

# Concurrent Parameterized Games

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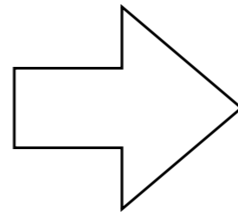
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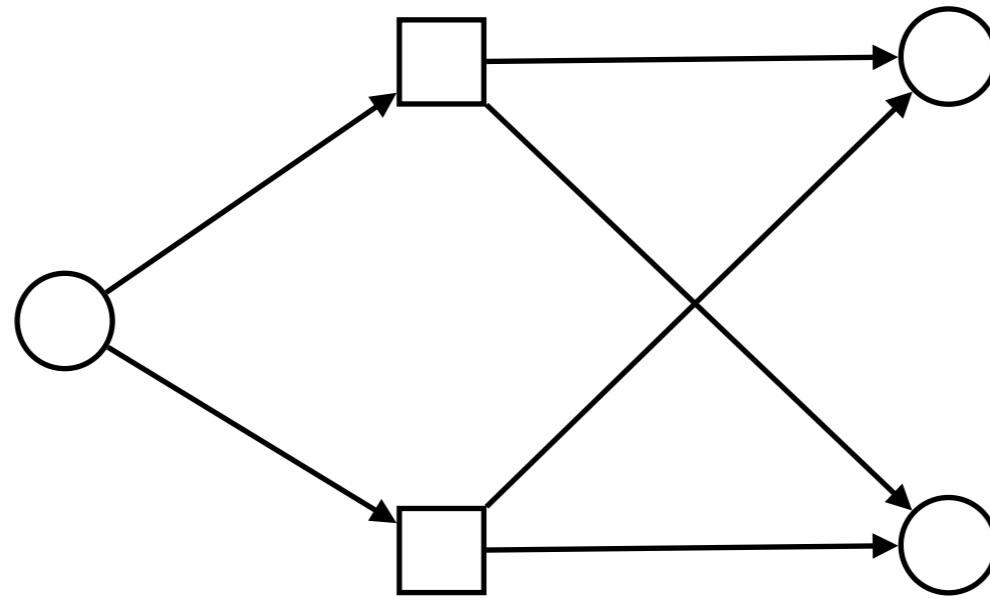
Games (turn-based, concurrent)



Parameterized concurrent games

# Turn based 2-player Games

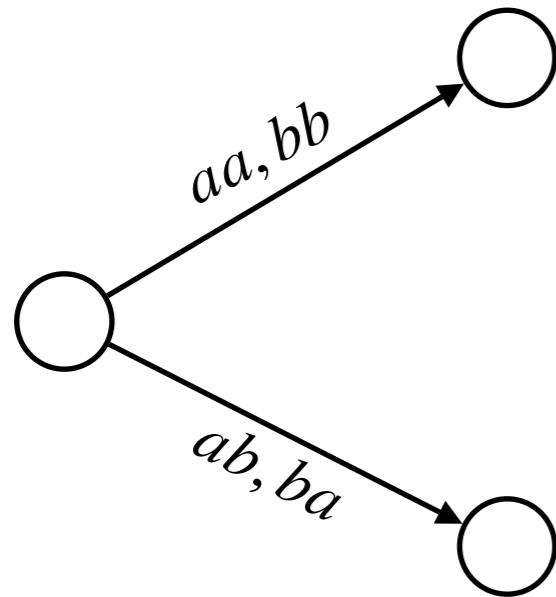
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- $P_1$  (○) vs  $P_2$  (□)
- Positional (memoryless) strategies for Reachability, Safety...

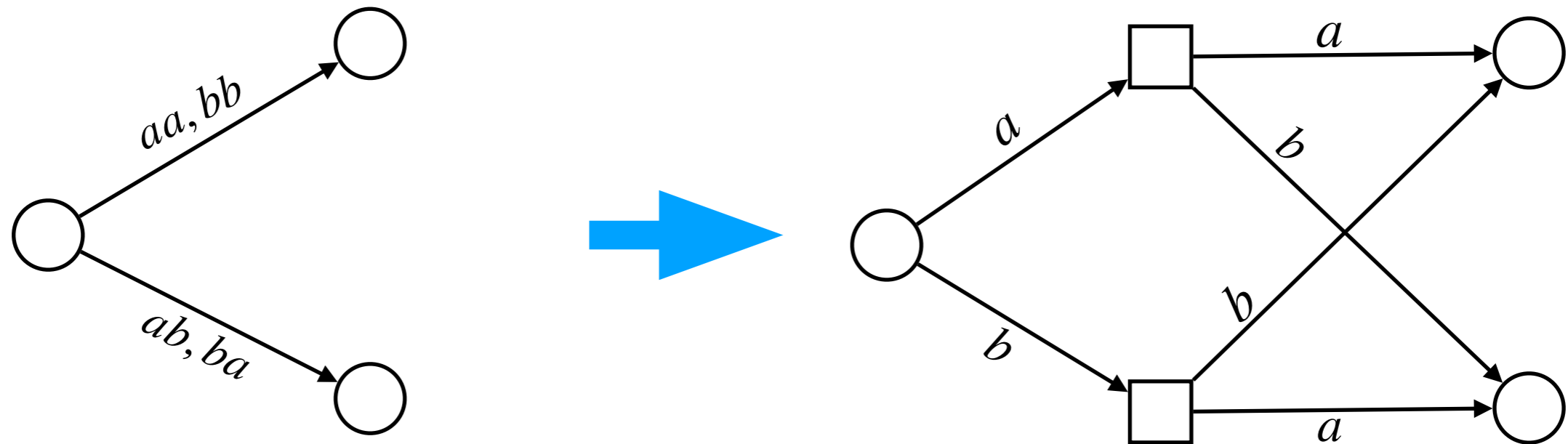
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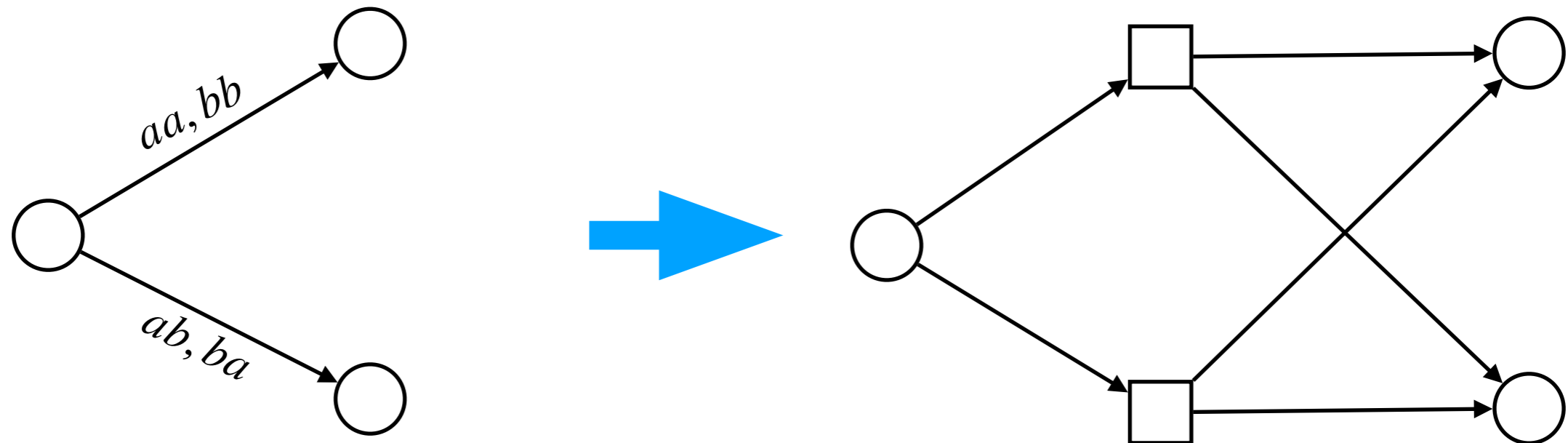
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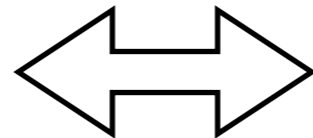


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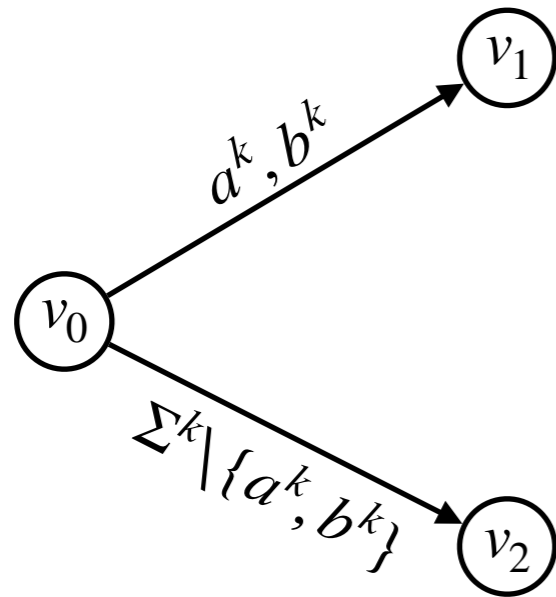
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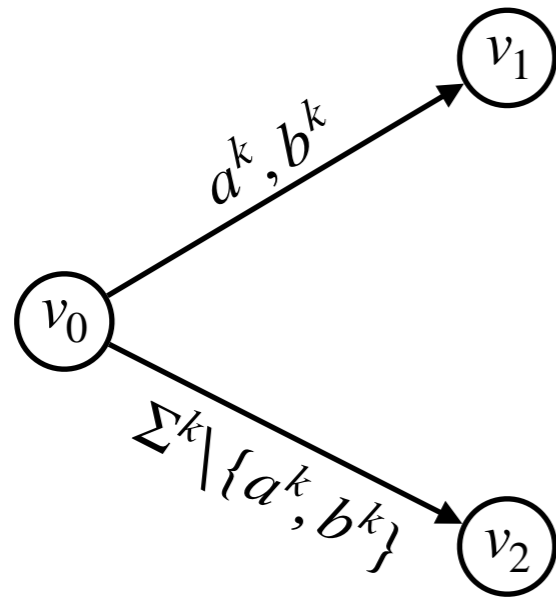
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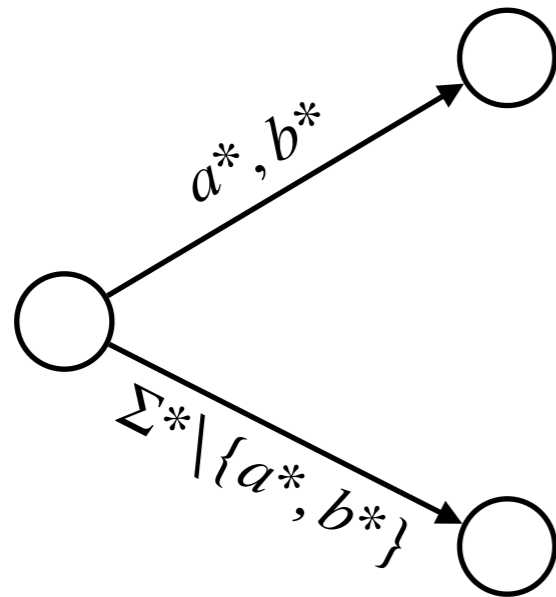
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The game goes from  $v_0$  to  $v_2$



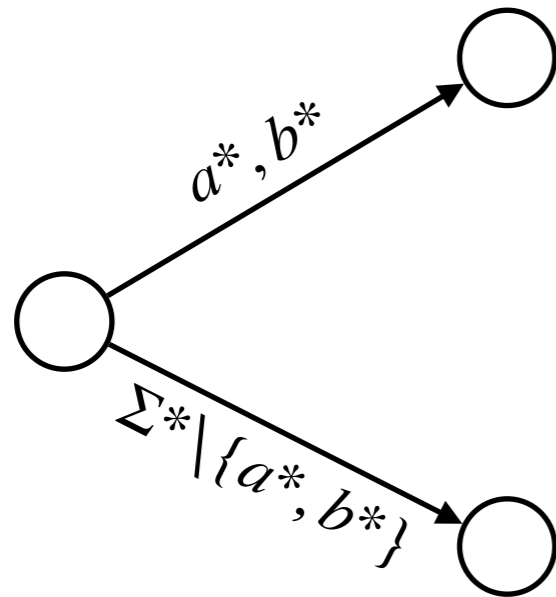
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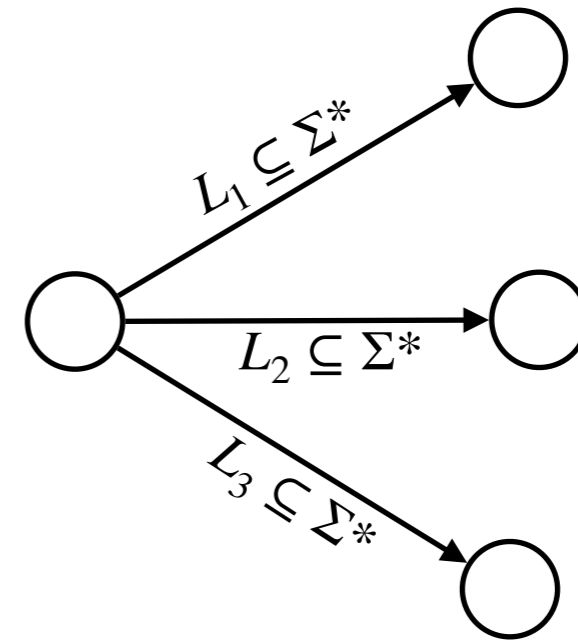


