Forms of Graph Sharing, and Expressibility of Process Graphs by Regular Expressions

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Overview

Forms of sharing (in term graphs / rooted directed graphs)

- horizontal, vertical, and twisted sharing
- twisted ⇒ only vertical sharing: exponential size increase possible

Expressibility of process graphs by regular expressions

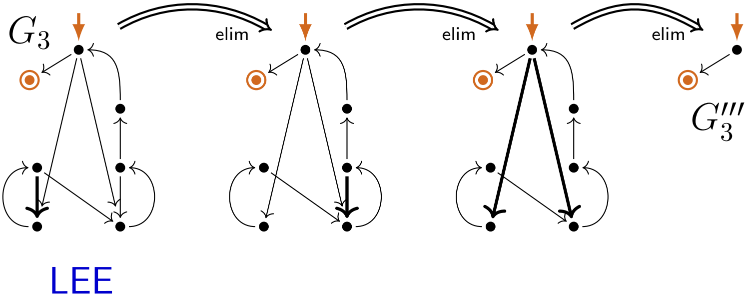
- loop-elimination property LEE
  - guarantees expressibility by a regular expression
- process interpretations of reg. expressions do not always satisfy LEE
  - but can be 1-transition refined to guarantee LEE
- expressibility problem of process graphs by regular expressions
- steps to solve the expressibility problem (perhaps) efficiently

Questions

Forms of Sharing

Expressibility of process graphs by regular expressions

Loop Existence and Elimination (LEE)



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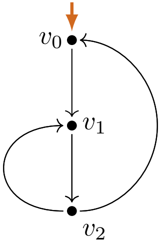

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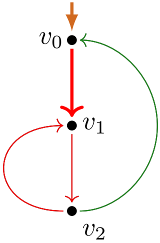

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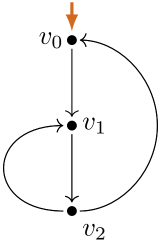

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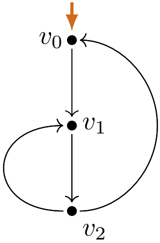

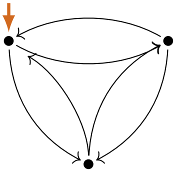

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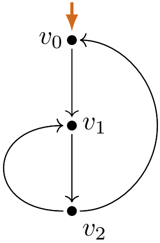

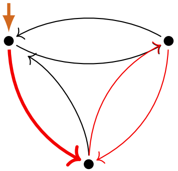

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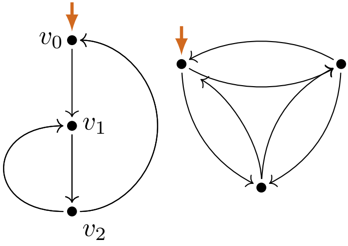

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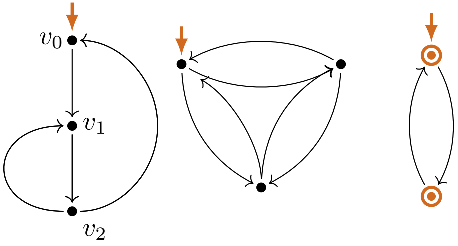

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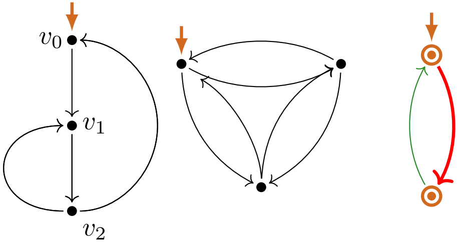

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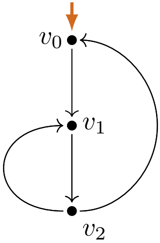

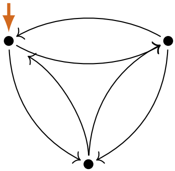

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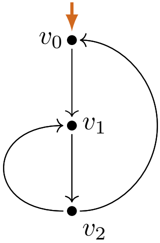

