

Two characterisation results of weighted multiple context-free grammars and their application to parsing

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[Jiménez and Marzal 2000]

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- a word w

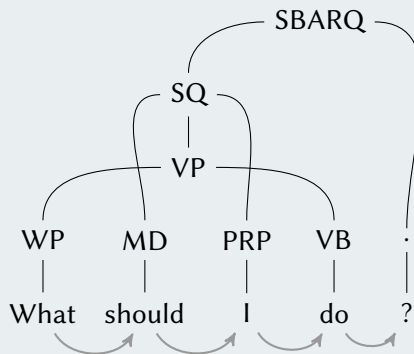
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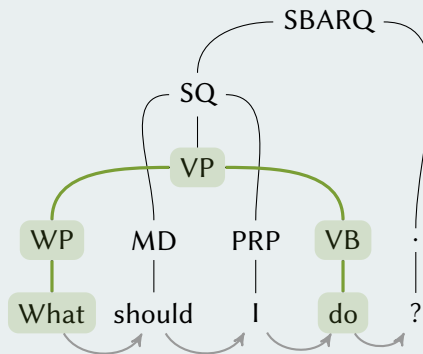
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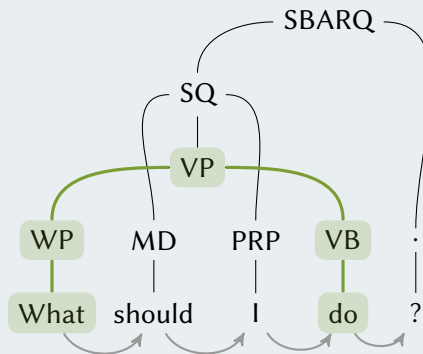
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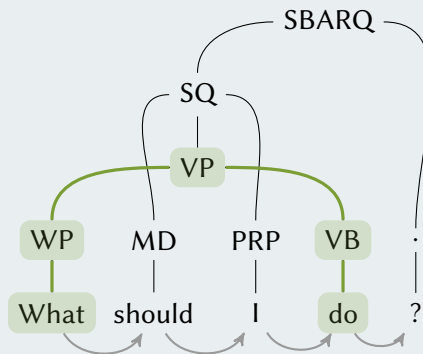


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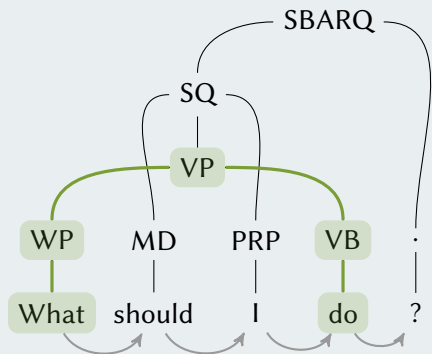


