

Regular Transducer Expressions for Regular Transformations

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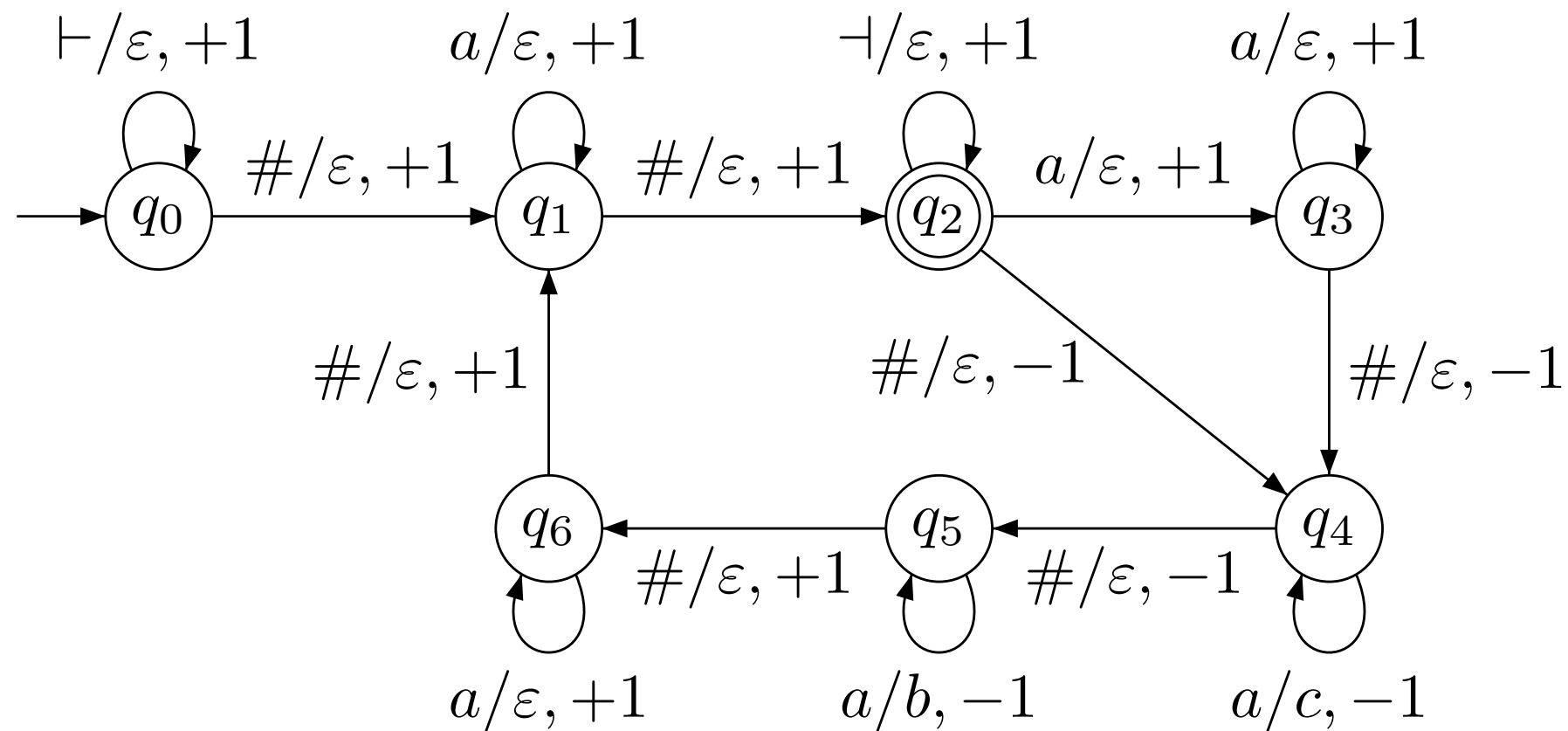
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Our contribution:
New proof technique
Works directly with 2DFT
Based on Algebra
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Summary

- Regular Transducer Expressions (RTE)
- Transition Monoid
- Good Rational Expressions
- From 2DFT to RTE
- Extension to Infinite words
- Conclusion

