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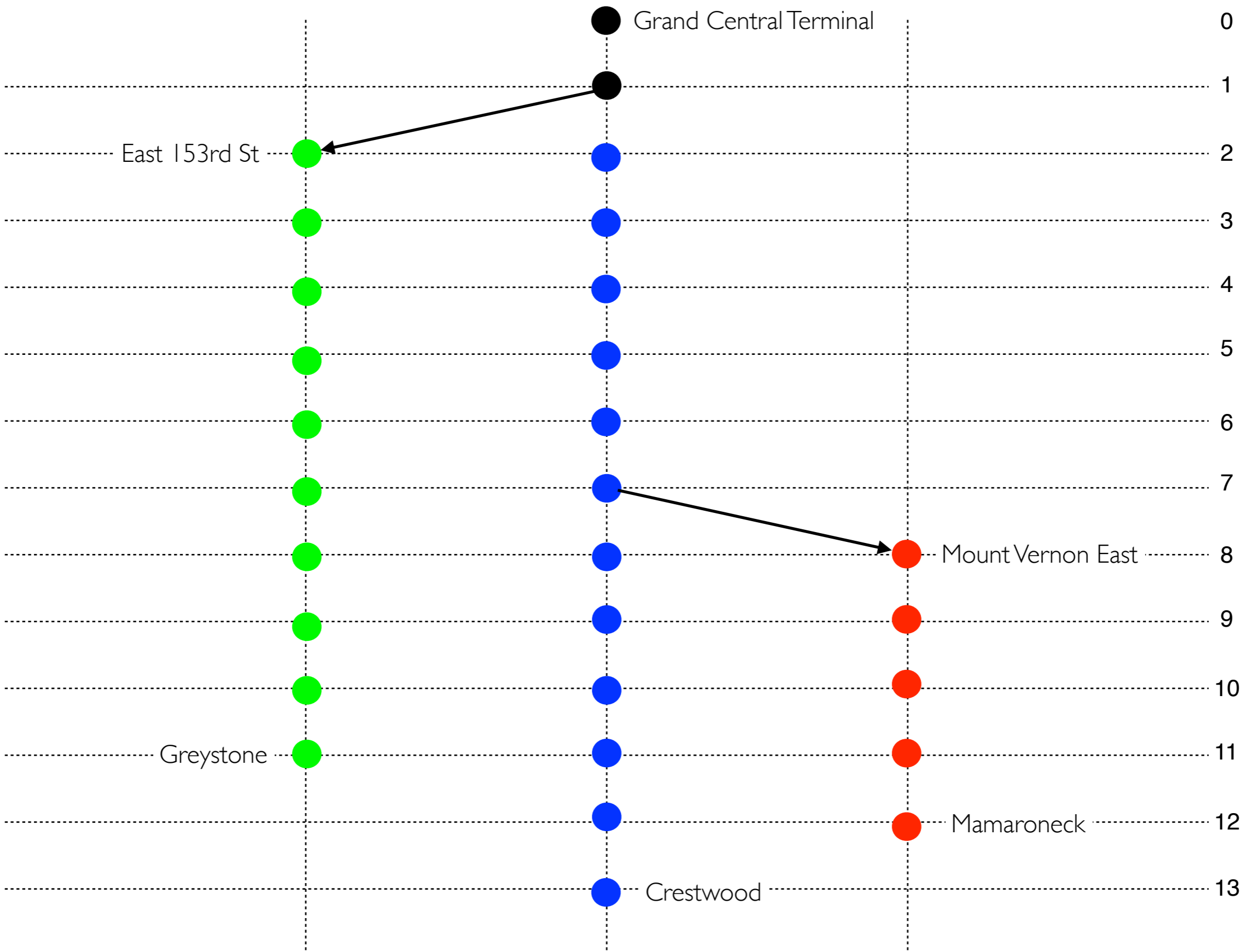
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Suppose we wish to prove the formula $[p \vee (q \wedge r)] \supset [(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)]$.
The following is a tableau which does this; the explanation is given
immediately following the tableau:

(1) $F[p \vee (q \wedge r)] \supset [(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)]$			
(2) $Tp \vee (q \wedge r)$			
(3) $F(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$			
(4) Tp		(5) $T(q \wedge r)$	
(8) $F(p \vee q)$		(6) Tq	
(12) Fp		(7) Tr	
(13) Fq			
X	(9) $F(p \vee r)$	(10) $F(p \vee q)$	(11) $F(p \vee r)$
	(14) Fp	(16) Fp	(18) Fp
	(15) Fr	(17) Fq	(19) Fr
	X	X	X

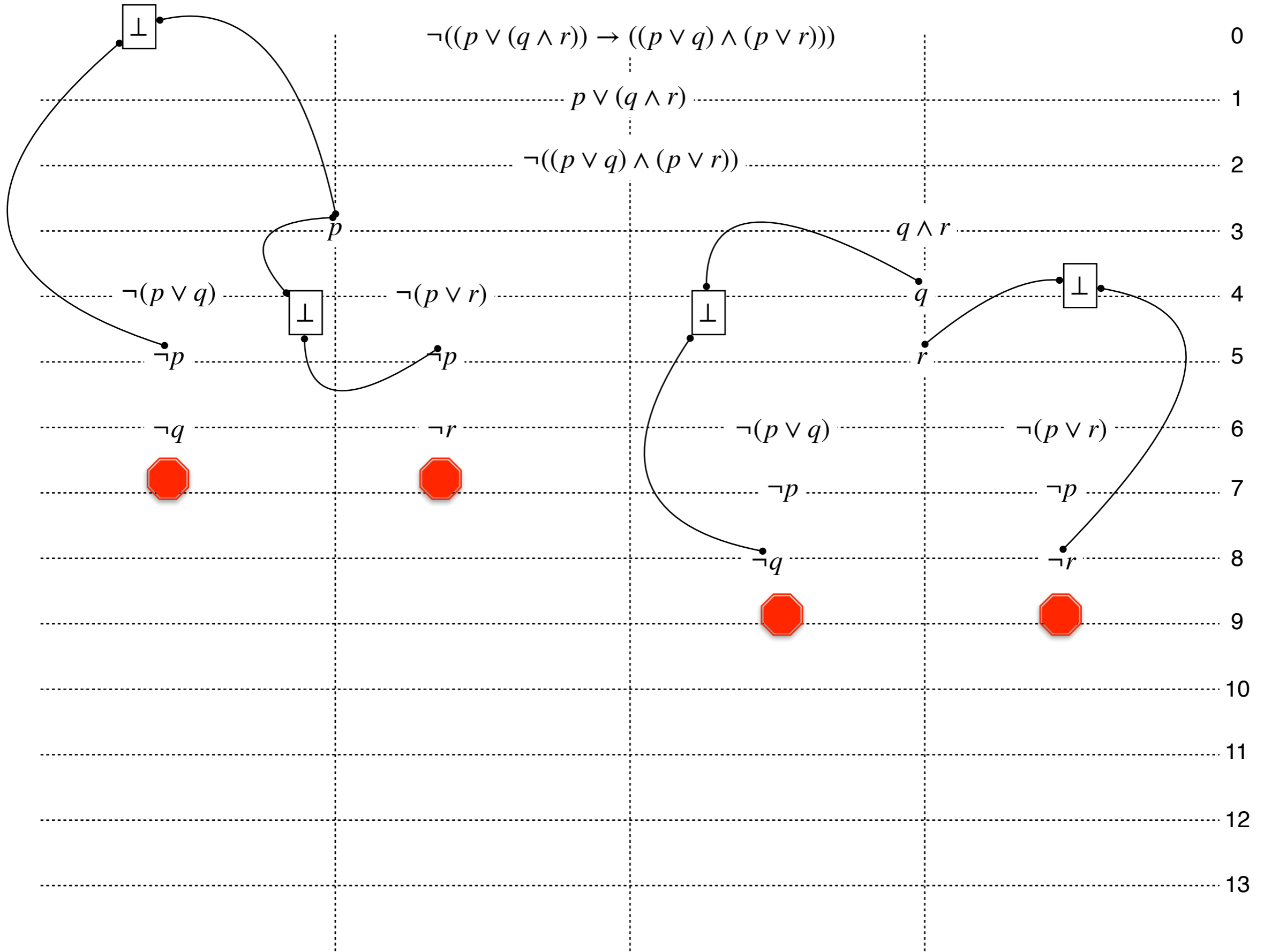
$$\vdash (p \vee (q \wedge r)) \rightarrow ((p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)) \quad ?$$

	$\neg((p \vee (q \wedge r)) \rightarrow ((p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)))$			0	
	$p \vee (q \wedge r)$			1	
	$\neg((p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r))$			2	
	p		$q \wedge r$	3	
$\neg(p \vee q)$		$\neg(p \vee r)$	q	4	
$\neg p$		$\neg p$	r	5	
$\neg q$		$\neg r$	$\neg(p \vee q)$	$\neg(p \vee r)$	6
			$\neg p$	$\neg p$	7
			$\neg q$	$\neg r$	8
					9
					10
					11
					12
					13

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$\exists x \forall y [R(x, y) \leftrightarrow \neg R(y, y)] \quad ?$

0

$\forall y [R(a, y) \leftrightarrow \neg R(y, y)]$

1

$R(a, a) \leftrightarrow \neg R(a, a)$

2

p

$q \wedge r$

3

$\neg(p \vee q)$

$\neg(p \vee r)$

q

4

$\neg p$

$\neg p$

r

5

$\neg q$

$\neg r$

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$\neg(p \vee r)$

6

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Exhortation ...

Make sure you're up-to-date-ish now
after Spring Break on HyperGrader[®]'s
current (**Required** = Homework)
Problems, currently due

Apr 20 2026 11:59pm NY time.

More FOL etc problems of course
forthcoming shortly ... but let's do one
...

**New in-class problem published, with
needed tableau/truth-tree work ...**

Tableaux/Truth Trees vs. Truth Tables

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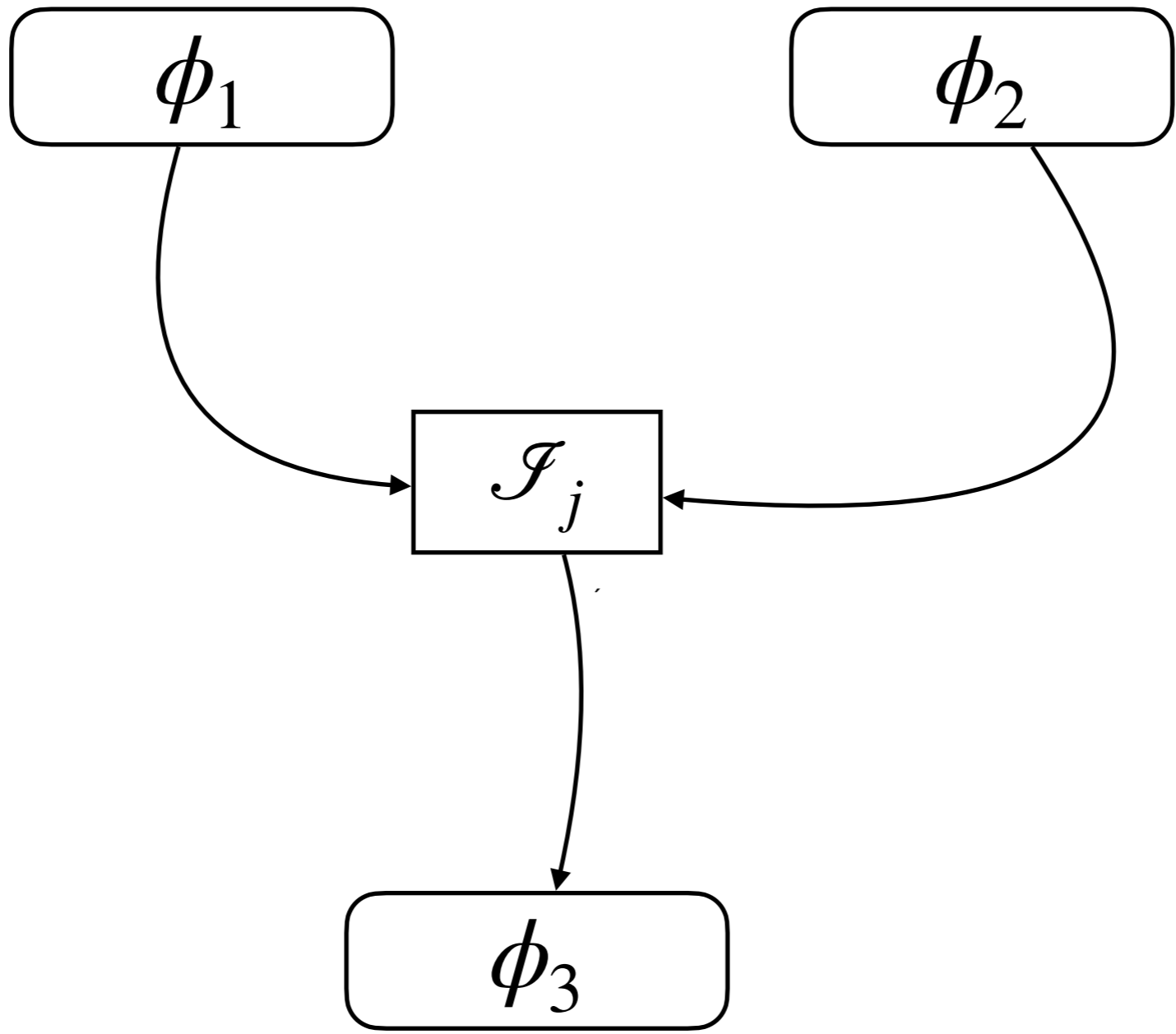
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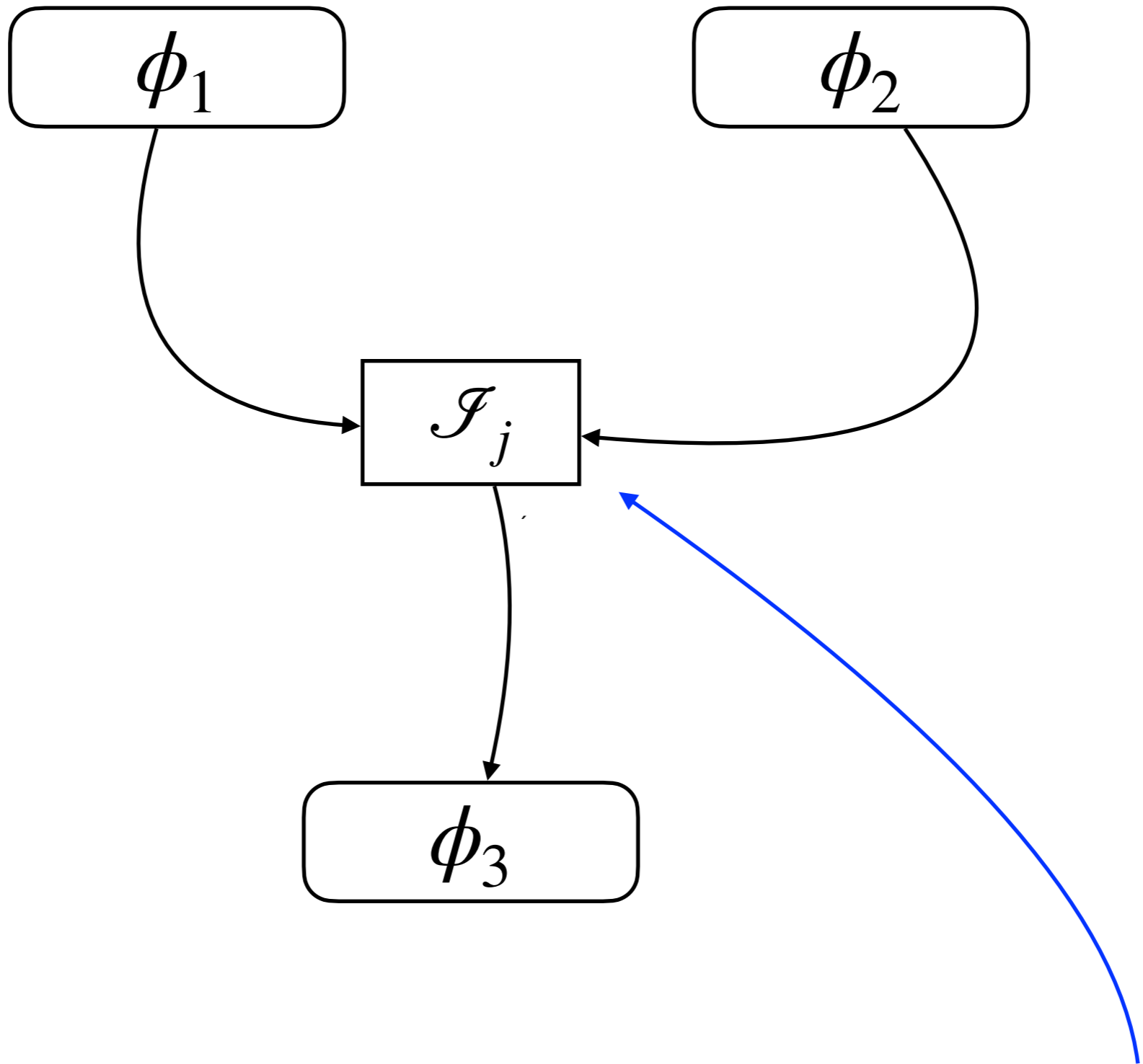


