

Algebras for Regular Relations

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Structure meets Power

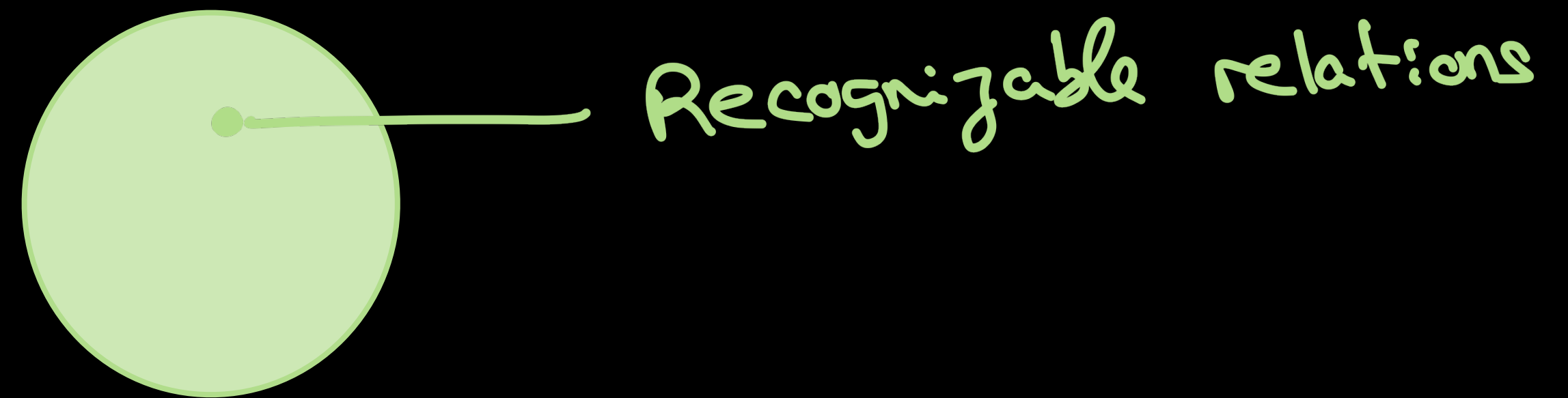
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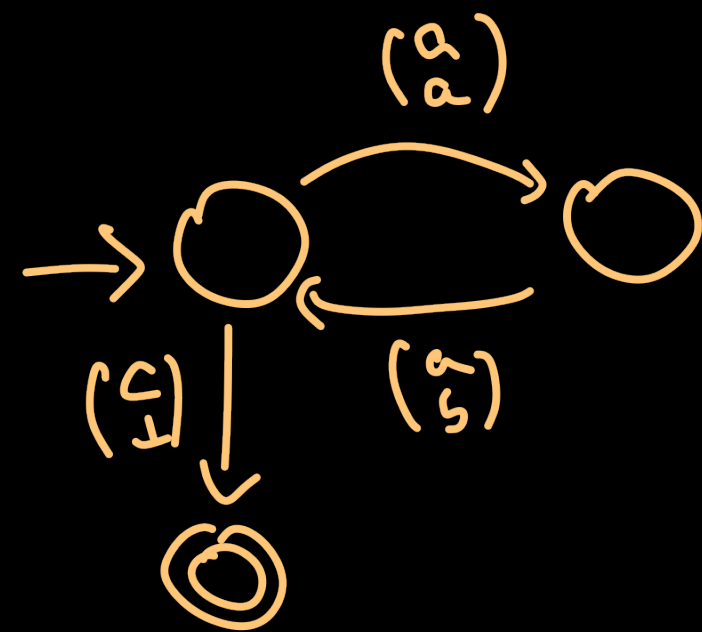


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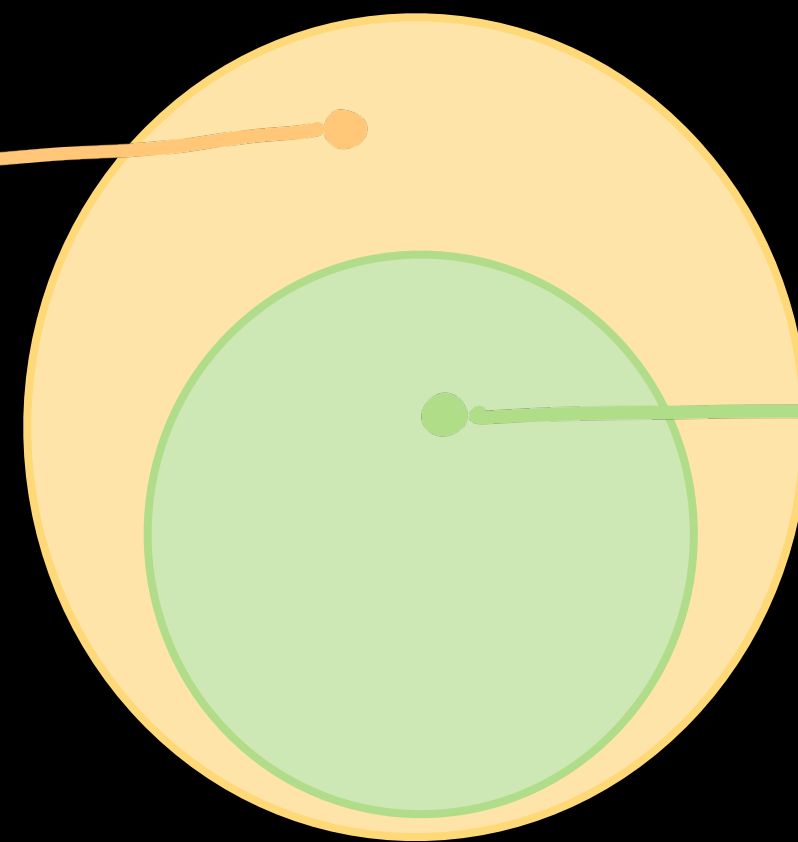
Regular relations

[Eilenberg, Elgot, Shepherdson '69]

$u :$	u_1	\dots	u_n	u_{n+1}	\dots
$v :$	v_1	\dots	v_n	\perp	\perp

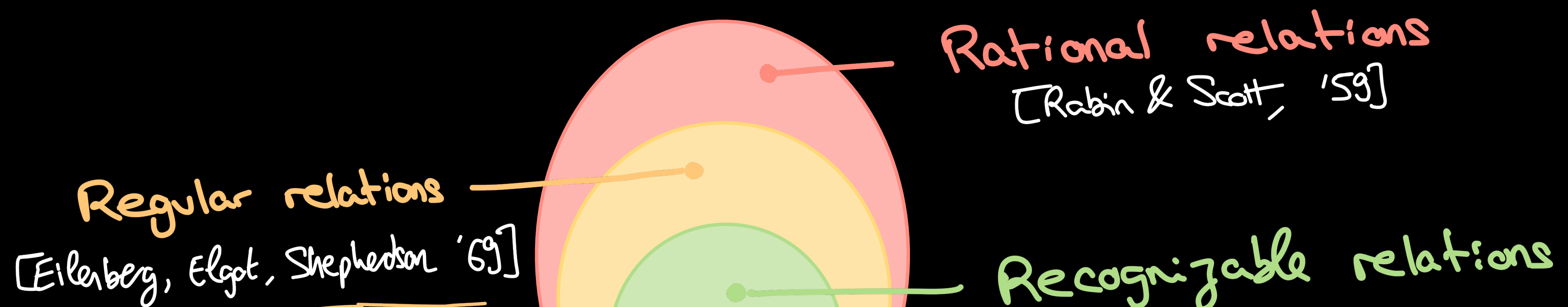


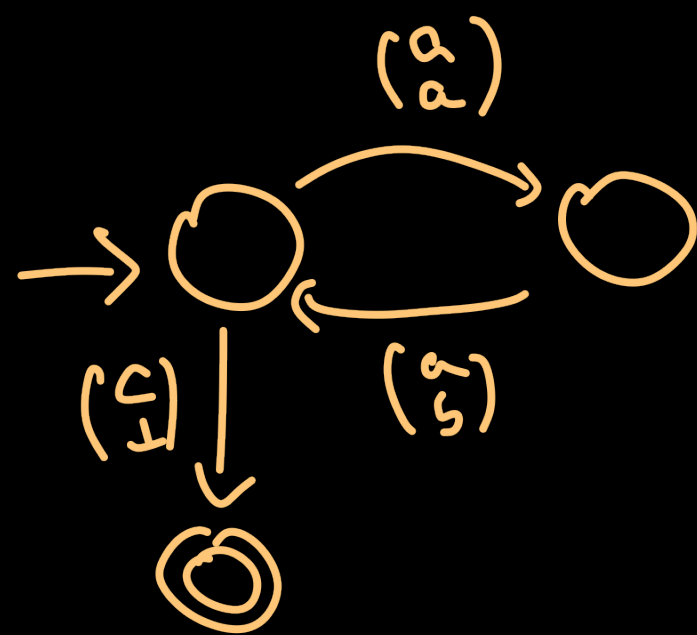
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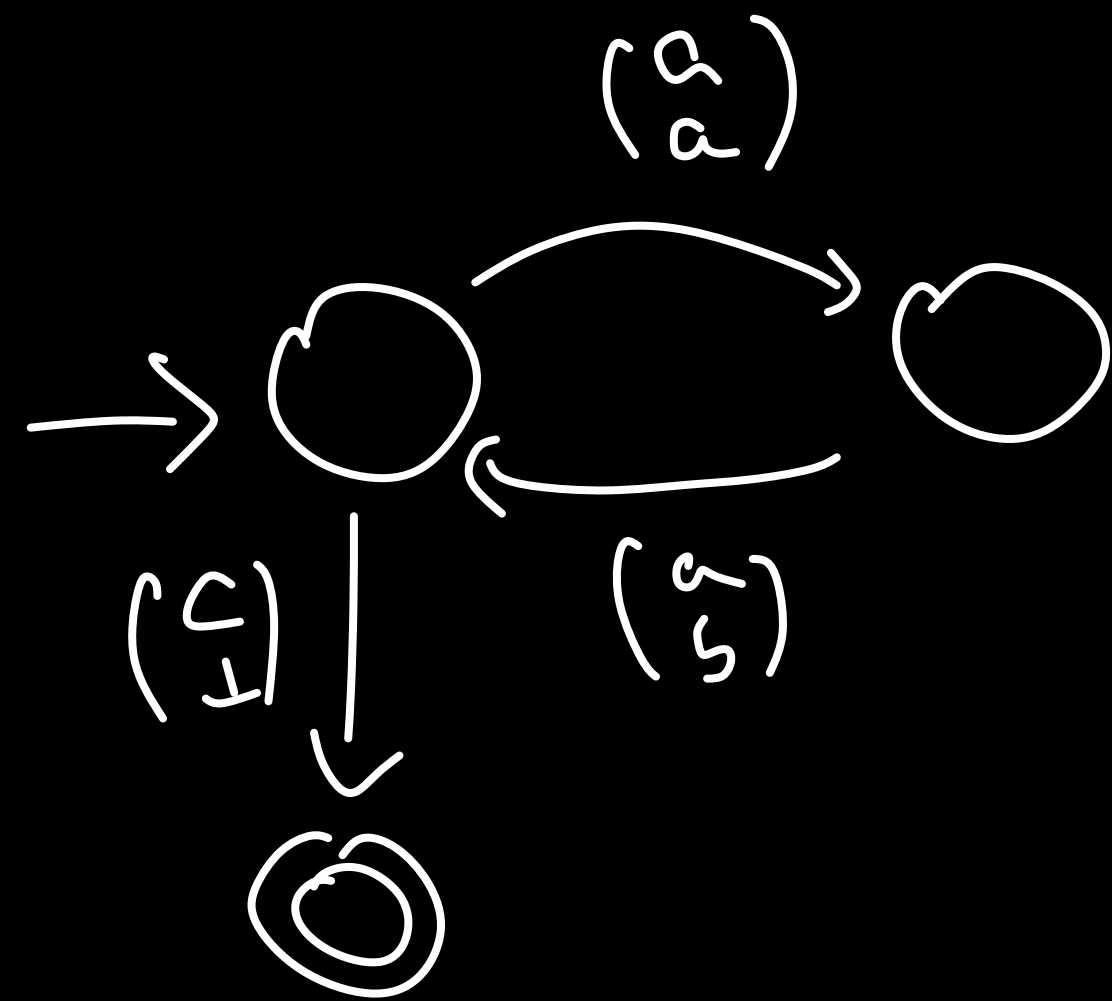
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$$\begin{array}{l}
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 \end{array}
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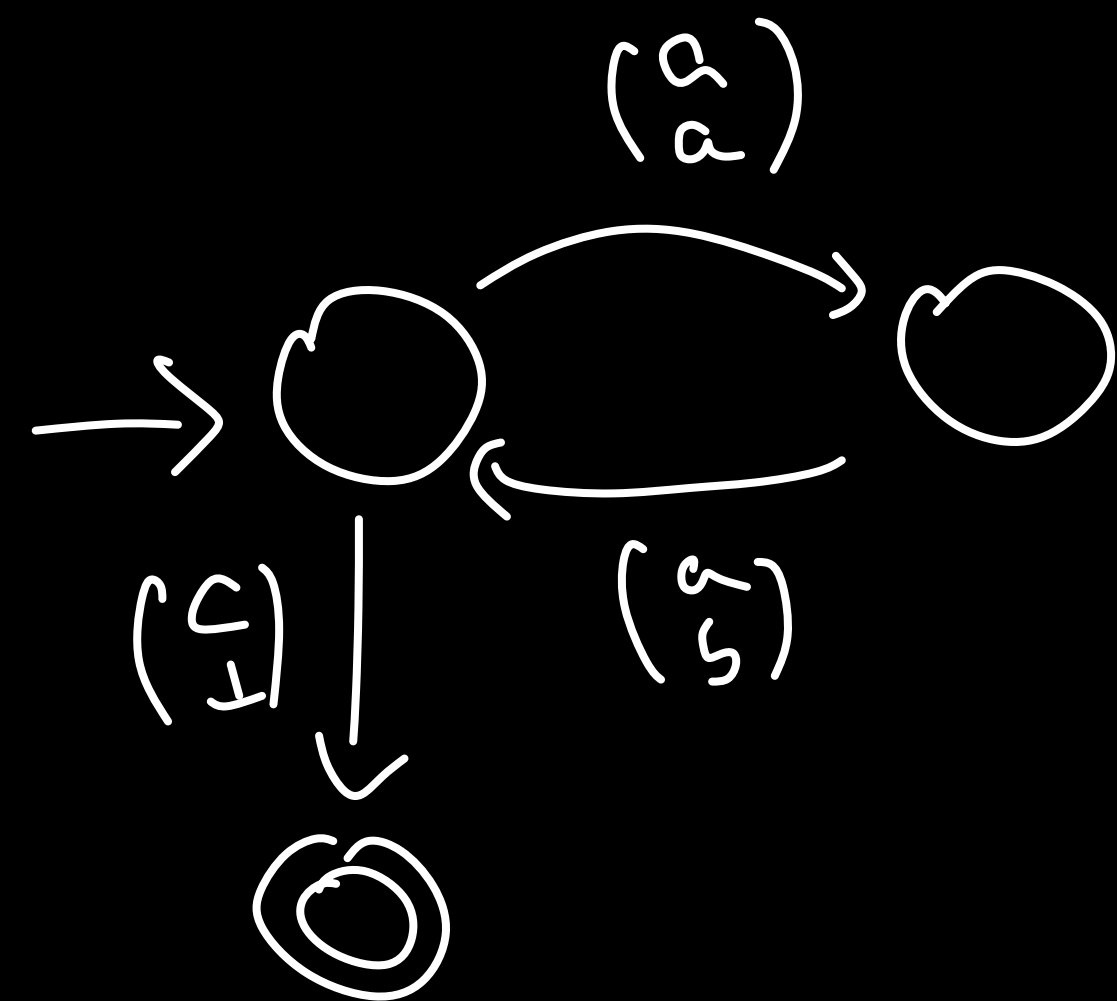
The synchronous model



$$R = \{ (aa)^n c, (ab)^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \} \subseteq \Sigma^+ \times \Sigma^+$$

