

# Rhythmic generation of infinite trees and languages

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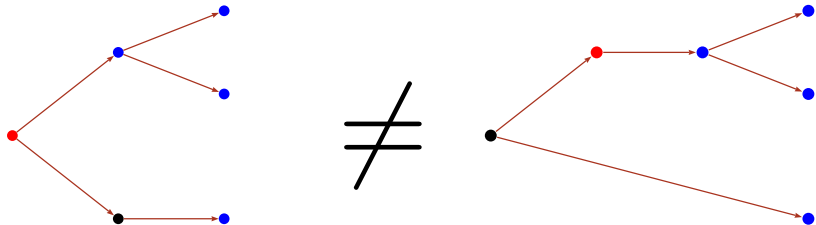
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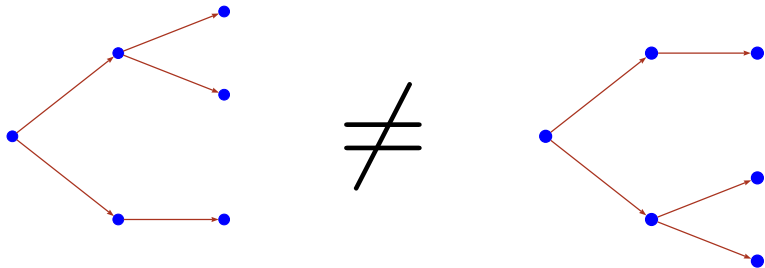
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Trees are rooted (*ie.* directed outward the root)

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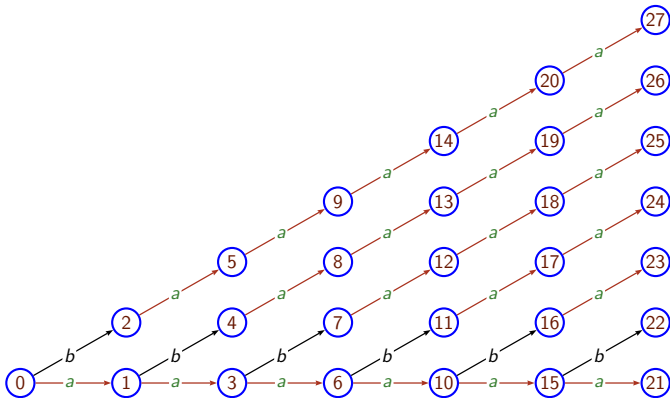




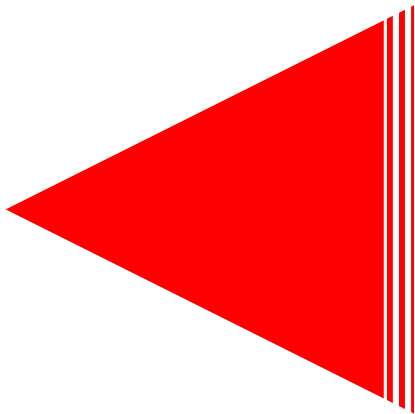


## Definition (radix order $<_{\text{rad}}$ )

$u <_{\text{rad}} v$  if  $|u| < |v|$   
or  $|u| = |v|$  &  $|u| <_{\text{lex}} |v|$

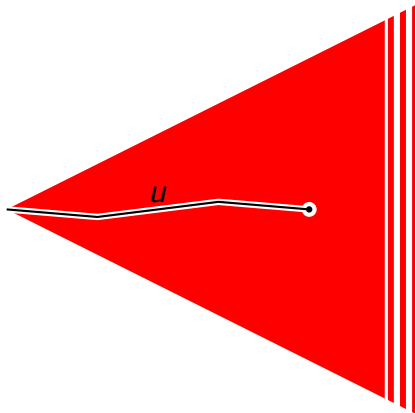


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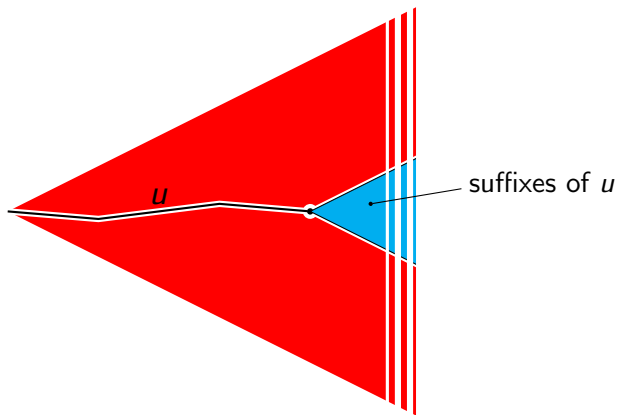


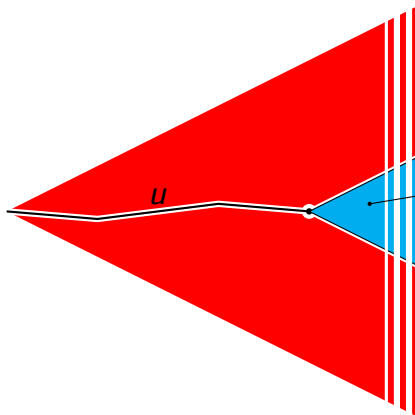
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suffixes of  $u$

