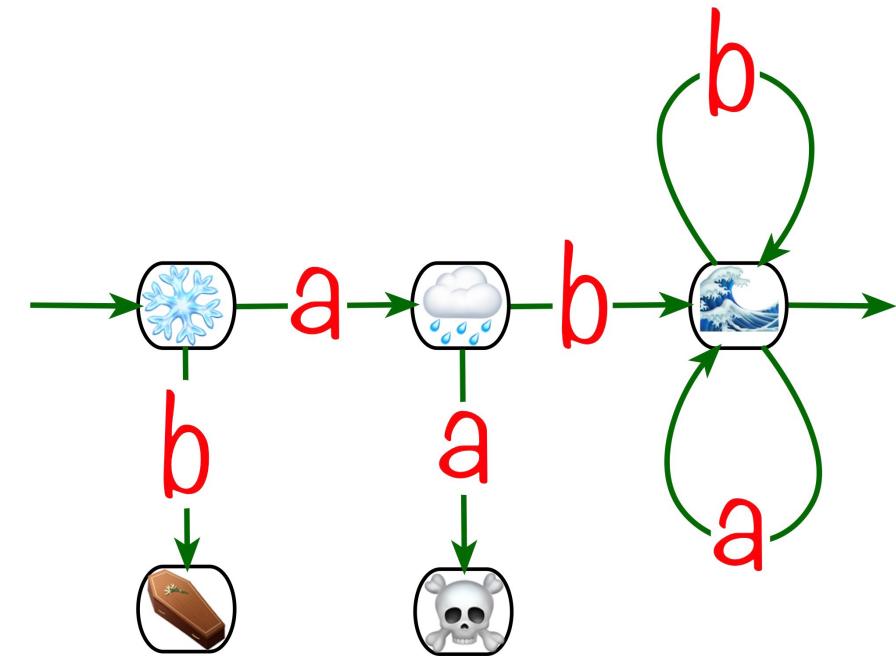
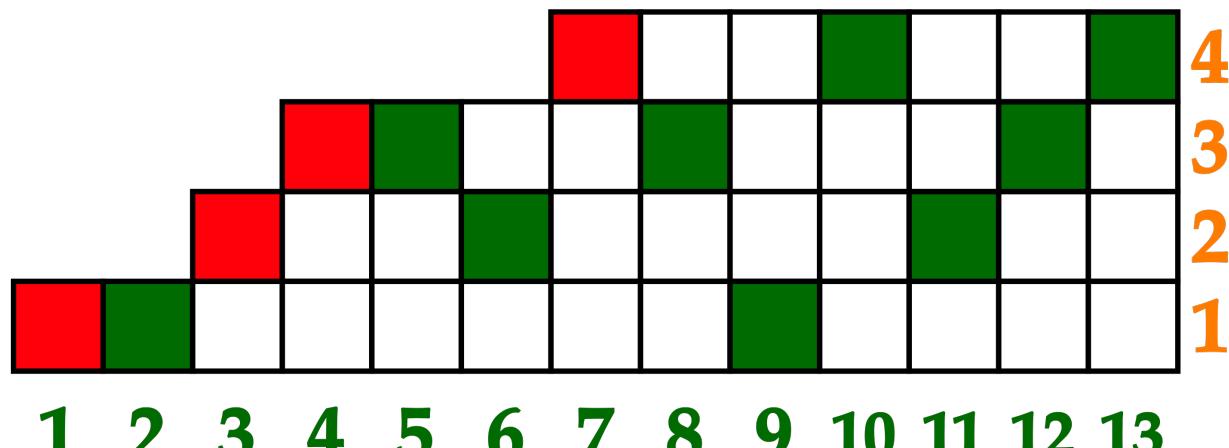


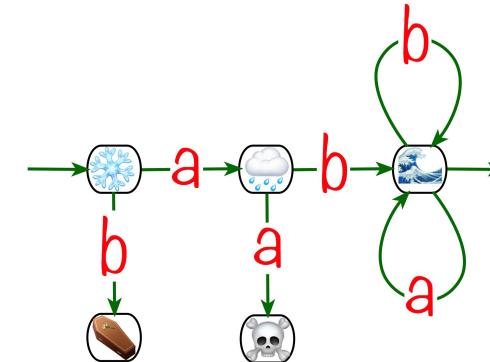
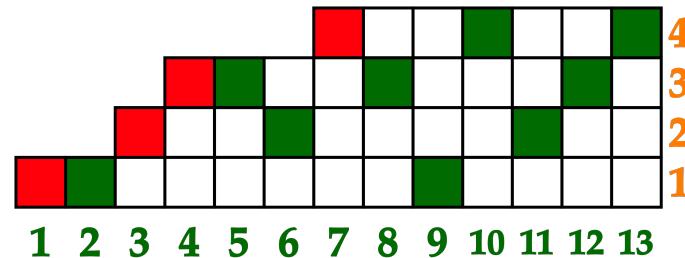
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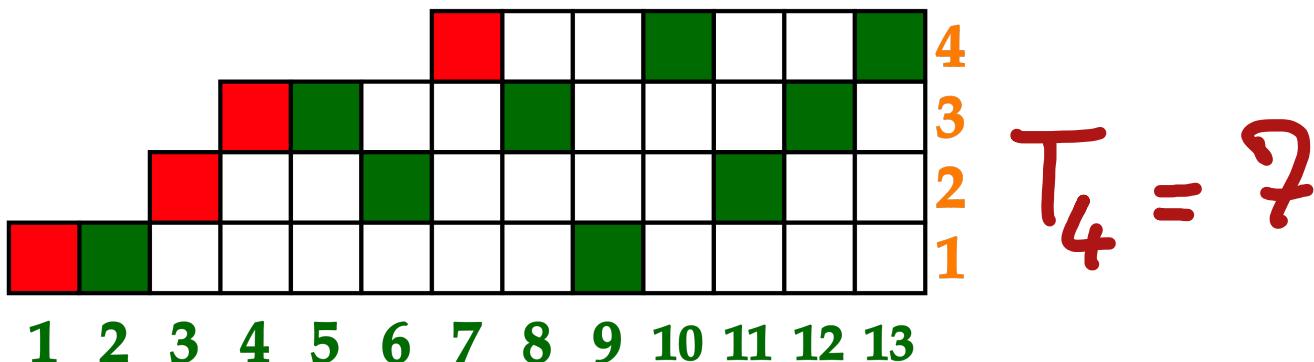
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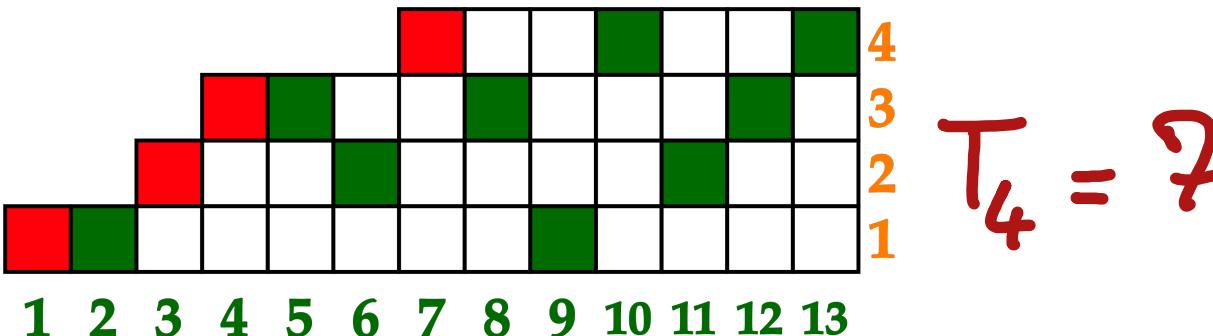
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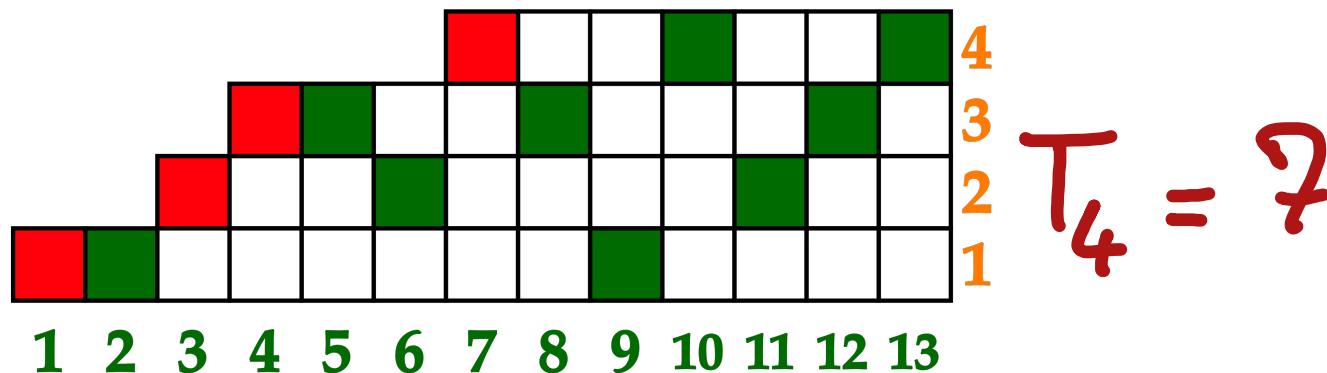
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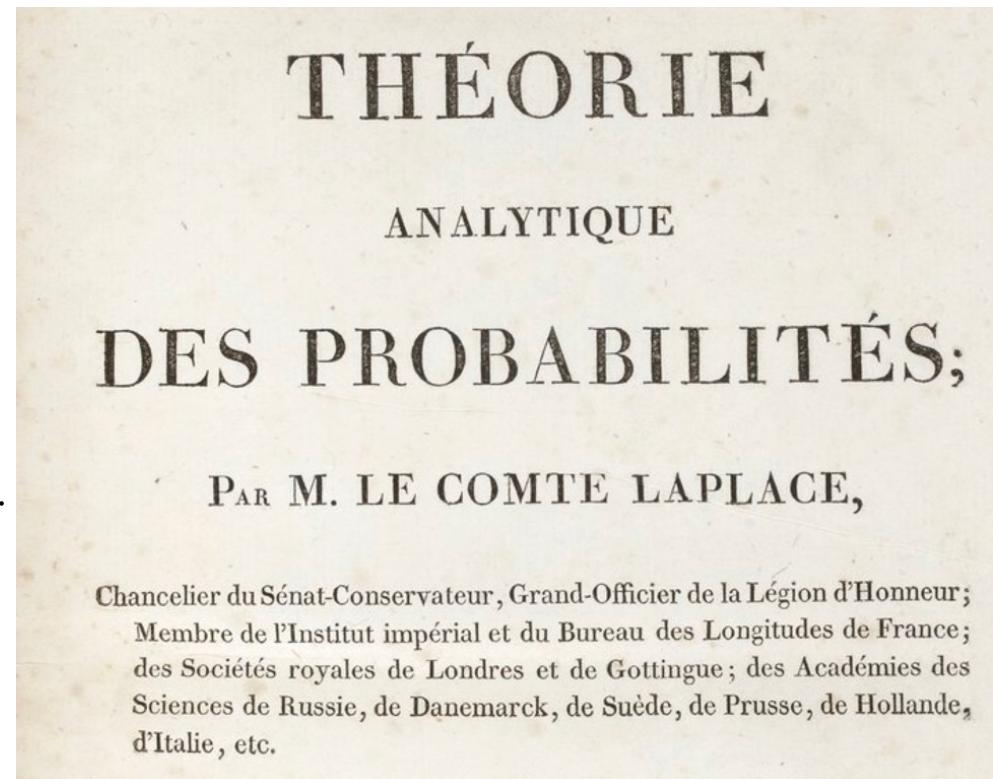
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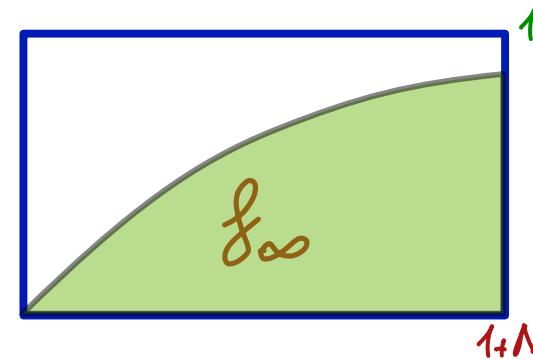
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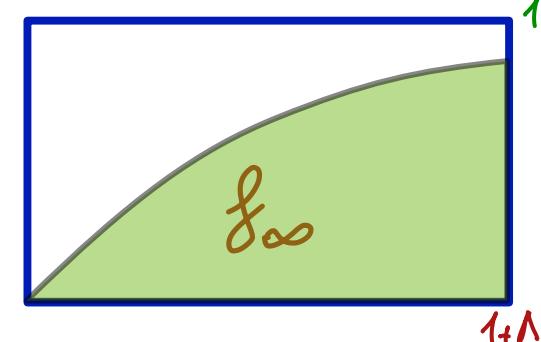
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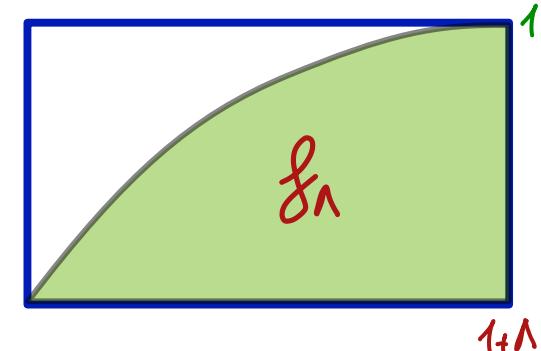
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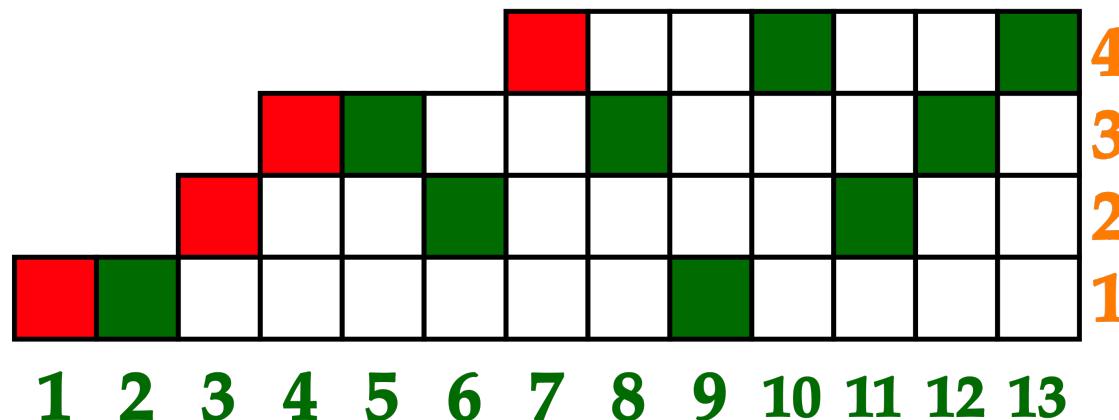
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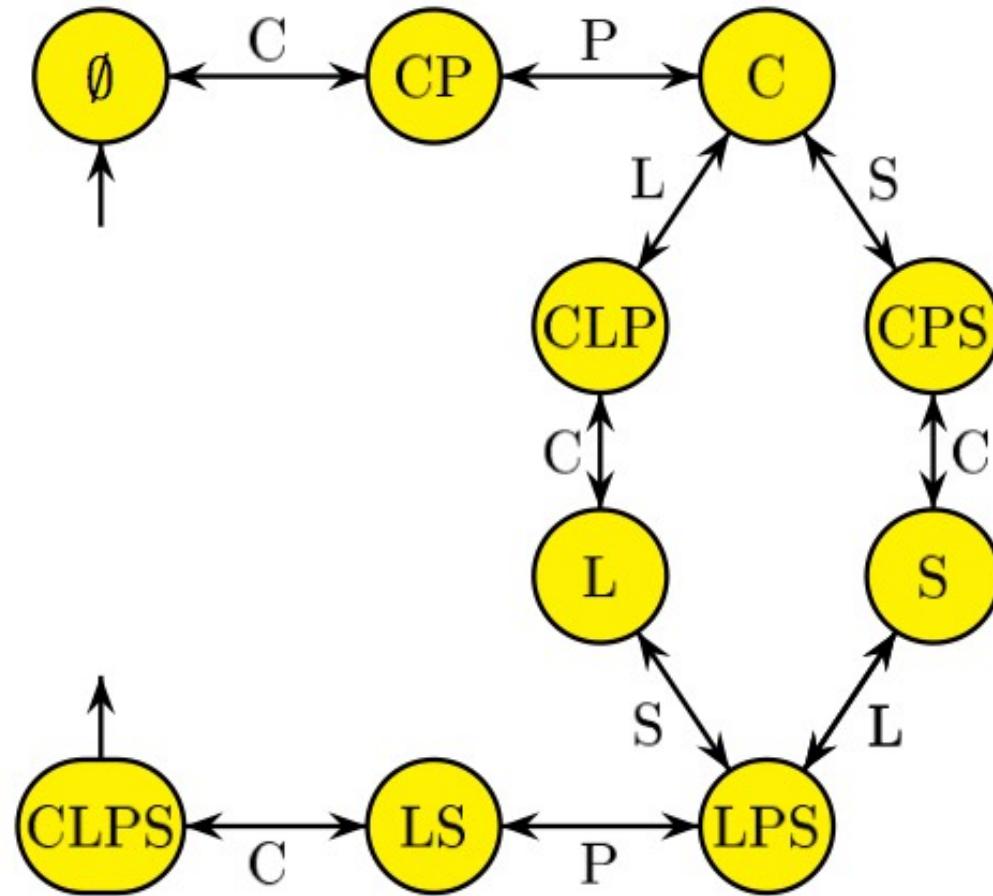
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Application : automata



