

# Tree Transducers in Machine Translation

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— *We stayed in rooms classified as “superior” because they had been renovated in the last year or two. Our rooms had wood floors and were roomy. You didn’t have to walk sideways to move around.*

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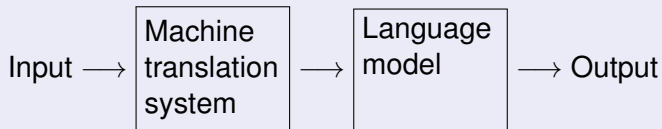
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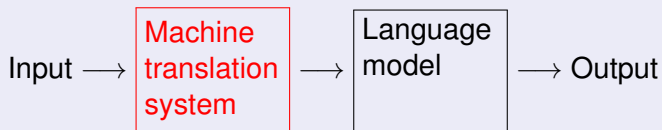
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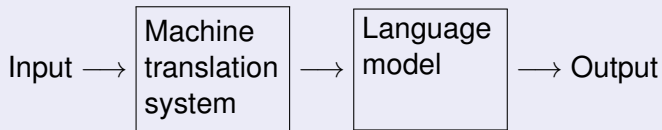


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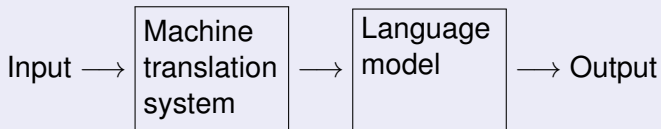


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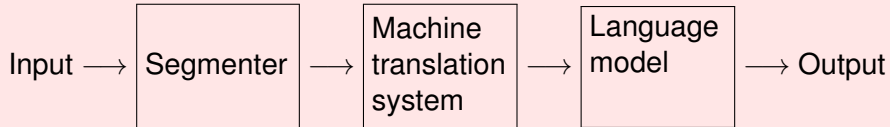


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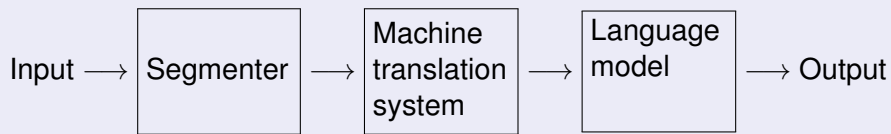
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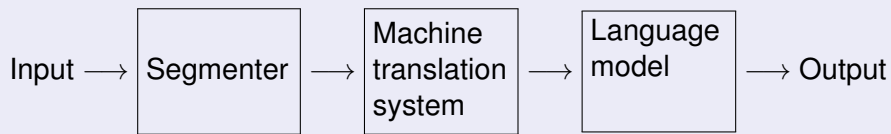


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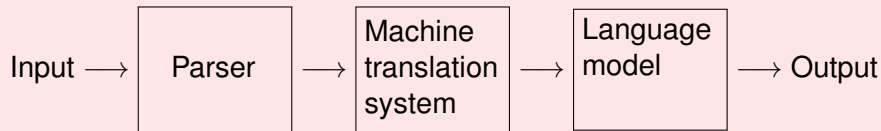


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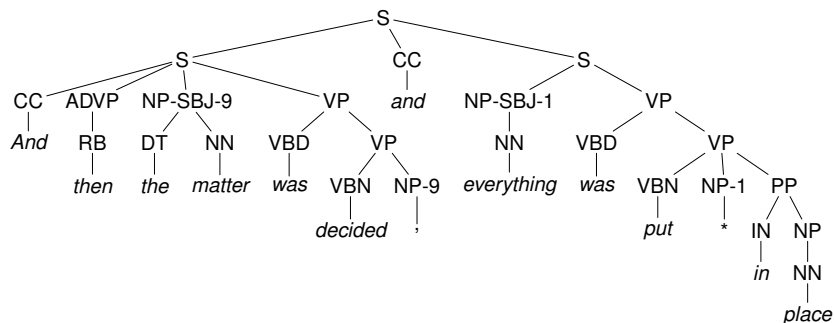
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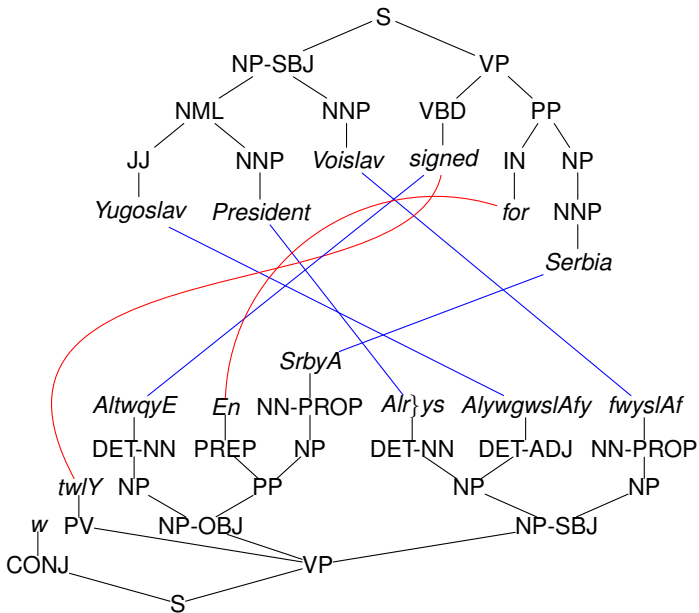
# Parser



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(thanks to [KEVIN KNIGHT](#) for the data)





