

# History based flow analysis in the lambda calculus

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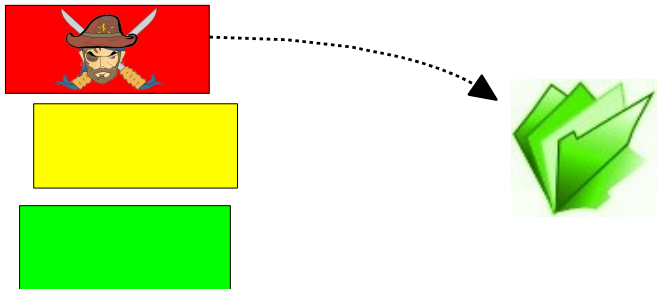
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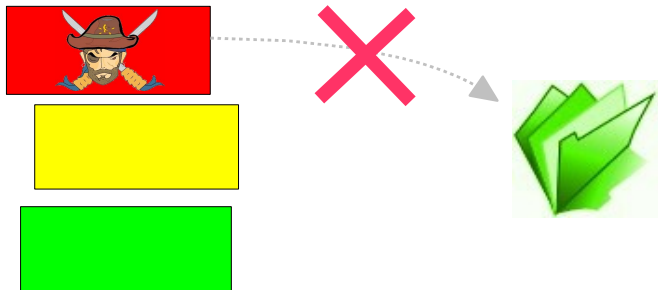
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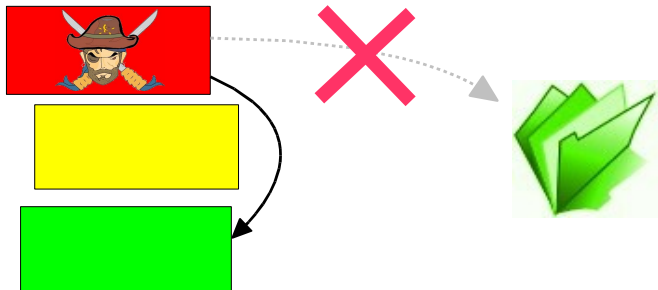
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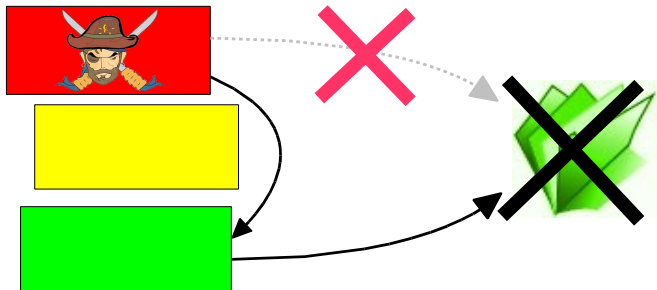
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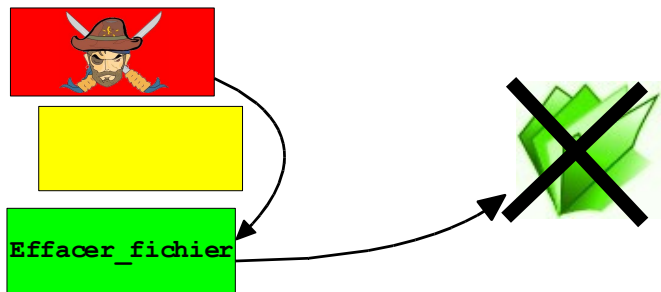


