

Symmetric Datalog \neq Linear Datalog

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Datalog and Derivation Path Example

Input Vocabulary:

S^1, T^1, E^2

Linear (Symmetric) Program:

EDB: Extensional Database Predicate

IDB: Intensional Database Predicate

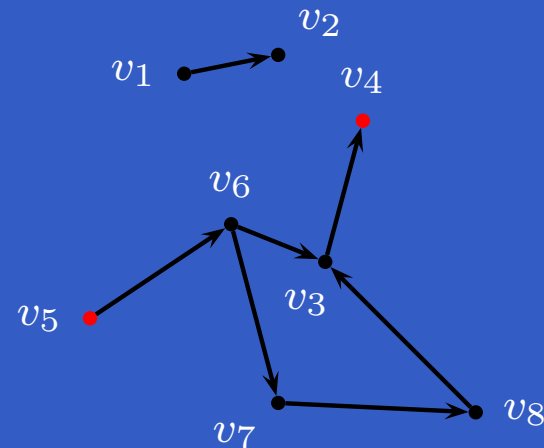
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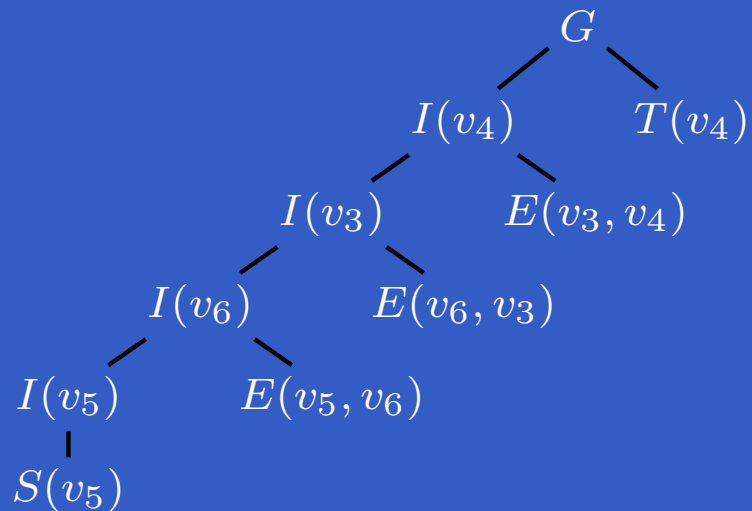
