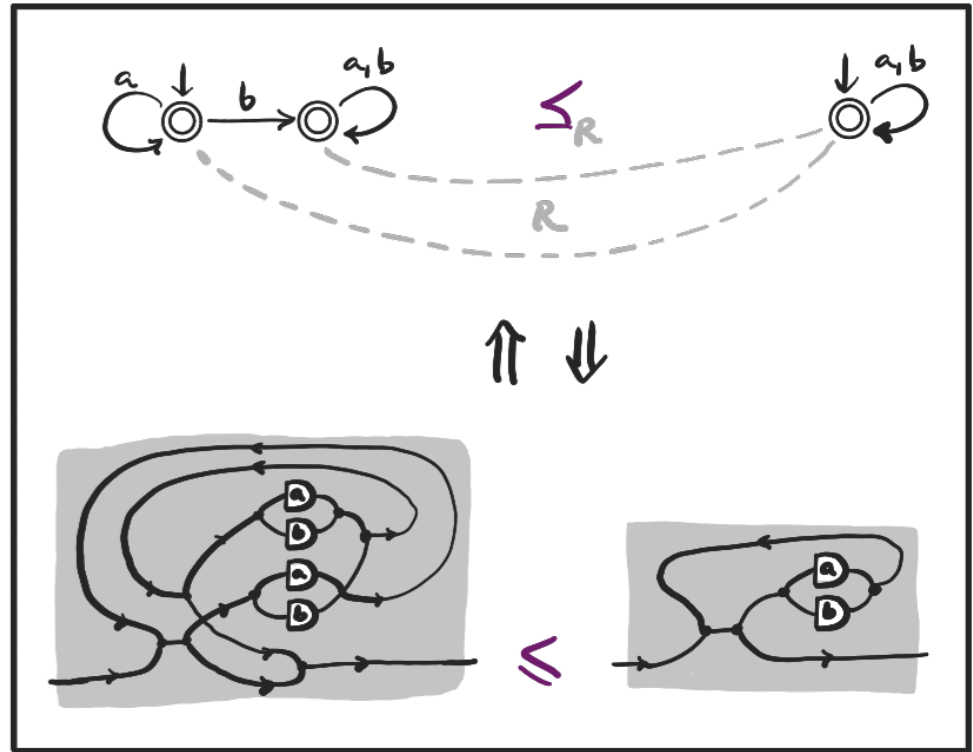


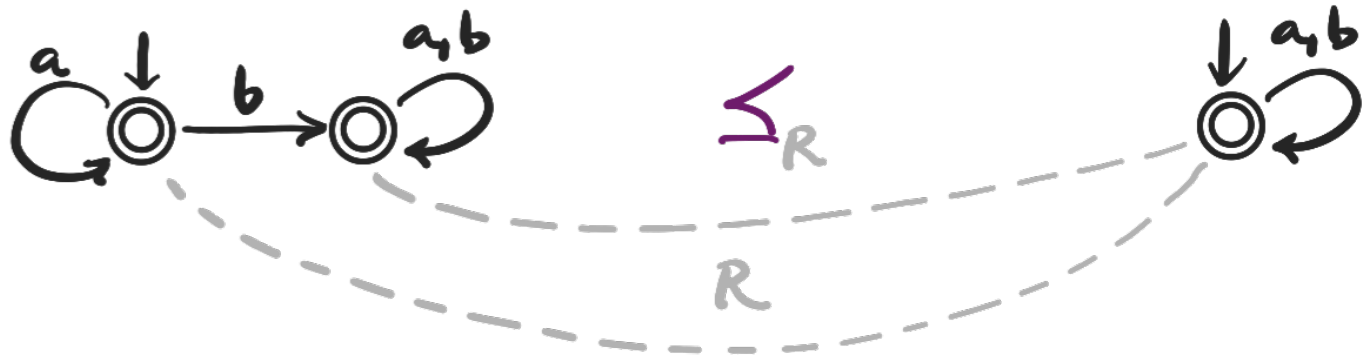
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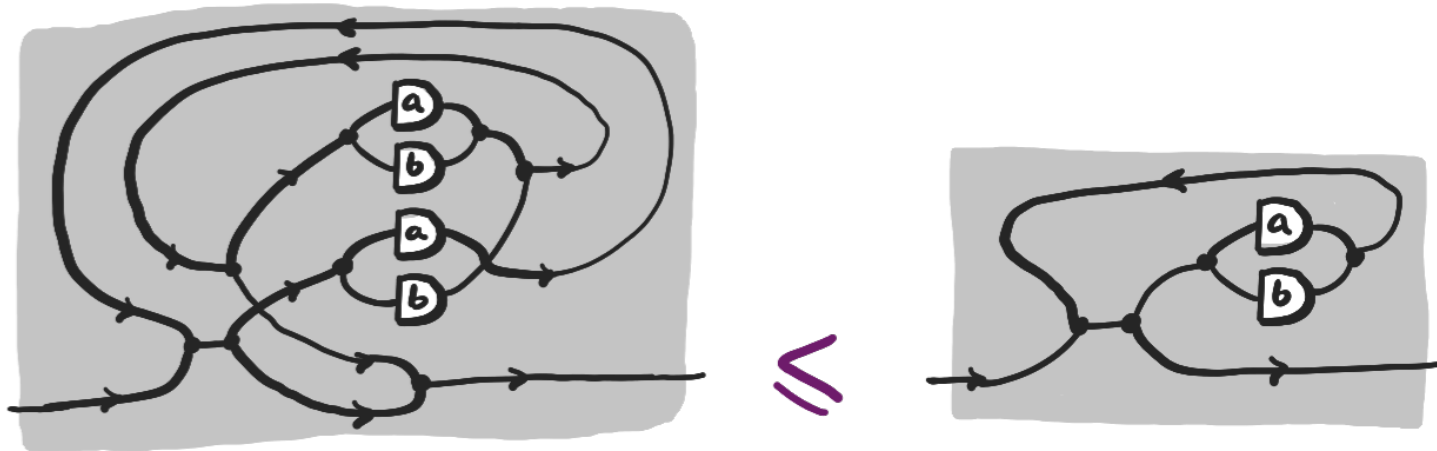
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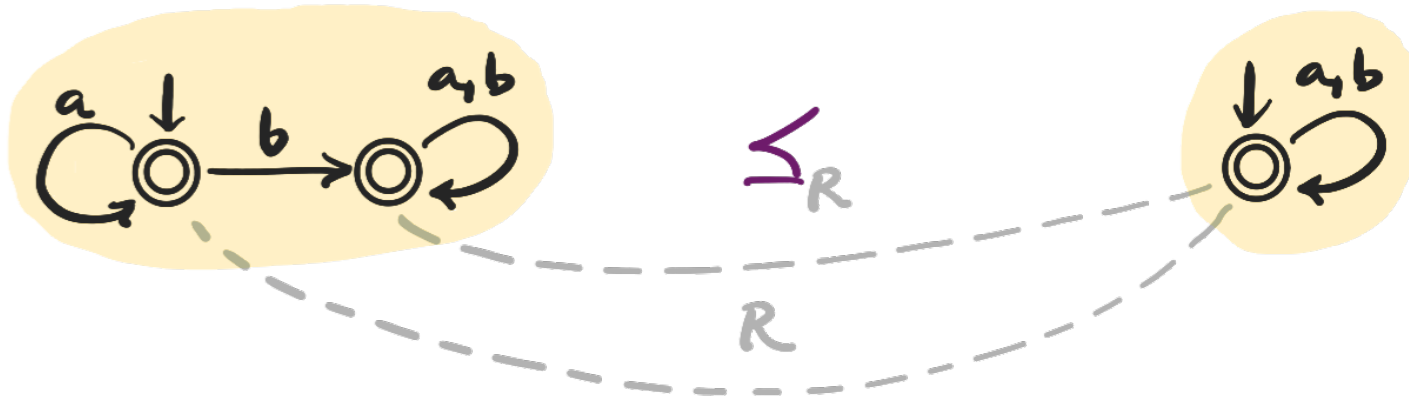
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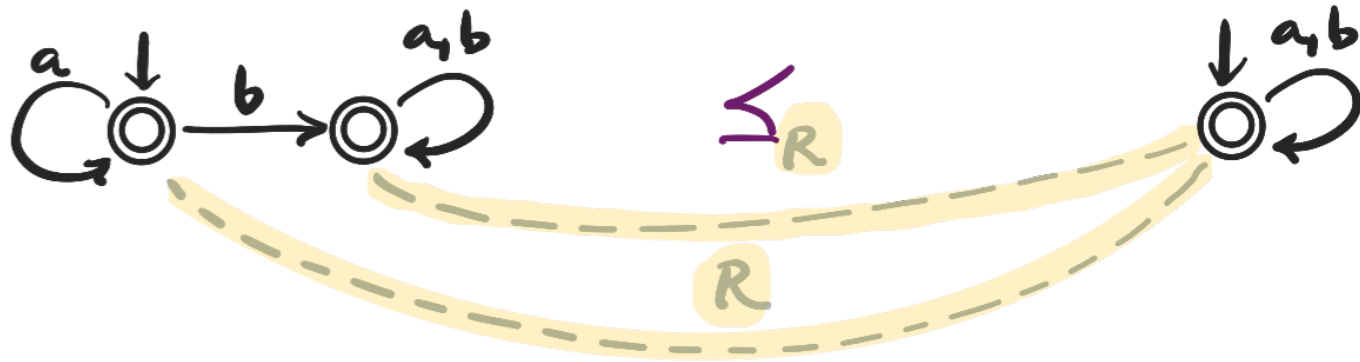
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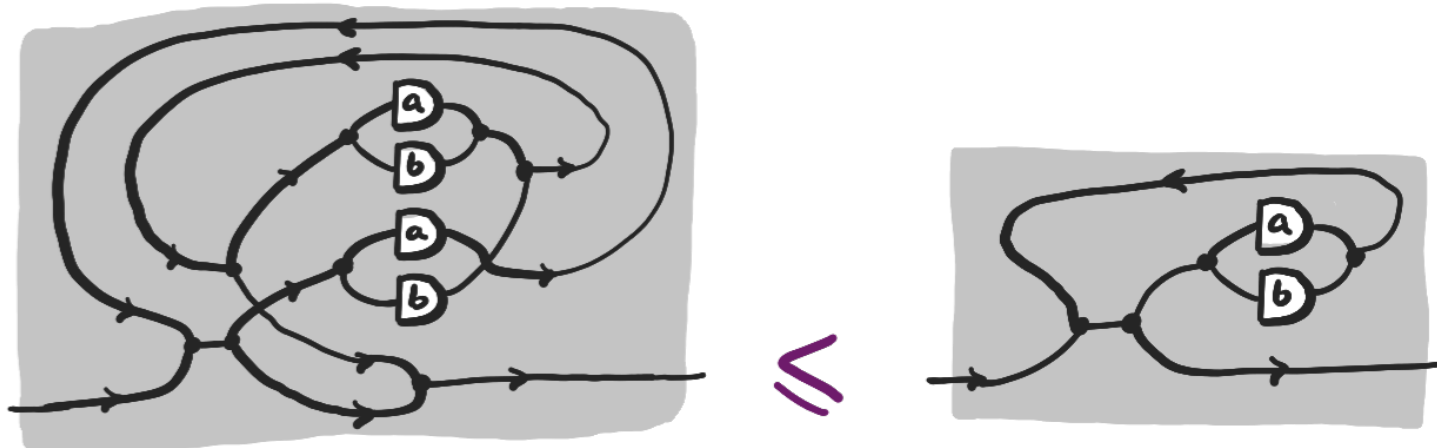
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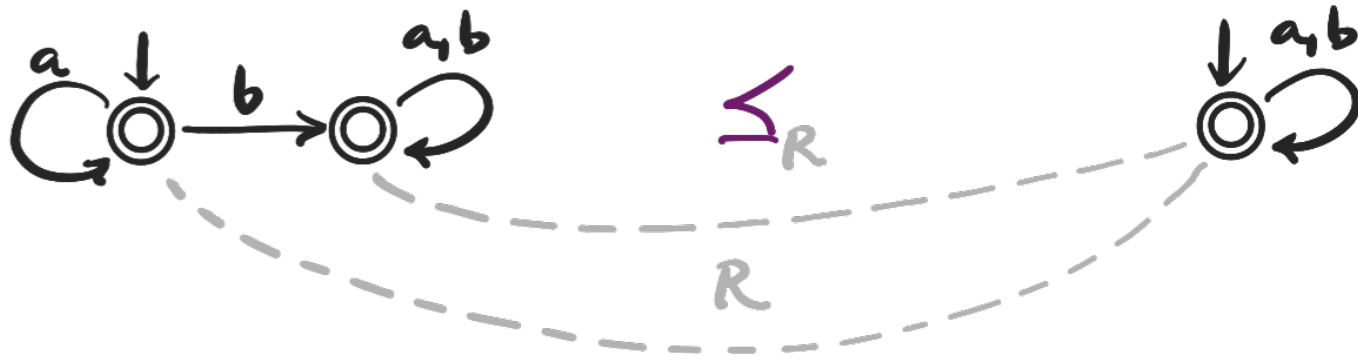


