

# Minimization

EECS 20

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**Equivalence** between state machines  $M1$  and  $M2$ :

for every input signal,  $M1$  and  $M2$  produce the same output signal.

**Bisimulation** between  $M1$  and  $M2$ :

the initial states of  $M1$  and  $M2$  are related, and for all related states  $p$  of  $M1$  and  $q$  of  $M2$ ,

for every input value,  $p$  and  $q$  produce the same output value, and the next states are again related.

**Theorem:** two state machines  $M1$  and  $M2$  are equivalent iff there is a bisimulation between  $M1$  and  $M2$ .

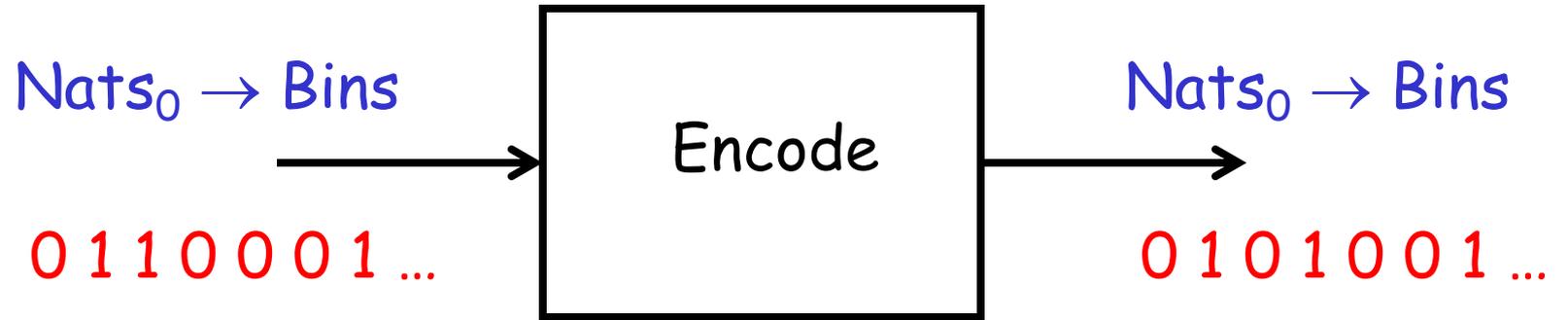
How do we find a bisimulation ?

## Edge Encoder

Encode : [ Nats<sub>0</sub> → Bins ] → [ Nats<sub>0</sub> → Bins ]

such that  $\forall x \in [ \text{Nats}_0 \rightarrow \text{Bins} ], \forall y \in \text{Nats}_0,$

$$(\text{Encode } (x)) (y) = \begin{cases} x (y) & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y > 0 \text{ and } x (y) = x (y-1) \\ 1 & \text{if } y > 0 \text{ and } x (y) \neq x (y-1) \end{cases}$$



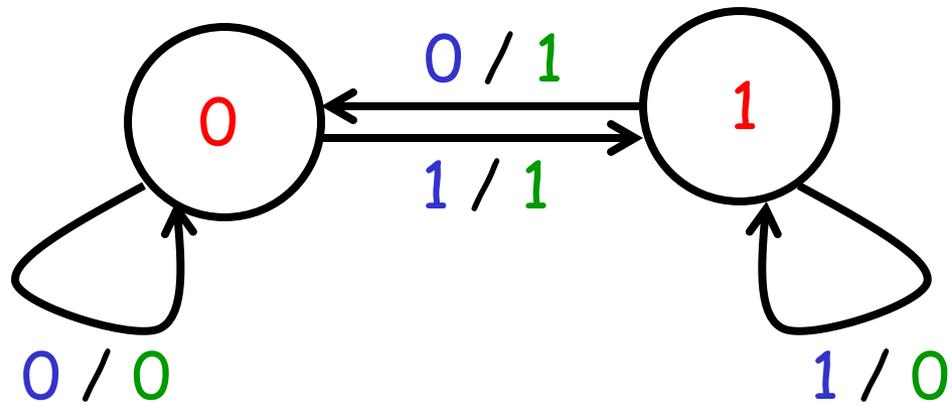
# Edge Encoder

State between time  $t-1$  and  $t$ :

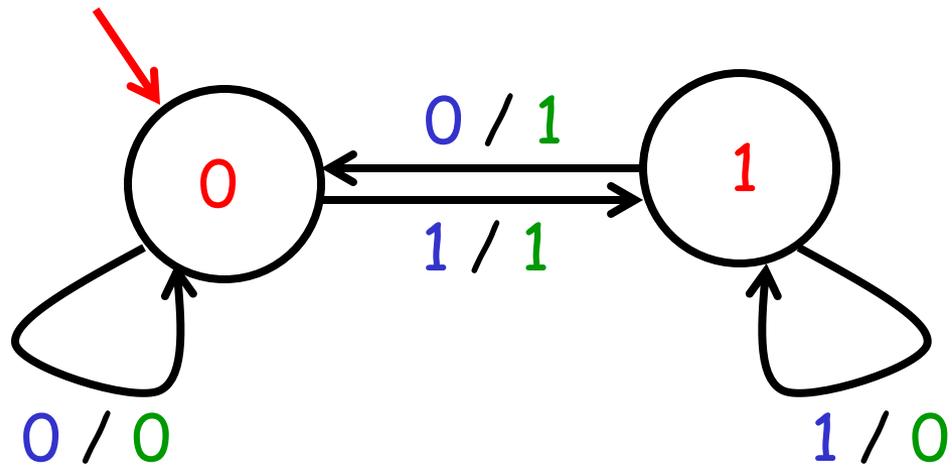
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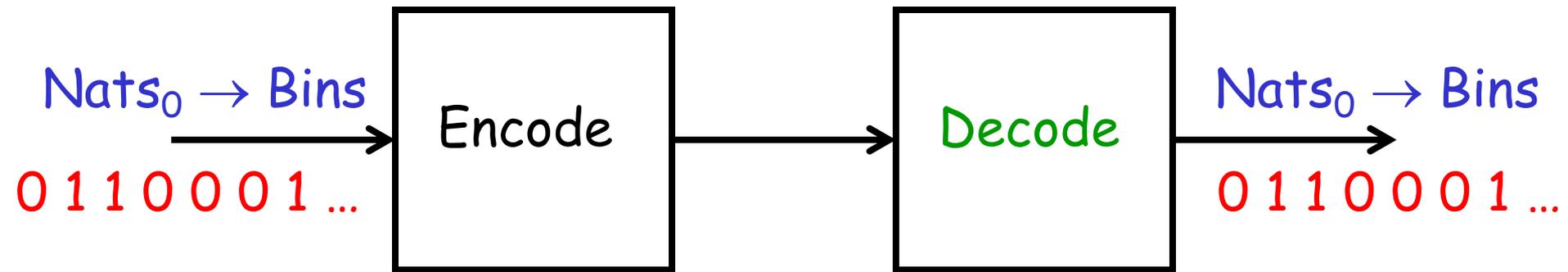
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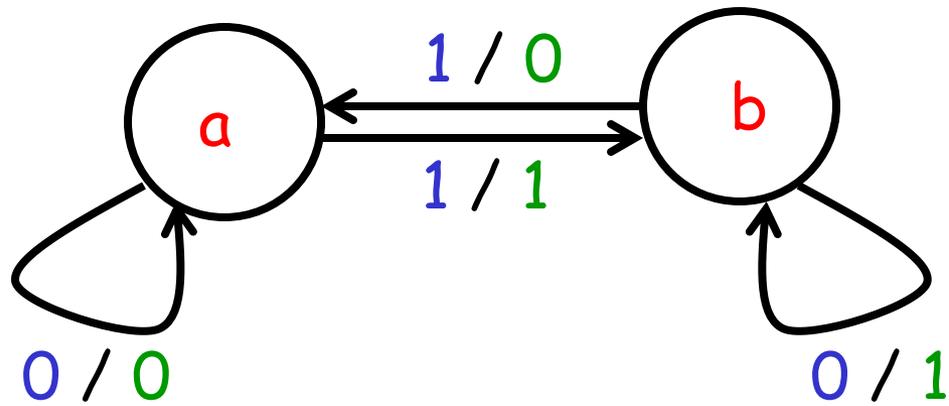


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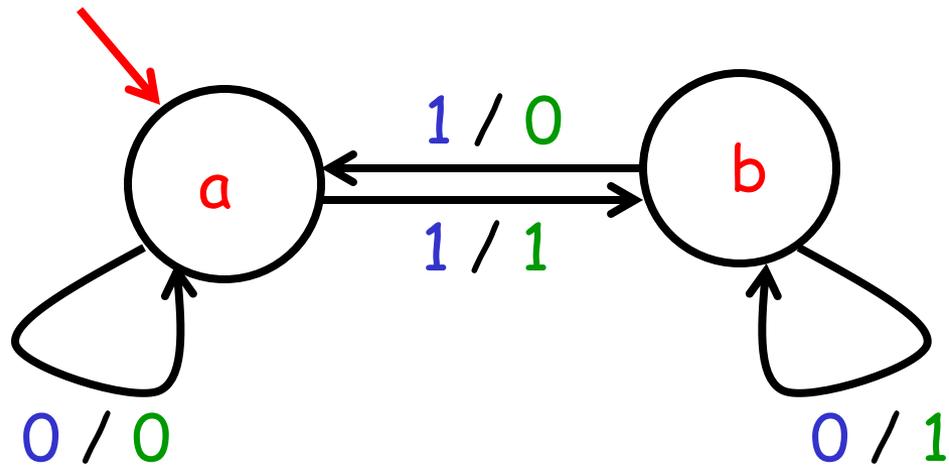
State between time  $t-1$  and  $t$ :

- a** if  $t > 0$  and output at time  $t-1$  was 0
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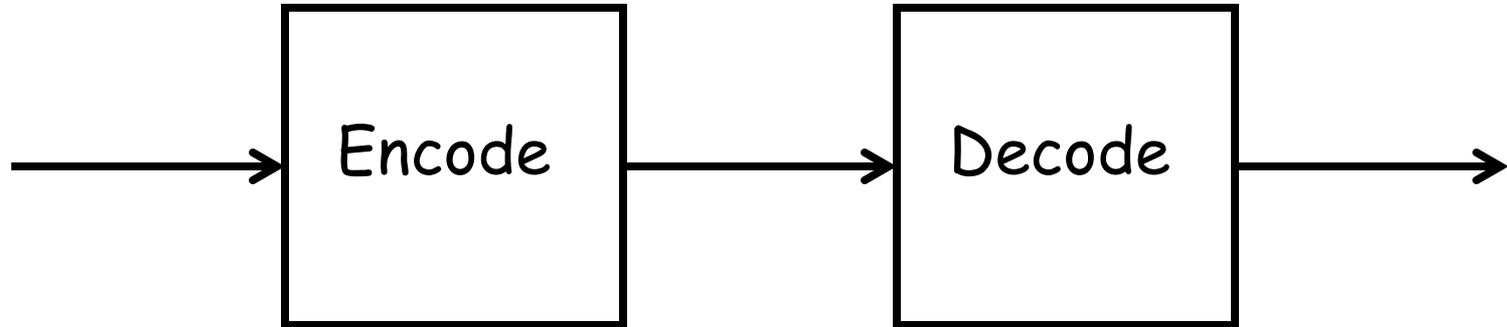


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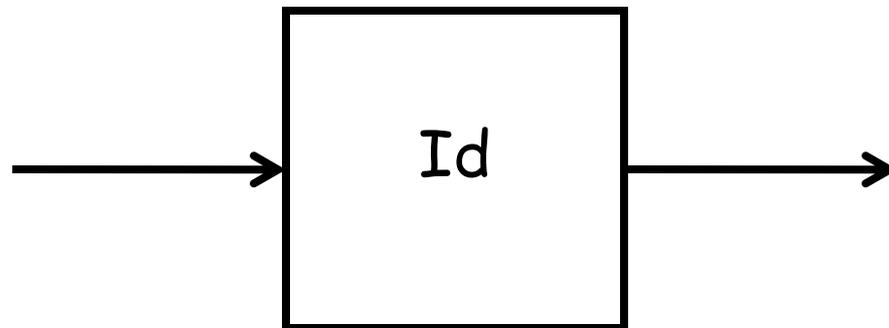
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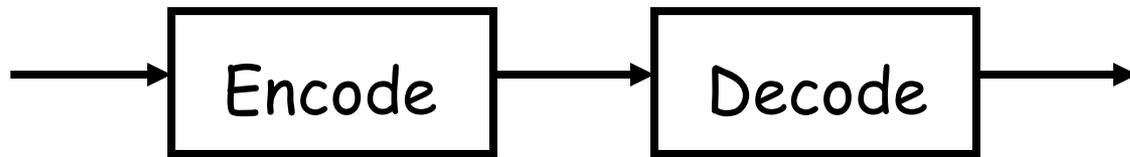
4 states



should be equivalent to



1 state (memory-free)

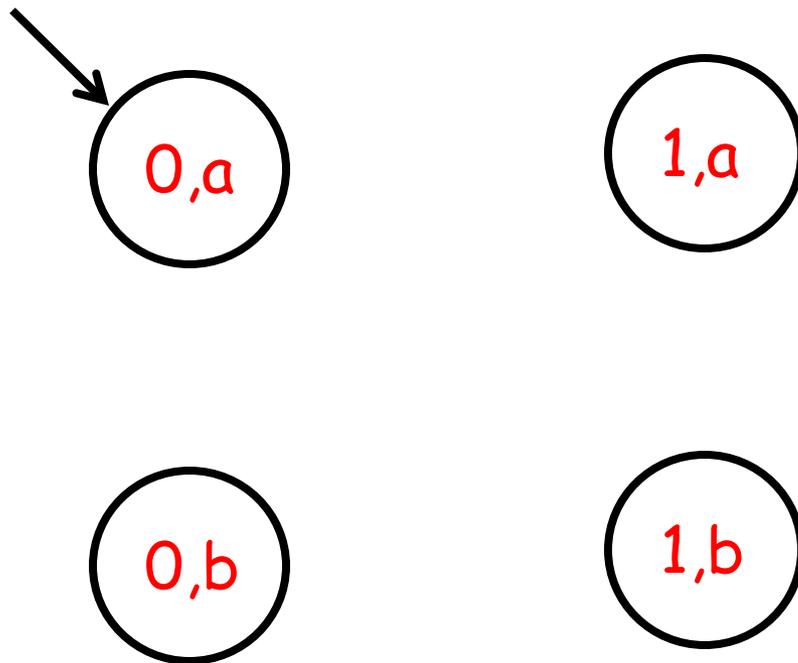
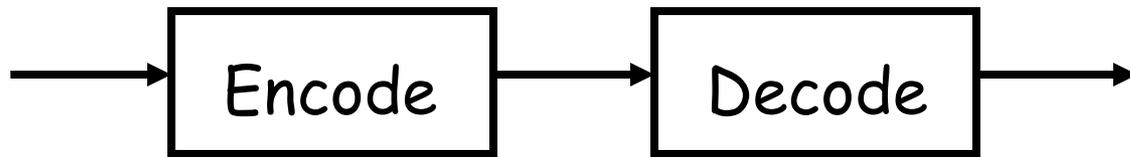


