

# ~~MSO~~-transducing tree-like graph decompositions

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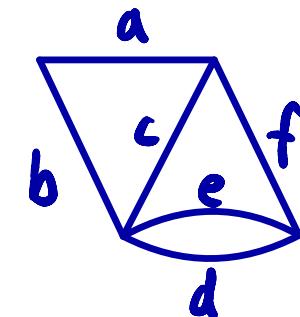
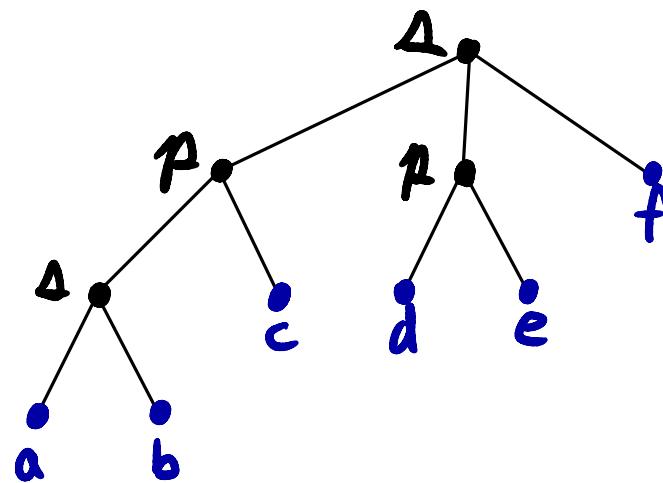
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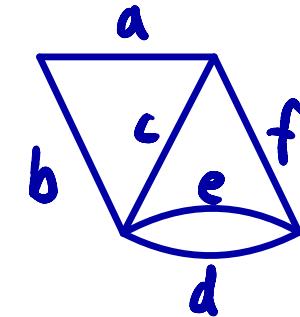
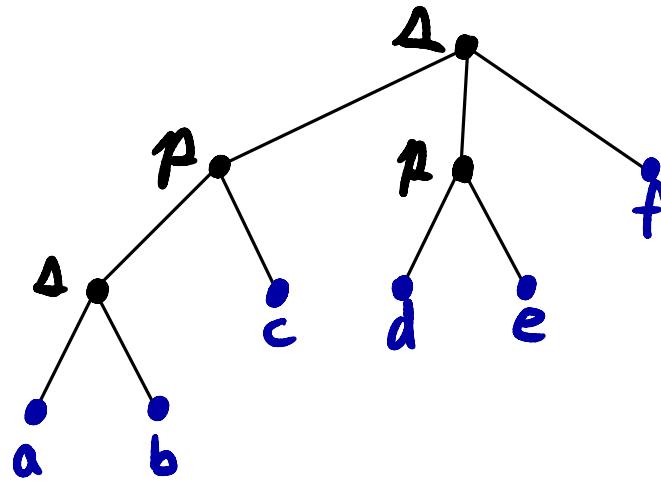
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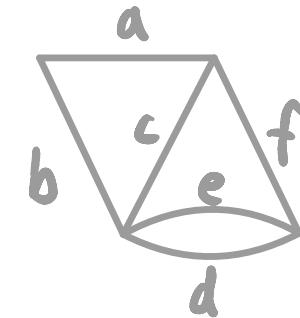
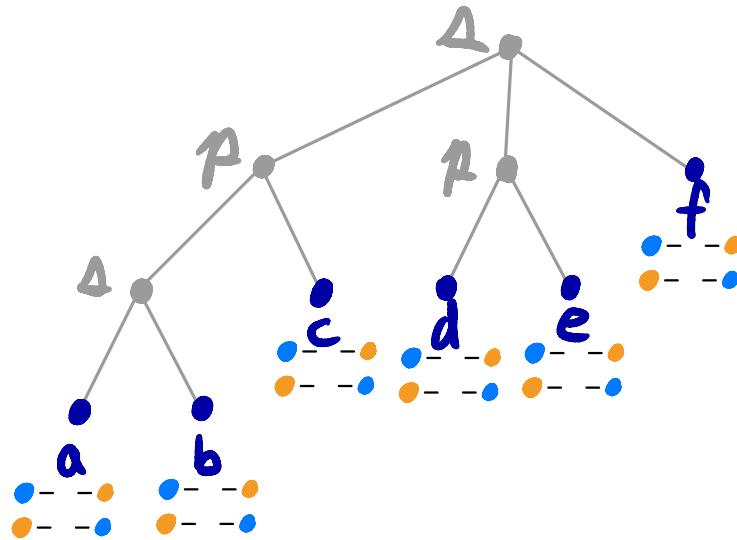
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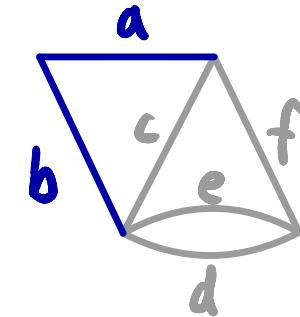
