

# Partially-commutative context-free processes

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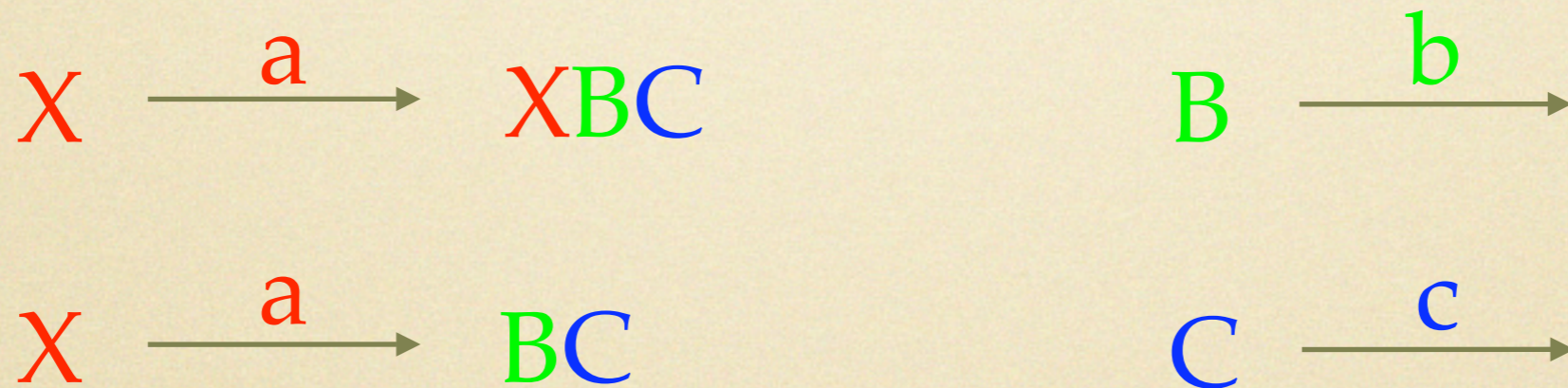
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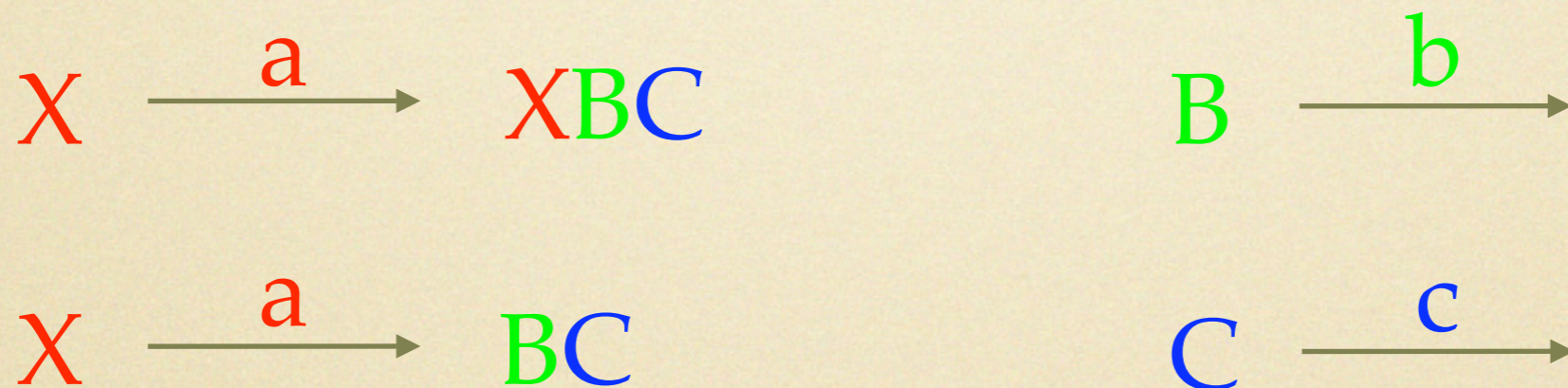


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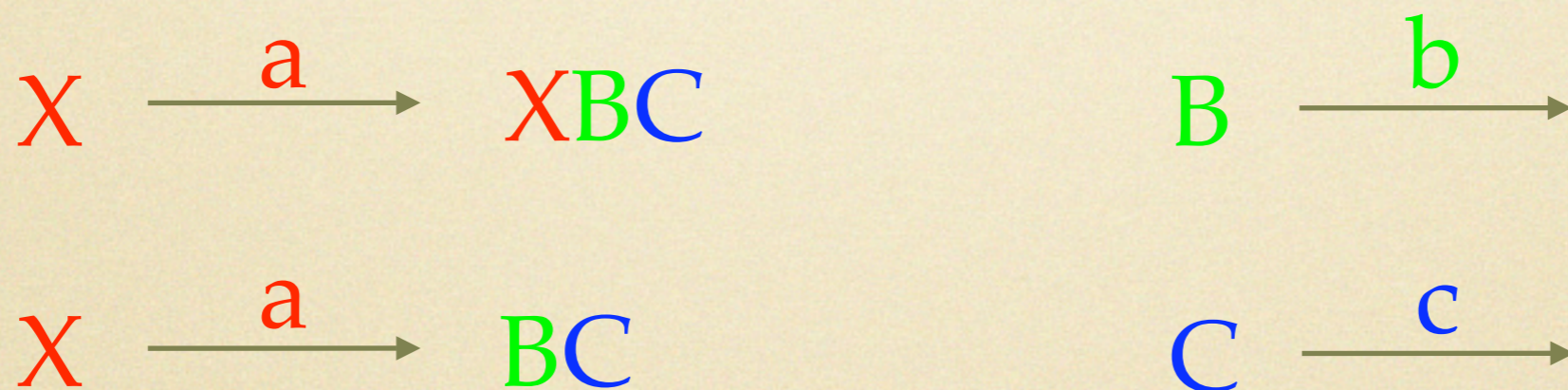


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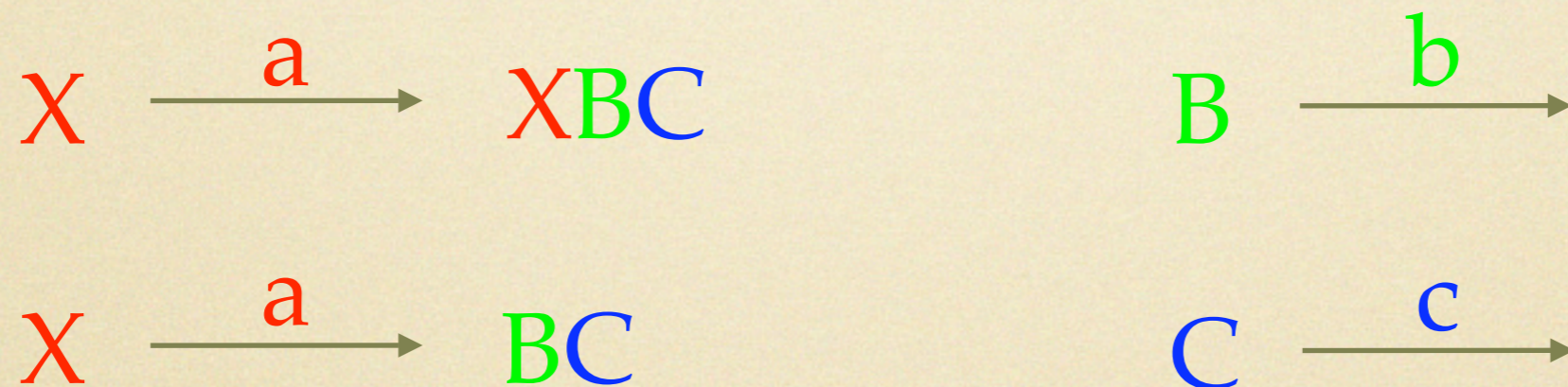
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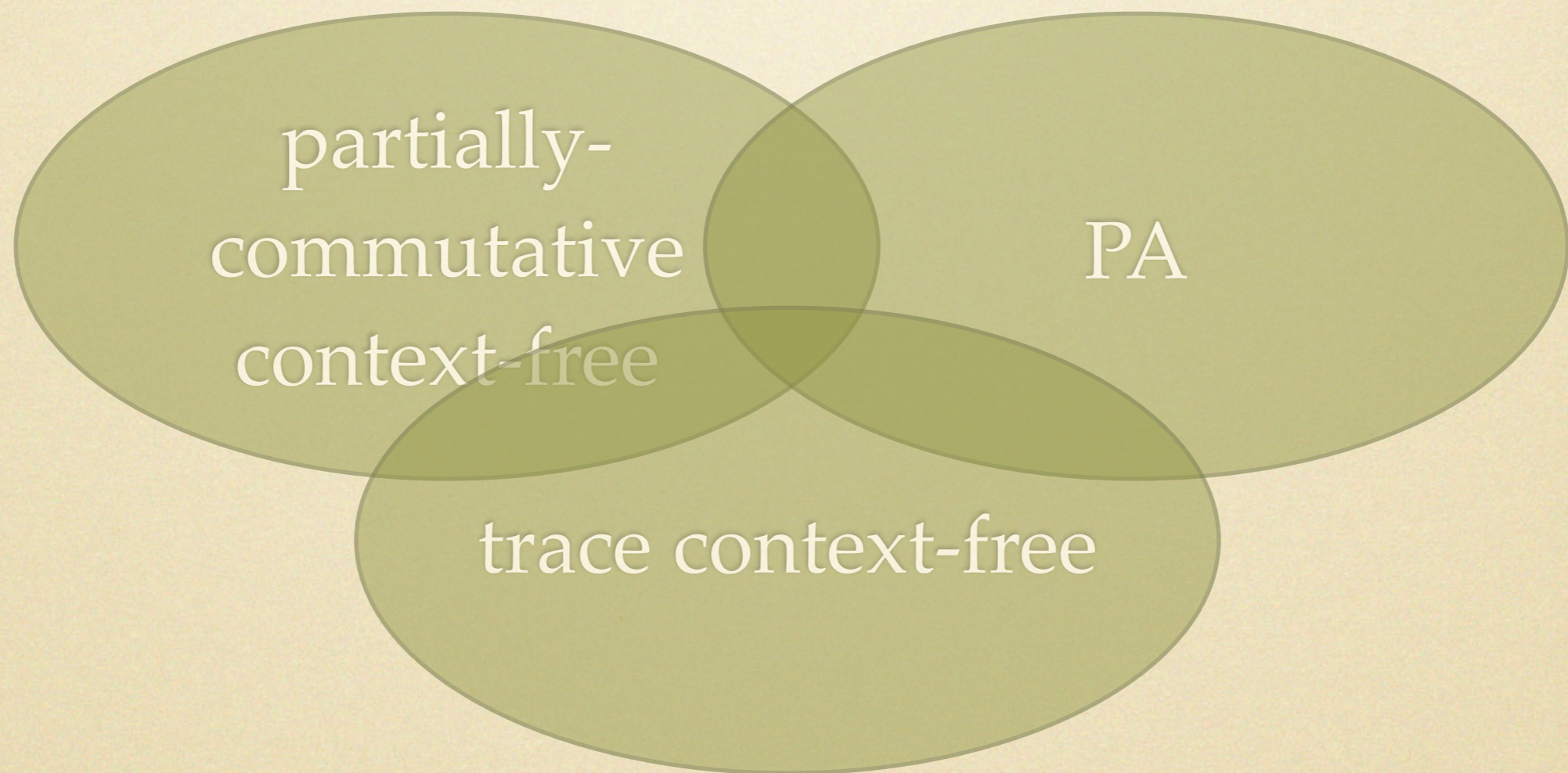