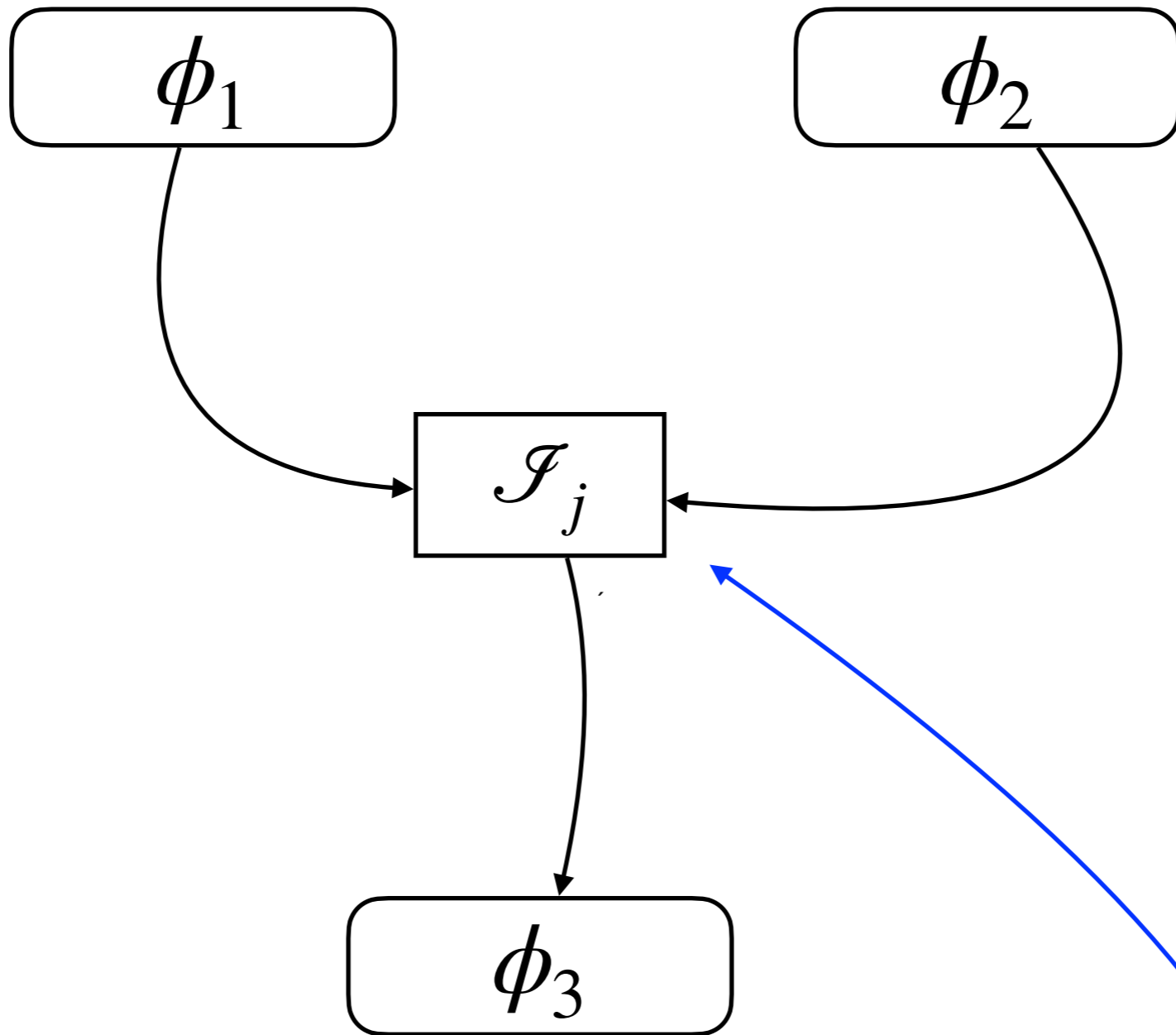
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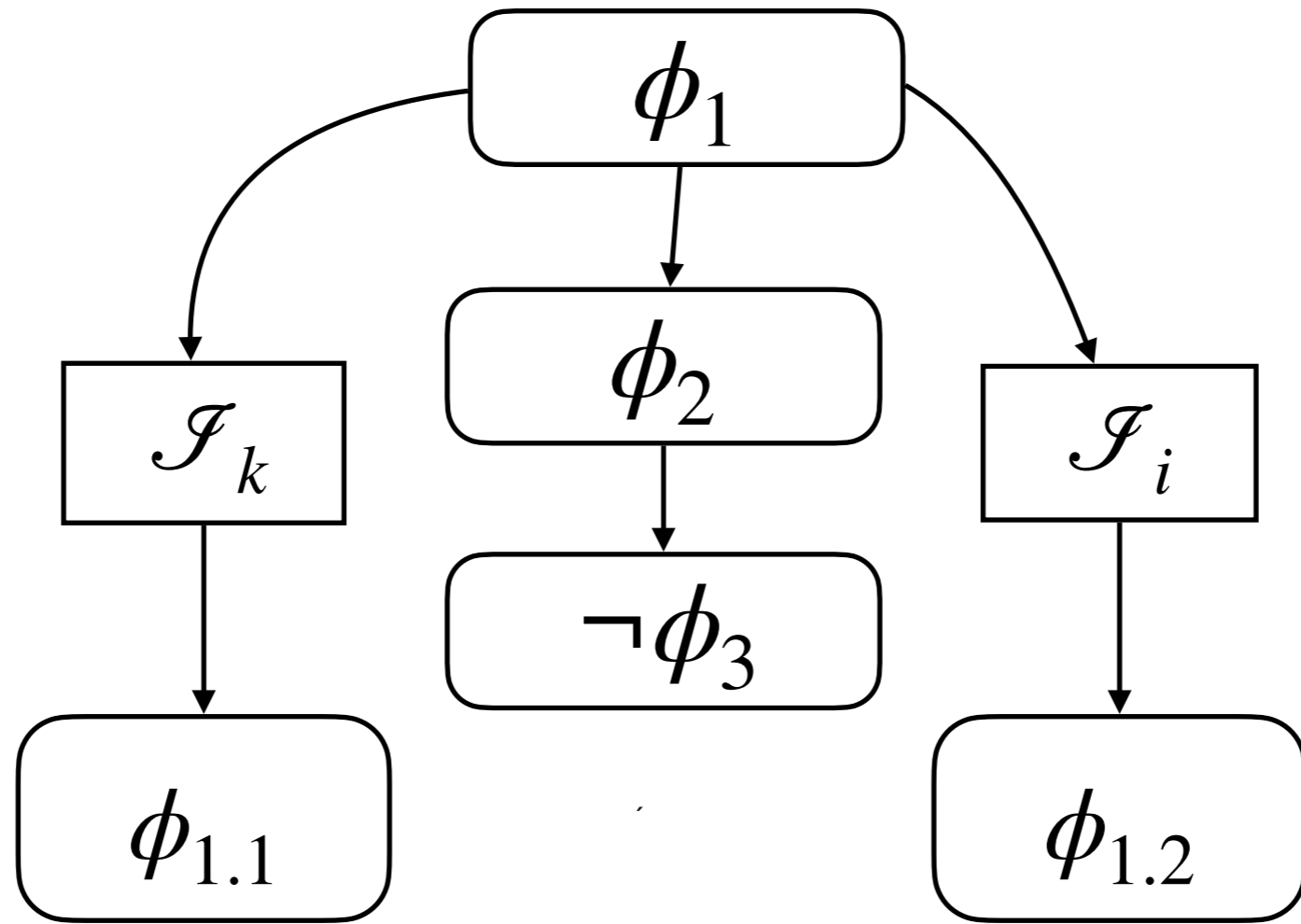
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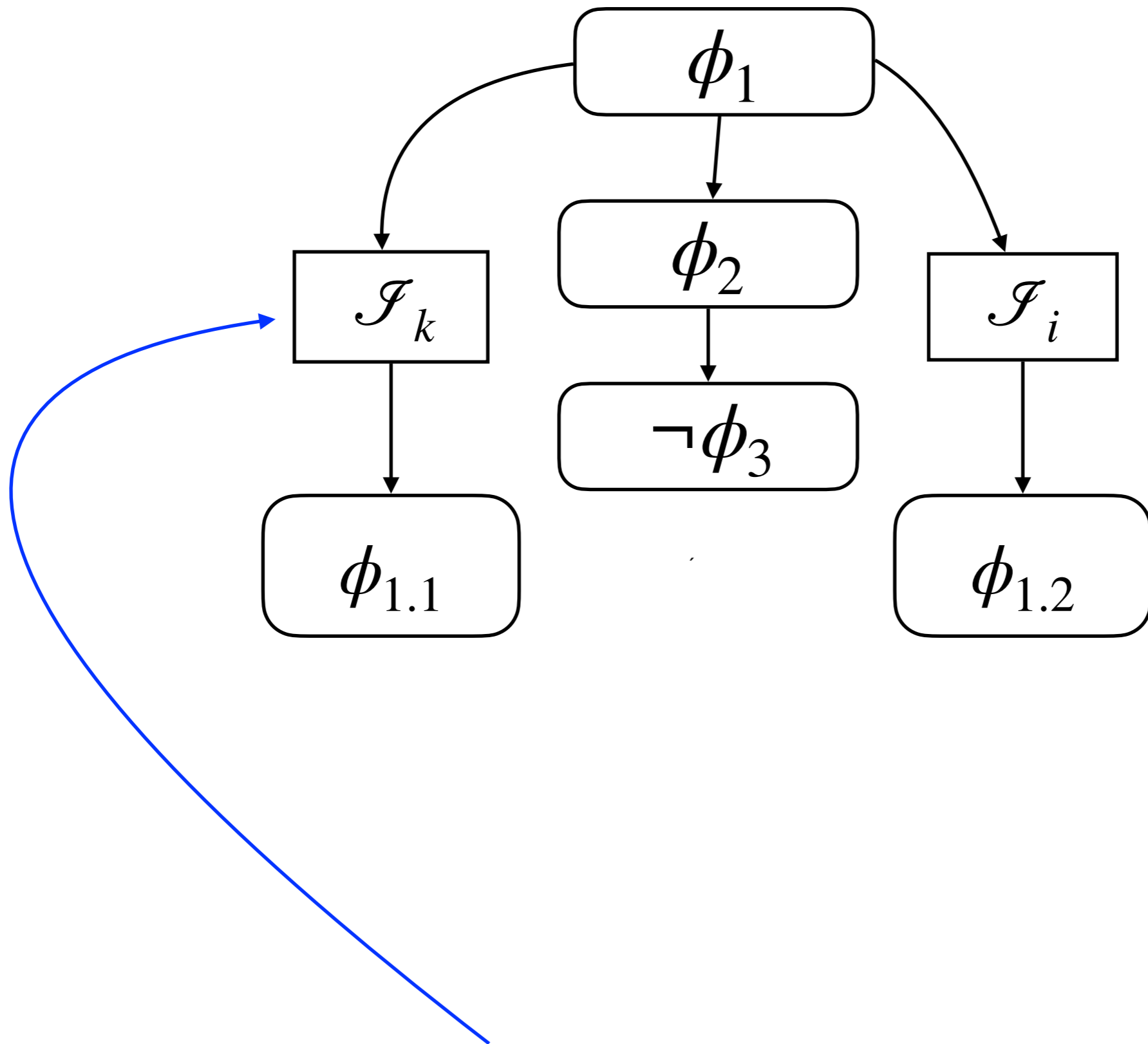


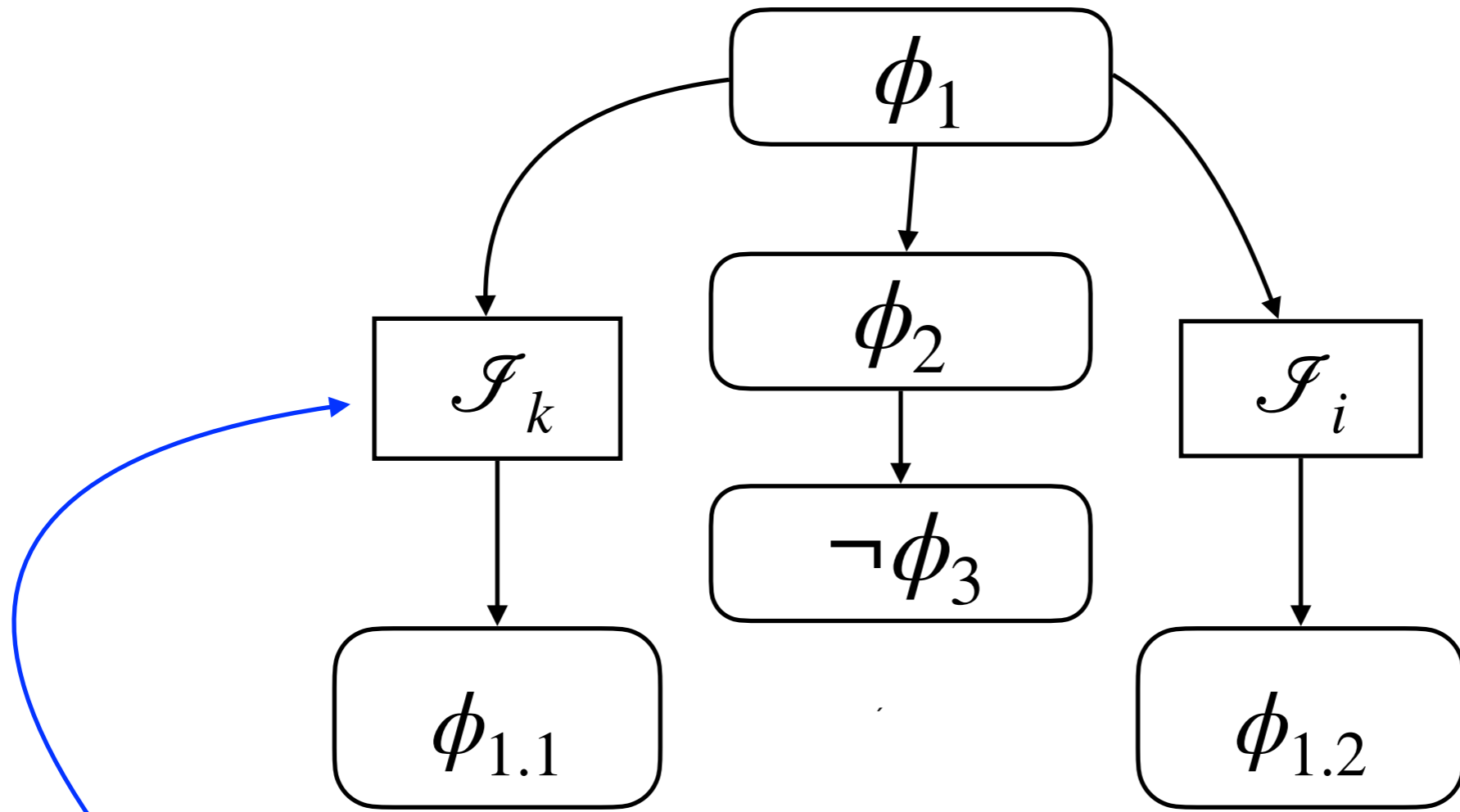




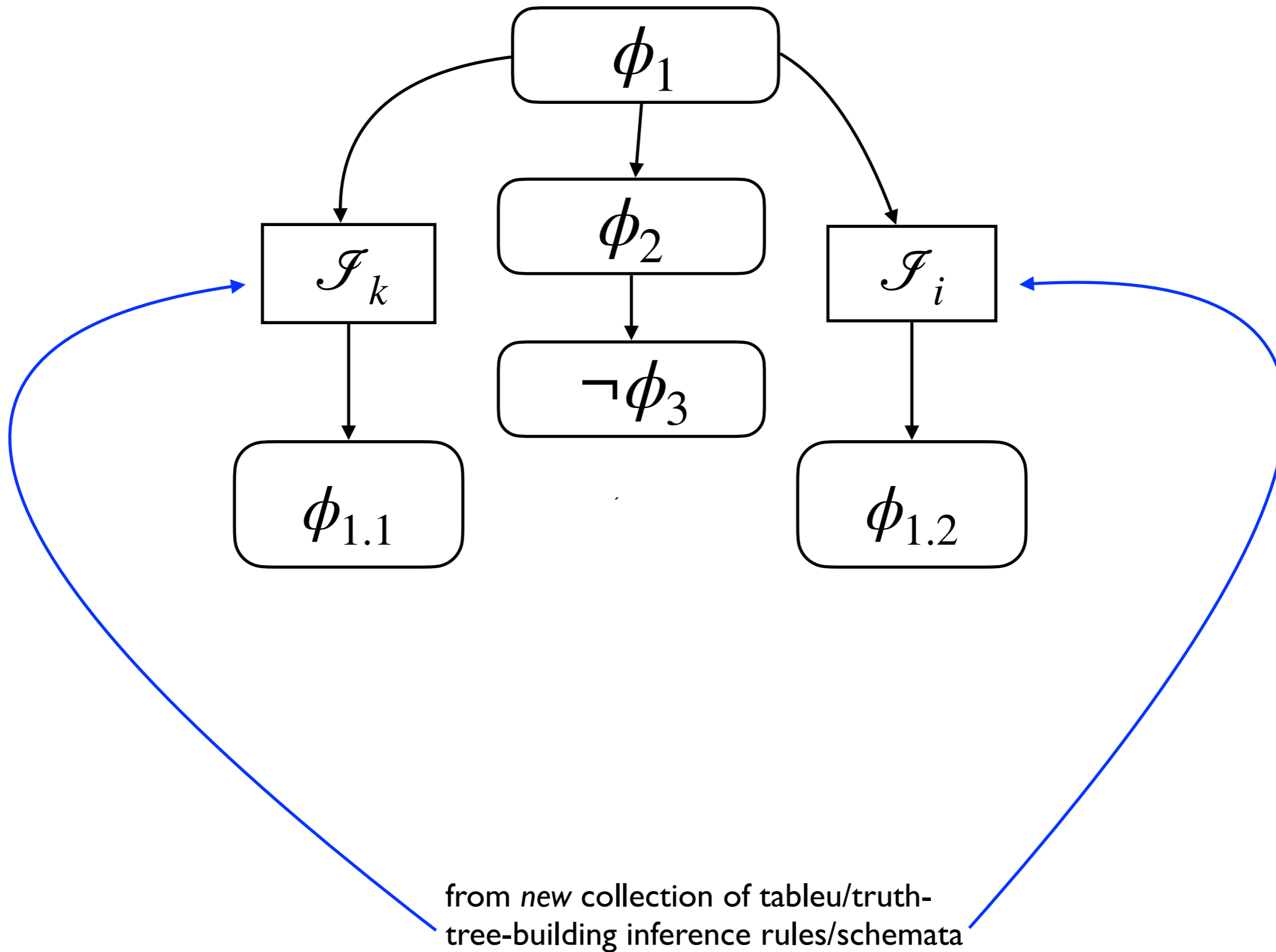
from our collection of natural-
deduction inference rules/schemata