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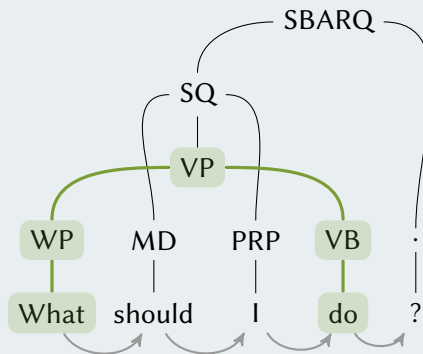
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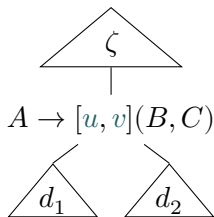
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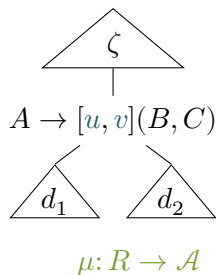
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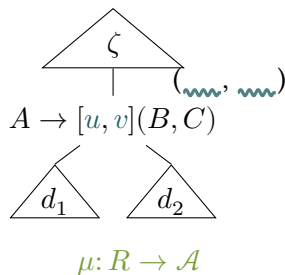
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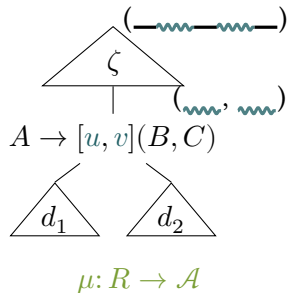
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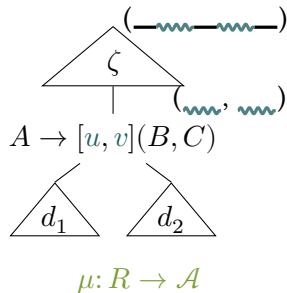
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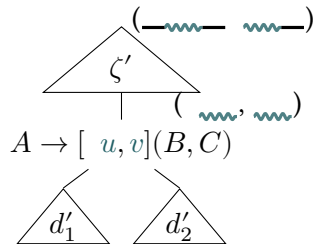
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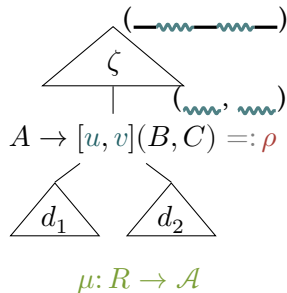
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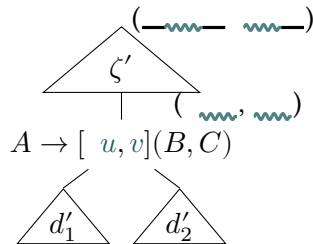
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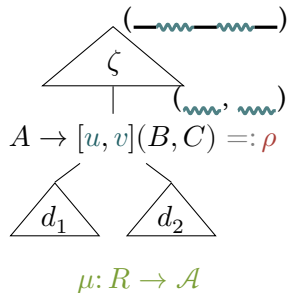
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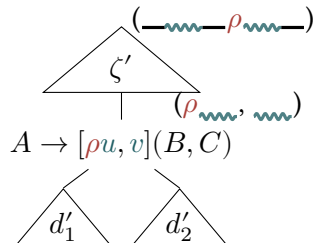
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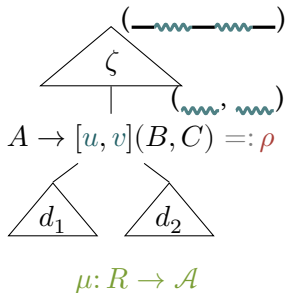
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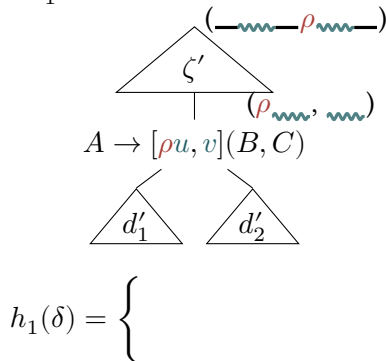
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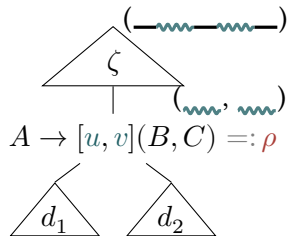
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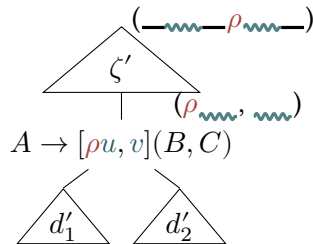
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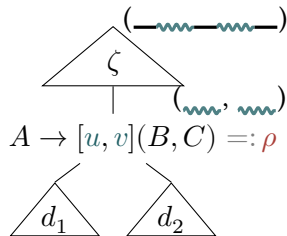
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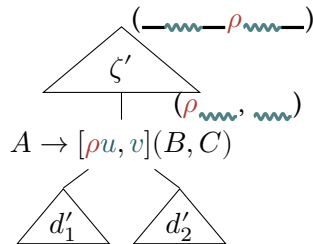
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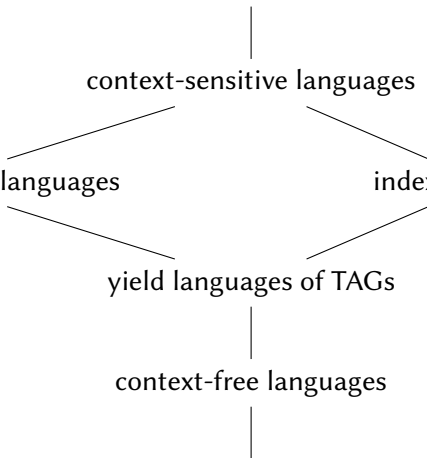
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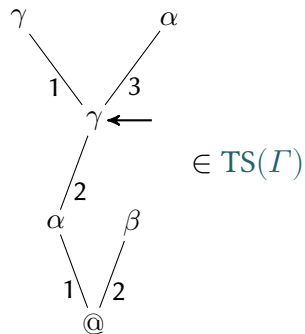
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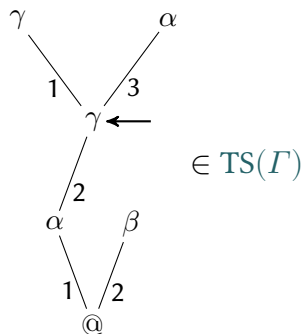