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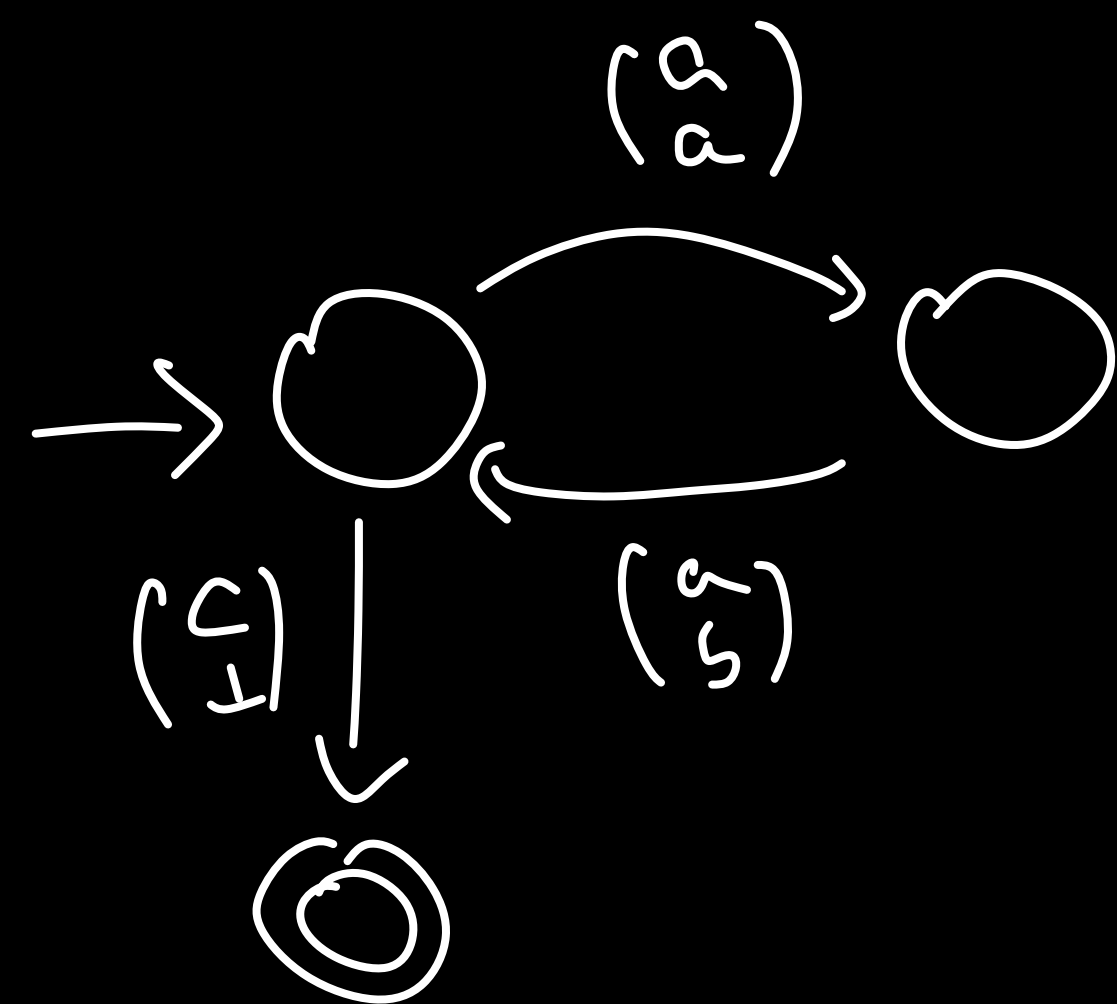


