

Braiding trees: a new family of Thompson-like groups

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The group of parenthesized braids

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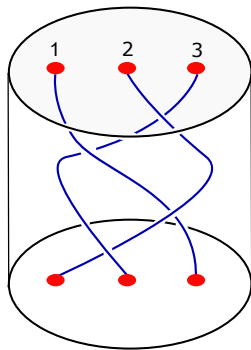
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Abstract

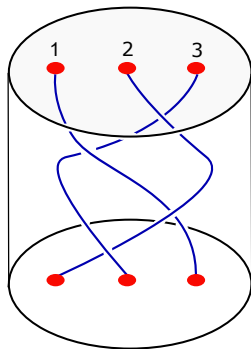
We investigate a group $B_\bullet$ that includes Artin's braid group B_∞ and Thompson's group F . The elements of $B_\bullet$ are represented by braids diagrams in which the distances between the strands are not uniform and, besides the usual crossing generators, new rescaling operators shrink or stretch the distances between the strands. We prove that $B_\bullet$ is a group of fractions, that it is orderable, admits a nontrivial self-distributive structure, i.e., one involving the law $x(yz) = (xy)(xz)$, it embeds in the mapping class group of a sphere with a Cantor set of punctures, and that Artin's representation of B_∞ into the automorphisms of a free group extends to $B_\bullet$.

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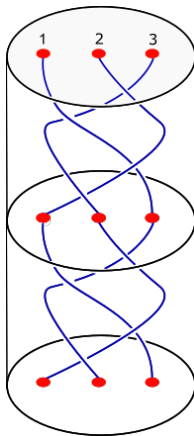


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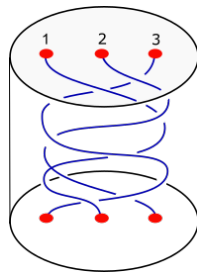
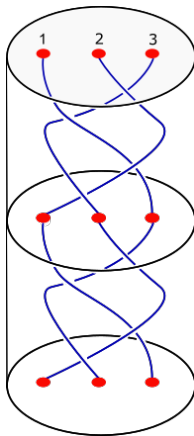


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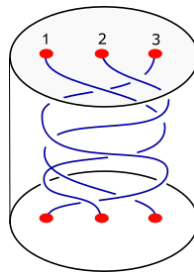
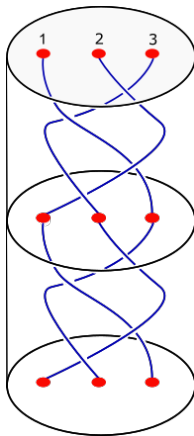
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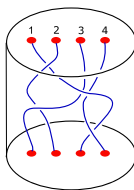


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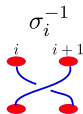
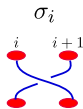
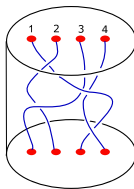


The set of equivalence classes of braids with n strands together with this product is a group, B_n .

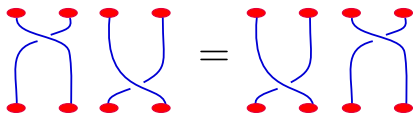
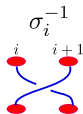
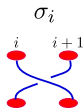
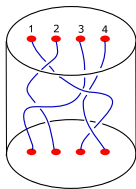
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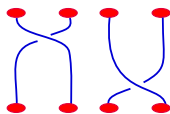
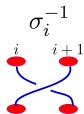
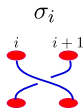
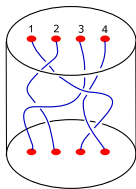
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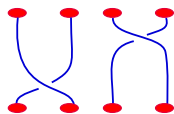
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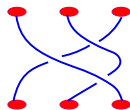
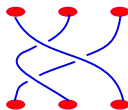
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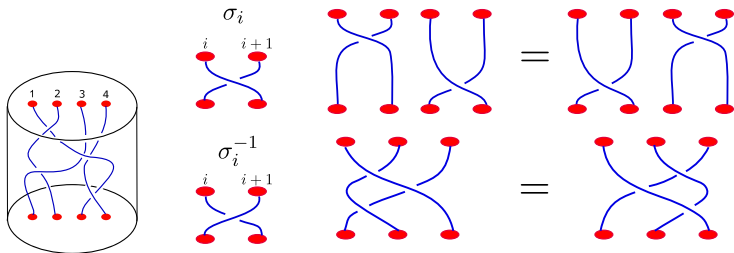
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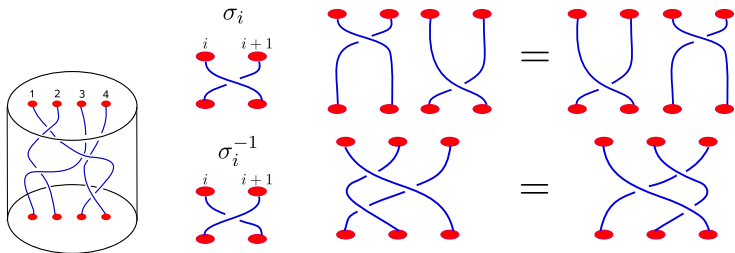