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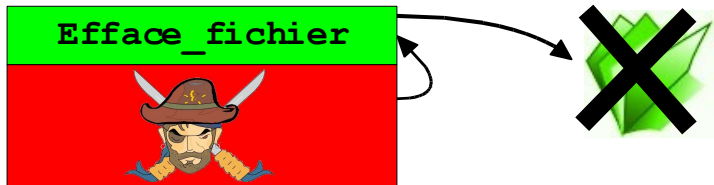
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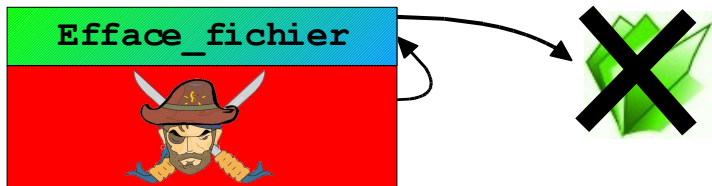
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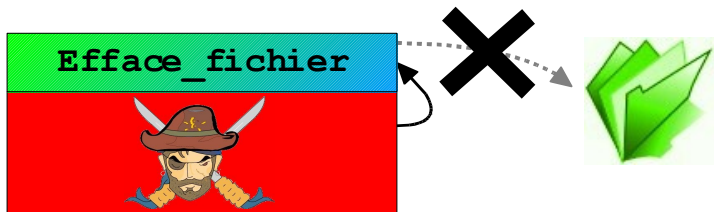
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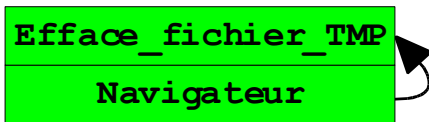
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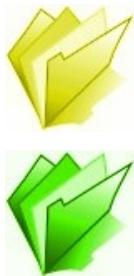
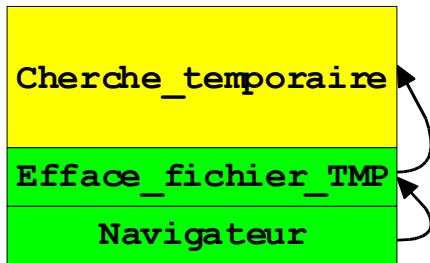
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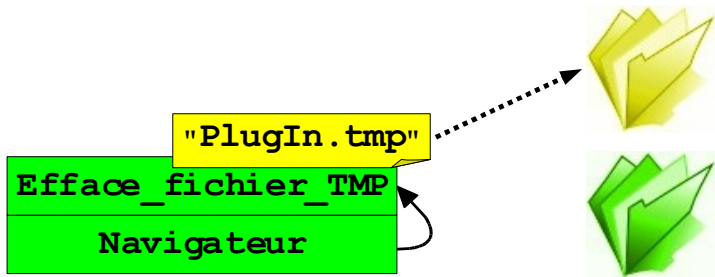
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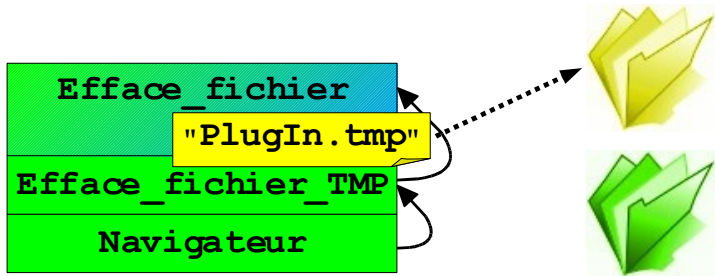
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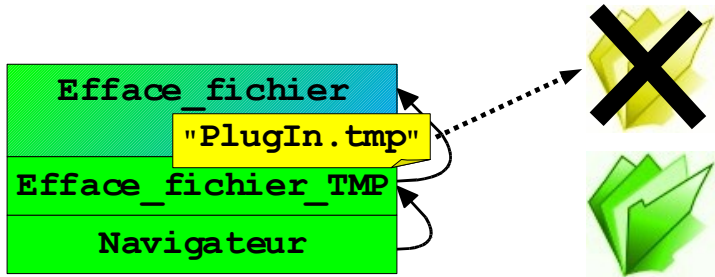
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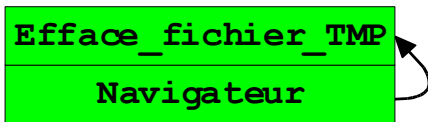
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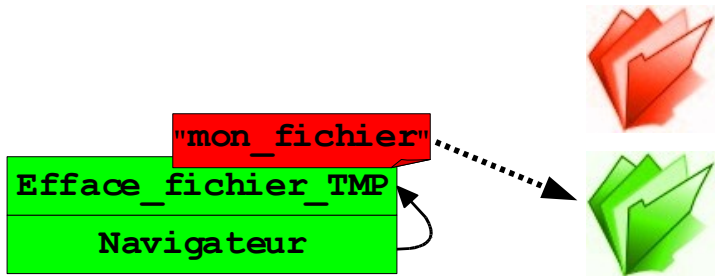
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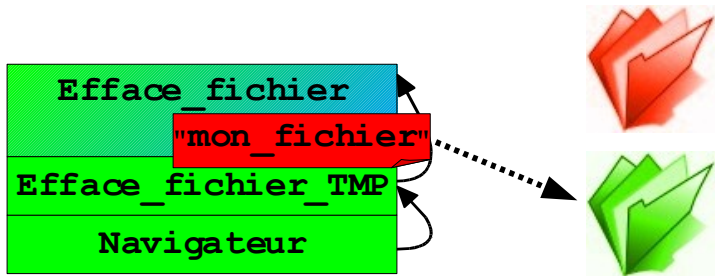
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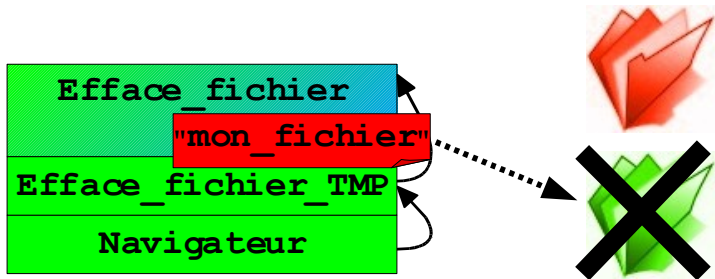
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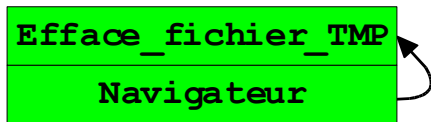
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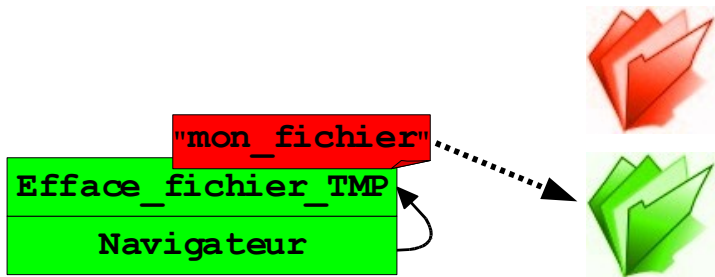
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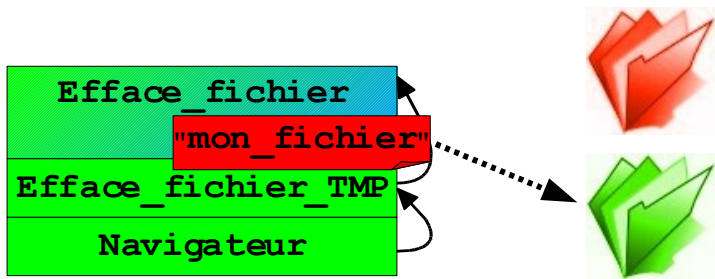
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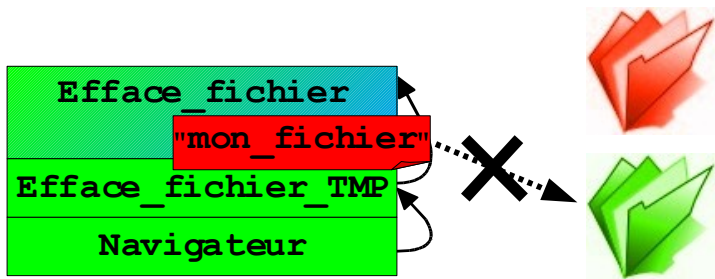
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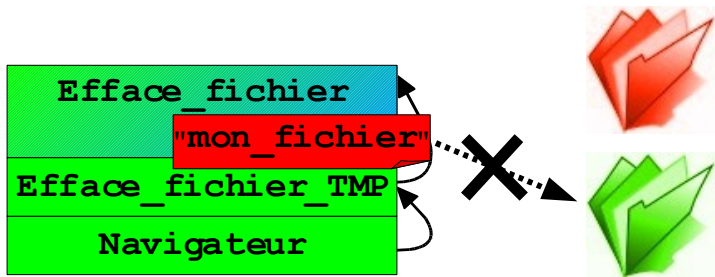
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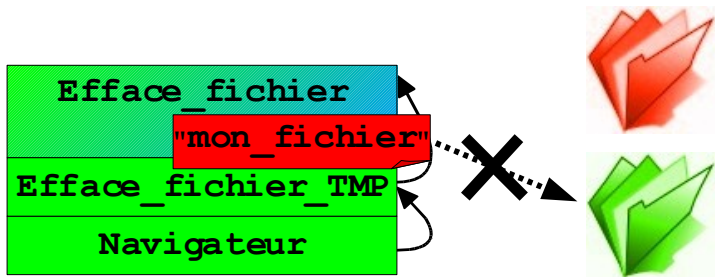
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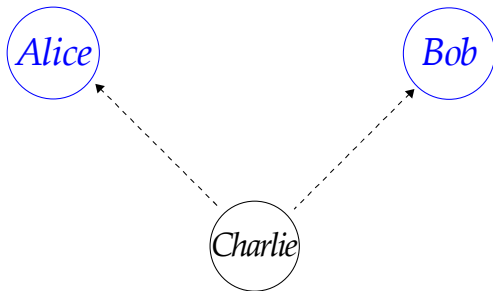
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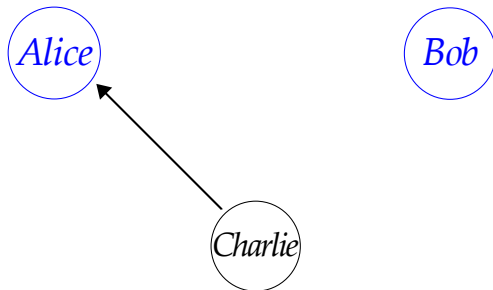
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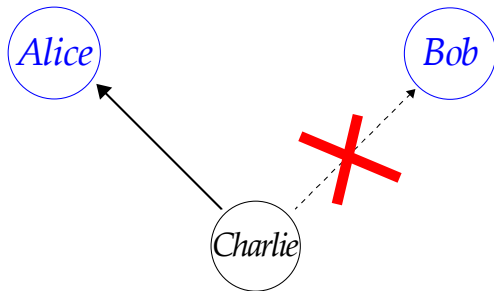
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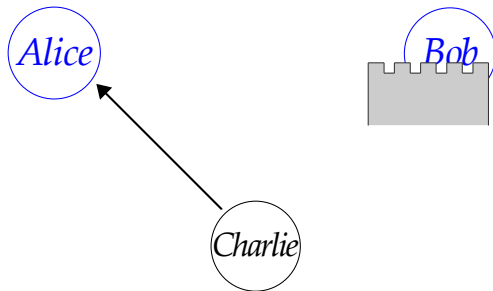
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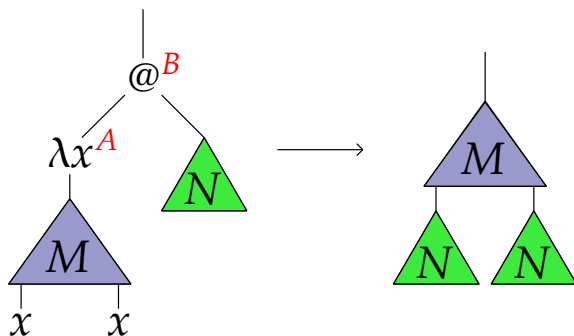
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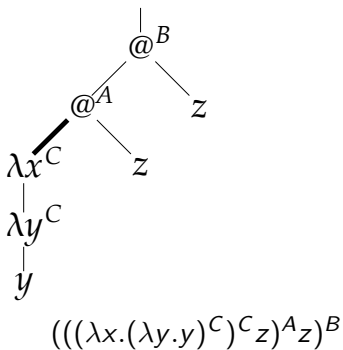
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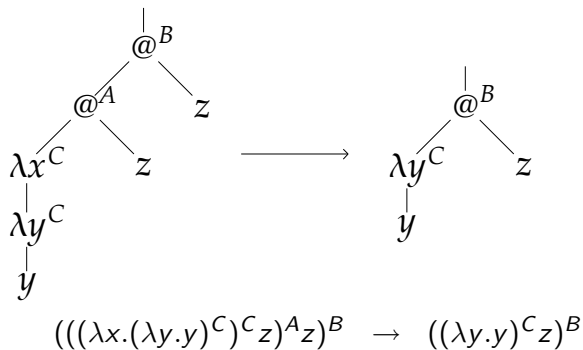
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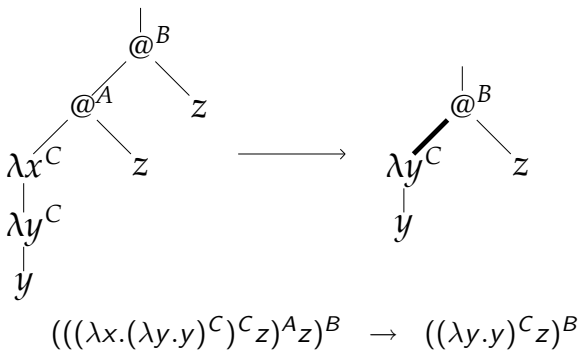
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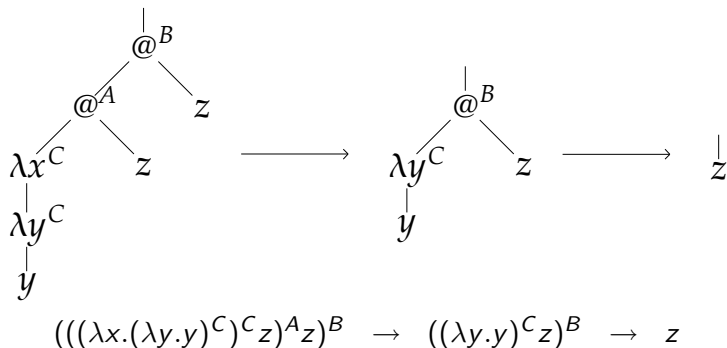
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- Confluence
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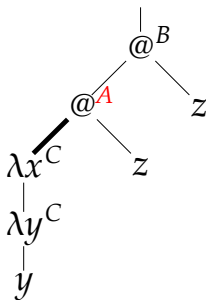
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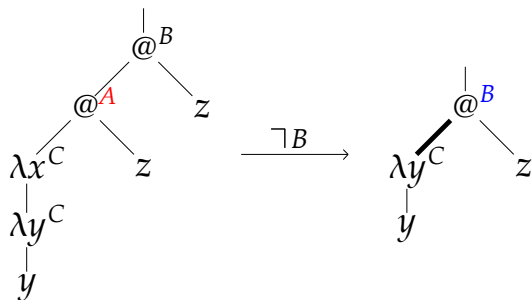
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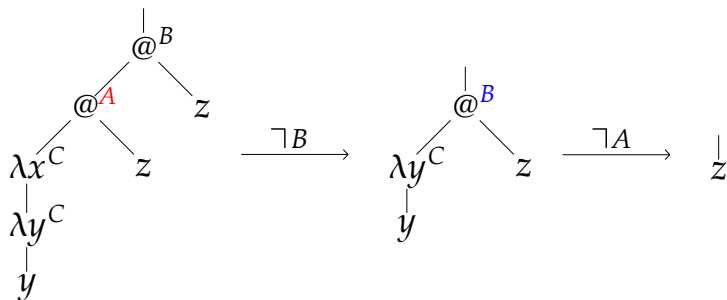
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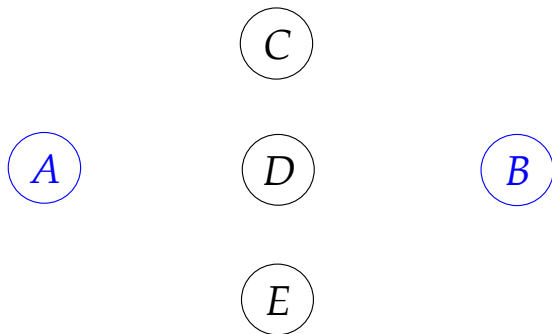
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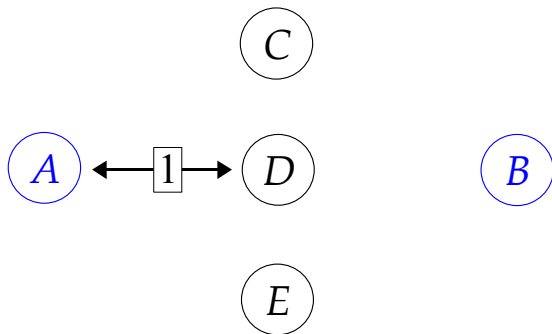
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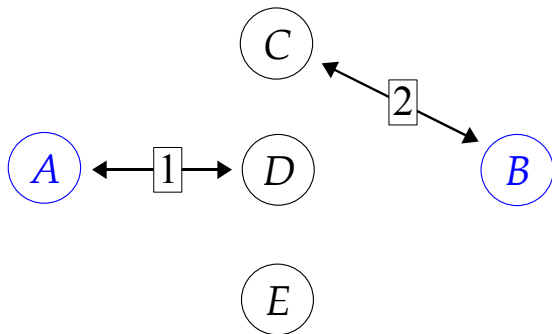
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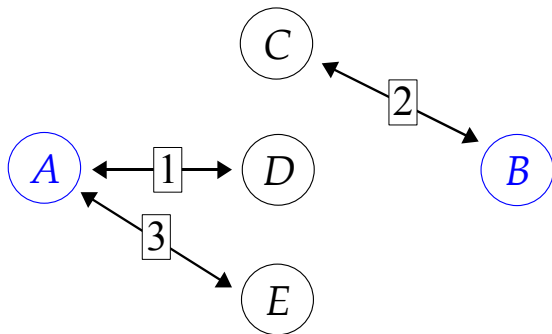
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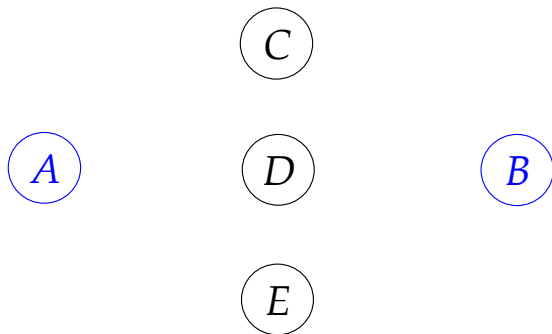
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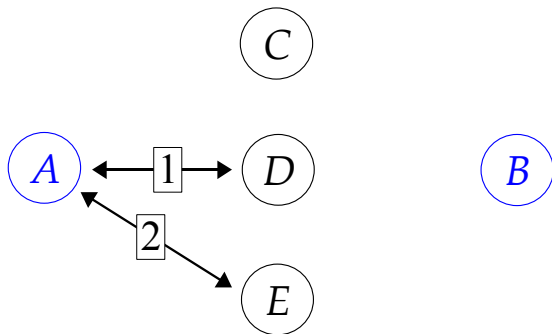
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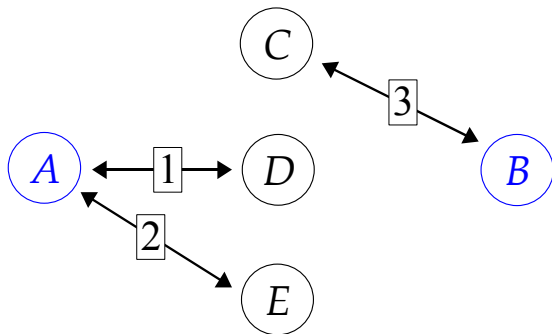
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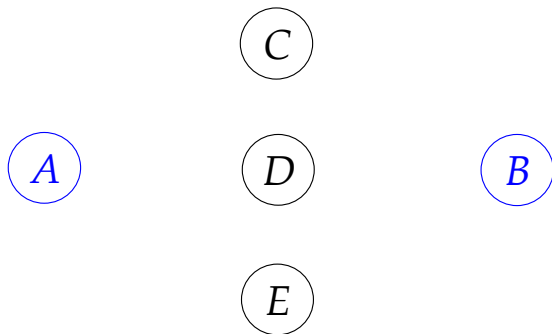
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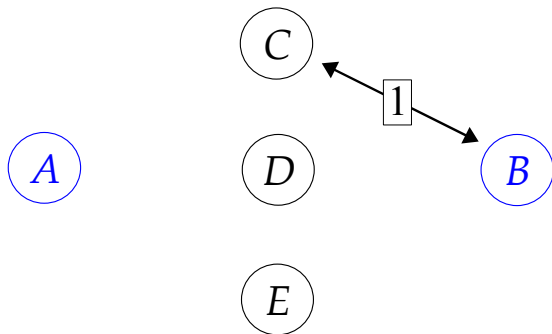
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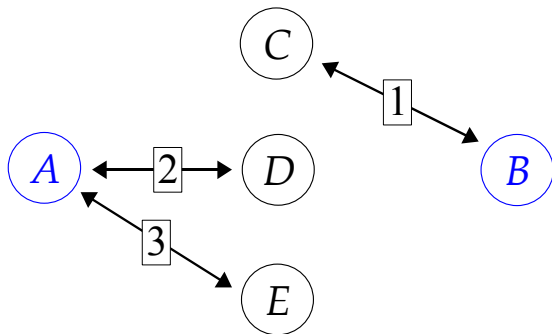
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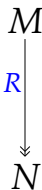
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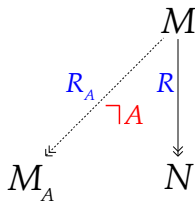