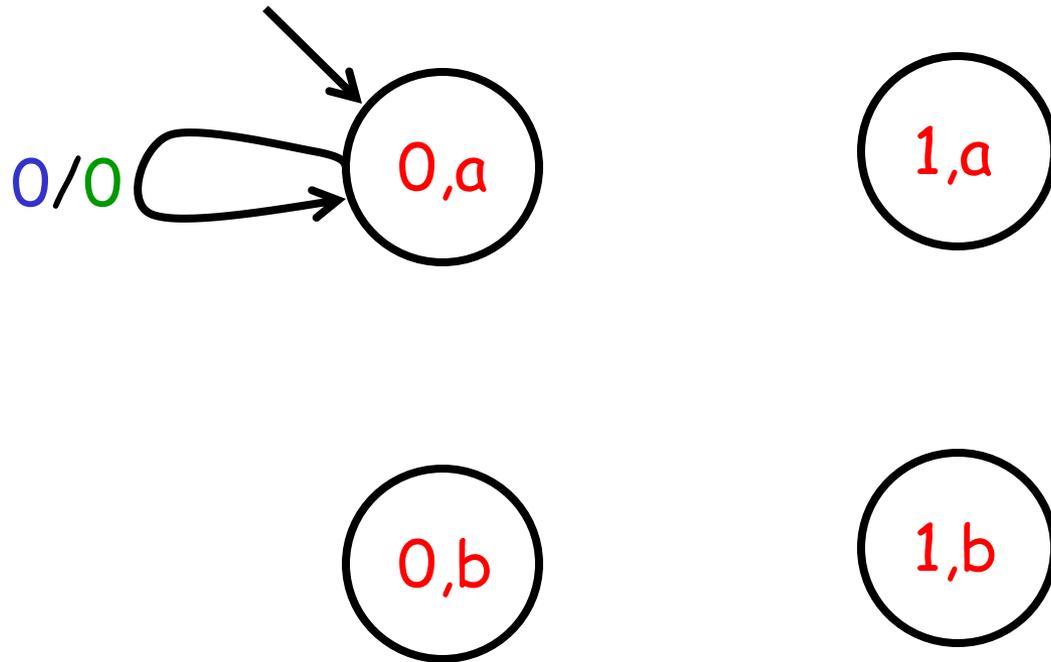
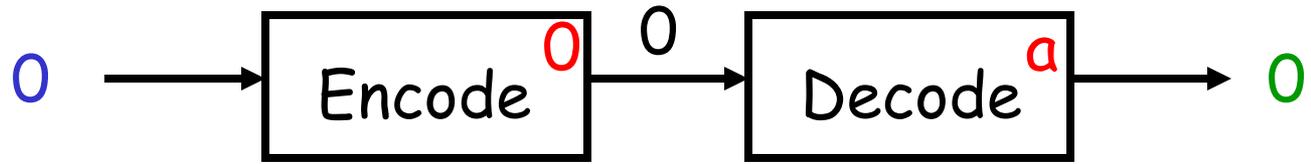
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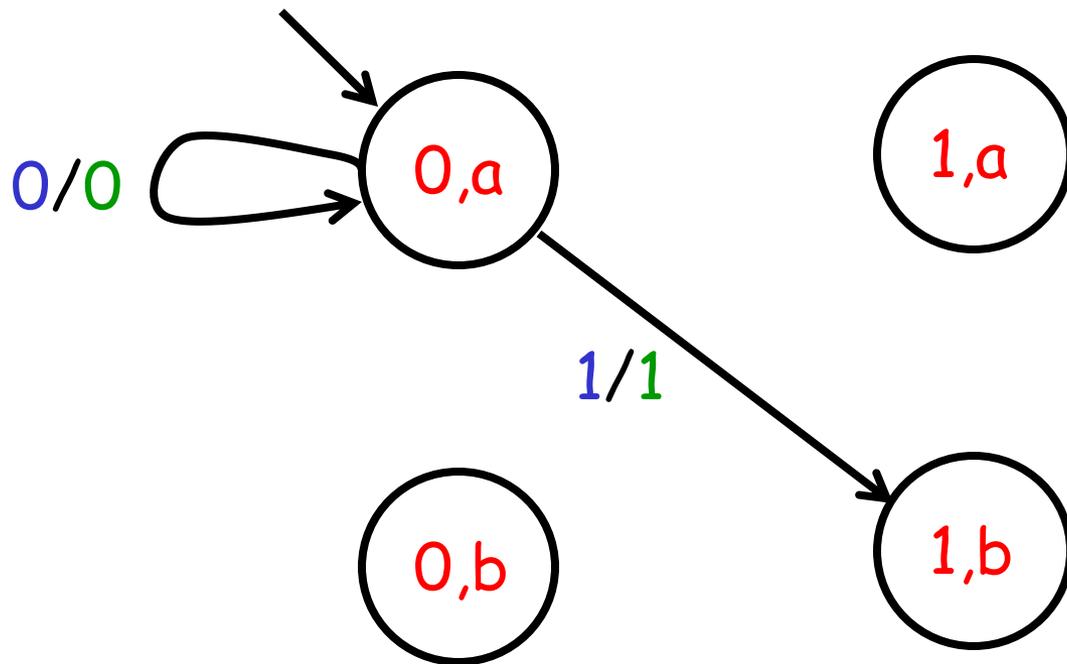
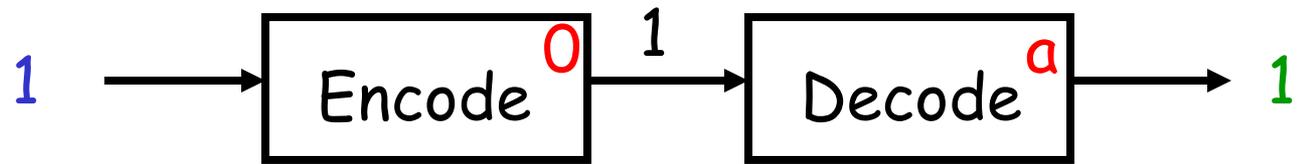
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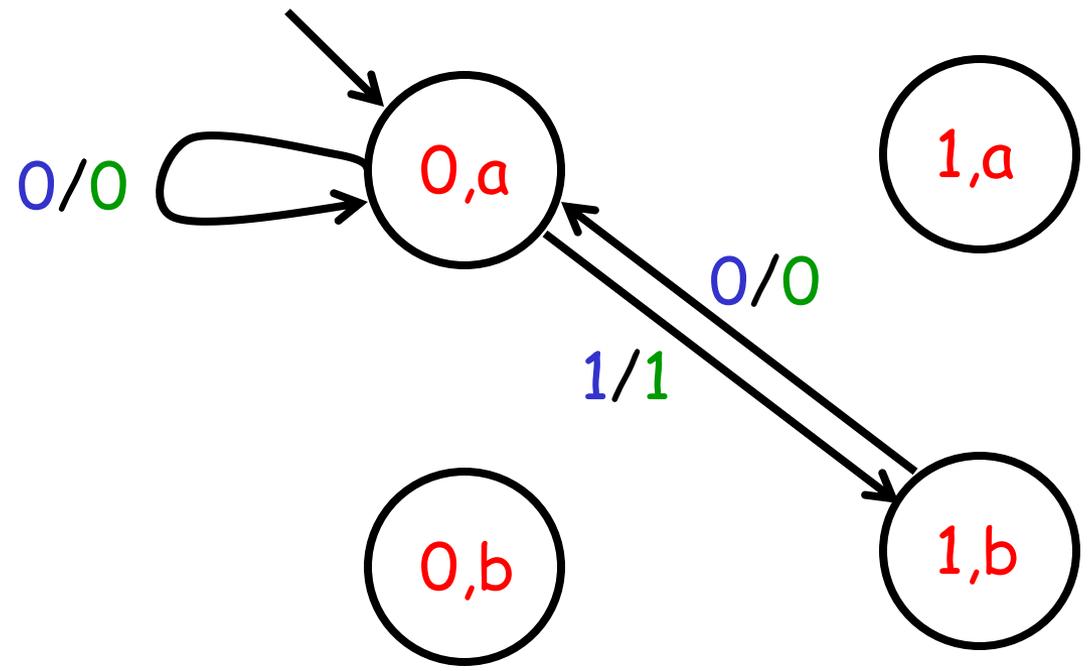
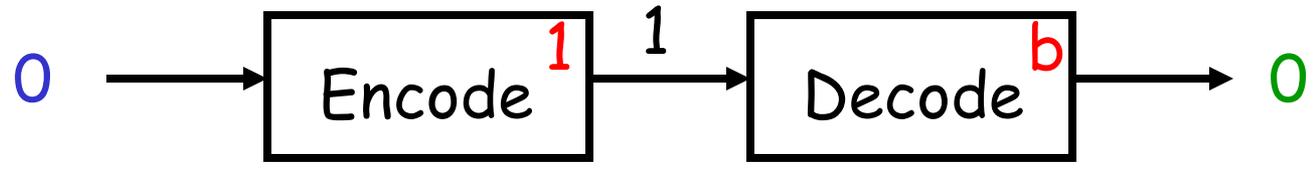
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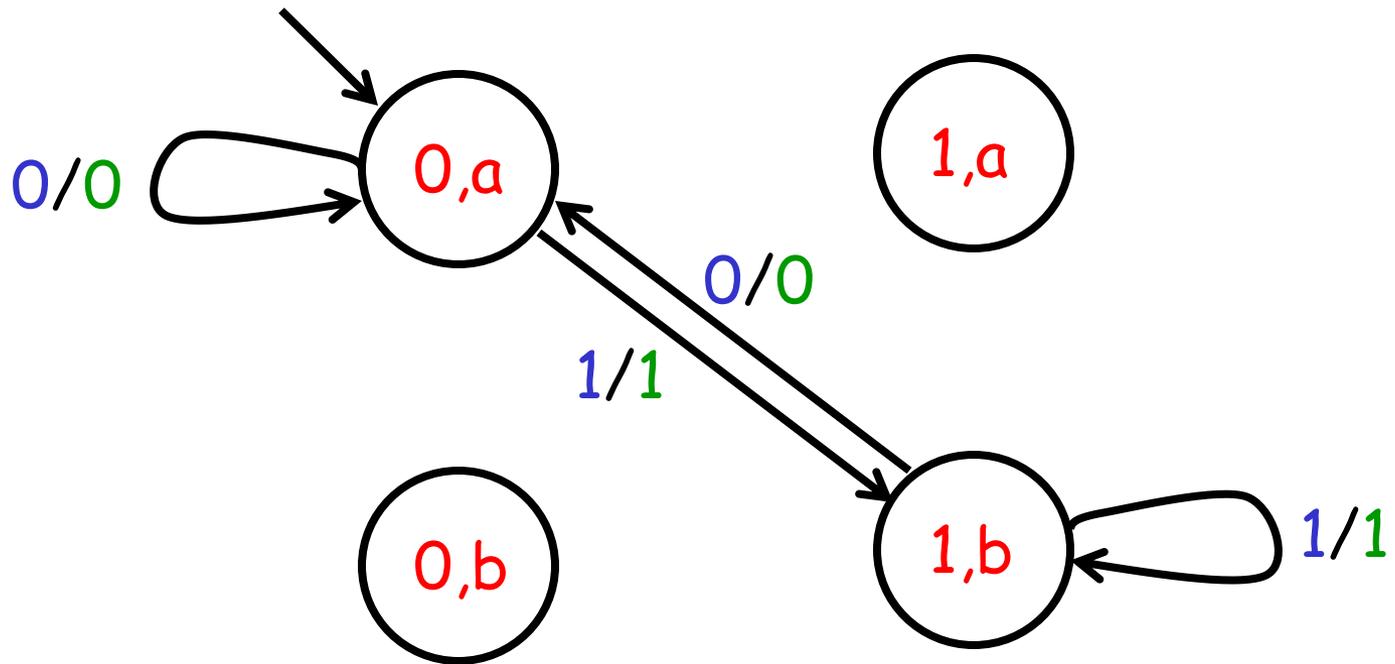
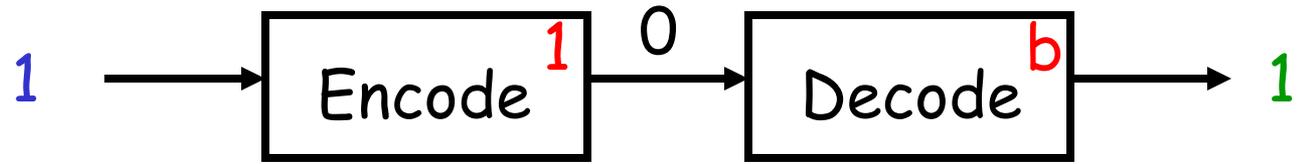
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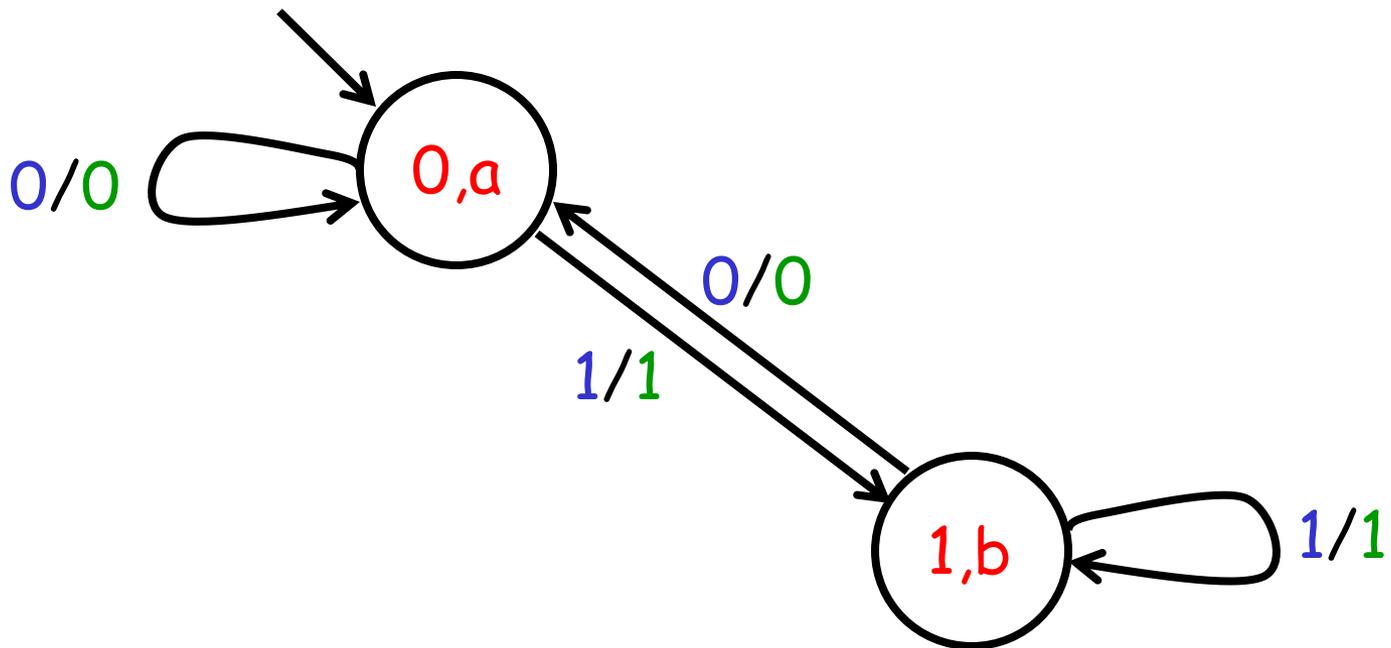
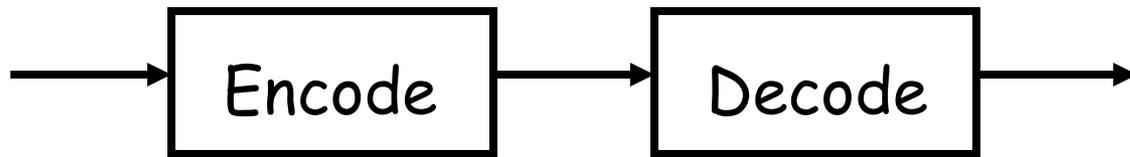