from *new* collection of tableau/truth-tree-building inference rules/schemata



$\{P \rightarrow Q, P\} \vdash Q$

GIVEN1. $P \rightarrow Q$

PC \vdash ~~X~~

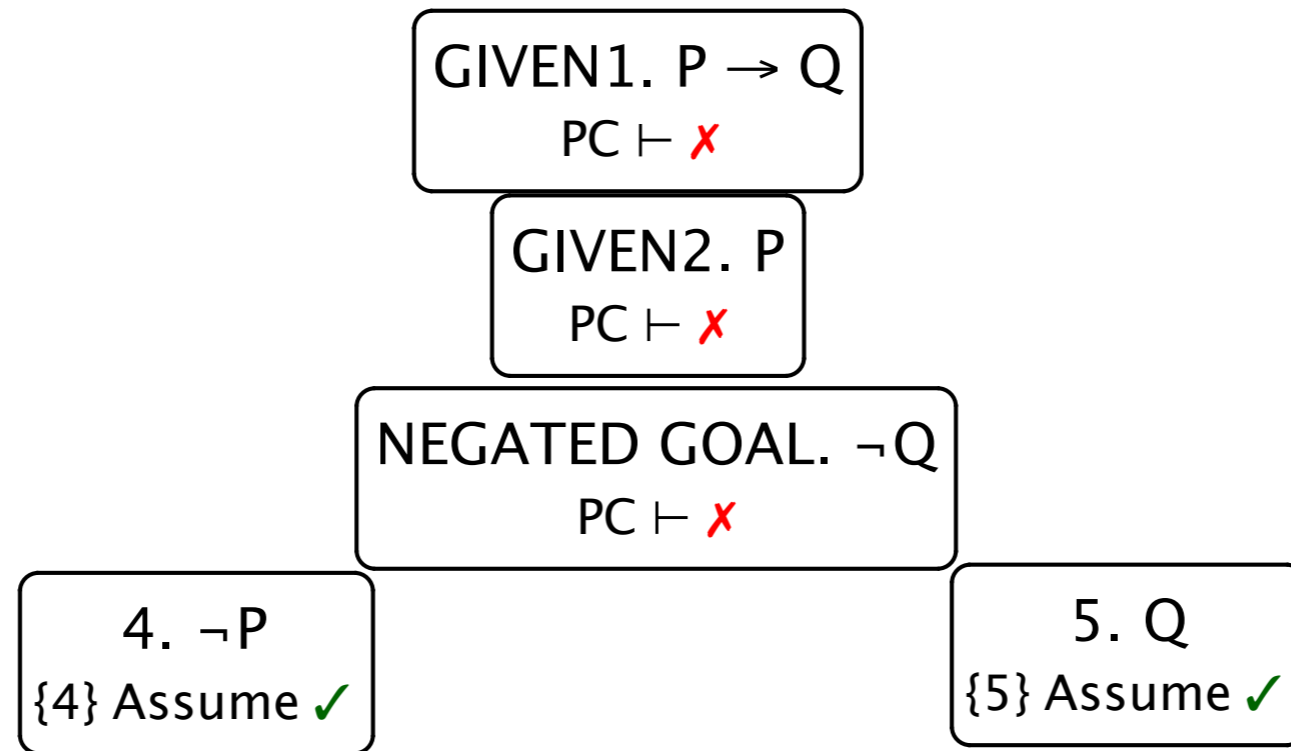
GIVEN2. P

PC \vdash ~~X~~

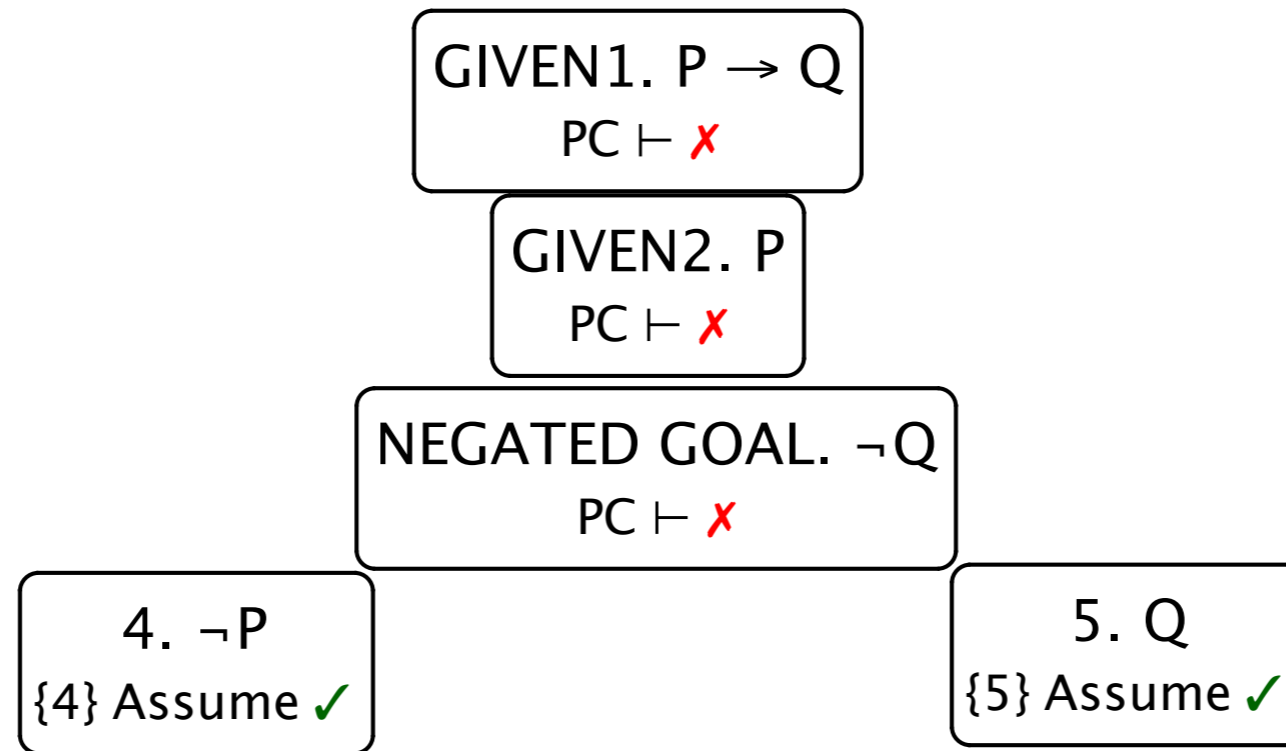
NEGATED GOAL. $\neg Q$

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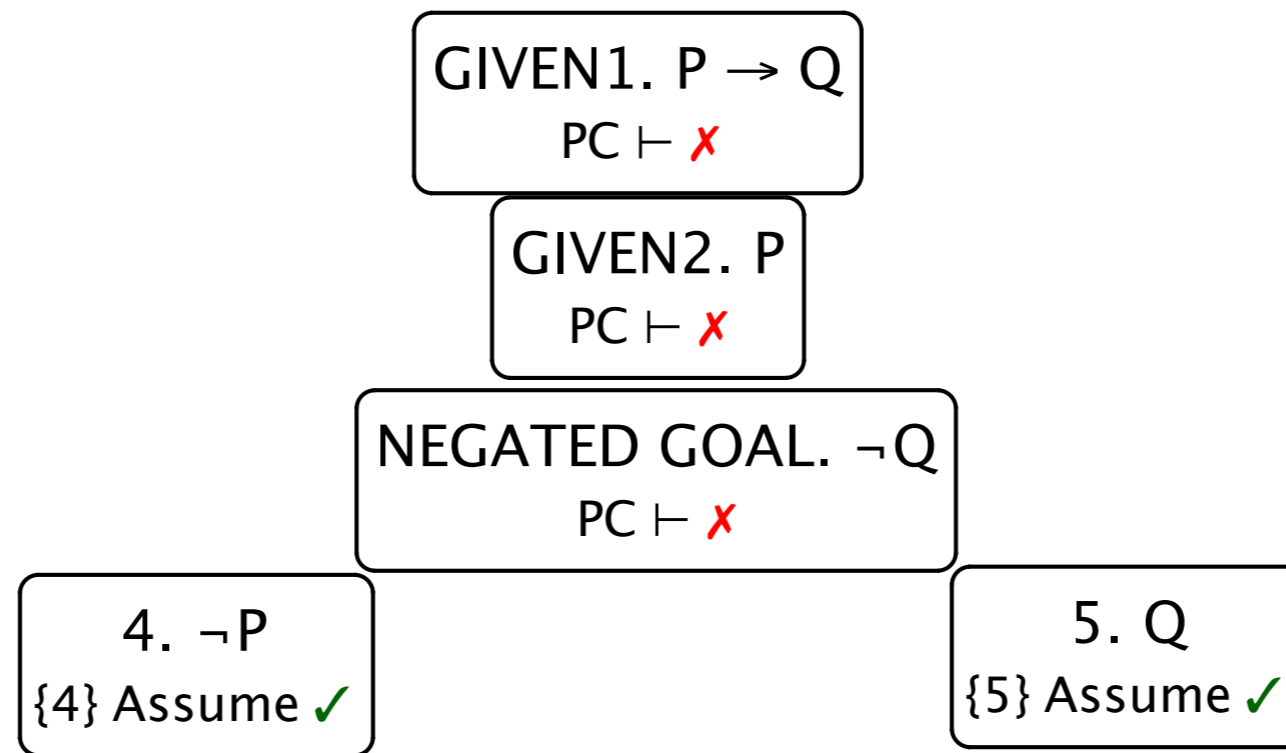
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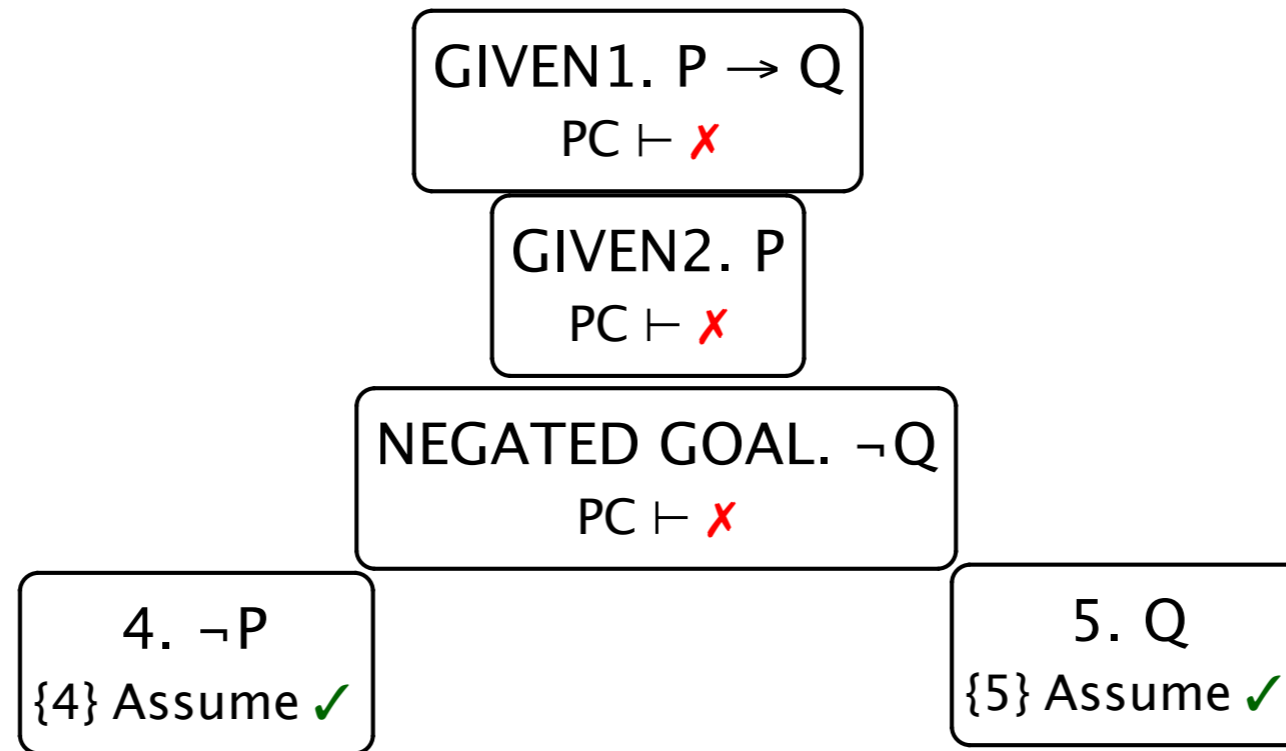


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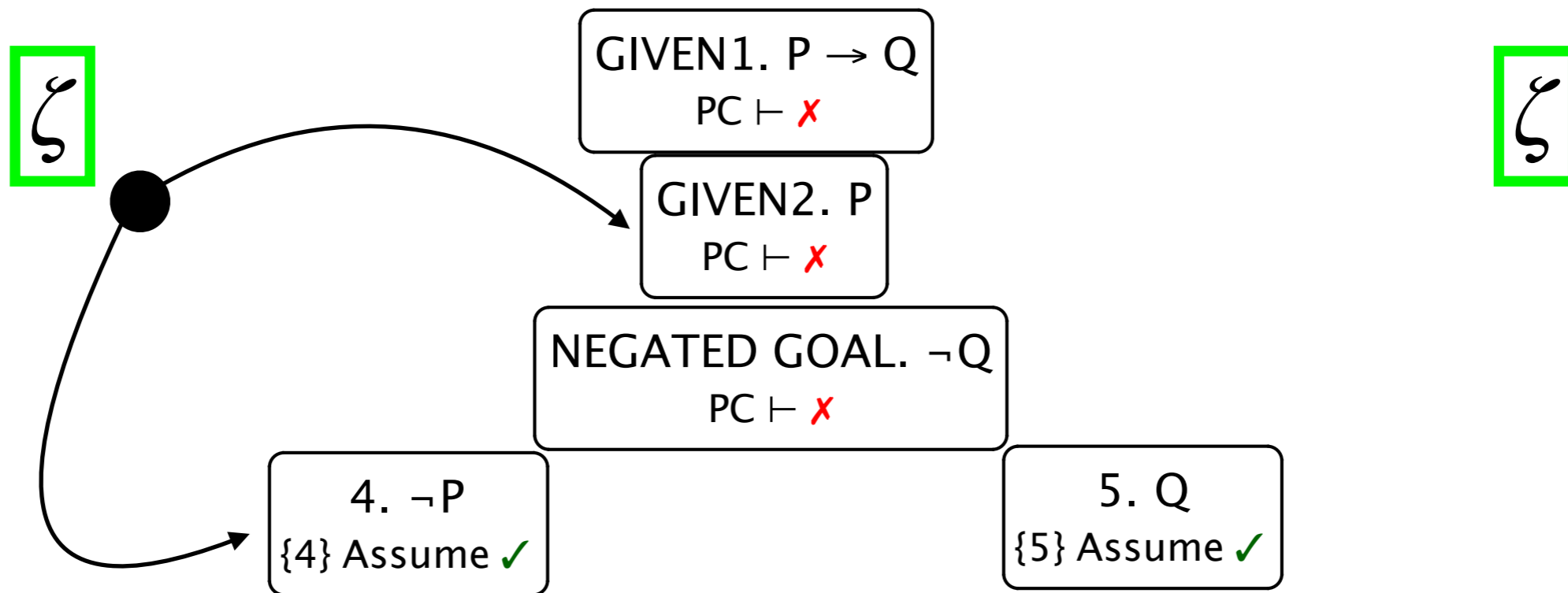
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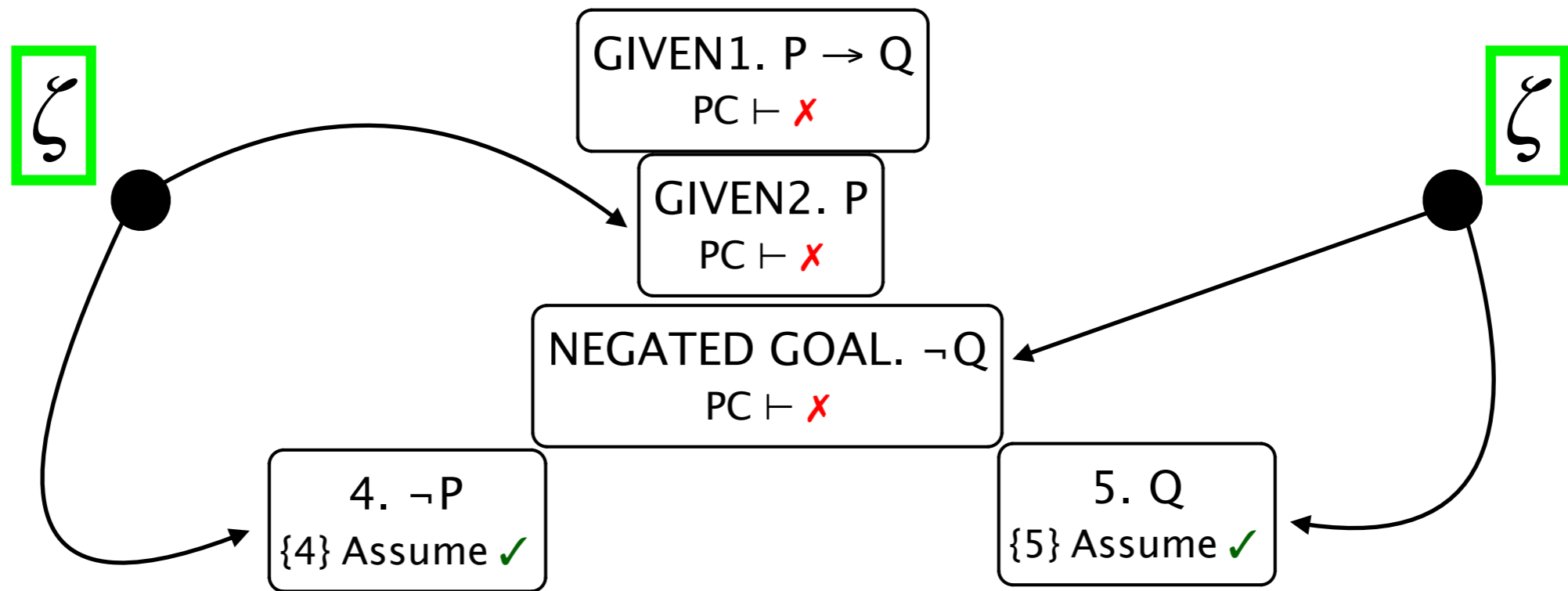
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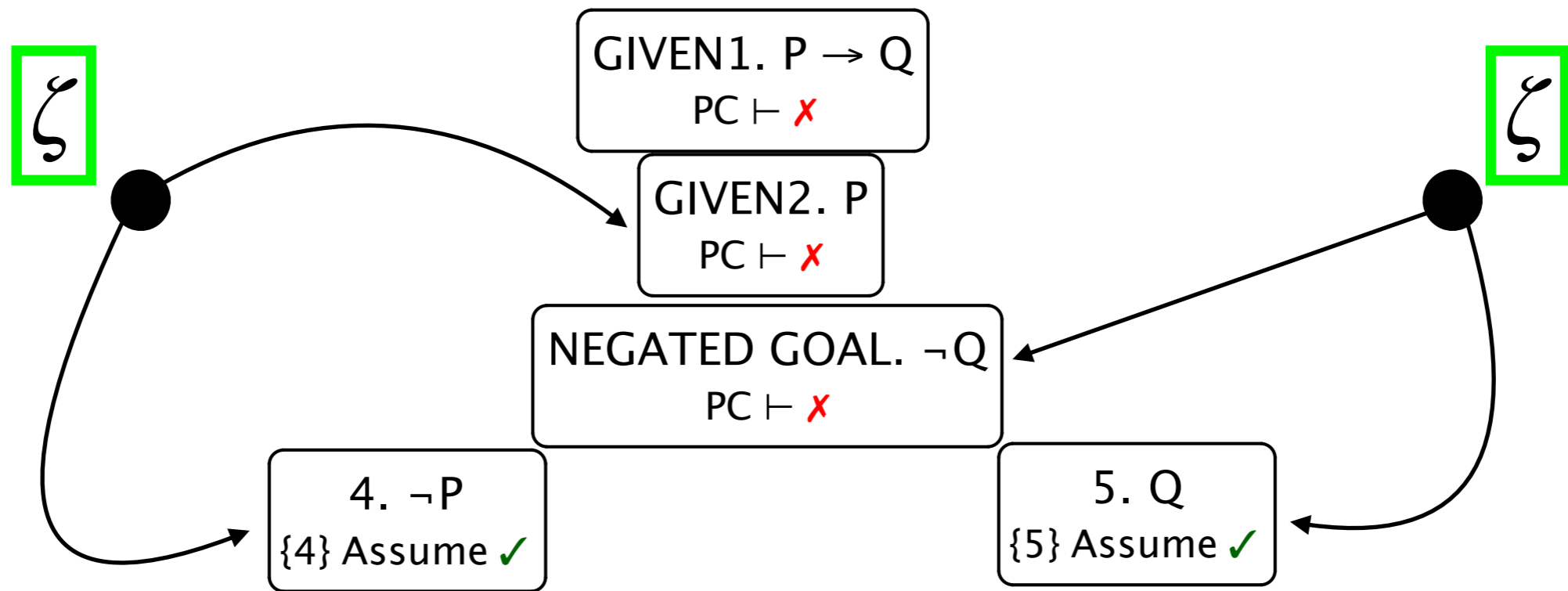
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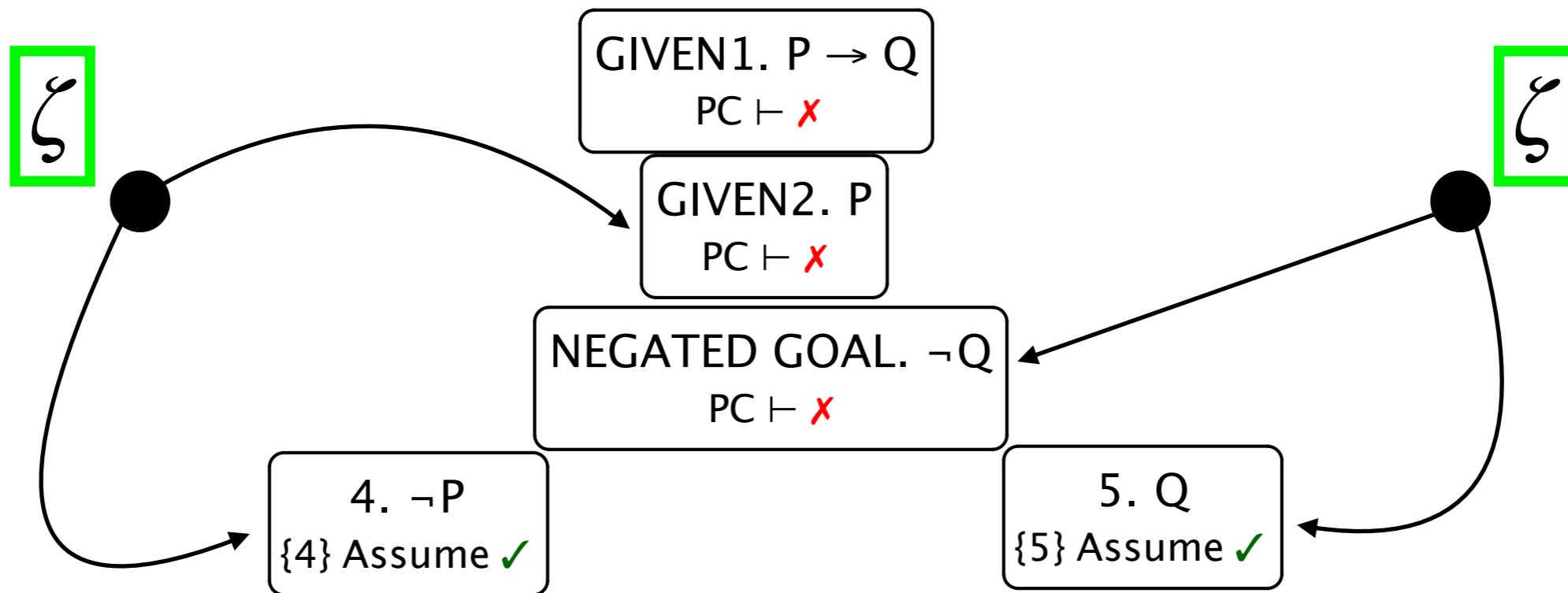


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Therefore the entailment holds!

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This *not* a tree!



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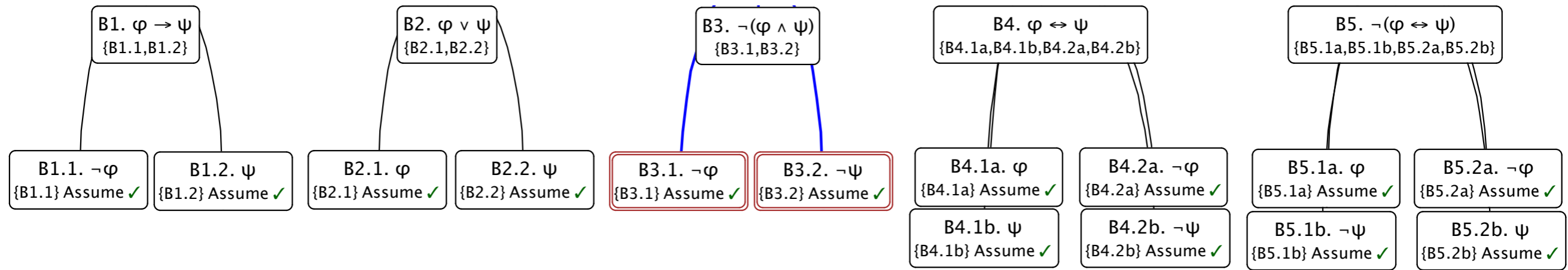


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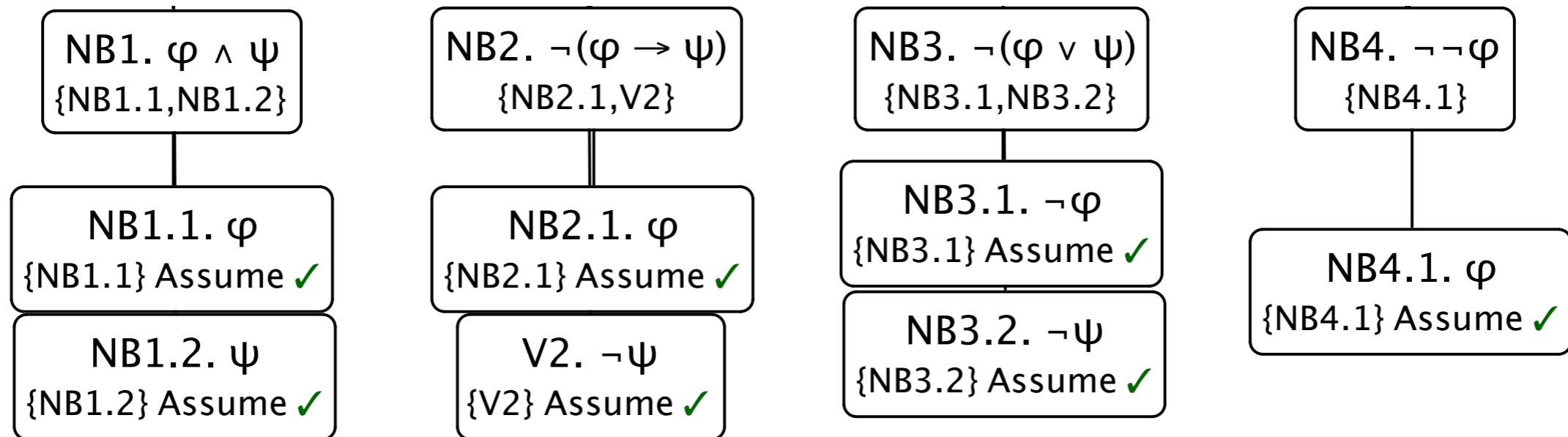
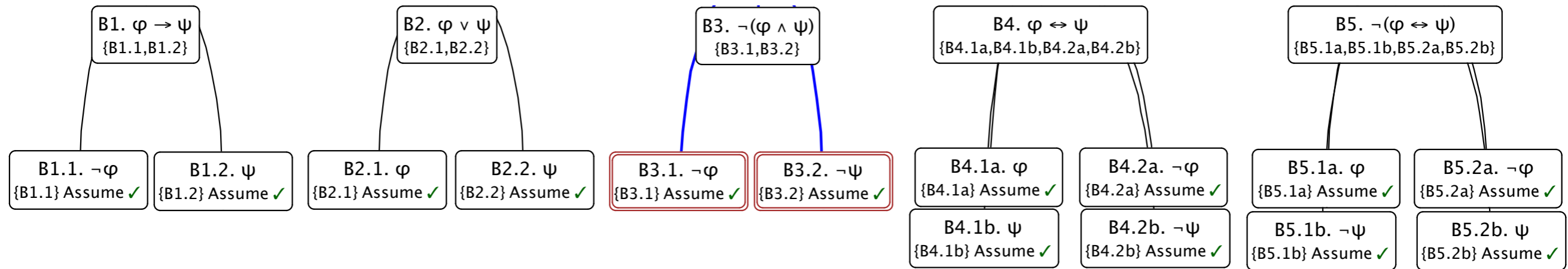
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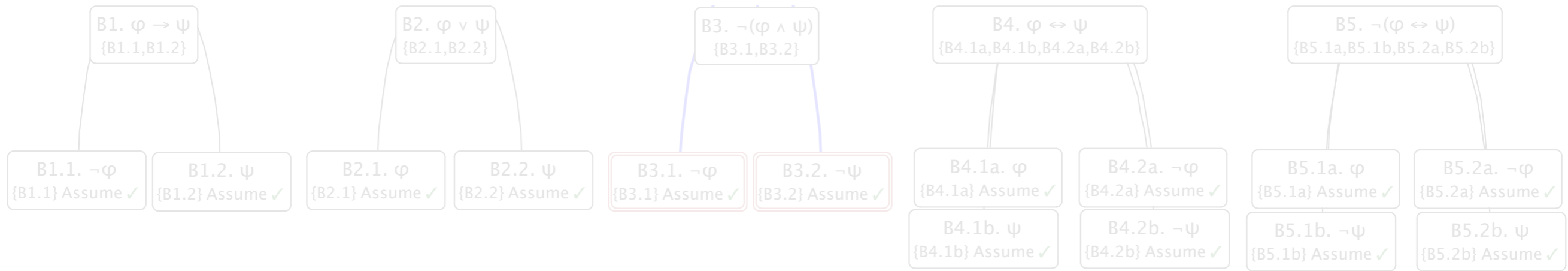
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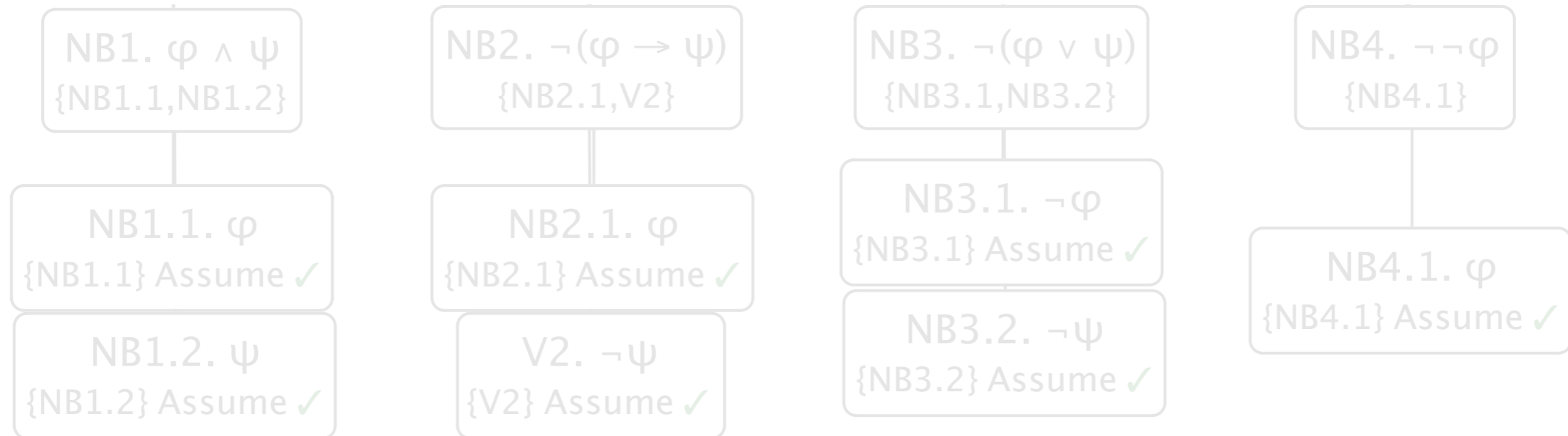


The Rules of the Game!