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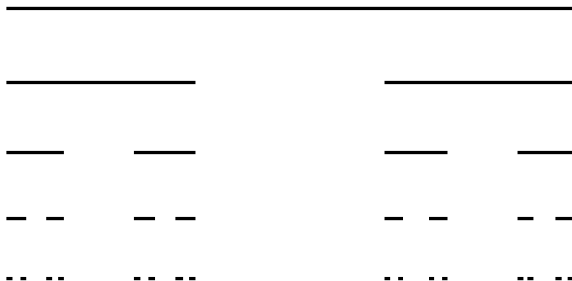
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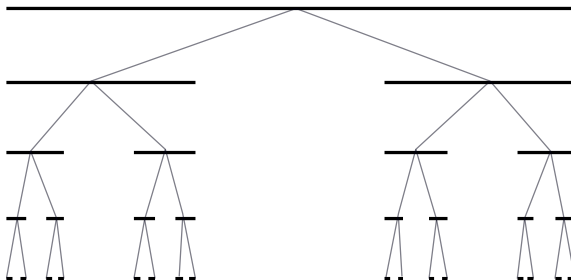
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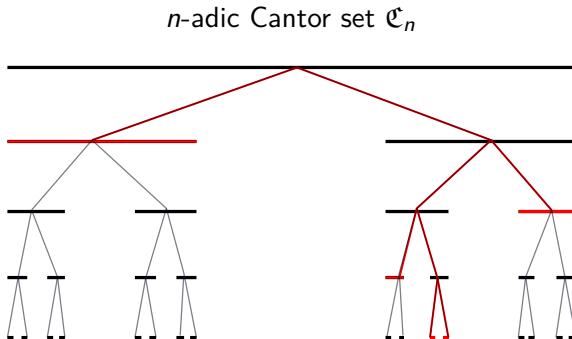


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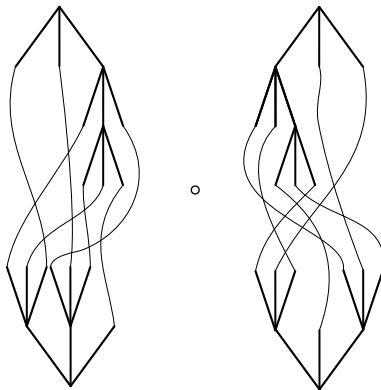
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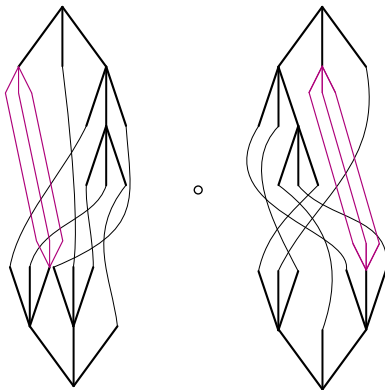
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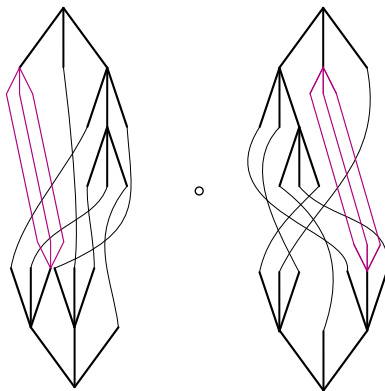
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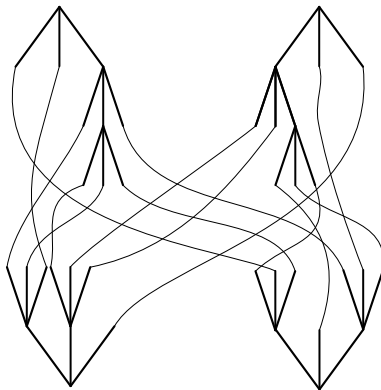
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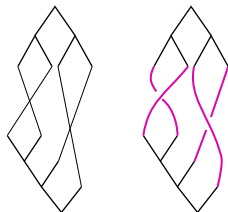
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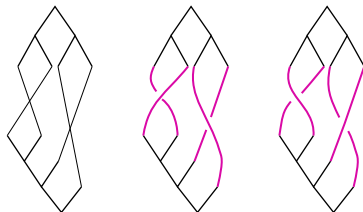
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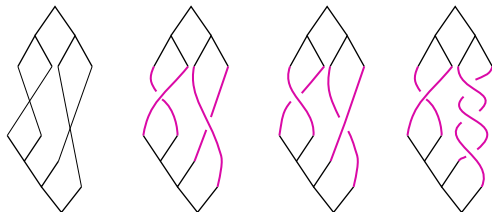
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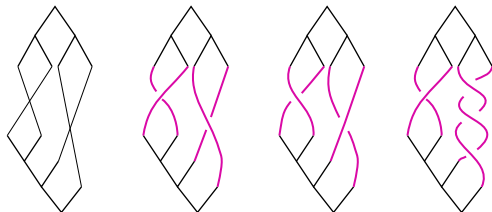
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- This group was independently introduced by Matthew Brin and Patrick Dehornoy in 2006. They both showed that BV_2 is finitely presented and gave an explicit presentation.

