

# Contrôle et jeux sur les graphes

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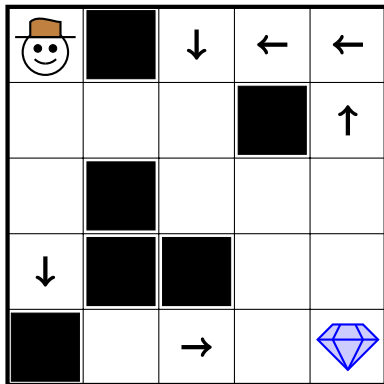
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  - The winning condition is reachability or safety ;
  - Without or with explicit timing constraints.

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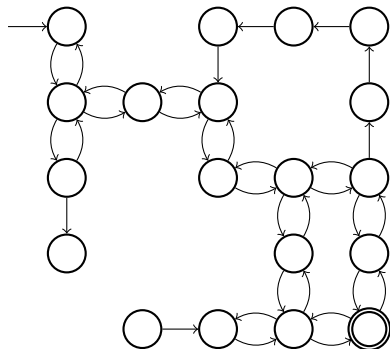
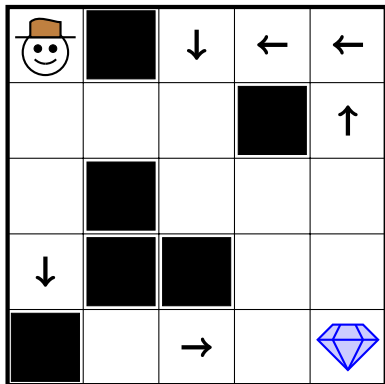
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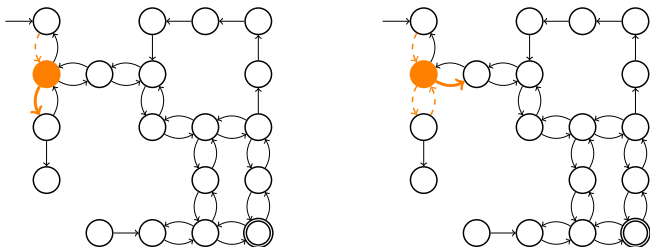
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- A **strategy** associates an edge to histories of past states



- A **positional**/memoryless strategy depends only on the last state in the history : the **current** state.

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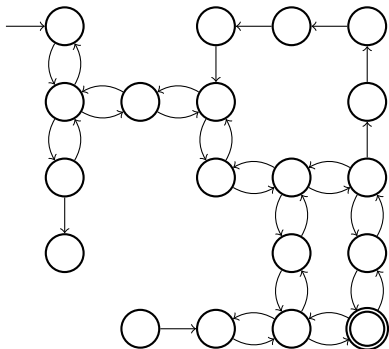
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So we only need to find a winning play : a path to the goal !  
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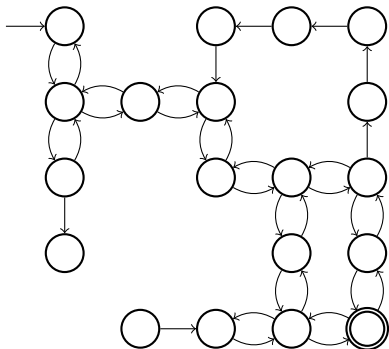
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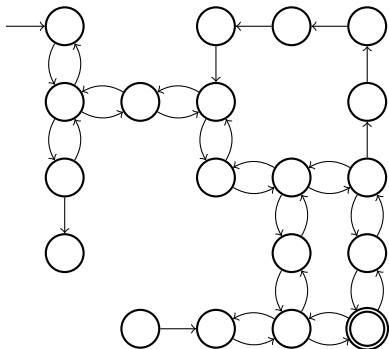


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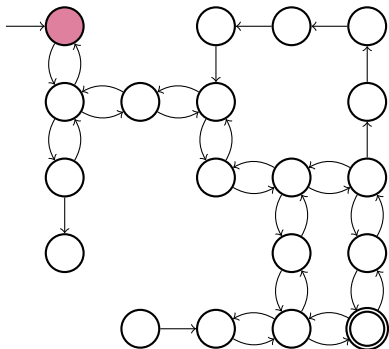
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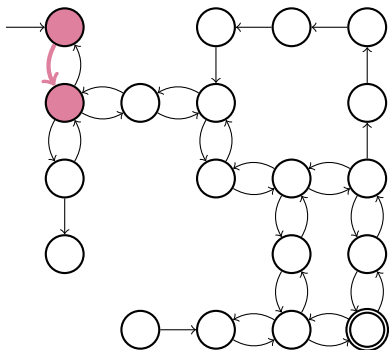
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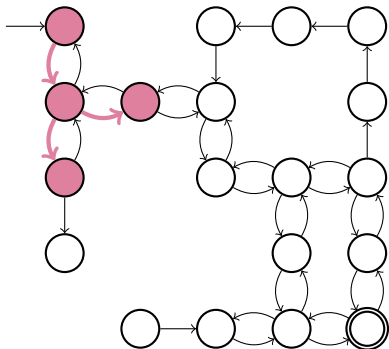
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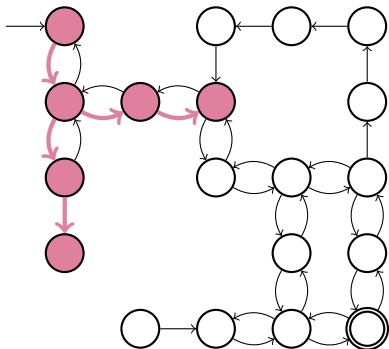
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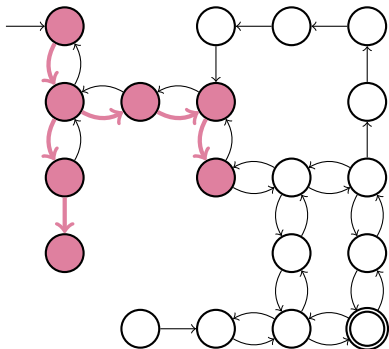
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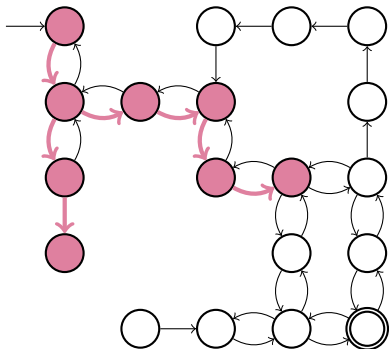
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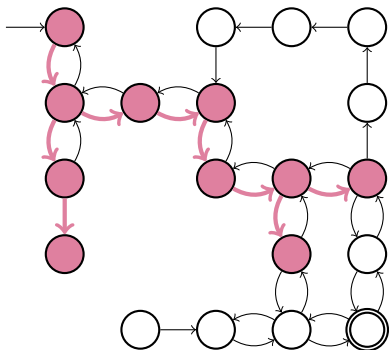
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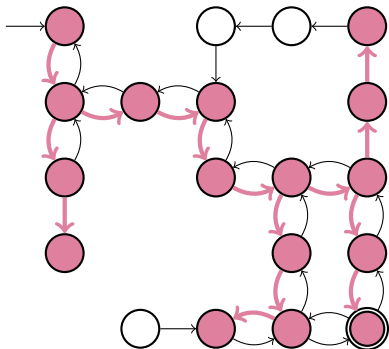
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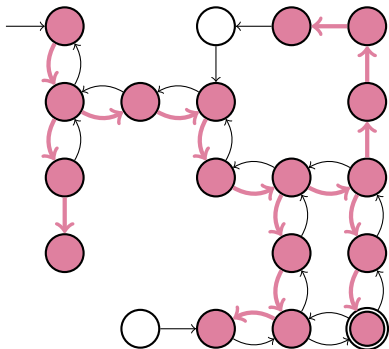
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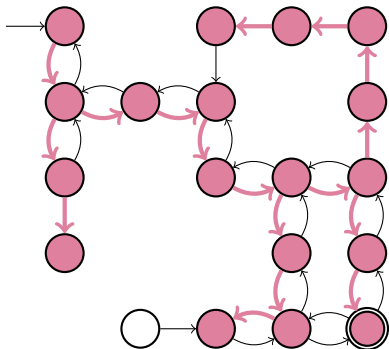
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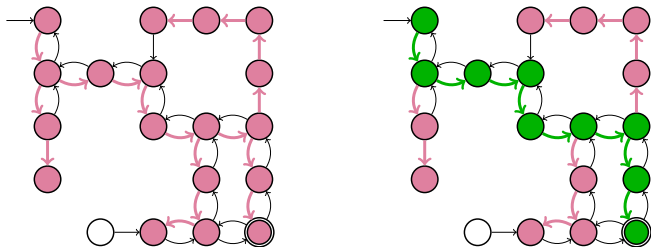
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- The given fixpoint formulation is compact but not very efficient ;
- Except if we have a symbolic data structure like *Binary Decision Diagrams* (BDD) ;
- In practice, without BDDs, we could write something like :

