

Binary Relations

Part II

Outline for Today

- ***Finish from Last Time***
 - Pt. 3 of our proof that \sim is an equivalence relation
- ***Properties of Equivalence Relations***
 - What's so special about those three rules?
- ***Strict Orders***
 - A different type of mathematical structure
- ***Hasse Diagrams***
 - How to visualize rankings

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To see this, notice that $a+a = 2a$, so the sum $a+a$ can be written as $2k$ for some integer k (namely, a), so $a+a$ is even. Therefore, $a \sim a$ holds, as required. ■

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Lemma 2: The binary relation \sim is symmetric.

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New Stuff!

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- A. Pick an arbitrary a and b from A where $a \sim b$. We'll prove $b \sim a$.
- B. Consider any $a, b, c \in A$ where $a \sim b$, $b \sim c$, and $a \sim c$.
- C. Choose an $a, b, c \in A$. We will prove $a \sim b$, $b \sim c$, and $a \sim c$.
- D. Take any $a, b, c \in A$ where $a \sim b$ and $b \sim c$; we'll prove $a \sim c$.

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The formal definition of transitivity is given in first-order logic, but this proof does not contain any first-order logic symbols!

First-Order Logic and Proofs

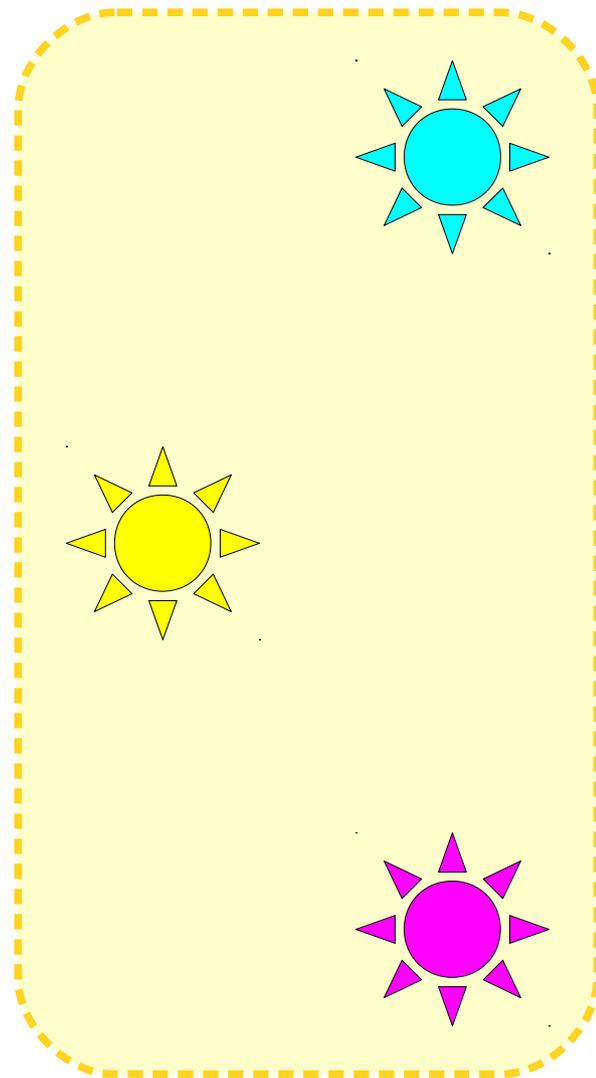
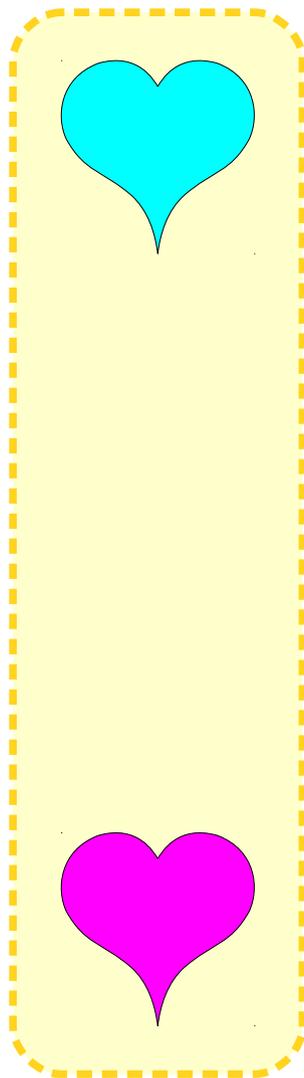
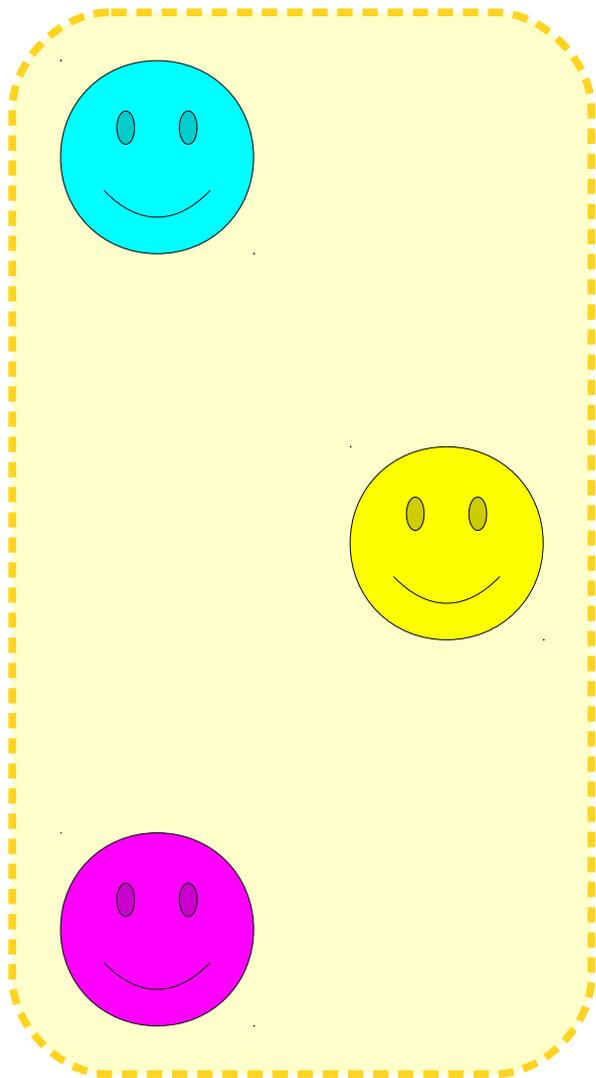
- First-order logic is an excellent tool for giving formal definitions to key terms.
- While first-order logic *guides* the structure of proofs, it is *exceedingly rare* to see first-order logic in written proofs.
- Follow the example of these proofs:
 - Use the FOL definitions to determine what to assume and what to prove.
 - Write the proof in plain English using the conventions we set up in the first week of the class.
- ***Please, please, please, please, please internalize the contents of this slide!***

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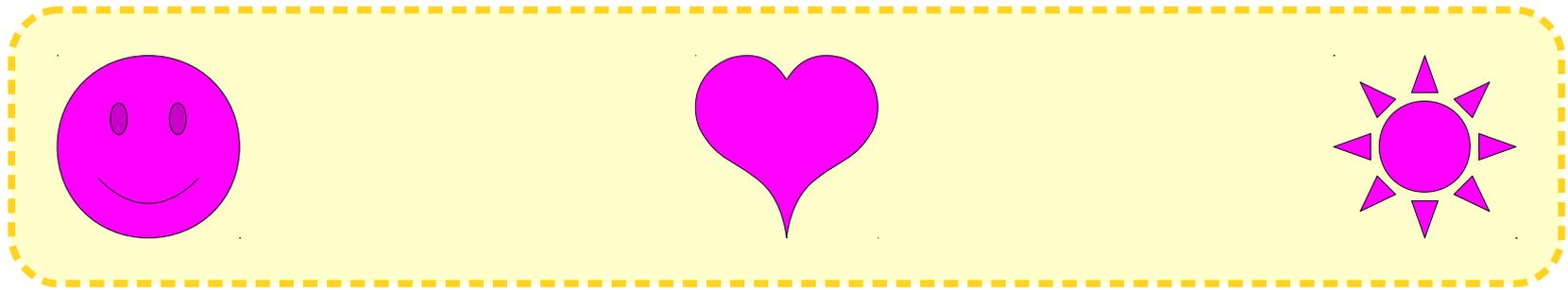
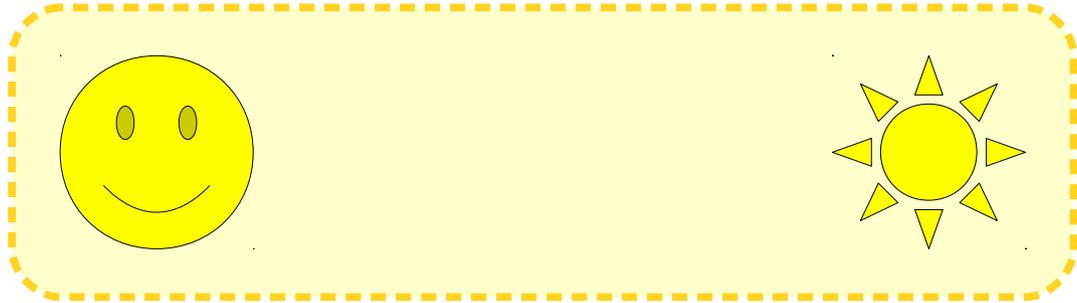
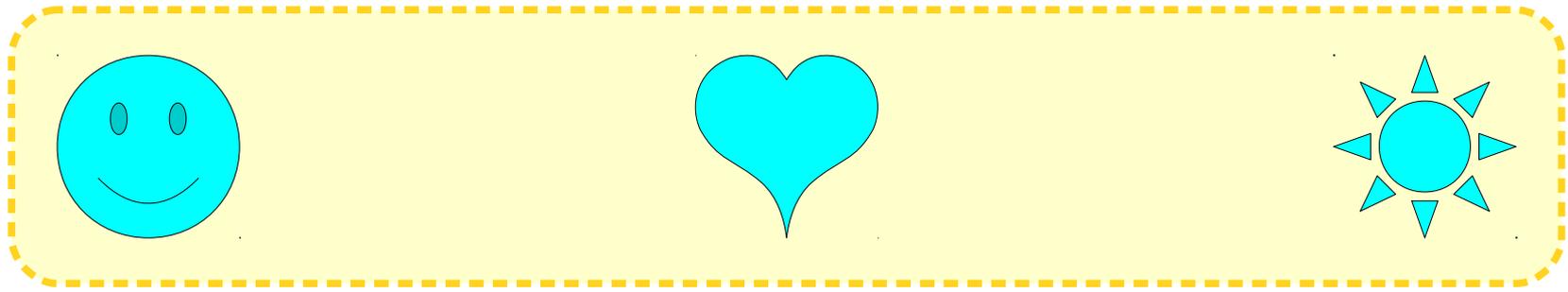
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Properties of Equivalence Relations



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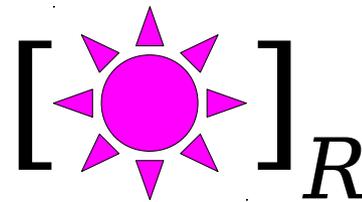
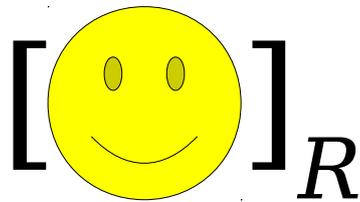
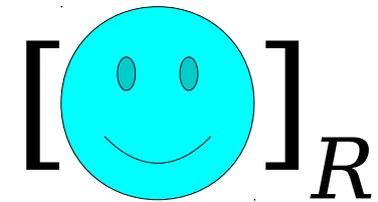
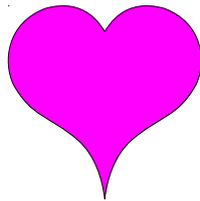
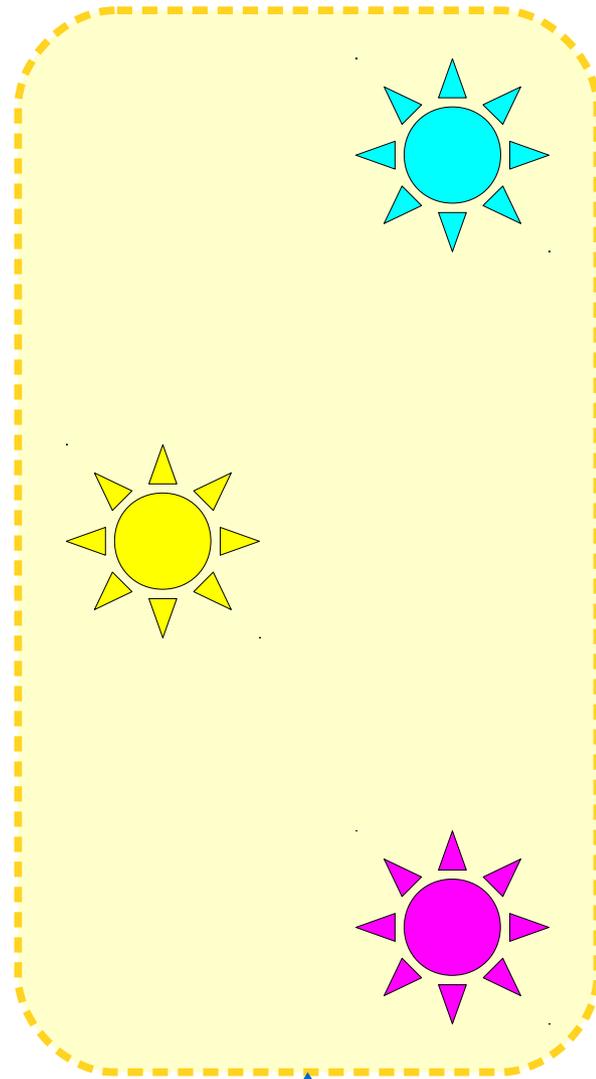
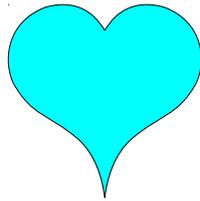
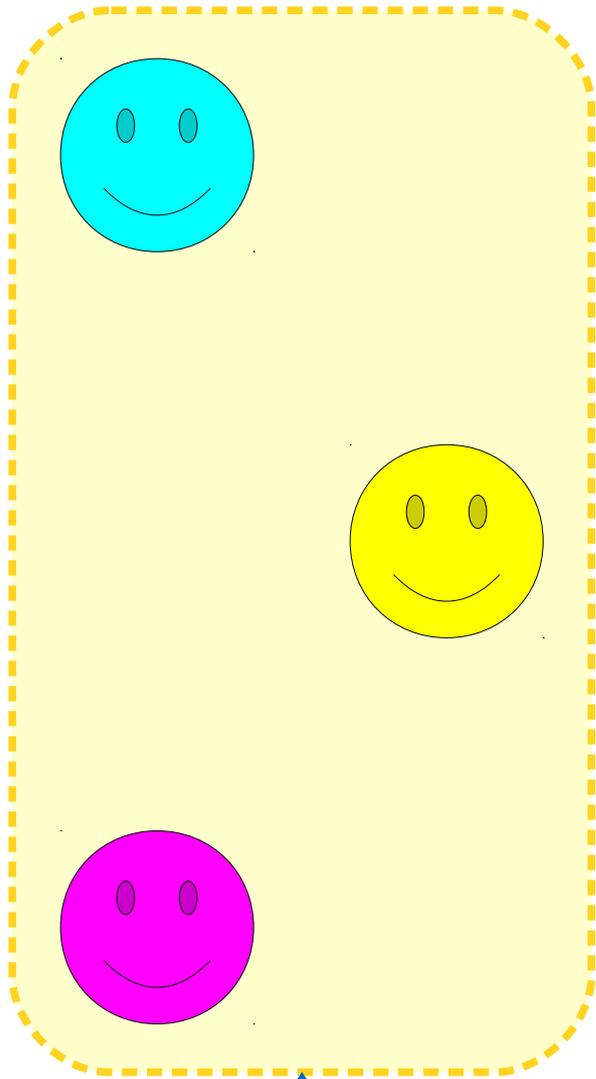
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Equivalence Classes

- Given an equivalence relation R over a set A , for any $x \in A$, the ***equivalence class of x*** is the set

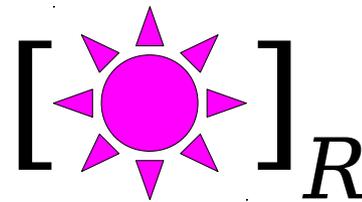
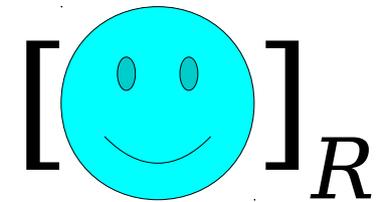
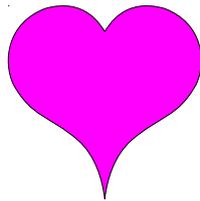
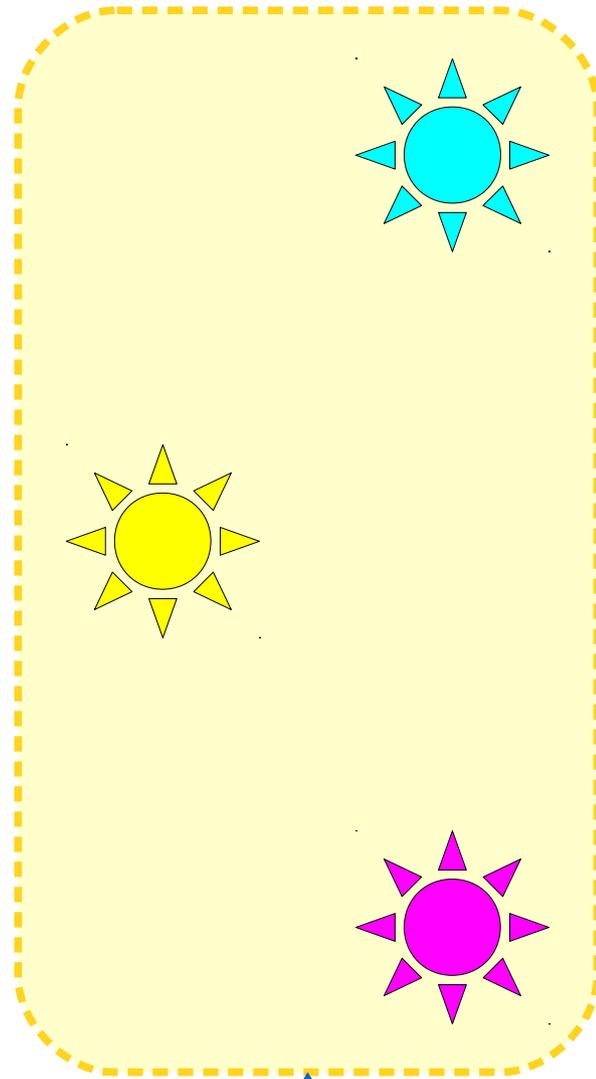
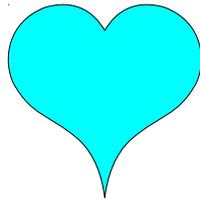
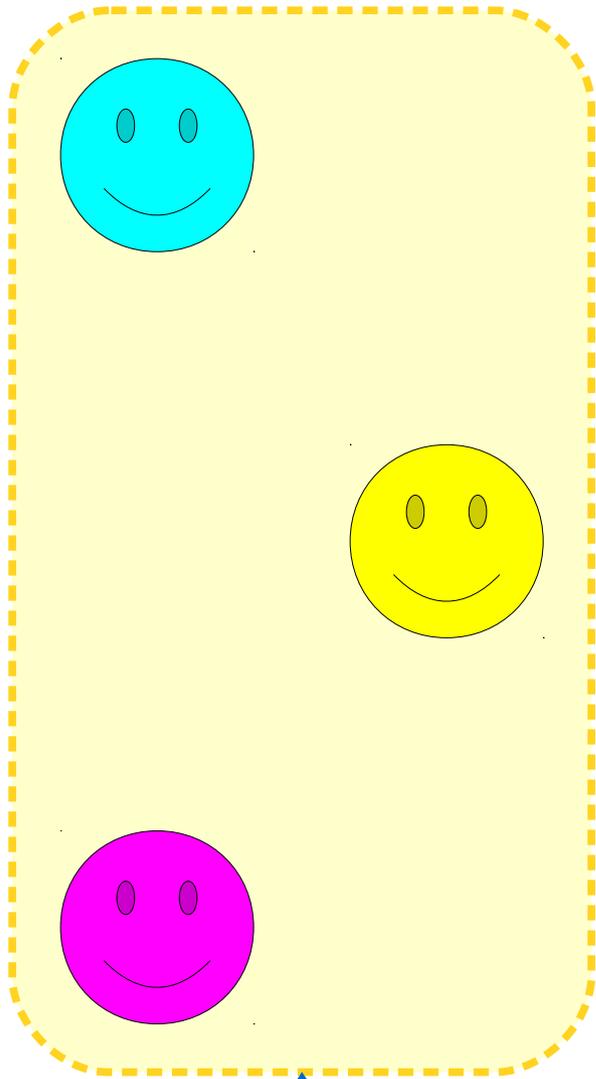
$$[x]_R = \{ y \in A \mid xRy \}$$

- Intuitively, the set $[x]_R$ contains all elements of A that are related to x by relation R .



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***The Fundamental Theorem of
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equivalence relation over a set A . Then
every element $a \in A$ belongs to exactly one
equivalence class of R .

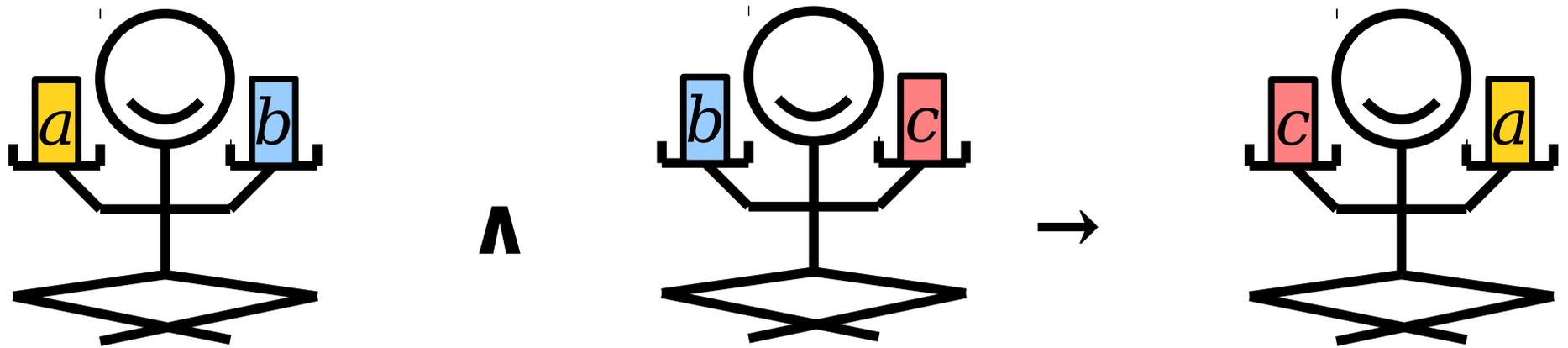


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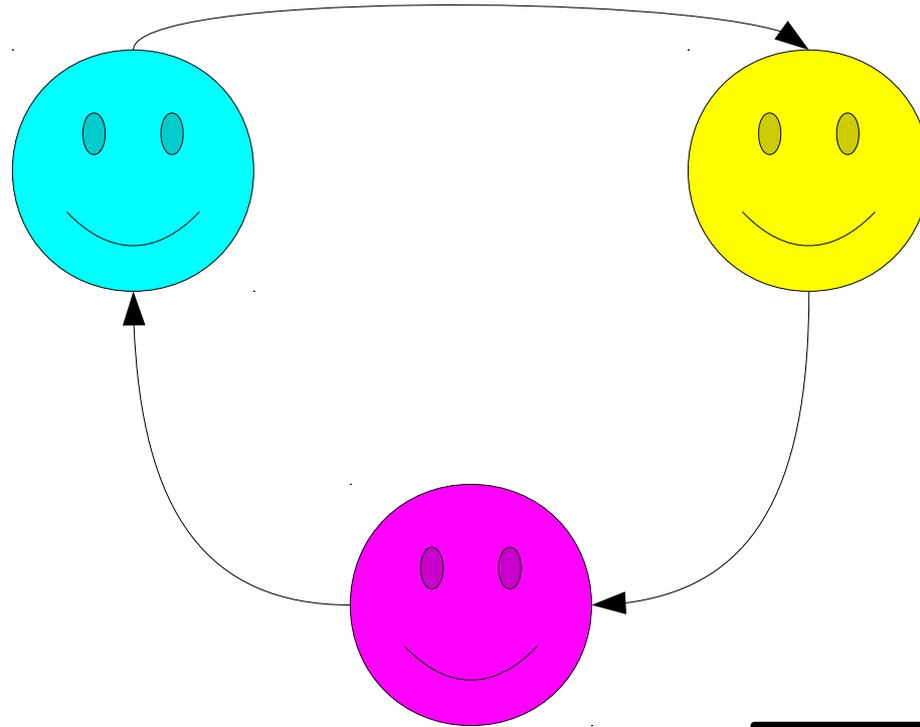
- We discovered equivalence relations by thinking about **partitions** of a set of elements.
- We saw that if we had a binary relation that tells us whether two elements are in the same group, it had to be reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.
- The FToER says that, in some sense, these rules precisely capture what it means to be a partition.
- **Question:** What's so special about these three rules?

