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Highlights '23

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Refinement problems

for

(ongoing)  
work

recognizable relations

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# Motivation

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Linked to  
register min. problem for  
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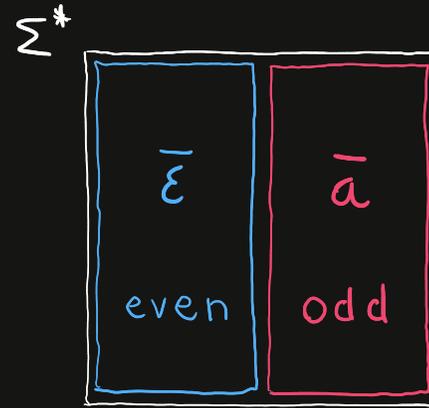
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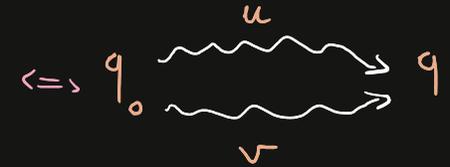
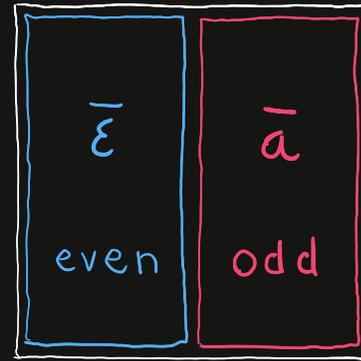
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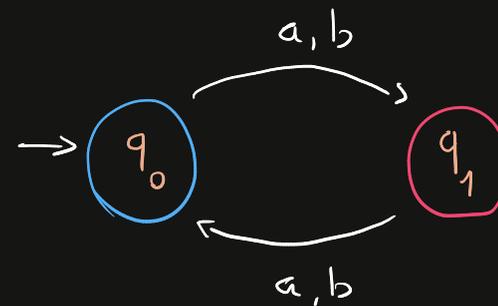
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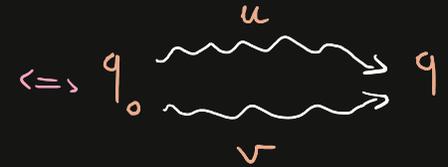
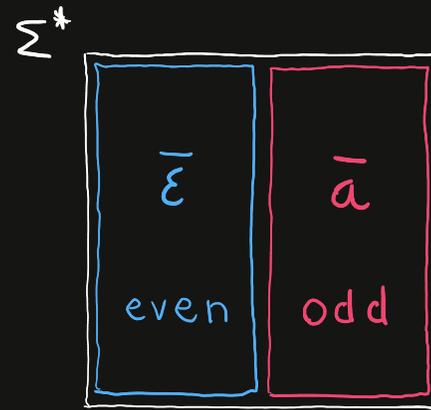
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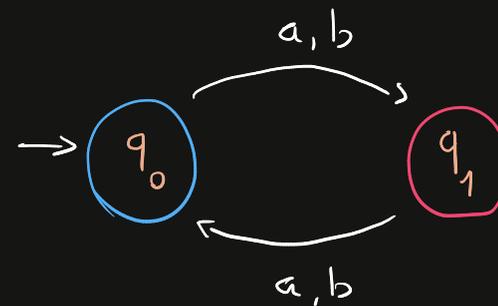