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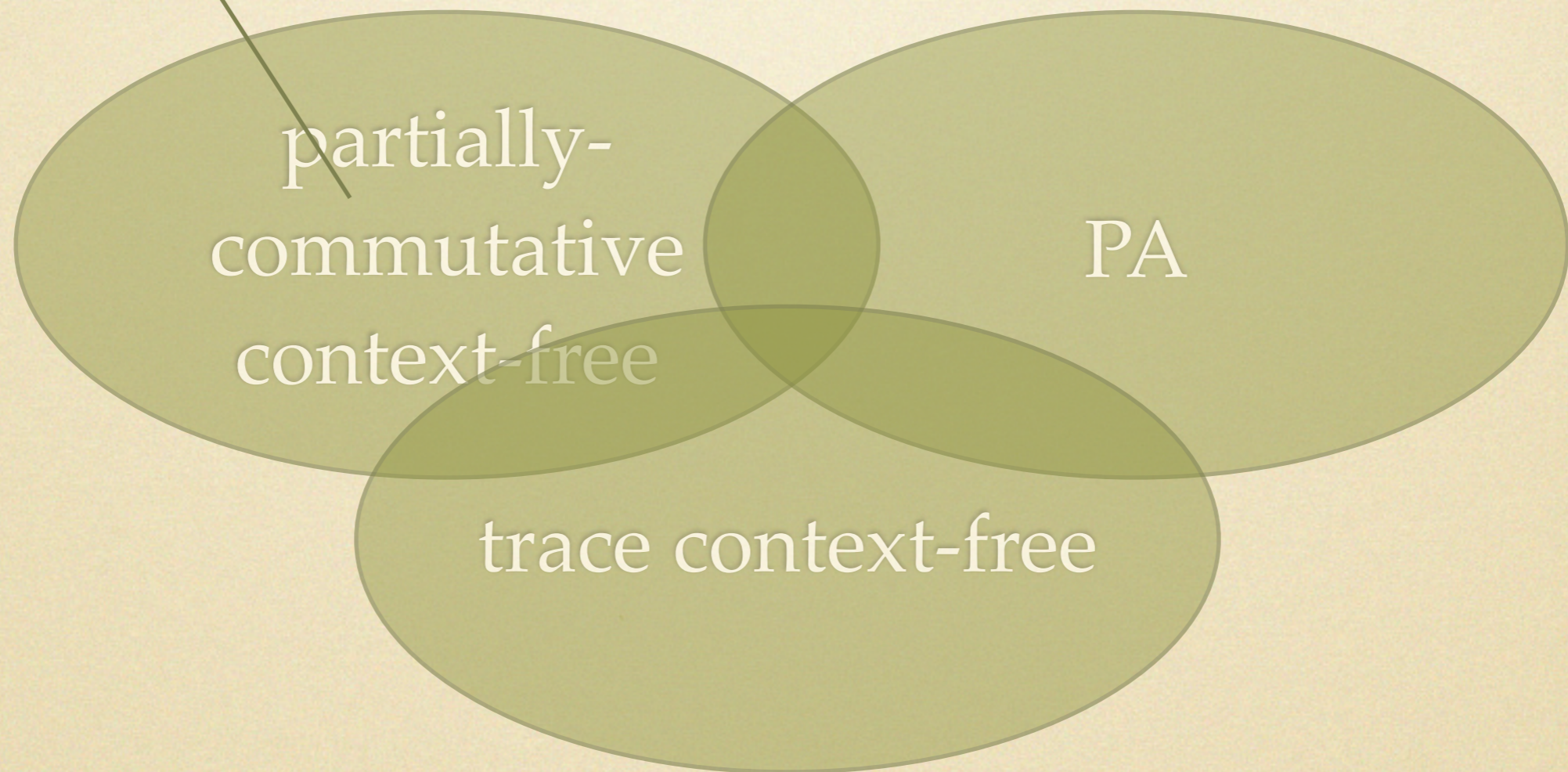
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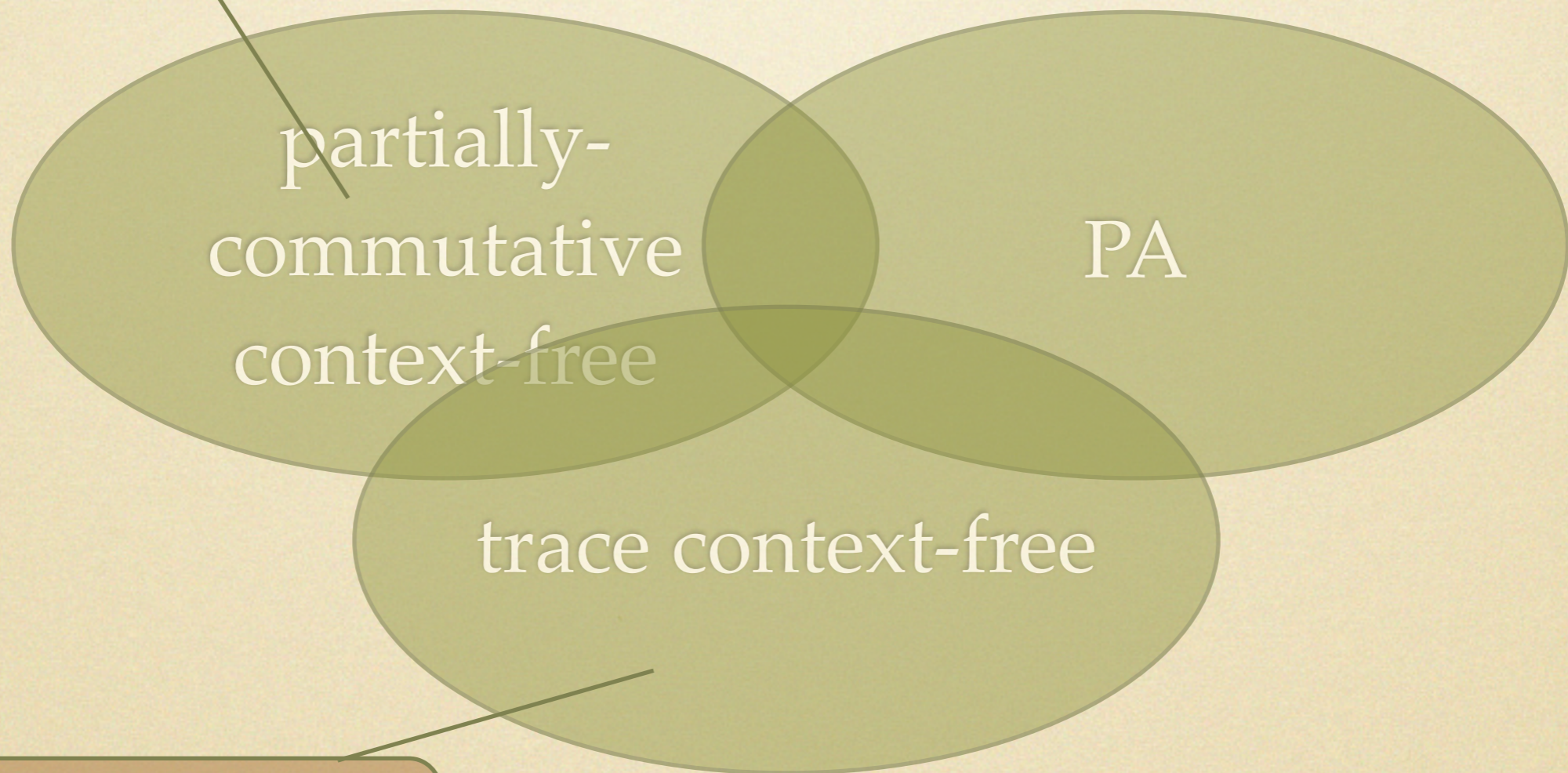
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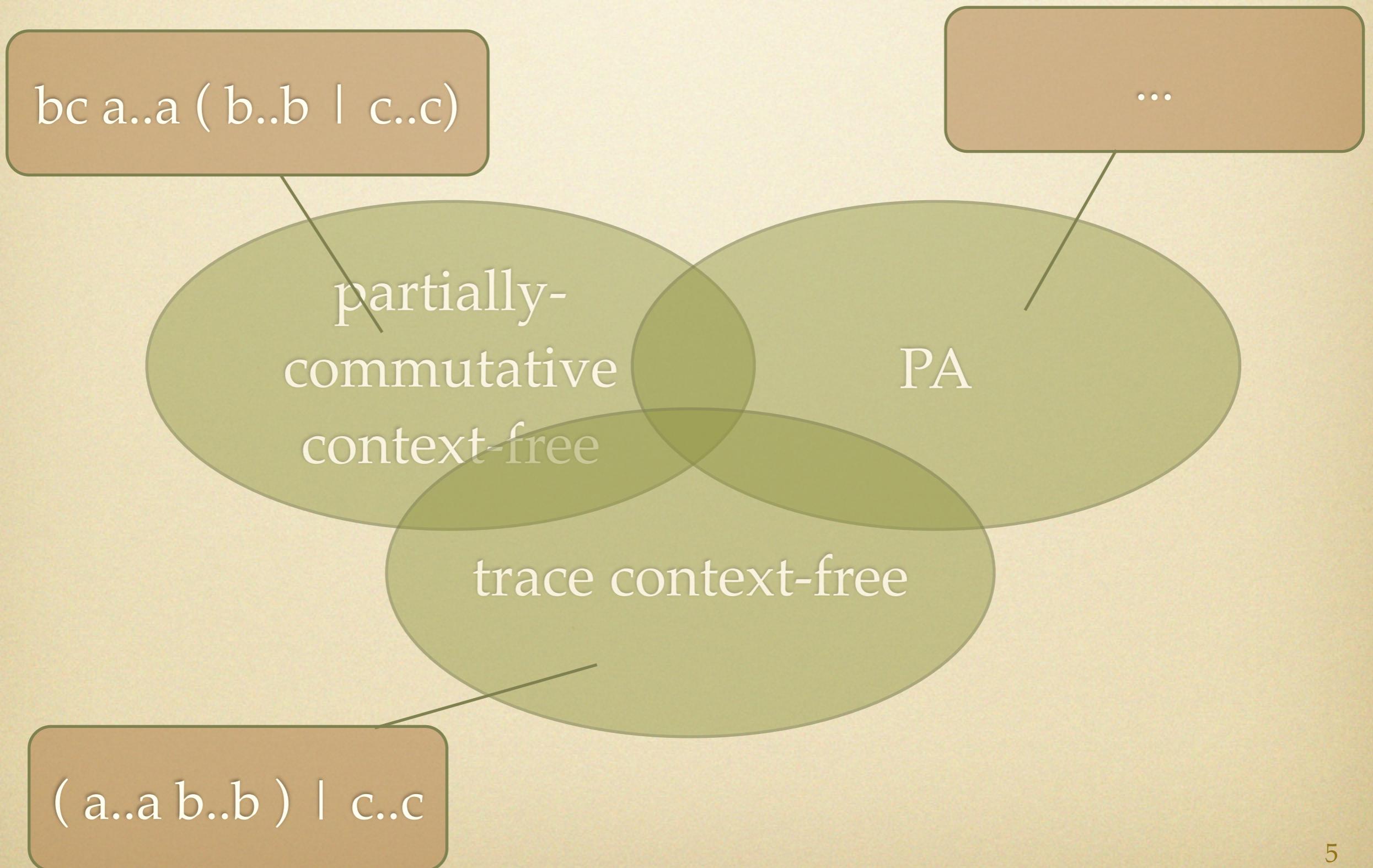
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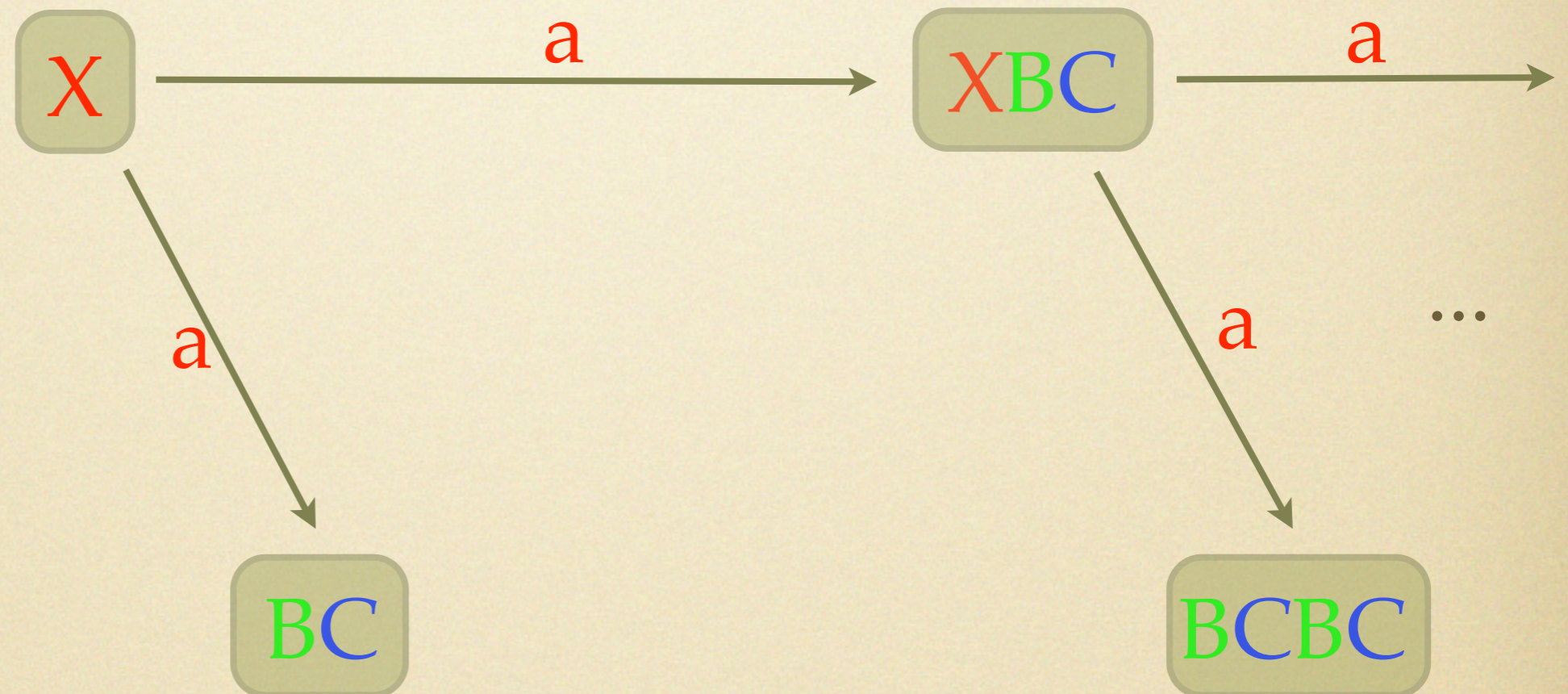