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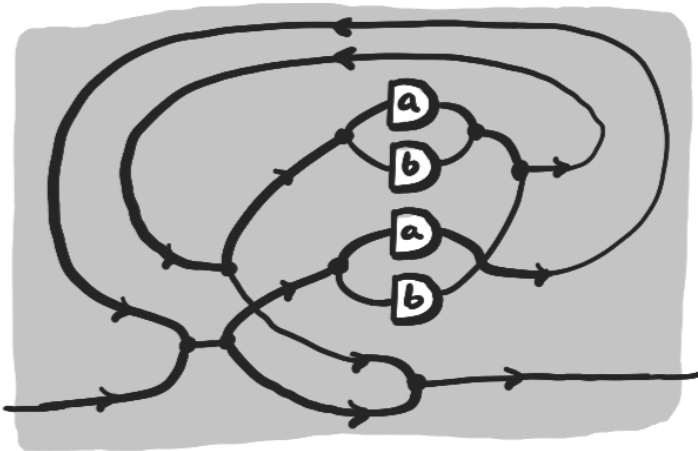
$$a^*(b(a+b)^*+1) \leq (a+b)^*$$

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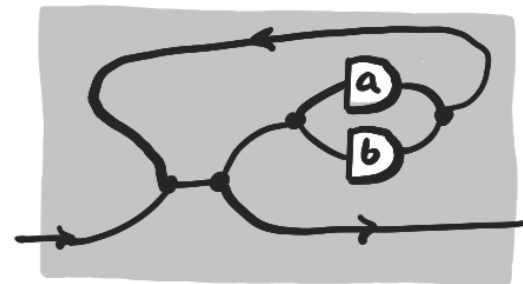
$$\mathcal{L} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{a} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \xrightarrow{\text{b}} \text{---} \circ \text{---} \xrightarrow{\text{a,b}} \end{array} \right) \subseteq \mathcal{L} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{a,b} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{---} \circ \text{---} \xrightarrow{\text{a,b}} \end{array} \right)$$

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recognised  
Language

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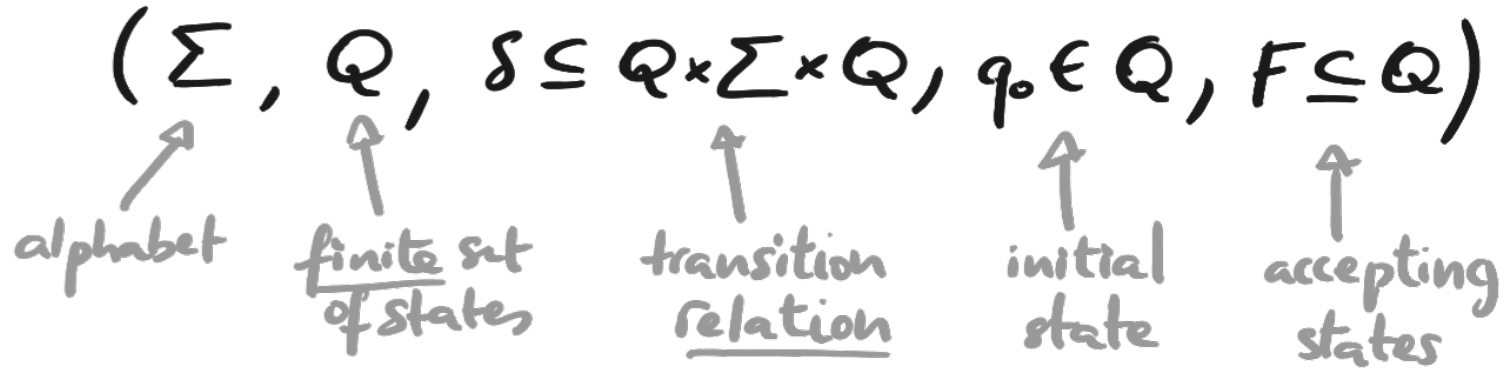


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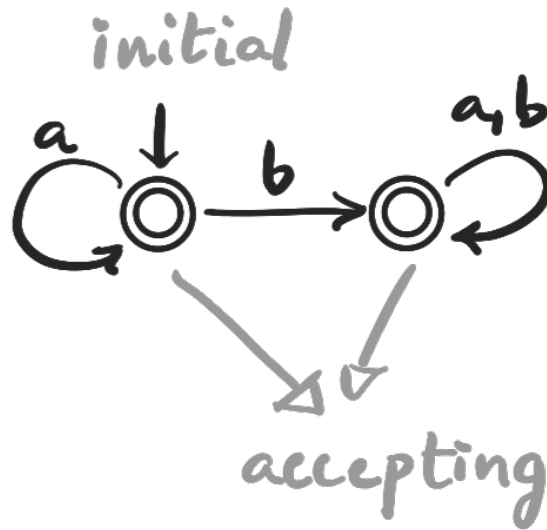


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# NFA



E.g.



$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

# OPERATIONS ON NFA

- Product:  $(q, s) \xrightarrow{a} (q', s')$  in  $A \times B$  iff  $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$  in  $A$  and  $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$  in  $B$ .

- Prefixing:

$a \in \Sigma$

$a.$



# SIMULATION

A simulation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a relation

$$R \subseteq Q^A \times Q^B \text{ s.t.}$$

- ① if  $(q, s) \in R$  and  $q \in F^A$  then  $s \in F^B$
- ② if  $(q, s) \in R$  and  $q \xrightarrow{a}_A q'$  then there exists  $s' \in Q^B$  s.t.  $s \xrightarrow{a}_B s'$  and  $(q', s') \in R$ .
- ③  $(q_0^A, q_0^B) \in R$

$\Rightarrow$  We write  $A \leq_R B$  or  $A \preceq B$

# SIMILARITY

A and B are (two-way) similar, written  $A \simeq B$ ,

if  $A \leq_R B$  and  $B \leq_S A$

behaviours

Theorem. The set  $\Omega$  of NFA modulo  $\simeq$  form a semi-lattice with:

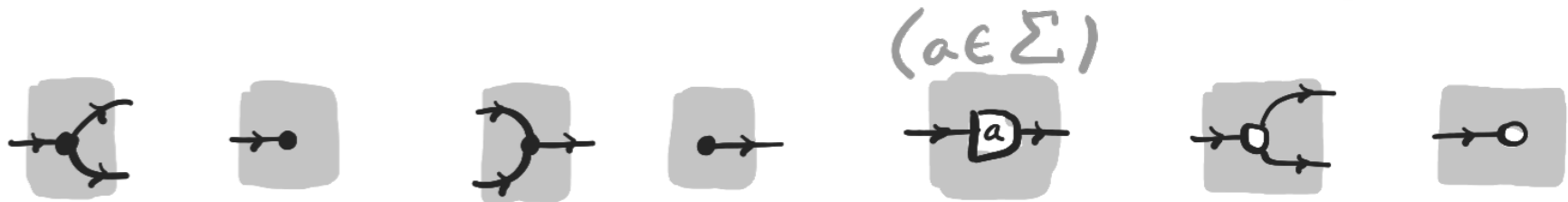
-  $A \times B$  as meet

-  $\bigcirc_{a \in \Sigma}$  as top

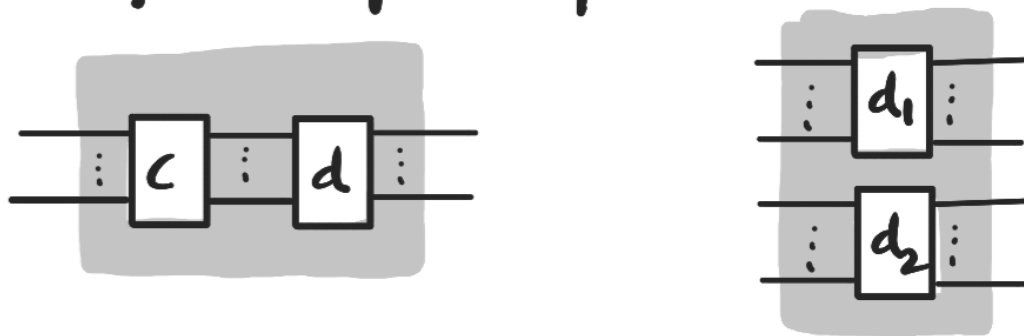
And prefixing is monotone.

# 2D SYNTAX FOR NFA


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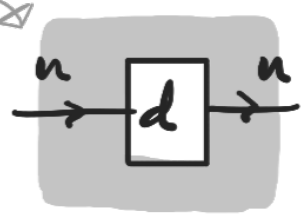
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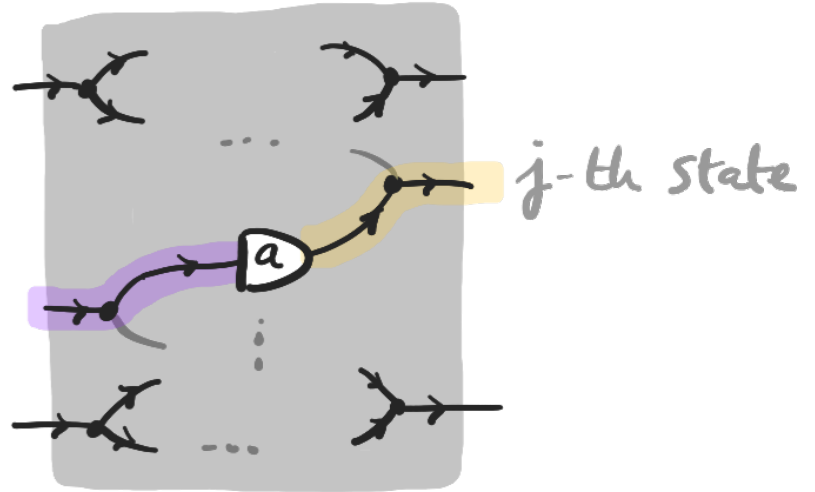
# ENCODING NFA

- Transition relation  $\delta$ :

number of states  
 $n = |Q|$

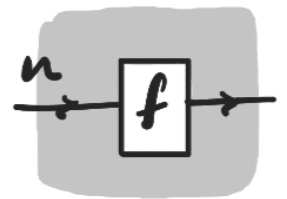


$:=$   $i$ -th state  
 initial state

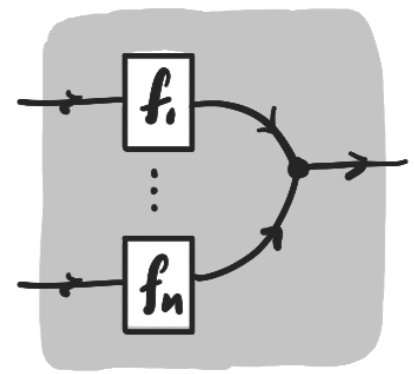


iff  $(q_i, a, q_j) \in \delta$

- Final states:



$:=$



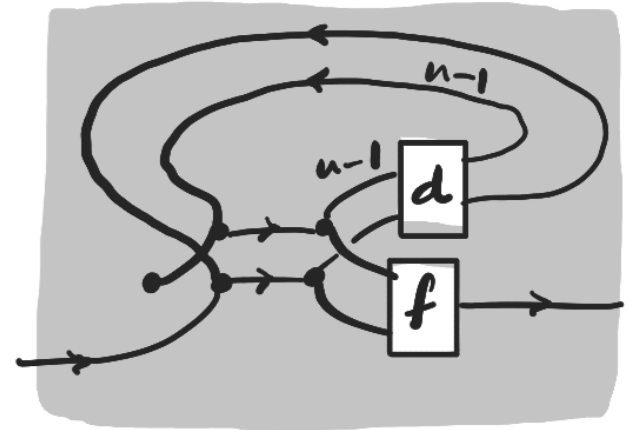
where

$$\rightarrow \boxed{f_i} \rightarrow = \begin{cases} \rightarrow & \text{if } q_i \in F, \\ \rightarrow \circ \rightarrow & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

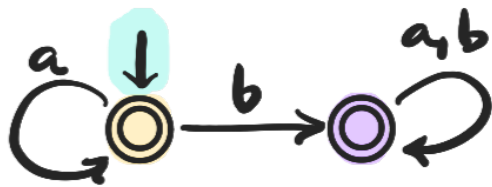


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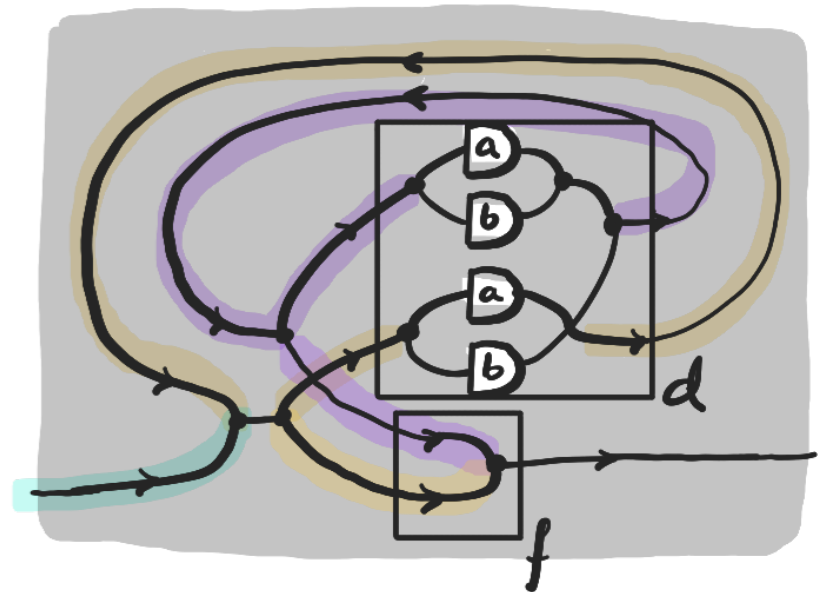
$(\Sigma, \{q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}\}, \delta, q_0, F) \rightsquigarrow$



