Stopping Criteria for Value Iteration on Stochastic Games with Quantitative Objectives

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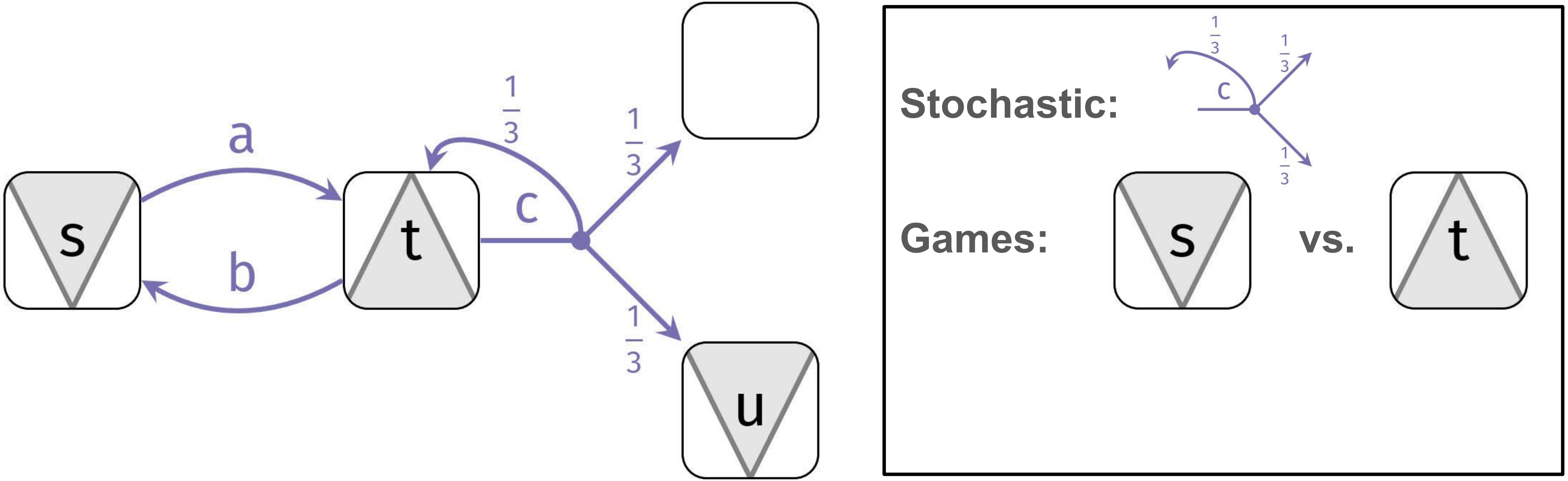

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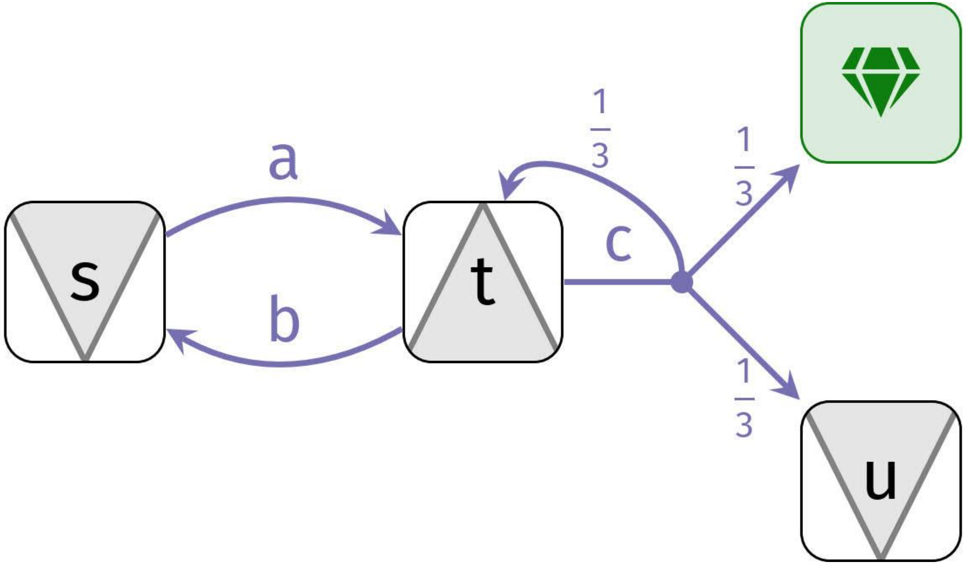

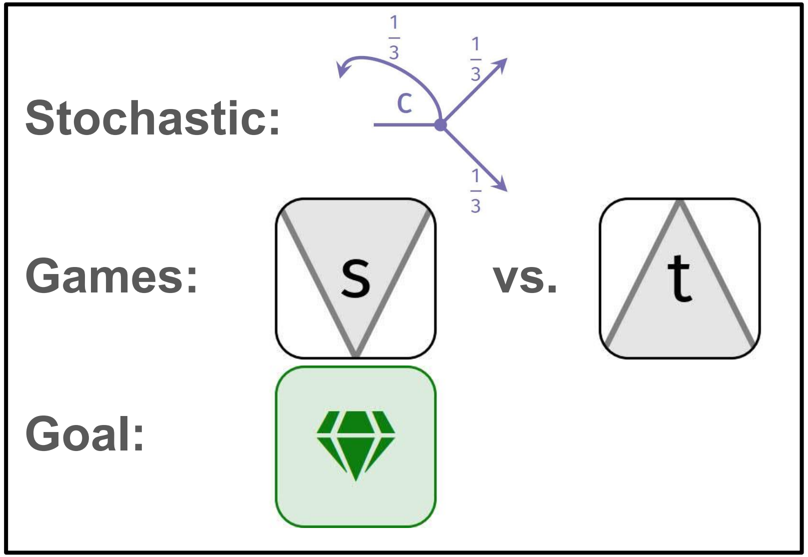

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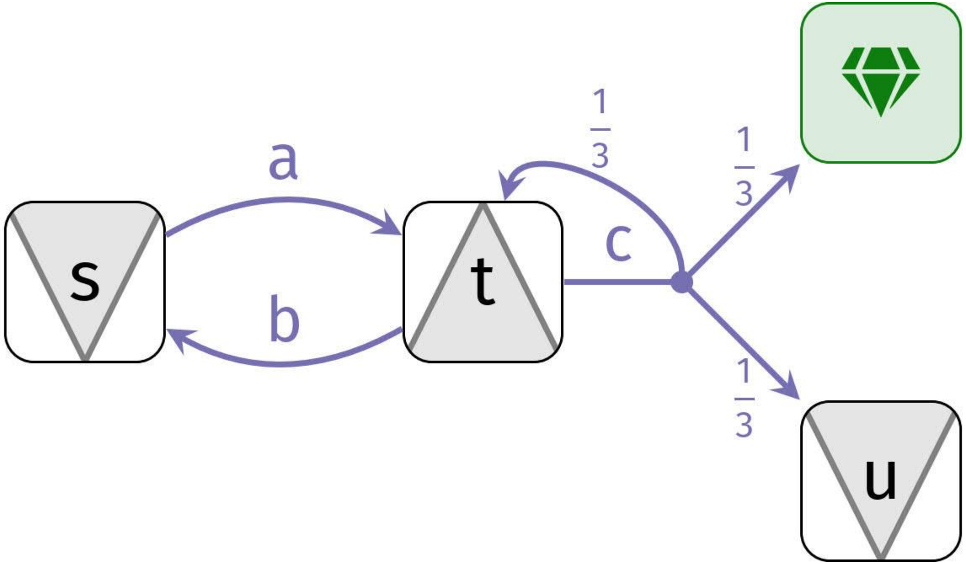