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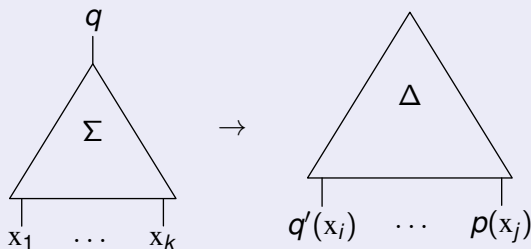
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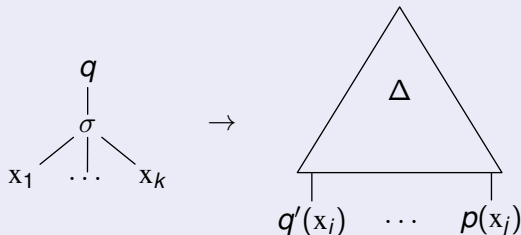


- $q, q', p \in Q$  are states
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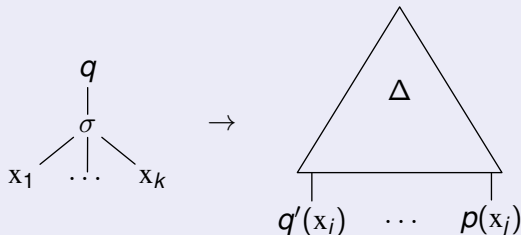


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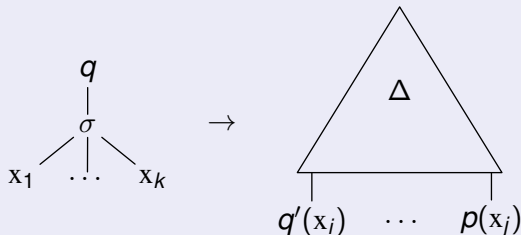


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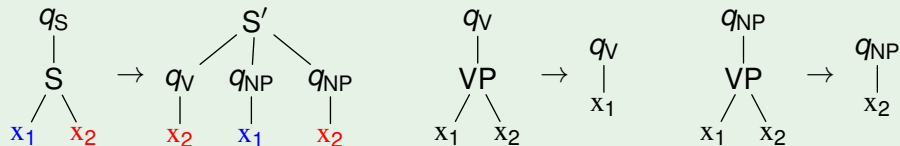


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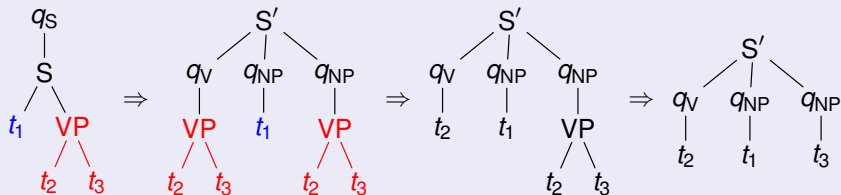
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## Example

States  $\{q_S, q_V, q_{NP}\}$  of which only  $q_S$  is initial



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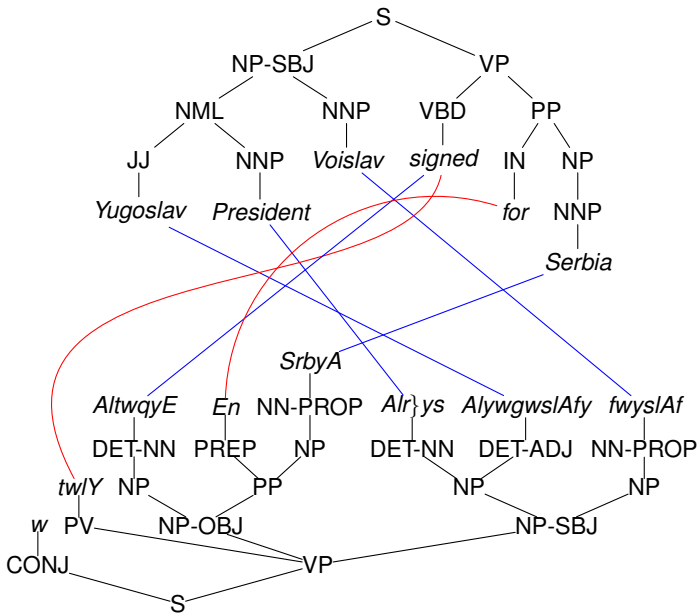


