

# Kirigami, the Verifiable Art of Network Cutting

General Exam

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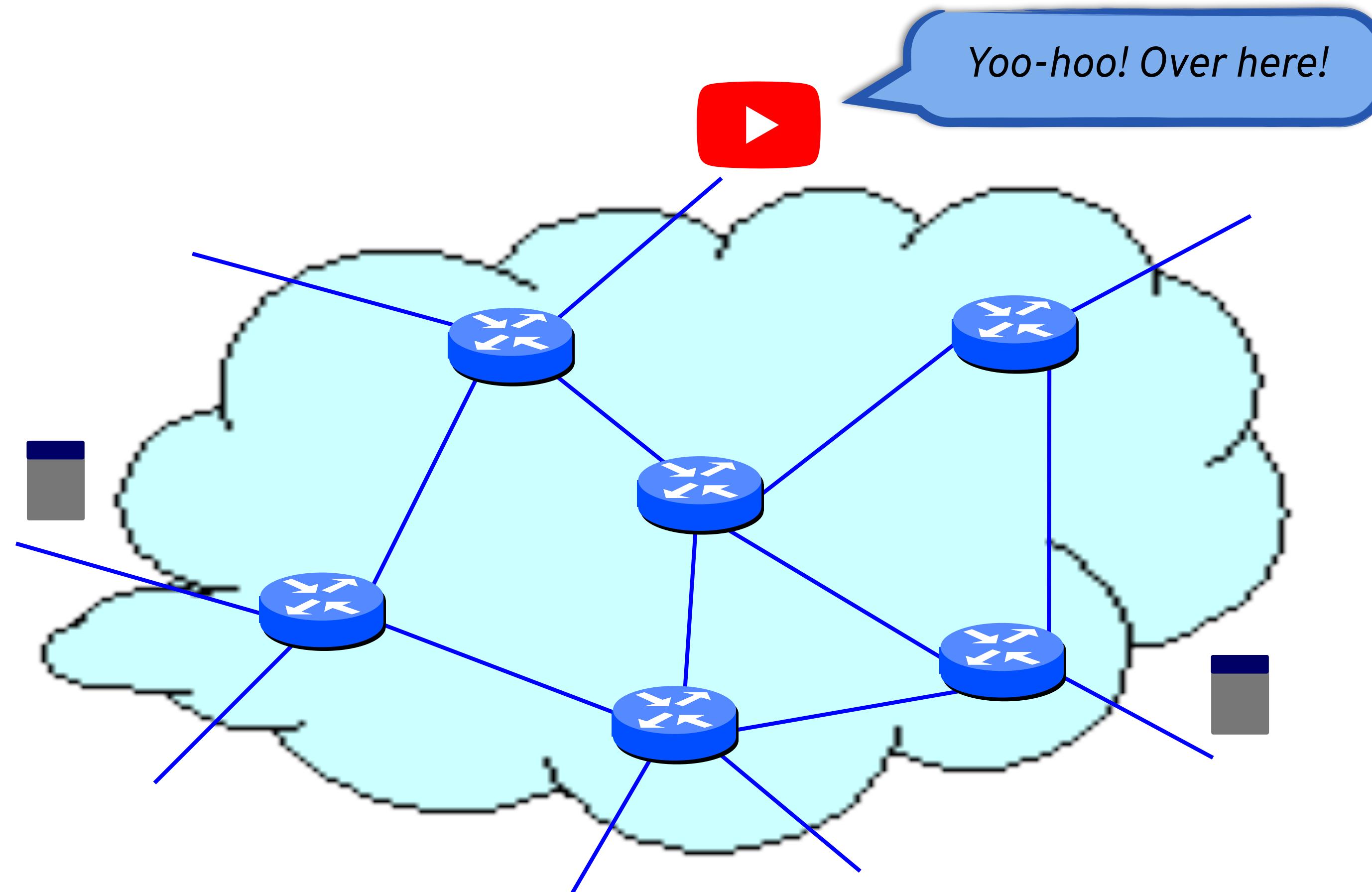
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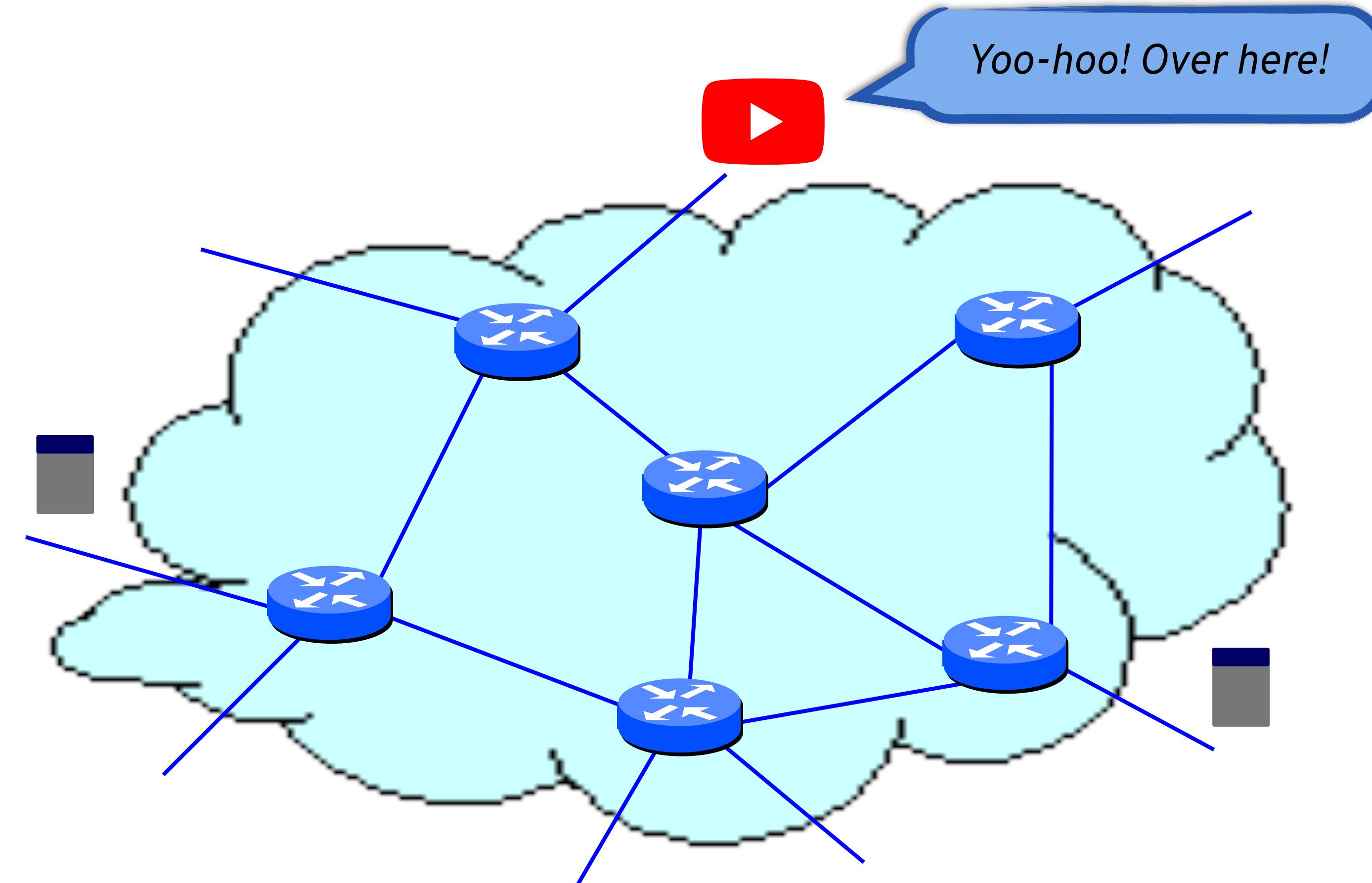
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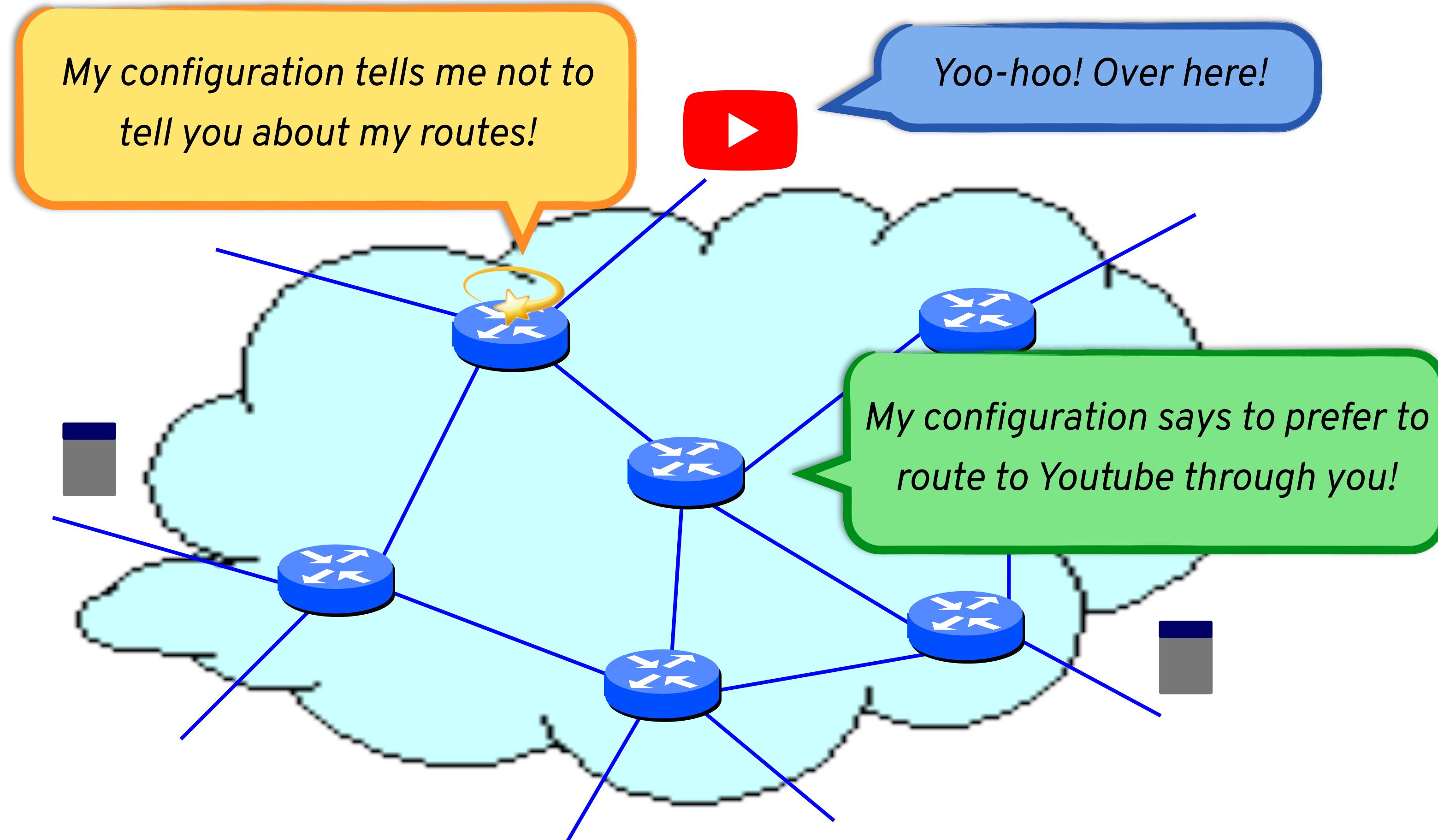
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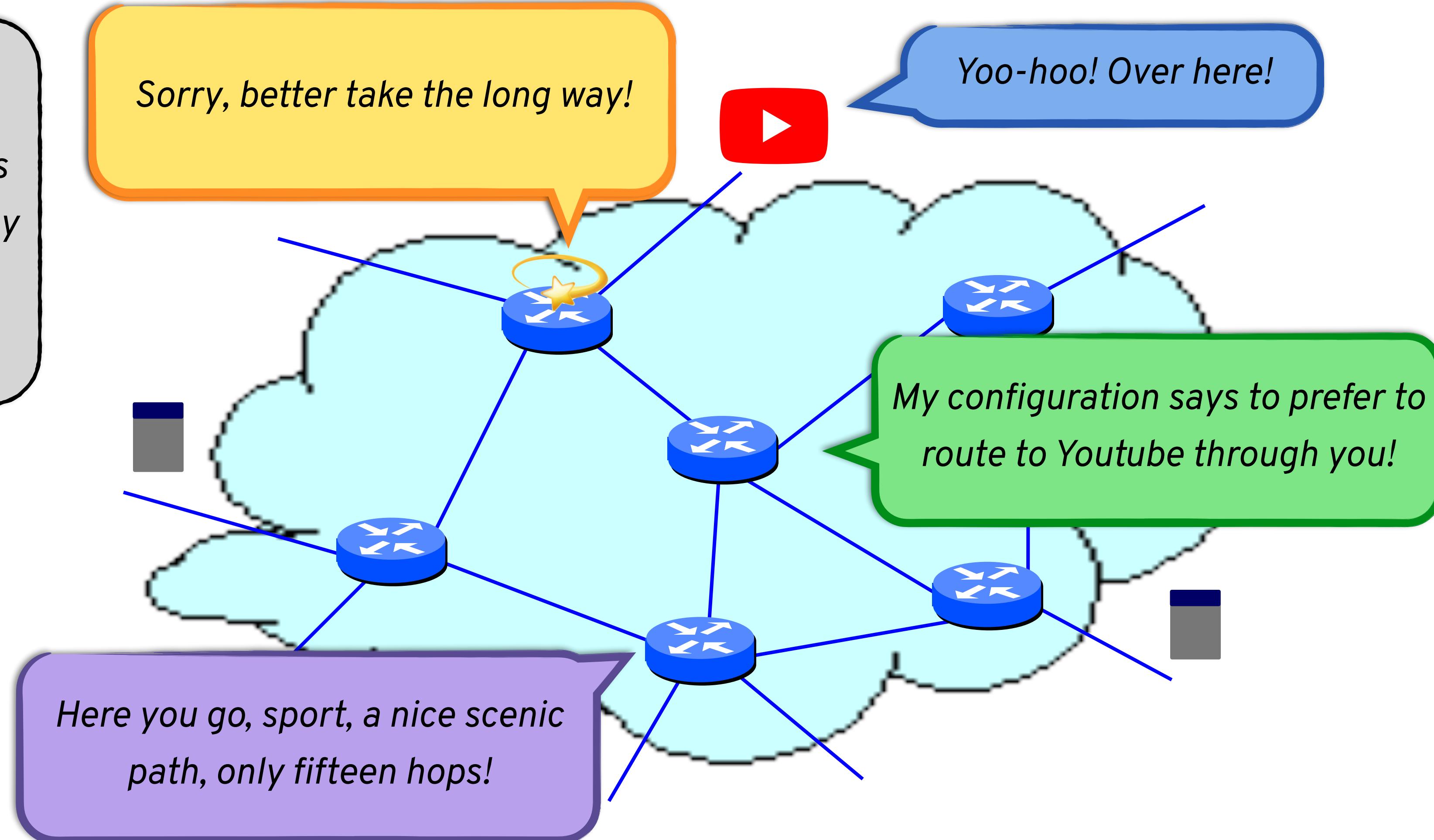
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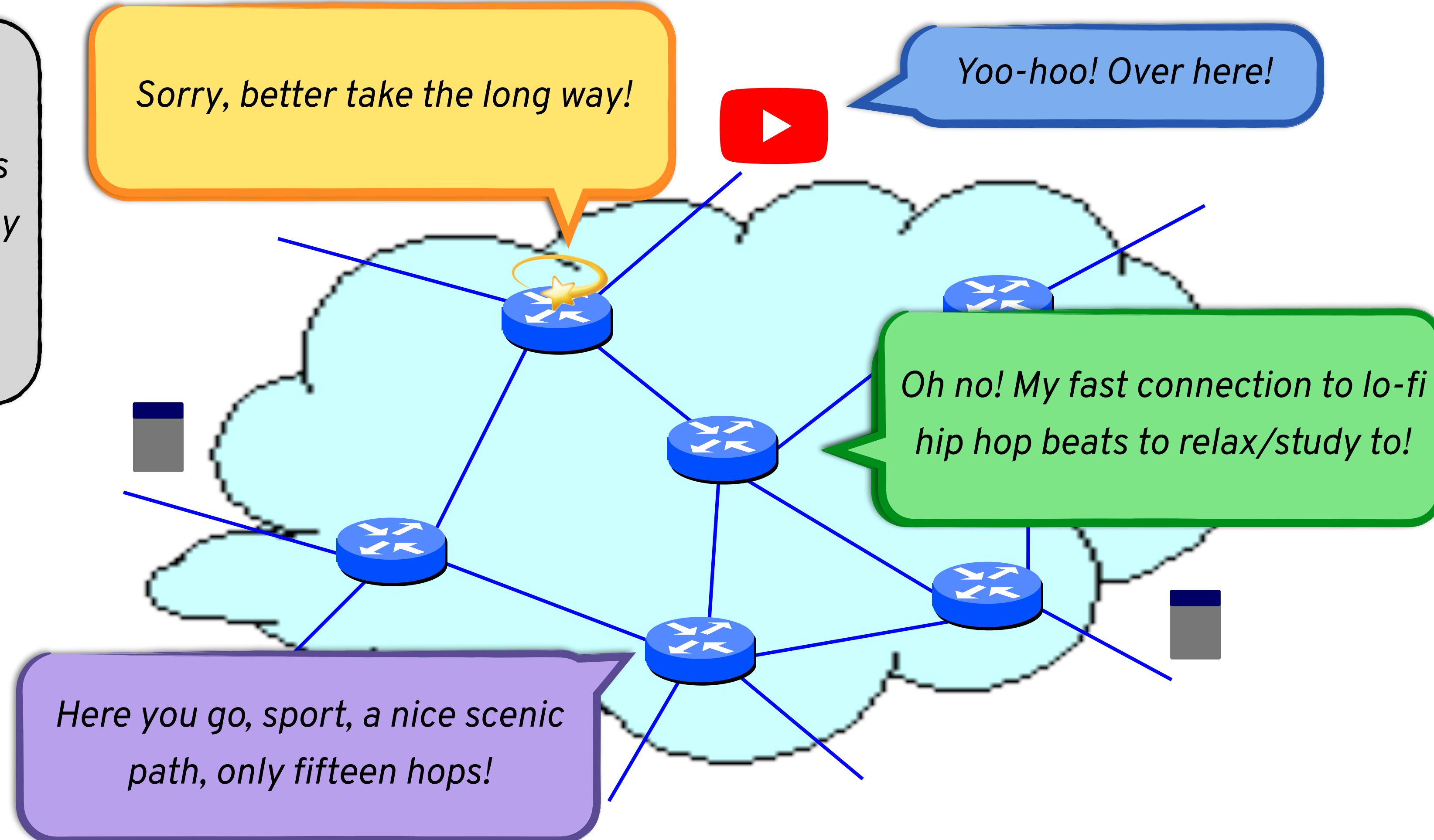
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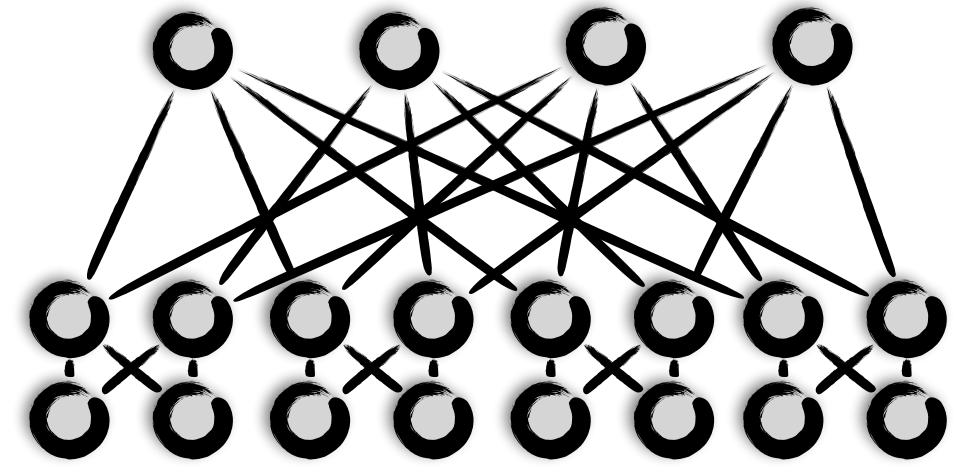
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!
interface Serial0
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router ospf 1
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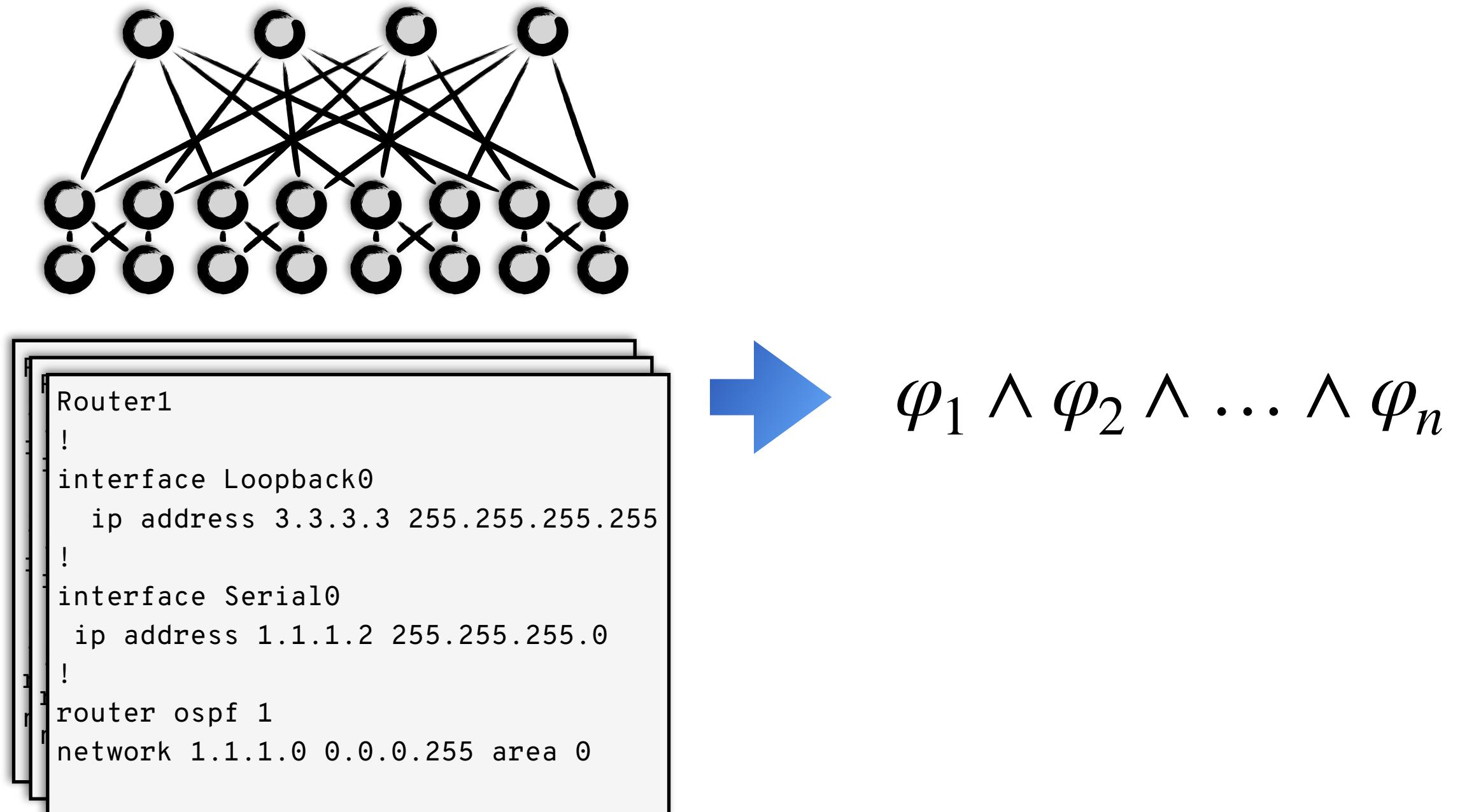
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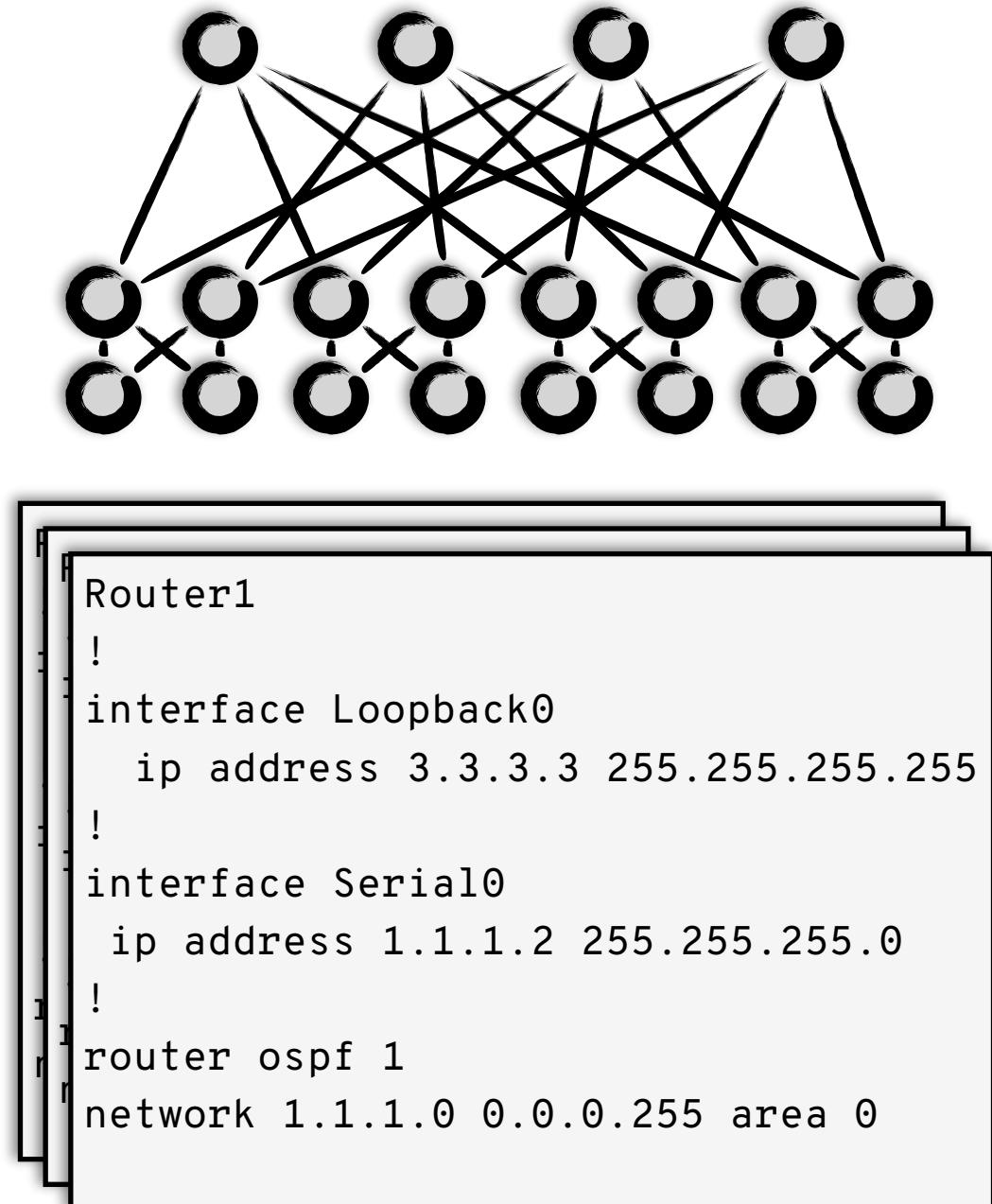
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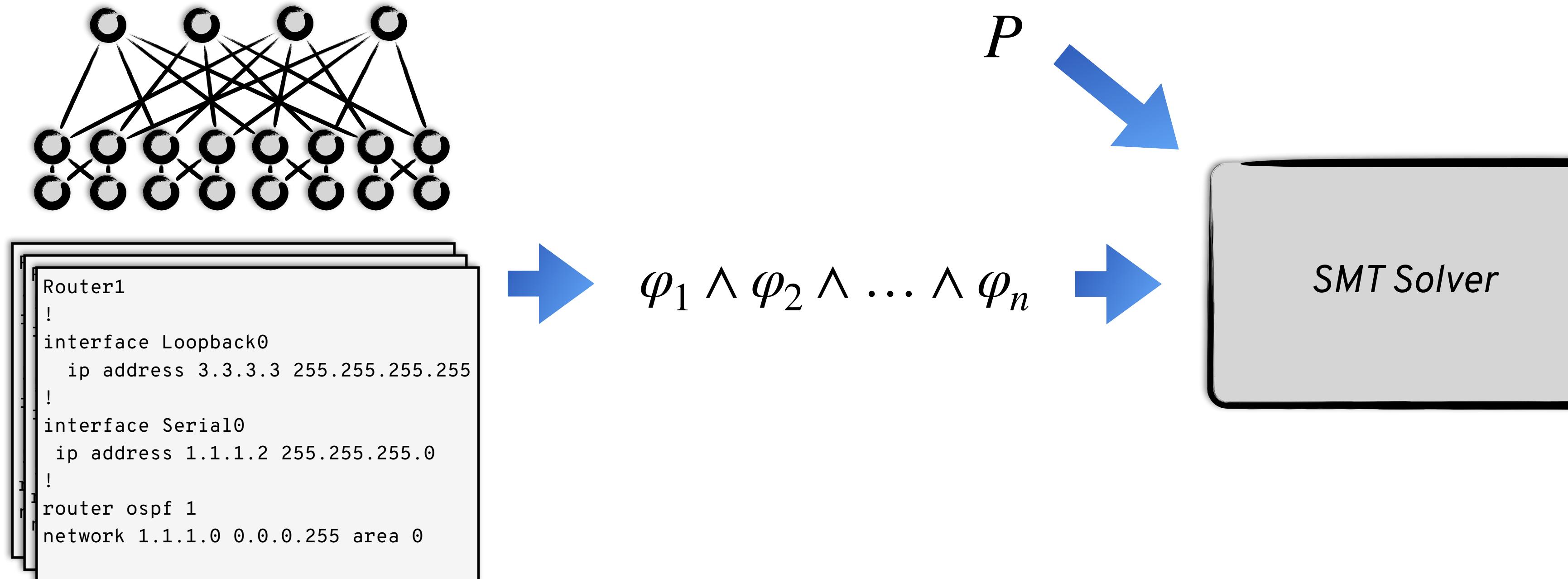
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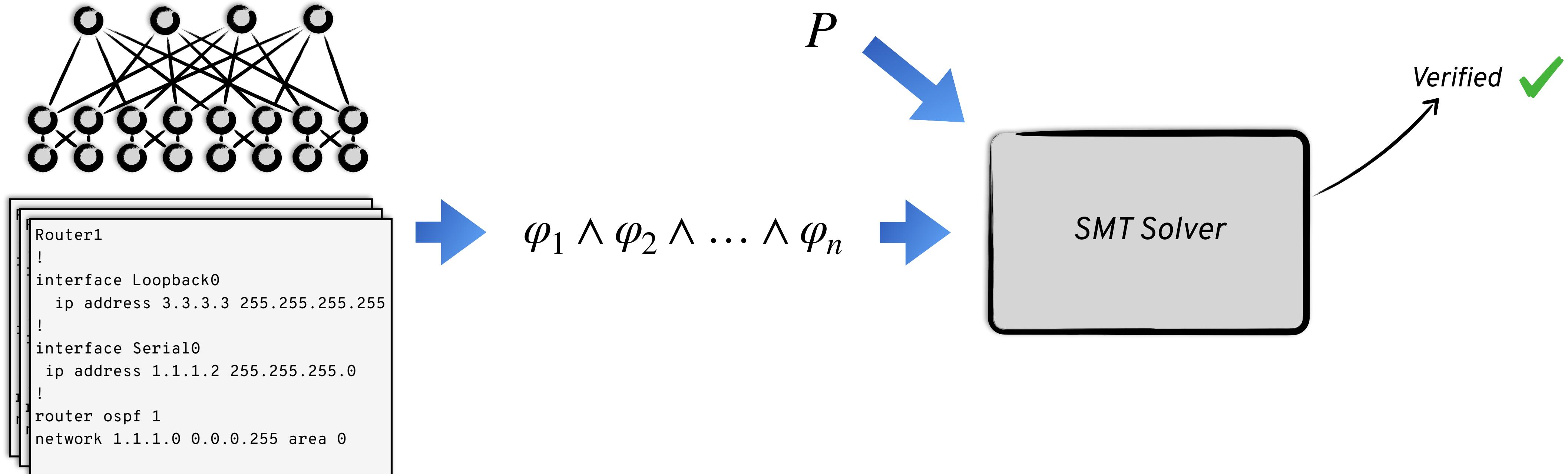
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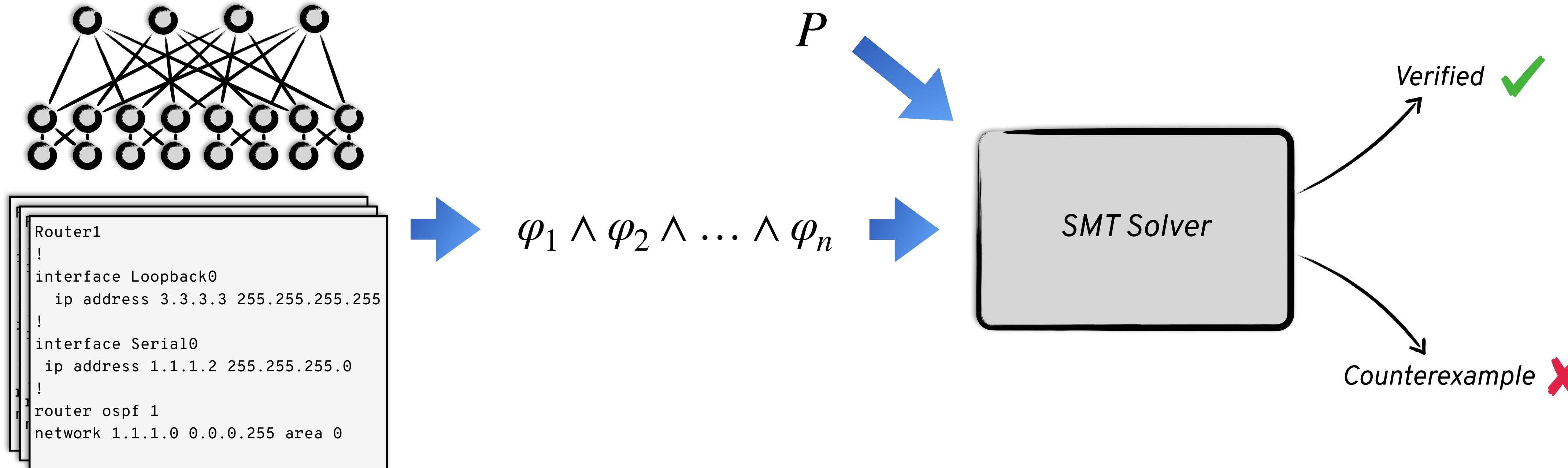
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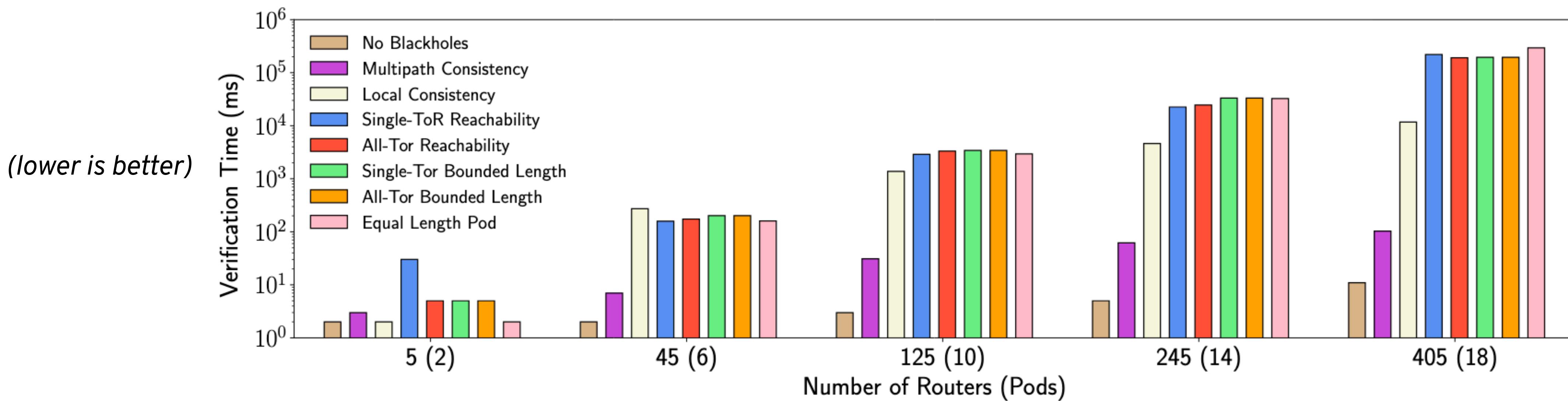
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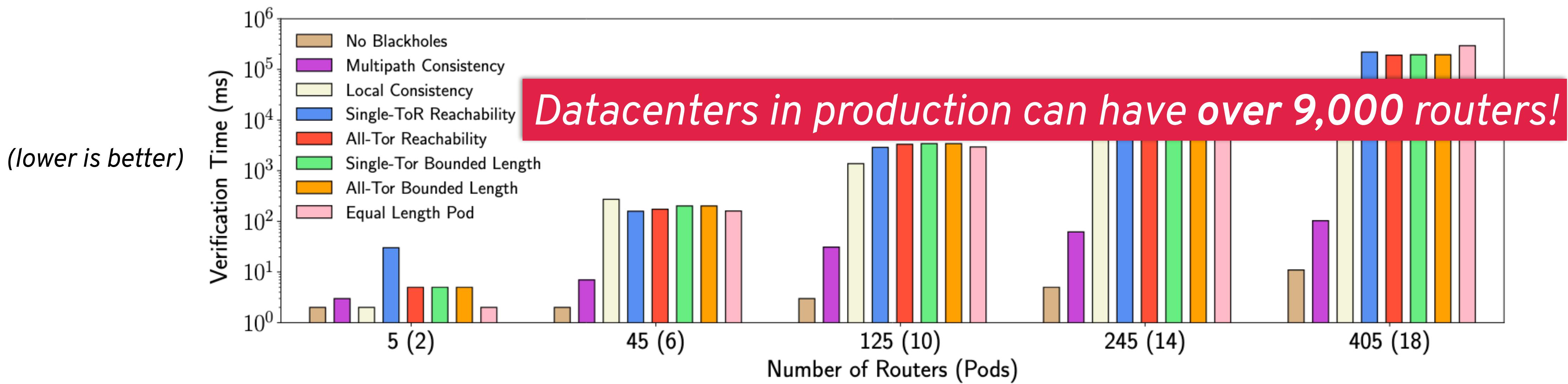


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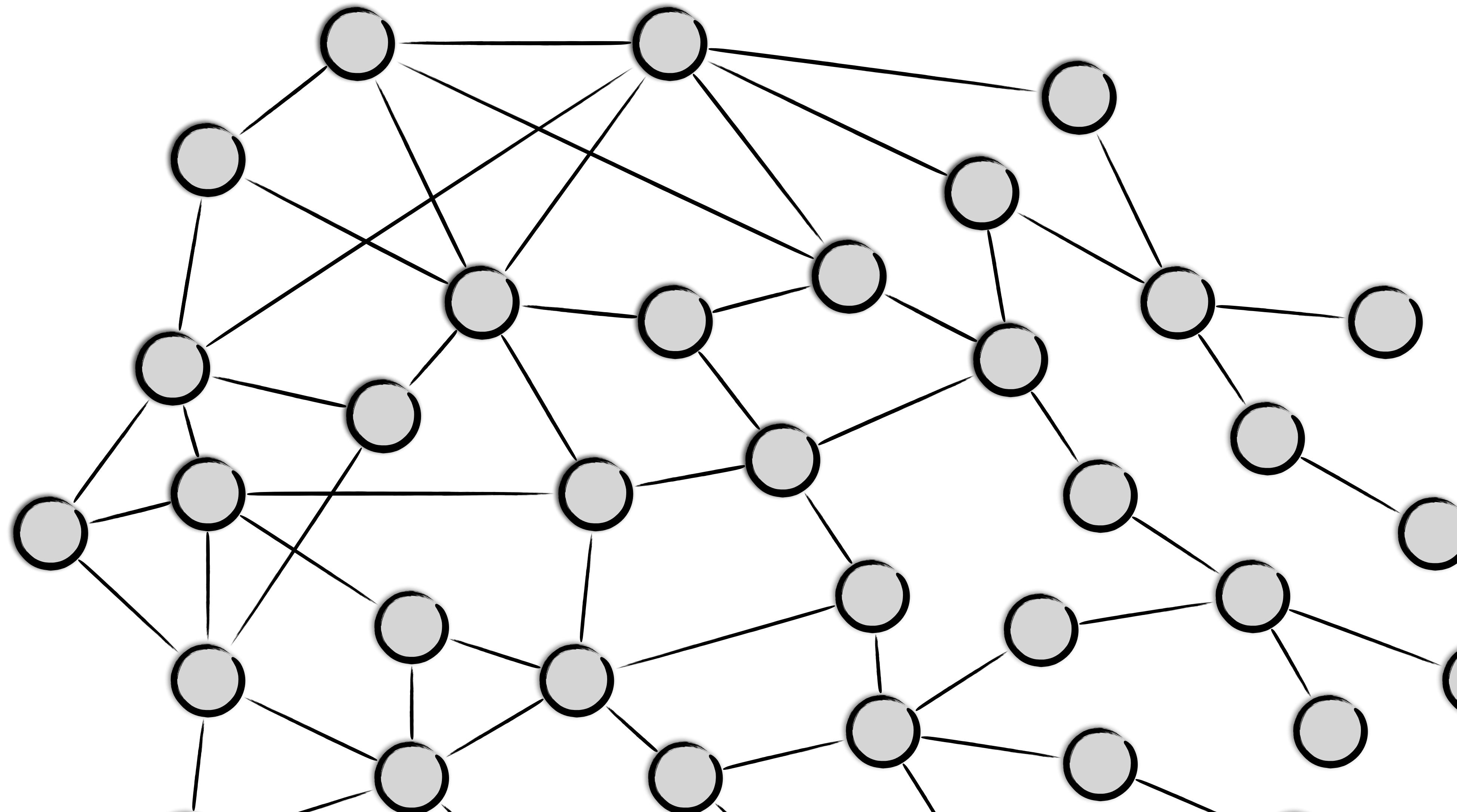
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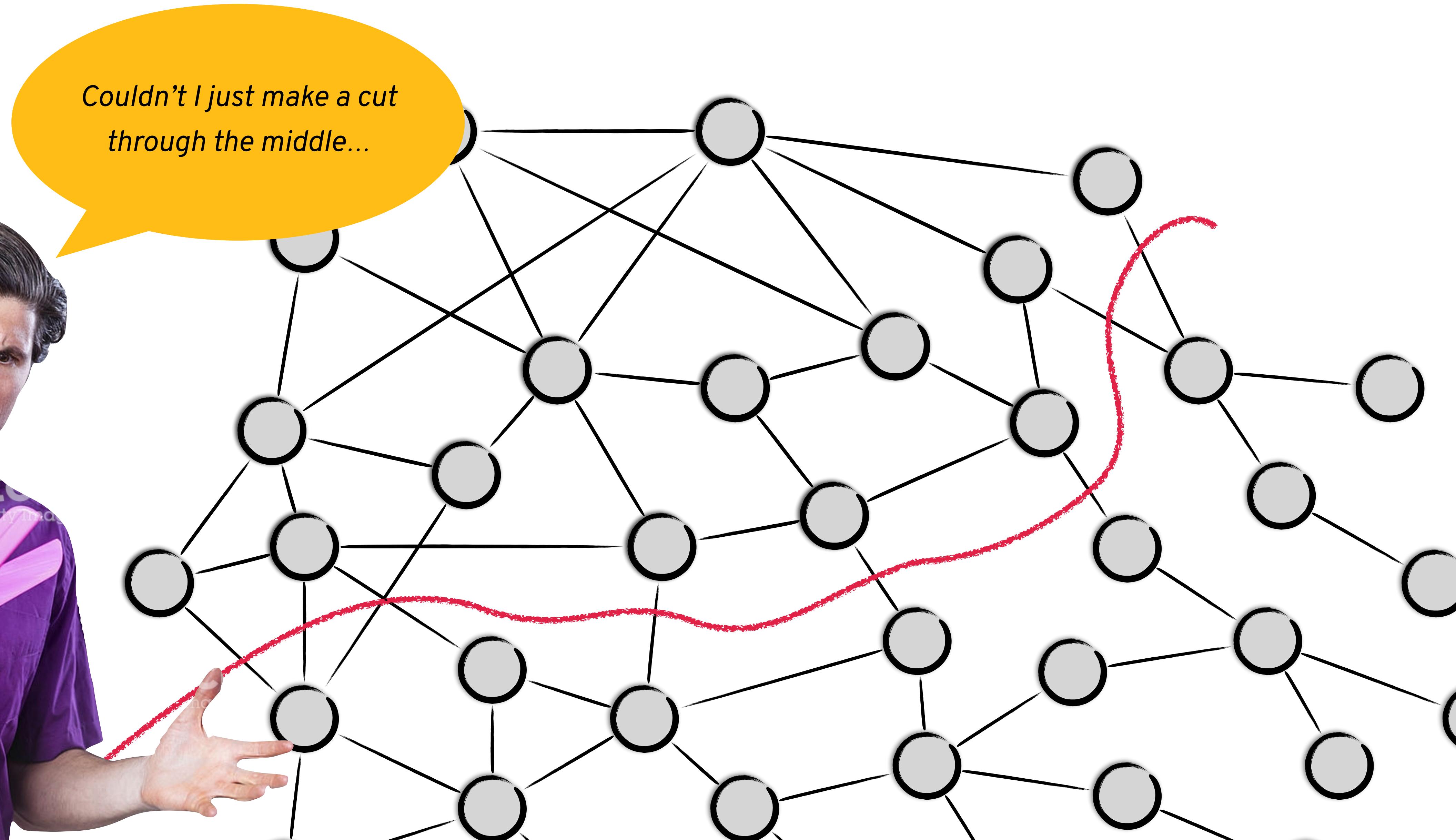


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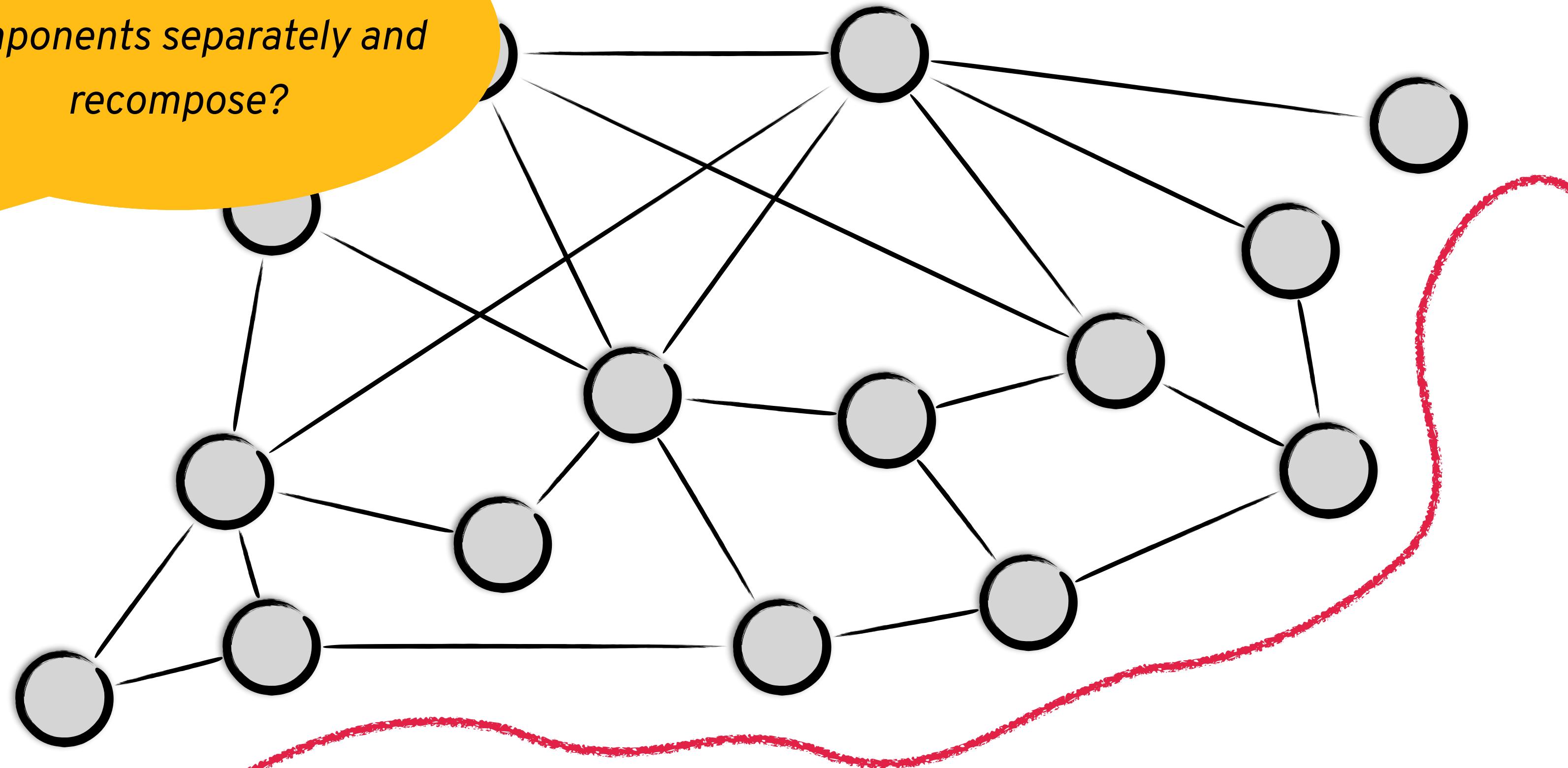
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*And then verify the  
components separately and  
recompose?*





*In other words...*

Can we use the inherent  
*compositional design* of networks  
to *verify them compositionally*?

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Can we  
compositely verify  
each component separately, such  
that correctness of the monolithic  
system is guaranteed!  
rationally?

