

# Algorithmic Aspects of Semiring Provenance for Stratified Datalog

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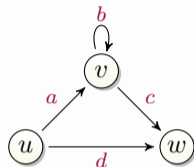
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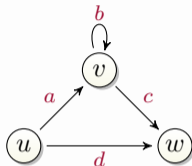
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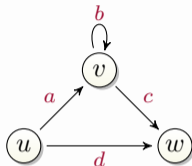


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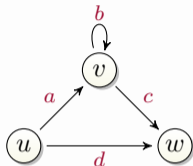
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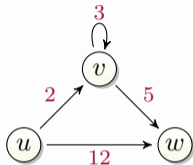
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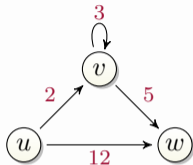
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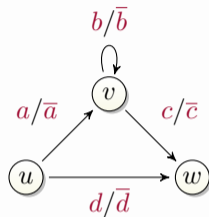
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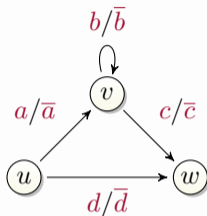
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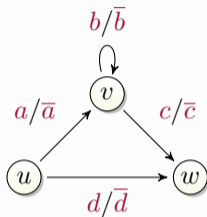
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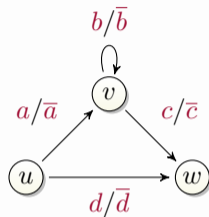
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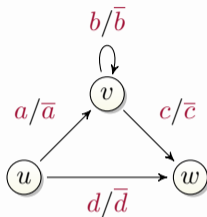
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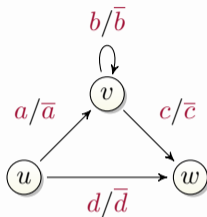
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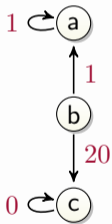
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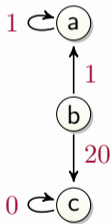
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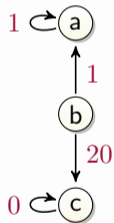
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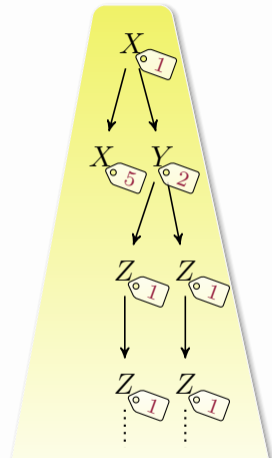
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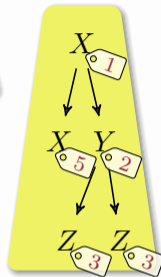
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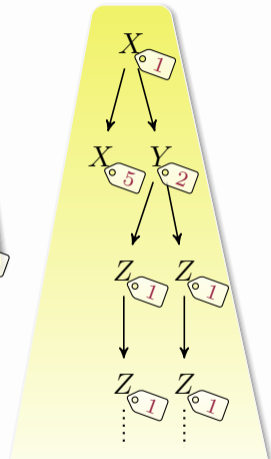
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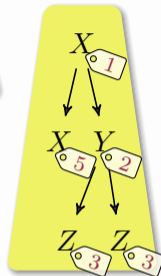
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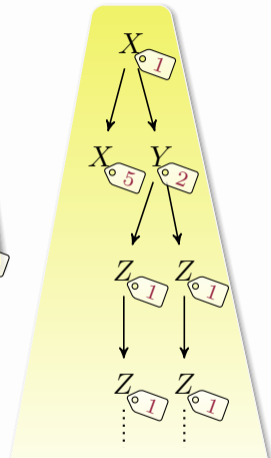
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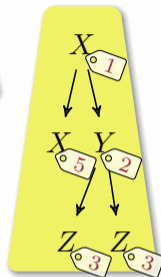
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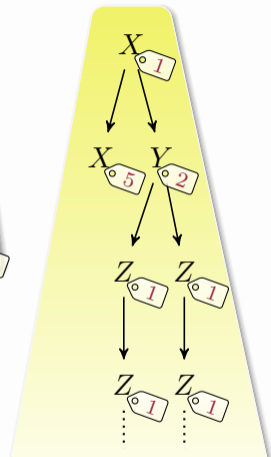
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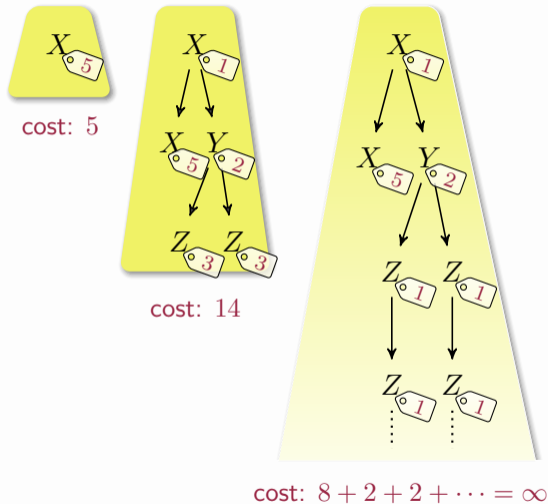
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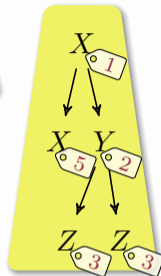