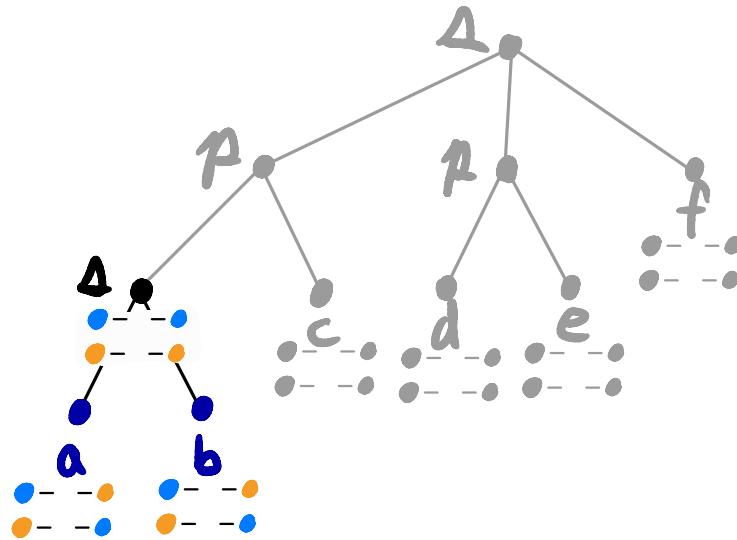
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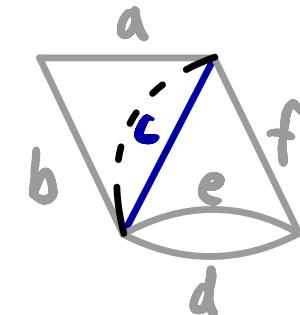
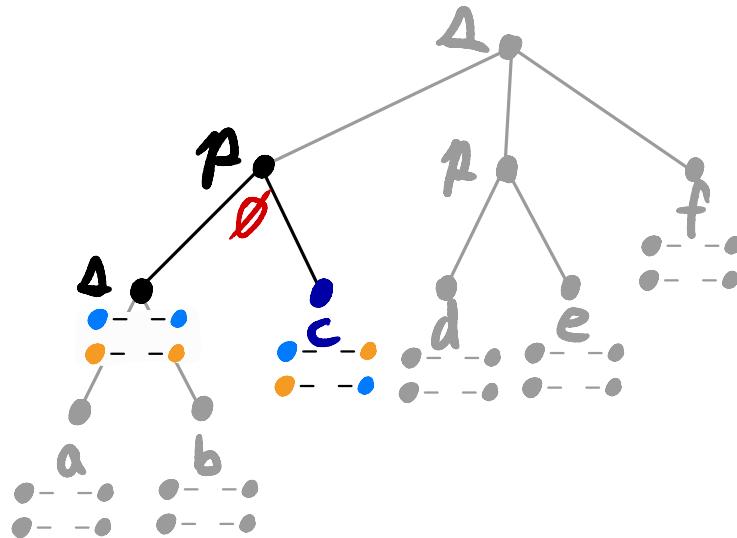
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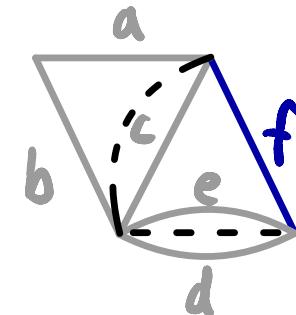
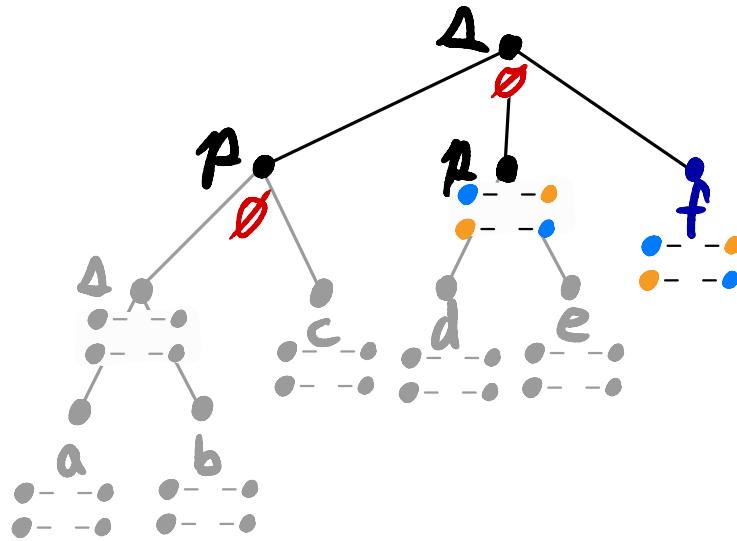
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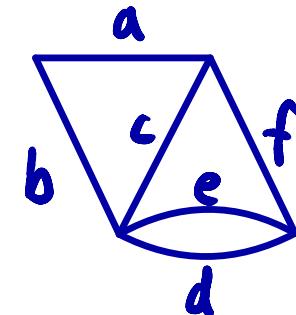
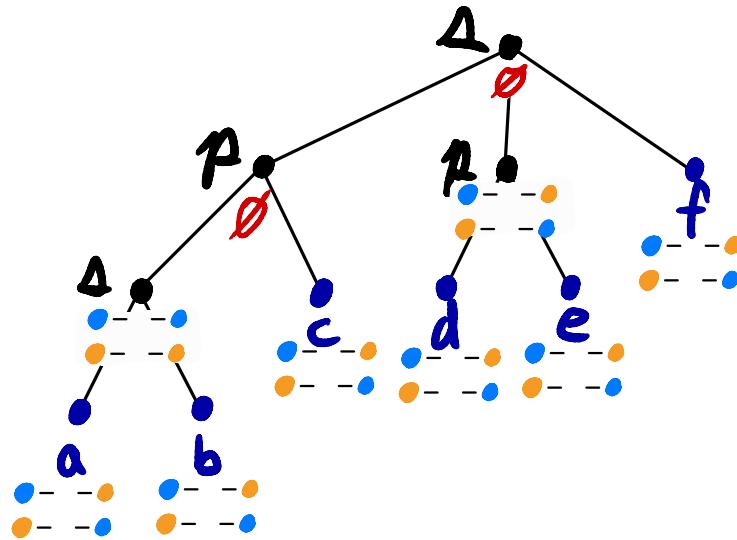
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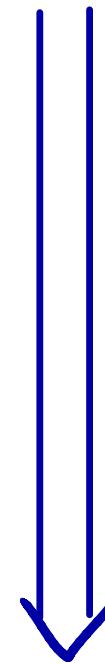