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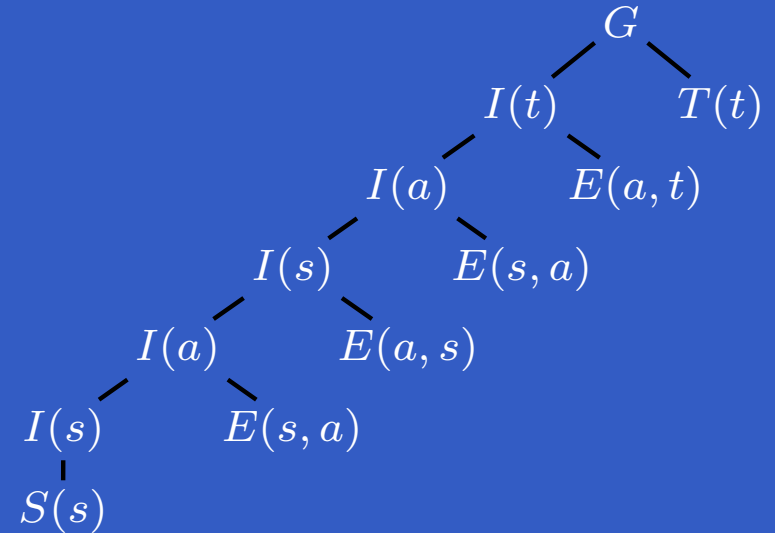
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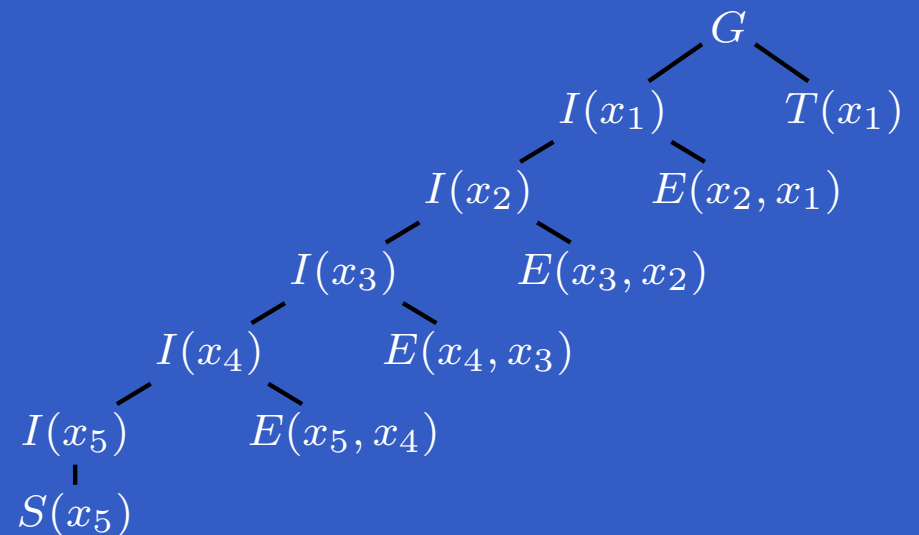
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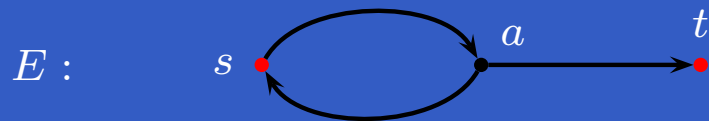
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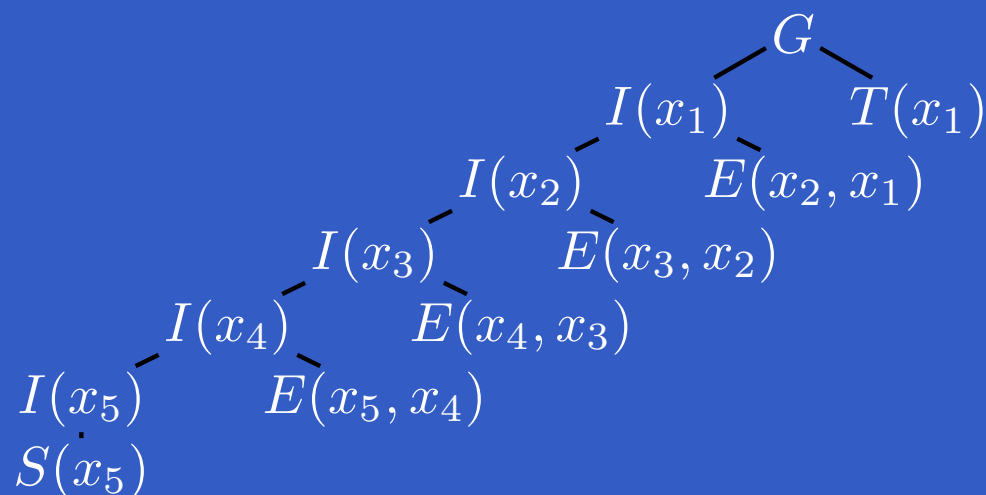
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$$S = \{s\}, T = \{t\}$$

