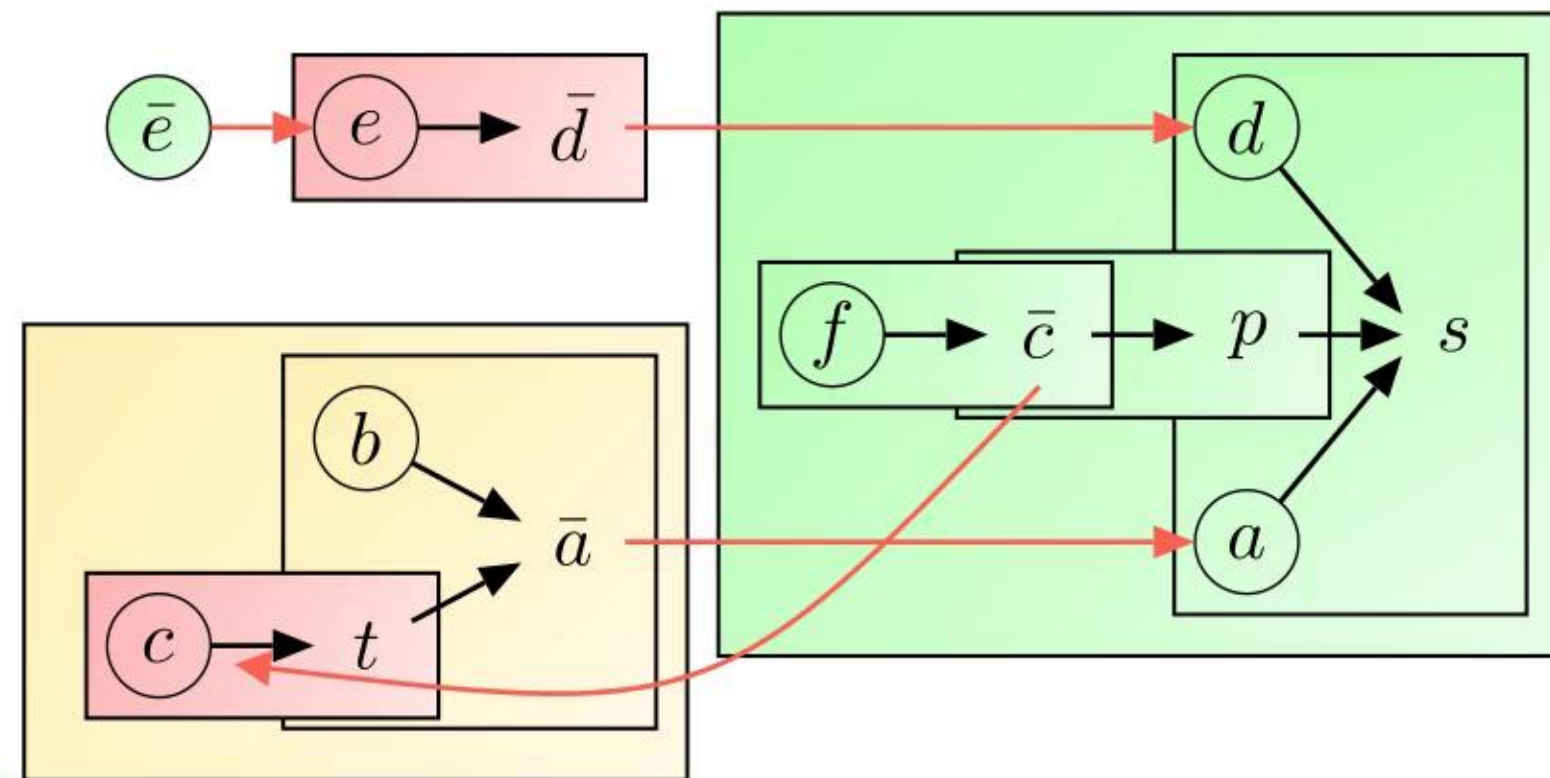




ABA Disputes in ASP: Advancing Argument Games through Multi-Shot Solving

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Argument games: discussion between proponent and opponent; provide dialectical justifications, support interaction, connected to dialogical models → useful for XAI

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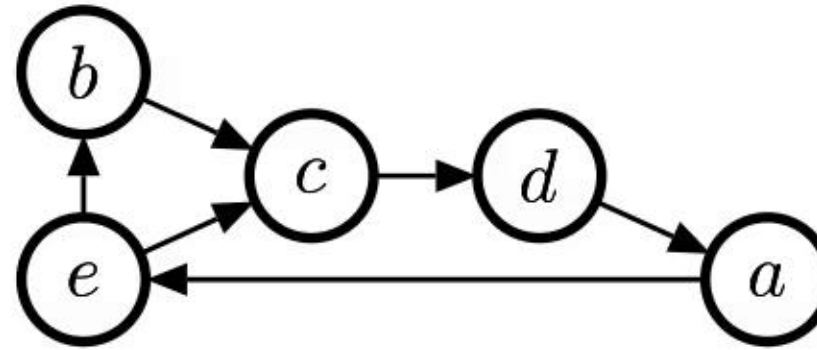
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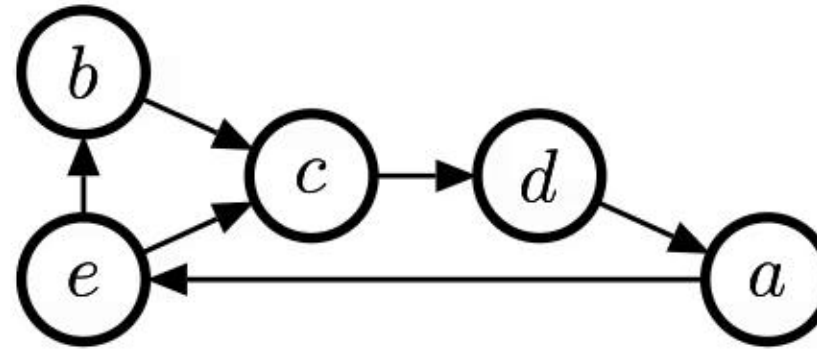
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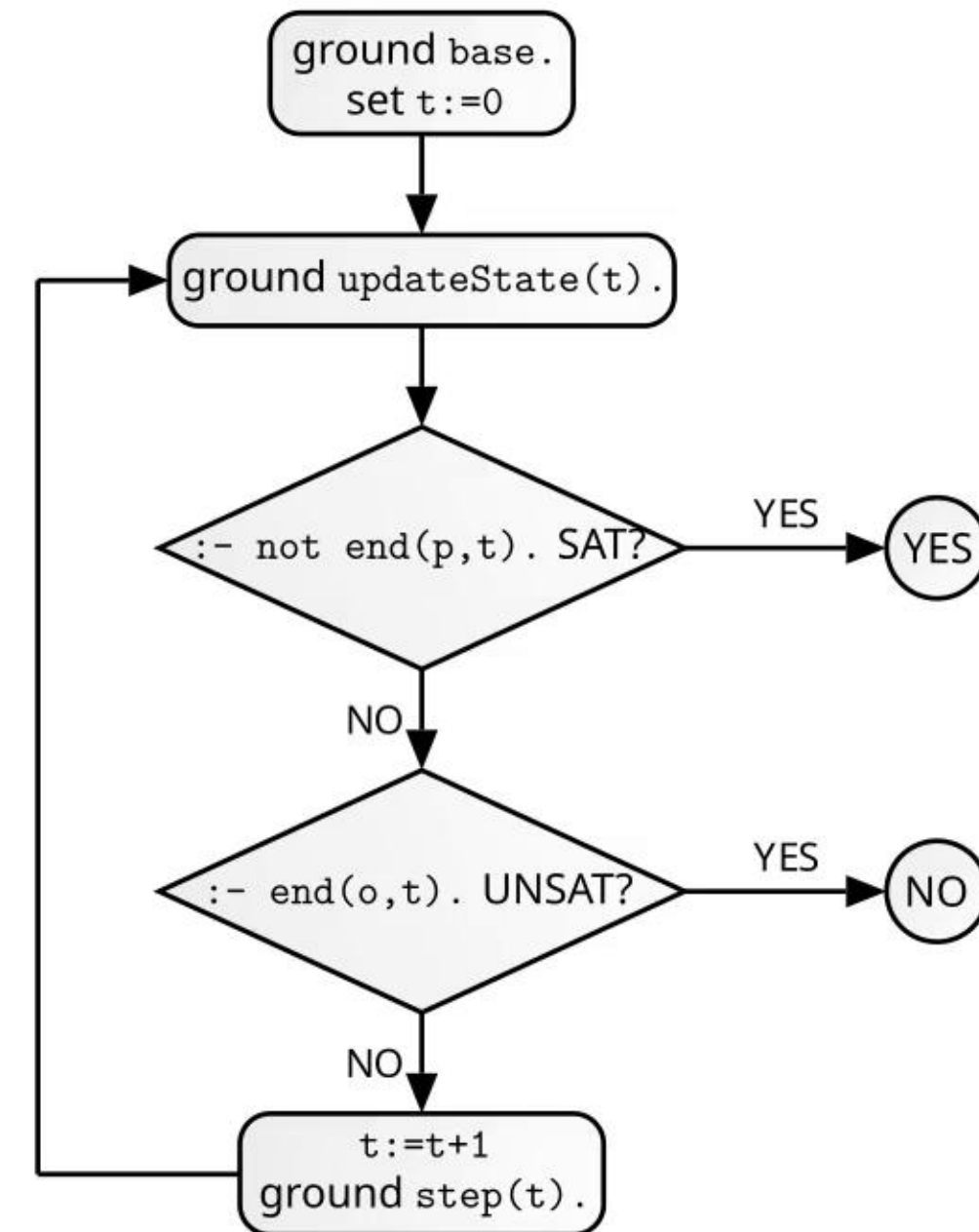

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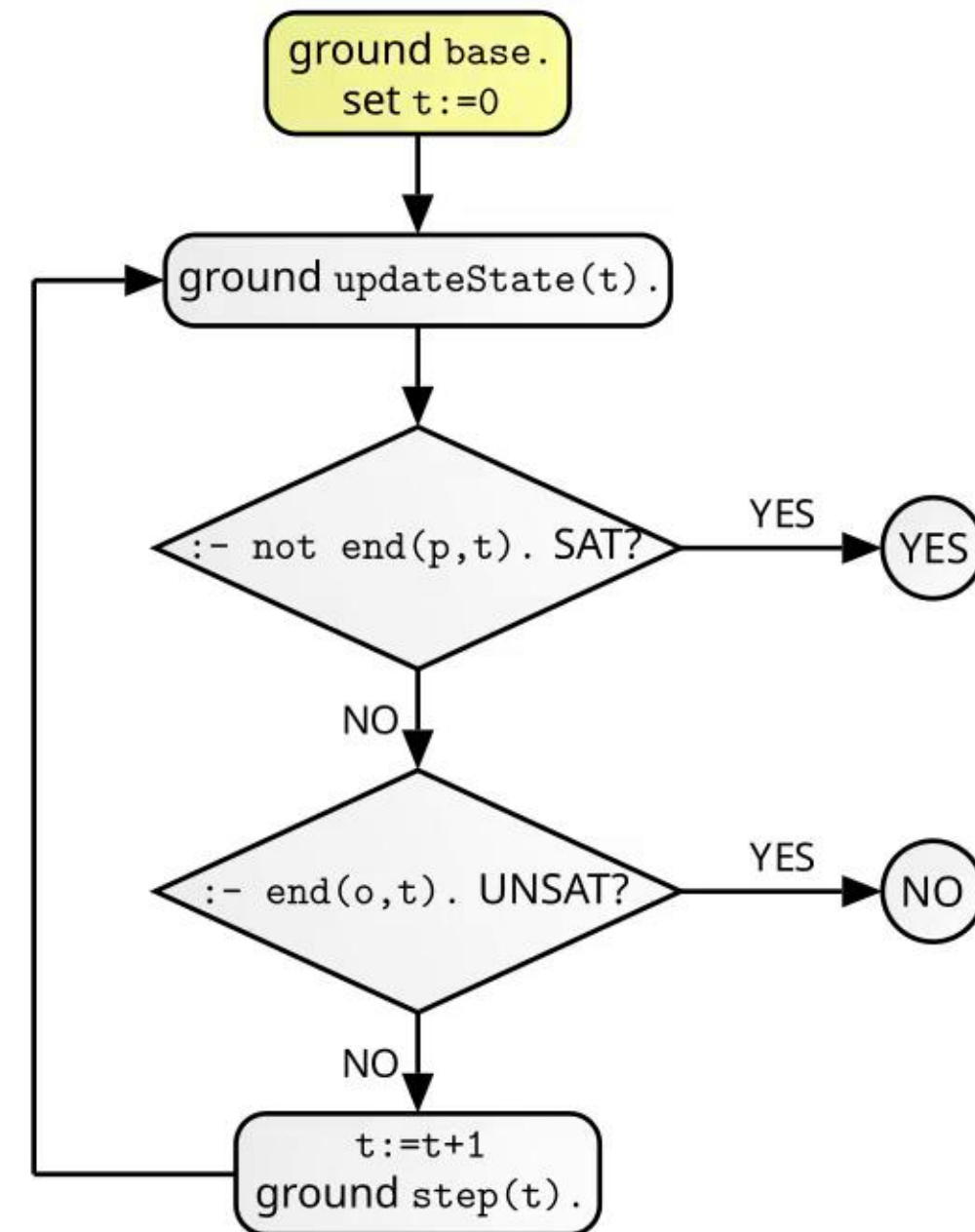

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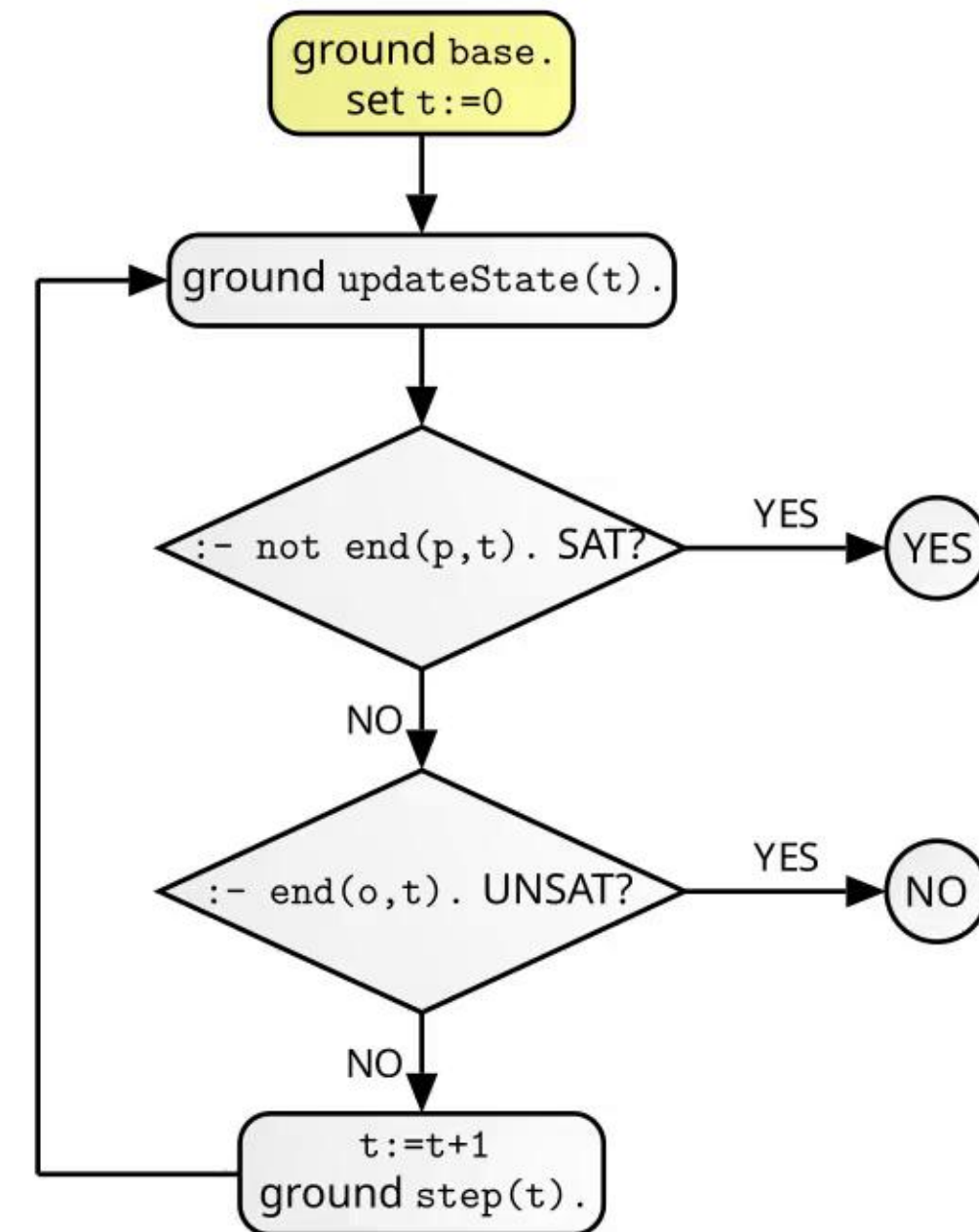
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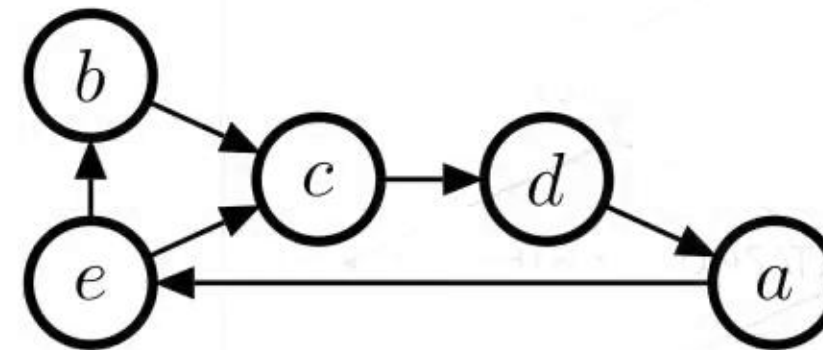
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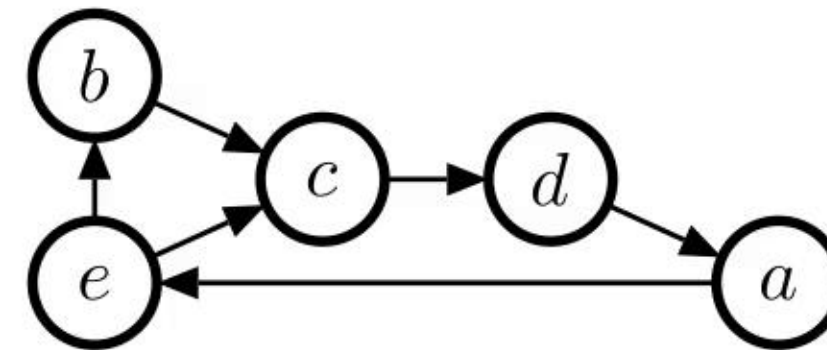
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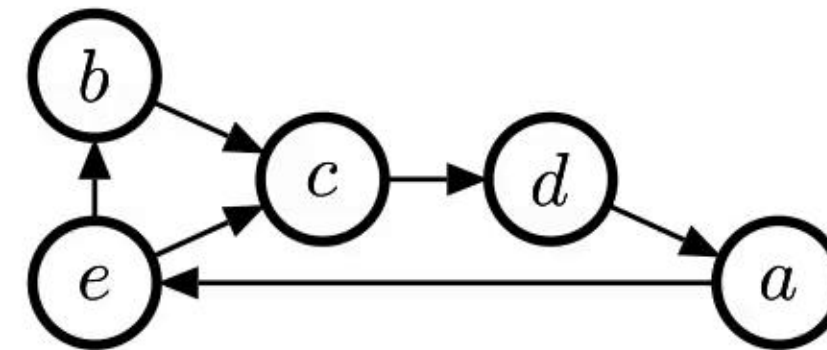


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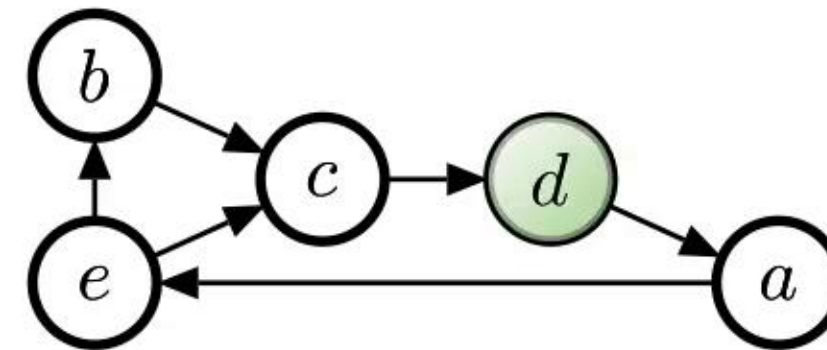


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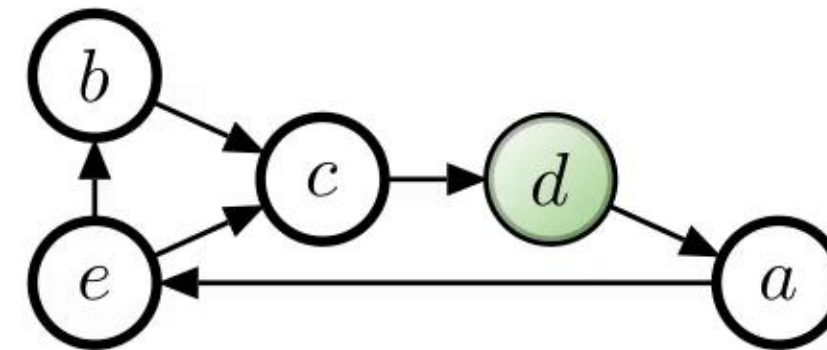


