



Tackling Expressive FM Constructs with Pseudo-Boolean d-DNNF Compilation

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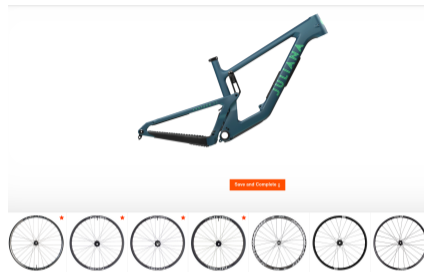


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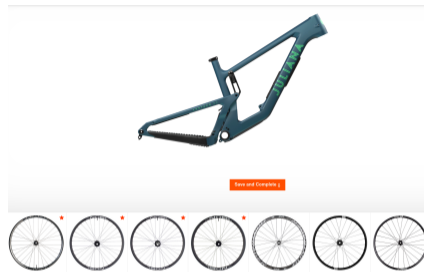


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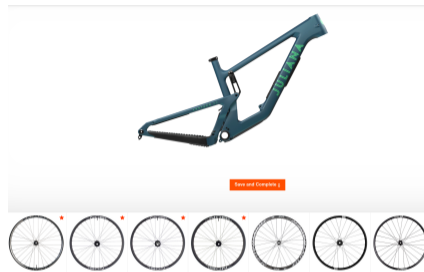


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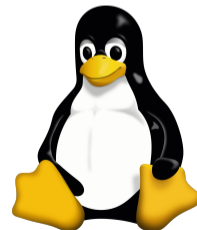


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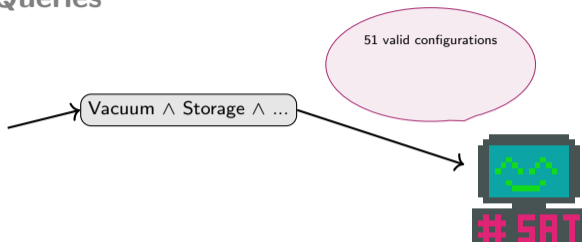
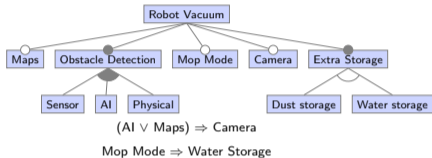