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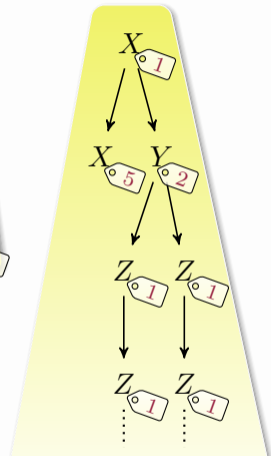
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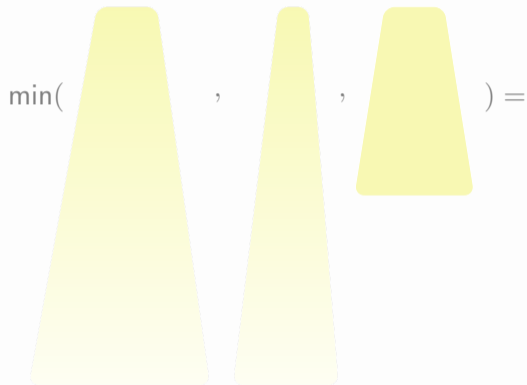
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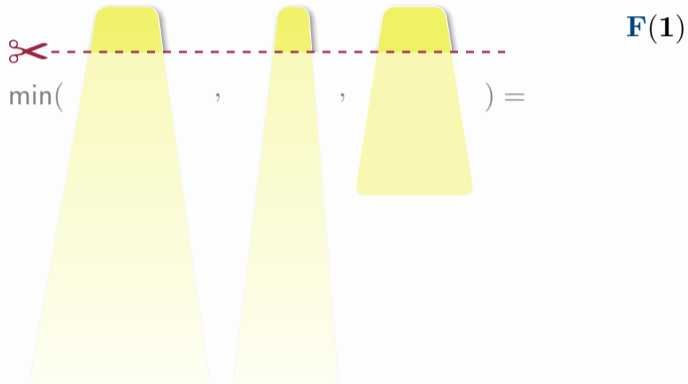
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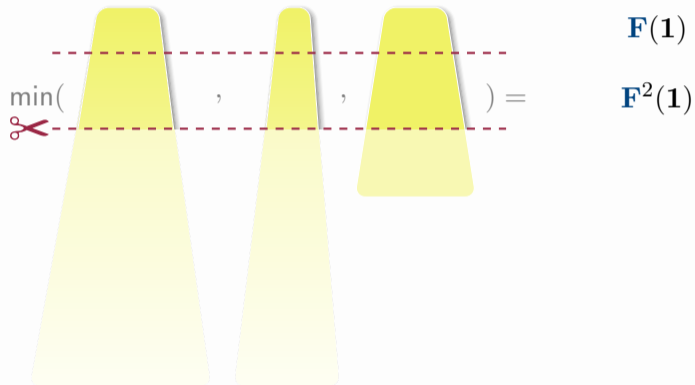
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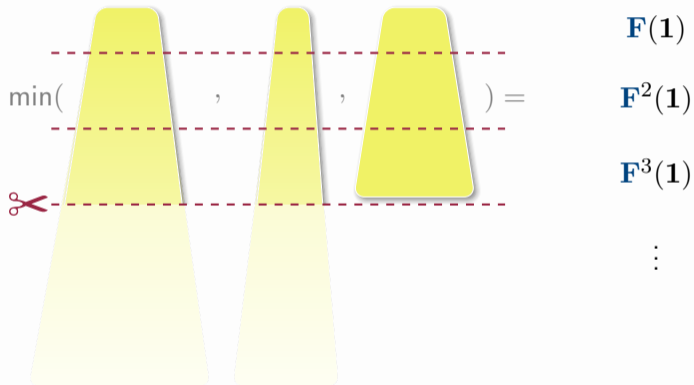
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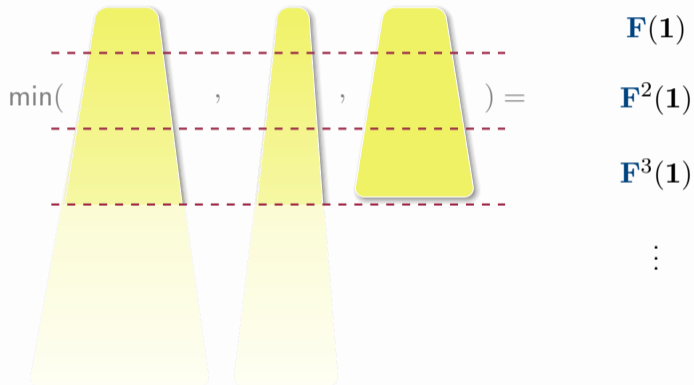
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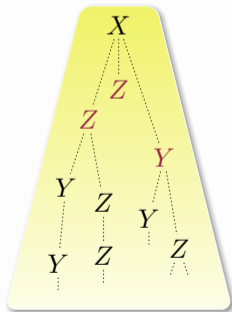