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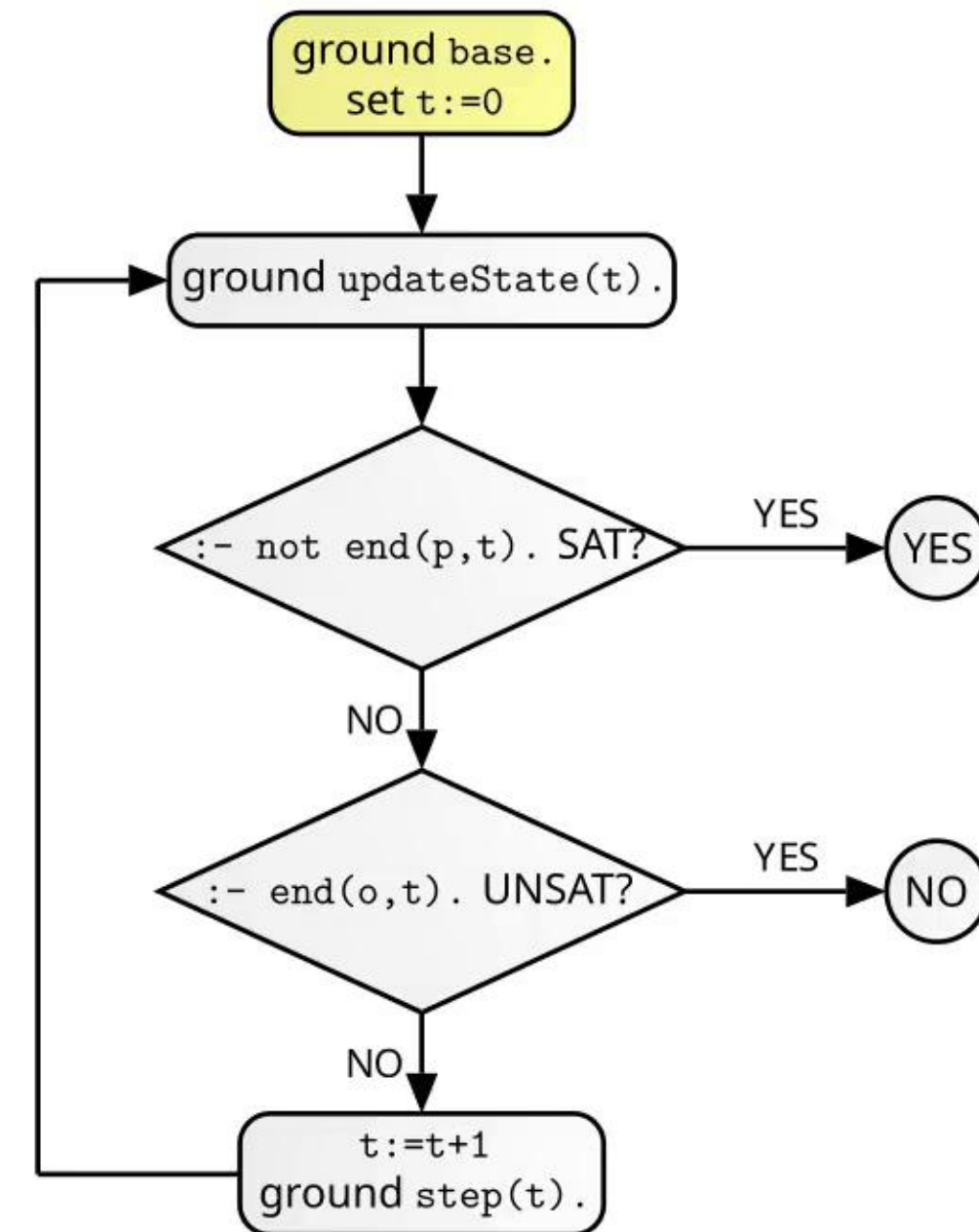
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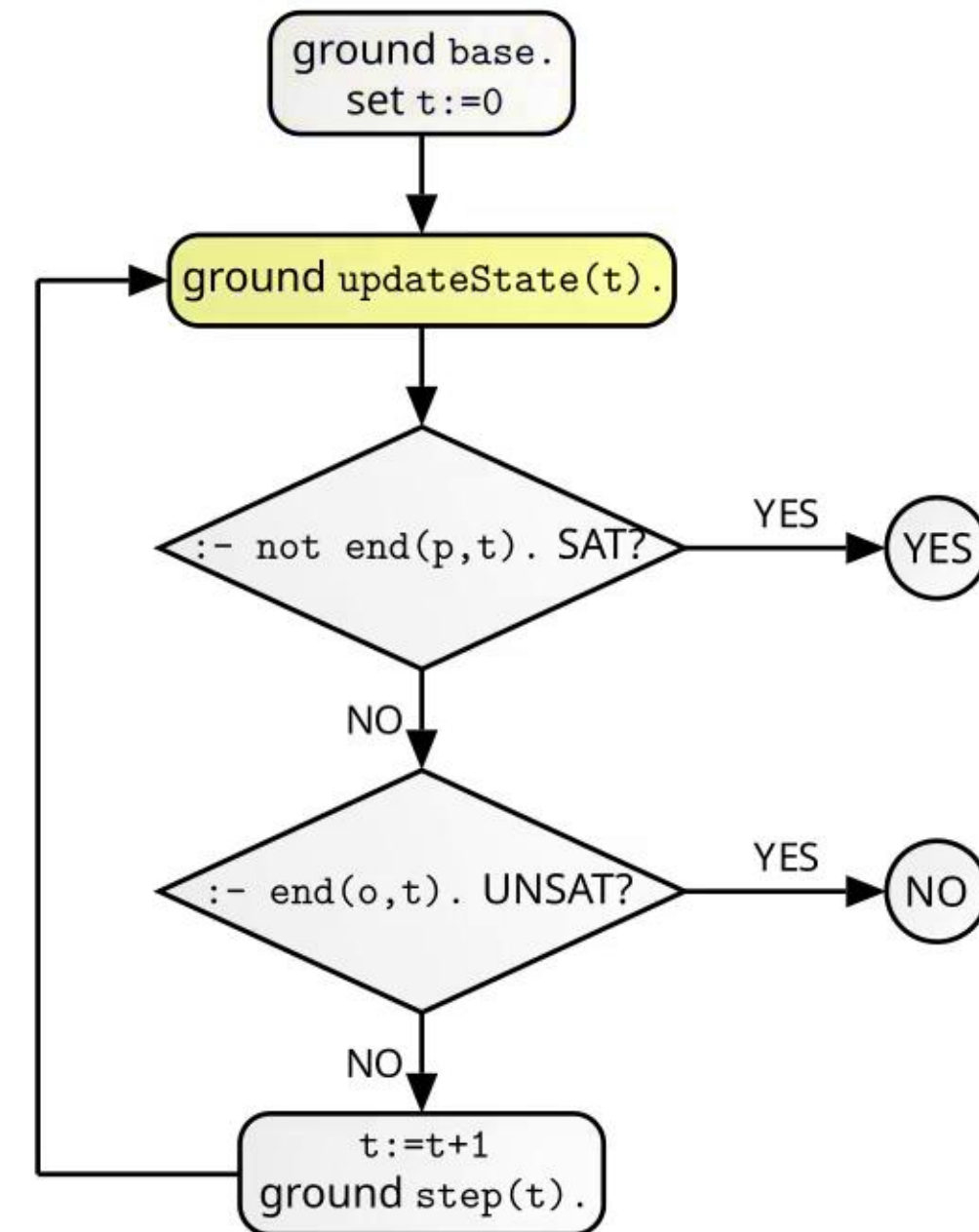
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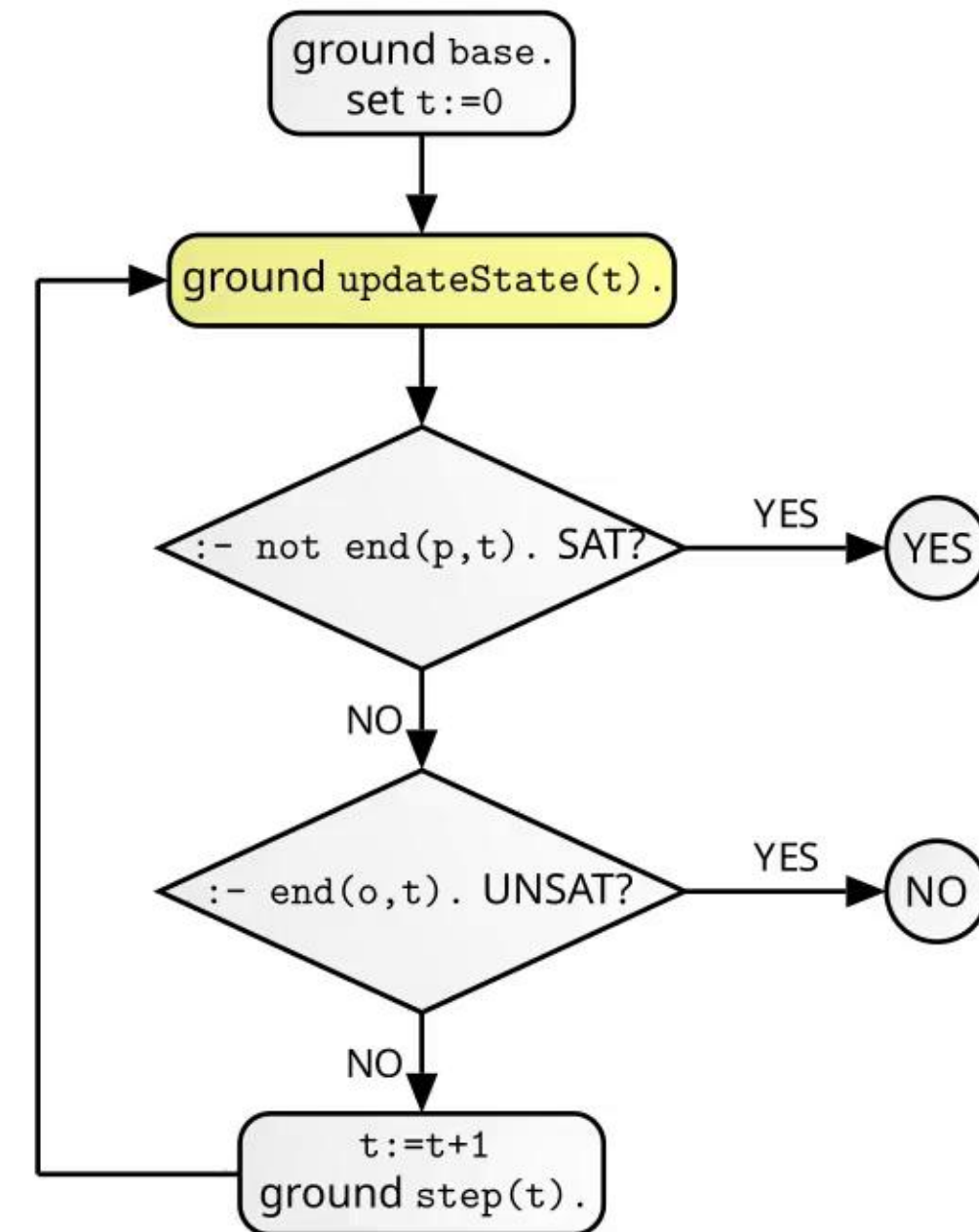
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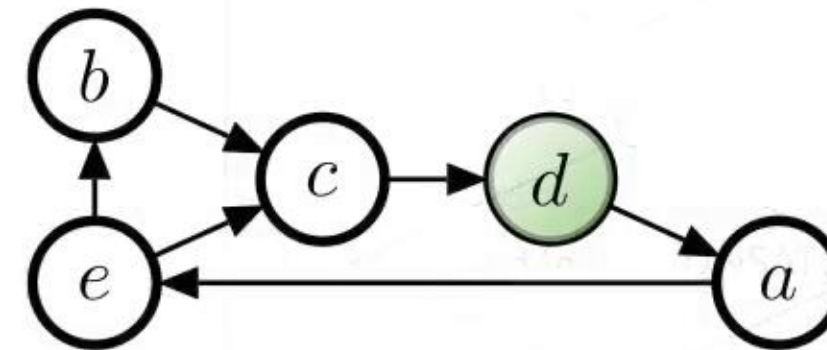
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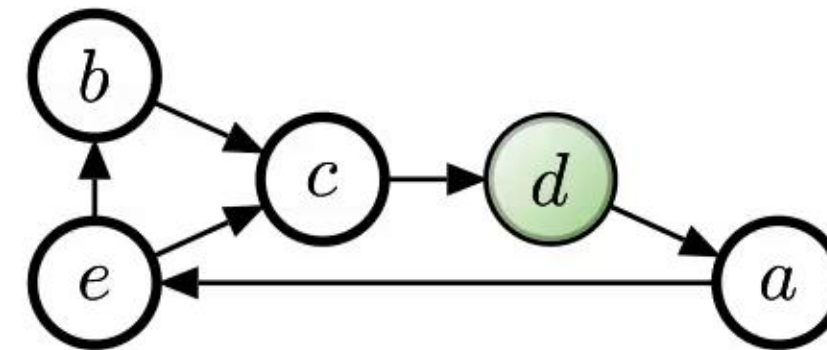


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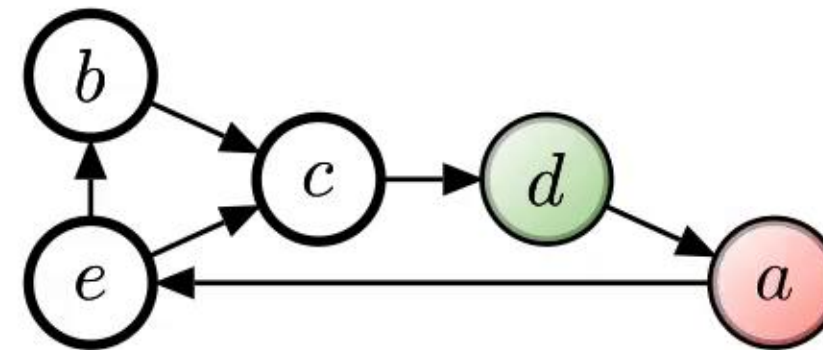


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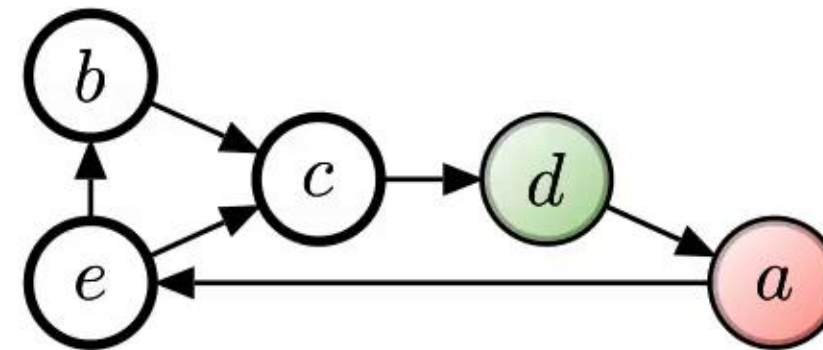


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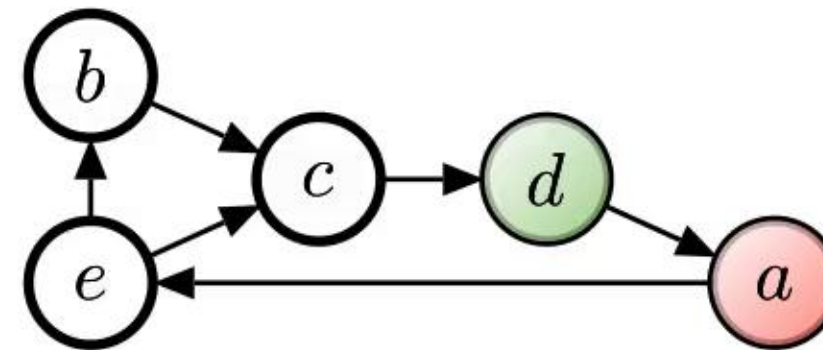


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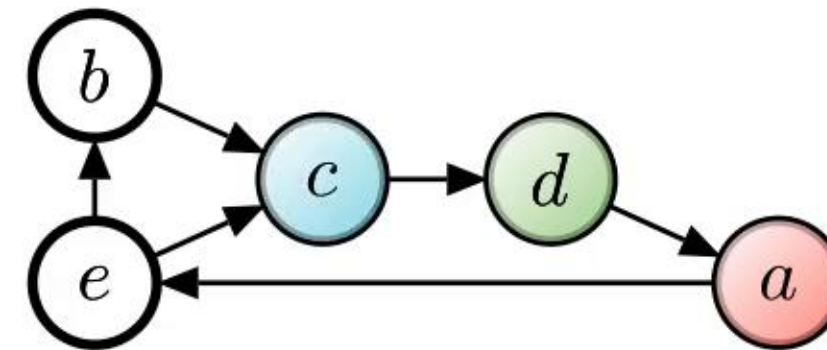


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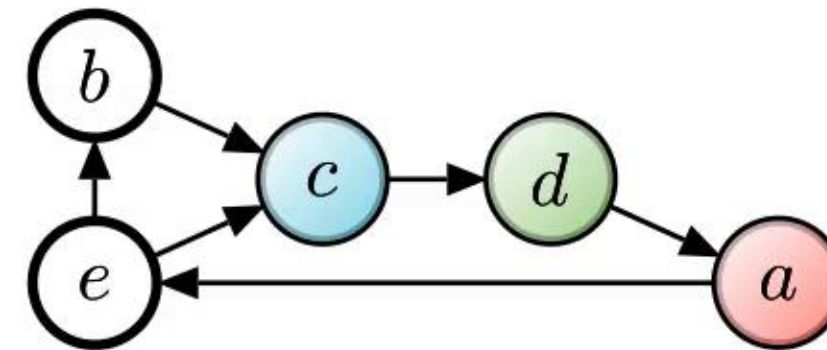


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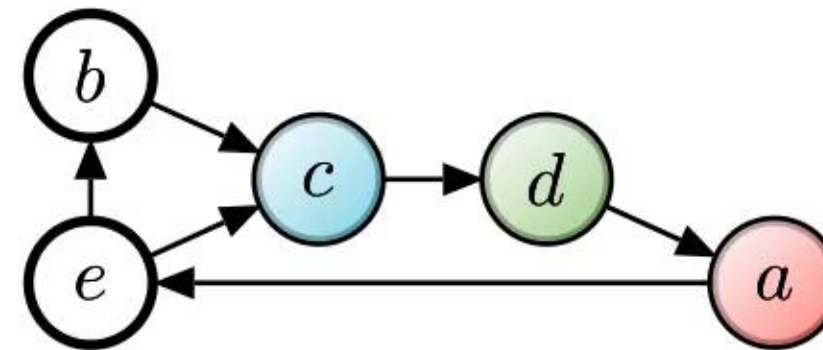