For example:

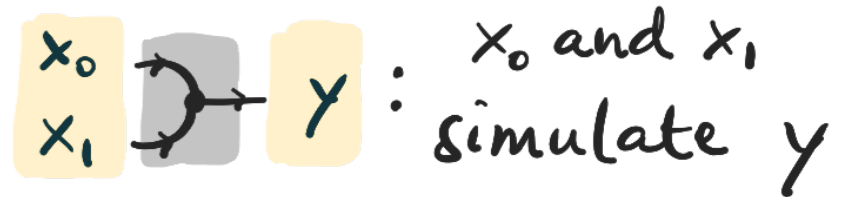
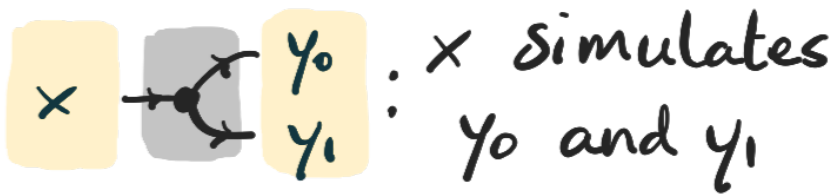


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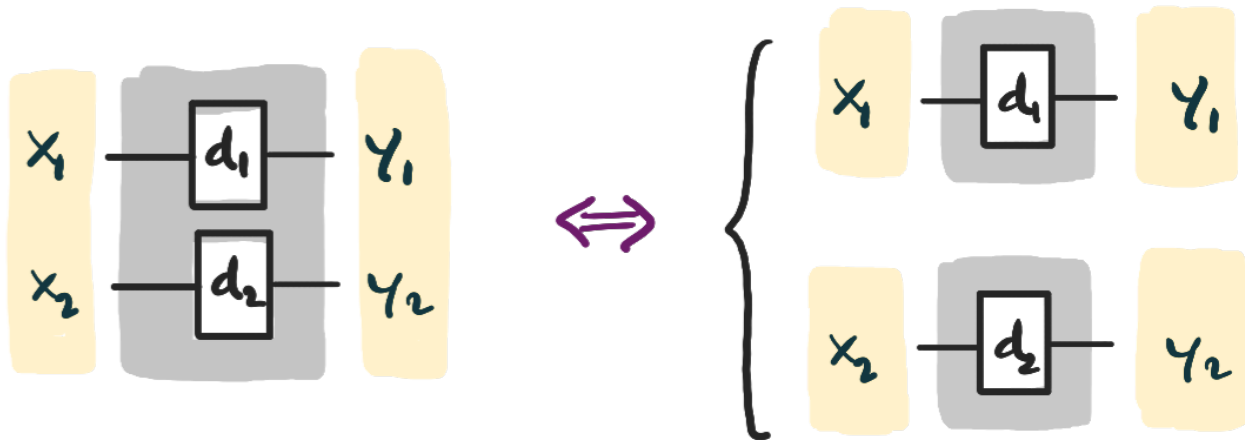
# SEMANTICS

$x, y, x_i, y_i \in \Omega$   "Behaviours"  
= NFA up to  $\simeq$



"plumbing"  
(cf. paper)

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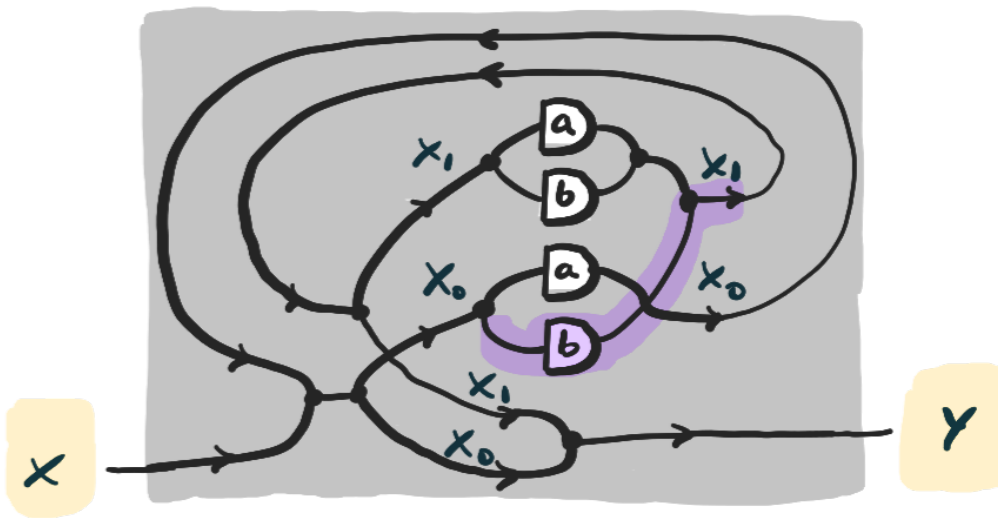


## COMPOSITIONALITY

The behaviour of a composite diagram  
can be computed from the behaviour of its parts.

# SEMANTICS

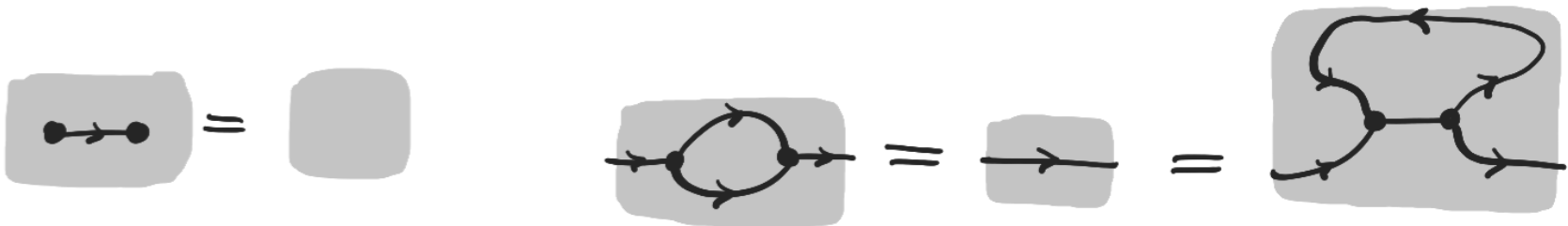
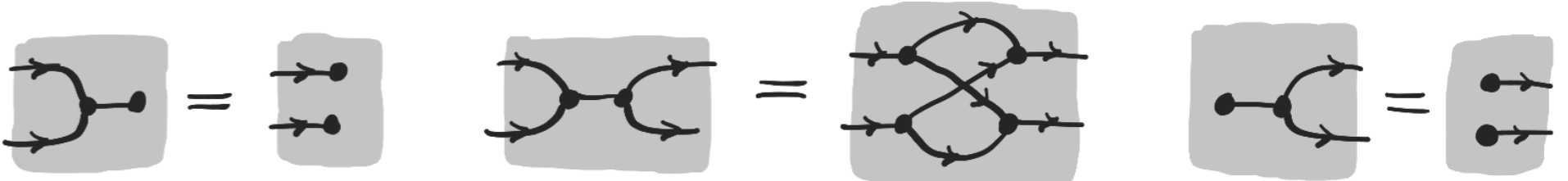
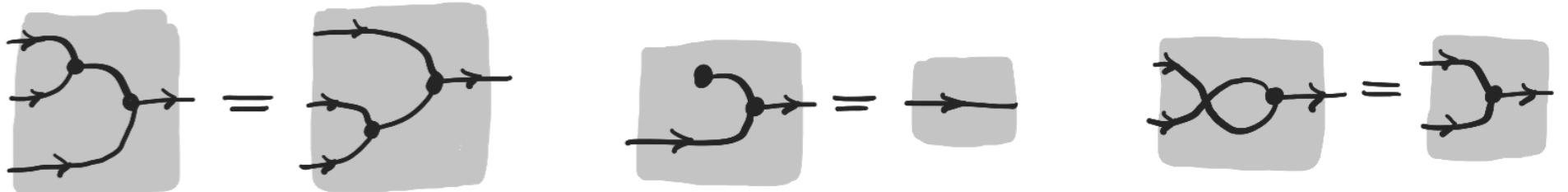
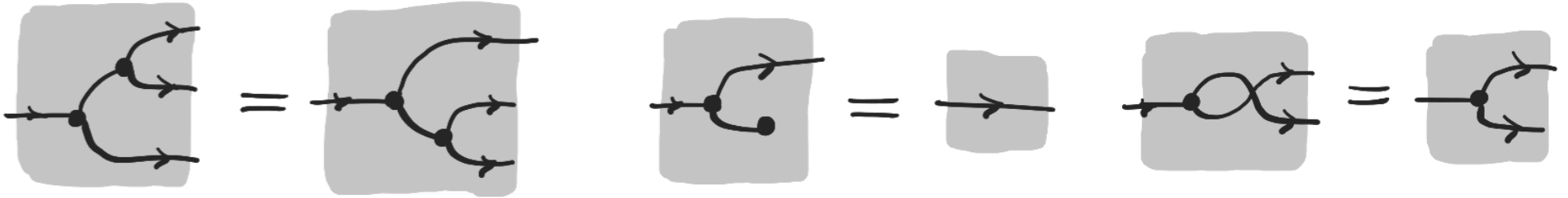
Diagram  $\mapsto$  Solution set of system of linear inequalities



internal vars

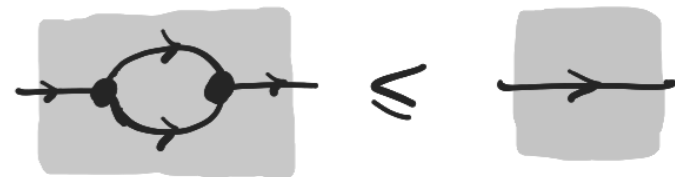
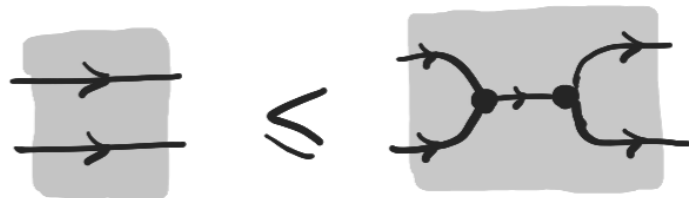
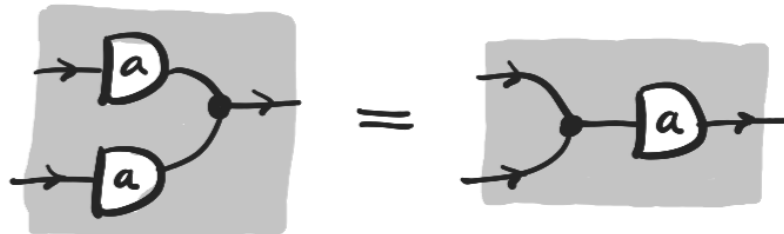
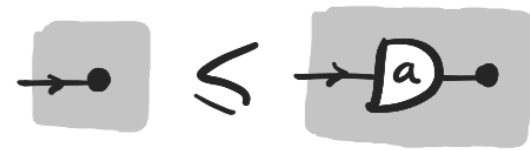
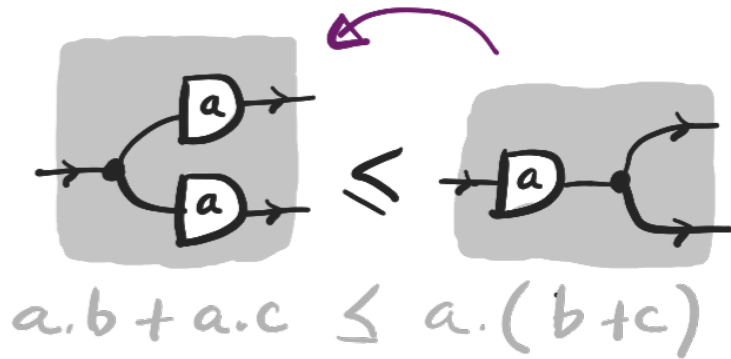
$$\exists x_0, x_1 \left( \begin{array}{l} x_0 \leq x, \\ a \cdot x_0 \leq x_1, \\ b \cdot x_1 \leq x_0, \\ a \cdot x_1 \leq x_0, \\ b \cdot x_1 \leq x_1, \\ y \leq x_0, x_1 \end{array} \right)$$

# EQUATIONAL THEORY



# EQUATIONAL THEORY

simulates



# SOUNDNESS

Theorem. If  $\boxed{c_A}$  and  $\boxed{c_B}$  encode NFA A and B respectively, then

$$\boxed{c_A} \leq \boxed{c_B} \Rightarrow A \leq B$$

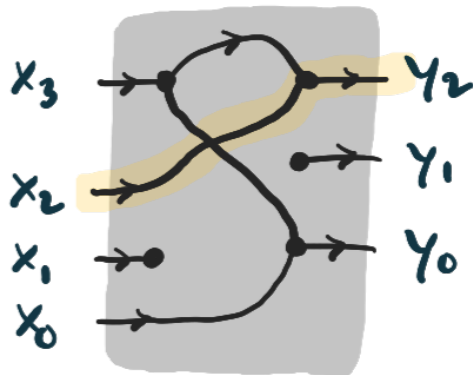
Proof. Using the semantics: we just need to check the validity of all axioms.