- depends on a summary of  $u$   
(state of the respective DFA)

## Theorem

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$(q, p)$ : its directing parameter

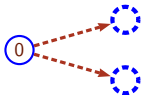
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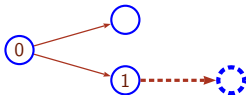
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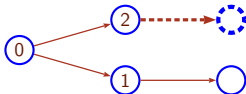
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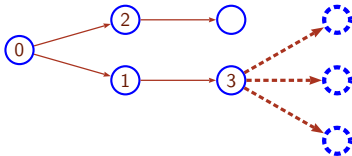
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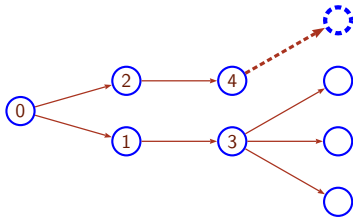


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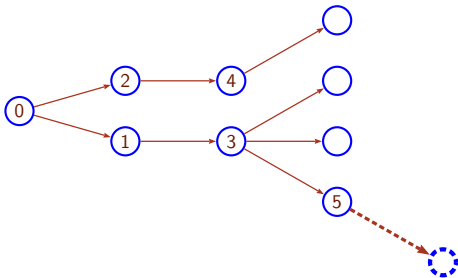




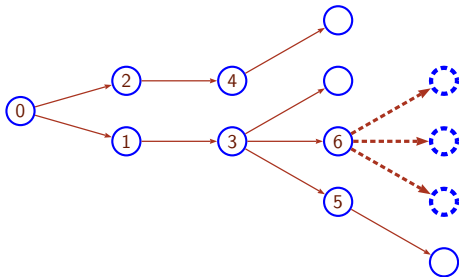
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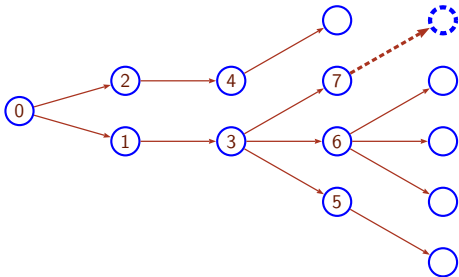
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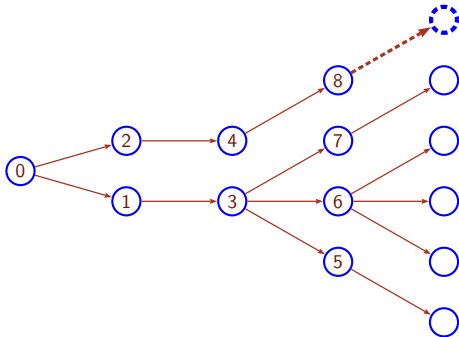
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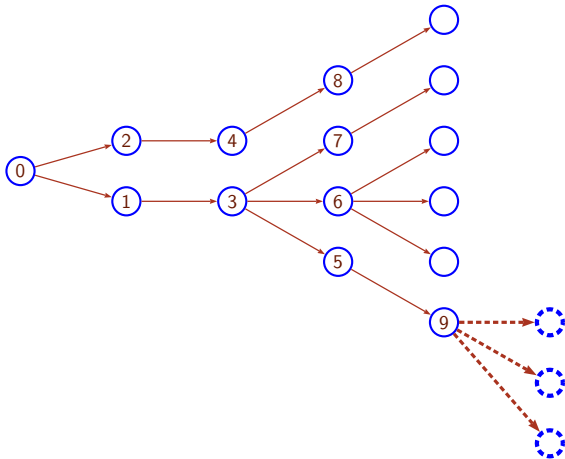
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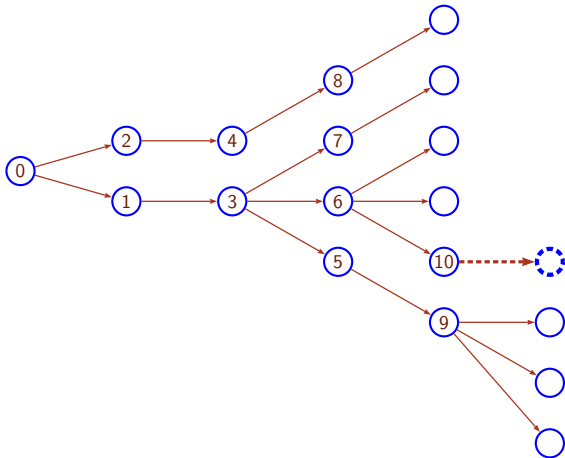
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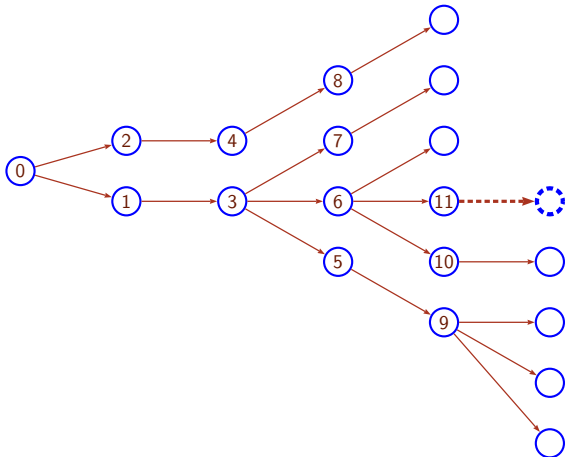
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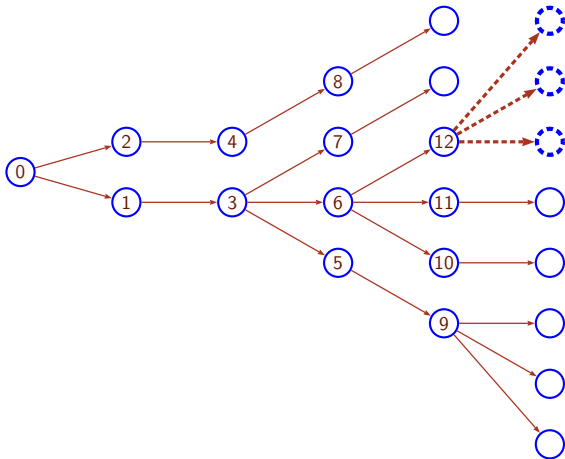