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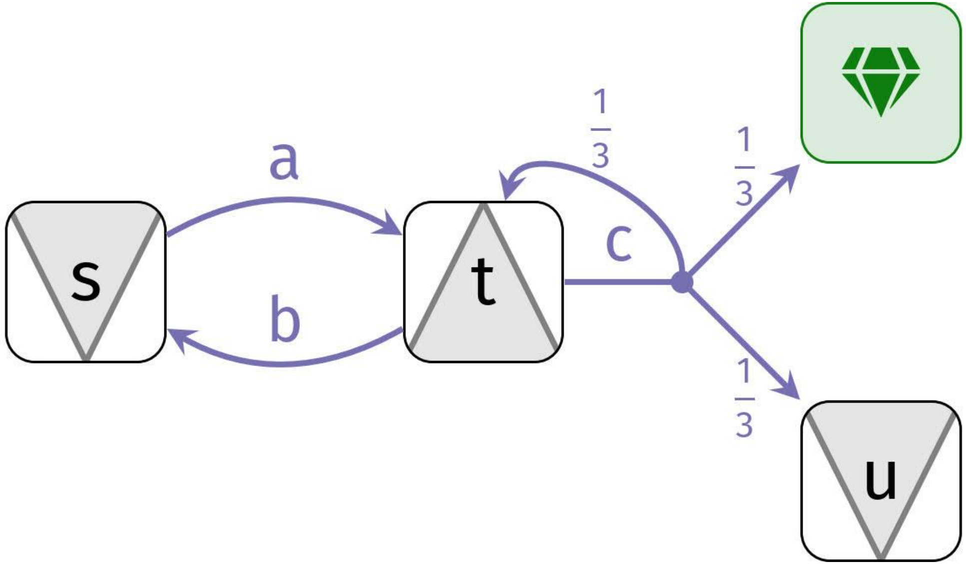

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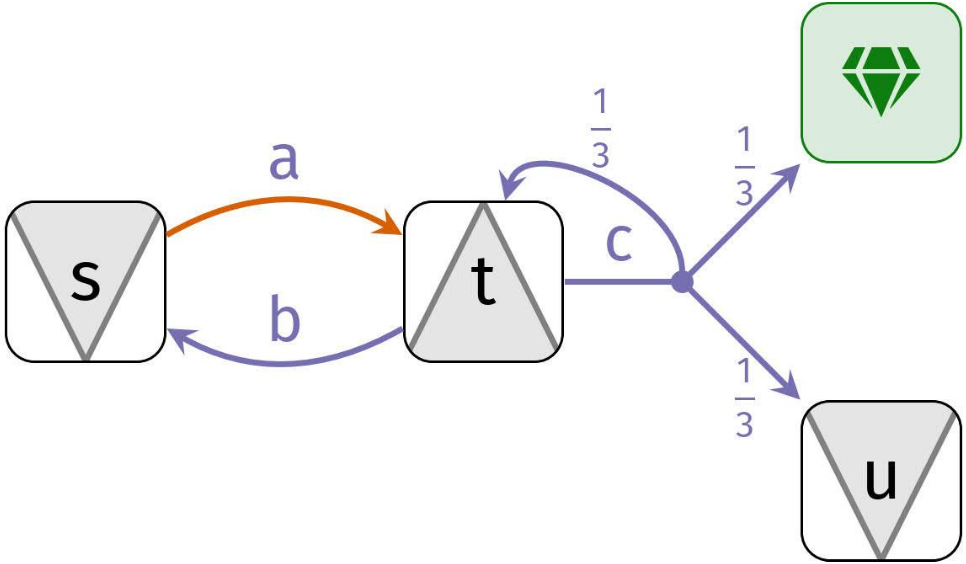

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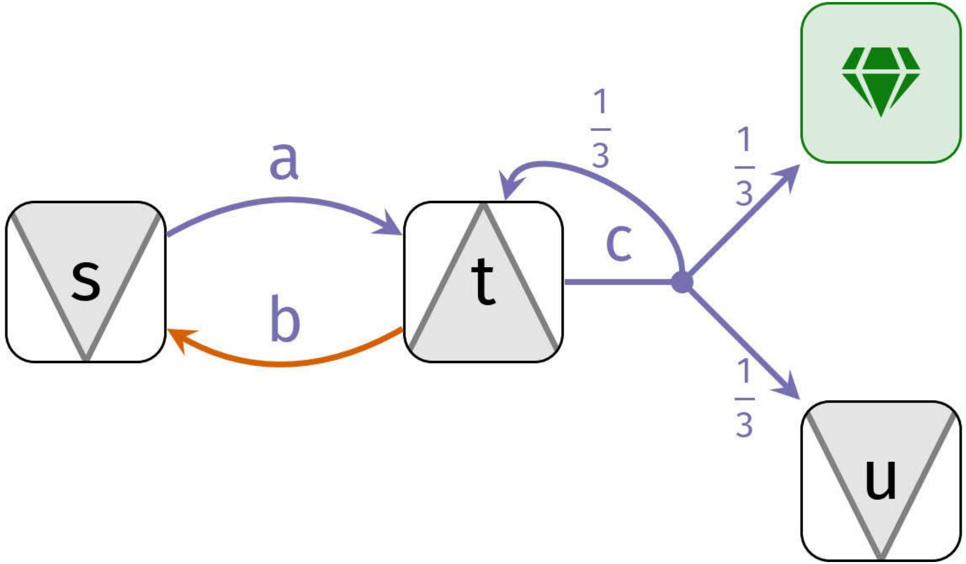