Questions?



Theorem:

Let ϕ be a theorem in the propositional calculus = \mathcal{L}_{PC} .
Then the truth-tree algorithm will lead to no open branches.

On Measuring The Intelligence of Agents

...

using quantification ...

Yet Another Concept of Machine Intelligence!

AI Must Embrace Specialization via Superhuman Adaptable Intelligence

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Abstract

Everyone from AI executives and researchers to doomsayers, politicians, and activists is talking about Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). Yet, they often don't seem to agree on its exact definition. One common definition of AGI is an AI that can do everything a human can do, but are humans truly general? In this paper, we address what's wrong with our conception of AGI, and why, even in its most coherent formulation, it is a flawed concept to describe the future of AI. We explore whether the most widely accepted definitions are plausible, useful, and truly general. We argue that AI must embrace specialization, rather than strive for generality, and in its specialization strive for superhuman performance, and introduce Superhuman Adaptable Intelligence (SAI). SAI is defined as intelligence that can learn to exceed humans at anything important that we can do, and that can fill in the skill gaps where humans are incapable. We then lay out how SAI can help hone a discussion around AI that was blurred by an overloaded definition of AGI, and extrapolate the implications of using it as a guide for the future.

1. Introduction

The AI community has become increasingly fractured over where the field is headed. On one side are "doomers," who argue we are headed towards a gruesome societal endgame—mass unemployment, loss of human agency, and a future in which humanity becomes subordinate to artificial overlords. On the other side are those who expect advanced artificial intelligence to bring something close to utopia, ending hunger, suffering, and scarcity. A third camp frames AI as a "normal technology," forecasting major impacts but rejecting extreme narratives (Narayanan & Kapoor, 2025).

Central to all of these views is the concept of Artificial General Intelligence or AGI. Yet, as is often the case in

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widely public debates, much of the disagreement stems less from evidence than from terminology: AGI is invoked constantly, but rarely defined precisely, and the resulting ambiguity has made the debate far more confusing and far more polarized—than it needs to be.

Much of the discourse uses human intelligence as a paradigm of generality, but we argue that this notion is fundamentally misguided. As humans, we struggle to perceive our own blind spots; this leads to the illusion of generality. In truth, we are only good at the specific subset of tasks that are important to our existence, but are completely incapable of performing tasks outside this narrow range. Awareness of human limitation gives rise to a critical realization: humans may be specialized creatures, but are nonetheless capable of accomplishing or quickly learning a wide range of incredible things. We argue that the current focus on AGI and generality as the North Star of the field, should be replaced with an emphasis on adaptability, including the time it takes to learn a new task, and the range of tasks capable of being learned. We refer to this as **Superhuman Adaptable Intelligence (SAI)**. A natural corollary of an emphasis on adaptability is the need for a model with strong assumptions about the world. This suggests **self-supervised learning (SSL)** as a promising way to acquire generic knowledge, and **world models** as a useful mechanism for planning and zero-shot task transfer. We believe that recentring the discourse around SAI will lead towards better communication, clearer goals, and more rapid progress.

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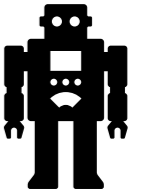
[Pos. #2] Generality is not a requirement for an intelligence to be extremely useful

[Pos. #3] There is no consensus on the meaning of the term AGI in industry or academia

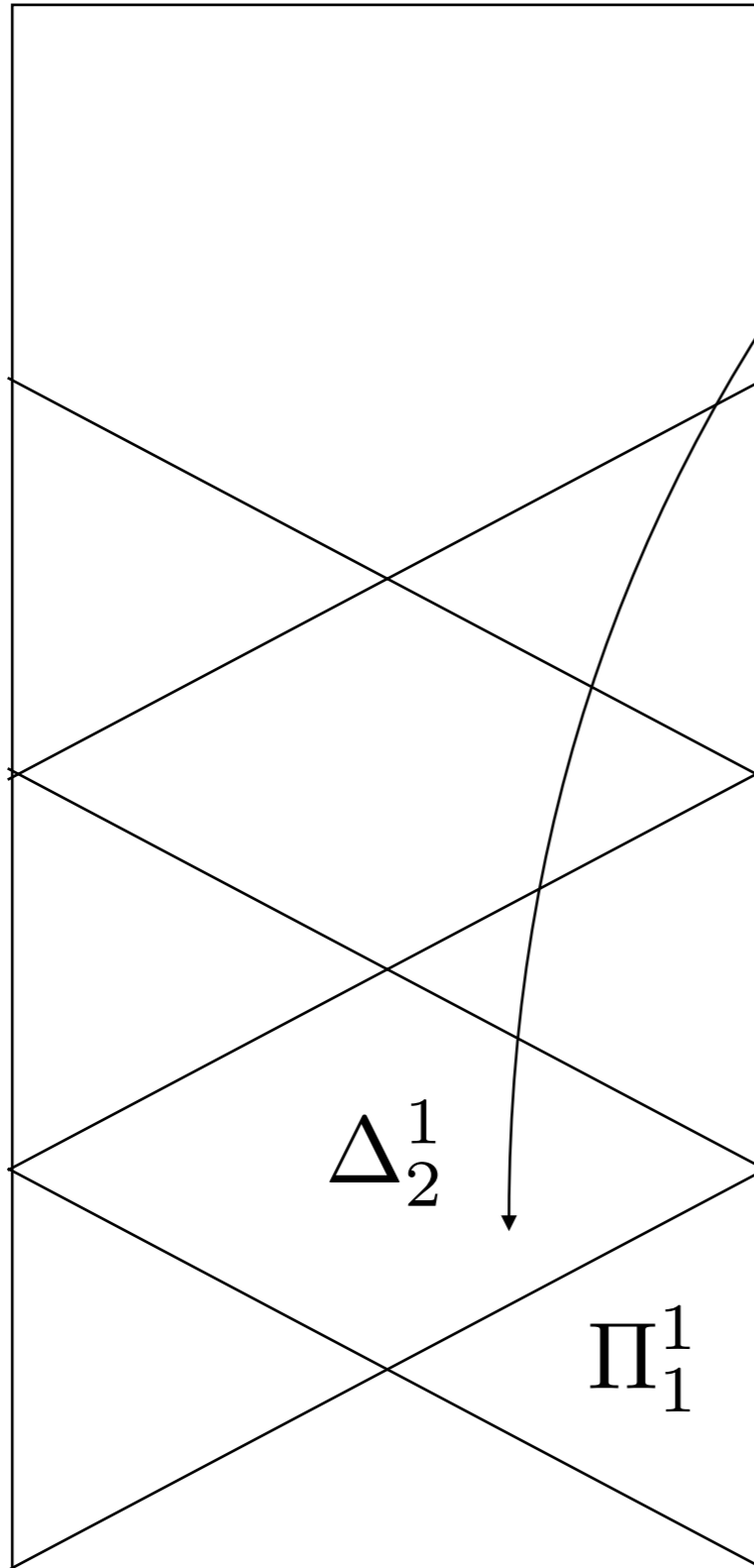
[Pos. #4] Existing definitions are insufficient

[Pos. #5] We should instead focus on Superhuman Adaptable Intelligence, which points toward SSL and world models

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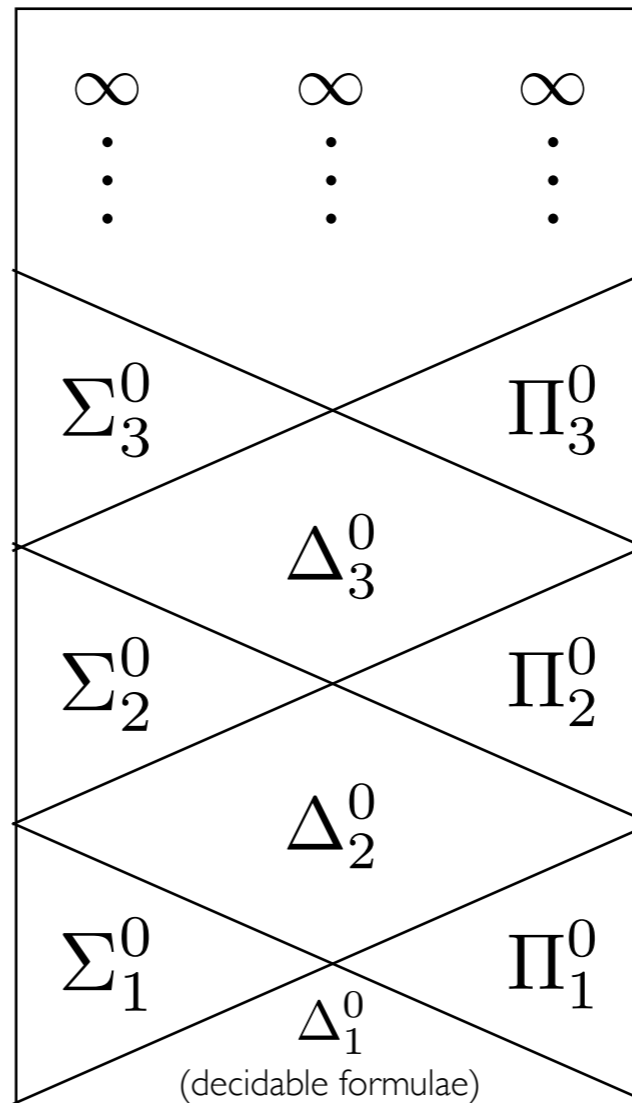


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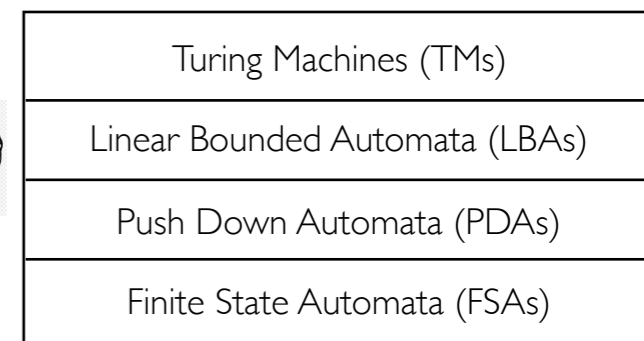


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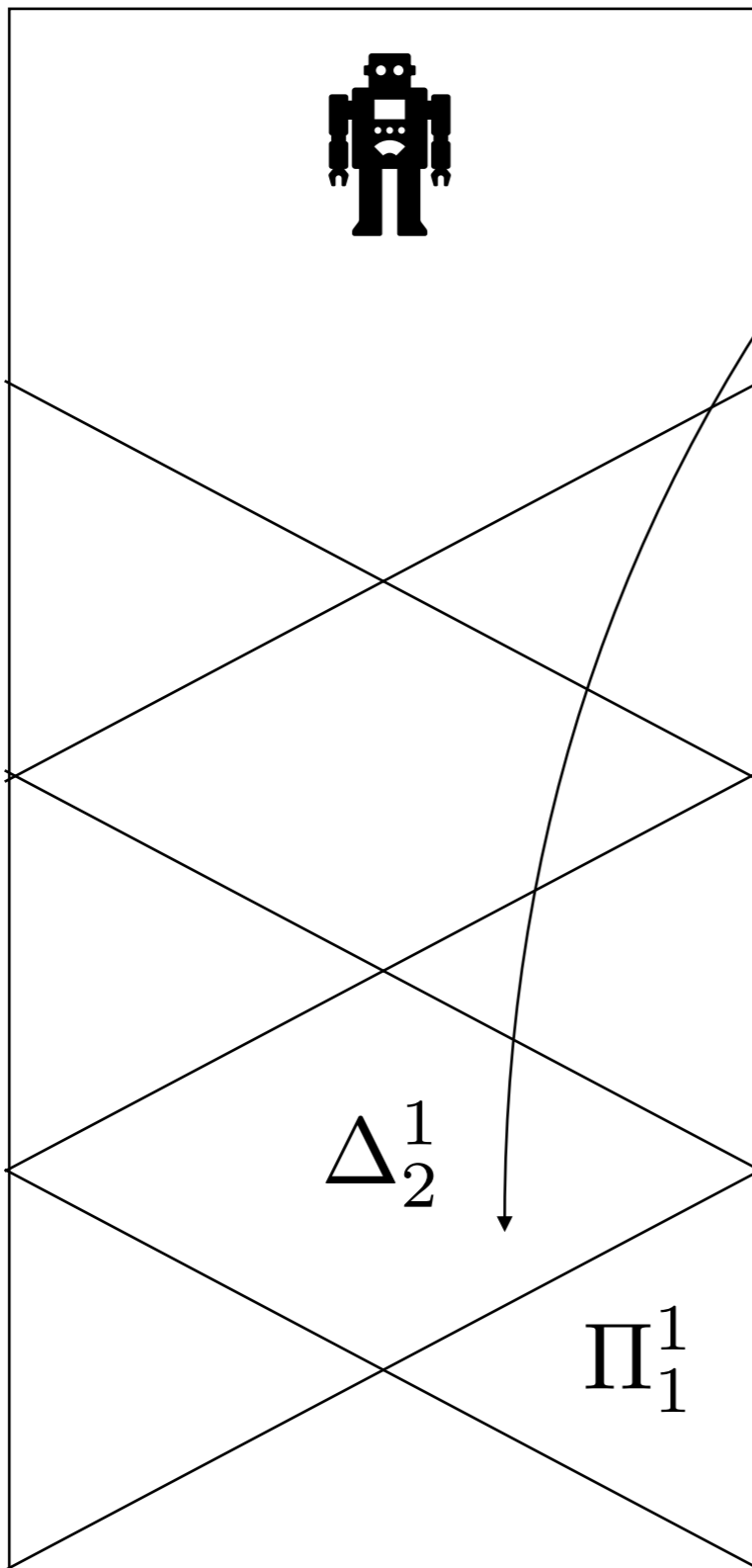


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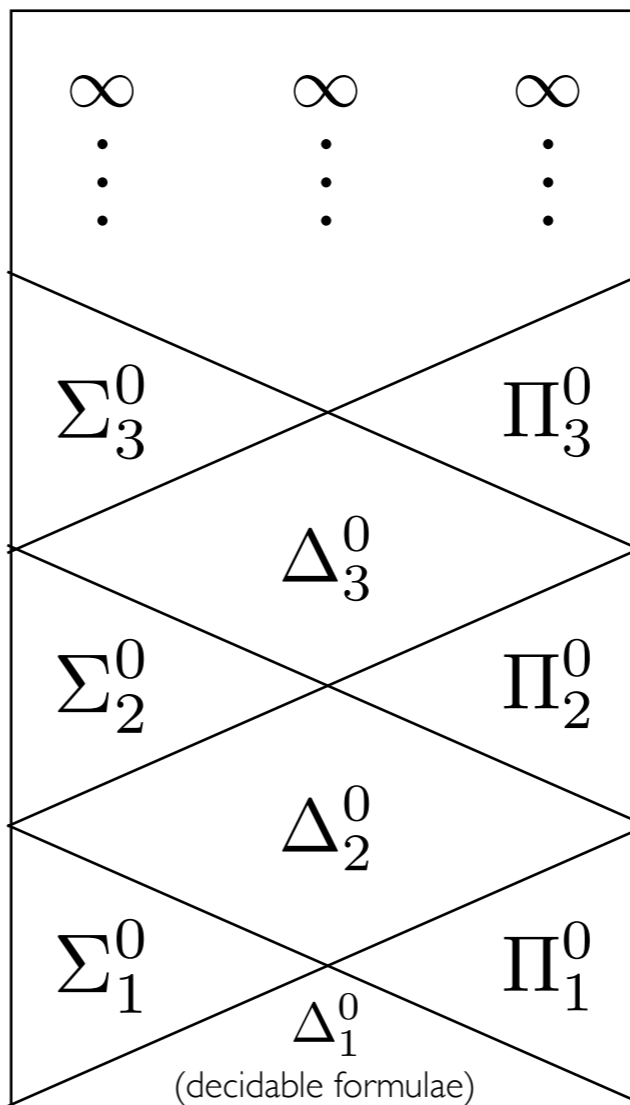
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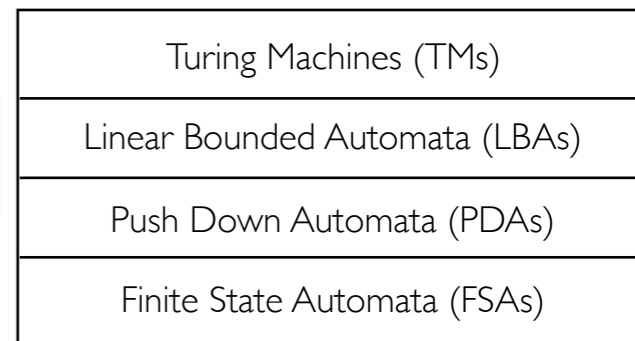
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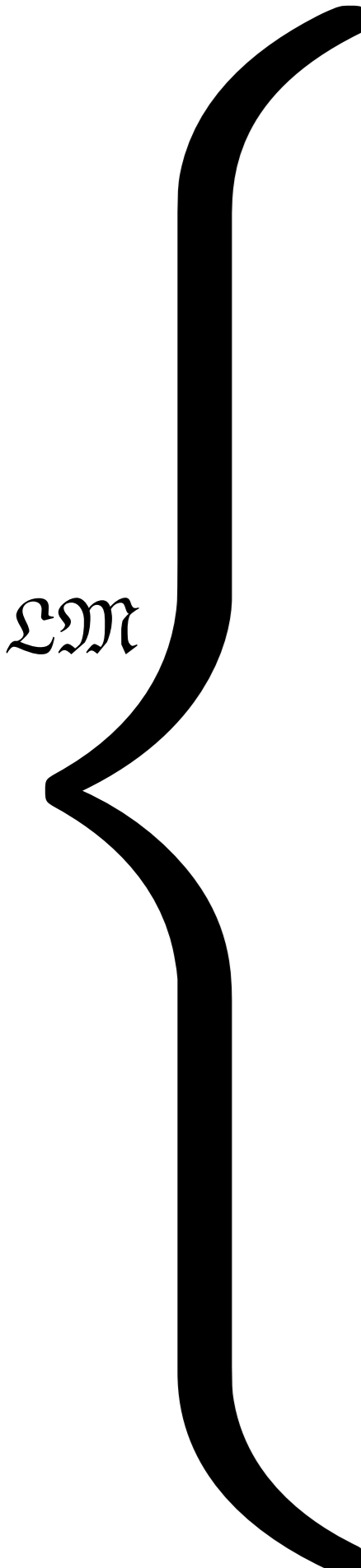
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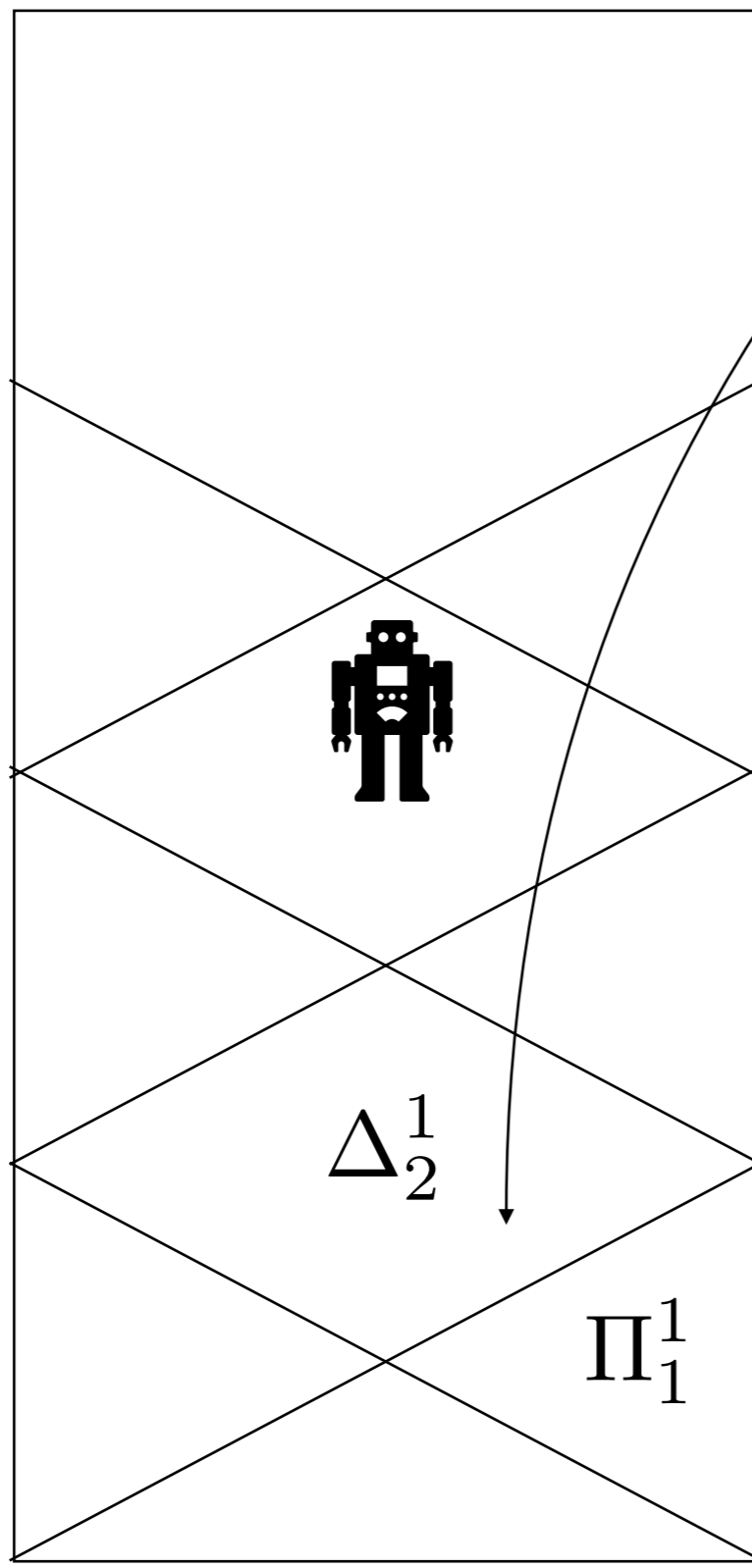


