

Computer-Aided Reasoning for Software

# **A Survey of Theory Solvers**

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## Last lecture

- Introduction to Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)

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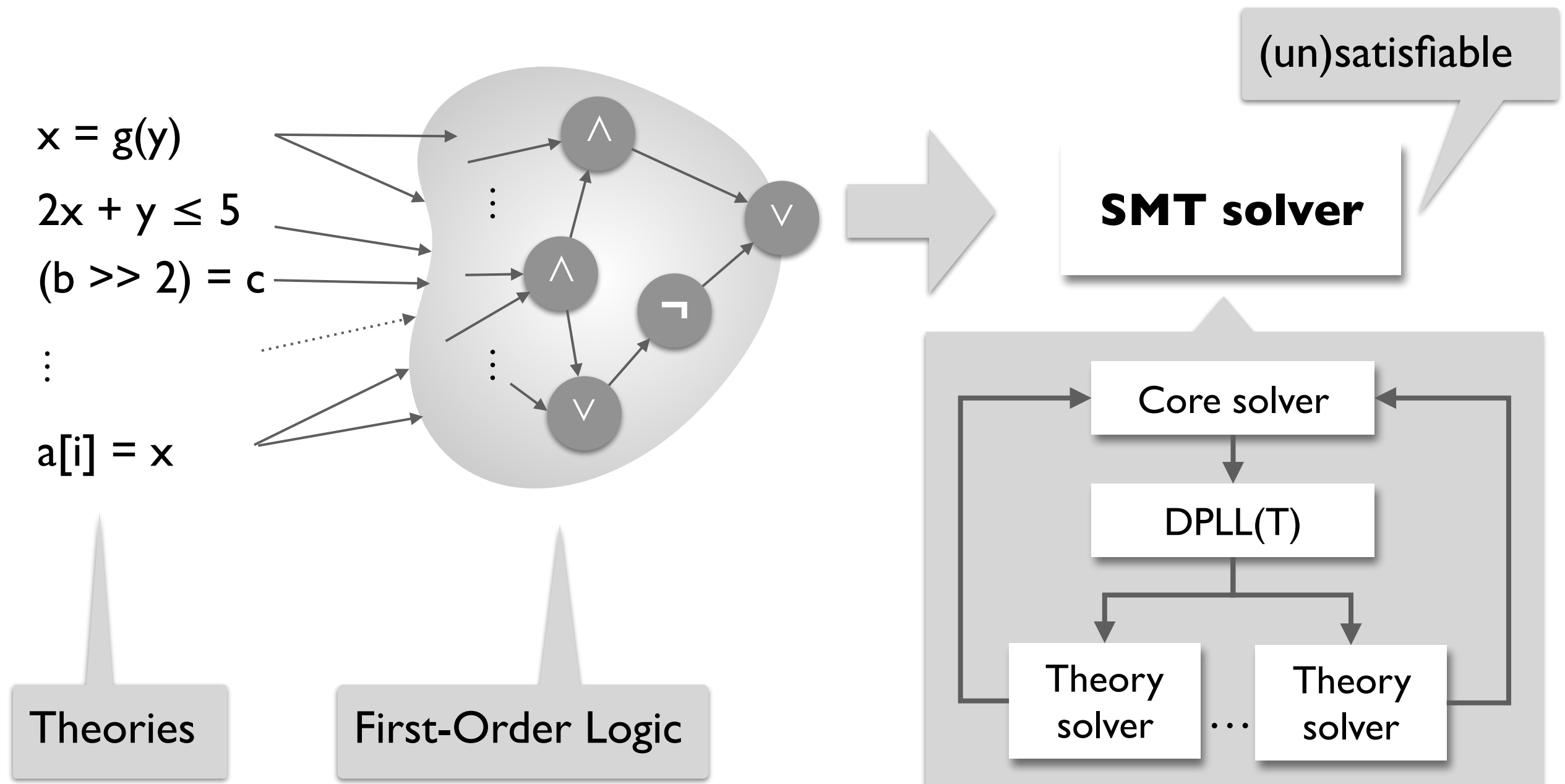
- A quick survey of theory solvers
- An in-depth look at the core theory solver (theory of equality and uninterpreted functions)

## Reminder

- Start thinking about your project & find a partner



# Recall: Satisfiability Modulo Theories (SMT)



# A brief survey of common theory solvers

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Core solver

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- **Conjunctions** of linear constraints over  $\mathbb{R}$ 
  - Can be decided in polynomial time, but in practice solved with the **General Simplex** method (worst case exponential)
  - Can also be decided with **Fourier-Motzkin** elimination (exponential)

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- **Conjunctions** of linear constraints over  $\mathbb{Z}$
- **Branch-and-cut** (based on Simplex)
- **Omega Test** (extension of Fourier-Motzkin)
- **Small-Domain Encoding** used for arbitrary combinations of linear constraints over  $\mathbb{Z}$
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- **Bit blasting** (reduction to SAT)
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  - Reduce to  $T_{=}$  satisfiability
  - NP-complete (because the reduction introduces disjunctions)

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Replace predicates with equality constraints over functions:

- introduce a fresh constant  $T$
- for each predicate  $p$ , introduce a fresh function  $f_p$
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$$U = \{\odot, \clubsuit\}$$

$$I_1[=] : \{\langle \odot, \clubsuit \rangle, \langle \clubsuit, \odot \rangle\}$$

$$I_2[=] : \{\langle \odot, \odot \rangle, \langle \clubsuit, \clubsuit \rangle\}$$