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X ← S0
Y ← X
while Y ≠ ∅ :
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    - either the path has 0 edges and  $s \in S_0 \subseteq X_{n+1}$  ;
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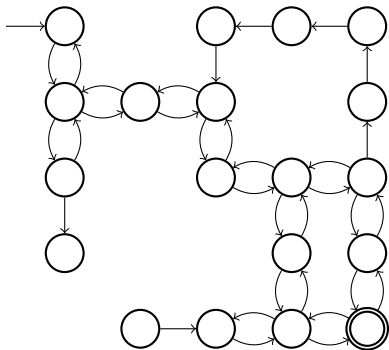
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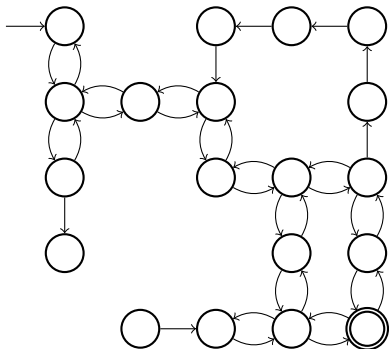
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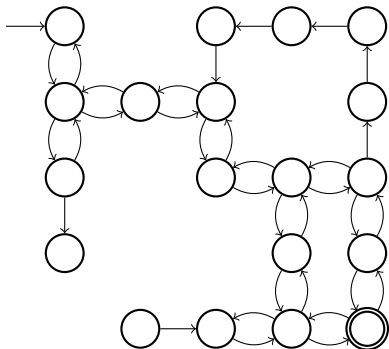
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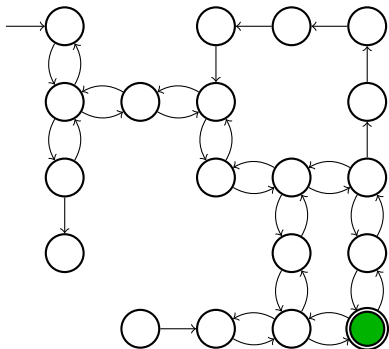
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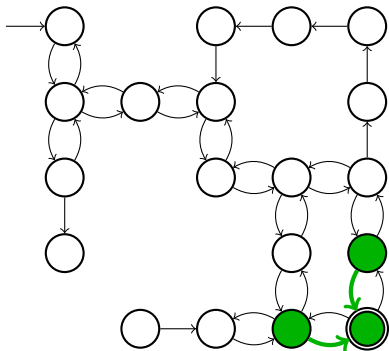
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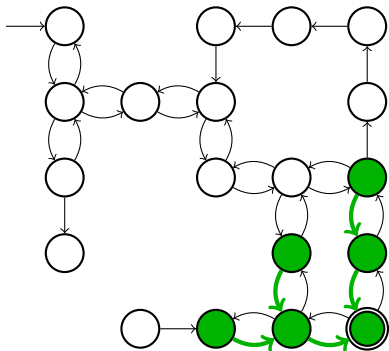
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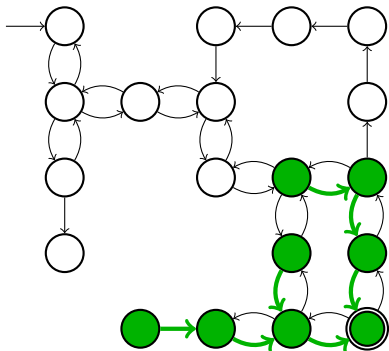
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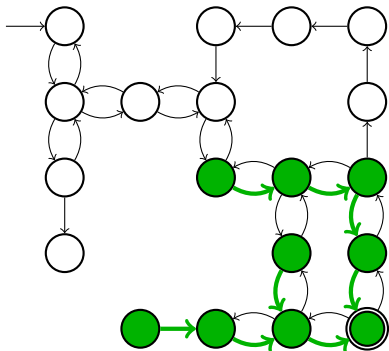
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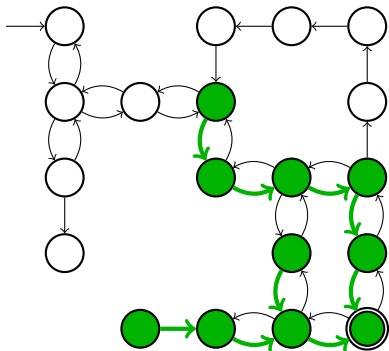
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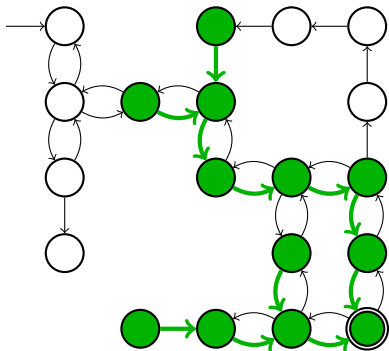
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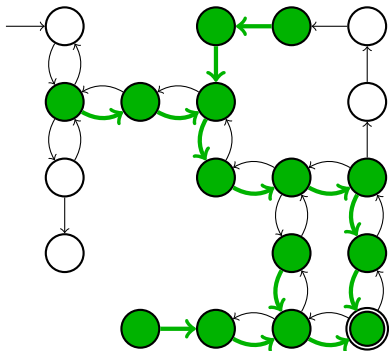
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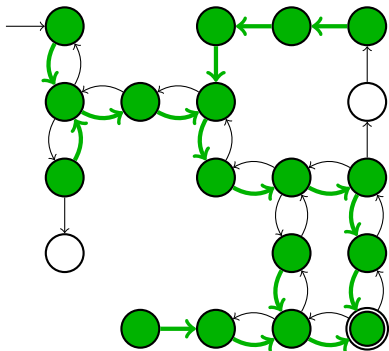
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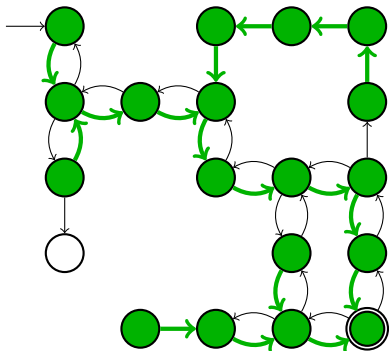
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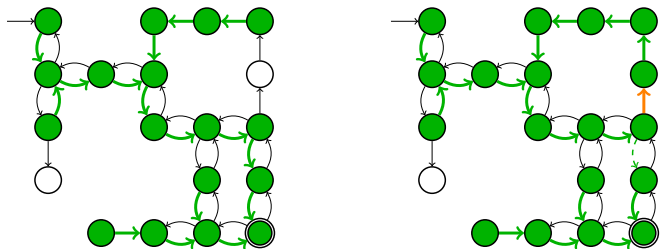
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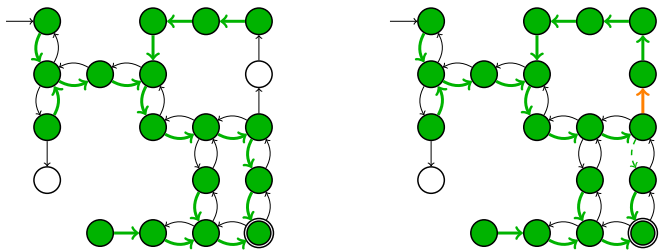
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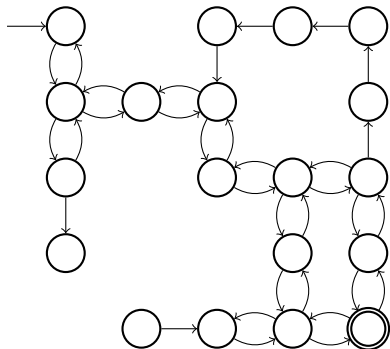
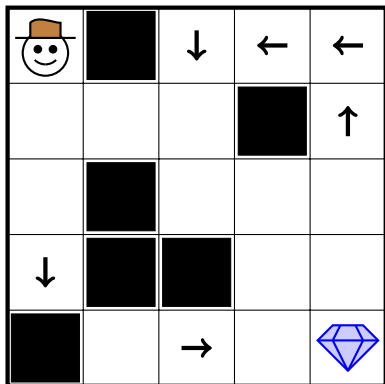
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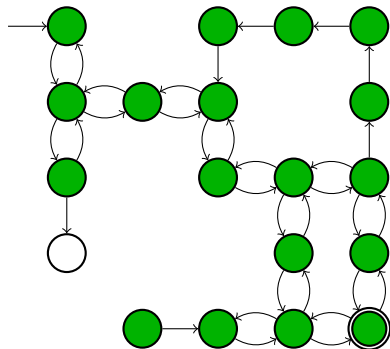
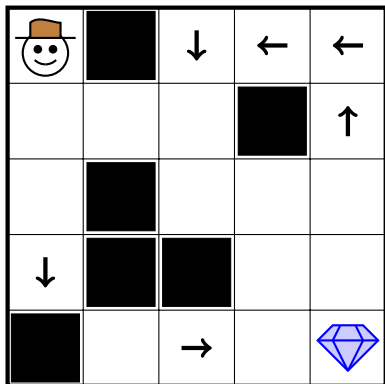
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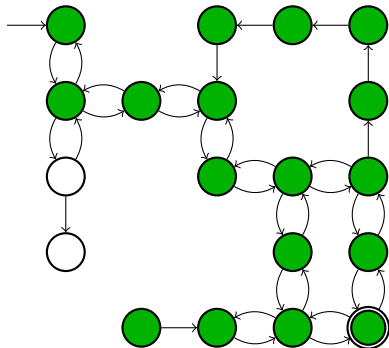
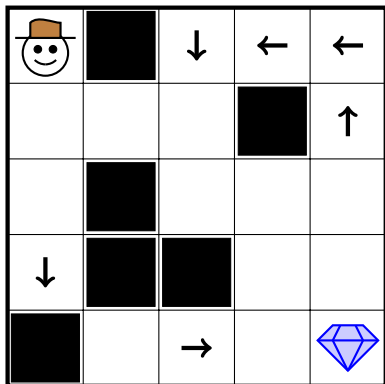
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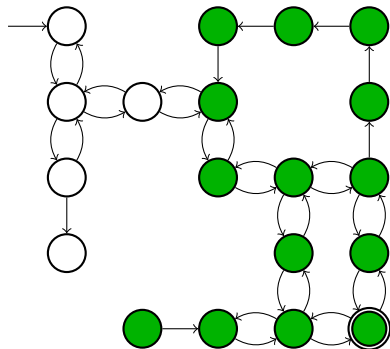
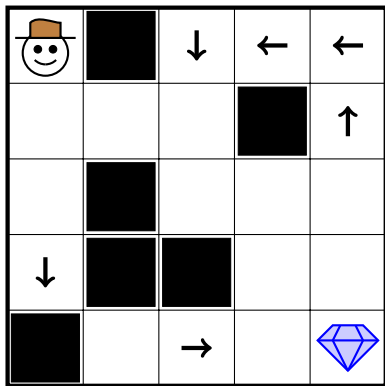
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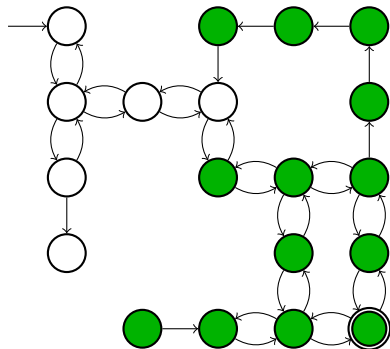
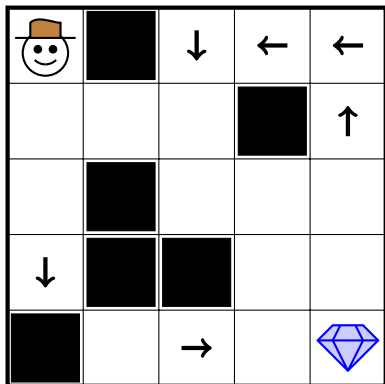
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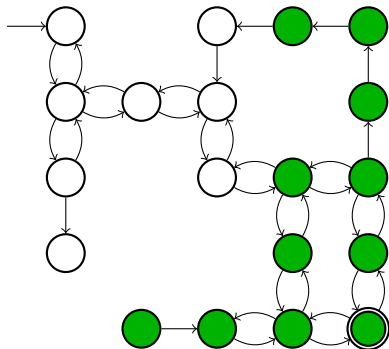
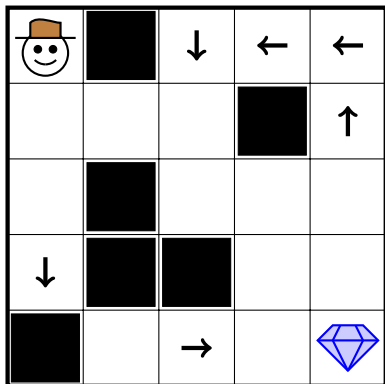
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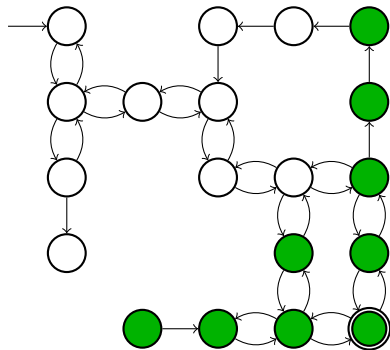
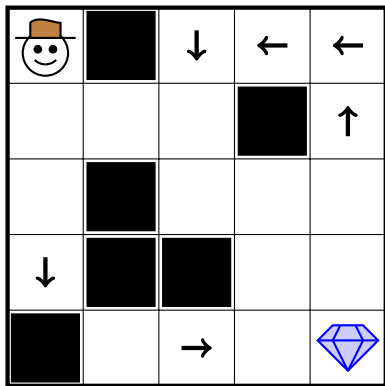
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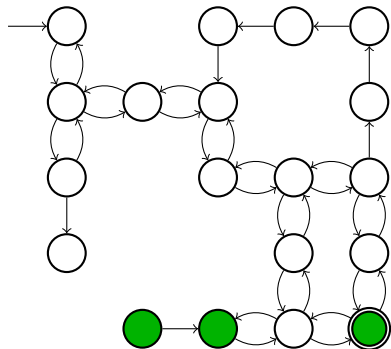
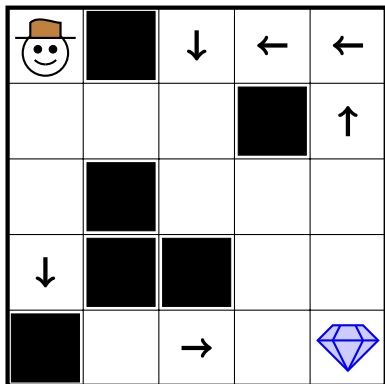
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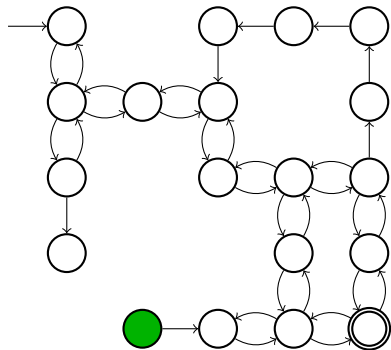
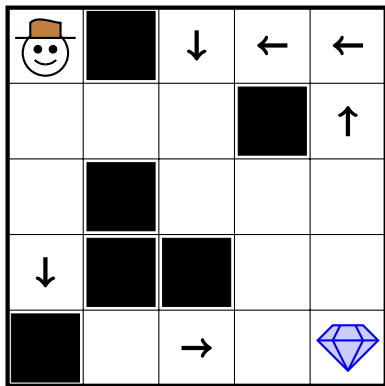
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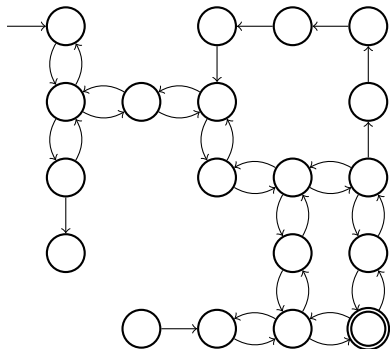
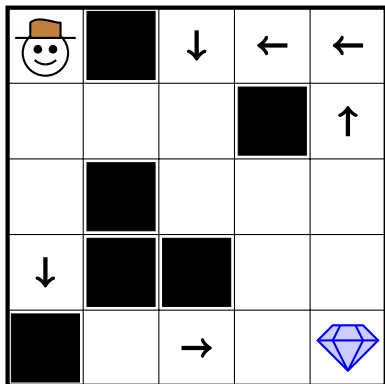
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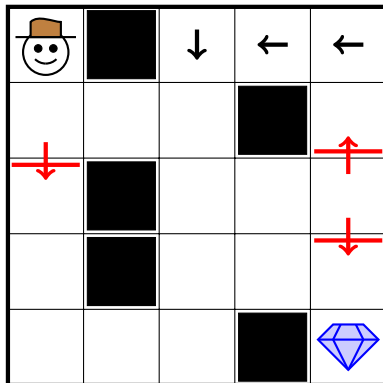
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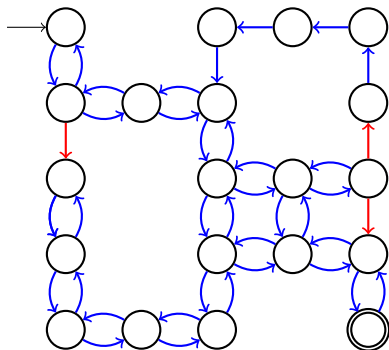
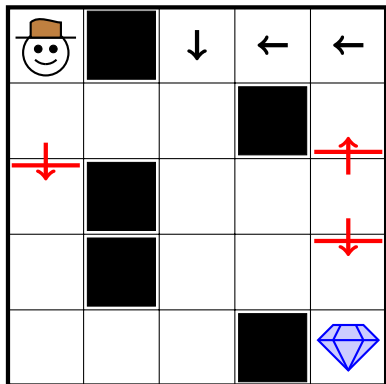
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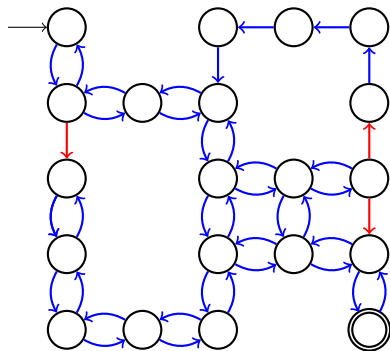
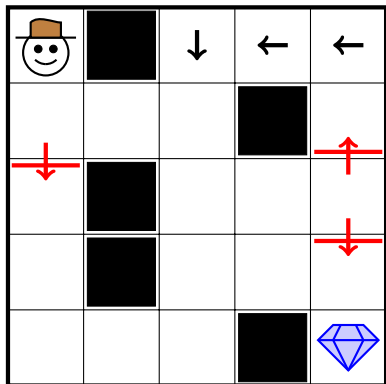
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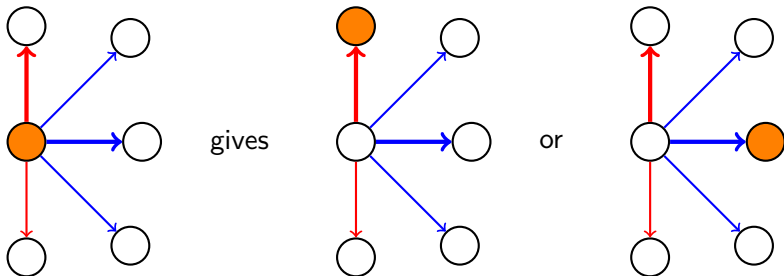
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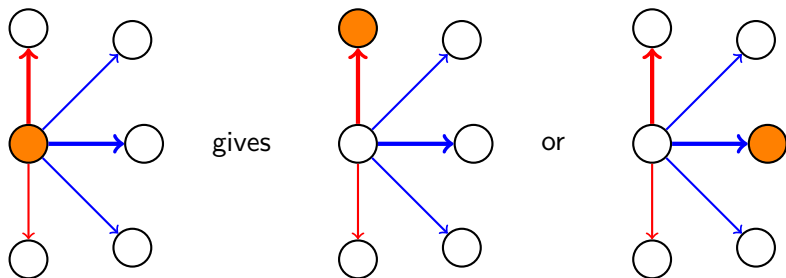
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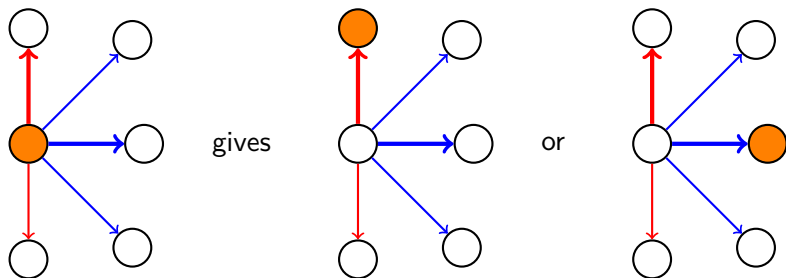
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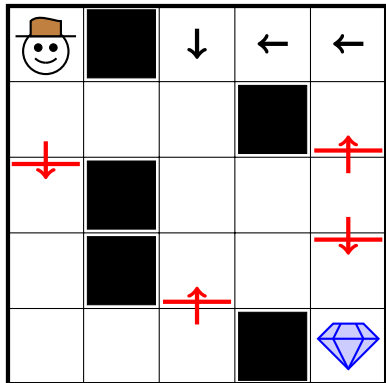
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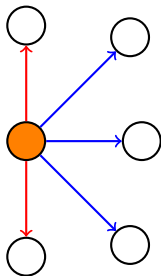
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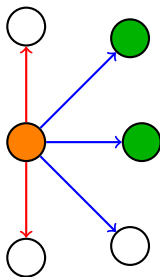
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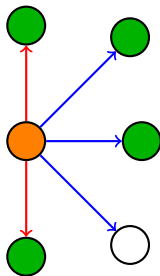
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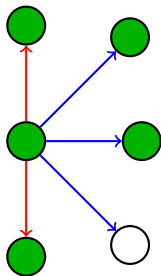
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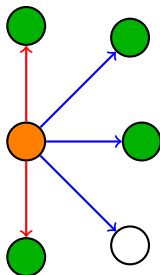
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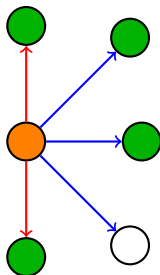
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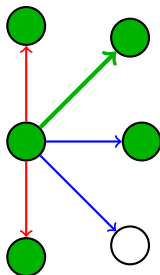
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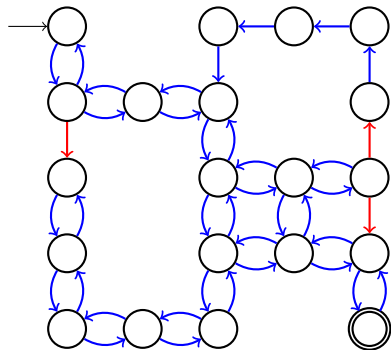
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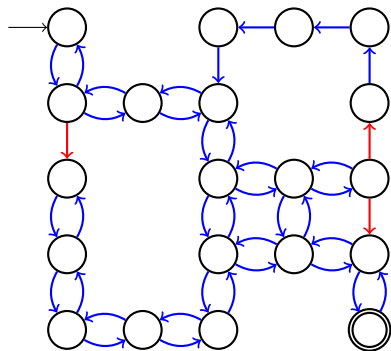
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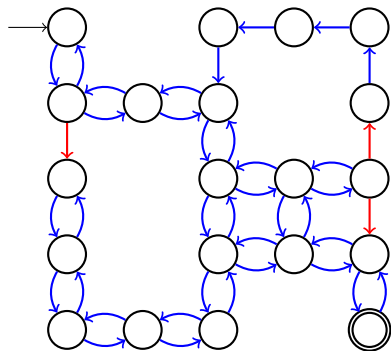
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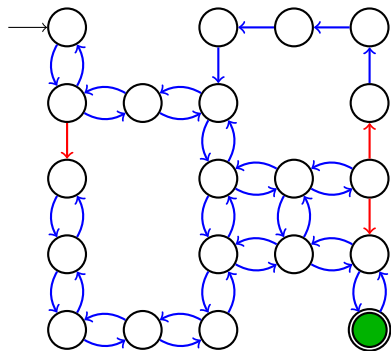
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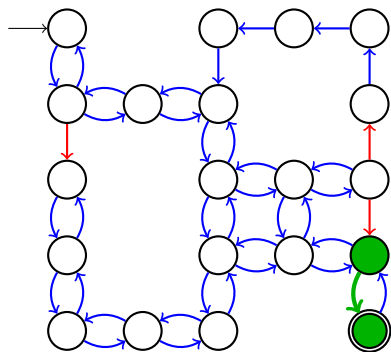
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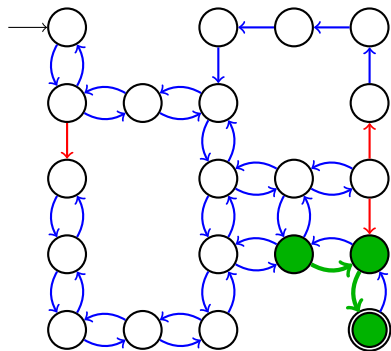
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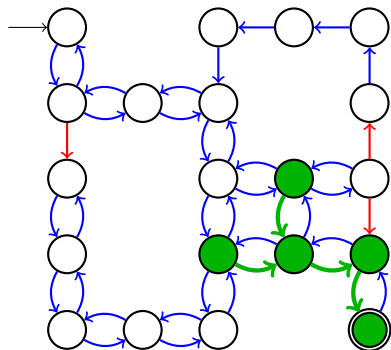
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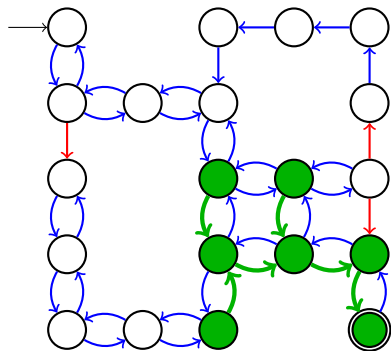
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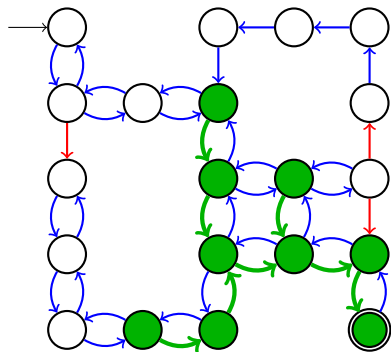
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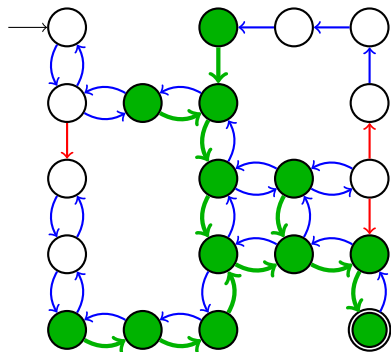
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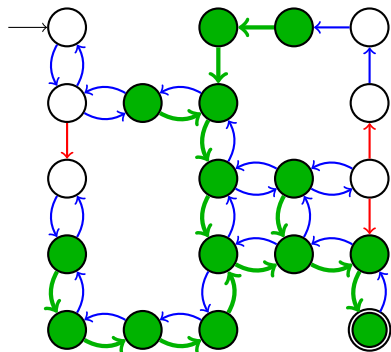
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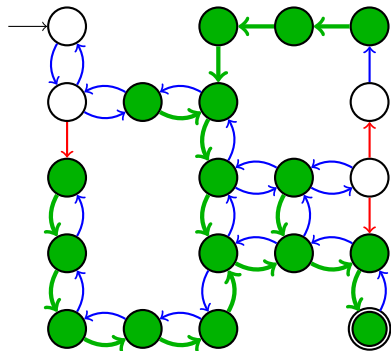
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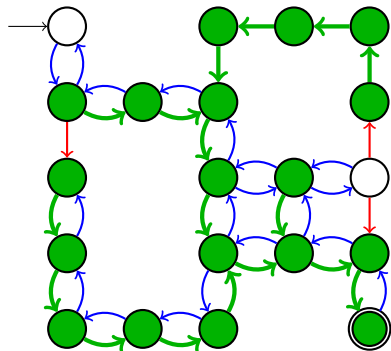
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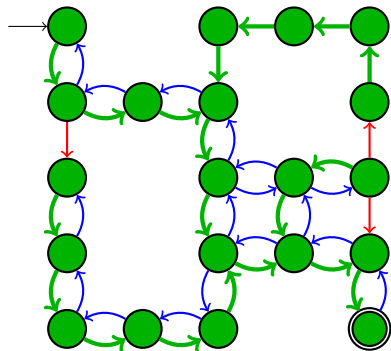
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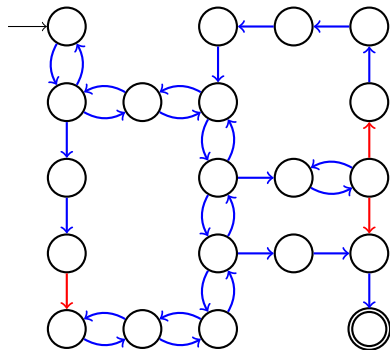
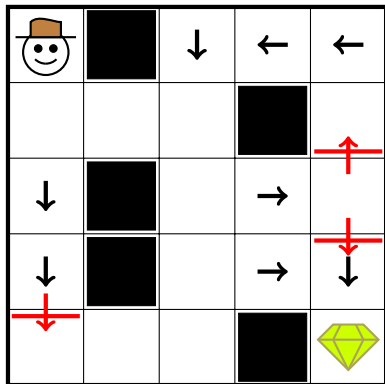
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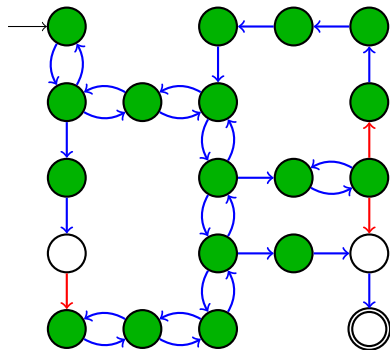
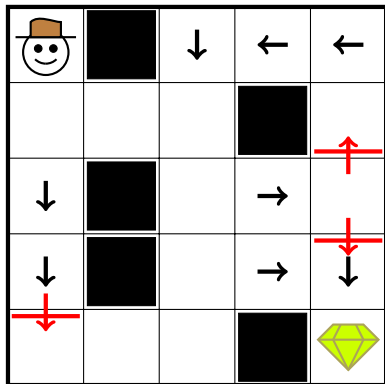
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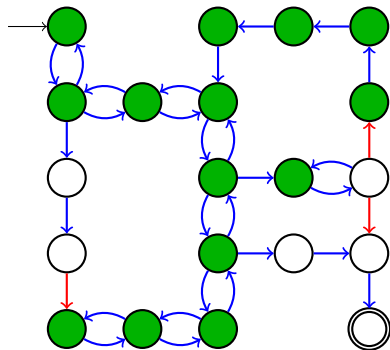
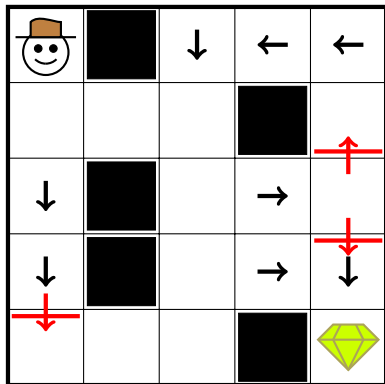
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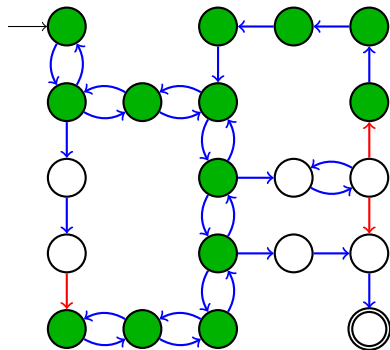
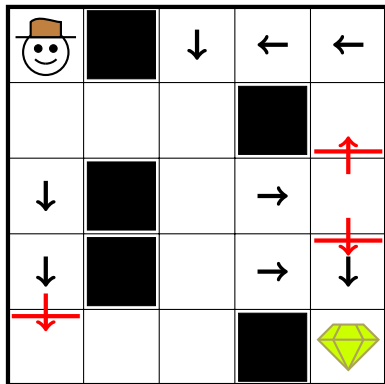
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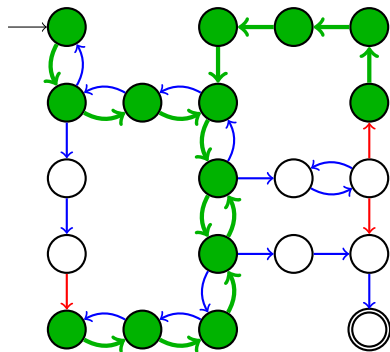
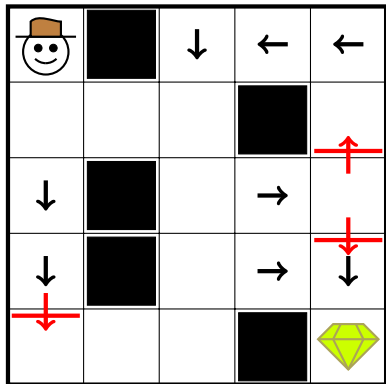
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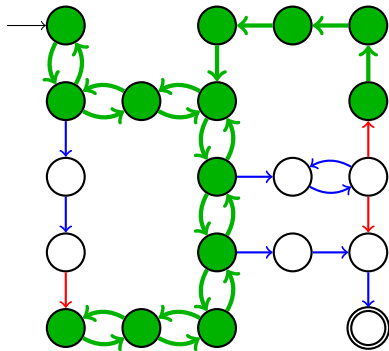
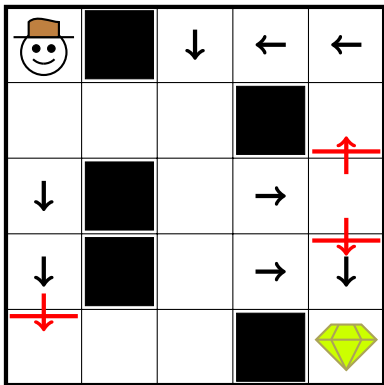
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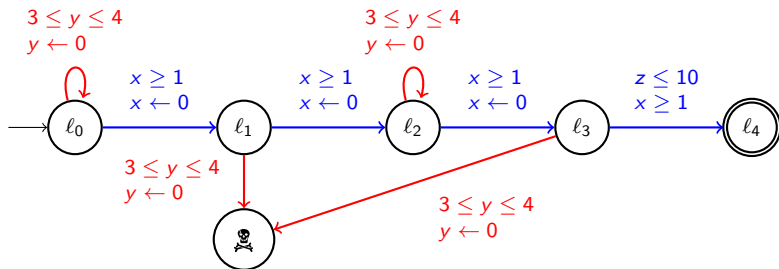