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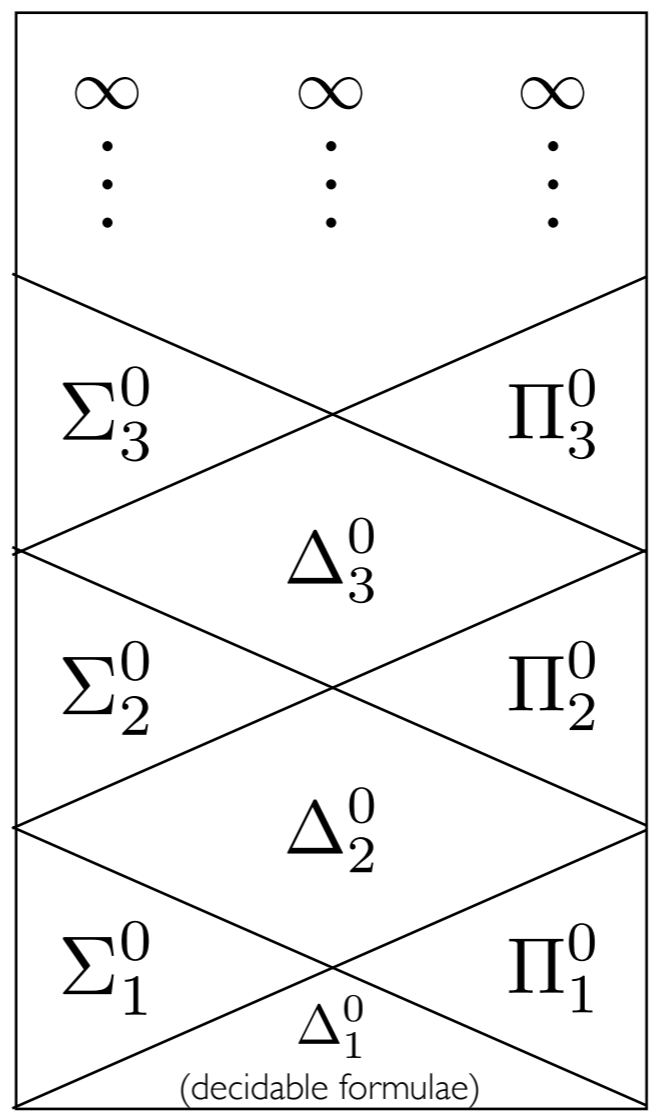
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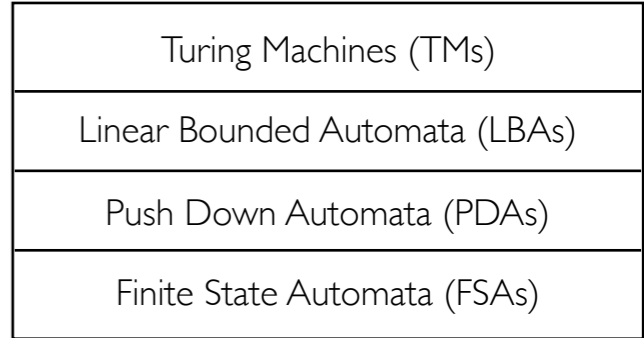
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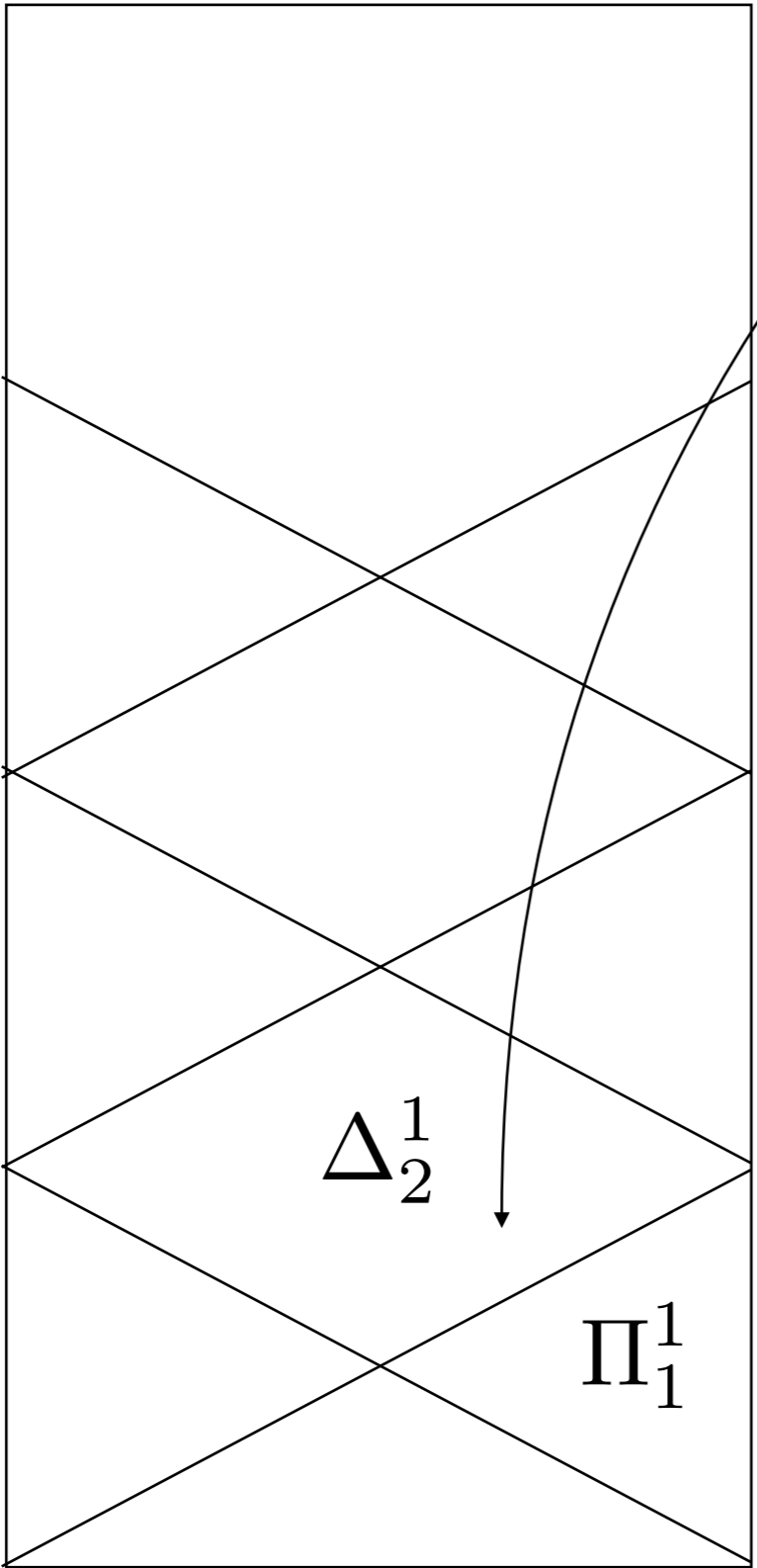
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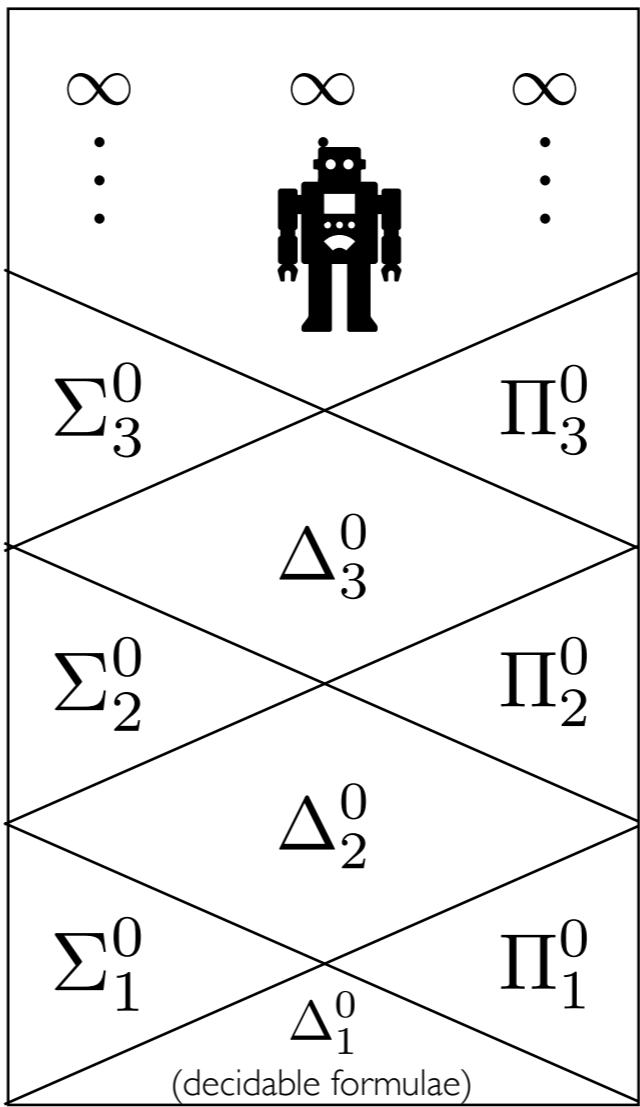
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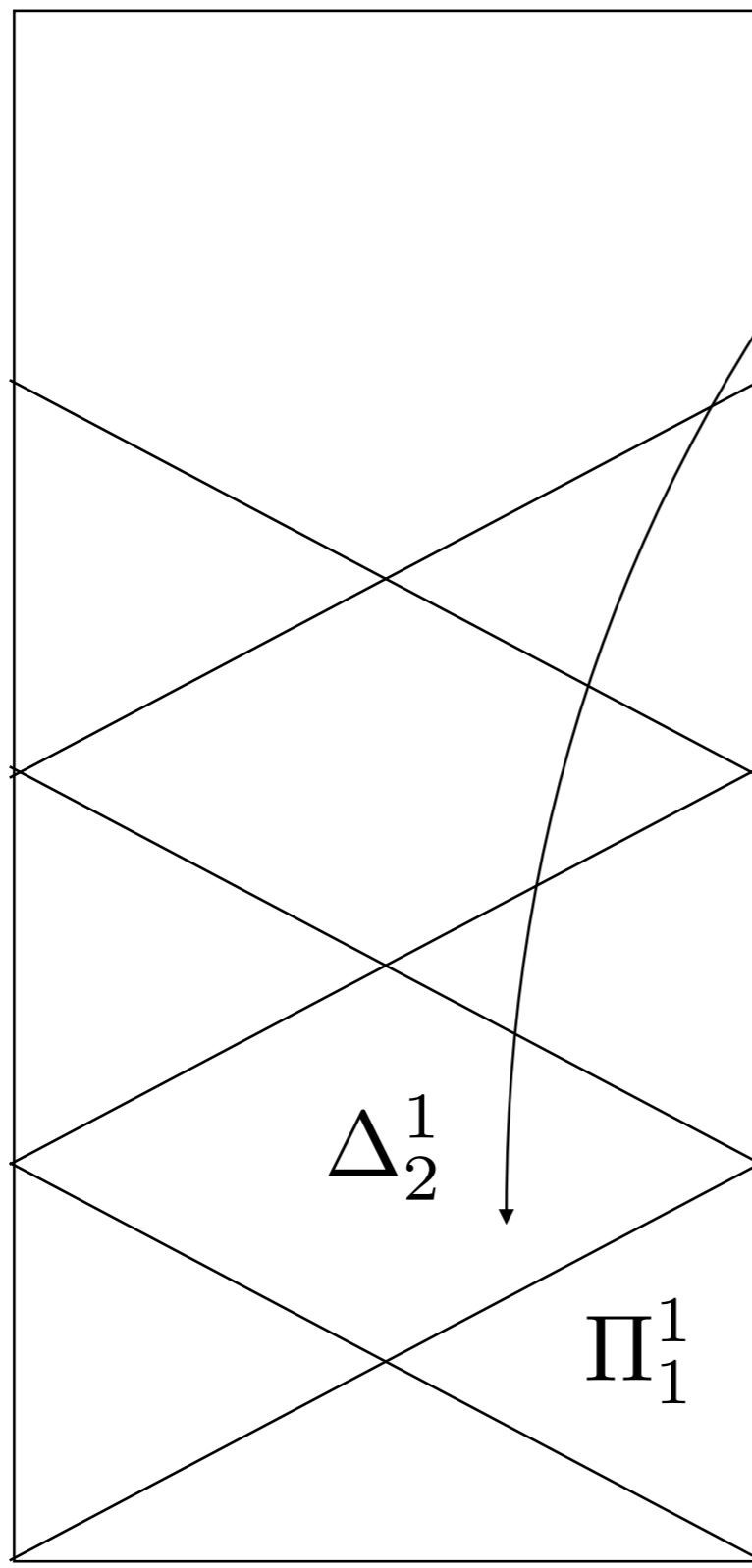
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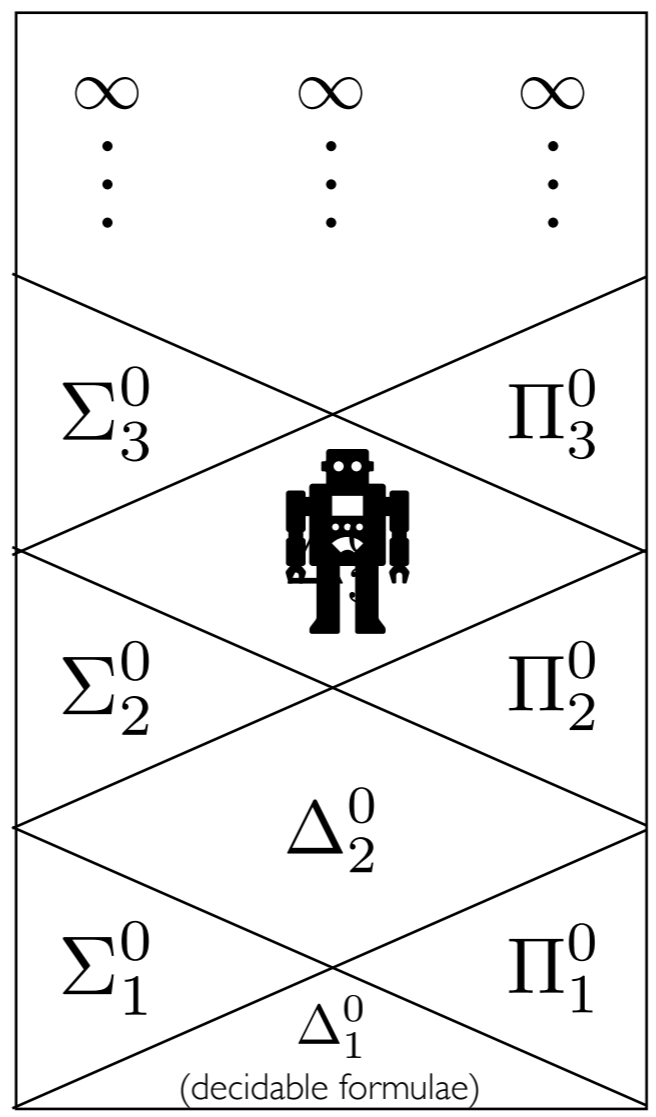
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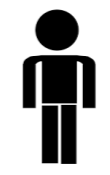
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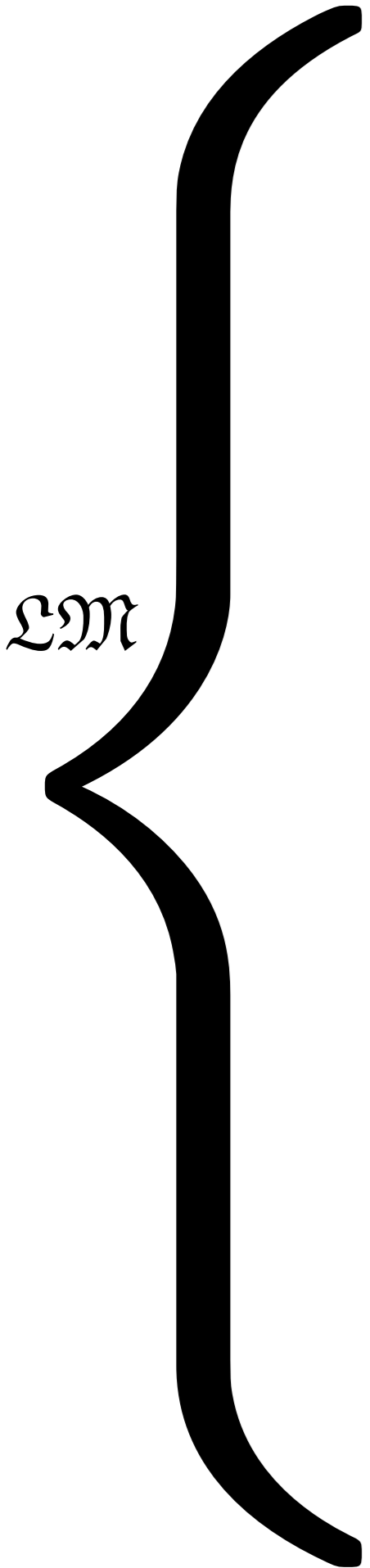


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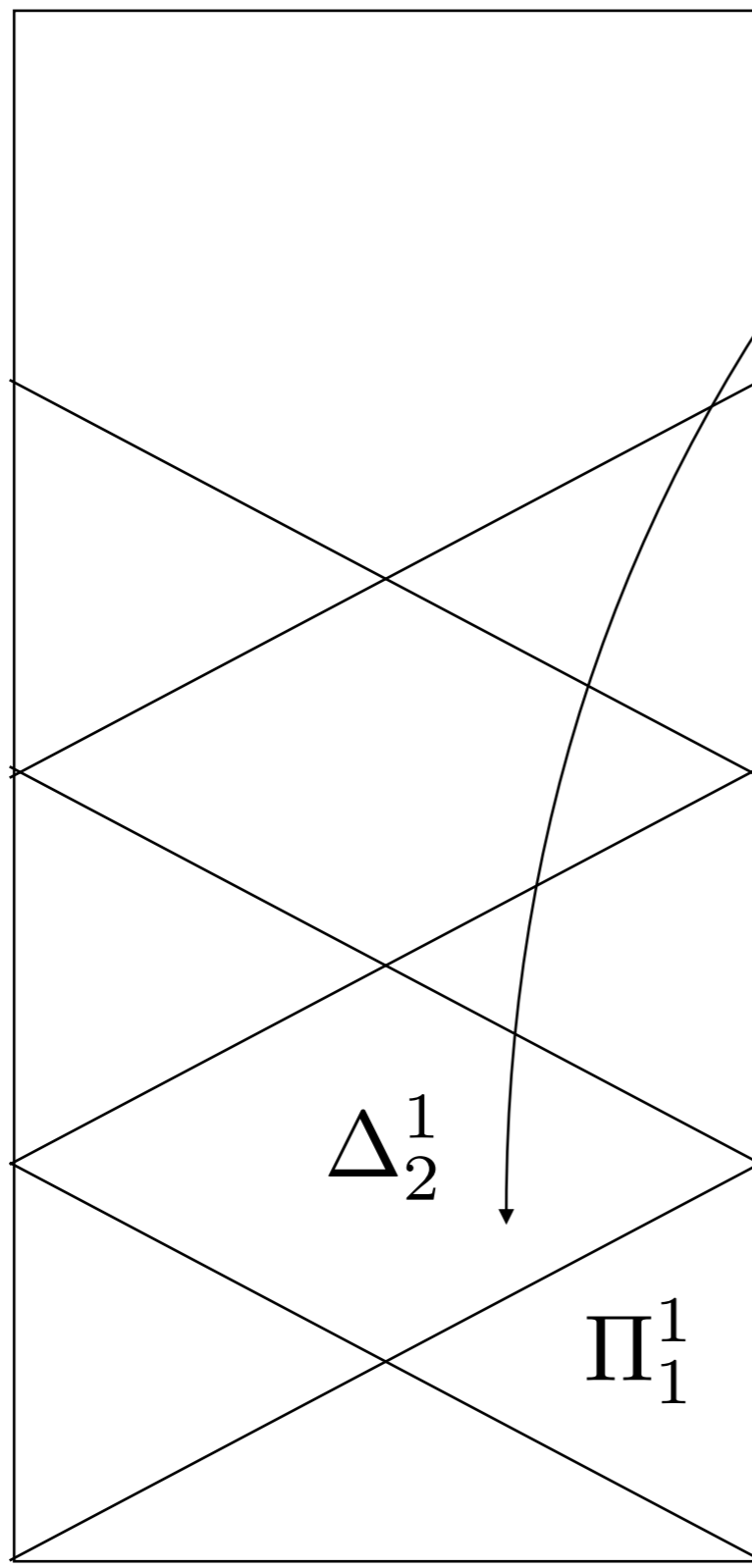