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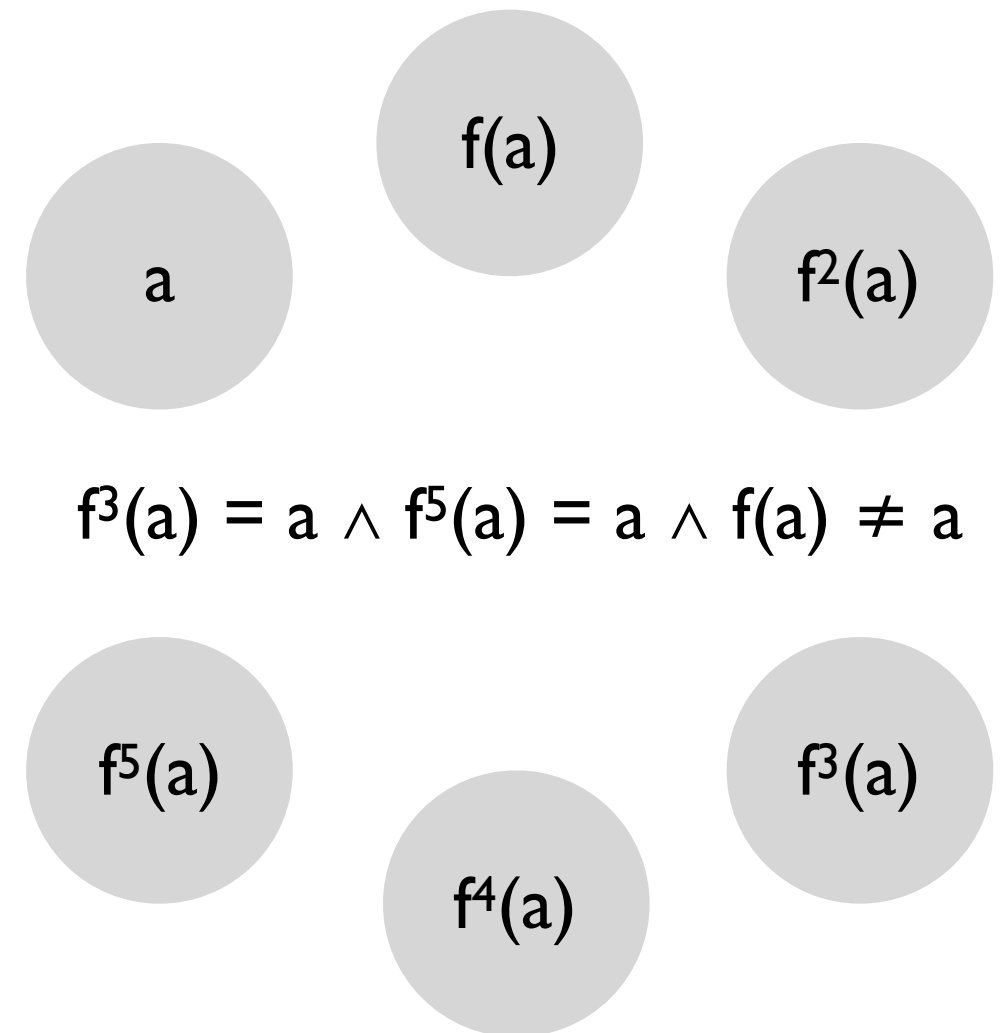
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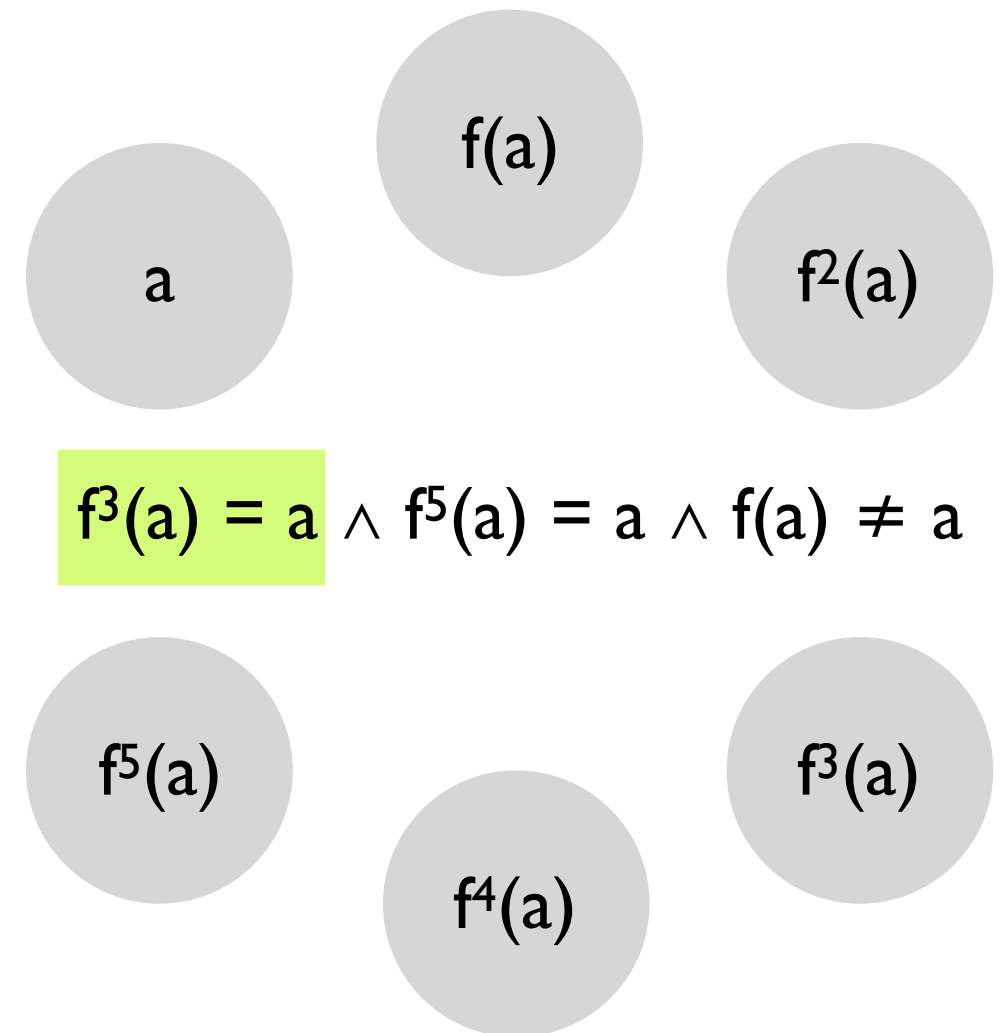
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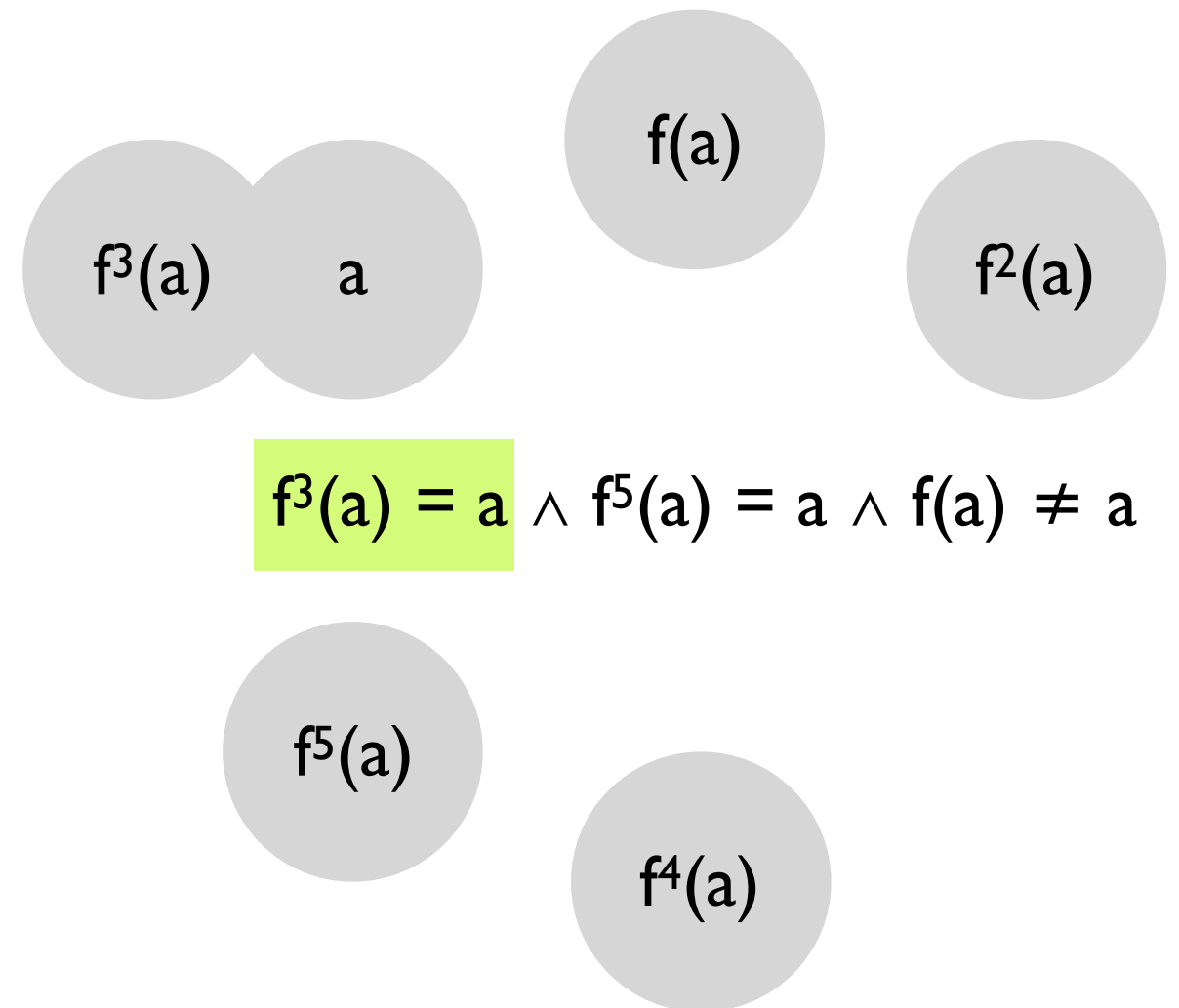
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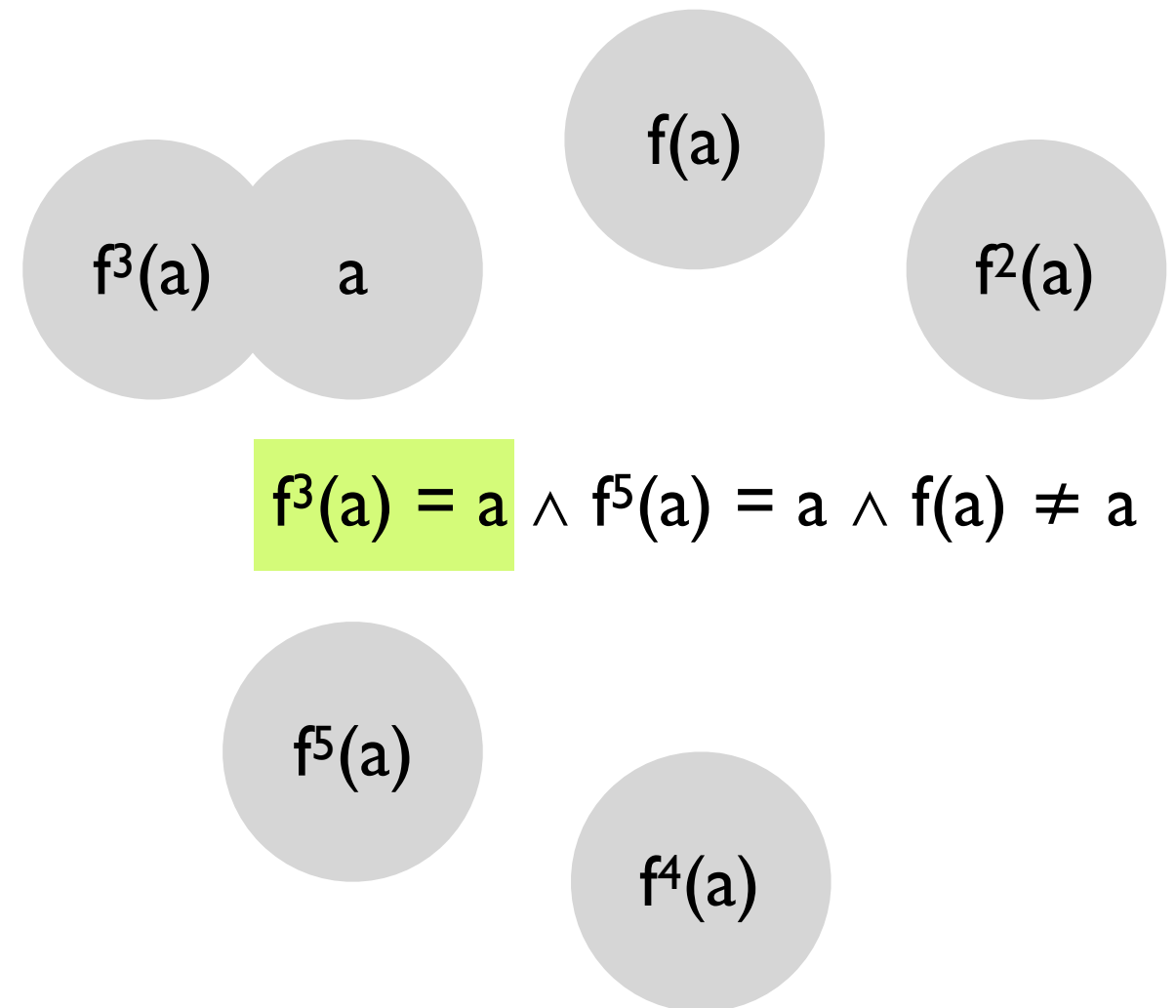
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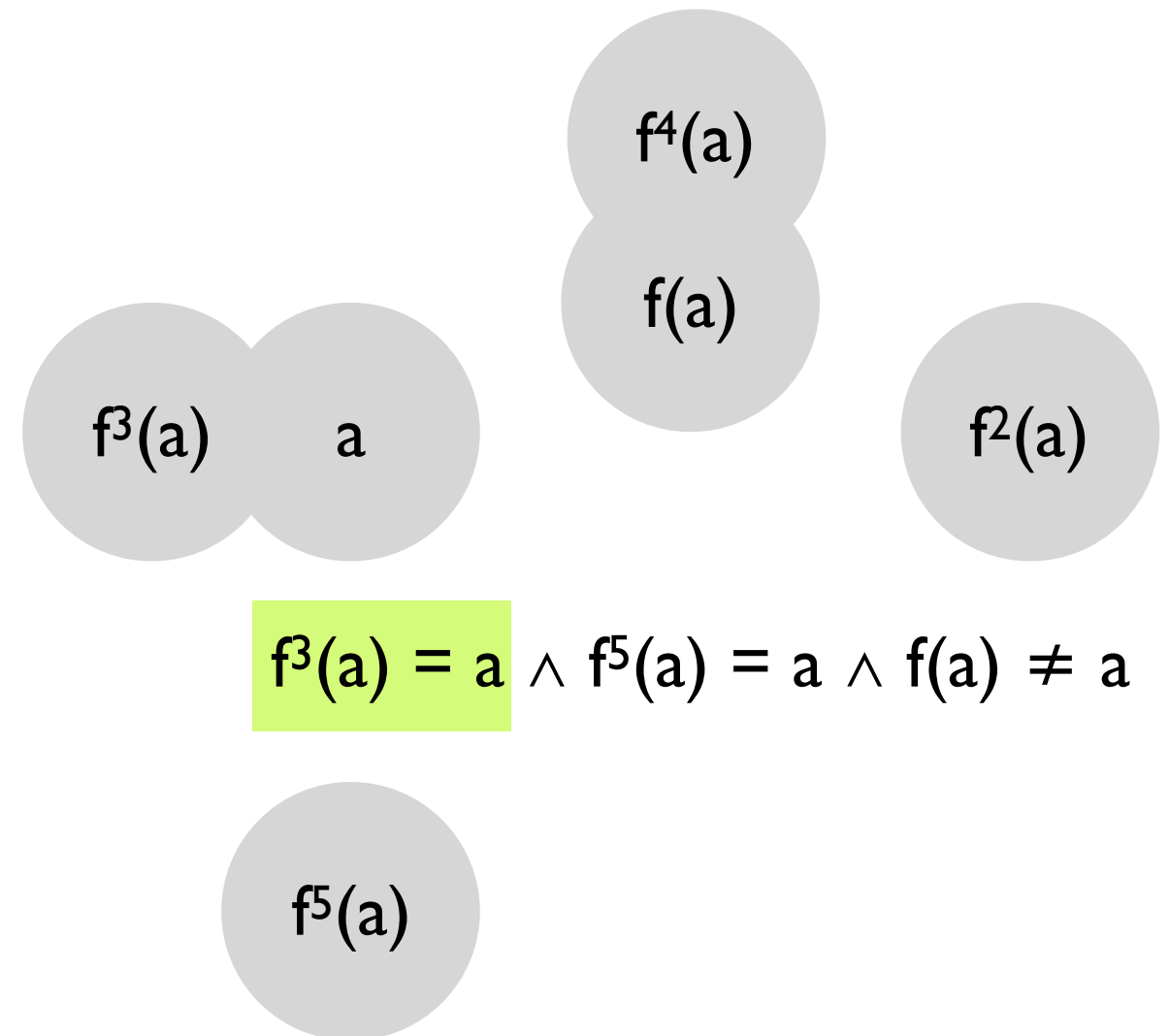