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non-terminal = elementary process

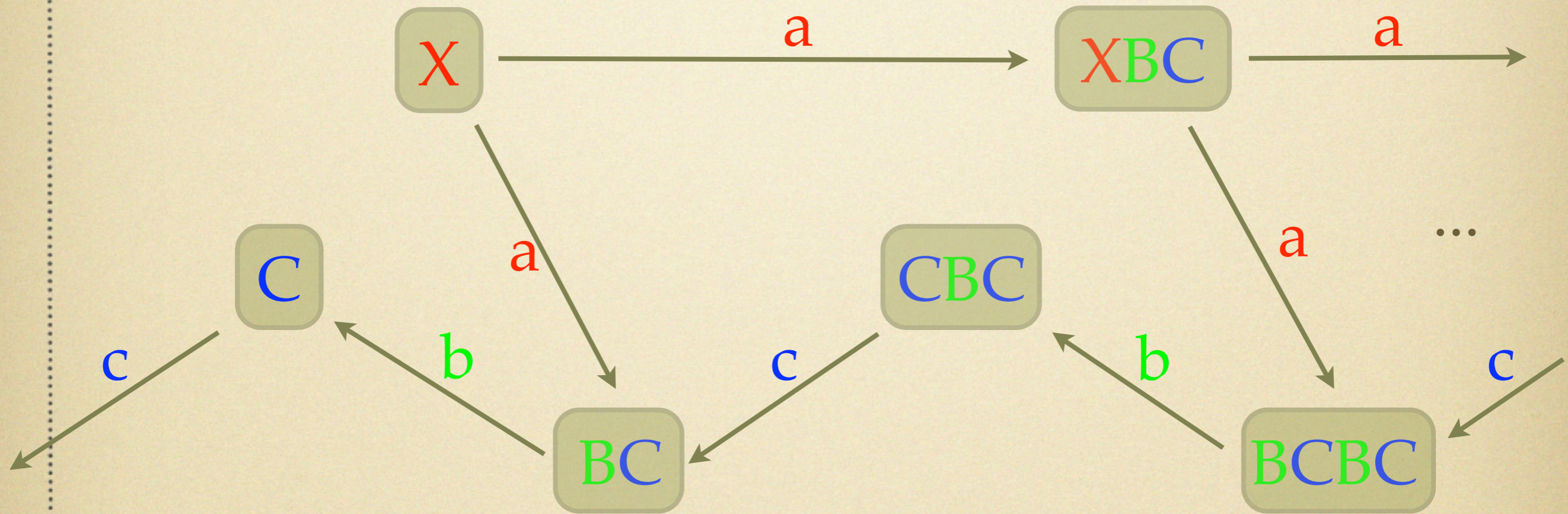


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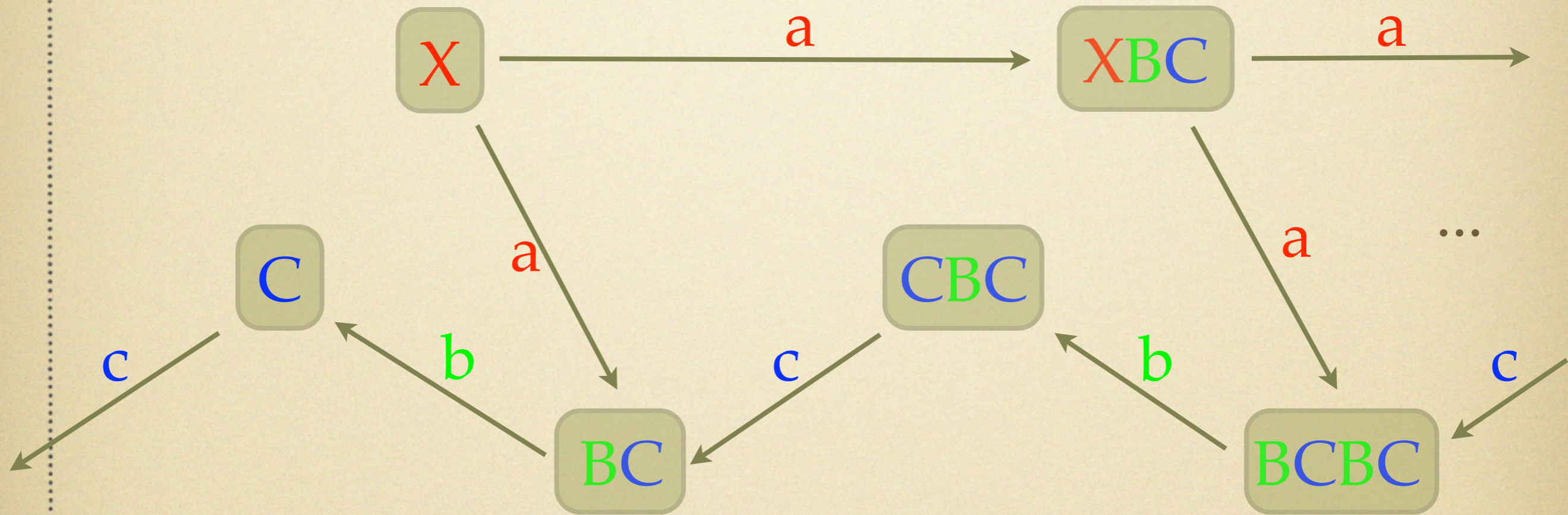