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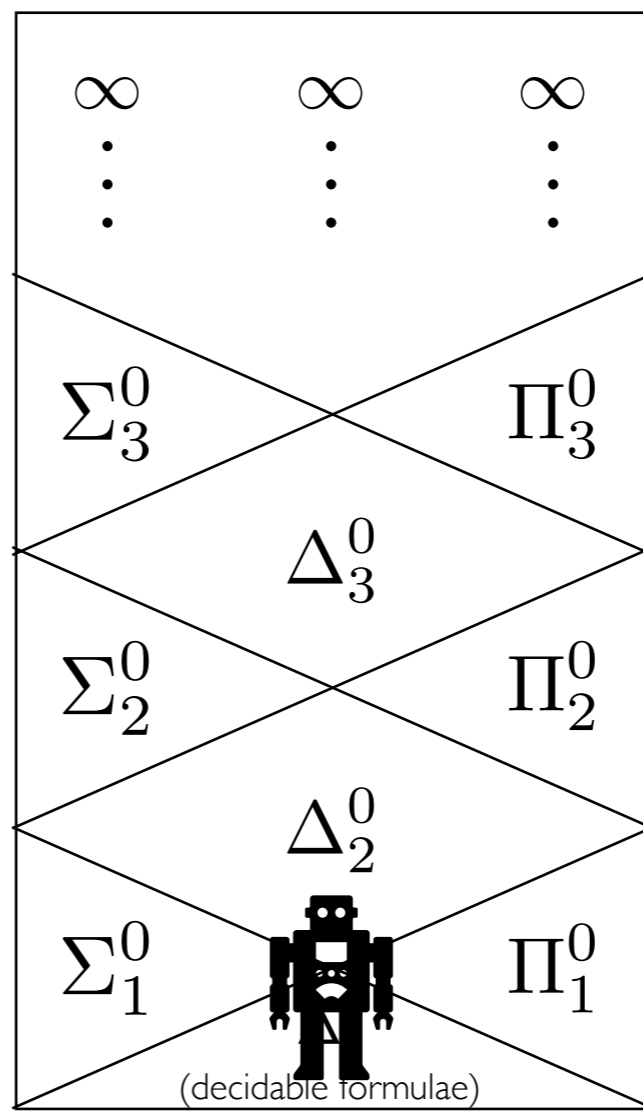
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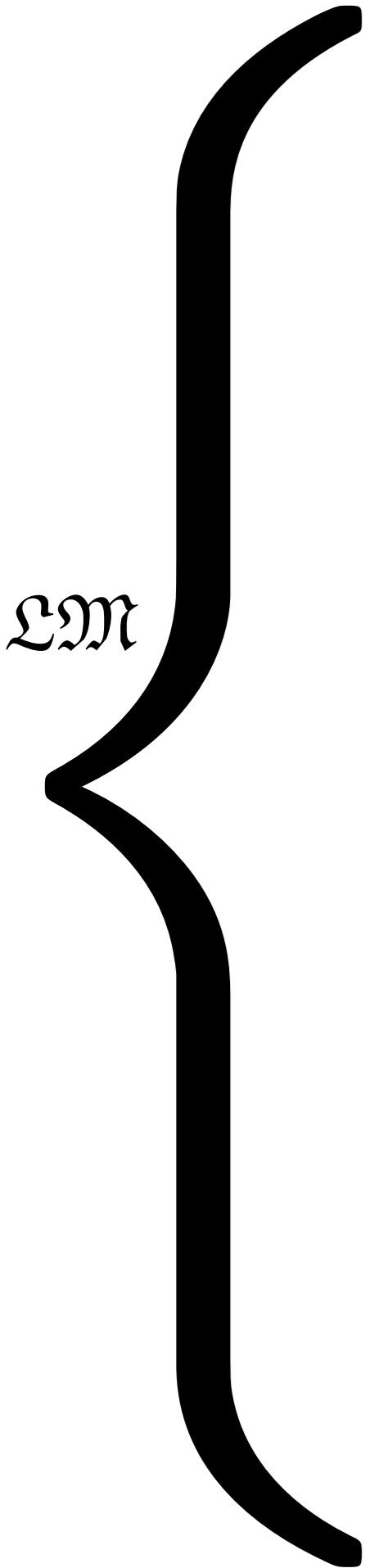
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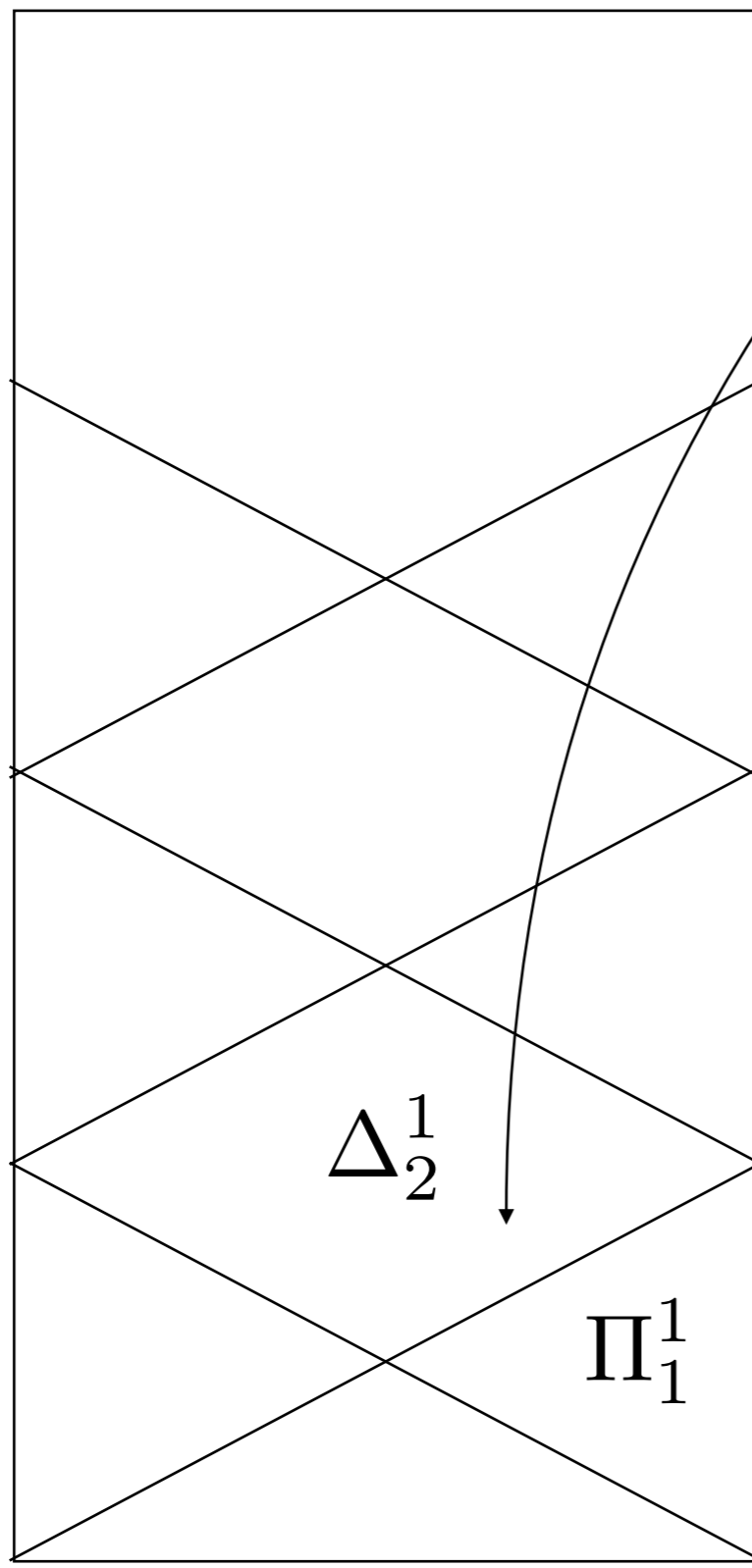
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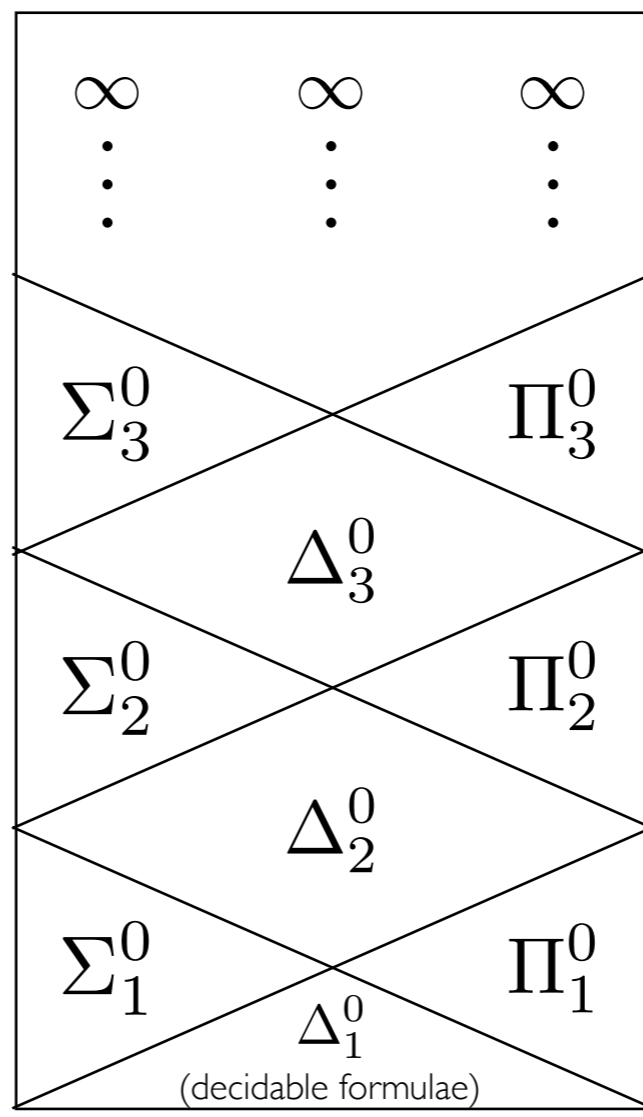
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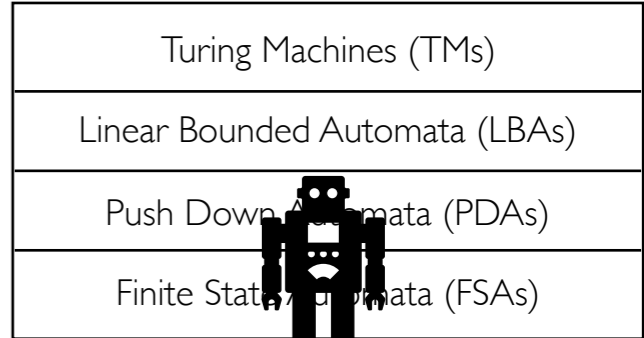
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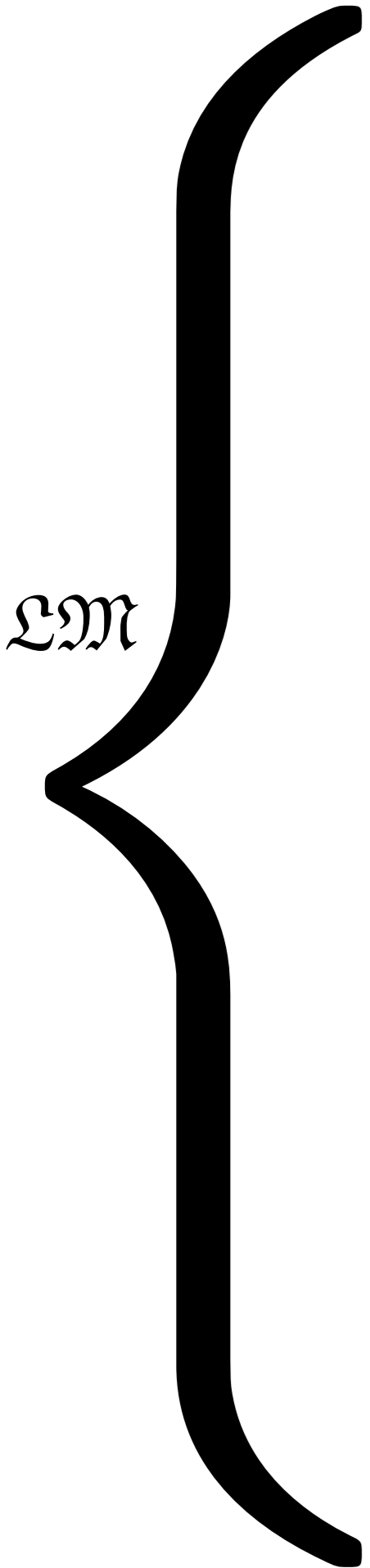
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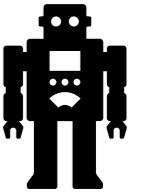
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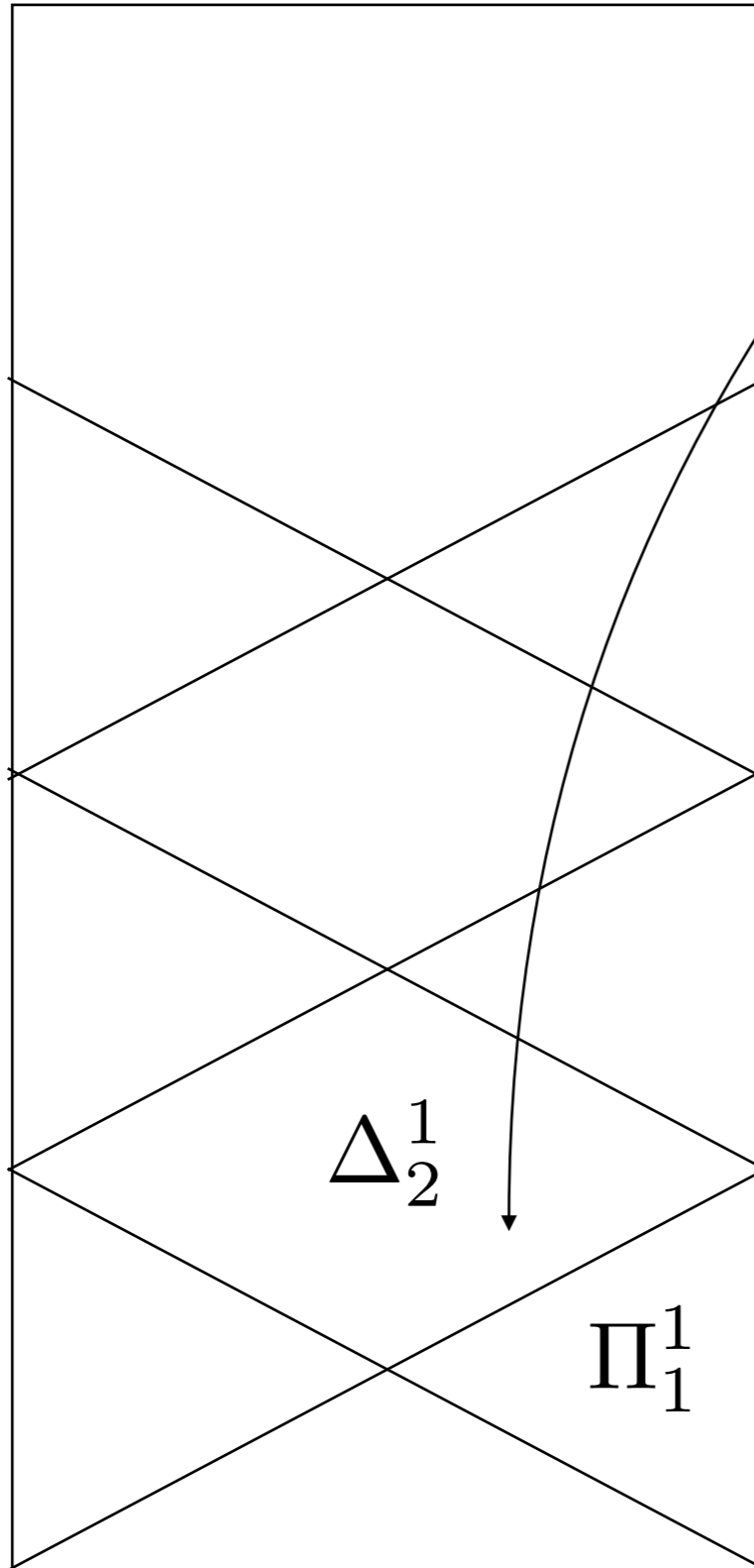
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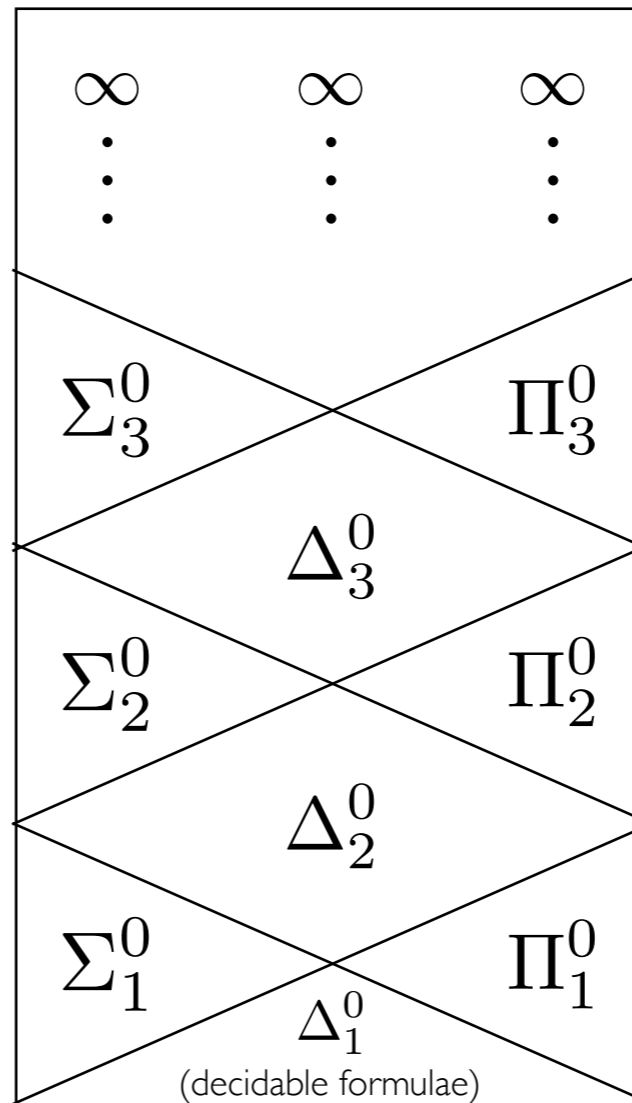


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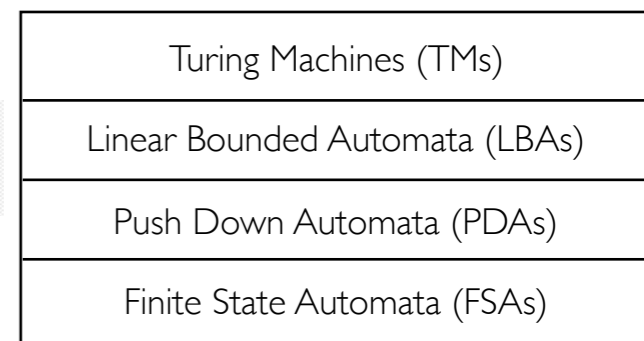