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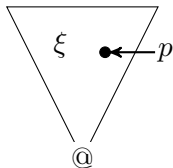
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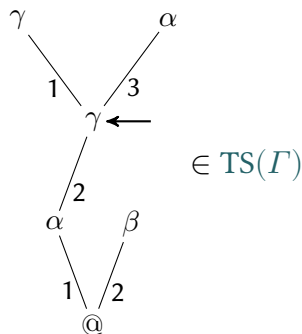
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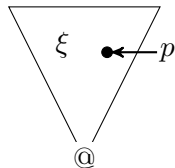
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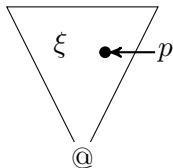


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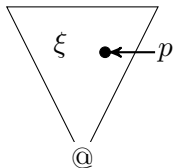
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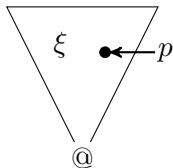
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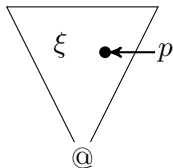
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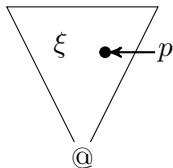
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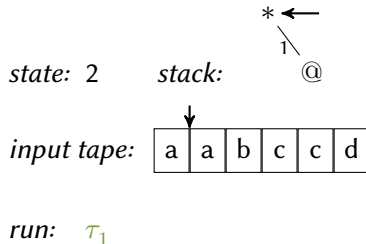
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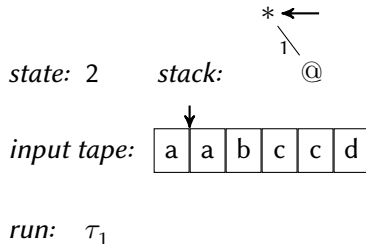
