

CS:4350 Logic in Computer Science

Binary Decision Diagrams

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Credits

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Outline

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- Binary Decision Trees

- If-then-else Normal Form

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- OBDD algorithms

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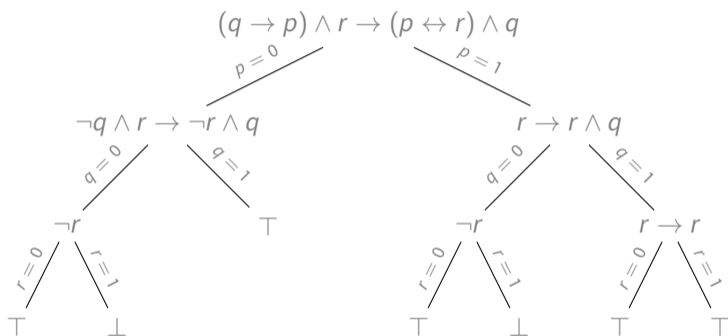
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- provide a **compact representation** of formulas (or the Boolean functions they represent)
- facilitate **Boolean operations** on these formulas (e.g., building conjunctions of them);
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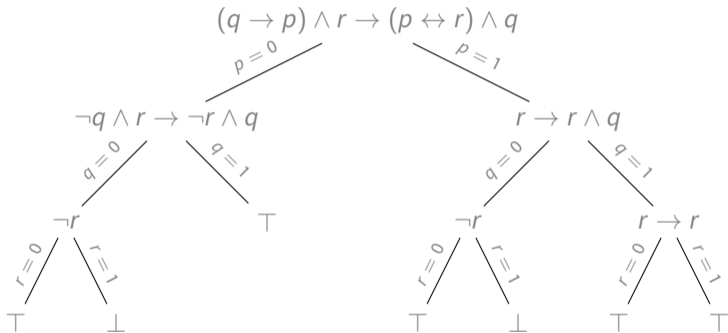
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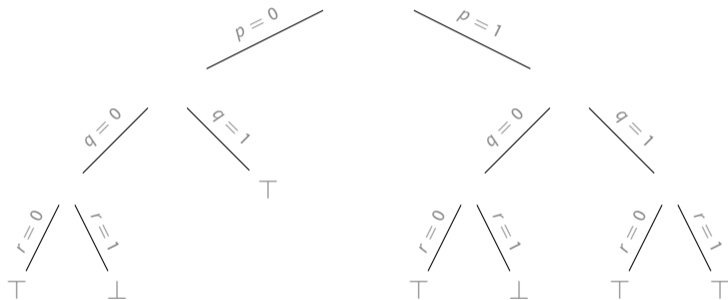
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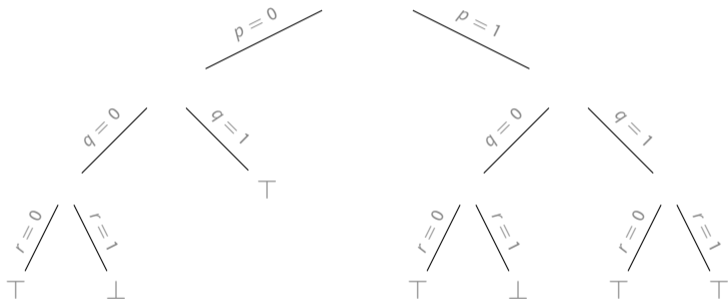
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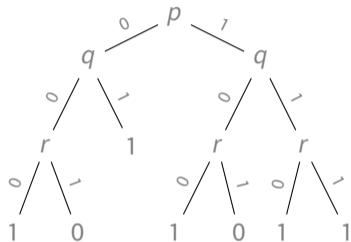
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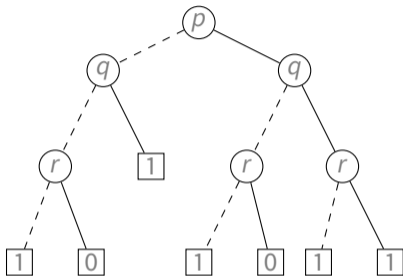
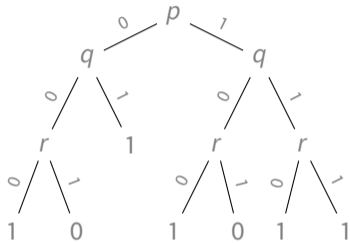
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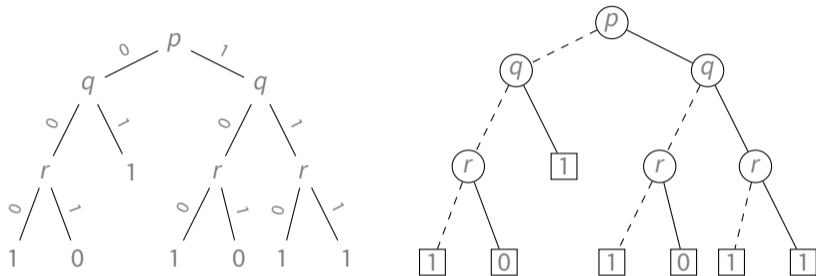
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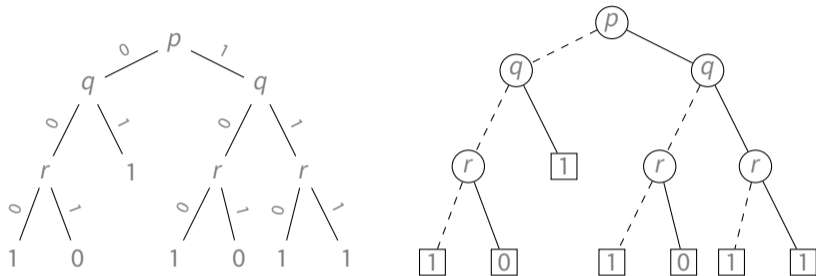