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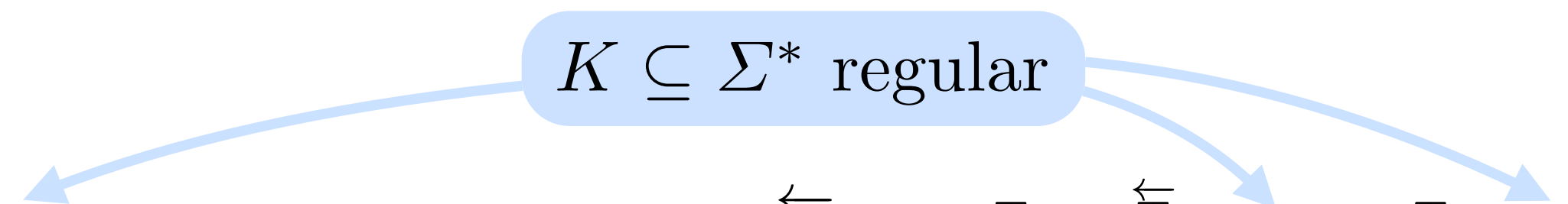
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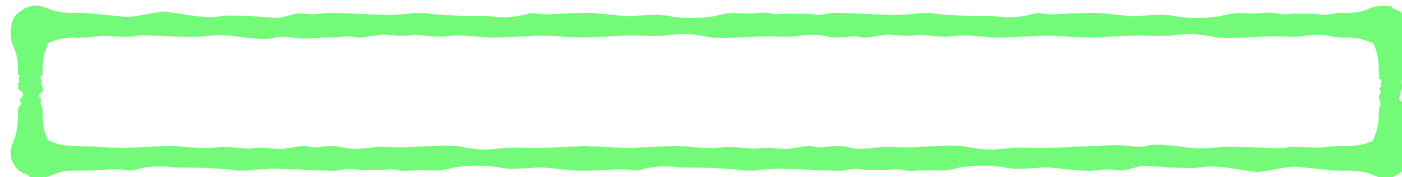
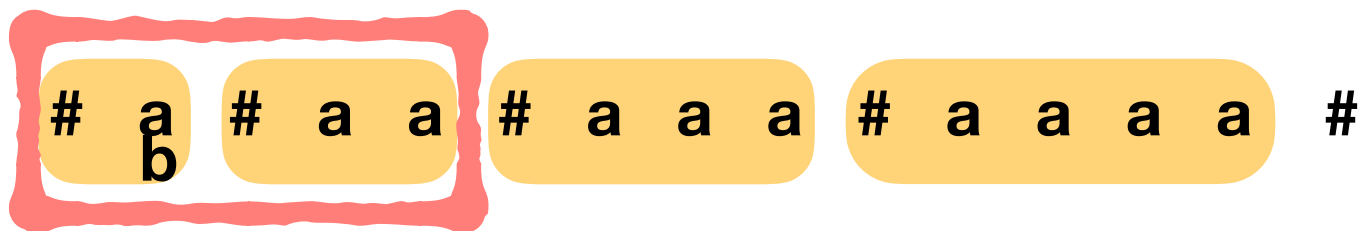
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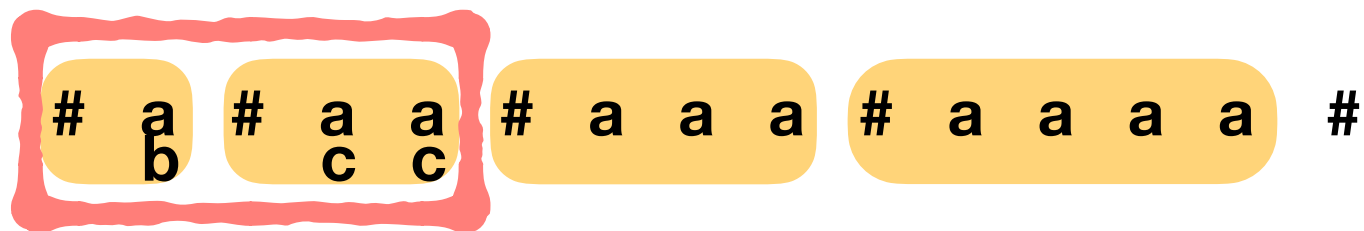
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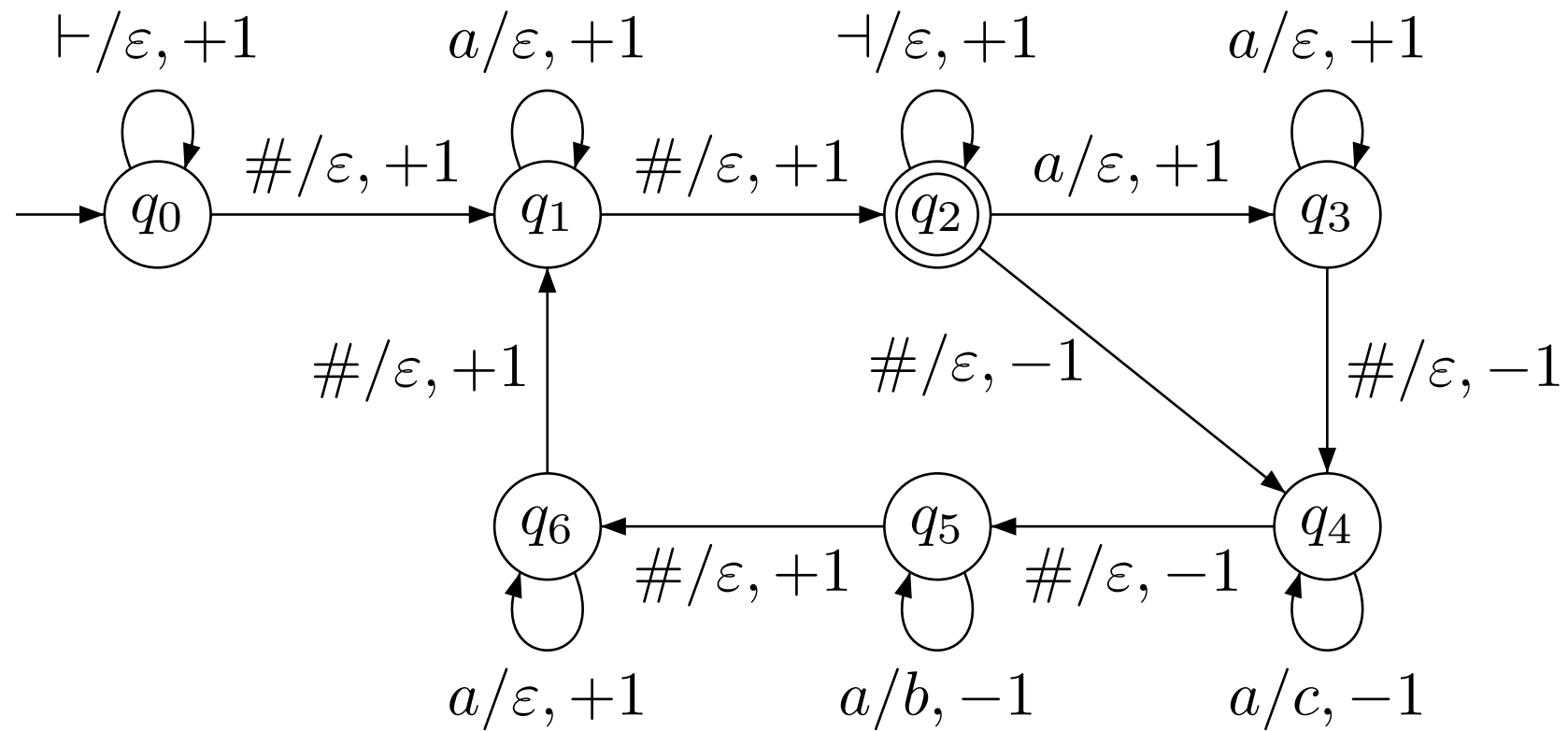
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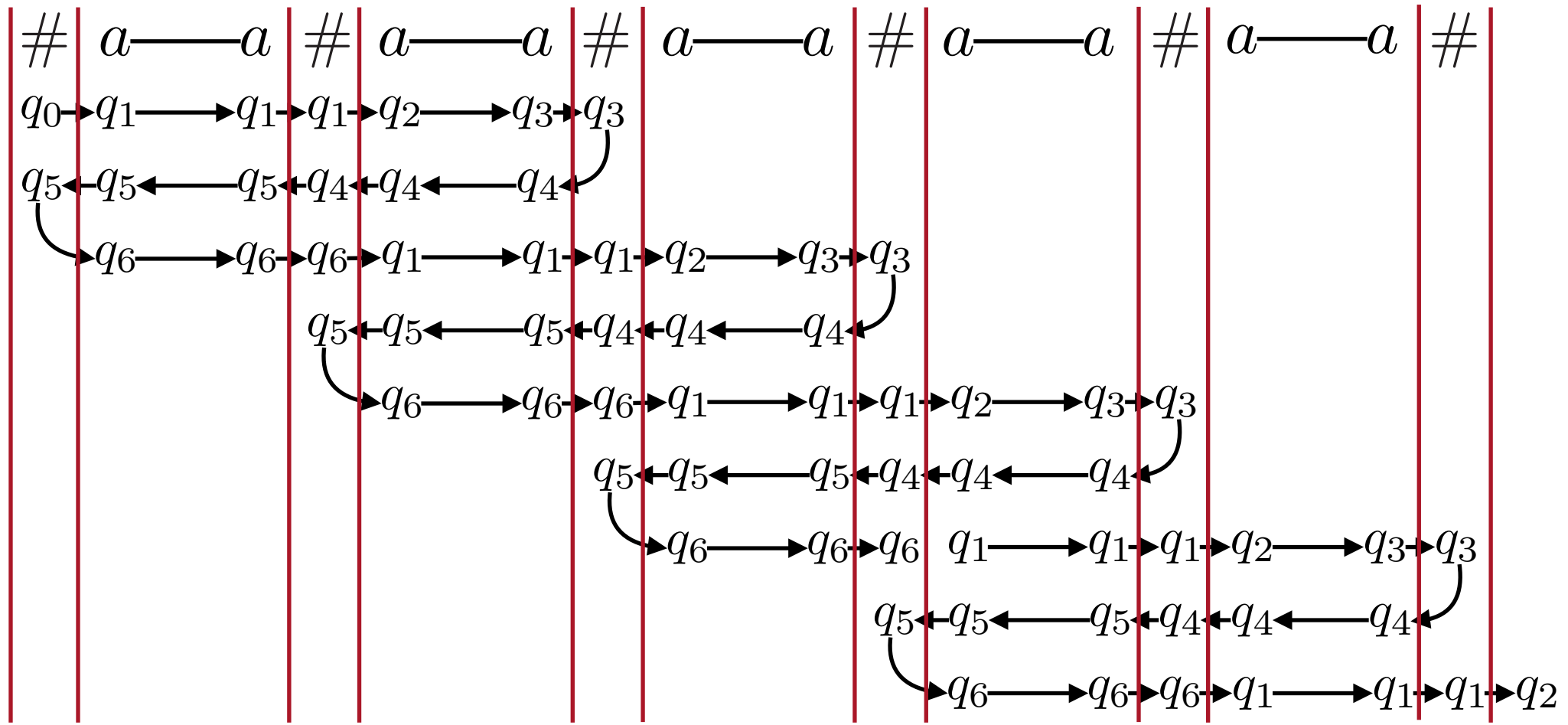
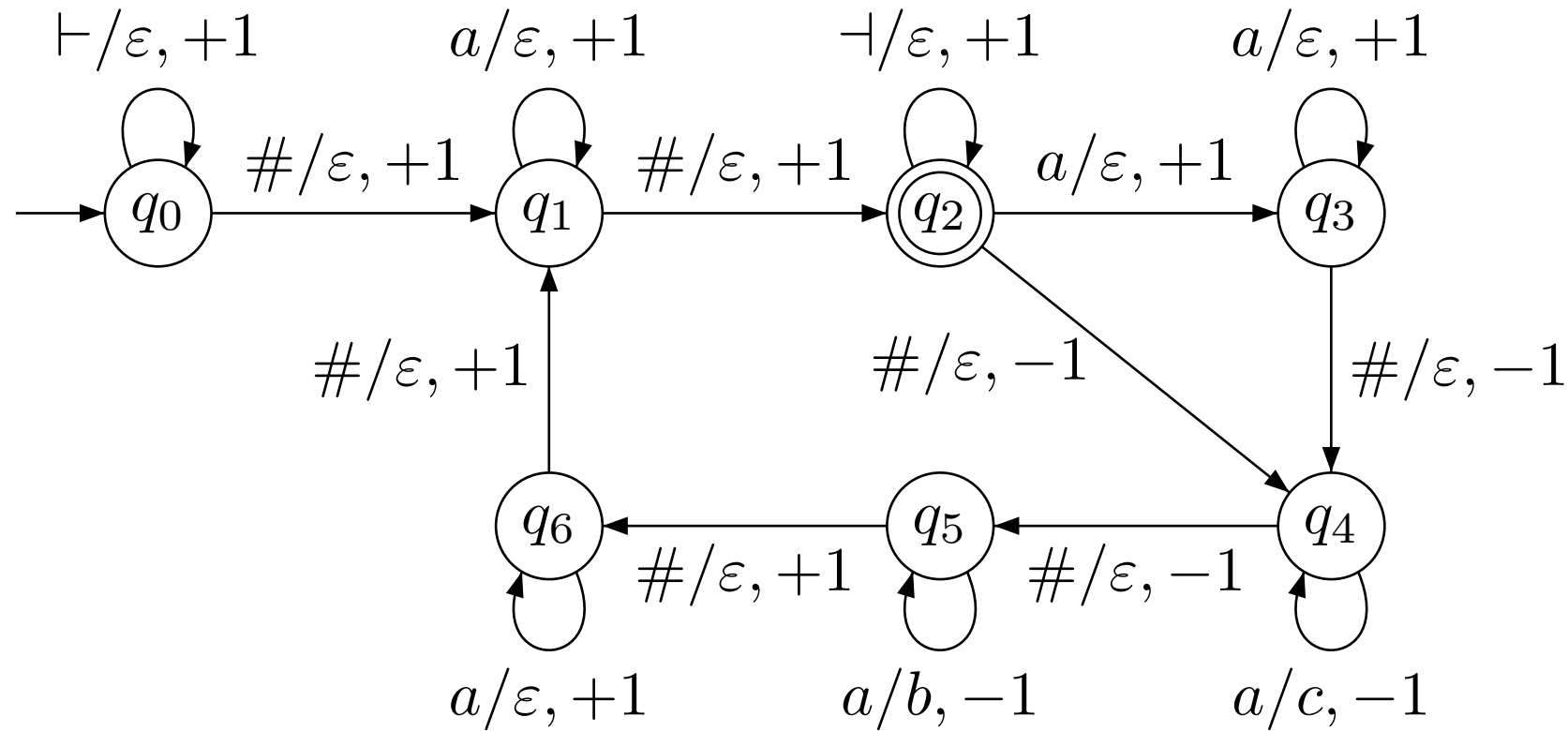