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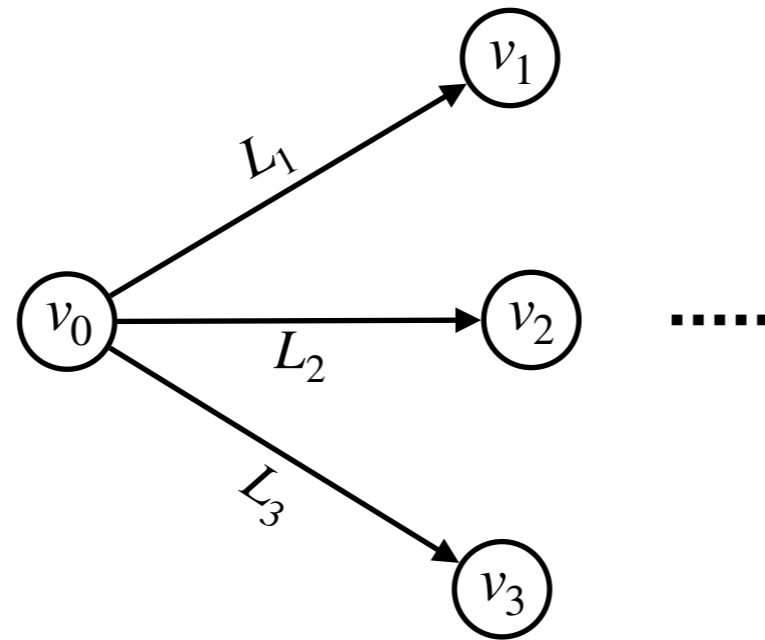
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- $L_1, L_2, L_3$  Regular
- $P_1$  needs to win against all  
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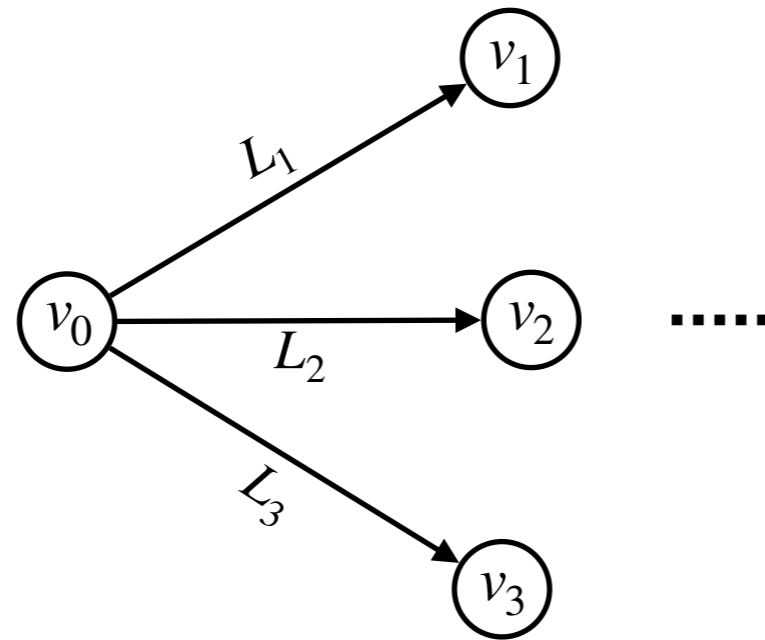
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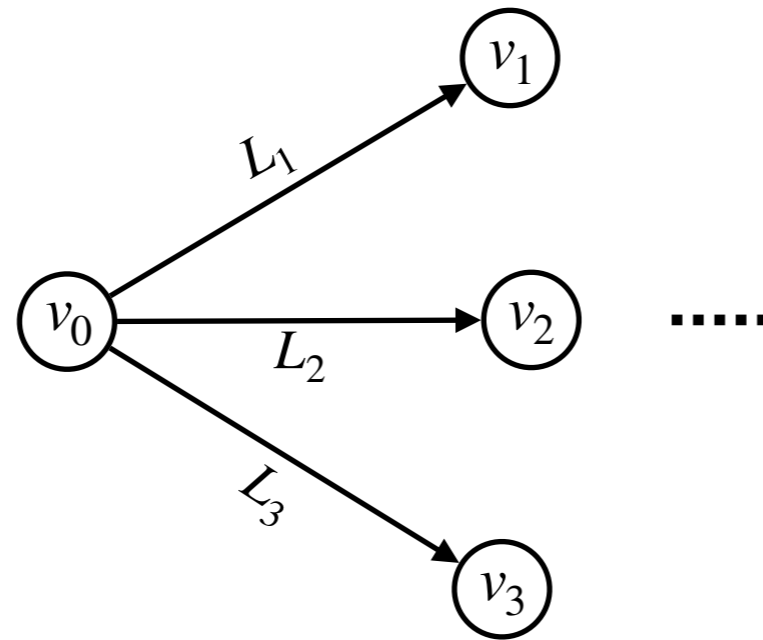
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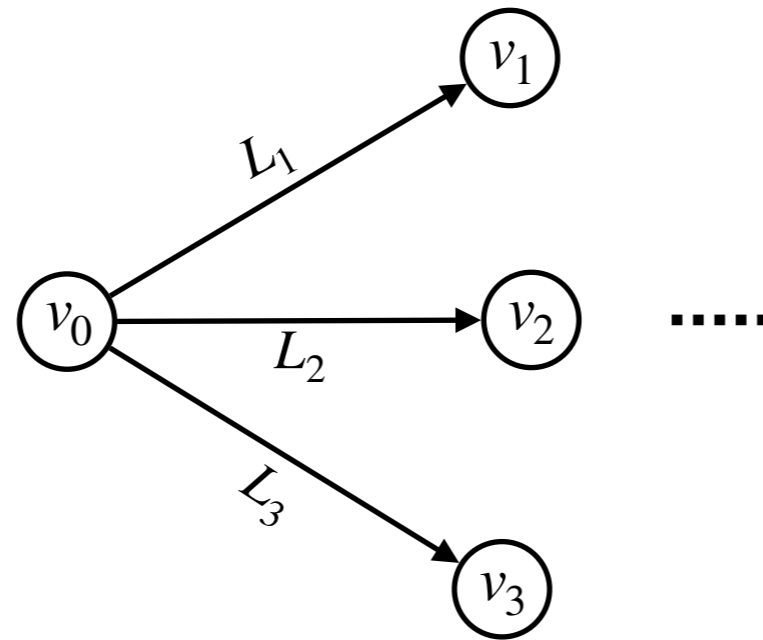
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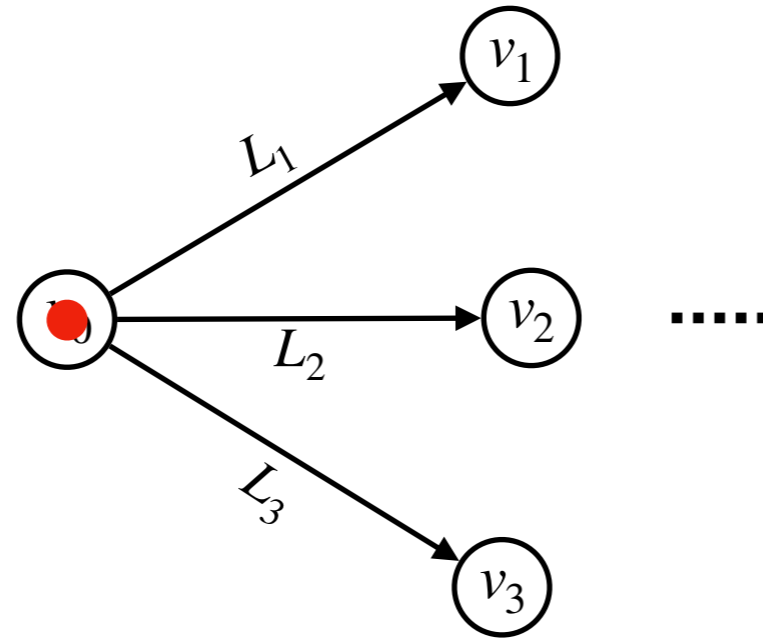
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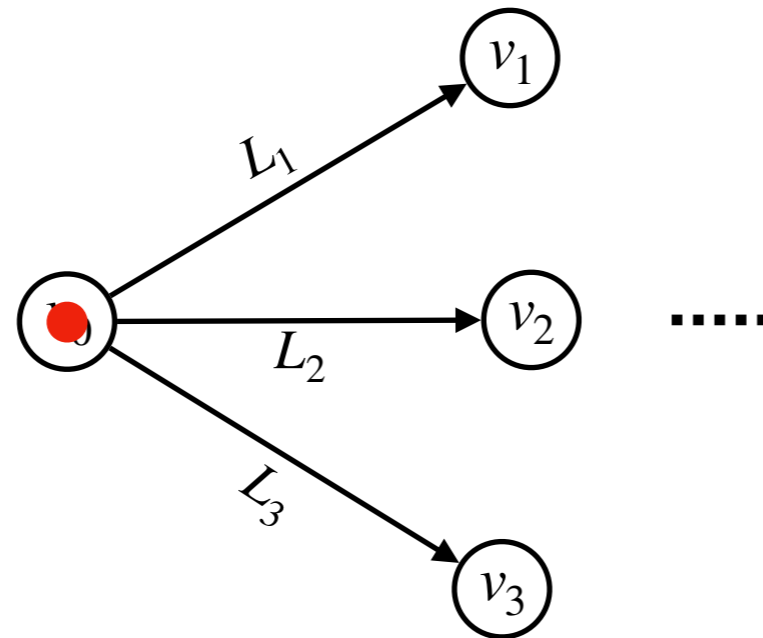
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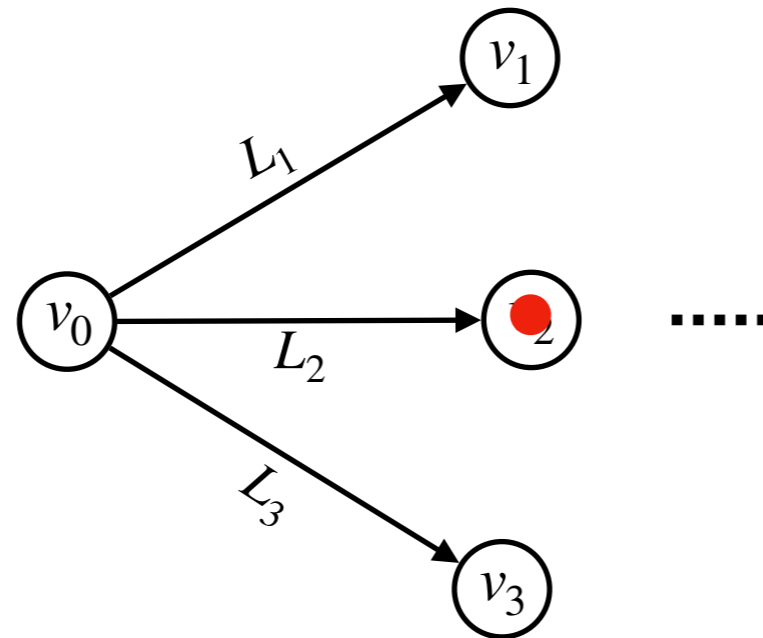
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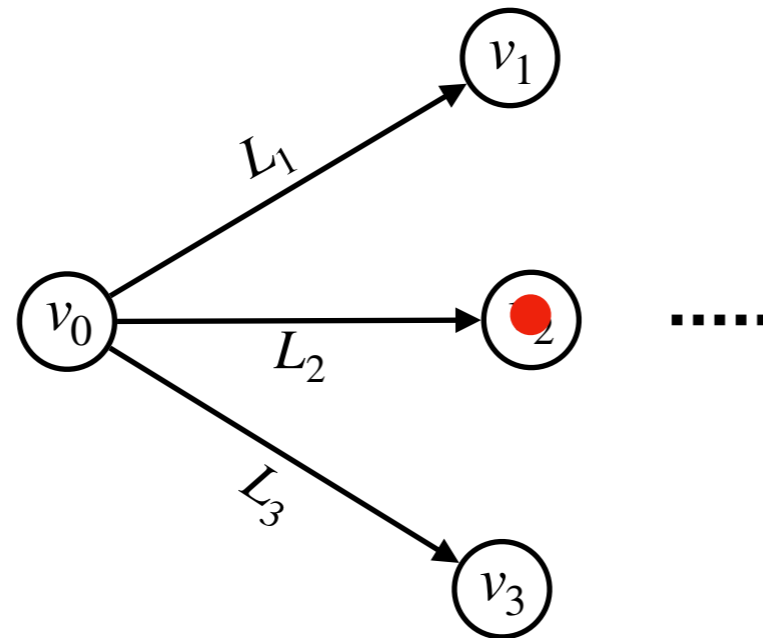


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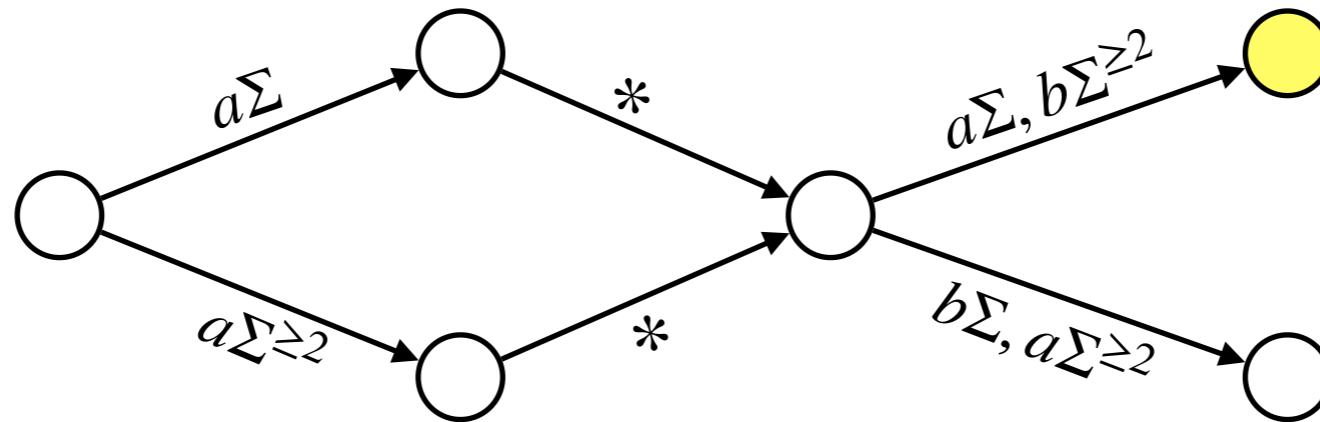


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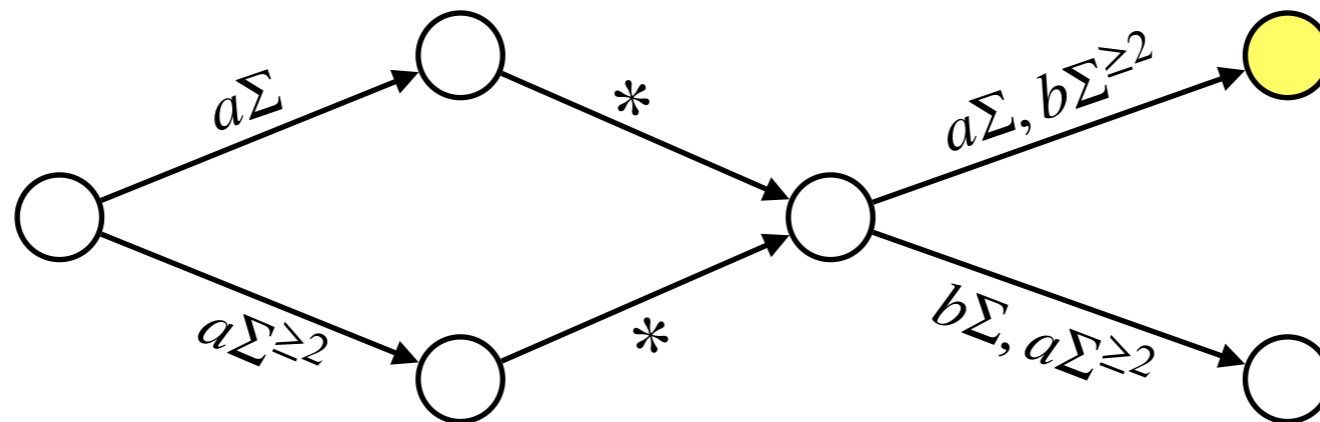
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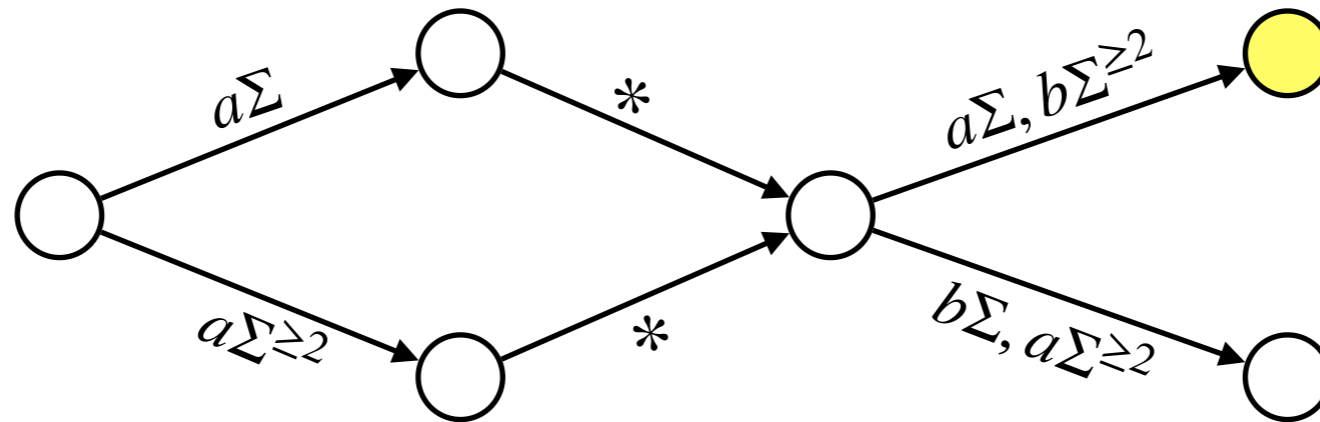
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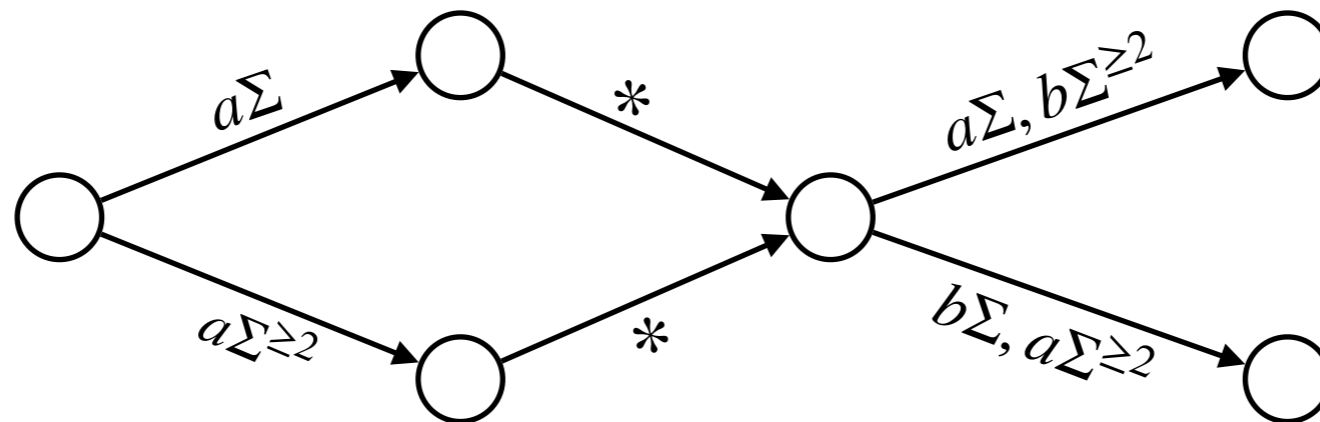
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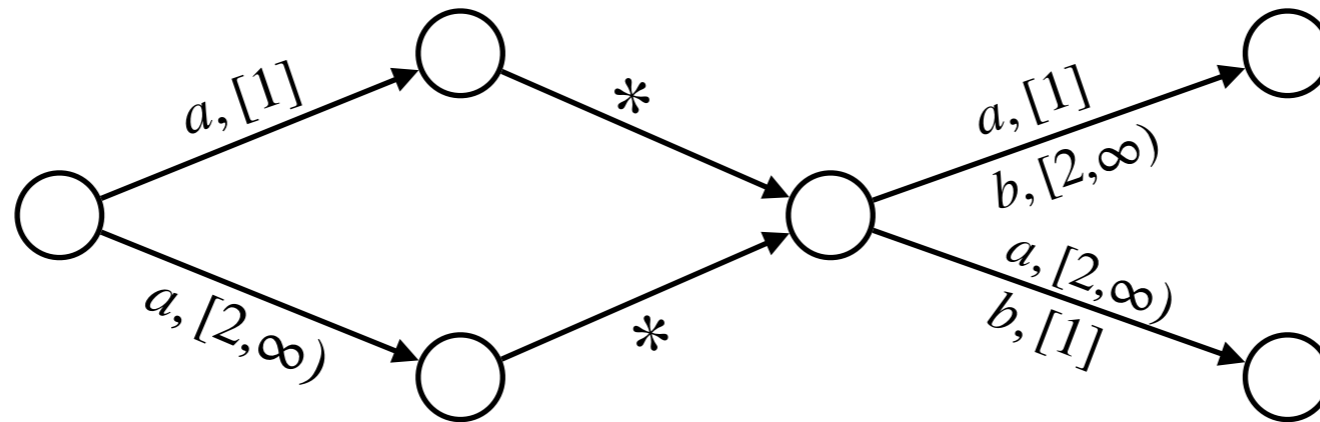
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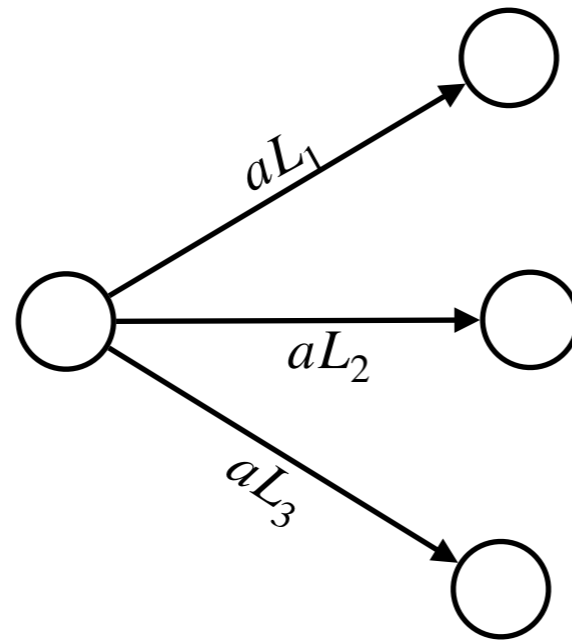


