

On the Construction of *Śivasūtra*-Alphabets

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$$\begin{bmatrix} + & \text{consonantal} \\ - & \text{nasal} \\ + & \text{voiced} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + & \text{consonantal} \\ - & \text{nasal} \\ - & \text{voiced} \end{bmatrix} / _ \#$$

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Pāṇini's solution: Śivasūtras

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$$iK = \langle i, u, r, ! \rangle$$

Analysis of iko yañaci: [iK] → [yṆ]/_ [aC]

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Given a set of classes, find an S-order of the elements of the classes. Interrupt this list by markers (*anubandhas*) such that each single class can be denoted by a sound-marker-pair (*pratyāhāra*).

Note that every S-order becomes a *Śivasūtra*-alphabet (S-alphabet) by adding a marker (*anubandha*) behind each element.

Given the set of classes $\{\{a, b\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{a, b, c, d\}\}$, the order $a b c d$ is one of its S-orders and $a M_1 b M_2 c M_3 d M_4$ is one of its S-alphabets.

Some more Examples

S-sortable example

The set of classes:

$\{\{d, e\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d, f, g, h, i\}, \{f, i\}, \{c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}, \{g, h\}\}$ is

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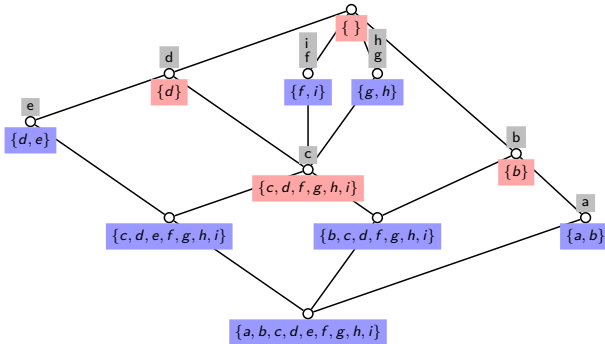
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set of classes (\mathcal{A}, Φ) : $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$

$$\Phi = \{\{d, e\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c, d, f, g, h, i\}, \{f, i\}, \\ \{c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}, \{g, h\}\}$$


concept lattice of (\mathcal{A}, Φ)

| | <i>a b c d e f g h i</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| $\{d, e\}$ | × × |
| $\{b, c, d, f, g, h, i\}$ | × × × × × × × |
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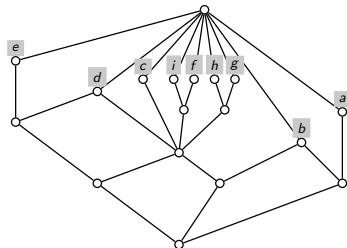
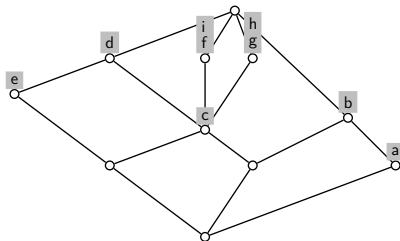
formal context of (\mathcal{A}, Φ)

Main theorem of S-sortability

A set of classes is S-sortable without duplications if one of the following equivalent statements is true:

- 1 Its concept lattice is Hasse-planar and for any element a there is a node labeled a in the S-graph.
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- 3 The Ferrers-graph of the enlarged set of classes is bipartite.

Example: S-sortable

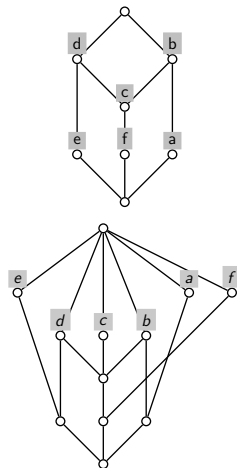


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Example: not S-sortable



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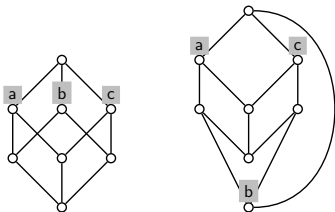
2nd condition

A set of classes (\mathcal{A}, Φ) is S-sortable without duplications if and only if the concept lattice of the enlarged set of classes $(\mathcal{A}, \tilde{\Phi})$ is Hasse-planar.

