

Breadth-first signature and numeration systems

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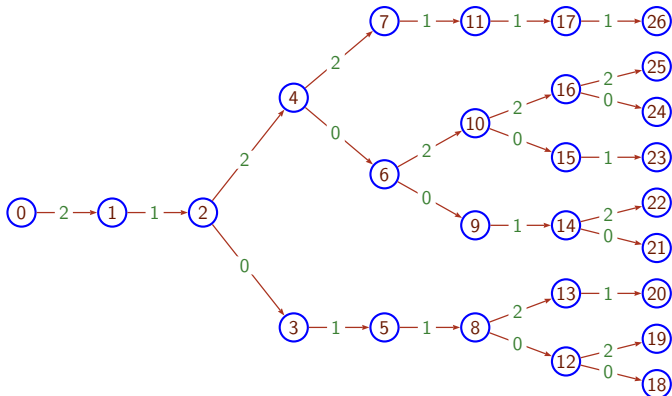


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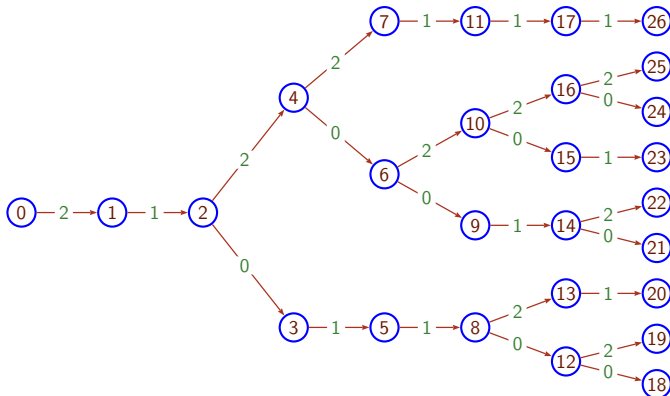


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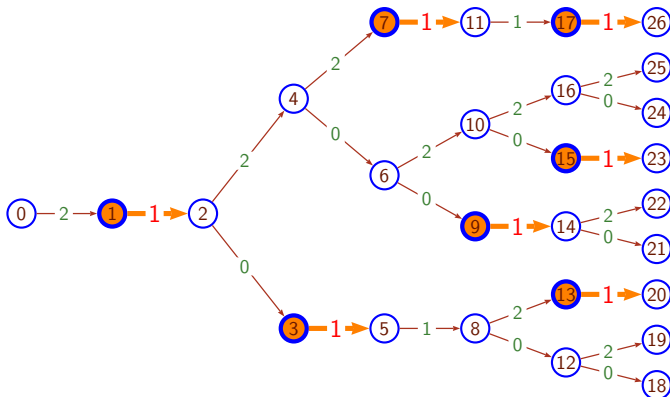


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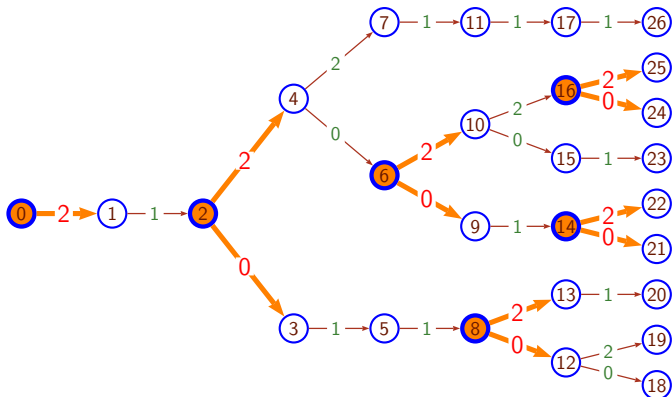


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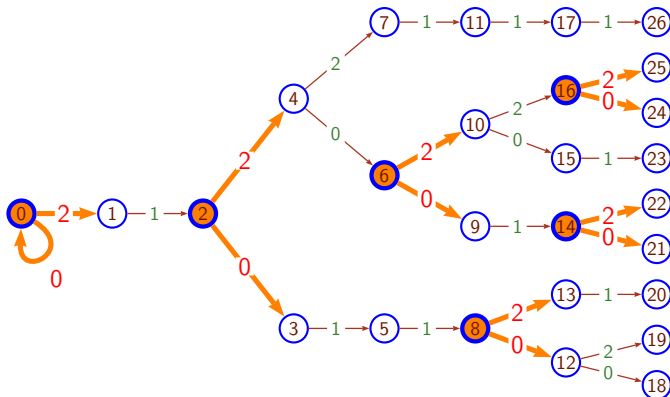


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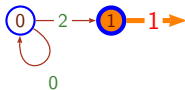


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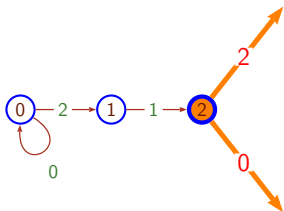


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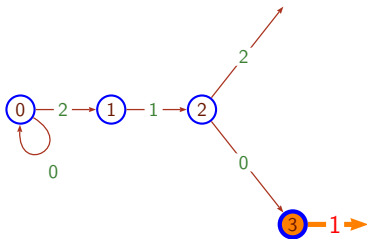


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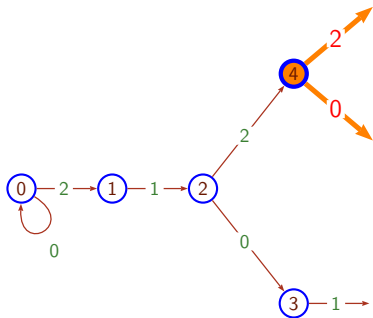


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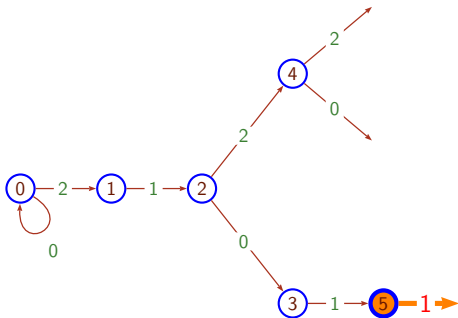


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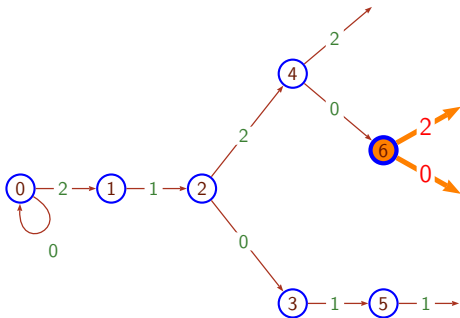


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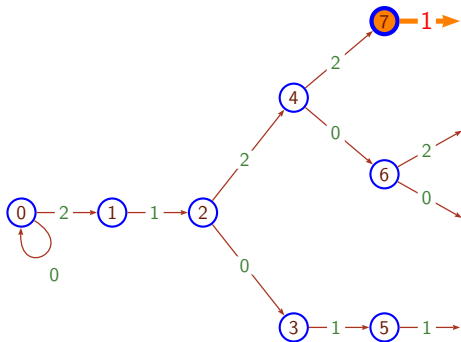


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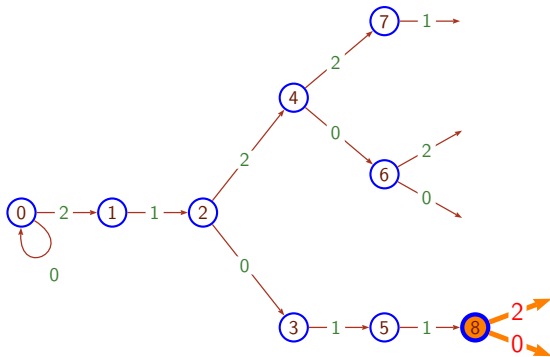


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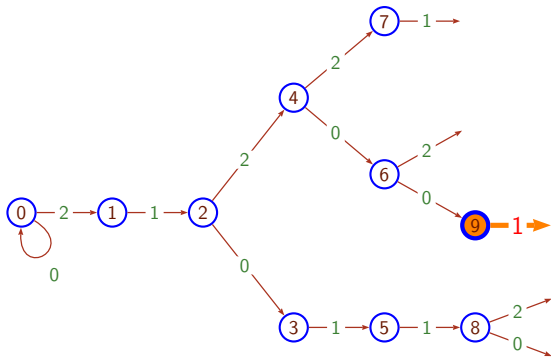


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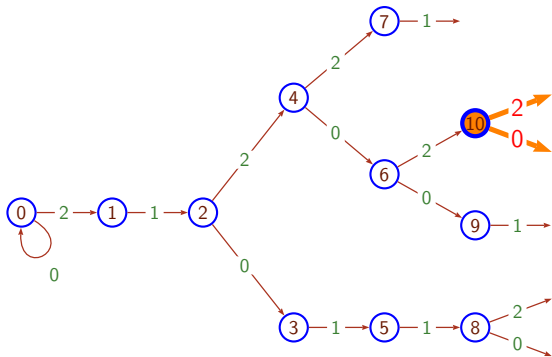


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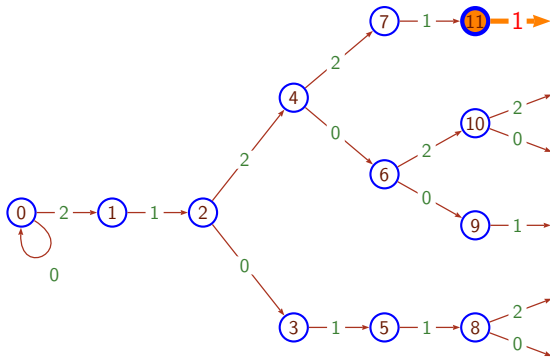


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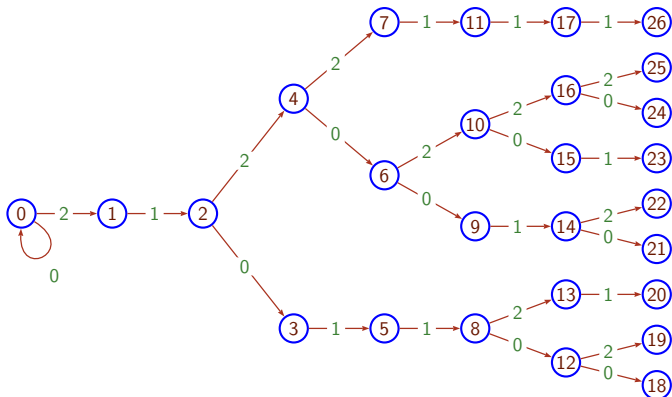
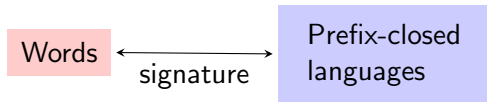