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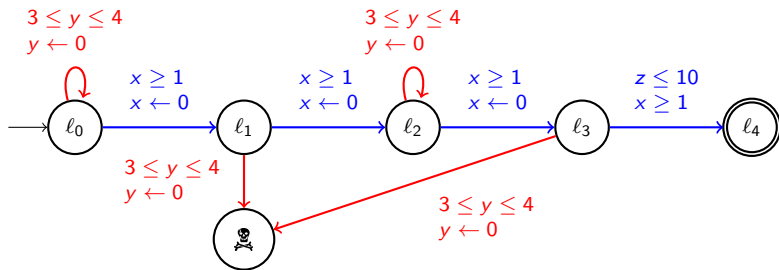
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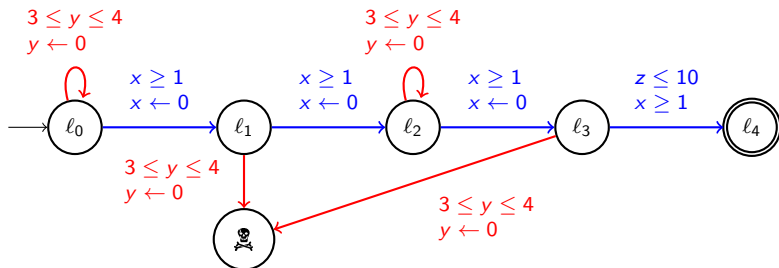
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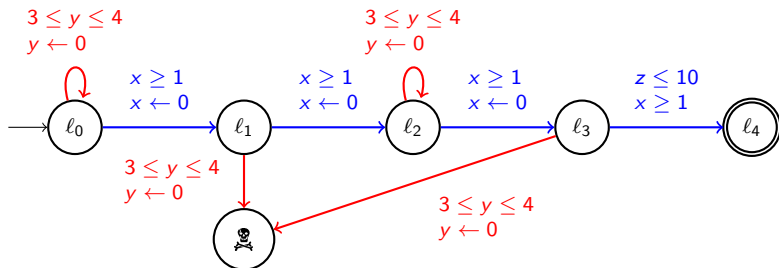