The question we are asking the sage: “Are these two in the same equivalence class?”



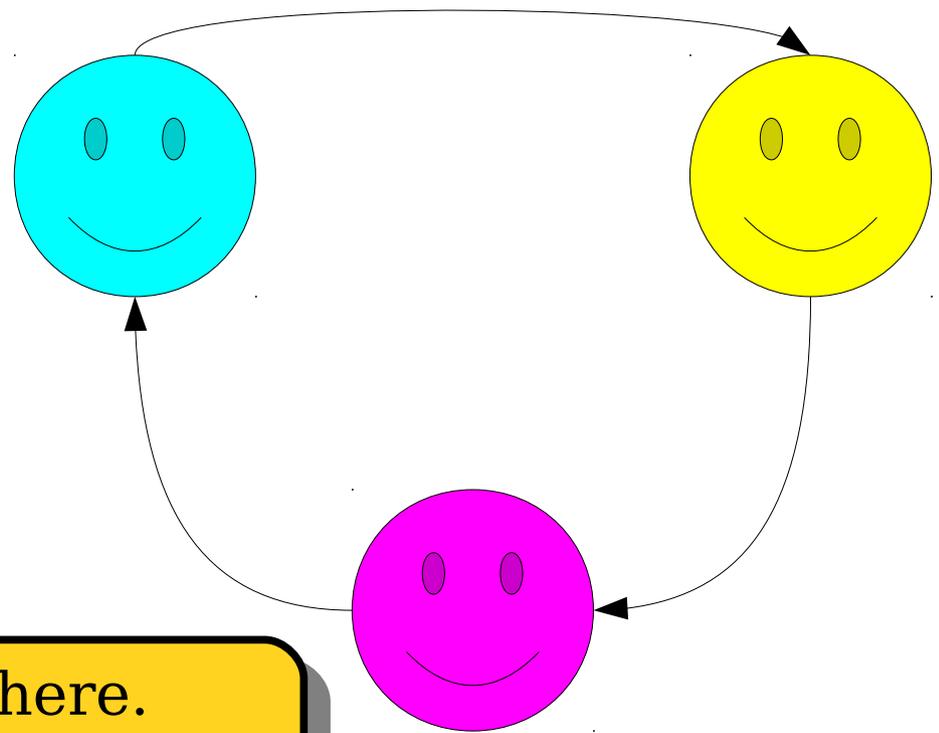
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A binary relation with this property is called ***cyclic***.

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Let R be the relation depicted here.
How many of the following claims are true?

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R is symmetric.

R is transitive.

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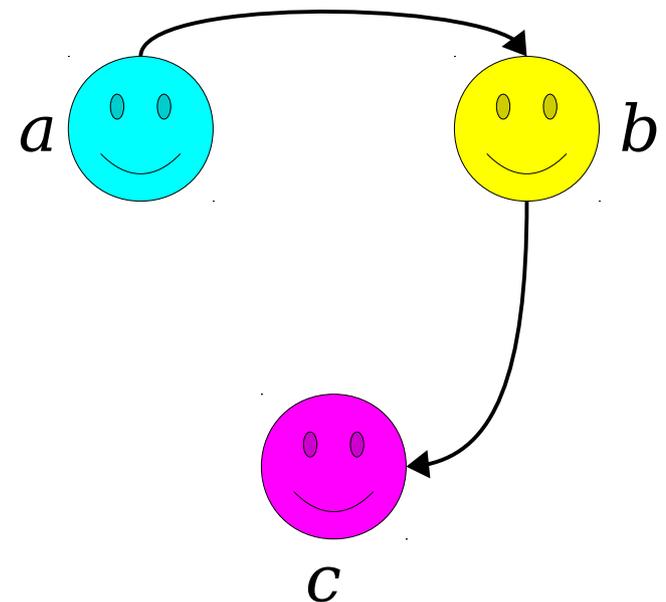
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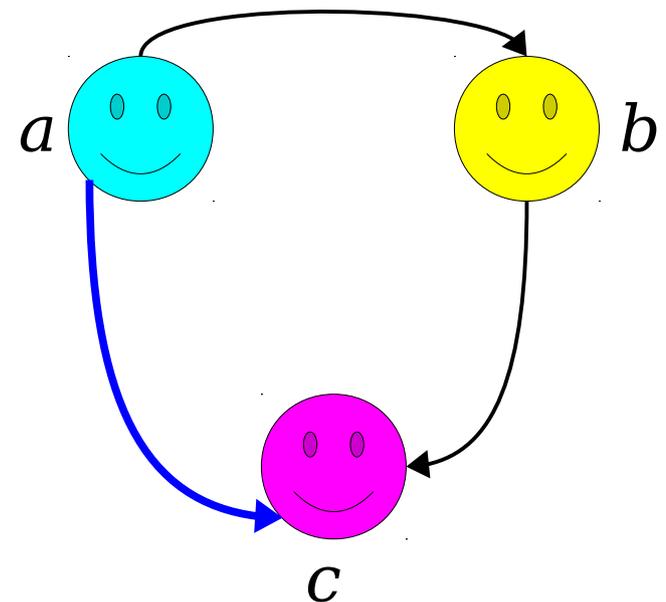
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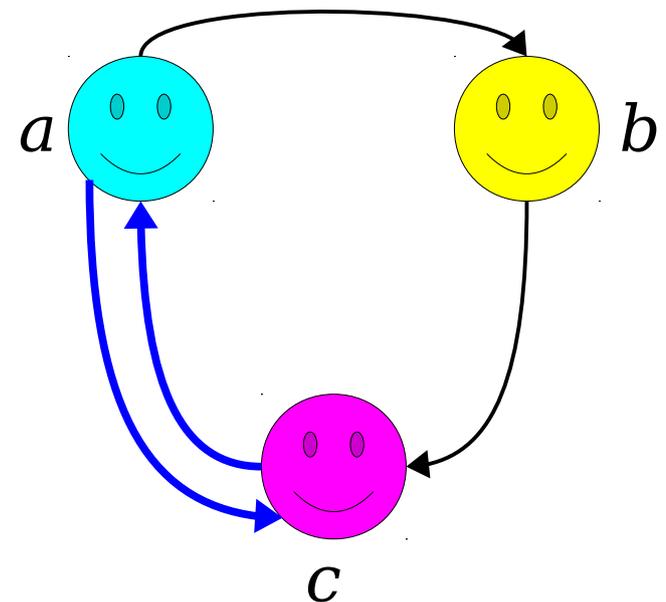
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Notice how the first few sentences of this proof mirror the structure of what needs to be proved. We're just following the templates from the first week of class!

Notice how this setup mirrors the first-order definition of cyclicity:

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When writing proofs about terms with first-order definitions, it's critical to call back to those definitions!

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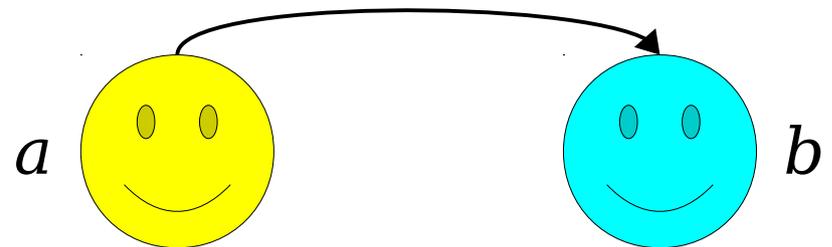
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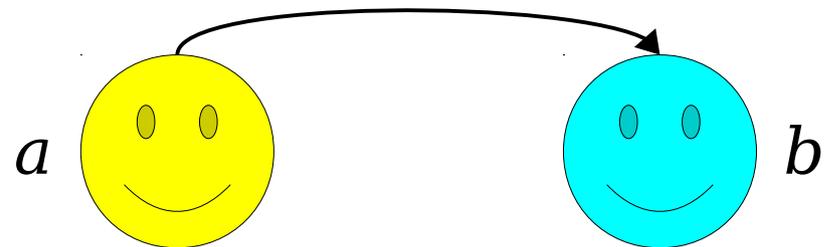
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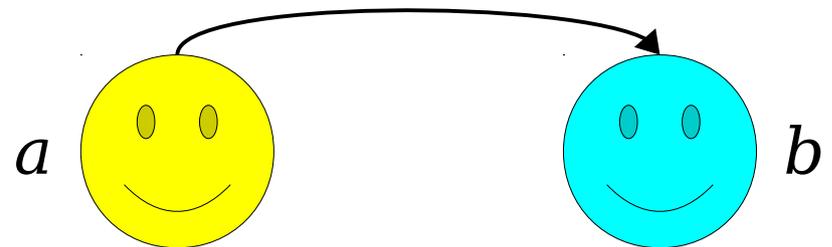
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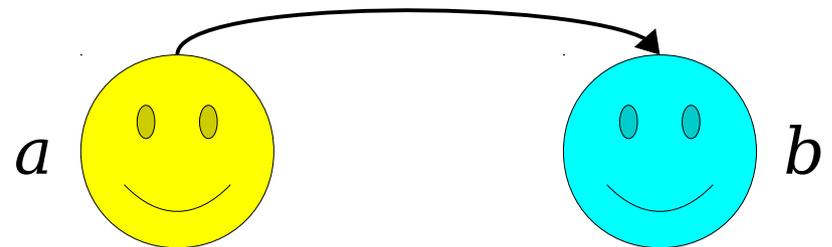
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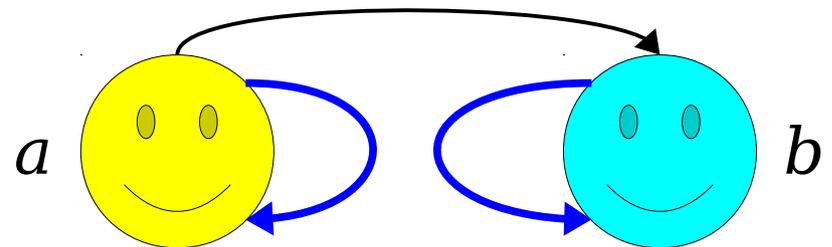
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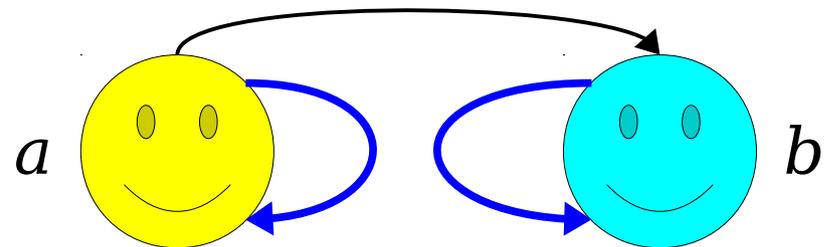
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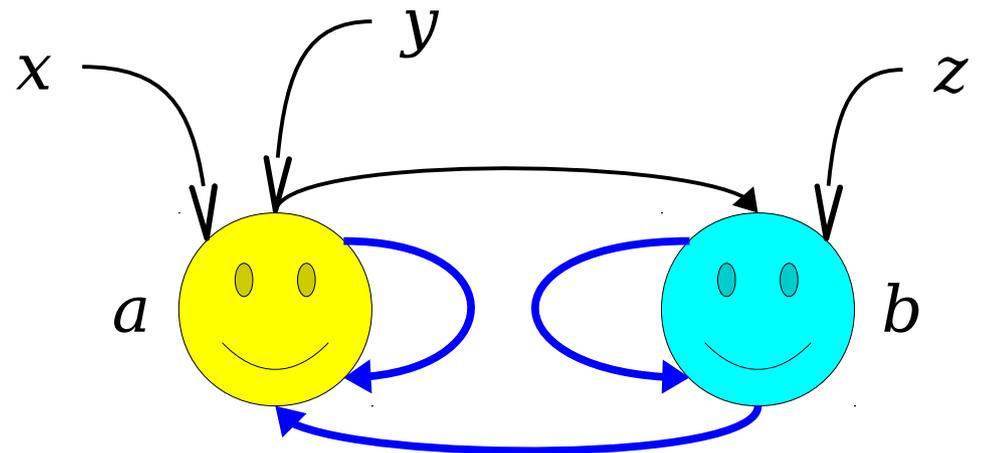
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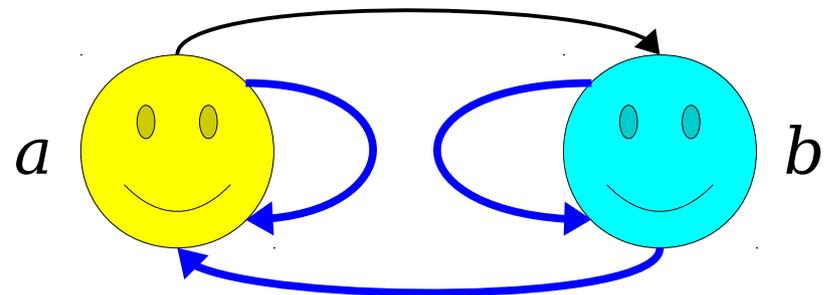
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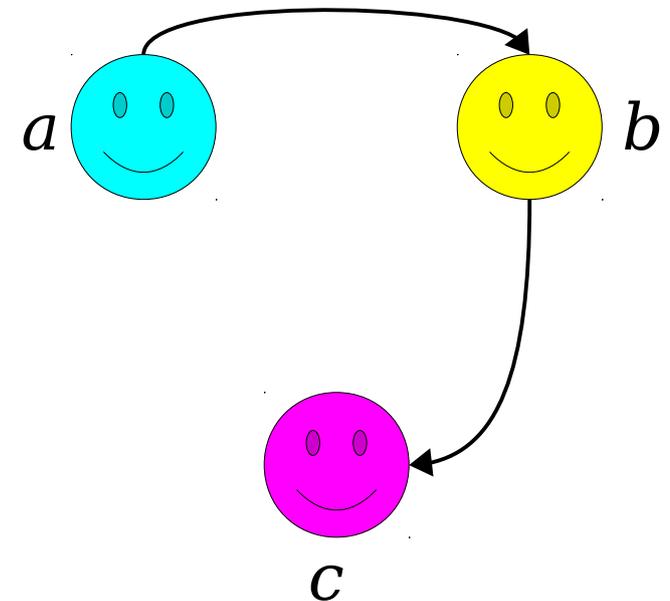
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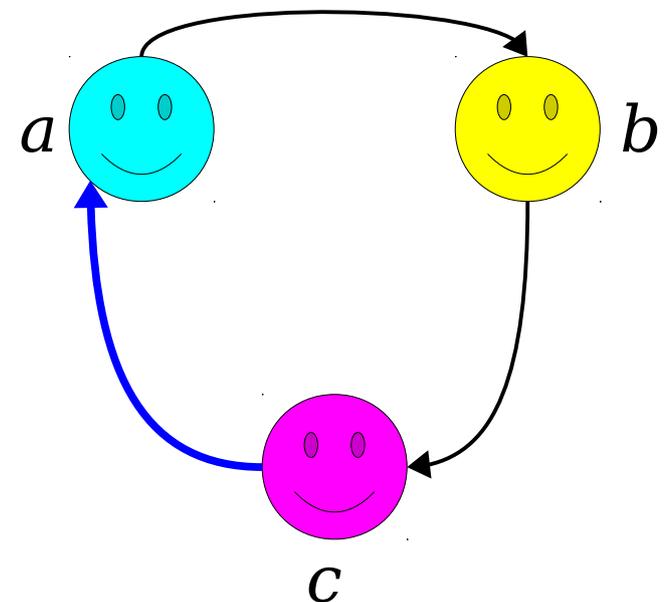
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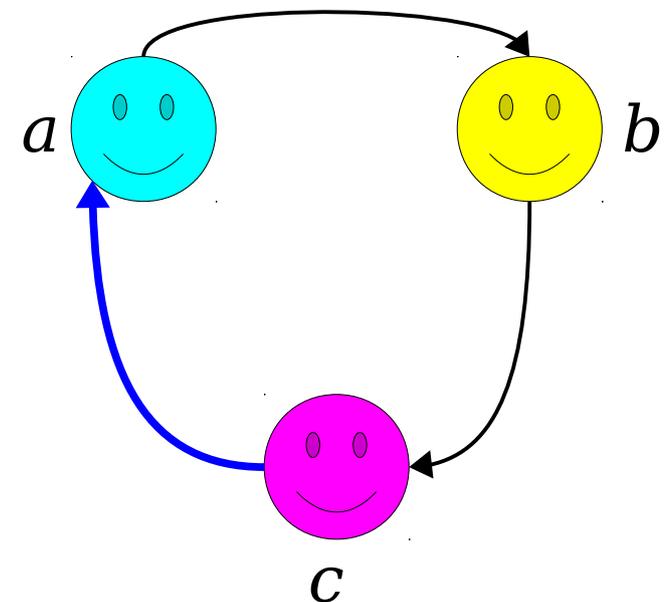
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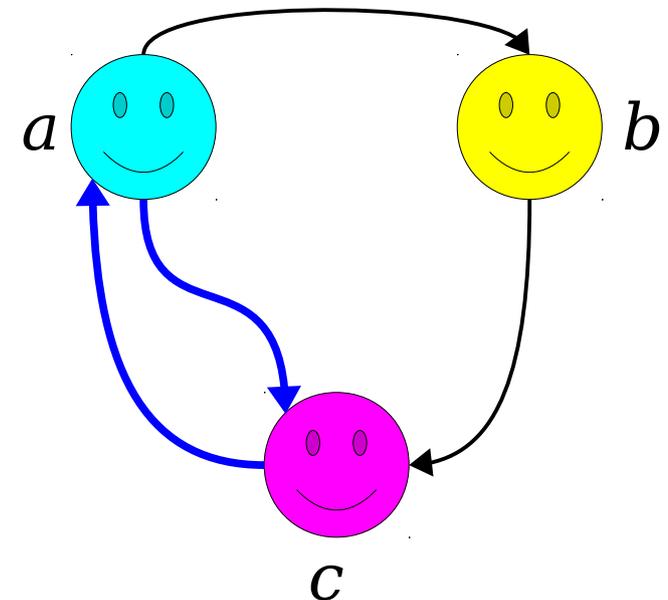
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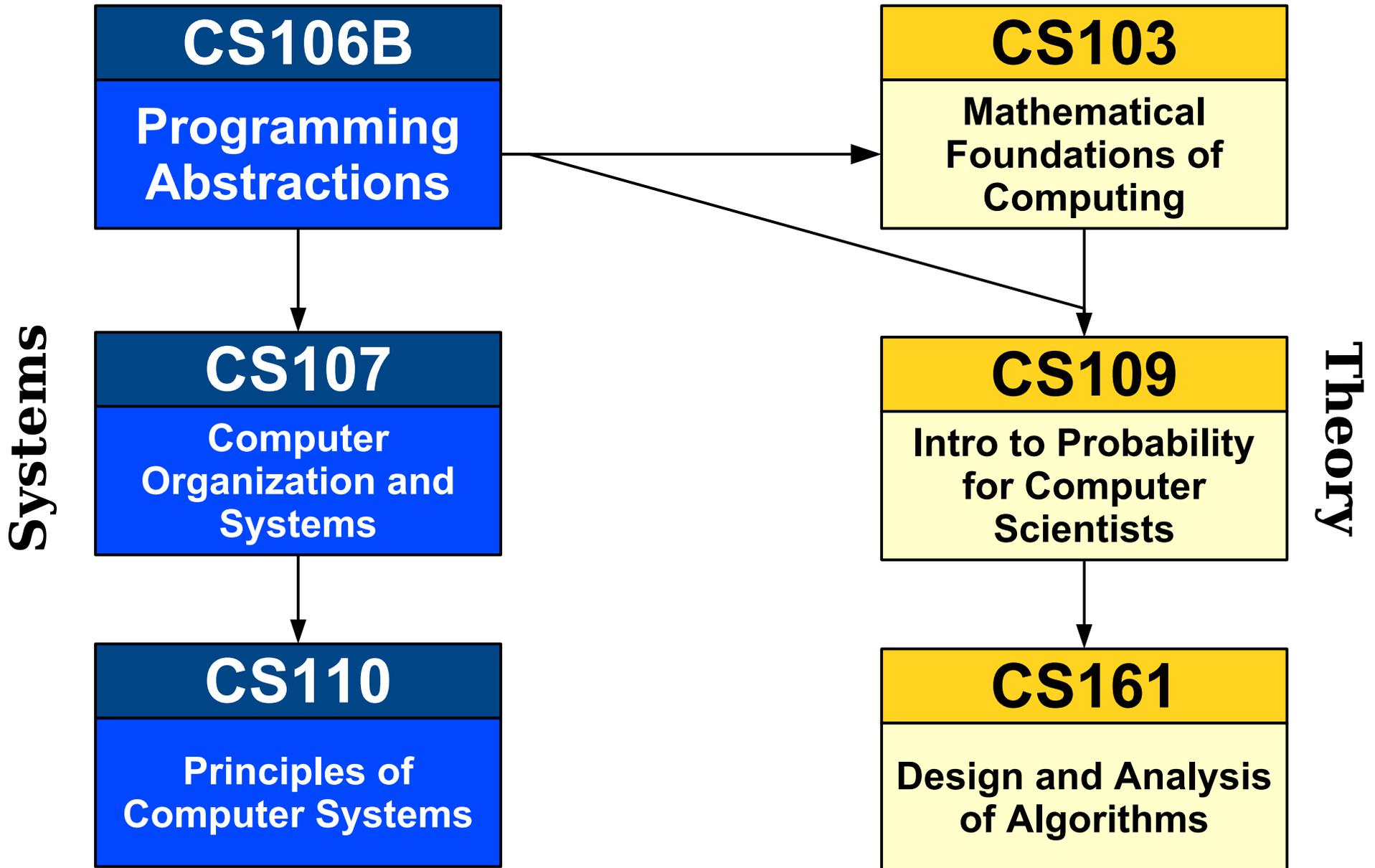
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- You'll get a lot of practice with this on Problem Set Three. If you have any questions about how to do this properly, please feel free to ask on Piazza or stop by office hours!

