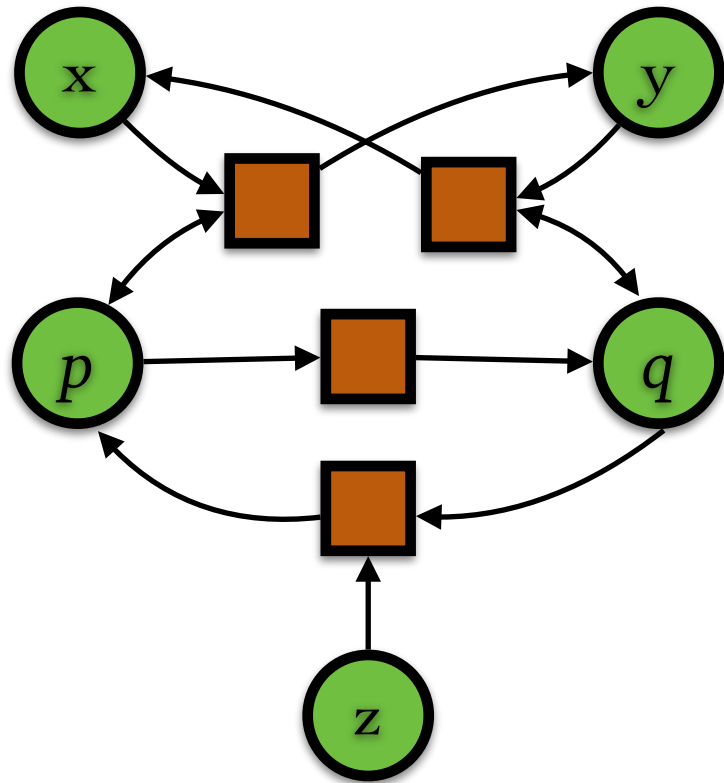
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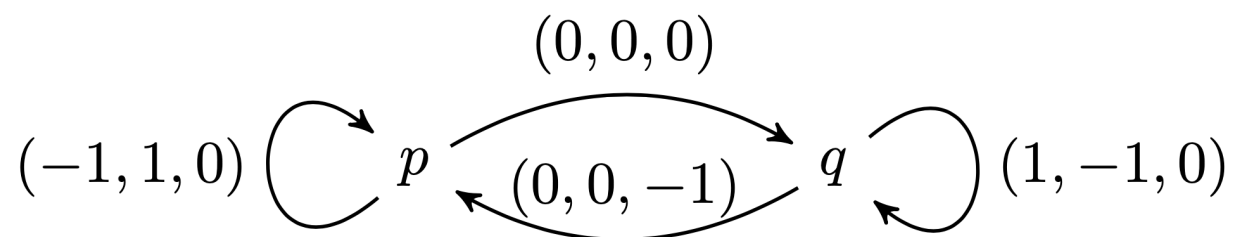
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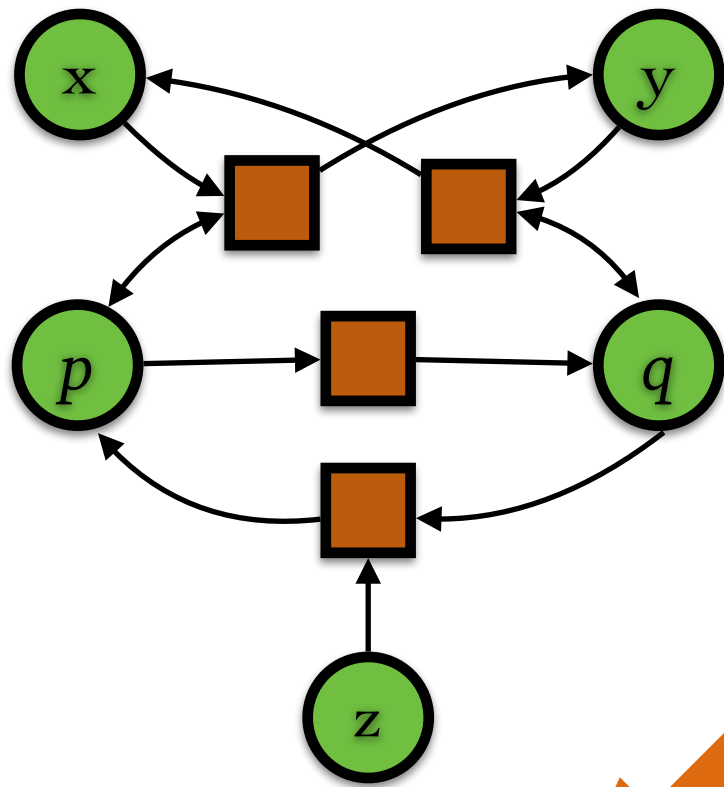
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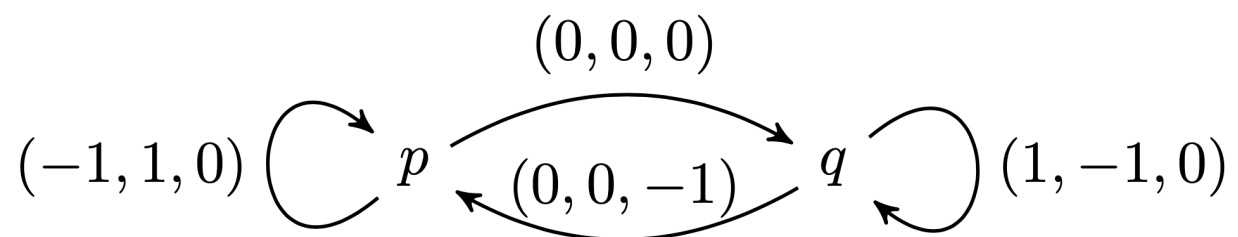
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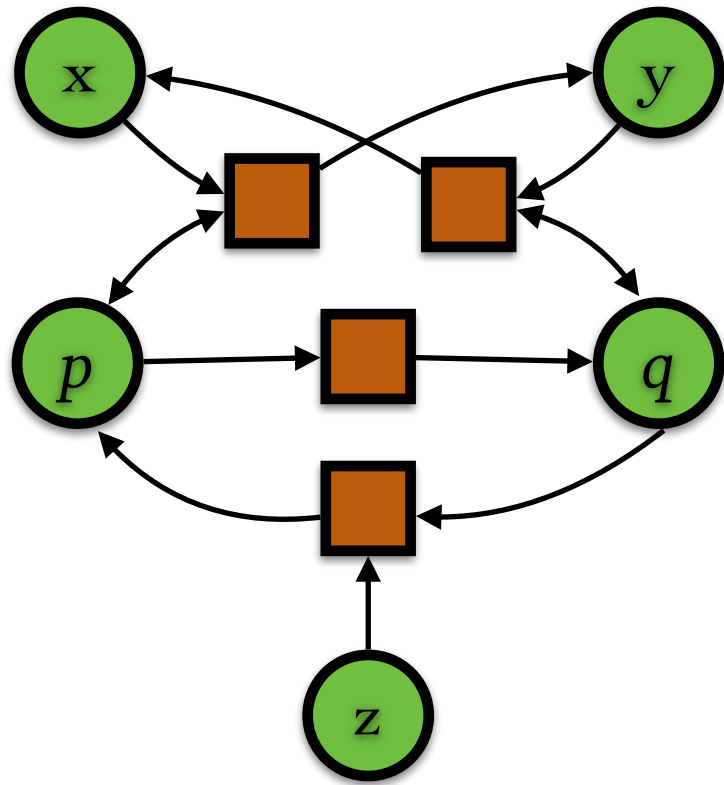
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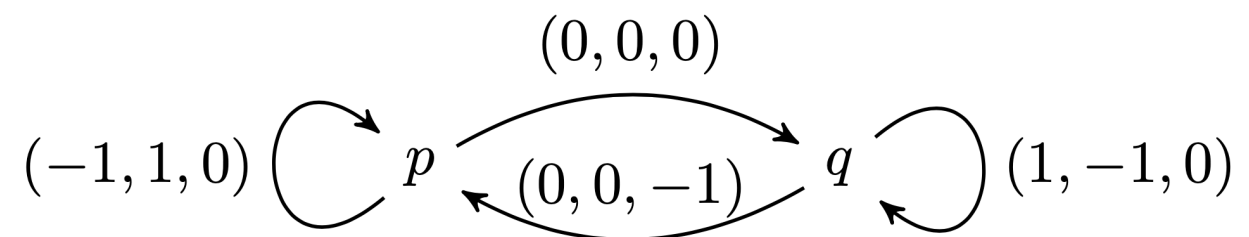
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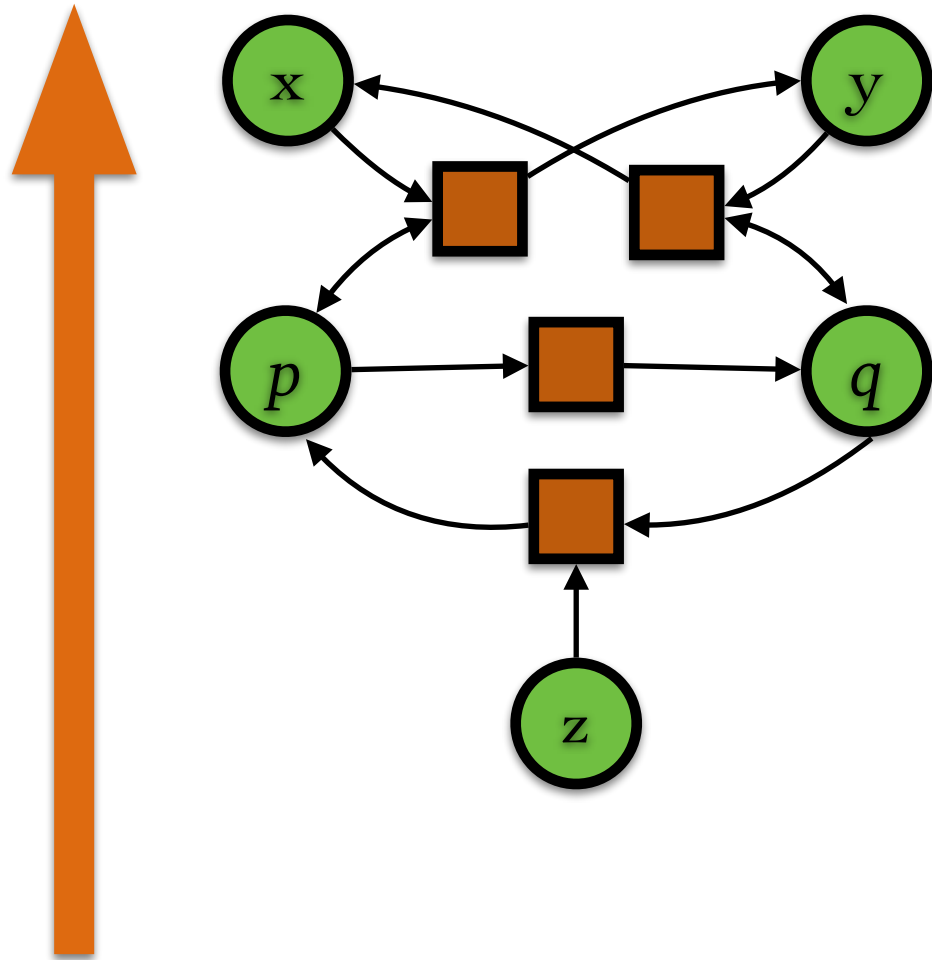


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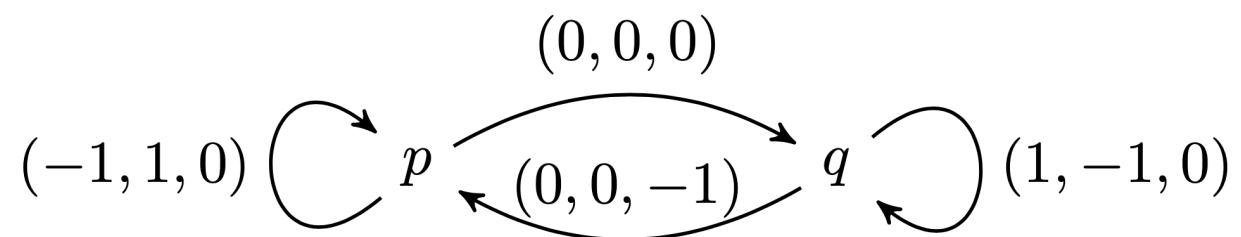


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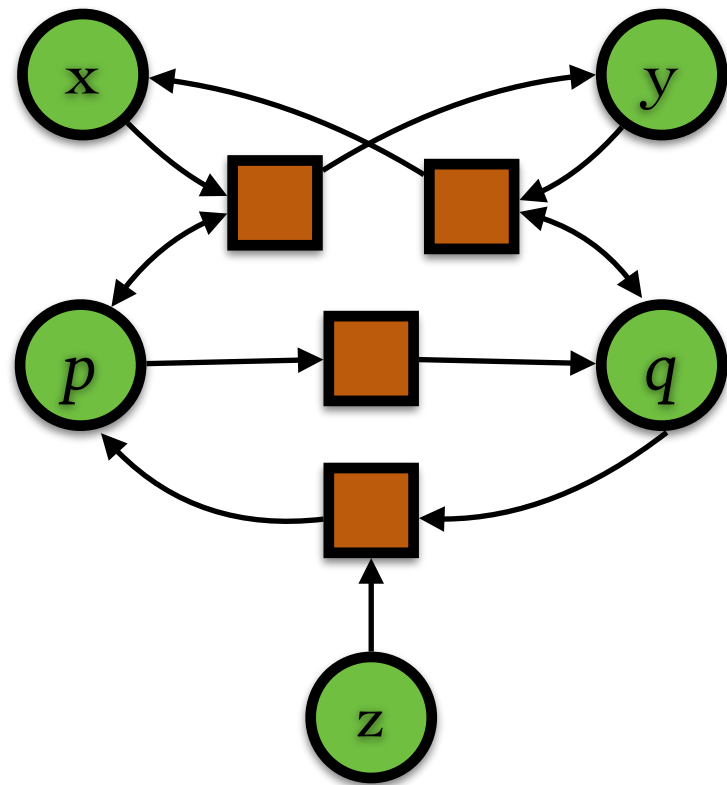


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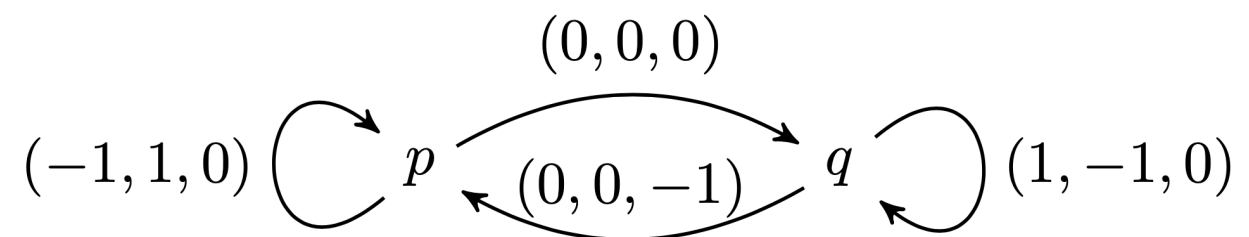


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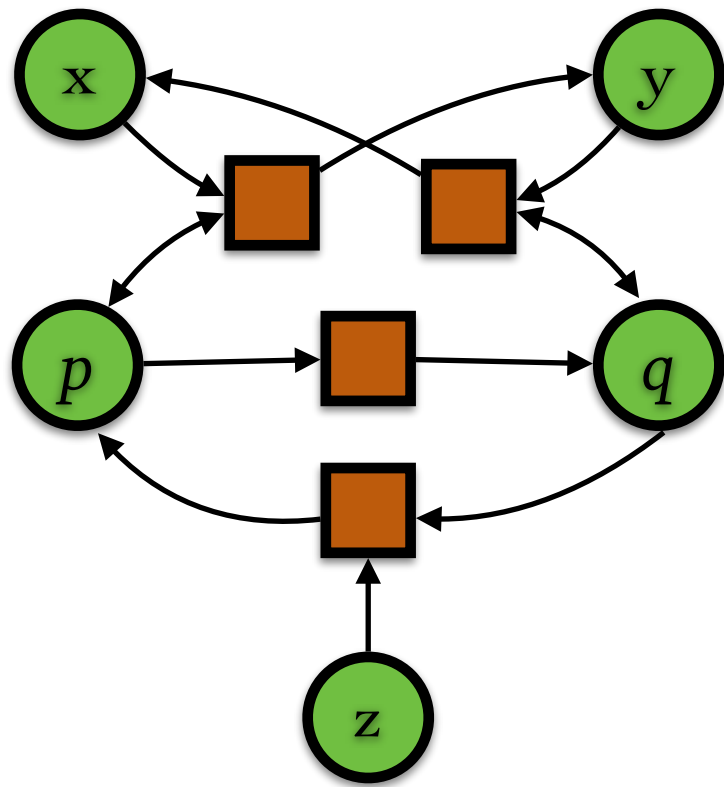


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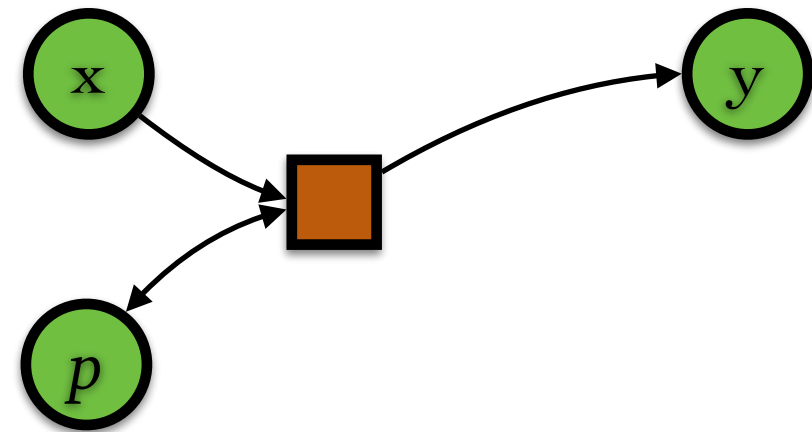