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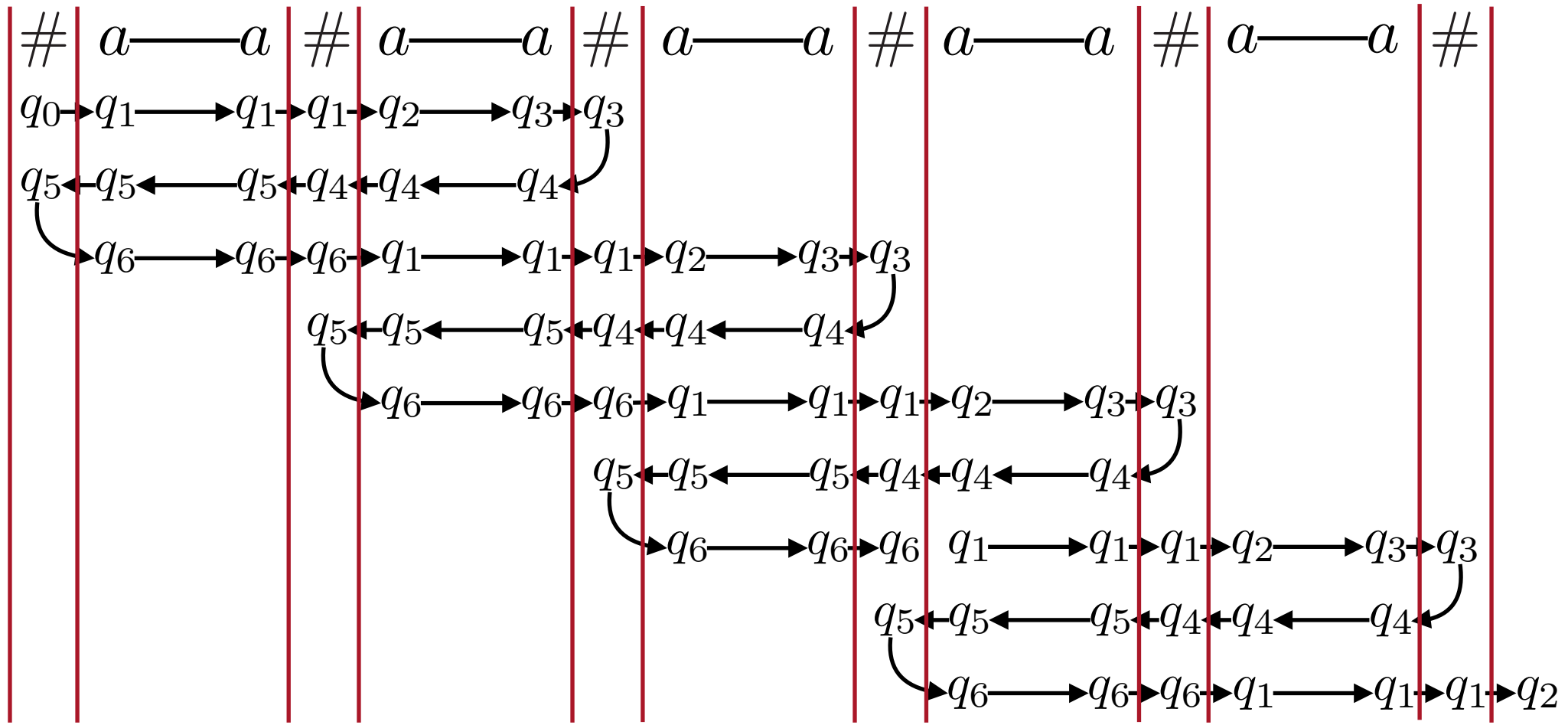
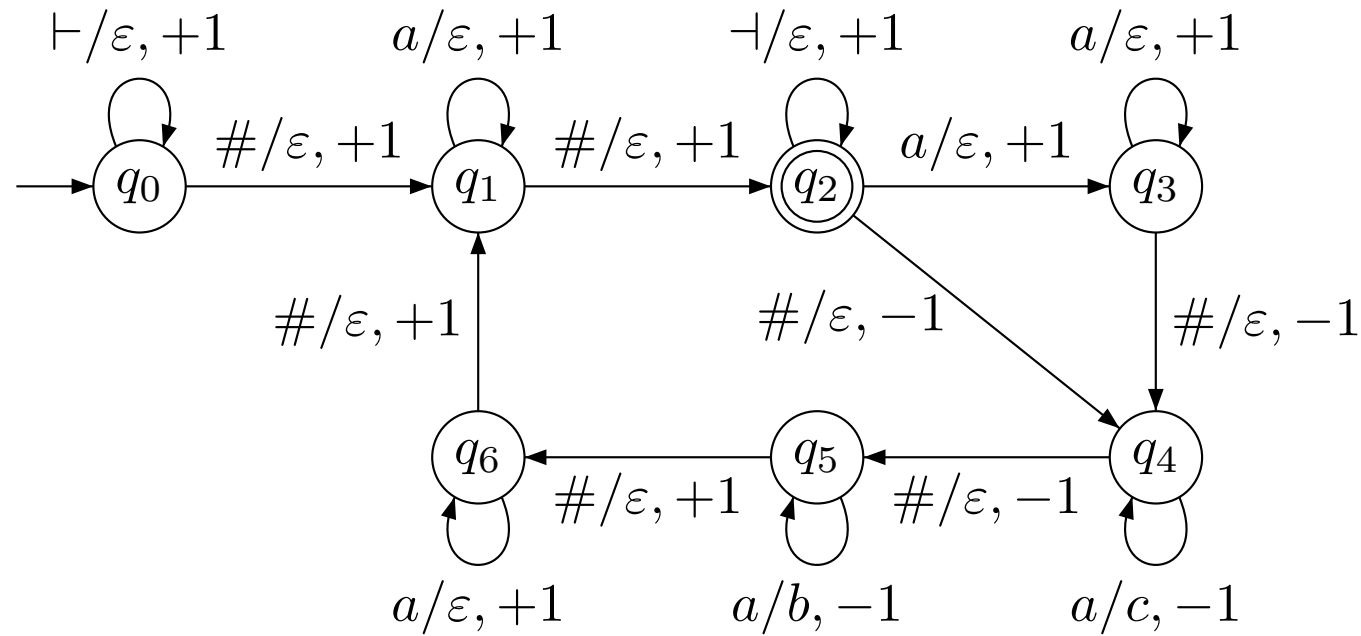
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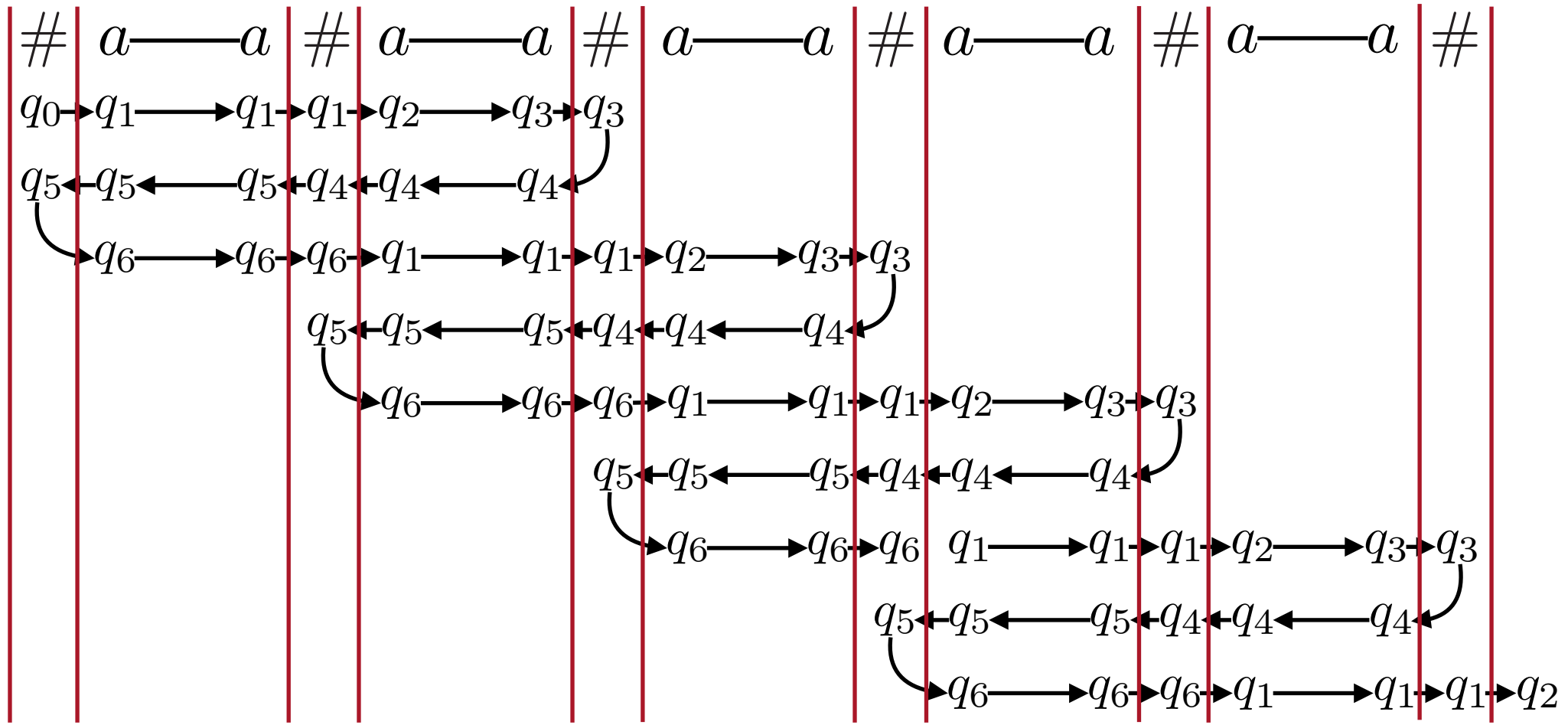
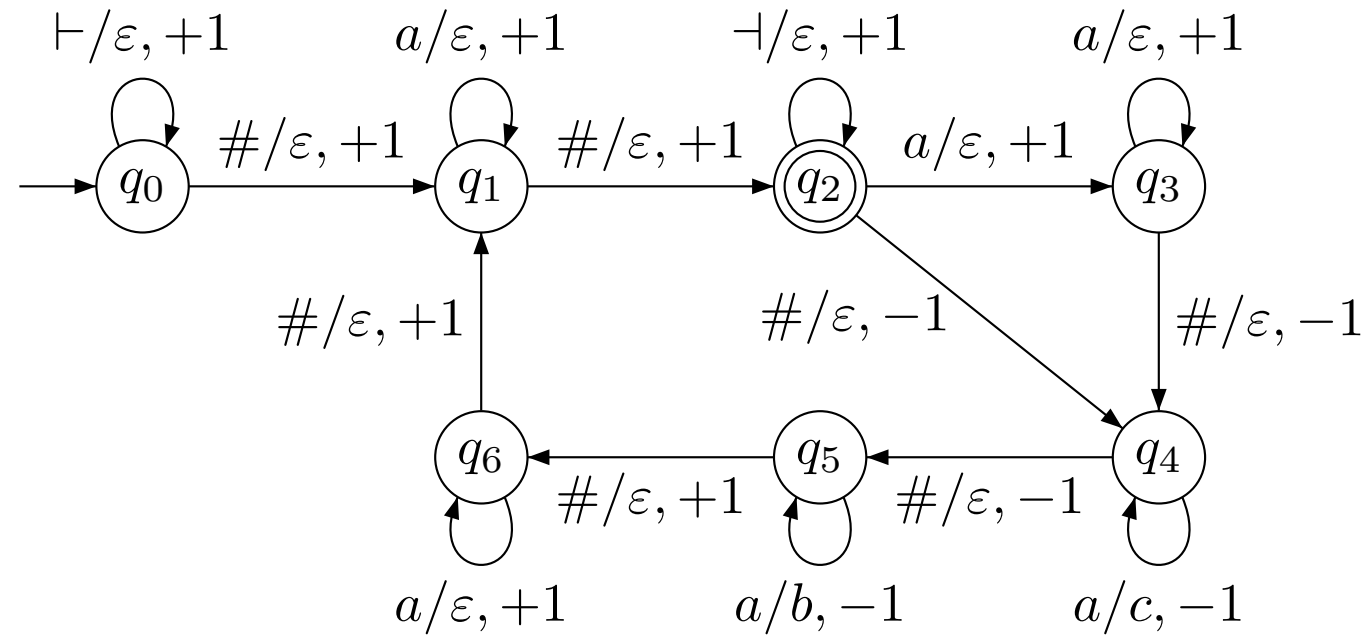


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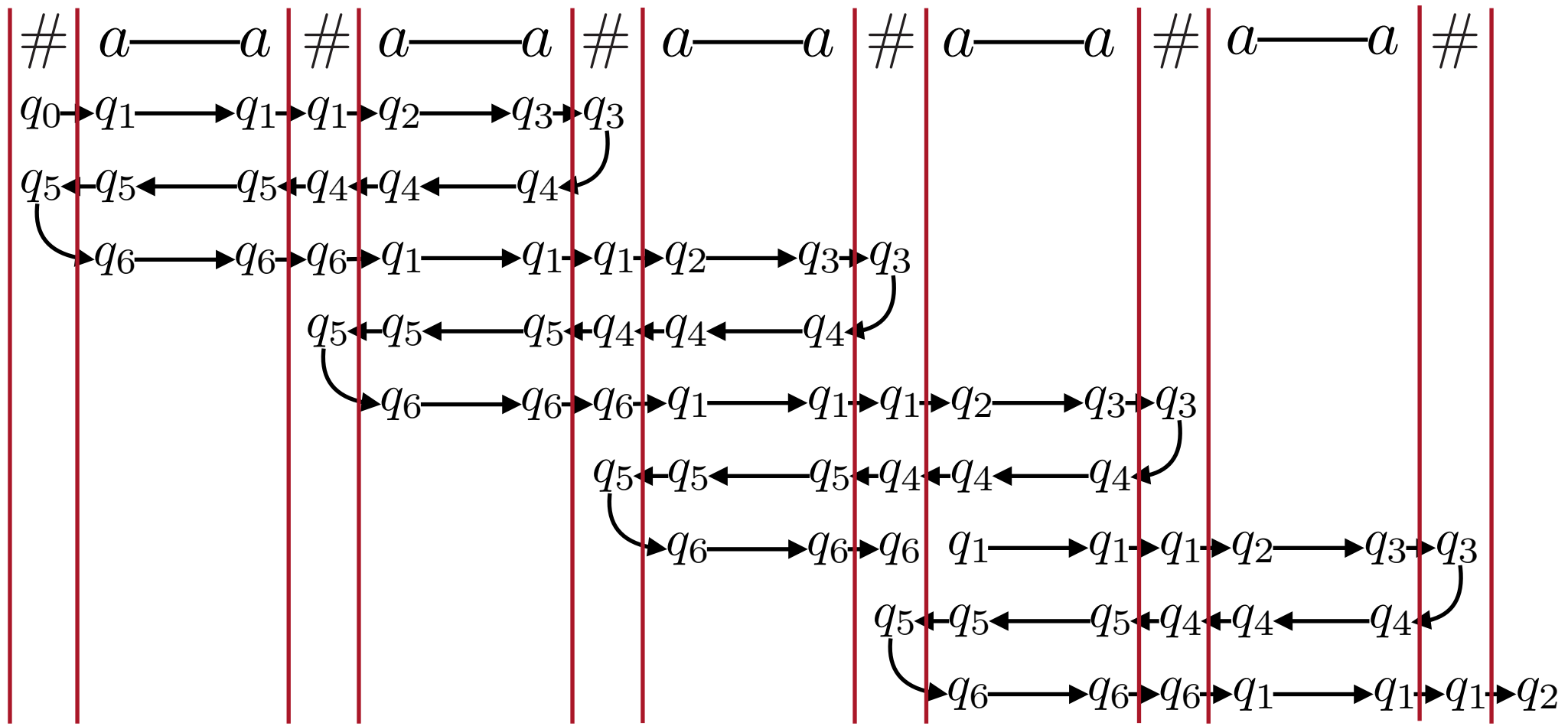
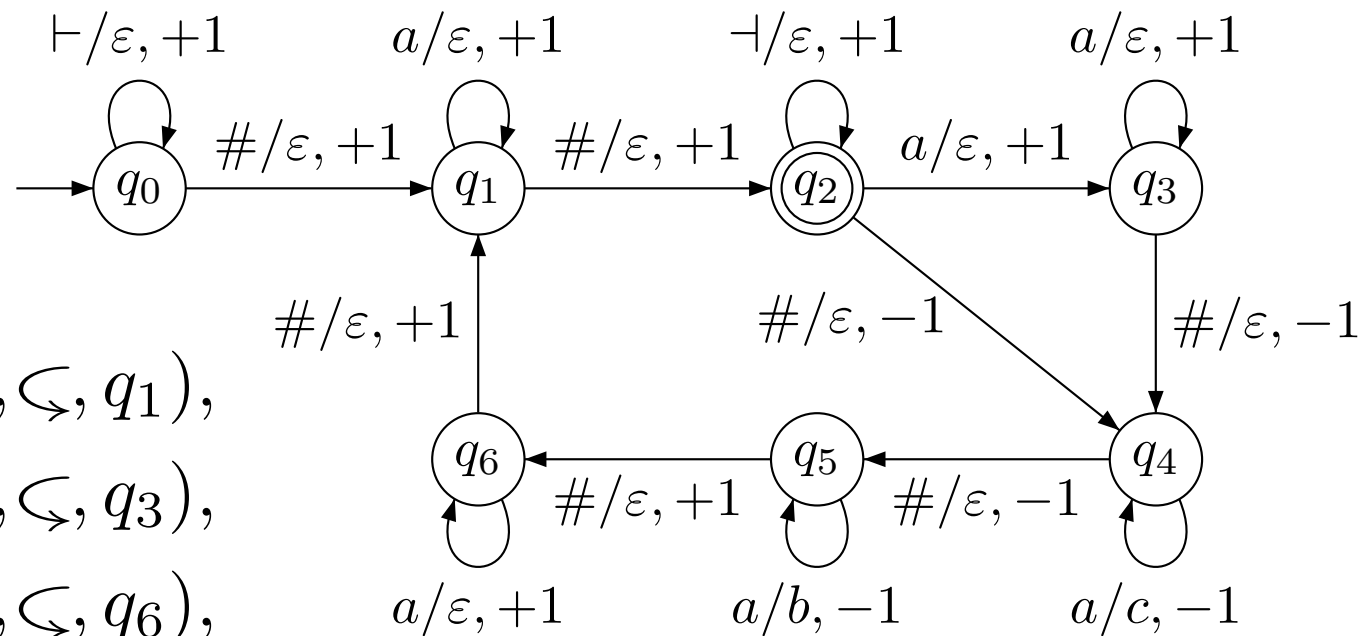
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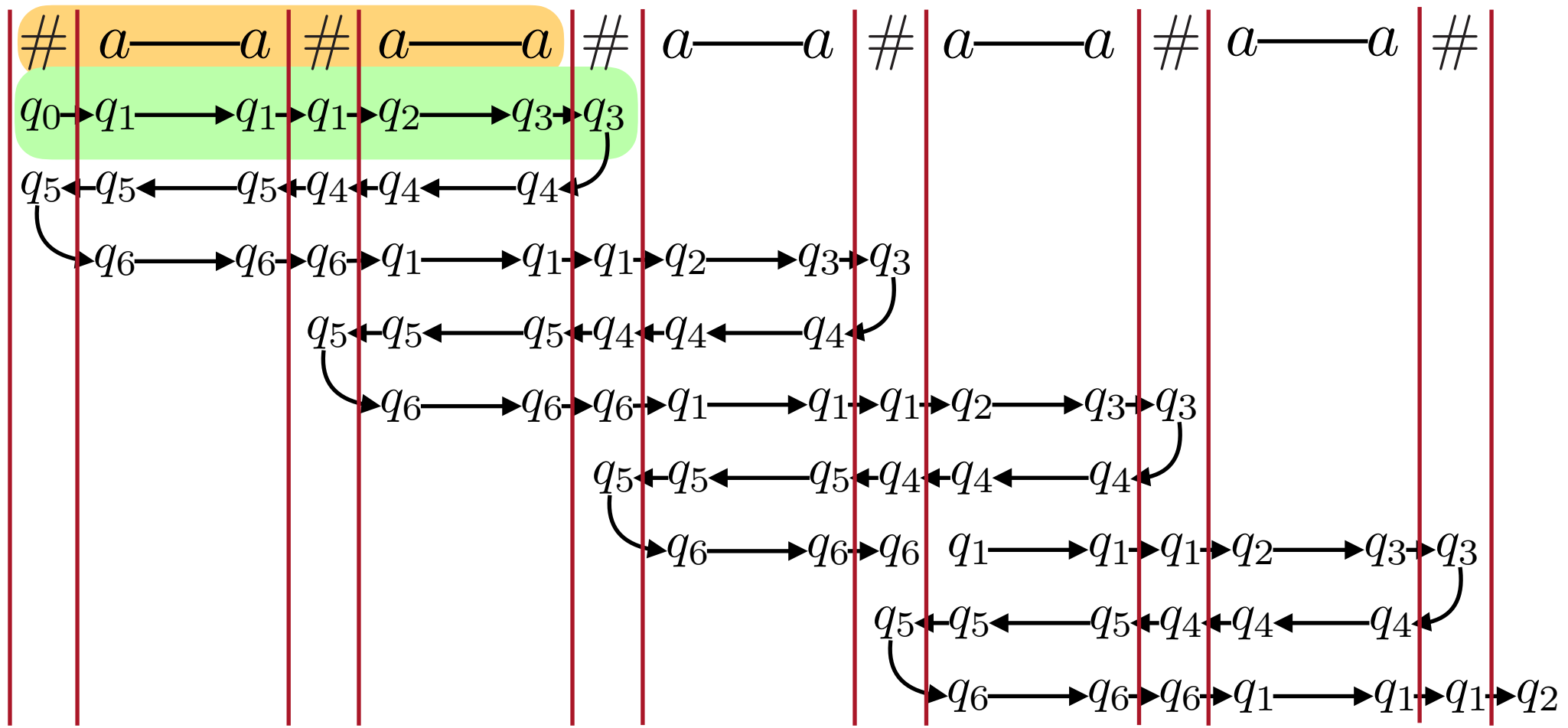