Prerequisite Structures

The CS Core





Pancakes

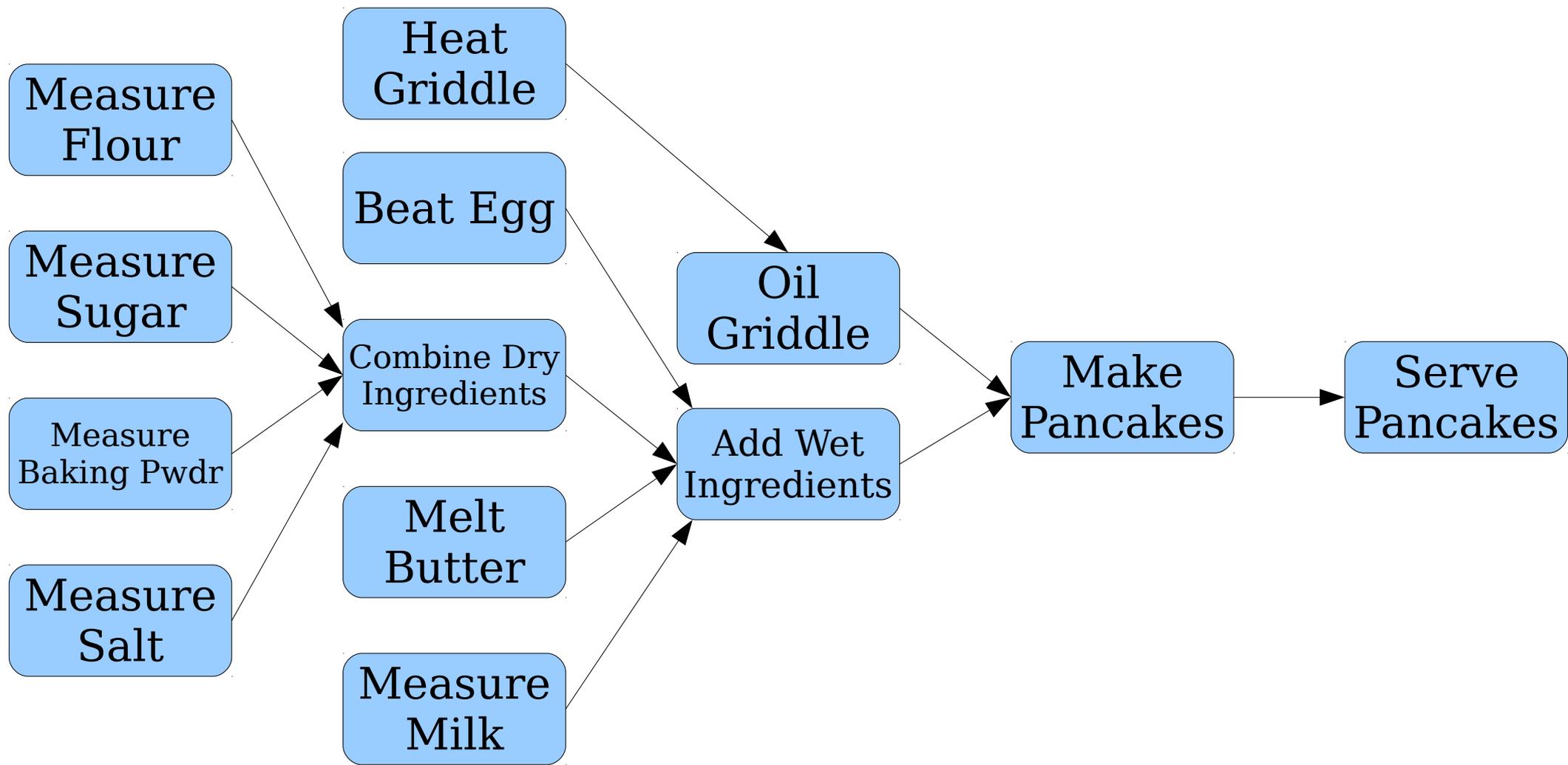
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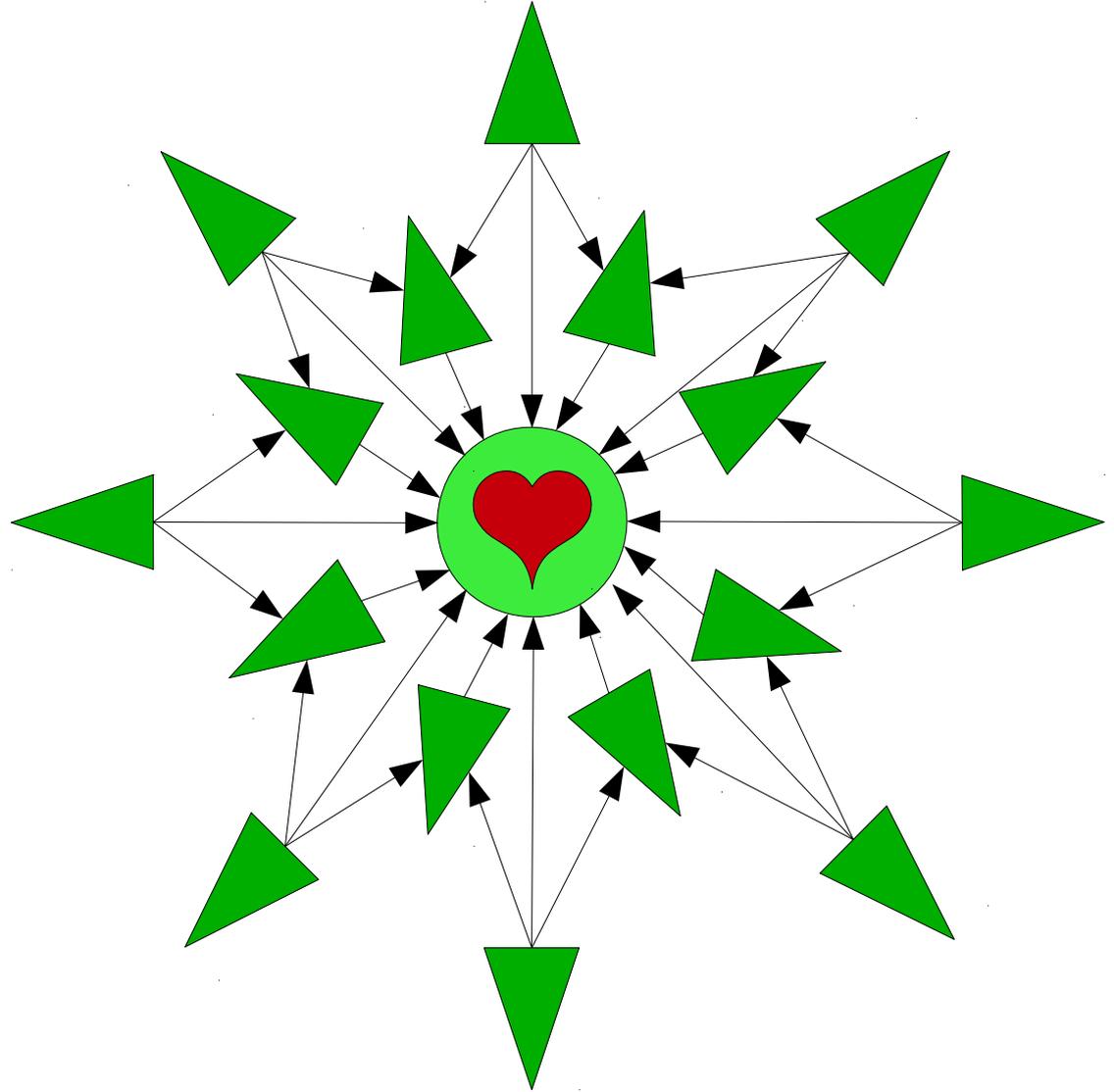
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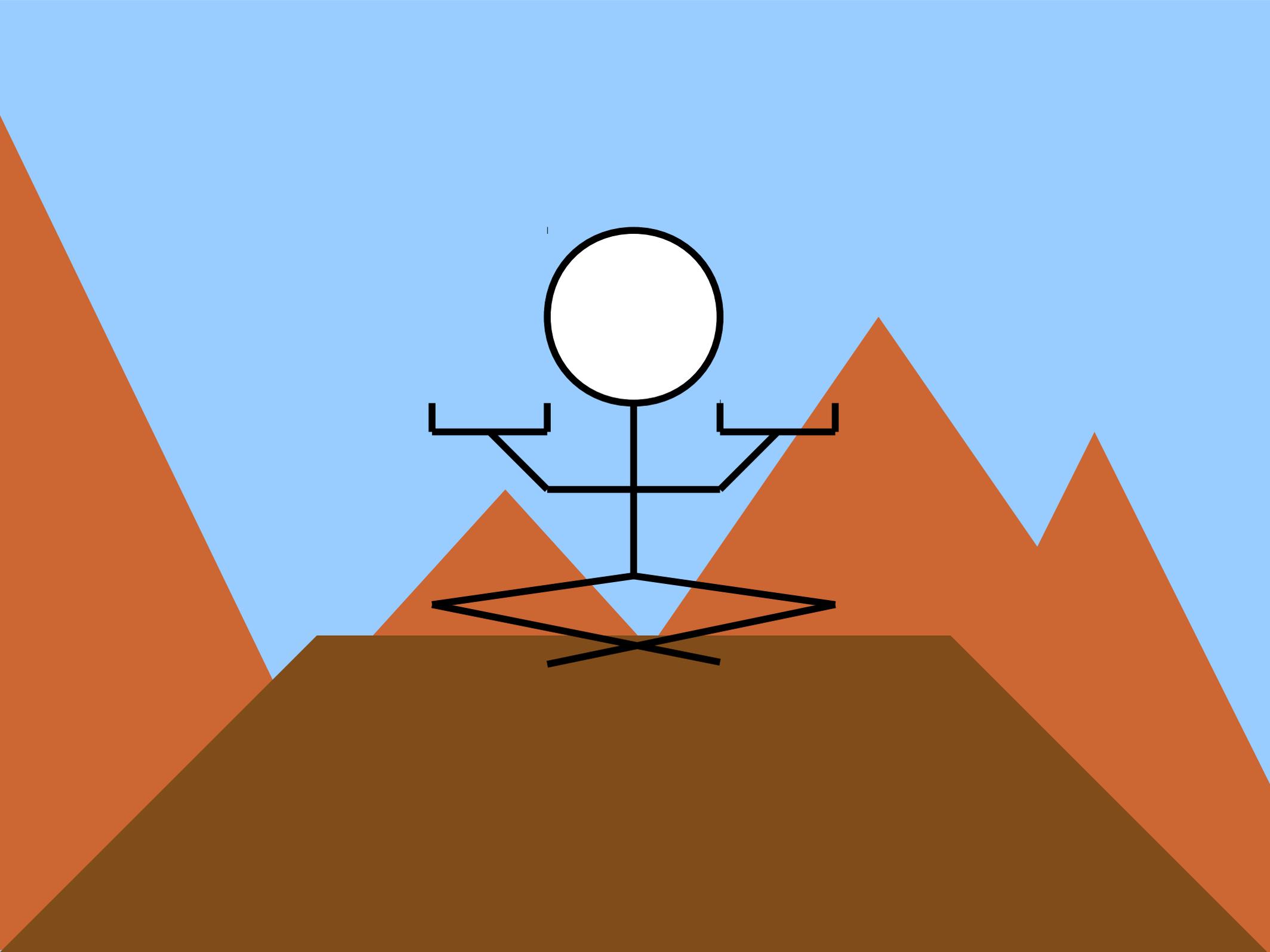
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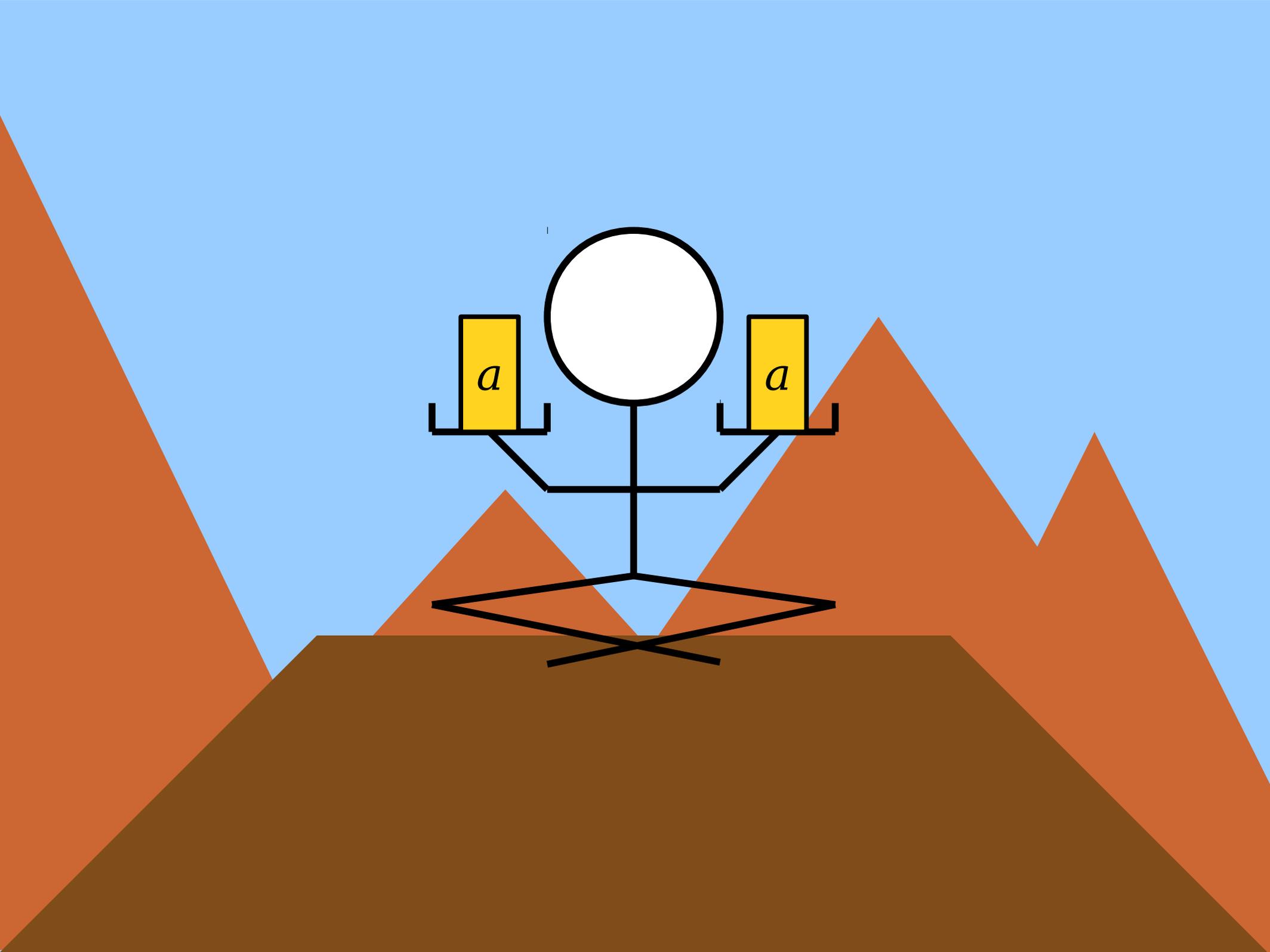


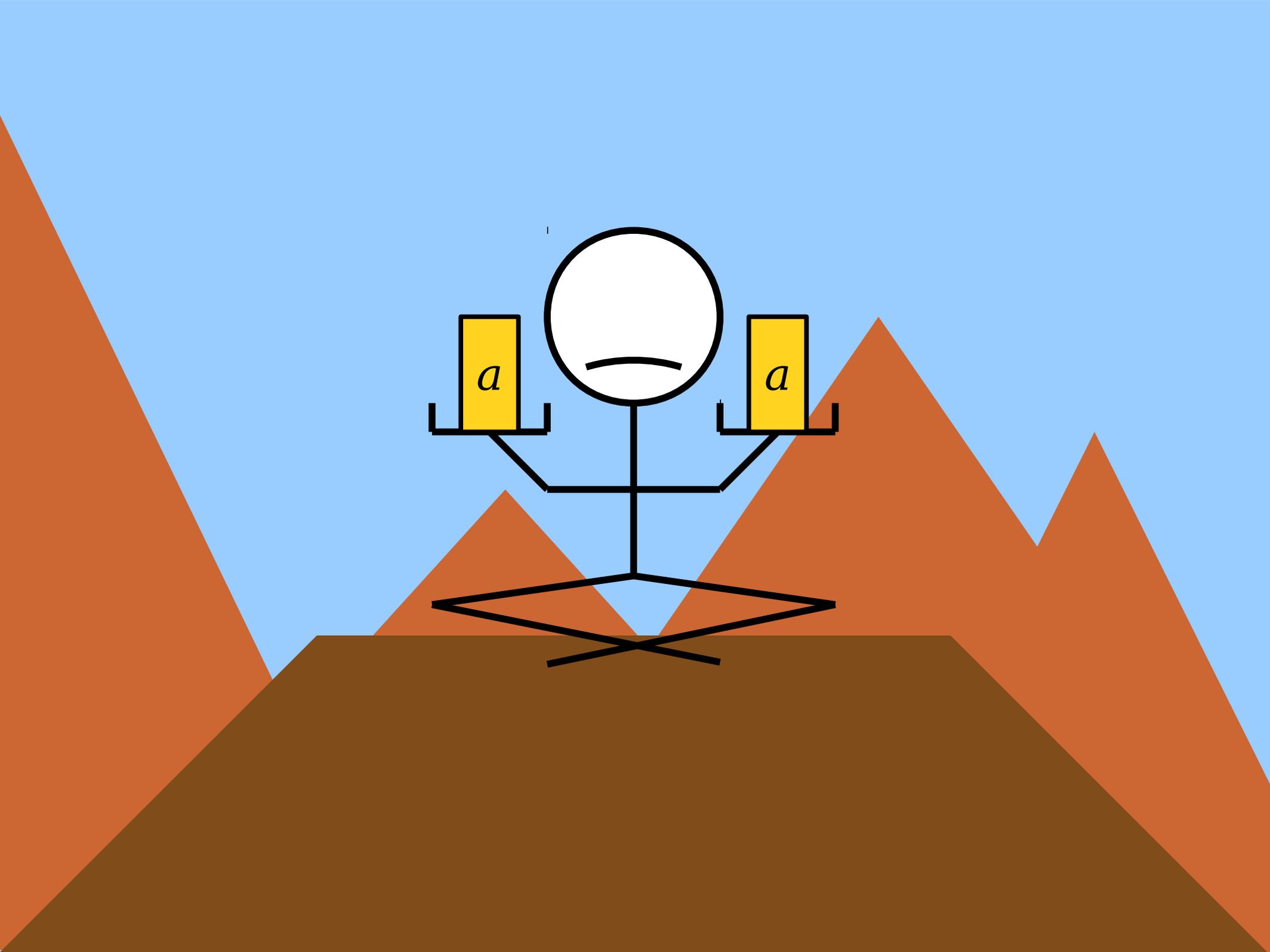


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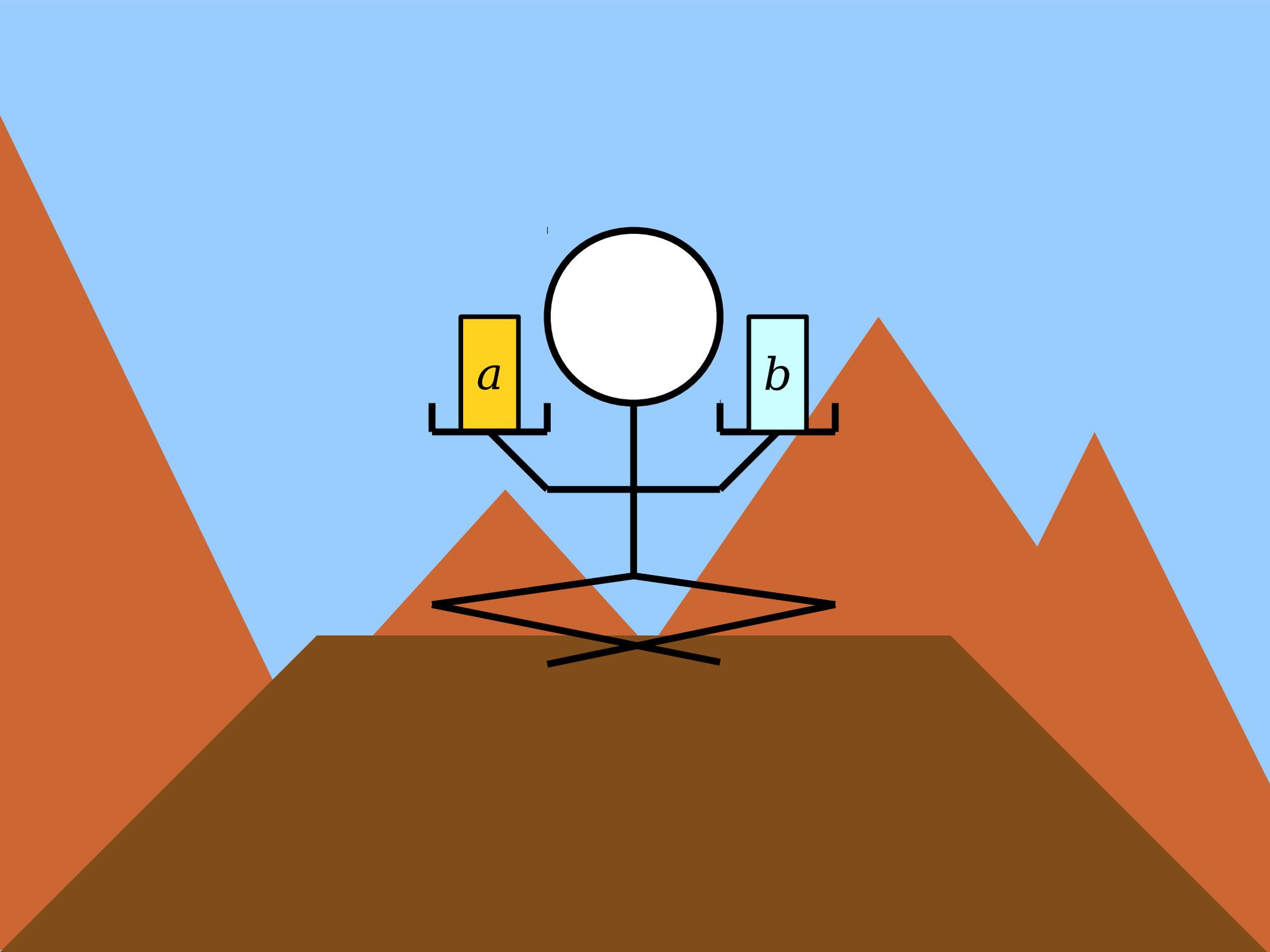
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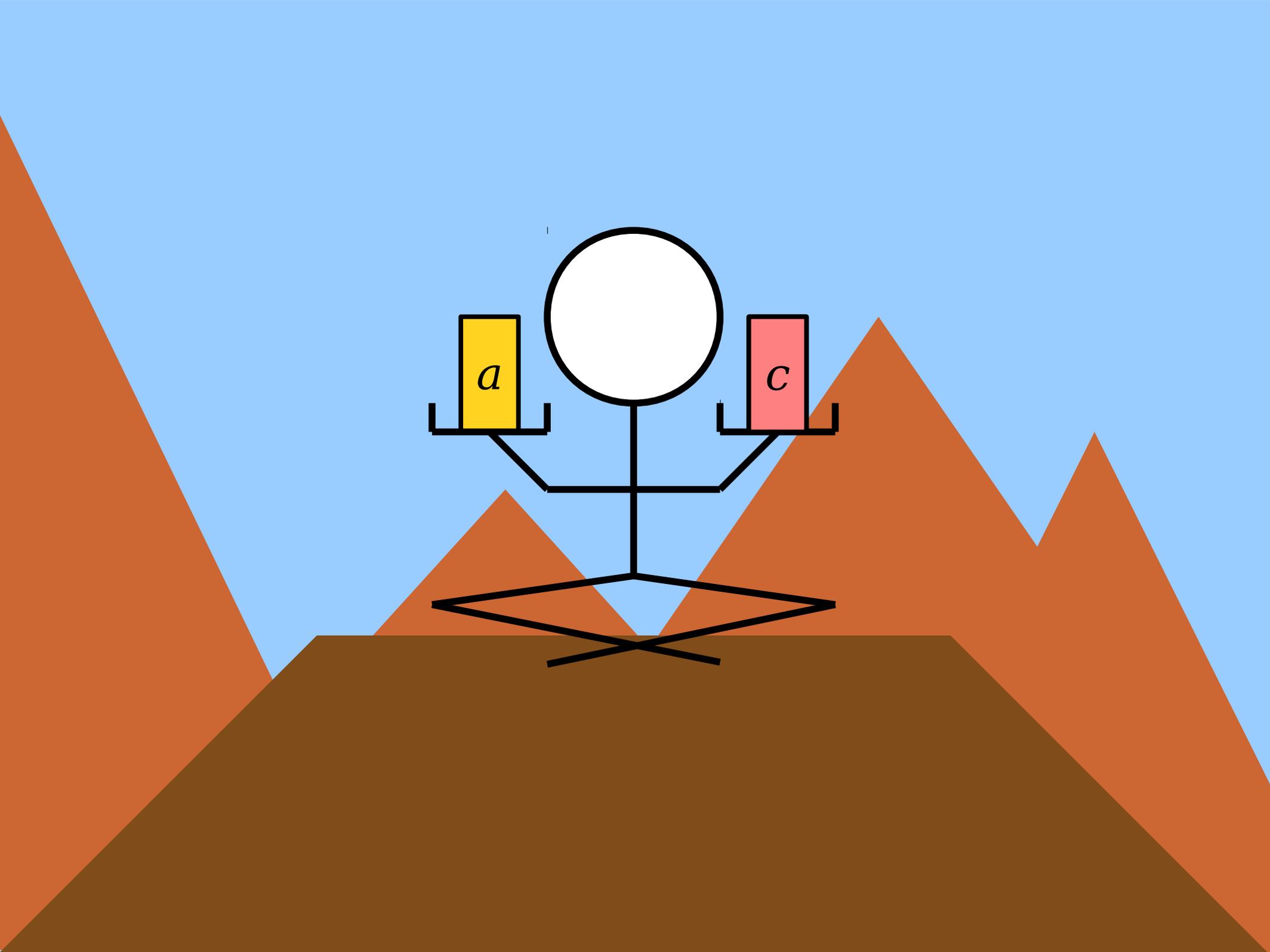




