

Do horizontal gene transfer  
relations possess simple  
characteristics (like cographs)?

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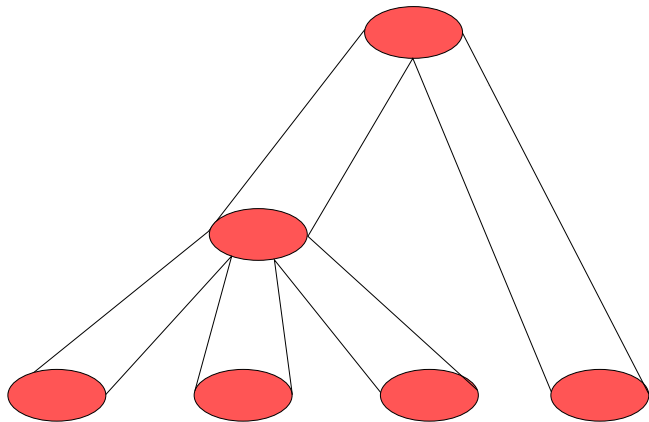
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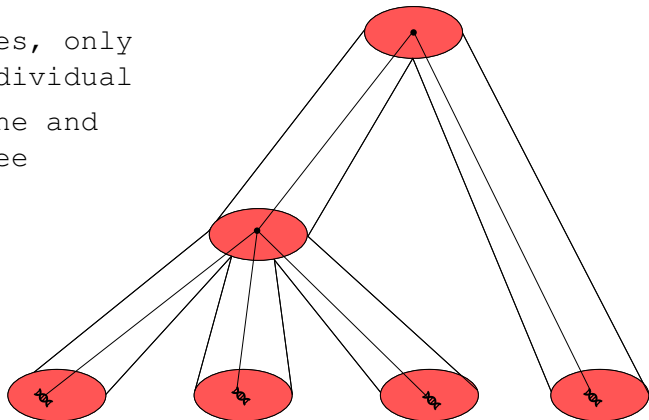
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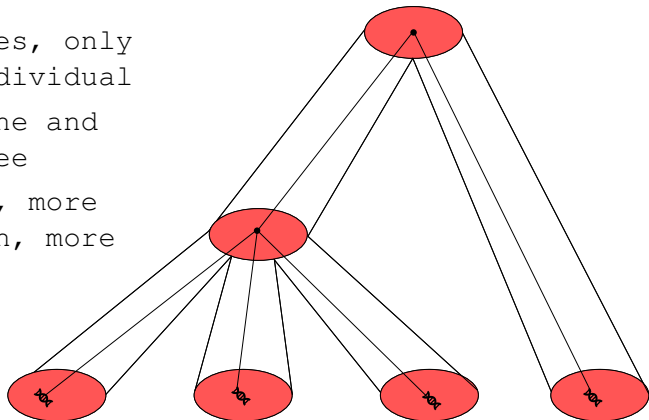
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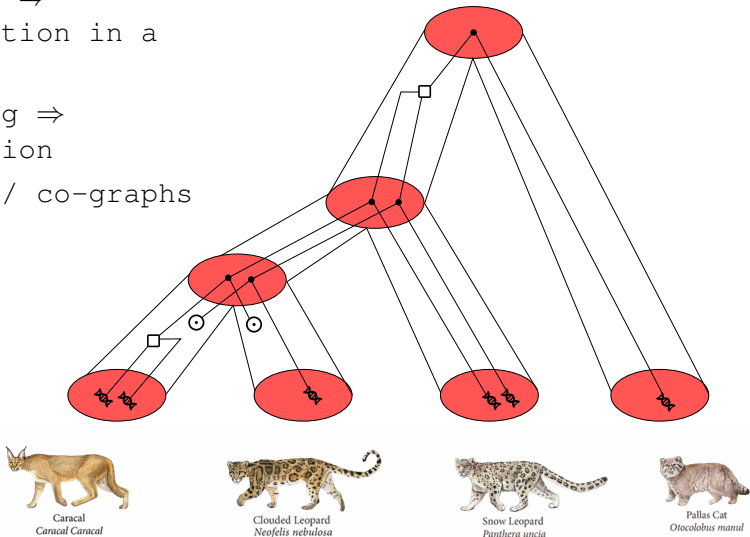
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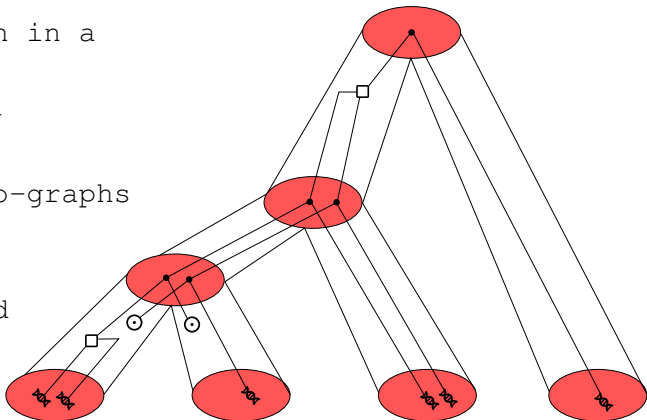
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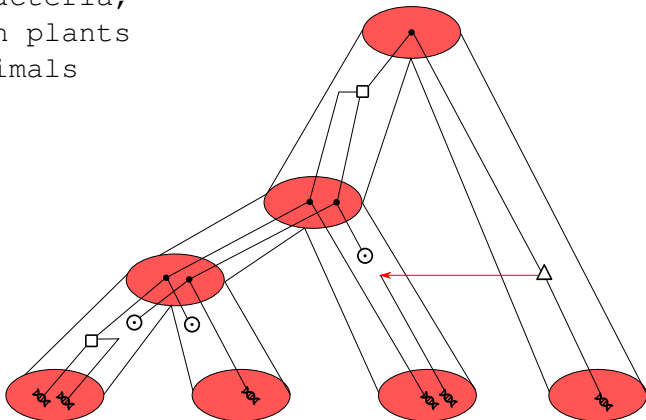