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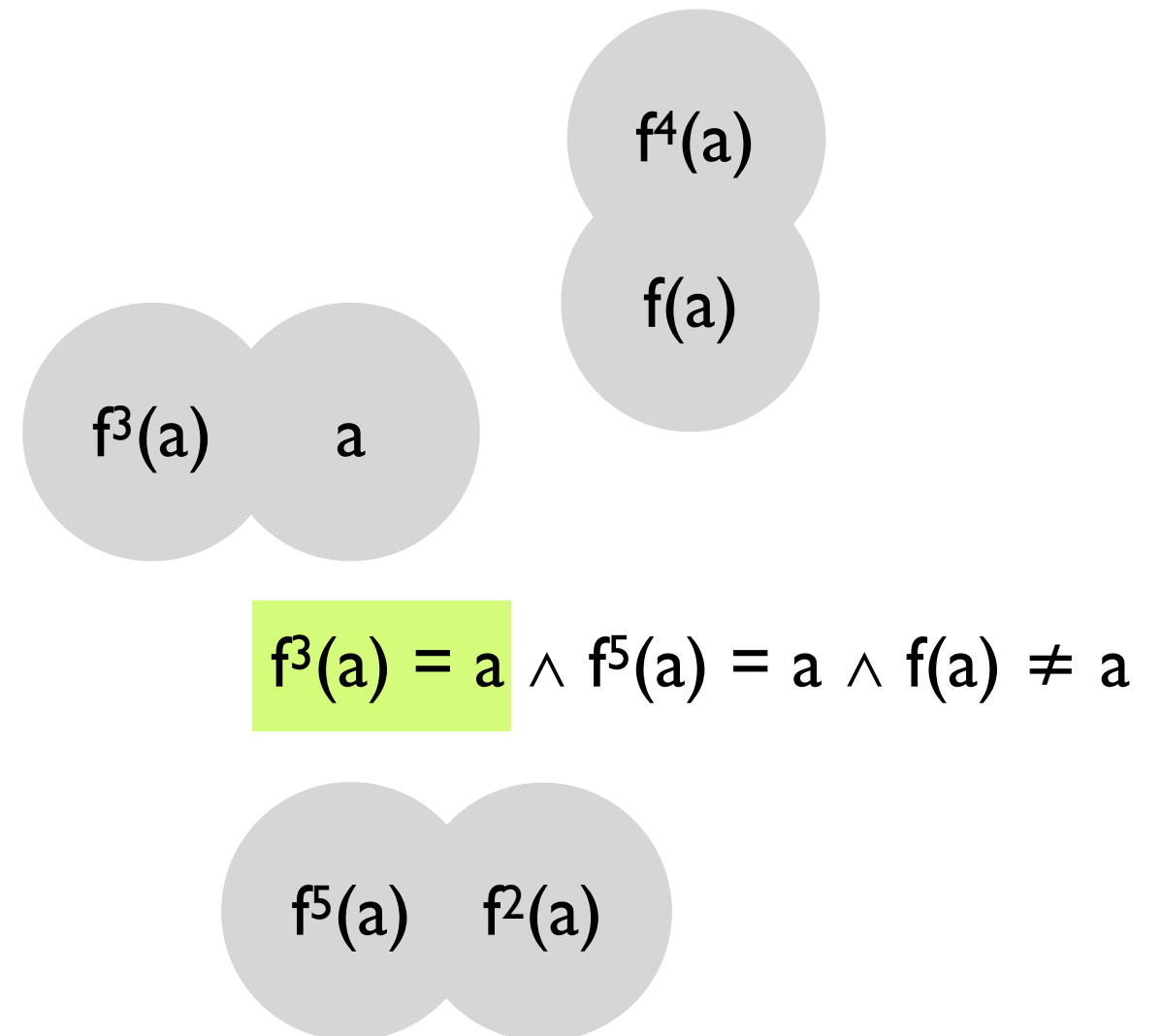
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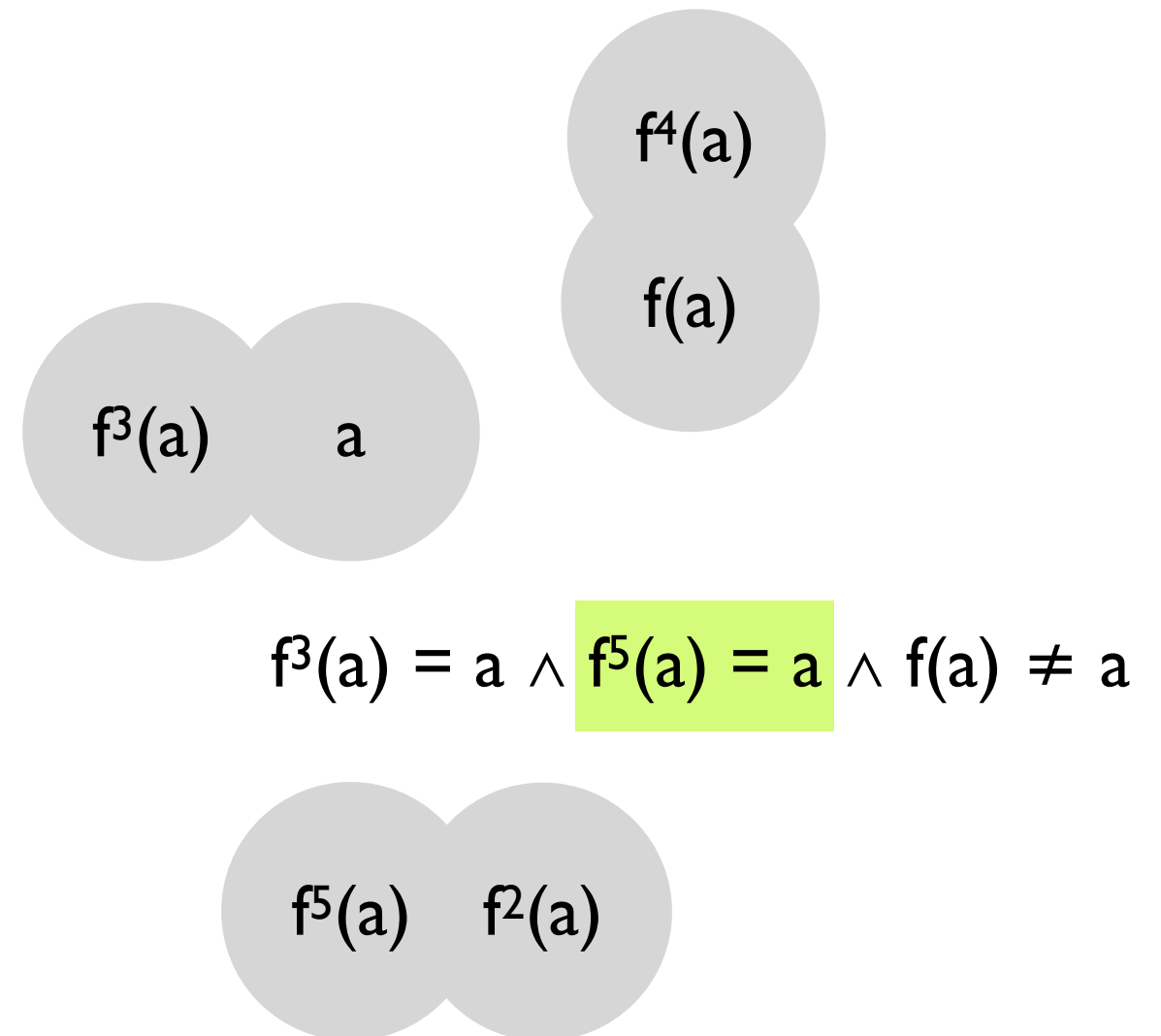
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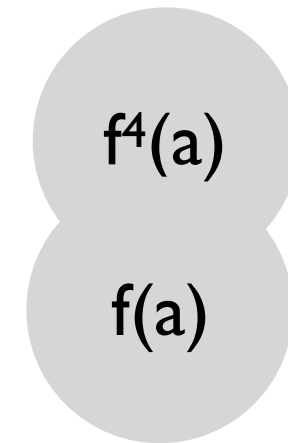
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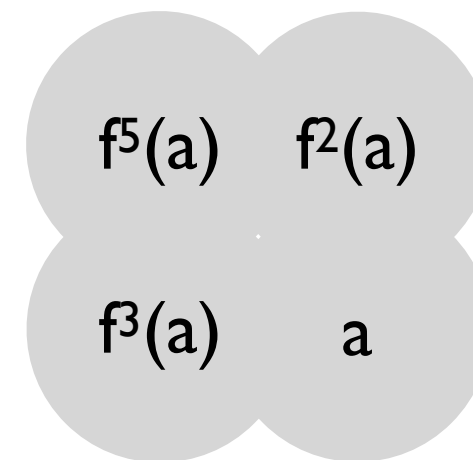