The Free Structure

Free Derivation Path \mathcal{F} :



- The free structure \mathbf{F} is accepted by \mathcal{D}

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Free Structure \mathbf{F} :

Domain: $F = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$



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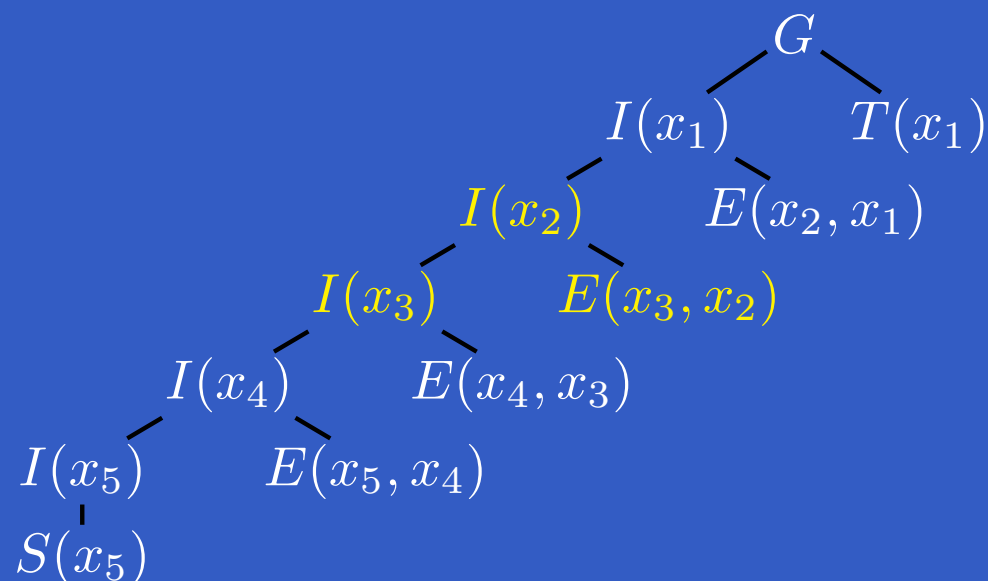
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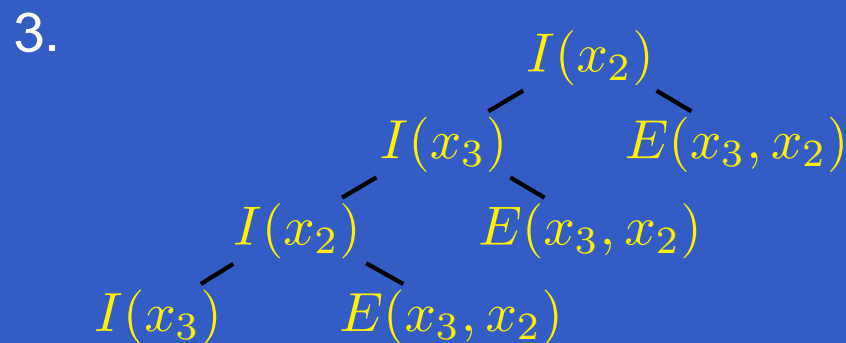
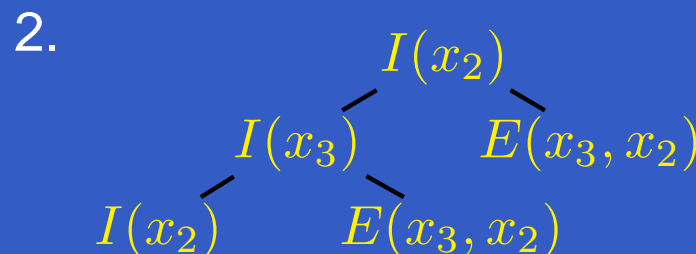
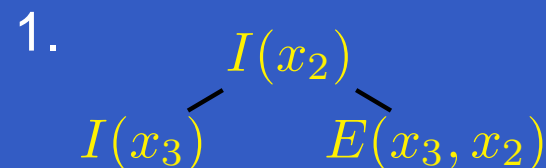
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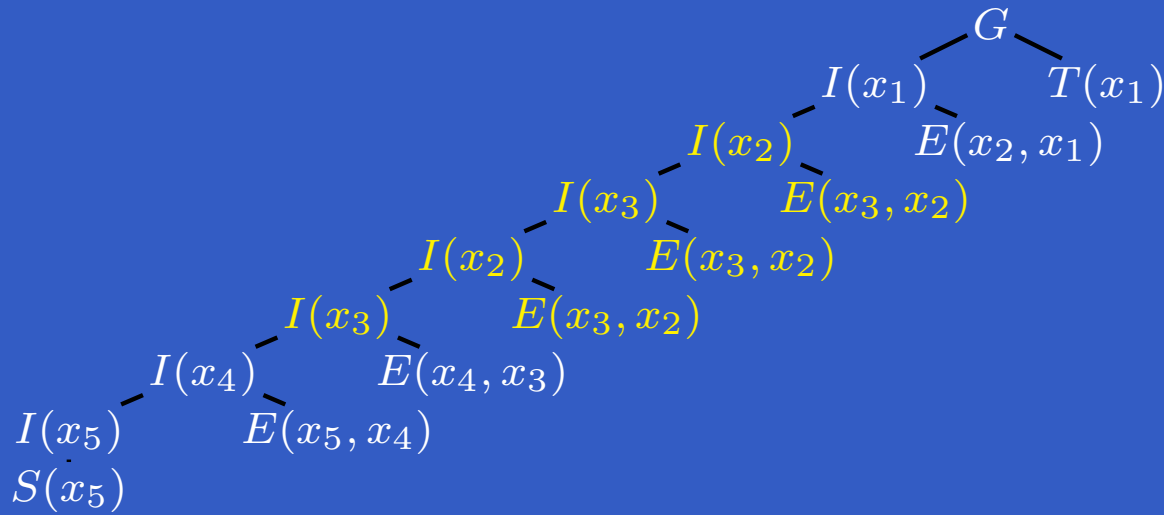
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Zig-zag (mirror) the yellow segment:

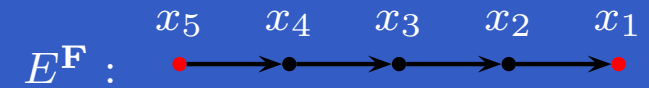


Zig-Zag Continued (Simple Example)

Before renaming the variables in mirrored \mathcal{F}

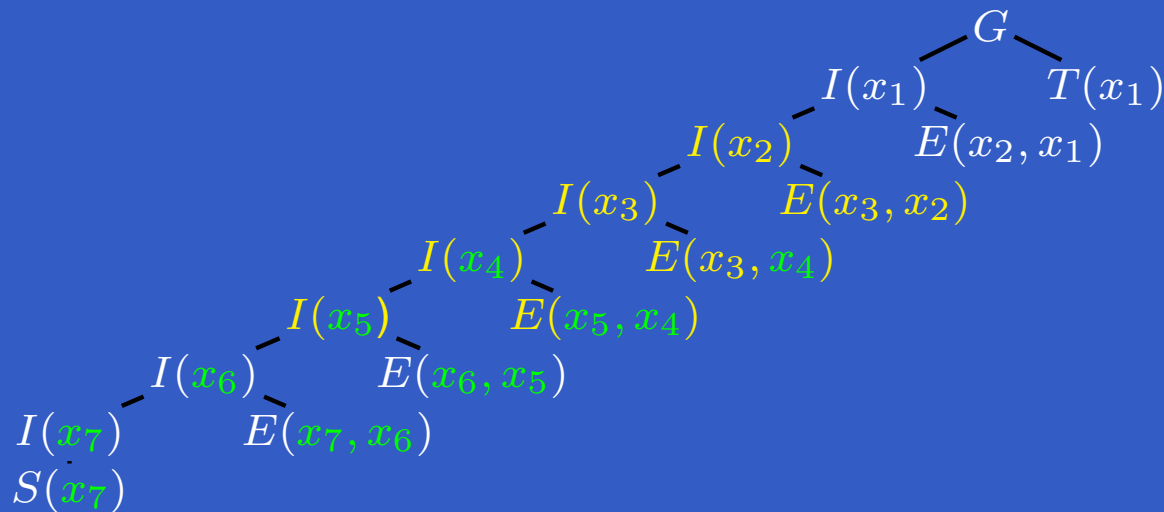


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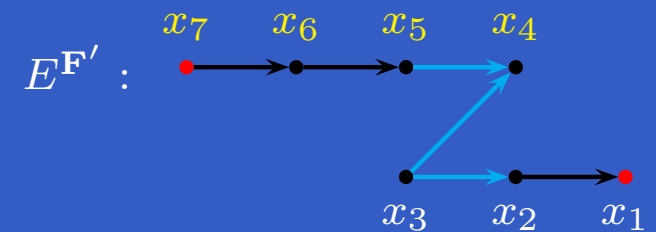


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\mathcal{F}' (variables are renamed):



