

# Marvels and mysteries of rational base numeration systems

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Based on the paper that introduced the rational base numeration systems:

- ▶ *Powers of rationals modulo 1 and rational base number systems*,  
*Israel J. Math.*, 2008 with Sh. Akiyama and Ch. Frougny

and subsequent more recent works on the subject:

- ▶ *Trees and languages with periodic signature*,  
*Indagationes Mathematicae 2017* with V. Marsault
- ▶ *On subtrees of the representation tree in rational base numeration systems*,  
*DMTCS 2018* with Sh. Akiyama and V. Marsault

## Outline of the talk

1. A problem by Mahler
2. Integer and Pisot base numeration systems
3. Representation of integers in a rational base
4. Representation of reals in a rational base
5. When order generates disorder
6. A property still missing a proper name (autosimilarity?)
7. Complements

*Part I*

*A problem by Mahler*

# The fractional part of the powers of rational numbers

## Notation

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$                        $\{\theta\}$  fractional part of  $\theta$

## Theorem (Folk & Lore)

$\forall \theta \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the sequence  $M(\theta) = \{n\theta\}$  is finite.

$\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , the sequence  $M(\theta)$  is uniformly distributed.

## Problem

$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\theta > 1$                       Distribution of  $S(\theta) = (\{\theta^n\})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  ?

## Theorem (calculus classic)

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# The fractional part of the powers of rational numbers

Very few results are known for specific values of  $\theta$ .

## Proposition

$\theta$  Pisot  $\implies 0$  is the only limit point of  $S(\theta)$  (in  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ ).

Experimental results show that  $S(\theta)$  looks :

- *uniformly distributed* for transcendental  $\theta$ ,
- *very chaotic* for rational  $\theta$ .

## Theorem (Pisot ?? — Vijayaraghavan 40)

$\theta$  rational  $\implies S(\theta)$  has infinitely many limit points.

## Parametrization of the problem

Fix the rational  $\frac{p}{q}$ ,  $p > q \geq 2$  coprime integers.

### New problem

$\xi \in \mathbb{R}$       Distribution of  $M_{\frac{p}{q}}(\xi) = \left( \left\{ \xi \left( \frac{p}{q} \right)^n \right\} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  ?

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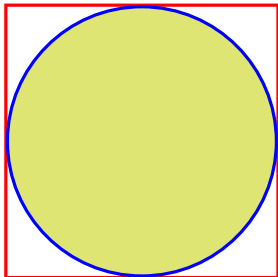
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What this means is what this talk is about.

## *Part II*

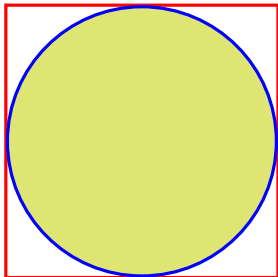
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But you have to **write** them in order to compute with them

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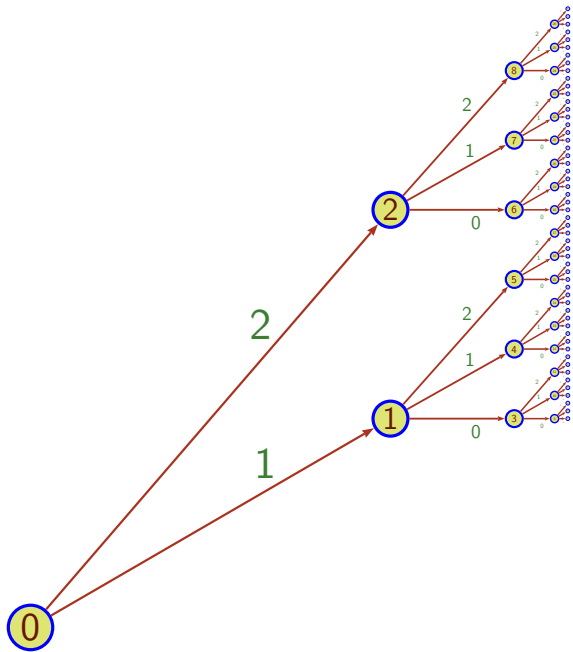
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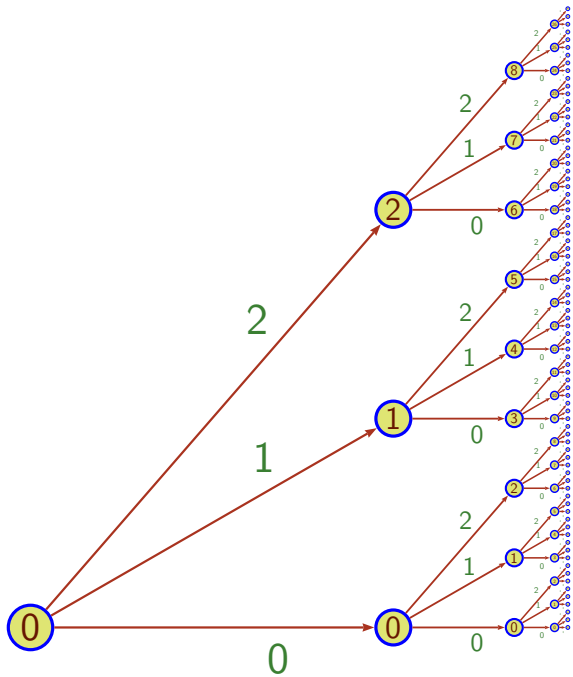
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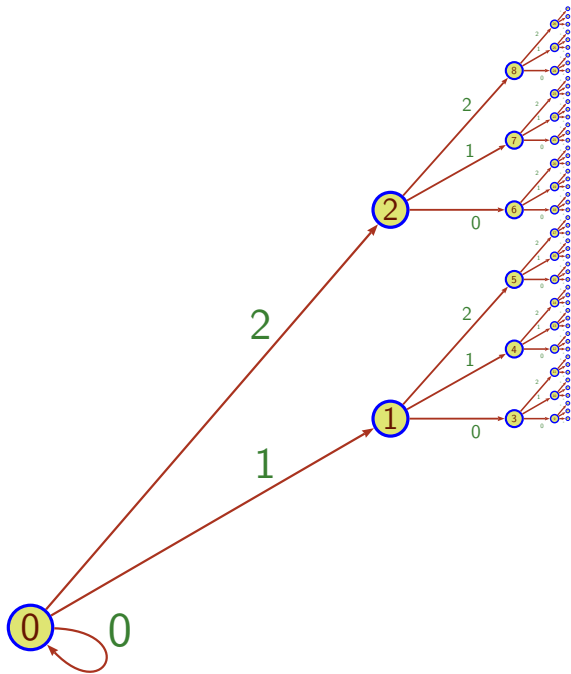


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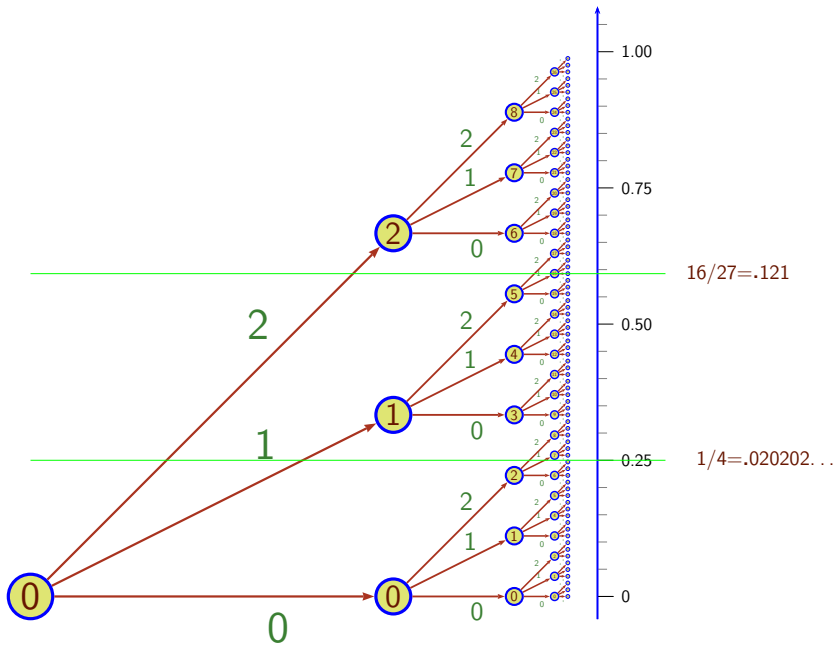
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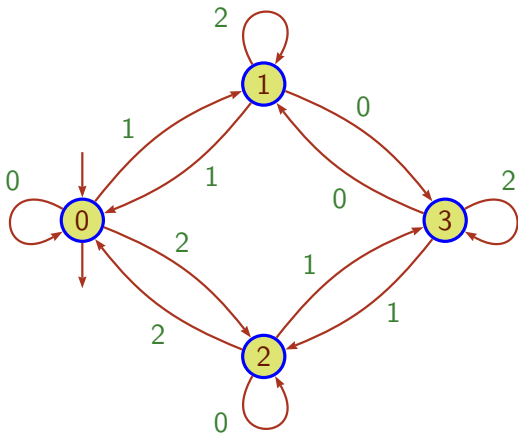
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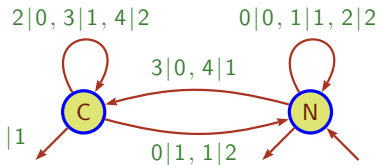
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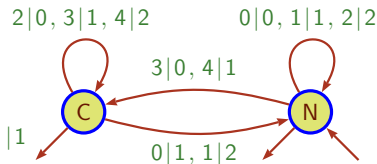
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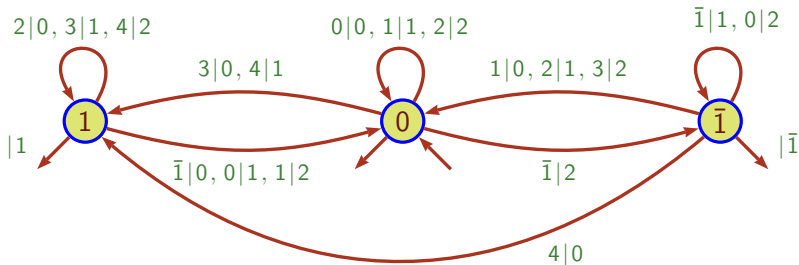
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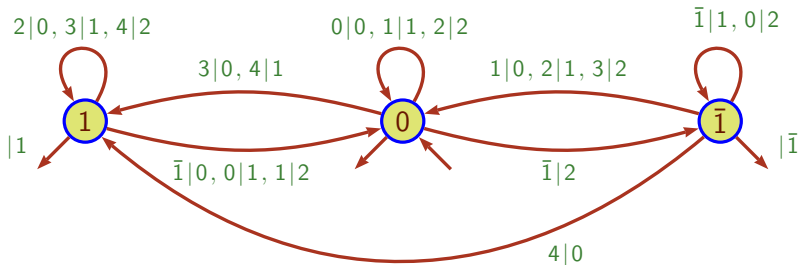


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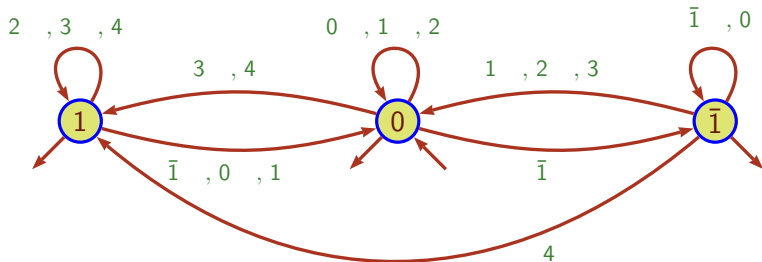


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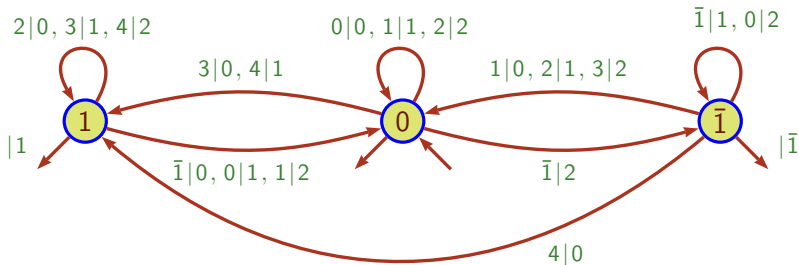