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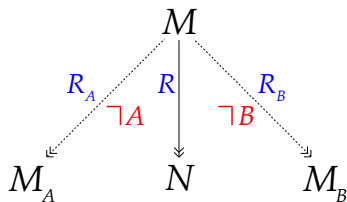
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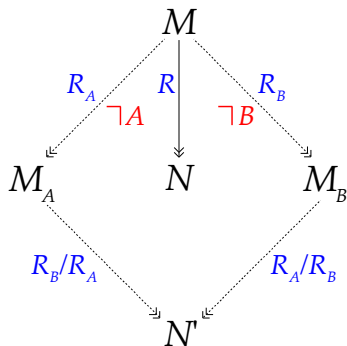
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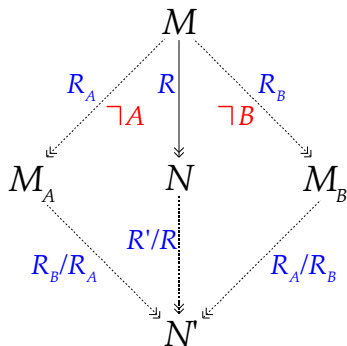
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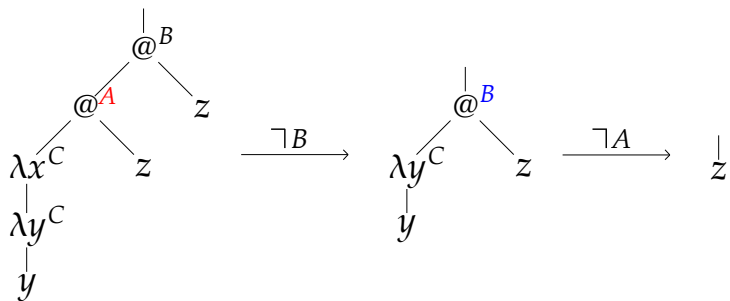
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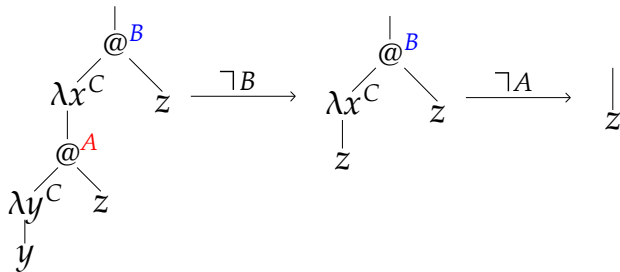


