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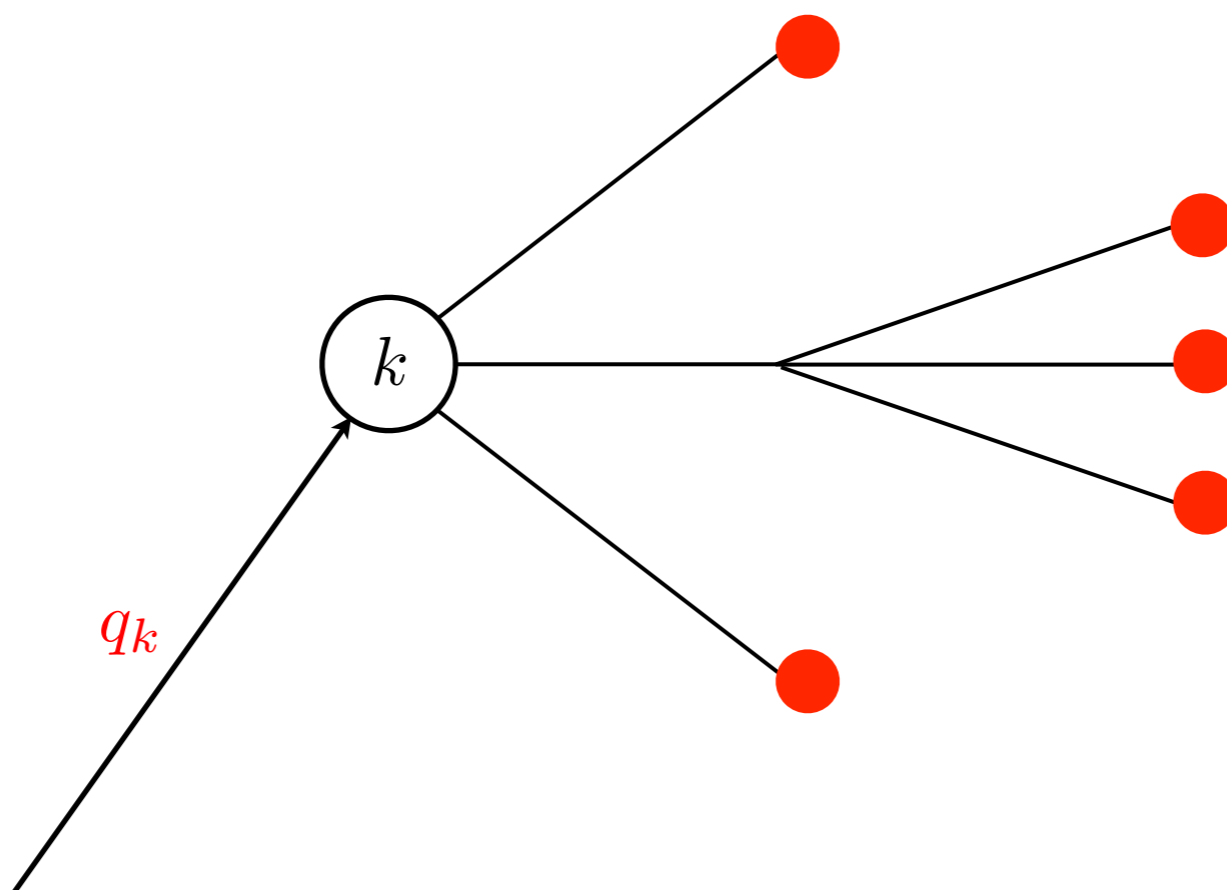
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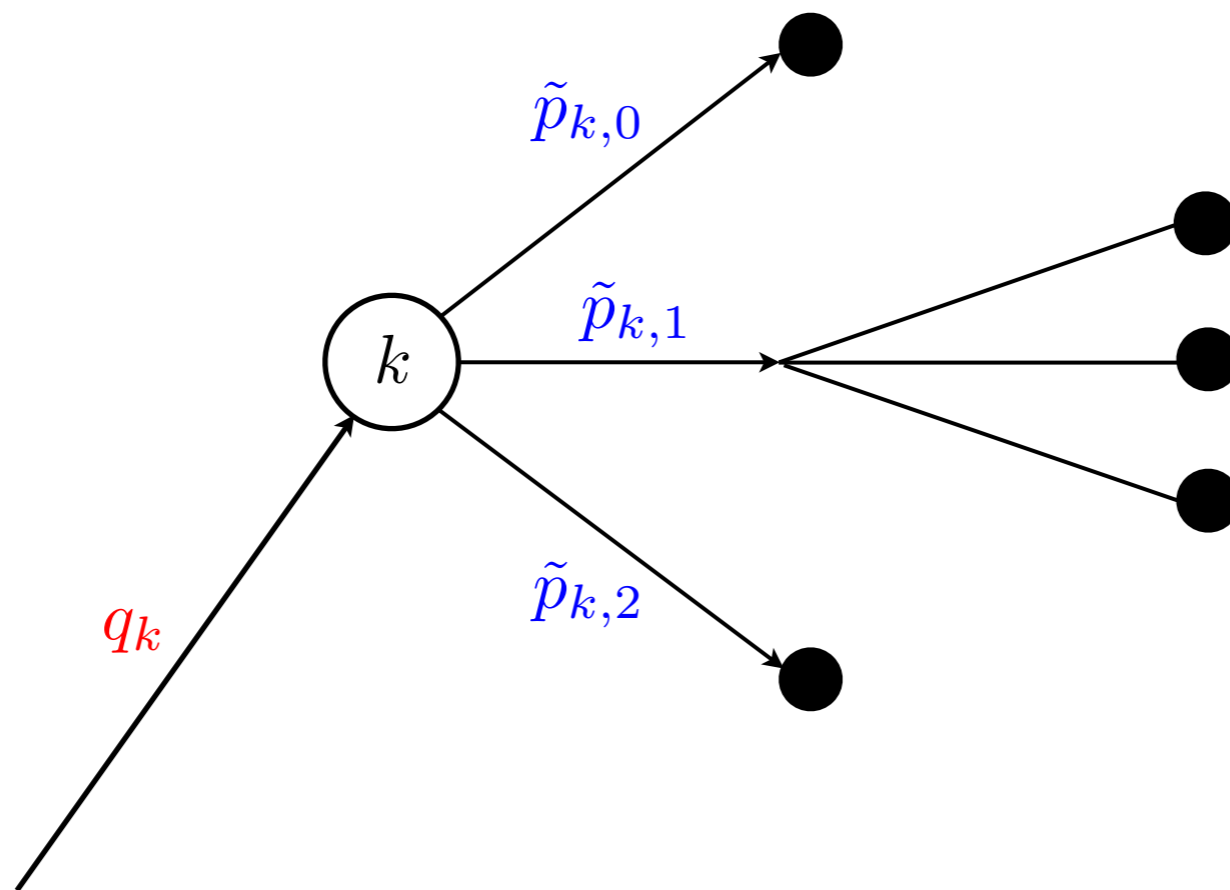
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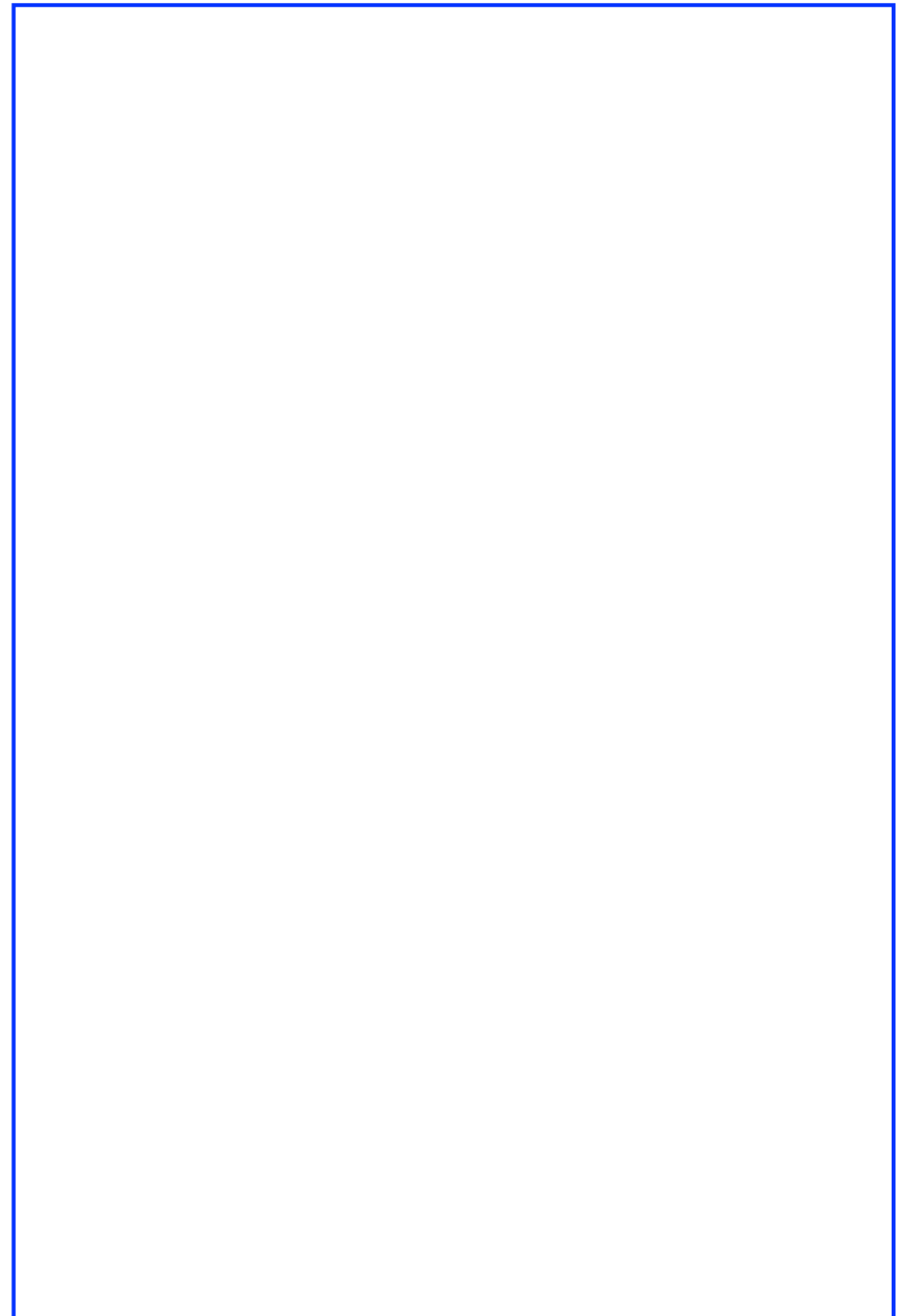
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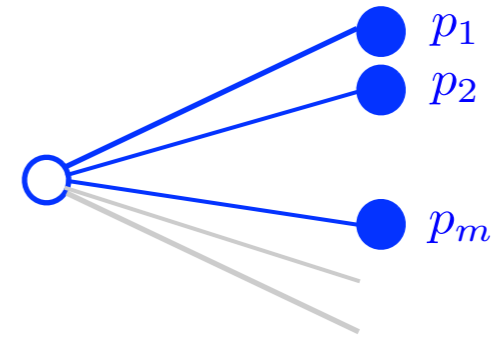
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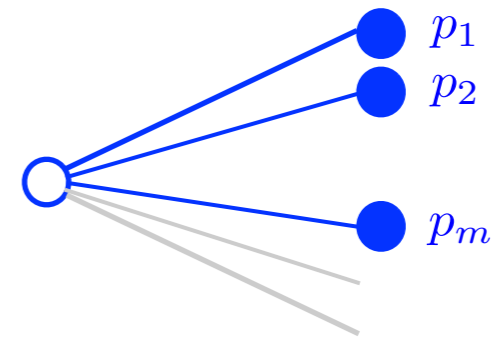
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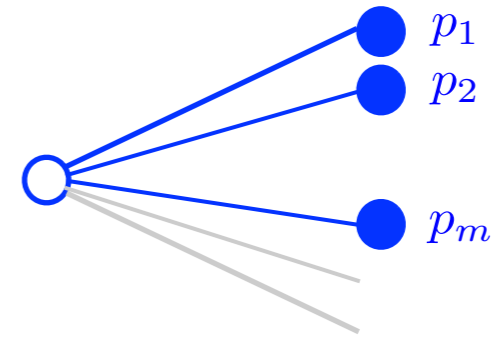
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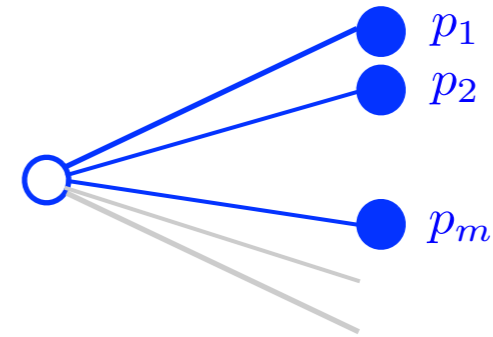
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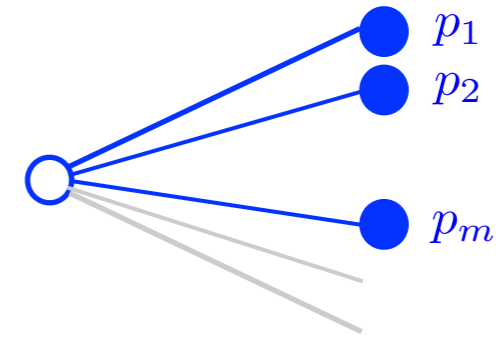
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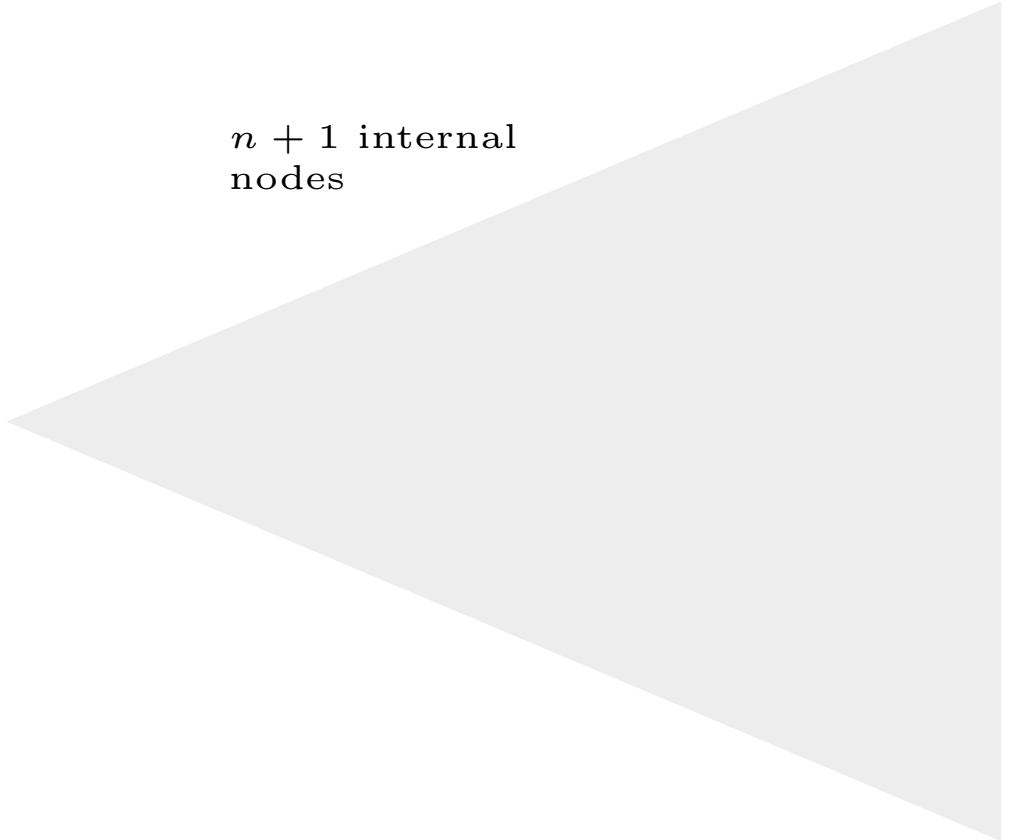
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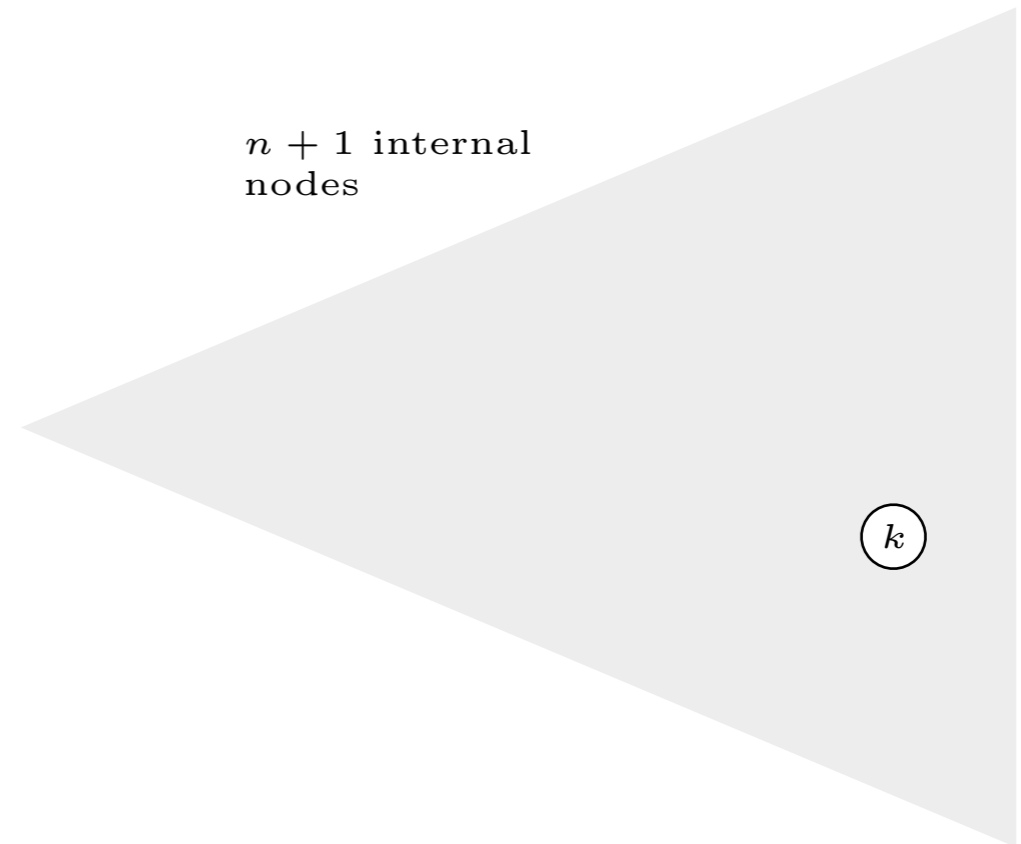
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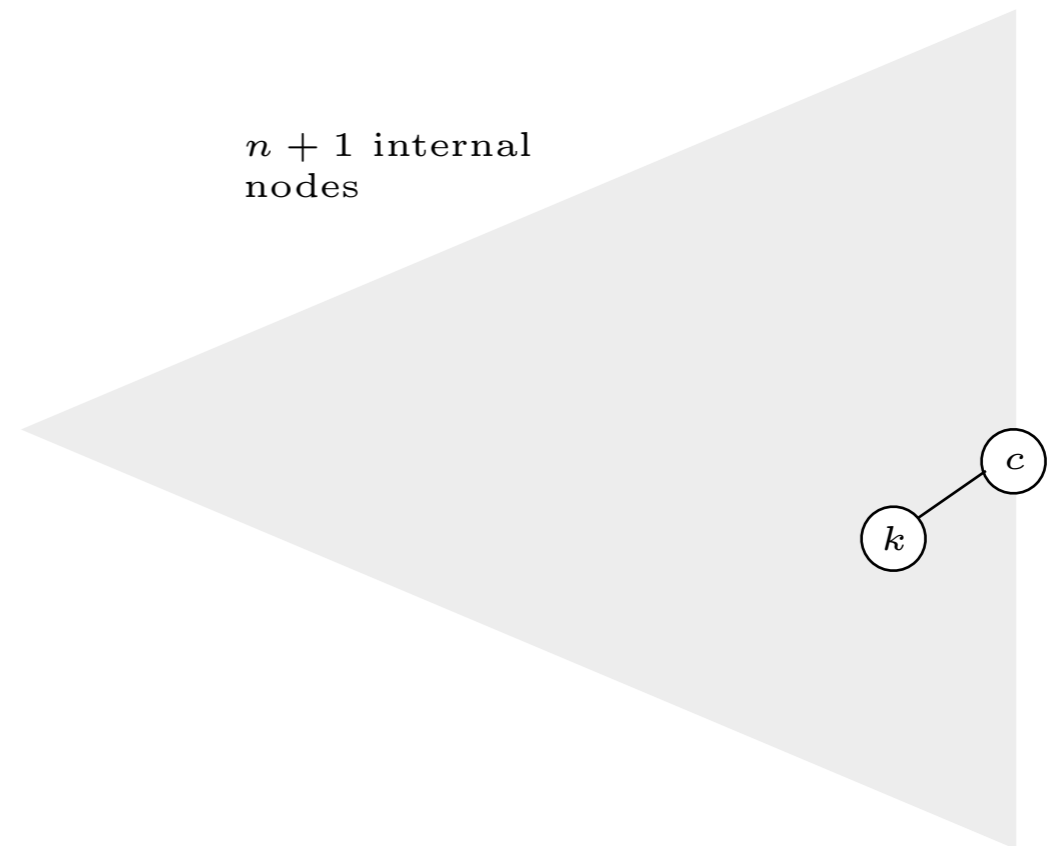
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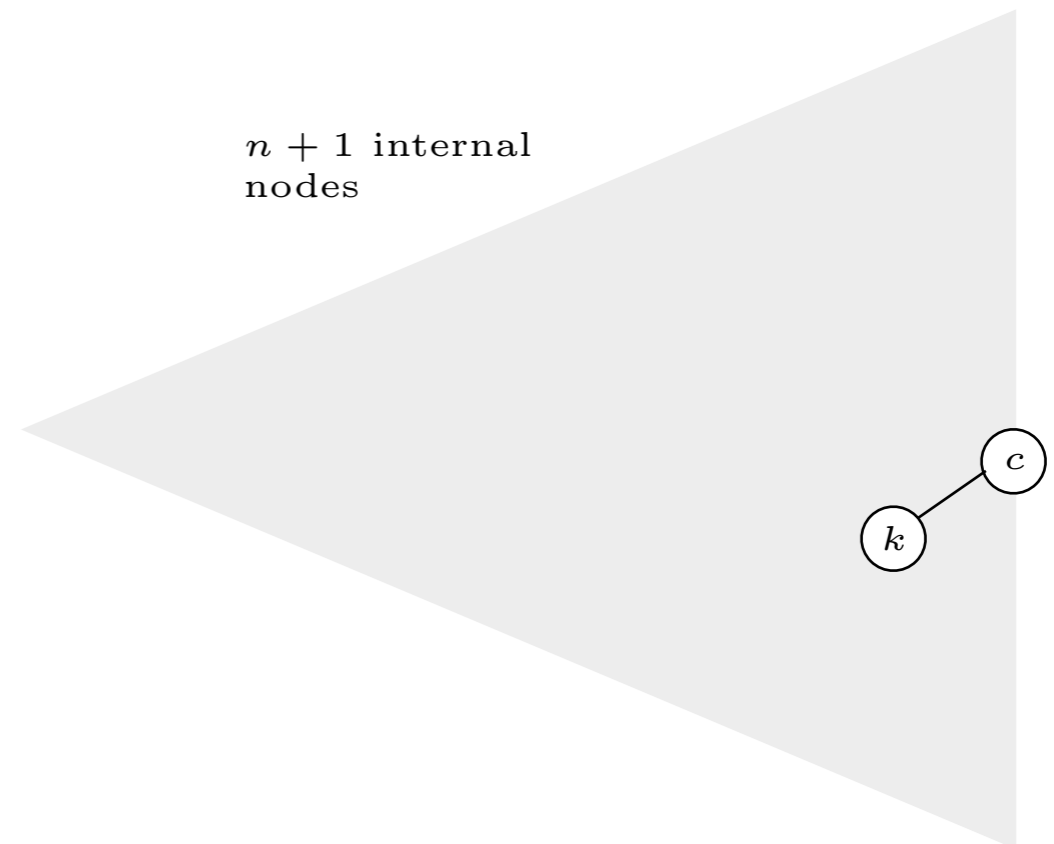
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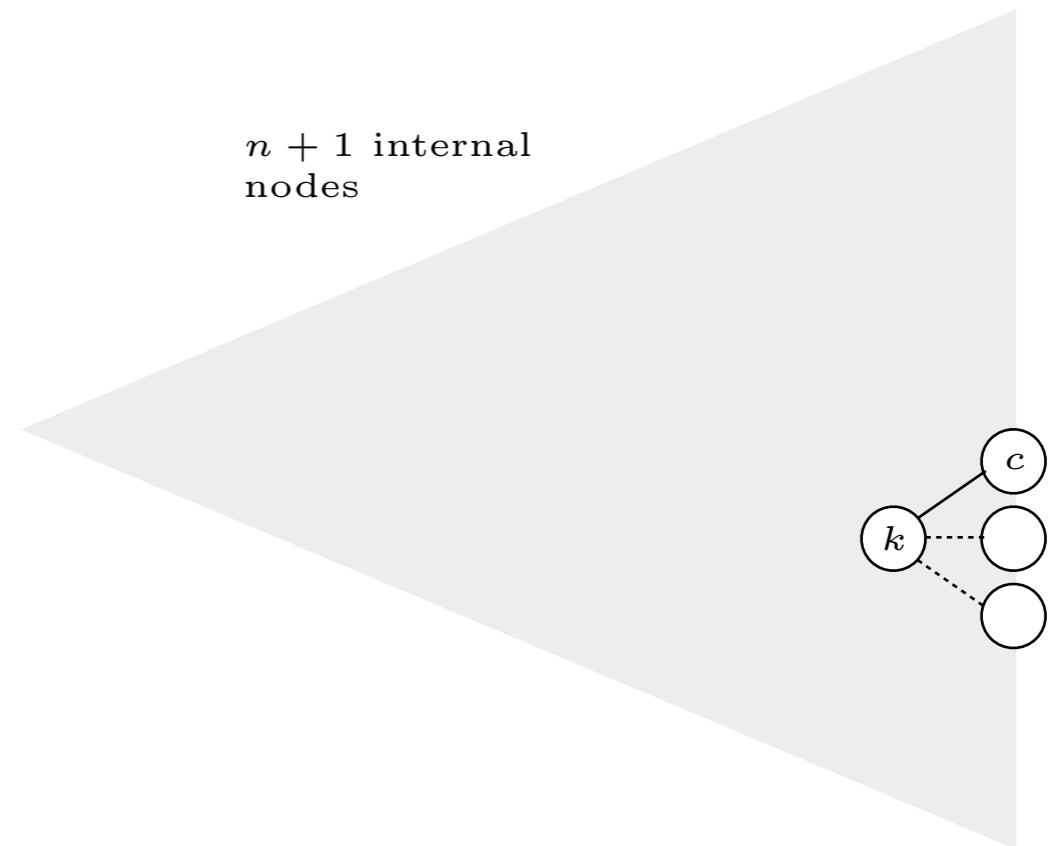
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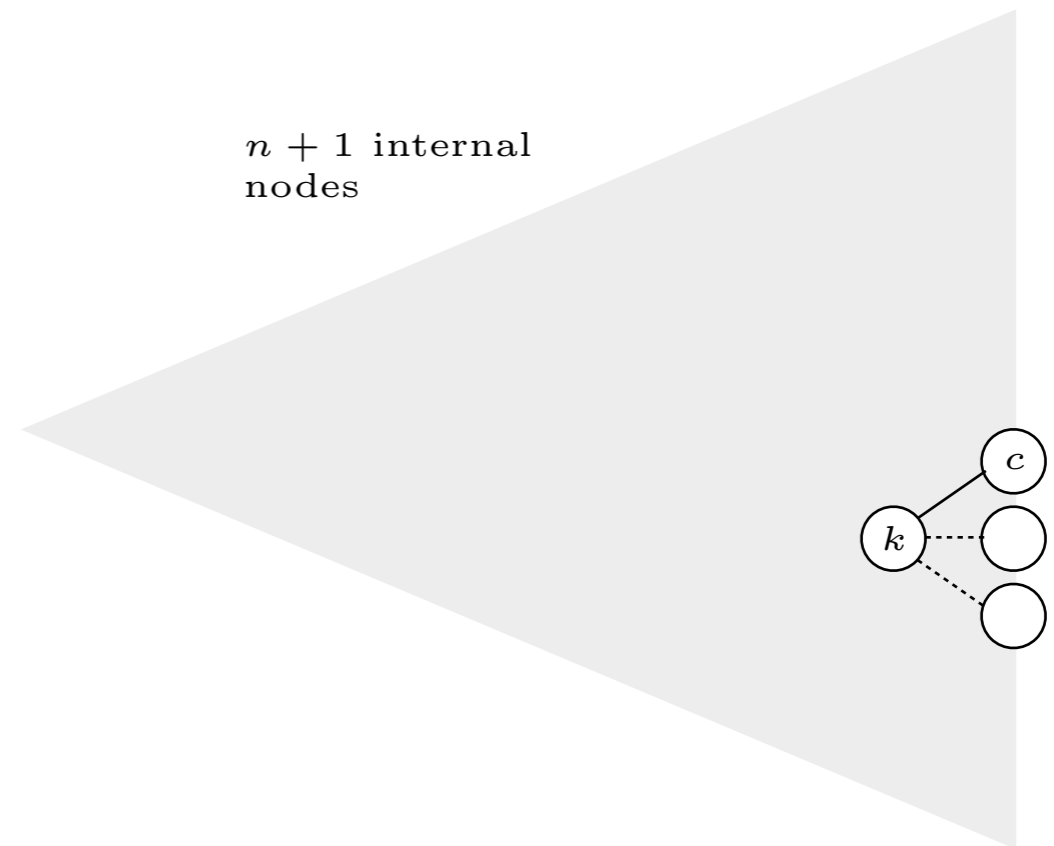
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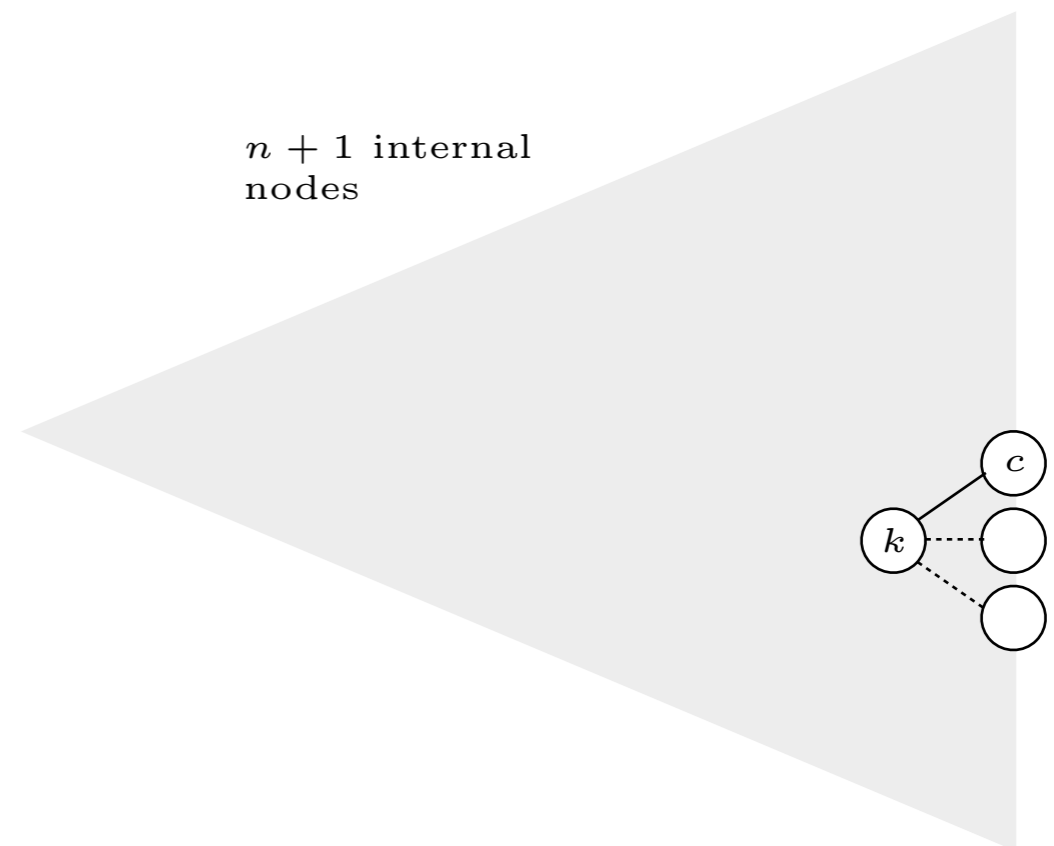
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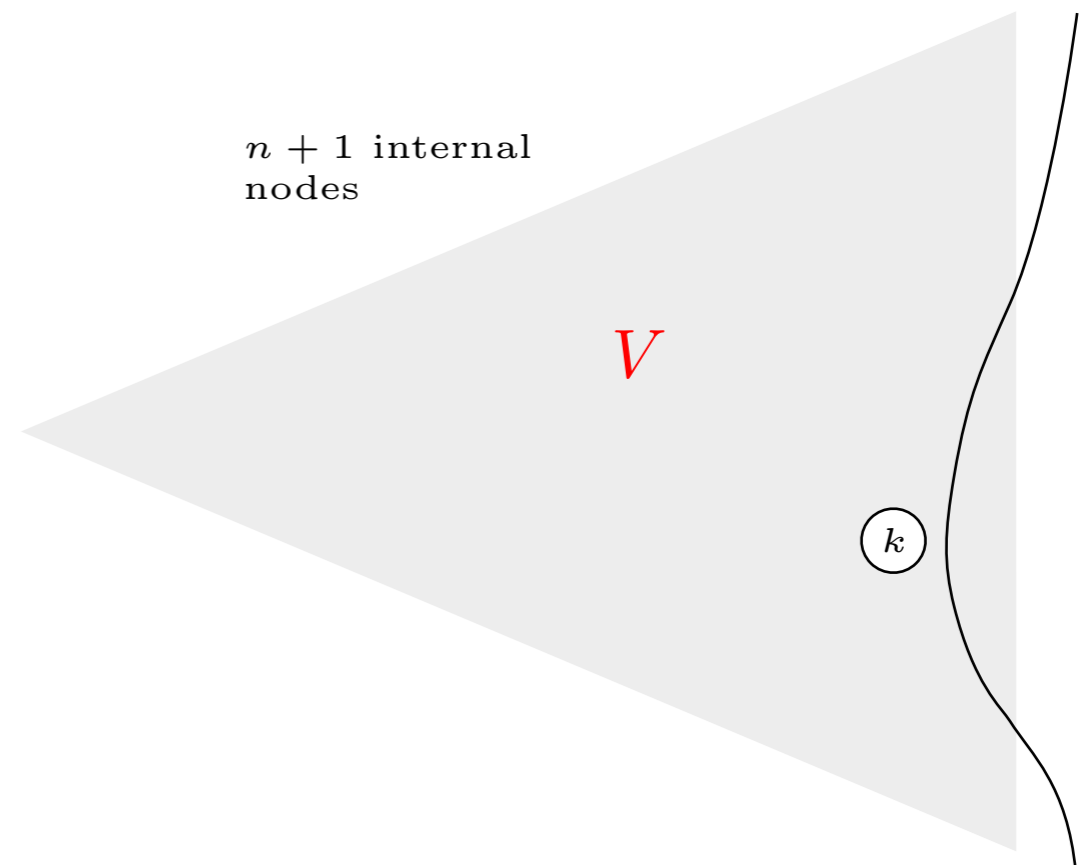