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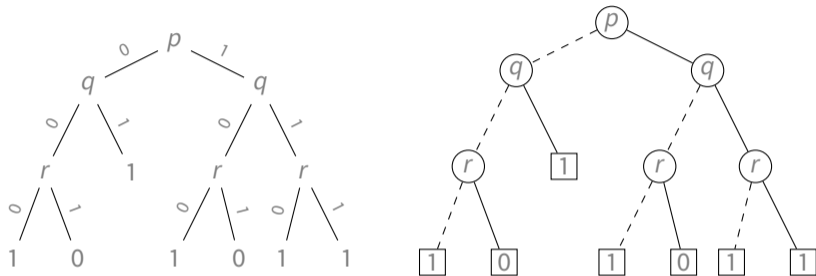
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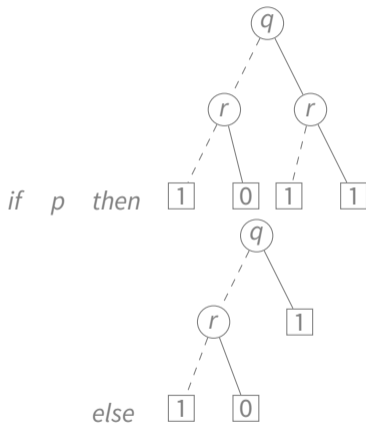
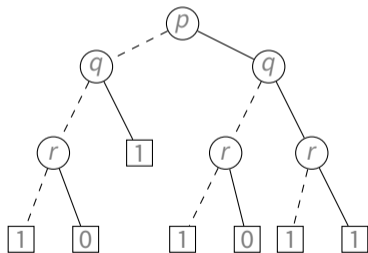


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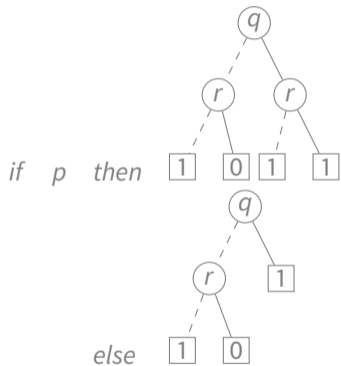
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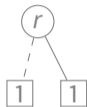
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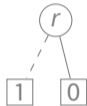
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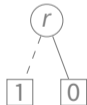
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If-Then-Else Normal Form

Any formula can be converted to an equivalent one in *If-Then-Else Normal Form*:

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- All *guard* formulas A in *if A then B else C* are **atomic**

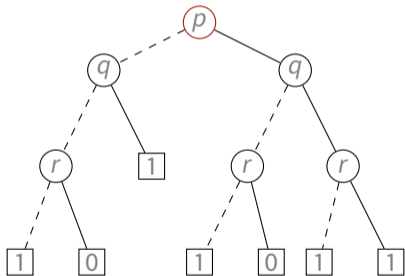
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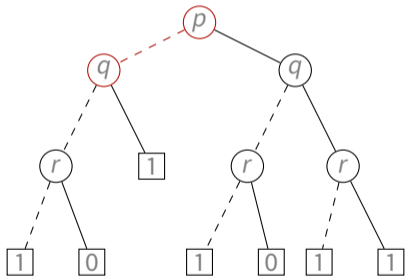
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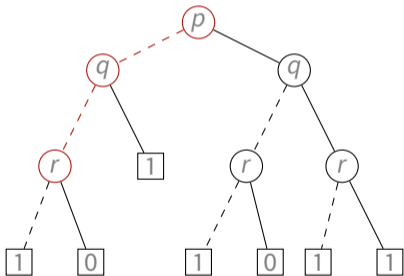
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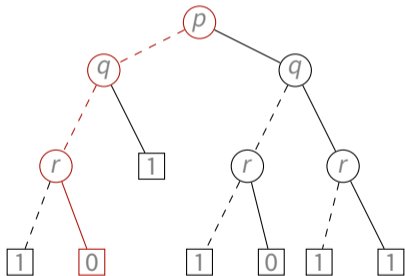
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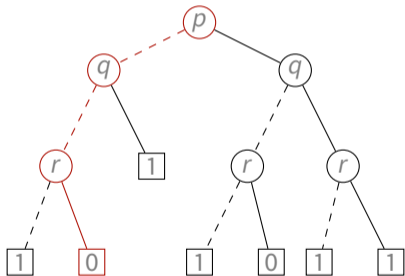
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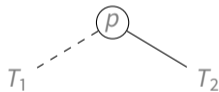
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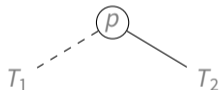
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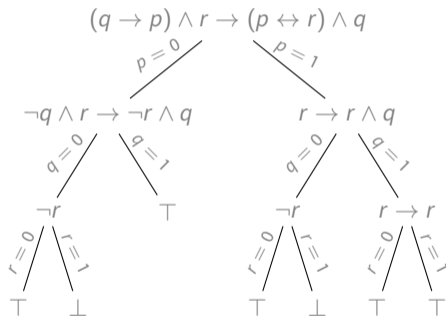
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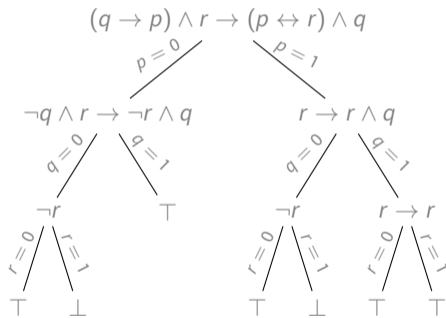