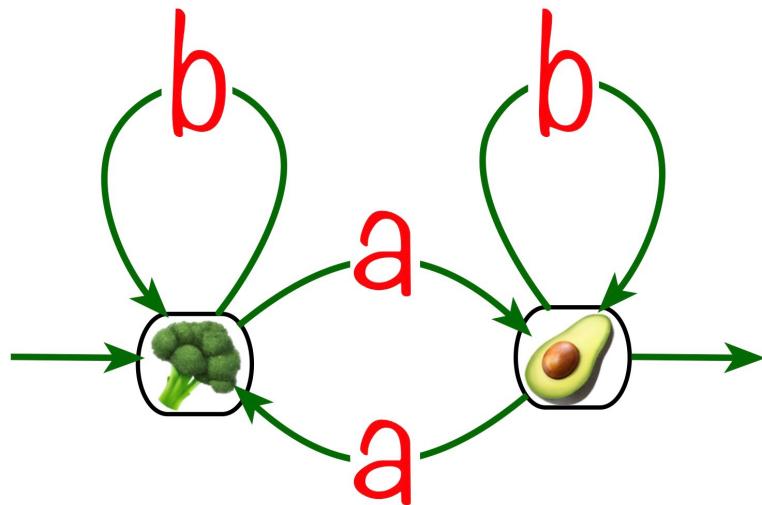
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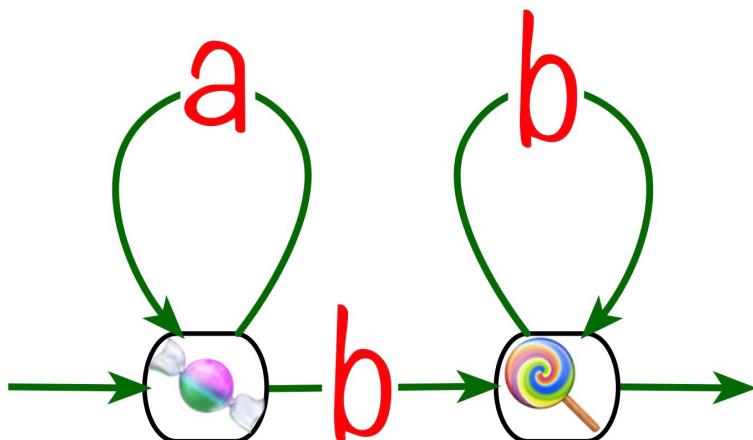
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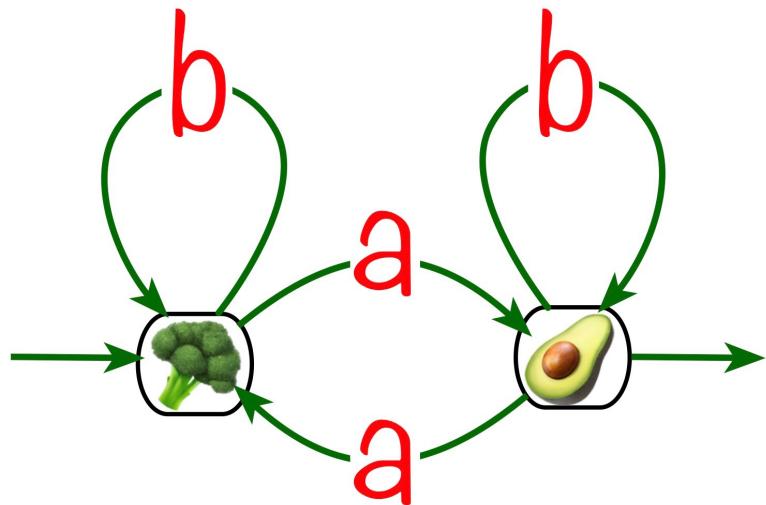
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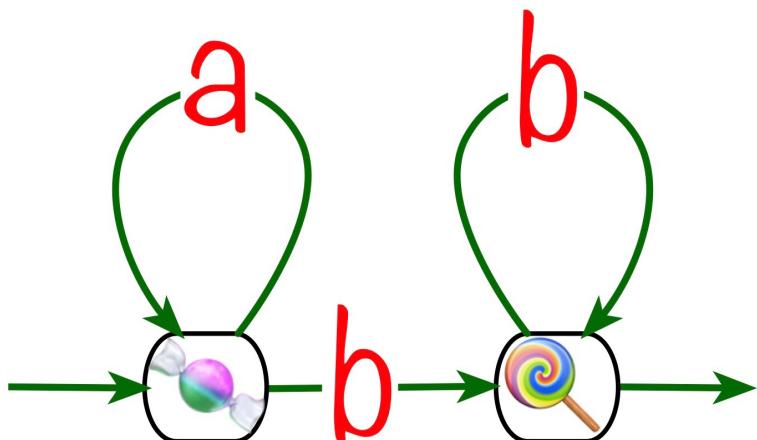


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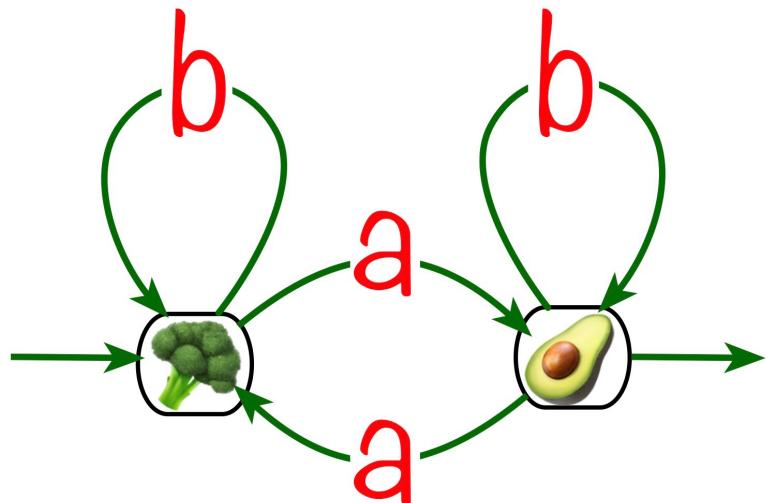


