

Analyzing Weighted Abstract Reduction Systems via Semirings

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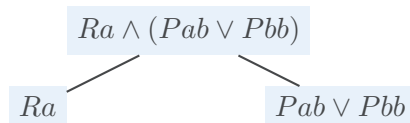
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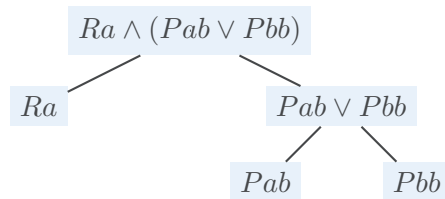
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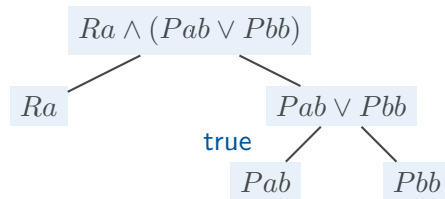
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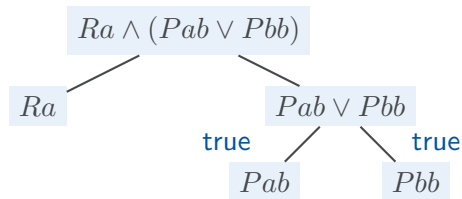
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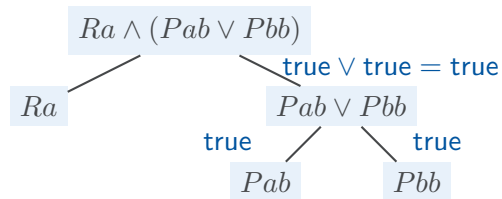
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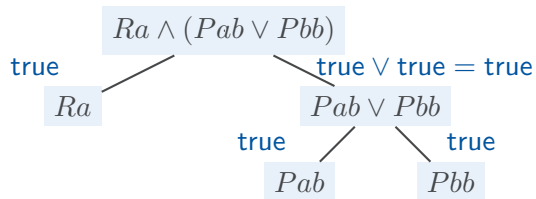
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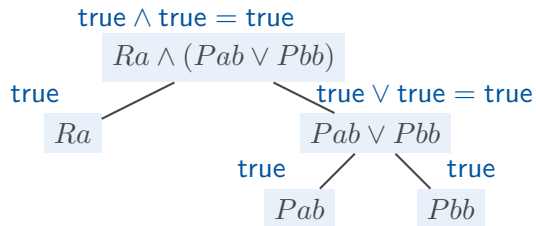
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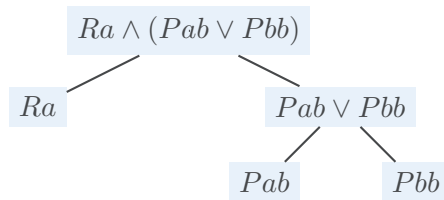
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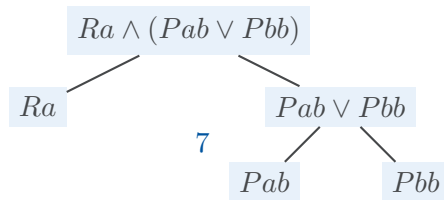
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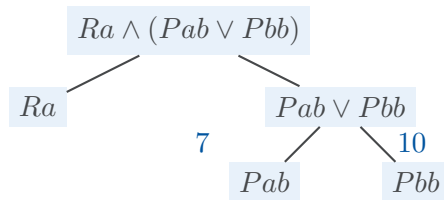
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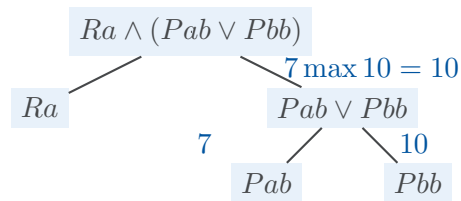
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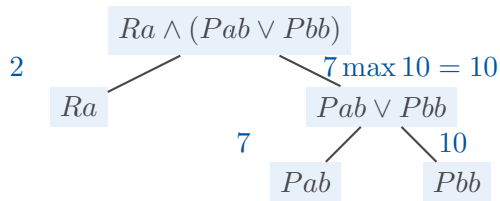
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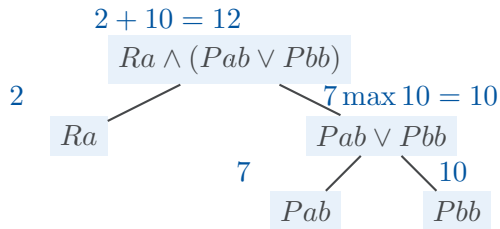
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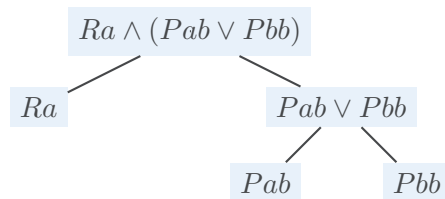