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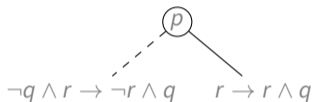
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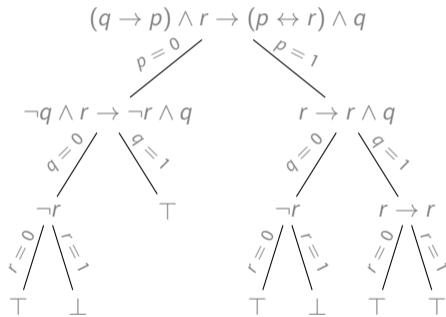
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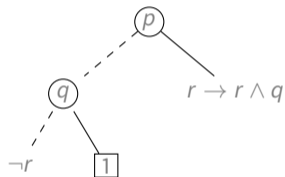
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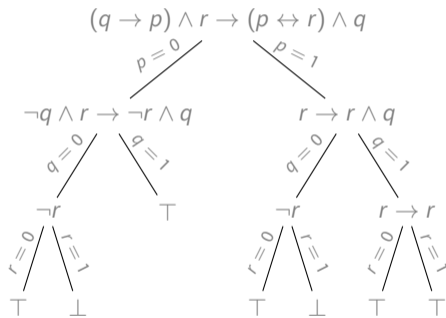
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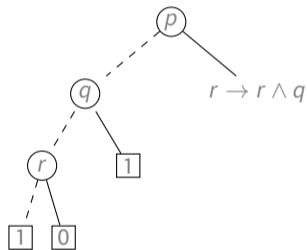
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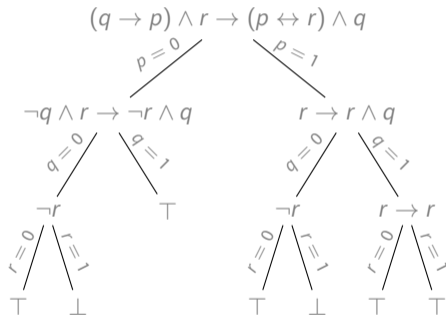
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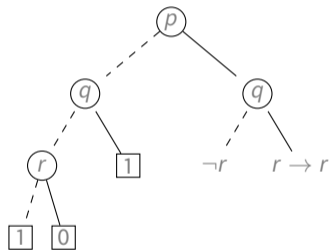
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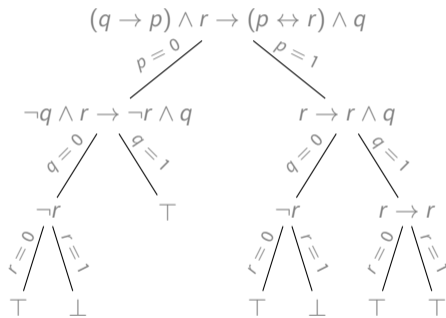
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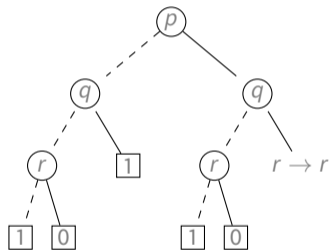
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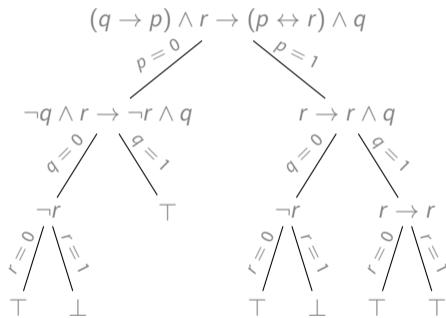
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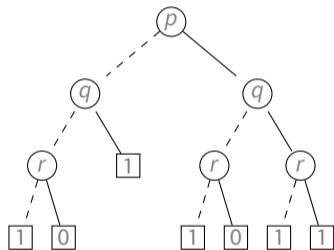
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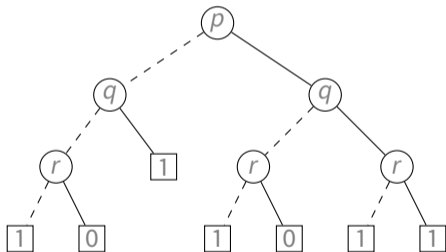
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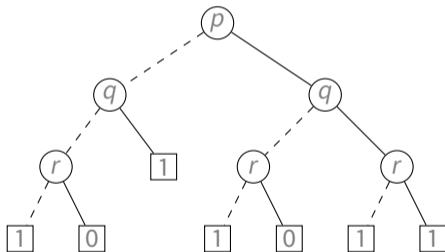
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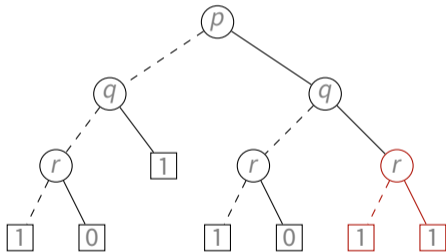
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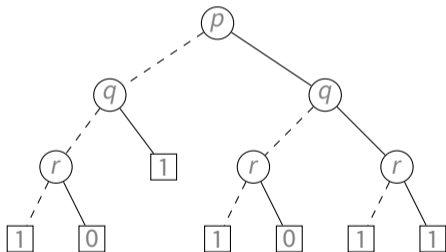
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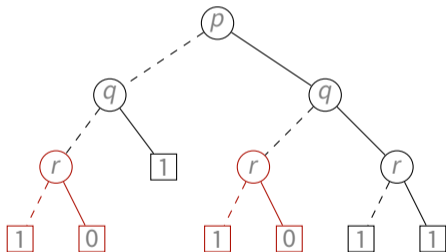
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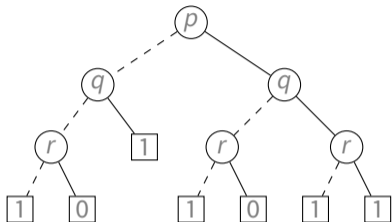
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- no redundant nodes
- no isomorphic subgraphs