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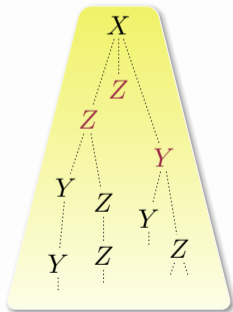
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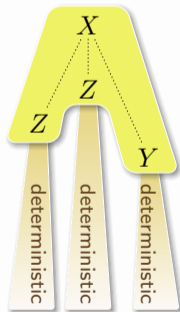


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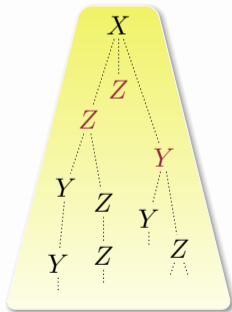


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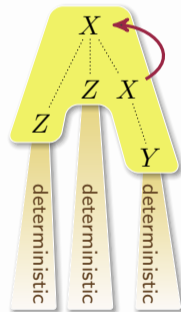


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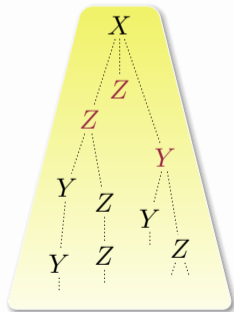


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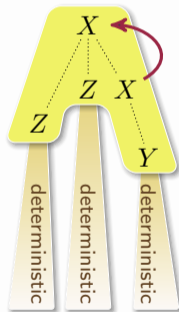


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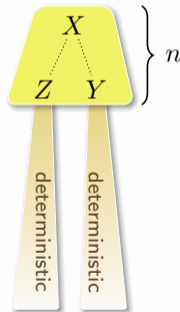
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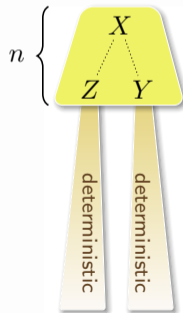