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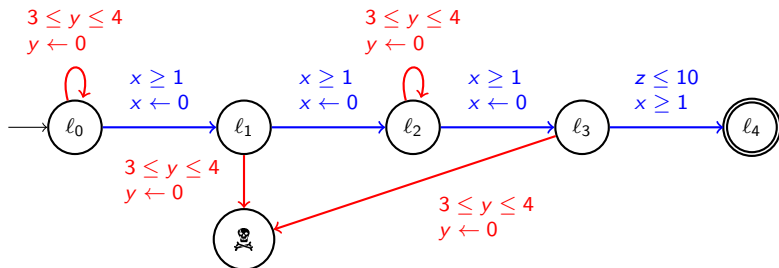
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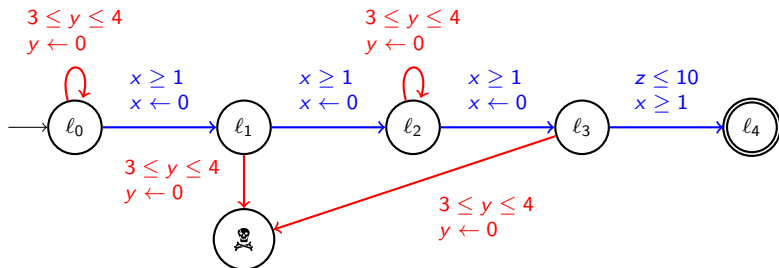
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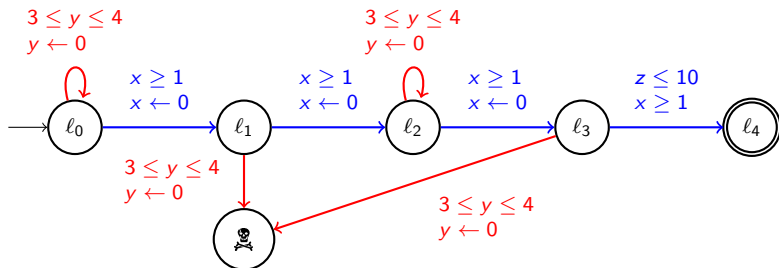
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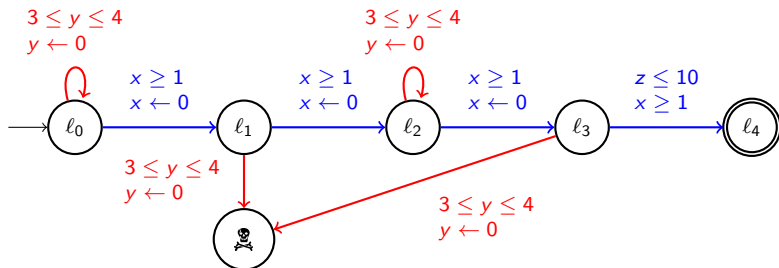
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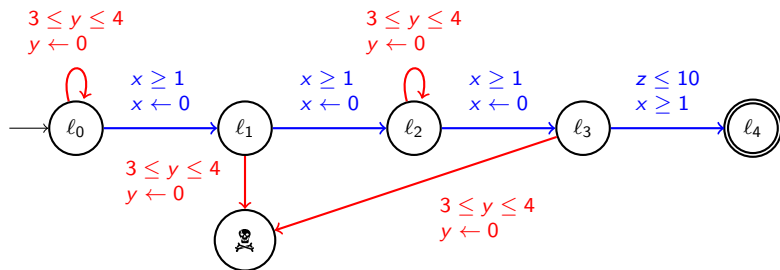
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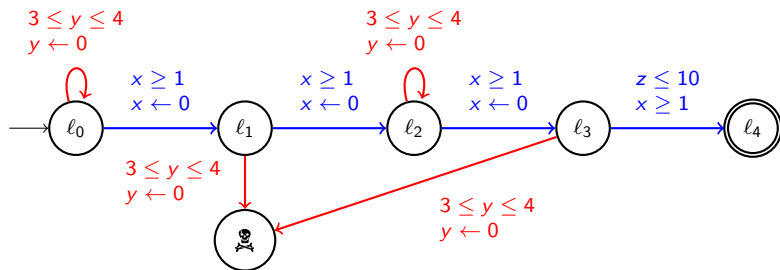