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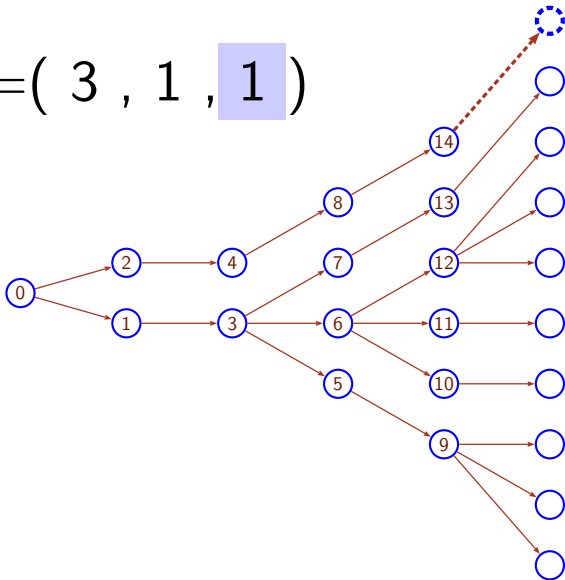
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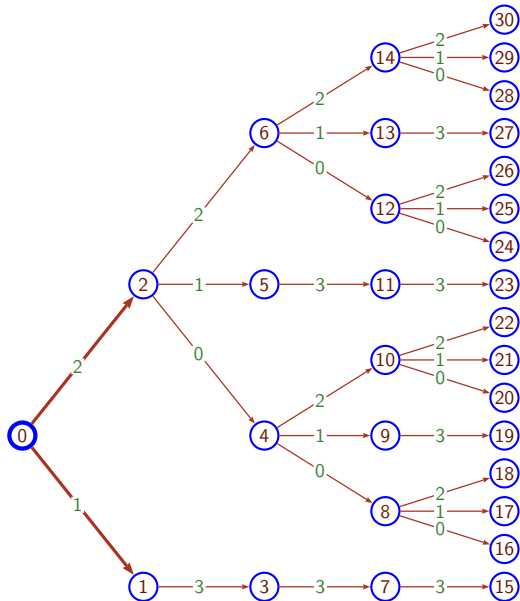
- Directing parameter  $(q, p)$ :
  - $\mathbf{r}$  is a  $q$ -tuple;
  - $p = r_0 + r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{q-1}$ .
- Growth ratio:  $\frac{p}{q}$ 
  - Intuition :  $\#\{\text{nodes at depth } i\}$  is roughly  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^i$

## Definition (Naive labelling)

The edge  $n \xrightarrow[\mathcal{T}_r]{a} m$  is labelled by  $a = (m \bmod p)$

Intuition: The transition labels follows  $0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1), 0, 1 \dots$

