

some remarks on  
definability of process graphs

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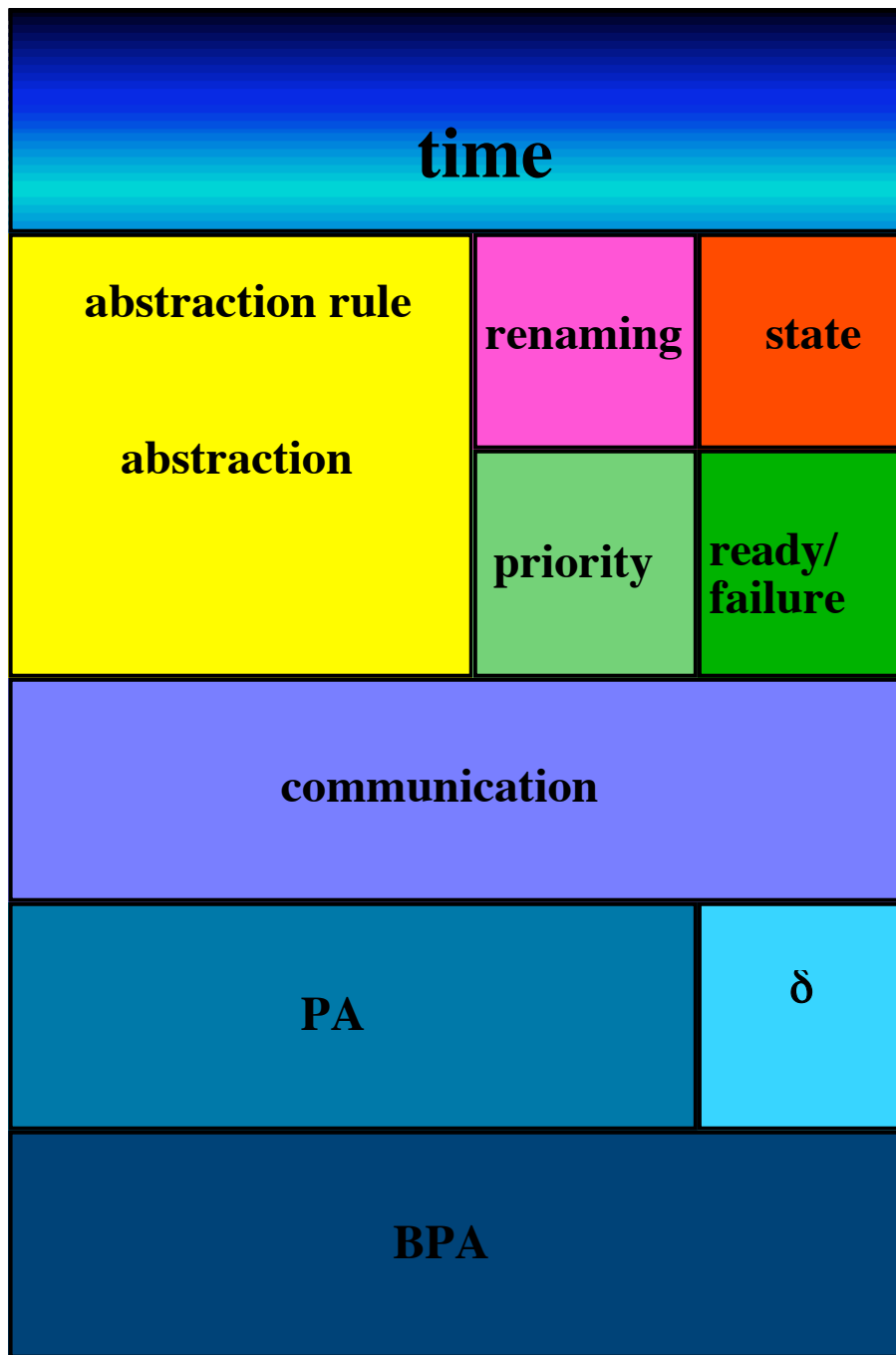
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 (x \cdot y) \cdot z &= x \cdot (y \cdot z)
 \end{aligned}$$

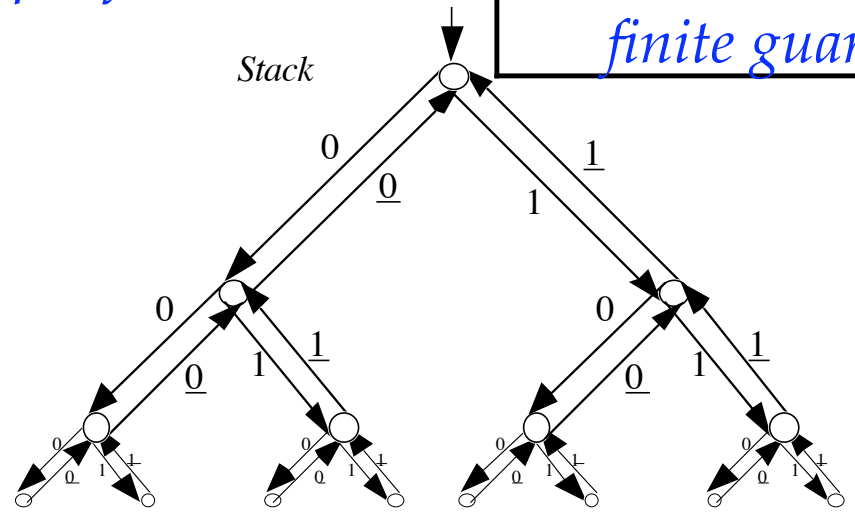
Table 1: BPA (Basic Process Algebra)

$S_\lambda = \text{push}(0).S_0 + \text{push}(1).S_1$   
 $S_{d\sigma} = \text{push}(0).S_{0d\sigma} + \text{push}(1).S_{1d\sigma} + \text{pop}(d).S_\sigma$   
 (voor  $d = 0$  of  $d = 1$ , en elke string  $\sigma$ )

*infinite guarded BPA specification*

$S = T.S$   
 $T = \text{push}(0).T_0 + \text{push}(1).T_1$   
 $T_0 = \text{pop}(0) + T.T_0$   
 $T_1 = \text{pop}(1) + T.T_1$

*finite guarded BPA specification*



*Stack needs a terminating Stack for its definition*

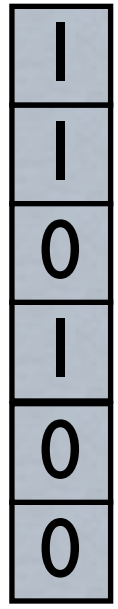
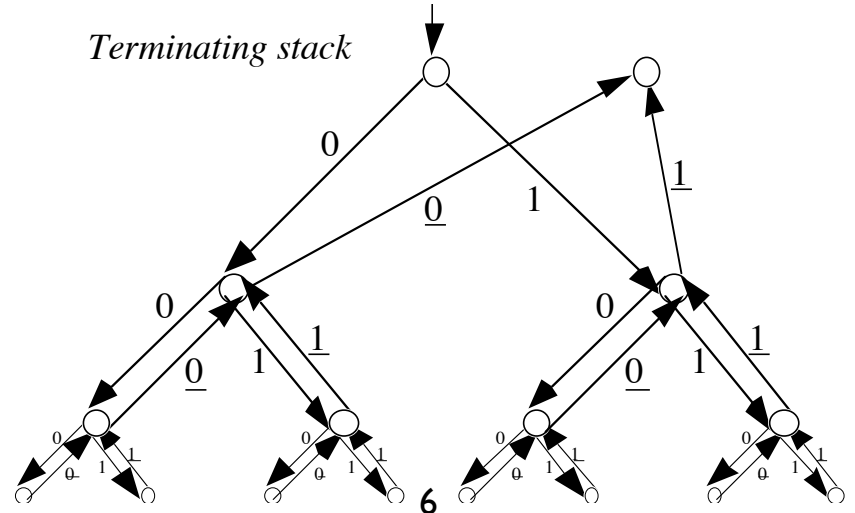


Table 1. BPA (Basic Process Algebra), left, and PA (Process Algebra), on the right

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 x \parallel y \quad = \quad x \perp\!\!\!\perp y + y \perp\!\!\!\perp x \\
 a \perp\!\!\!\perp x \quad = \quad a \cdot x \\
 a \cdot x \perp\!\!\!\perp y = a \cdot (x \parallel y) \\
 (x + y) \perp\!\!\!\perp z = x \perp\!\!\!\perp z + y \perp\!\!\!\perp z
 \end{array}$$

*The left merge is an auxiliary operator necessary for a finite axiomatization of merge.*

*Every process which is recursively defined in PA and has an infinite trace, has an eventually **periodic** trace.*

*PA has unique prime decomposition:*

$$p = p_1 \parallel \dots \parallel p_n$$

*unique modulo permutation of 'parallel primes'*



$$\text{RN1} \quad \rho_f(v) = f(v)$$

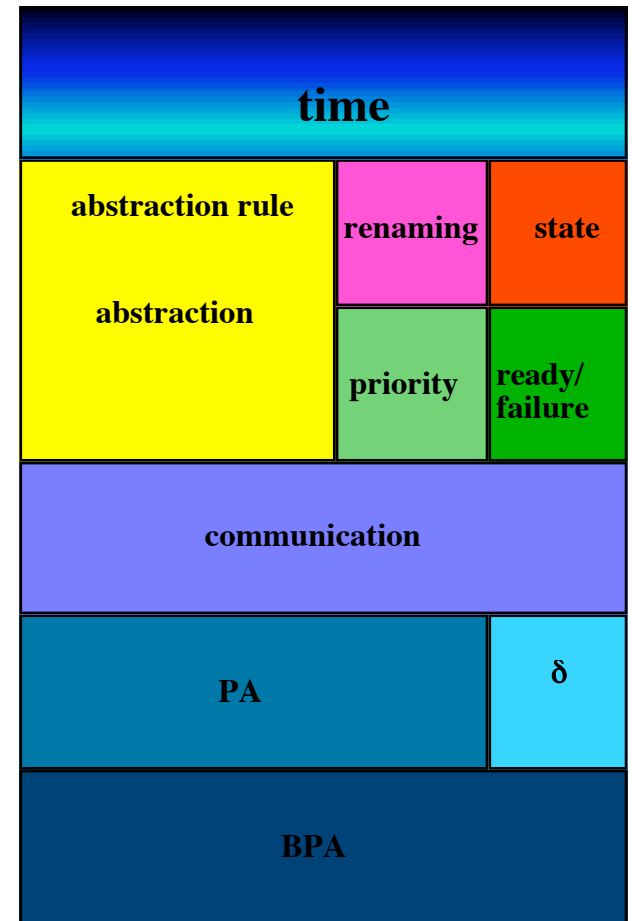
$$\text{RN2} \quad \rho_f(\delta) = \delta$$

$$\text{RN3} \quad \rho_f(x + y) = \rho_f(x) + \rho_f(y)$$

$$\text{RN4} \quad \rho_f(x \cdot y) = \rho_f(x) \cdot \rho_f(y)$$

## renaming axioms

renaming can be performed  
by communication



- (A1)  $x + y = y + x$
- (A2)  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$
- (A3)  $x + x = x$
- (A4)  $(x + y) \cdot z = x \cdot z + y \cdot z$
- (A5)  $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$

### *basic process algebra*

- (A6)  $x + \delta = x$
- (A7)  $\delta \cdot x = \delta$

### *deadlock*

- (C1)  $alb = \gamma(a, b)$  if  $\gamma(a, b)$   
defined,  
else  $\delta$
- (C2)  $(alb)lc = al(blc)$
- (C3)  $\delta la = \delta$

### *communication on atoms*

$$(CM1) x \parallel y = x \ll y + y \ll x + xly$$

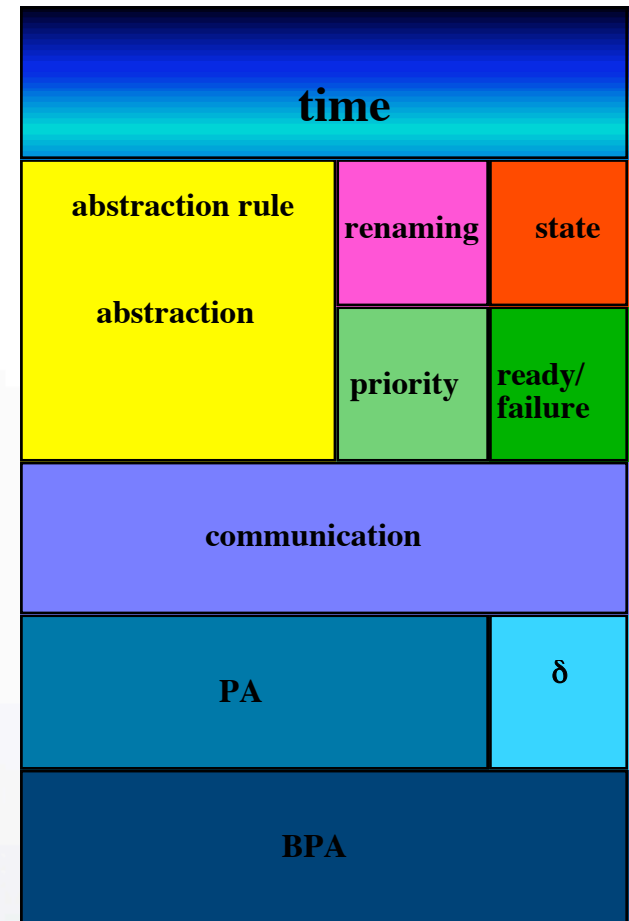
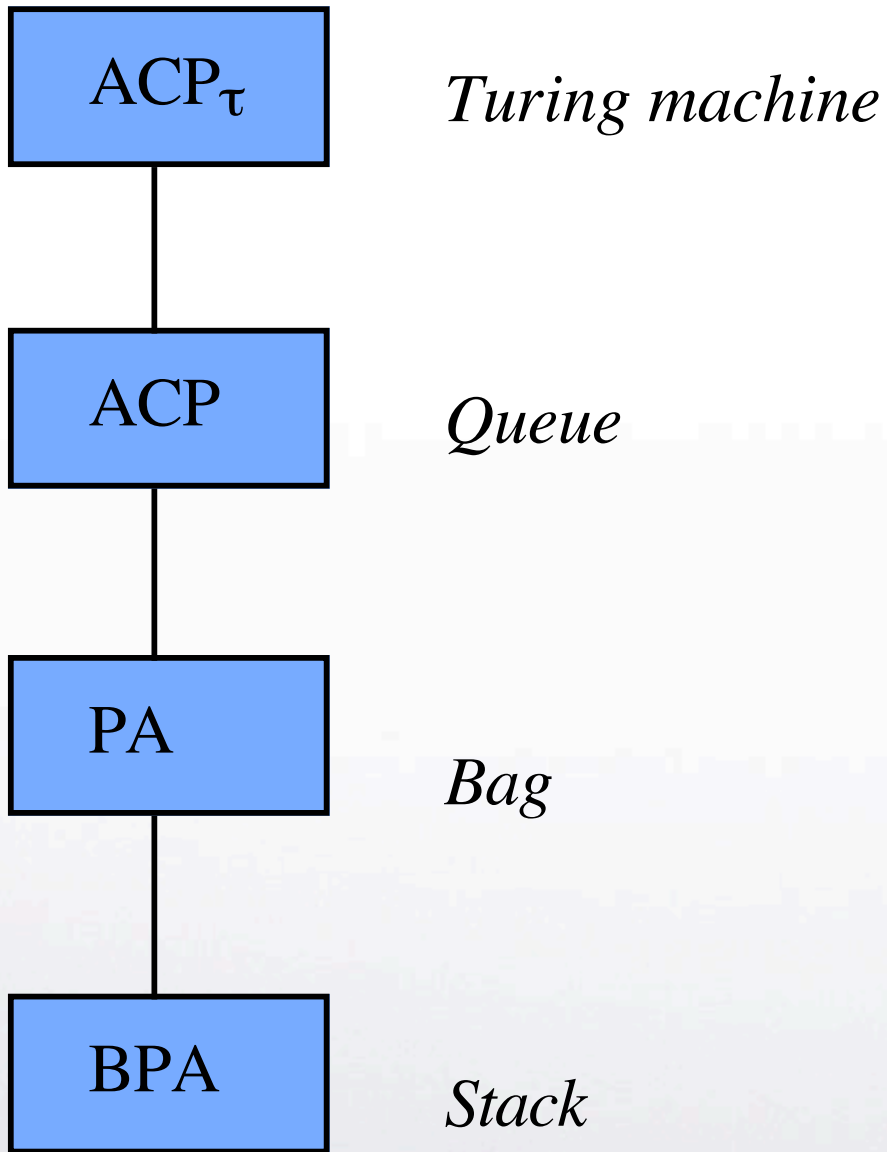
- (CM2)  $a \ll x = a \cdot x$
- (CM3)  $ax \ll y = a(x \parallel y)$
- (CM4)  $(x + y) \ll z = x \ll z + y \ll z$
- (CM5)  $axlb = (alb)x$
- (CM6)  $albx = (alb)x$
- (CM7)  $axlby = (alb)(x \parallel y)$
- (CM8)  $(x + y)lz = xlz + ylz$
- (CM9)  $xl(y + z) = xly + xlz$