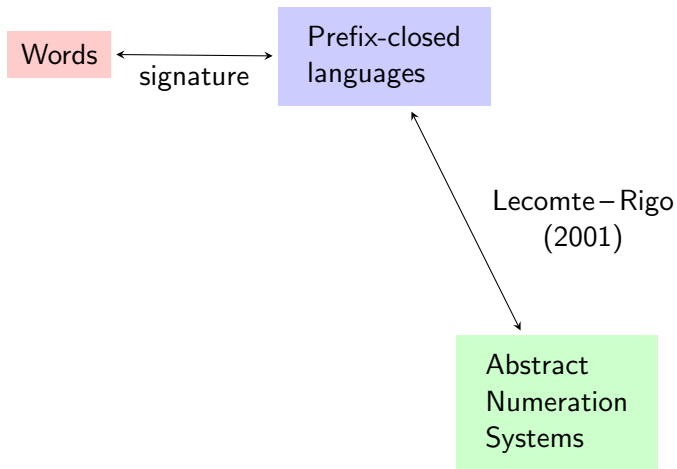
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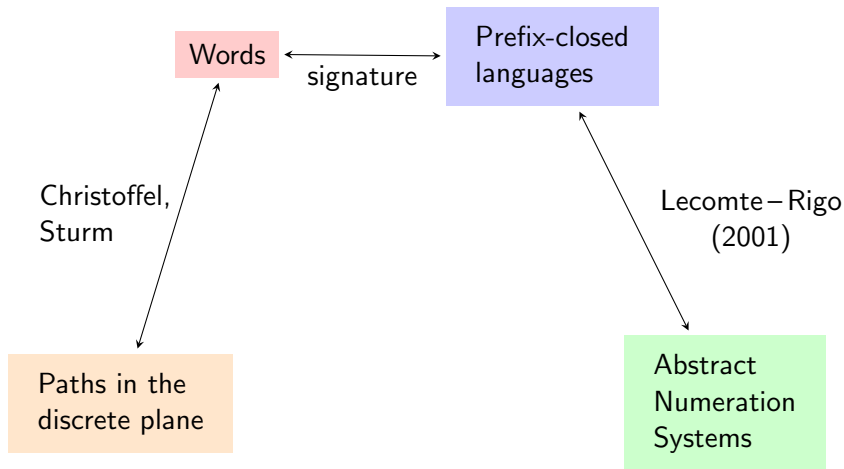
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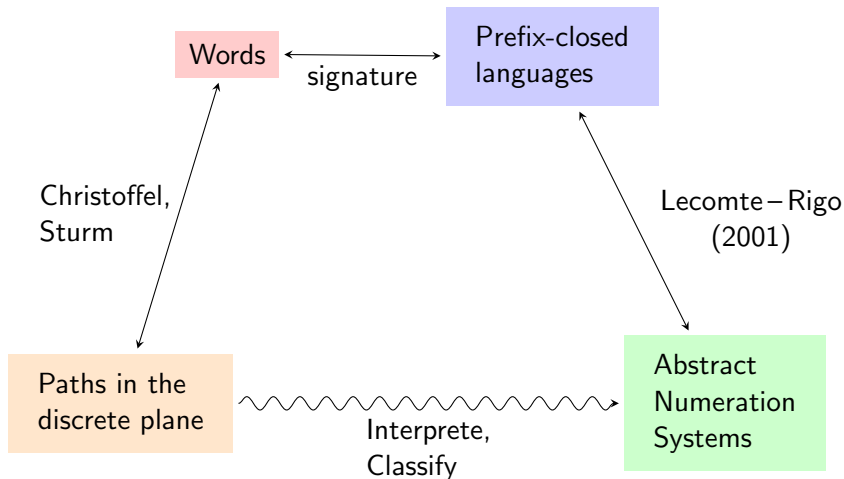
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2 Signature, labelling and abstract numeration systems (ANS)

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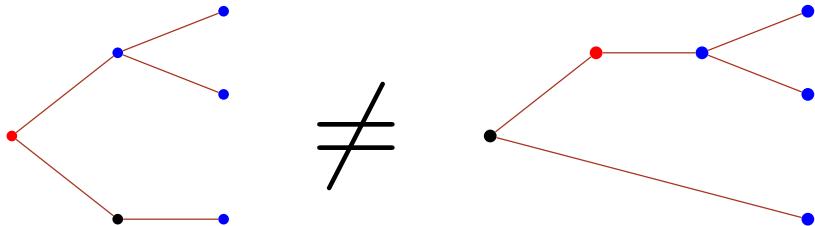
5 Going further

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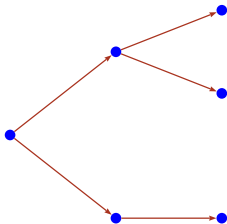
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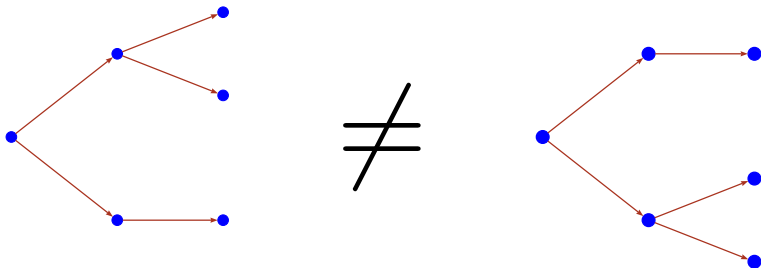
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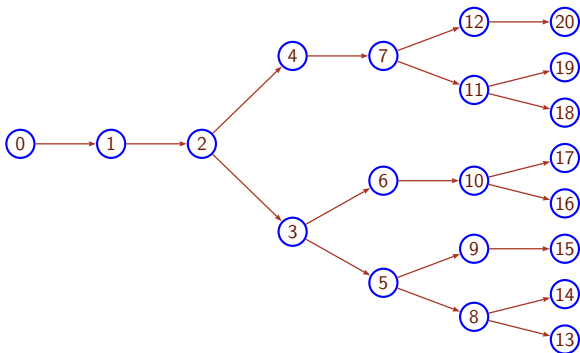


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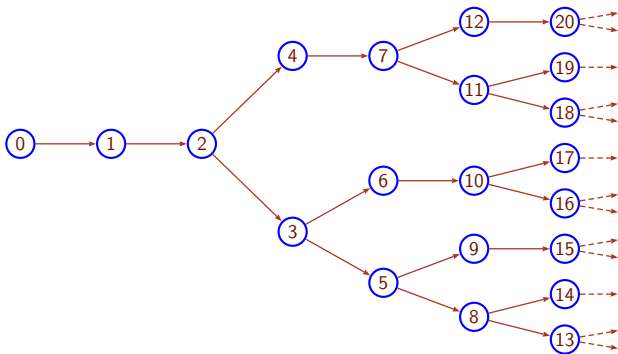
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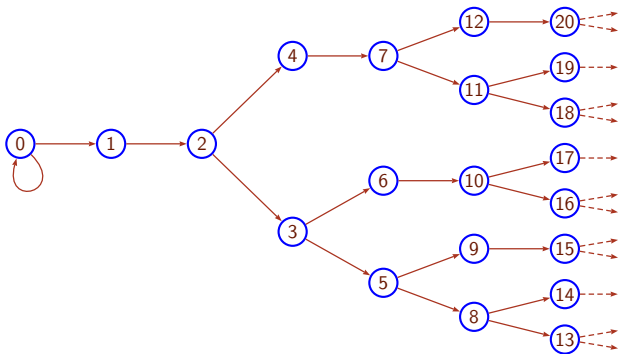
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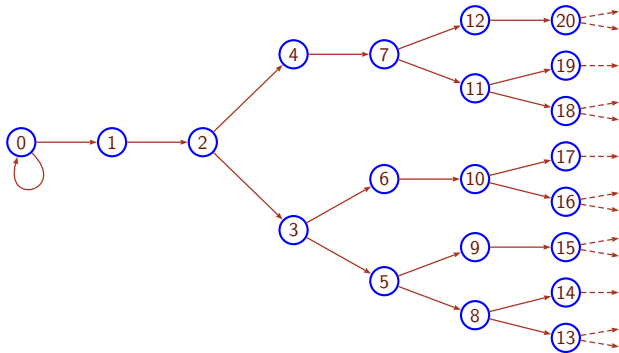