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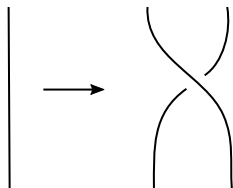


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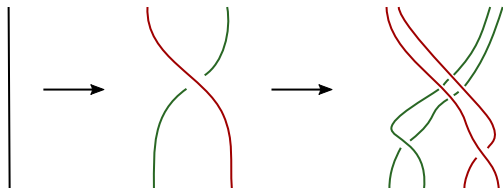


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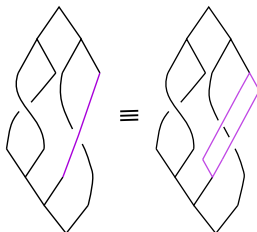
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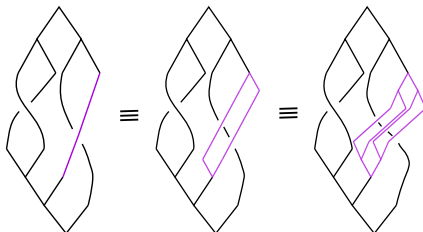
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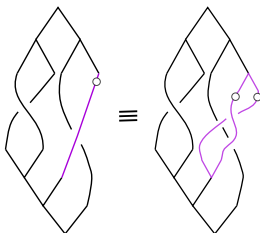
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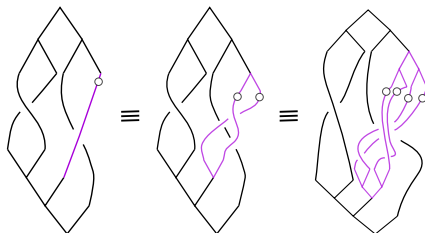
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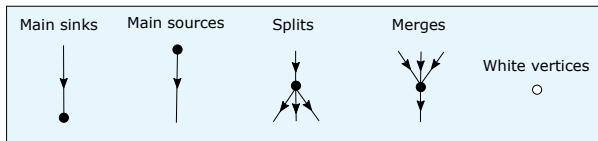
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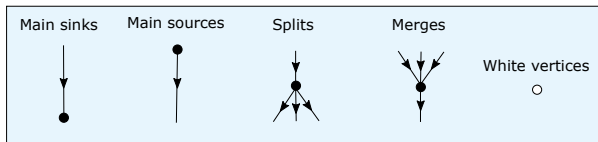
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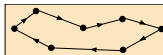


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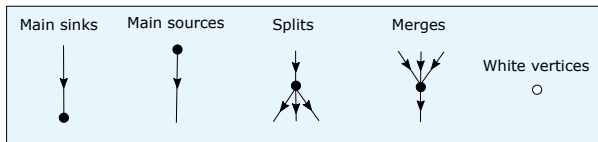


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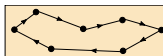


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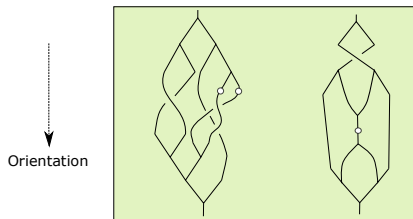
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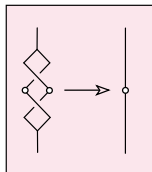