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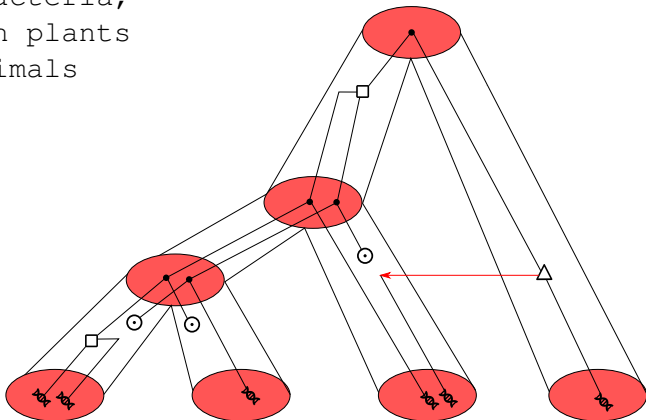
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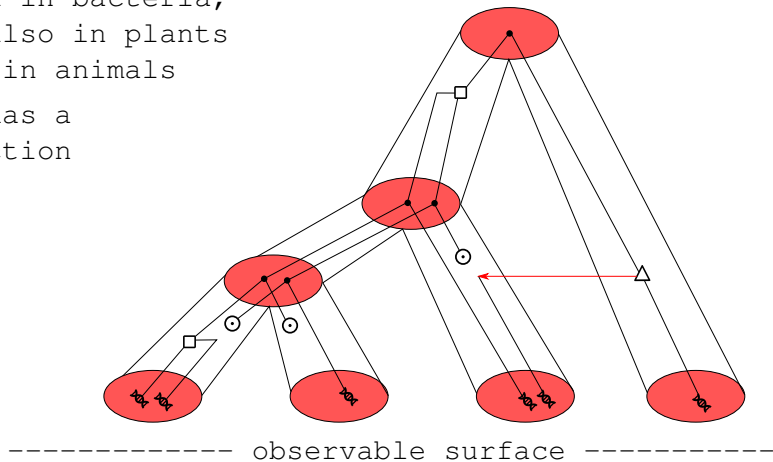
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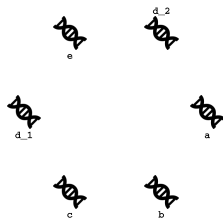
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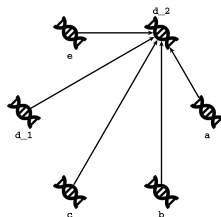
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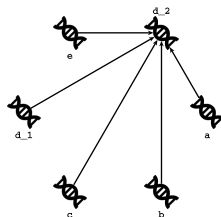
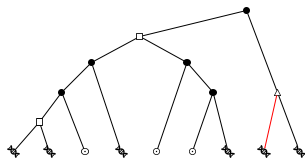
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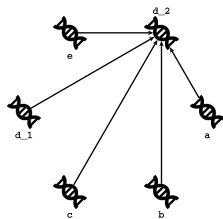
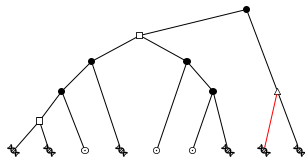
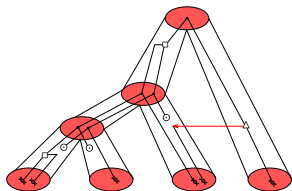
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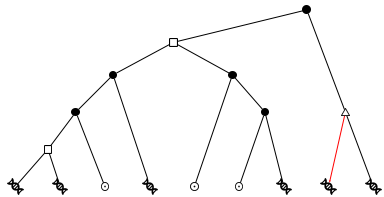