### *communication merge*

- (D1)  $\partial_H(a) = a$  if  $a \notin H$
- (D2)  $\partial_H(a) = \delta$  if  $a \in H$
- (D3)  $\partial_H(x + y) = \partial_H(x) + \partial_H(y)$
- (D4)  $\partial_H(x \cdot y) = \partial_H(x) \cdot \partial_H(y)$

### *encapsulation operator*

# ACP



*Modular structure of ACP*

## *Difference in expressiveness between PA and ACP*

Thue-Morse sequence:

$M = 1001 \ 0110 \ 01101001 \ 0110100110010110 \dots$

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$M = \text{zip } M \ \text{inv}(M)$

$M = 1:0:\text{zip}(\text{tail}(M), \text{inv}(\text{tail}(M)))$

*M can be defined in ACP with renaming, or in ACP with ternary communication. With binary communication?*

*M cannot be defined in PA, since its one single trace is not eventually periodic.*

*The process BAG cannot be defined in BPA.*

Bergstra-Tiuryn:

Queue cannot be defined in ACP with handshaking communication

- but it can in ACP with renaming,

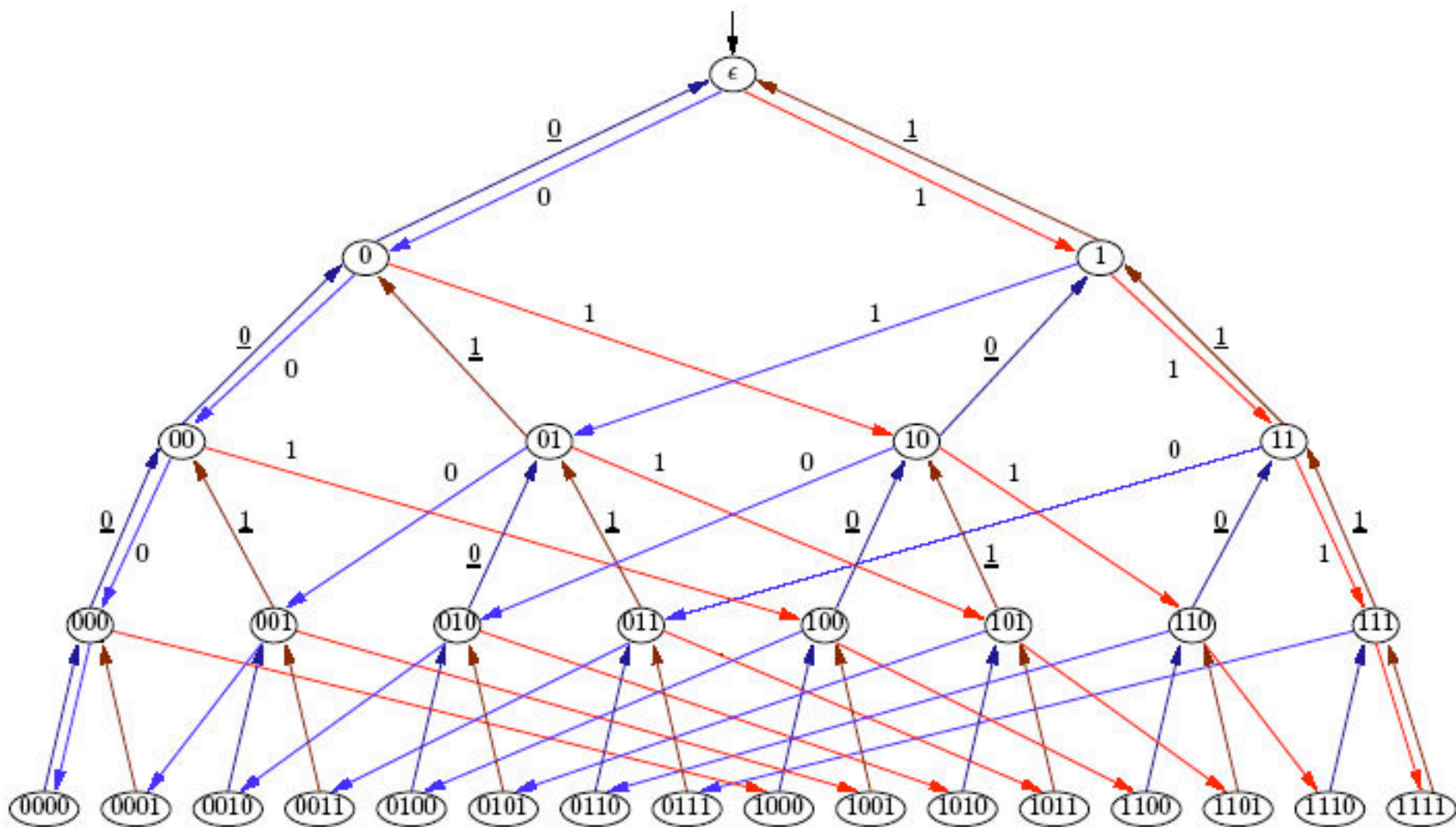
- or in ACP with ternary communication



QUEUE

Table 4. Queue, infinite BPA-specification

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= Q_\lambda = \sum_{d \in D} r_1(d) \cdot Q_d \\ Q_{\sigma d} &= s_2(d) \cdot Q_\sigma + \sum_{e \in D} r_1(e) \cdot Q_{e\sigma d} \\ &\text{(for } d \in D, \text{ and } \sigma \in D^*) \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 9.** The canonical process graph QUEUE of Queue



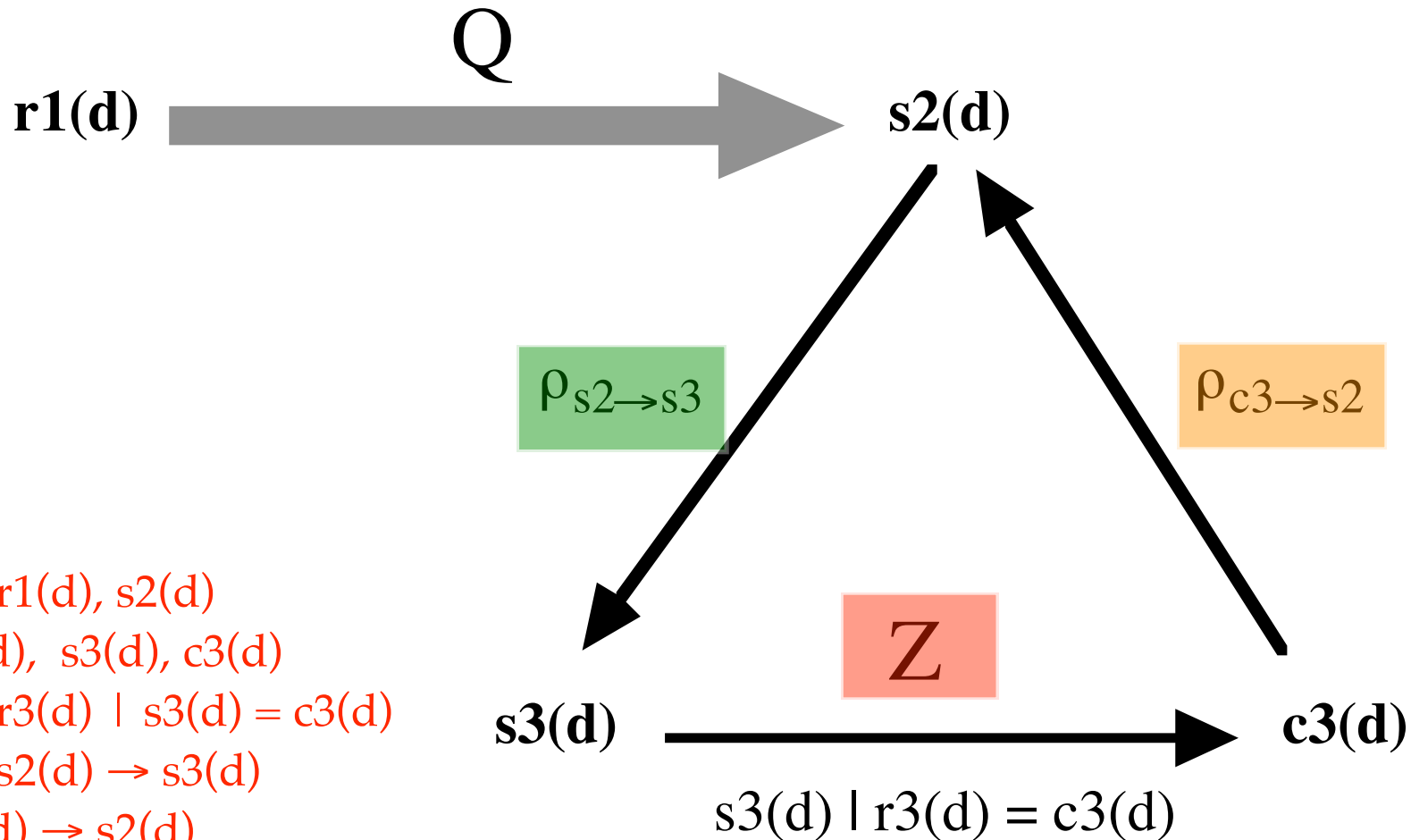
**Table 5.** Queue, finite ACP-specification with renaming

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \sum_{d \in D} r_1(d) (\rho_{c_3 \rightarrow s_2} \circ \partial_H) (\rho_{s_2 \rightarrow s_3}(Q) \parallel s_2(d) \cdot Z) \\ Z &= \sum_{d \in D} r_3(d) \cdot Z \end{aligned}$$

guard

$$Q = \sum_{d \in D} r1(d) (\rho_{c3 \rightarrow s2} \circ \partial_H) (\rho_{s2 \rightarrow s3} (Q) \parallel s2(d).Z)$$

$$Z = \sum_{d \in D} r3(d).Z$$



actions:  $r1(d), s2(d)$   
auxiliary actions:  $r3(d), s3(d), c3(d)$   
communication:  $r3(d) \mid s3(d) = c3(d)$   
 $\rho_{s2 \rightarrow s3}$  renaming:  $s2(d) \rightarrow s3(d)$   
 $\rho_{c3 \rightarrow s2}$  renaming:  $c3(d) \rightarrow s2(d)$   
encapsulation:  $H = \{s3(d), r3(d) \mid d \in D\}$  18

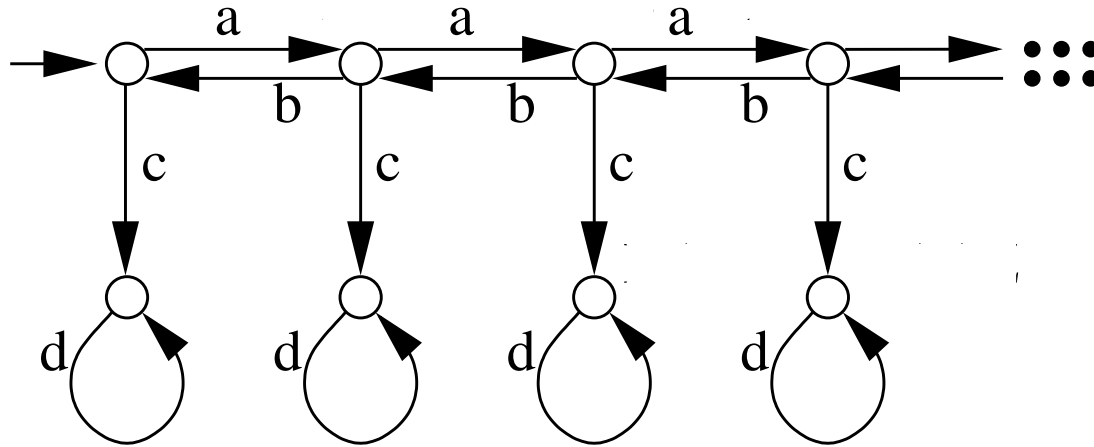
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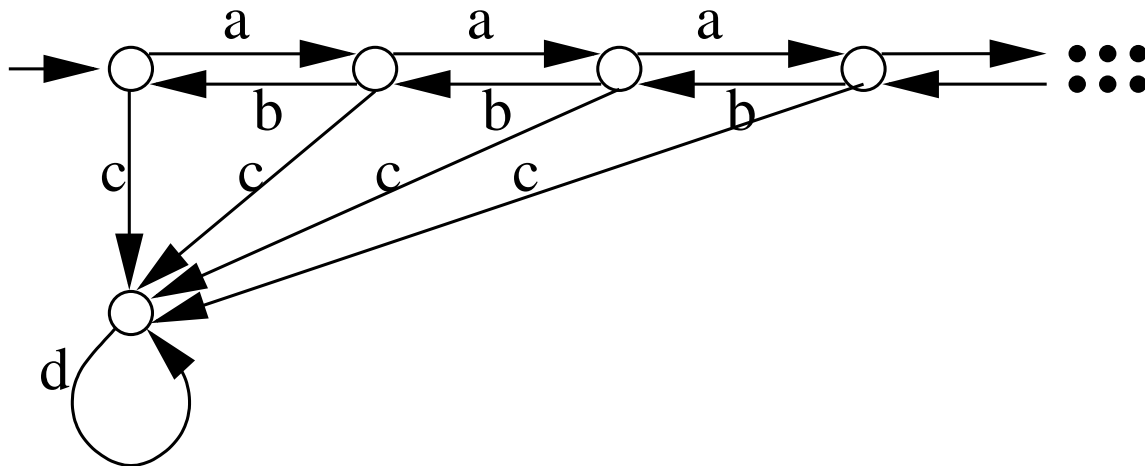


*finite degree*



*yes*

*bisimilar to*

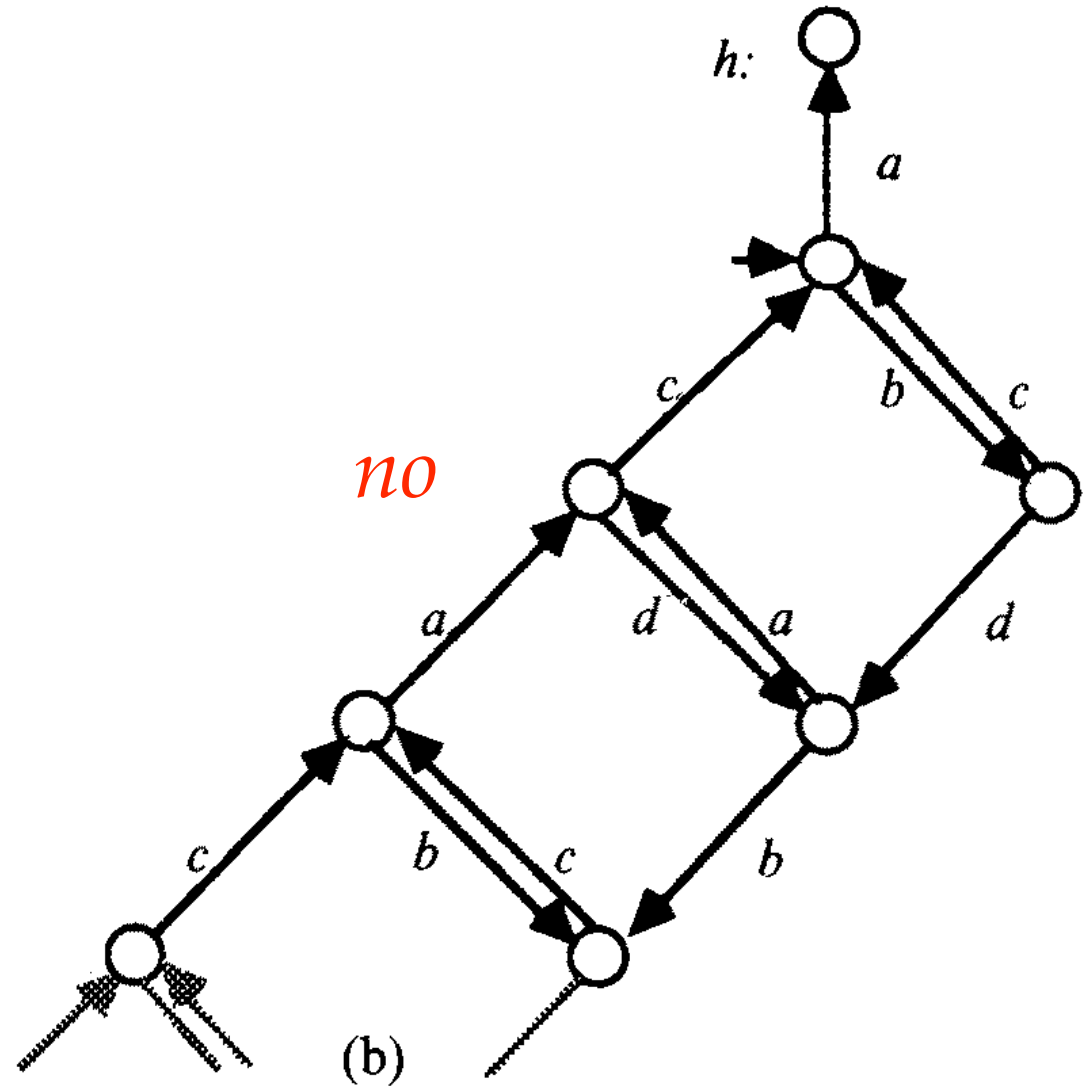
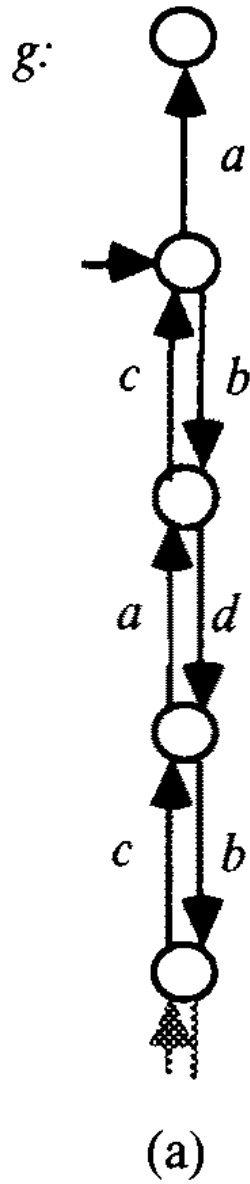