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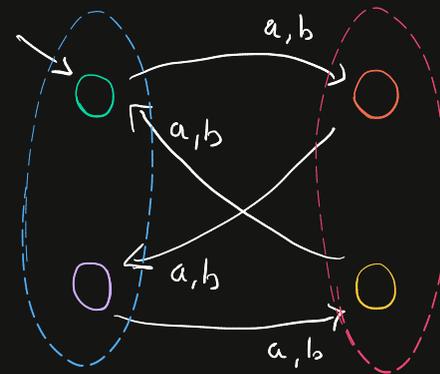
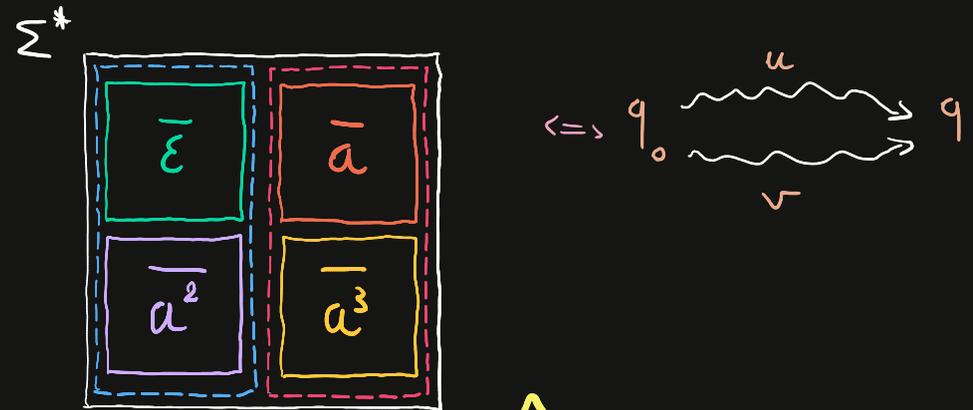
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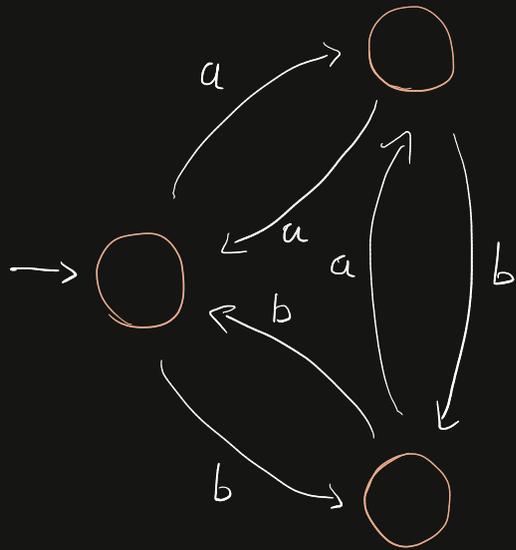
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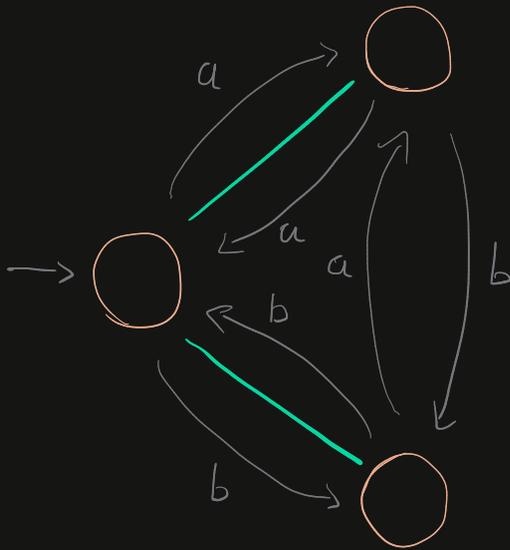
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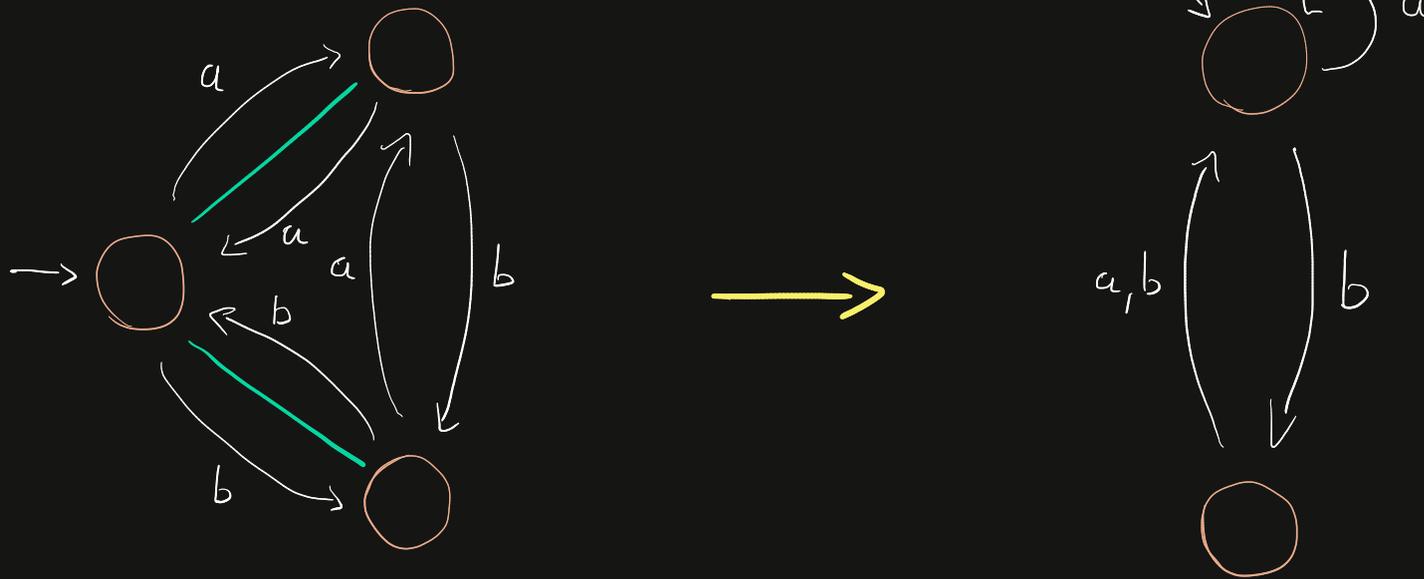