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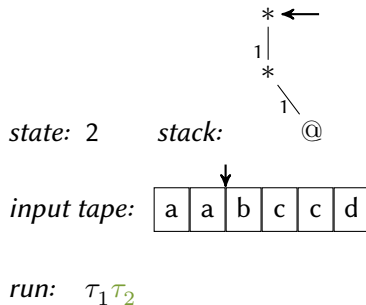
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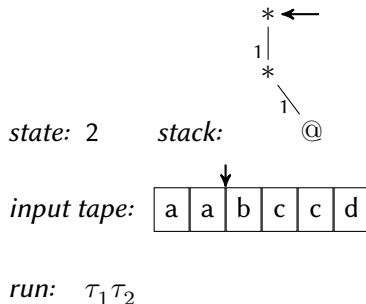
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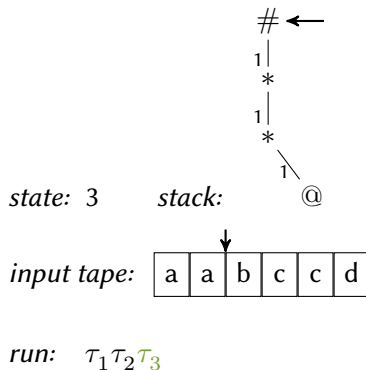
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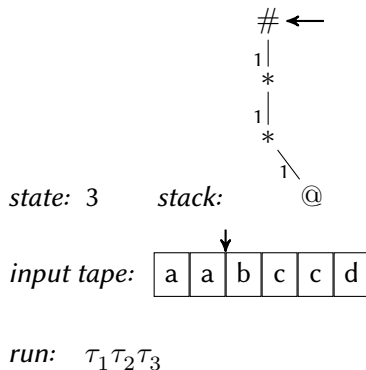
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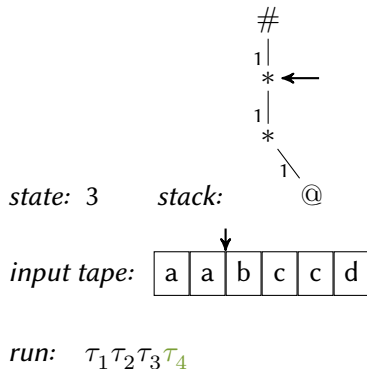
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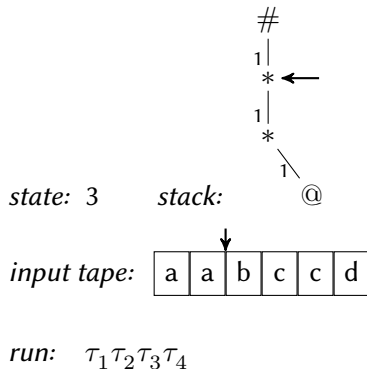
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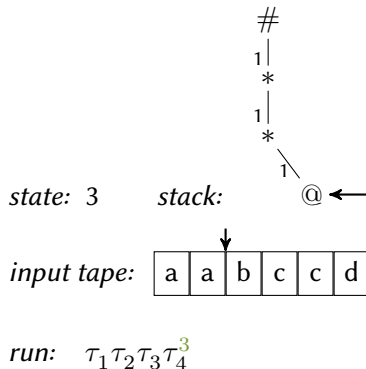
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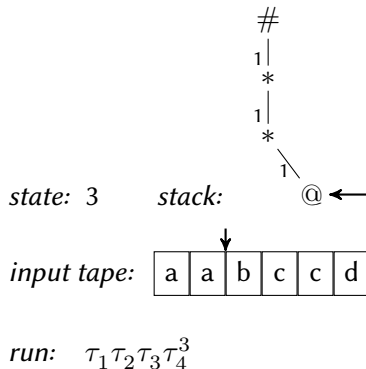
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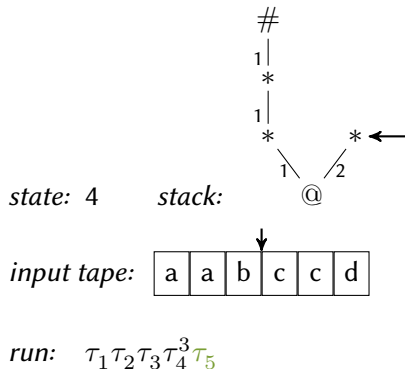
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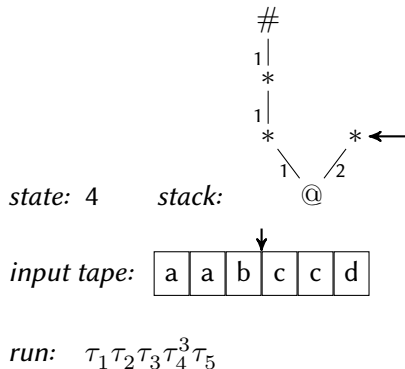
