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Where:

$$\begin{aligned}S^* &= o \\VP^* &= l \rightarrow o \\tV^* &= l \rightarrow l \rightarrow o \\NP^* &= (l \rightarrow o) \rightarrow o\end{aligned}$$

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Definition

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A higher-order signature is a triple $\Sigma = \langle A, C, \tau \rangle$, where:

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such that

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where $\hat{\eta}$ is the homomorphic extension of η , i.e.:

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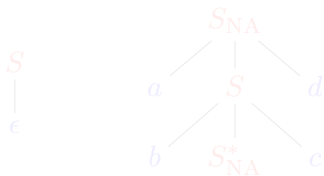
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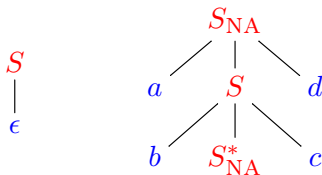
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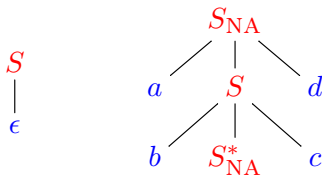
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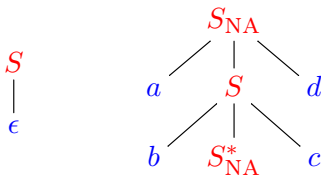
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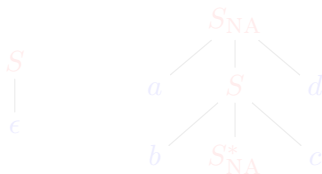
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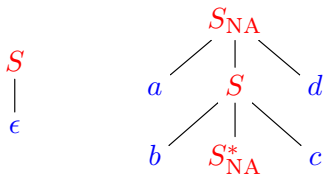
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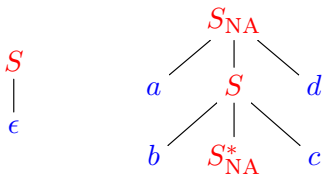
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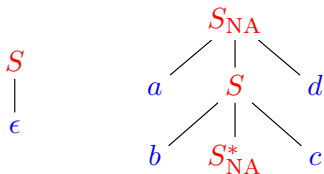
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