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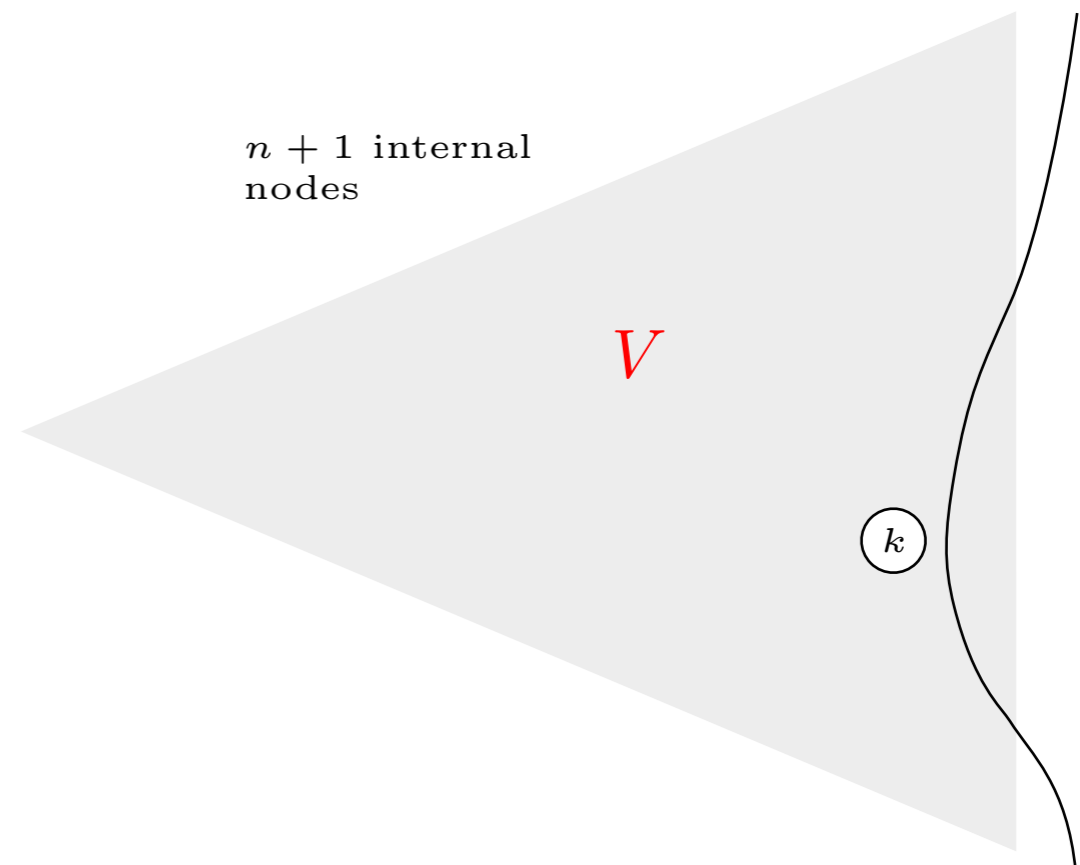
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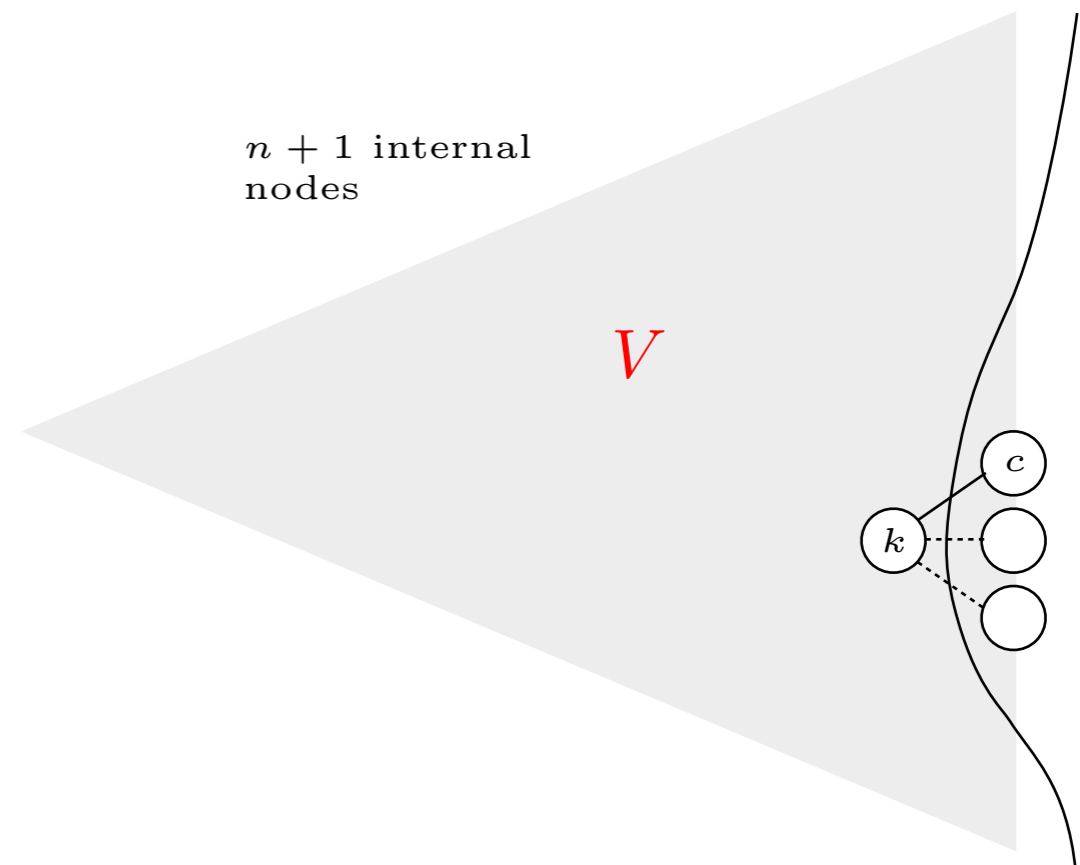
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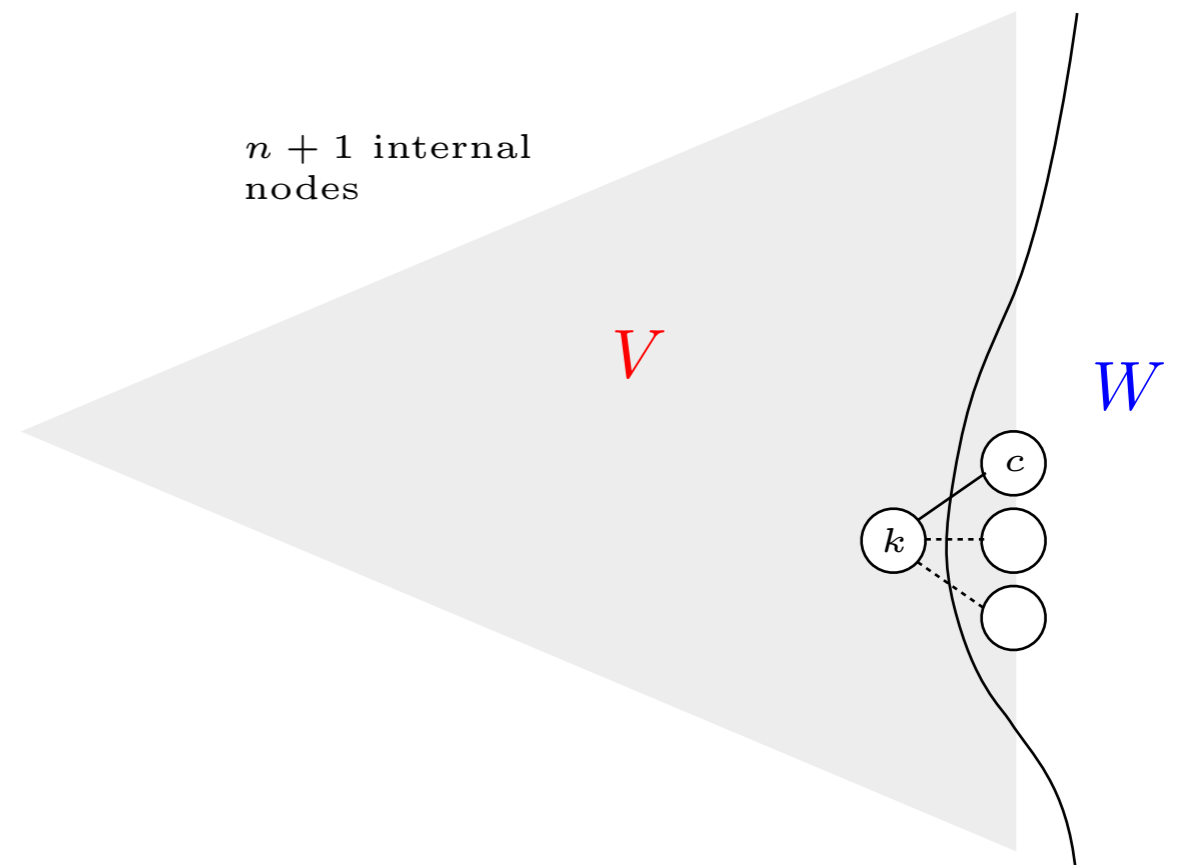
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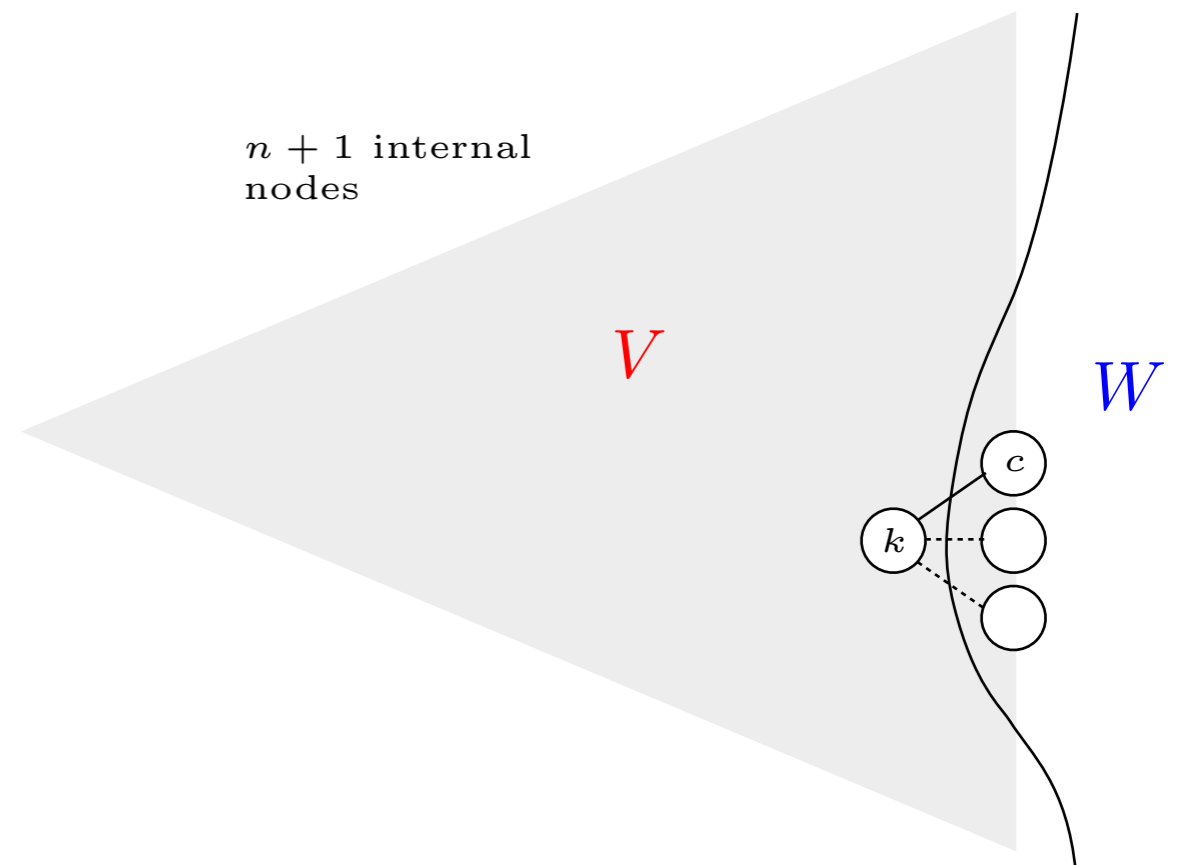
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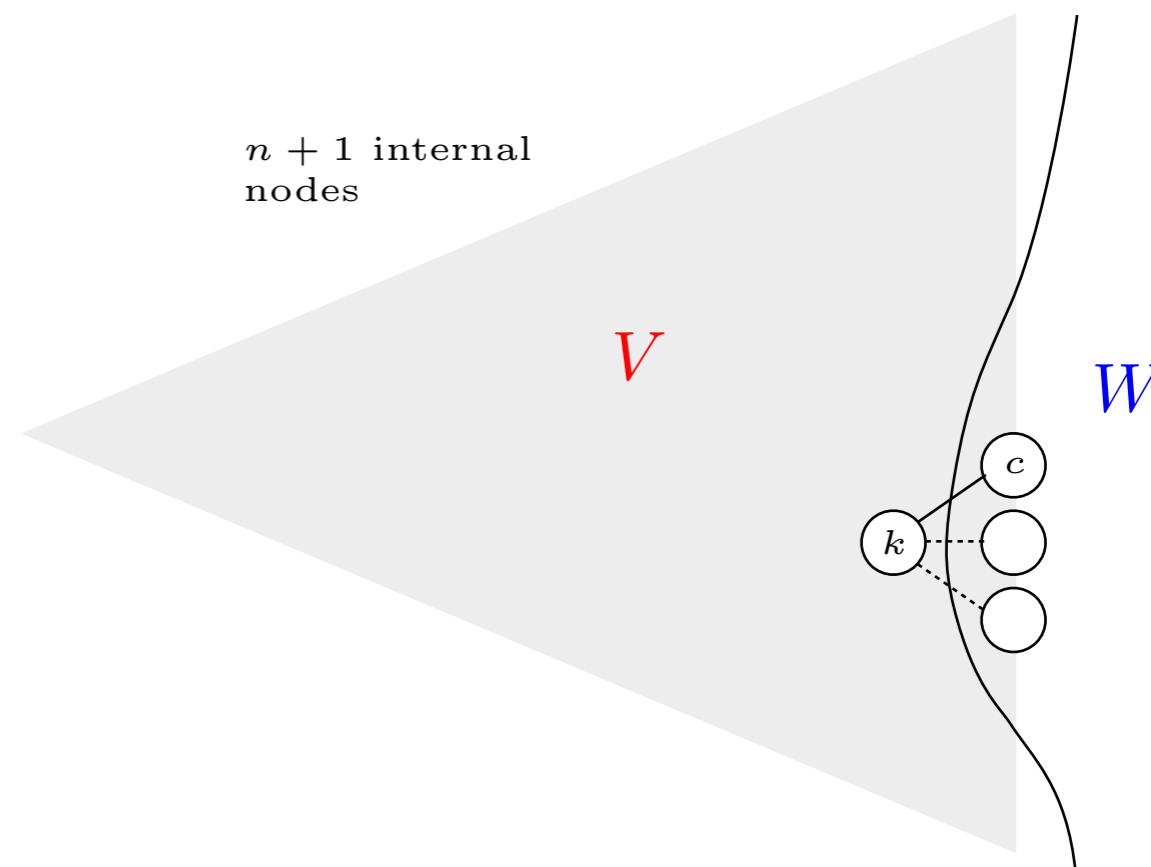
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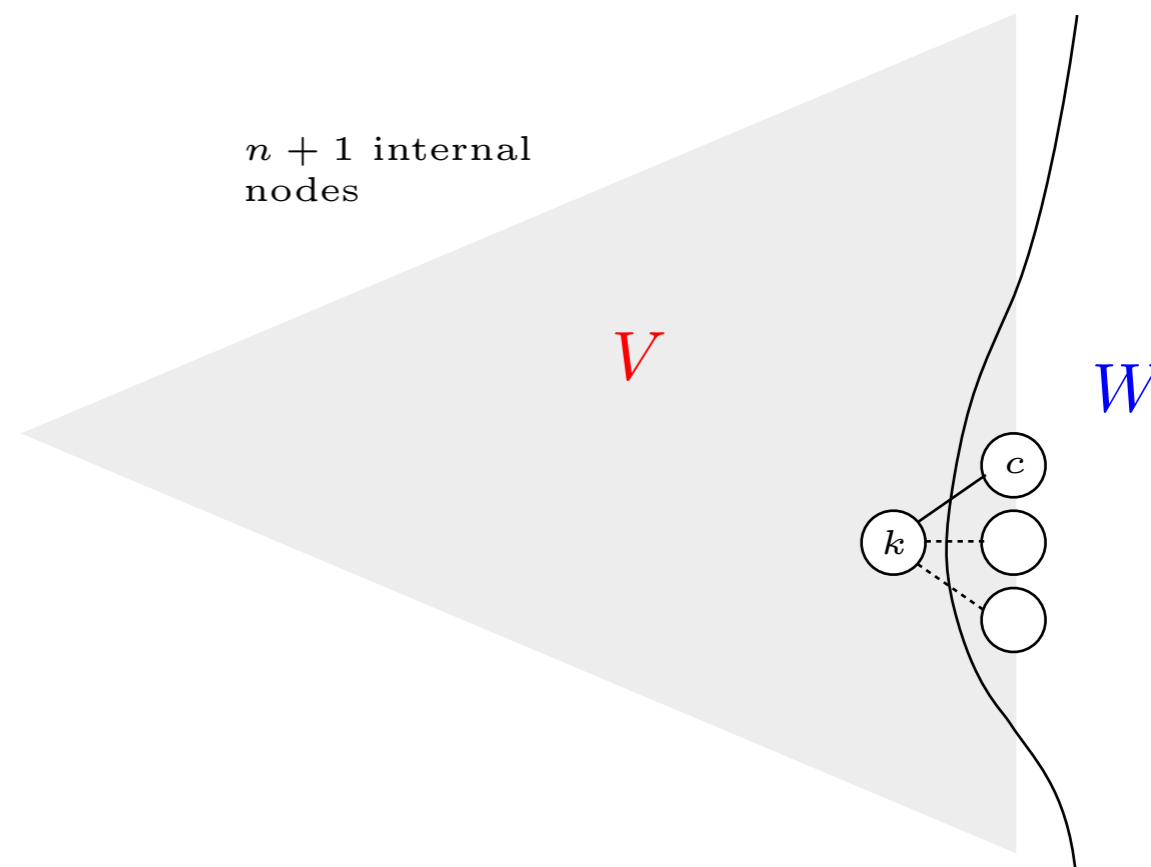
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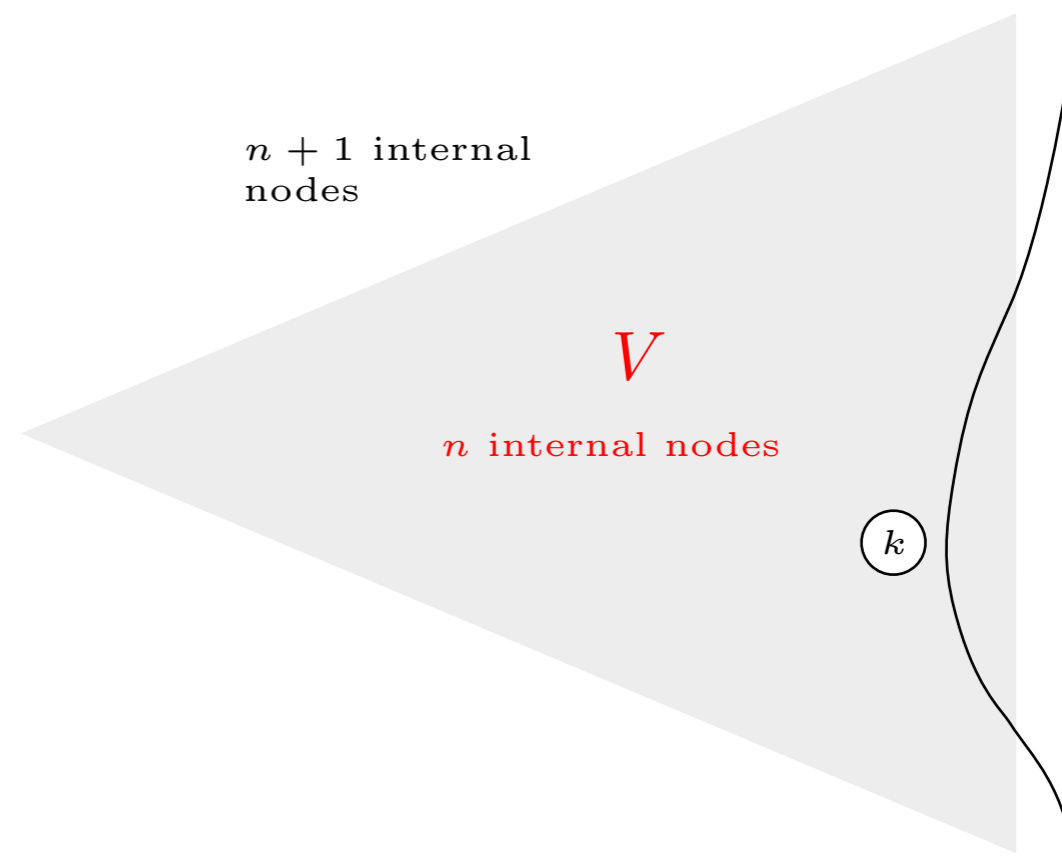
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10. The outcome of V can be represented by a code tree with n internal nodes which is obtained by pruning the original code tree at node k .



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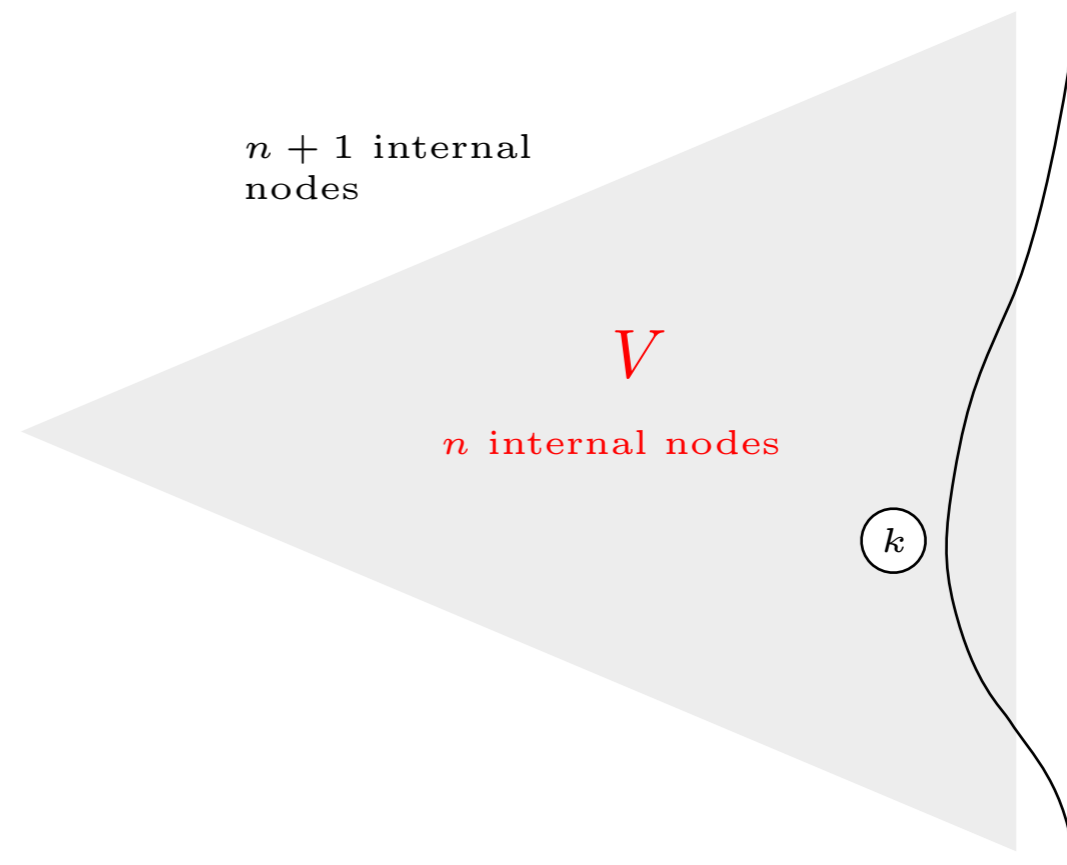
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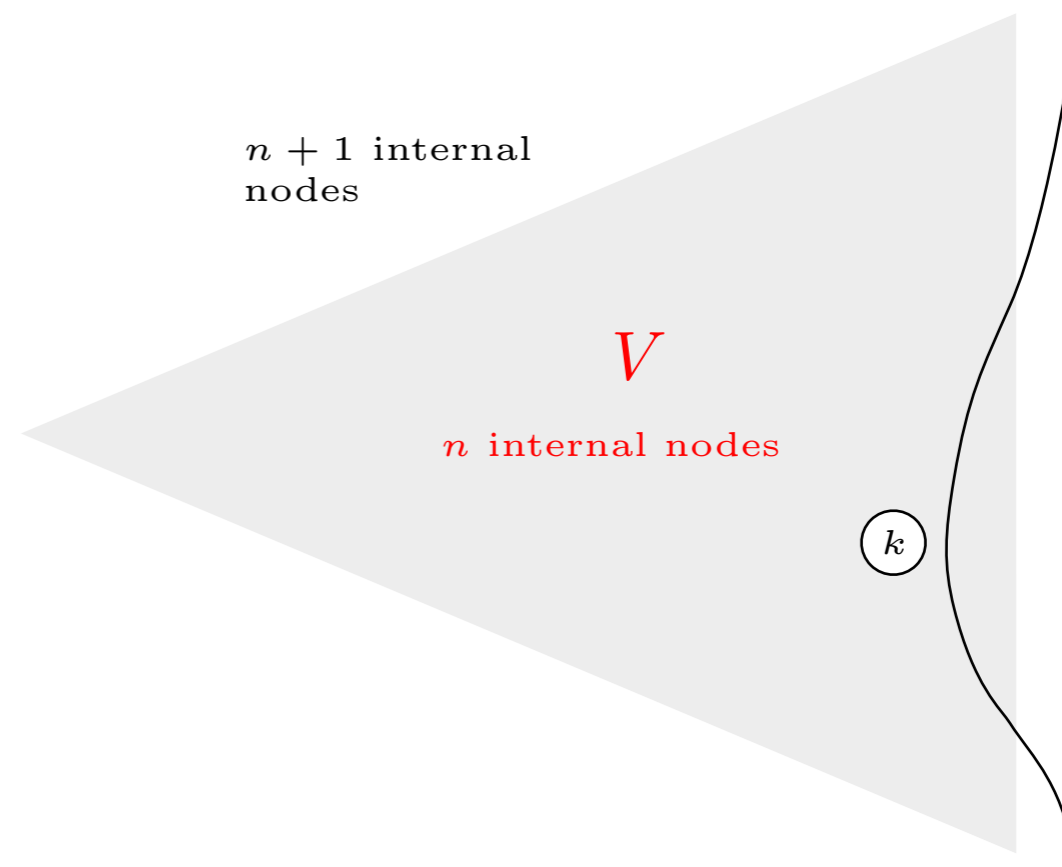


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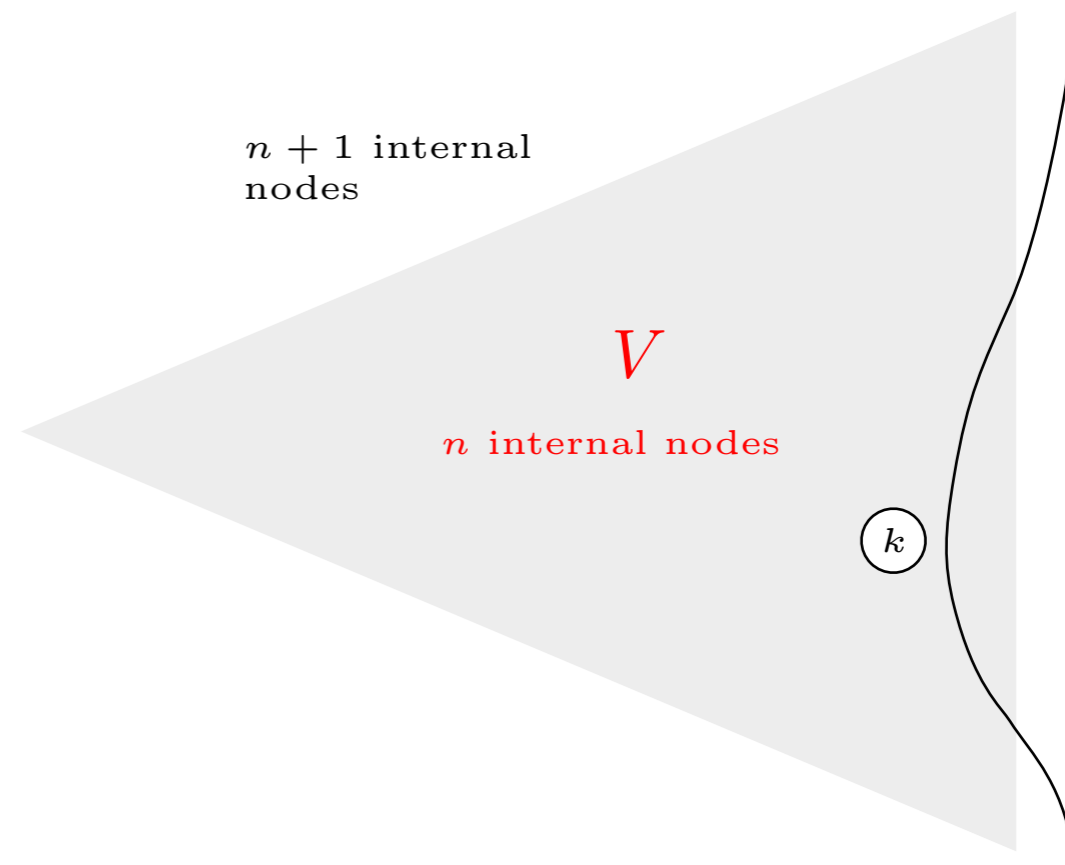
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8. If the second step is not necessary, we assume that W takes a constant value with probability 1.
9. Then $X = (V, W)$.
10. The outcome of V can be represented by a code tree with n internal nodes which is obtained by pruning the original code tree at node k .