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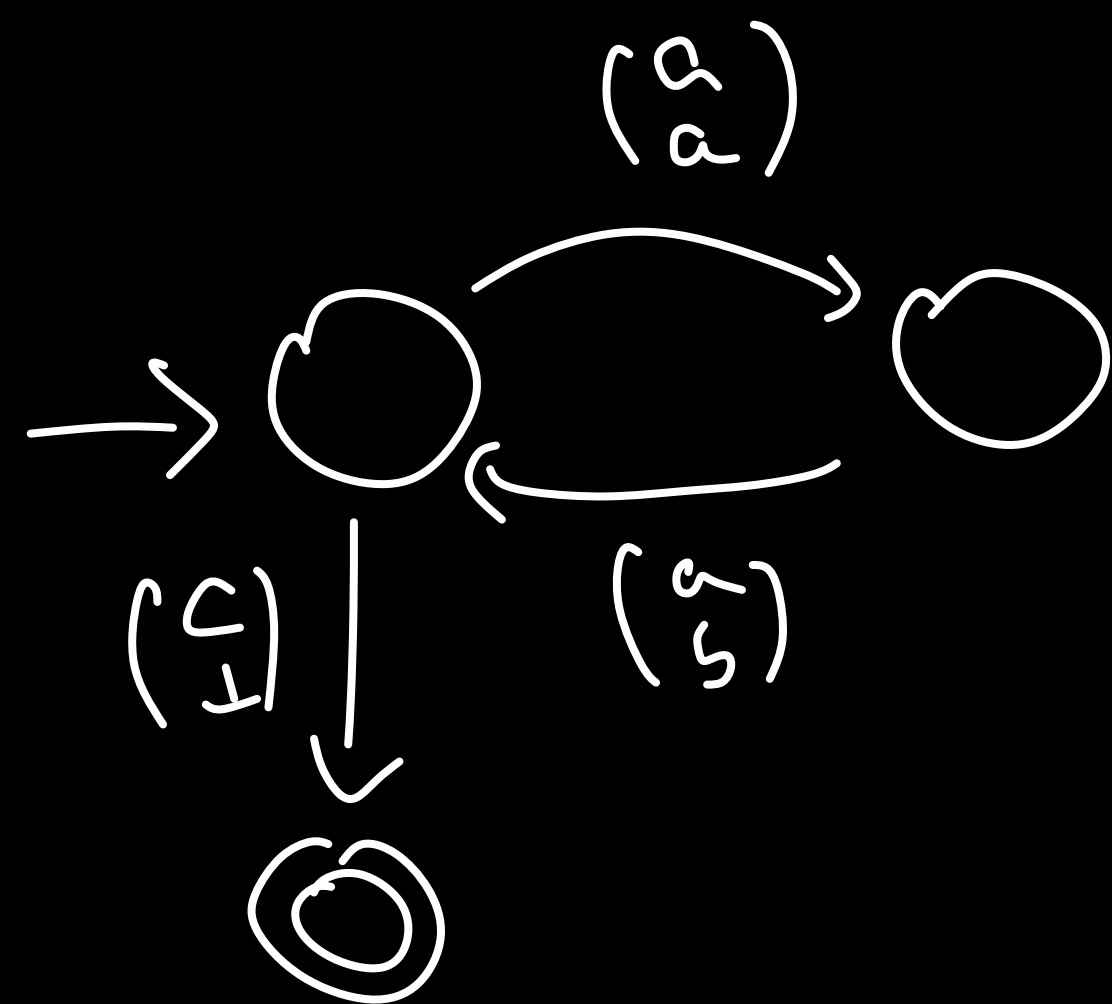
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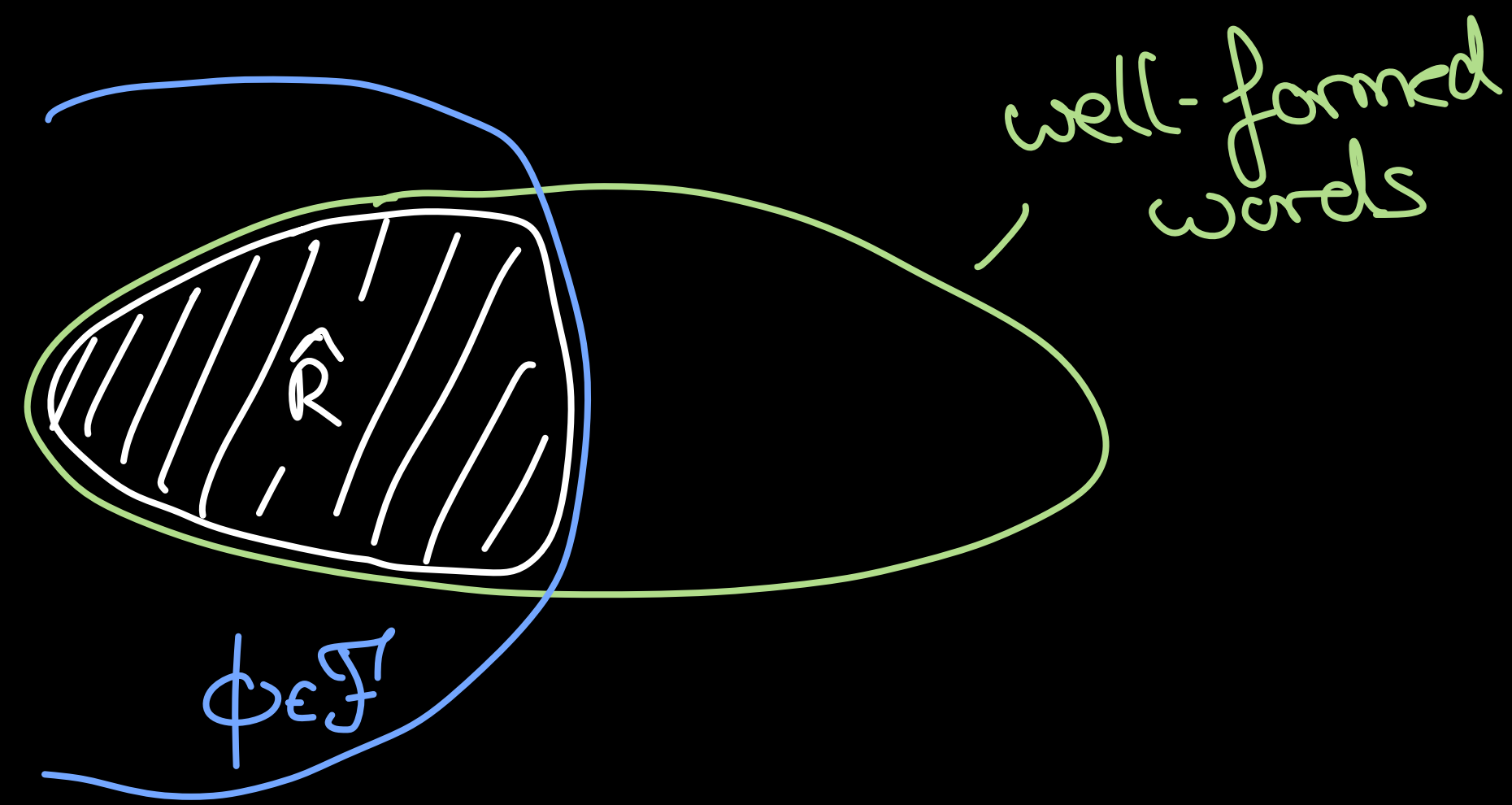
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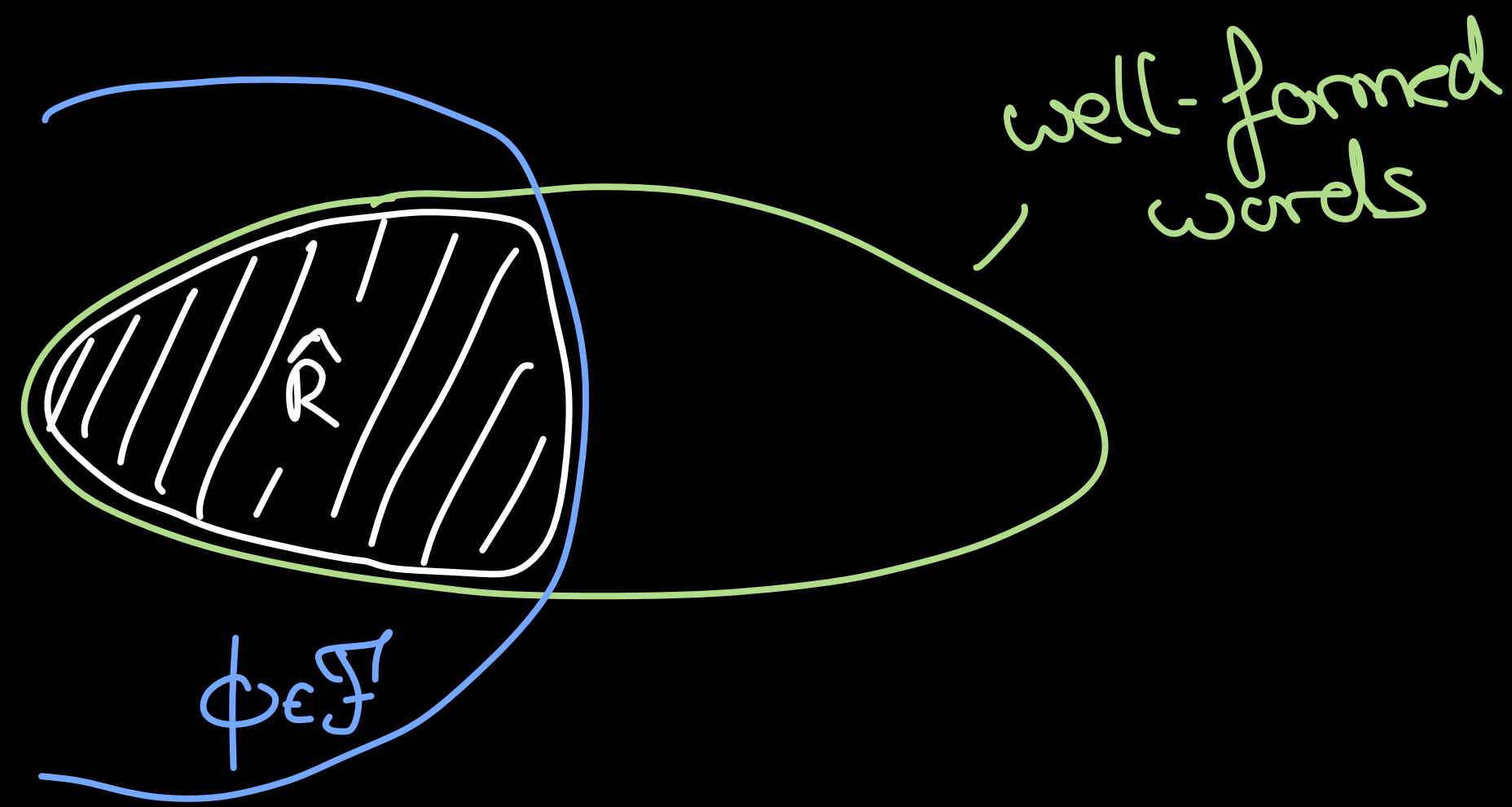
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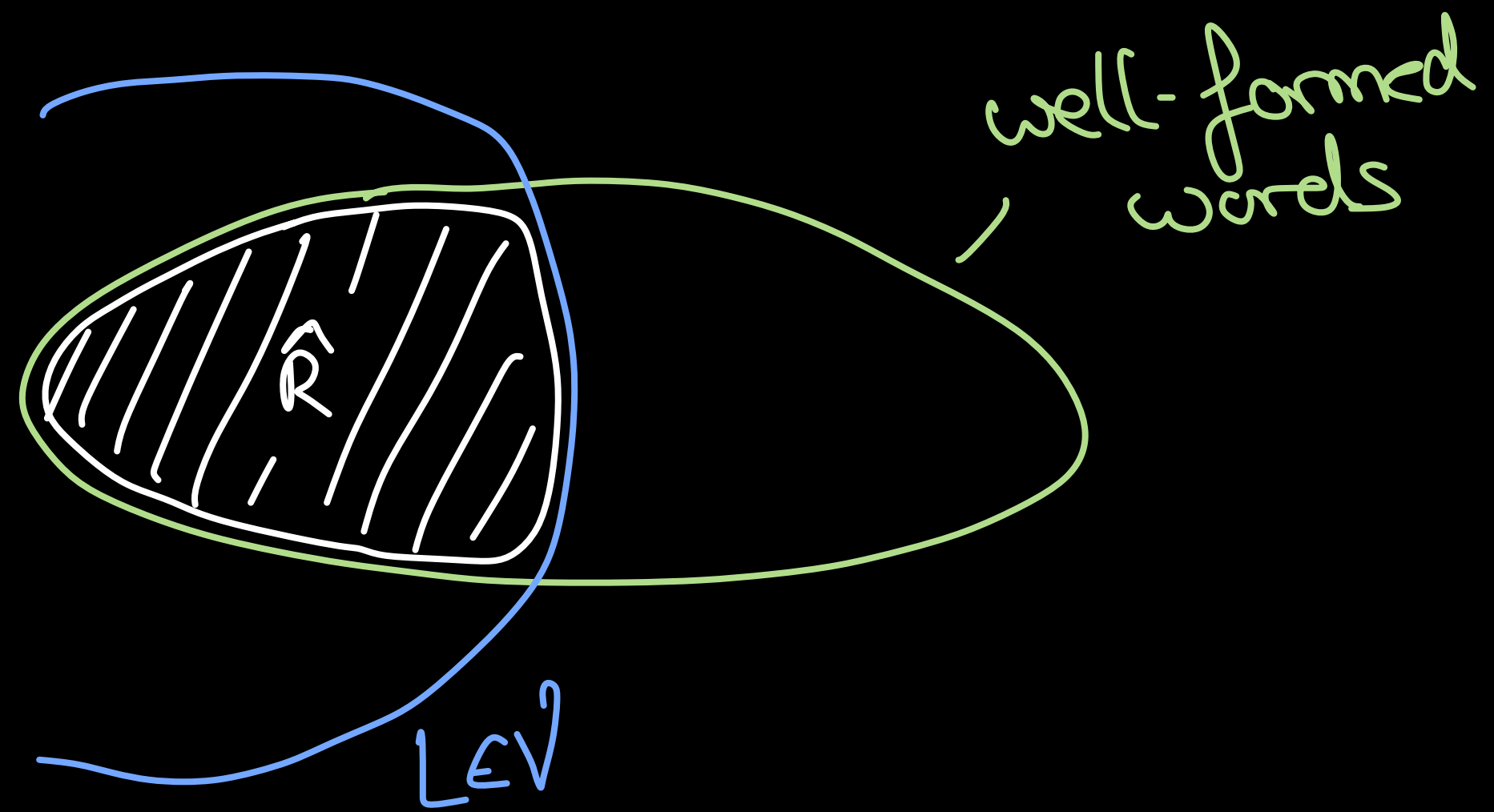
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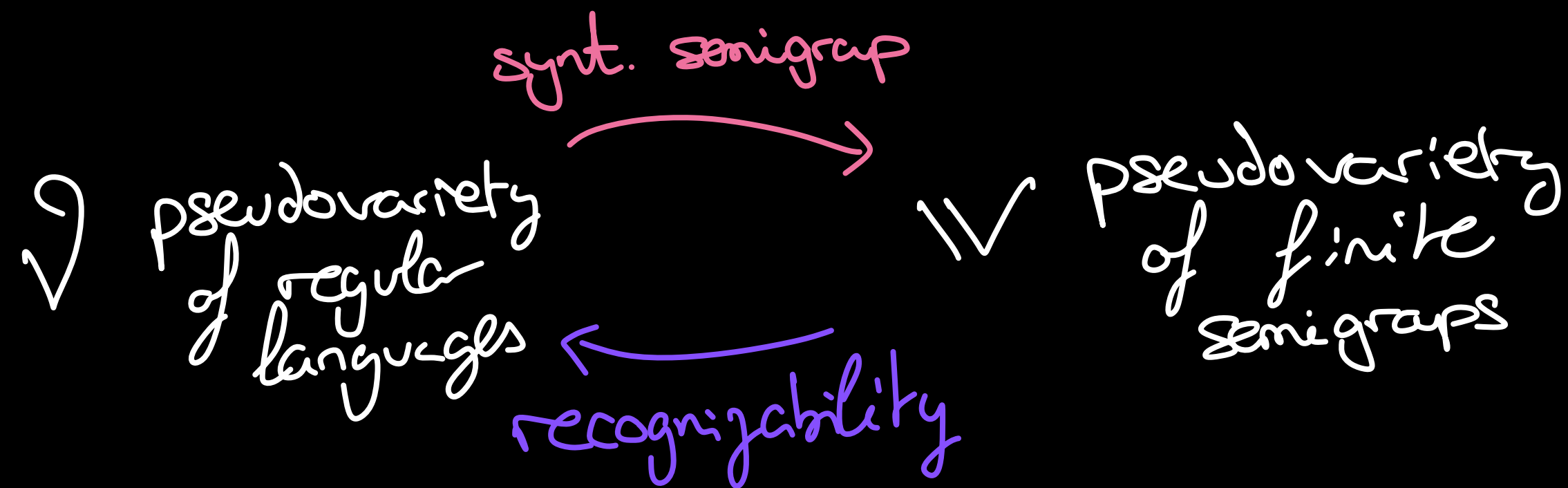
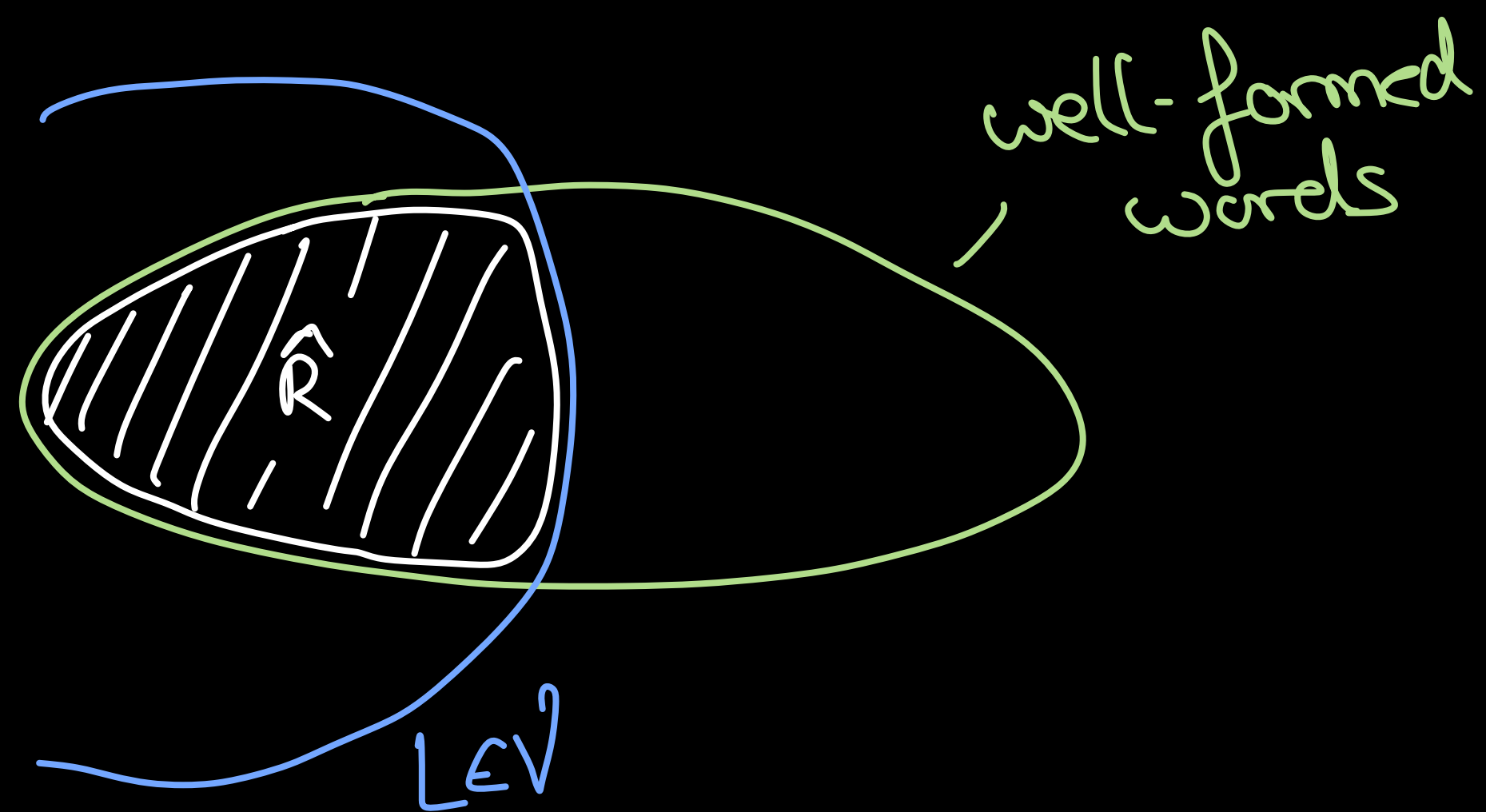
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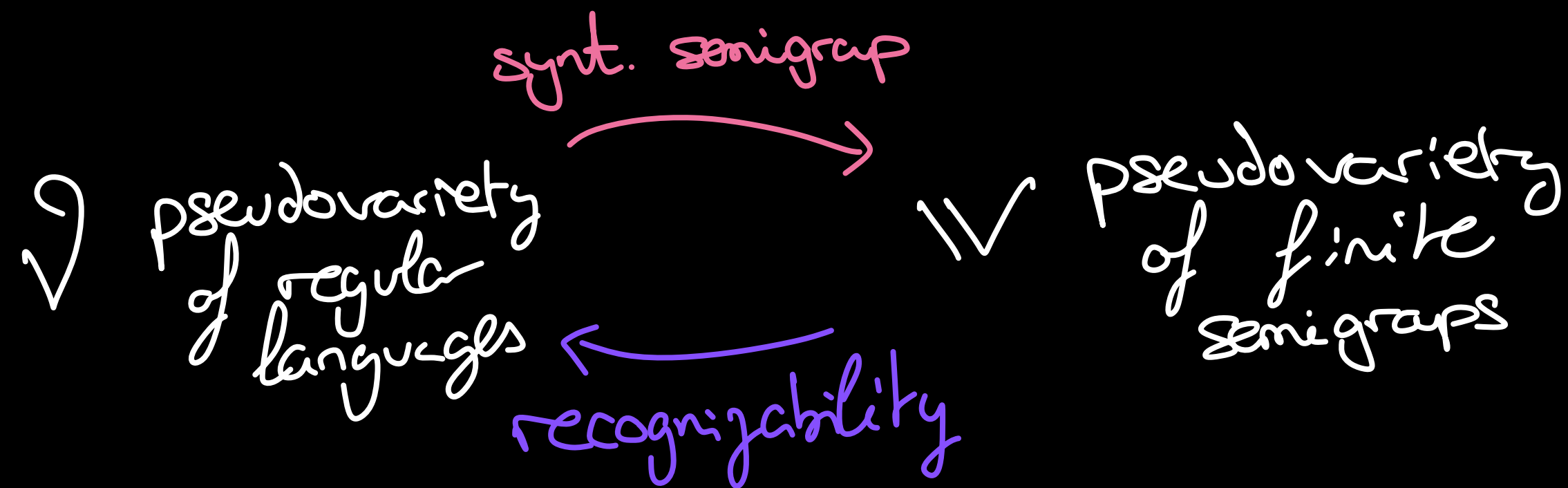
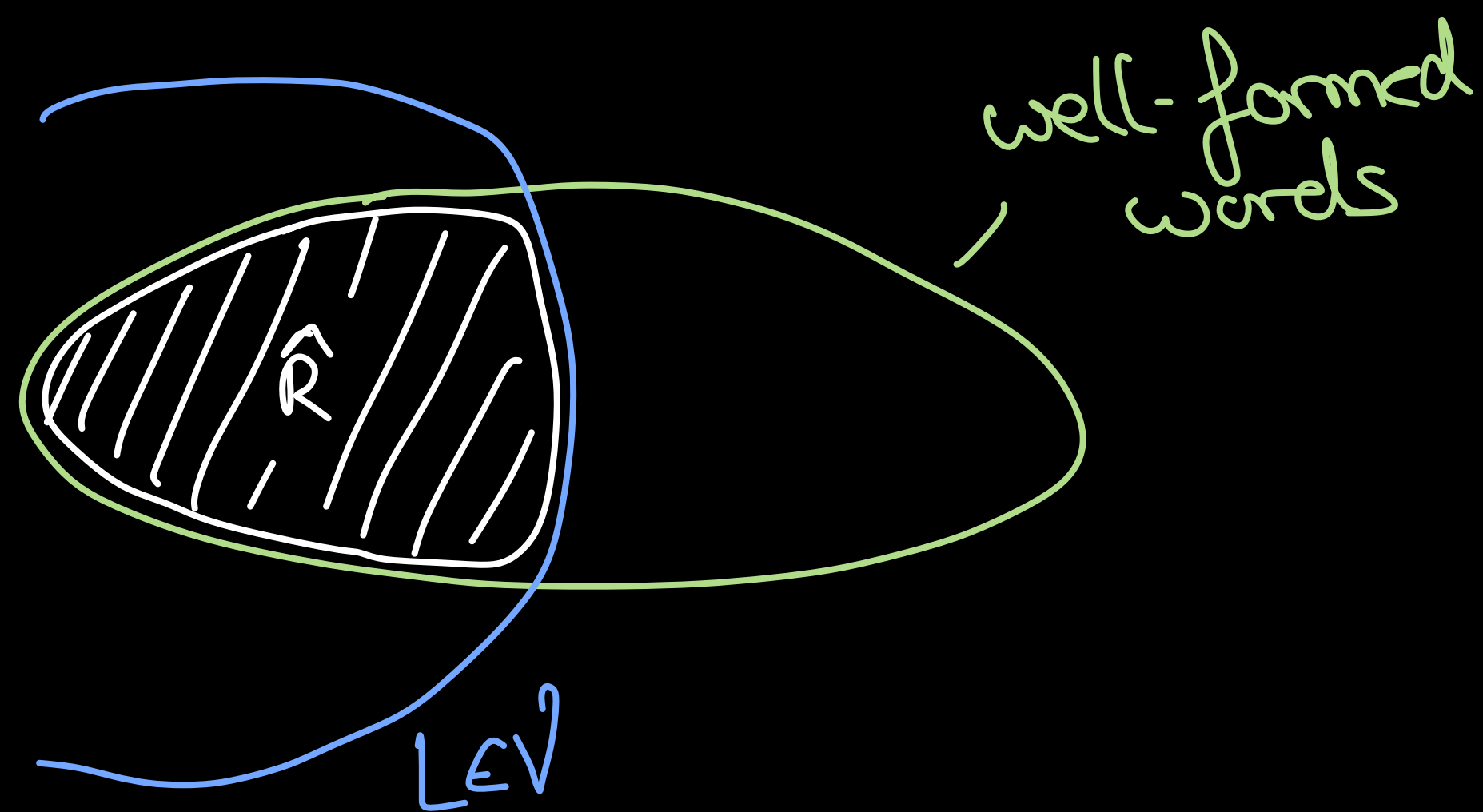