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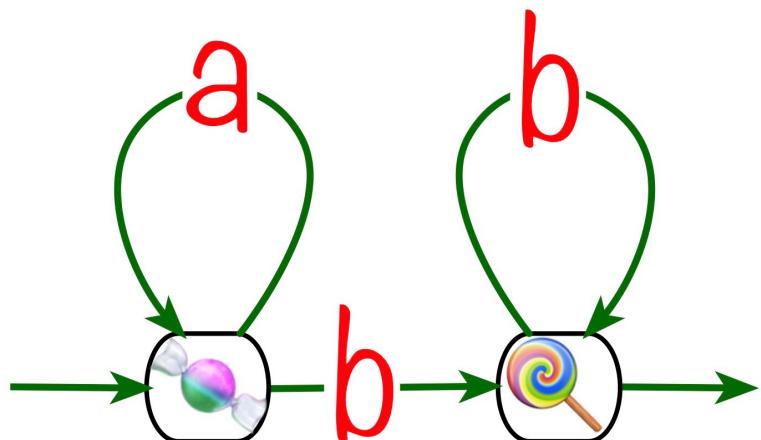


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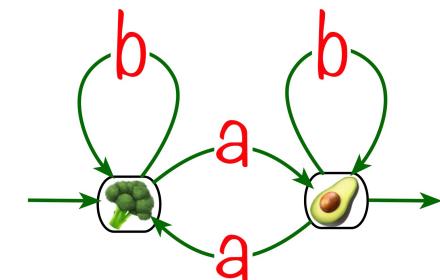
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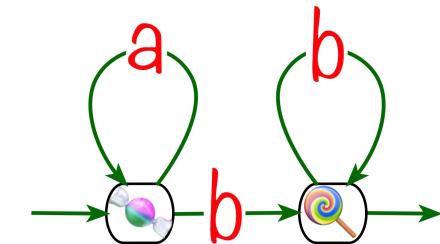
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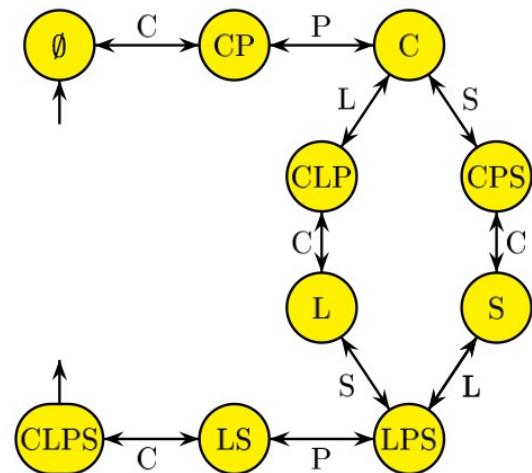
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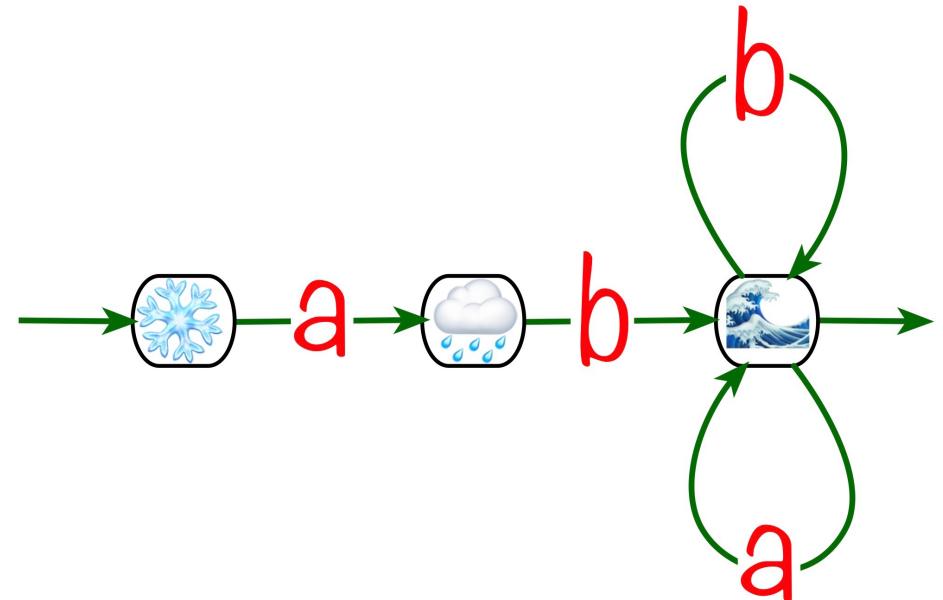
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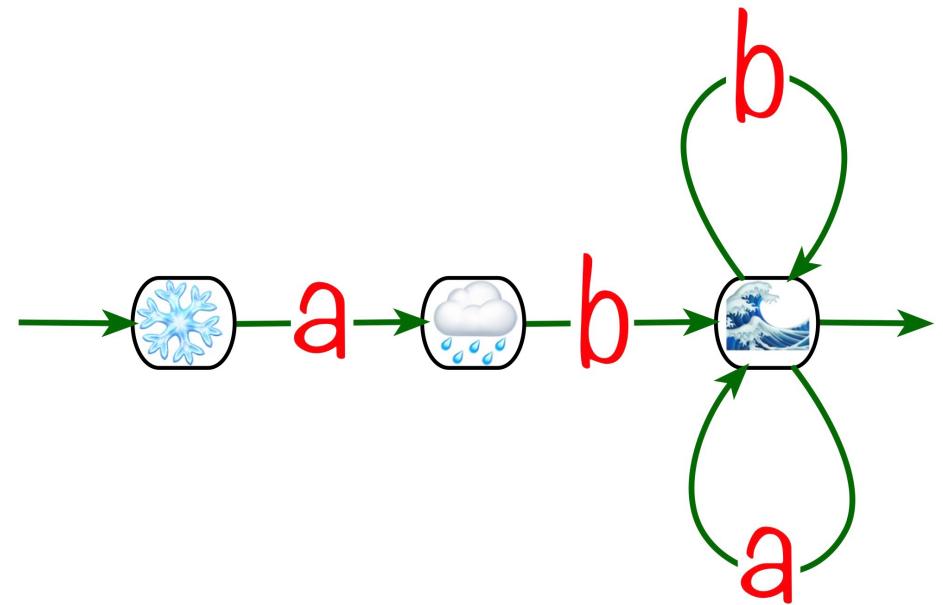
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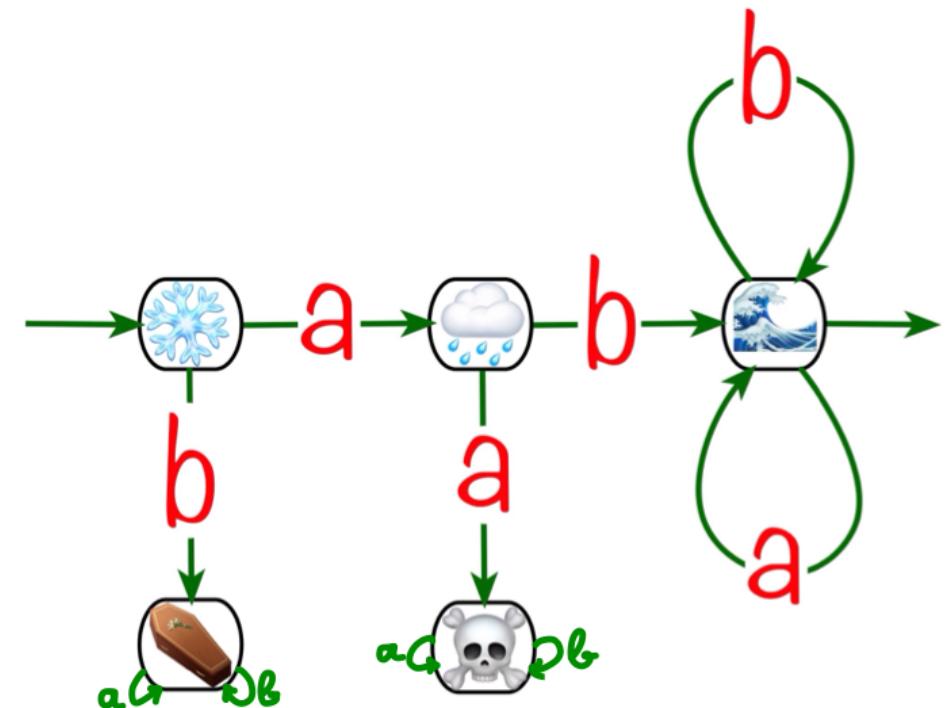
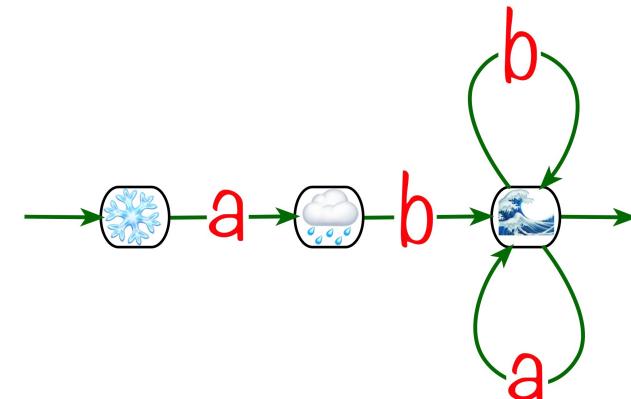
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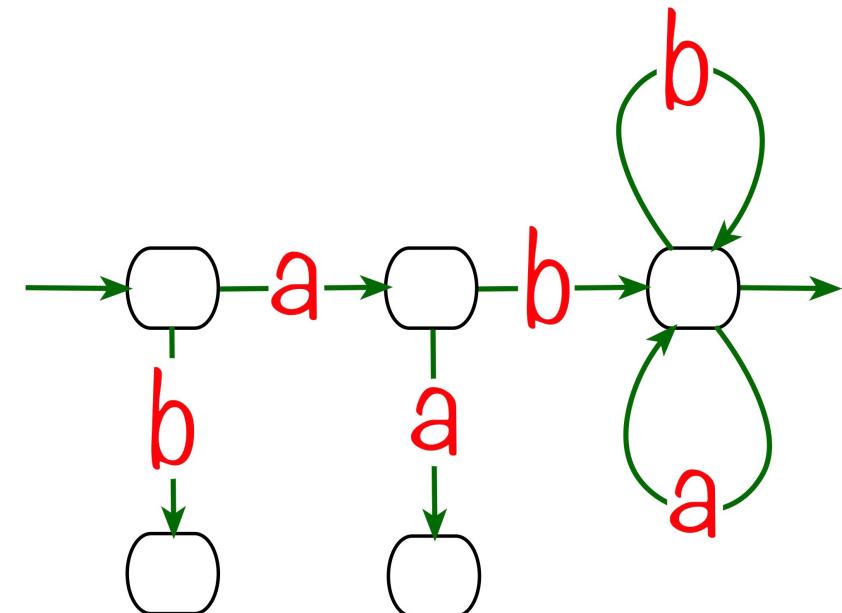
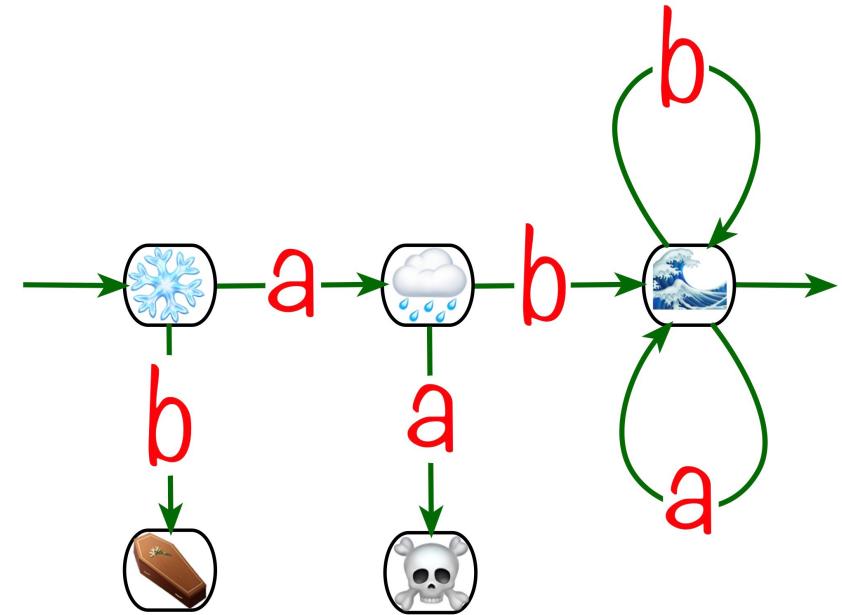
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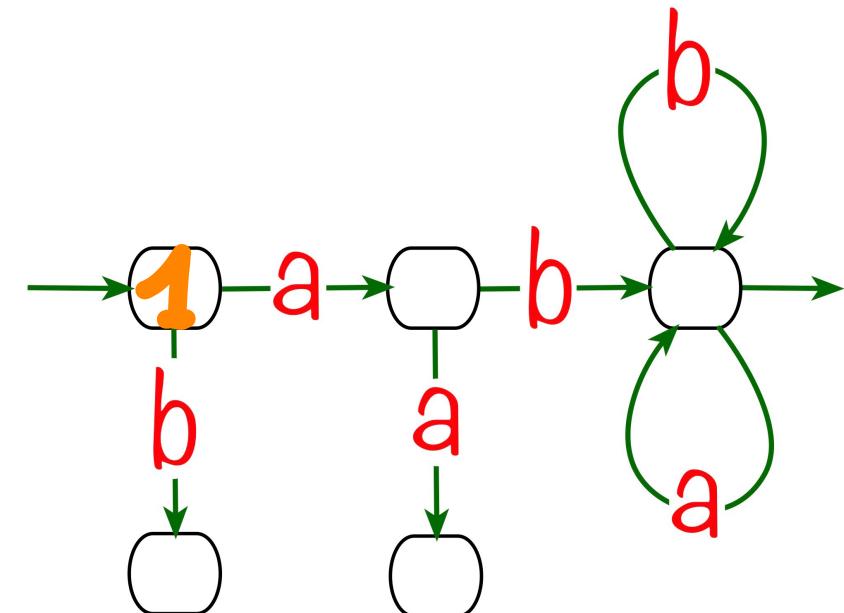
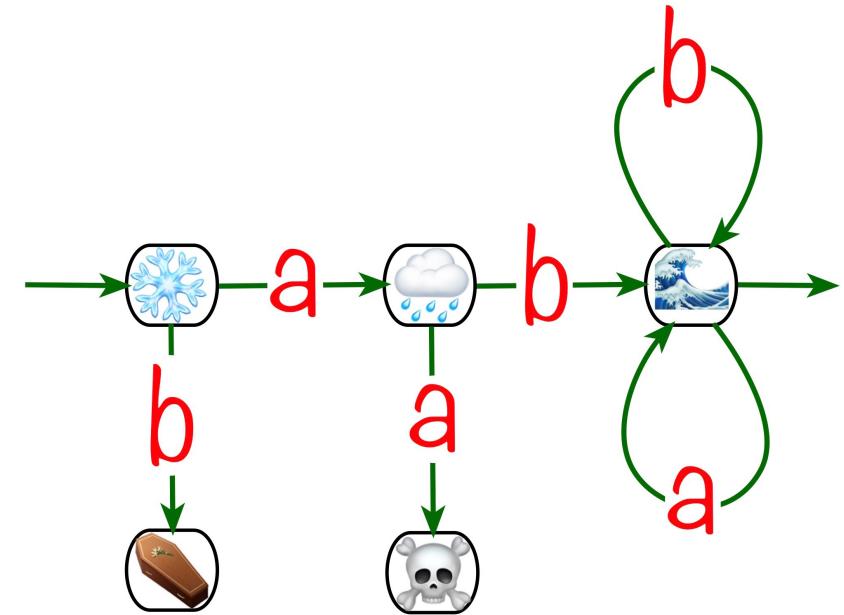