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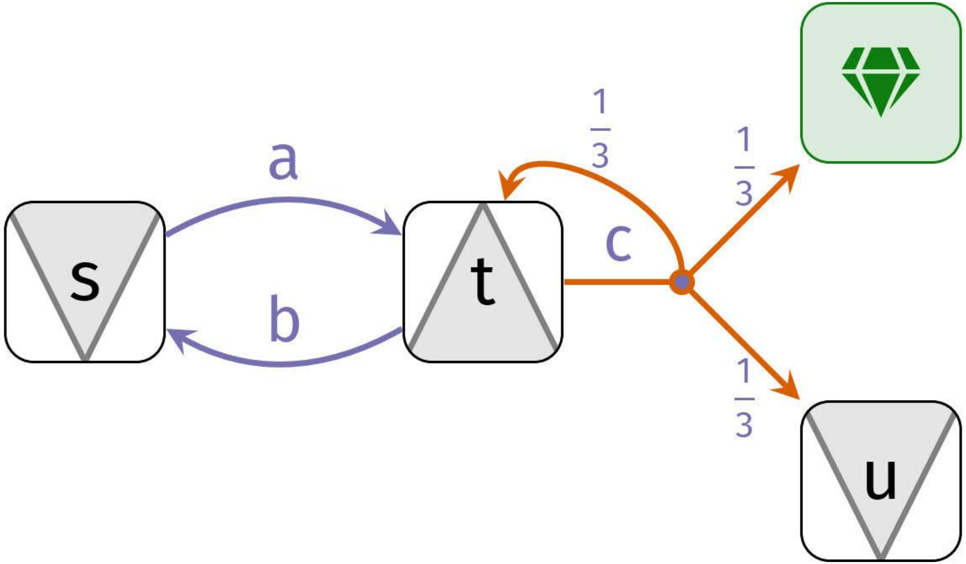

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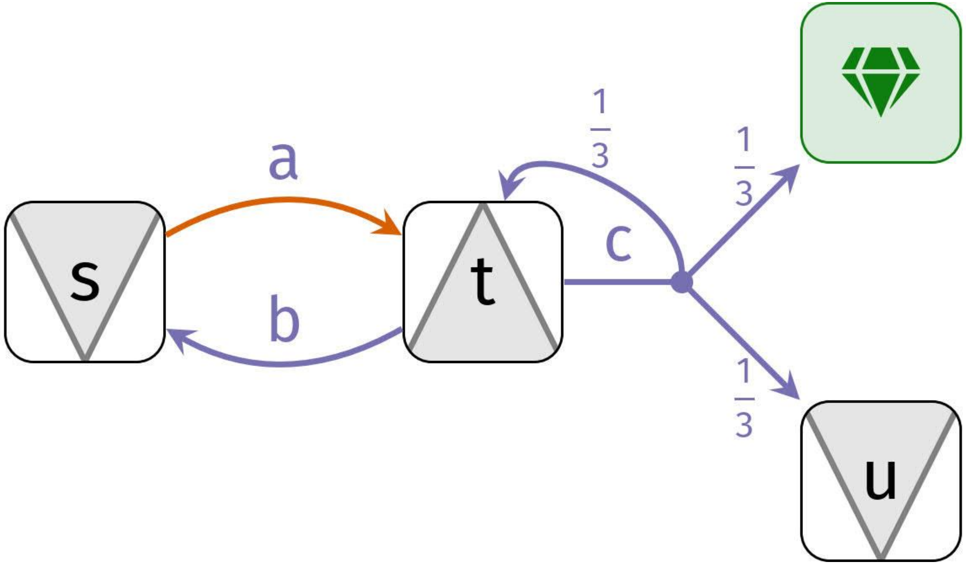

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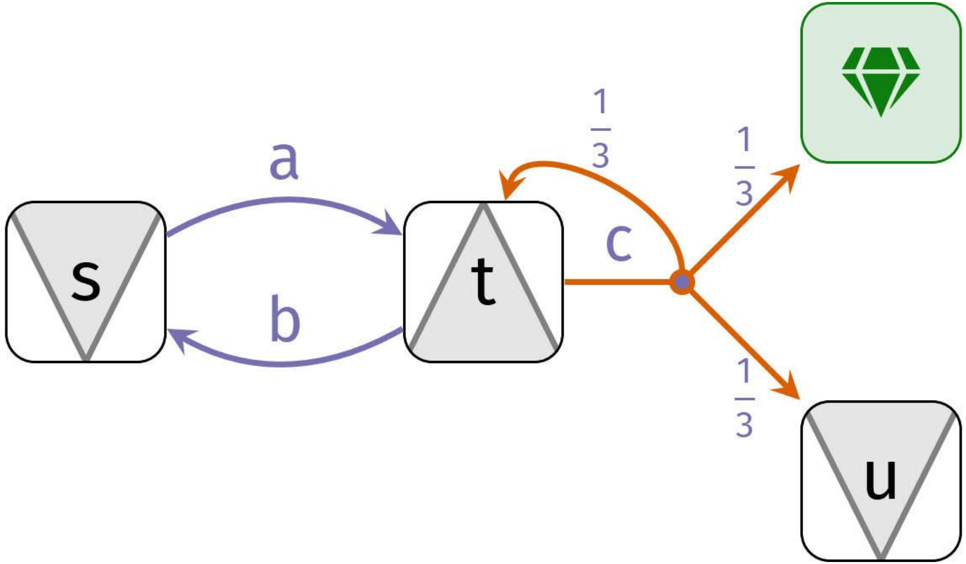

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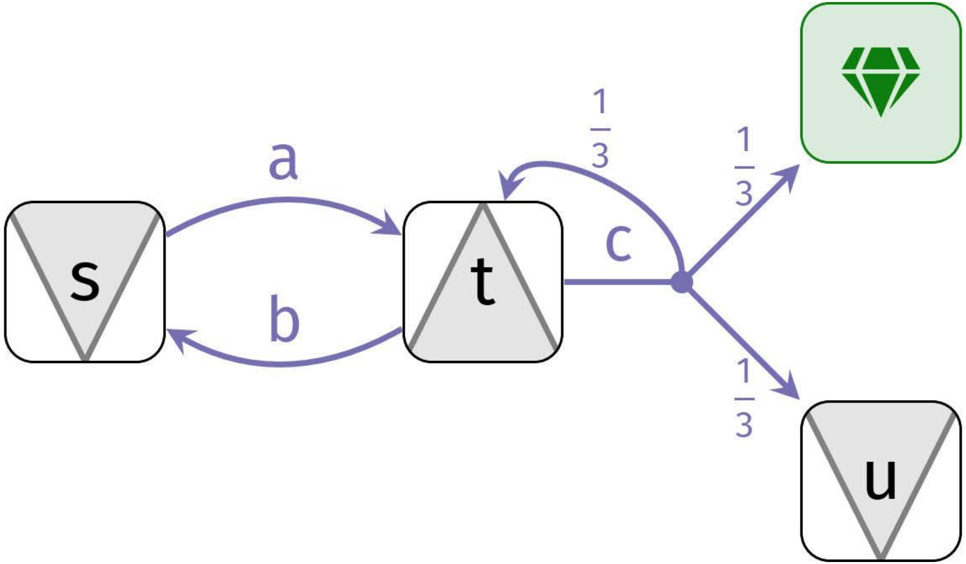