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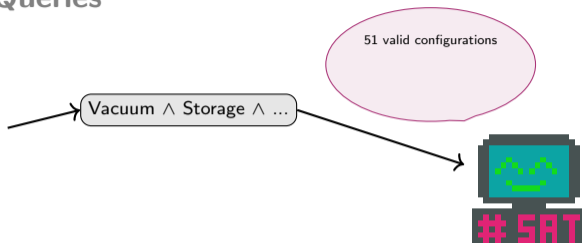
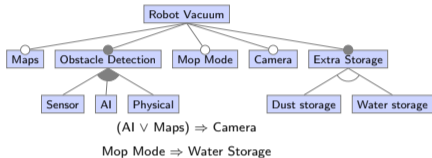
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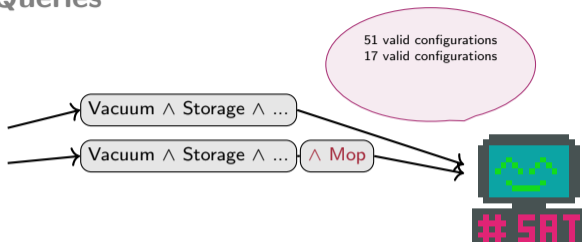
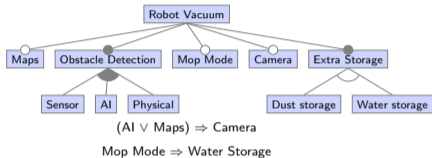
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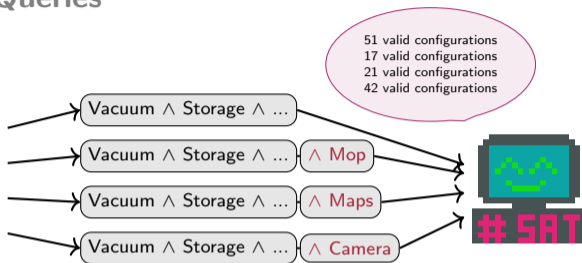
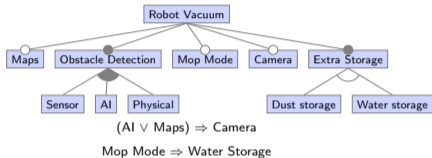
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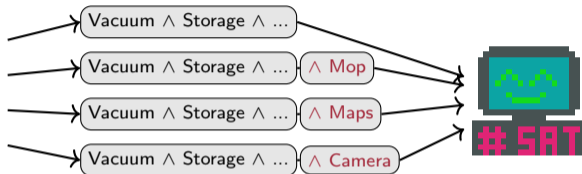
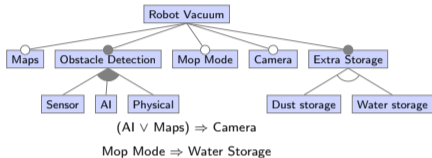
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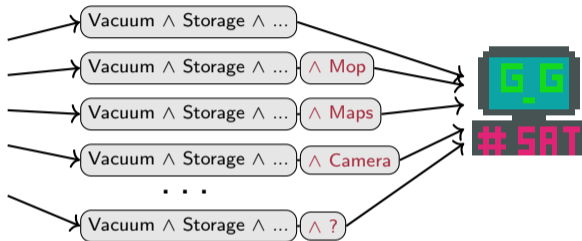
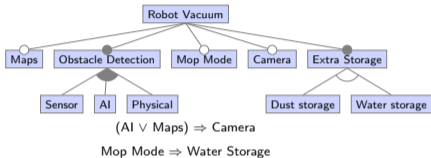
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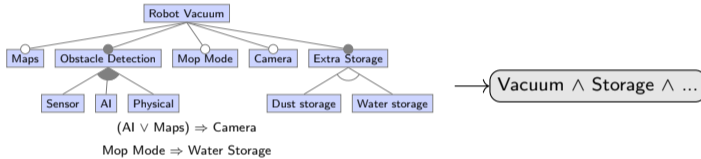
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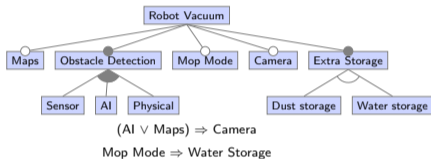
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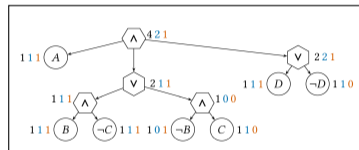
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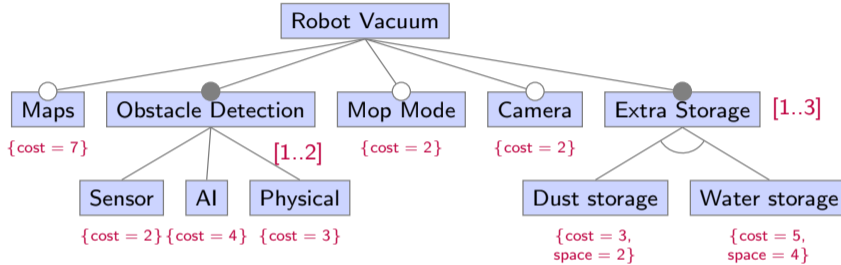
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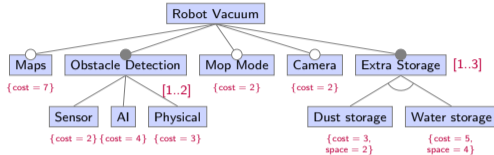
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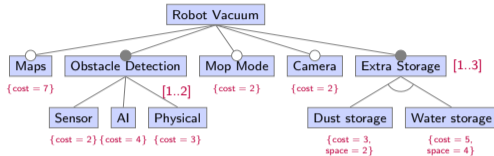
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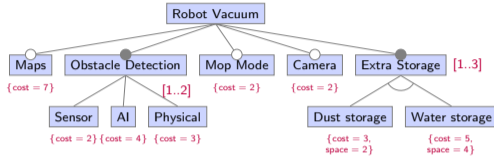
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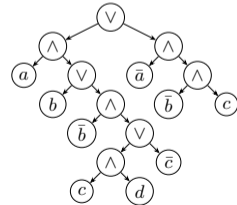
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$f[a..b]$	$enum([a..b]_{c_1, \dots, c_b}^{cr})$	$pb([a..b]_{c_1, \dots, c_b}^{cr})$
$\phi(A) \star \psi(A')$	$enum(\phi(A) \star \psi(A'))$	$pb(\phi(A)) \star pb(\psi(A'))$
$\rightarrow c_i$		c_i
$\rightarrow a_i = (v_i, f_i)$		$v_i \cdot f_i$
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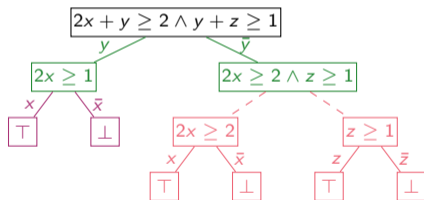