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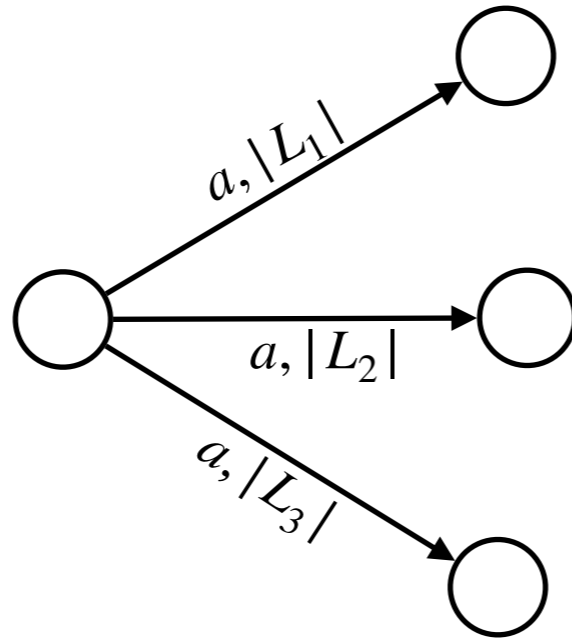


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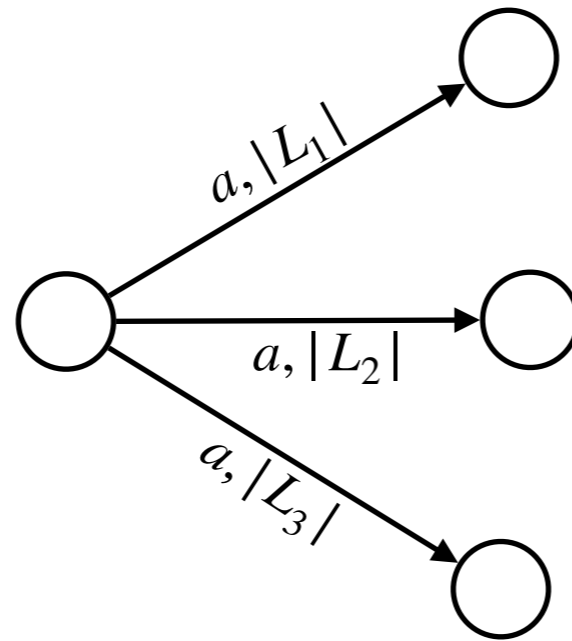
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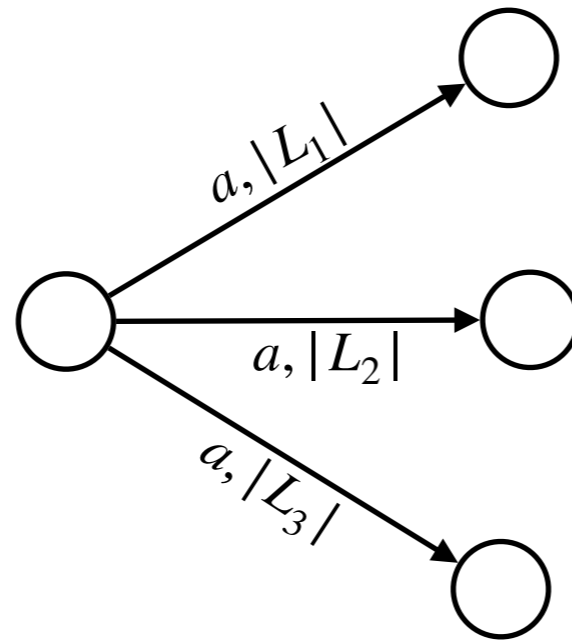
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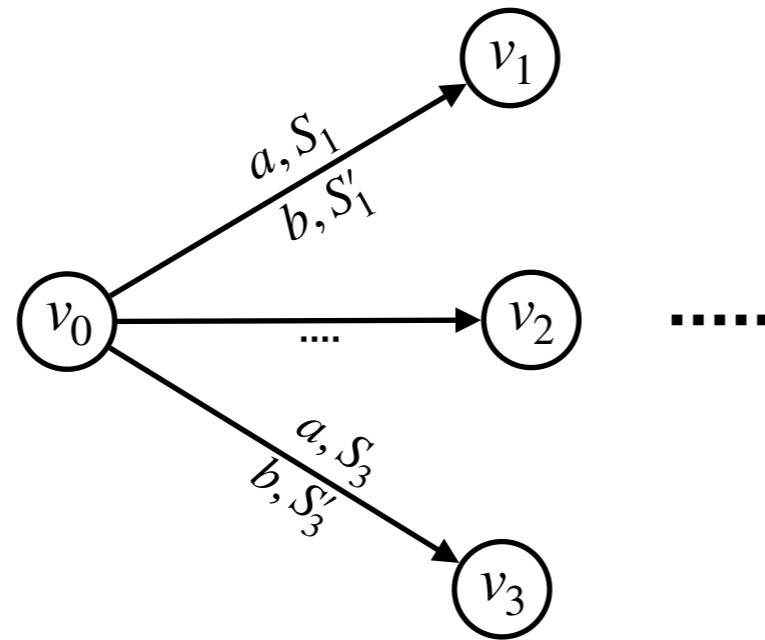
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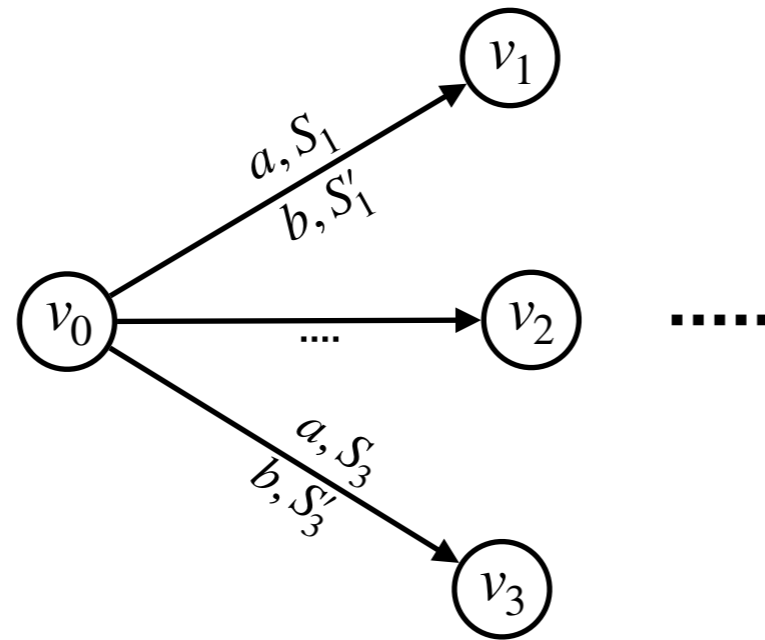


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  - Intervals
  - Unions of intervals
  - Semilinear sets

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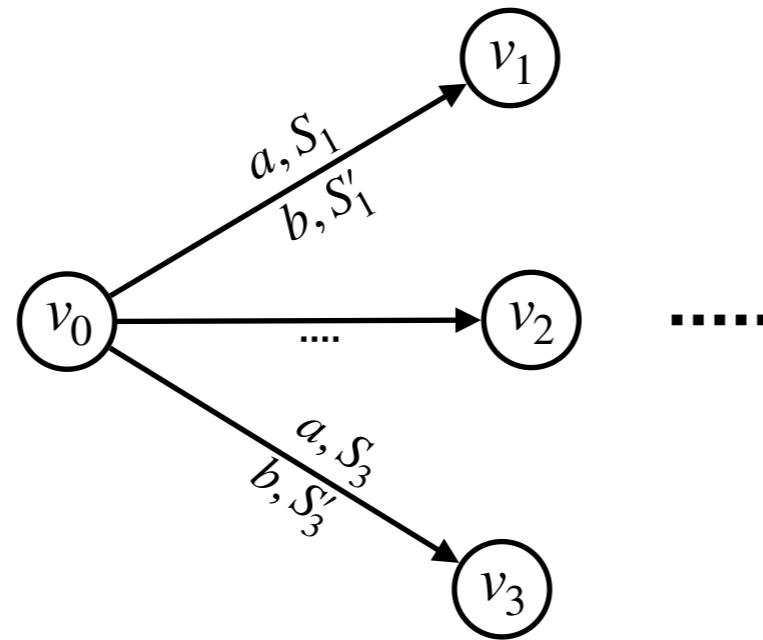