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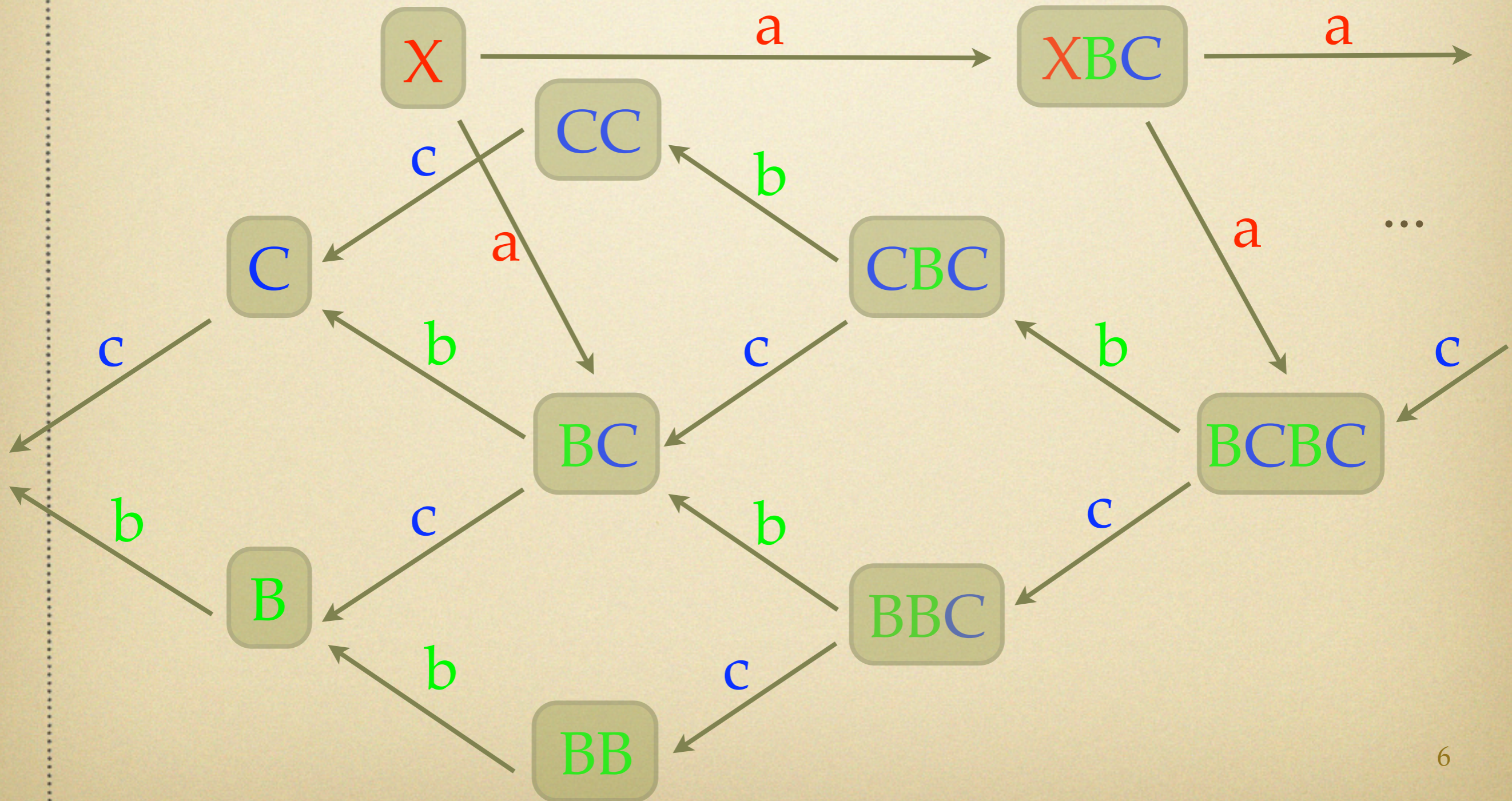
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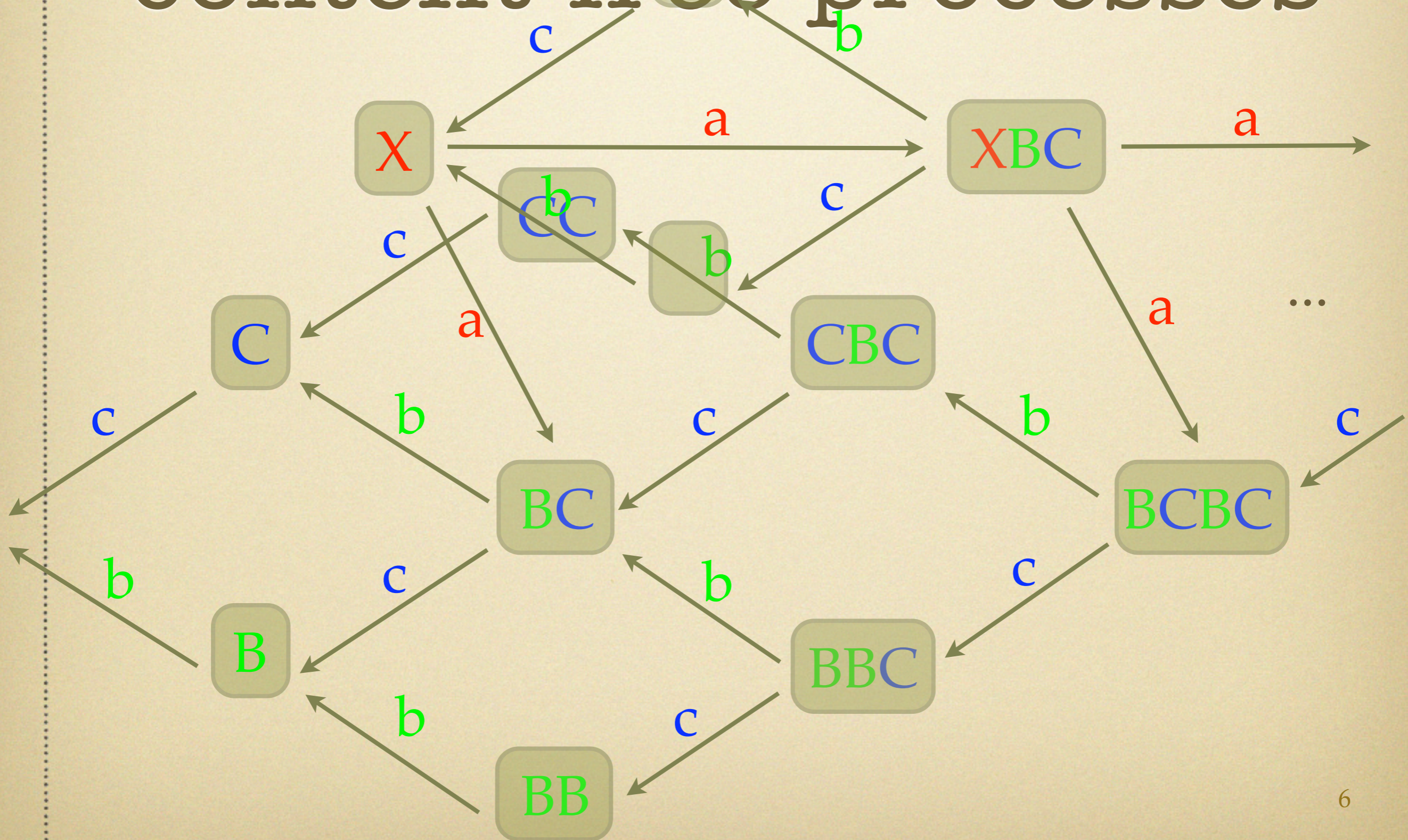


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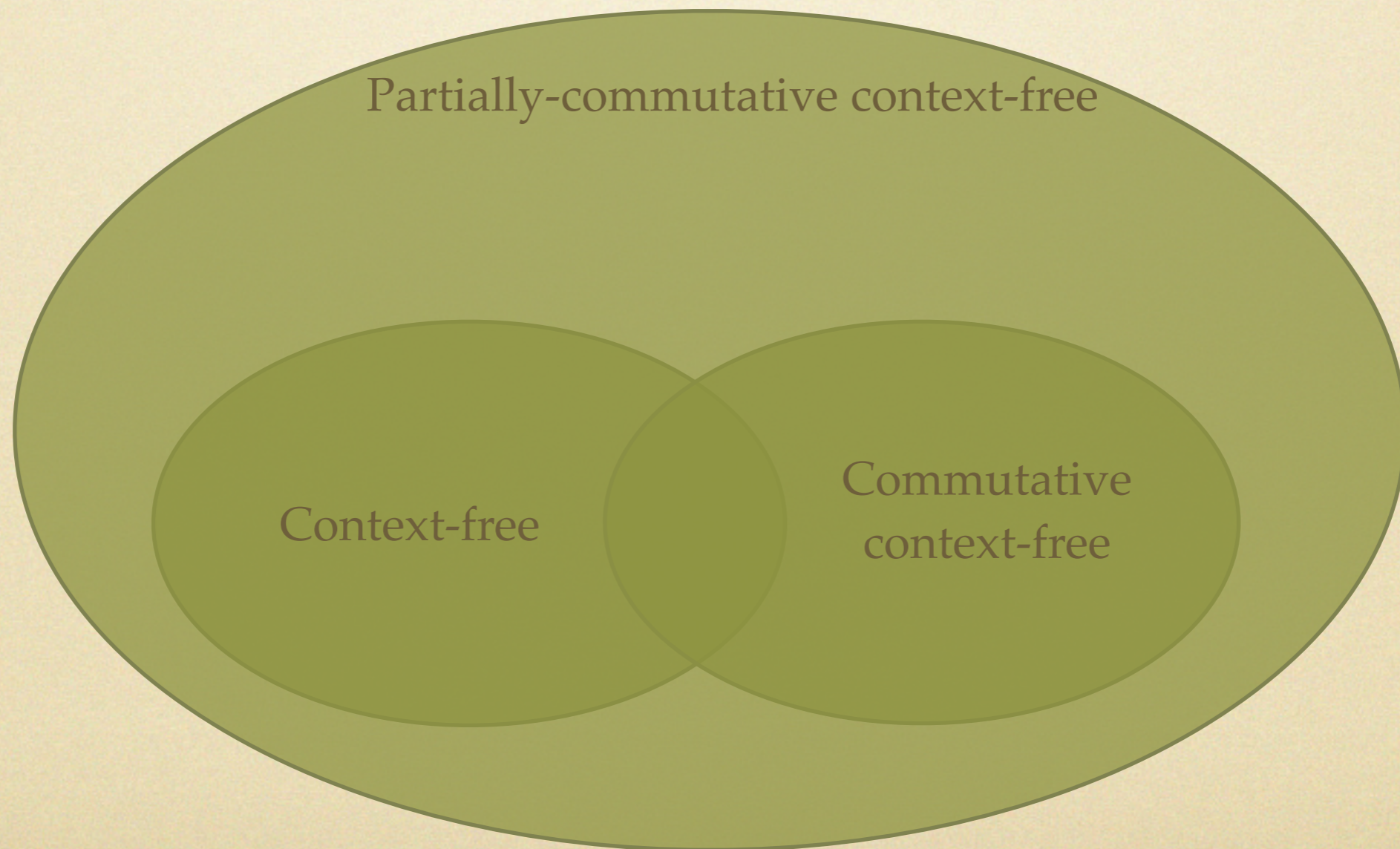
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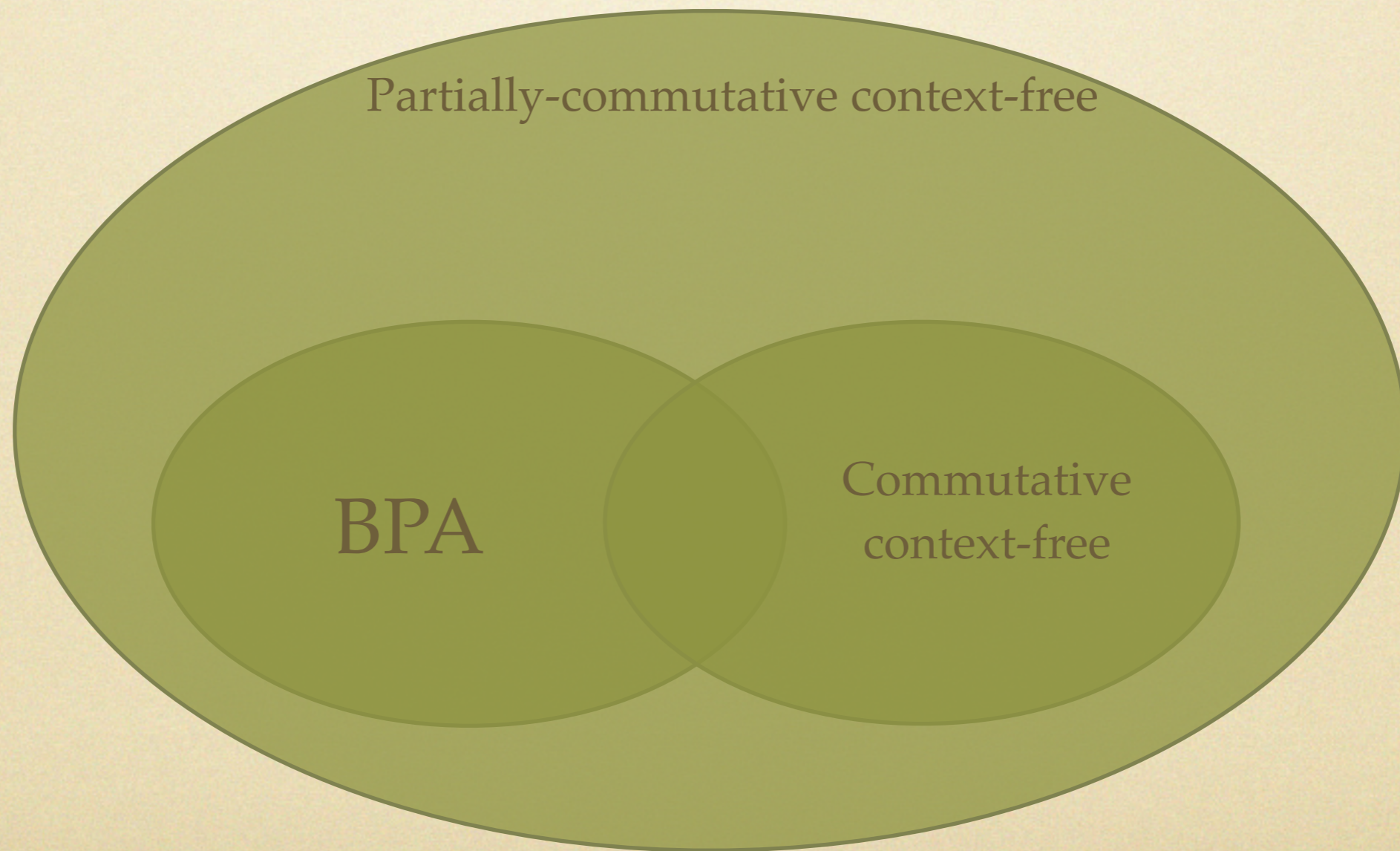