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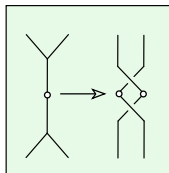
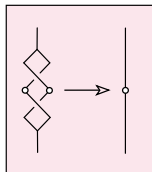
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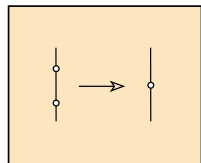
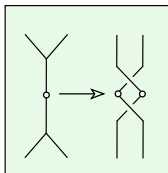
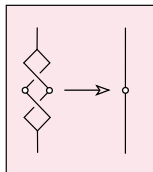
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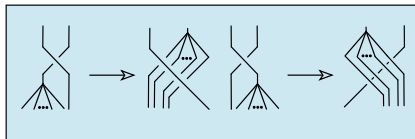
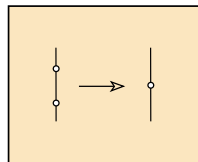
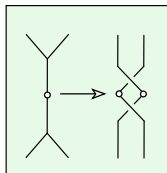
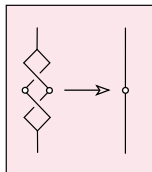
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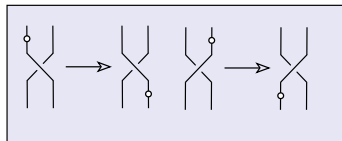
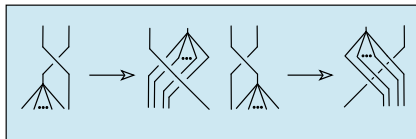
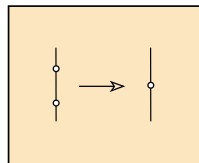
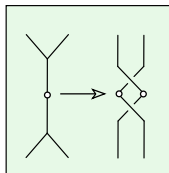
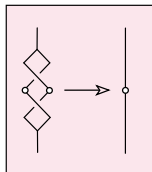
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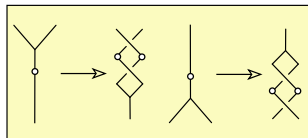
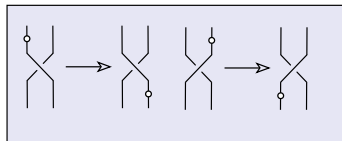
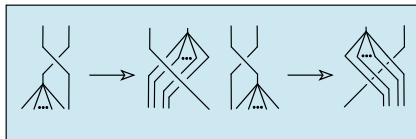
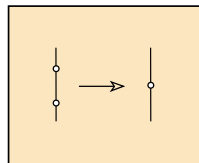
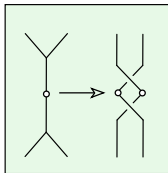
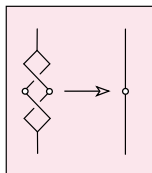
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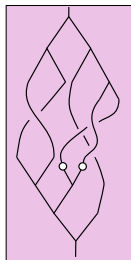
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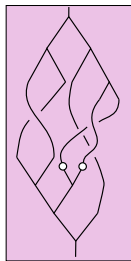
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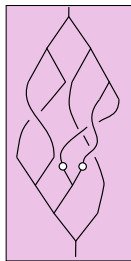
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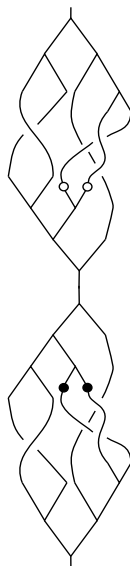
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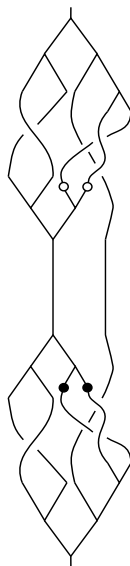
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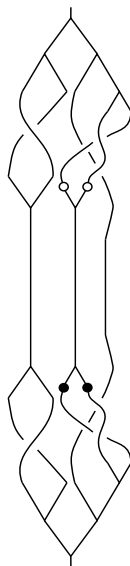