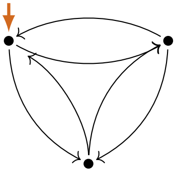

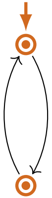

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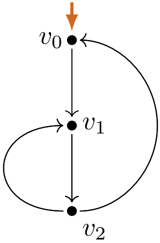

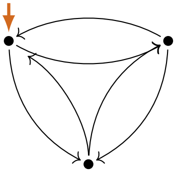

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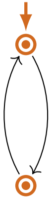

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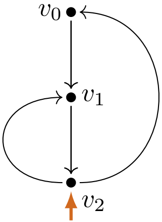

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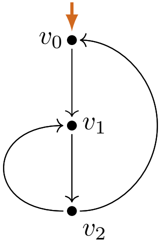

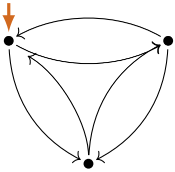

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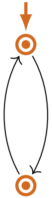

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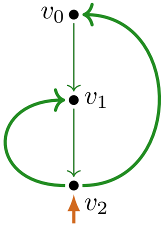

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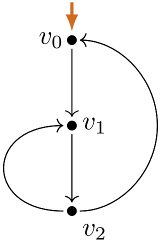

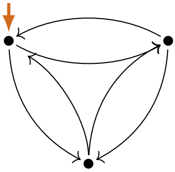

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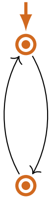

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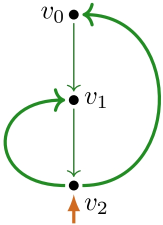

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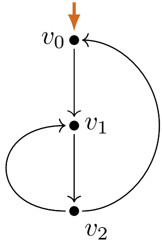

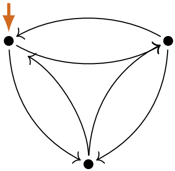

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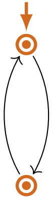

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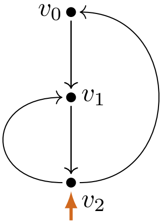

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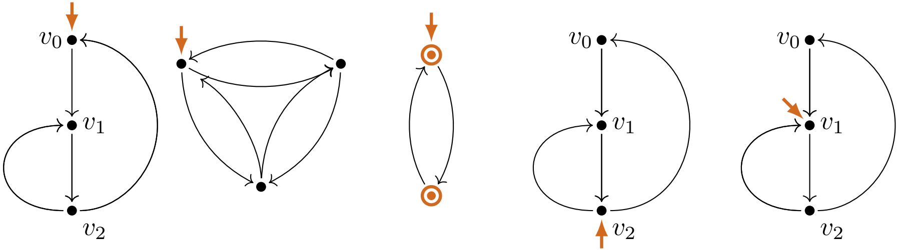

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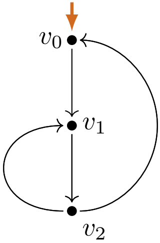

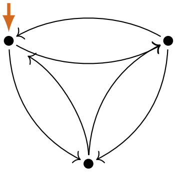

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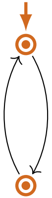

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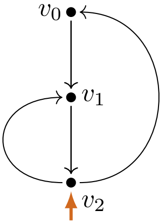

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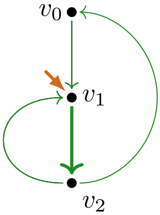

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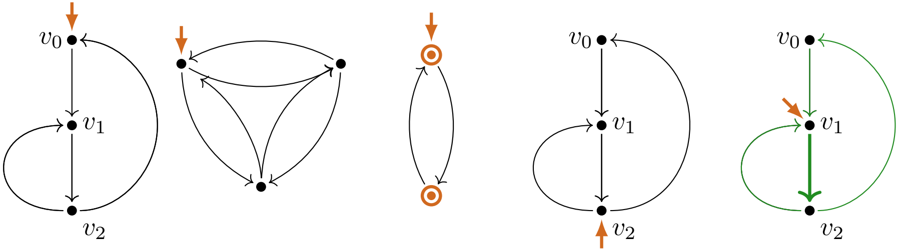