Enlarging a set of classes means adding all singleton sets:

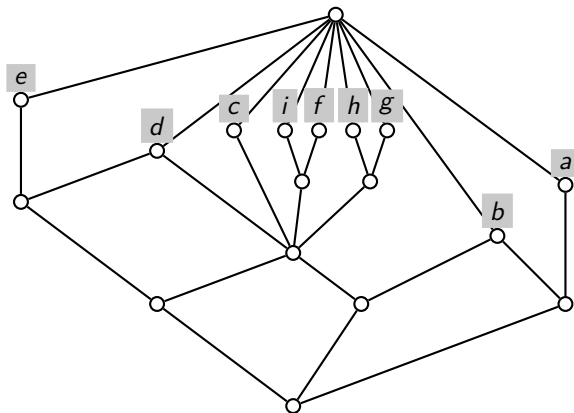
$$\tilde{\Phi} = \Phi \cup \{\{a\} \mid a \in \mathcal{A}\}$$

Hasse-planarity: $\{\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}\}$



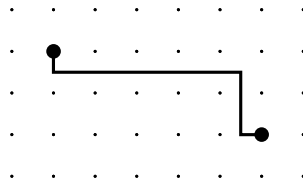
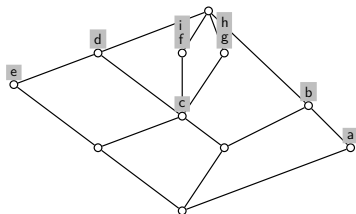
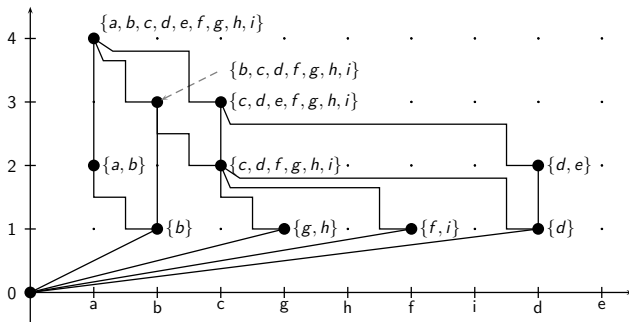
planar, but not Hasse-planar

2nd condition: Hasse-planar \Rightarrow S-sortable



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2nd condition: S-sortable \Rightarrow Hasse-planar



2nd condition: evaluation

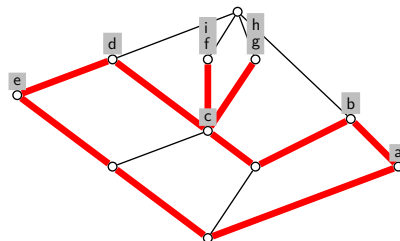
- It is of no help in the construction of S-alphabets with minimal number of markers.
- The planarity of a graph is difficult to check.

Main theorem of S-sortability

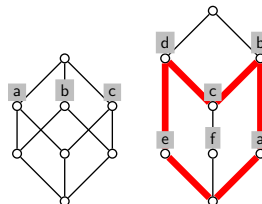
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Example: S-sortable



Examples: not S-sortable



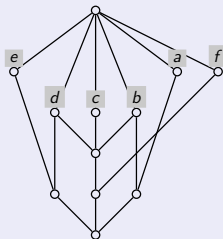
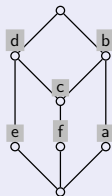
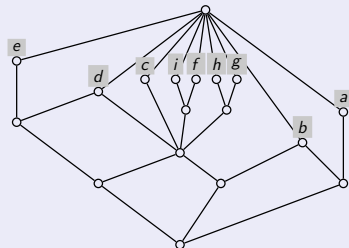
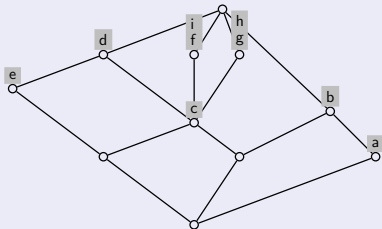
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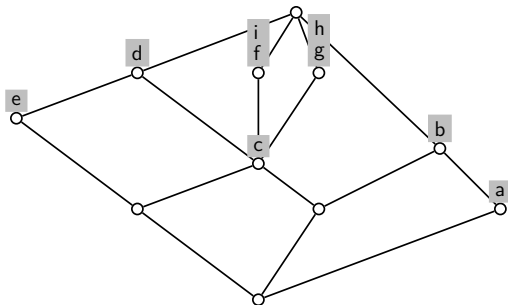
2nd condition \rightarrow 1st condition