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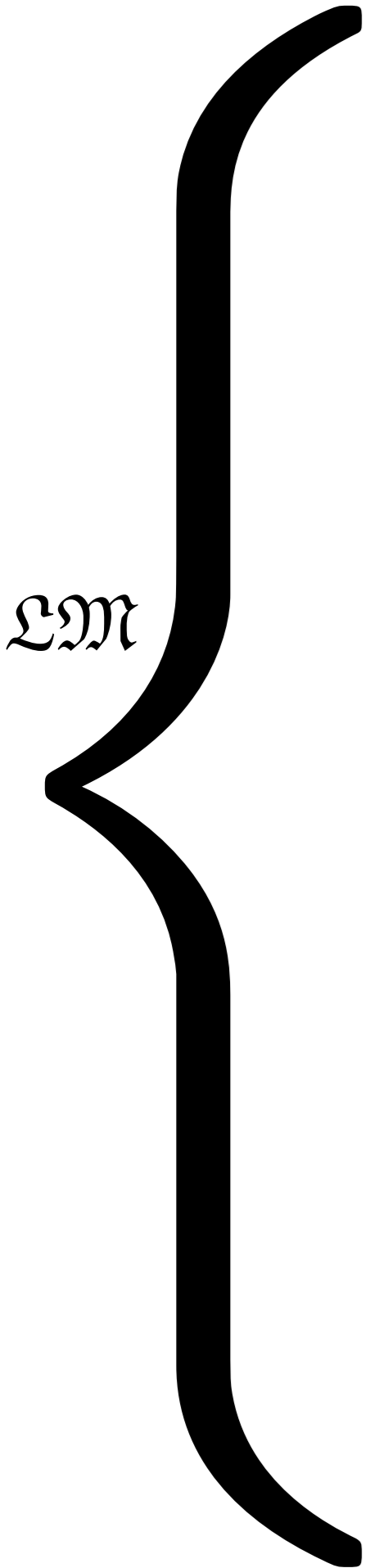
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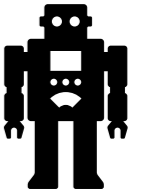
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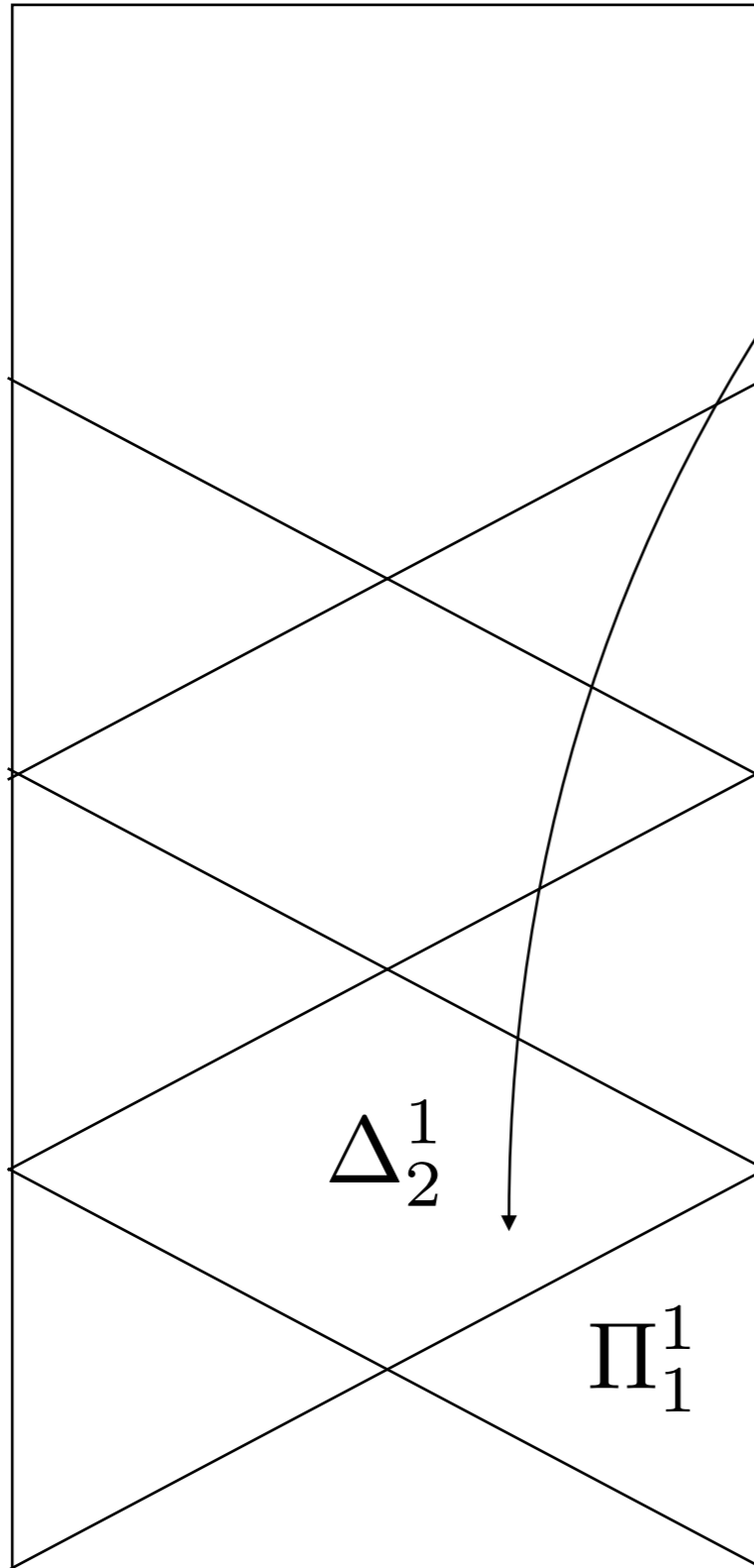
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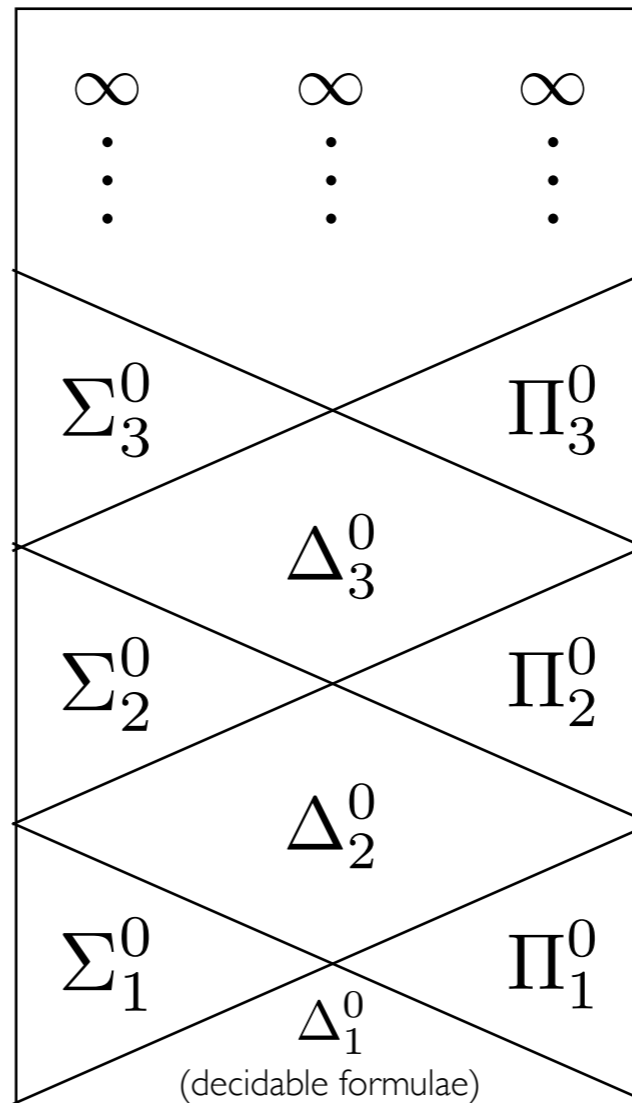


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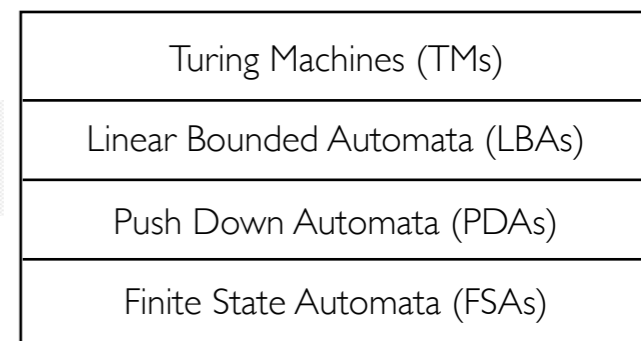


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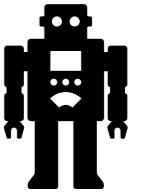


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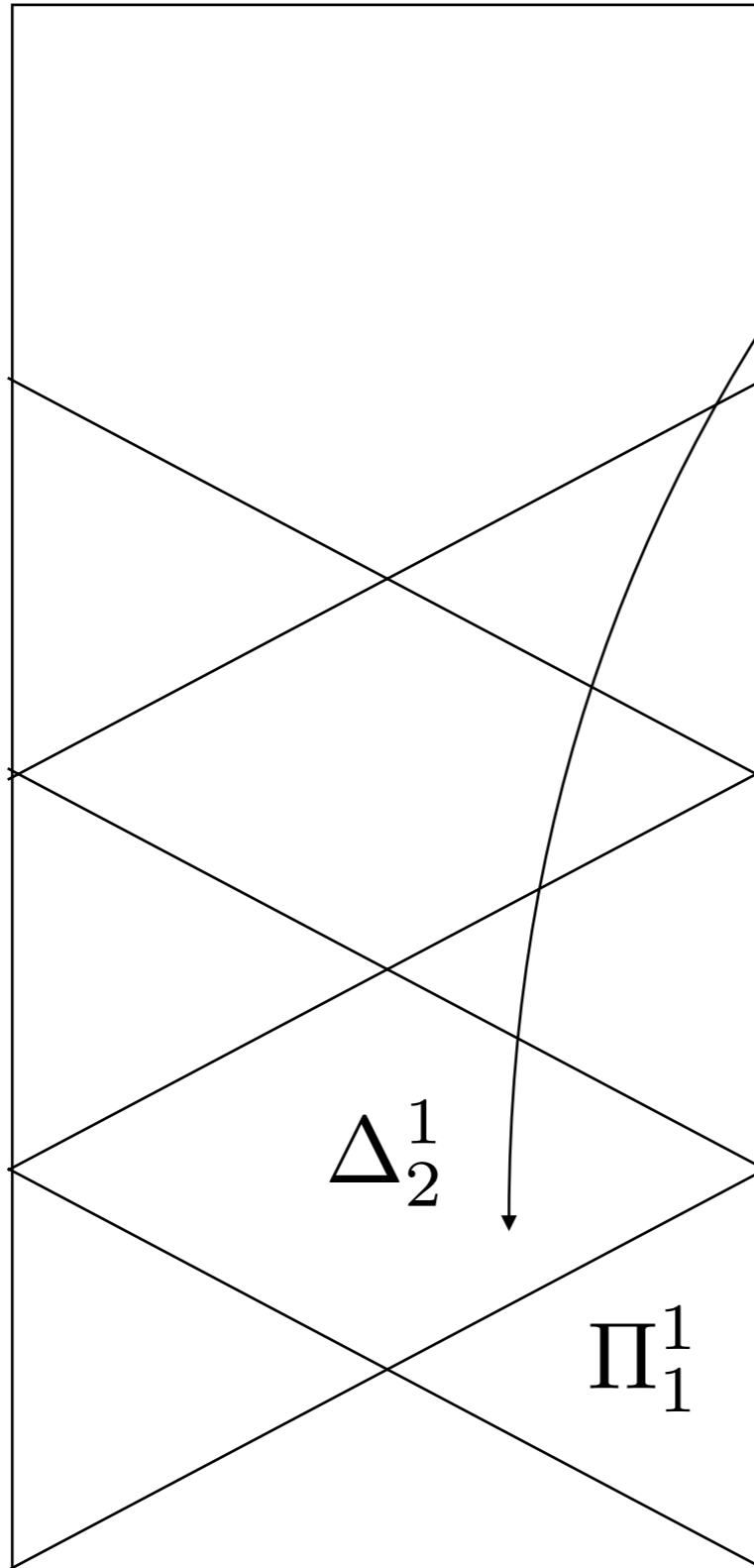


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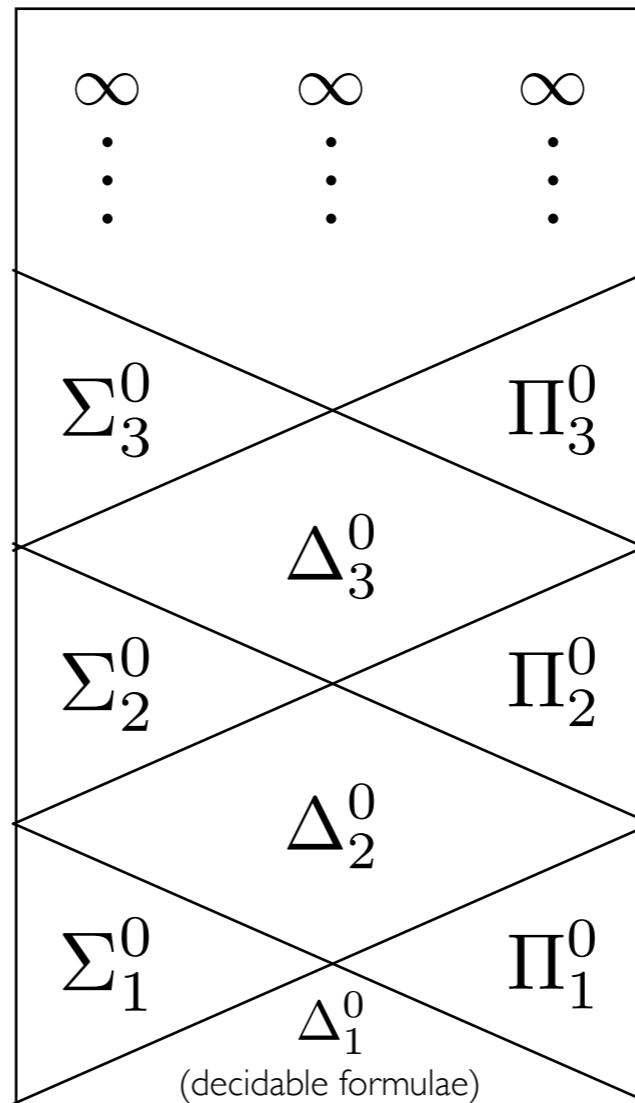


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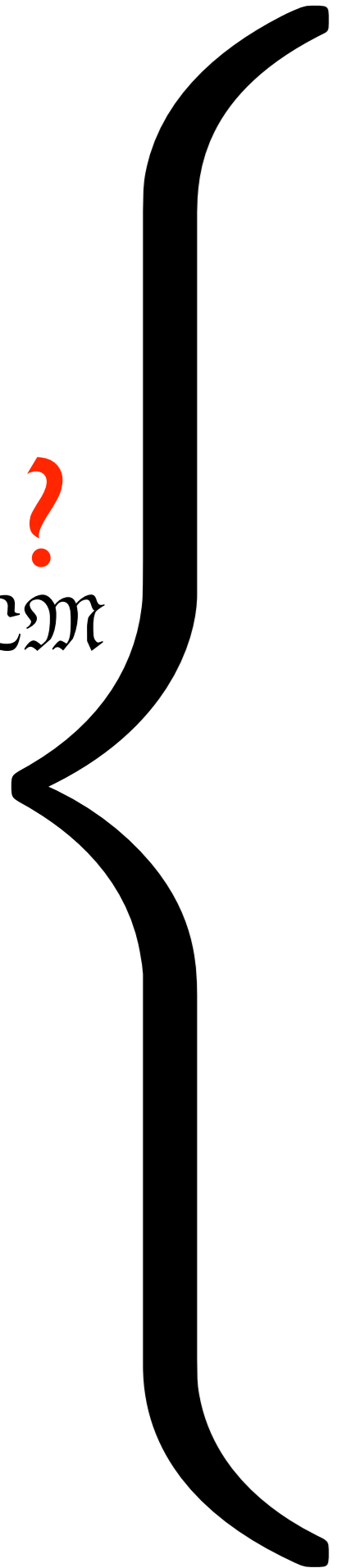


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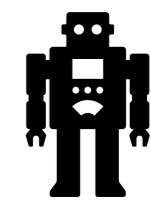
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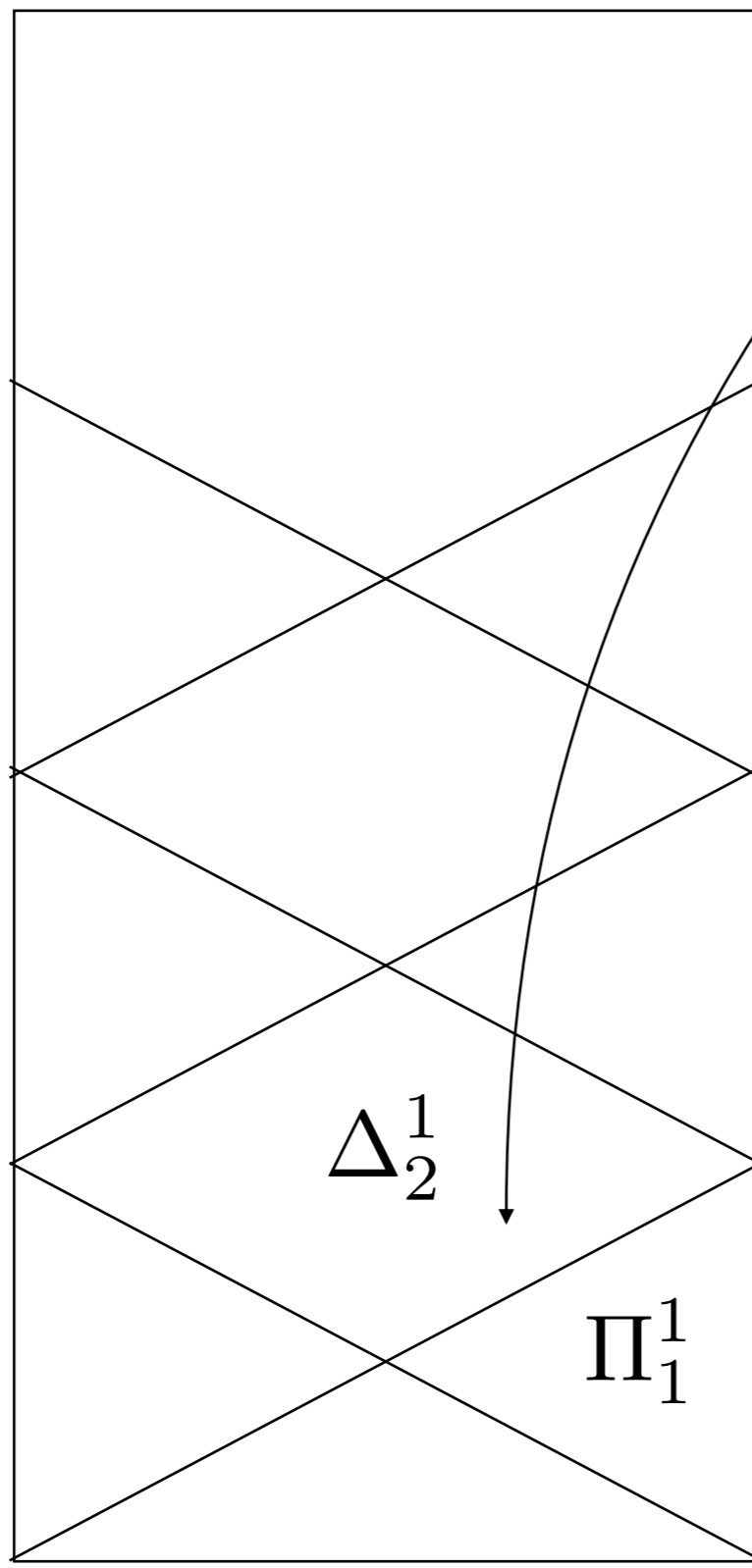
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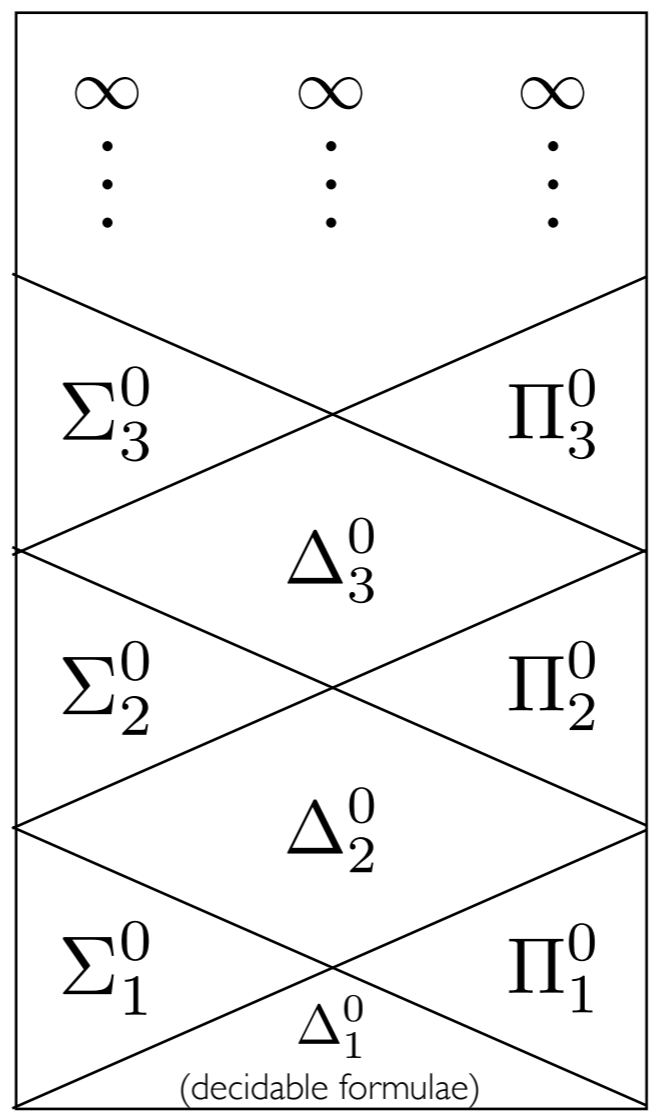


