

Braiding trees: A new family of Thompson-like groups

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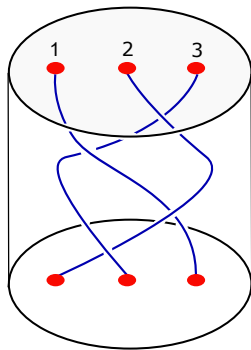
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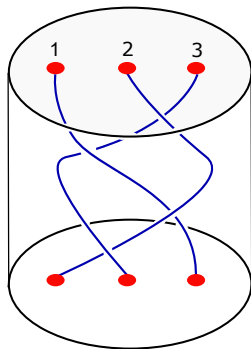
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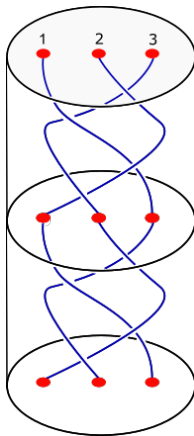


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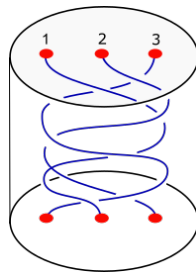
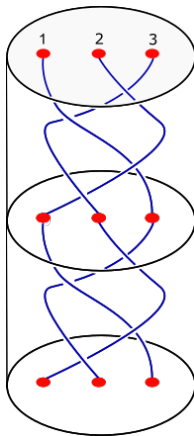


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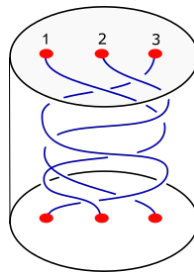
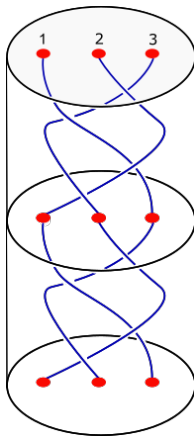
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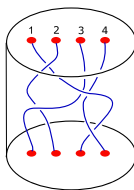


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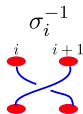
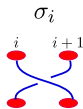
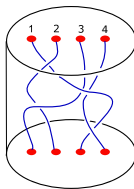


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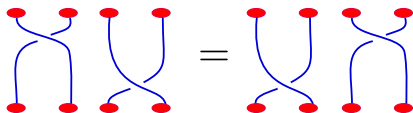
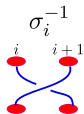
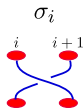
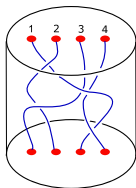
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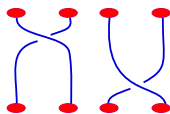
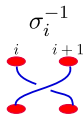
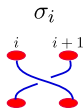
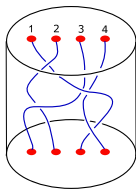
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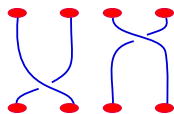
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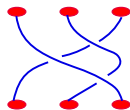
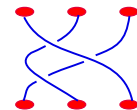
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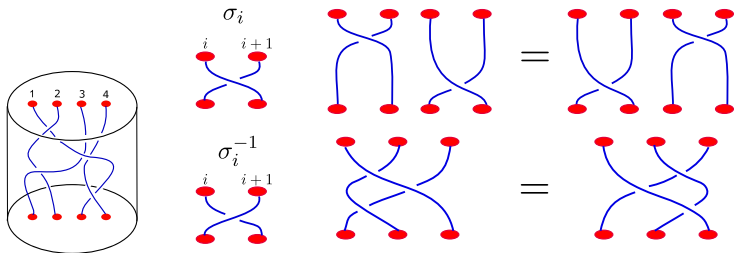
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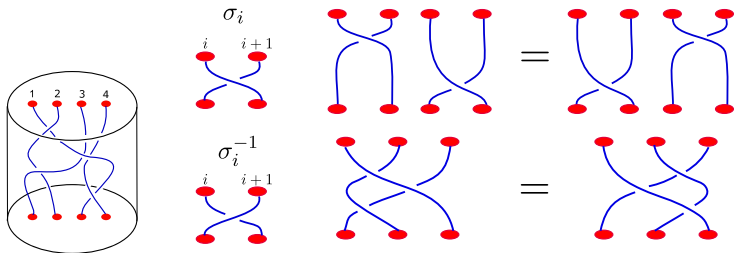