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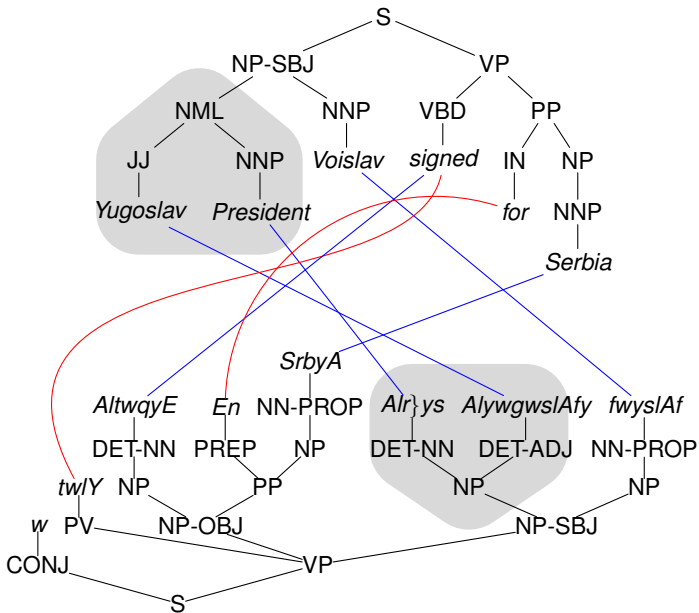
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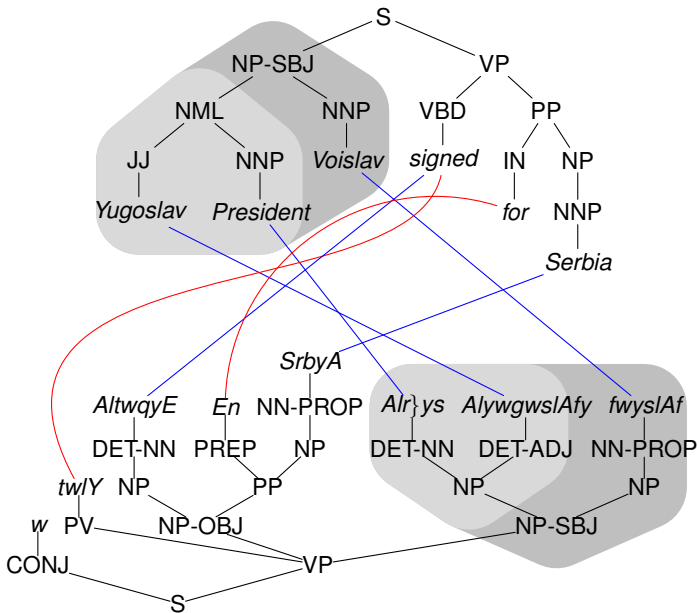
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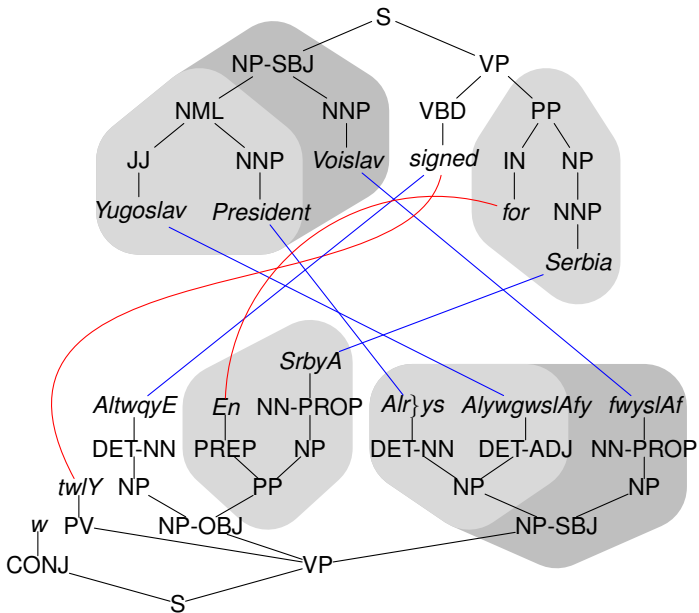
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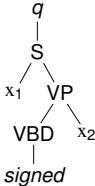
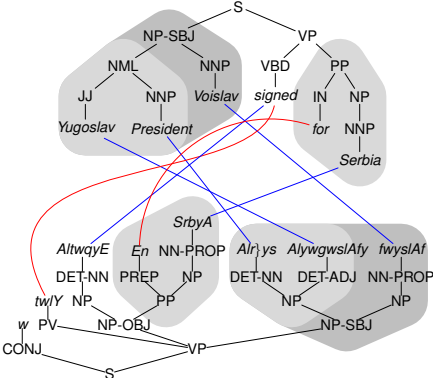




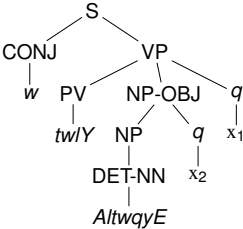




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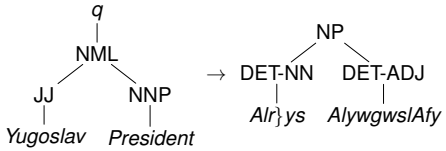
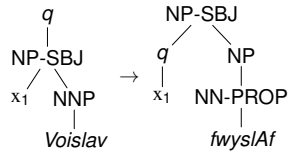
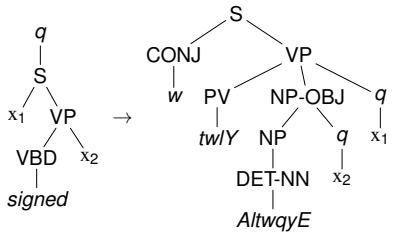
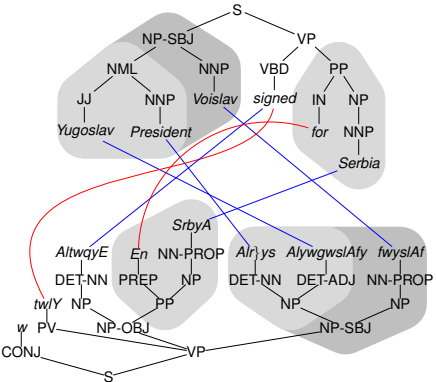


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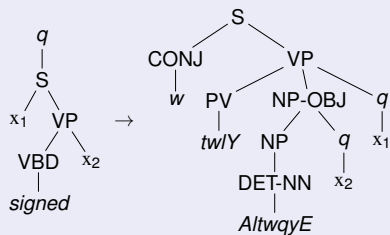


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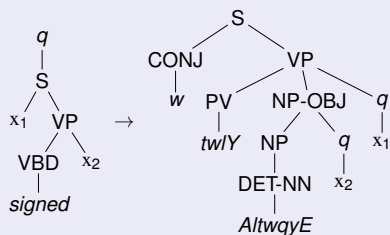
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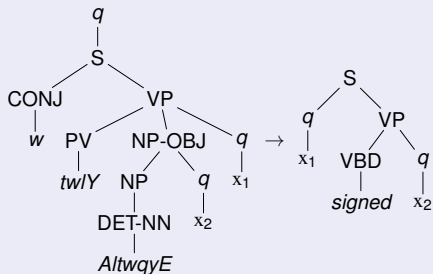