Figure: Trace for Exhaustive Pseudo-Boolean DPLL

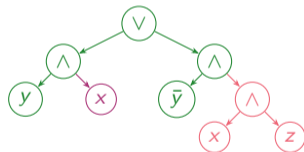


Figure: d-DNNF Corresponding to Traversal in Trace

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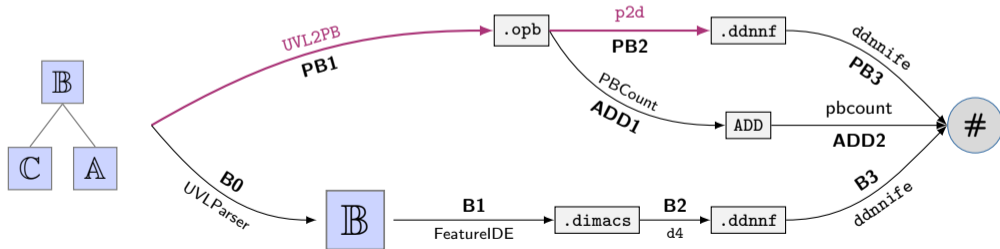
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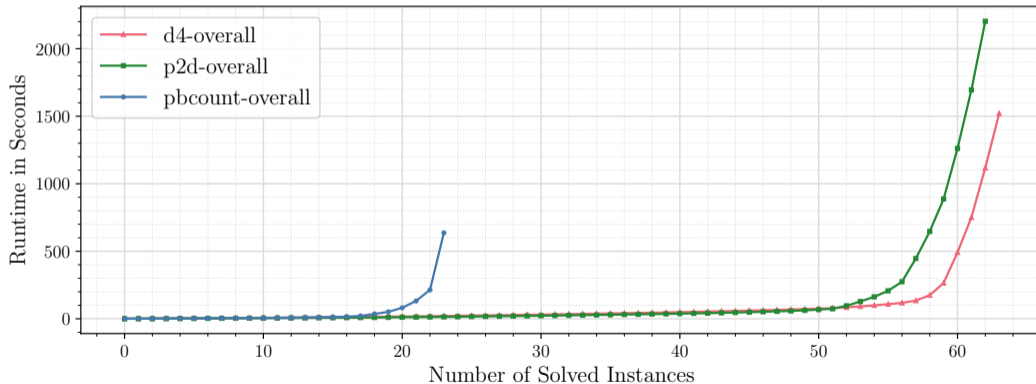
Pipelines:

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- **pbcount**: Pseudo-Boolean with pbcount
- **d4**: Boolean with d4

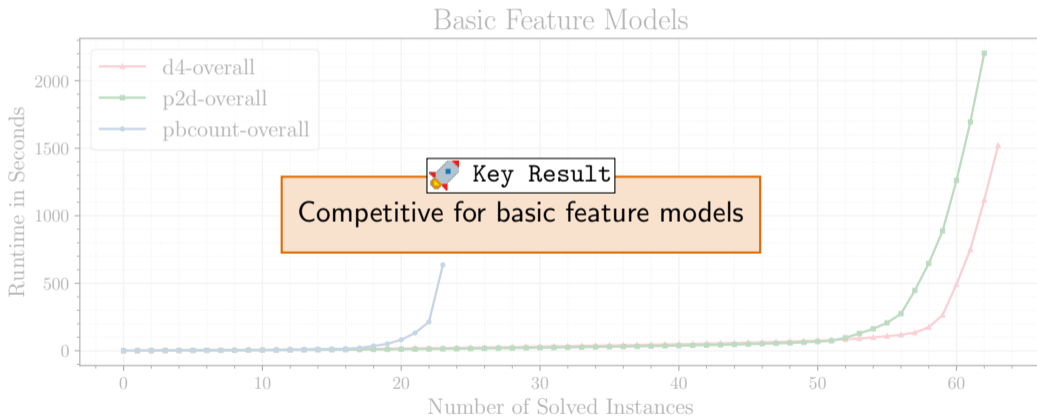


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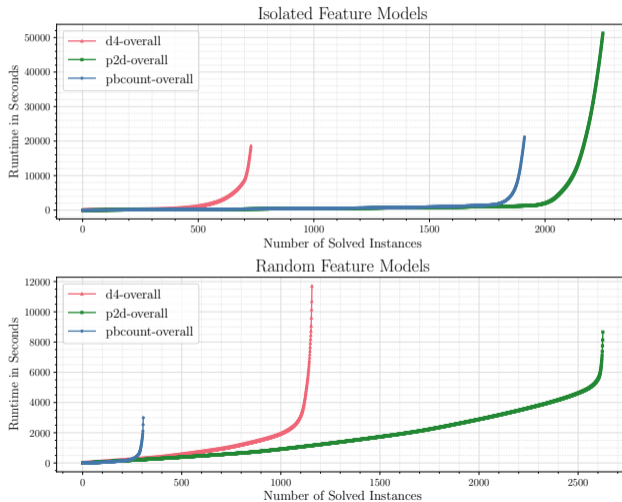
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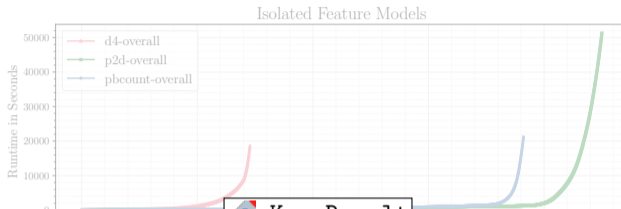
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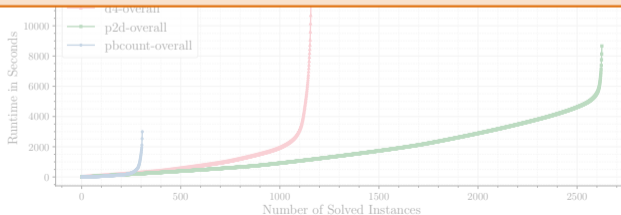