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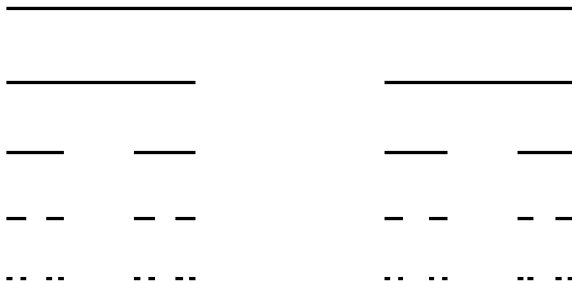
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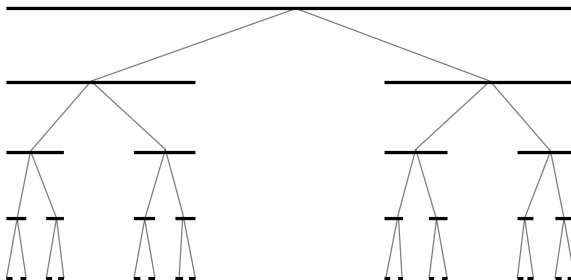
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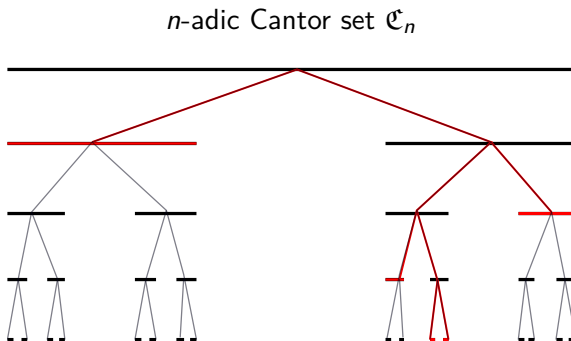


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Covers of $\mathfrak{C}_n \leftrightarrow$ rooted subtrees of the infinite n -regular tree

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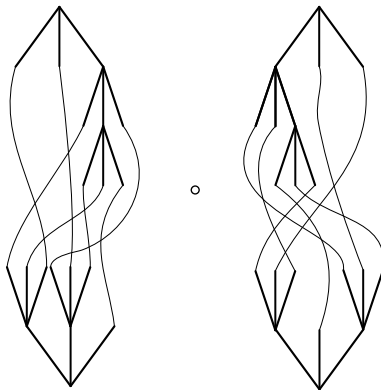
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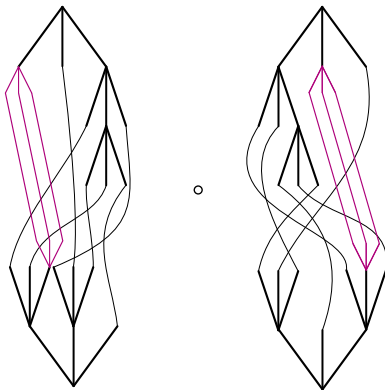
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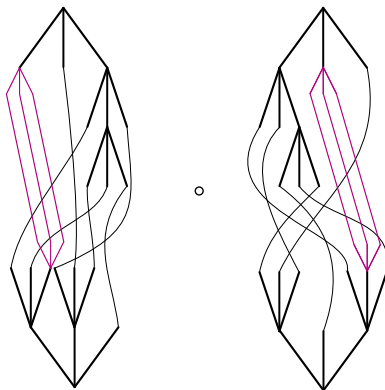
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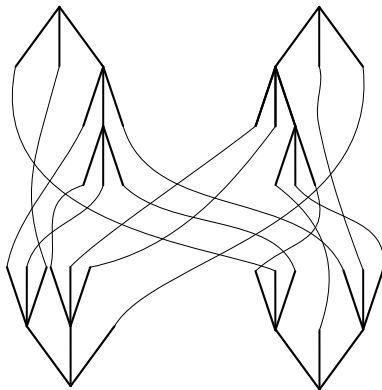
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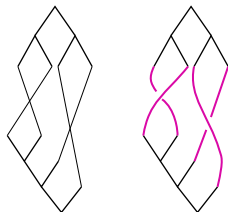
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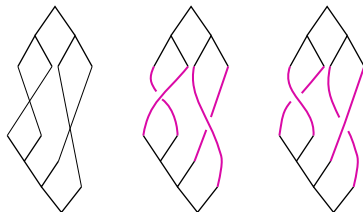
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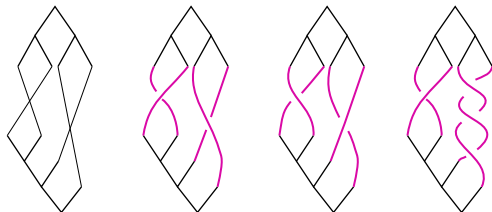
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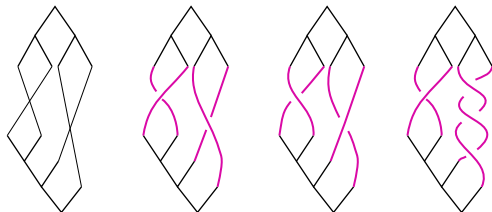
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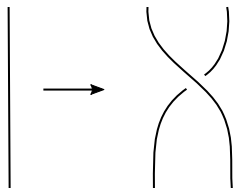


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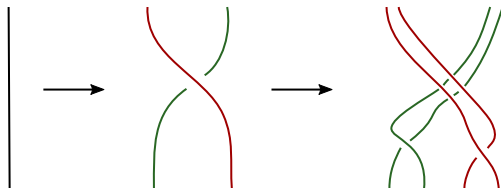