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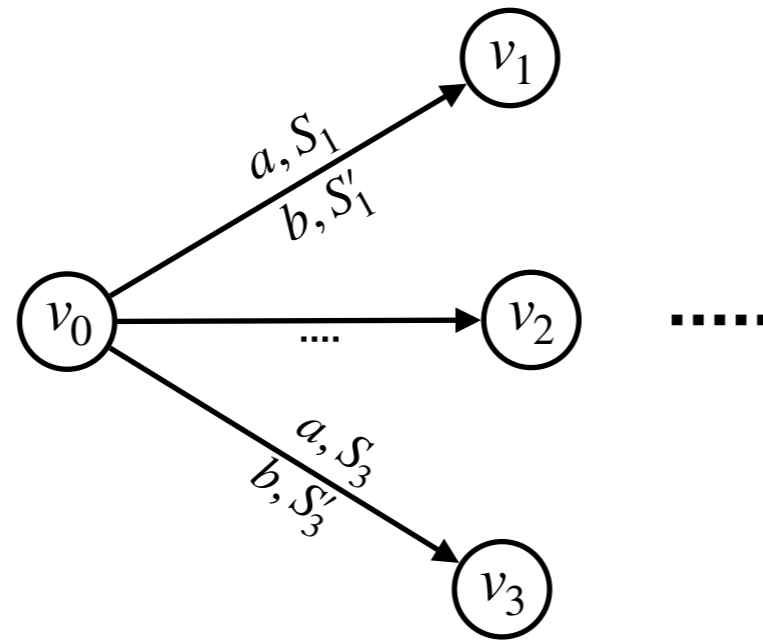
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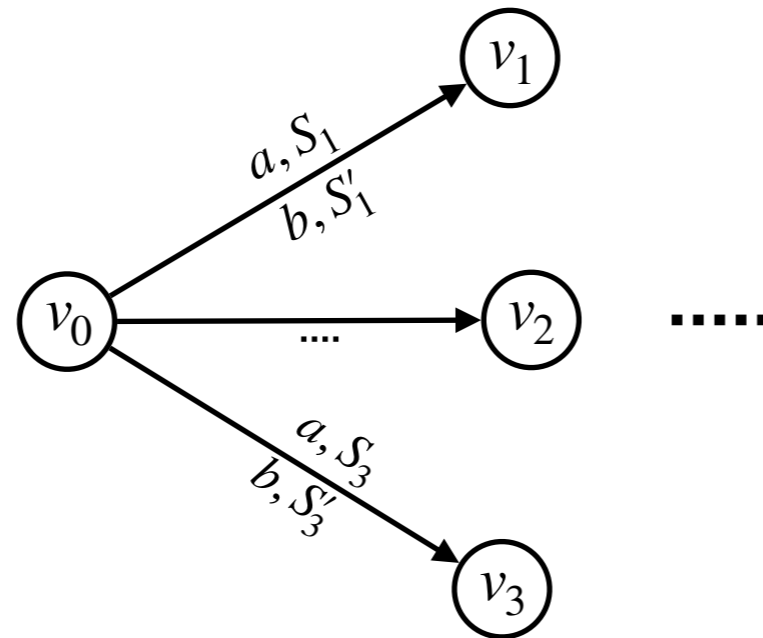
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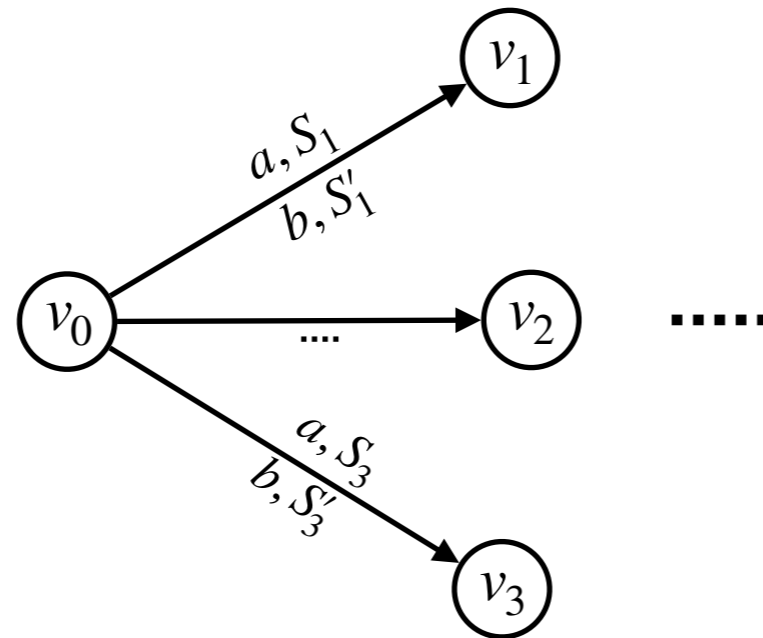
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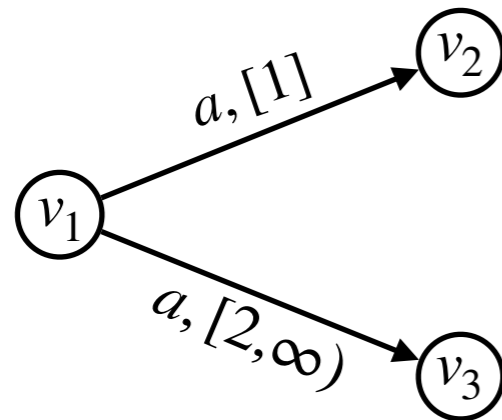
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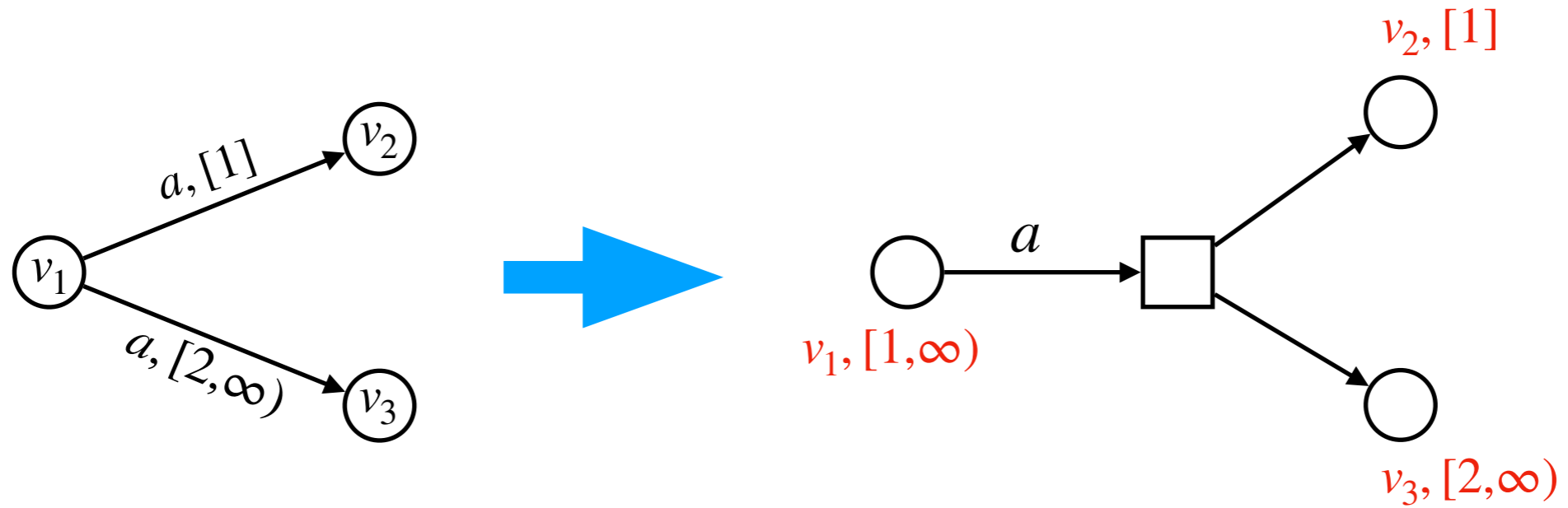
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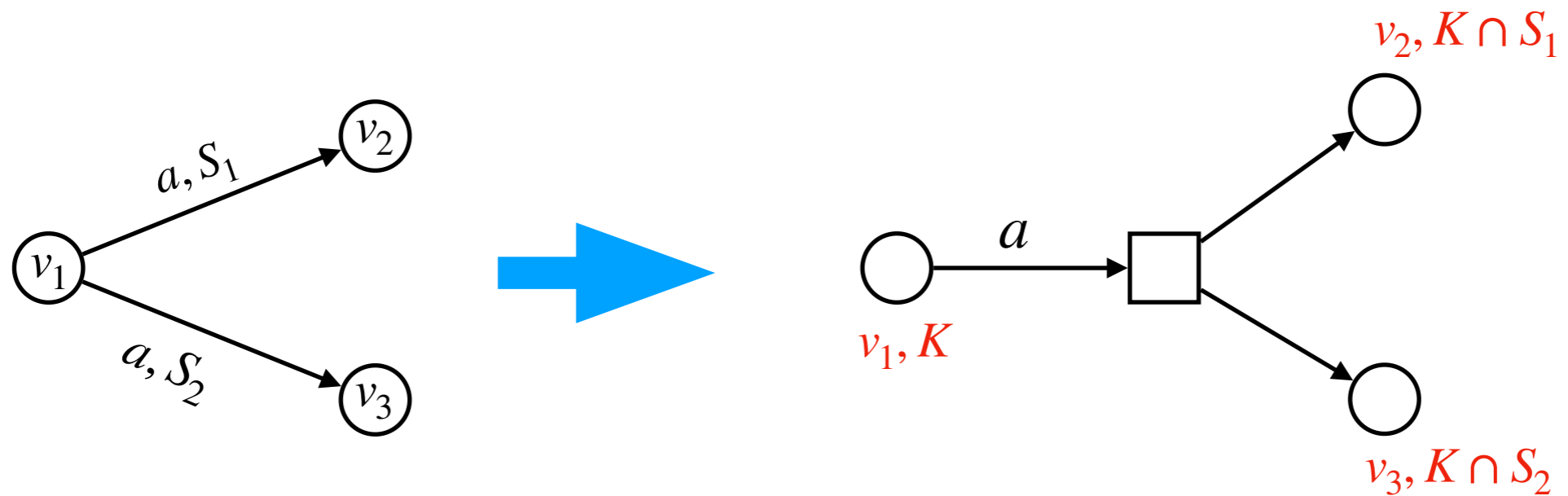
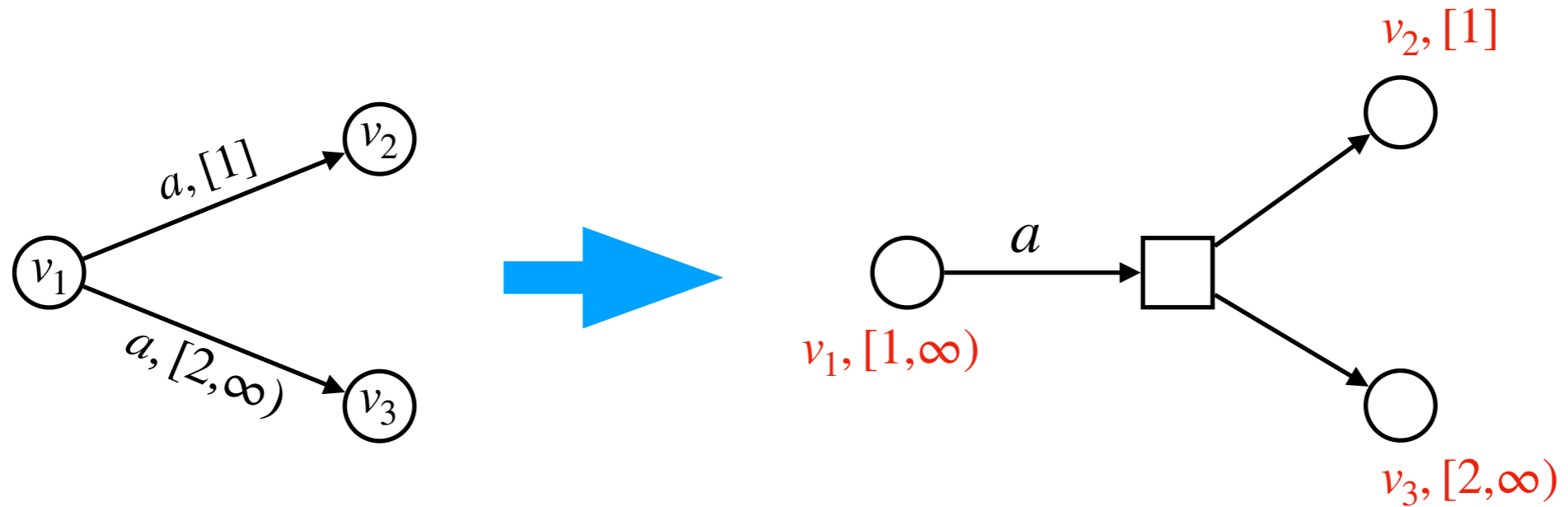
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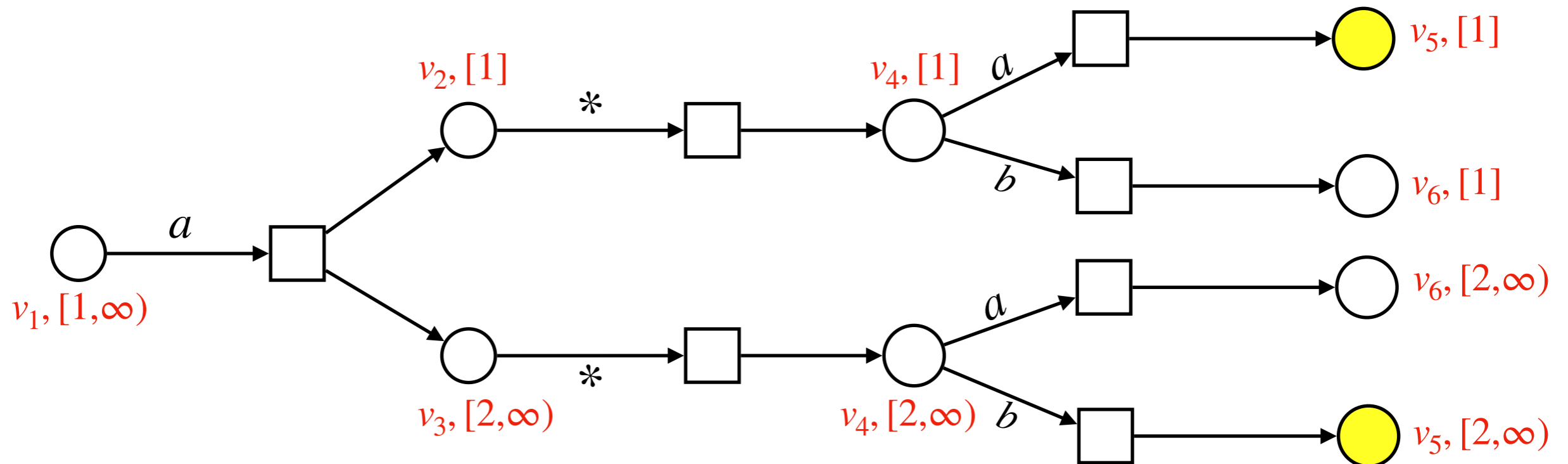
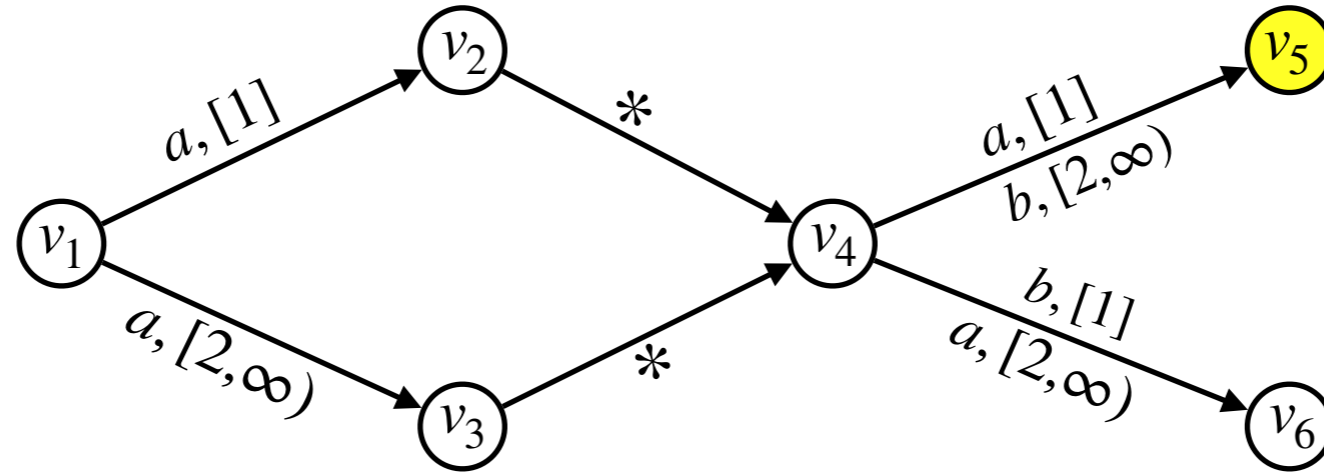


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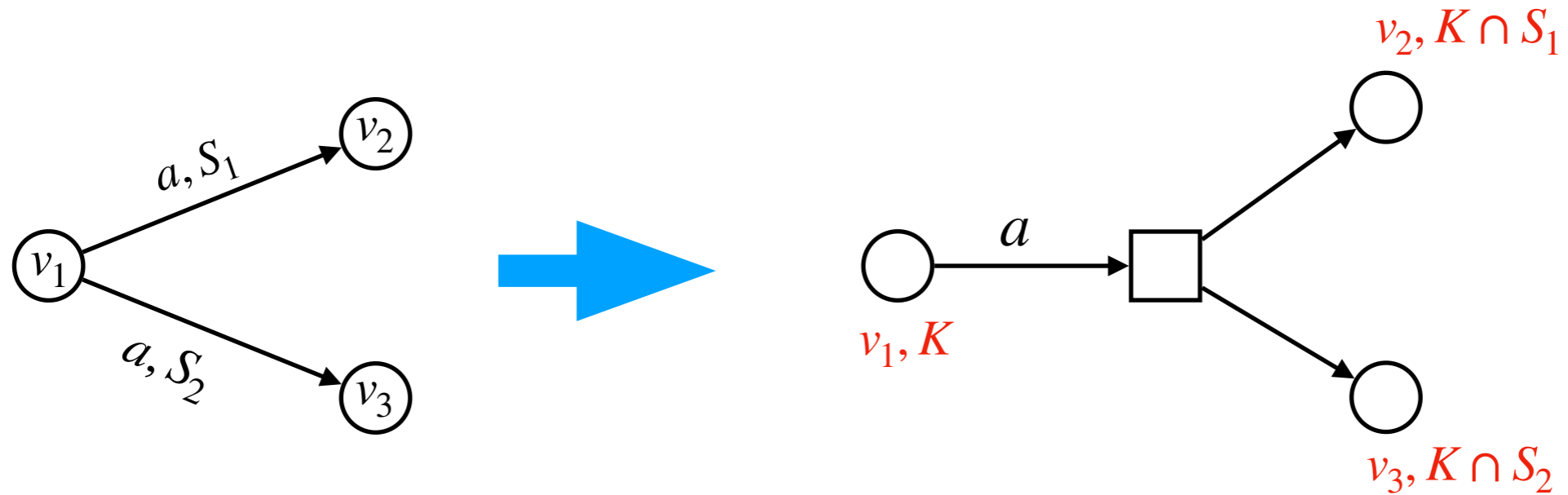


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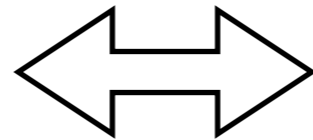