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## *Part III*

*Representation of integers in a rational base*



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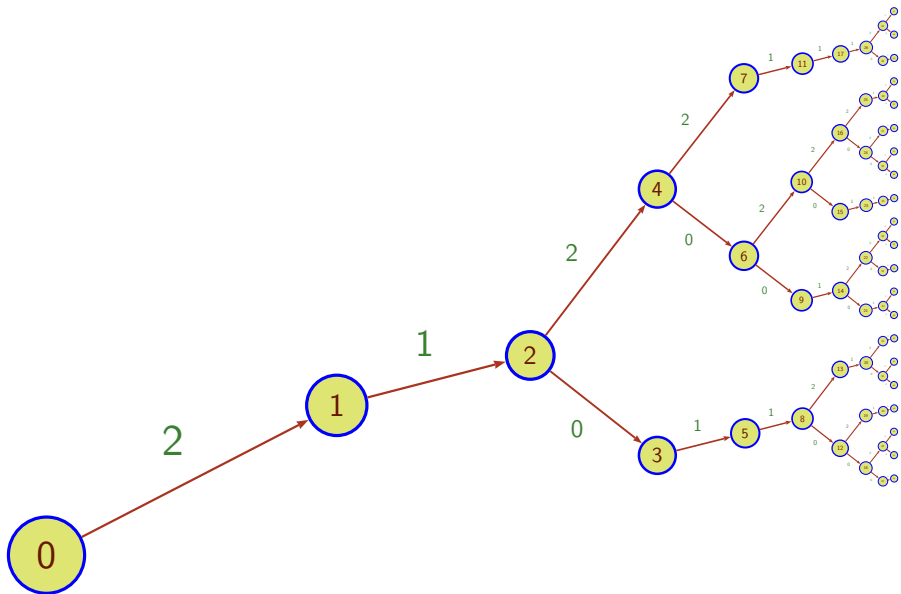
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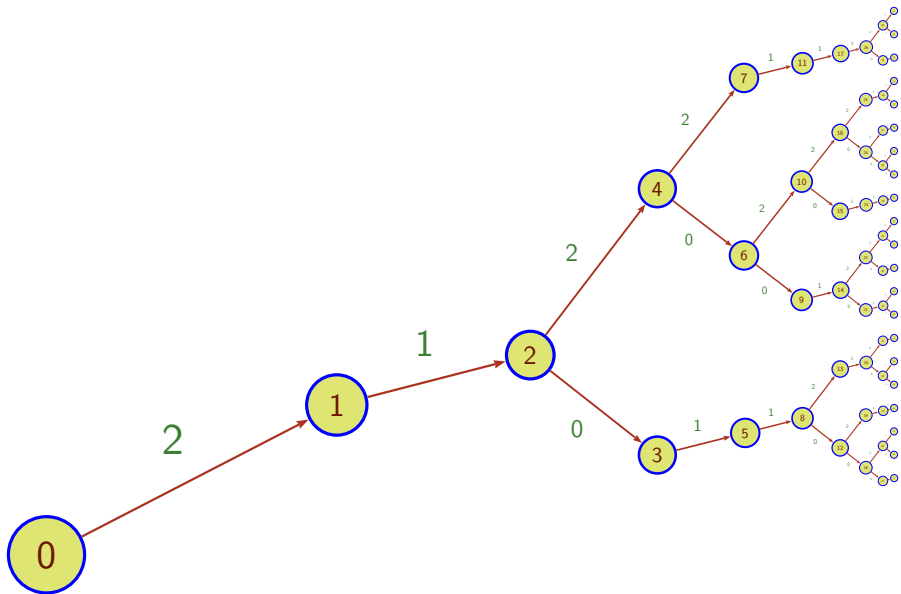
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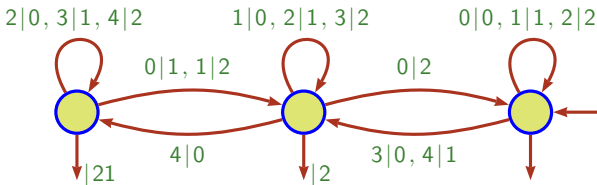
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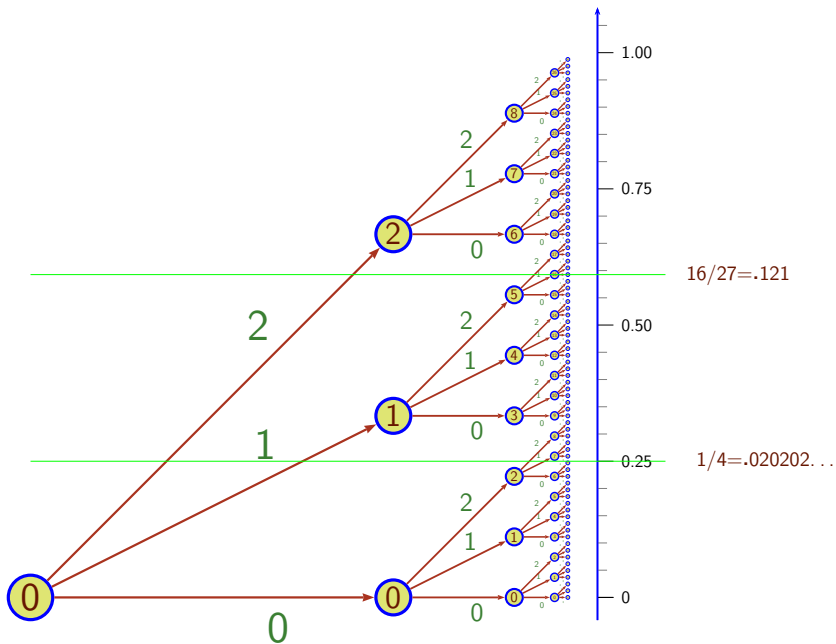
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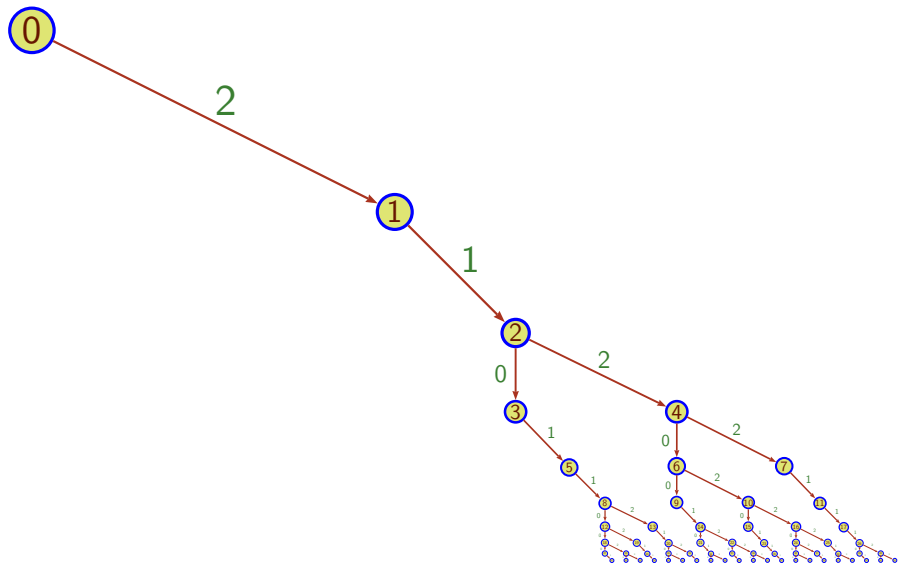
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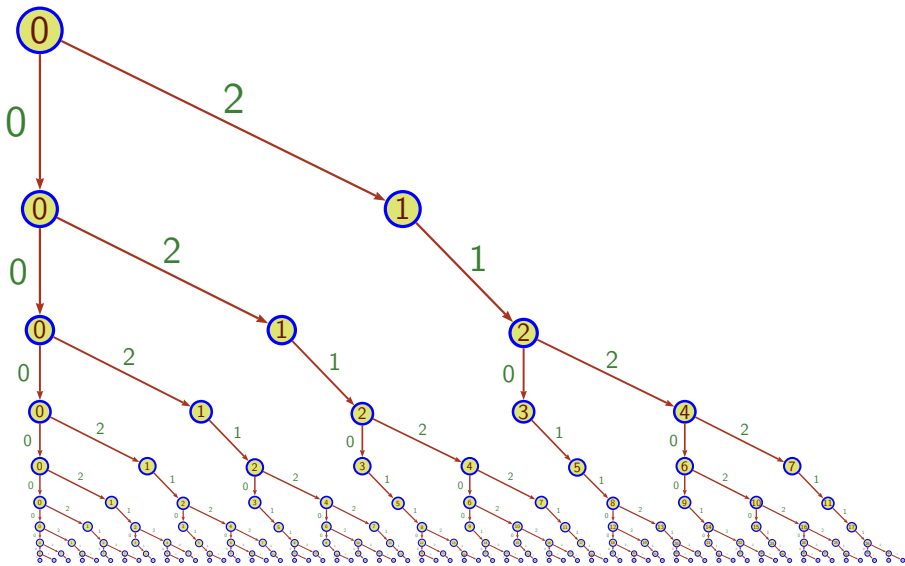
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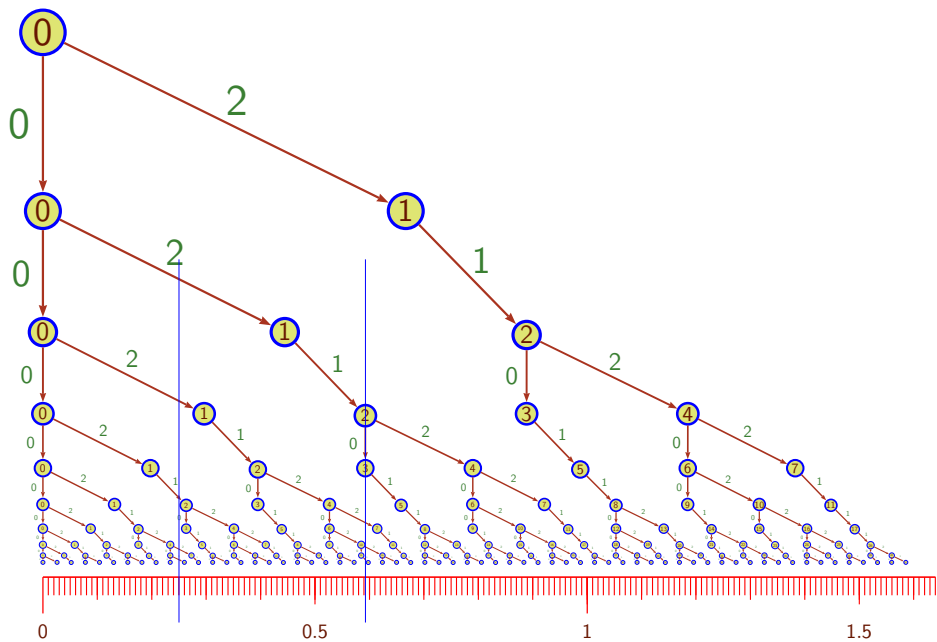
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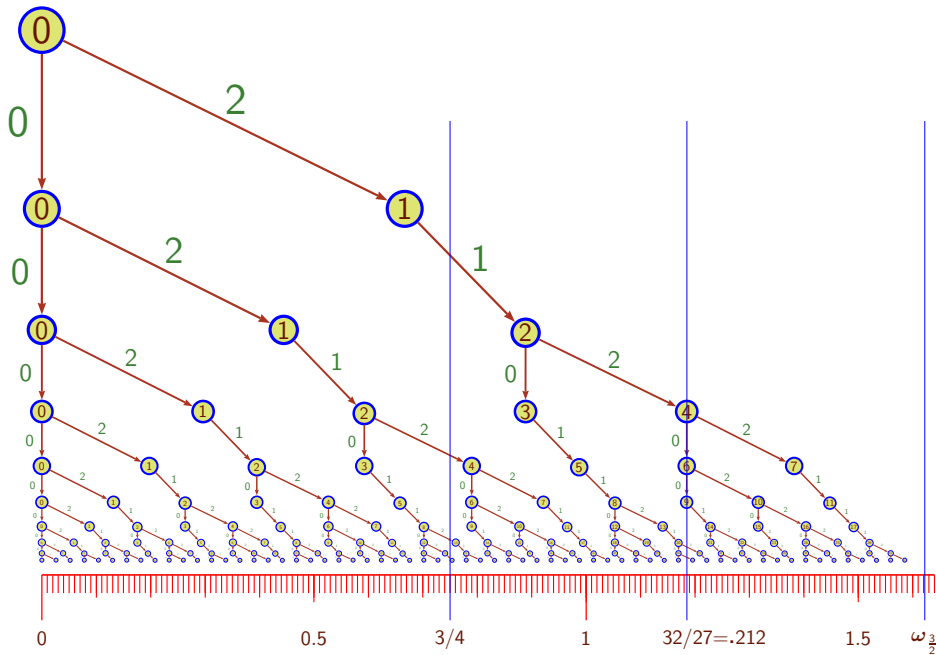
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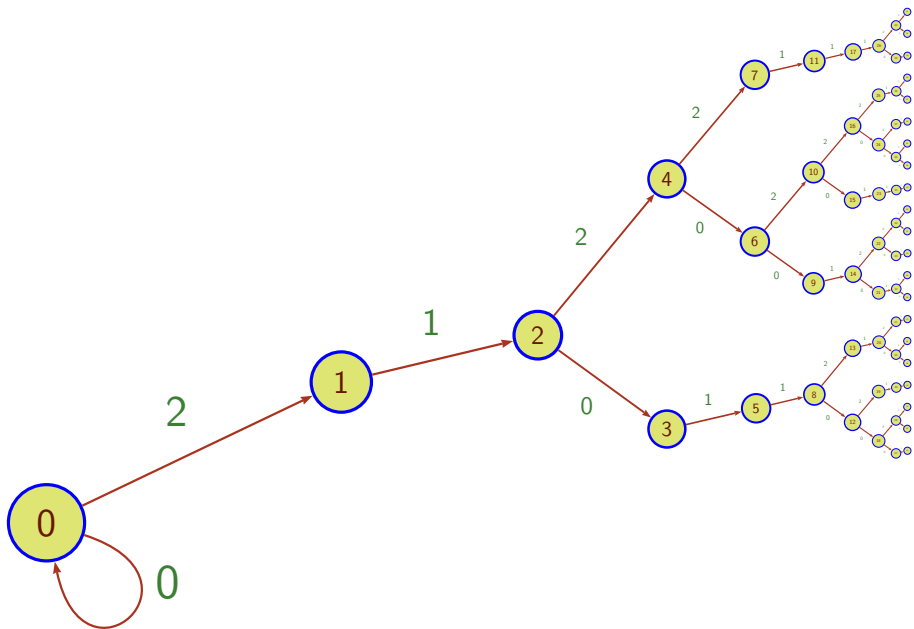
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*Part V*