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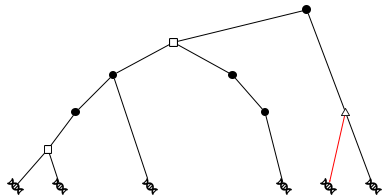


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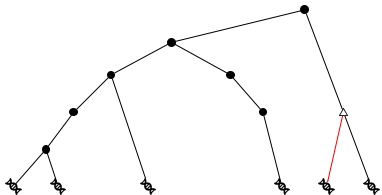




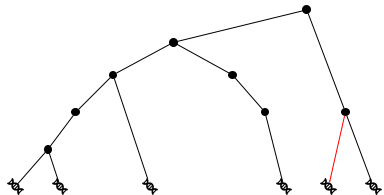
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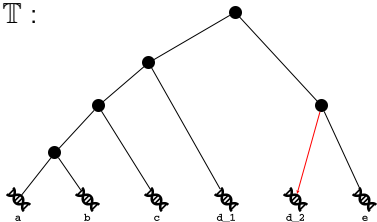


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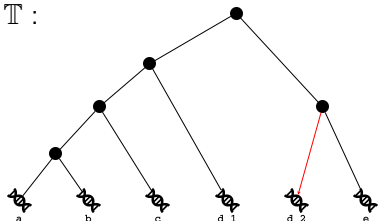


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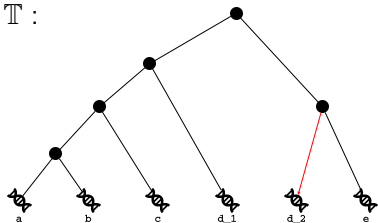
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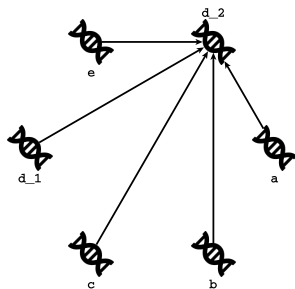
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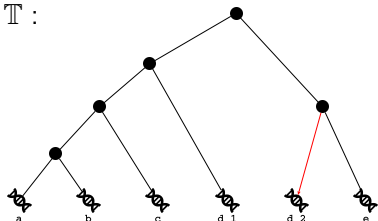
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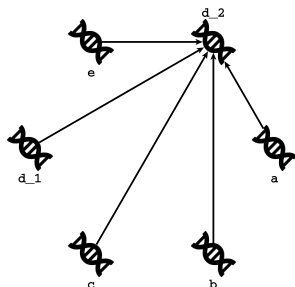
$\Leftrightarrow$

there is a red labelled edge in  $\text{path}(\text{lca}(a, b), b)$

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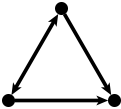
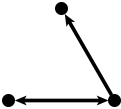
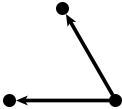
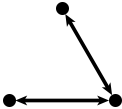
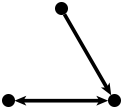
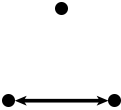
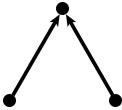
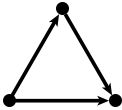
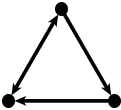
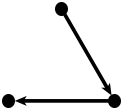
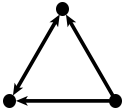
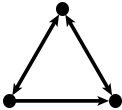
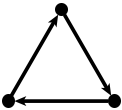
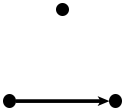
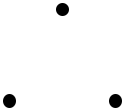
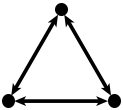


what do we want to know?