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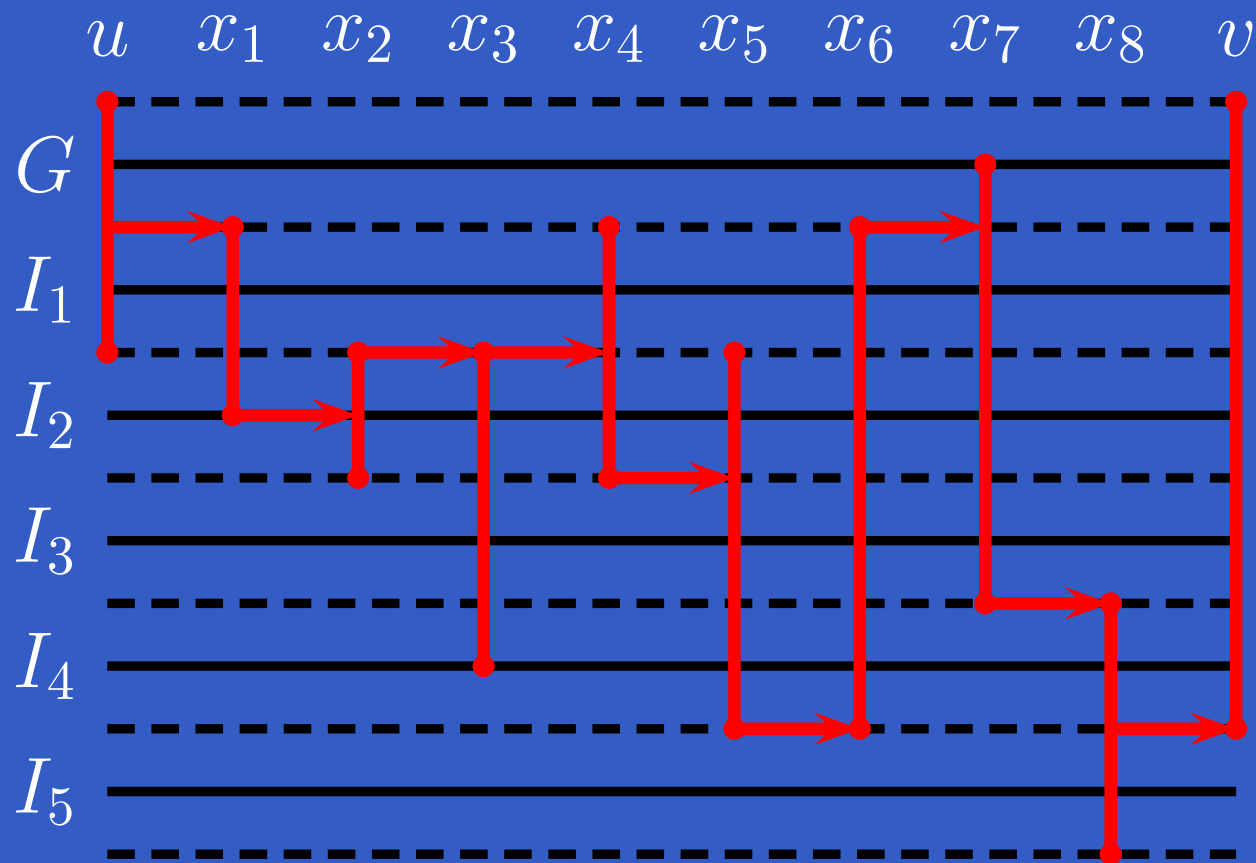
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