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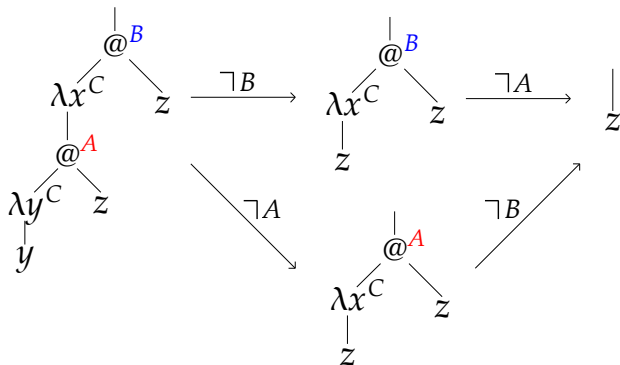
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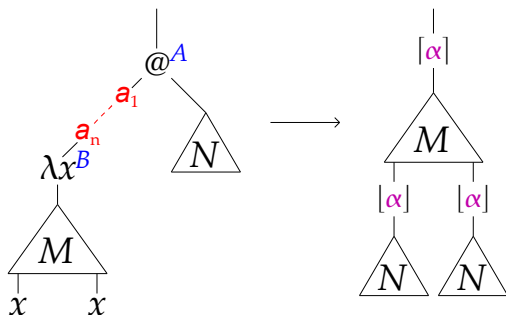
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# $\lambda$ -calculus and the Chinese Wall