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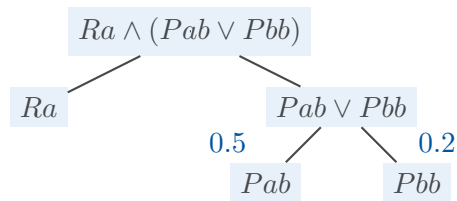
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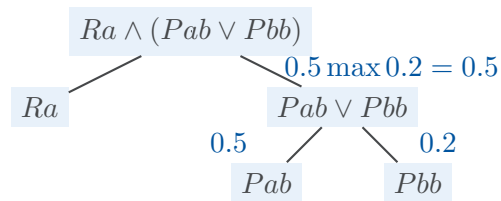
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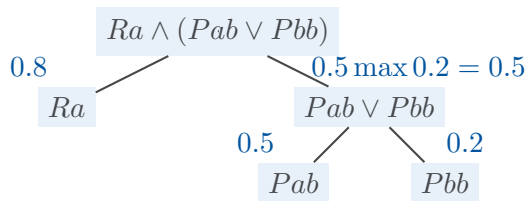
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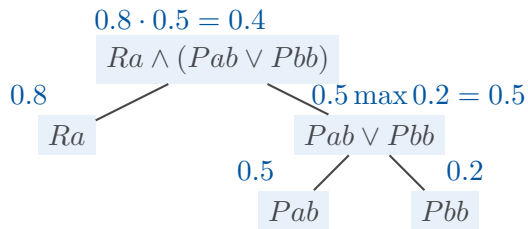
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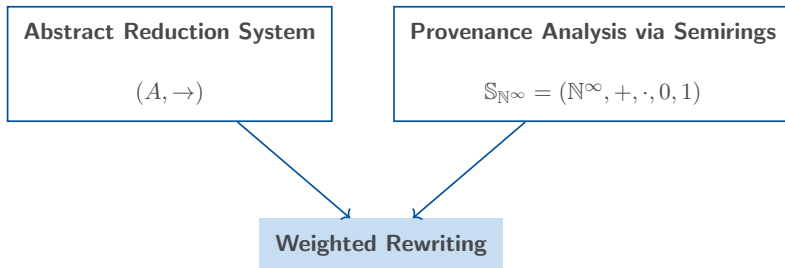
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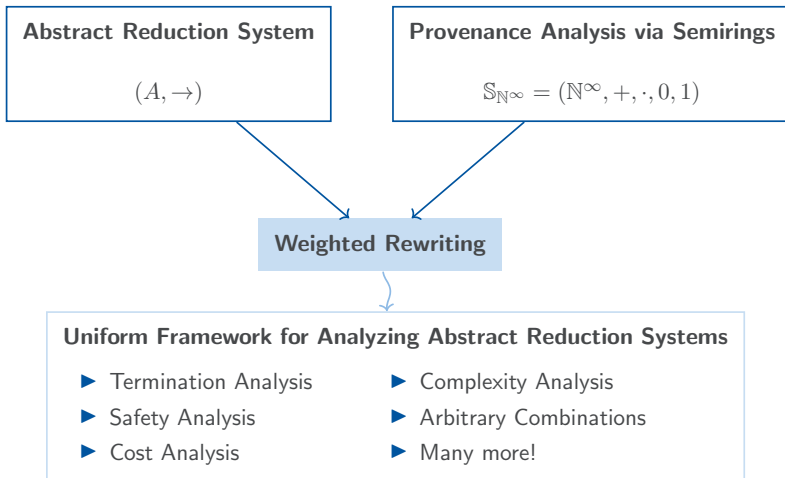
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Provenance Analysis via Semirings

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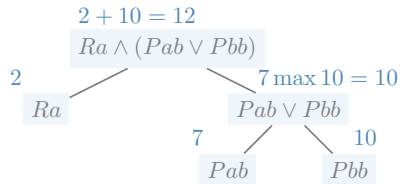
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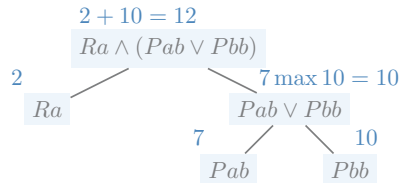
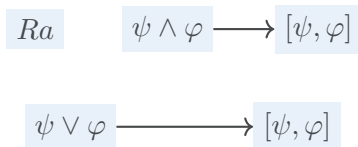


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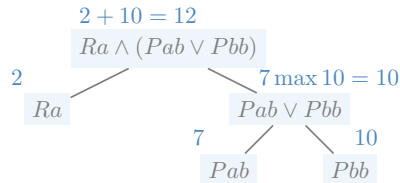
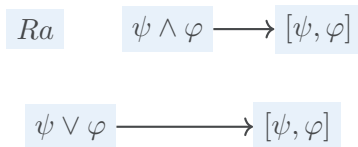


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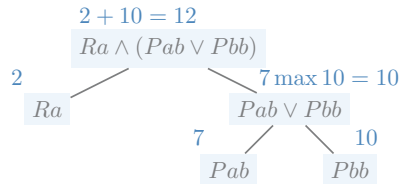
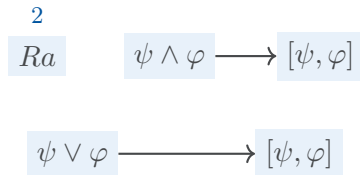


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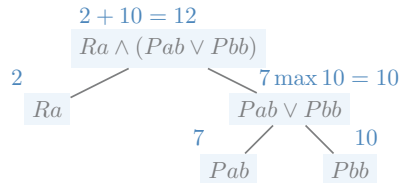
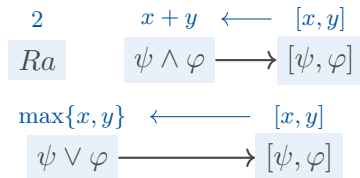


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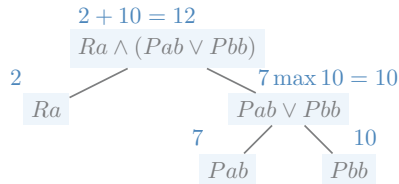