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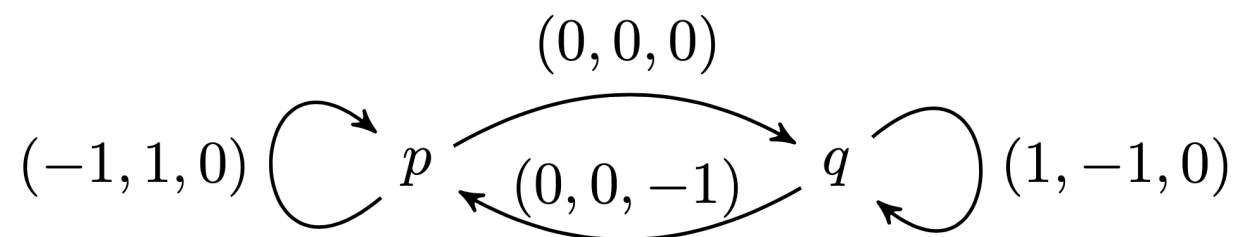


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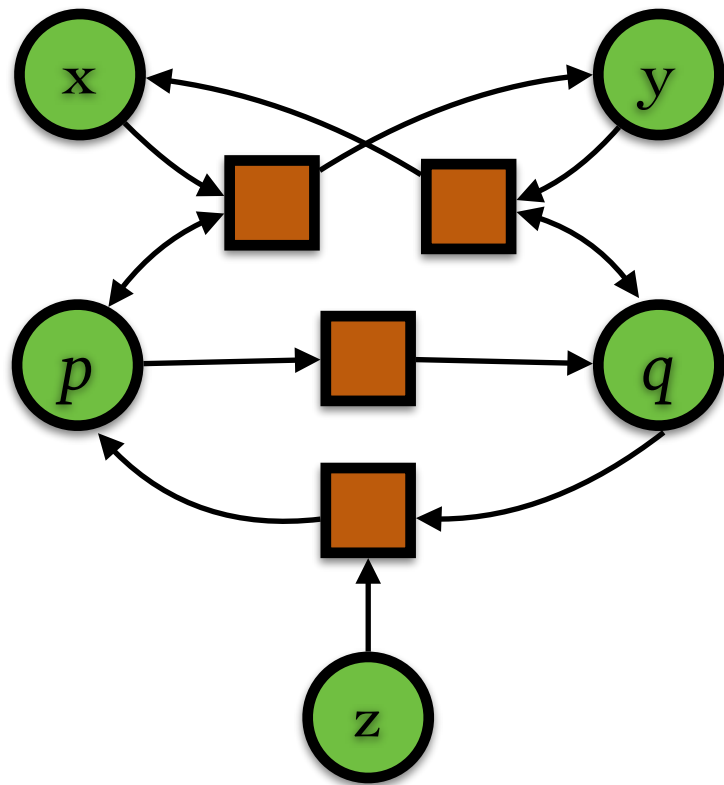
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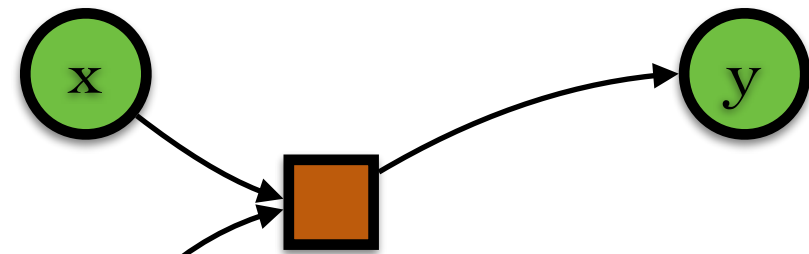


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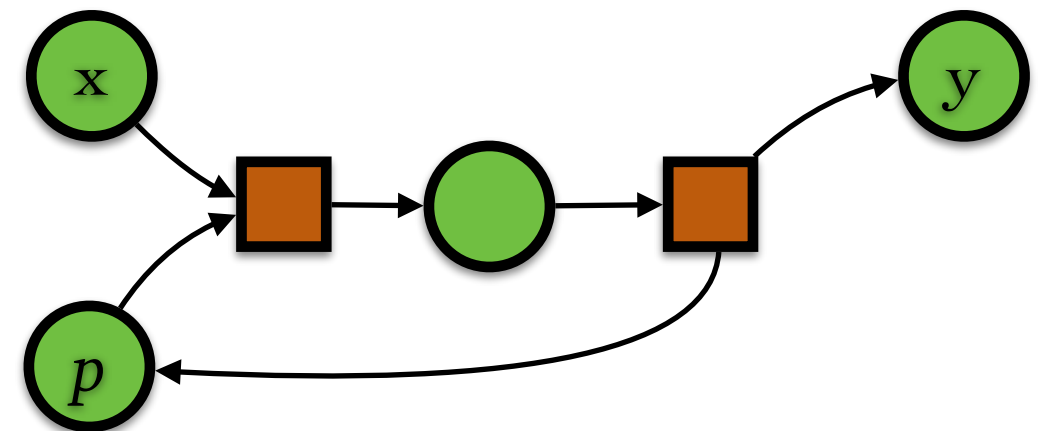
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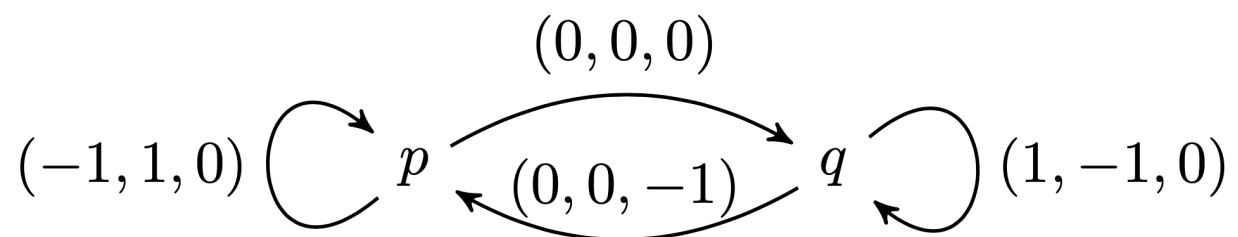
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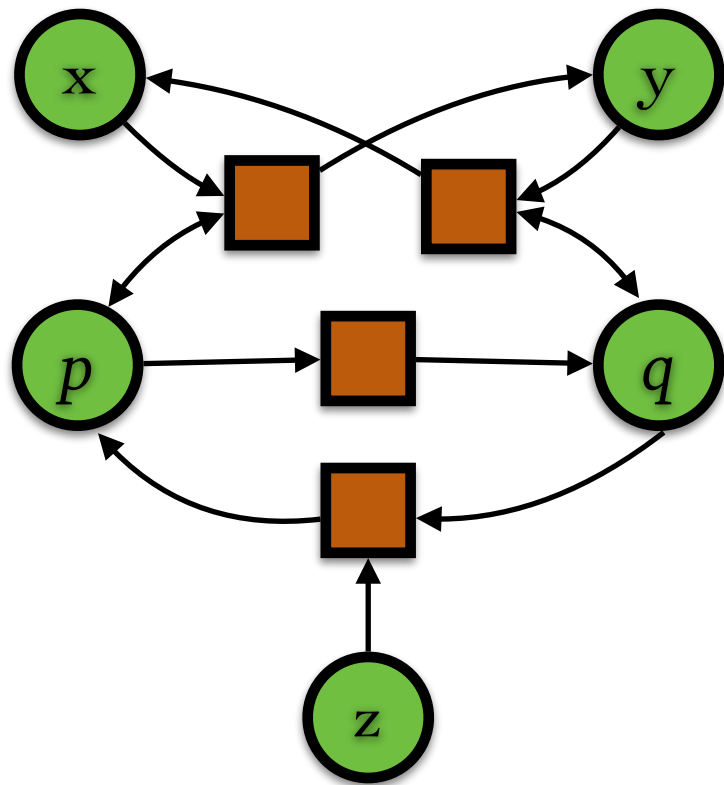


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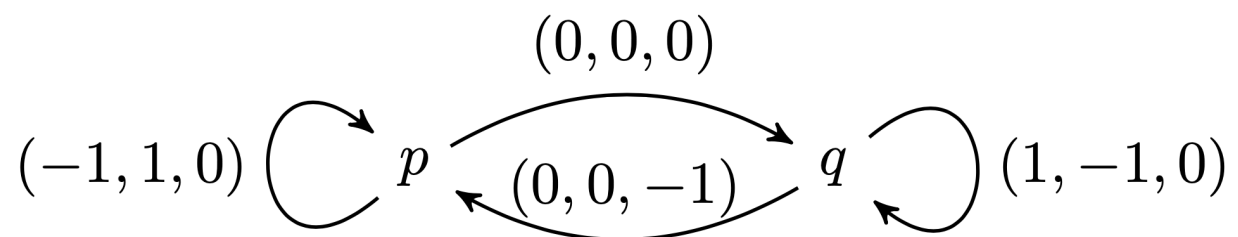


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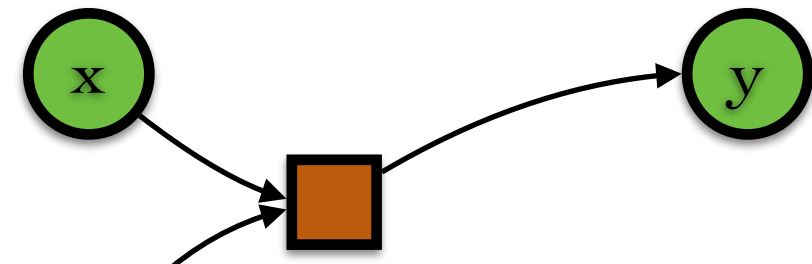
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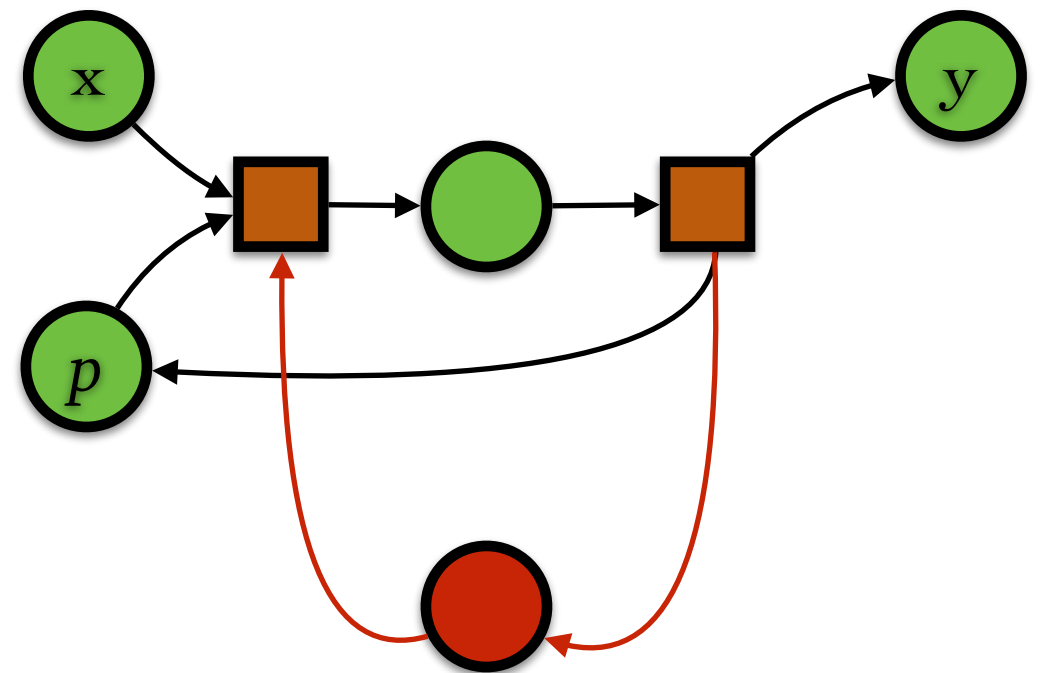
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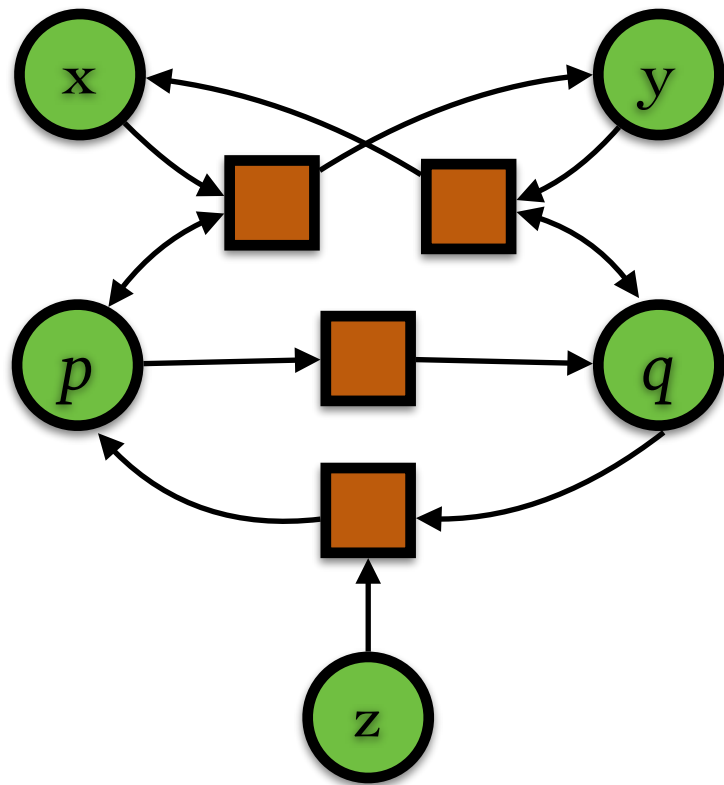
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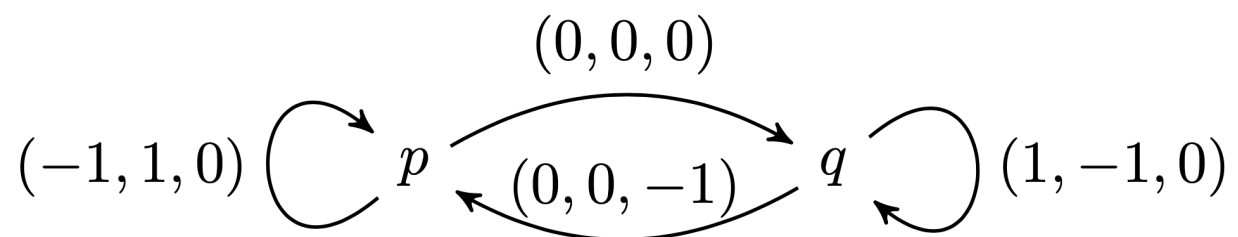
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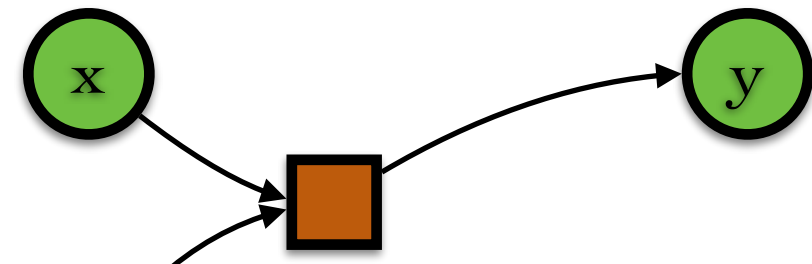
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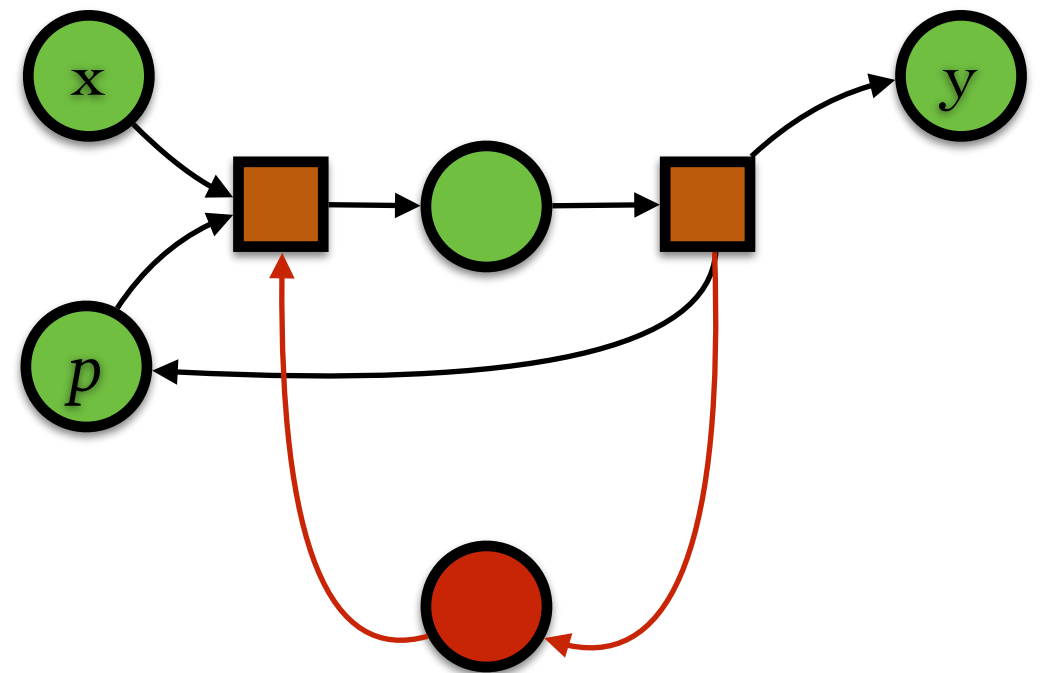
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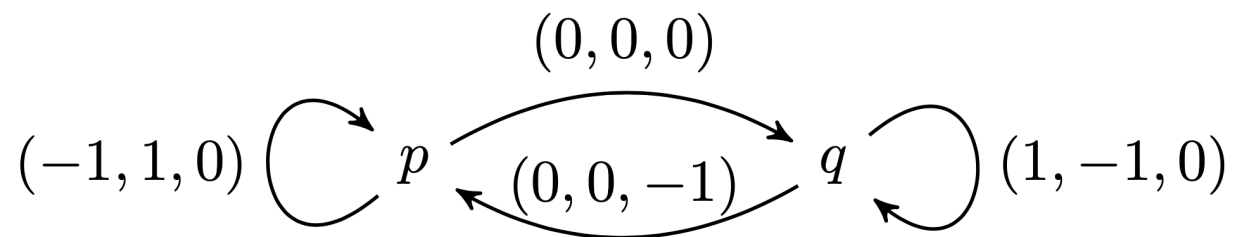
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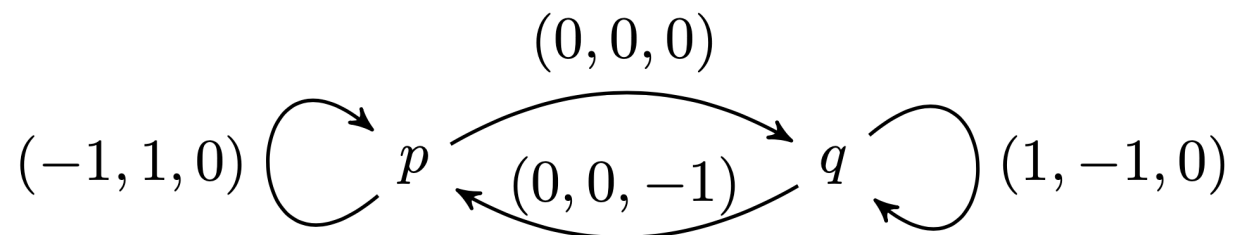
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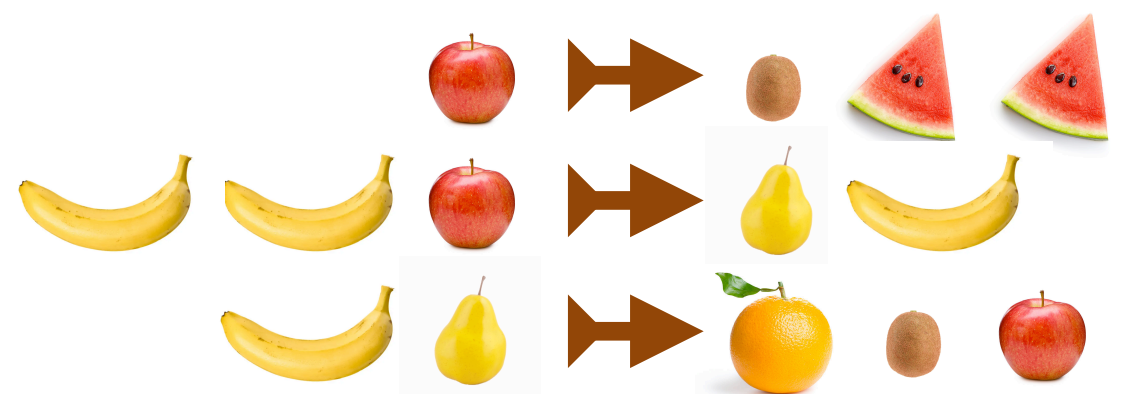
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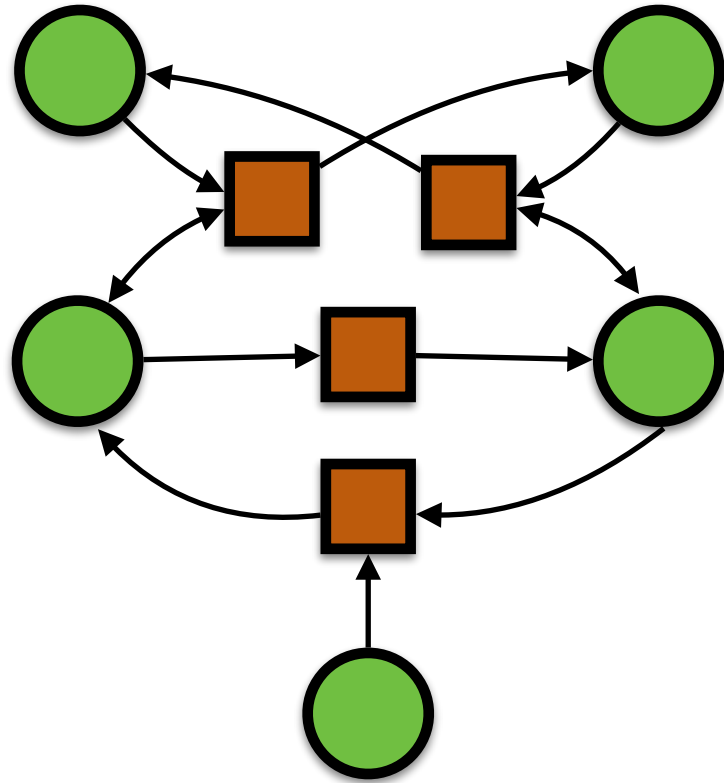
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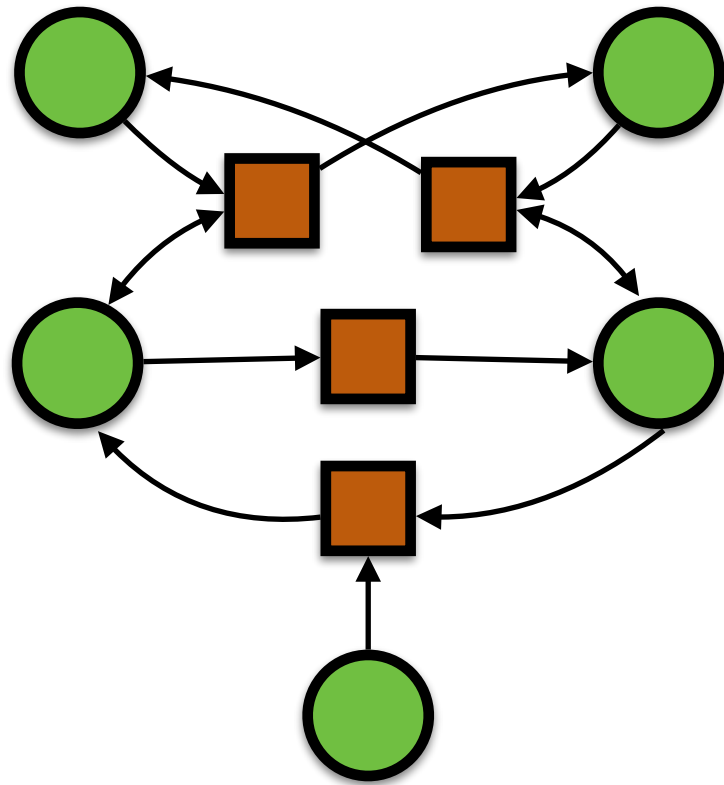
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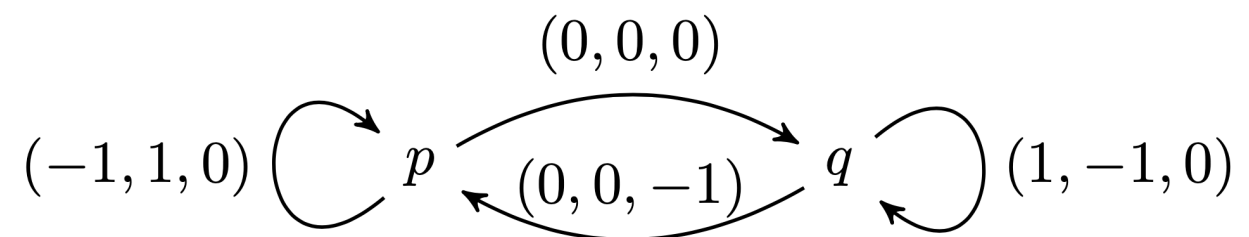