# The labelled $\lambda_n$ -calculus

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Values	$V, W ::= (\lambda x.N)^A \mid a : V$

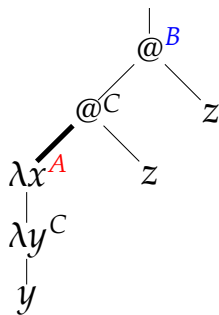
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$$(\beta) \quad R = (a_1 \dots a_n : (\lambda x.M)^B N)^A \rightarrow [\alpha] : M\{x \setminus [\alpha] : N\}$$
$$\alpha = A a_1 \dots a_n B$$

The redex name is  $\text{name}(R) = \alpha$ .

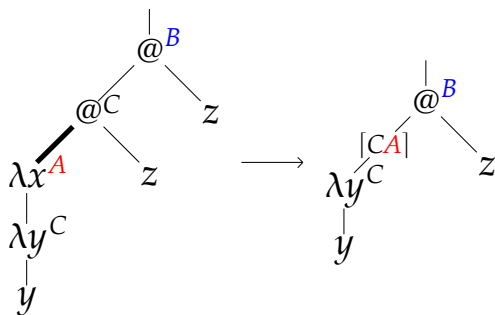
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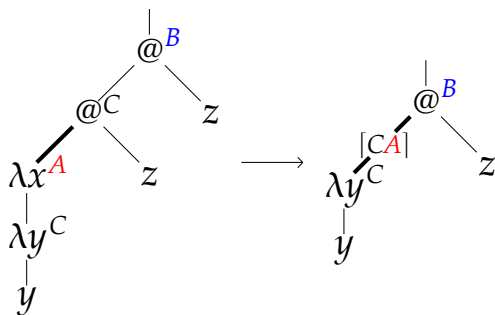


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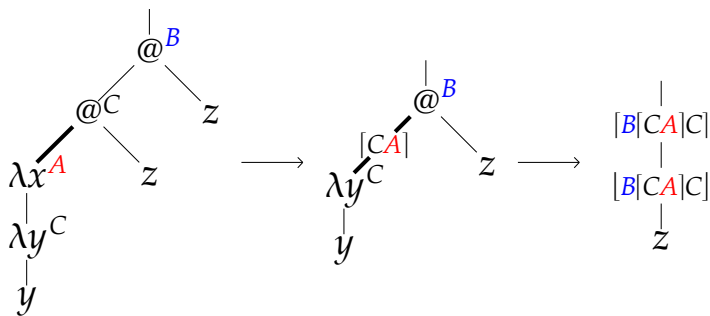
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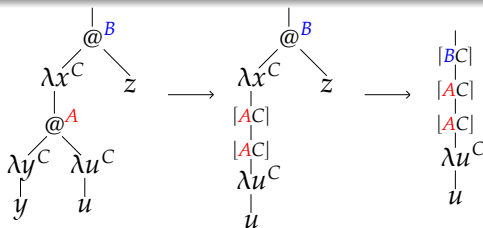
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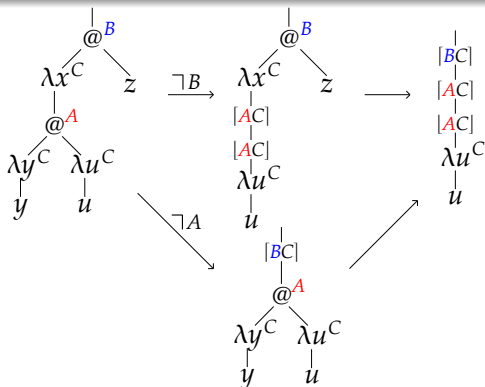
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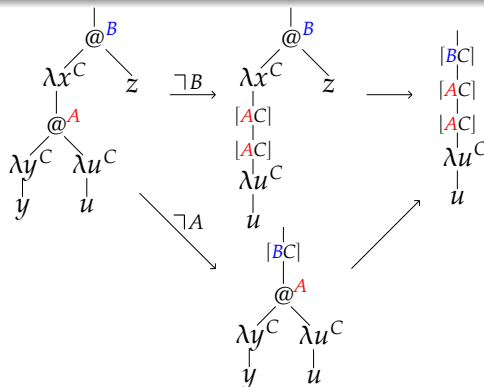
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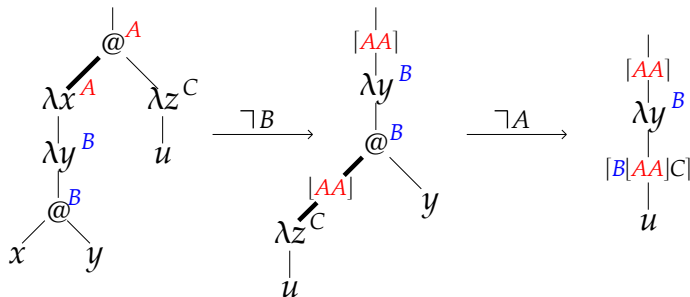
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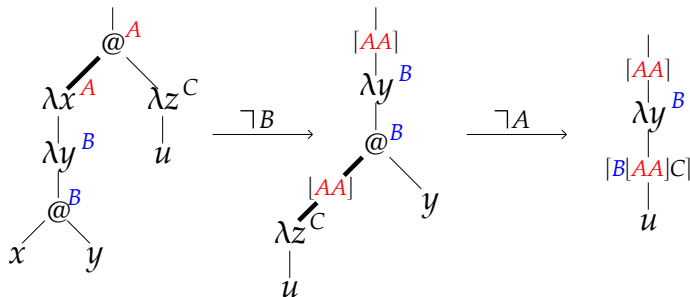
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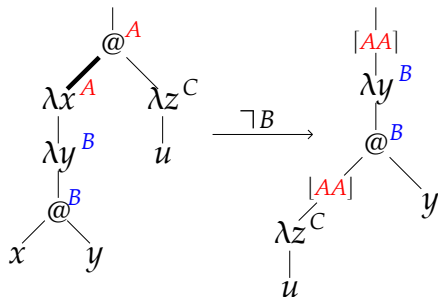