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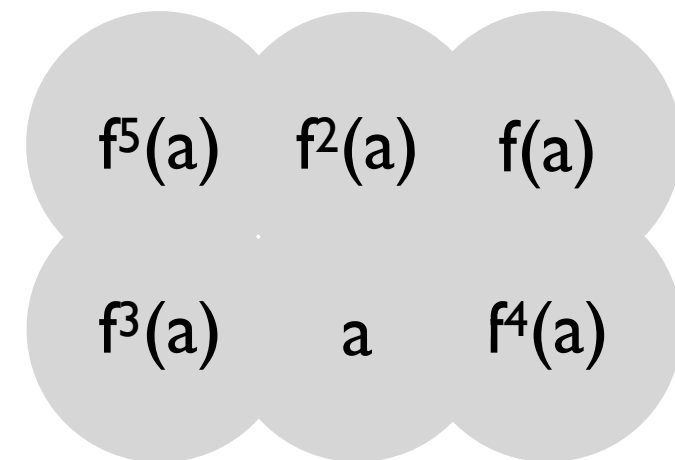
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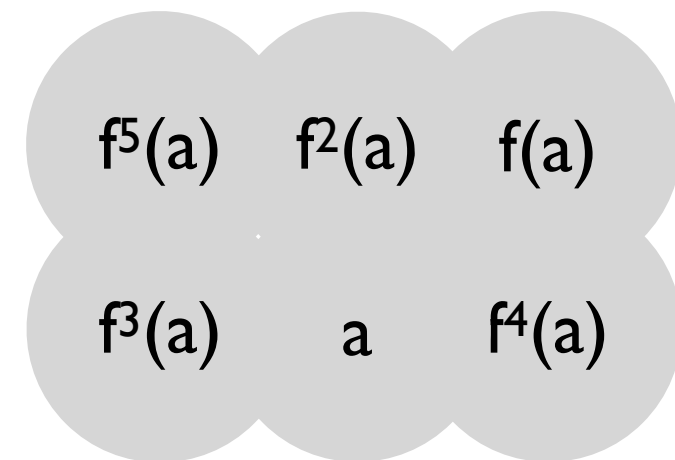
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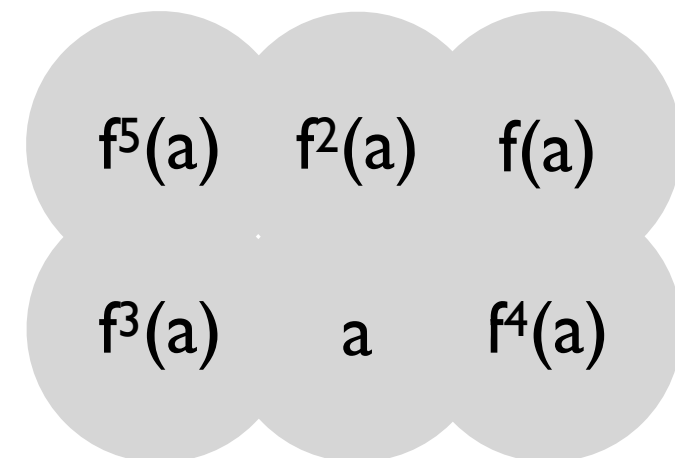