*no*



*canonical*

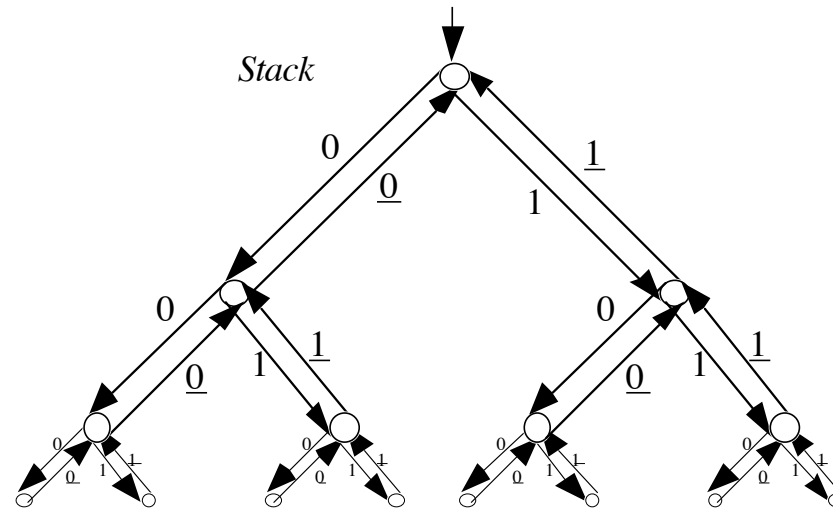
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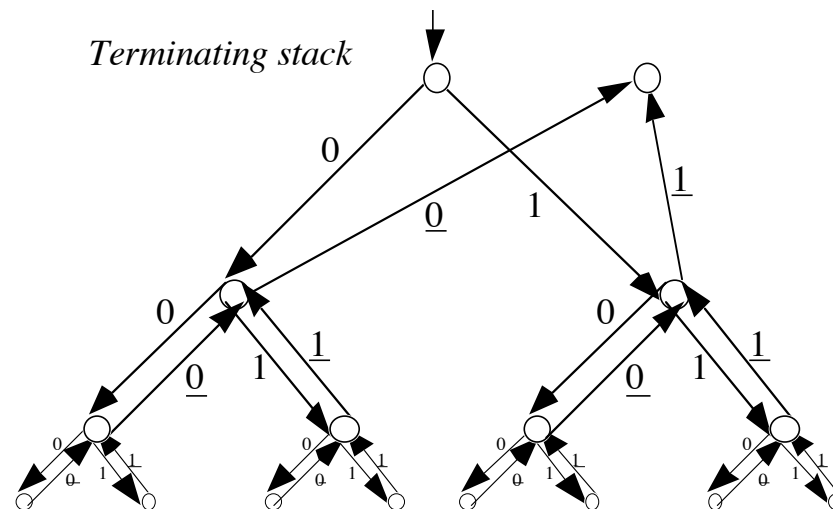
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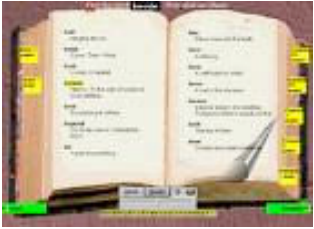
*normed*



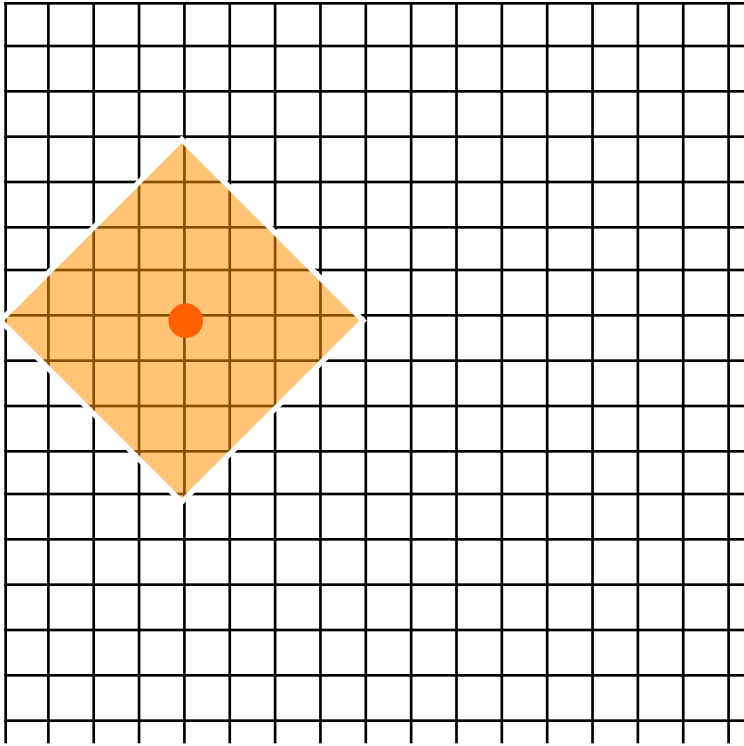
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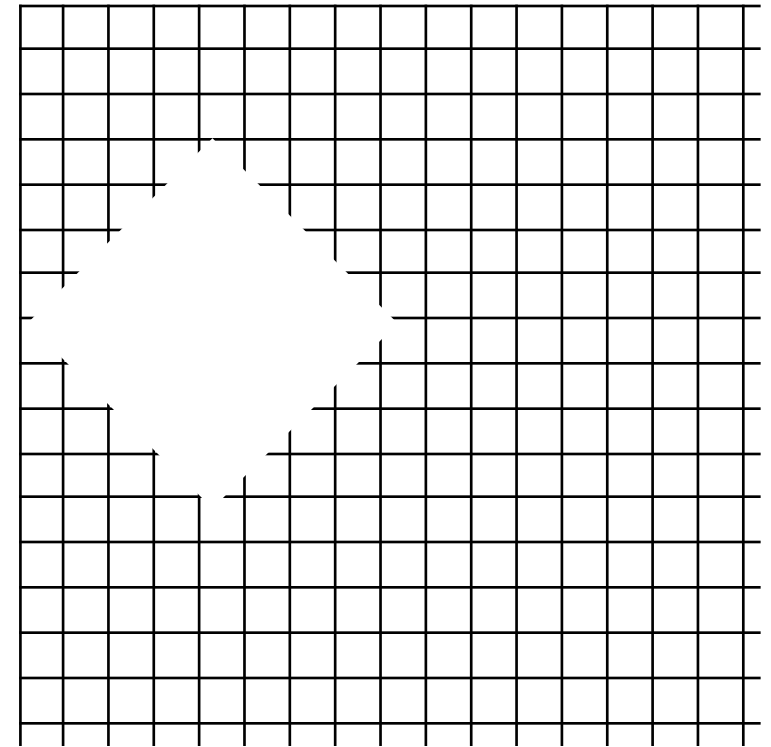
*yes*



# *In, Out*



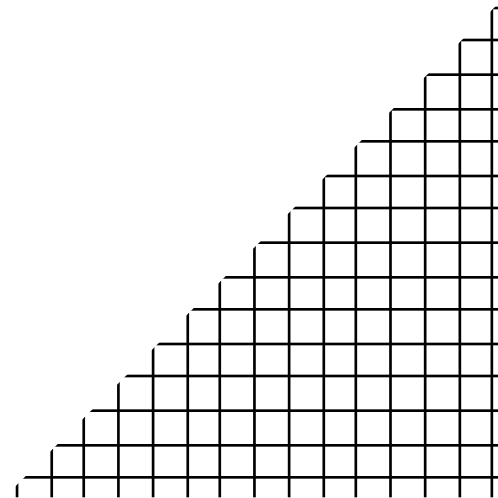
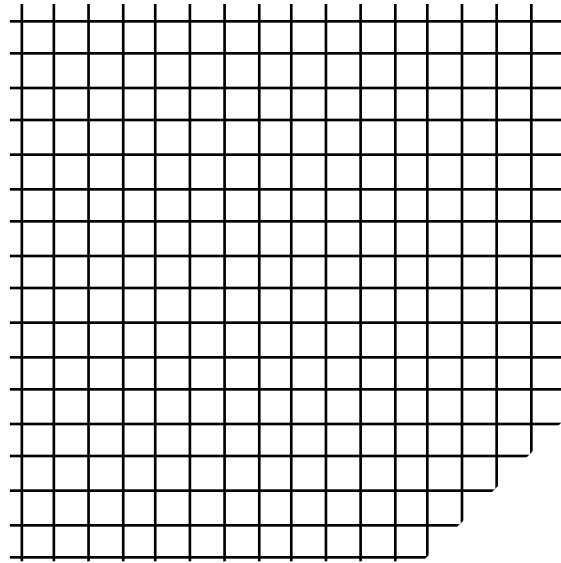
**In(s, 4)**



**Out(s, 4)**

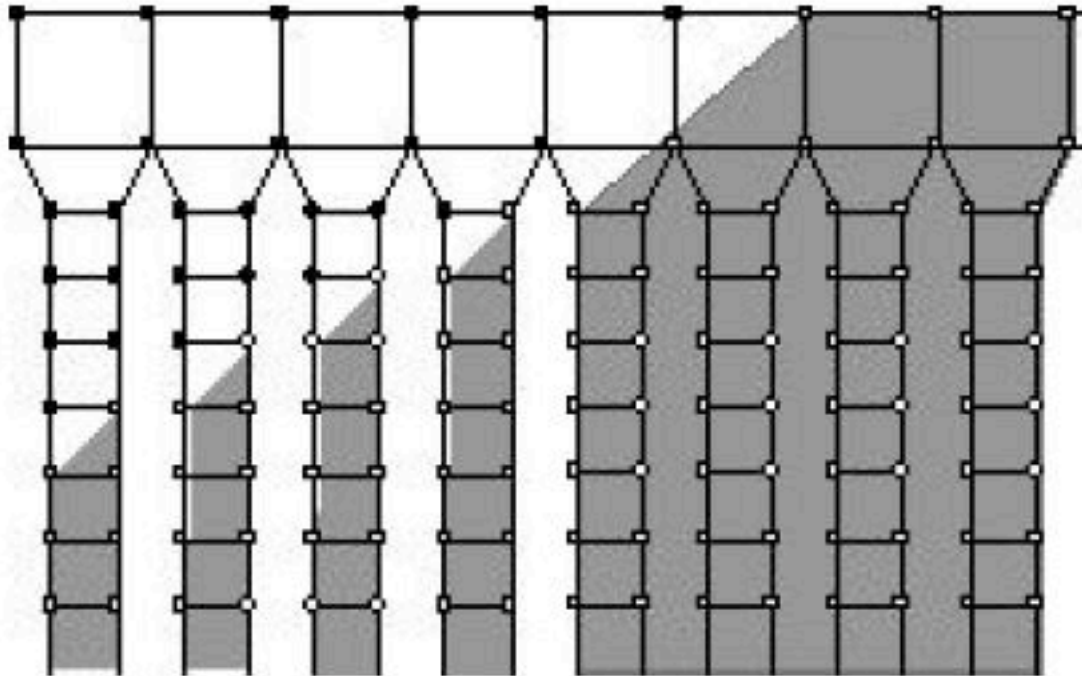


# *infinite connected component (icc)*





*Out(r, 6) is a not connected graph with 5 icc's*



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*context-free grammar in standard form (Greibach normal form)*

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid bA$$

$$A \rightarrow a \mid aS \mid bAA$$

$$B \rightarrow b \mid bS \mid aBB$$

language equality undecidable

*guarded nonlinear recursion system over BPA*

$$S = aB + bA$$

$$A = a + aS + bAA$$

$$B = b + bS + aBB$$

process equality decidable<sup>17</sup>

$$S_\lambda = 0 \cdot S_0 + 1 \cdot S_1$$

$$S_{d\sigma} = 0 \cdot S_{0d\sigma} + 1 \cdot S_{1d\sigma} + \underline{d} \cdot S_\sigma$$

(for  $d = 0$  or  $d = 1$ , and any string  $\sigma$ )

$$S = T \cdot S$$

$$T = 0 \cdot T_0 + 1 \cdot T_1$$

$$T_0 = \underline{0} + T \cdot T_0$$

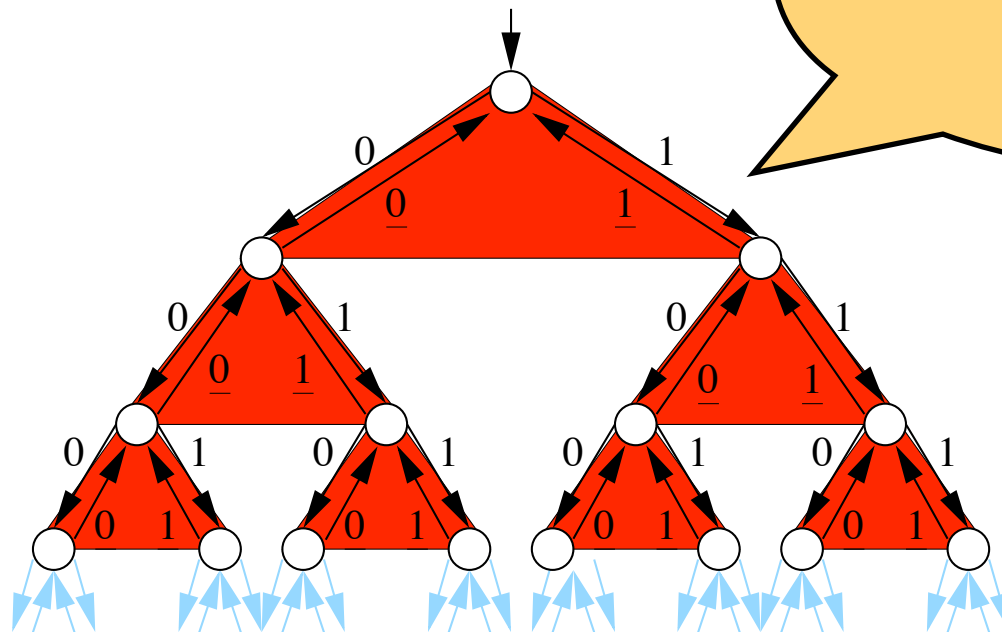
$$T_1 = \underline{1} + T \cdot T_1$$

Table 2: Stack, an infinite linear and a finite no

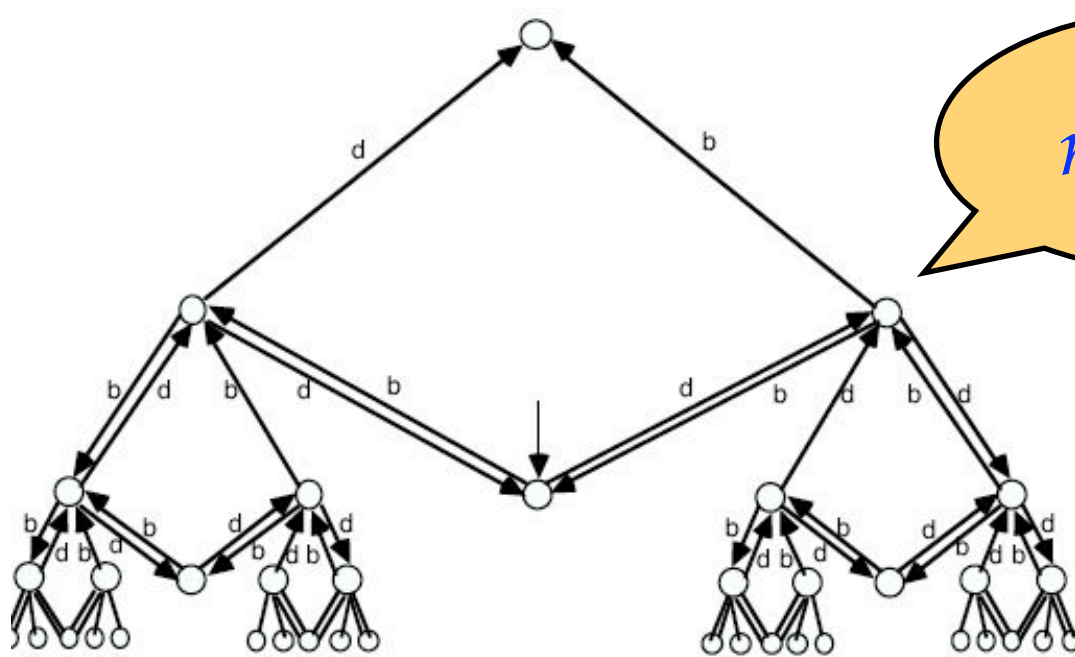
*periodicity!*



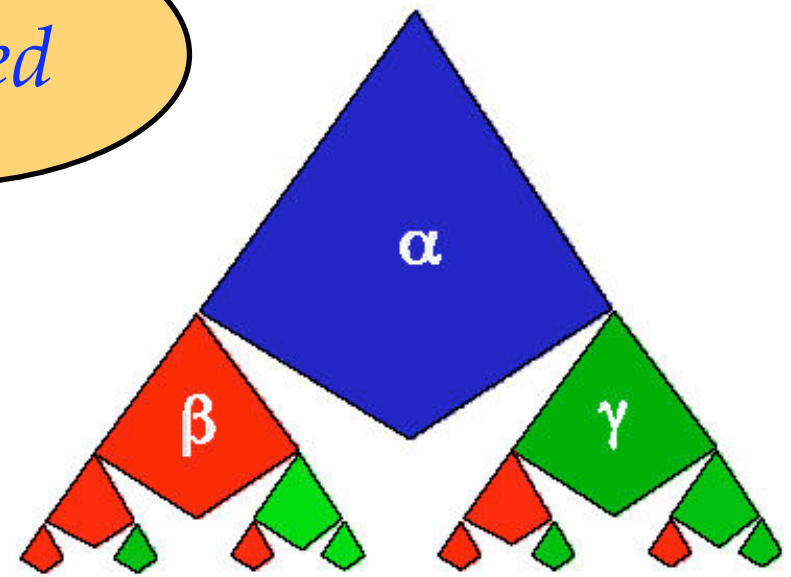
STACK



$\Gamma \quad 1 \quad \Gamma \quad 11$



*normed*



$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= bY + dZ \\
 Y &= b + bX + dYY \\
 Z &= d + dX + bZZ.
 \end{aligned}$$