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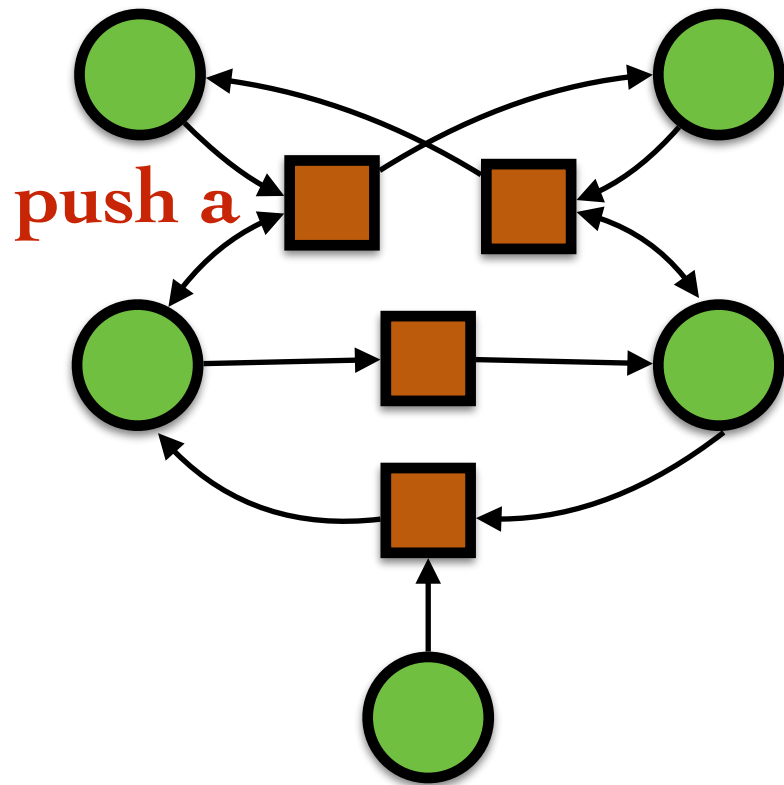
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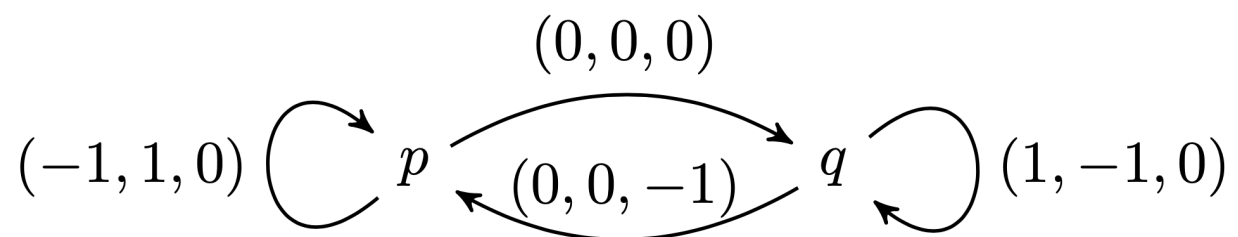


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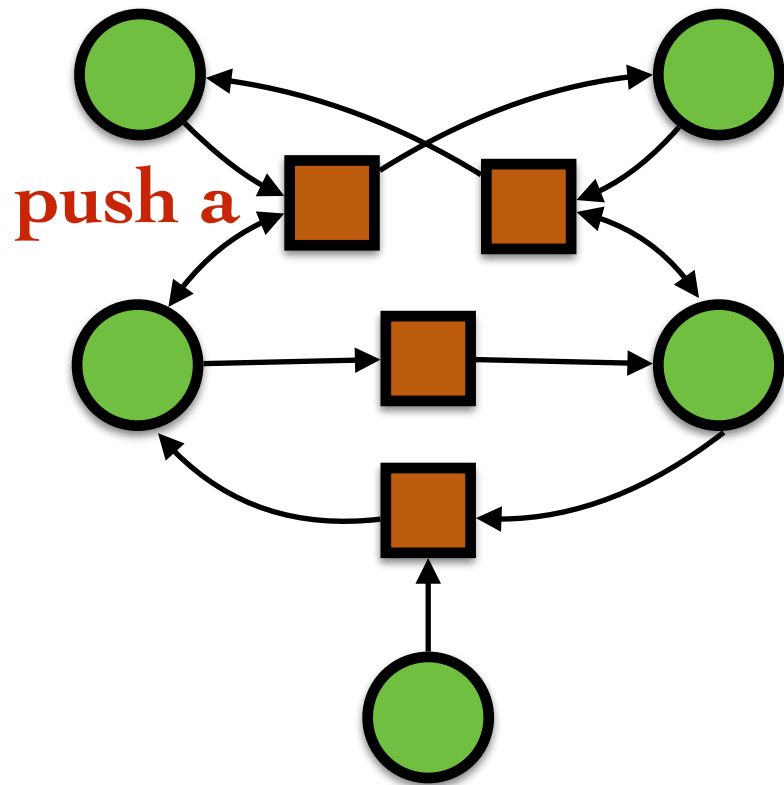
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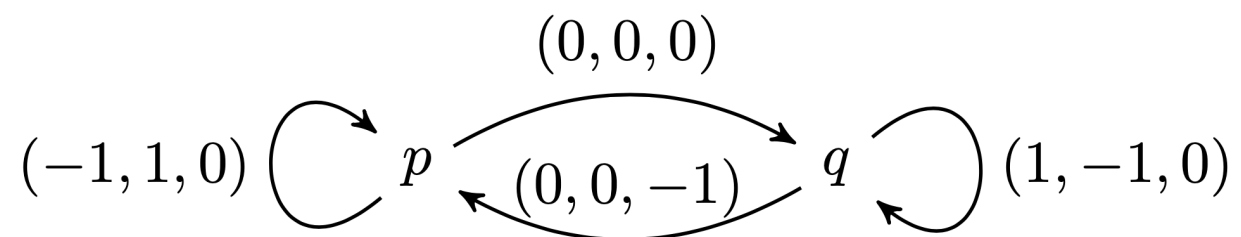


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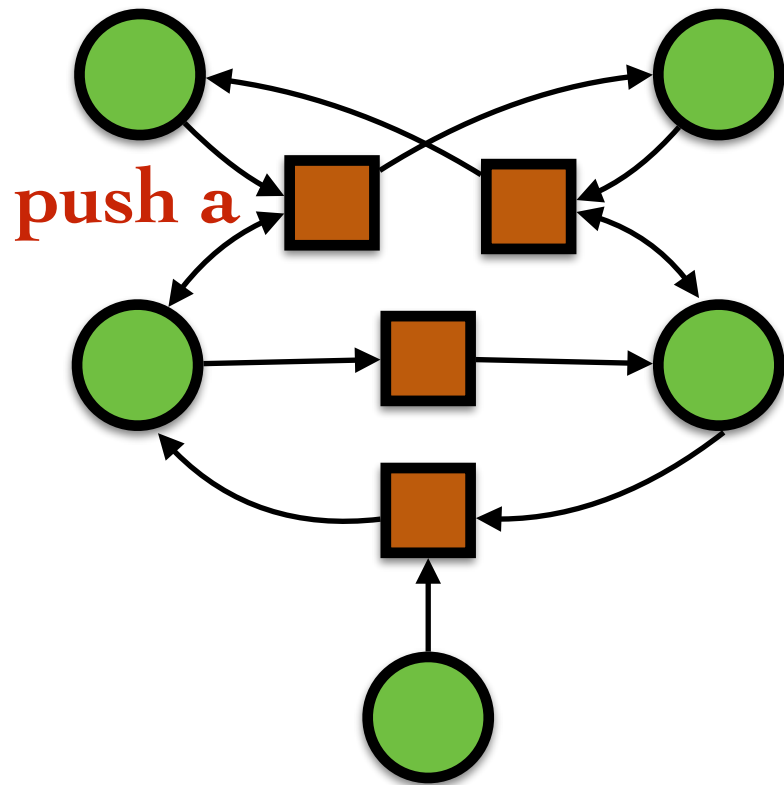
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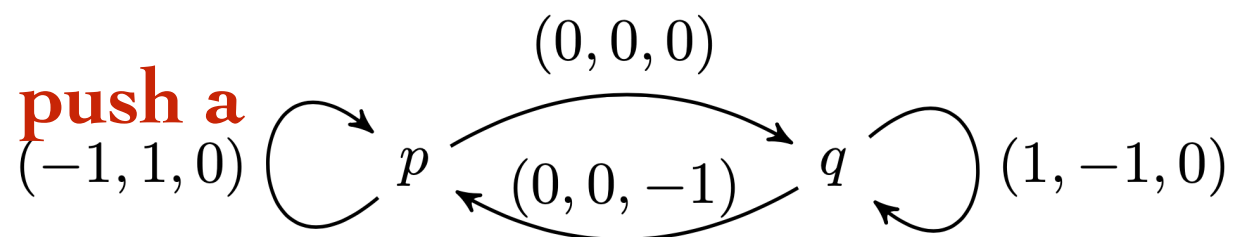