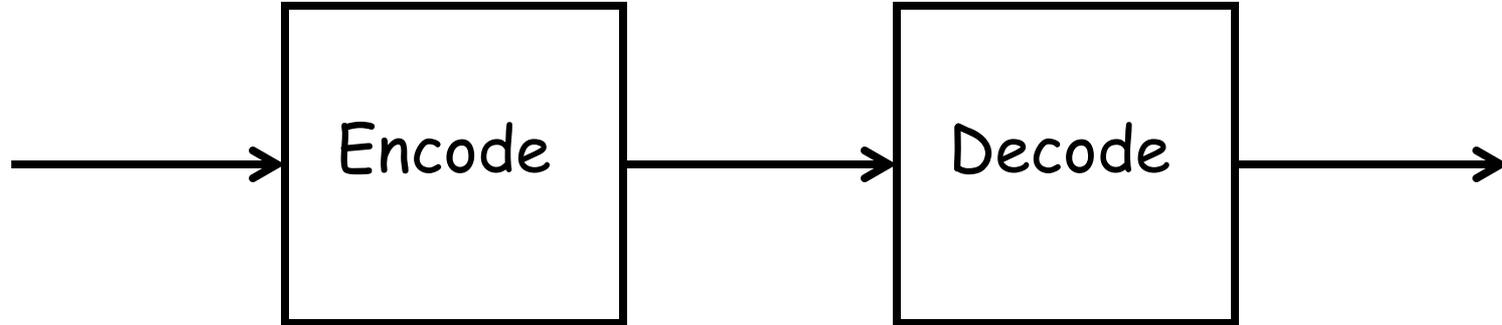




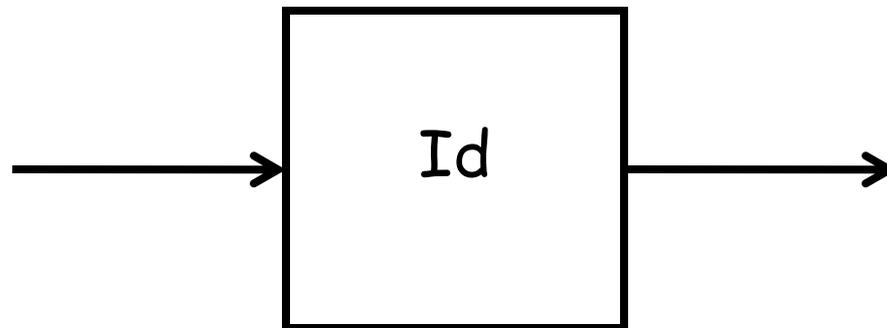


Remove unreachable states

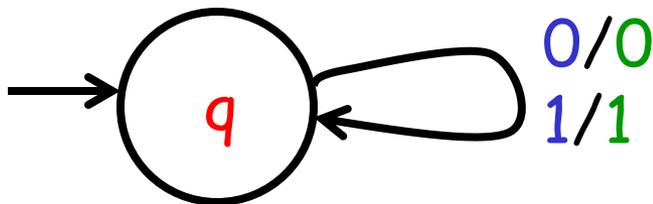
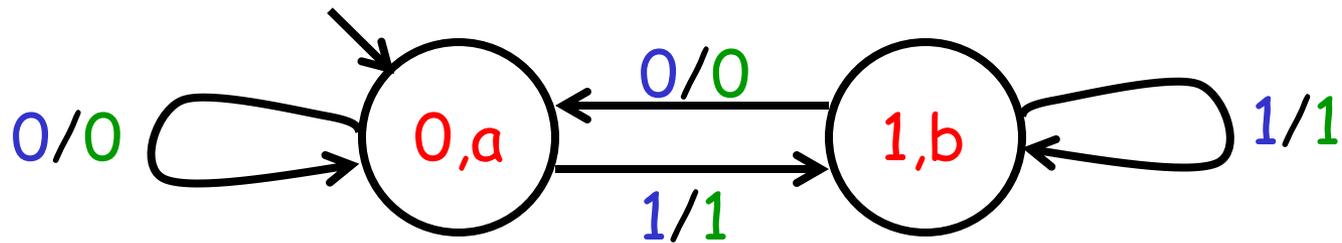
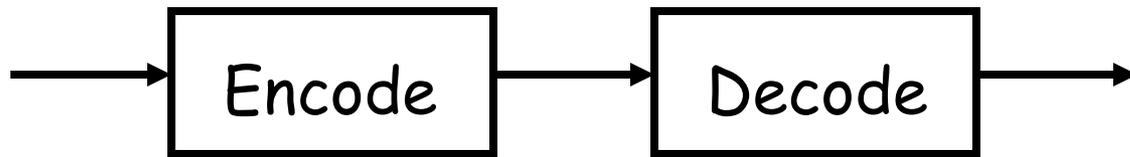
2 states

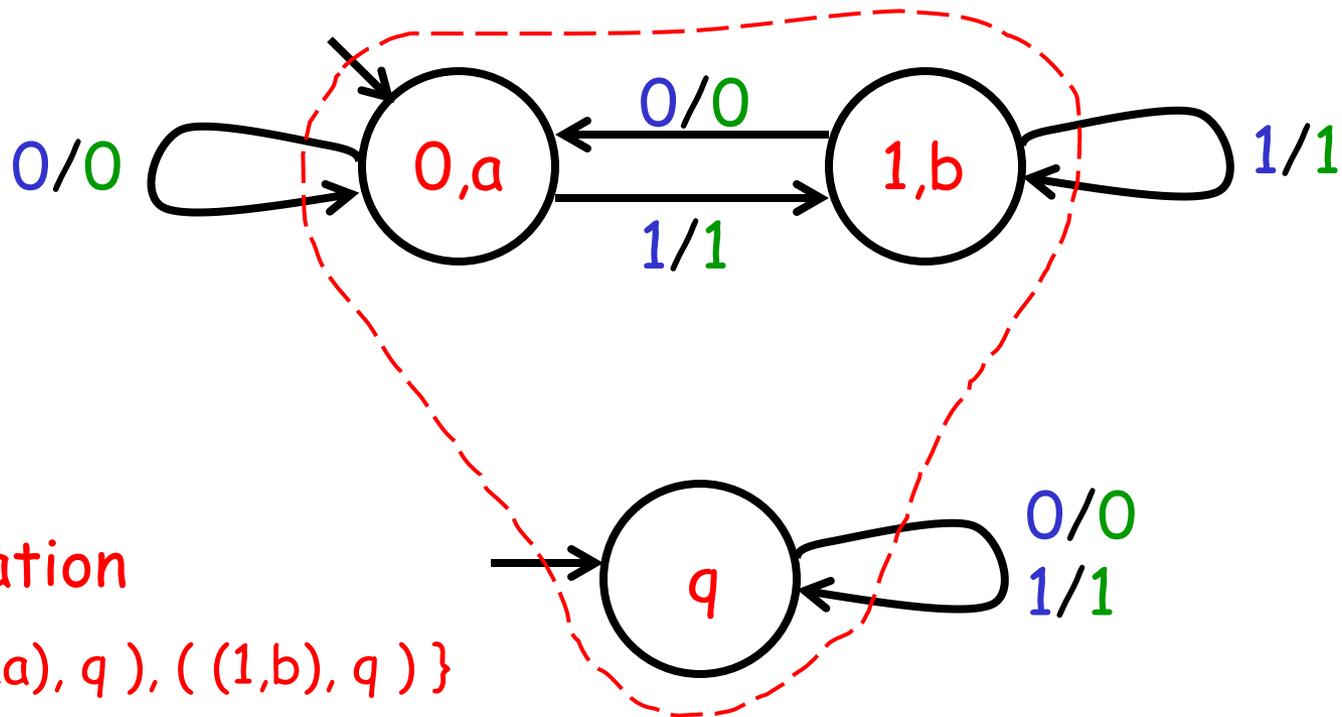
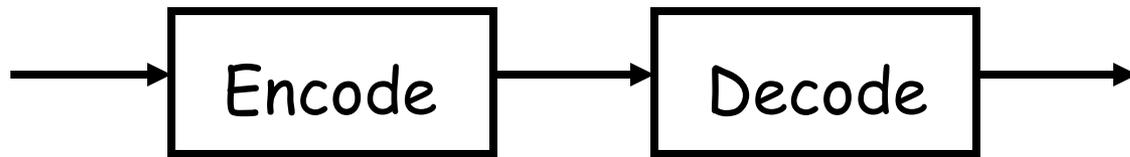


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1 state





## The Minimization Algorithm

Input : state machine  $M$

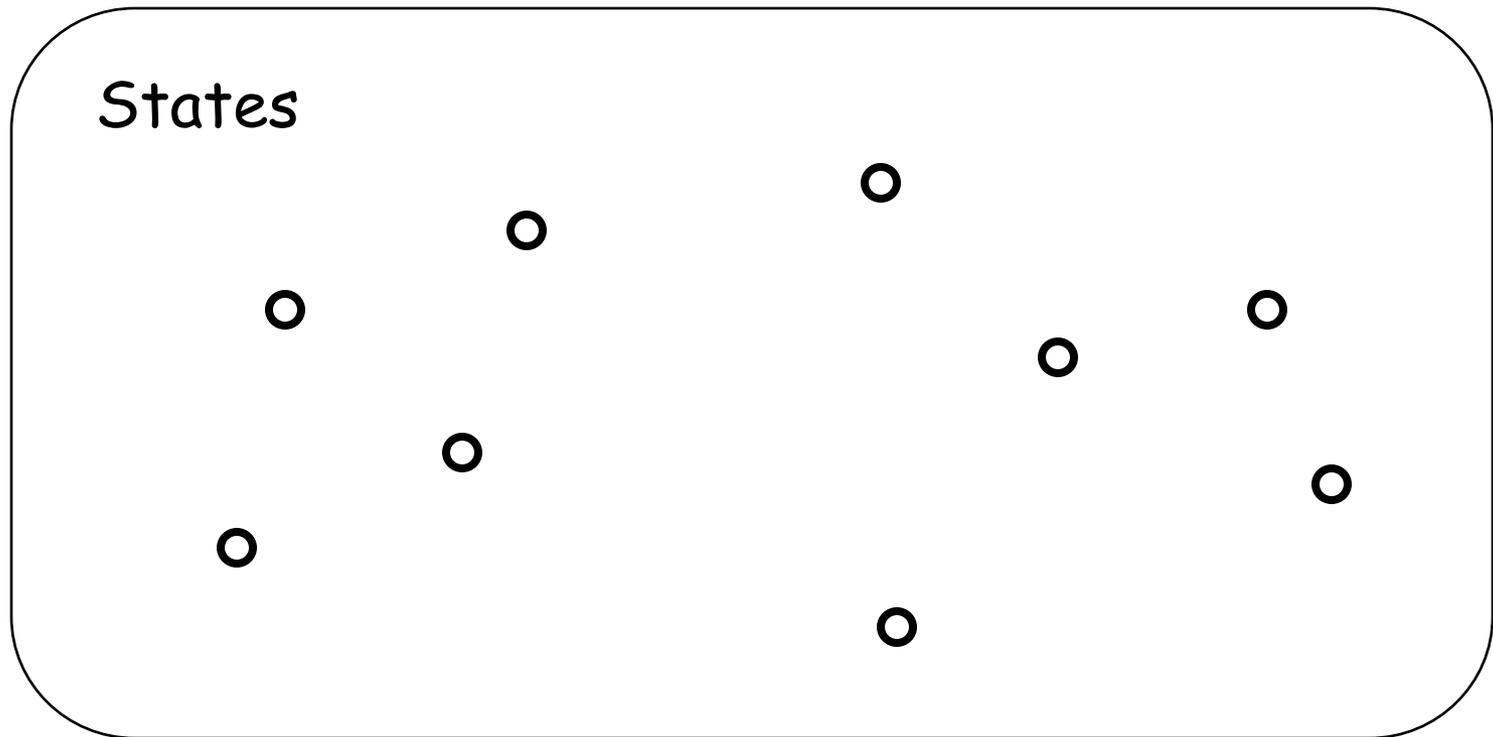
Output : minimize ( $M$ ), the state machine with the fewest states that is bisimilar to  $M$

(the result is unique up to renaming of states)