# SIMULATIONS AS DIAGRAMS

A simulation is just a relation and relations correspond to diagrams in the fragment generated by



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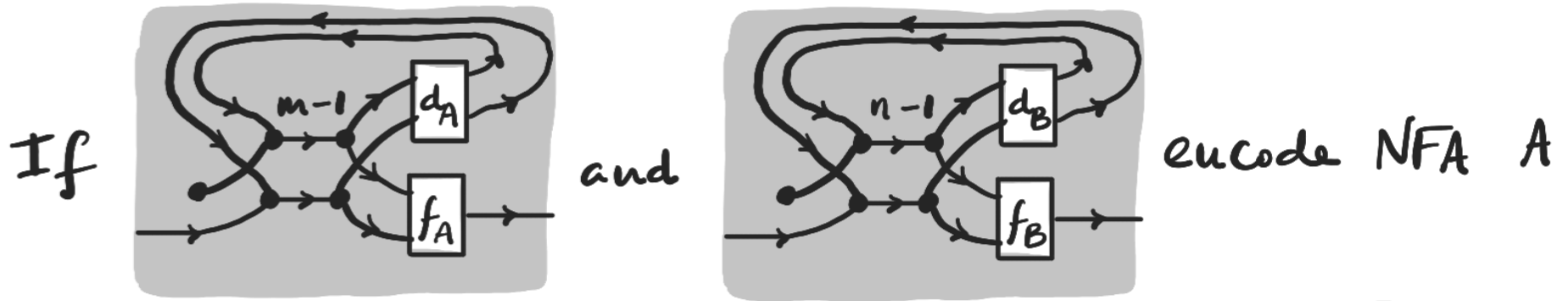


$$\left\{ (x_3, y_2), (x_3, y_0), \right. \\ \left. (x_2, y_2), \right. \\ \left. (x_0, y_0) \right\}$$

$(x_1, y_1)$  do not belong to the relation)



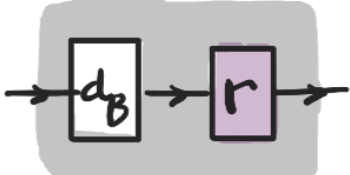
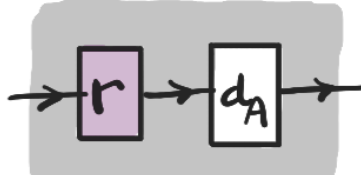
# SIMULATIONS AS DIAGRAMS



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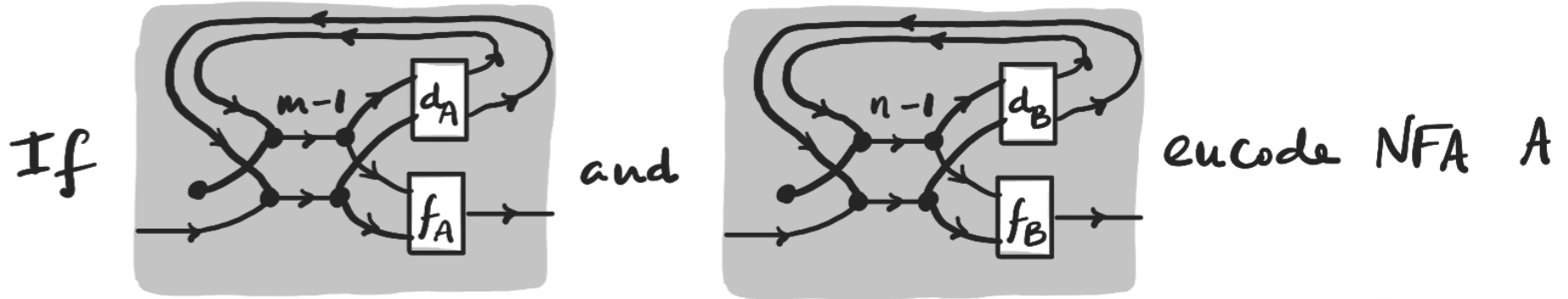
①   $\cong$  

s.t.

②   $\cong$  

i.e. internalise properties of simulations.


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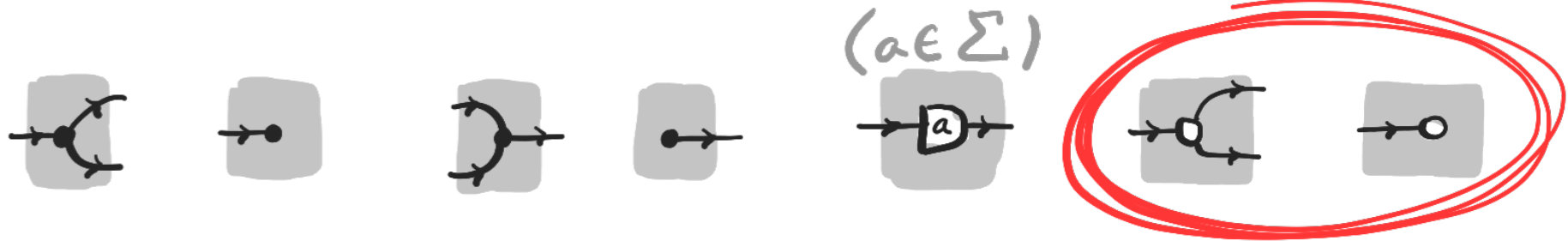
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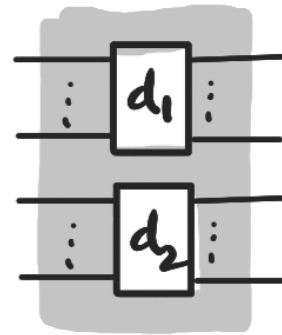
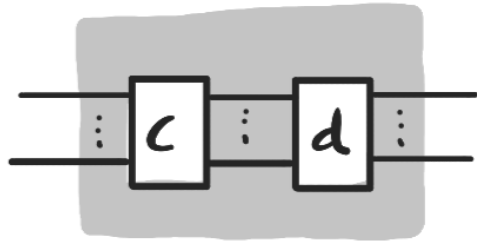
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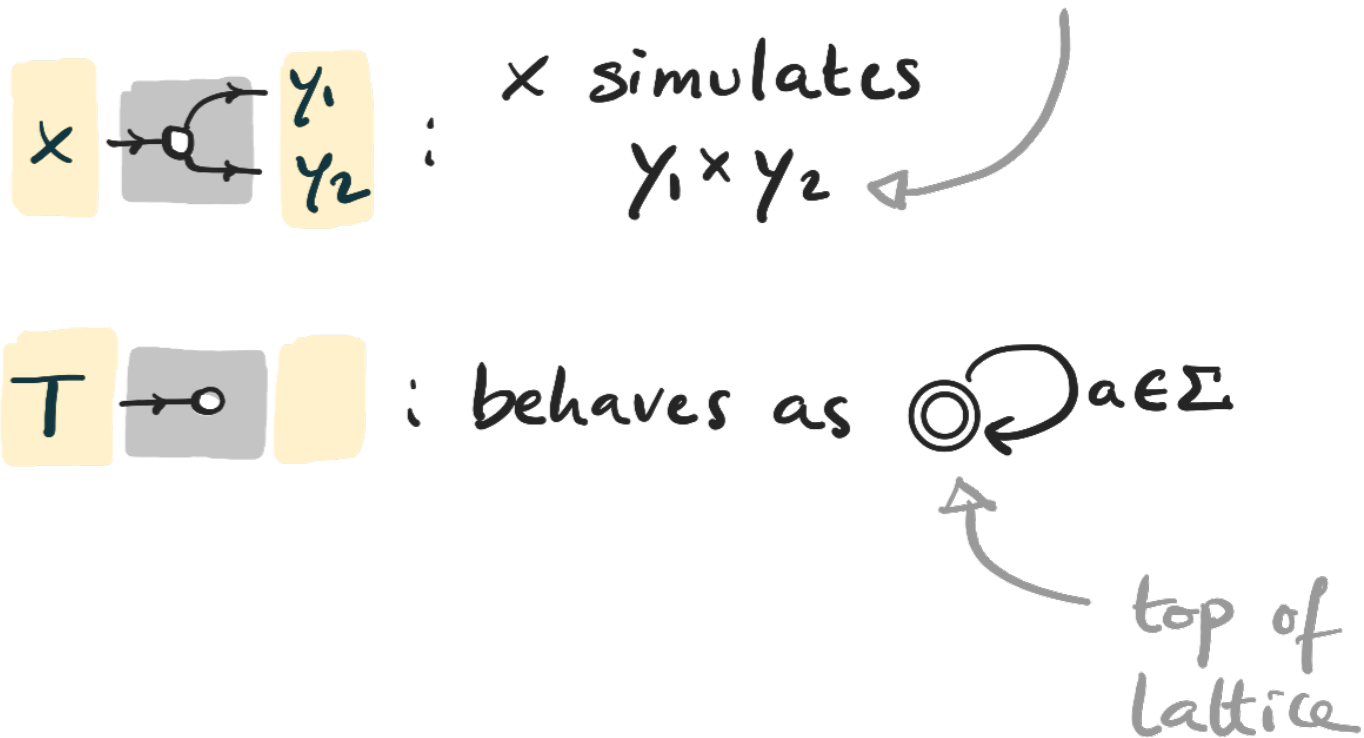
What about these?

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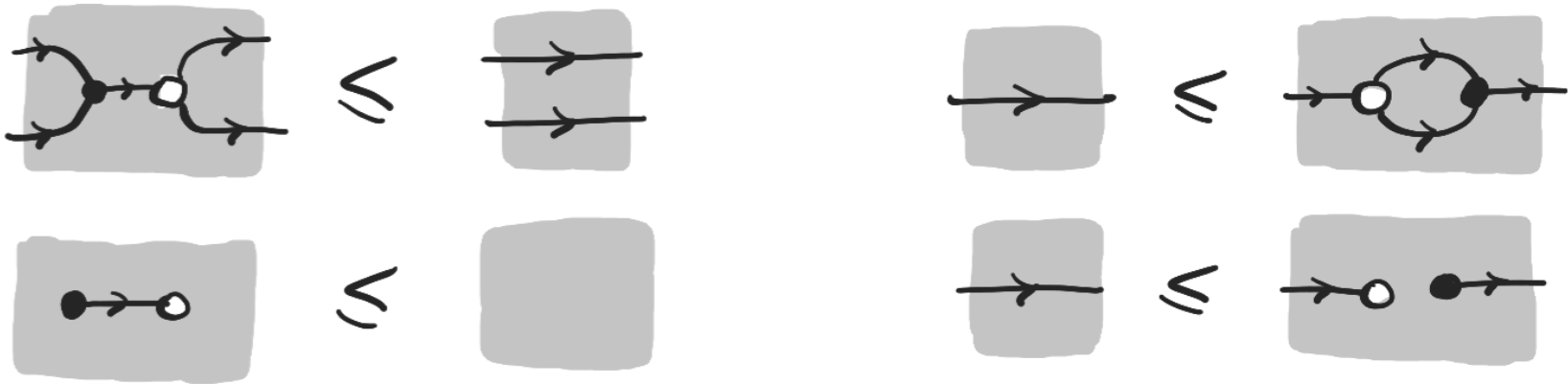
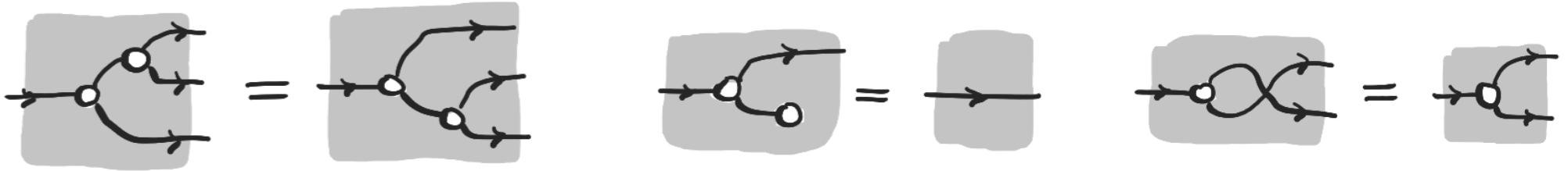
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# SEMANTICS, CONTINUED