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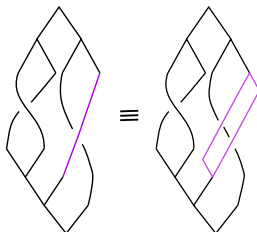
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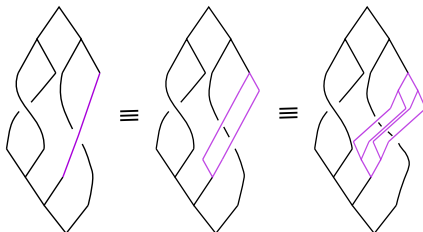
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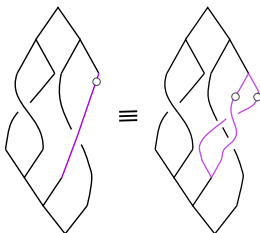
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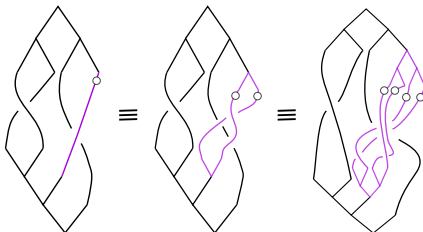
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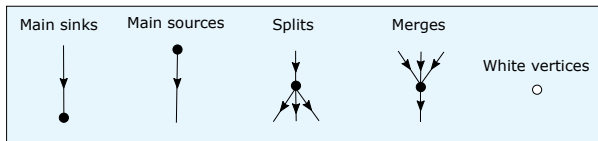
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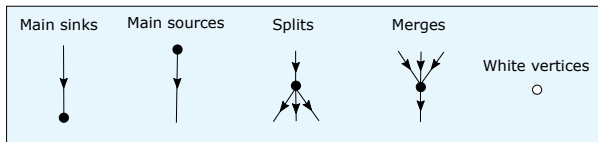
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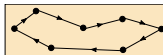


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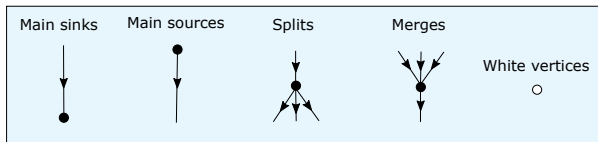


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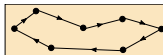


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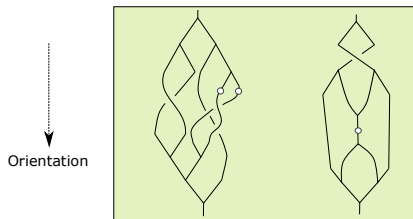
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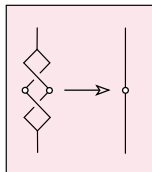