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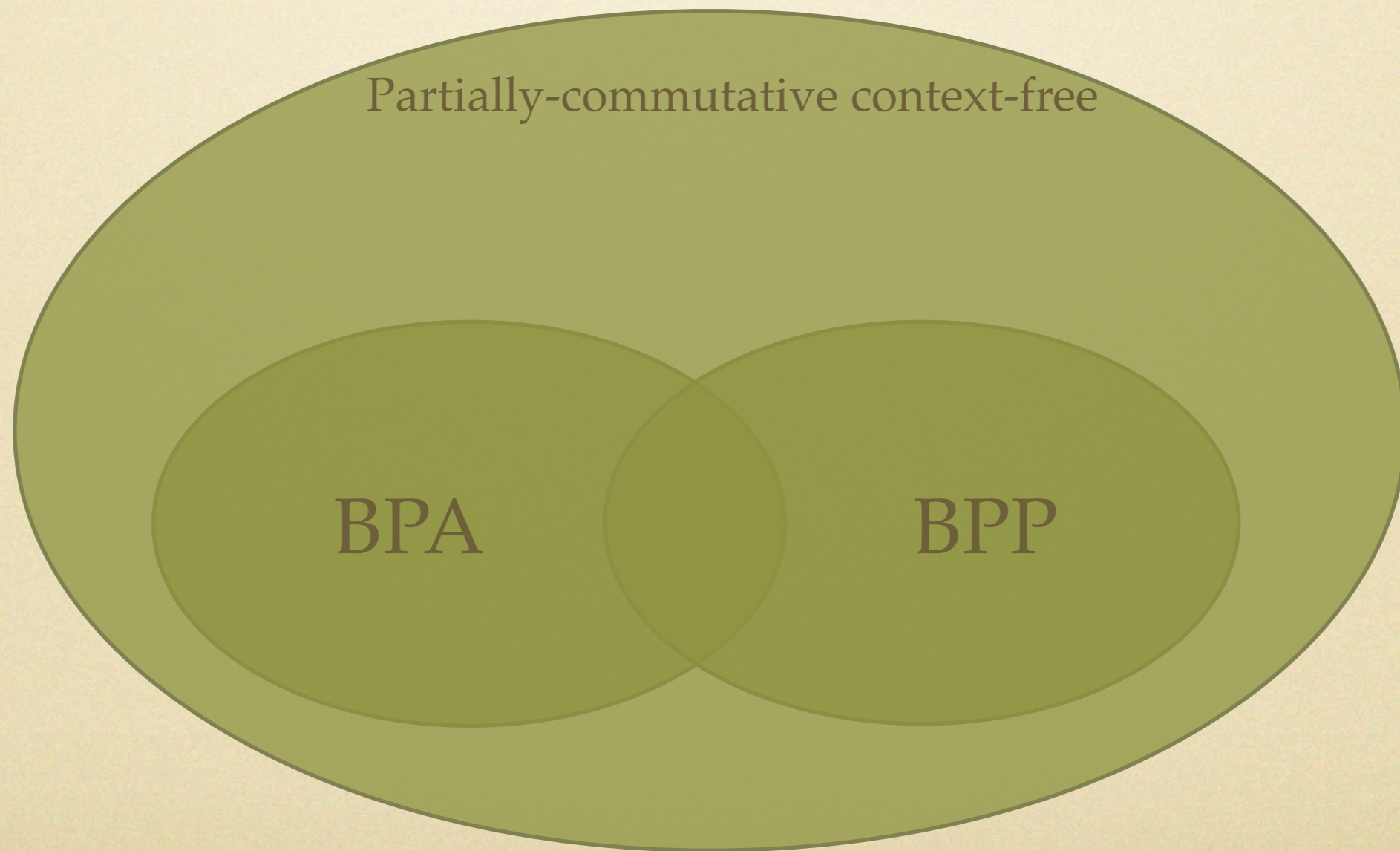


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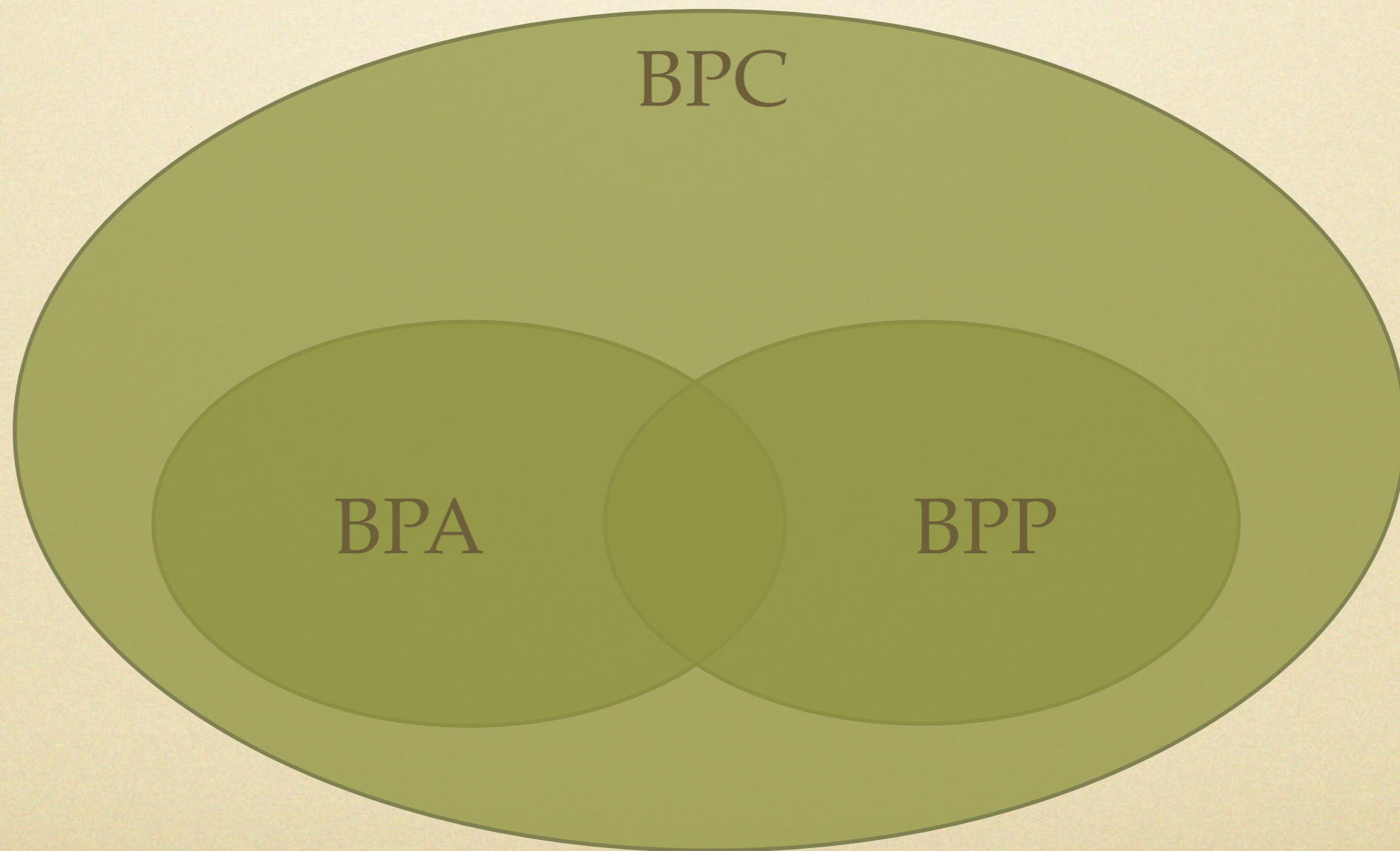