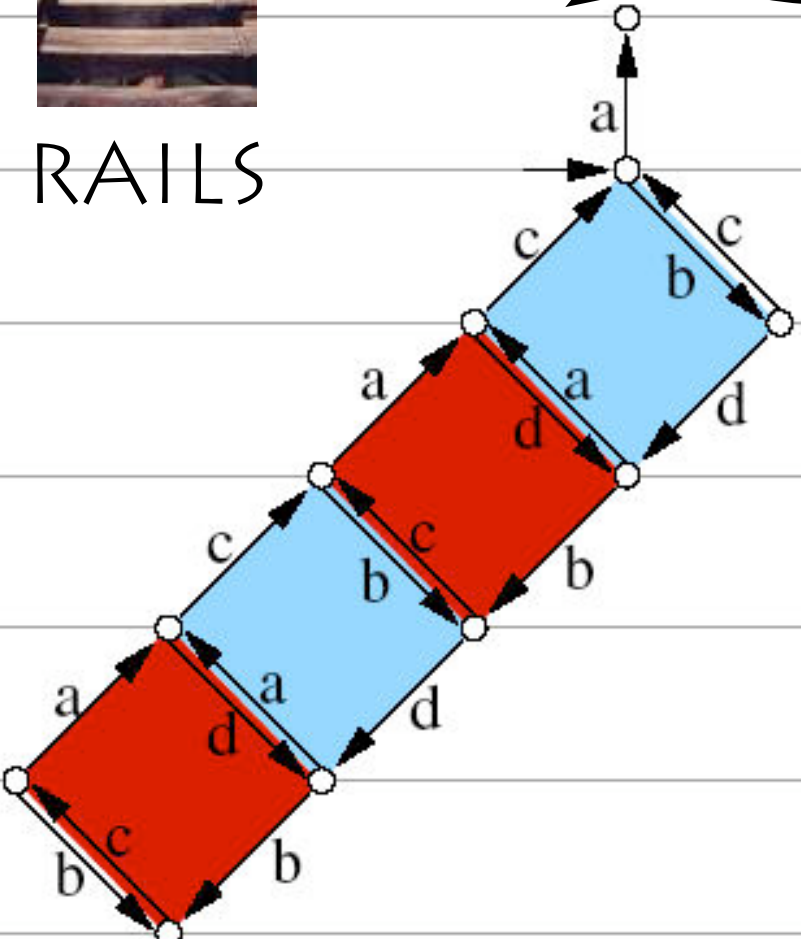


KITE

*context free language of words  
with just as many b's as d's*



RAILS

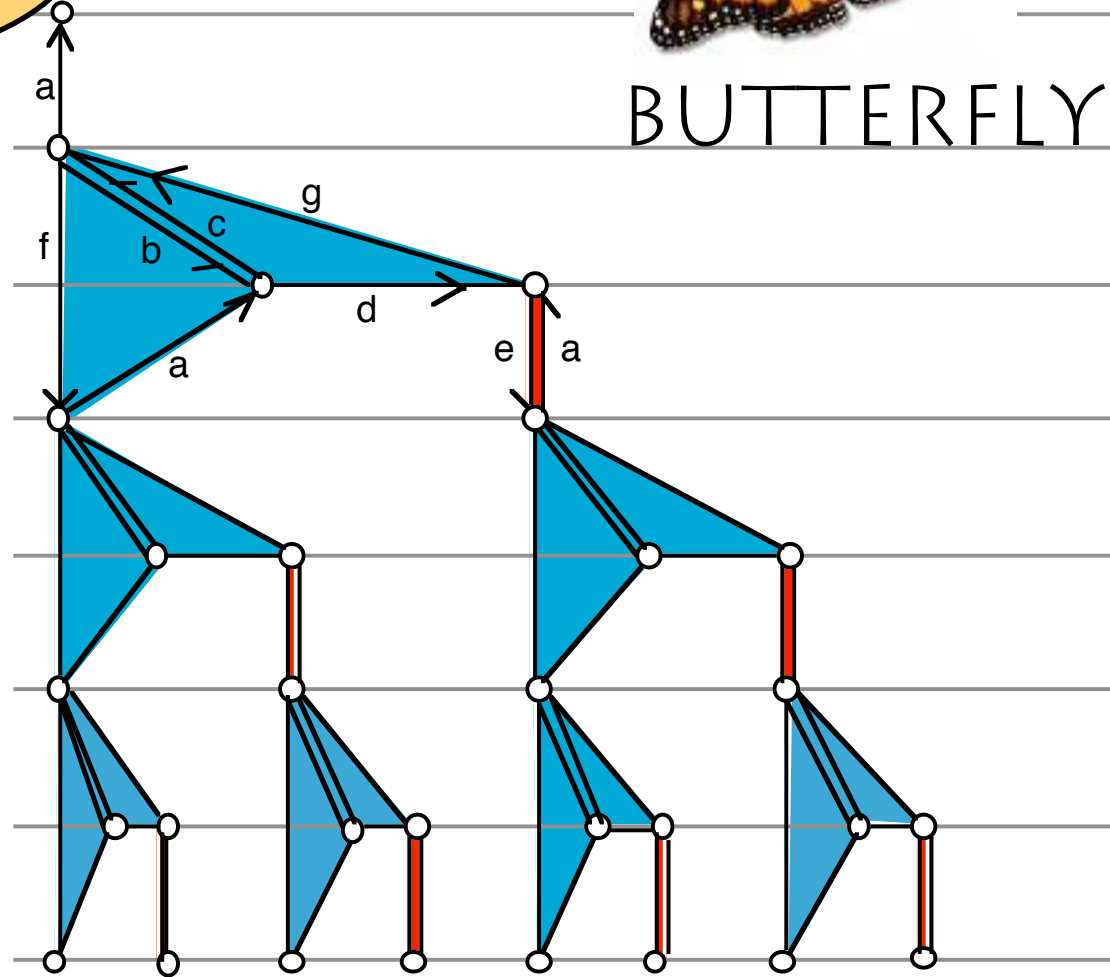


$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= a + bU \\
 U &= cX + dZ \\
 Y &= c + dZ \\
 Z &= aY + bUY
 \end{aligned}$$

*normed*

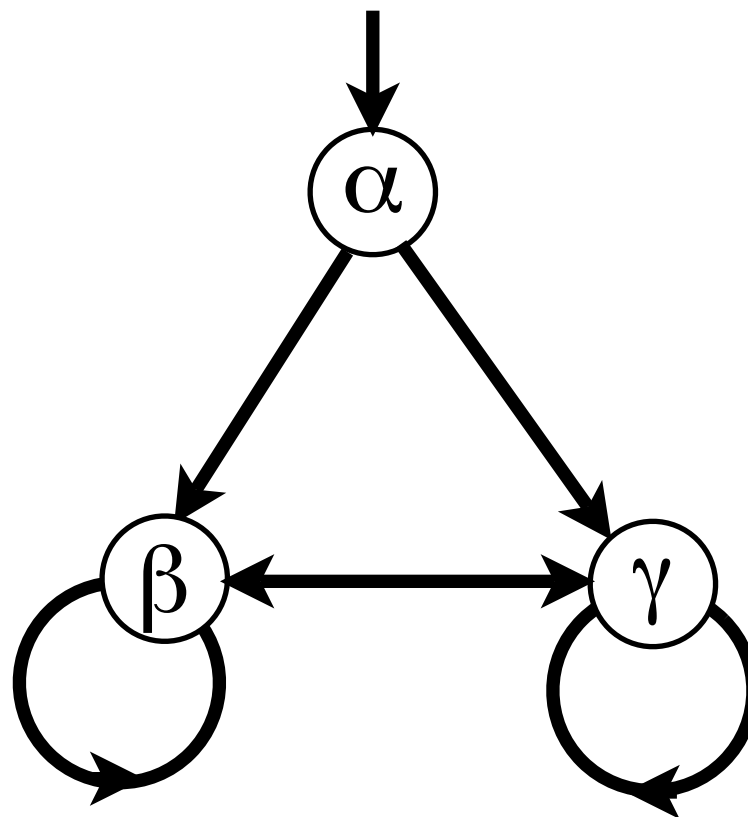
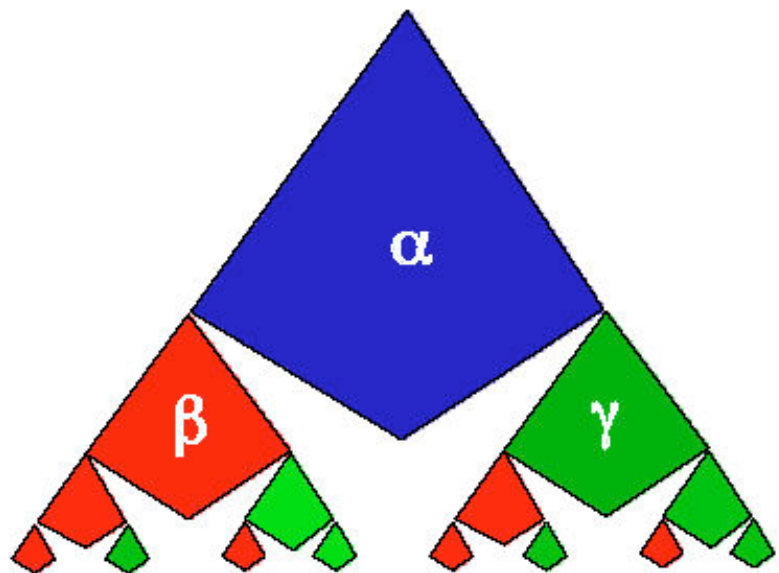


BUTTERFLY



$$\begin{aligned}
 X &= a + bY + fXY \\
 Y &= cX + dZ \\
 Z &= gX + eXZ.
 \end{aligned}$$

# *fragment structure of KITES*





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$$\langle A \mid A = a + bAB, B = a + bBC, C = a \rangle$$

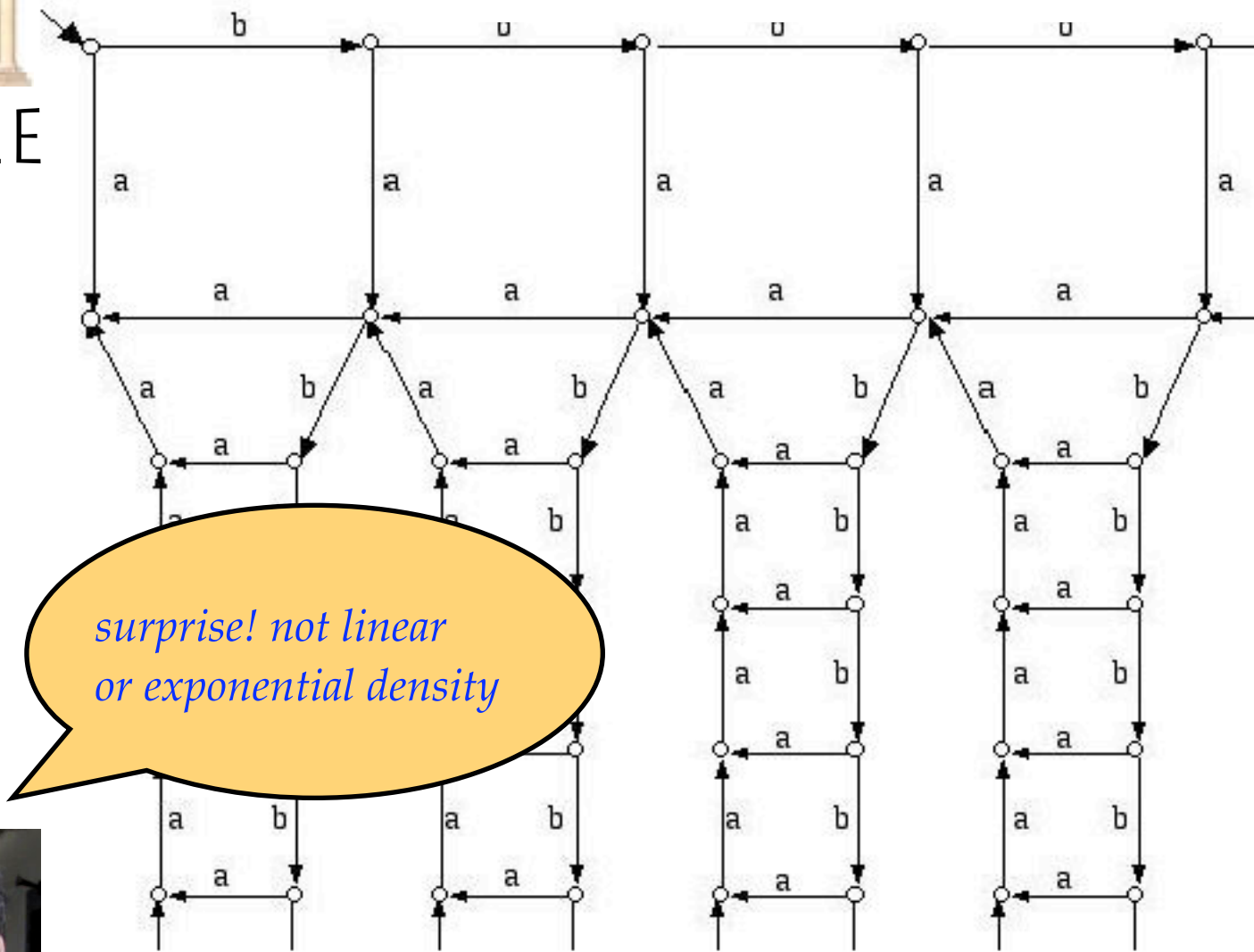
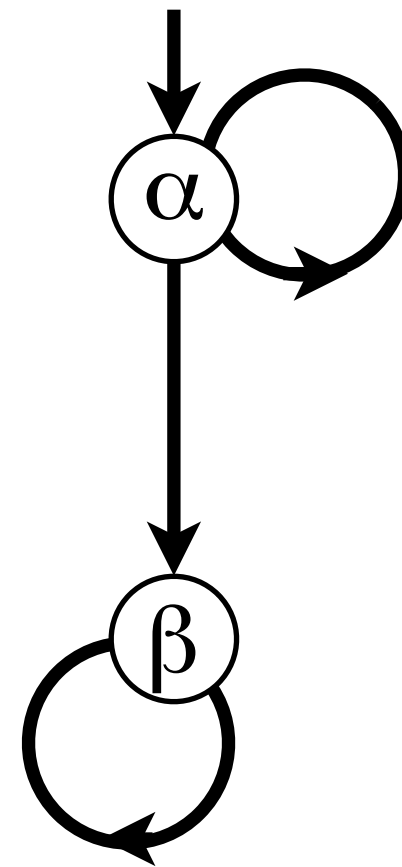
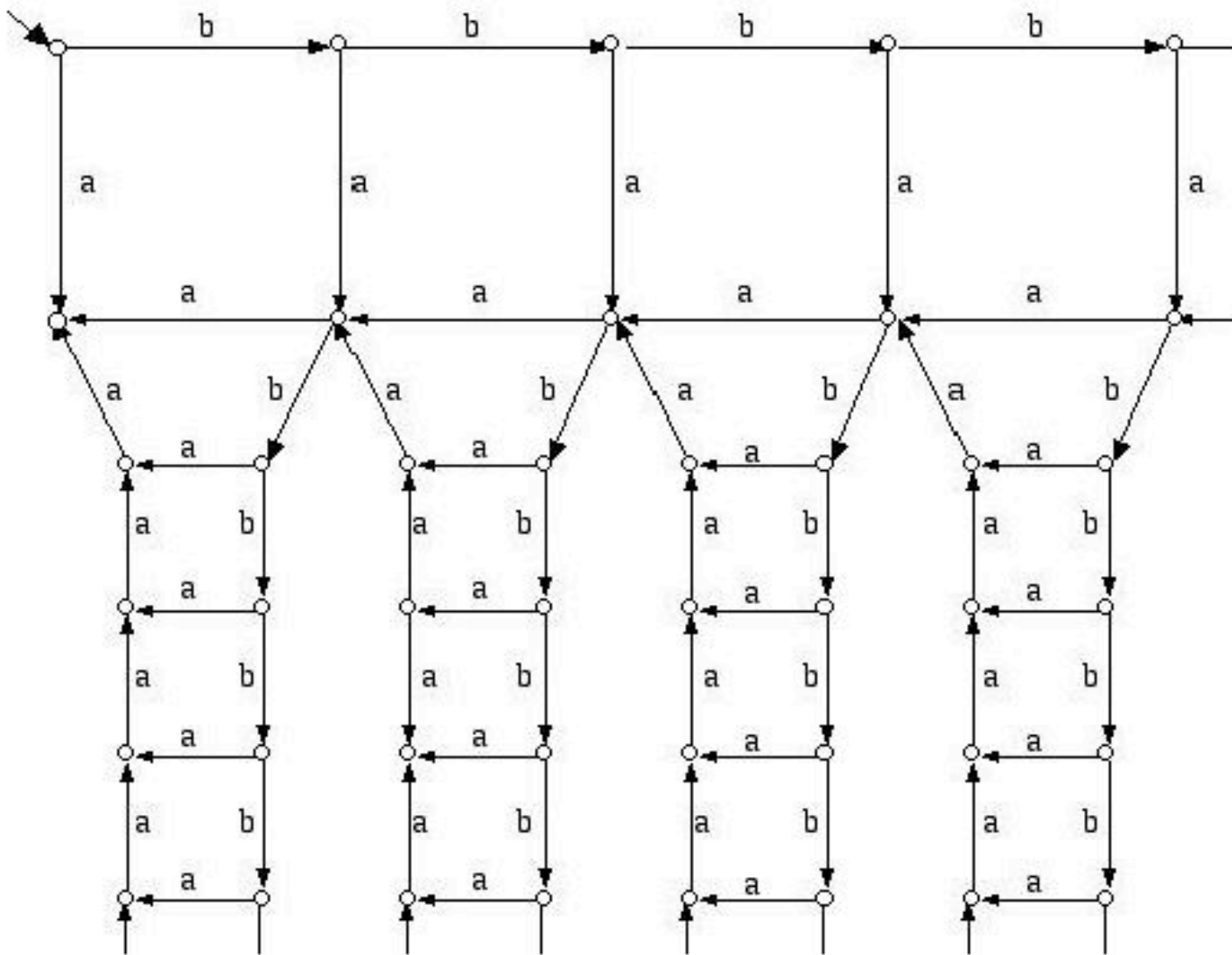