*When order generates disorder*



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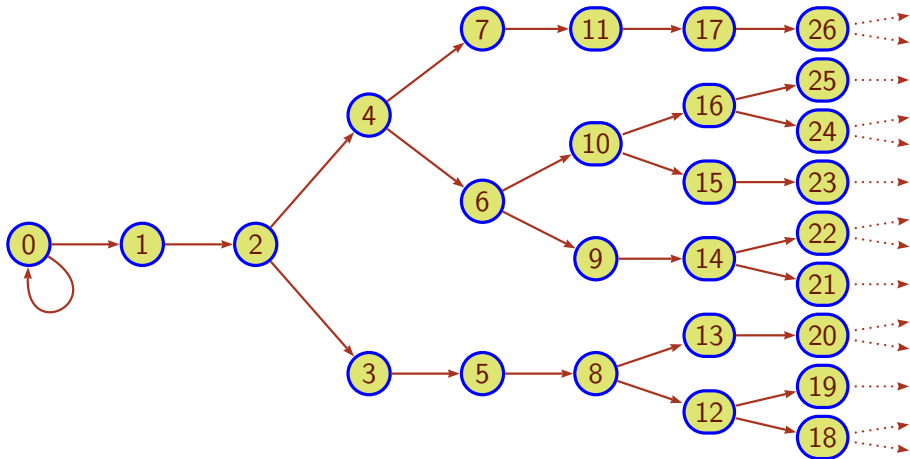
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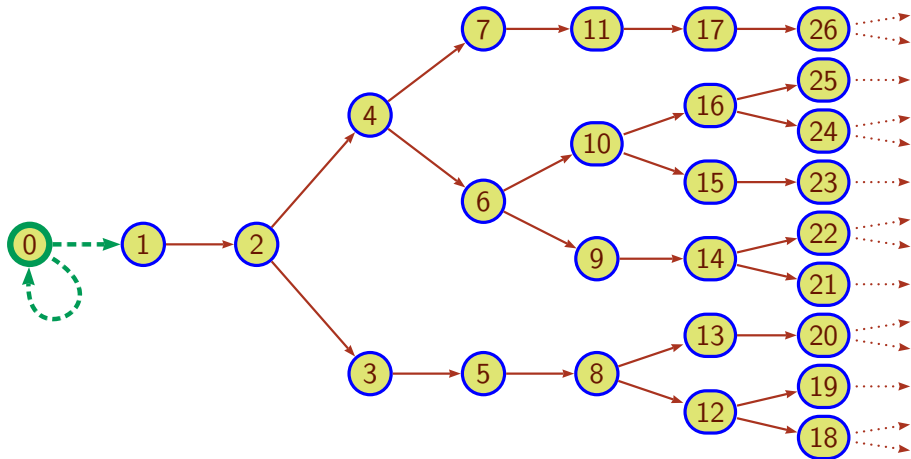
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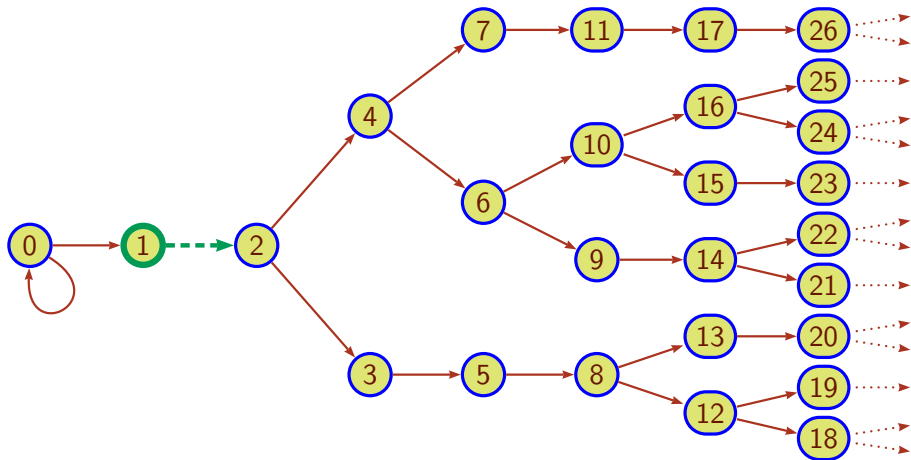
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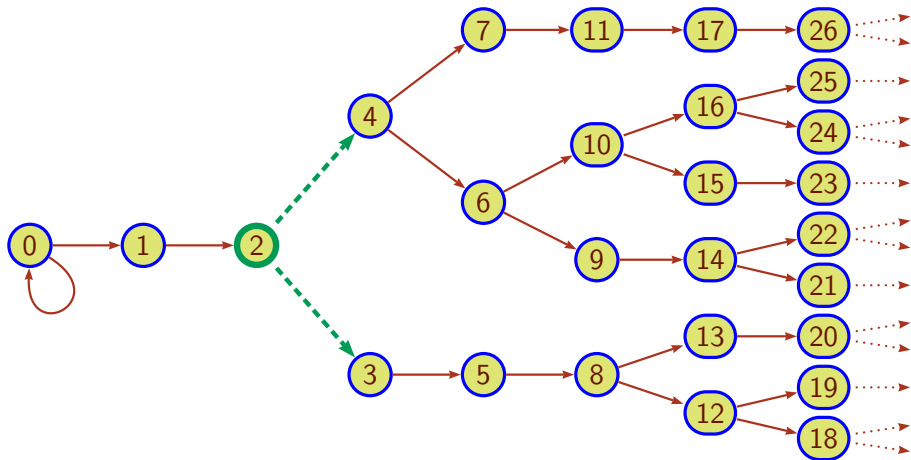