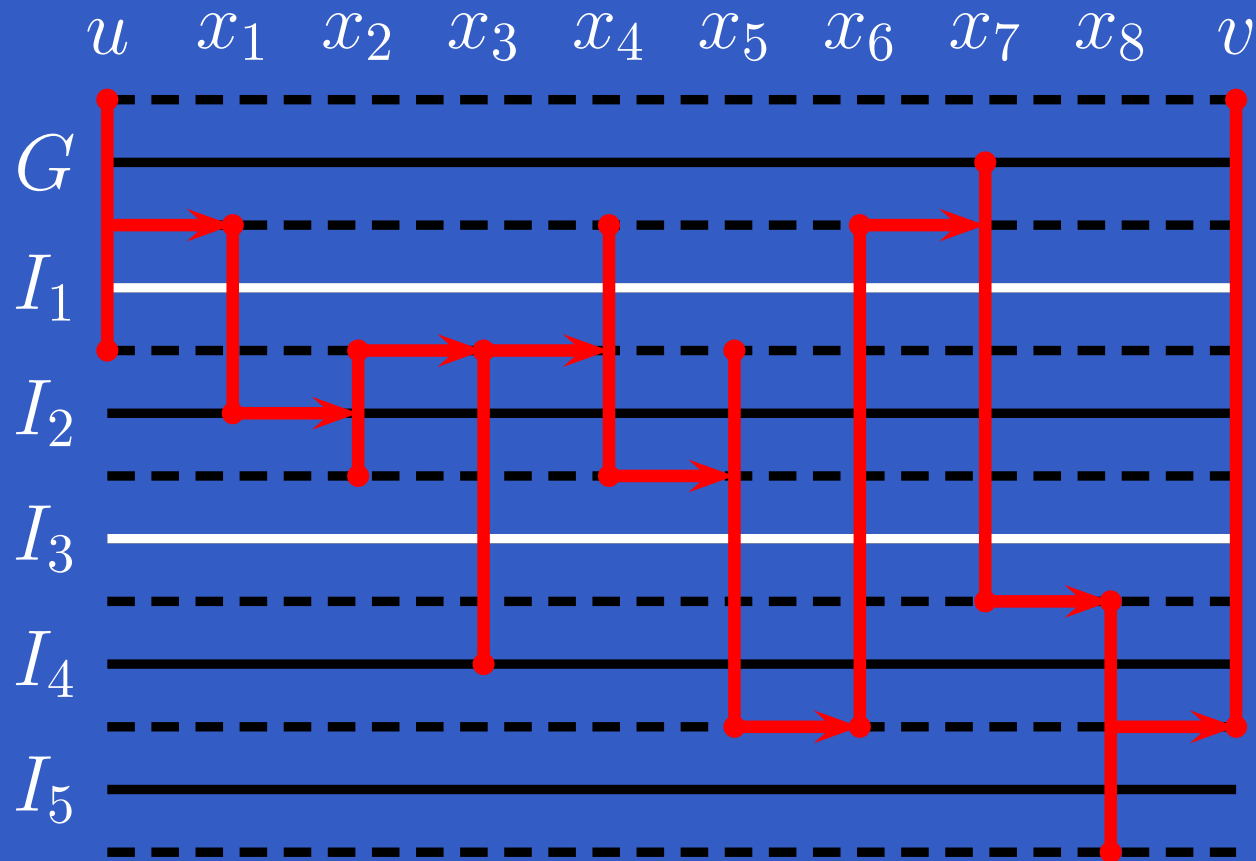
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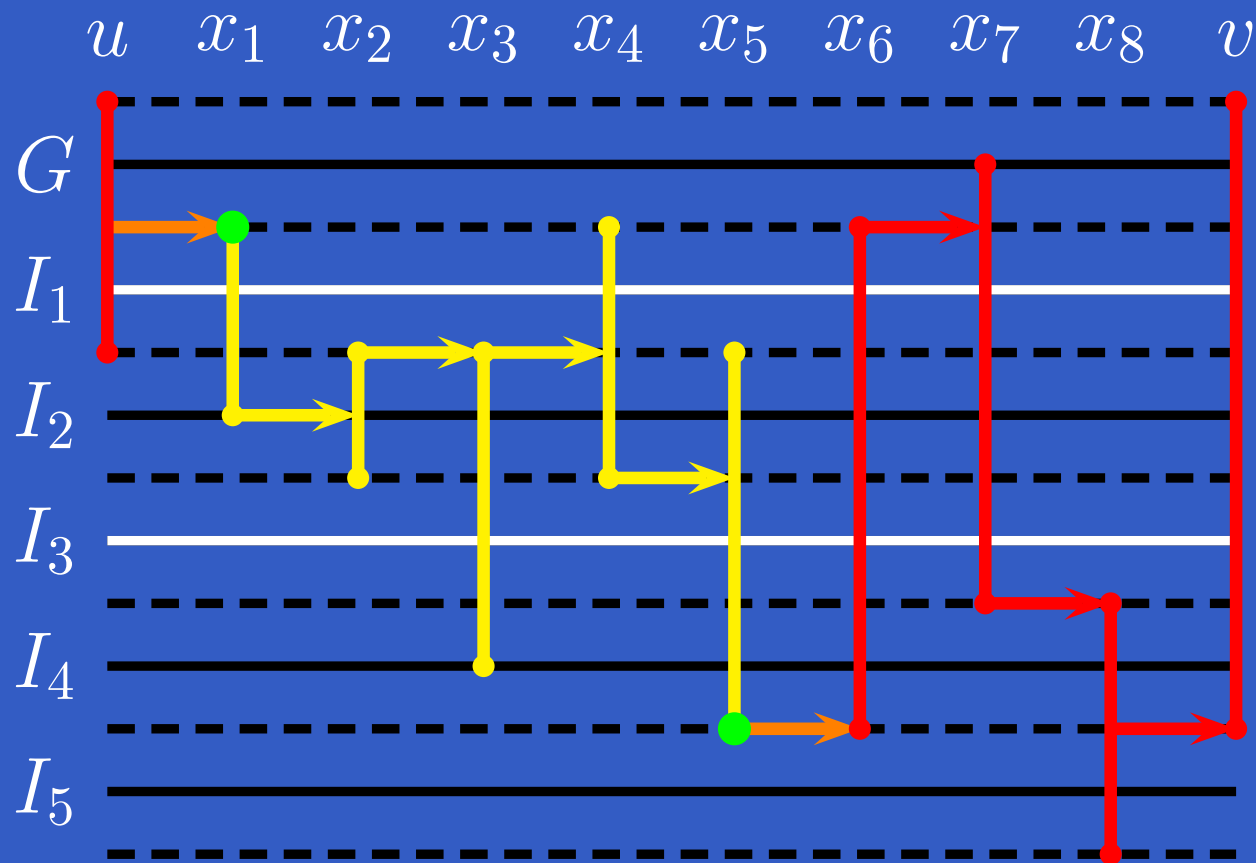