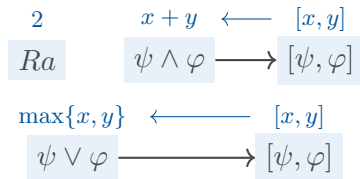


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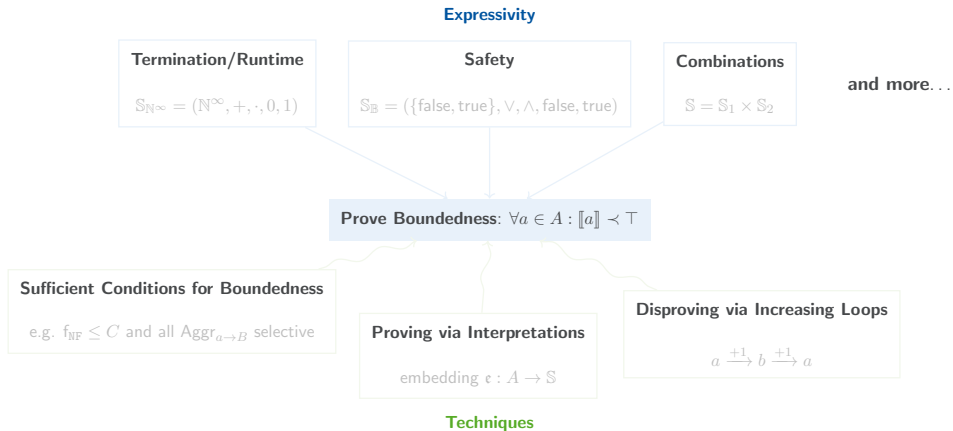
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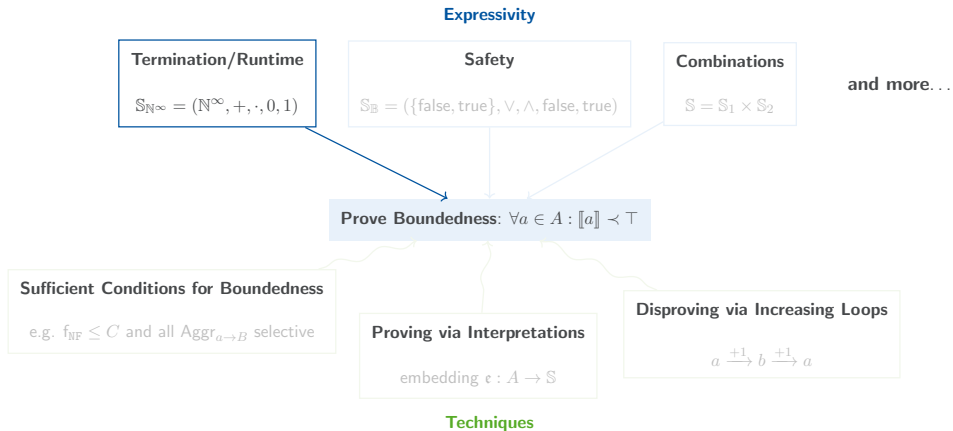
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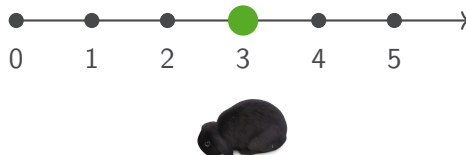




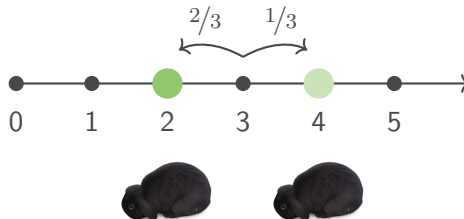
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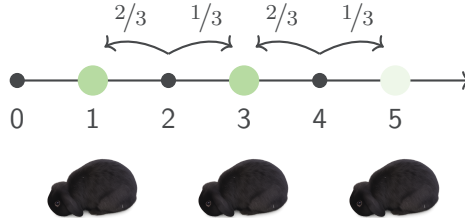
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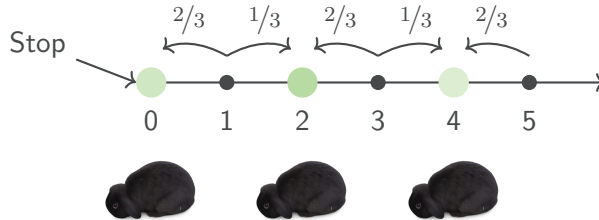
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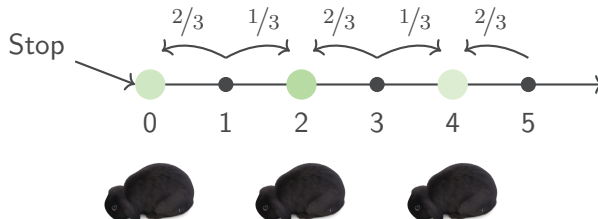
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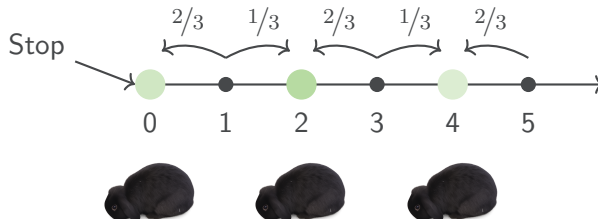
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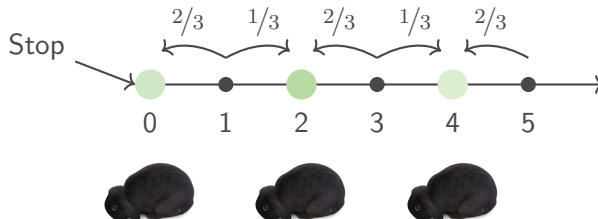


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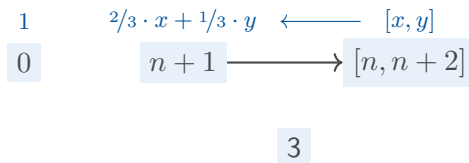
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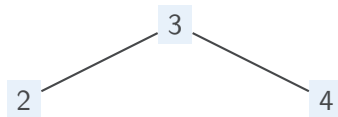
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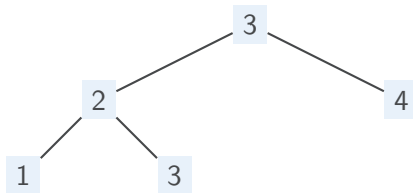
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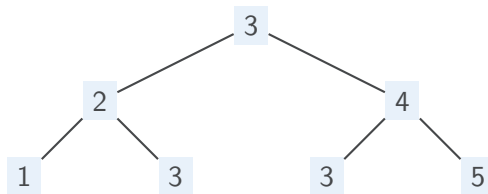
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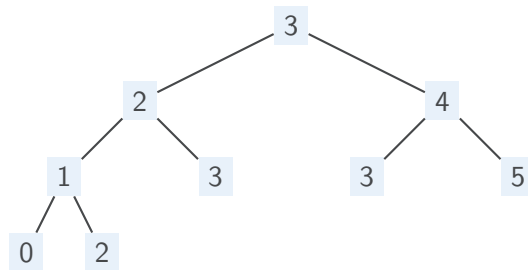