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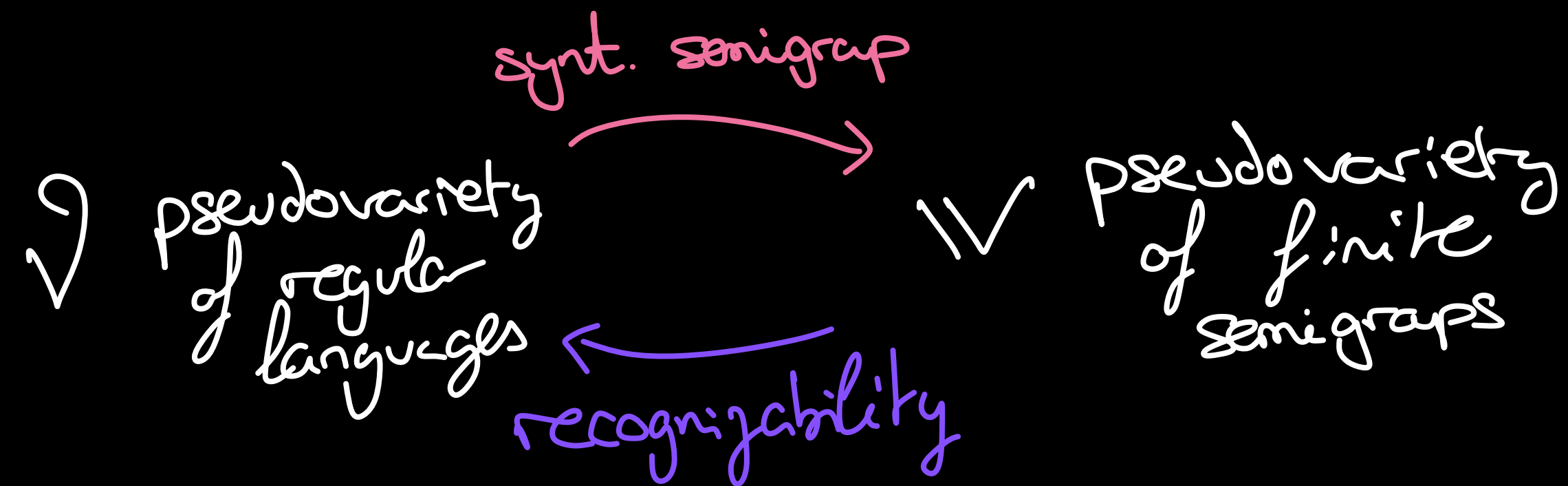
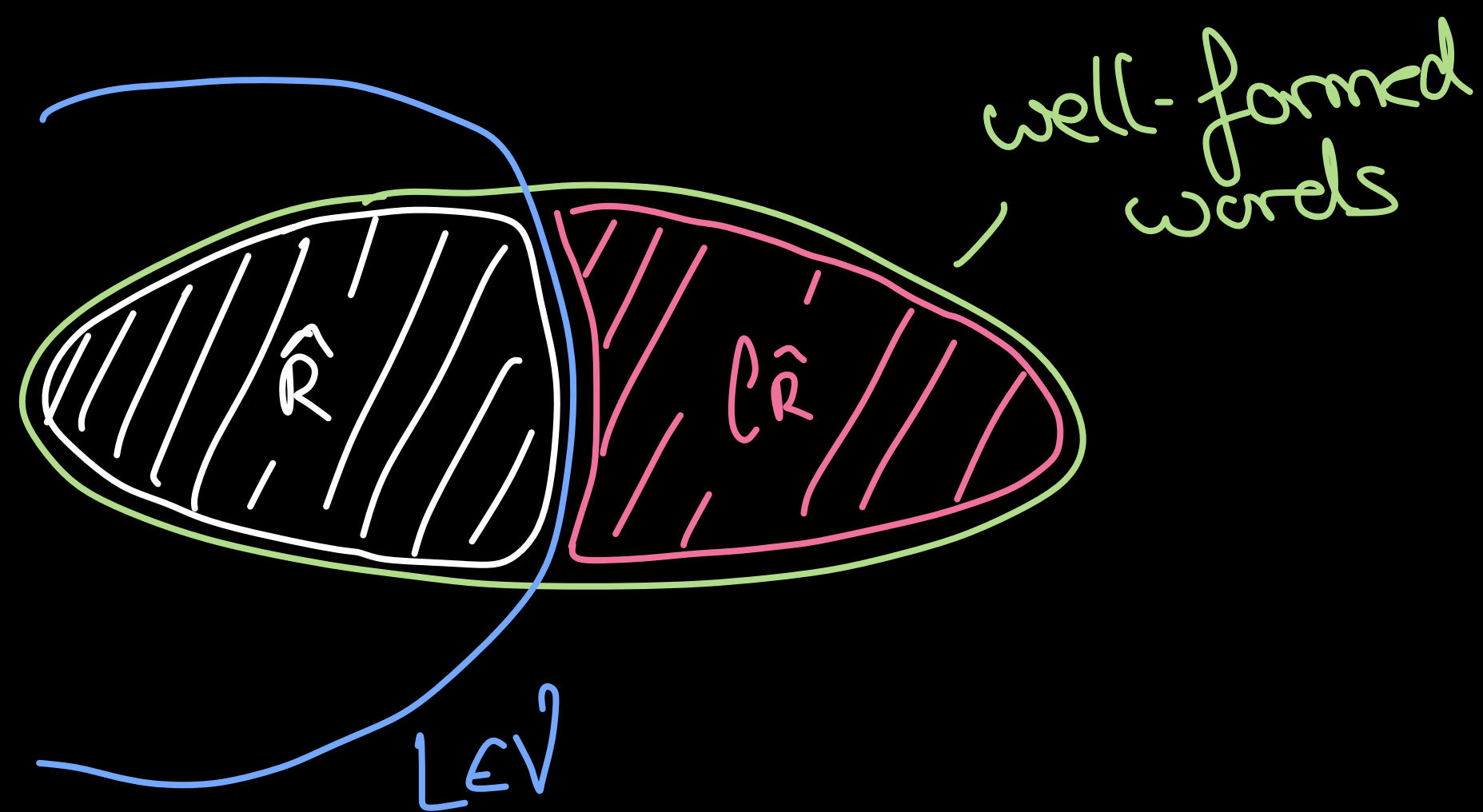
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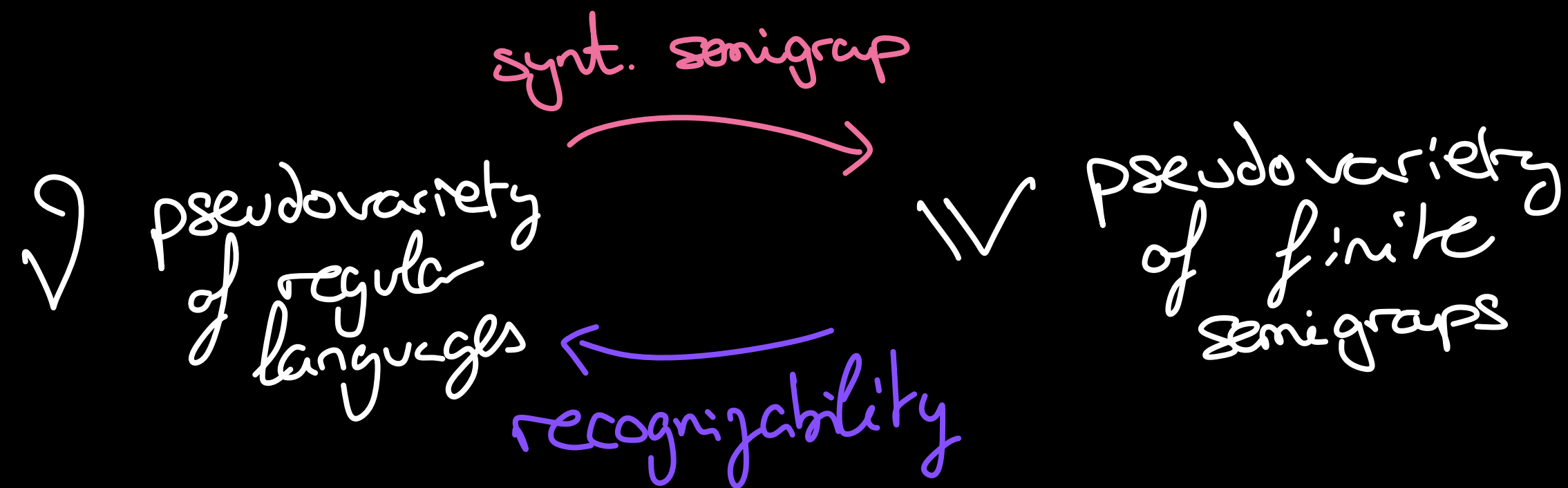
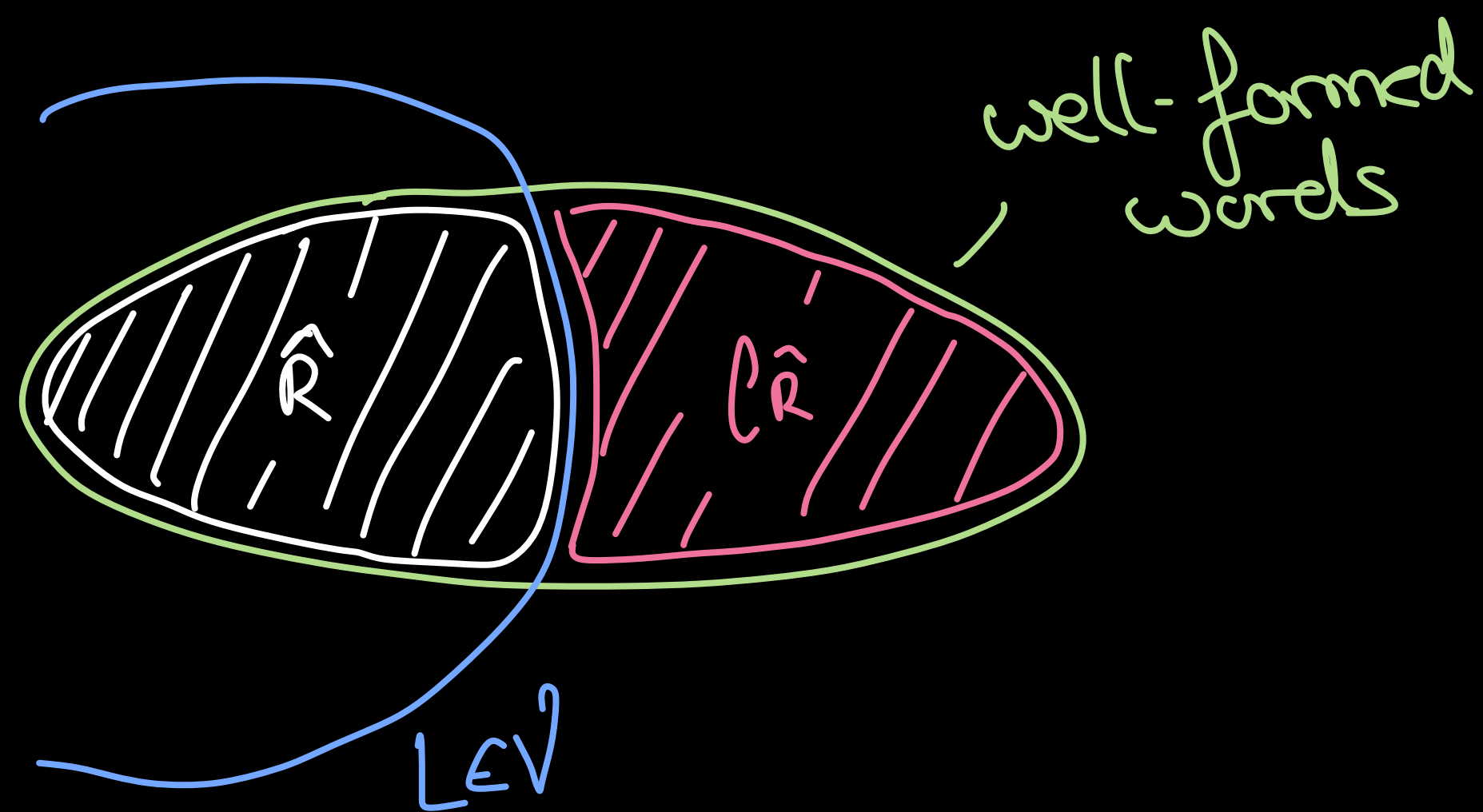
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Prop V -separation is decidable
 $\Rightarrow V_{\text{sync}}^L$ -membership is decidable