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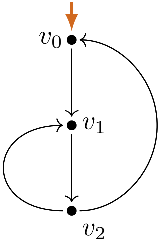

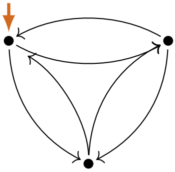

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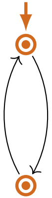

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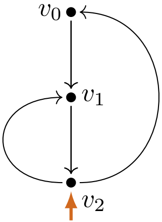

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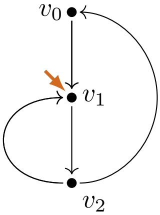

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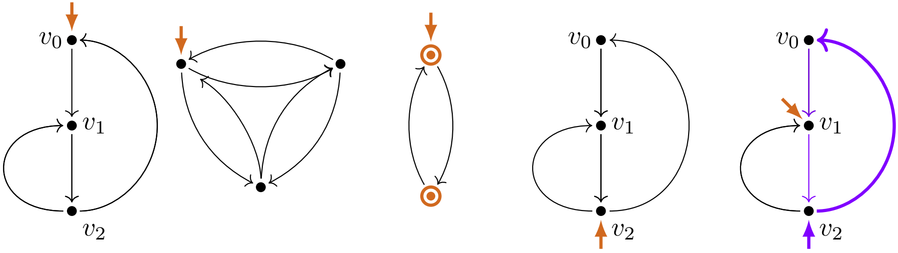

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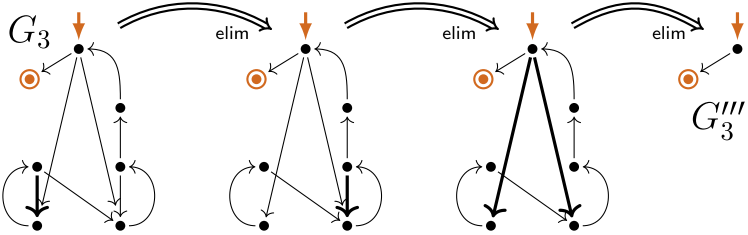
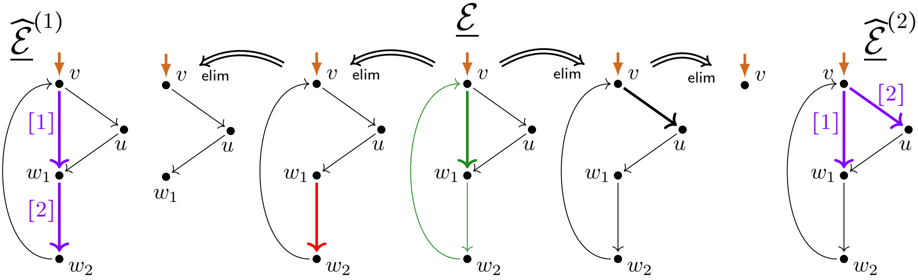
Layered Loop Existence and Elimination (LLEE)



LLEE-chart

LLEE: loop subcharts not eliminated
from bodies of previously eliminated loop subcharts

LEE-witness / layered LEE-witness



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Deciding (L)LEE

Proposition

A 1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ satisfies LEE if and only if it satisfies LLEE.

DECIDING-(L)LEE

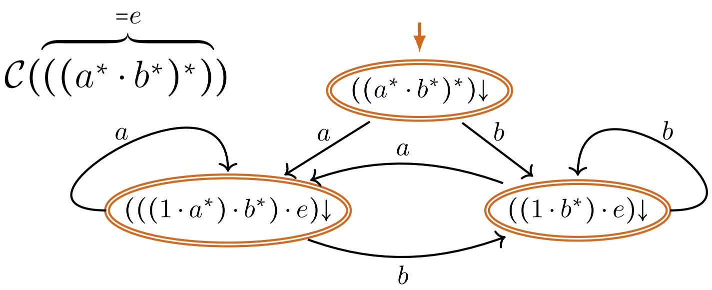
Instance: A 1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$.