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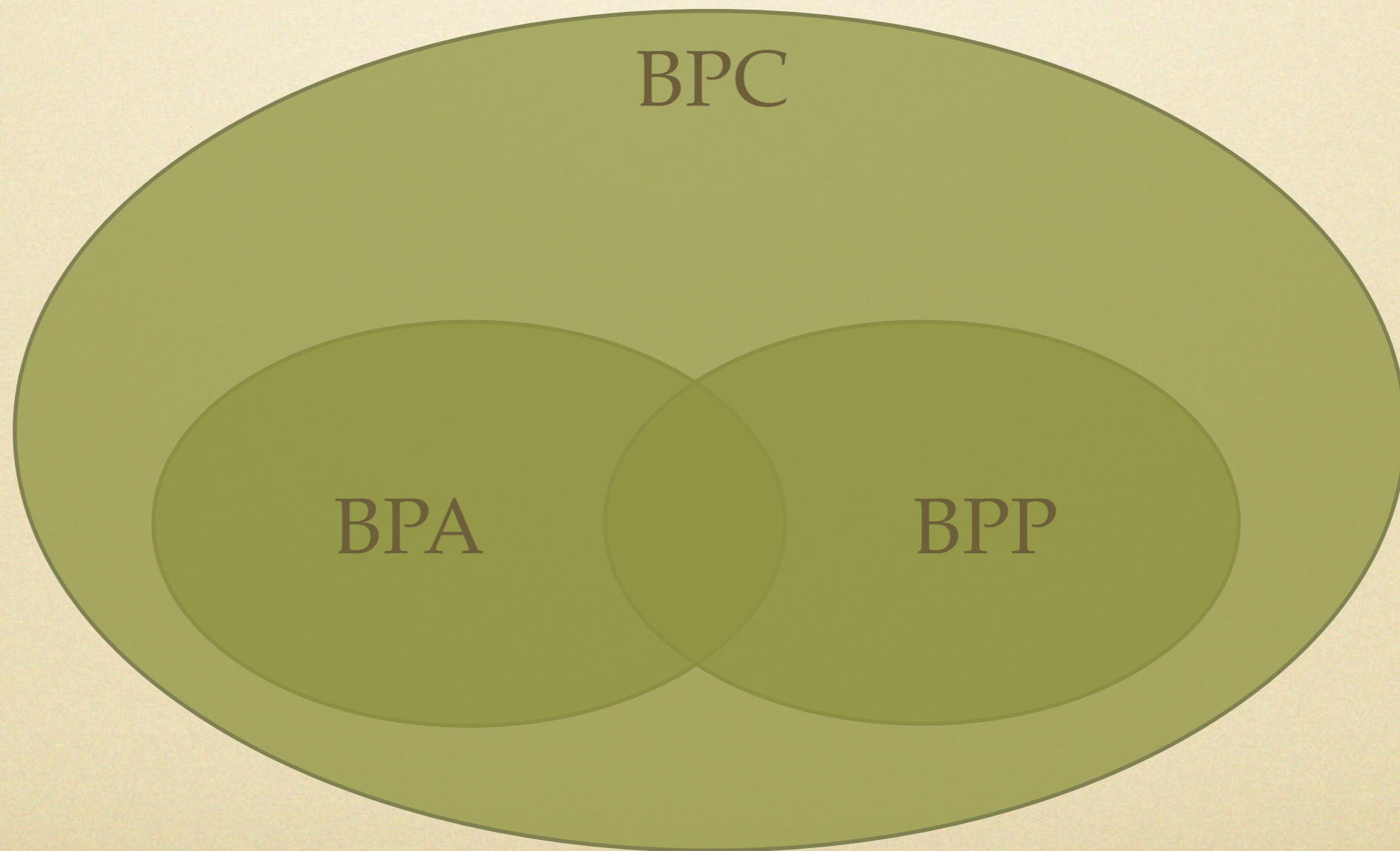


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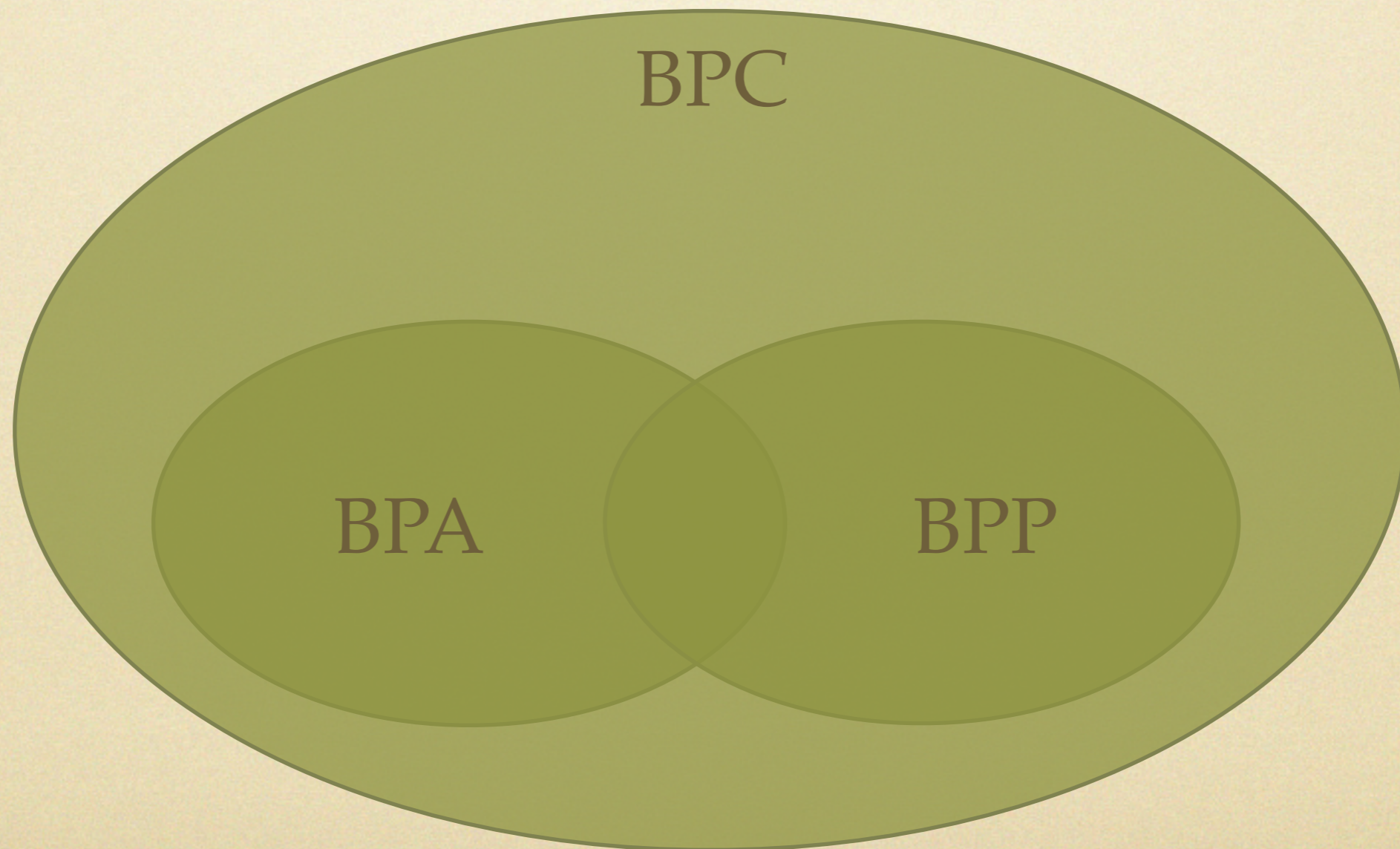
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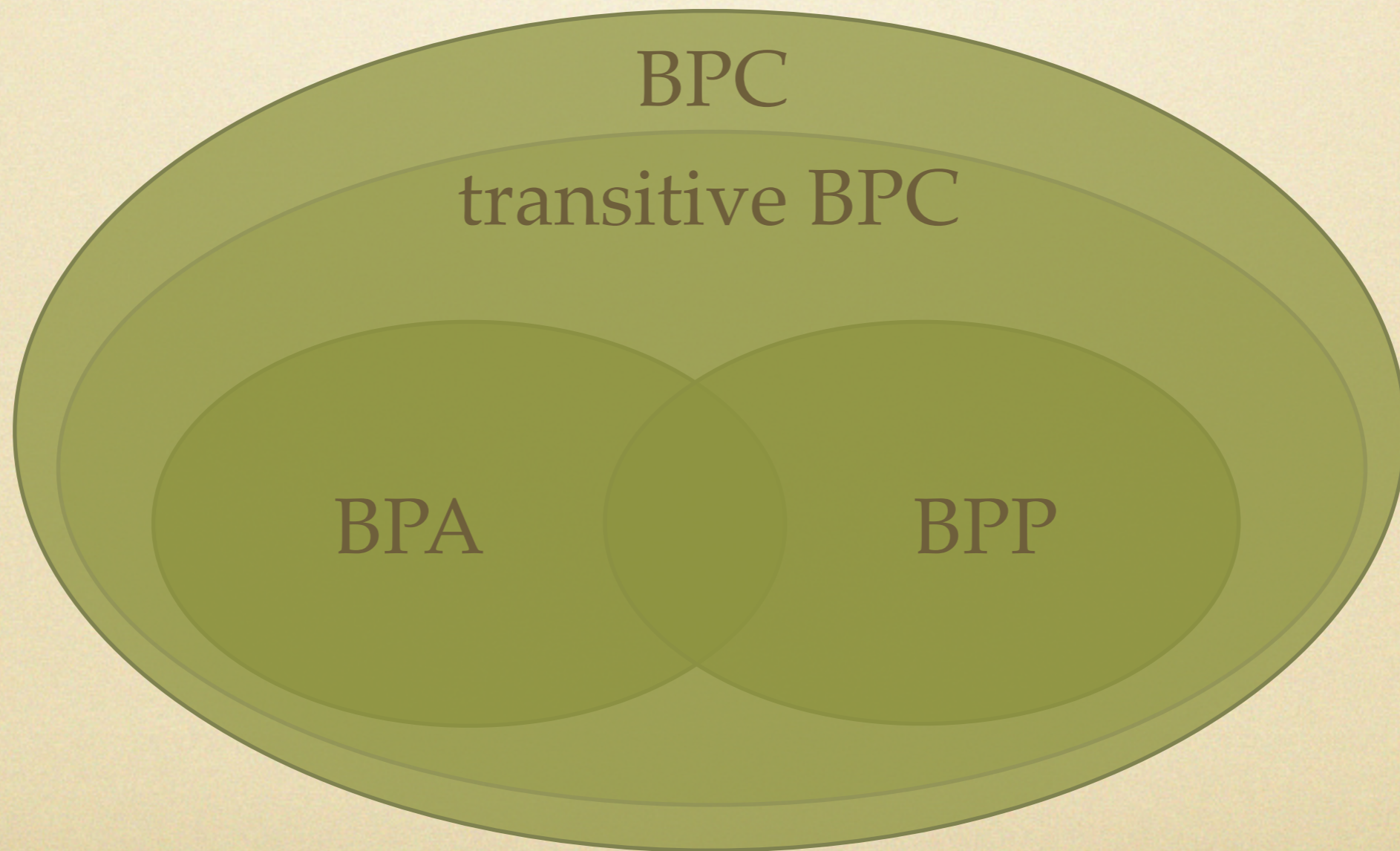
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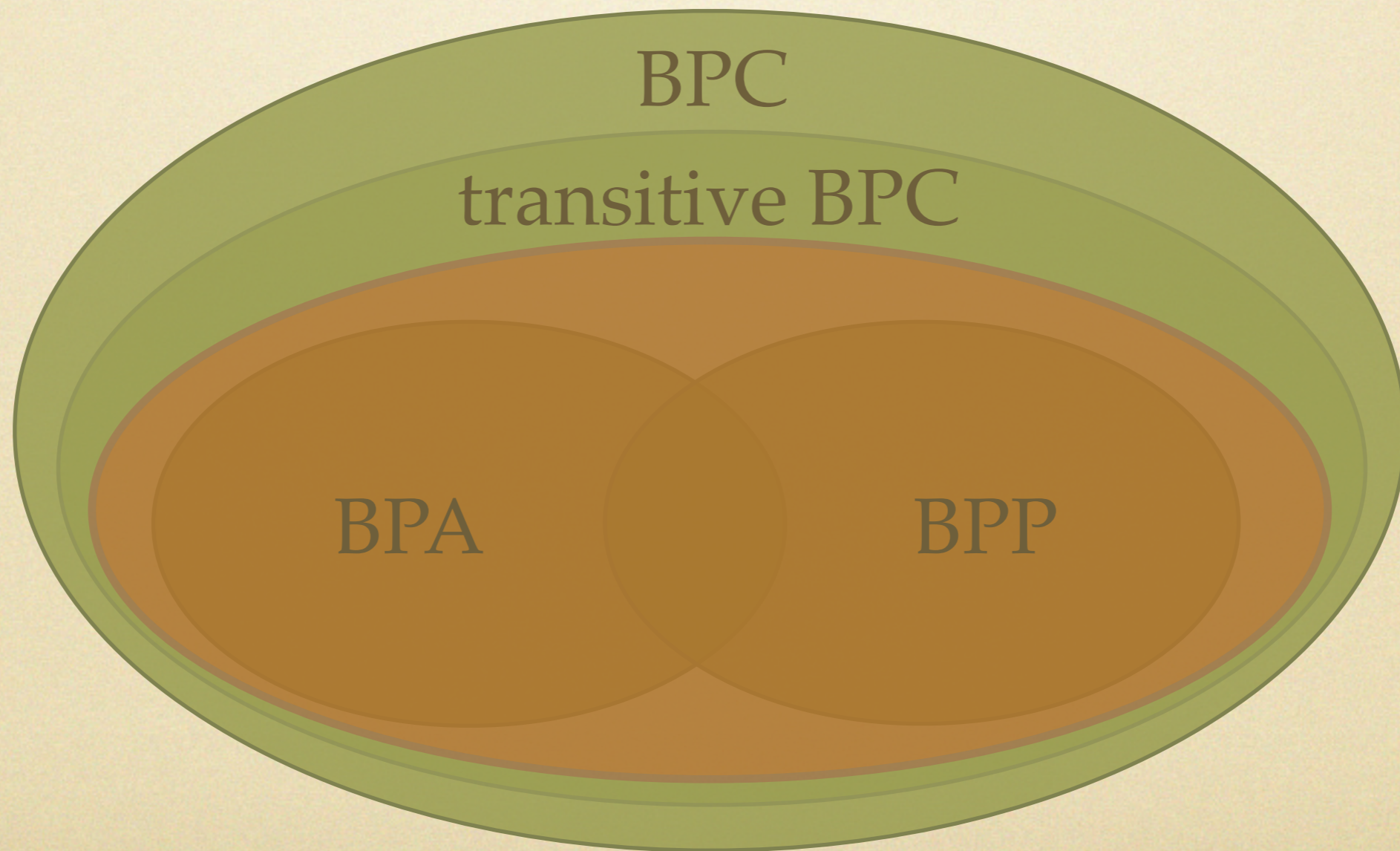
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- BPA  $\sim$  BPP is in P [Jančar, Kot, Sawa '08]