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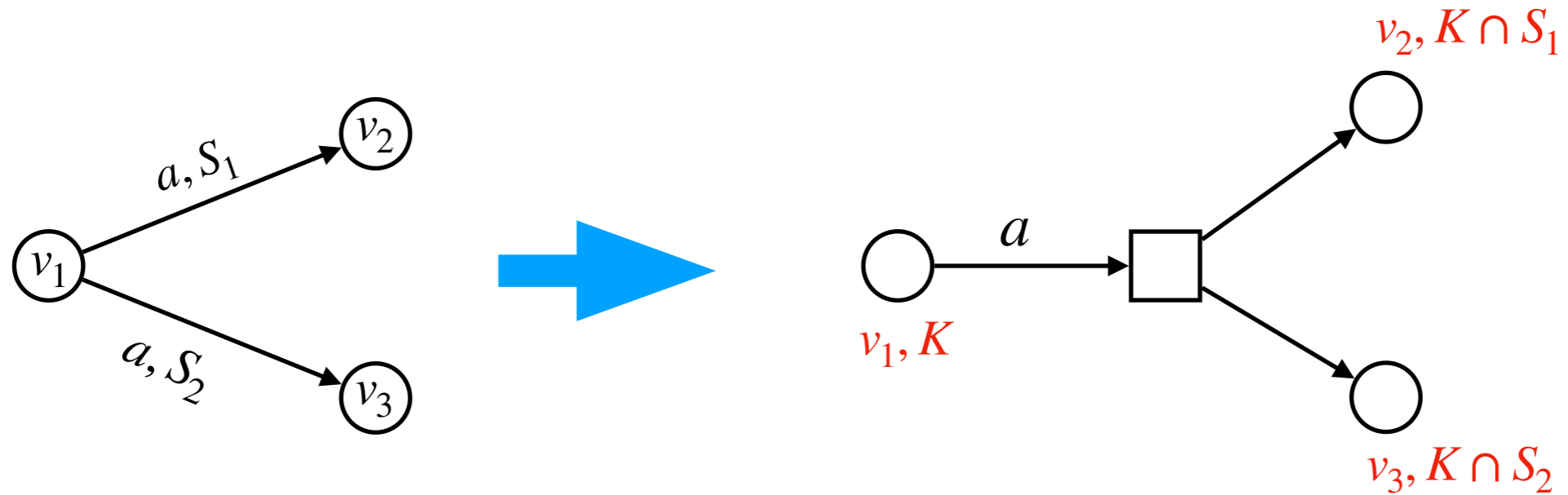
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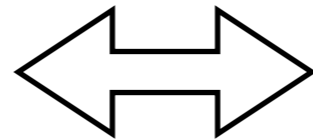
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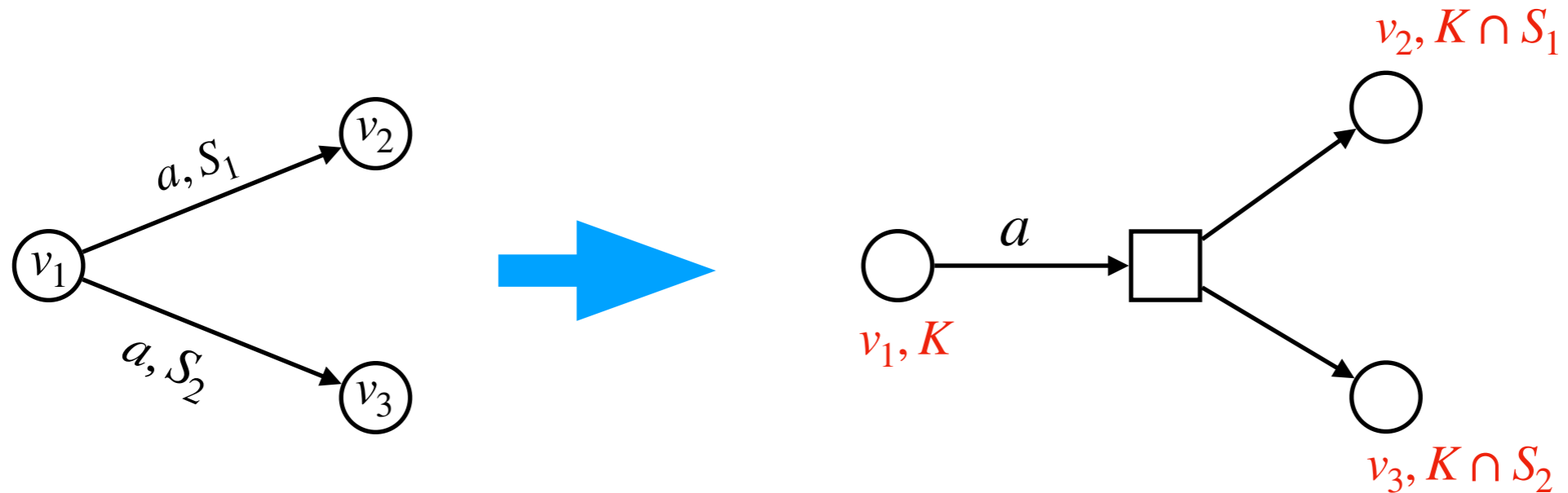


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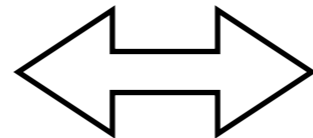
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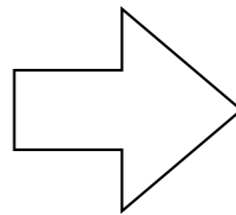
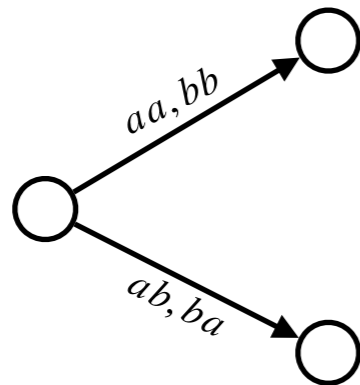
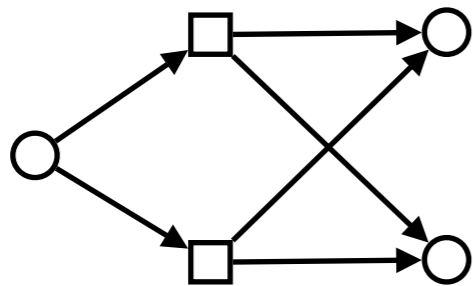
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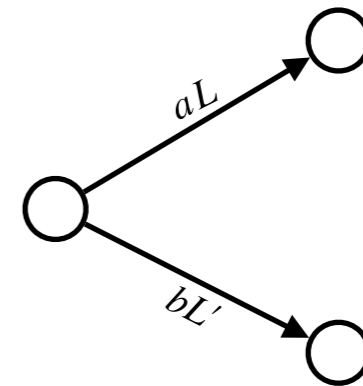


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- restrict to number of opponents
- finite knowledge game