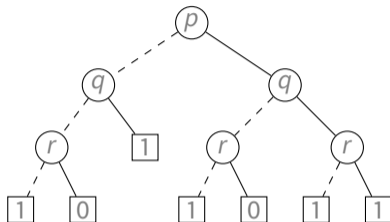
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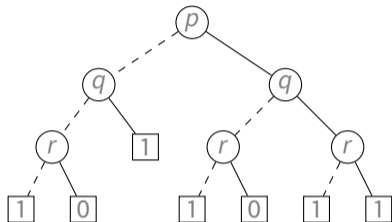
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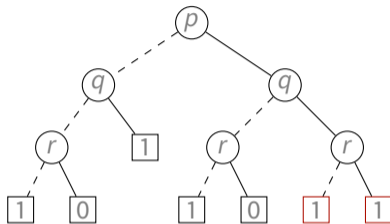
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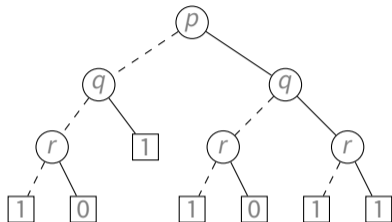
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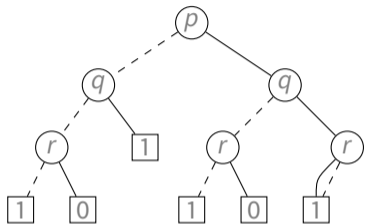
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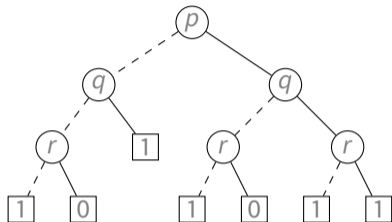
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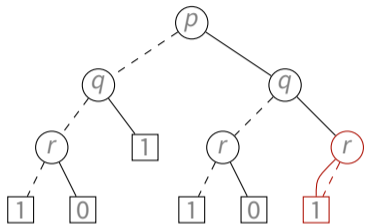
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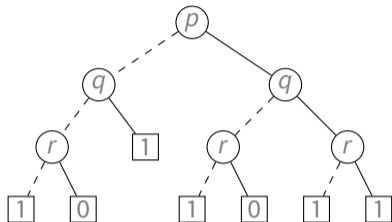
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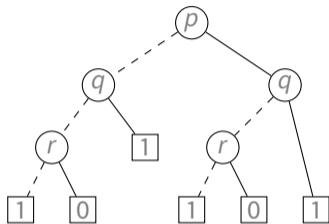
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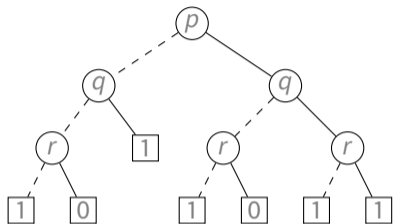
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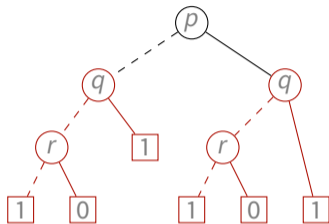
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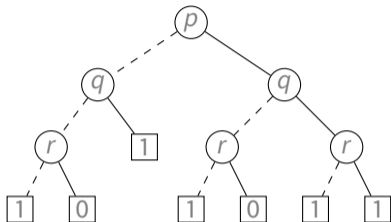
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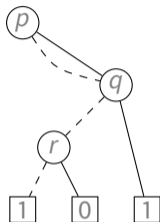
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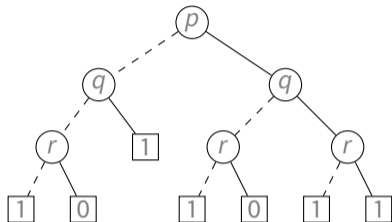
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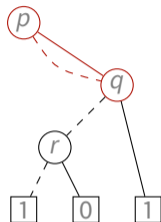
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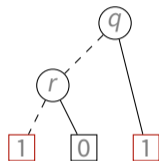
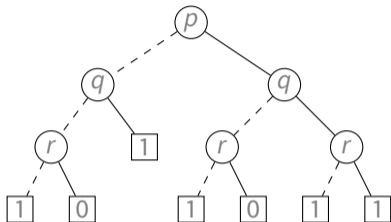
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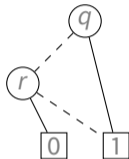
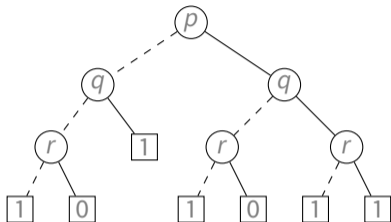
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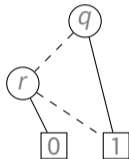
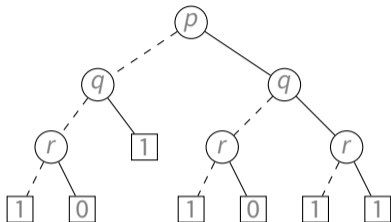
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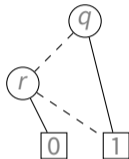
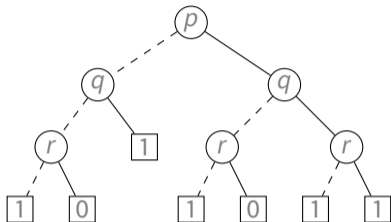
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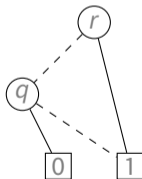
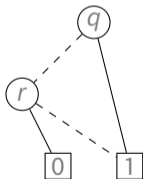
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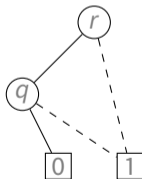
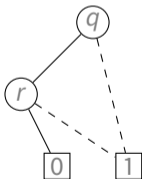
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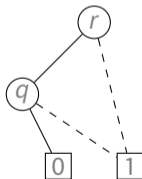
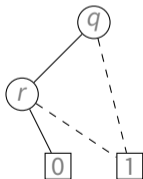
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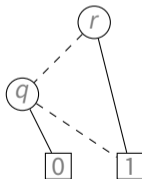
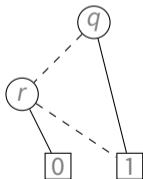
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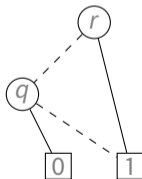
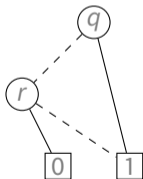
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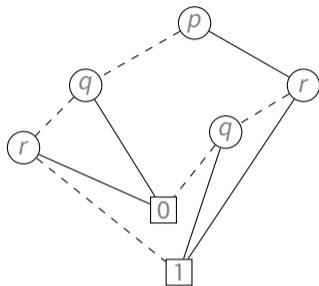
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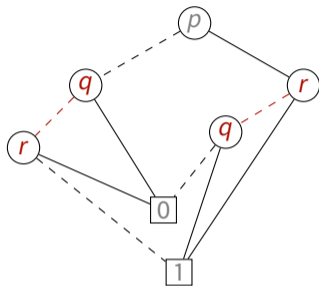
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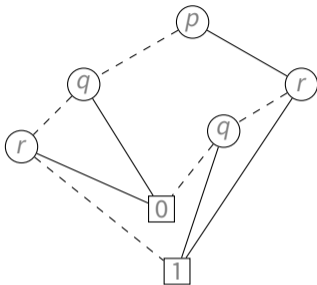


