

Understanding the Gain of Reconfigurable Communication

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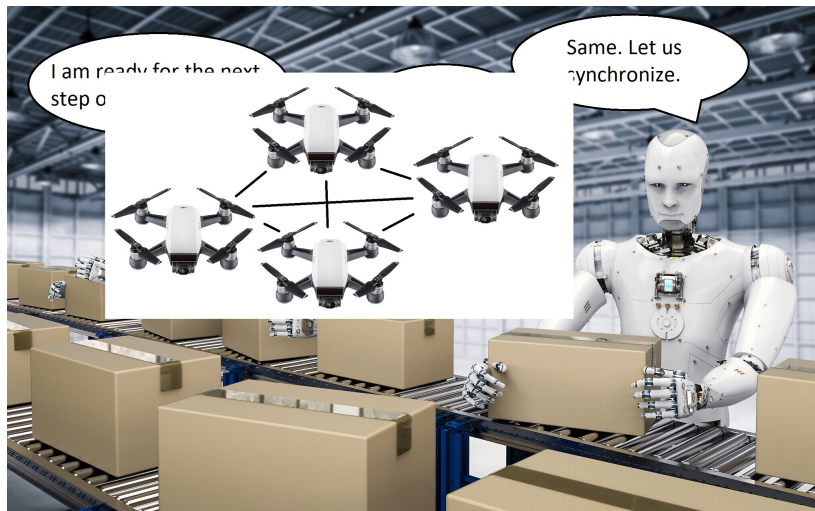
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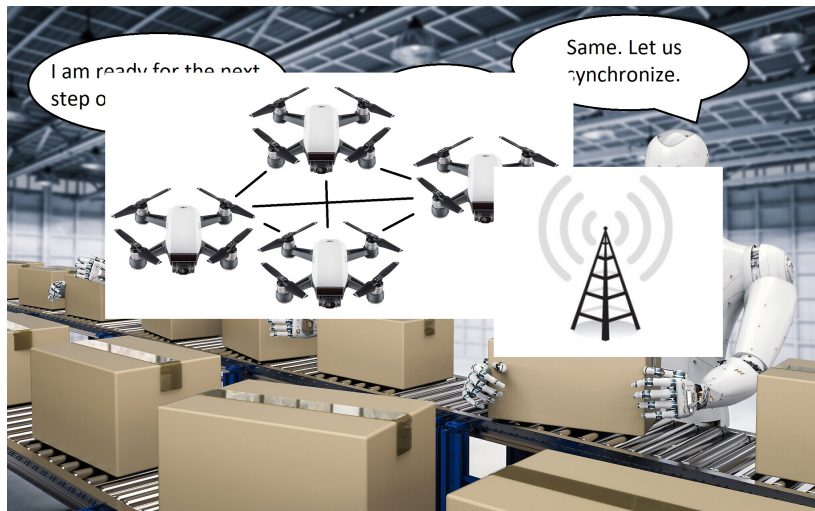
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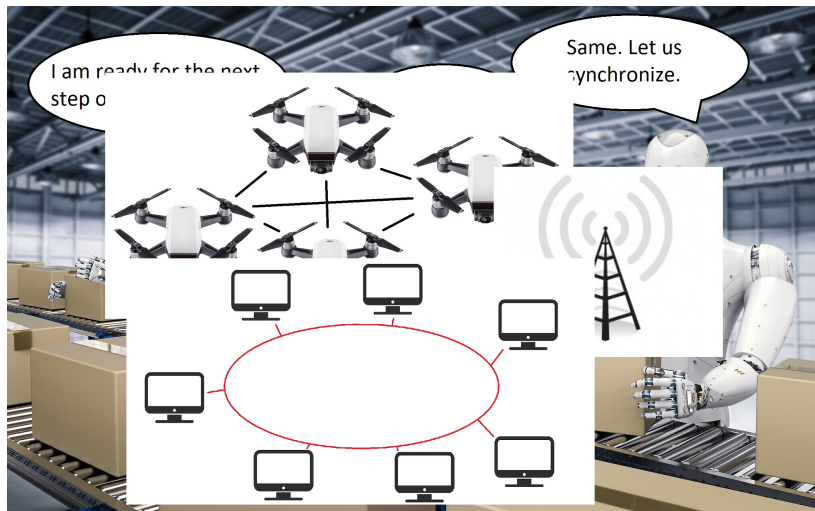
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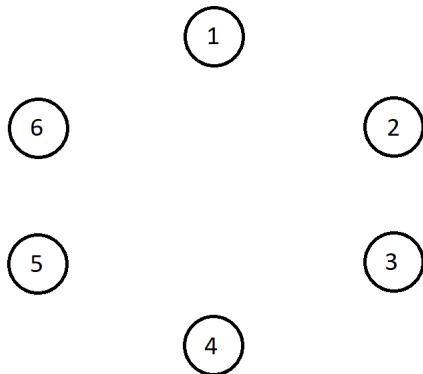