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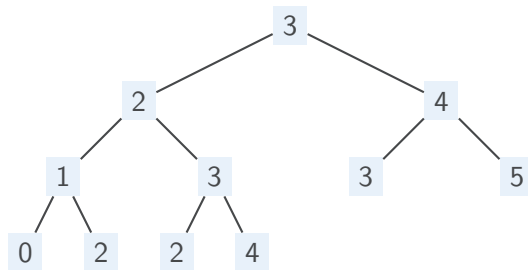
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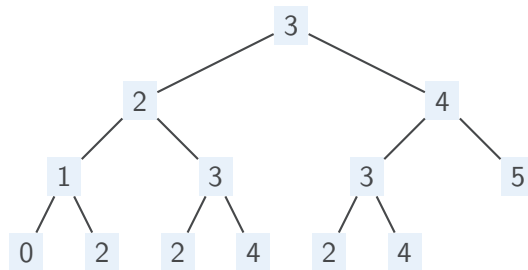
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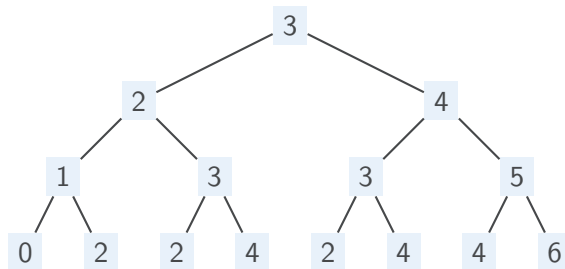
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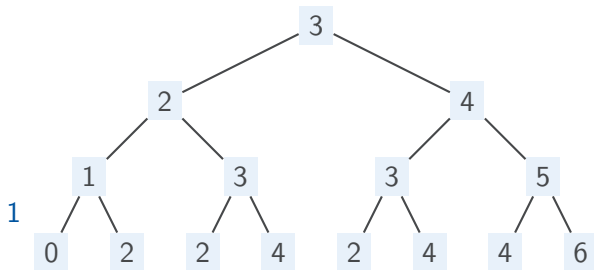
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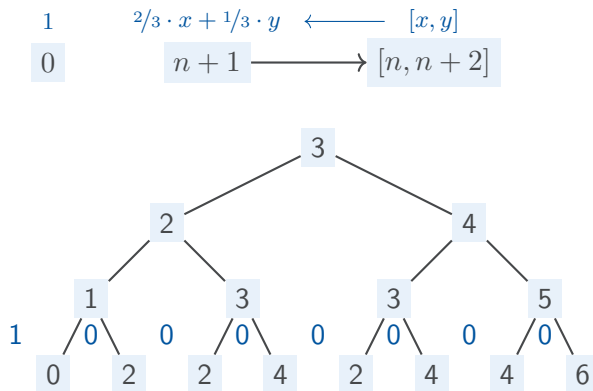
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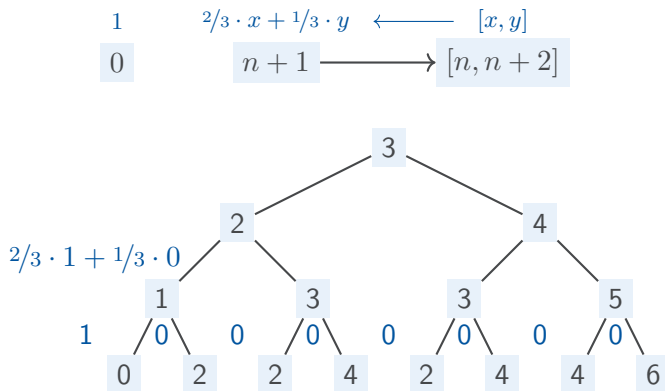
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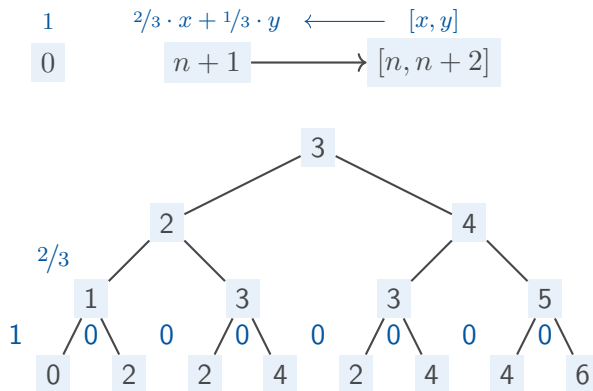
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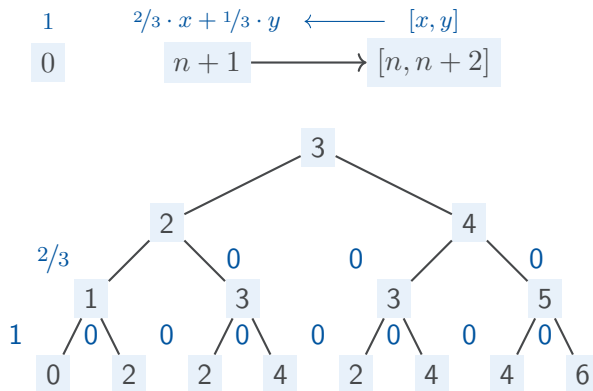
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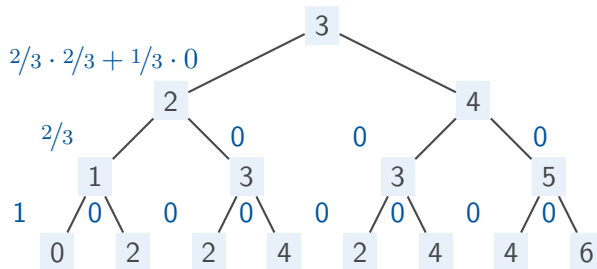
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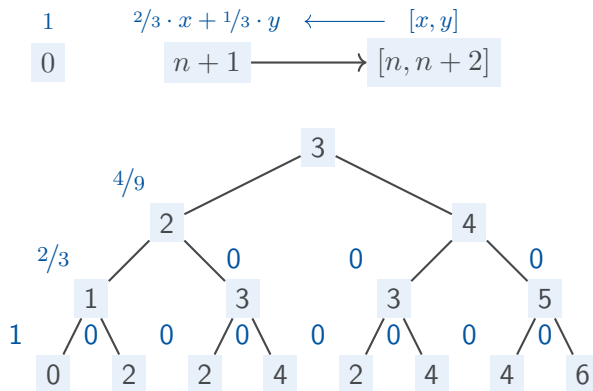
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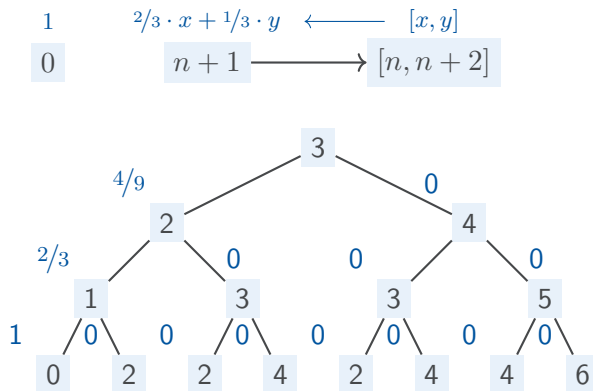
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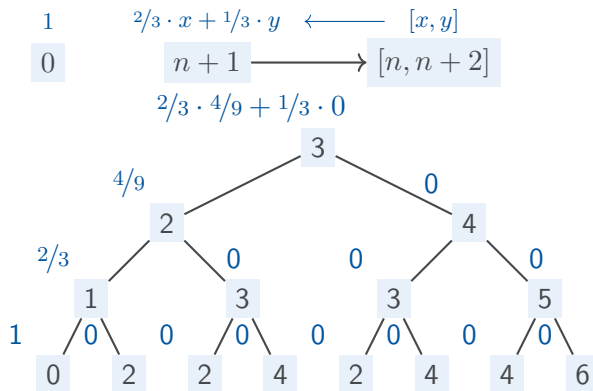
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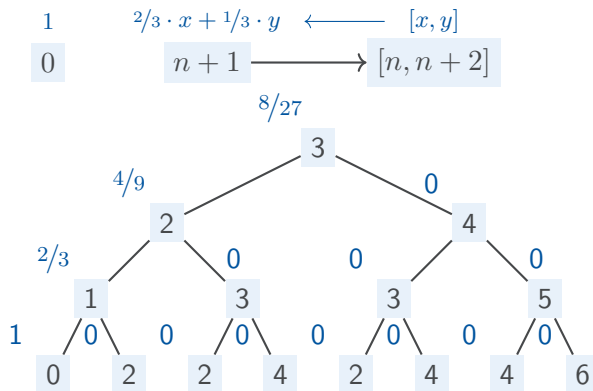
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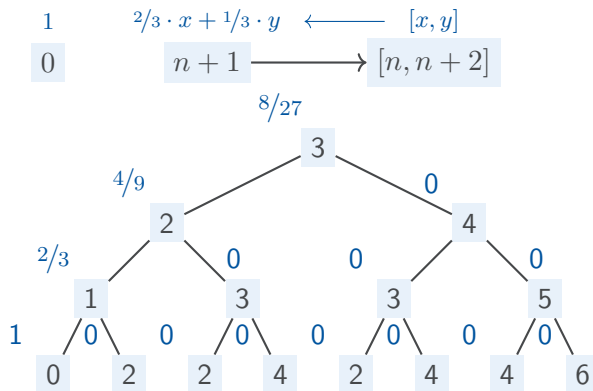
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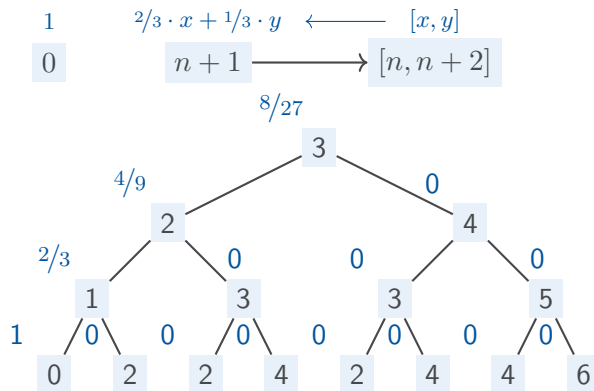