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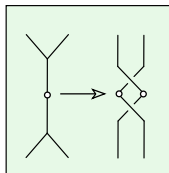
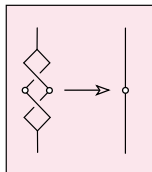
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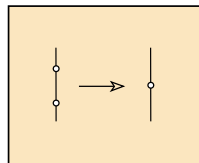
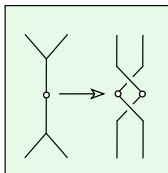
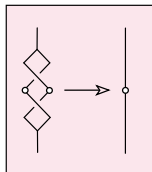
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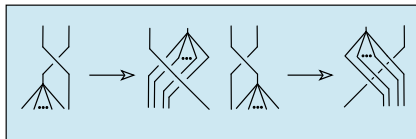
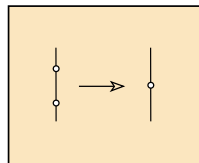
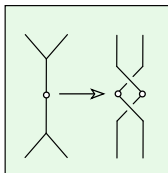
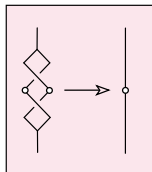
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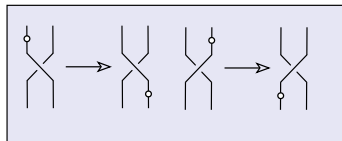
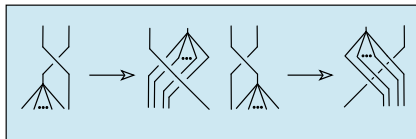
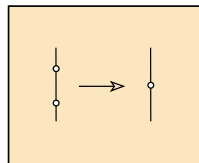
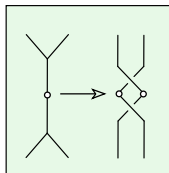
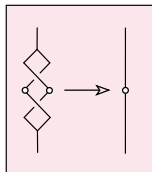
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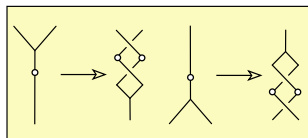
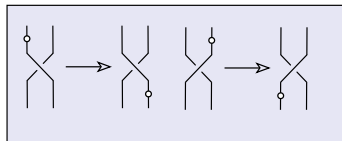
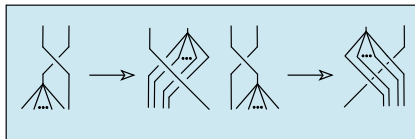
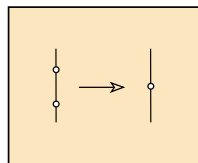
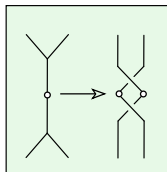
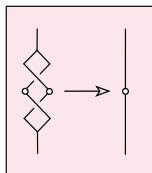
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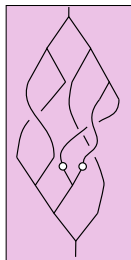
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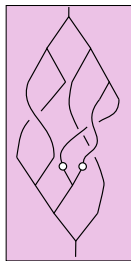
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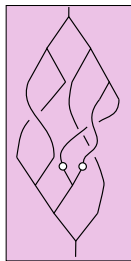
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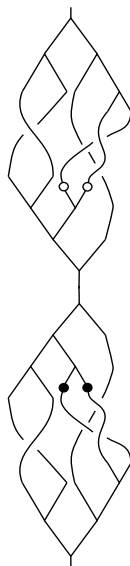
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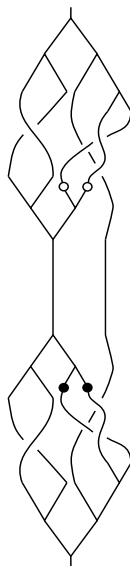
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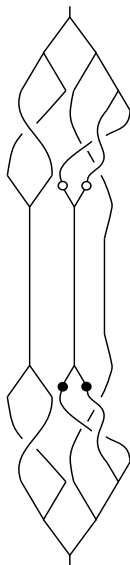