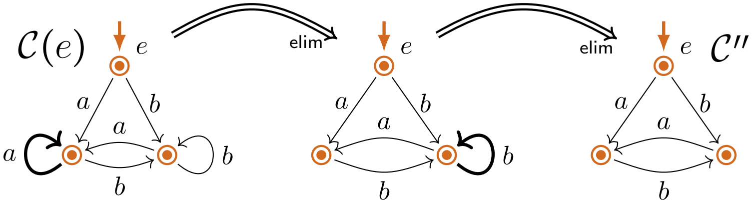
Question: Does $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ satisfy LLEE?

Proposition

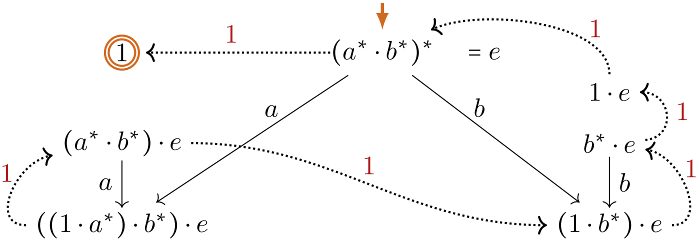
DECIDING-(L)LEE $\in$ P.

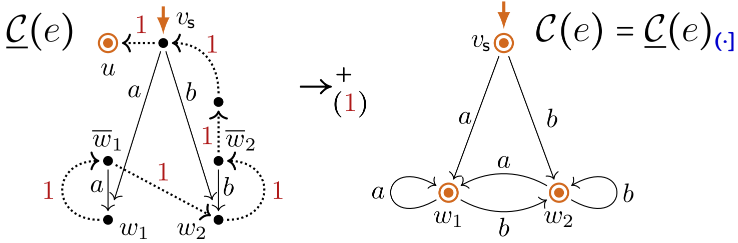
Process interpretations do not always satisfy LEE