product of NFA/meet  
of lattice



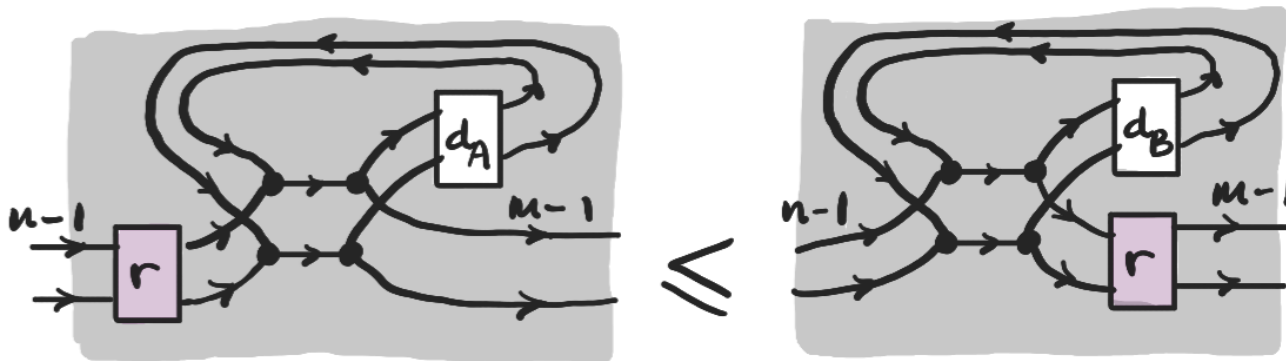
# EQUATIONAL THEORY, CONTINUED



# SIMULATIONS AS DIAGRAMS, CONTINUED

Using   with the axioms above, we can show

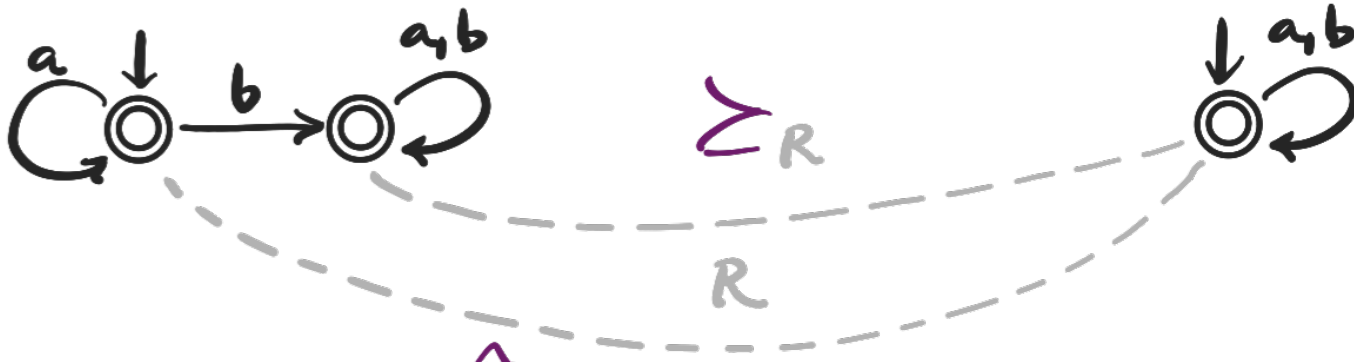
$$\textcircled{2} \quad \begin{array}{c} \boxed{d_B} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \boxed{r} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{c} \boxed{r} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \boxed{d_A} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \quad \text{one-step}$$



arbitrarily  
many steps

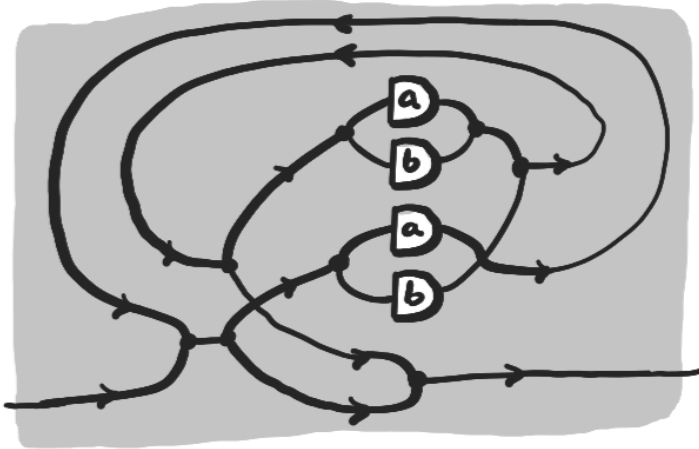
for  encoding a simulation  $A \leq_R B$

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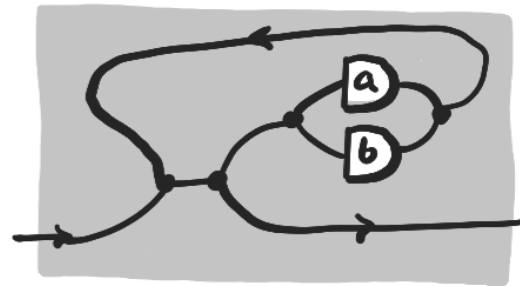


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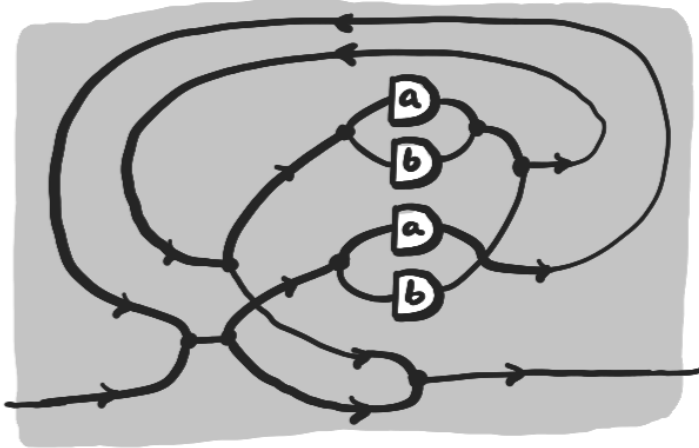
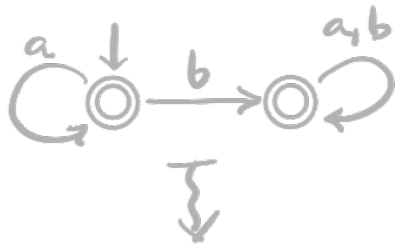
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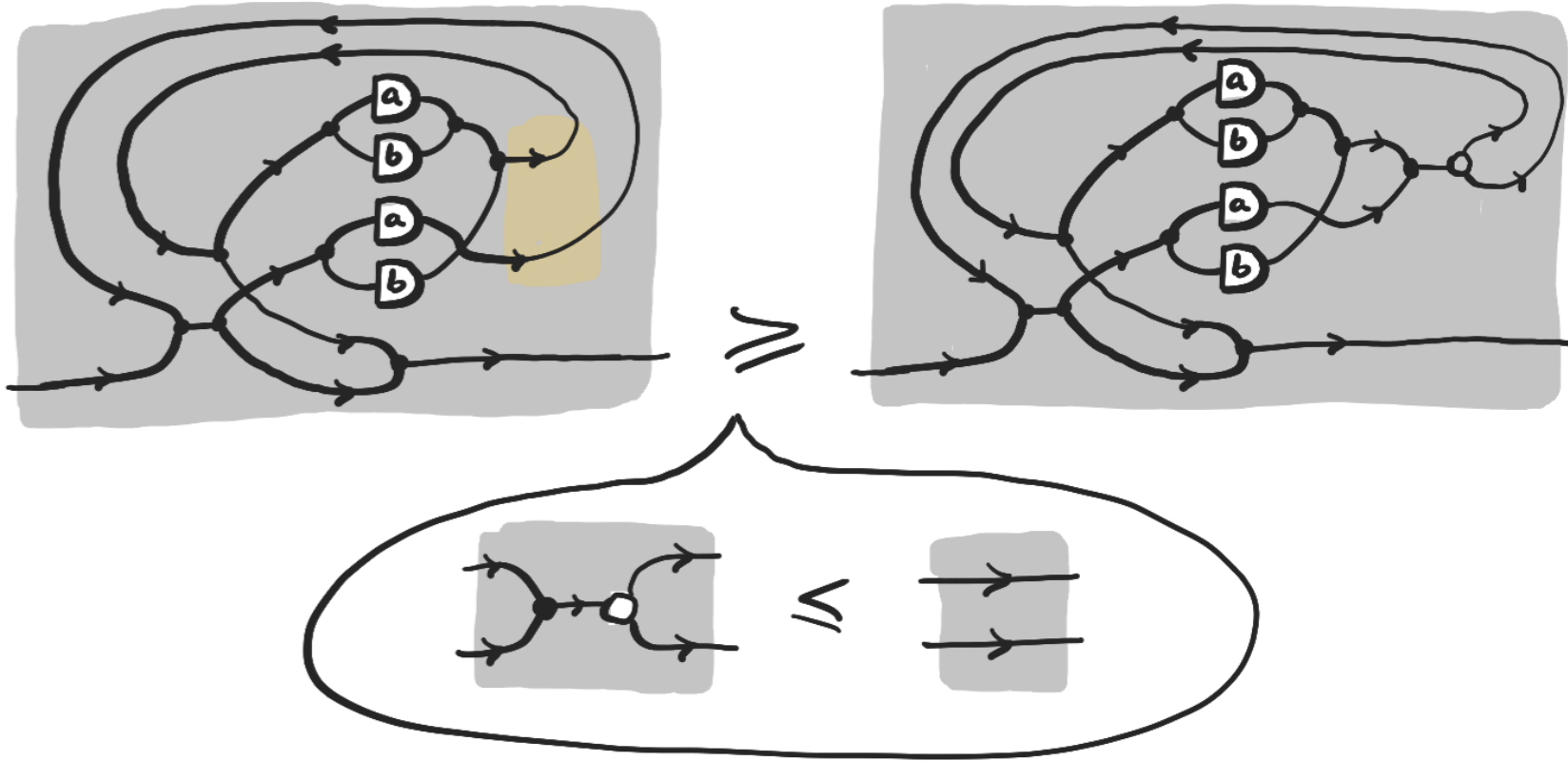


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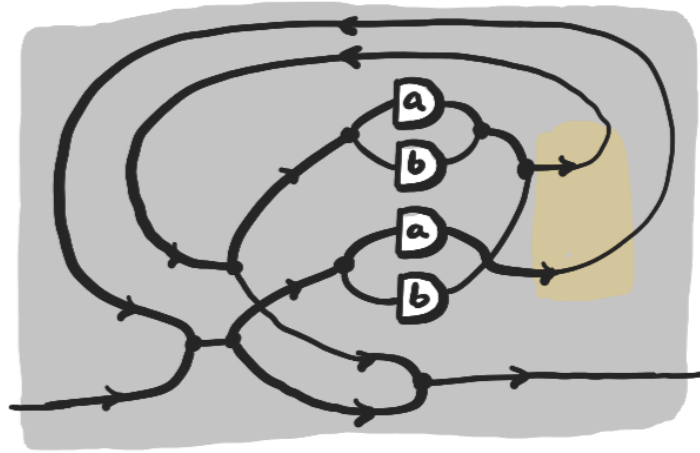