Each S-order of the enlarged set of classes $(\mathcal{A}, \tilde{\Phi})$ is trivially an S-order of the original set of classes (\mathcal{A}, Φ) .

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1st condition → 2nd condition

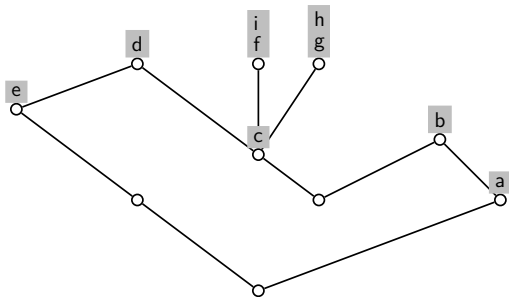




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- While moving upwards do nothing.
- While moving downwards along an edge add a new marker to the sequence unless its last element is already a marker.
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S-alphabets with a minimal number of markers

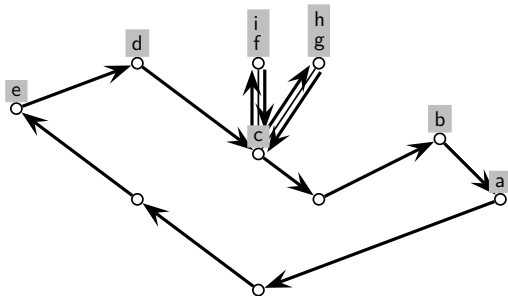


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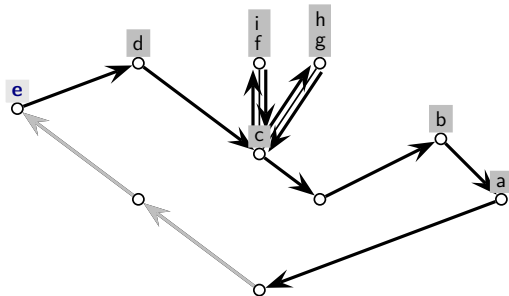


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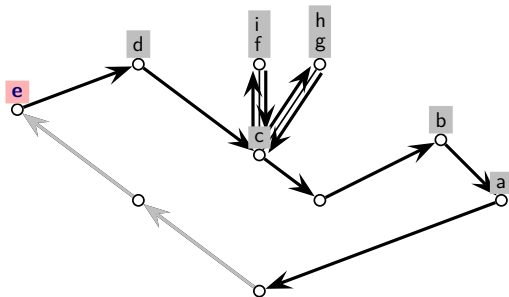