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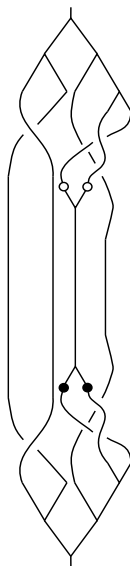
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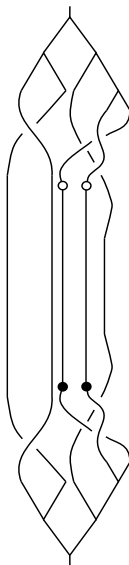
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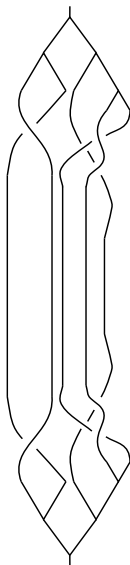
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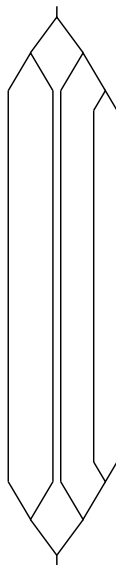
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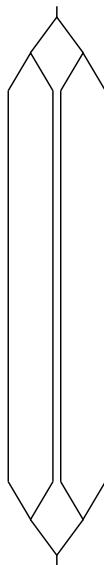
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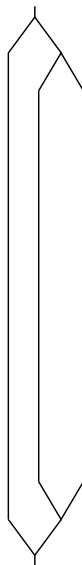
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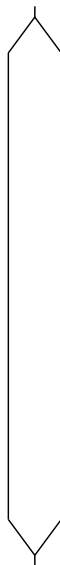
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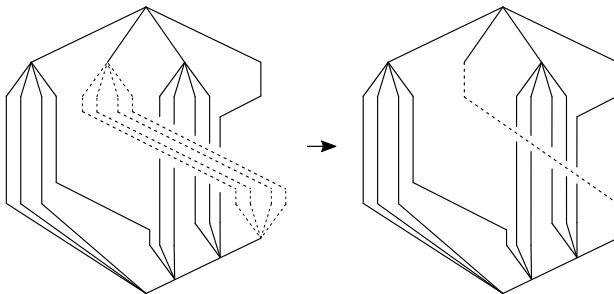
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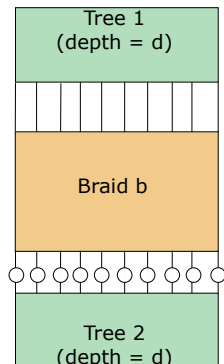
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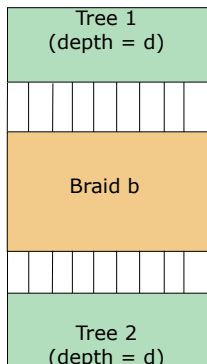
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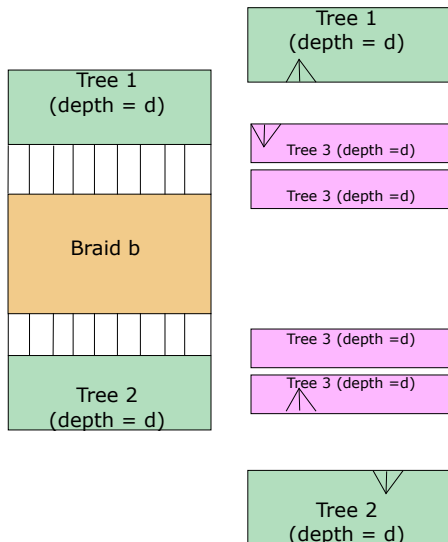
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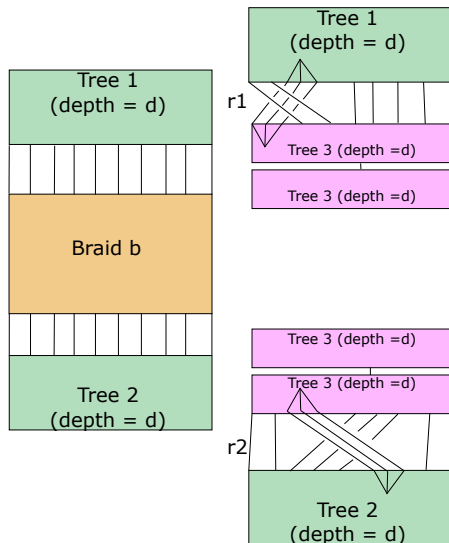
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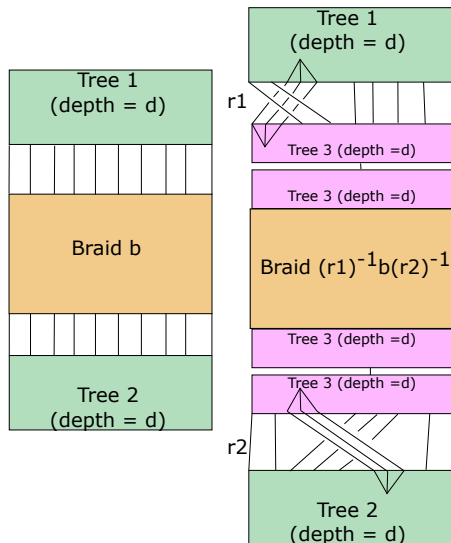
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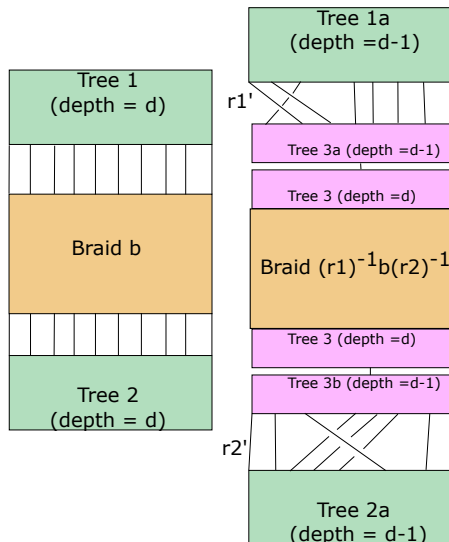
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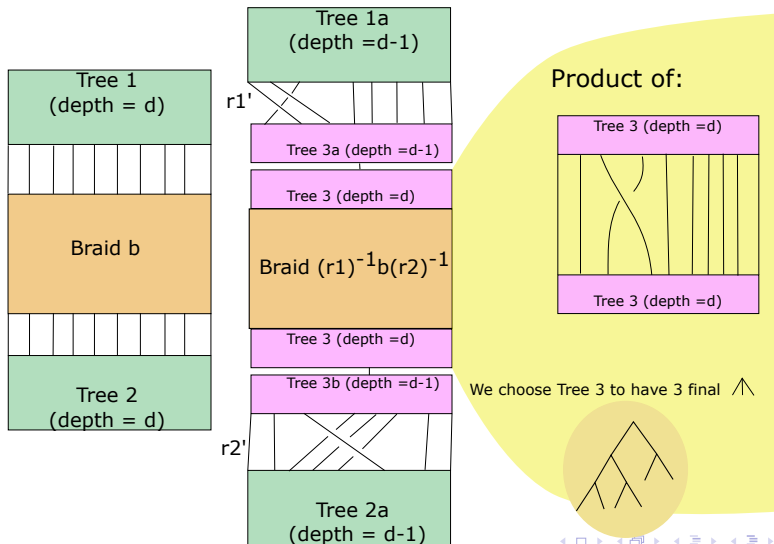
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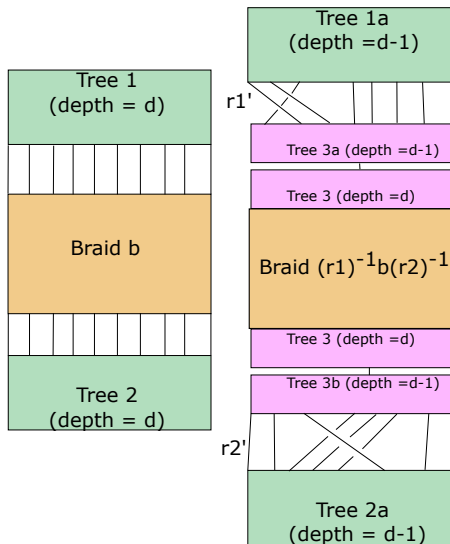
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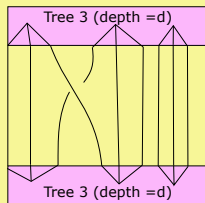