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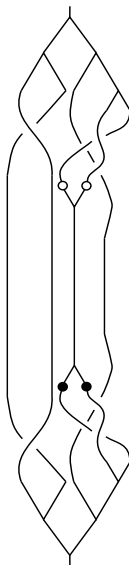
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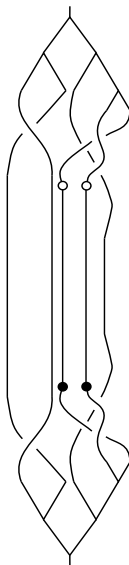
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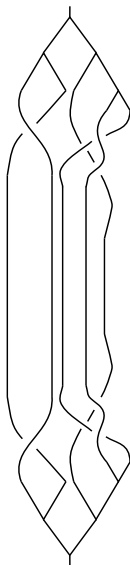
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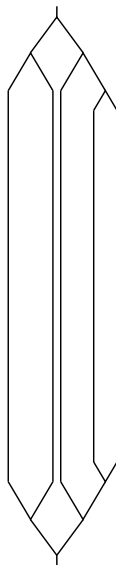
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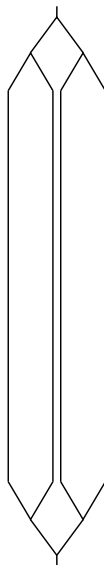
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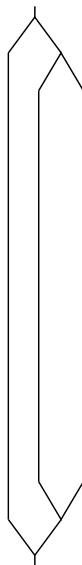
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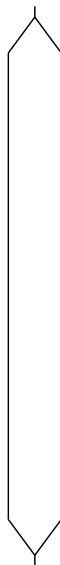
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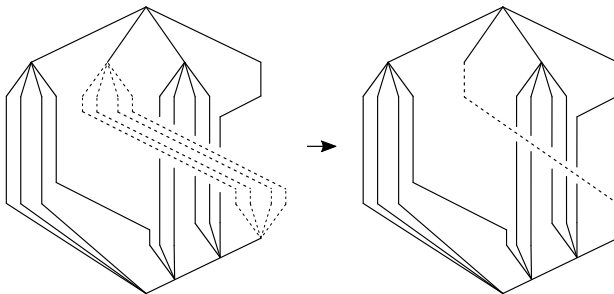
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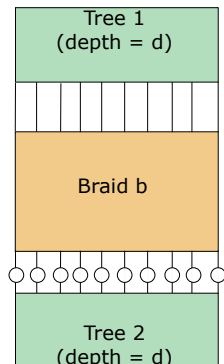
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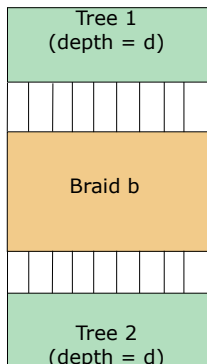
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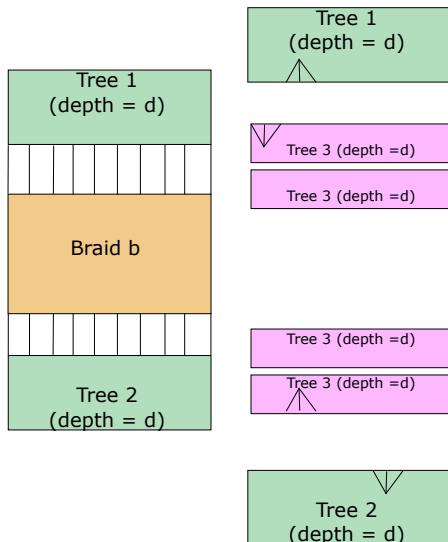
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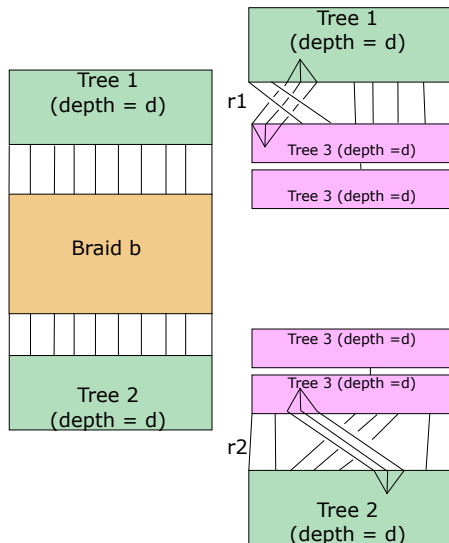
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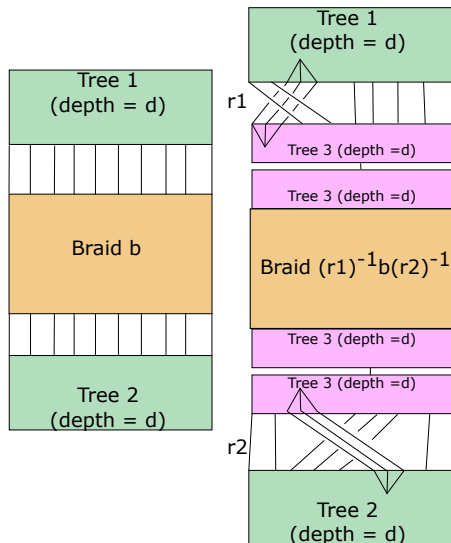
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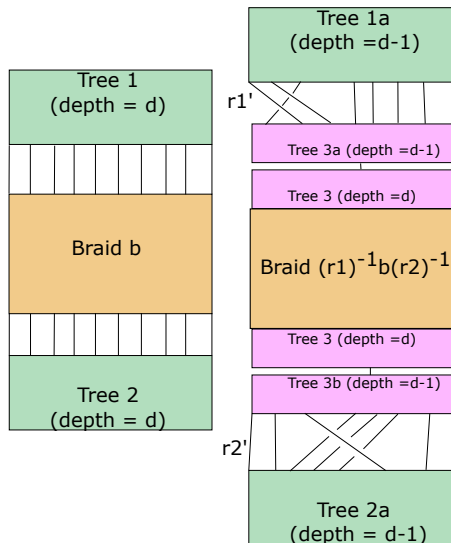
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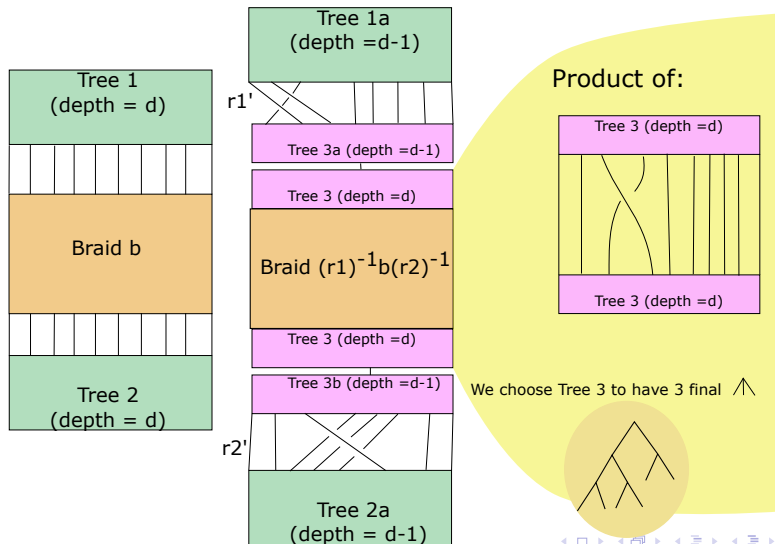
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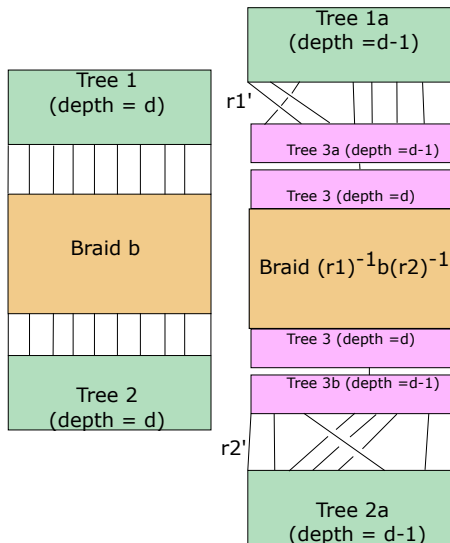
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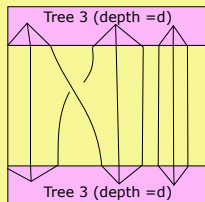