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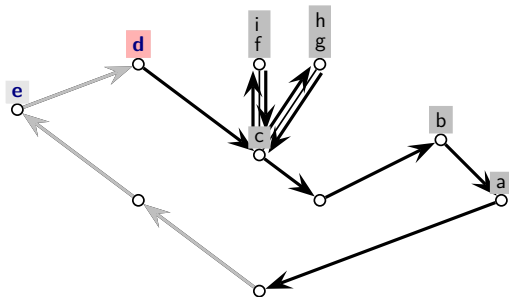
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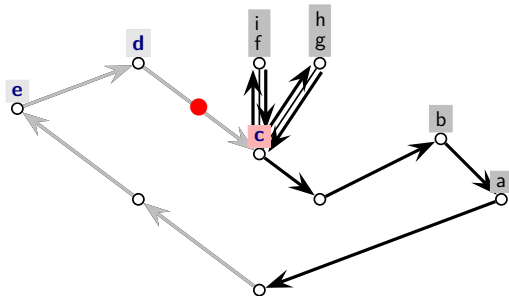
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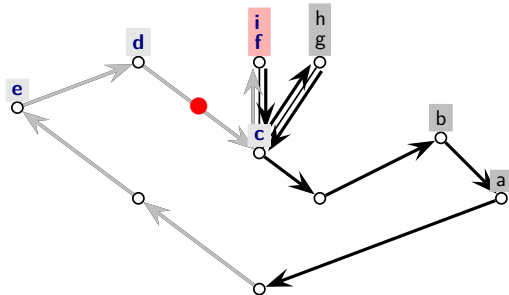
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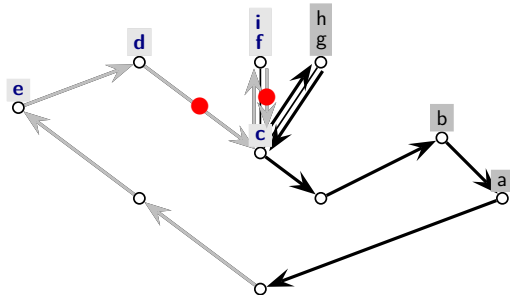
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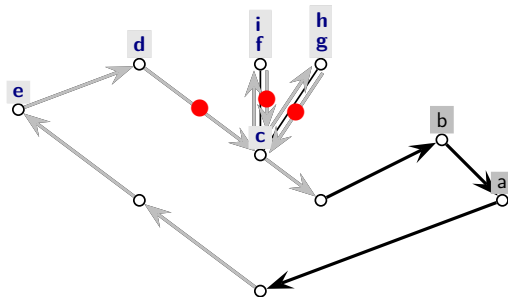
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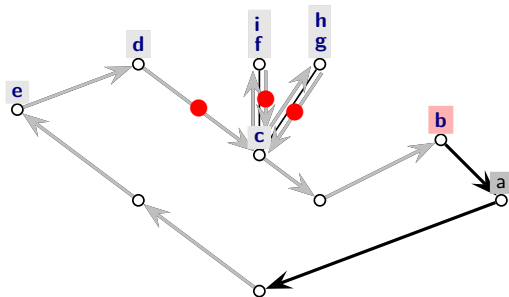
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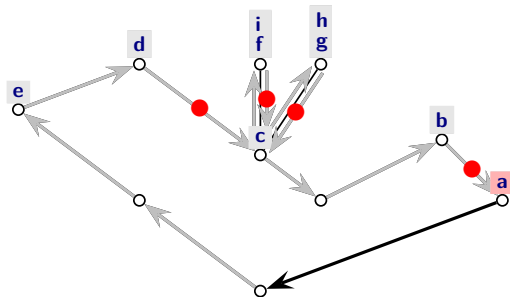
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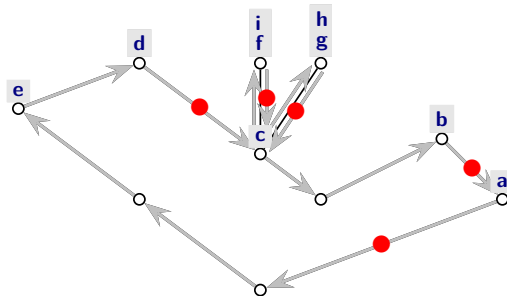
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1st condition: evaluation

- + Allows the construction of S-alphabets with minimal number of markers.
- The planarity of a graph is difficult to check.

Main theorem of S-sortability

A set of classes is S-sortable without duplications if one of the following equivalent statements is true:

- ① Its concept lattice is Hasse-planar and for any element a there is a node labeled a in the S-graph.
- ② The concept lattice of the enlarged set of classes is Hasse-planar.
- ③ The Ferrers-graph of the enlarged set of classes is bipartite.

- The Ferrers-graph can be computed directly from the formal context.
- Its bipartity can be checked algorithmically.