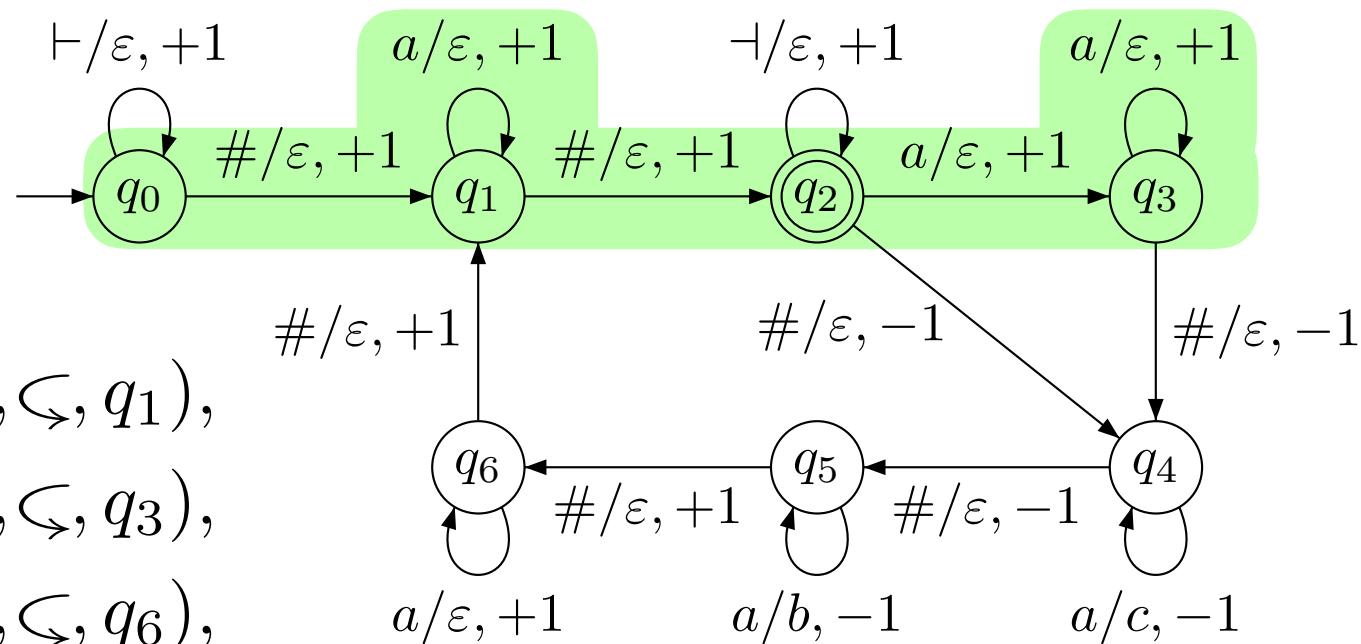
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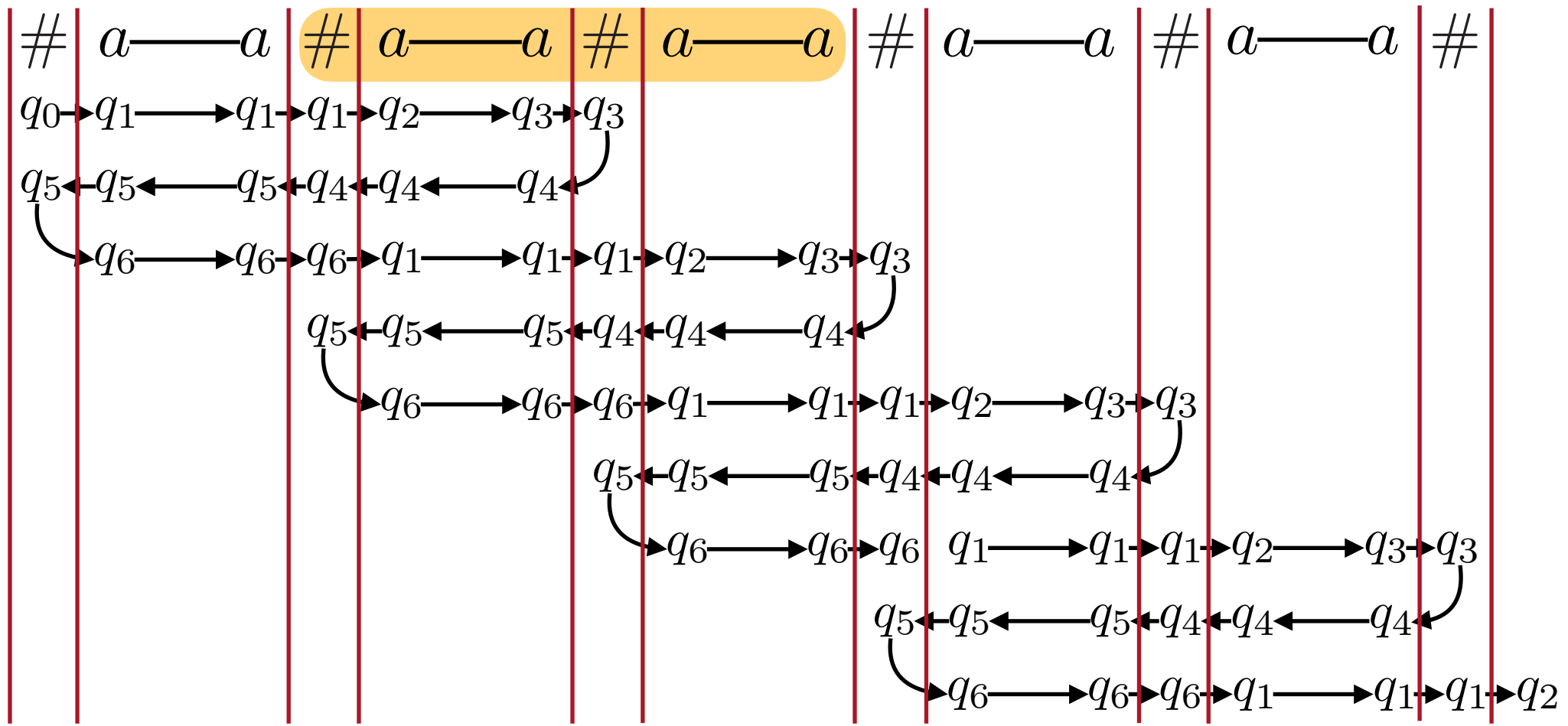
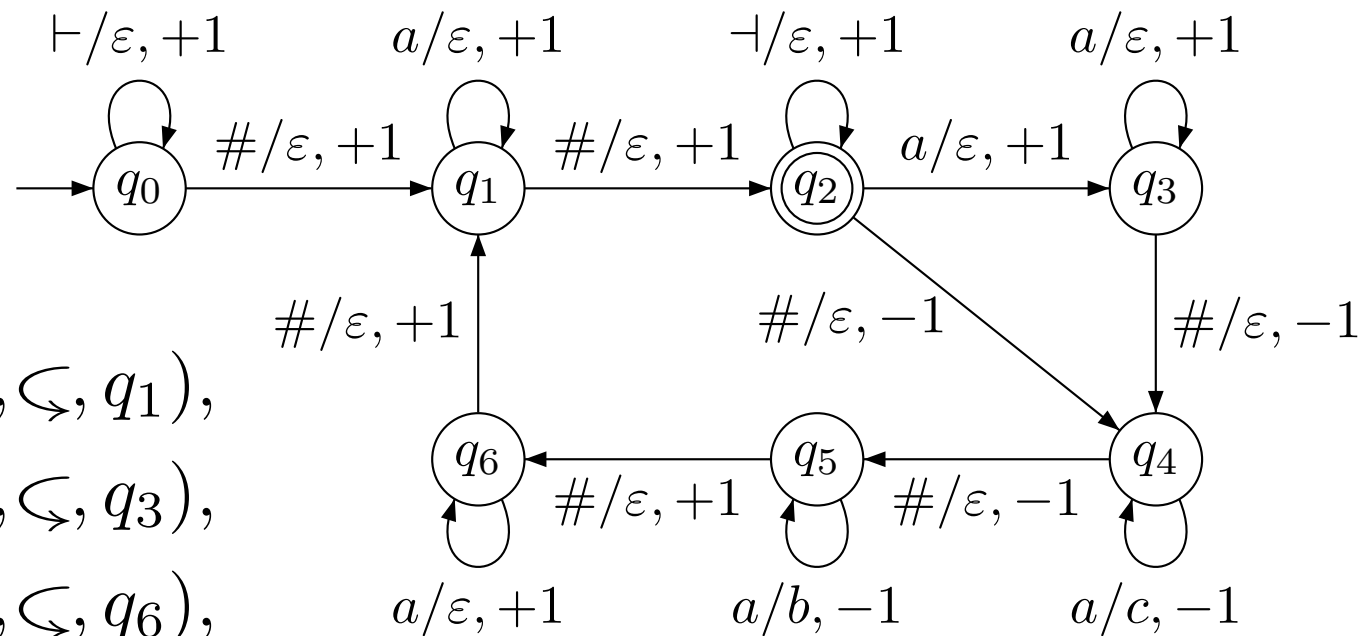
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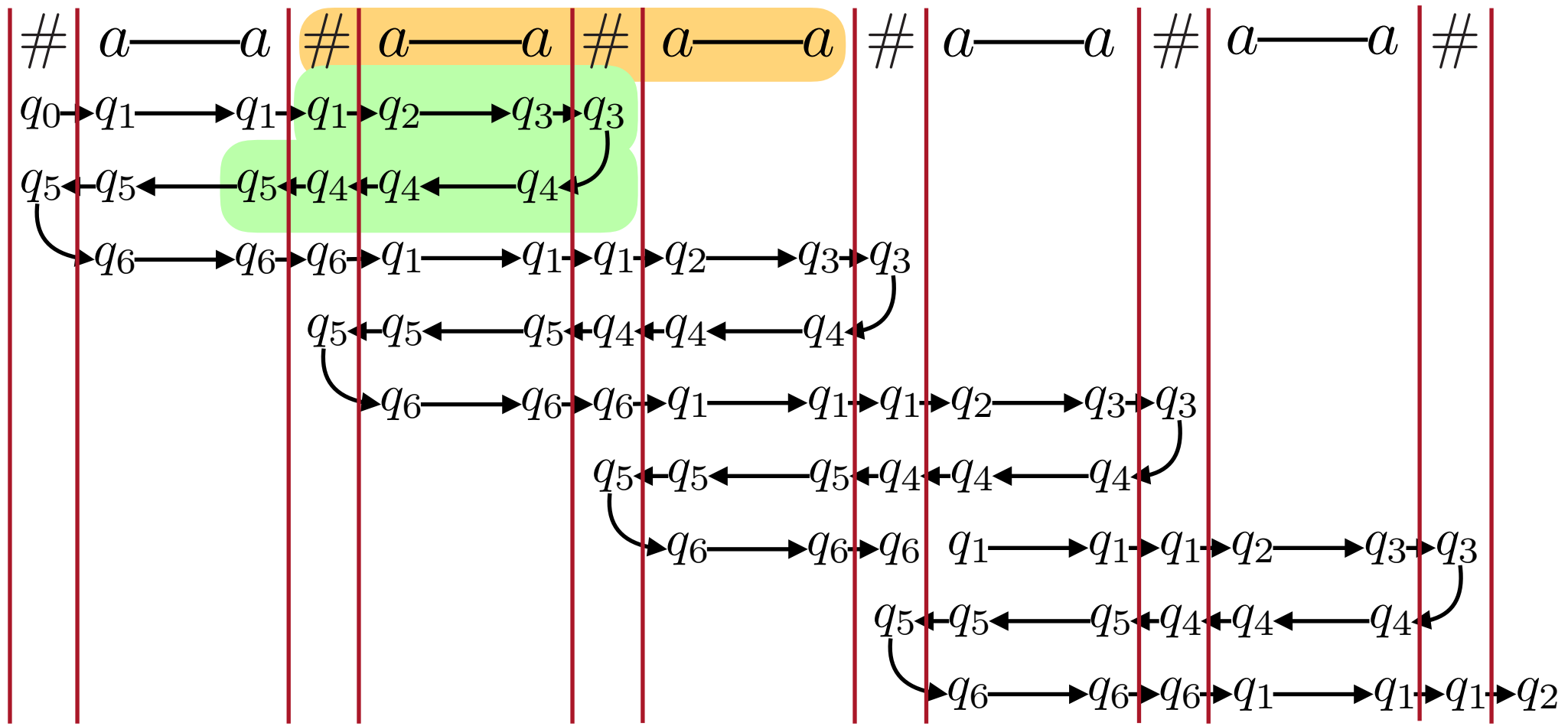
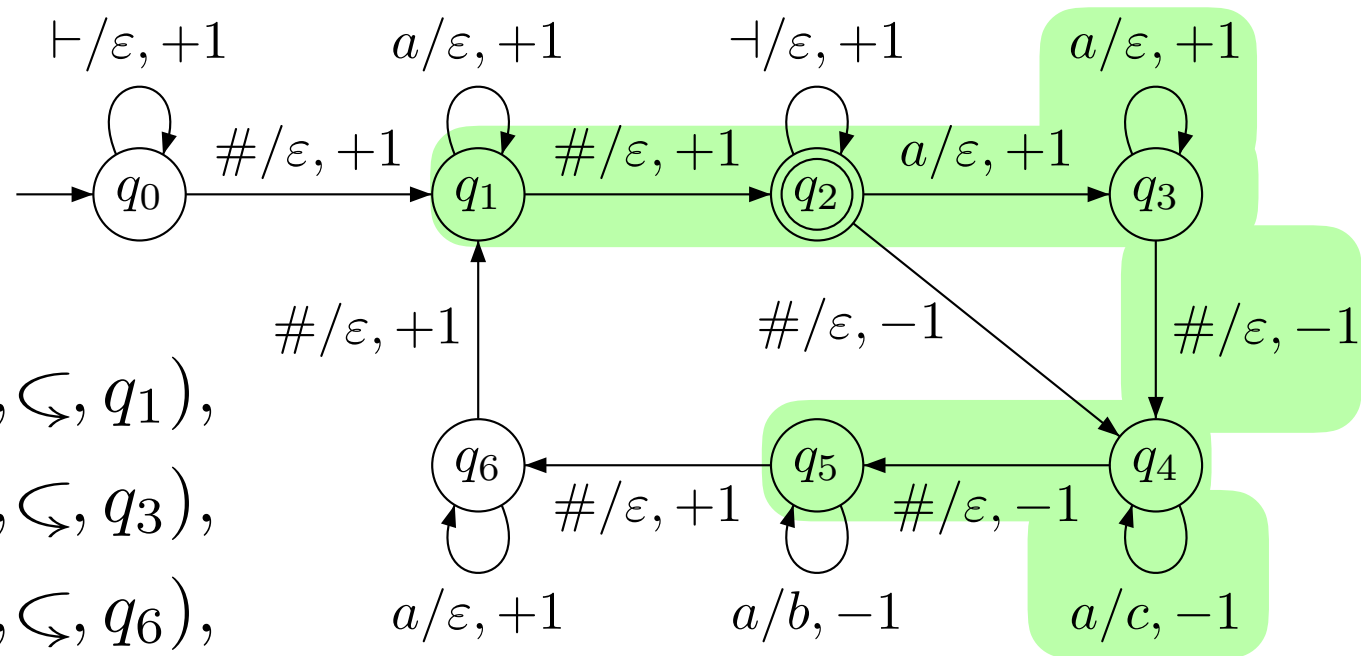
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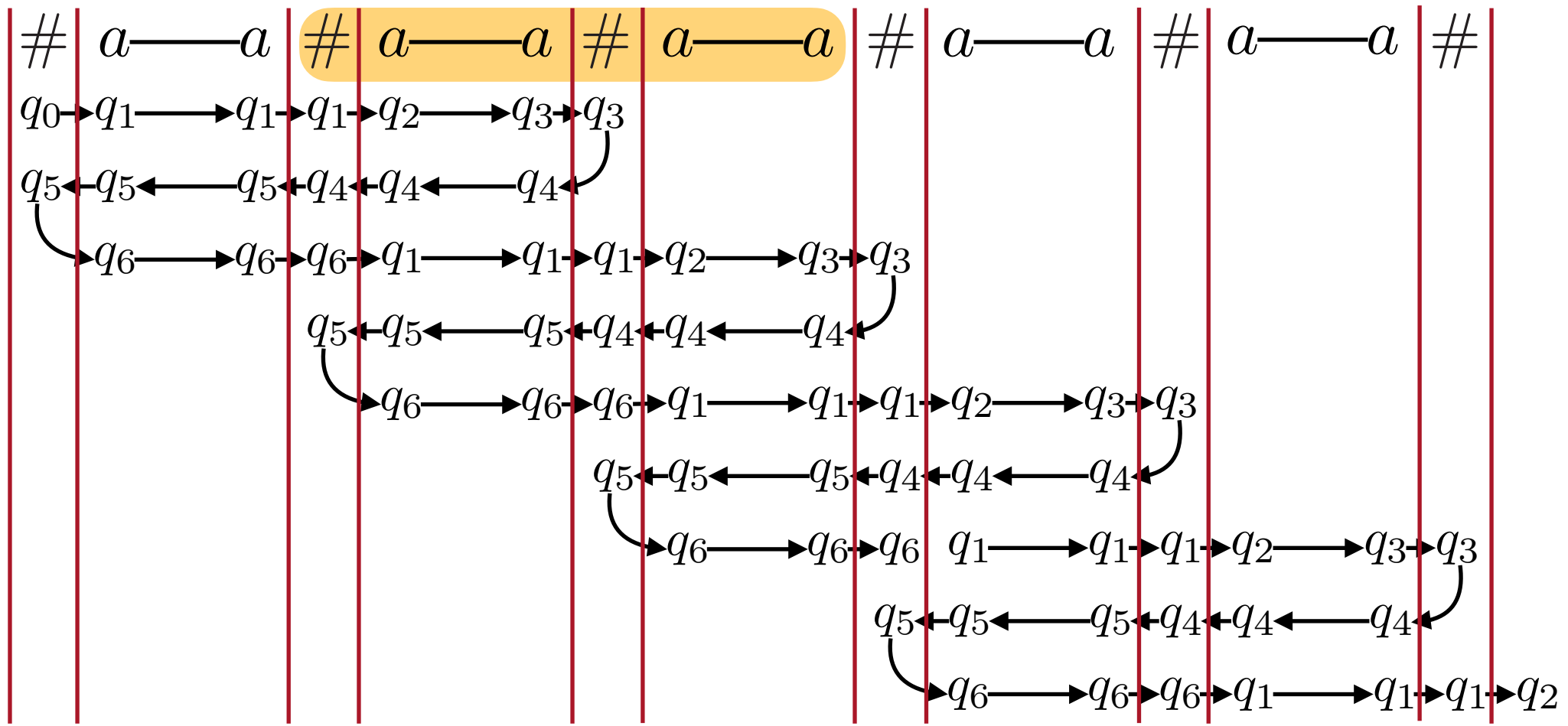
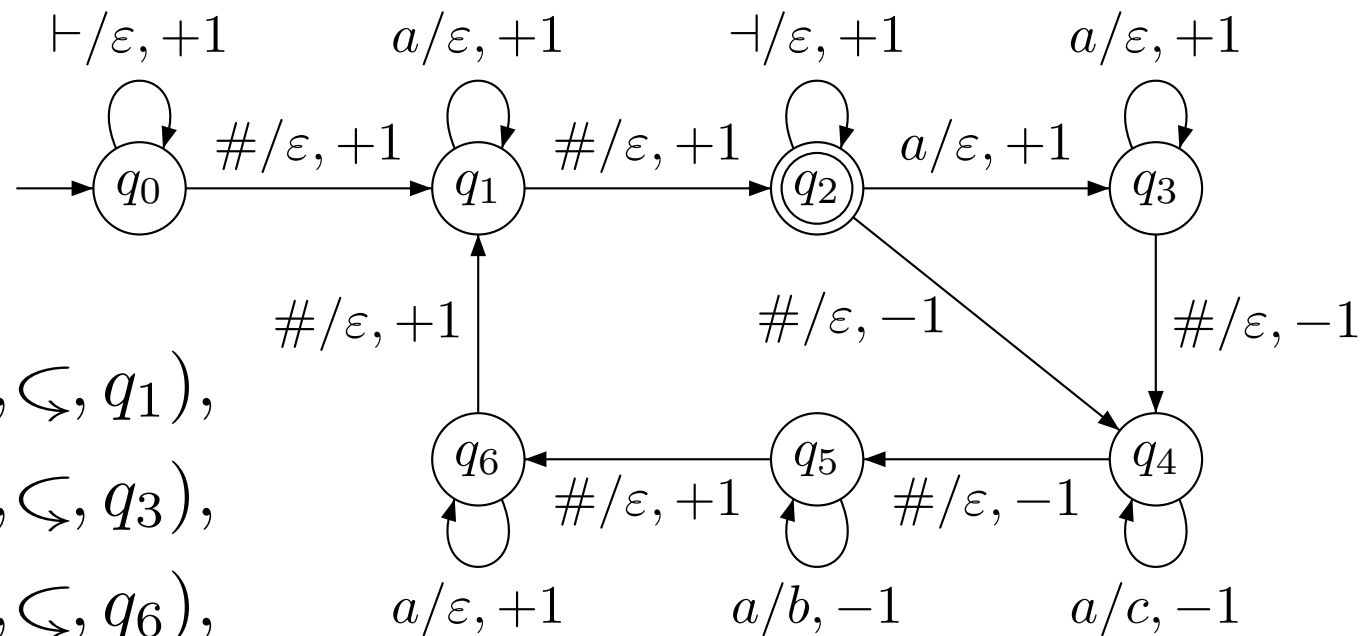
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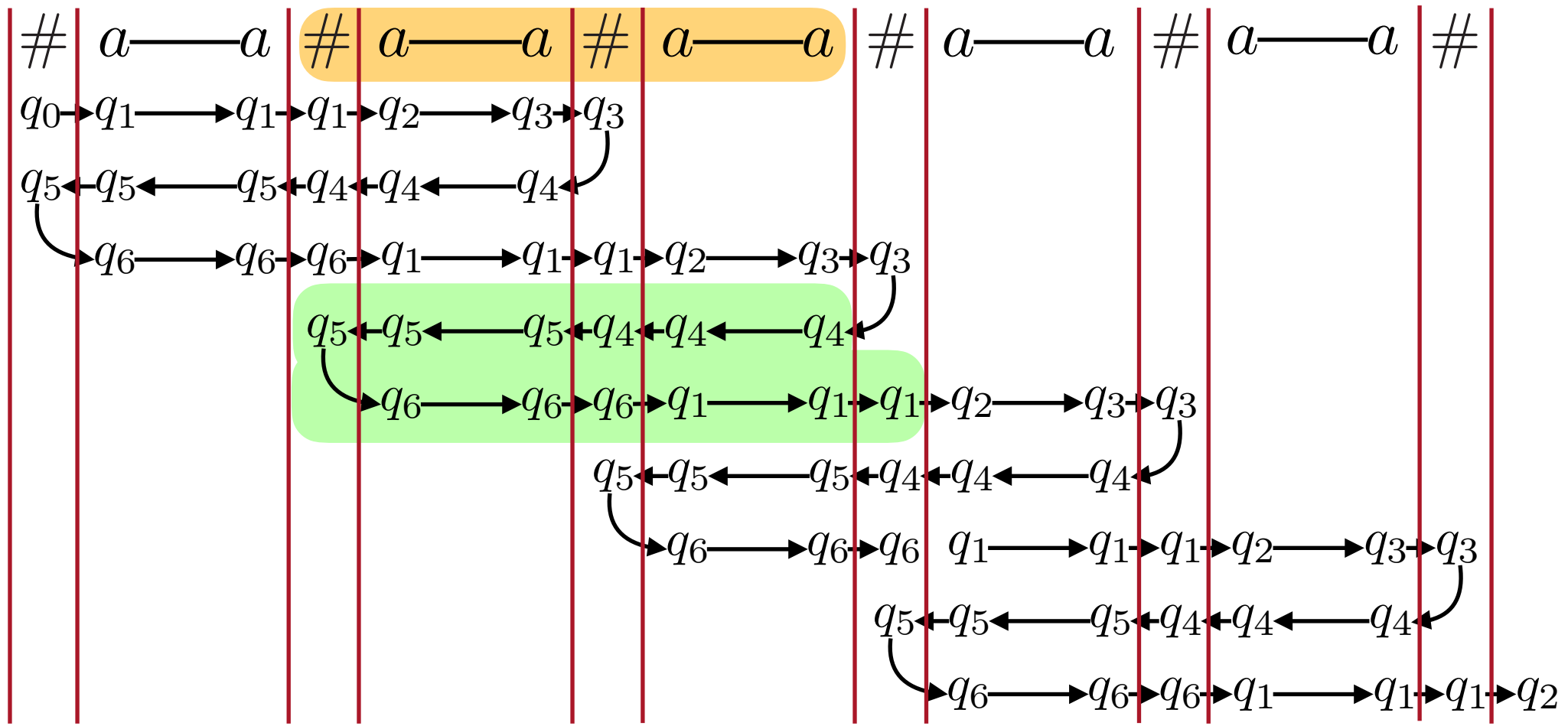