Theorem (Thatcher-Wright):

A property of labelled binary trees is **recognizable** by a tree-automata if and only if it is **MSO-definable**.

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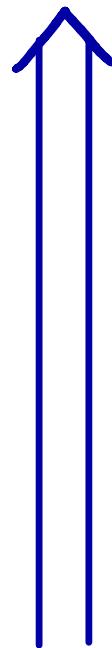
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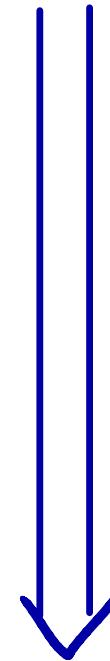
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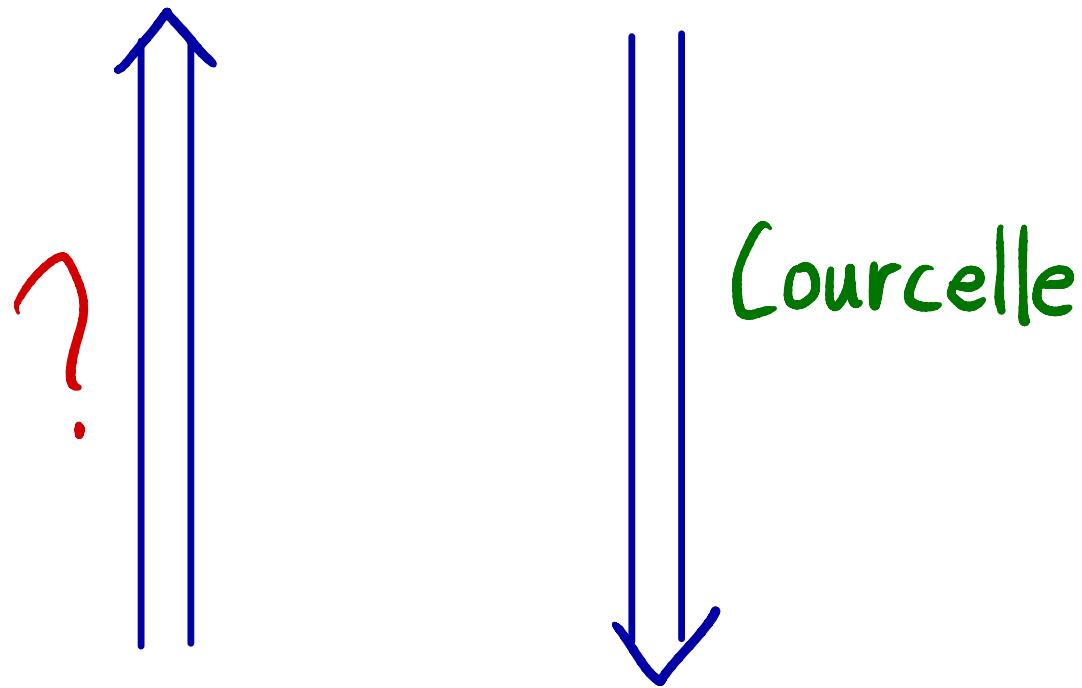
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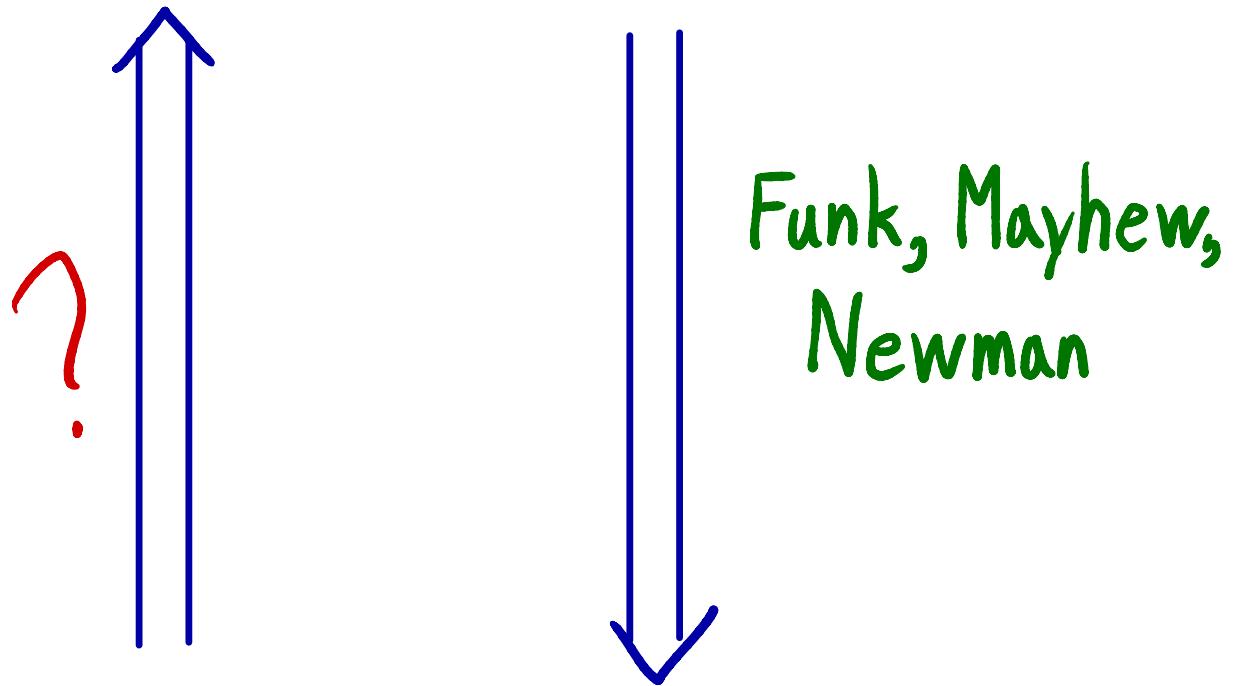