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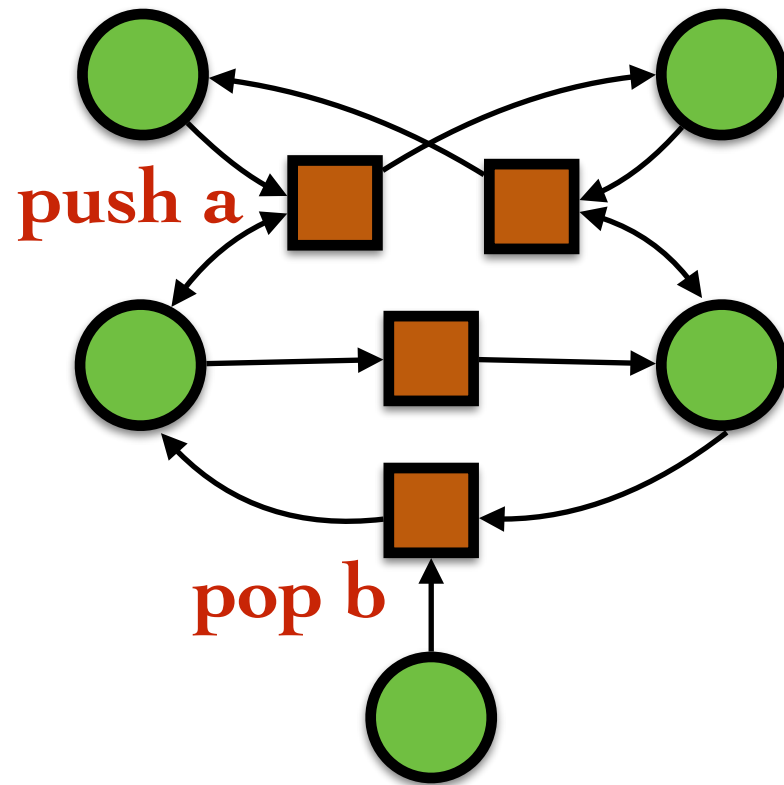
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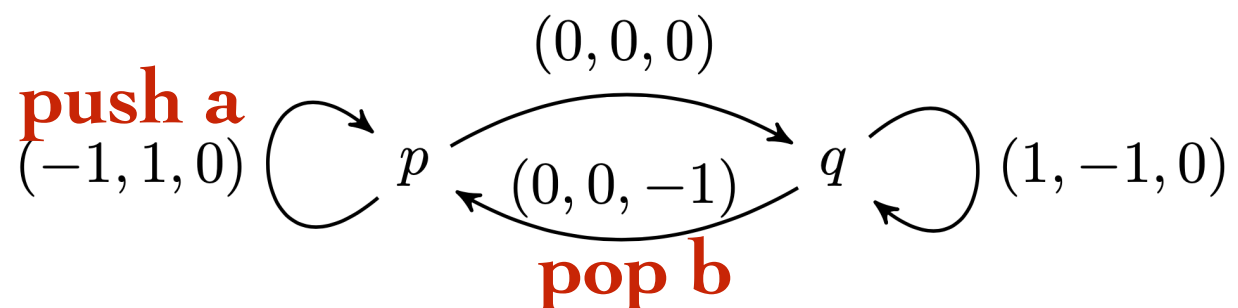
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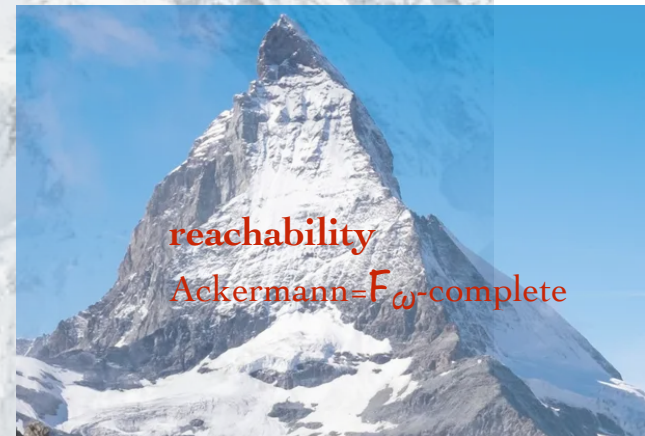
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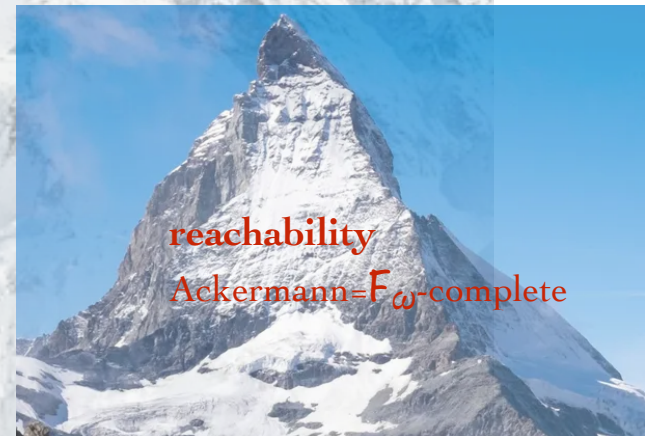
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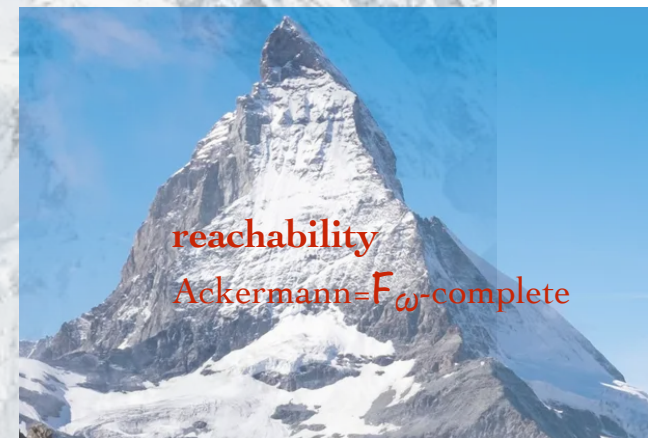
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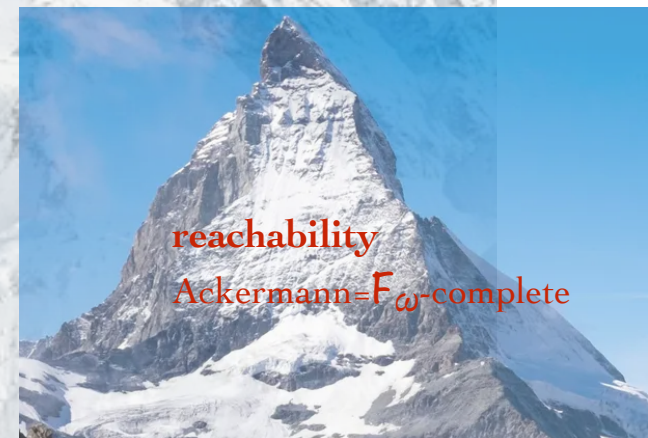
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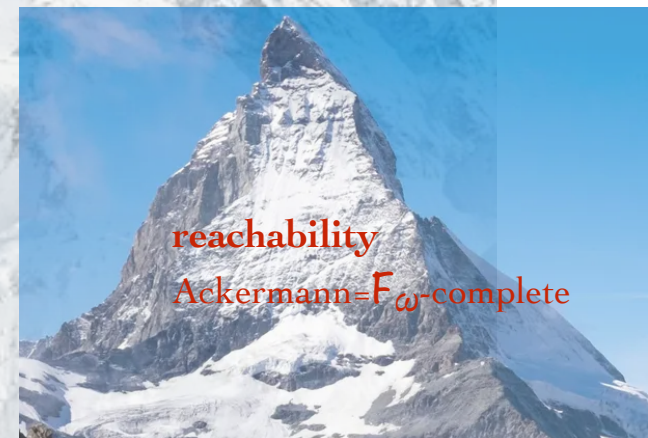
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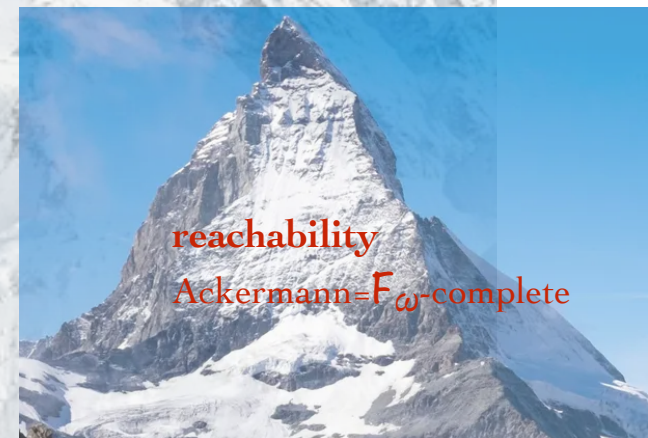
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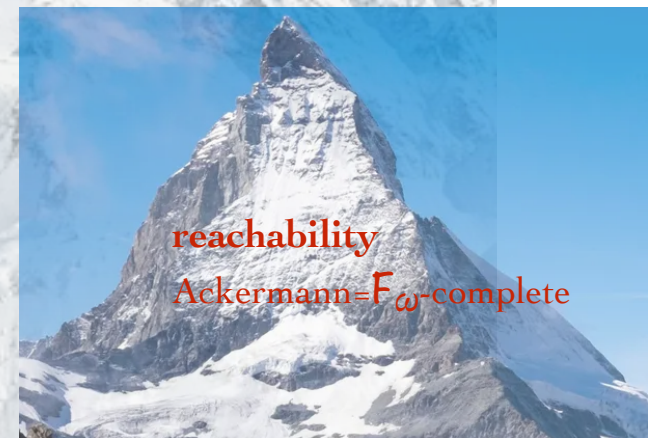
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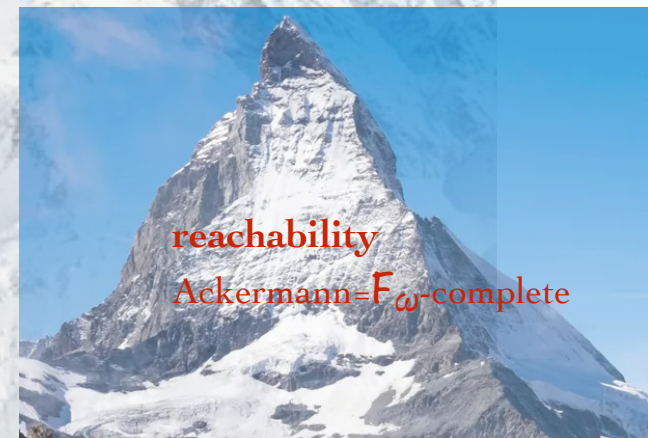
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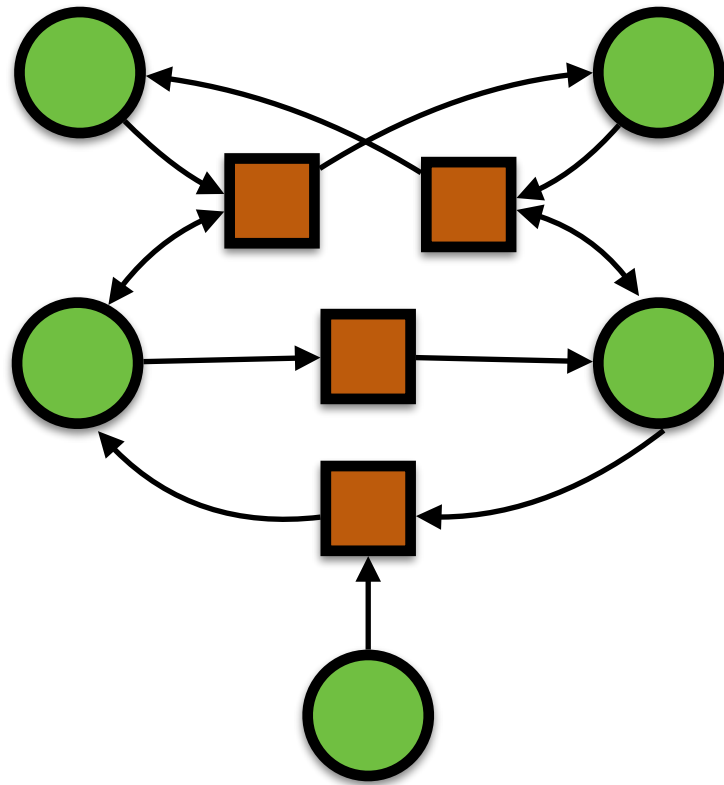
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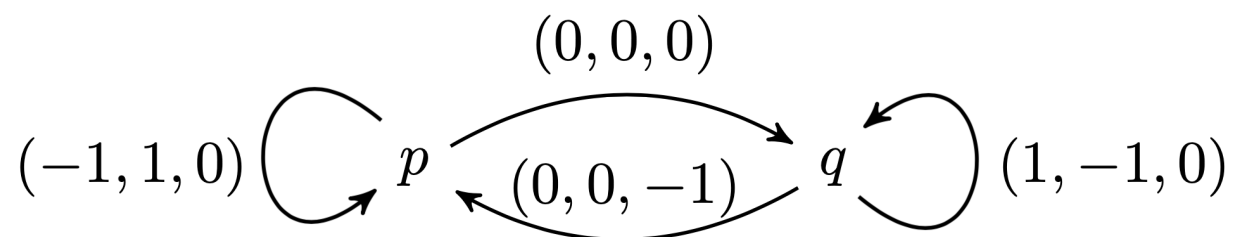


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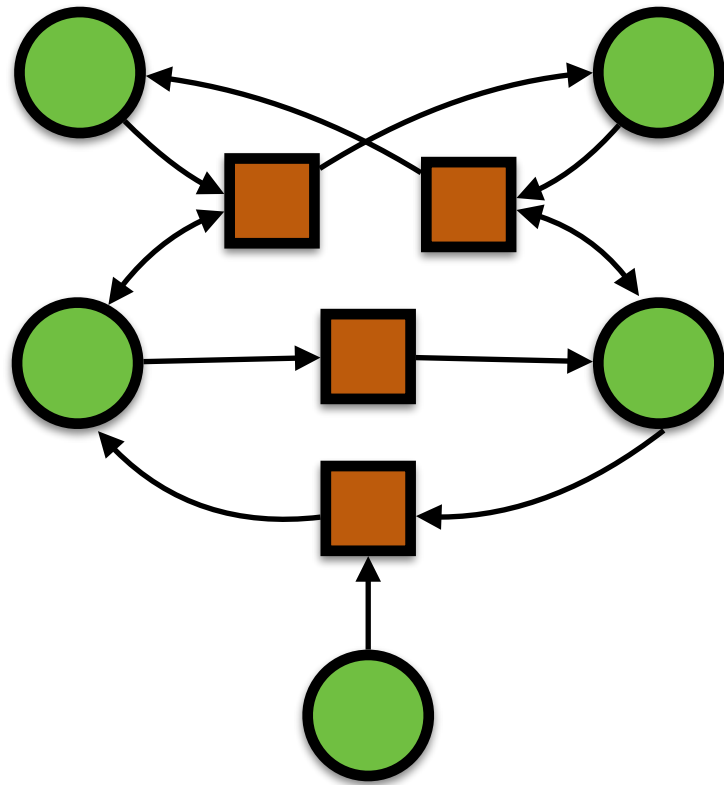
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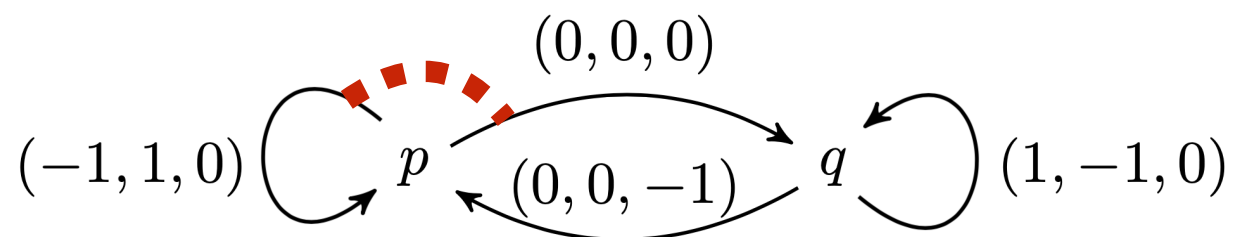


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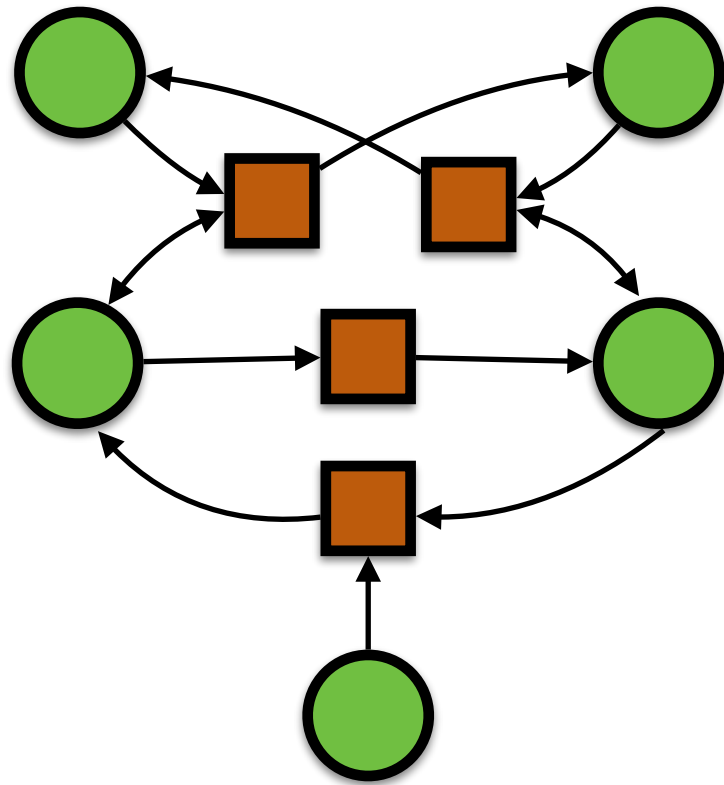
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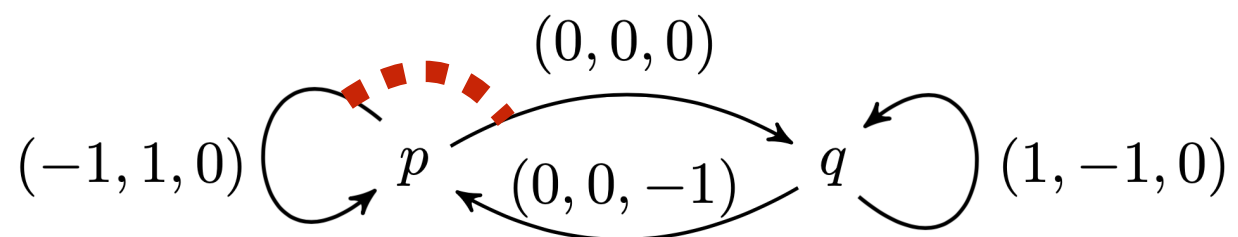