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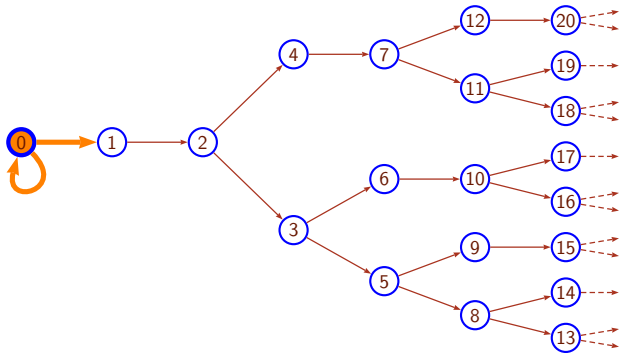
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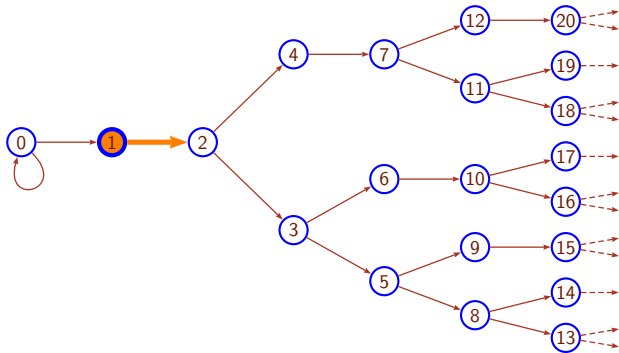
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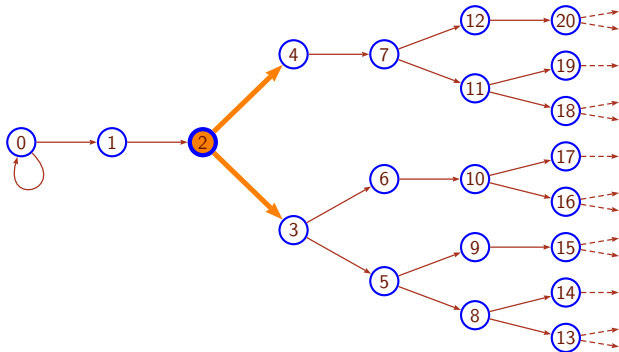
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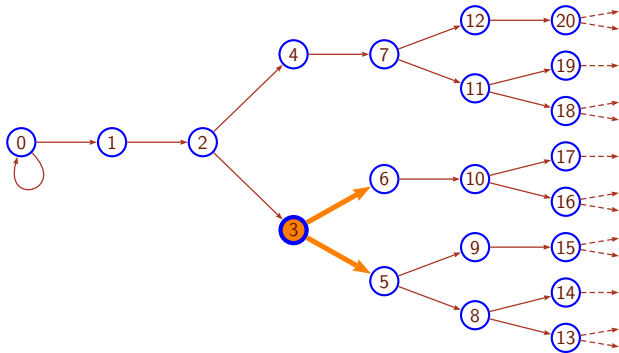
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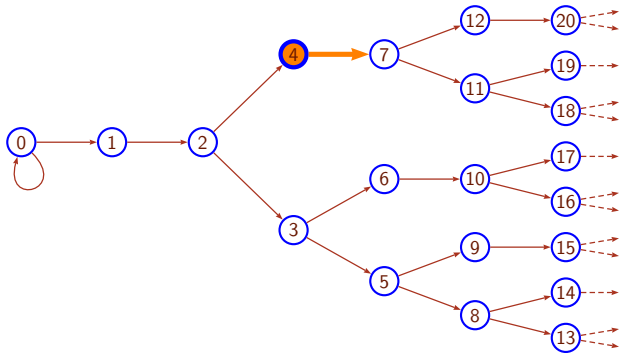
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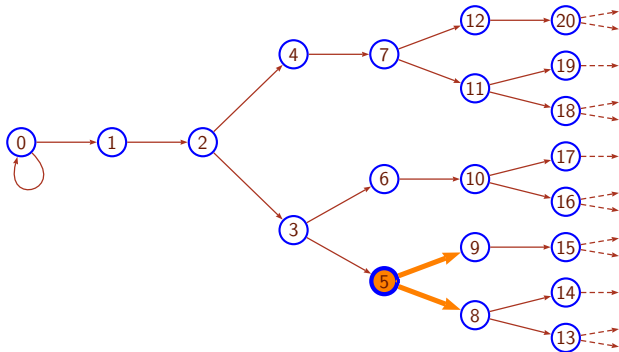
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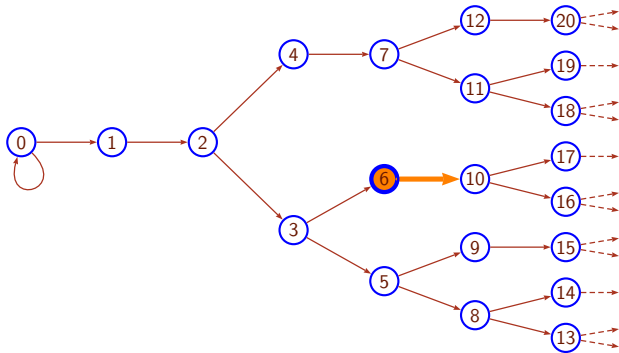
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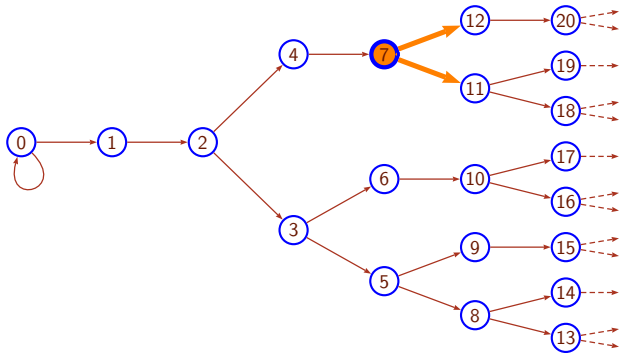
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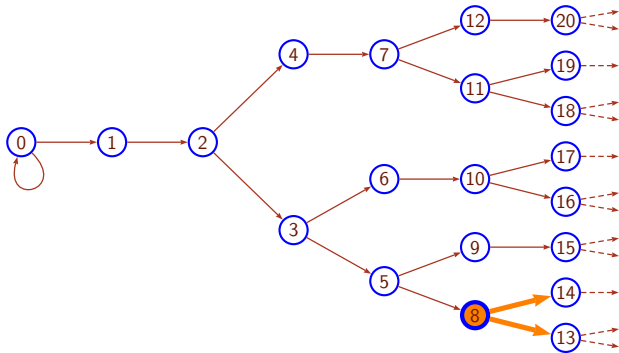
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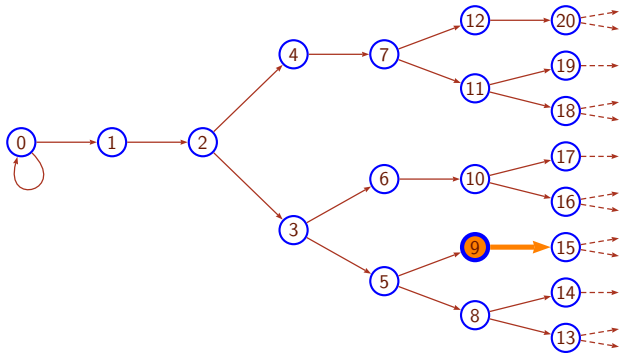
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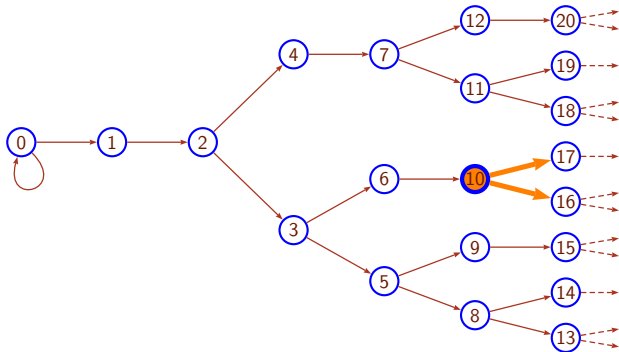
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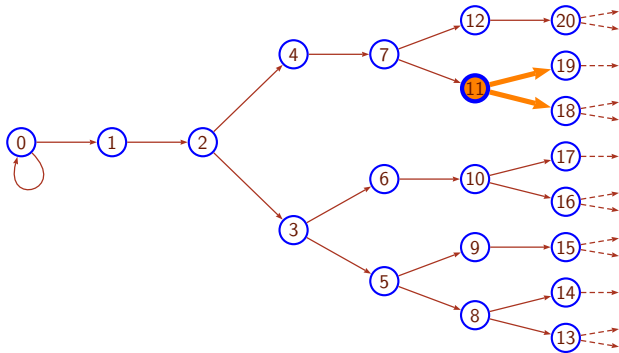
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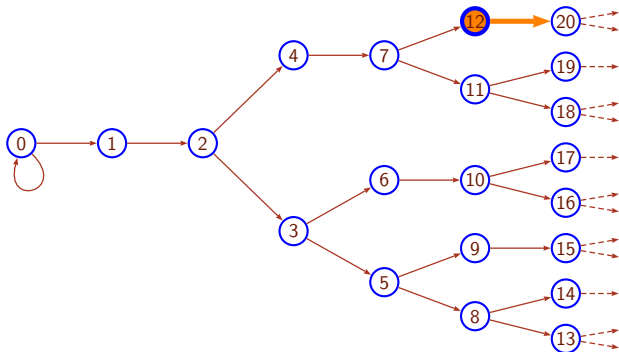
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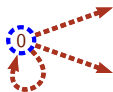
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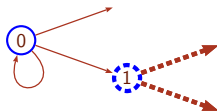