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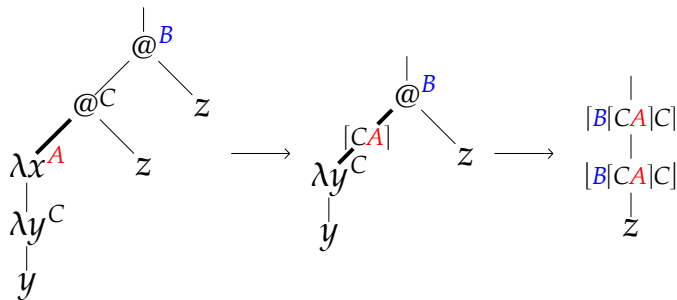
- The Chinese Wall between  $A$  and  $B$  is written  $CW(A, B)$ .

## Definition (Chinese Wall)

*A reduction follows  $CW(A, B)$  iff every redex  $R$  contracted by this reduction is such that :*

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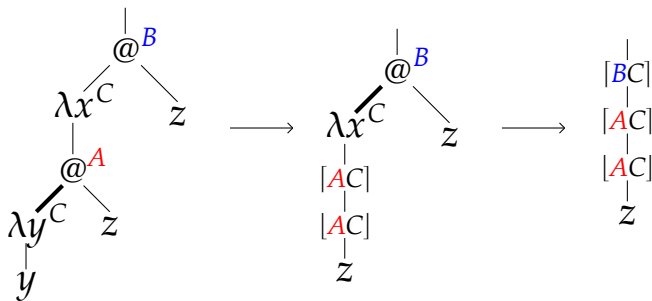