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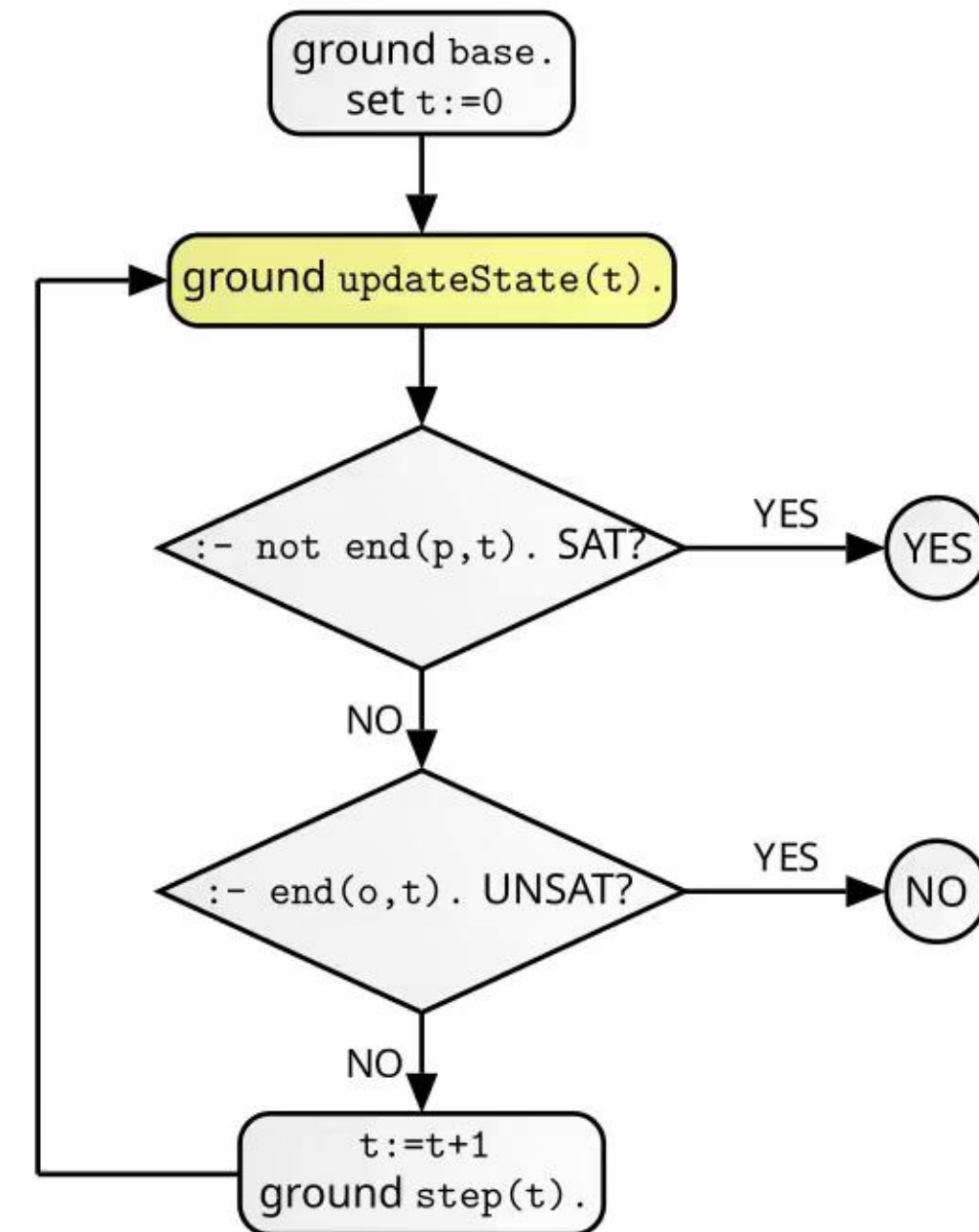
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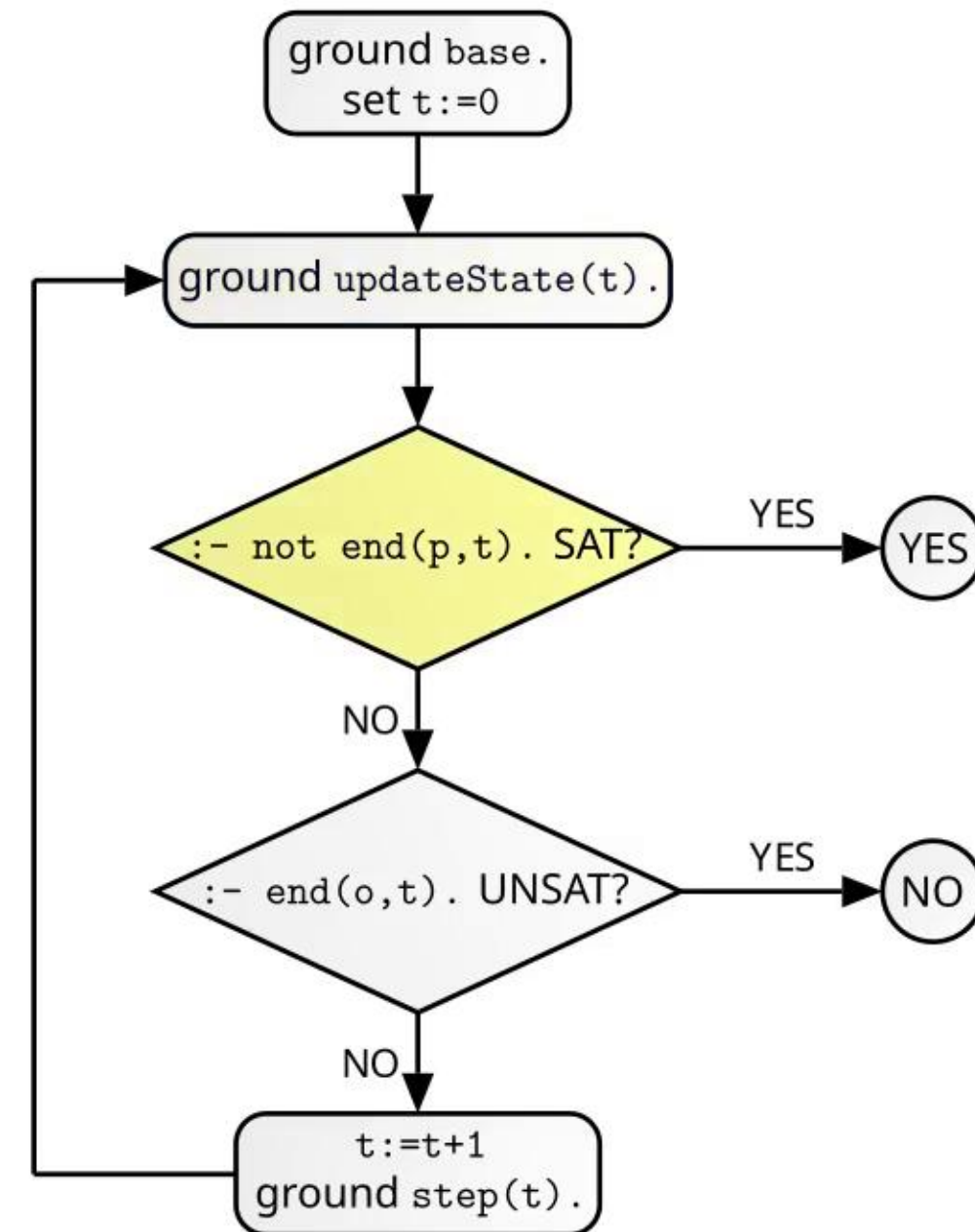
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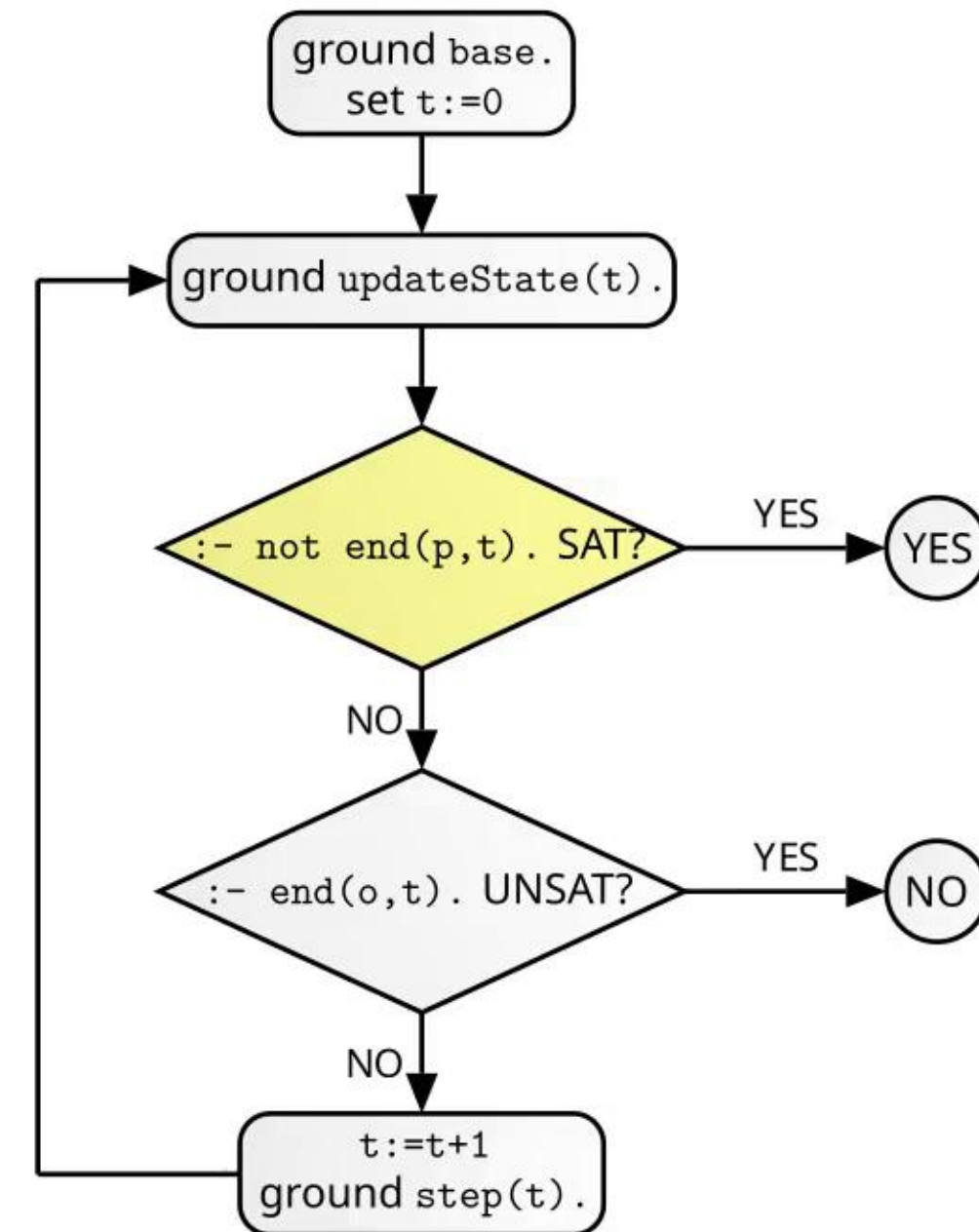
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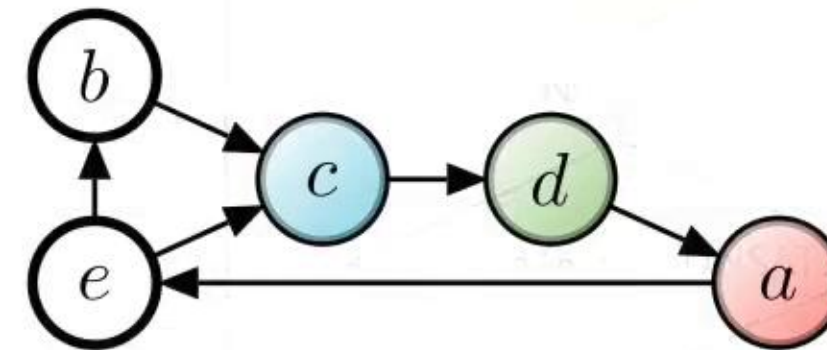
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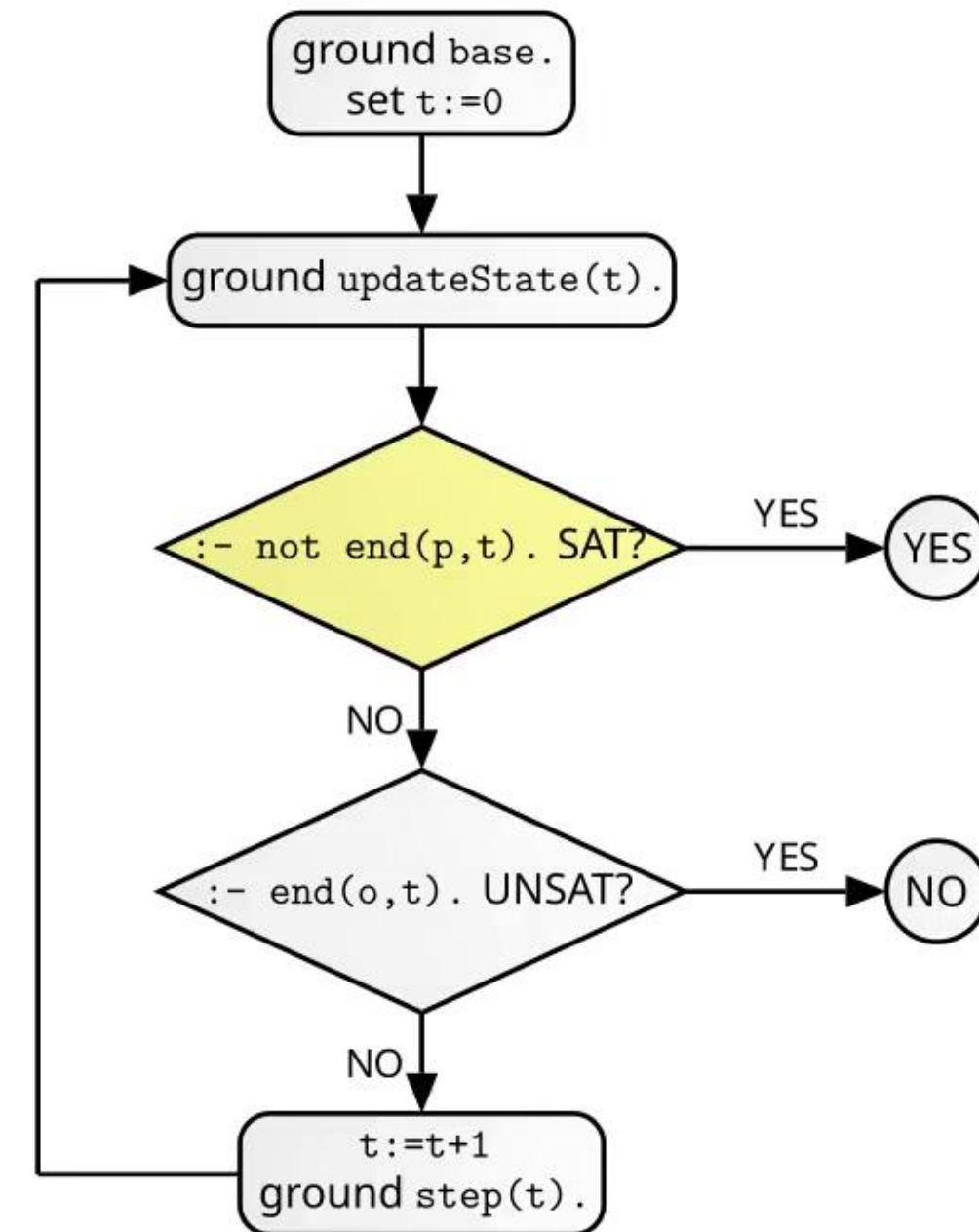
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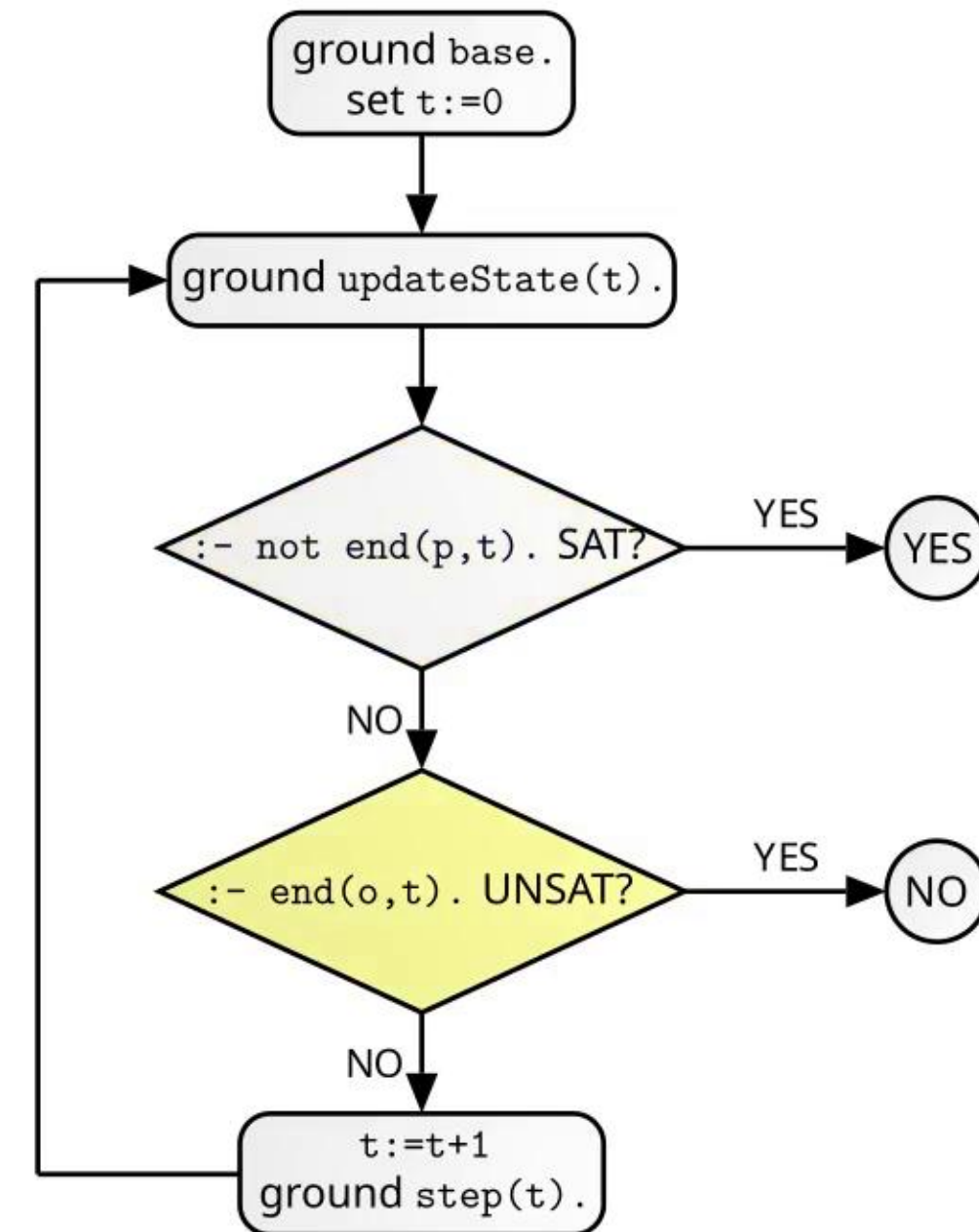
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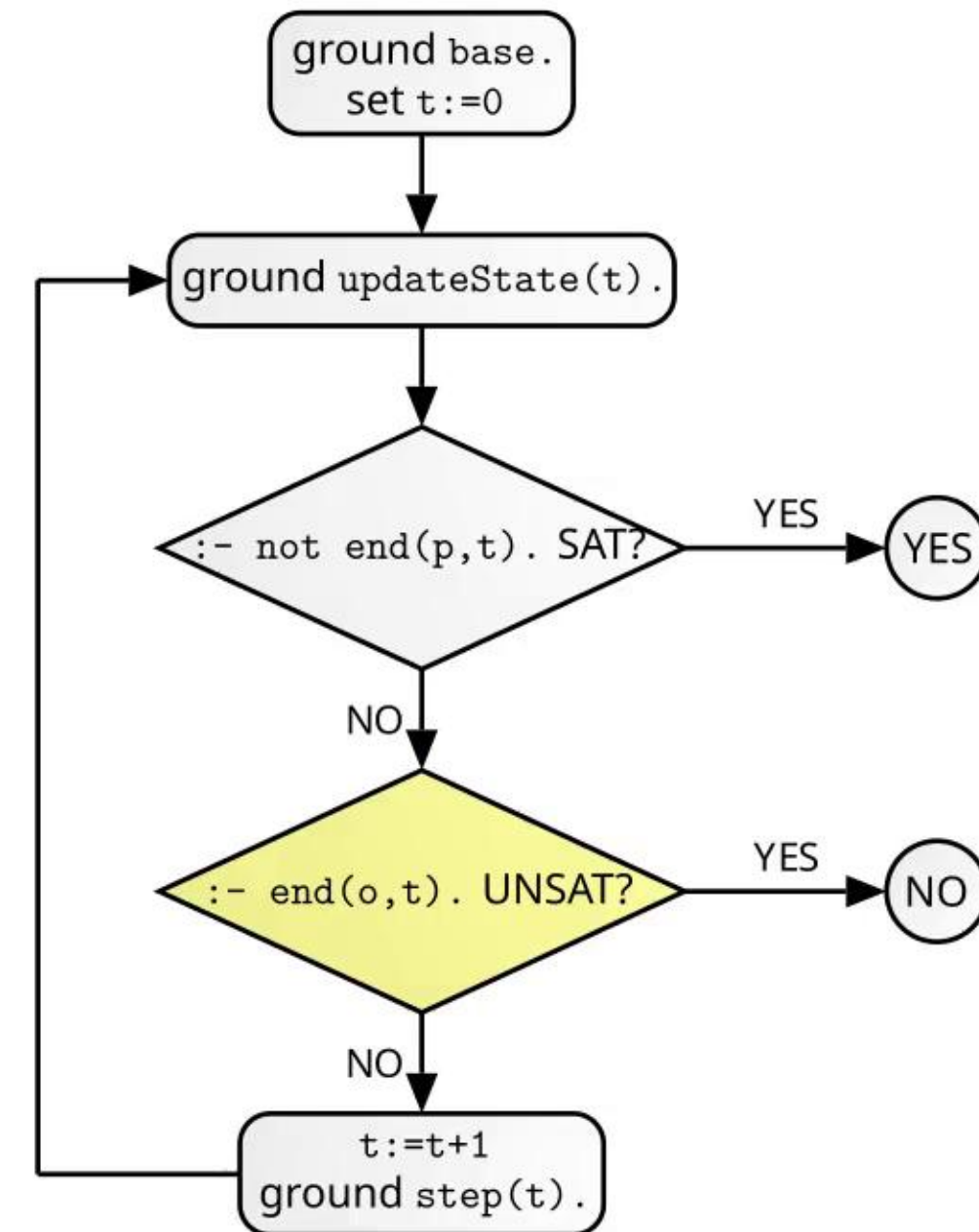
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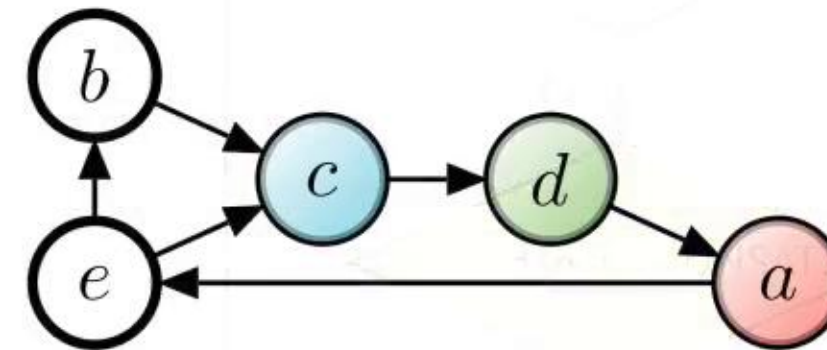
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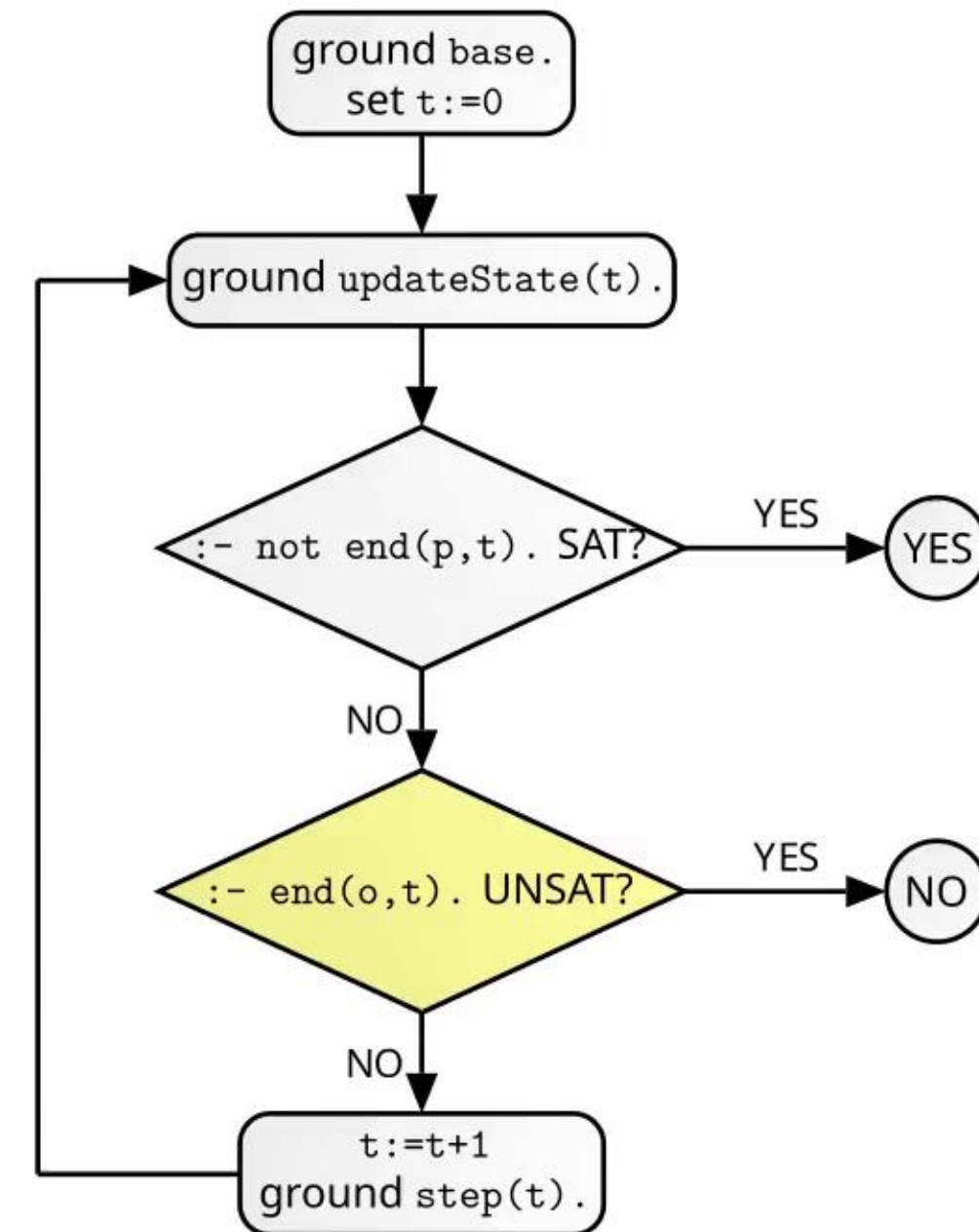
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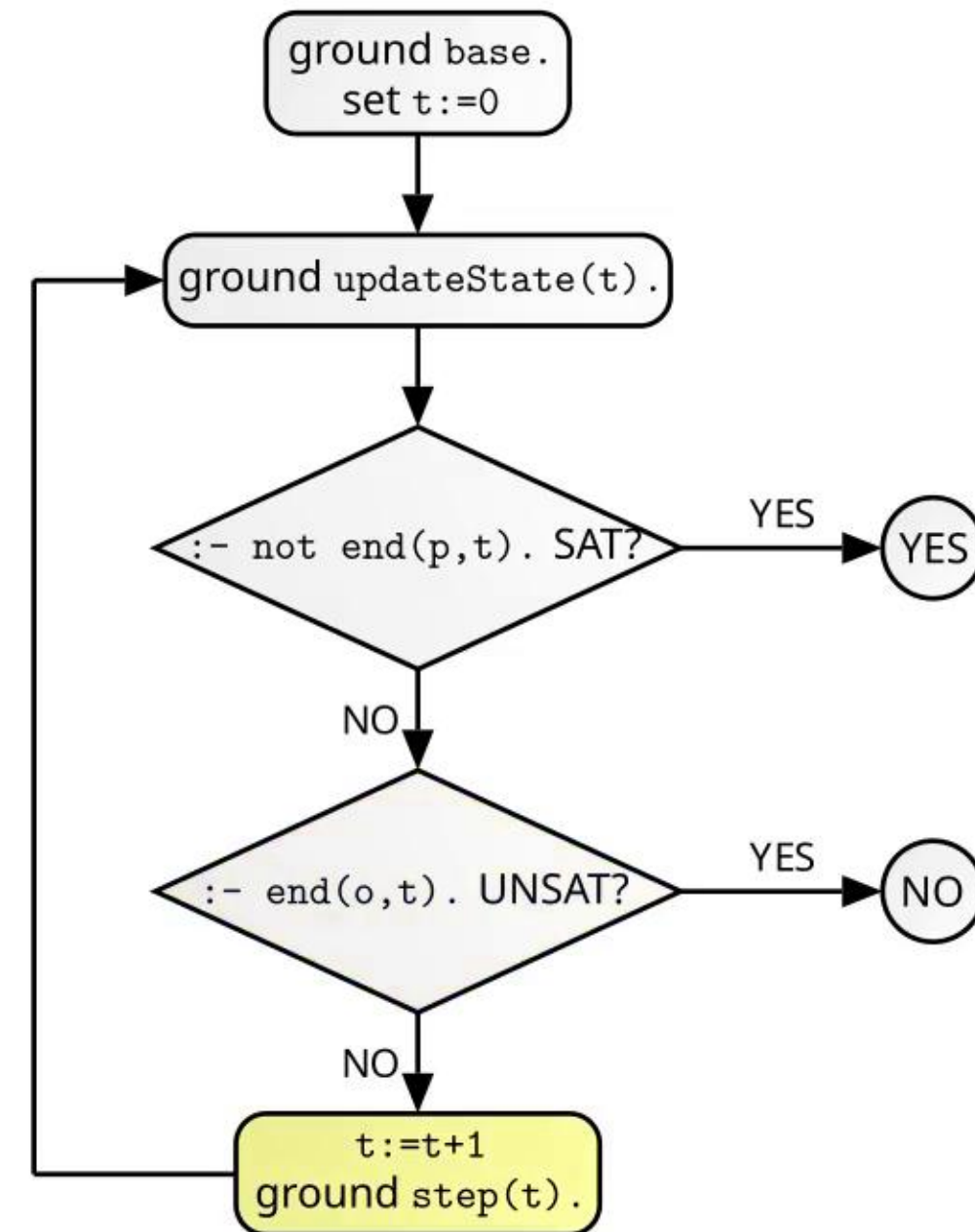
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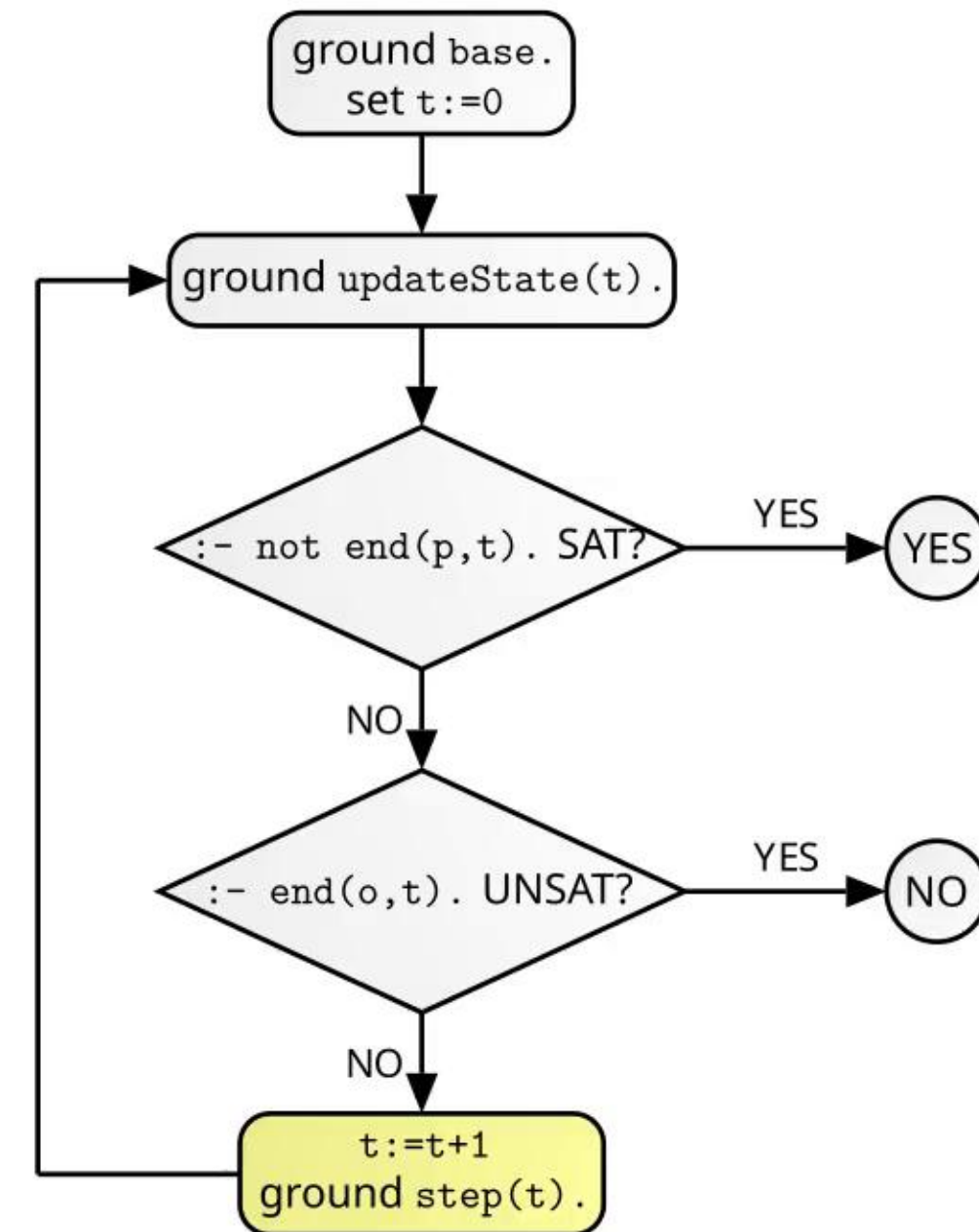
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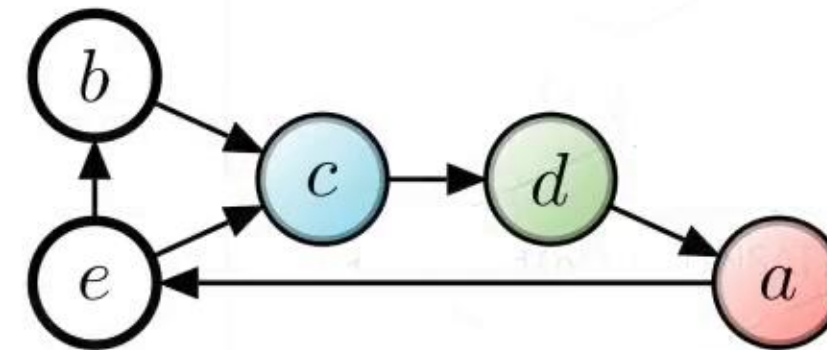
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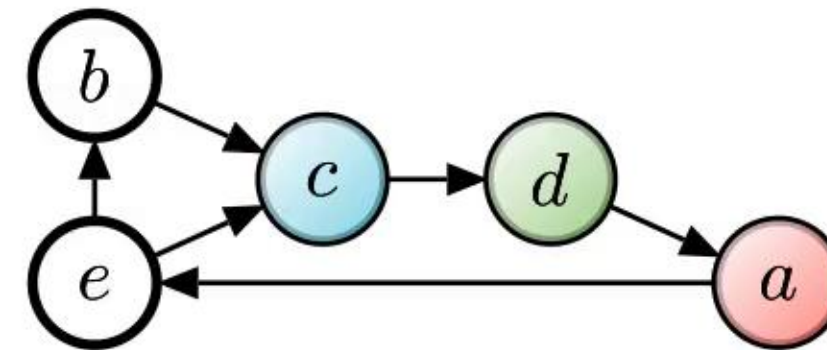


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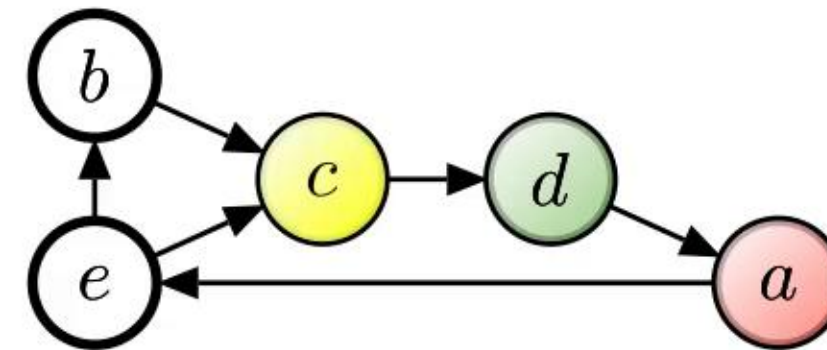


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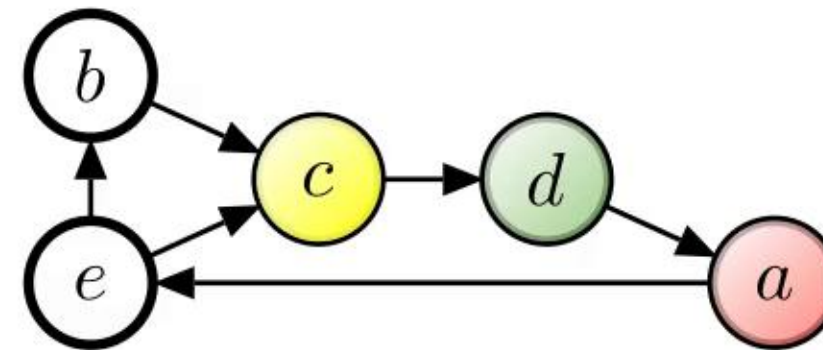