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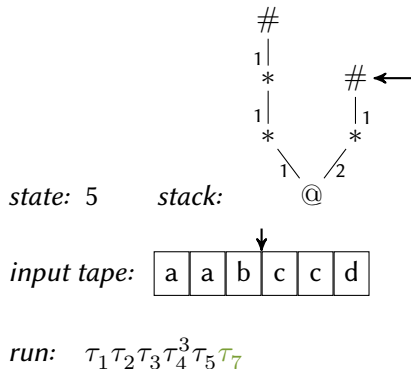
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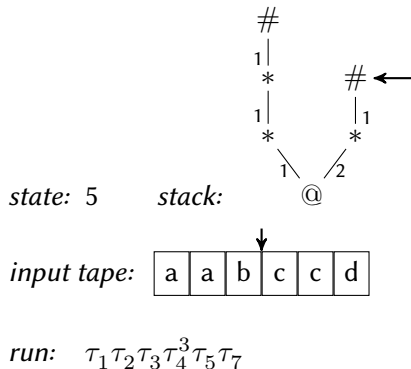
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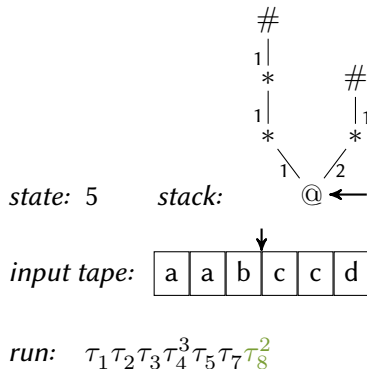
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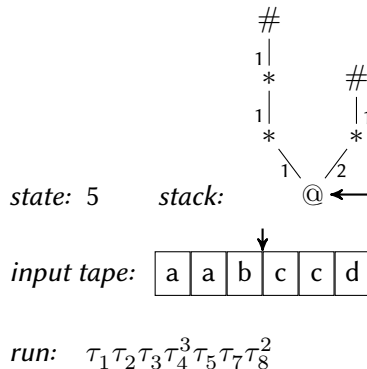
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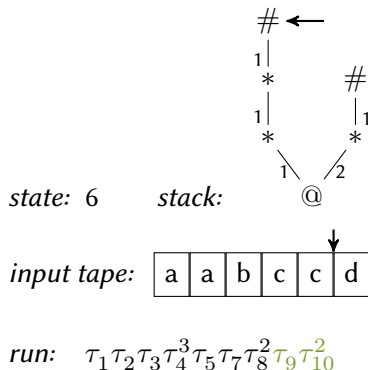
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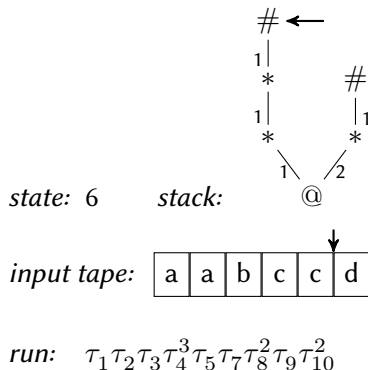
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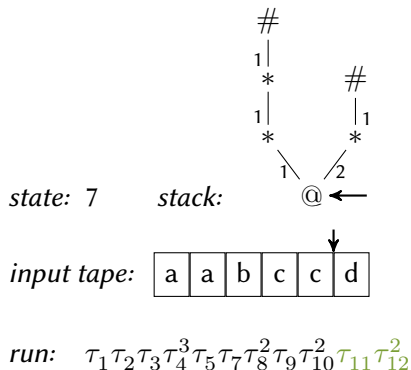
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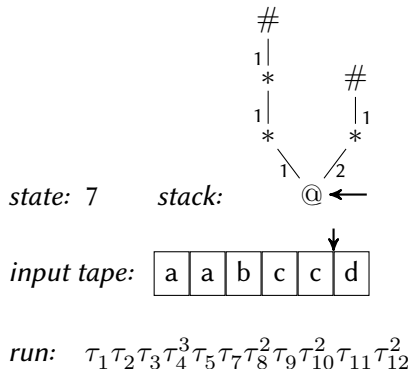
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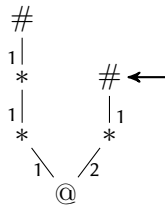
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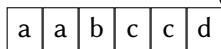