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[Pfleeger 1973]

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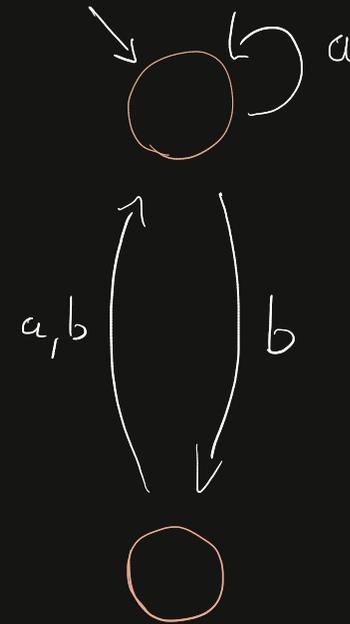
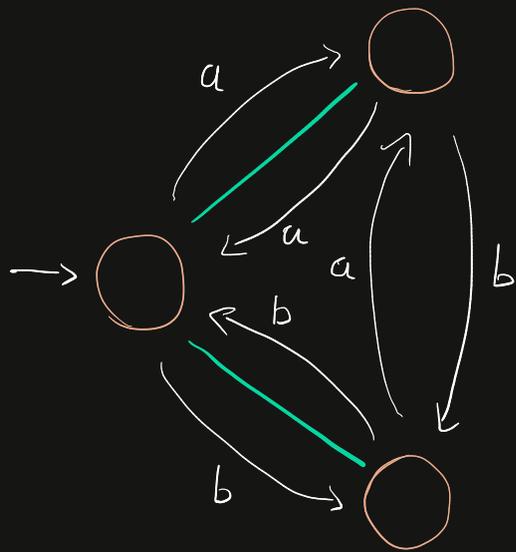
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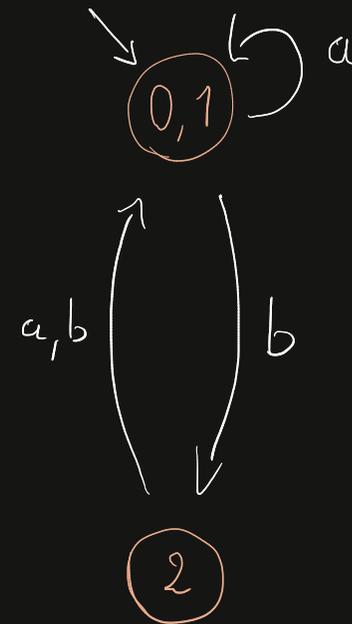
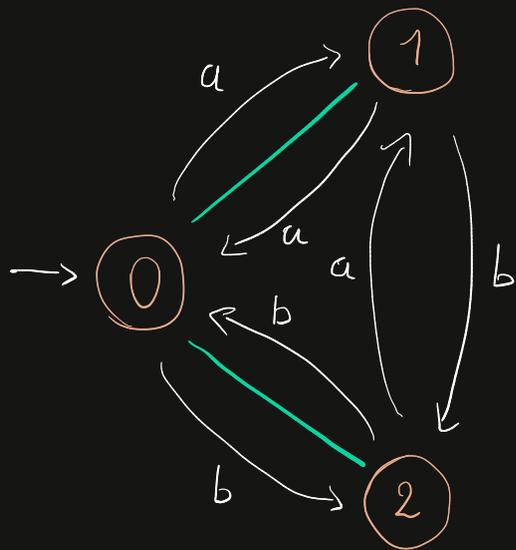
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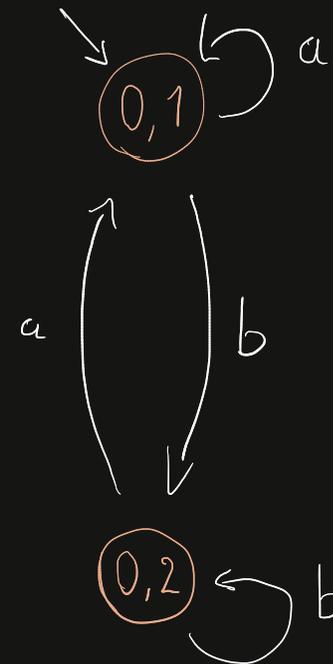
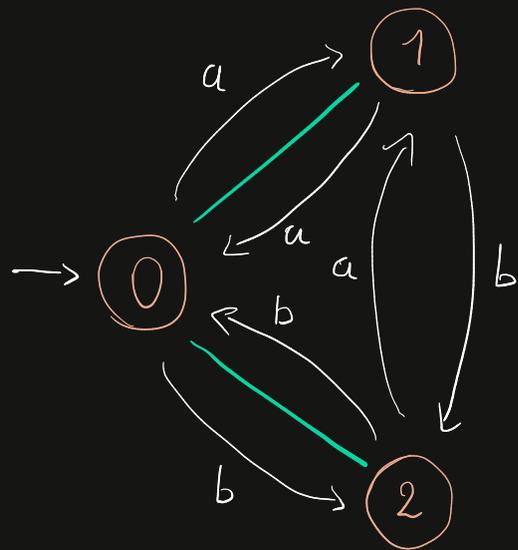