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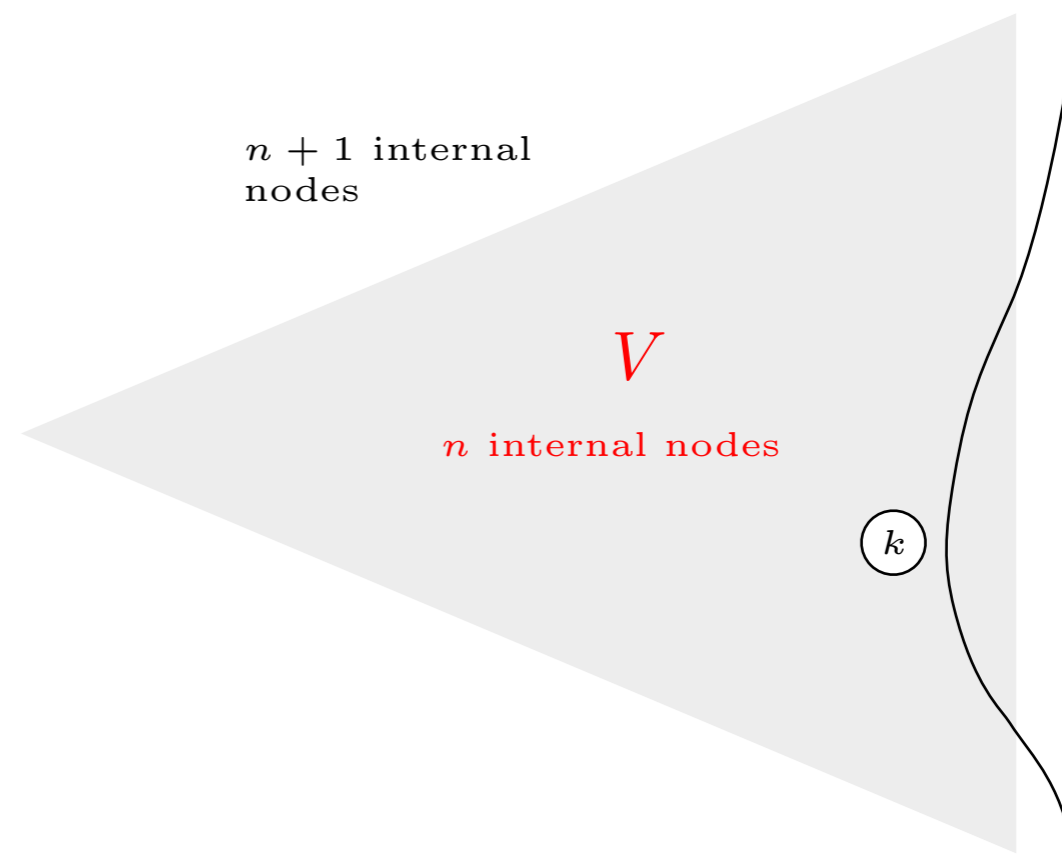
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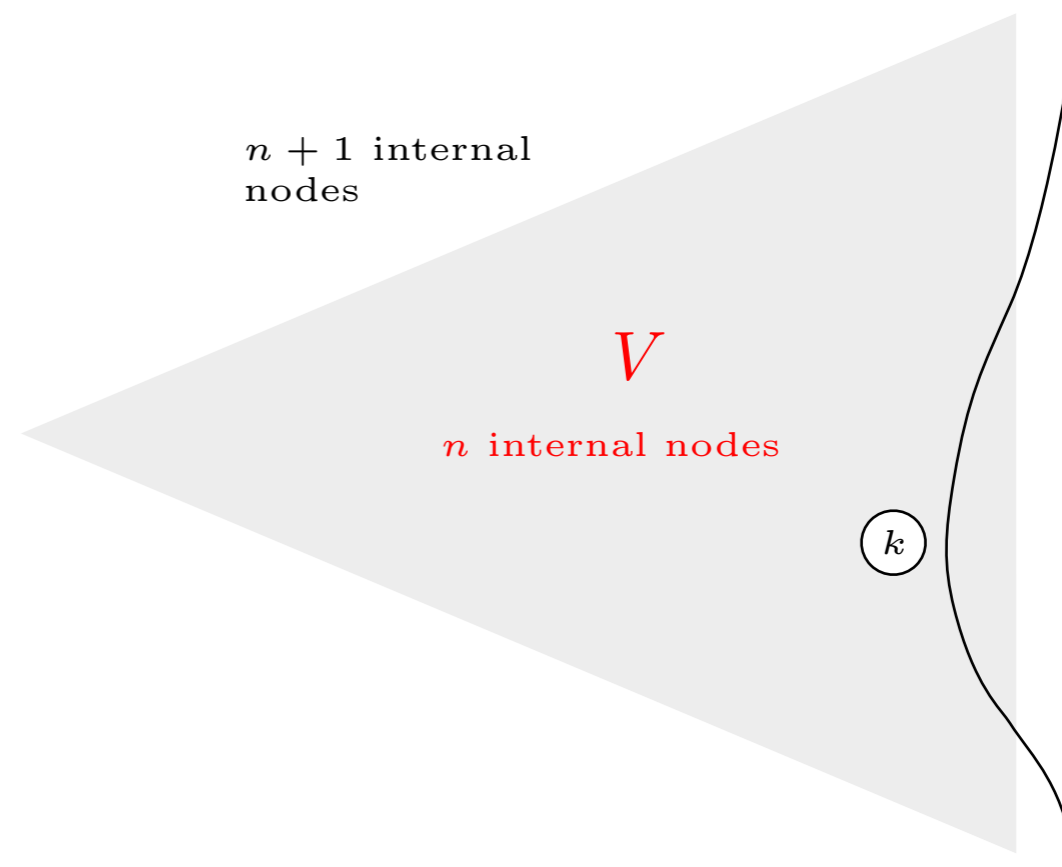
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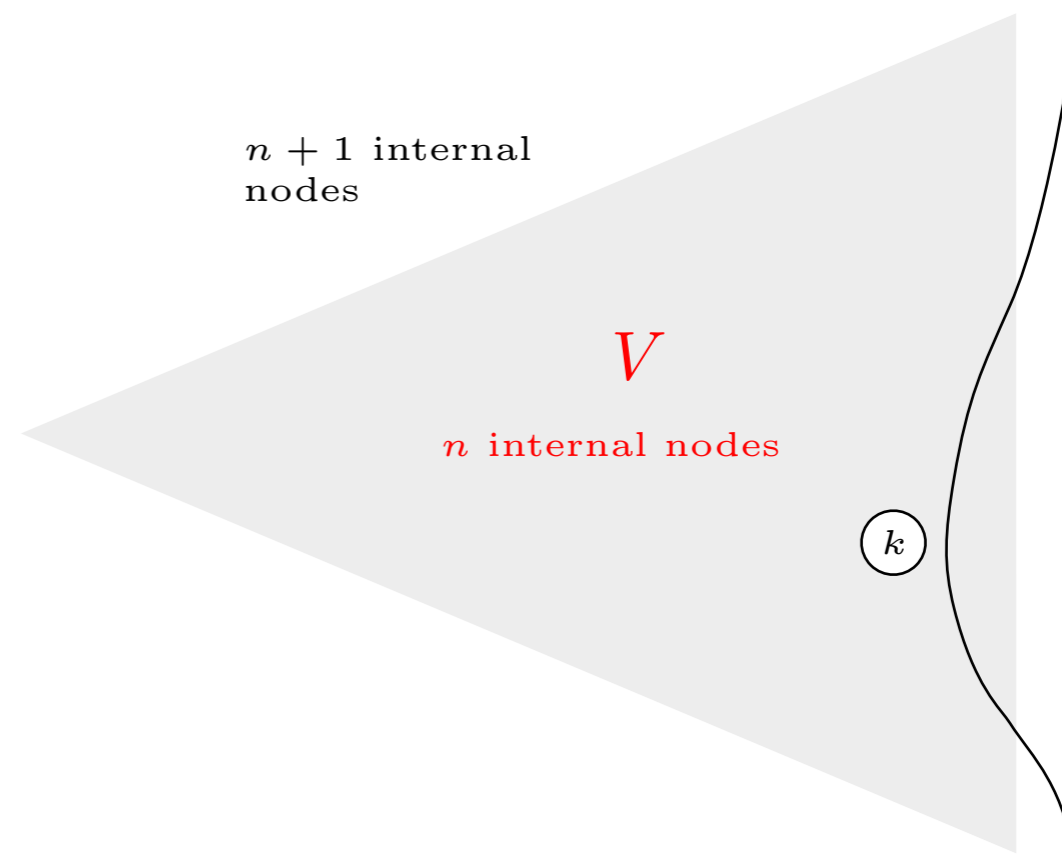
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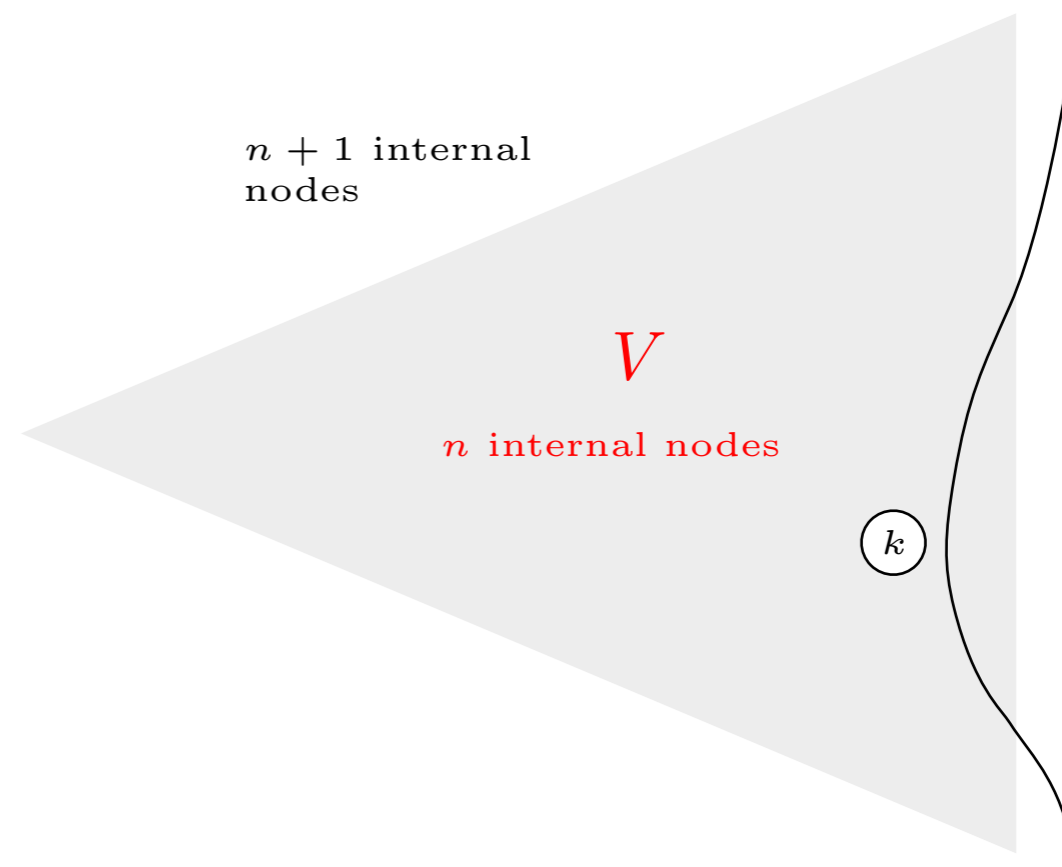
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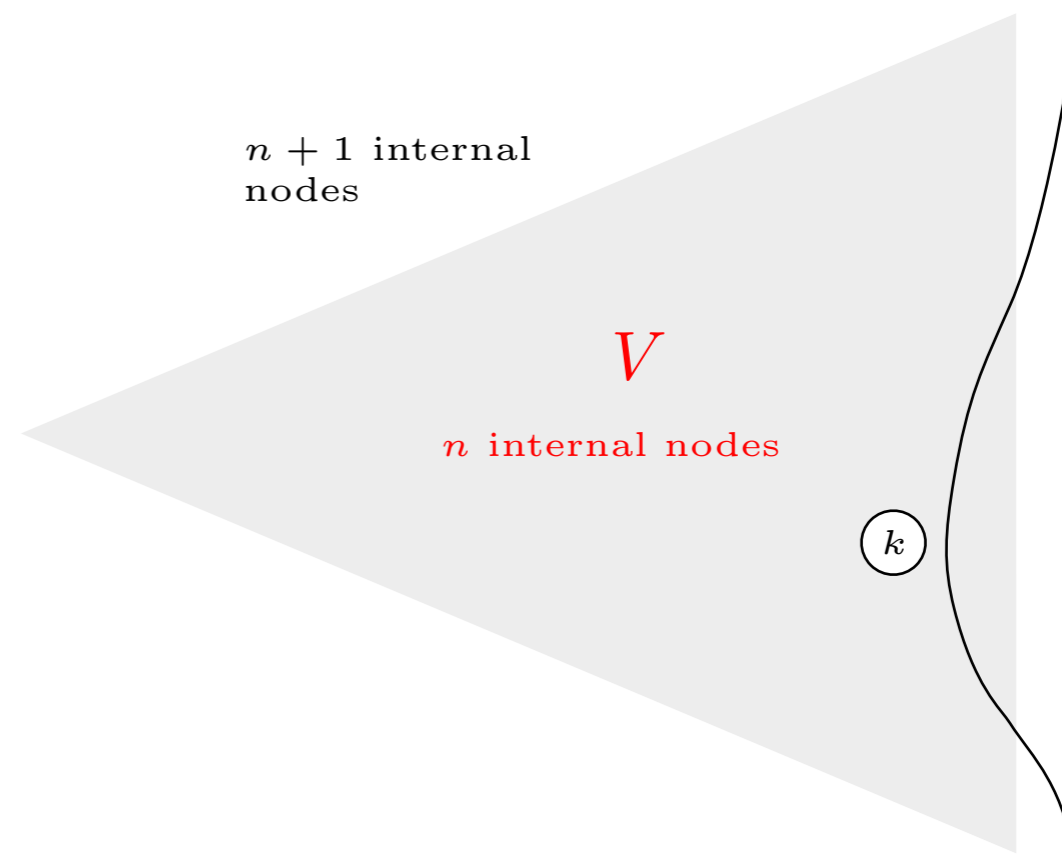
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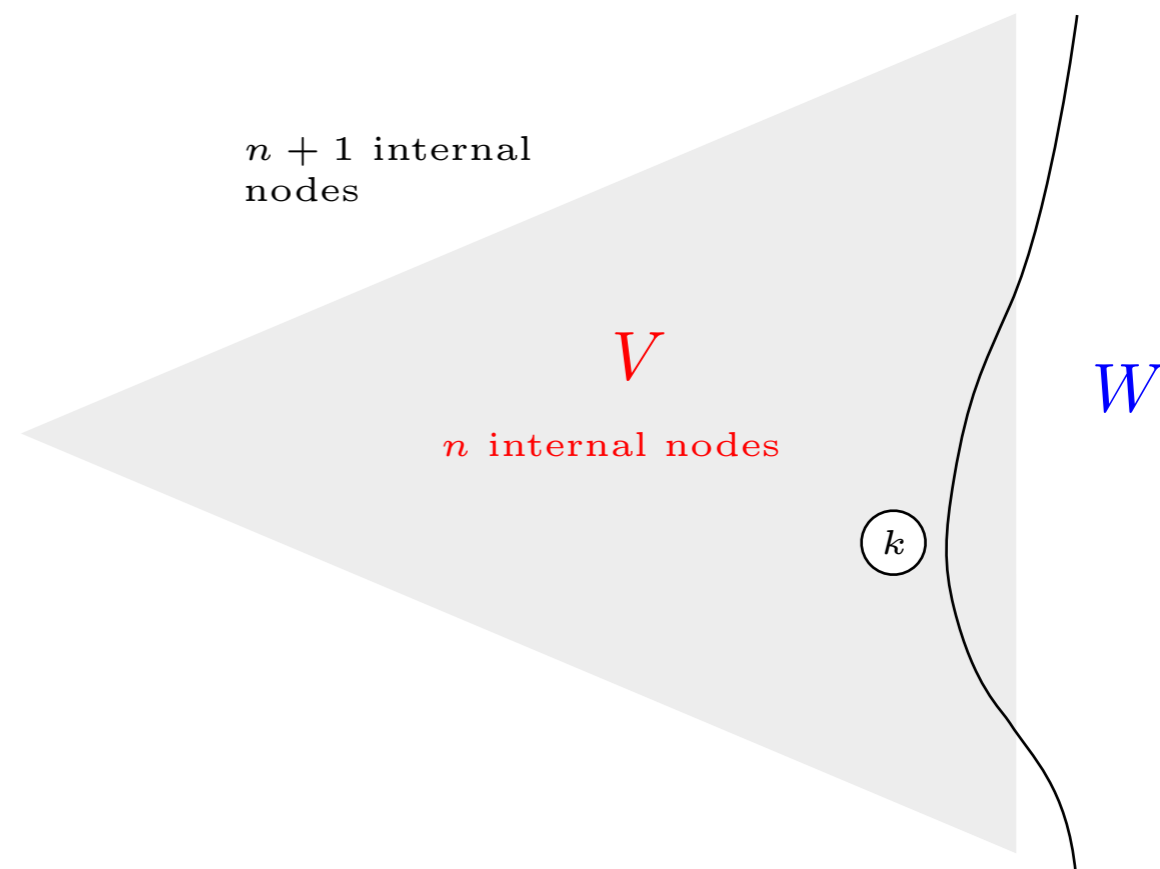
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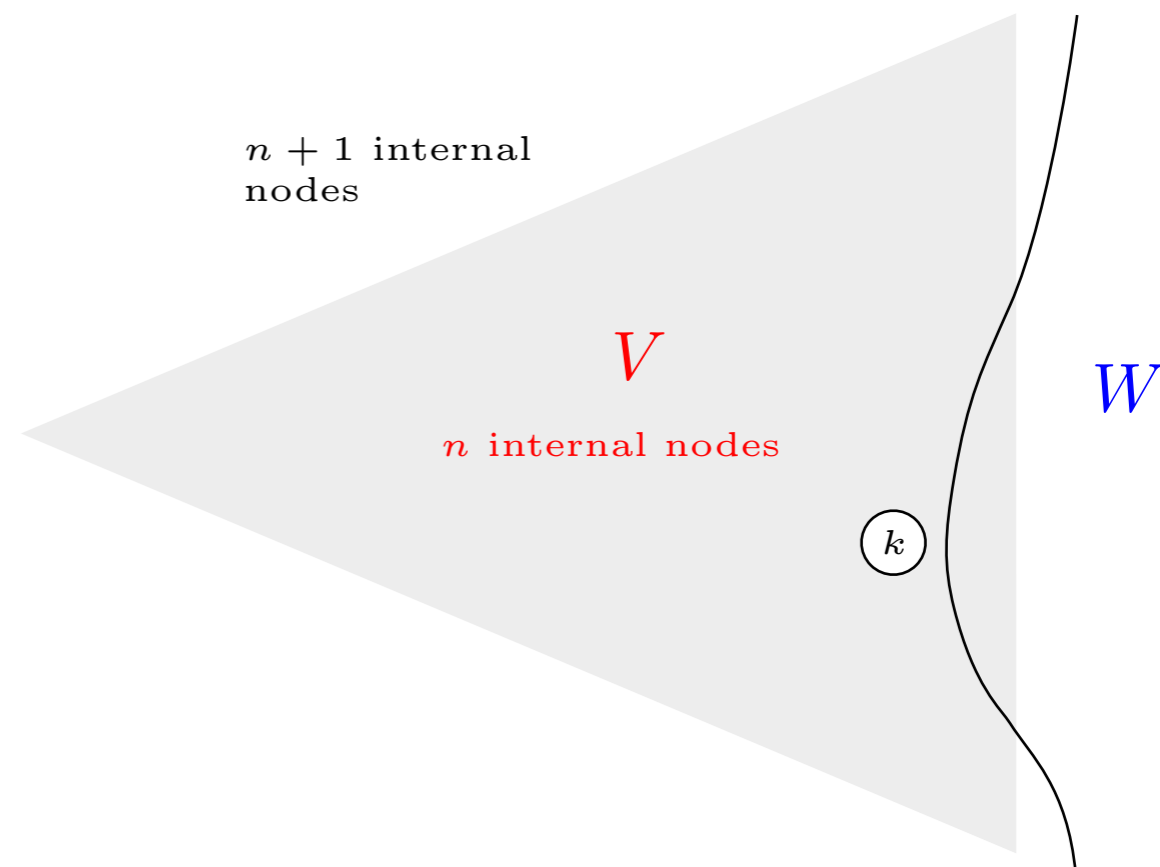
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6. Now consider revealing the outcome of X in two steps. In the first step, if the outcome of X is not a leaf descending from node k , we identify the outcome exactly, otherwise we identify the outcome to be a child of node k . We call this random variable V .

7. If we do not identify the outcome exactly in the first step, which happens with probability q_k , we further identify in the second step which of the children (child) of node k the outcome is (there is only one child of node k which can be the outcome if all the siblings of c are not leaves). We call this random variable W .