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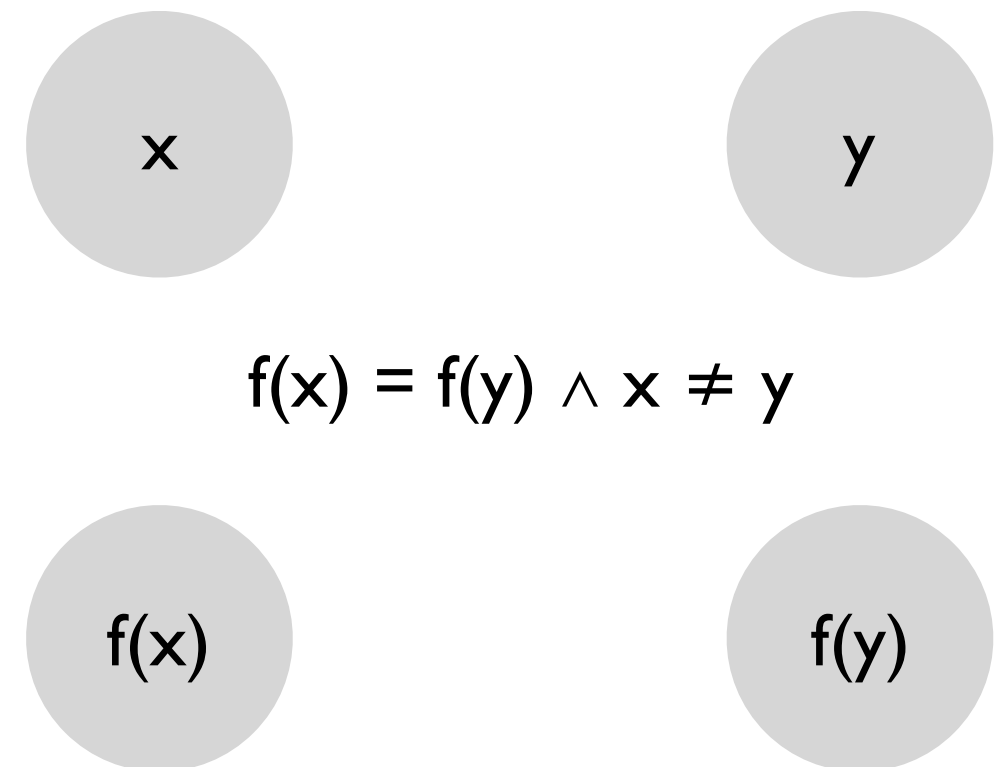
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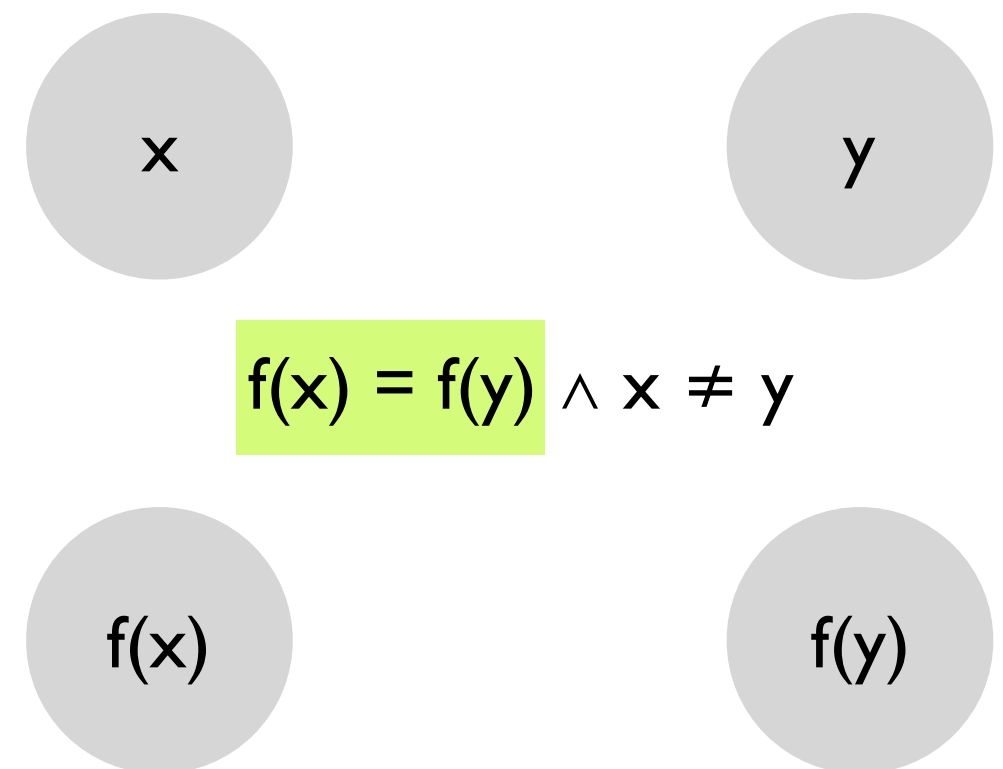
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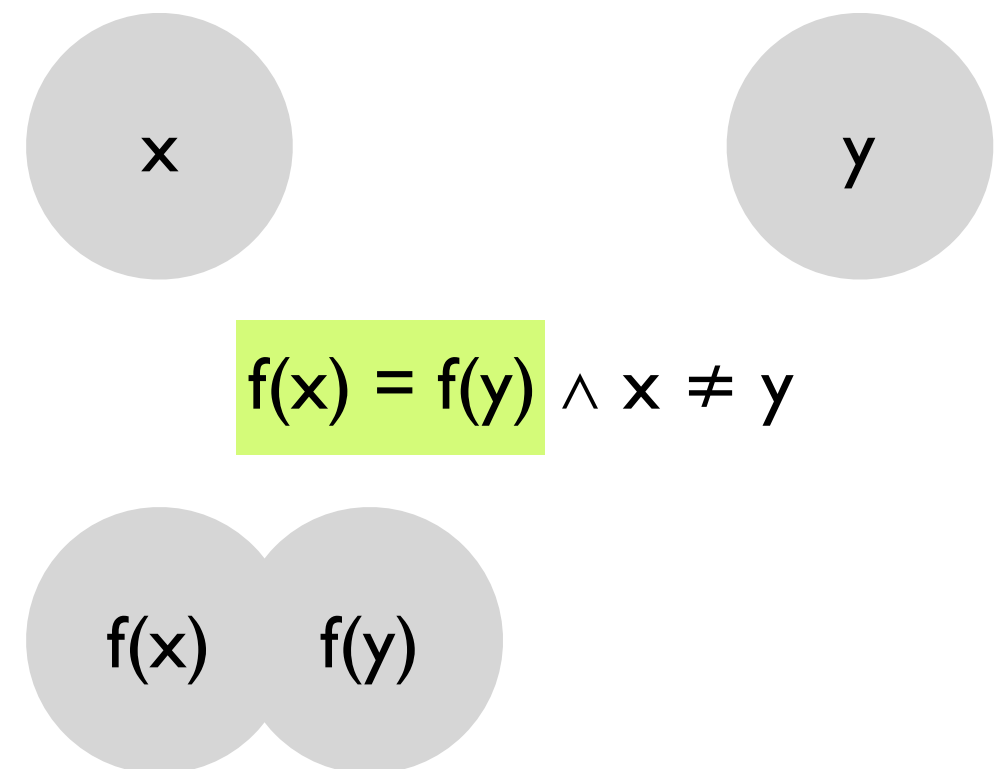
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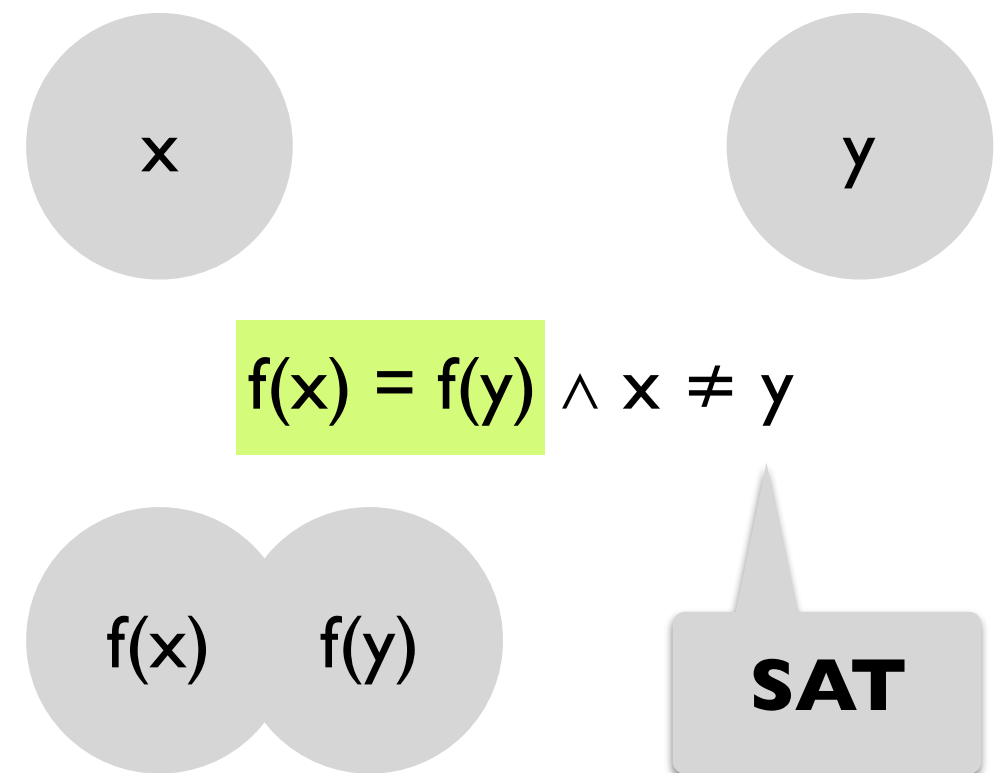
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The congruence closure algorithm computes the congruence closure of the equality relation over terms asserted by a conjunctive quantifier-free formula in  $T=$ .