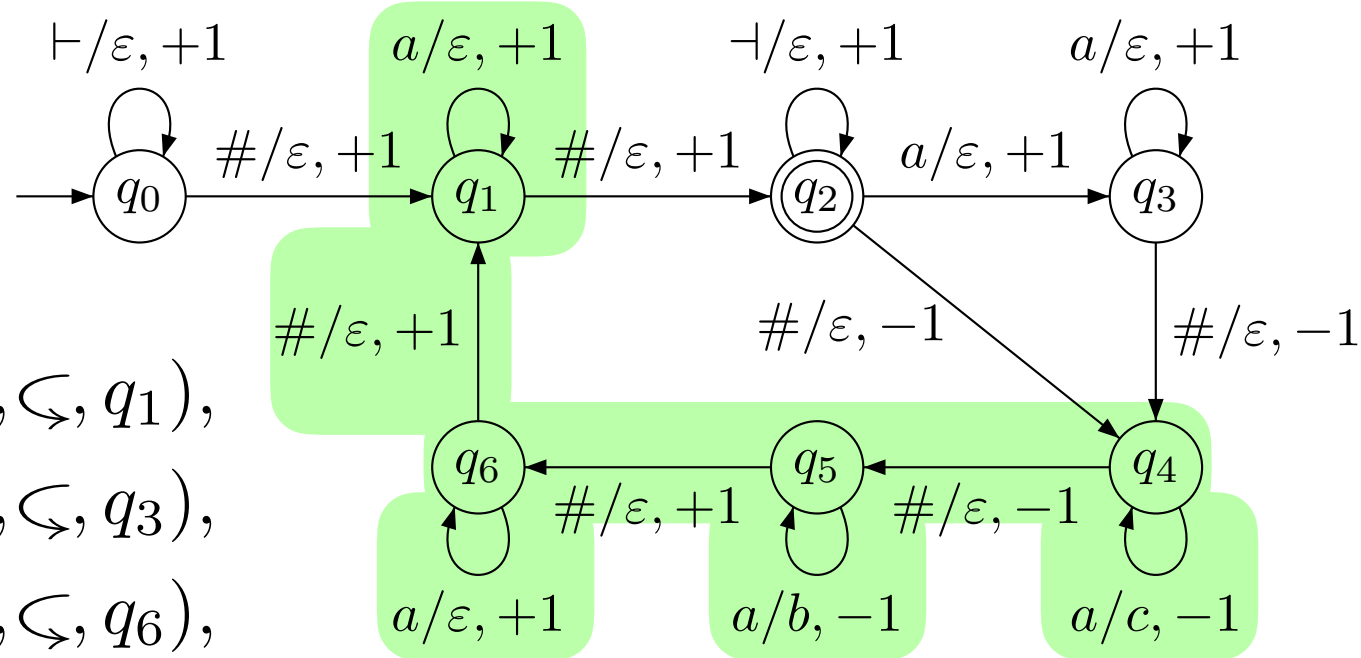
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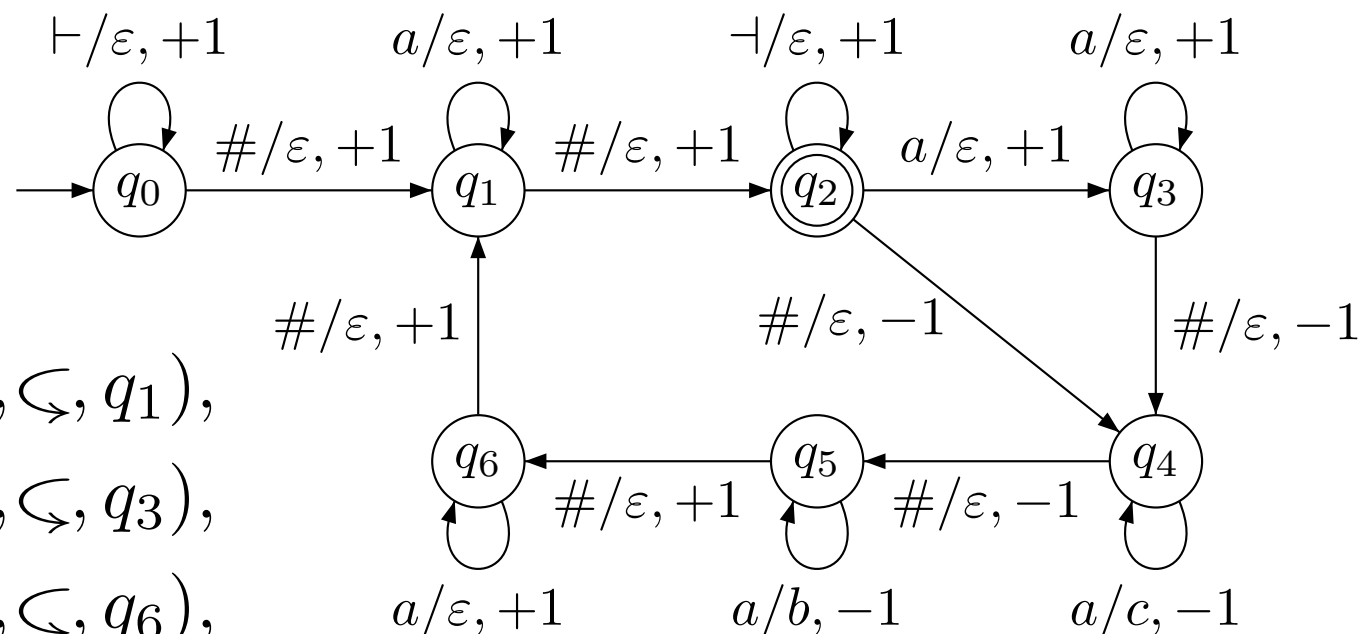
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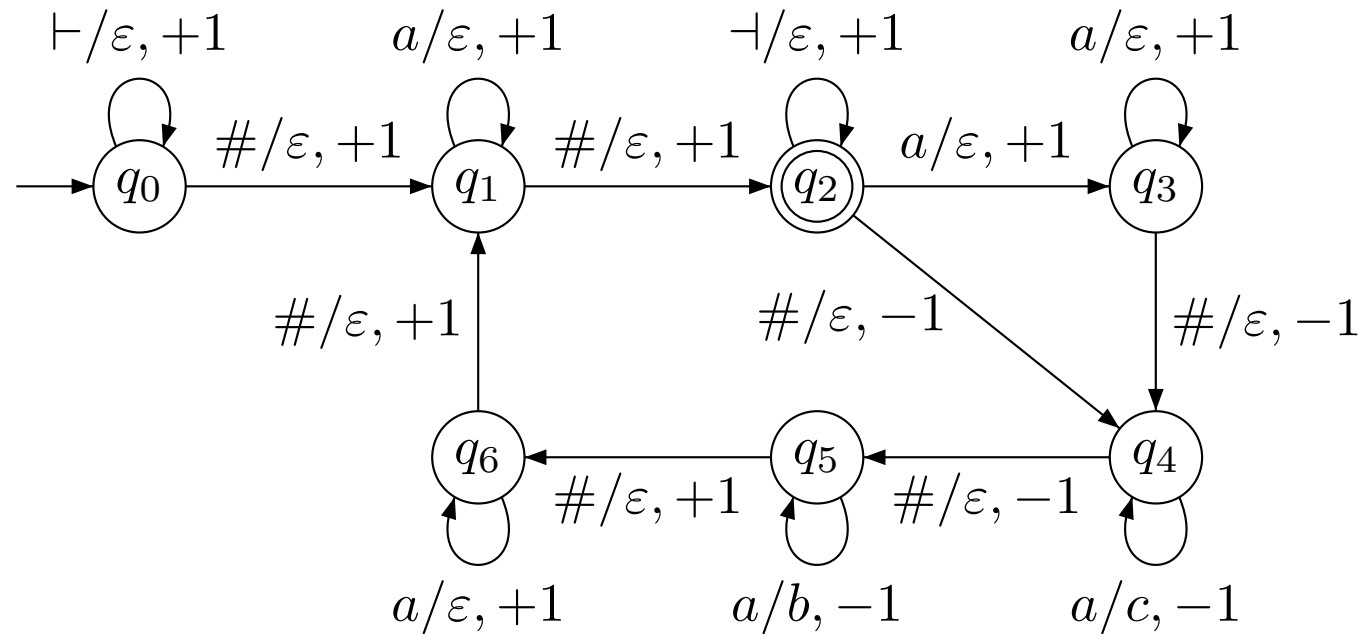
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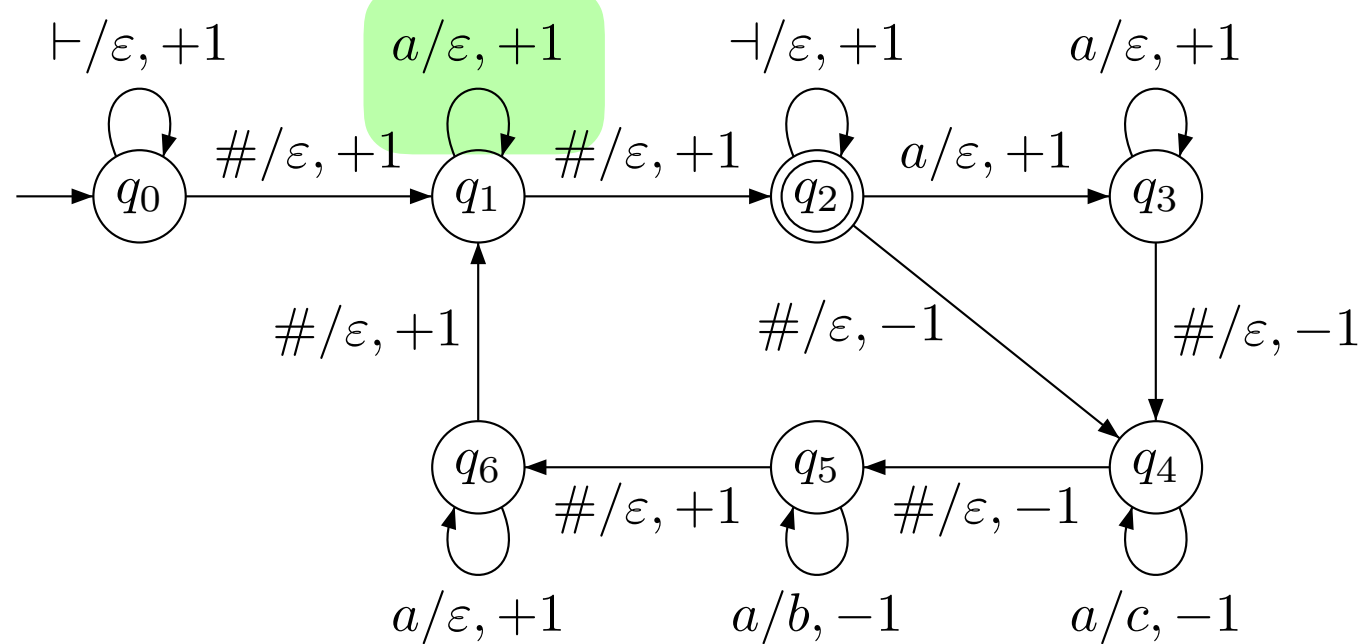
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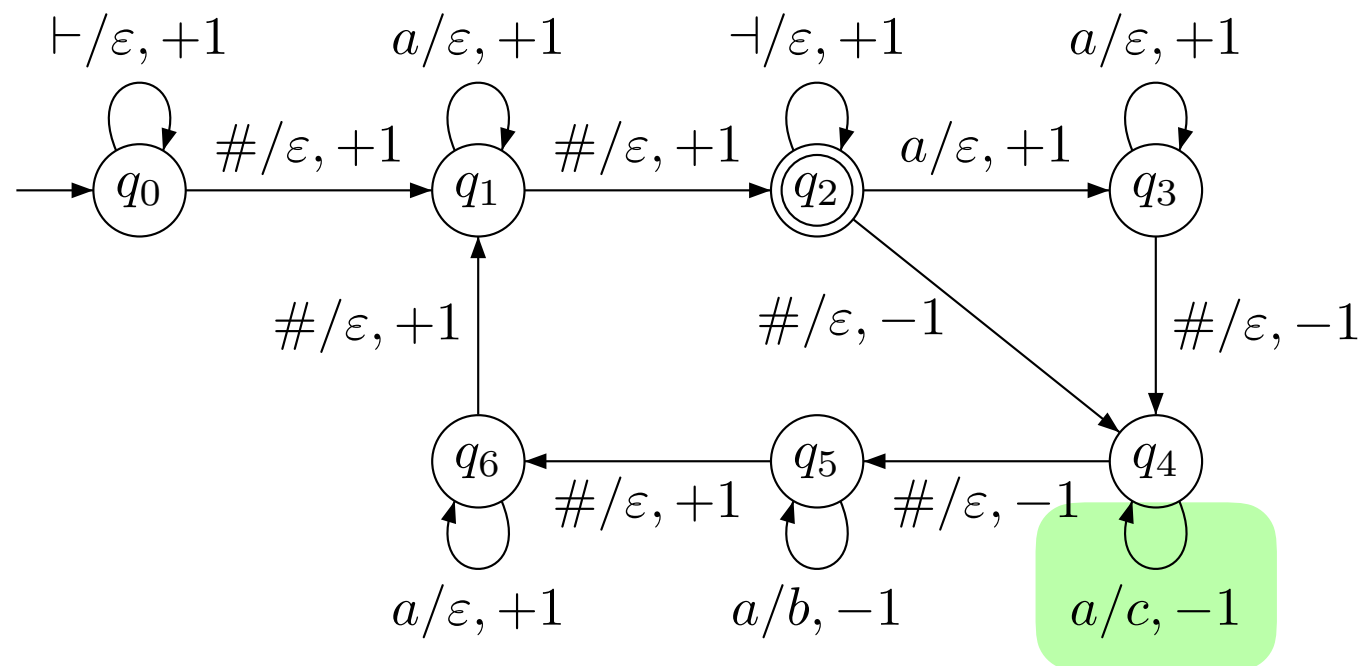
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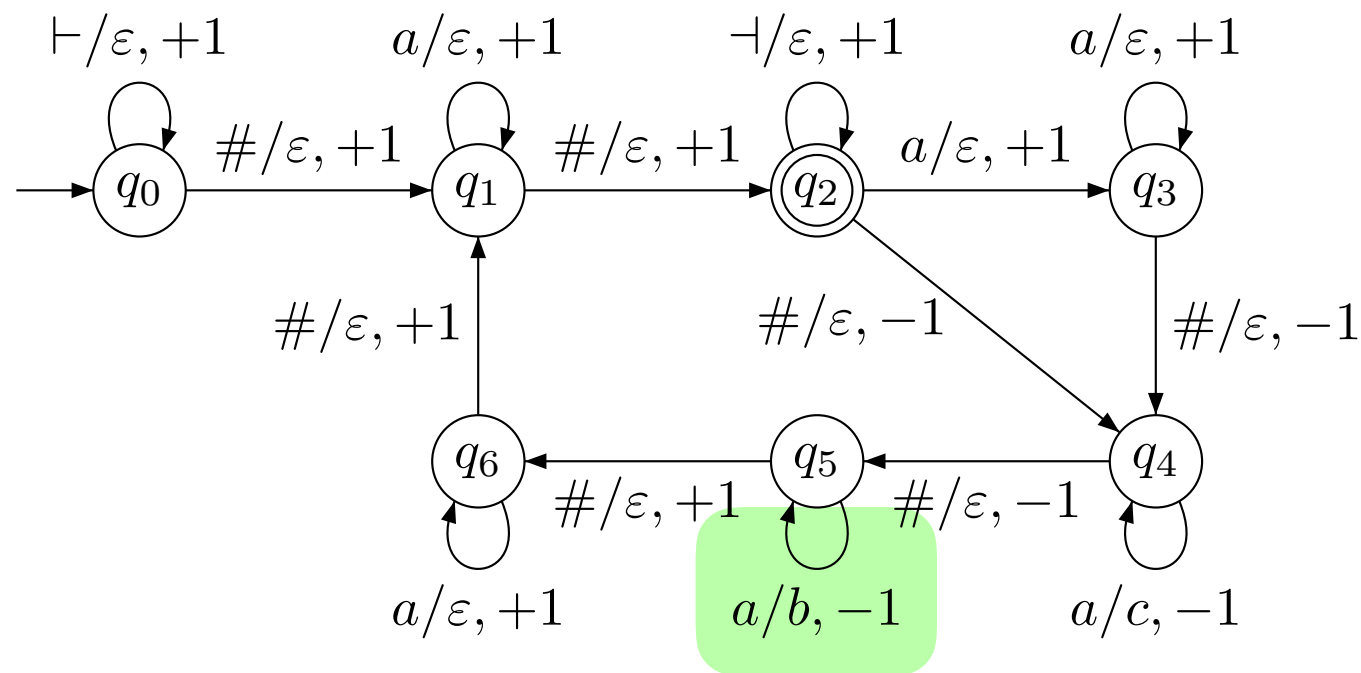