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## Challenge 1:

to extend the tractable class

## Challenge 2:

BPA and BPP algorithms are totally different



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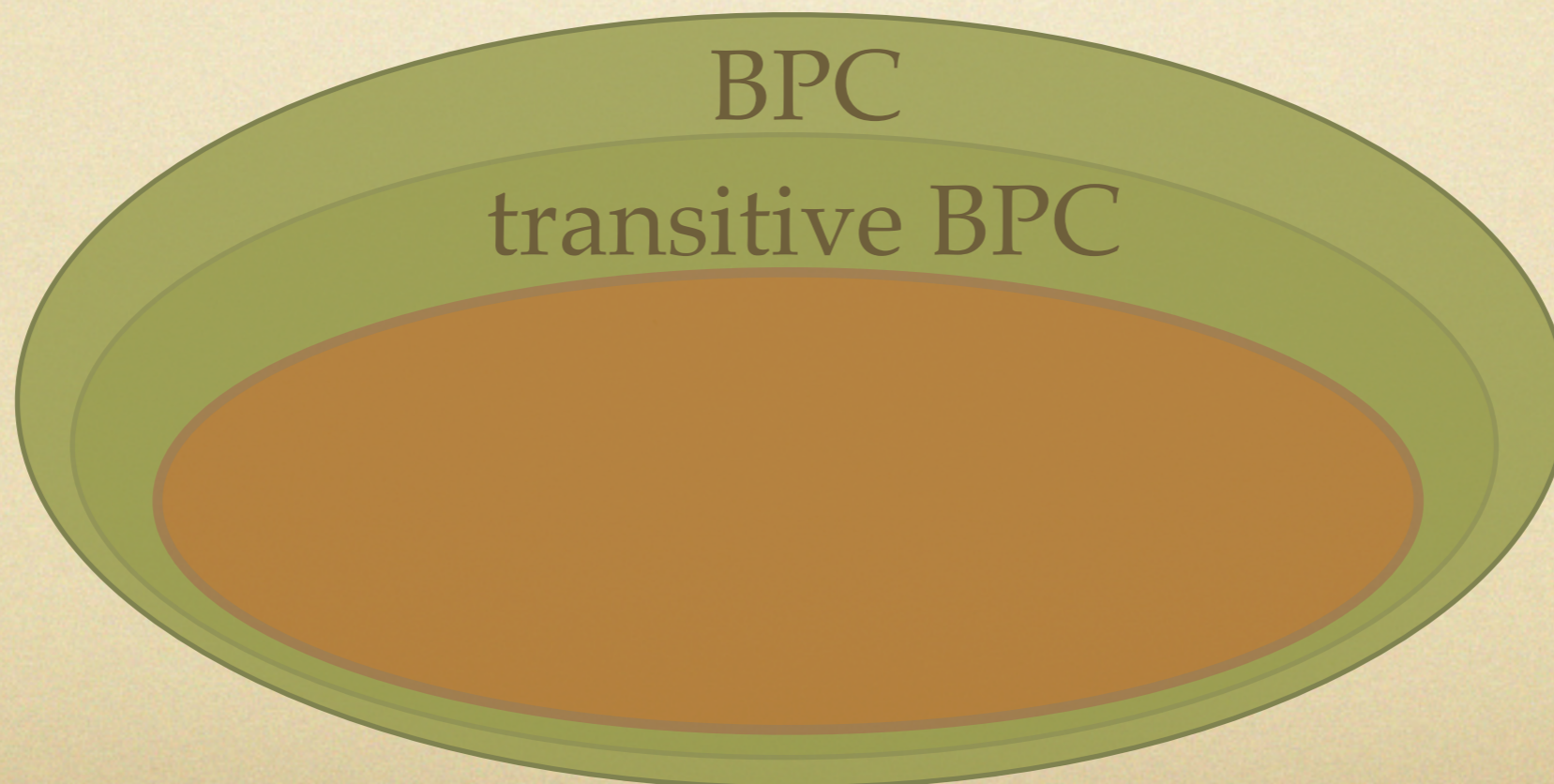
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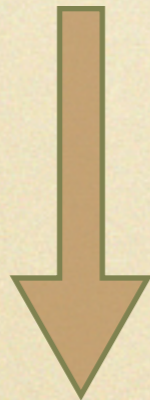
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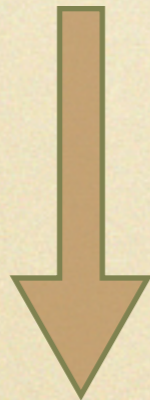
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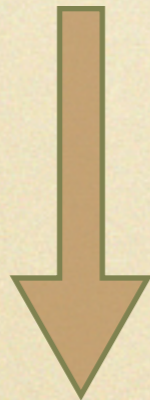
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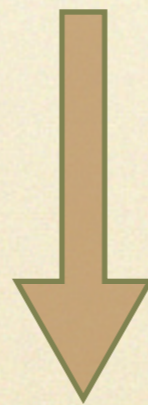
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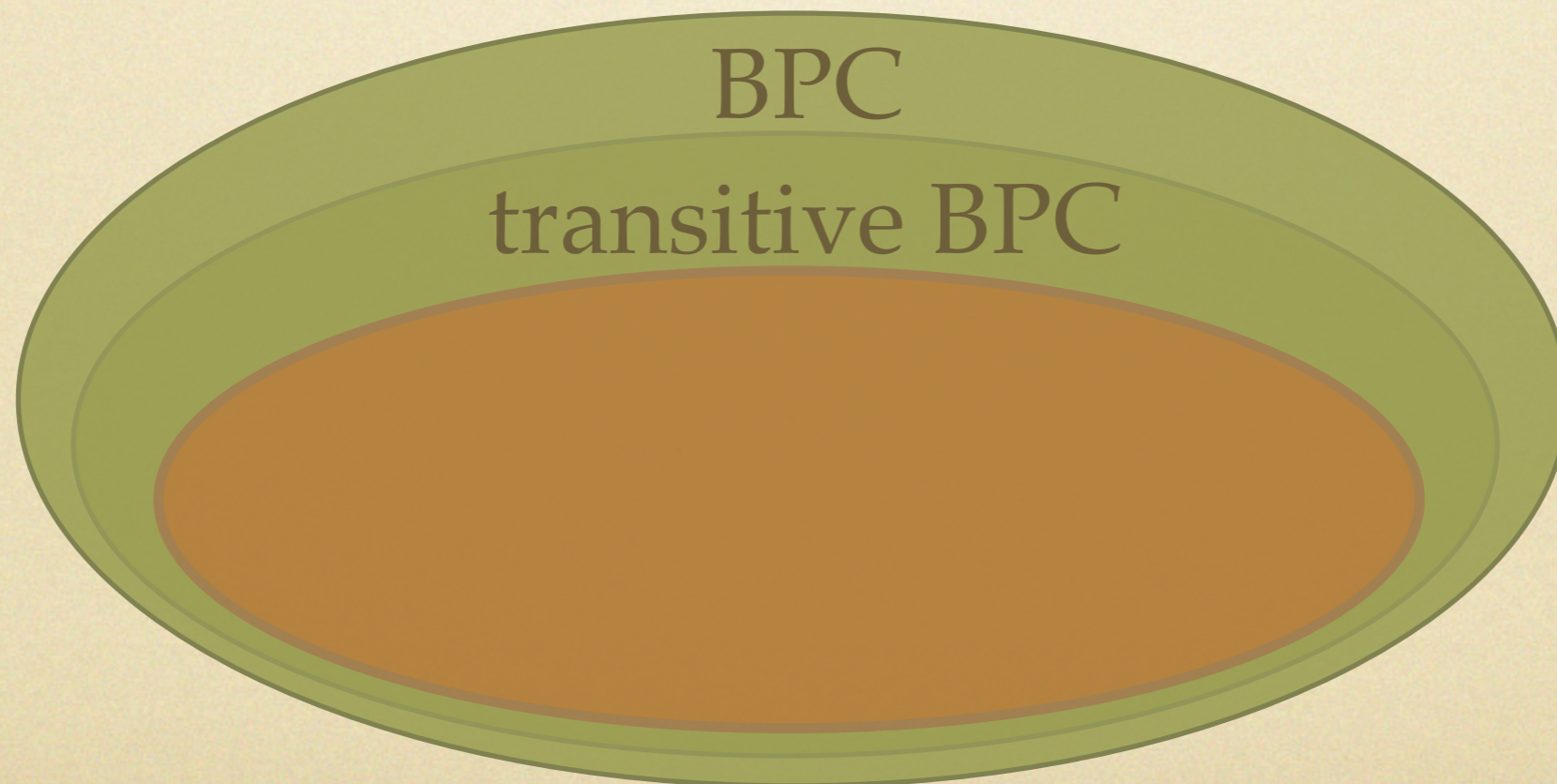