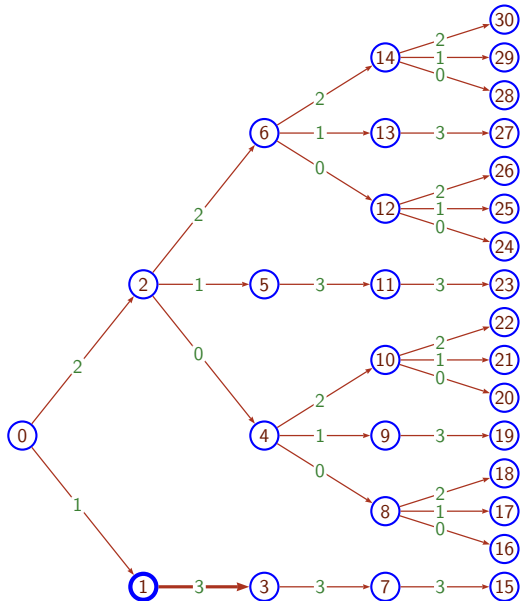
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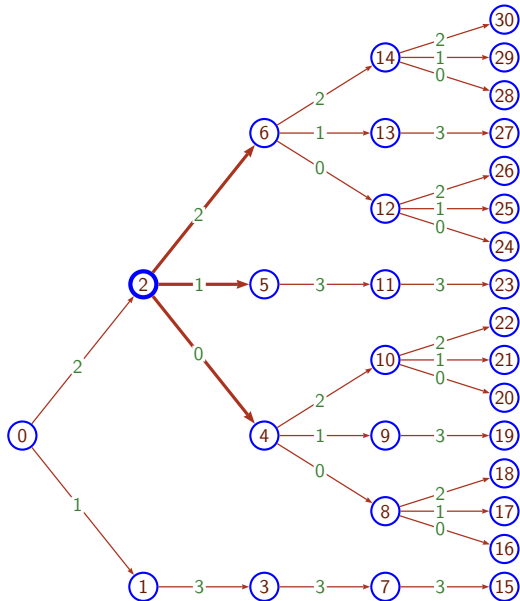
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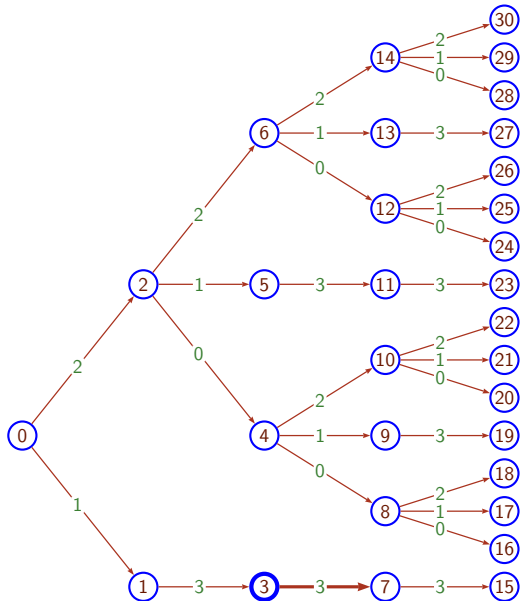