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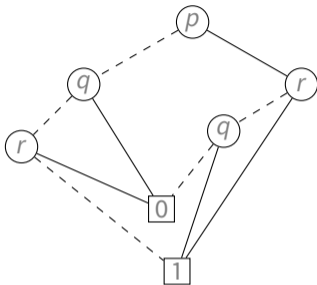


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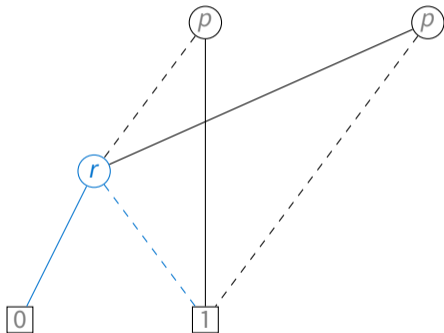
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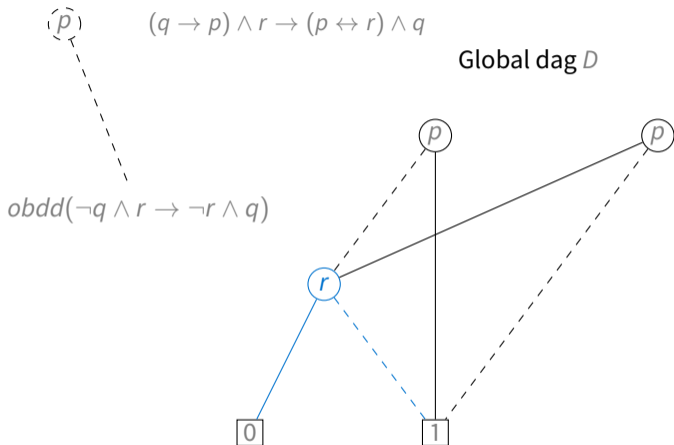
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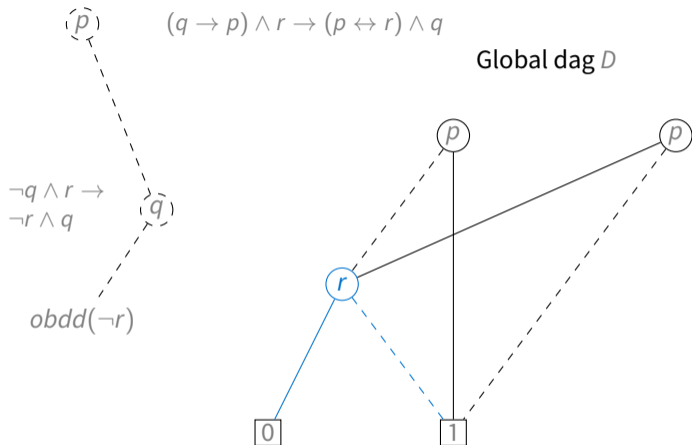
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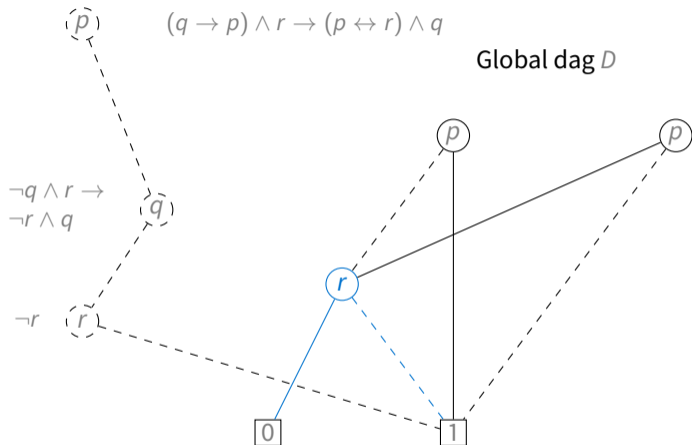
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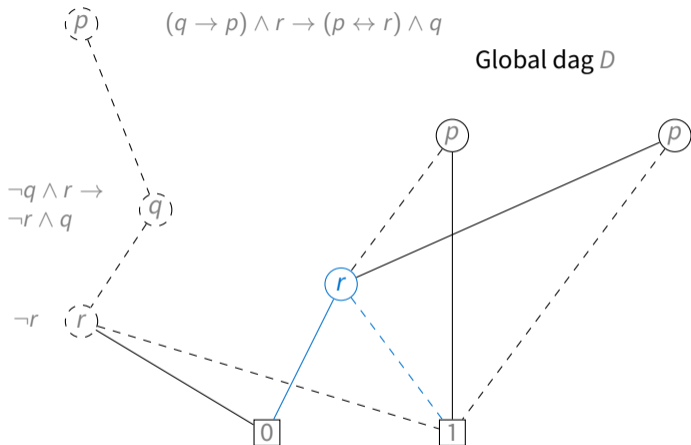
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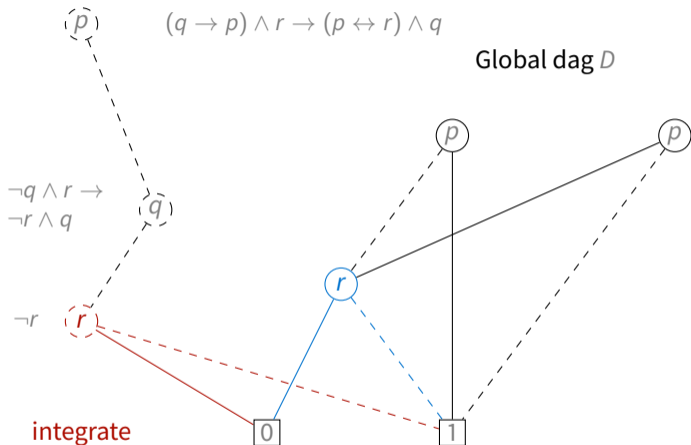
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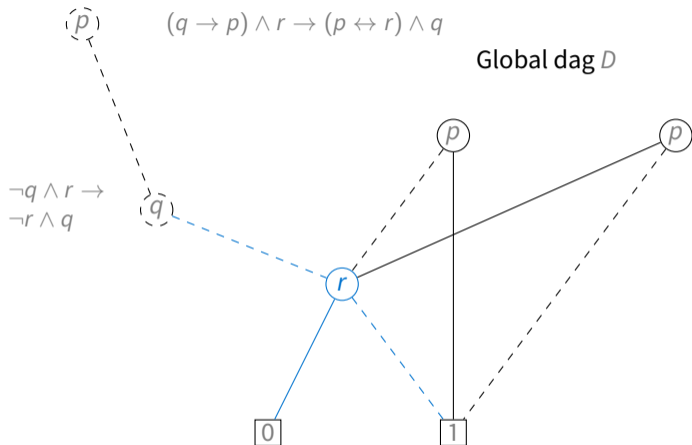