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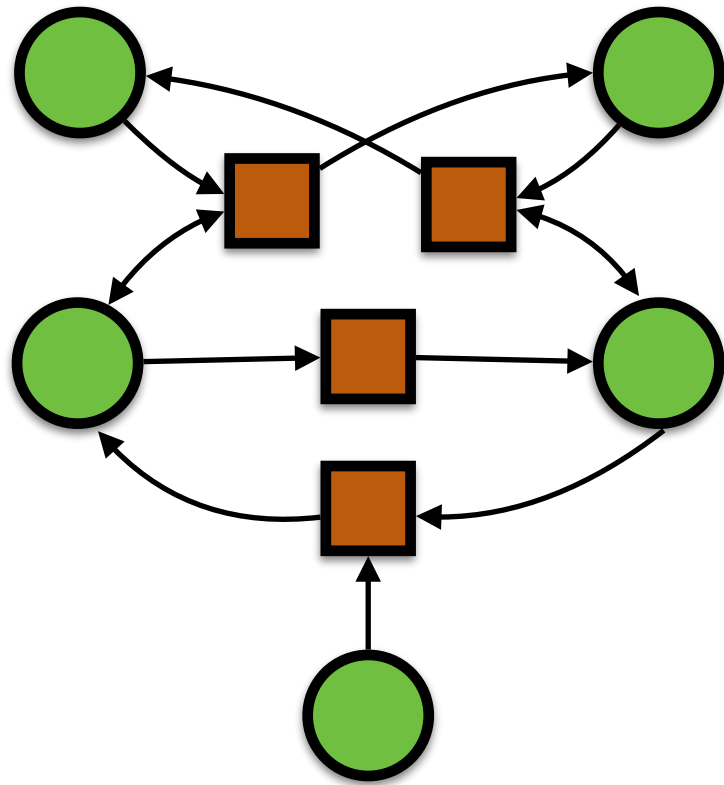
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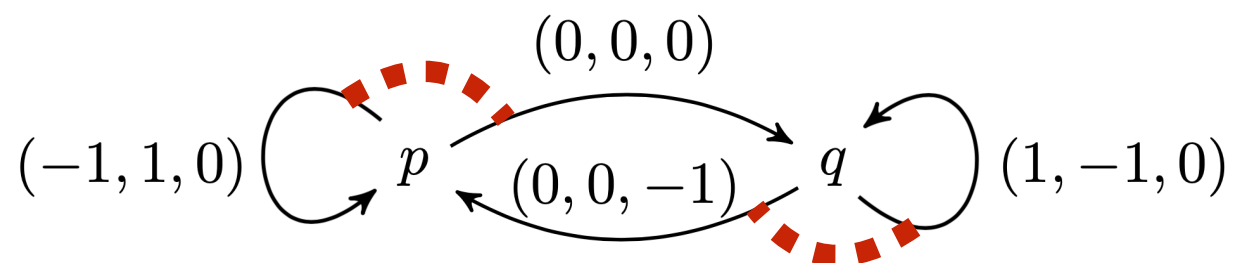


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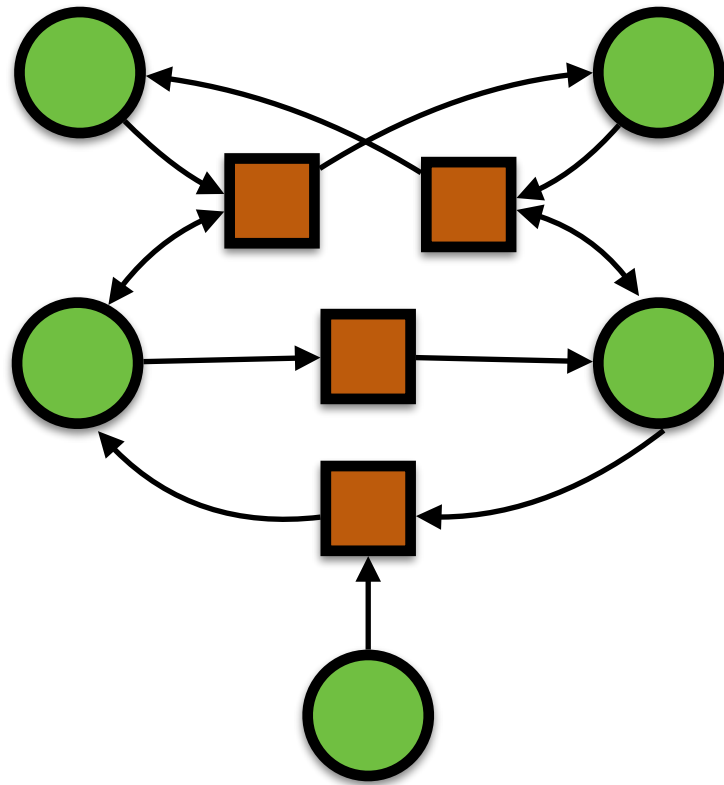
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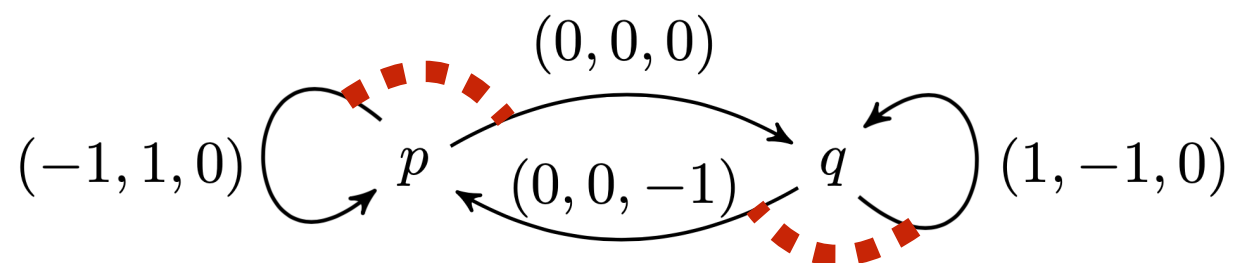
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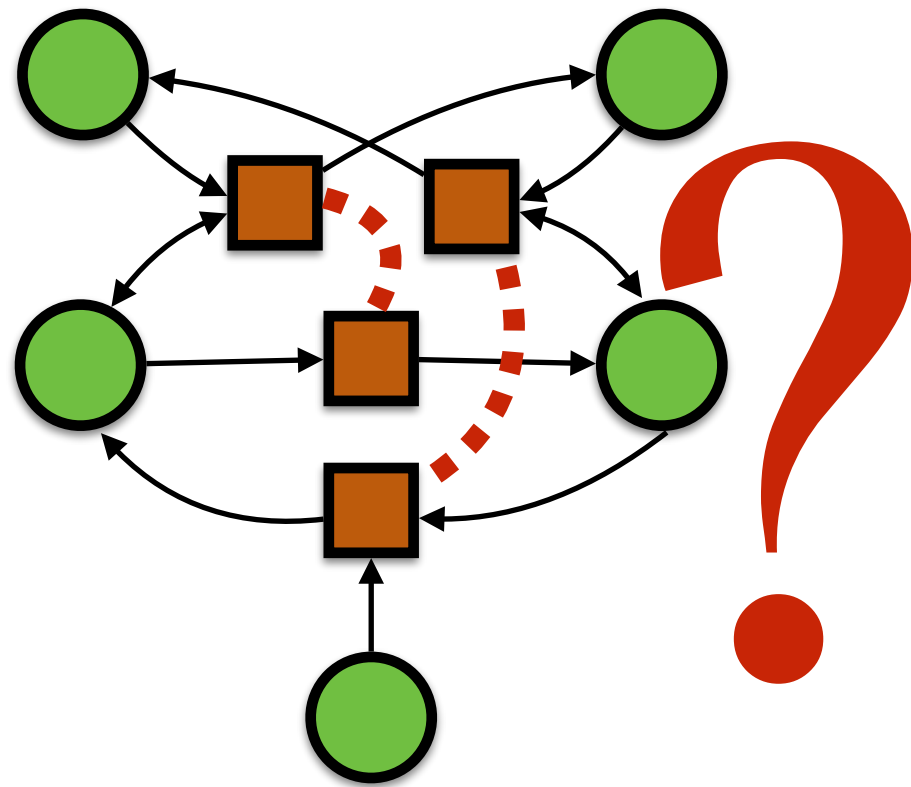
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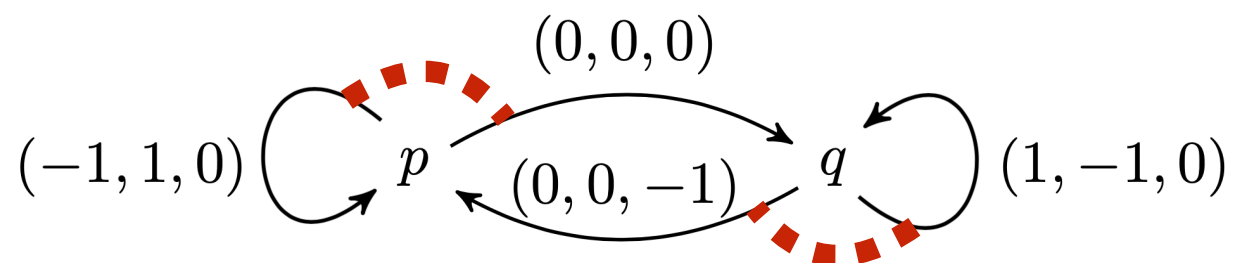


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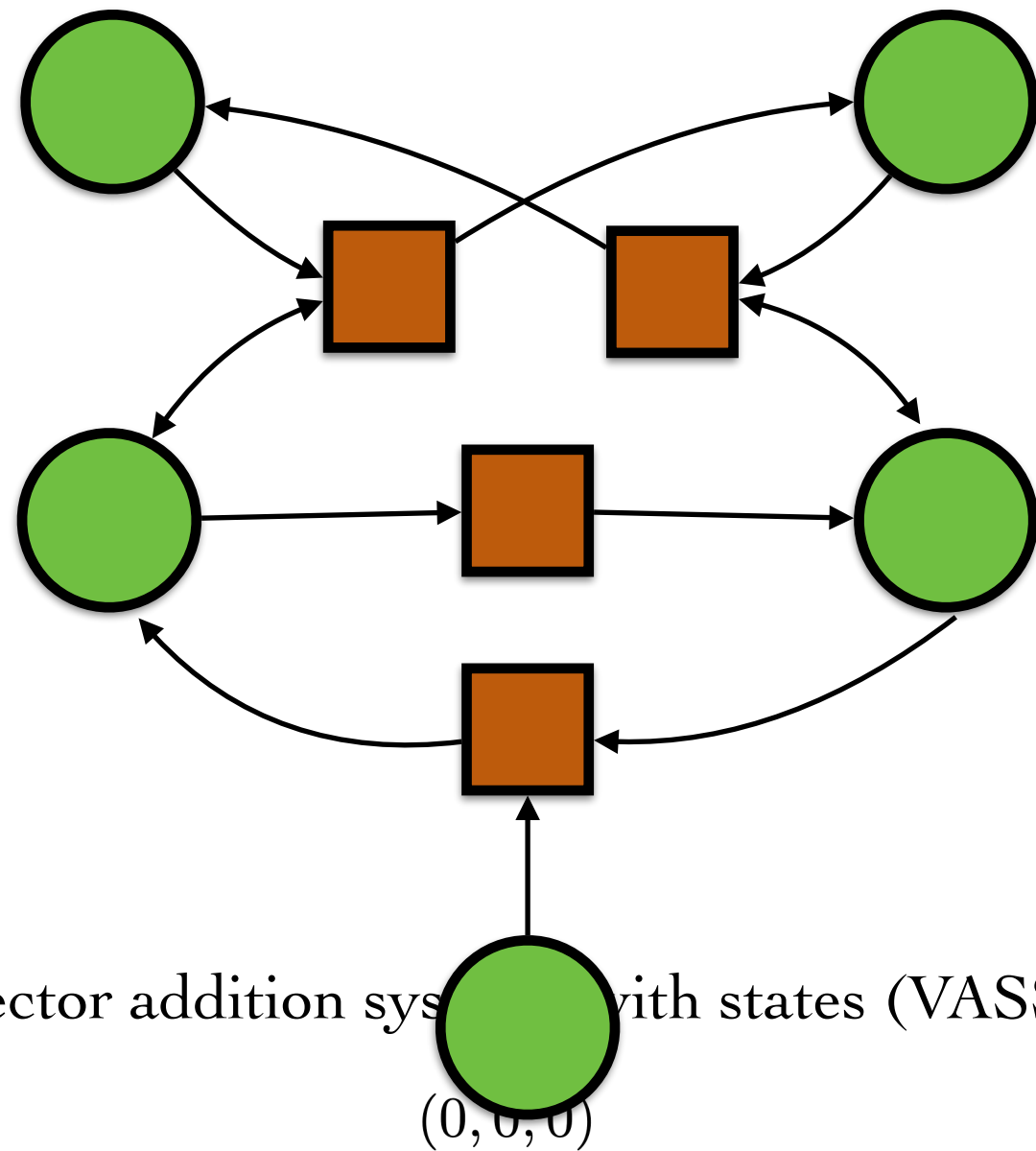
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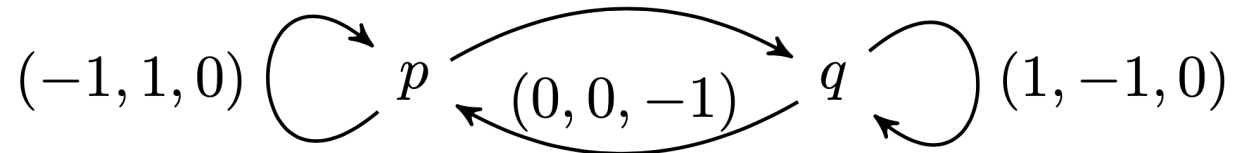
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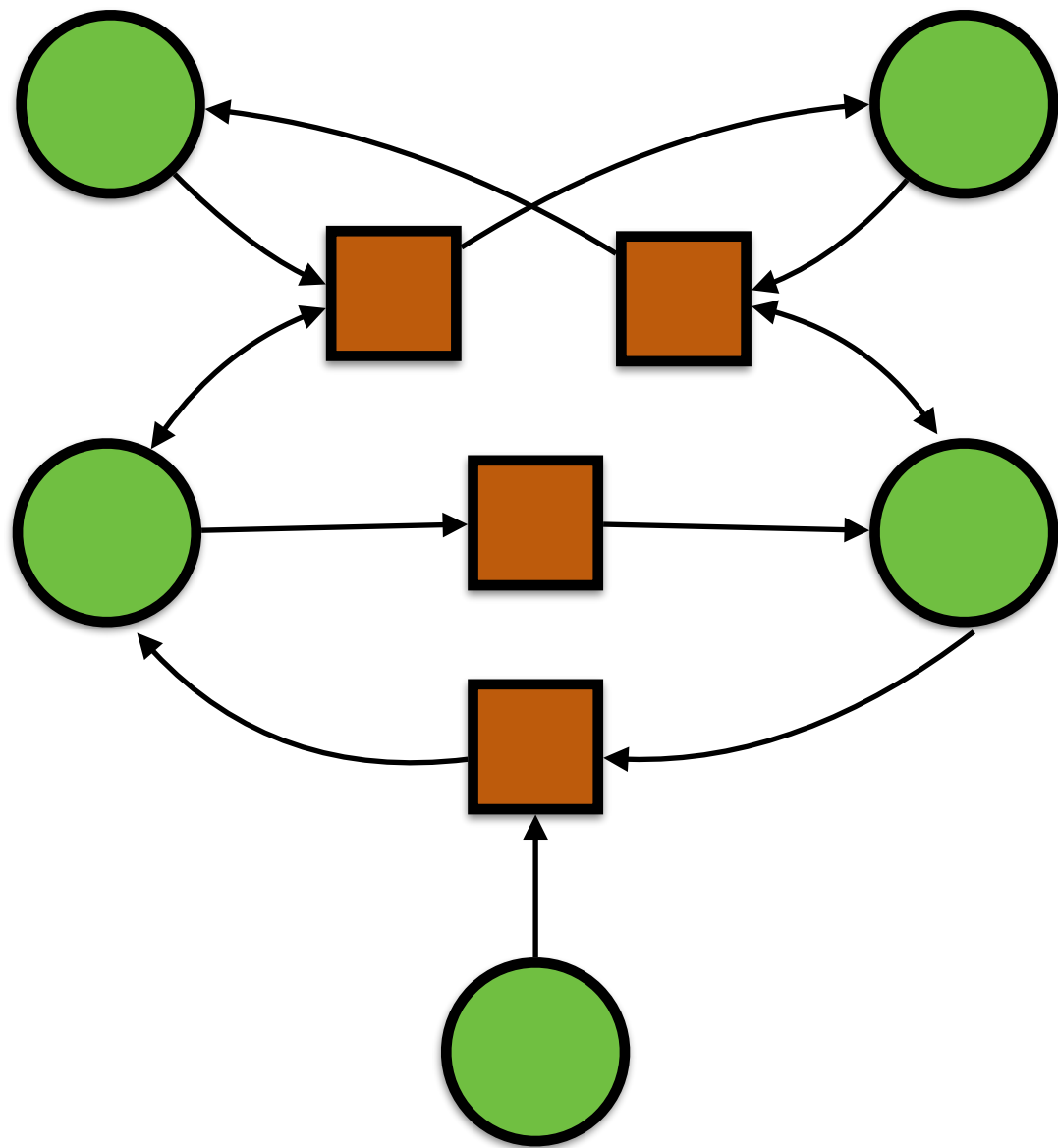