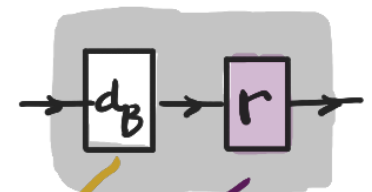
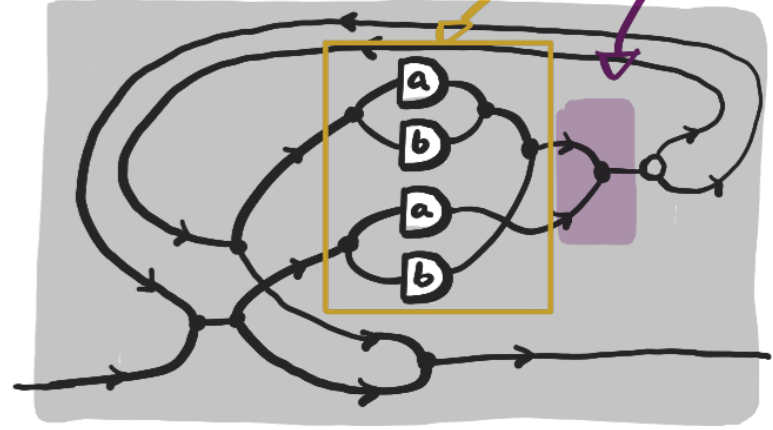
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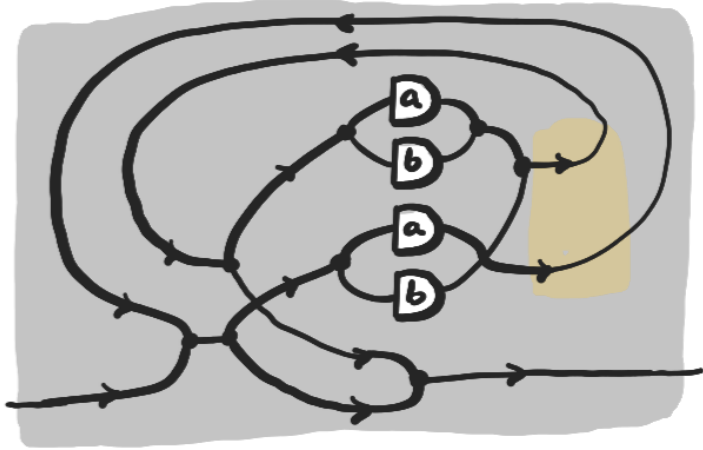
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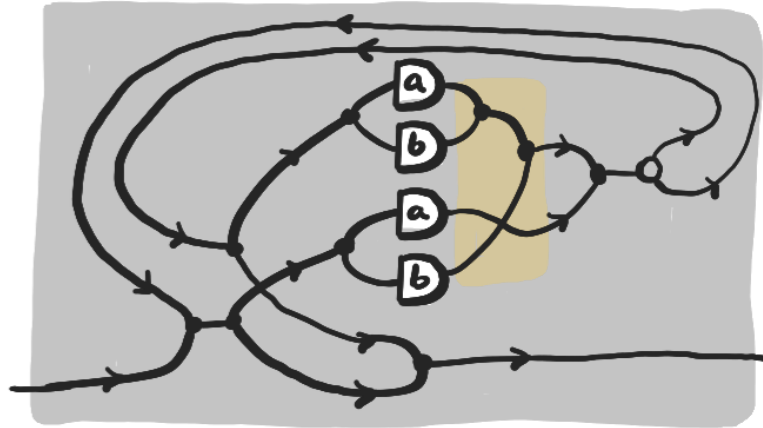
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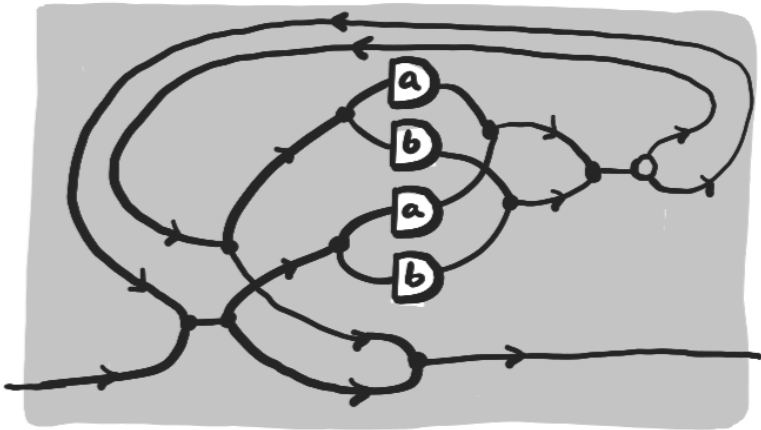
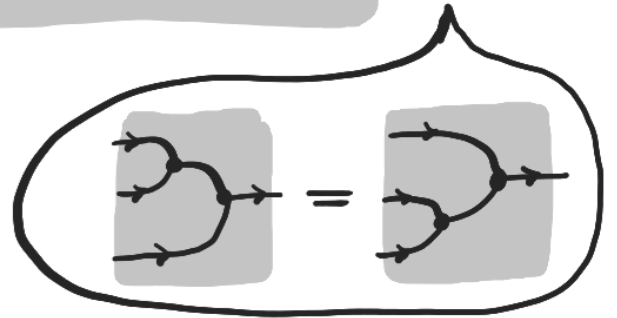
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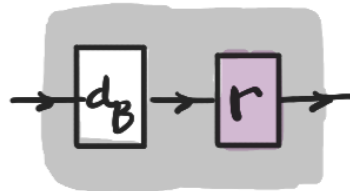


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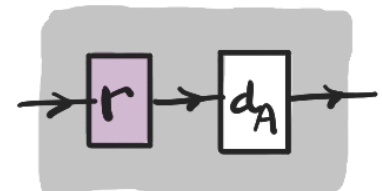


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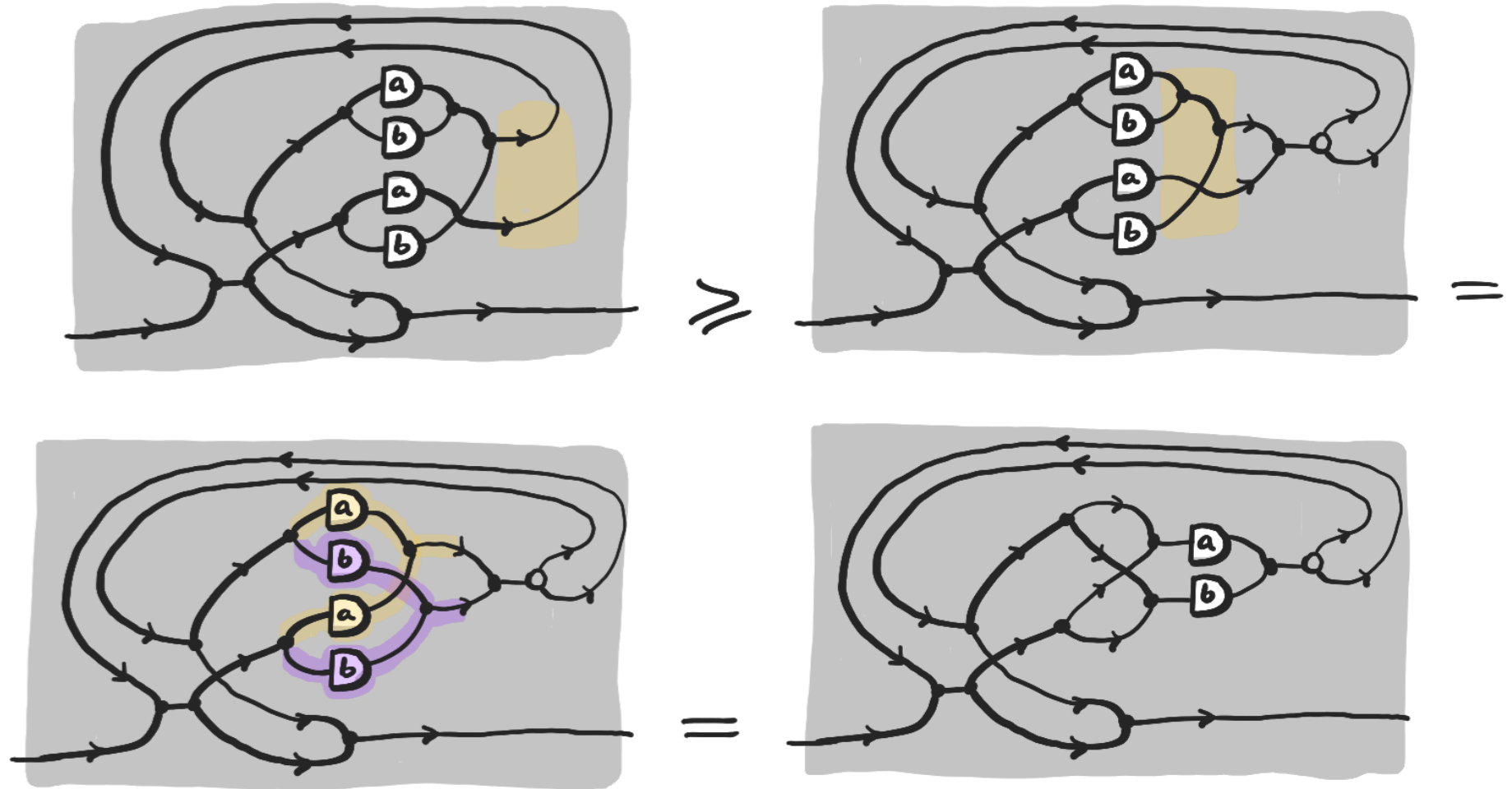


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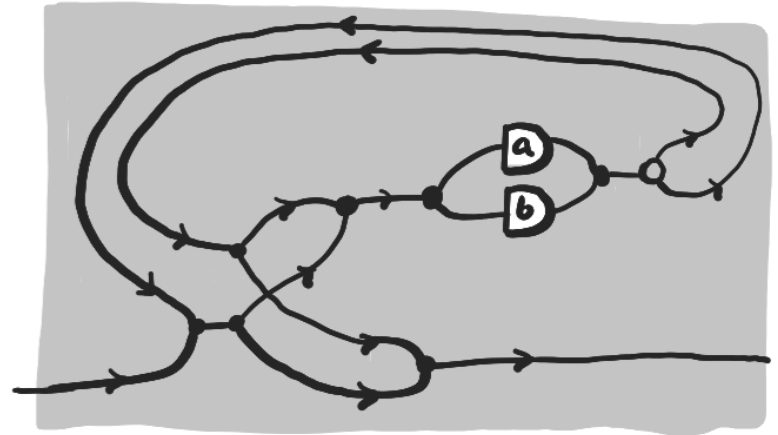
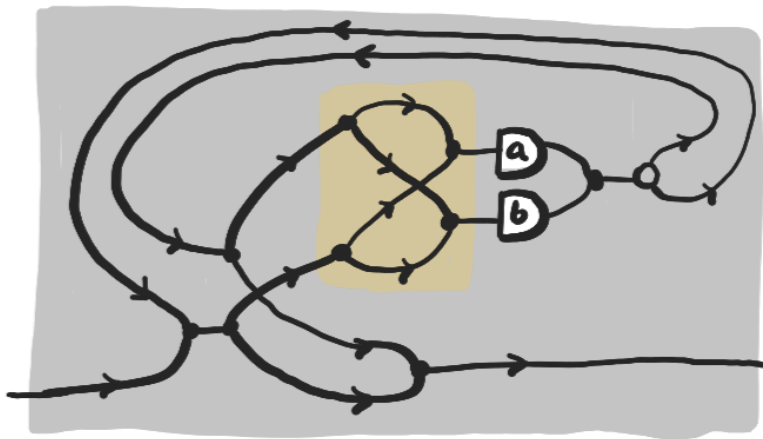