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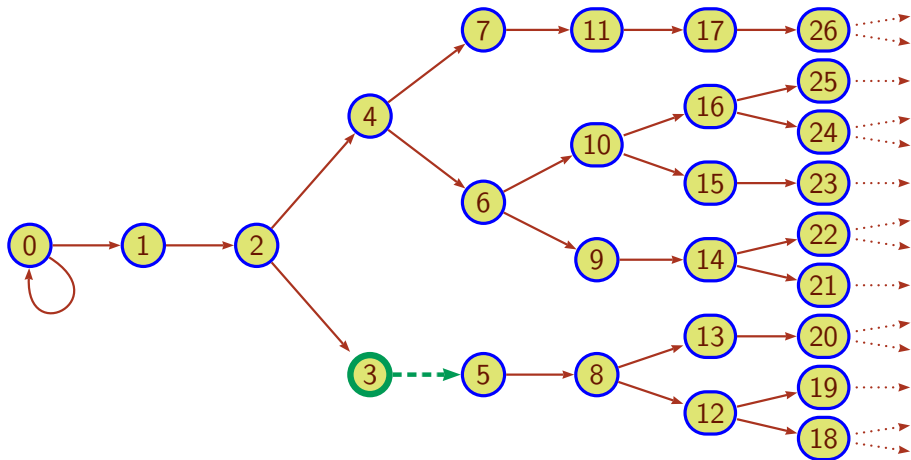
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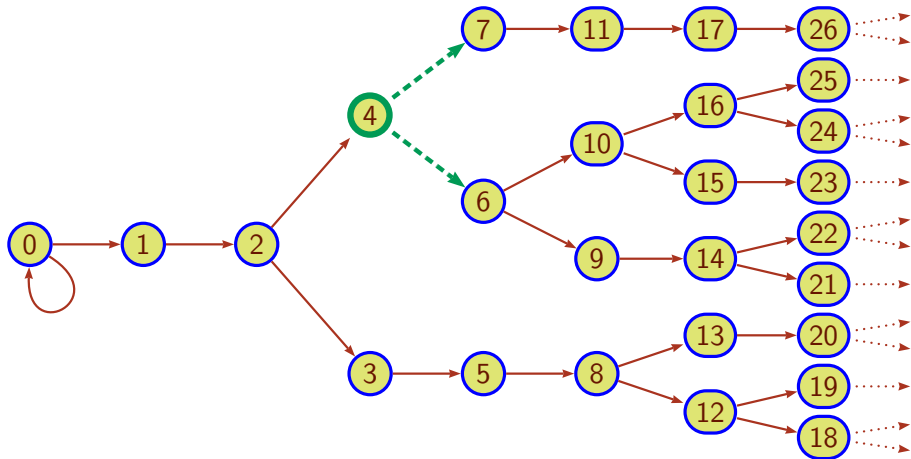
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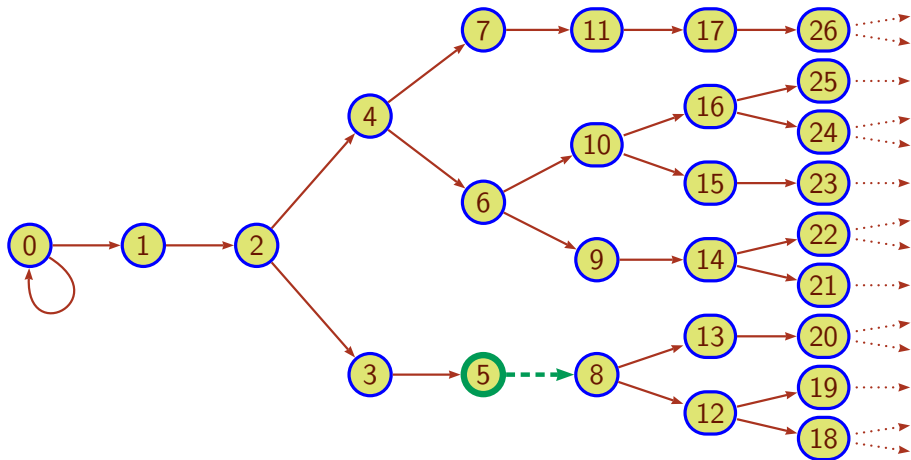
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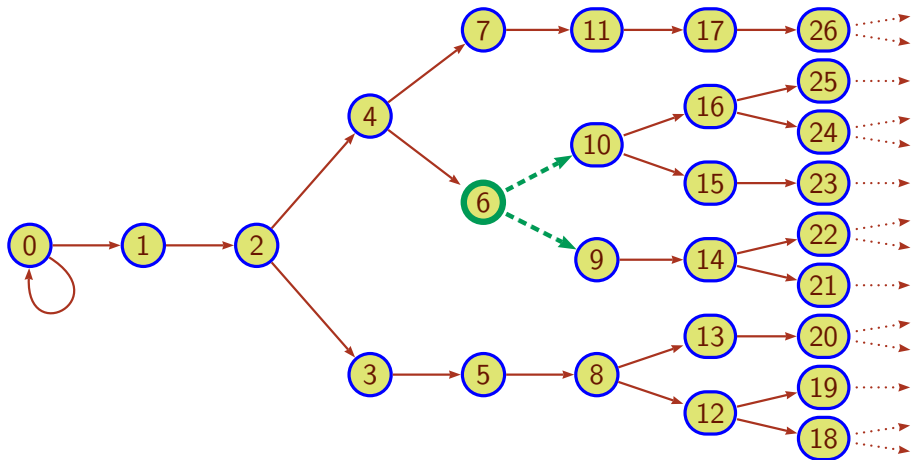
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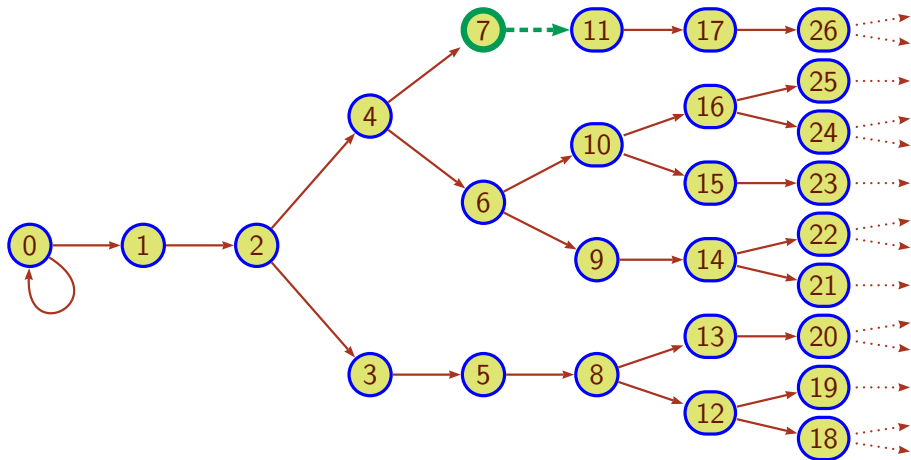
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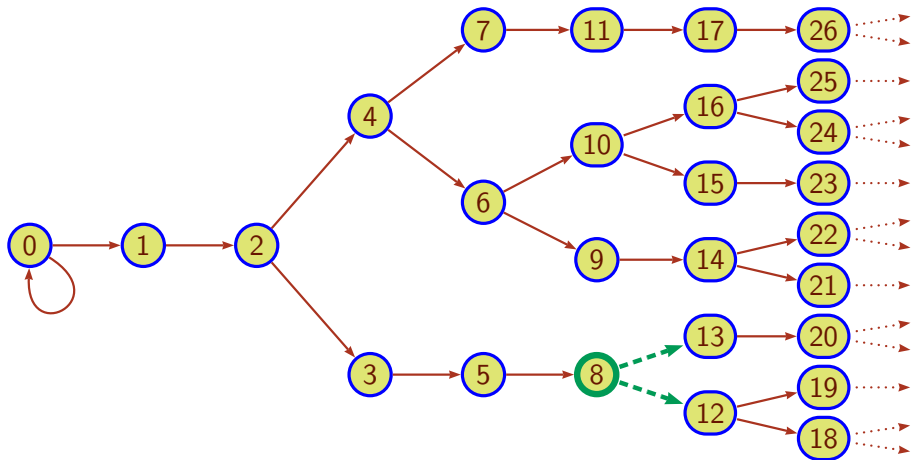
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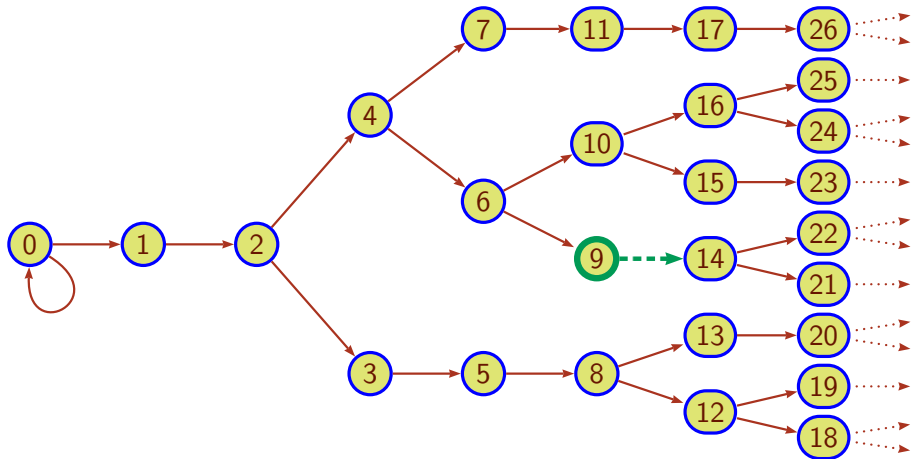
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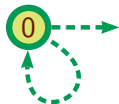
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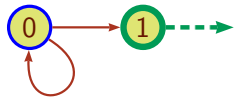
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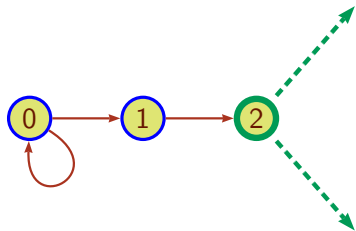
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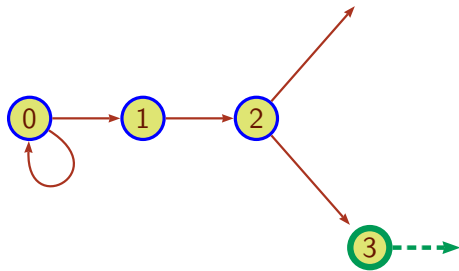
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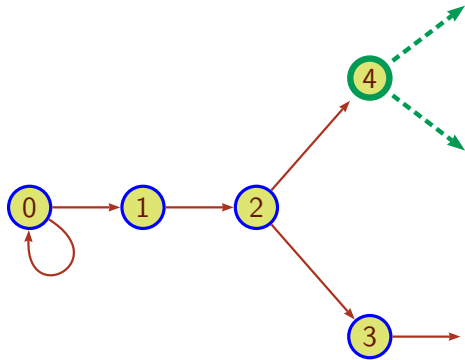
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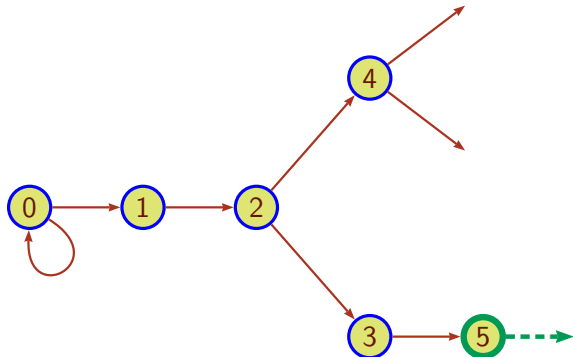
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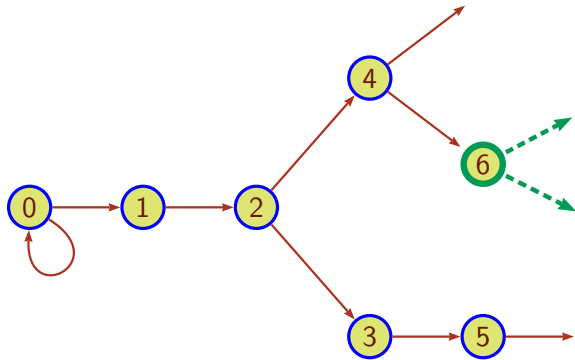


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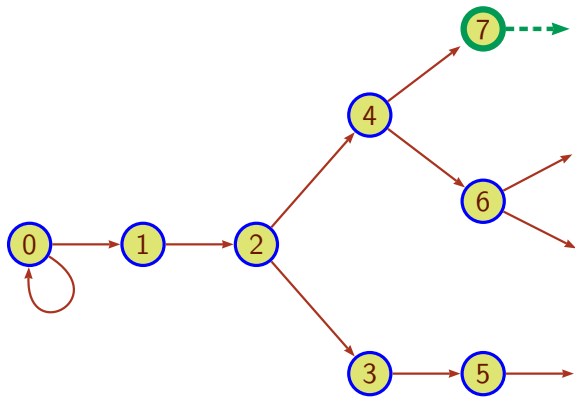
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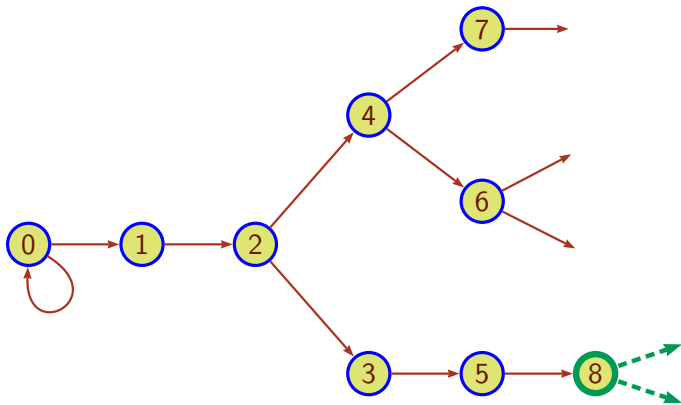
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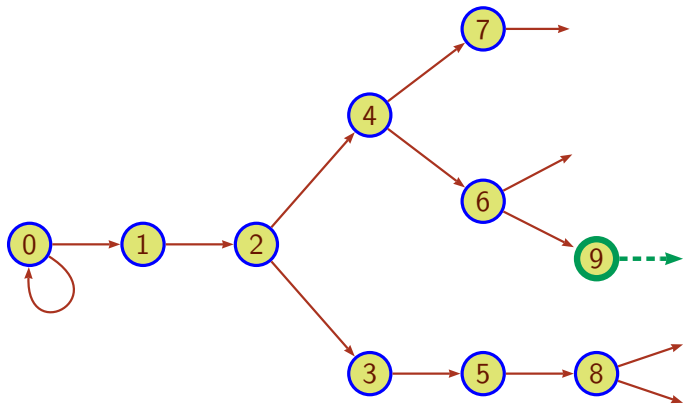
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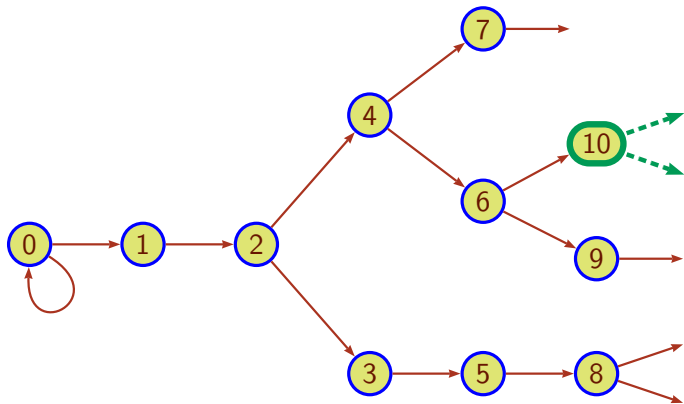
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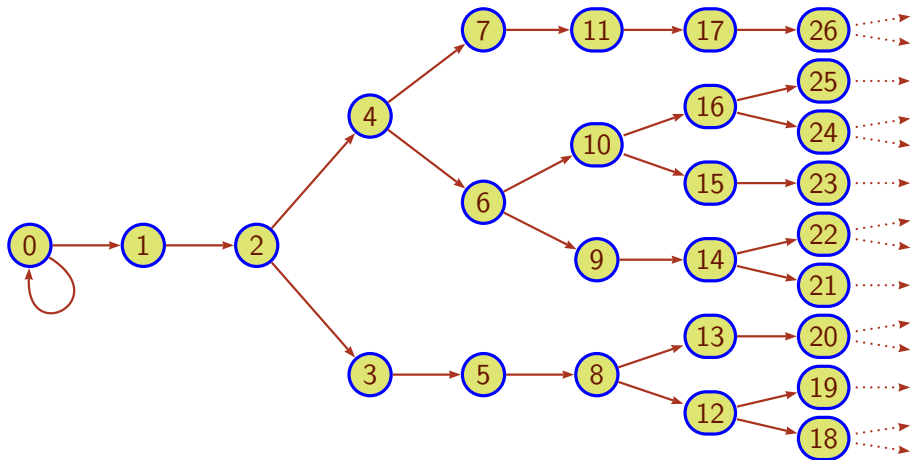
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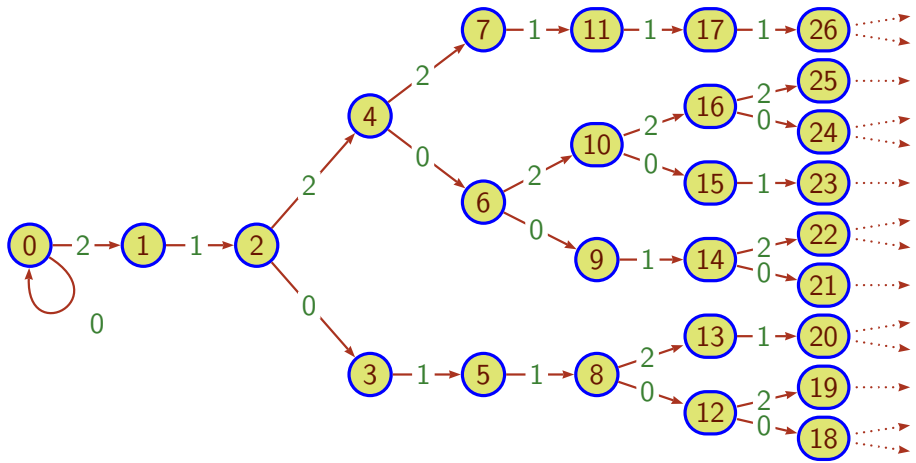
Arcs of  $\mathcal{T}$  labelled in an ordered alphabet  $A$