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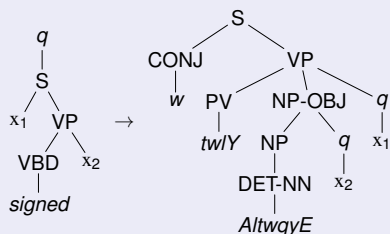
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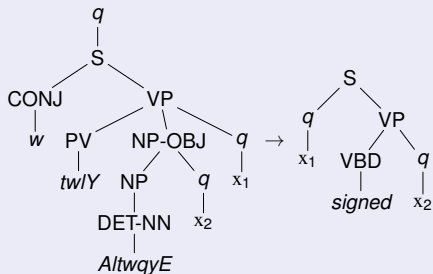


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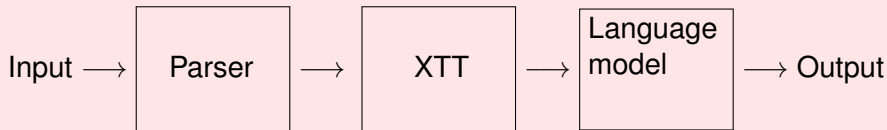
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Linear nondeleting XTT can be inverted

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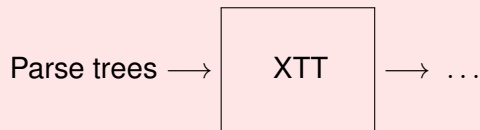
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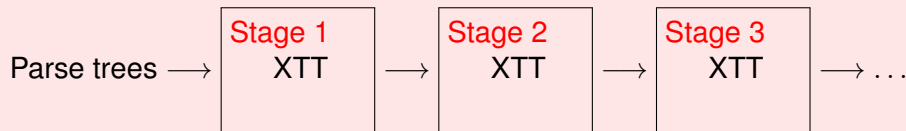


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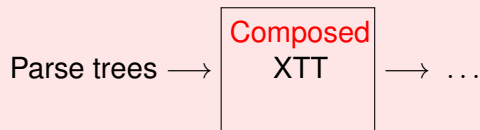


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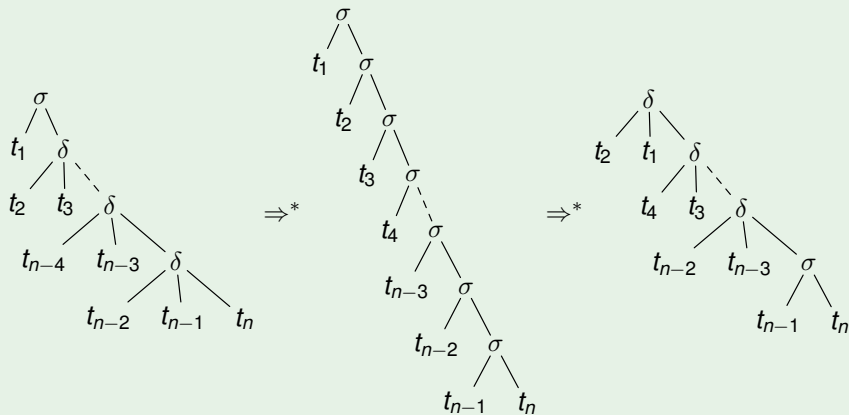


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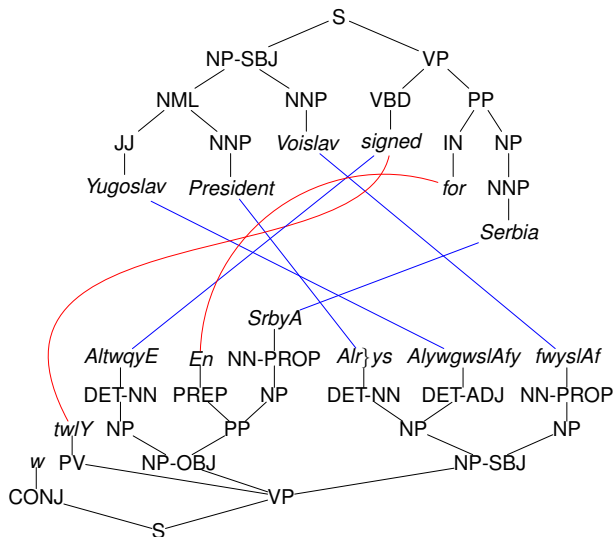
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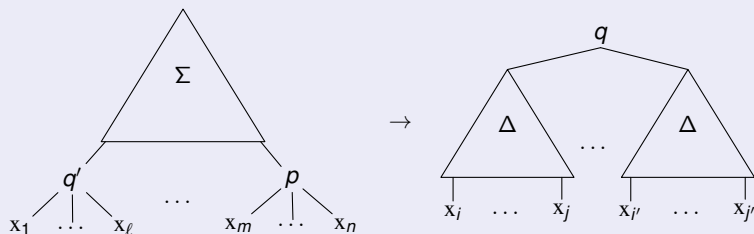


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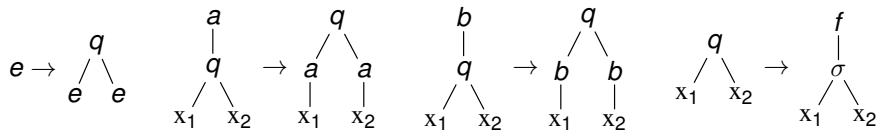
is  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, F, R)$  with finitely many rules



- $q', p, q \in Q$  are now **ranked states**
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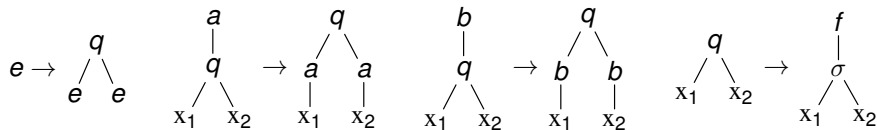


