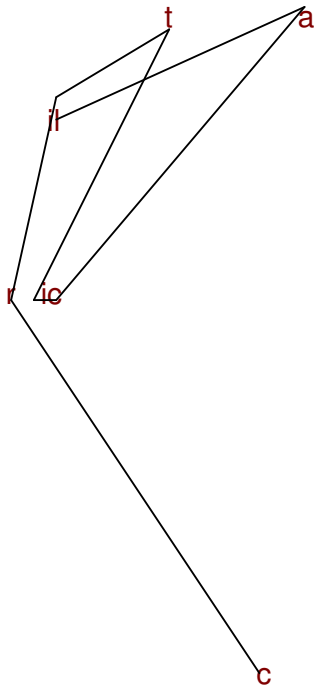
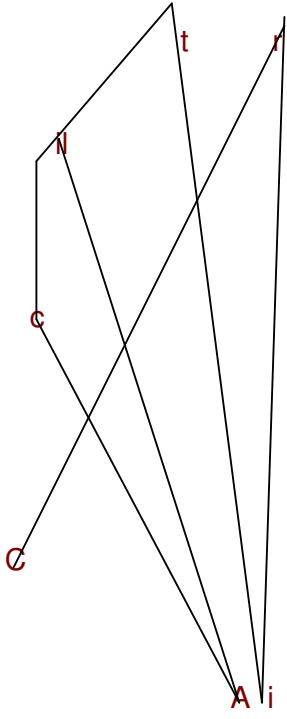


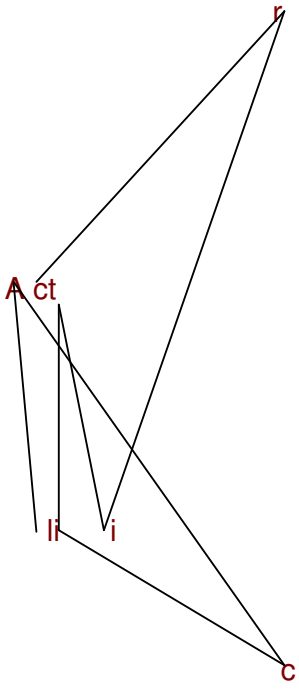
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RAINFOREST TURNS TO DESERT

The Amazonian rainforest burns in a firestorm of catastrophic ferocity, covering **South America** with ash and smoke. Once the smoke clears, the interior of **Brazil** has become desert, and huge amounts of extra carbon have entered the atmosphere, further boosting global warming. The entire **Arctic** ice-cap disappears in the summer months, leaving the North Pole ice-free for the first time in 3 million years. Polar bears, walrus and ringed seals all go extinct. Water supplies run short in **California** as the Sierra Nevada snowpack melts away. Tens of millions are displaced as the Kalahari desert expands across southern **Africa**







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