Fig. 2. The labeled transition graph TEMPLE



# *fragment structure of TEMPLE*



**Fig. 2.** The labeled transition graph TEMPLE

## *equivalent notations*

*system of BPA equations*

$$\langle A \mid A = a + b AB, B = a + b BC, C = a \rangle$$

*process rewrite system*

$$R = \{A \xrightarrow{a} \lambda, A \xrightarrow{b} AB, B \xrightarrow{a} \lambda, B \xrightarrow{b} BC, C \xrightarrow{a} \lambda\} .$$

Theorem (BBK 1986)

- (i) BPA graphs have a periodic decomposition*
- (ii) normed BPA graphs have decidable equality*

Theorem (Hüttel, Stirling)

*All BPA graphs have decidable equality*

Theorem (Caucal 1990)

*The class of normed BPA graphs is closed under minimization.*

NB (BCS)

*normed is necessary here*

NB (Caucal)

*the reverse of (i) fails: a graph with periodic decomposition need not be a BPA graph.*

$$E = \{X = a + bU, U = cX + dZX, Y = c + dZ, Z = aY + bYU\}.$$

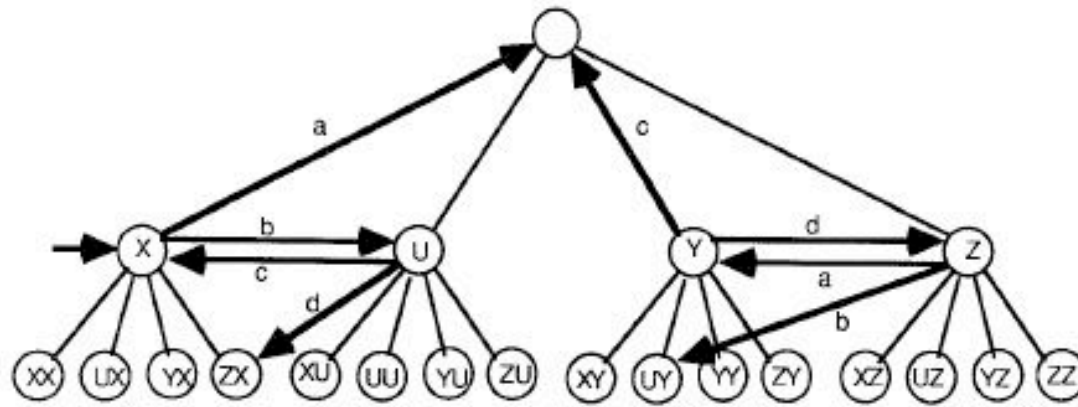


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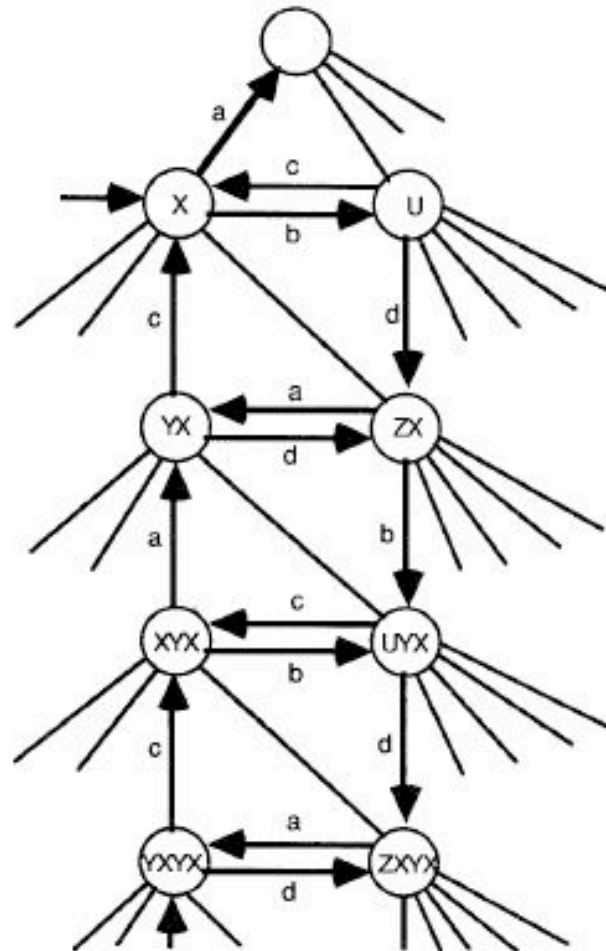


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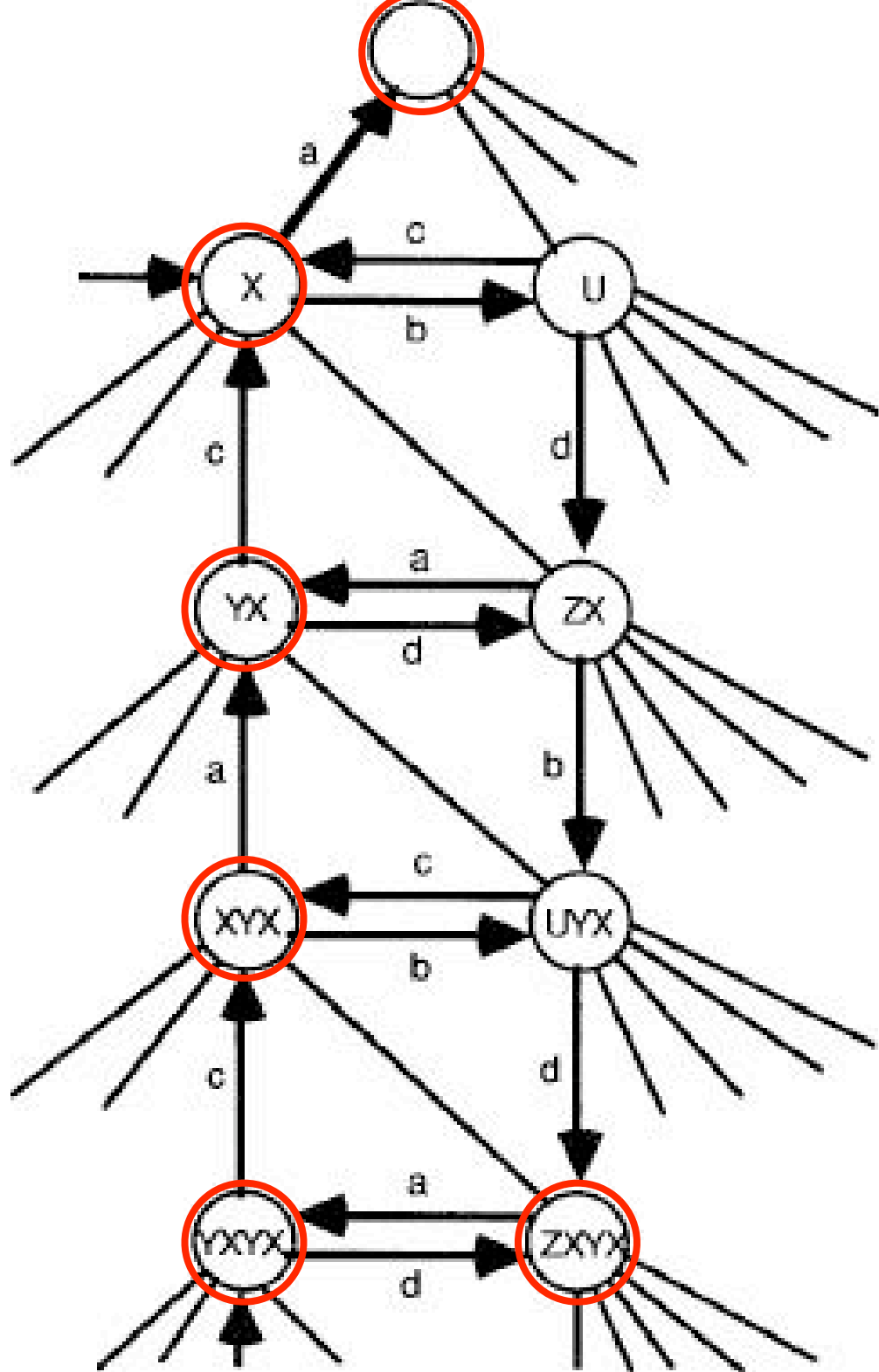
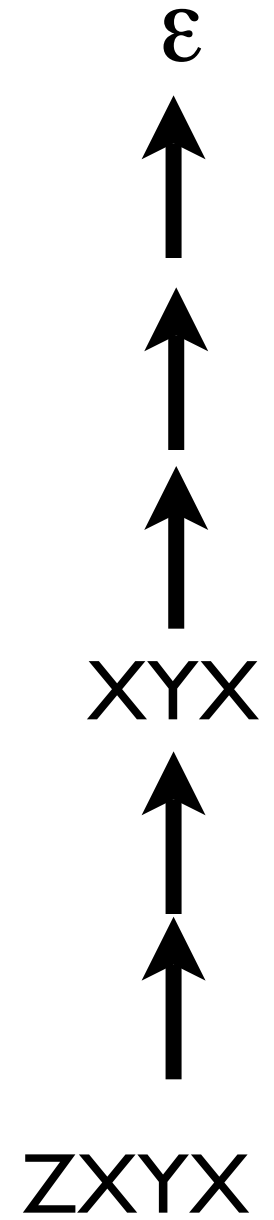


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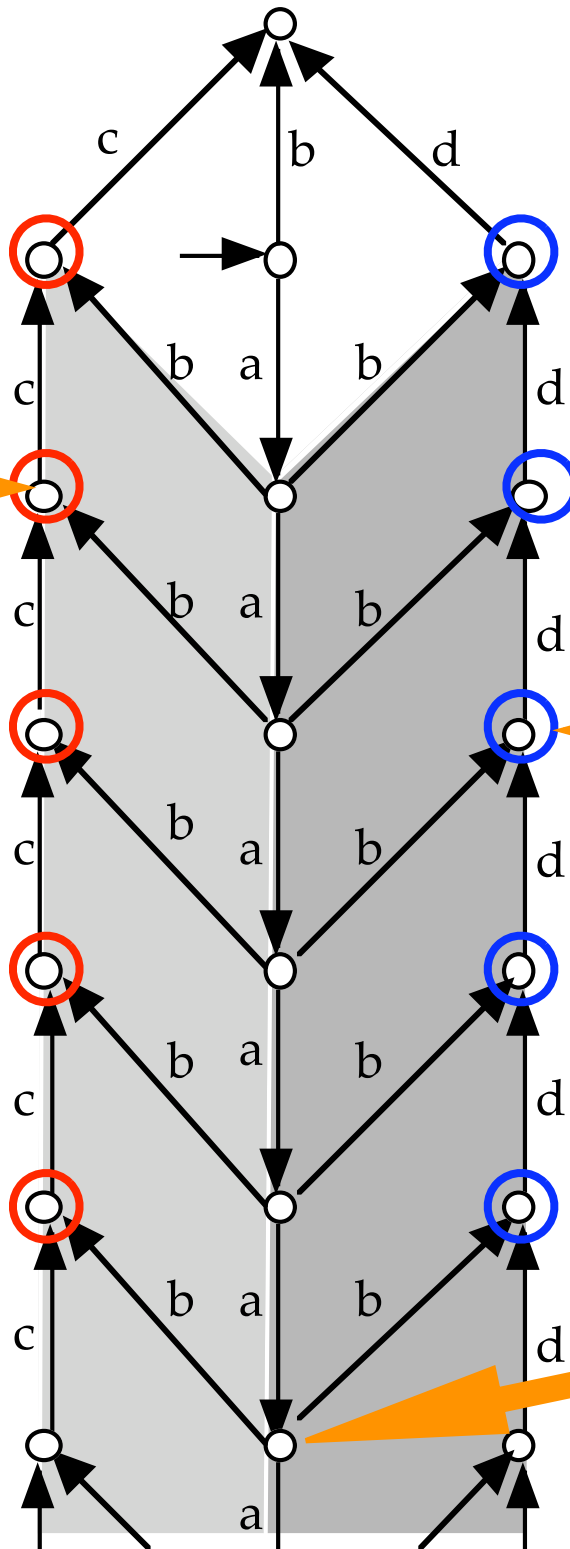


*interpolation*



TOWER

XYX

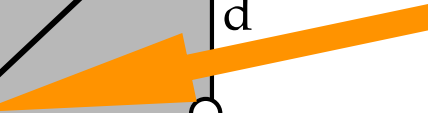


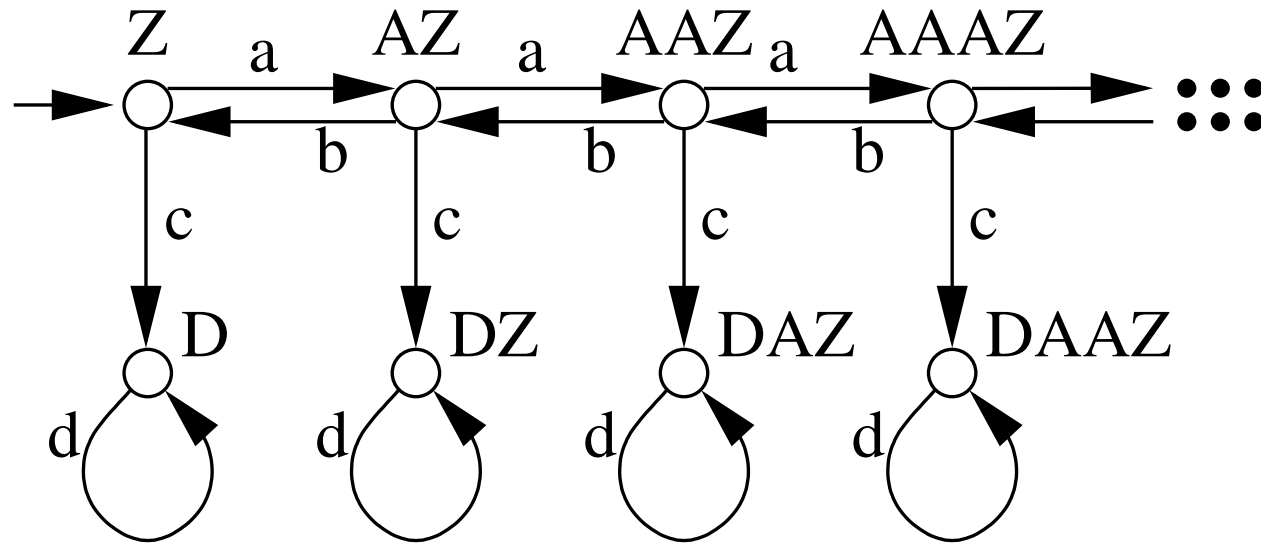
*periodically  
decomposable,  
still not a BPA  
graph*