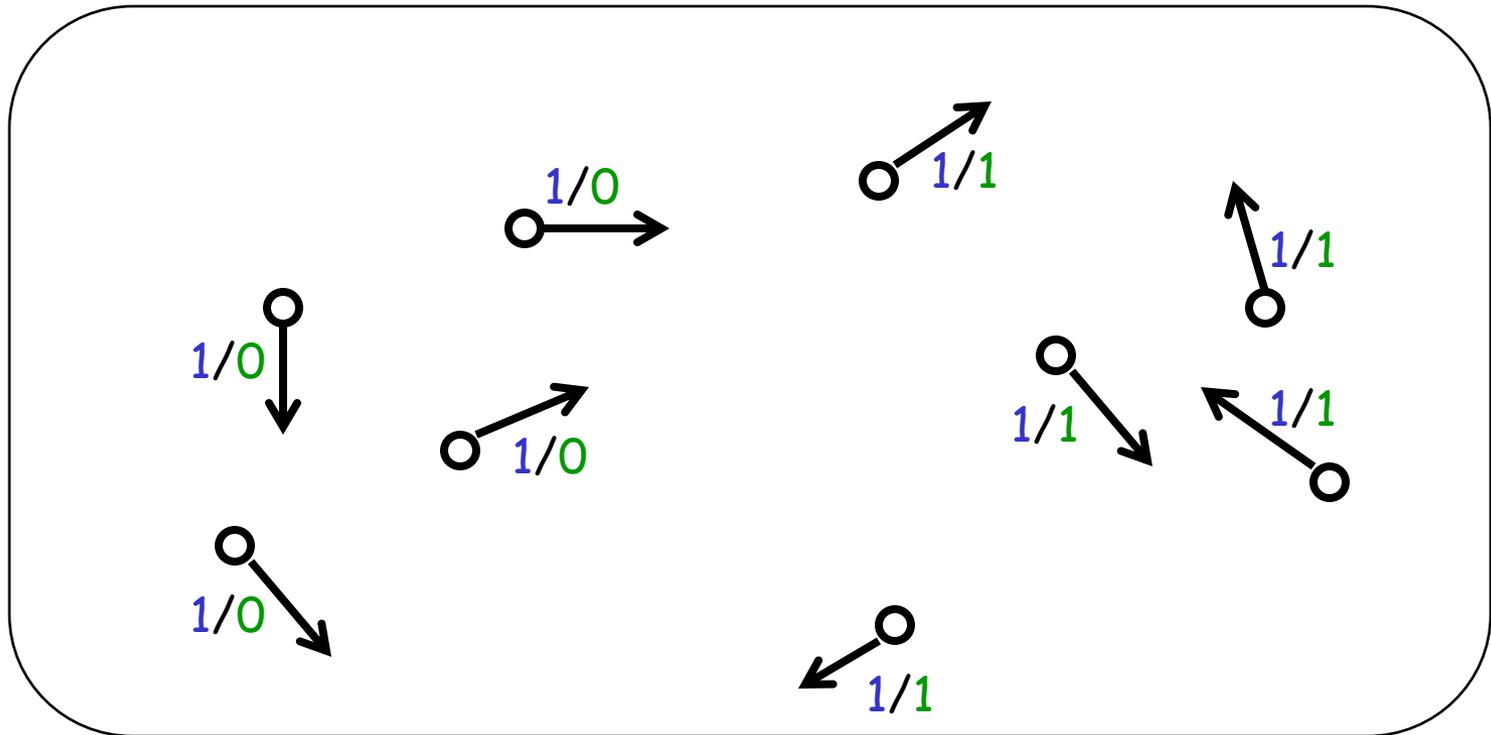
If  $\text{minimize}(M) = N$ , then:

1.  $M$  and  $N$  are bisimilar  
(i.e., there is a bisimulation between  $M$  and  $N$ ).
2. For every state machine  $N'$  that is bisimilar to  $M$ :
  - 2a.  $N'$  has at least as many states as  $N$ .
  - 2b. If  $N'$  has the same number of states as  $N$ ,  
then  $N'$  and  $N$  differ only in the names of states.