# Roadmap

**Opening up the Stable Routing Problem**

**The Kirigami Algorithm**

**Implementing Kirigami in NV**

**Results and Future Directions**

# **Opening up the Stable Routing Problem**

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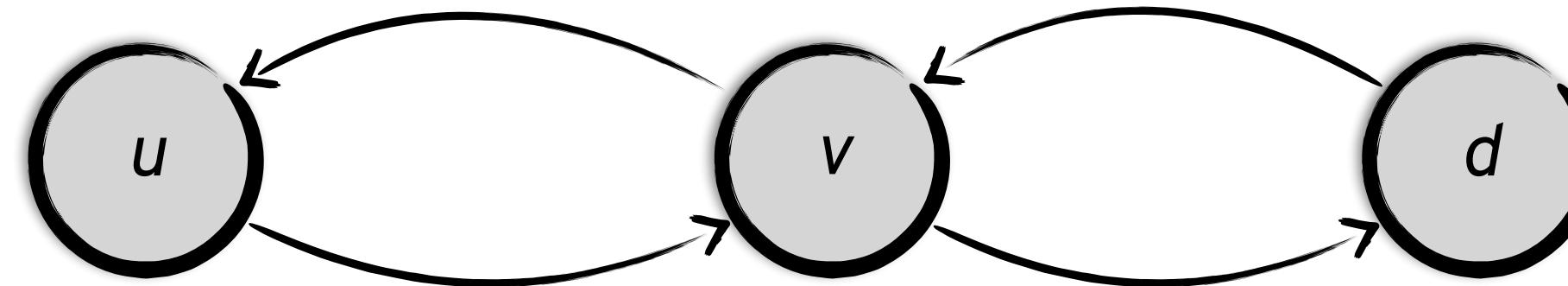
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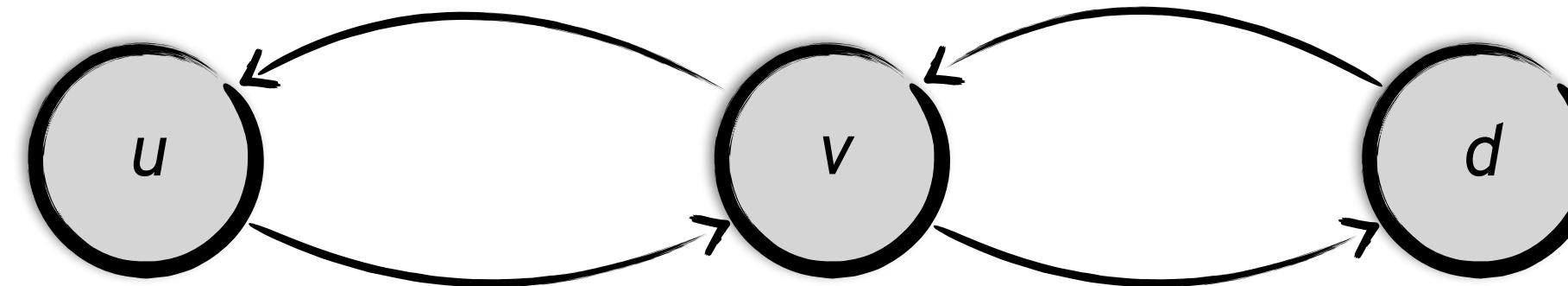
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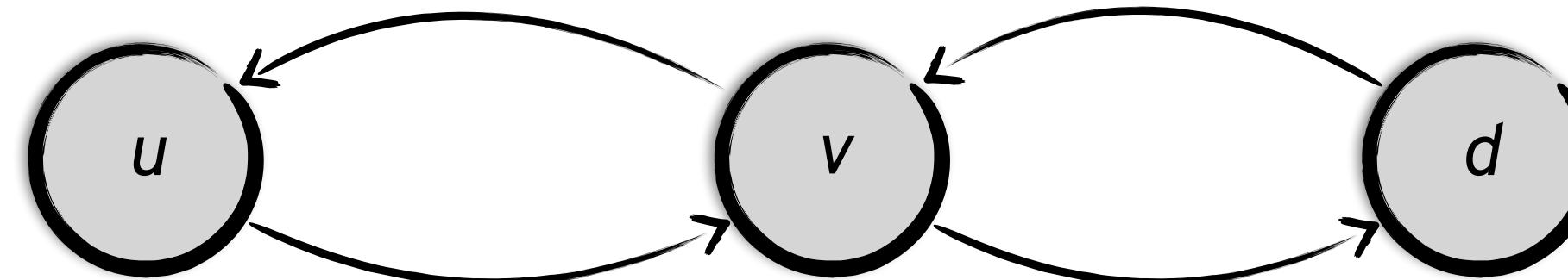
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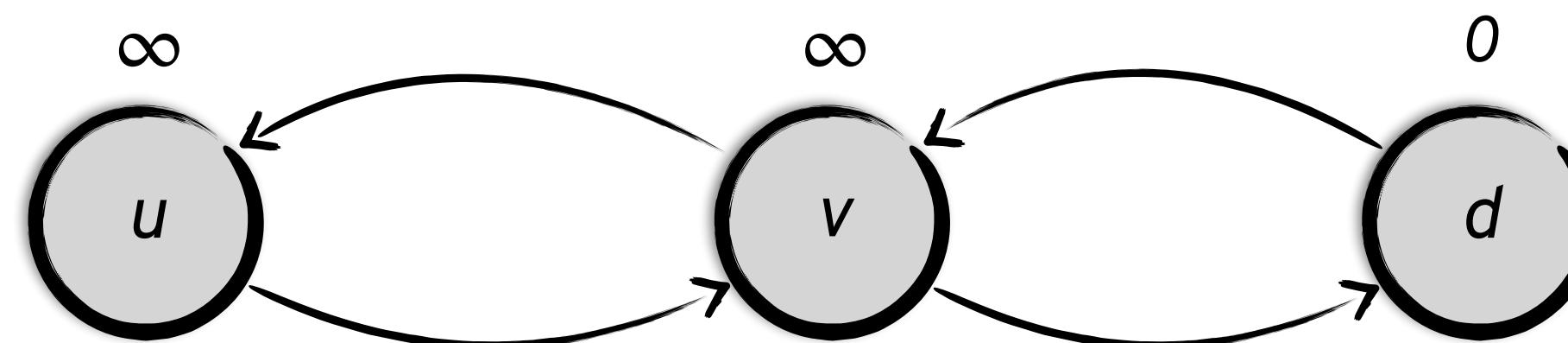
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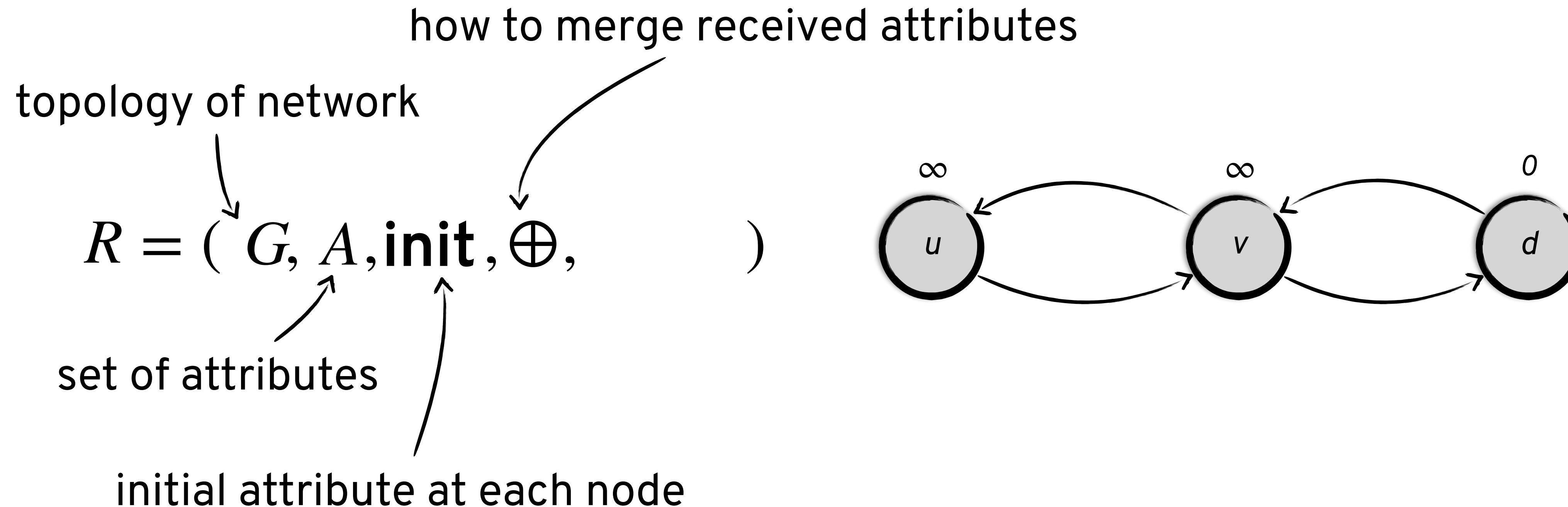
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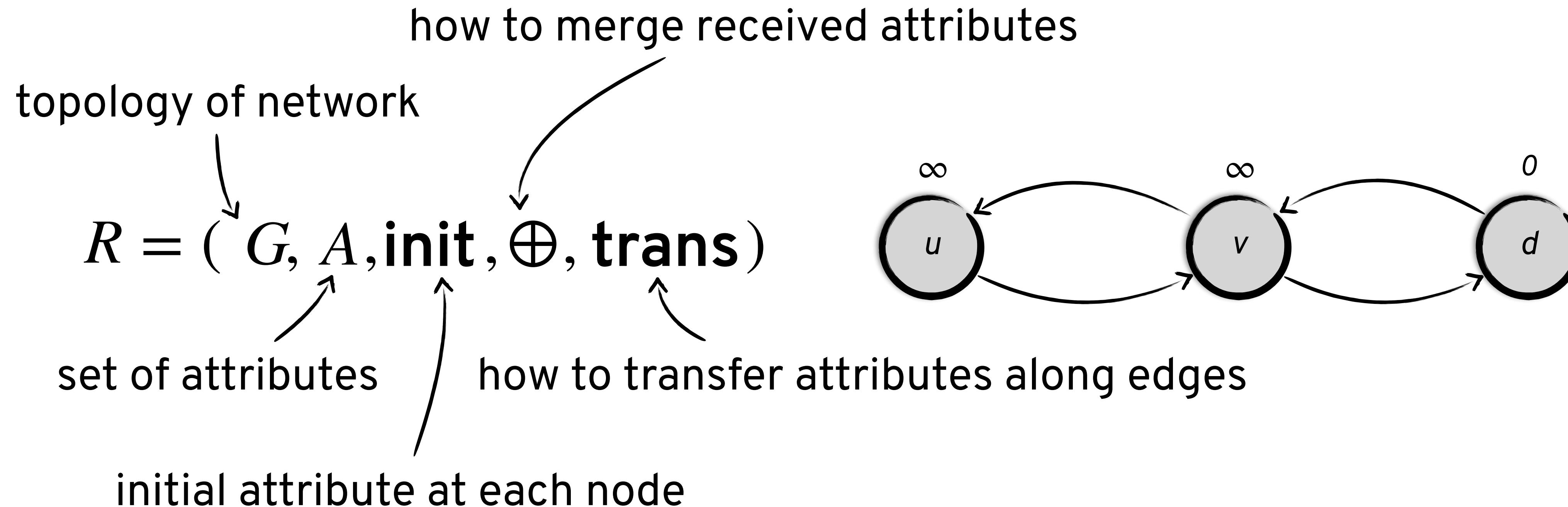
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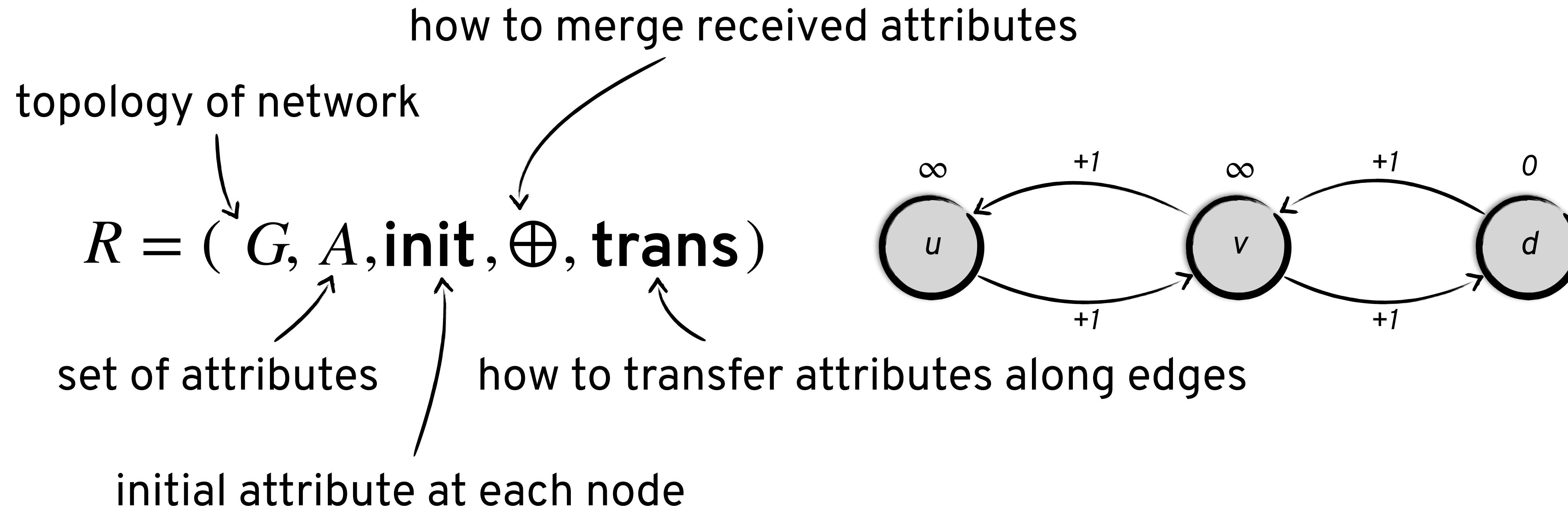
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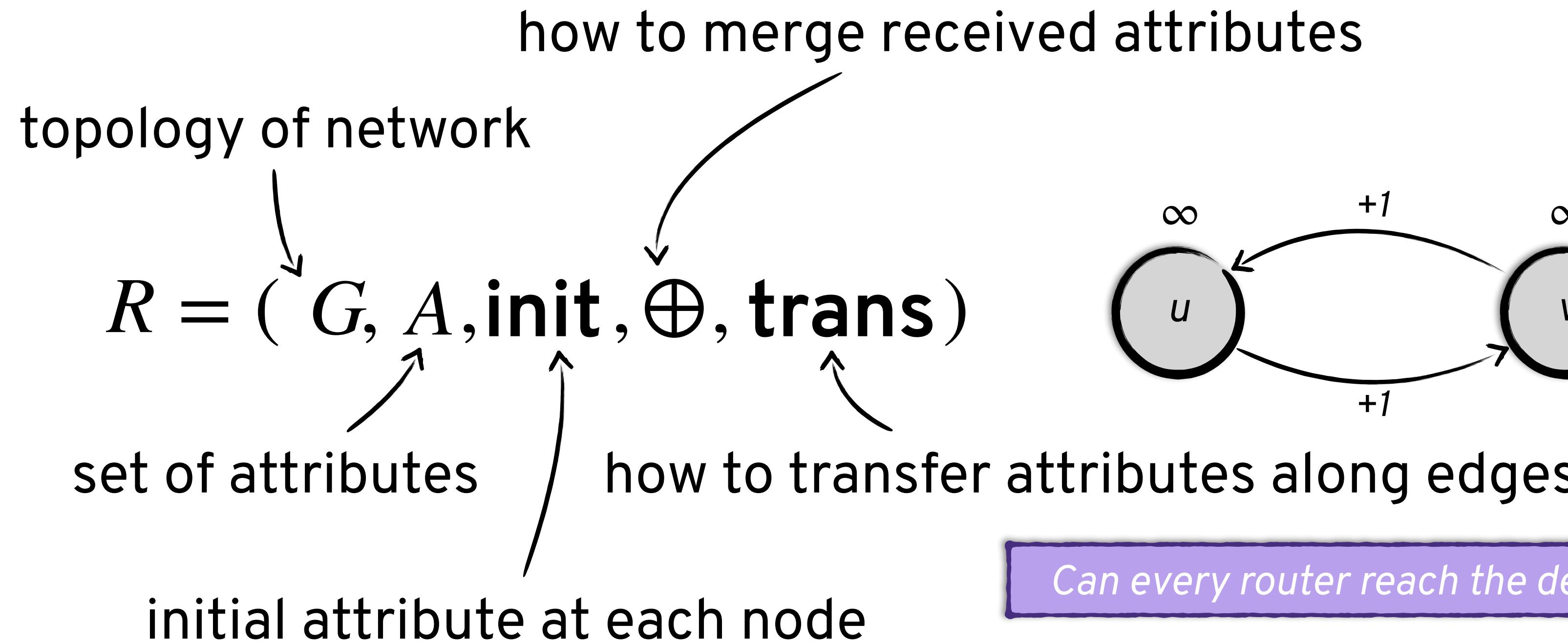
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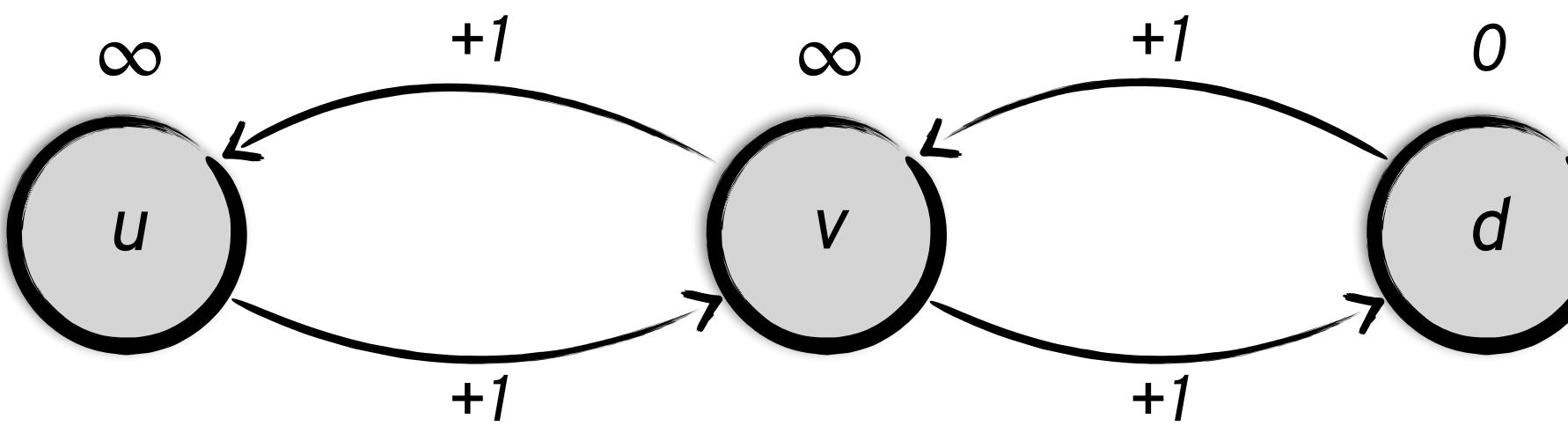
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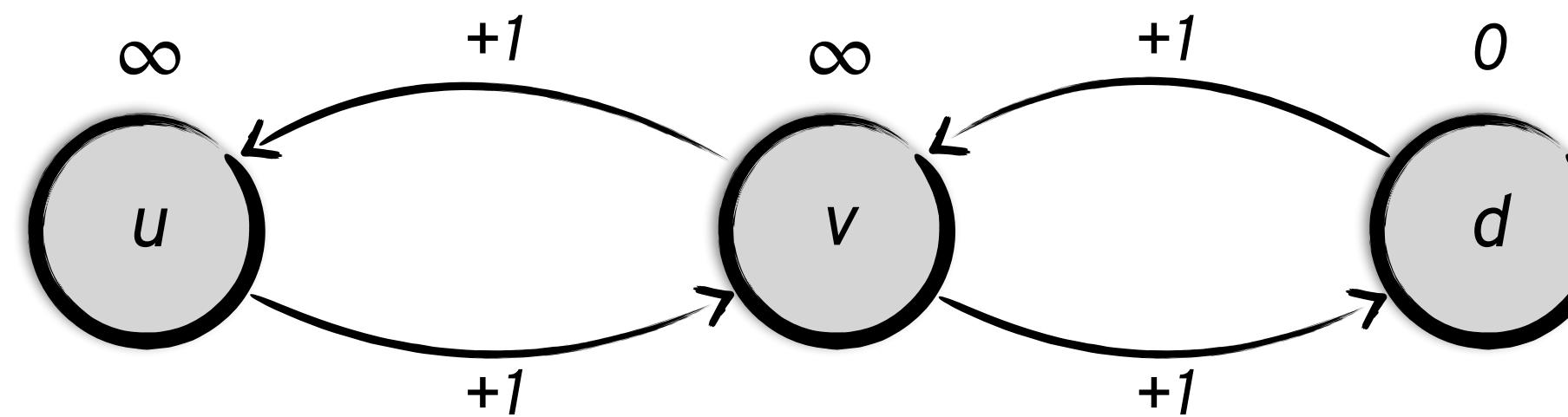
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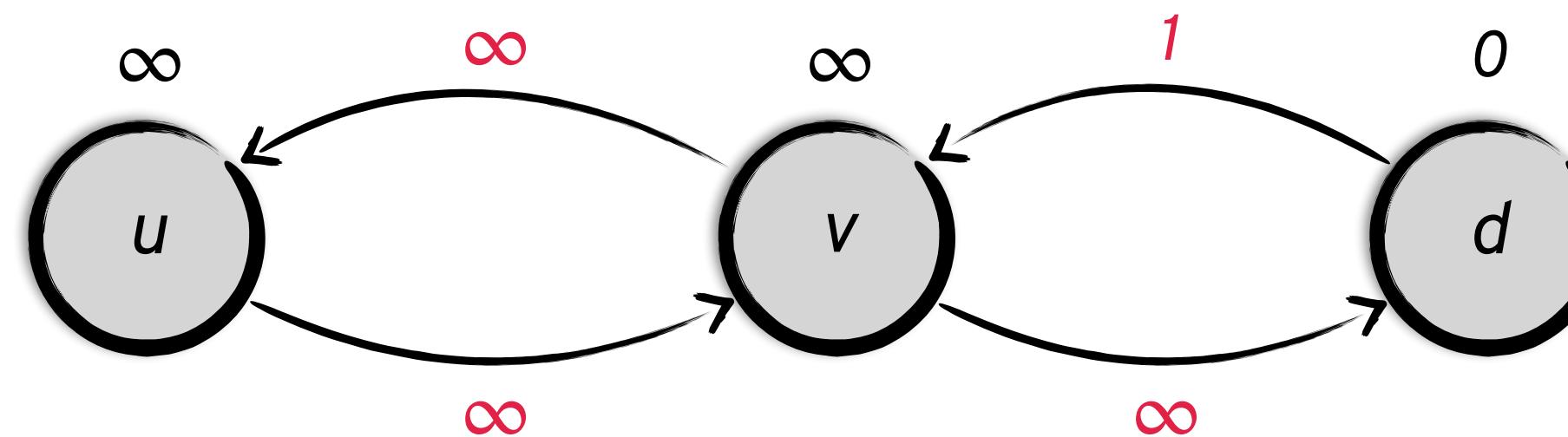
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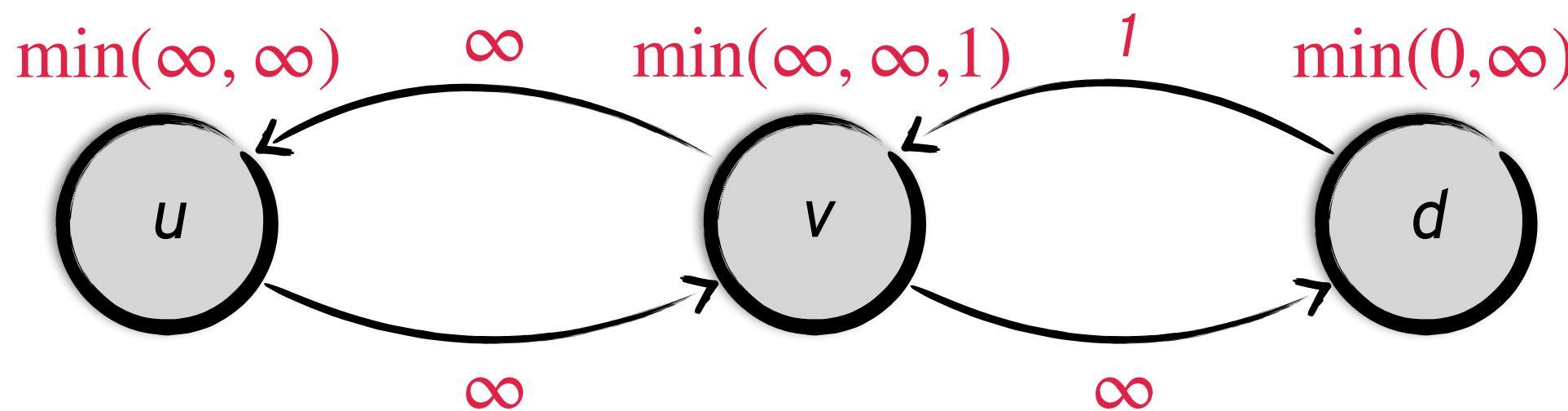
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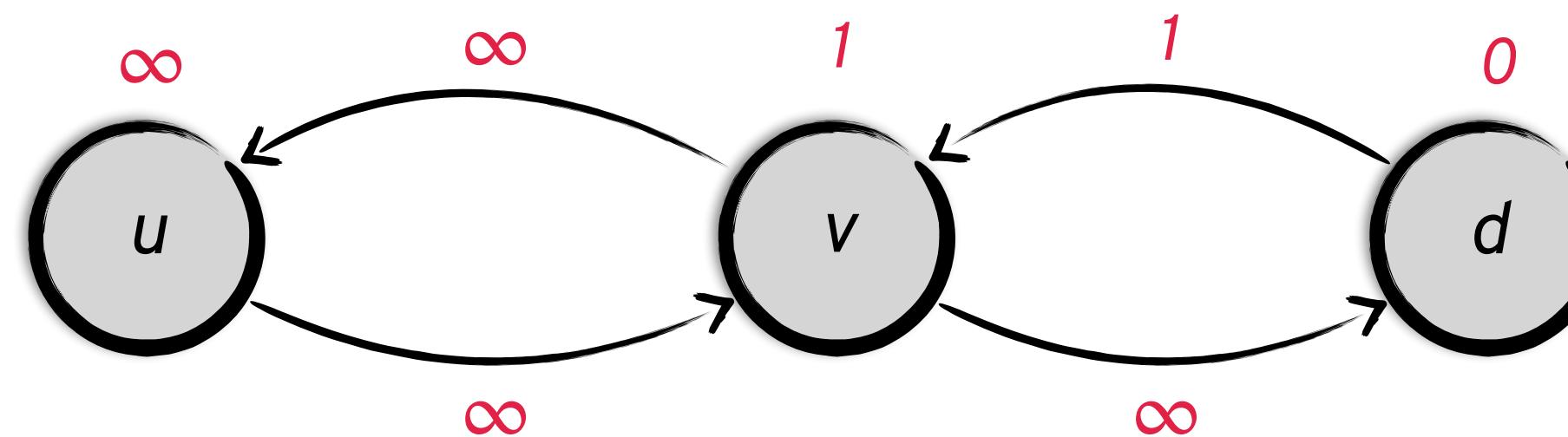
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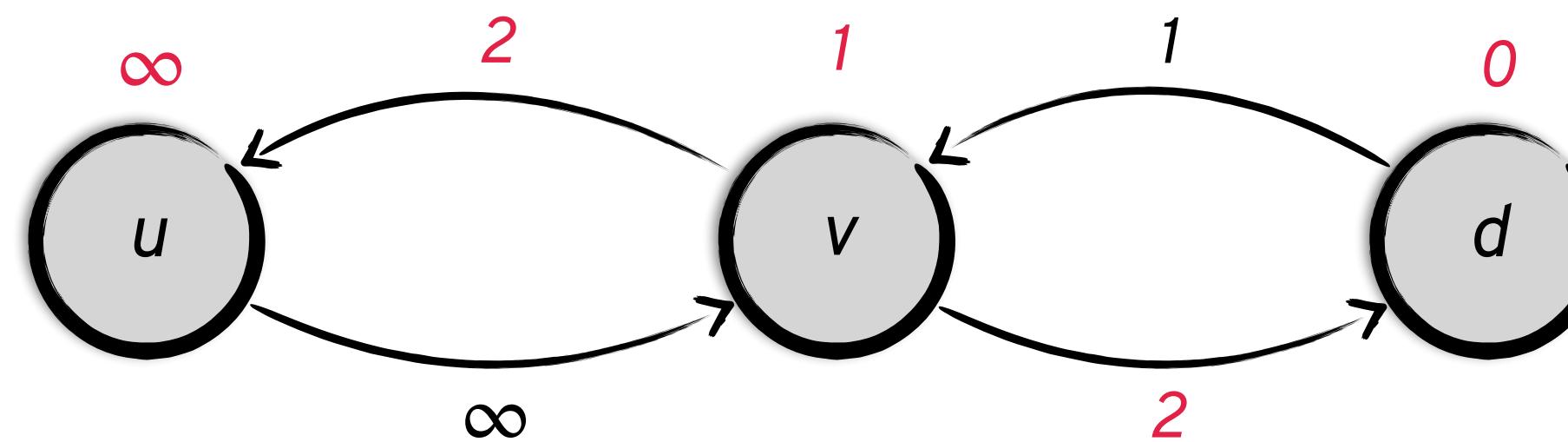
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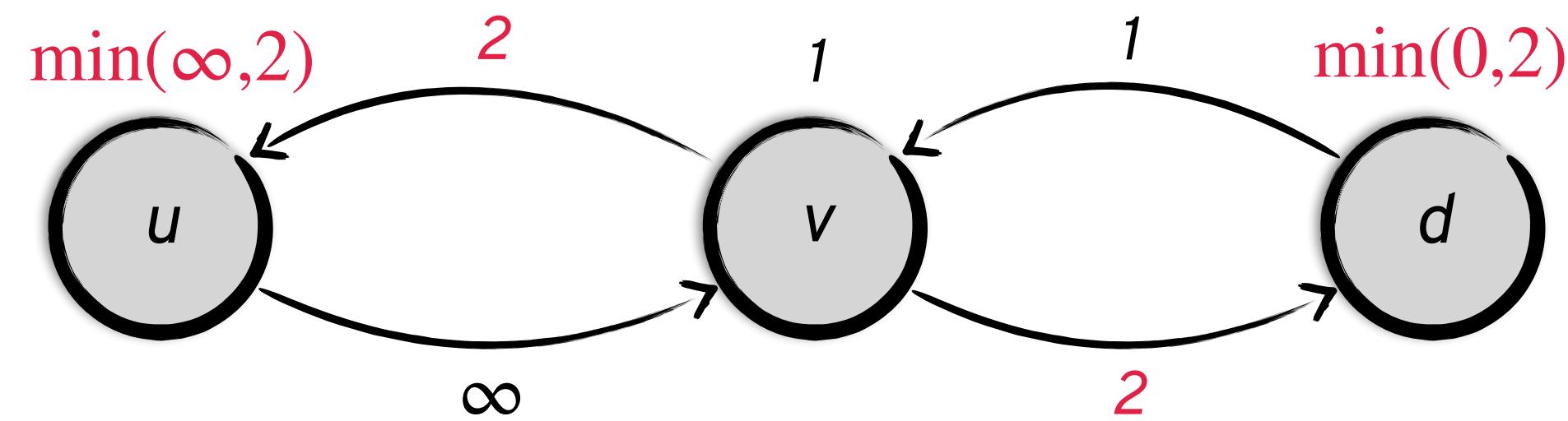
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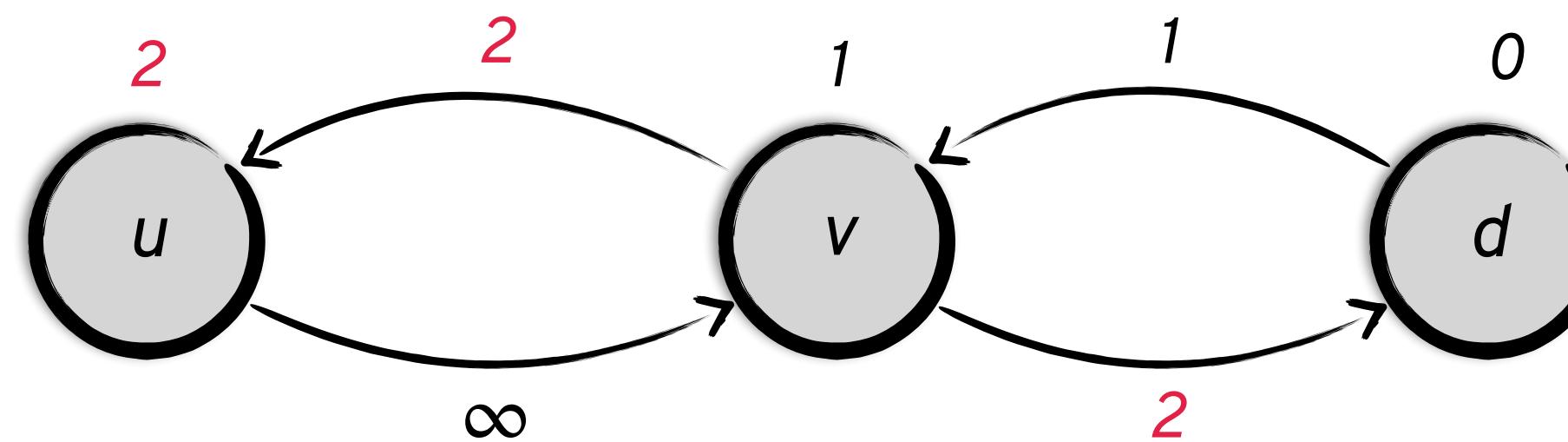
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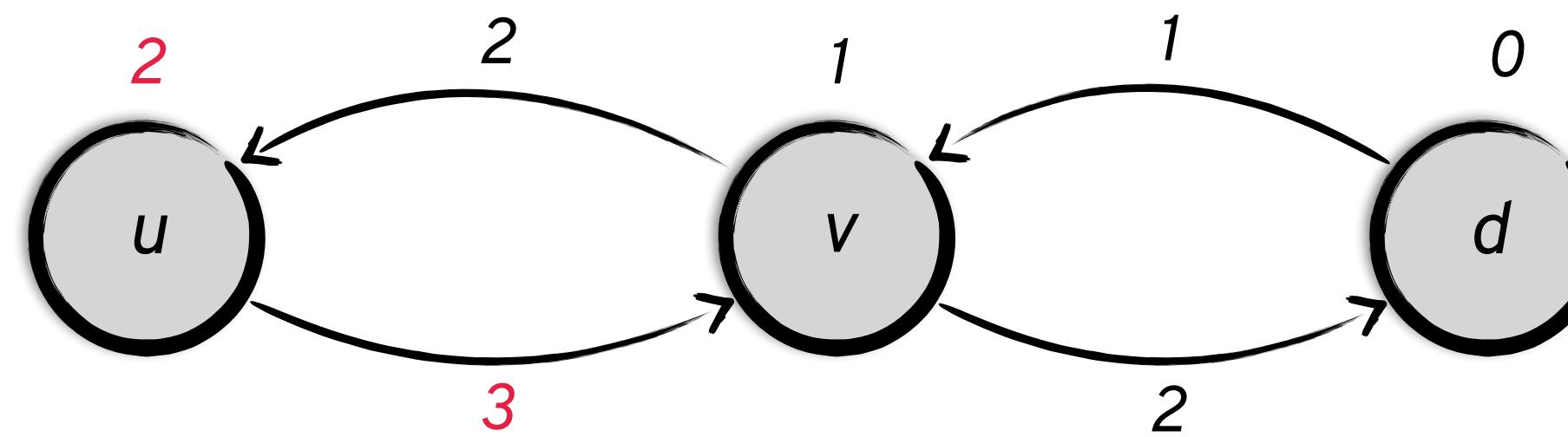
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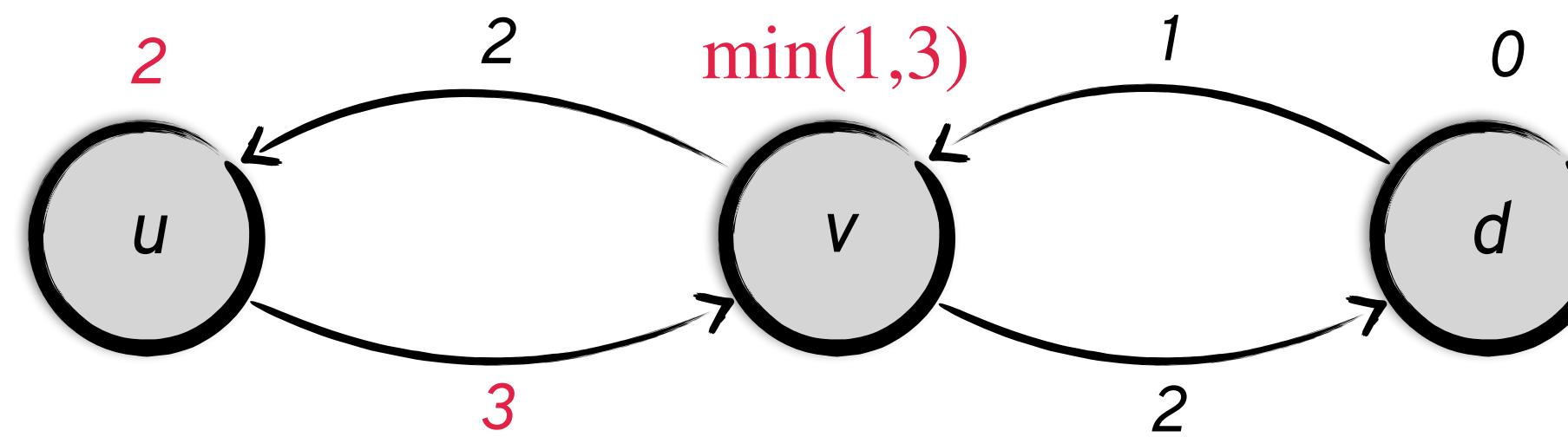
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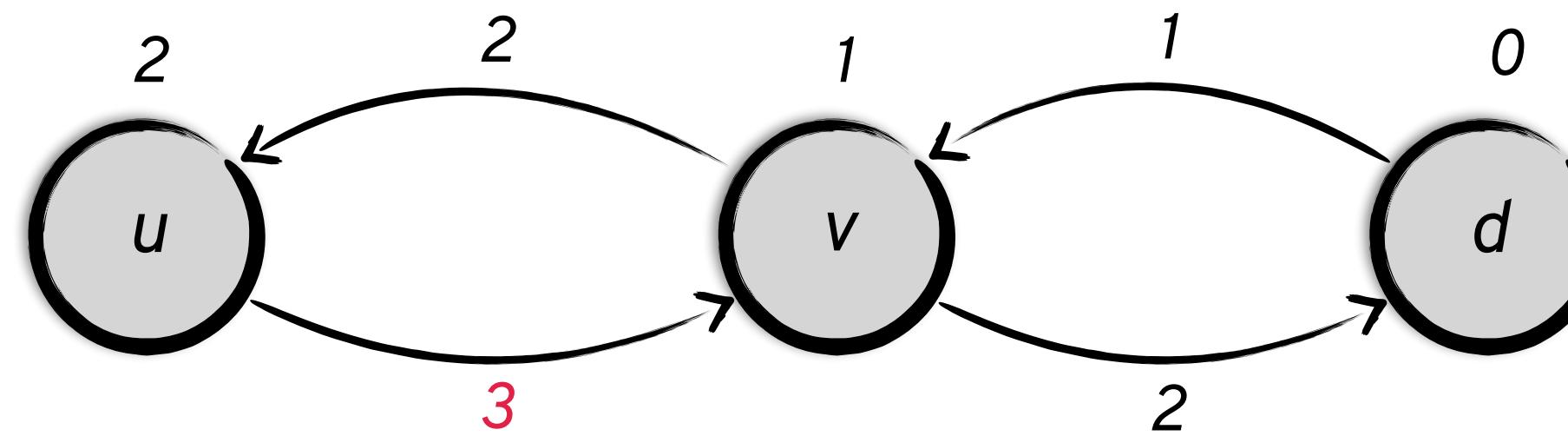
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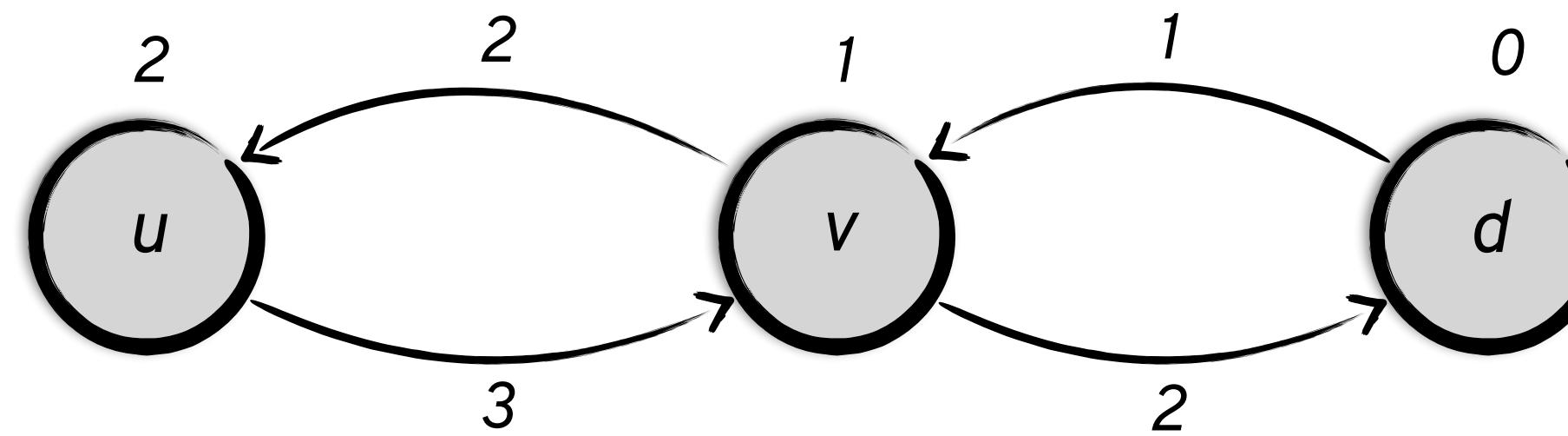
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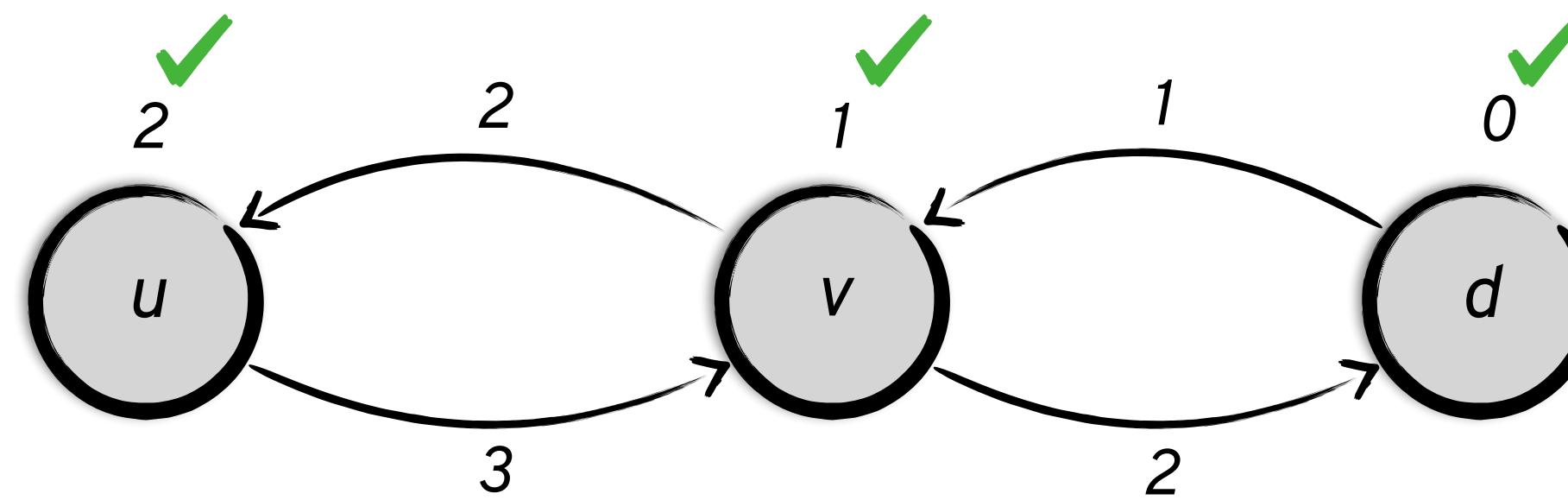
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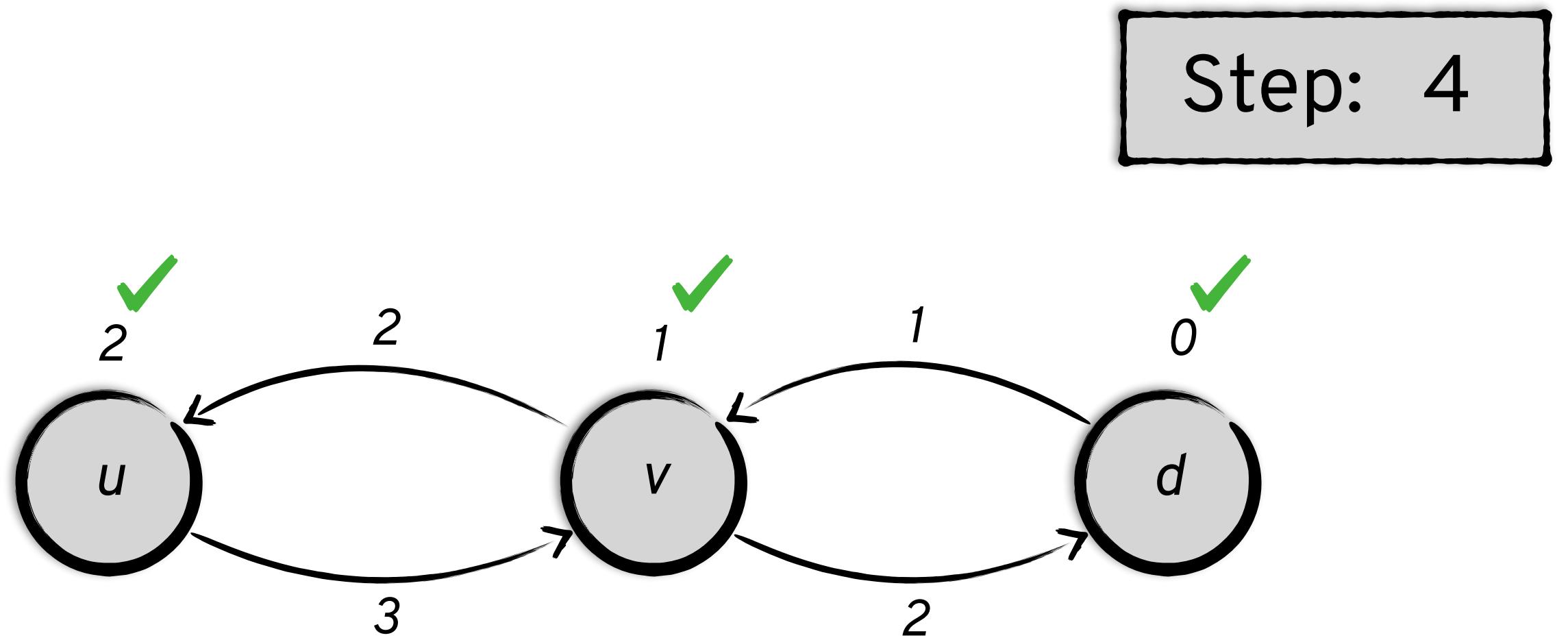
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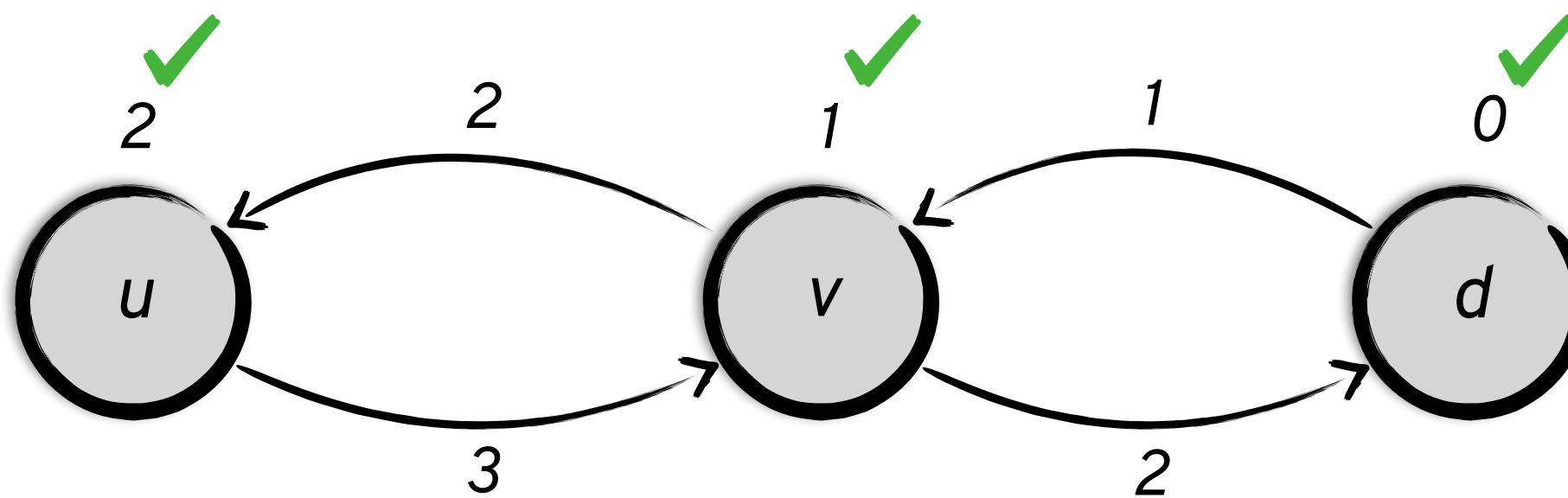
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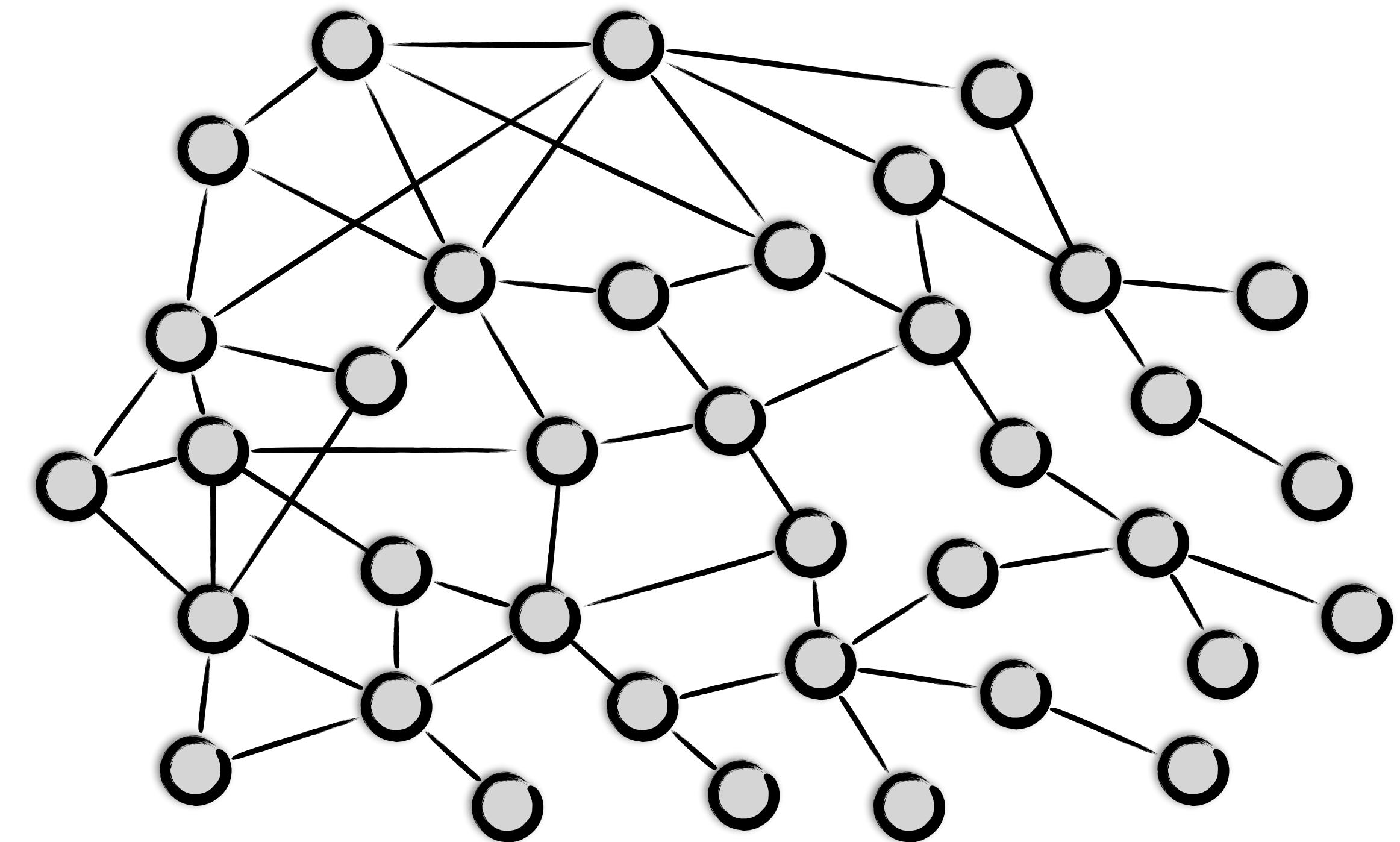
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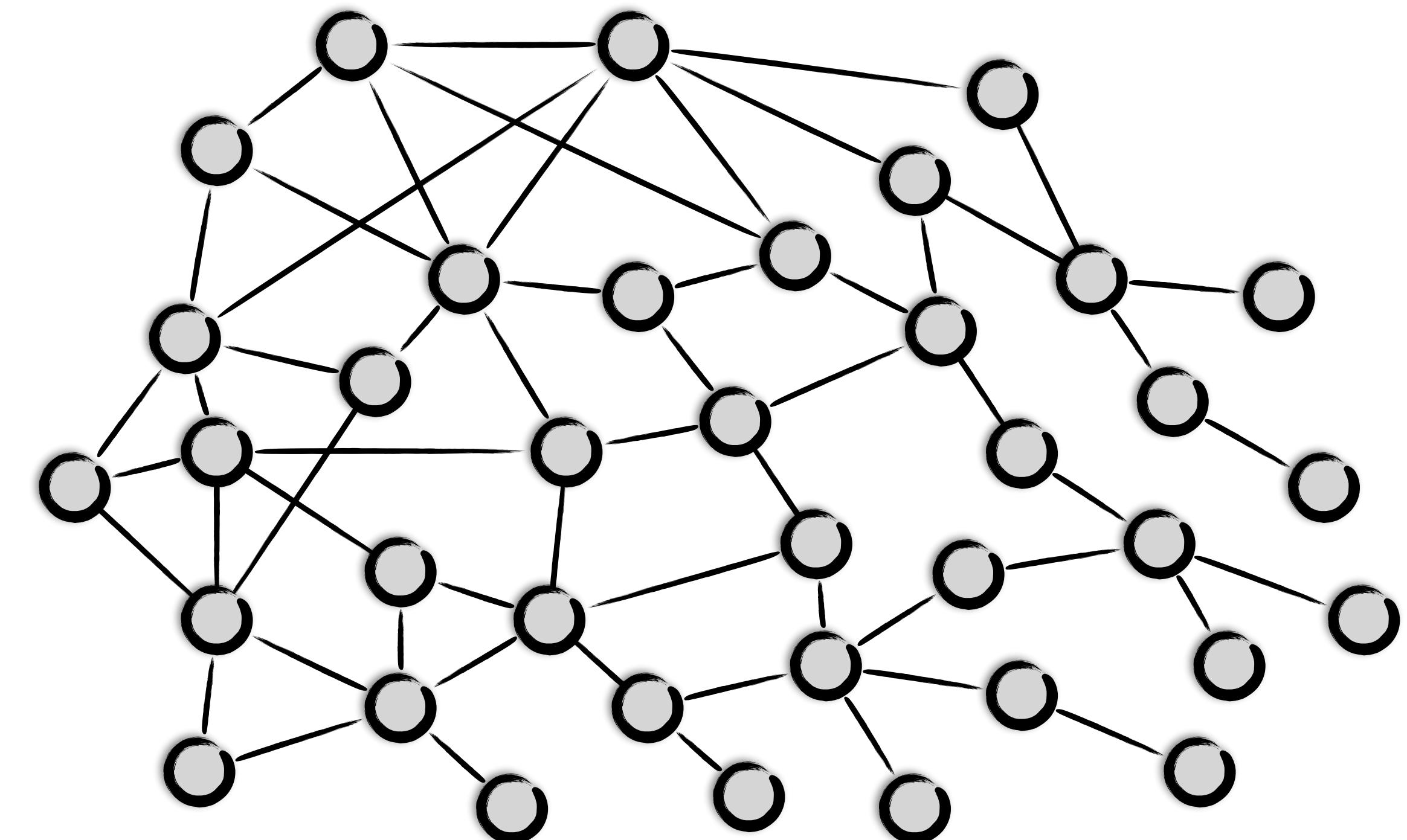
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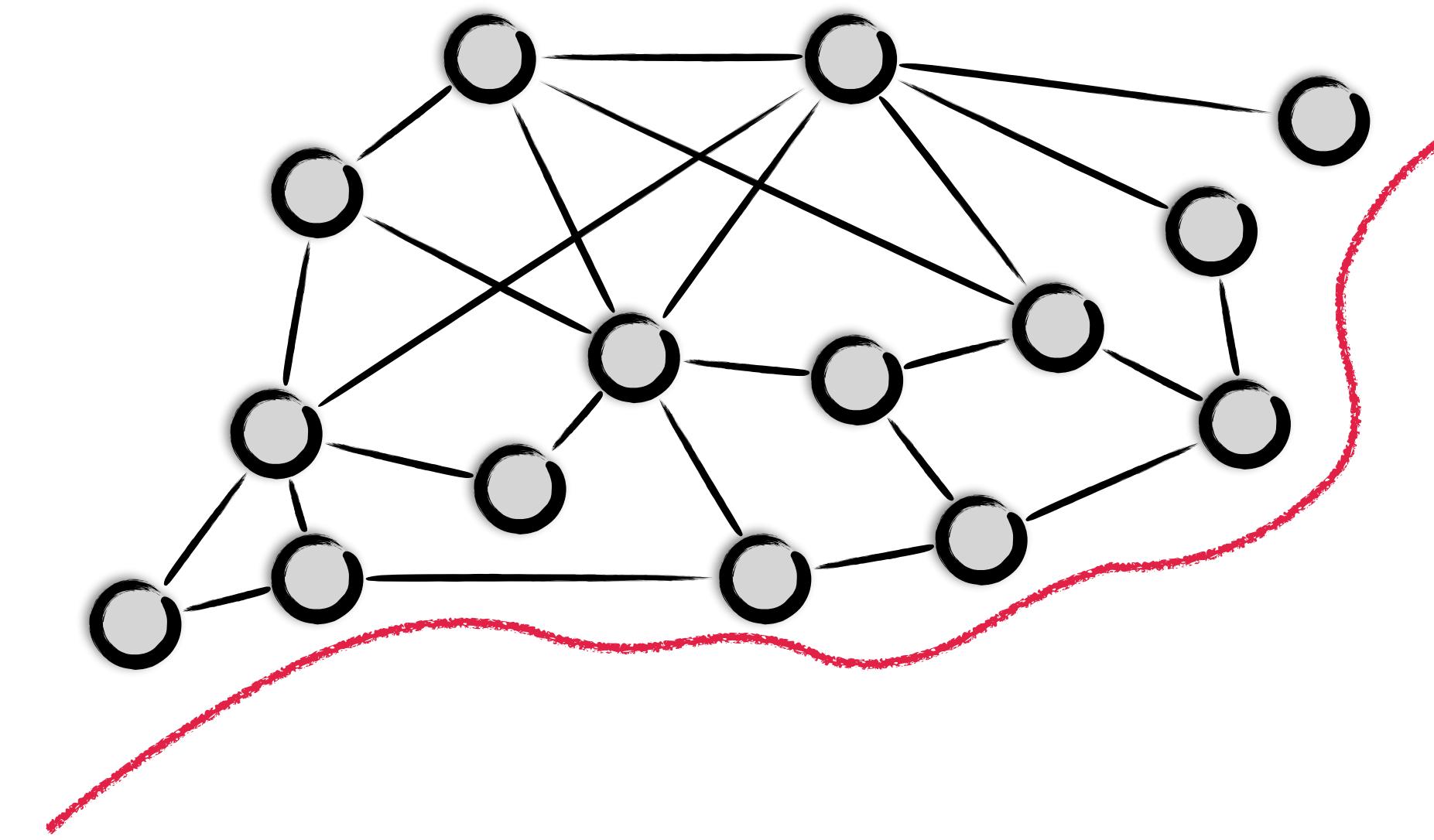
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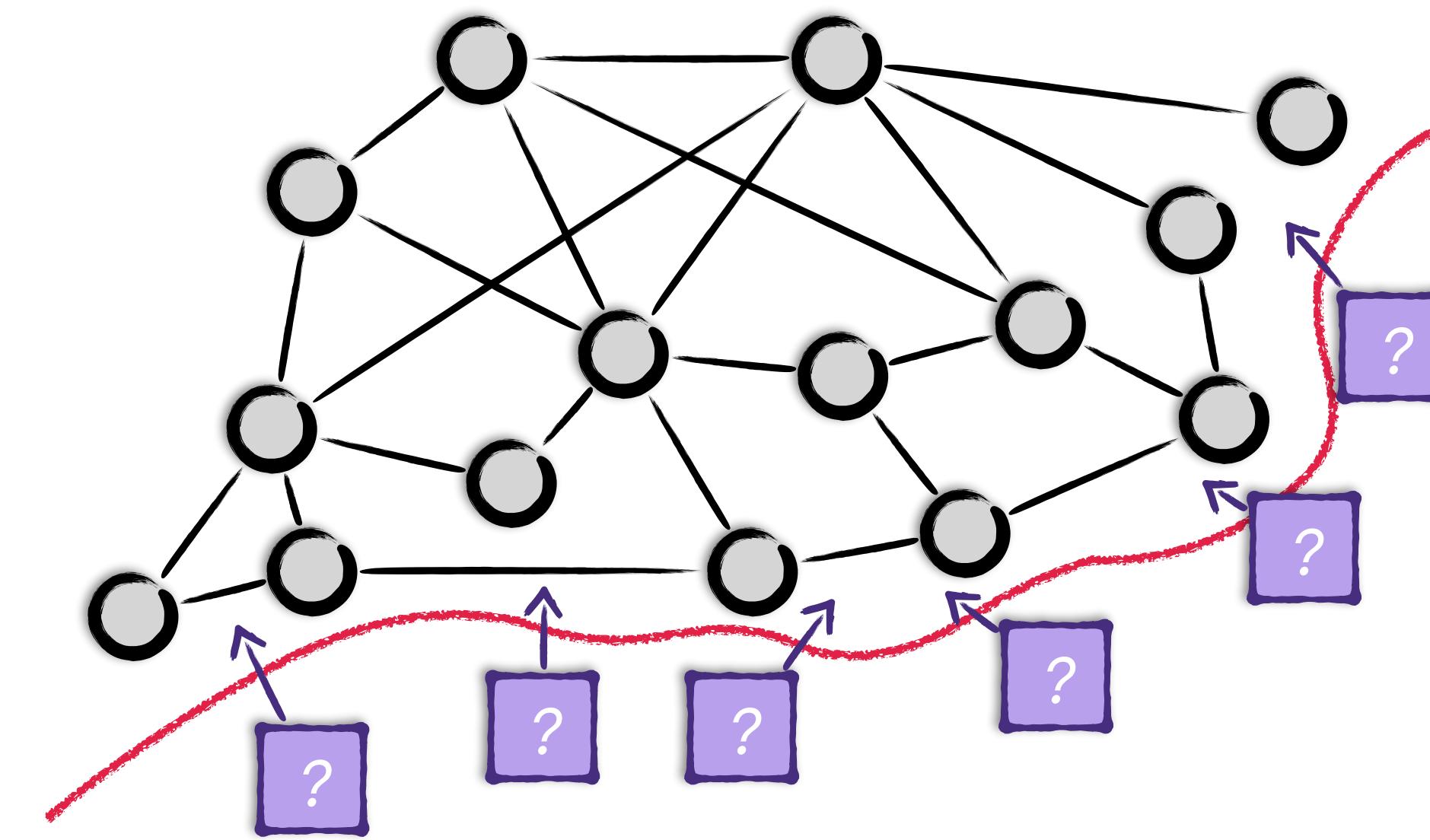
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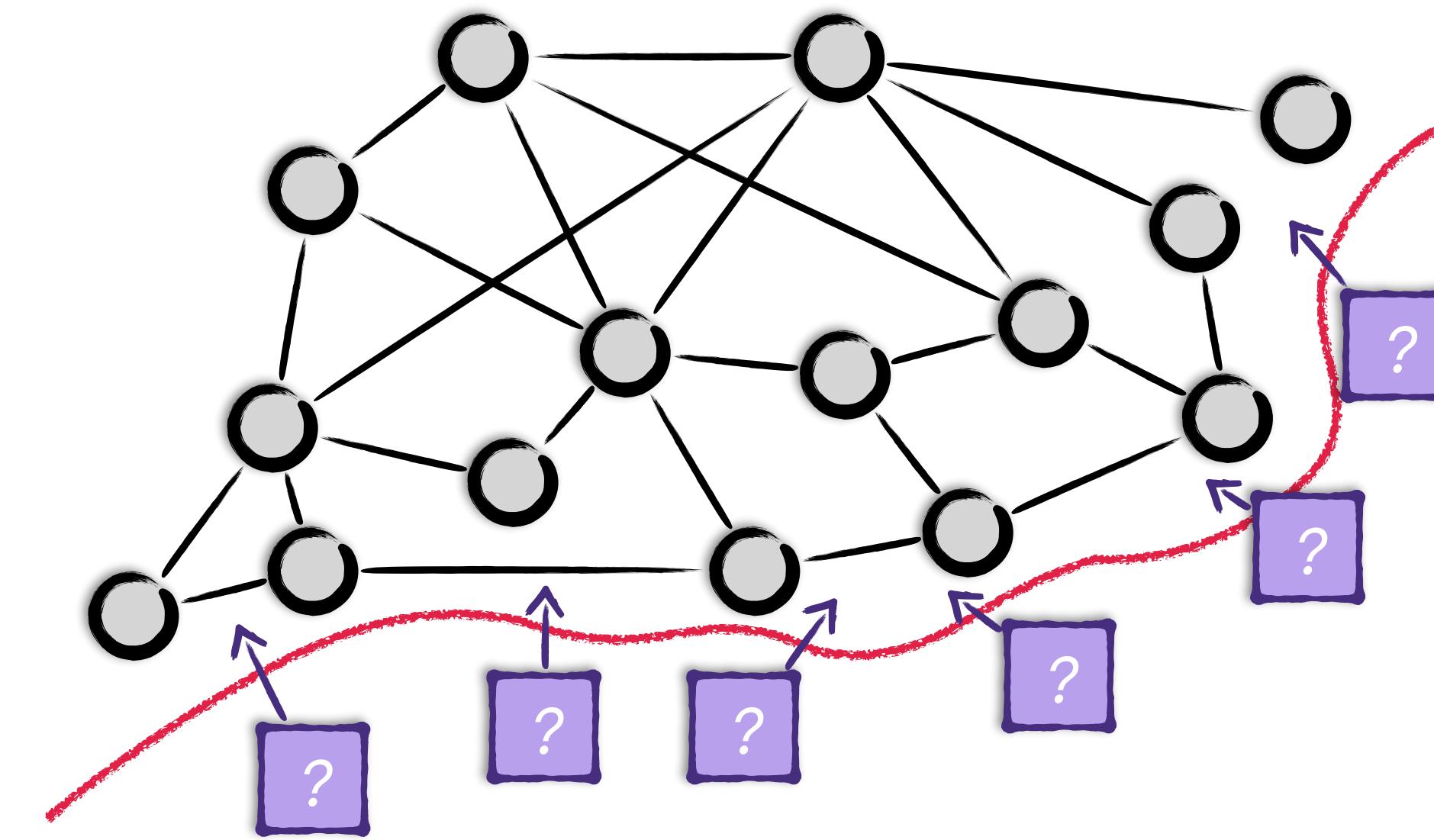
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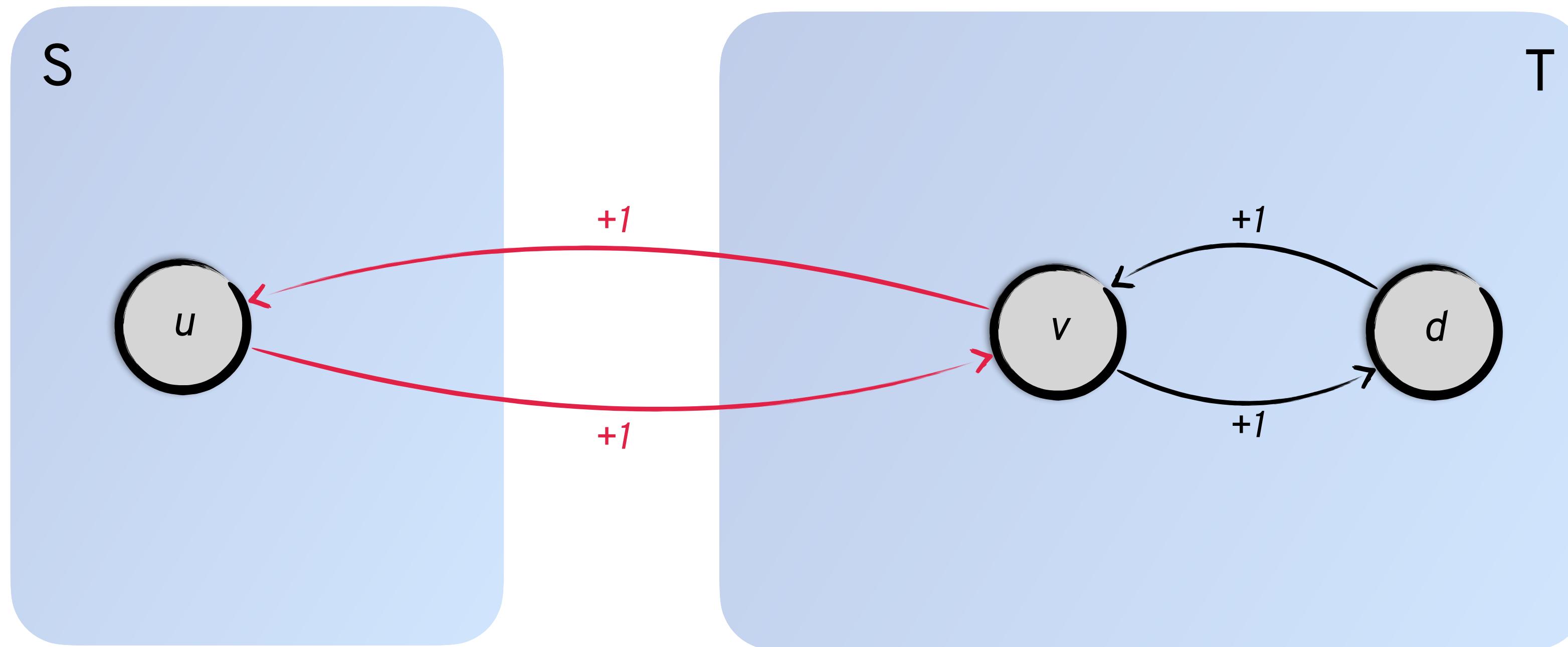


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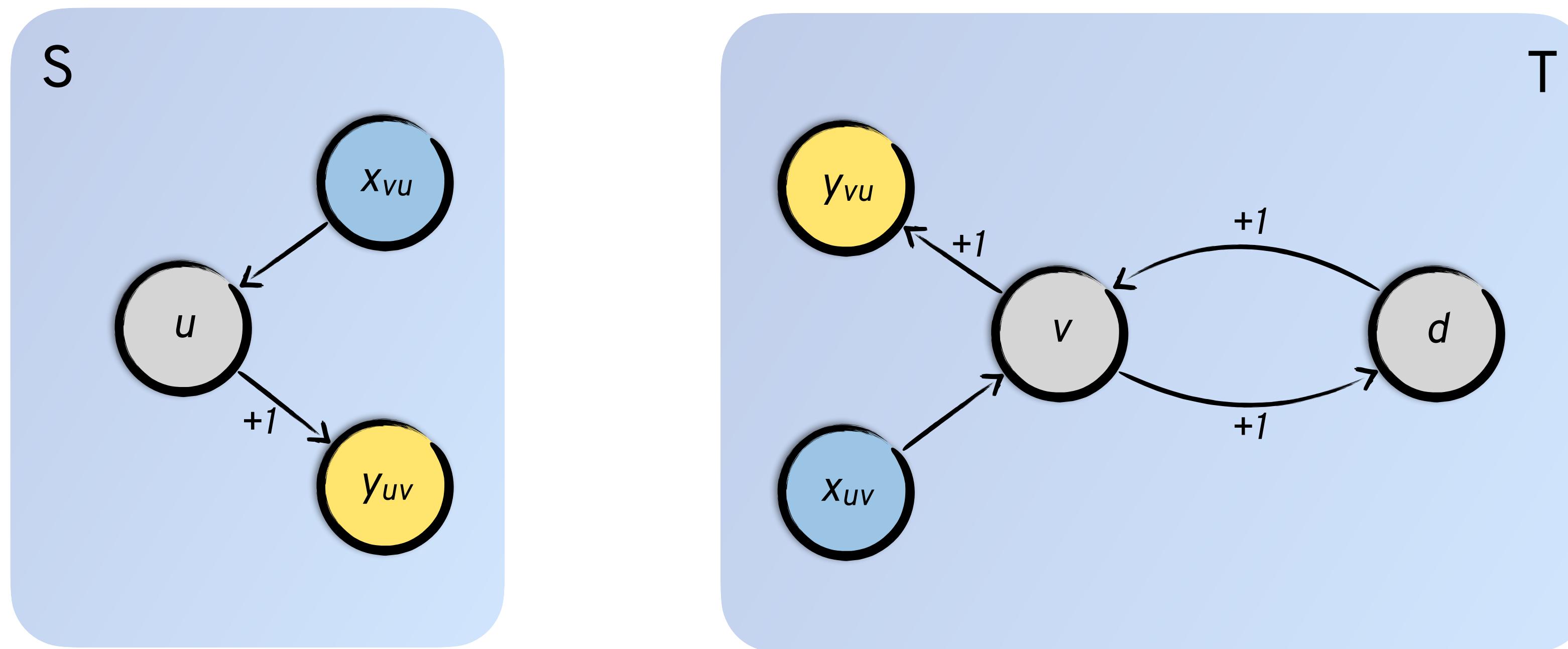
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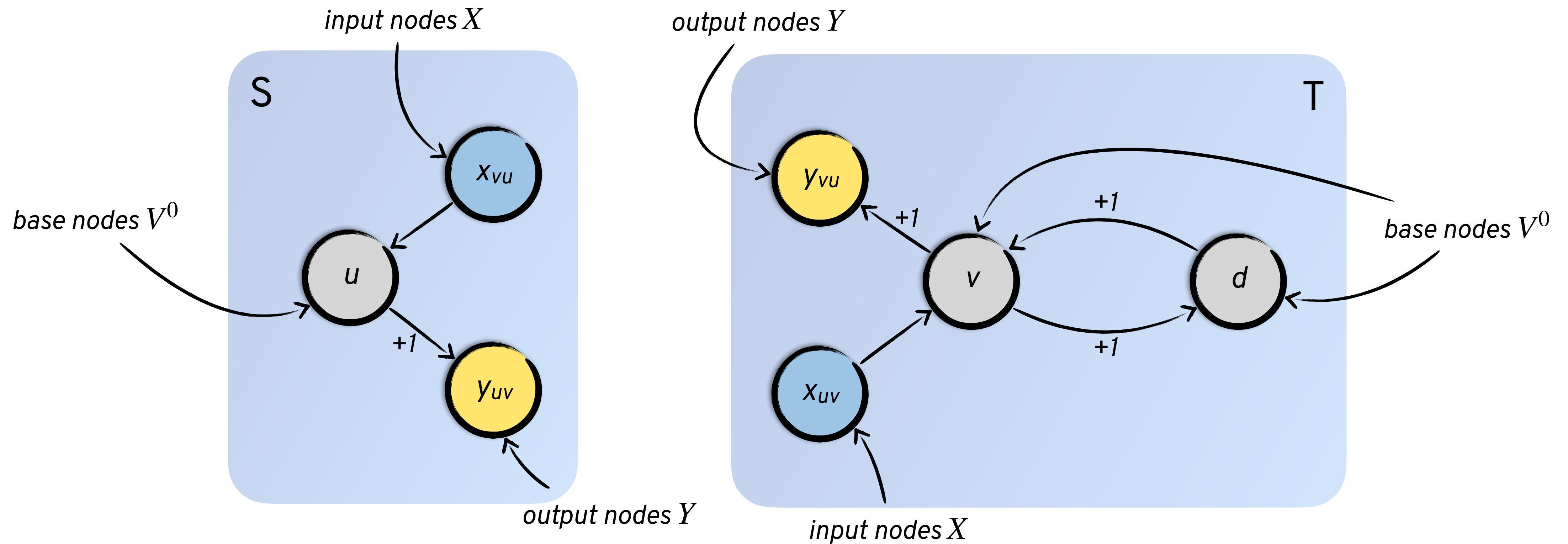
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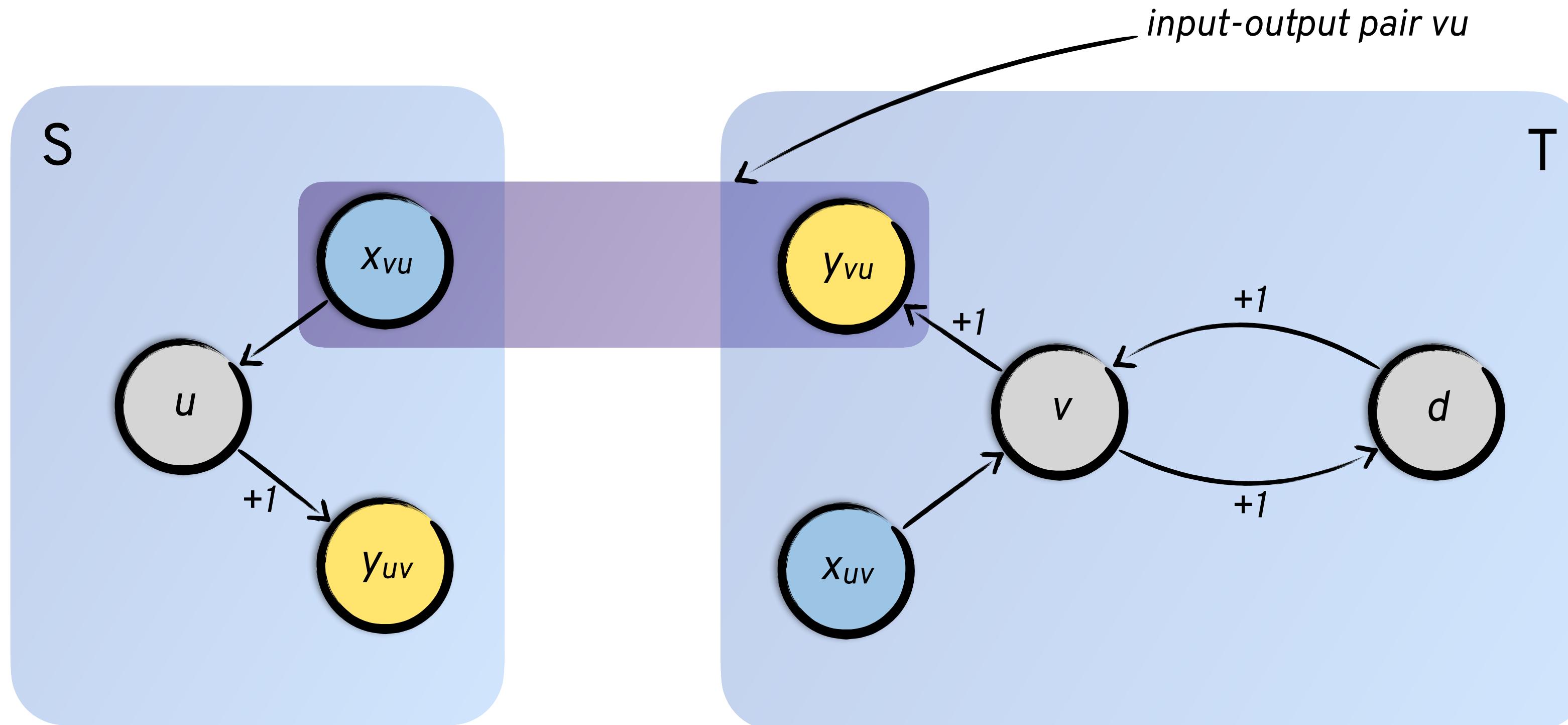
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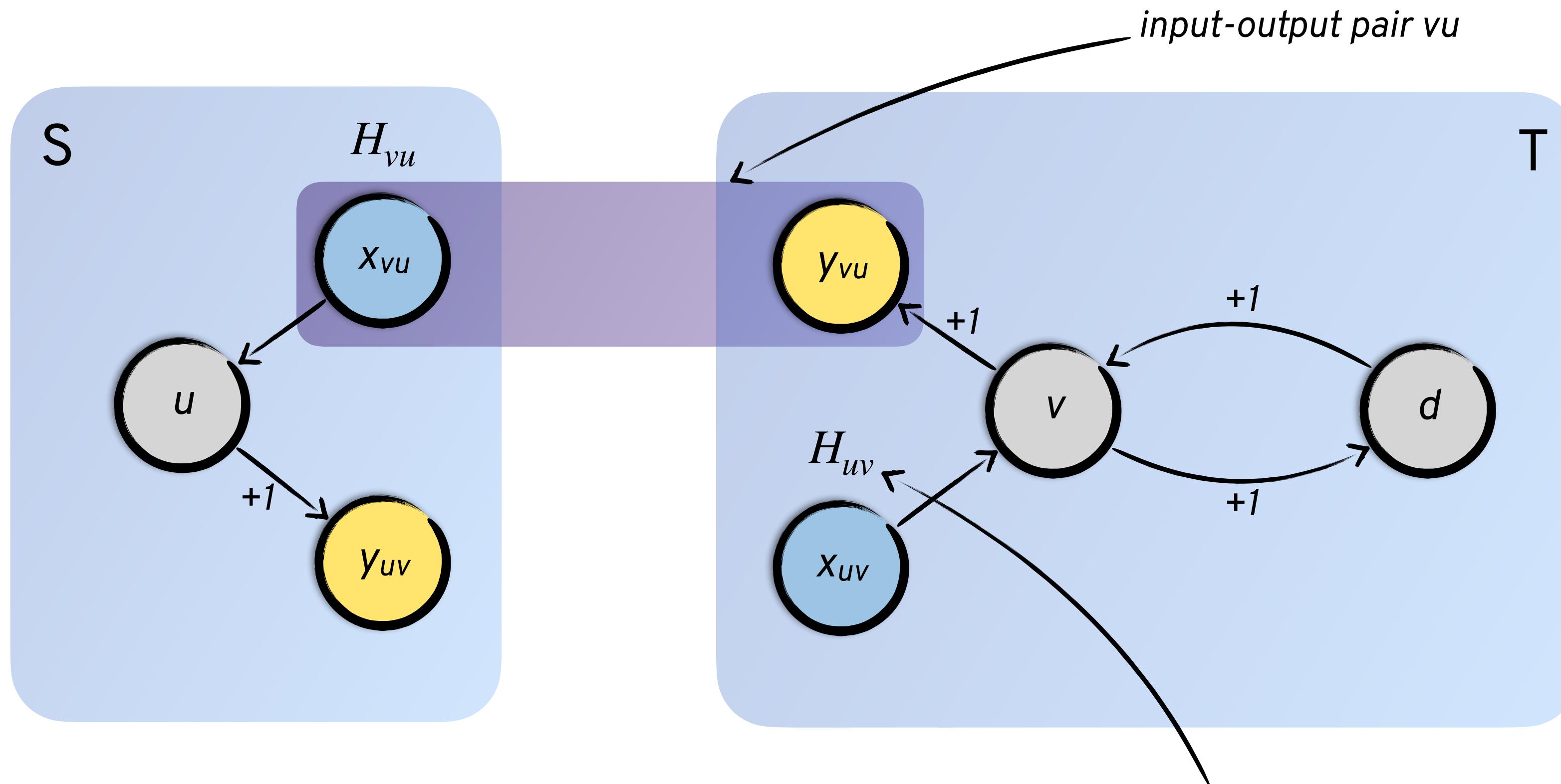
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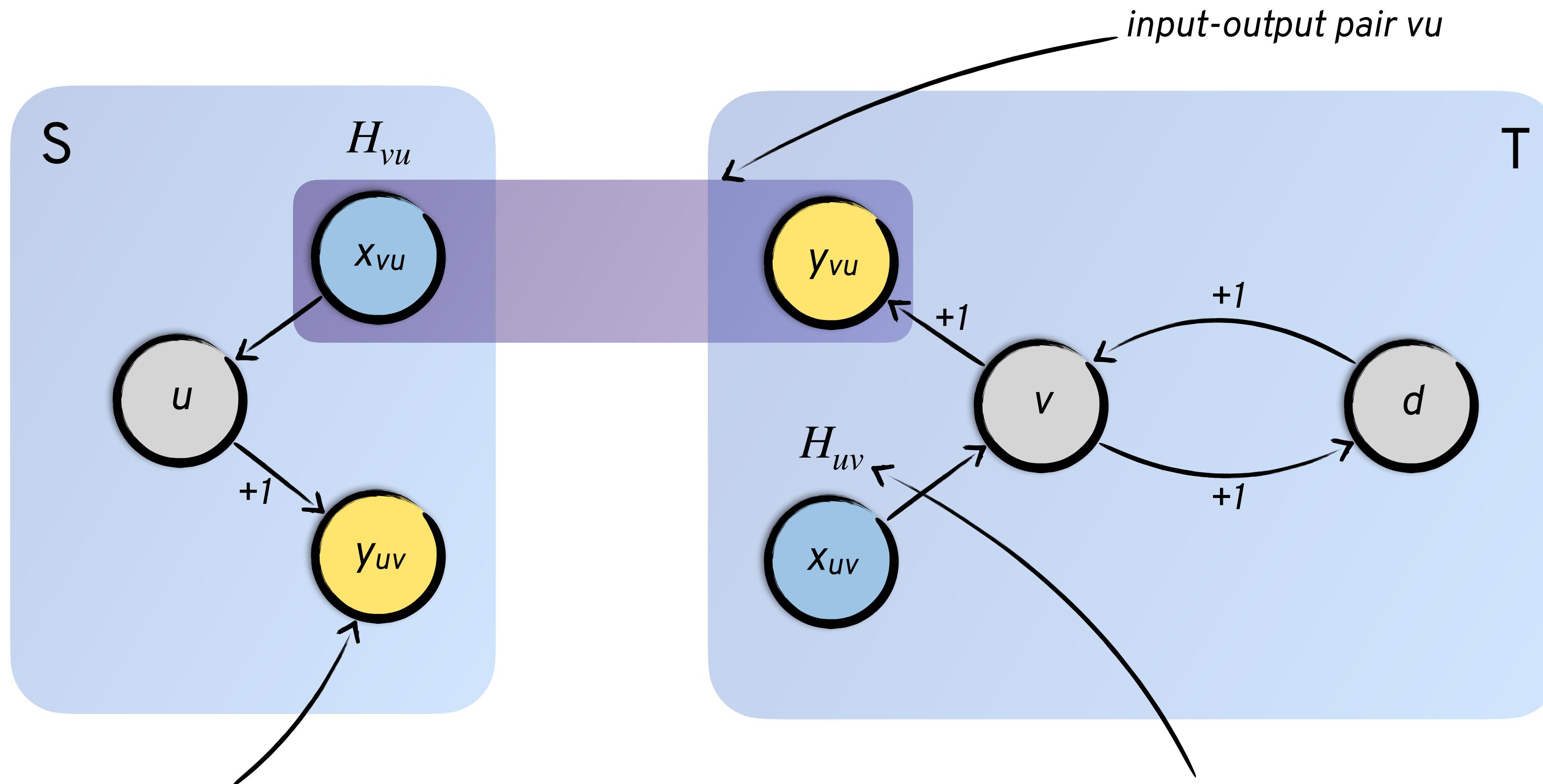


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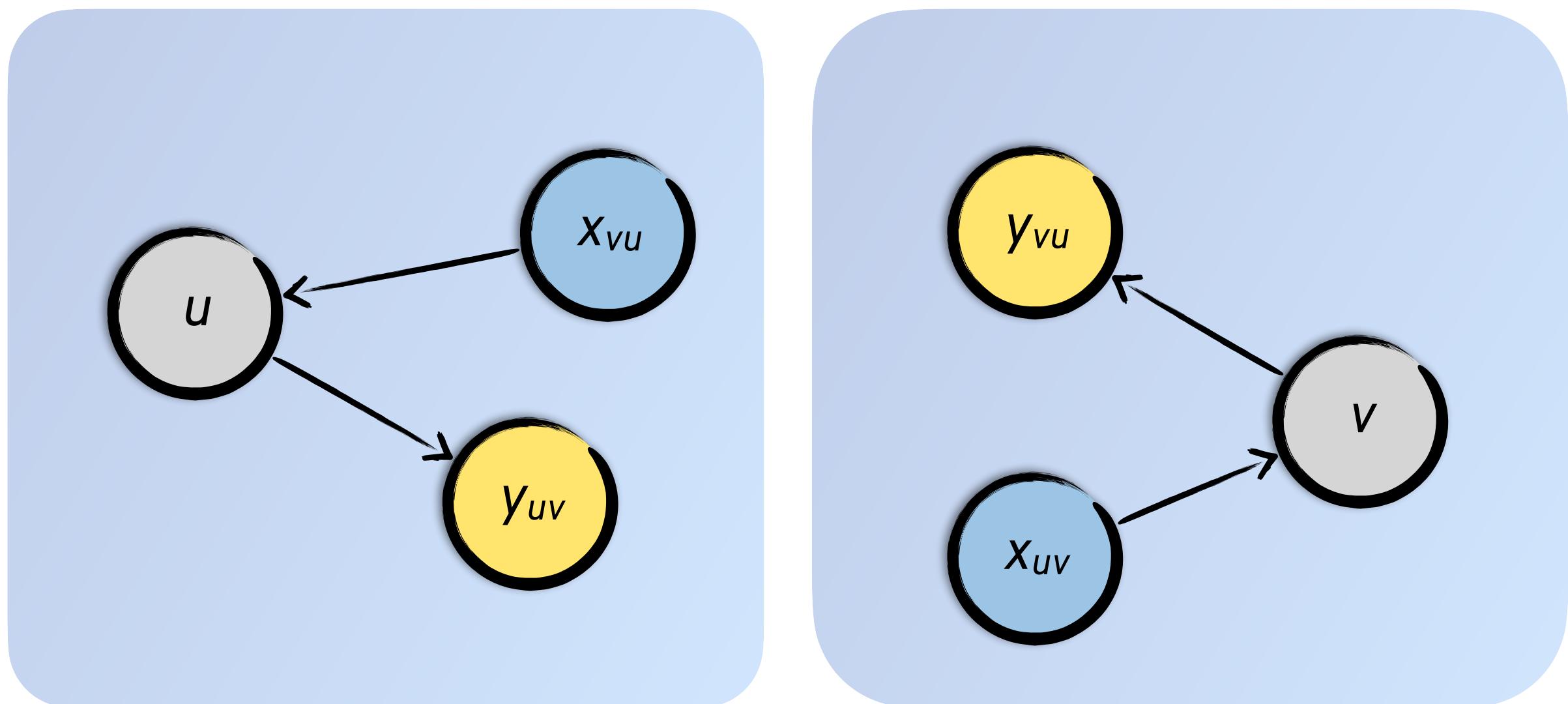