XYX



ZXYX



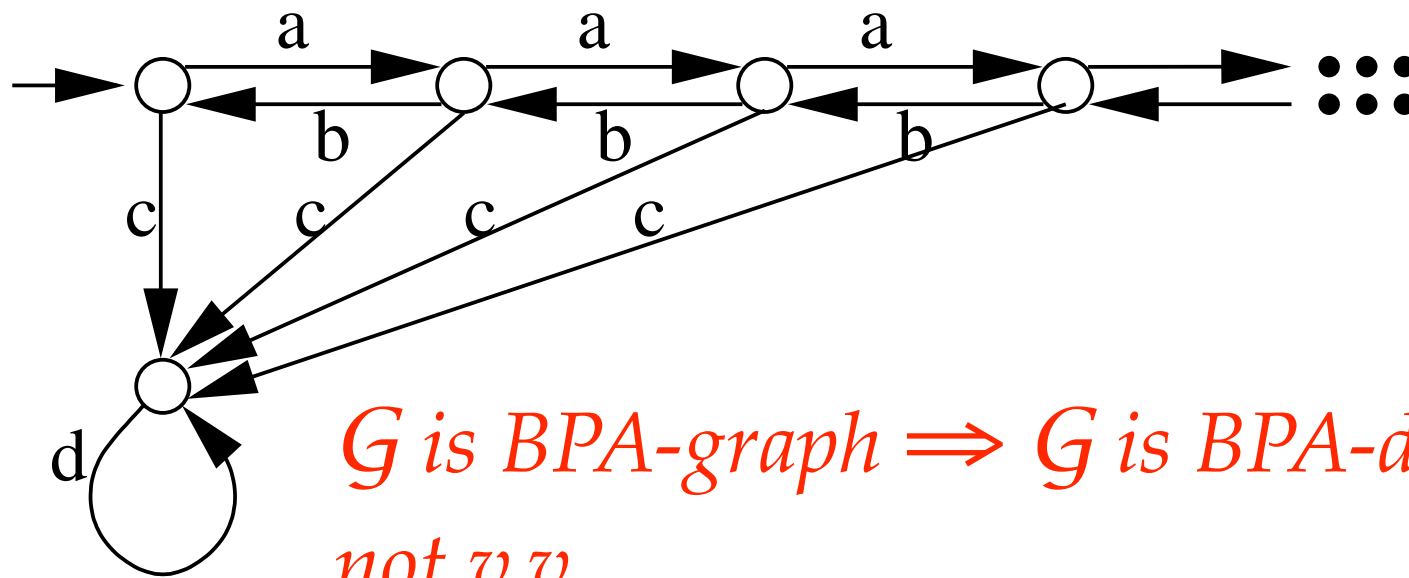


$$Z = aAZ + cD$$

$$A = aAA + cD + b$$

$$D = dD$$

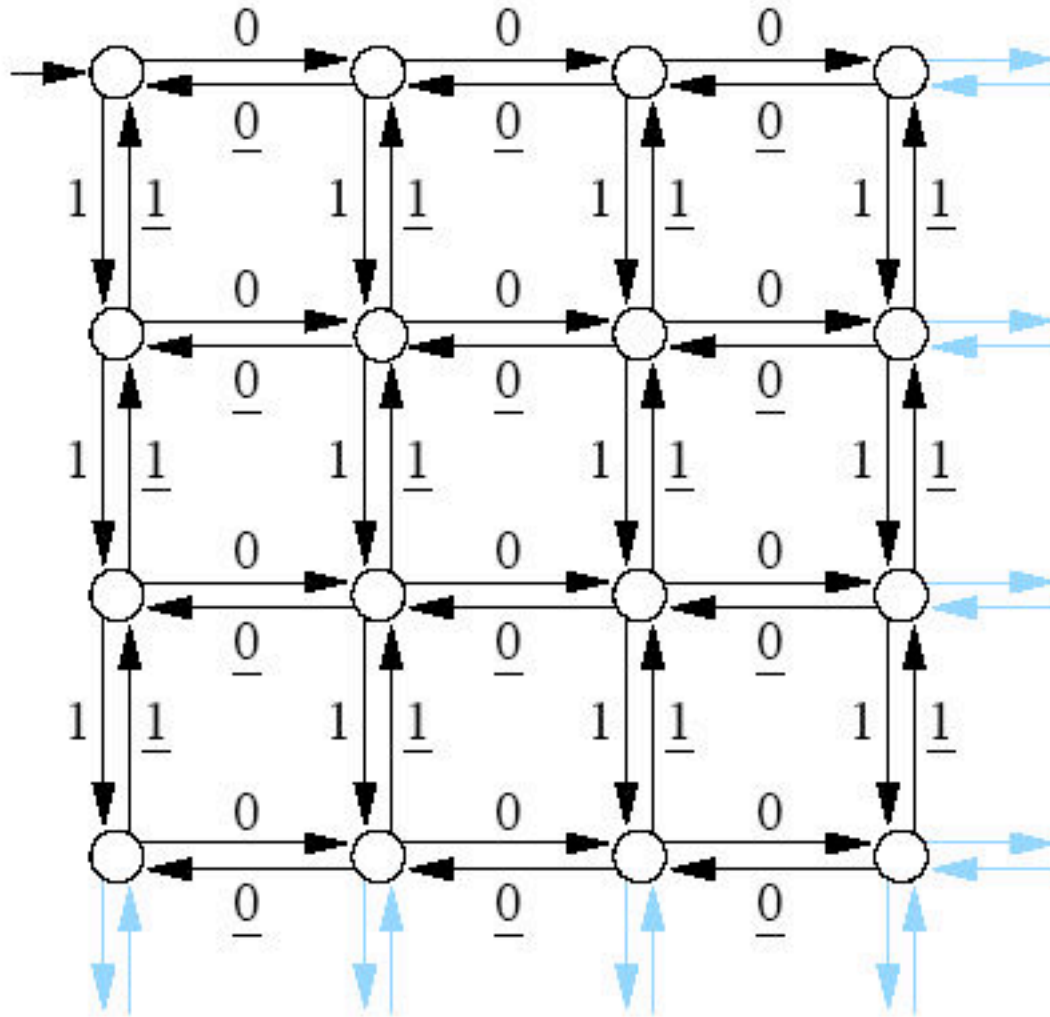
*not normed !*



*$G$  is BPA-graph  $\Rightarrow G$  is BPA-definable,  
not v.v.*

**Theorem 1 (Caucal, 1990)** The class of normed BPA-graphs is closed under minimization.

$$B = 0(\underline{0} \parallel B) + 1(\underline{1} \parallel B)$$

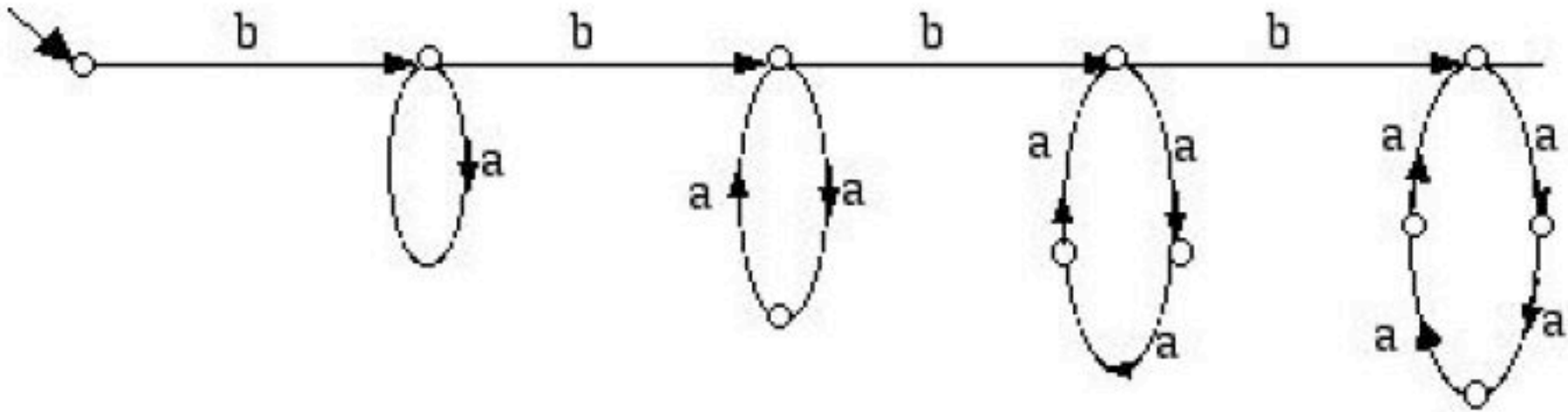


BAG

Figure 5: The process Bag.



*class-room question:*  
*is this graph a BPA-graph?*

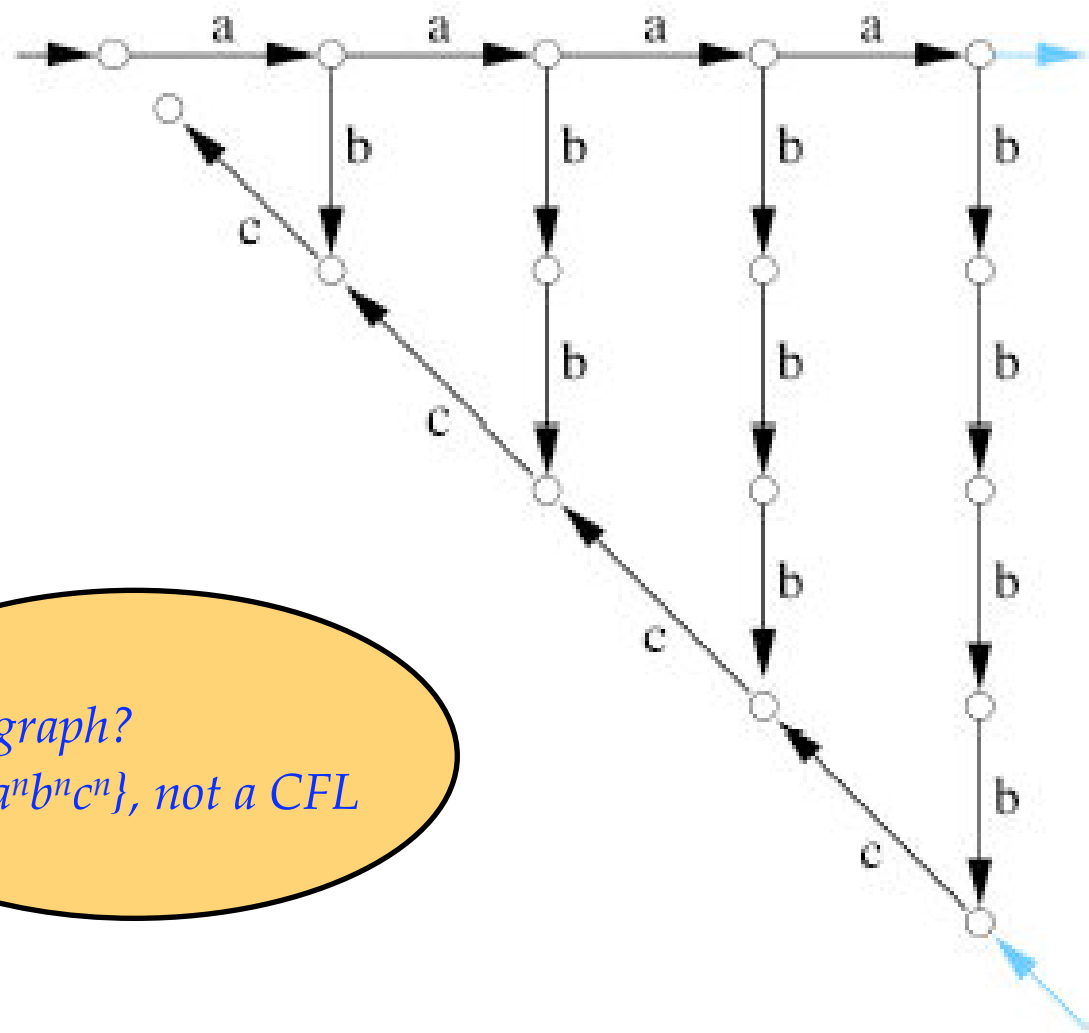


**Fig. 8.** The labeled transition graph RINGS

*canonical, not normed*



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*BPA graph?*  
 *$L = \{a^n b^n c^n\}$ , not a CFL*

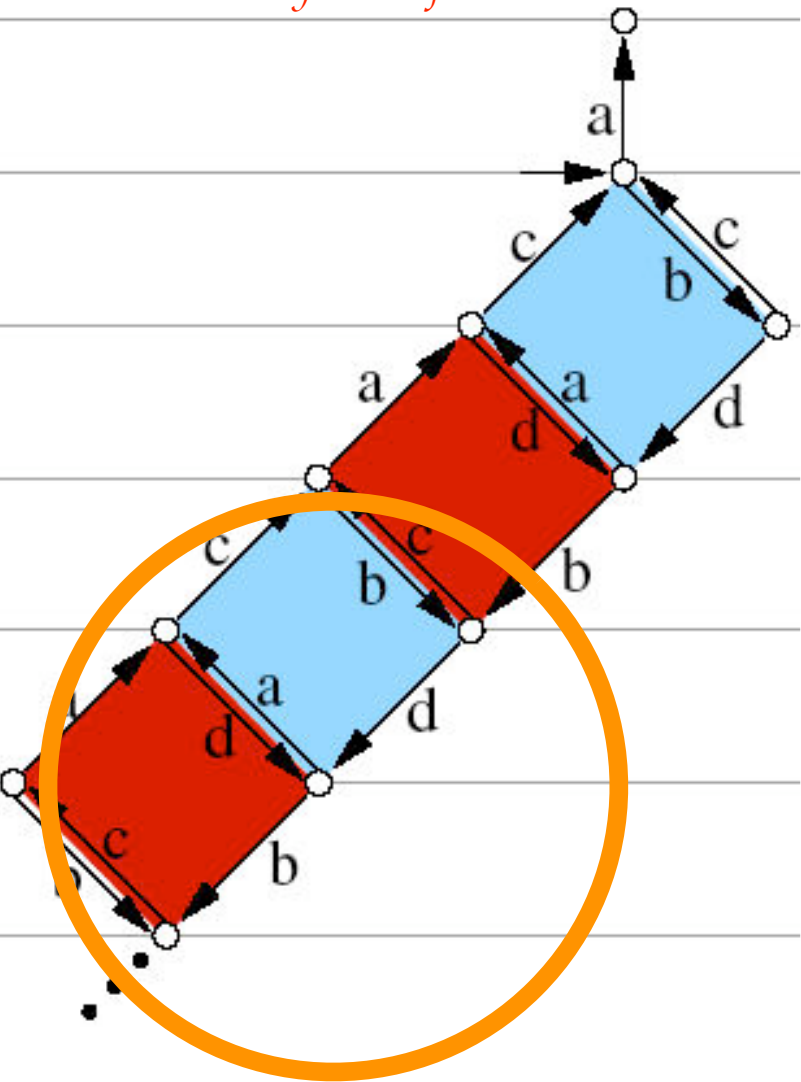
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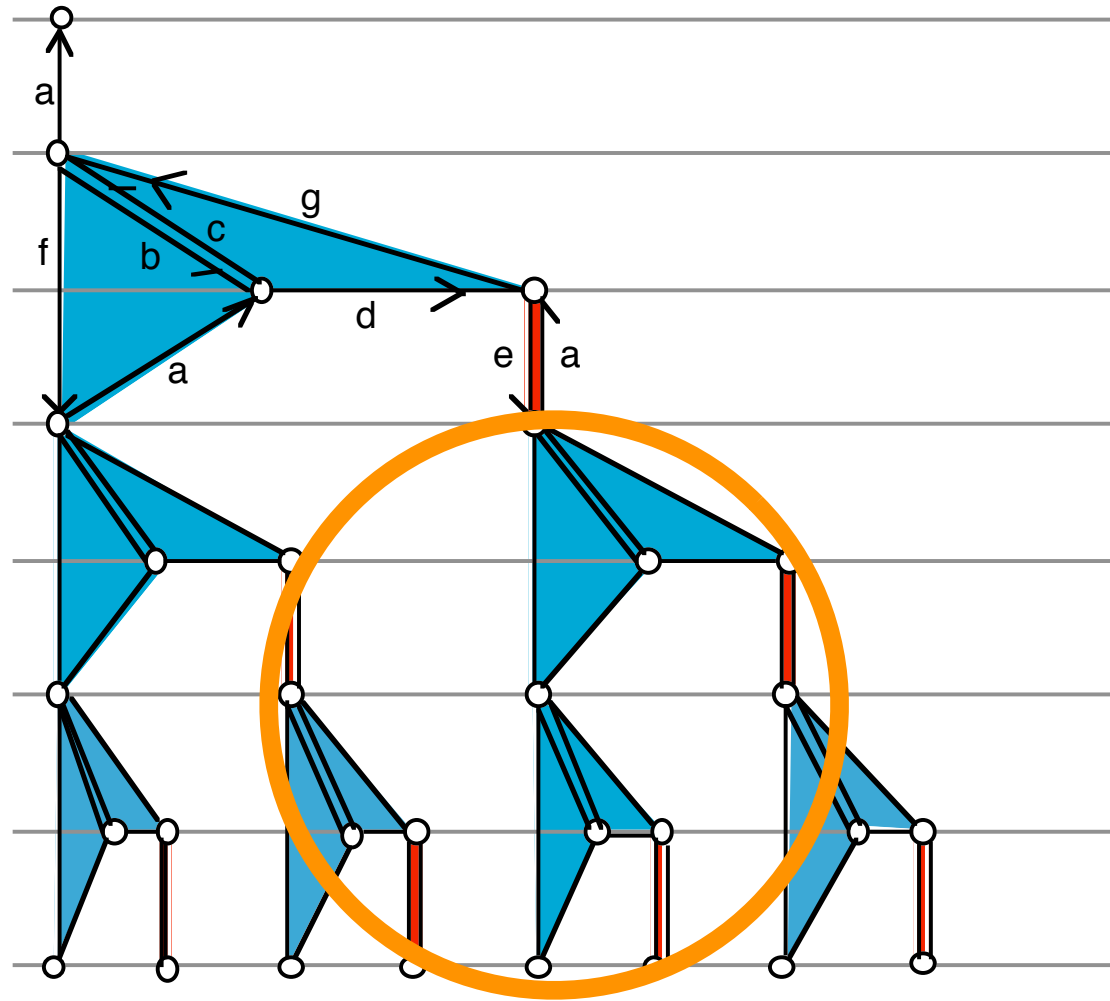