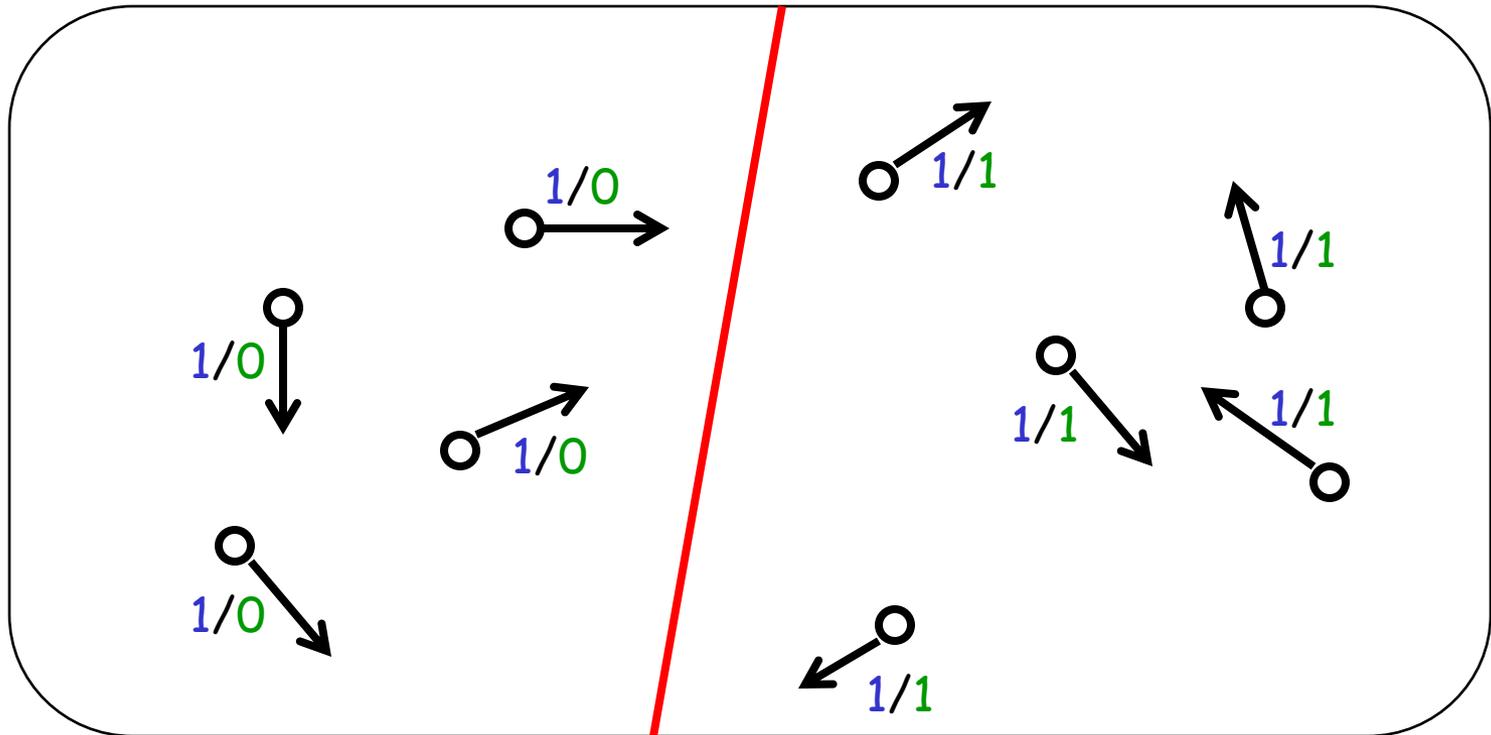
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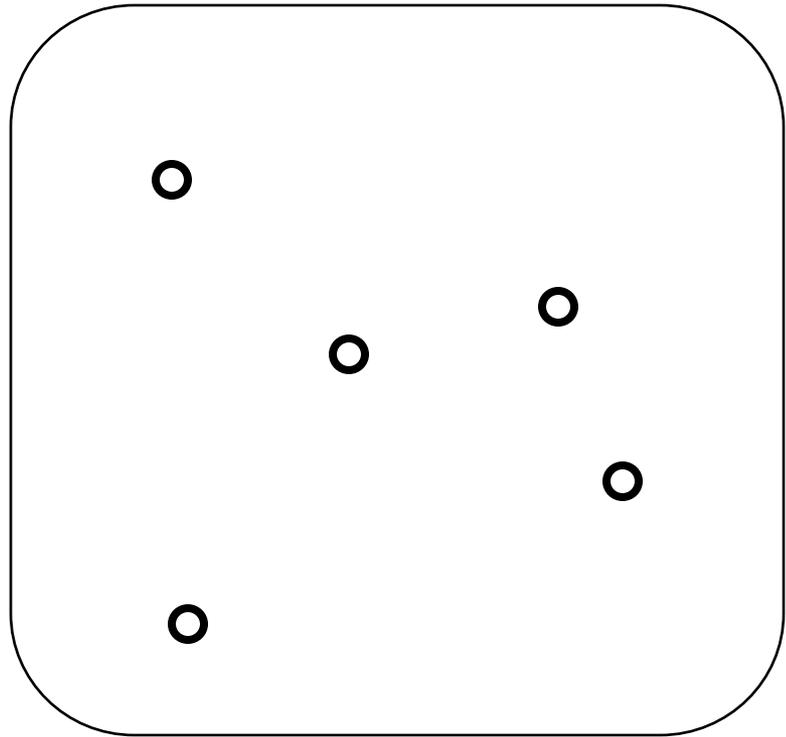
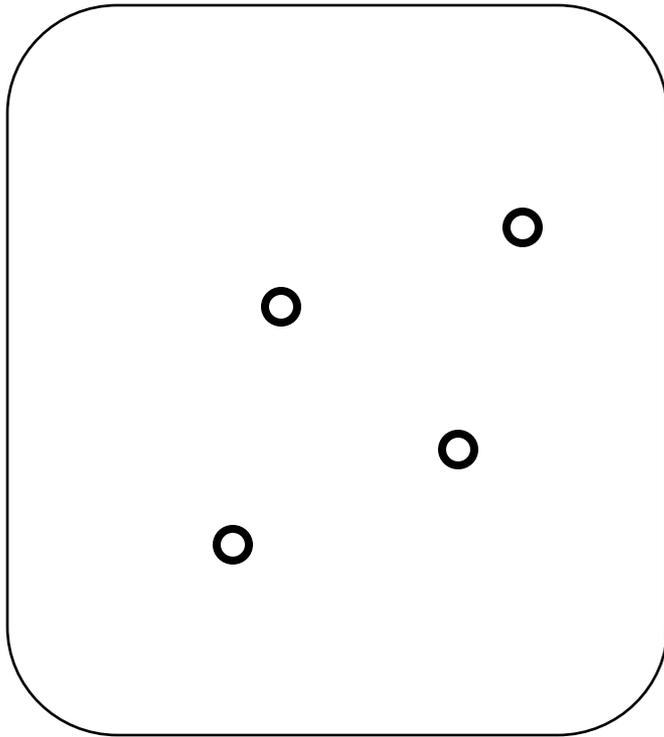
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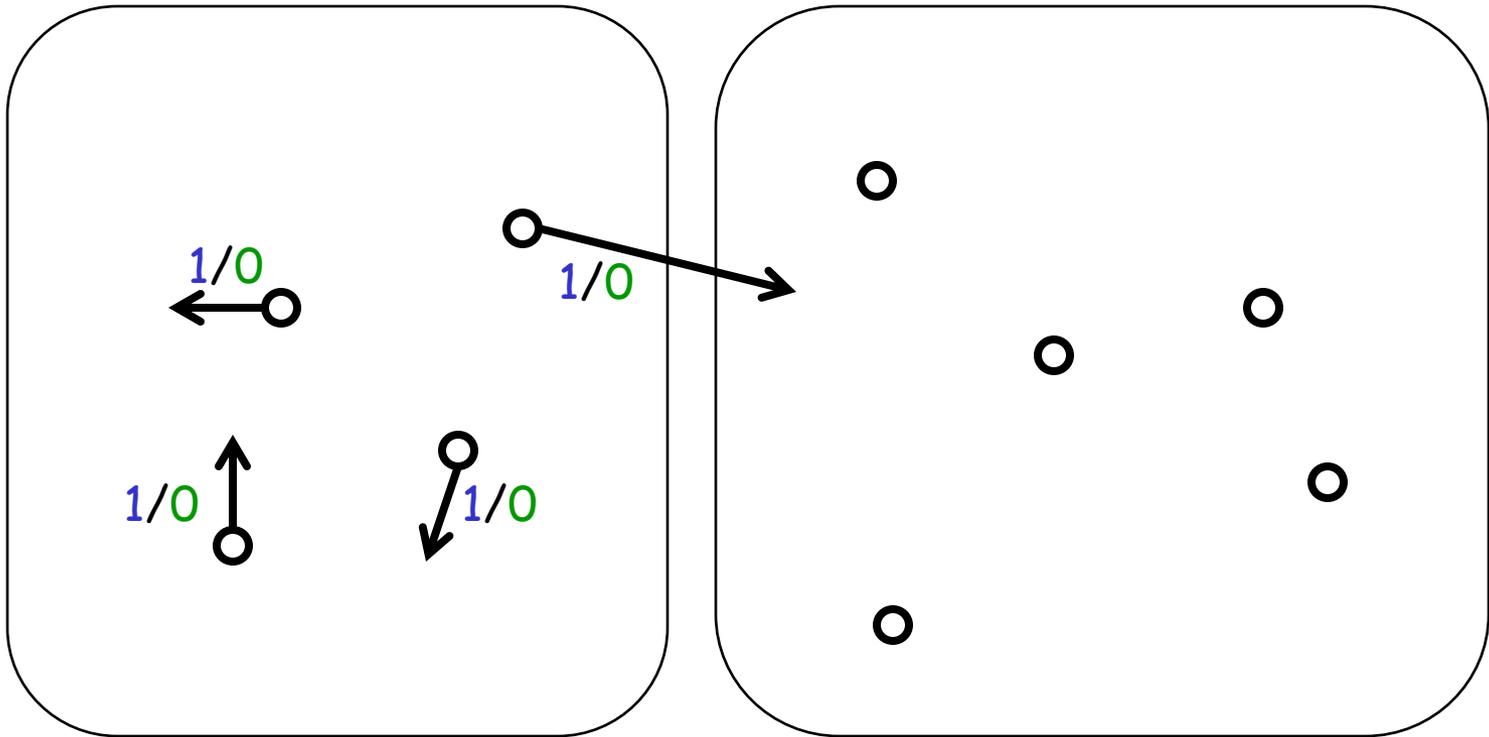
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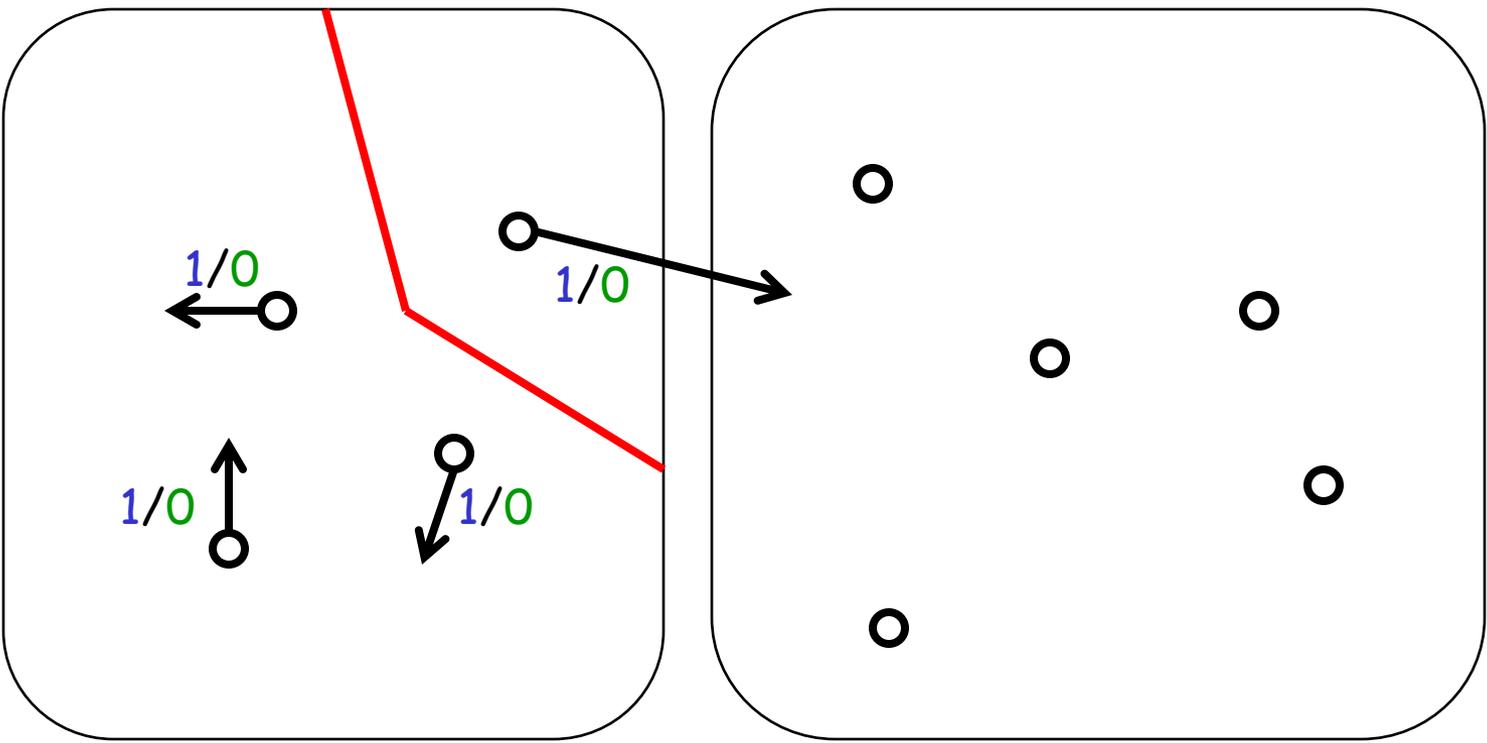
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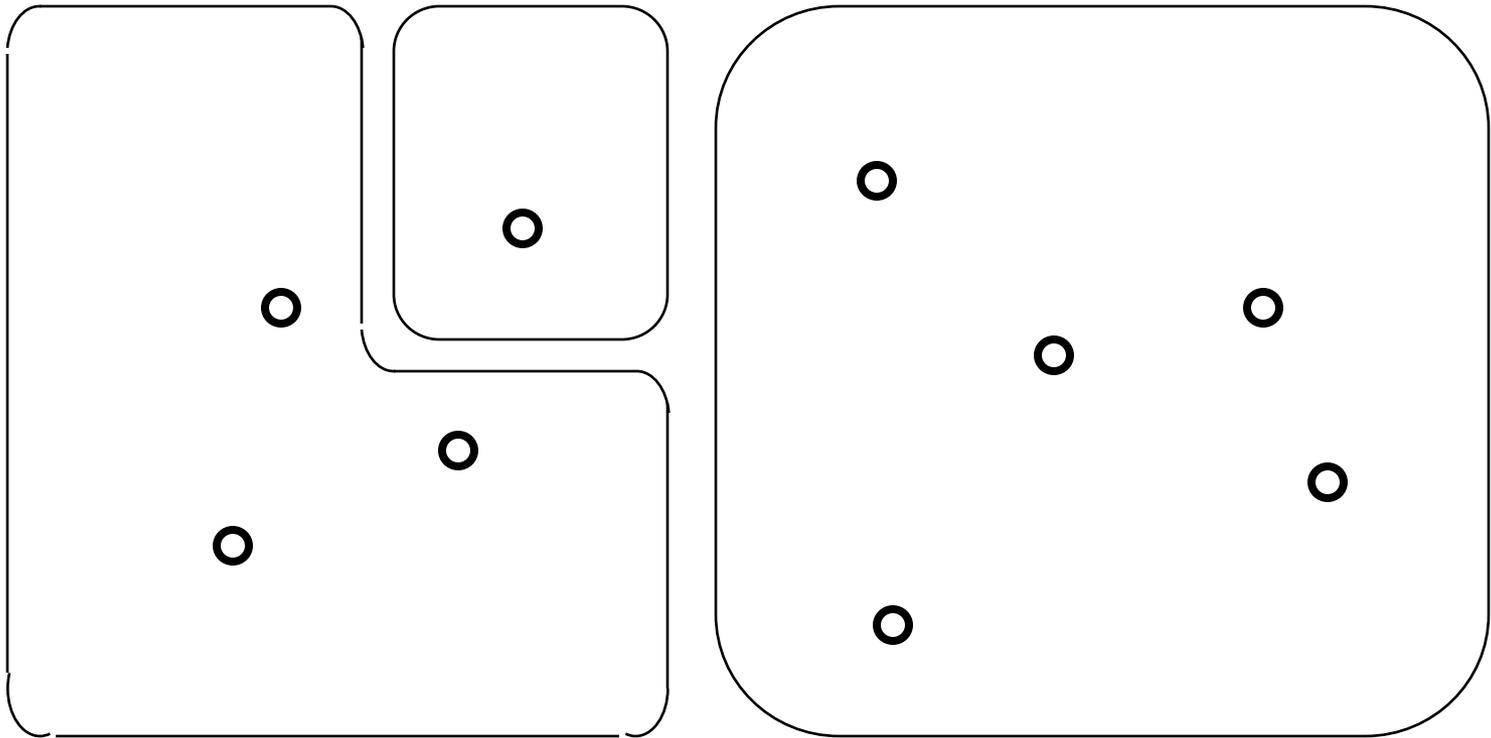
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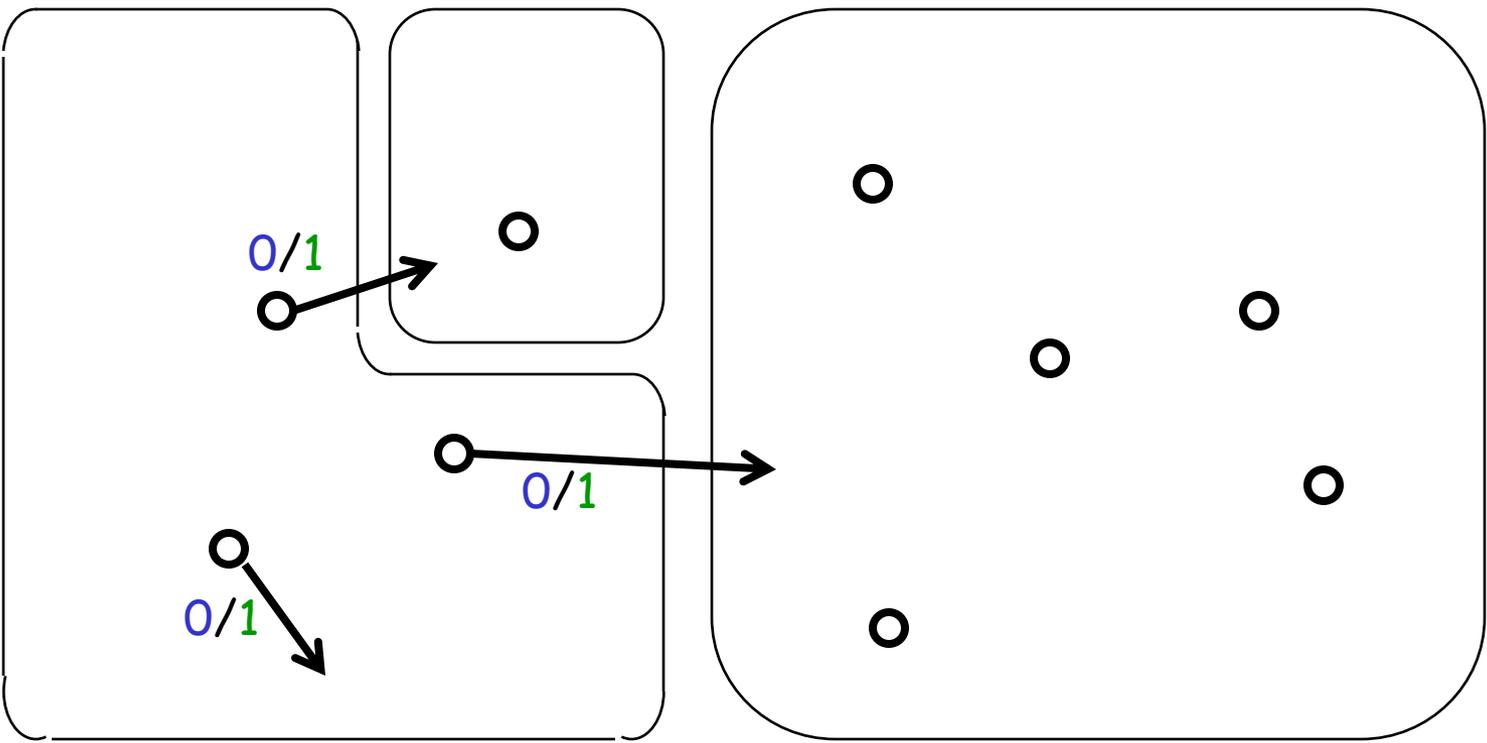
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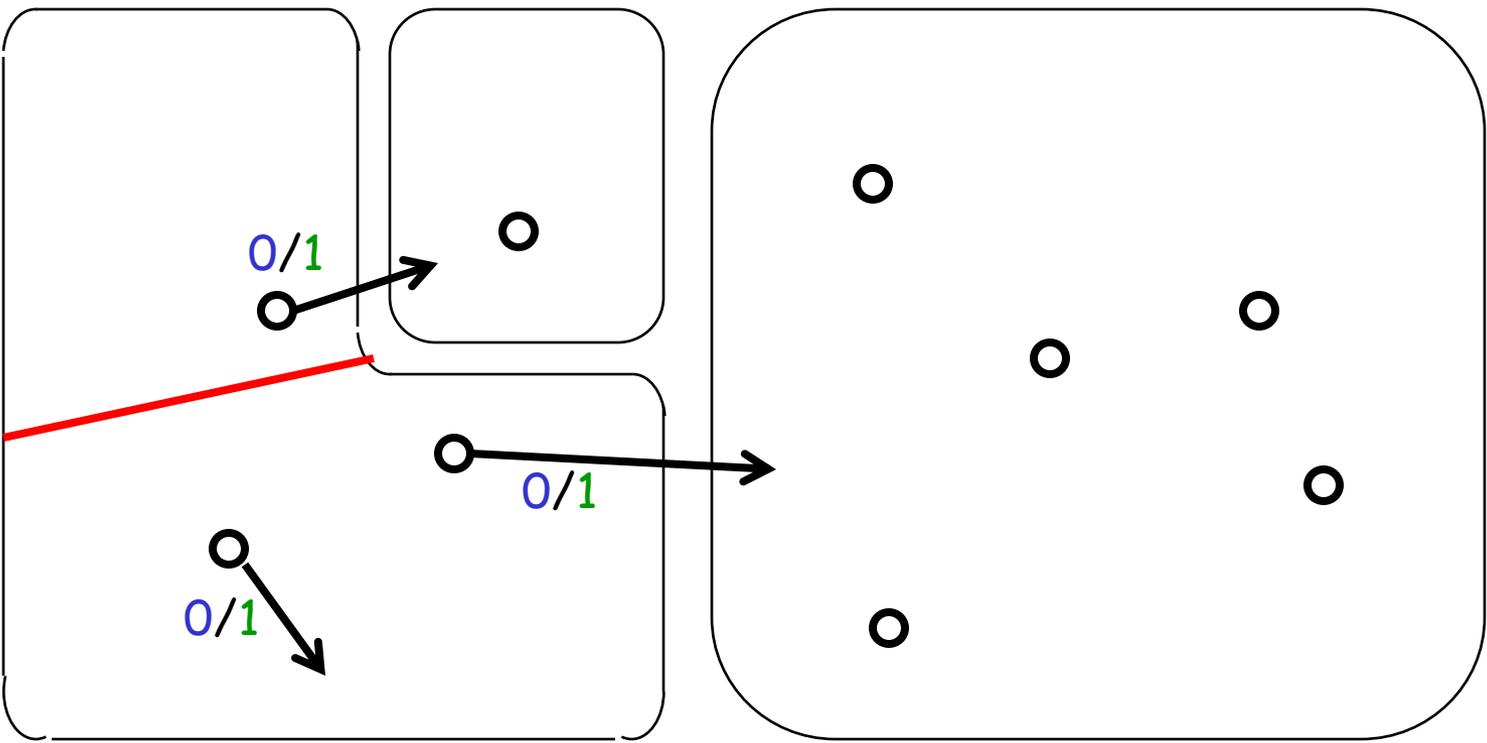
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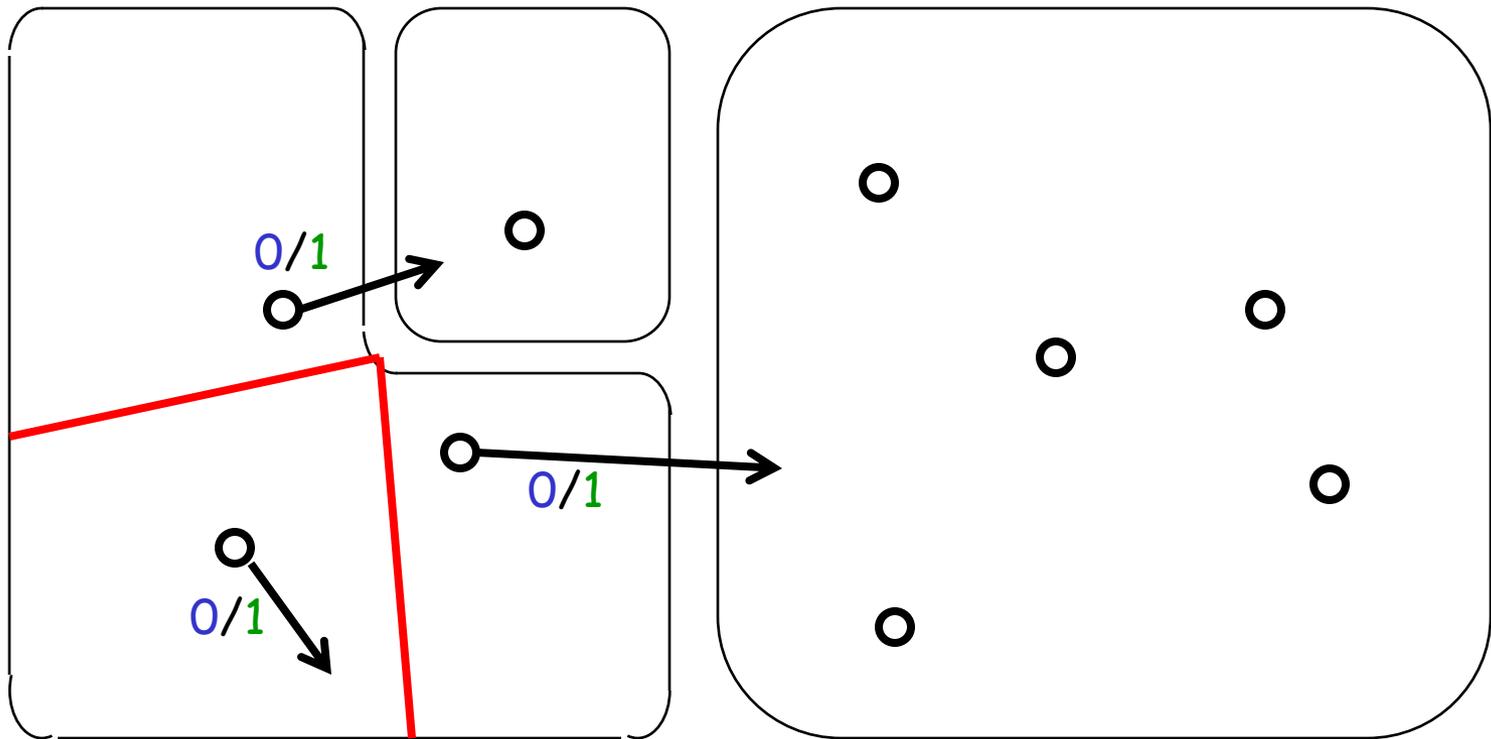
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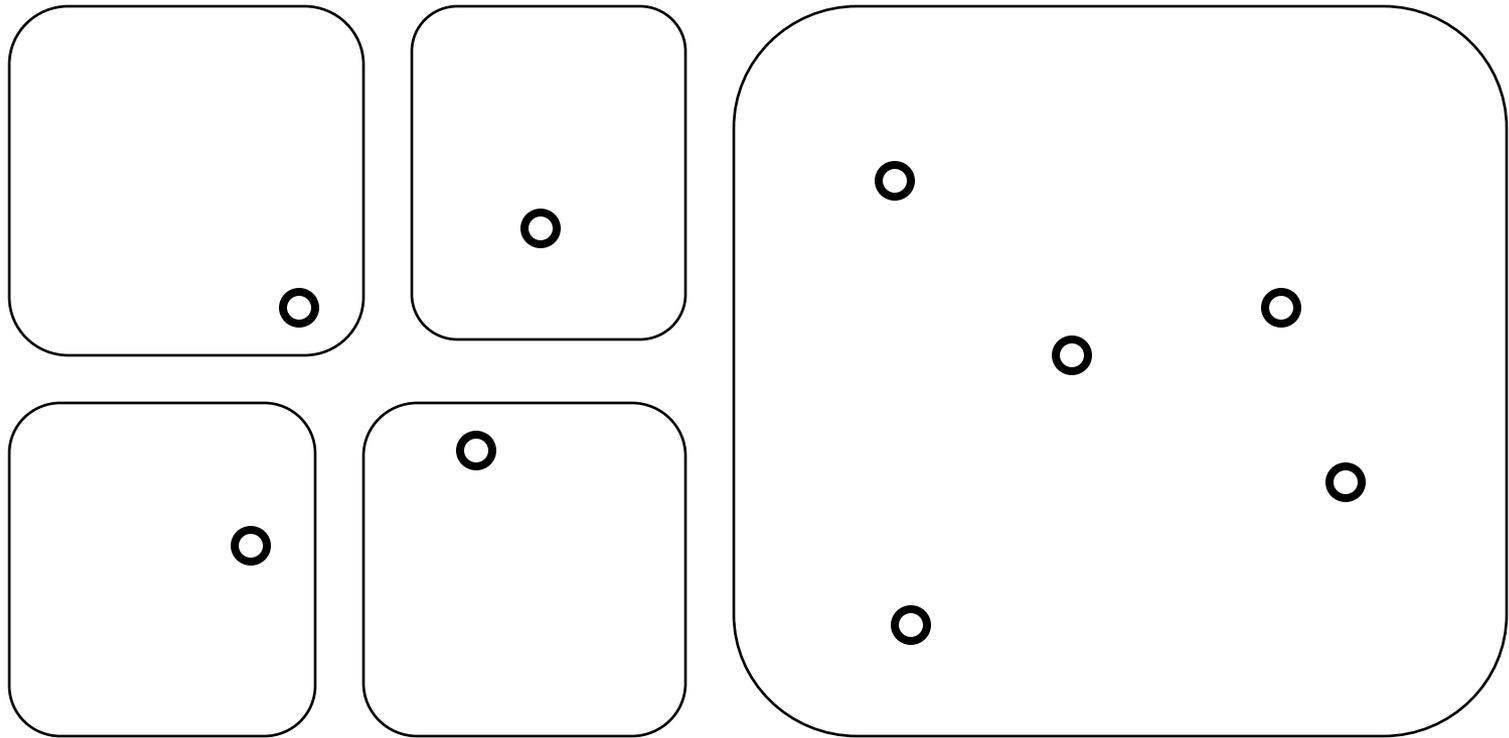
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1. Let  $Q$  be set of all reachable states of  $M$ .