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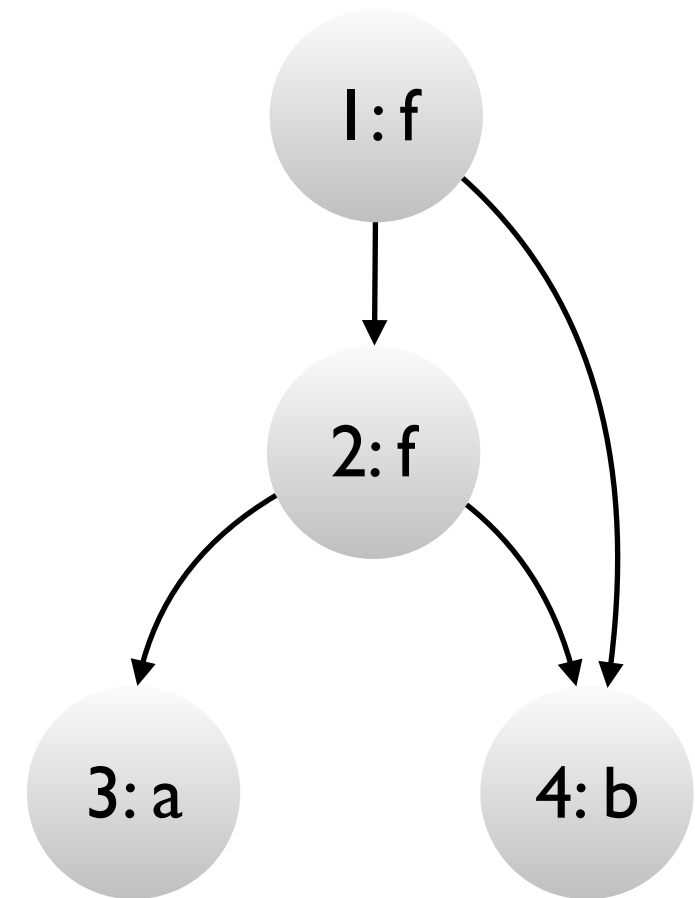