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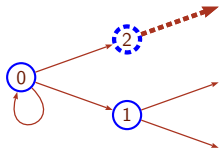
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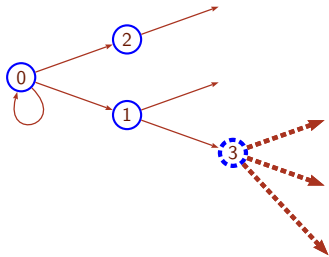
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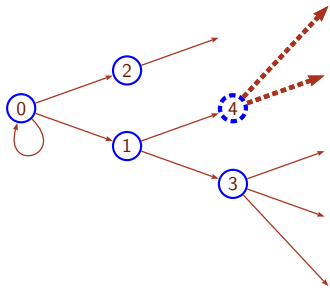
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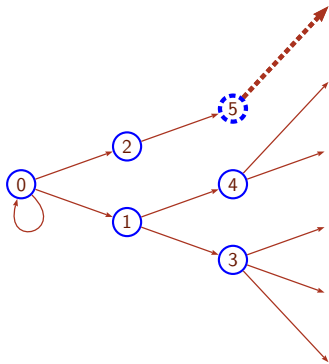
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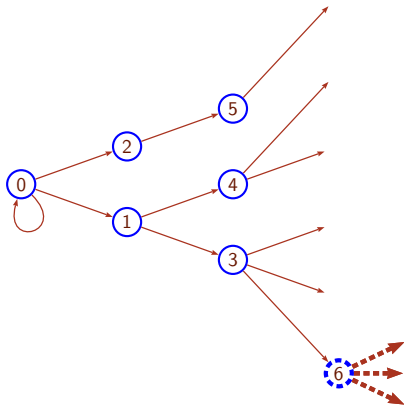
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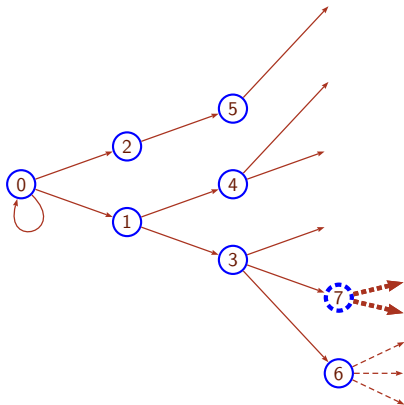
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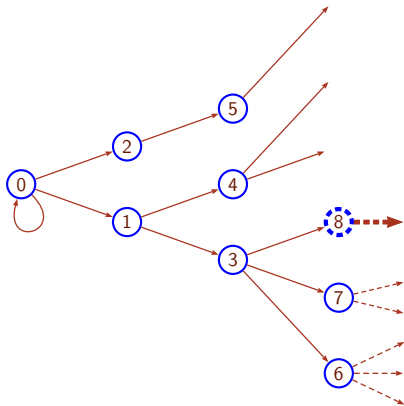
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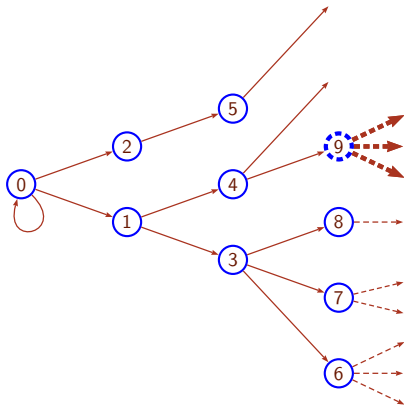
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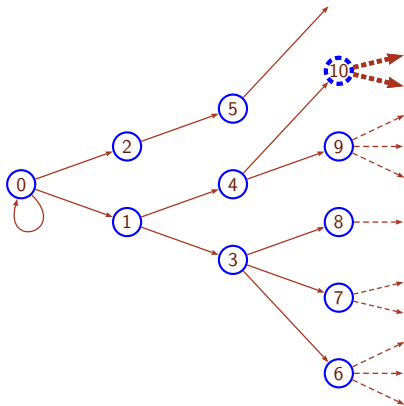
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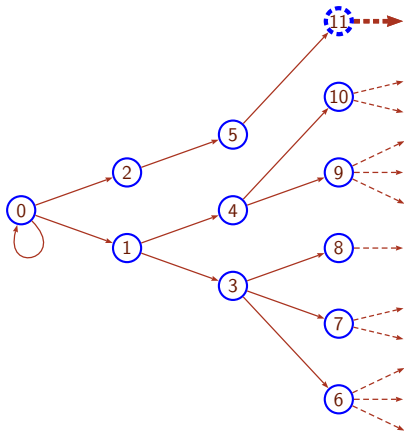
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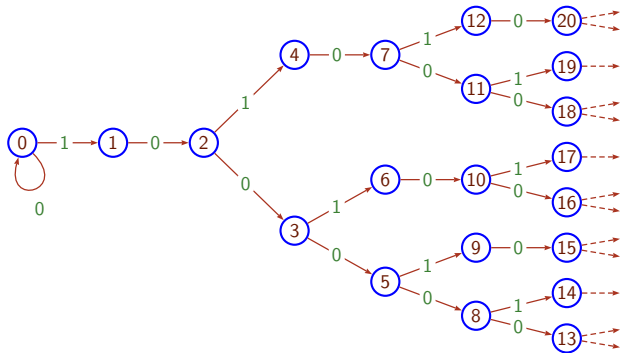


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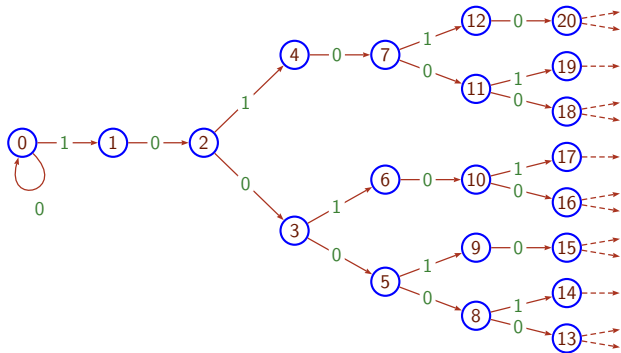


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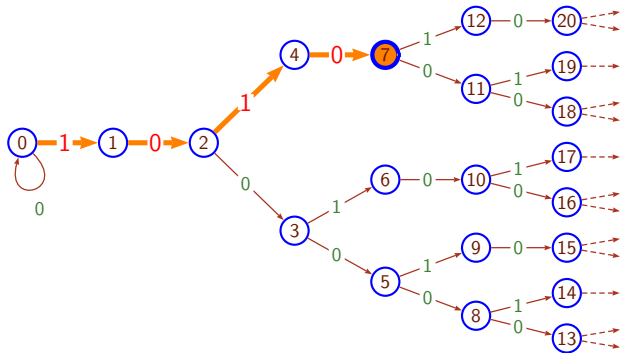
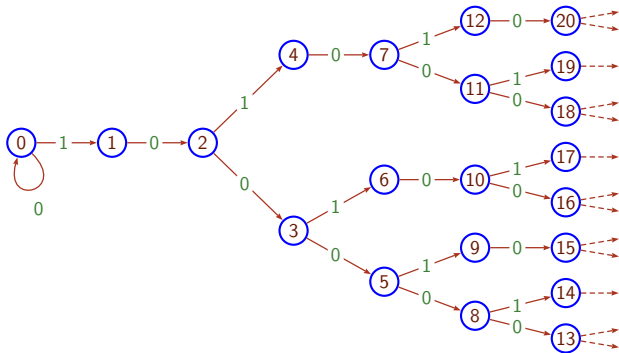


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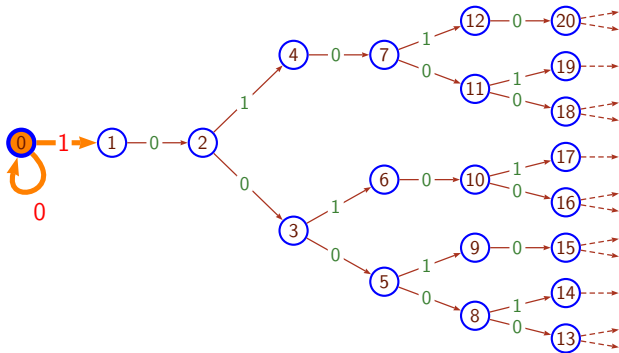


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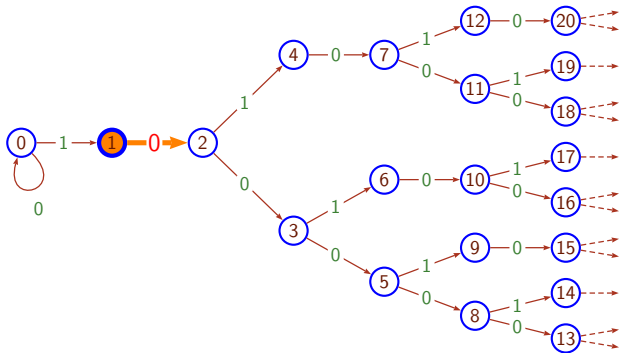


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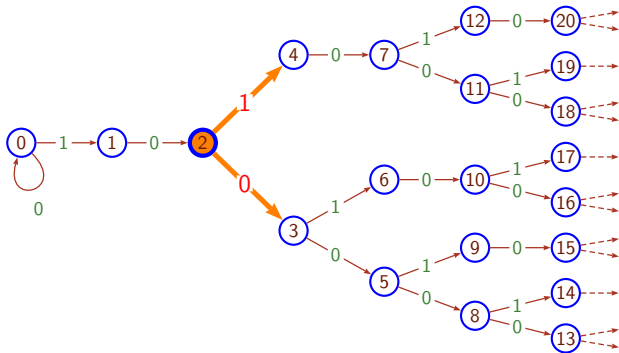
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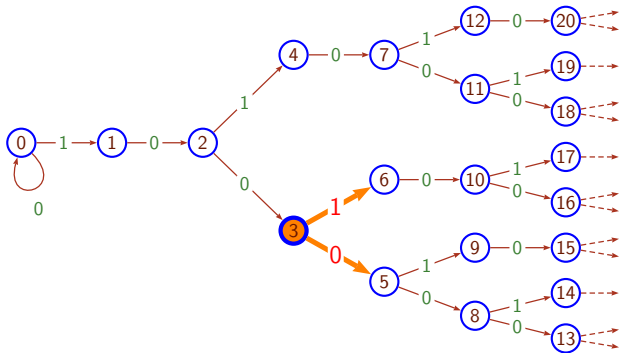


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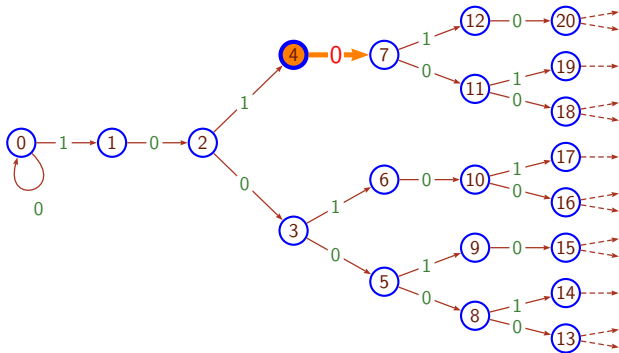


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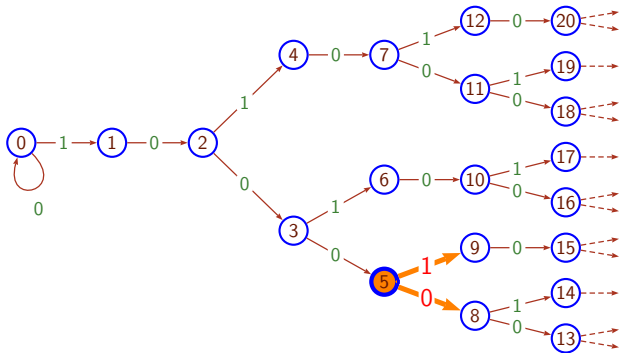


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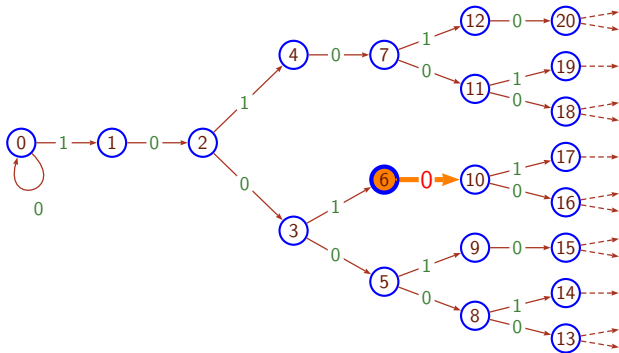