2. Maintain a set  $P$  of state sets:

Initially let  $P = \{ Q \}$ .

2a. Repeat until no longer possible: **output split  $P$** .

2b. Repeat until no longer possible: **next-state split  $P$** .

3. When done, every state set in  $P$  represents a single state of the smallest state machine bisimilar to  $M$ .

## Output split P

If there exist

a state set  $R \in P$

two states  $r1 \in R$  and  $r2 \in R$

an input  $x \in \text{Inputs}$

such that

$$\text{output}(r1, x) \neq \text{output}(r2, x)$$

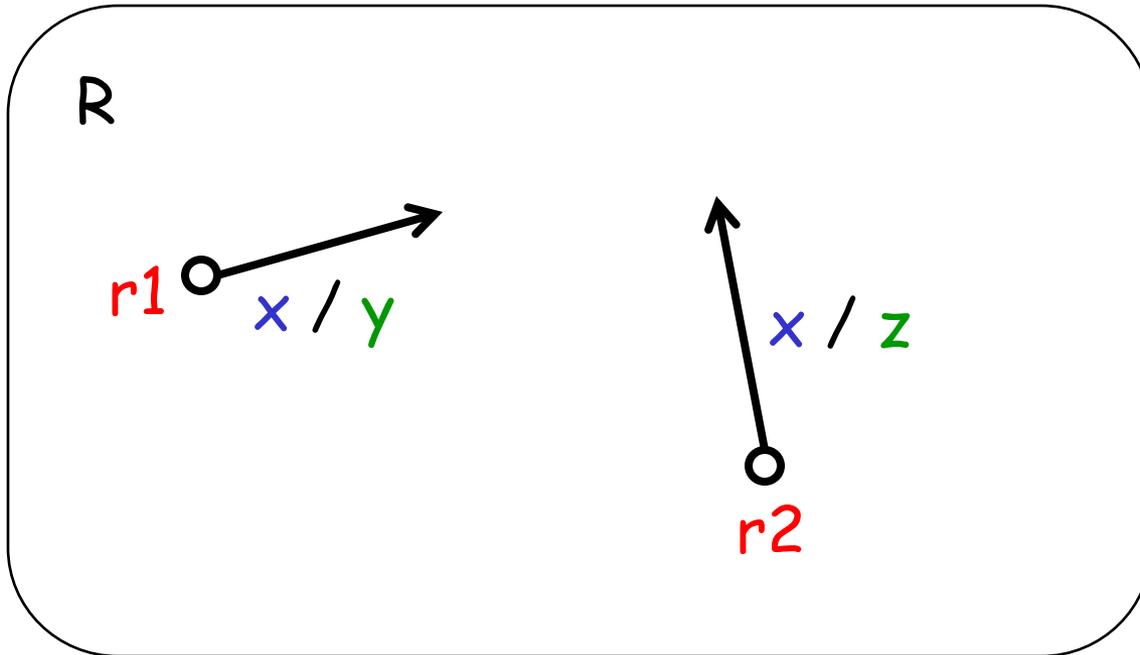
then

$$\text{let } R1 = \{ r \in R \mid \text{output}(r, x) = \text{output}(r1, x) \};$$

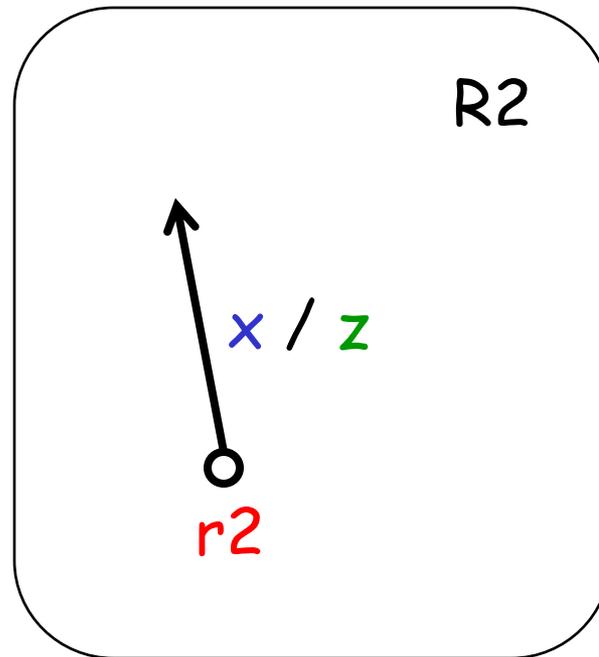
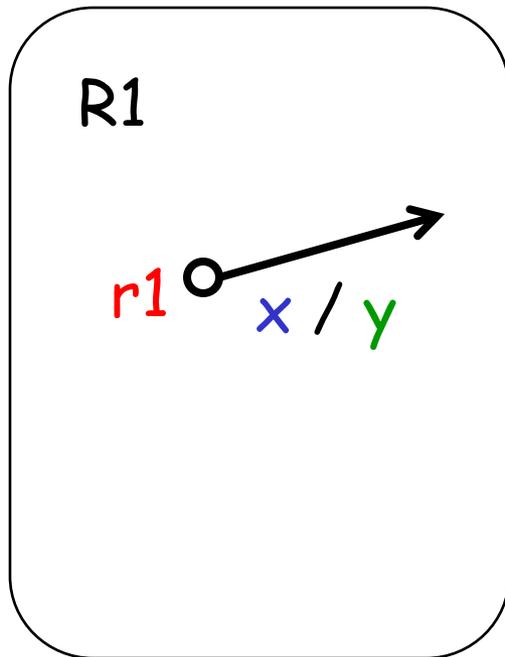
$$\text{let } R2 = R \setminus R1;$$

$$\text{let } P = (P \setminus \{R\}) \cup \{R1, R2\}.$$

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## Next-state split P

If there exist

two state sets  $R \in P$  and  $R' \in P$

two states  $r1 \in R$  and  $r2 \in R$

an input  $x \in \text{Inputs}$

such that

$\text{nextState}(r1, x) \in R'$  and  $\text{nextState}(r2, x) \notin R'$

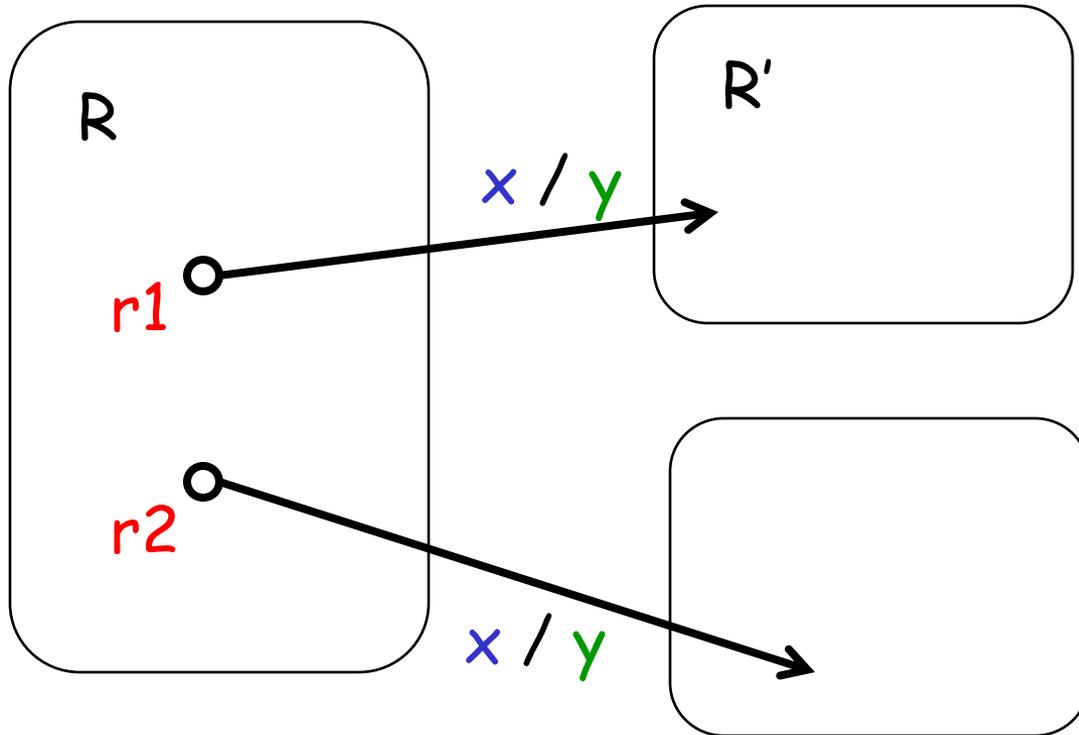
then

let  $R1 = \{ r \in R \mid \text{nextState}(r, x) \in R' \}$ ;