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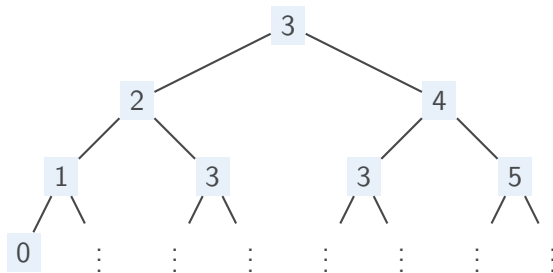
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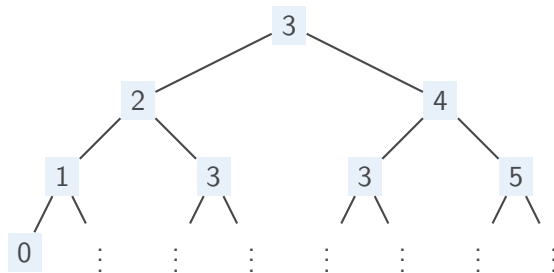
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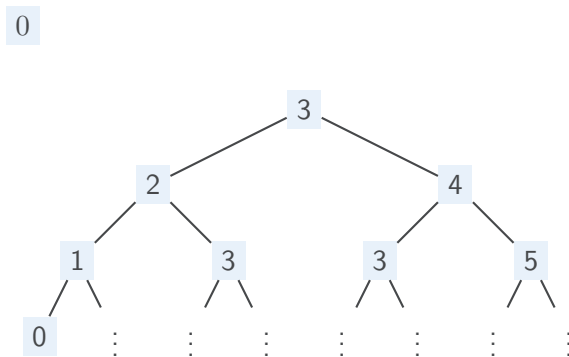
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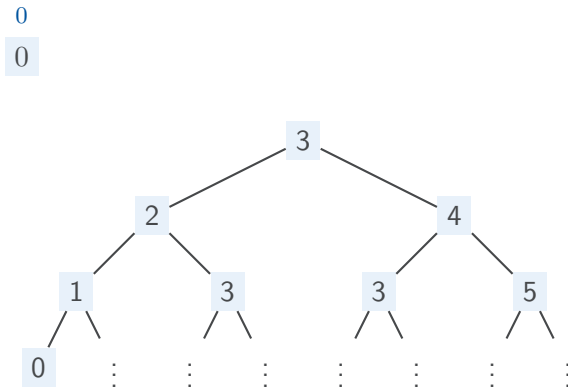
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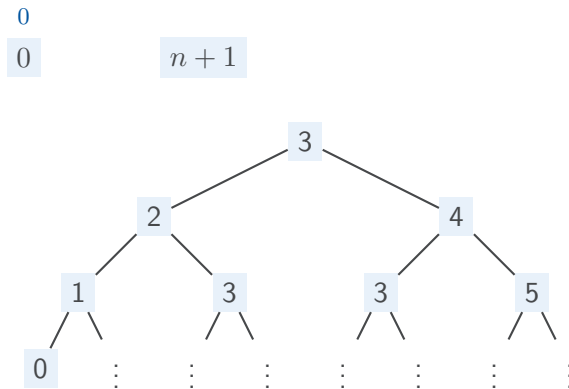
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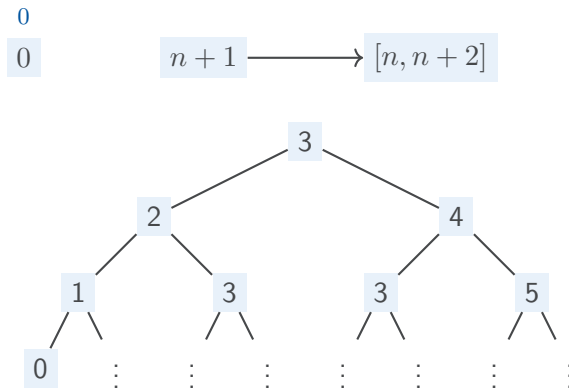
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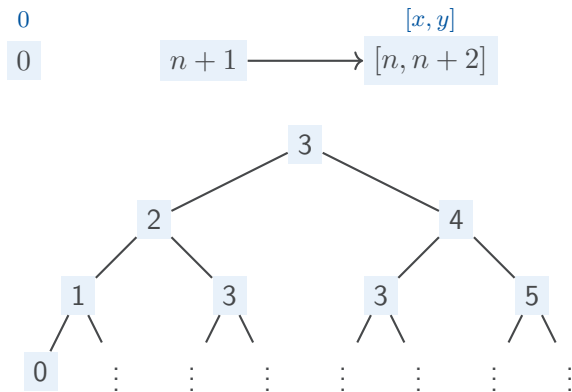
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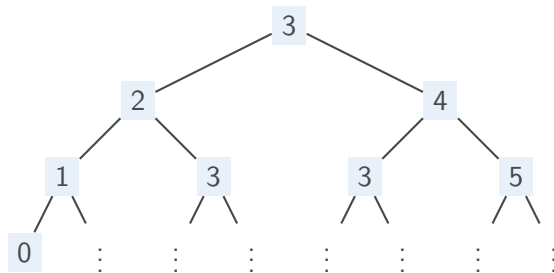


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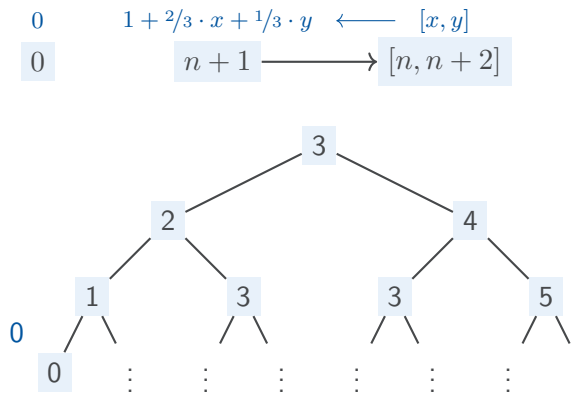
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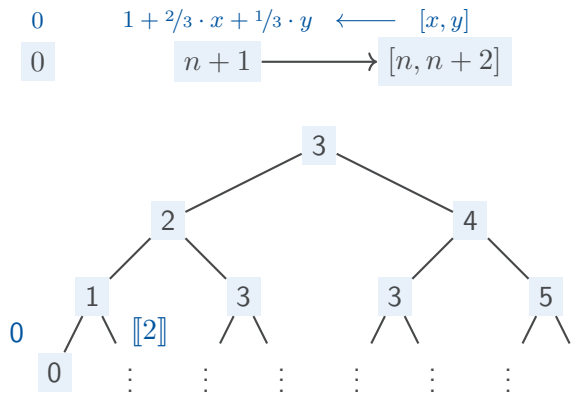
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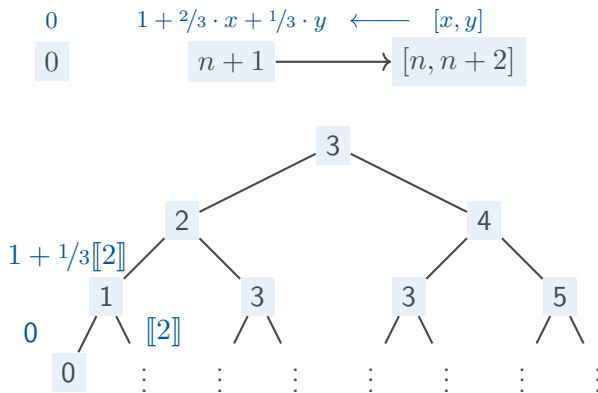
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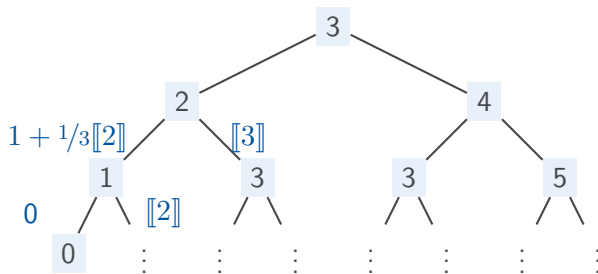
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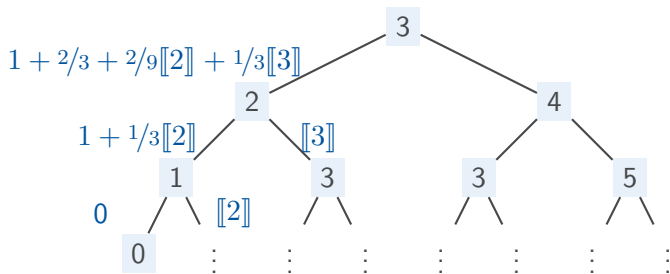
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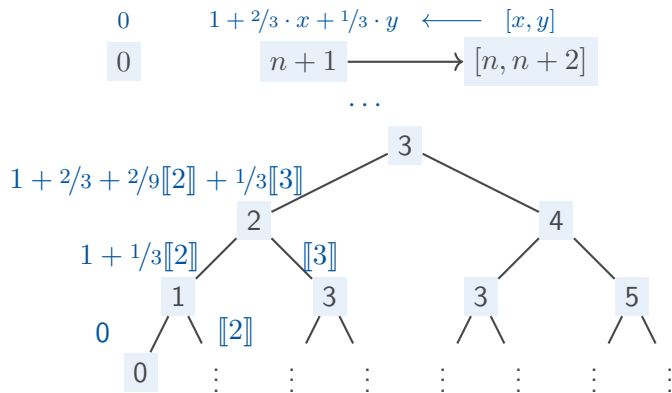
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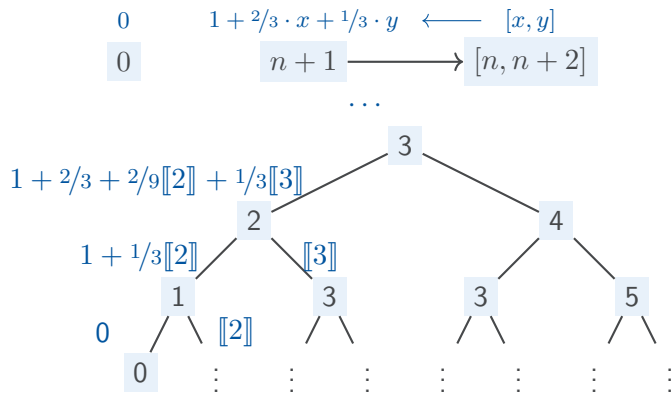