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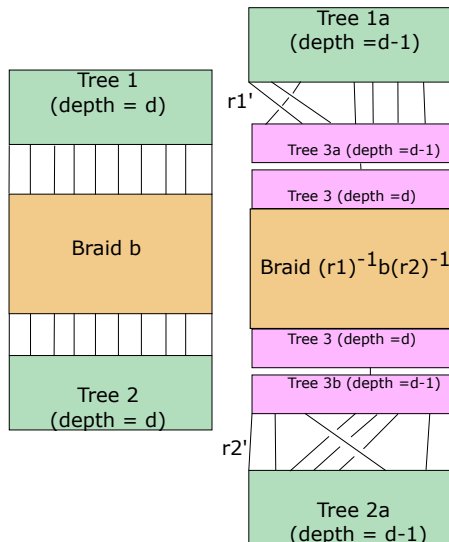
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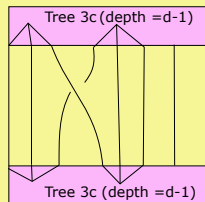
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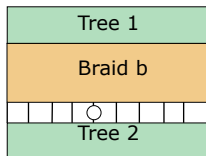
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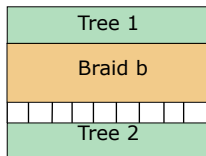
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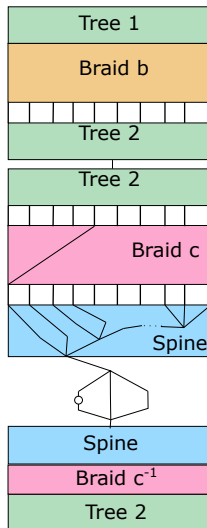
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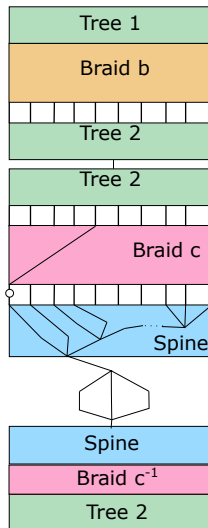
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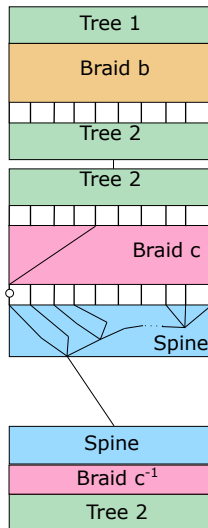
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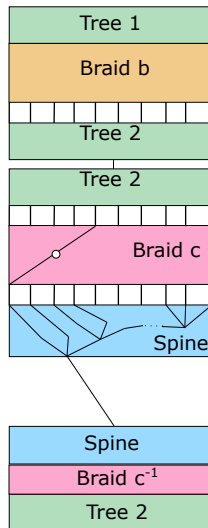
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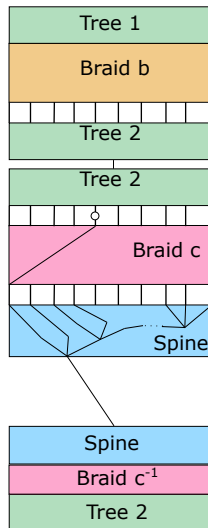
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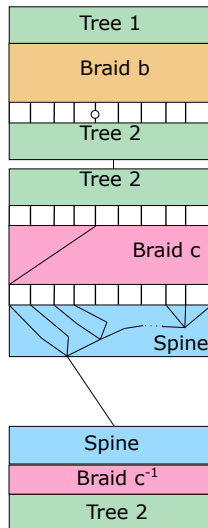
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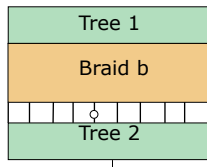
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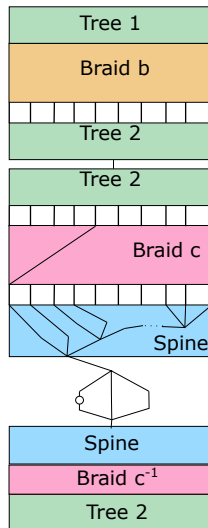
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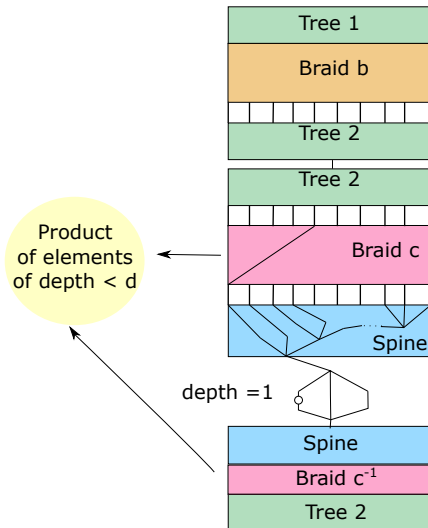
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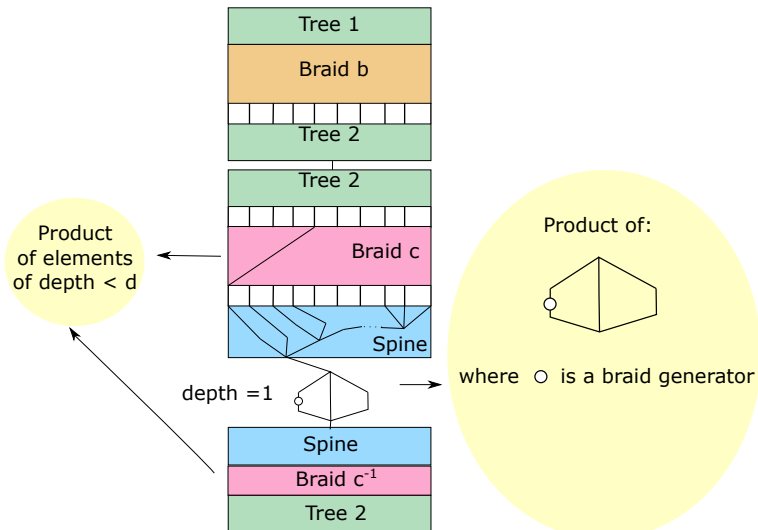
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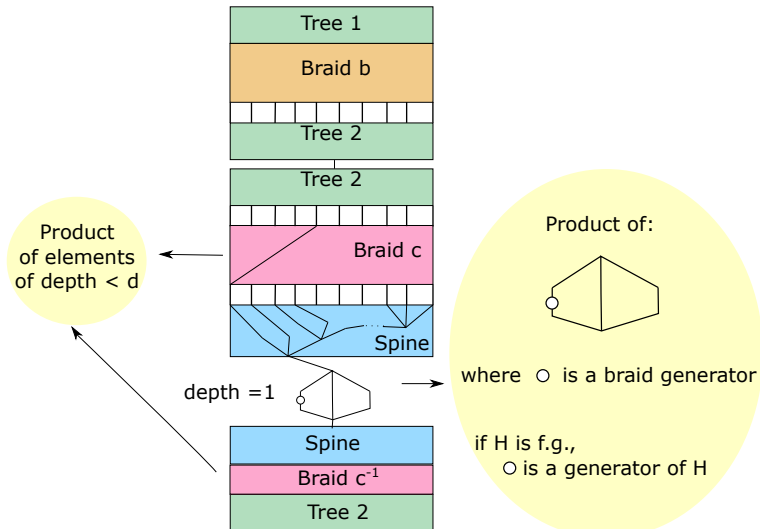
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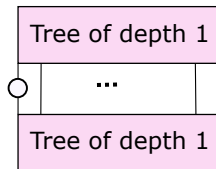
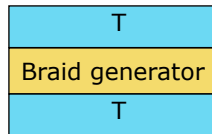
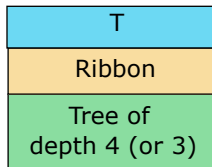
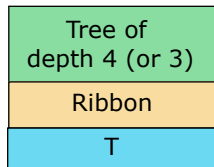
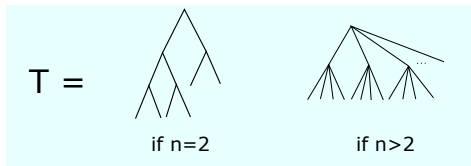