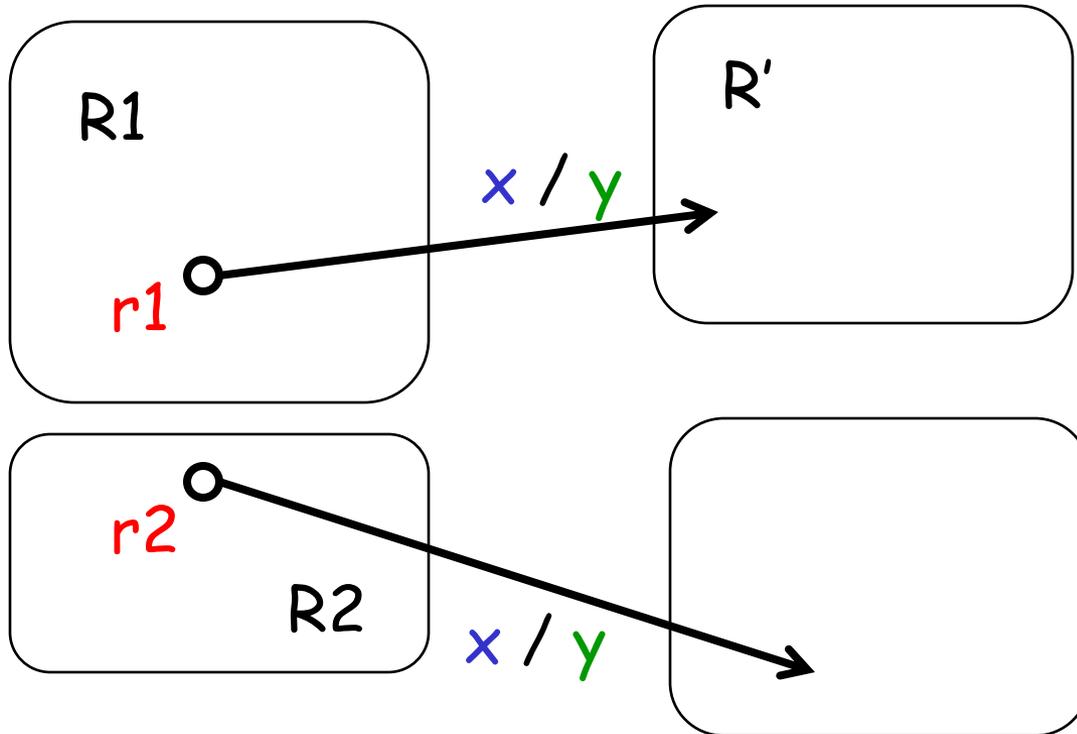
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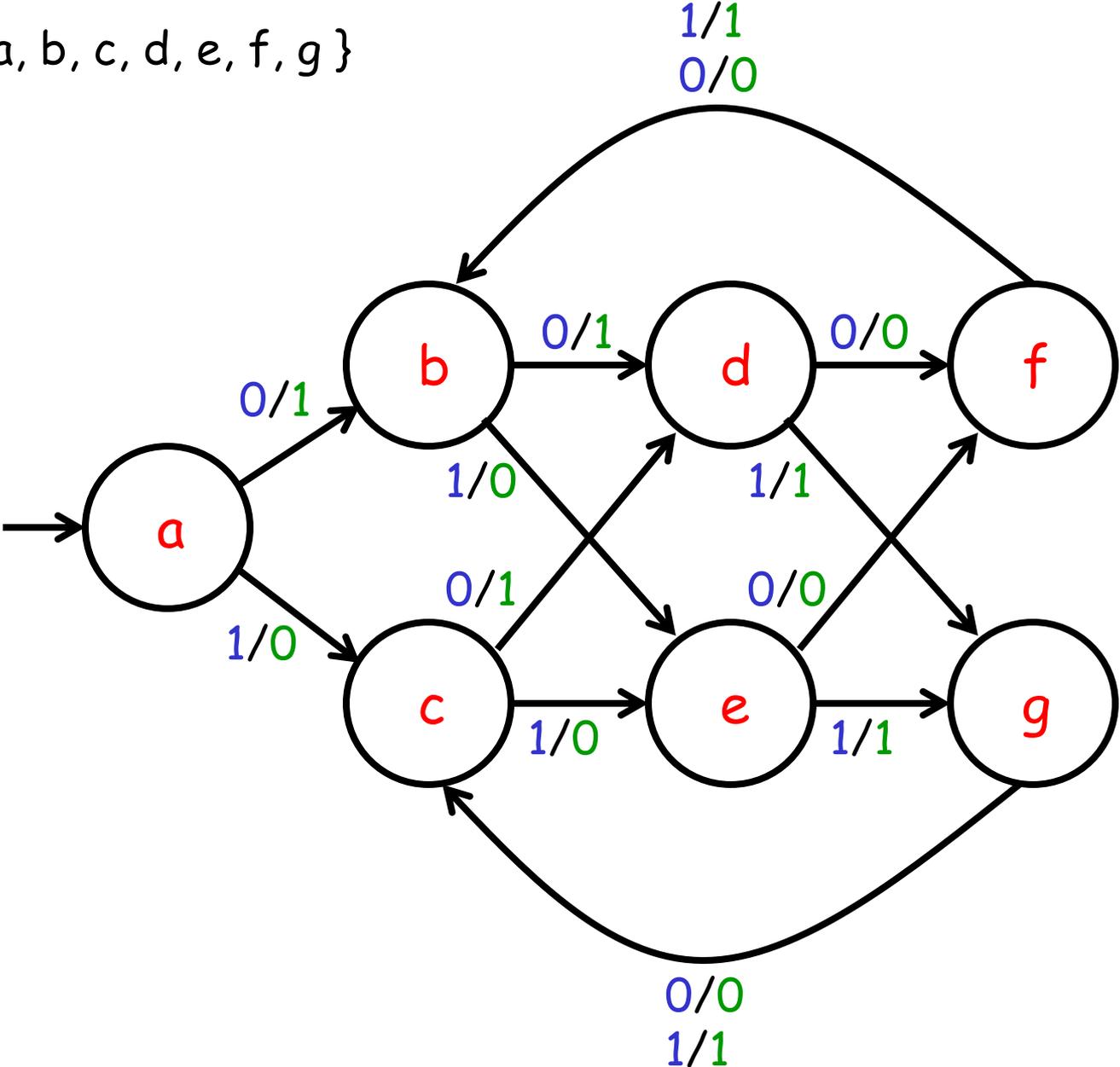
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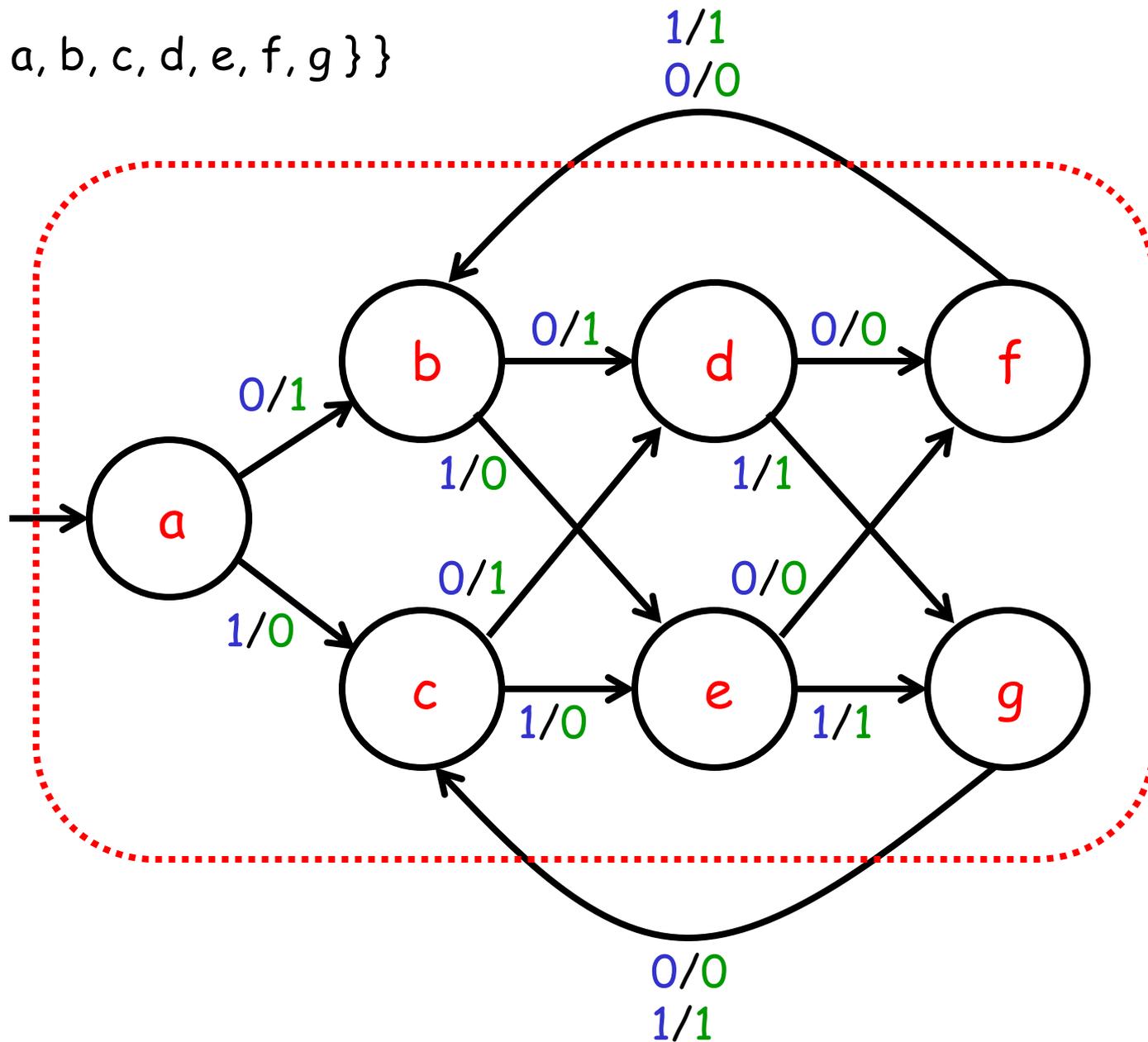
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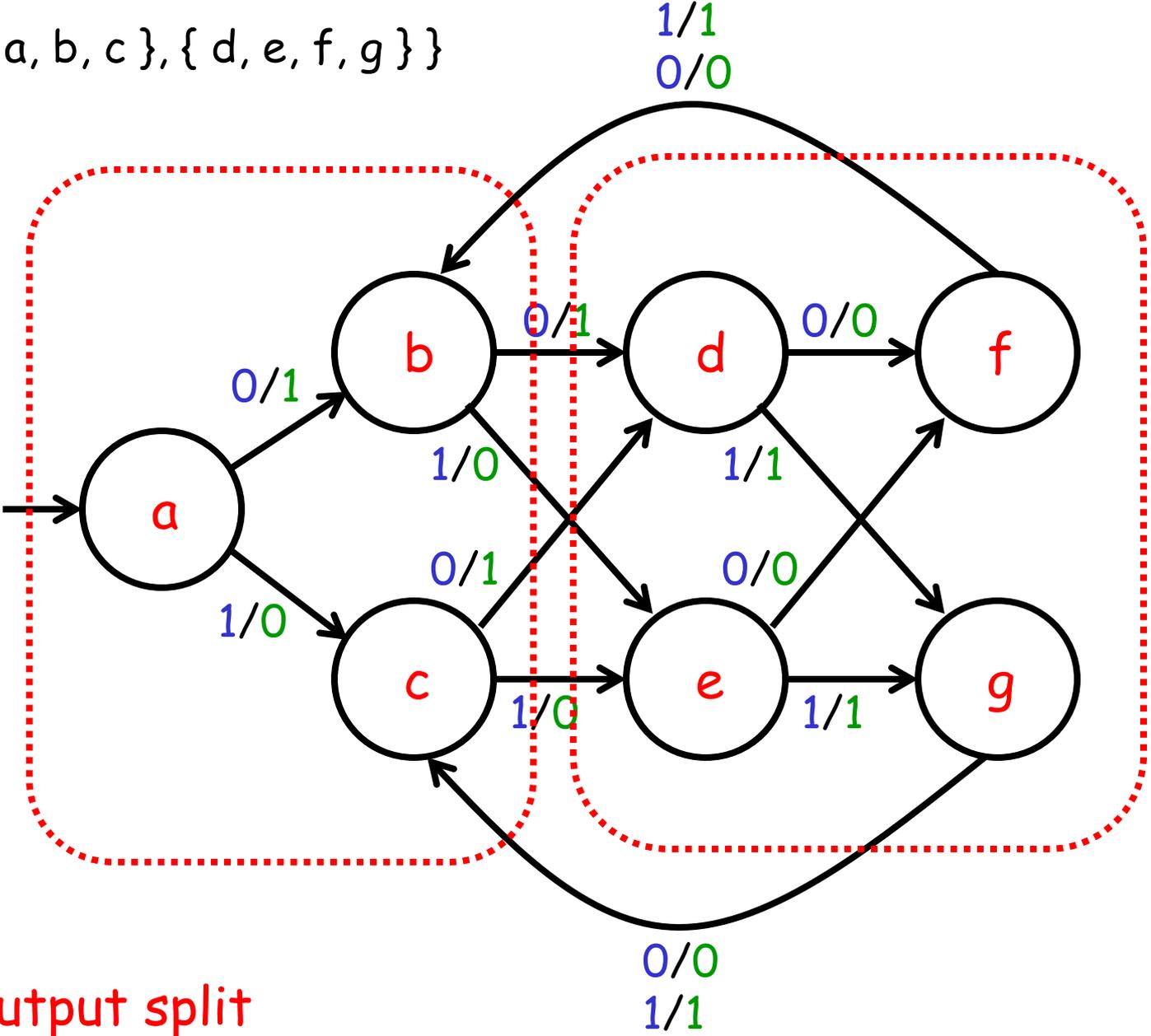
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$P = \{\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}\}$