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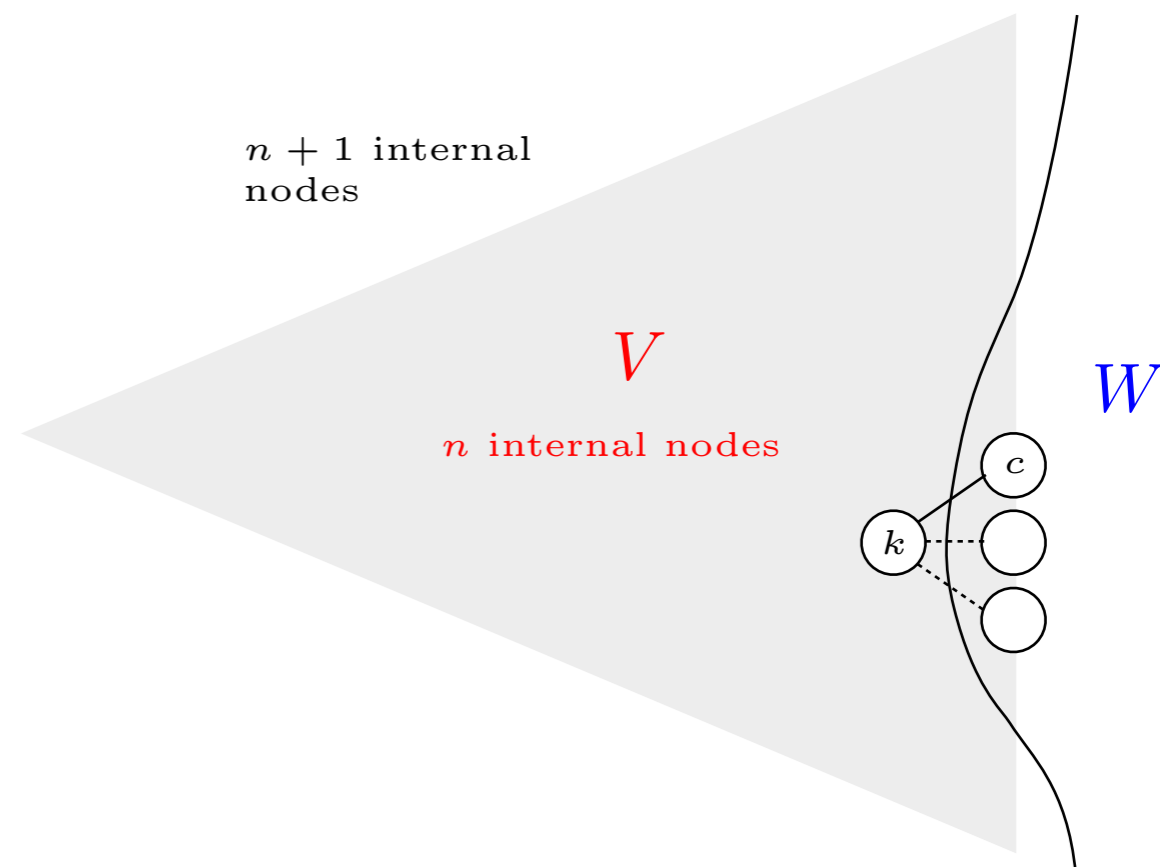
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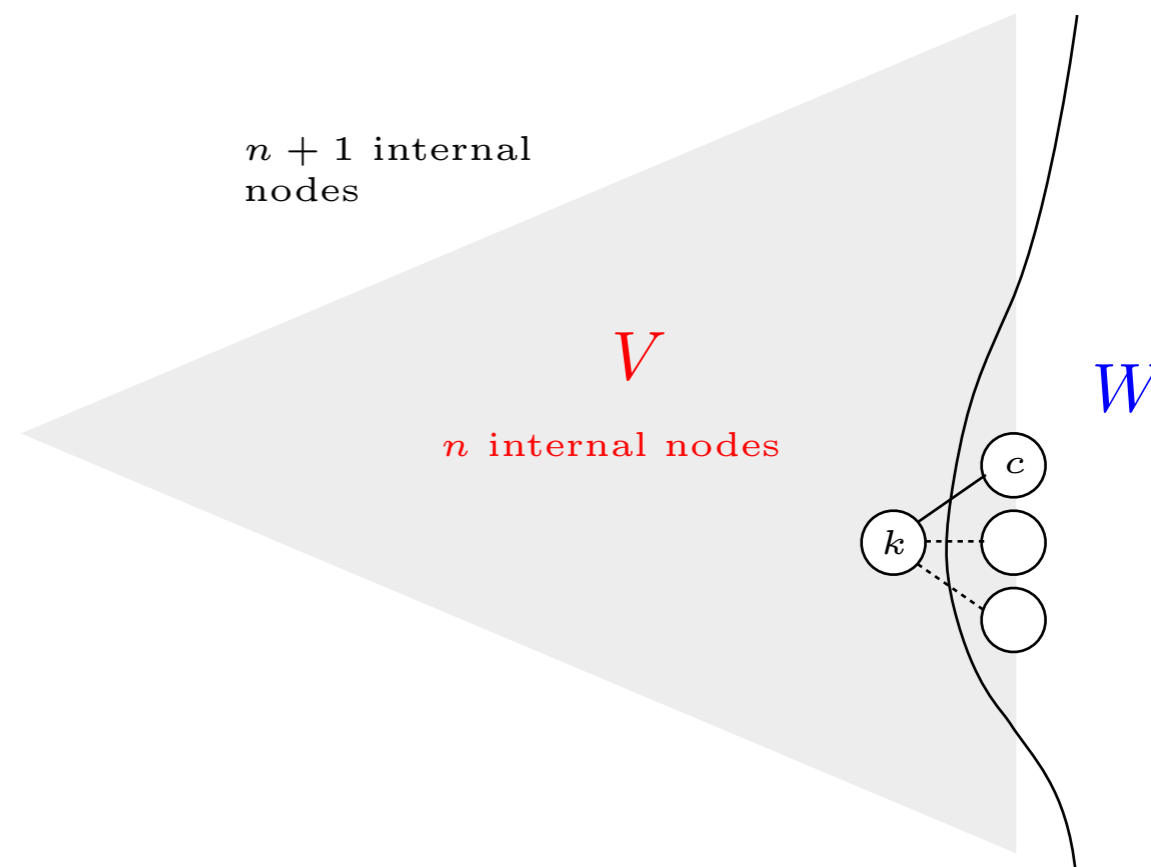
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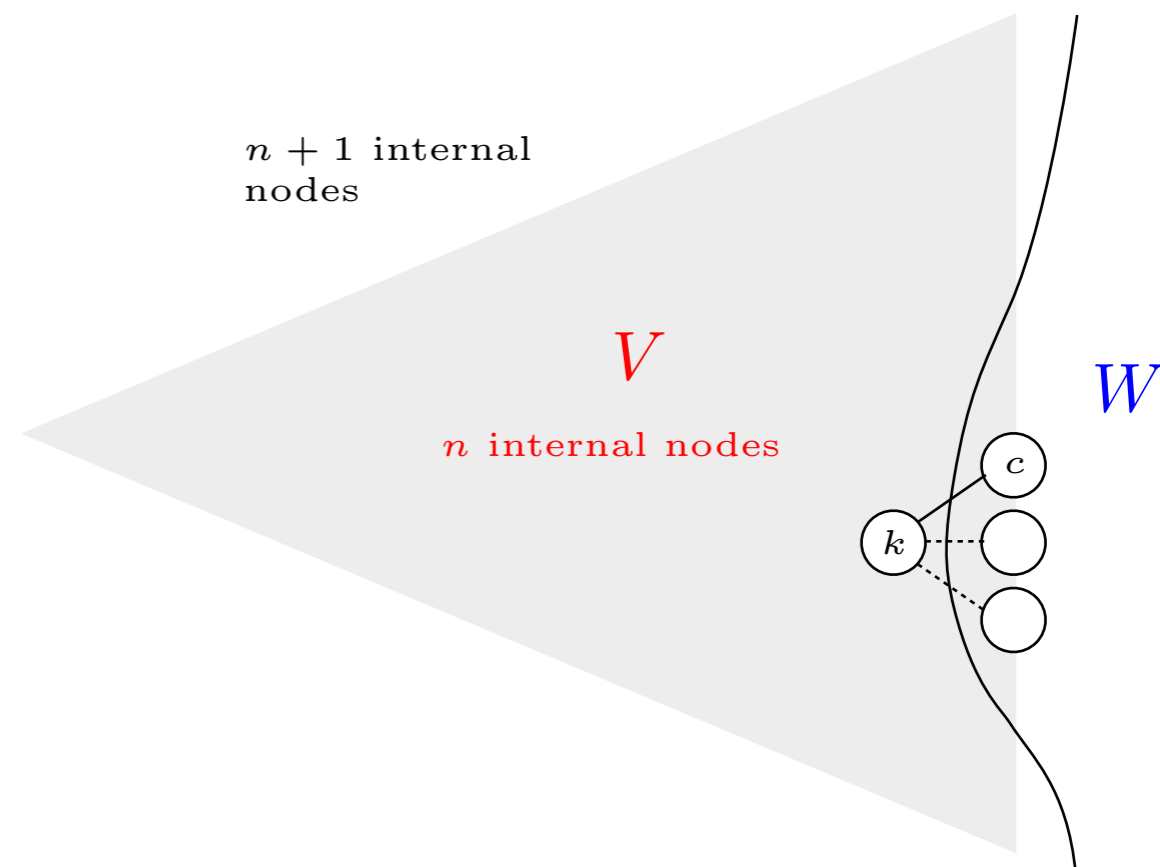
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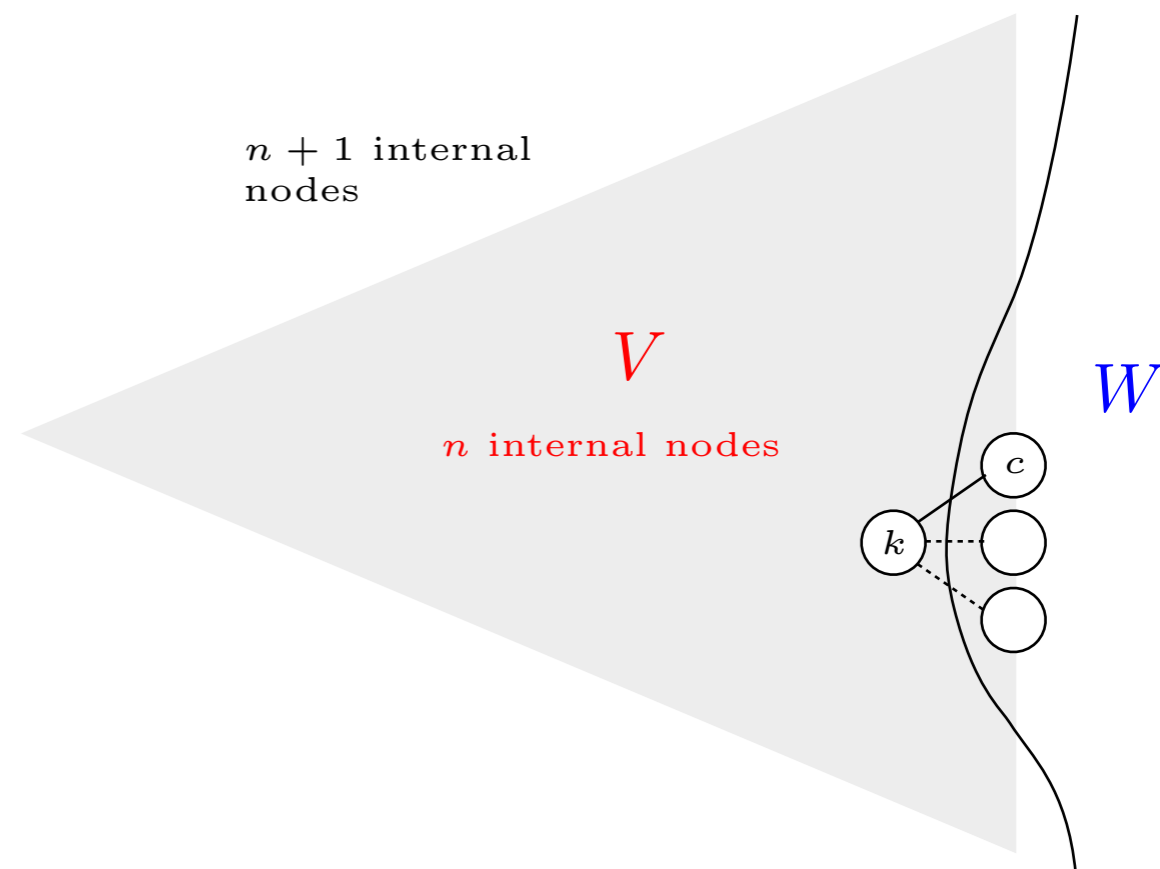
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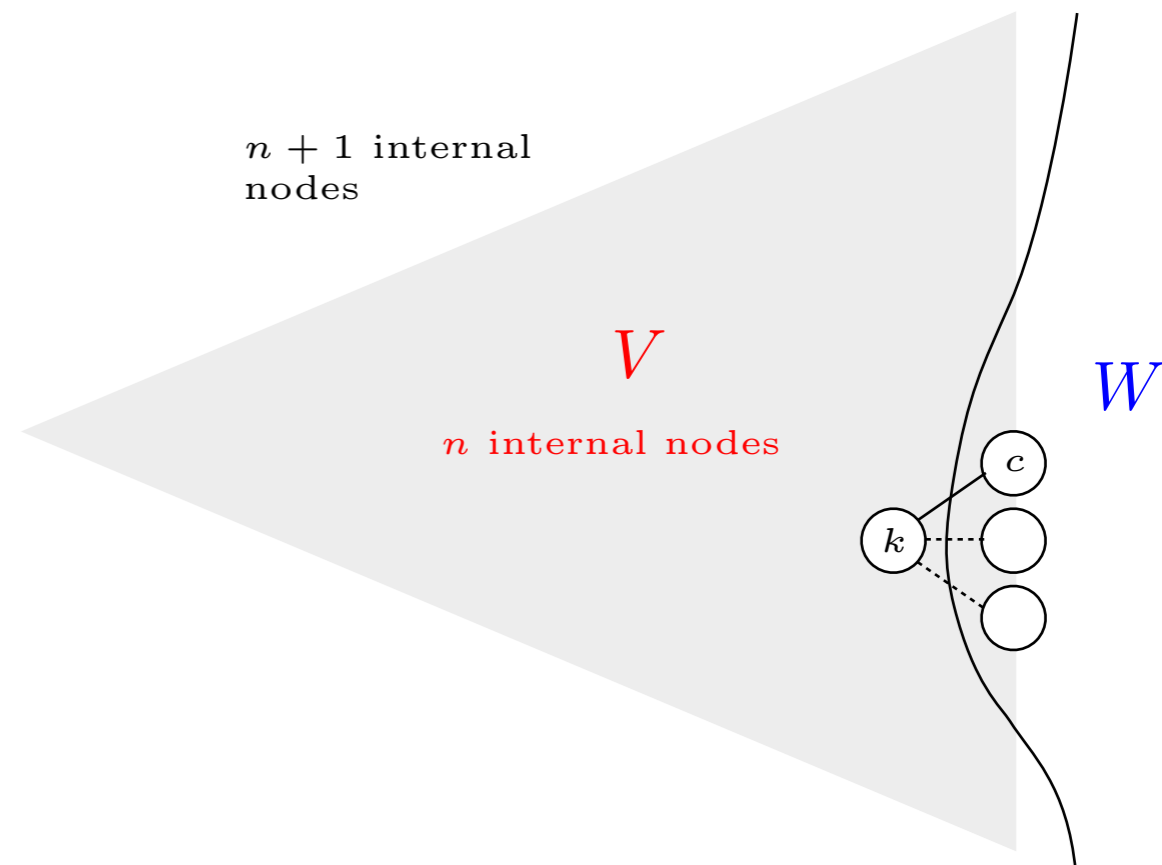
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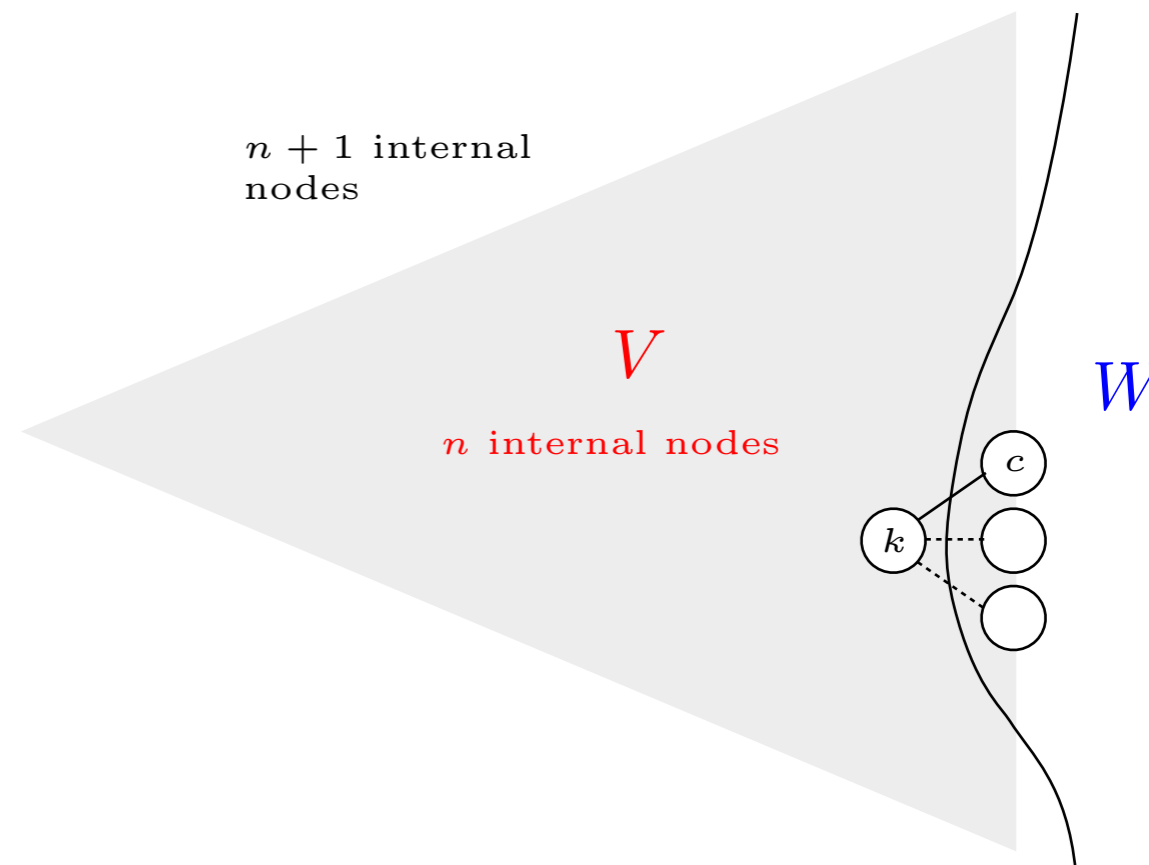
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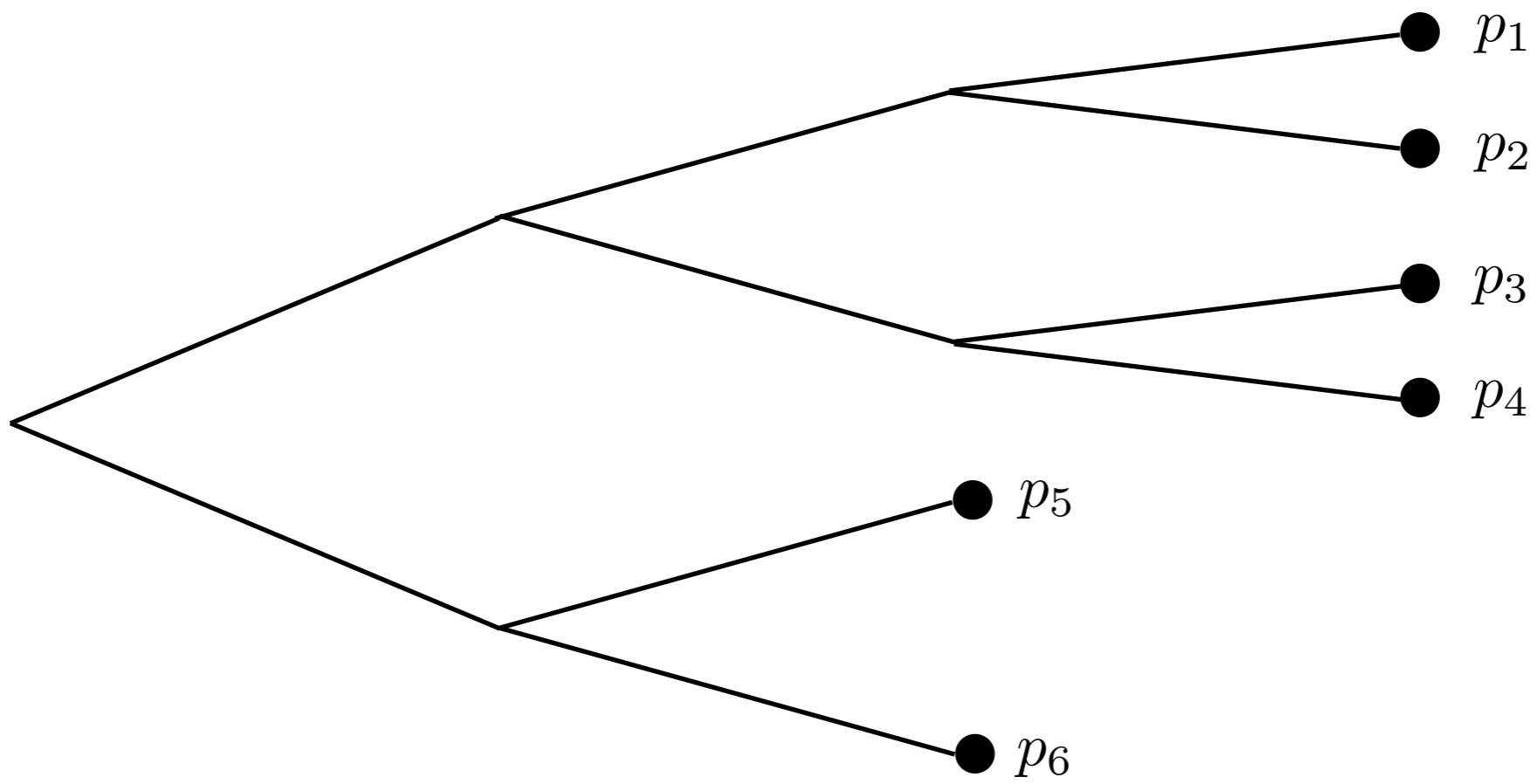
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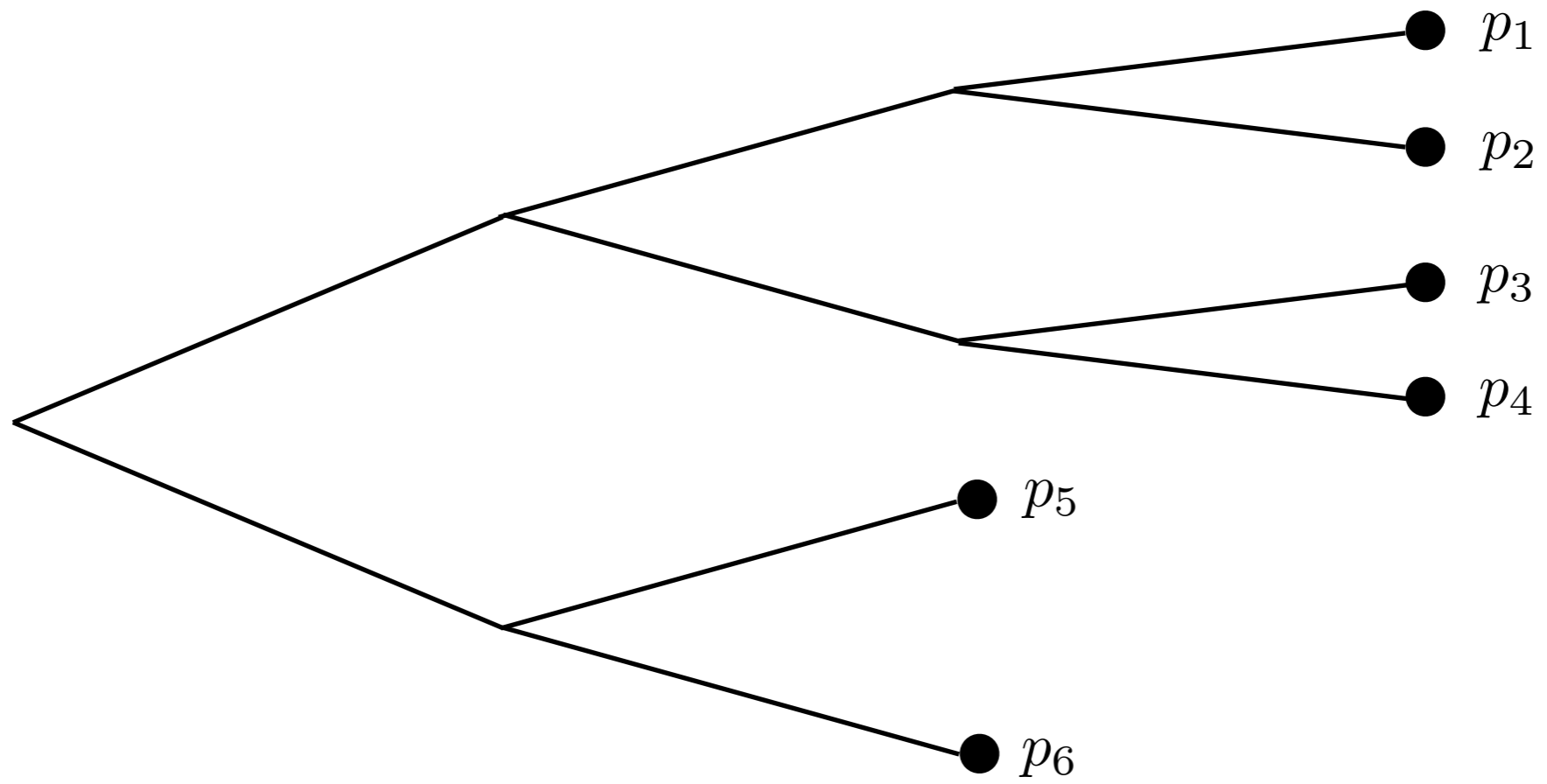
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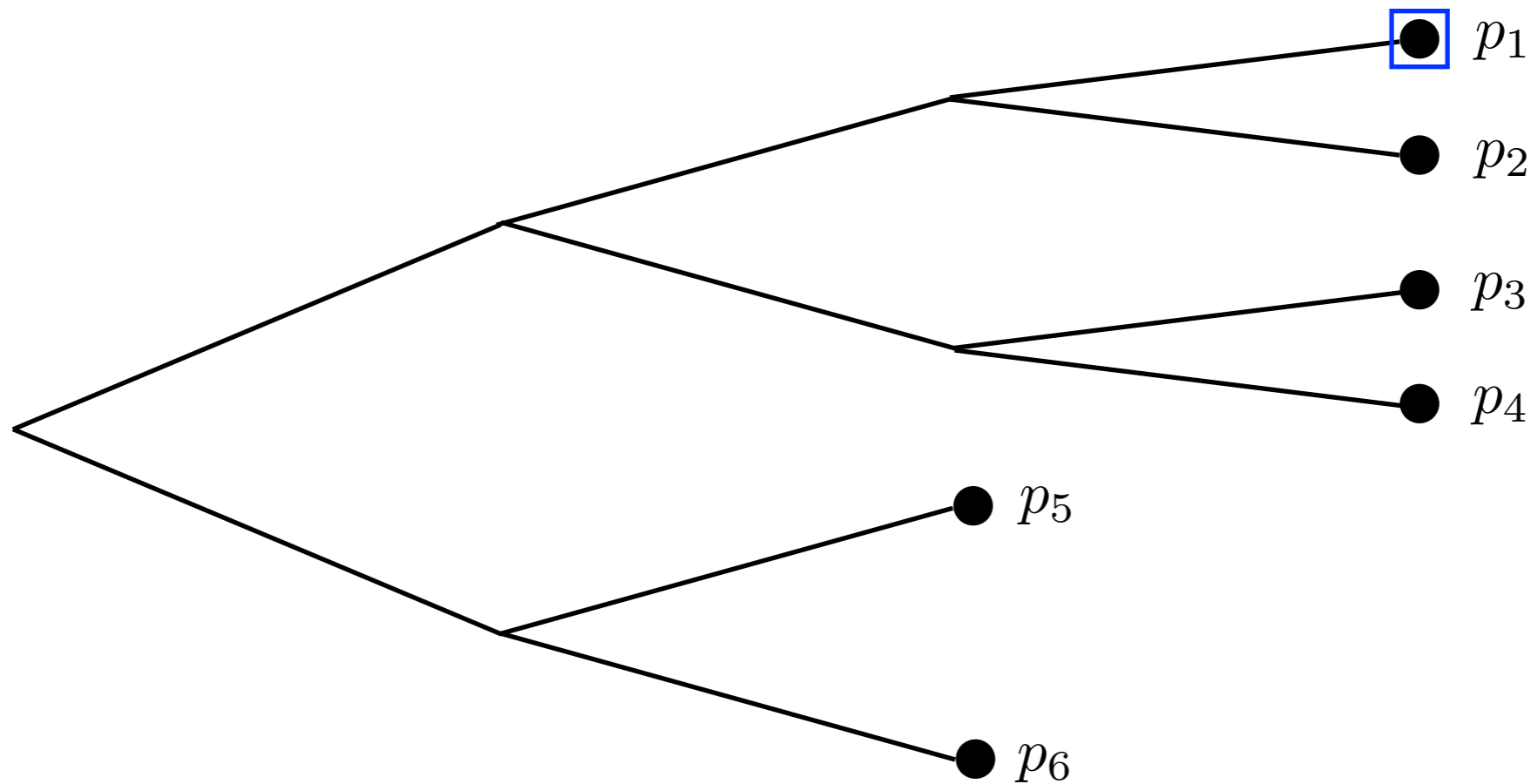
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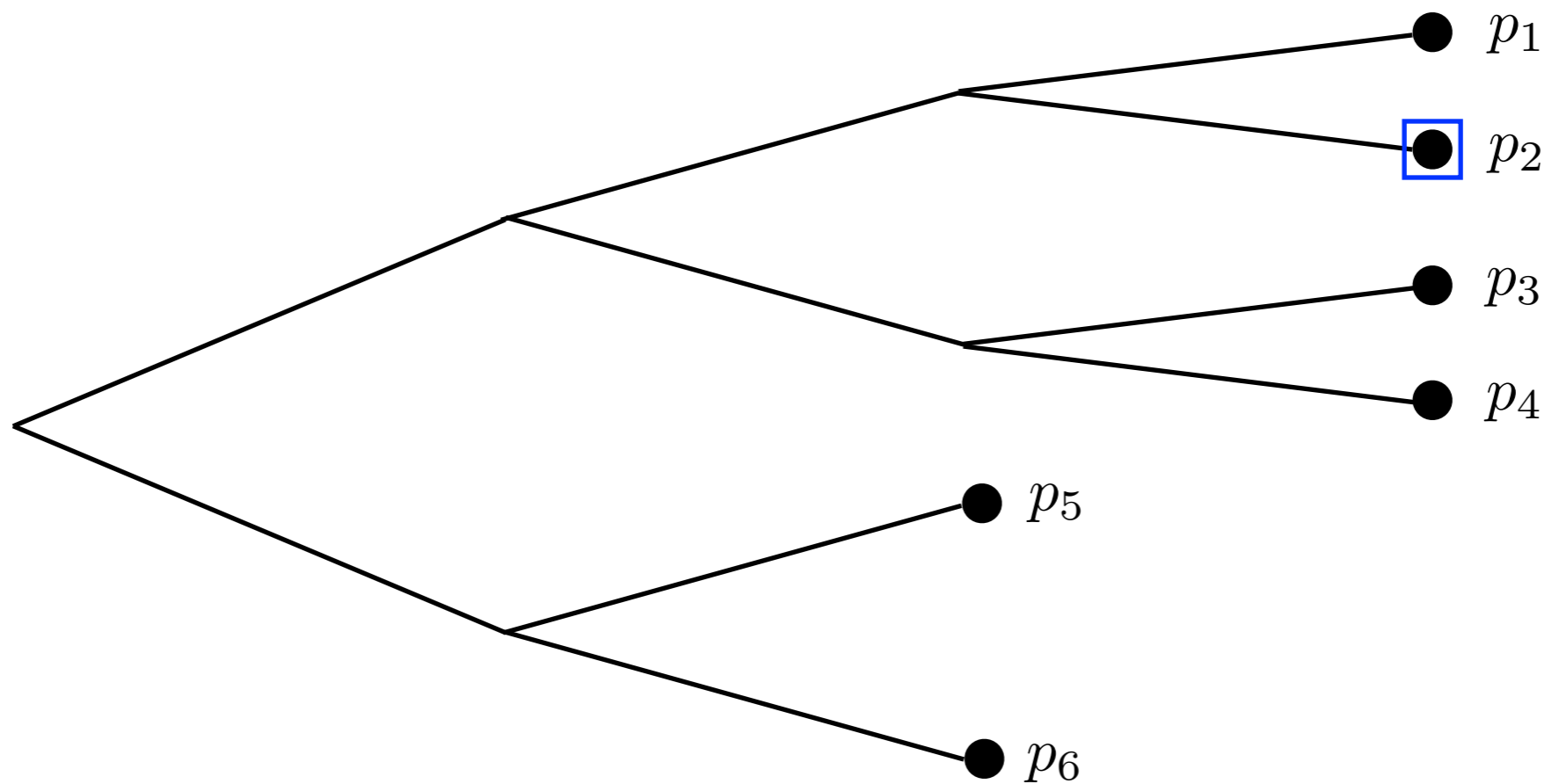
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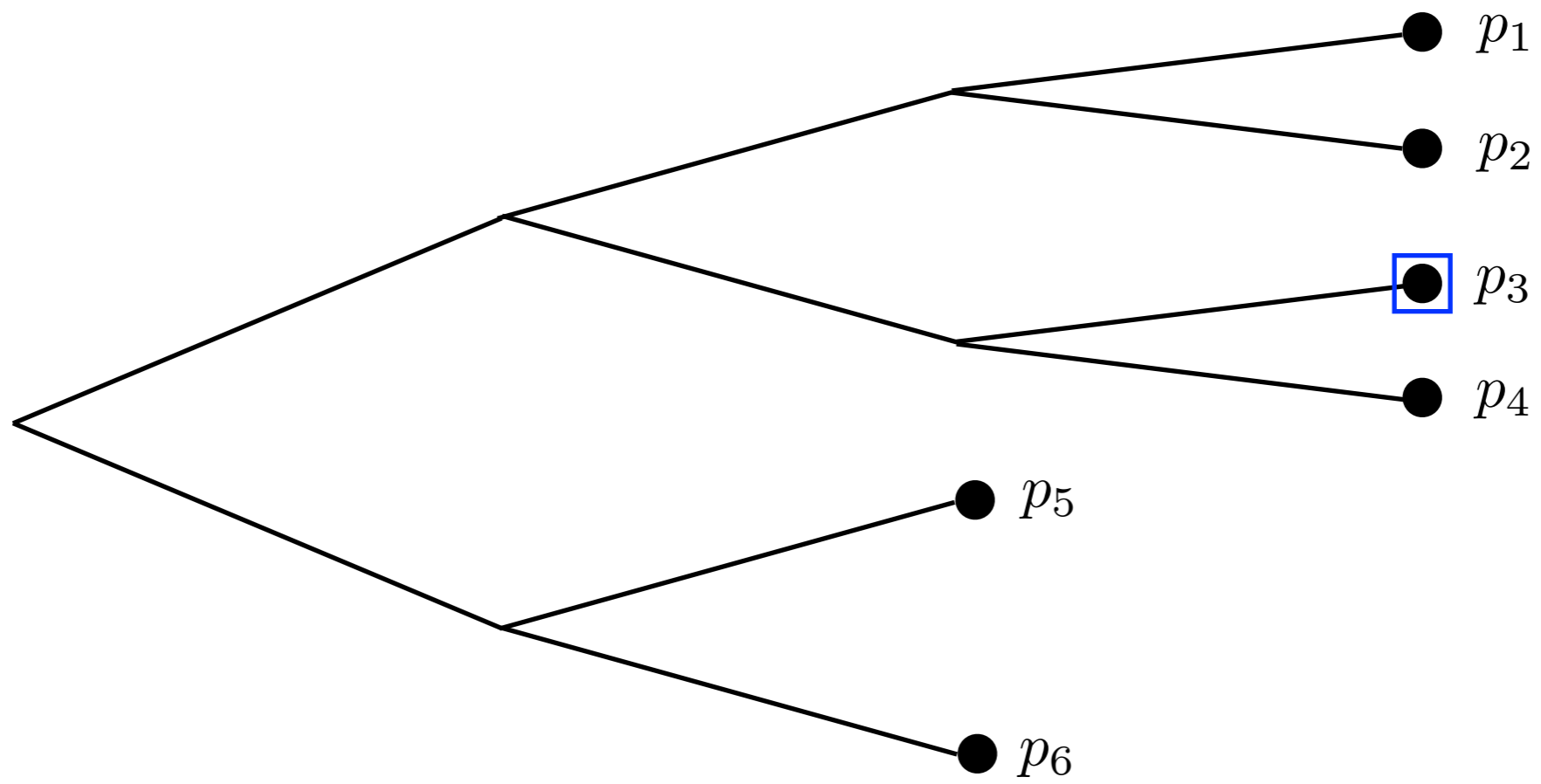
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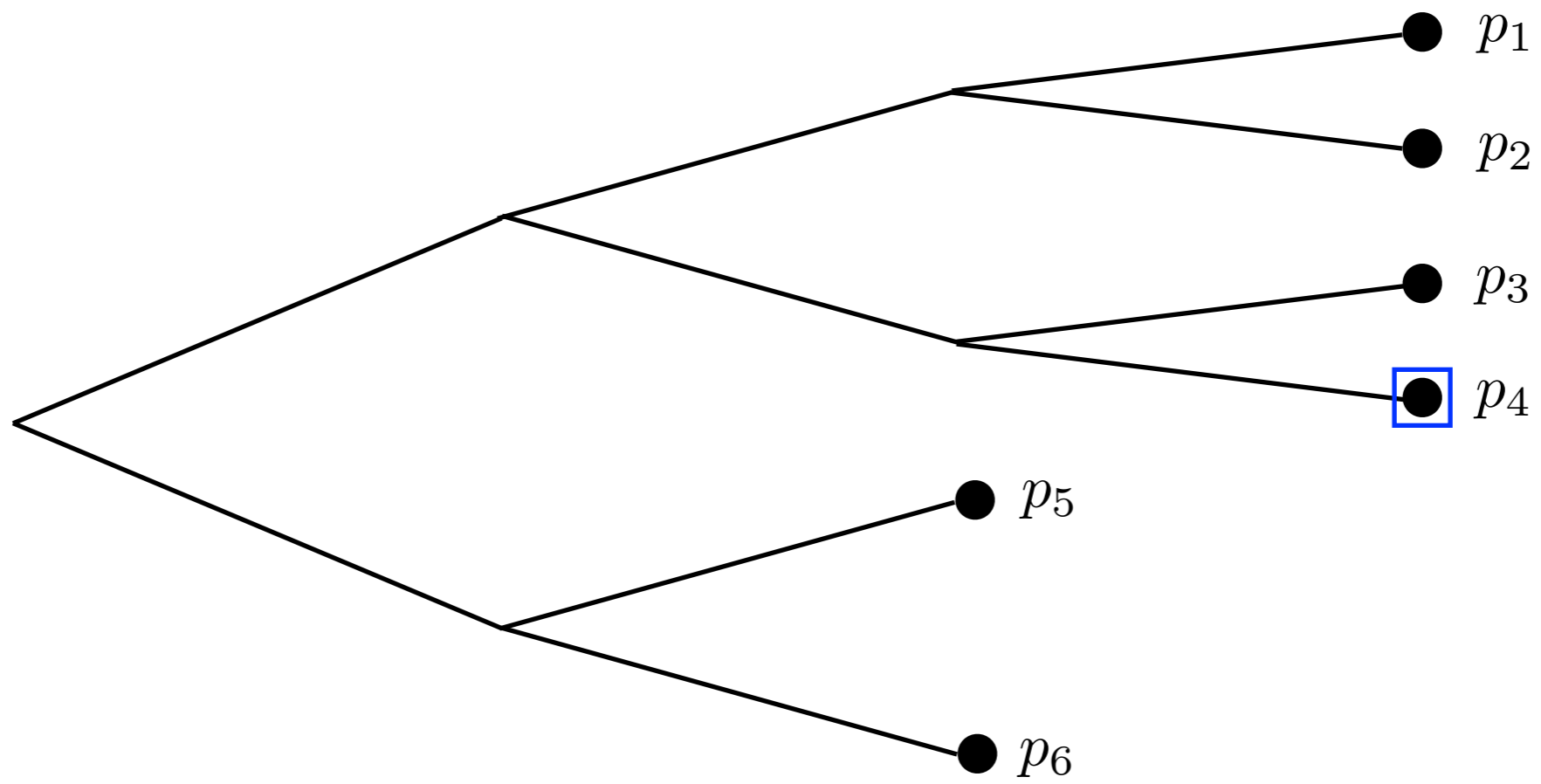
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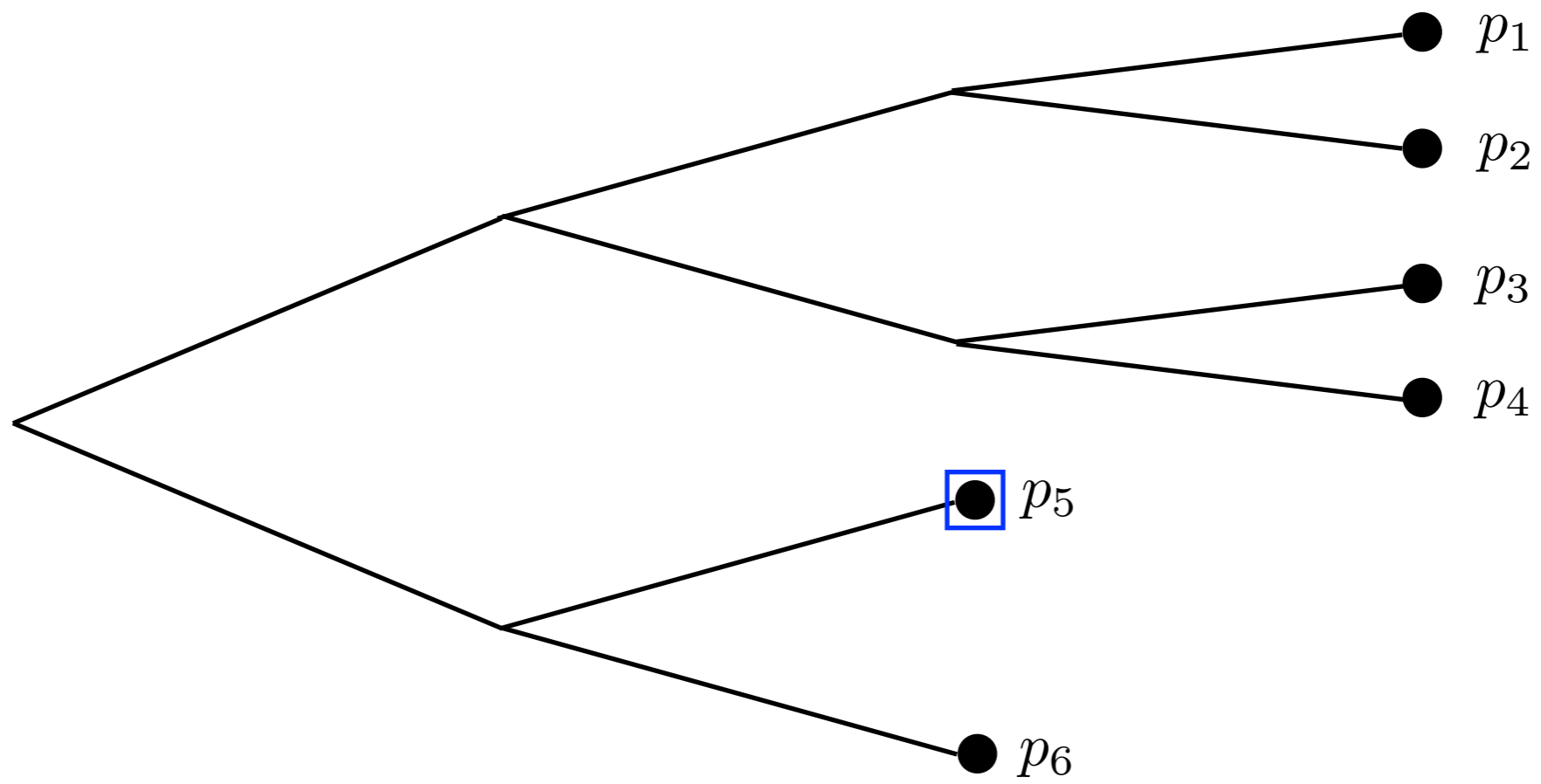
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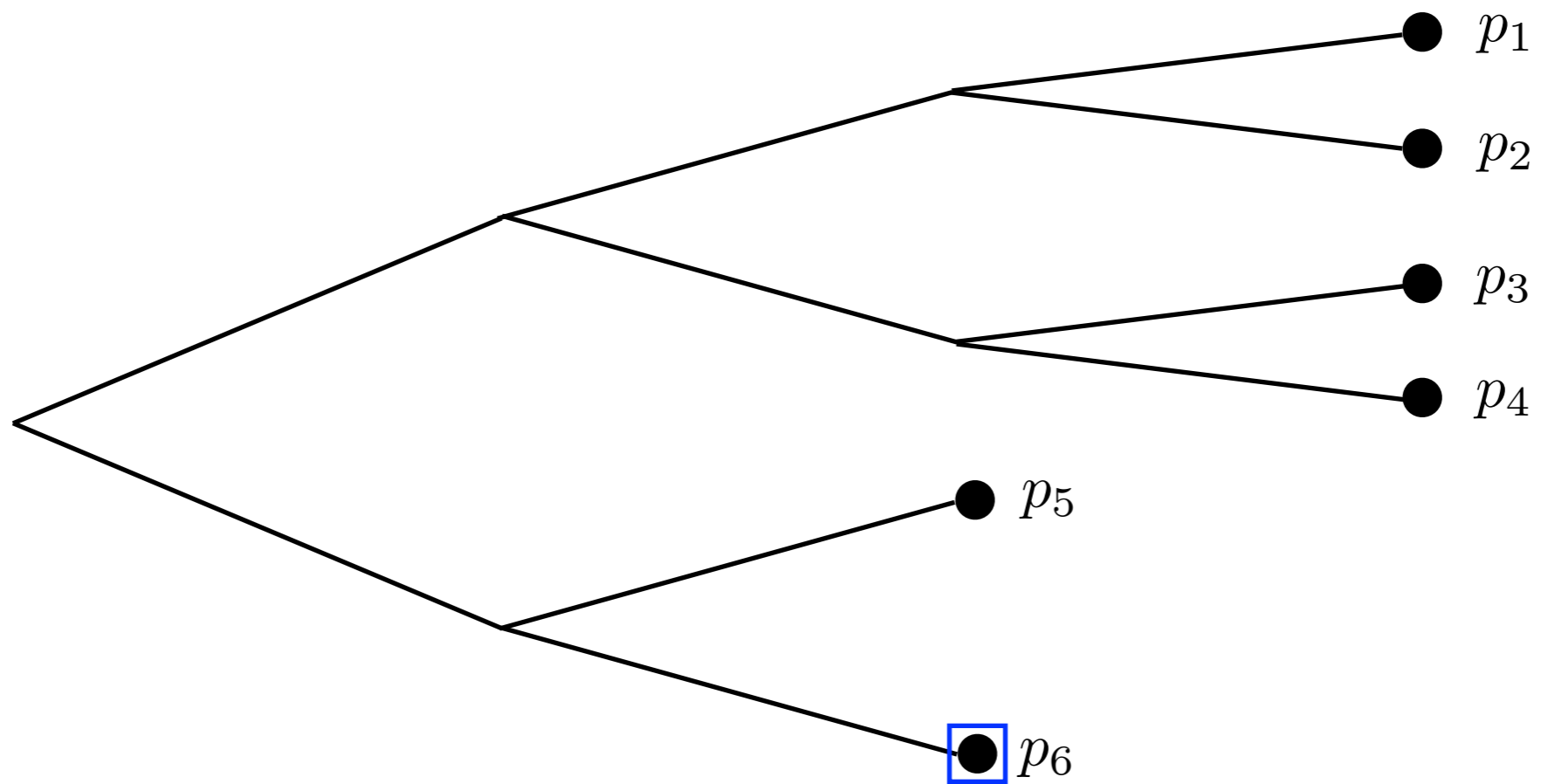