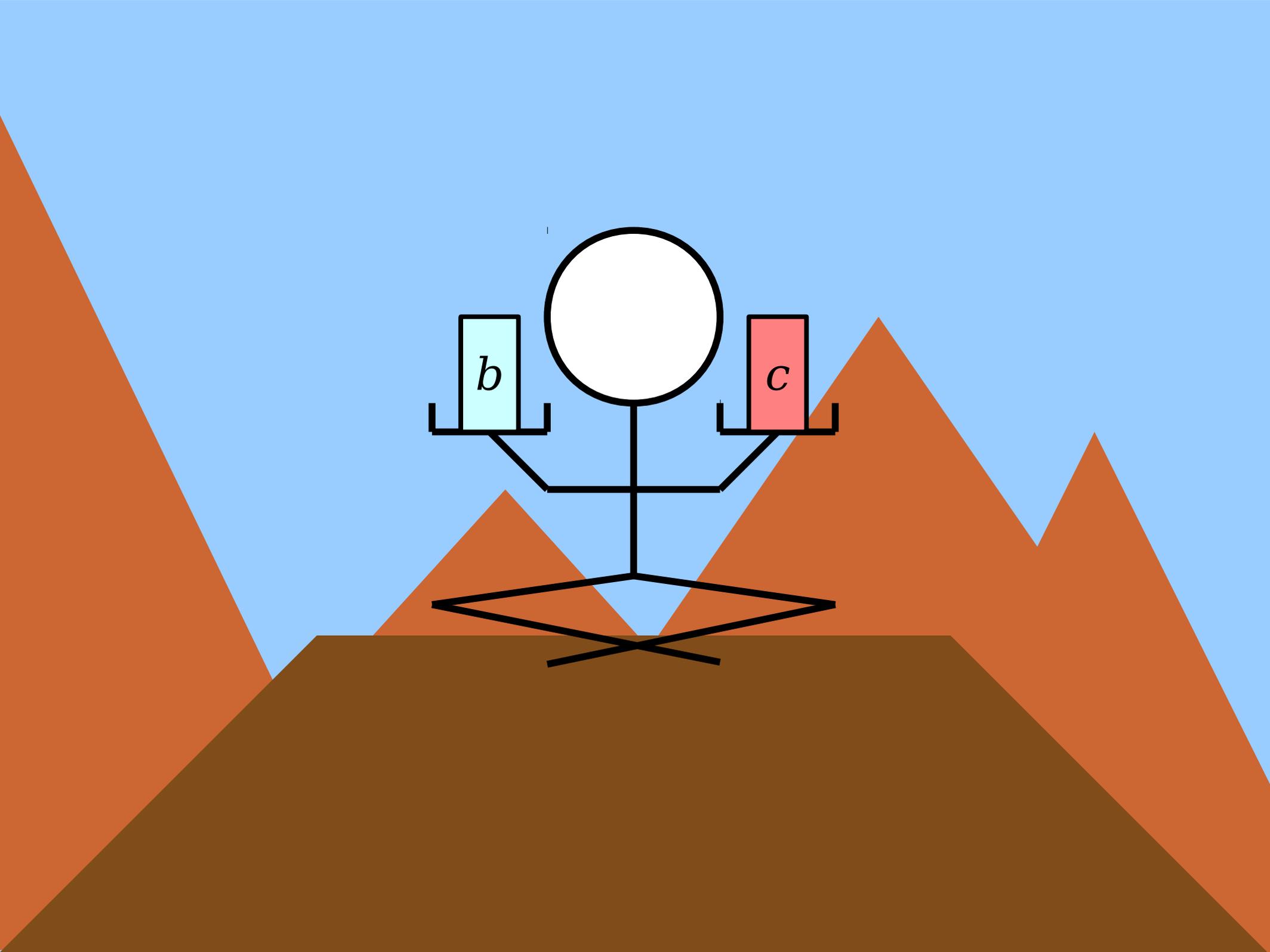


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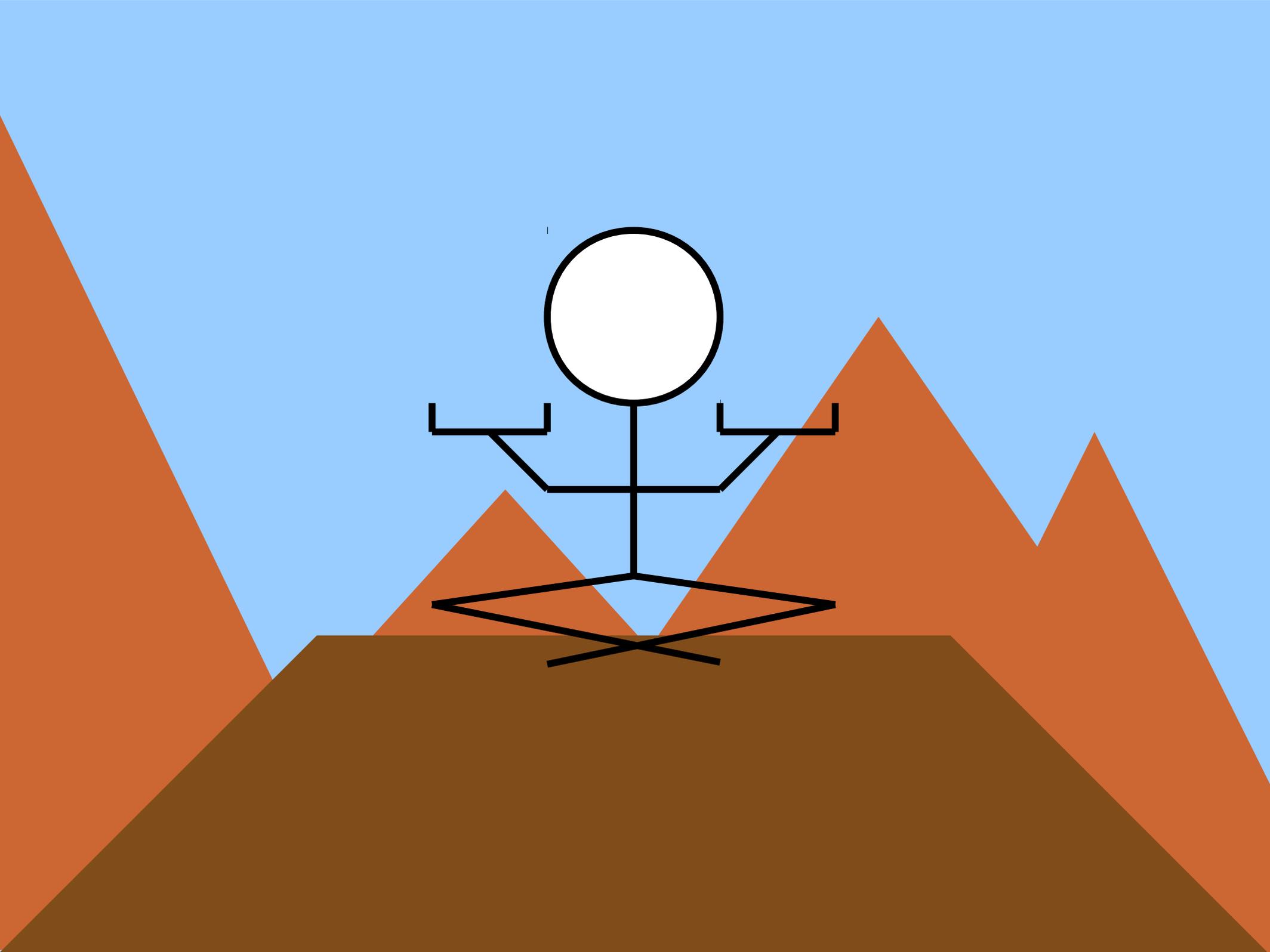
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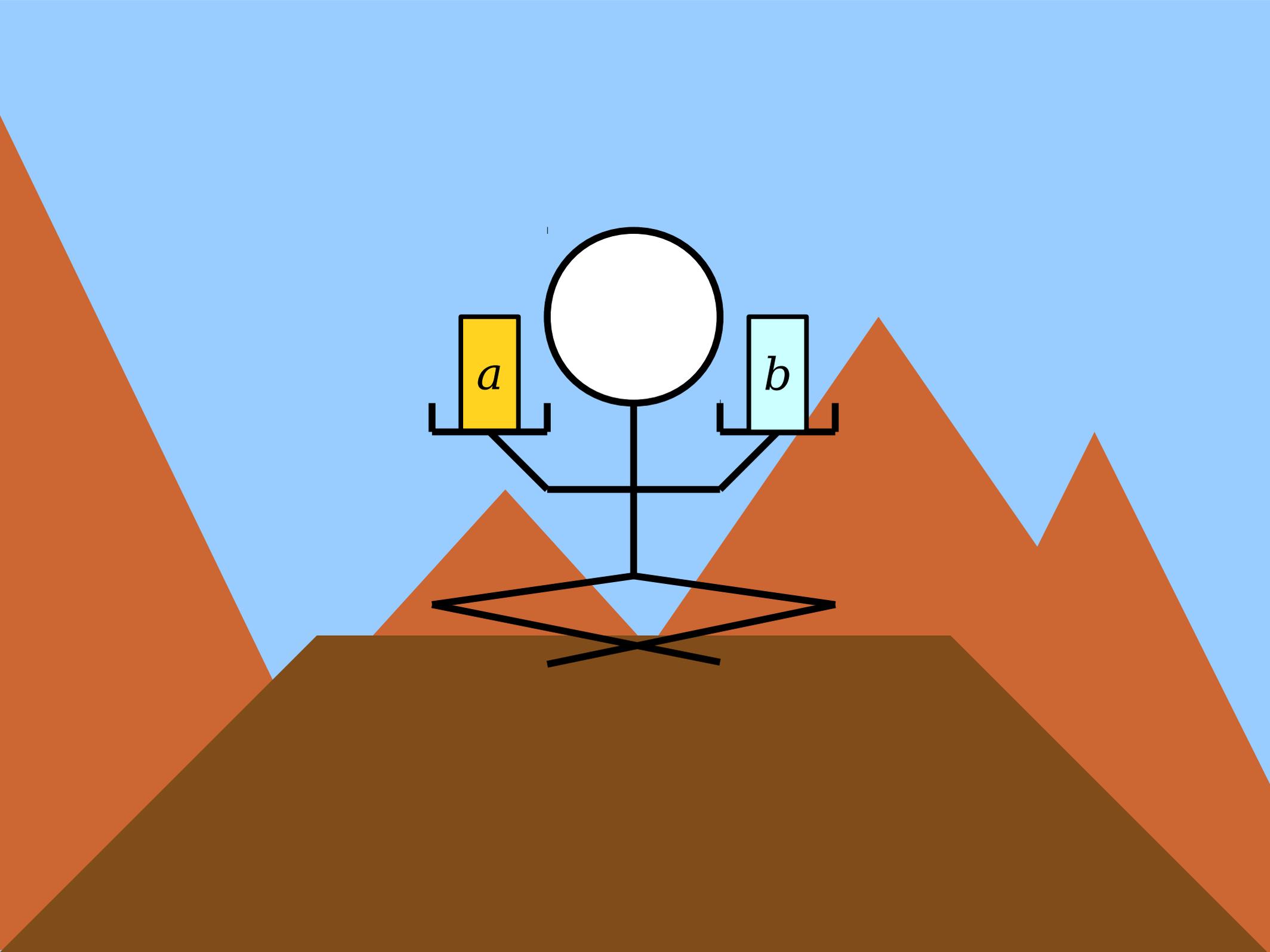


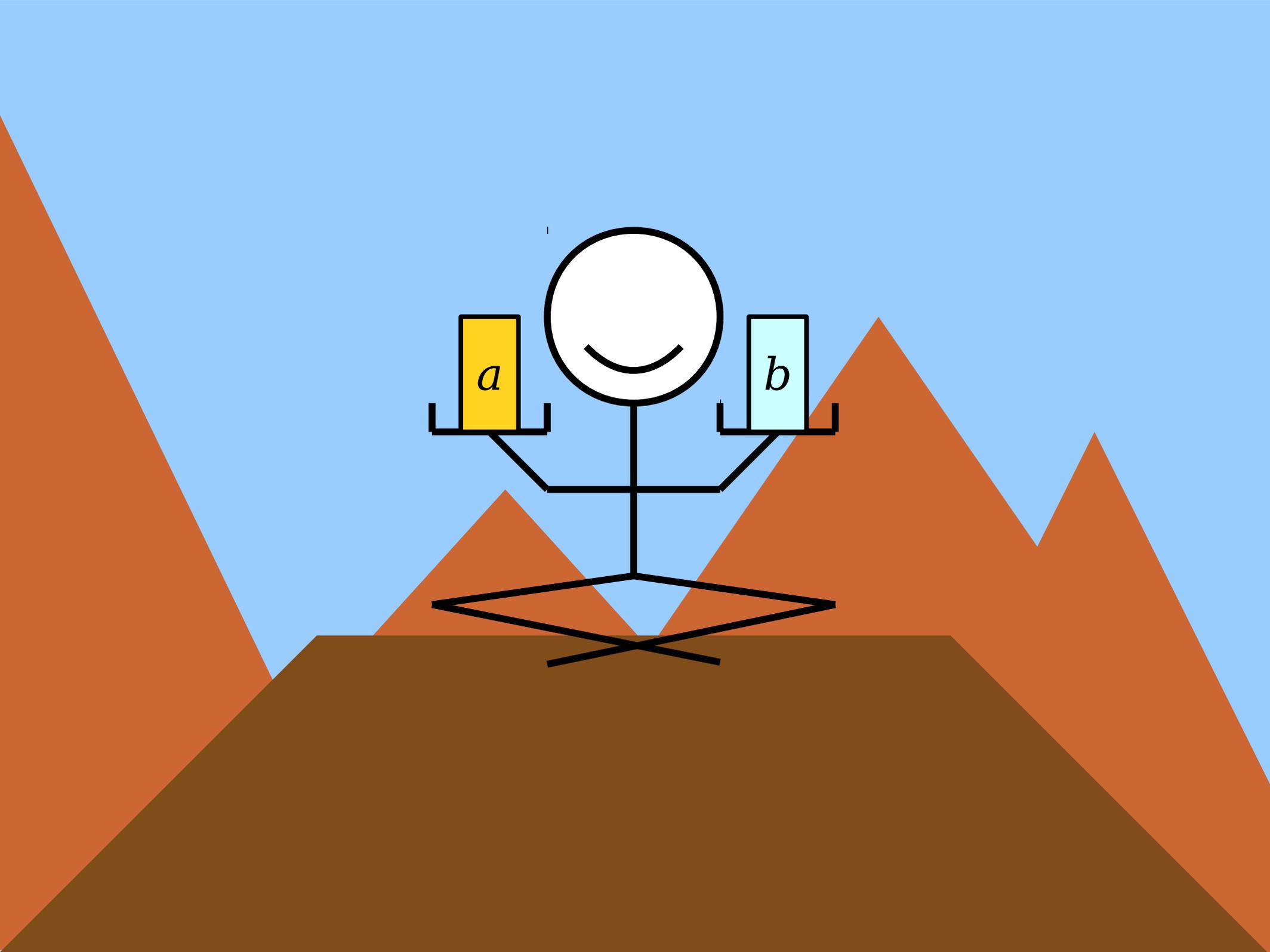






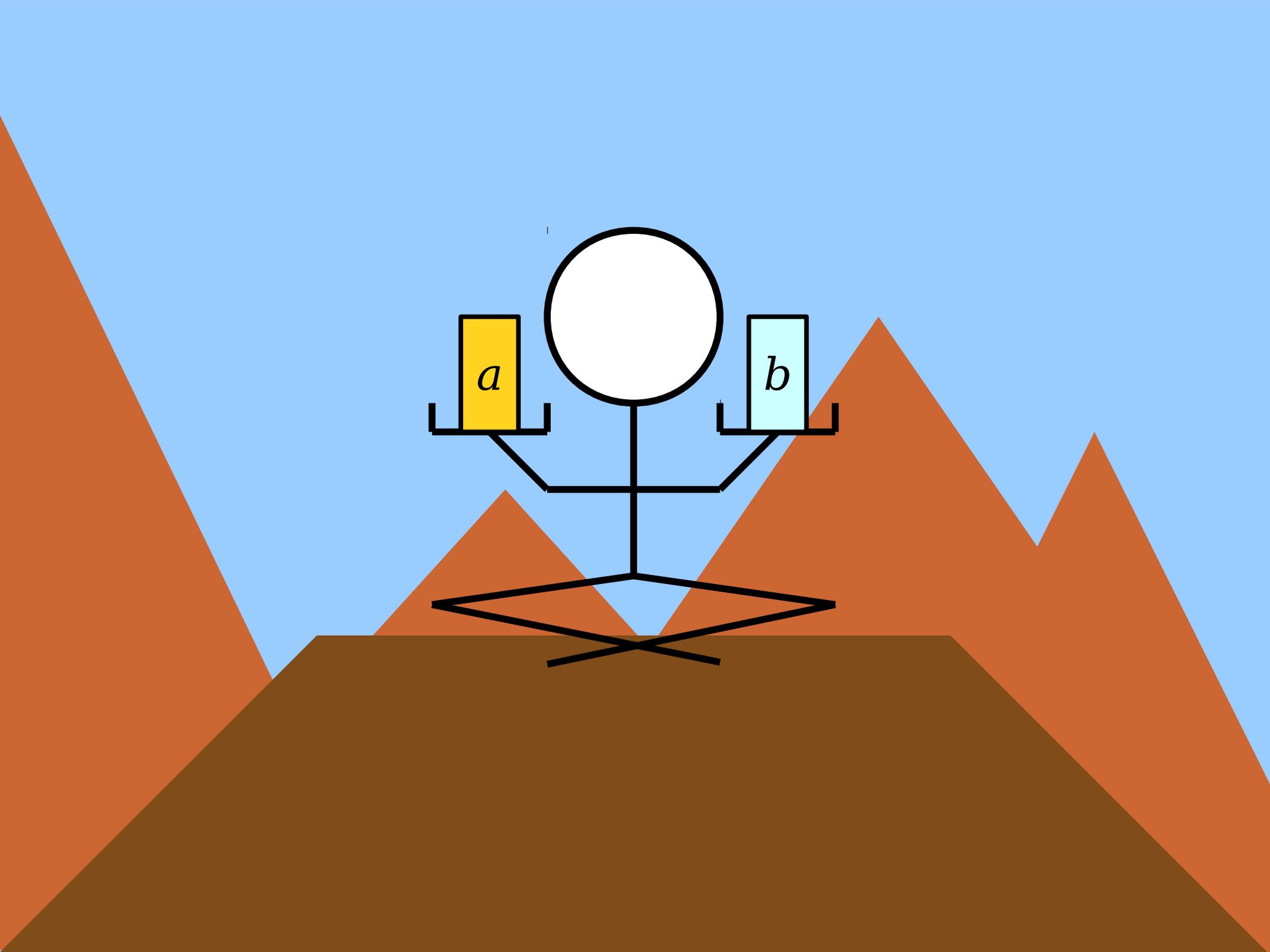


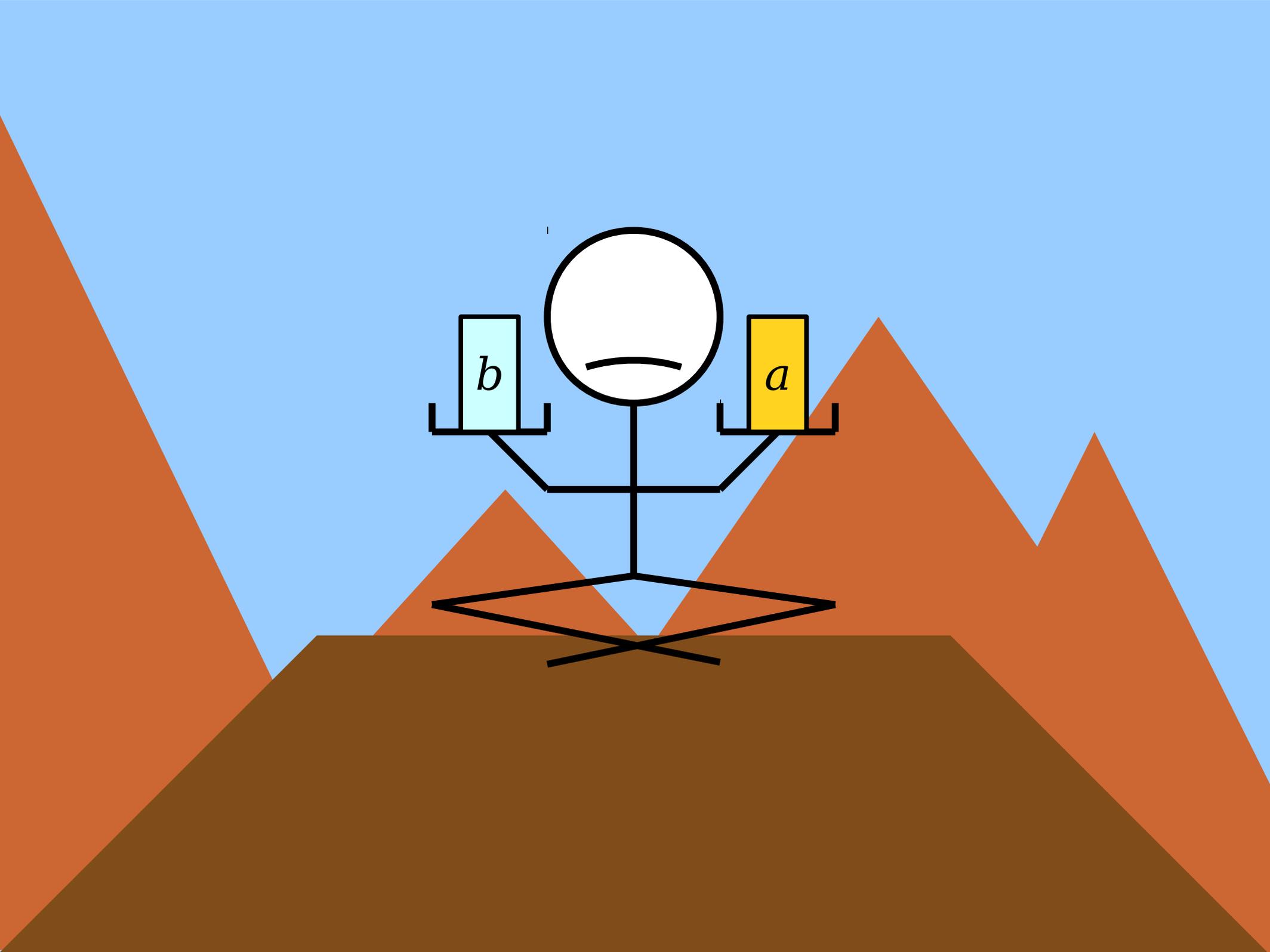


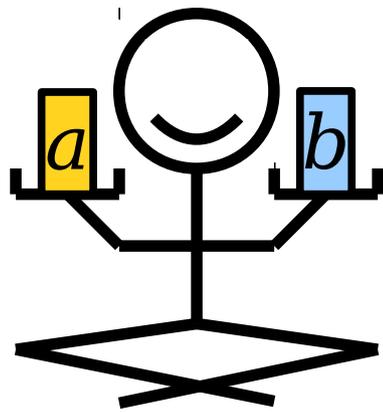
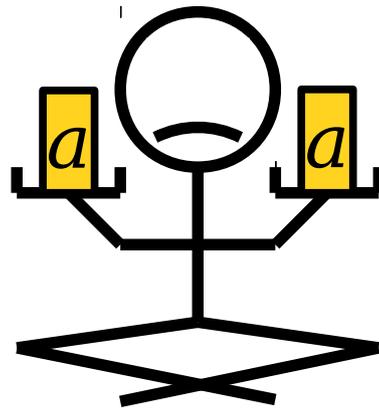