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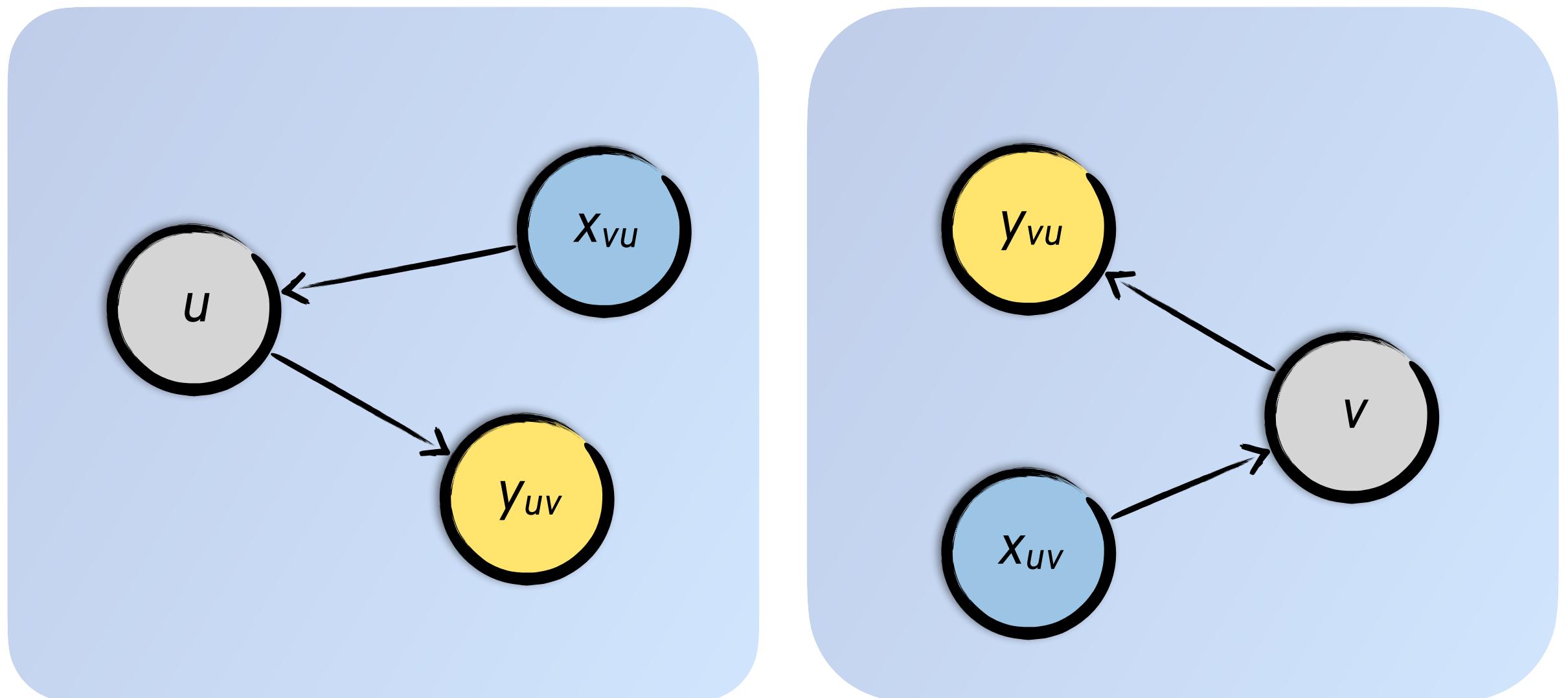
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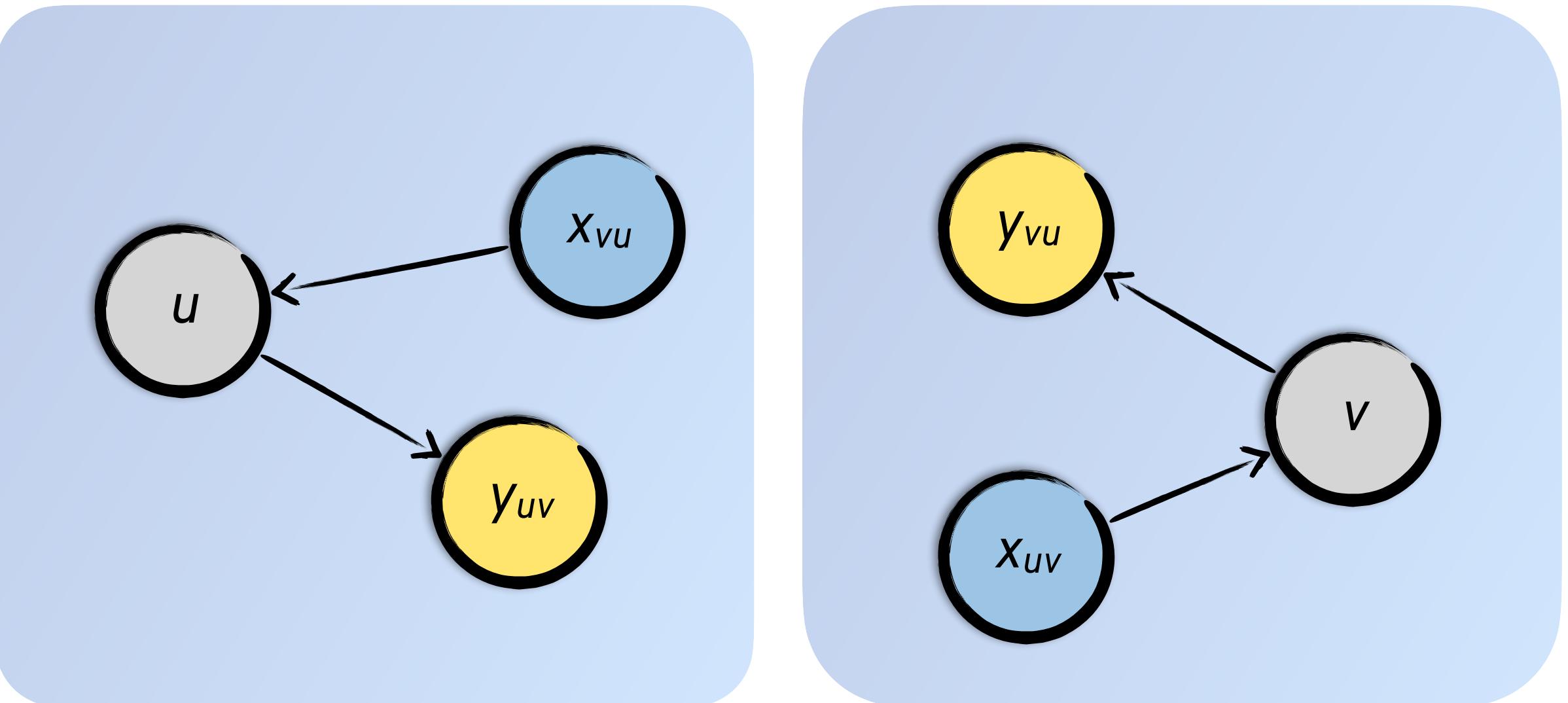
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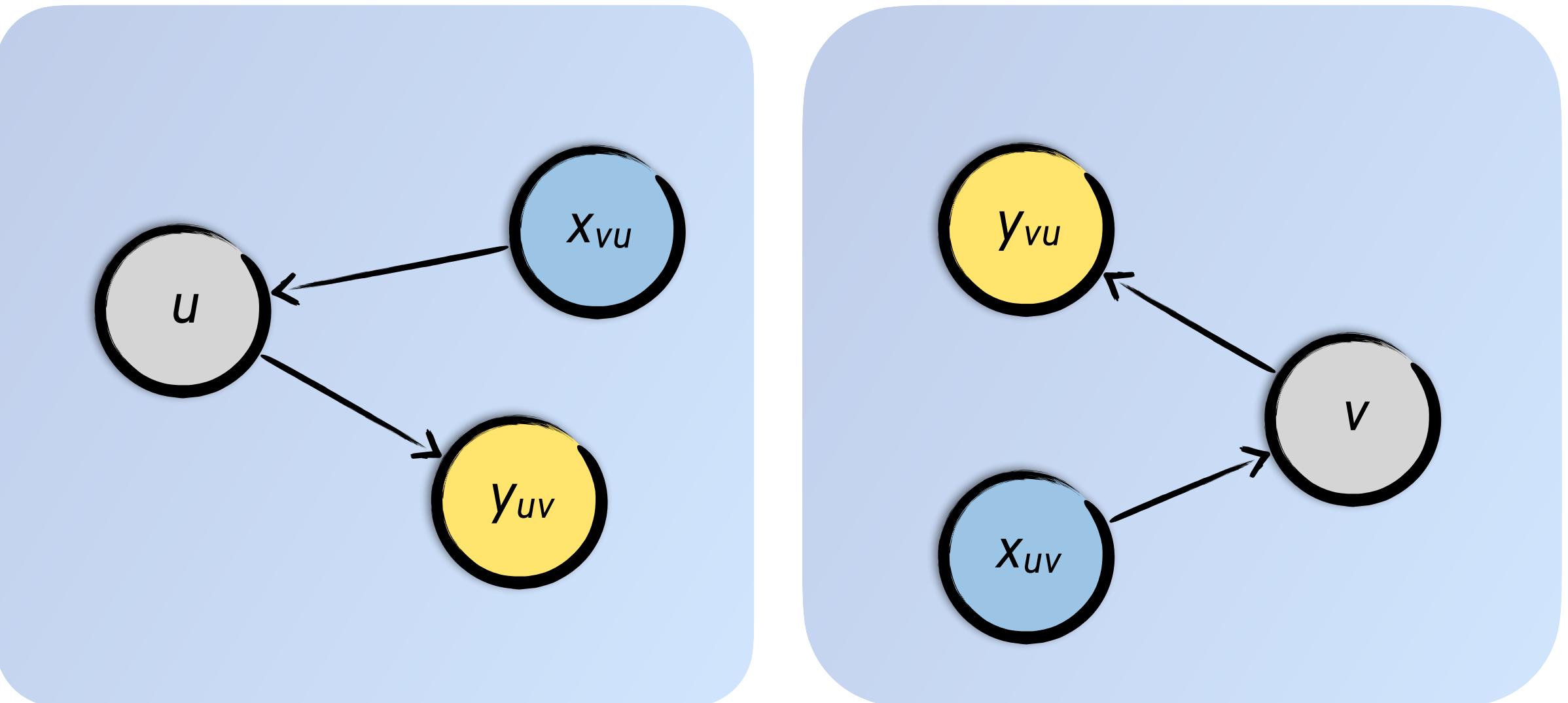
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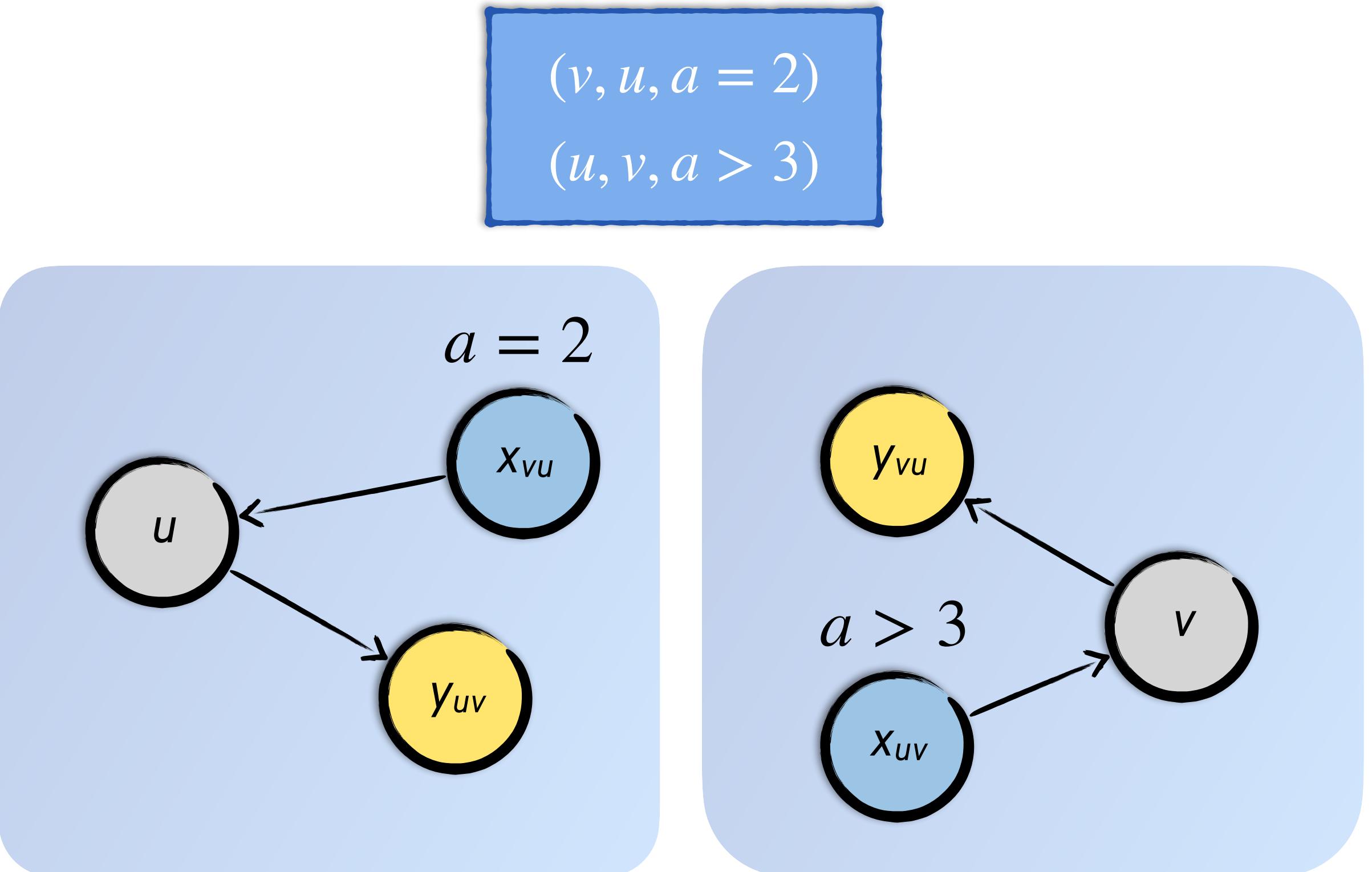
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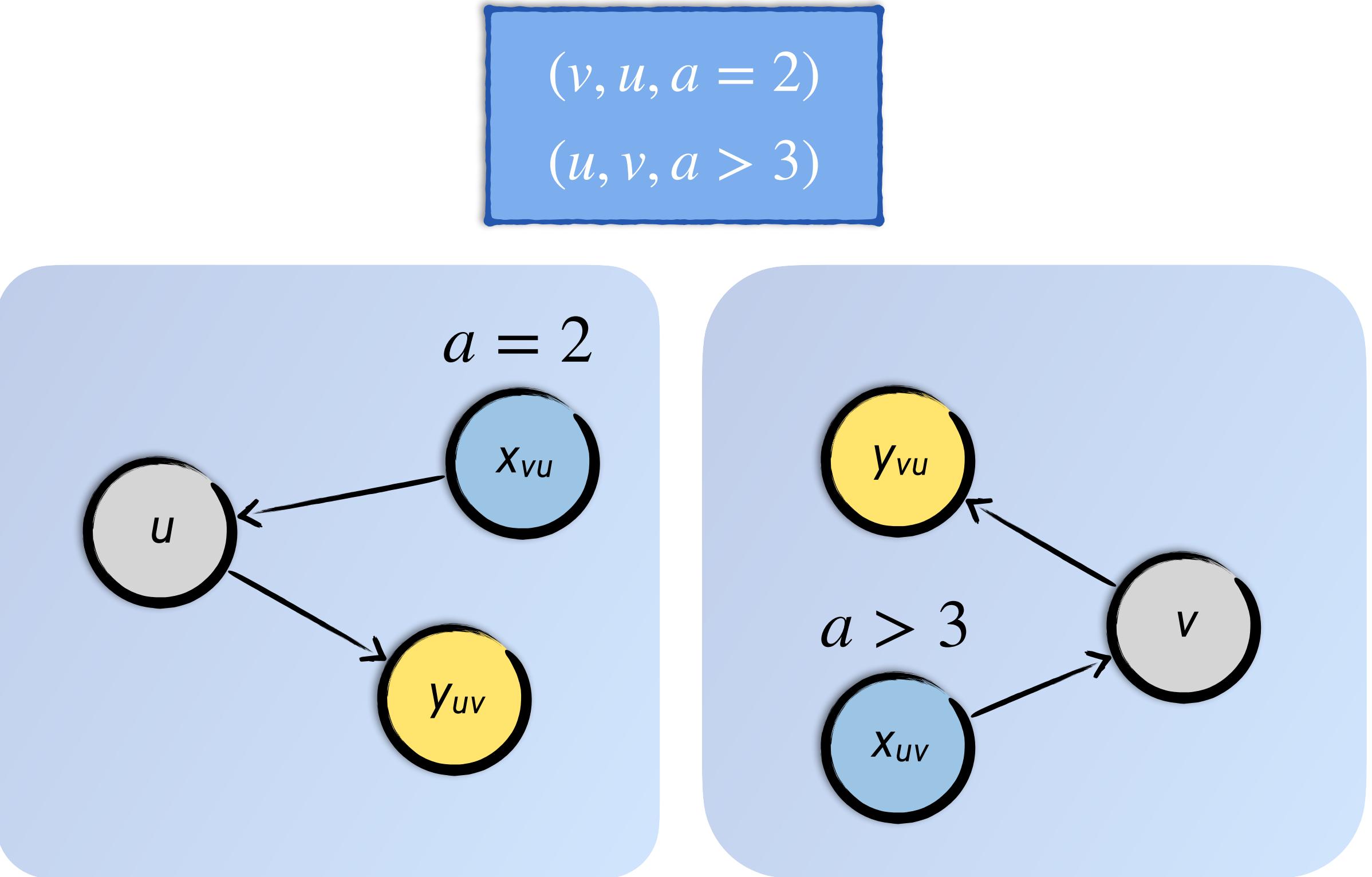
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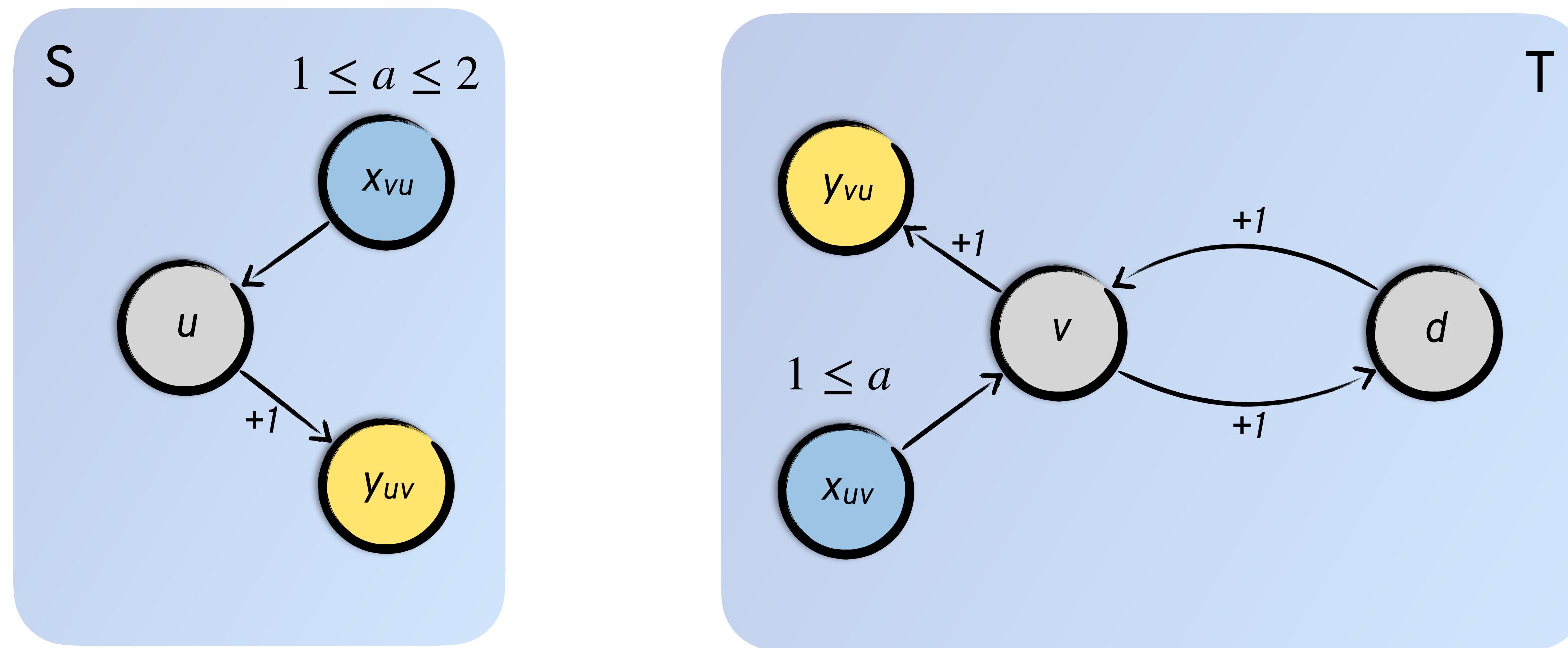
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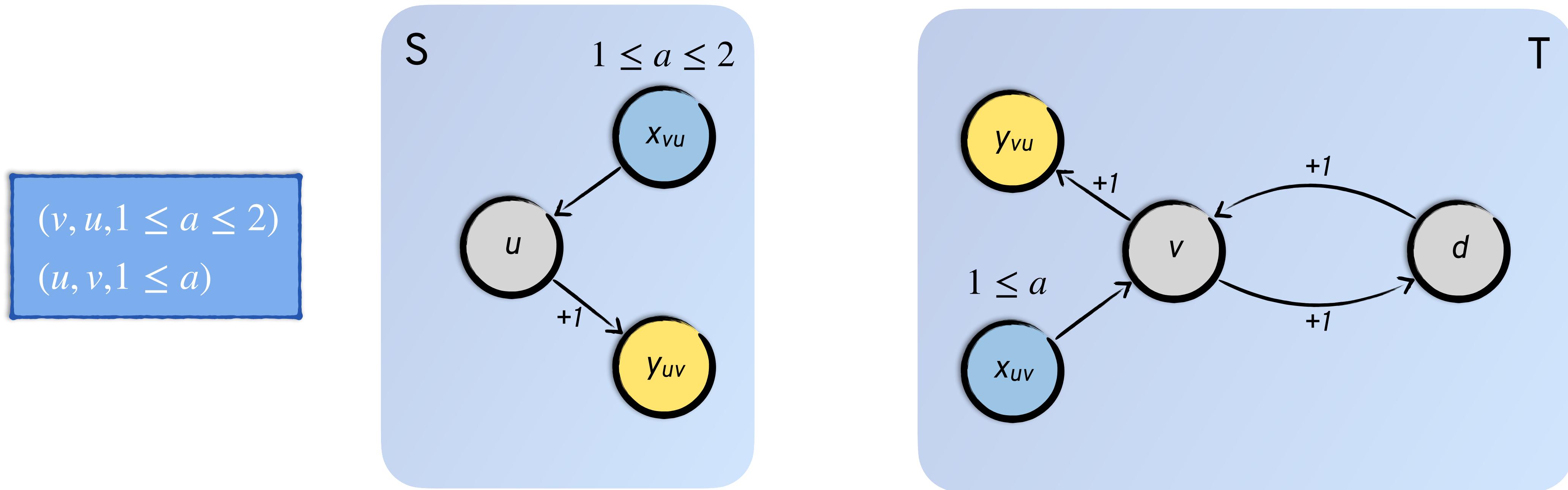
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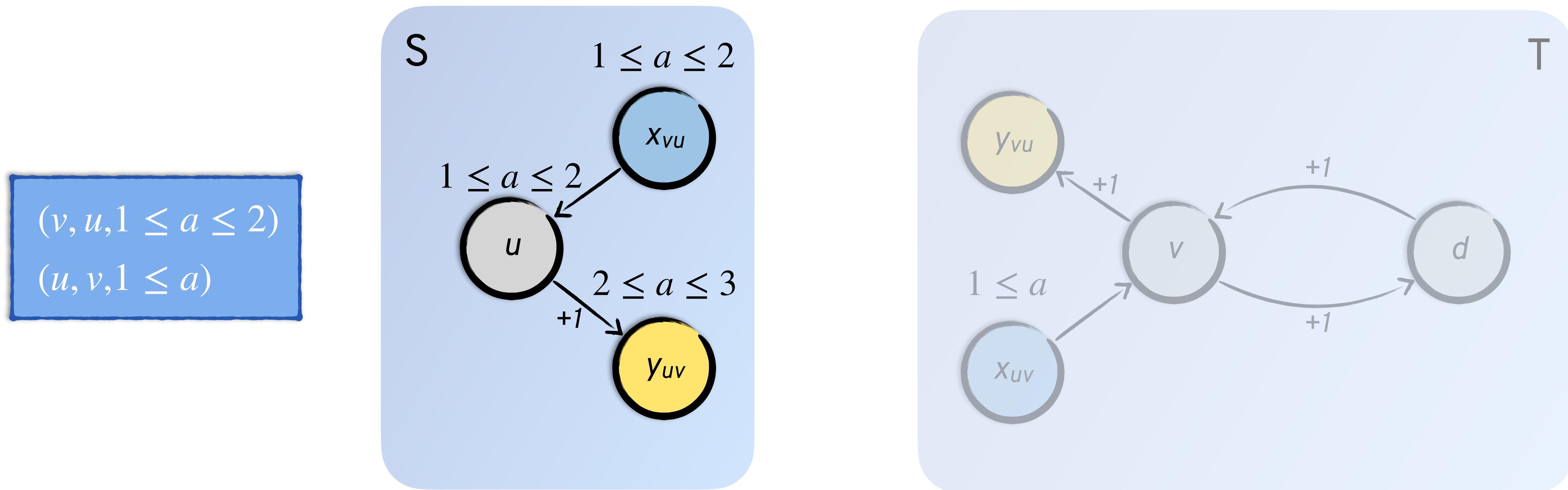
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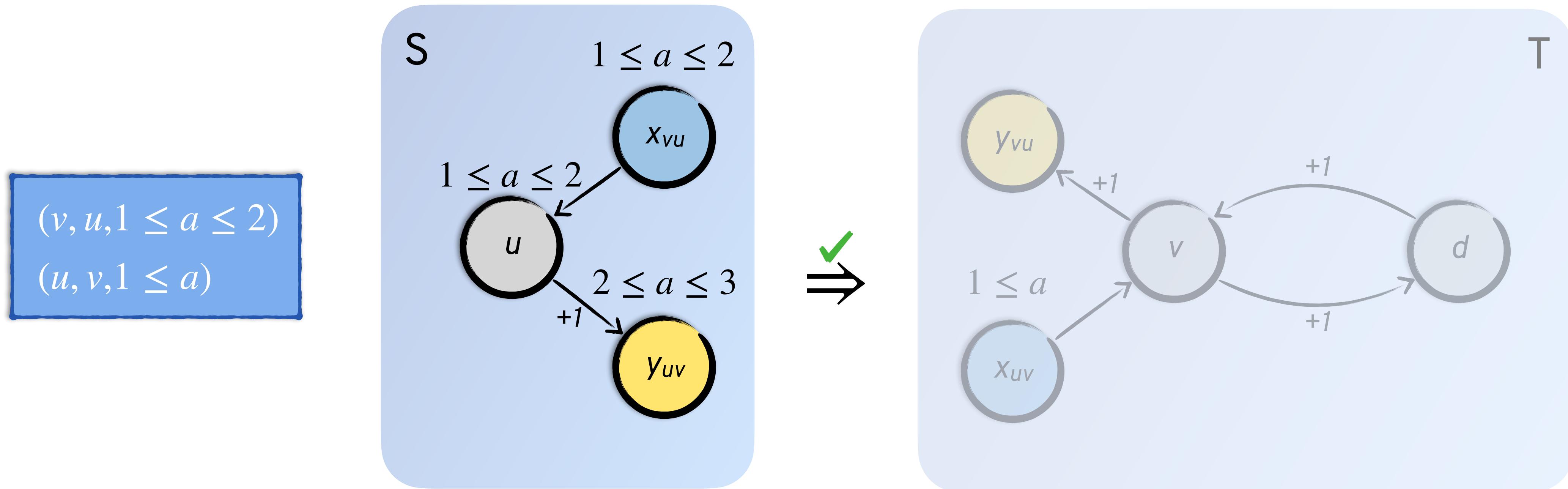
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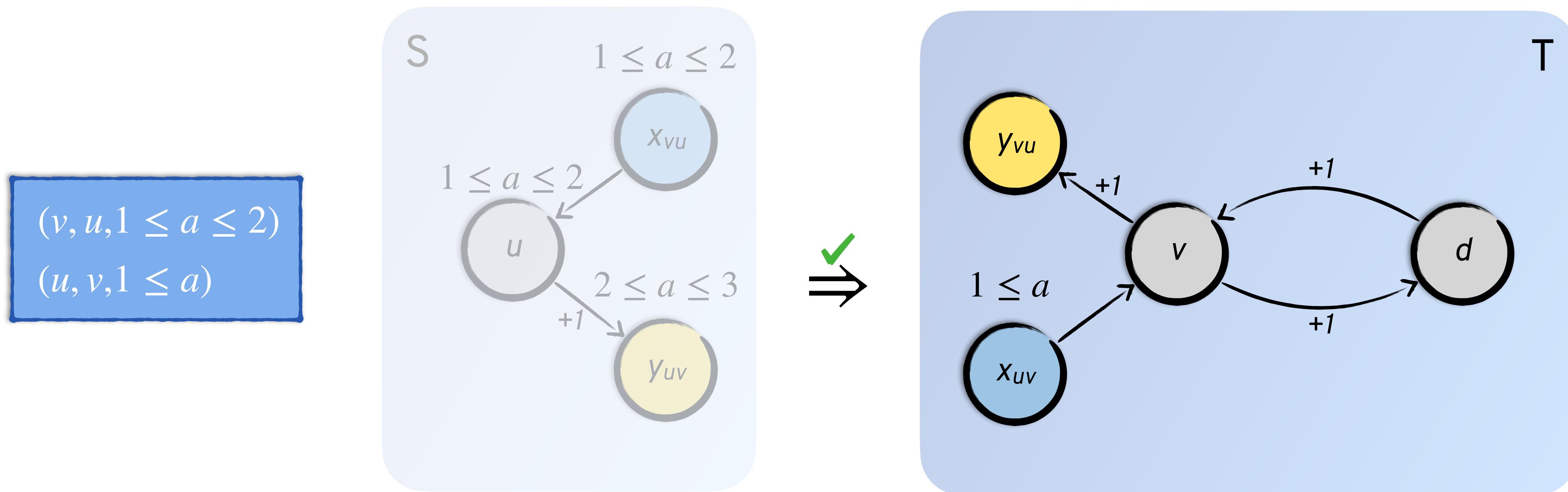
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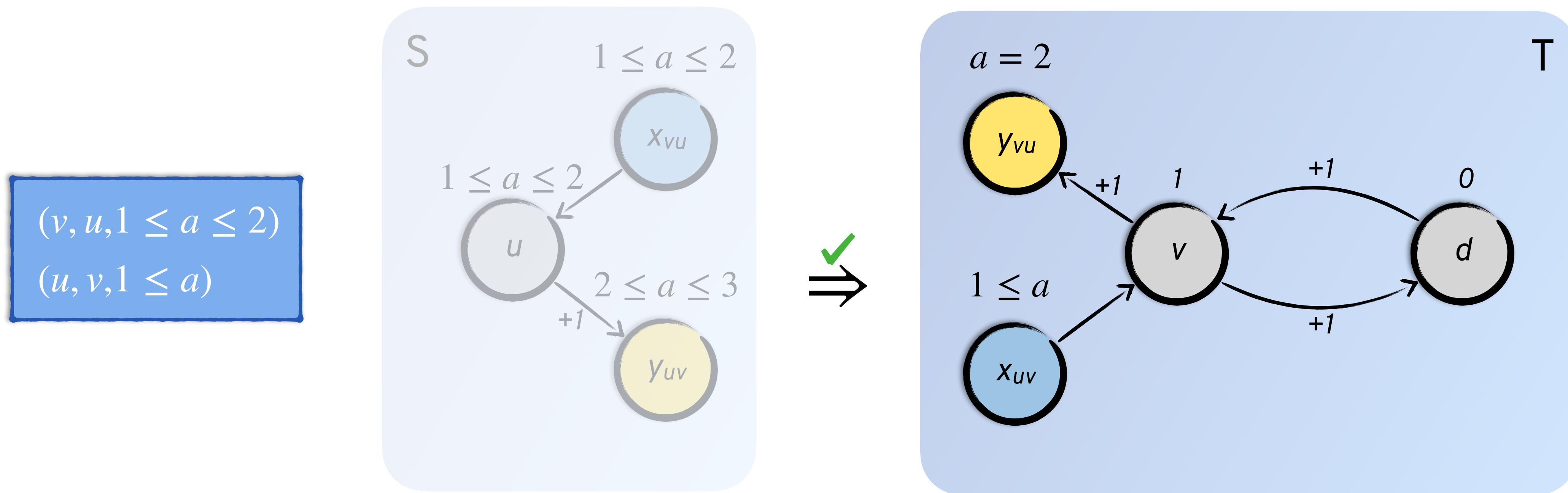
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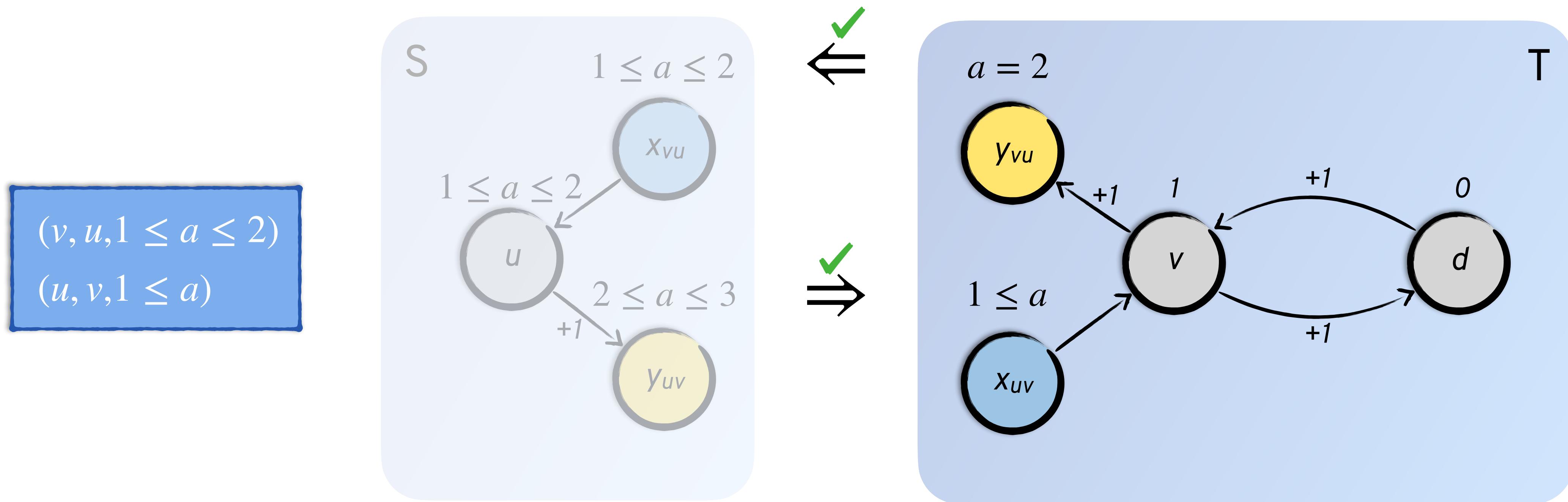
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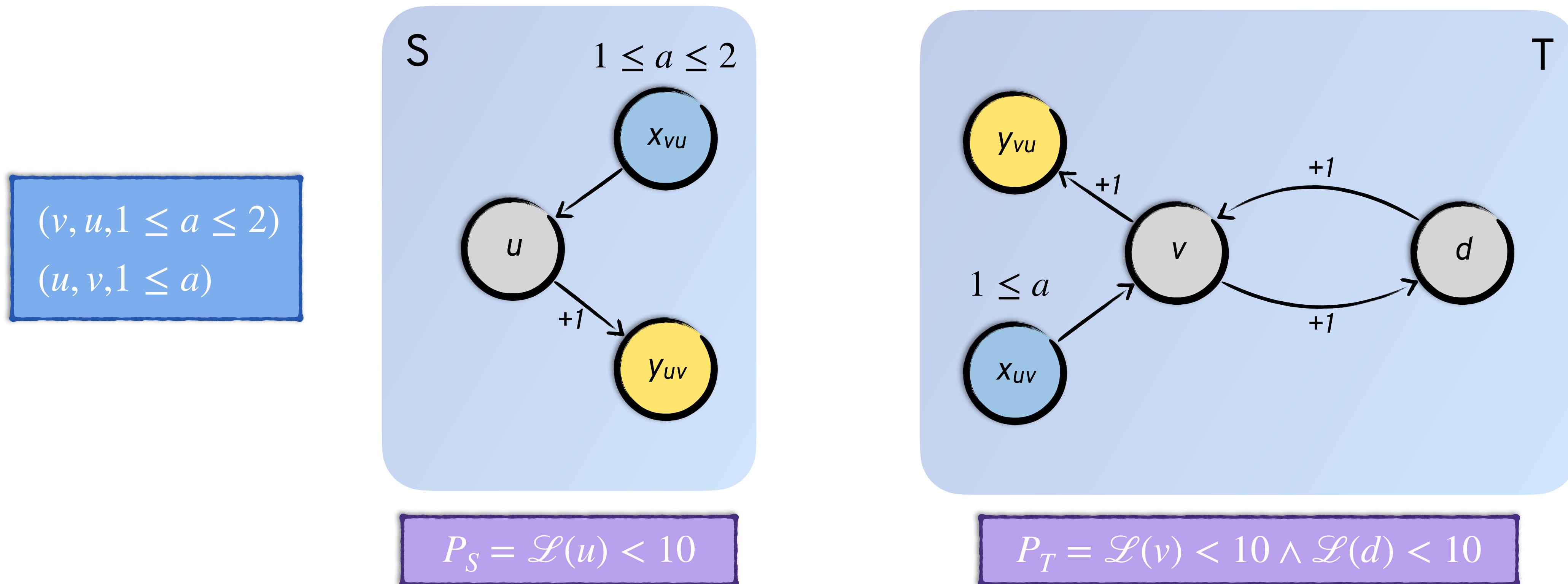
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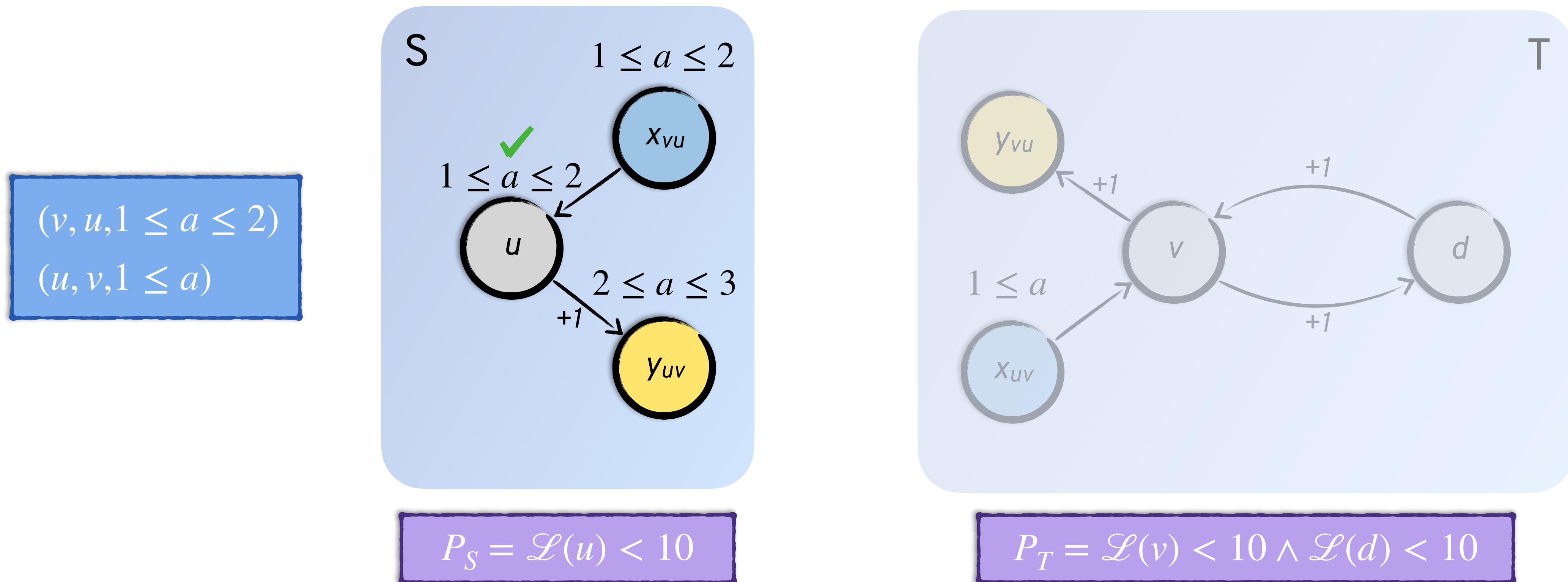
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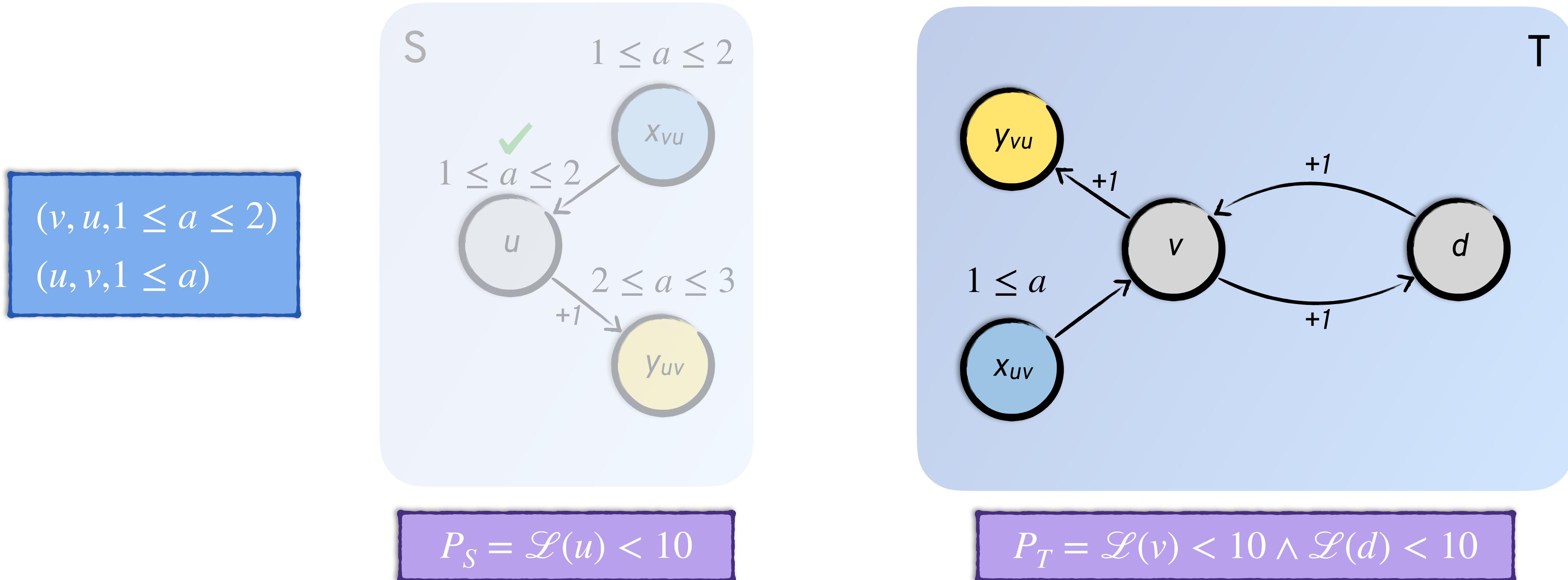
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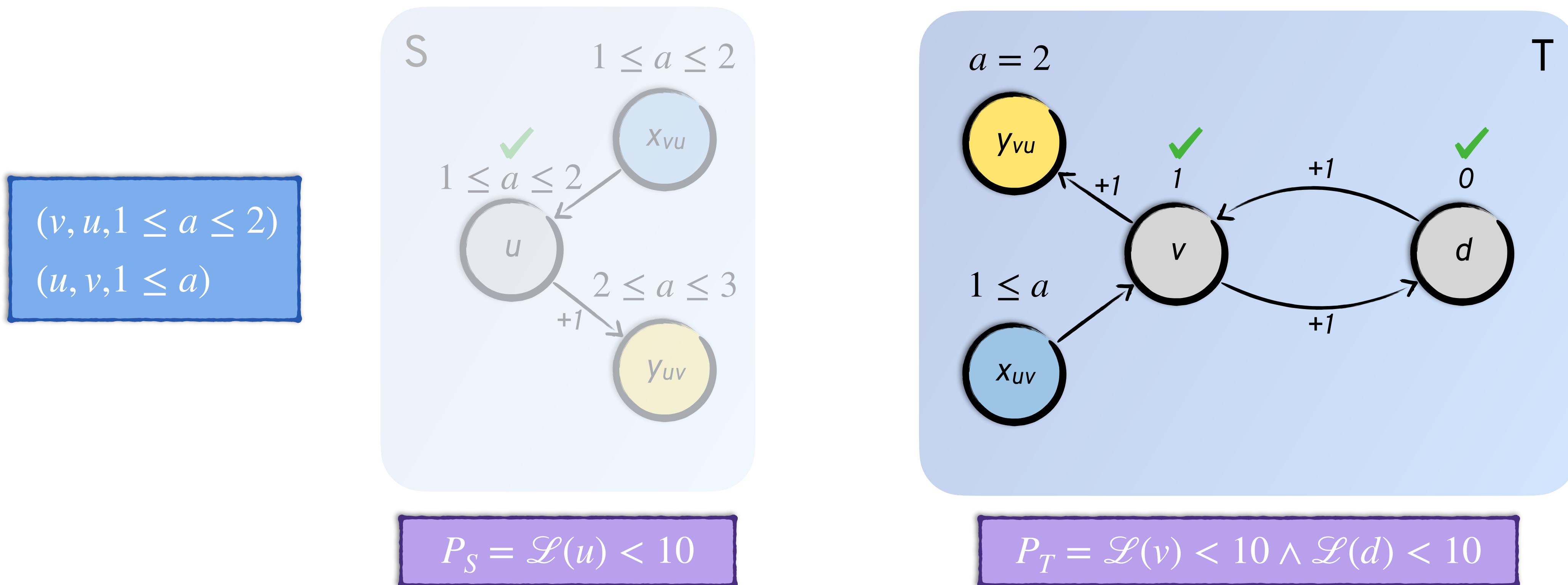
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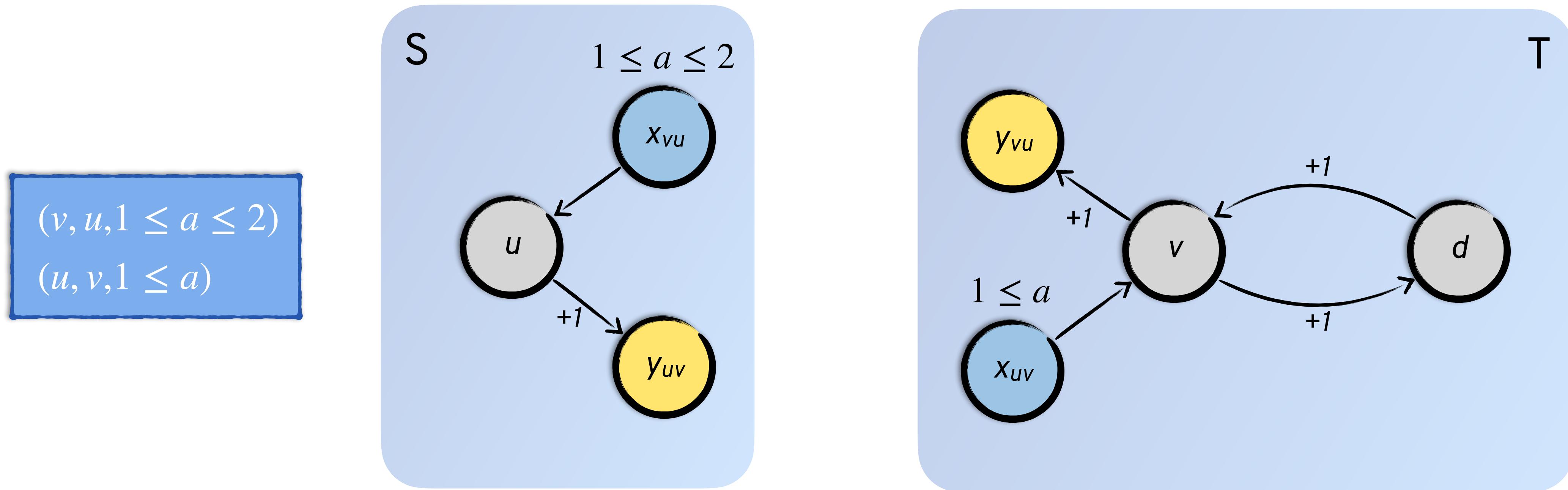
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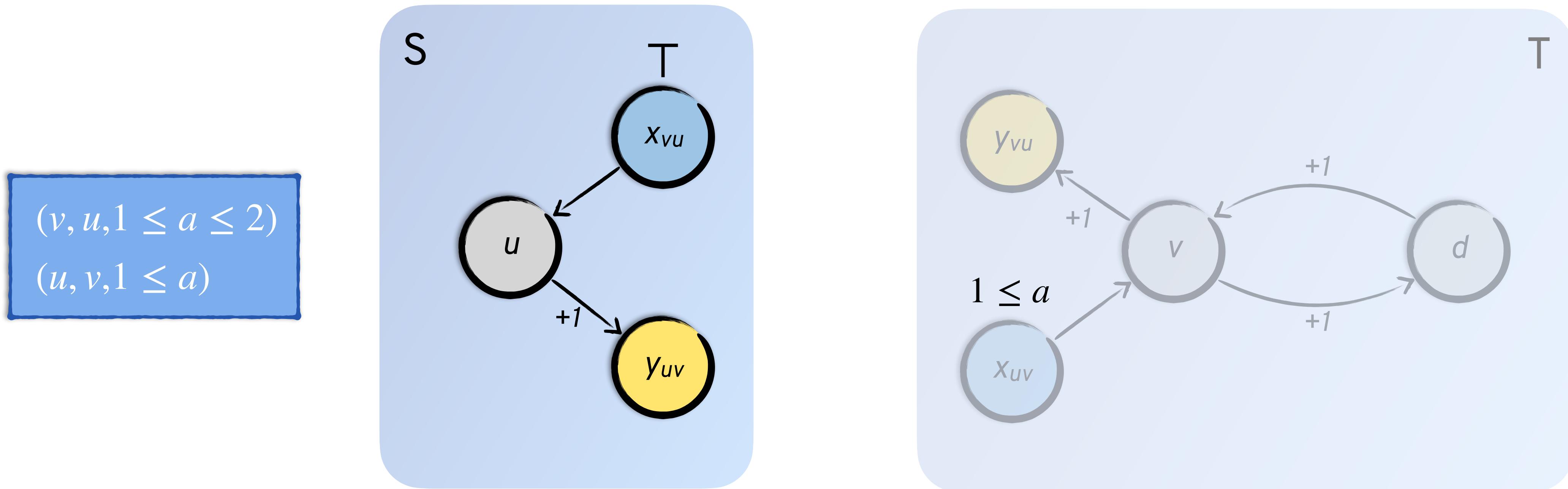
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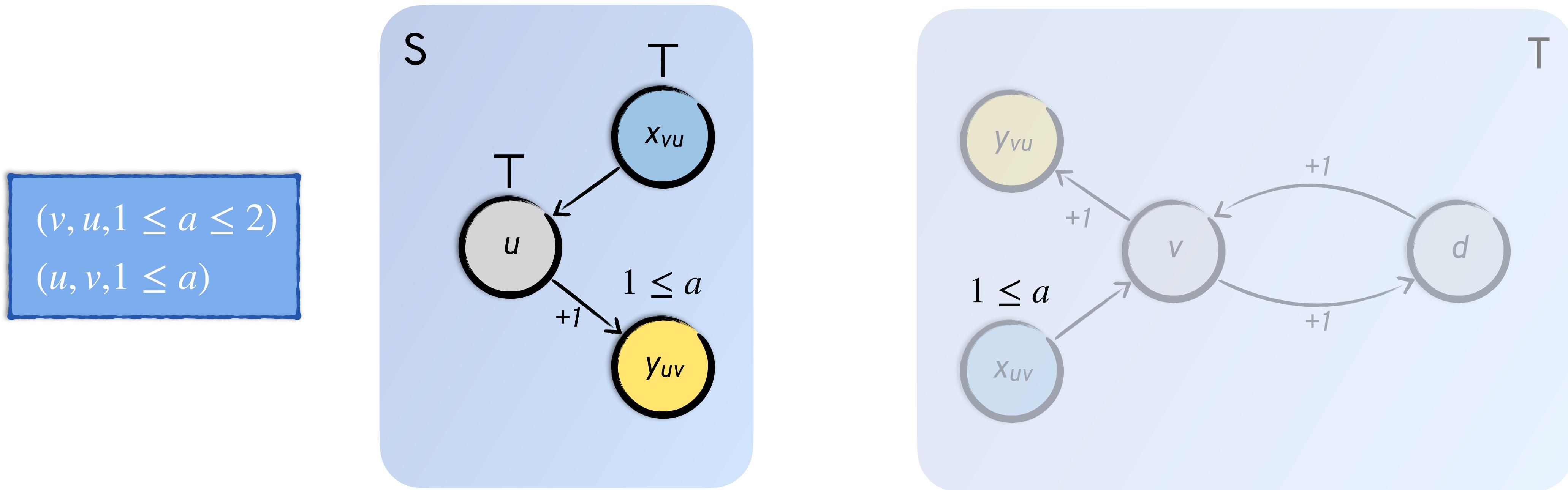
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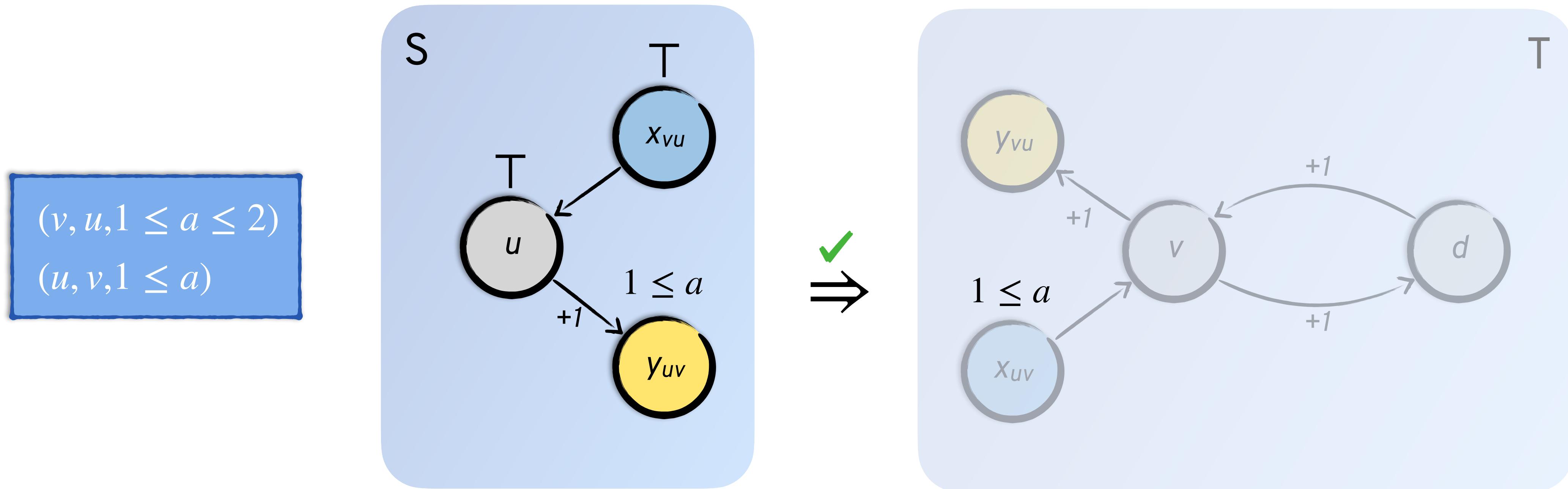
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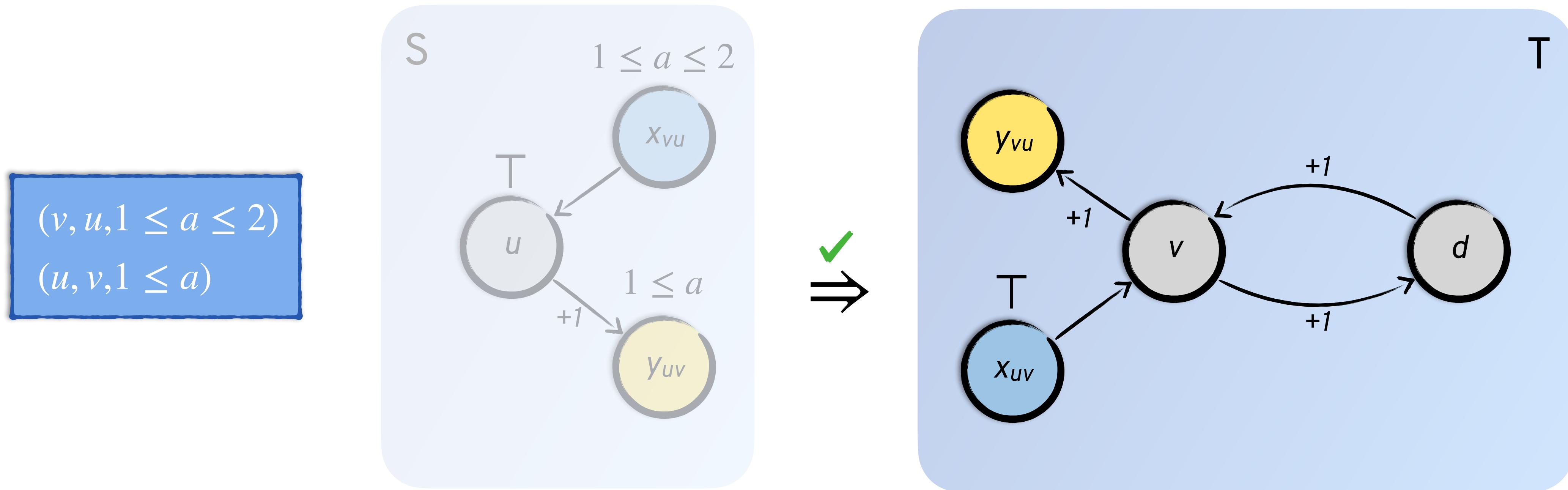
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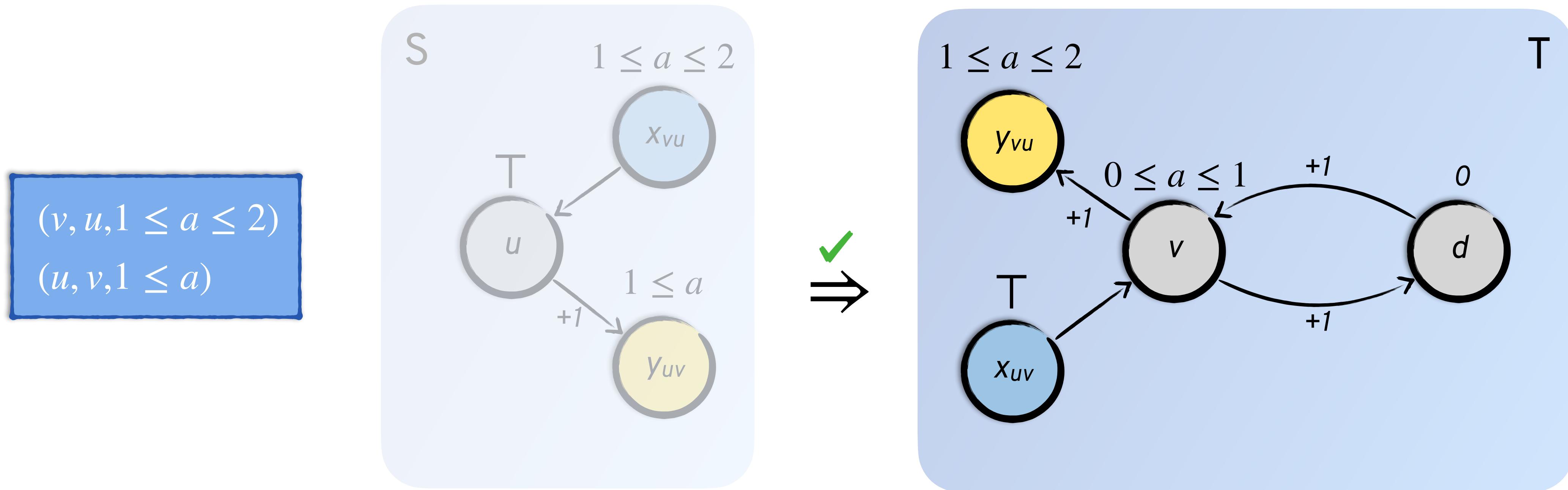
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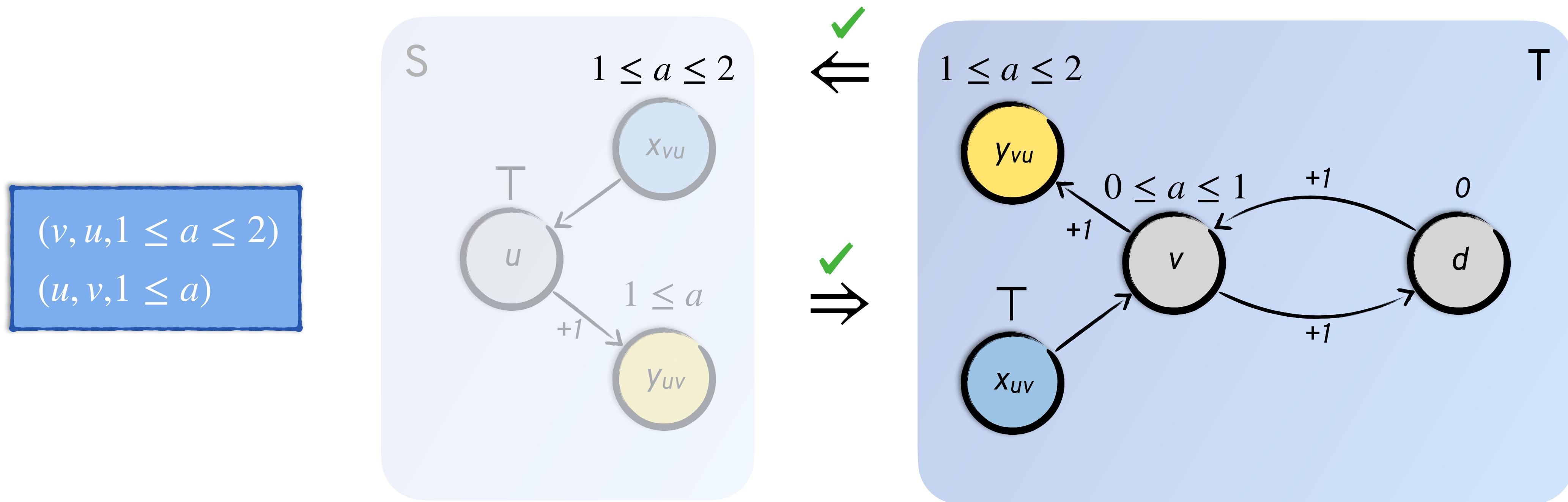
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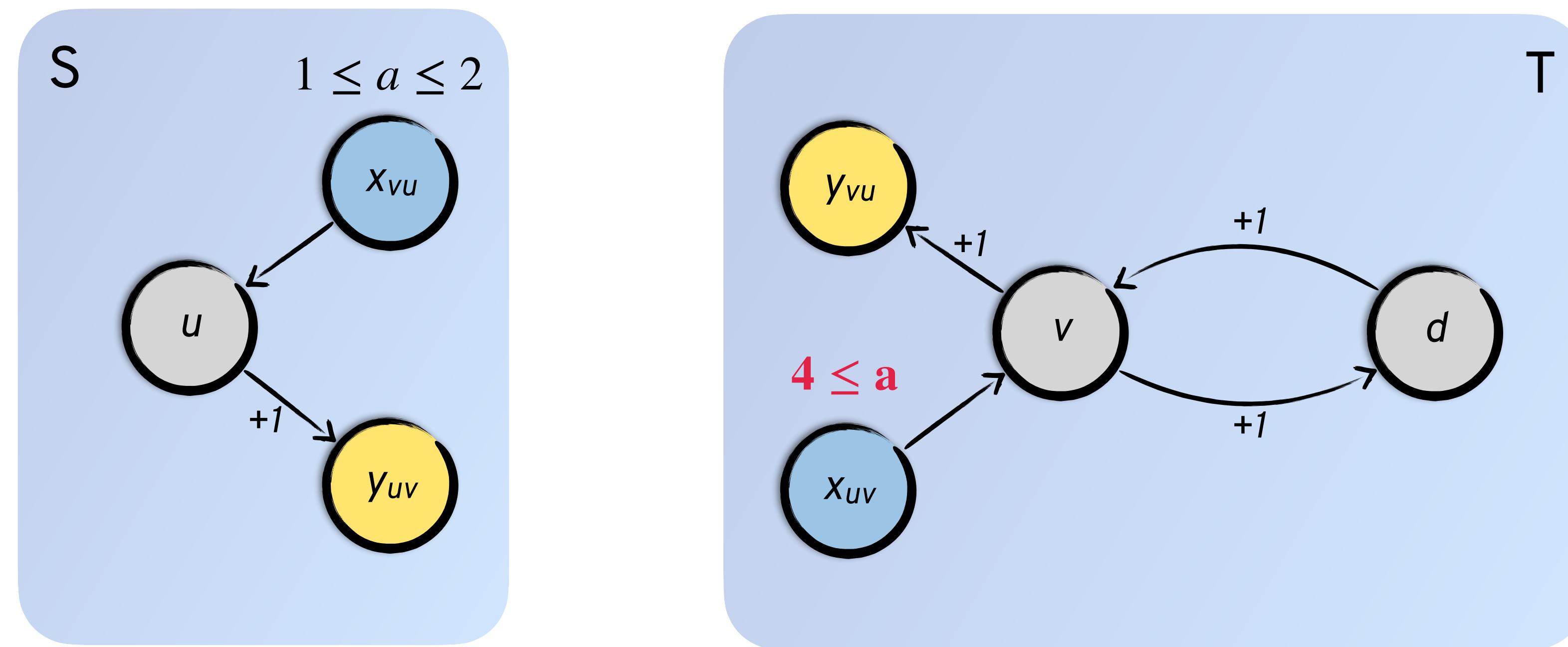
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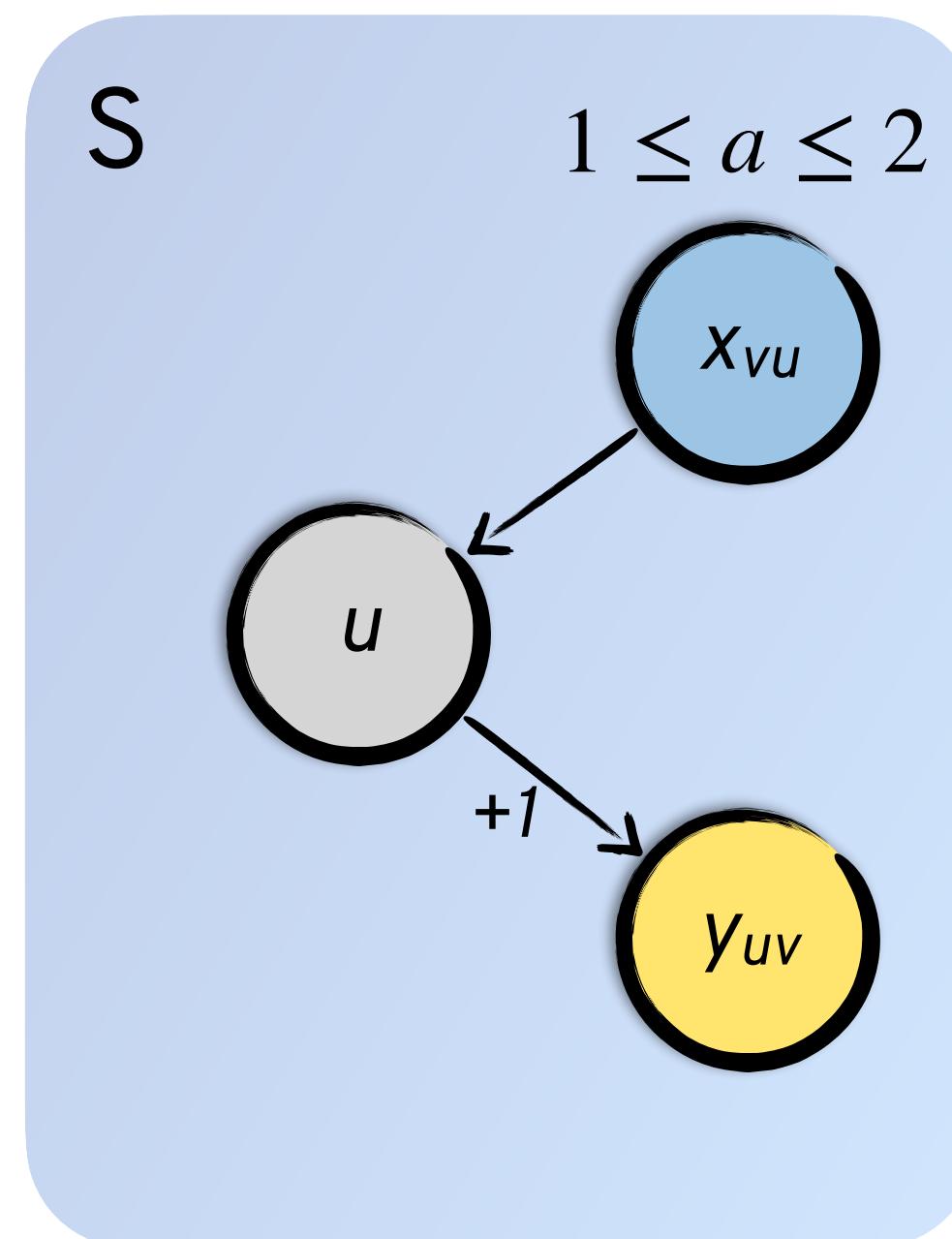
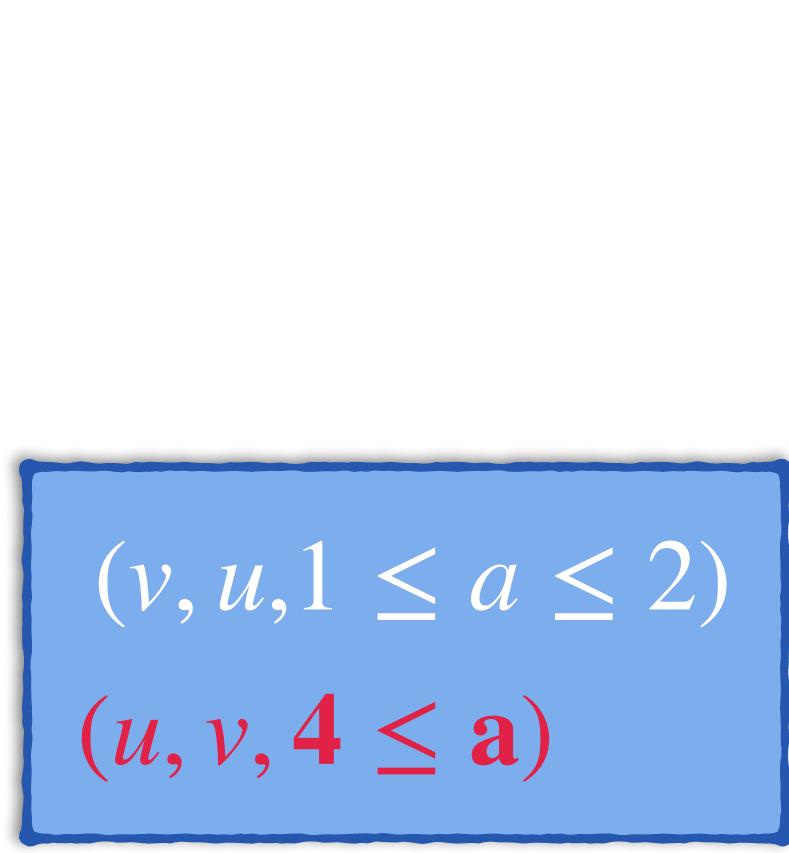
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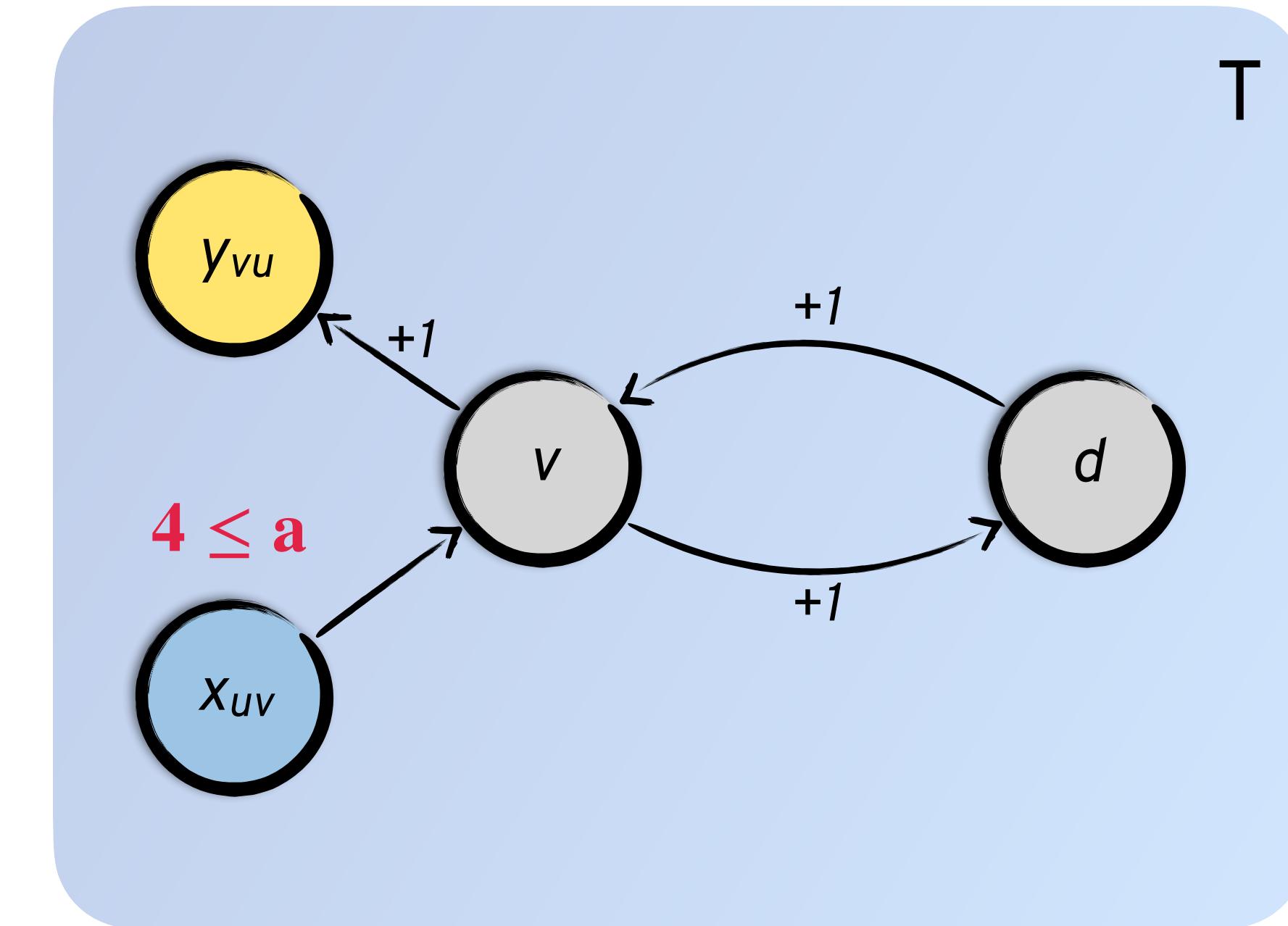