Synchronous Algebras

Well-formed words: $(a a c)$, $(a \perp)$, $(\perp \perp \perp)$ + Symmetric
 $(b a b)$, $(c c)$, $(a b a)$
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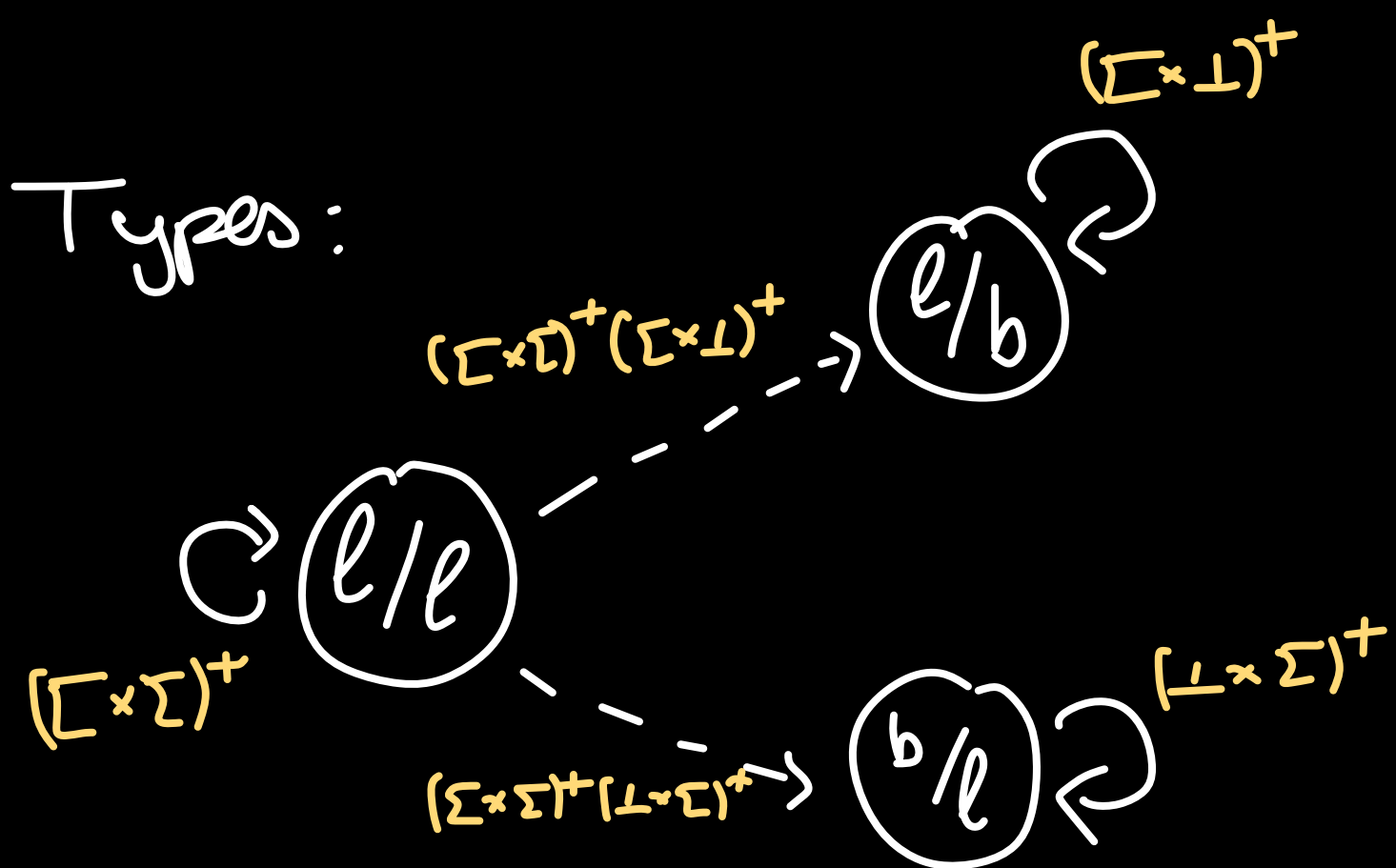
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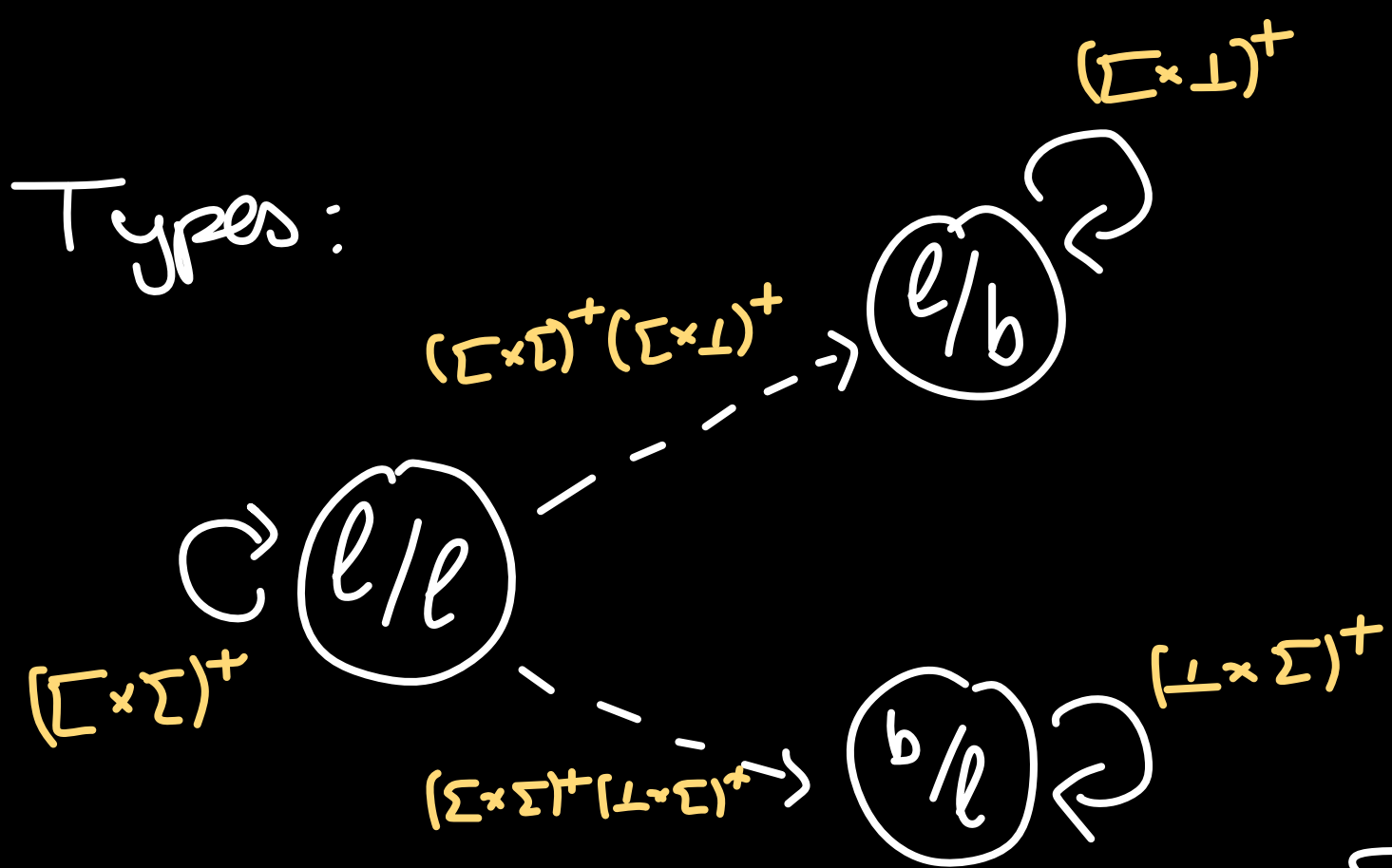
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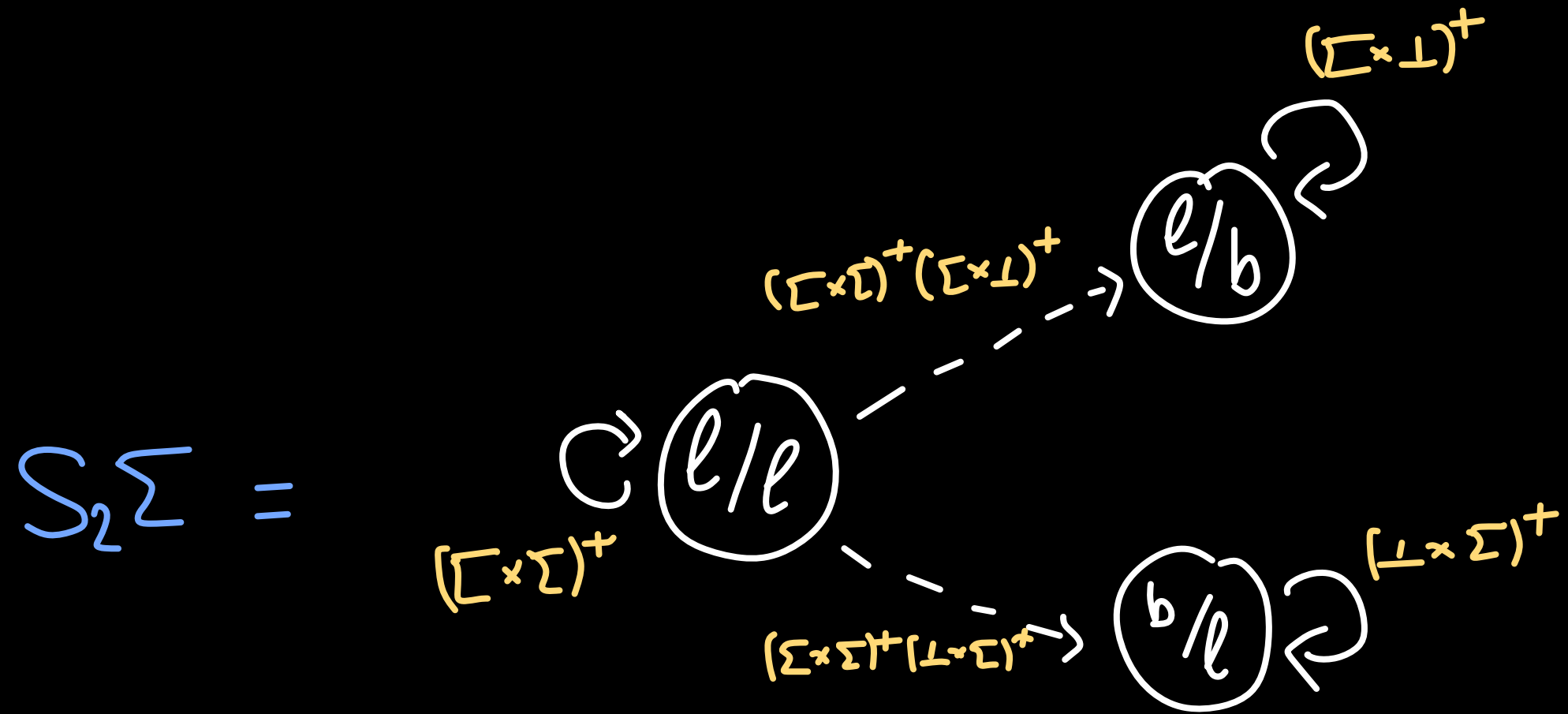
Synchronous algebra:

- sets $A_{l/l} \rightarrow A_{l/l}$, $A_{l/l} \rightarrow A_{l/b}$, $A_{l/b} \rightarrow A_{l/b}$
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- product
- associative