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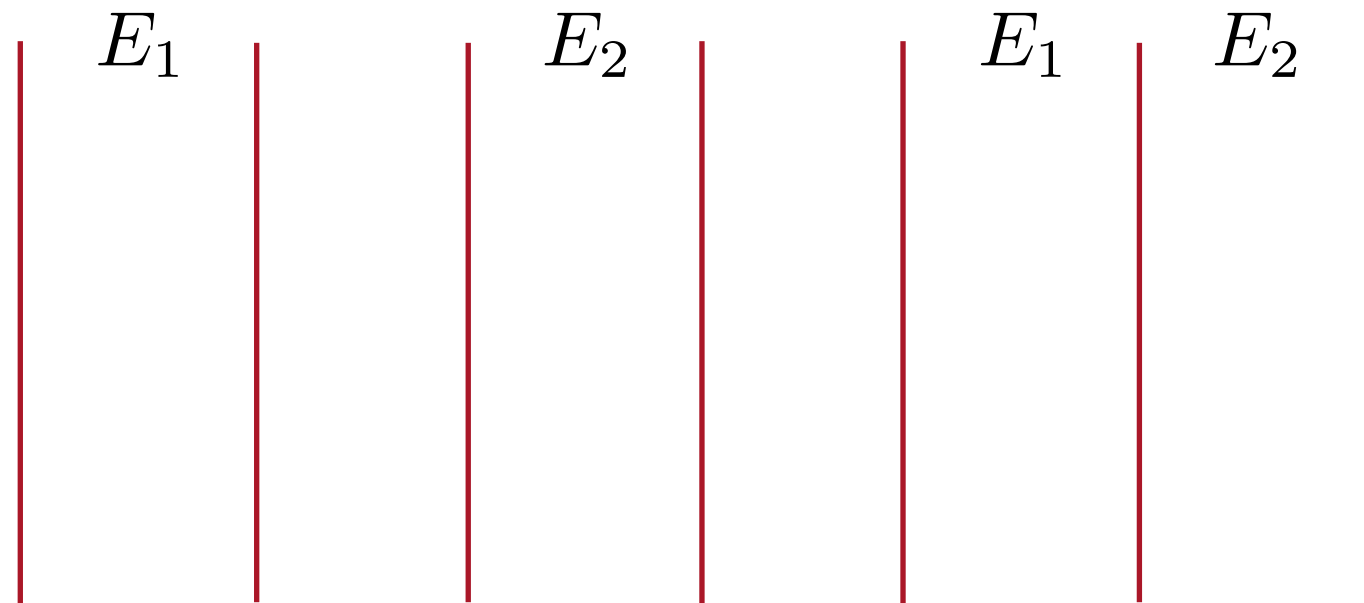
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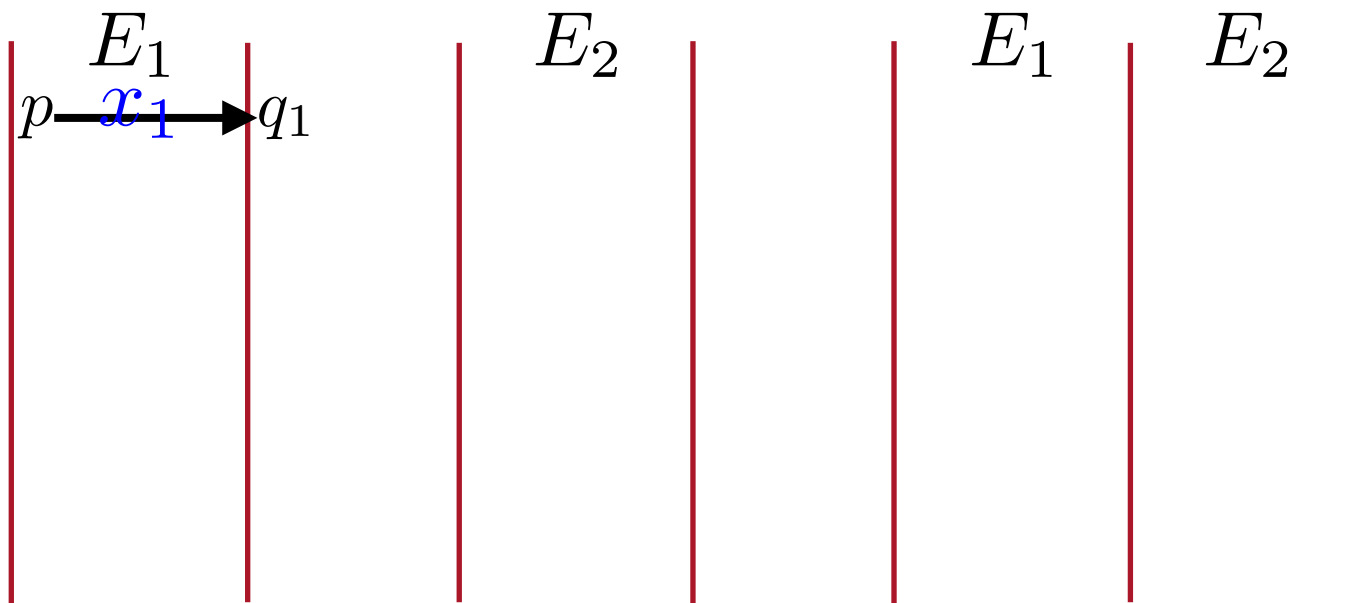
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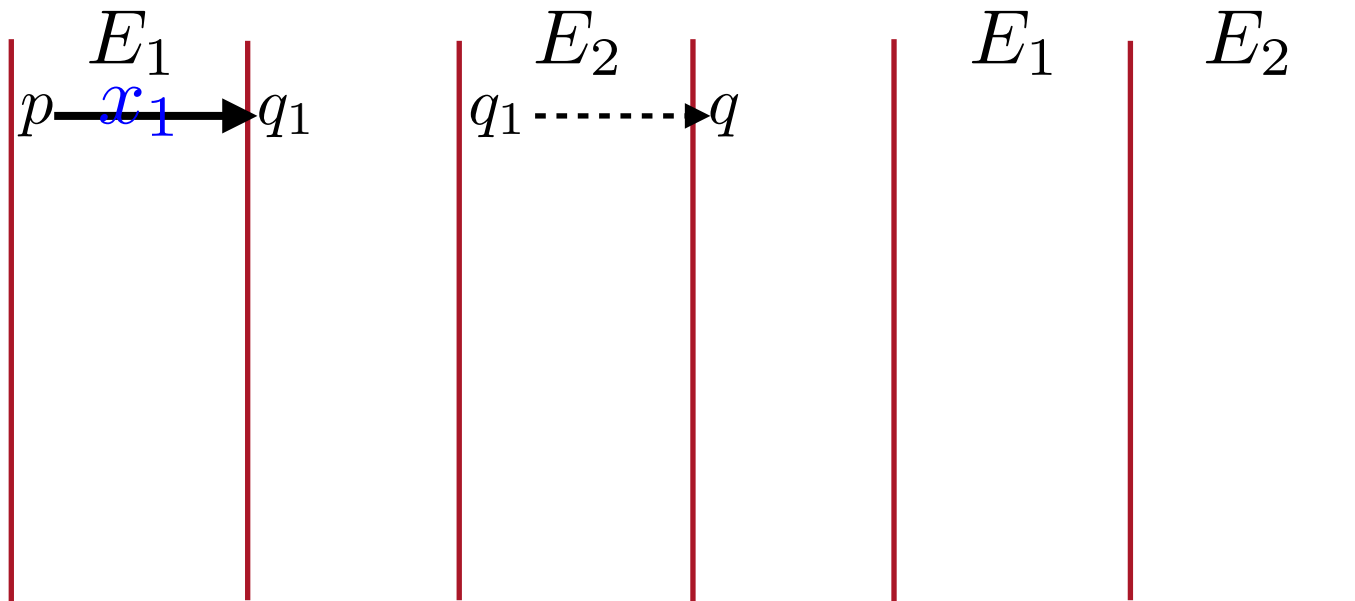
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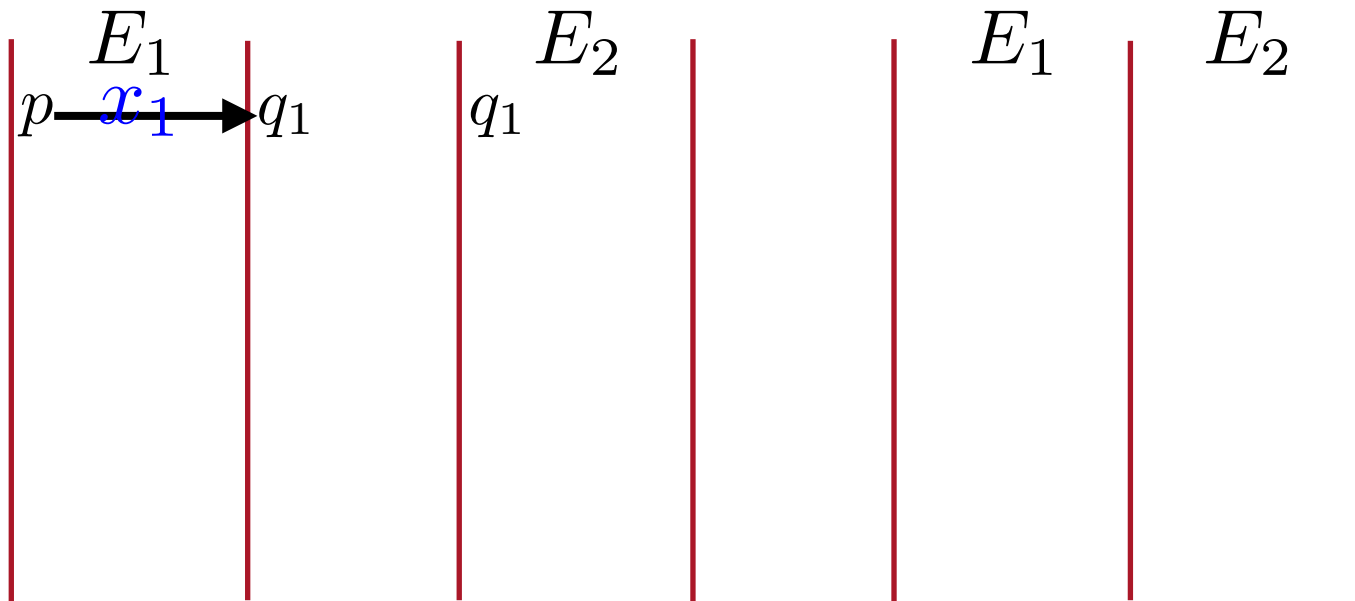
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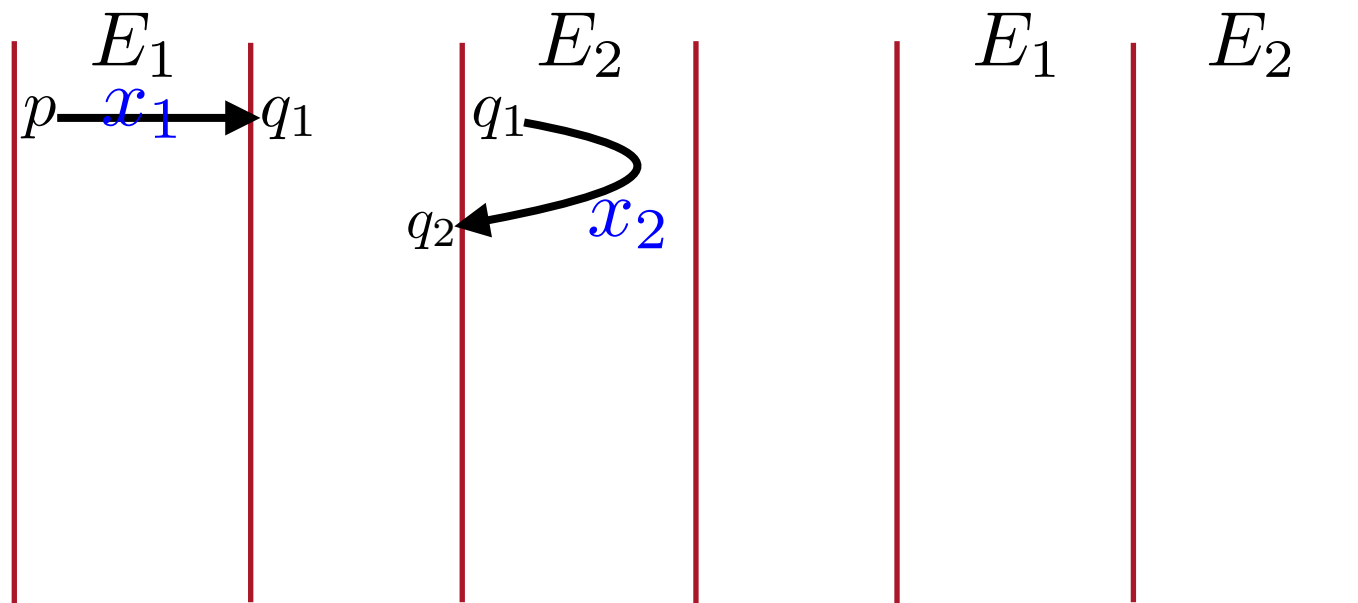