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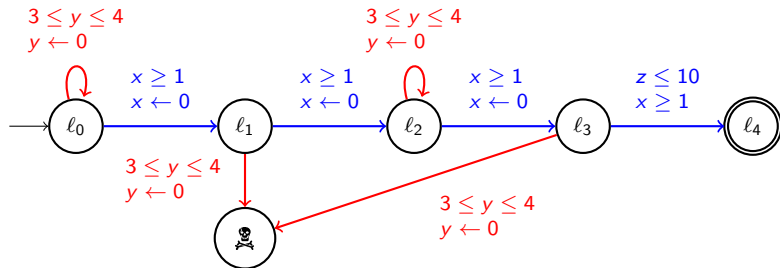
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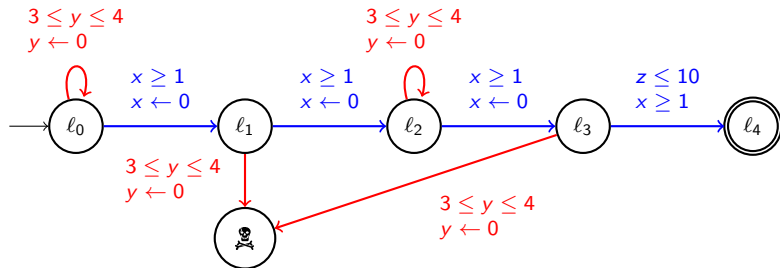
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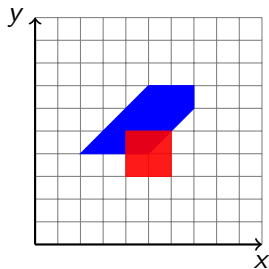
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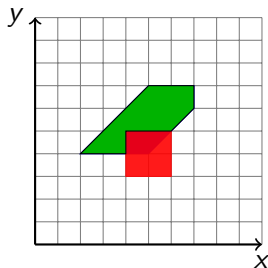
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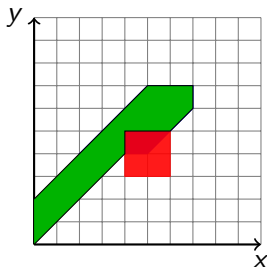