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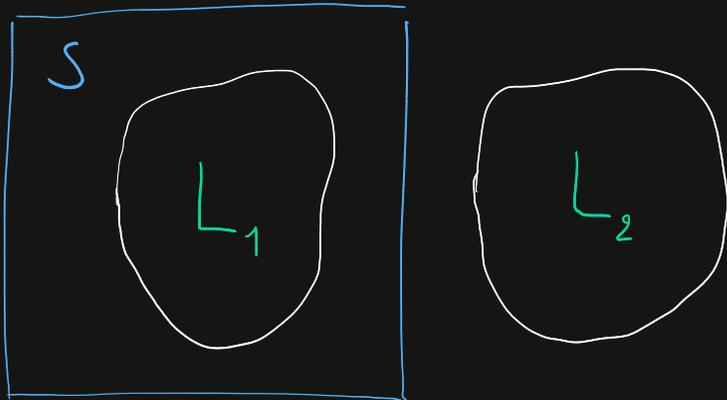
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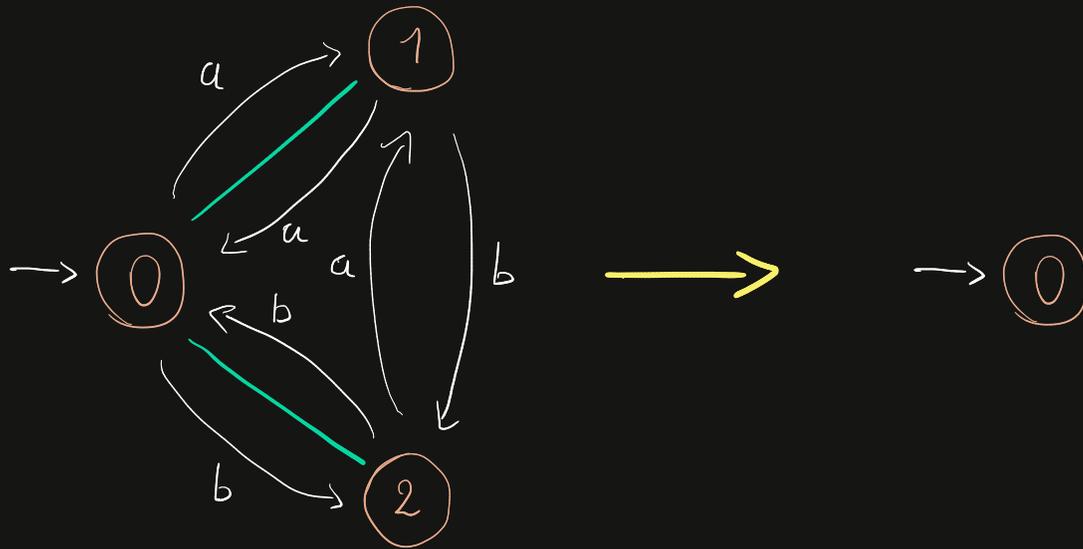
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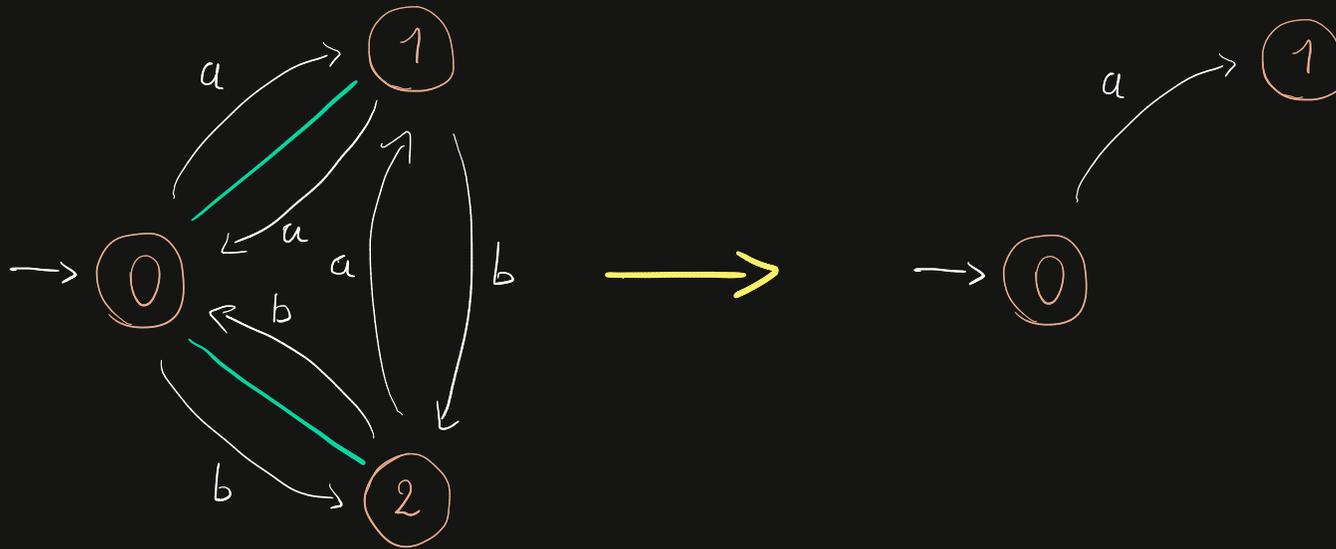
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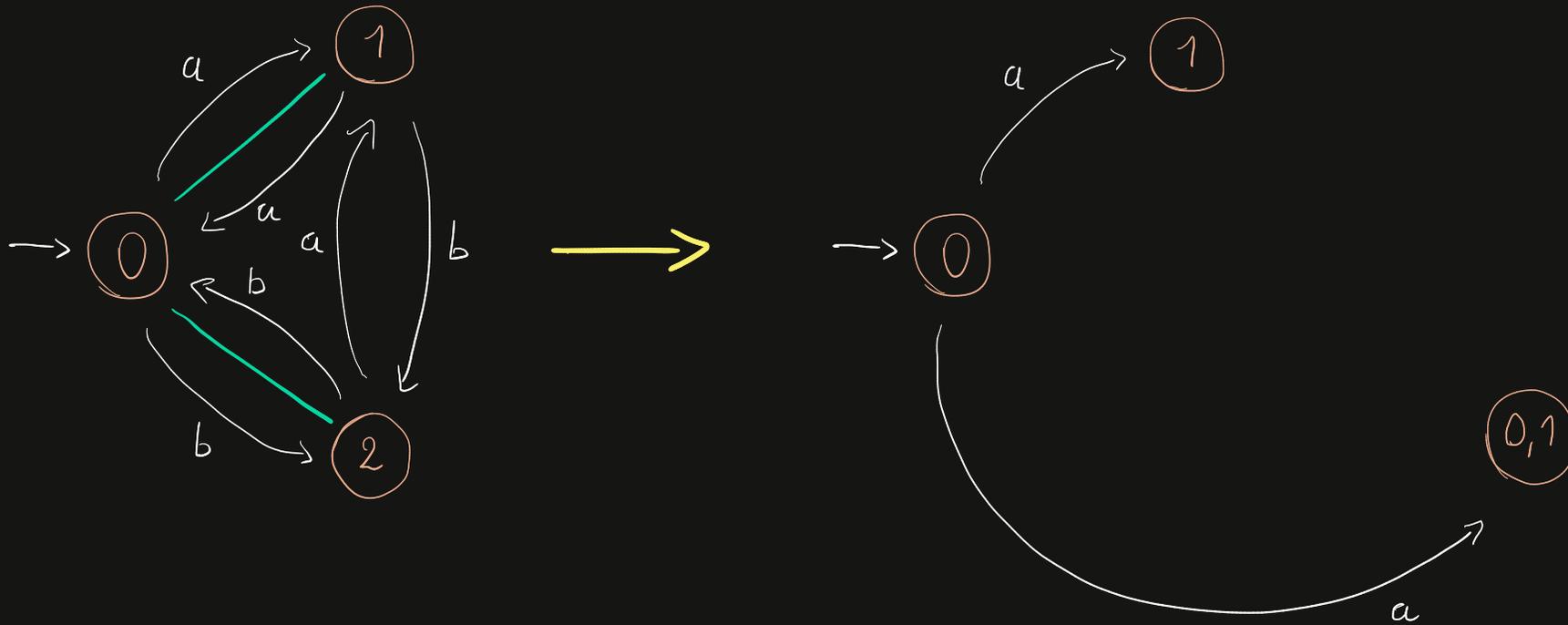
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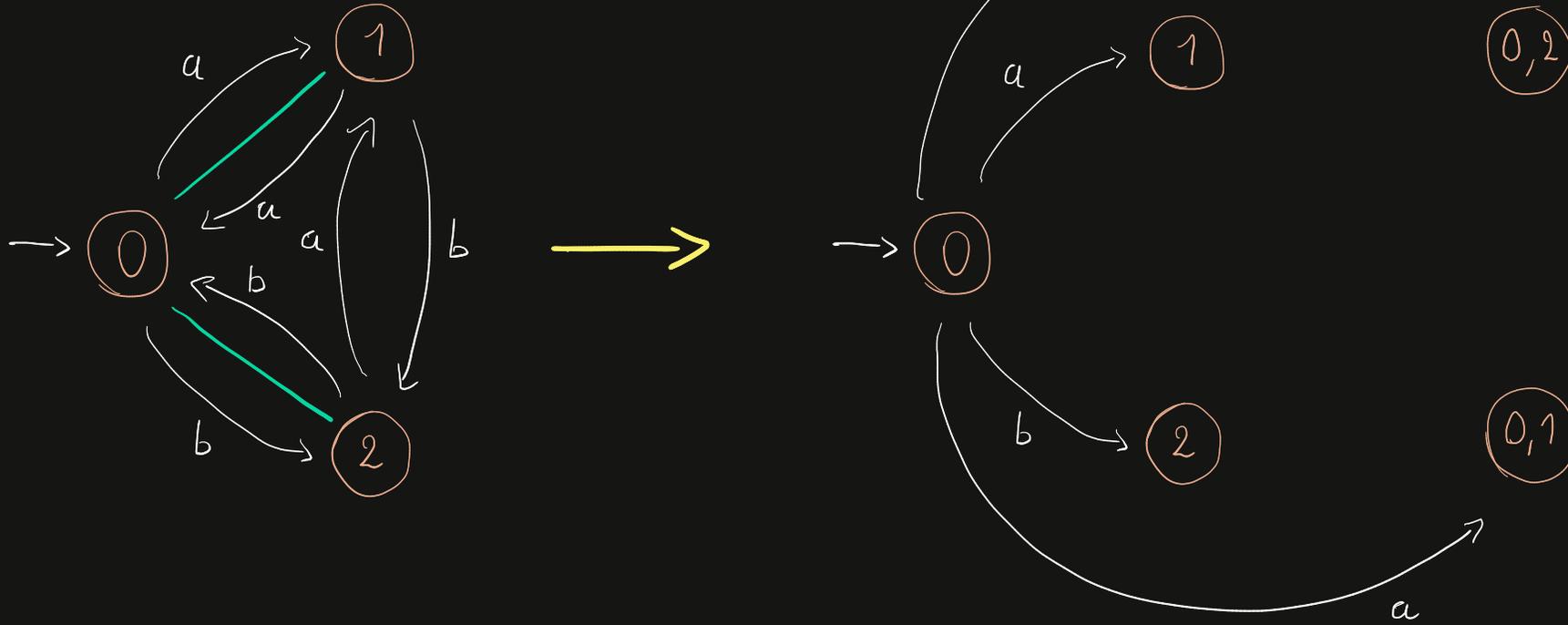