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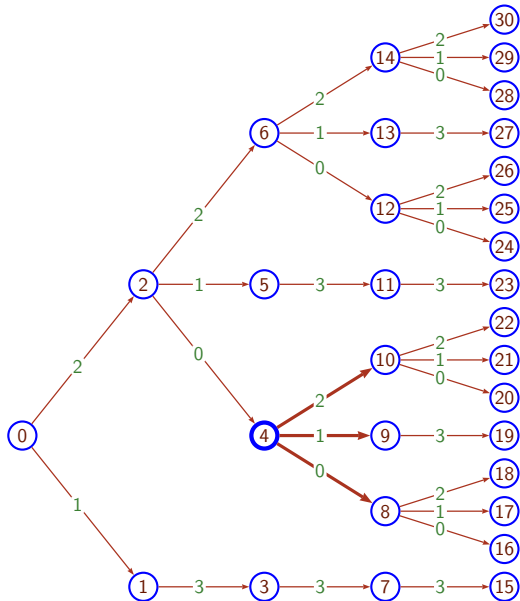
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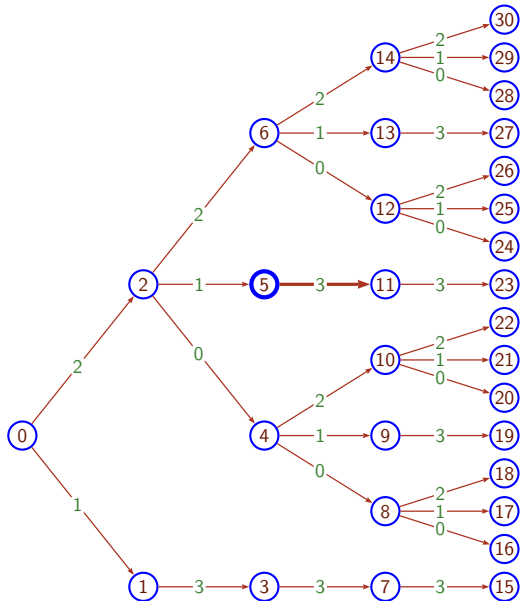
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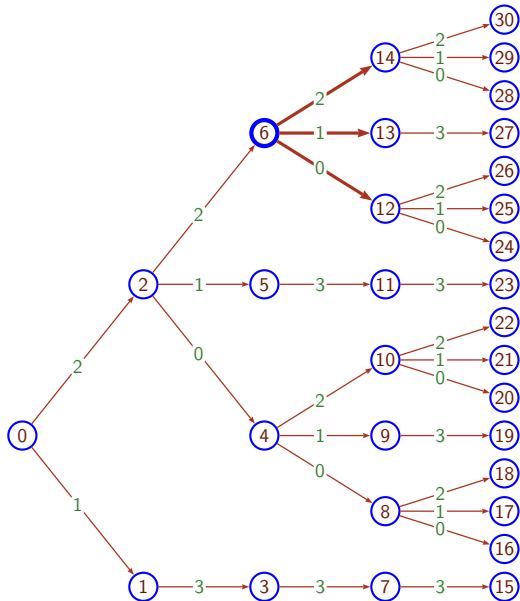
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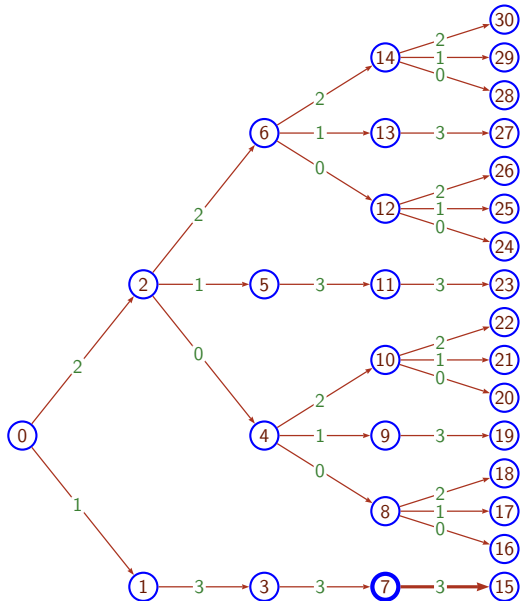
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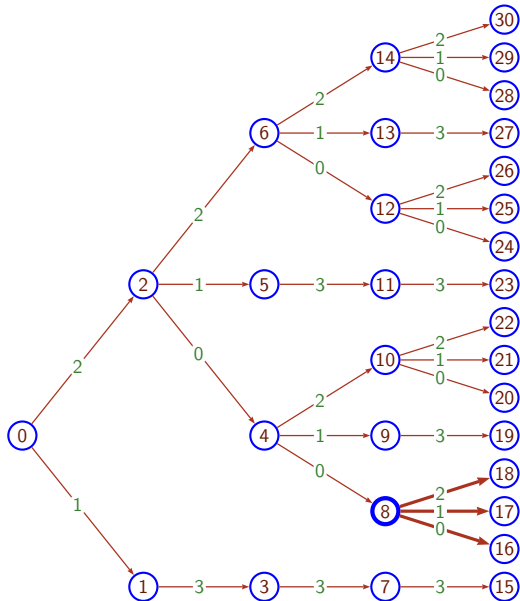
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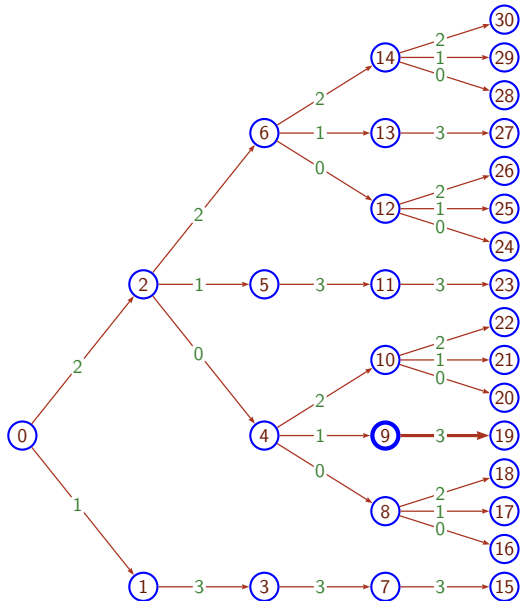
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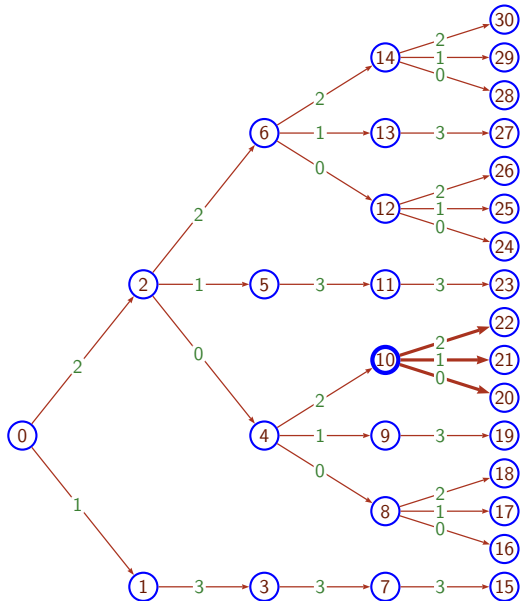
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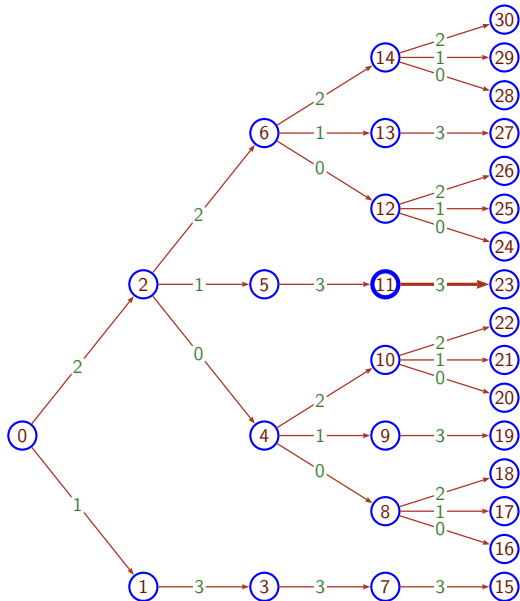