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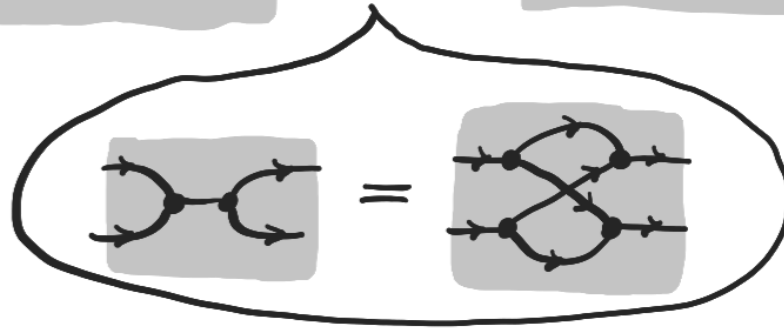
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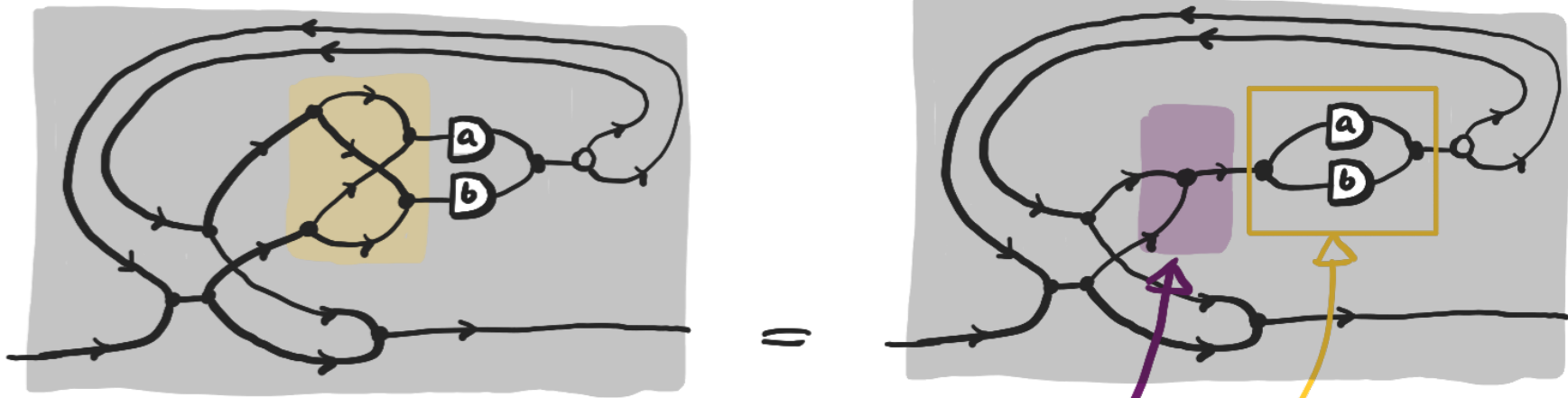
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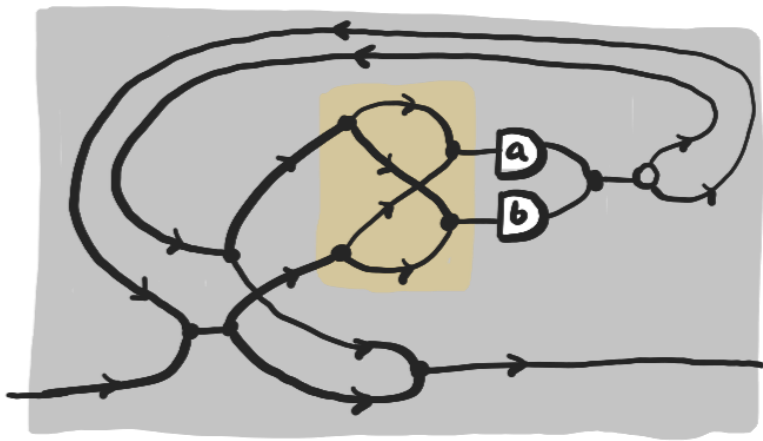
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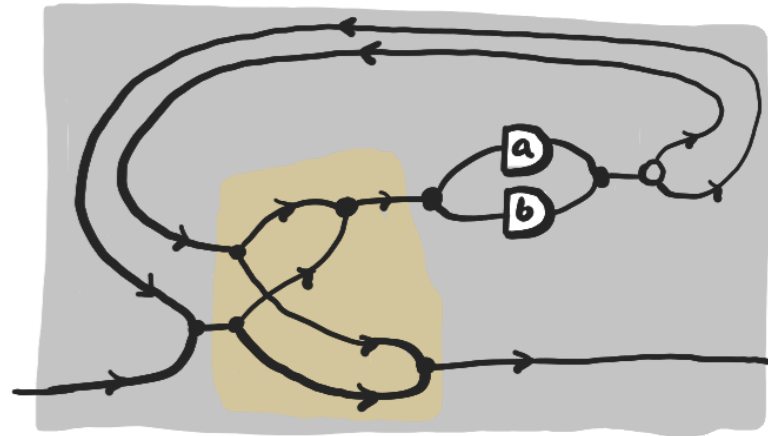
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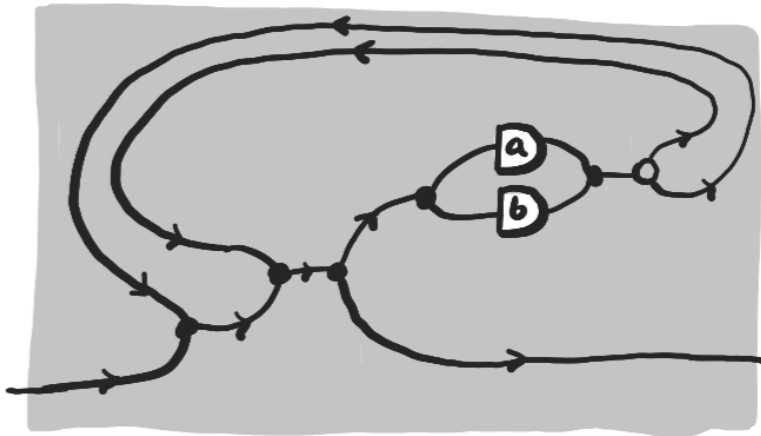
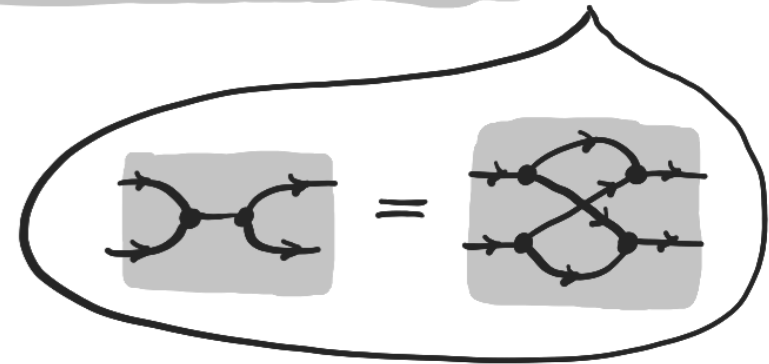
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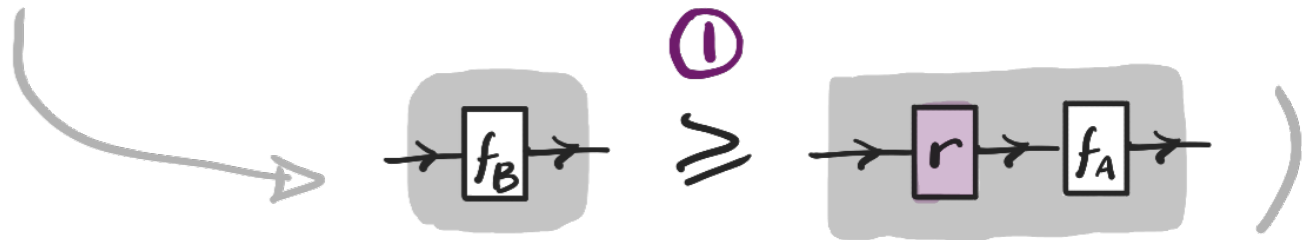
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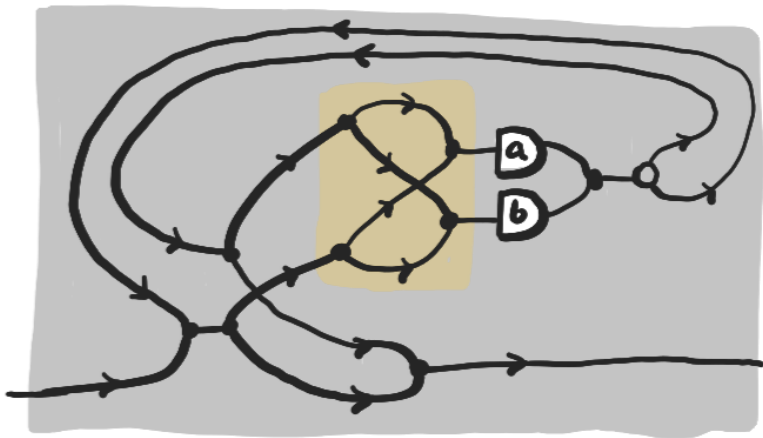
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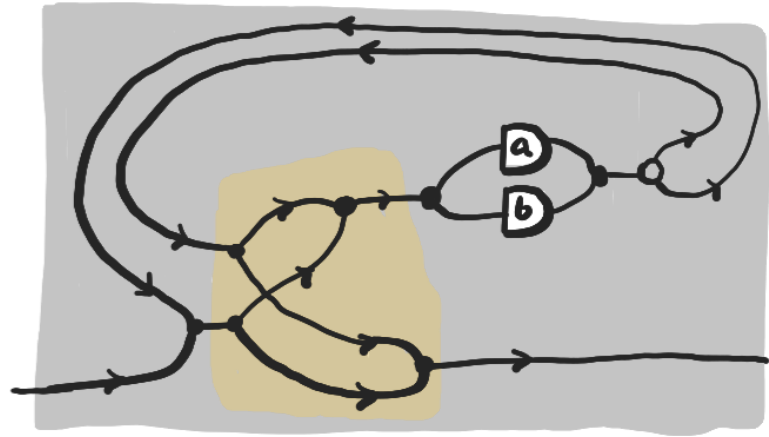
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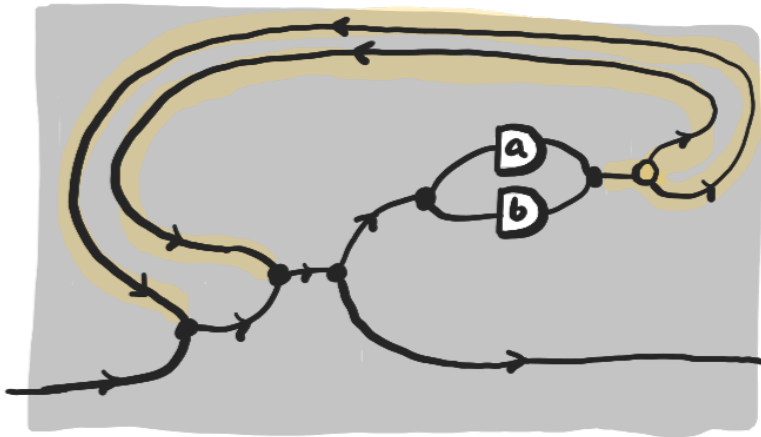
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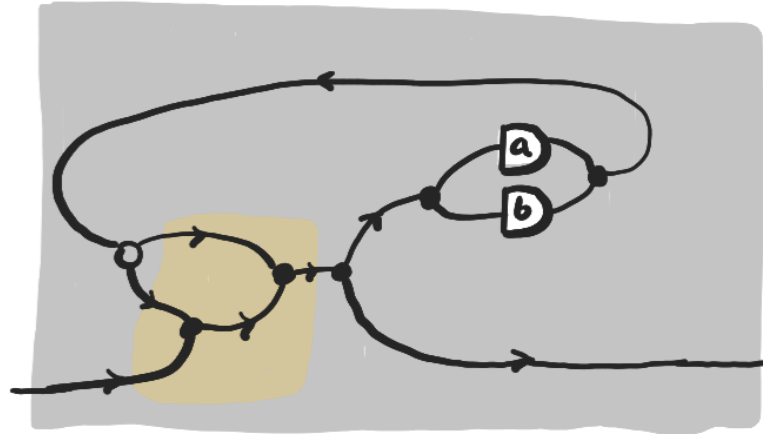
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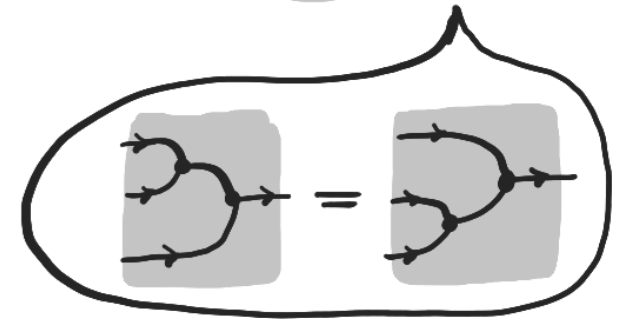
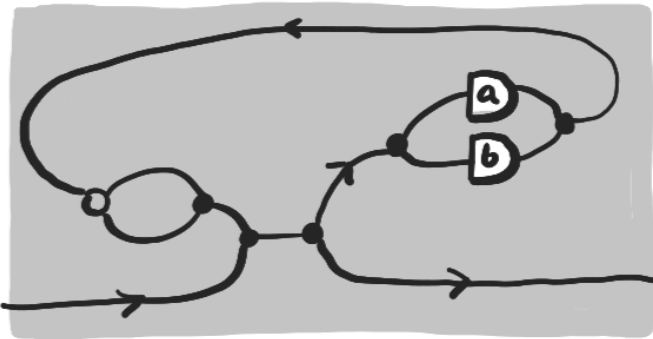
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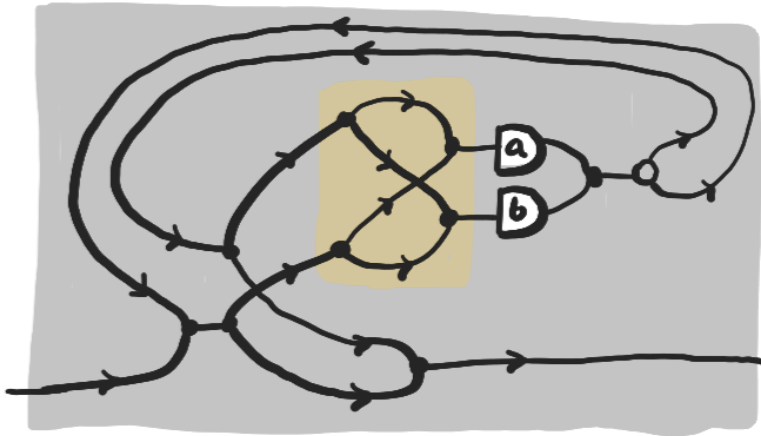


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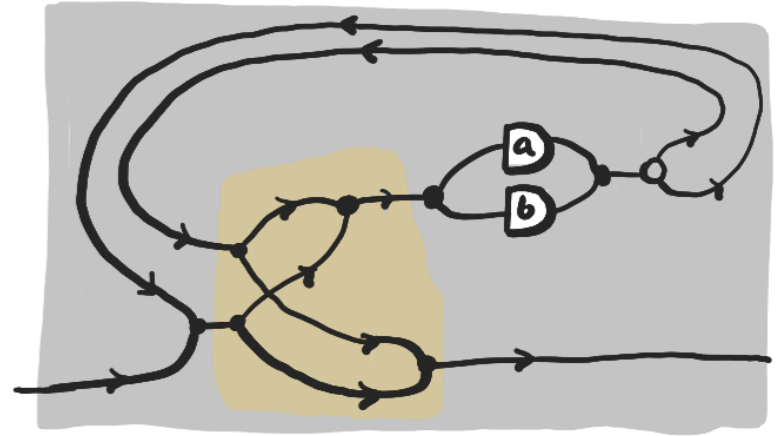