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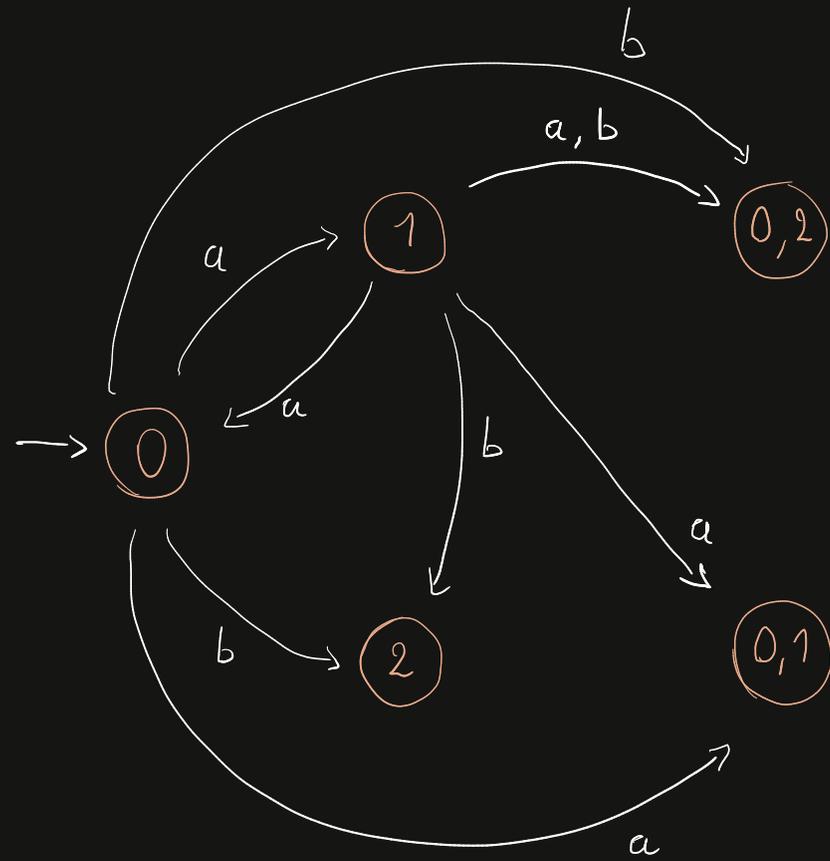
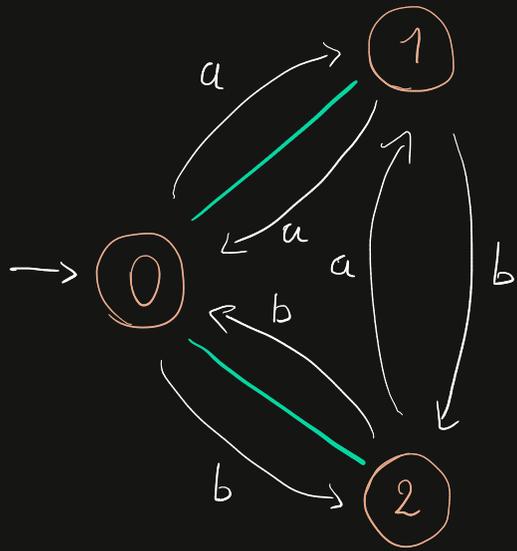
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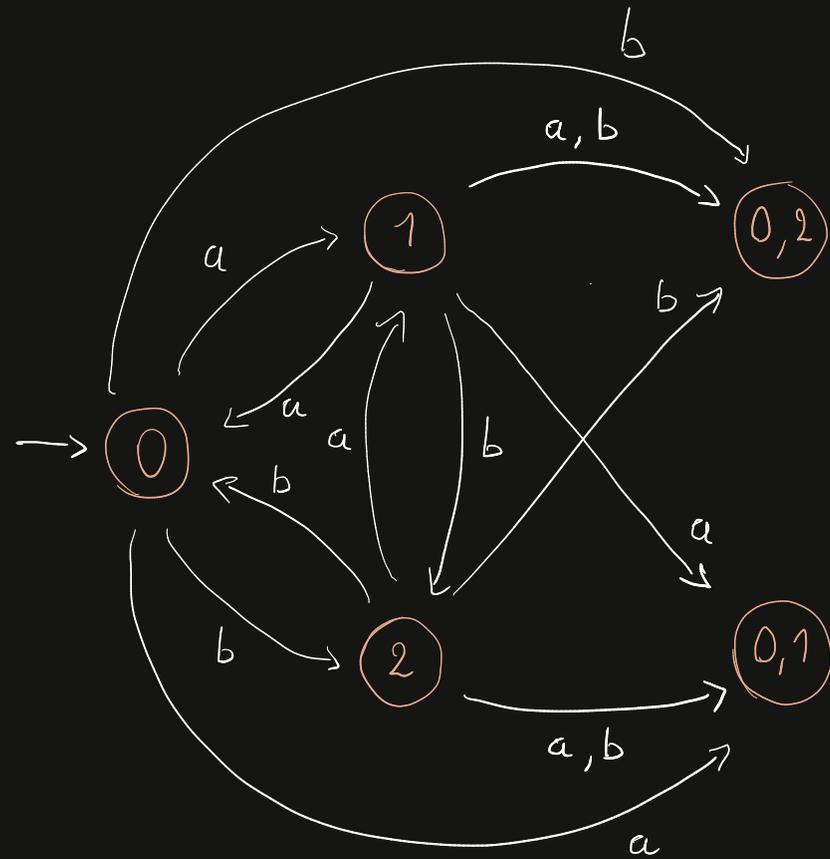
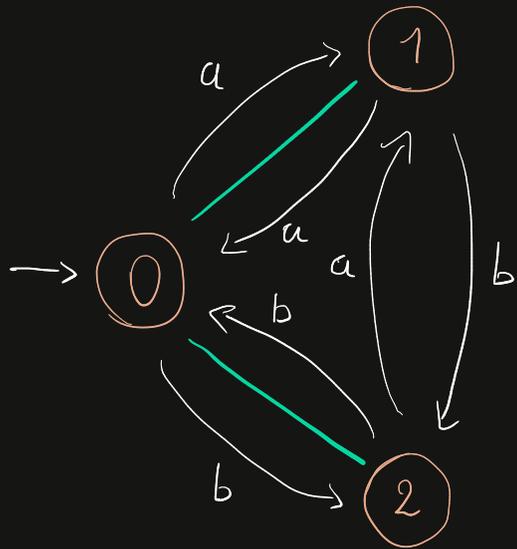
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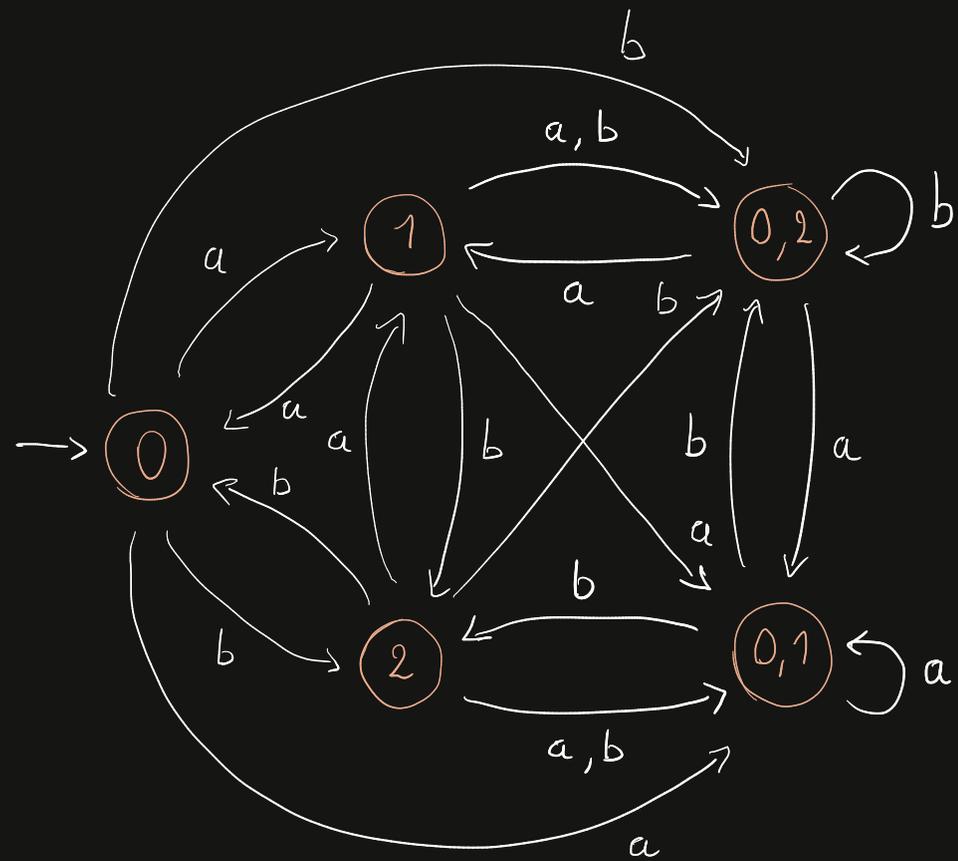
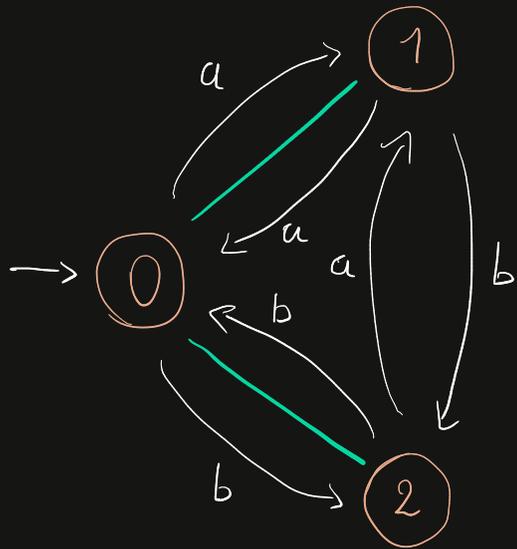