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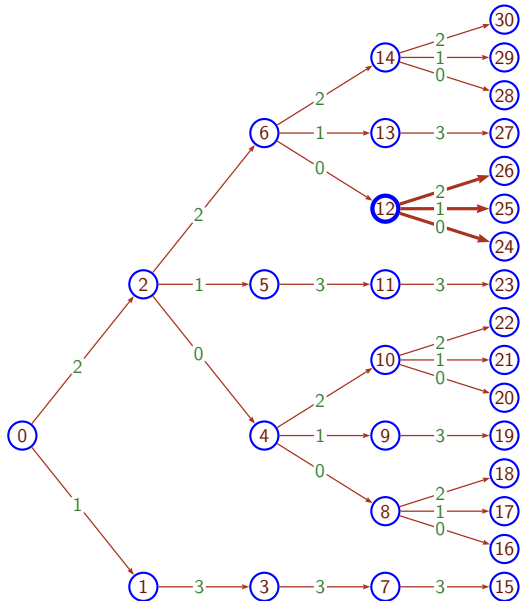
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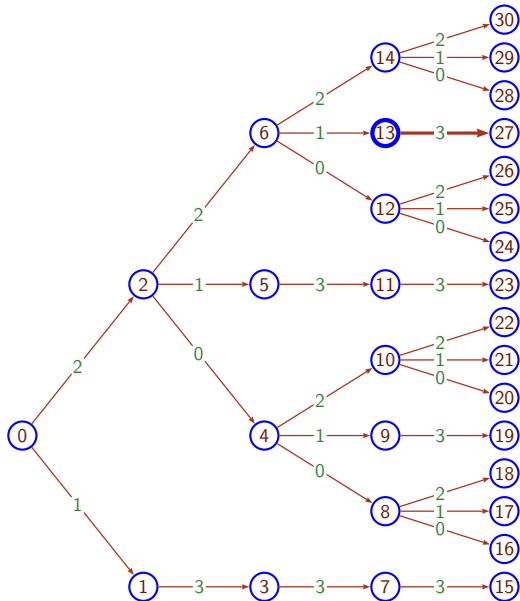
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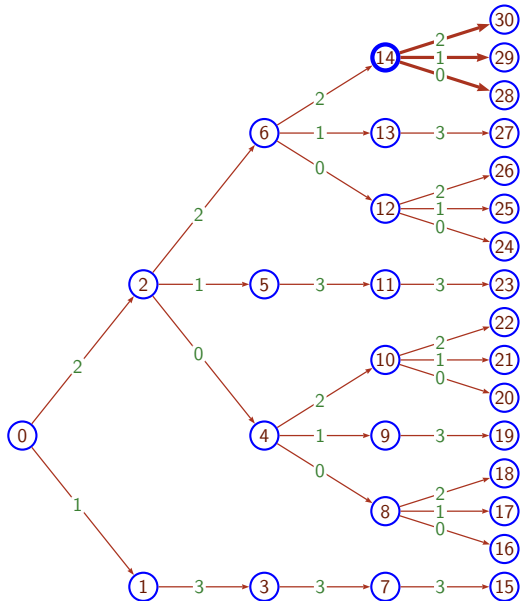
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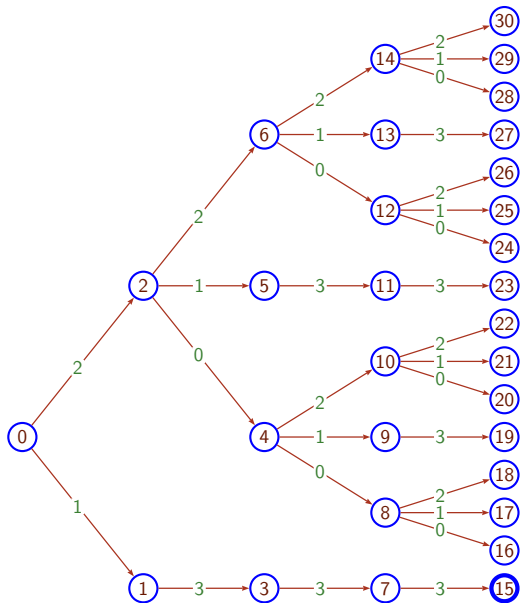
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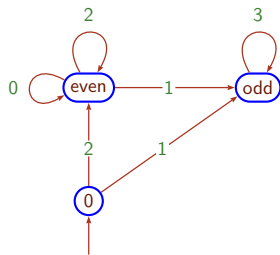
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# Taking back the rhythm (3, 1)