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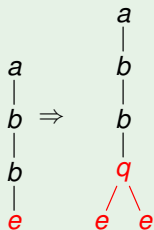
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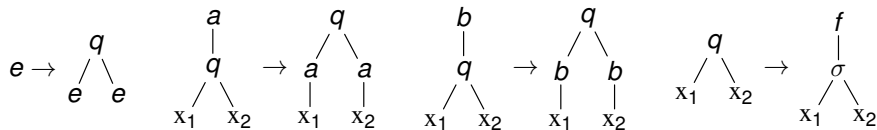


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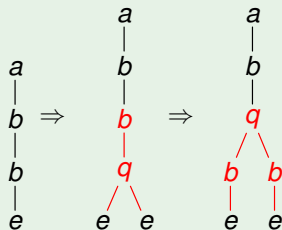


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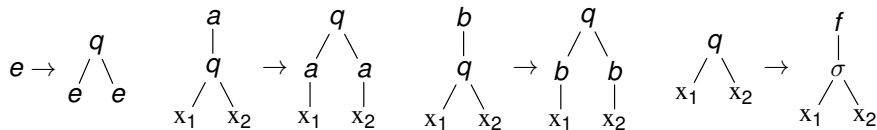


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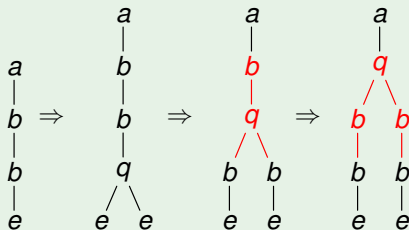


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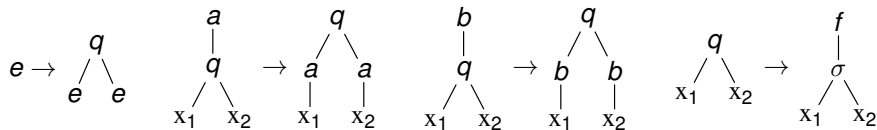


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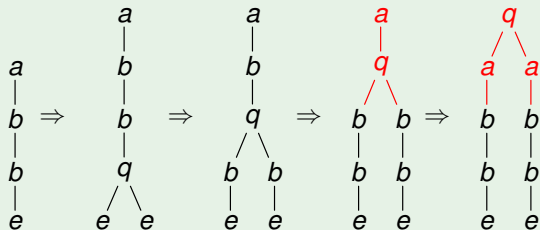


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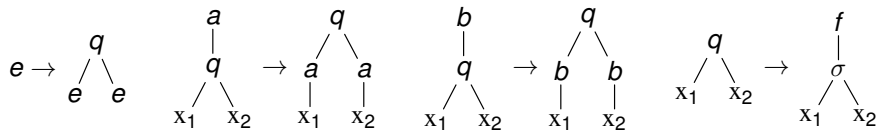
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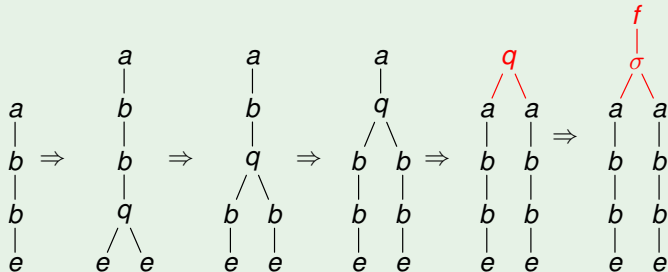