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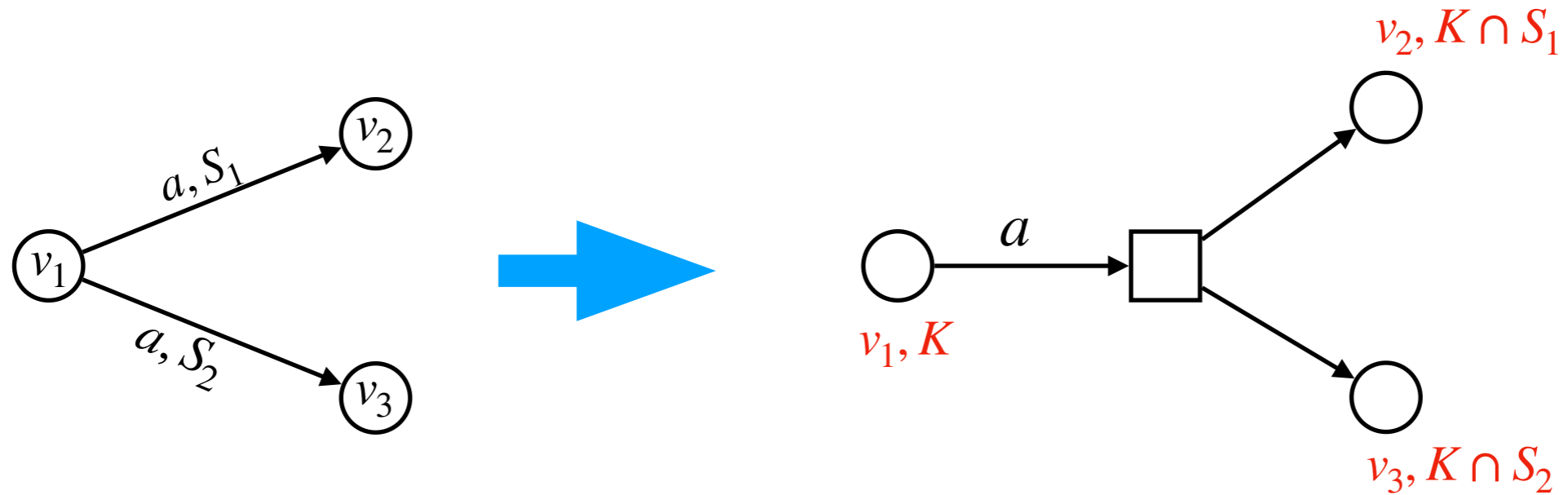
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	Deterministic	Non-deterministic
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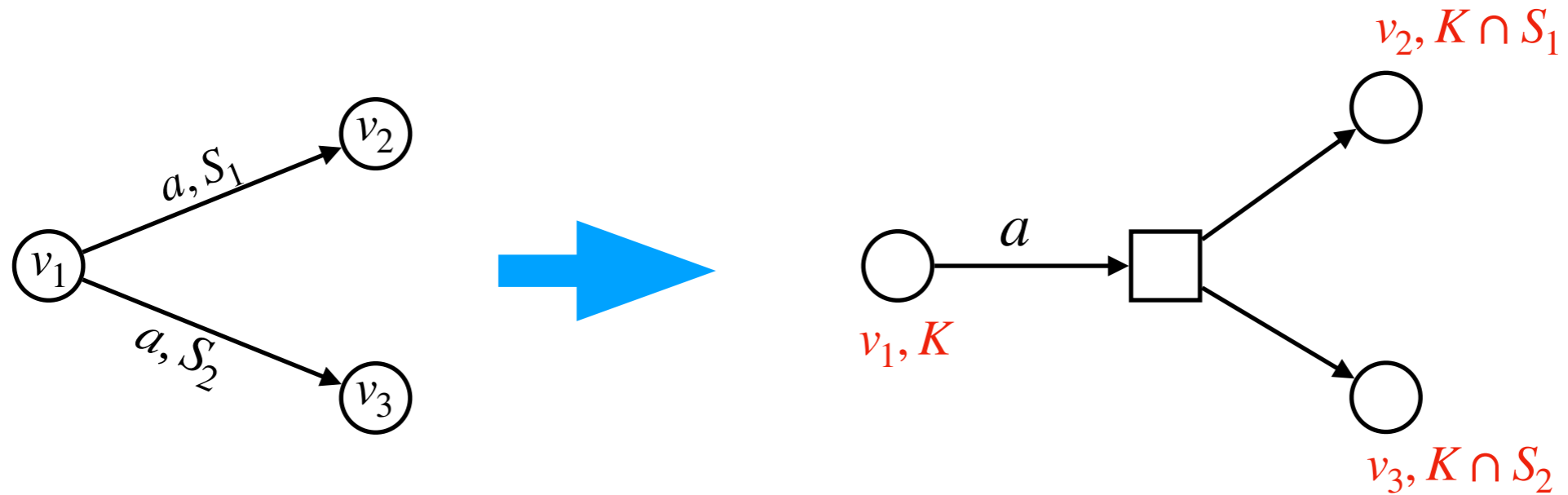
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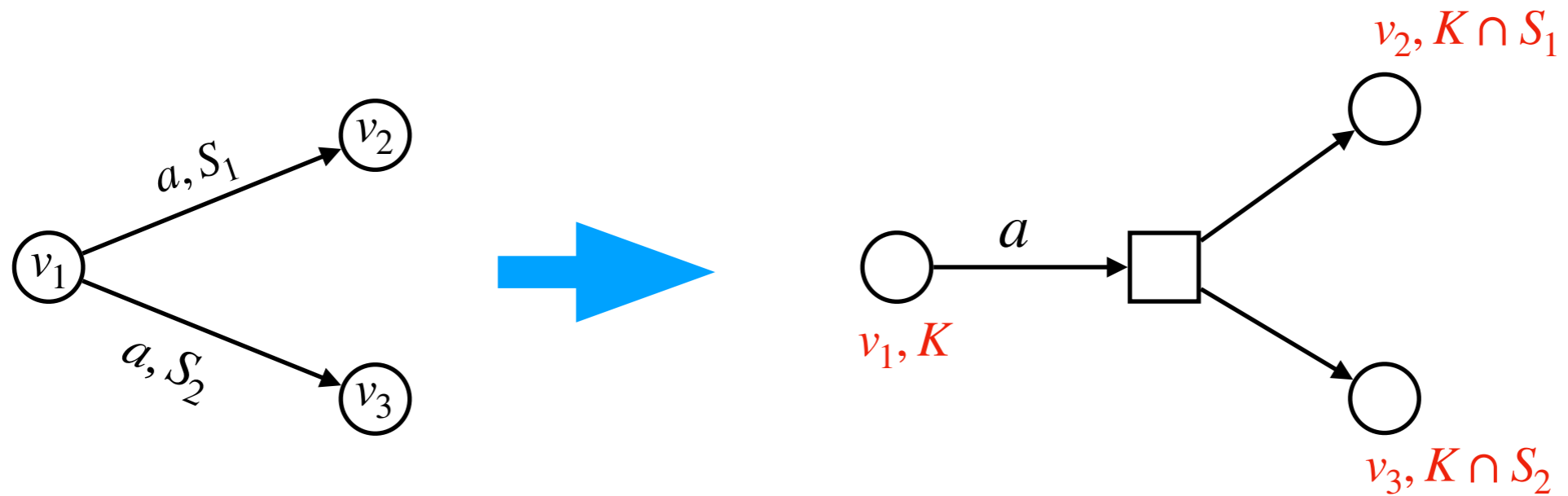
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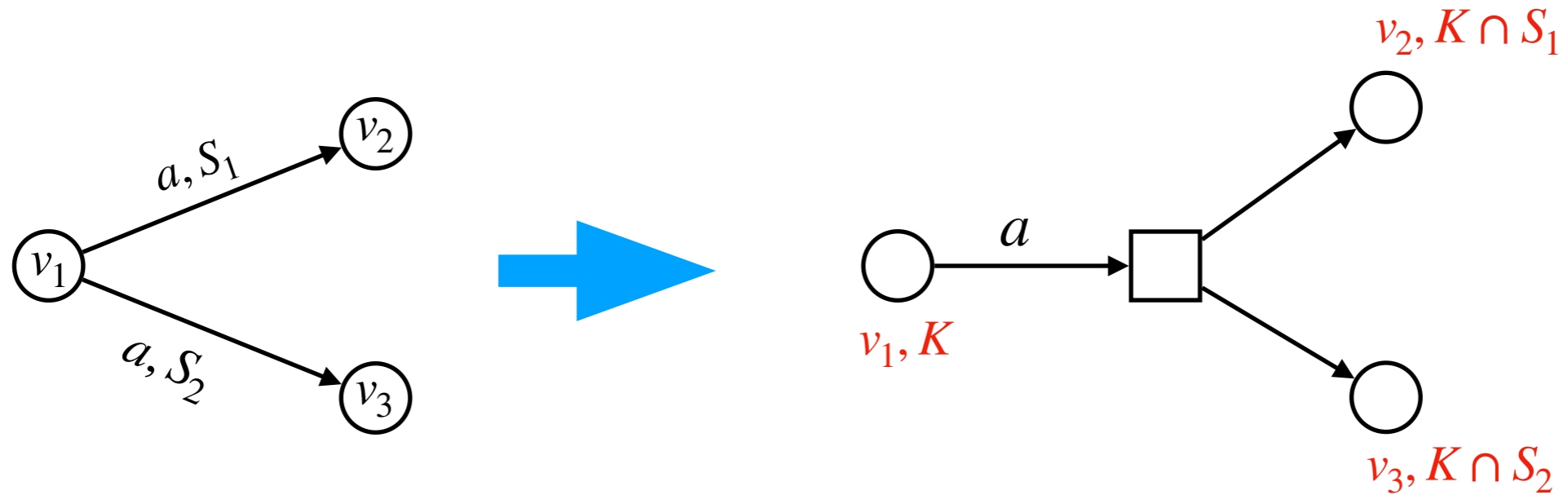
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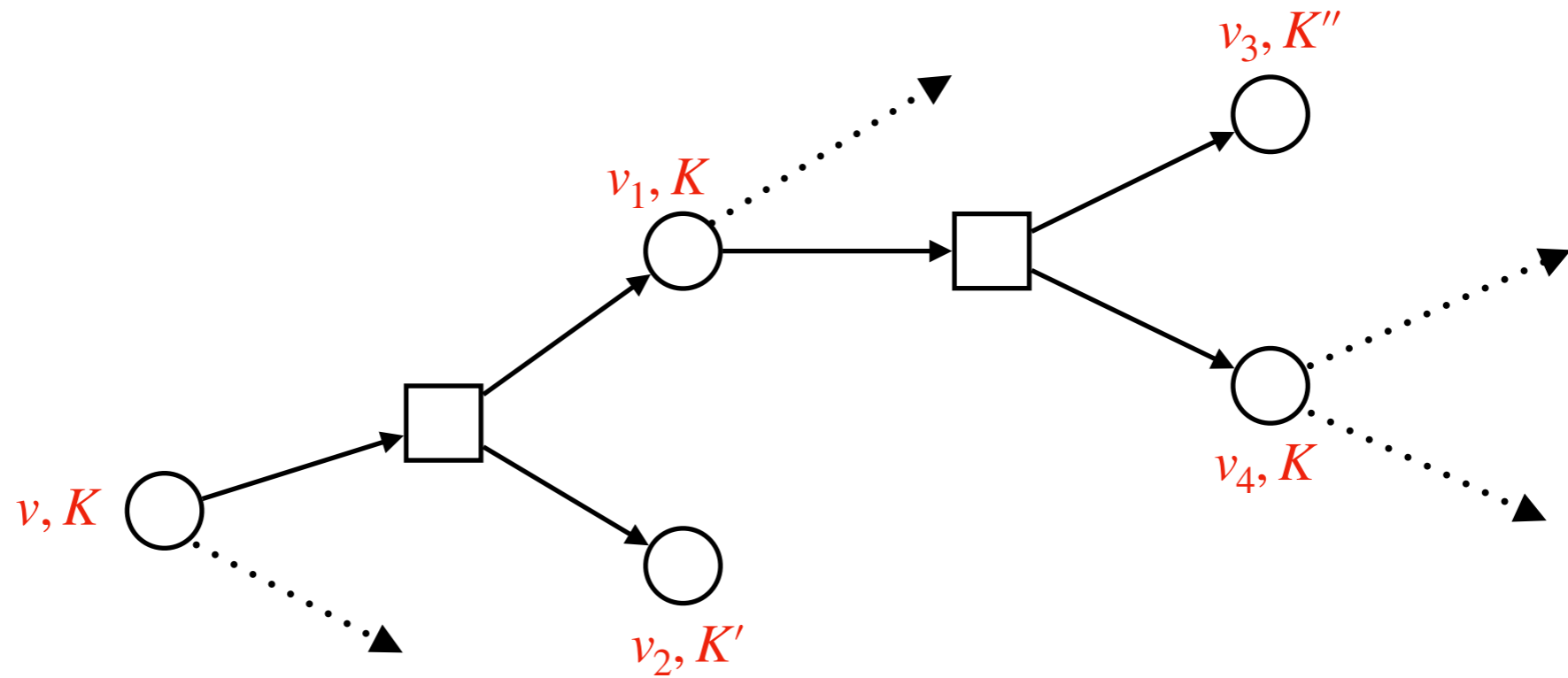
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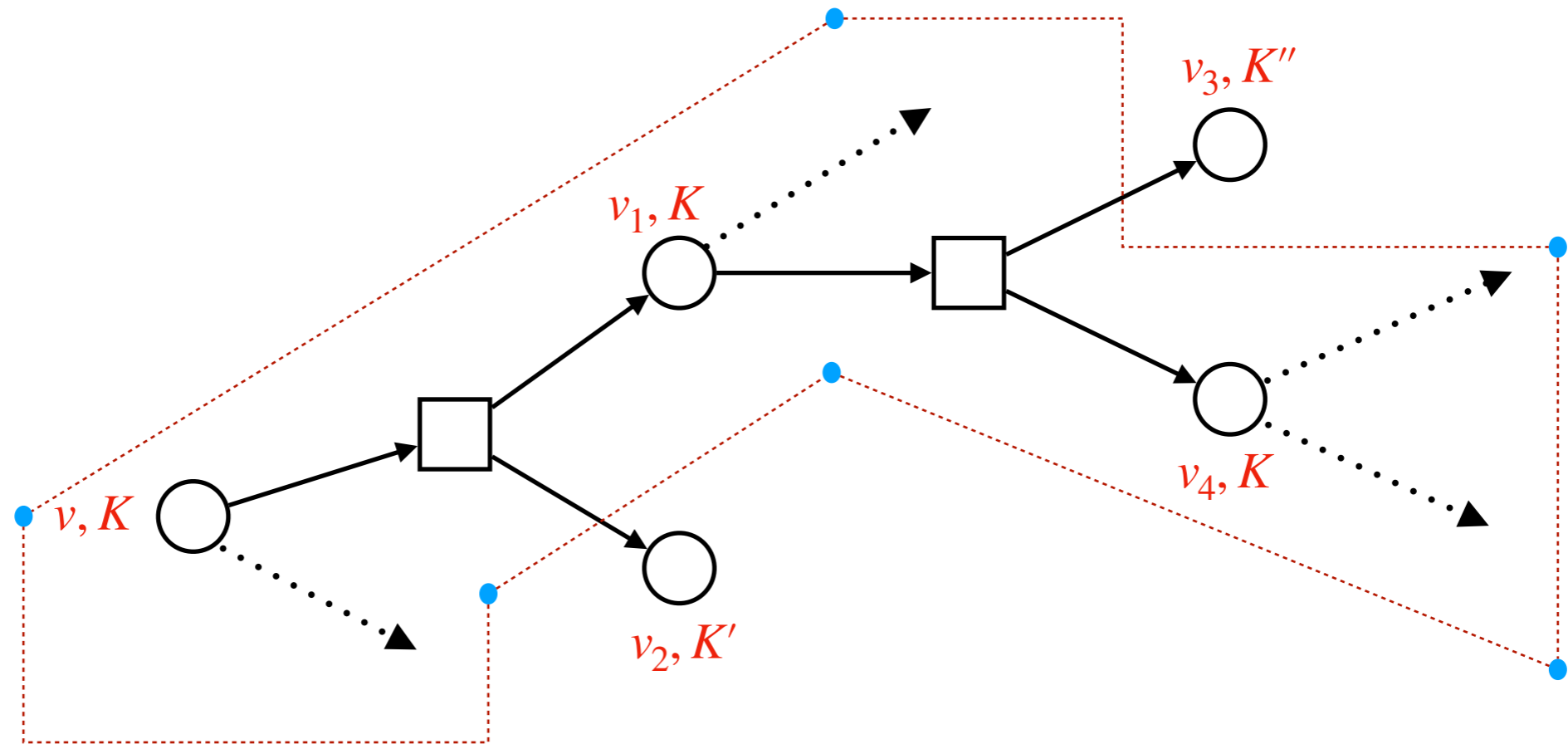
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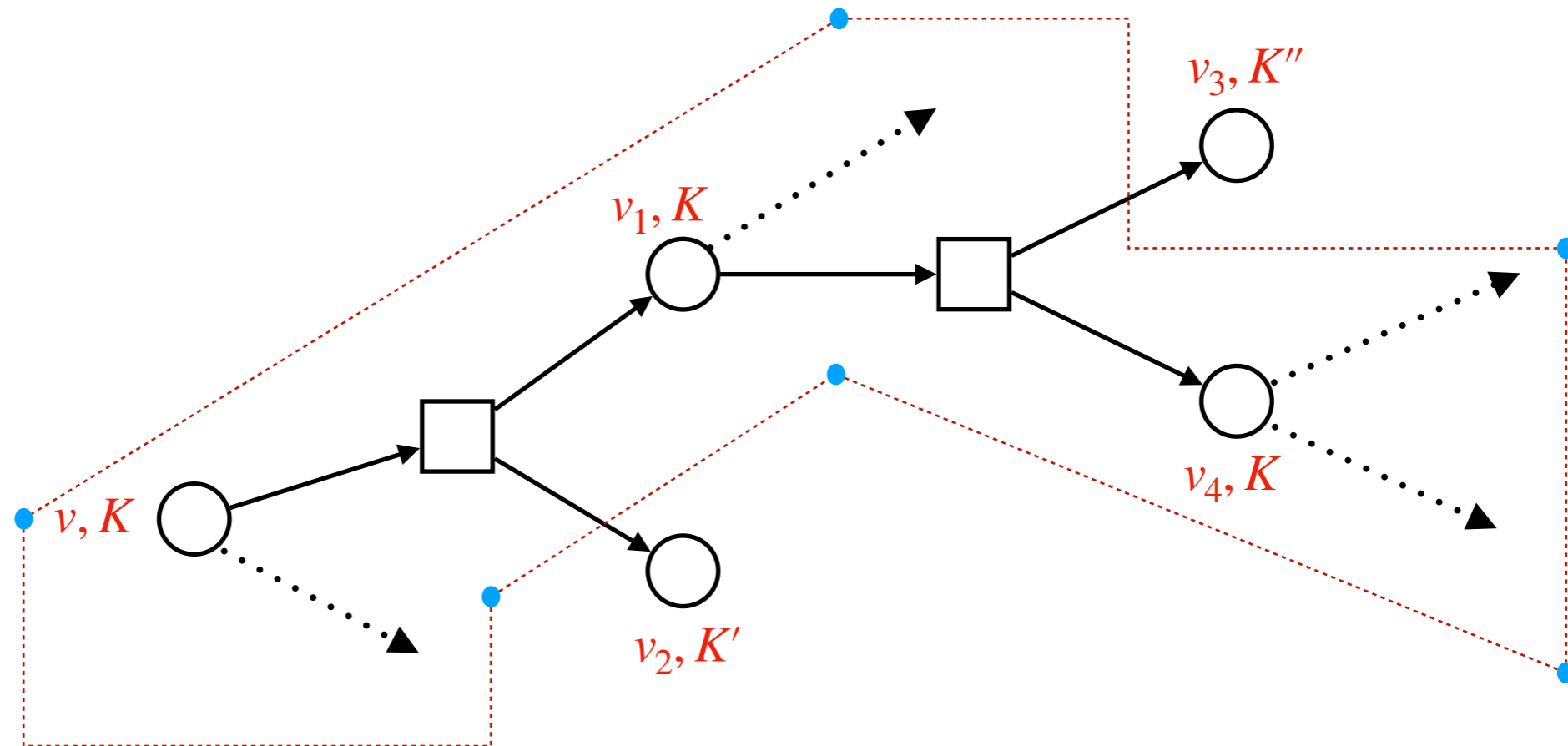
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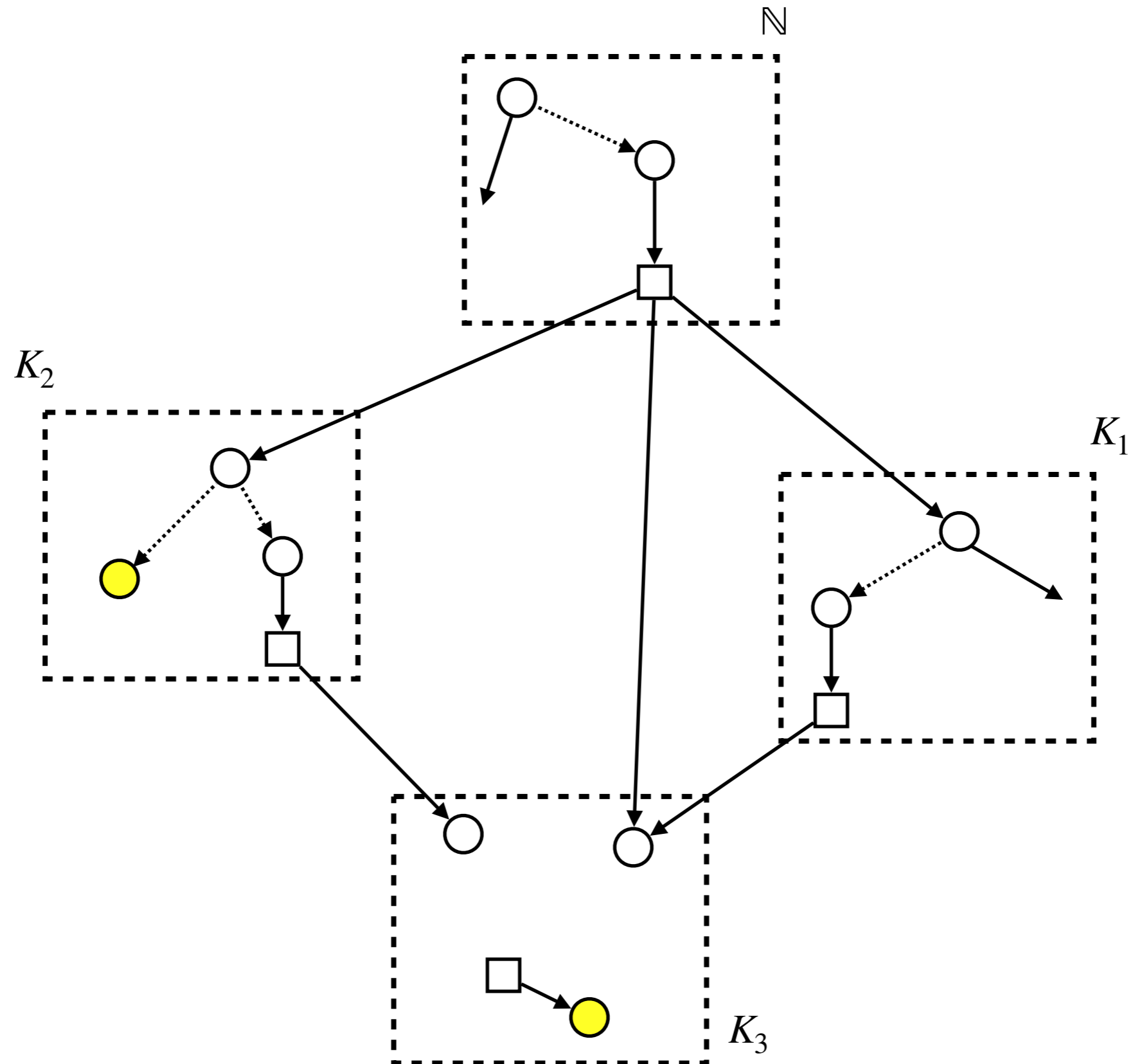