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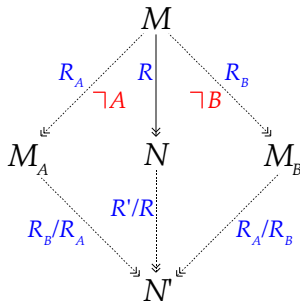
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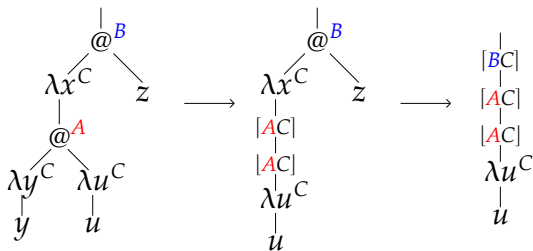
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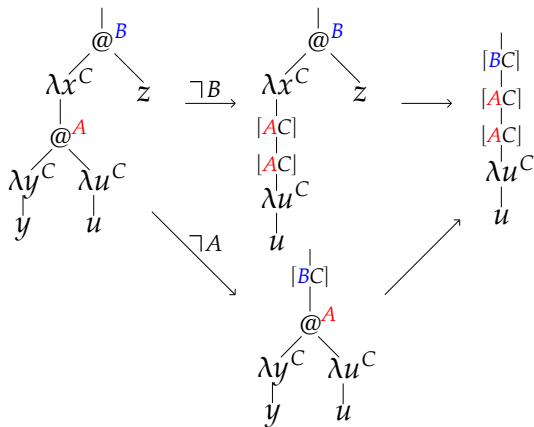
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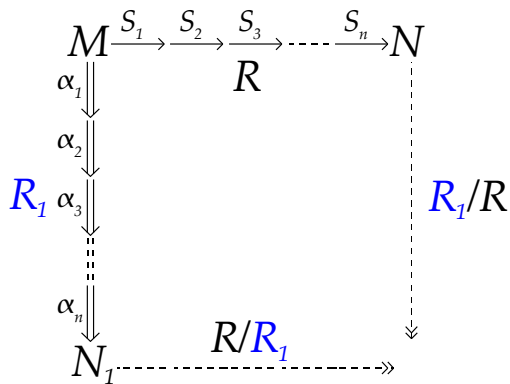
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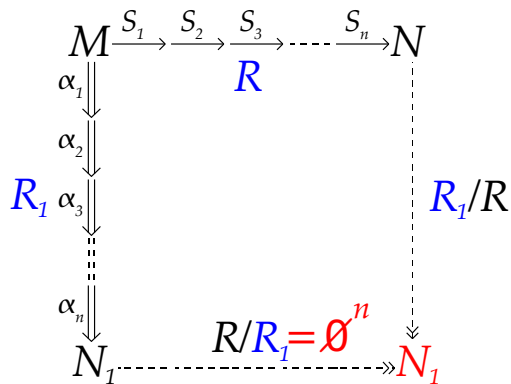
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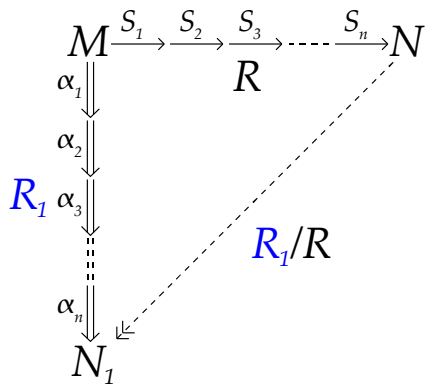
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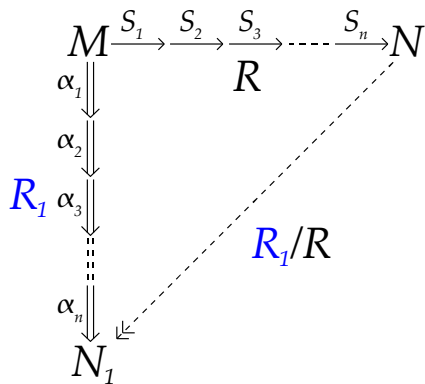
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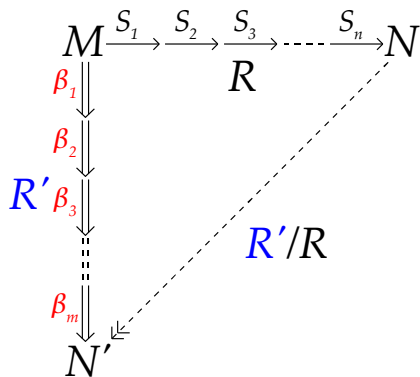
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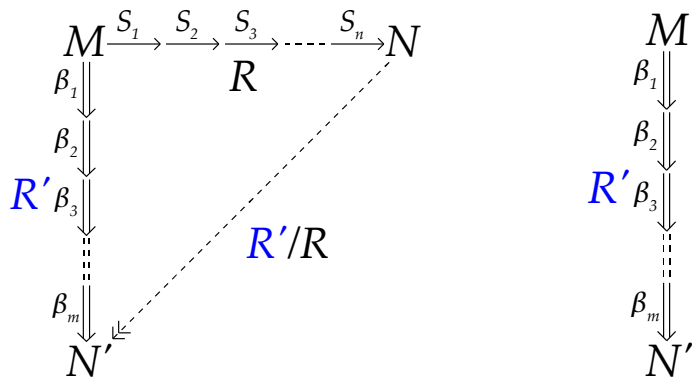
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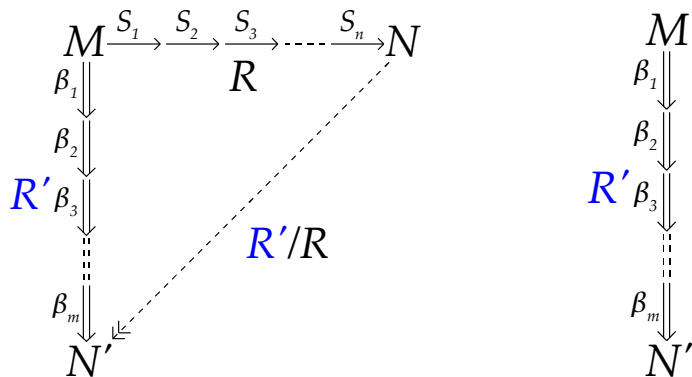
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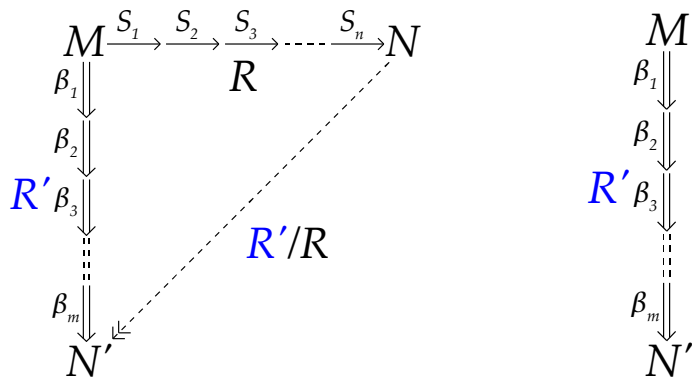
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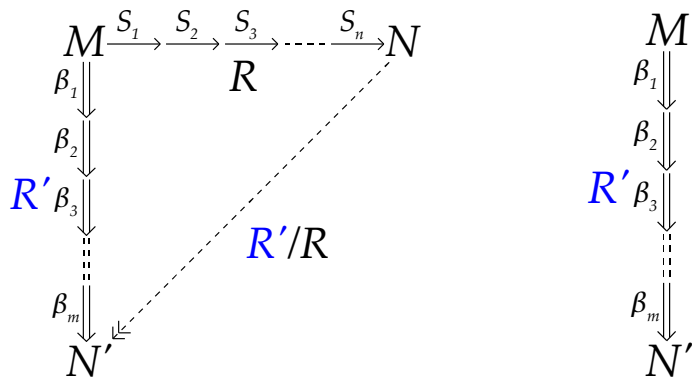
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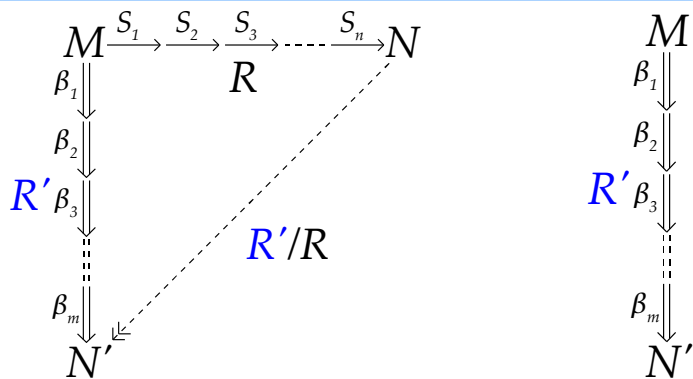
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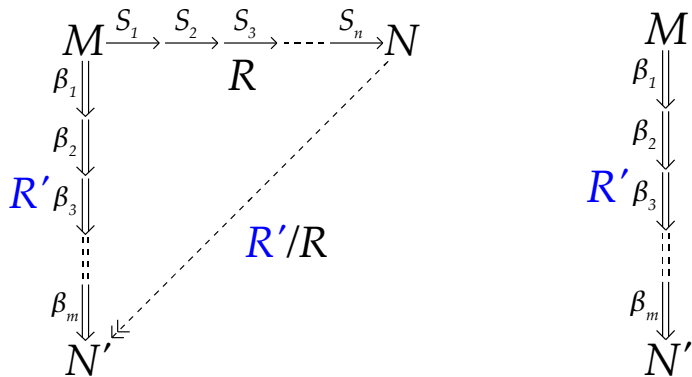
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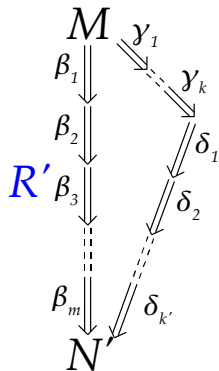
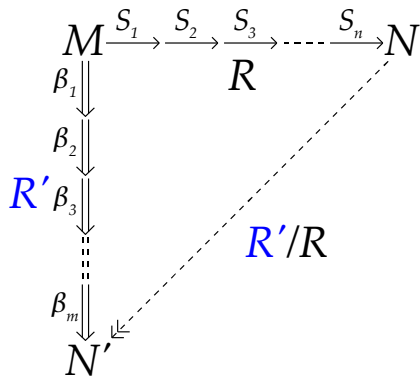


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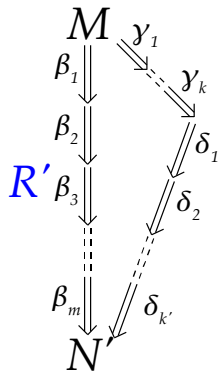
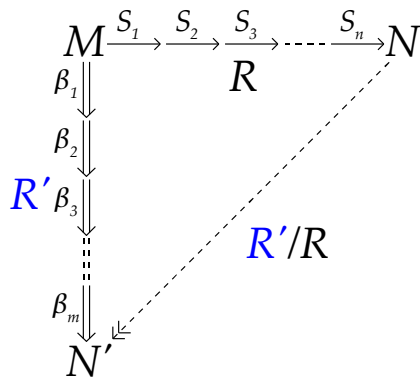