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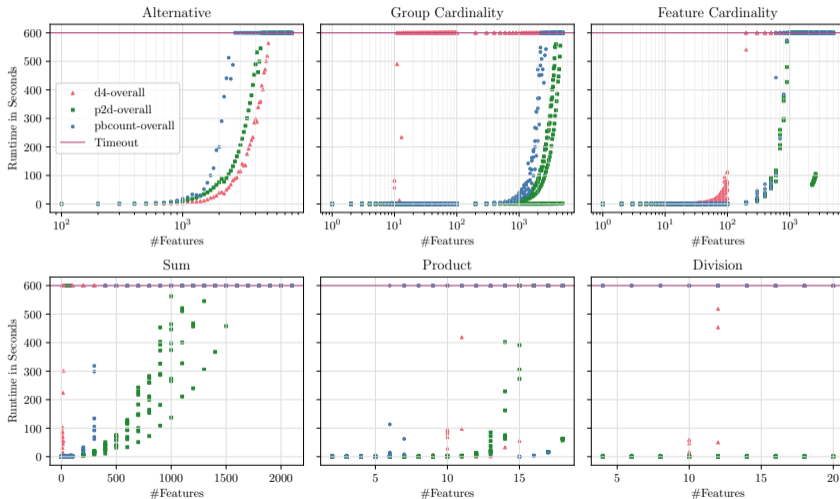


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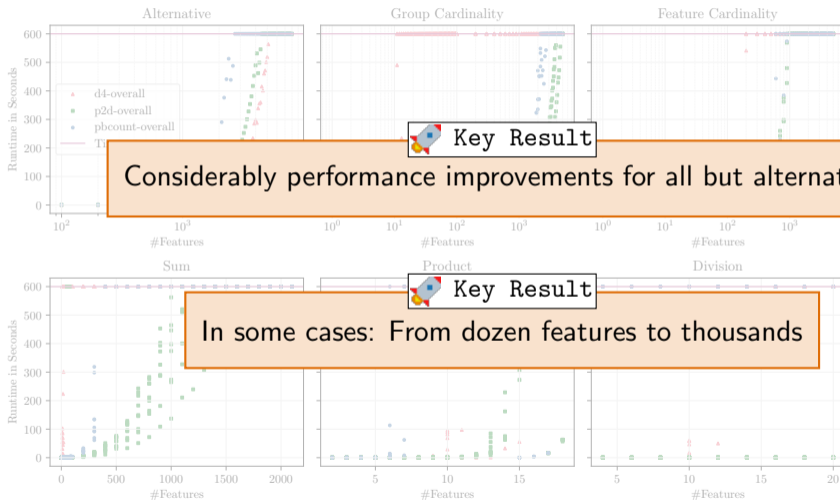
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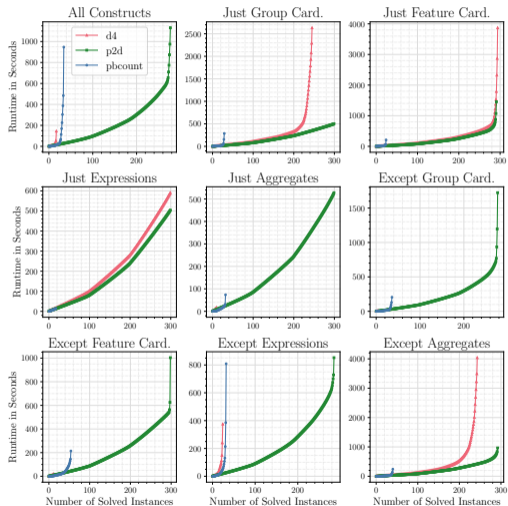
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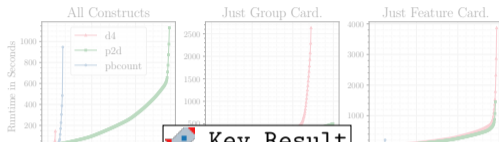
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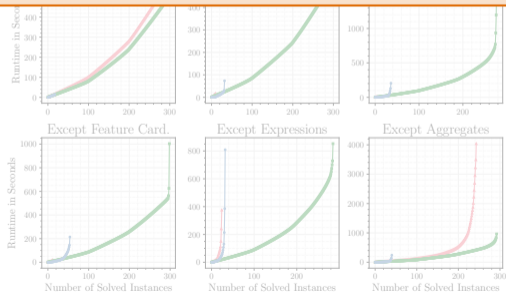