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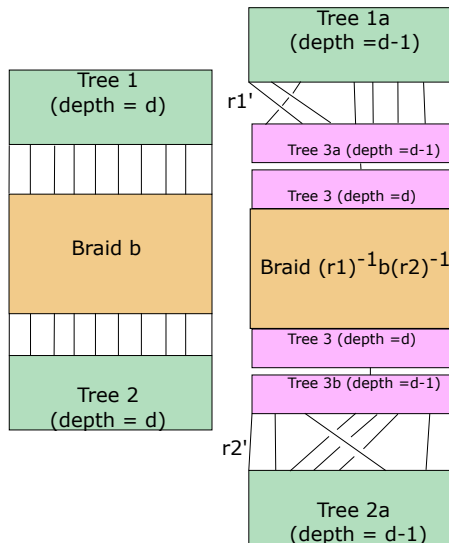
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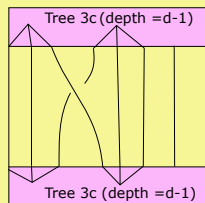
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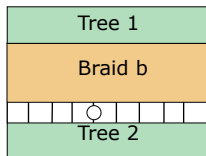
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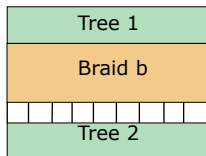
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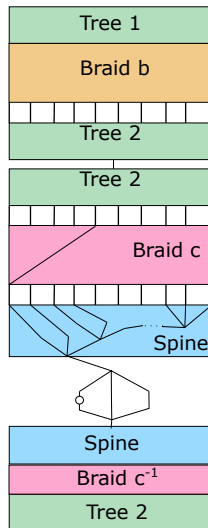
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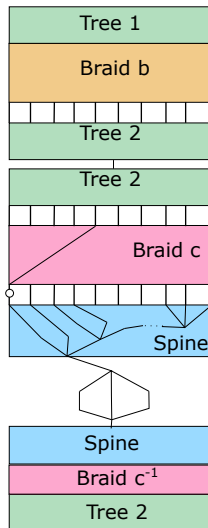
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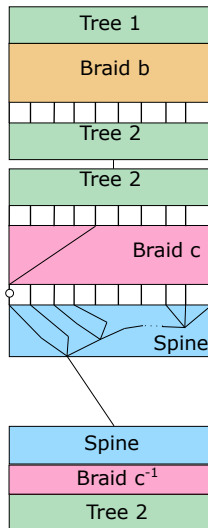
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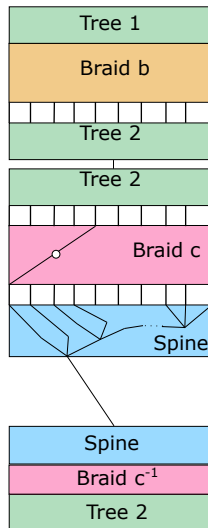
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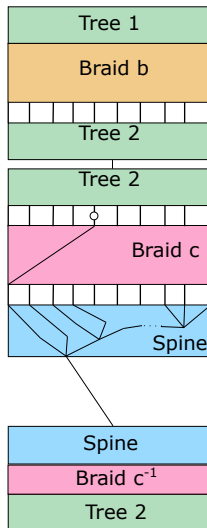
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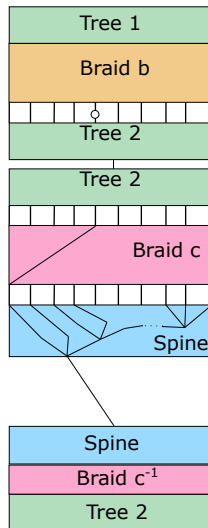
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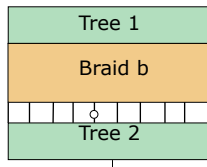
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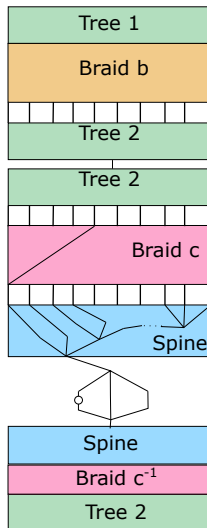
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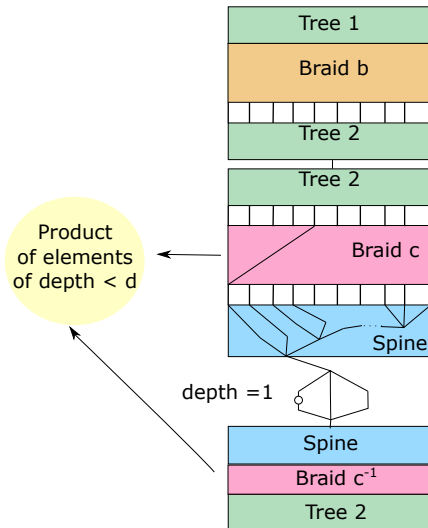
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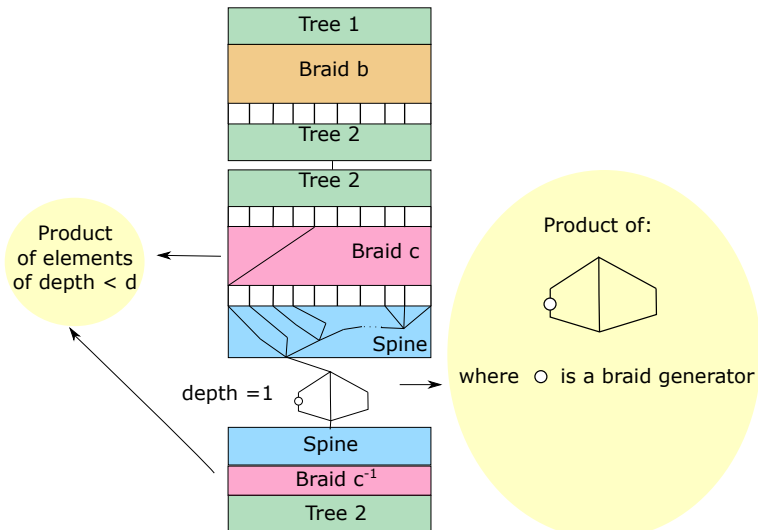
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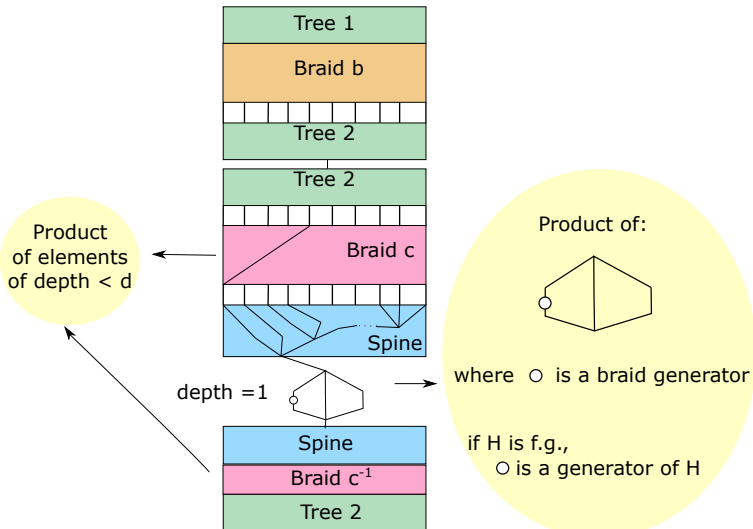
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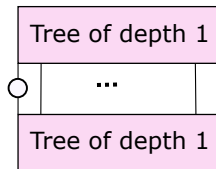
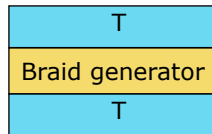
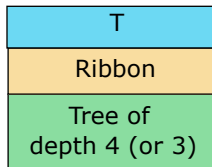
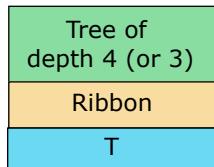
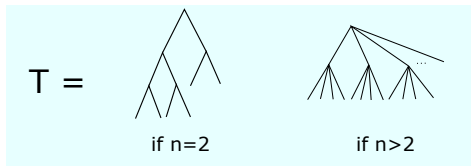