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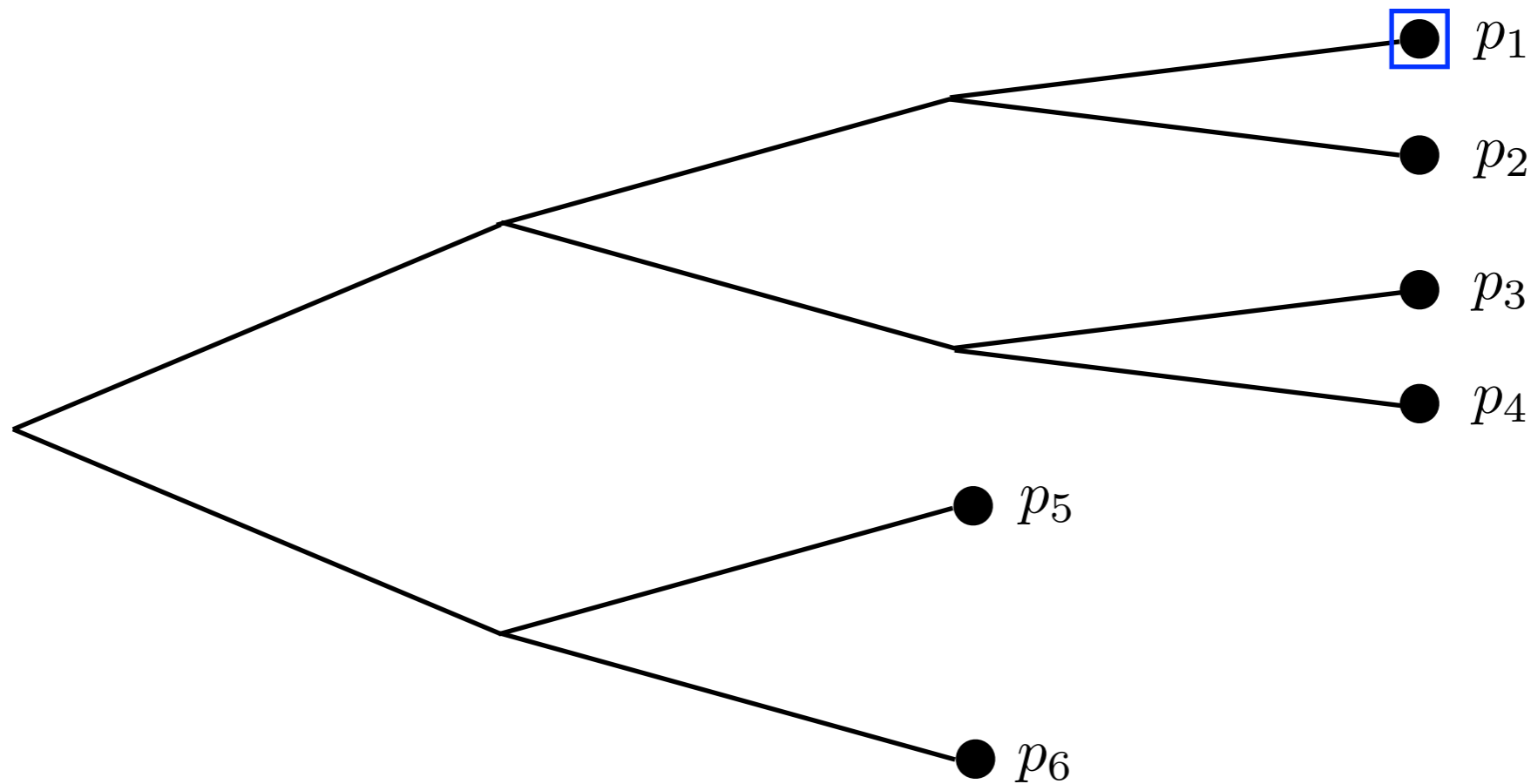
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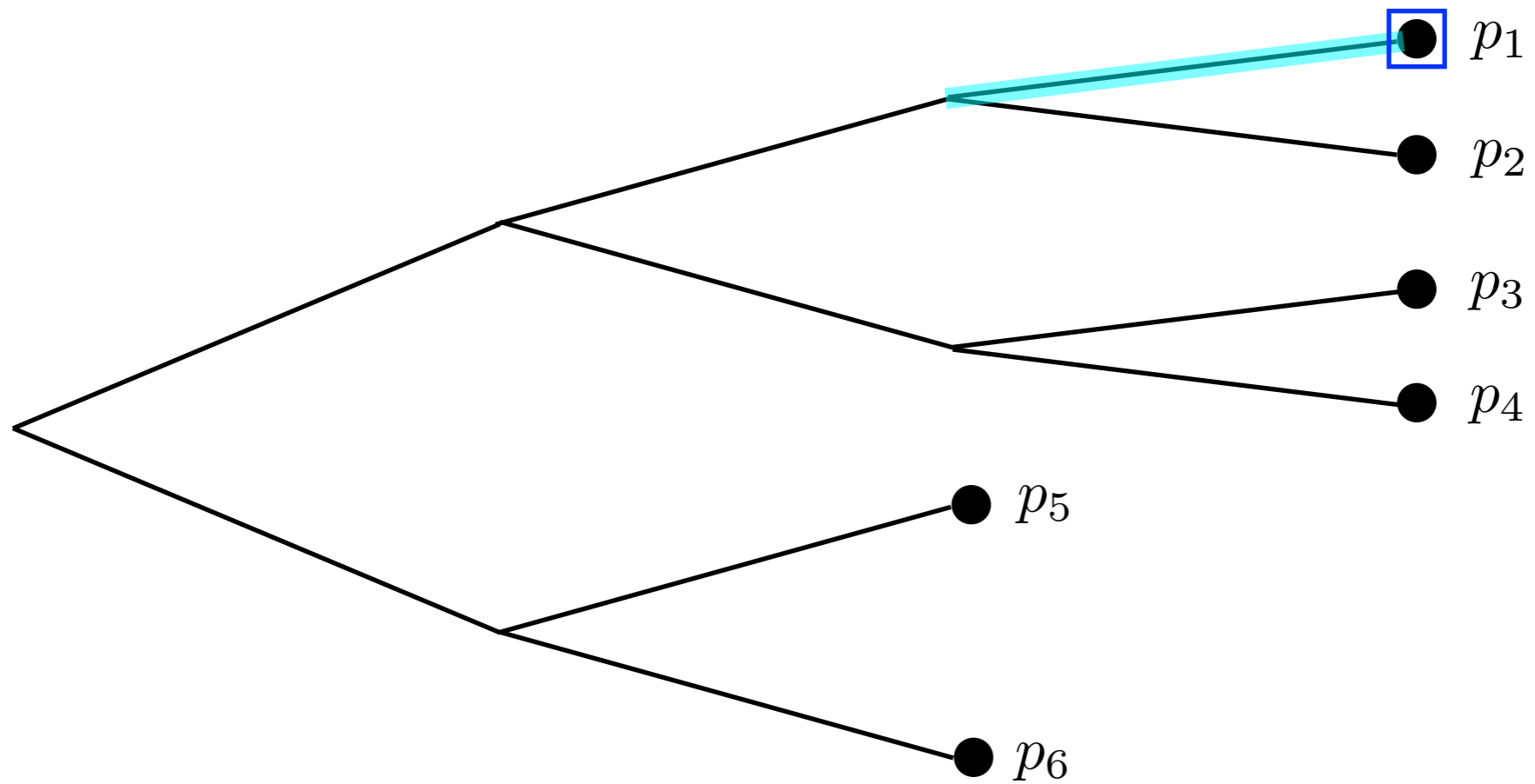
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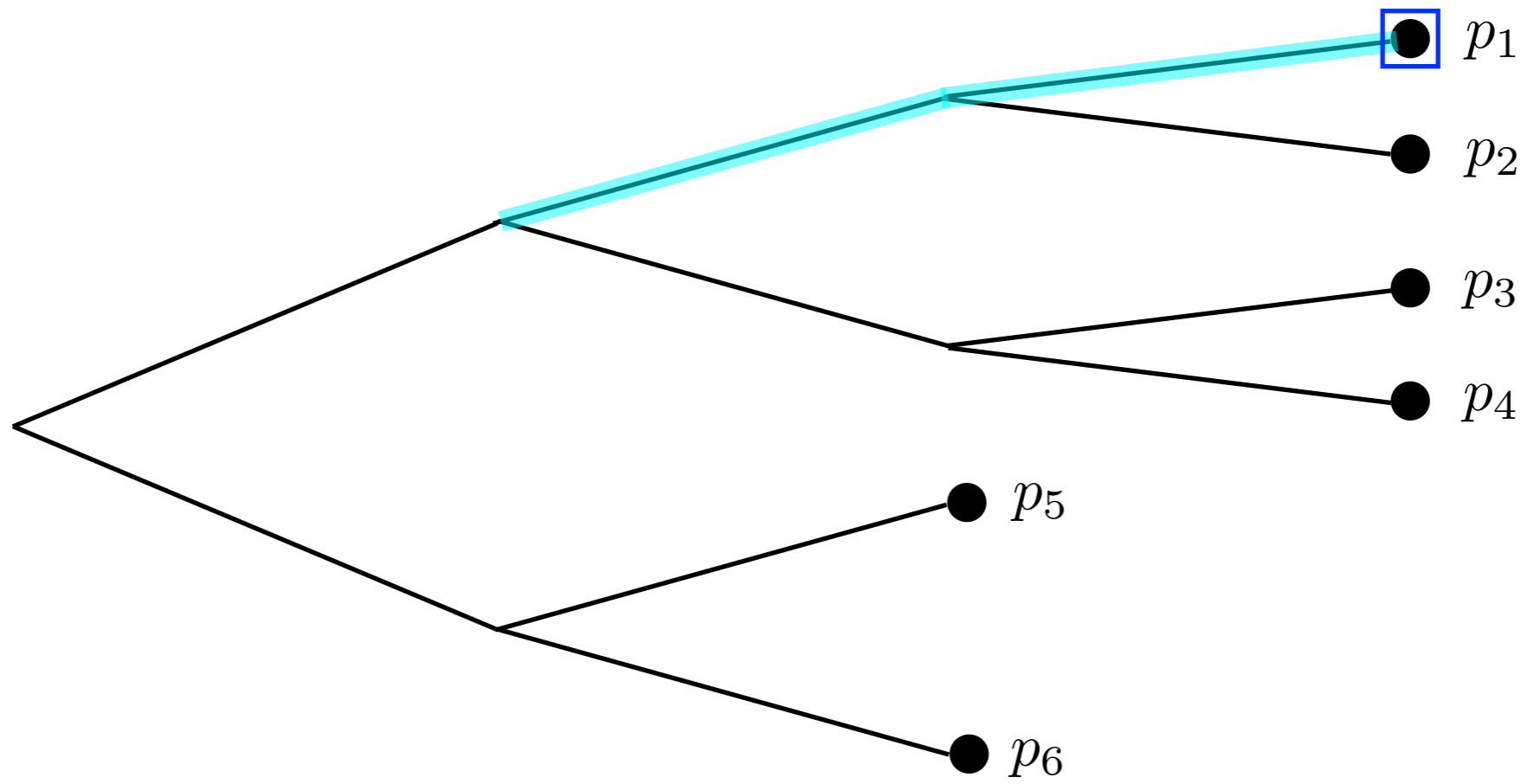
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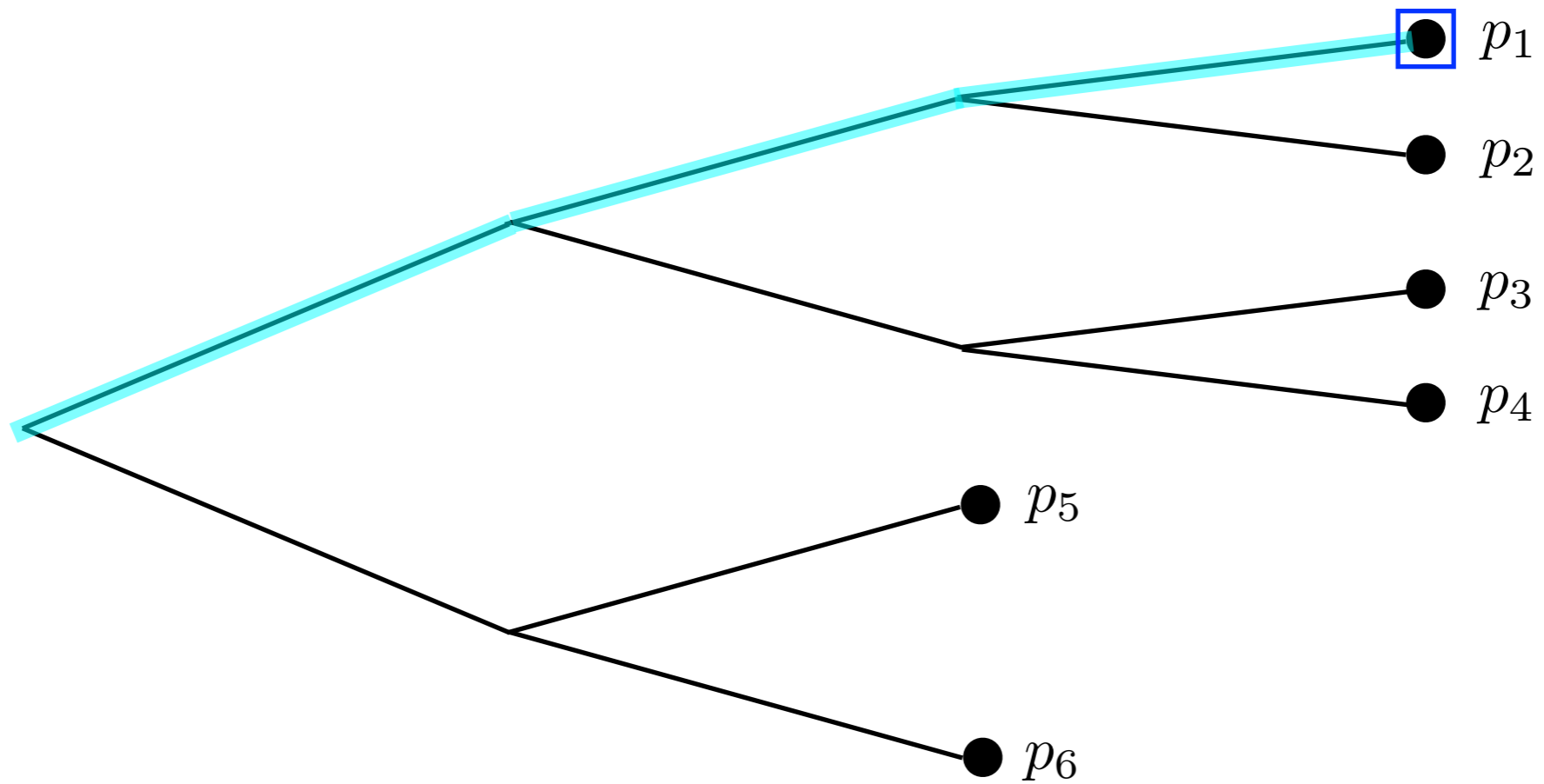
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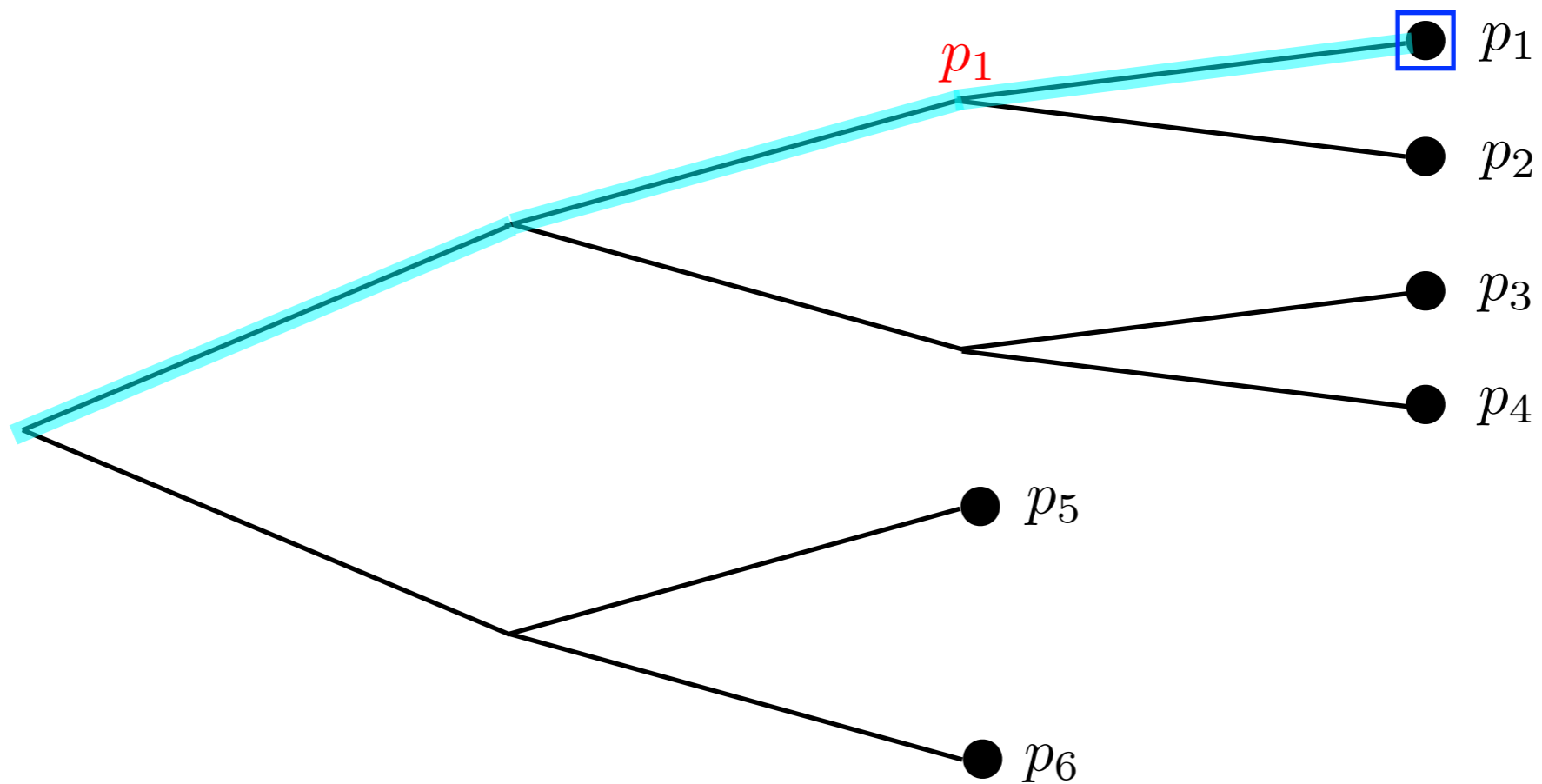
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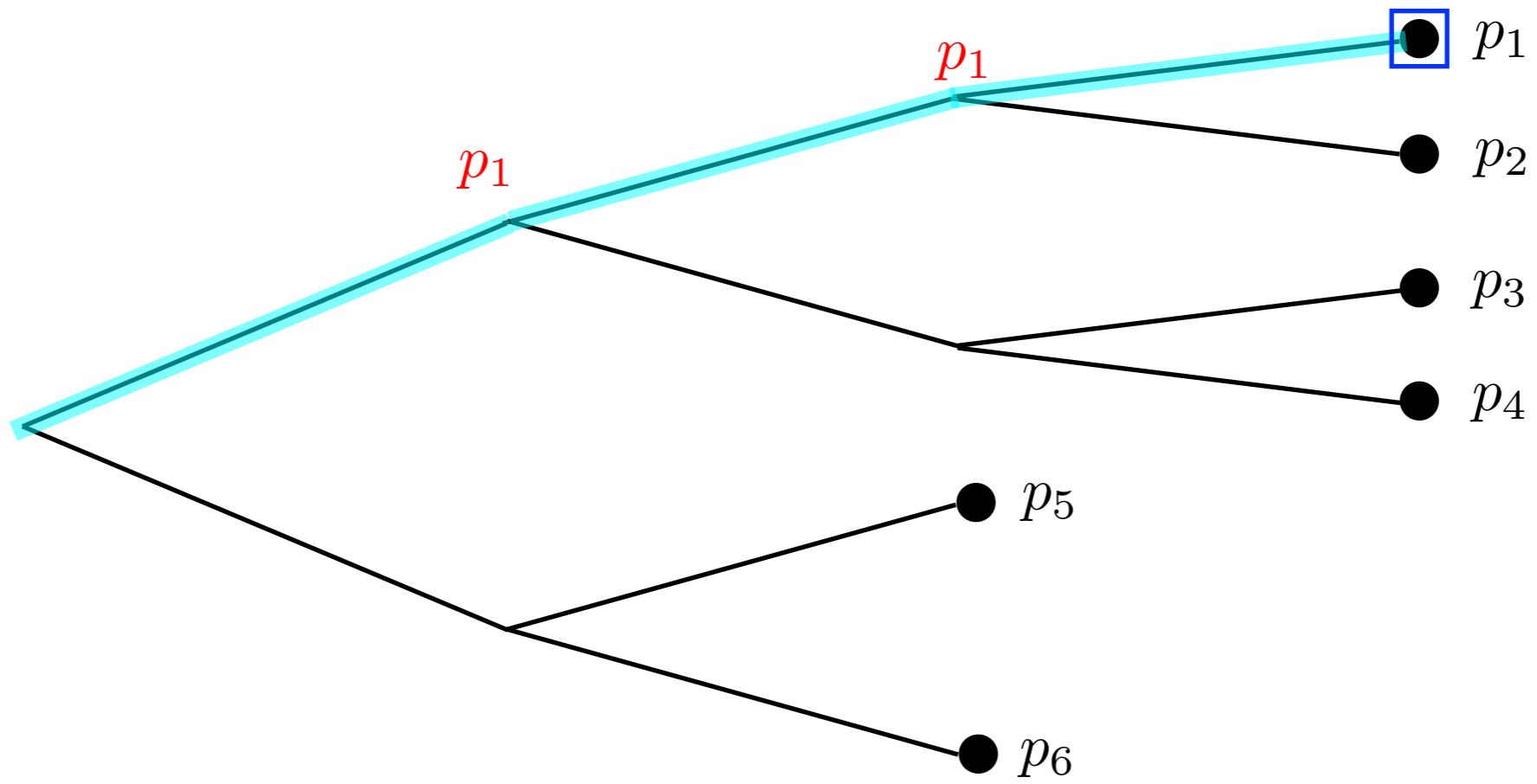
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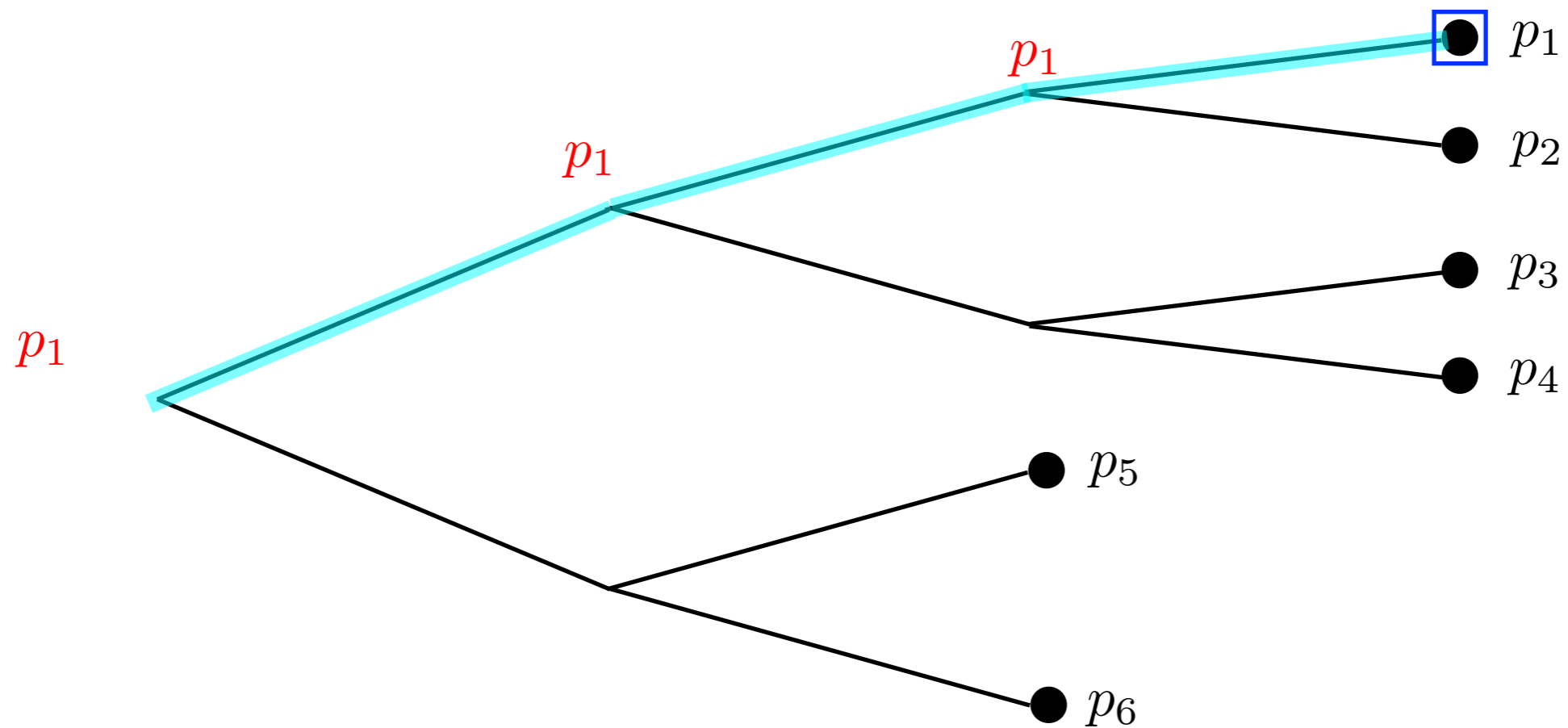
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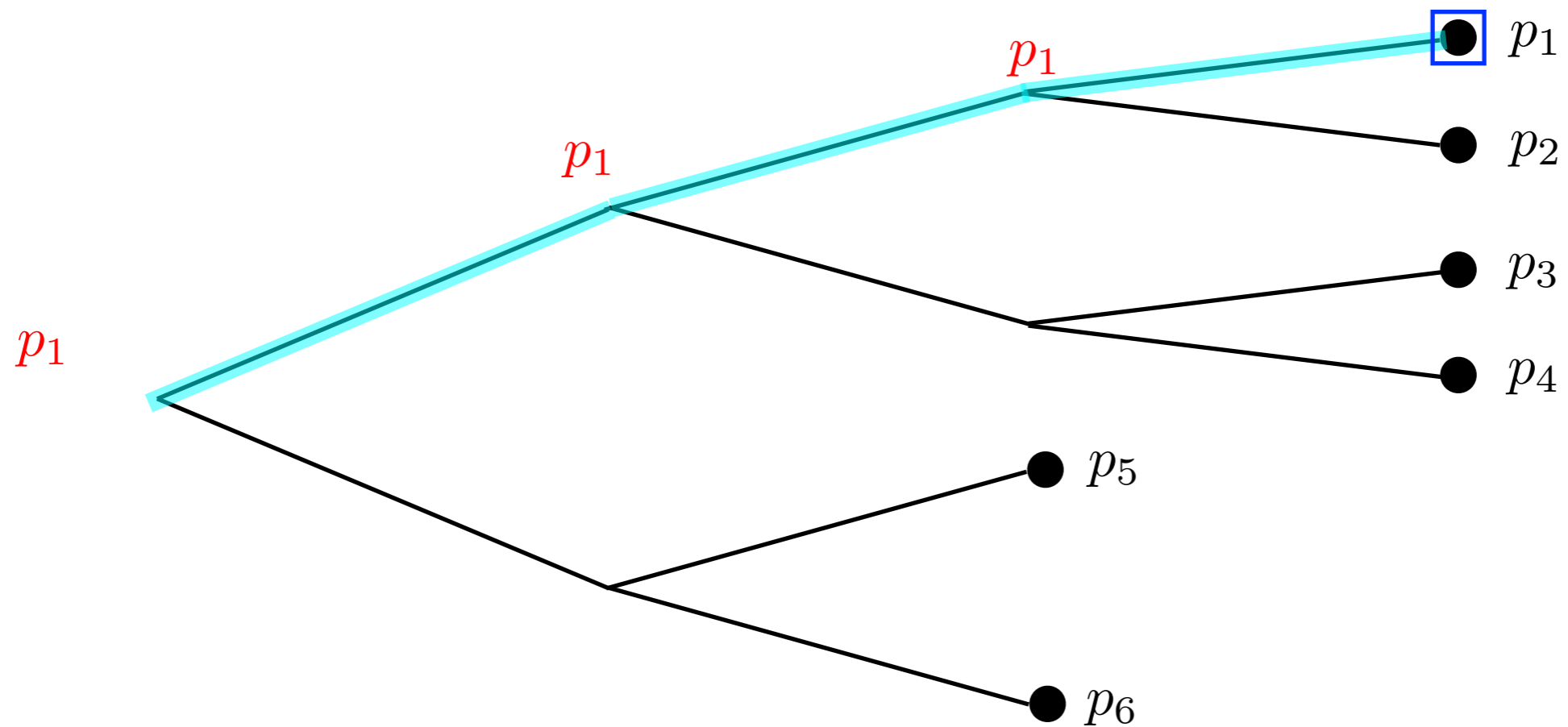
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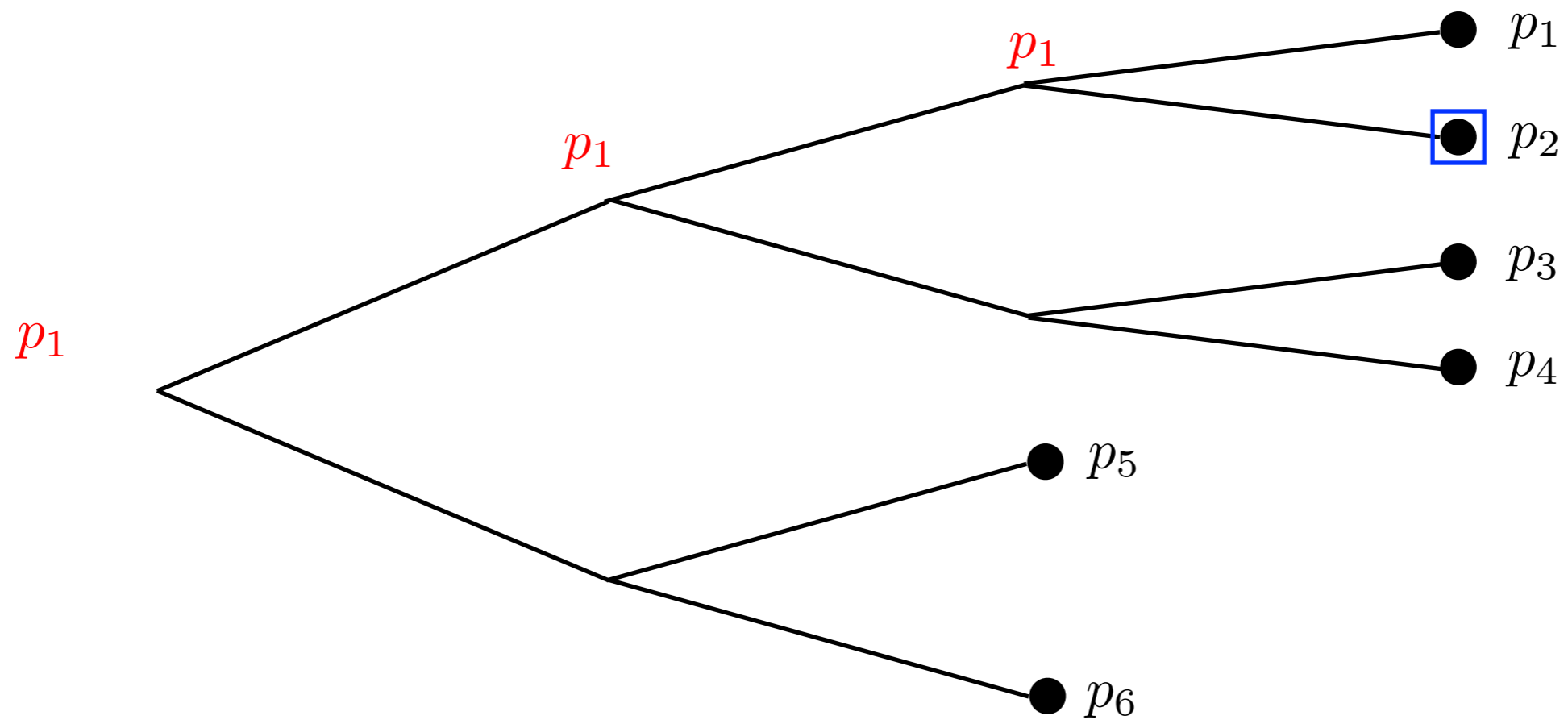
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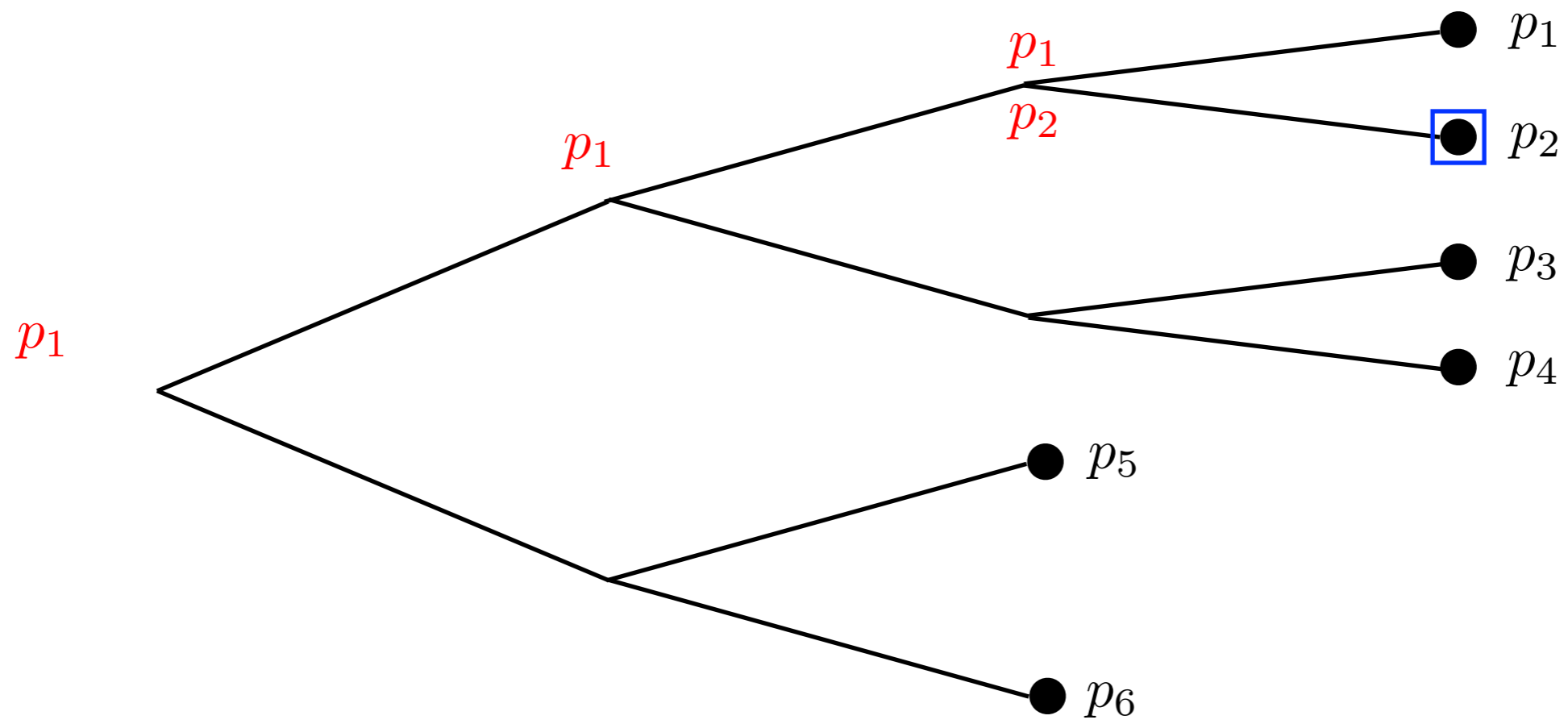
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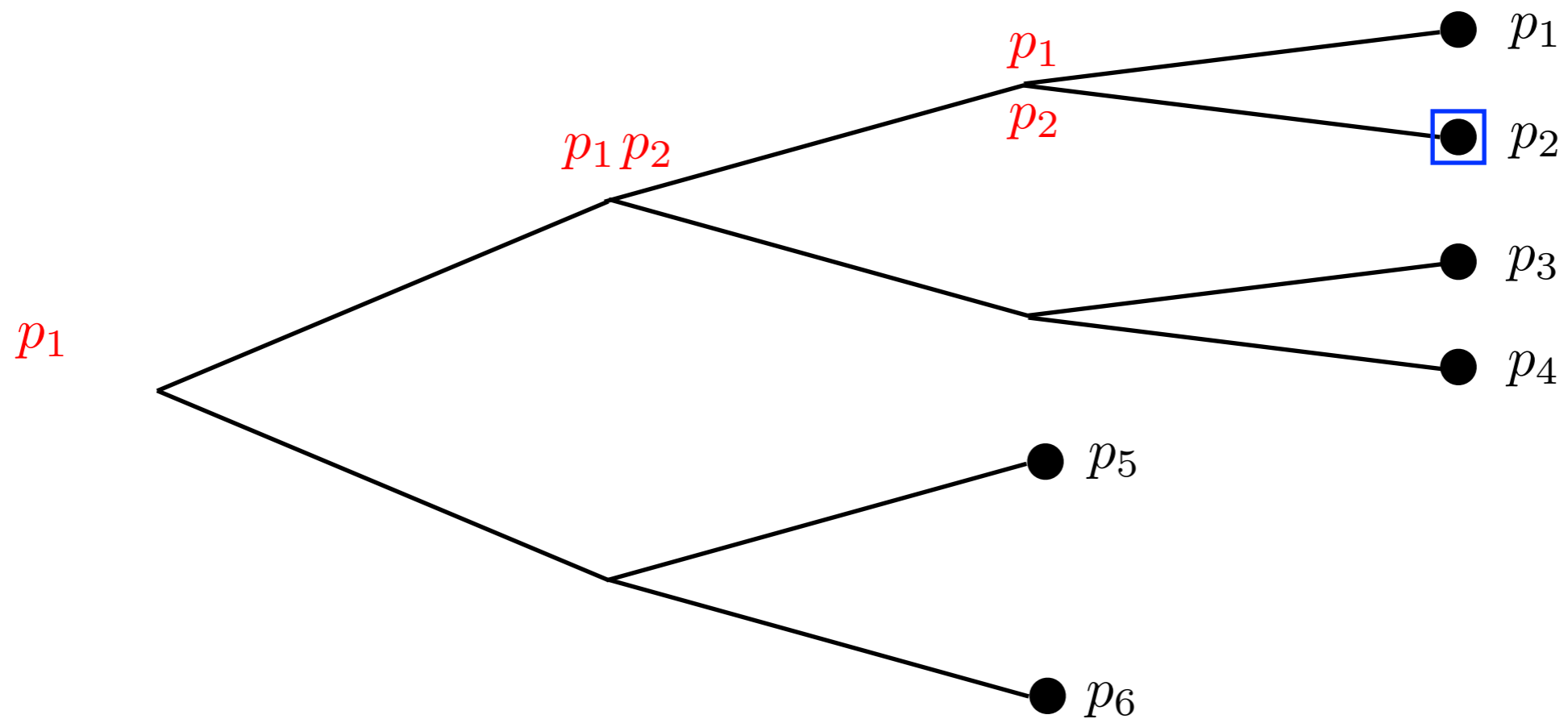
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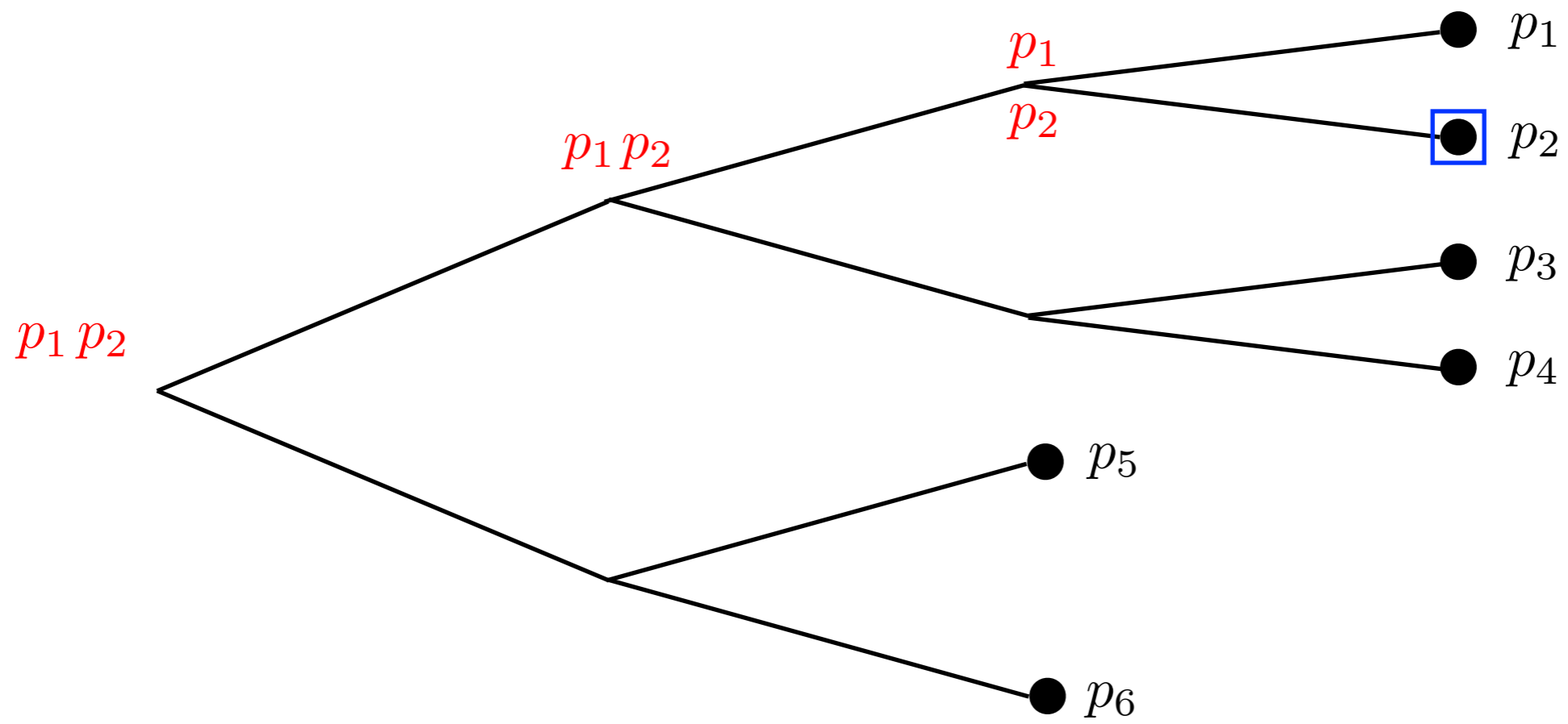
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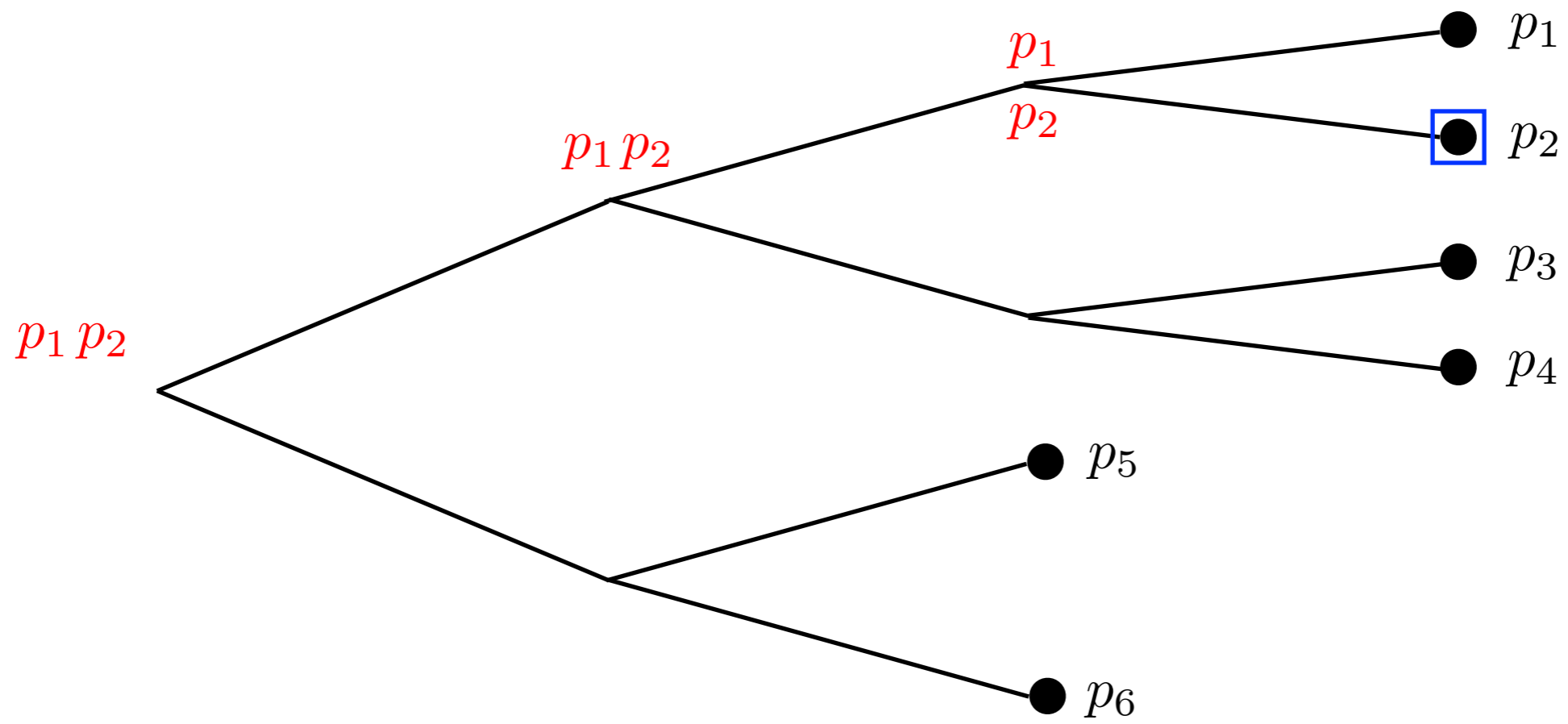
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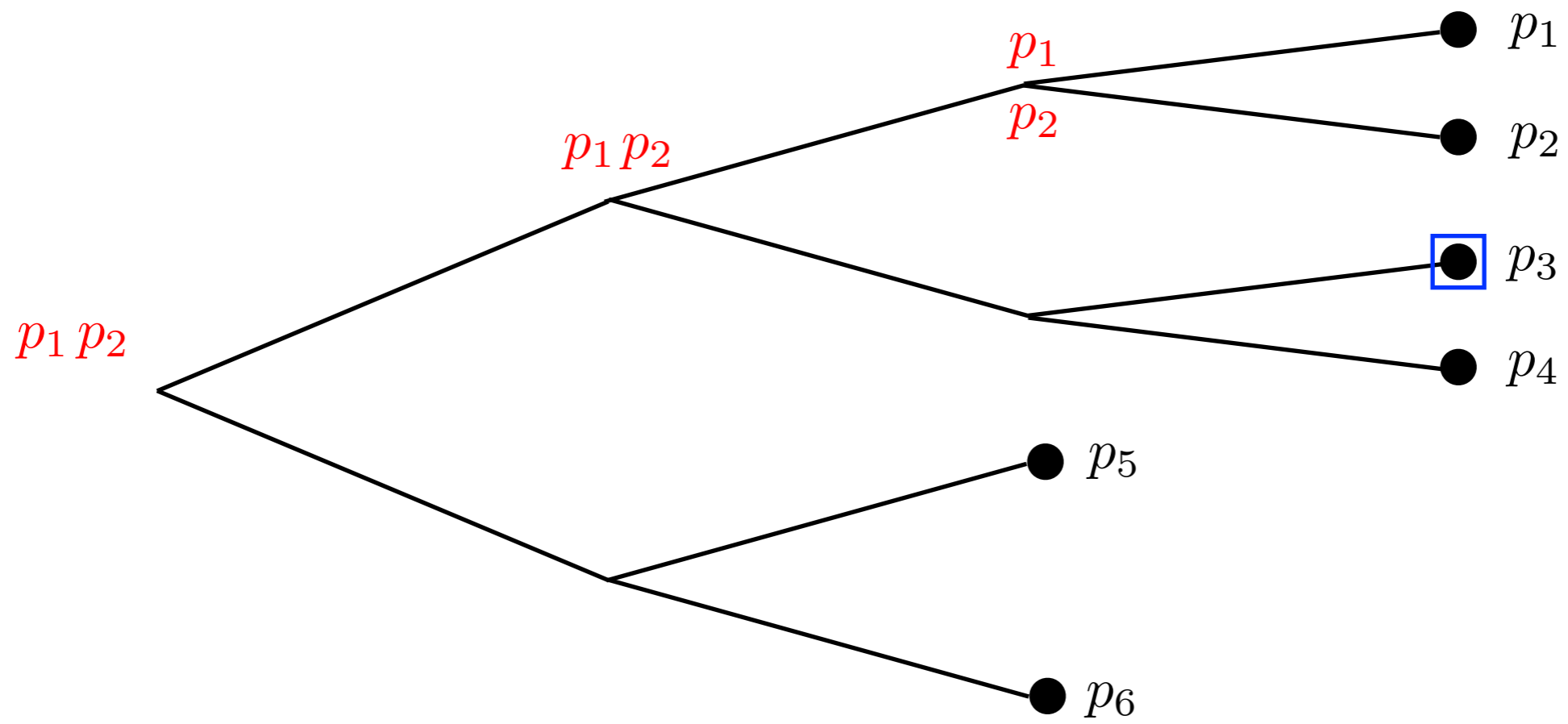