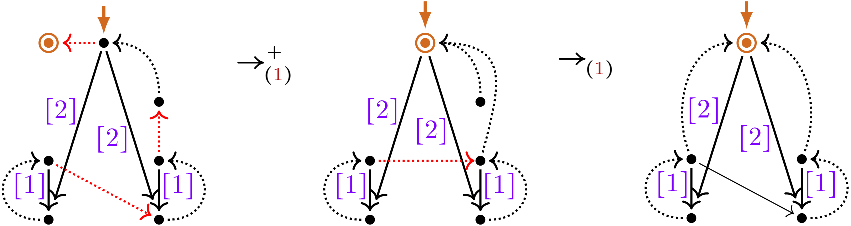


Process interpretations can be refined into LLEE-1-charts





1-Transition reduced LLEE-witnesses

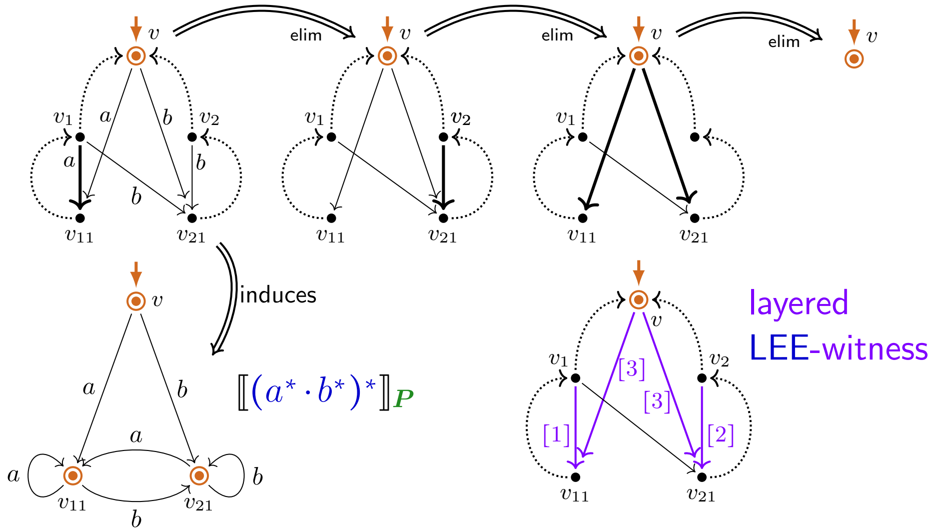


this LLEE-witness
is 1-transition reduced:
only backlinks
are 1-transitions

Lemma

Every LLEE-1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ 1-transition refines a LLEE-1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}_r$ that is 1-transition reduced, and it holds $\underline{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow^{*}_{(1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}_r$.

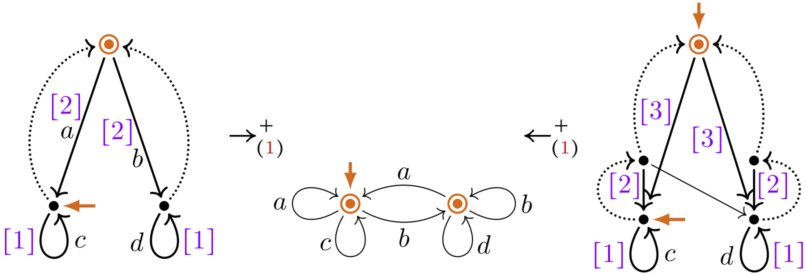
LEE, and LLEE-witness, induced process graph



Deciding refinability into a LLEE-1-chart

A 1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ is 1-transition refinable into a 1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}'$
if $\underline{\mathcal{C}}' \rightarrow^{*}_{(1)} \underline{\mathcal{C}}$ (that is, $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ arises by 1-transition elimination steps from $\underline{\mathcal{C}}'$).

REFINABILITY-INTO-LLEE-1-CHART
Instance: A 1-chart $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$.
Question: Can $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ be 1-transition refined into a 1-chart with LLEE?



Deciding refinability into a LLEE-1-chart

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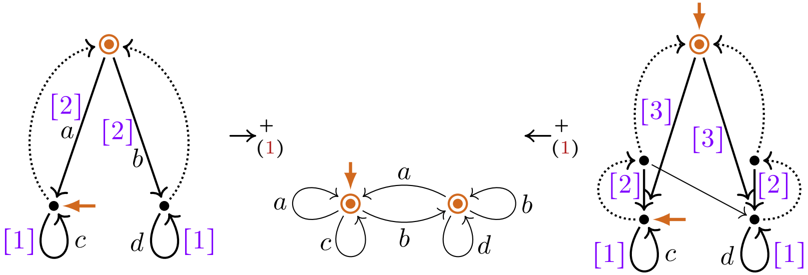

Proposition

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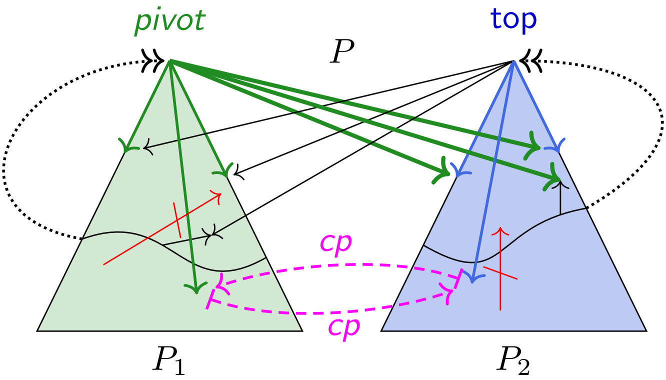