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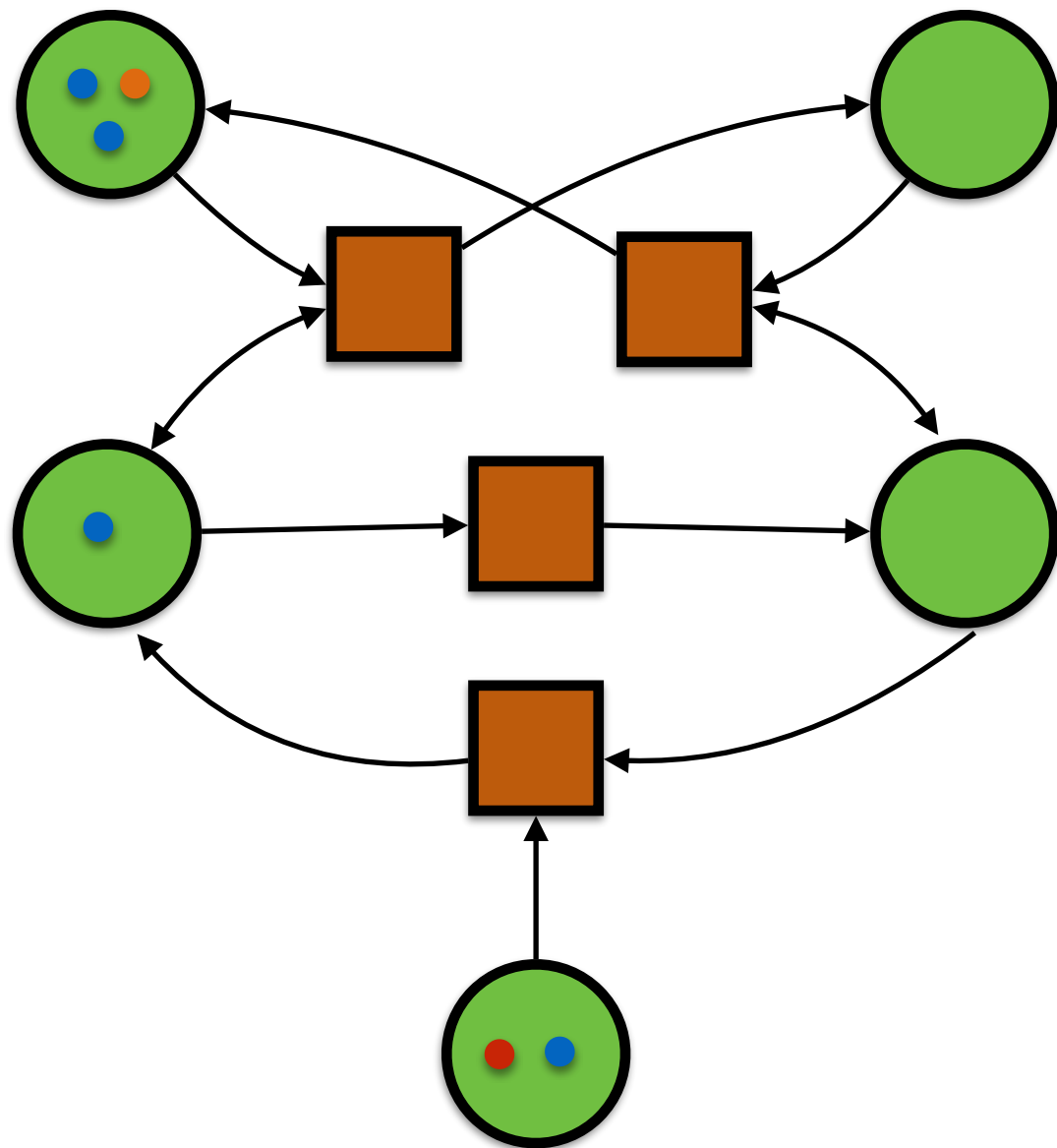
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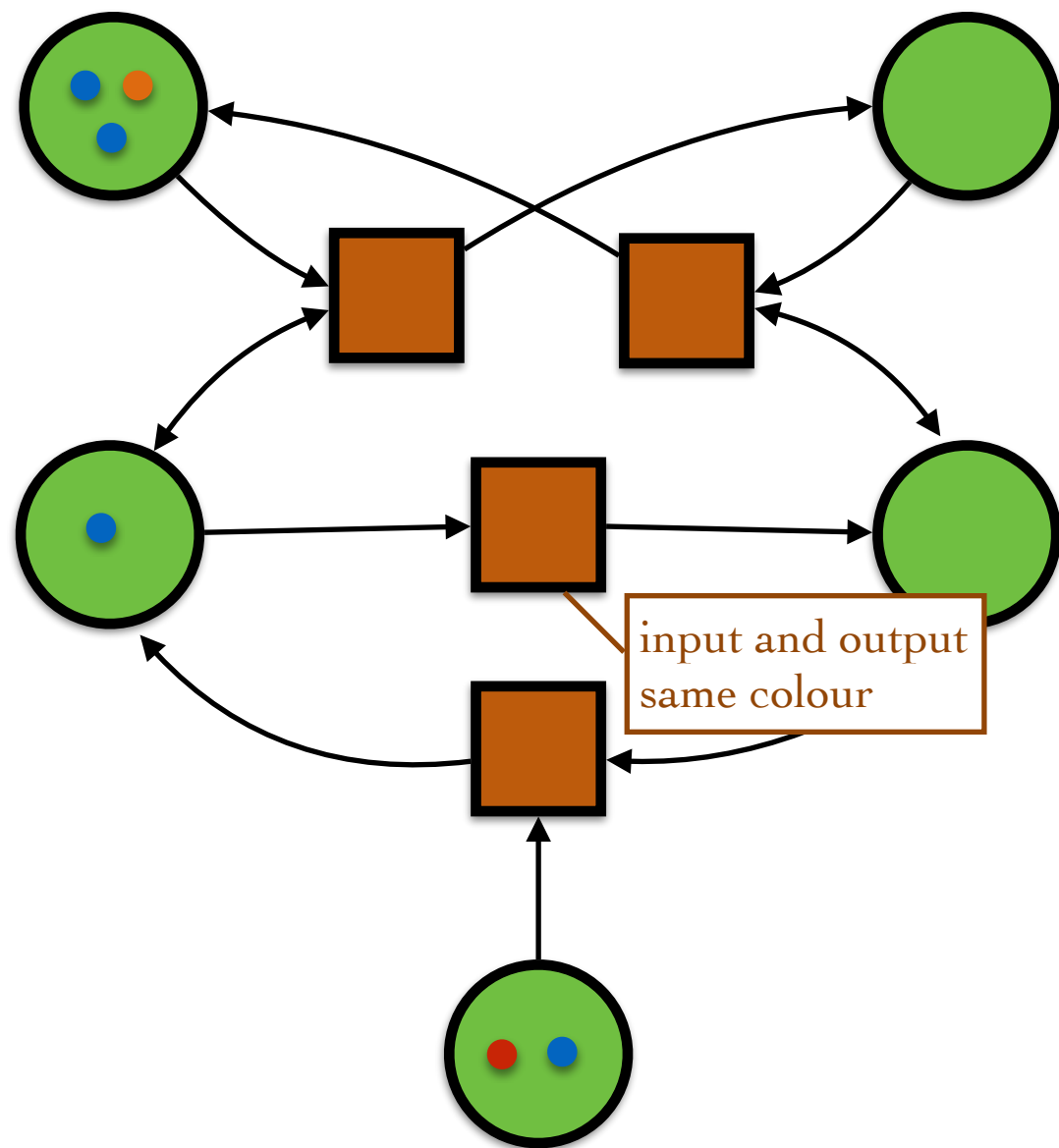
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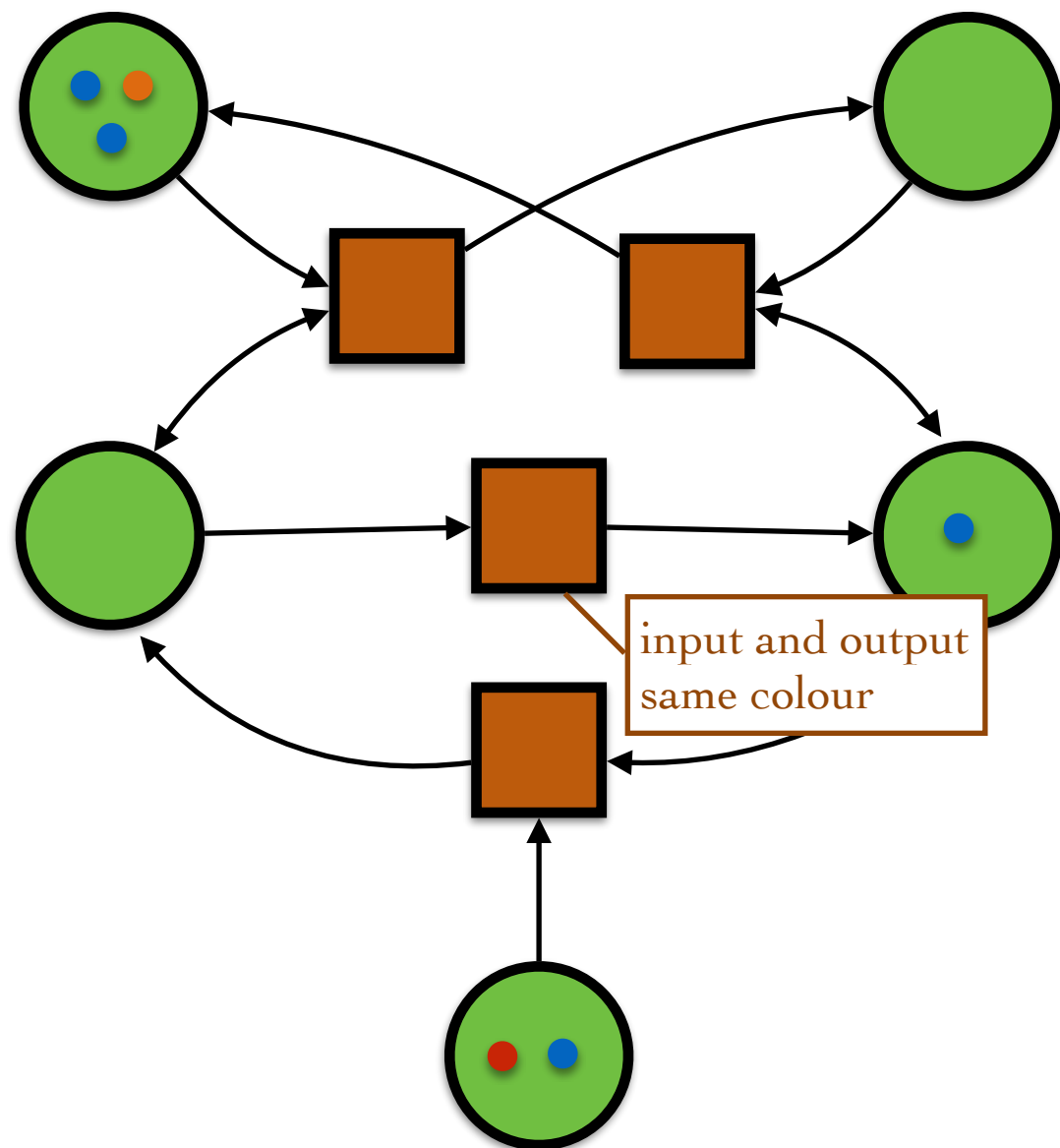
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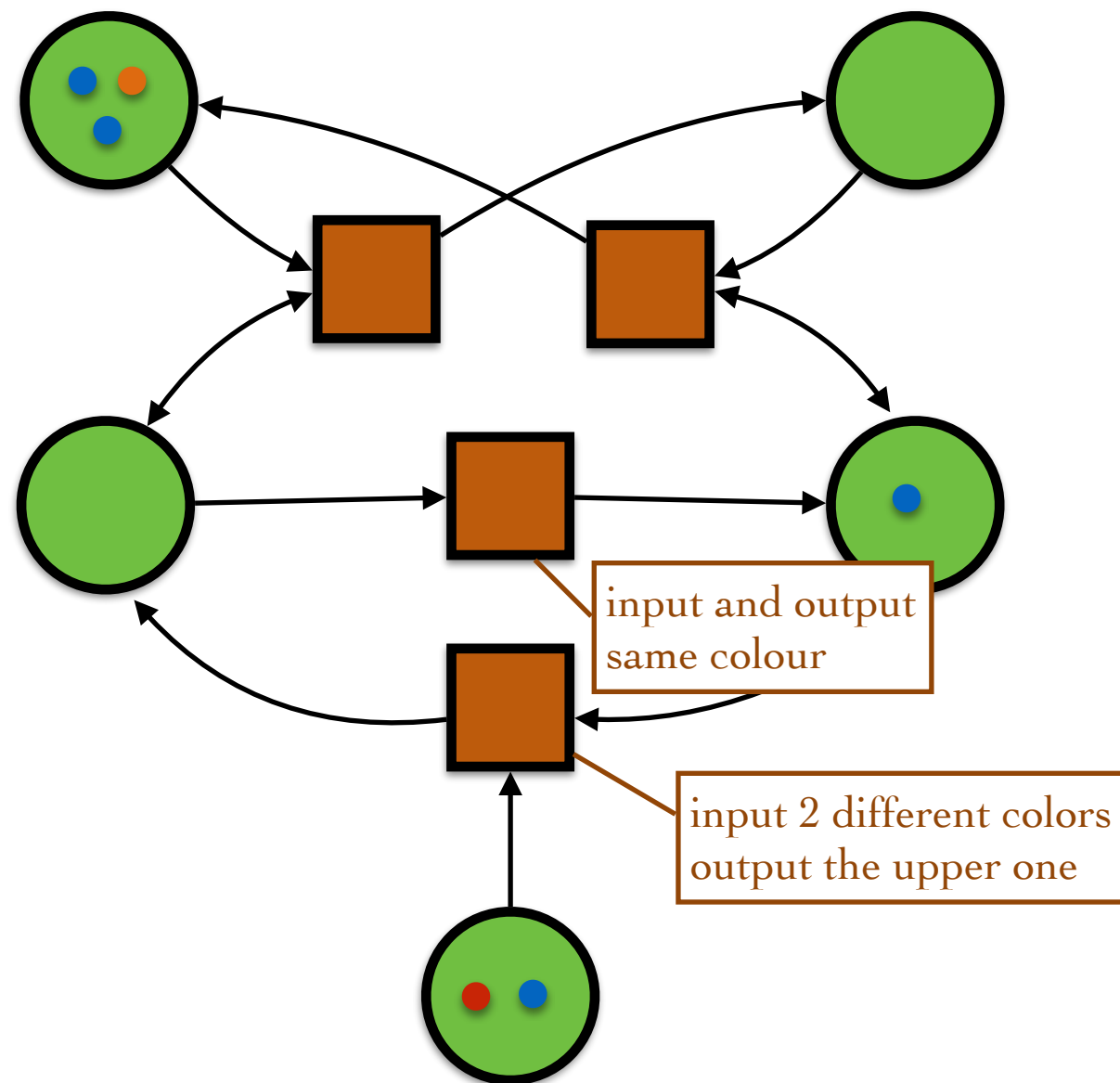
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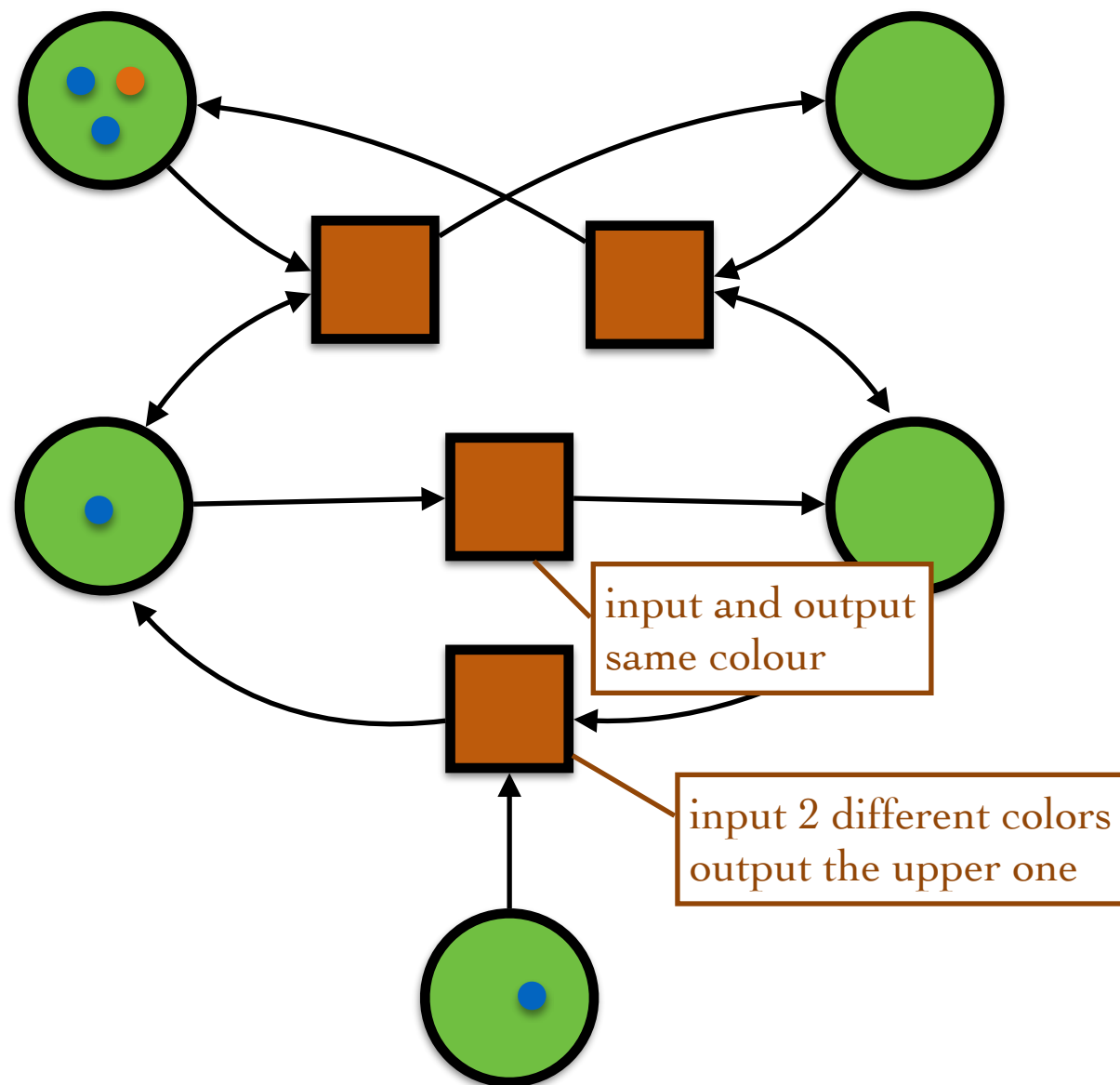
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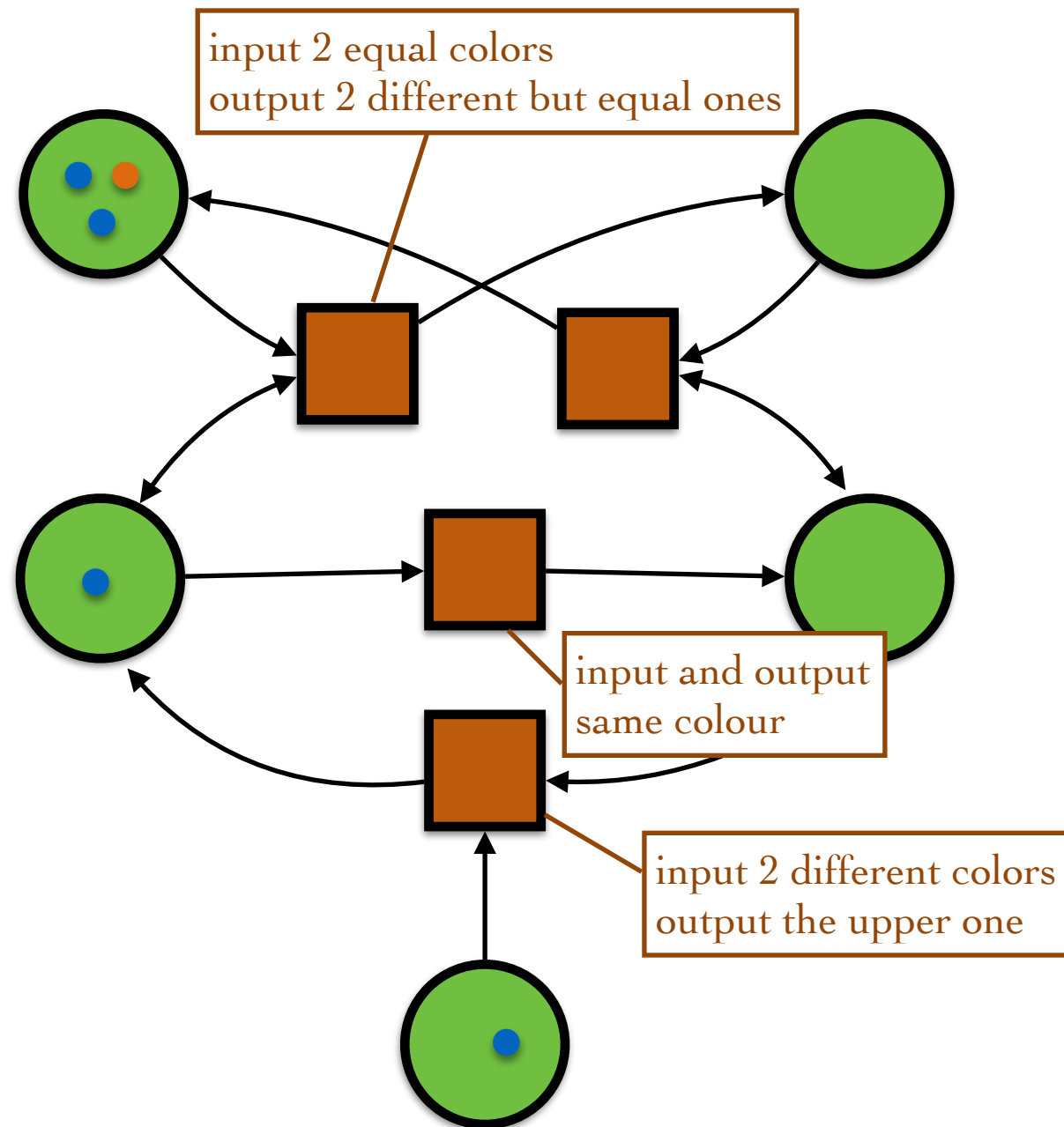
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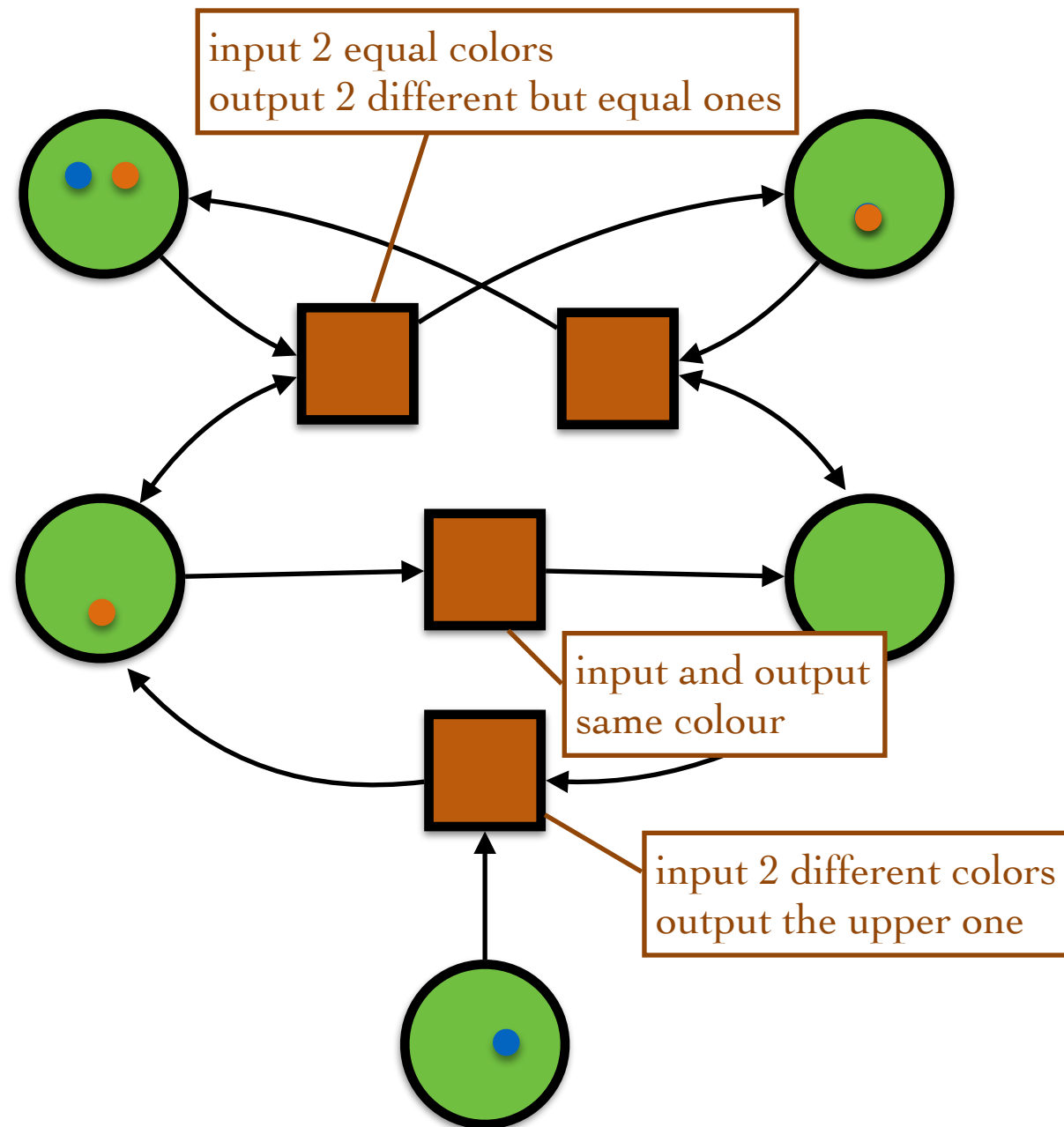
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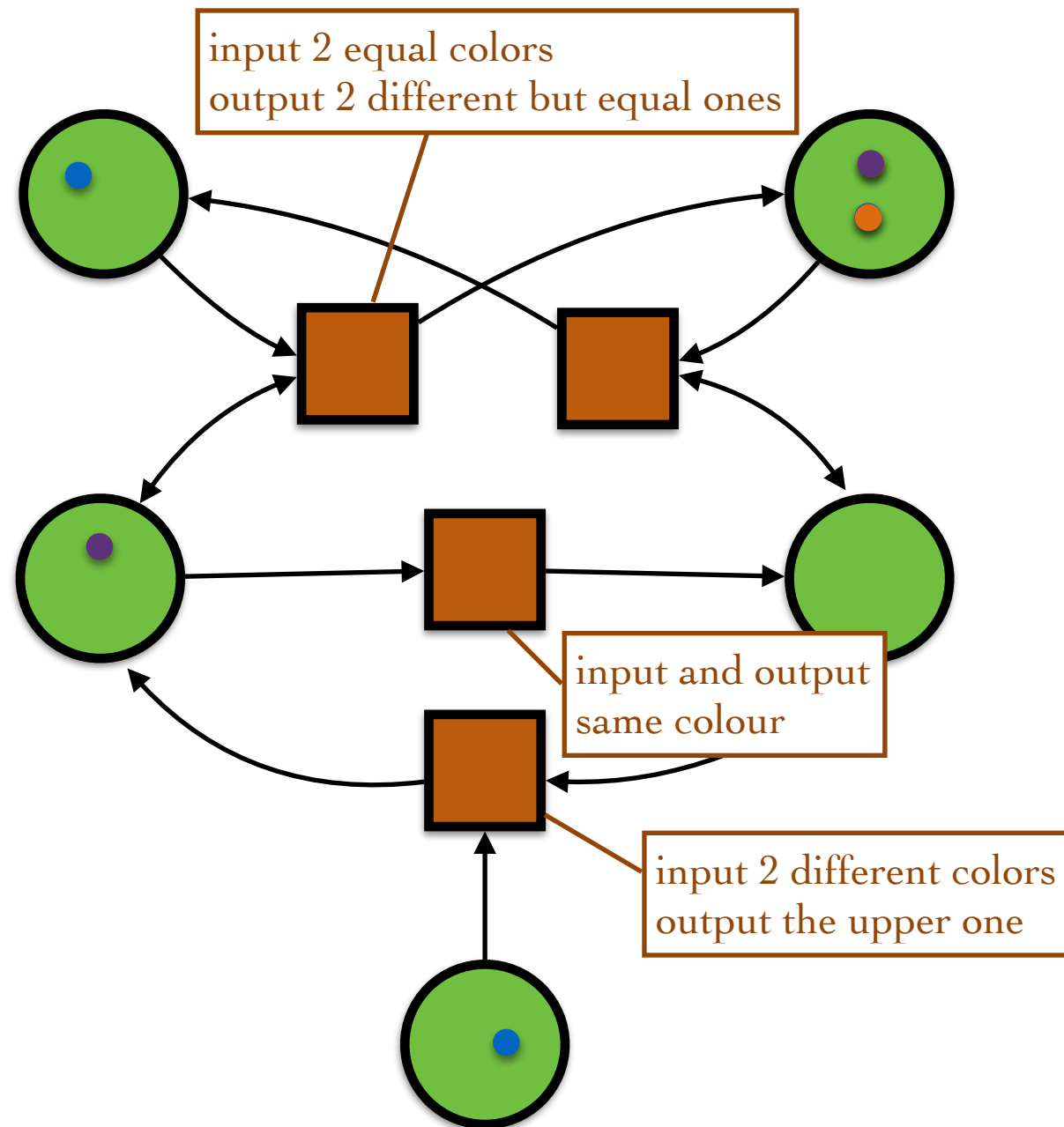
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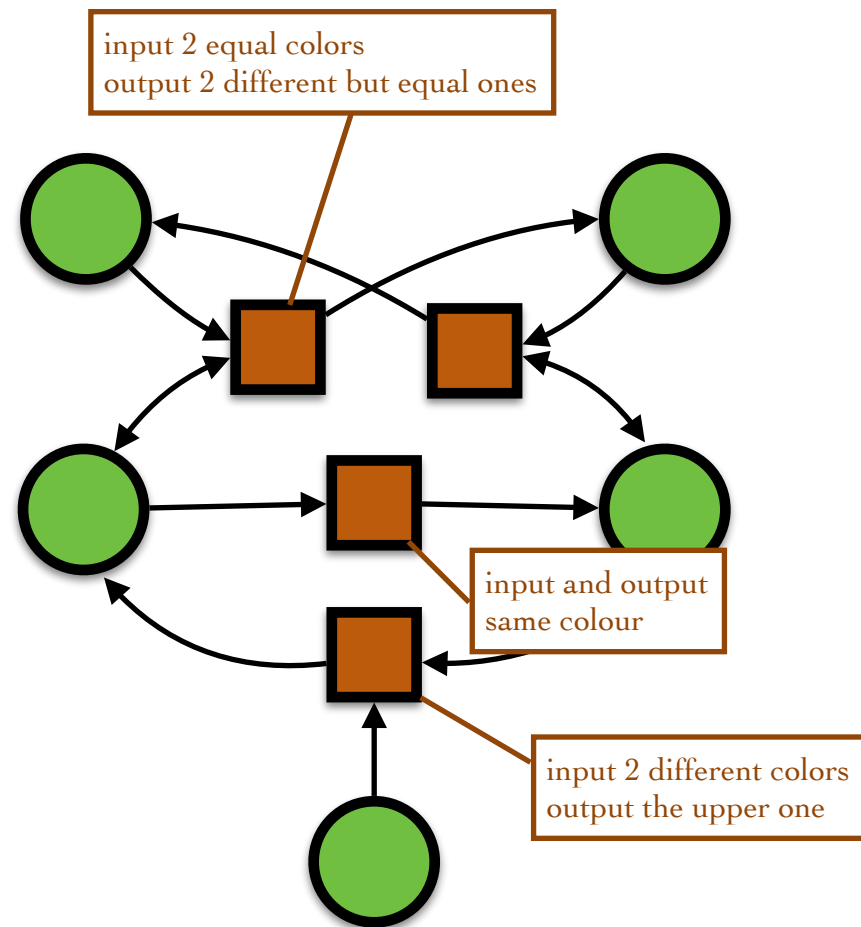
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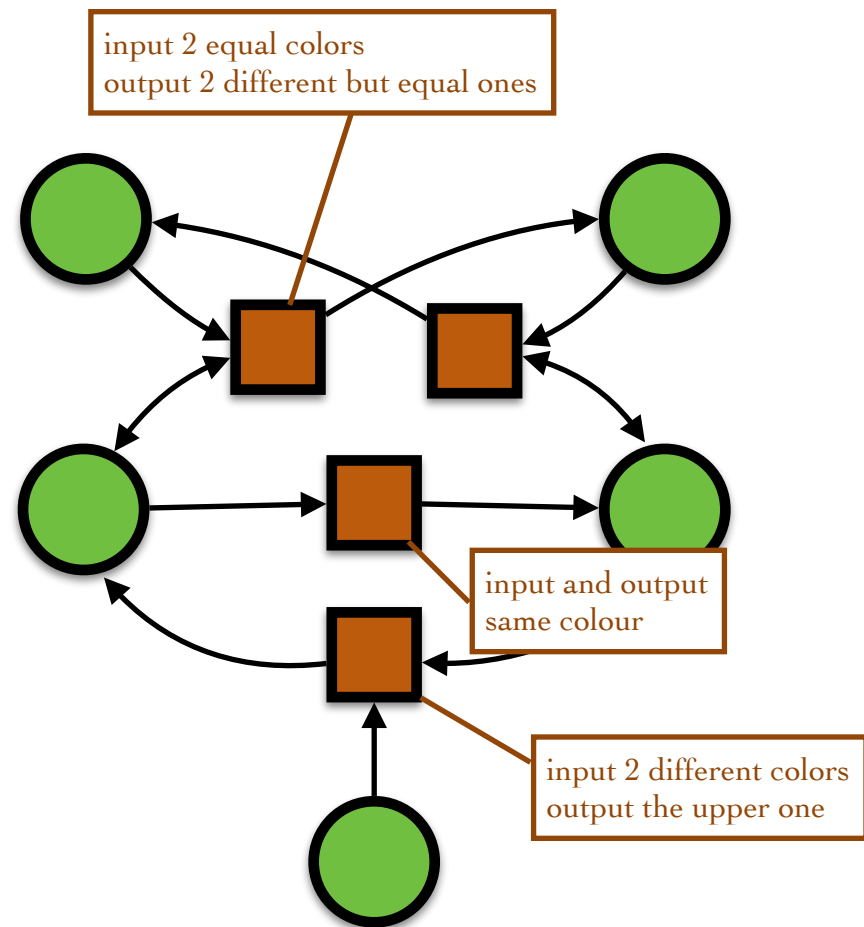
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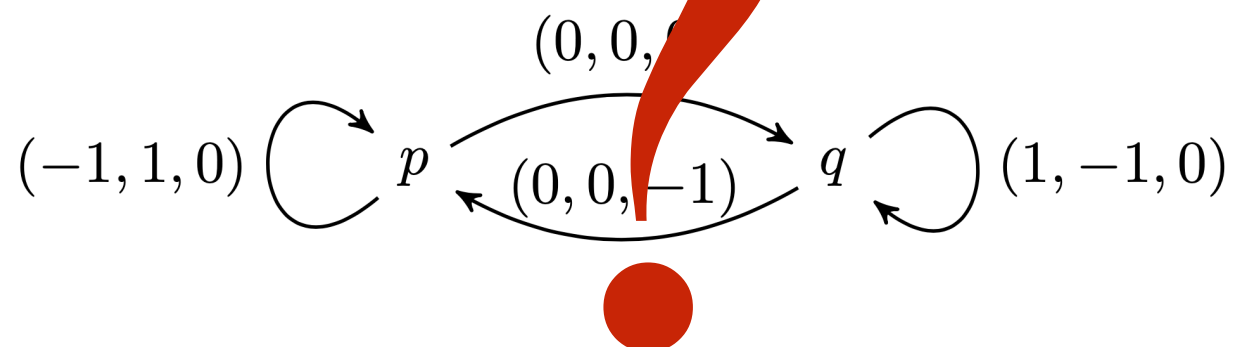