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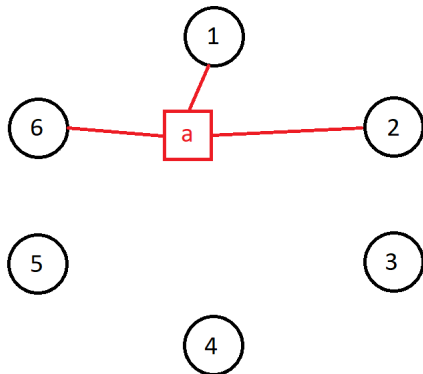
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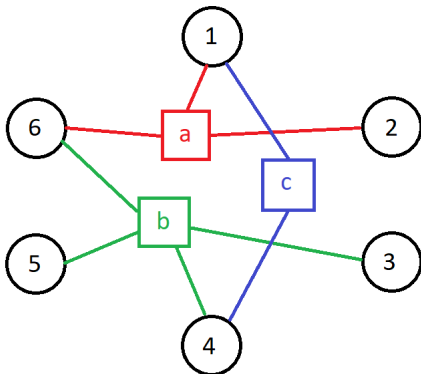
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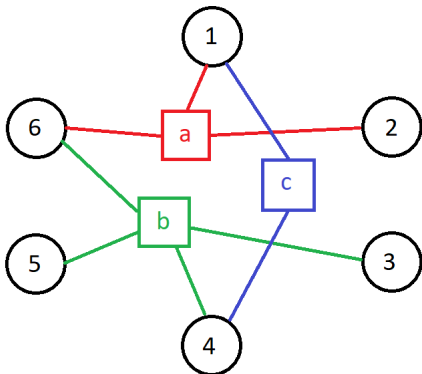
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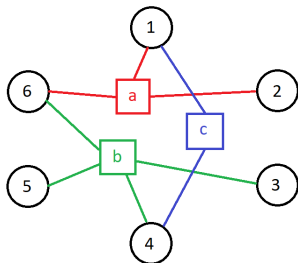


Some assumptions

- Asynchronous system
- Rendez-vous communication
- No sender/receiver distinction

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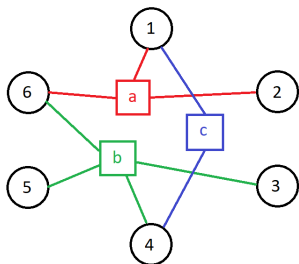
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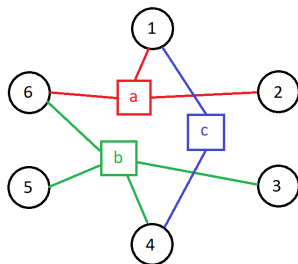
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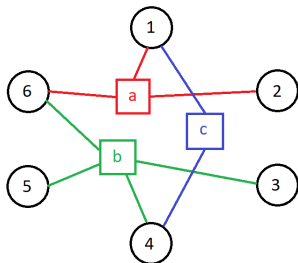
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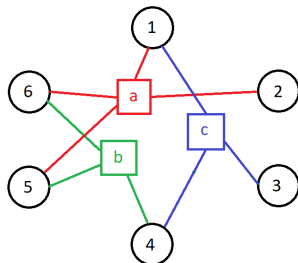
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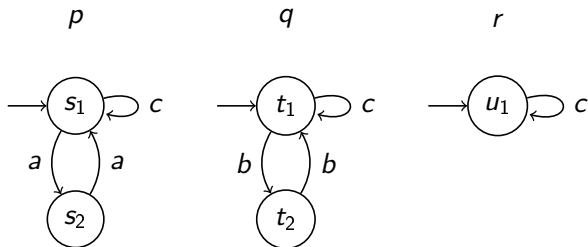
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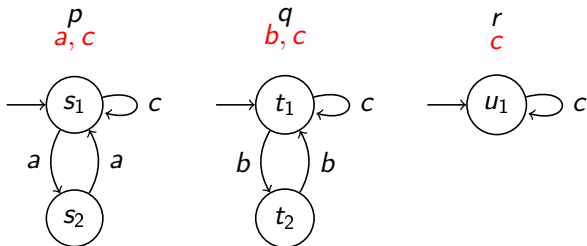
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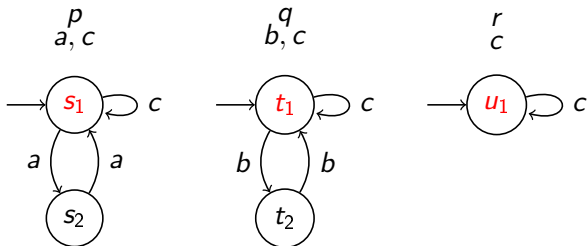
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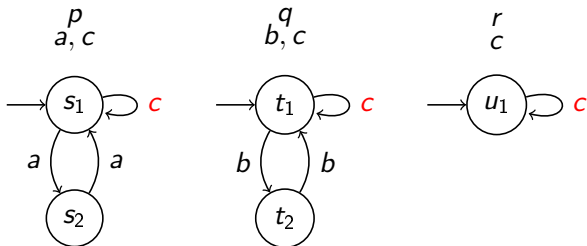