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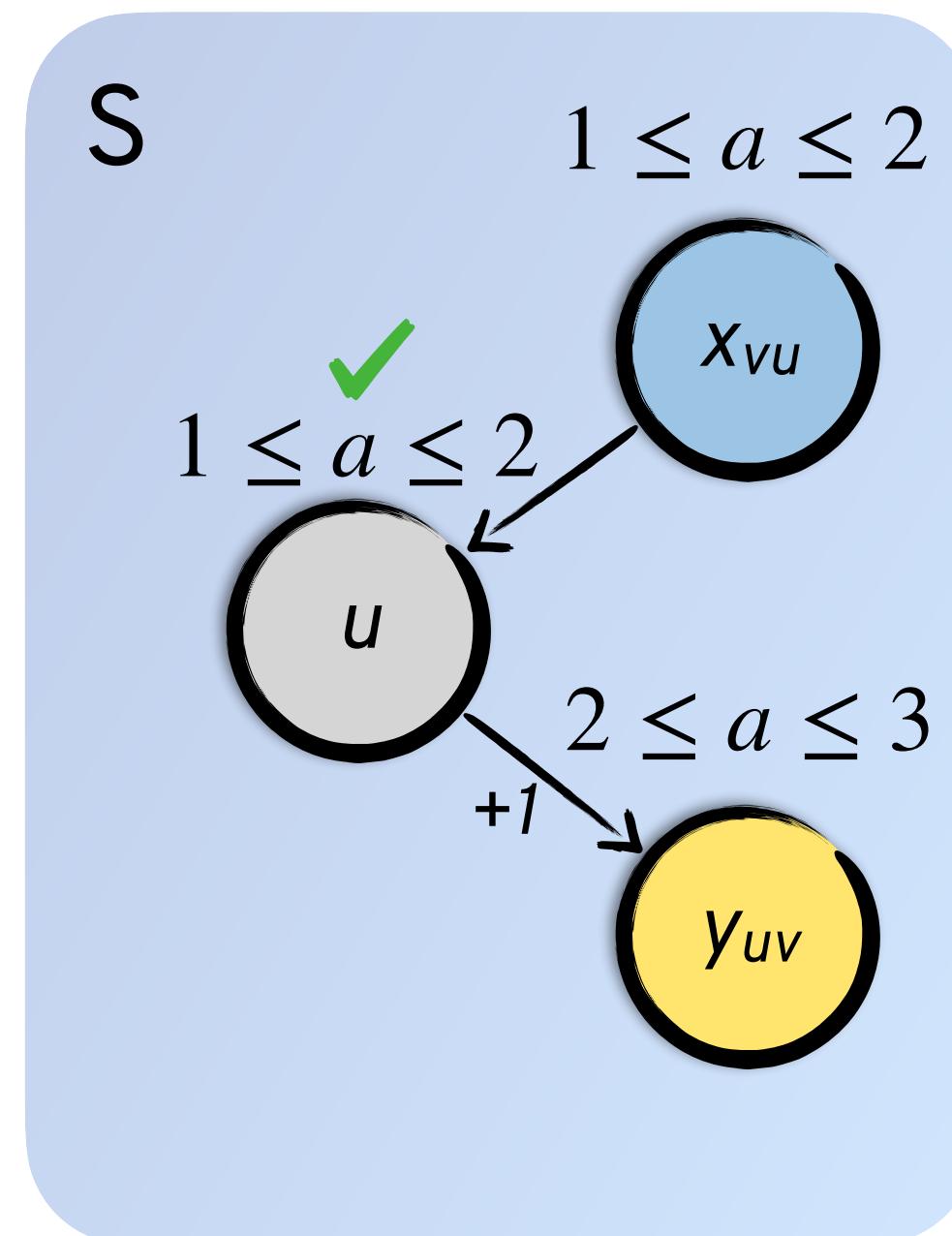
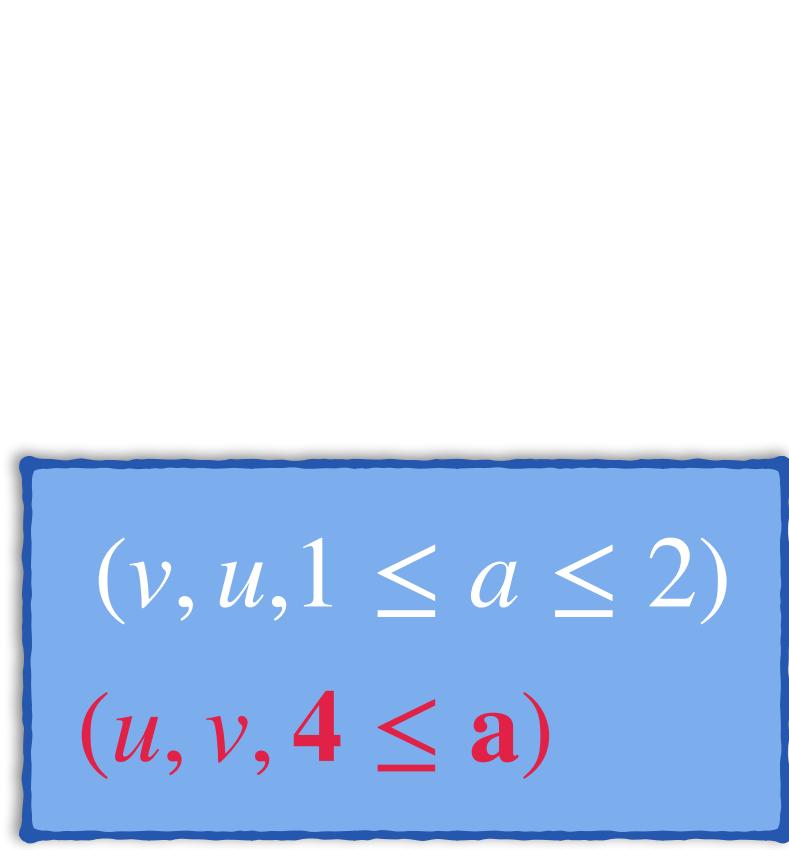
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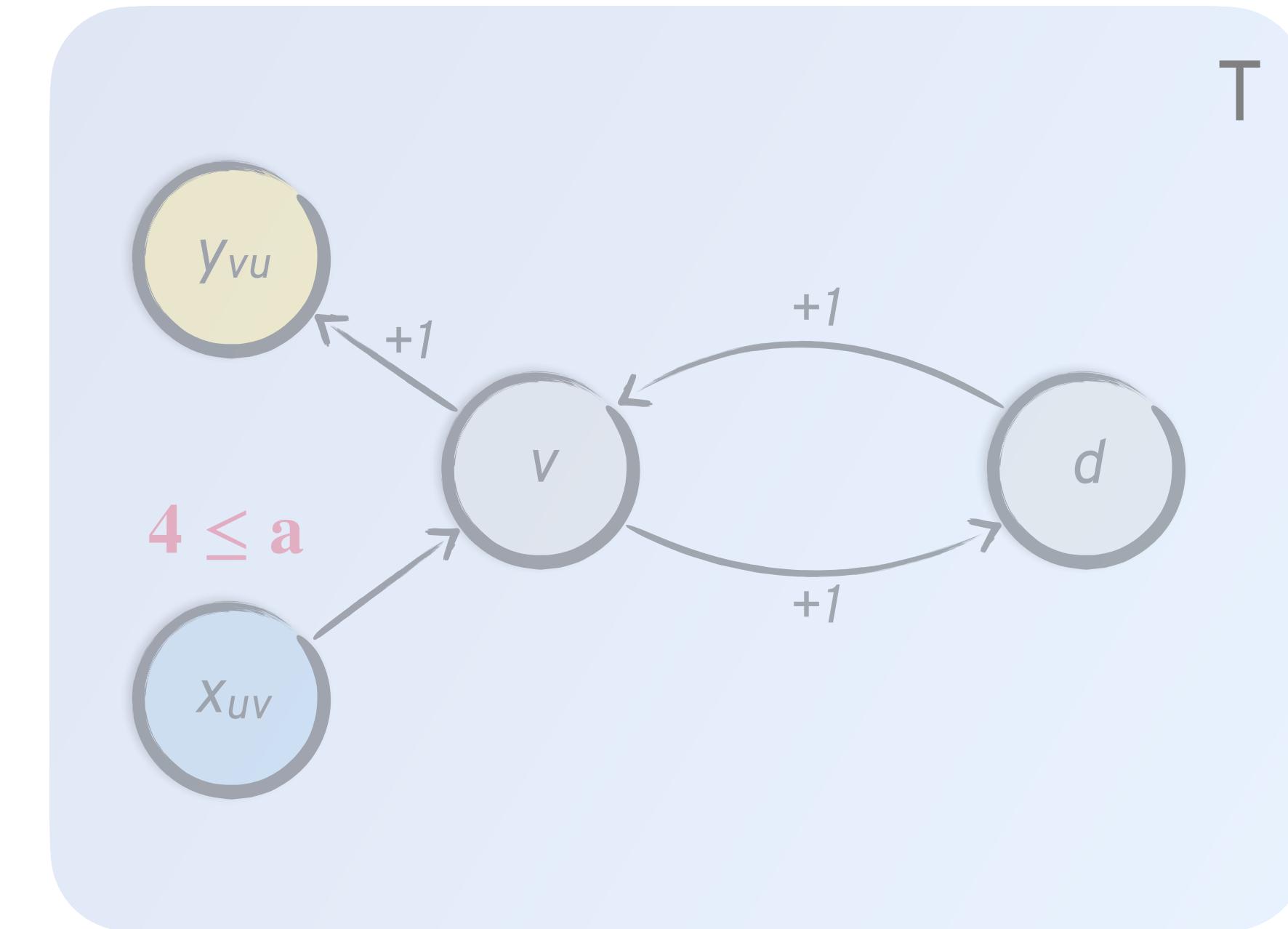
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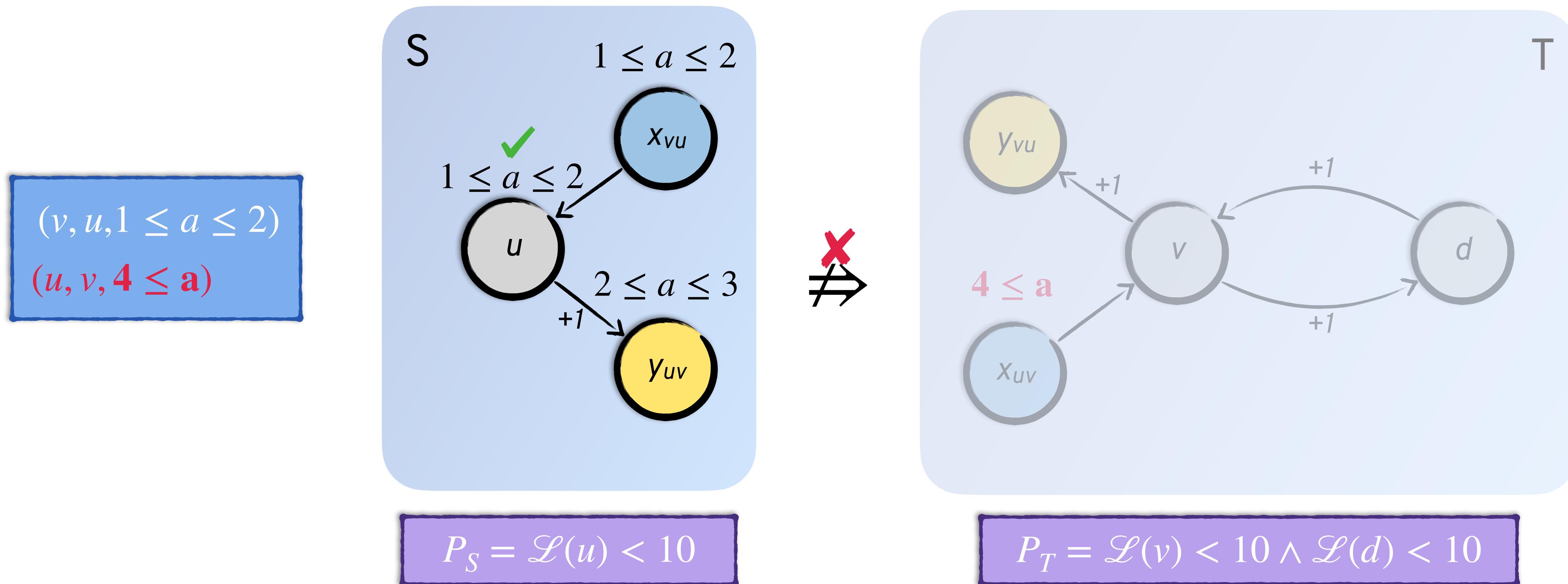
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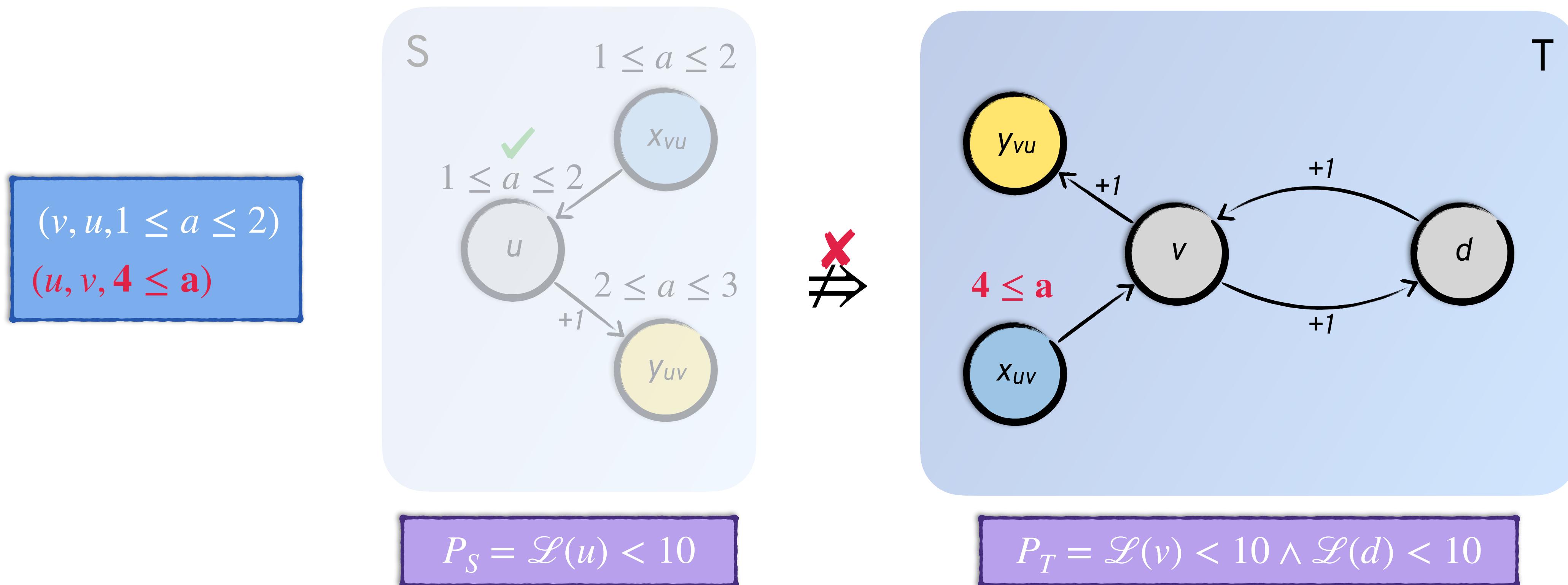
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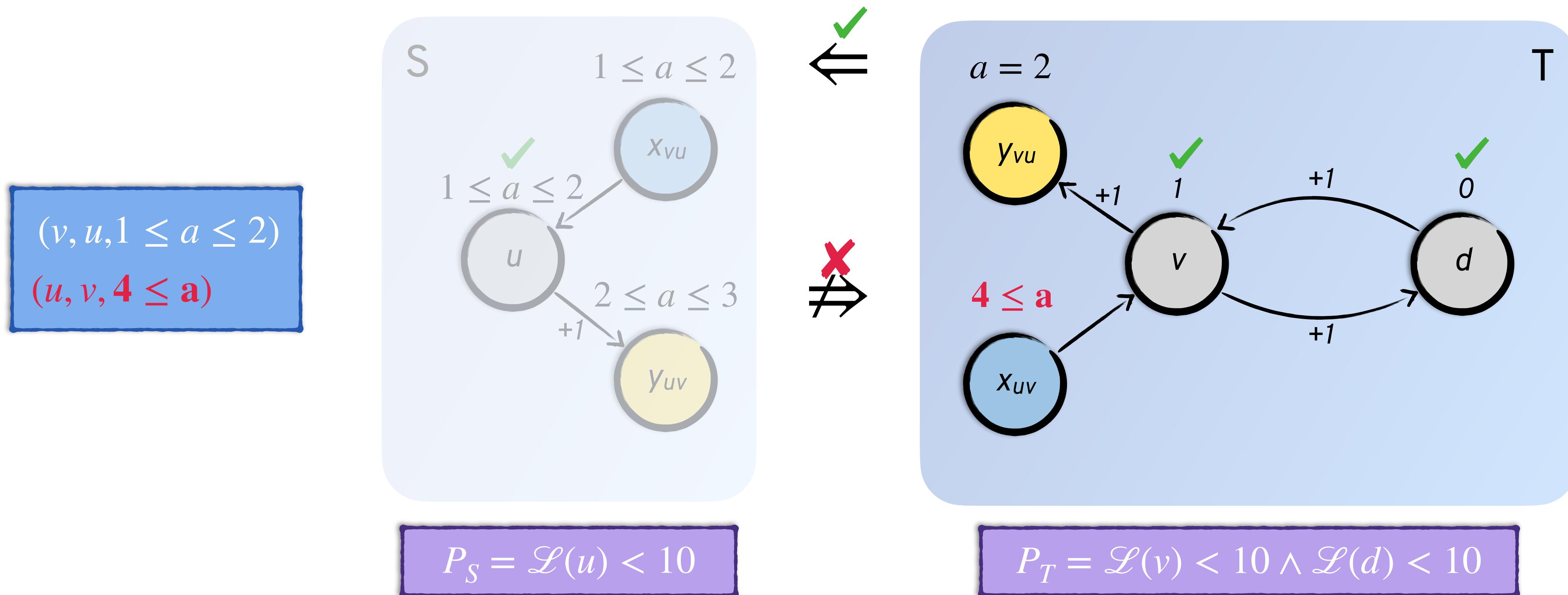
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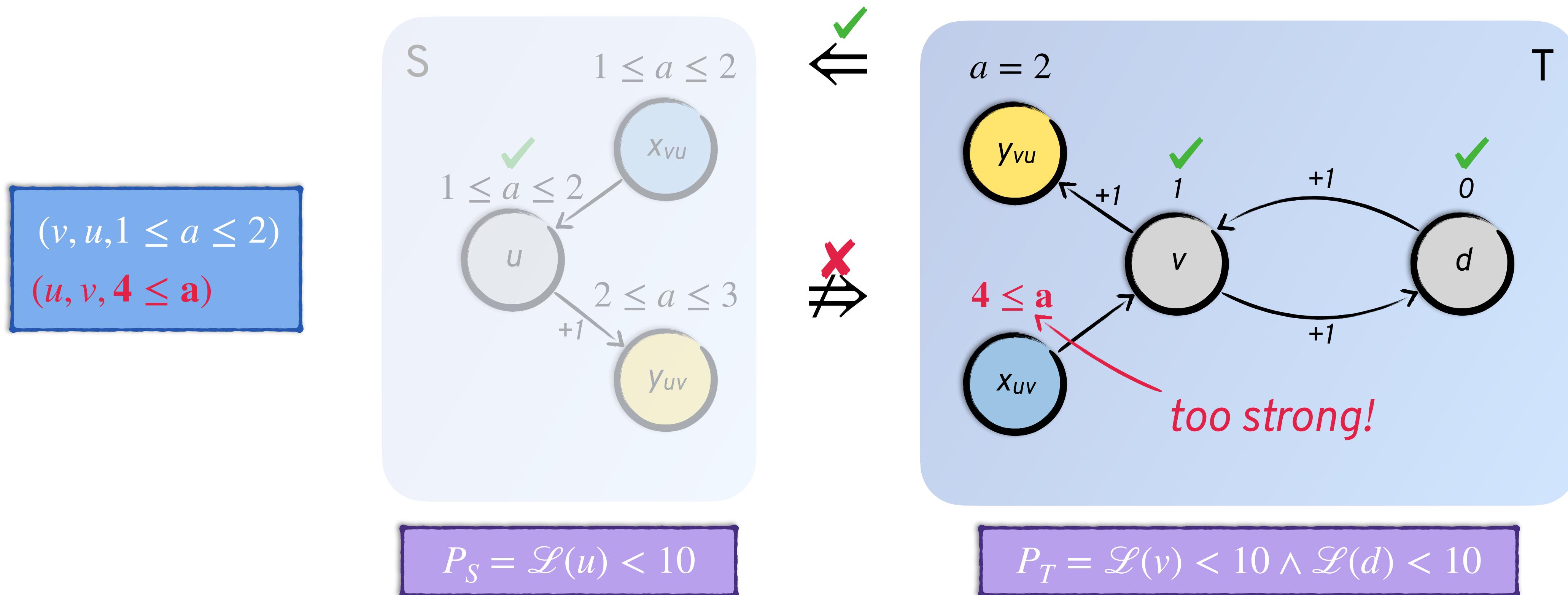
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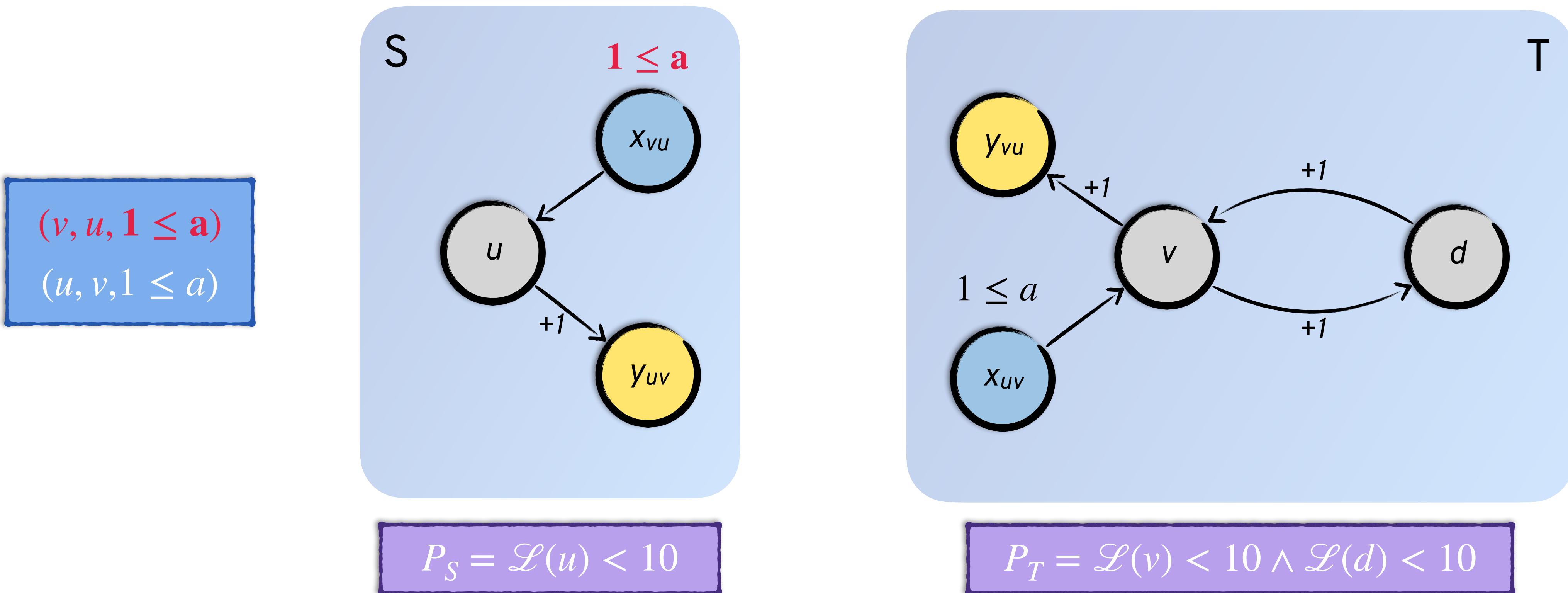
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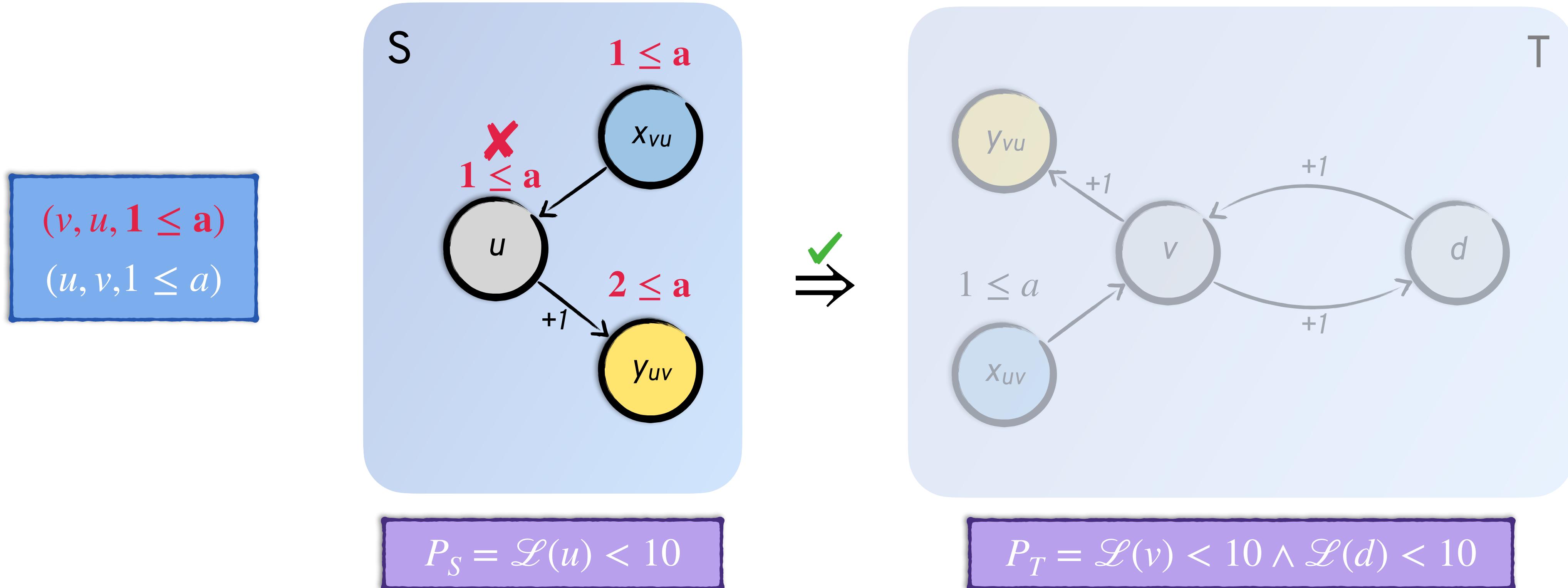
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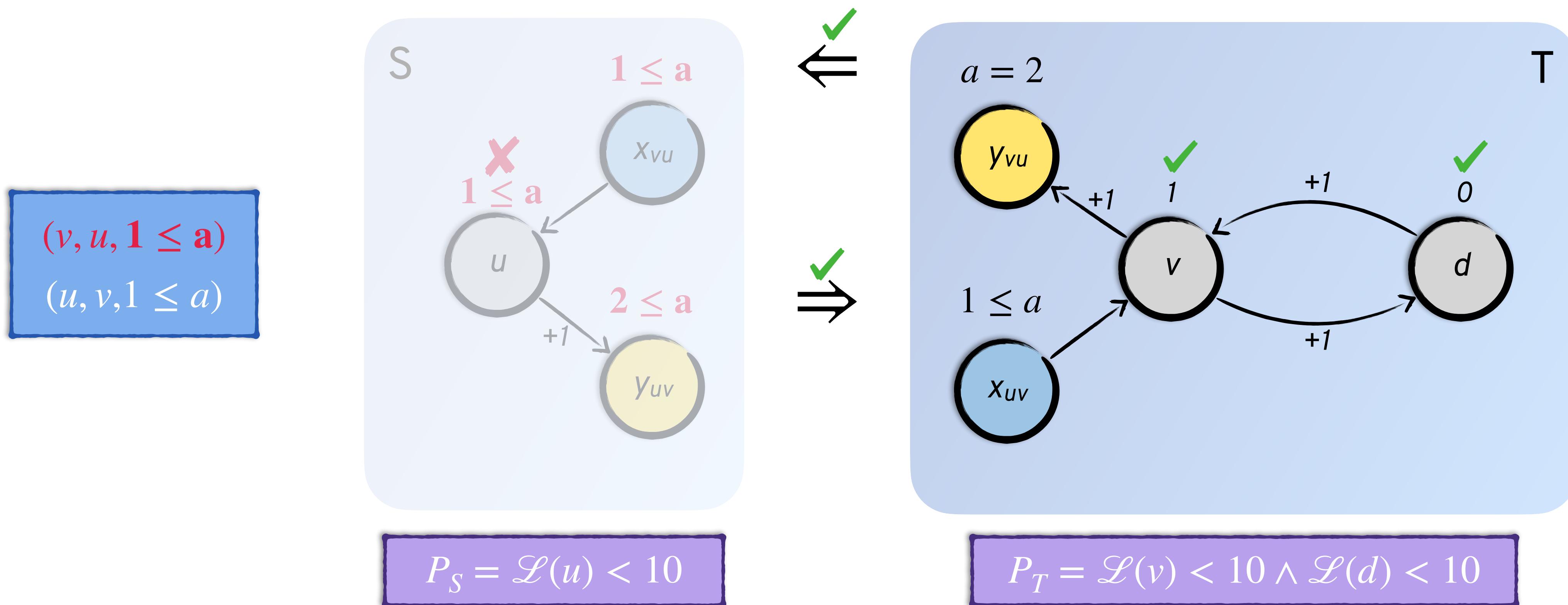
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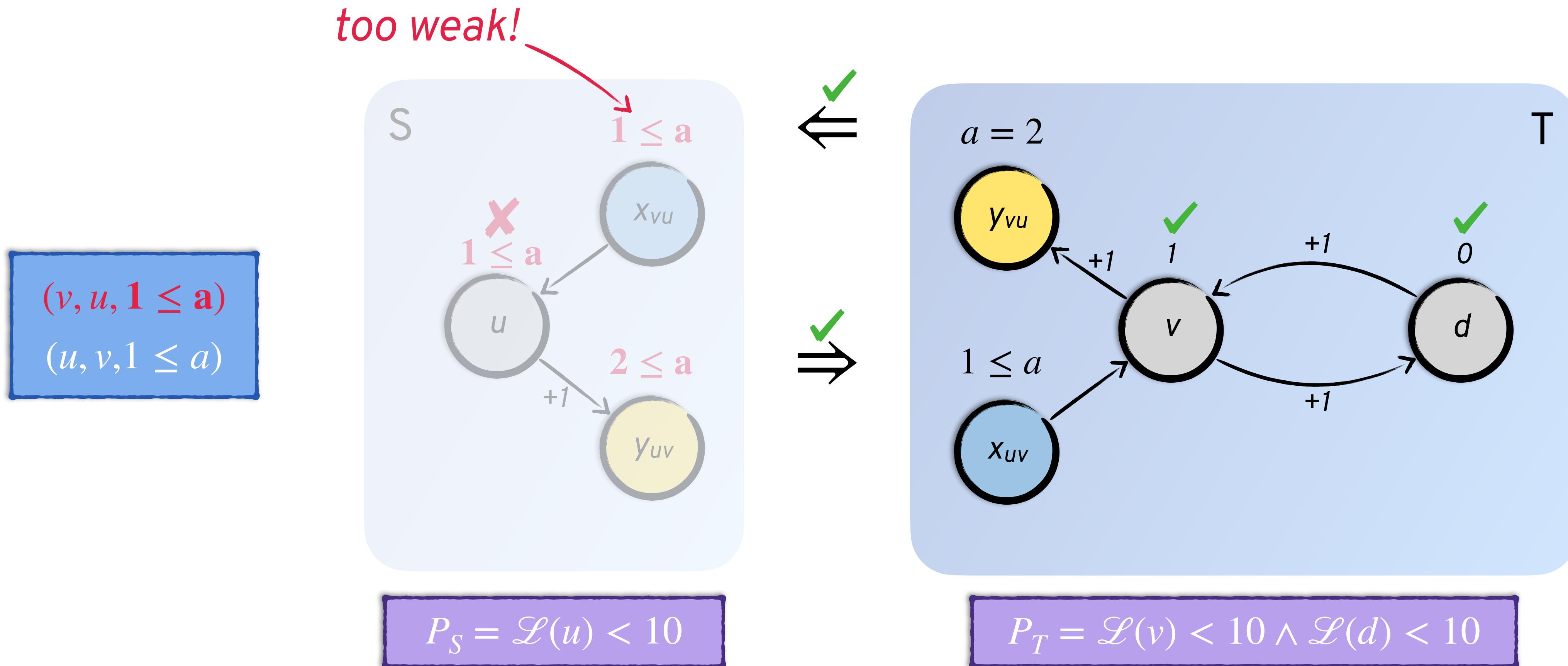
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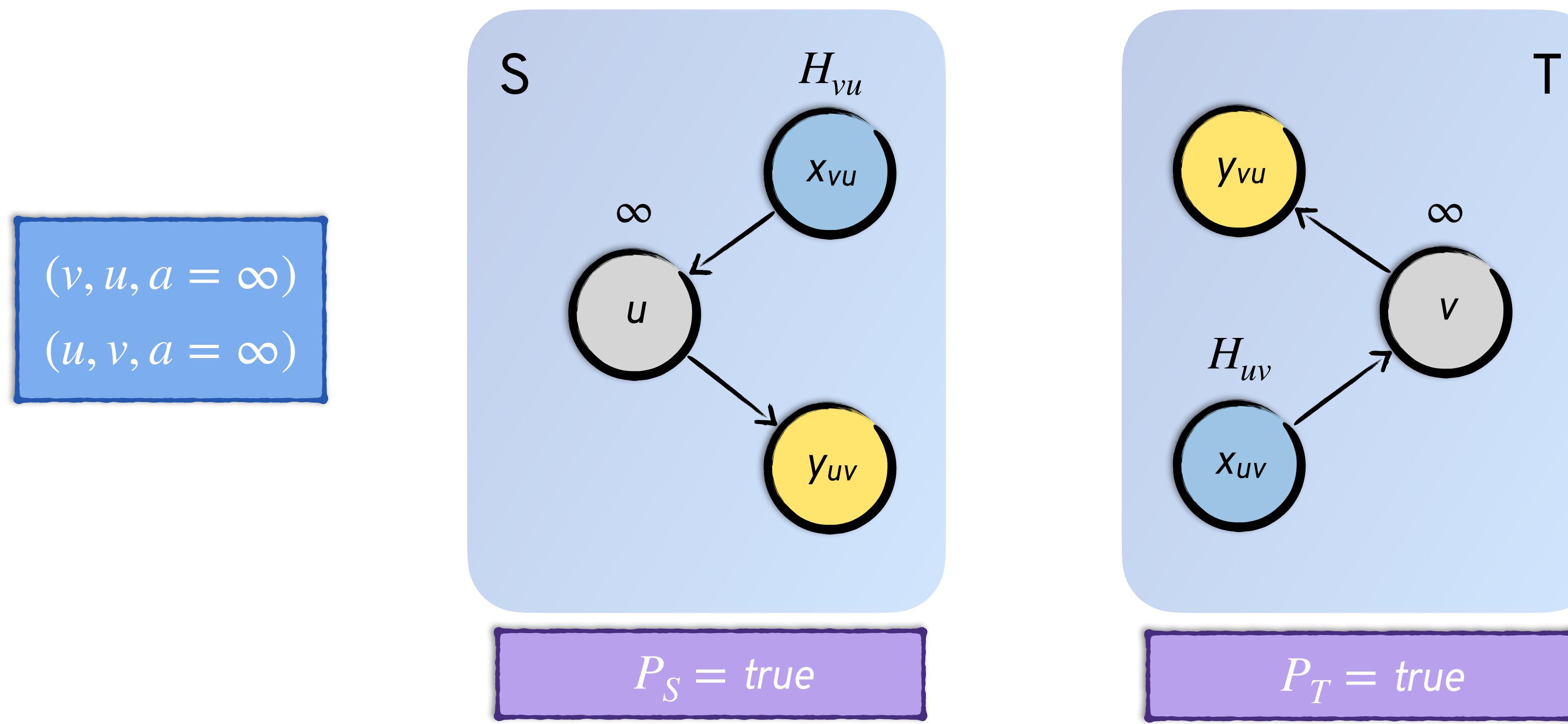
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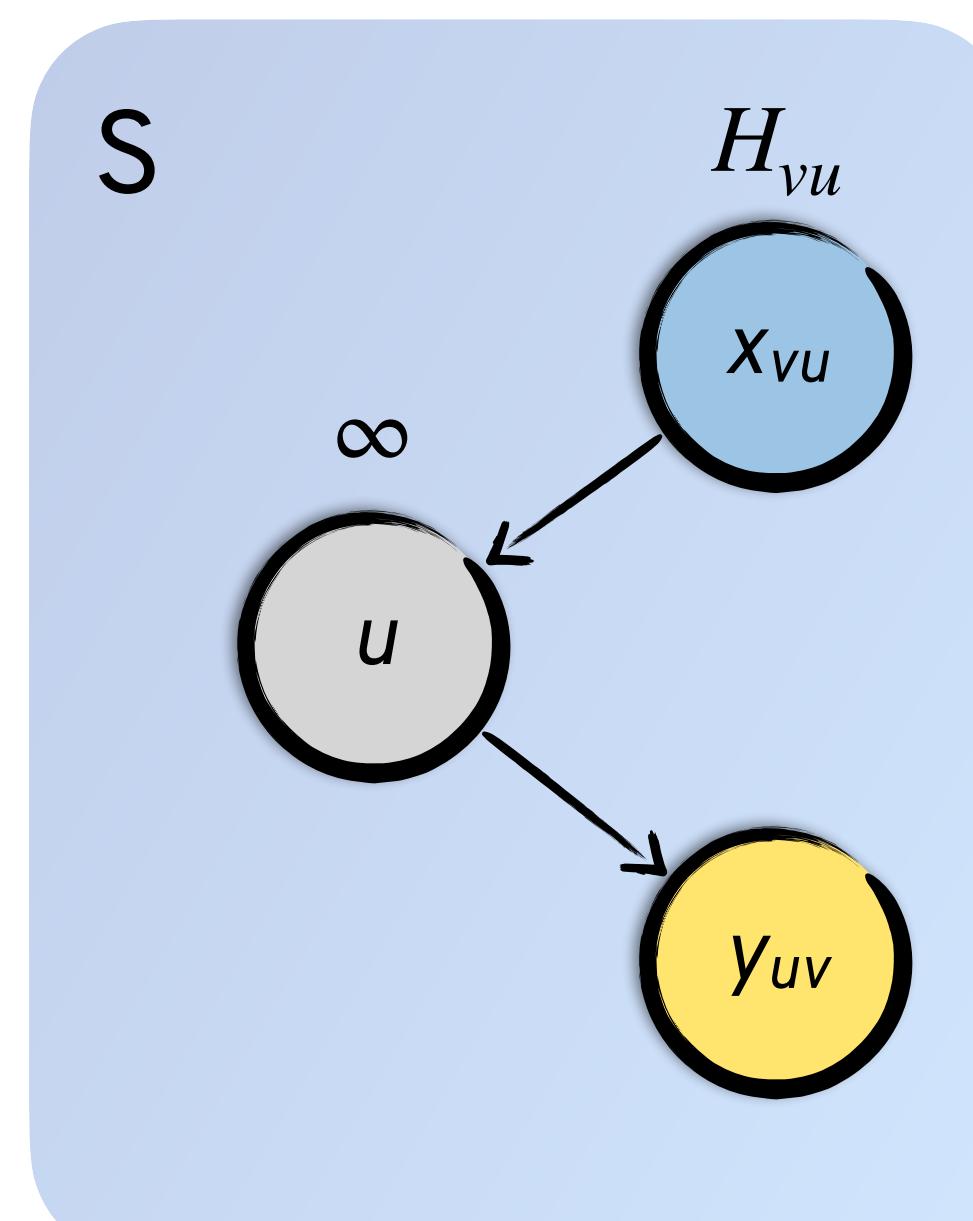
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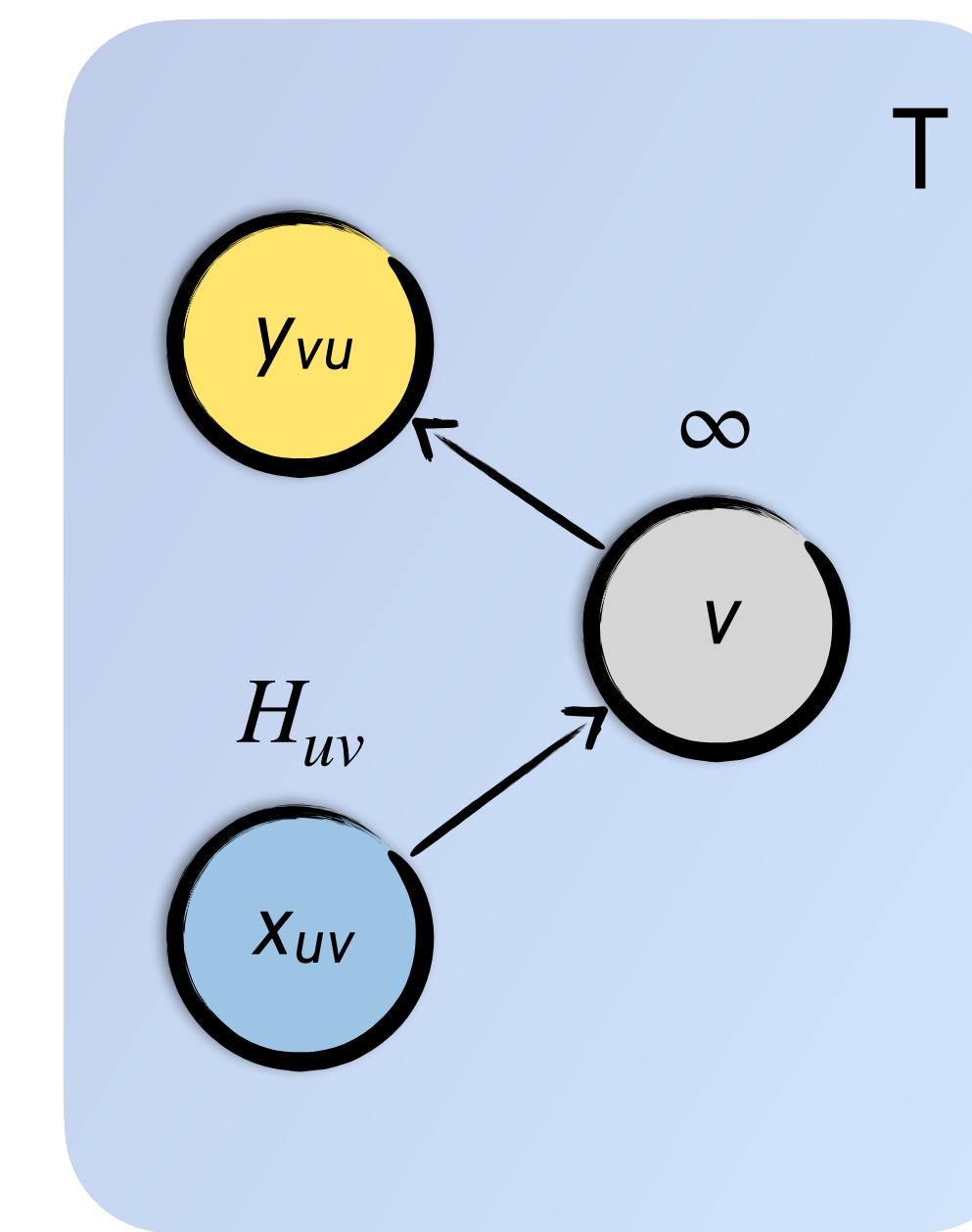
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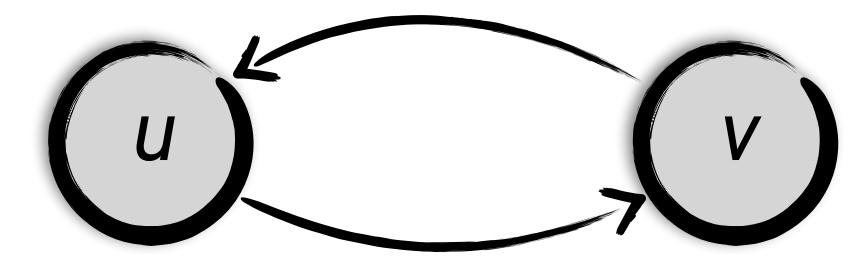
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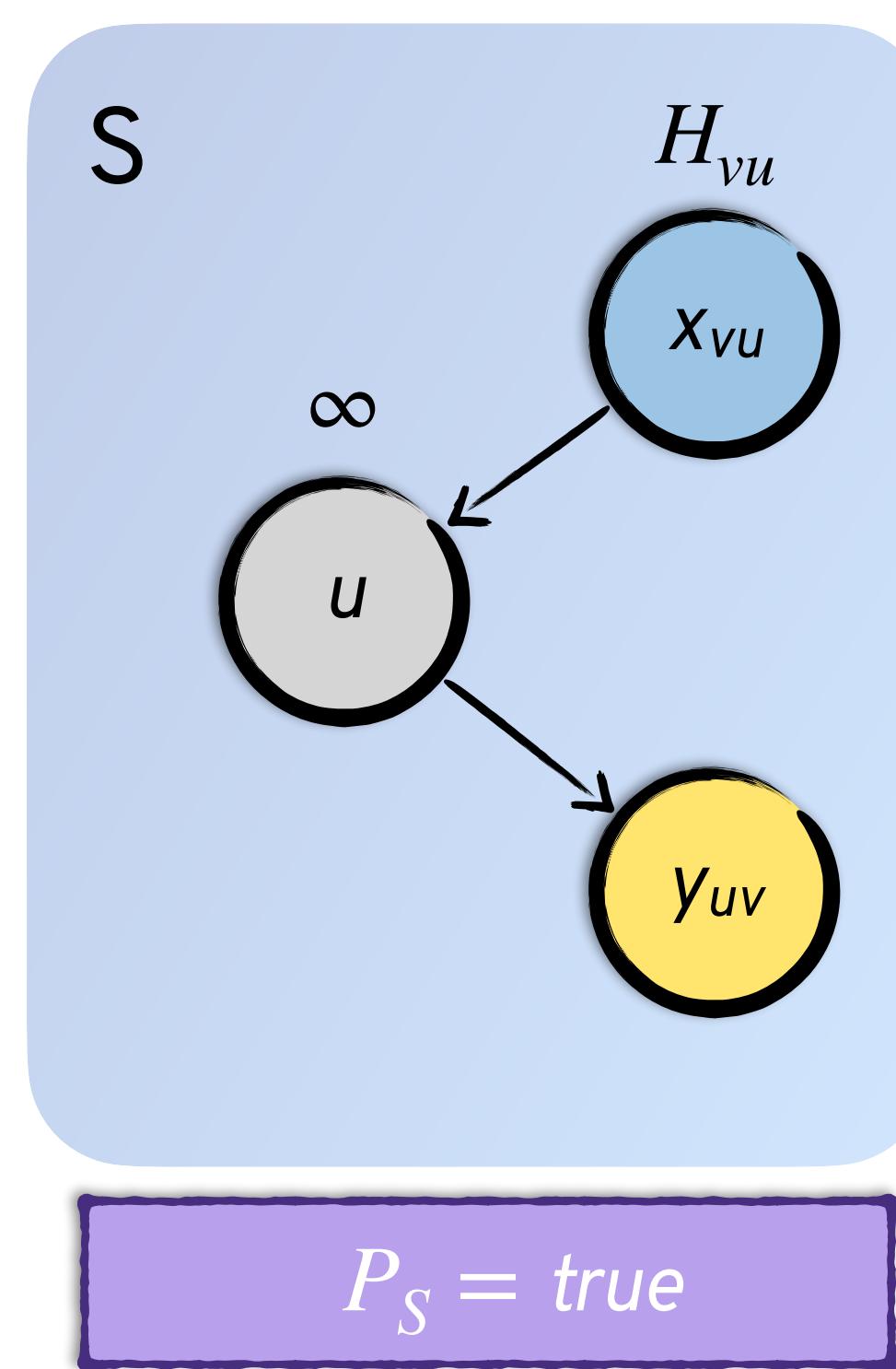
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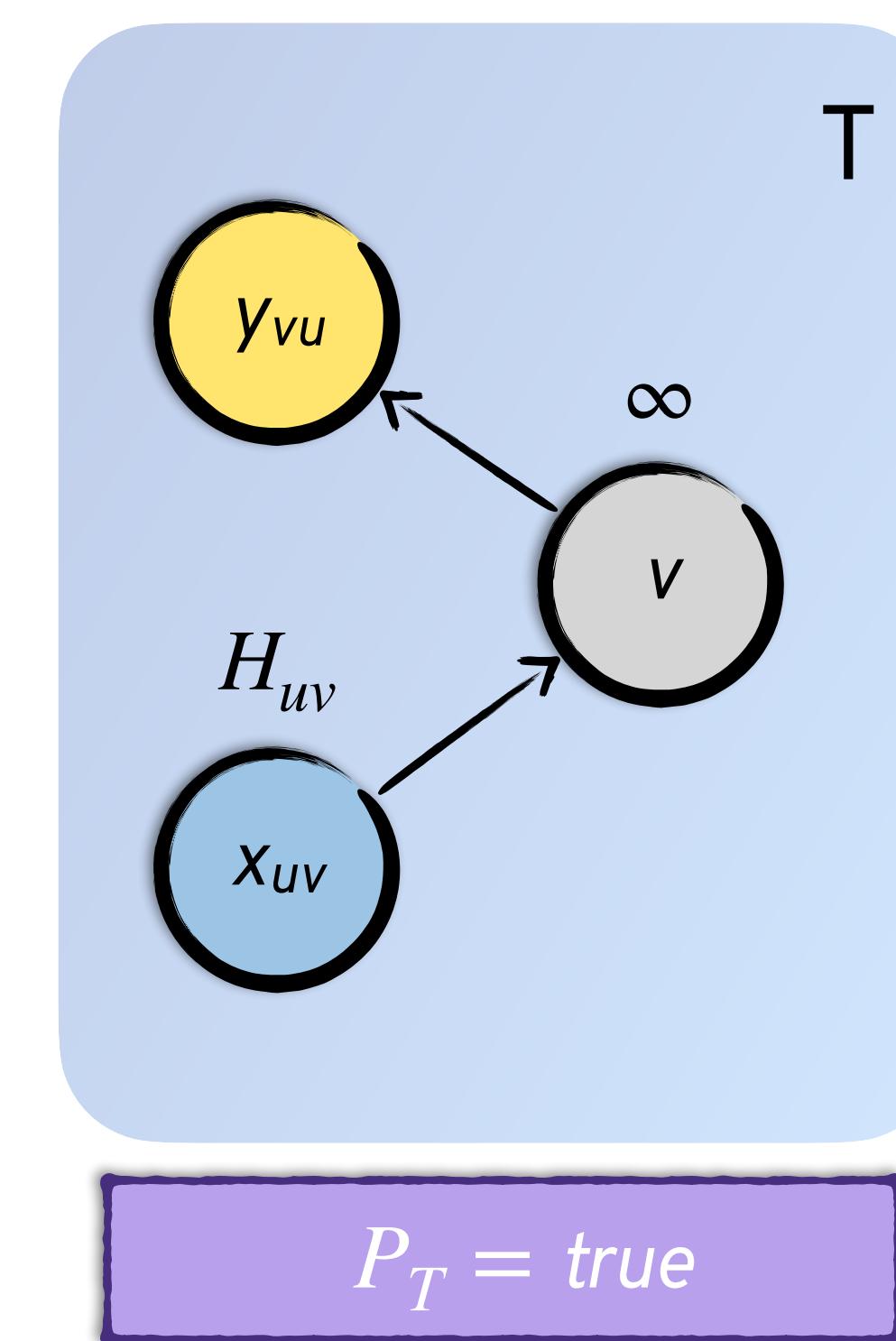
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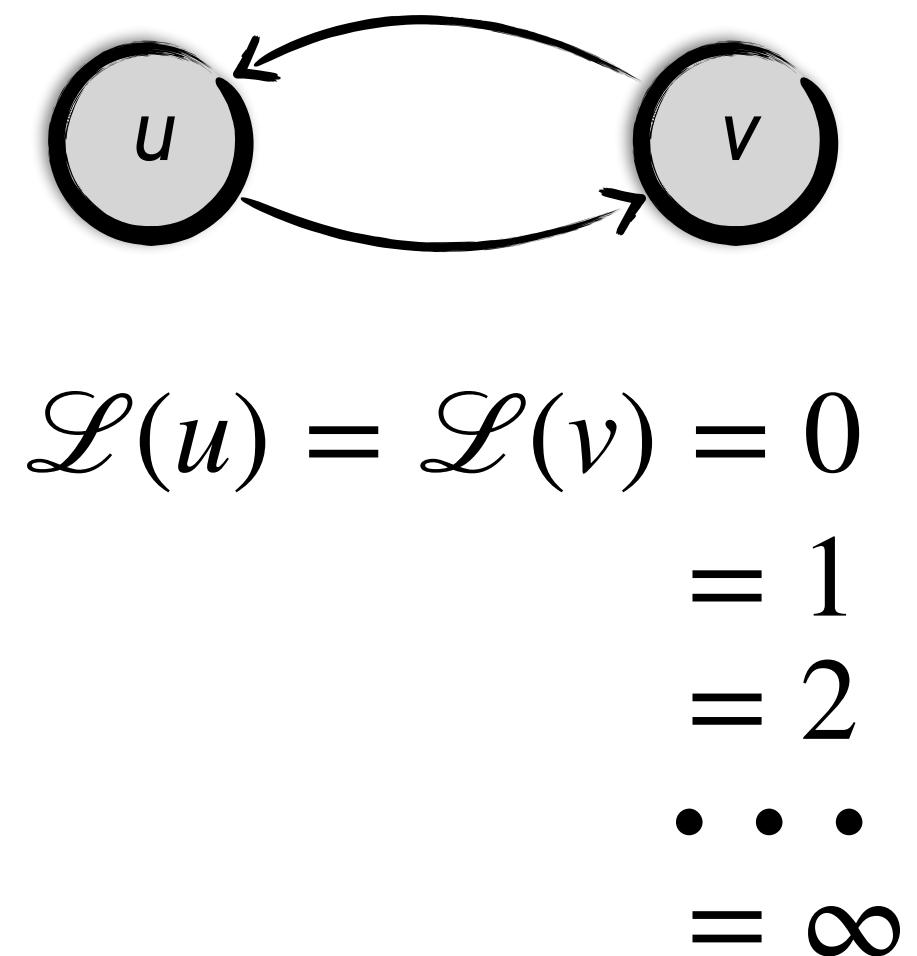
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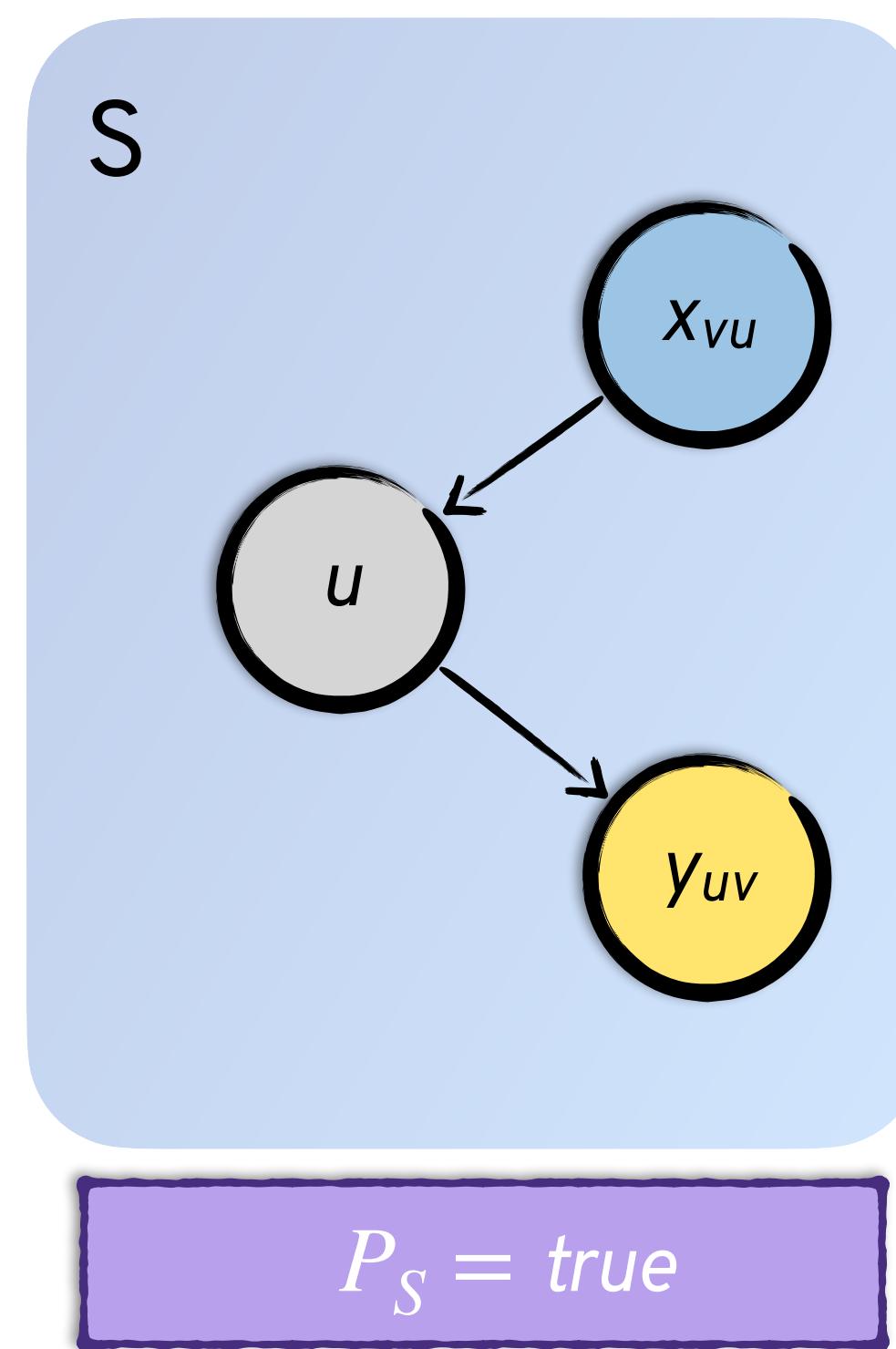
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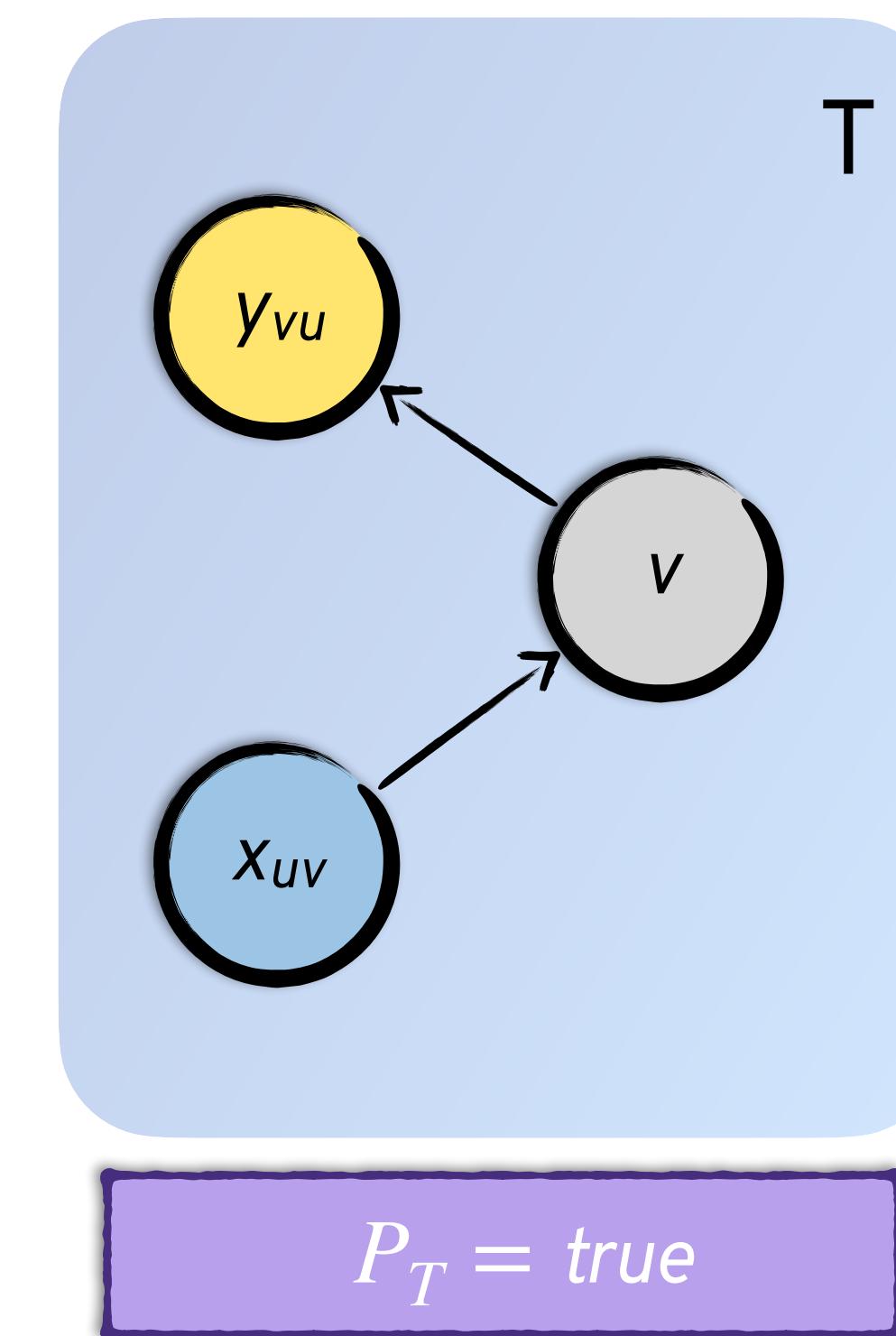
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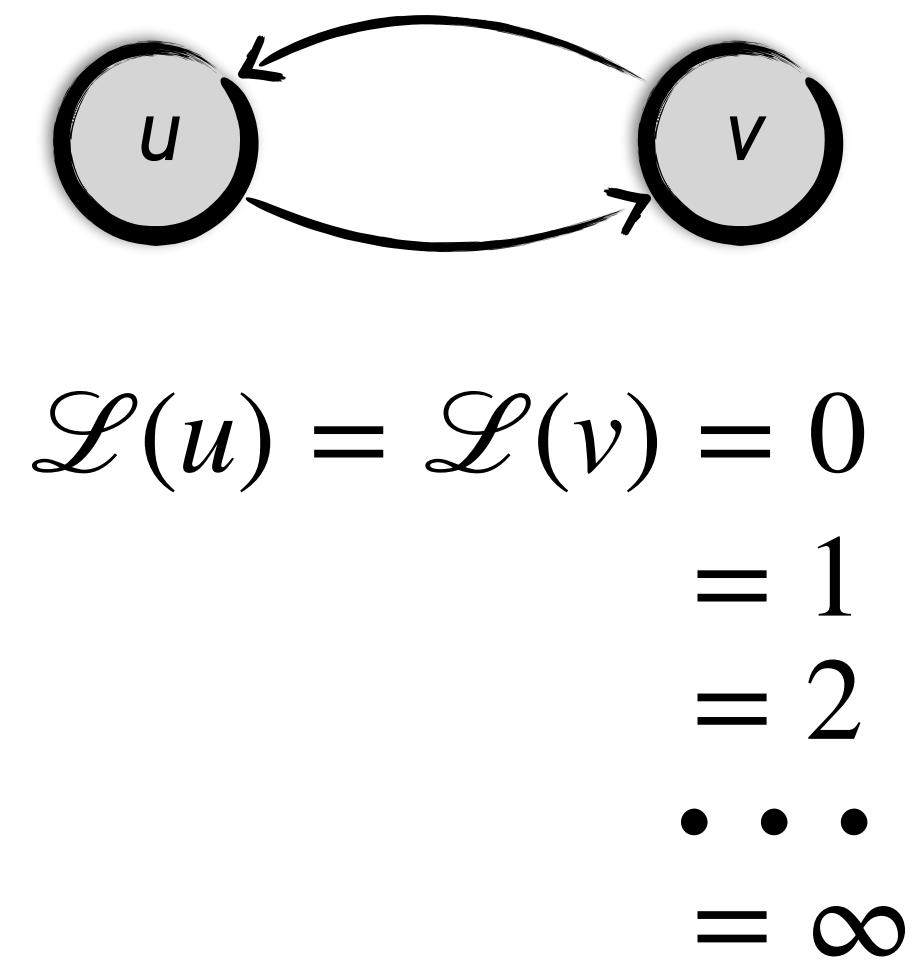
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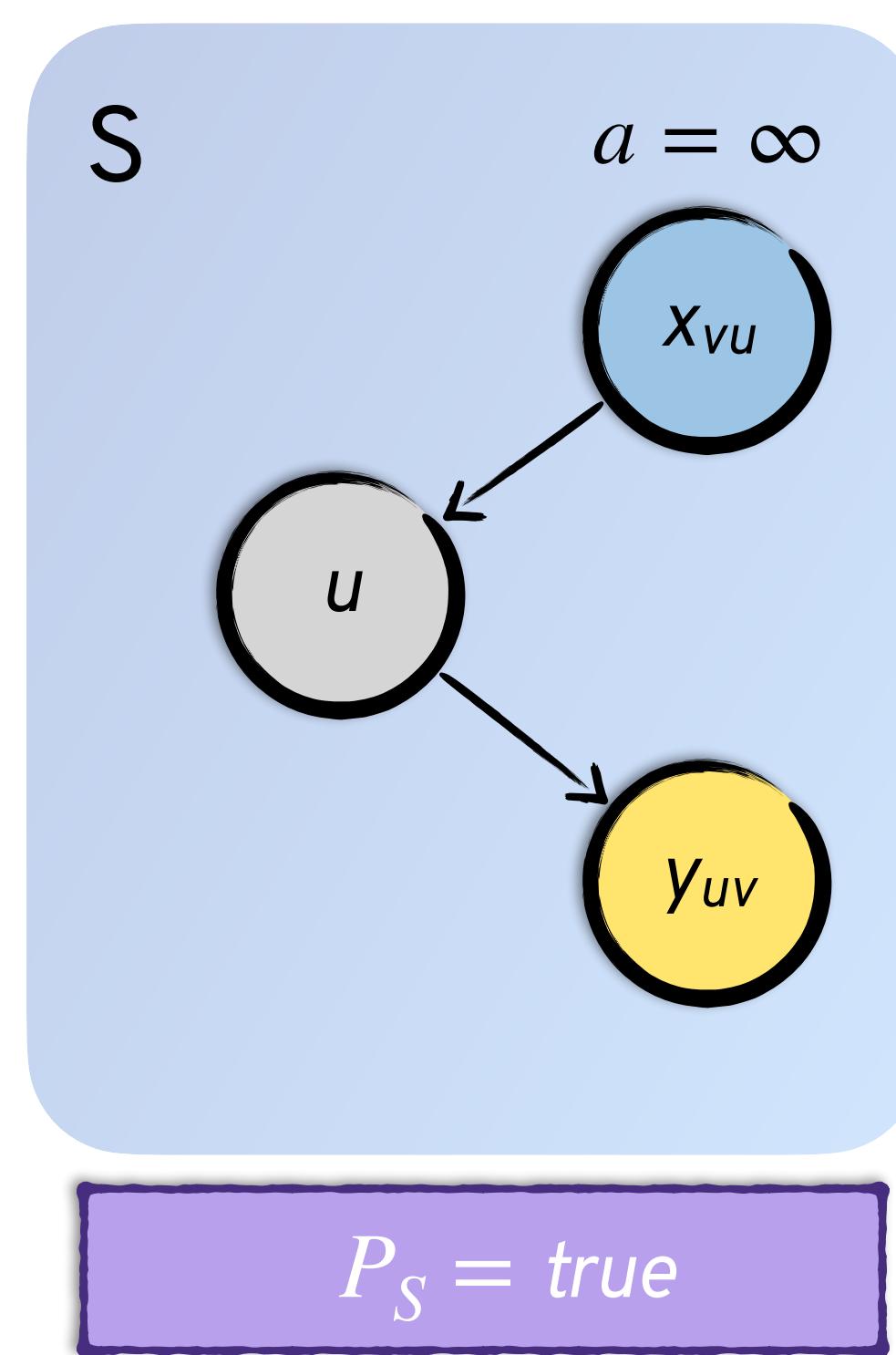
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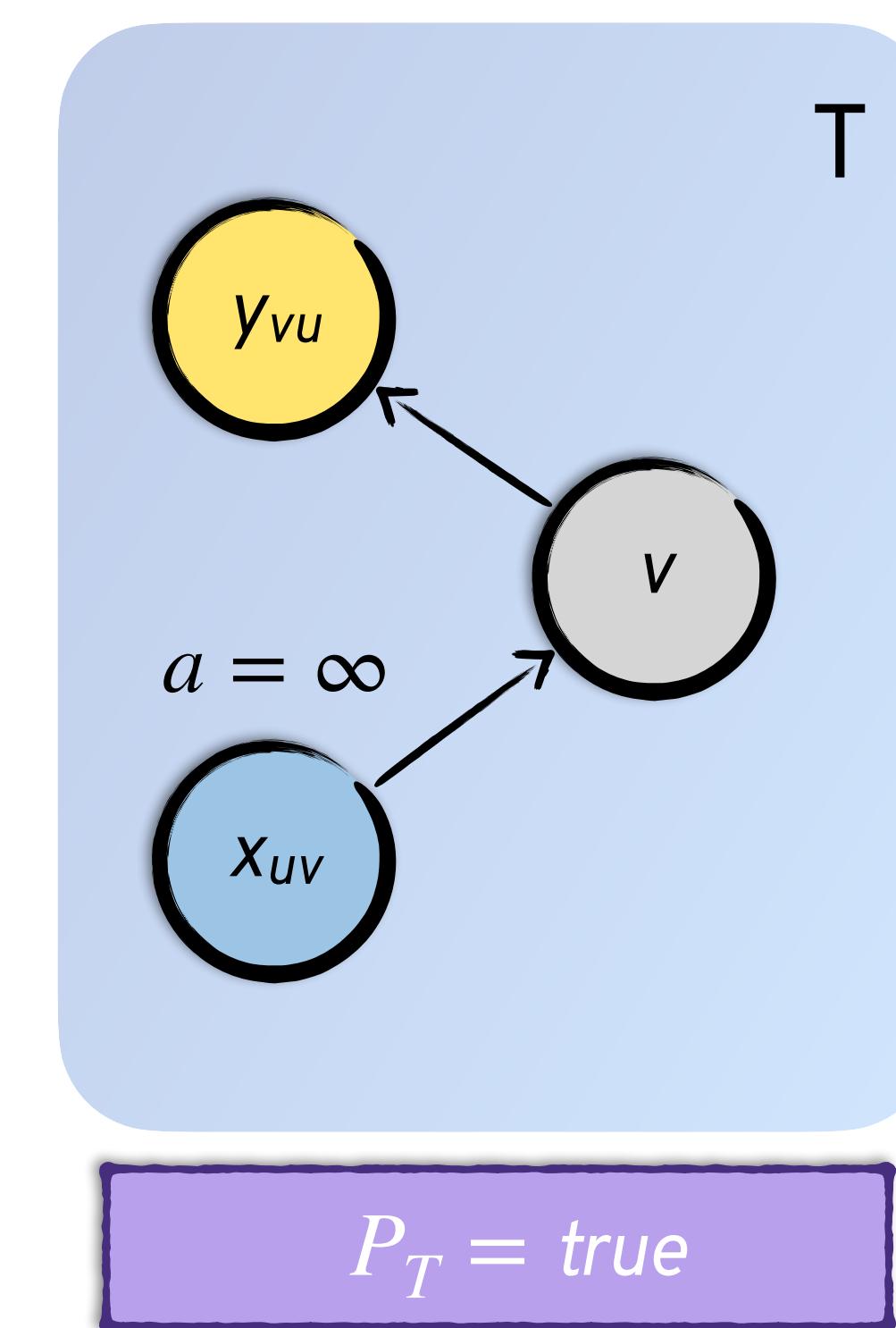
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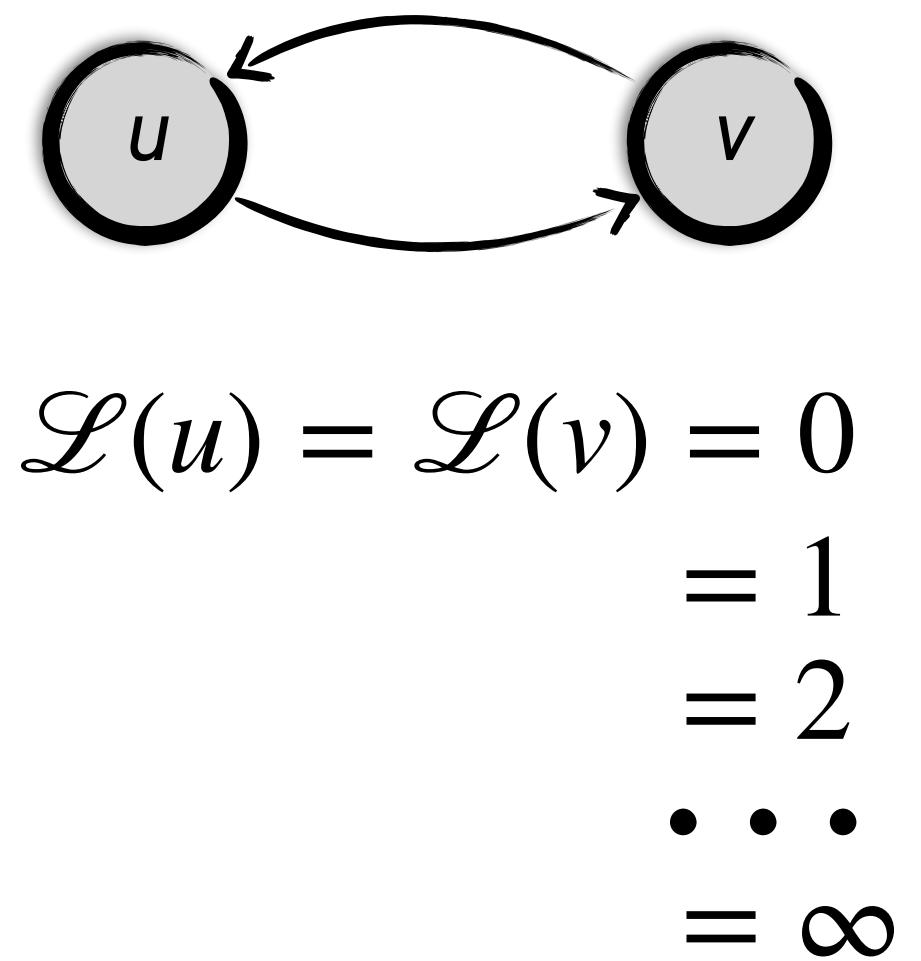
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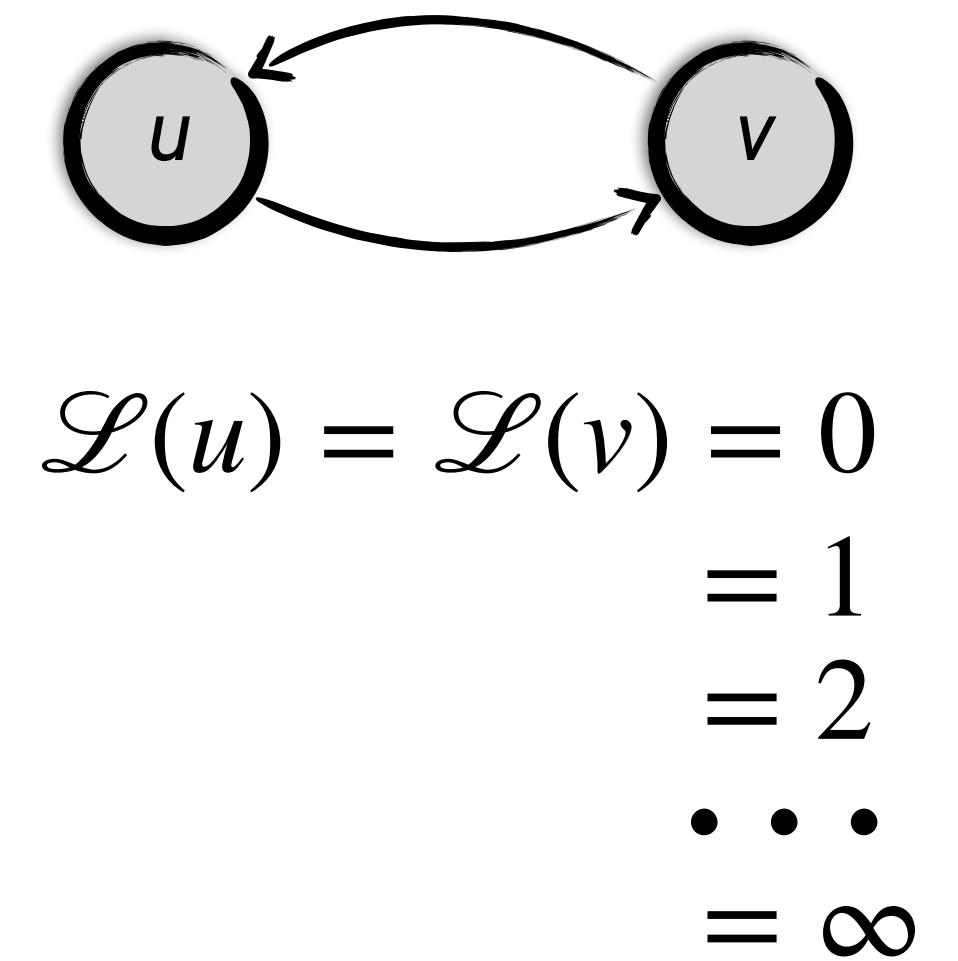
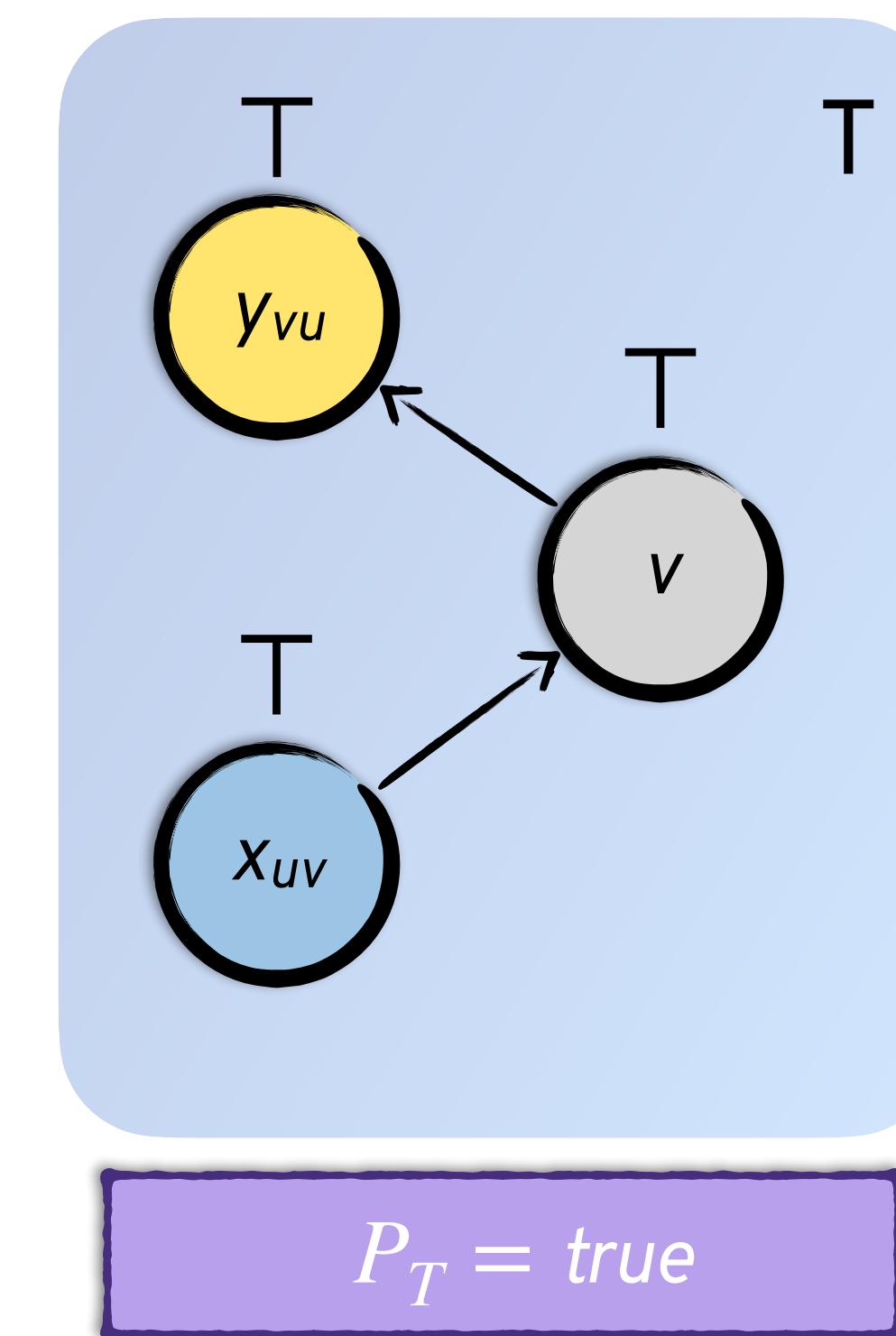
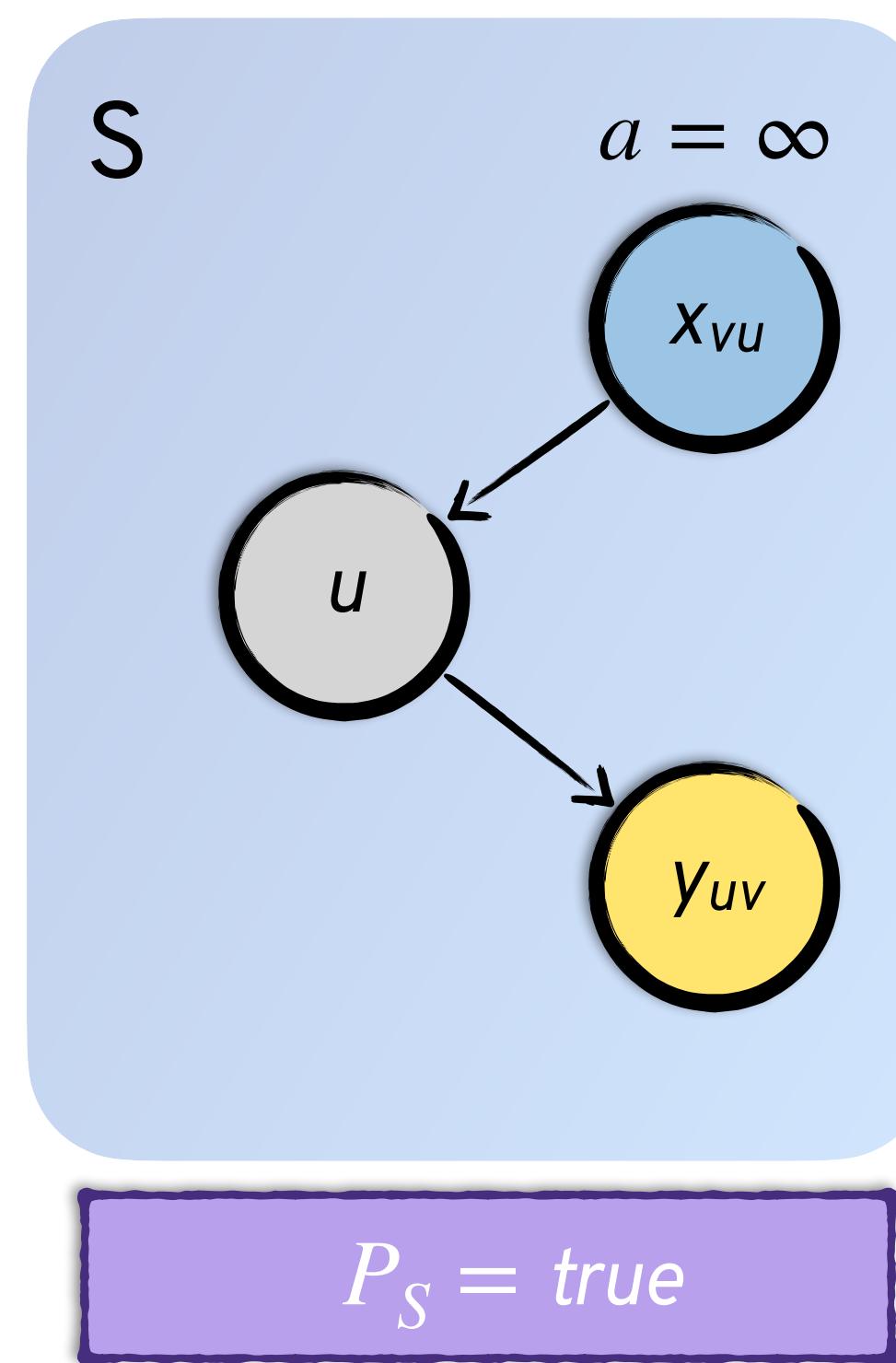
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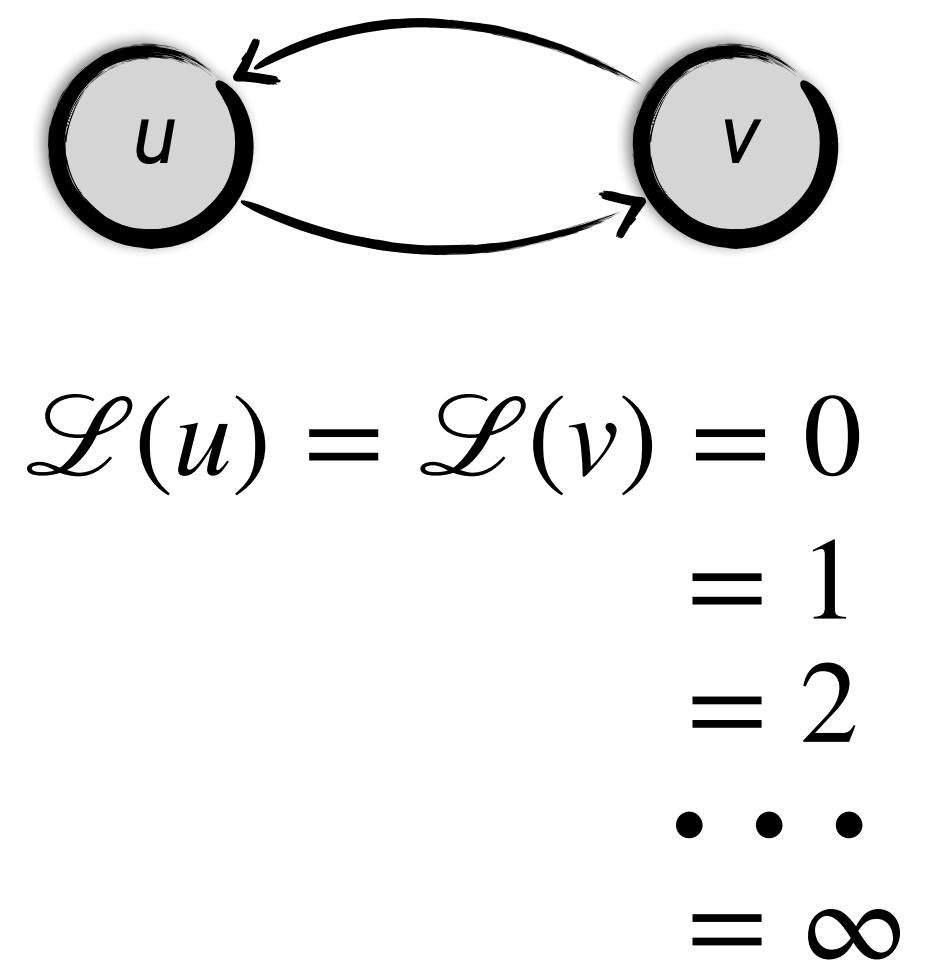
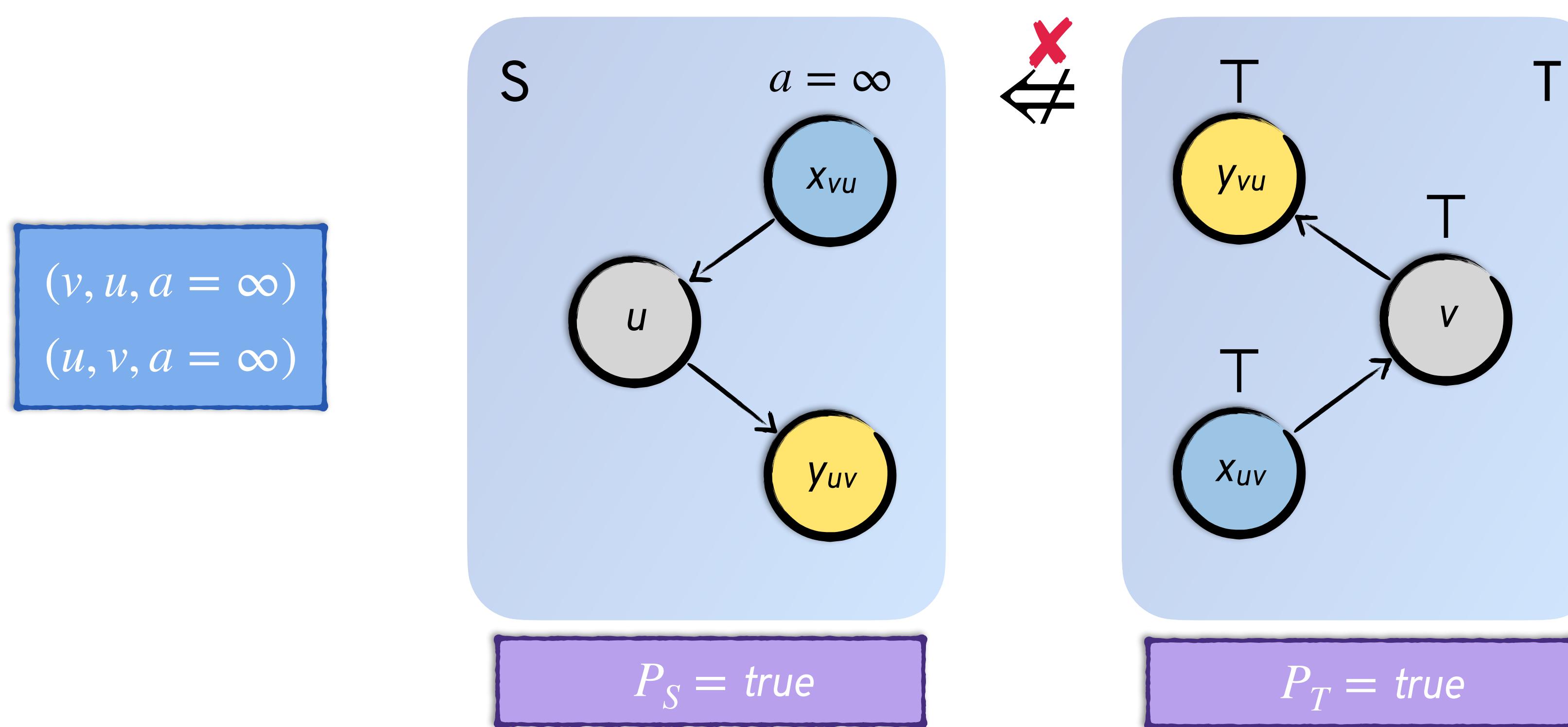
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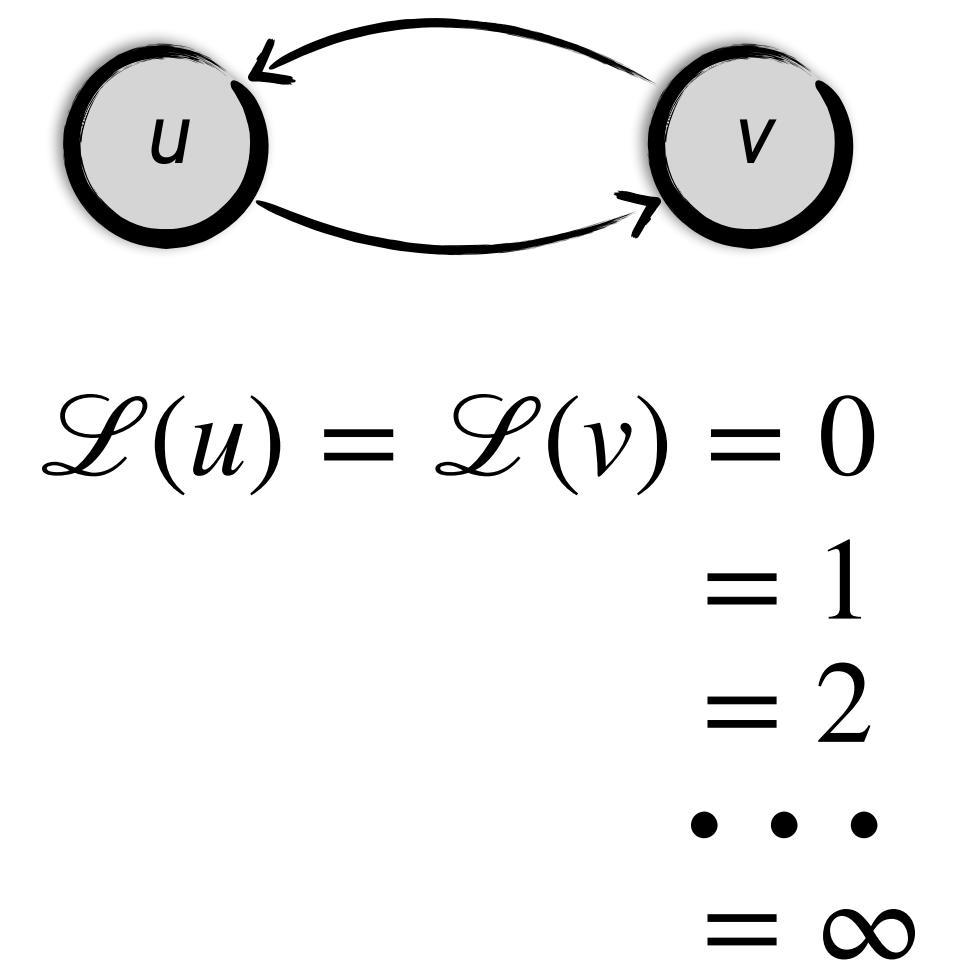
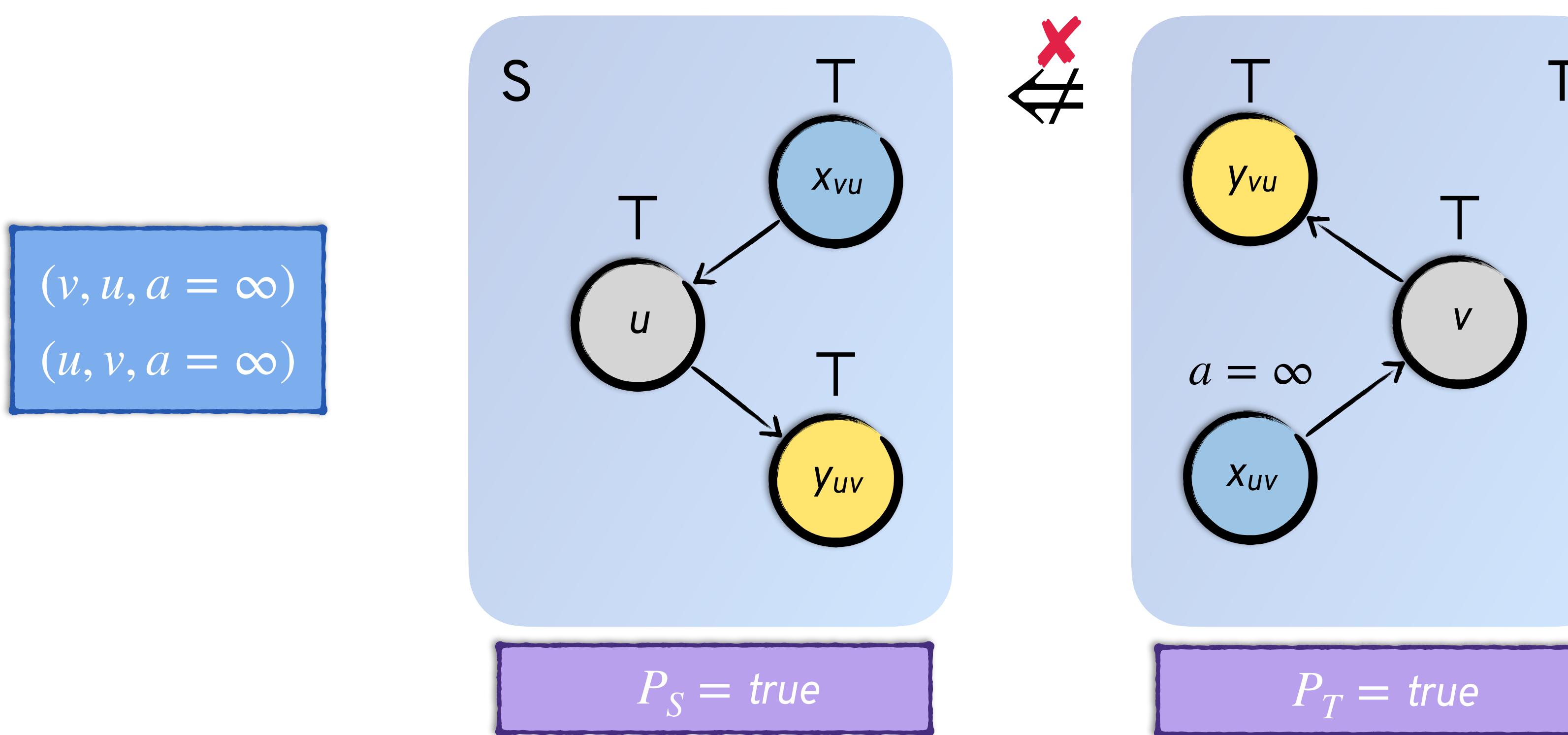
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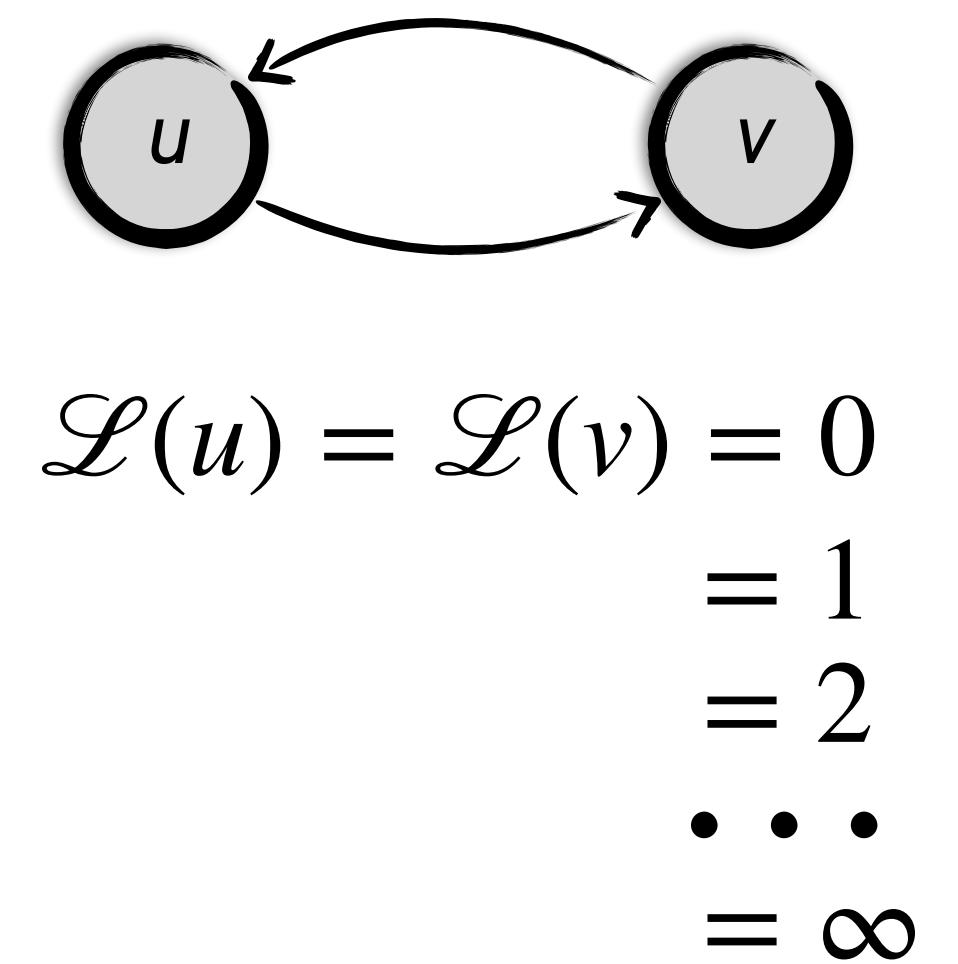
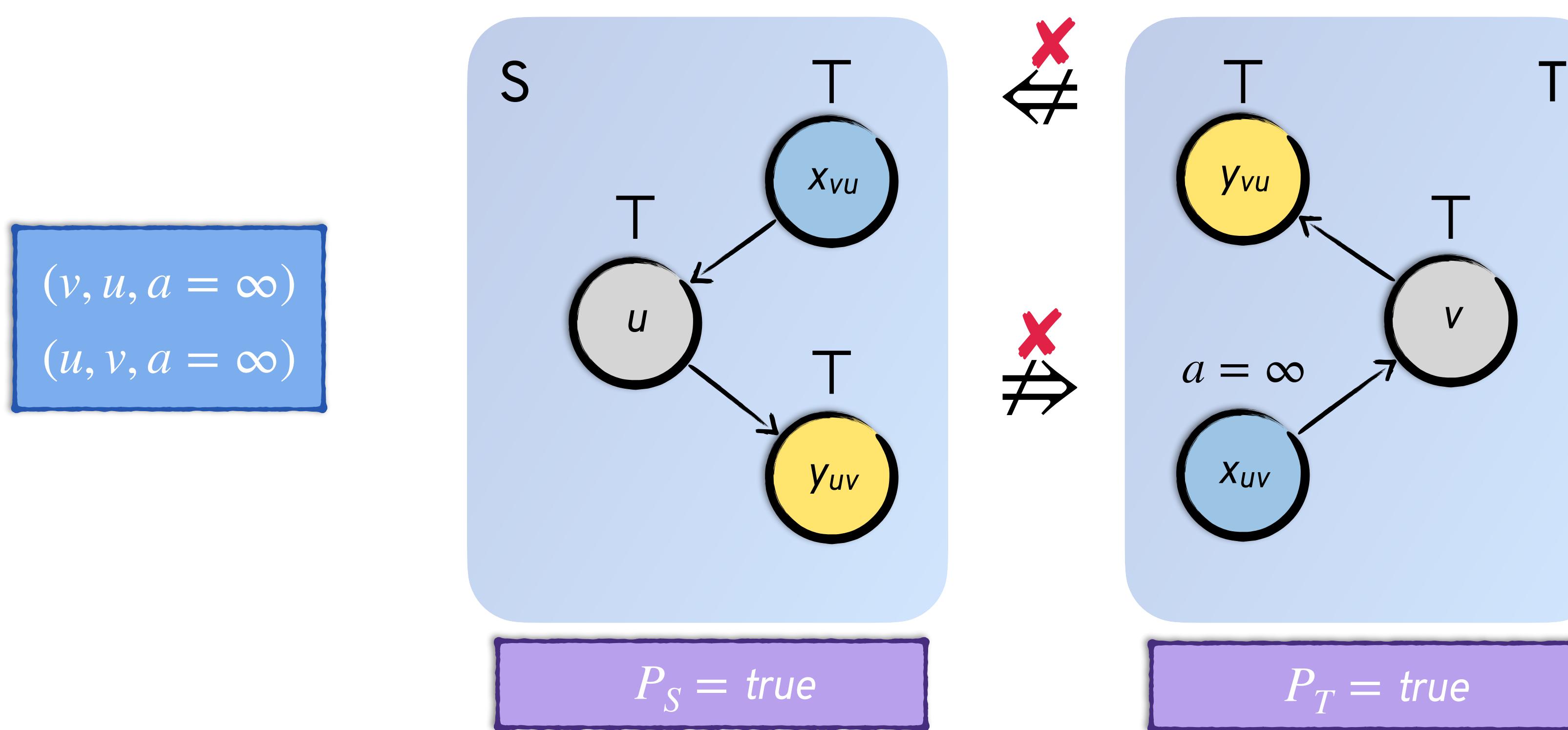
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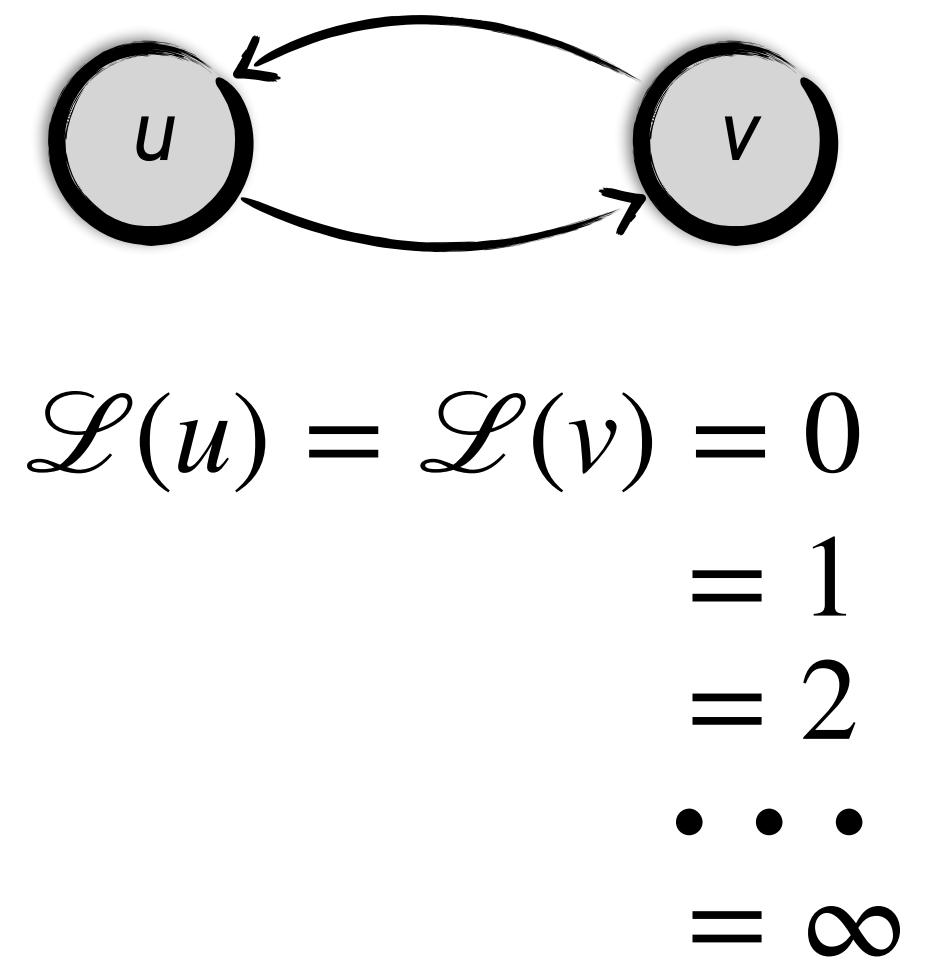
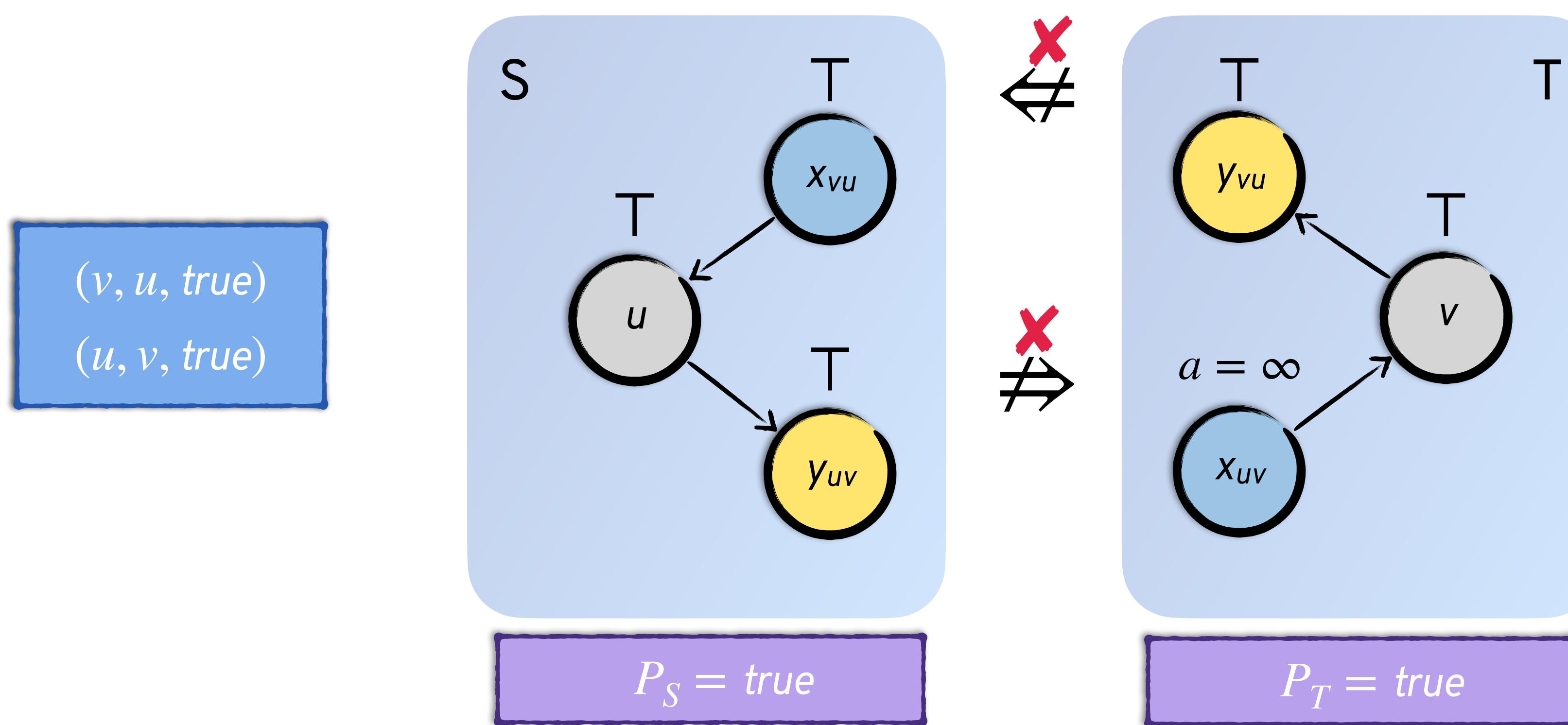
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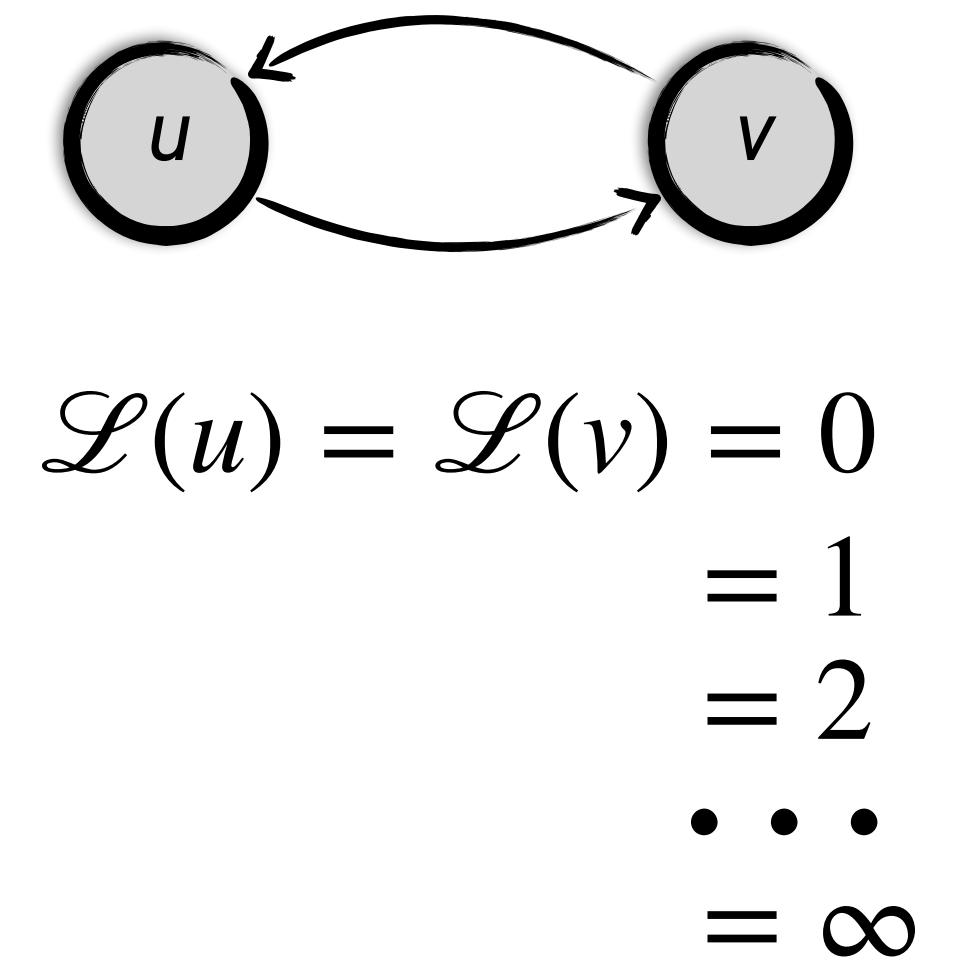
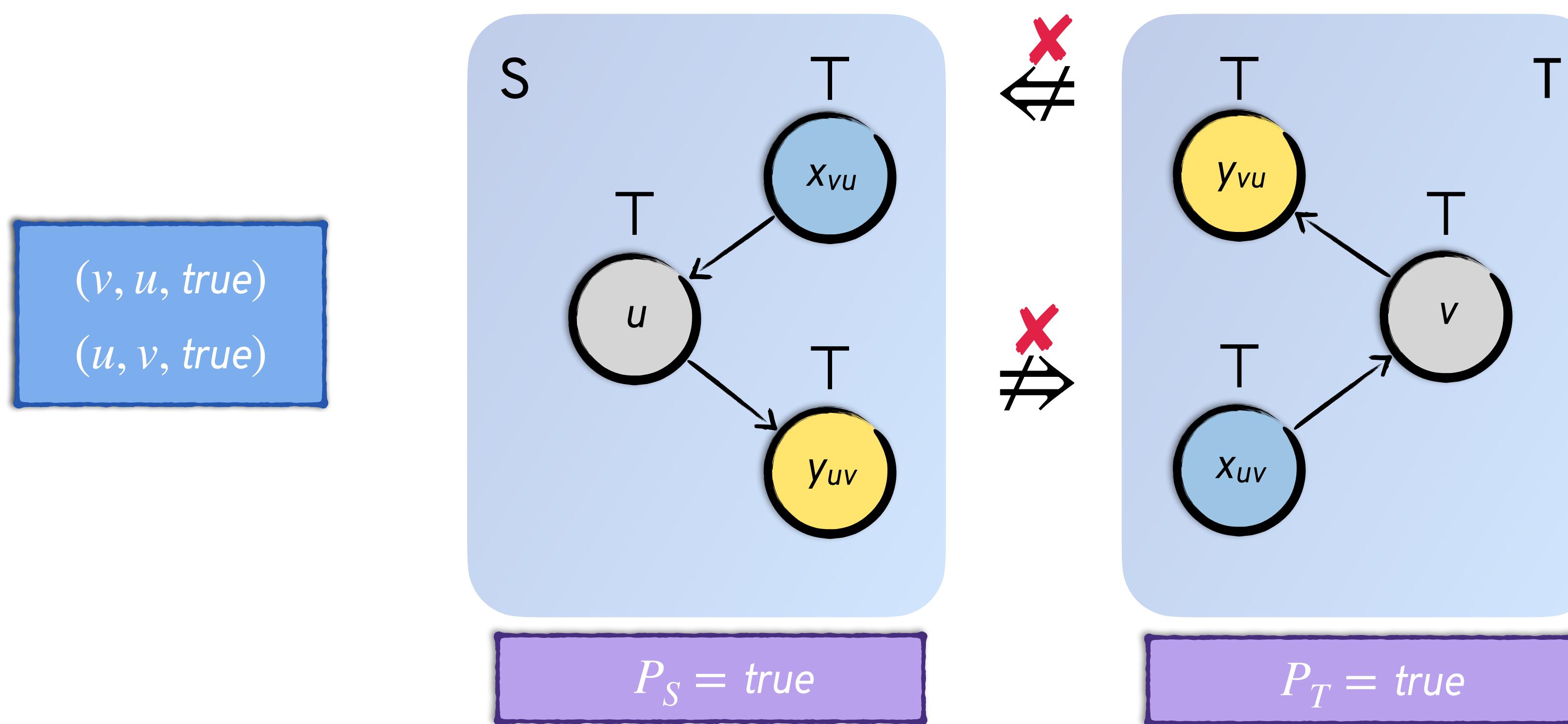
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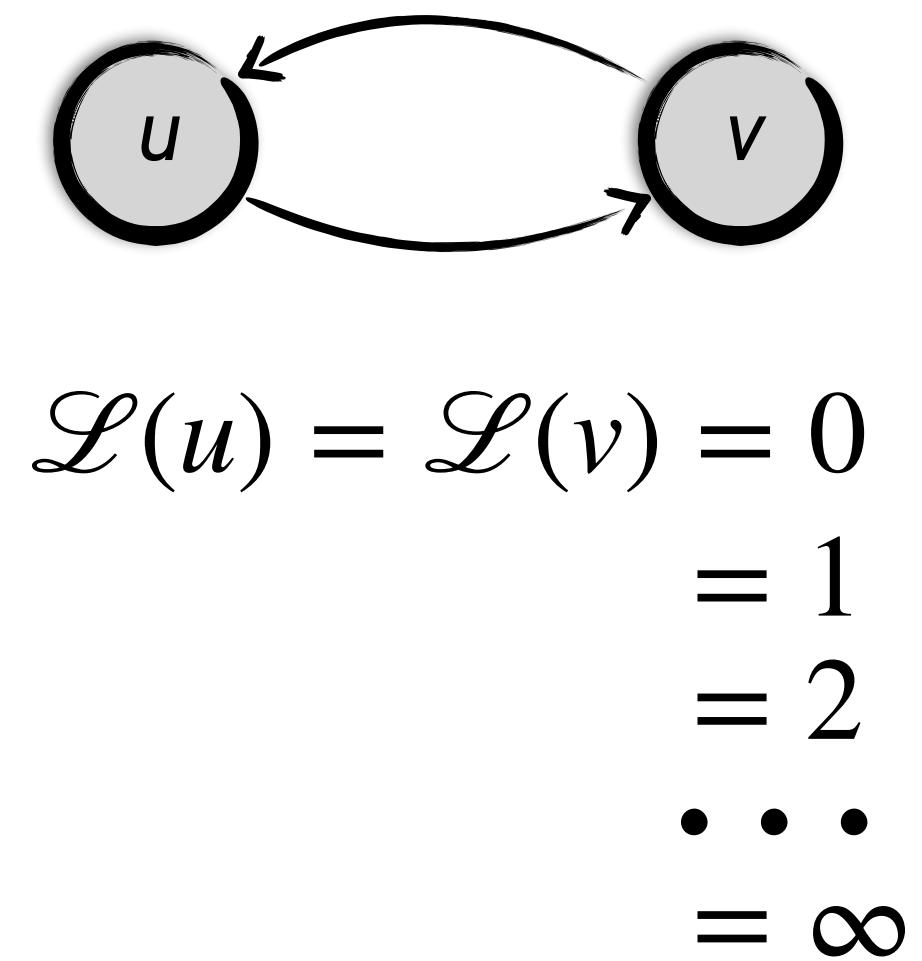
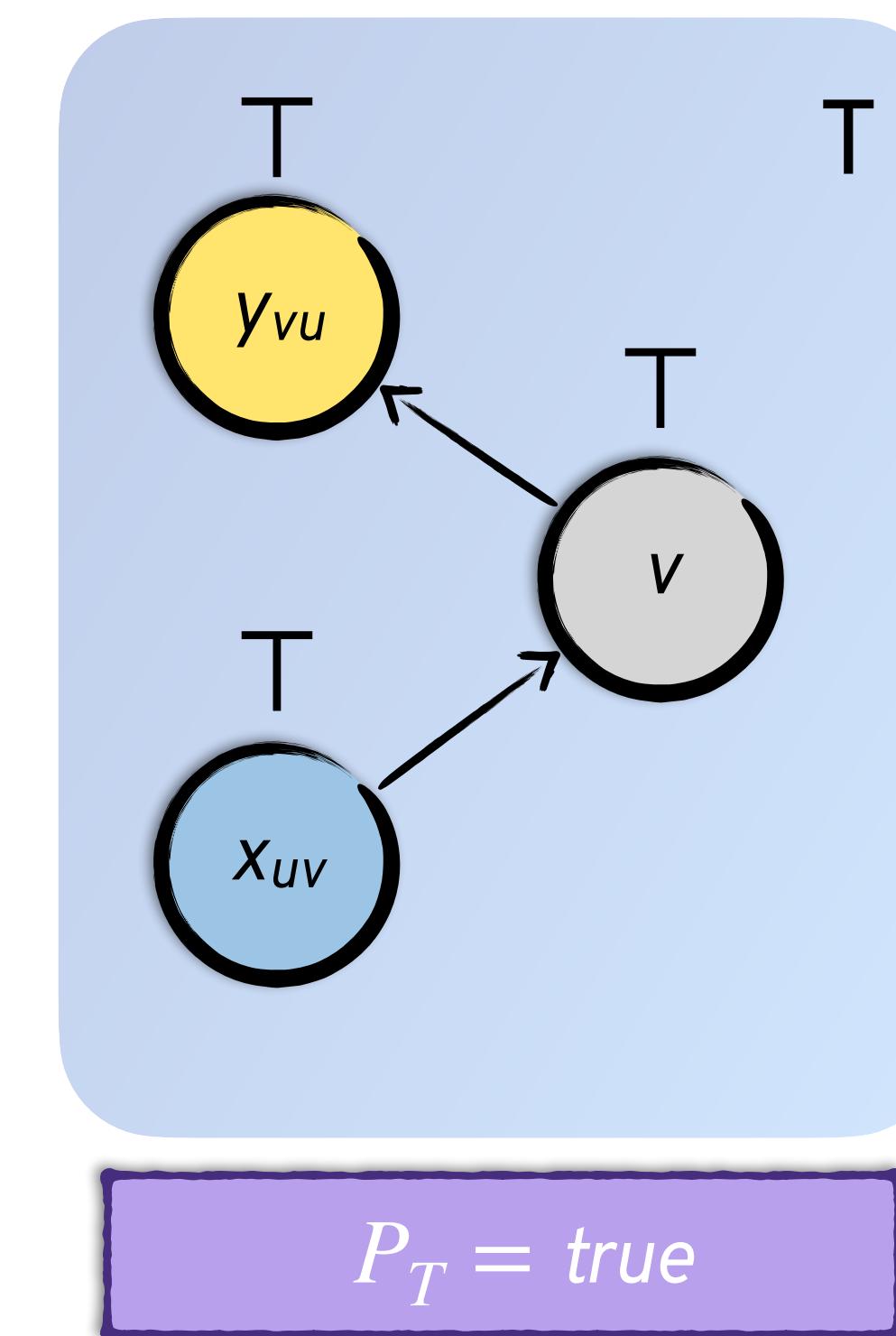
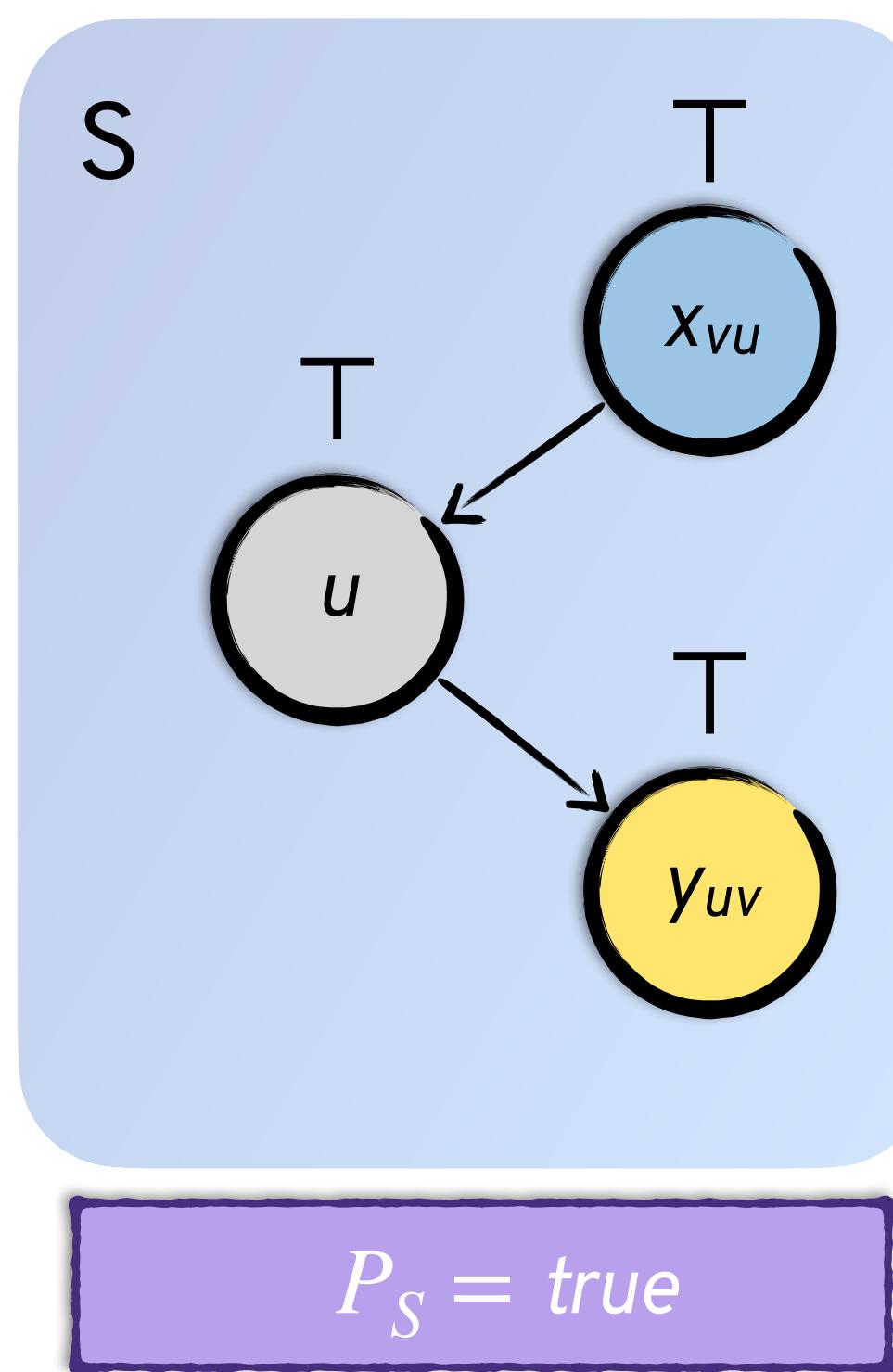
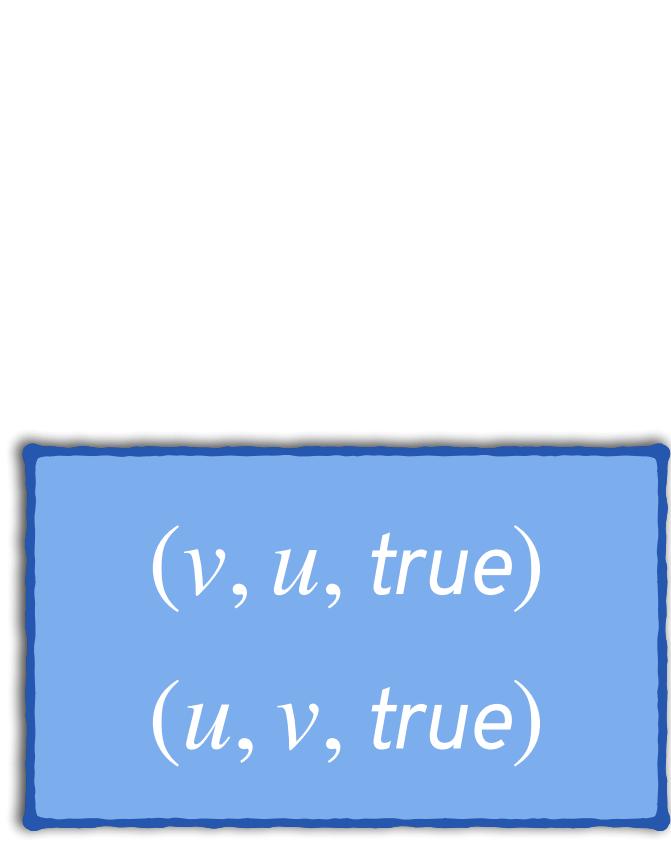
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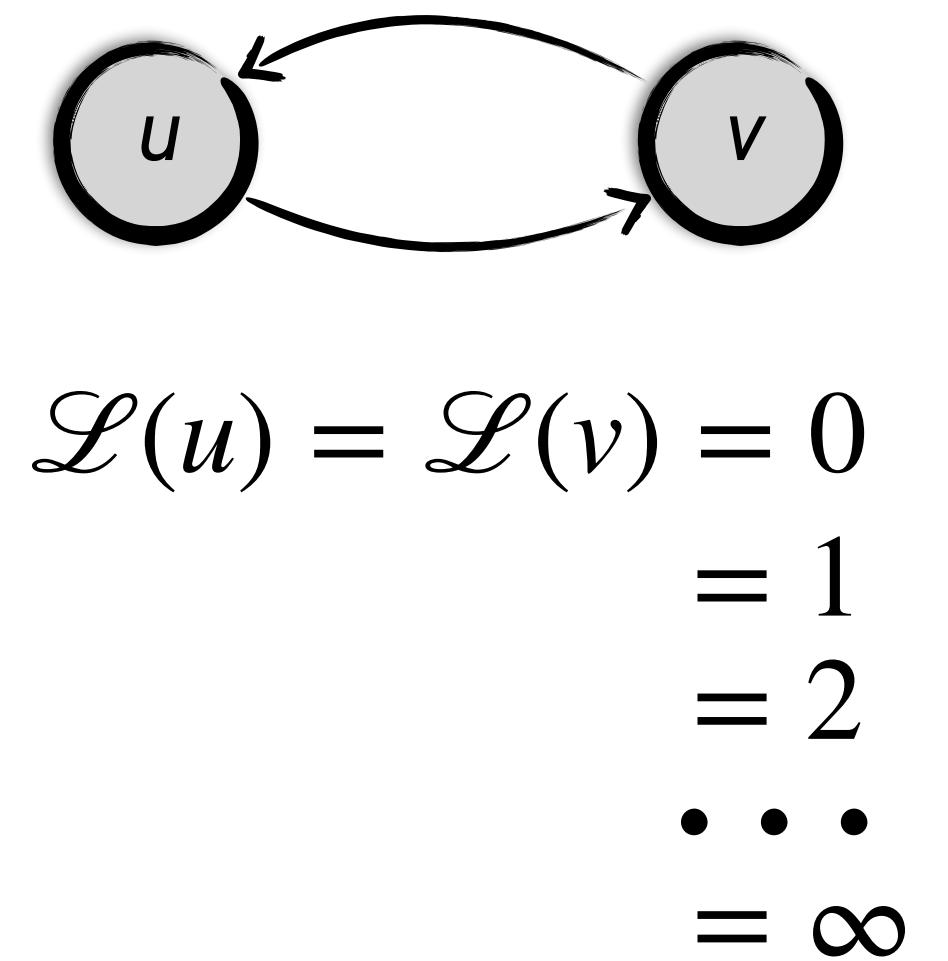
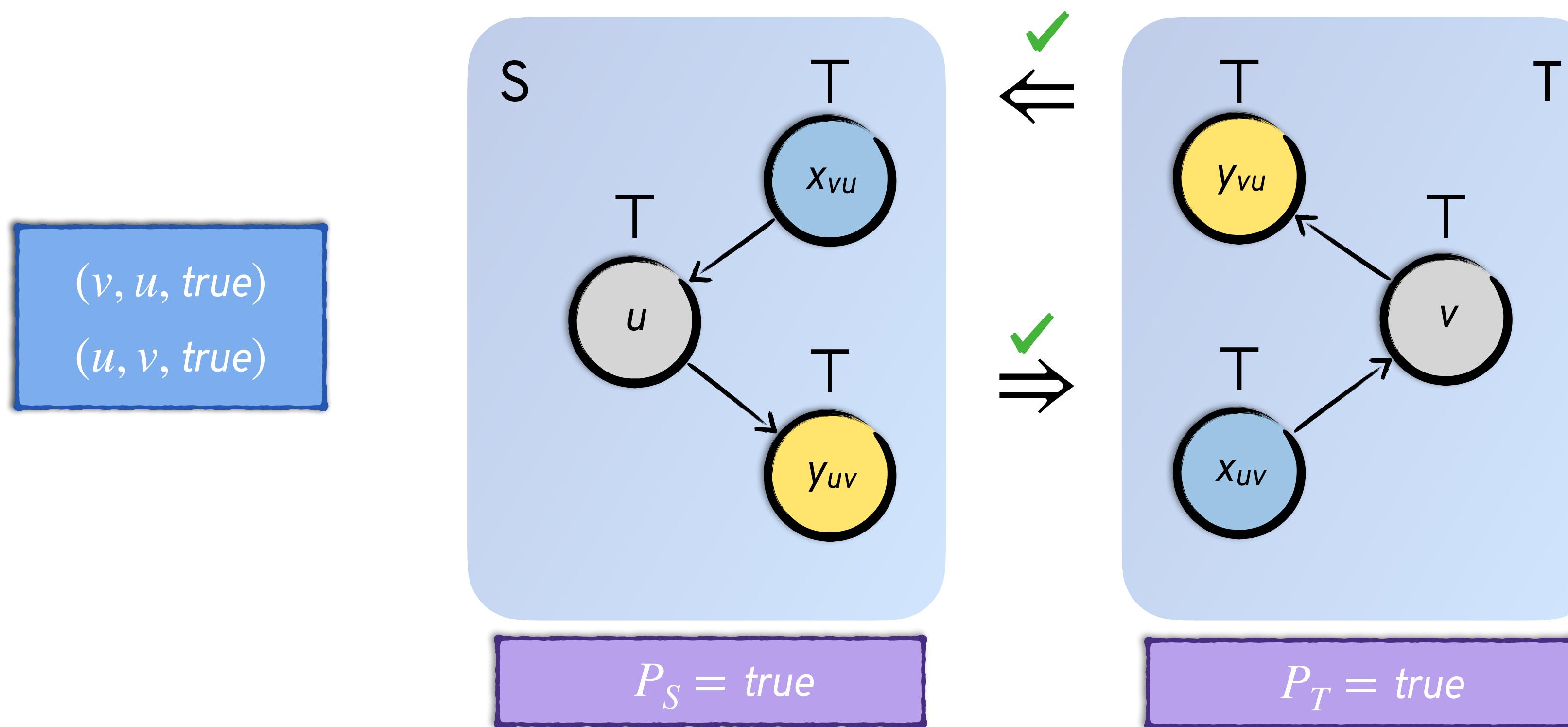
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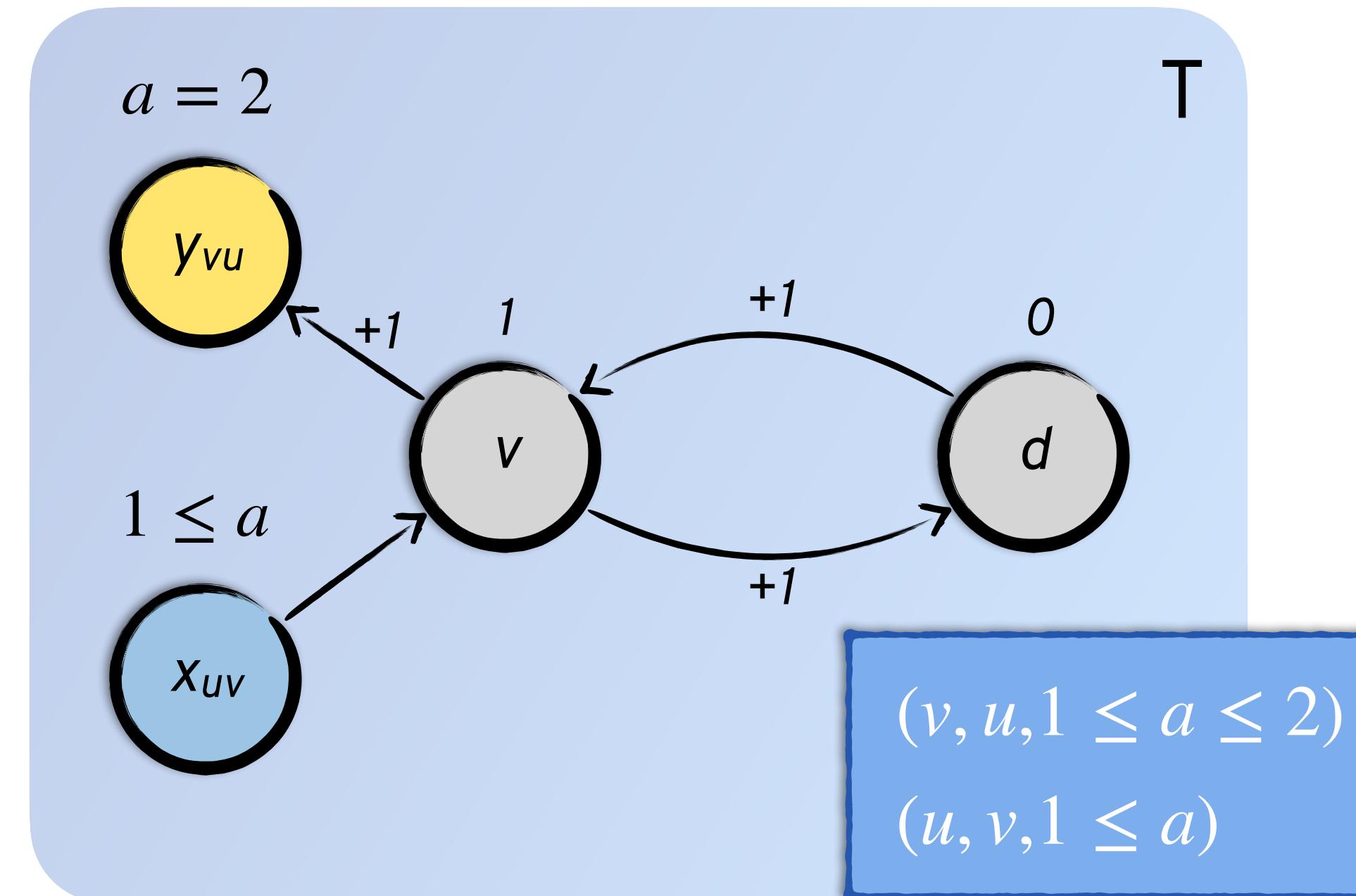
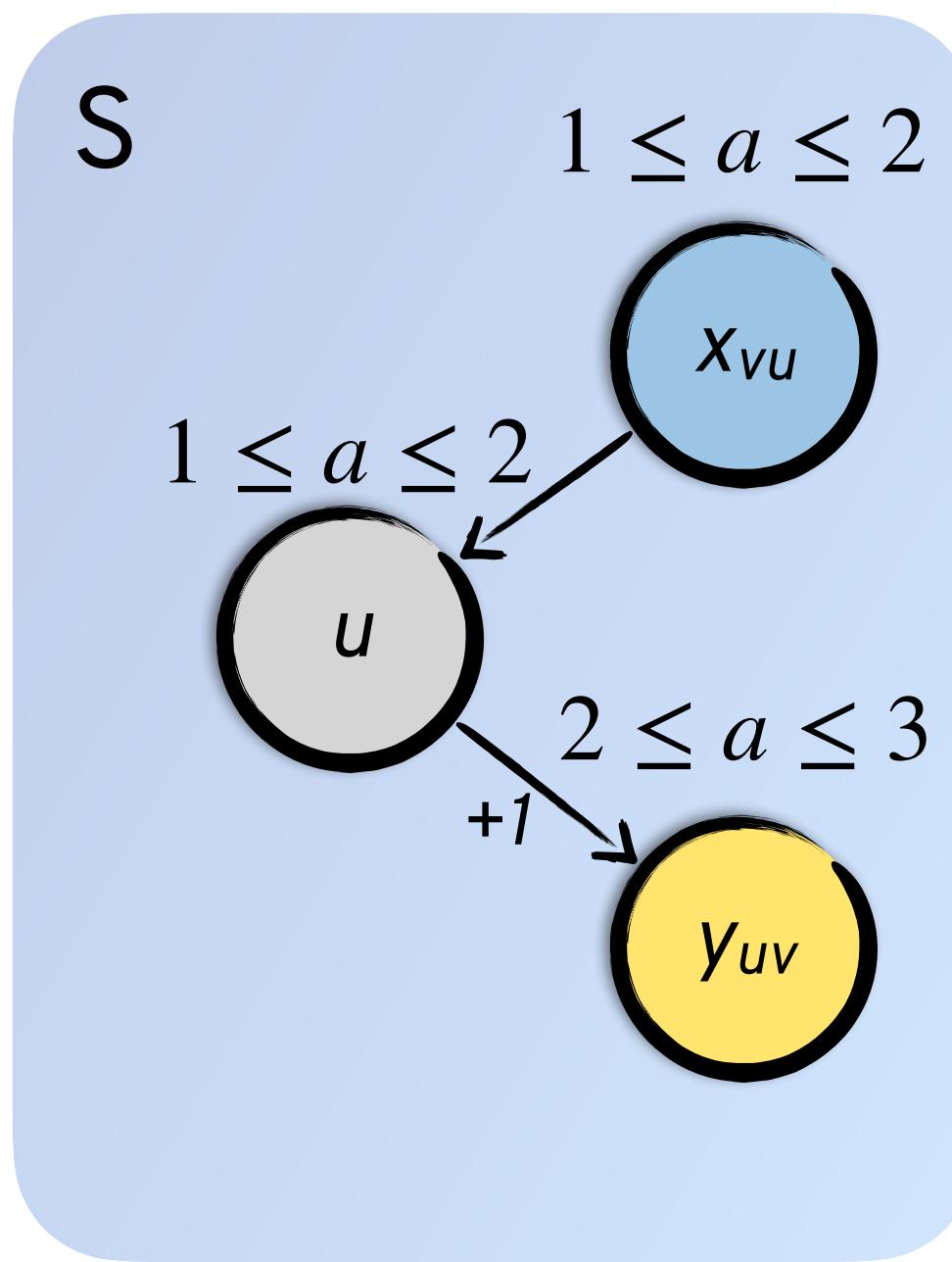
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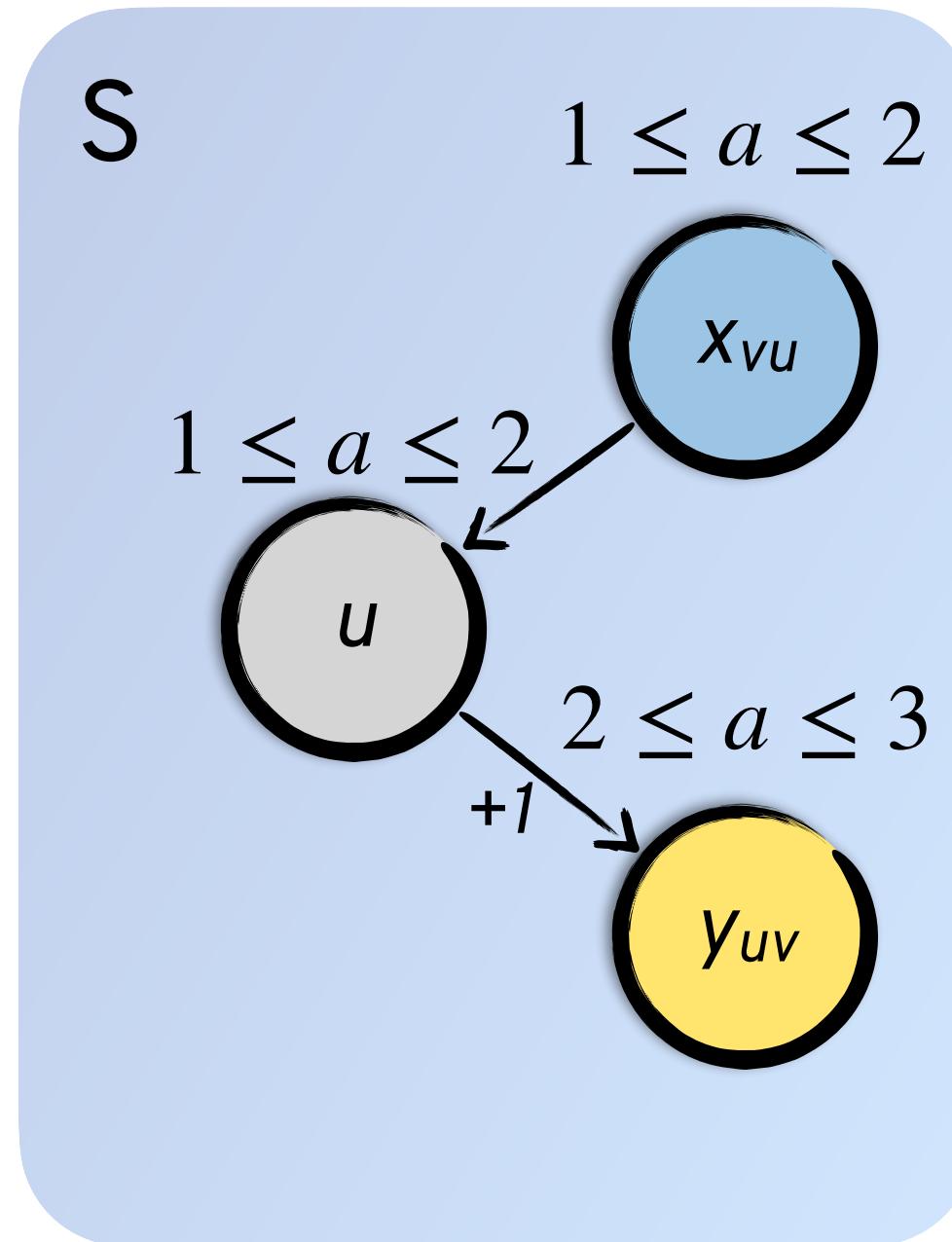