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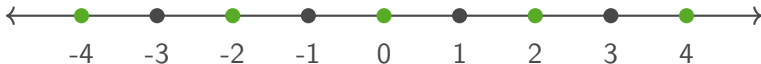
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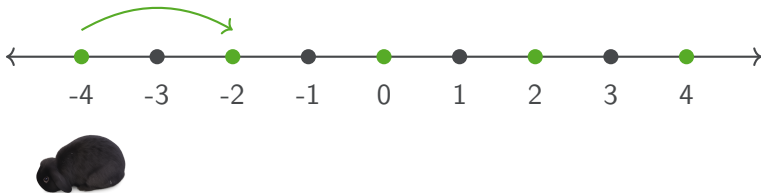
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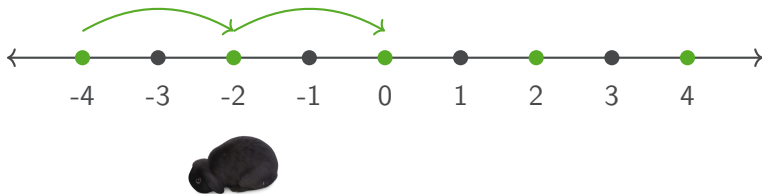
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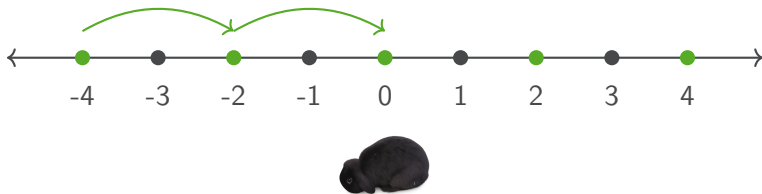
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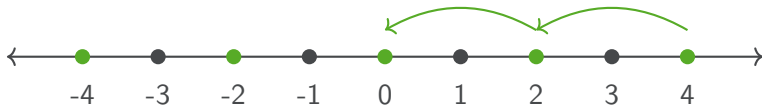
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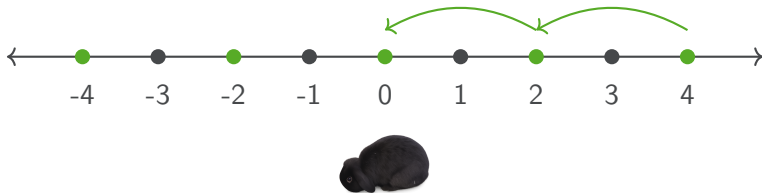
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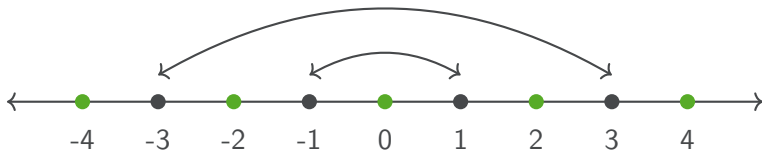
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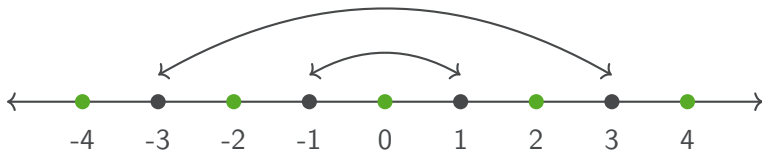
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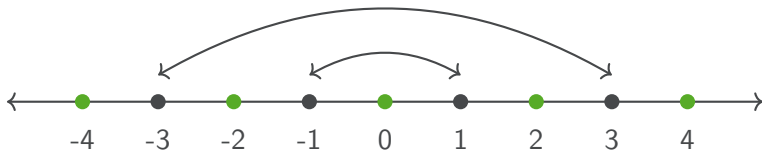
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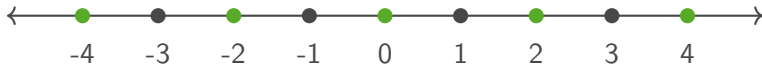
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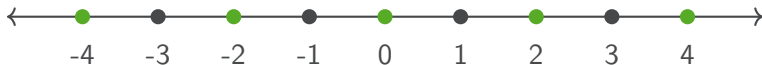
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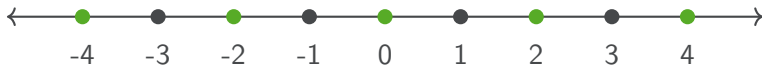
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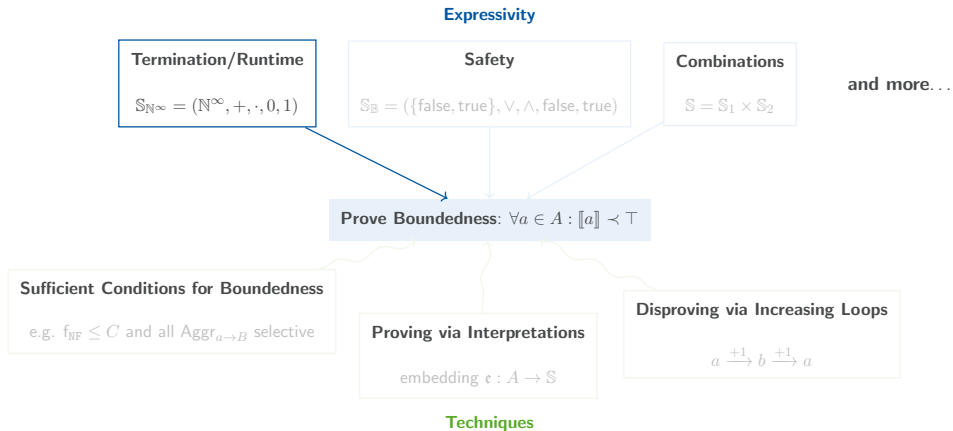
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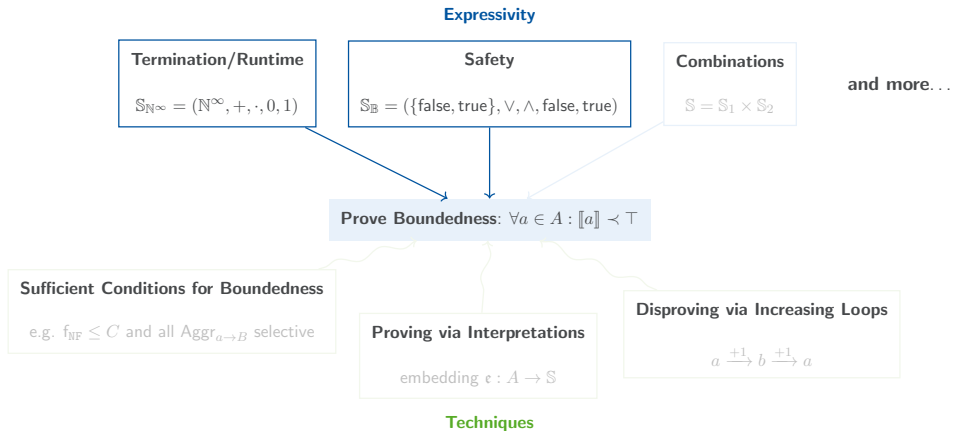