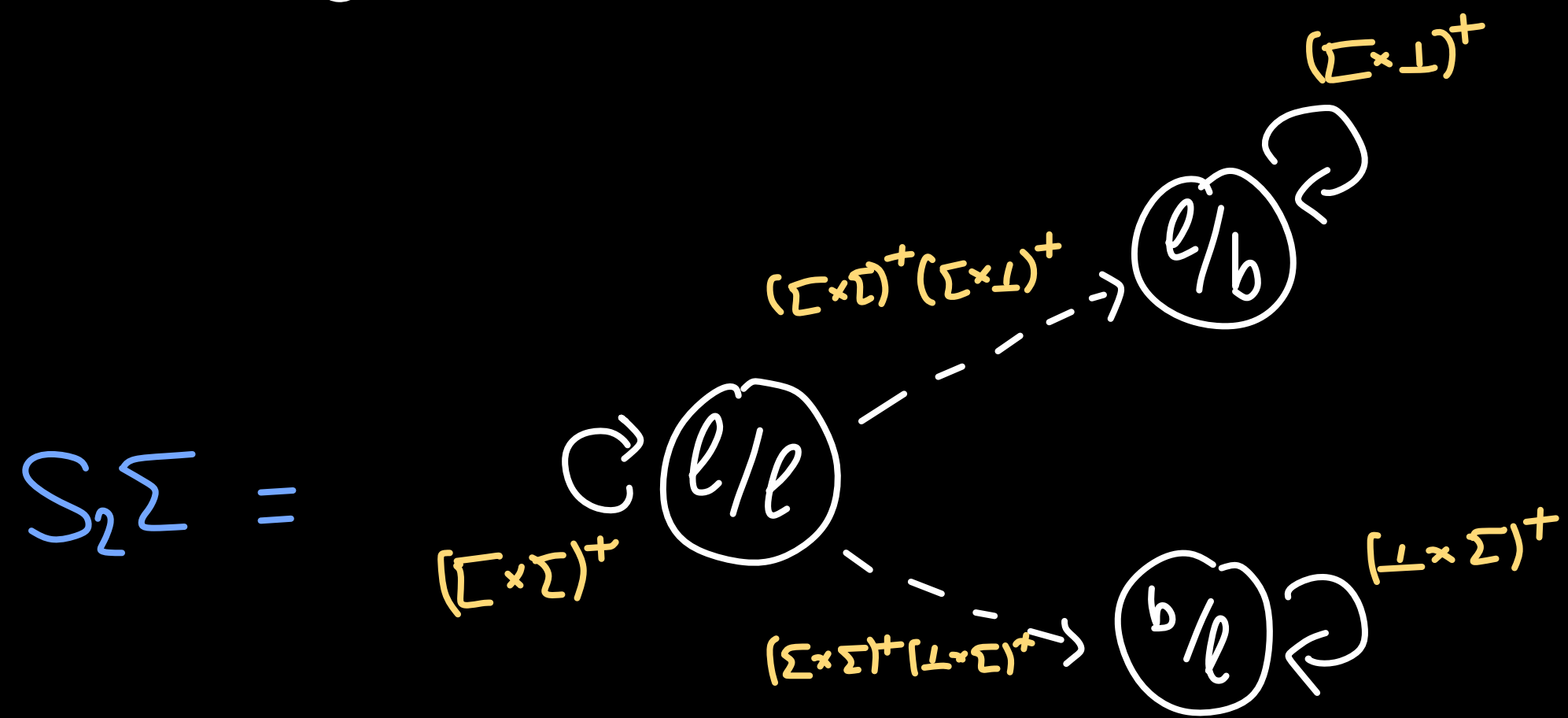
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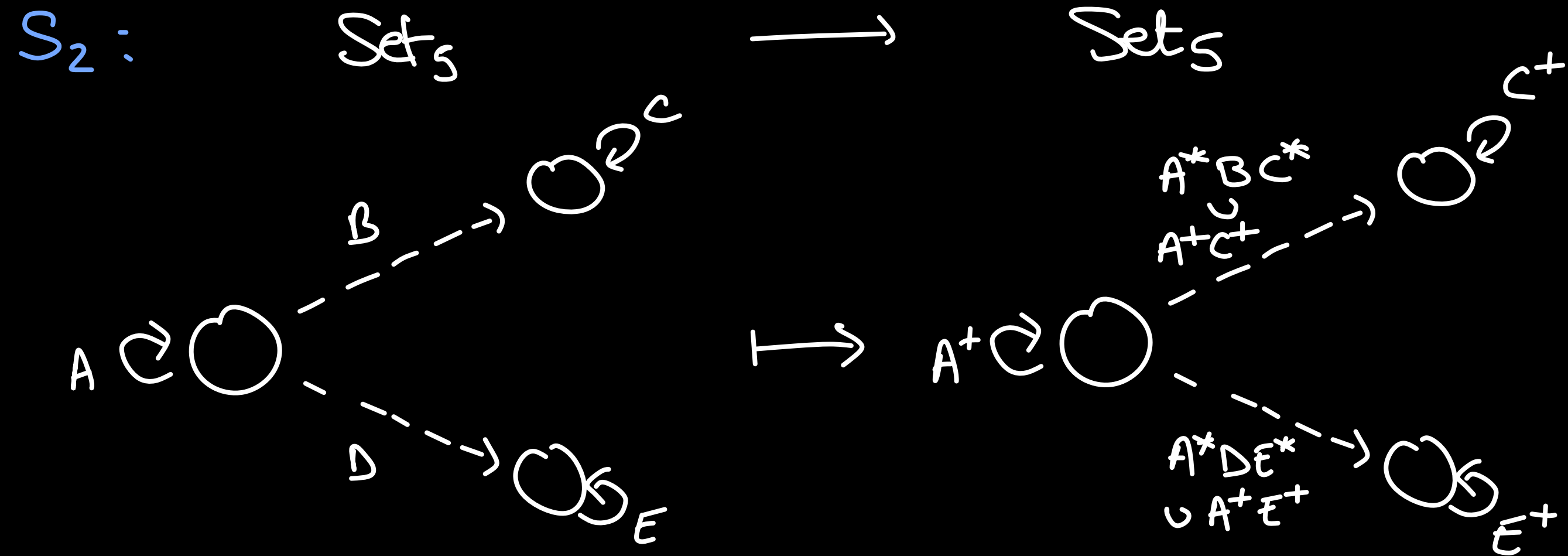


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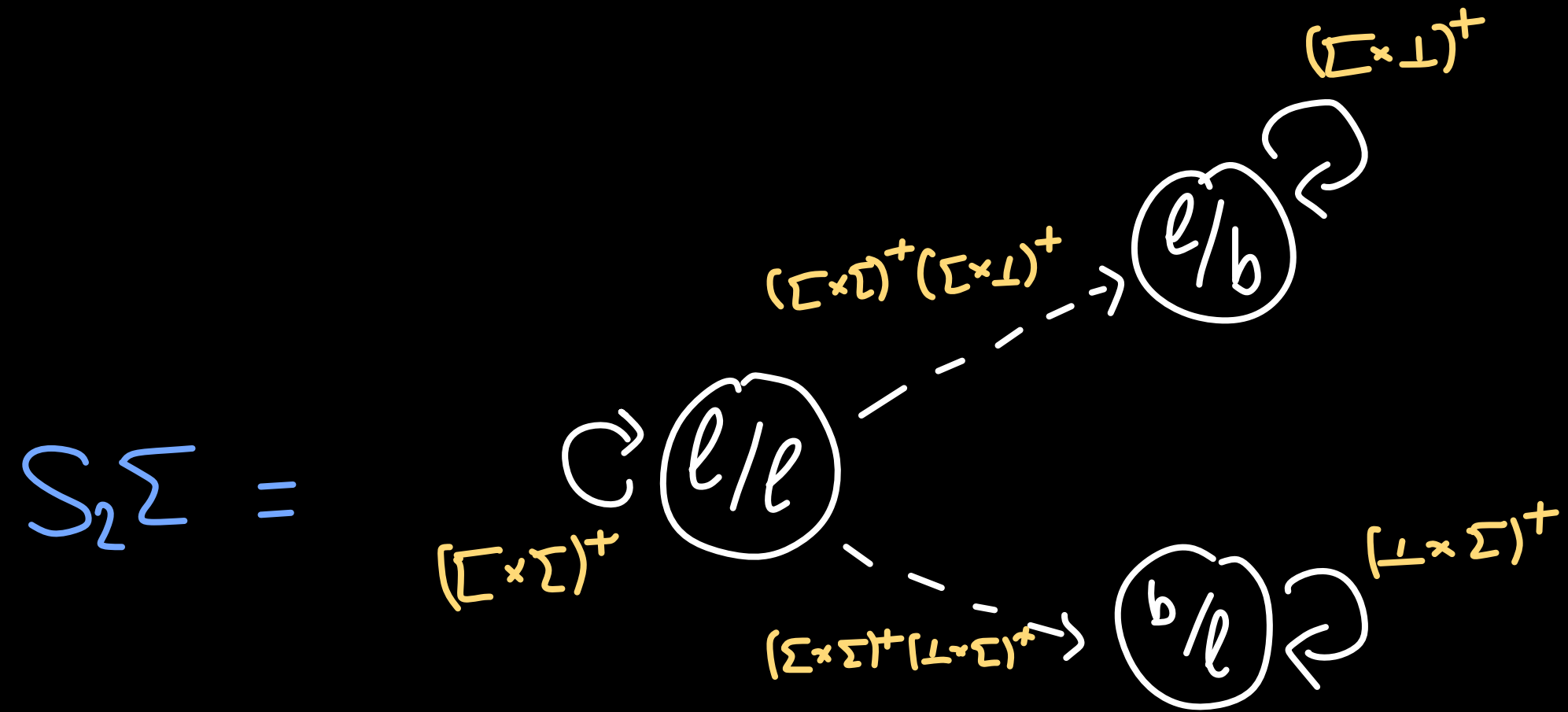


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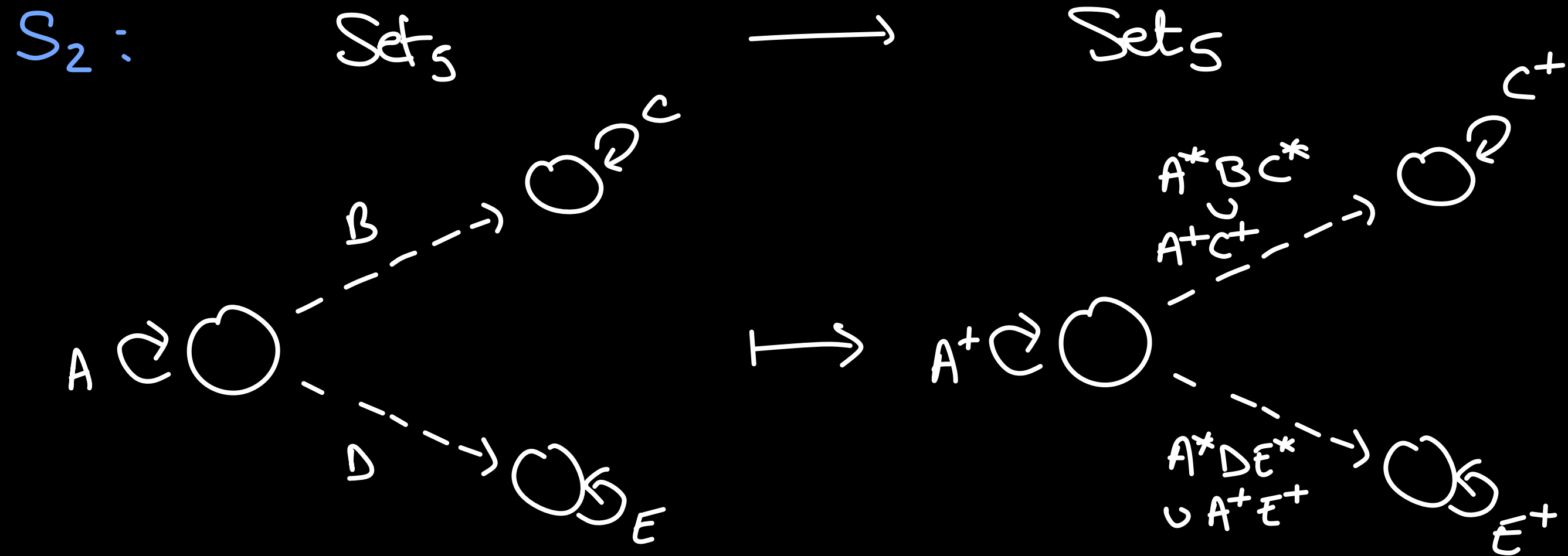


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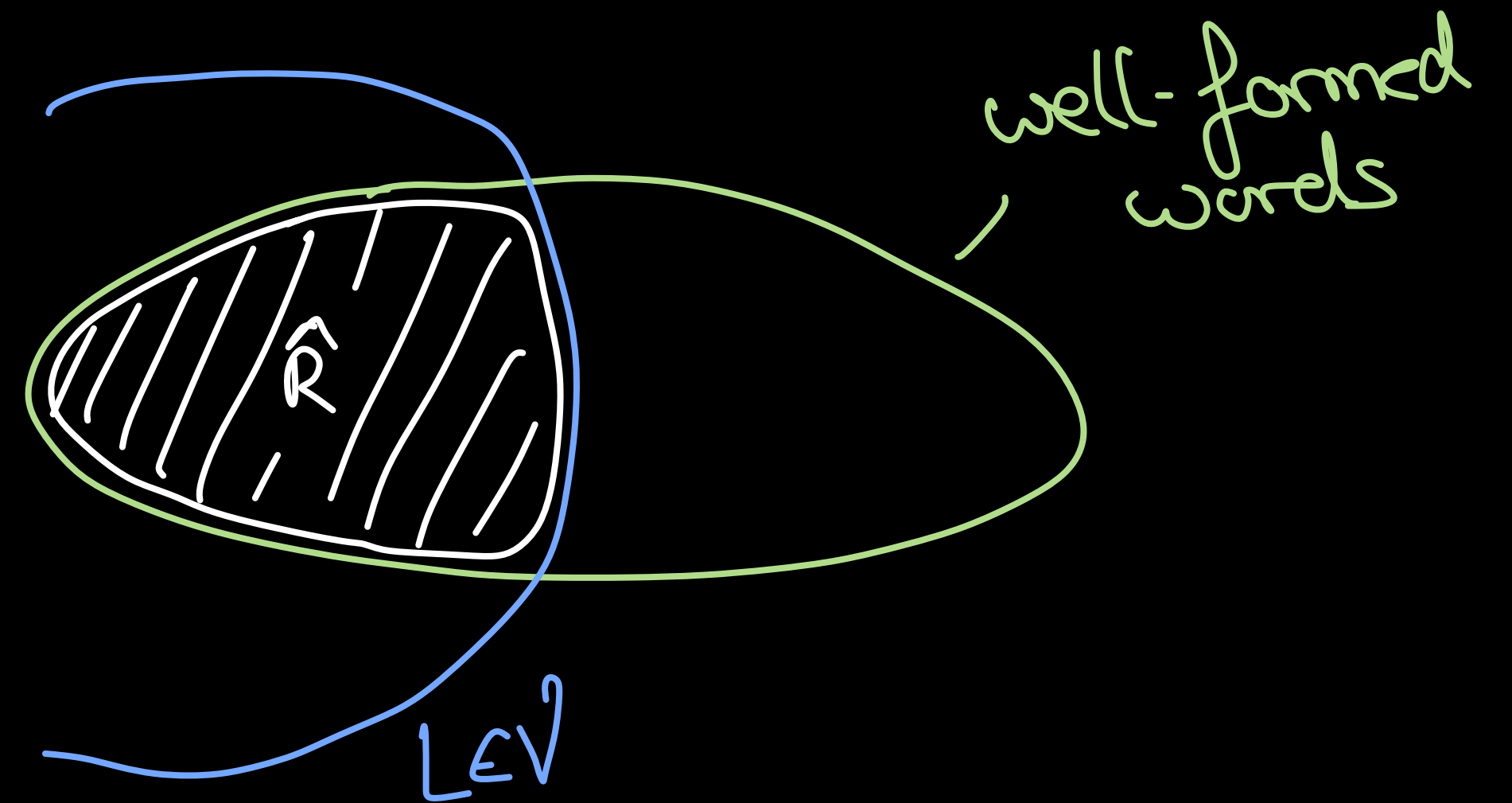
Coro [Bojańczyk, DLT '15]

Existence of syntactic synchronous algebra morphisms.