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stack:

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input tape:

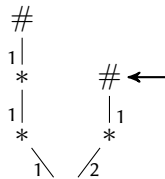


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2-restricted: enters each stack position at most 2 times *from below*

An automata characterisation of weighted MCFGs

Theorem

[Denkinger 2016, Thm. 18]

$$k\text{-MCFL} = k\text{-TSL}_r$$

Proof sketch: Show both set inclusions by construction.

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if and only if

- $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$ all return to the stack position they started from and never go below it
- θ_i starts with state q_i and stack symbol γ_{i-1} and ends with q'_i and γ_i (for $1 \leq i \leq m$)

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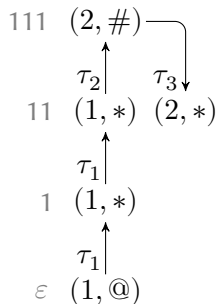
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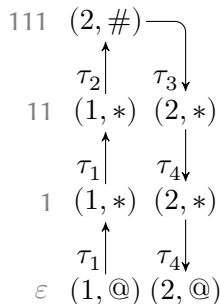
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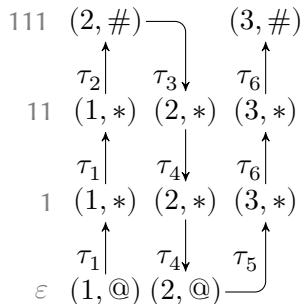
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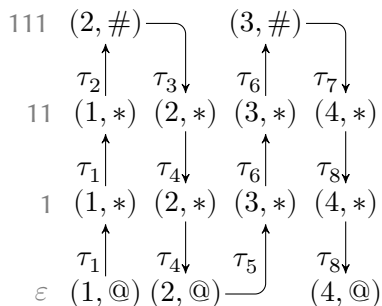
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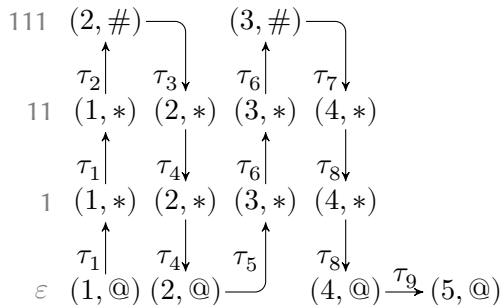