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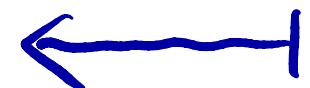
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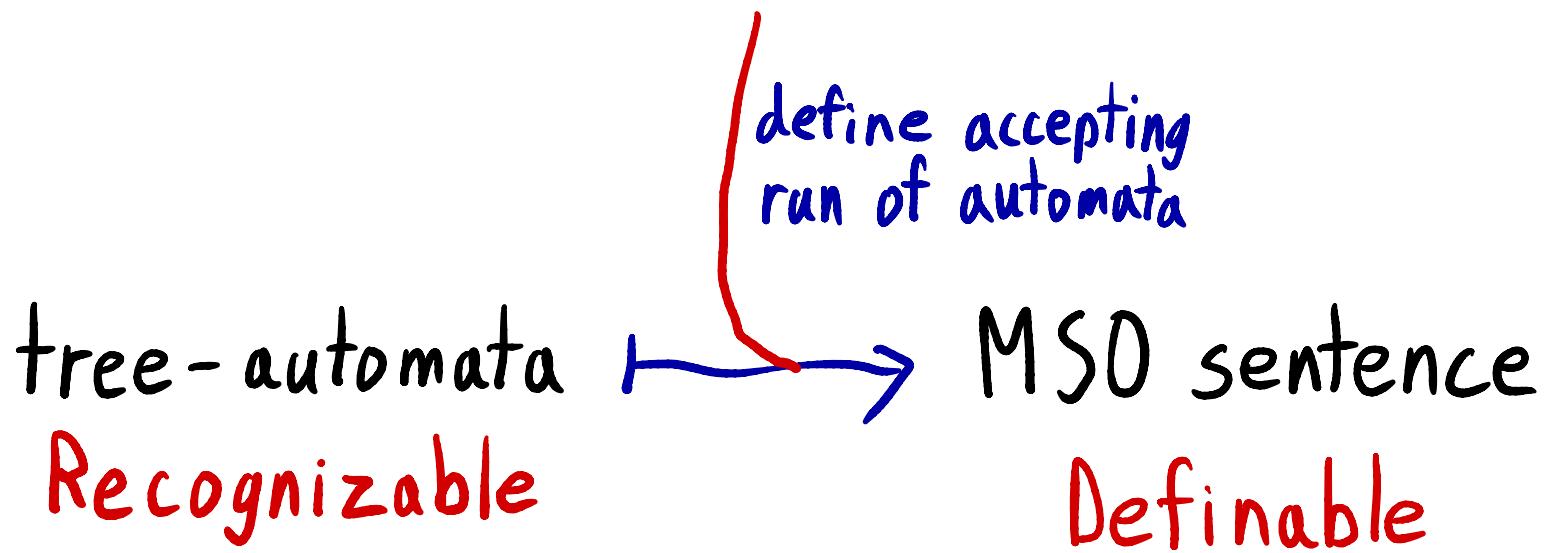
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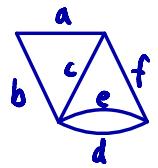


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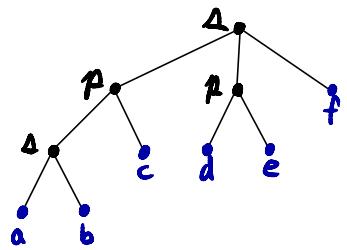
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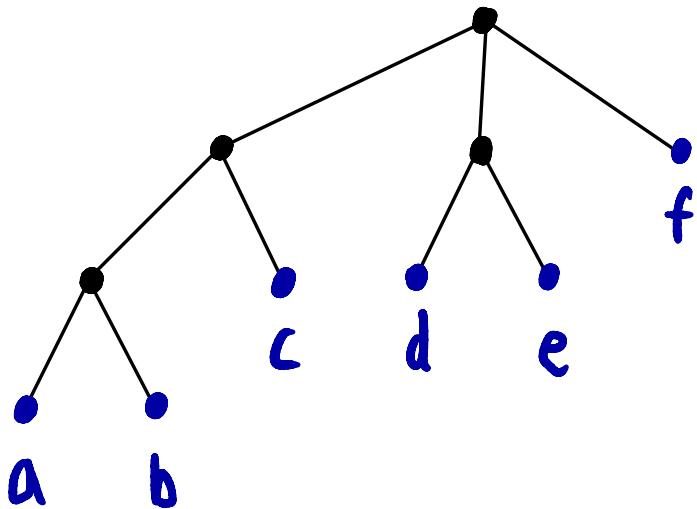
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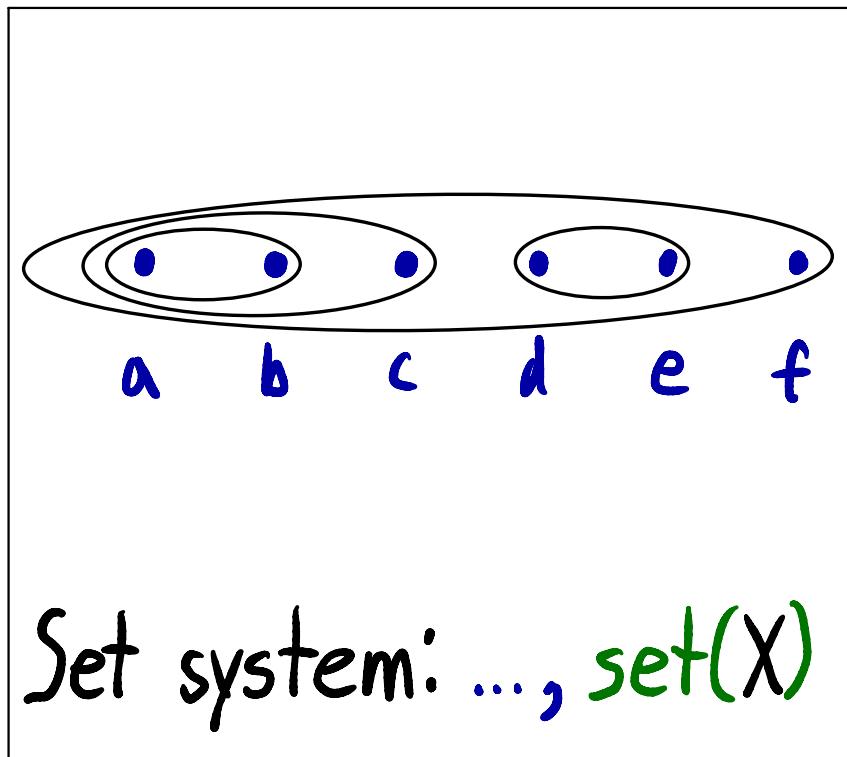