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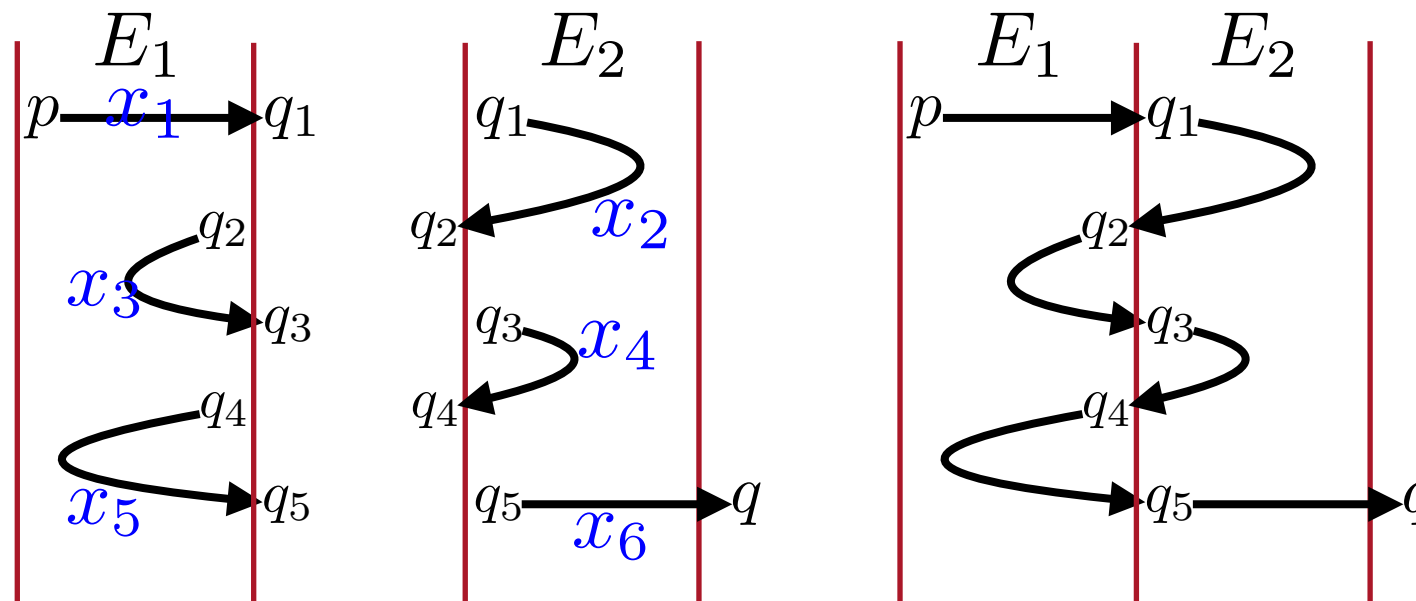
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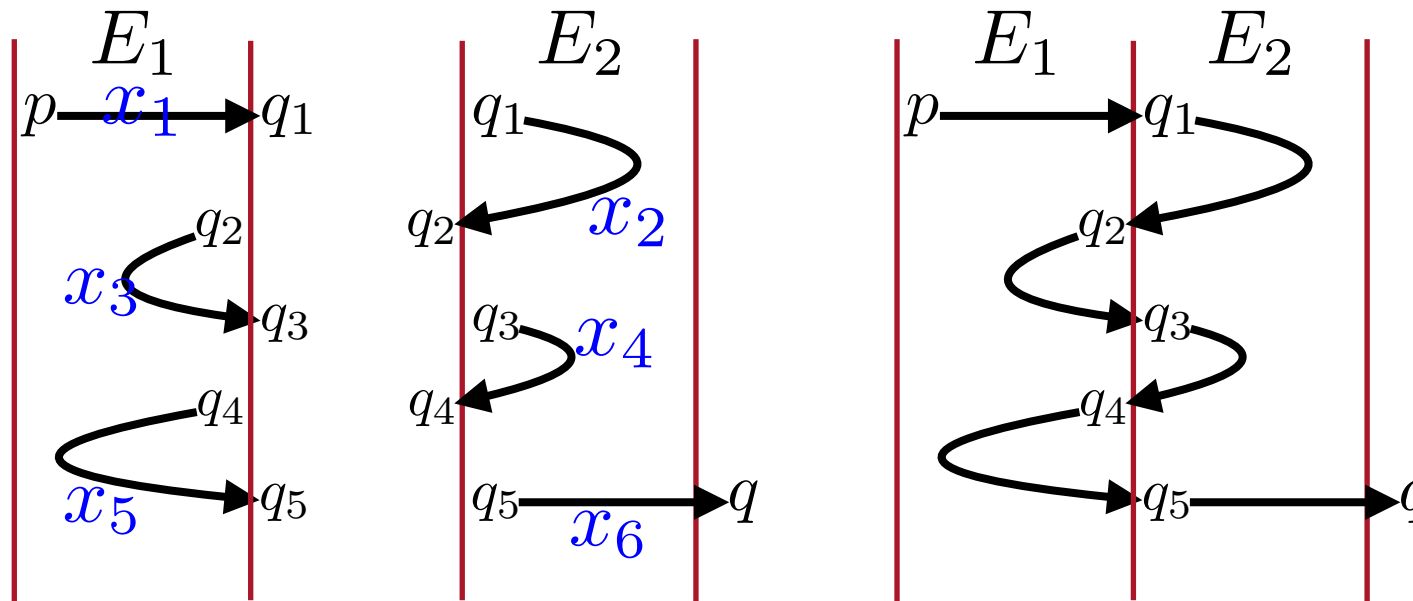
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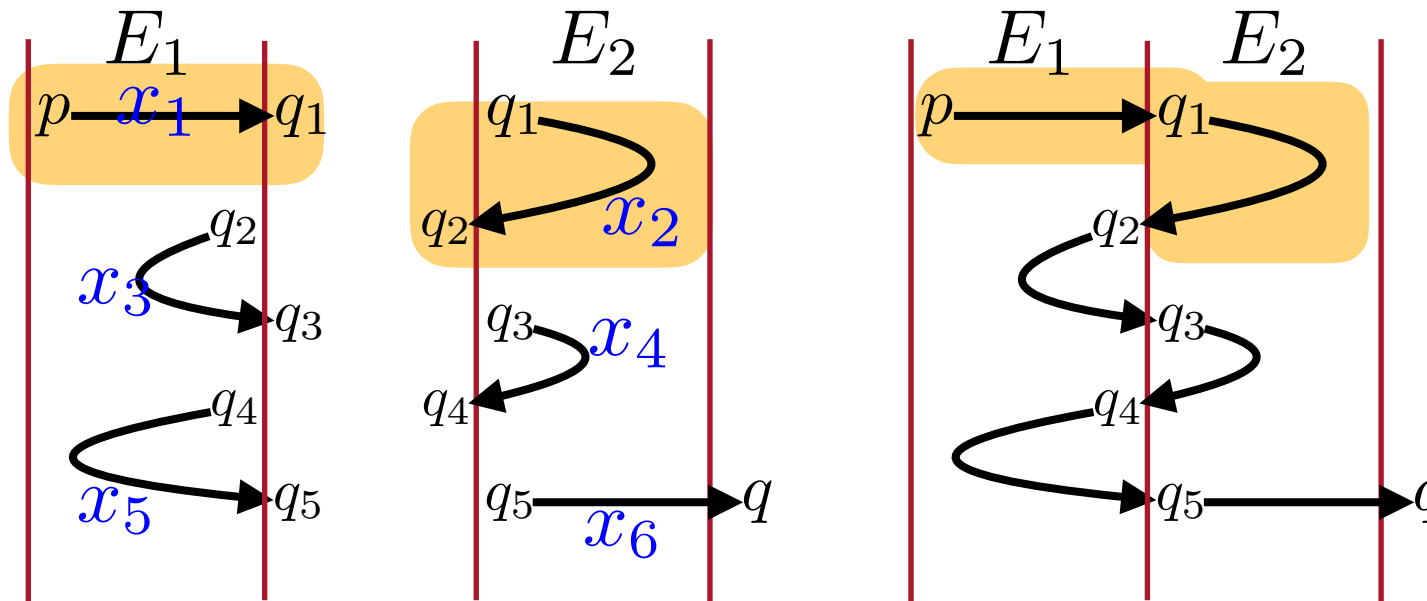
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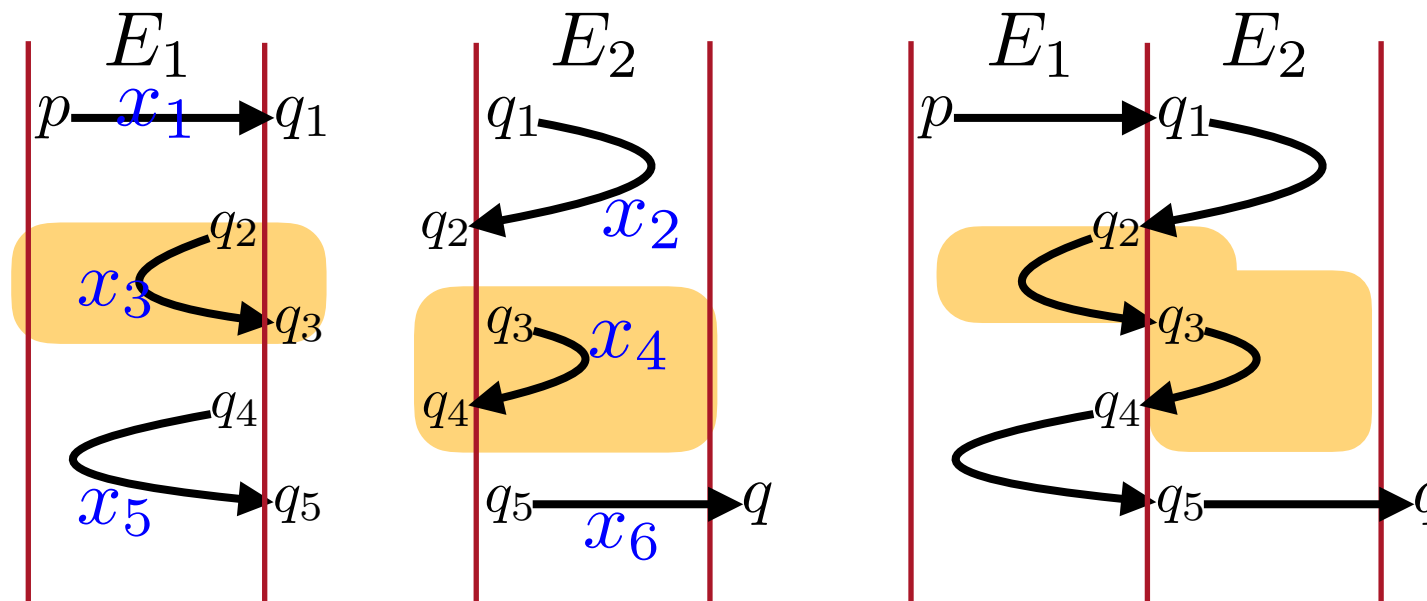
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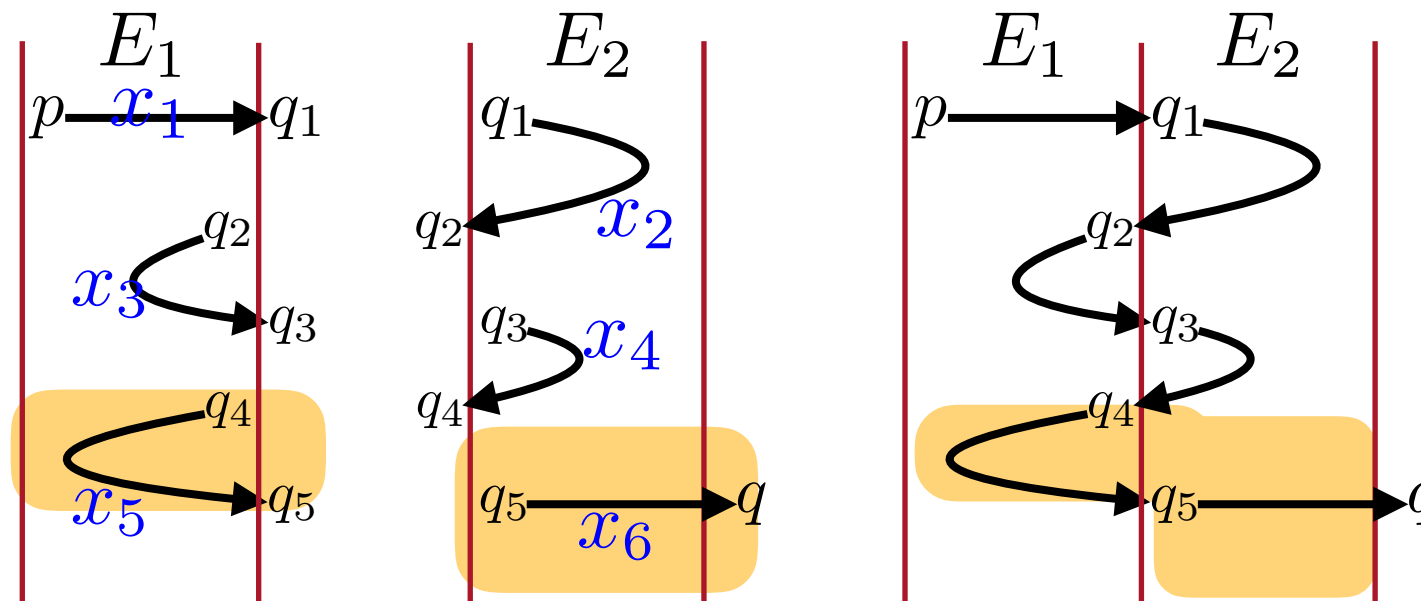
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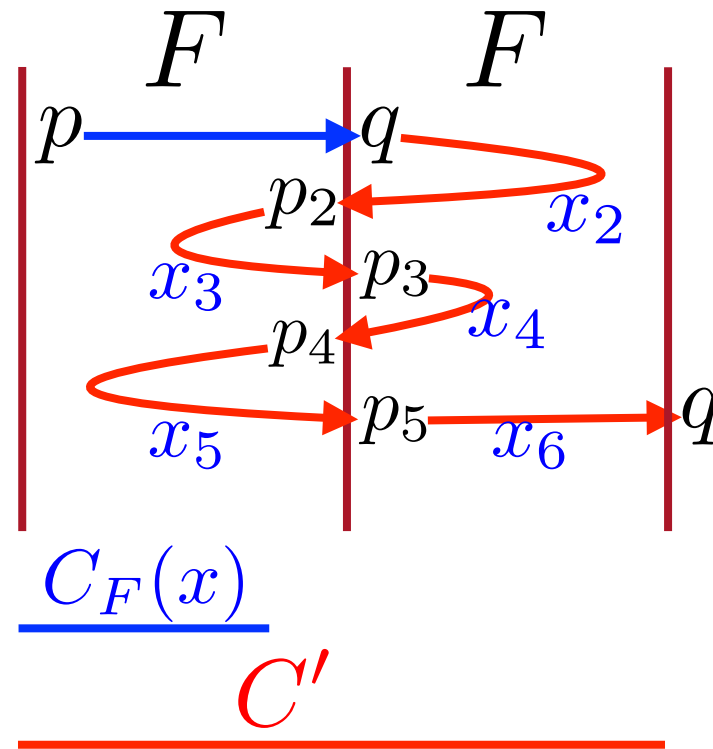