- ▶ how do we identify allowed  $\mathbb{R}$ ?
  - ▶ there is at least one  $\mathbb{T}$  that displays  $\mathbb{R}$
- ▶ which information does a  $\mathbb{R}$  hold about  $\mathbb{T}$ ?
  - ▶ which  $\mathbb{T}$  are displaying  $\mathbb{R}$ ?



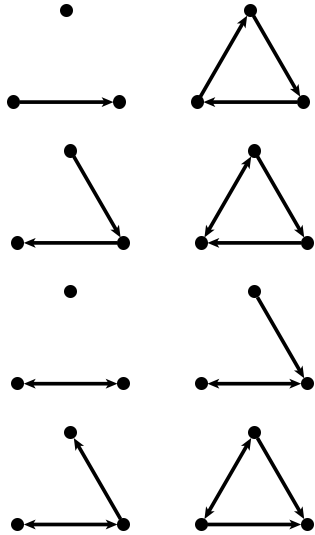
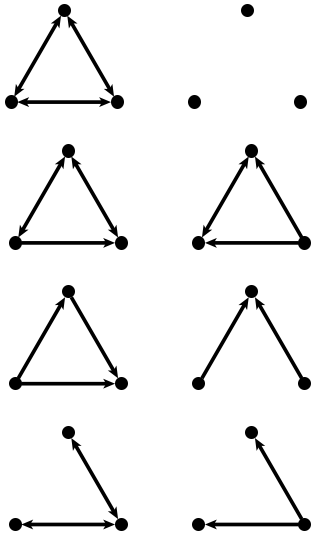
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allowed Triangles:

forbidden Triangles:



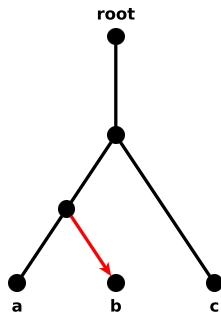
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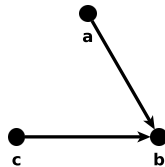


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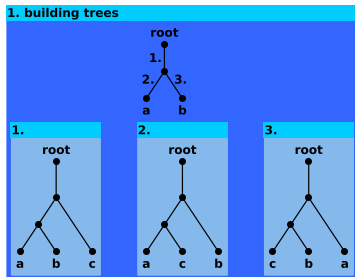
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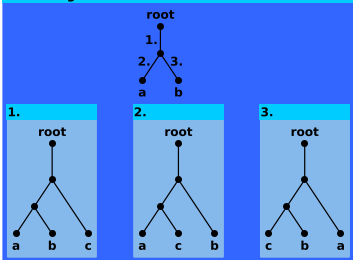


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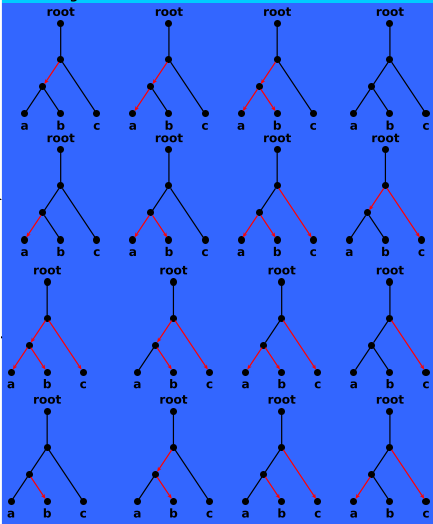


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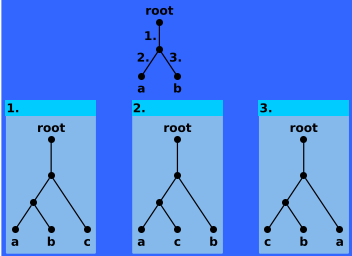


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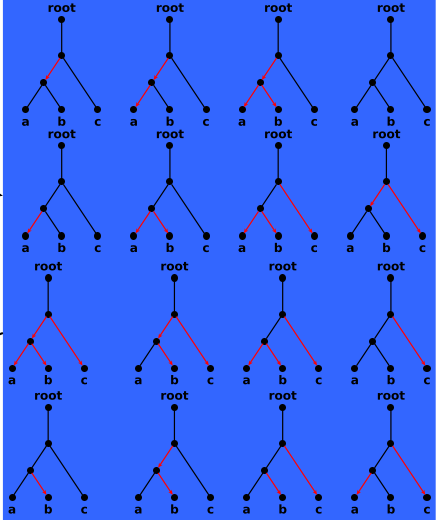