Thm $R \subseteq S_2\Sigma$ is regular IFF it is recognized by a finite synchronous algebra

Algebraic characterizations

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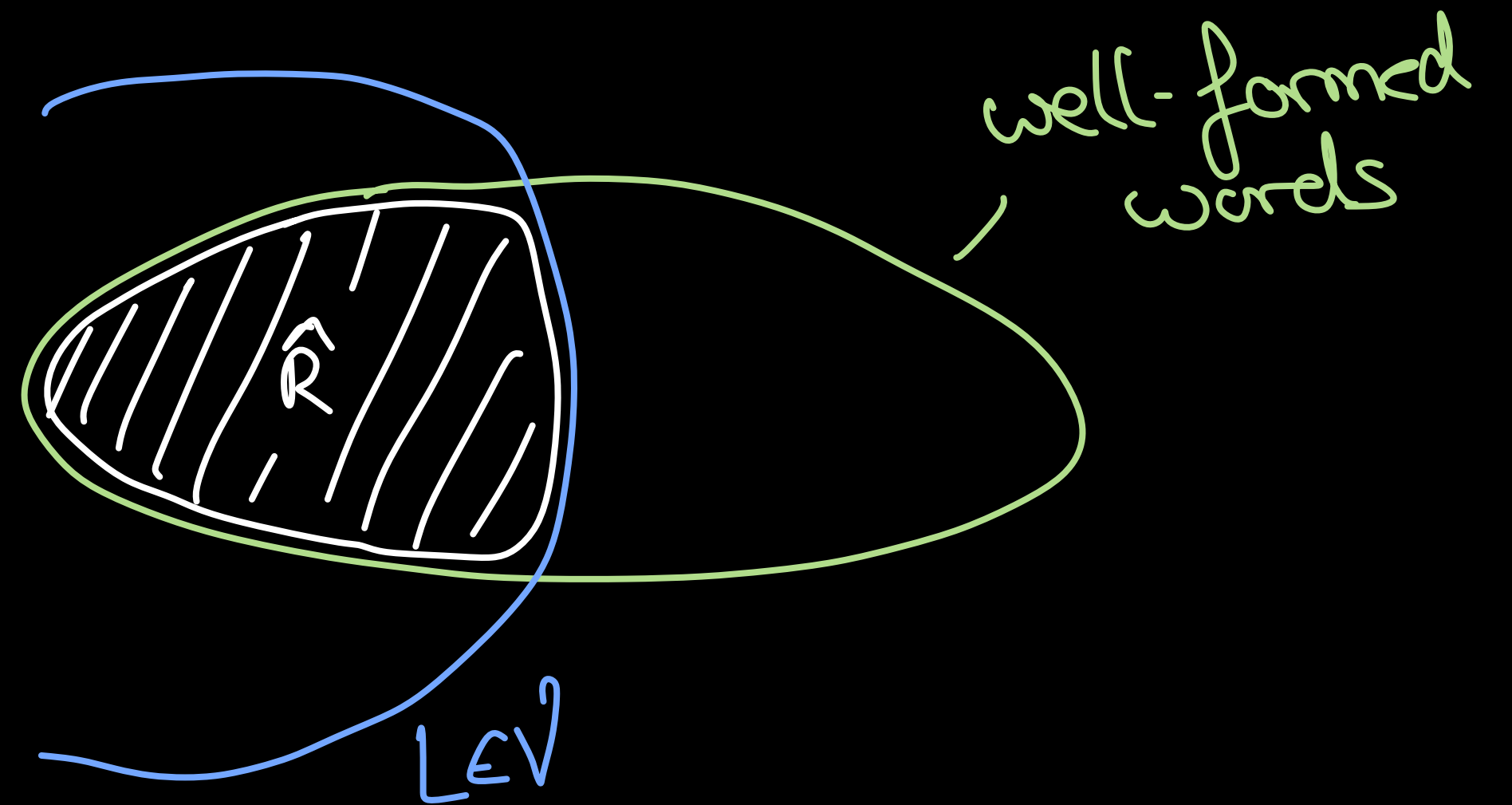


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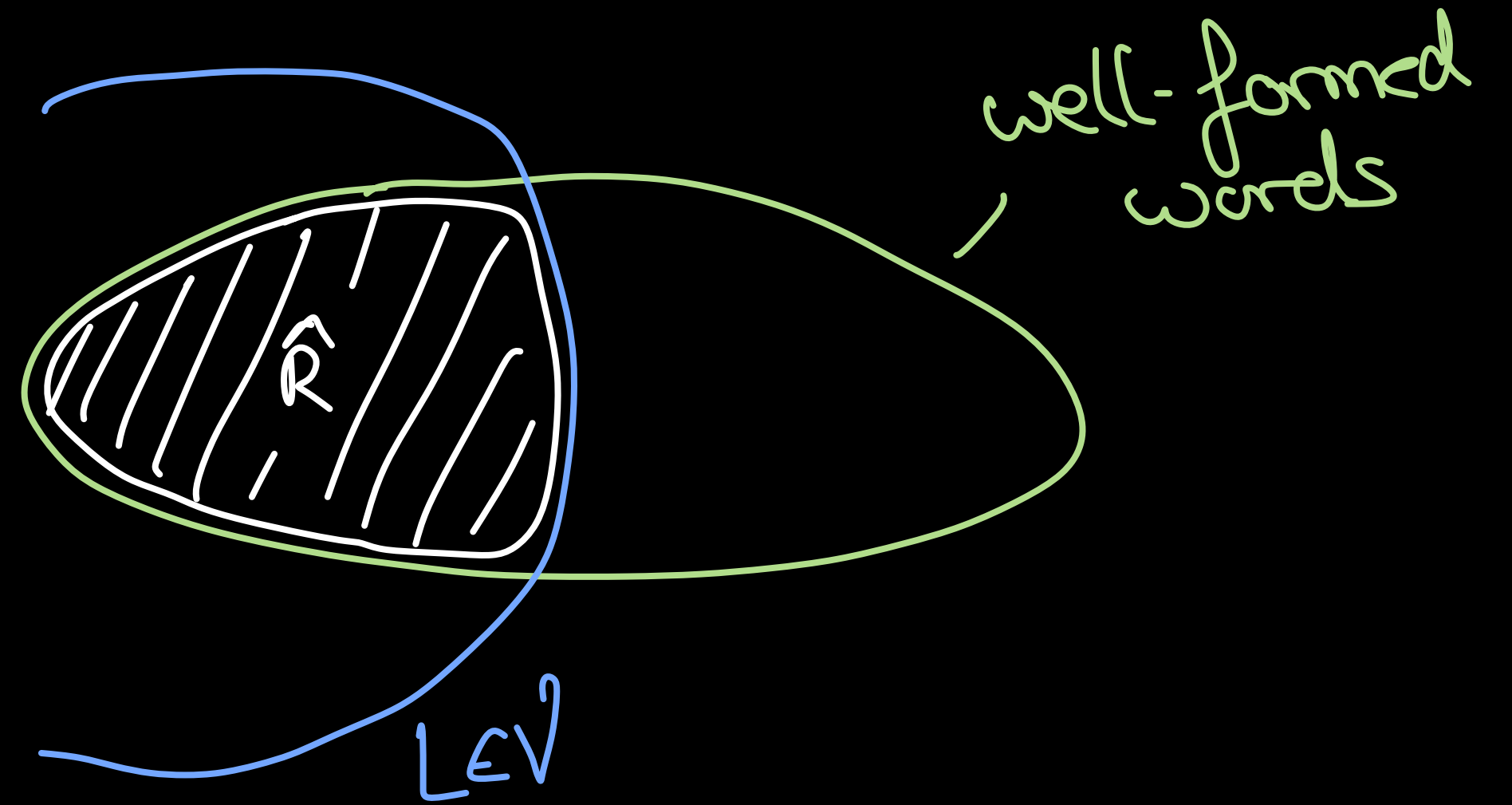
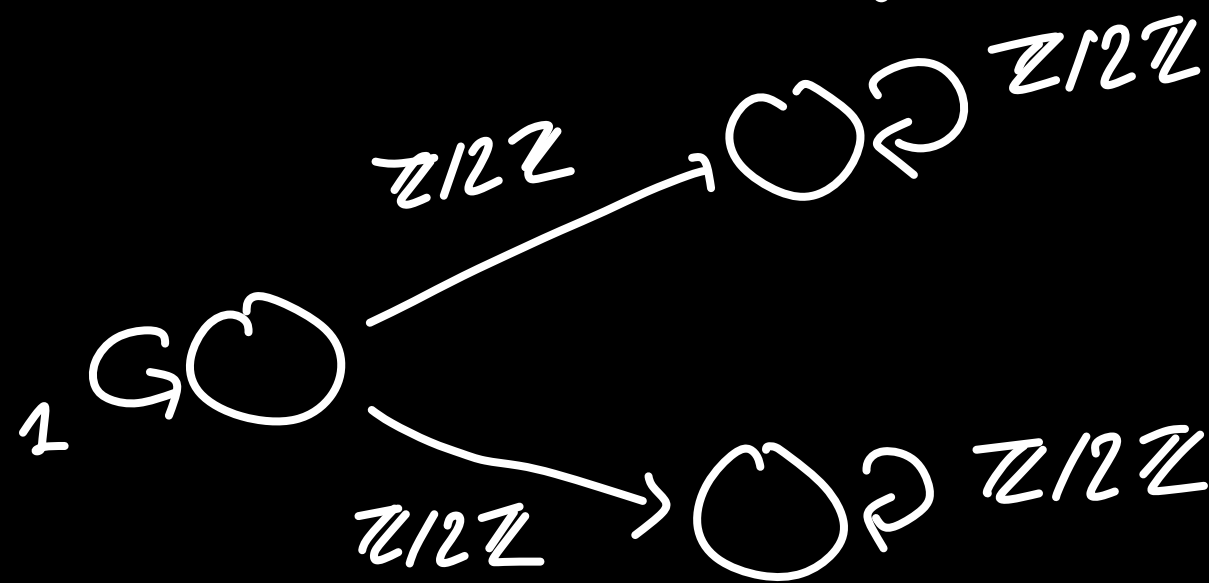
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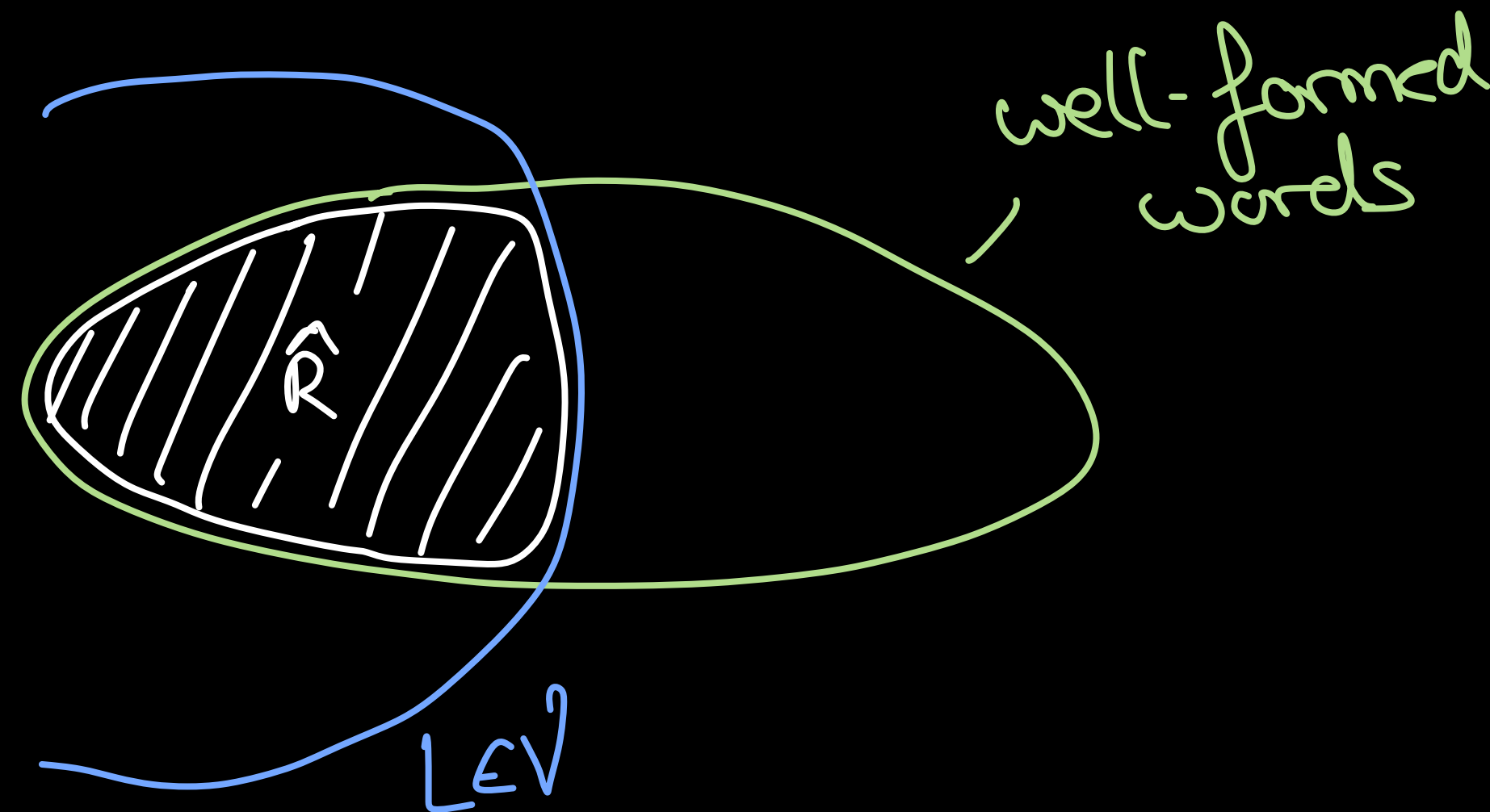