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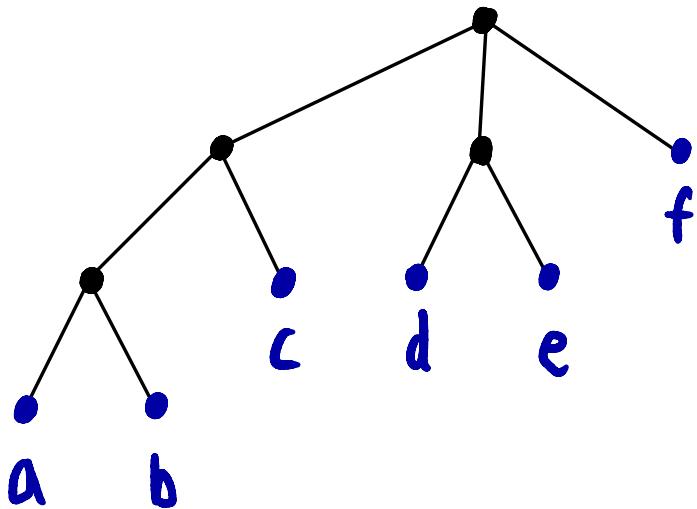
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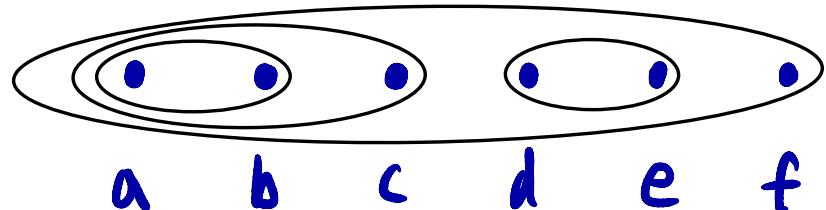
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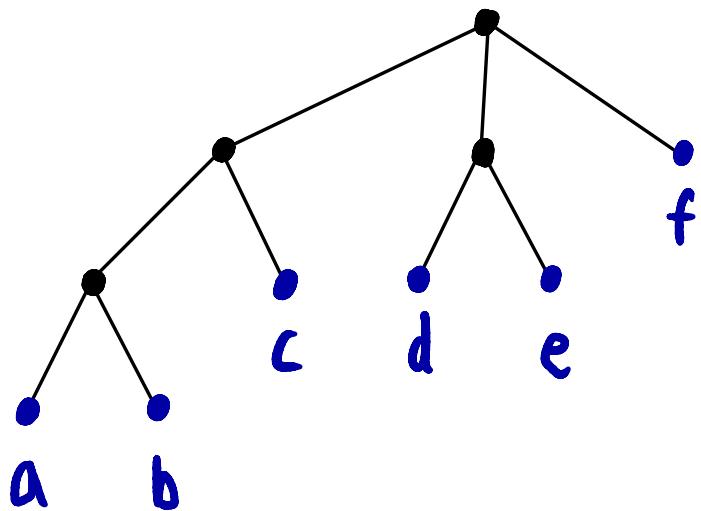
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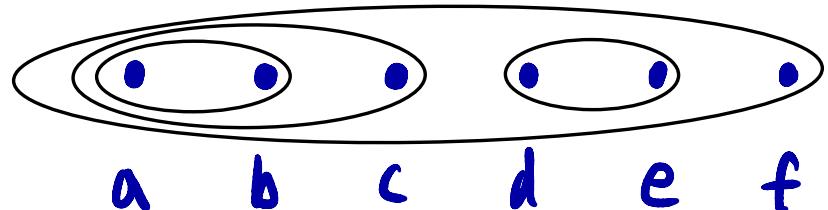
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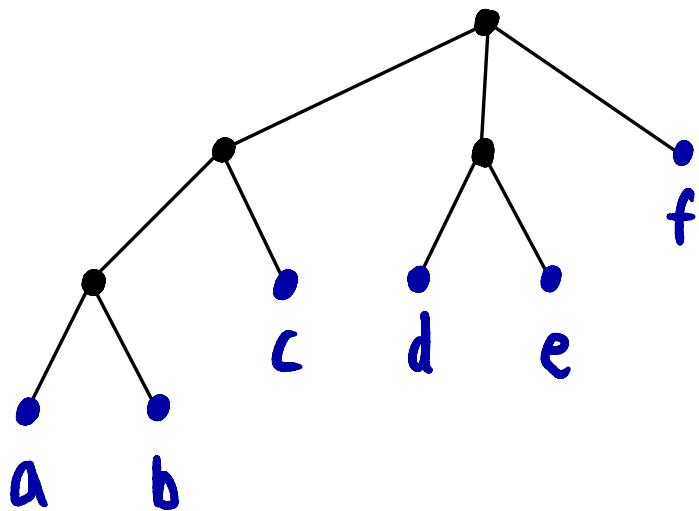