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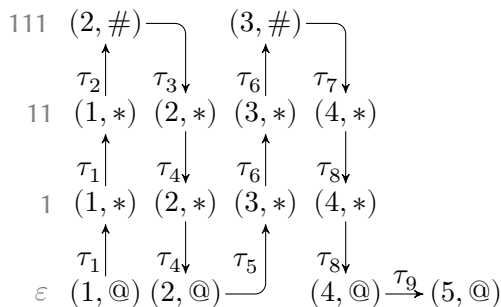
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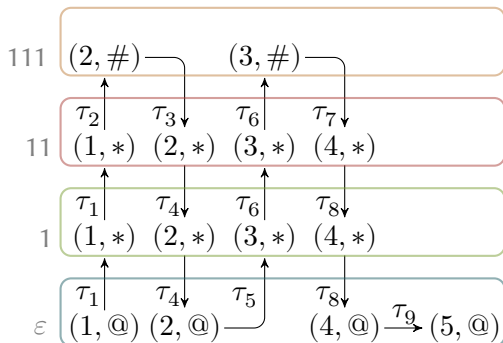
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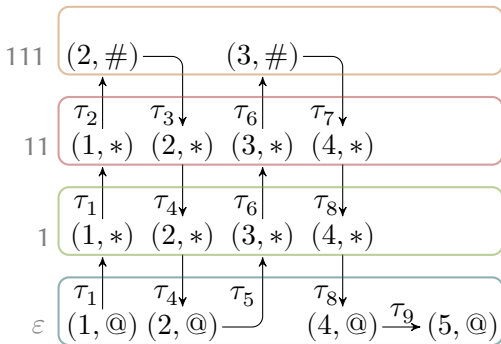
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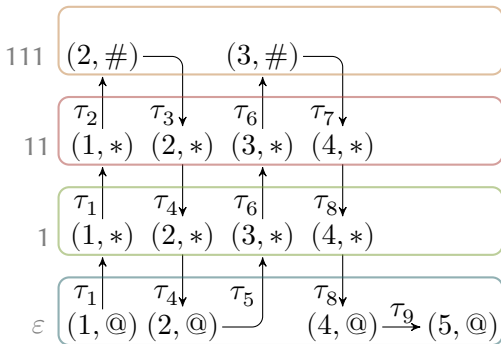
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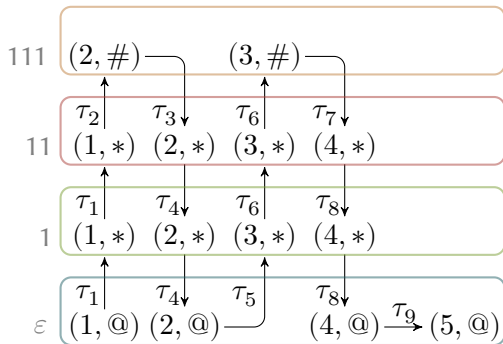
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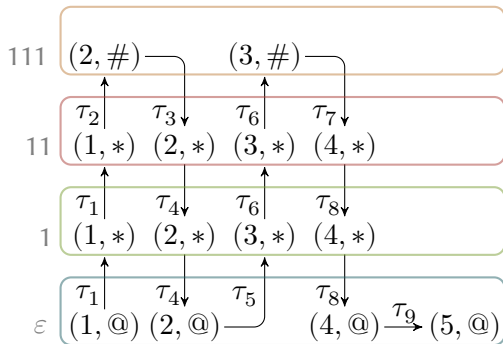
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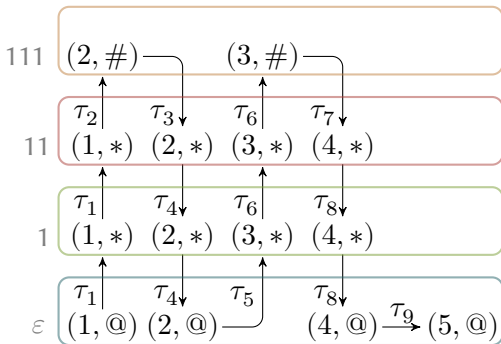
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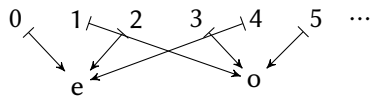
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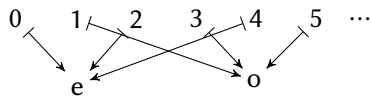
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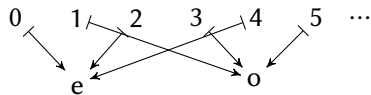
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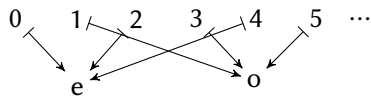
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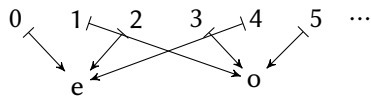
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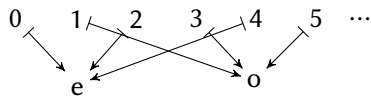