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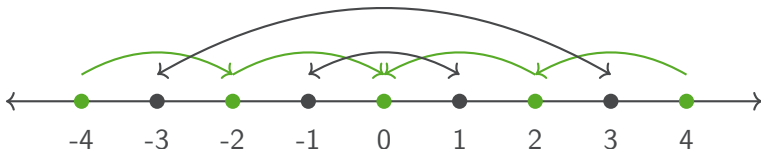
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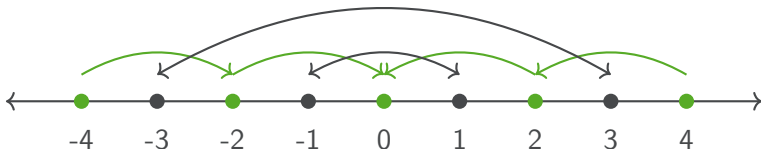
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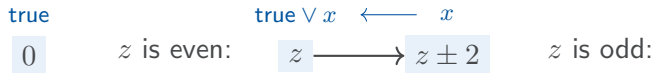
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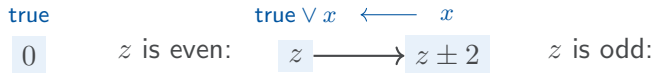
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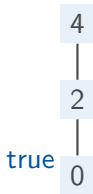
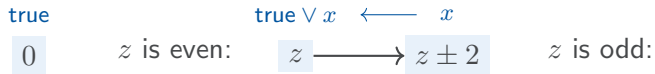
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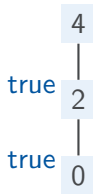
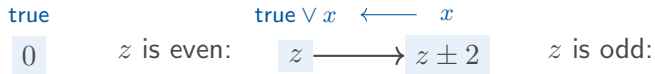
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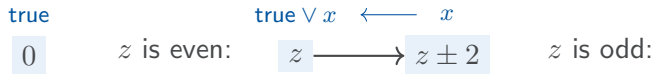
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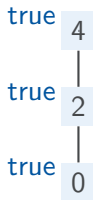
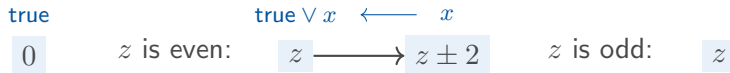
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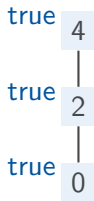
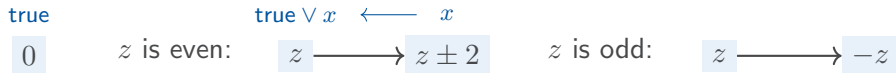
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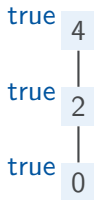
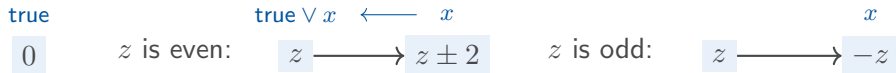
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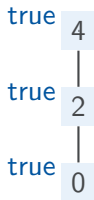
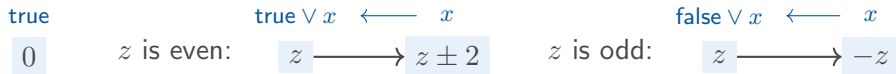
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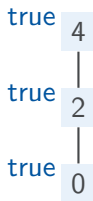
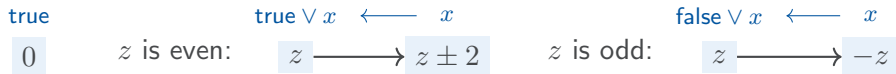