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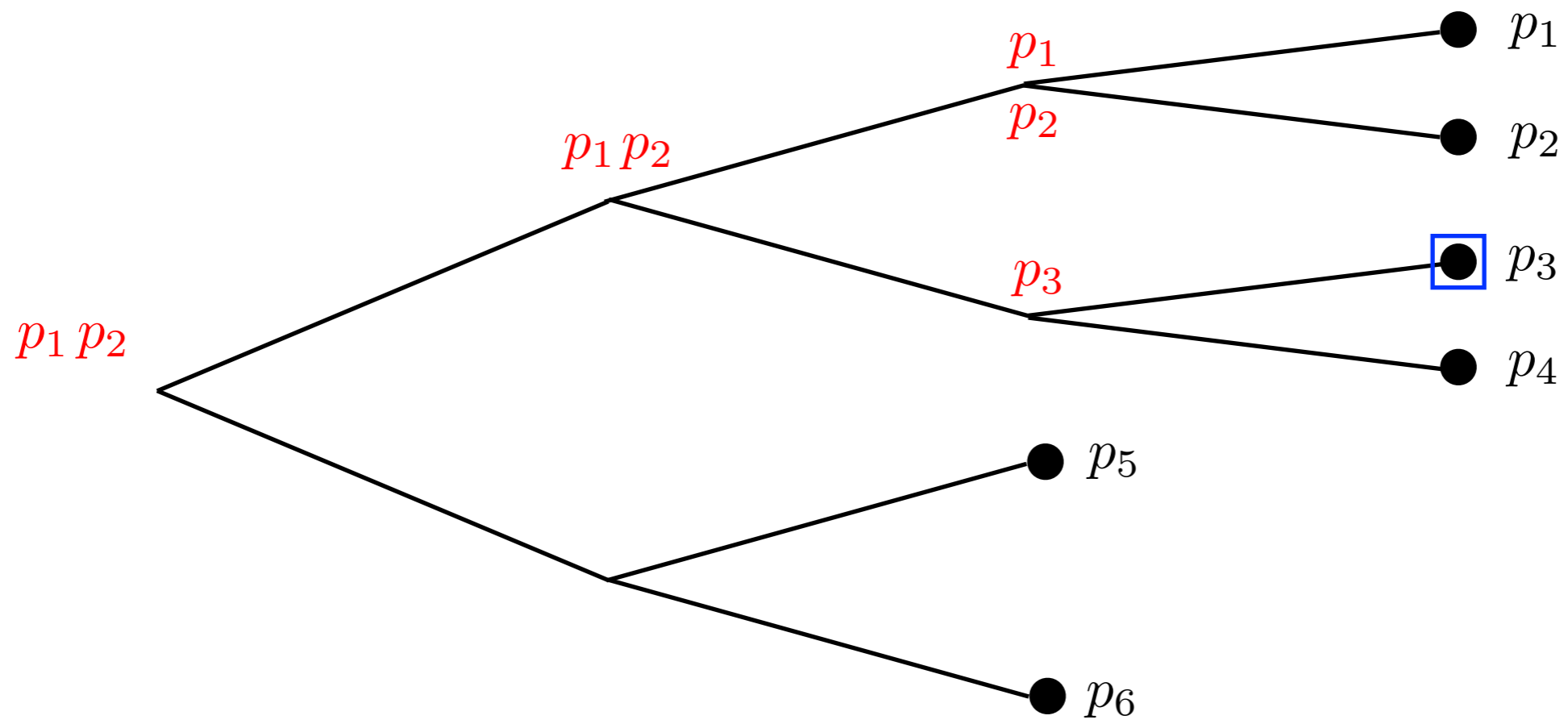
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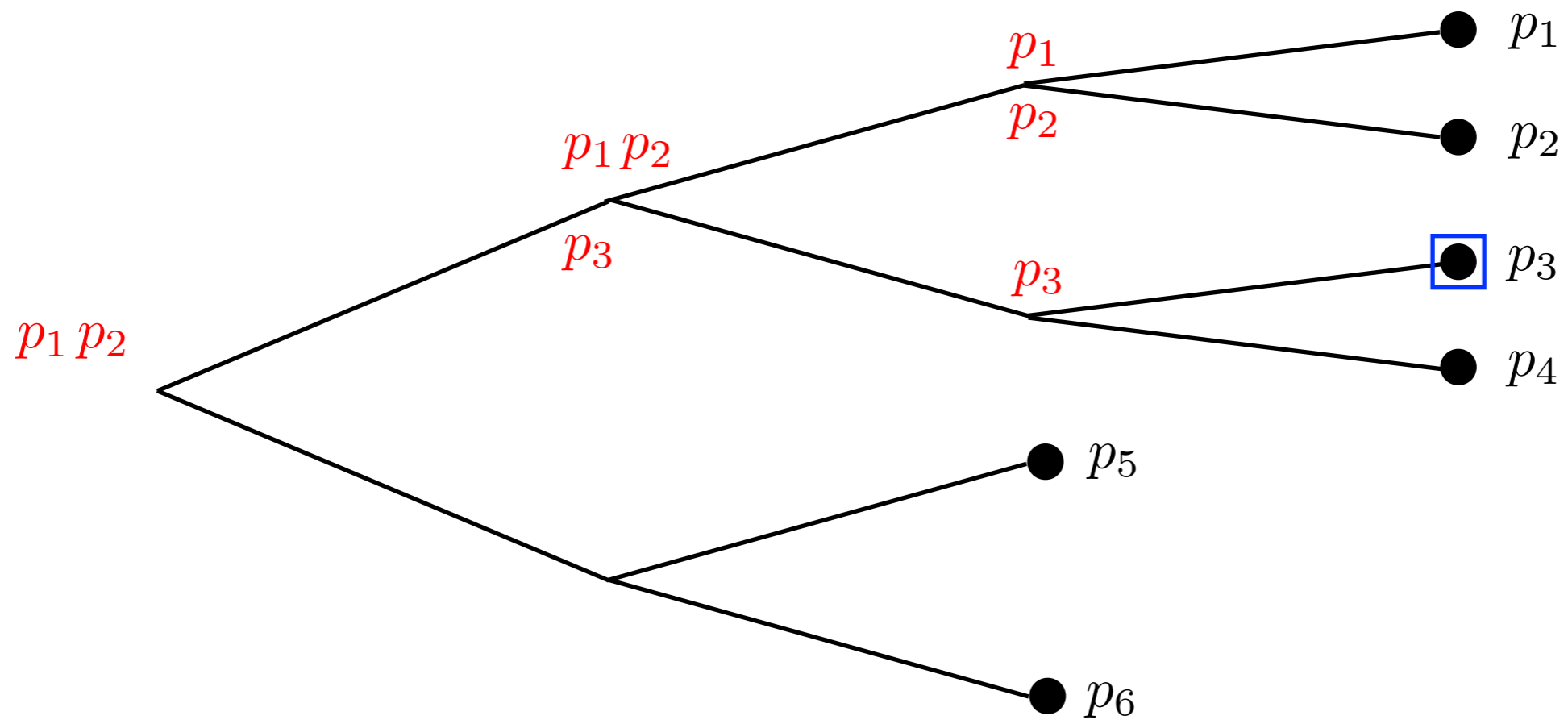
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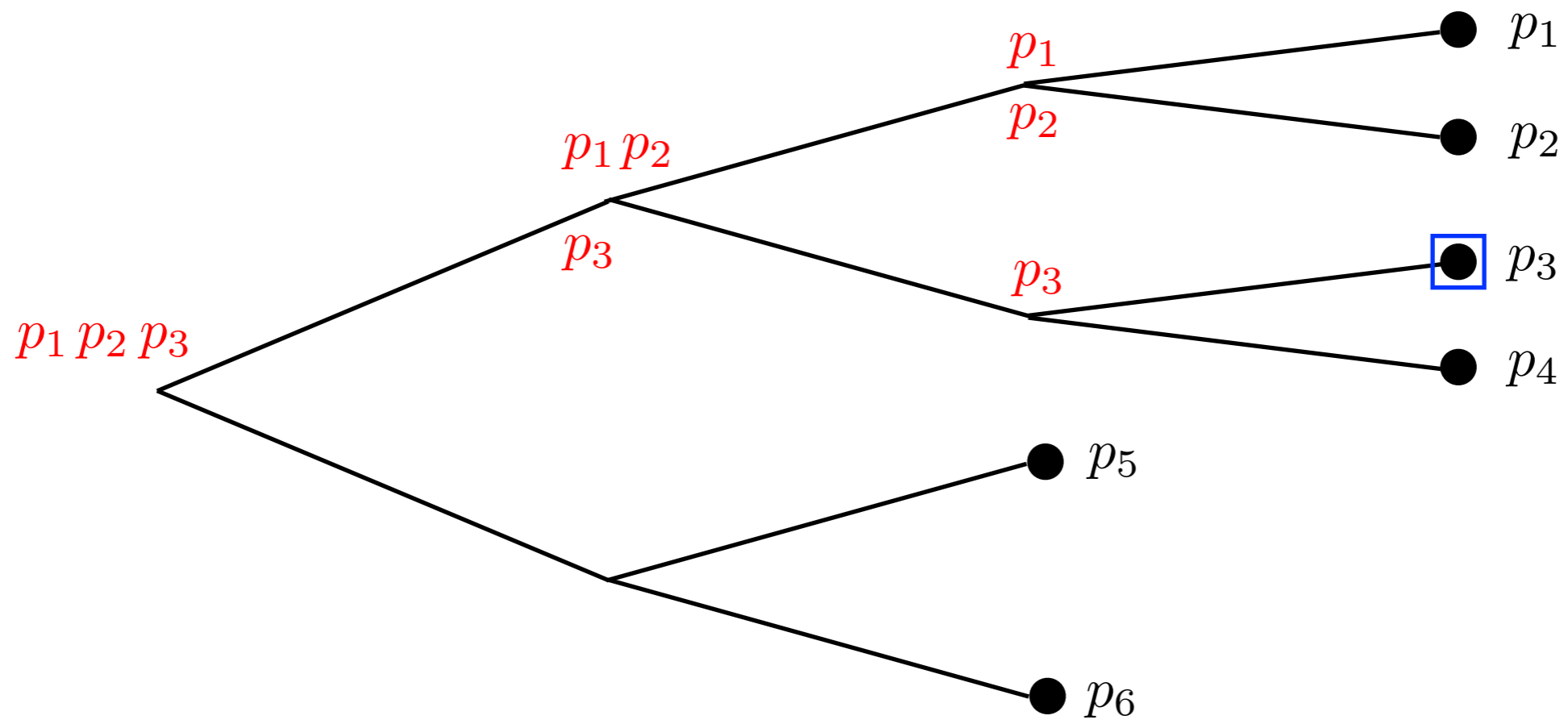
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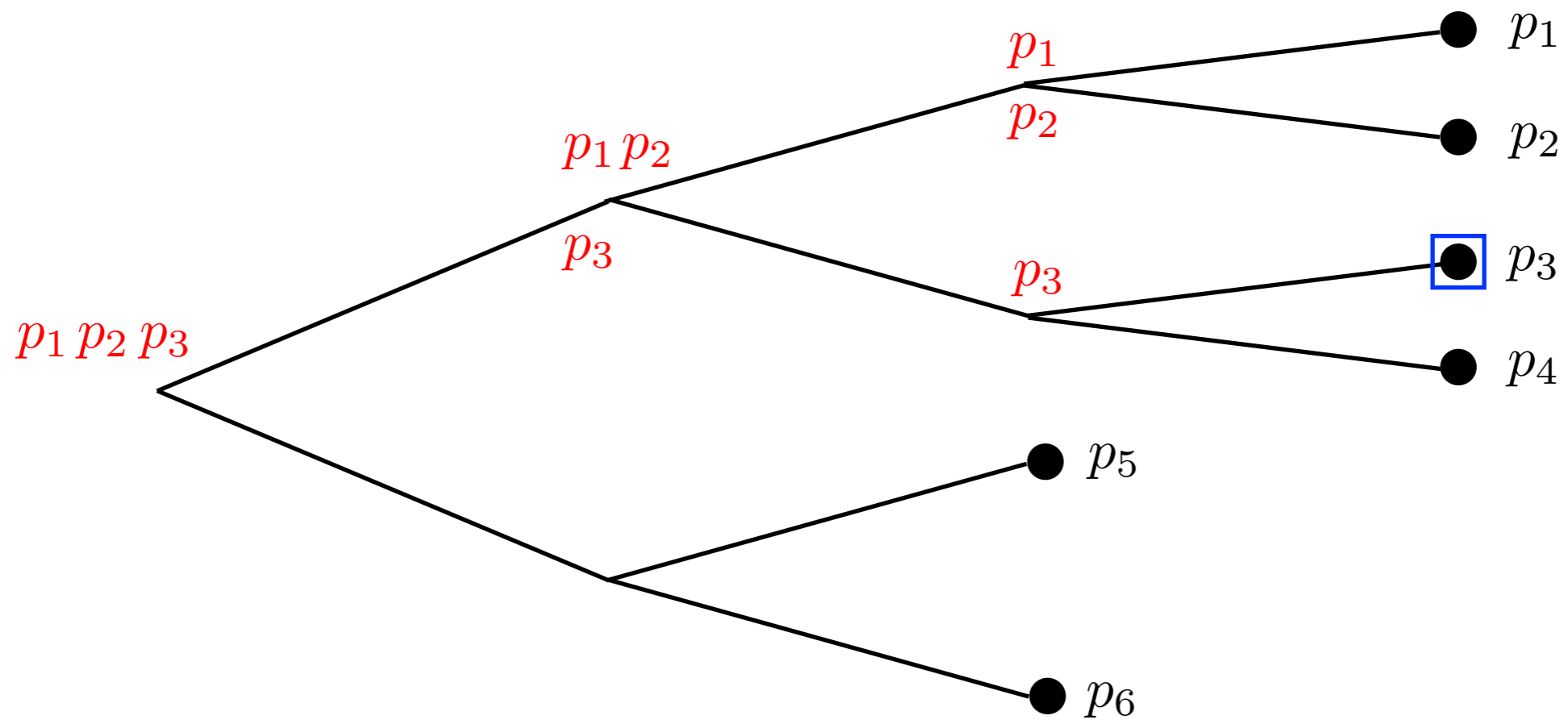
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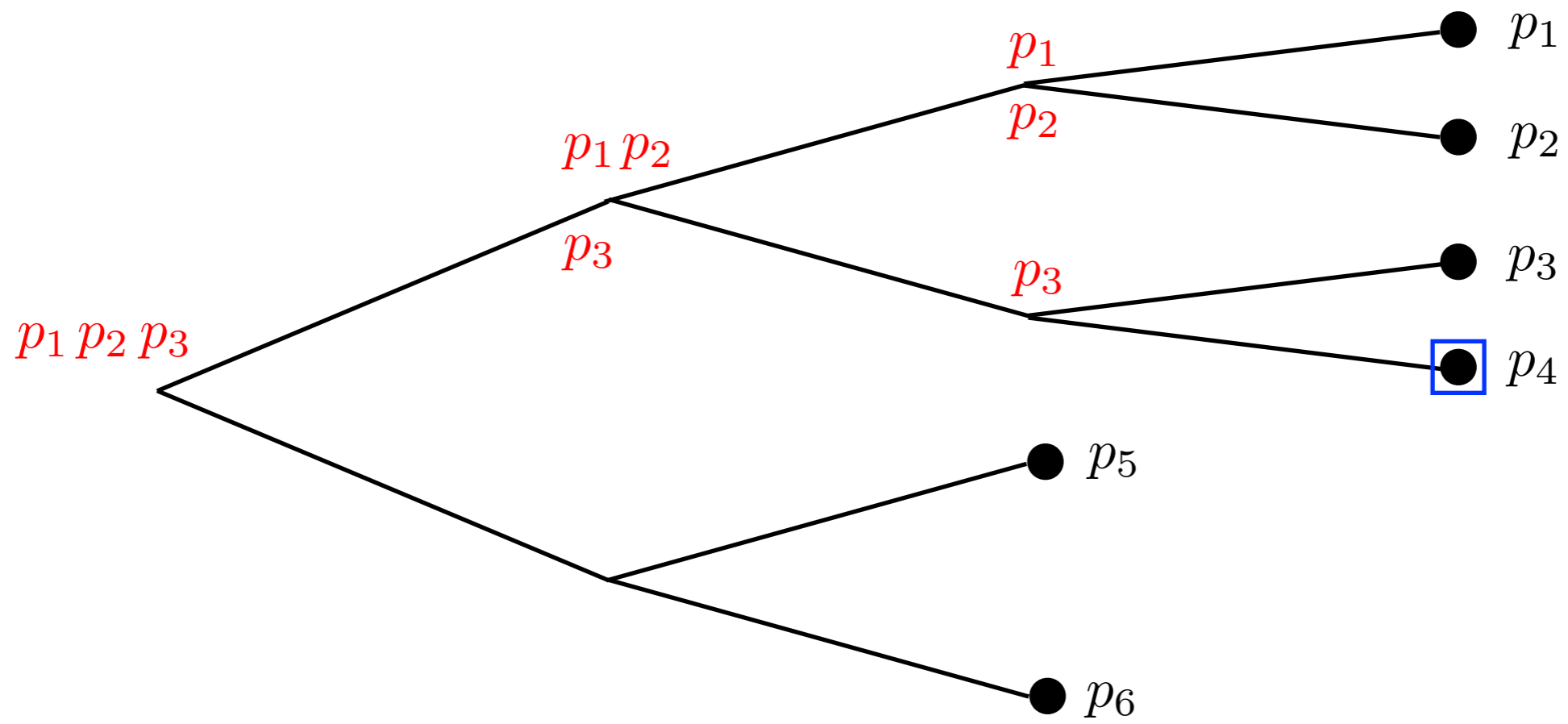
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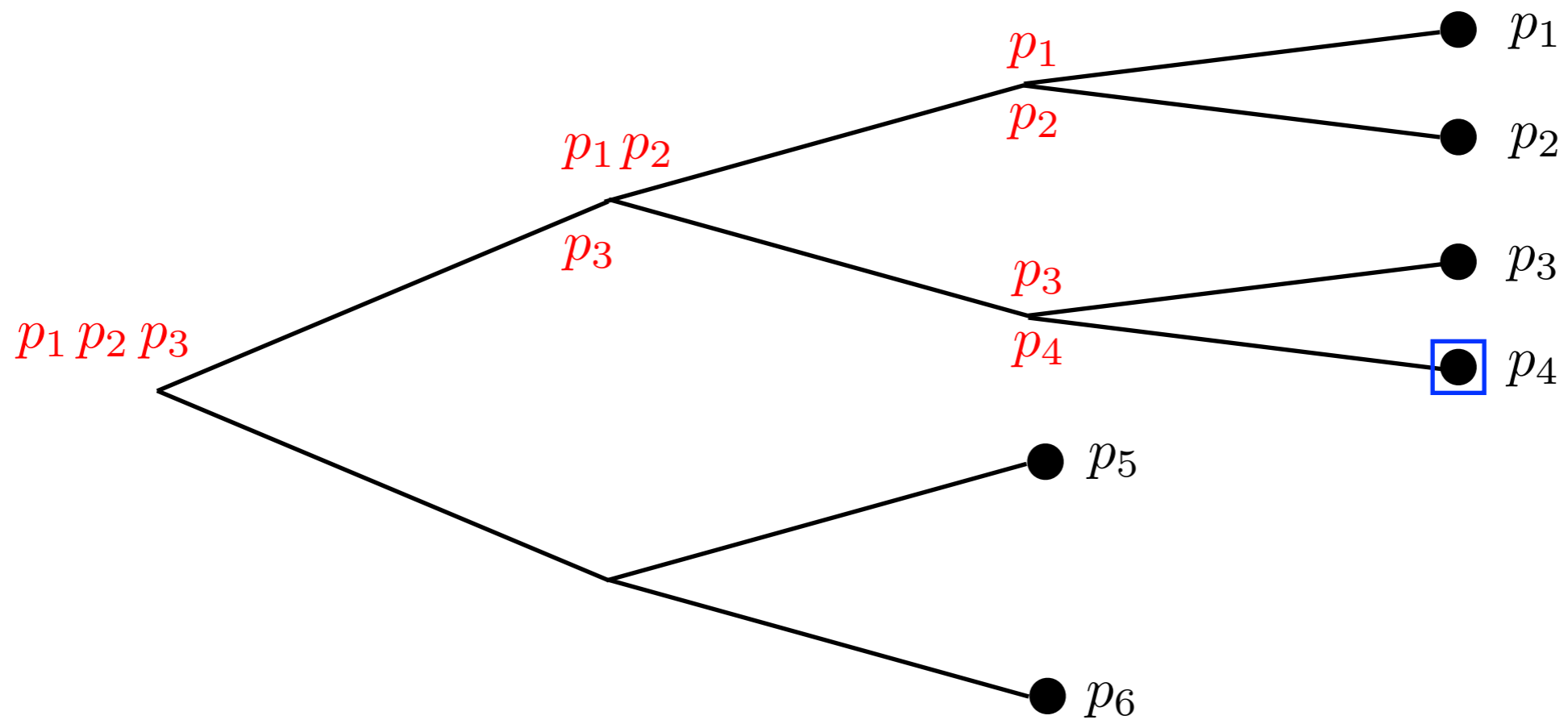
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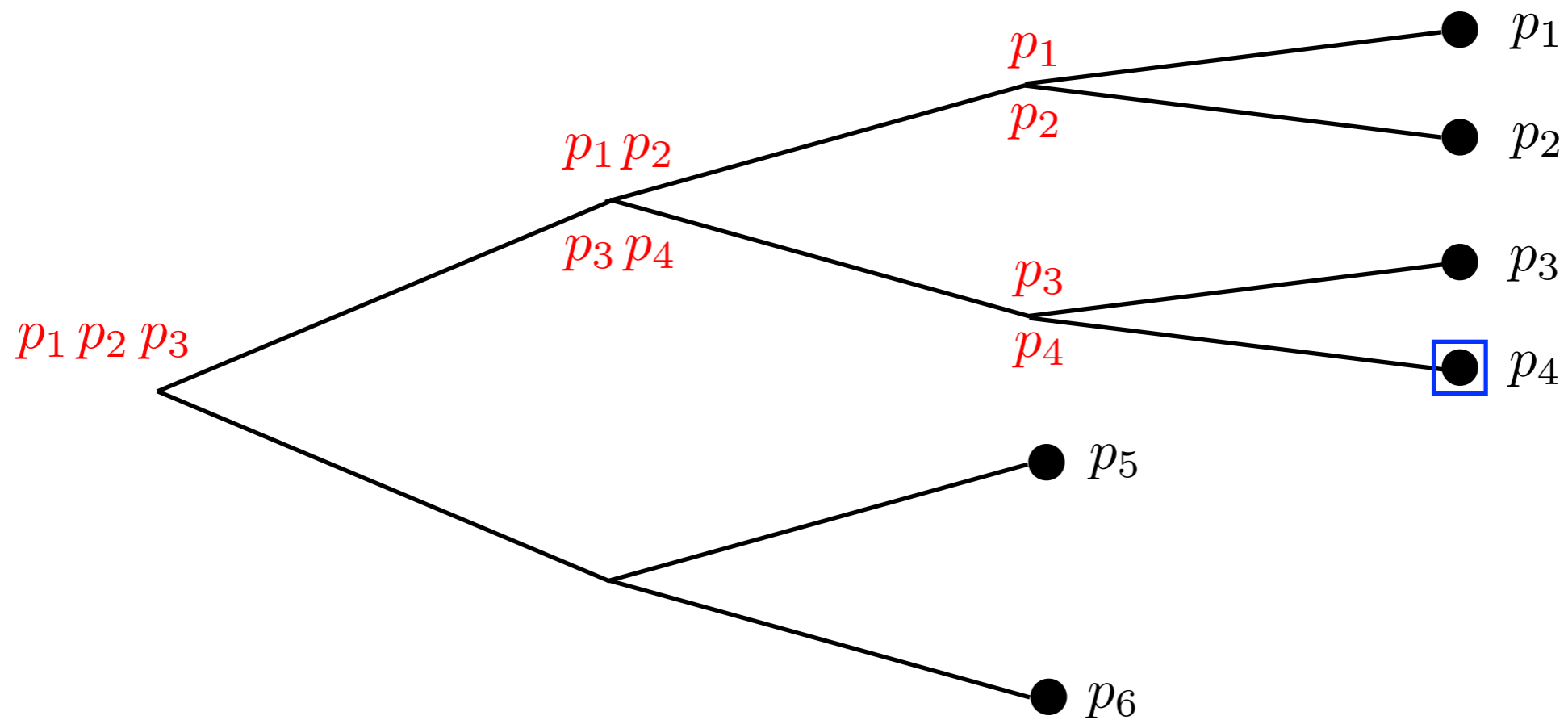
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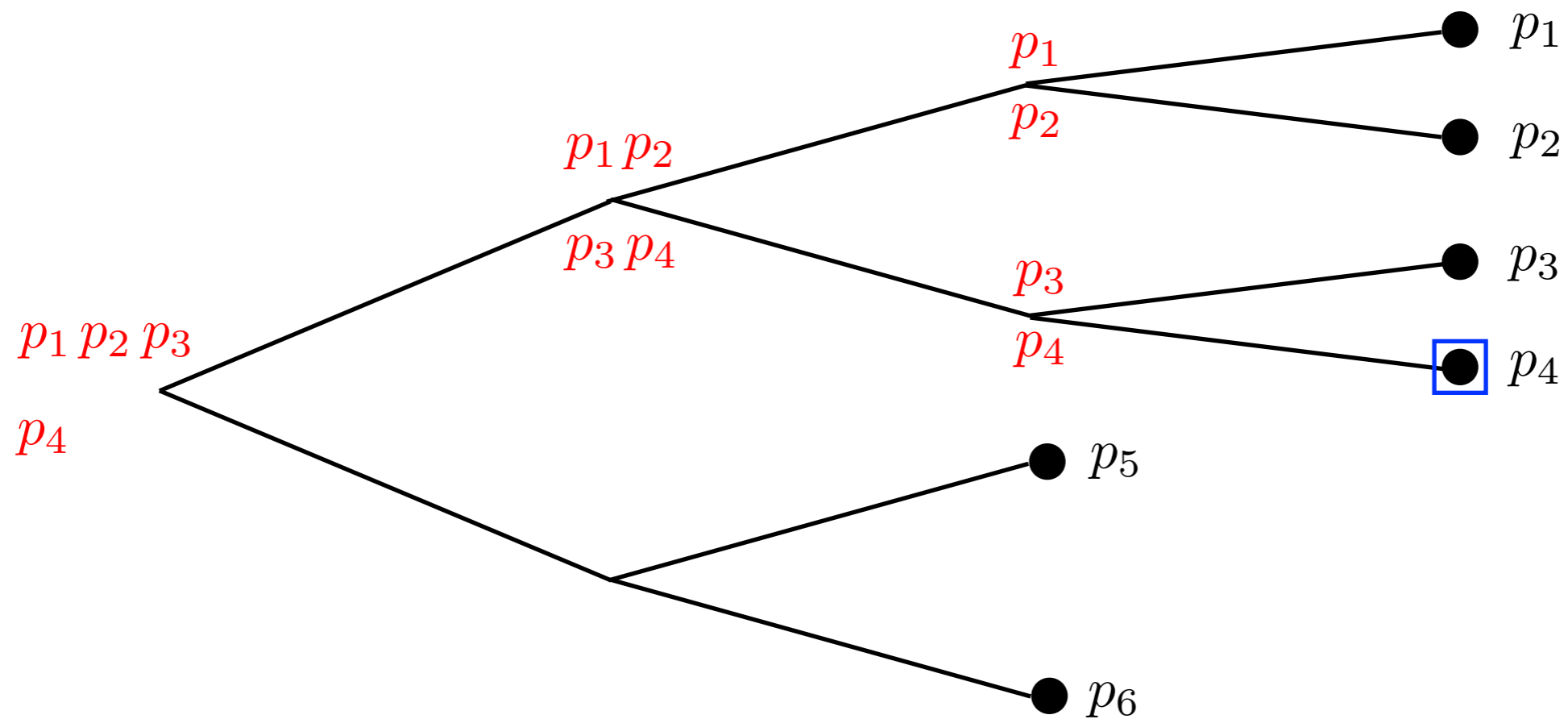
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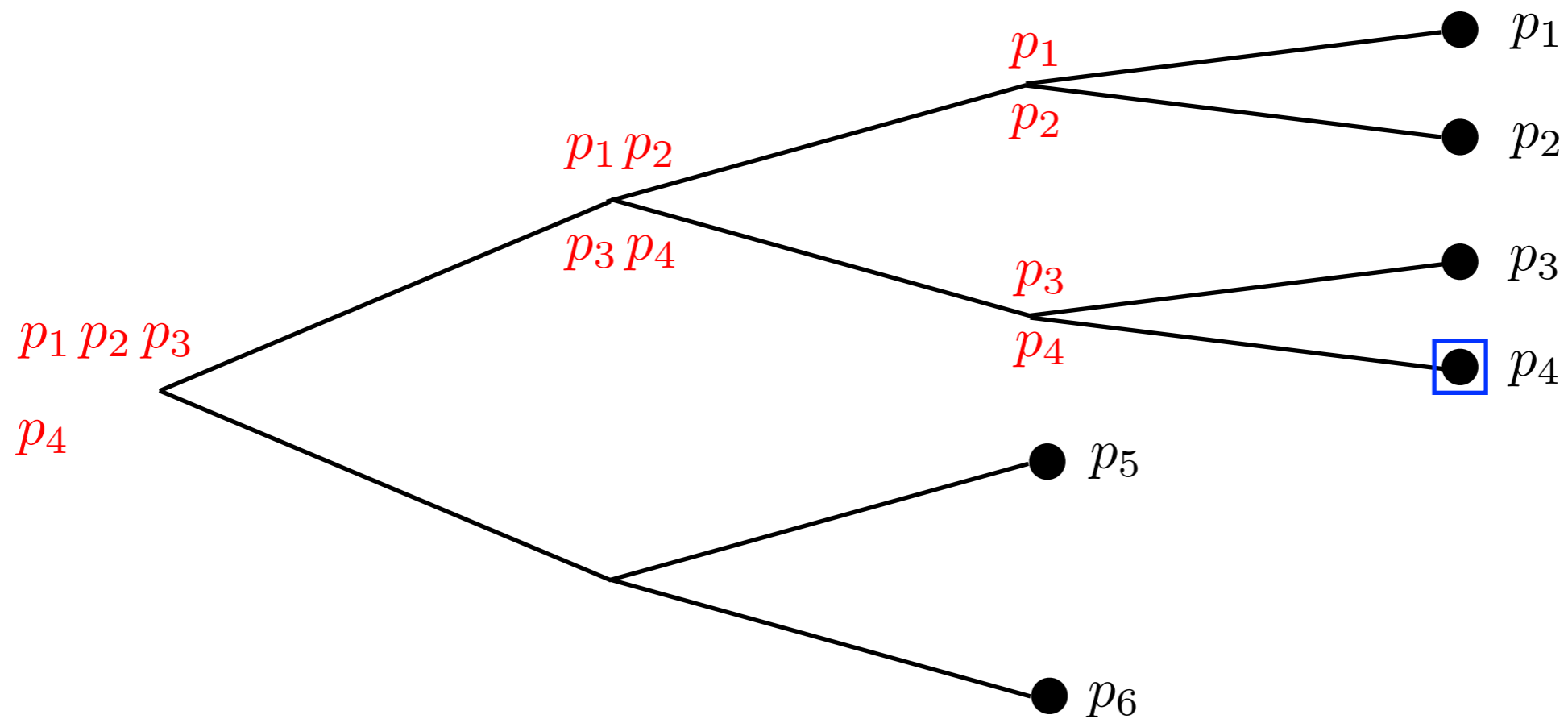
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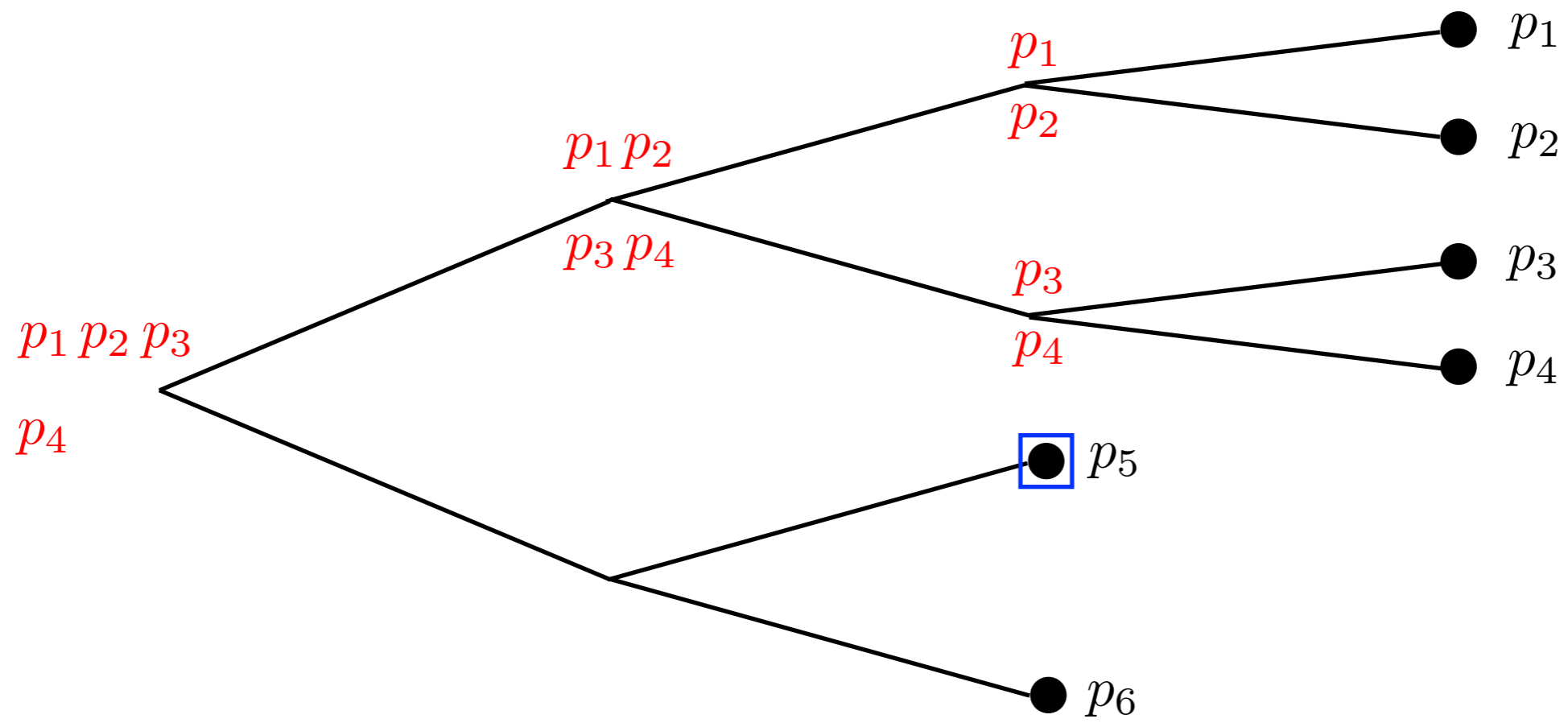
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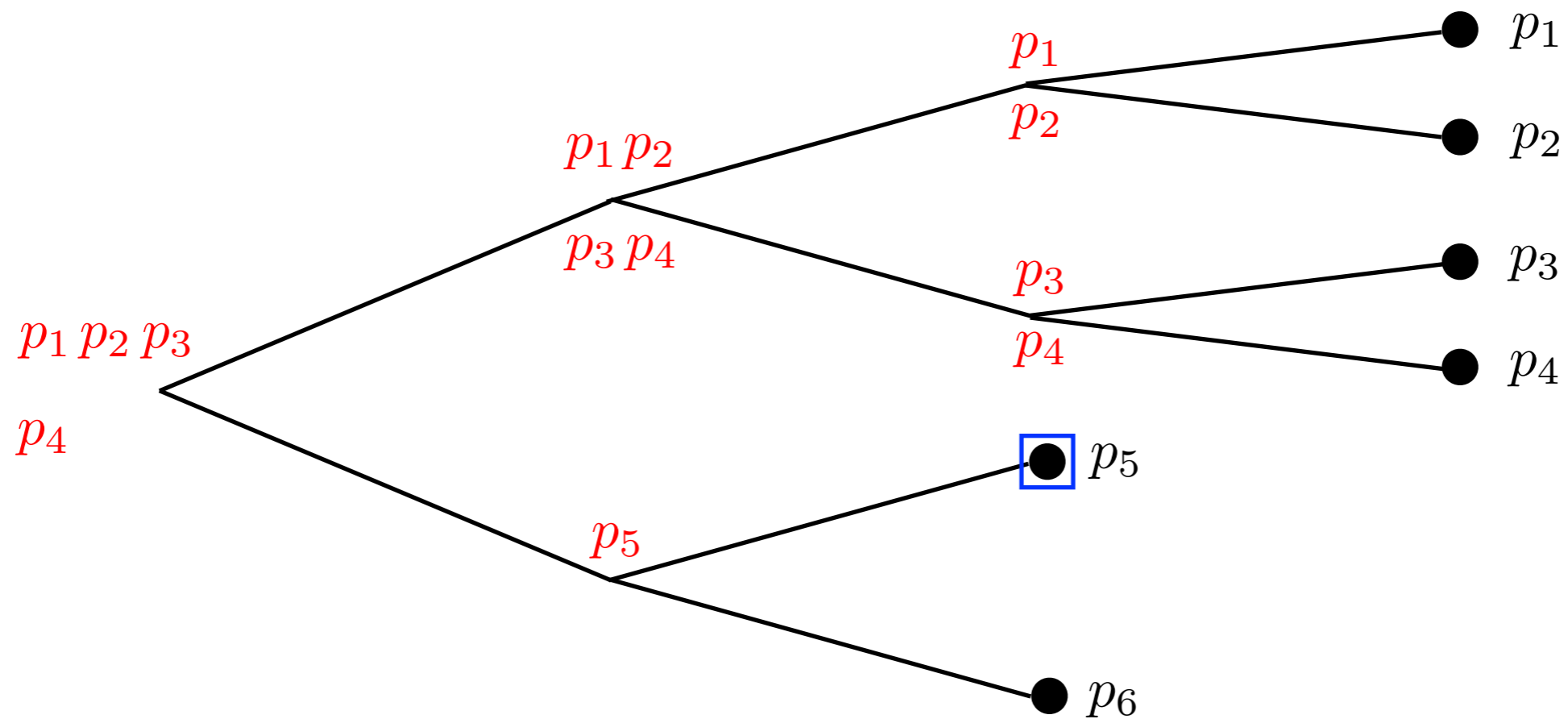
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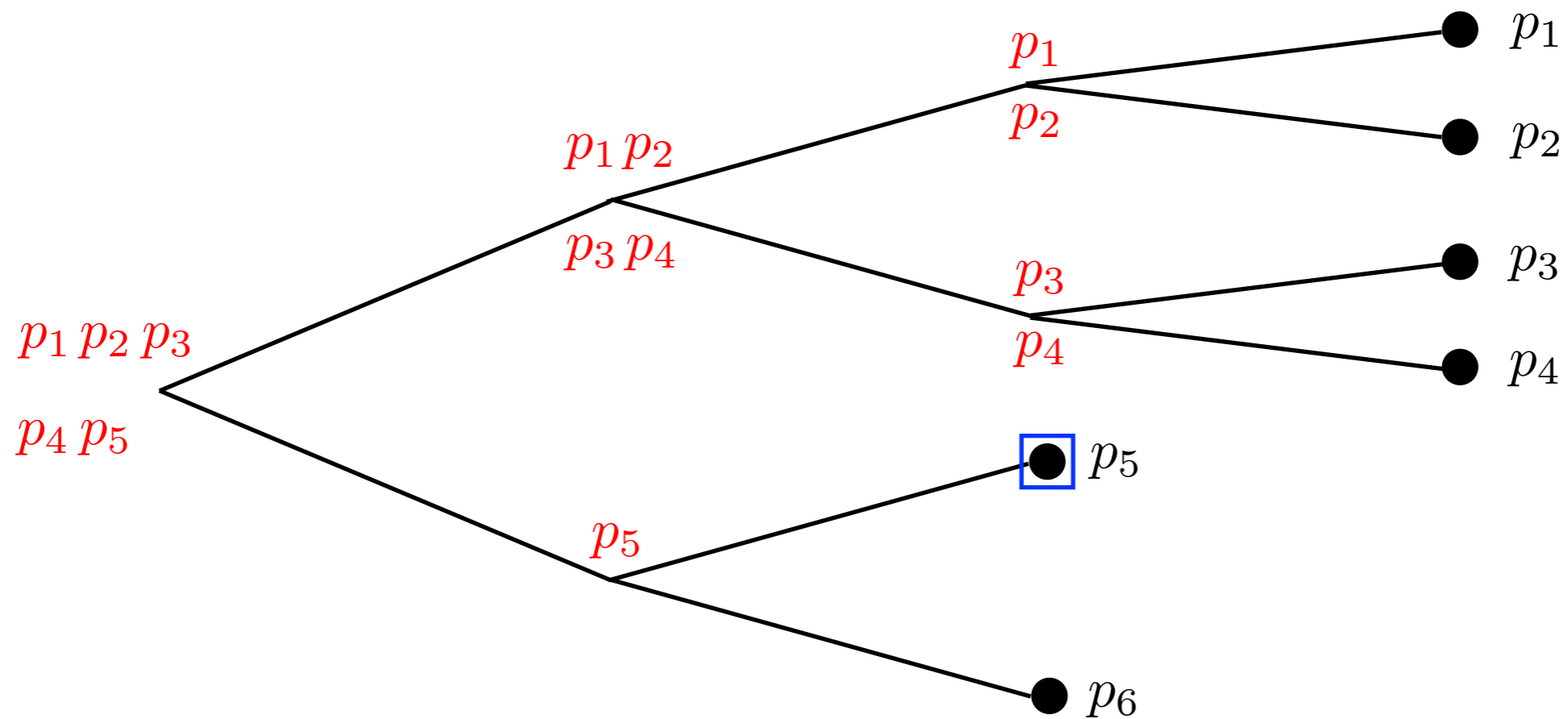
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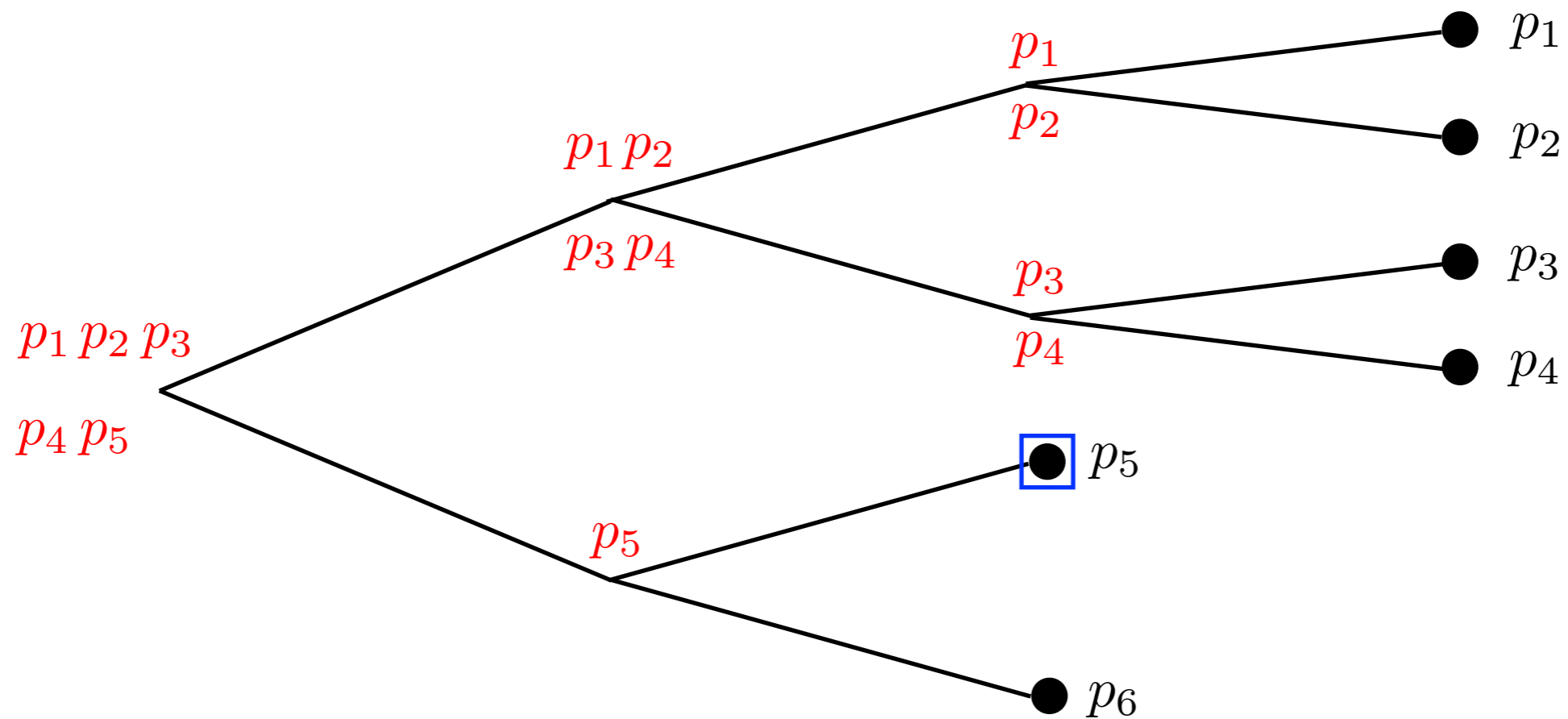
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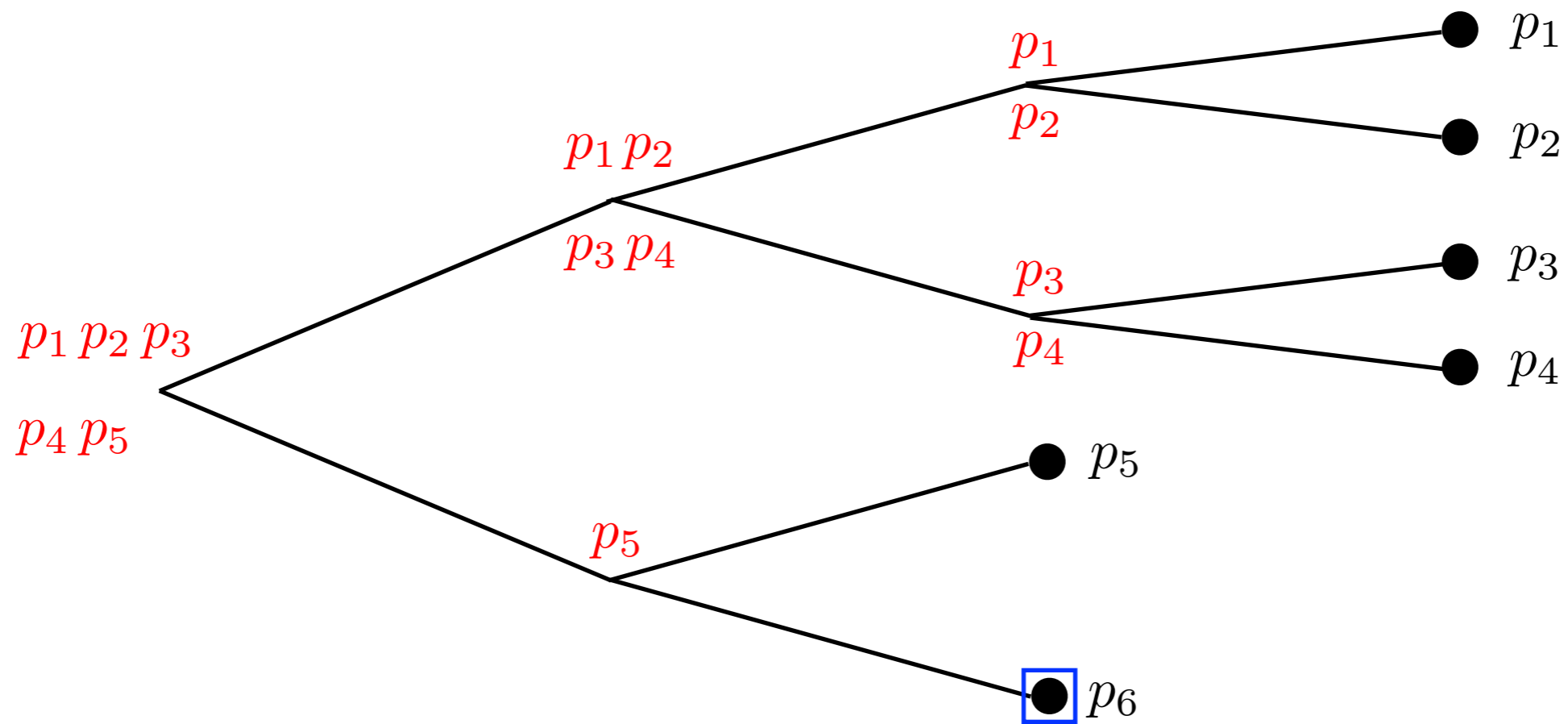