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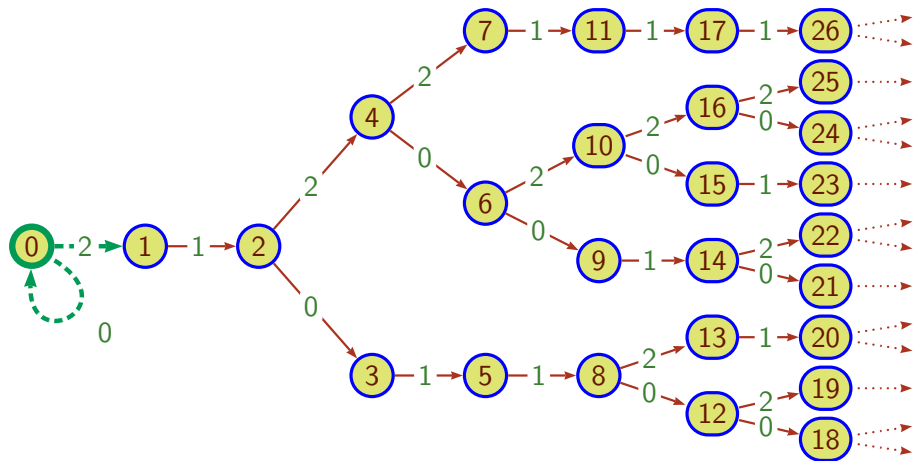


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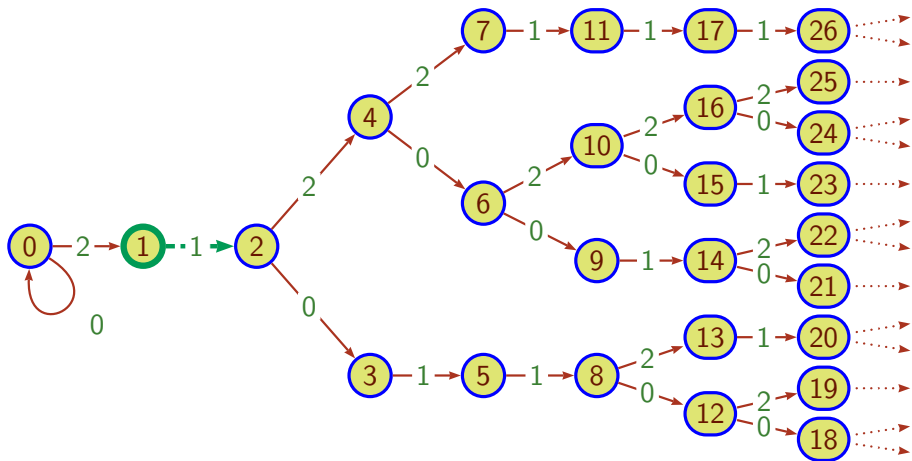


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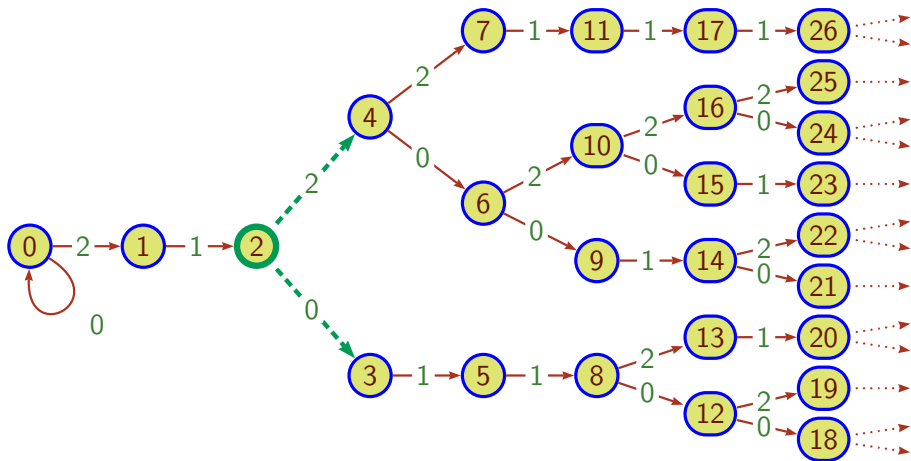
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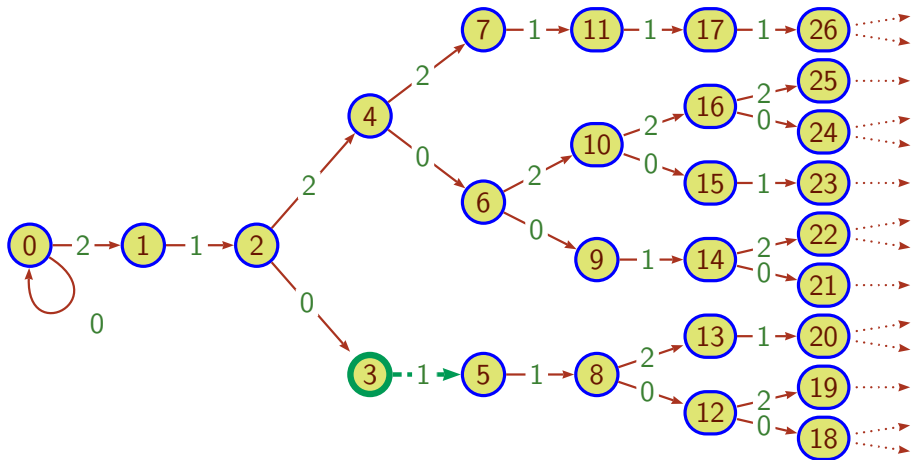
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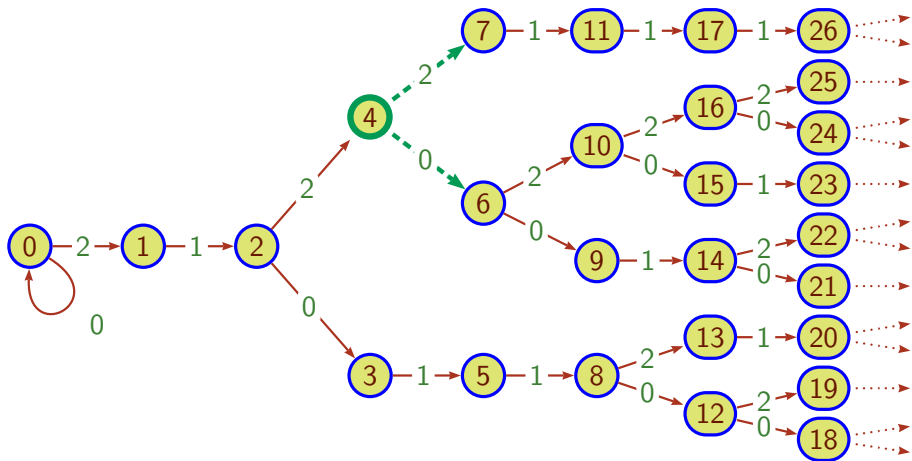
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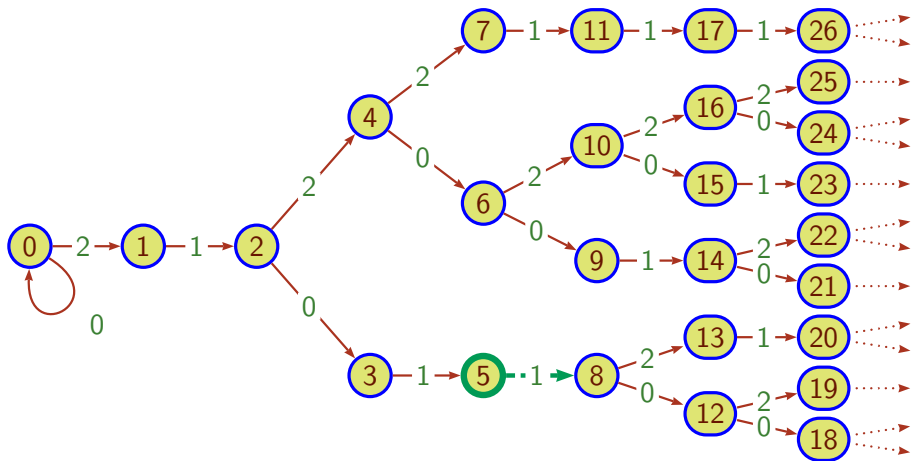
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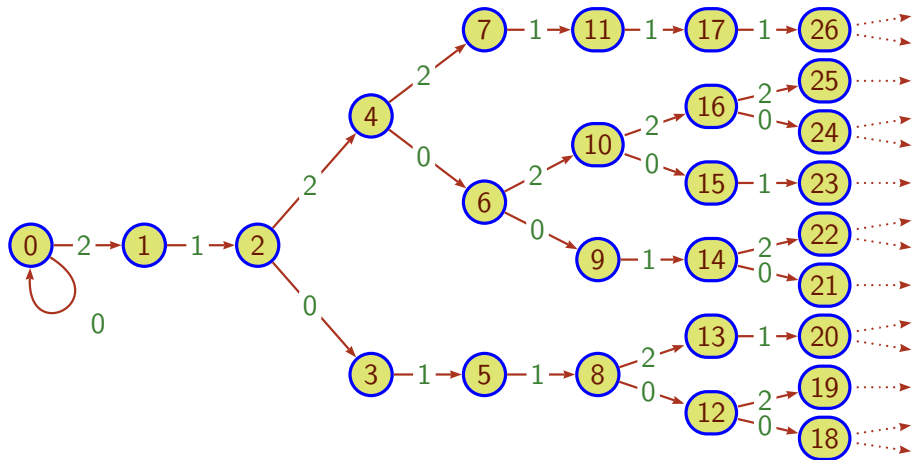
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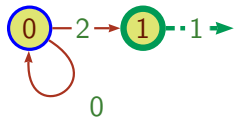
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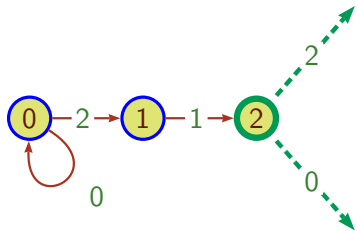