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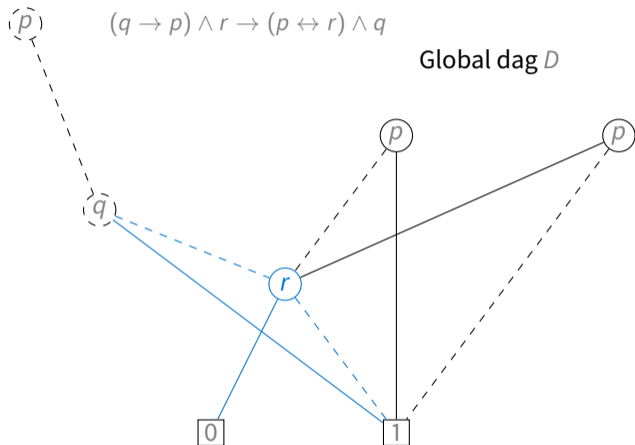
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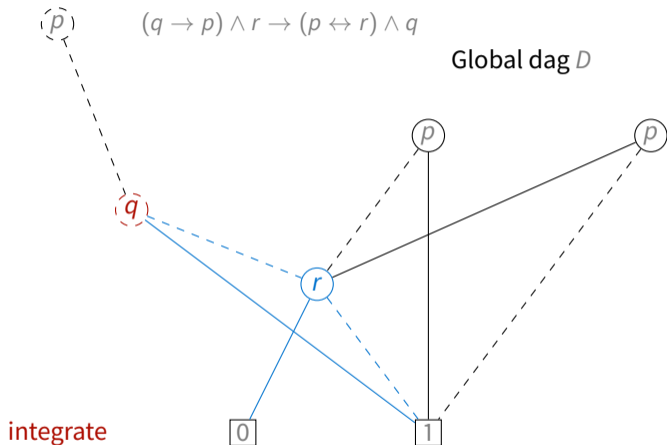
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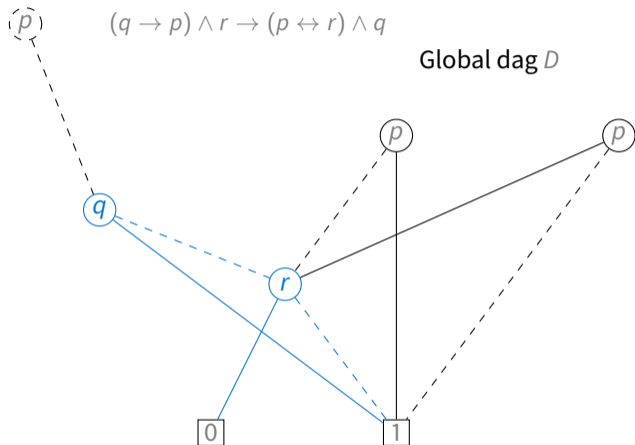
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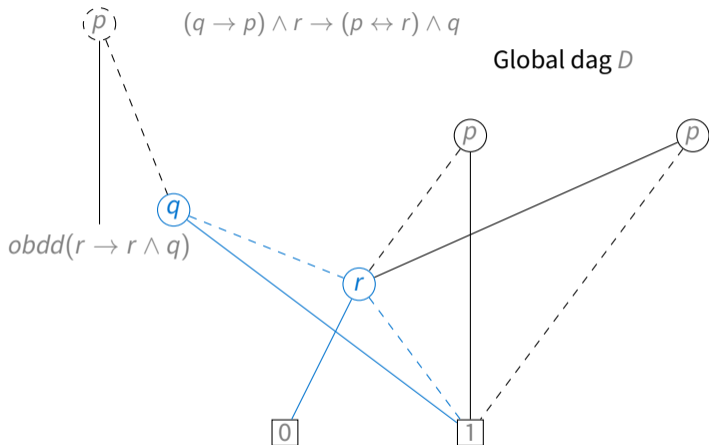
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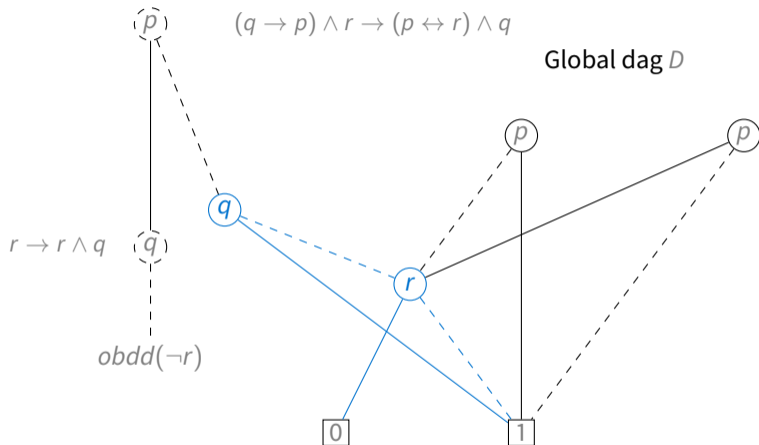
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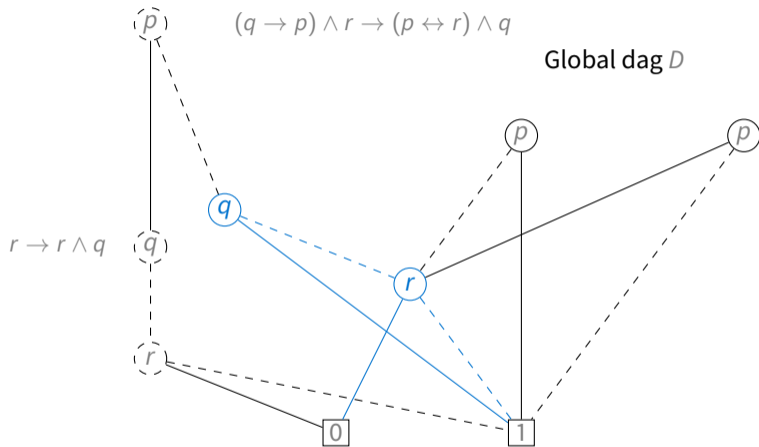
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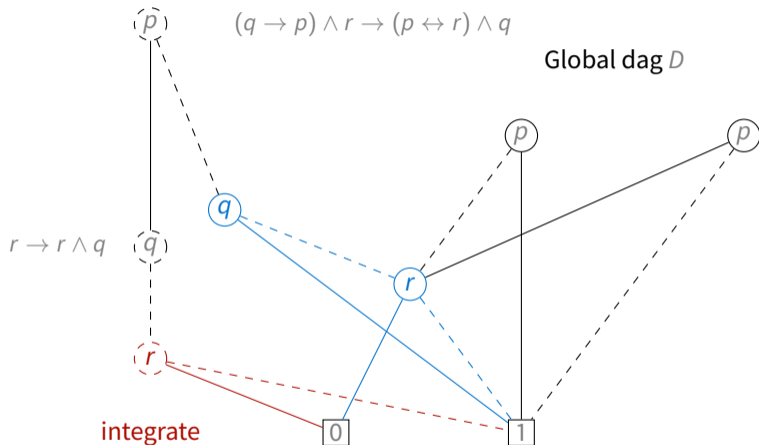