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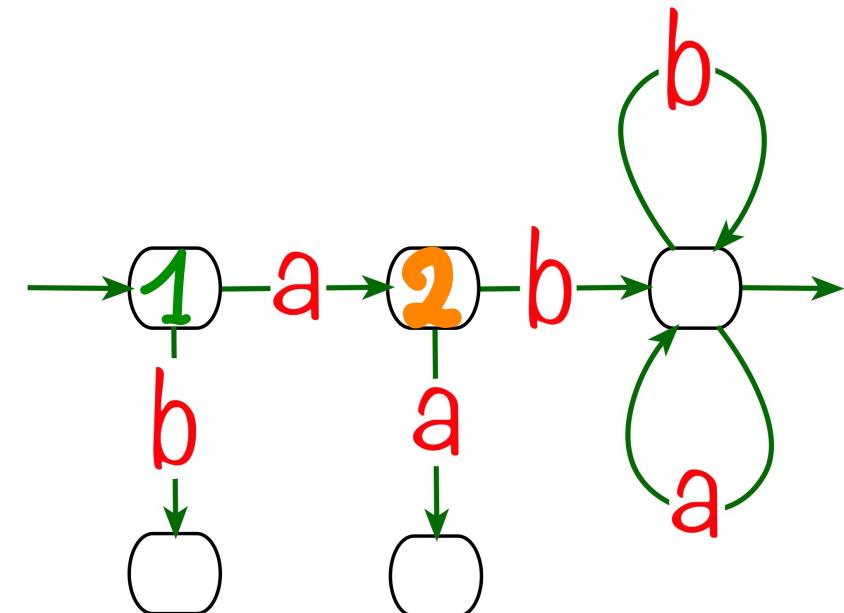
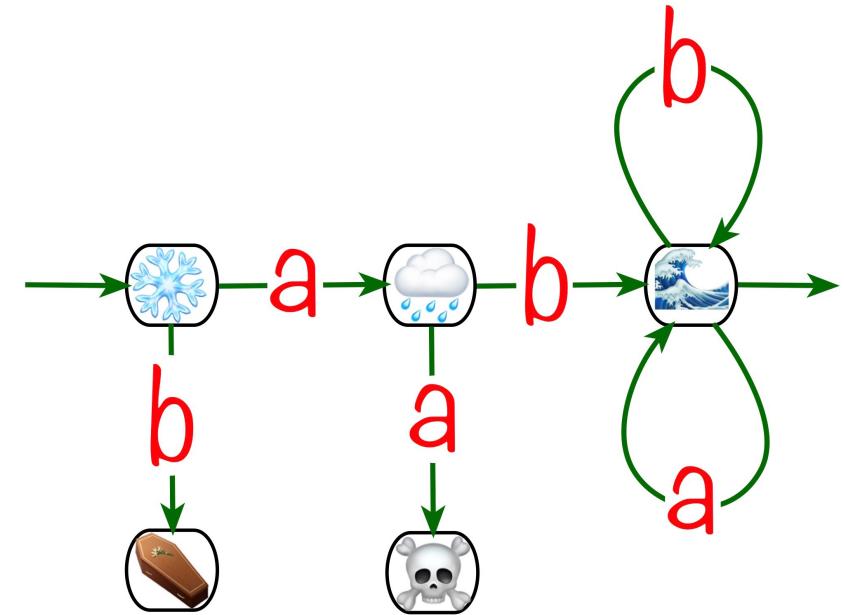
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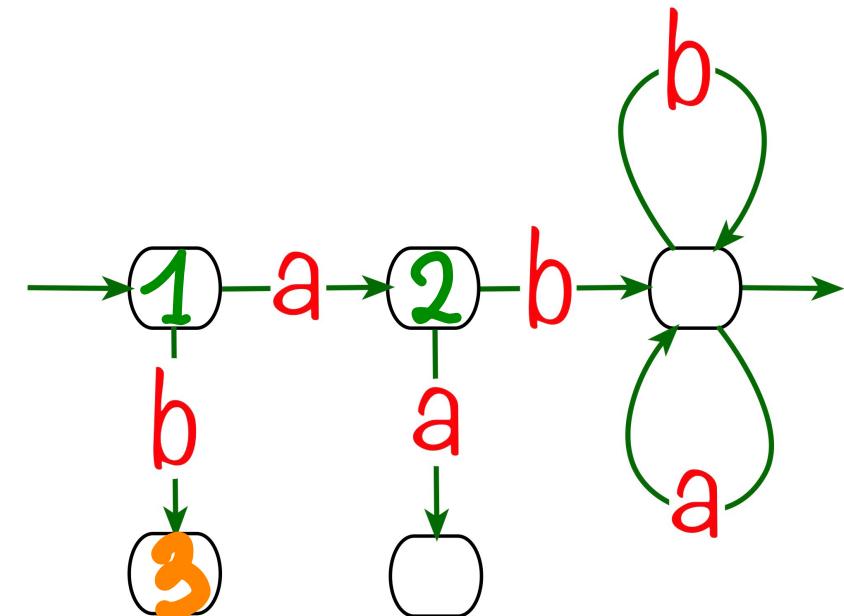
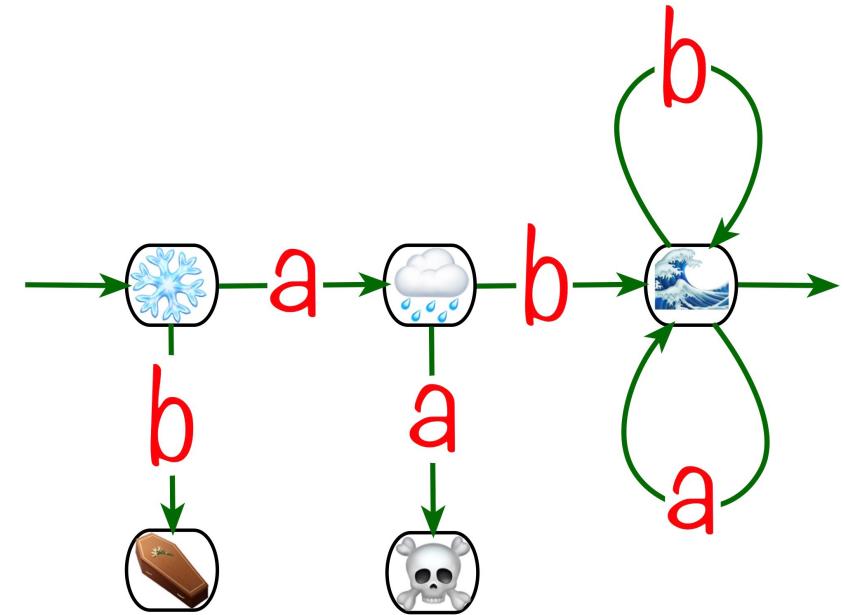
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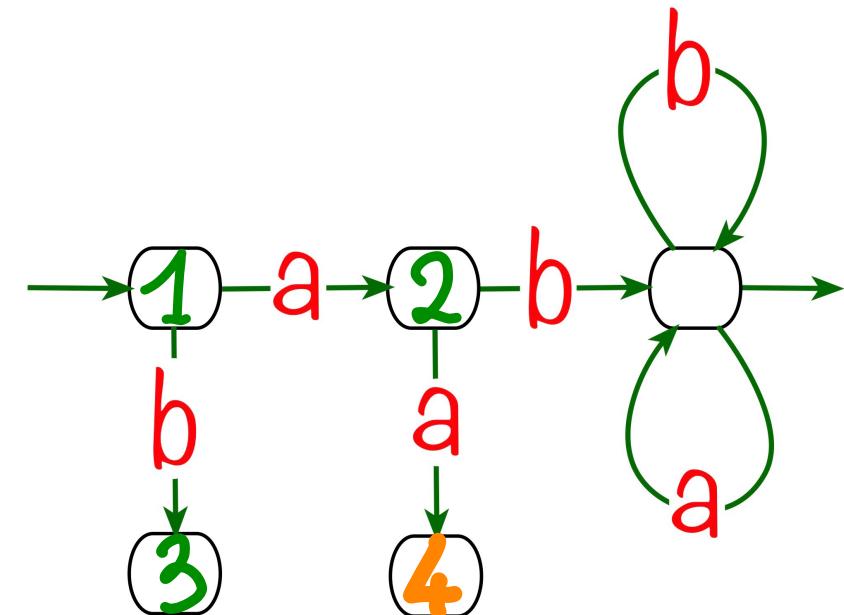
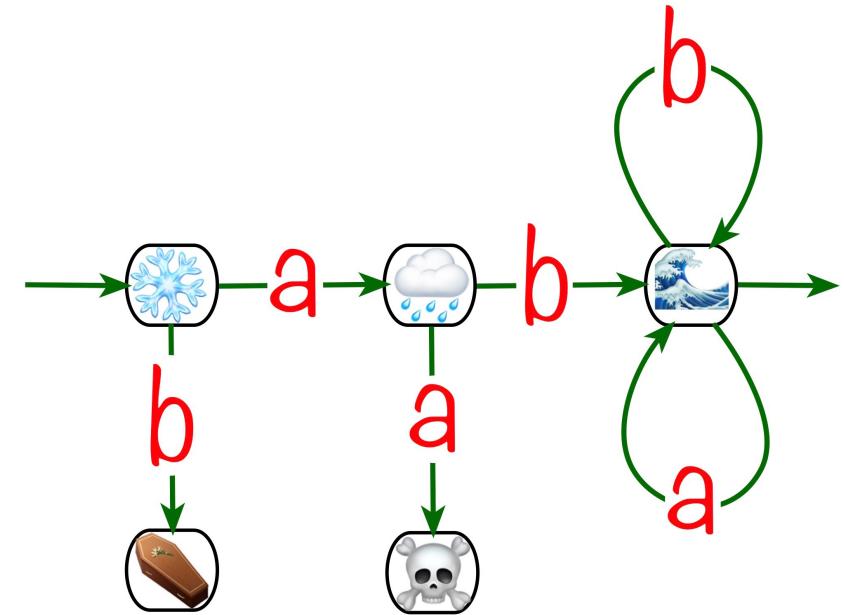
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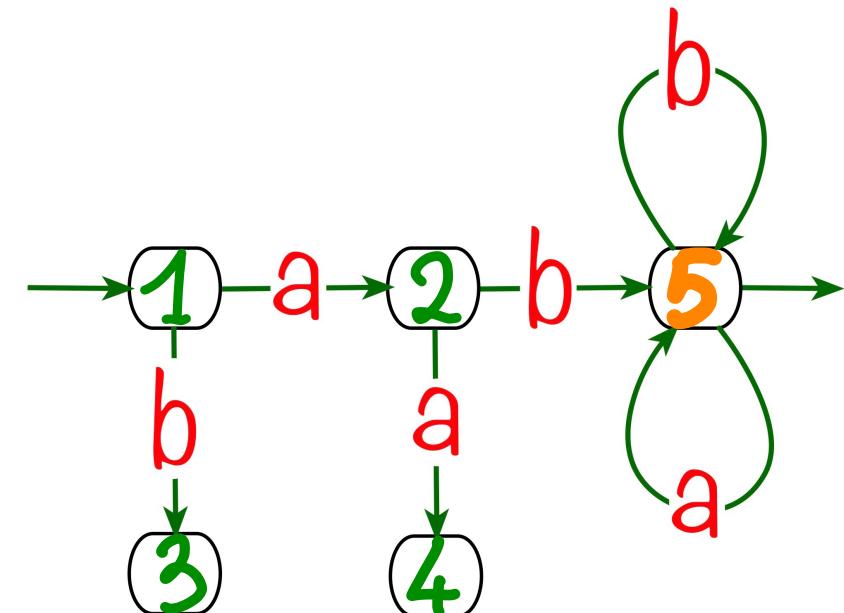
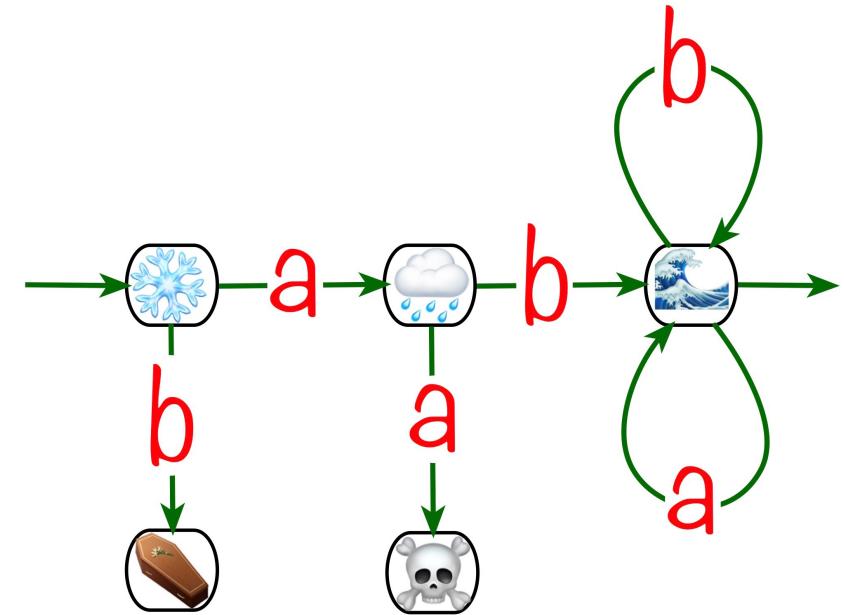
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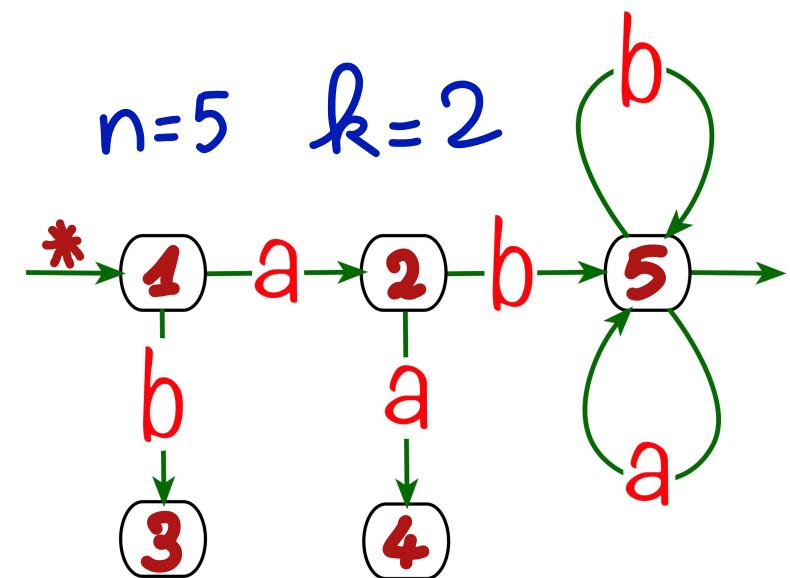
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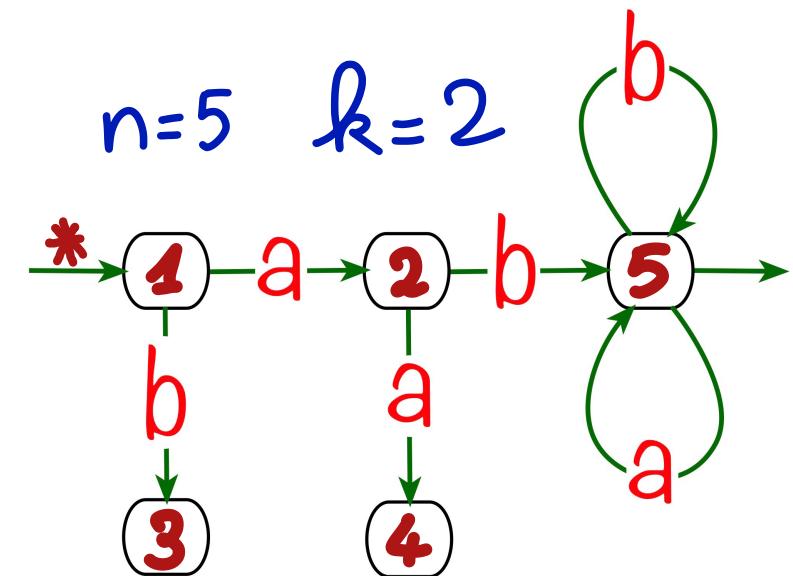
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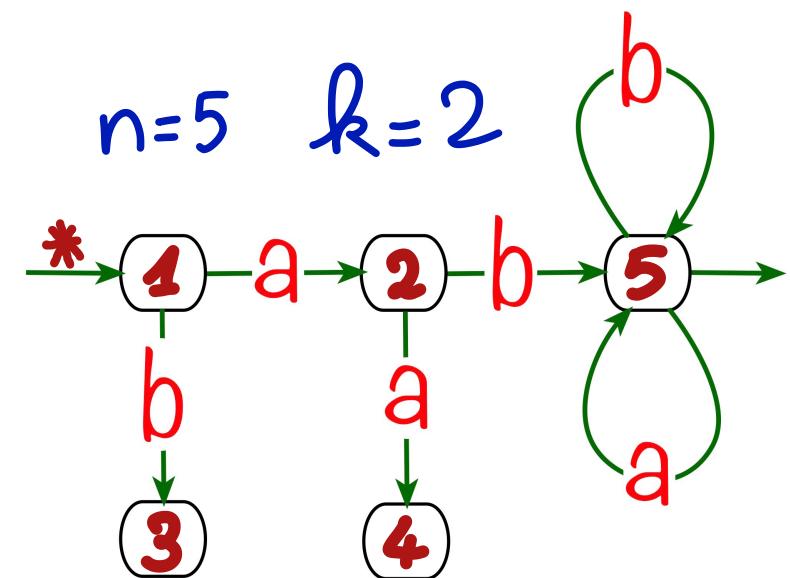
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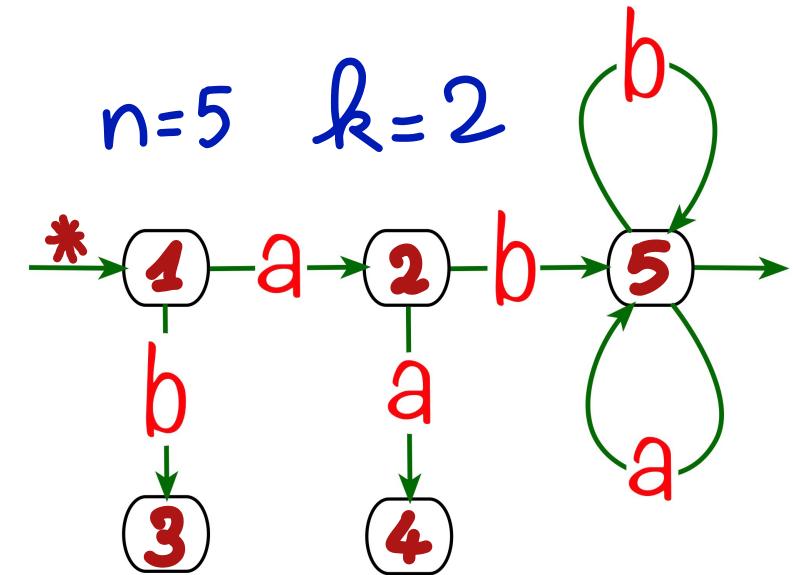
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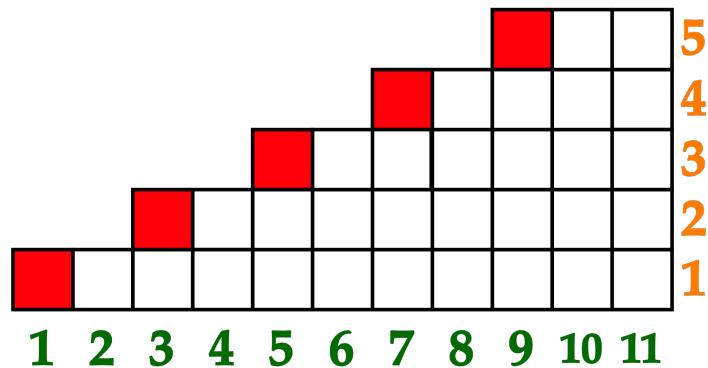