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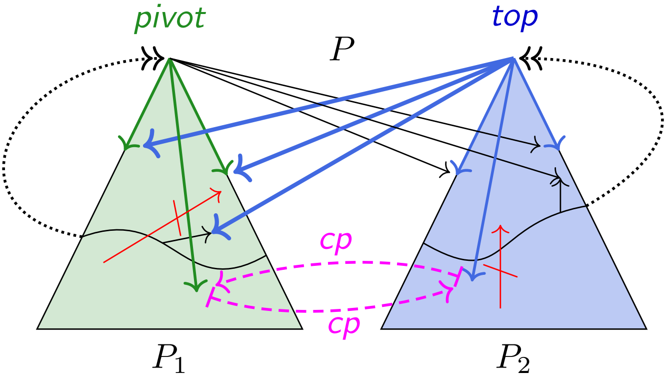

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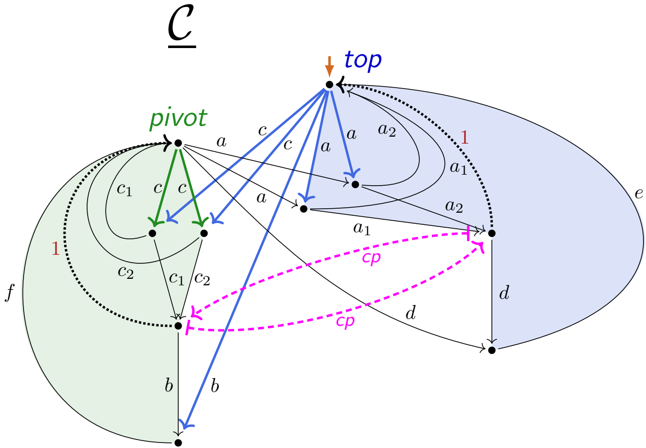

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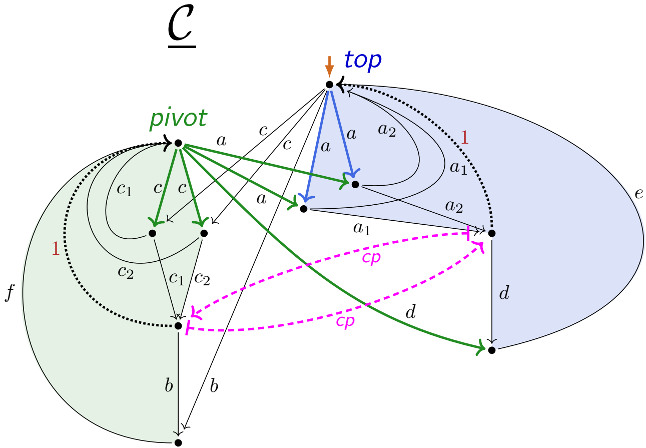

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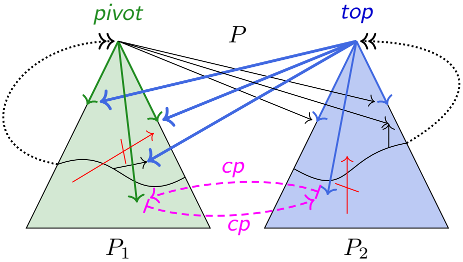

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Crystallized 1-charts = LLEE-1-charts that are collapsed
apart from some scc's that are twin-crystals.

(CR) Crystallization: Every LLEE-1-chart can be reduced
under bisimilarity to a bisimilar crystallized 1-chart.