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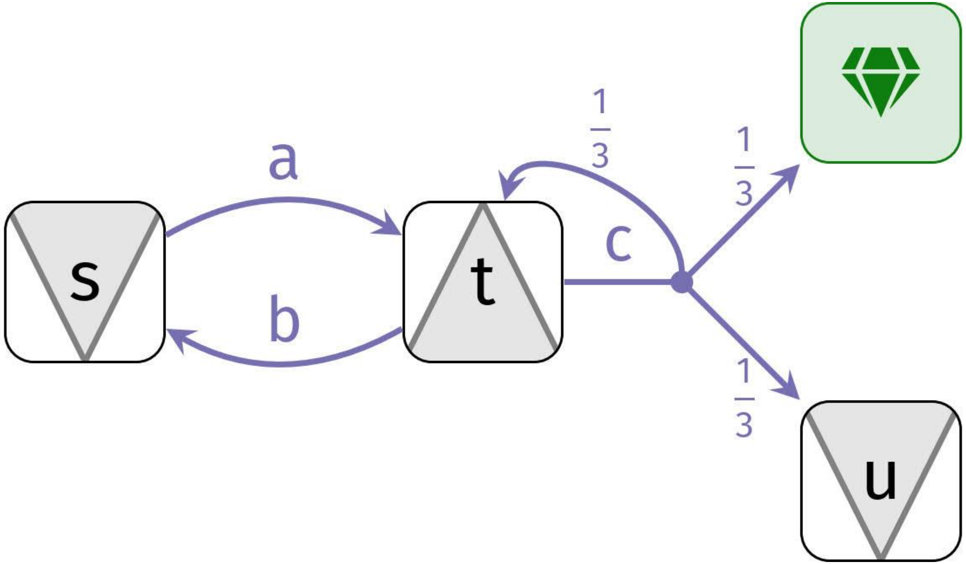

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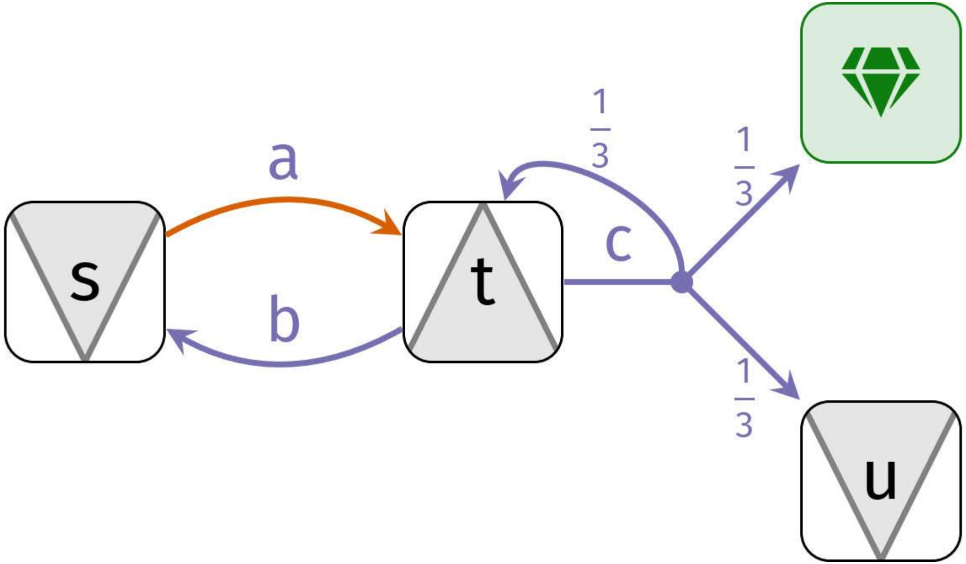

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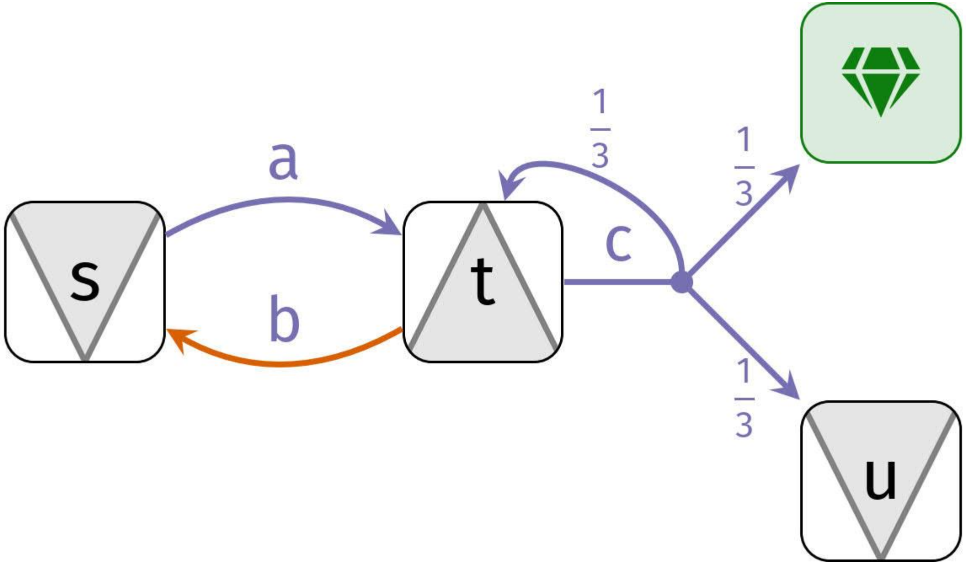

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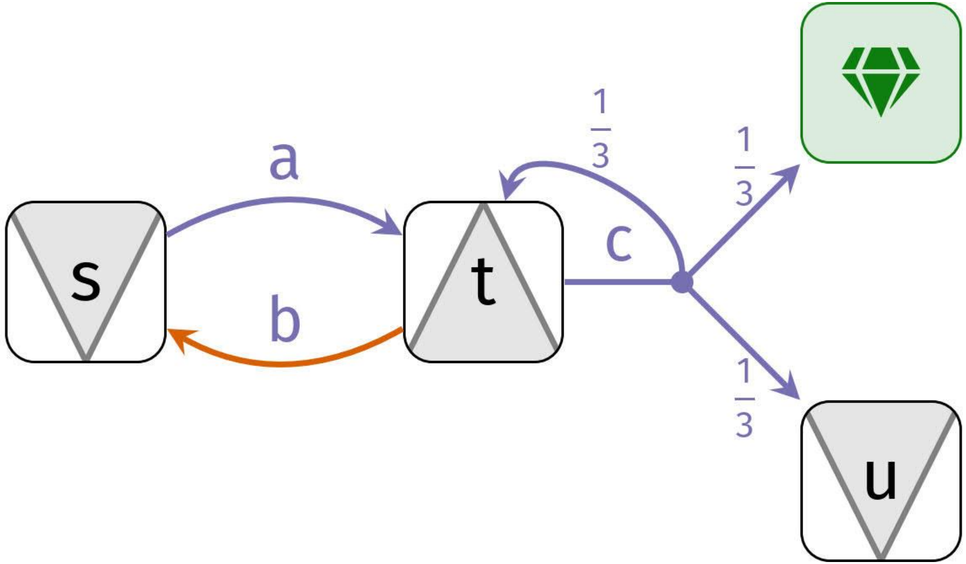