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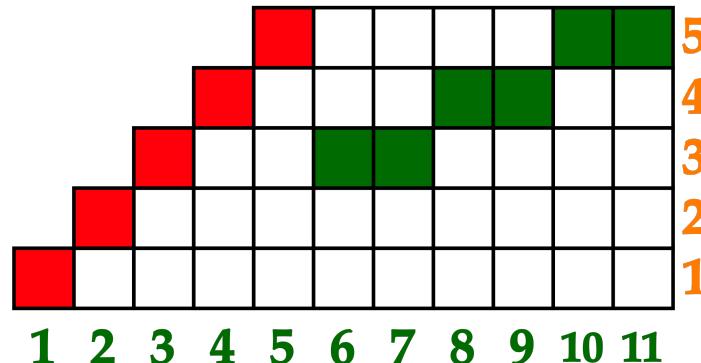
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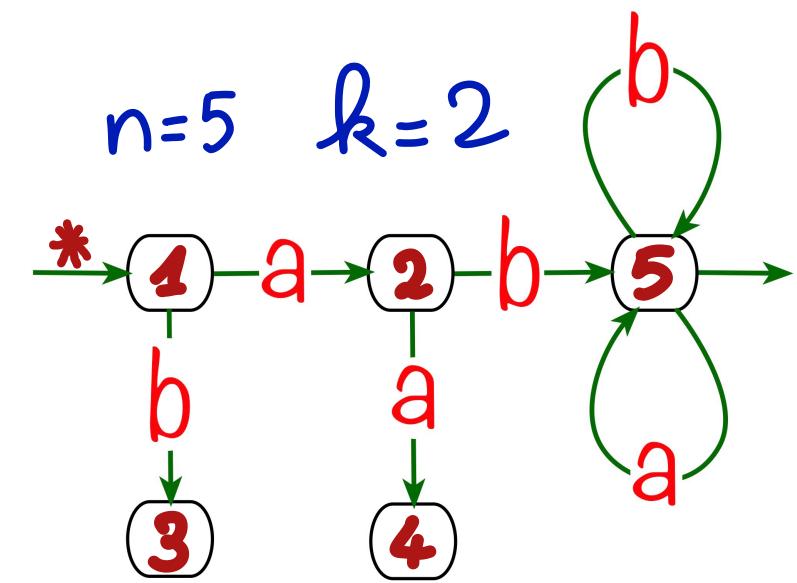
Relation automata - coupon collector