$q = 2; p = 4;$   
growth ratio  $\frac{p}{q} = 2$



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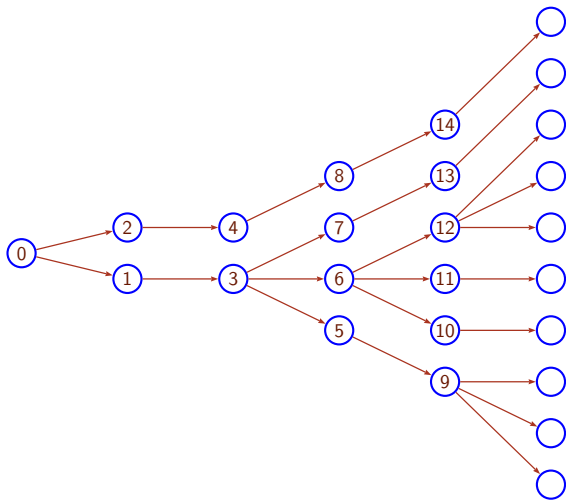
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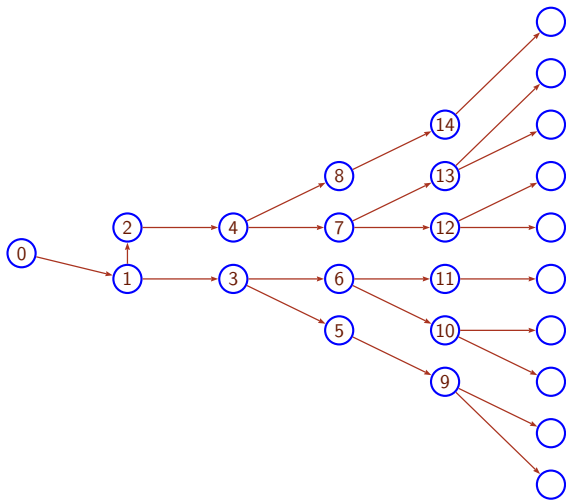
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- Every infinite word of the topological closure of  $L$  is aperiodic

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# The tree generated by $(2, 2, 1)$





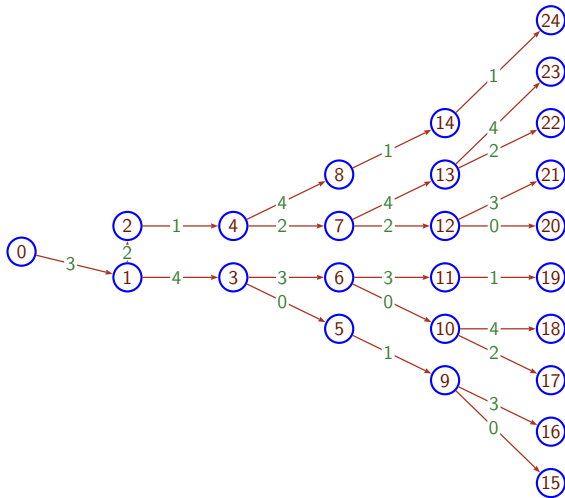
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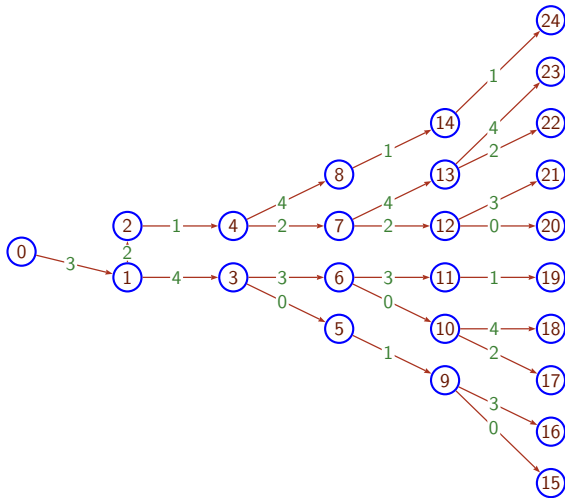
$A_p$ : the alphabet  $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$

- Evaluation:  $\pi(a_n \cdots a_1 a_0) = \sum_{i=0}^n (\frac{a_i}{q})(\frac{p}{q})^i$ .
- Each integer has a finite representation in base  $\frac{p}{q}$ .

$L_{\frac{p}{q}}$ : the language of the representations of integers

- $L_{\frac{p}{q}}$  is prefix-closed and right-extendable.
- $L_{\frac{p}{q}}$  is a BLIP language.





## Theorem

*The language  $L_{\frac{p}{q}}$  is generated by Christoffel rhythm and canonical labelling.*



## Definition (Christoffel rhythm $\gamma$ )

- directing parameter  $(q, p)$
- the most equitable way to part  $q$  objects into  $p$  cases.

Example:  $(2, 2, 1)$  for  $\frac{5}{3}$ ;  $(2, 1, 2, 1, 1)$  for  $\frac{7}{5}$

## Definition (Canonical labelling $\lambda$ )

$\lambda$  is the  $p$ -tuple  $(0, q, (2q), \dots, (p-1)q) \pmod{p}$

Example:  $(0, 3, 2, 4, 1)$  for  $\frac{5}{3}$

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## Perspectives

- What happens if we use infinite rhythm instead ?
  - ultimate periodic  $\implies$  probably the same as finite rhythm
  - aperiodic  $\implies$  ??
- What happens if we use an automata-like structure ?
- Which rational languages can be generated by rhythm ?