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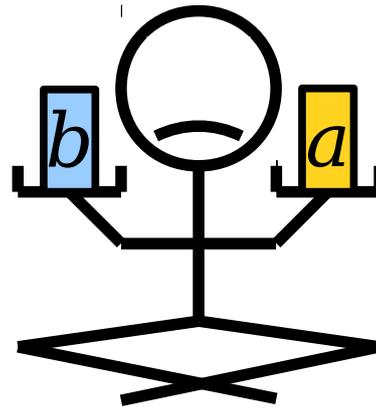
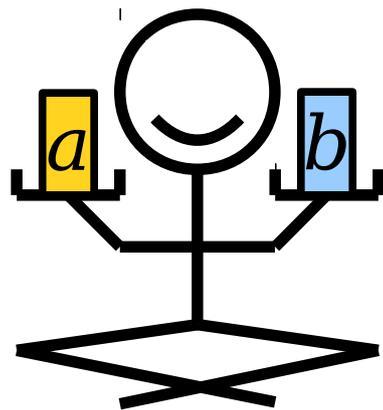
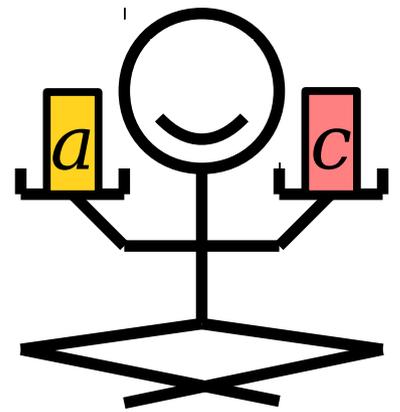
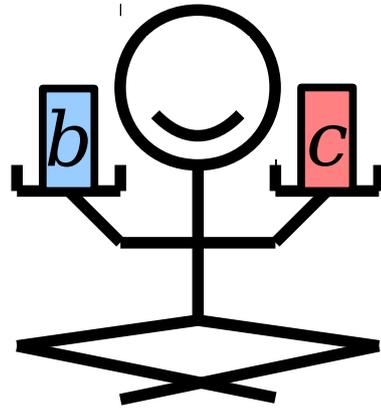
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\wedge



$$a \not R a$$

$$a R b \wedge b R c \rightarrow a R c$$

$$a R b \rightarrow b \not R a$$

$$\forall a \in A. a \not R a$$

$$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. \forall c \in A. (a R b \wedge b R c \rightarrow a R c)$$

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Transitivity

$$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. (a R b \rightarrow b \not R a)$$

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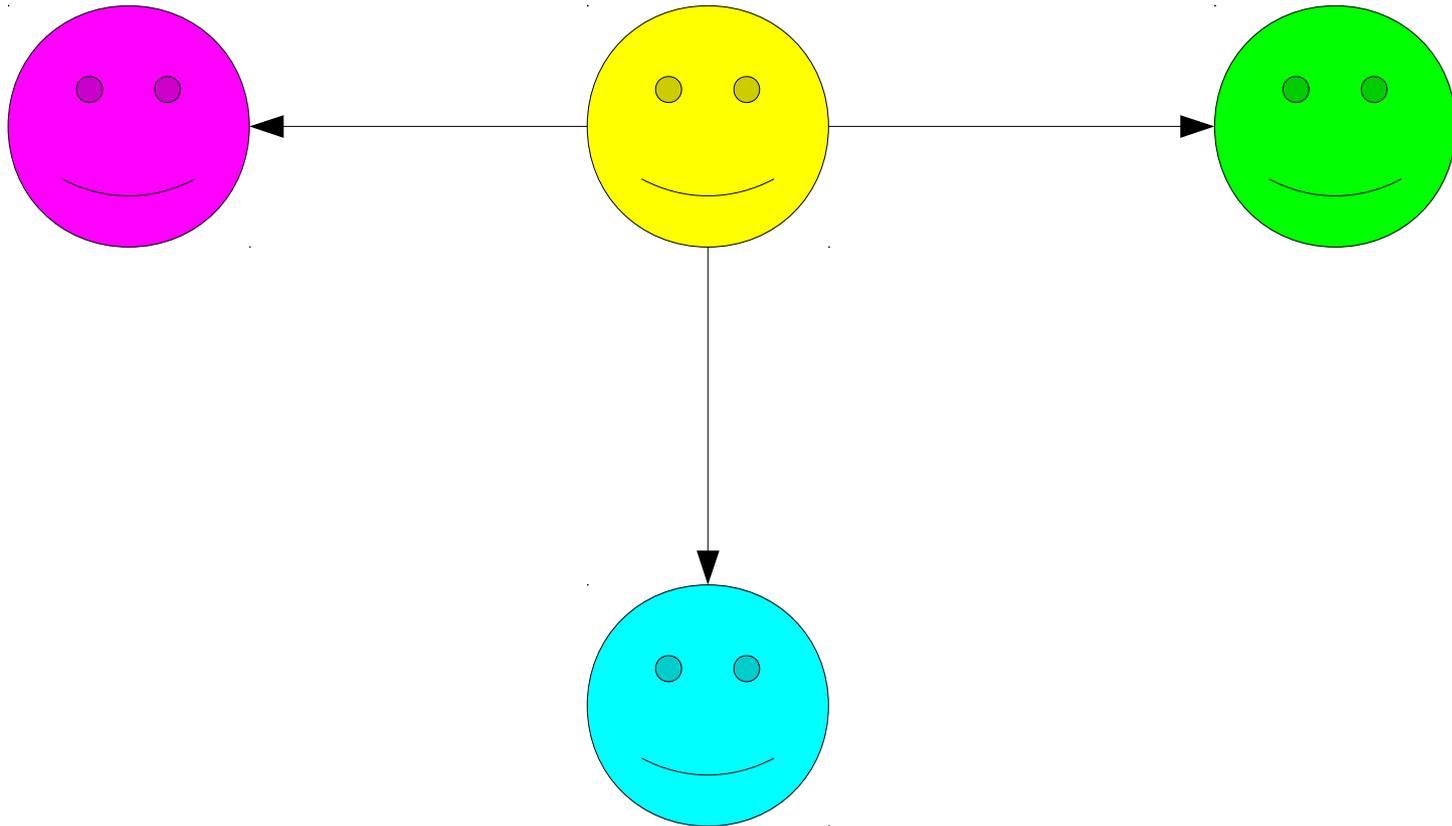
Irreflexivity

- Some relations *never* hold from any element to itself.
- As an example, $x \not\prec x$ for any x .
- Relations of this sort are called ***irreflexive***.
- Formally speaking, a binary relation R over a set A is irreflexive if the following first-order logic statement is true about R :

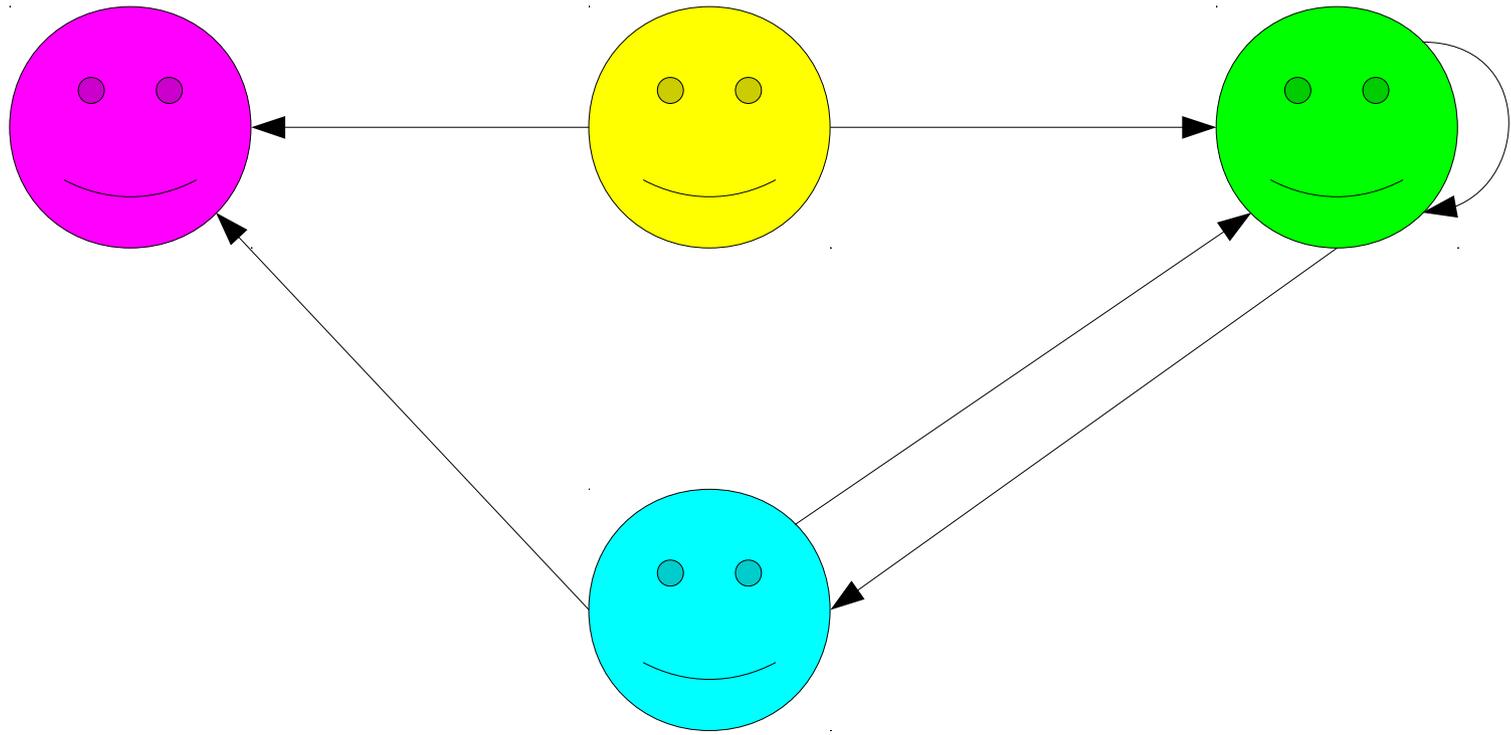
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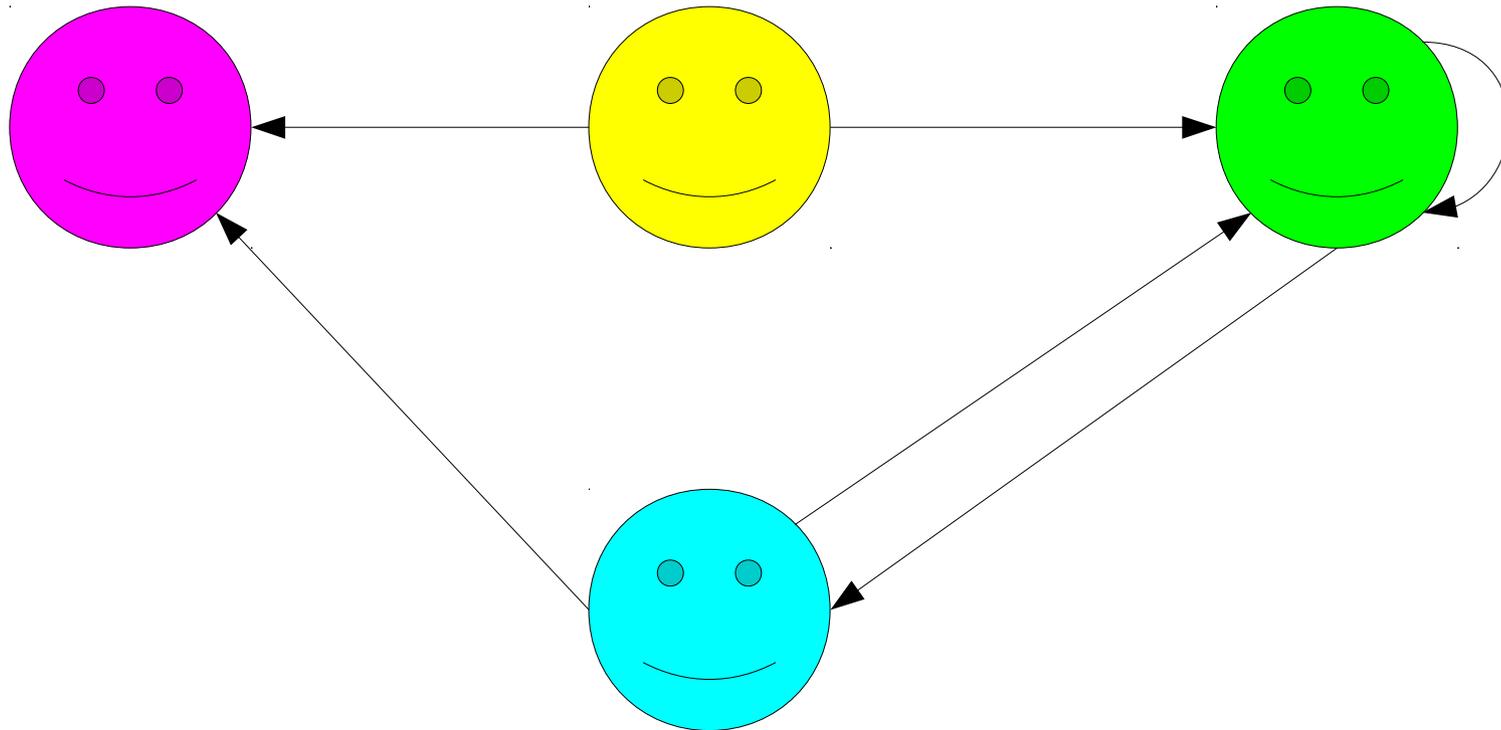
(“*No element is related to itself.*”)

Irreflexivity Visualized



$\forall a \in A. a \not R a$
(“No element is related to itself.”)

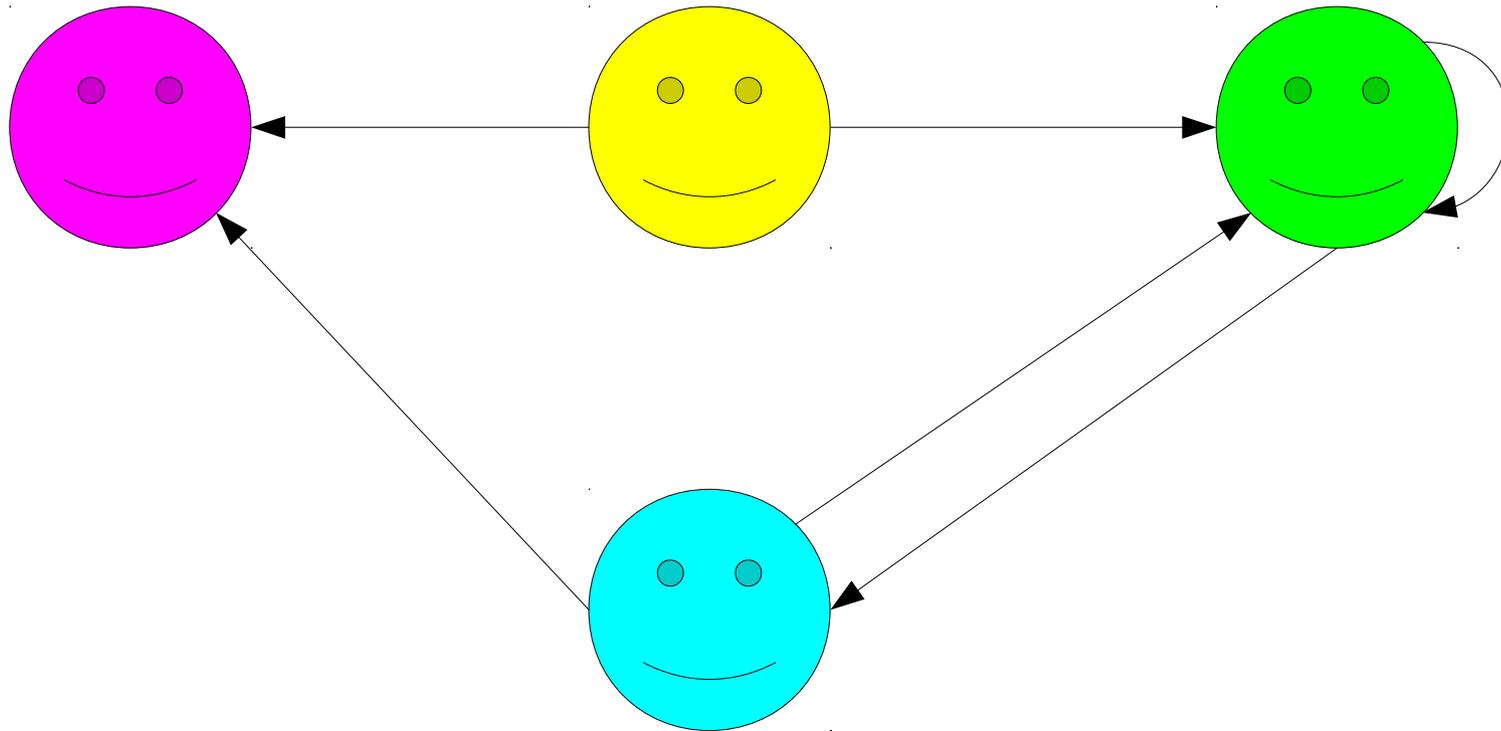




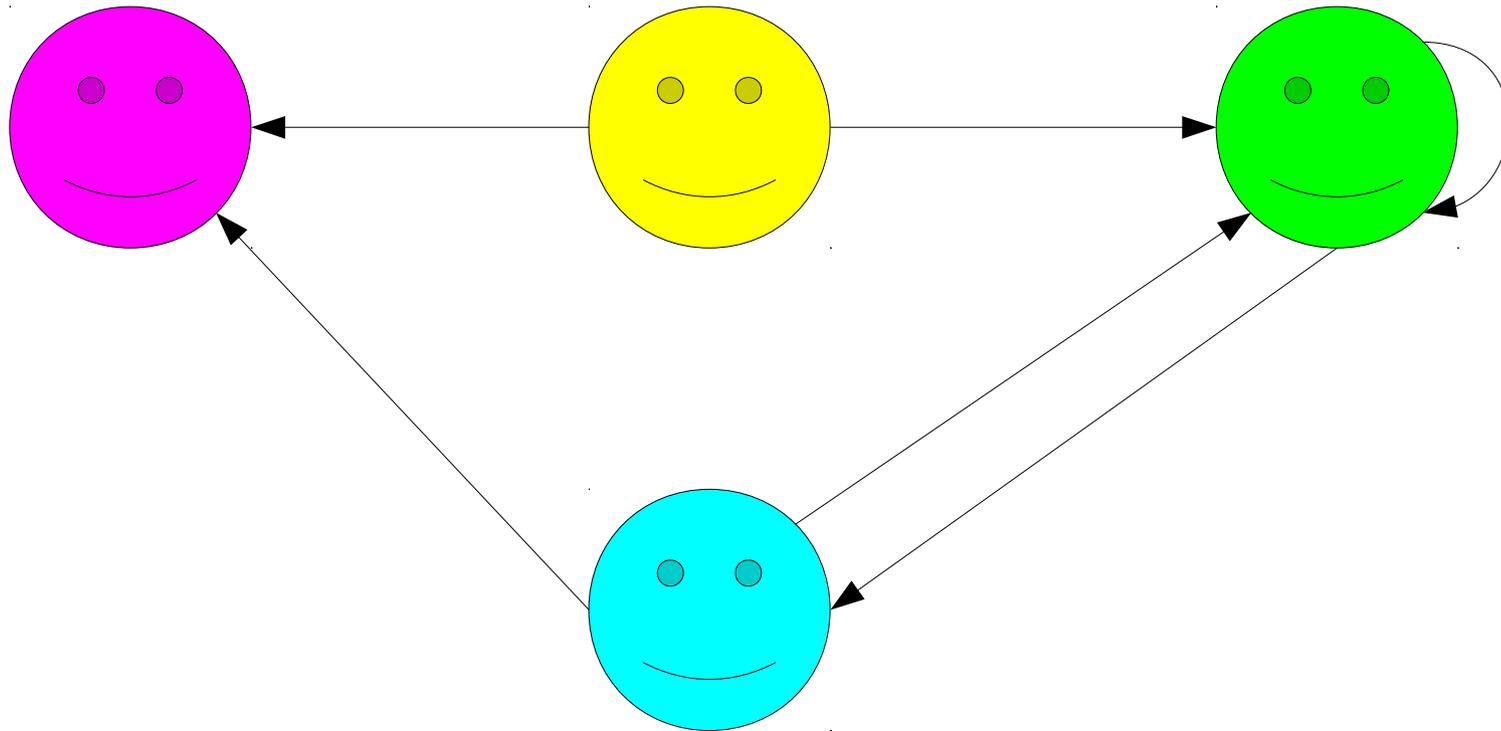
Let R be the relation depicted here.
How many of the following claims are true?

- R is reflexive.
- R is not reflexive.
- R is irreflexive.
- R is not irreflexive.

Answer at [PollEv.com/cs103](https://www.pollevo.com/cs103) or
text **CS103** to **22333** once to join, then **0, 1, 2, 3, or 4**.