automata
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impatient collector
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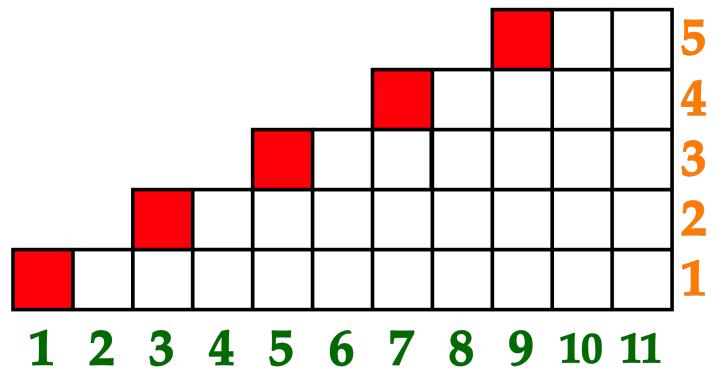
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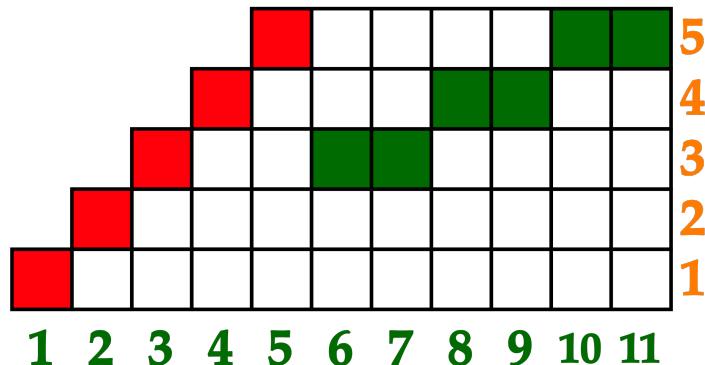
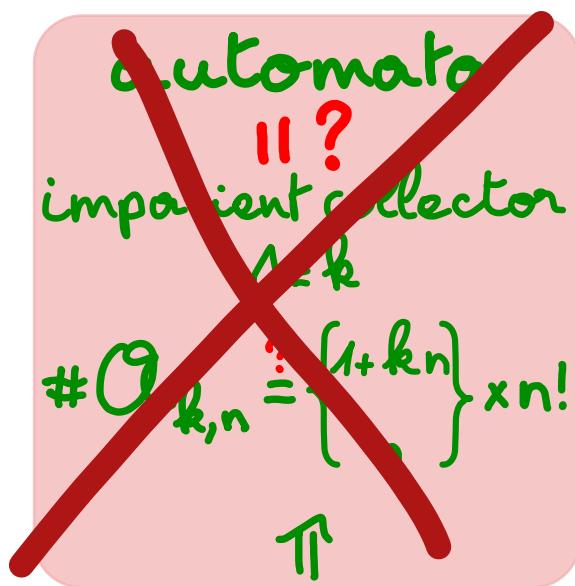


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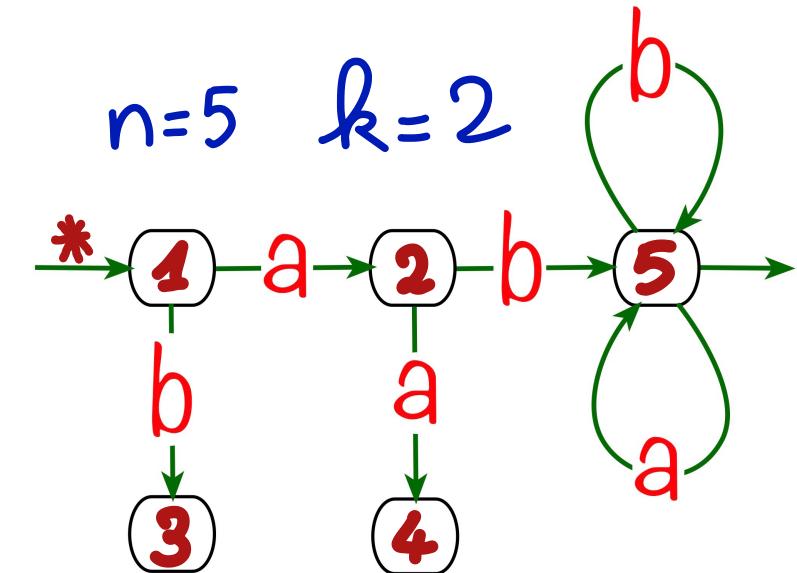


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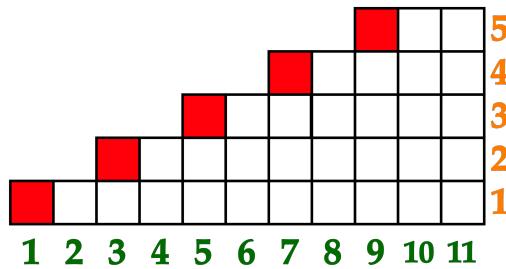
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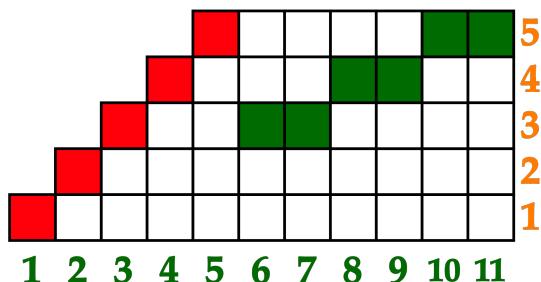
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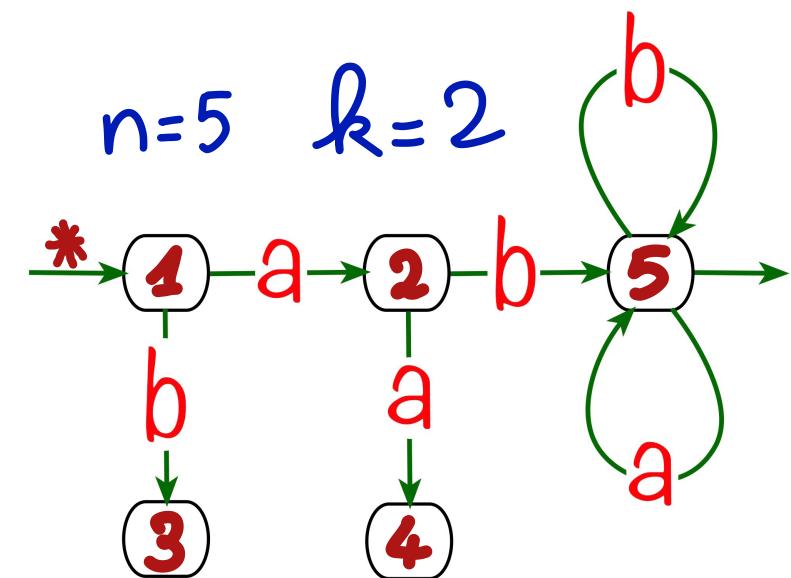
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some probability in the
impatient collector model