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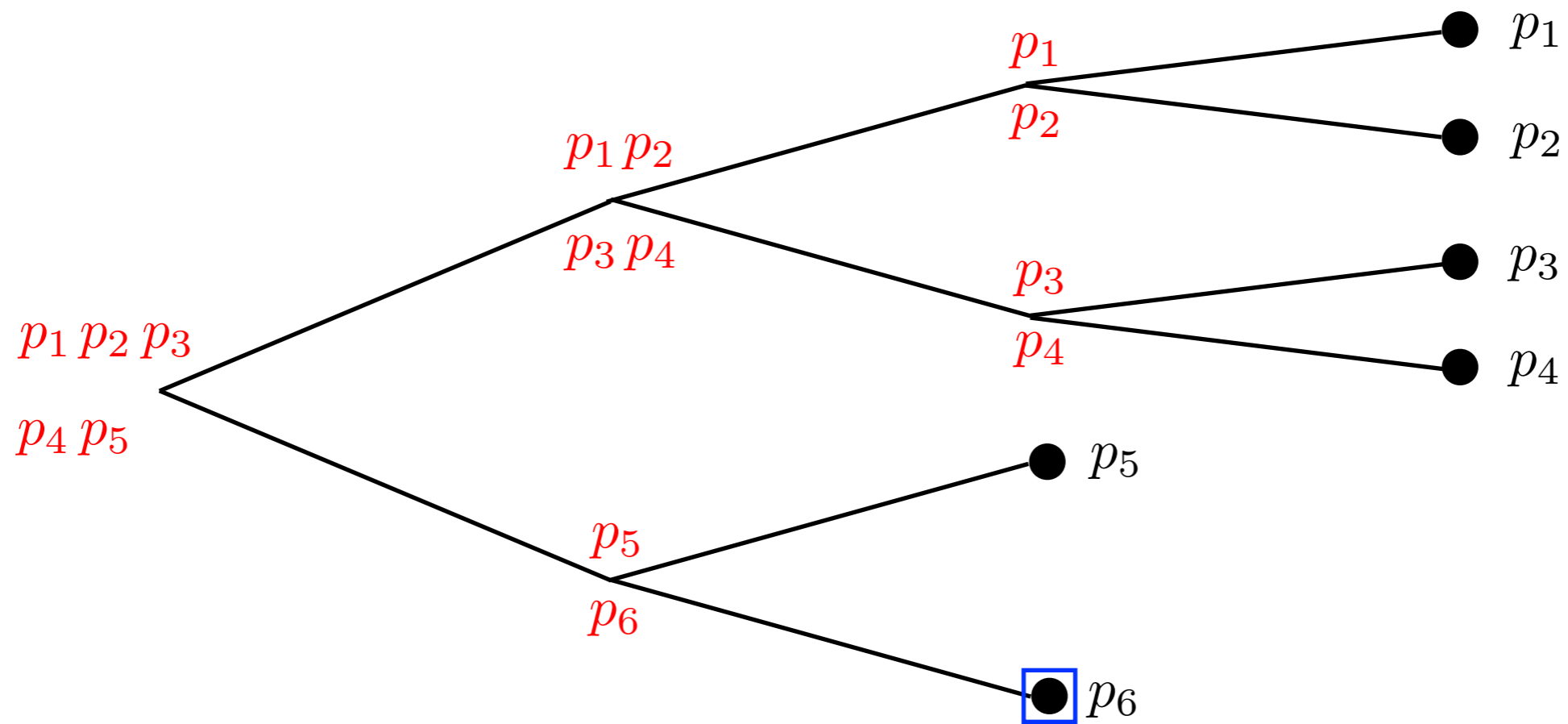
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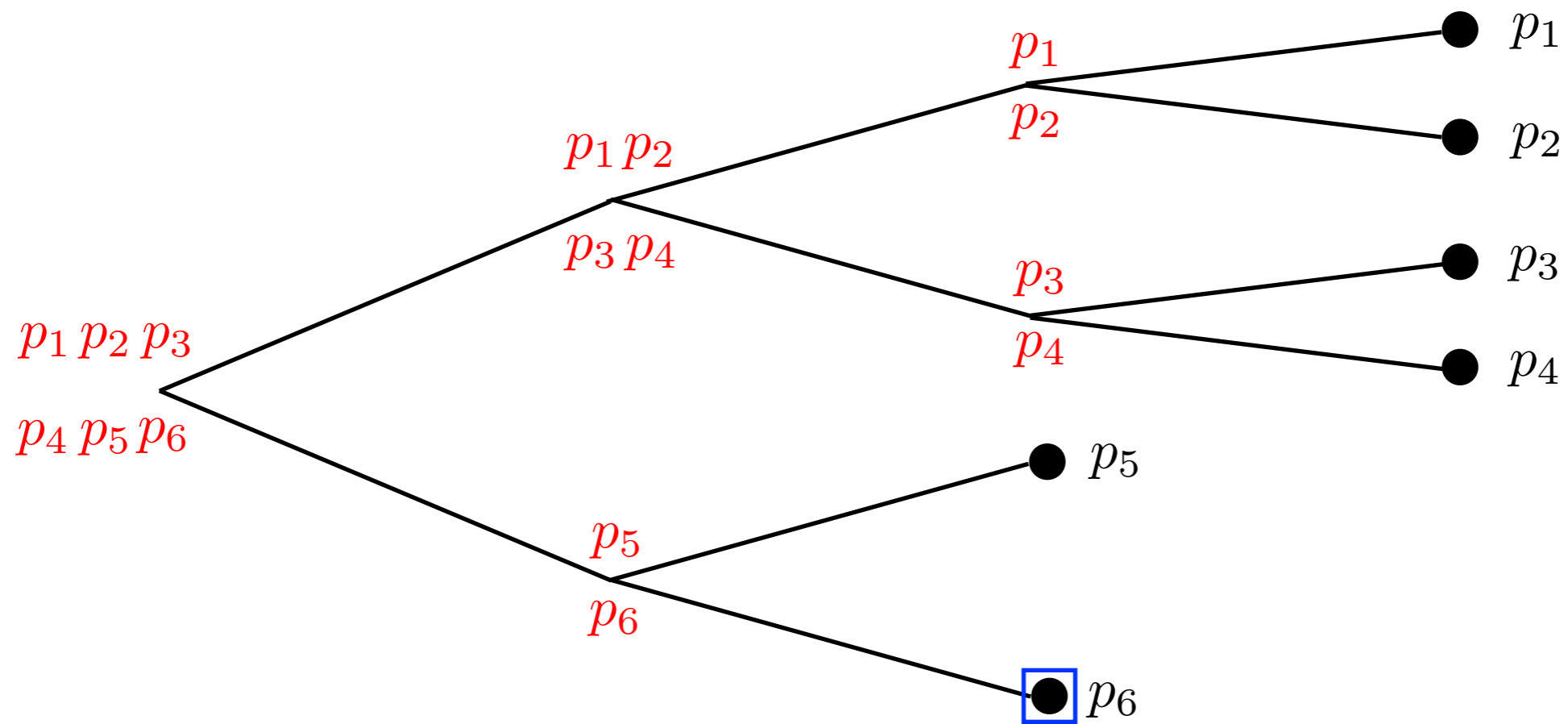
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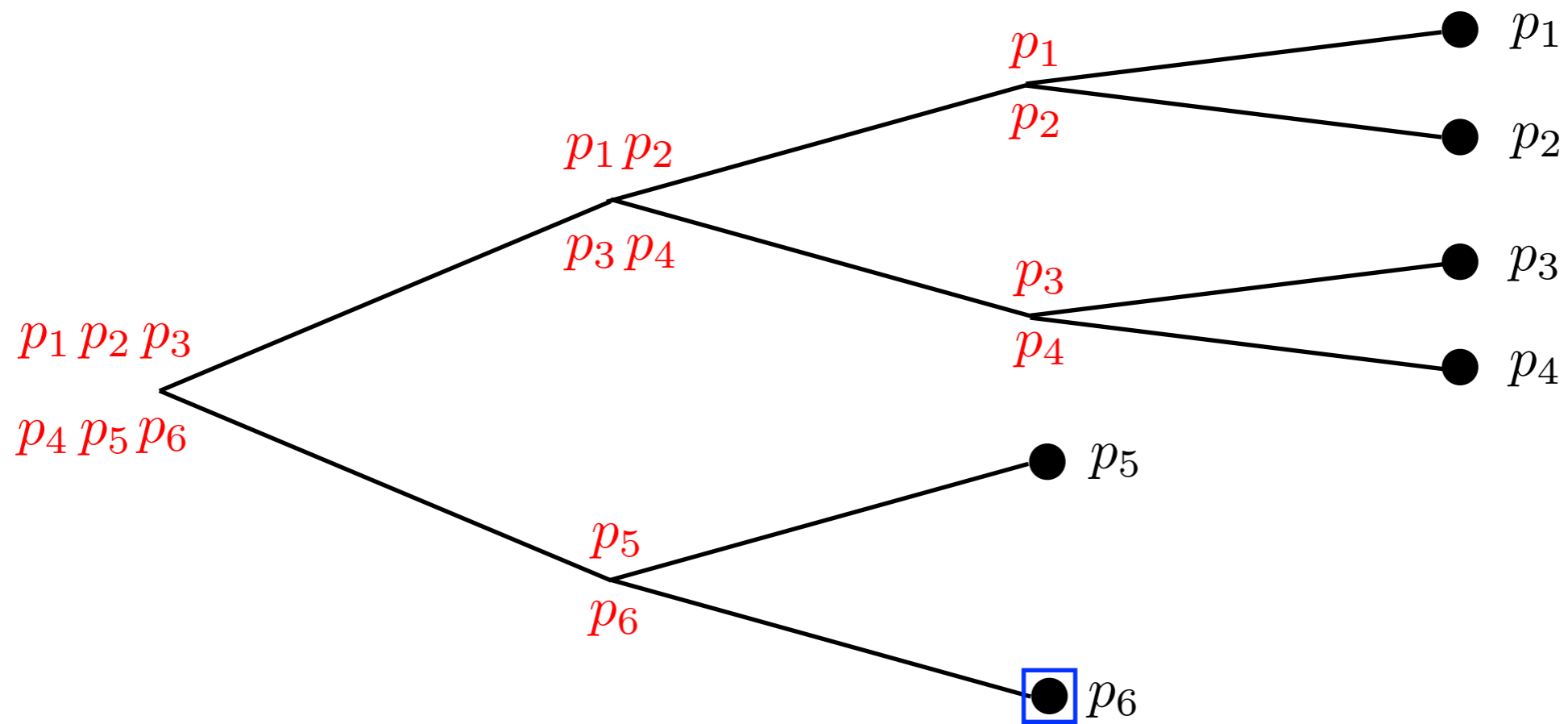
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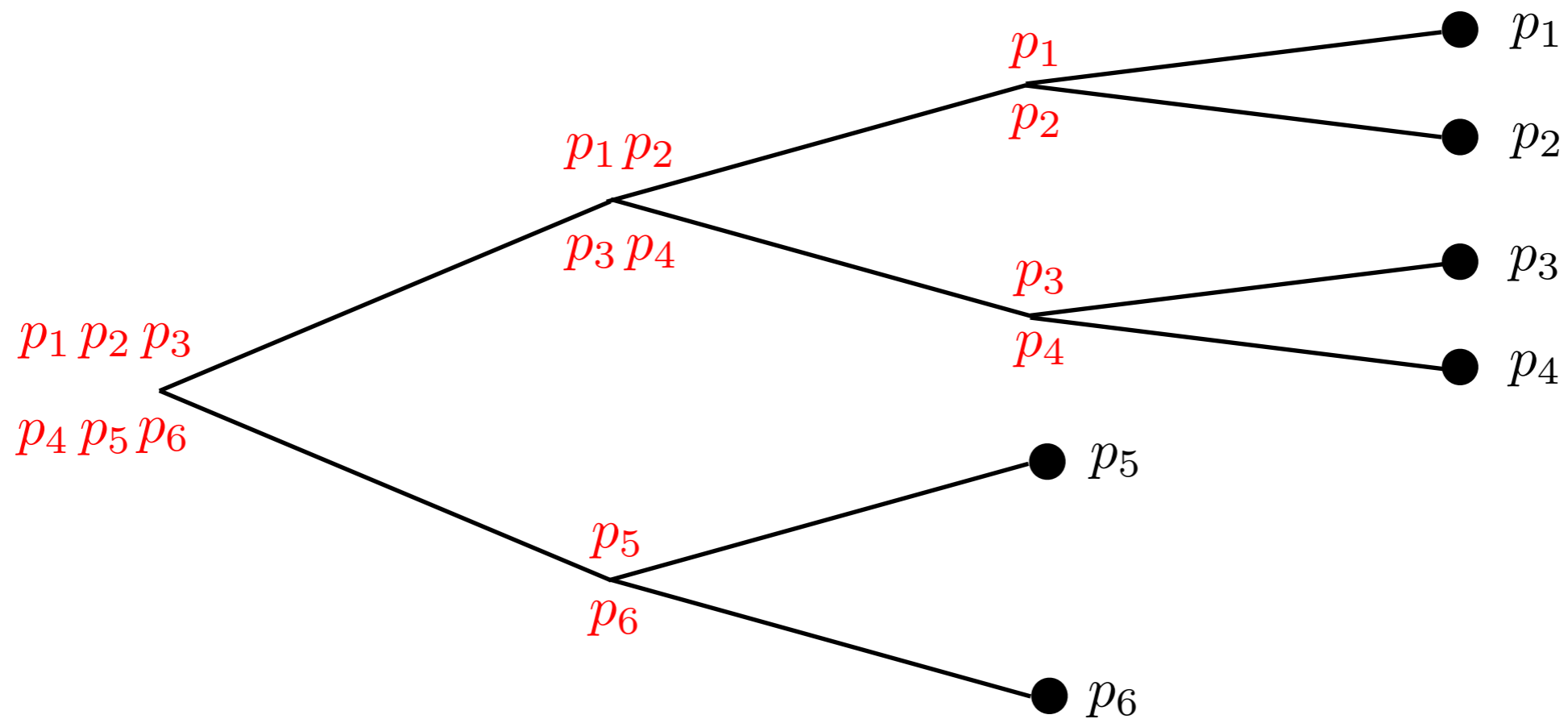
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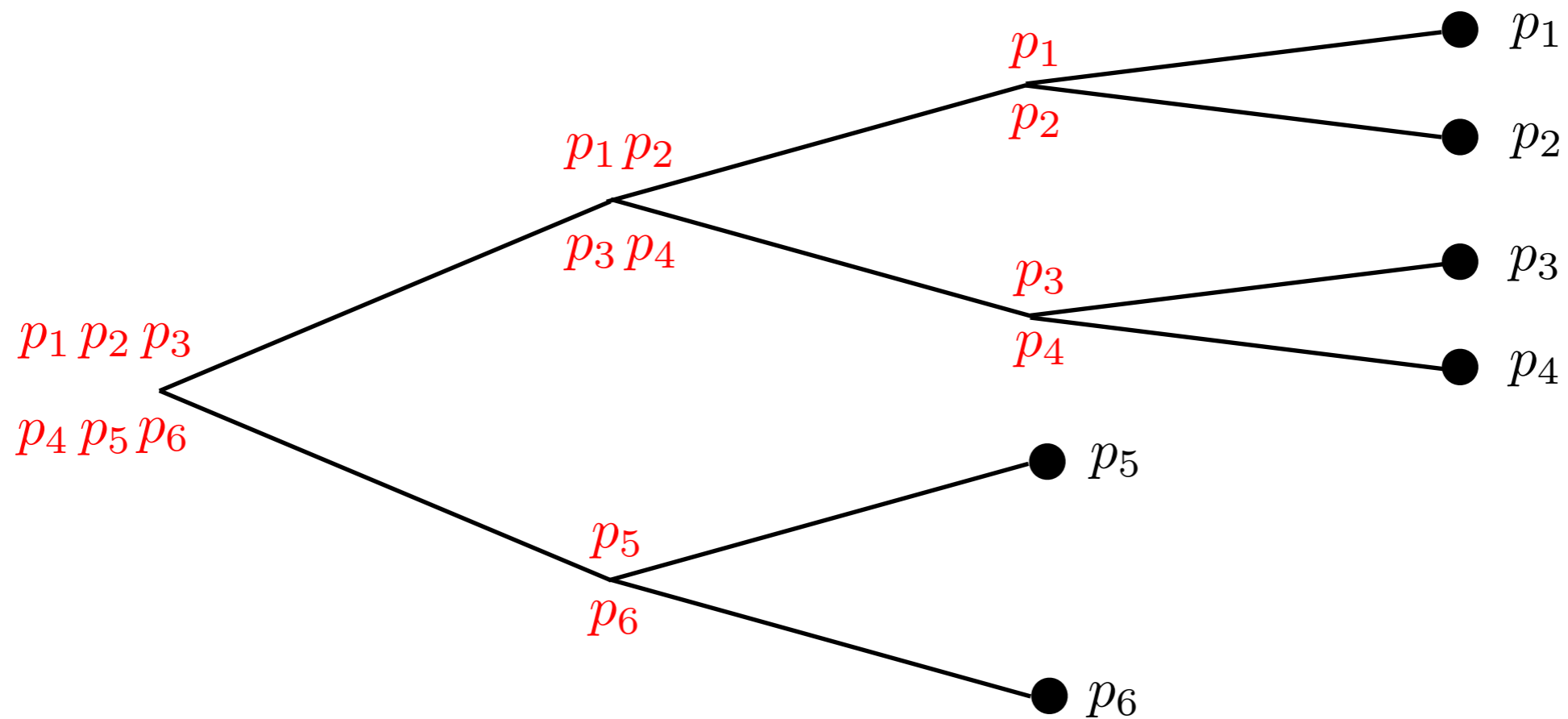
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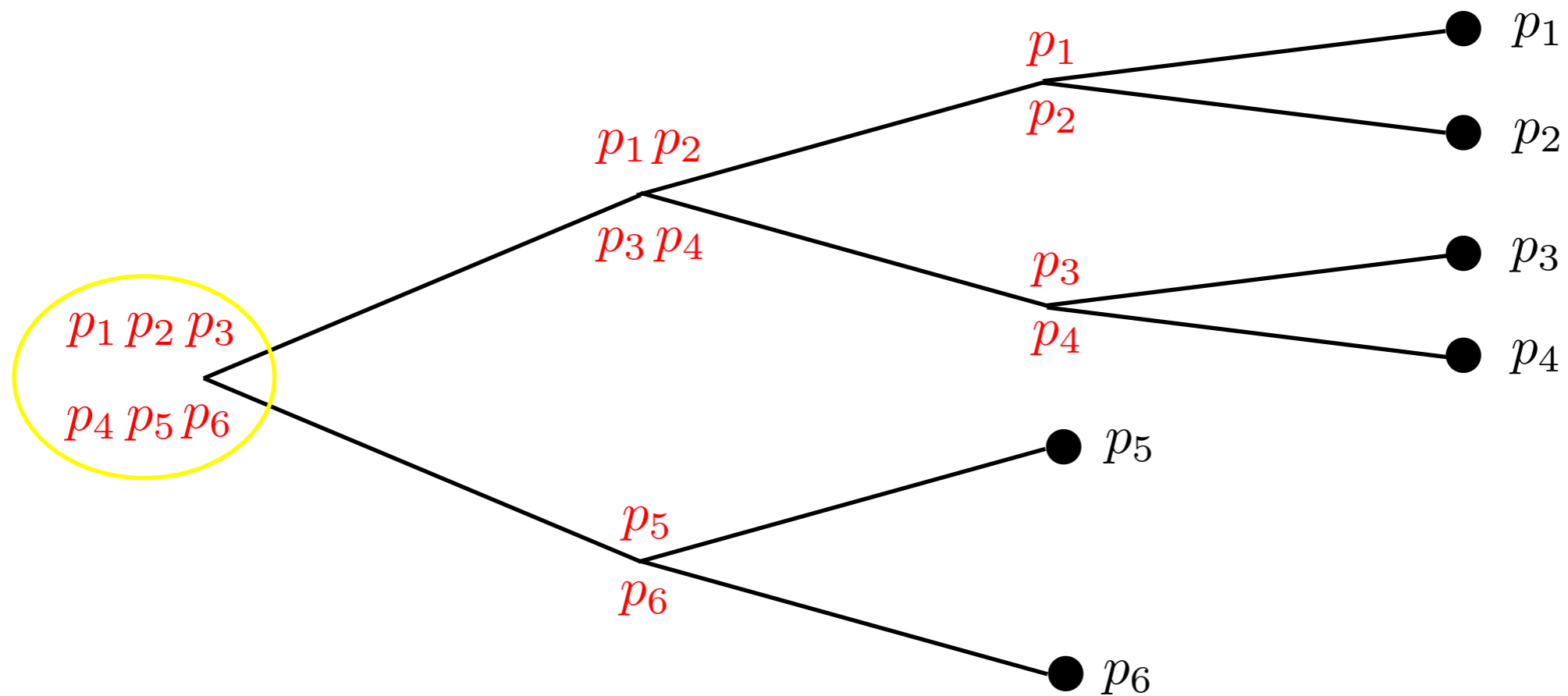
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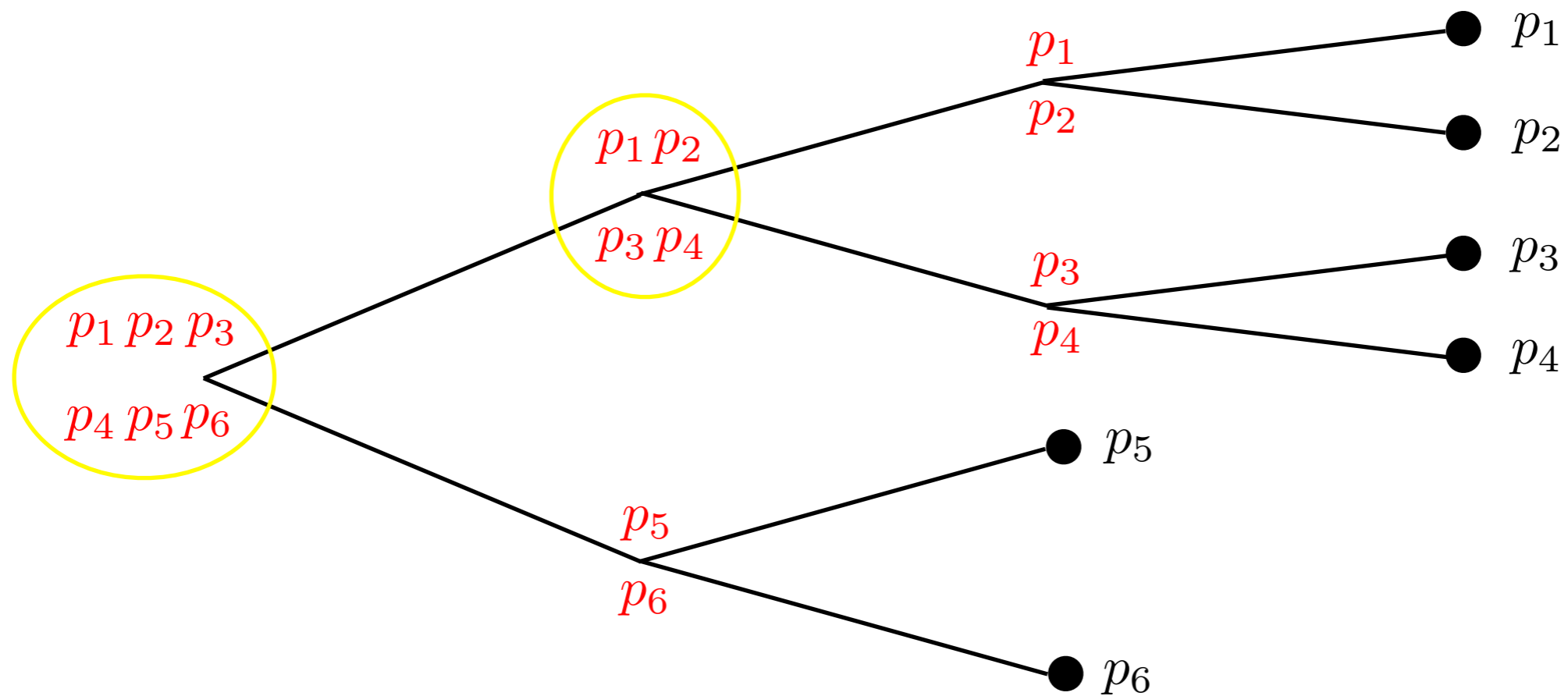
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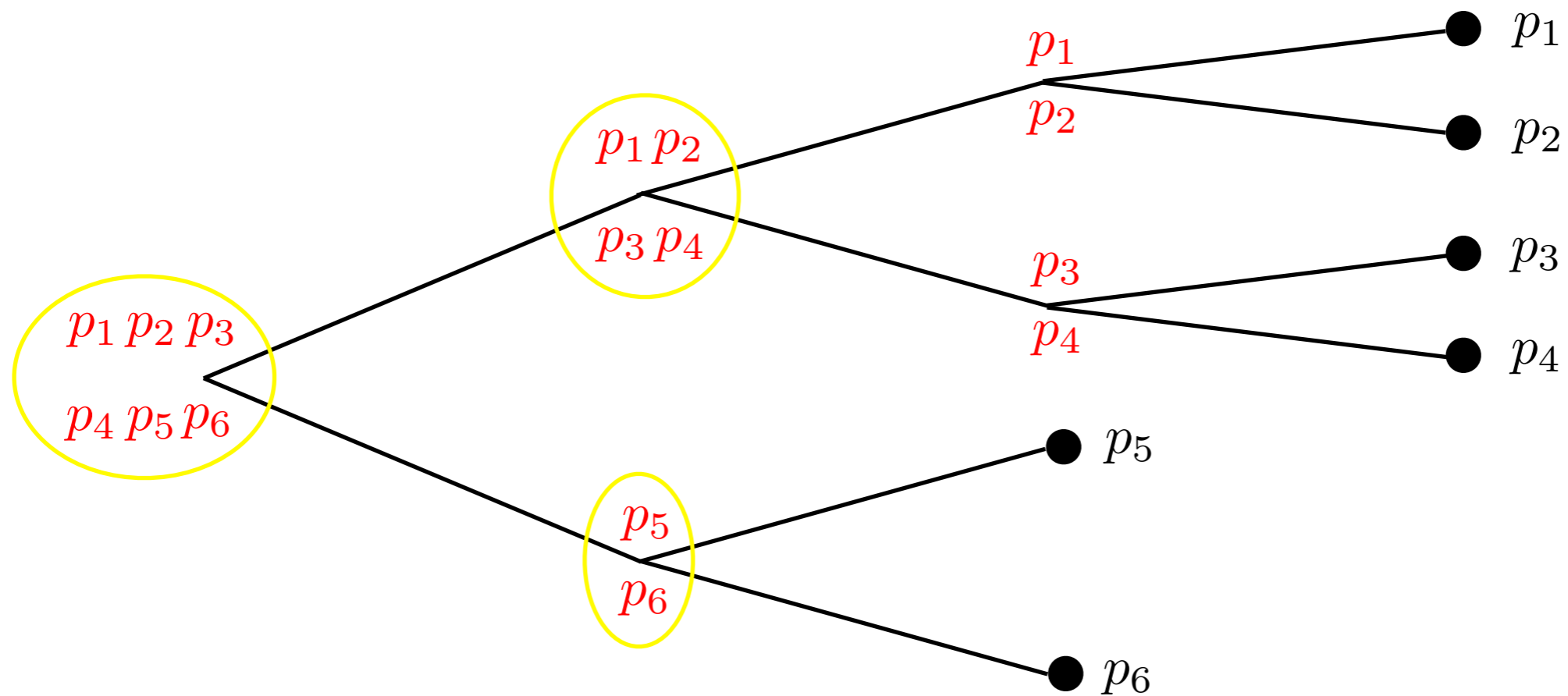
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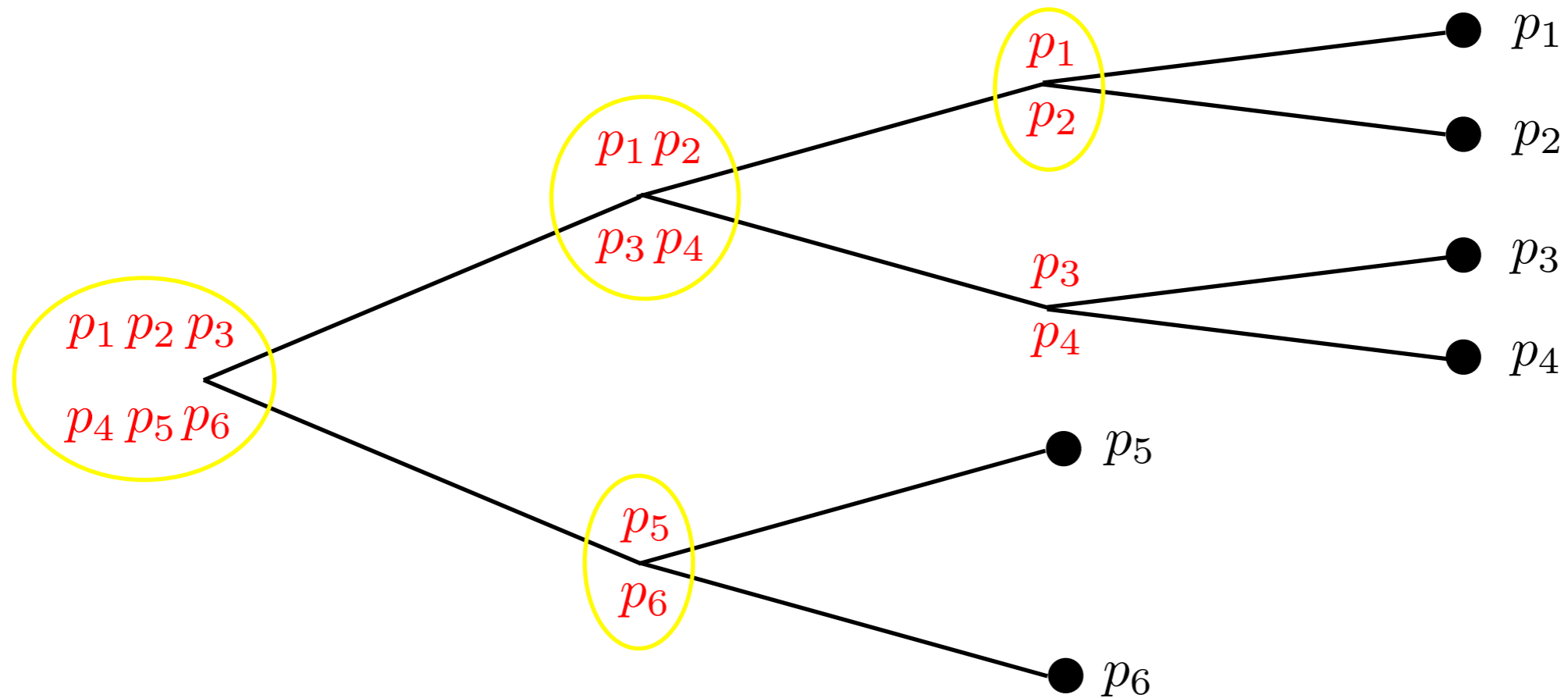
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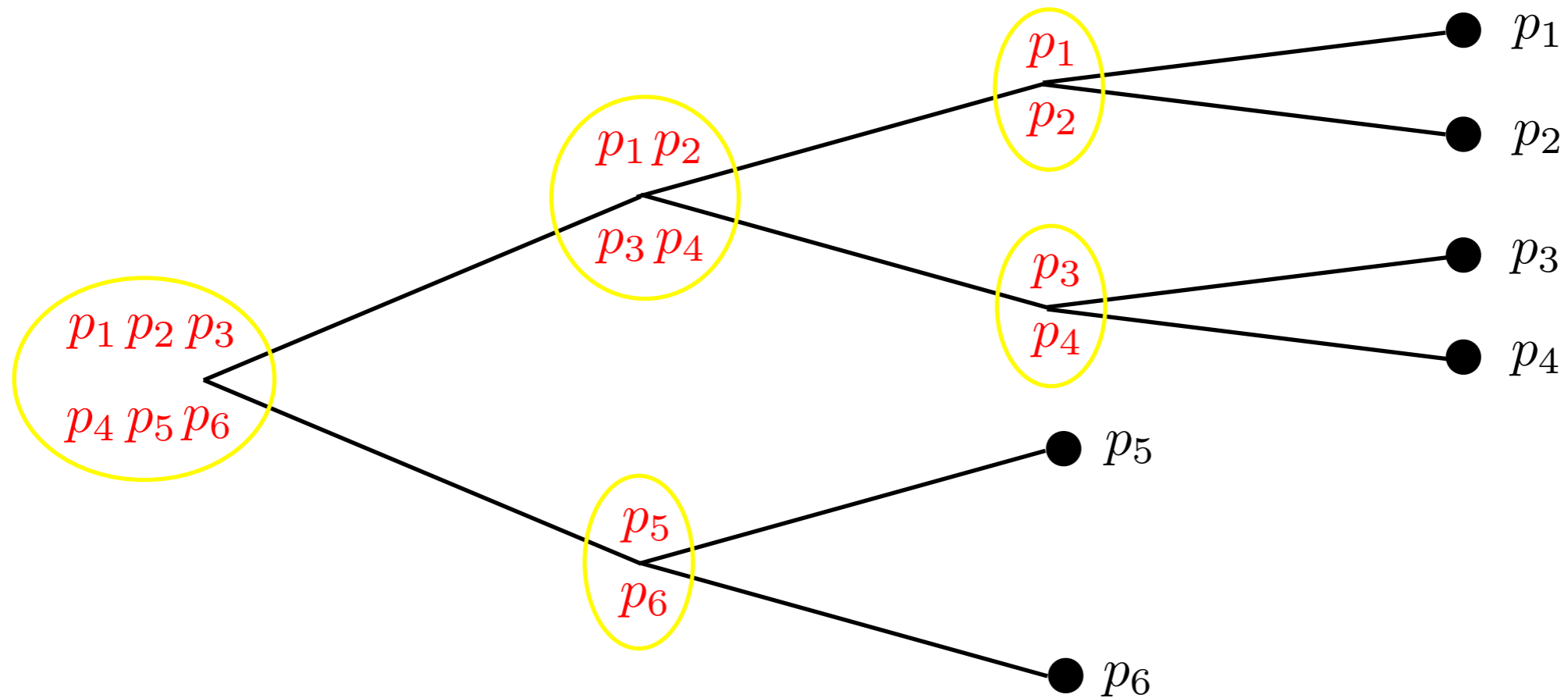
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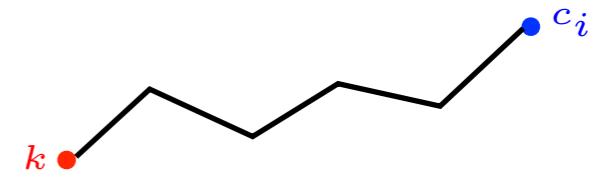
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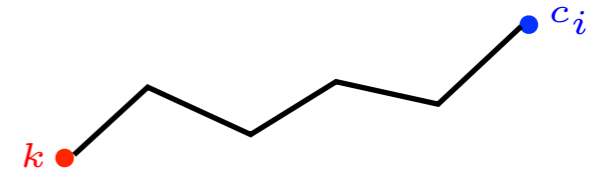
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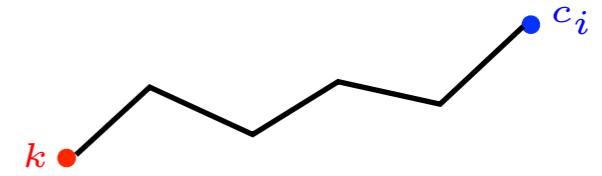
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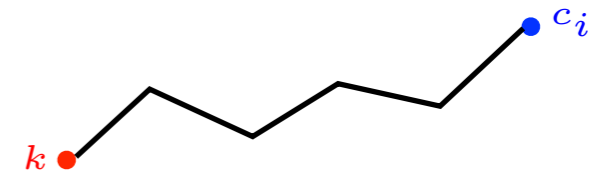