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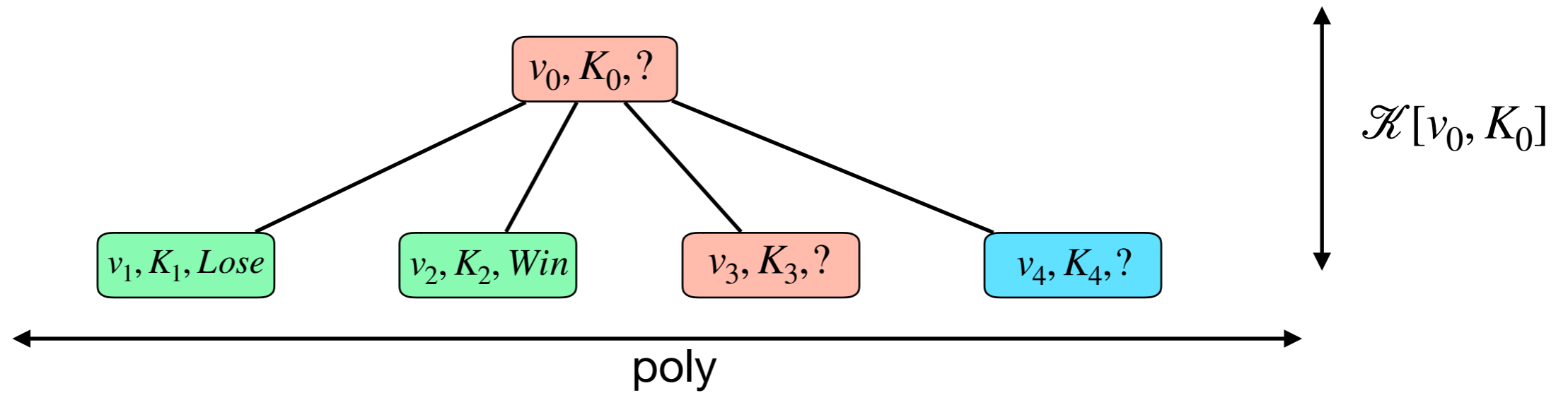
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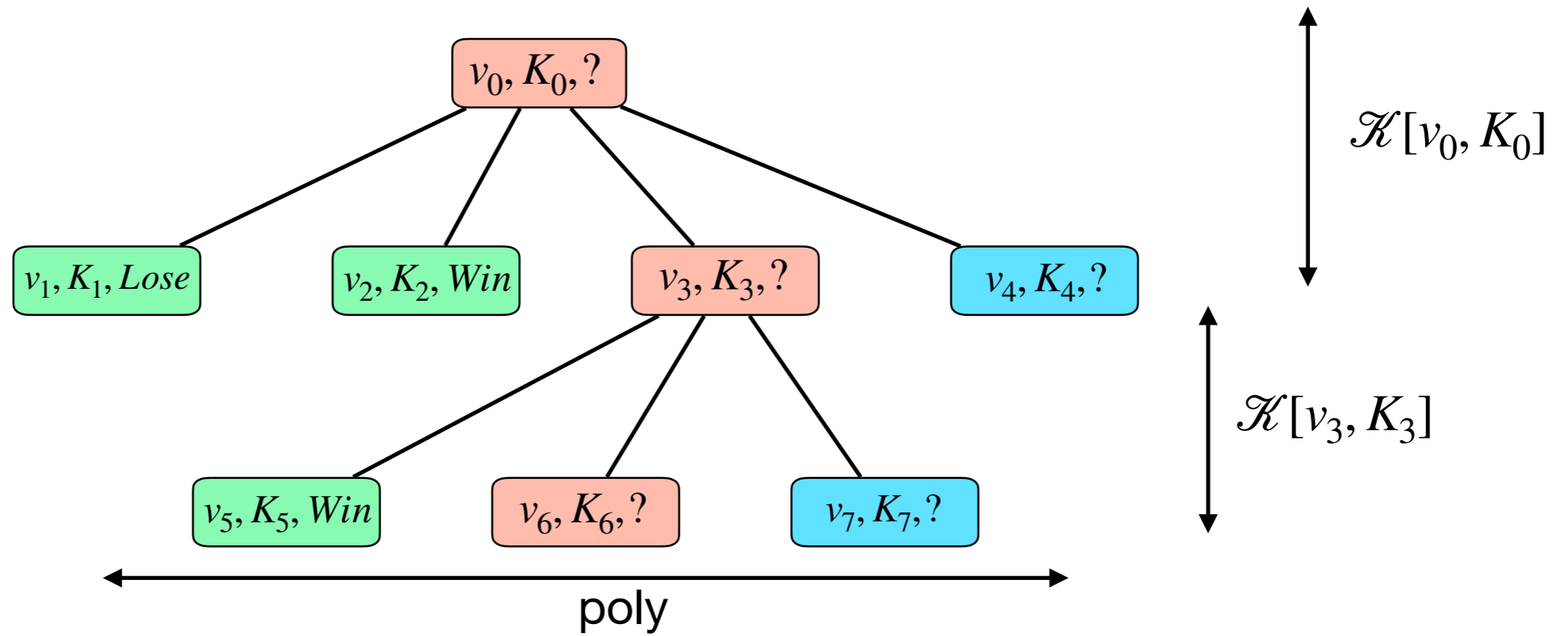
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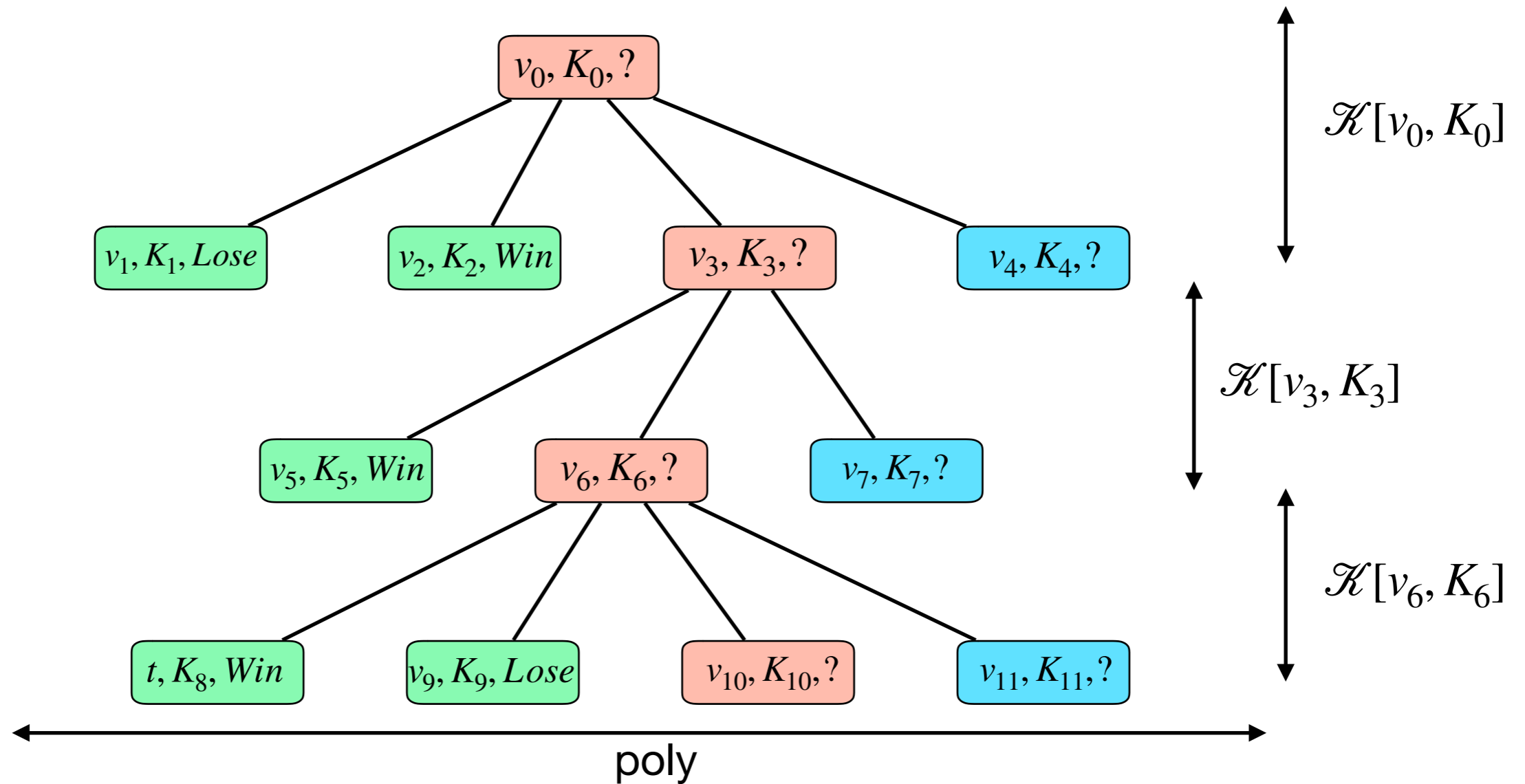
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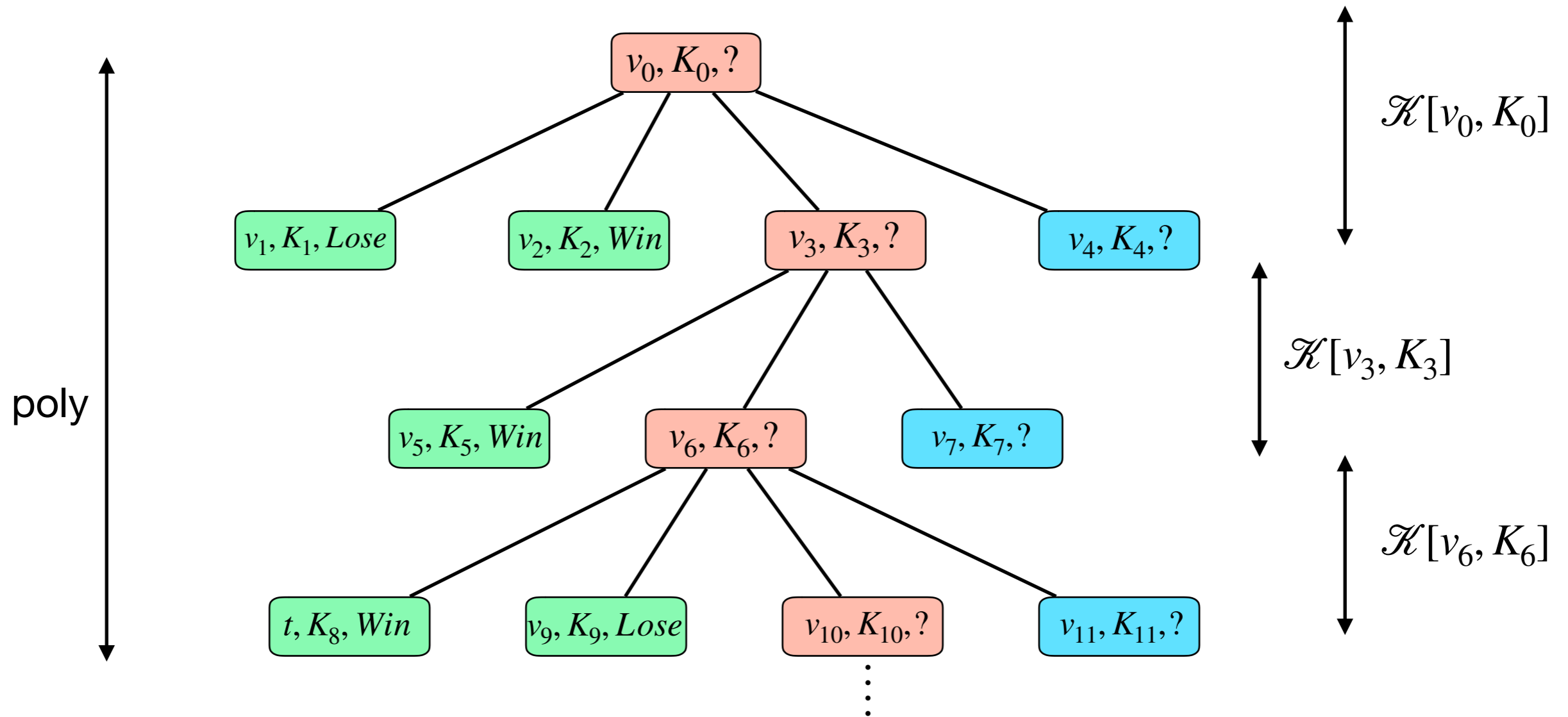
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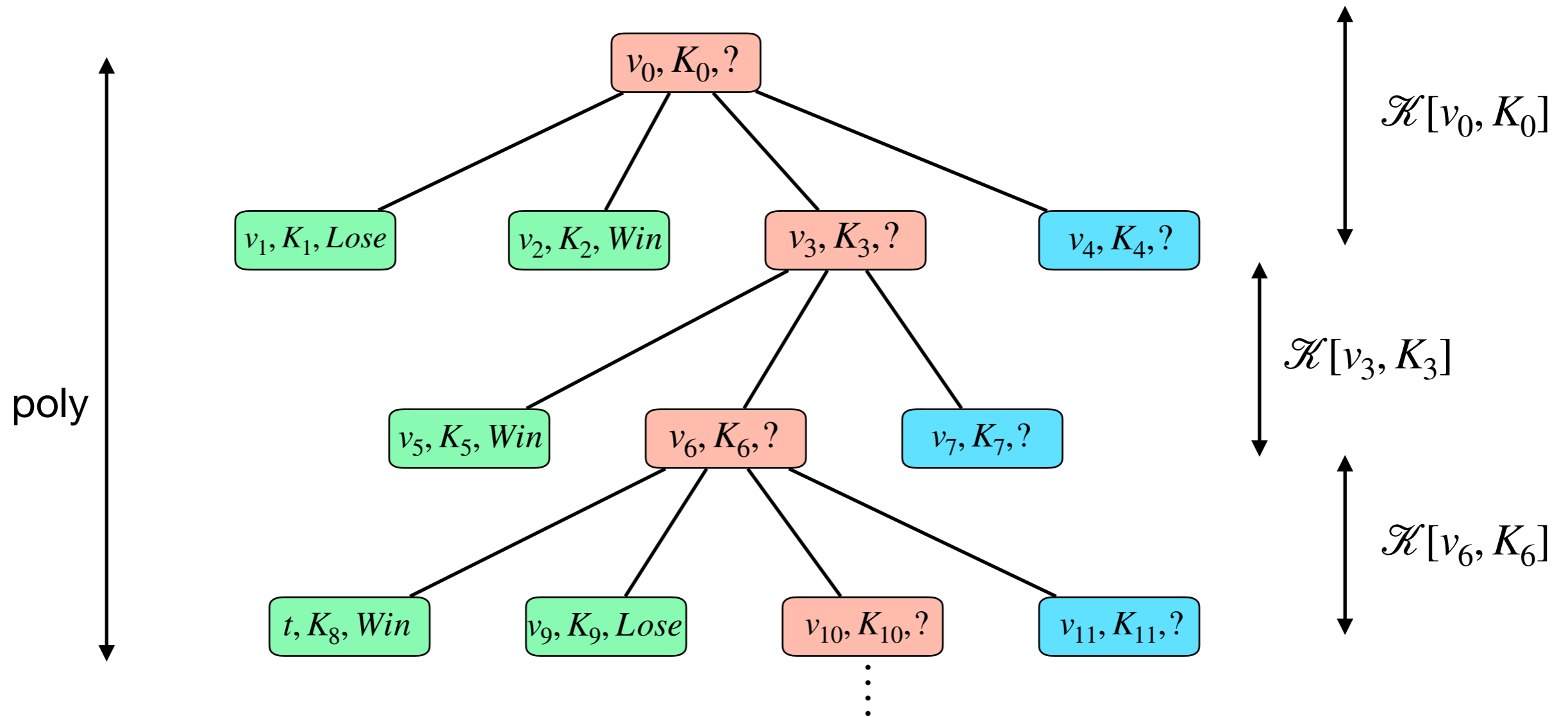
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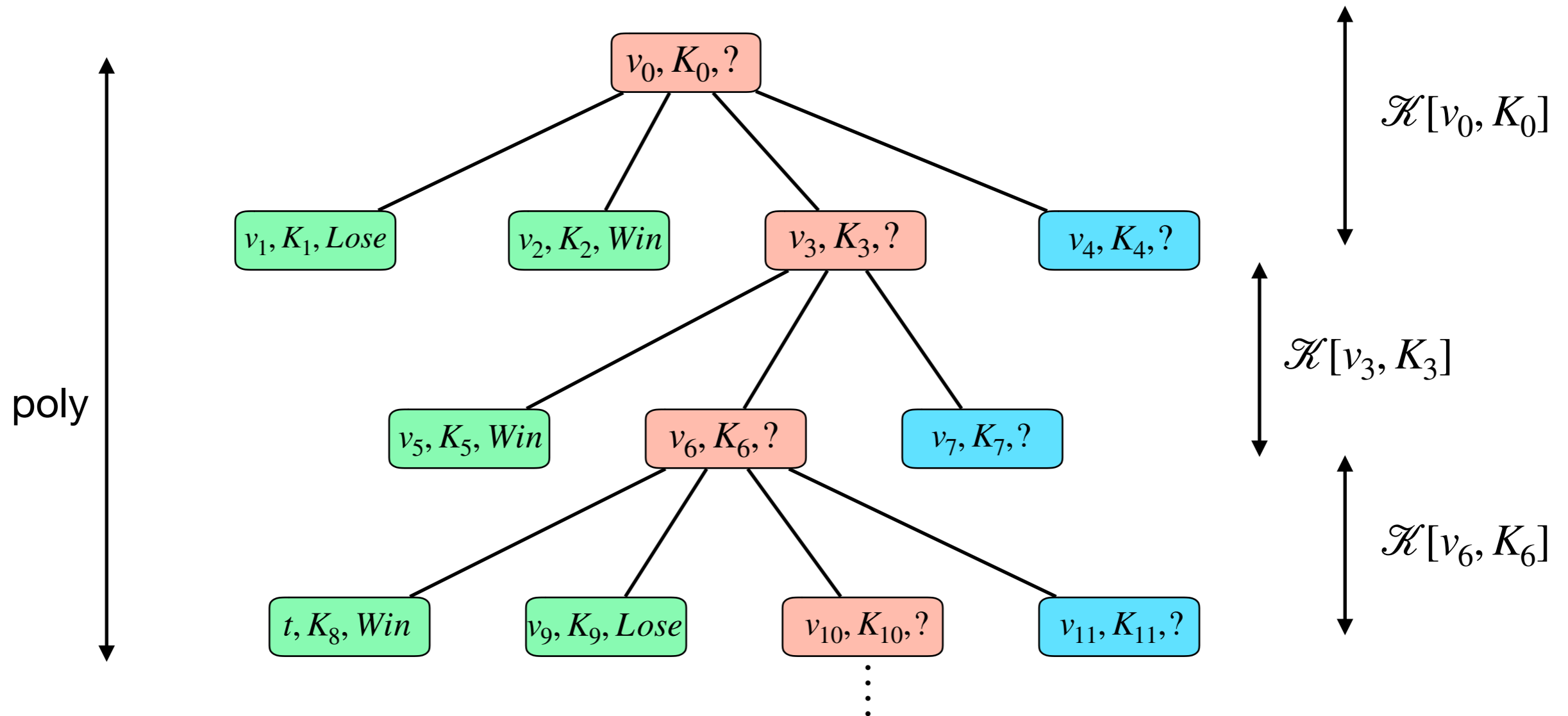
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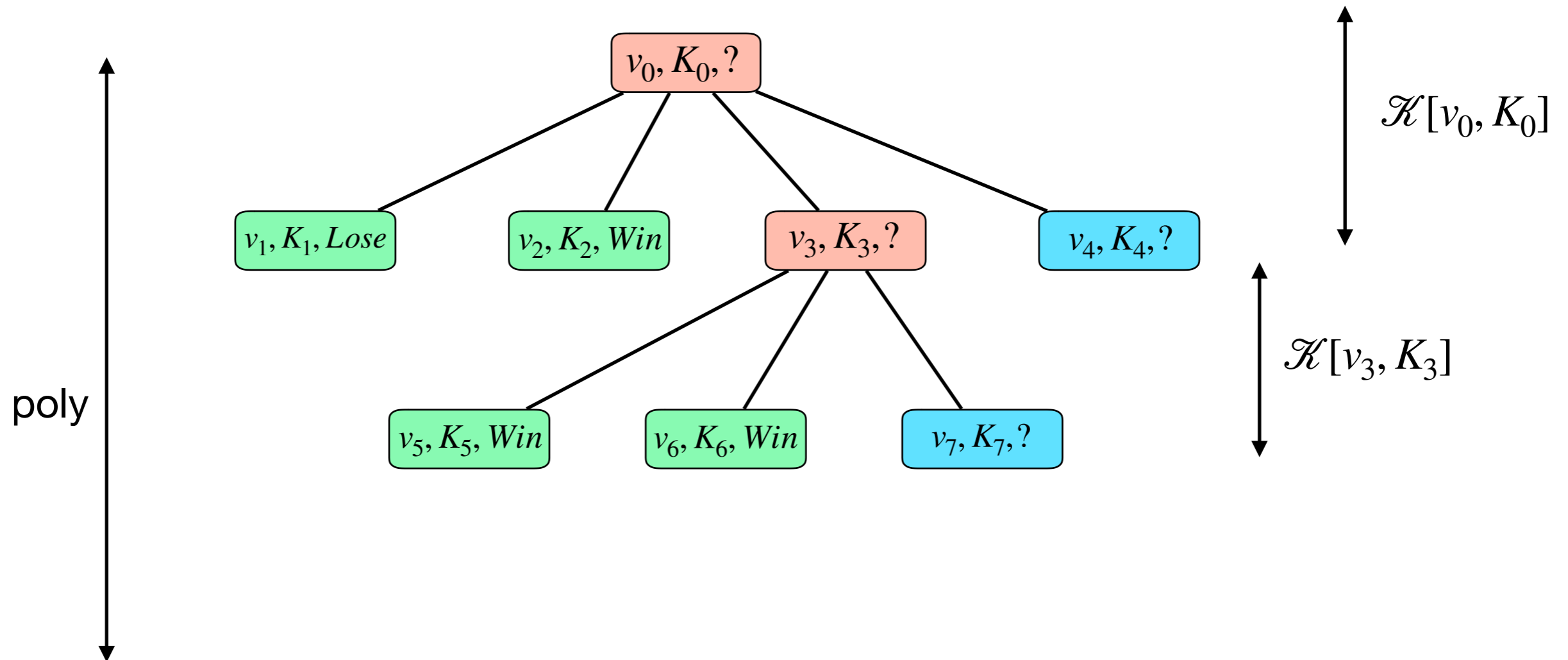
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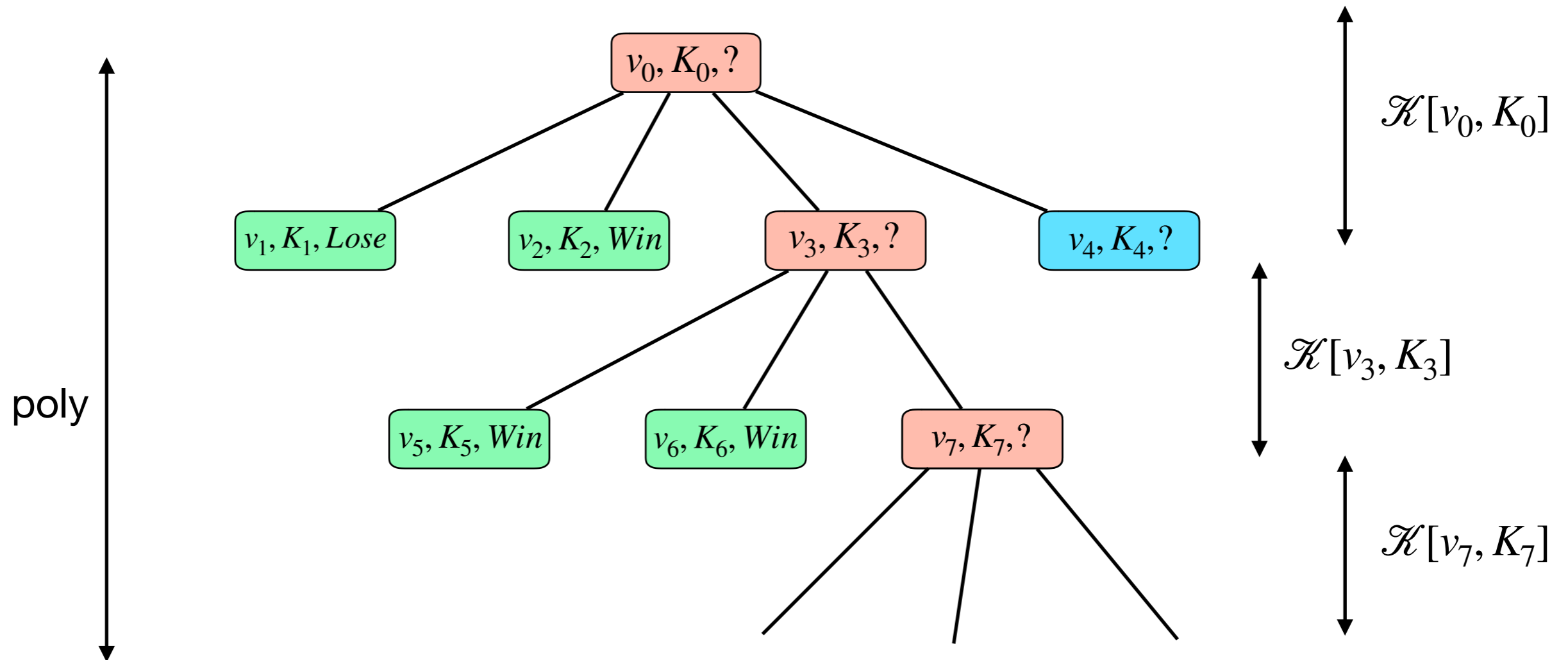
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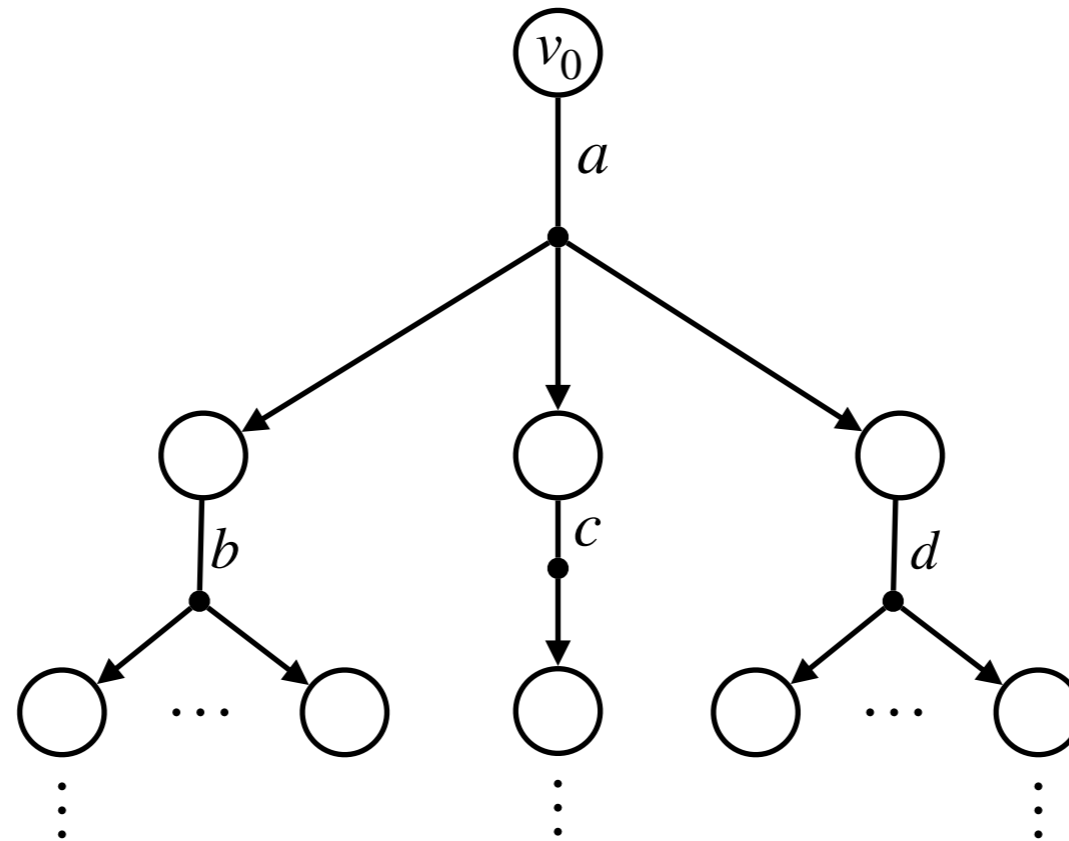