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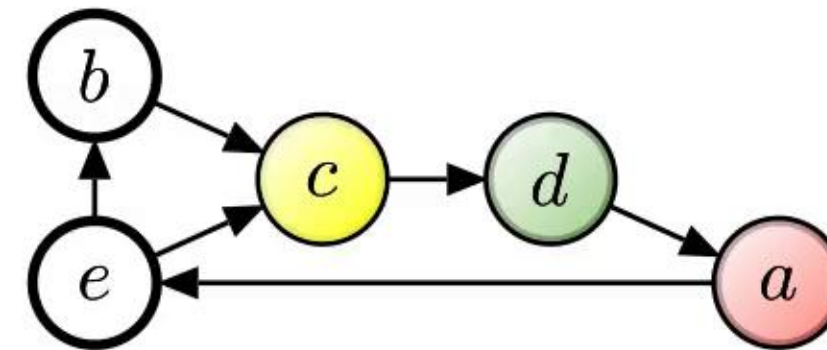


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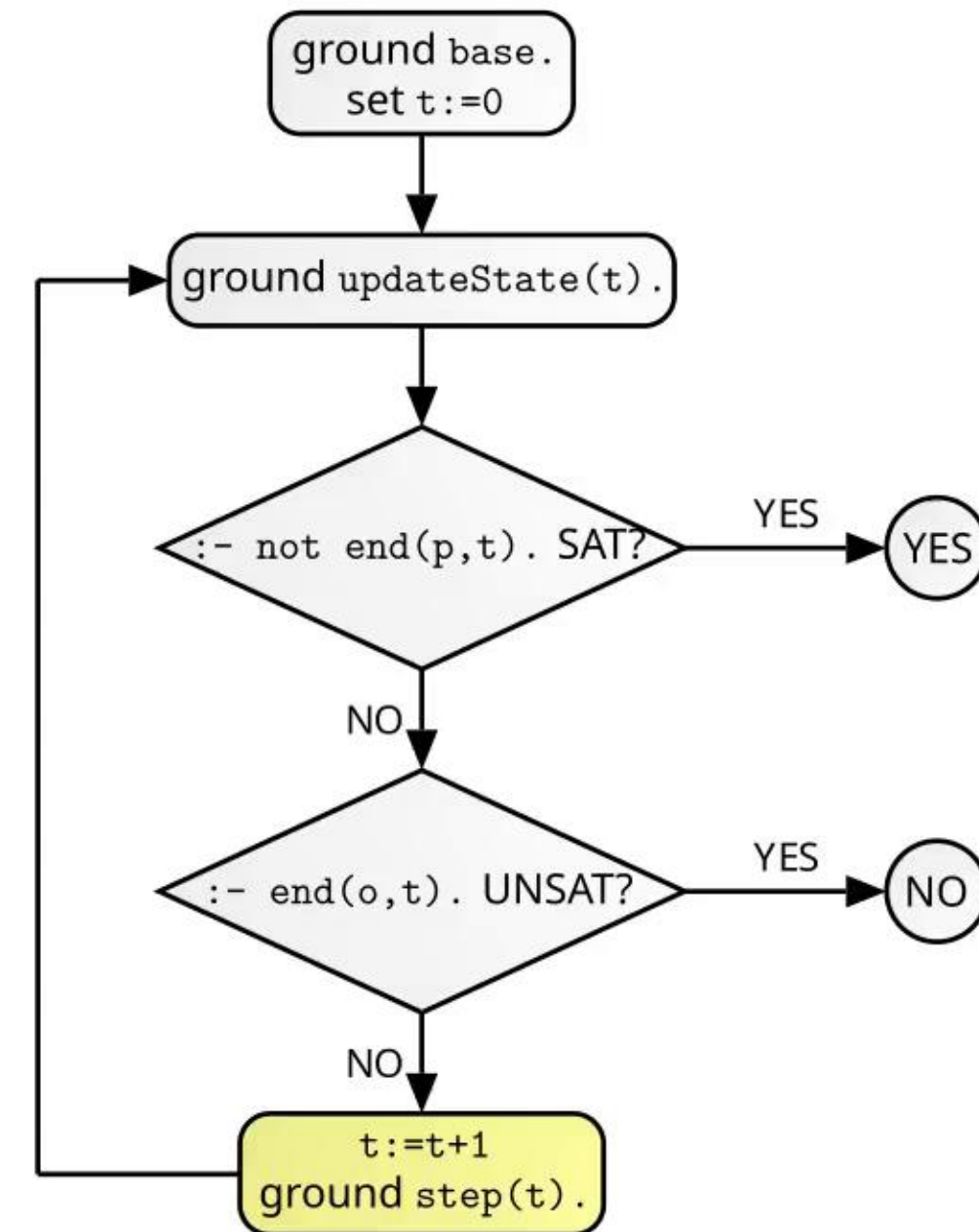
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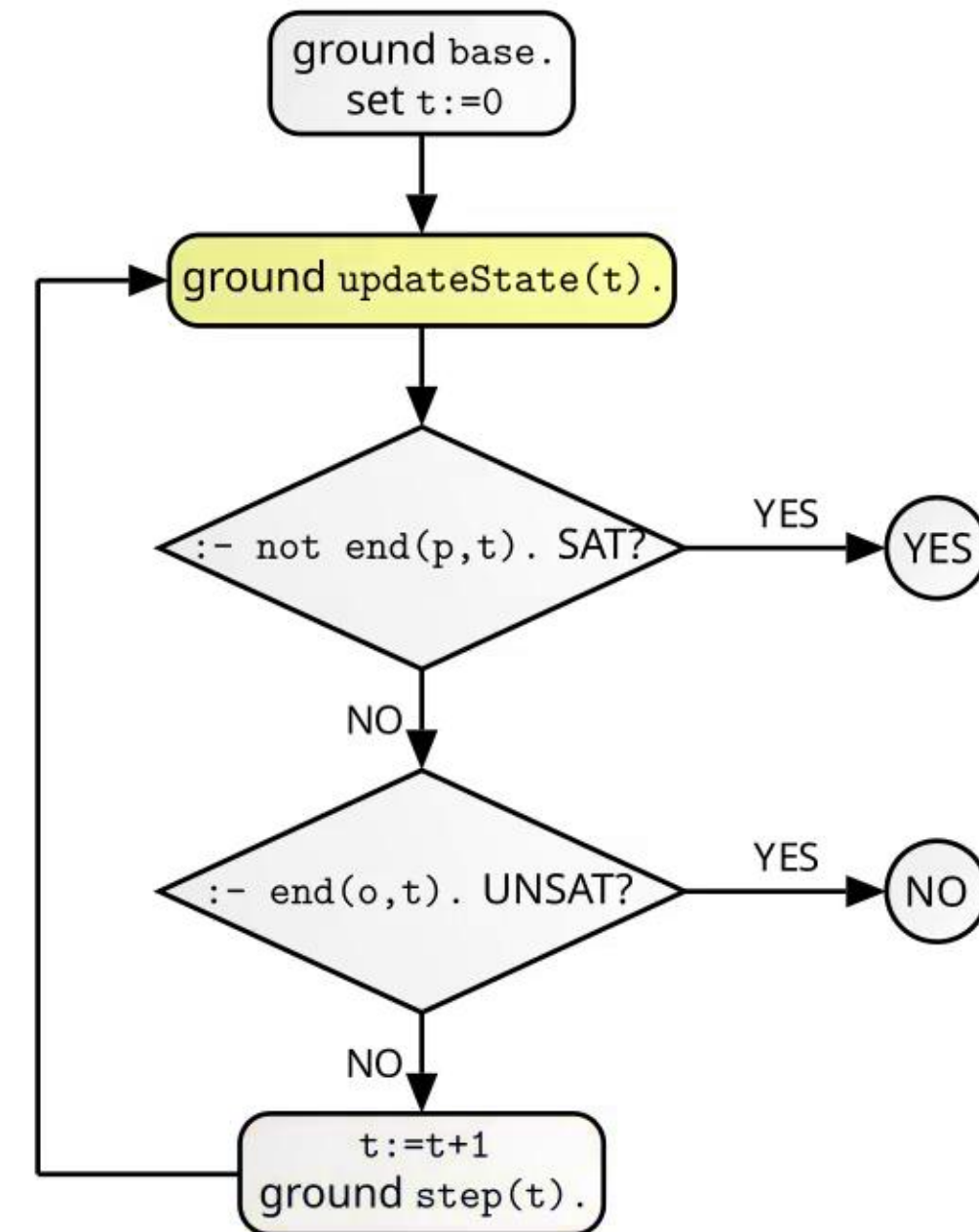
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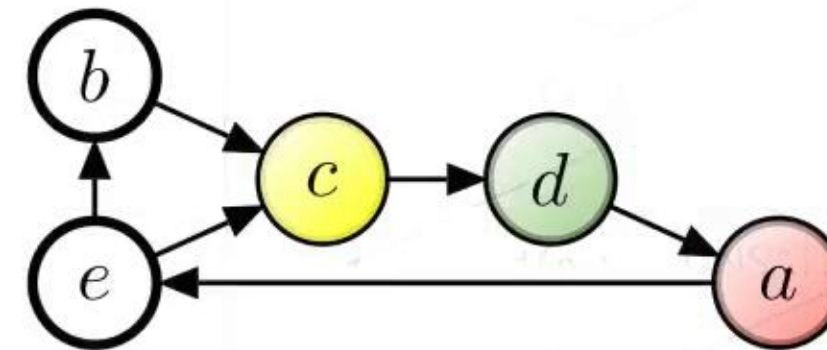
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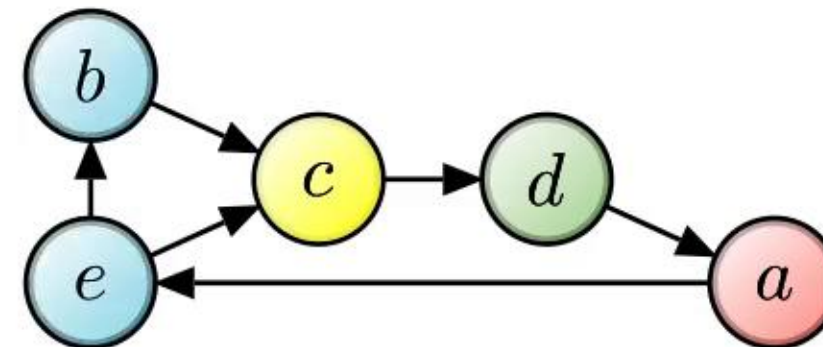


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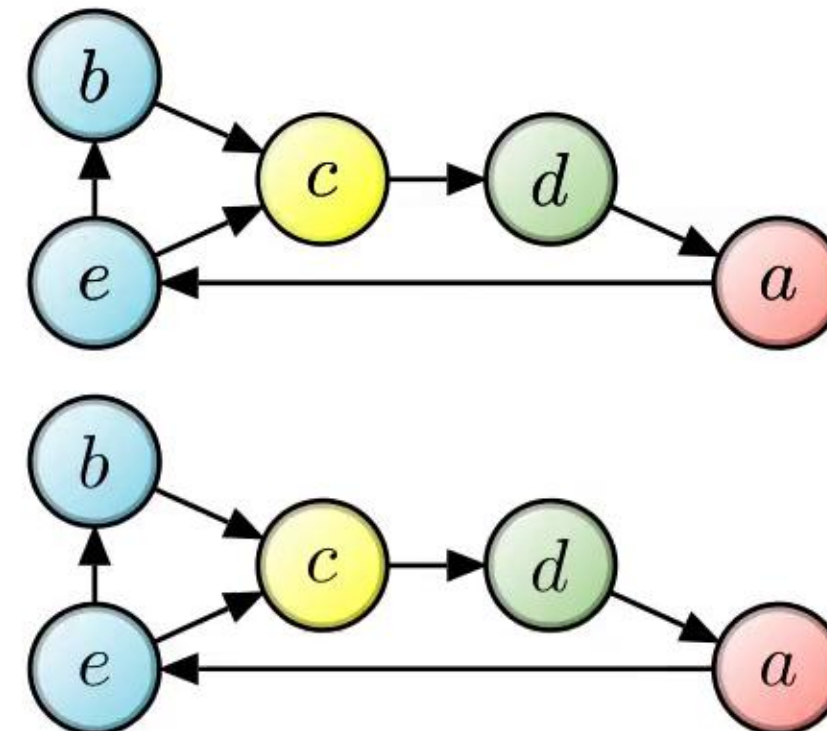


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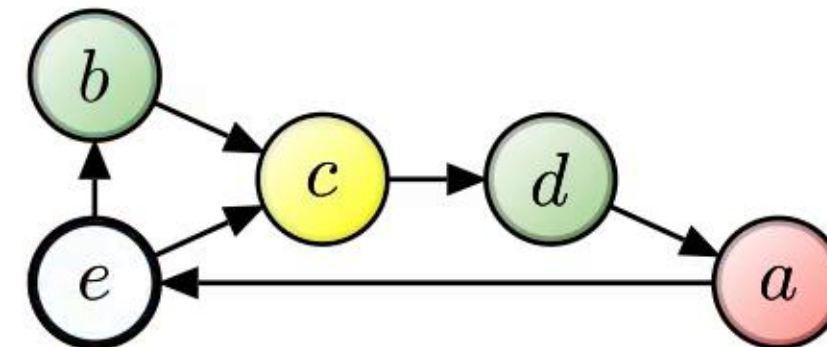
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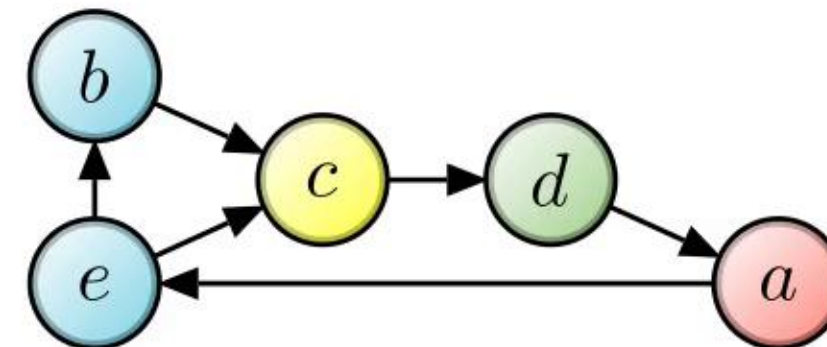
Multi-shot ASP for Dung's AFs

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12 end(t,p) :- g(G), m(_,p,G), not pm(t,o,_),
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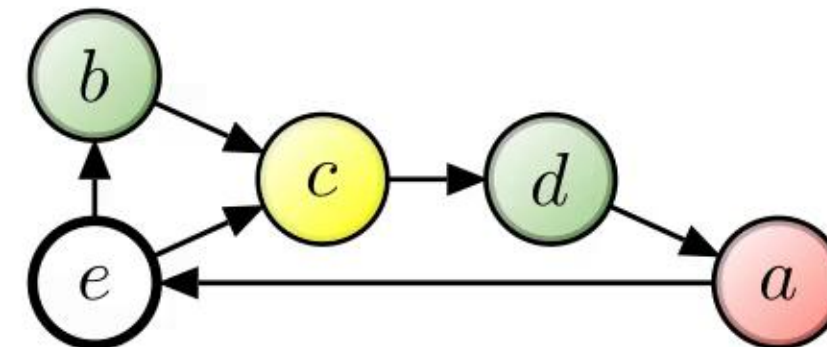


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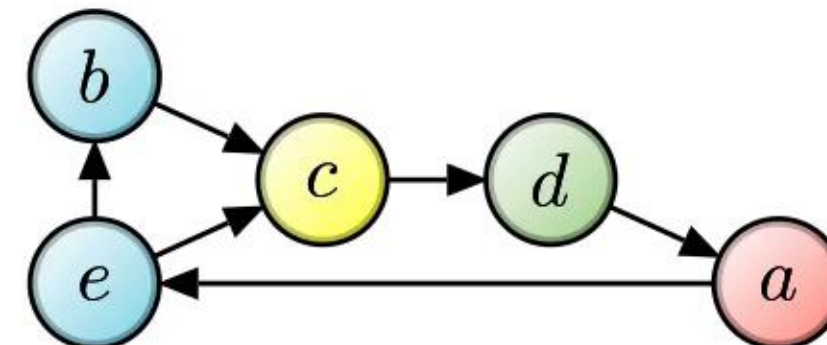
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4 att(c,d).
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8 g(d).
```



Output:

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m(0,p,d).
m(1,o,c).
m(2,p,b).
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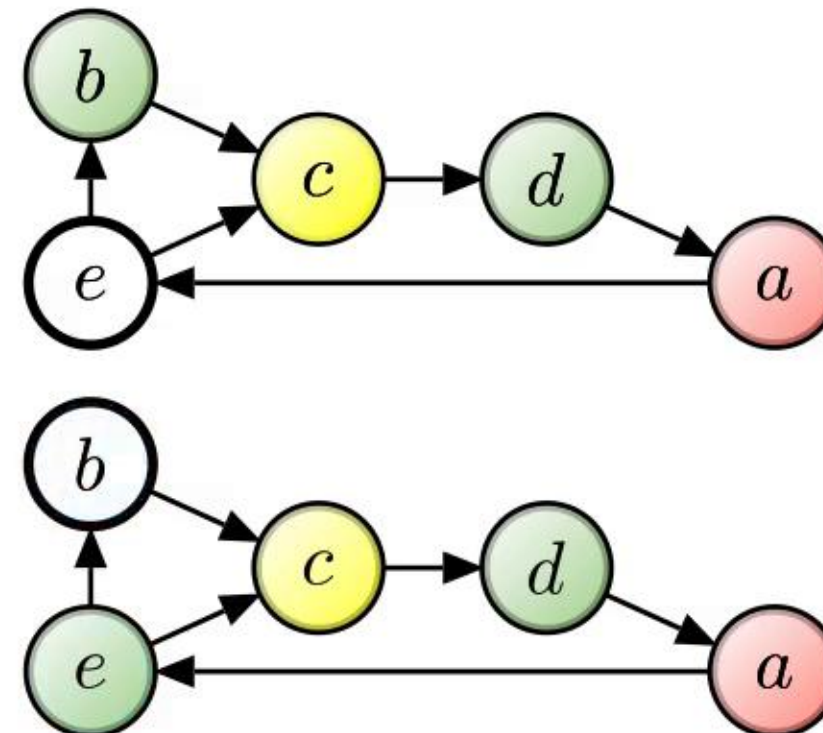
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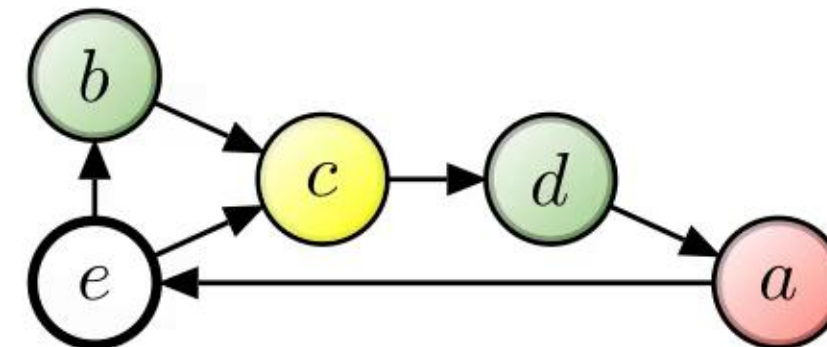
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m(0,p,d).
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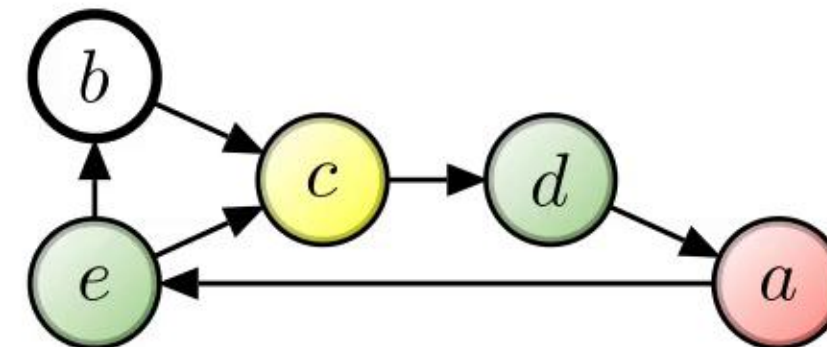
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```

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2 att(a,e).
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4 att(c,d).
5 att(d,a).
6 att(e,b).
7 att(e,c).
8 g(d).
```



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m(0,p,d).
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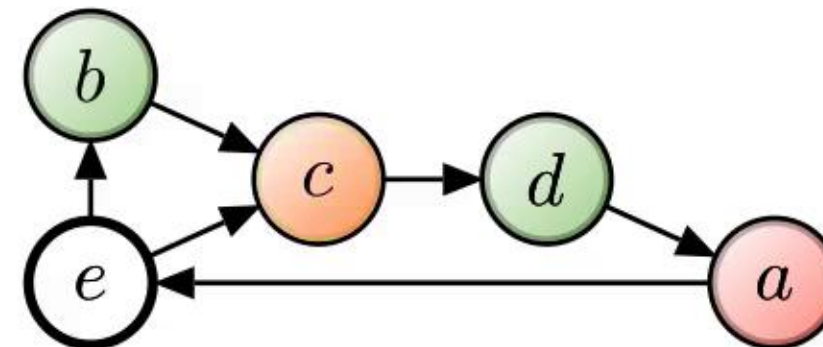
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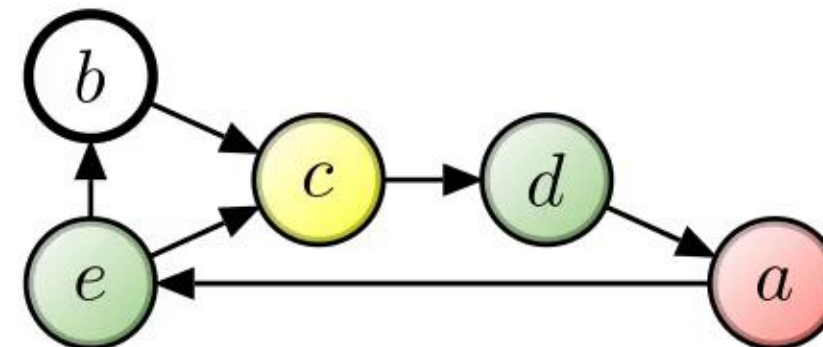
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6 att(e,b).
7 att(e,c).
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```



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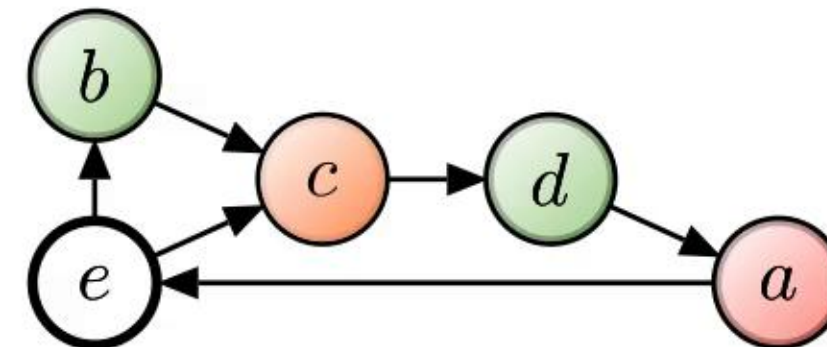
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 $m(2,p,e).$

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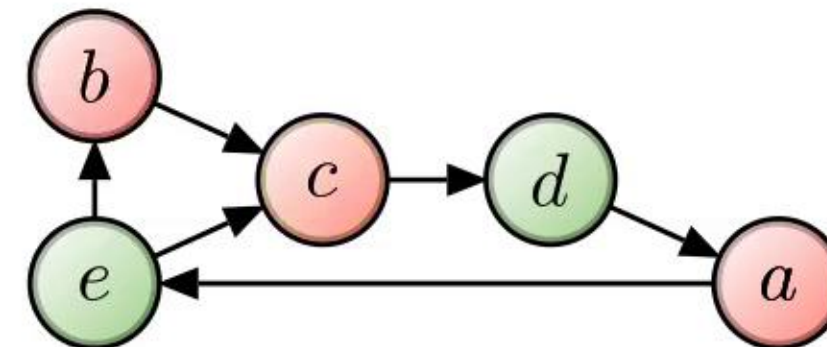
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4 att(c,d).
5 att(d,a).
6 att(e,b).
7 att(e,c).
8 g(d).
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Output:

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m(0,p,d).
m(1,o,c).
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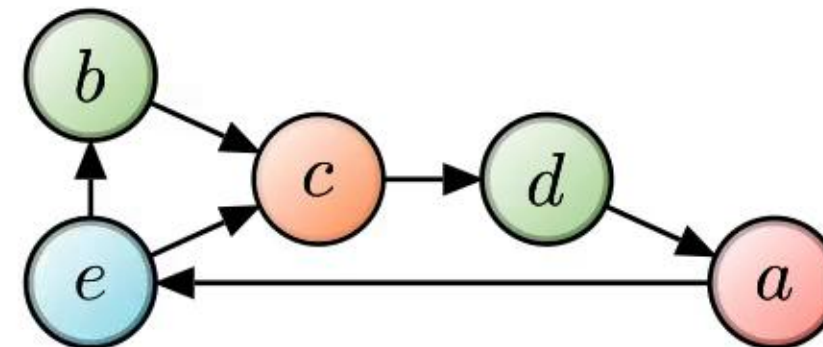
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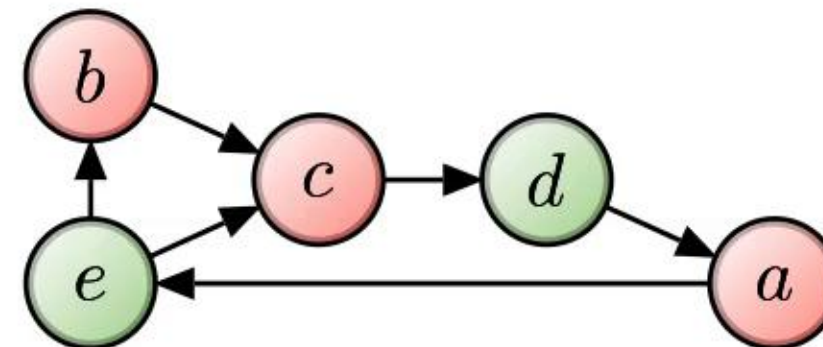
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2 att(a,e).
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4 att(c,d).
5 att(d,a).
6 att(e,b).
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8 g(d).
```



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m(0,p,d).
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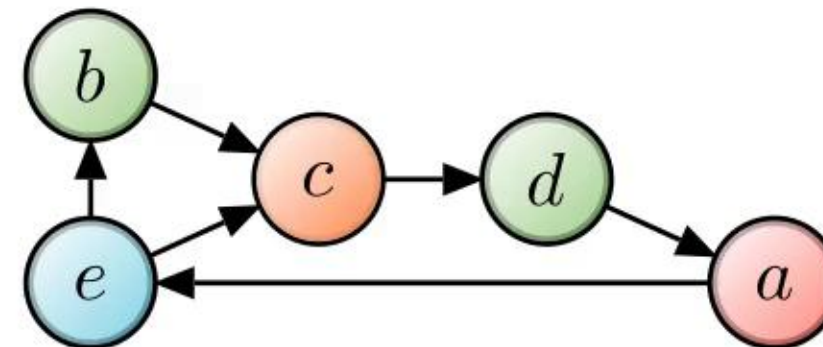
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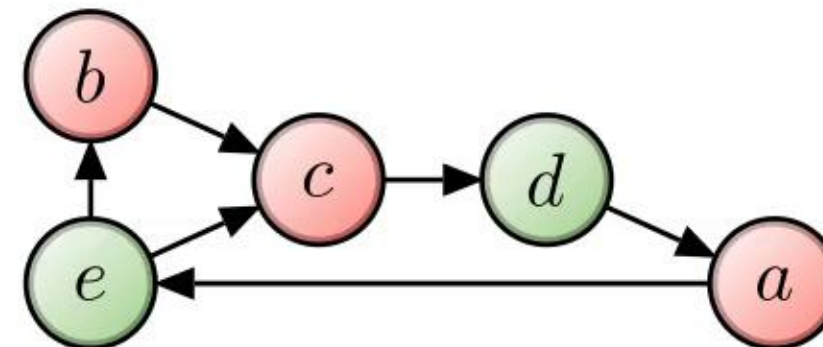
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6 att(e,b).
7 att(e,c).
8 g(d).
```



Output:

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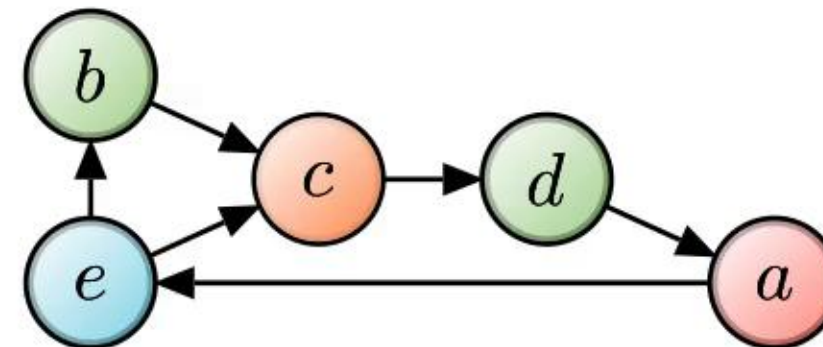
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end(2,p).
```


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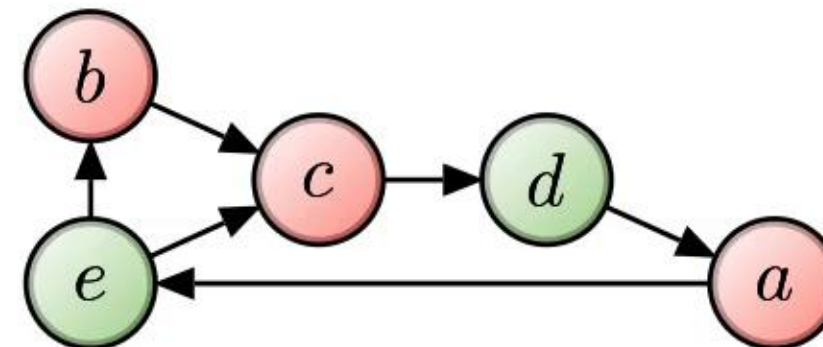
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```



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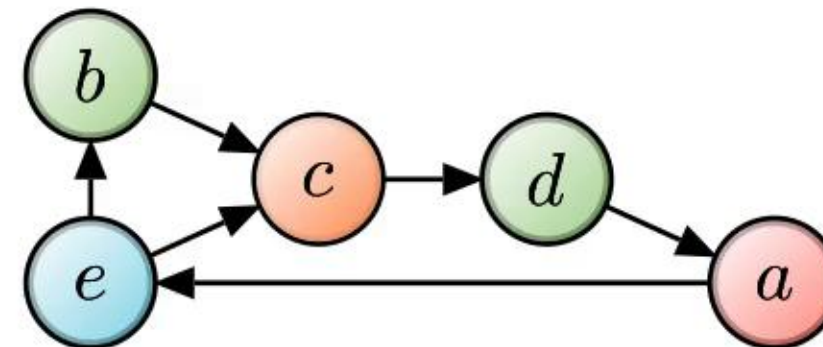
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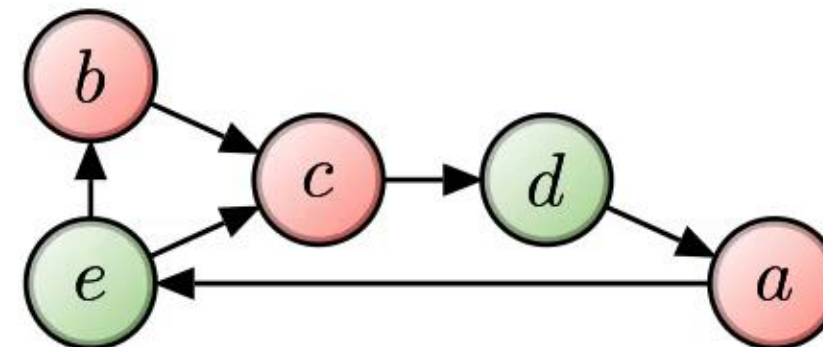
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6 att(e,b).
7 att(e,c).
8 g(d).
```



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```
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m(0,p,d).
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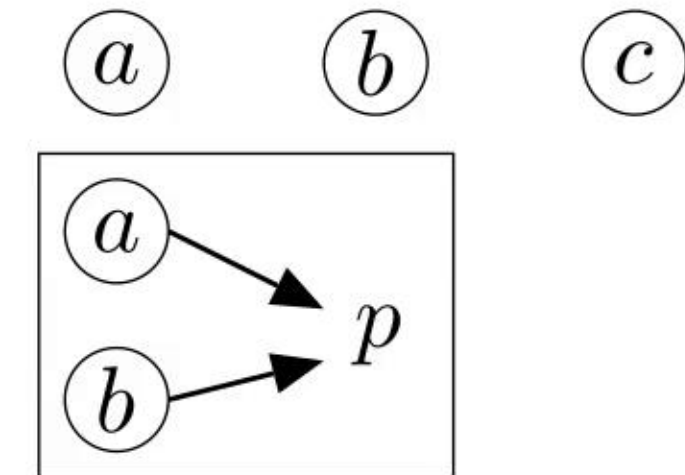
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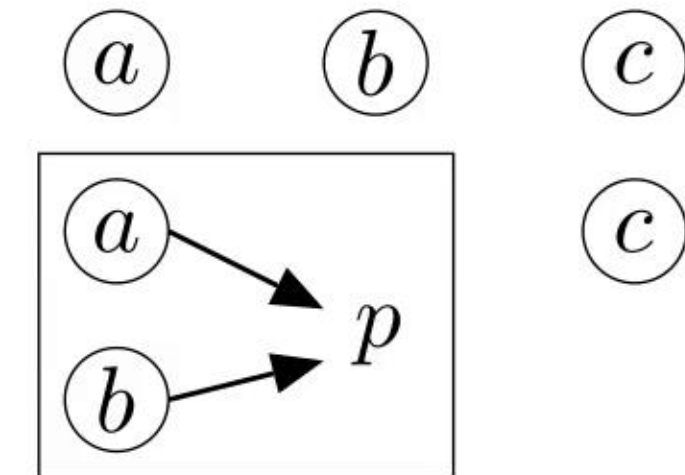
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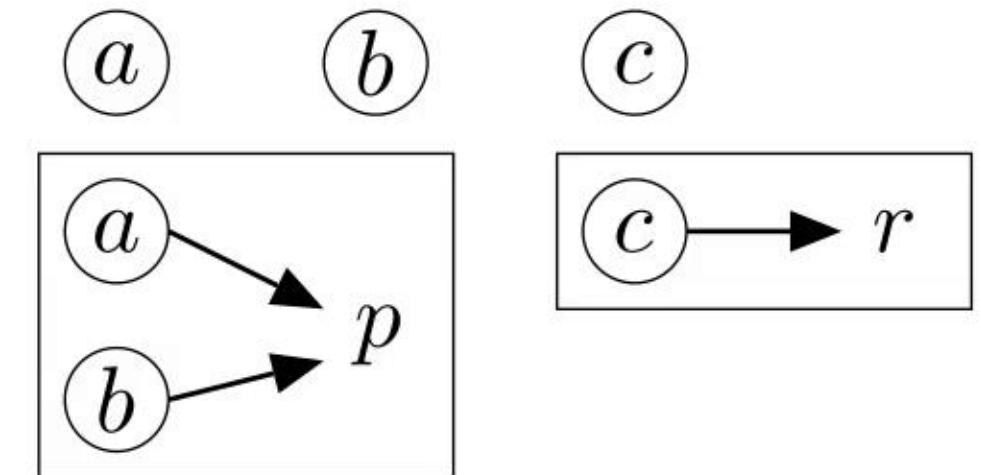
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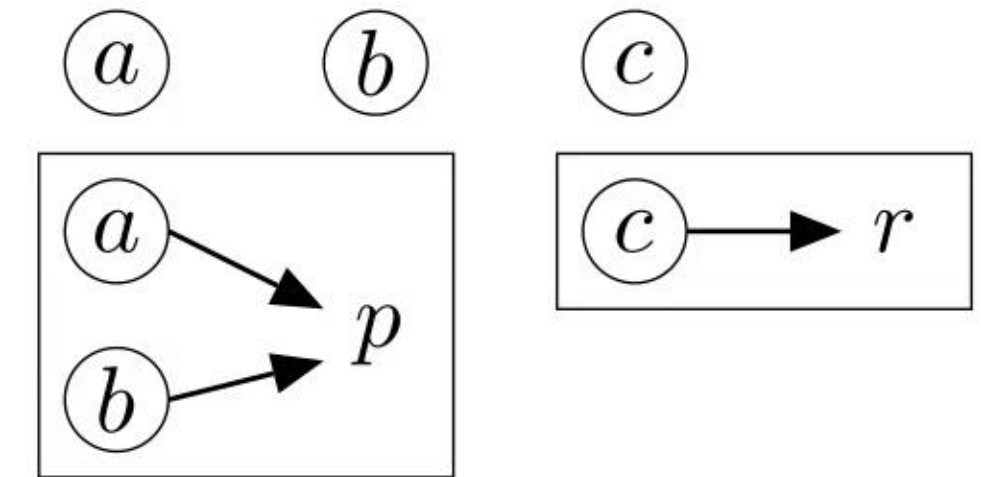
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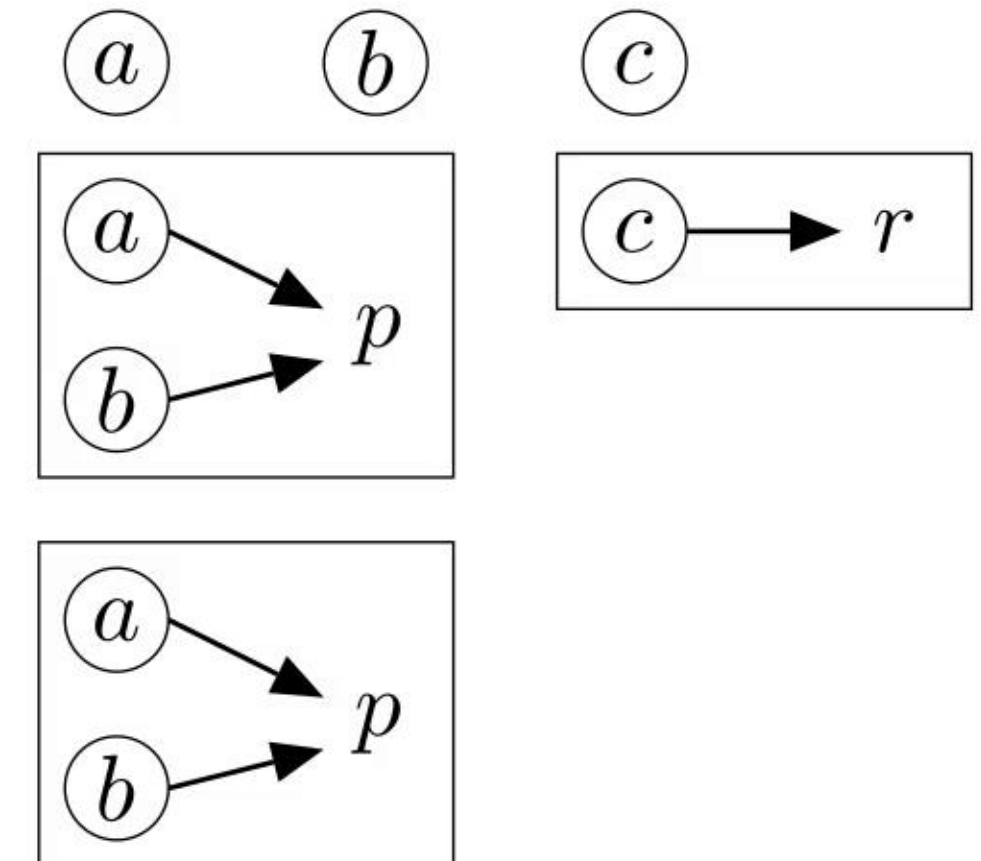
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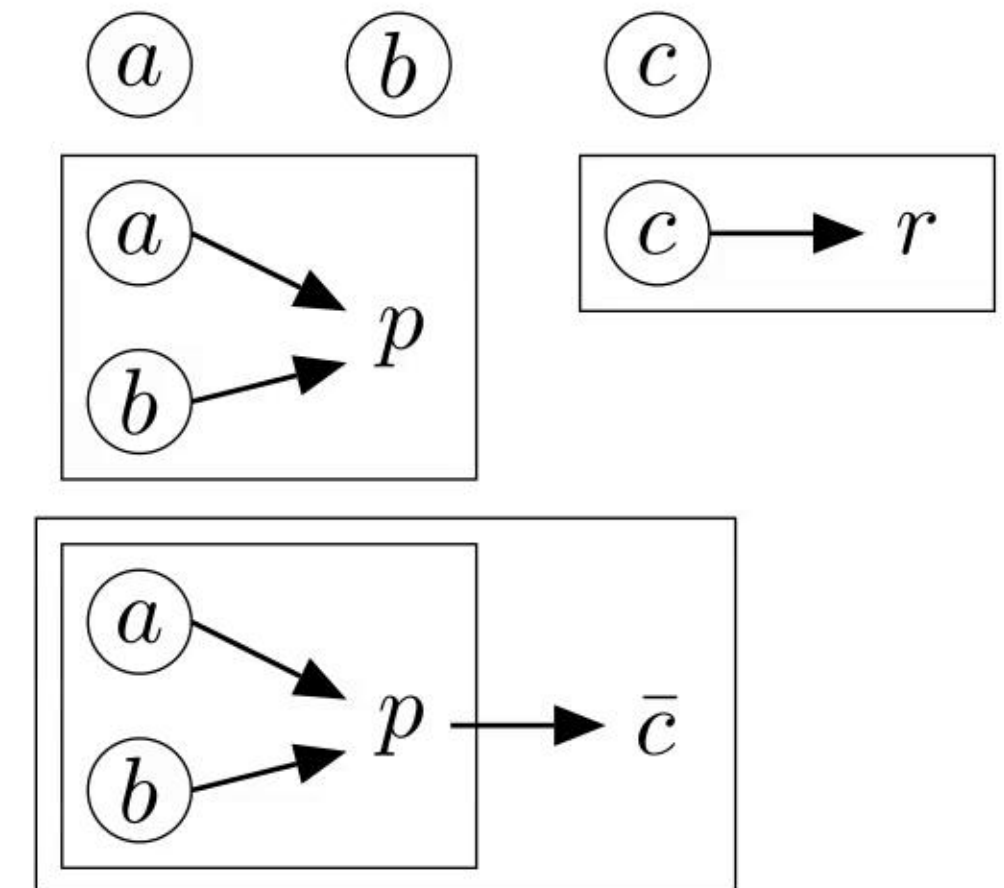
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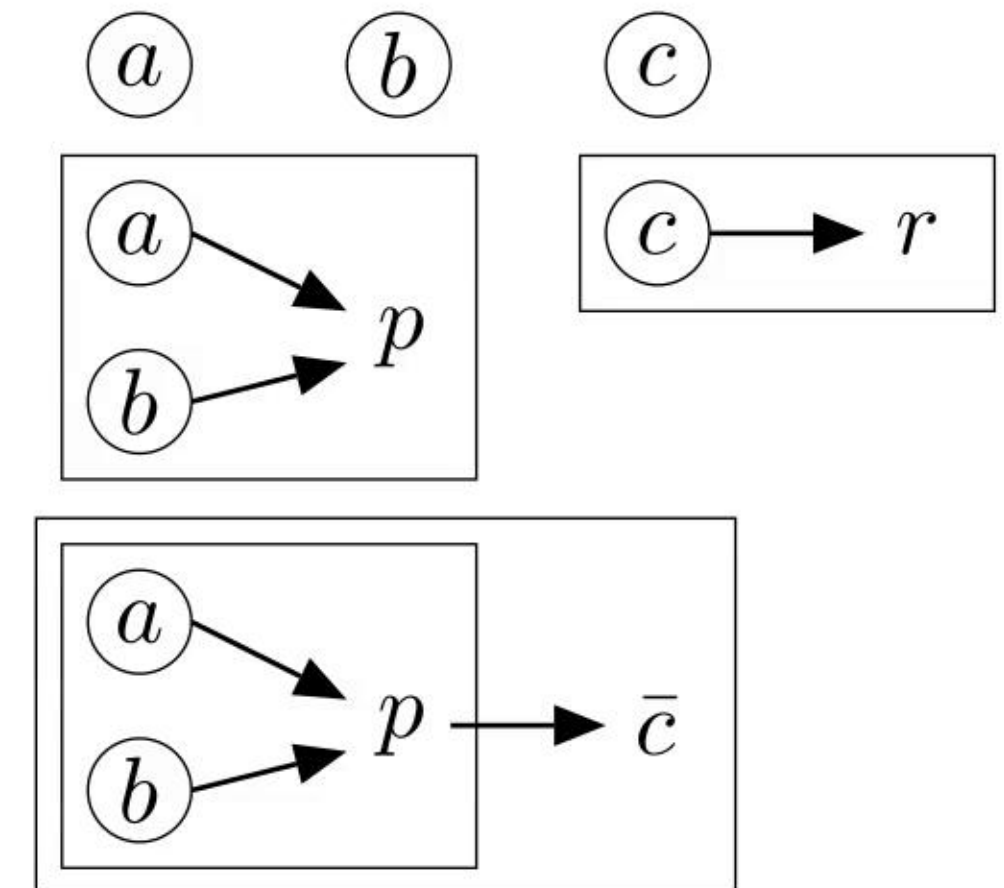
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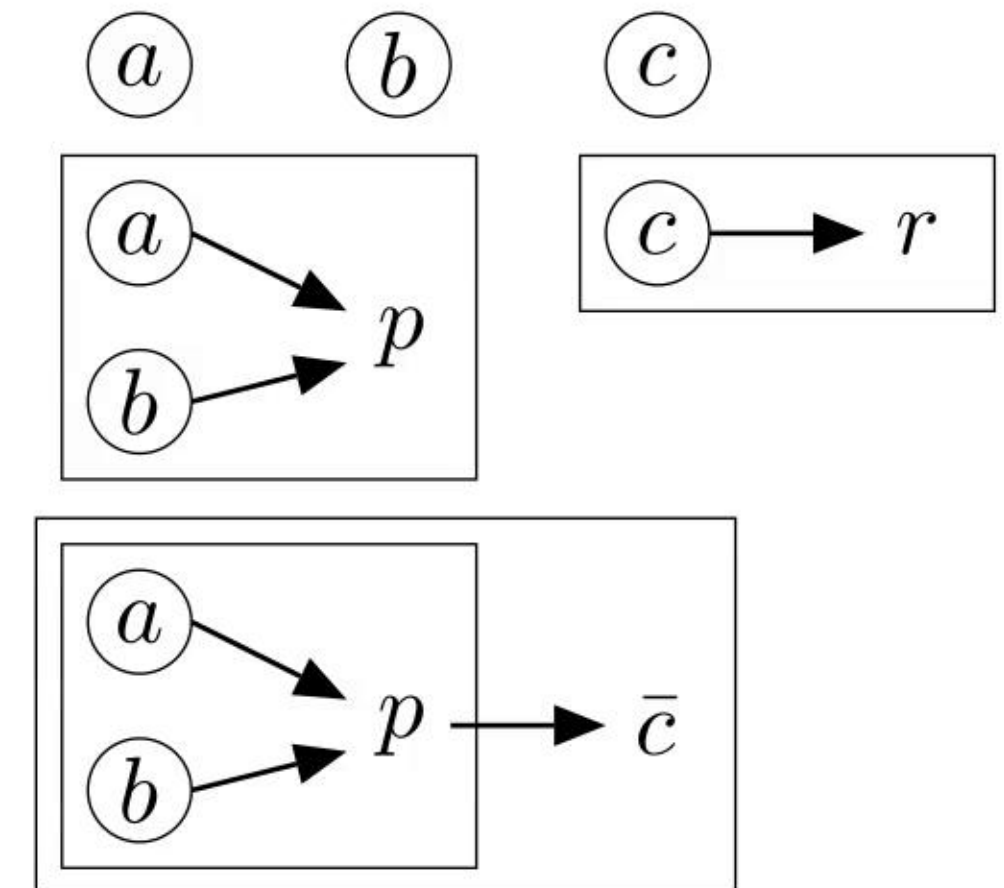
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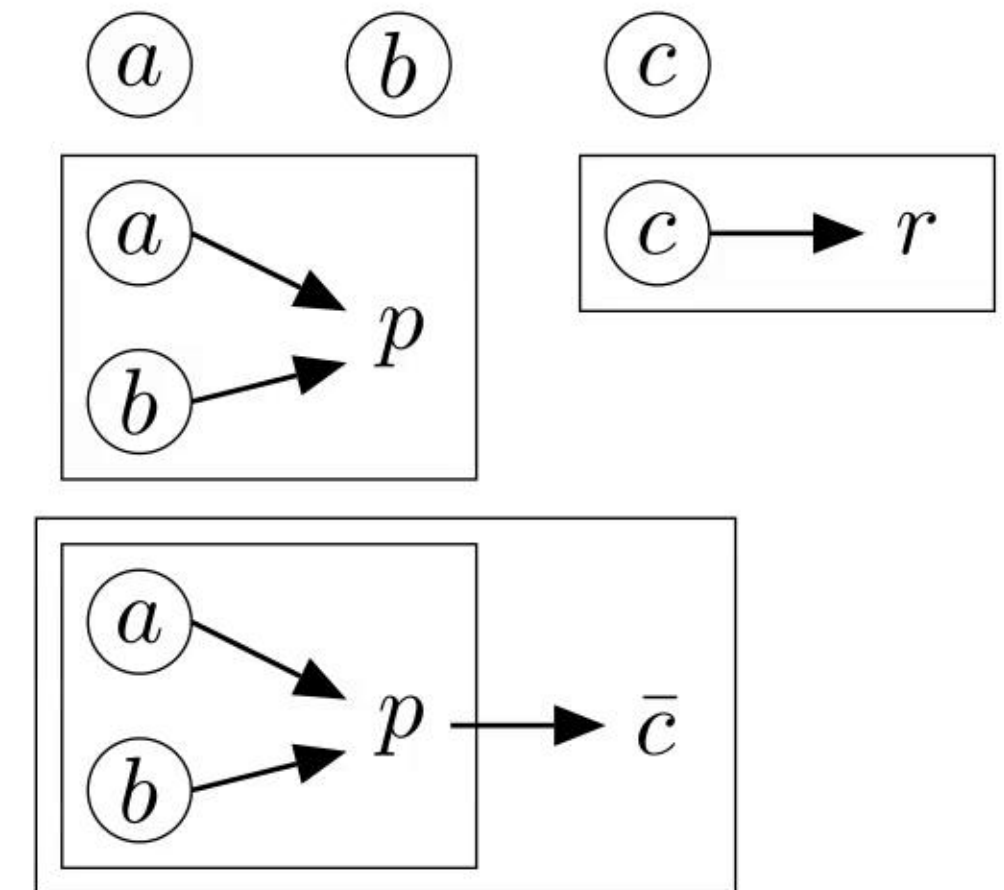
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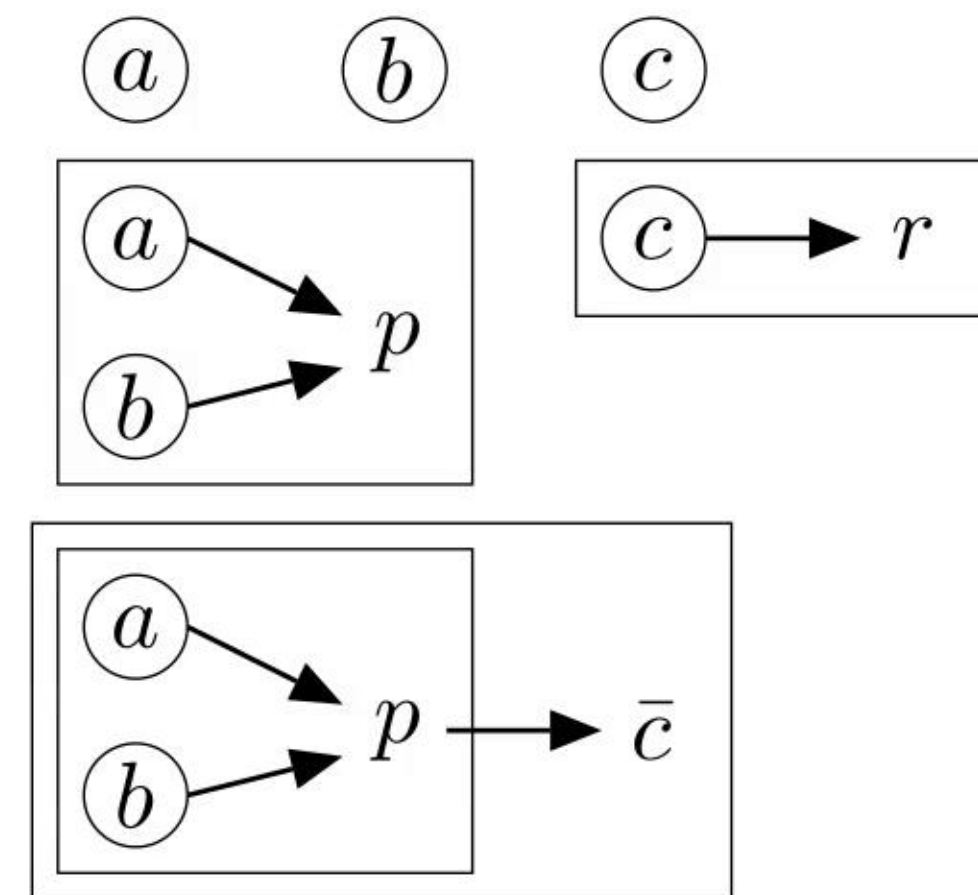
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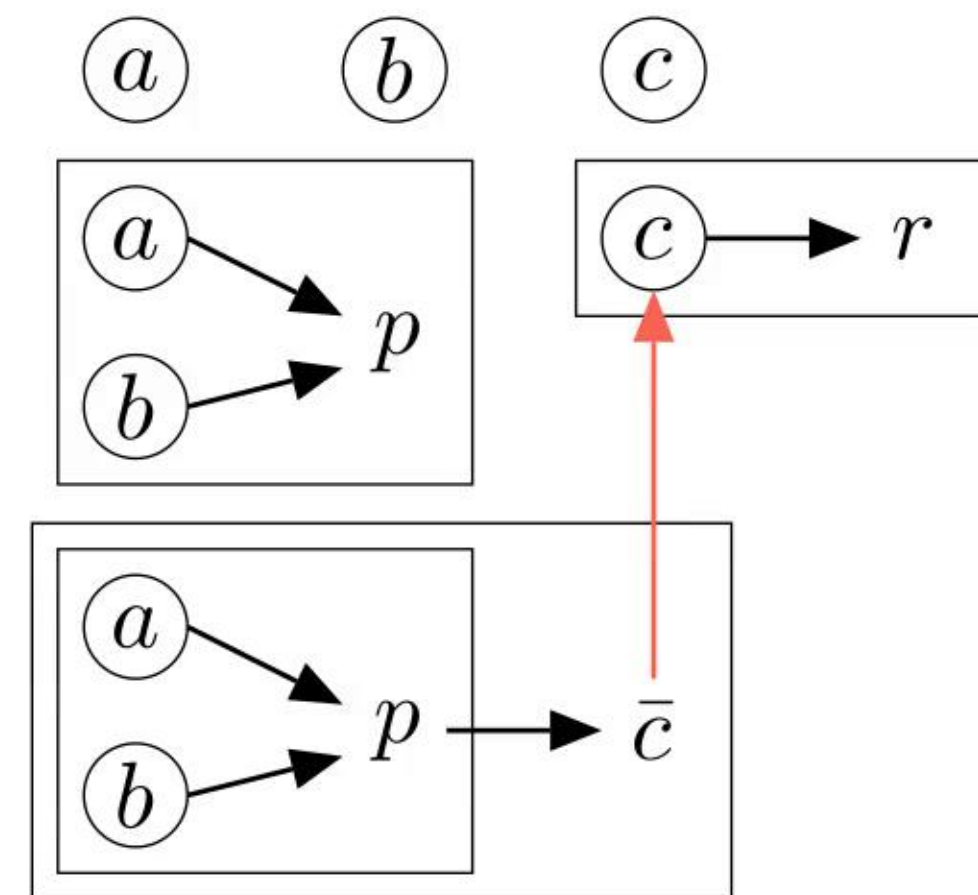
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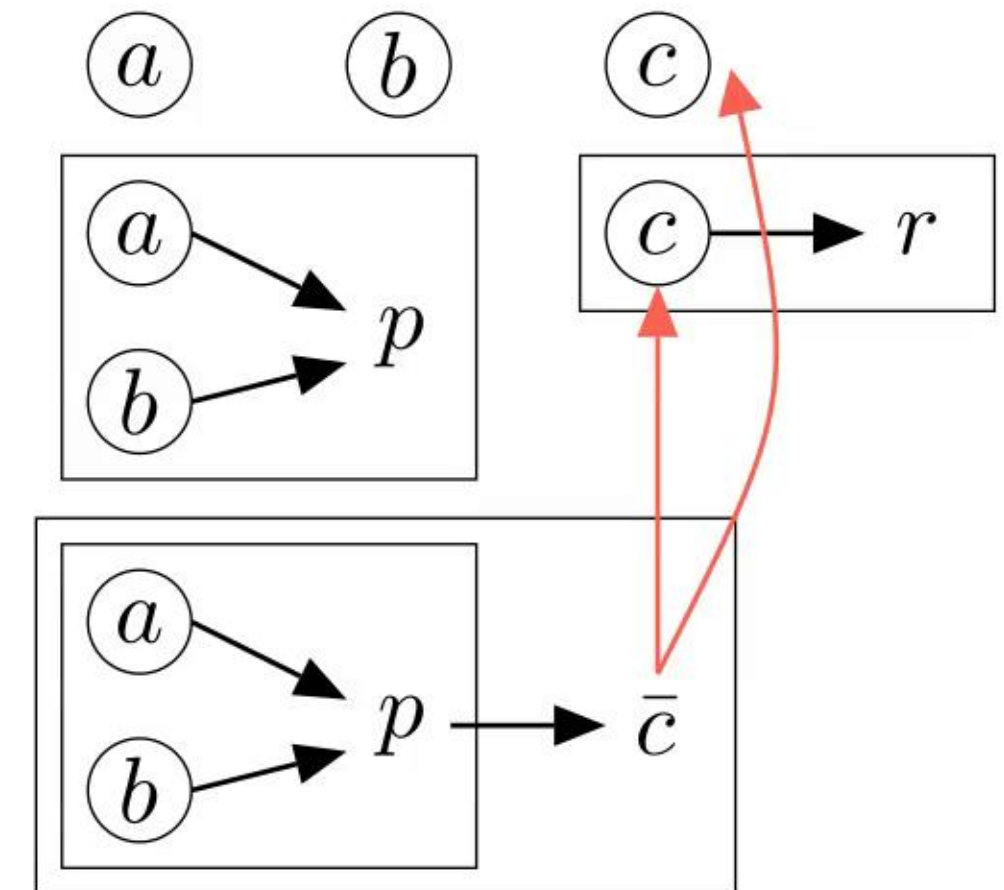
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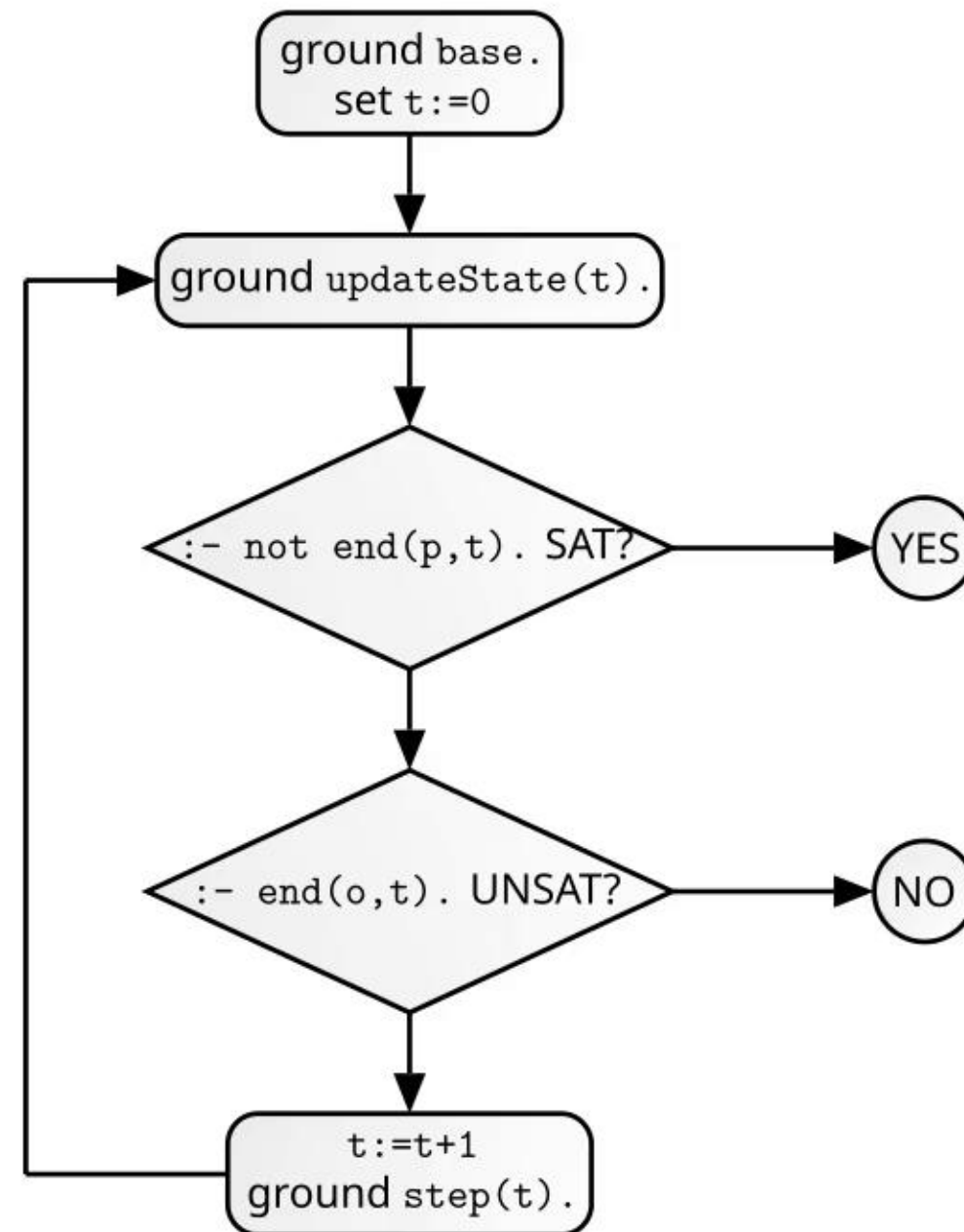
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20 stExpS(t,H,o) :- stS(_,H,o), remBloR(_,R,H,o) : remR(t,R,H,o). % fully expanded
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25 comS(t,H,p) :- stR(_,R,H,p), comS(t,S,p) : body(R, S).
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32 culCan(t,C) :- assumption(C), unbloSupSS(t,C,o). % culprit candidate
33
34 pm(t,p,pb1,R) :- remR(t,R,H,p), not remBloR(_,R,H,p), unexpS(t,H,p). % possible moves
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36     not stS(_,H,p), not contrary(D, H) : def(_,D).
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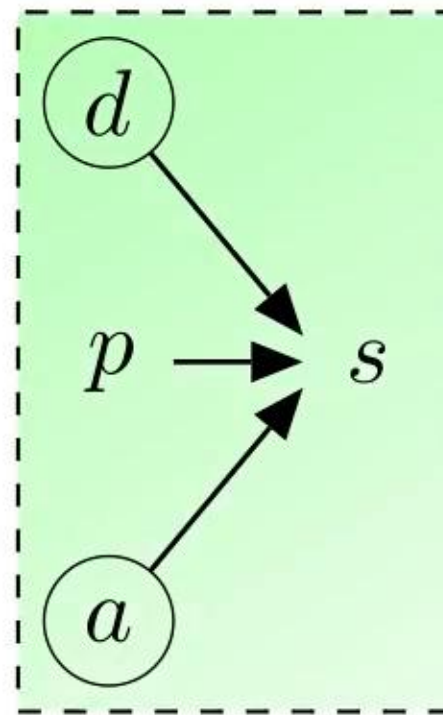
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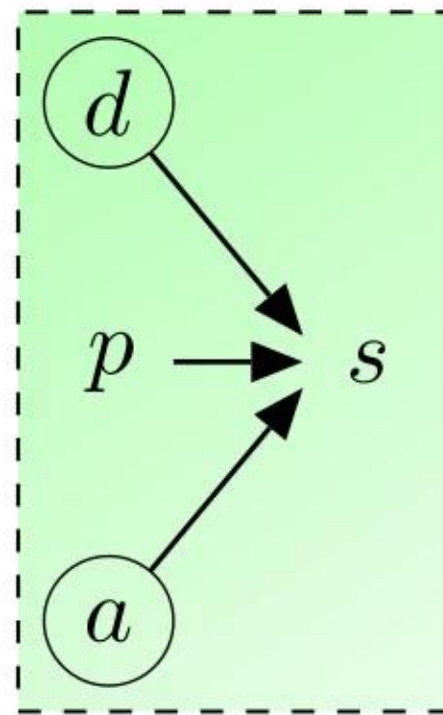