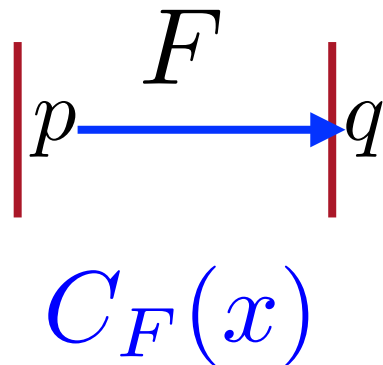
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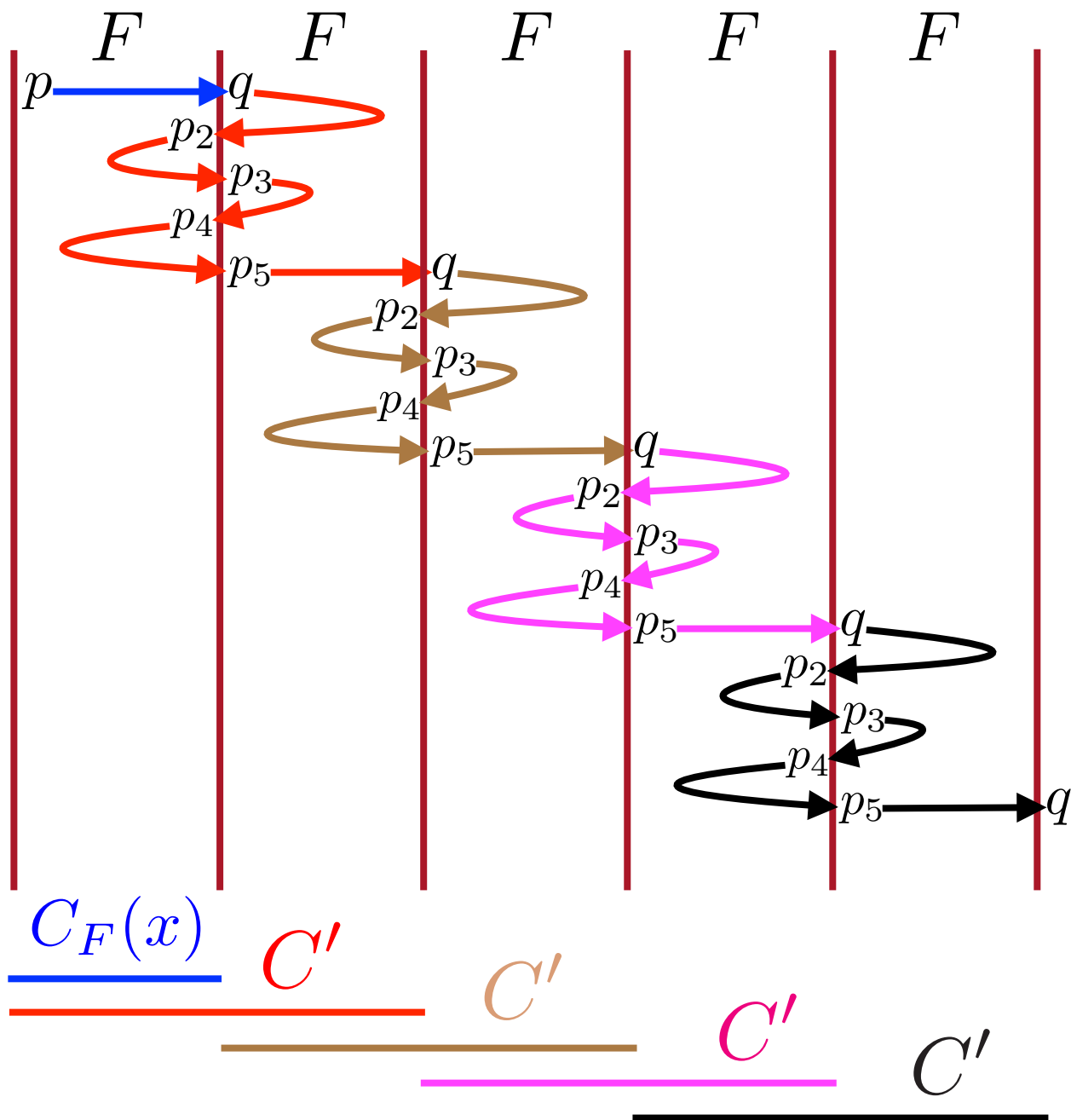
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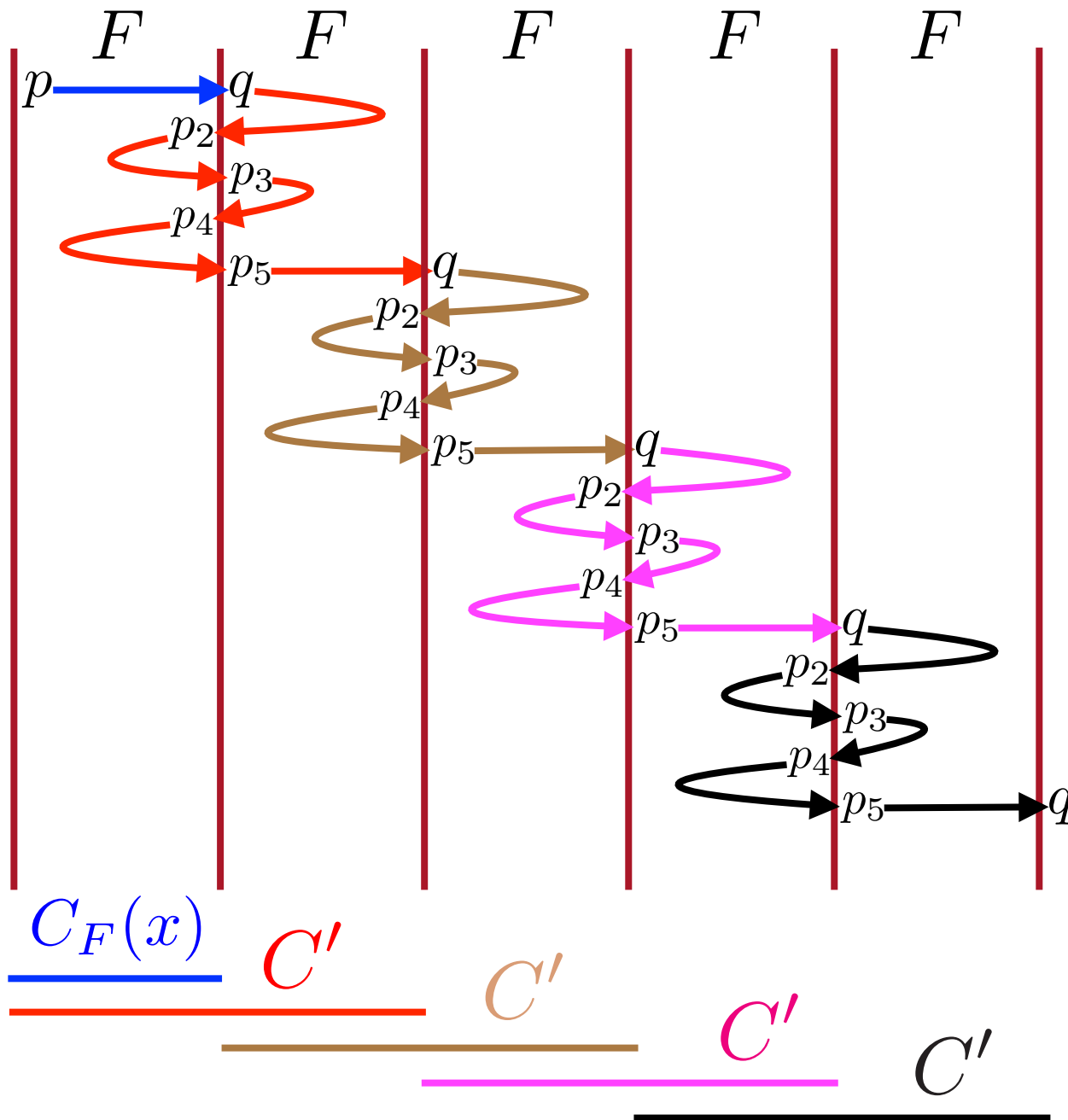
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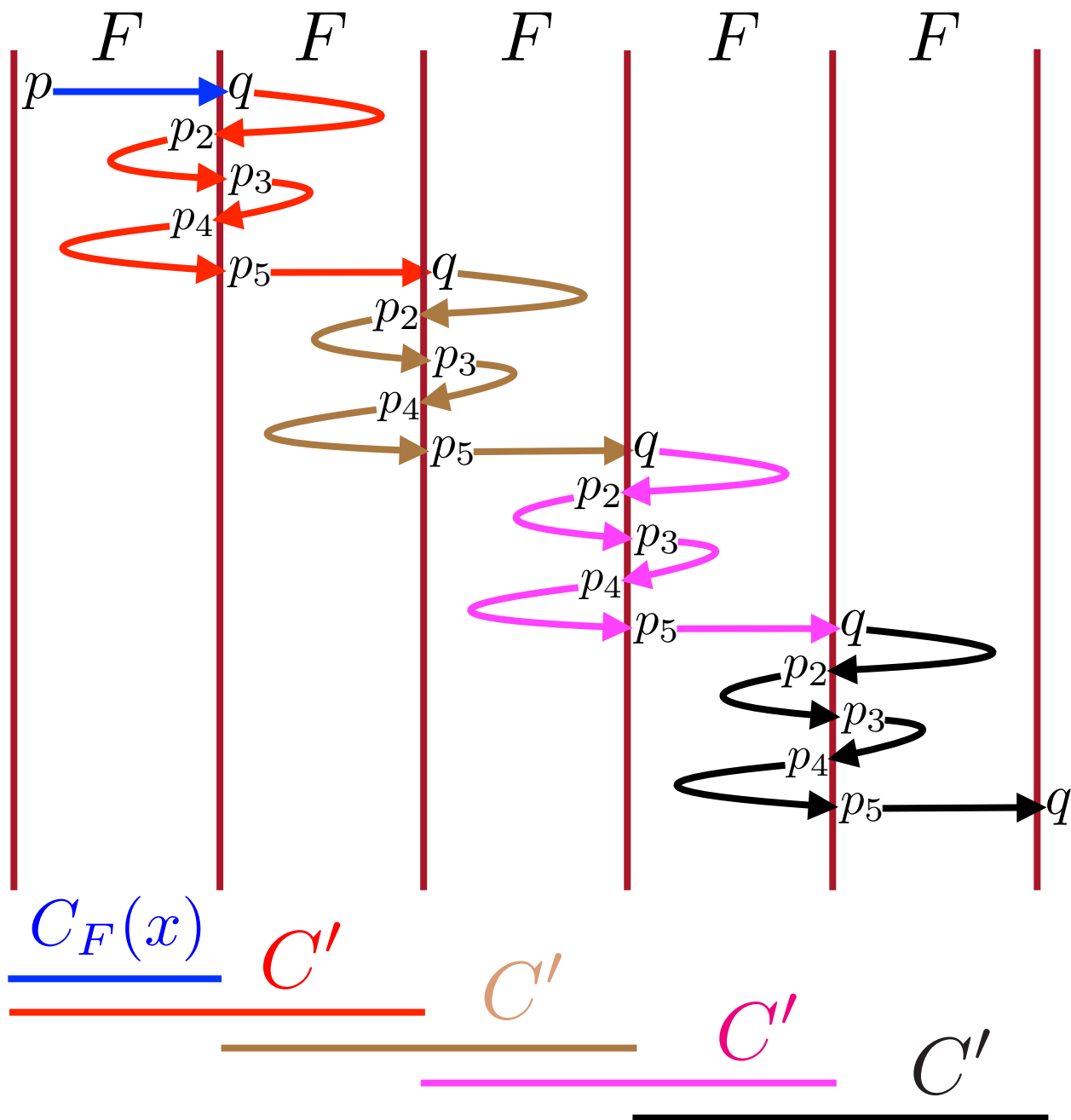
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If then else

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Transducer Expression for Aperiodic Transformation? 🤔