

# From **NP**-completeness to **DP**-completeness: a general methodology to solve product families

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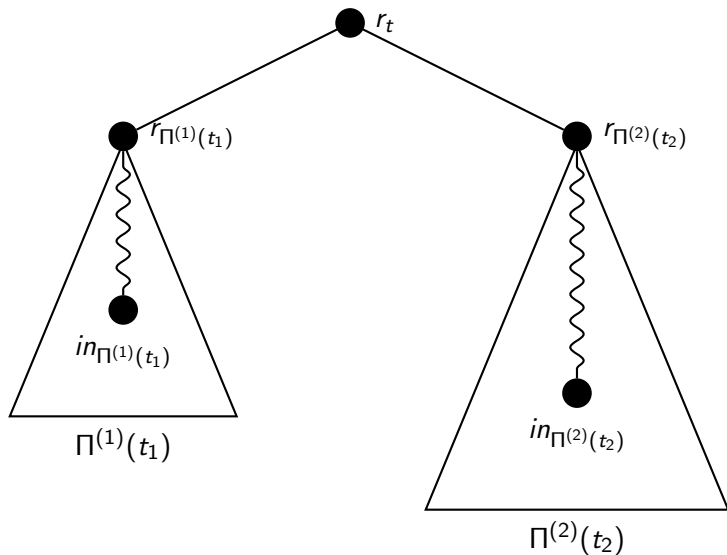
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# General methodology (cell-like P systems)



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