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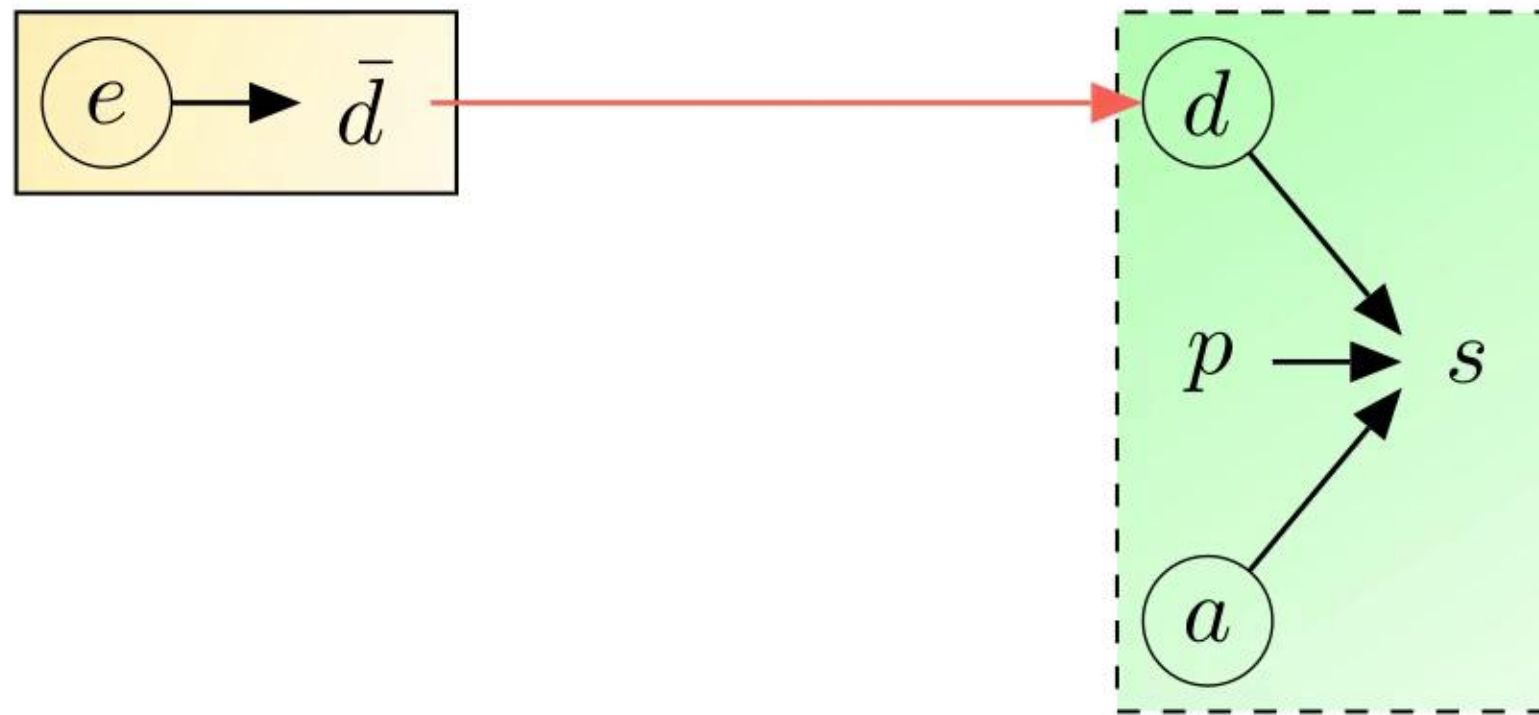


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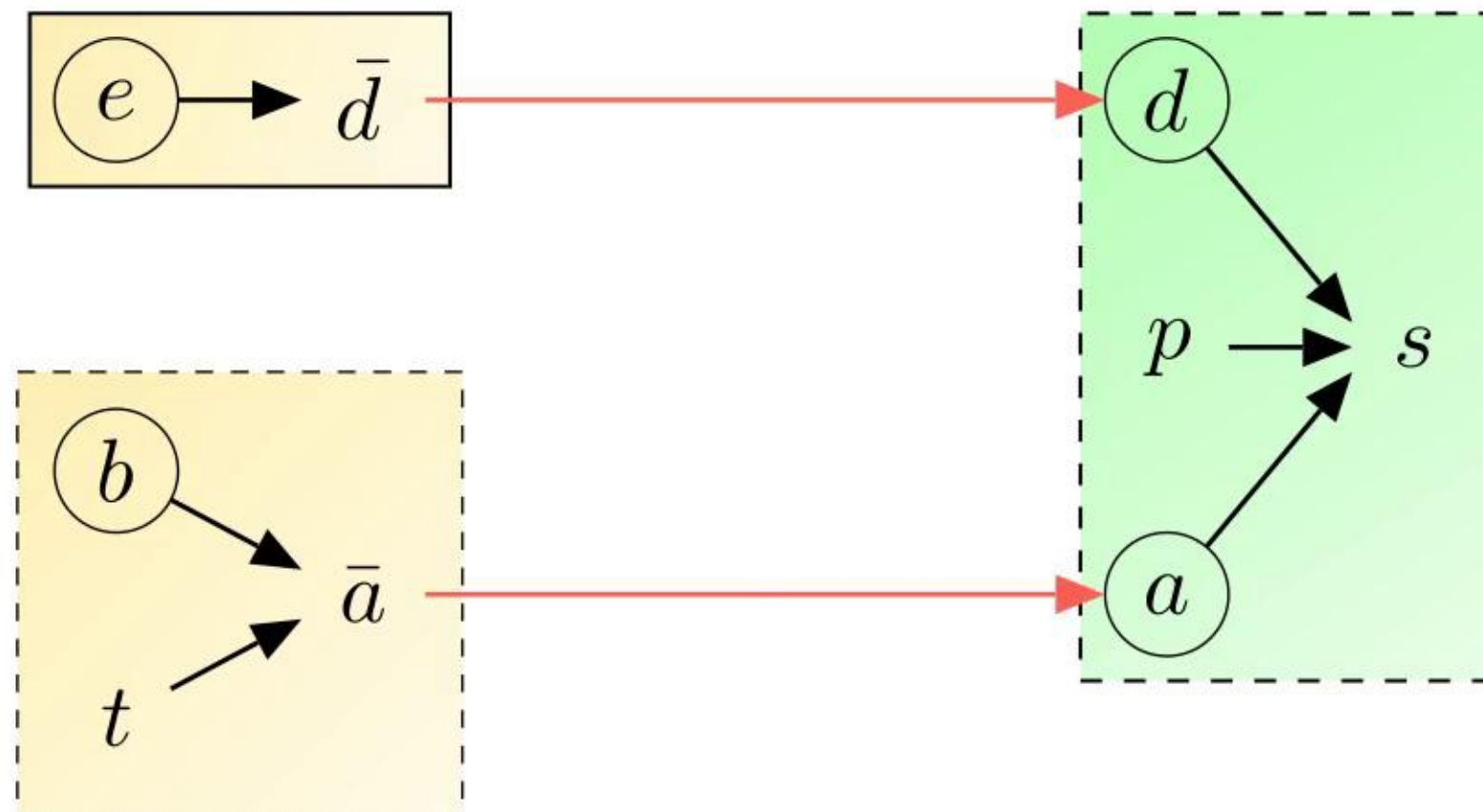
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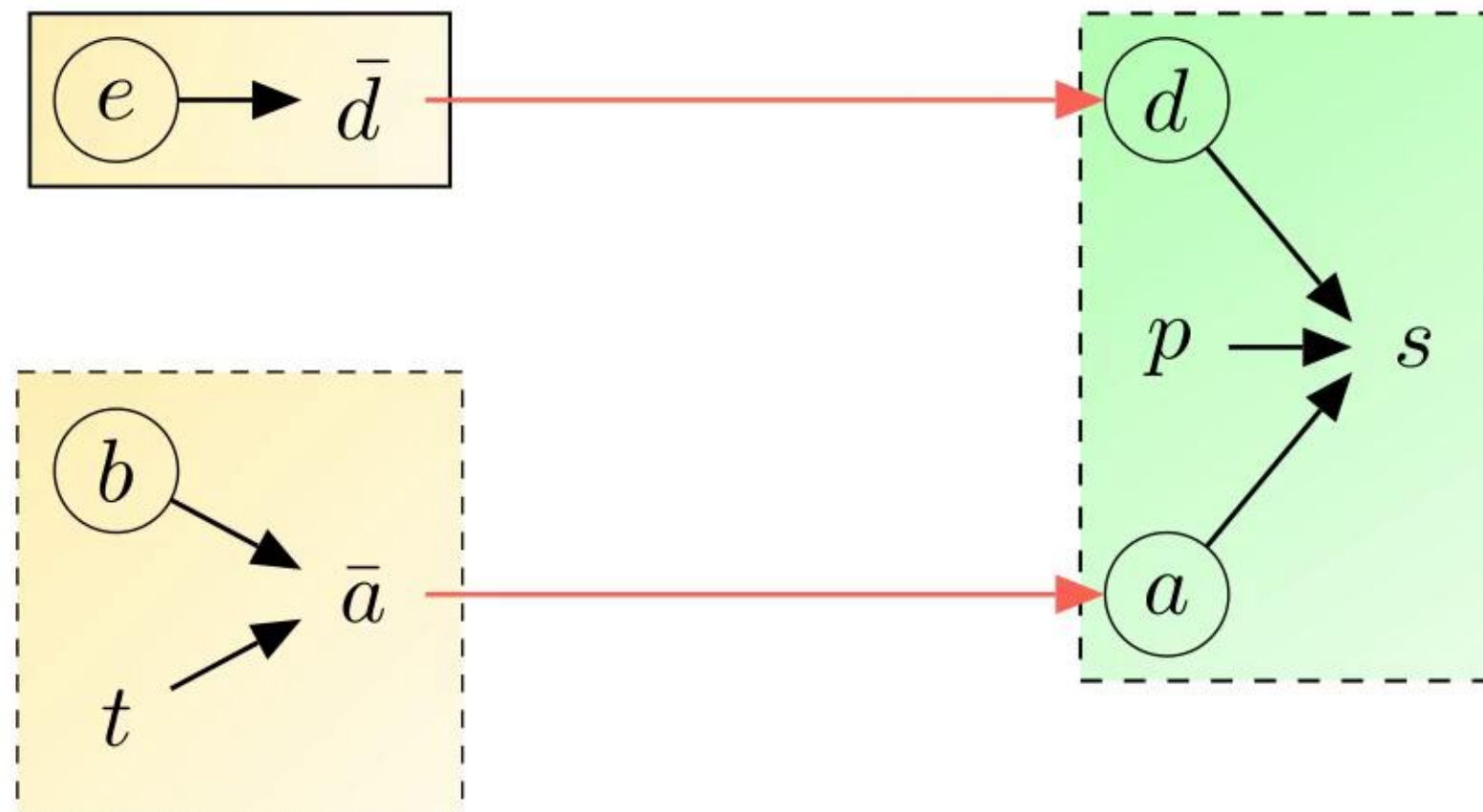