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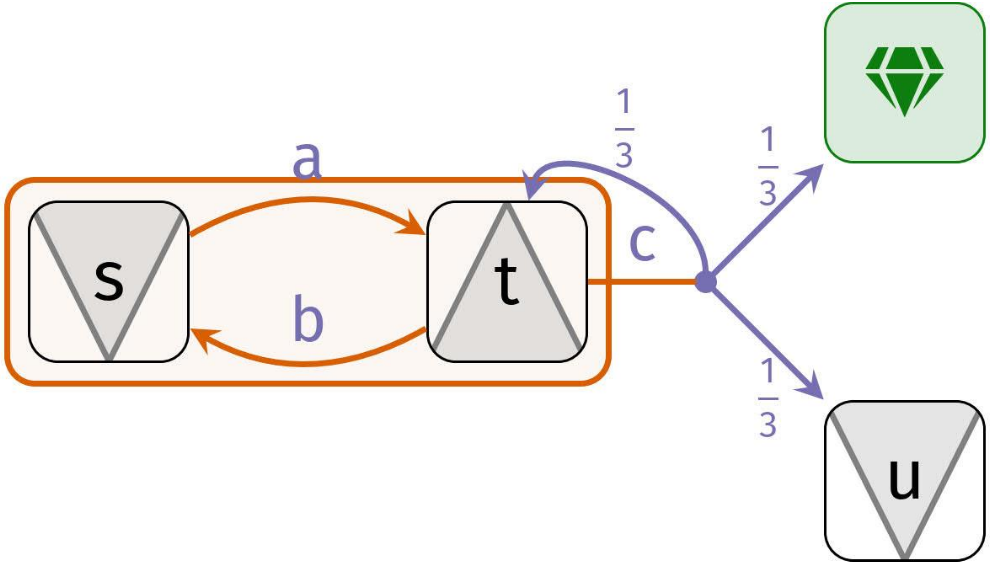

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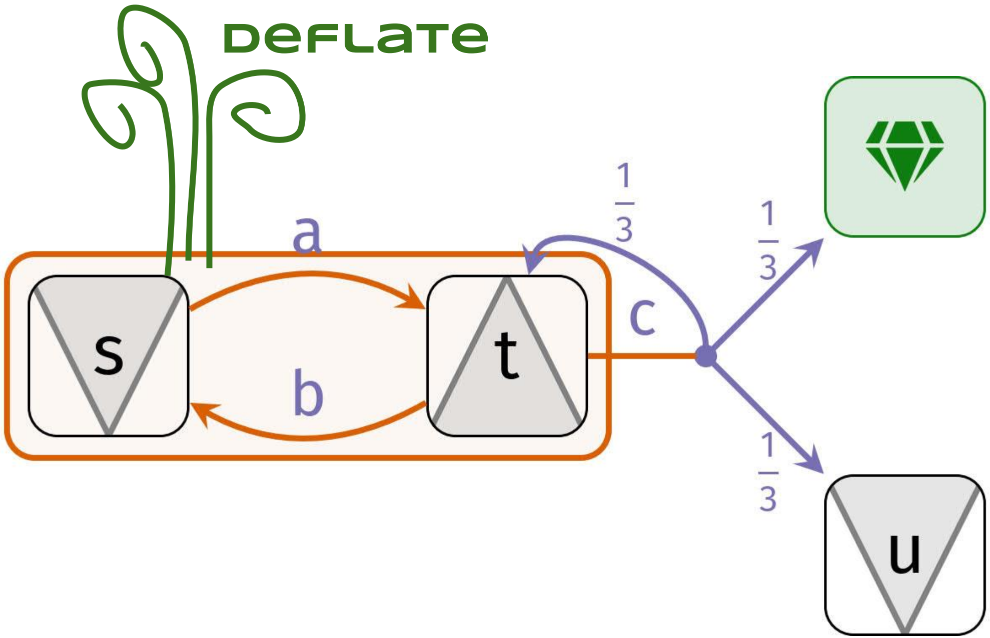

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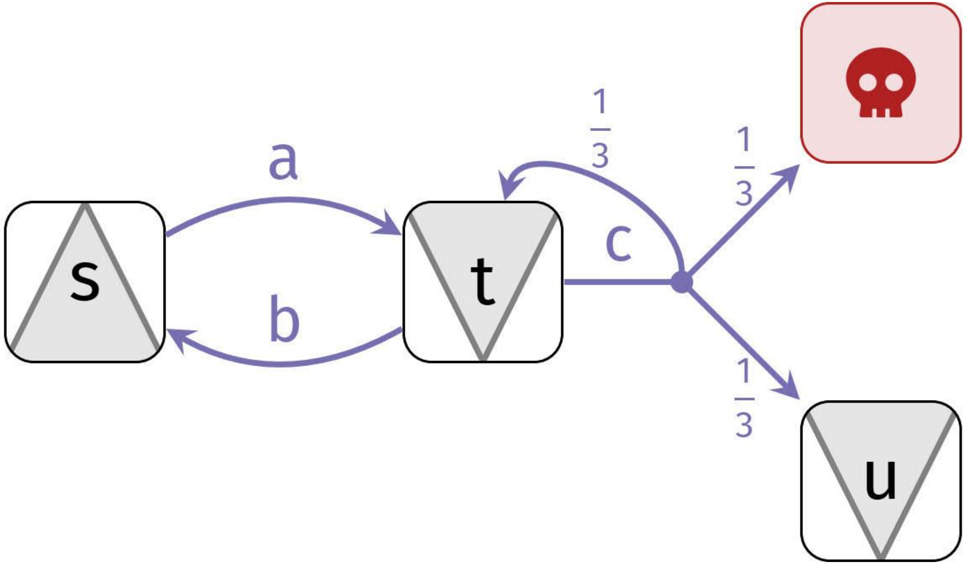