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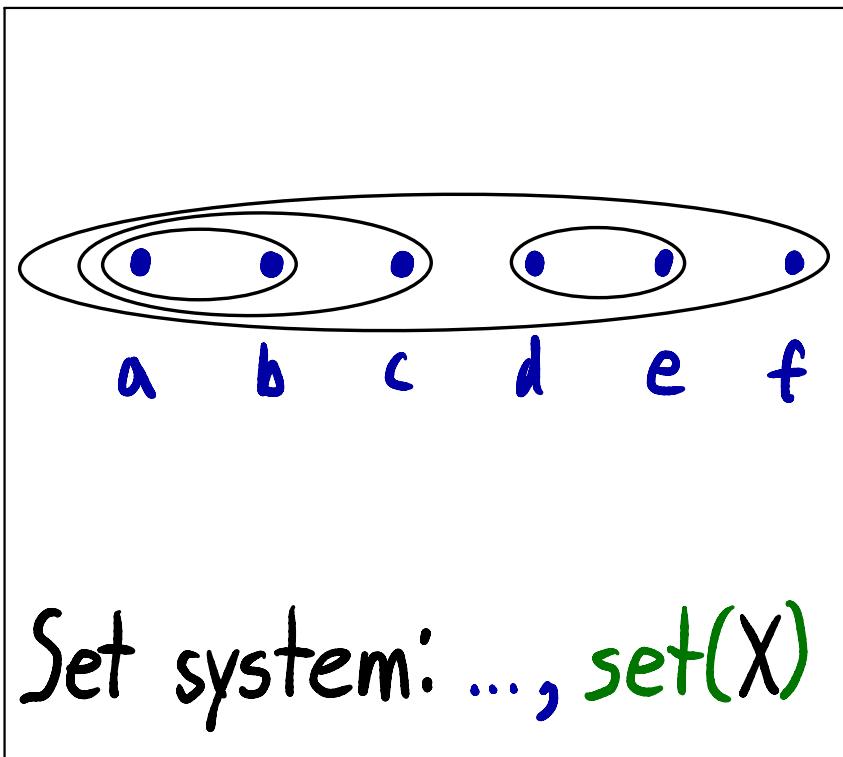
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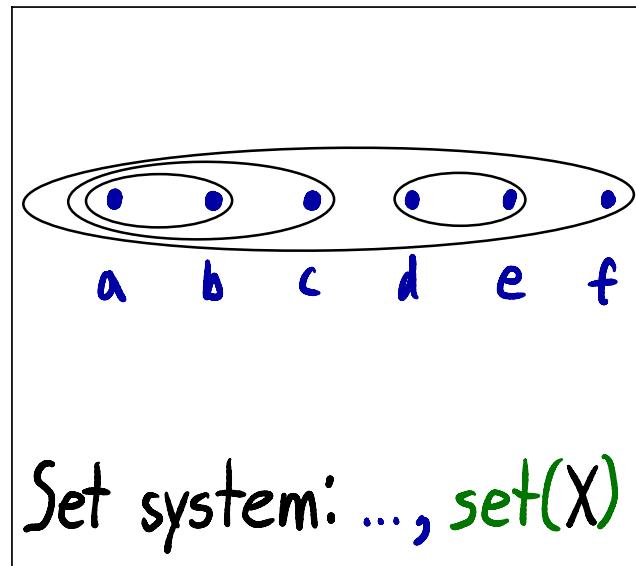
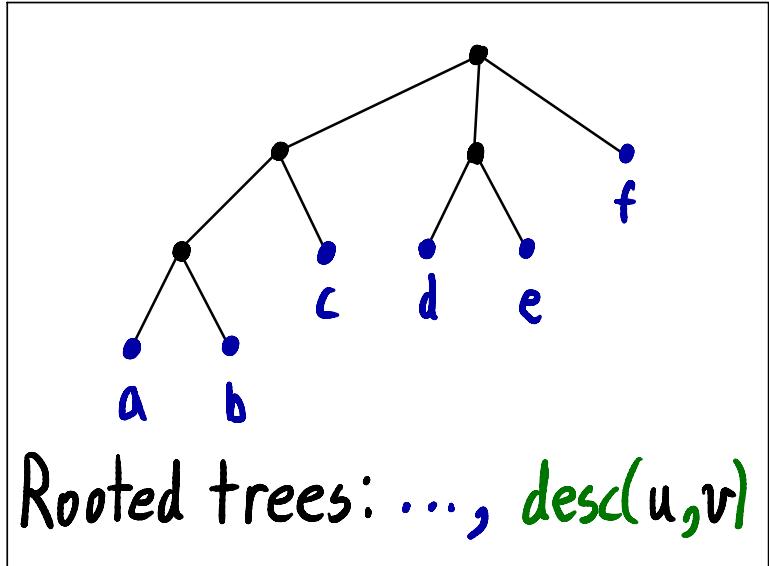


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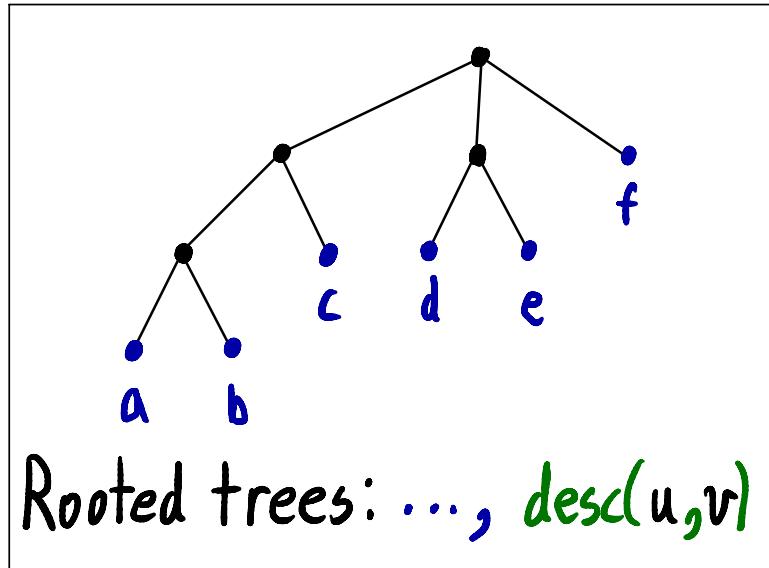


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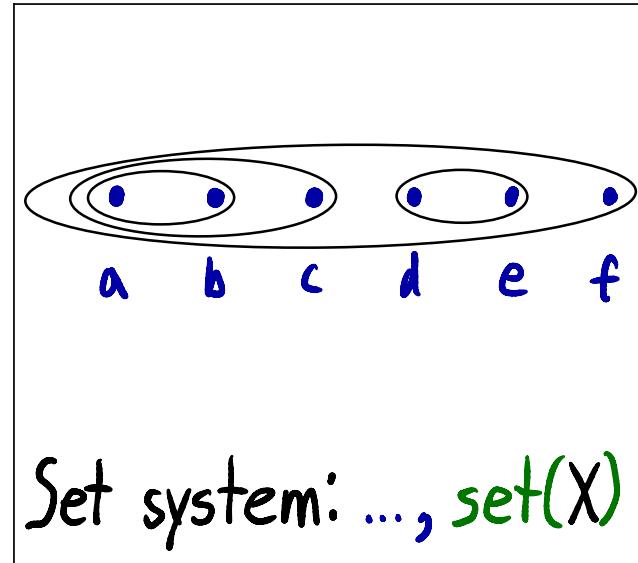
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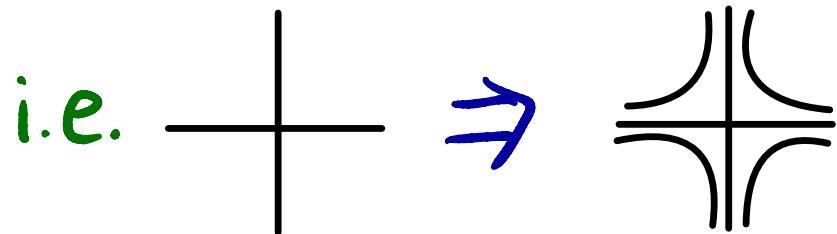
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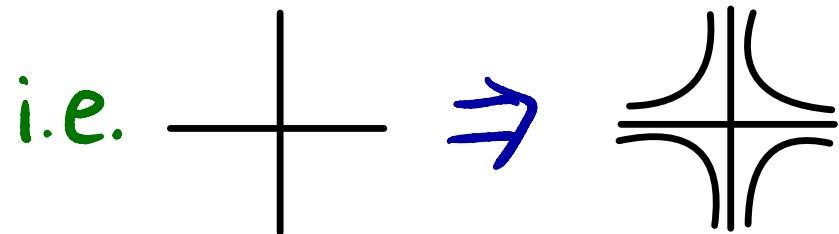