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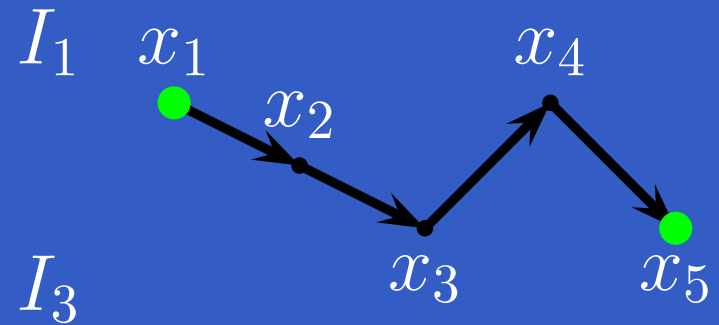
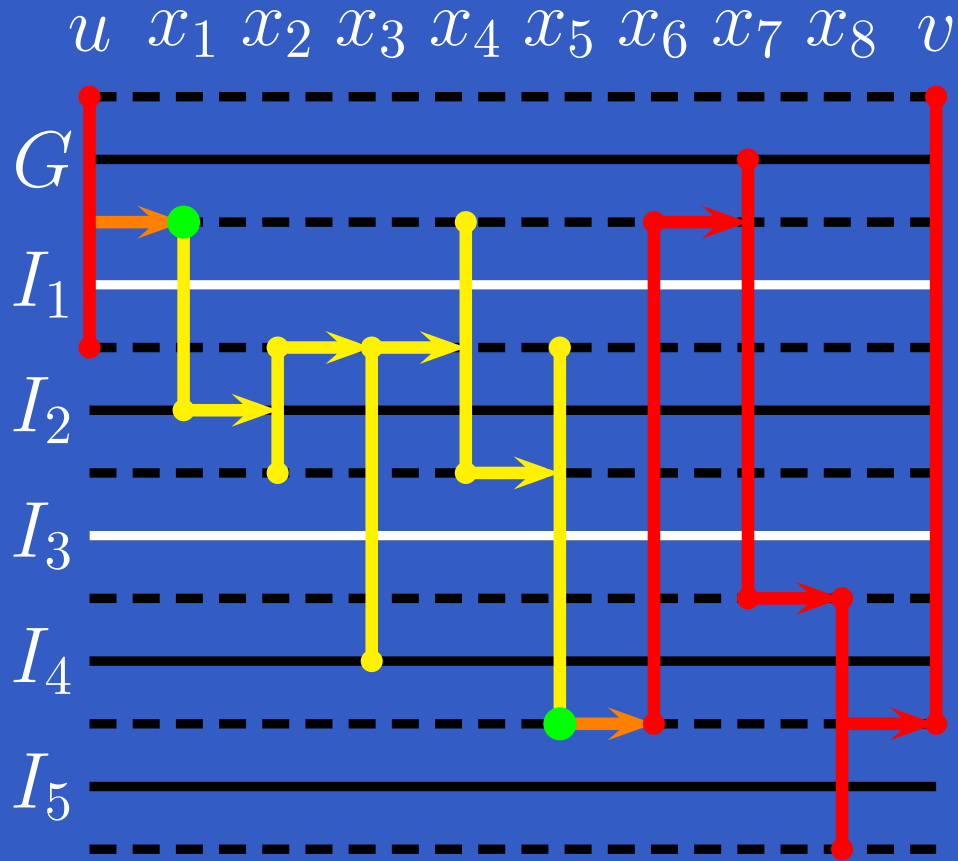
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