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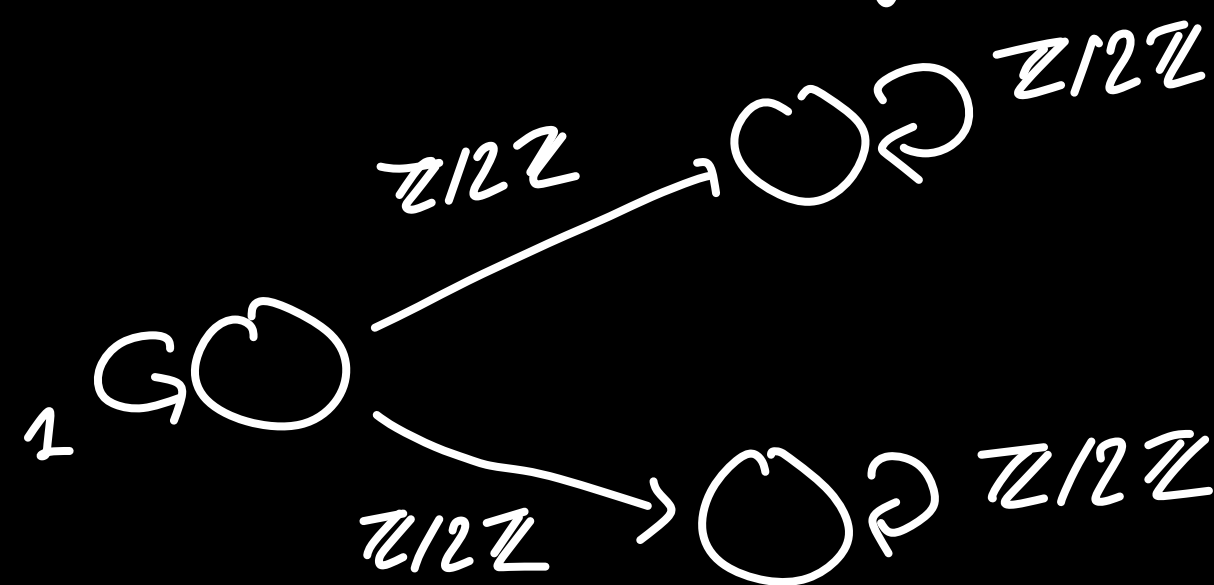
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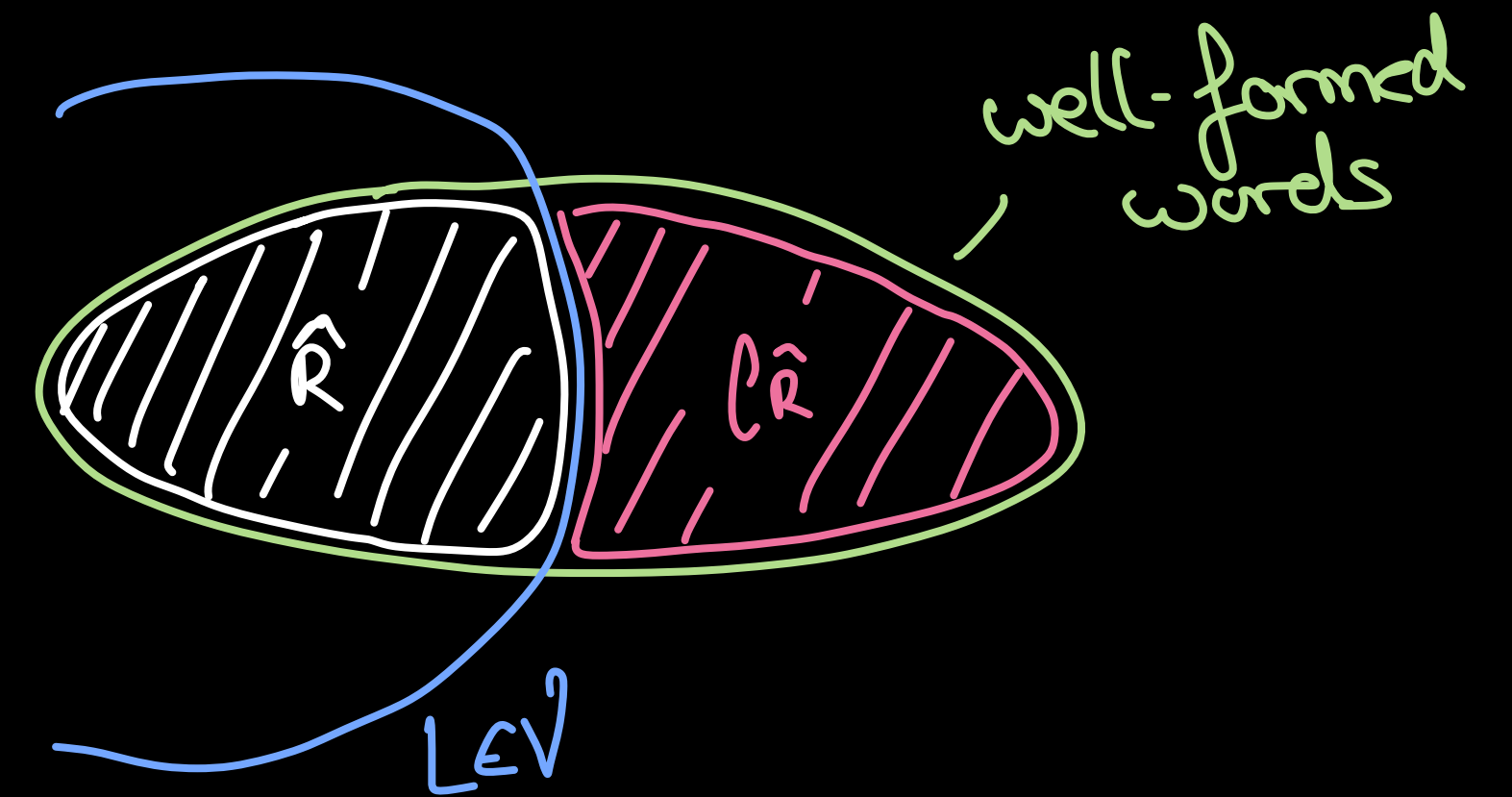


Thm $\hat{R} \in \mathcal{V}_{\text{sync}}^l$ iff the synchronous syntactic algebra of \hat{R} has all underlying semigroups in \mathbb{V} .

Coro \mathcal{V} decidable $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\text{sync}}^l$ decidable

Overview

Universe	$(\Sigma^2)^+$ $(\begin{smallmatrix} a & b & \perp \\ a & b & b \end{smallmatrix}), (\begin{smallmatrix} a & \perp & c \\ \perp & b & a \end{smallmatrix})$	$S_2 \Sigma = \text{well-formed}$ $(\begin{smallmatrix} a & b & \perp \\ a & b & b \end{smallmatrix})$
Algebras	Semigroups	Synchronous algebras
Finite rec.	Regular relations	
Algebraic char for rela ^o ?	✗	✓



Beyond regular relations

Graph $\Omega = \circ \rightarrow \circ \xrightarrow{\text{---}} \circ \rightarrow \circ$



Monad of paths



Ω -path algebras

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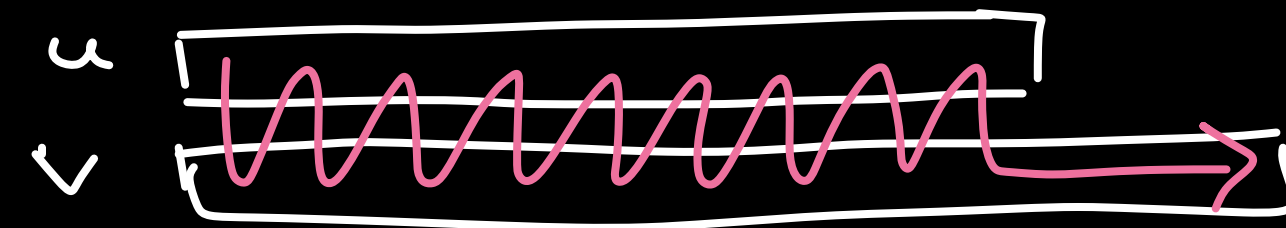


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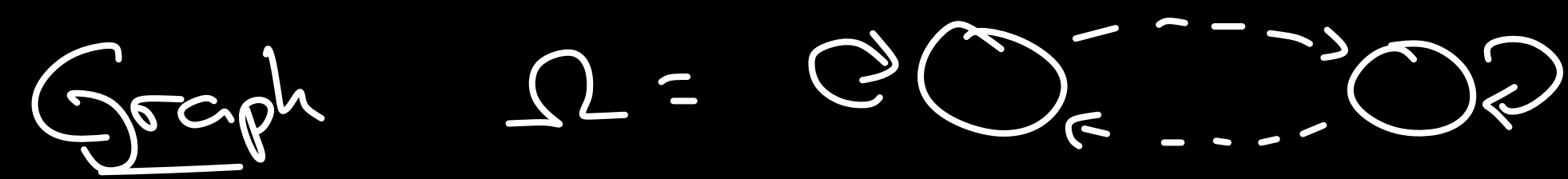
sync. auto



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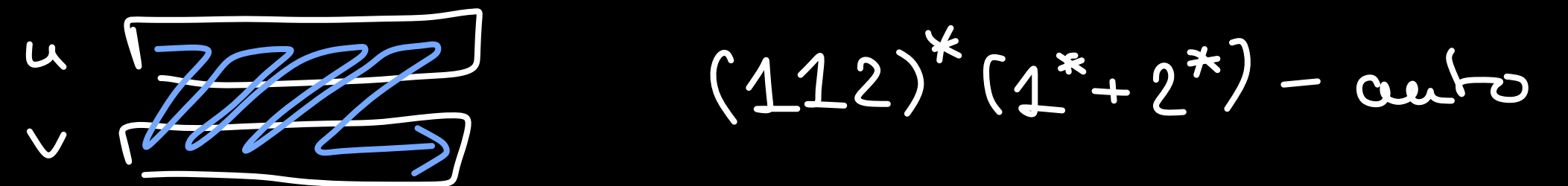
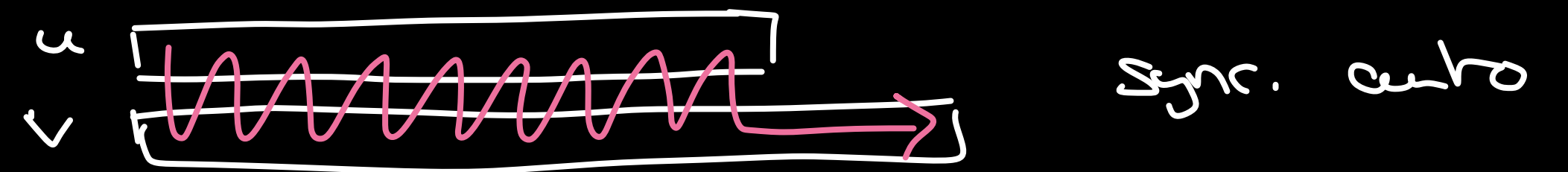


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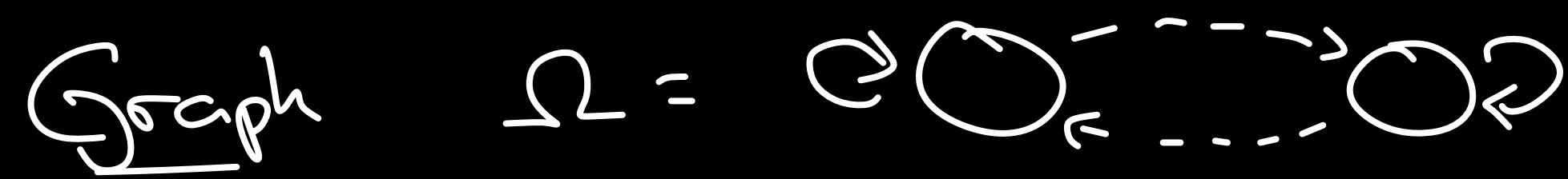
$(1+2)^* - \text{auto} = \text{no constraint}$
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Open problem [Figueira, Libkin, STACS '14]

[Desrotte, Figueira, Puppis, ICALP '18]

$L_1\text{-auto} \stackrel{?}{=} L_2\text{-auto}$?

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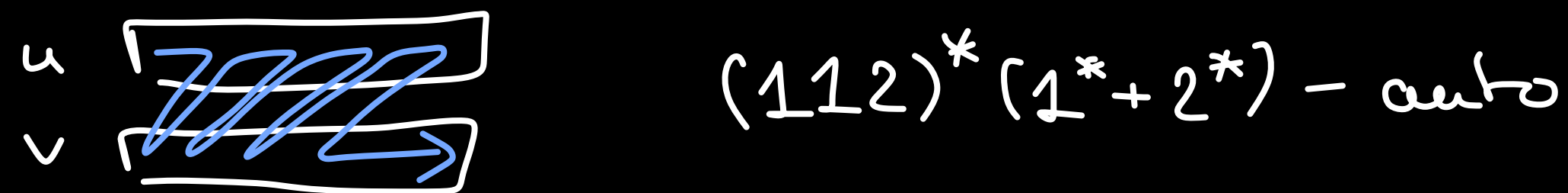
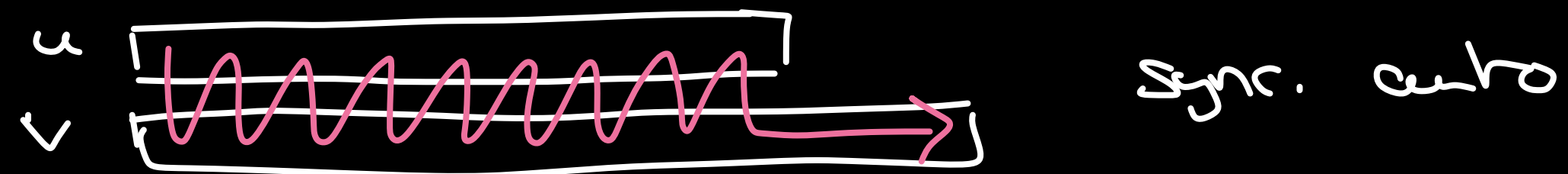


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L_1 -auto \subseteq L_2 -auto ?

Conj 1 L -auto \cong Ω_L -algebras

Conj 2 L_1 -auto \subseteq L_2 -auto
IFF

$\text{Alg}(\Omega_{L_2}) \xleftarrow{\tau} \text{Alg}(\Omega_{L_2})$