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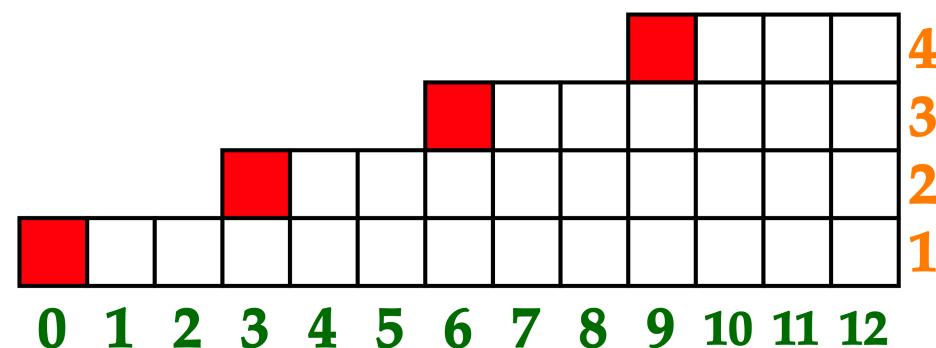
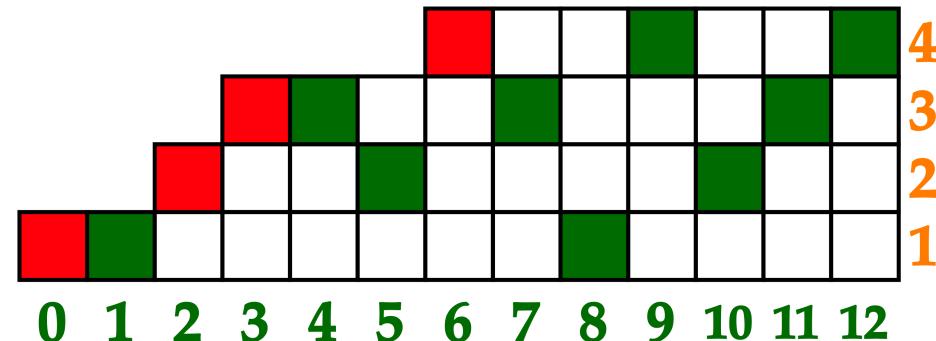
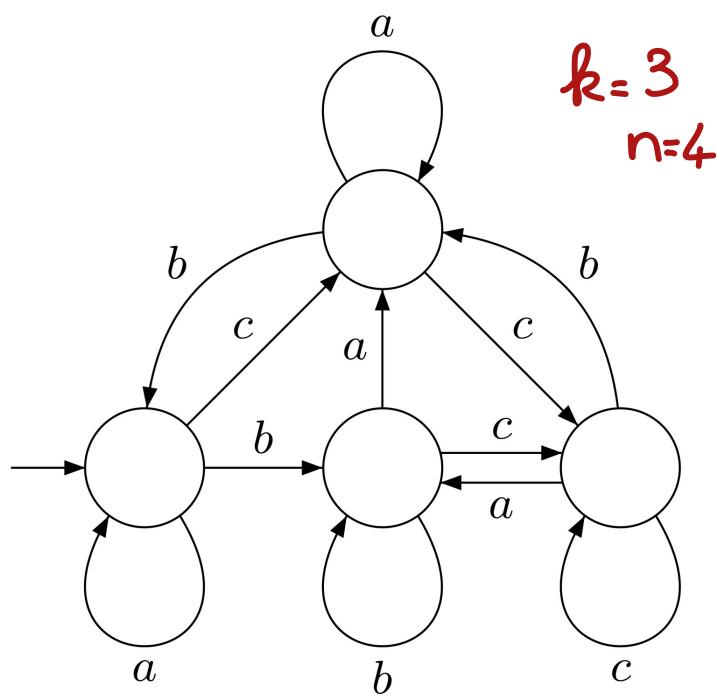
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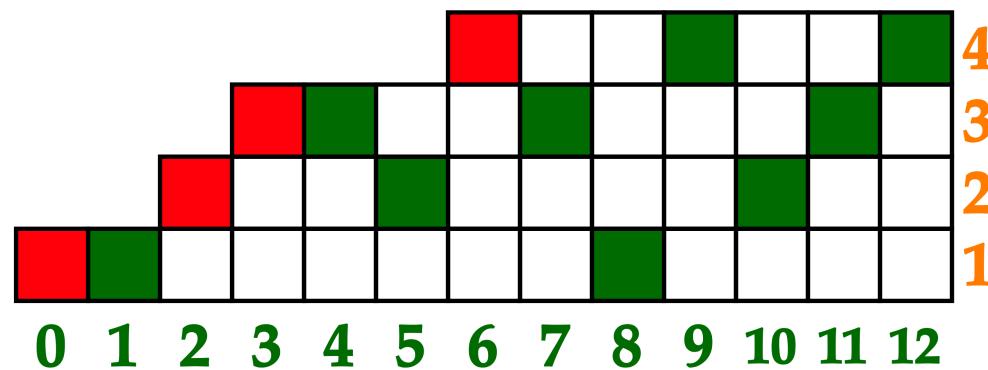
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Koršunov 1978

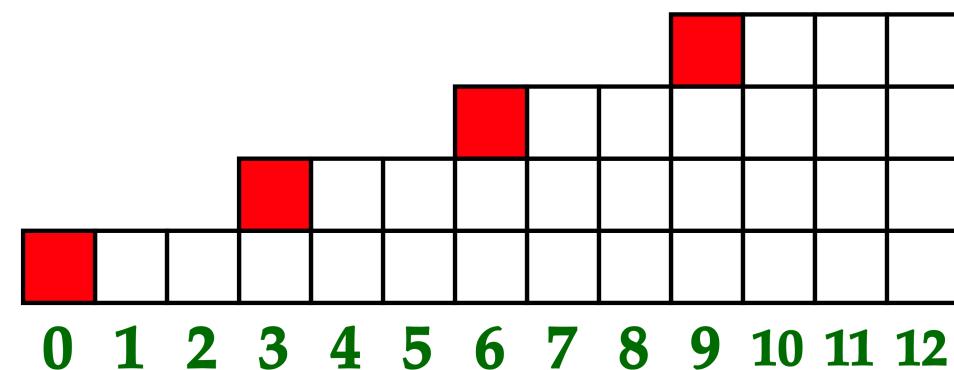
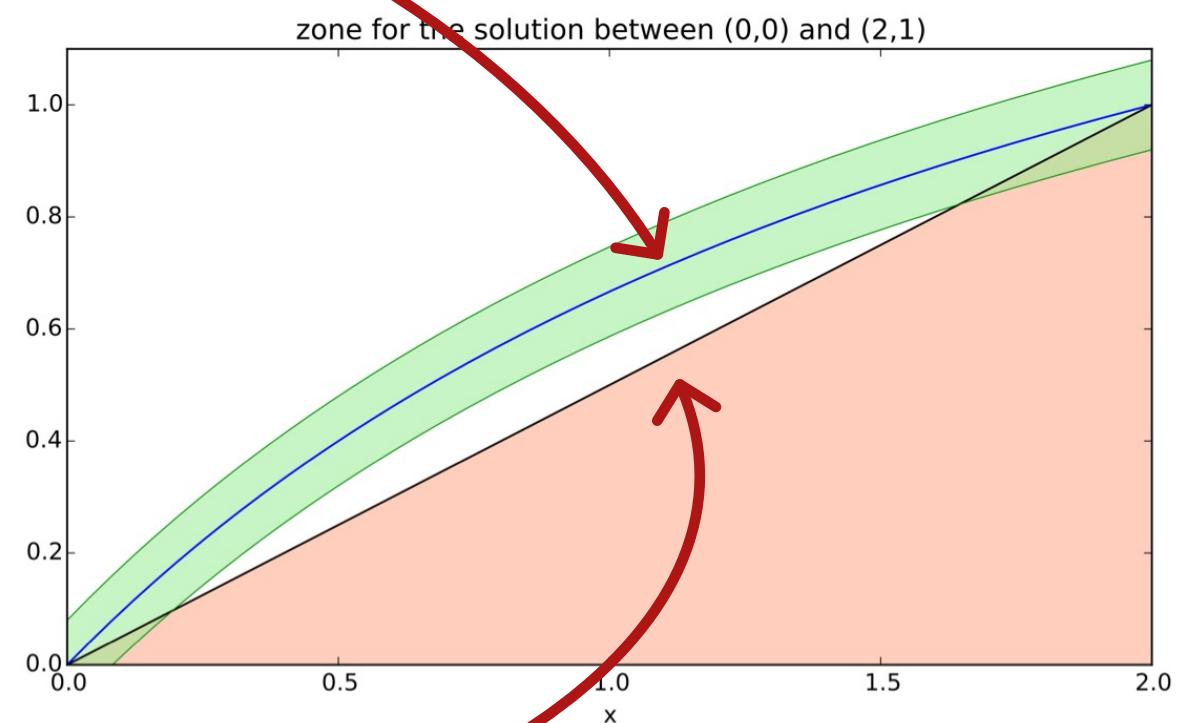
$$\lim_n \frac{\#\alpha_{k,n}}{\binom{1+kn}{n} \times n!} = C(k) \in]0, 1[$$



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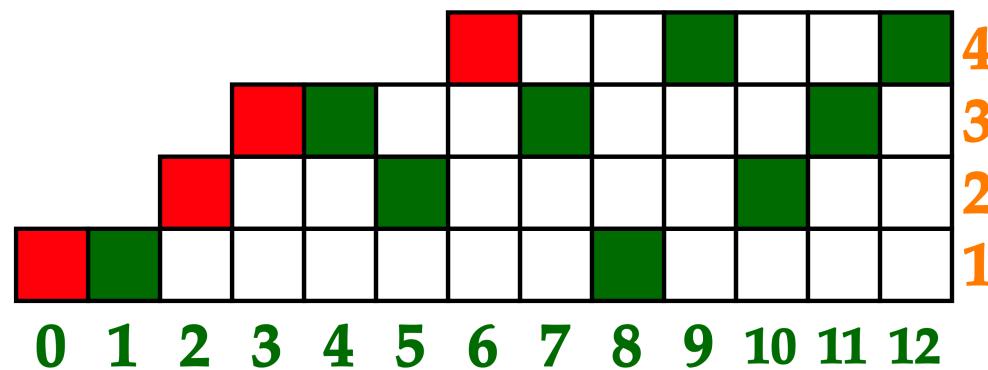


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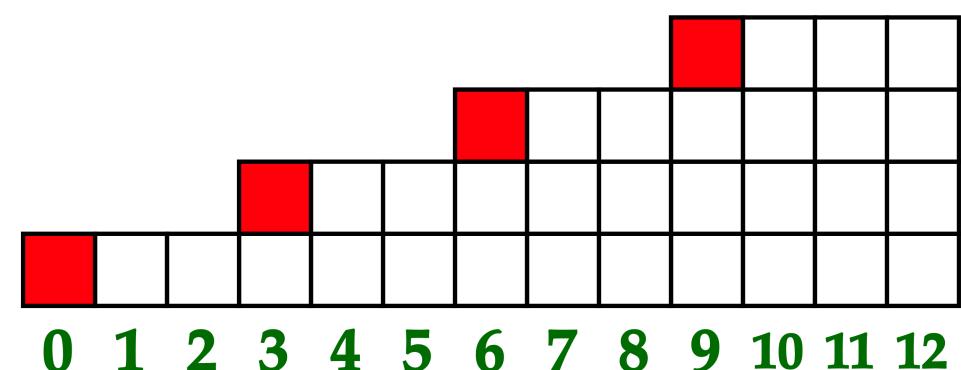
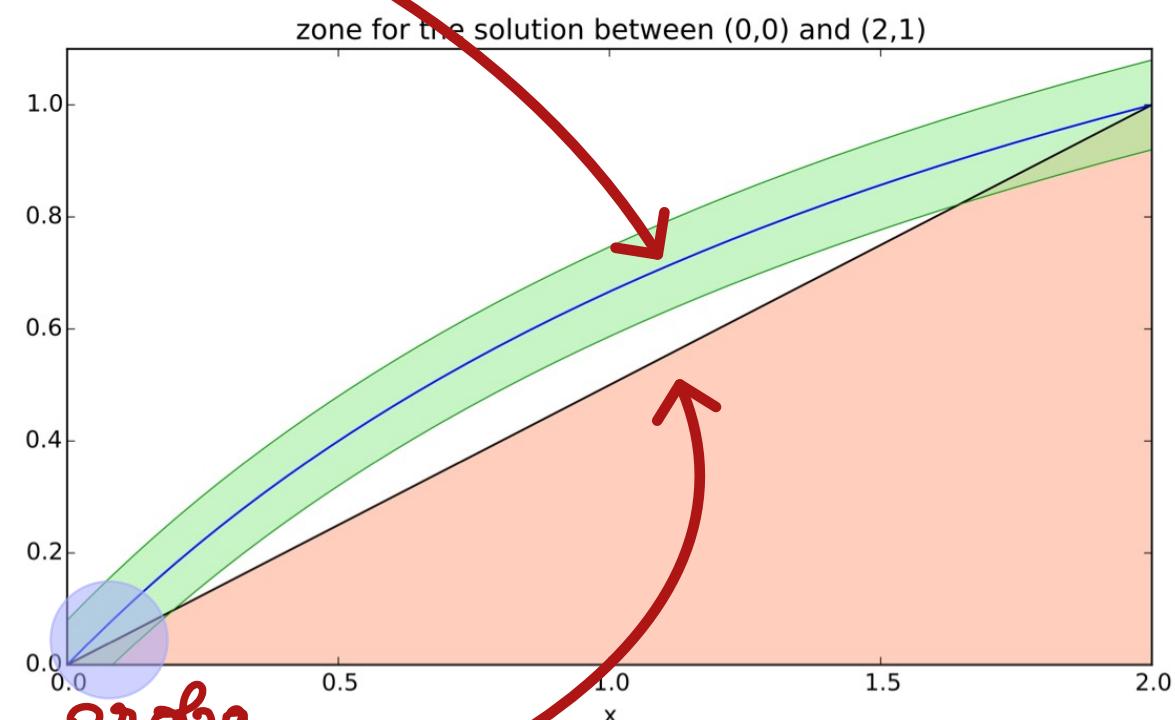