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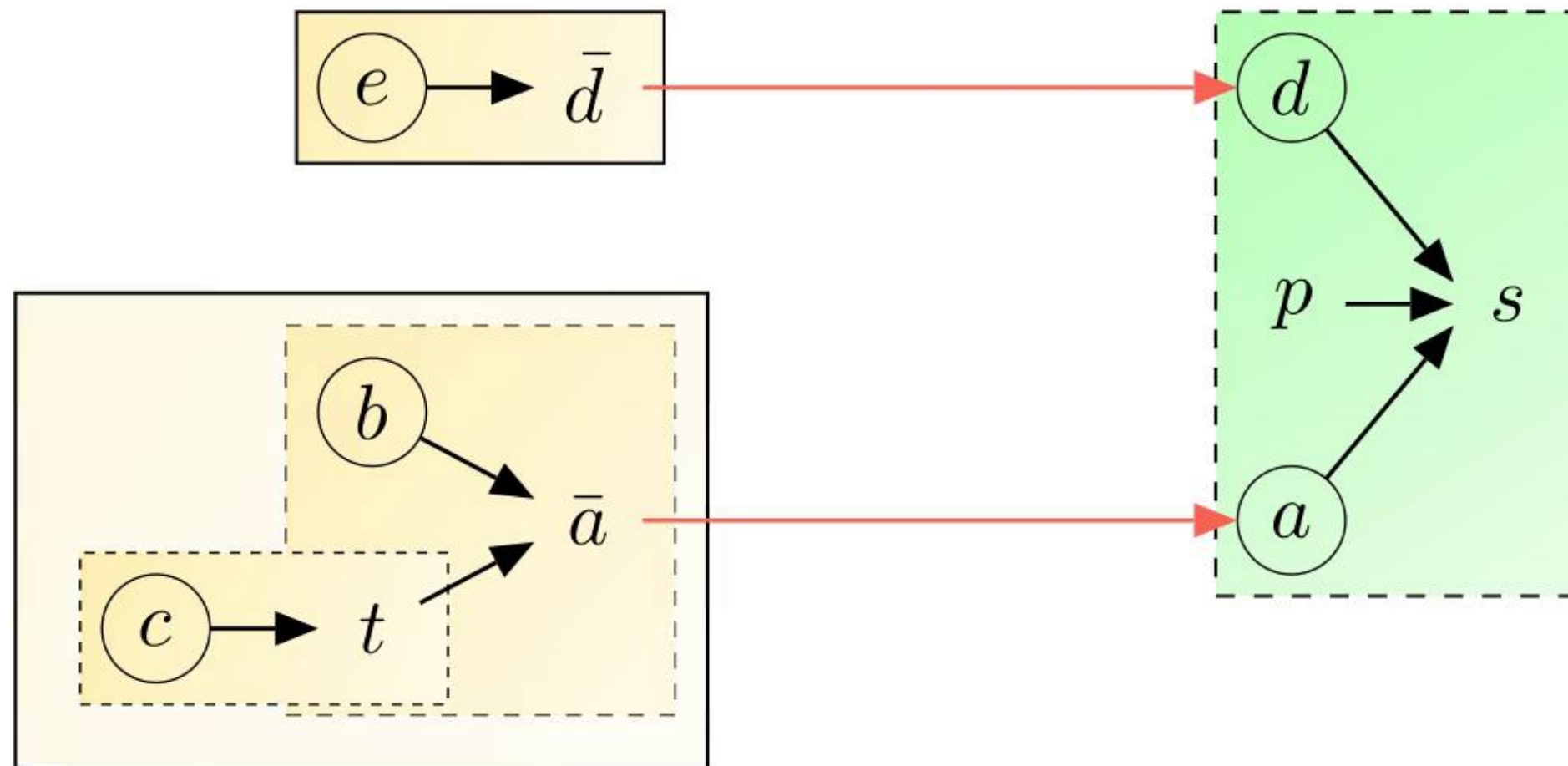
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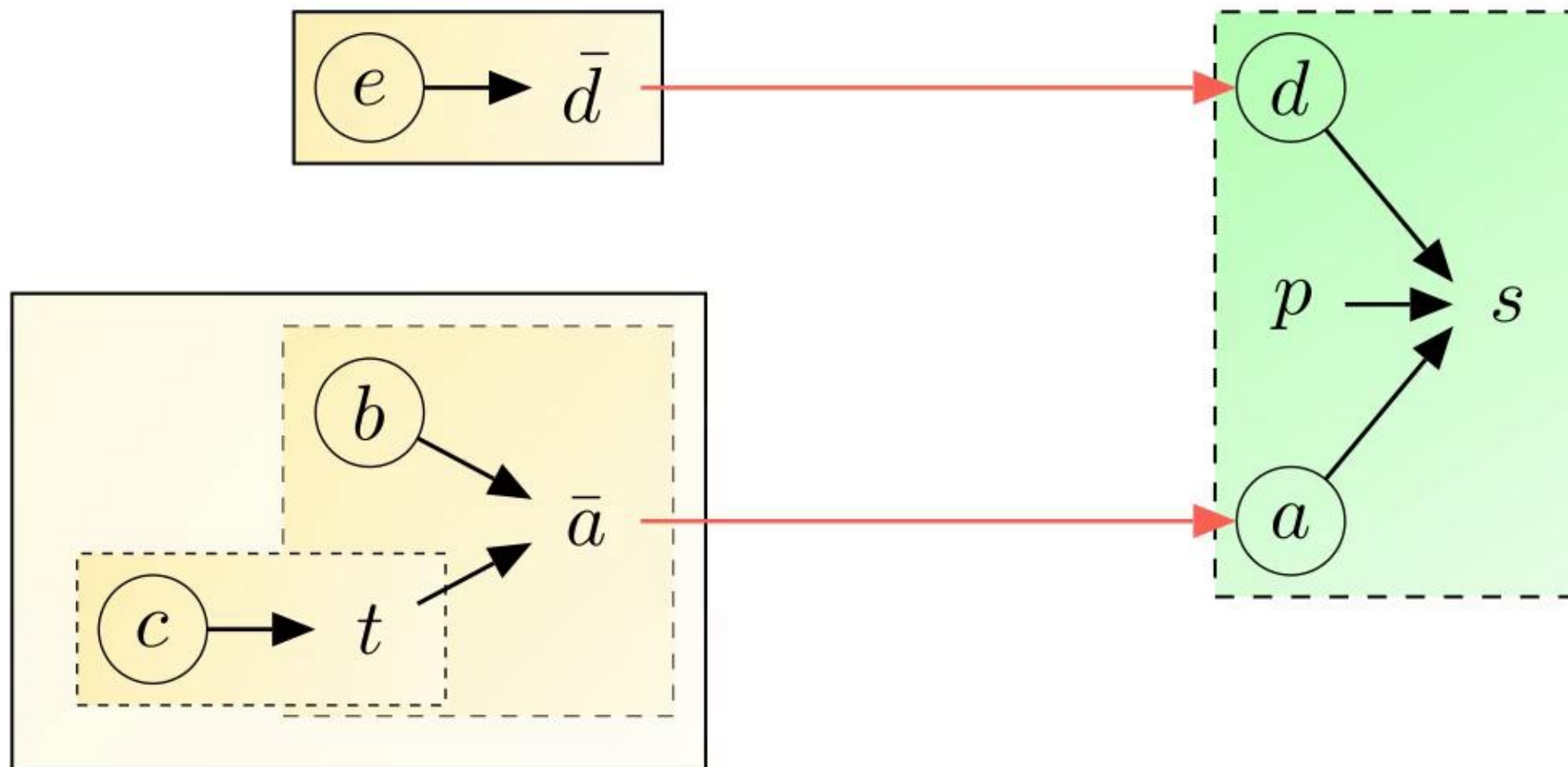
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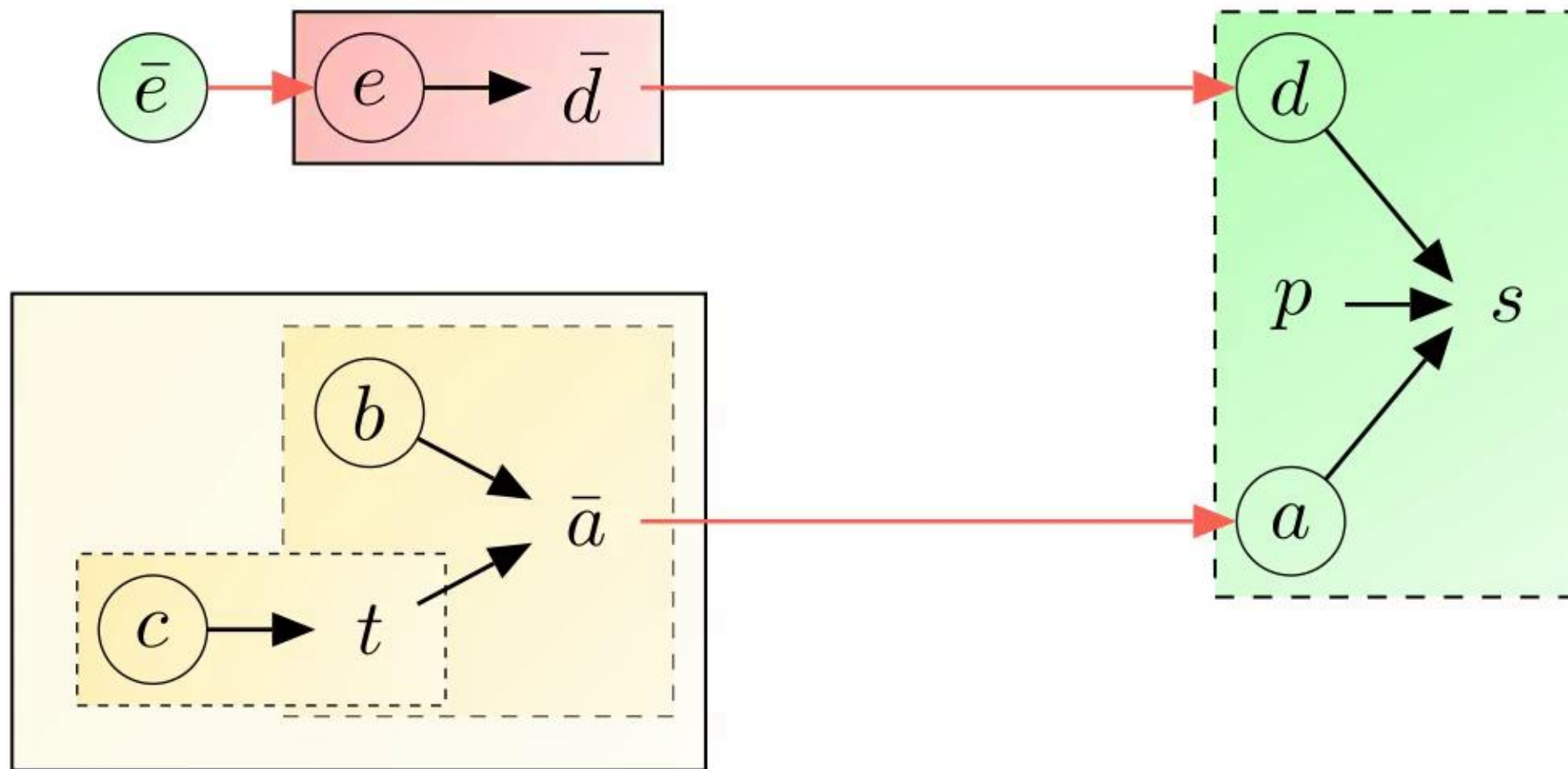