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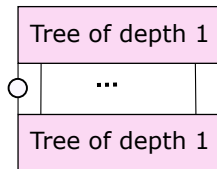
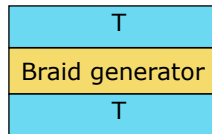
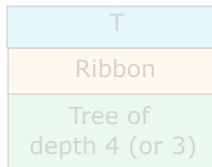
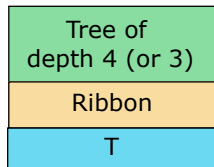
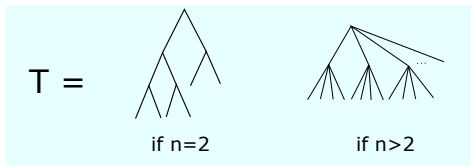


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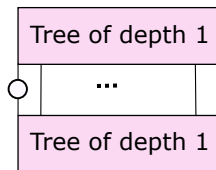
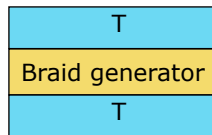
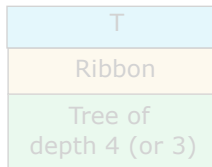
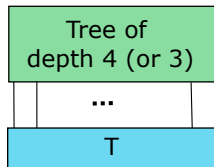
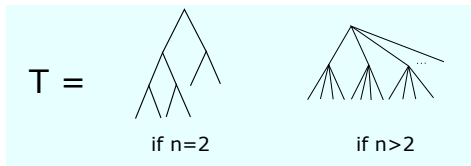
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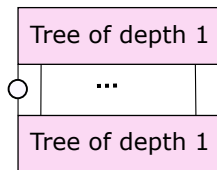
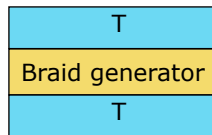
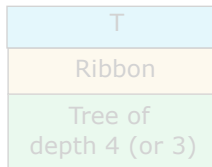
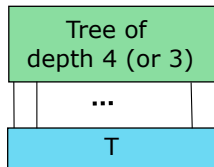
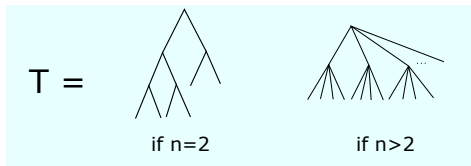
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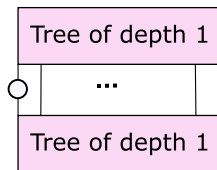
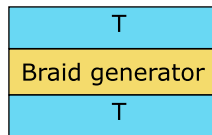
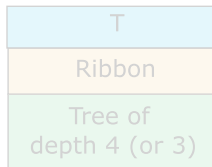
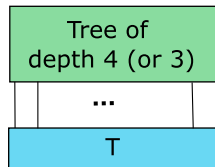
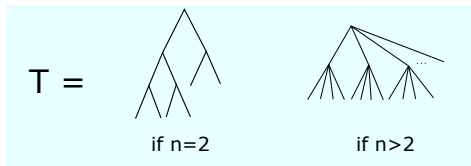