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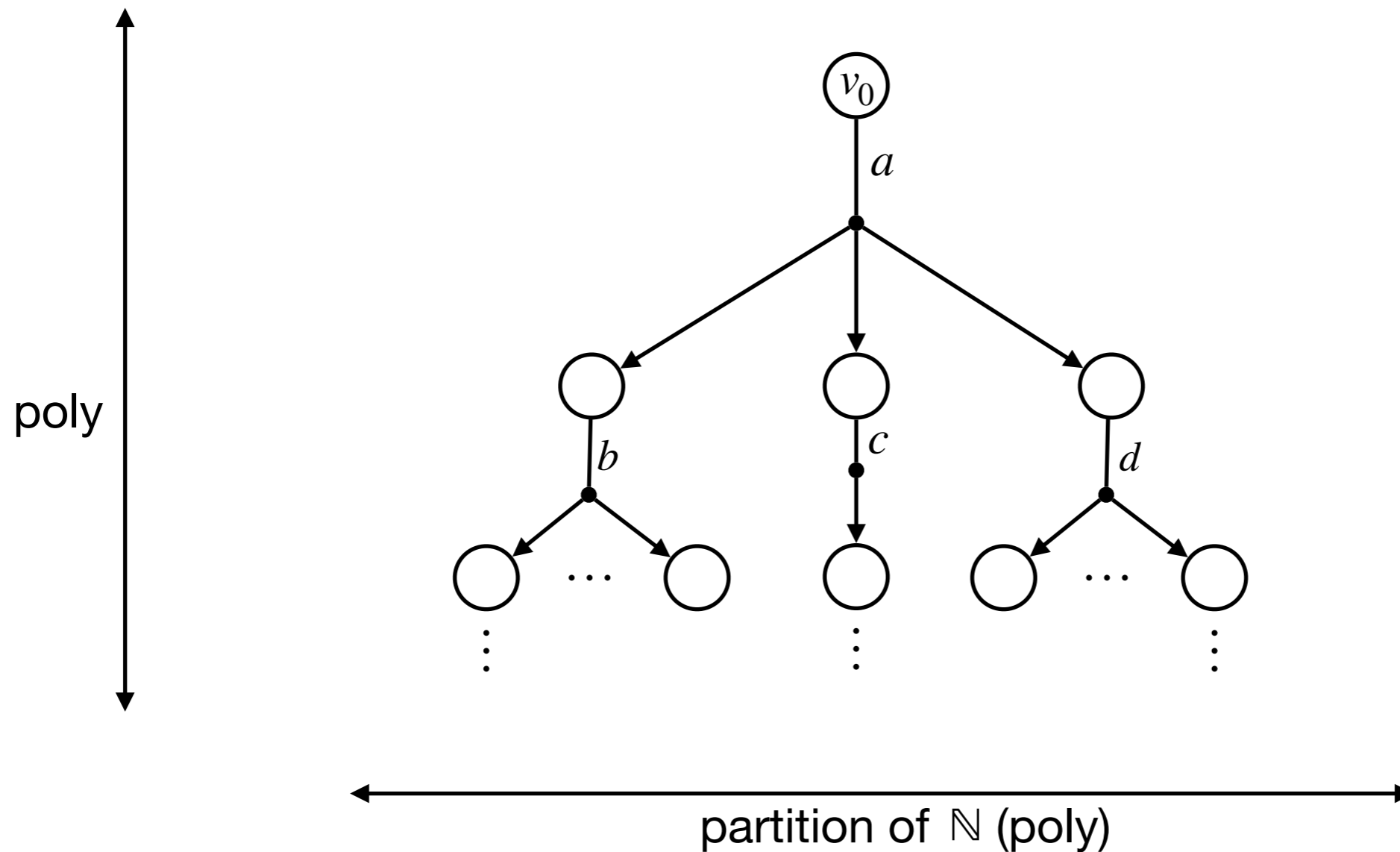
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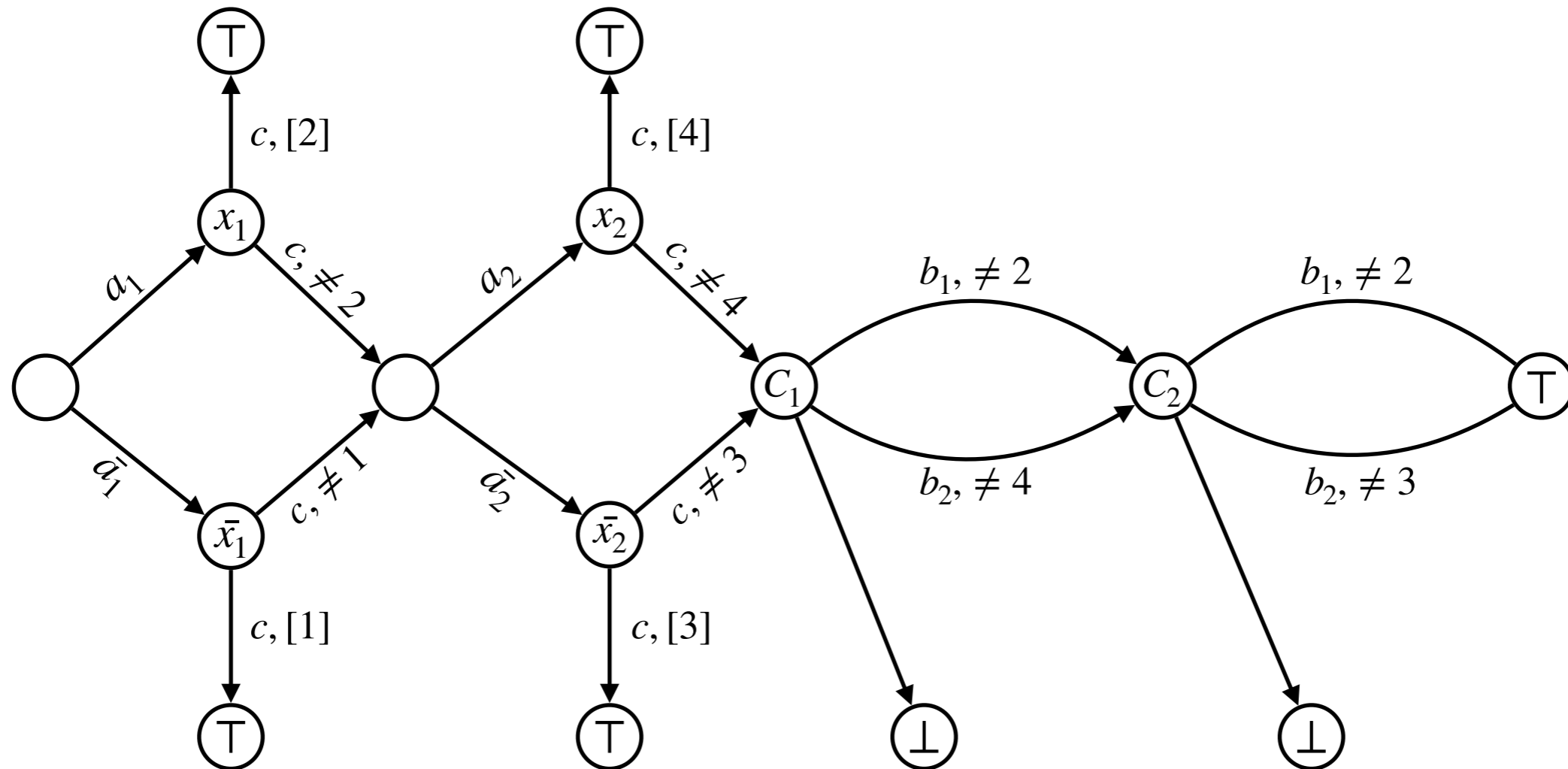
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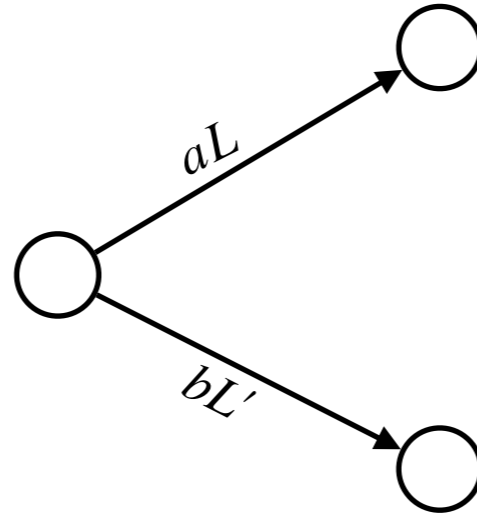
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- Eg:  $\varphi = (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_1 \vee \neg x_2)$
- Similar proof for NP-hardness for deterministic arenas

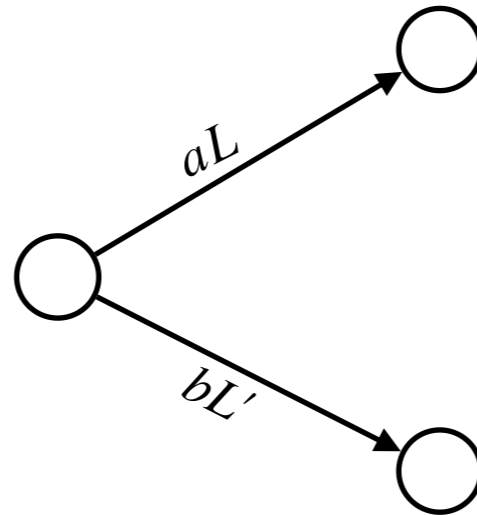


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