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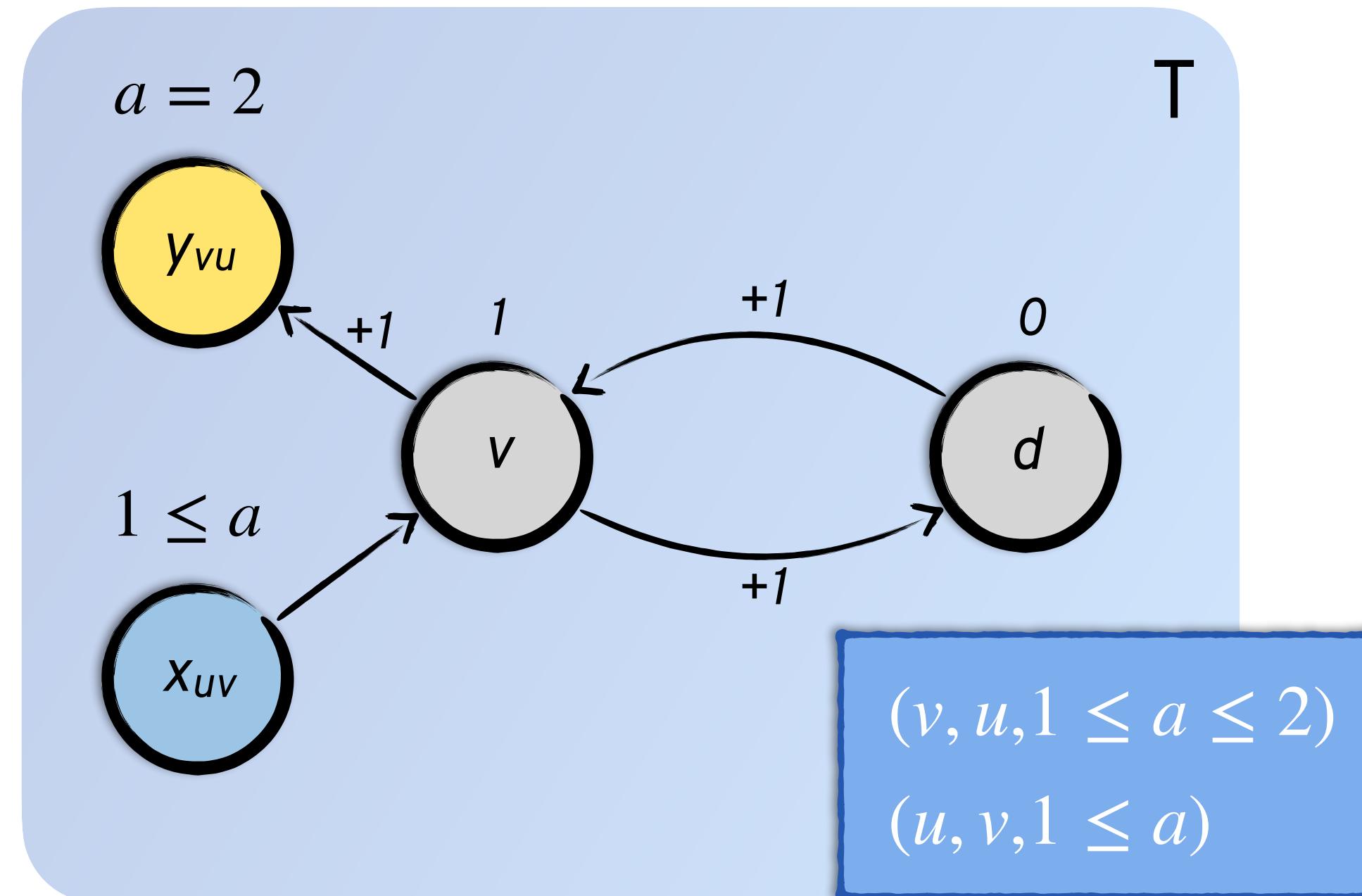
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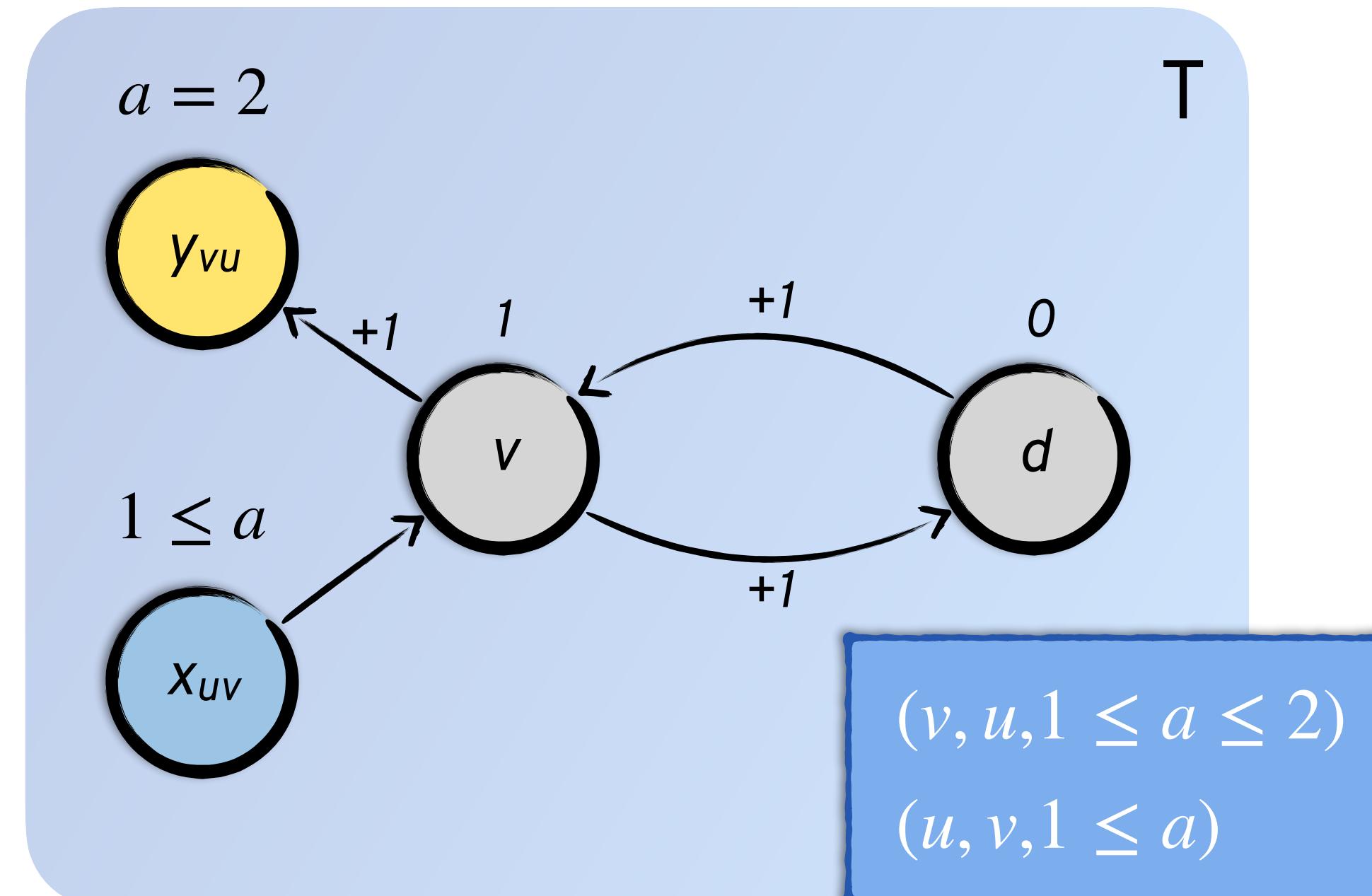
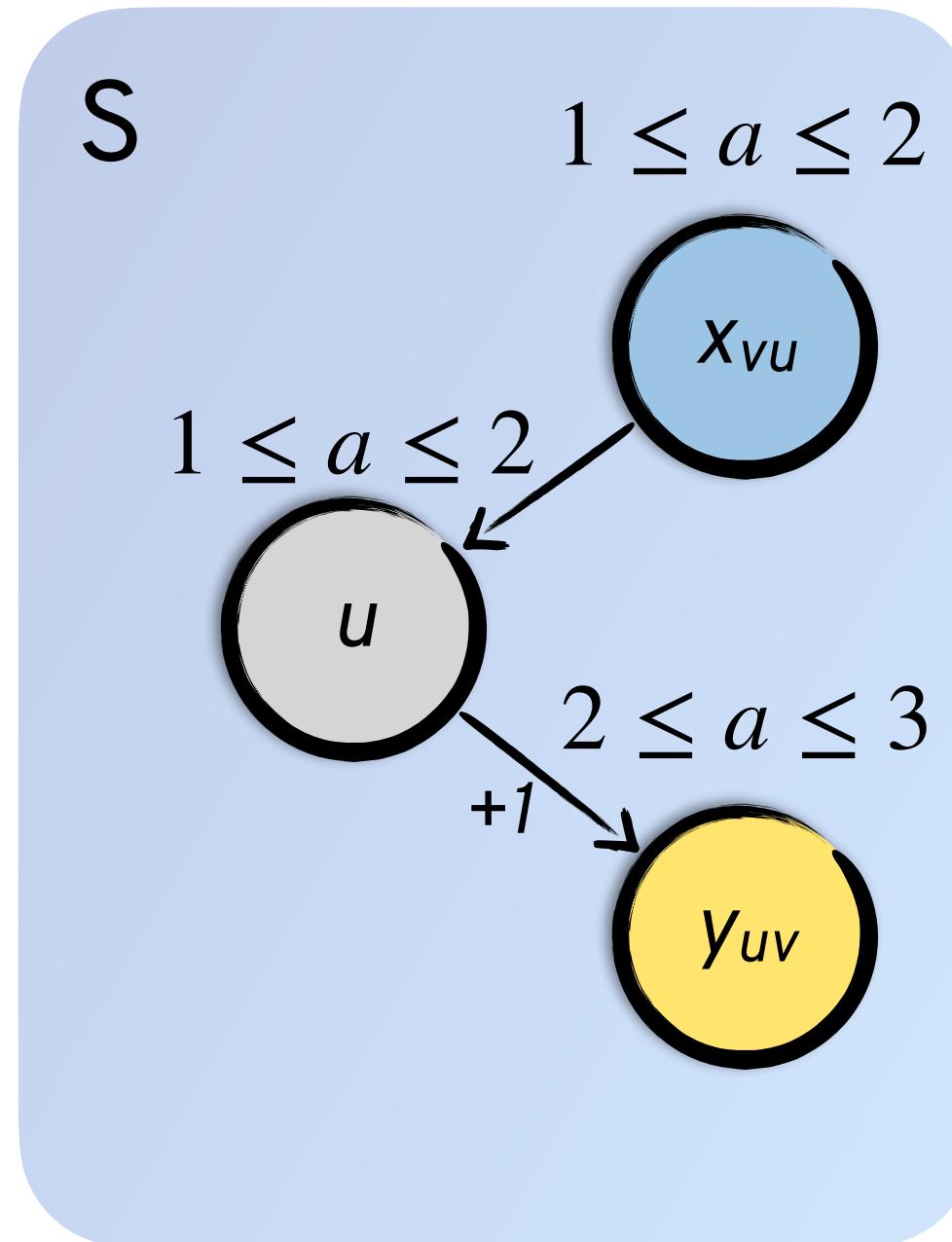