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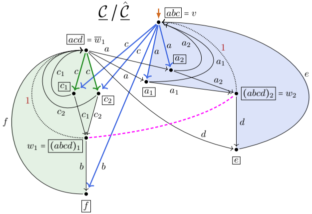

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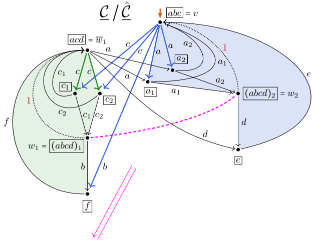

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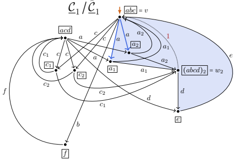

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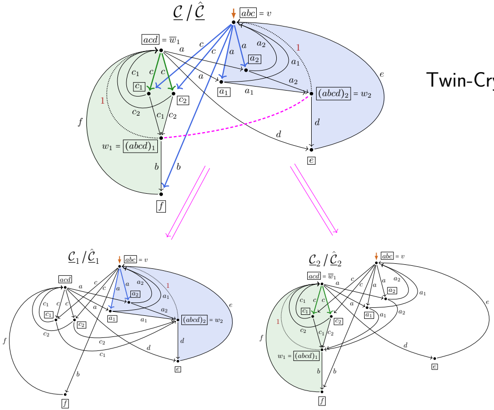

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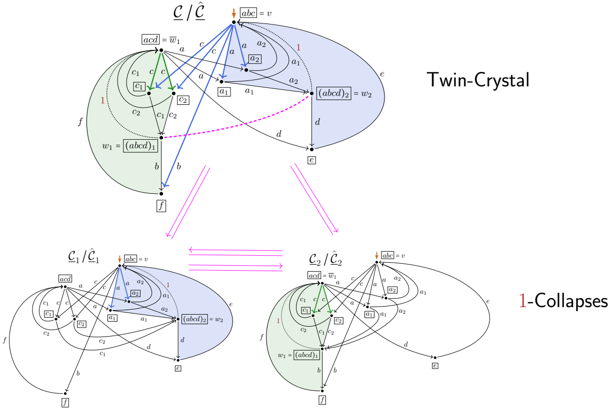

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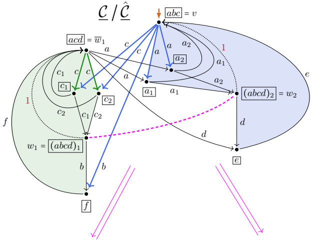

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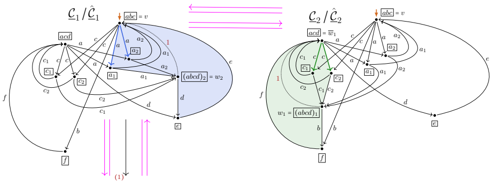

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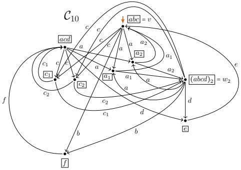

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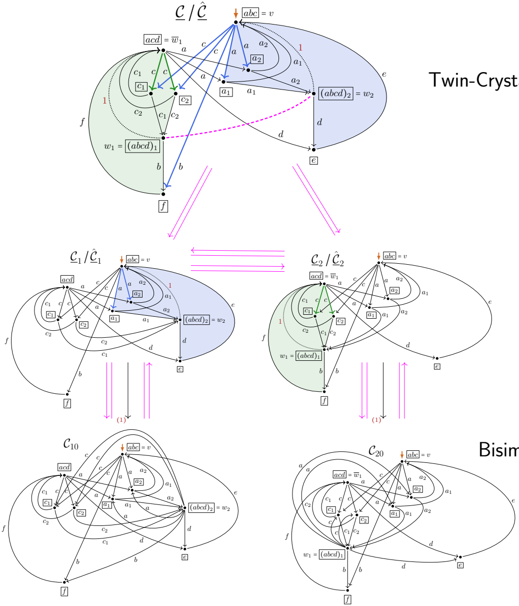