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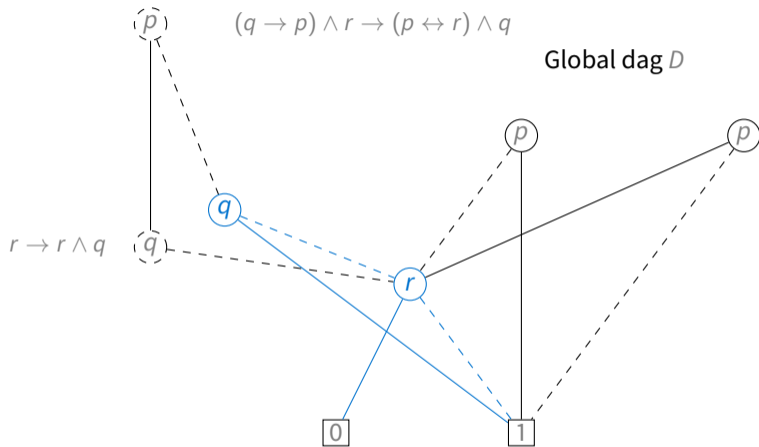
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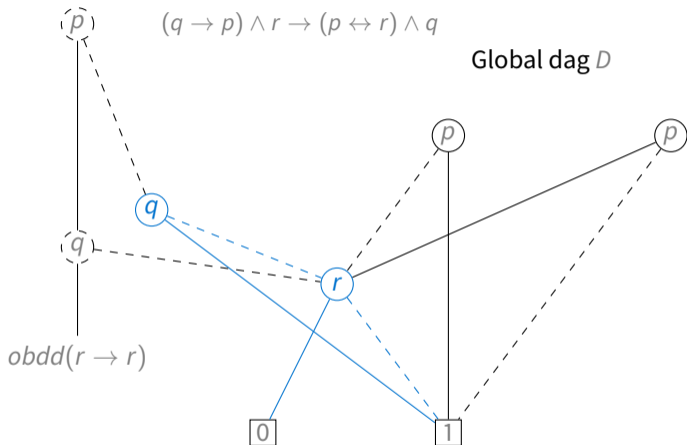
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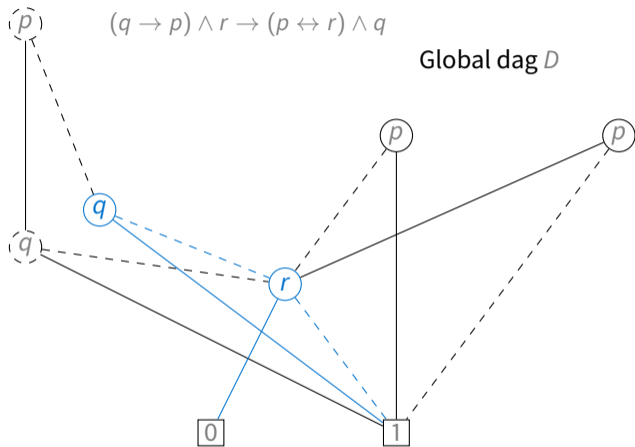
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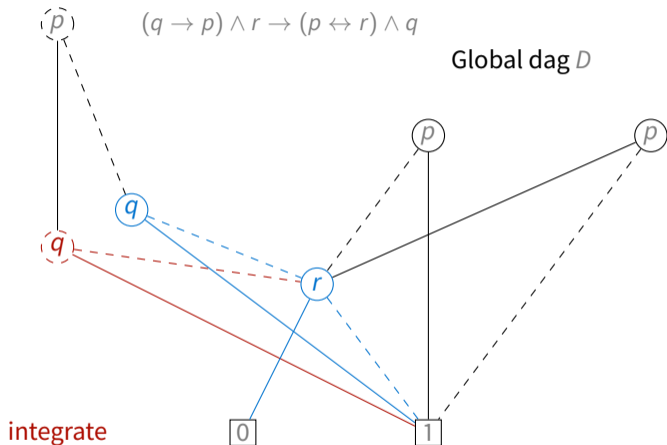
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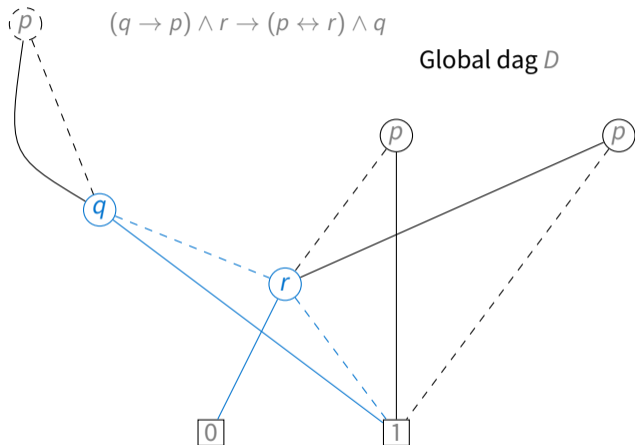
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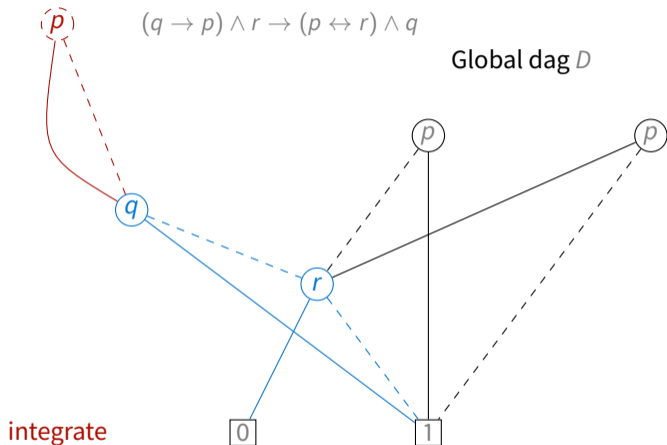
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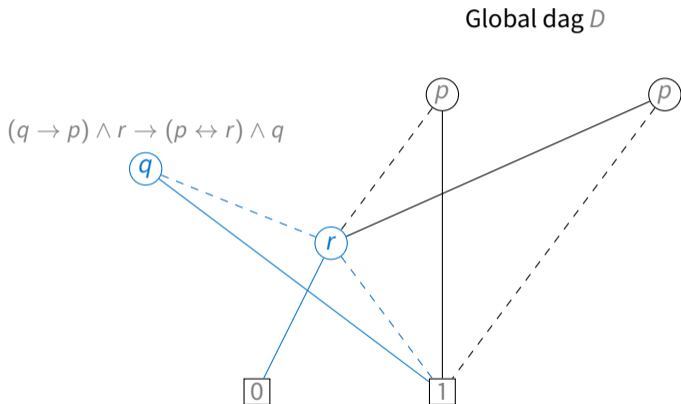
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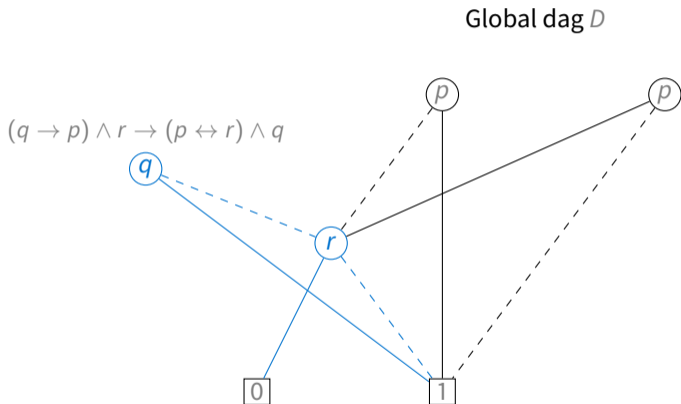