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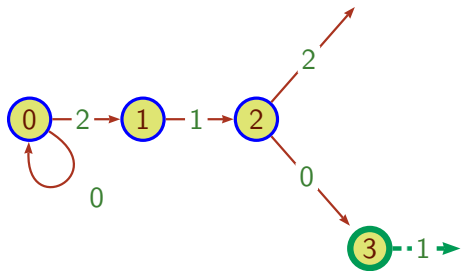
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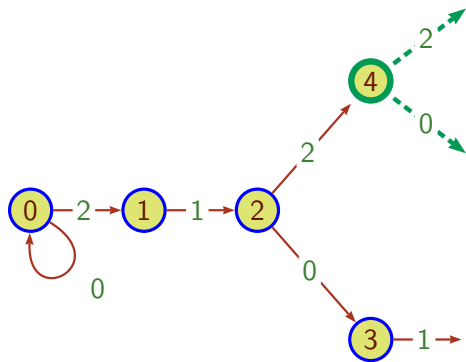
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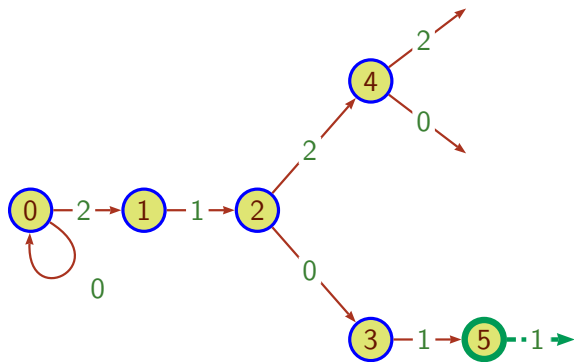
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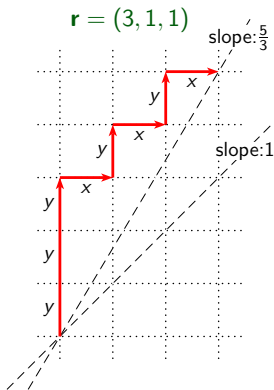
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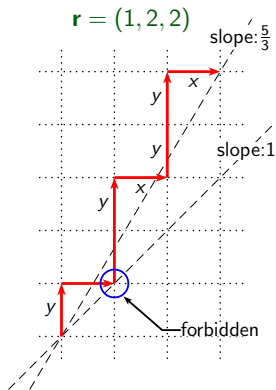
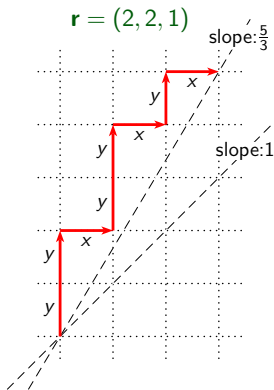
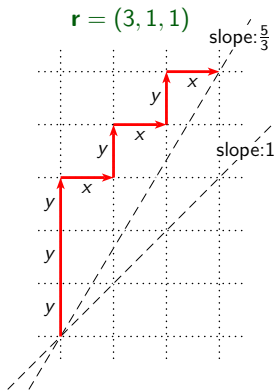
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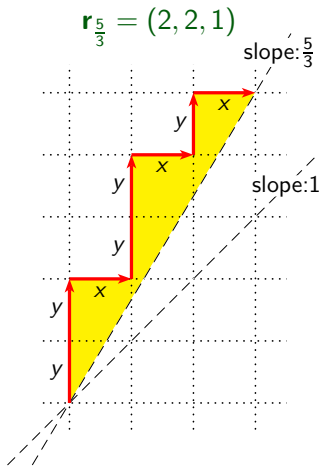
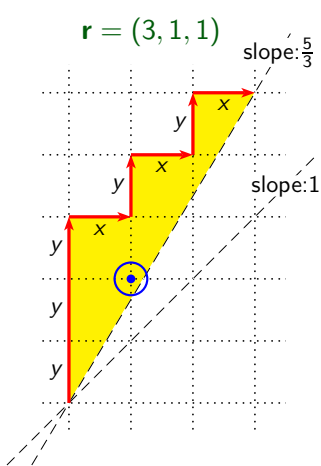
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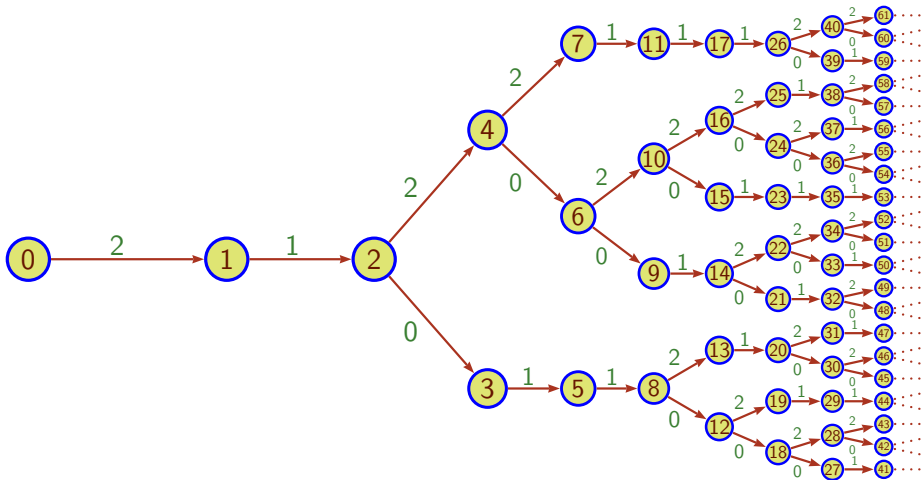
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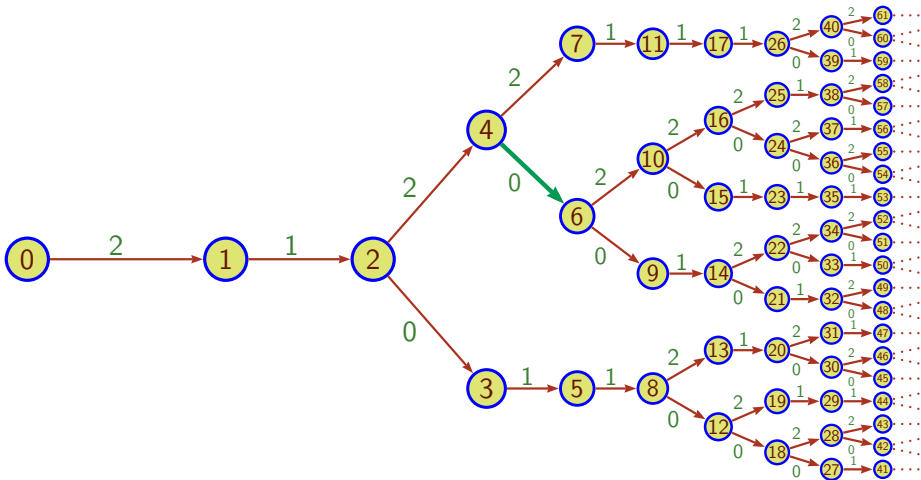
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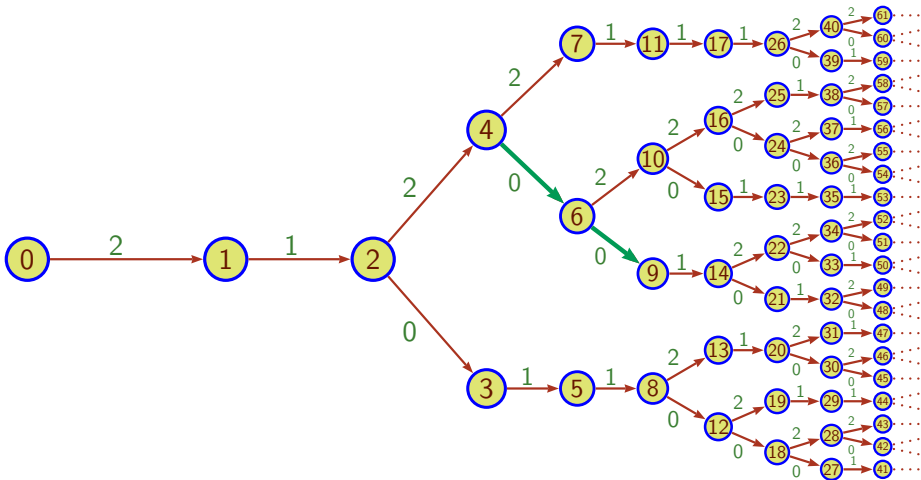
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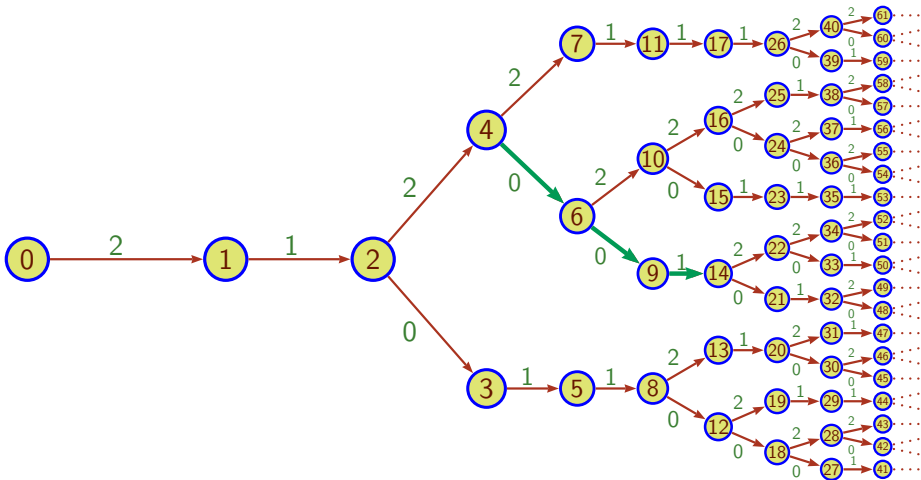
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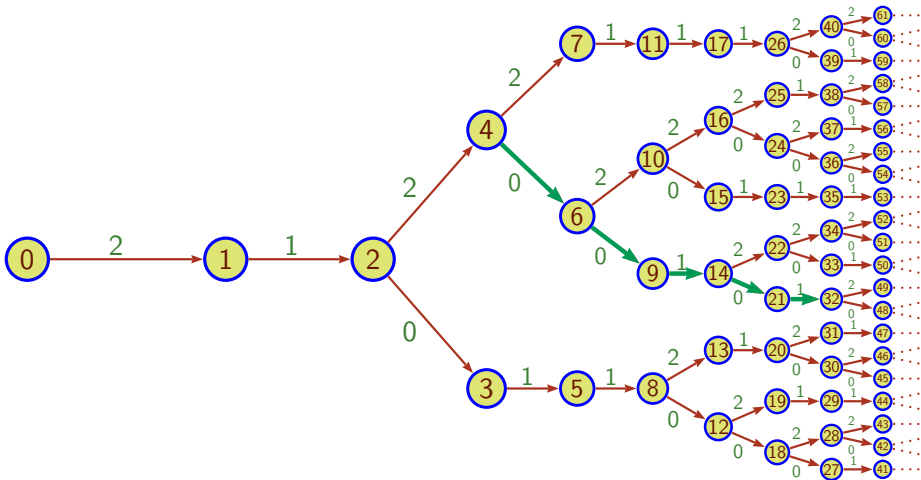


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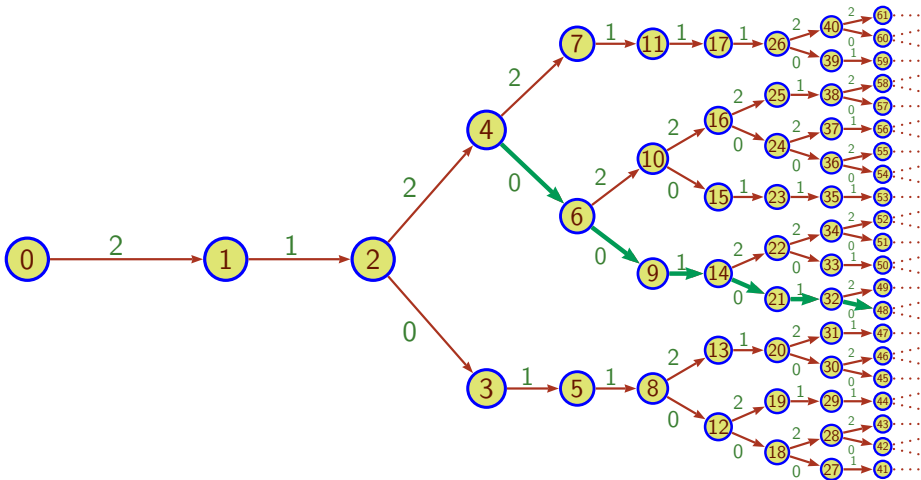