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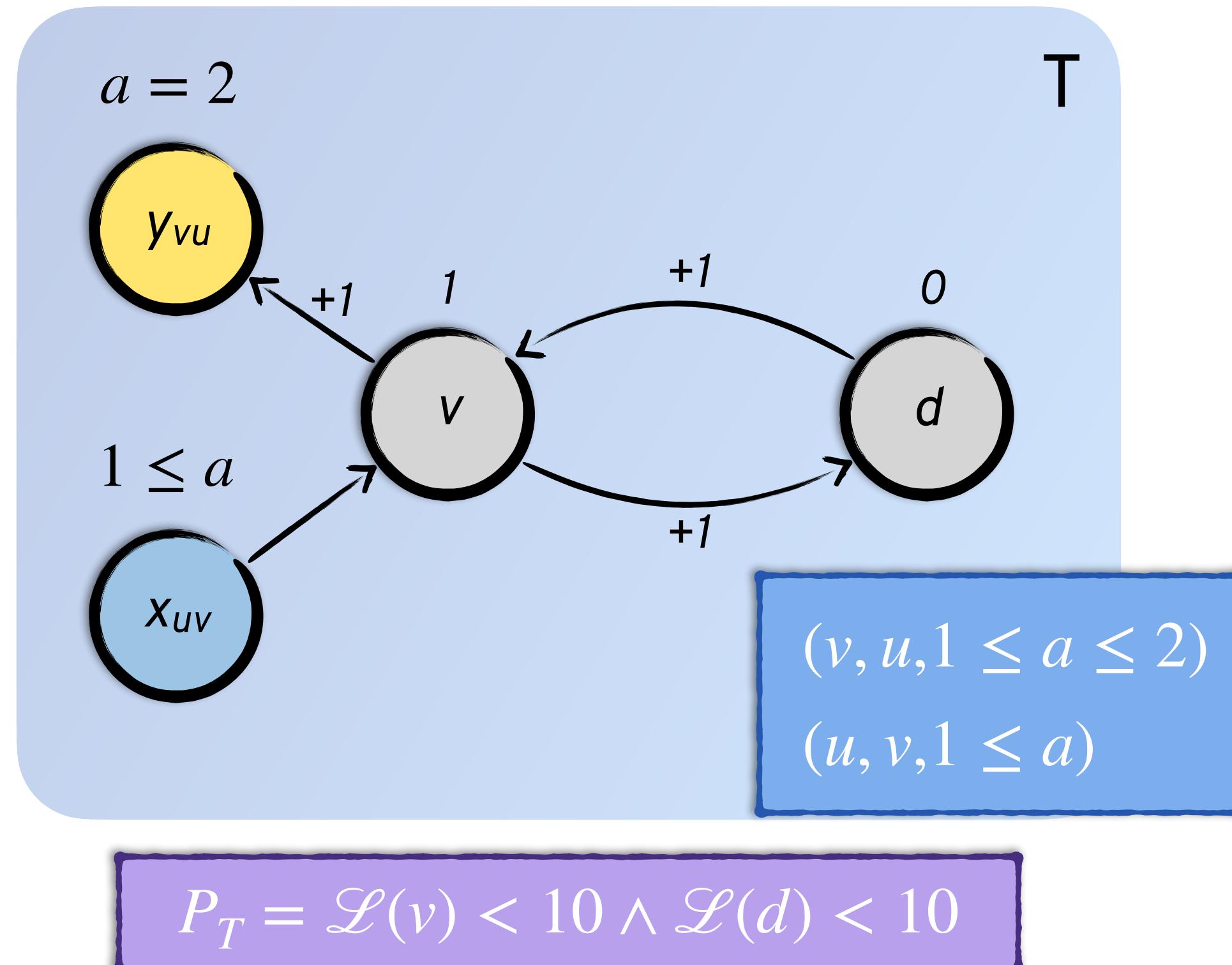
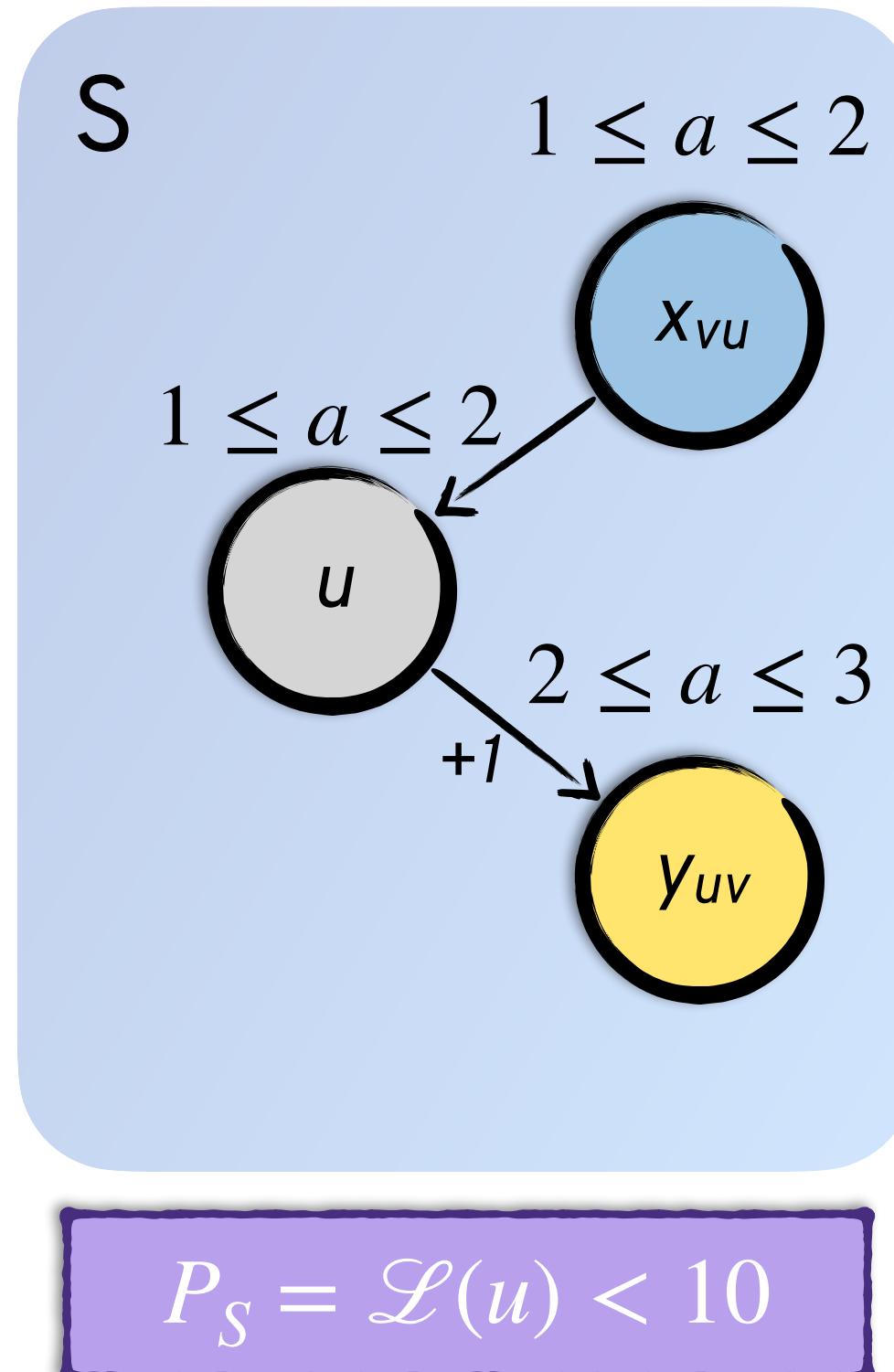
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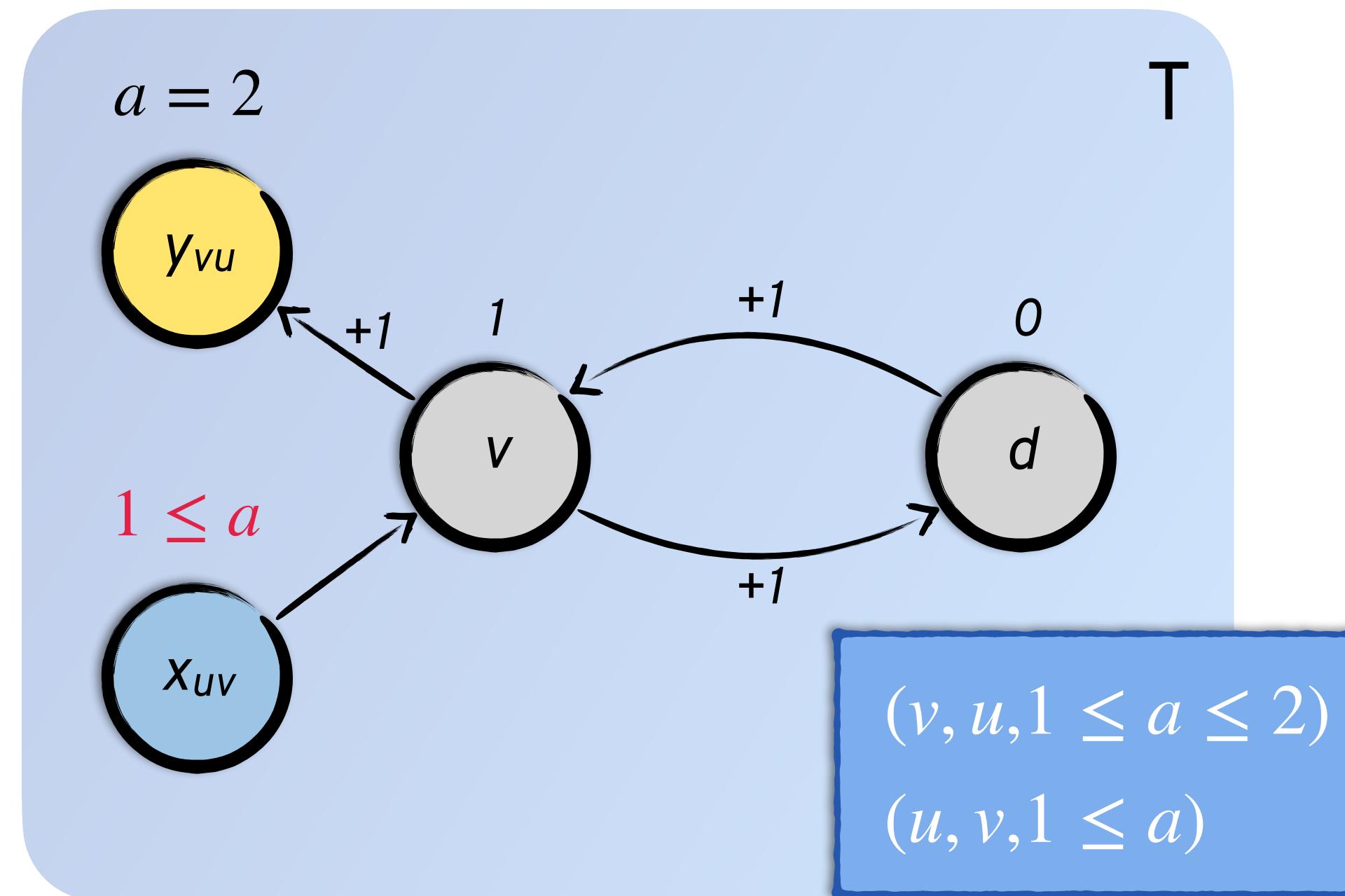
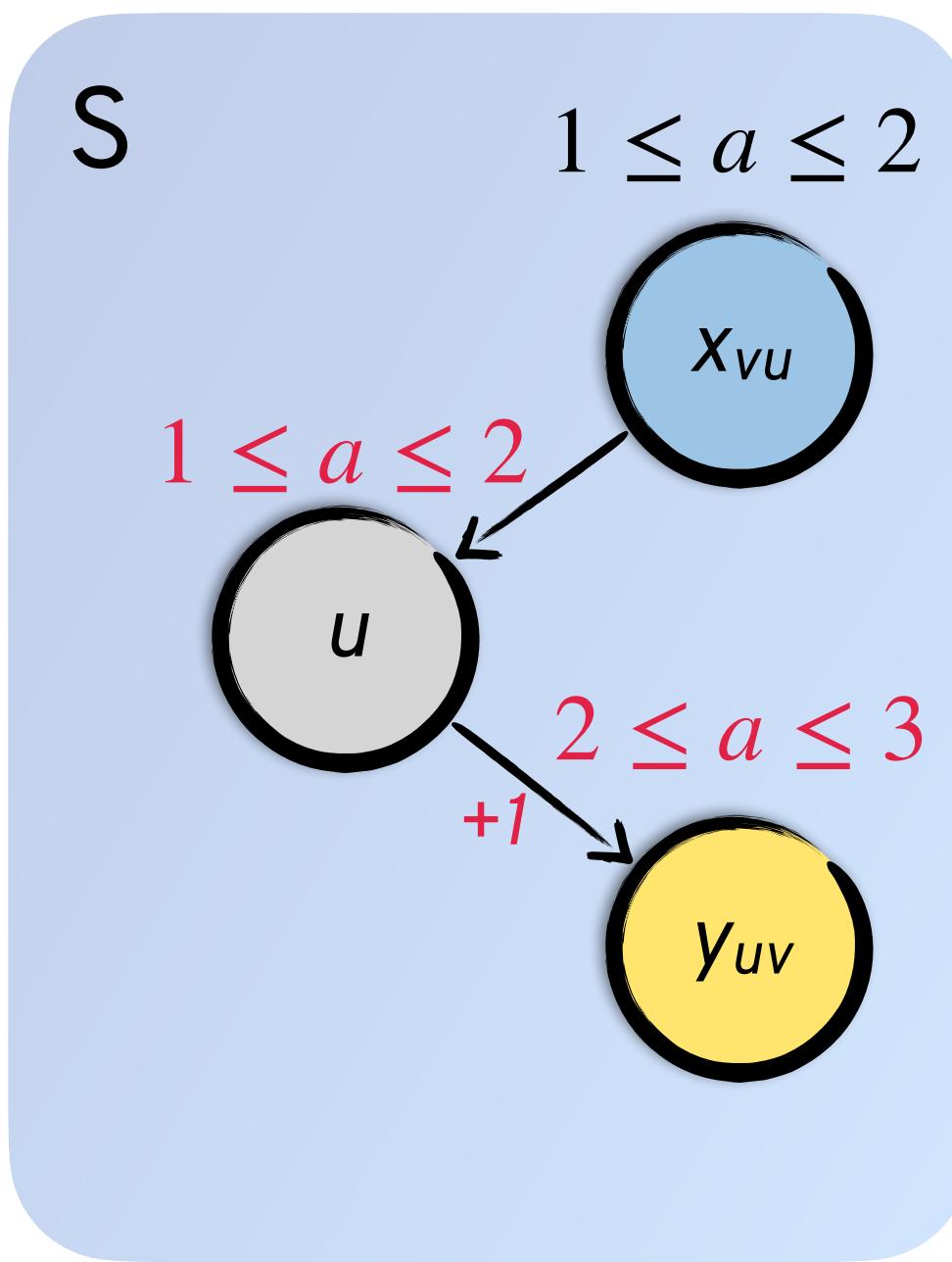
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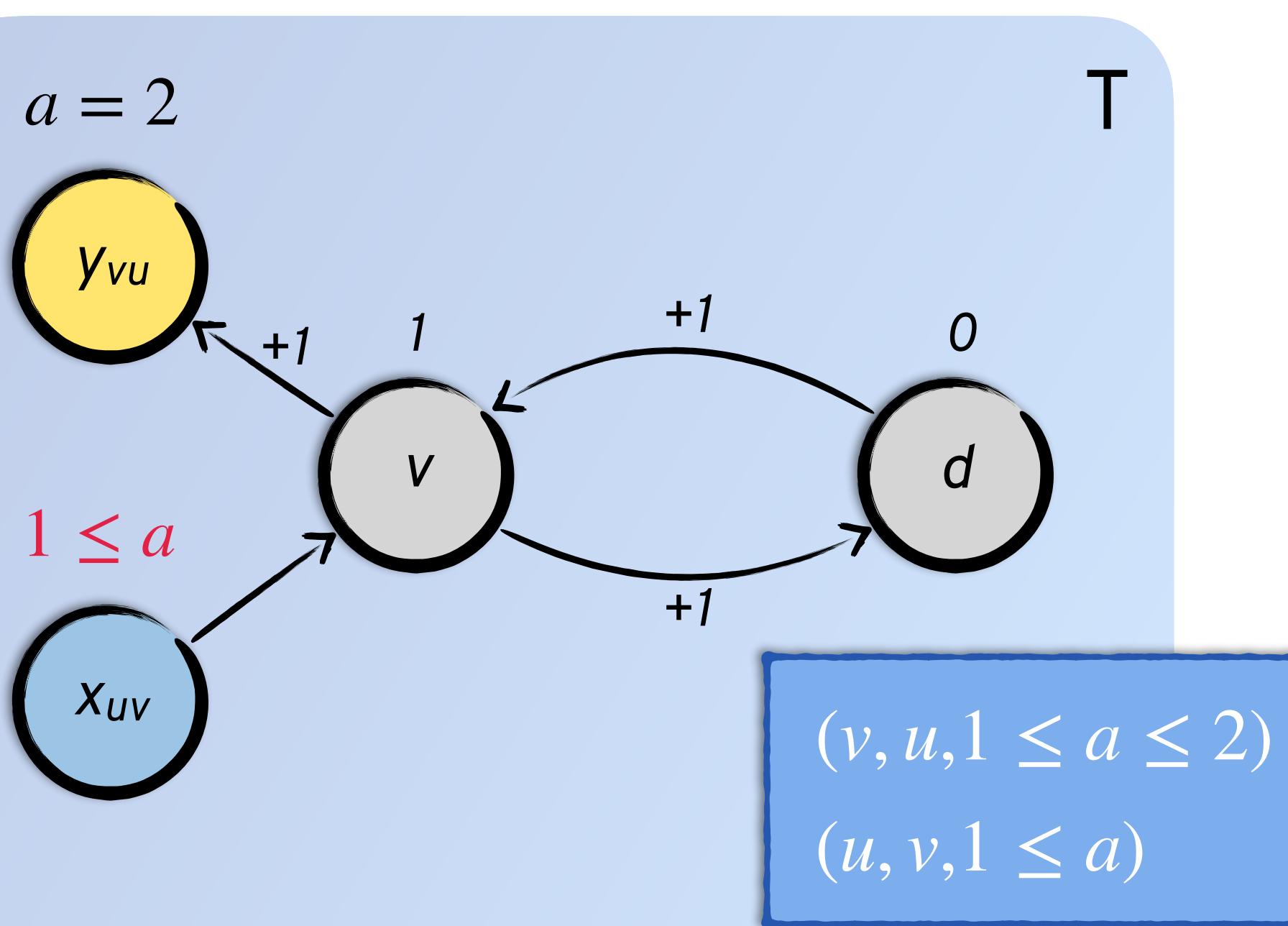
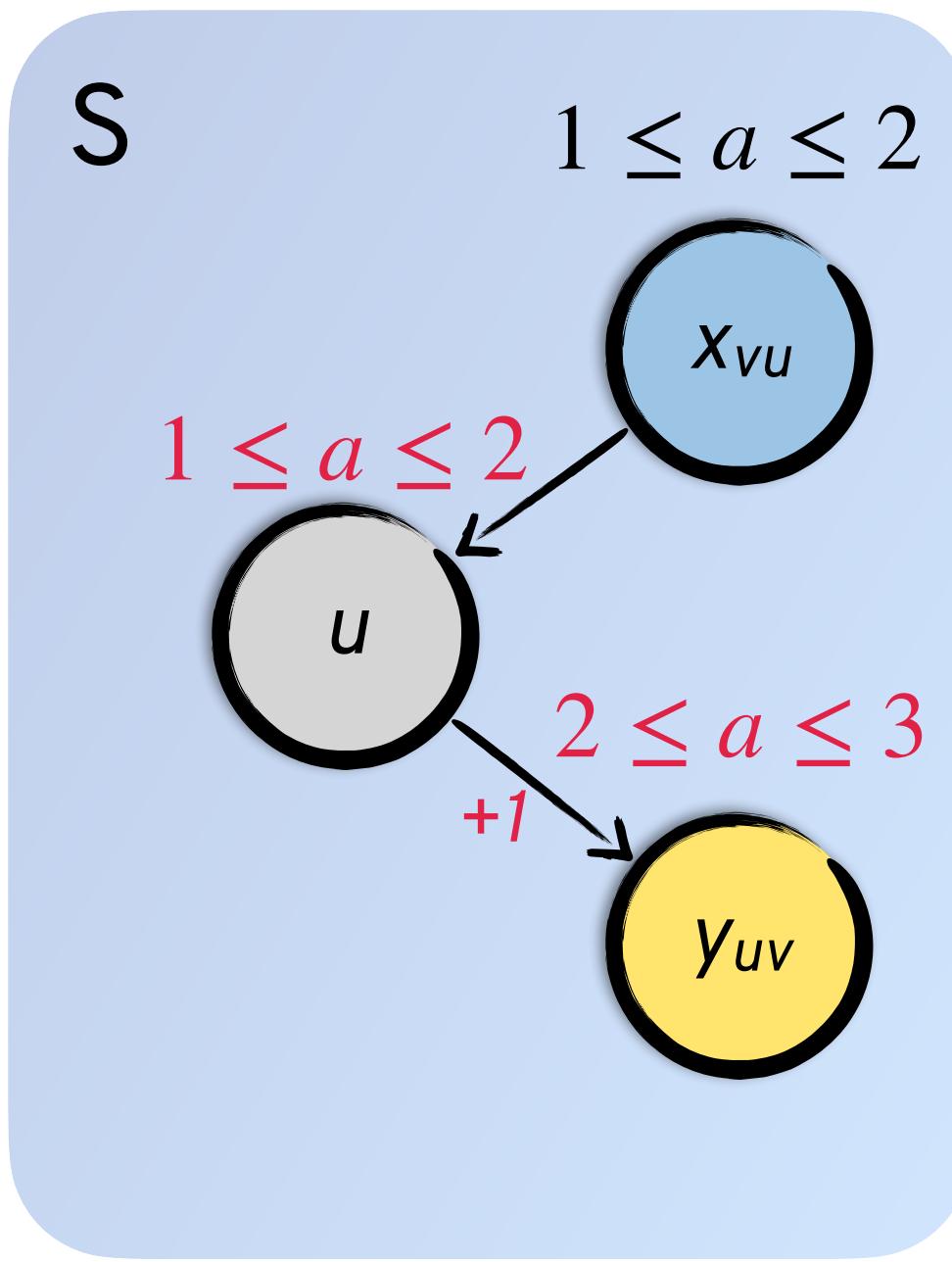


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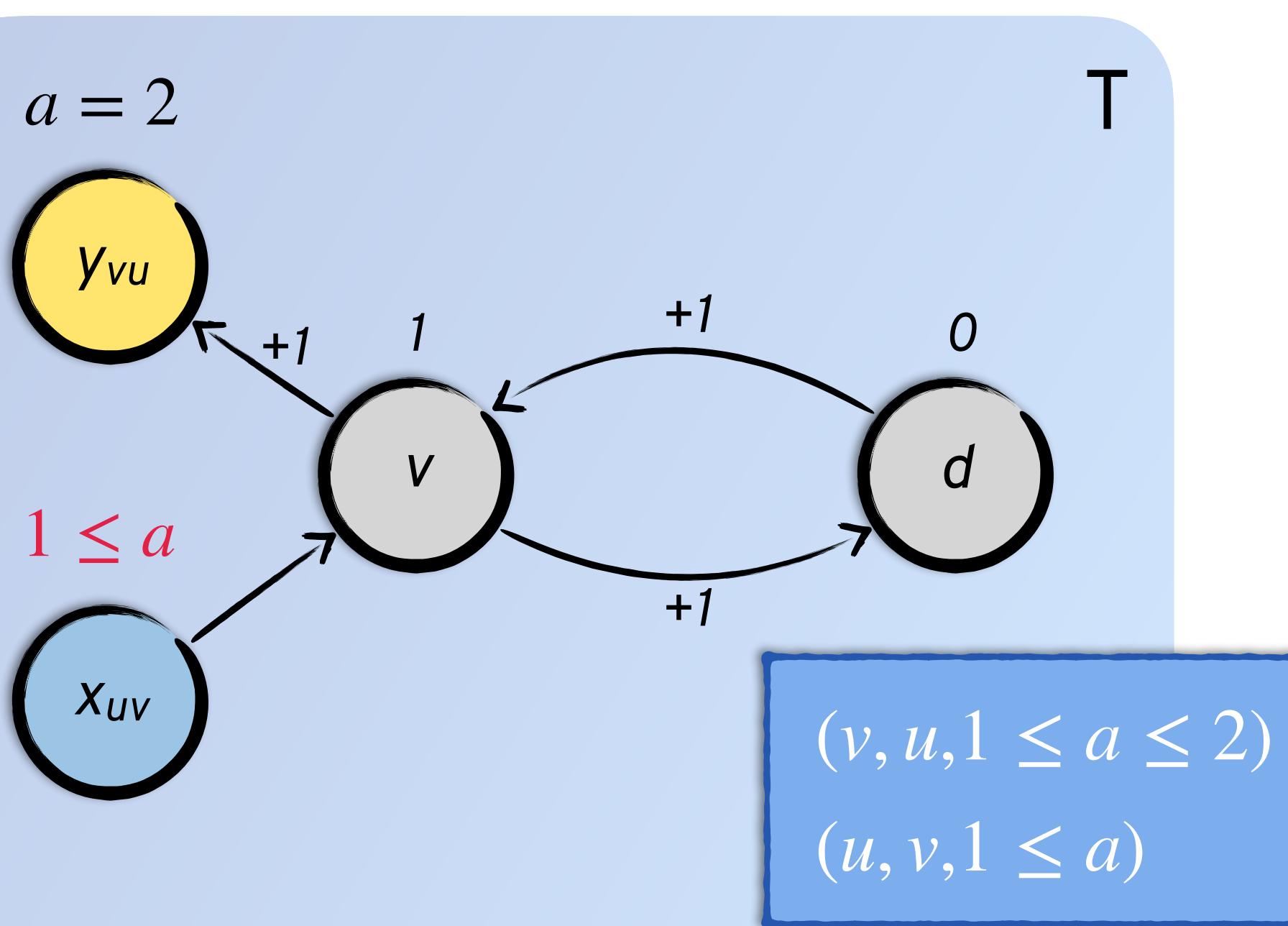
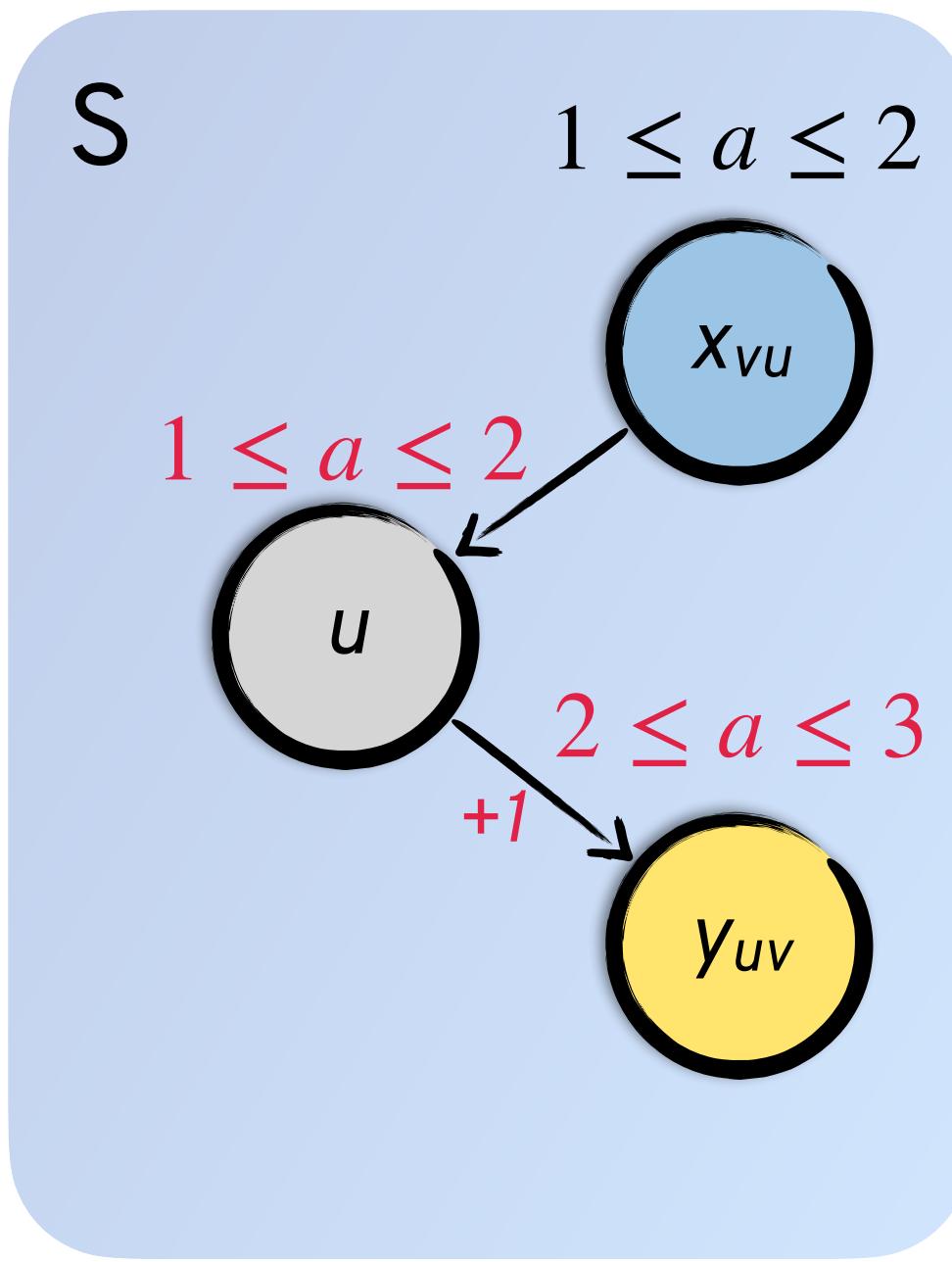
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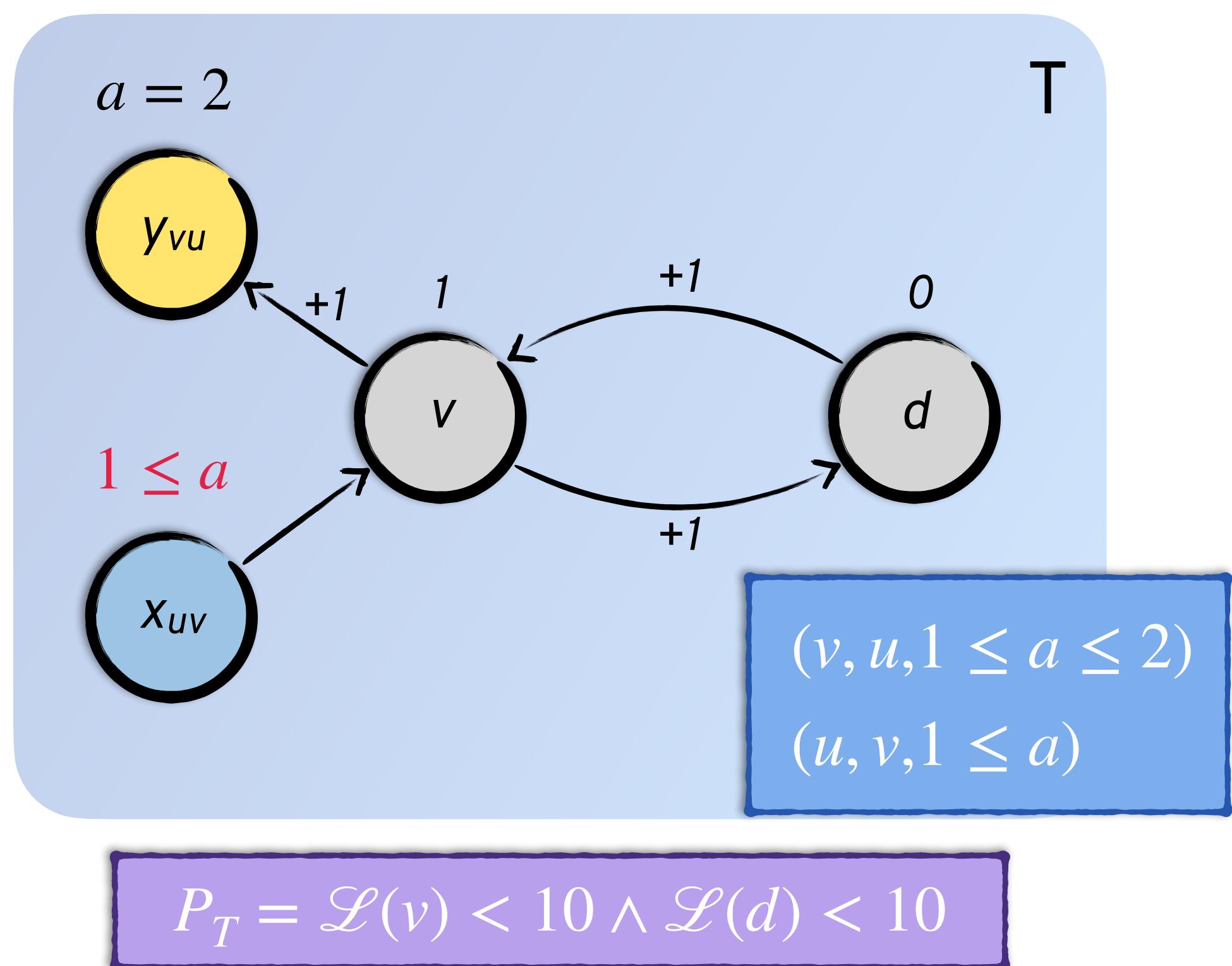
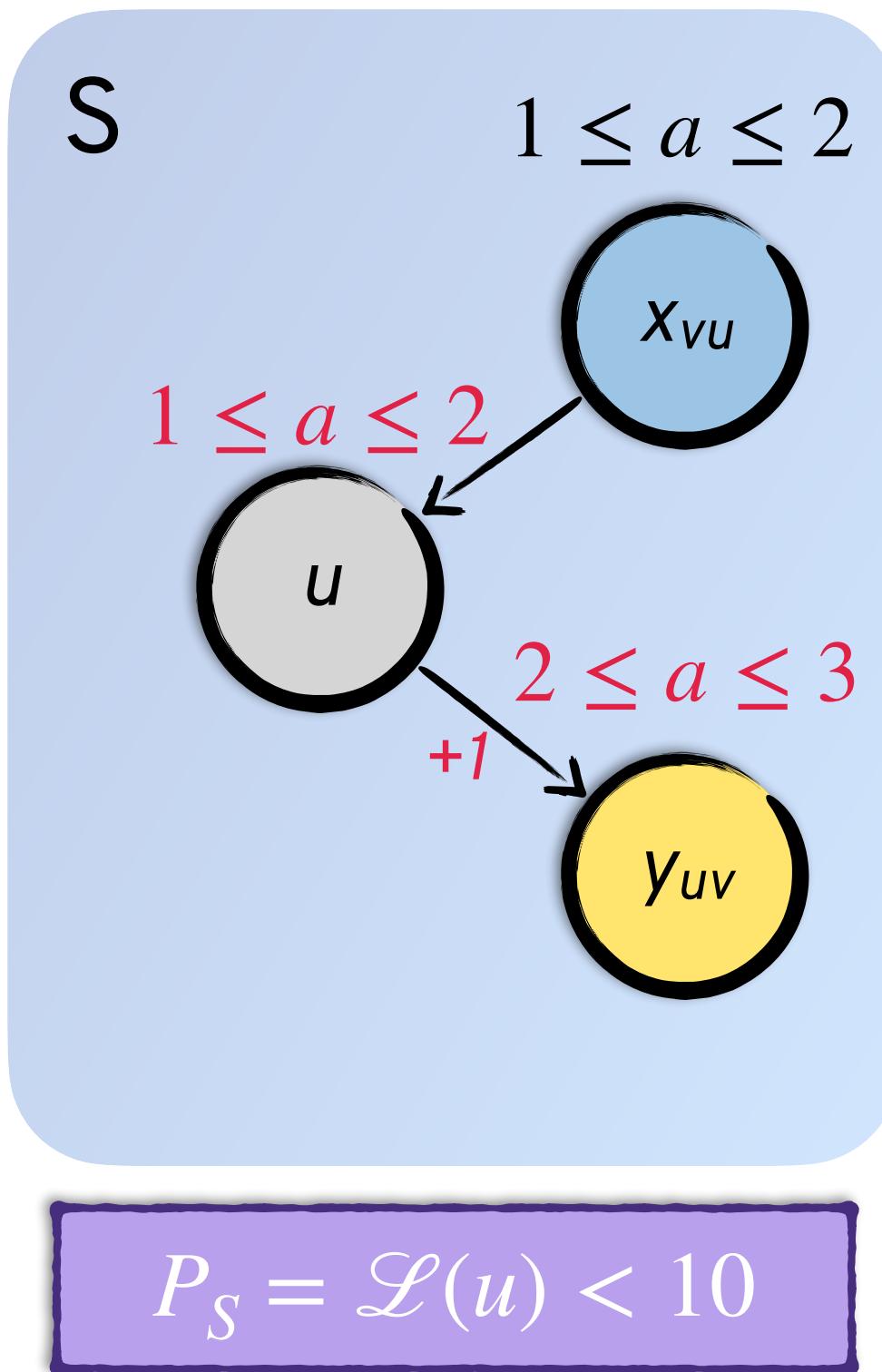
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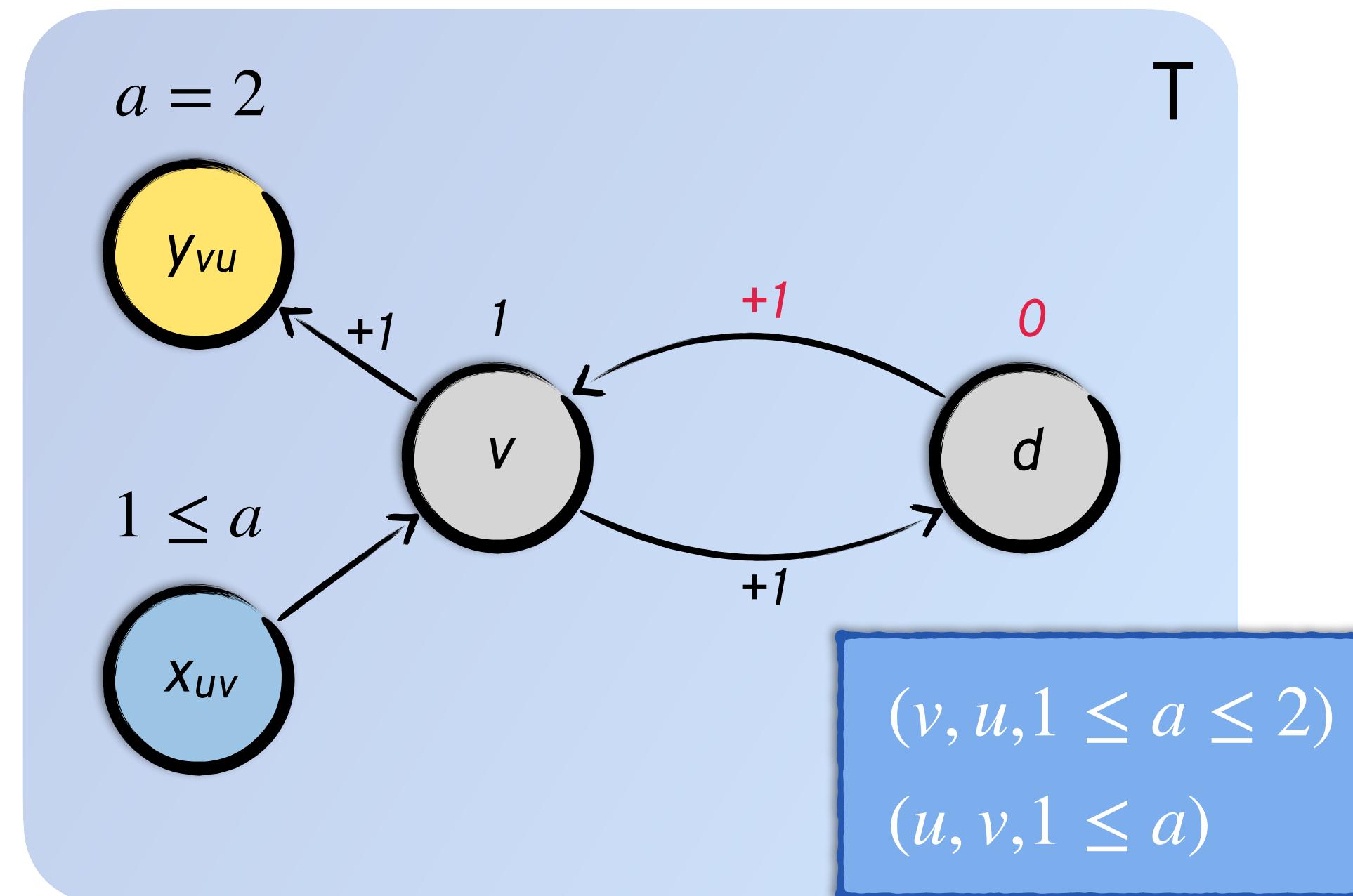
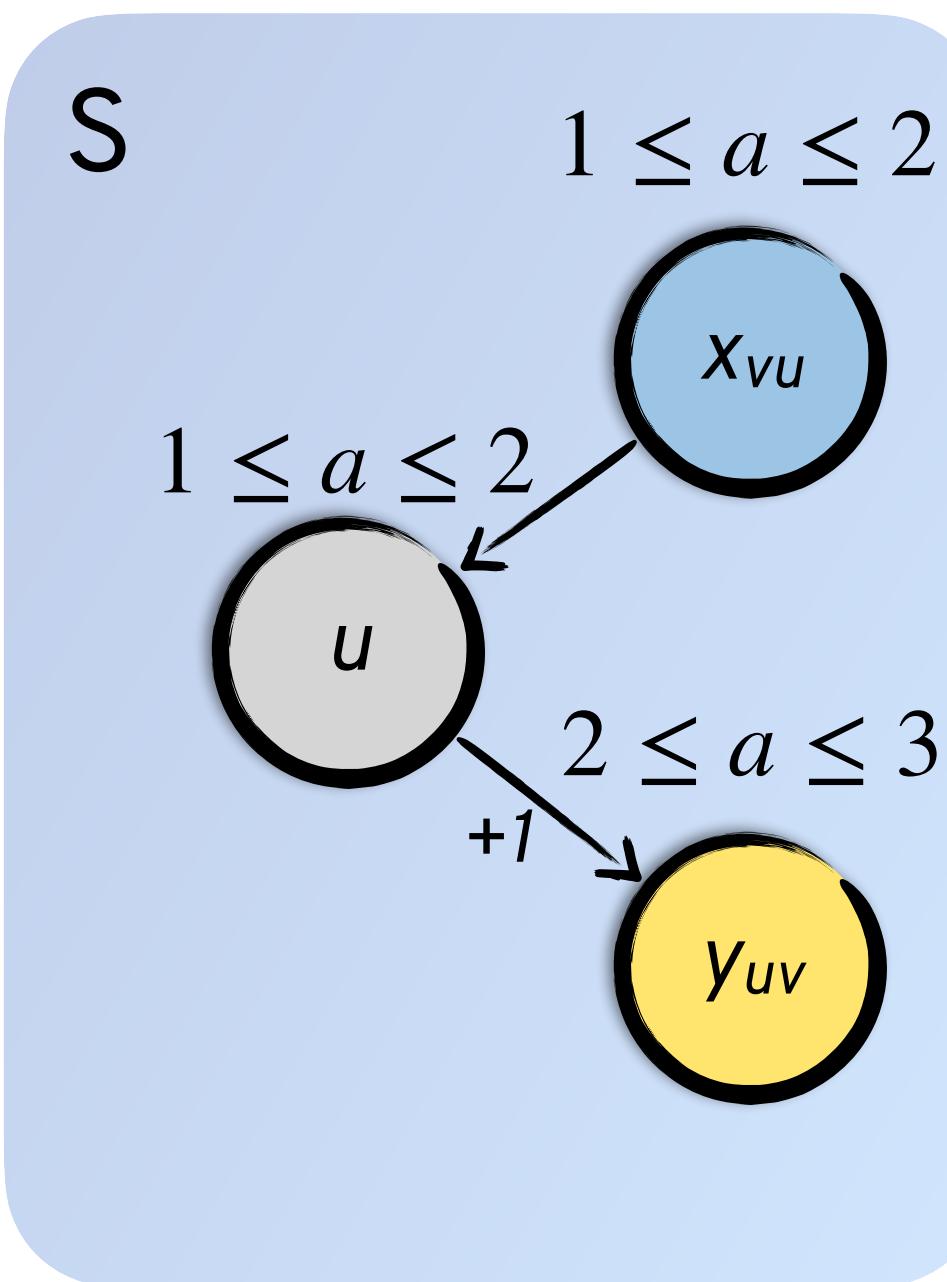
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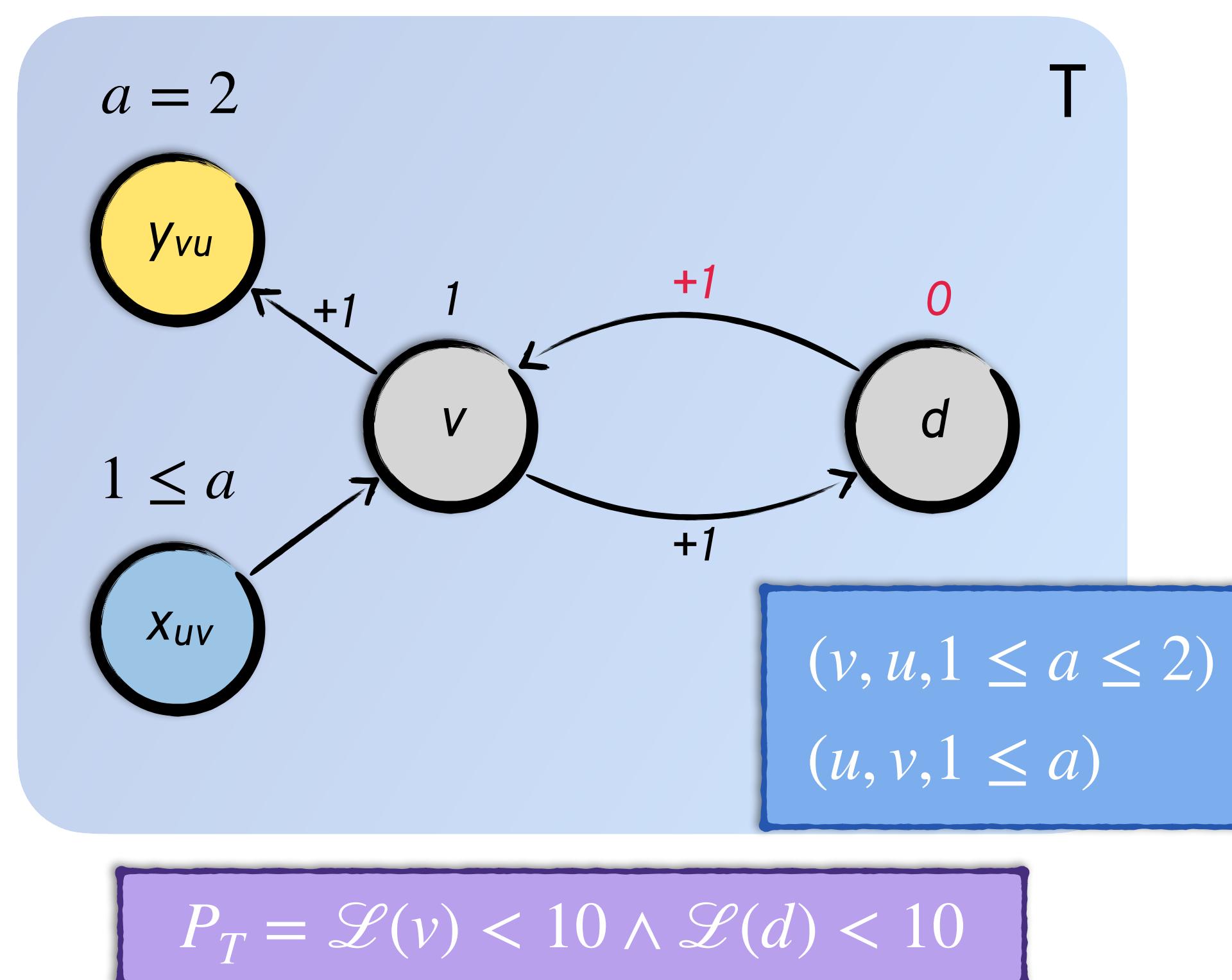
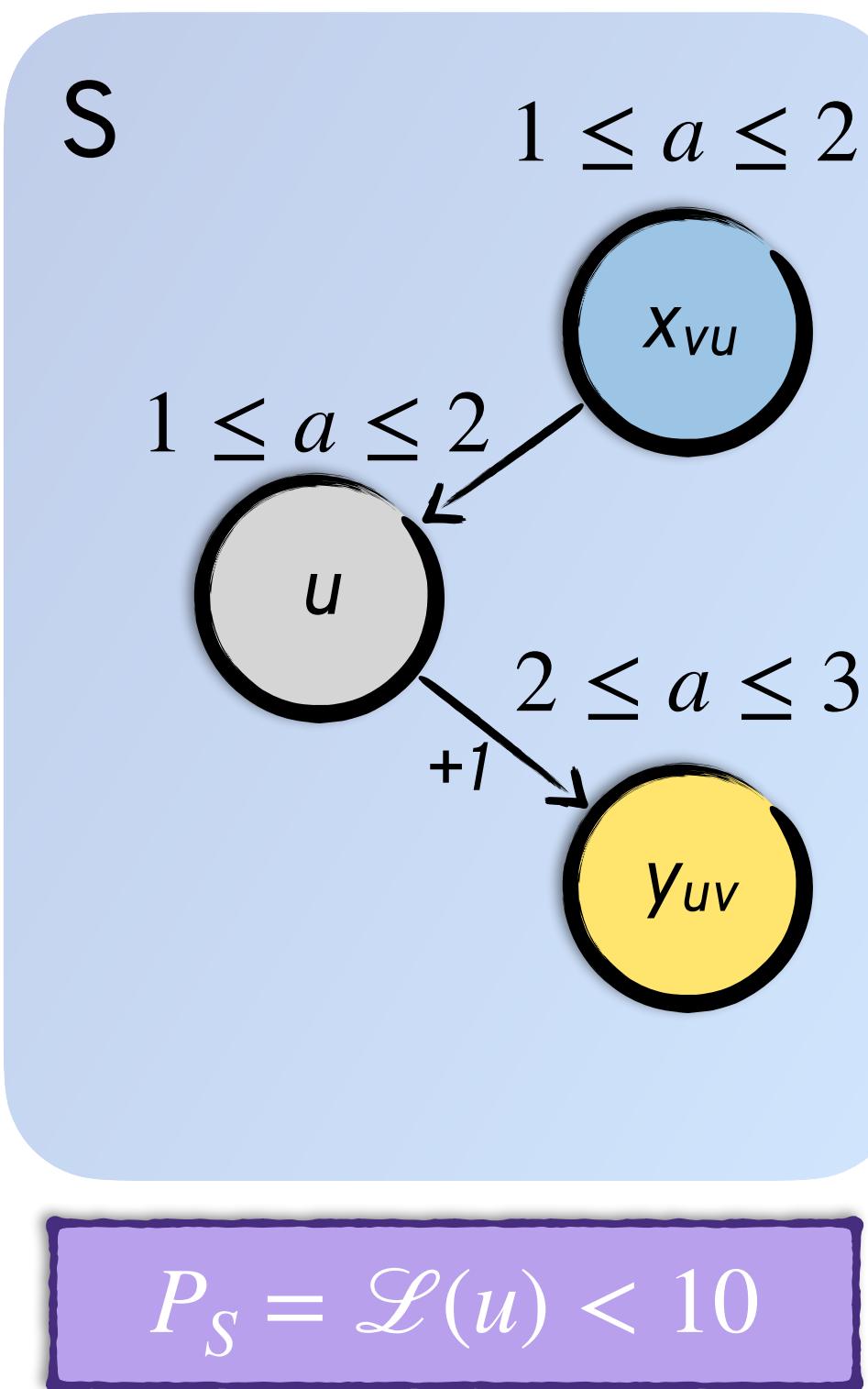


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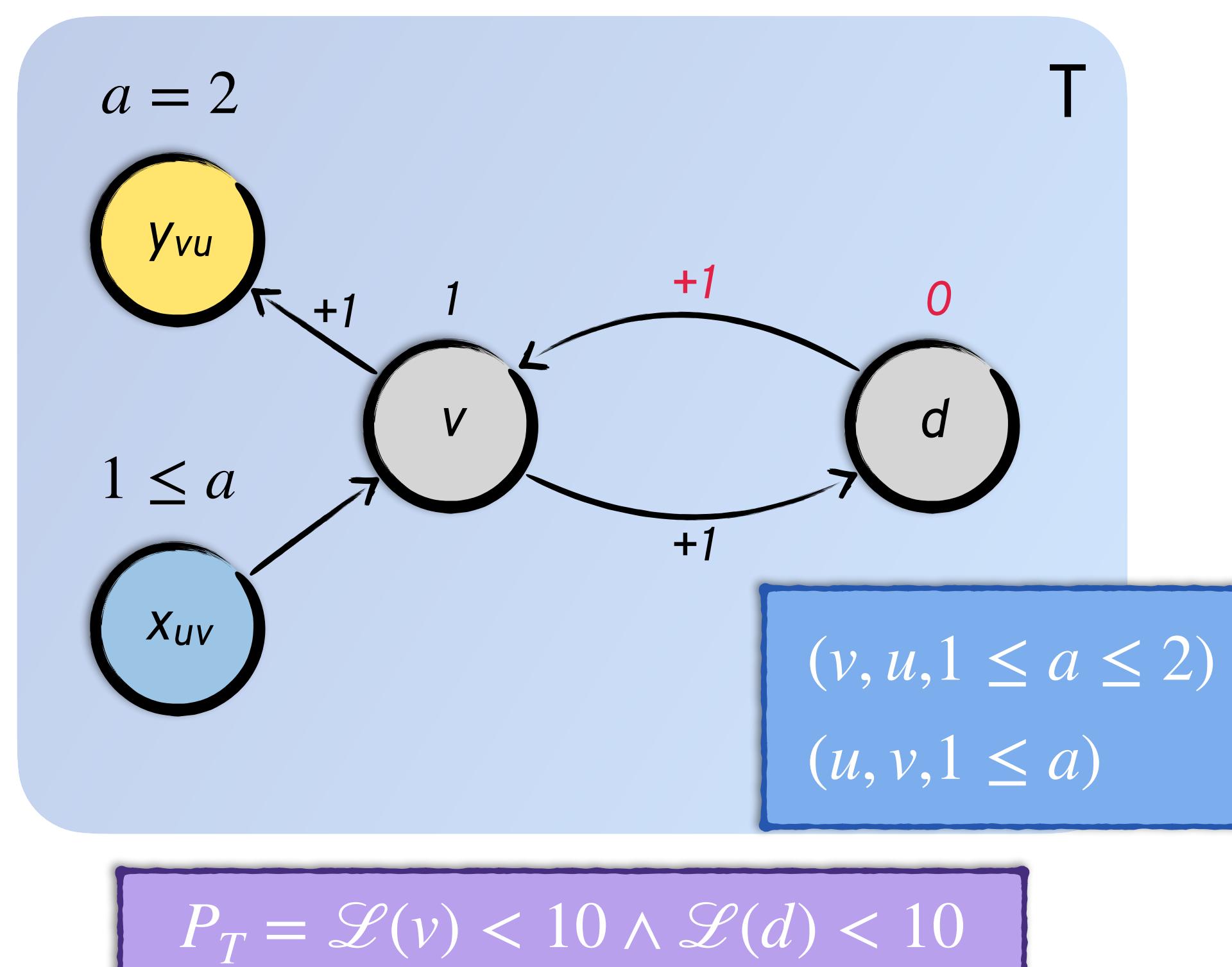
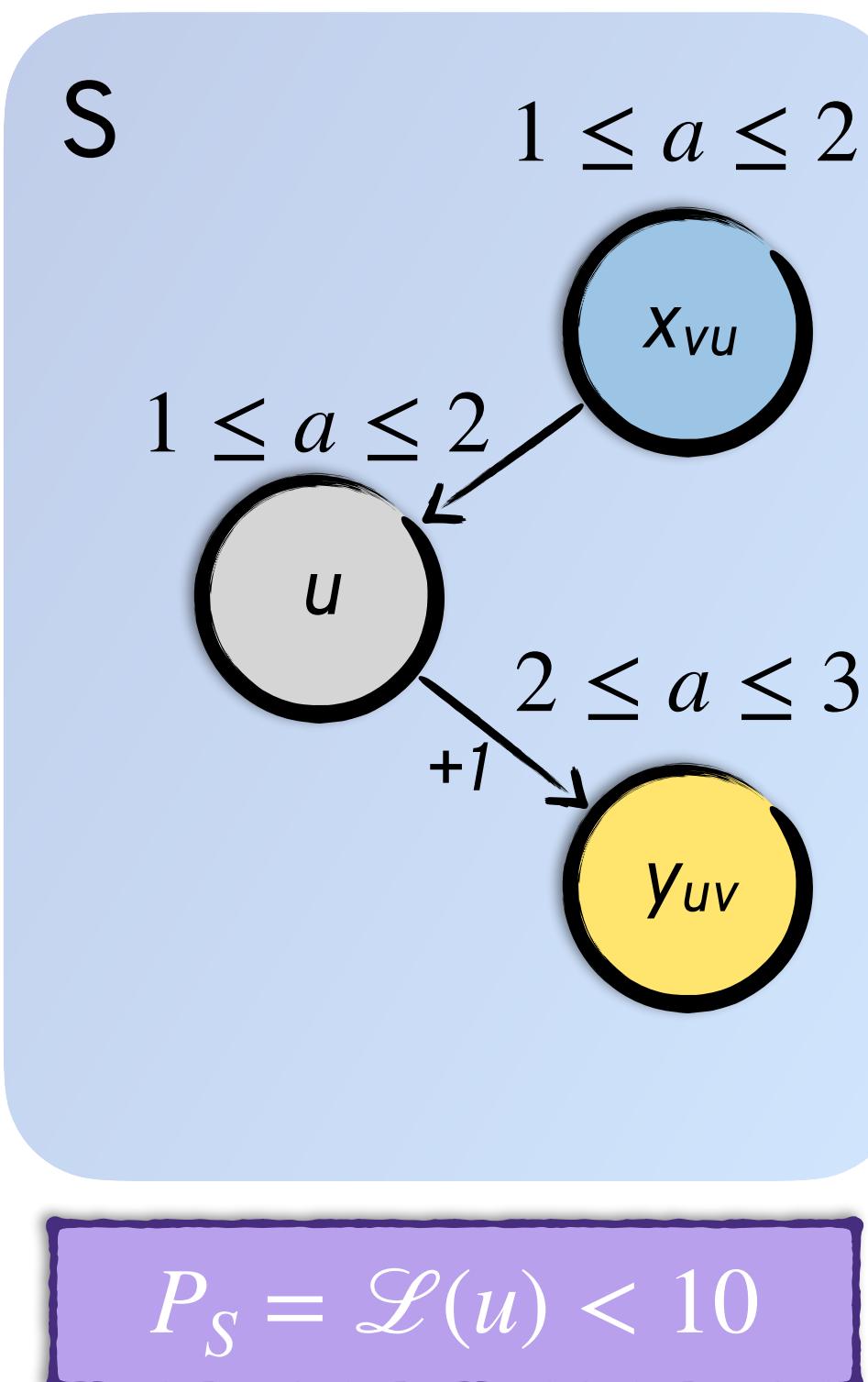
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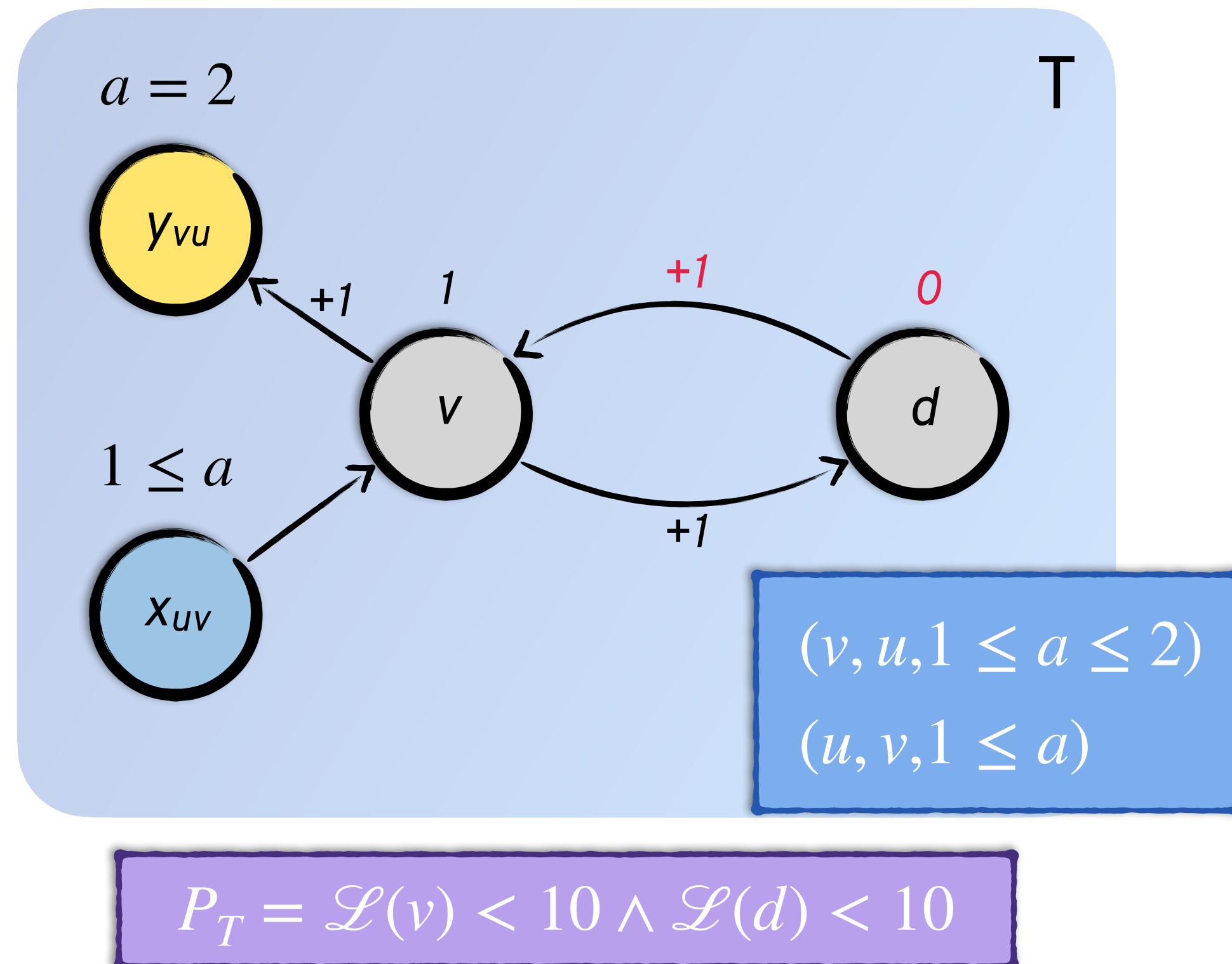
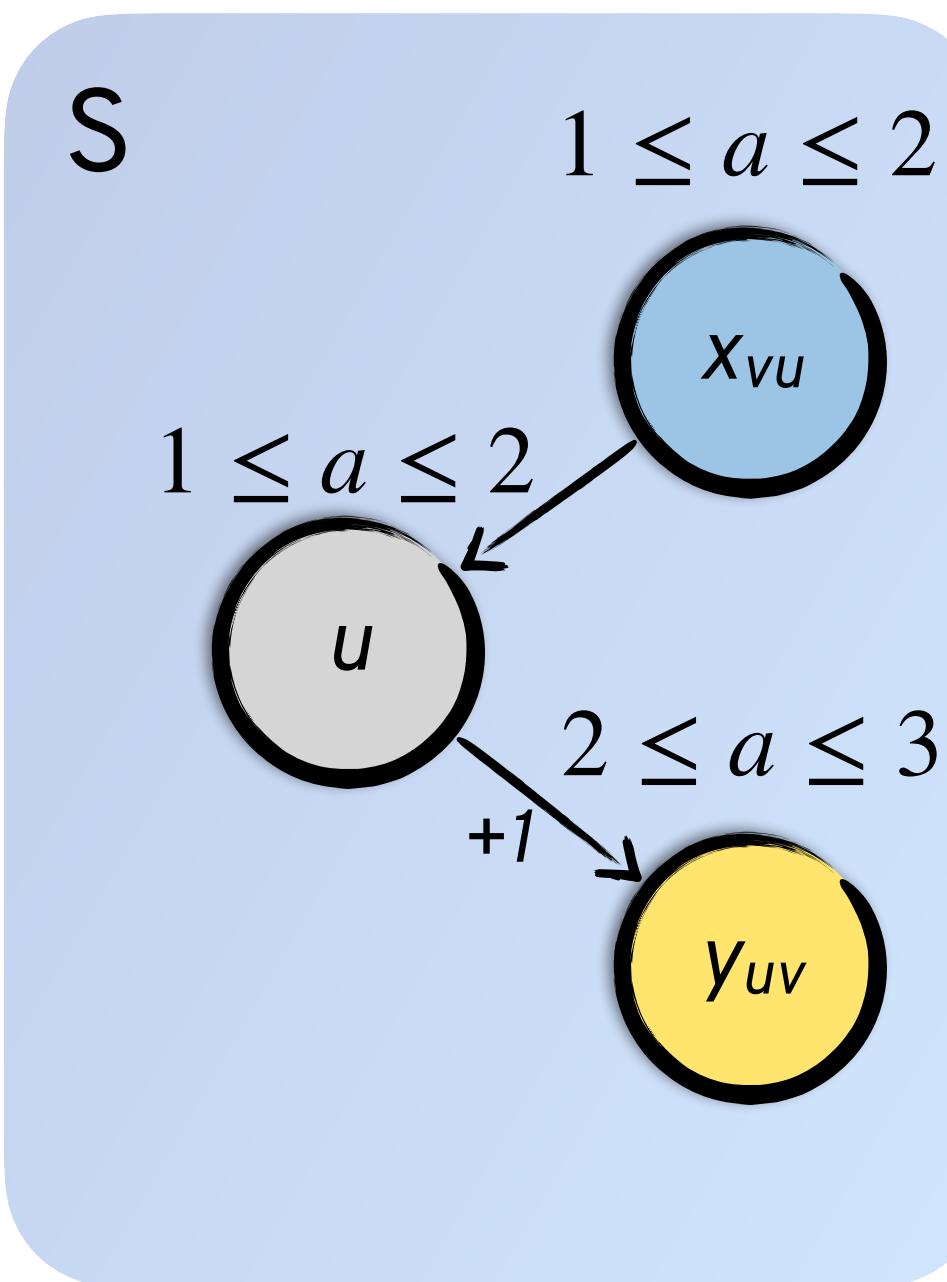