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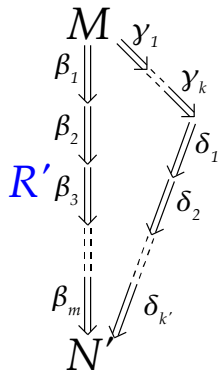
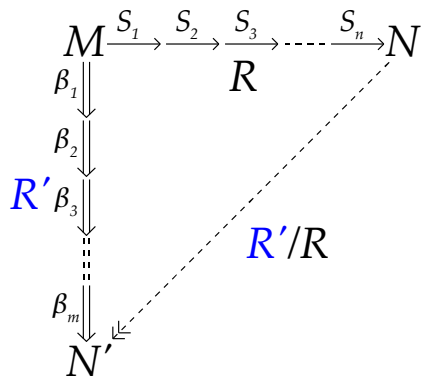
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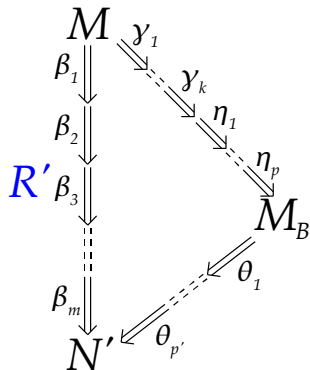
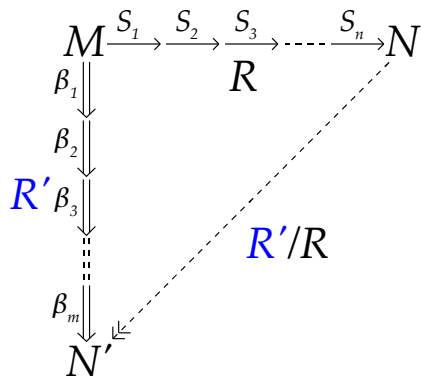
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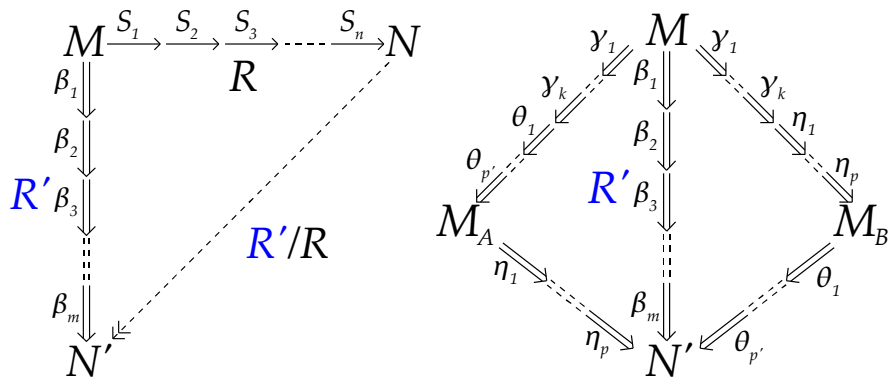
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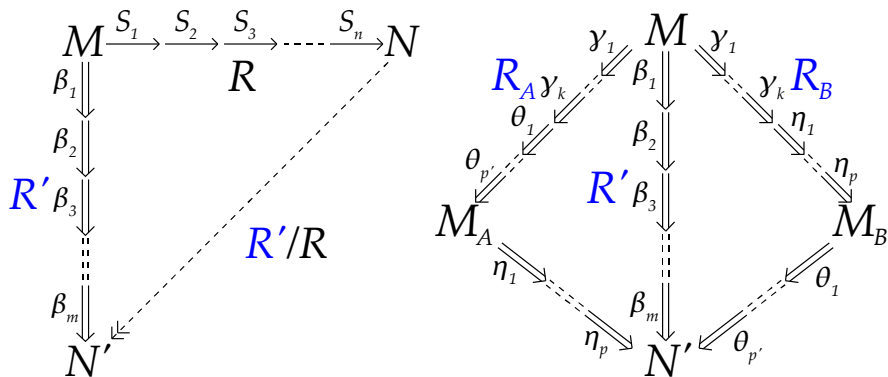
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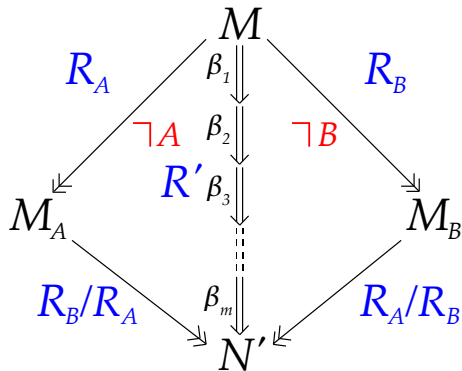
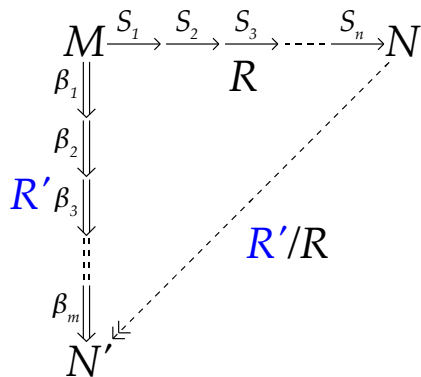
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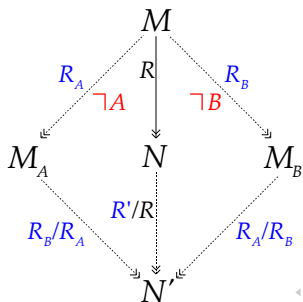
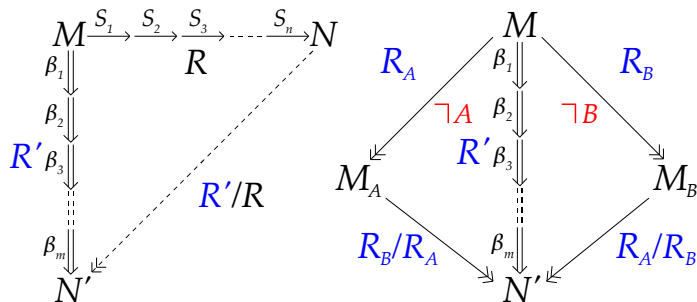
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- ① Safety property : independence
- ② Correspondence between labelled lambda calculus and independence

<i>Safety policy</i>	<i>Safety property</i>
Stack inspection	-
Information flow	Non interference
Chinese Wall	Independence

# Future works

## ① Static information flow in the $\lambda$ -calculus

- ▶ labelled  $\lambda$ -calculus and DCC [Riecke], FlowCaml as [Simonet, Pottier], DCC+ [Abadi], etc

## ② Reduction strategies

- ▶ call-by-value  $\lambda$ -calculus
- ▶ weak  $\lambda$ -calculus

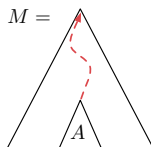
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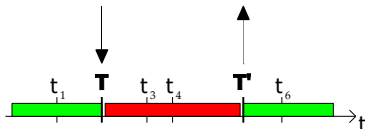
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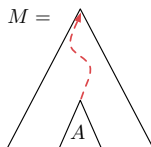


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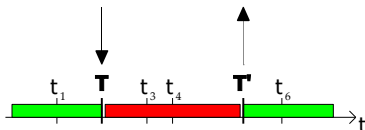


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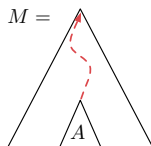


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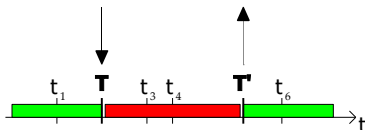


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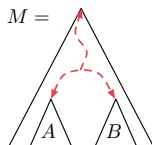


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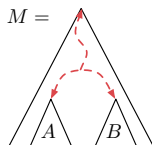
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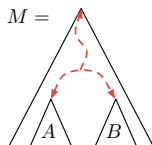


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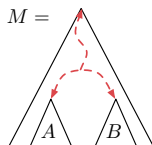
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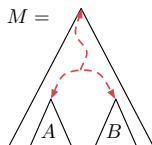
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