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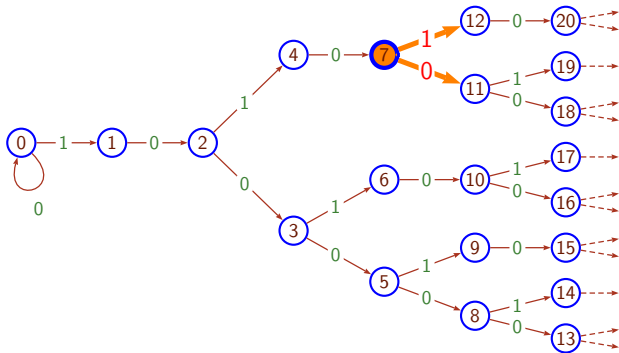


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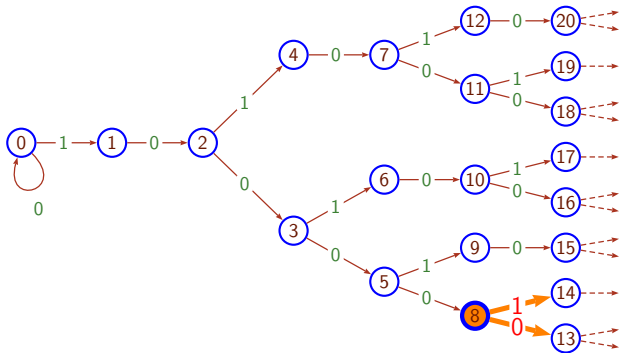


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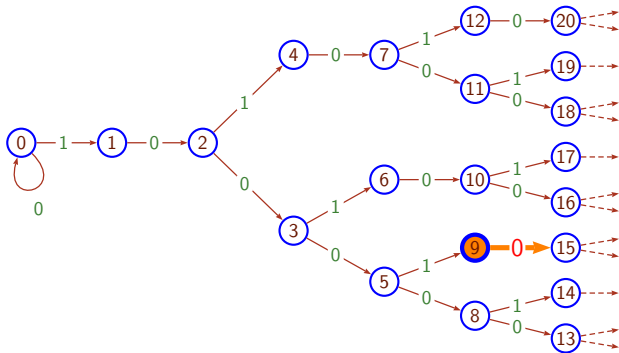


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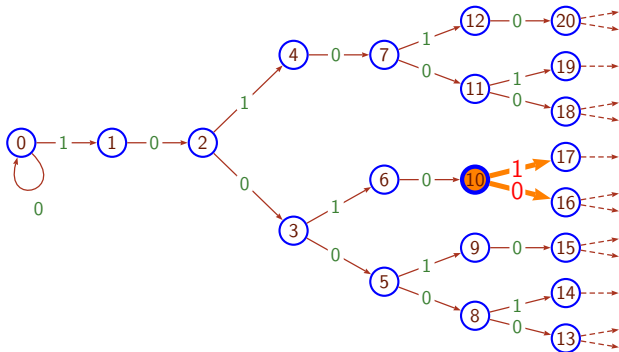
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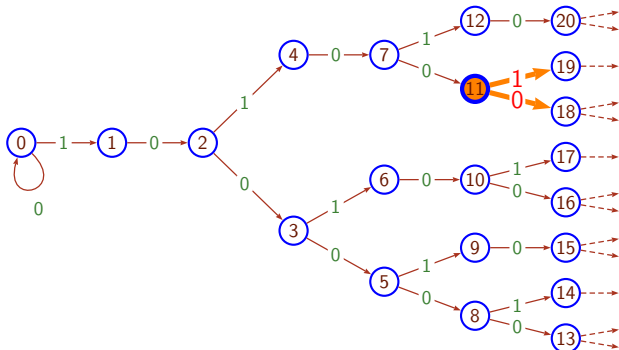


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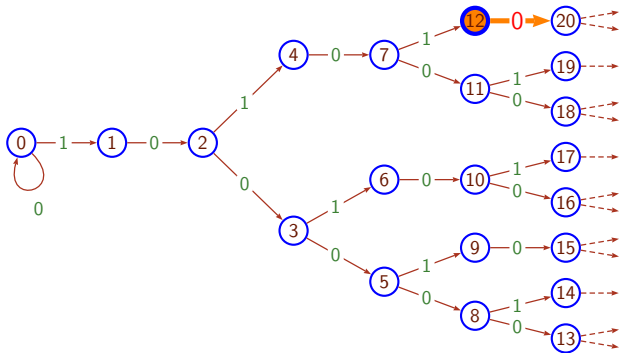
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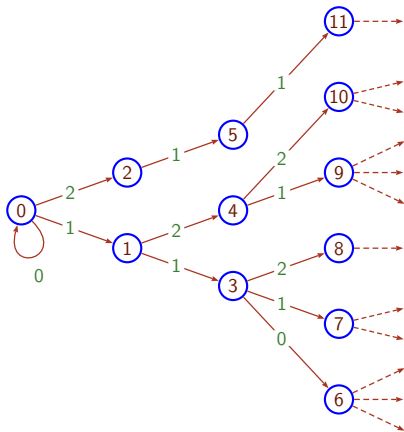
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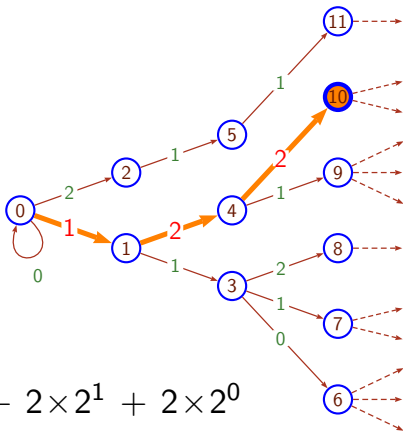
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In our scheme, $\langle n \rangle_L$ is the word labelling the path $0 \rightarrow n$.

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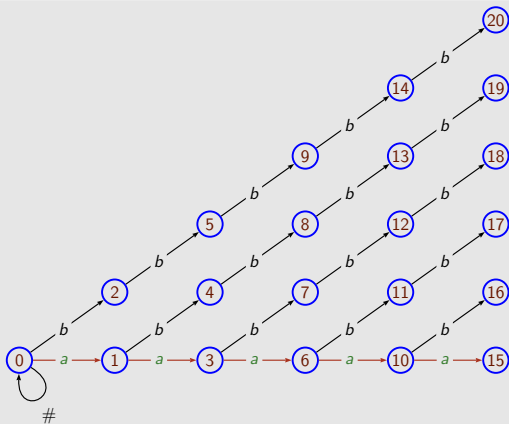
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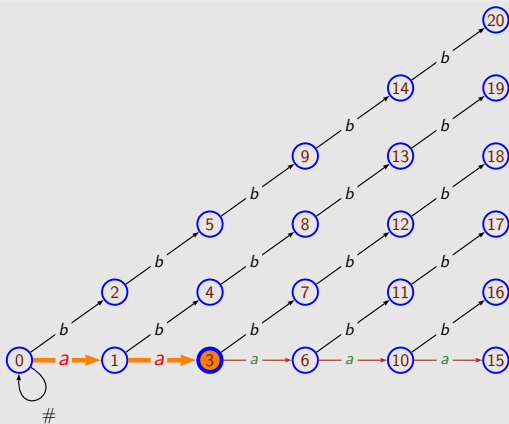
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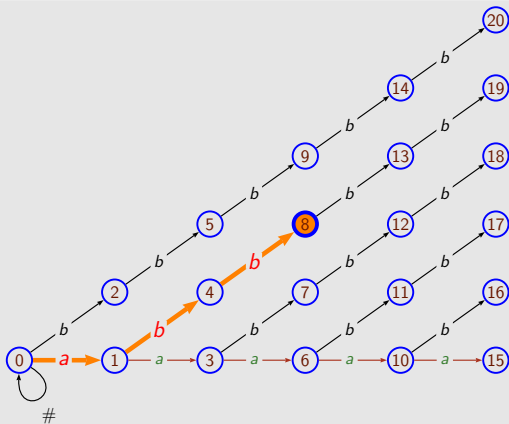


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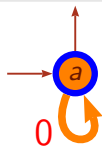


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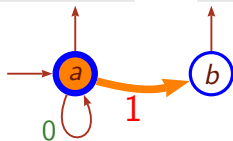


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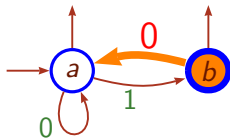
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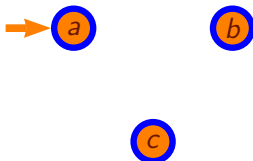
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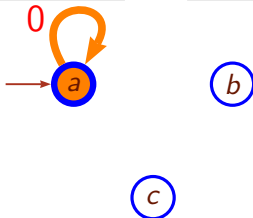
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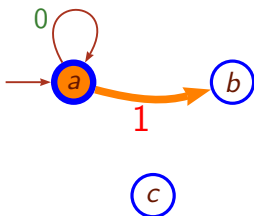


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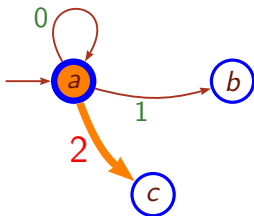
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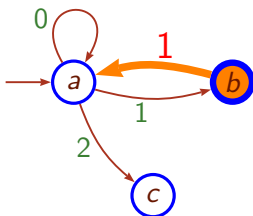
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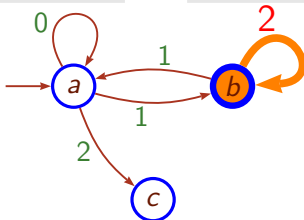
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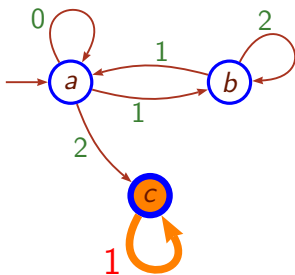
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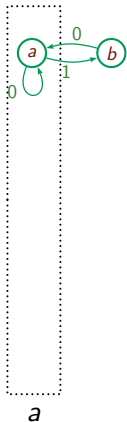
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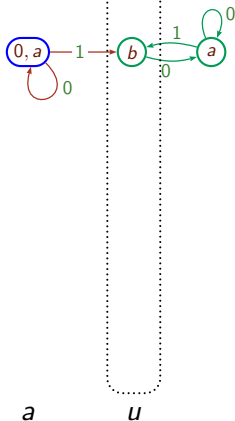
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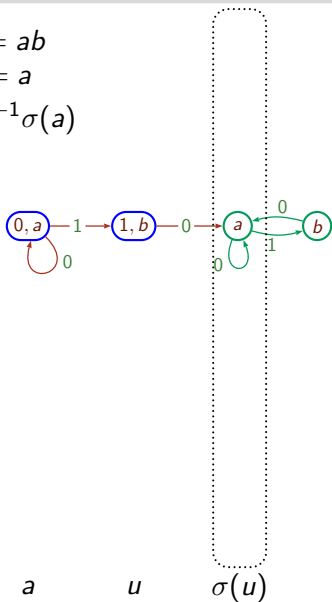