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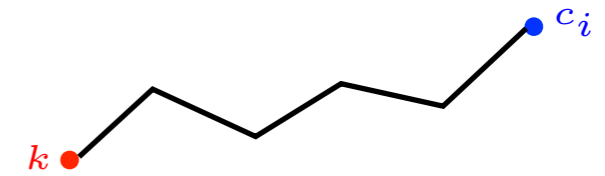


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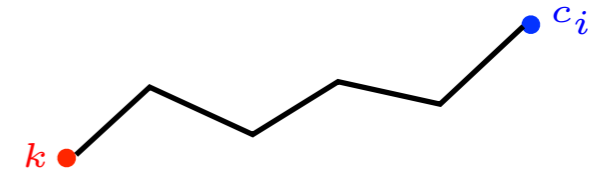
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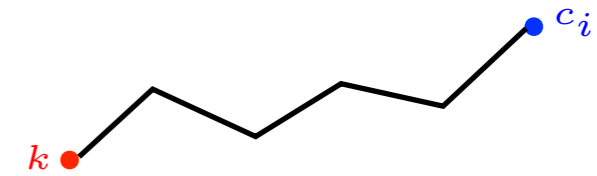
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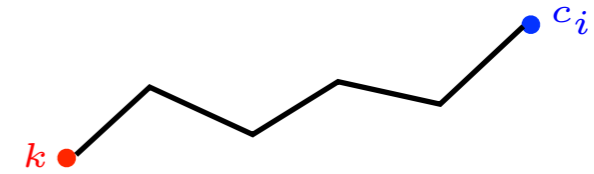
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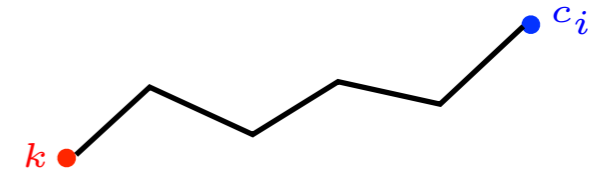
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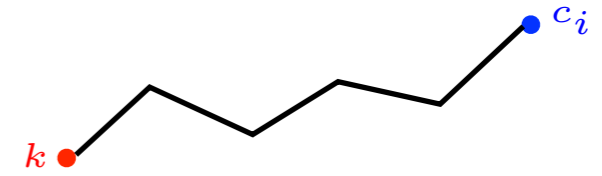
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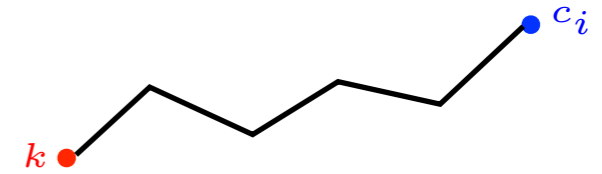
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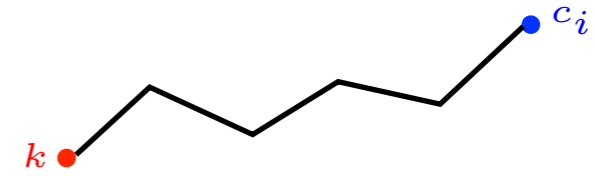
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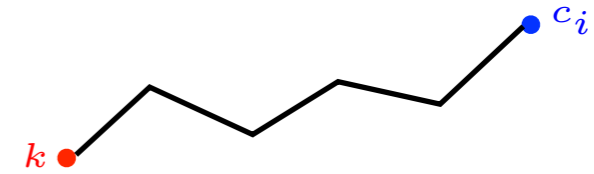
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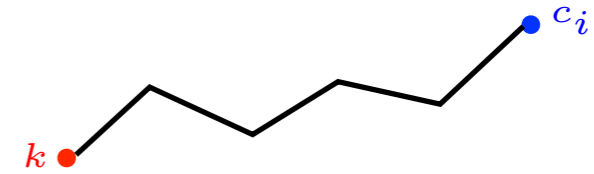
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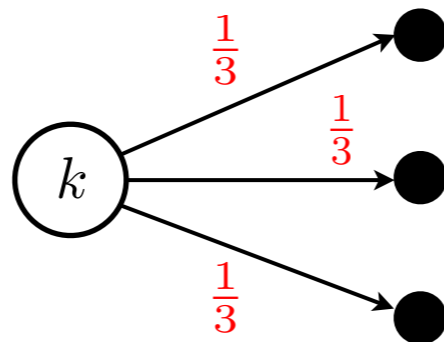
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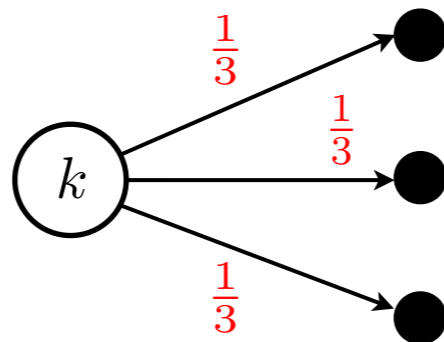
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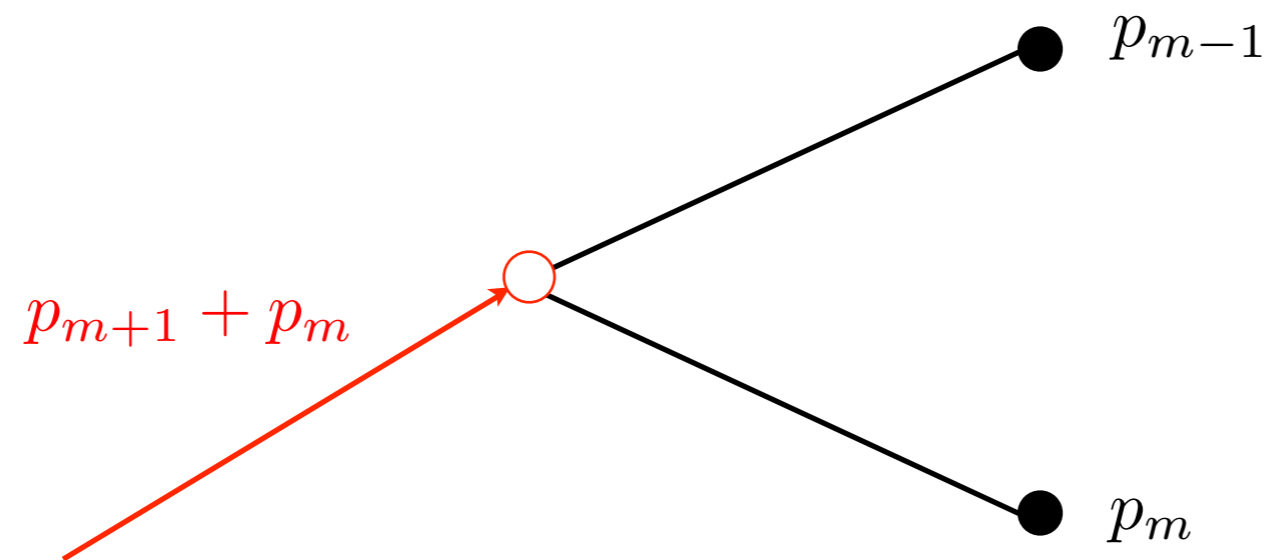
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