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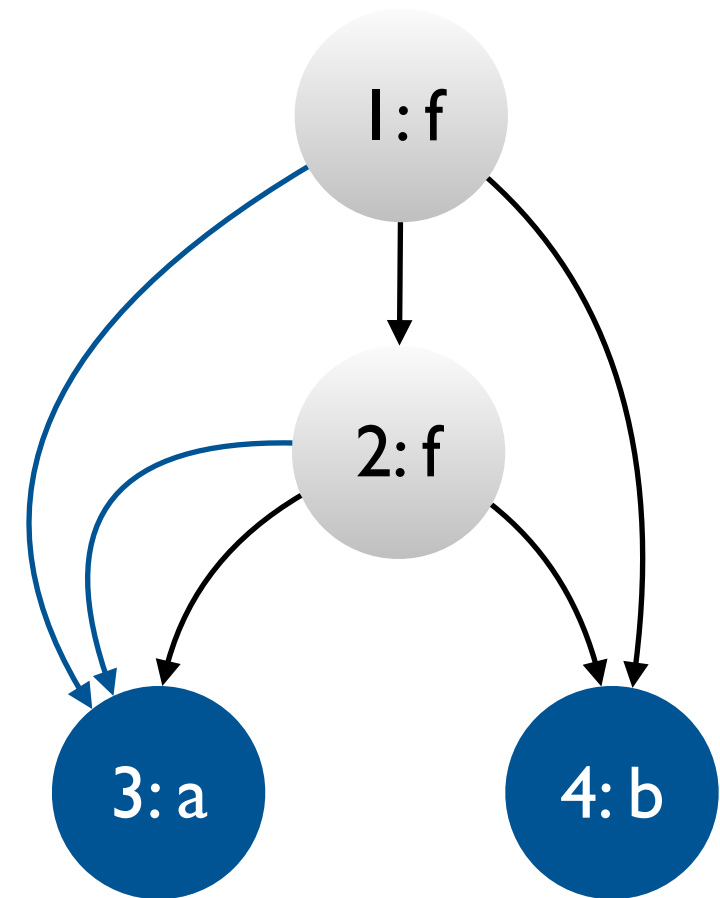
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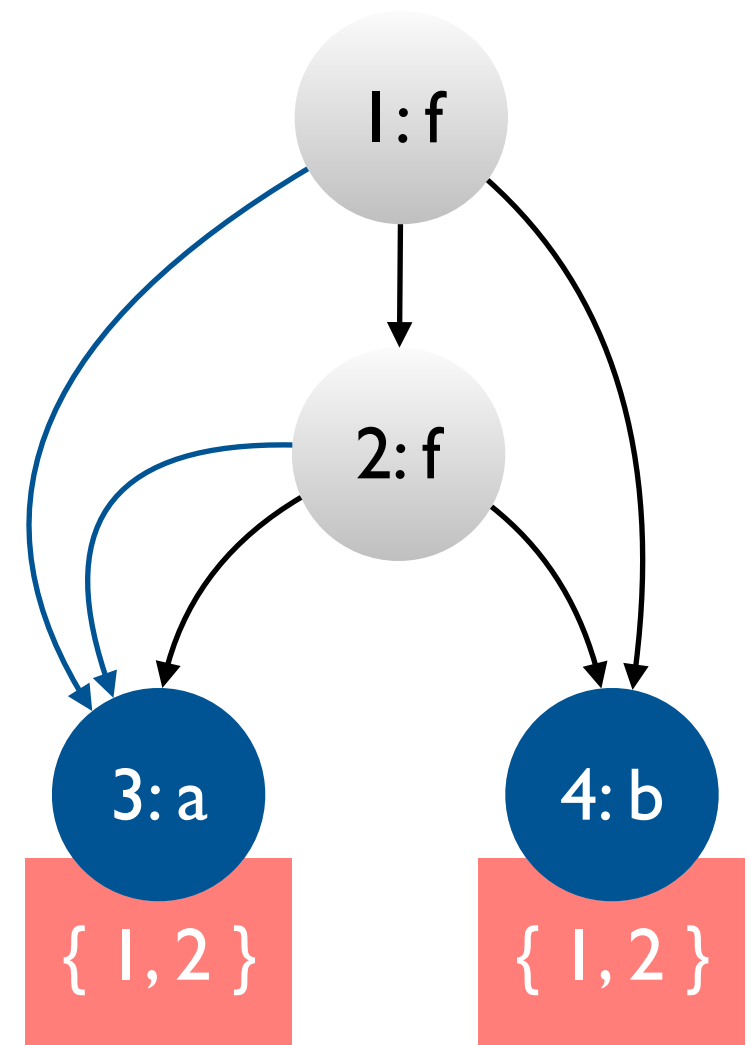
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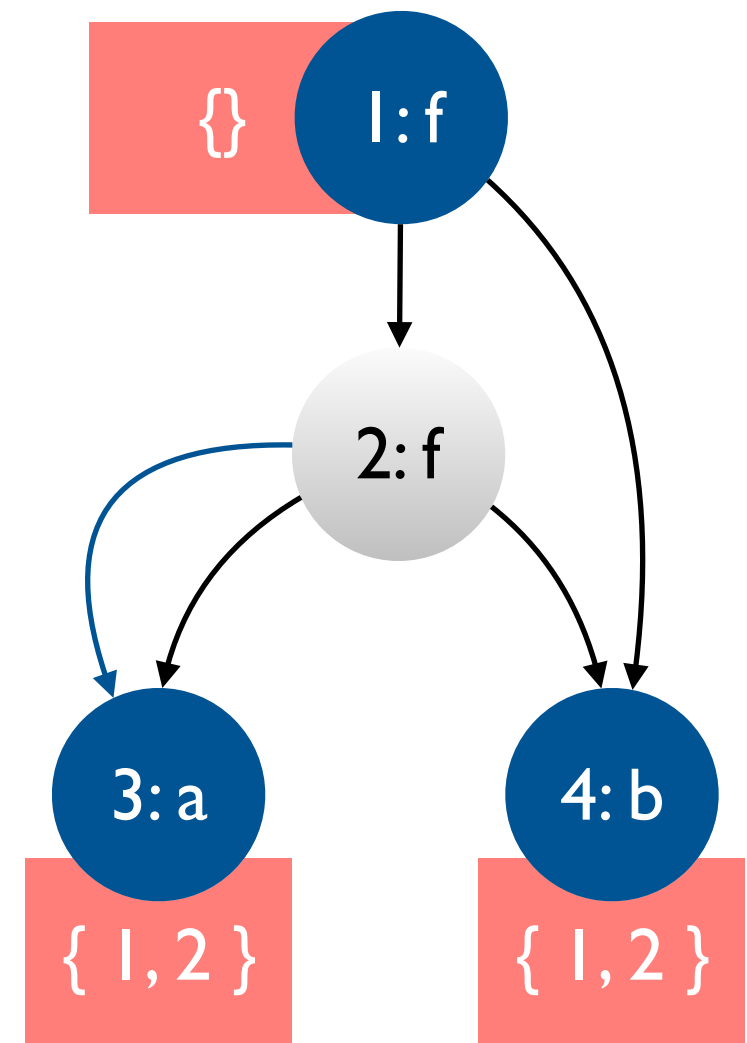
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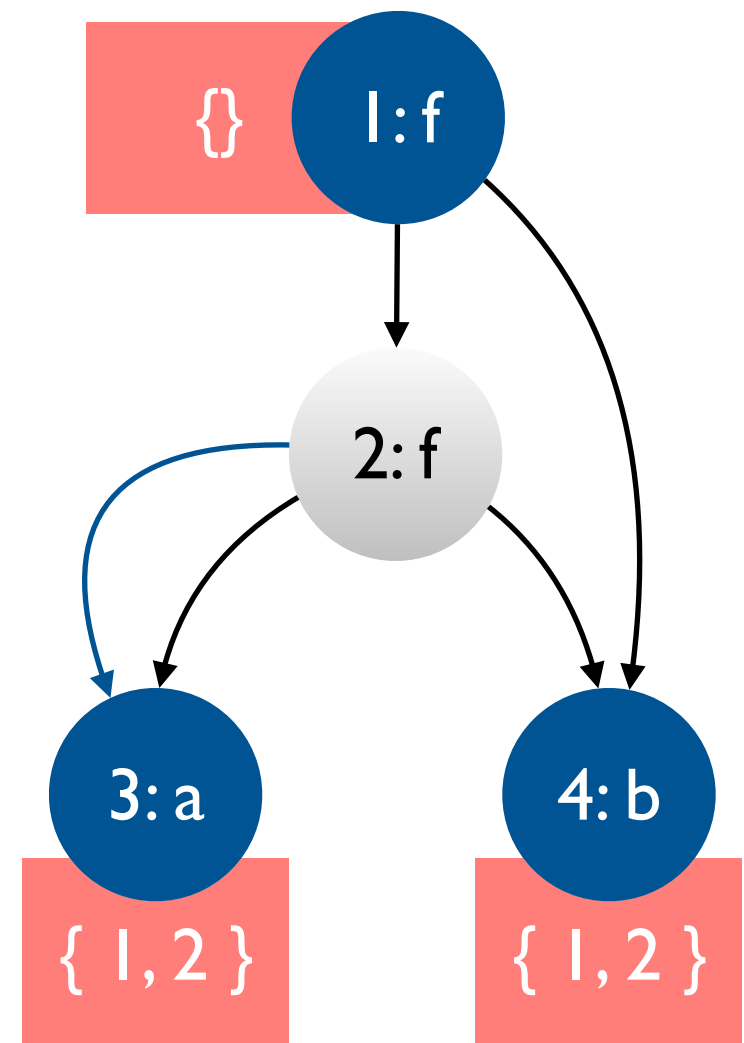
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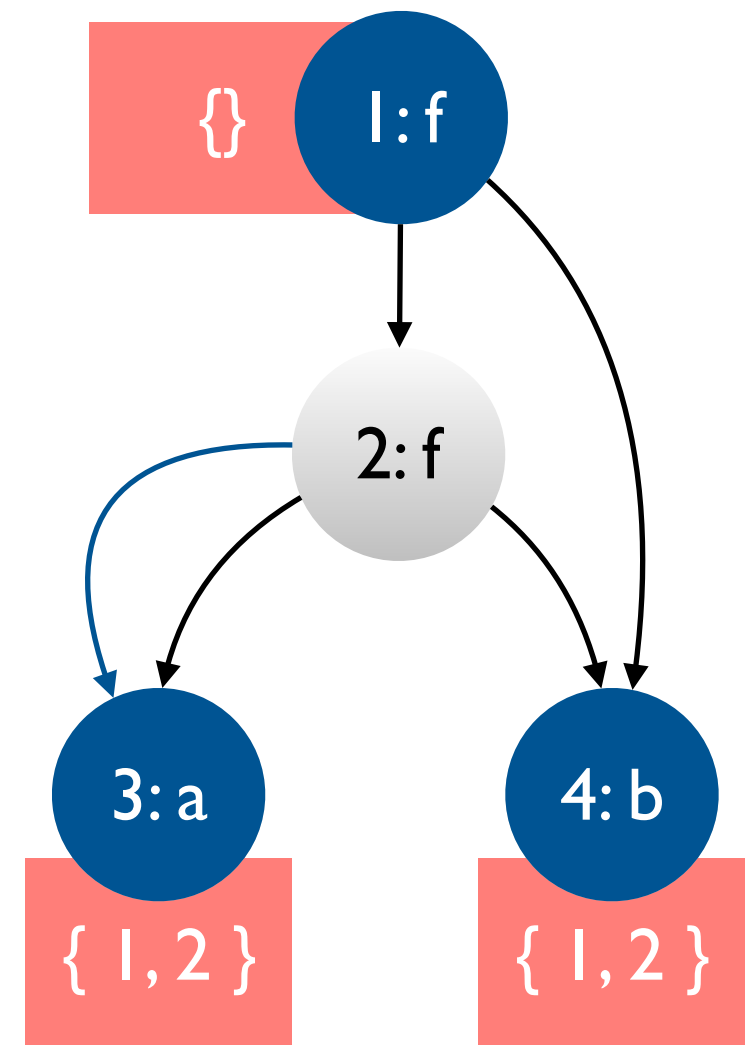
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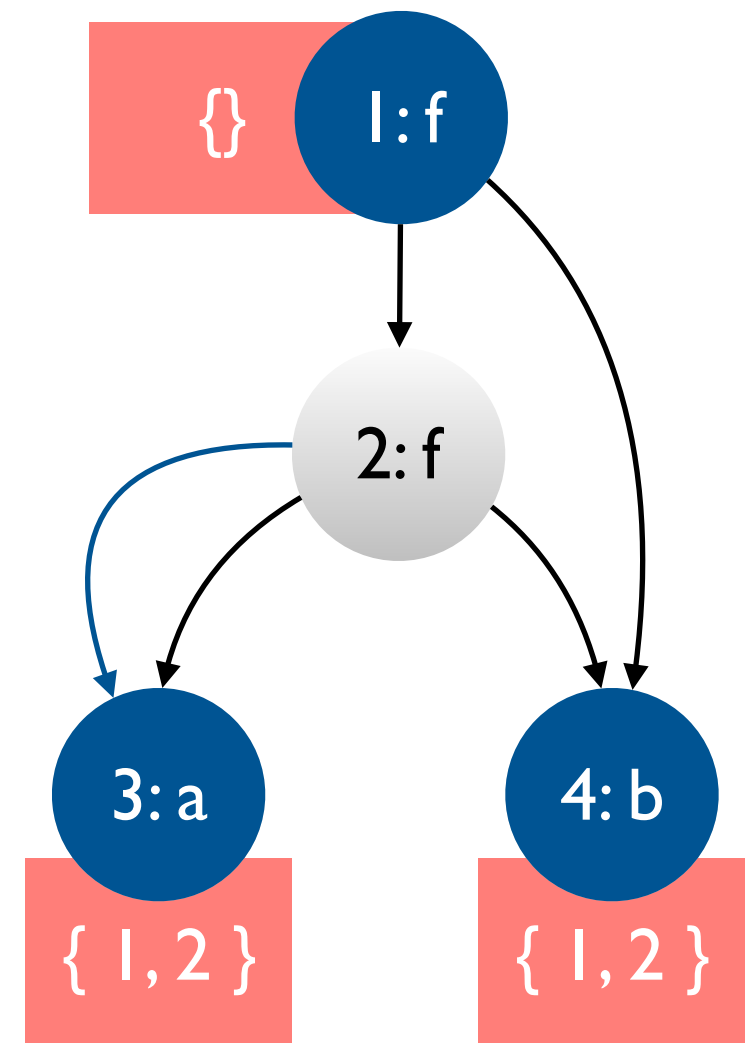
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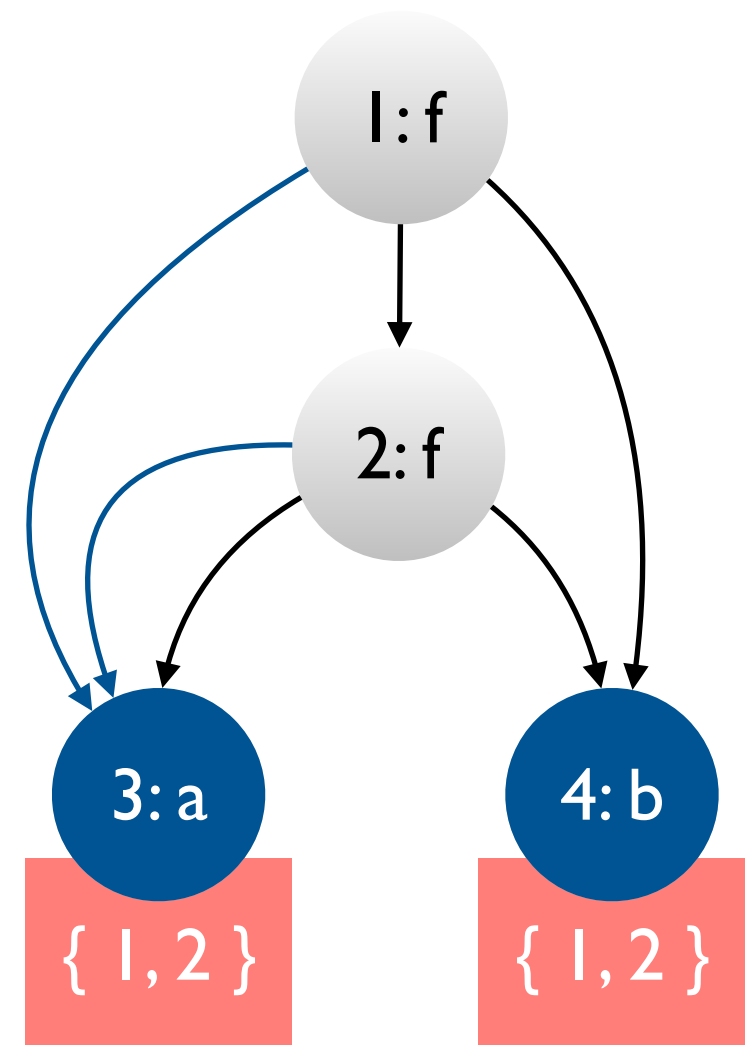
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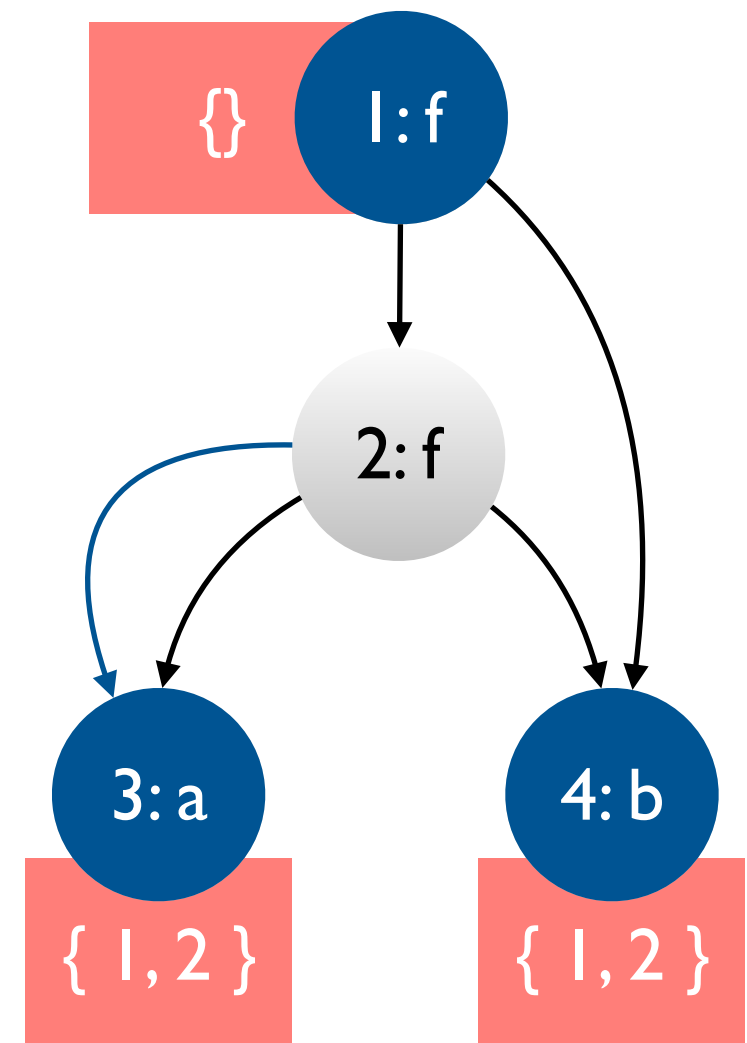
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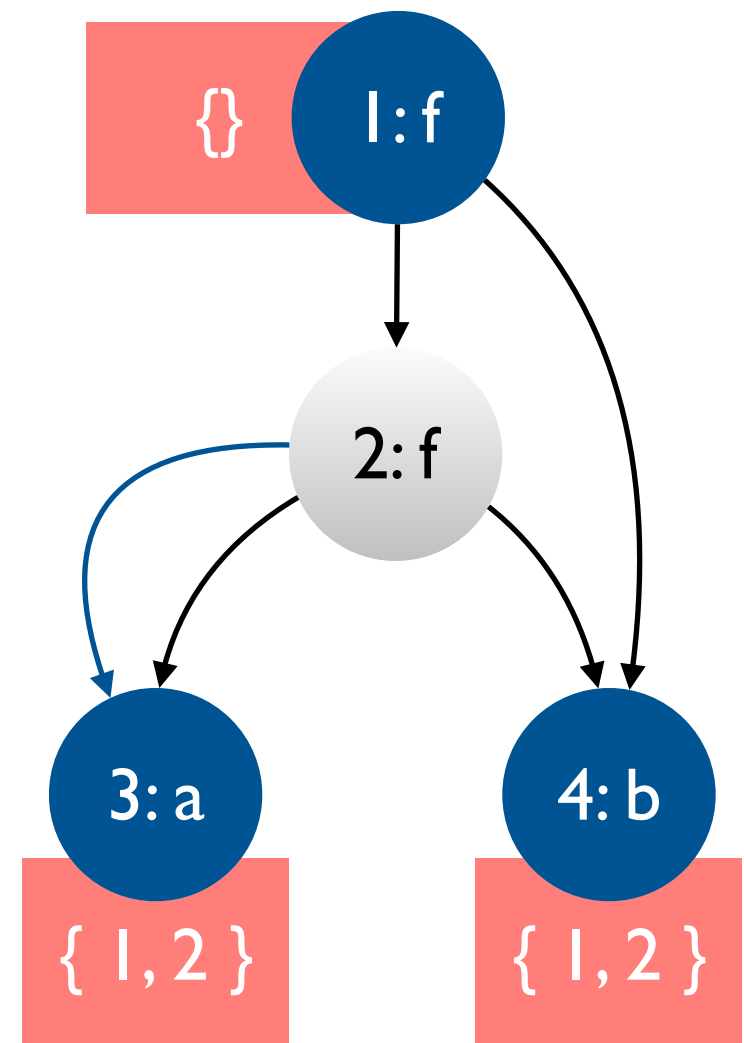