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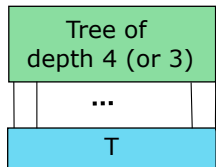
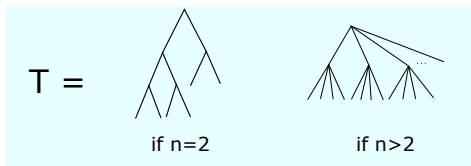
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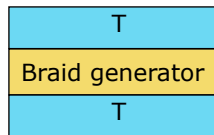
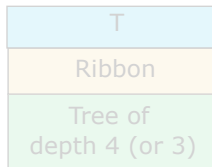


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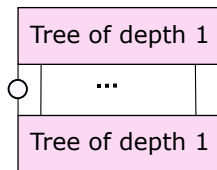
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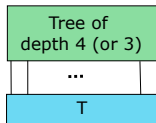


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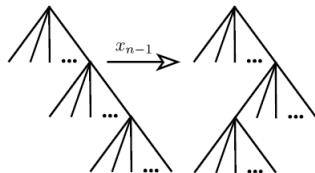
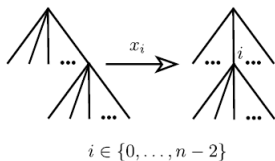


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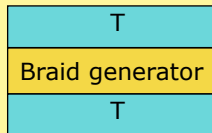
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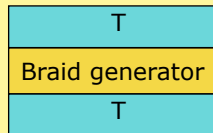
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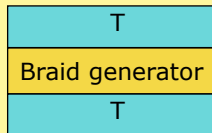


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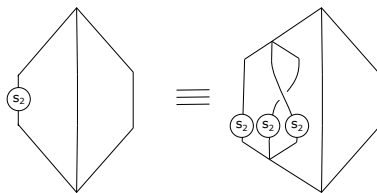
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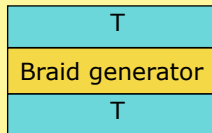
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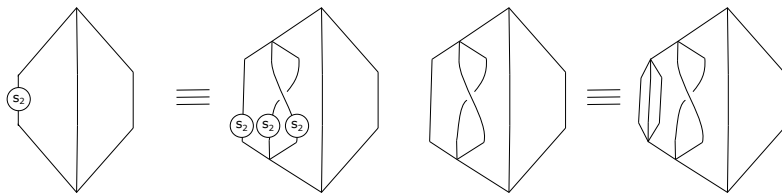
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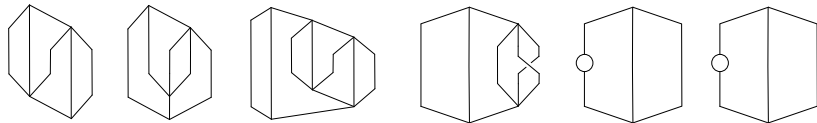
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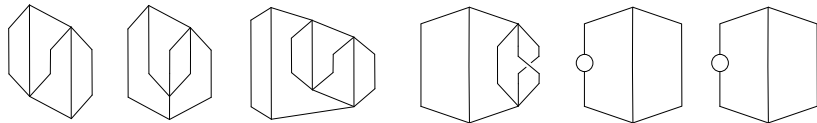


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