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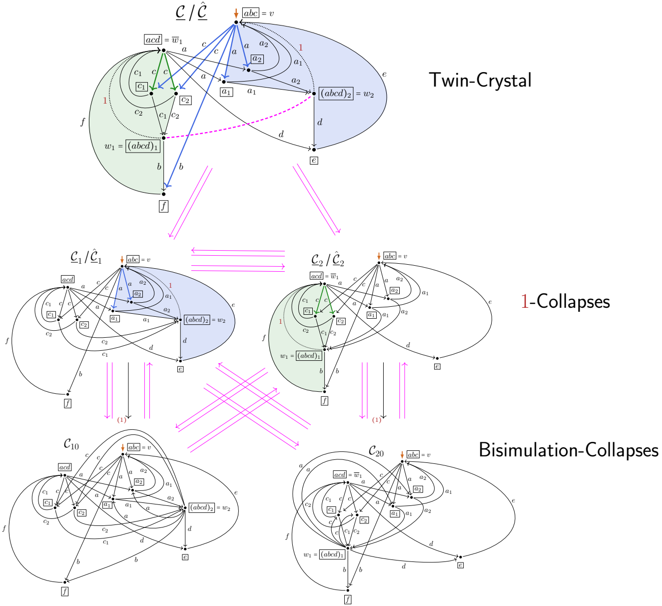

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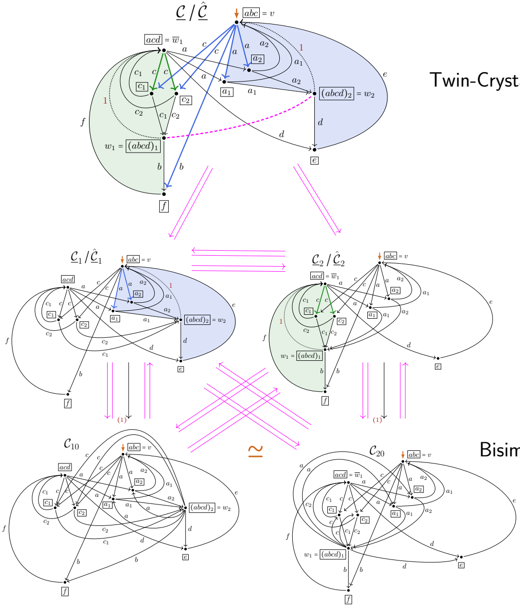

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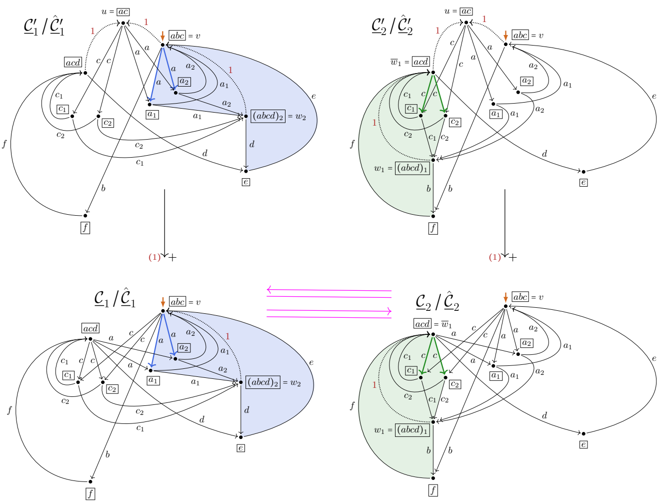

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Conjecture

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Aims and questions

Articles

- motivation of crystallization
- crystallization procedure

Tool implementation

- first step: efficiently deciding refinability into a LLEE-1-chart
- second step (envisaged):
  - deciding expandability
    of a given collapsed process graph into a crystallized LLEE-1-chart

Questions

- relation with attribute grammars?
- examples, where efficient local manipulation or evaluation of process graphs with twisted sharing is used/would be advantageous?

Summary

Forms of sharing (in term graphs / rooted directed graphs)

- horizontal, vertical, and twisted sharing
- twisted ⇒ only vertical sharing: exponential size increase possible

Expressibility of process graphs by regular expressions

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  - but can be 1-transition refined to guarantee LEE
- expressibility problem of process graphs by regular expressions
- steps to solve the expressibility problem (perhaps) efficiently

Questions