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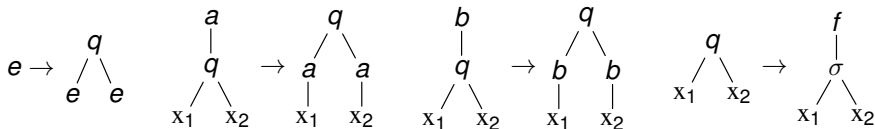
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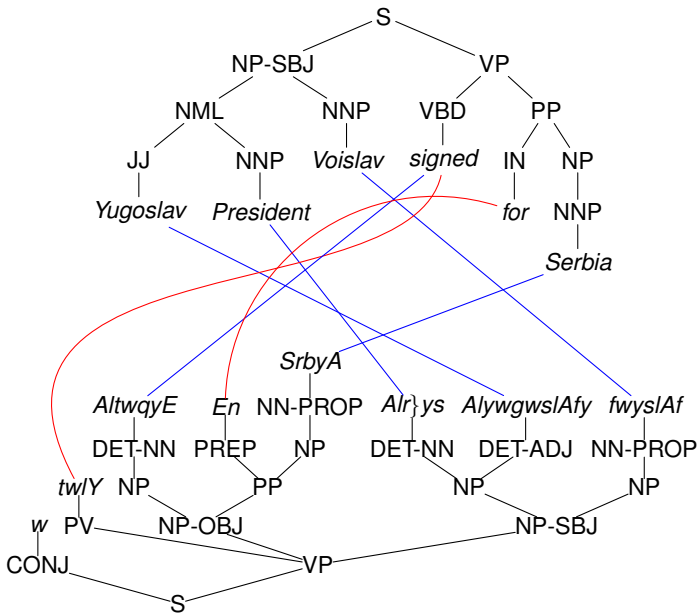
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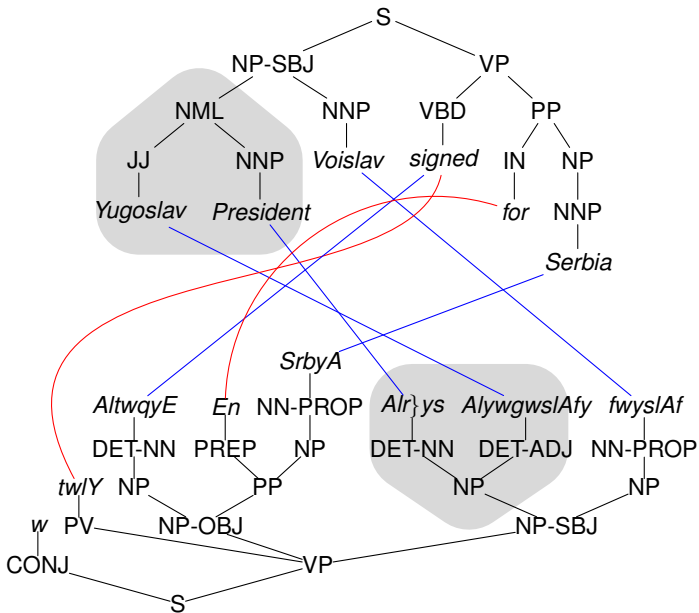
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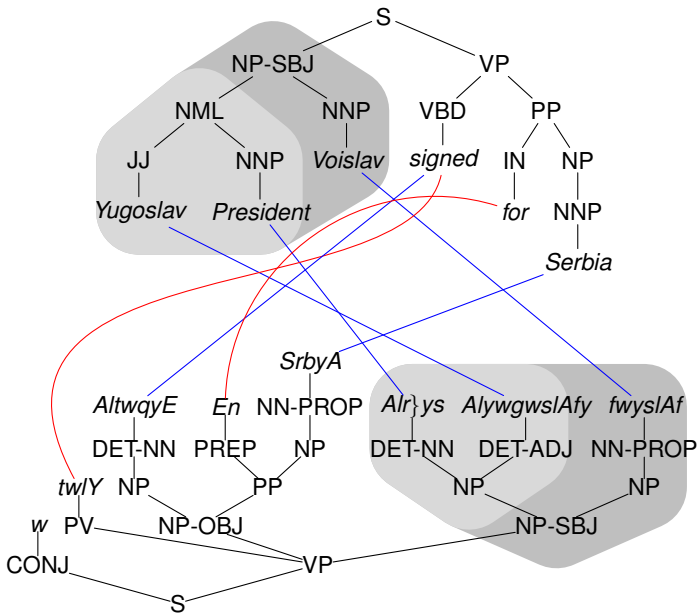
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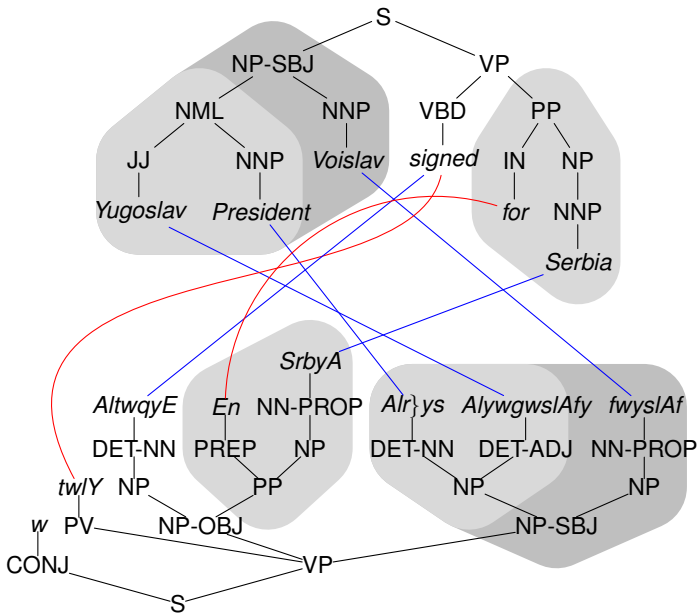
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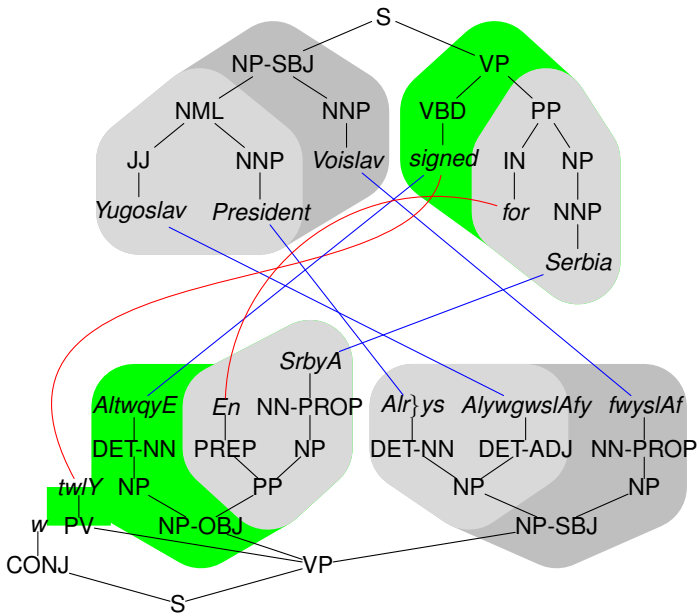






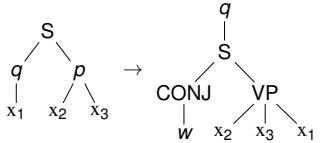
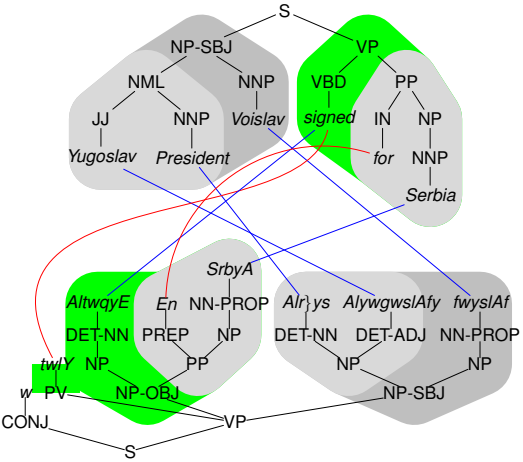