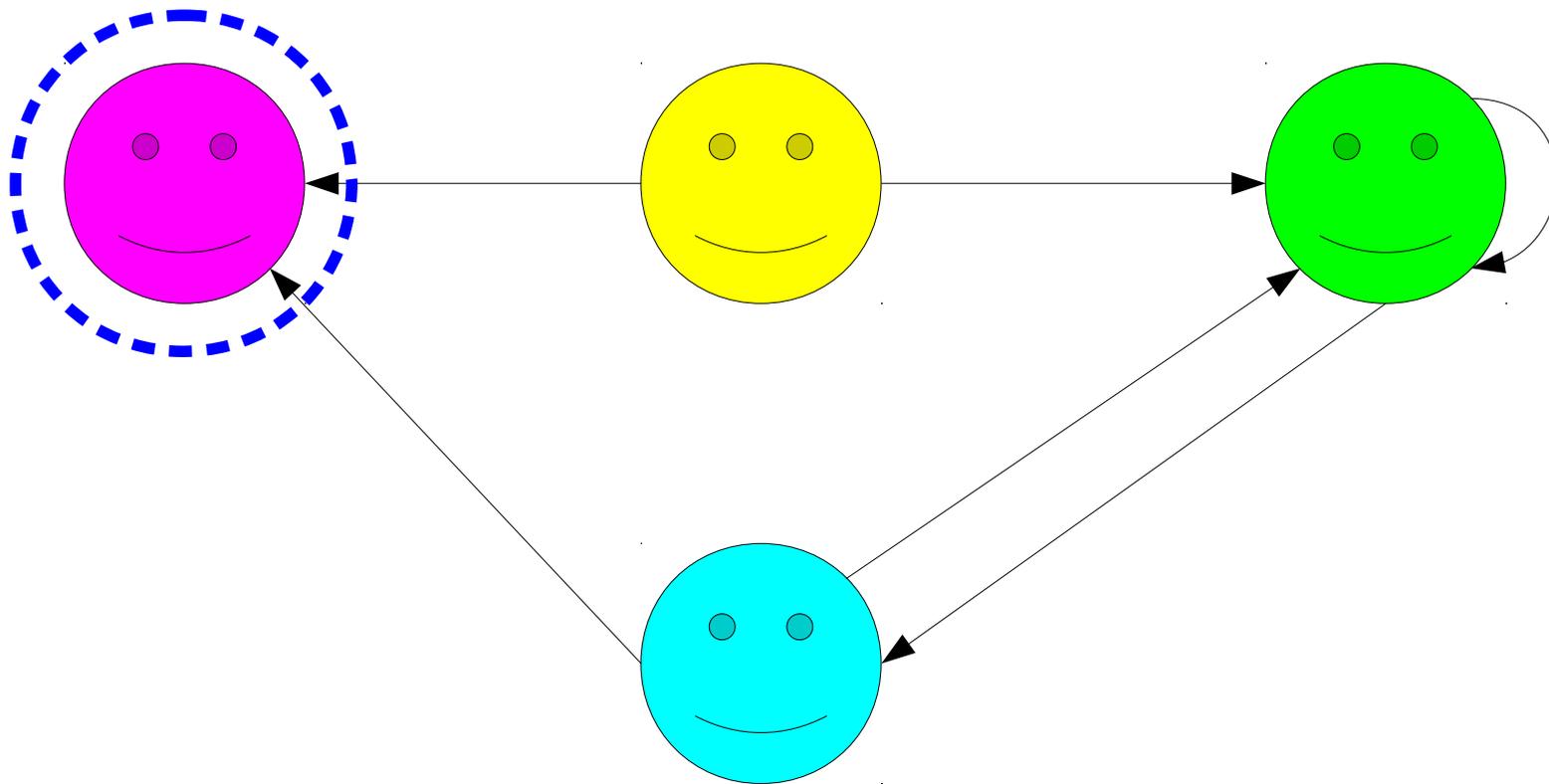


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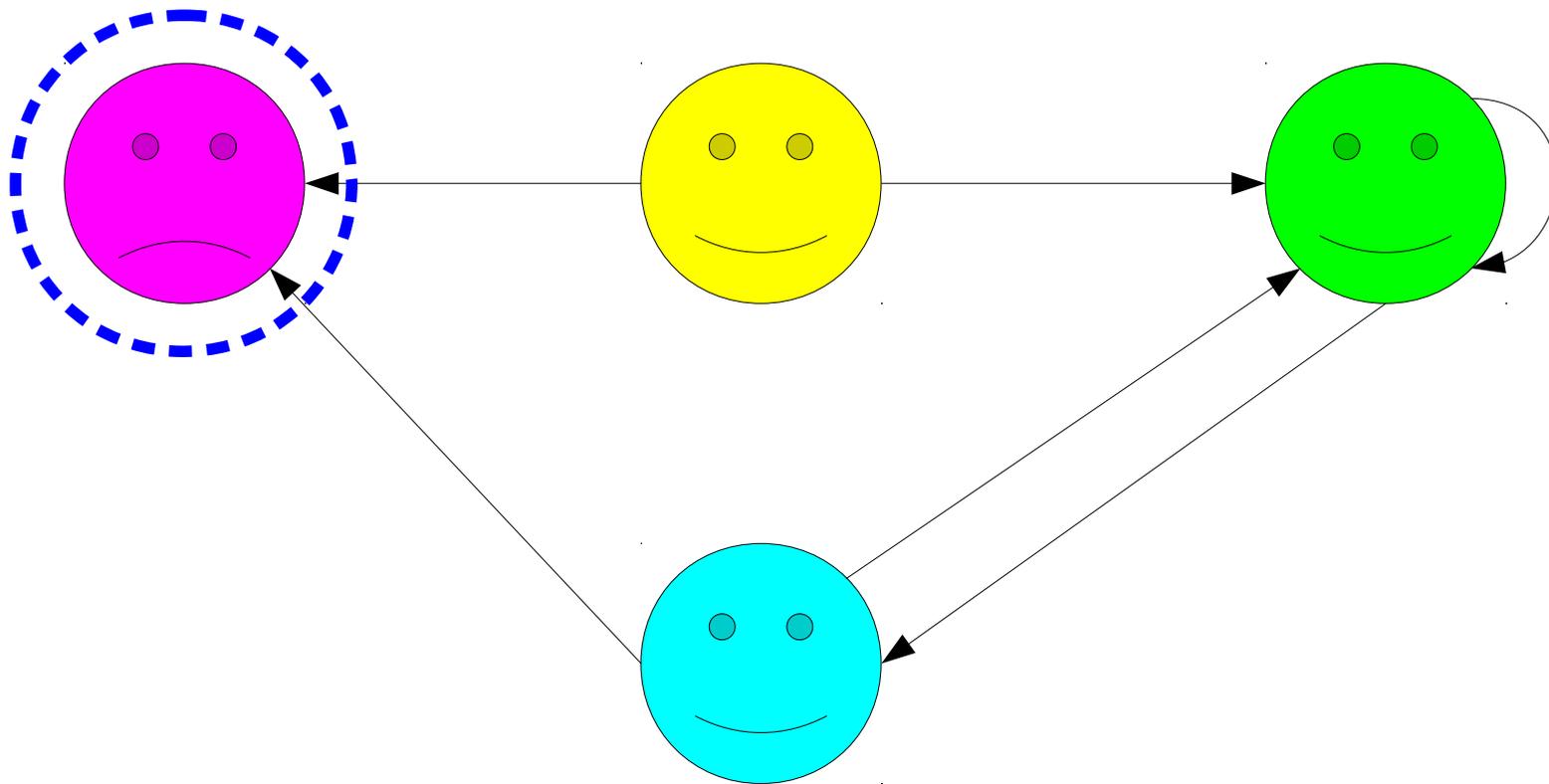
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(“Every element is related to itself.”)



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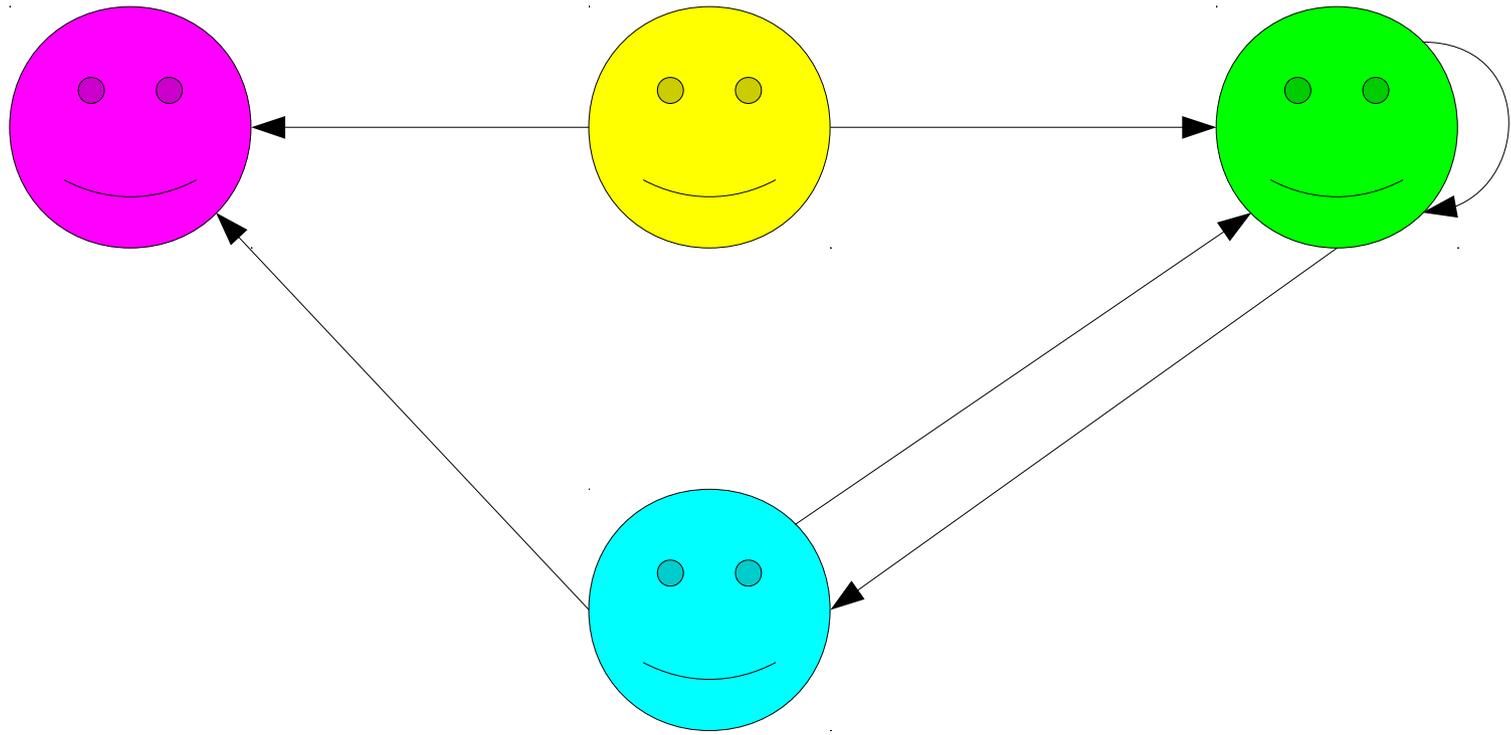
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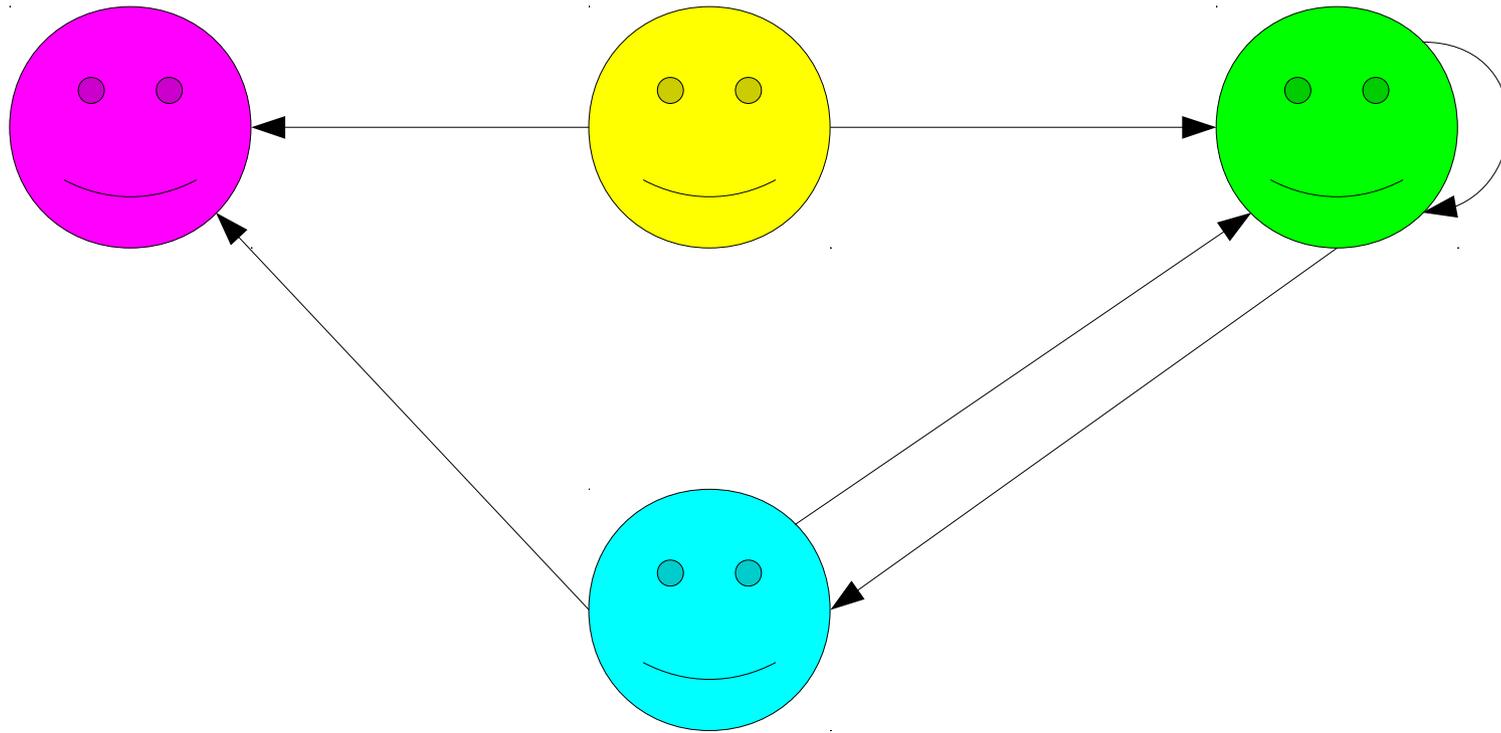


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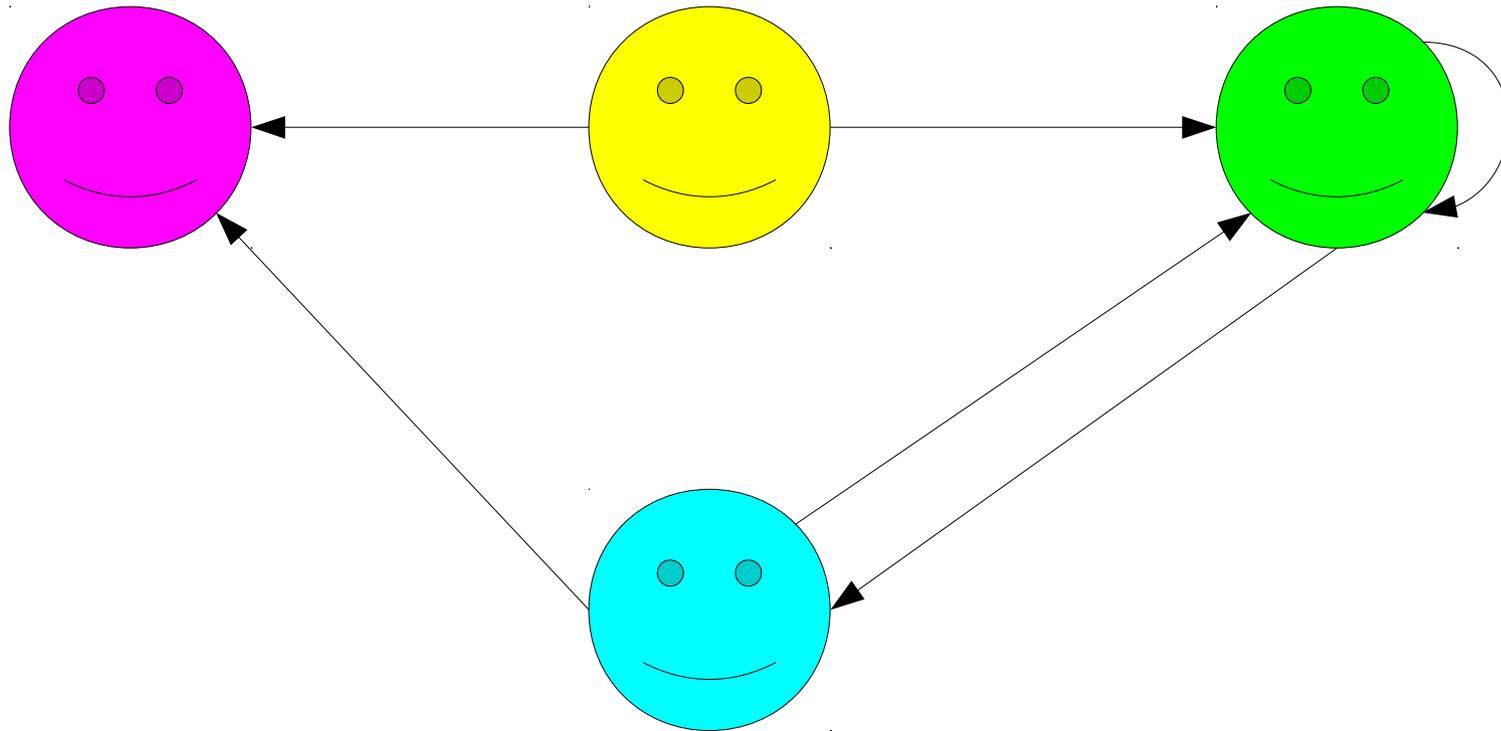


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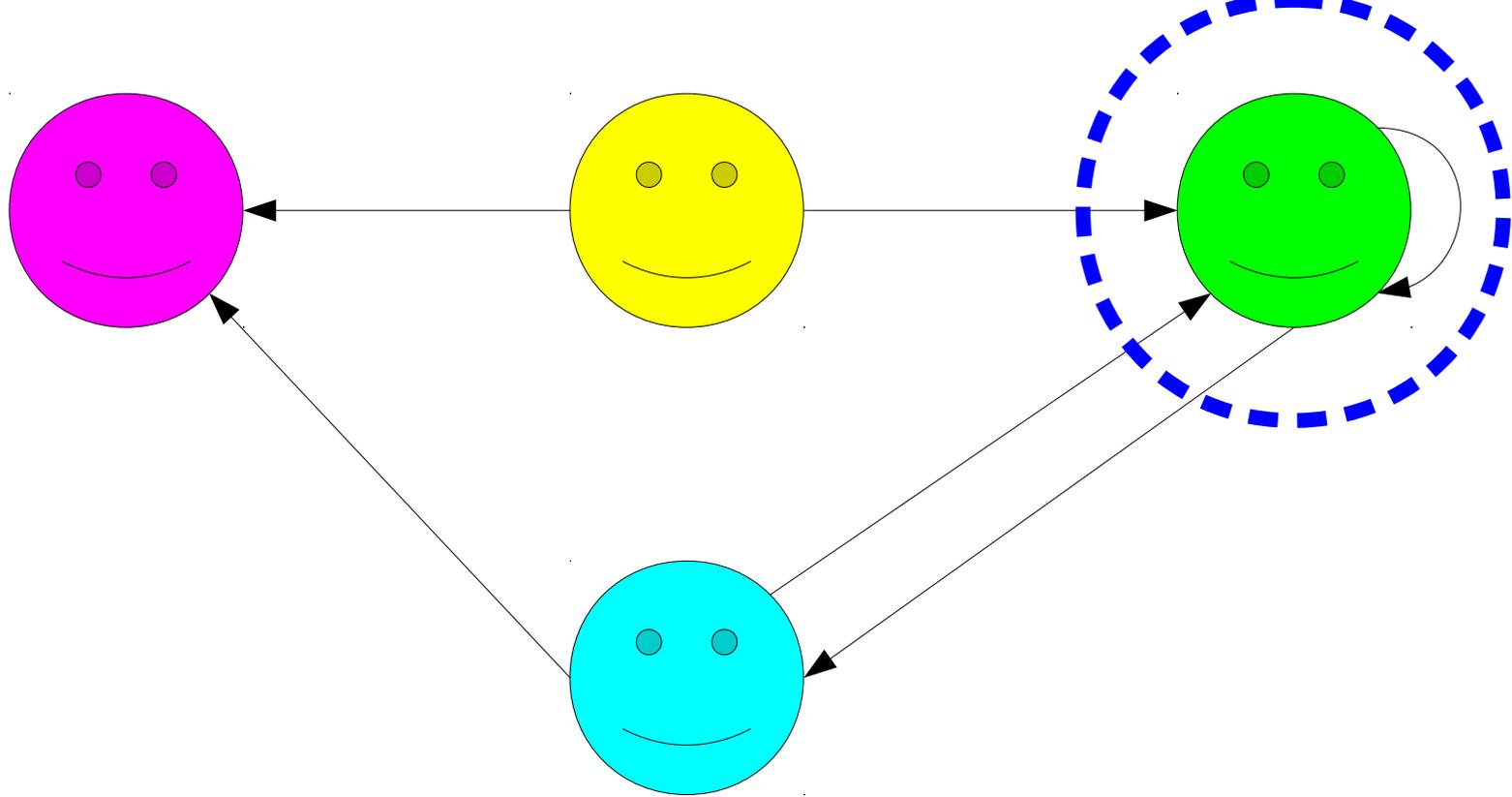


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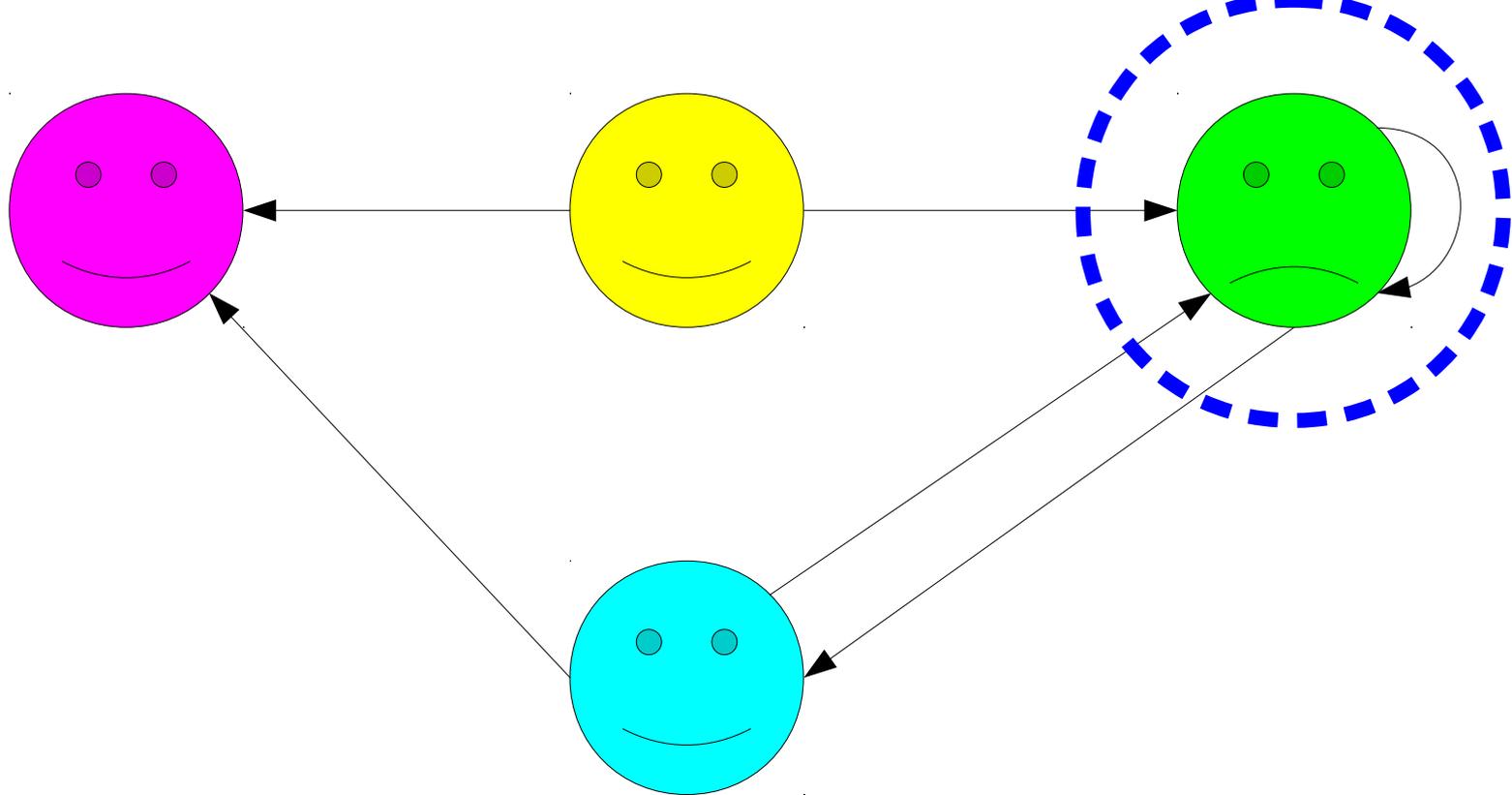
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$\forall a \in A. a \not R a$
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Is this relation
irreflexive?



$\forall a \in A. a \not R a$
("No element is related to itself.")