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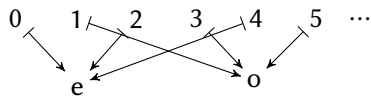
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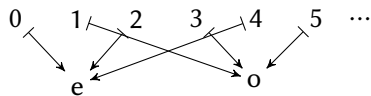
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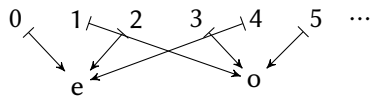
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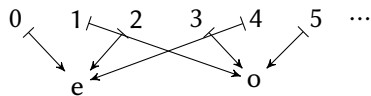
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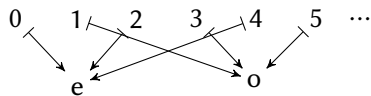
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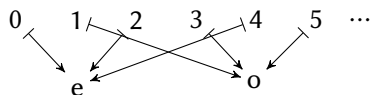
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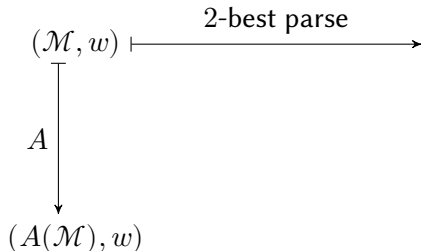
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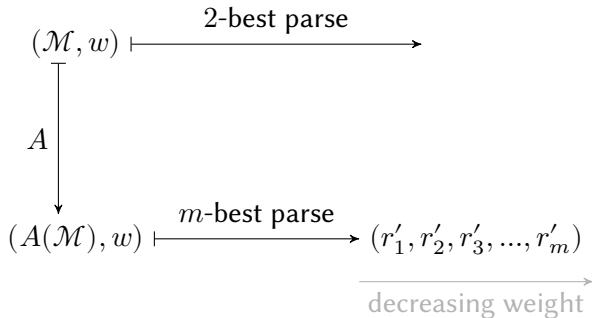
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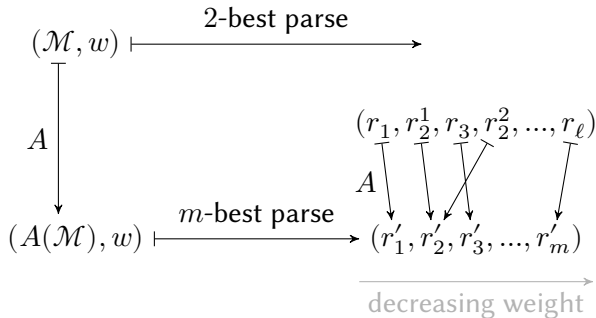
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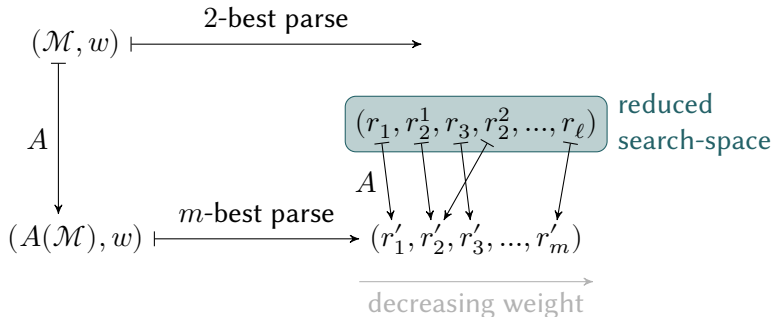
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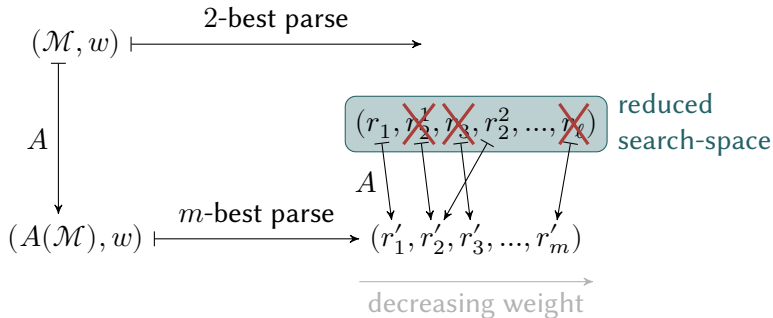
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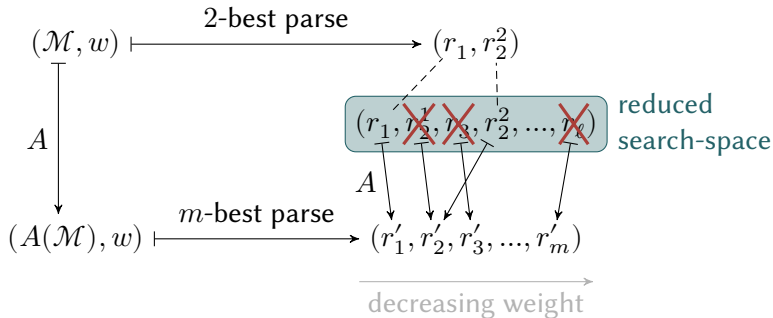
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