3rd condition: terminology & proof

Theorem (Zschalig 2007)

The concept lattice of a formal context is Hasse-planar if and only if its Ferrers-graph is bipartite.

| | a | b | c | d | e | f |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | | | | × | × | |
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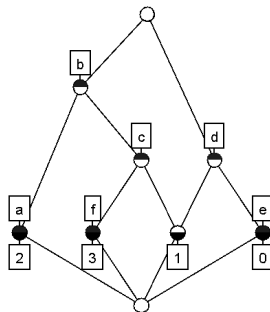
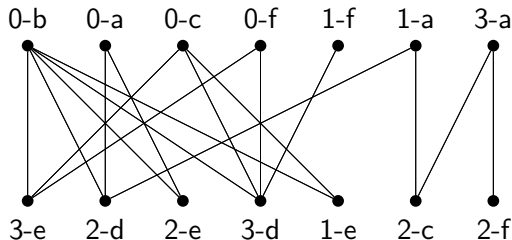
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3rd condition: example

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| 0 | | | | × | × | |
| 1 | | × | × | × | | |
| 2 | × | × | | | | |
| 3 | | × | × | | | × |



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3rd condition: evaluation

- It is of no help in the construction of S-alphabets with minimal number of markers.
- + It can be checked easily by an algorithm.

Getting back to Pāṇini's problem



a·i·uṇ | ṛ·ḷk | e·oṇ | ai·auc | hayavarat |
laṇ | ṇamaṇaṇanam | jhabhañ | ghaḍhadhaṣ | jabagaḍadaś |
khaphachathathacaṭataṭav | kapay | śaṣasar | hal |

Q: Are the Śivasūtras minimal (with respect to length)?

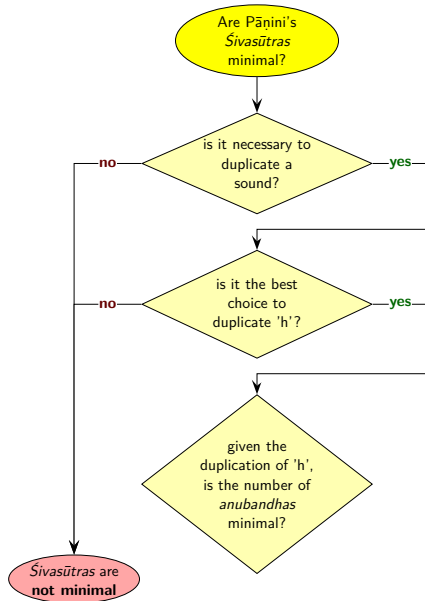
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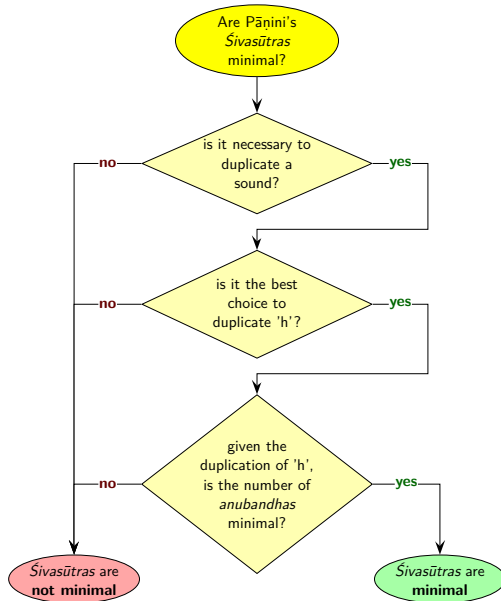
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The Śivasūtras are **minimal** if it is **impossible** to rearrange the Sanskrit sounds in a new list with *anubandhas* such that

- ① each *pratyāhāra* forms an interval ending before an *anubandha*,
- ② no sound occurs twice
- or** one sound occurs twice but less *anubandhas* are needed.
- ⇒ duplicating a sound is worse than adding *anubandhas*