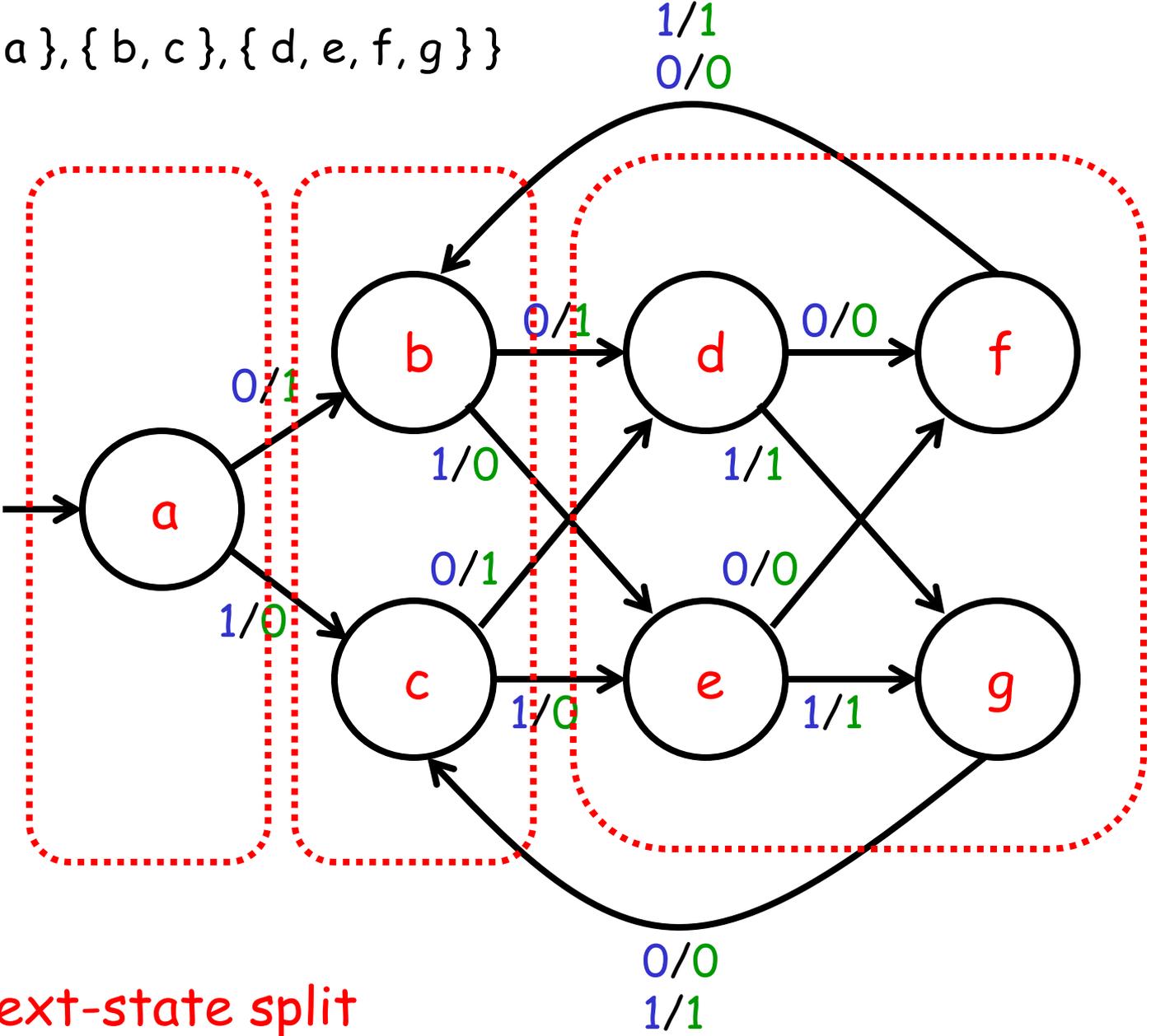


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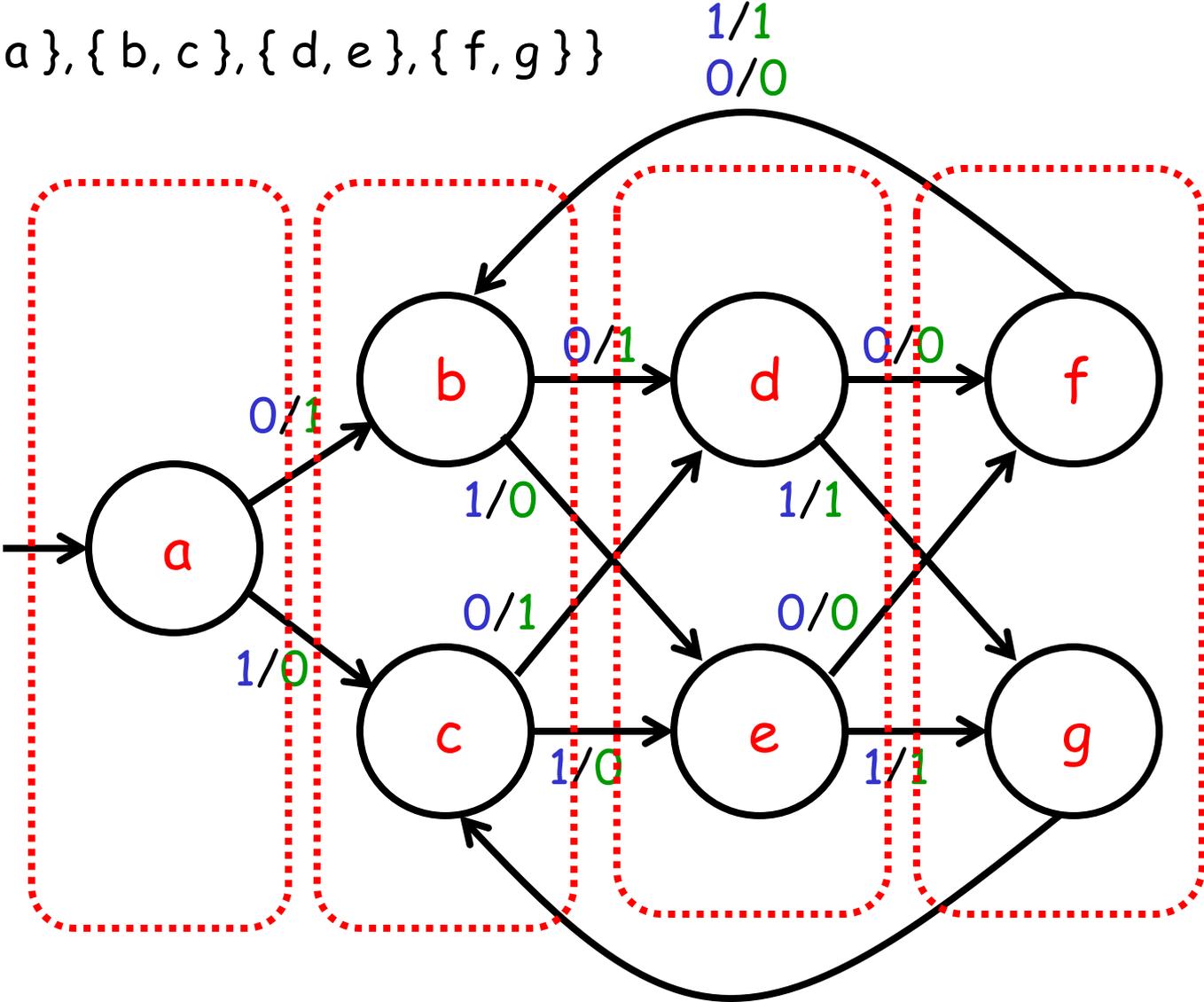
Output split

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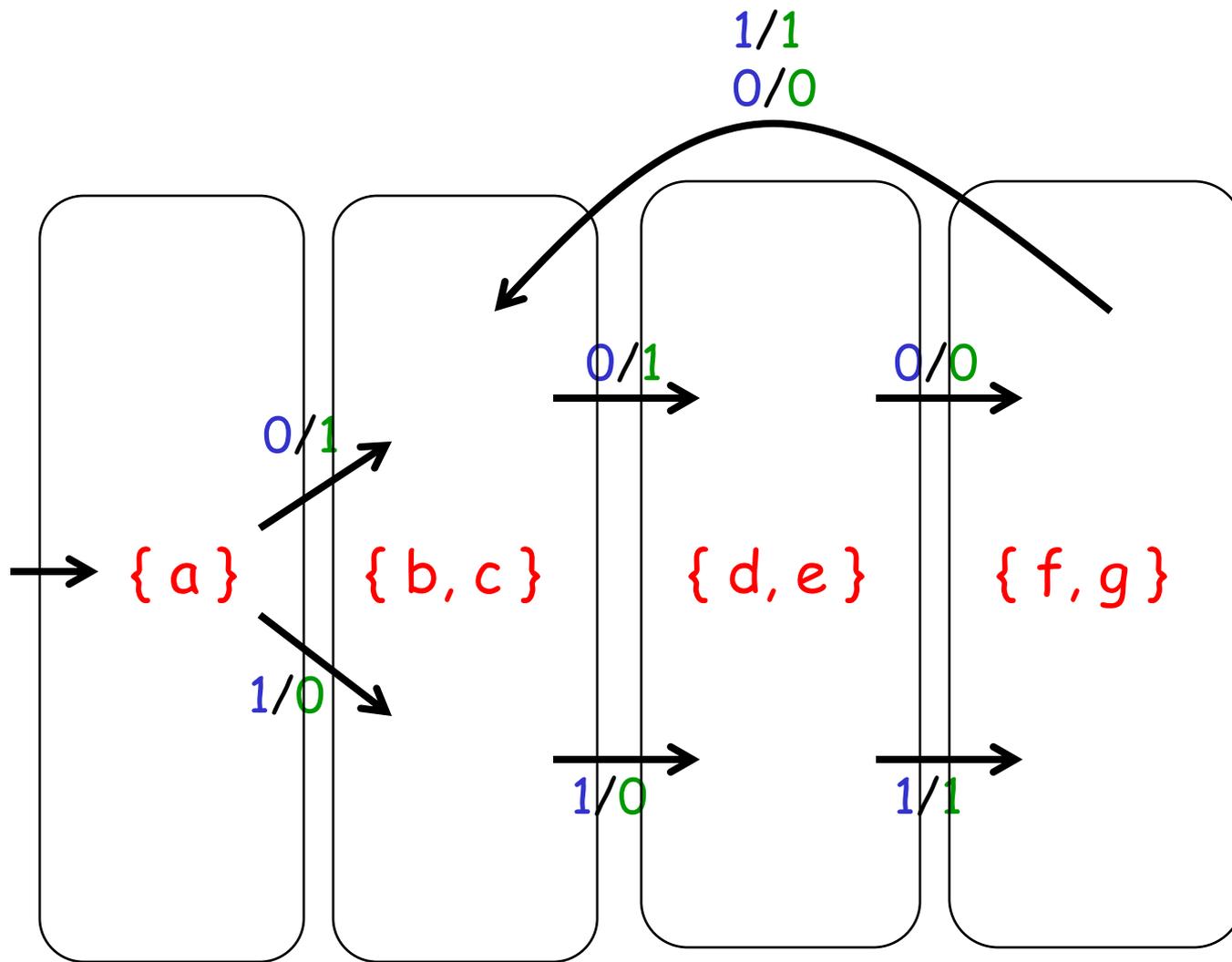
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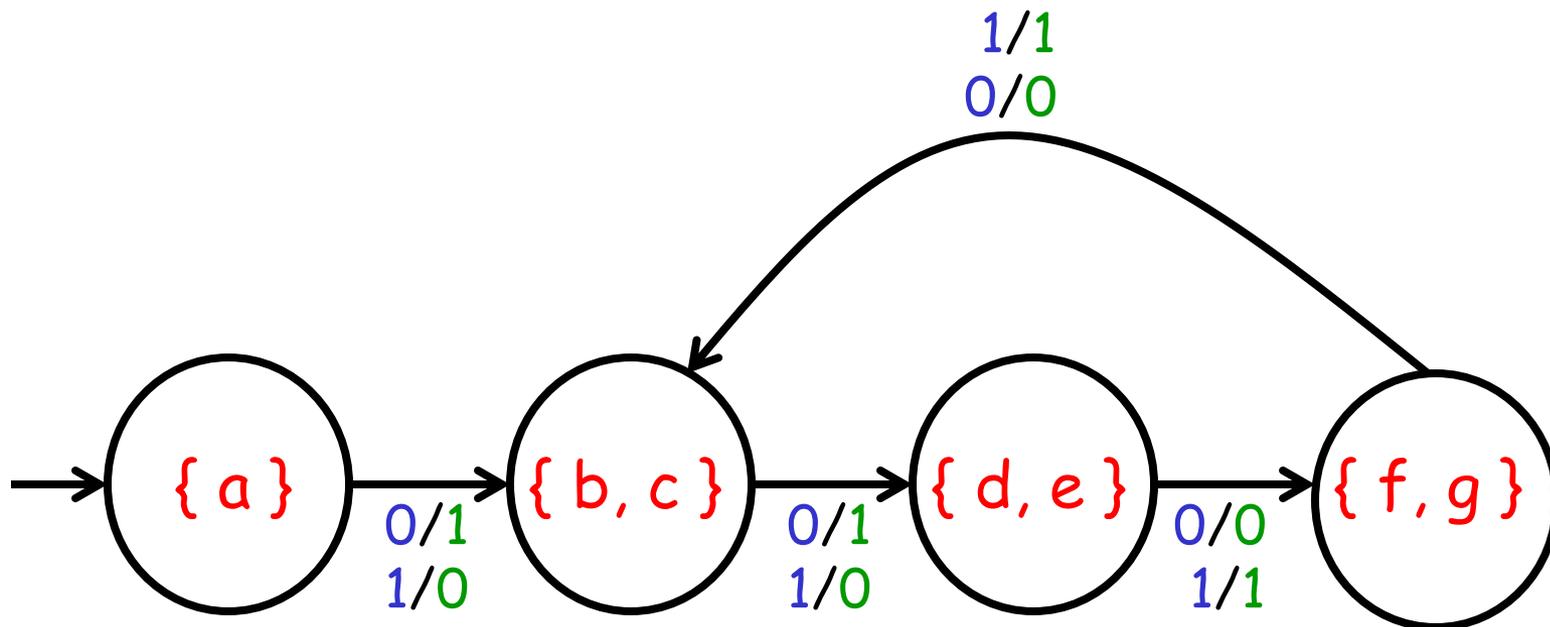


Next-state split

0/0  
1/1



Minimal bisimilar state machine



4 instead of 7 states

Theorem:

There is a **bisimulation** between two state machines  
 $M_1$  and  $M_2$

iff

there is an **isomorphism** between  $\text{minimize}(M_1)$  and  
 $\text{minimize}(M_2)$

(i.e., a bisimulation that is a one-to-one and onto  
function).

a renaming of the states

How to check if  $M1$  and  $M2$  are equivalent :

1. Minimize  $M1$  and call the result  $N1$
2. Minimize  $M2$  and call the result  $N2$
3. Check if the states of  $N1$  can be renamed so that  $N1$  and  $N2$  are identical