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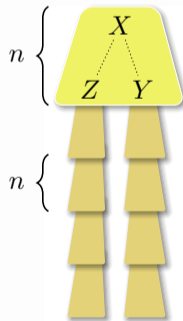
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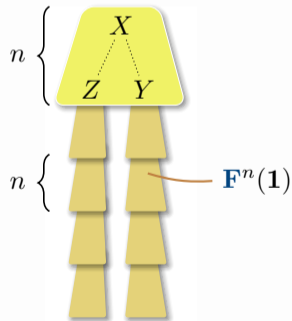
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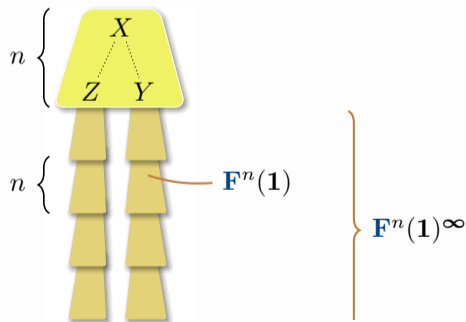
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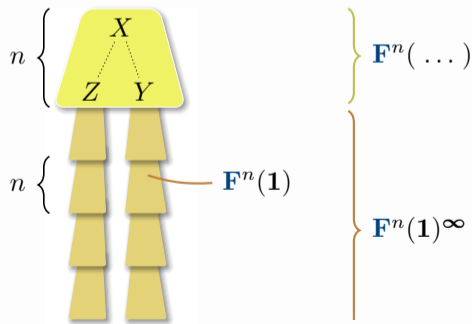
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## Back to Datalog: Circuits