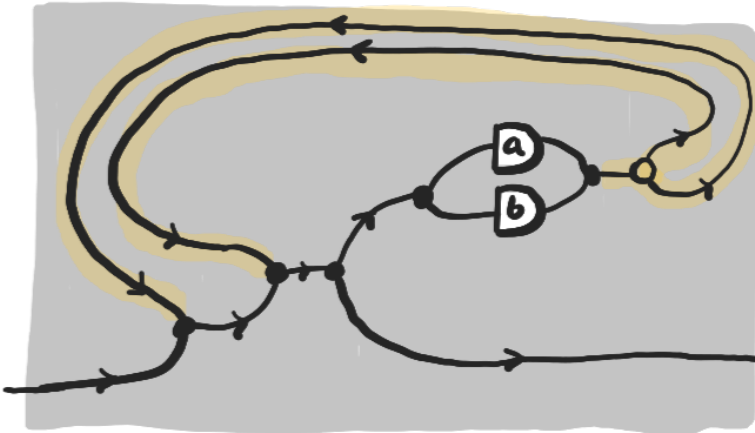
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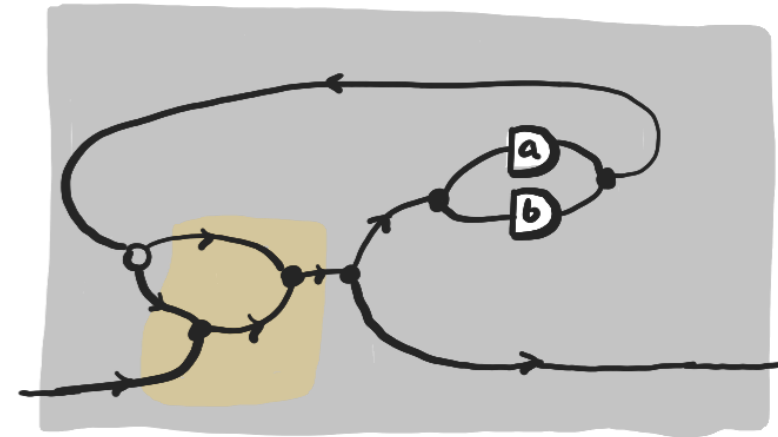
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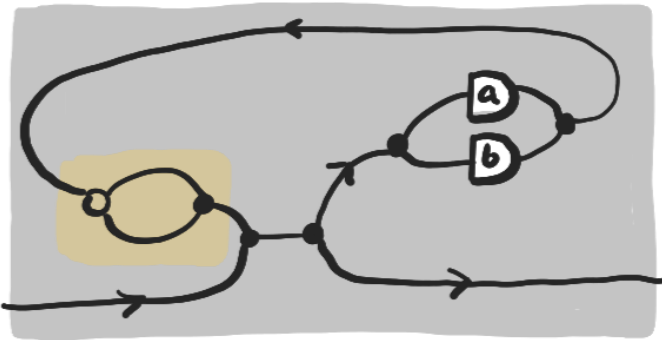
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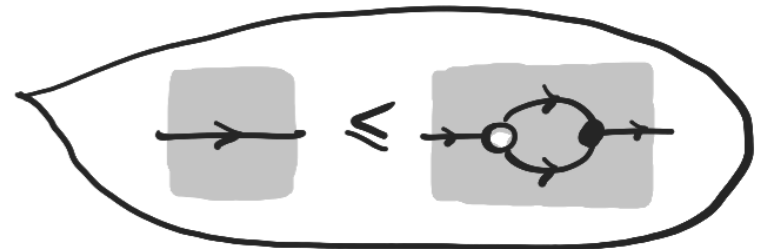
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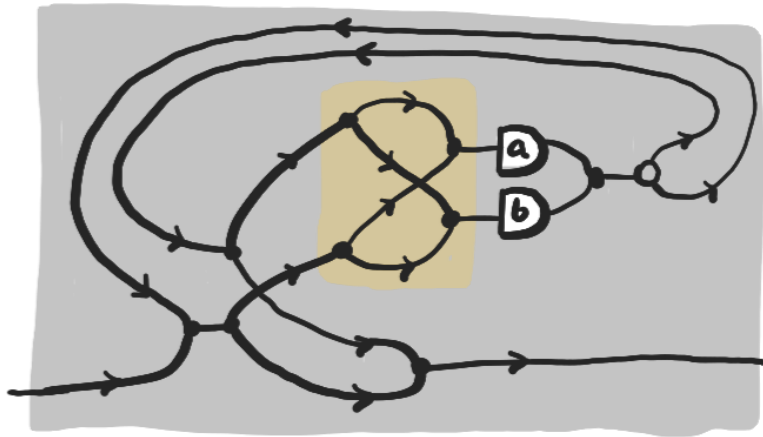
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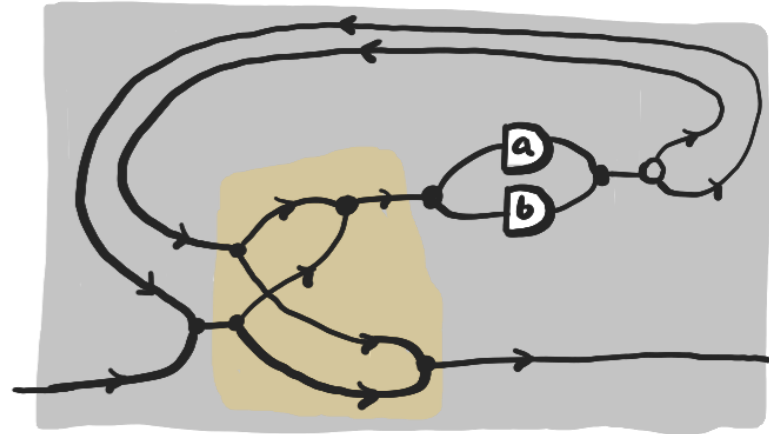
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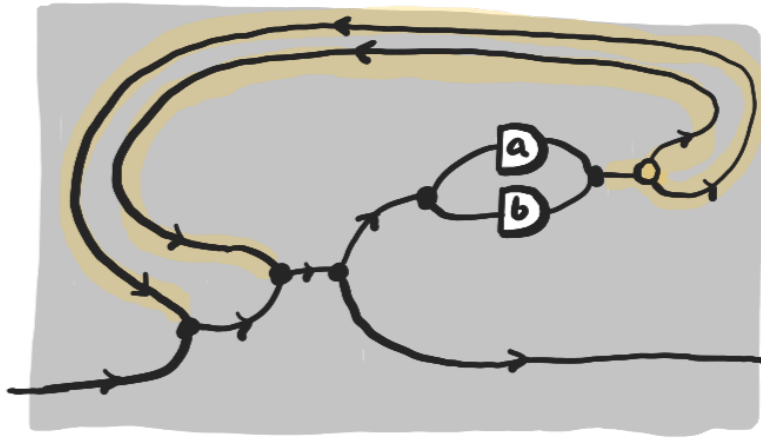
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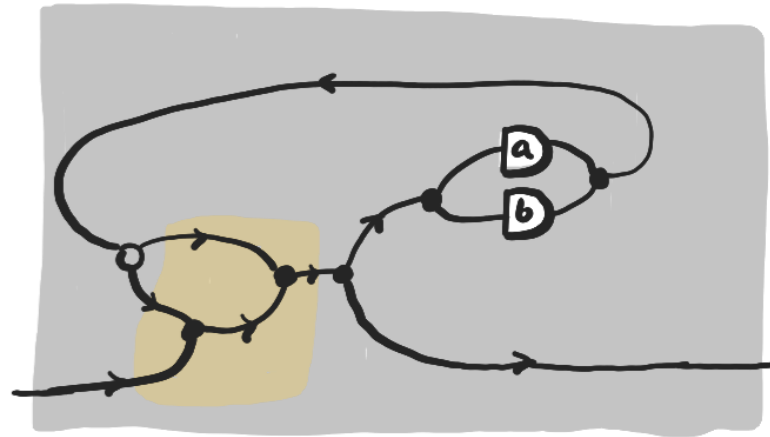
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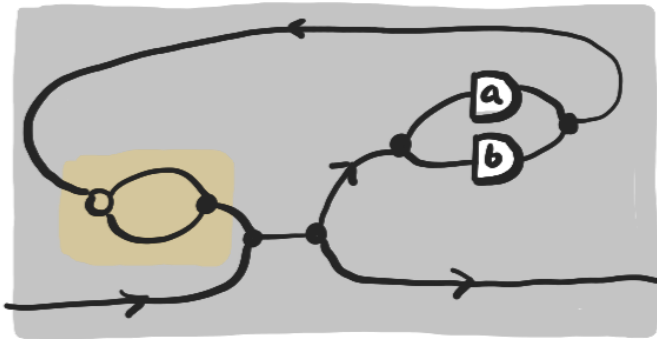
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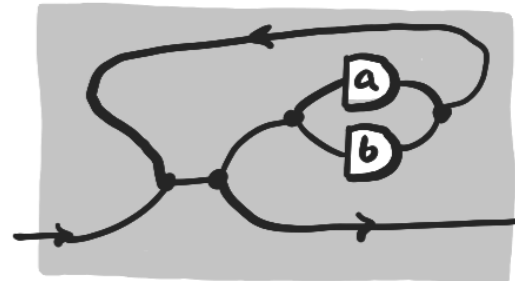
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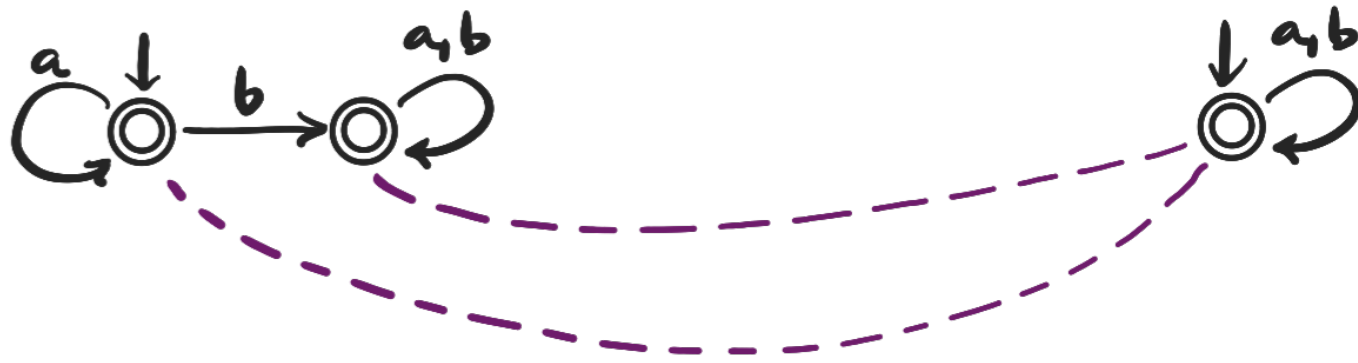
Theorem. If  $\boxed{c_A}$  and  $\boxed{c_B}$  encode NFA  $A$  and  $B$  respectively, then

$$A \leq B \Rightarrow \boxed{c_A} \leq \boxed{c_B}$$

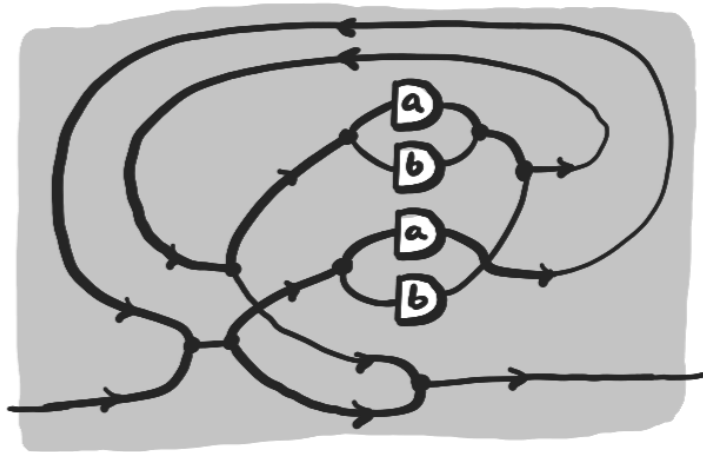
Proof idea: Via encoding simulations as diagrams and using the axioms above to show that they indeed behave as simulations syntactically.

# FUTURE WORK

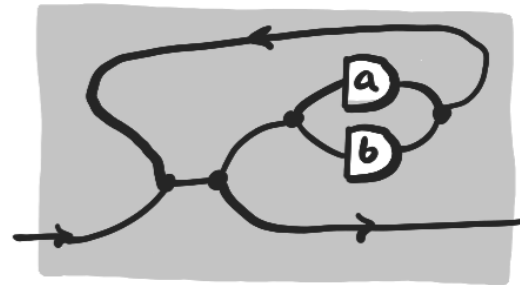
- Using an extended syntax to internalise proofs of simulation, equivalence, etc. in other models: KAT, GKAT, CKA, ...
- Bisimulation in a 2-categorical setting (i.e. with "proof-relevant inequalities"  $\leq_{\mathcal{R}}$ )
- Formulate axioms as hypergraph-rewriting system (DPO).



THANK YOU!  $\Downarrow \Uparrow$  QUESTIONS ?



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# (1D) SYNTAX FOR NFA


- Regular expressions

$$e ::= e + e \mid e \cdot e \mid e^* \mid 0 \mid 1 \mid a \in \Sigma$$

- Milner's algebra of regular behaviours fragment  
of CCS

$$e ::= e + e \mid \mu x. e \mid a. e \mid 0 \mid \tau$$

↳ has an axiomatisation 

 Frendrup & Jensen, A complete axiomatisation of simulation for regular CCS expressions, 2001