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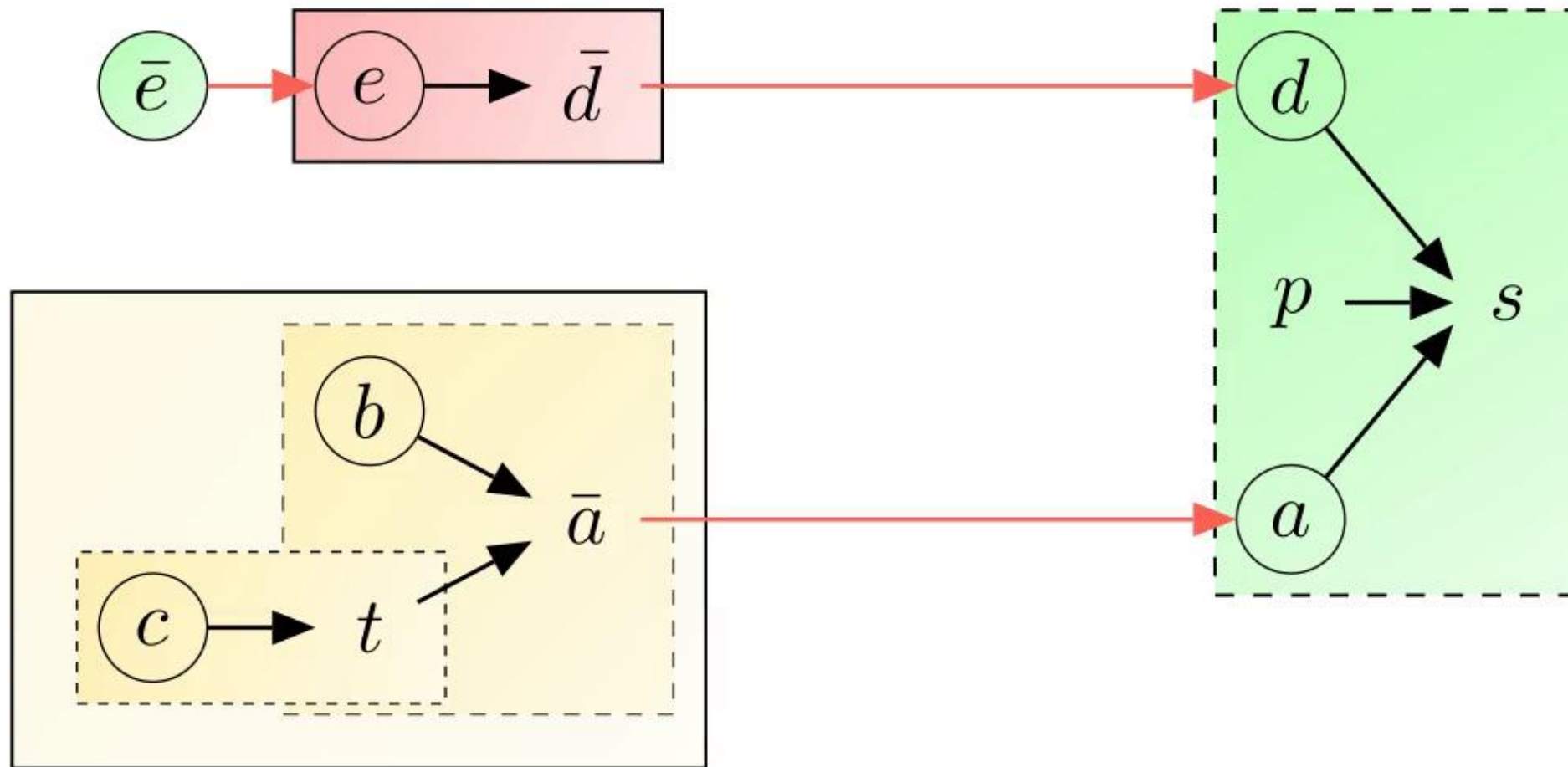
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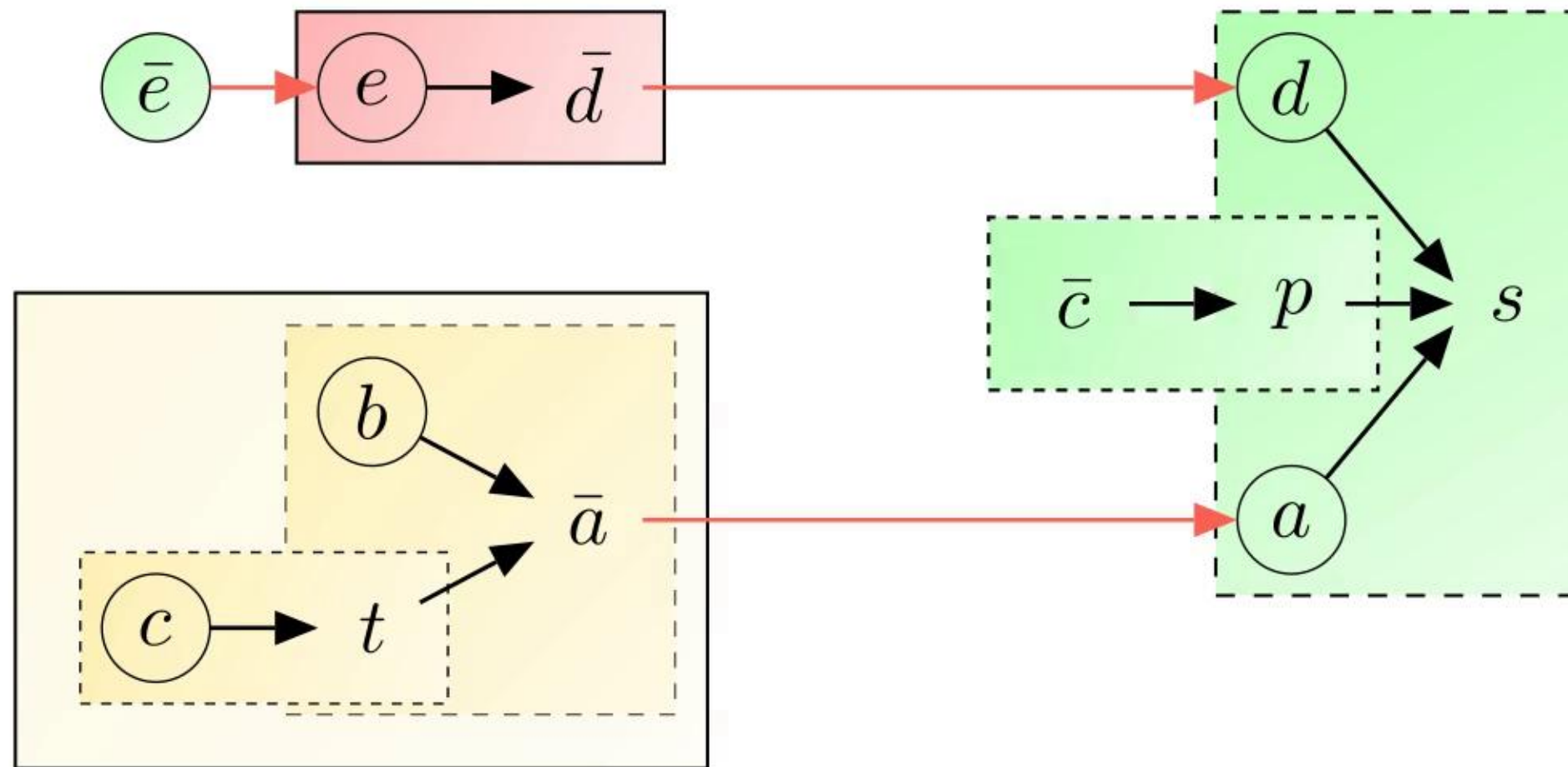
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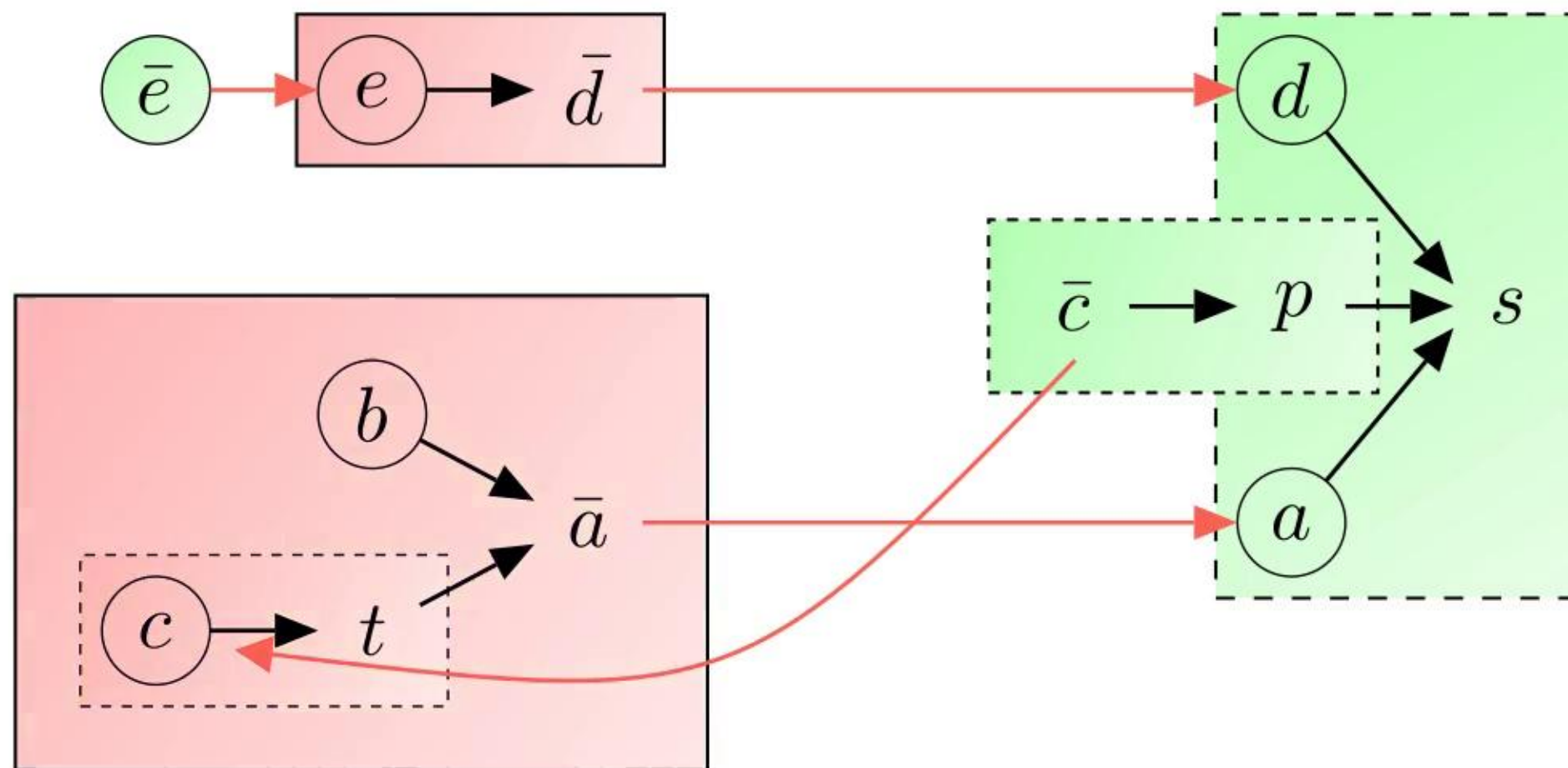
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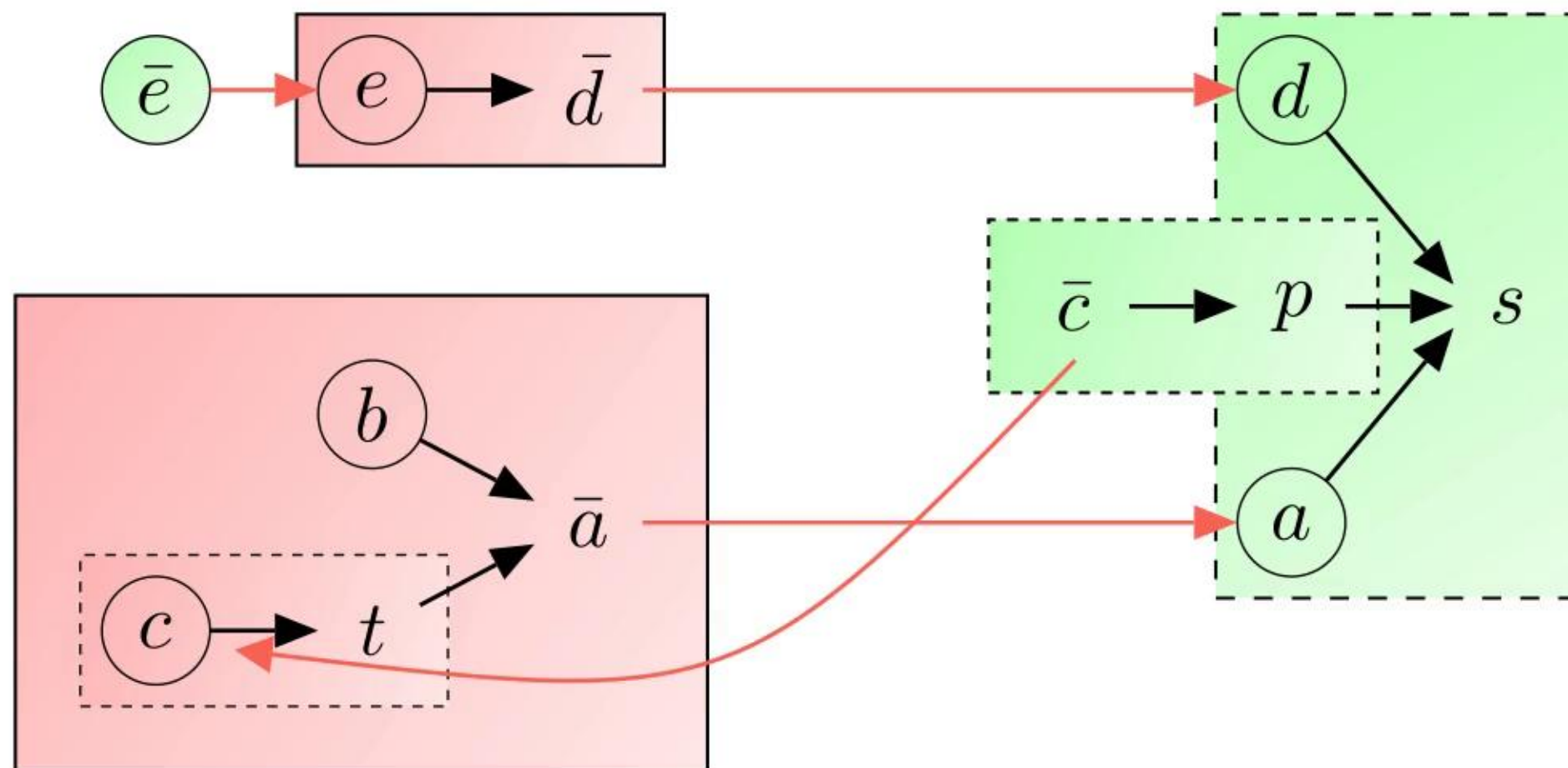
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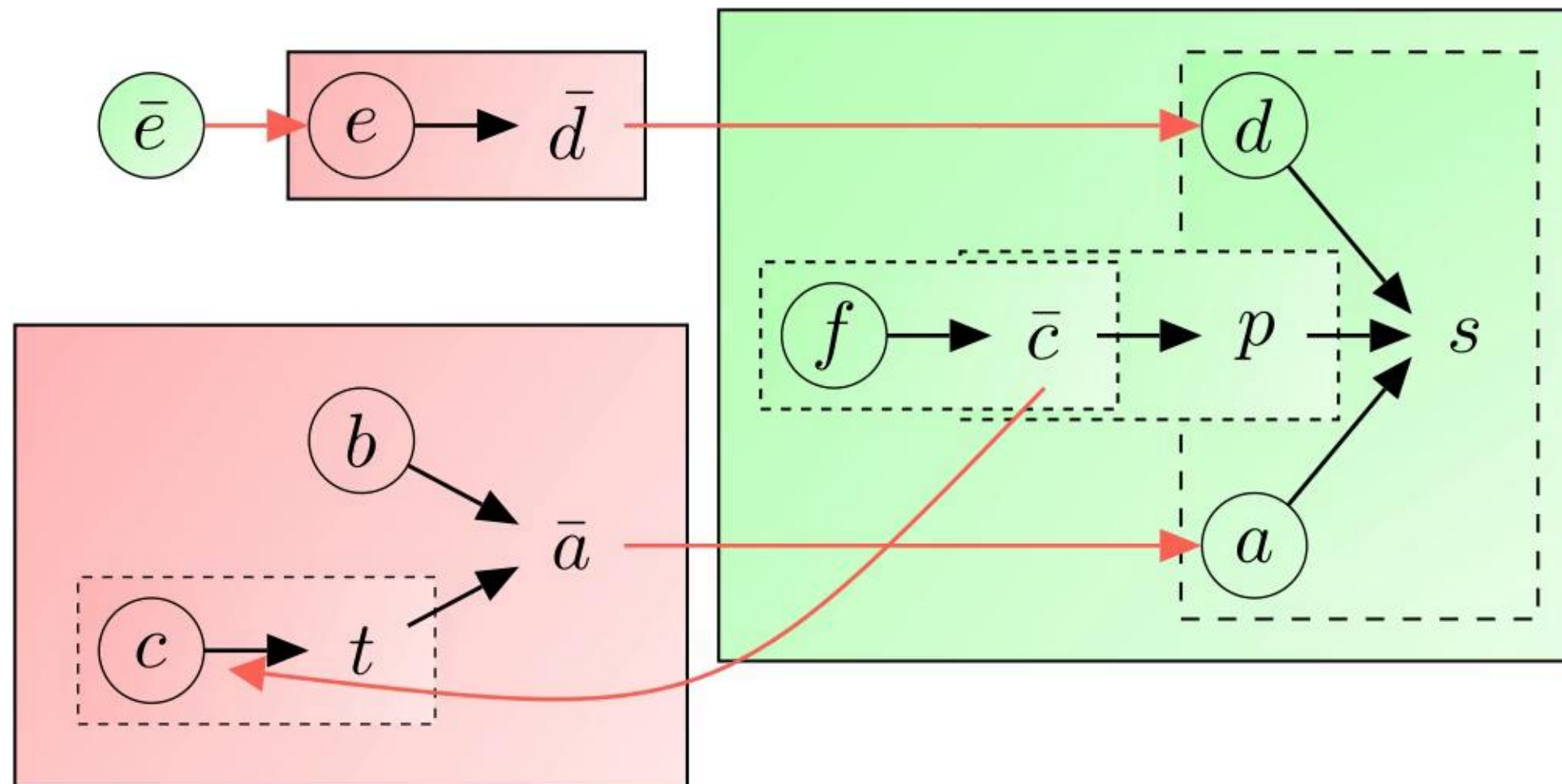
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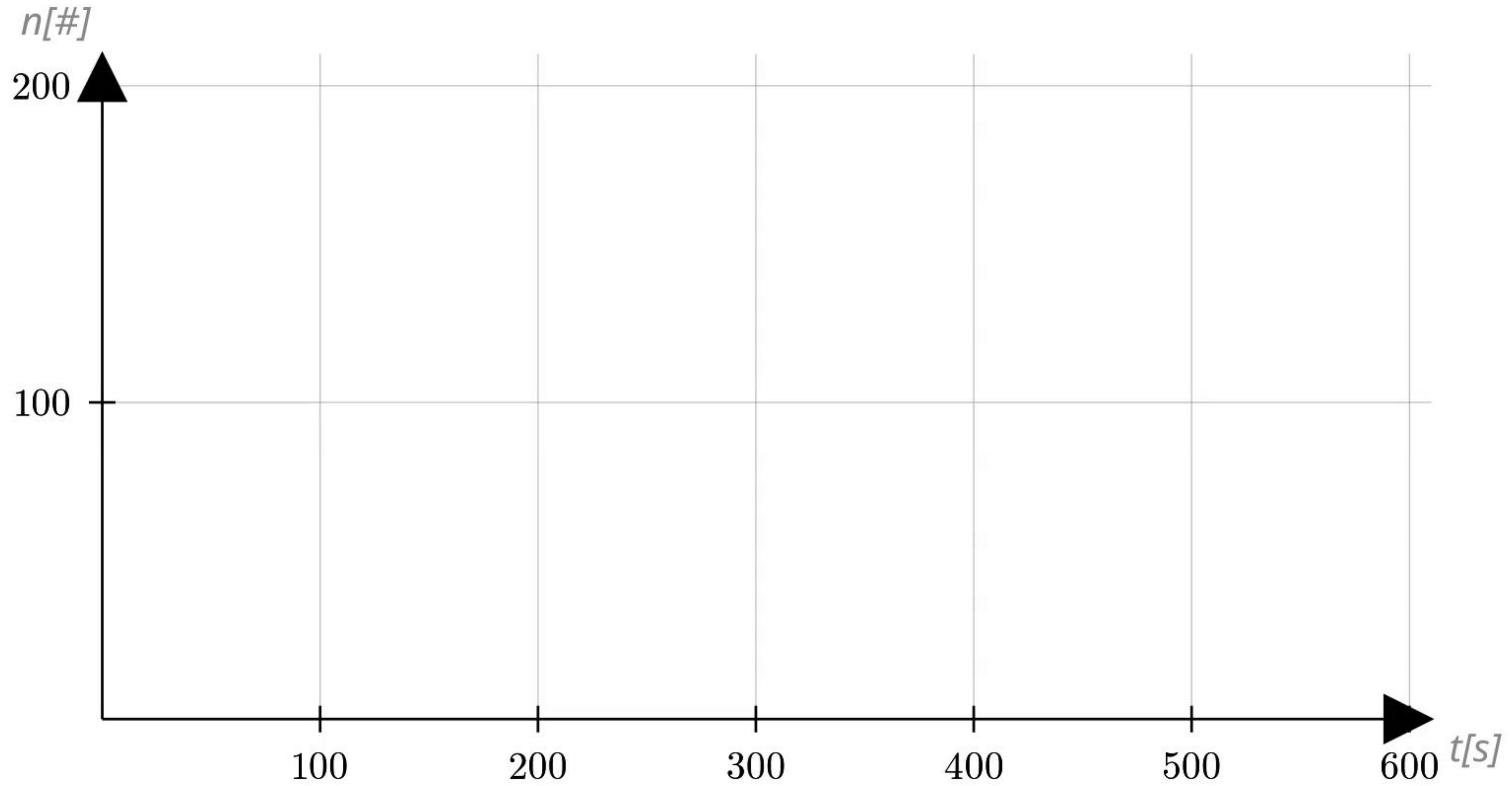
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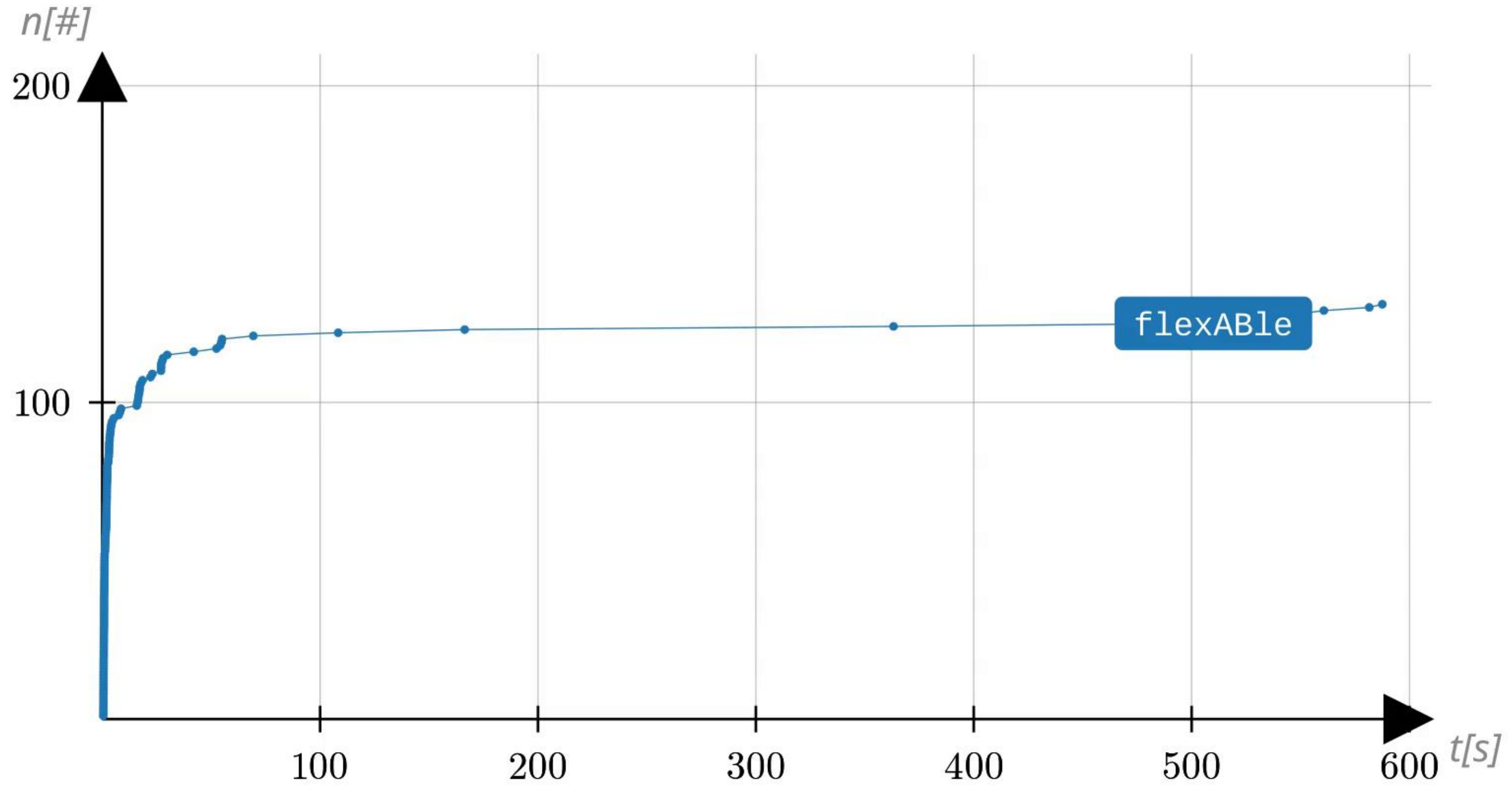
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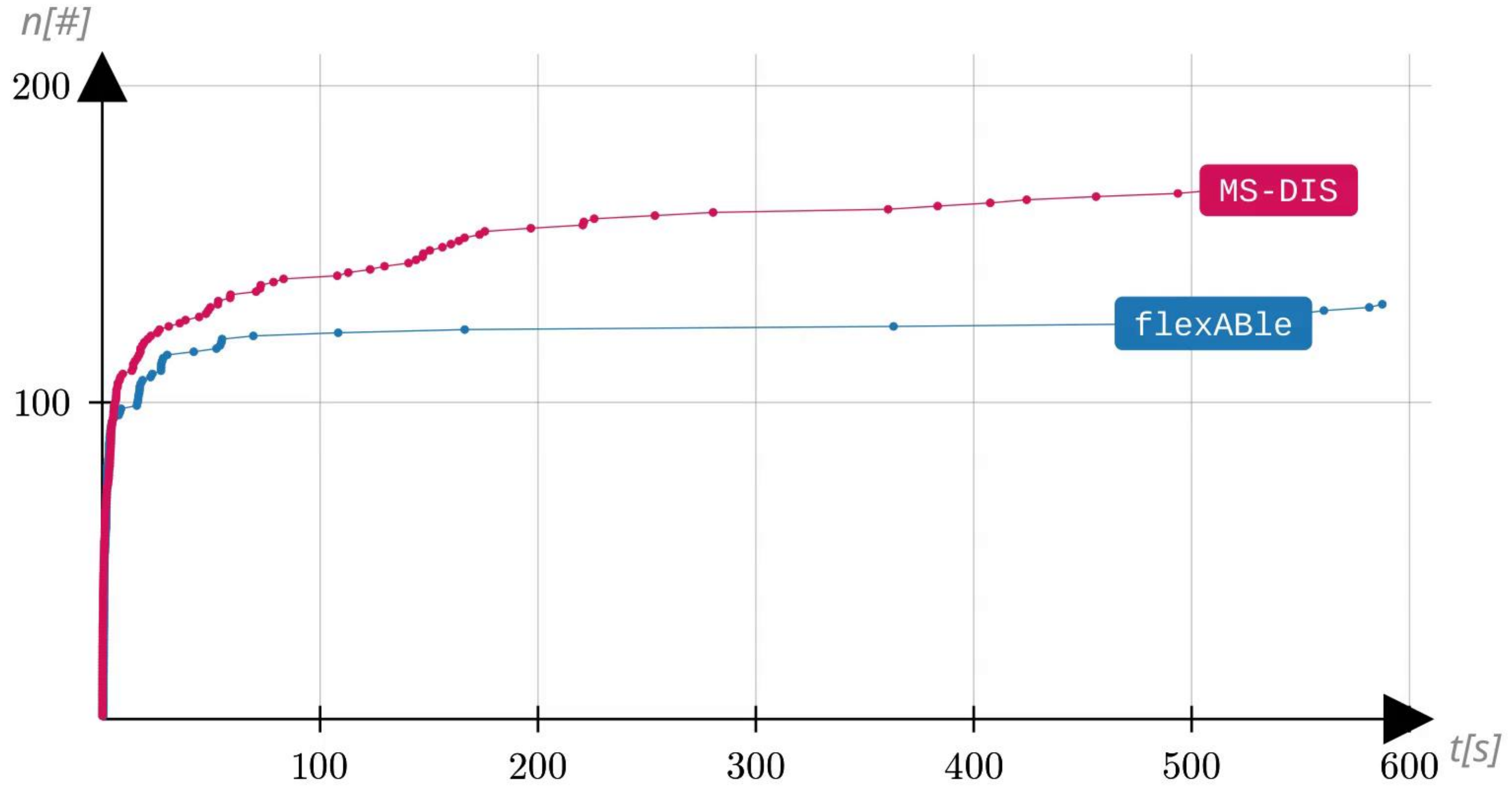
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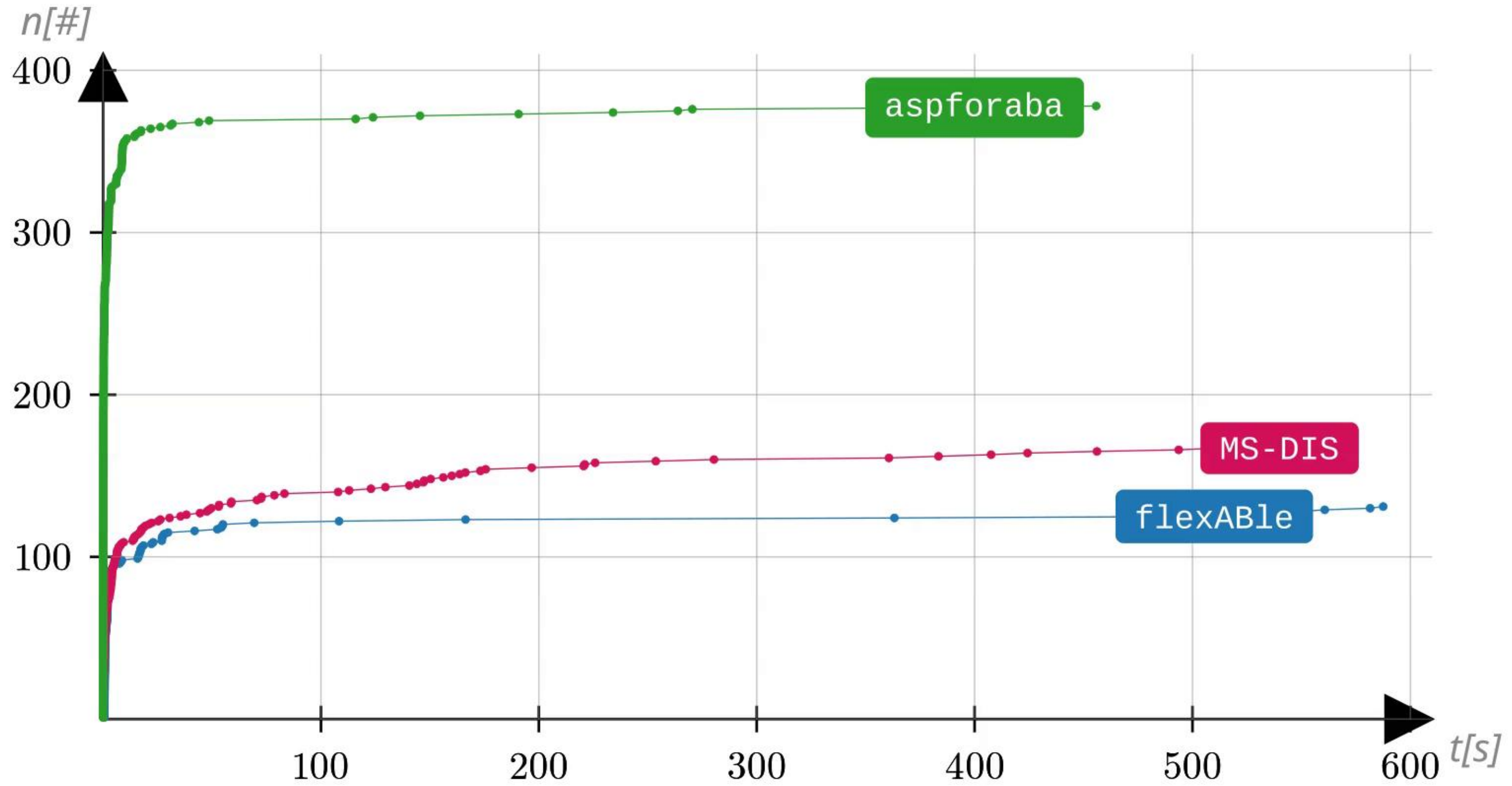
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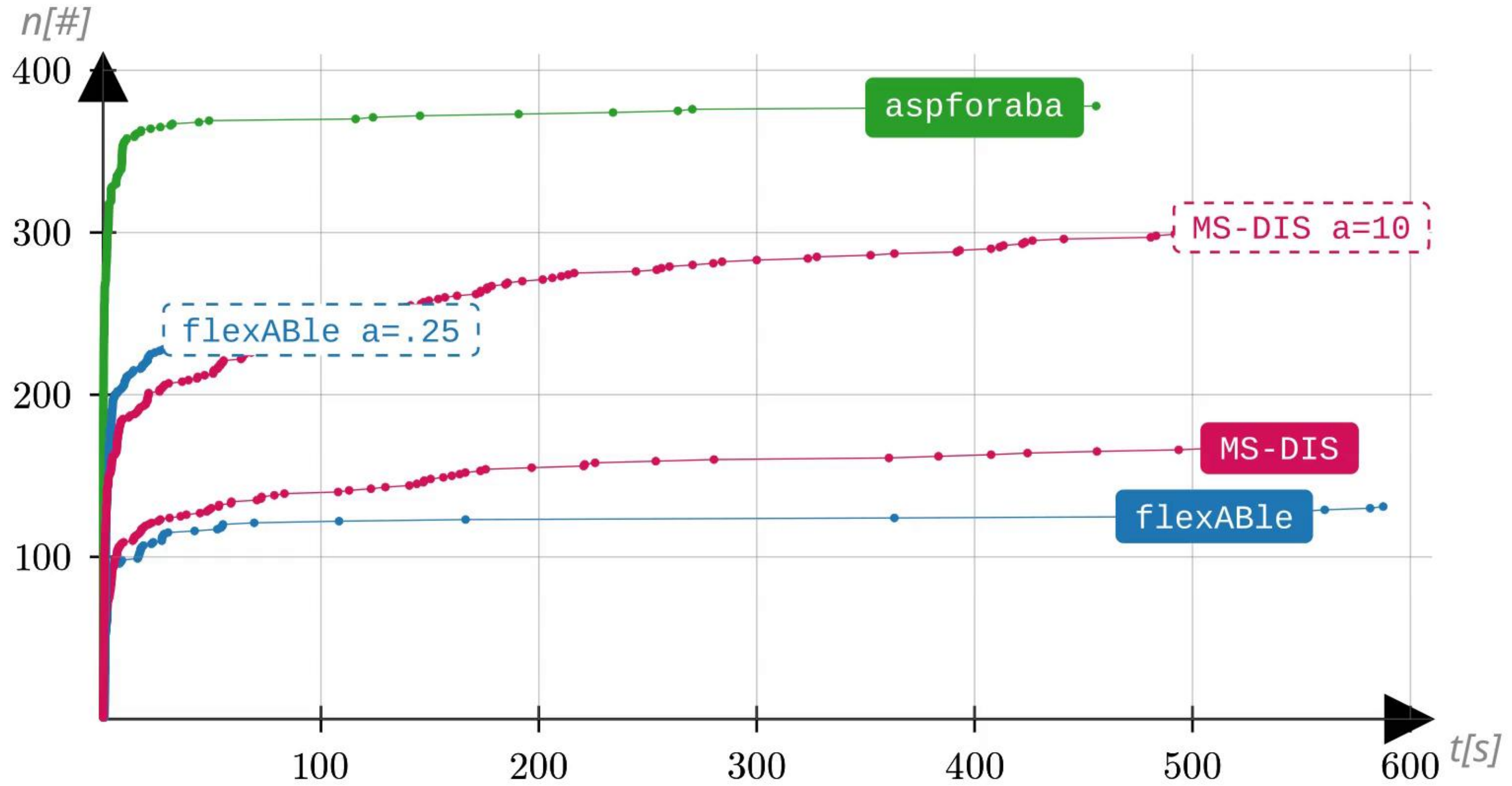
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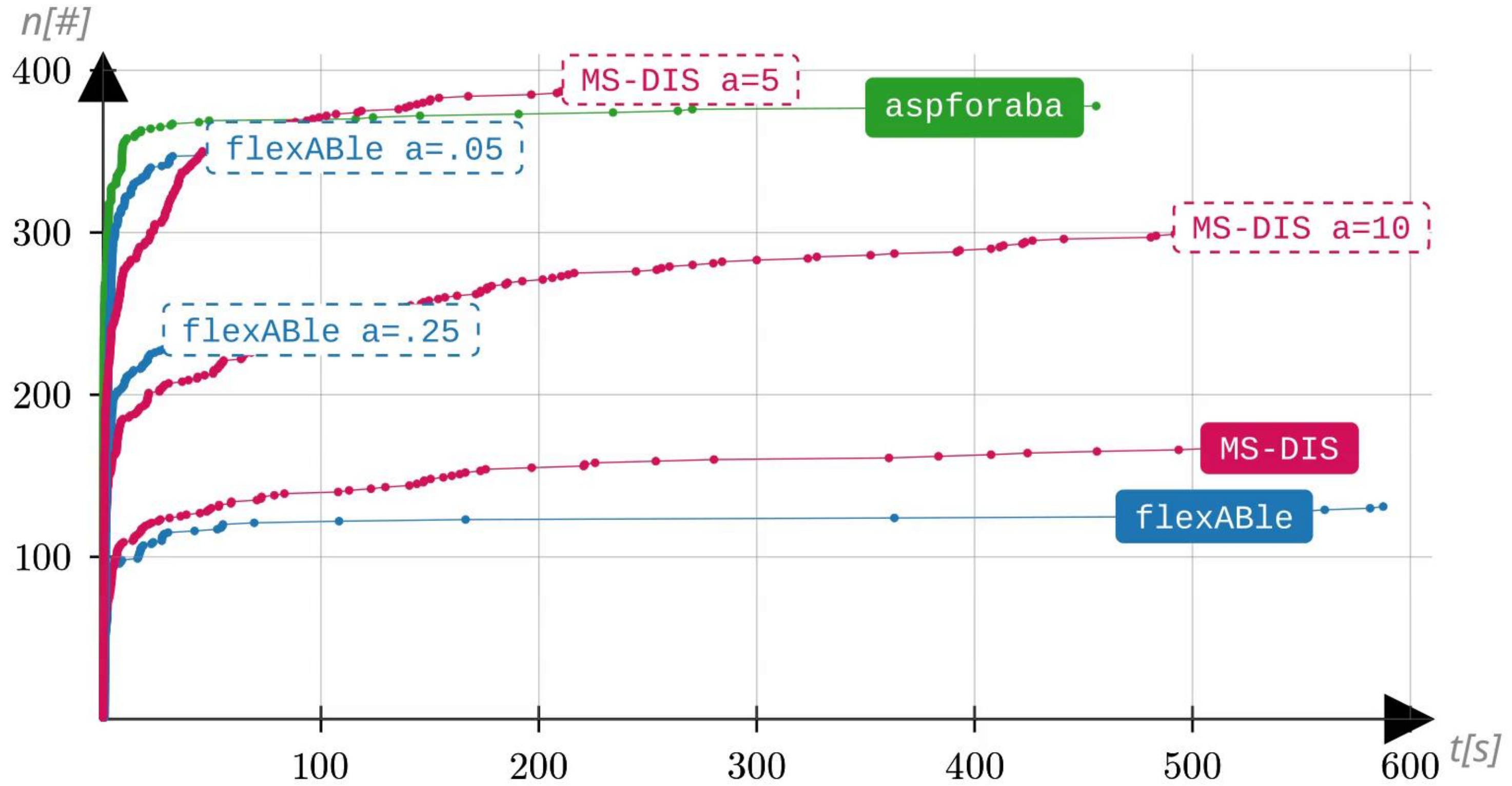
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Extension: Stable Semantics

```
1 #program updateState(t).
2 % add another option to perform "PF2" move
3 pm(t,p,pf2,A) :- at(ds), assumption(A), not cul(_,A), not stS(_,A,p),
4   not contrary(A,A), not contrary(D,A) : def(_,D).
5 % define: remaining assumptions - neither defences, nor culprits
6 remA(t,A) :- tt(ts), assumption(A), not def(_,A), not cul(_,A).
7 % modify termination criteria: require no assumption be remaining
8 term(t) :- tt(ts), g(G), comS(_,G,p), comS(_,CC,p) : culCtr(_,CC);
9   not unbloComS(t,DC,o) : defCtr(_,DC); not remA(t,A) : assumption(A).
```


Extension: Visualisation

```
1 graph(m).
2 graph((A,l),m) :- arg(A).
3 node(A,(A,l)) :- arg(A).
4 edge((A,B),m) :- att(A,B).
5
6 attr(node,A,fillcolor,"green") :- m(_,p,A).
7 attr(node,A,fillcolor,"yellow") :- m(_,o,A).
8 attr(graph,(A,l),label,T) :- m(T,_,A).
9
10 ldefeat(Tm,A) :- defeat(Tm,A), not m(_,_,A),
11   Tm = #min { T : defeat(T,A) }.
12 attr(graph,(A,l),label,Tm) :- ldefeat(Tm,A).
13 attr(node,A,fillcolor,"red") :- ldefeat(_,A).
14
15 lpm(Tm,P,A) :- pm(Tm,P,A), not m(_,_,A), not defeat(_,A),
16   Tm = #max { T : pm(T,_,A) }.
17 attr(graph,(A,l),label,T) :- lpm(T,_,A).
18 attr(node,A,fillcolor,"lightblue") :- lpm(_,_,A).
```

Evaluation (2)

	aspforaba	MD-DIS			flexABble		
		a=10		a=5	a=.25		a=.05
#t-out.	3	214	81	0	250	146	43
#inc.	0	0	30	153	0	69	114
time[h]	1	38	19	2	43	25	8
%acc. t	99	44	71	60	34	44	59