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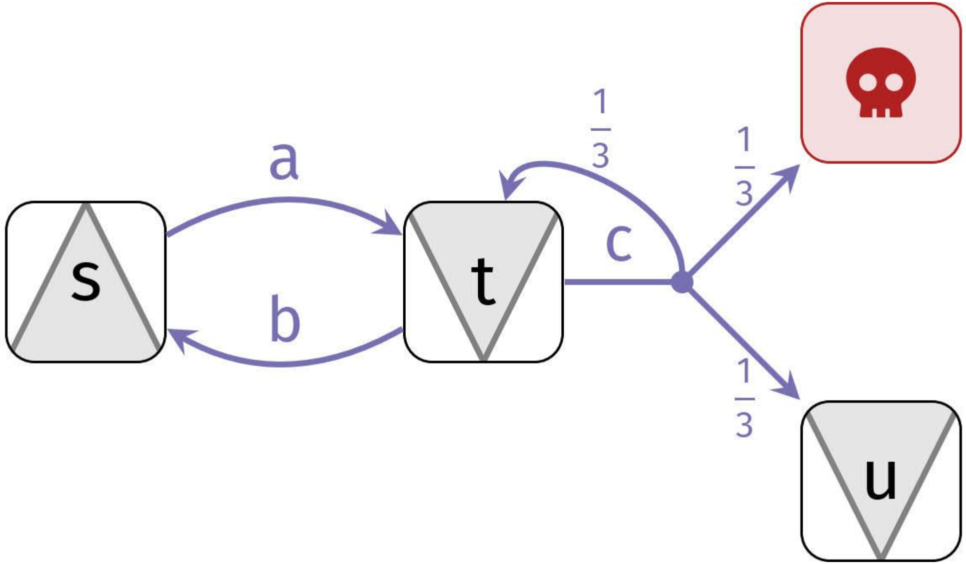

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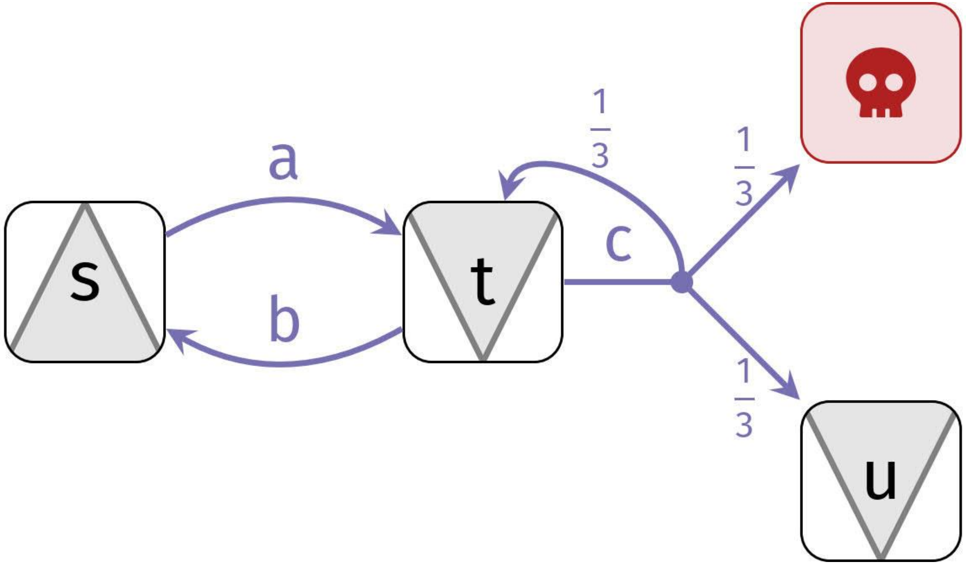

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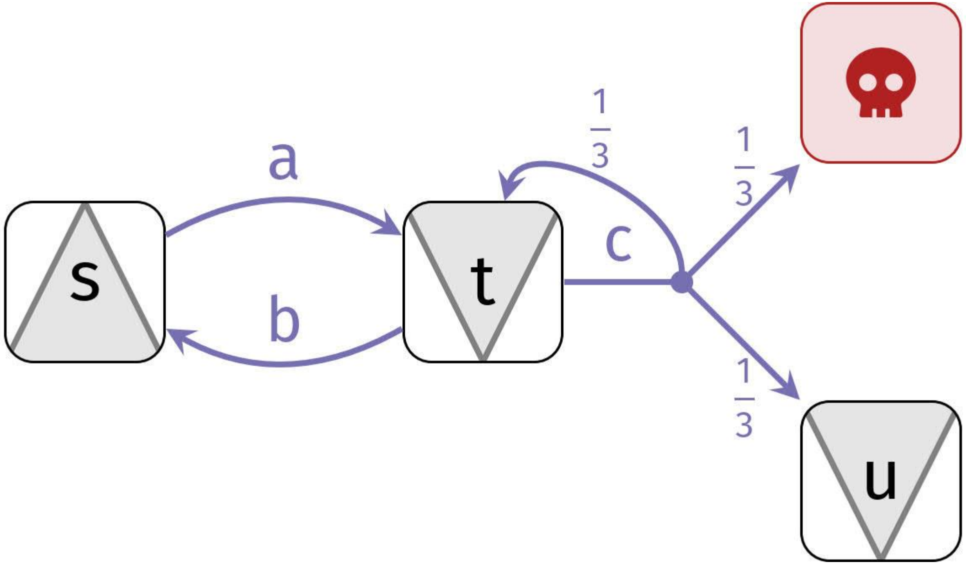

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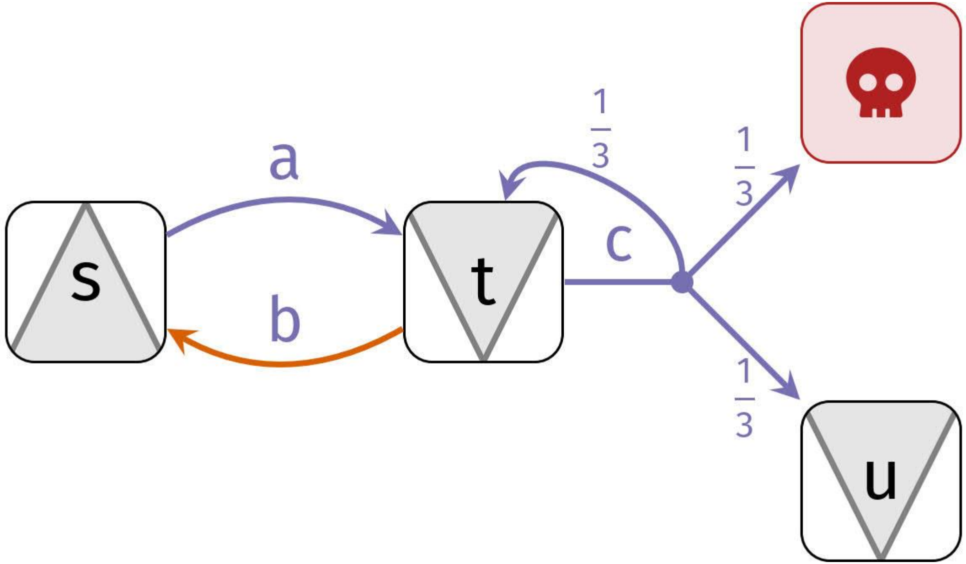