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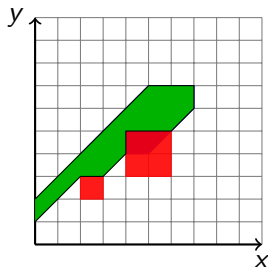
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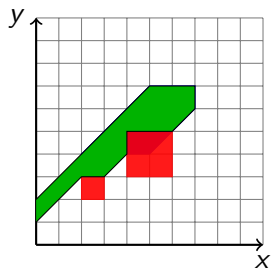
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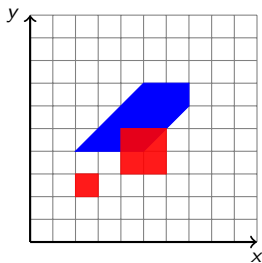
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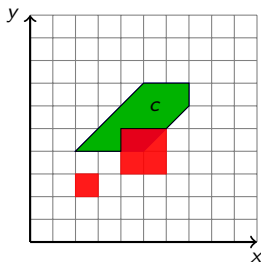
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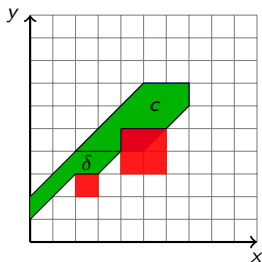