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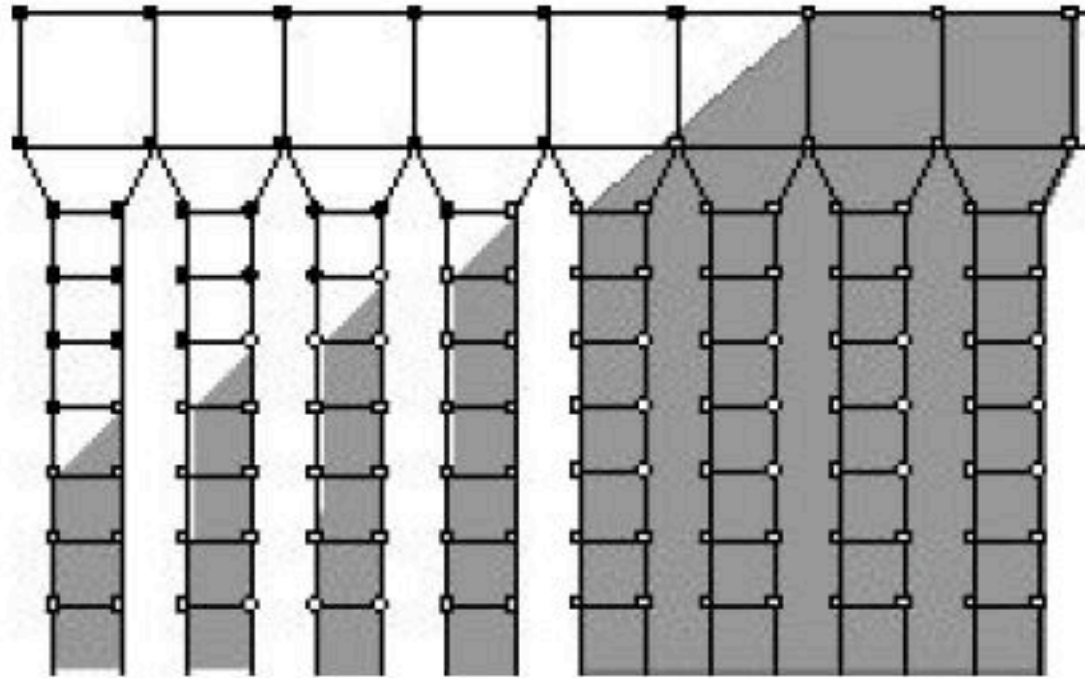
linear density

density  $\lambda n$ . #In( $r, n, G$ )



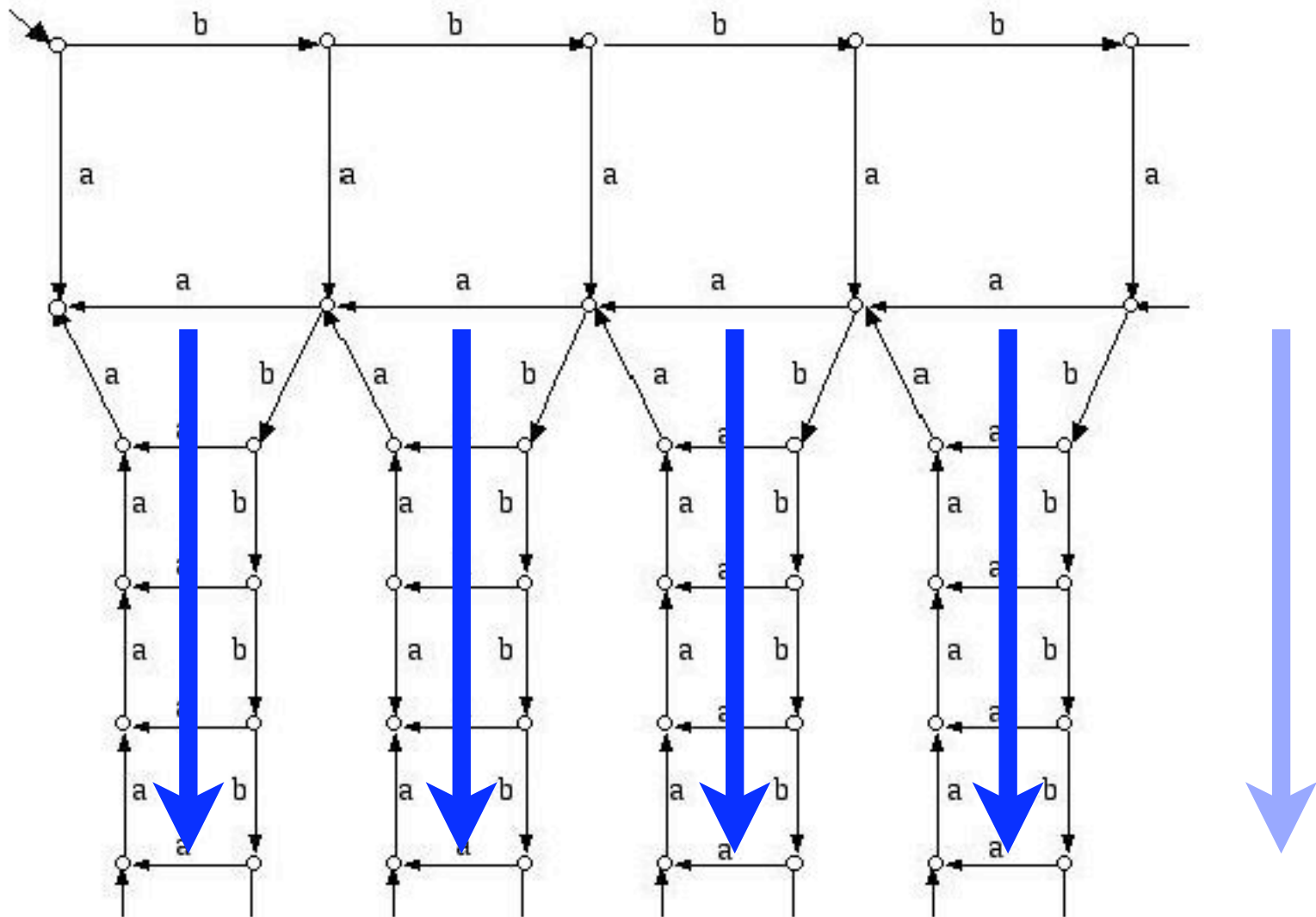
exponential

*connectivity:*  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \# \text{icc's of } \text{Out}(r, n, \mathcal{G})$

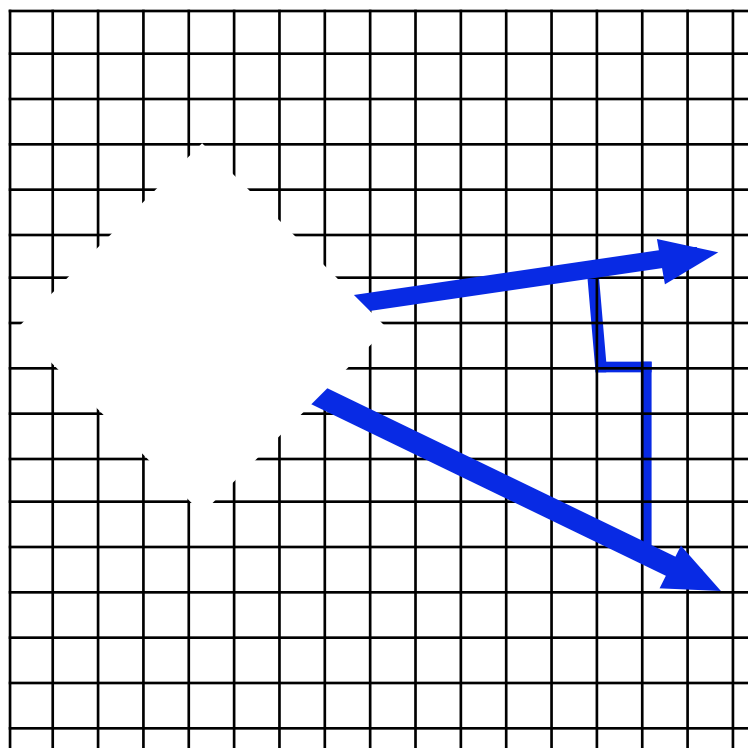


**Fig. 7.** Determining the connectivity of the graph TEMPLE

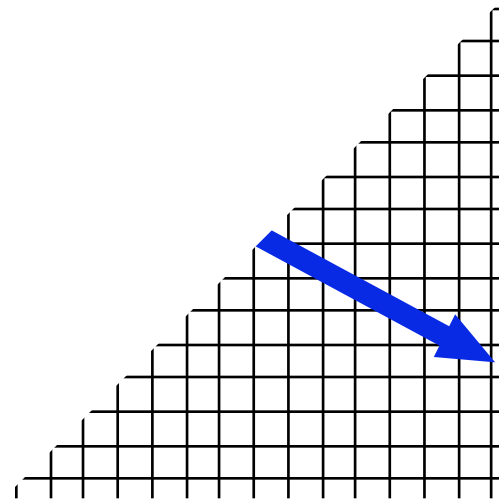
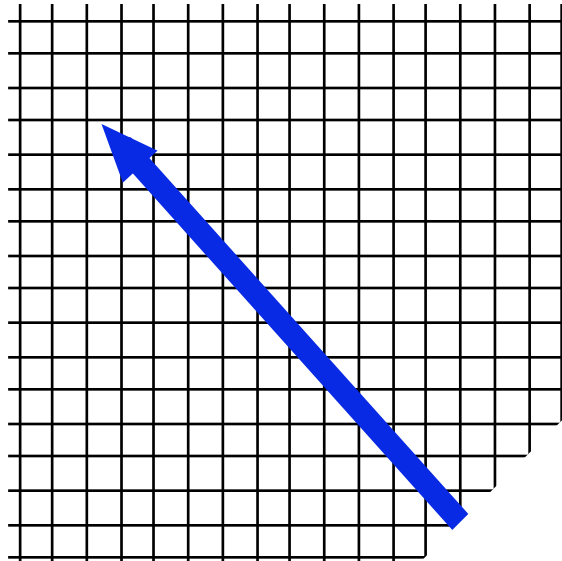
*connectivity: number of ways to infinity*



**Fig. 2.** The labeled transition graph TEMPLE



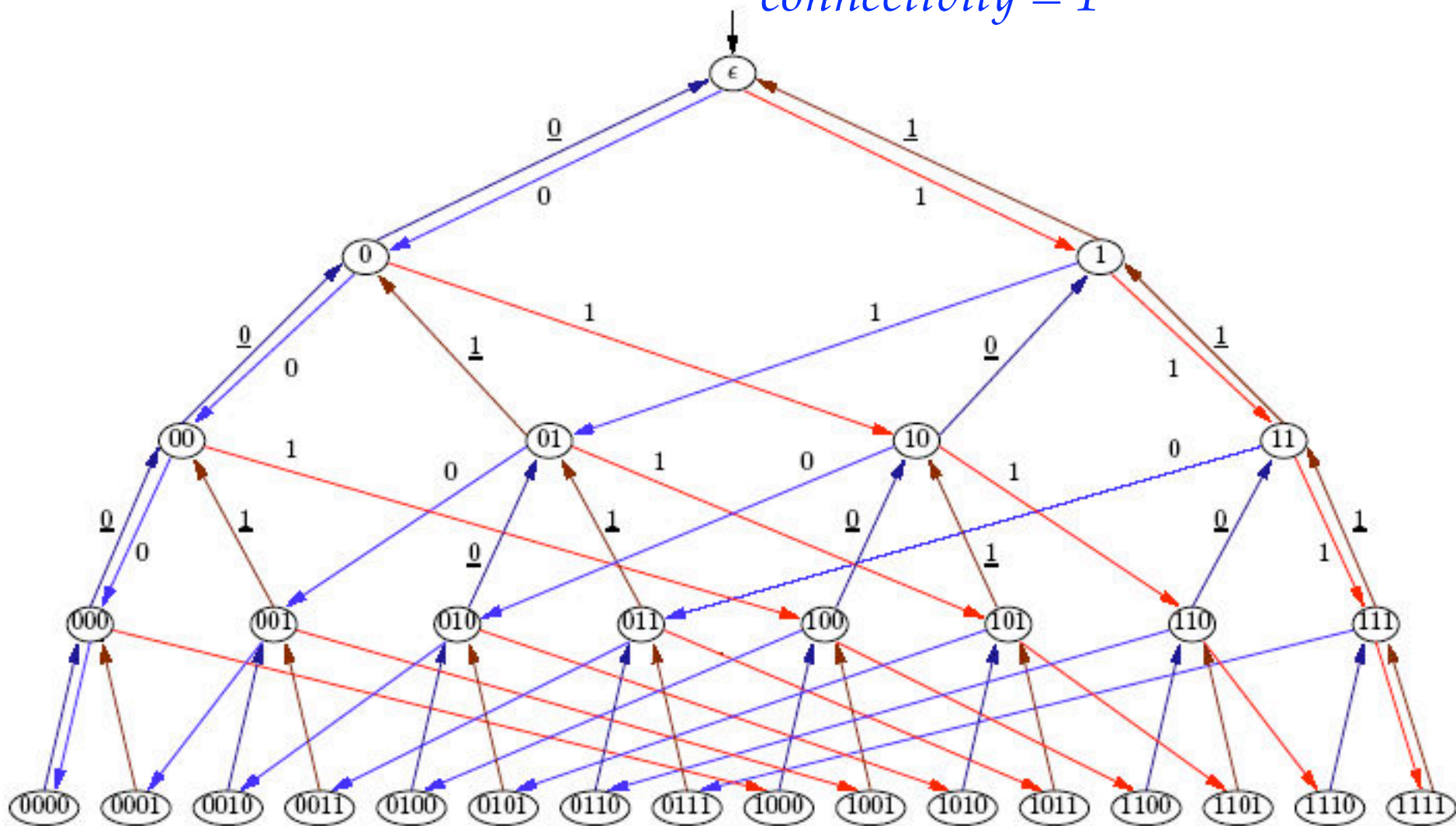
*two equivalent ways to infinity*



*two non-equivalent ways to infinity:  $c = 2$*



*density = exponential*  
*connectivity = 1*



**Fig. 9.** The canonical process graph QUEUE of Queue

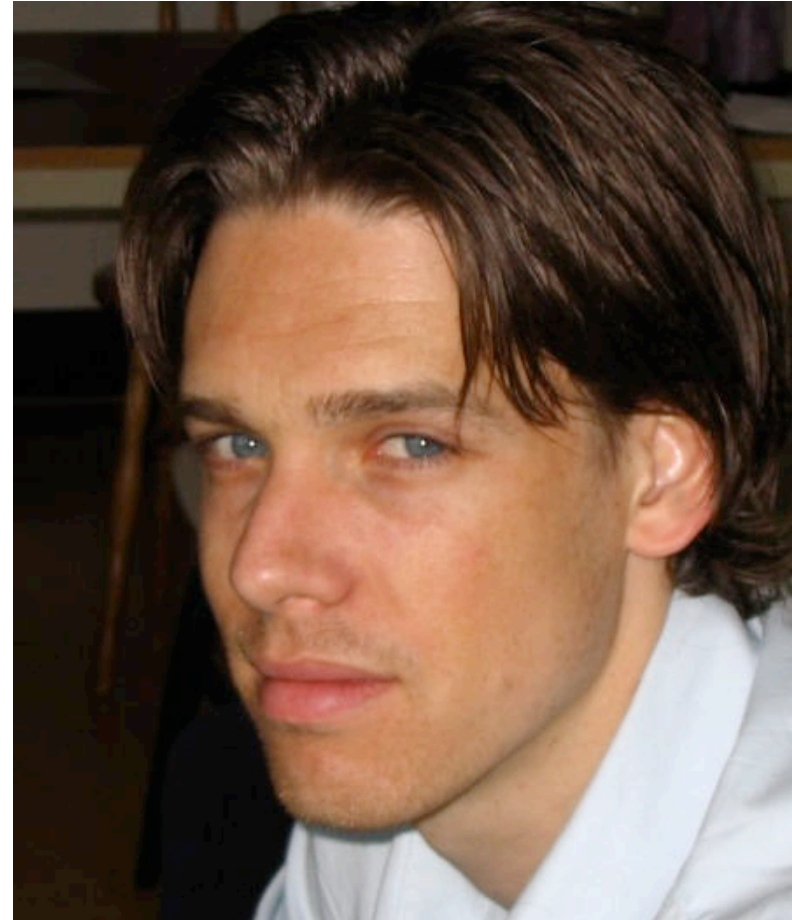
*connectivity versus density for BPA graphs*