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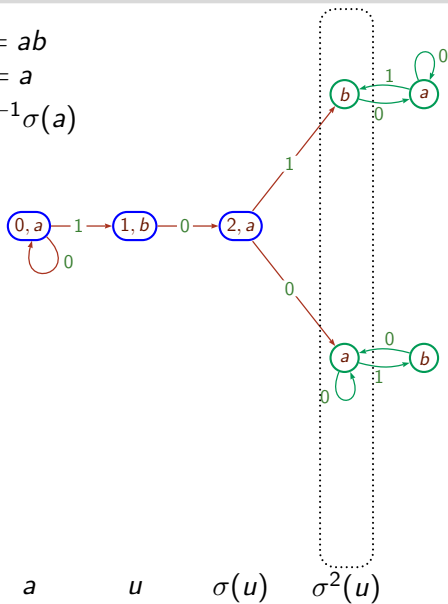


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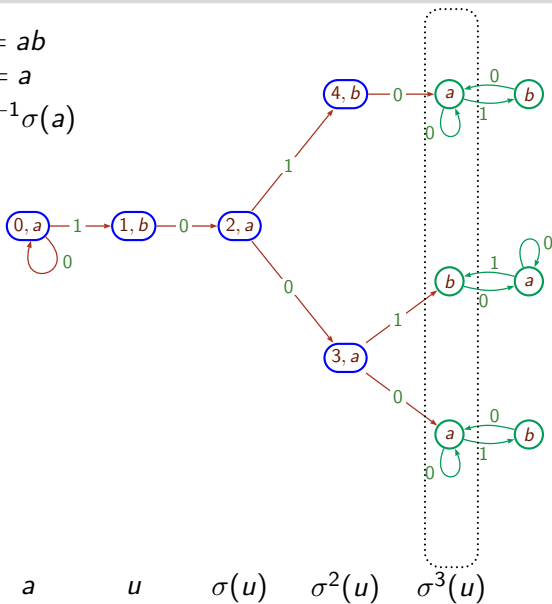
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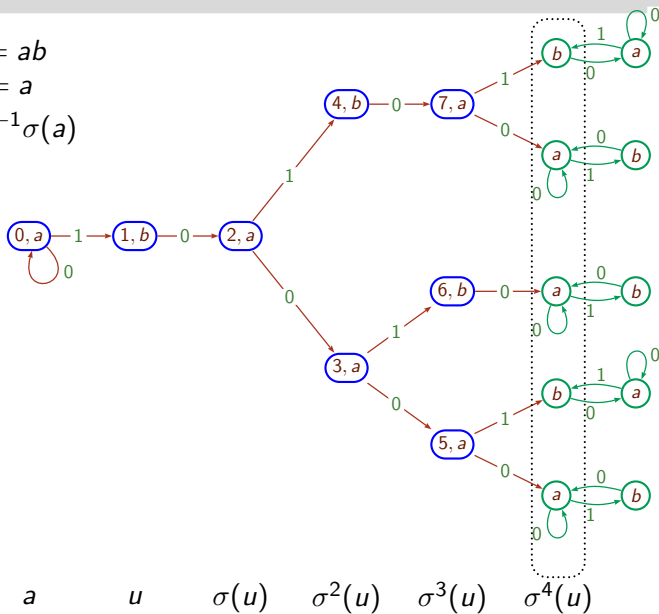


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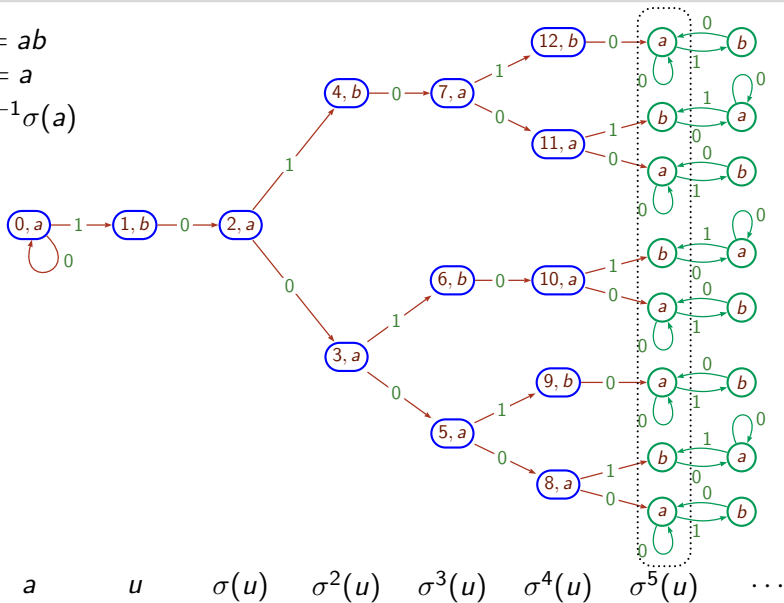


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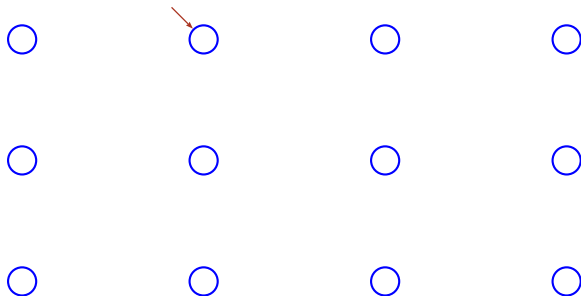
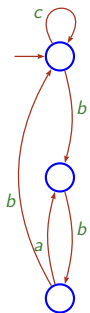
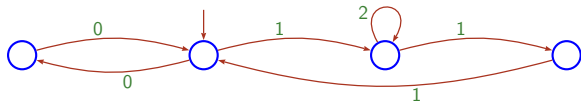
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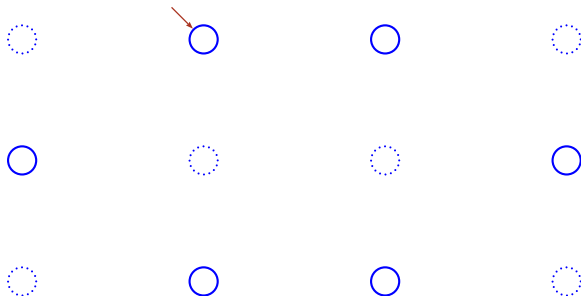
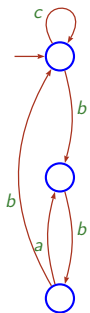
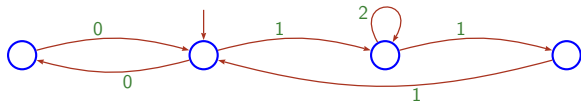
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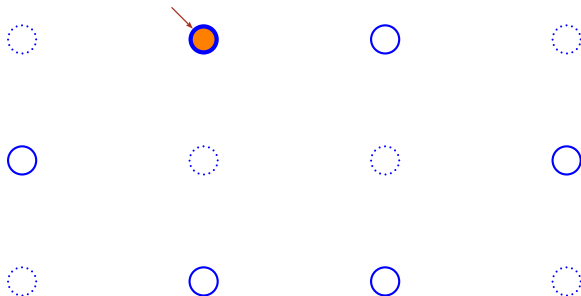
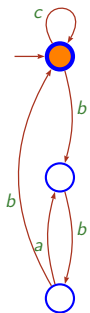
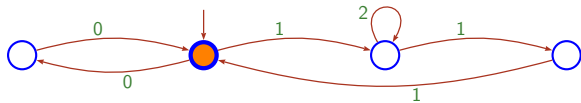
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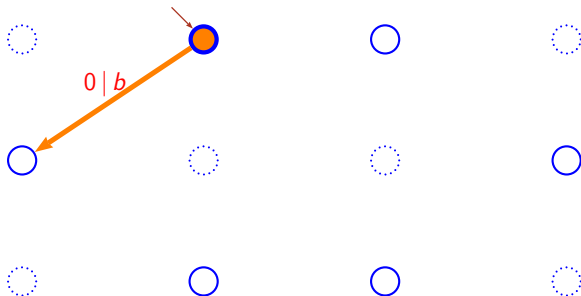
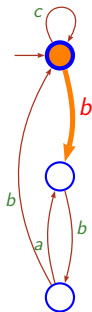
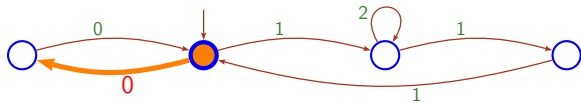
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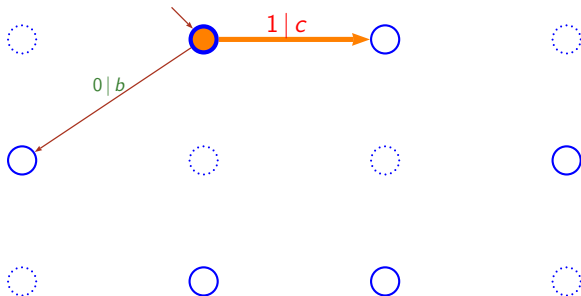
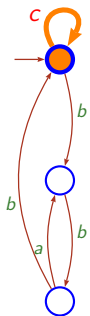
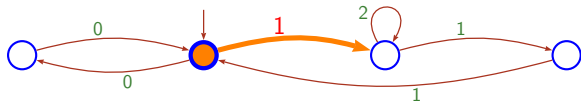
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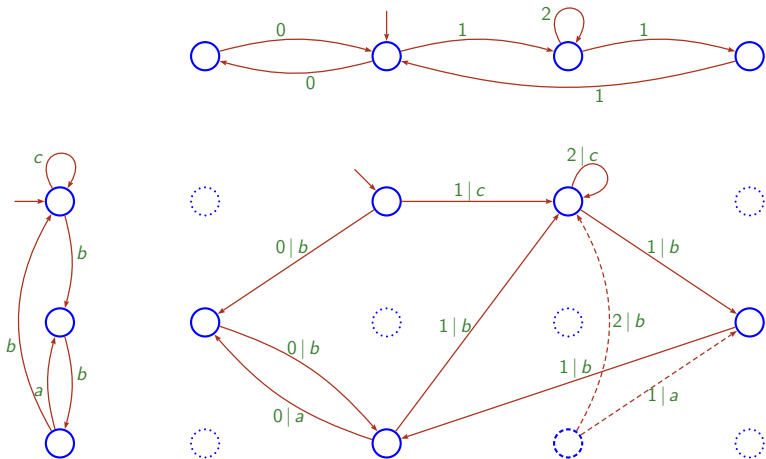
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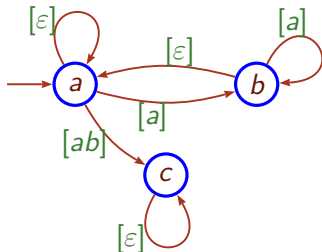
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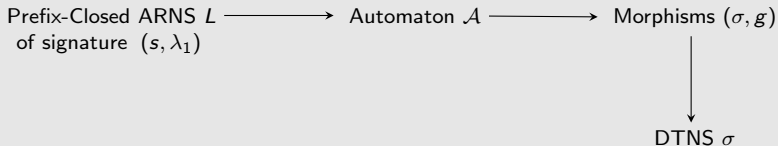
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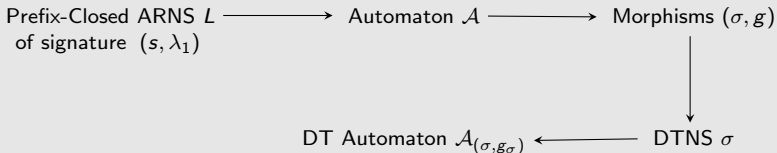
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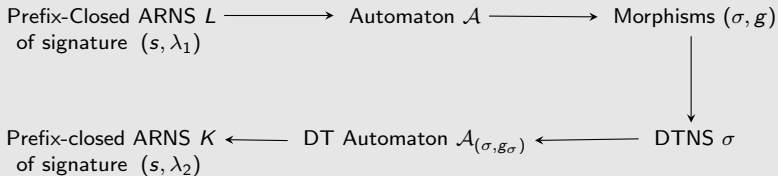
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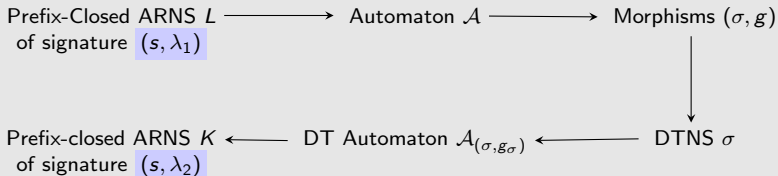
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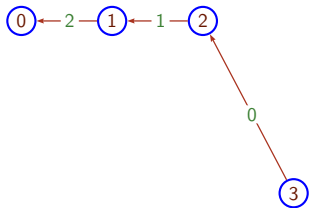
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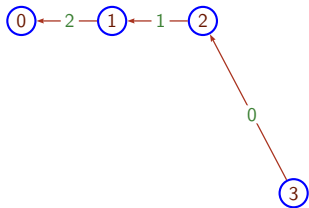
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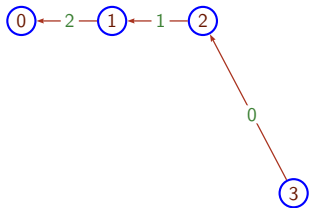
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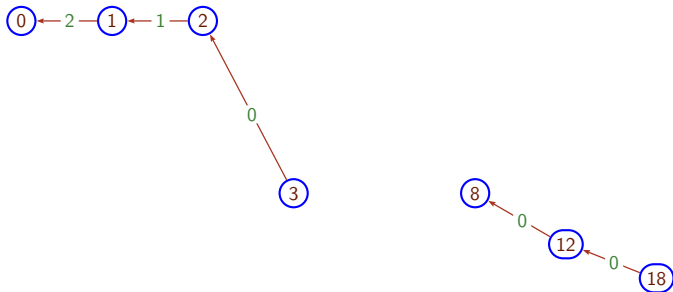
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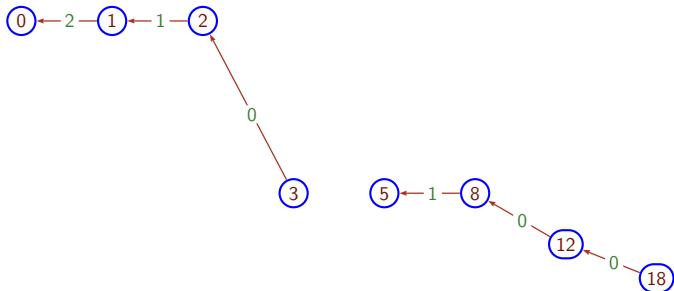