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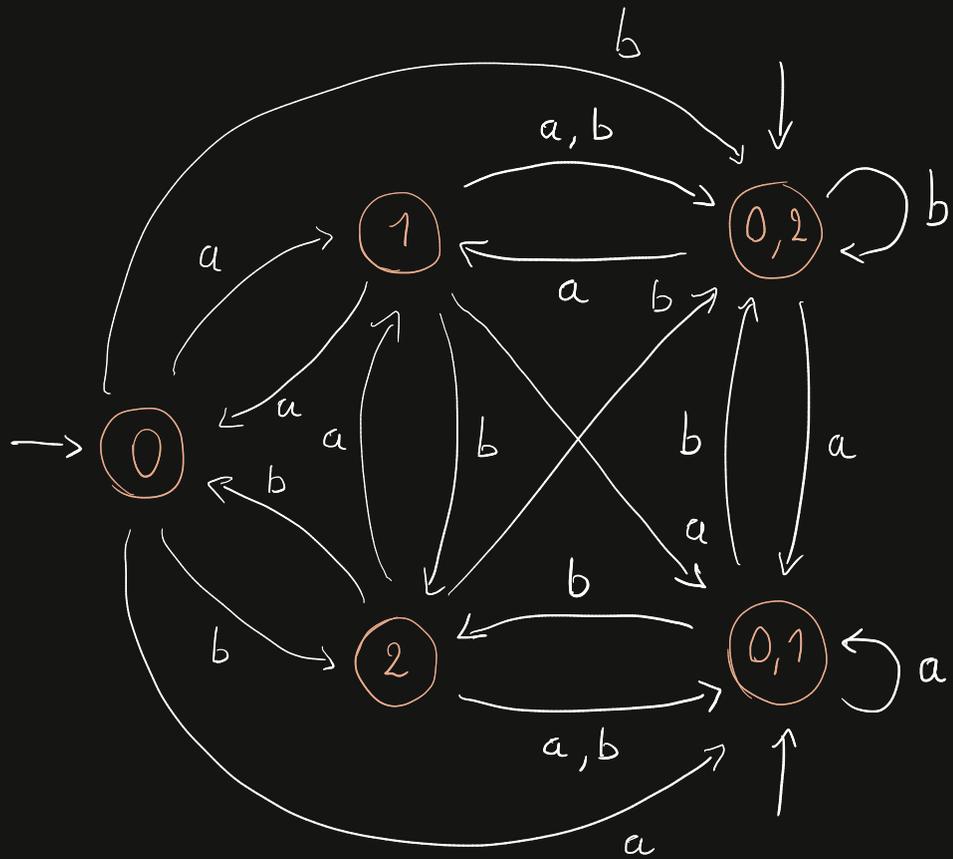
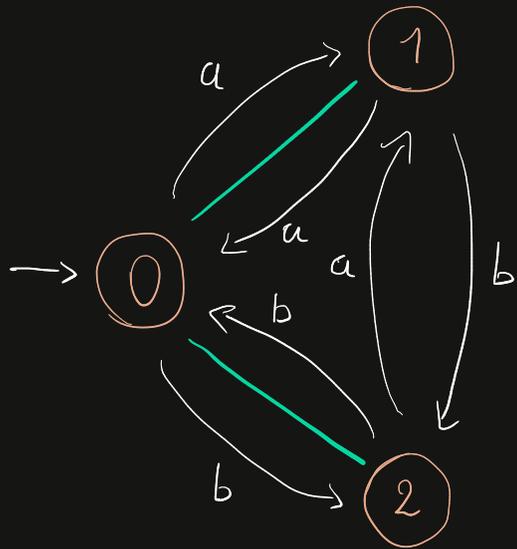
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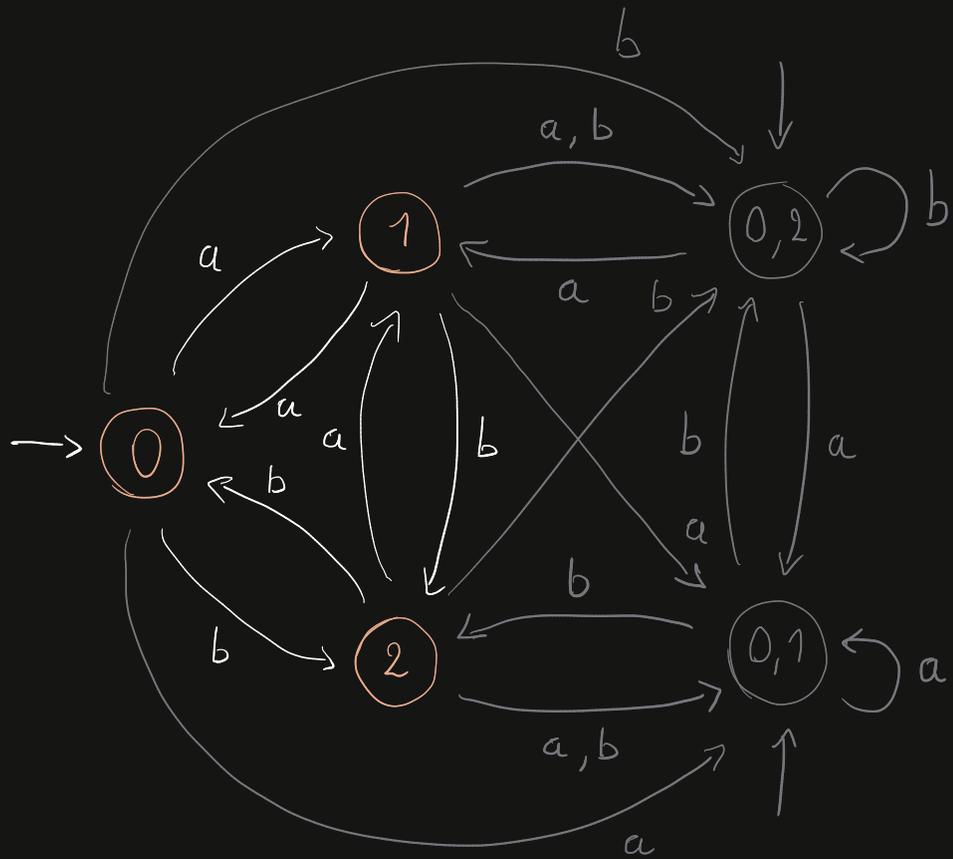
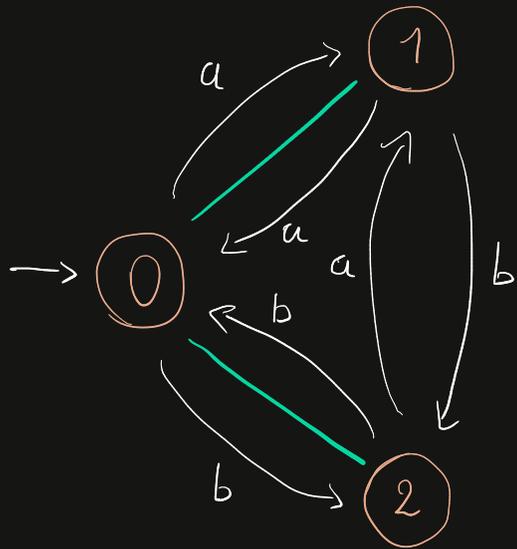
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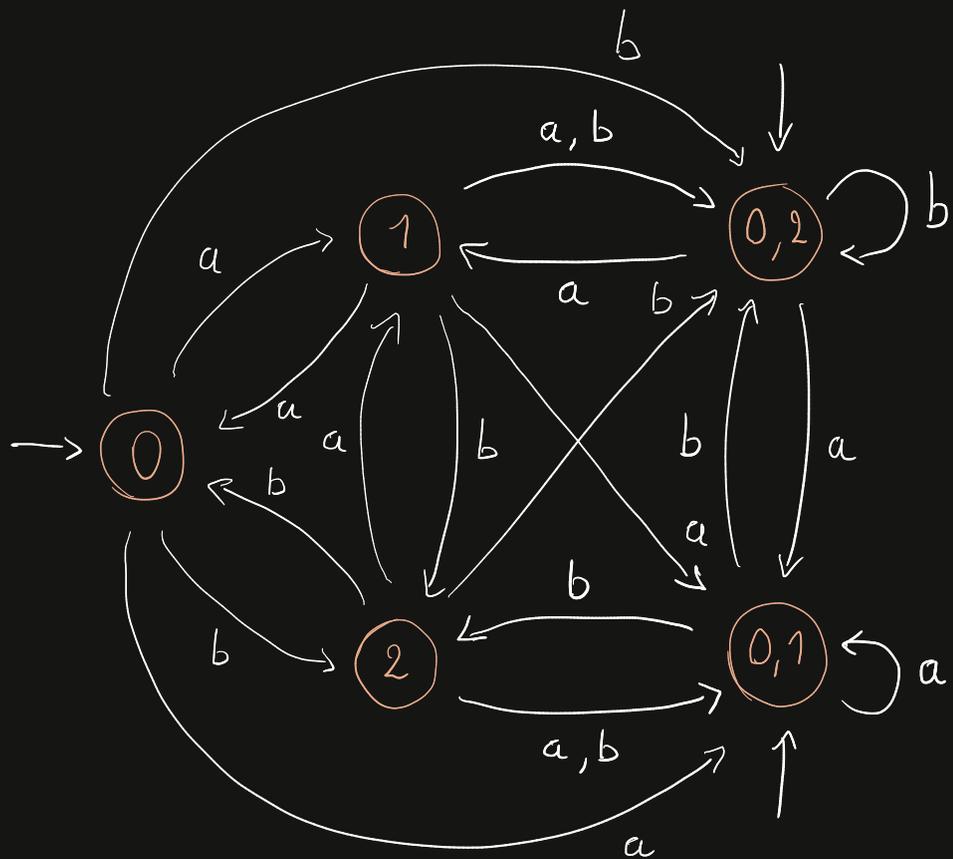
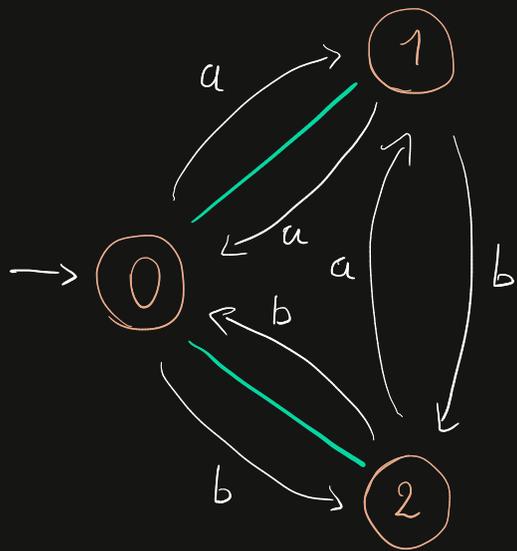
