

Arboreal Categories from Shapes

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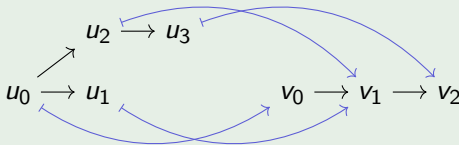
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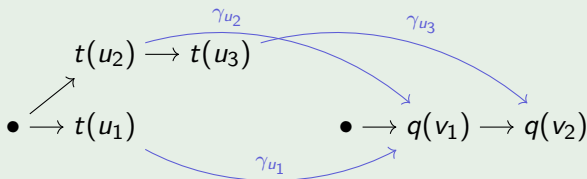


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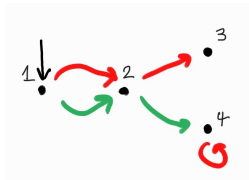
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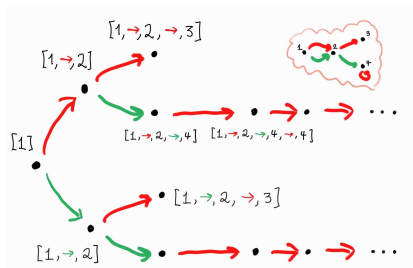
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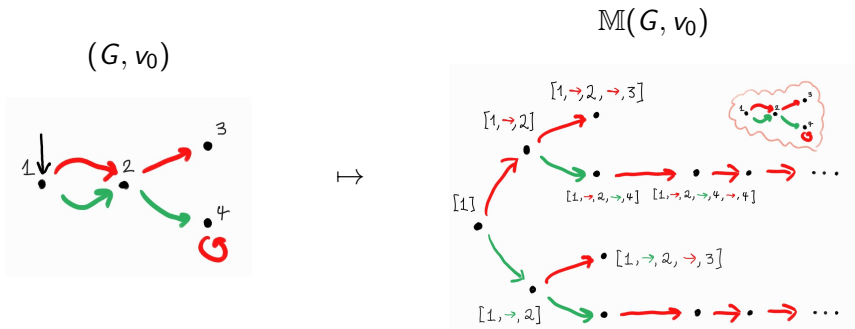


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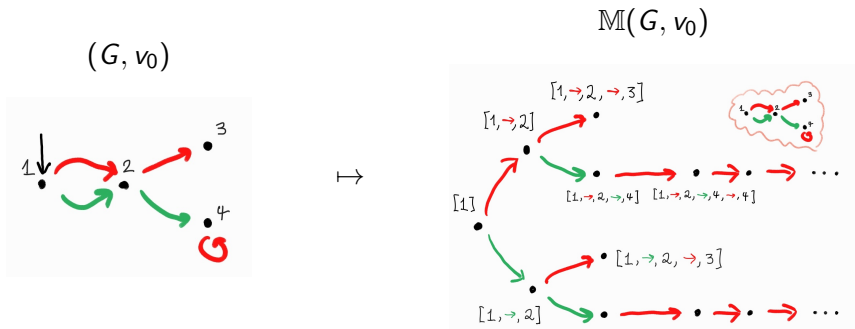


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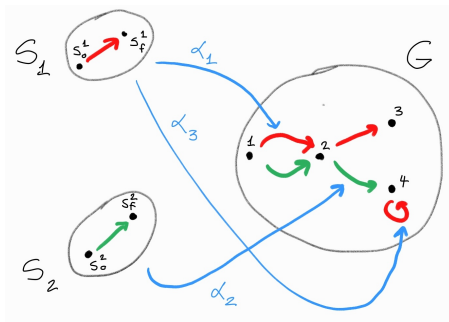
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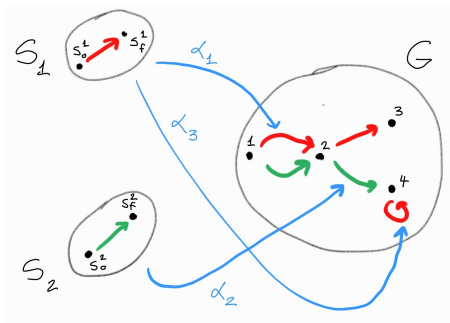


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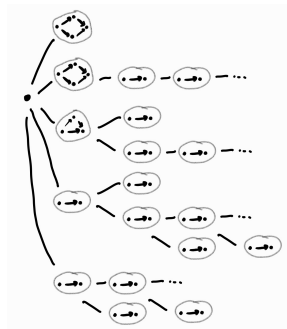
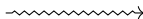
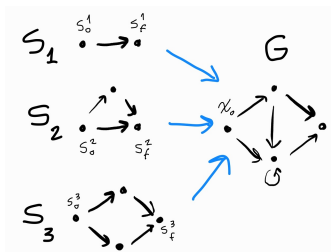
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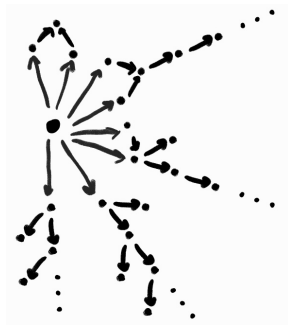
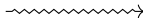
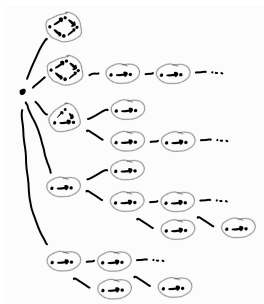