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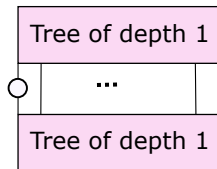
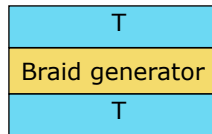
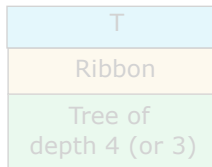
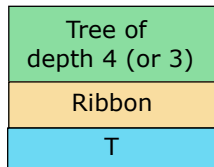
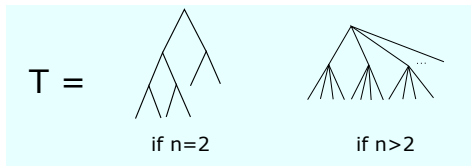


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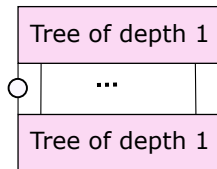
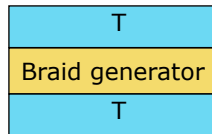
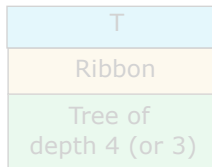
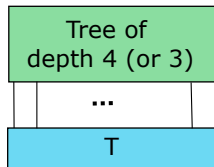
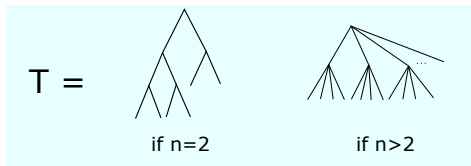
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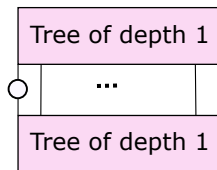
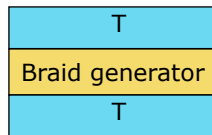
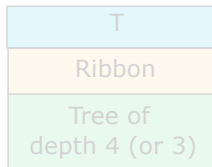
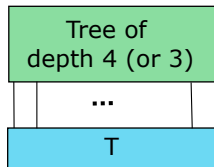
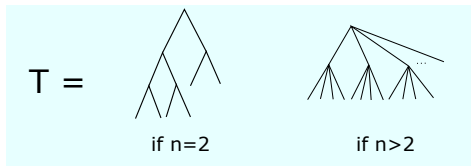
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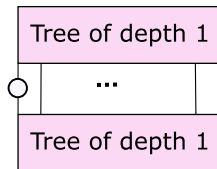
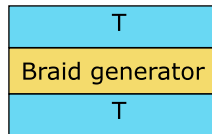
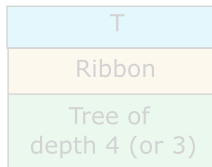
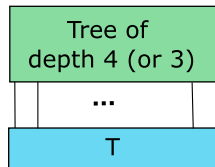
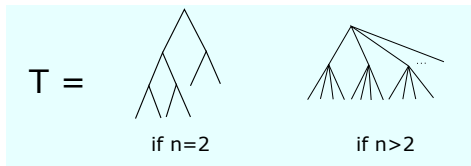