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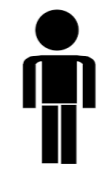
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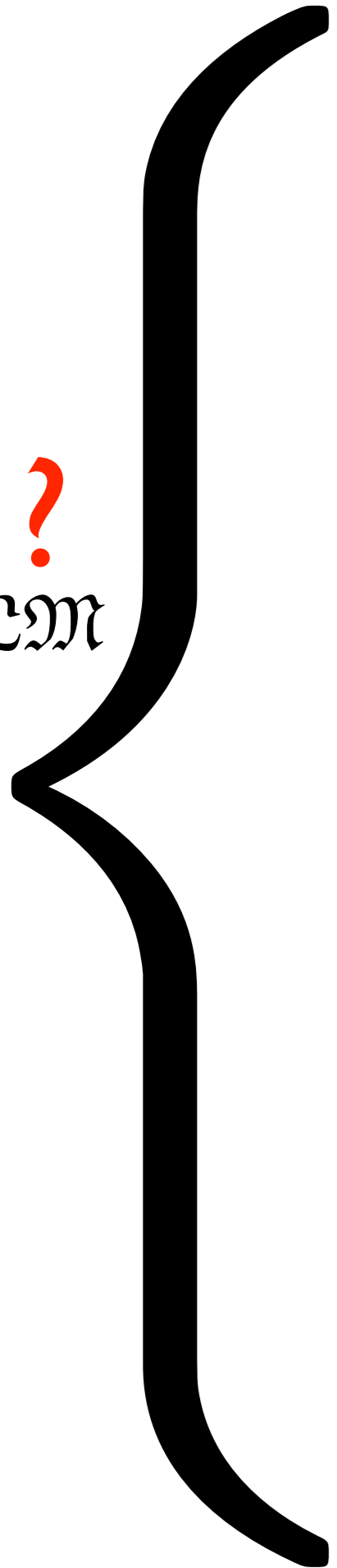


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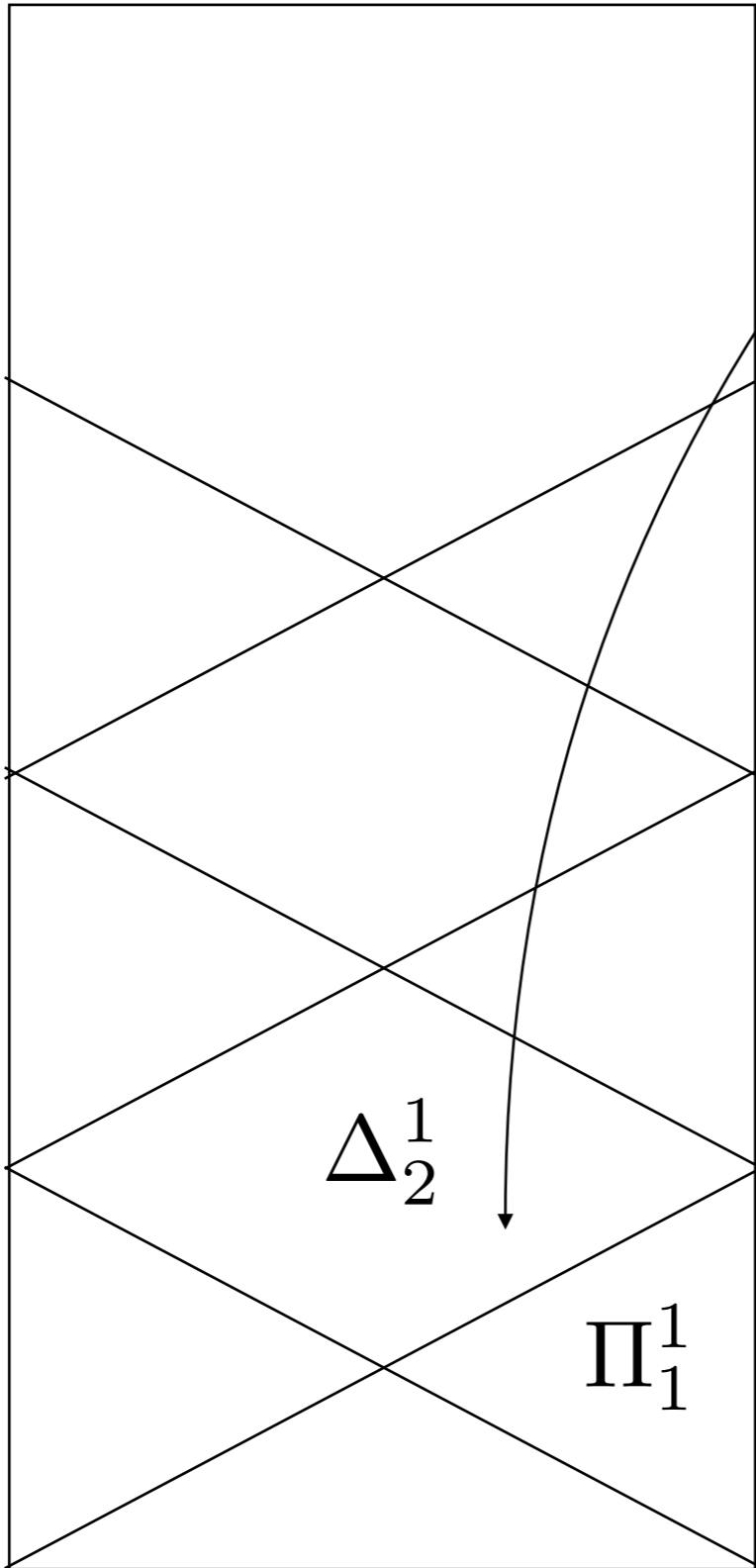


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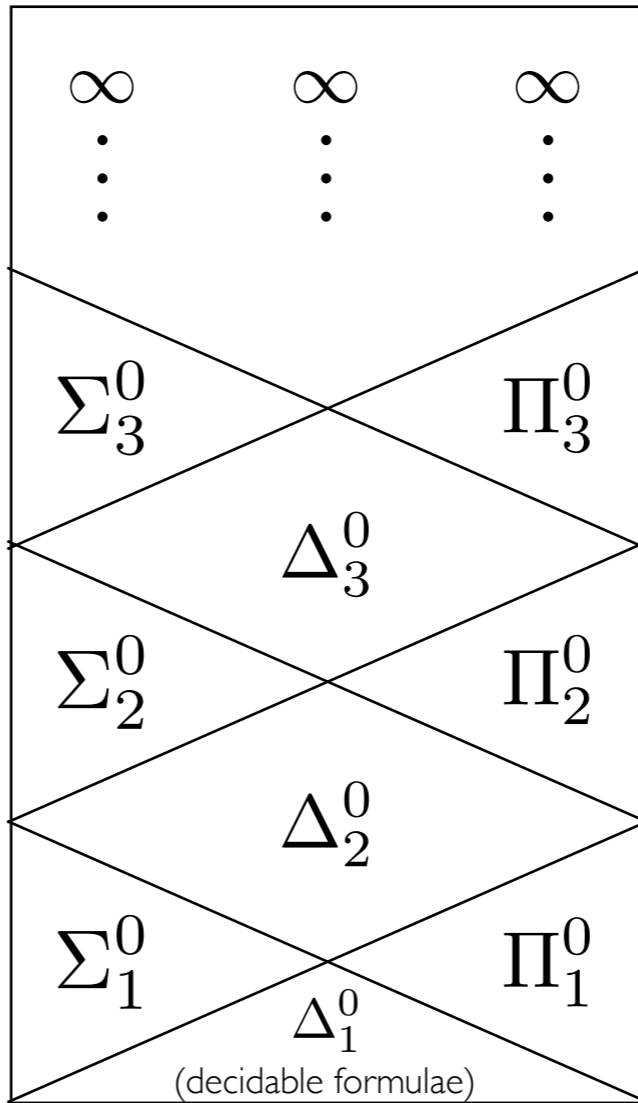
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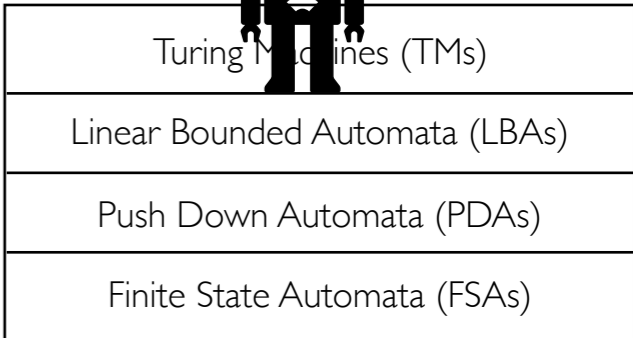
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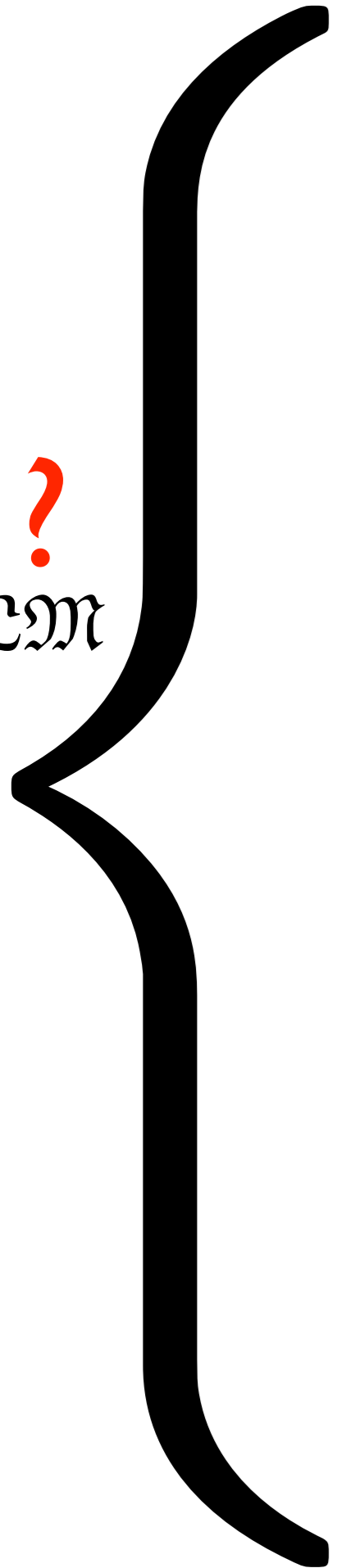
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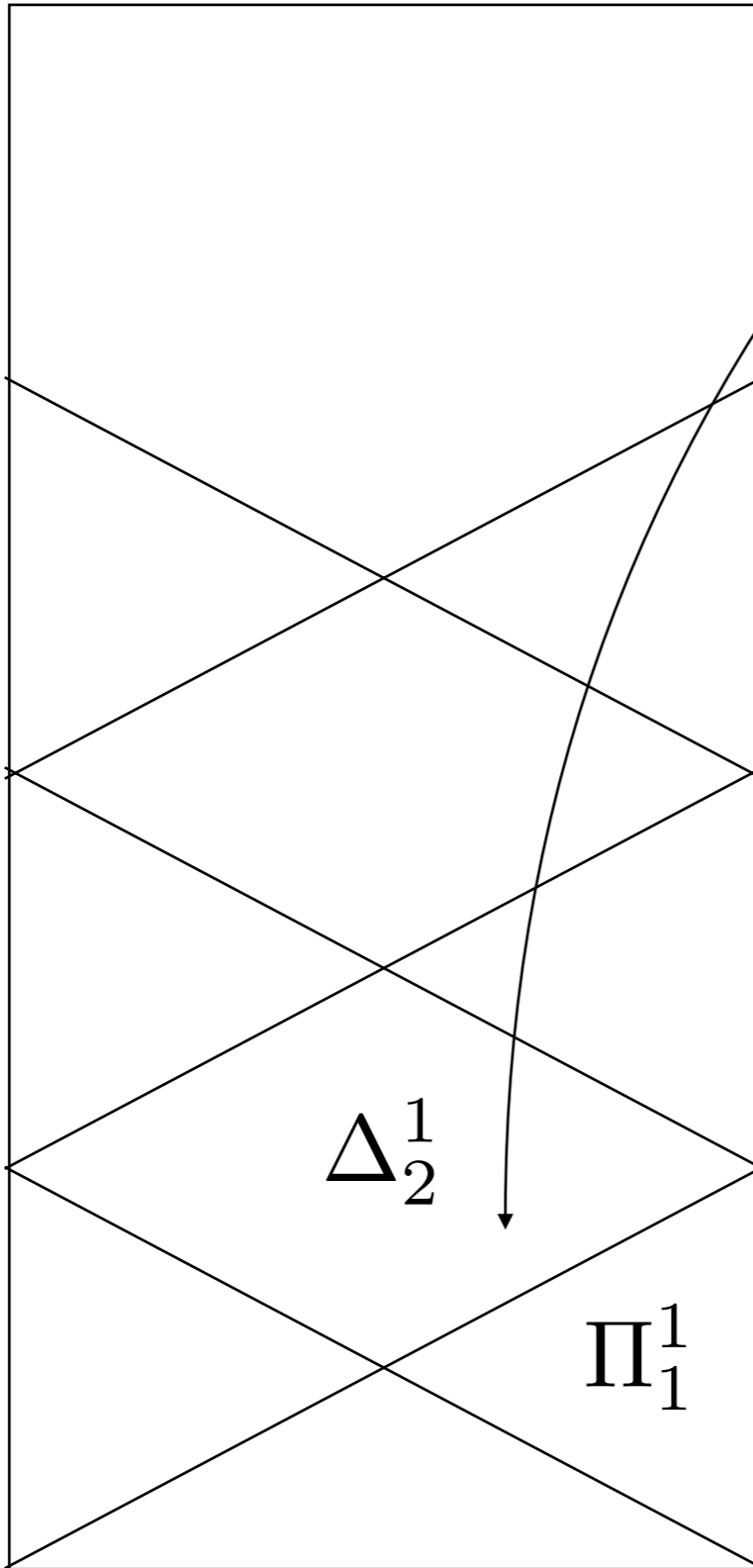


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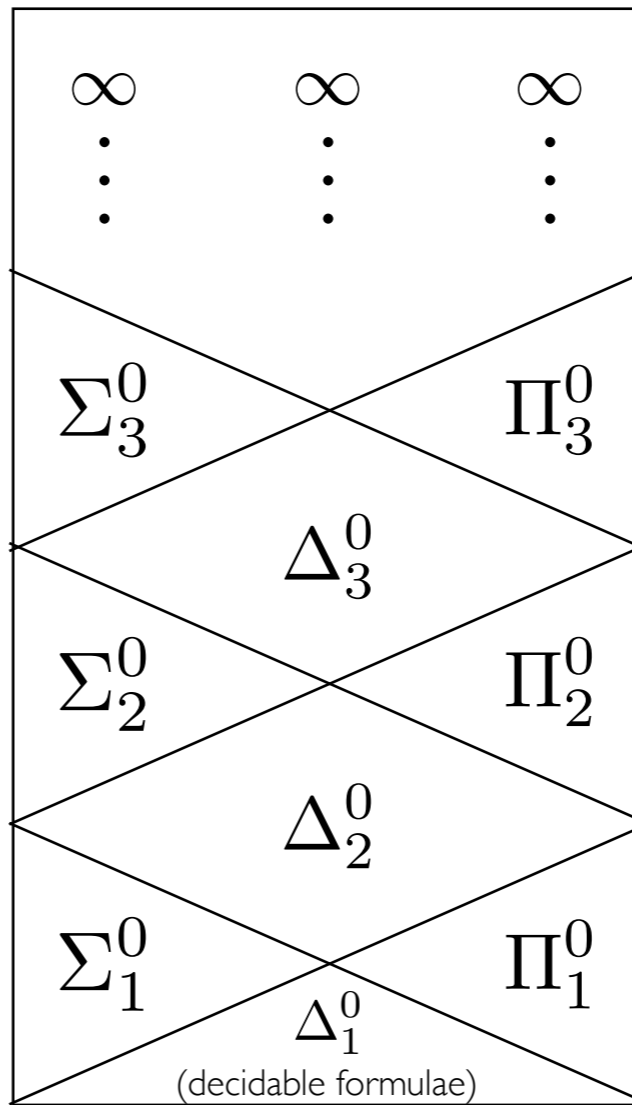


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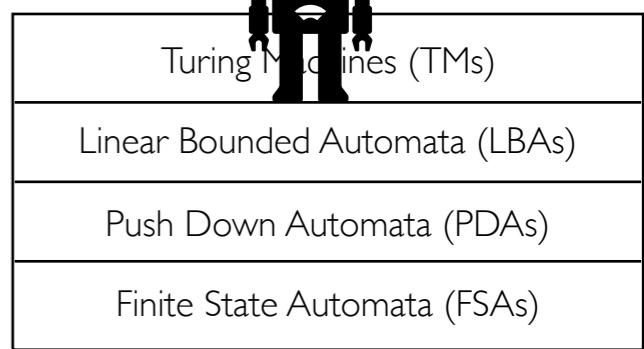
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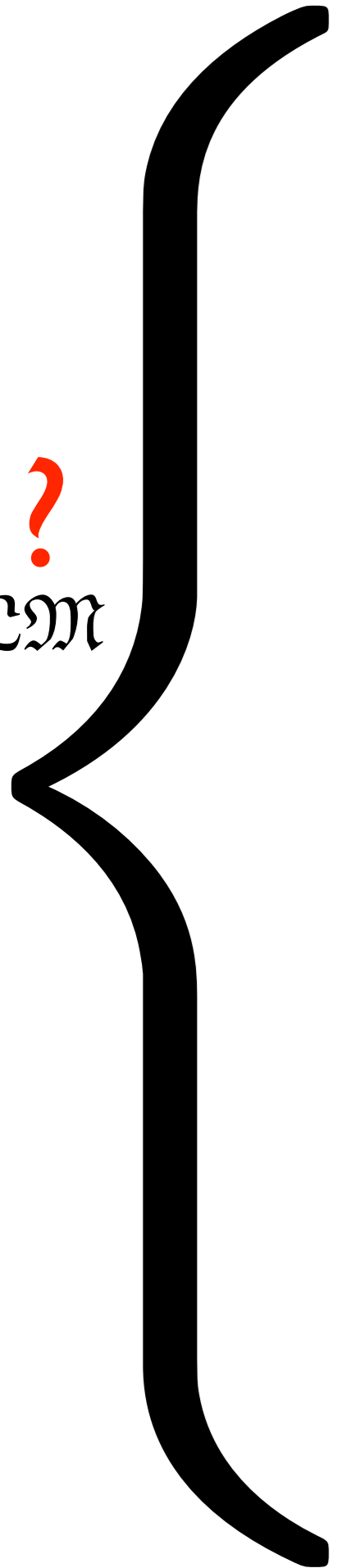
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But logico-mathematical definitions of intelligence for animals, humans, machines, aliens, gods ... *are possible*; recall our consideration of the *Entscheidungsproblem*. We can specifically challenge today's AI on the basis of simple quantification and simple deduction ...

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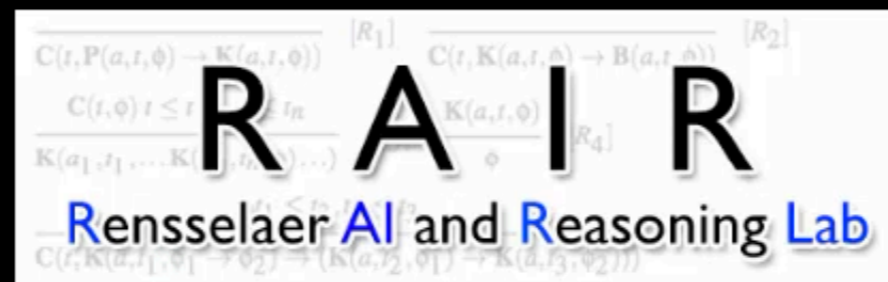
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& \forall x \forall y \forall z \{ [x \neq y \wedge y \neq z \wedge x \neq z \wedge Cx \wedge Cy \wedge Cz \wedge \\
& \hspace{20em} Tz' \wedge \\
& \exists w_1 \exists w_2 (w_1 \neq w_2 \wedge Aw_1 \wedge Aw_2 \wedge Gz'w_1 \wedge Gz'w_2) \wedge \\
& \forall u_1 \forall u_2 \forall u_3 ((Gz'u_1 \wedge Gz'u_2 \wedge Gz'u_3 \wedge C^b u_1 \wedge C^b u_2 \wedge C^b u_3) \rightarrow \\
& \quad \forall v ((Gz'v \wedge C^b v) \rightarrow (v = u_1 \vee v = u_2 \vee v = u_3))]] \\
& \hspace{20em} \rightarrow \\
& \hspace{15em} (Gxz' \wedge Gyz' \wedge Gzz') \}
\end{aligned}$$

Every three cylinders glower at any triangular prism that glowers at at least two arches and at at most three cubes.

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \forall z' \left\{ \left[\begin{array}{c}
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\wedge \\
Cx \wedge Cy \wedge Cz \\
\wedge \\
Tz' \\
\wedge \\
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\wedge \\
\forall u_1 \forall u_2 \forall u_3 \left(\begin{array}{c}
[Gz'u_1 \wedge Gz'u_2 \wedge Gz'u_3 \wedge C^b u_1 \wedge C^b u_2 \wedge C^b u_3] \\
\rightarrow \\
\forall v [(Gz'v \wedge C^b v) \rightarrow (v = u_1 \vee v = u_2 \vee v = u_3)]
\end{array} \right) \\
\rightarrow \\
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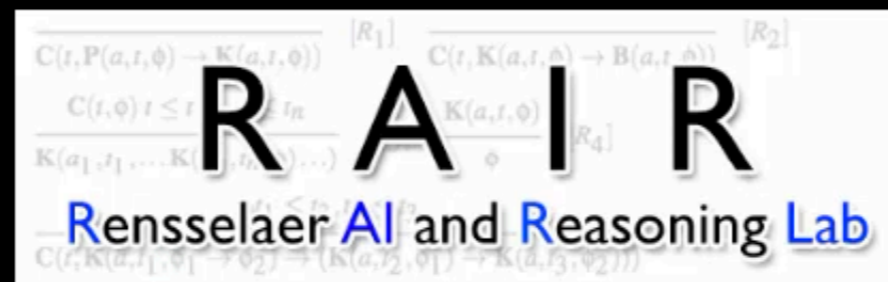
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