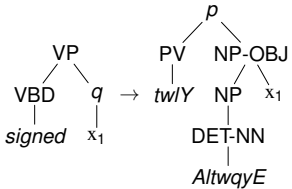
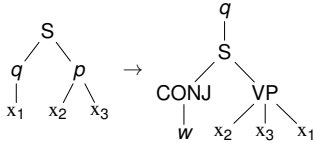
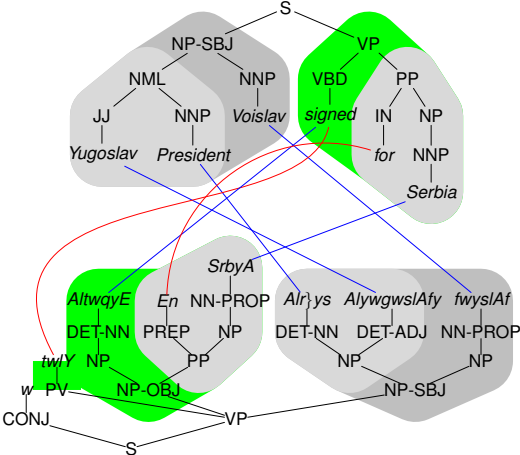




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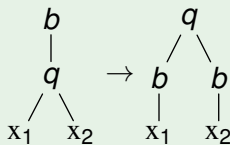
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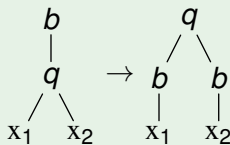


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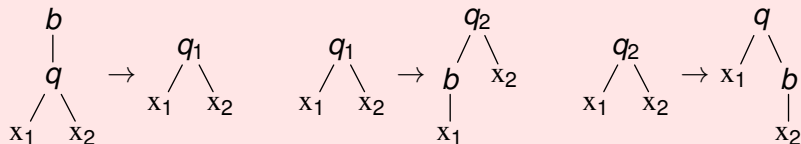
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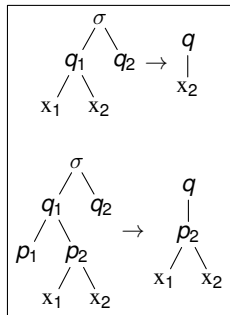
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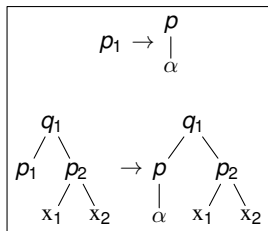
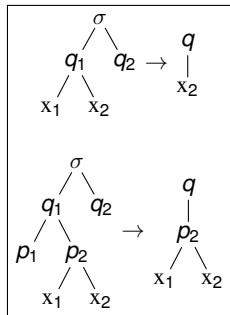


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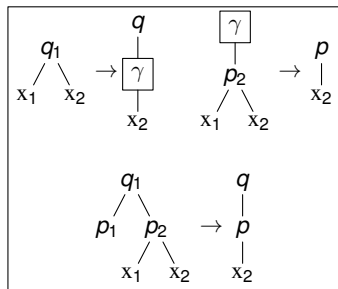
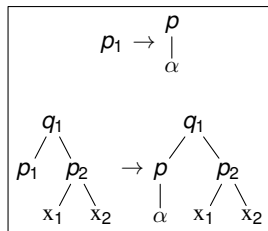
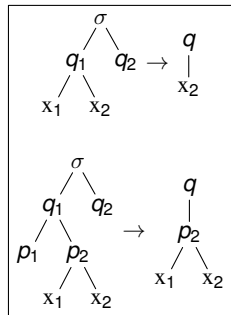
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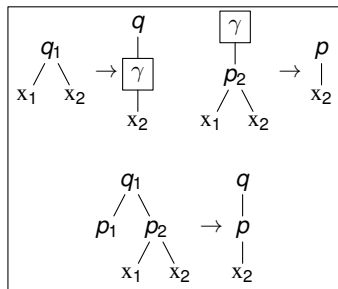
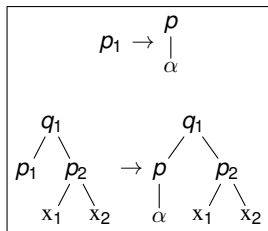
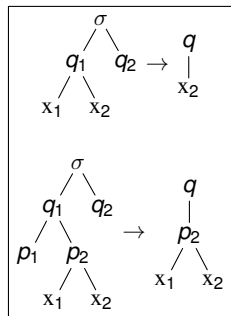
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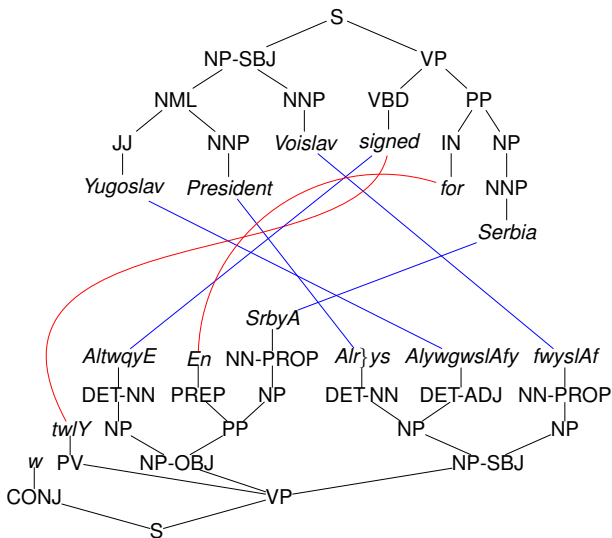
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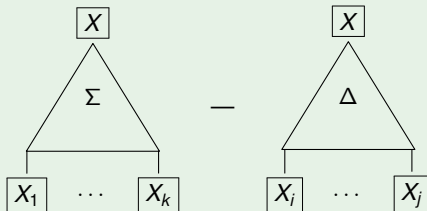
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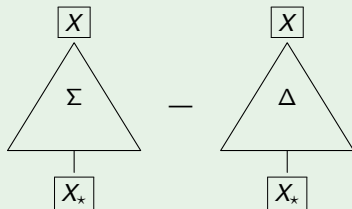
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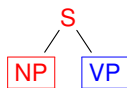
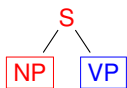