Reflexivity and Irreflexivity

- Reflexivity and irreflexivity are **not** opposites!
- Here's the definition of reflexivity:

$$\forall a \in A. aRa$$

- What is the negation of the above statement?

$$\exists a \in A. a \not R a$$

- What is the definition of irreflexivity?

$$\forall a \in A. a \not R a$$

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Transitivity

$$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. (a R b \rightarrow b \not R a)$$

Irreflexivity

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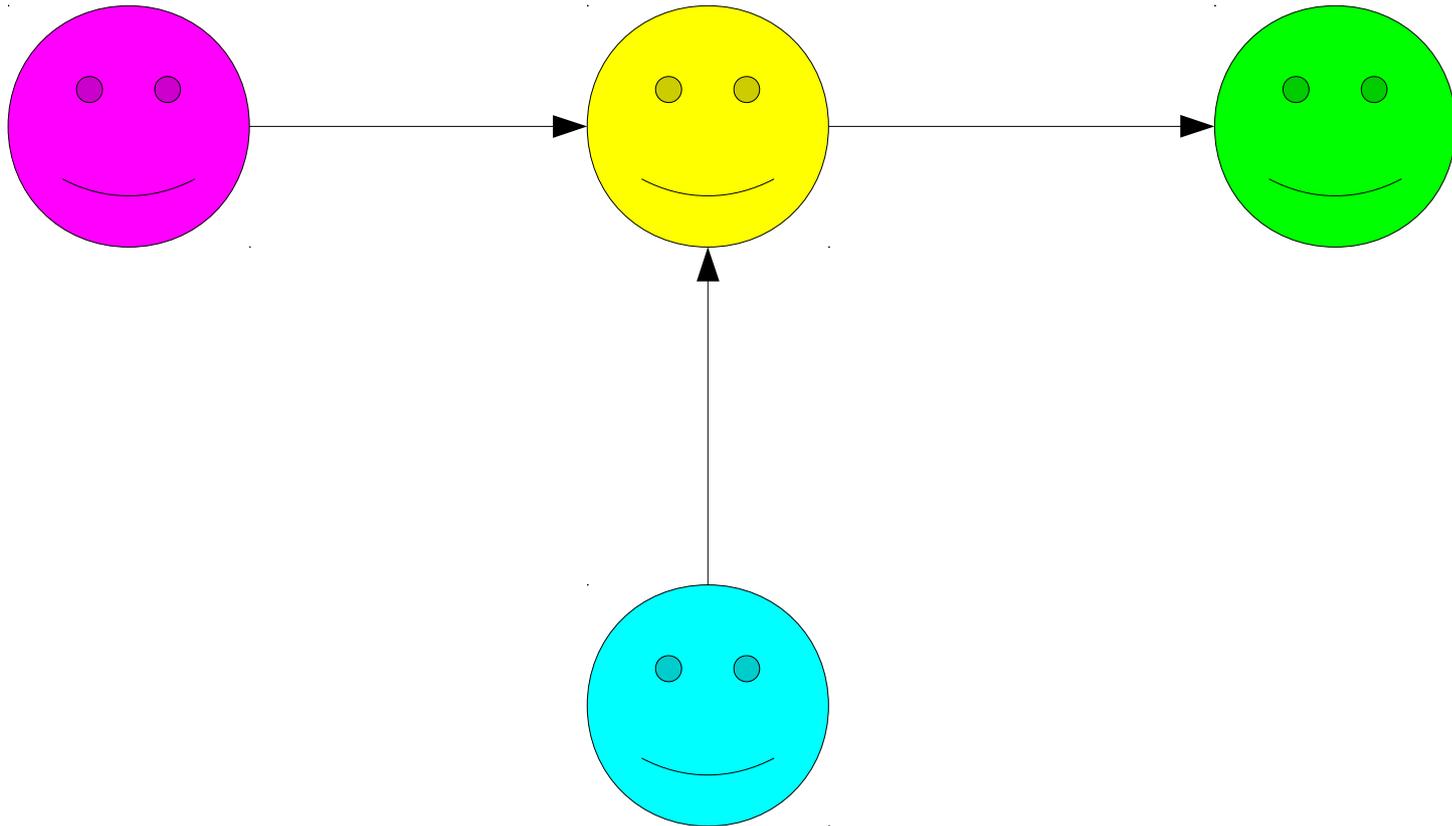
Asymmetry

- In some relations, the relative order of the objects can never be reversed.
- As an example, if $x < y$, then $y \not< x$.
- These relations are called ***asymmetric***.
- Formally: a binary relation R over a set A is called *asymmetric* if the following first-order logic statement is true about R :

$$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. (aRb \rightarrow \neg bRa)$$

(“If a relates to b , then b does not relate to a .”)

Asymmetry Visualized



$\forall a \in A. \forall b \in A. (aRb \rightarrow \neg bRa)$

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Question to Ponder: Are symmetry and asymmetry opposites of one another?

Irreflexivity

Transitivity

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Irreflexivity

Transitivity

Asymmetry

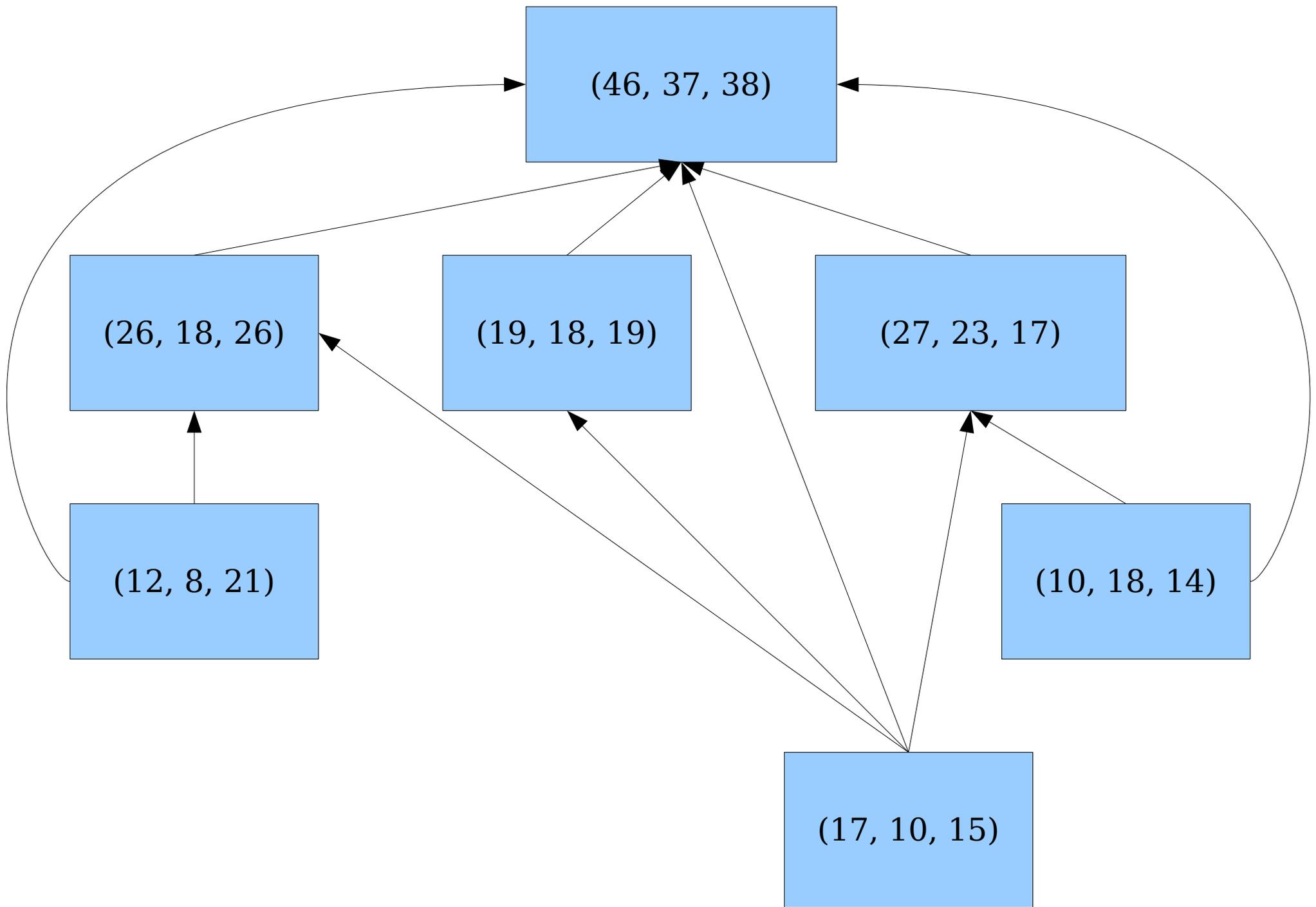
Strict Orders

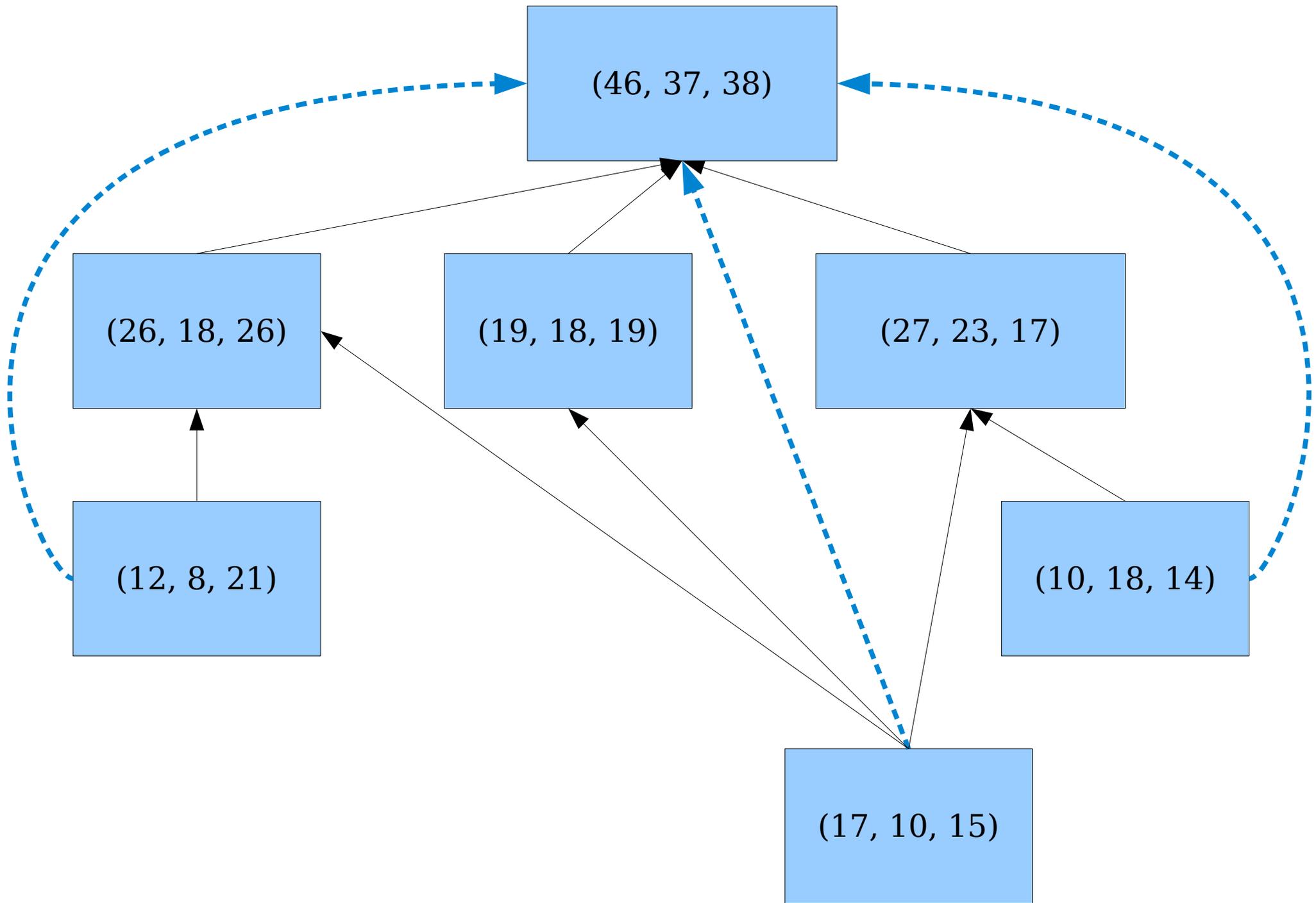
- A ***strict order*** is a relation that is irreflexive, asymmetric and transitive.
- Some examples:
 - $x < y$.
 - a can run faster than b .
 - $A \subsetneq B$ (that is, $A \subseteq B$ and $A \neq B$).
- Strict orders are useful for representing prerequisite structures and have applications in complexity theory (measuring notions of relative hardness) and algorithms (searching and sorting).

Drawing Strict Orders

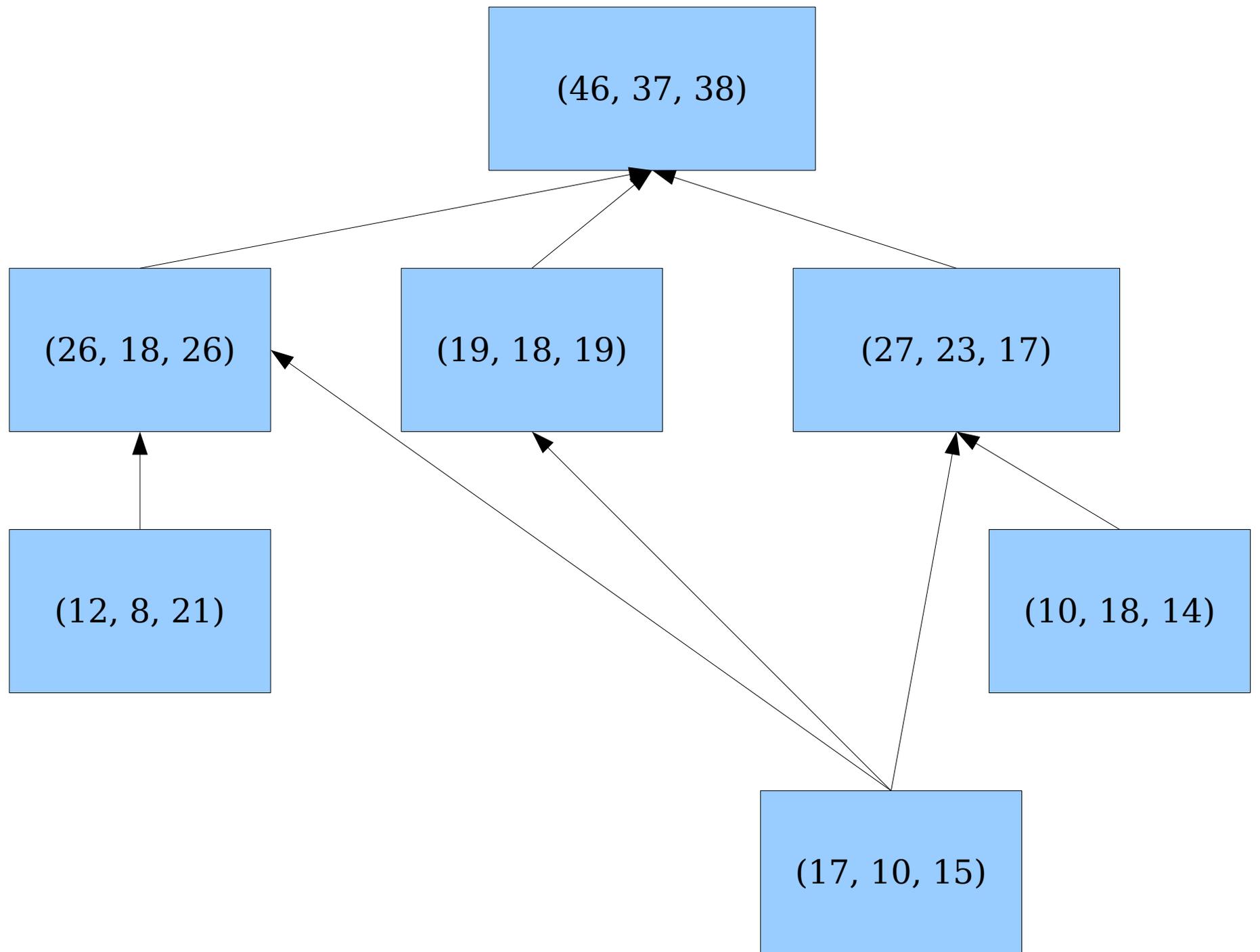


Gold	Silver	Bronze
46	37	38
27	23	17
26	18	26
19	18	19
17	10	15
12	8	21
10	18	14
9	3	9
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6	6	1
6	3	2

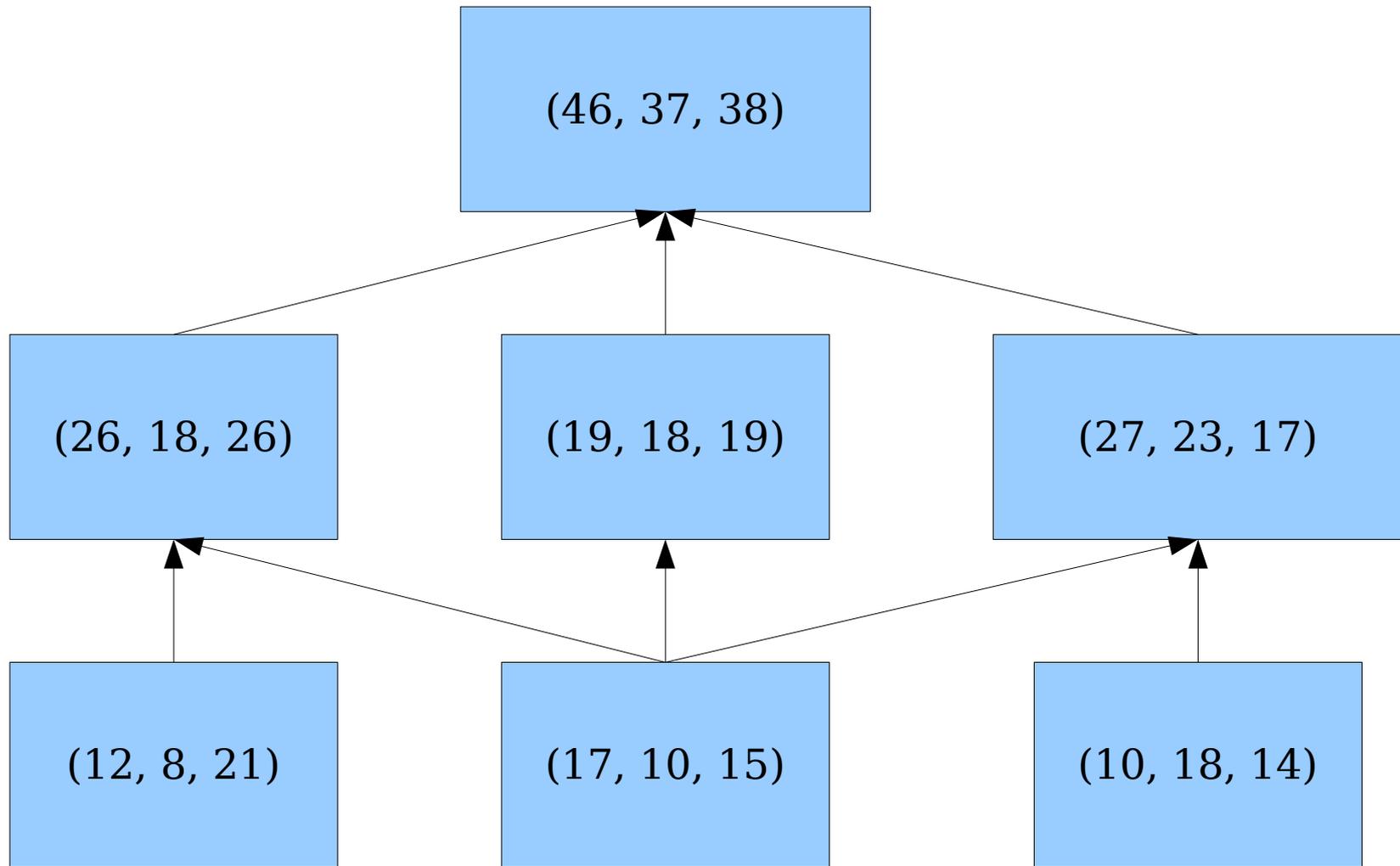




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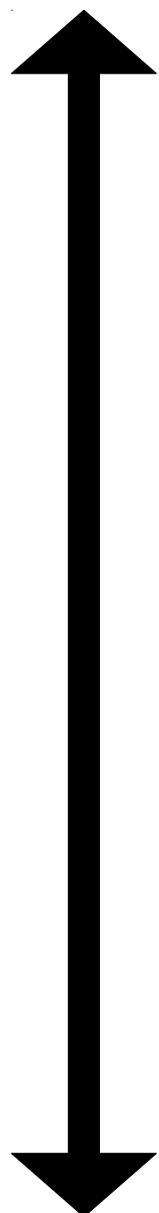


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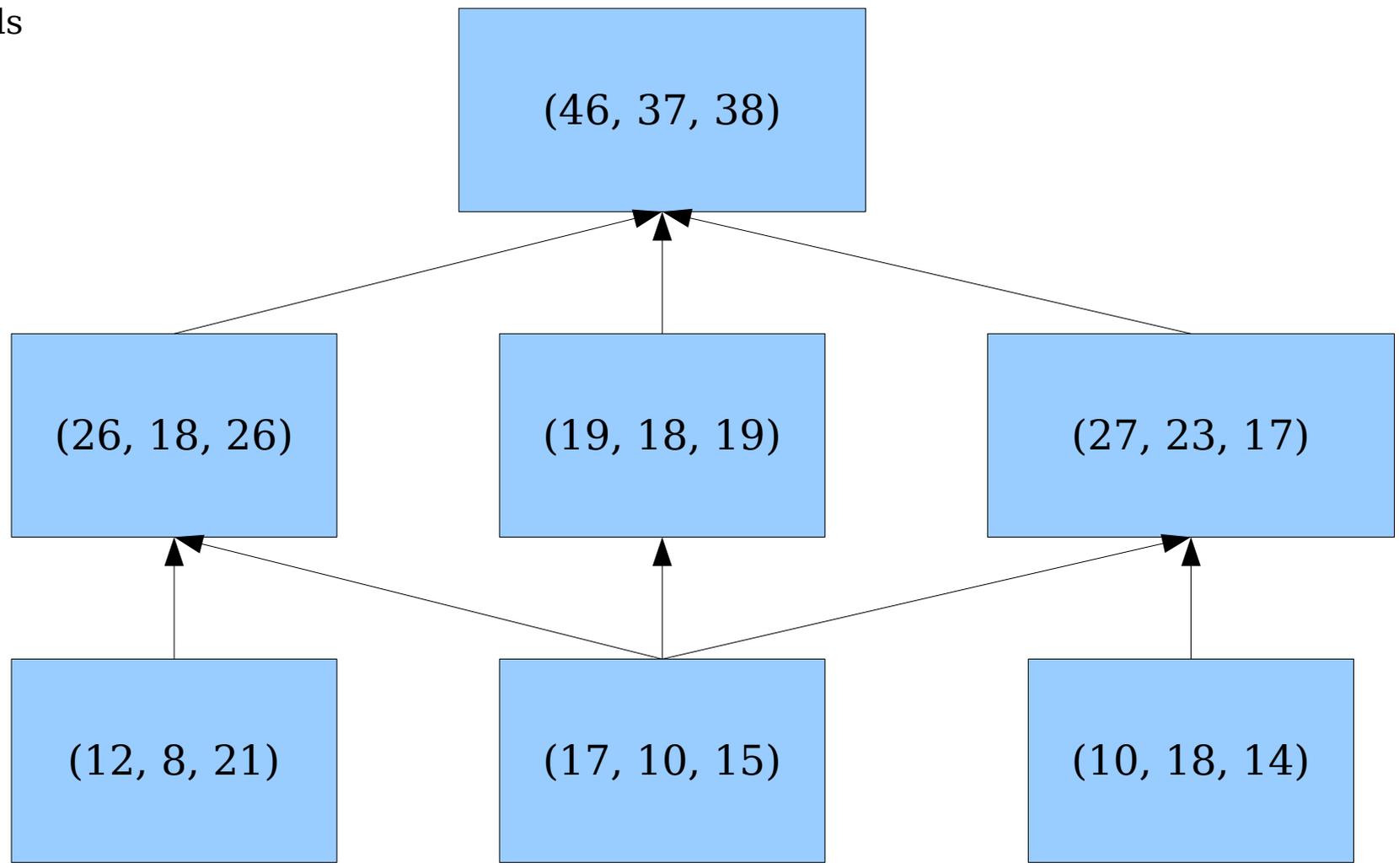