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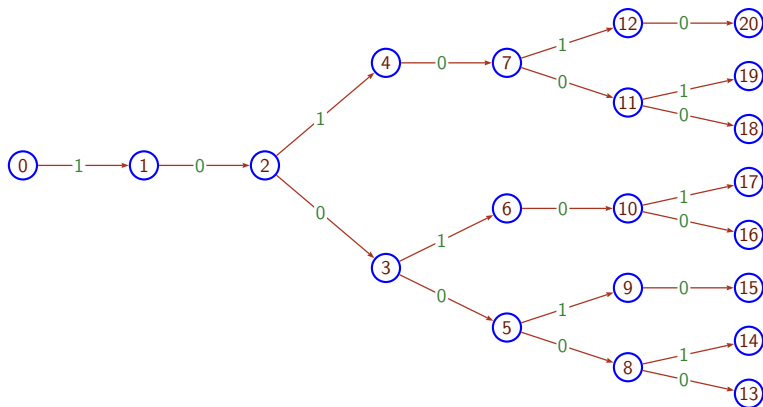


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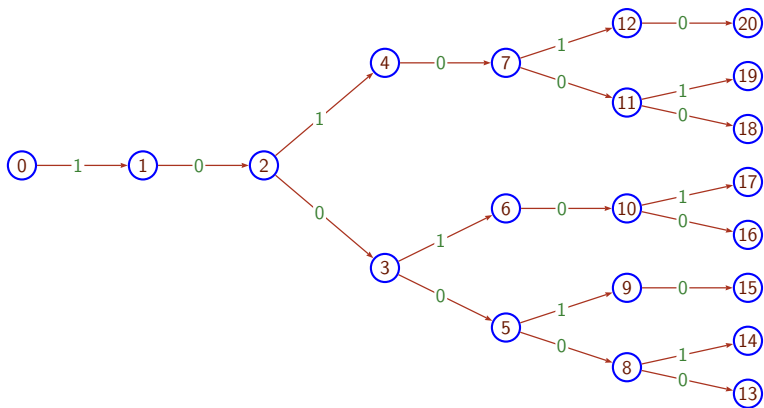


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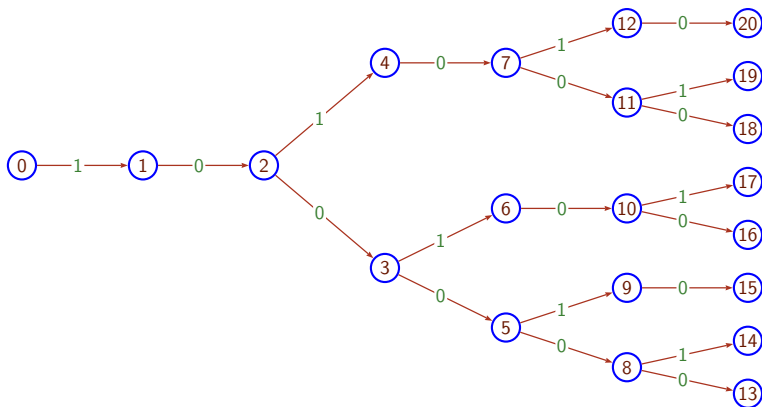


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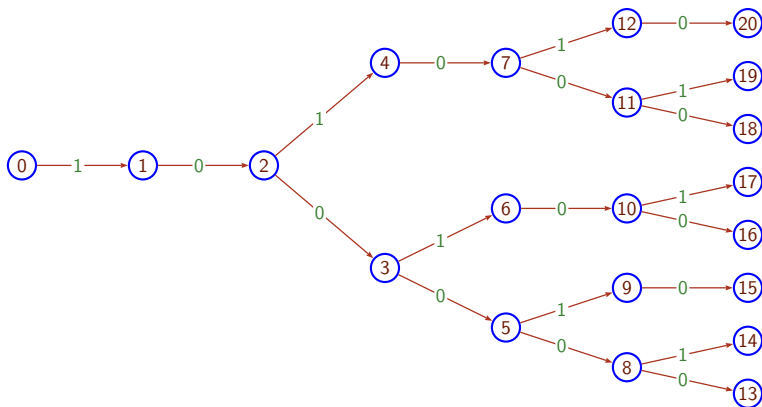


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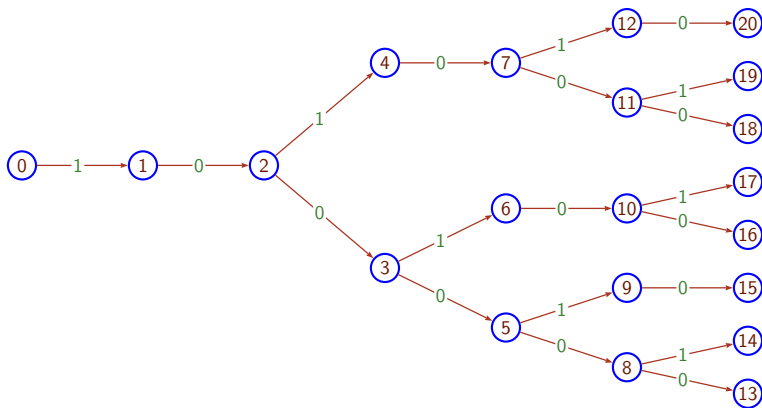


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