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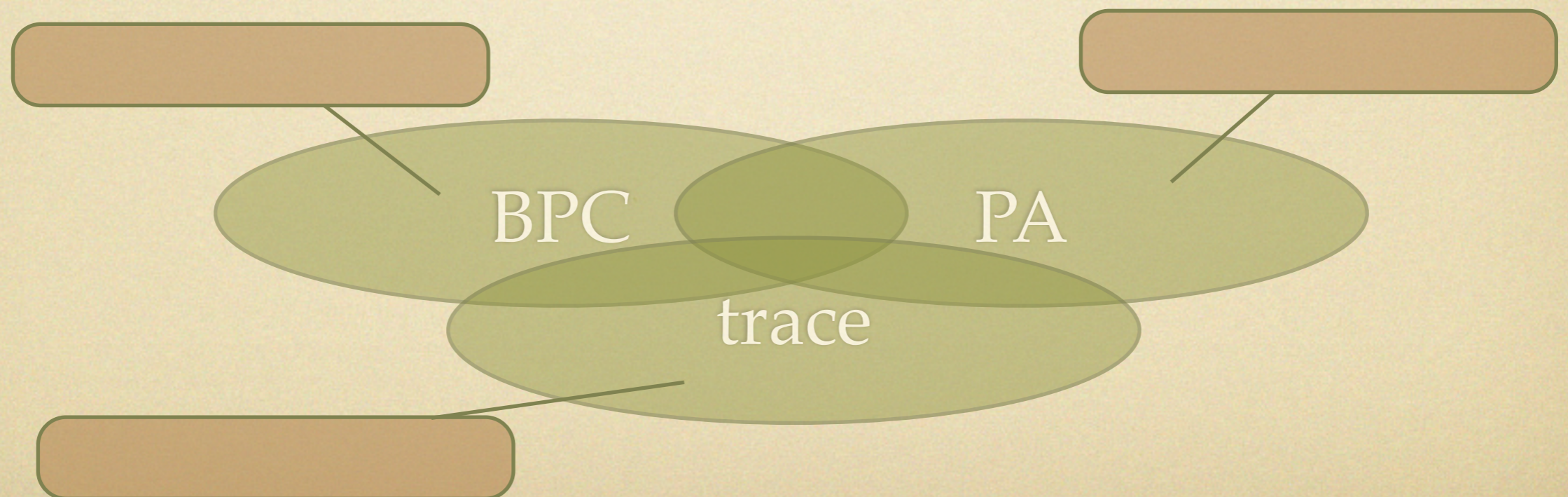
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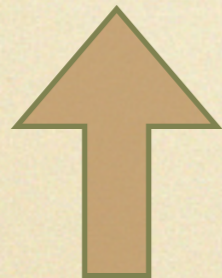
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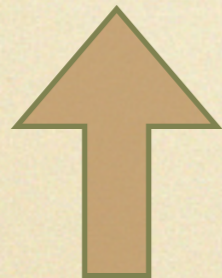
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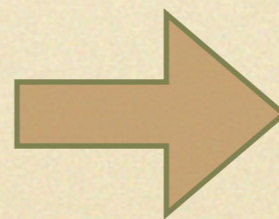


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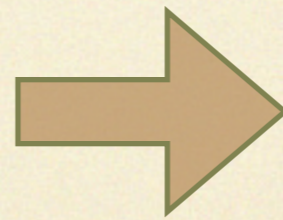
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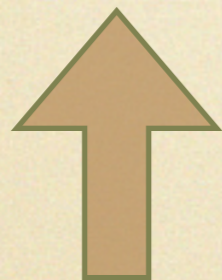


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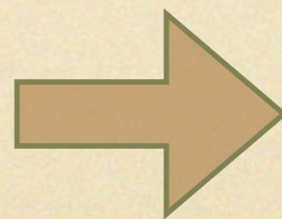
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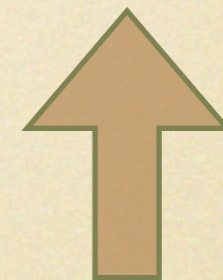
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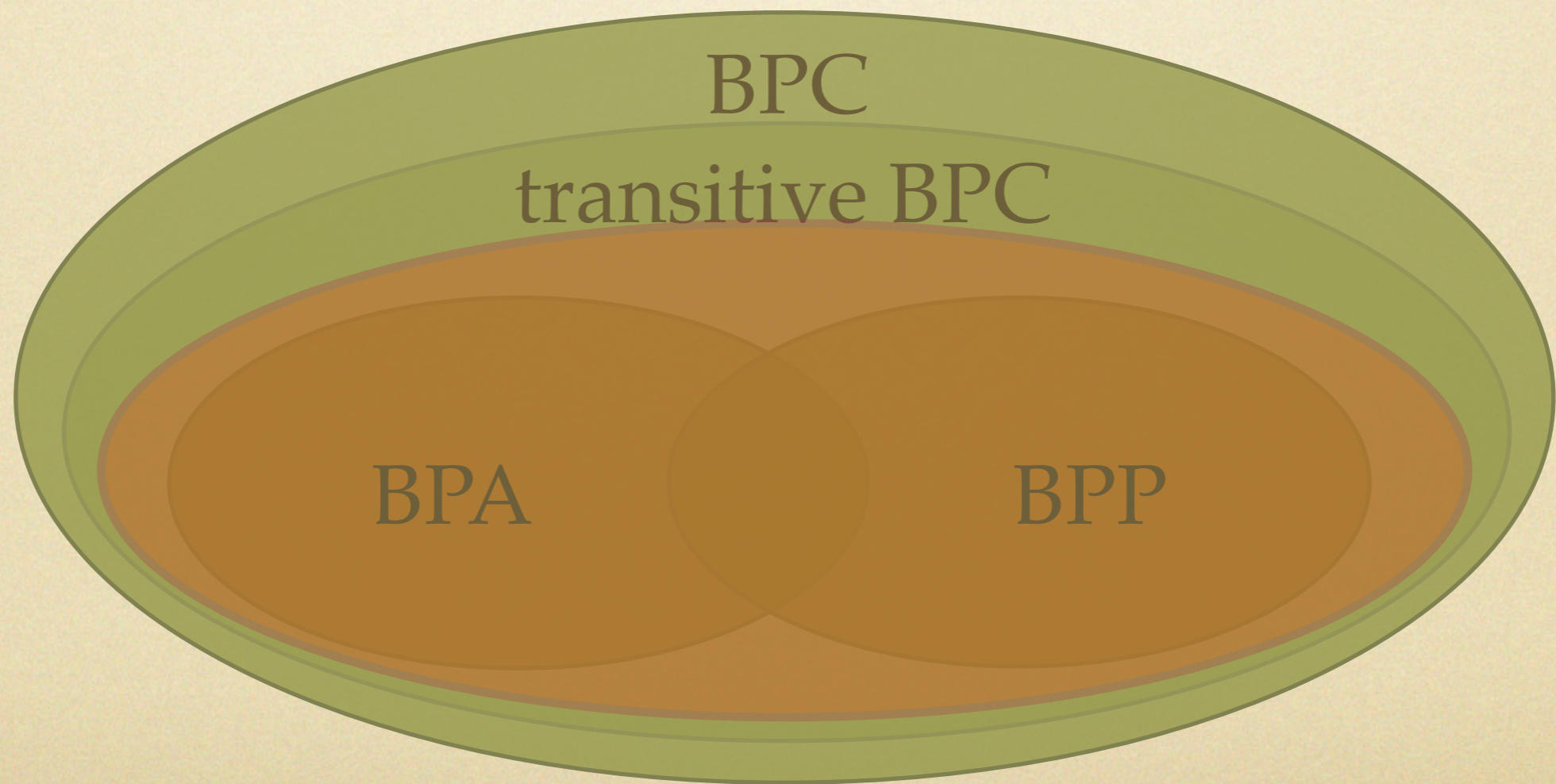


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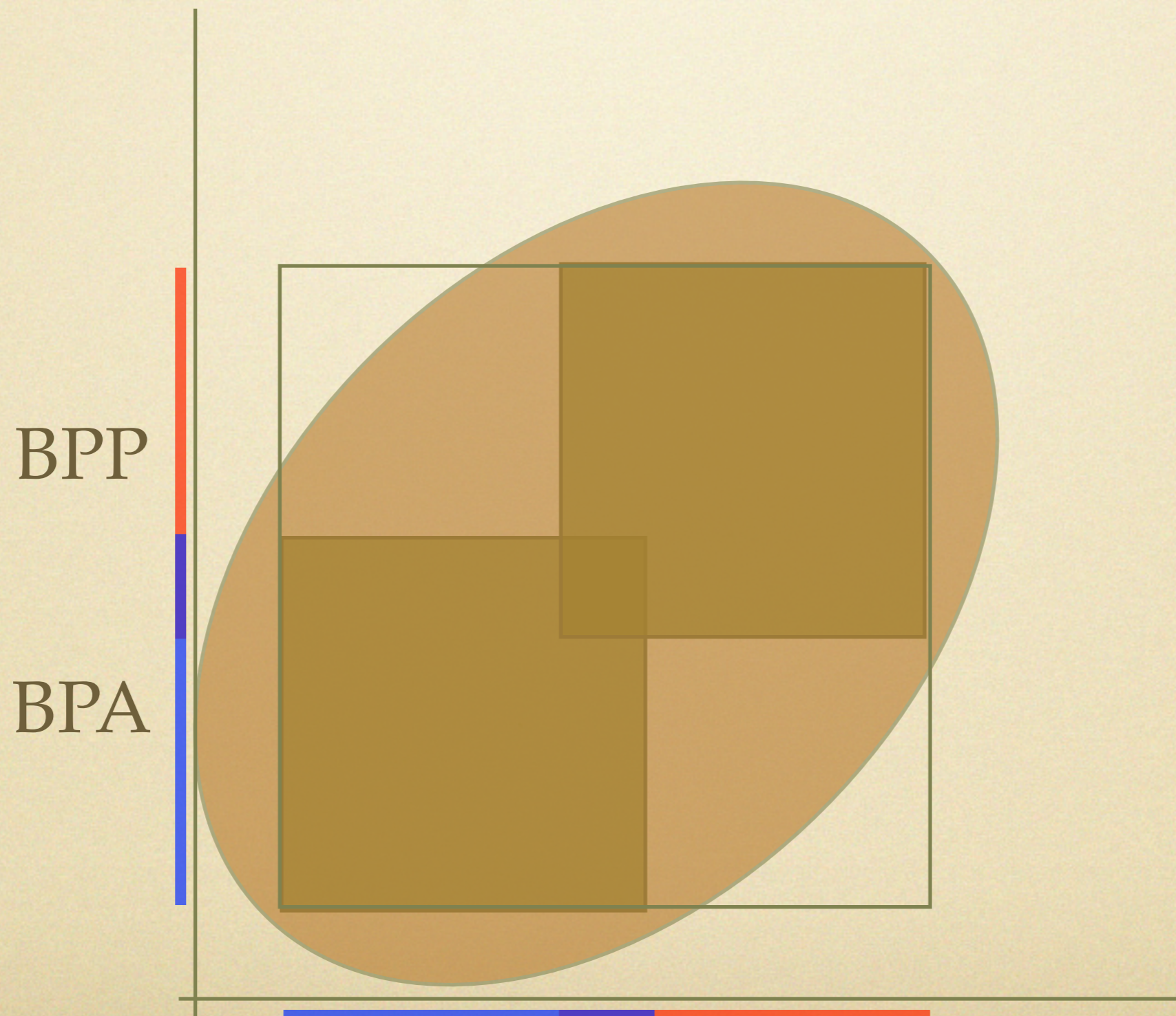
# Question:

is  $BPA \sim BPP$  subsumed?





# The answer: no!





Thanks!