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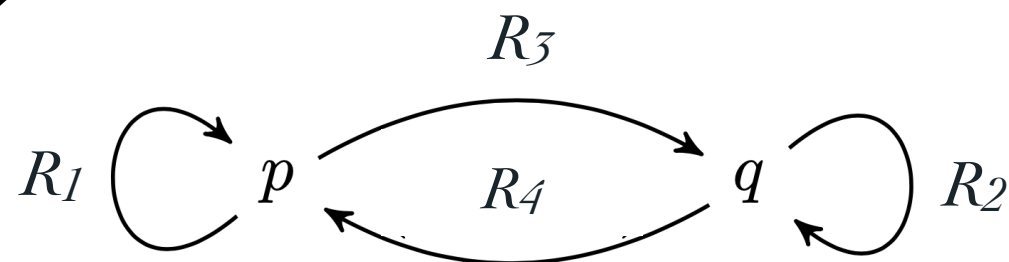
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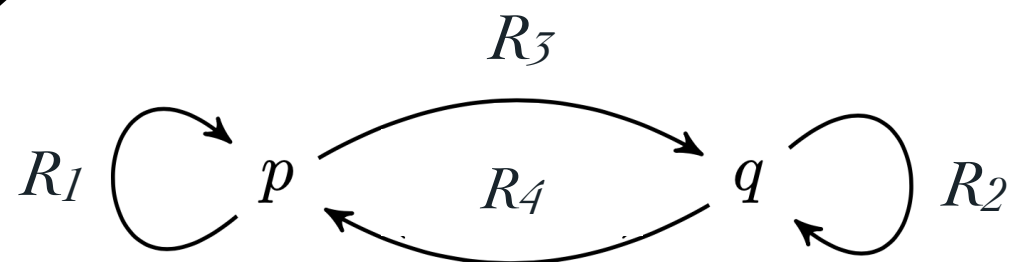