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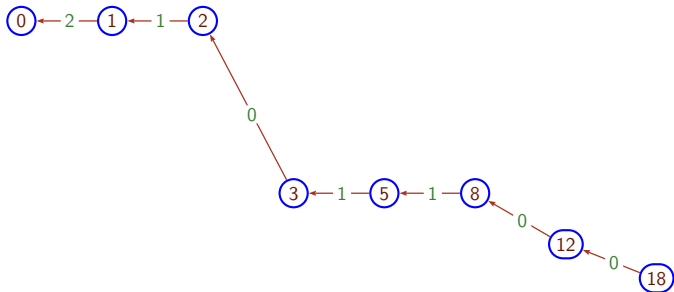




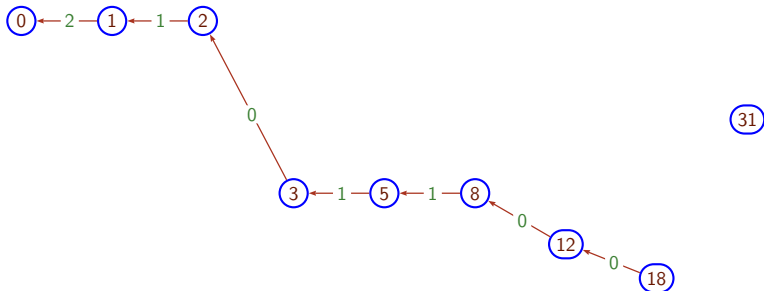
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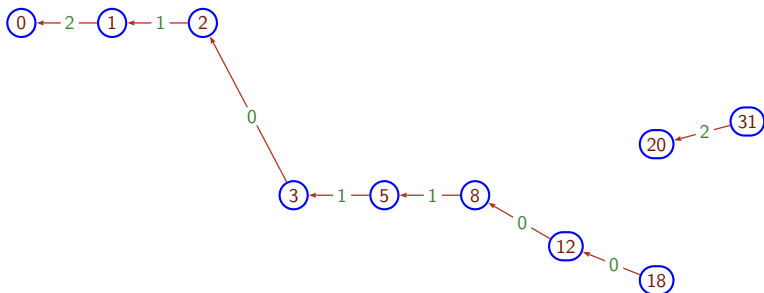


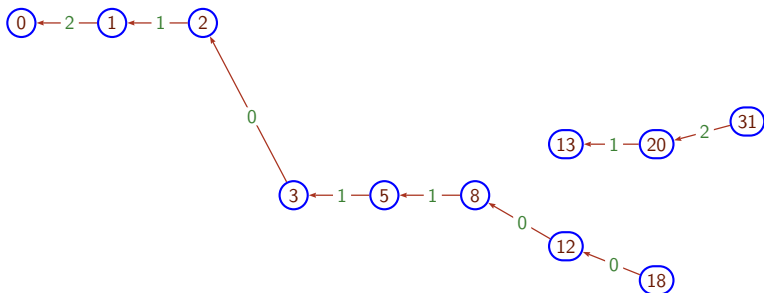
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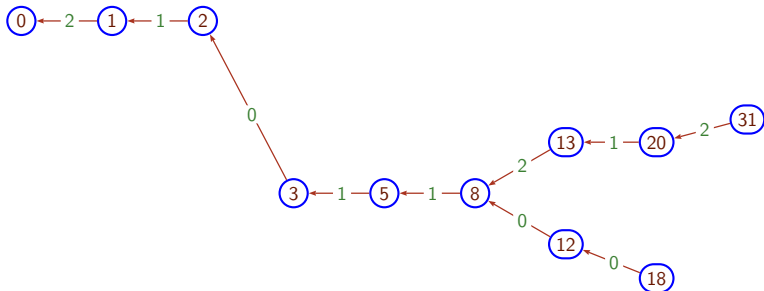


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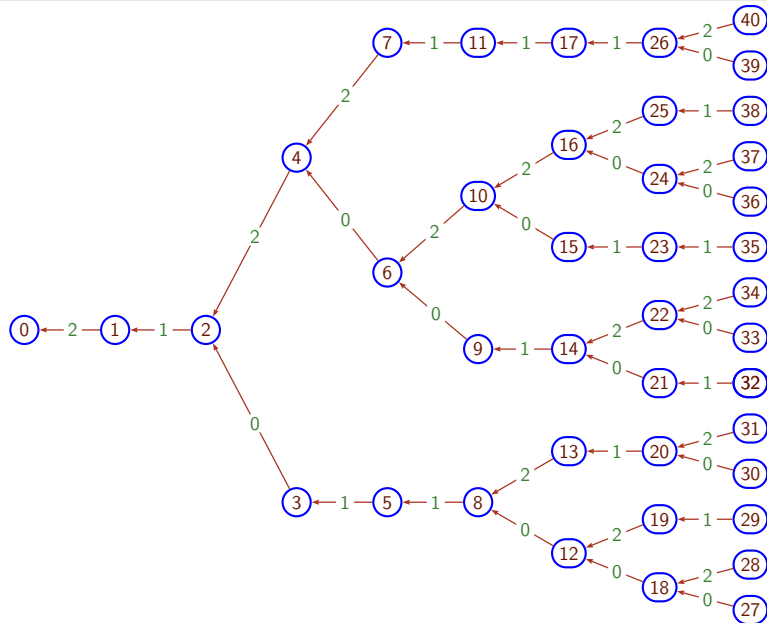