Are Pāṇini's
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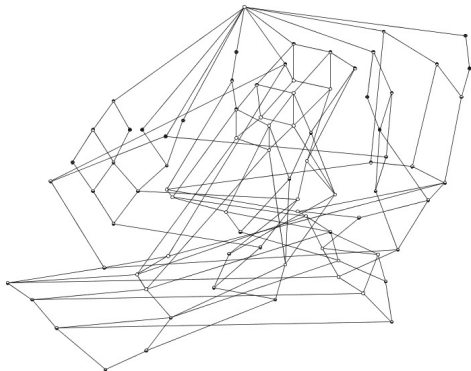
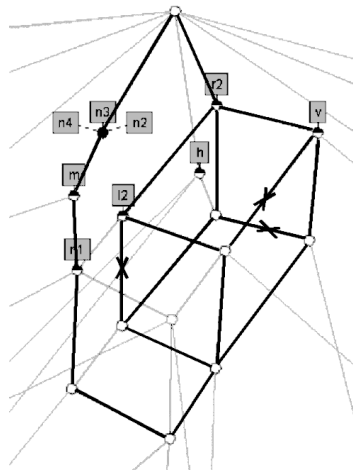




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Main theorem on S-sortability (part 1a)

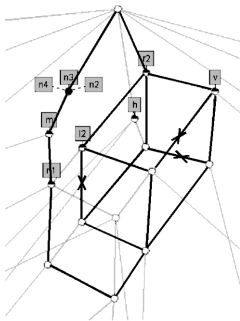
If a set of classes is S-sortable, then its concept lattice is Hasse-planar.

concept lattice of Pānini's *pratyāhāras*

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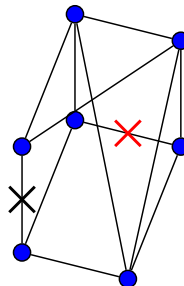
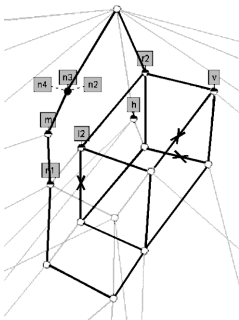
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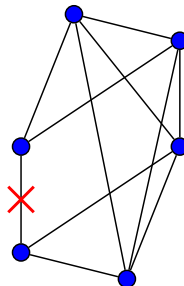
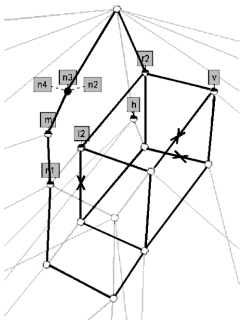
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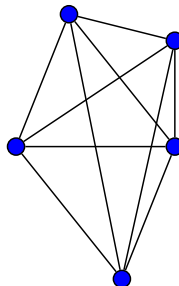
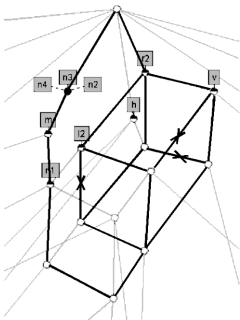
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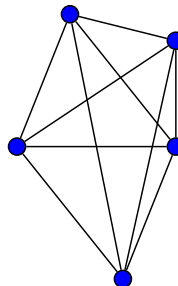
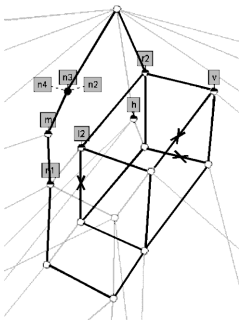
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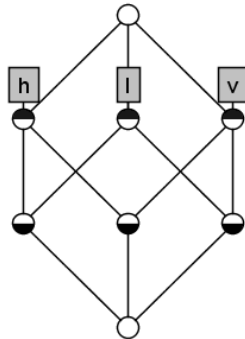
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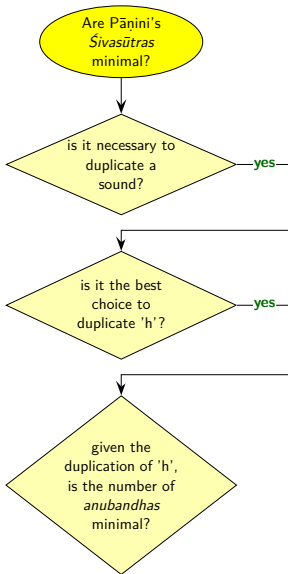


