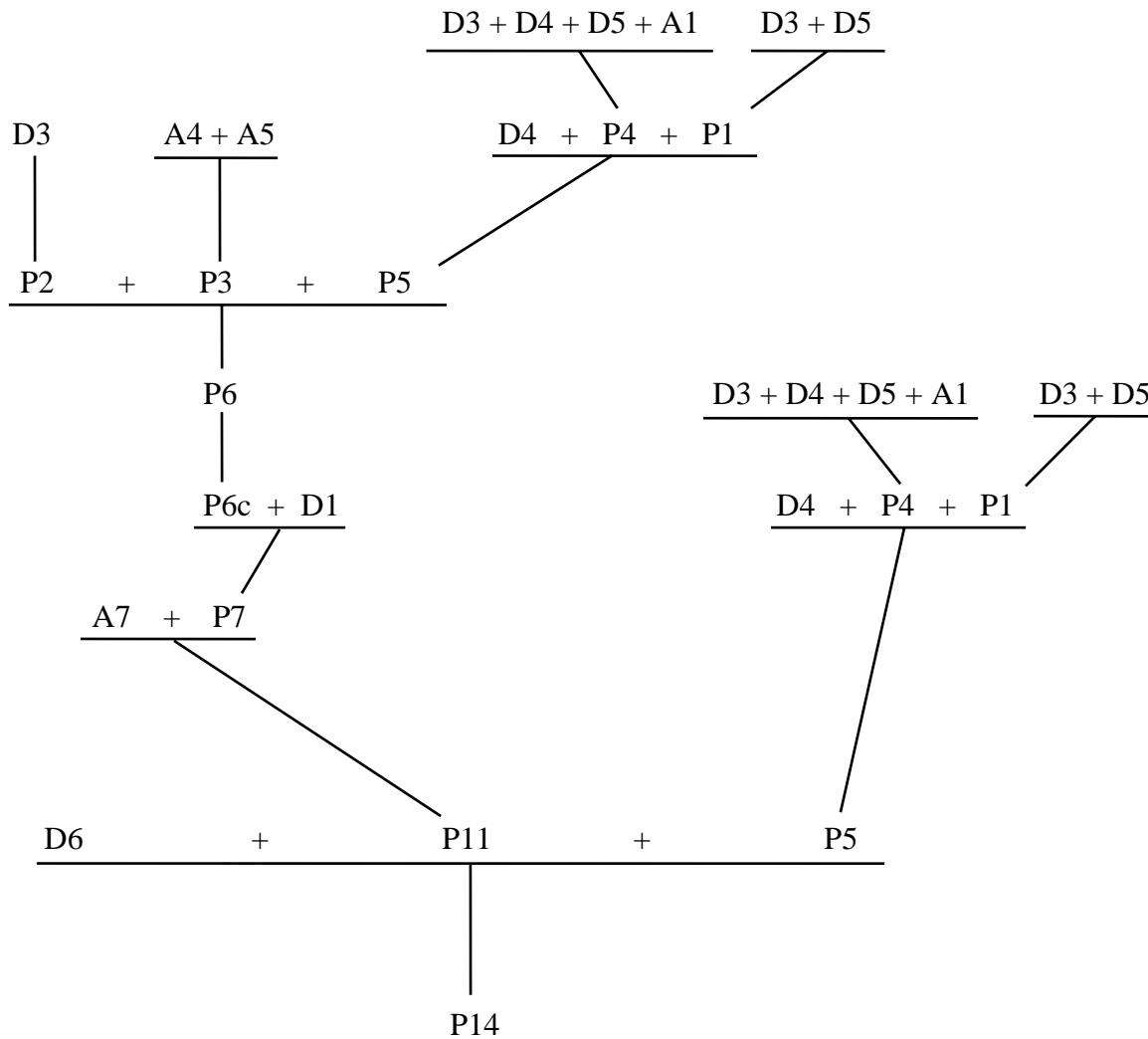


**** A Sketch of Spinoza's Argument for Substance Monism ****



- D1: "Self-caused" =df that whose essence implies existence.
- D3: "Substance" =df what is in-itself and conceived through itself.
- D4: "Attribute" =df the essence of substance.
- D5: "Mode" =df a state of substance.
- D6: "God" =df absolutely infinite substance, etc.
- A1: Everything is either in-itself or in-another.
- A7: If something, *x*, can be conceived not to exist, then the essence of *x* does not entail the existence of *x*.
- P1: Substance is logically prior to its modes.
- P2: Two substances with distinct attributes have nothing in common.
- P3: Unless two things have something in common, neither can cause the other.
- P4: Two substances can be distinguished only by their attributes or modes (indistinguishables are identical).
- P5: Substances can't share attributes.
- P6: One substance can't produce another.
- P6c: No substance can be produced by another.
- P7: The essence of a substance entails its existence.
- P11: God necessarily exists.
- P14: Except for God, no substance can be or be conceived.