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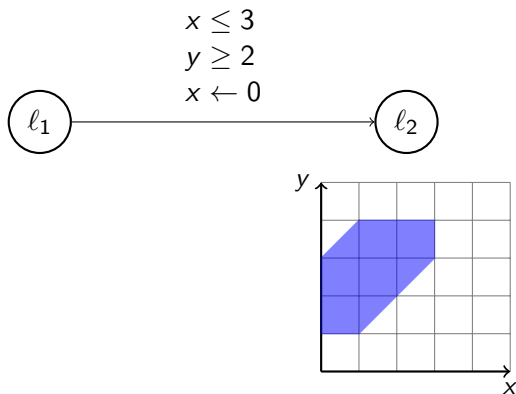
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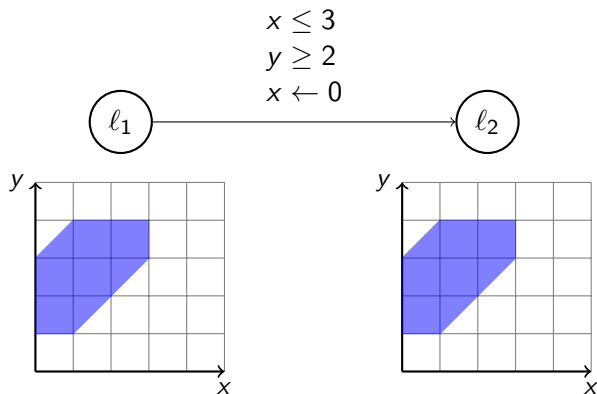