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More Medals

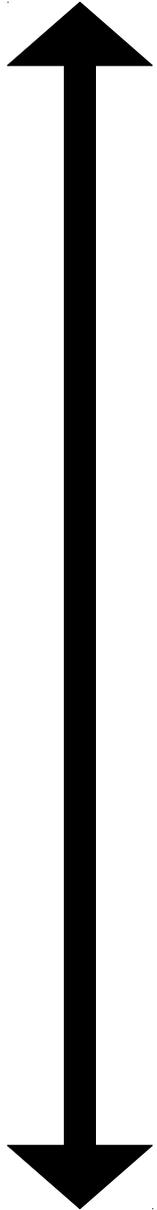


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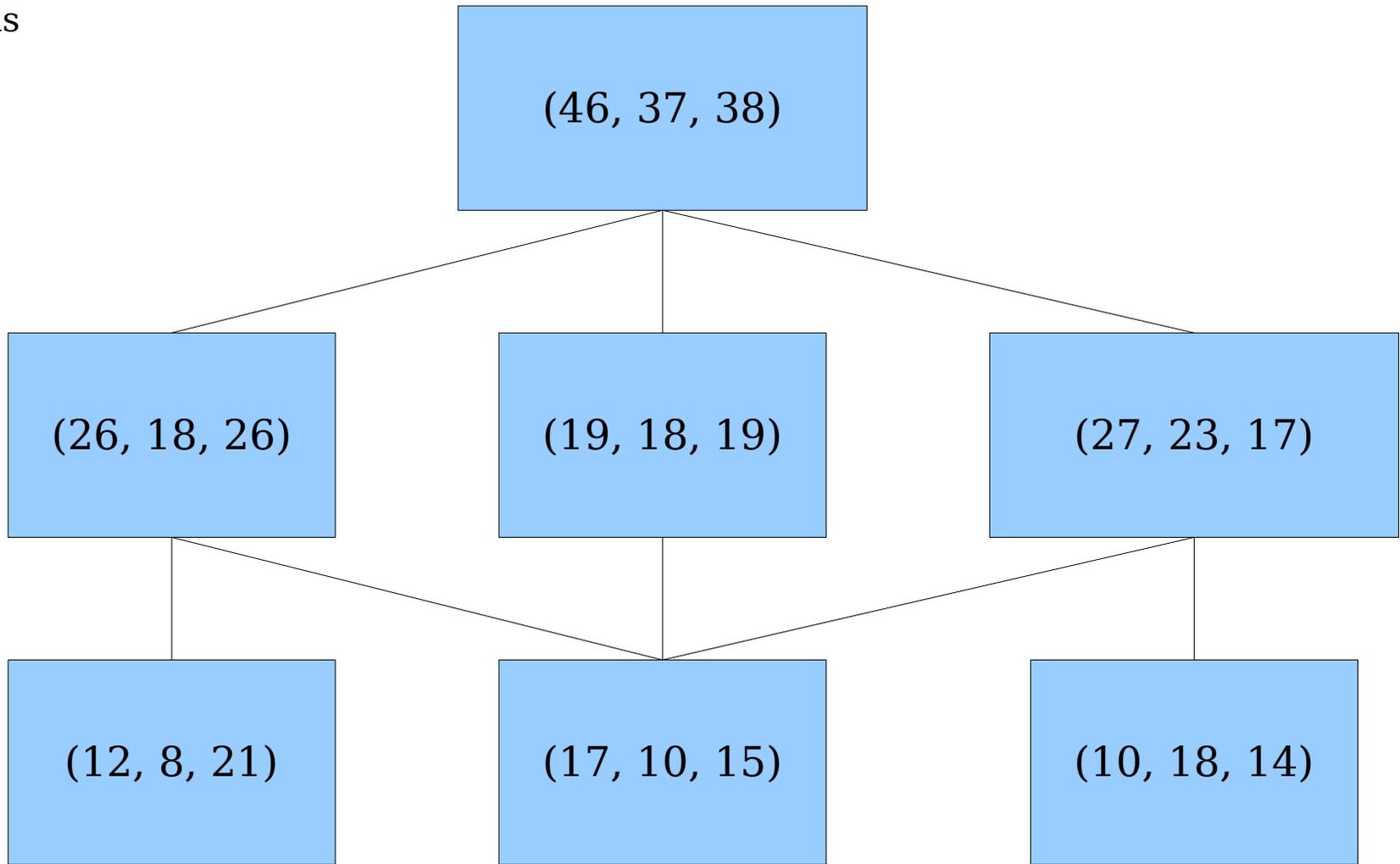


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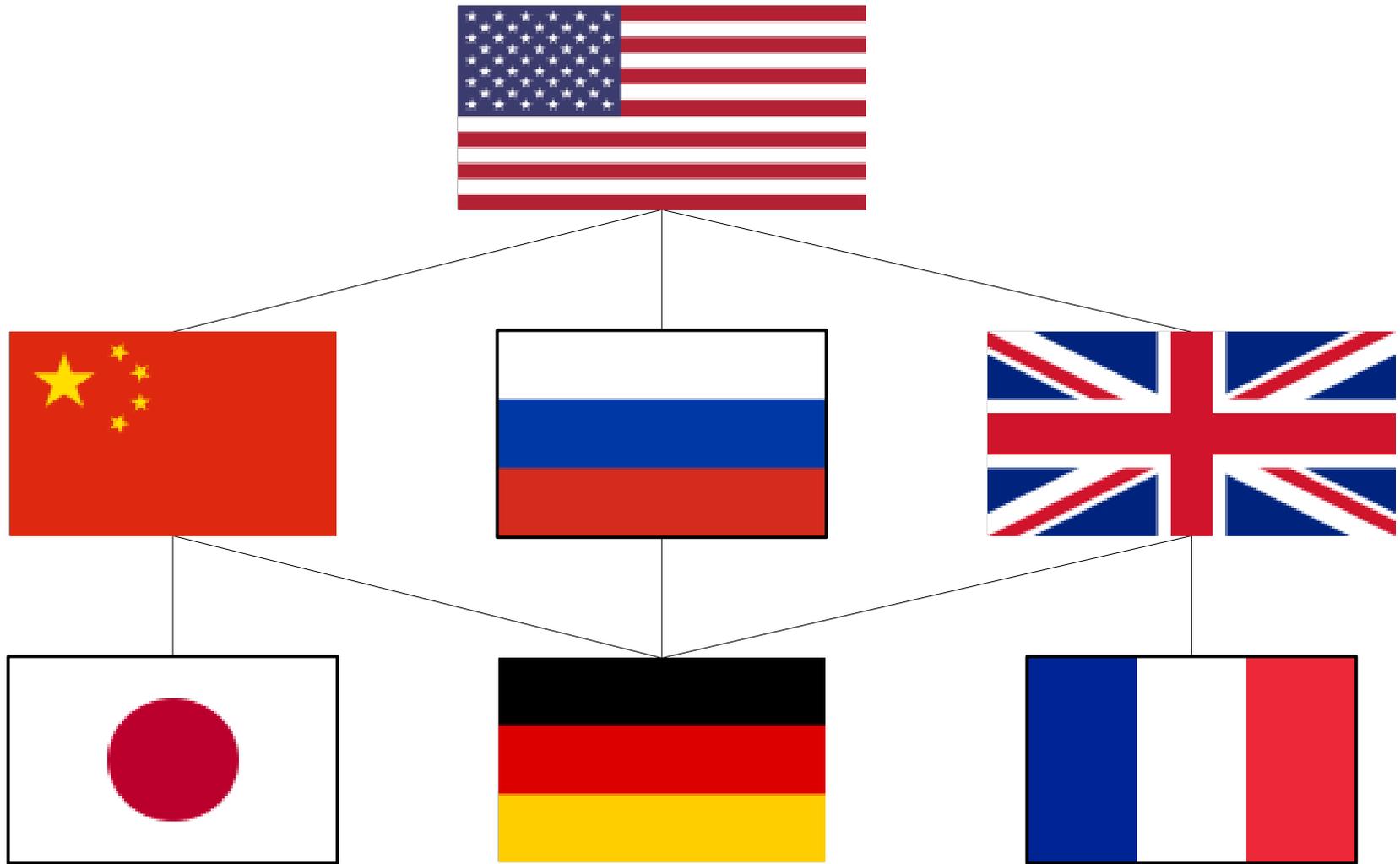
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Hasse Diagrams

- A **Hasse diagram** is a graphical representation of a strict order.
- Elements are drawn from bottom-to-top.
- No self loops are drawn, and none are needed! By **irreflexivity** we know they shouldn't be there.
- Higher elements are bigger than lower elements: by **asymmetry**, the edges can only go in one direction.
- No redundant edges: by **transitivity**, we can infer the missing edges.

(46, 37, 38)

(27, 23, 17)

(26, 18, 26)

(19, 18, 19)

(17, 10, 15)

(10, 18, 14)

(12, 8, 21)

$(g_1, s_1, b_1) T (g_2, s_2, b_2)$

if

$$5g_1 + 3s_1 + b_1 < 5g_2 + 3s_2 + b_2$$

(46, 37, 38)
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(27, 23, 17)
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(17, 10, 15)
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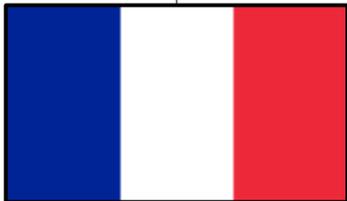
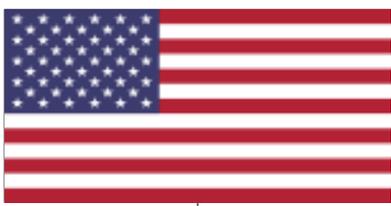
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118

(12, 8, 21)
105

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if

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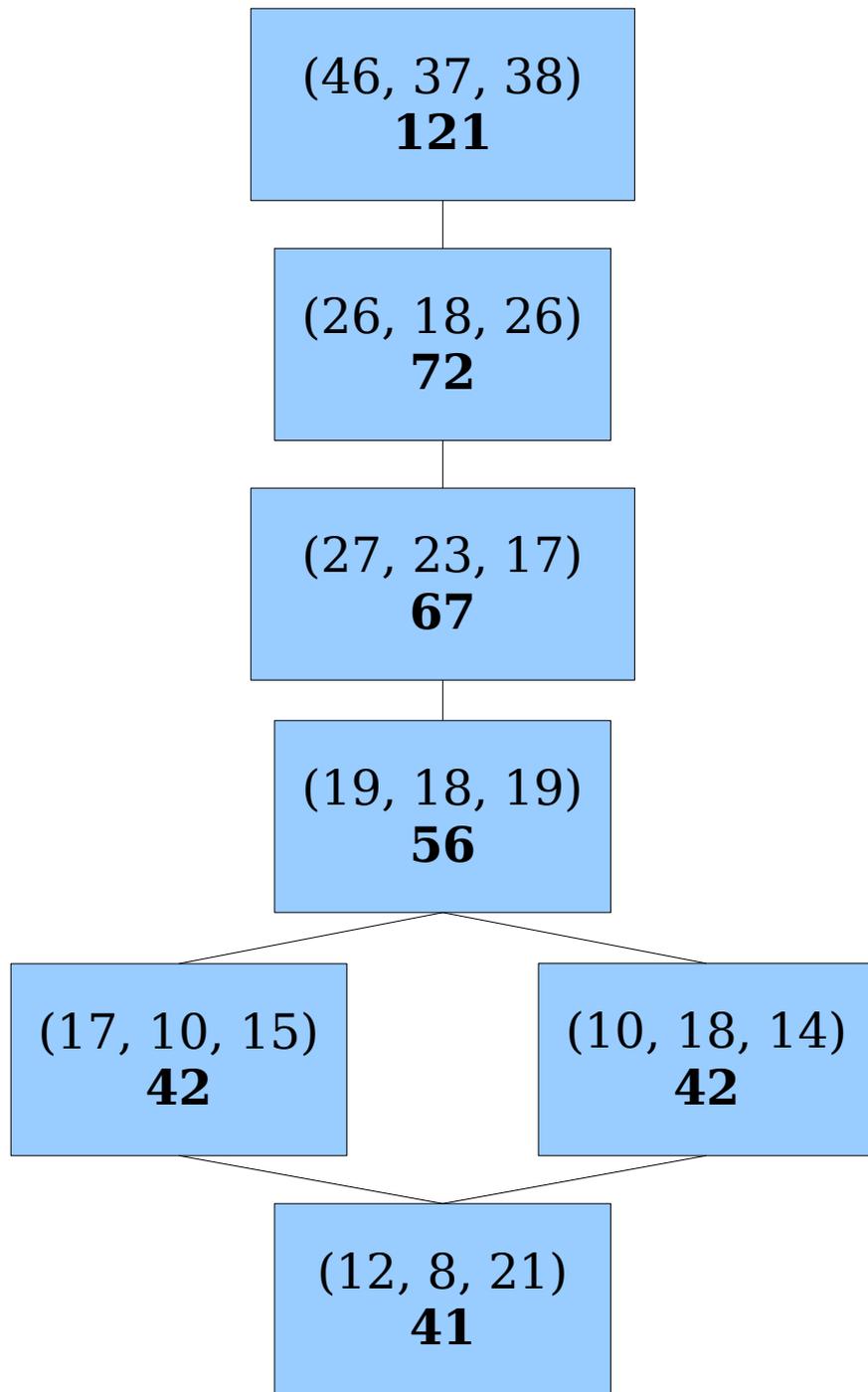
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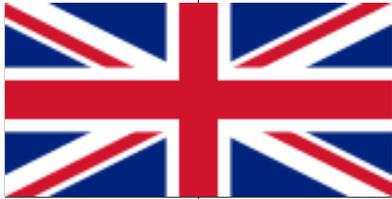
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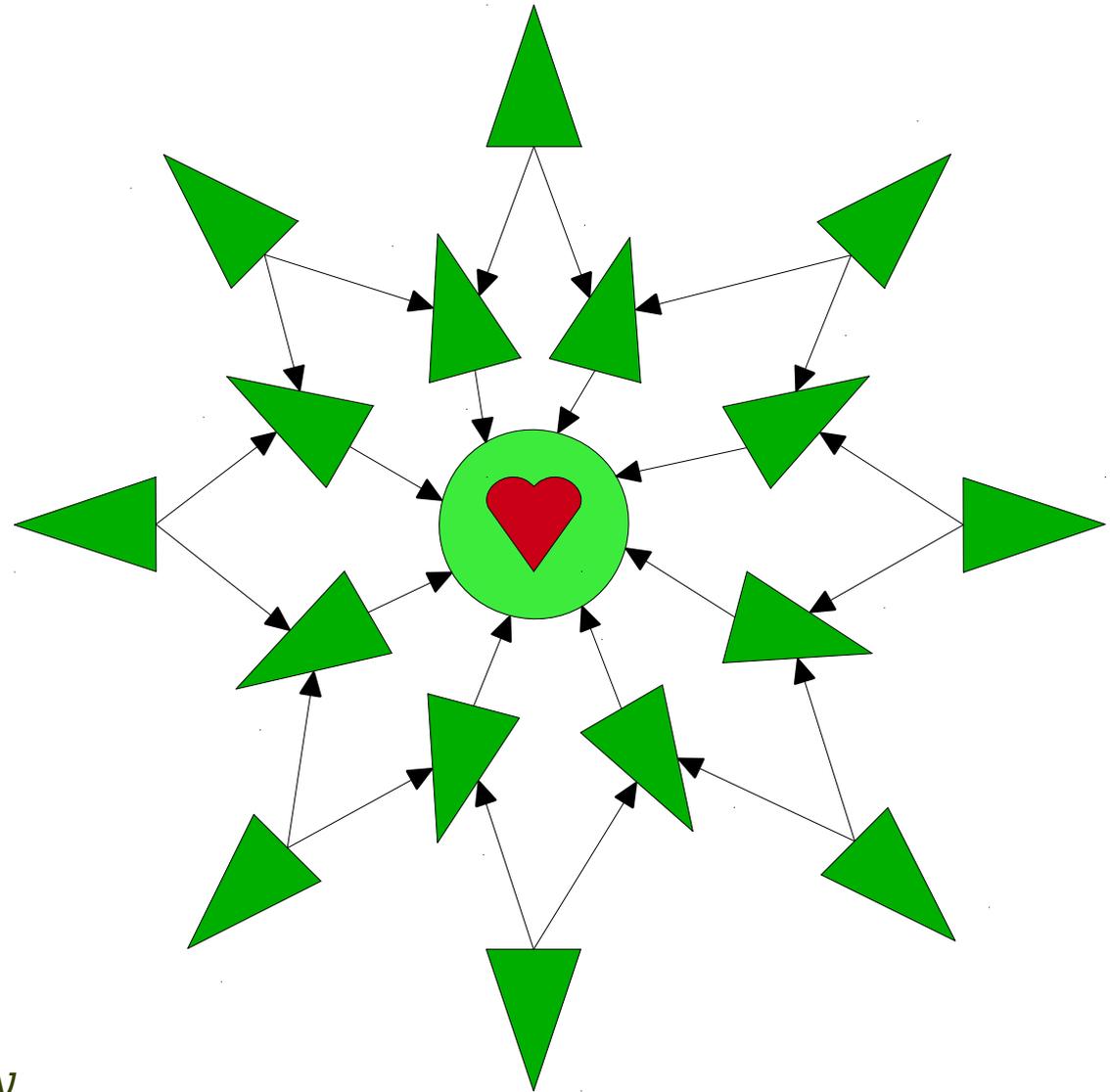


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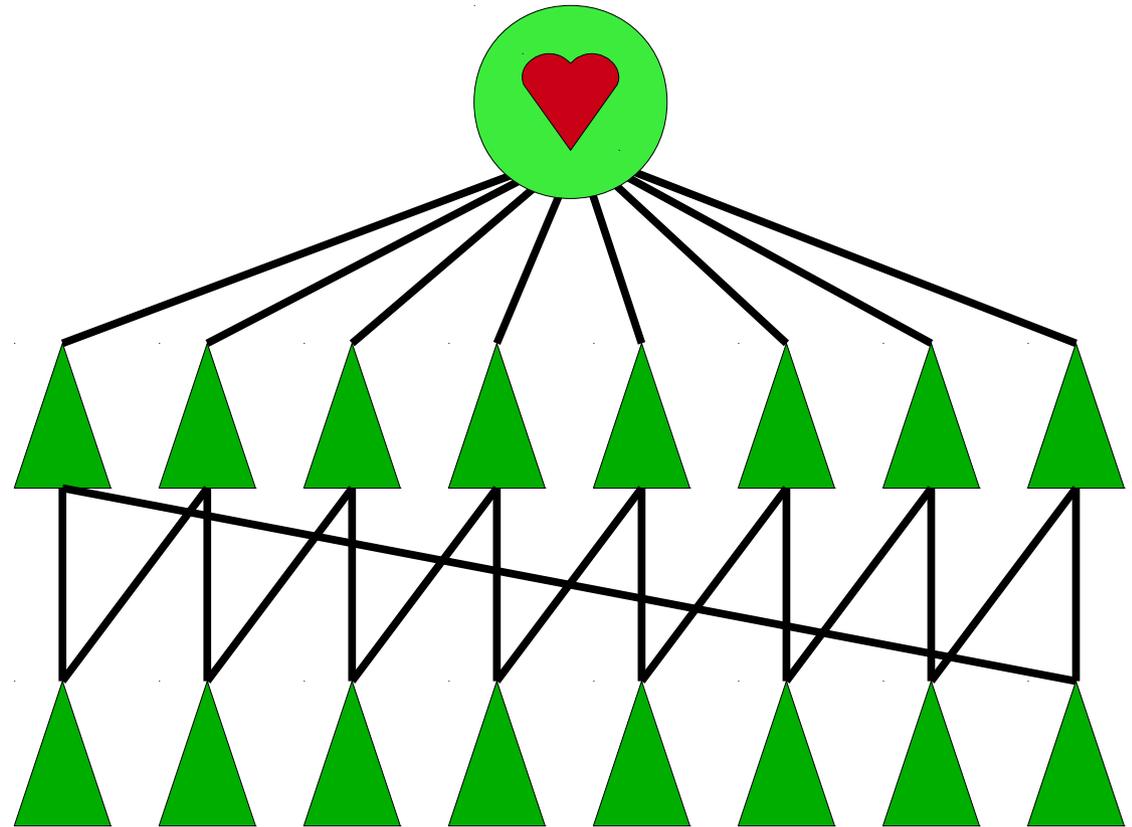
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Hasse Artichokes



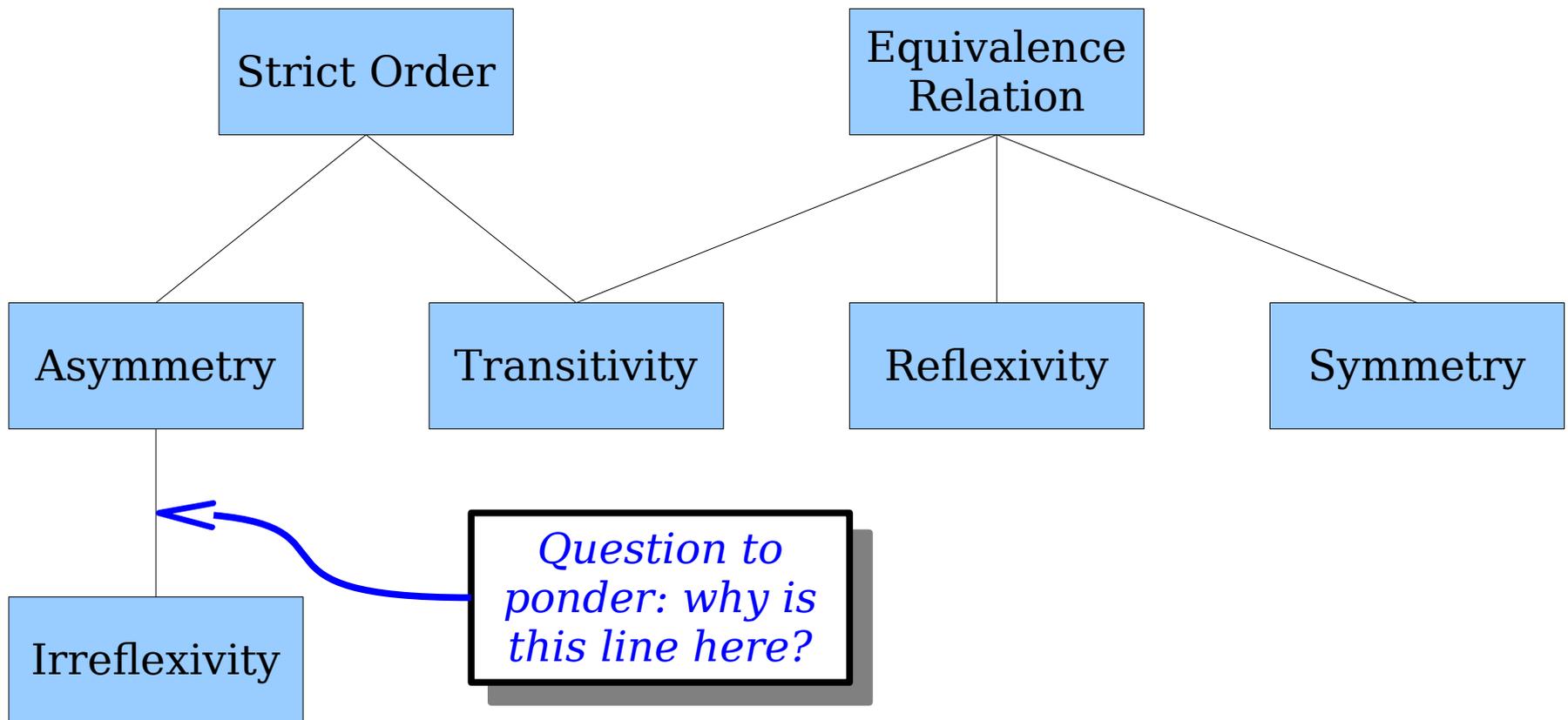
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Hasse Artichokes



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The Meta Strict Order



aRb if a is less specific than b

Next Time

- ***Functions***
 - How do we model transformations in a mathematical sense?
- ***Domains and Codomains***
 - Type theory meets mathematics!
- ***Injections, Surjections, and Bijections***
 - Three special classes of functions.