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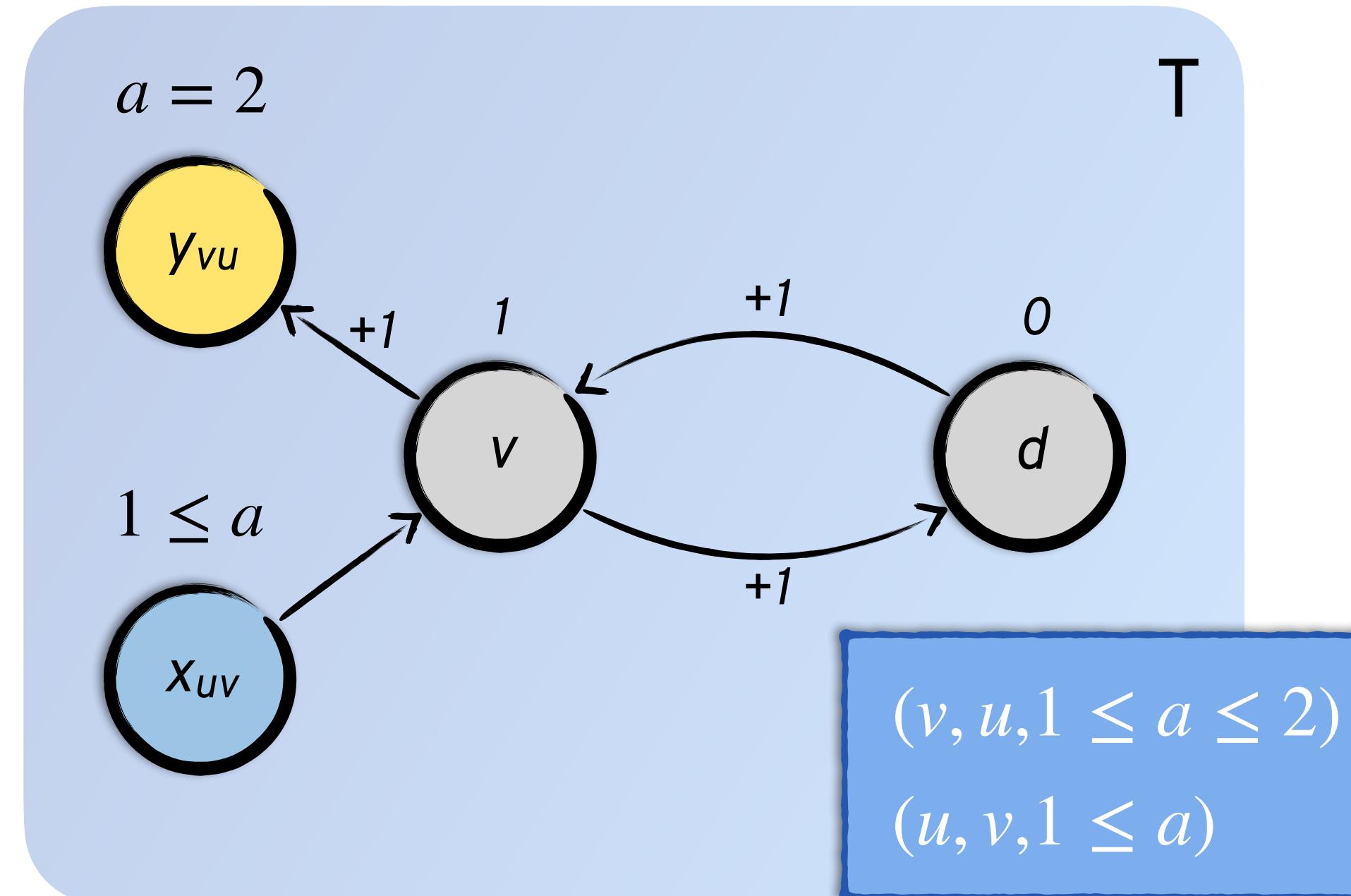
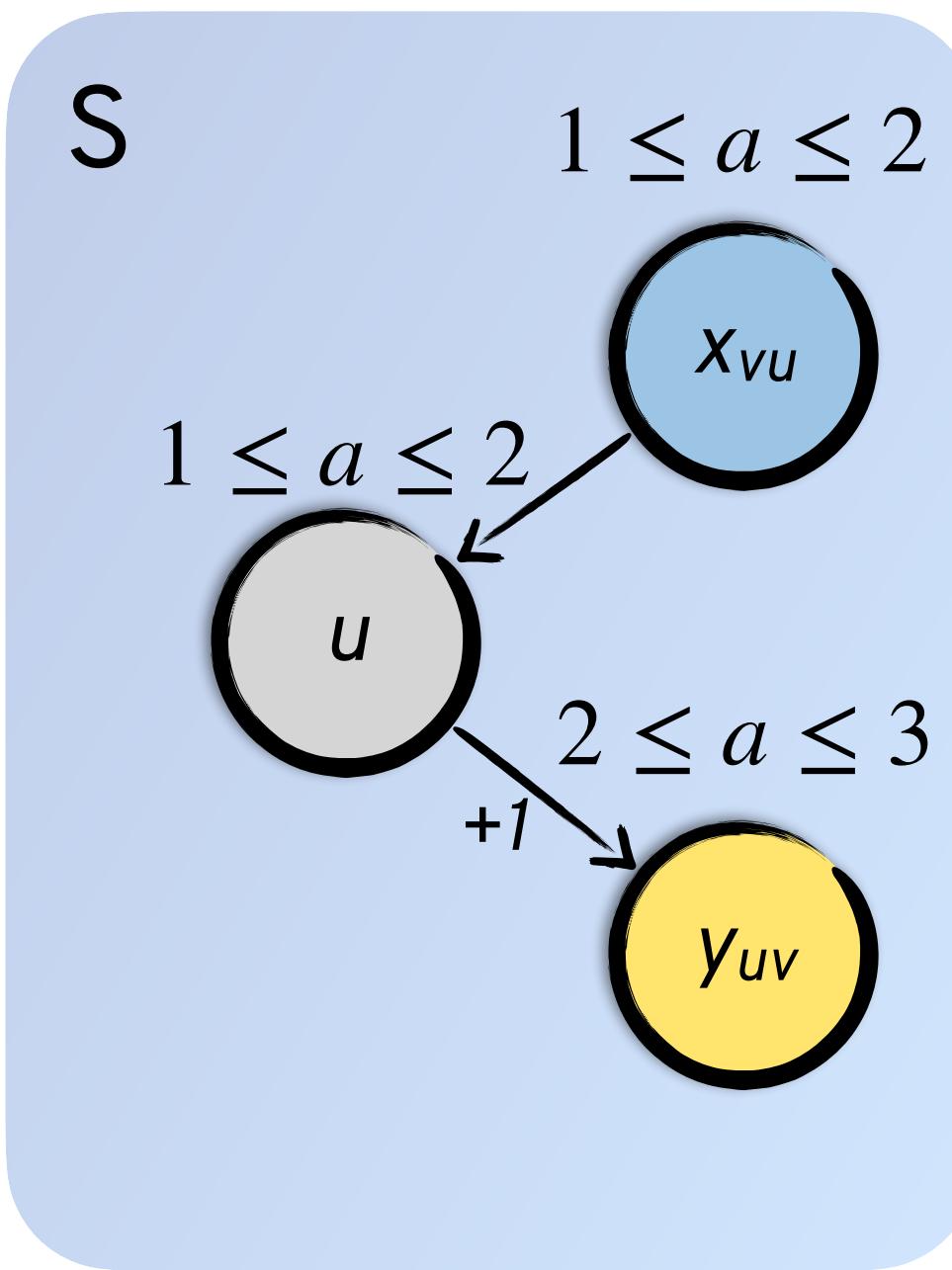
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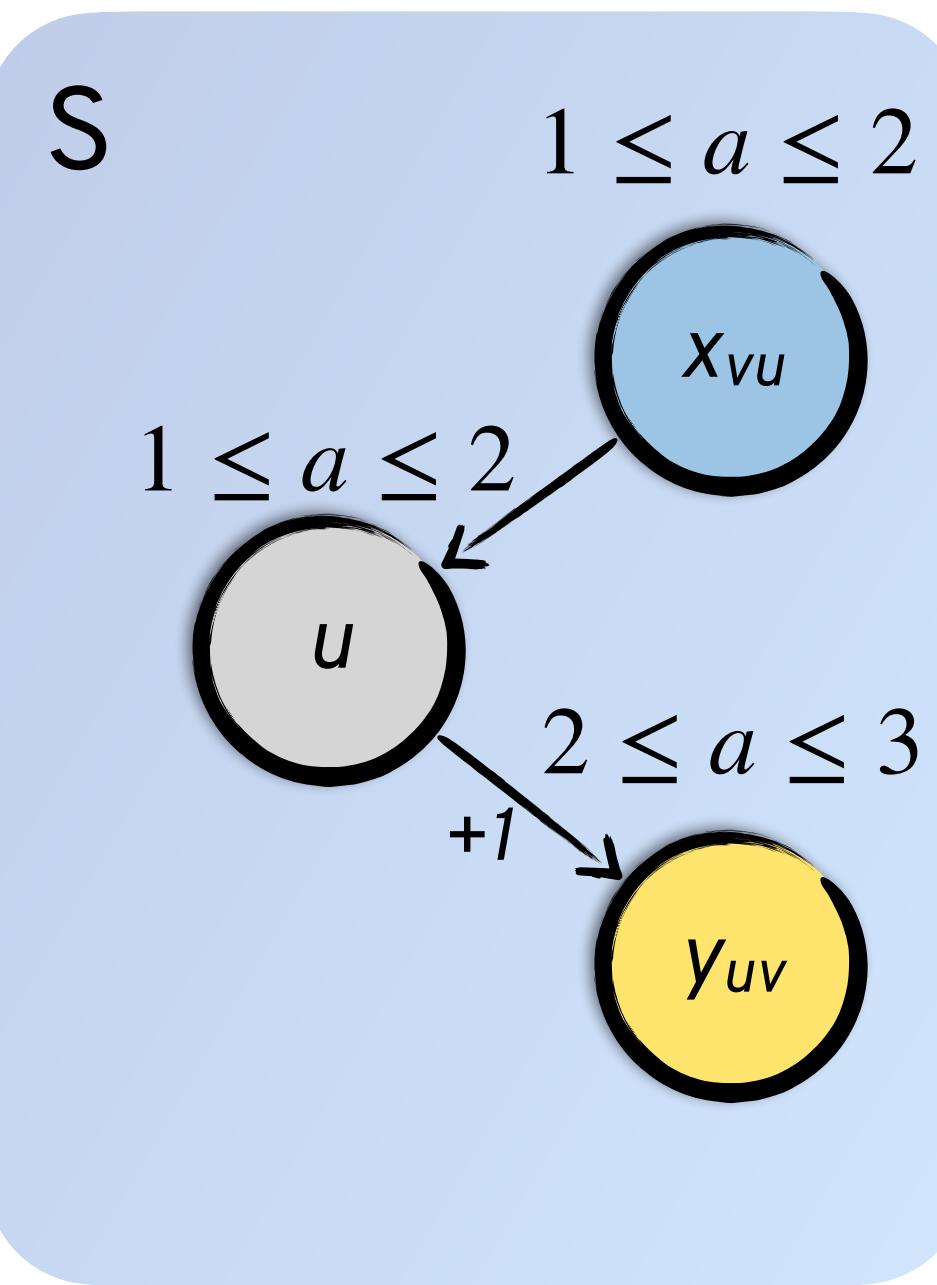


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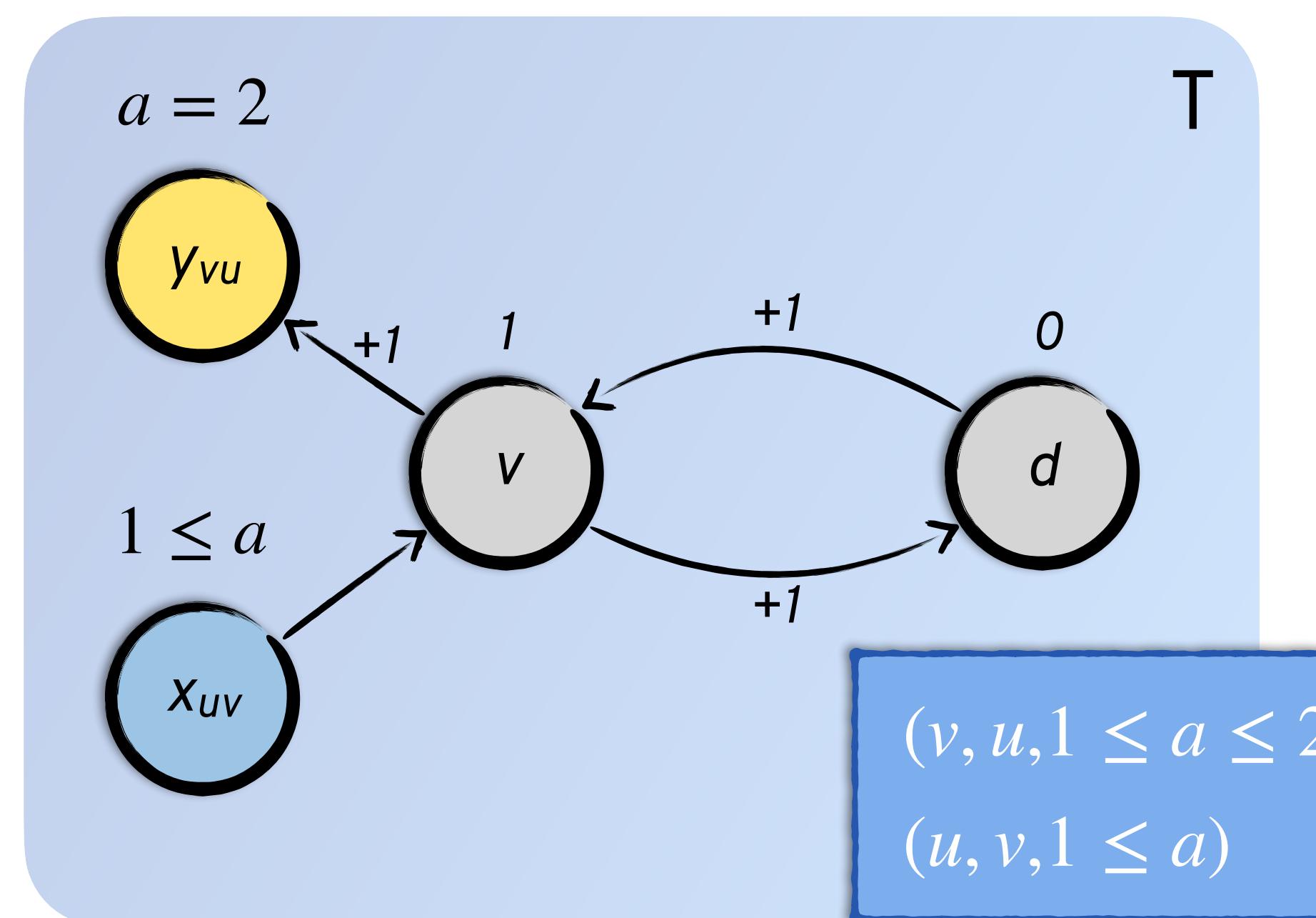
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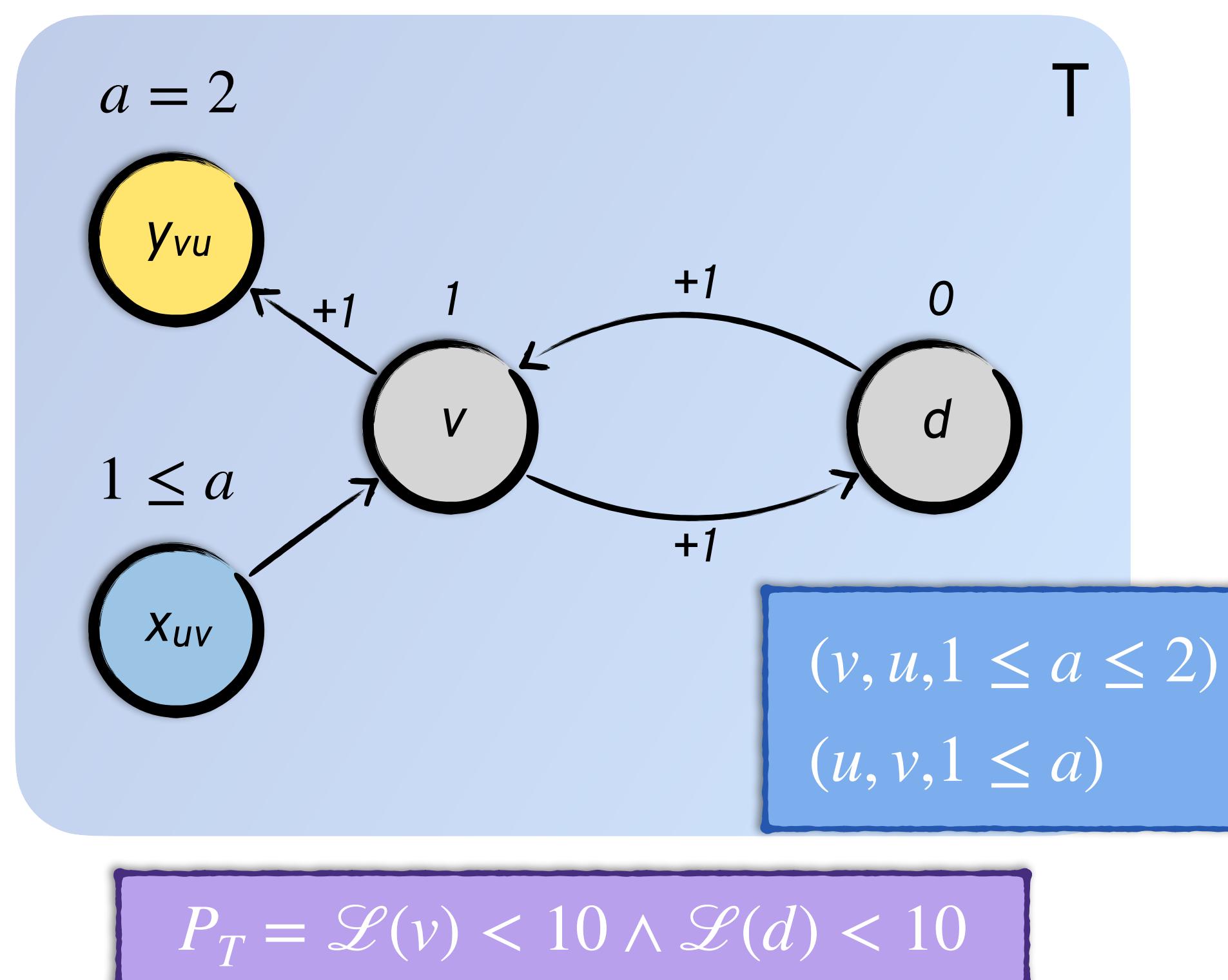
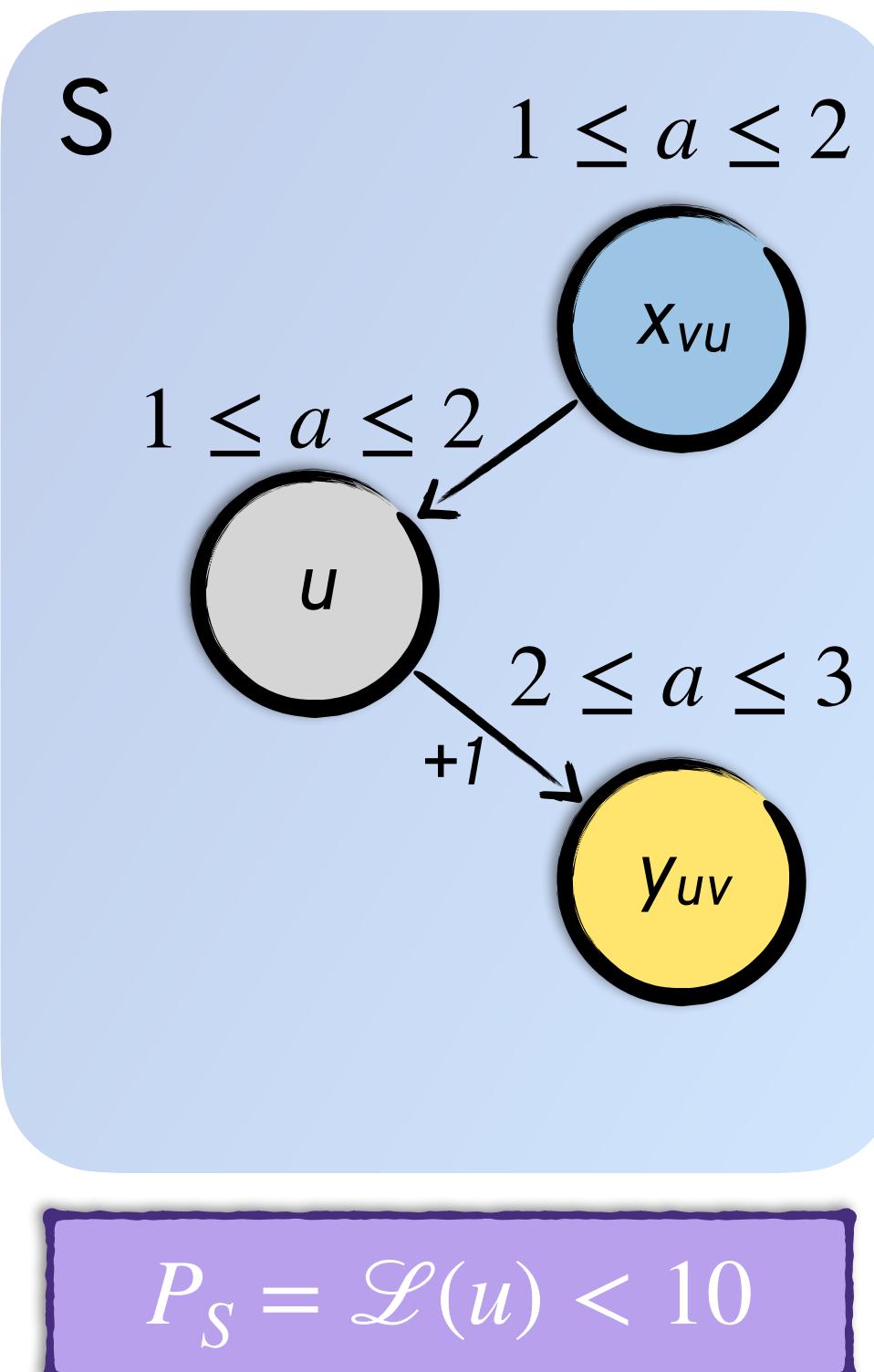


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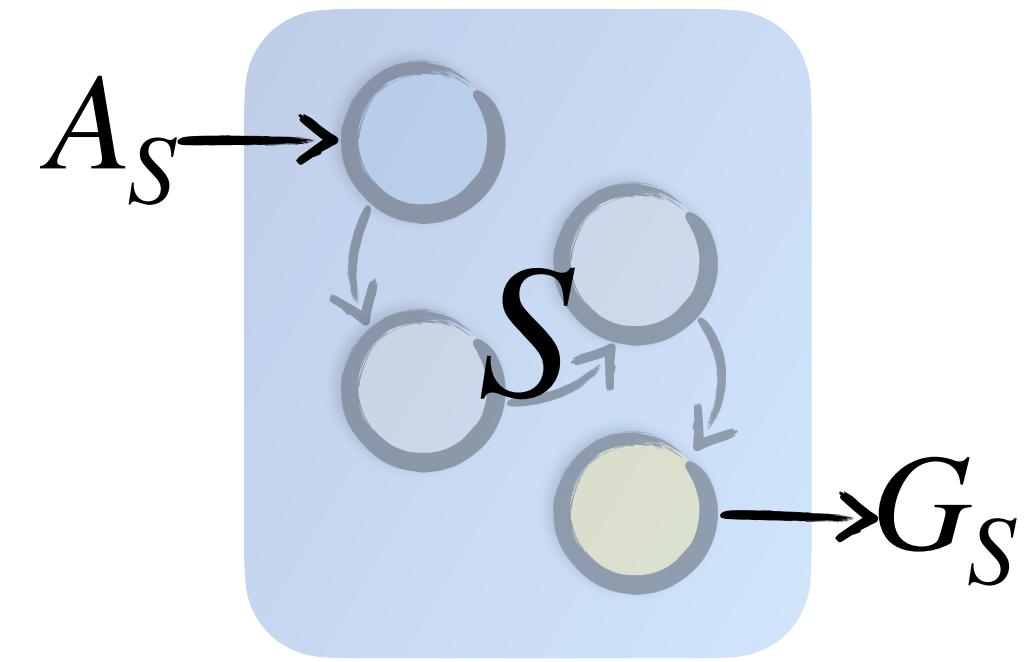


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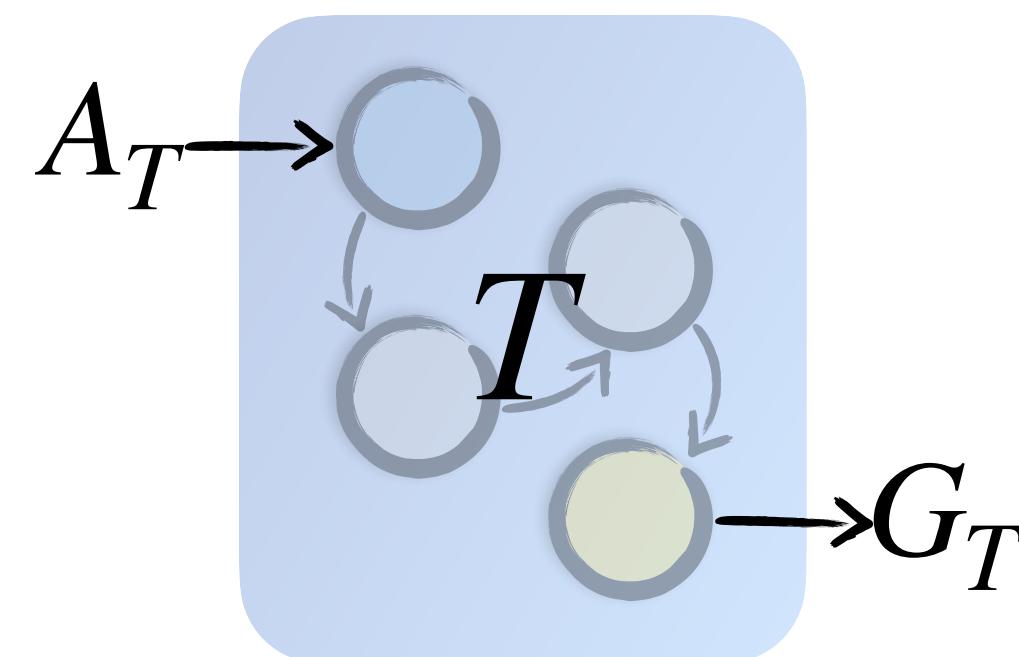
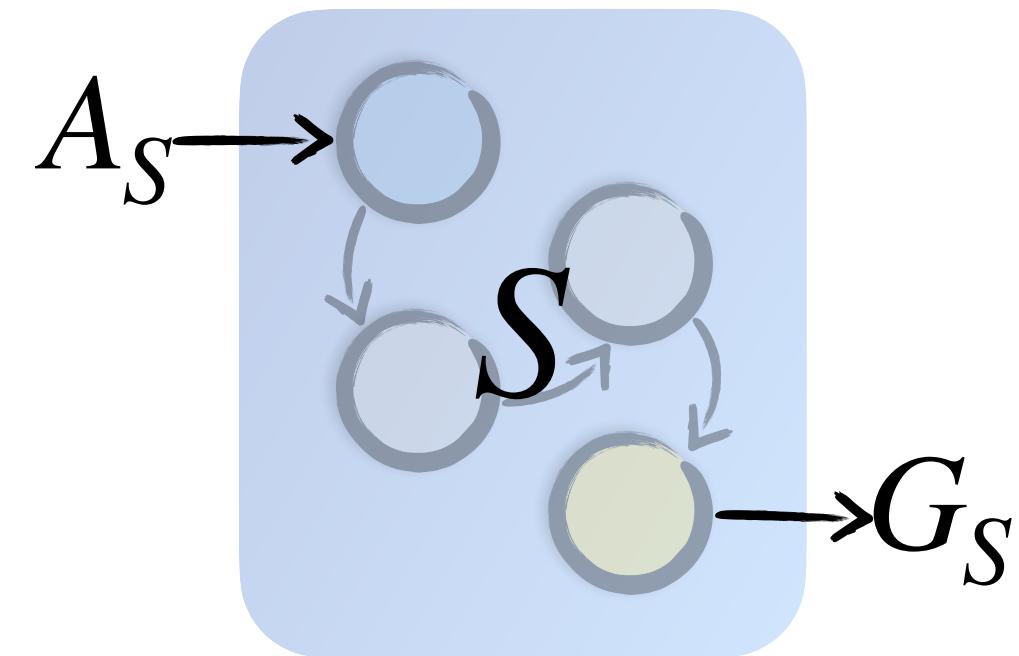
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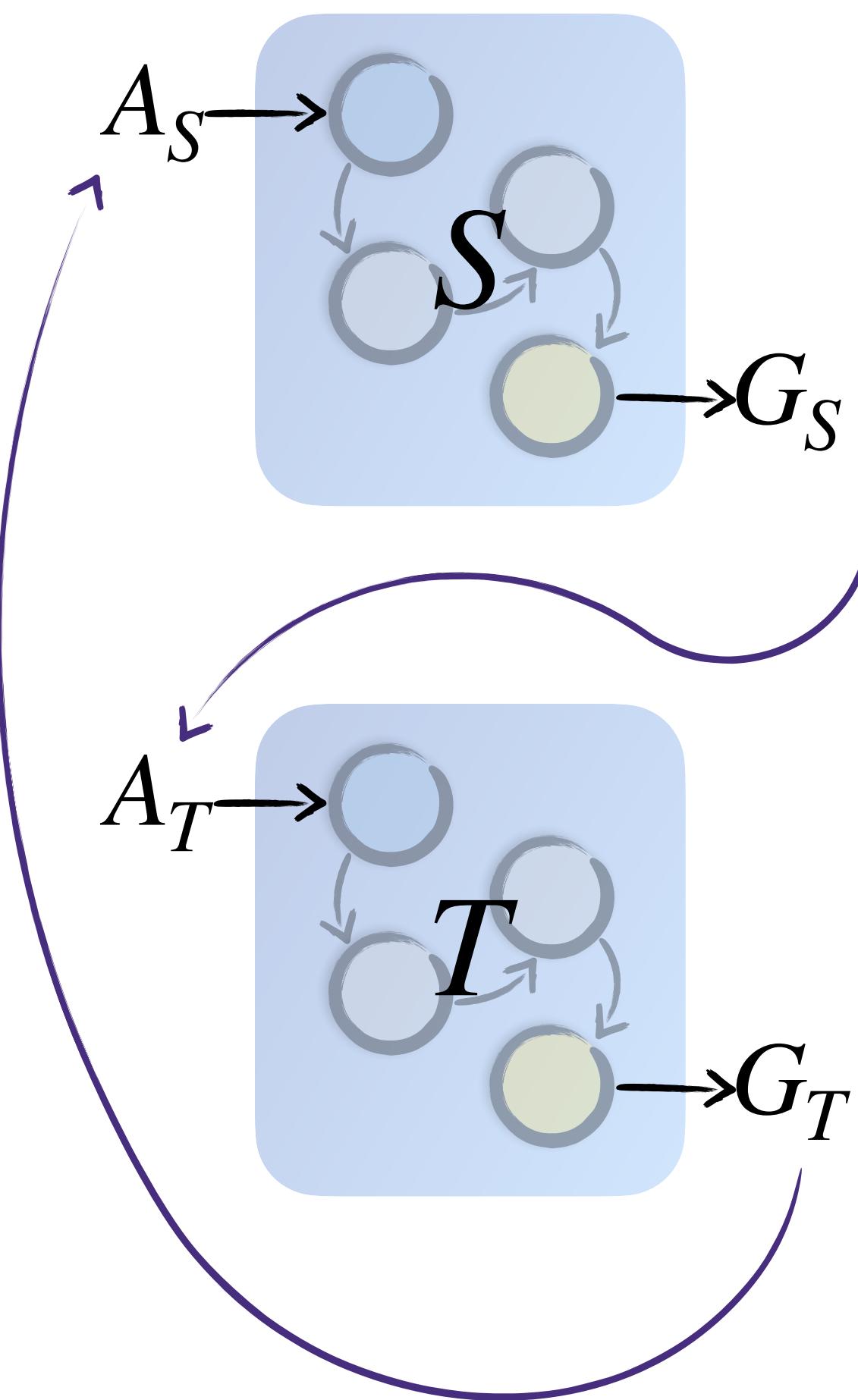
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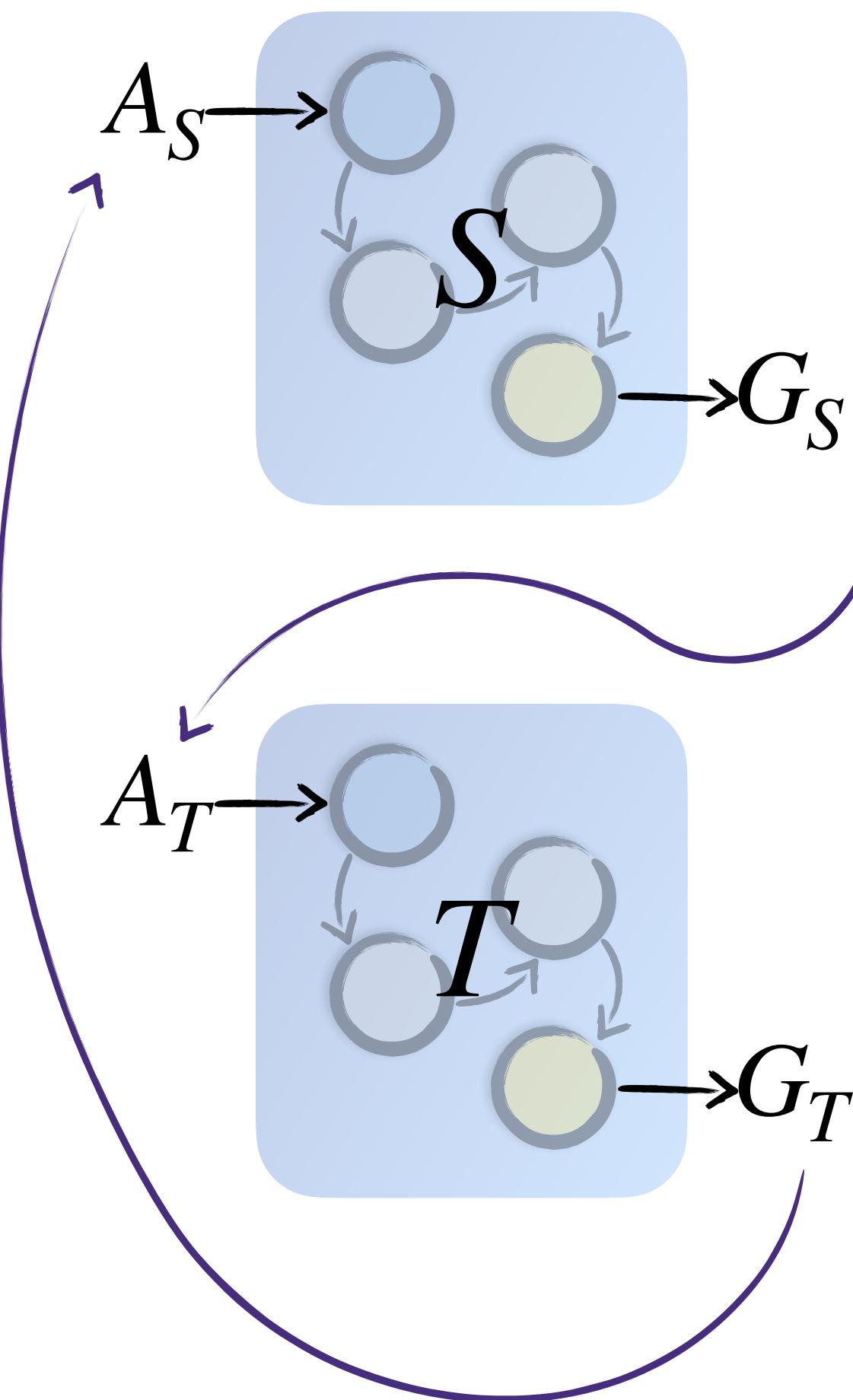
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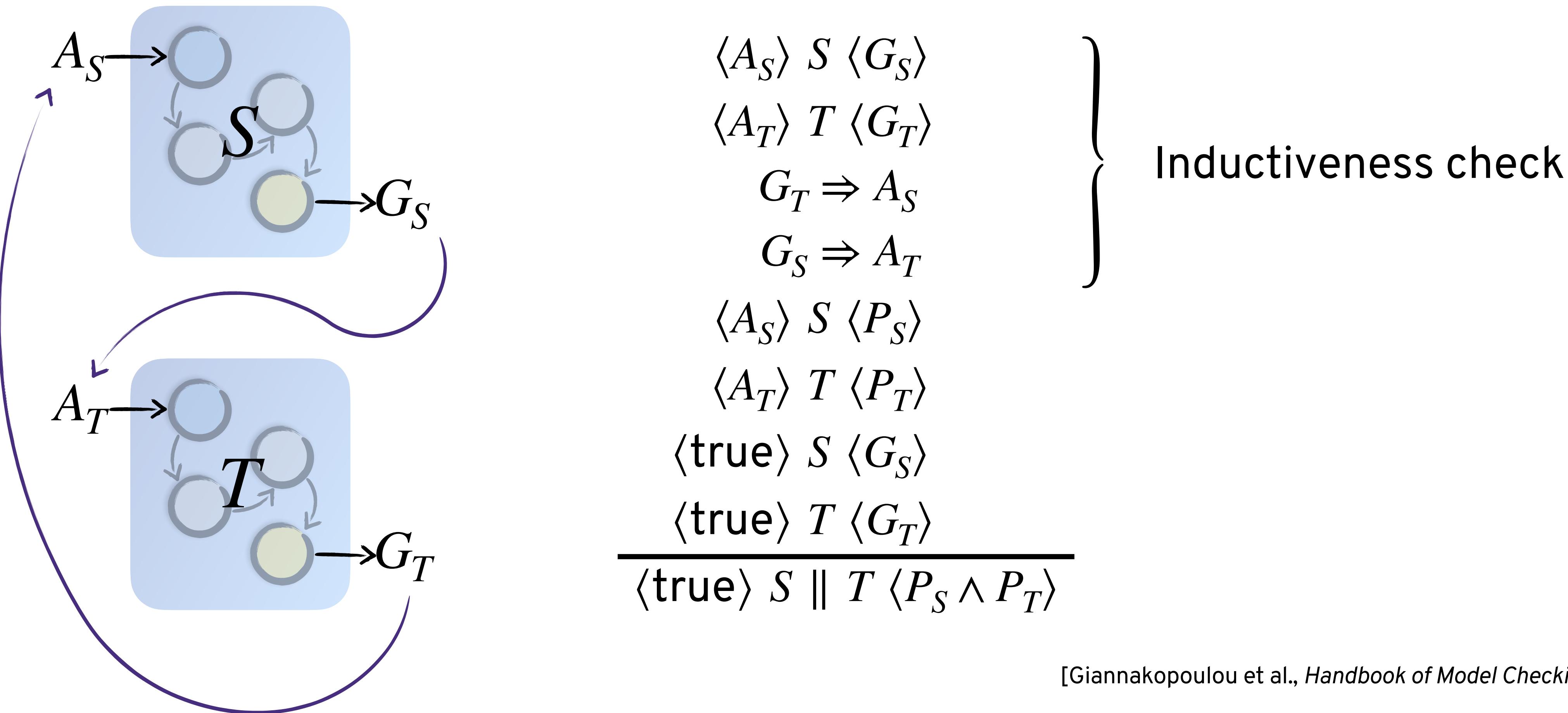
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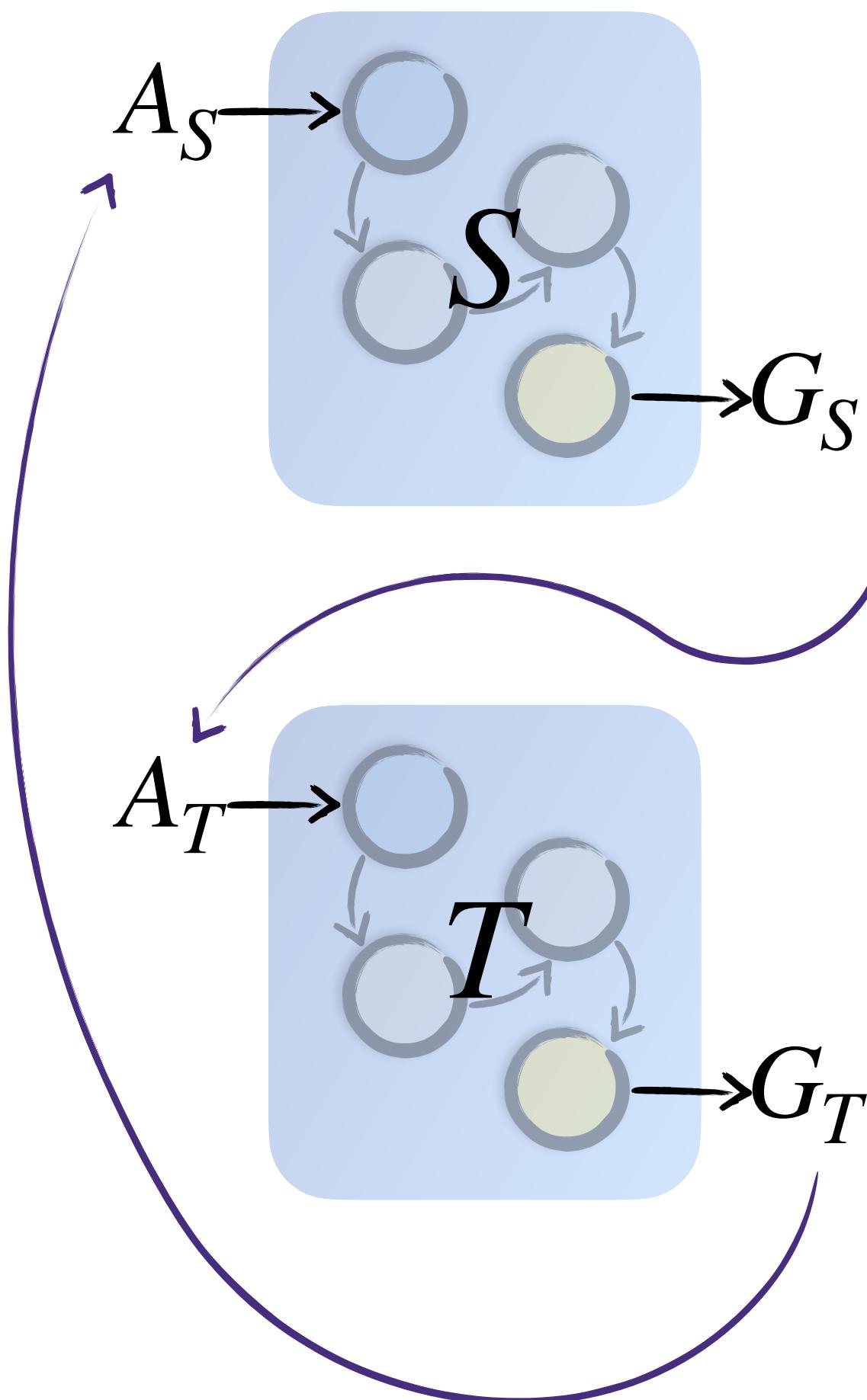
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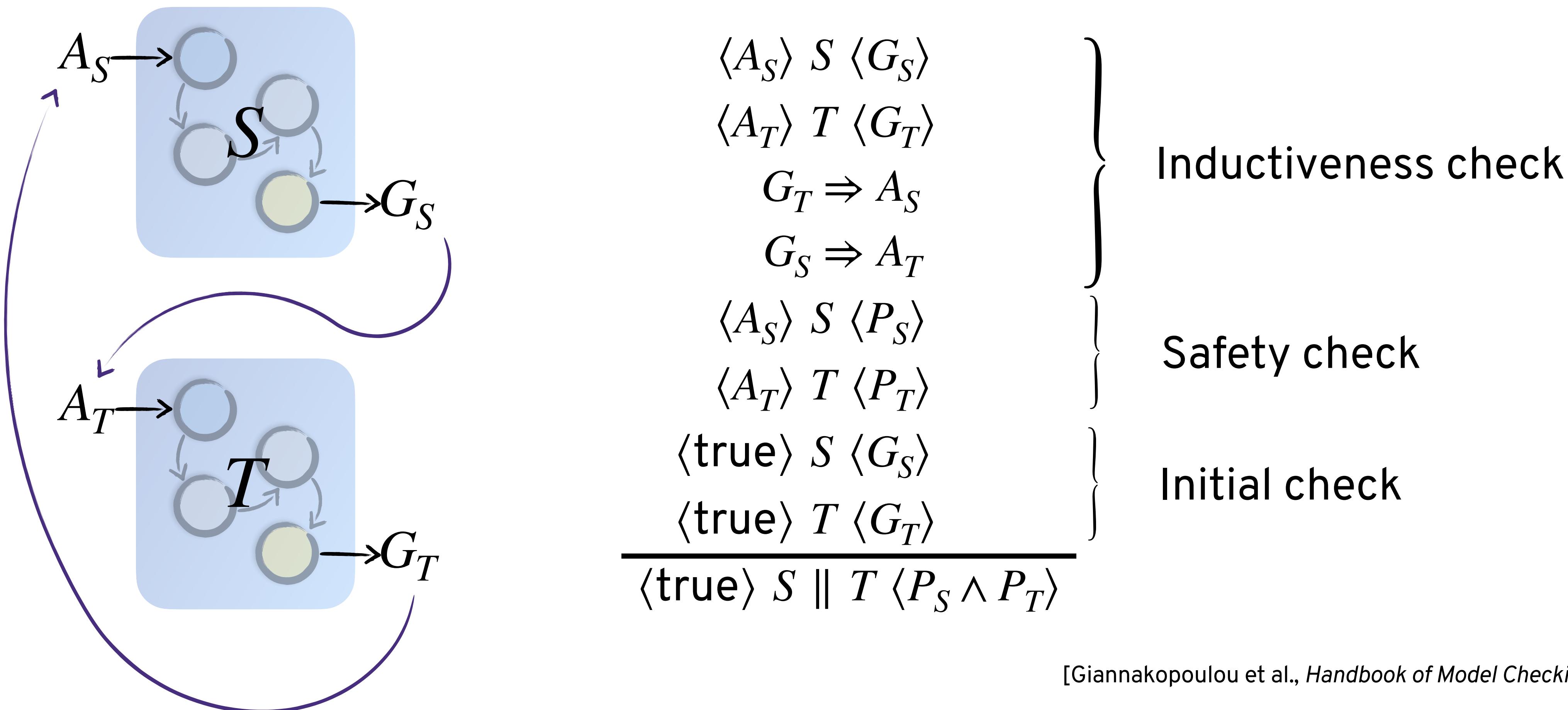


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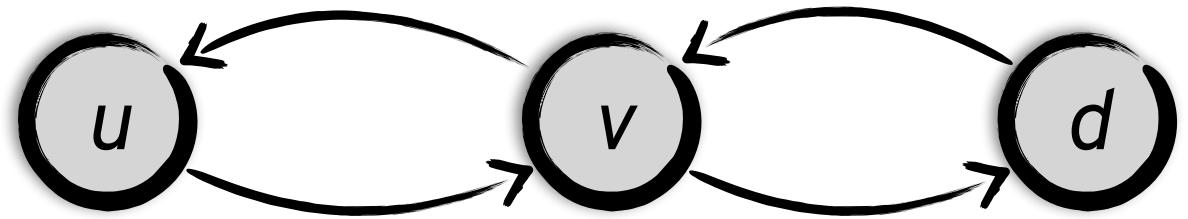
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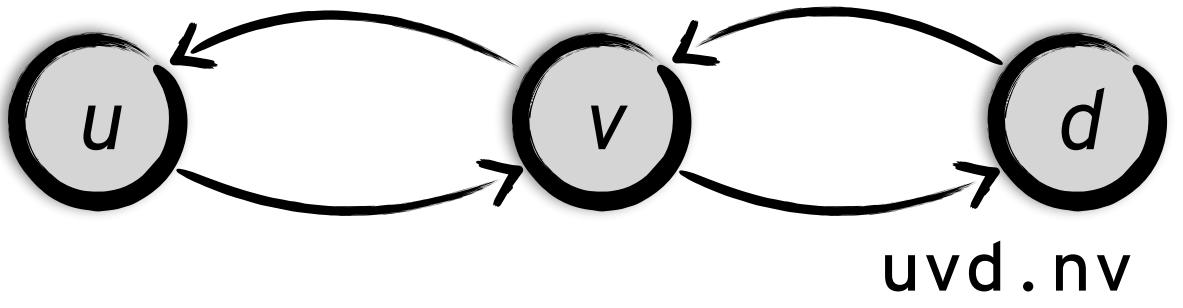
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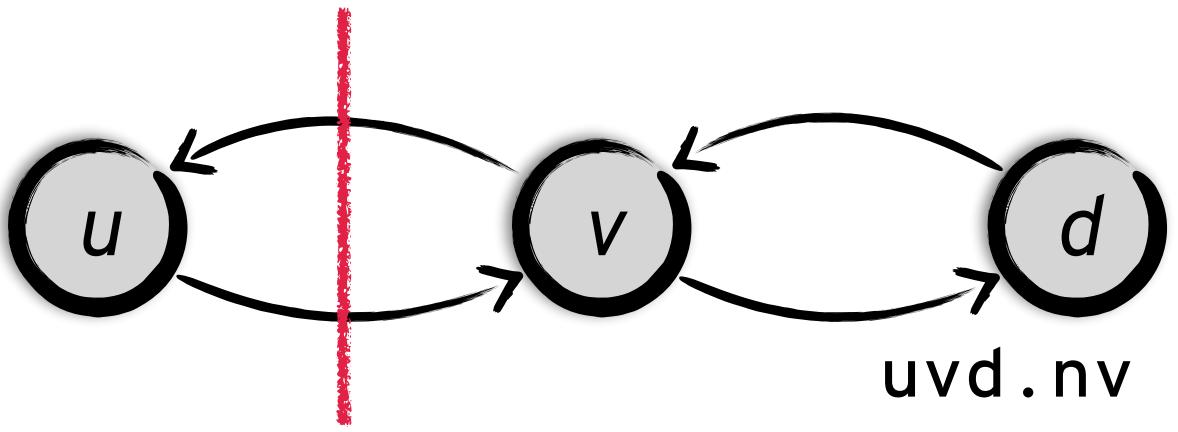
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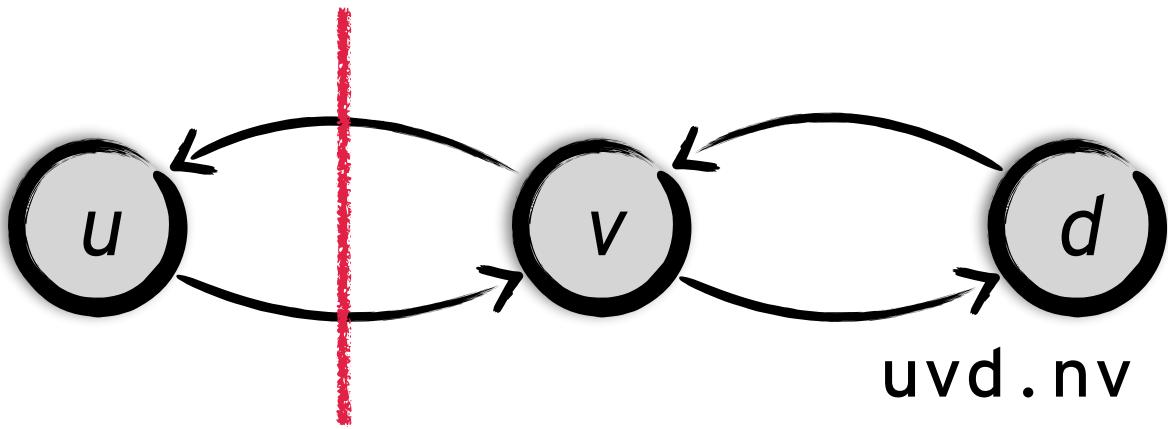
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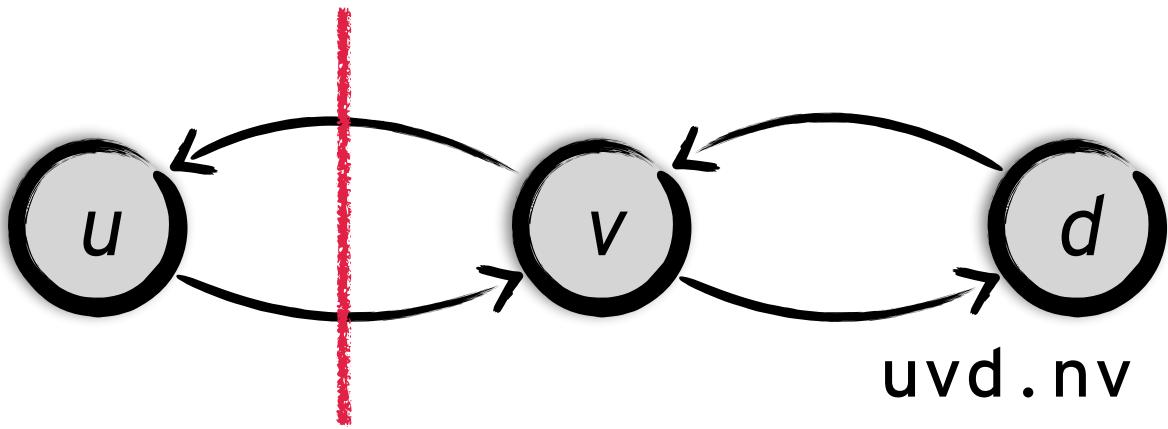
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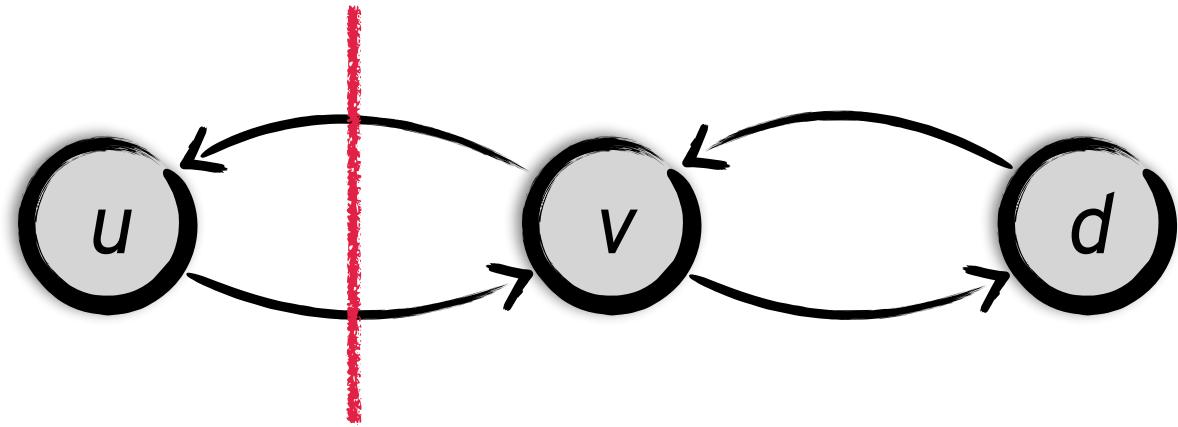
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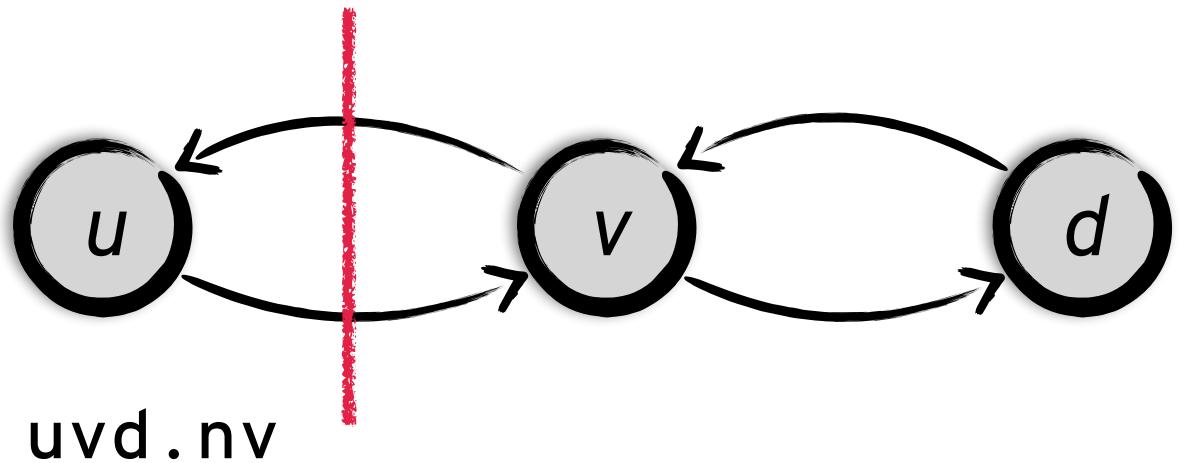
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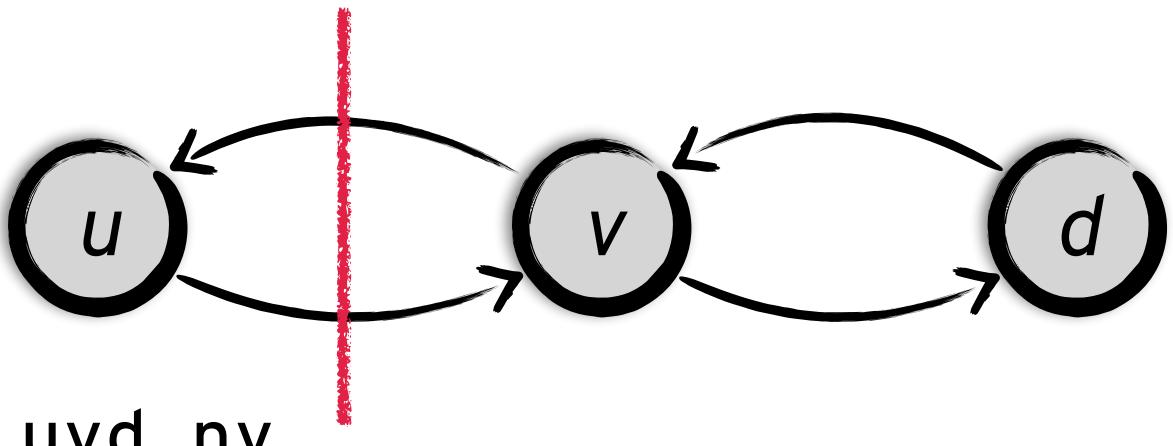
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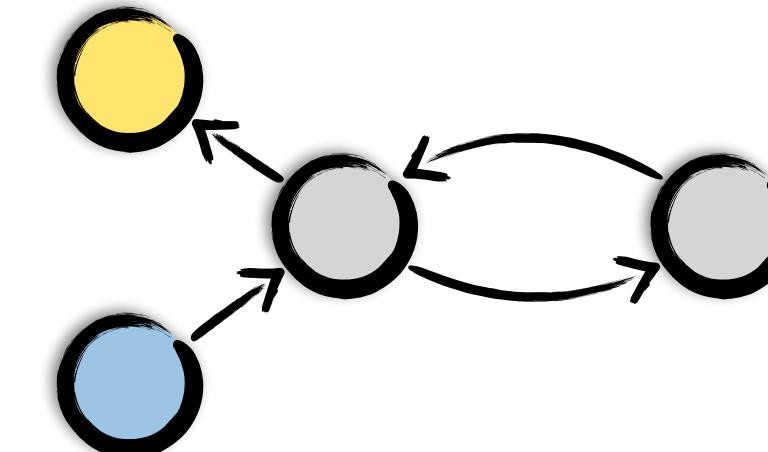
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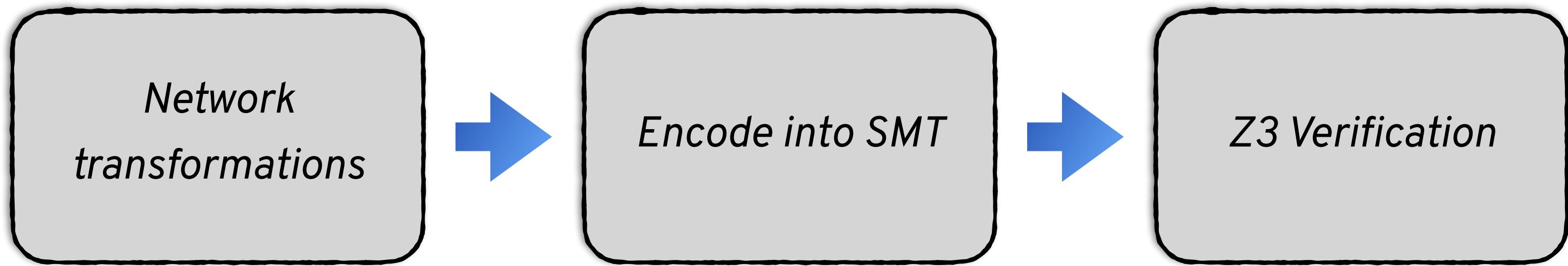
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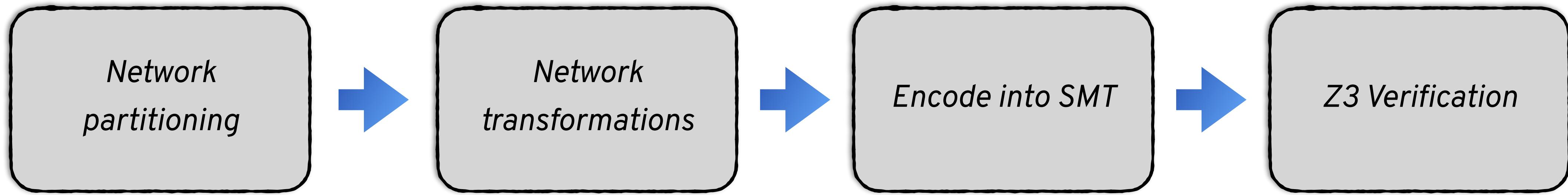


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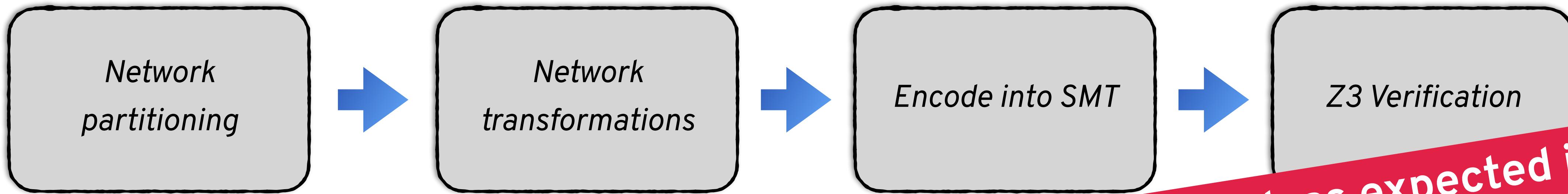