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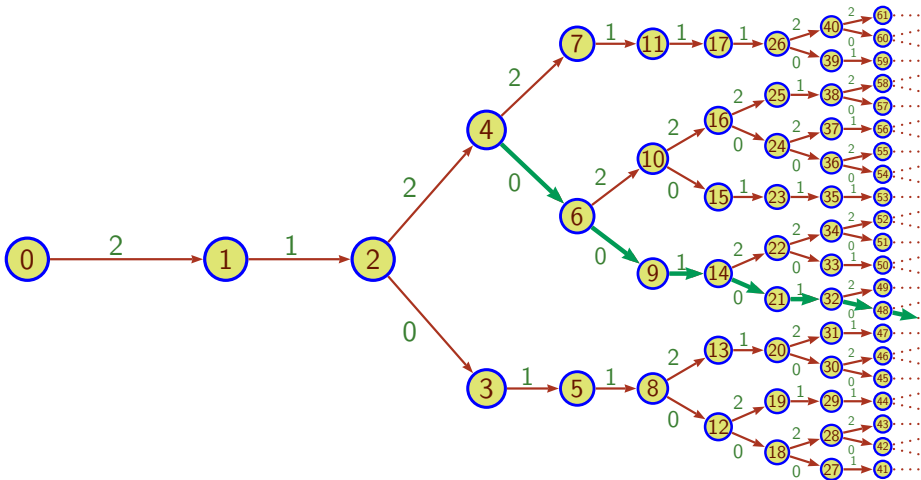




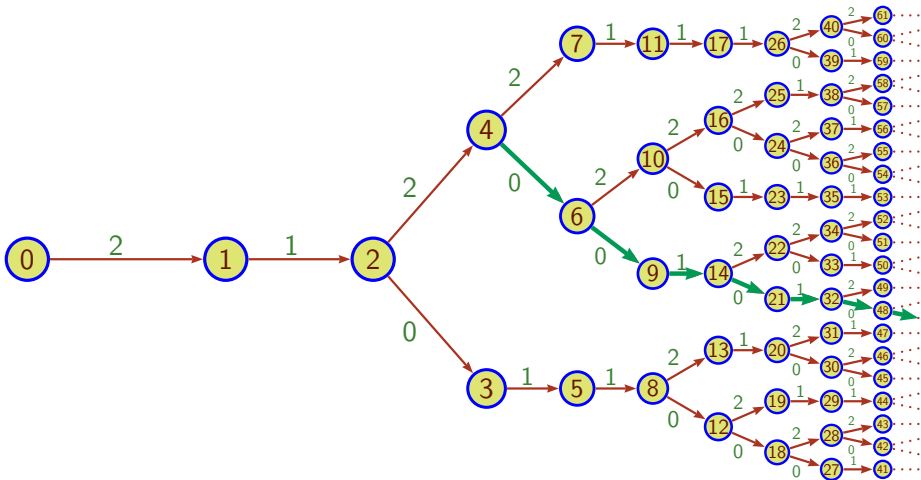
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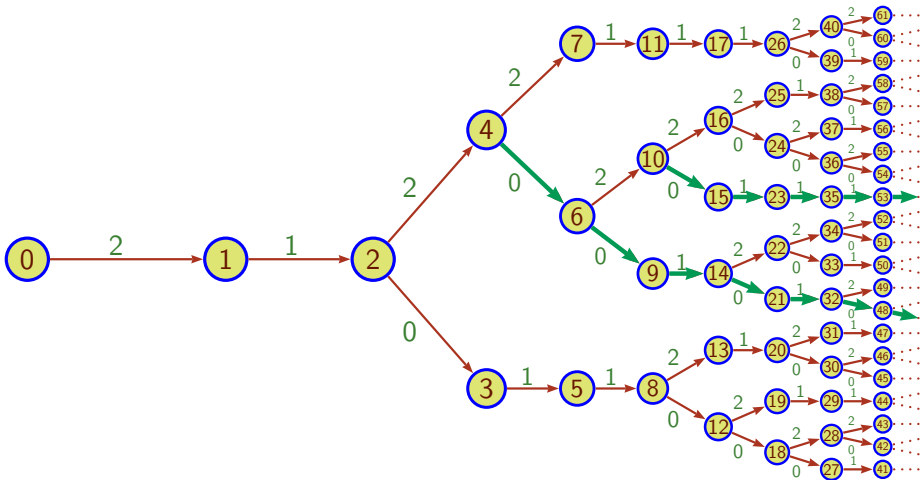
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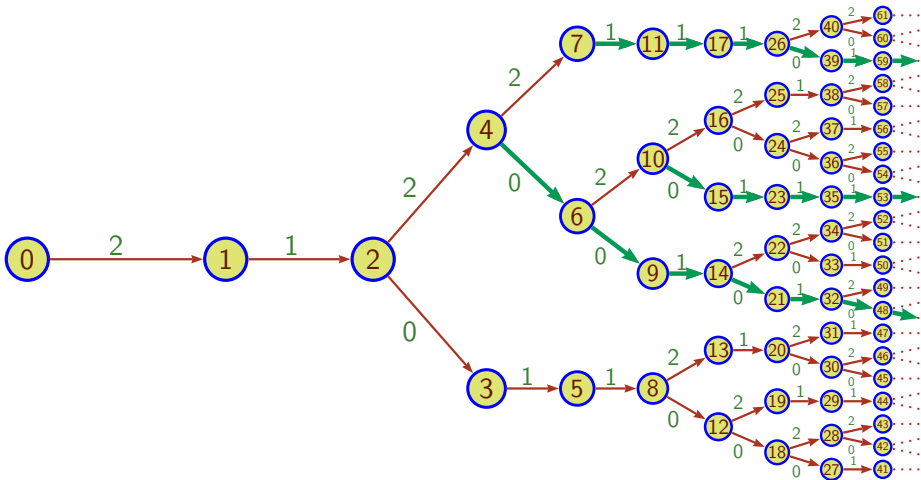
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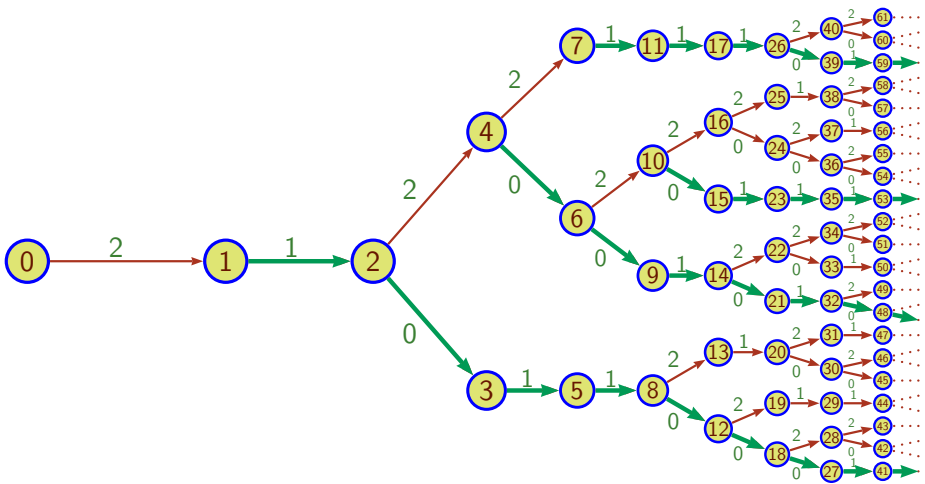
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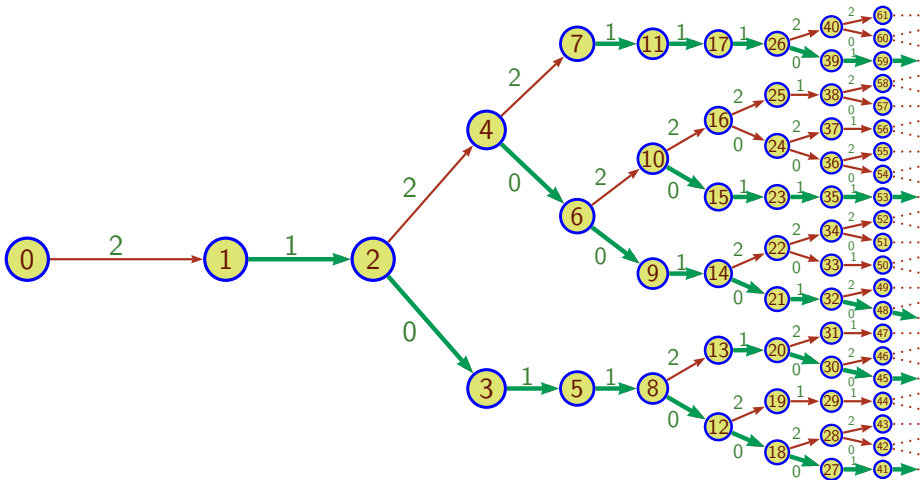
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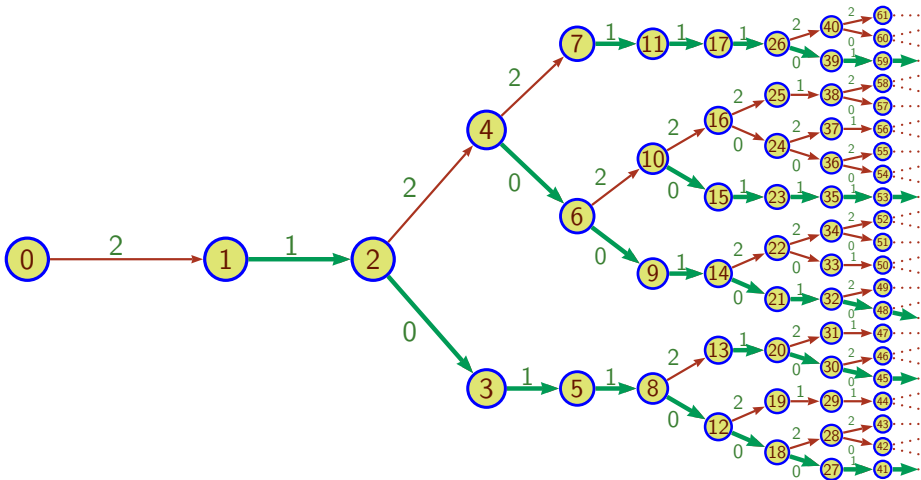
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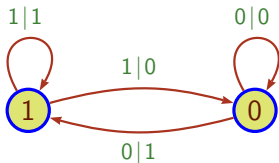
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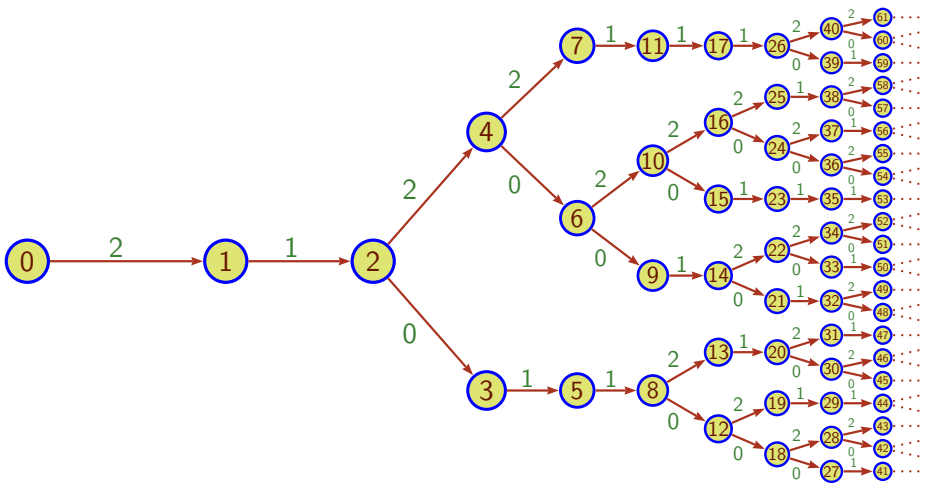
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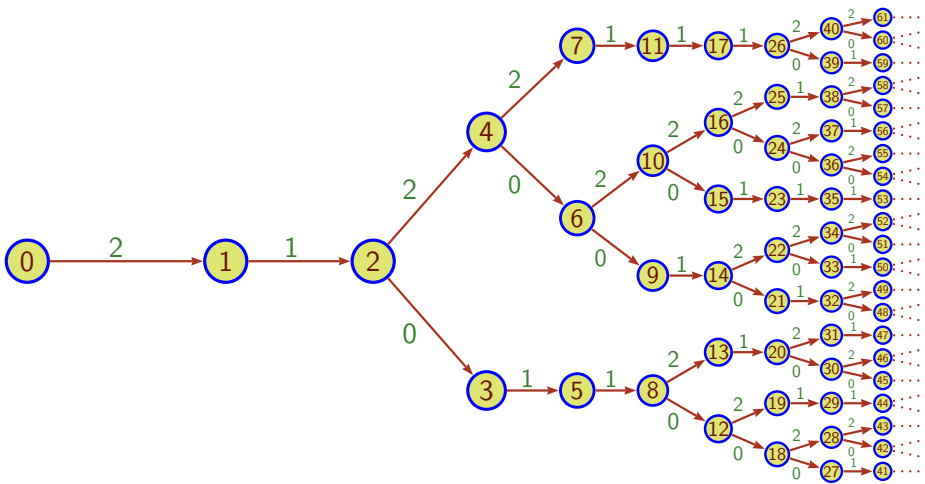
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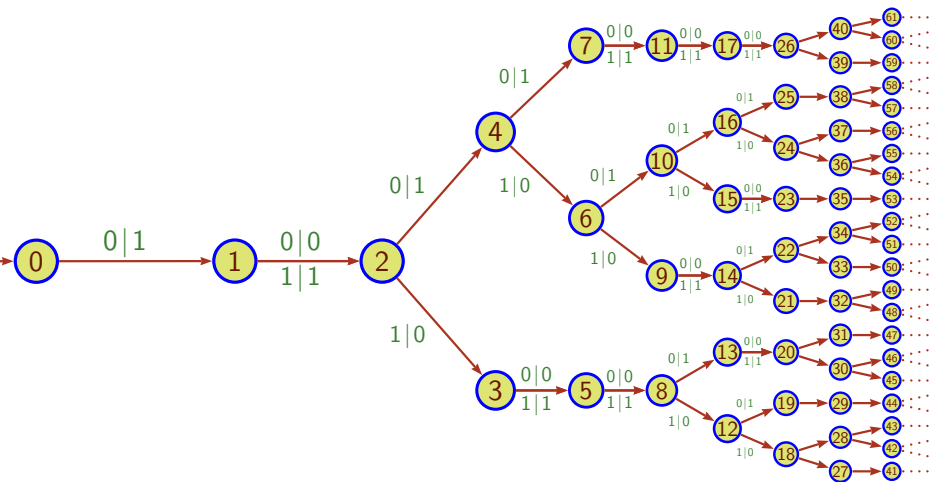