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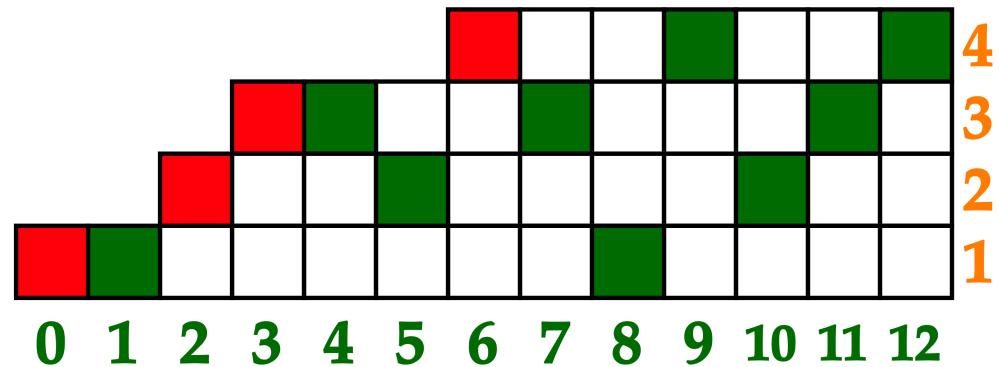


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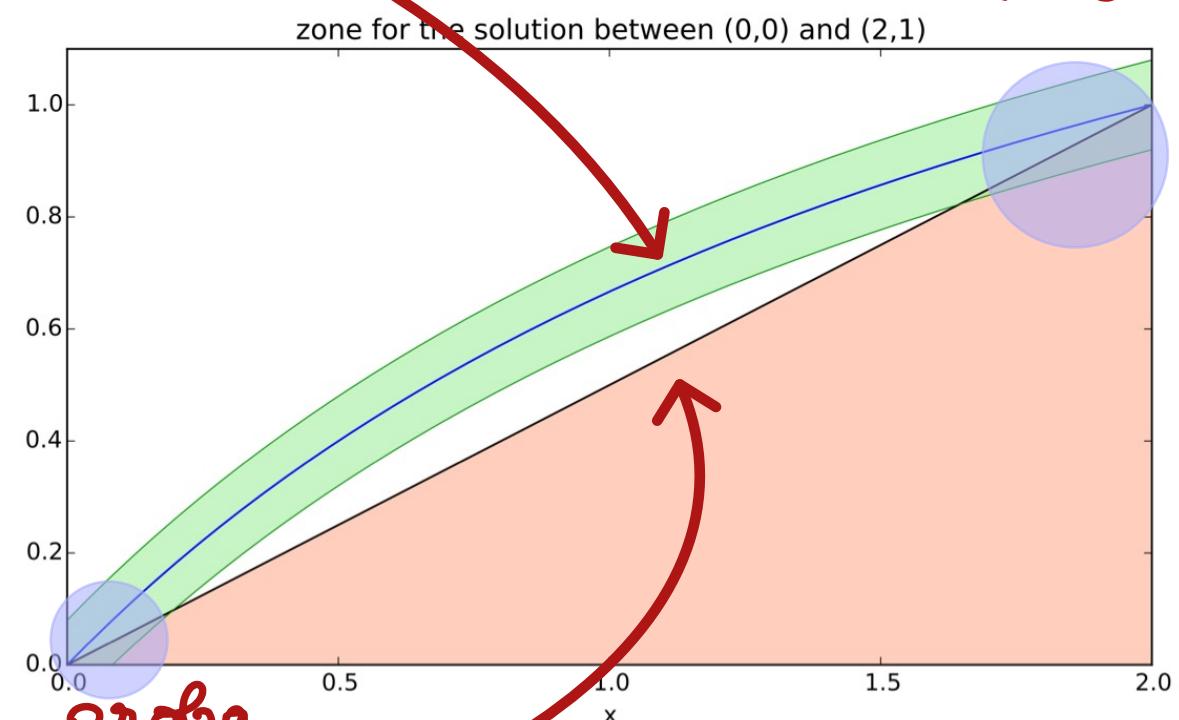


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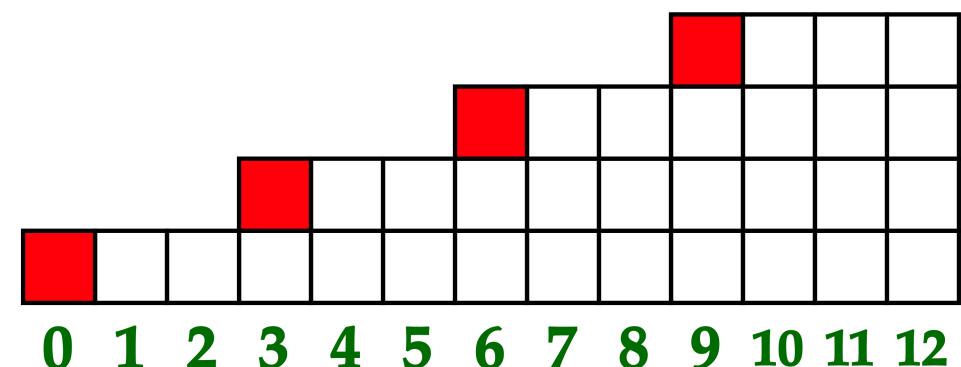
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Pollaczek
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prob
goes to 0



3) Loi de la marche aléatoire.

total: $\binom{t_n}{n} n!$

$$(m, l) : \binom{m}{l} n! \times C_{m,l} = a$$

$$(m, l) \rightarrow (m-1, l) : \binom{m-1}{l} n! l \times C_{m,l} = b$$

$$(m, l) \rightarrow (m-1, l-1) : \binom{m-1}{l-1} n! (n-l+1) \times C_{m,l} = c$$

$a = b + c \rightarrow$ probabilités

$\frac{b}{a}$ et $\frac{c}{a}$

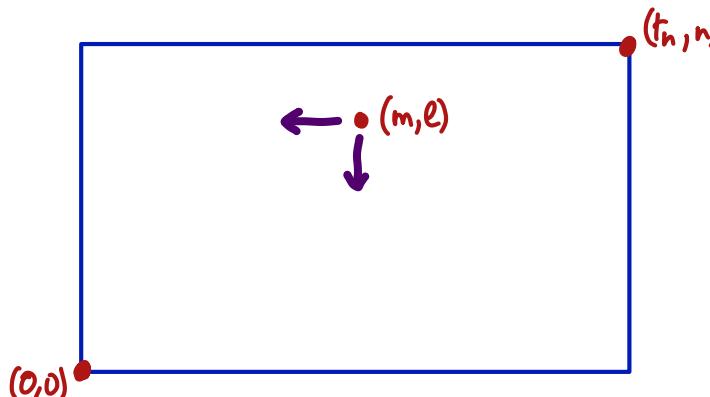
$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{\binom{m-1}{l}}{\binom{m}{l}}$$

$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{\binom{m-1}{l-1}}{\binom{m}{l}}$$



Nota: $\binom{m}{l} = \binom{m-1}{l} l + \binom{m-1}{l-1}$ est un classique du genre $\binom{m+l}{l} = \binom{m+l-1}{l-1} + \binom{m+l-1}{m-1}$

qui correspond à une autre marche classique dans le rectangle:



$$\frac{c}{a} = \frac{\binom{m+l-1}{l-1}}{\binom{m+l}{l}} = \frac{l}{m+l}$$

et

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{m}{m+l}$$

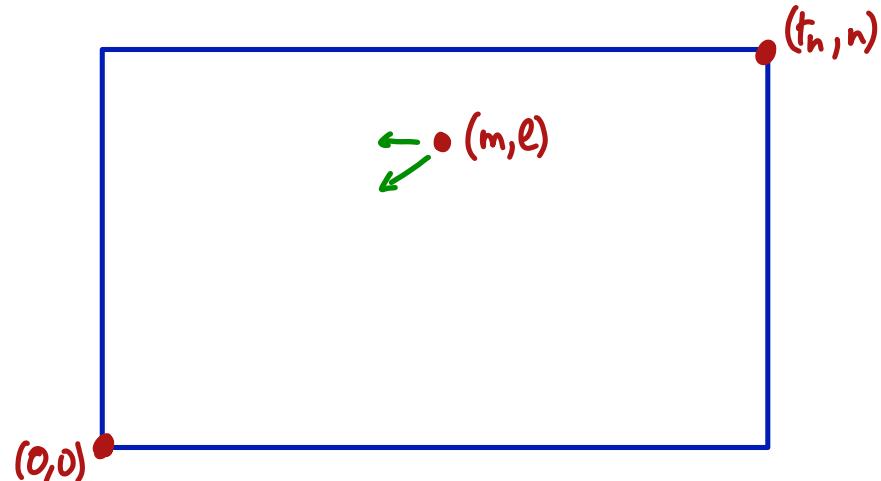
Comportement asymptotique de $g(m, l) = \frac{\binom{m}{l}}{\binom{m}{e}}$??

Good 1961: $\binom{m}{l} \approx \psi(m, l) = \frac{m!}{l!} \left(\frac{e^{\zeta} - 1}{\zeta^{1+\lambda}} \right)^l C(\lambda) \frac{1}{\sqrt{l!}}$

où $1+\lambda = \frac{m}{l}$, $\zeta = 1+\lambda + \mathcal{O}(-(1+\lambda)e^{-1-\lambda})$ i.e. $\zeta = (1-e^{-\zeta})(1+\lambda)$.

et où $C(\lambda) = [2\pi(1+\lambda)(\zeta-\lambda)]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Th $|g(m, l) - e^{-\zeta}| = O\left(\frac{1}{l}\right)$



En 0_+ , $\zeta = 2\lambda + o(\lambda)$, et en $+\infty$, $\zeta = 1+\lambda - O(\lambda e^{-\lambda})$.

P _{α, n} $\left(\sup_{[E, R]} |\xi_n - \xi| \geq C n^{-\gamma_3} \right) \leq n^{\gamma_3 - \gamma_2 \ln(n)}$

où ξ est la solution de $\ln(y'(x)) = -\zeta \left(\frac{x-y}{y} \right)$ et $\xi(1) = 1+\alpha$.