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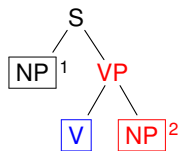
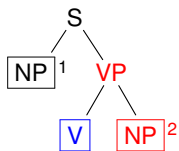
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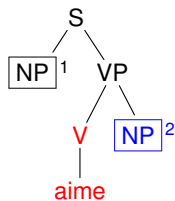
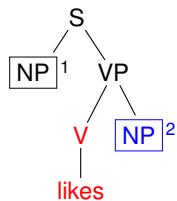
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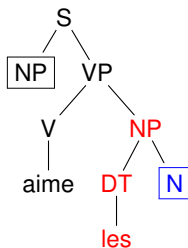
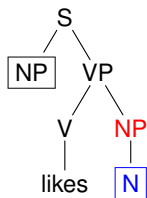
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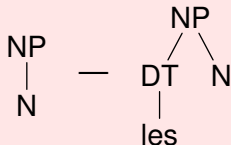
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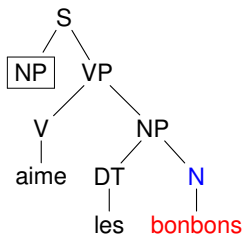
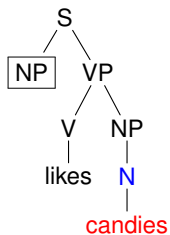


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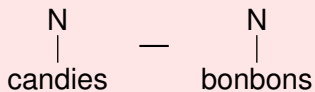




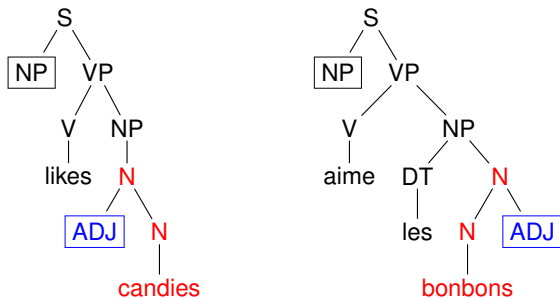
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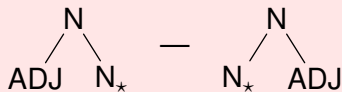
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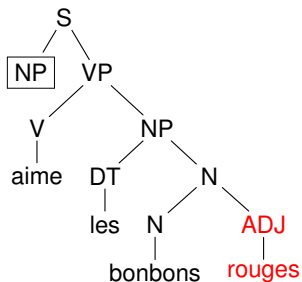
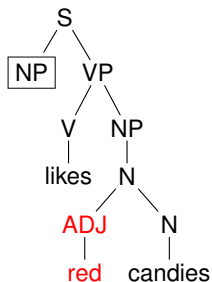
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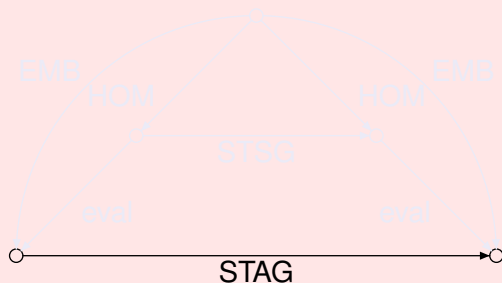
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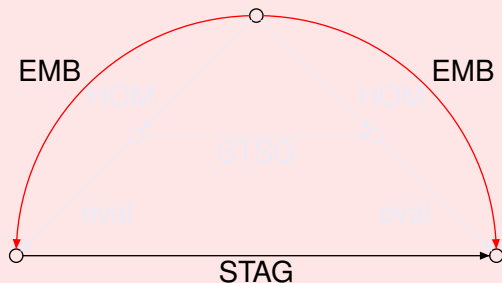
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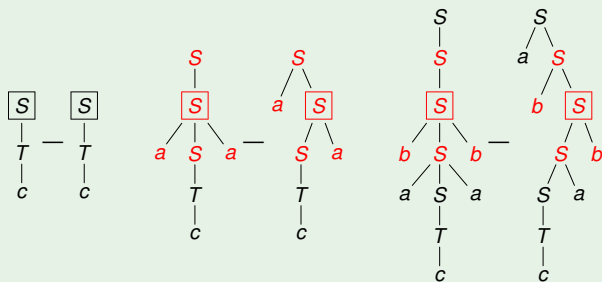
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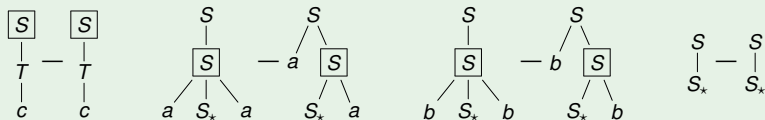
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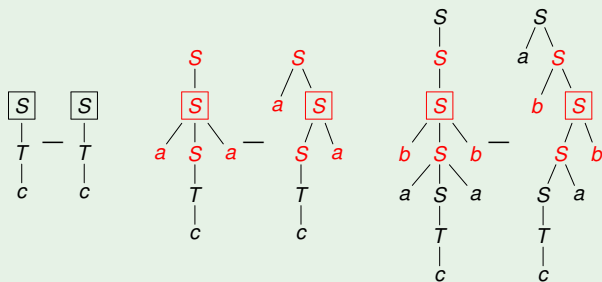


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Linear XMBOT	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
General XMBOT	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
reg.-preserving linear XMBOT	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
invertable linear XMBOT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>STAG</b>	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

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