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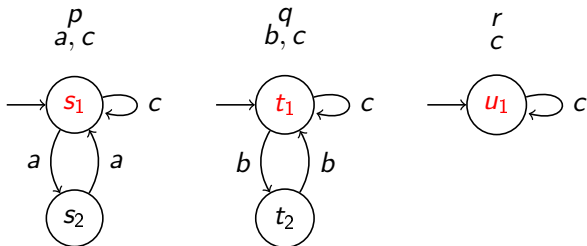


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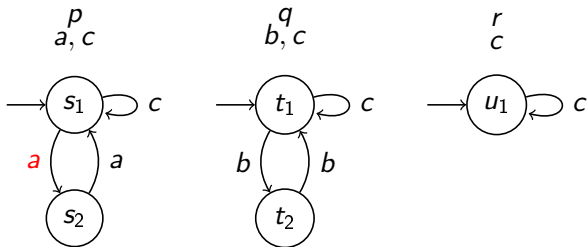


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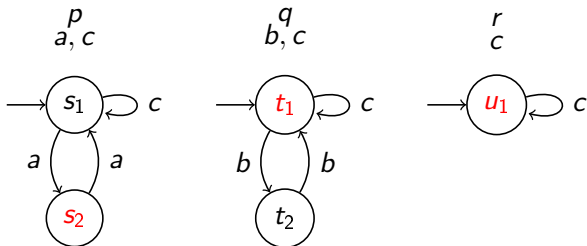


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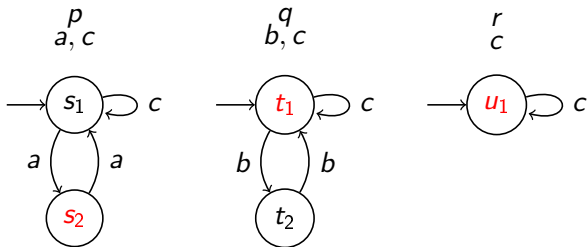


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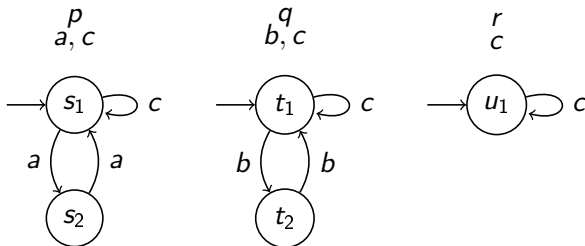


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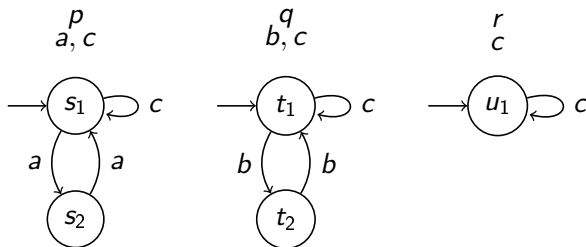
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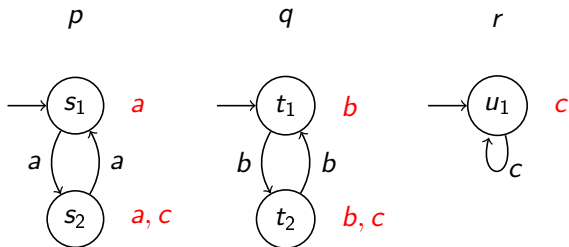
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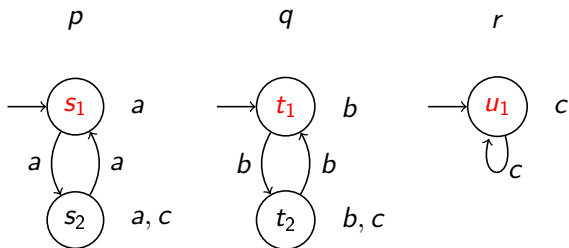
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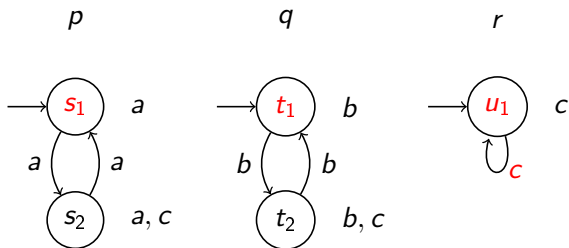