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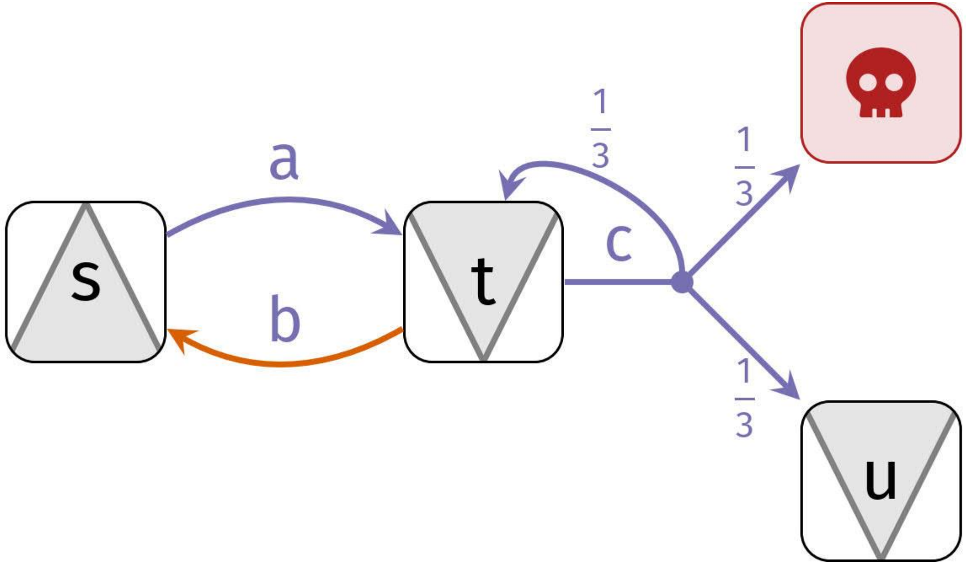

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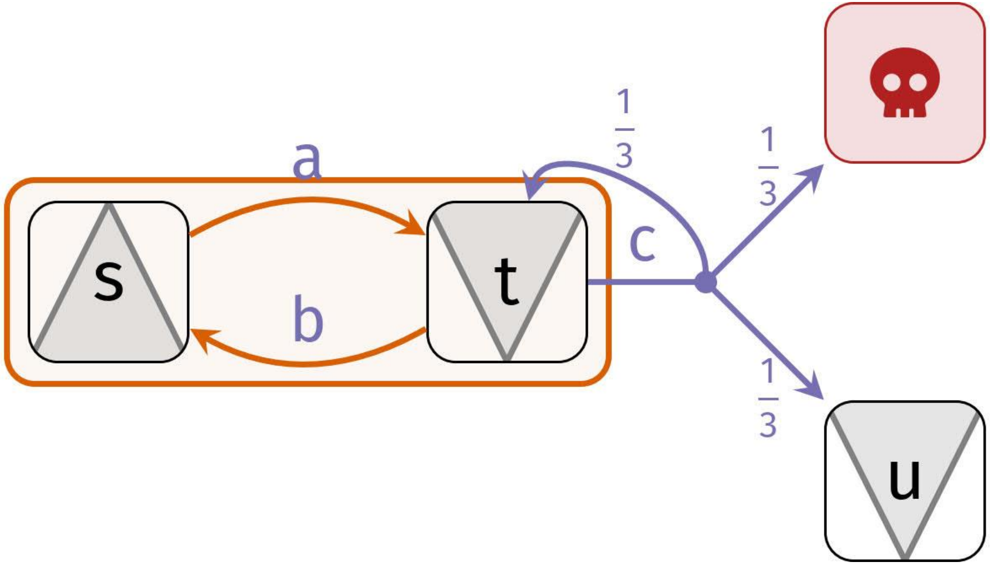

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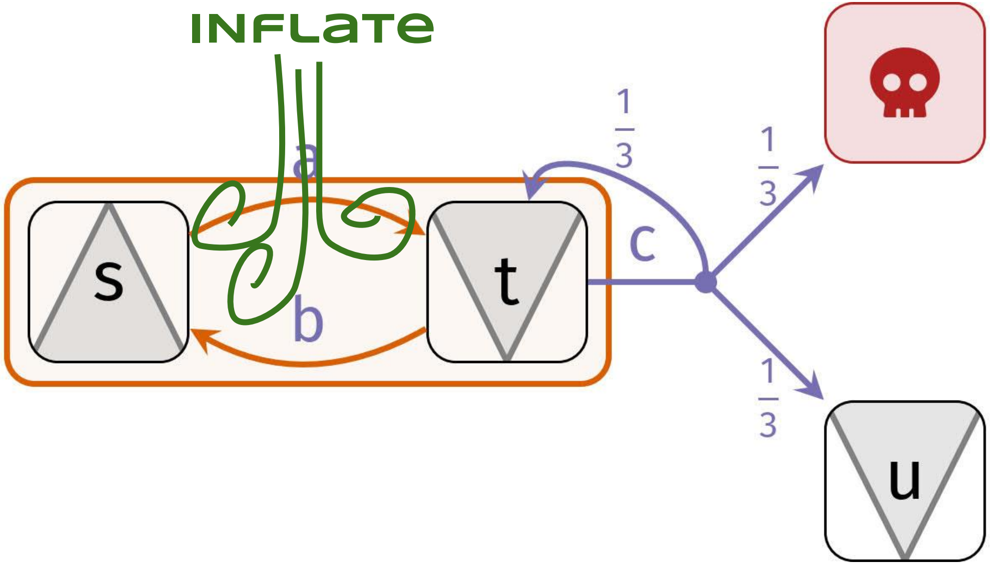

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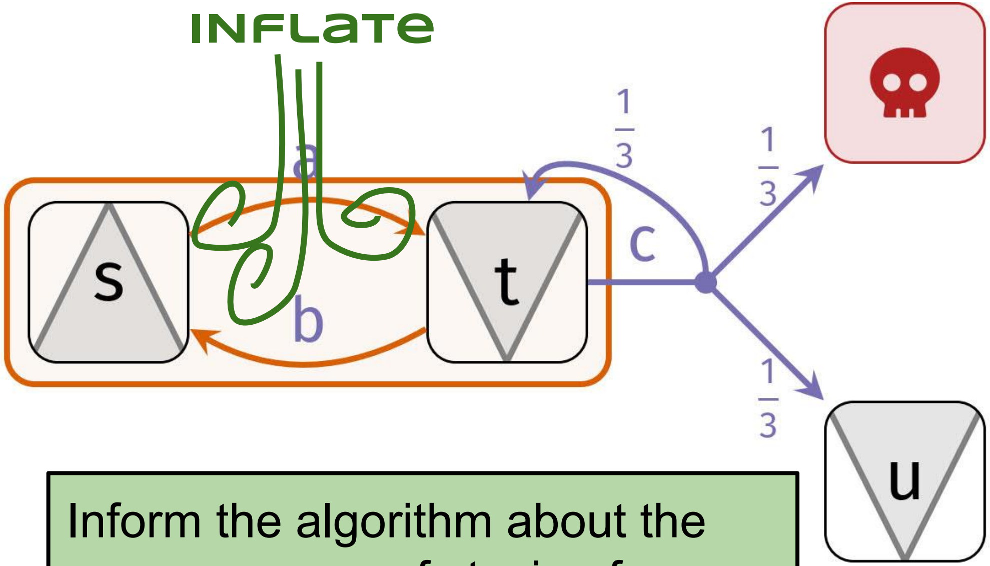