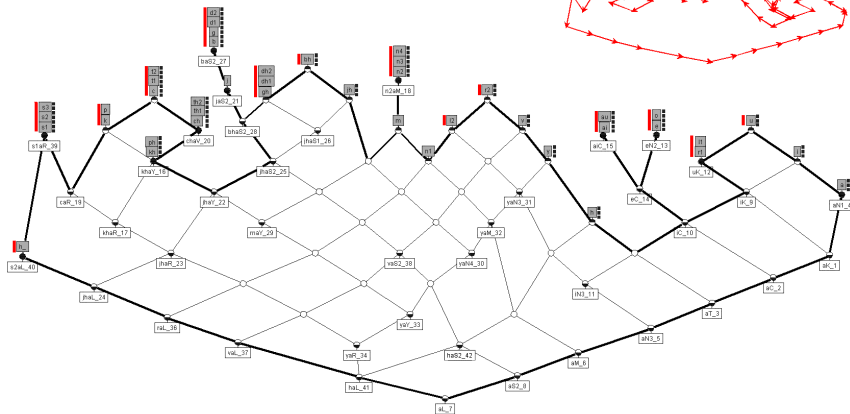
There is no S-alphabet for the set of classes given by Pāṇini's *pratyāhāras* without duplicated elements!

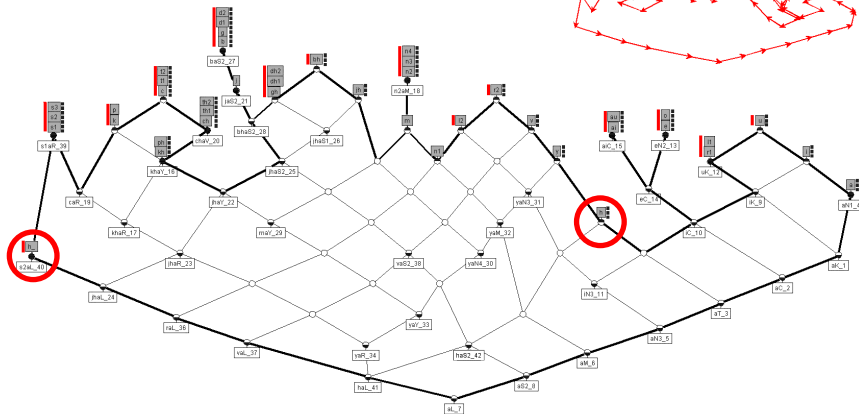
| | h | l | v |
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| $\{h, l\}$ | \times | \times | |
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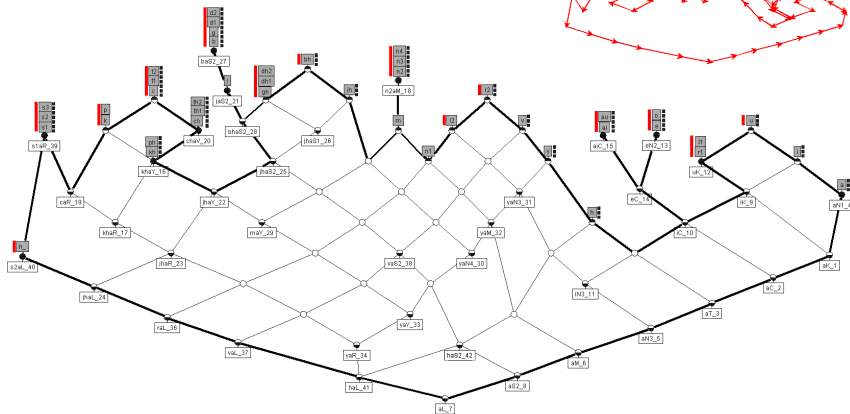


Altogether there exists 249 independent triples.
 h is included in all of them.