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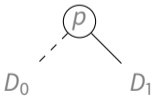
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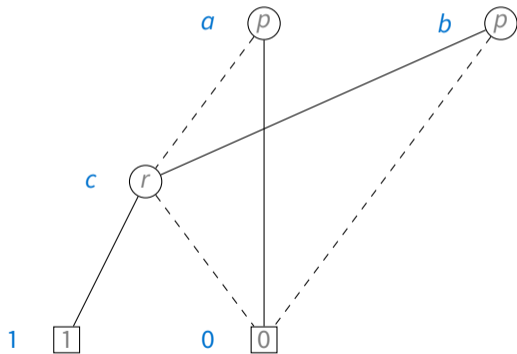
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(*) Consider fictitious
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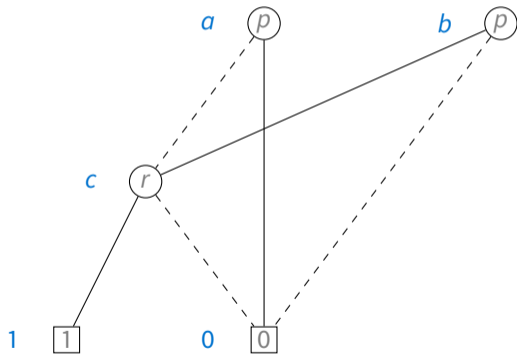
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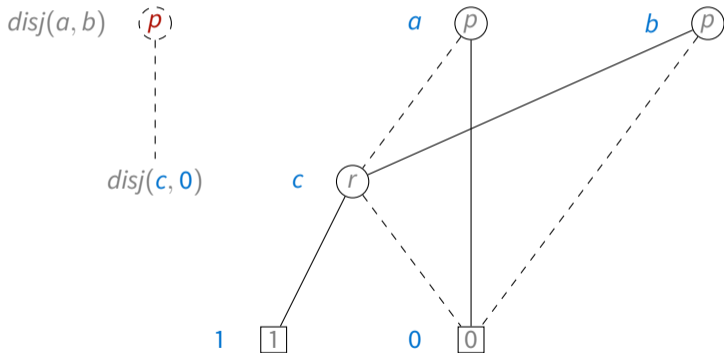
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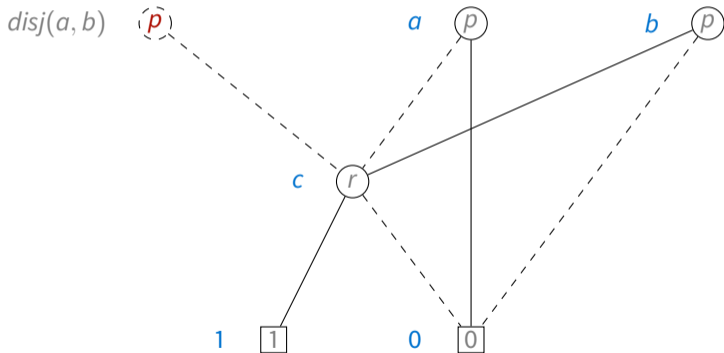
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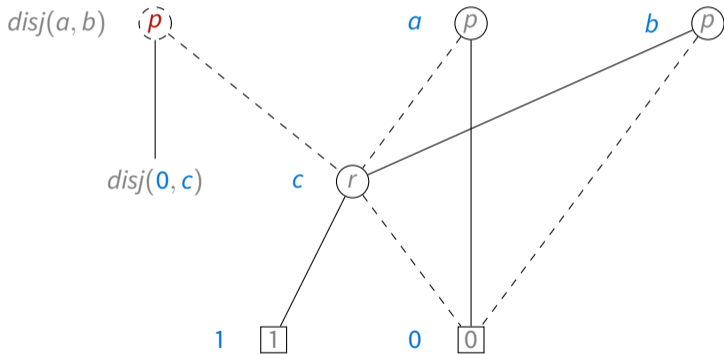
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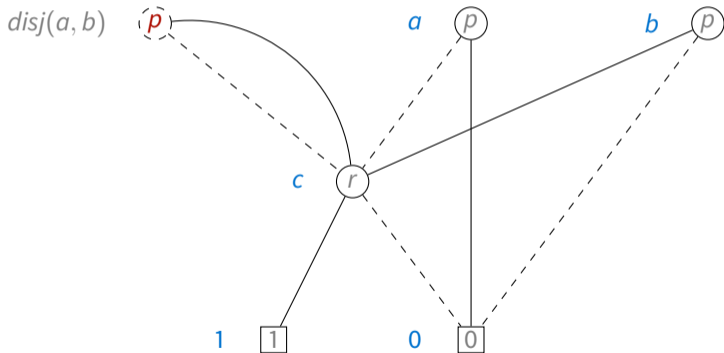
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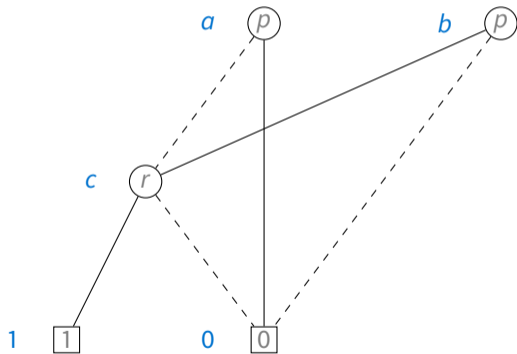
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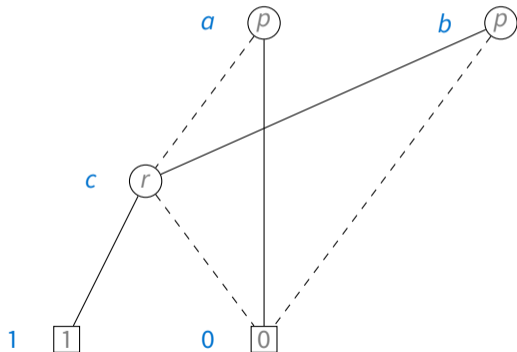
$$\text{dis}(a, b) = c$$



Exercise

Compute $(\neg p \wedge r) \vee r$ where a represents $\neg p \wedge r$ and c represents r :

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