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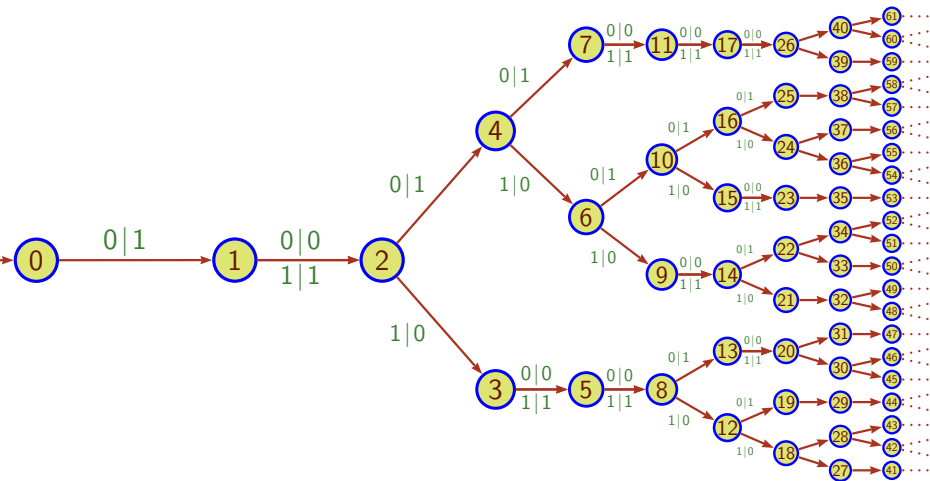


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*Part VII*

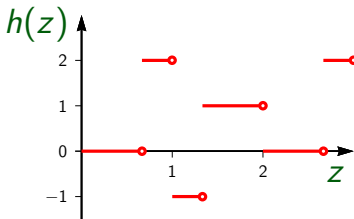
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### Proposition

$h$  is periodic of period 2 and

$$h(z) \in C = \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

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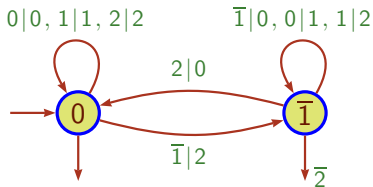
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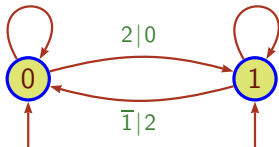
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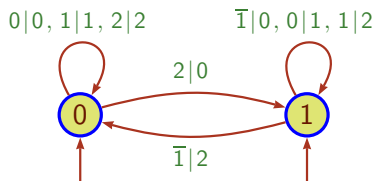
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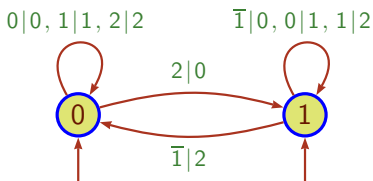
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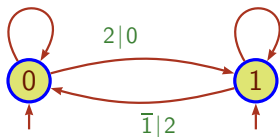
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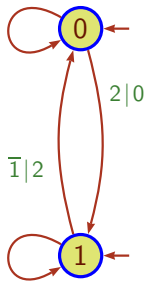
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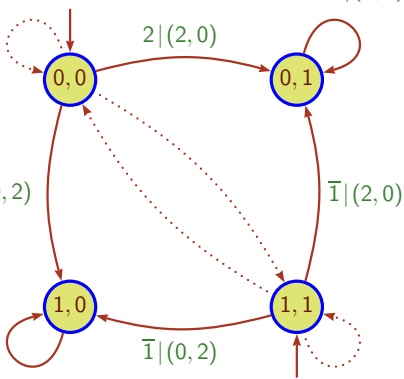
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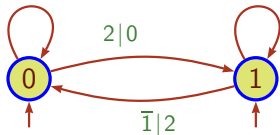
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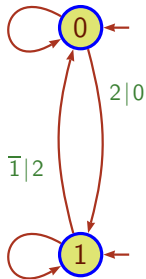
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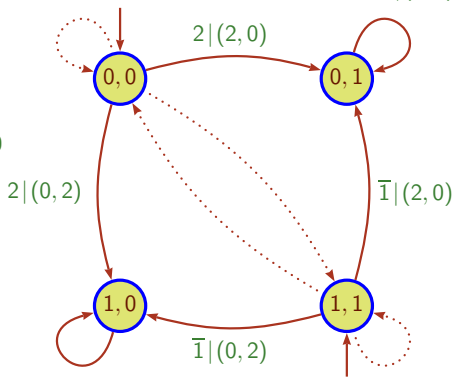


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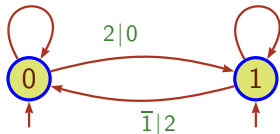
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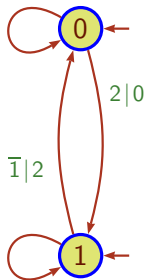
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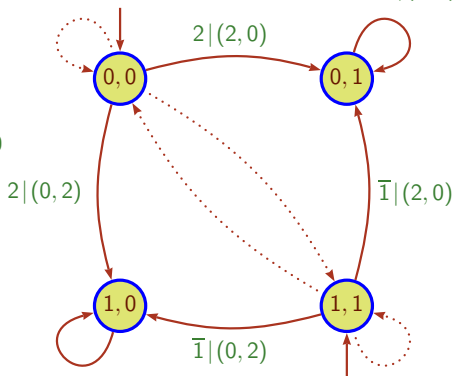
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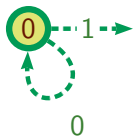
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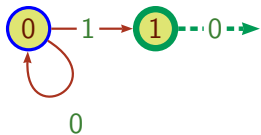
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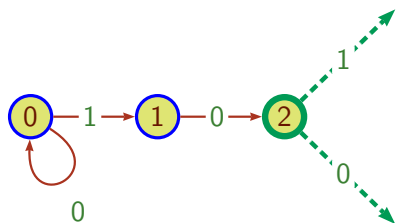


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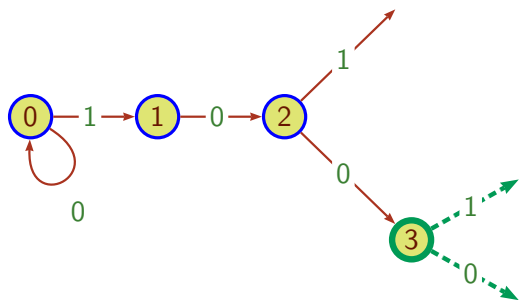
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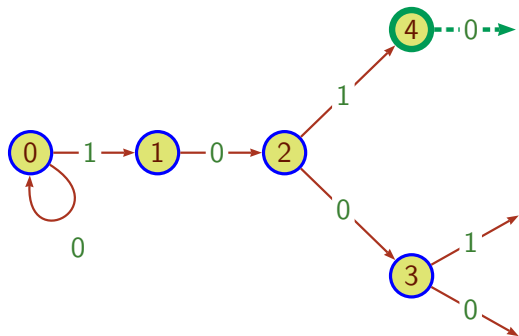
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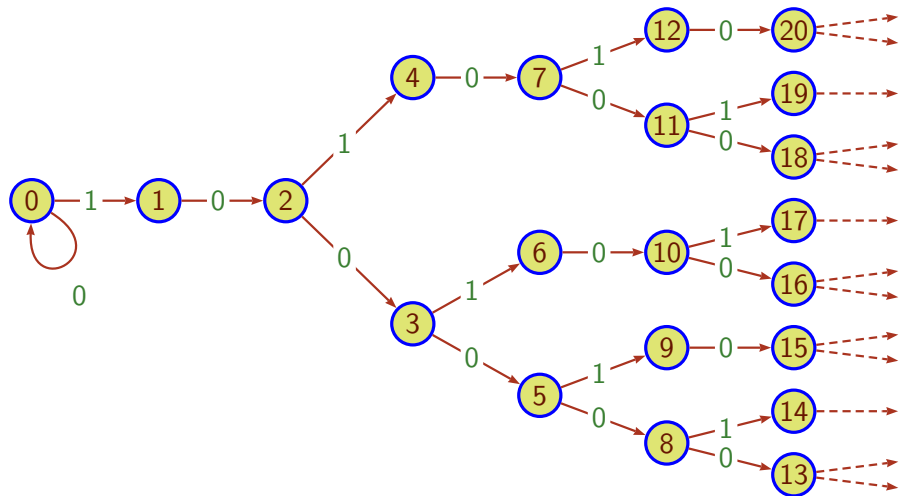
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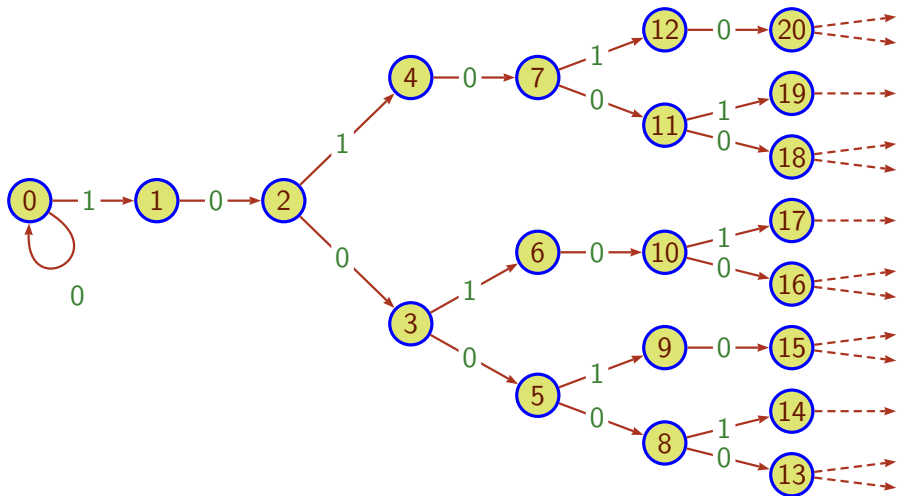
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