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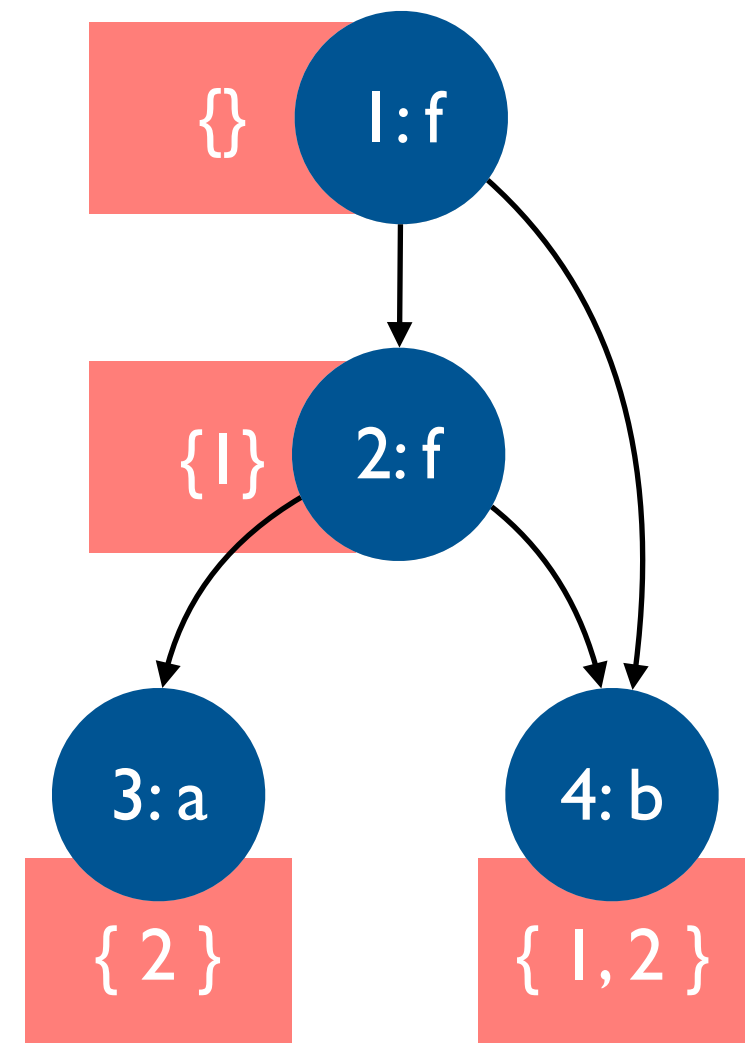
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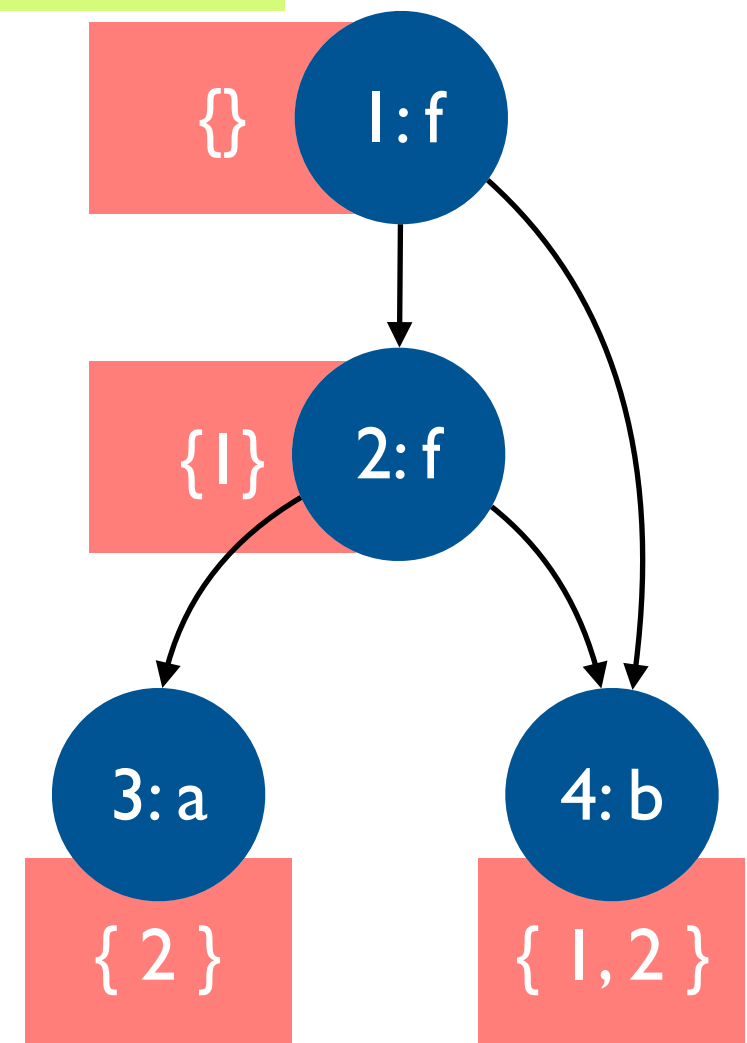
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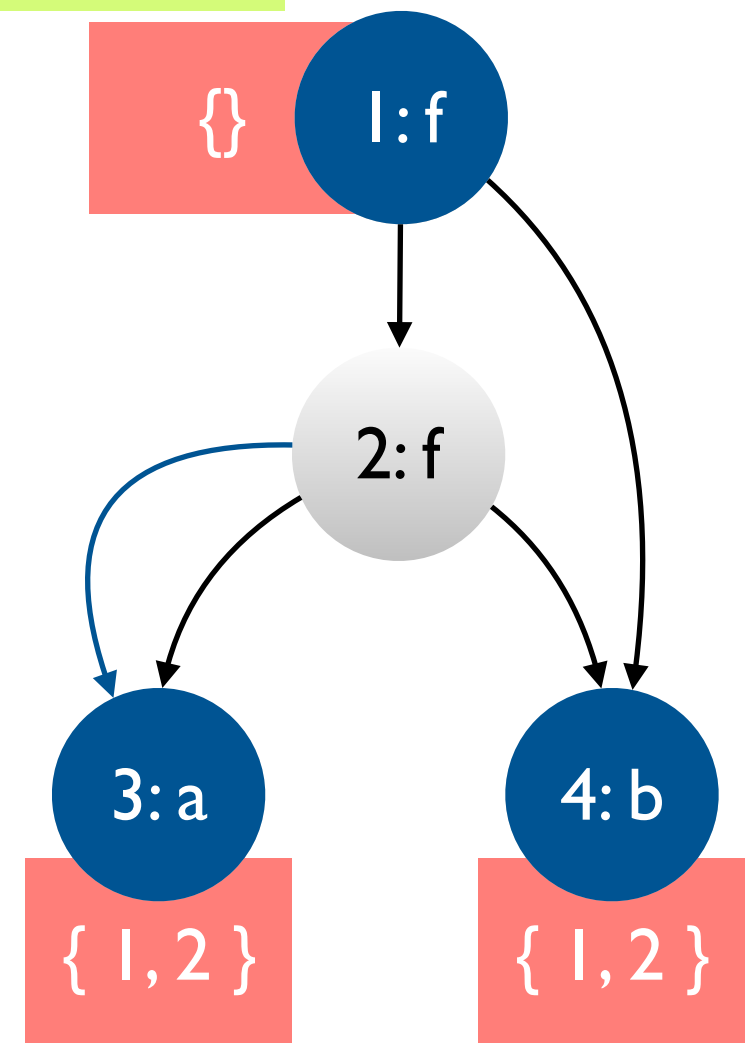
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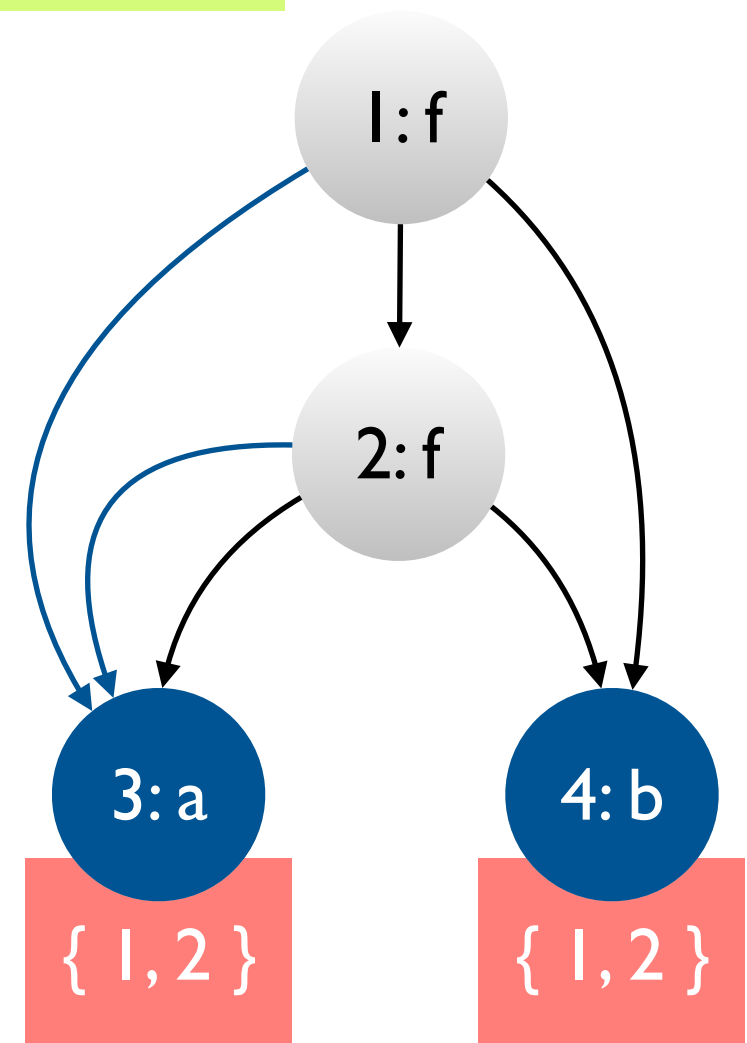
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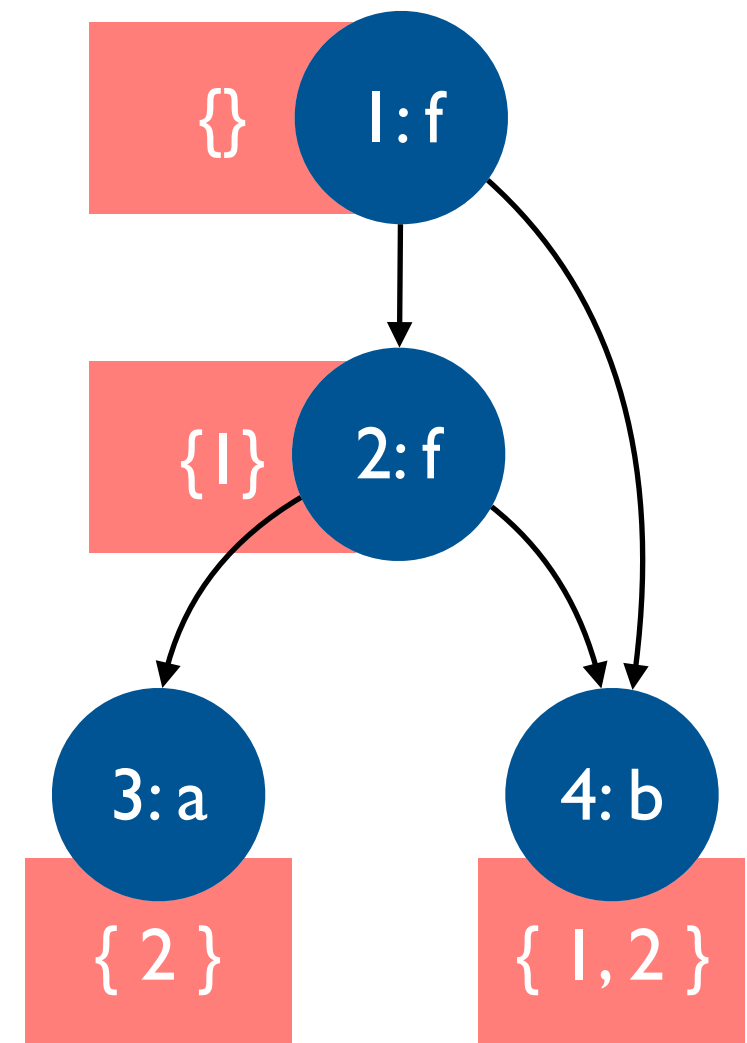
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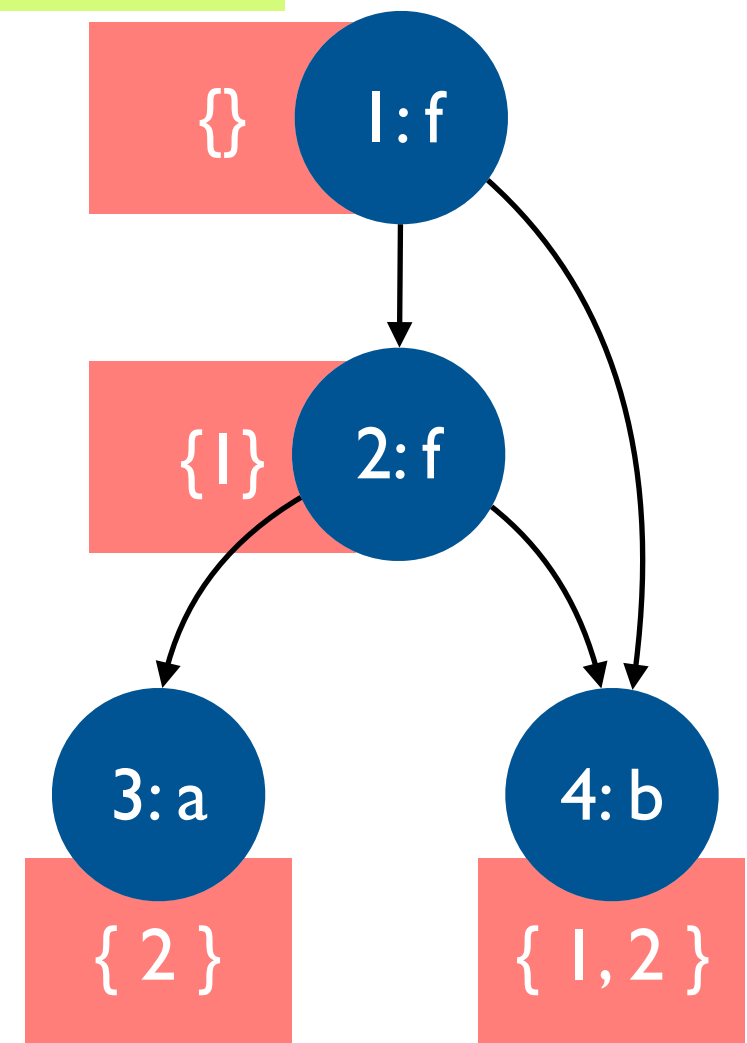
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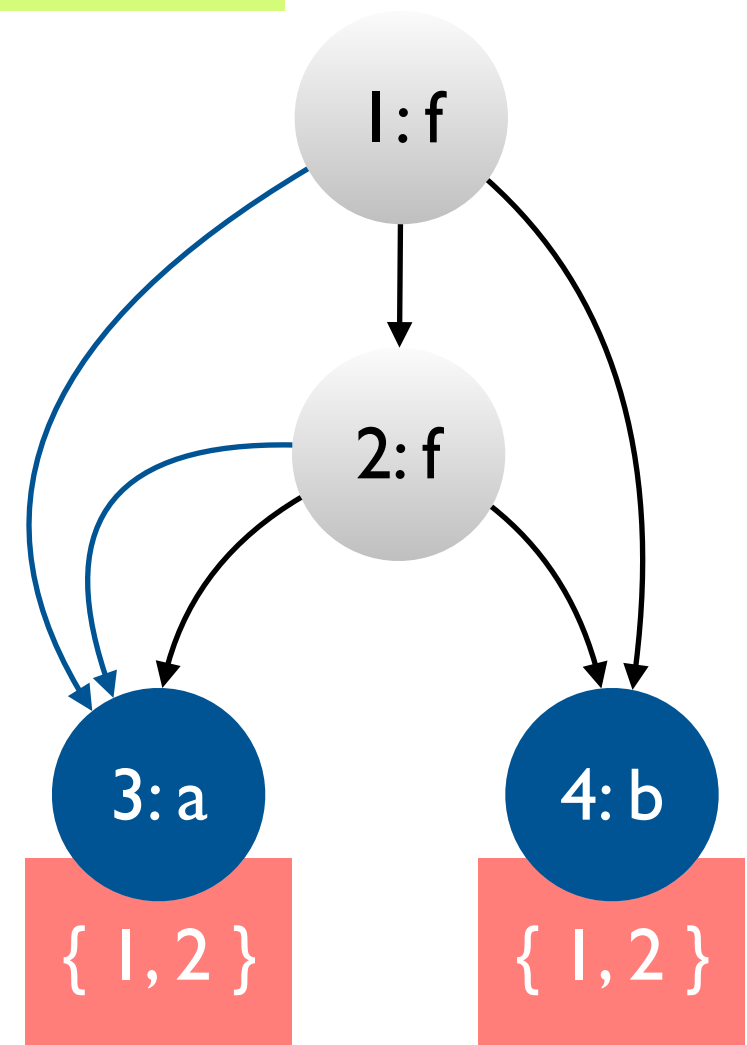
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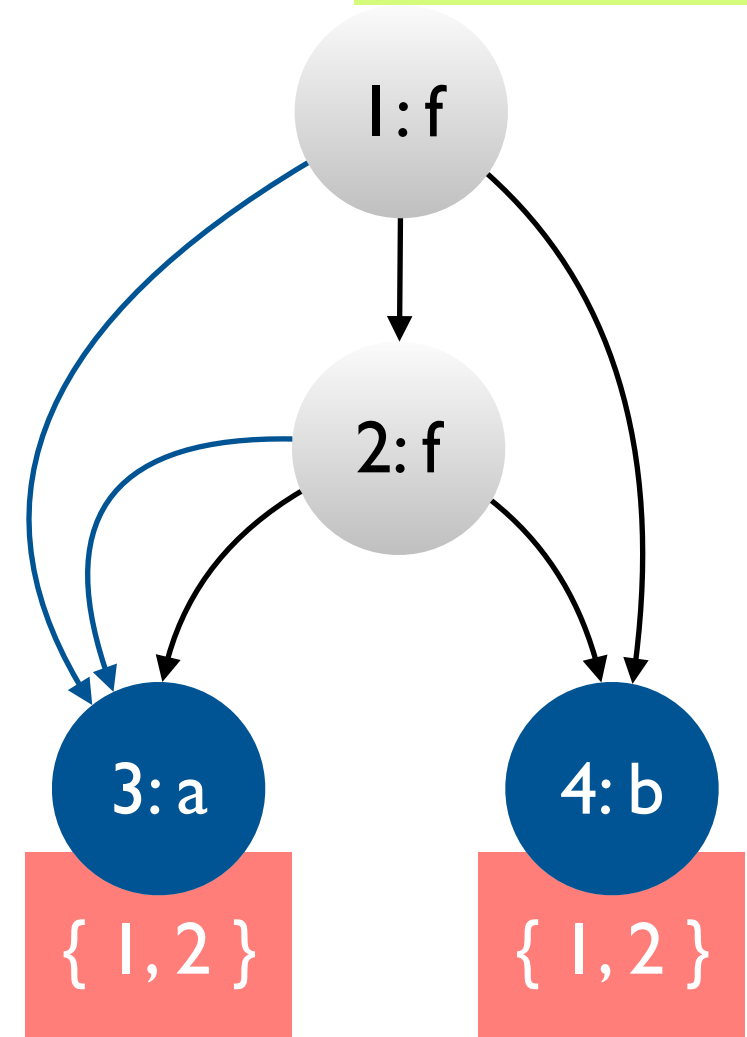
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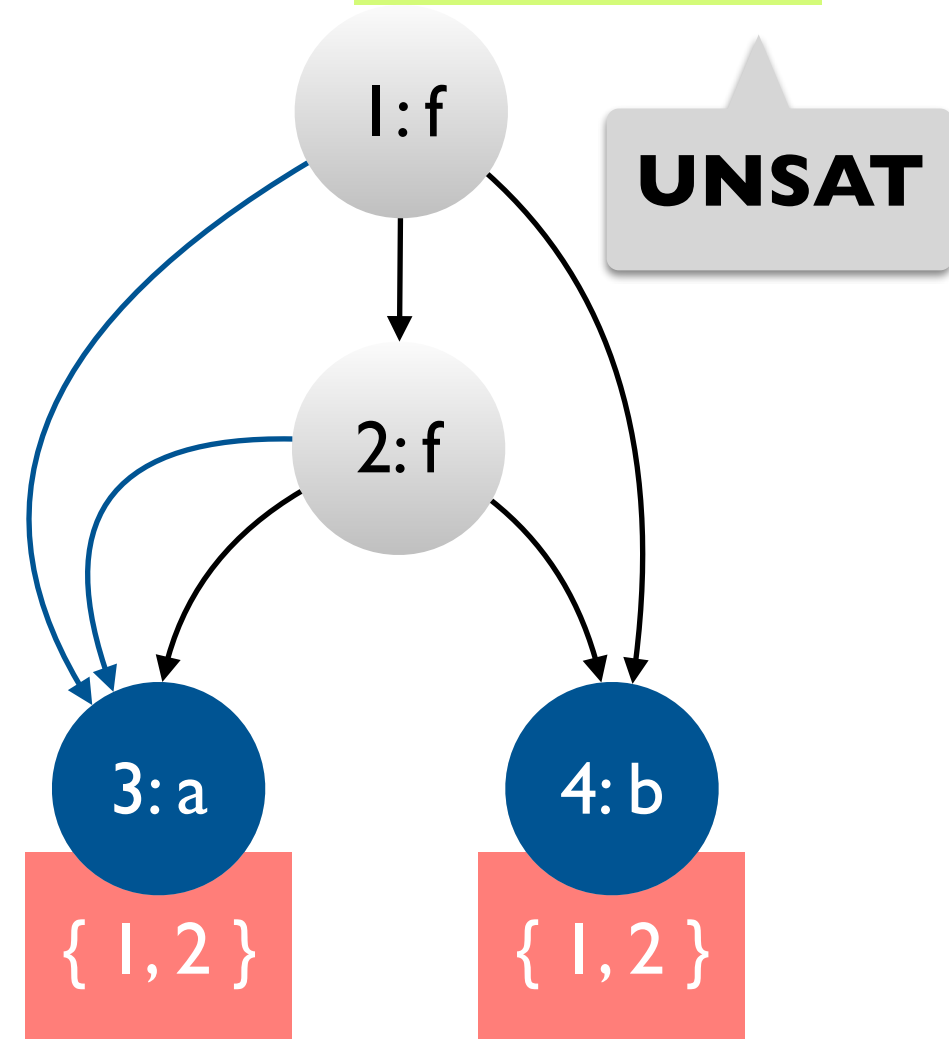
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# Summary

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- Congruence closure algorithm for deciding conjunctive  $T=$  formulas

## Next lecture

- Combining (decision procedures for different) theories