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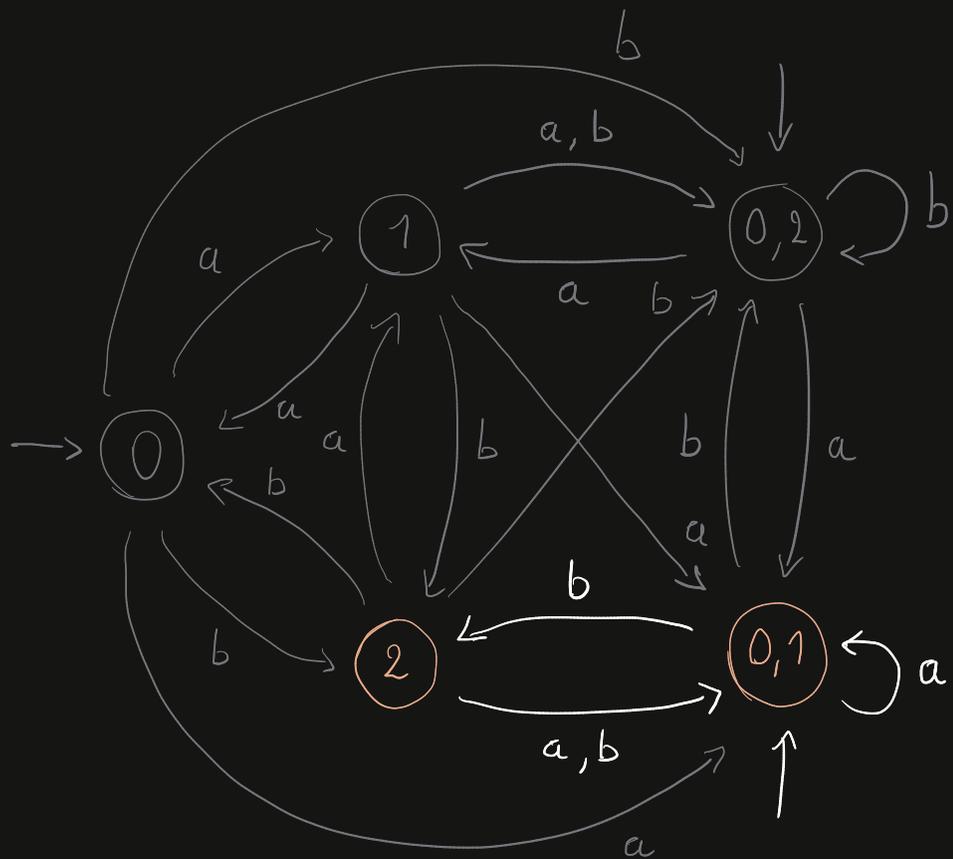
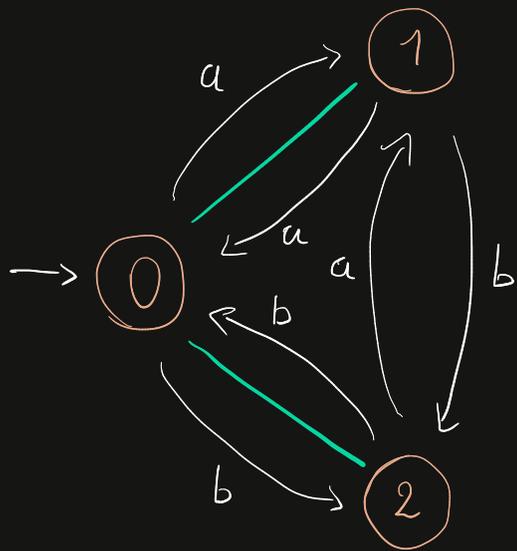
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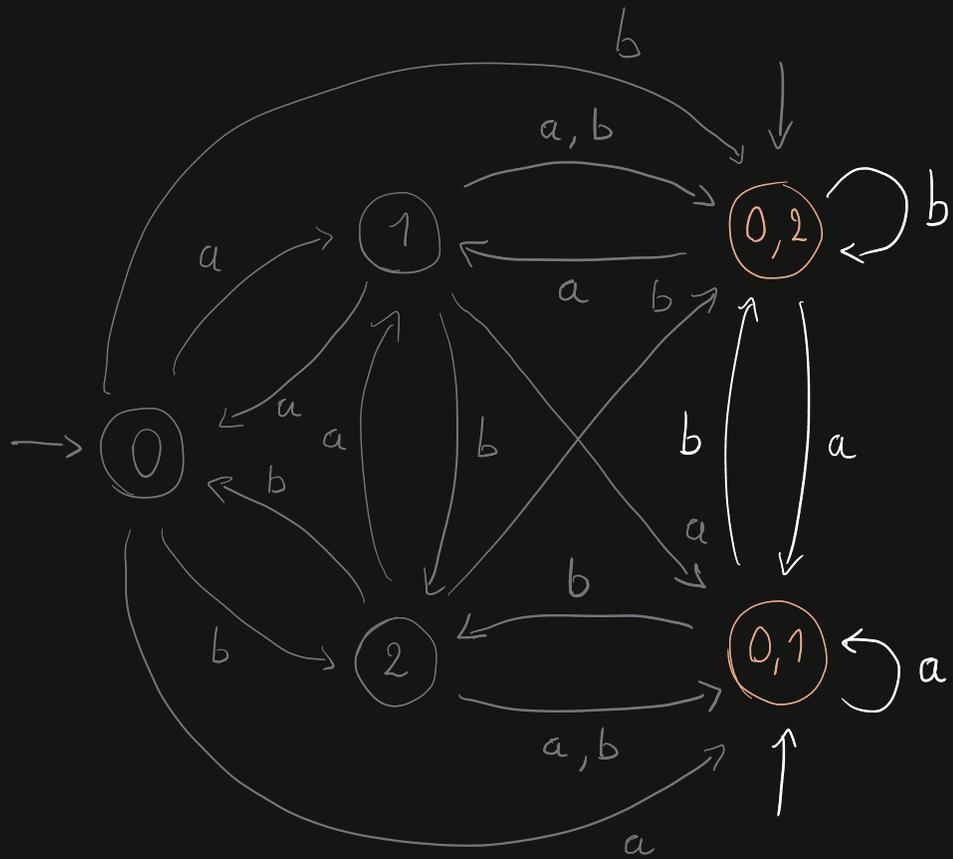
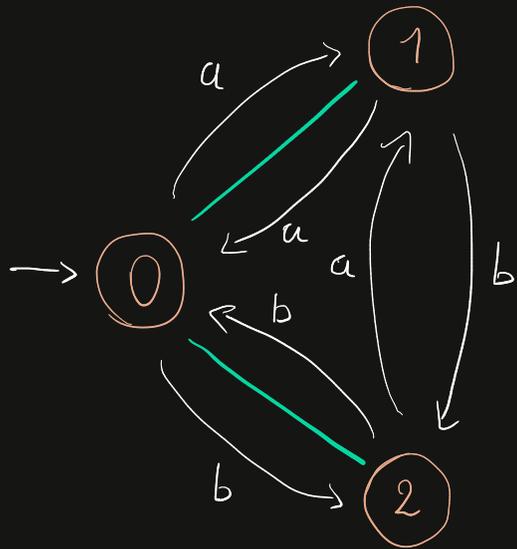
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## Open questions

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- General Min. Extension Problem ?

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