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- Consecutive endpoints match: $\alpha_i(s_f^i) = \alpha_{i+1}(s_0^{i+1})$.
- The resulting lists $\vec{\alpha} = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell]$ form a tree by prefix order.
- The list $\vec{\alpha}$ is “coloured” with the last shape, $\text{dom}(\alpha_\ell)$.

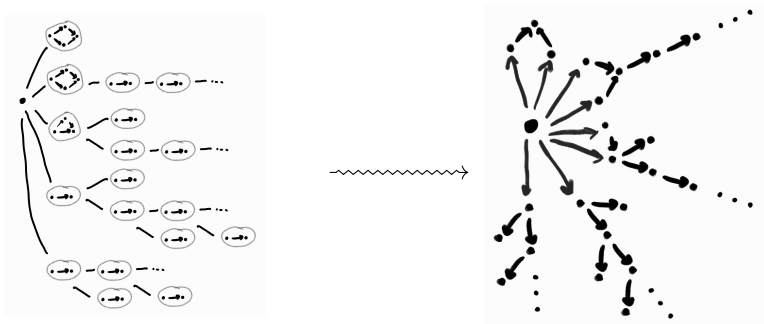
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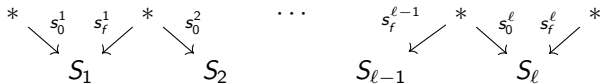
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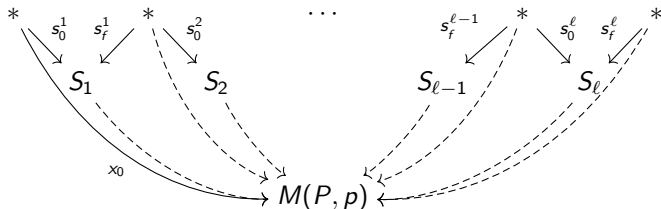
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- This is great... Except **it only works if $\mathcal{S}$ is a set** (i.e. discrete and small).

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$$\bar{\alpha} : \bar{S} \rightarrow X$$

that is terminal in the connected component of α . In particular, there exists a unique ζ_α as in the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \xrightarrow{\exists! \zeta_\alpha} & \bar{S} \\ \alpha \searrow & & \swarrow \bar{\alpha} \\ & X & \end{array}$$

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Let $\mathcal{L}_S$ denote the language with syntax

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and semantics on objects $(X, x_0) \in \mathcal{E}_*$ given by

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Conjecture

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- When compared with FO, this can be seen as a form of restricted negation.
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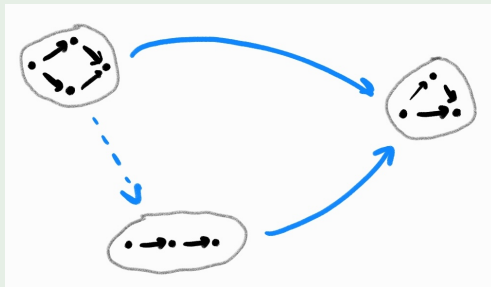
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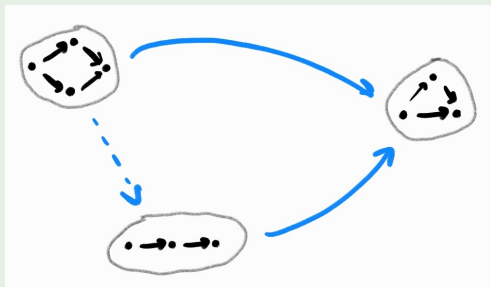
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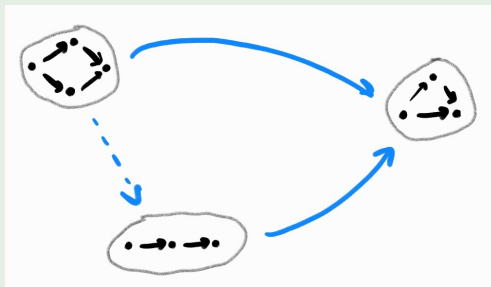
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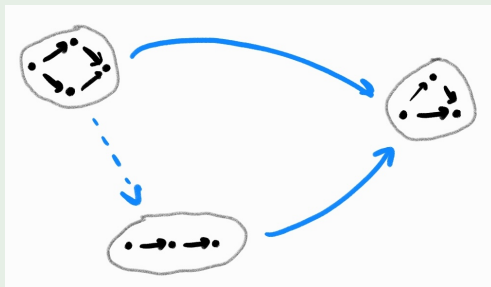
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