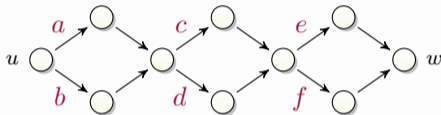
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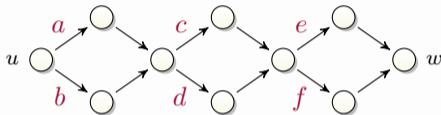
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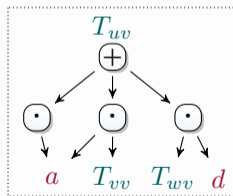
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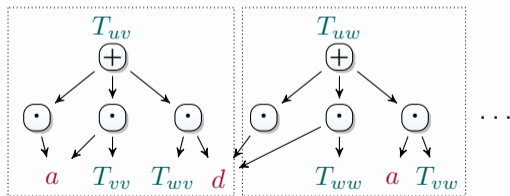
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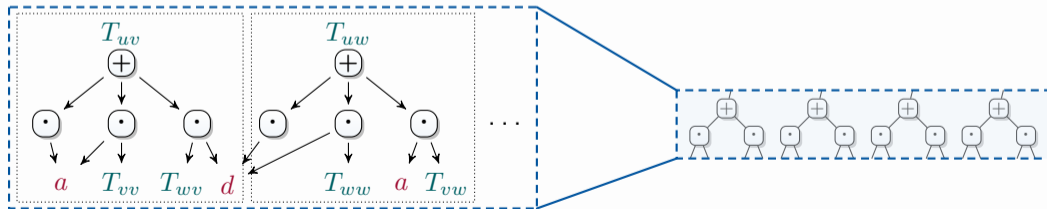
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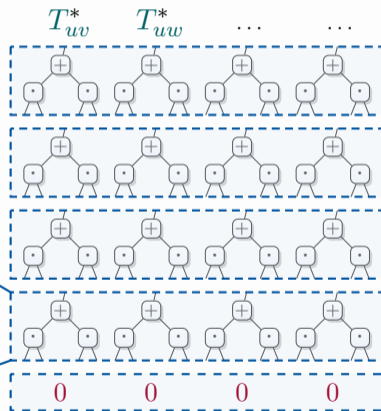
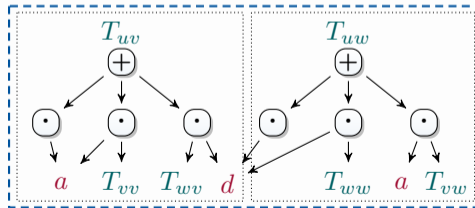
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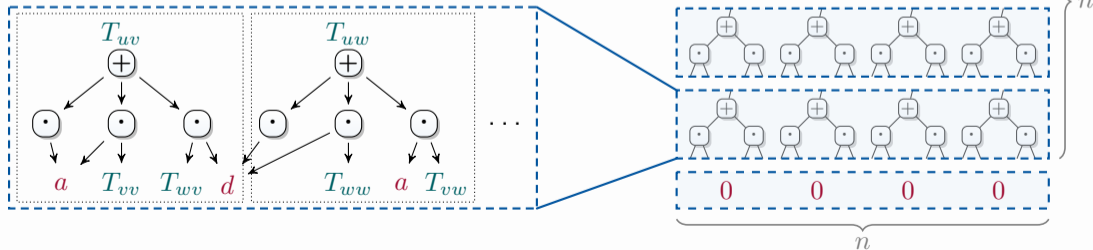
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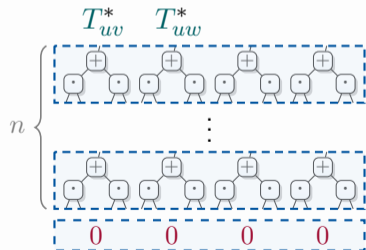
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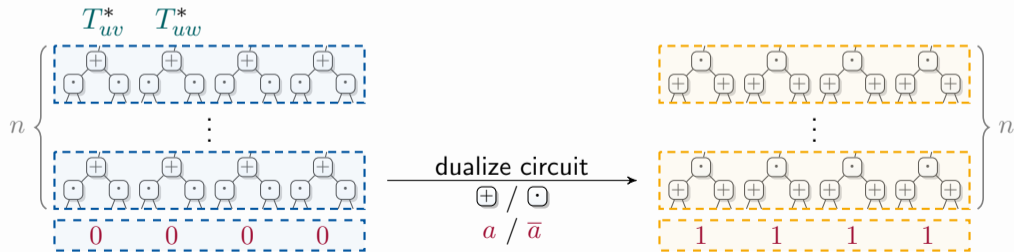
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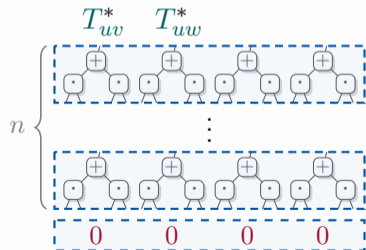
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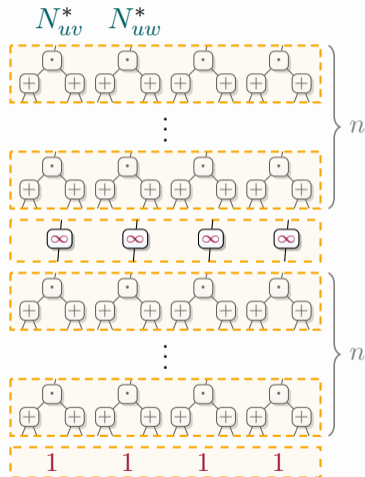
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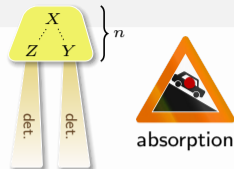
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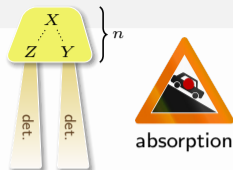
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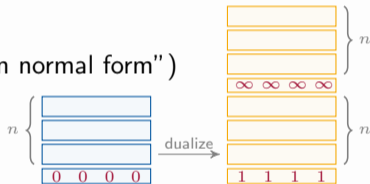
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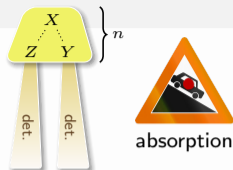
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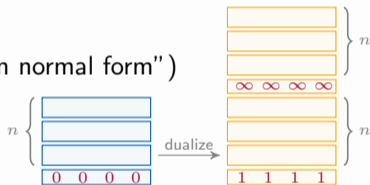
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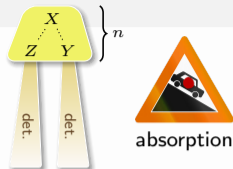
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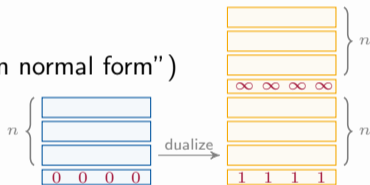
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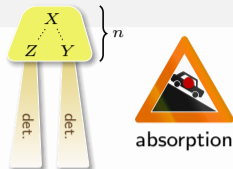
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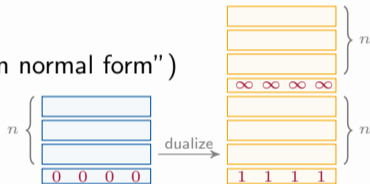
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