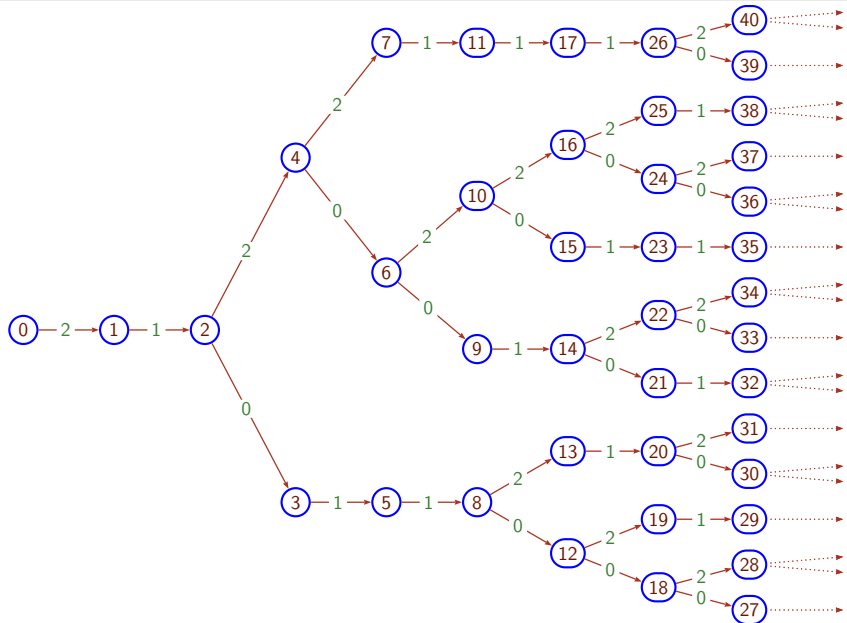


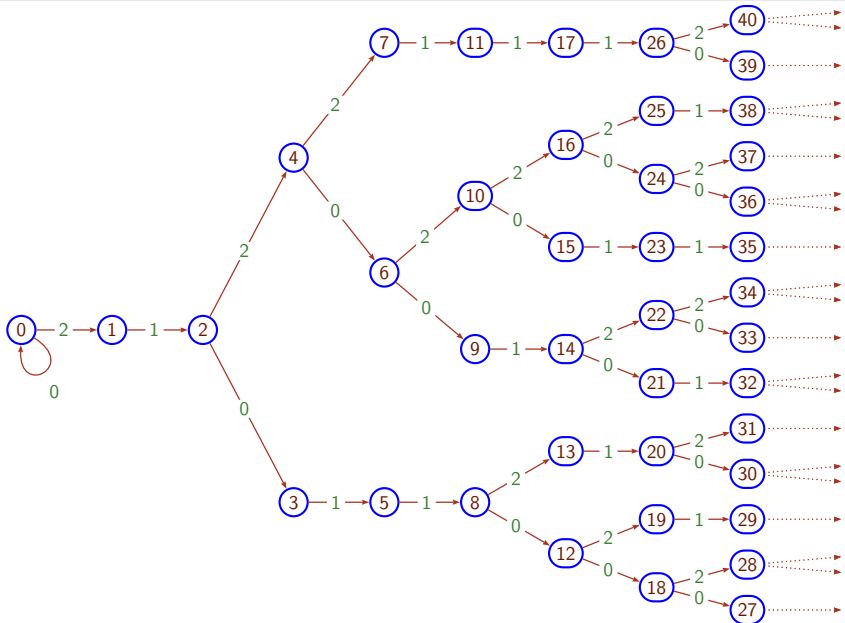


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[IRS : Greibach 1975]
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- The topological closure of L contains **only** aperiodic word.

(Every branch of the tree-representation of L is labelled by an aperiodic word.)

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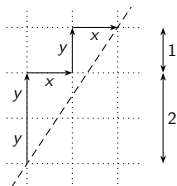
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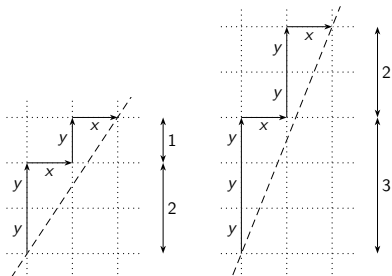
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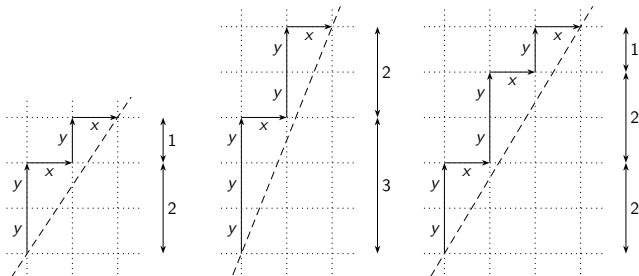
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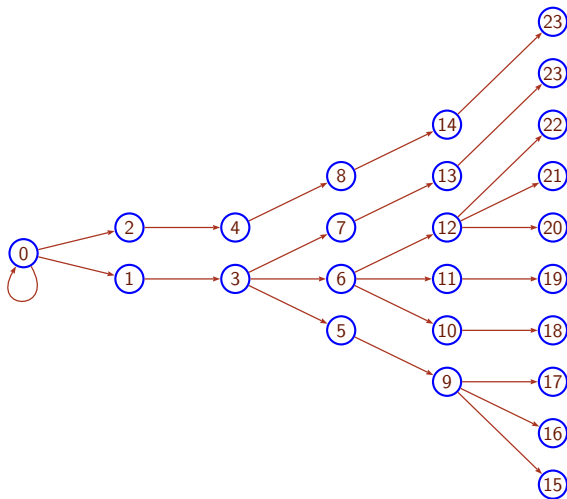
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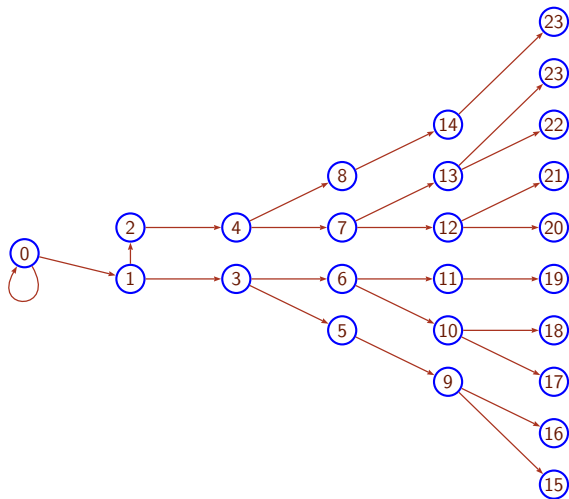
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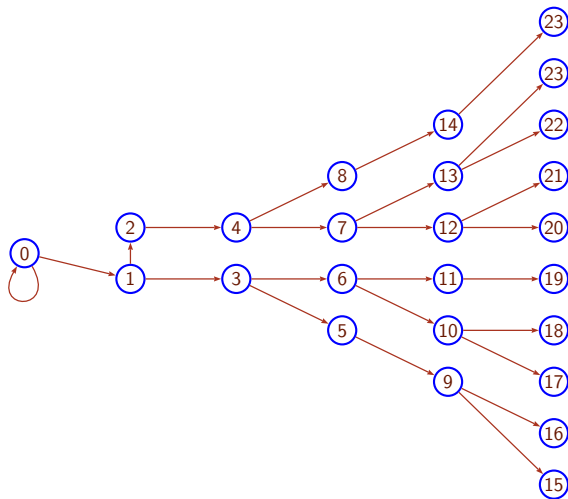


Figure: Underlying tree of the language of integers in base $\frac{5}{3}$

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(q, p) : its directing parameter.

v^ω : its associated smart labelling

L : the language whose signature/labelling are (u^ω, v^ω)

if w is the $(n + 1)$ -th word of L (labelling the path $0 \xrightarrow{w} n$)

$$\pi_{\frac{p}{q}}(w) = n$$

L is a “non-canonical representation of integers” in base $\frac{p}{q}$

Reformulation of Theorem 2.

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For all finite alphabet A there is a finite sequential transducer \mathcal{T} :
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- It follows that $\mathcal{T}(L) = L_{\frac{p}{q}}$
- FLIP is stable by inverse image of transducer
hence $\mathcal{T}^{-1}(L_{\frac{p}{q}})$ is FLIP.
- FLIP is stable by sublanguage
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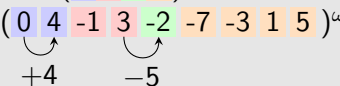
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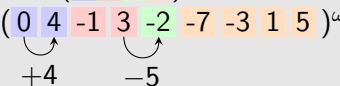
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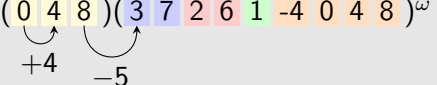
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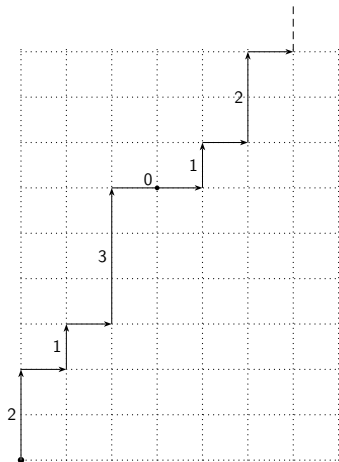
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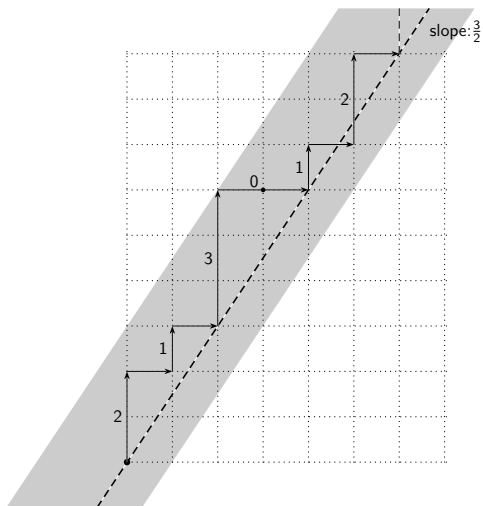
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→ Will also generate a “non-canonical representation of integers”
 in base $\frac{9}{4}$, hence a FLIP language.

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 \mathbf{s} is directed by $\frac{3}{2}$



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L : a regular language whose generating function is b^n

Is L directed by b ?

L and K : two regular languages with the same generating function.

Are the paths associated with their signature bounded?

Which (regular) languages have sturmian words as their signature?

Is it linked to the NS whose base is the slope of this sturmian word?