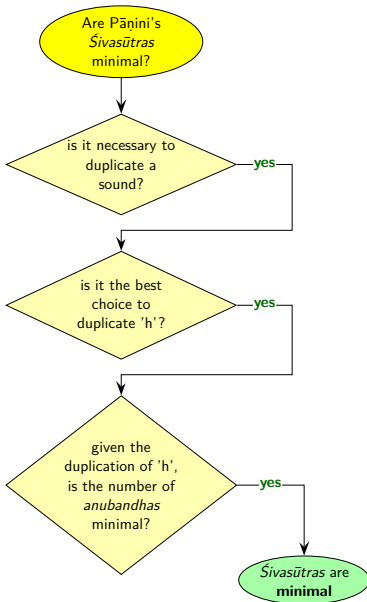




With the *Śivasūtras* Pāṇini has chosen one out of nearly 12 million minimal S-alphabets!

$\langle a, i, u, M_1, \{r, l\}_1, M_2, \{\langle \{e, o\}_2, M_3 \rangle, \langle \{ai, au\}_3, M_4 \rangle\}_4,$
 $h, y, v, r, M_5, l, M_6, \tilde{n}, m, \{\dot{n}, \eta, n\}_5, M_7, jh, bh, M_8,$
 $\{gh, \dot{d}h, dh\}_6, M_9, j, \{b, g, \dot{d}, d\}_7, M_{10}, \{kh, ph\}_8, \{ch, \dot{t}h, th\}_9,$
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$$\begin{aligned}
& \{_1\}^2! \times \{_2\}^2! \times \{_3\}^2! \times \{_4\}^2! \times \{_5\}^3! \times \{_6\}^3! \times \{_7\}^4! \times \{_8\}^2! \times \{_9\}^3! \times \{_{10}\}^3! \times \{_{11}\}^2! \times \{_{12}\}^3! \\
& = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 6 \times 6 \times 24 \times 2 \times 6 \times 6 \times 2 \times 6 = 11\,943\,936
\end{aligned}$$



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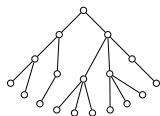
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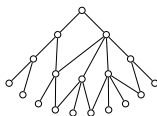
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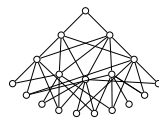
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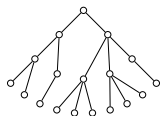
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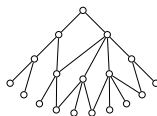
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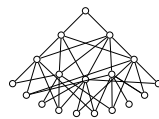
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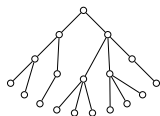
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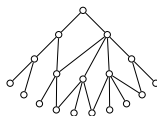
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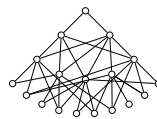
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Objects in libraries, ware-houses, and stores are only *nearly* linearly arranged:

⇒ Second (and third) dimension can be used in order to avoid duplications



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total list:

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Staal 1962

Another general principle is also implicitly used by Pāṇini. This is the famous economy criterion [...]. In accordance with this principle each linguistic rule should be given in the shortest possible form, whereas the number of metalinguistic symbols should be reduced as far as possible.

- ⇒ 5. criterion of minimality: total list is as short as possible while the sound list is minimal

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Kiparsky 1991

The reasoning from economy goes like this. To be grouped together in a pratyāhāra, sounds must make up a continuous segment of the list. Economy requires making the list as short as possible, which means avoiding repetitions of sounds, and using as few markers as possible.

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$aK = \{a, i, u, \dot{r}, !\}$, $iK = \{i, u, \dot{r}, !\}$ and $uK = \{u, \dot{r}, !\} \Rightarrow a < i < u < \dot{r}, !$

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$jhŚ = \{dh, ḍh, gh, bh, jh\}$

$\Rightarrow h < s, ś, ś́ < p, k, t, ṭ, c, th, ṭh, ch, ph, kh, d < ḍ, g, b, j <$

$dh, ḍh, gh, bh, jh$

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