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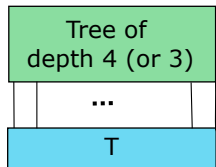
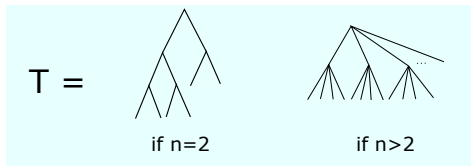
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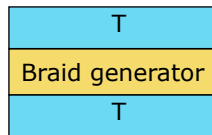
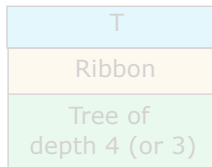


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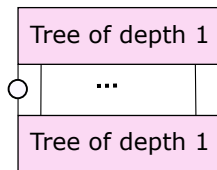
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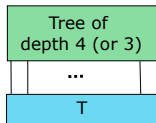


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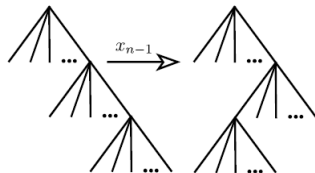
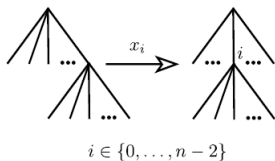


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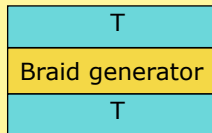
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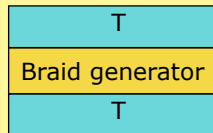
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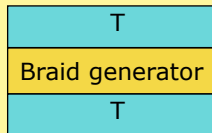


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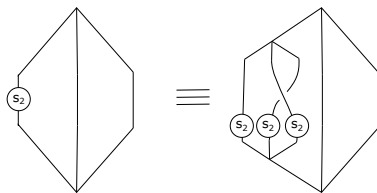
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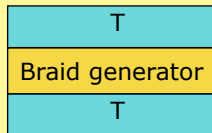
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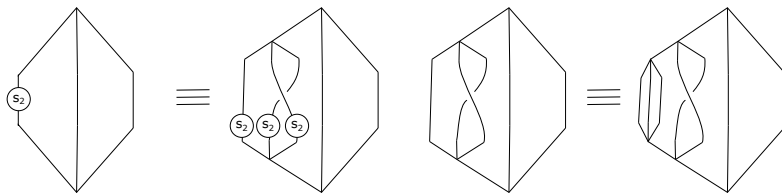
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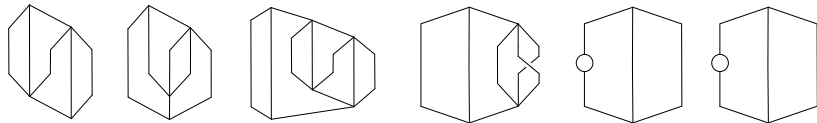
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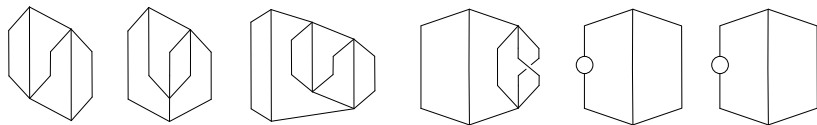


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