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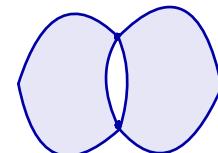
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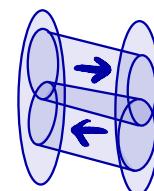
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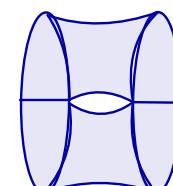
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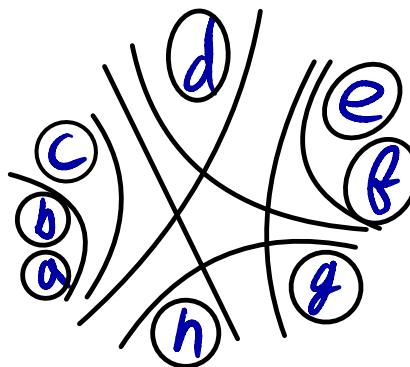
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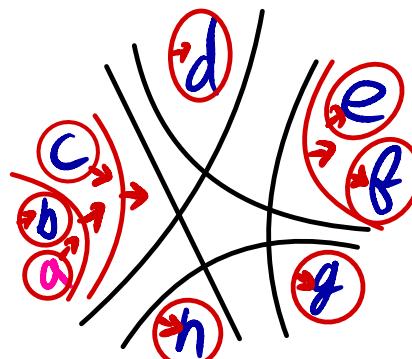
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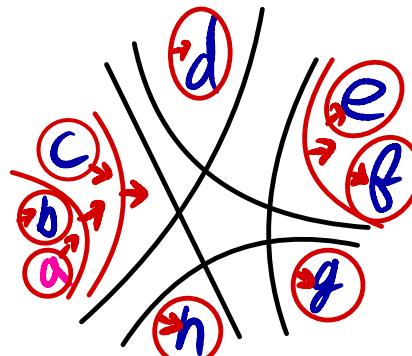
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Corollary (C., Guillon, Kanté, Kim, Köhler):  
Recognizability equals definability for:

- cographs (rankwidth 1)
- series-parallel graphs (branchwidth 2)
- bounded split-width

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Conjecture:

For structures where the relations are given by tree-automata with  $k$  states, recognizability is equivalent to definability.

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