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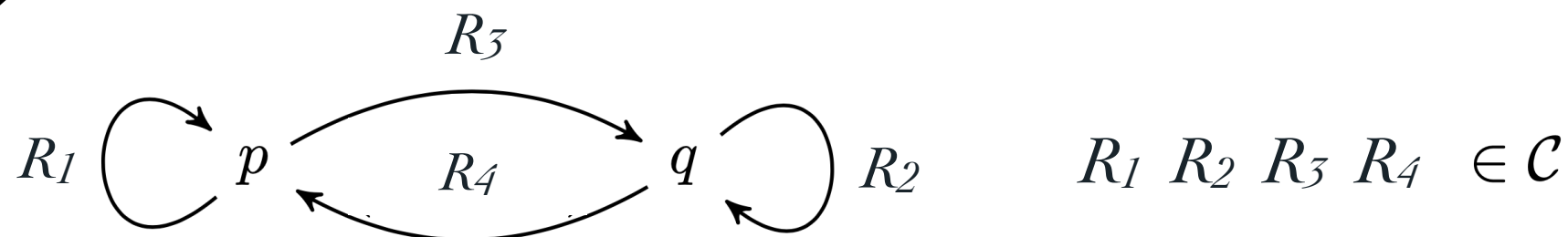
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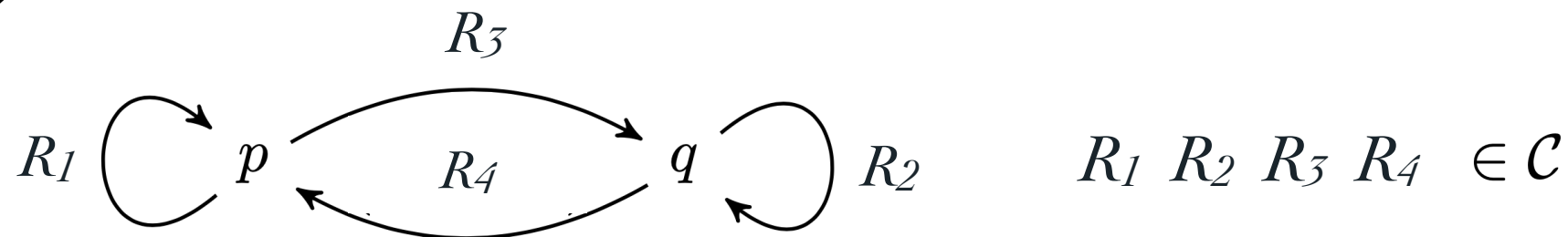
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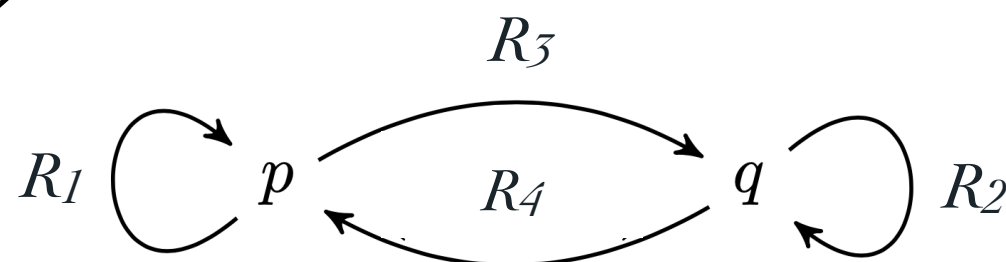
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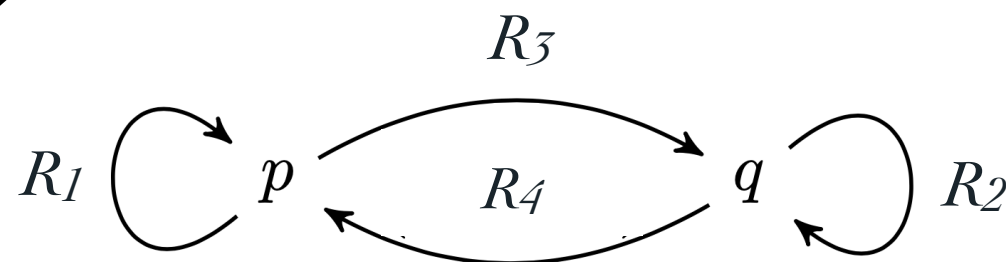
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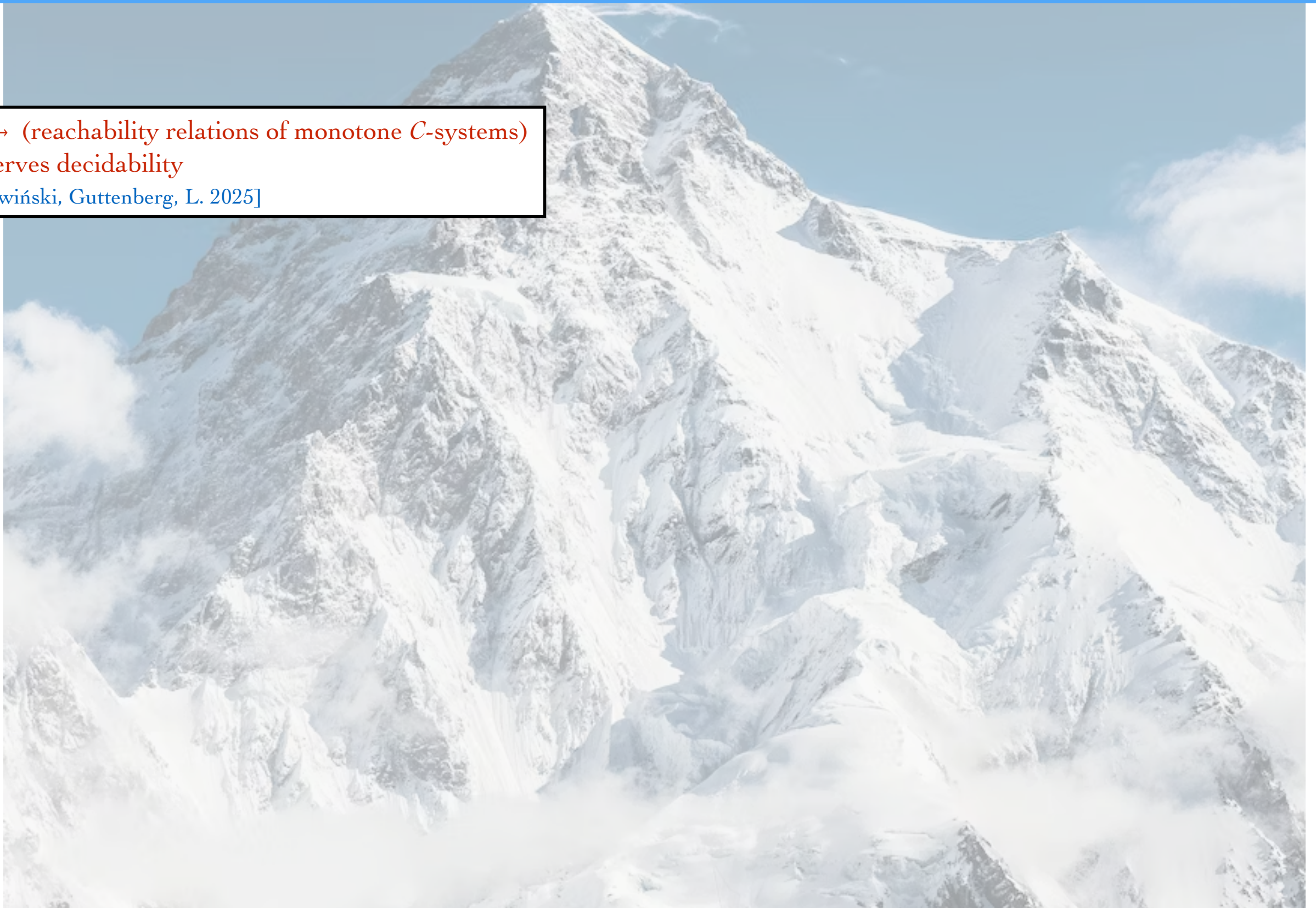
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VASS with 2 nested zero-tested counters



VASS with 1 zero-tested counter



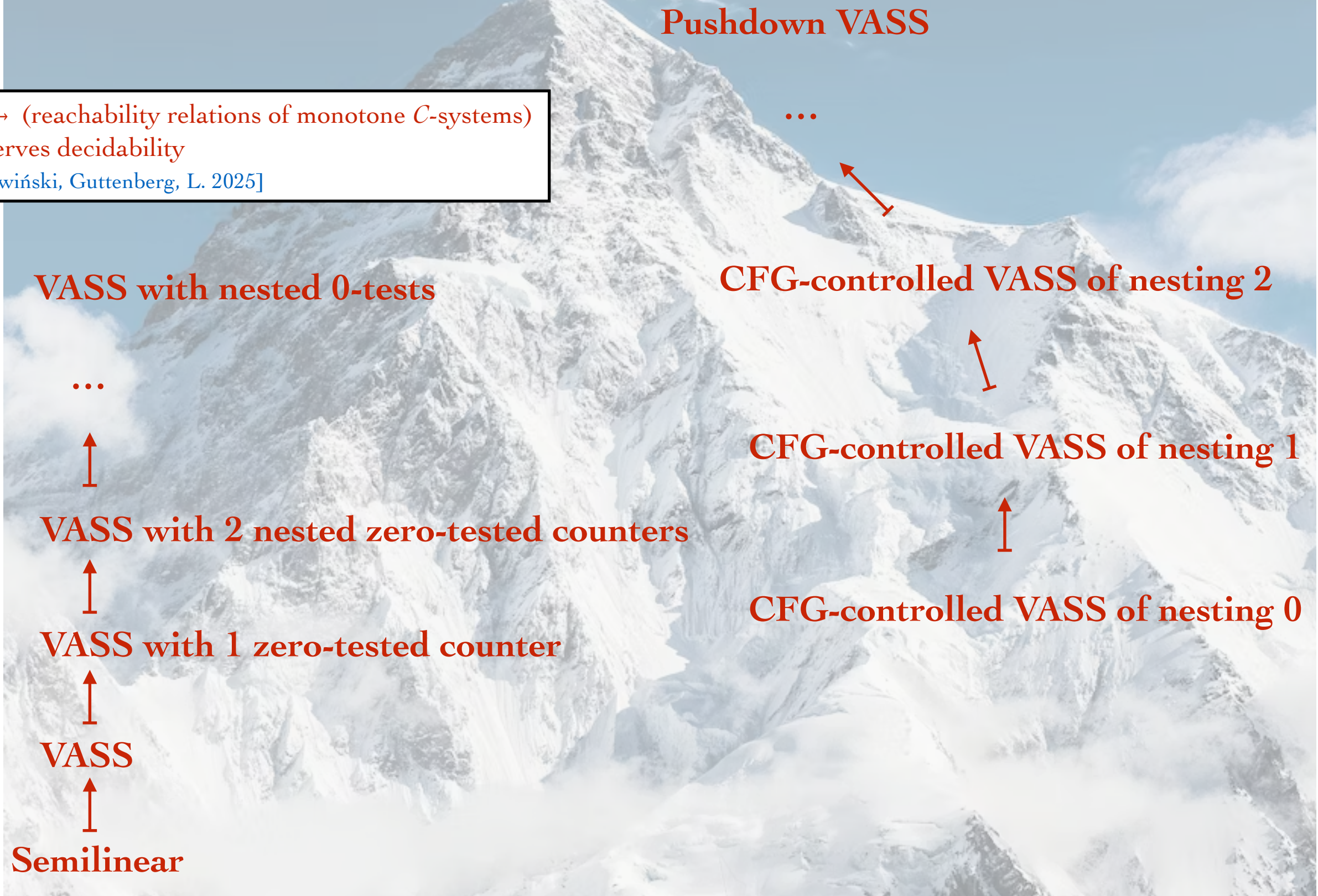
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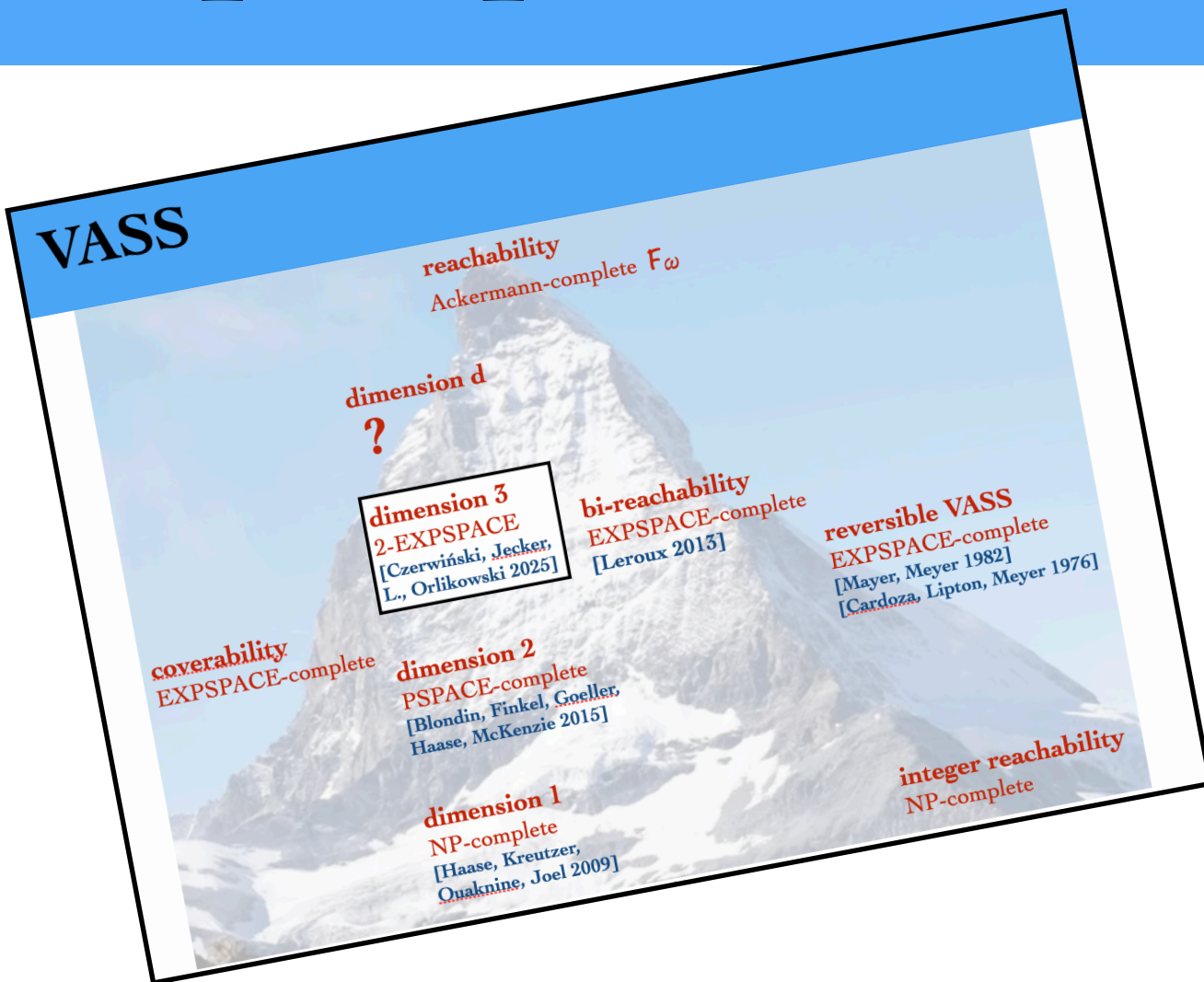
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