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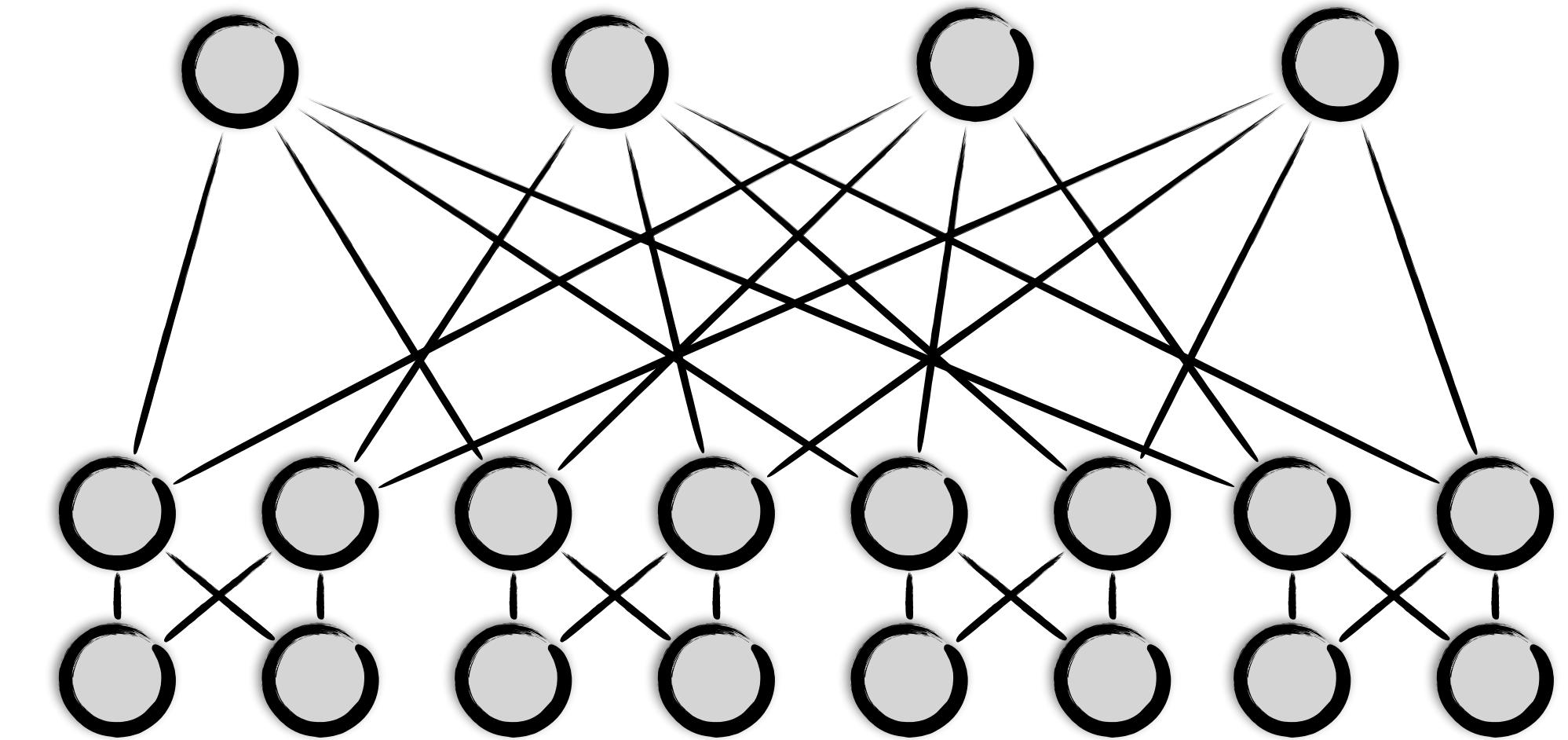
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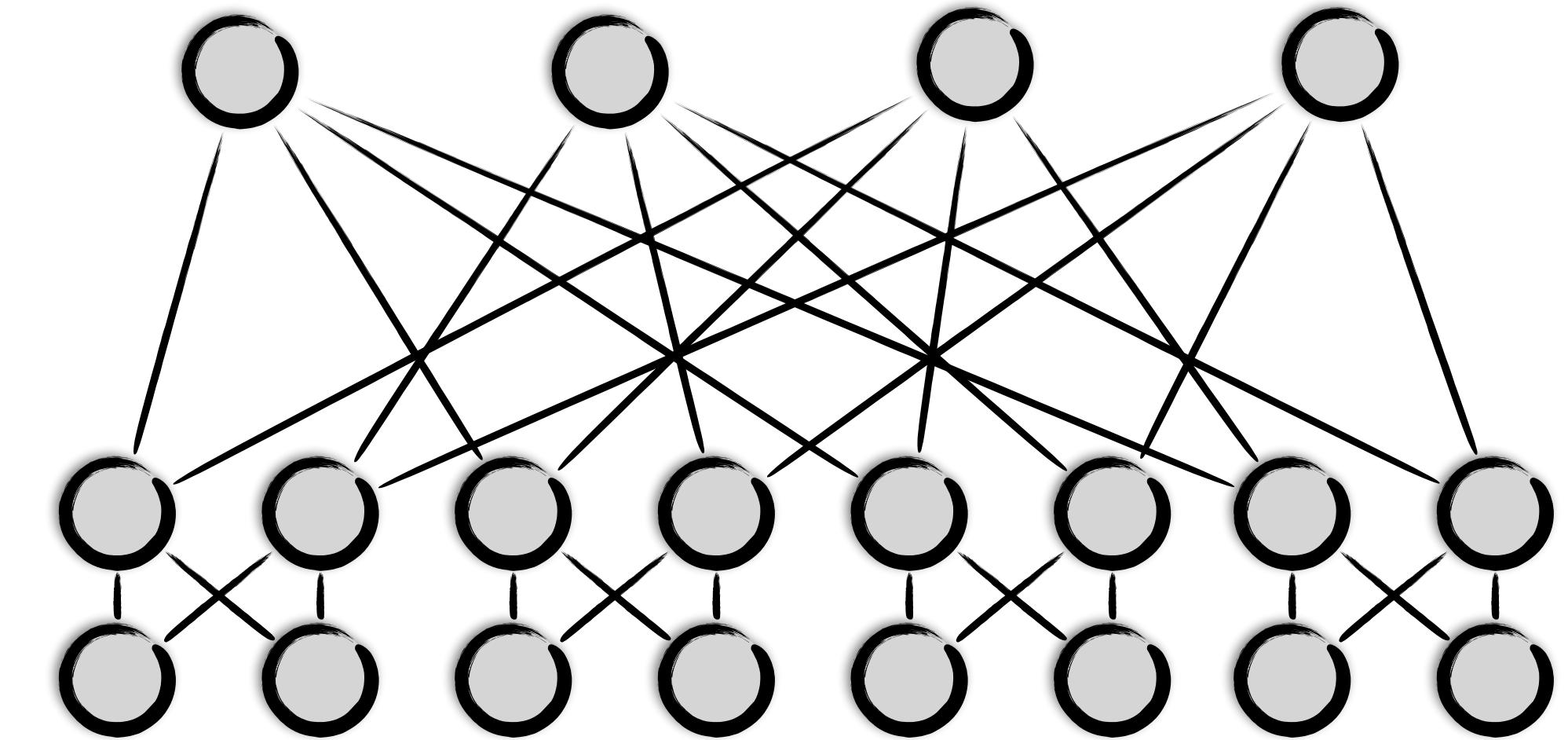


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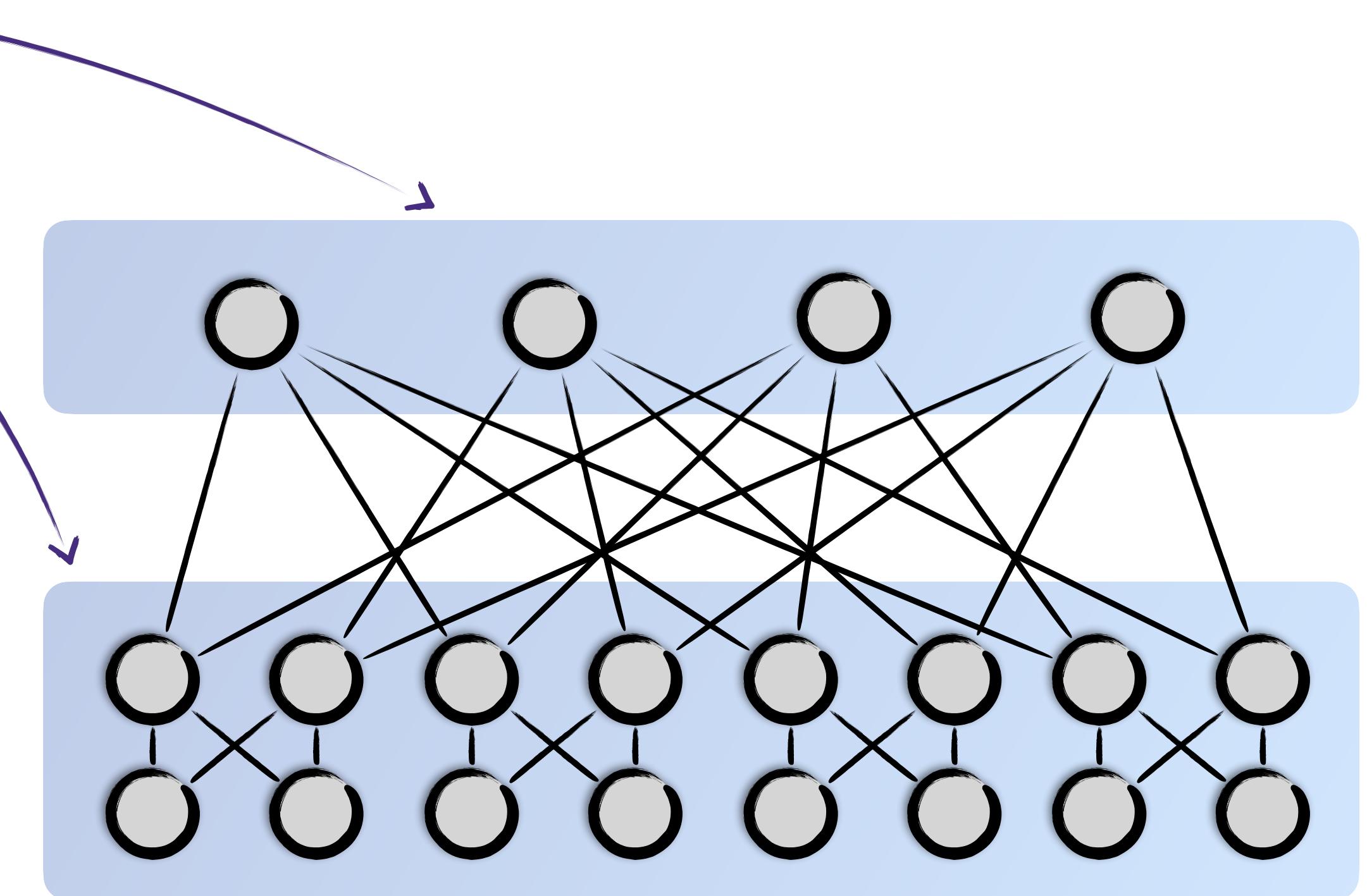


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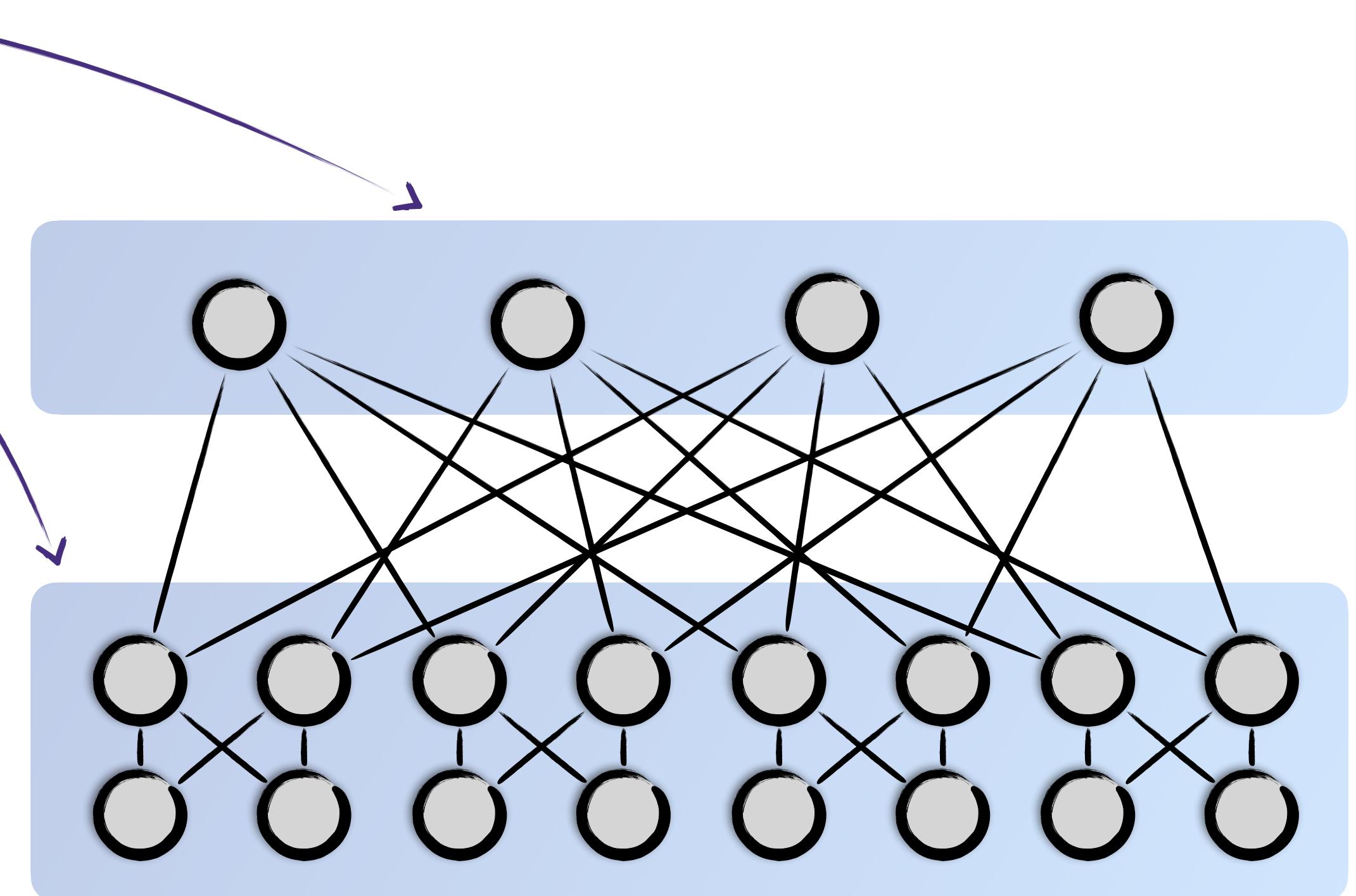
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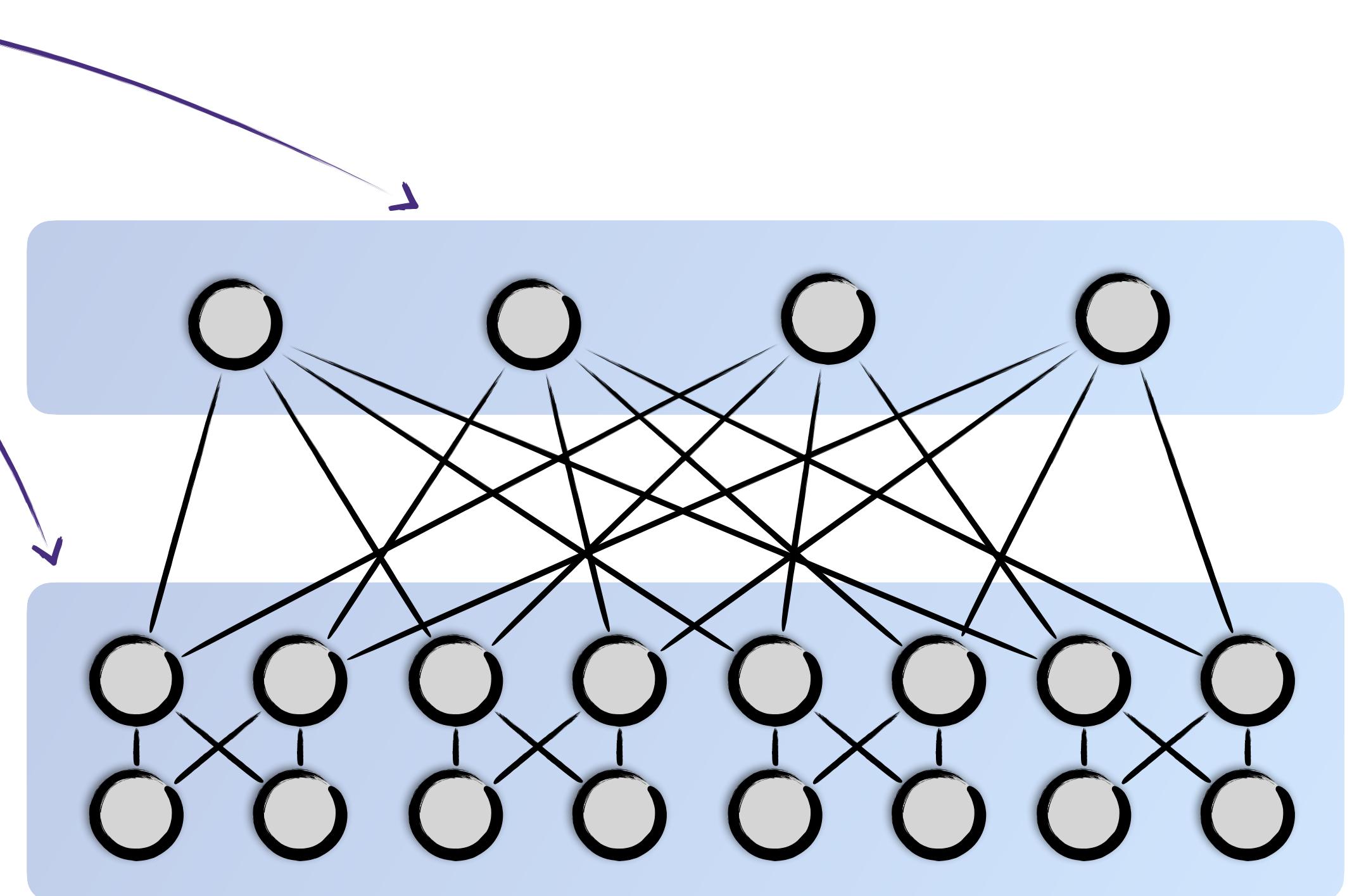
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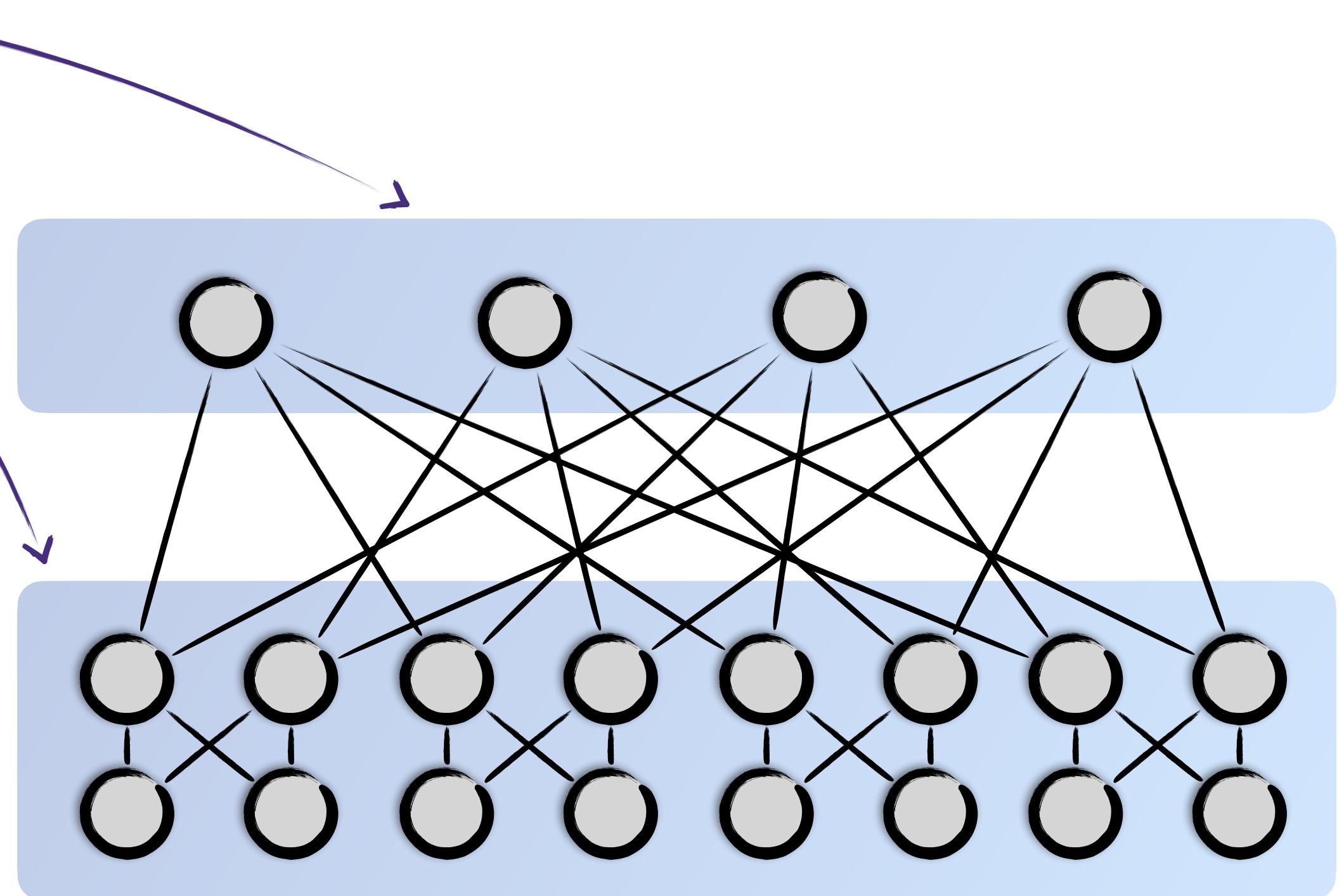
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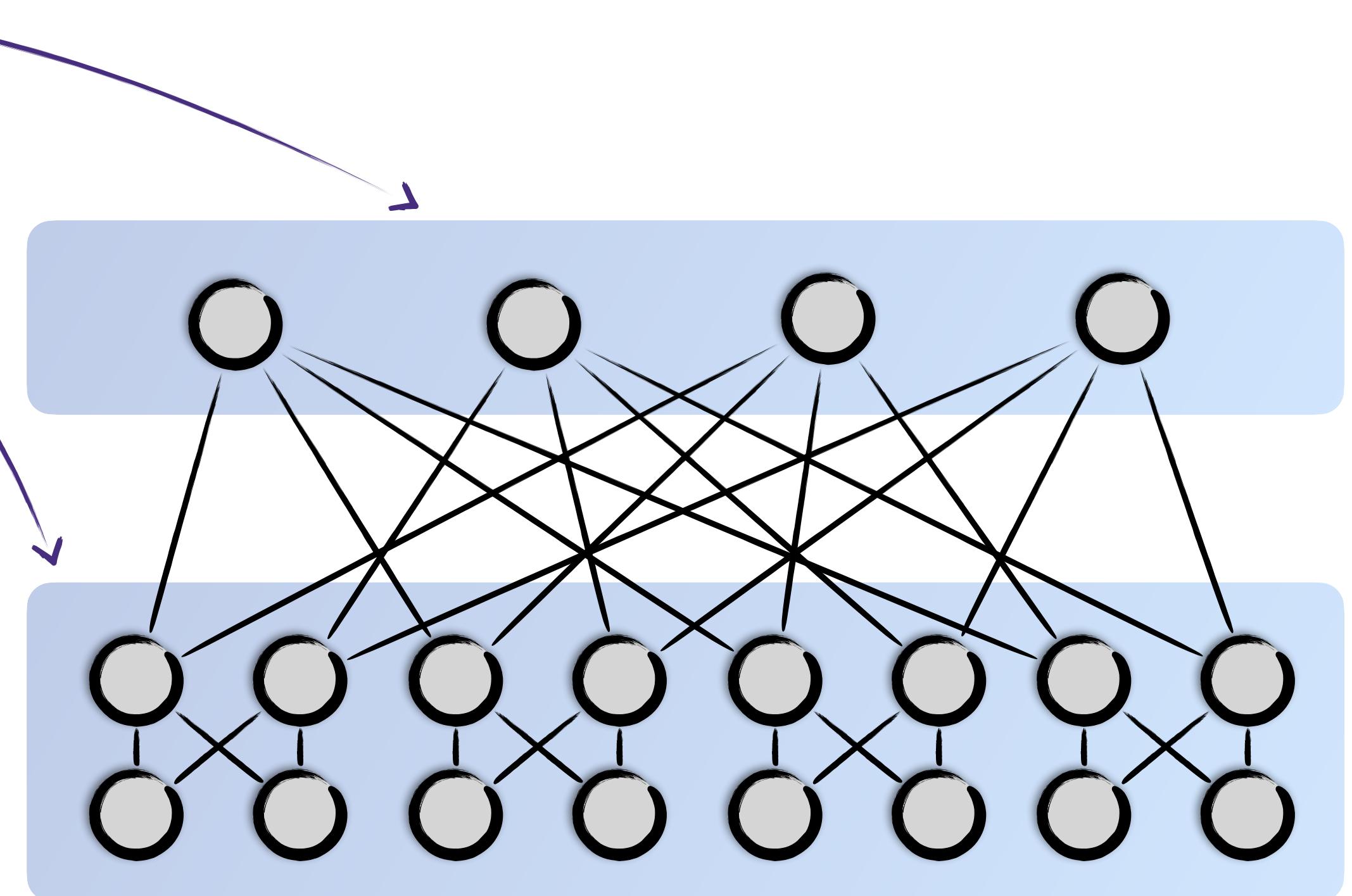
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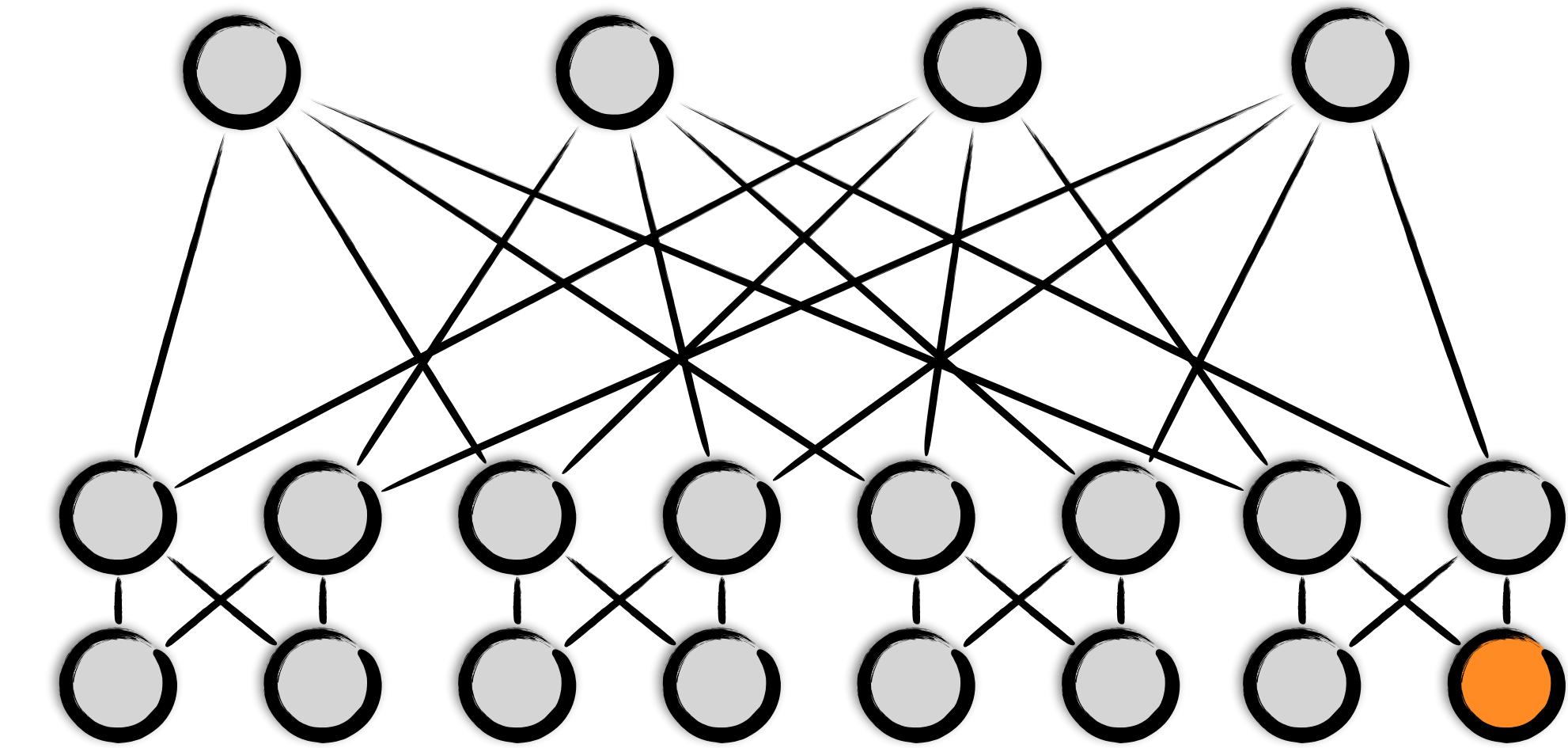


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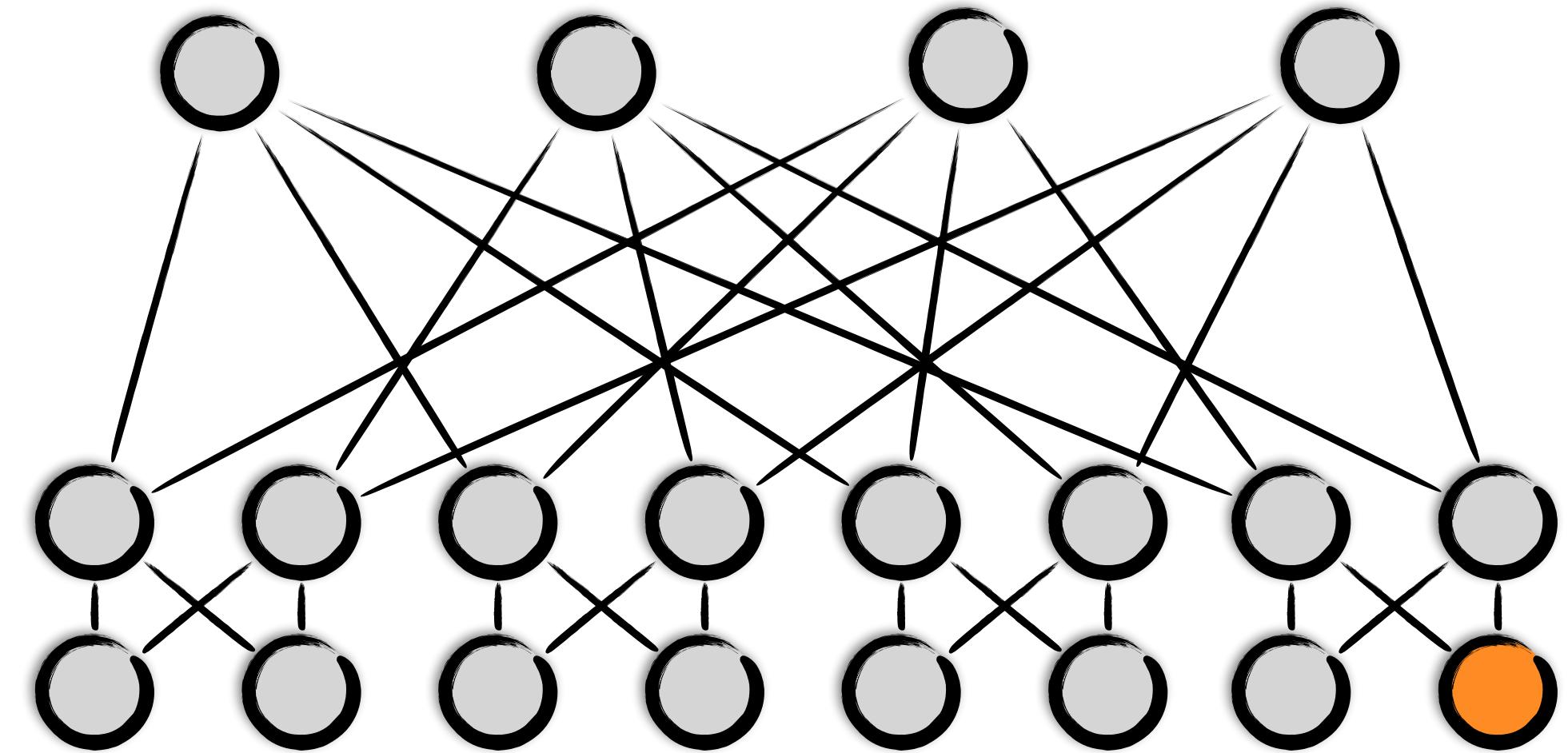
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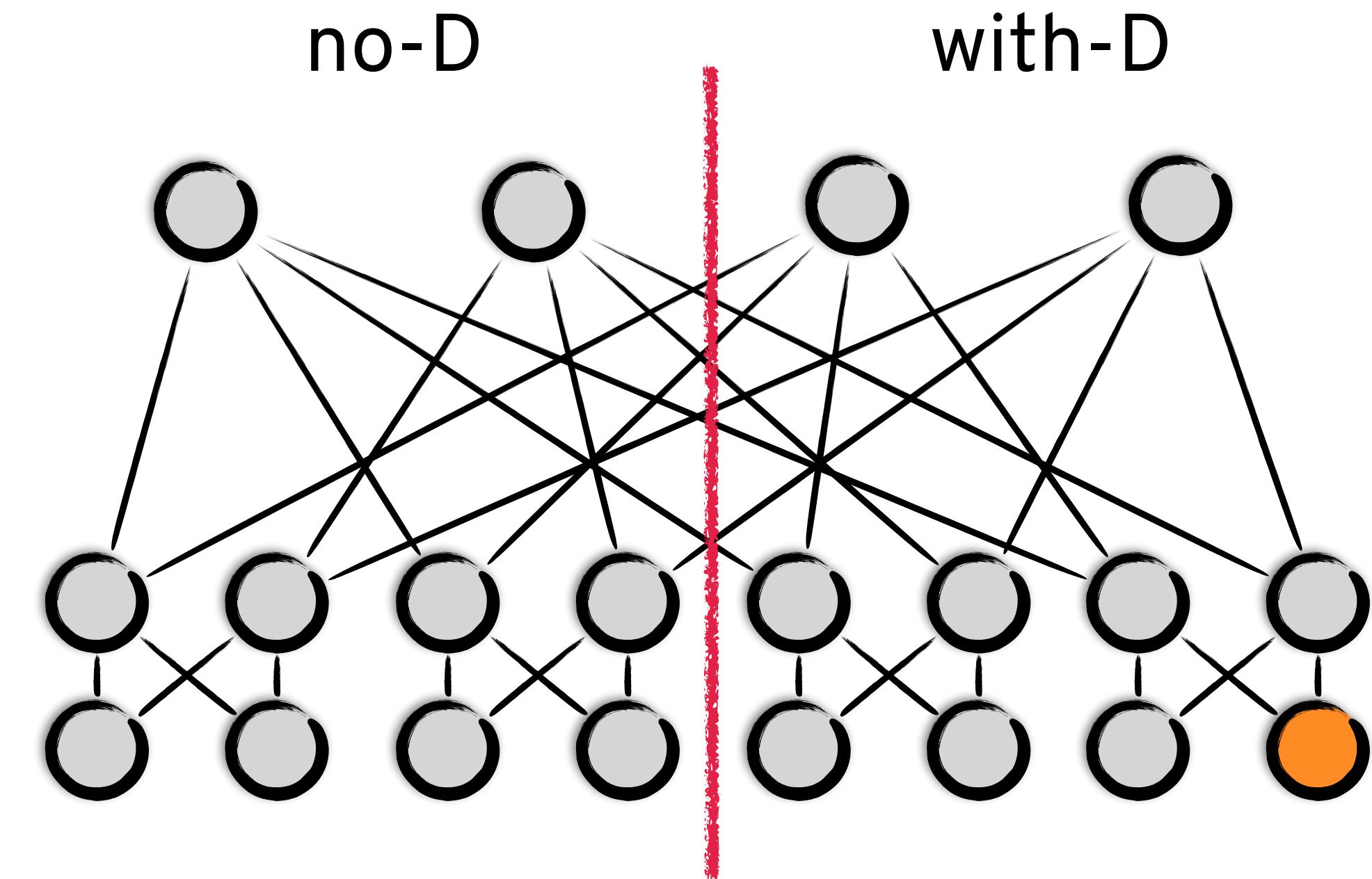


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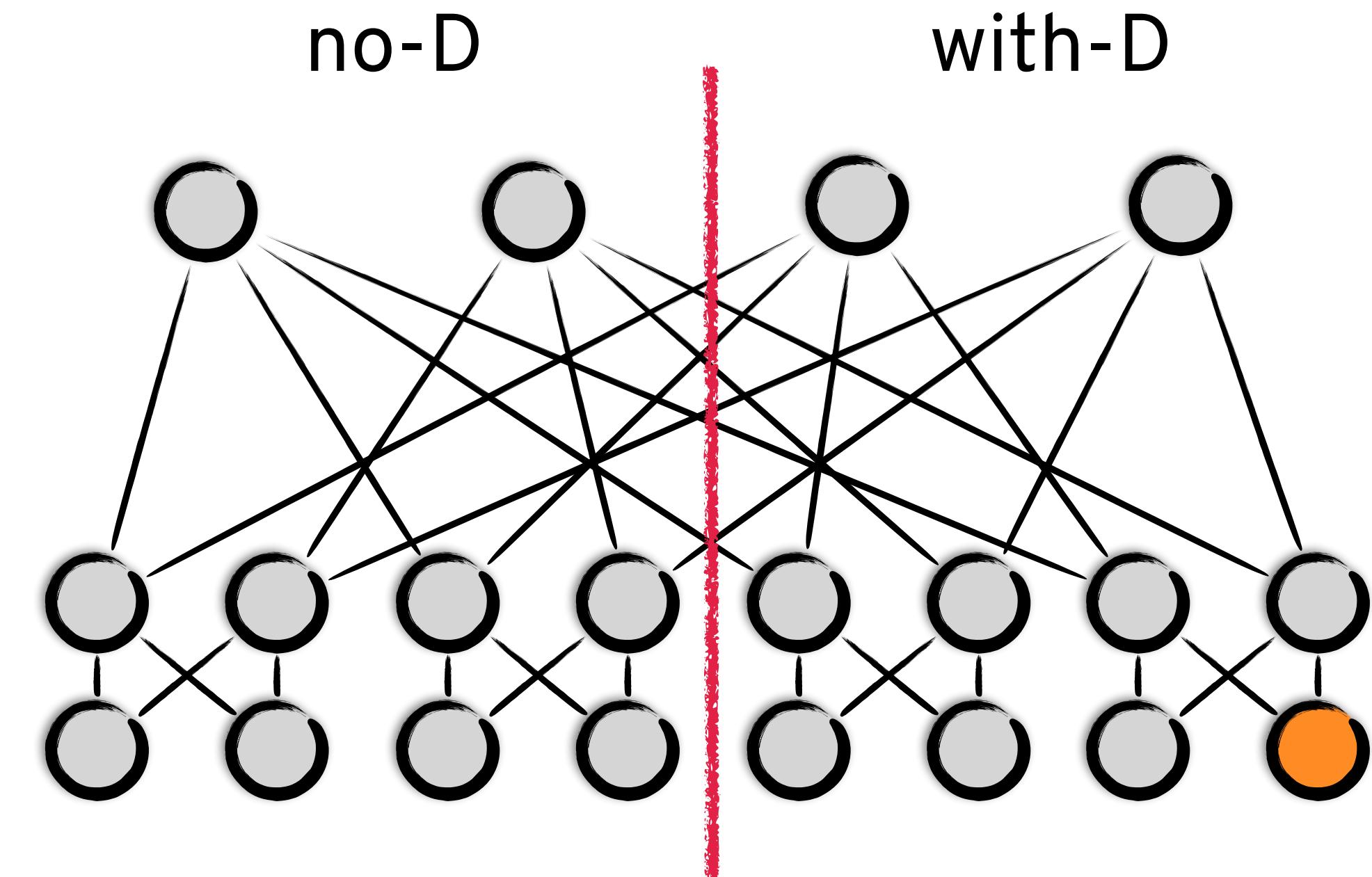


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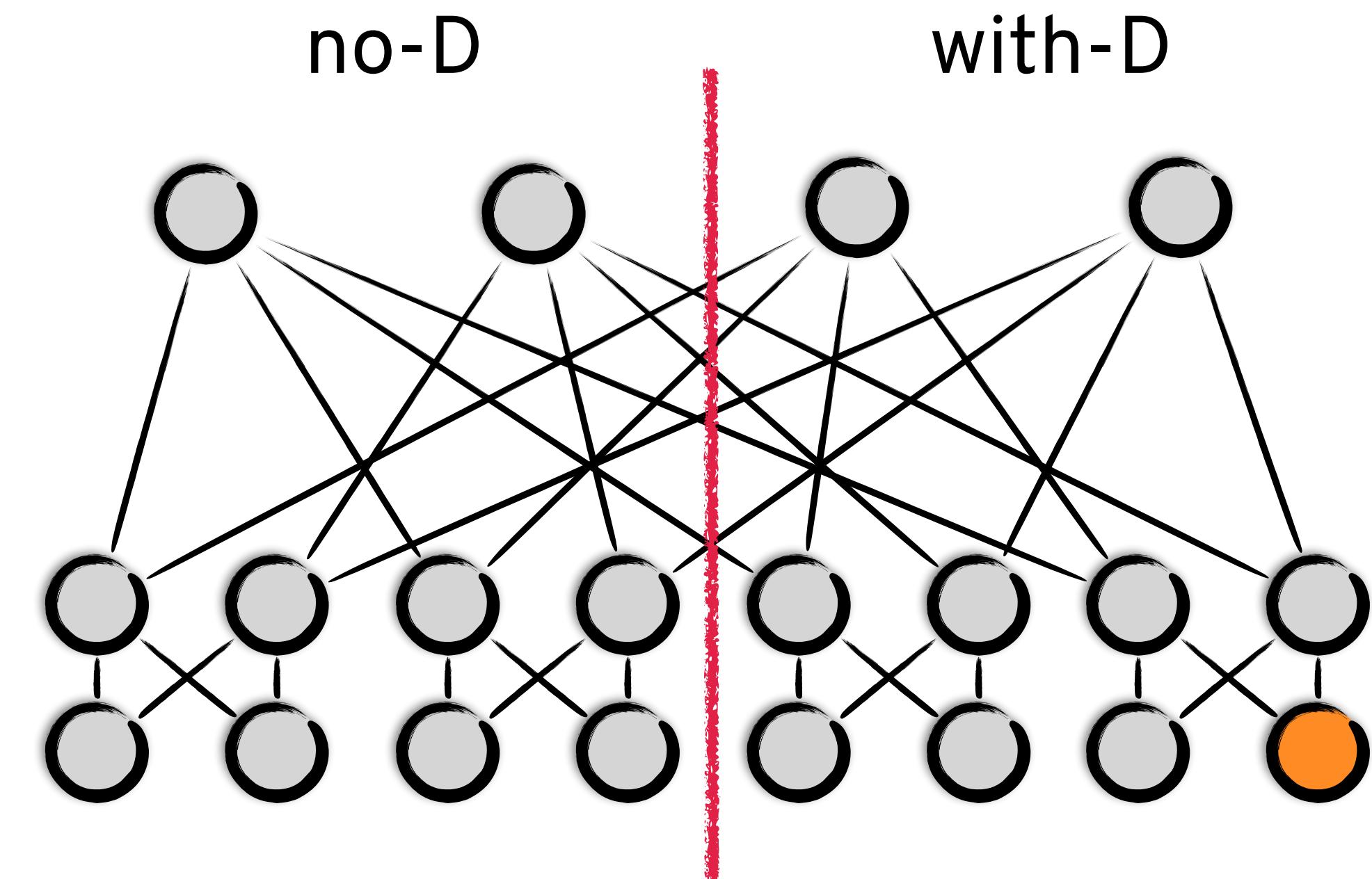


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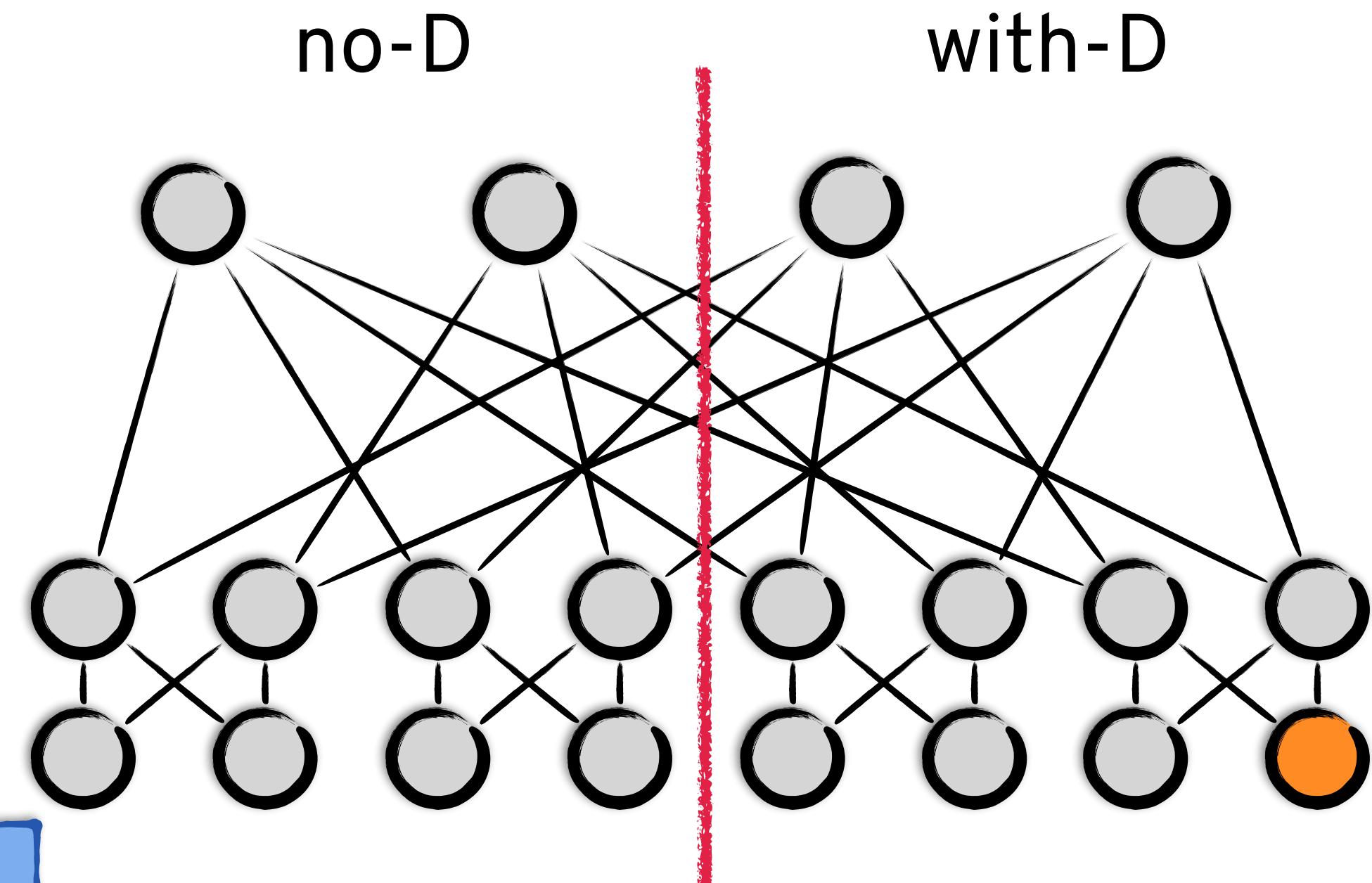
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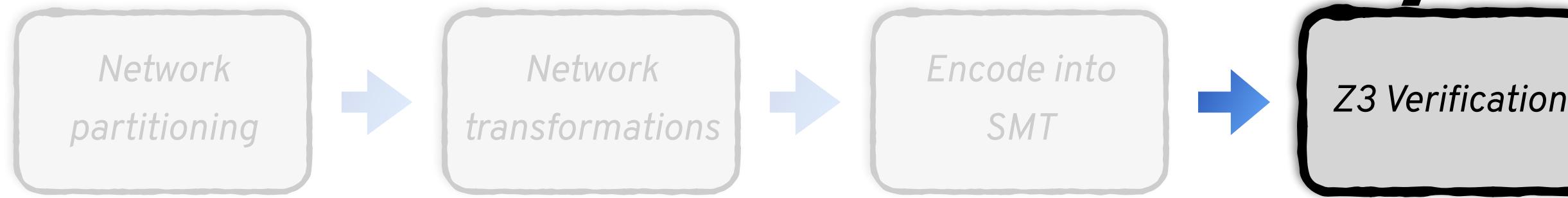
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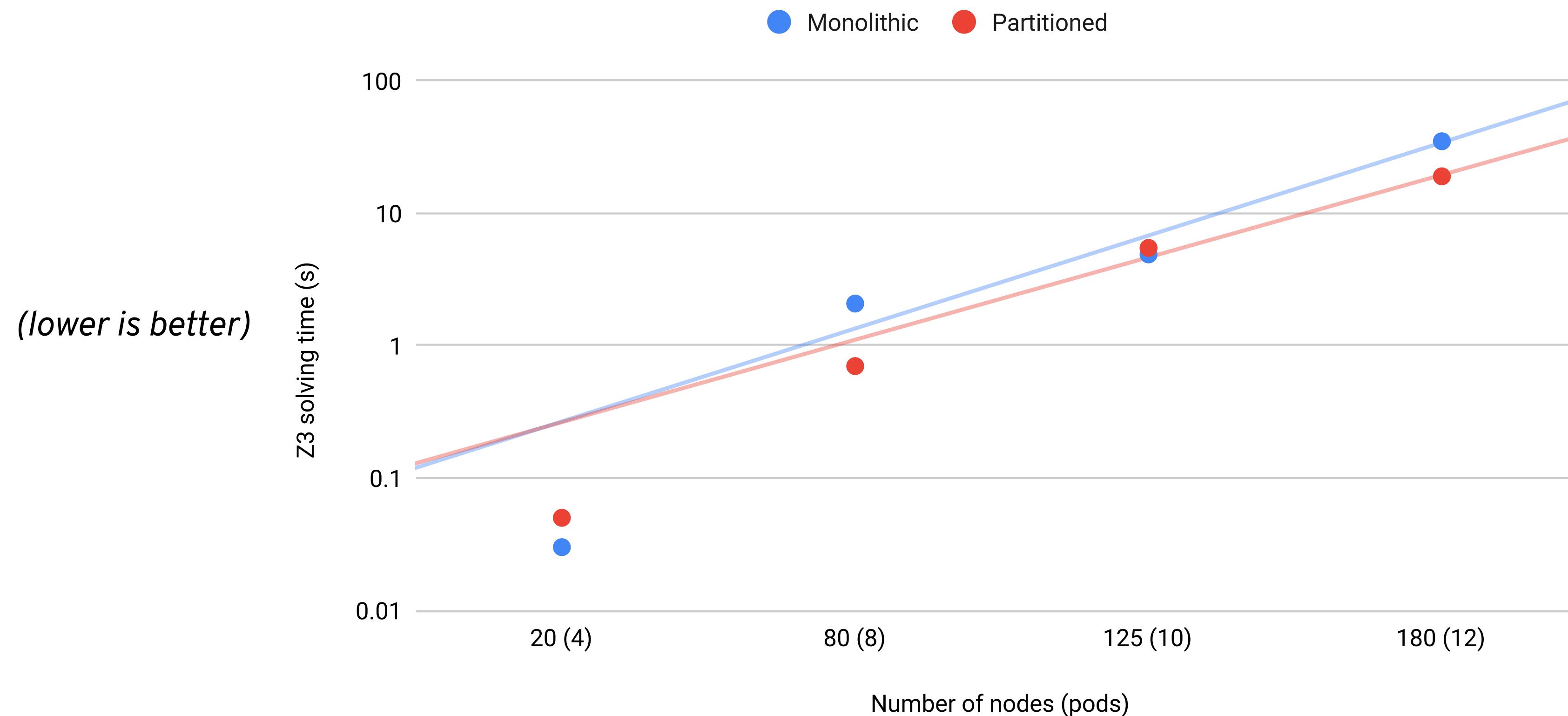
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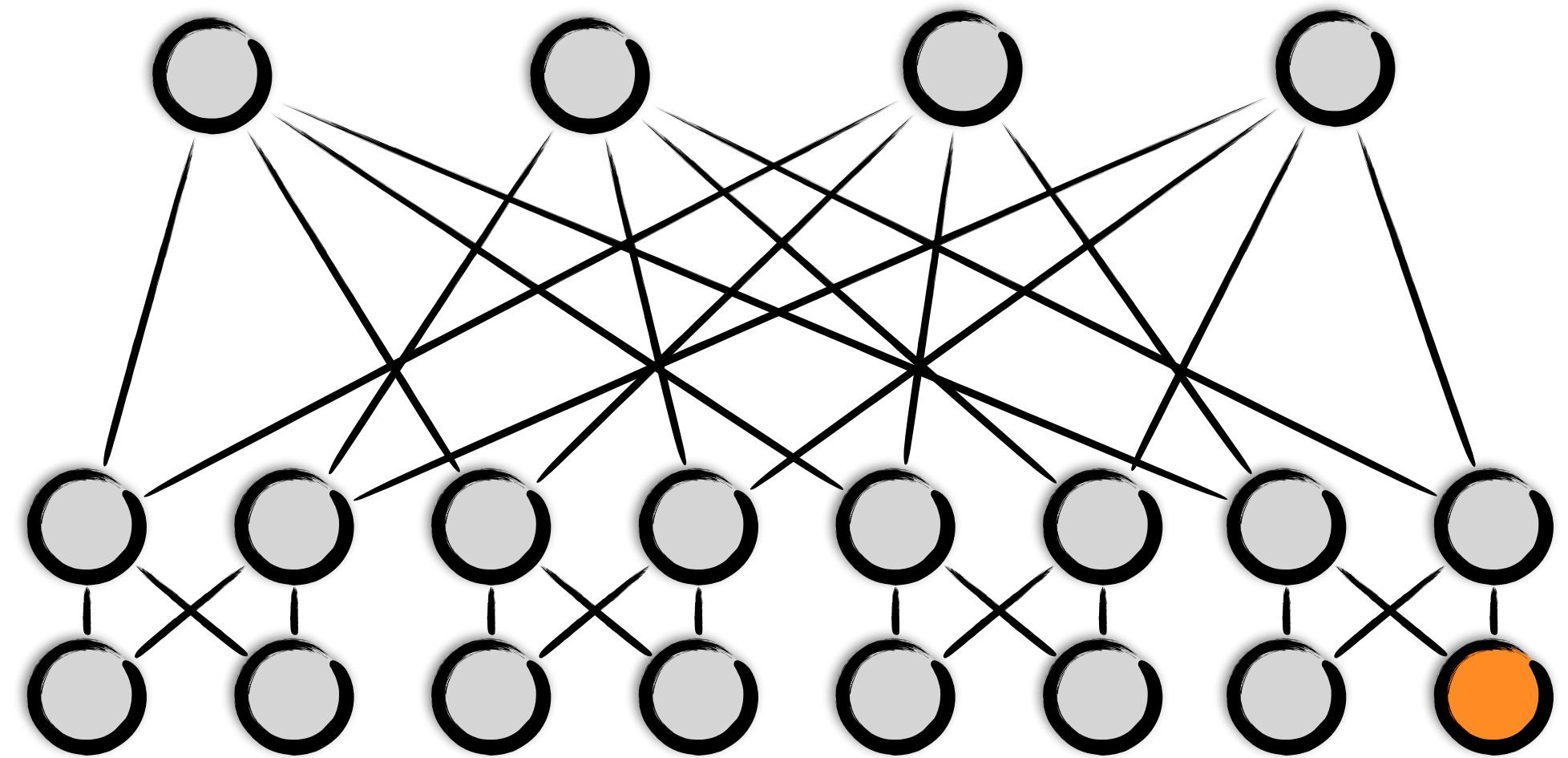
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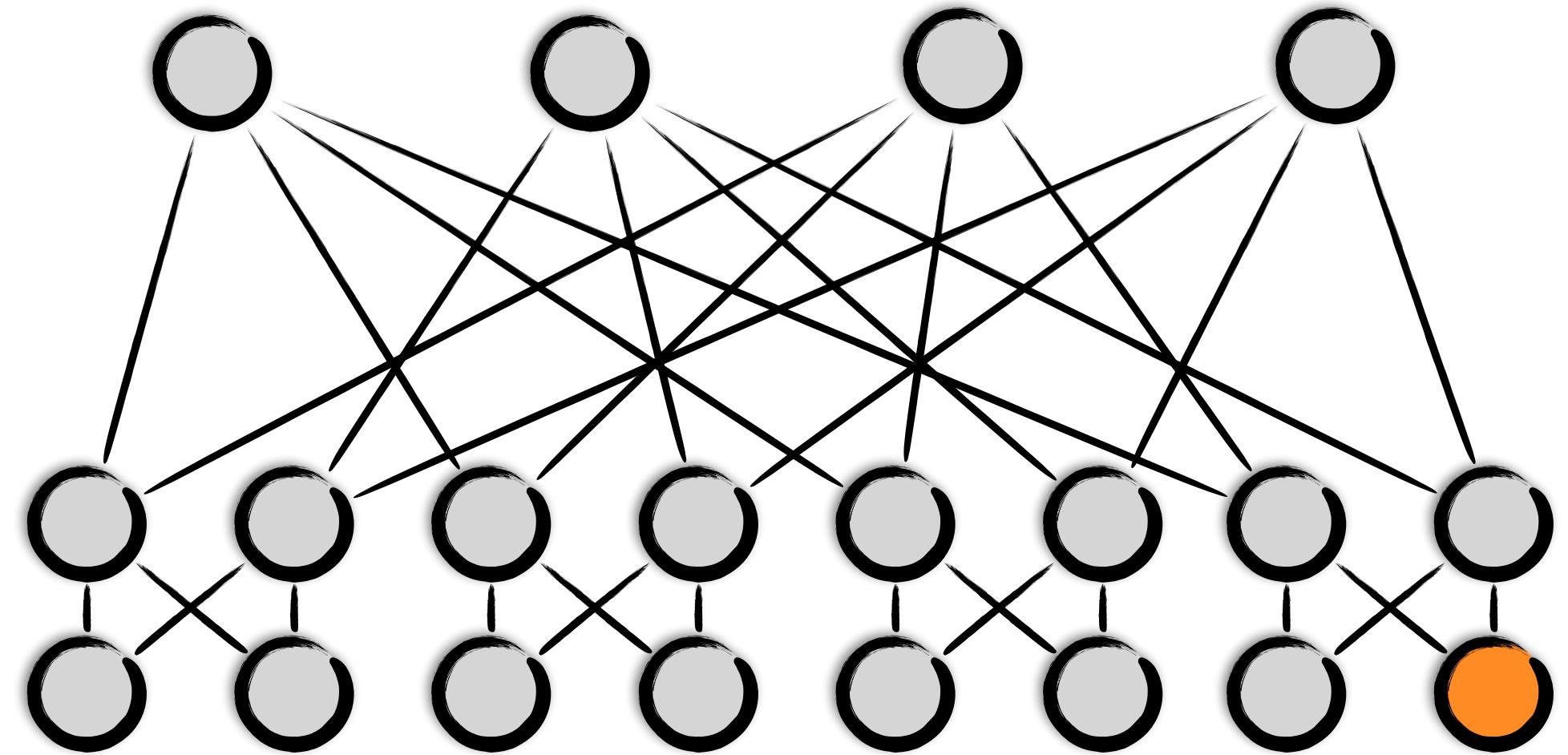


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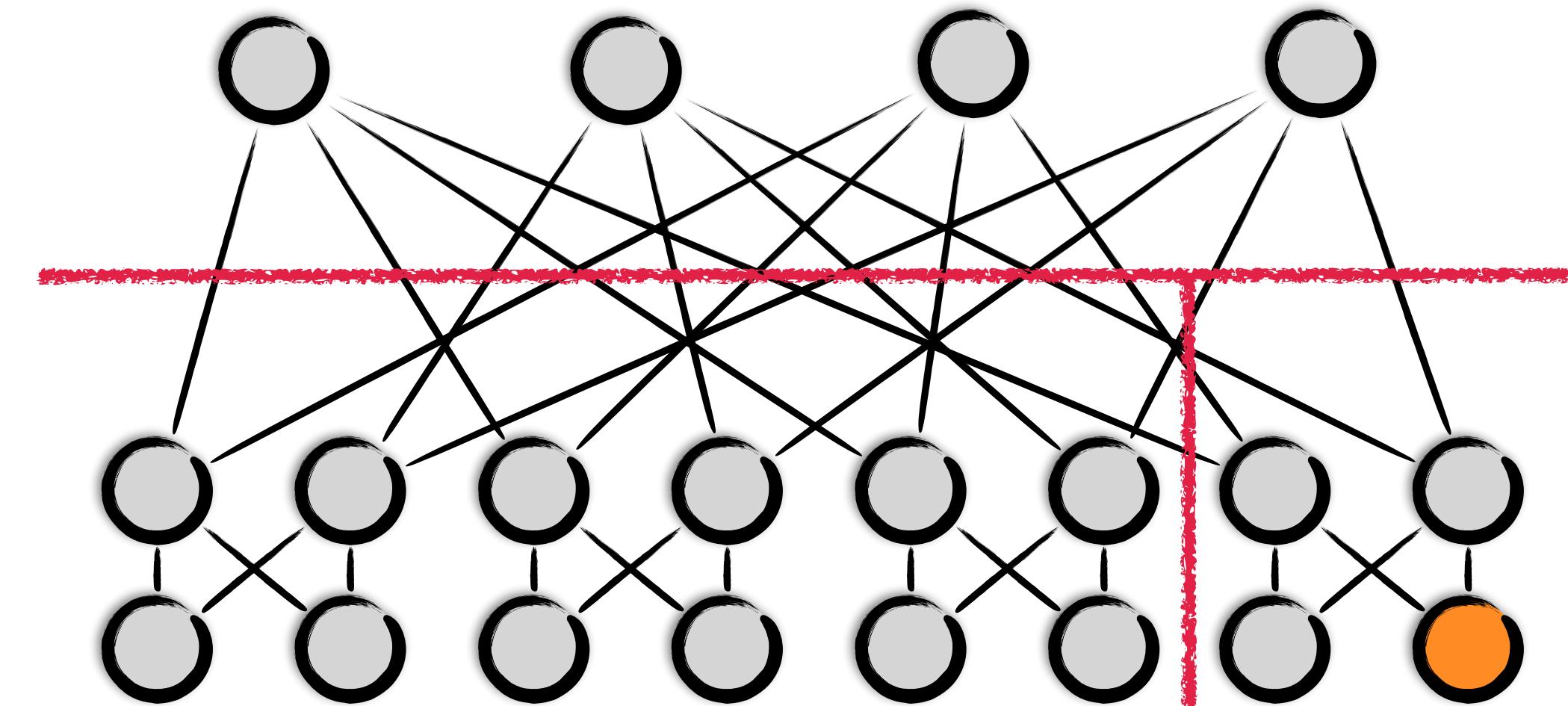


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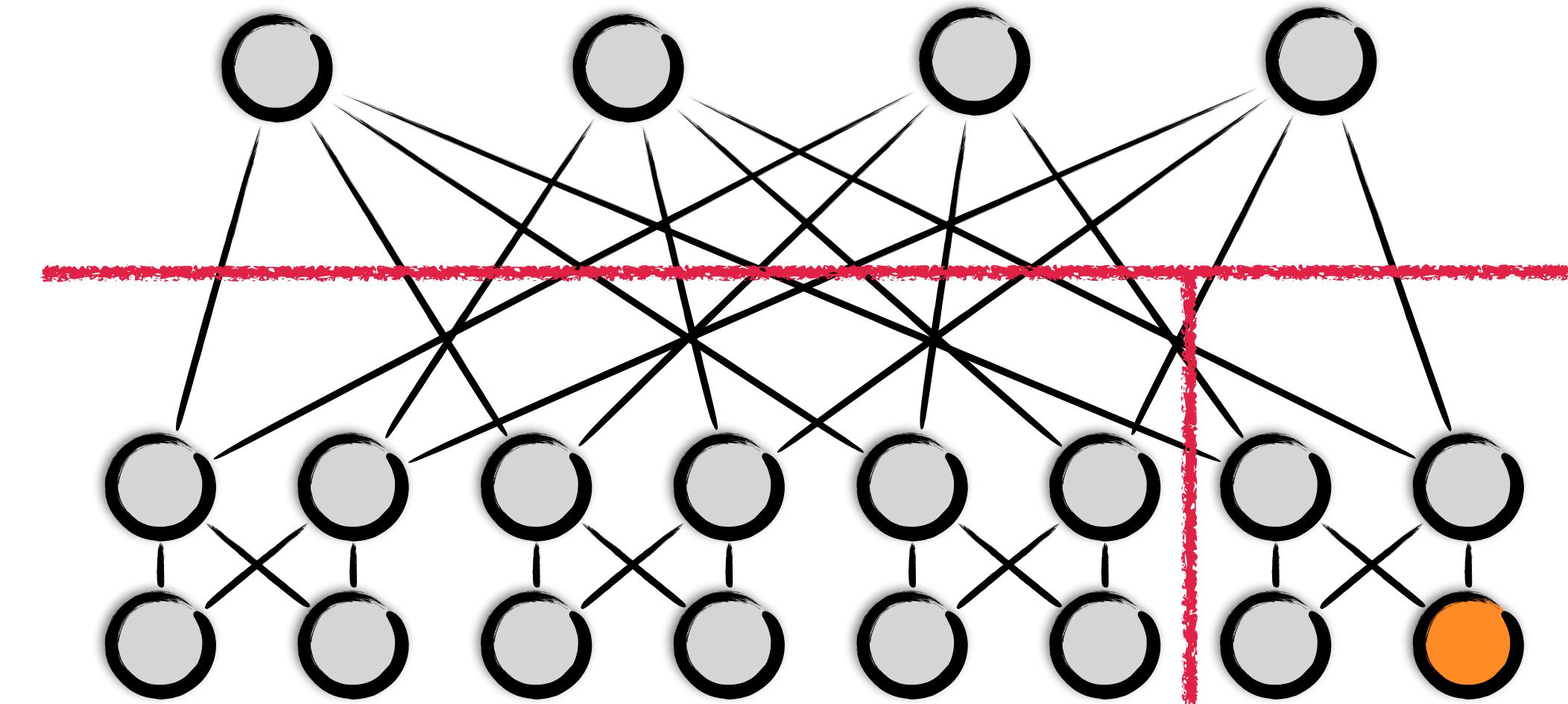


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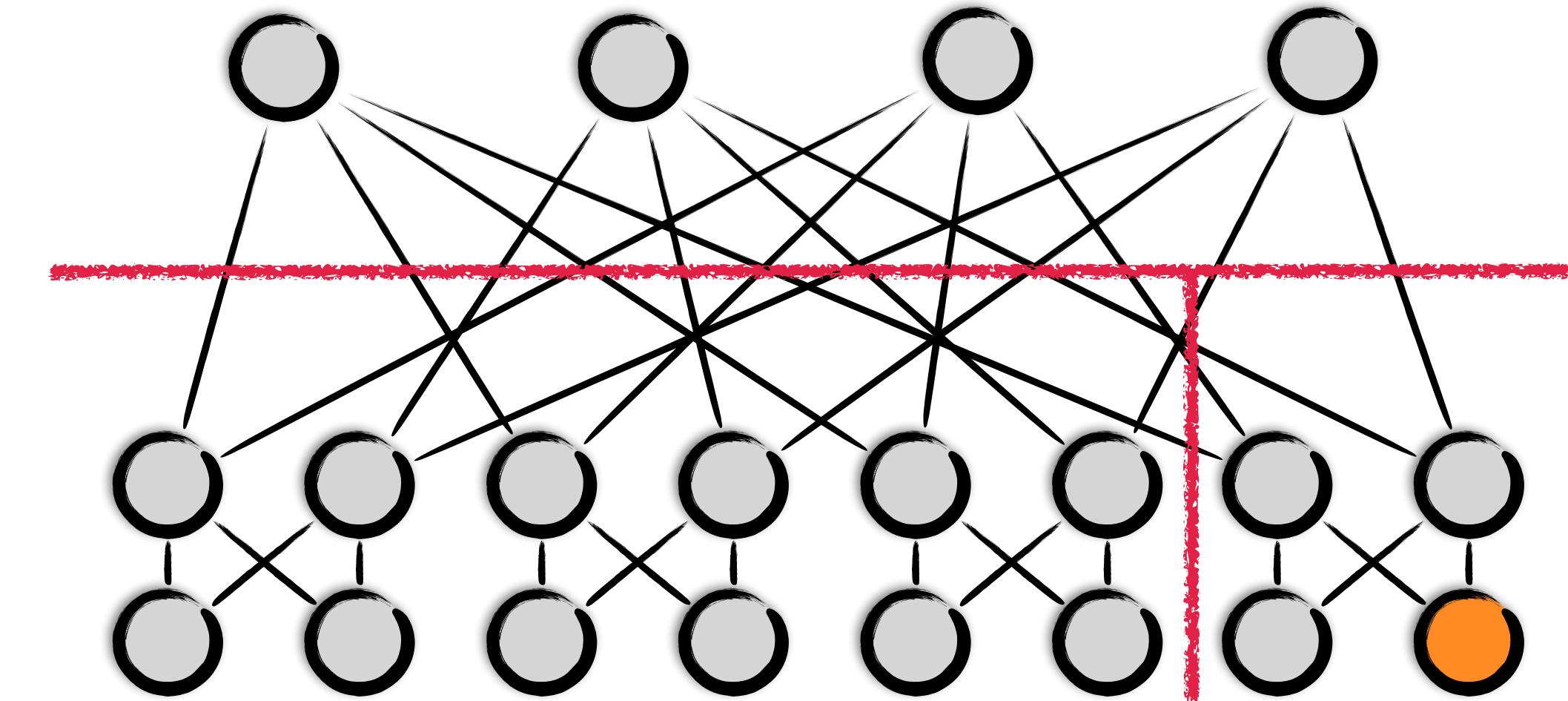
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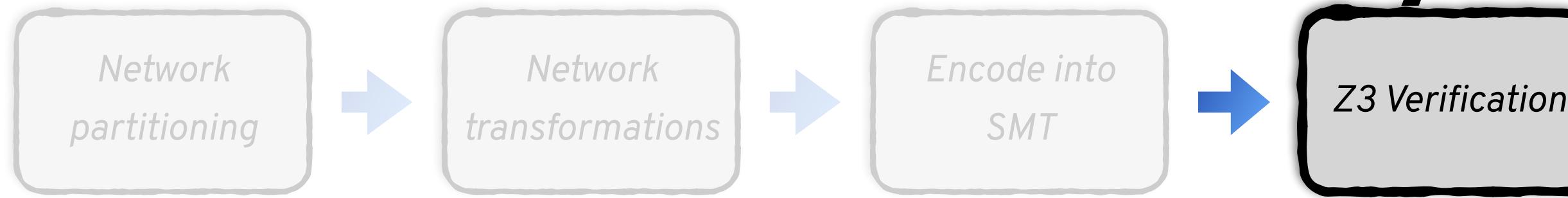
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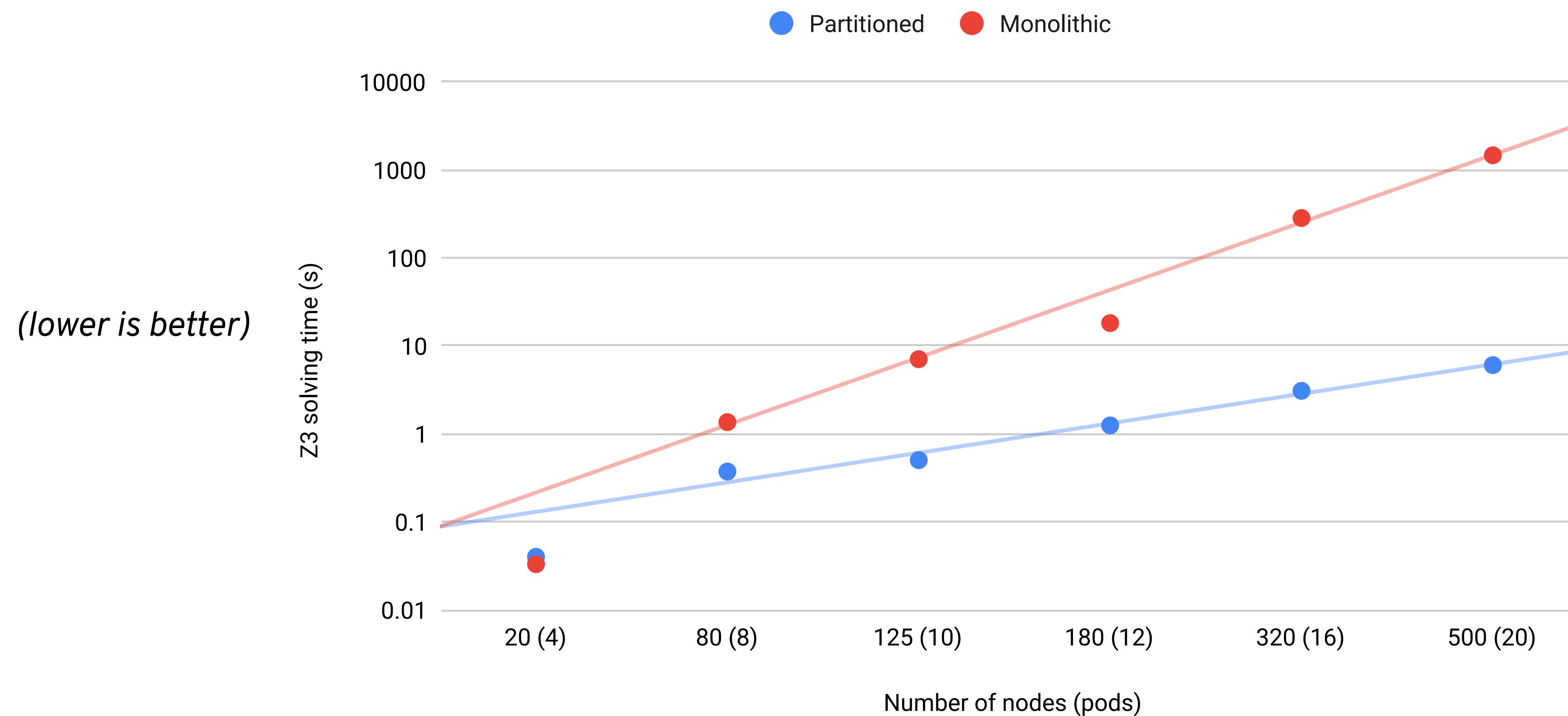
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# Appendix

# Kirigami with an Alternate Initial Check

For partition S (resp. T), check validity of the following *verification conditions* (VCs) on  $\mathcal{M}_S$  (resp.  $\mathcal{M}_T$ , swapping S and T):

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