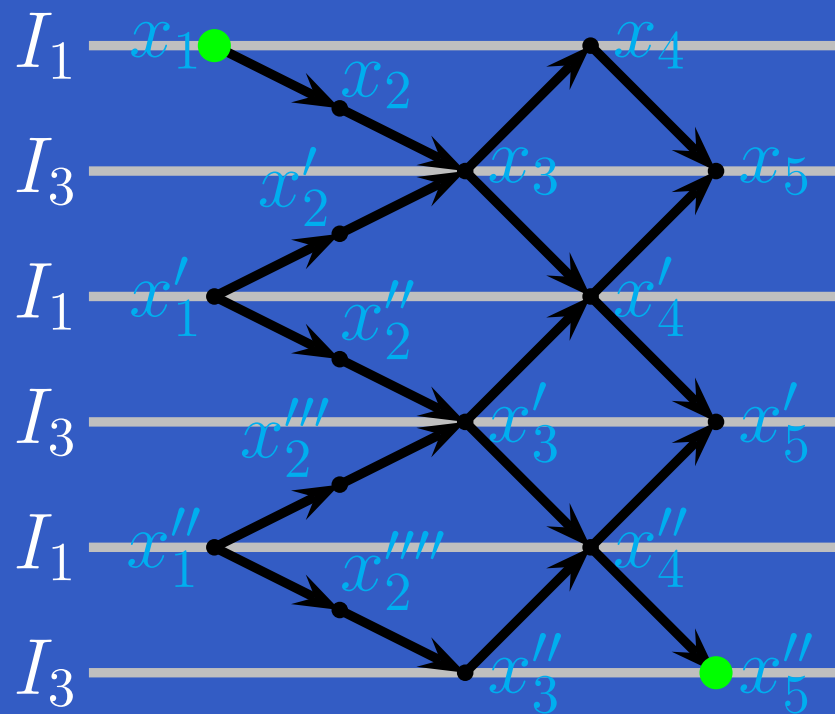
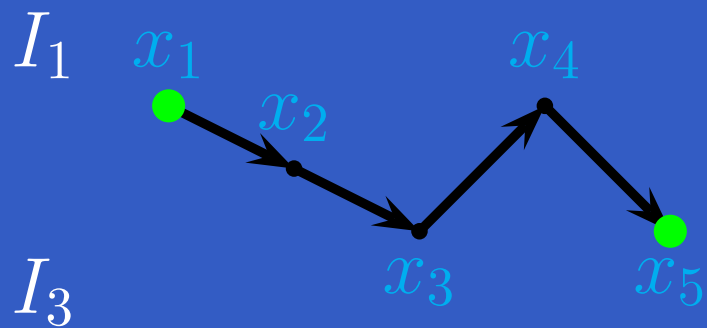
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