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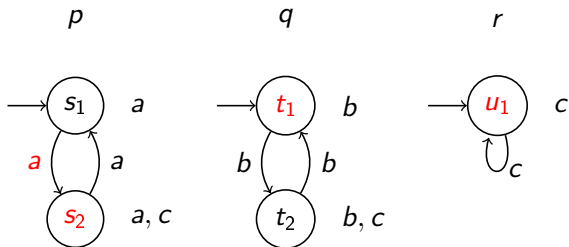


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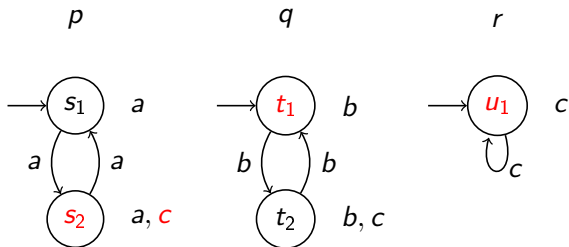


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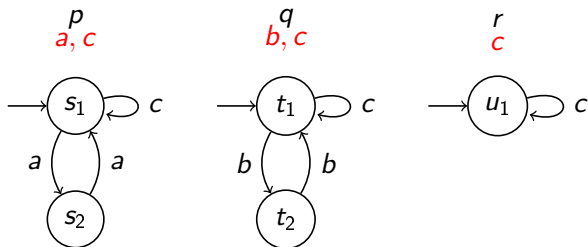
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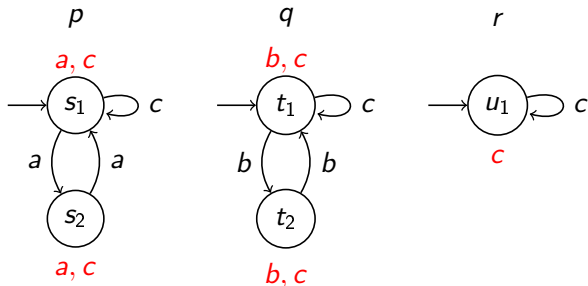


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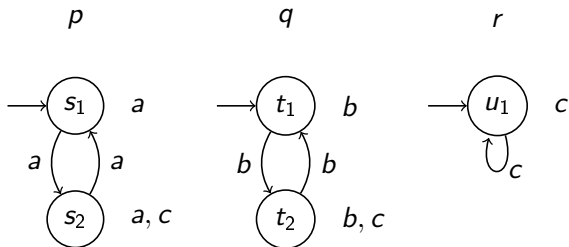
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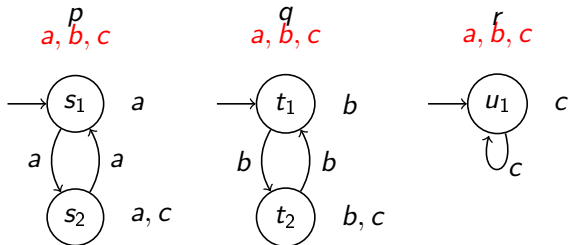


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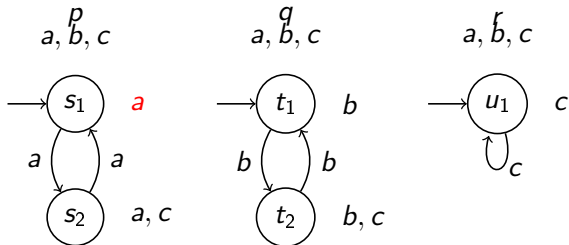


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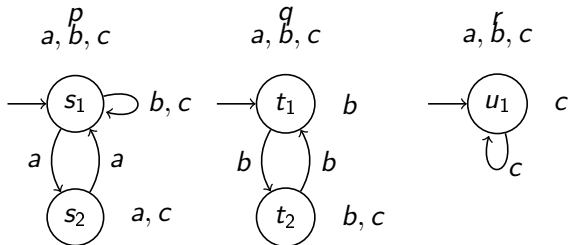


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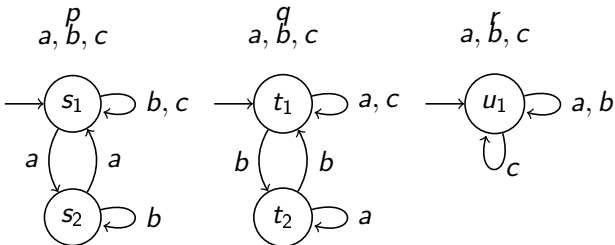


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