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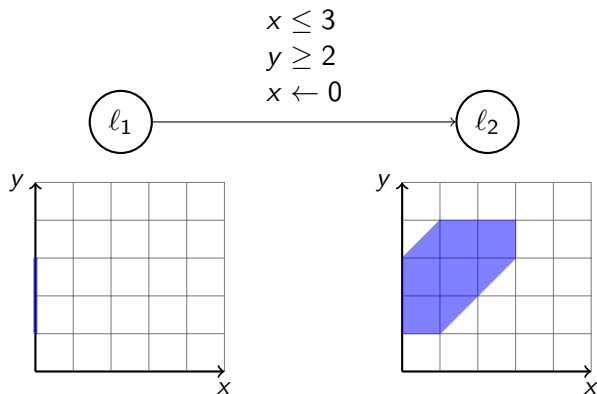
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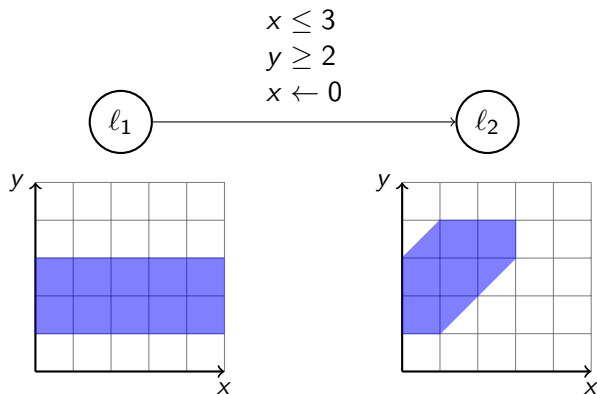
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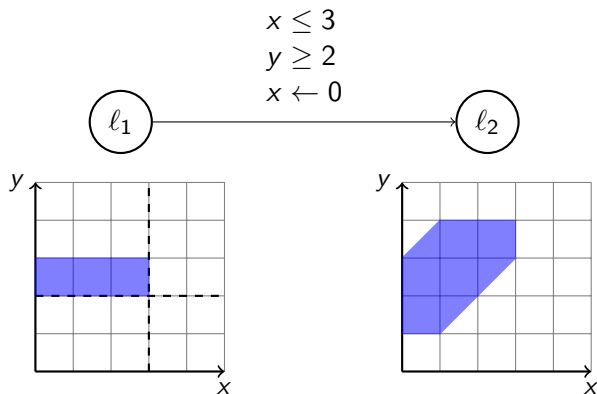
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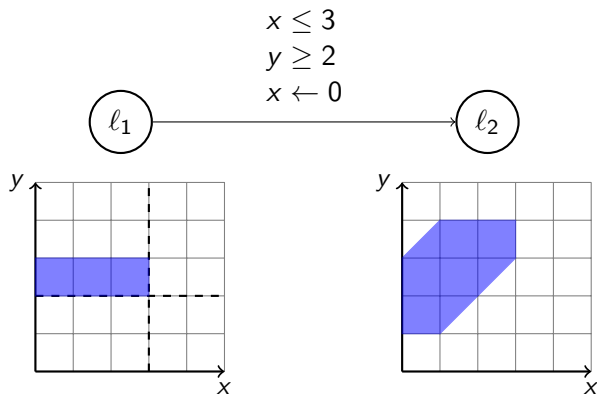
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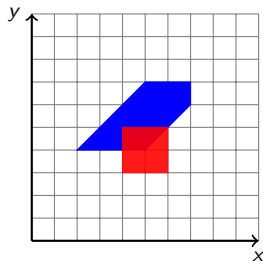


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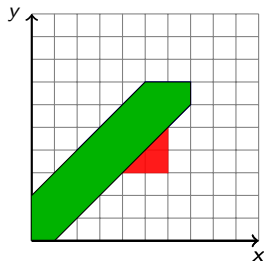
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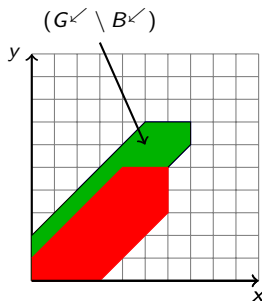
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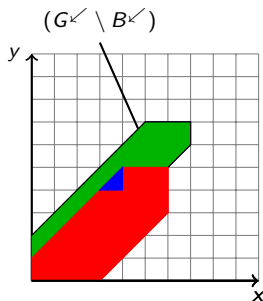
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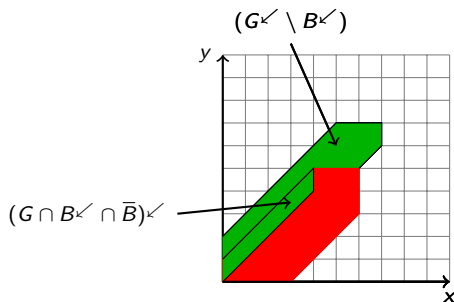
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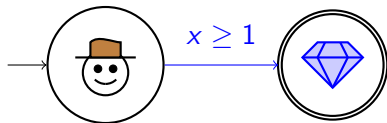
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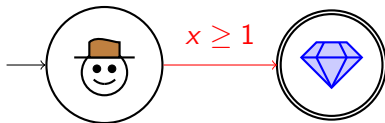
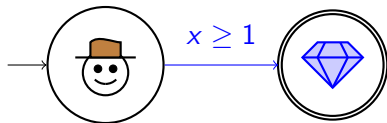
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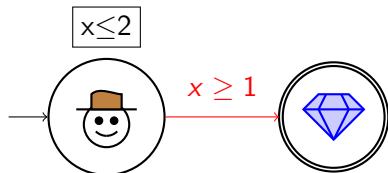
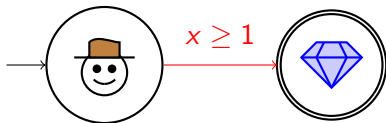
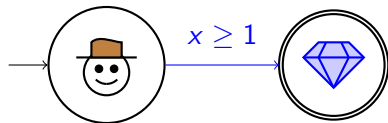
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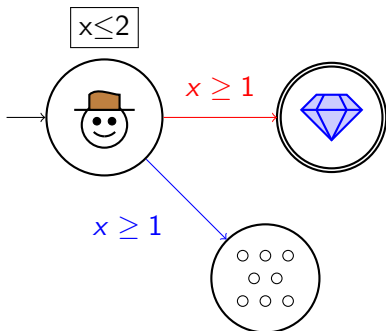
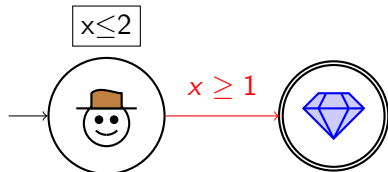
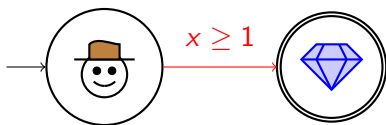
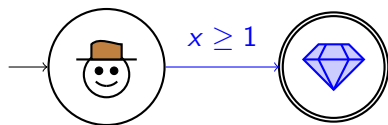
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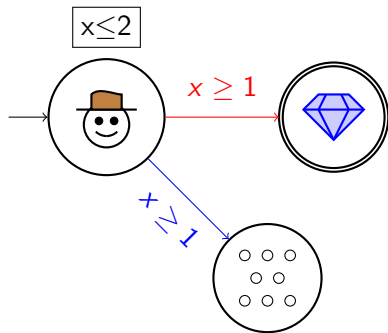


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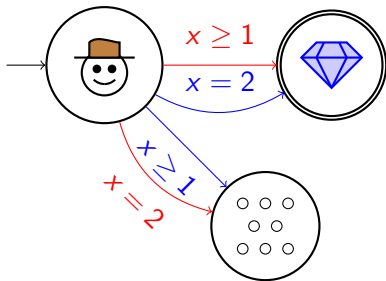
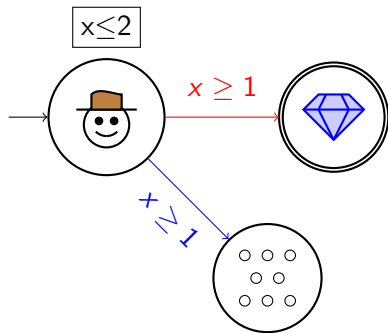
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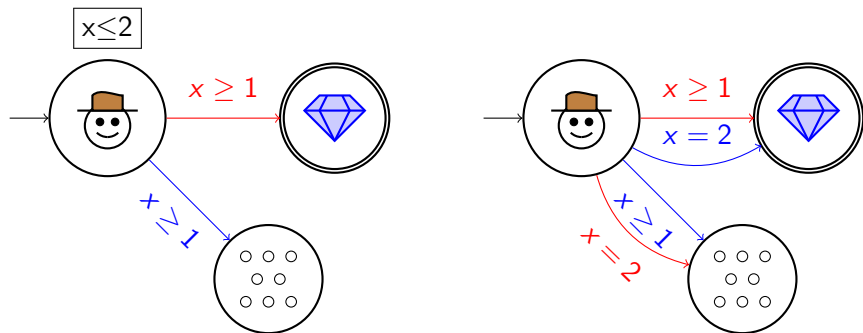
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  - in  $\text{Pre}_c(W)$  do the corresponding action ;
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# Conclusion

- Existence of a winning strategy in reachability/safety games :

	one-player	two-player
discrete	NL-complete	P-complete
timed	PSPACE-complete	EXPTIME-complete

- Summary
  - A very expressive framework ;
  - “Easy” to extend, e. g., with time ;
  - Can express different control objectives (e.g, Safety and reachability)
  - Tools for timed systems : Uppaal ( $\geq 5.0$ ) and Roméo.
- To go further :
  - More complex objectives : parity, Büchi, co-Büchi, etc.
  - Partial observation ;
  - More than two players ;
  - Costs and rewards, cost bounds, optimality, Nash equilibria.

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