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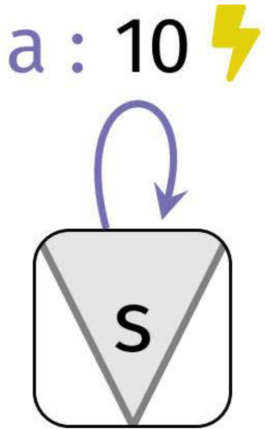

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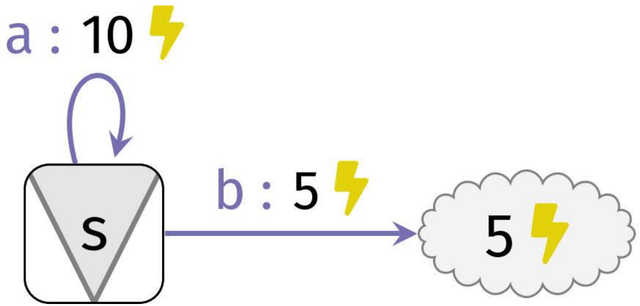

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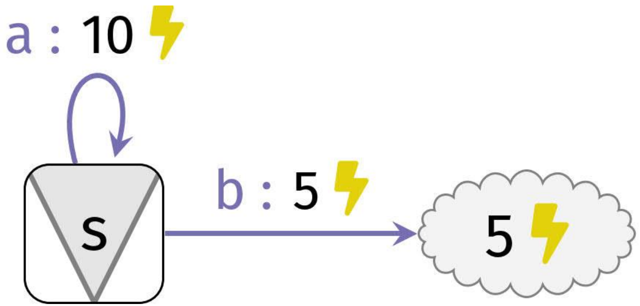

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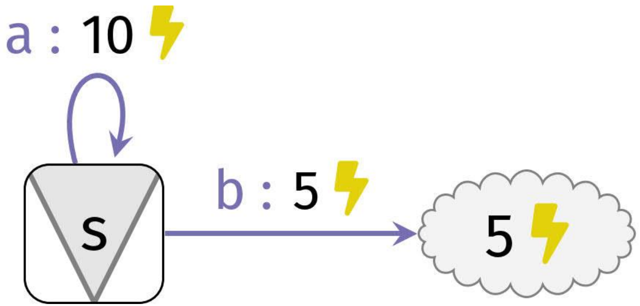

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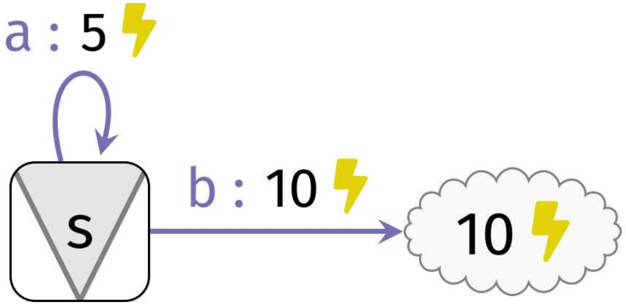

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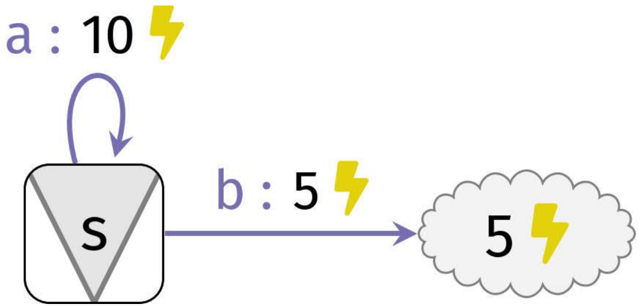

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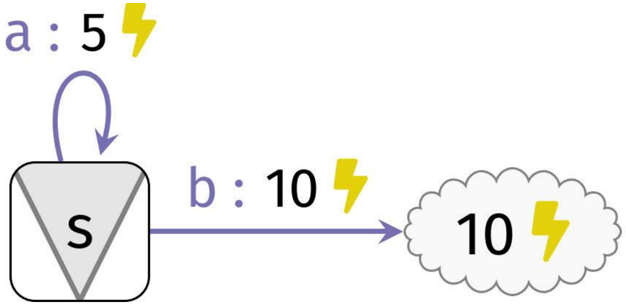

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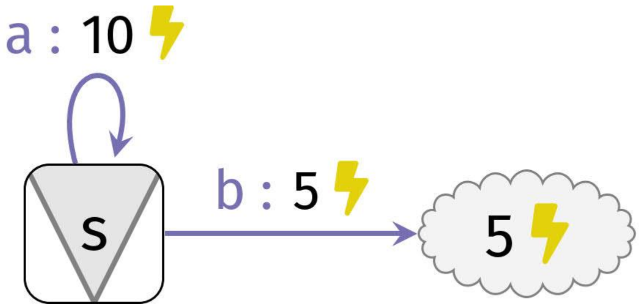

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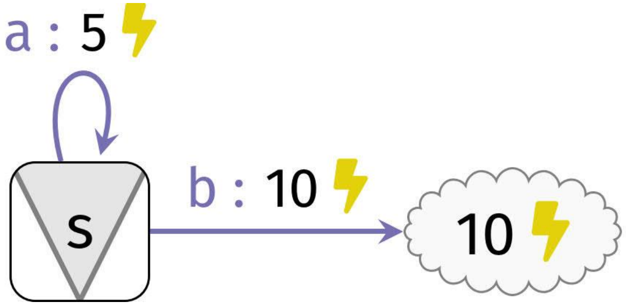

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Conclusion

- Given: **Stochastic Games** with **quantitative objectives** (including reachability, safety, mean payoff, expected total reward, …),
- Goal: Solving them **quickly** and with **precision-guarantees**
- Approach: **Value Iteration** with our **new stopping criterion**

Idea: Inform the algorithm about the consequences of staying forever:
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Unifies previous work [BCC+14, HM14, BKL+17, ACD+17, KKKW18, PTHH20]
in an **elegant, objective-independent way**