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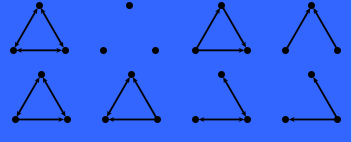
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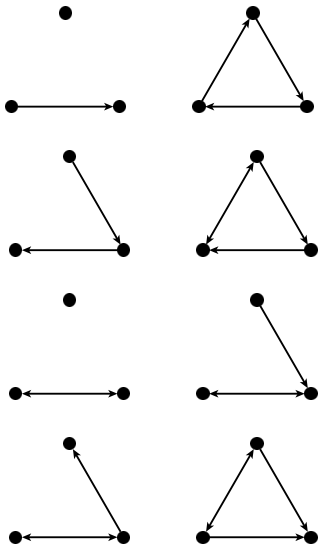
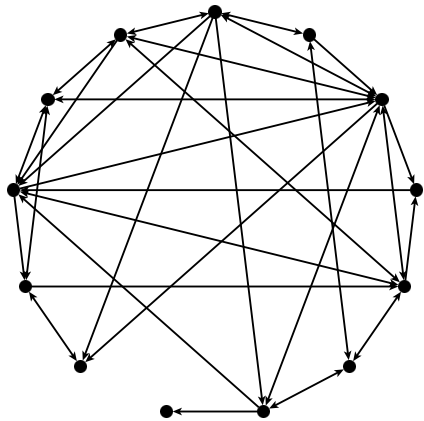
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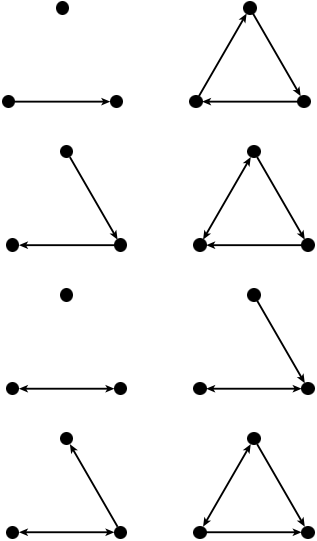
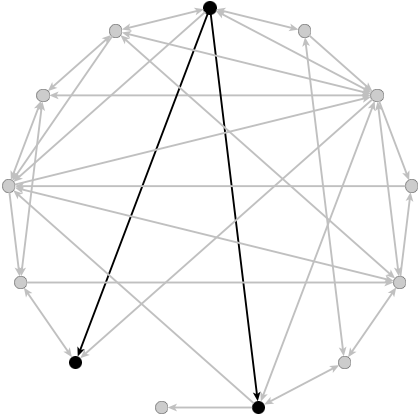
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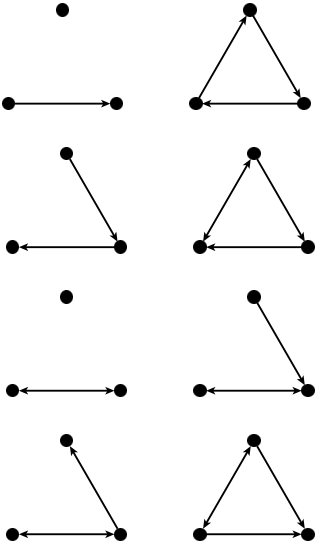
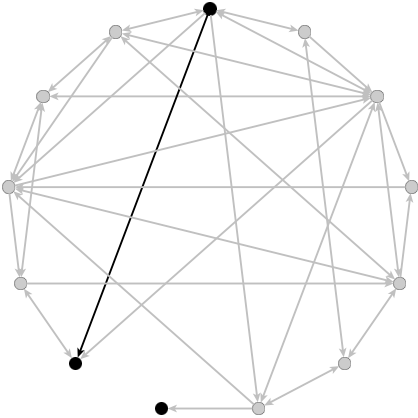


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a conjecture

Every  $\mathbb{R}$  that is not displayed by any  $\mathbb{T}$   
contains at least one forbidden Triplet.

end

thank you!

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