$c \backslash d$	const	linear	polynom	exponen
0				
$n > 0$		RAILS <del>TOWER</del>	BAG RINGS TRIANGLE	QUEUE
$\infty$			TEMPLE	STACK KITES BUTTERFLY

Clemens



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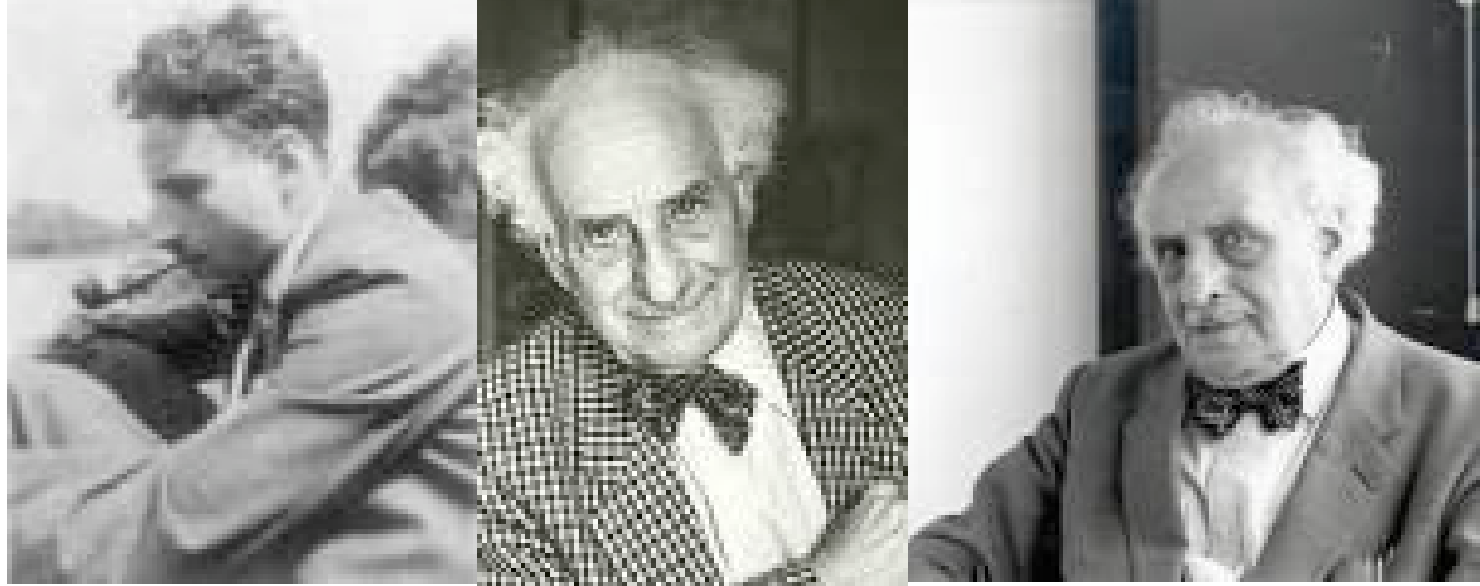


**Corollary 2.3.** *The possible connectivity-density value pairs  $\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \rangle$  for context-free graphs (in the sense of Muller and Schupp) are described by Table 1.*

**Corollary 2.4.** *The possible connectivity-density value pairs  $\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \rangle$  or regular graphs (rooted pattern graphs) of finite degree are also described by Table 1.*

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Obzwar die Eigenschaften im Kleinen einer Lieschen kontinuierlichen Gruppe in hohem Maße ihre Eigenschaften im Großen bestimmen, leistet die Liesche Theorie doch wenig für die Erkenntnis dieser Eigenschaften.

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*Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a normed canonical graph of finite degree that is not a BPA-graph.*

*Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is not BPA-definable.*

**PROOF.** *Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a normed canonical graph of finite degree that is not a BPA-graph. Suppose  $\mathcal{G}$  is BPA-definable. That is, for some BPA-graph  $\mathcal{G}'$ :  $\mathcal{G} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}'$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}'$  is also normed and of finite degree. And  $\text{can}(\mathcal{G}') = \mathcal{G}$ . So  $\text{can}(\mathcal{G}')$  is not a BPA-graph. However, by Caucal's theorem  $\text{can}(\mathcal{G}')$  is again a BPA-graph. Contradiction. Hence  $\mathcal{G}$  is not BPA-definable.*

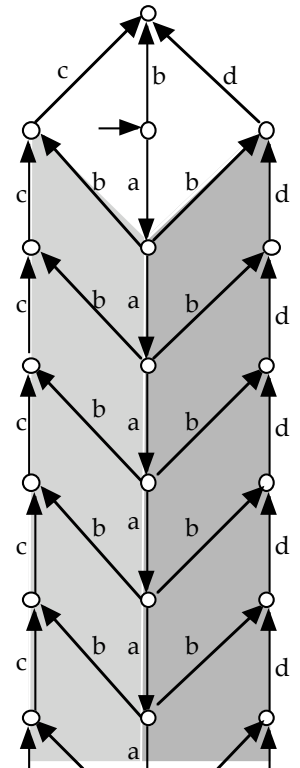
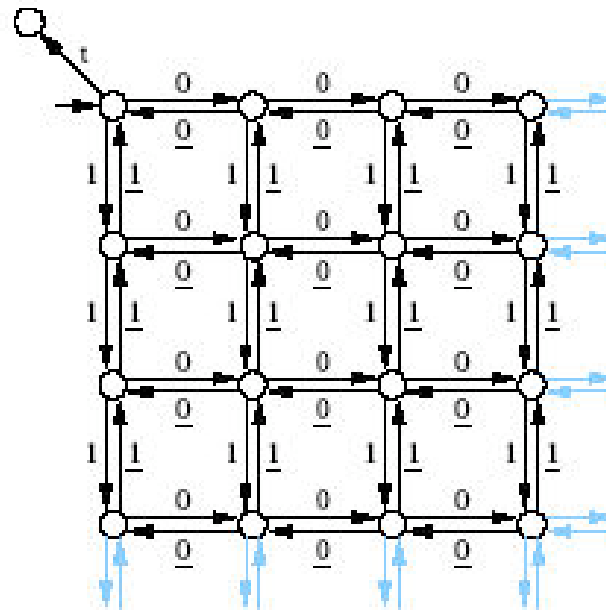
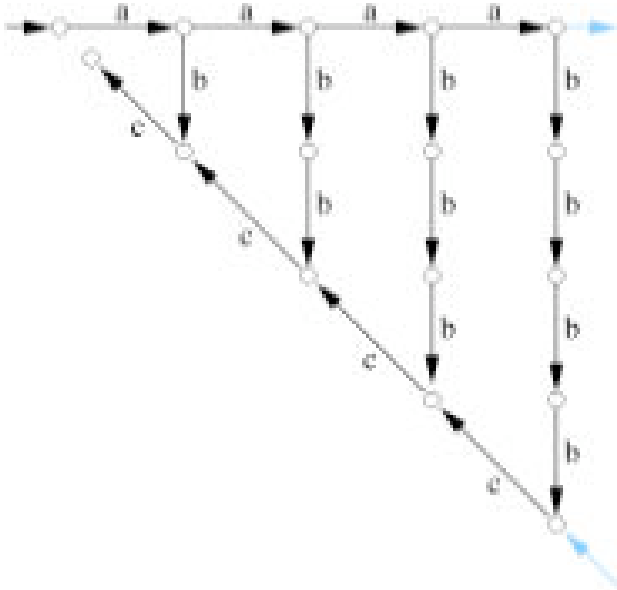
# THEOREM

Let  $G$  be a normed canonical graph of finite degree that is not a BPA-graph.

Then  $G$  is not BPA-definable.

# APPLICATION.

TRIANGLE, TBAG, TOWER  
are not even BPA-definable



*How to show for unnormed graphs that they are not BPA-definable?*

*Burkart, Caucal, Steffen: if  $g$  is a BPA graph,  $\text{can}(g)$  is a **pattern graph***

*Caucal: pattern graphs of finite degree are **context free graphs** a la Muller and Schupp*

*pattern graph =*

*context free graph =*

*graph with periodical decomposition*



# THEOREM (Corollary of BCS)

*hmmm...  
easy to see,  
hard to prove*

Let  $G$  be a canonical graph of finite degree without periodic decomposition.

Then  $G$  is not BPA-definable.

**PROOF.** Let  $G$  be a canonical graph of finite degree without period. decomp. Suppose  $G$  is BPA-definable. That is, for some BPA-graph  $G'$ :  $G \Leftrightarrow G'$ . Then  $can(G') = G$  is by BCS a pattern graph = graph with period. decomp. Contradiction. Hence  $G$  is not BPA-definable.

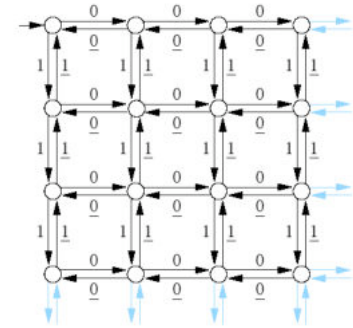


Figure 5: The process Bag.

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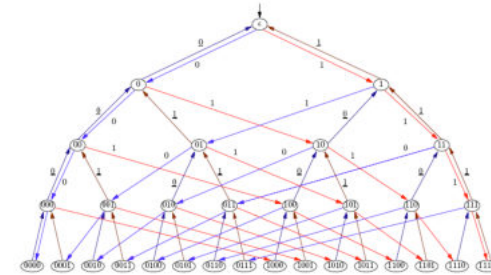
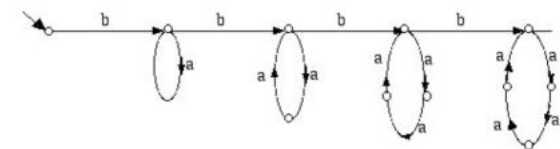
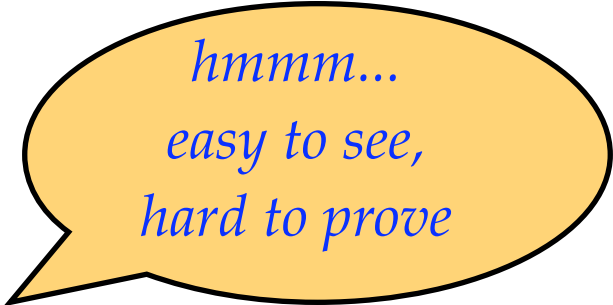


Fig. 9. The canonical process graph QUEUE of Queue

BAG, RINGS, QUEUE are not even BPA-definable





*hmmm...  
easy to see,  
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*Why does BAG not have a p.d. like TEMPLE?*

*Unwinding the fragment structure graph we obtain infinite branches of connected fragments. In a BPA graph (so with p.d.), these branches are eventually separated (far apart). In the chess-board tiling of BAG with identical fragments, this separation does not take place.*

*Actually, we rather use the equivalent criterion context free of Muller and Schupp. It is fairly easy to show that BAG is not c.f.*

# FRONTIER THEOREM (a la Muller-Schupp)

Let  $G$  be a canonical graph such that:

The number of non-bisimilar frontier points in  $Out(r, n, G)$

tends to infinity, with increasing  $n$ .

(frontier points in  $Out(r, n, G)$  are points with distance just  $n$  of the root  $r$ )

Then  $G$  is not BPA-definable.

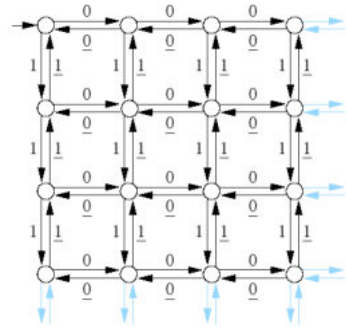


Figure 5: The process Bag.

## COROLLARY.

BAG, RINGS, QUEUE are not even BPA-definable

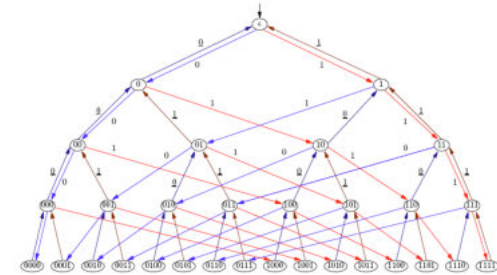
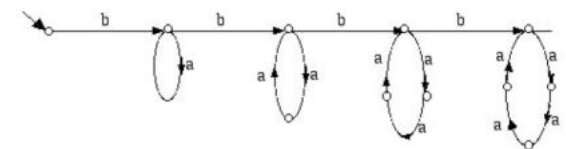
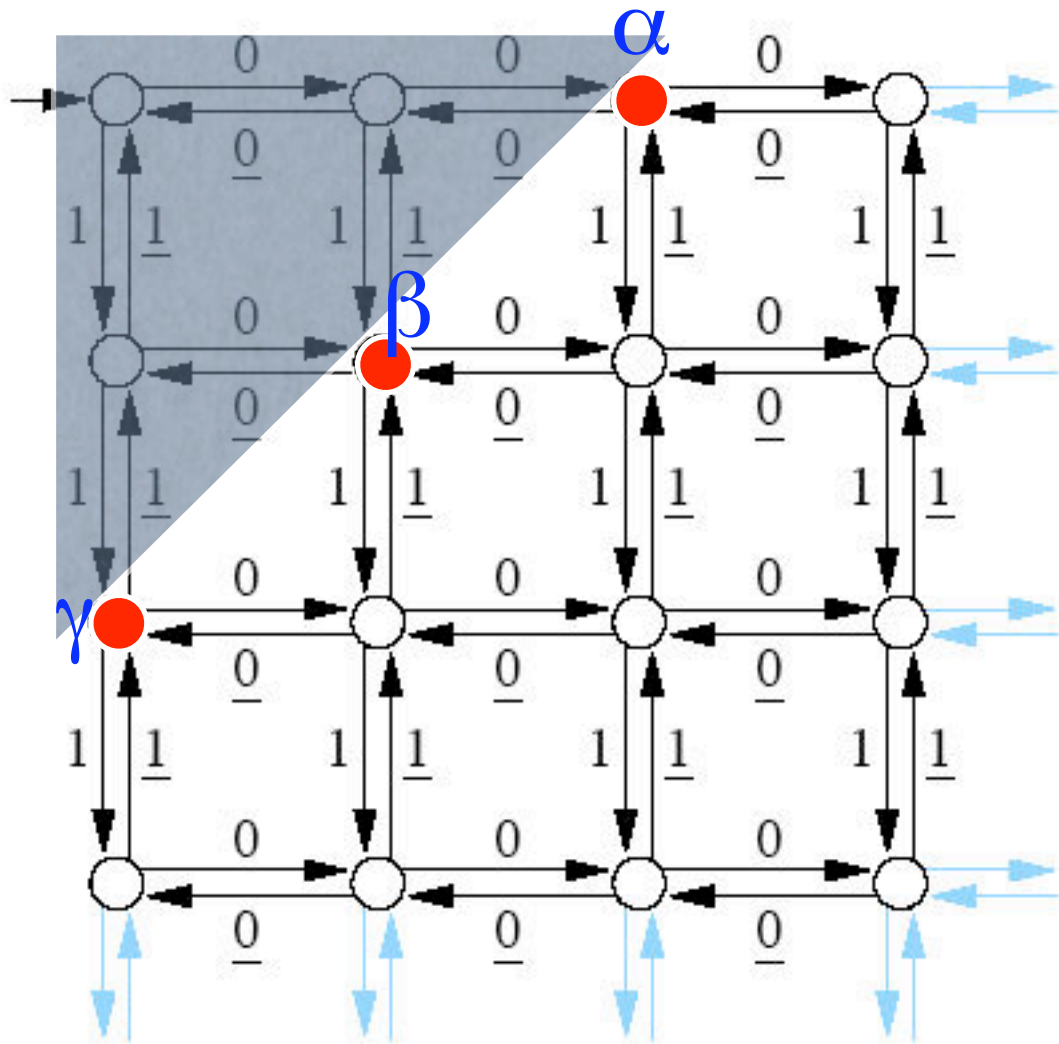


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*frontier points  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  not bisimilar in remainder graph*

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*see our paper in the  
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