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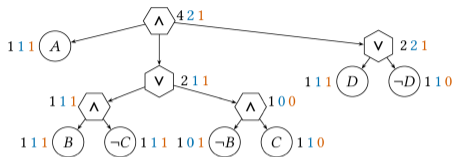


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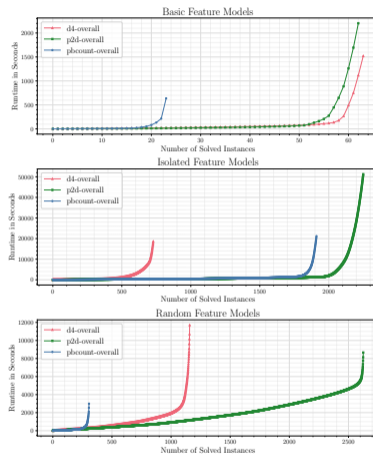
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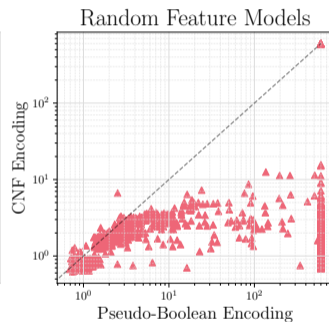
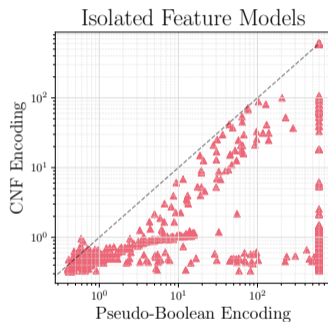
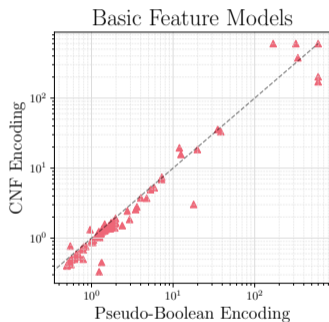
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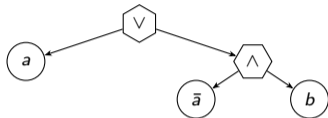
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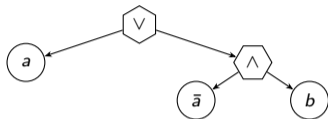
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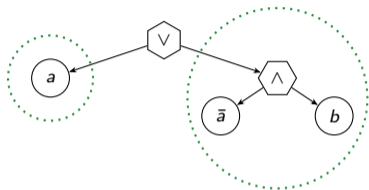
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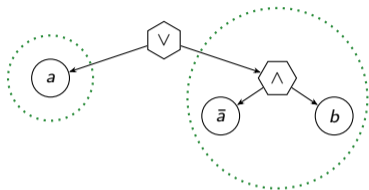
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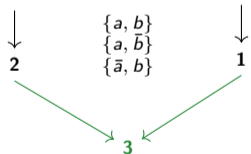
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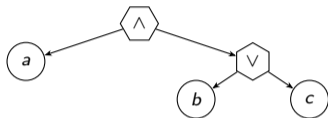
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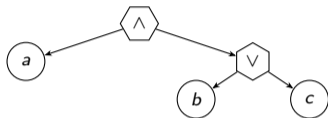
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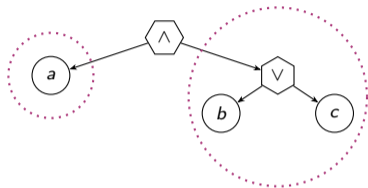
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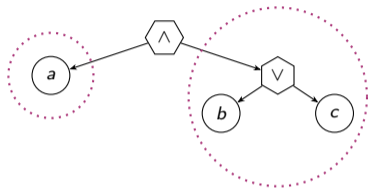
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