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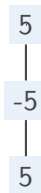
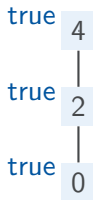
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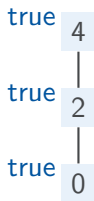
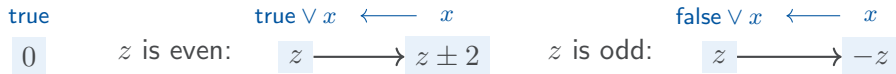
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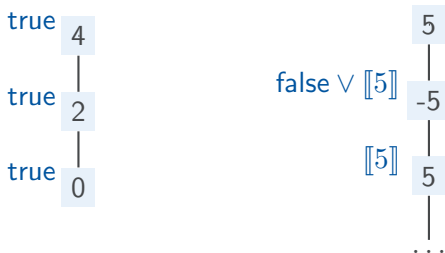
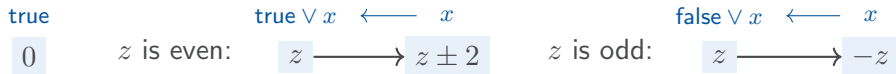
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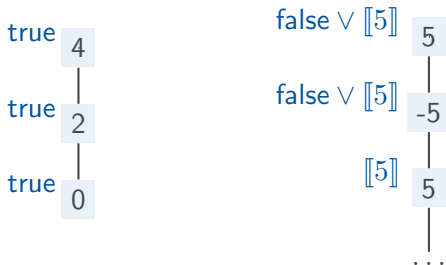
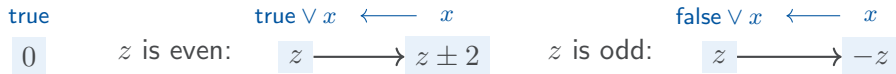
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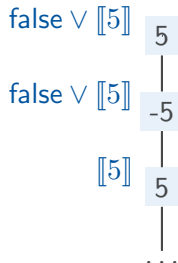
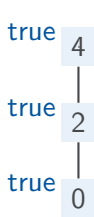
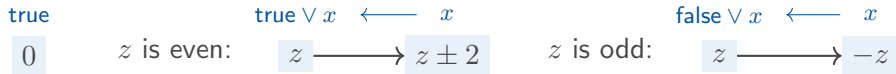
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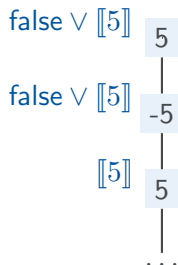
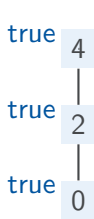
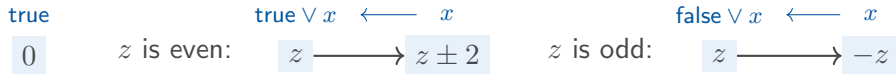


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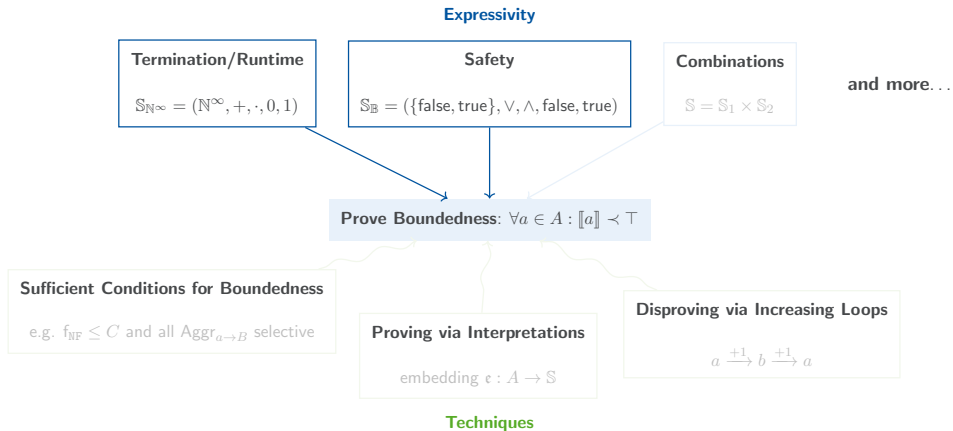
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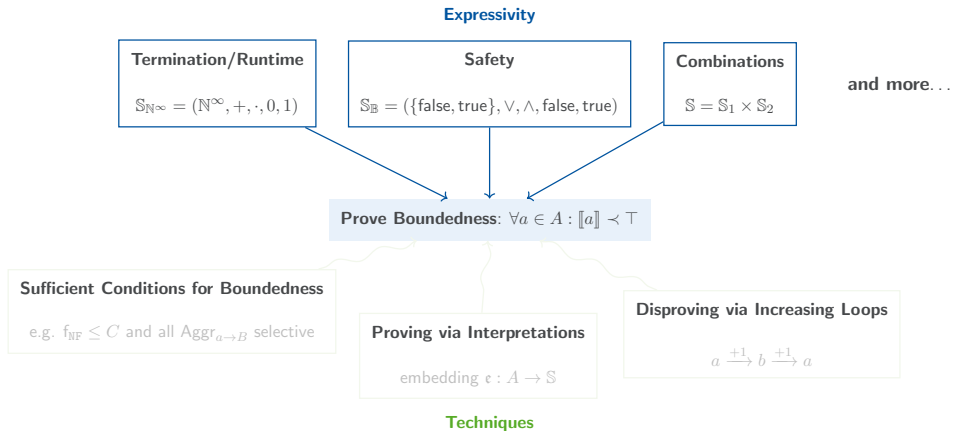
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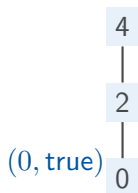
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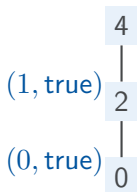
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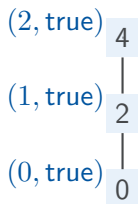
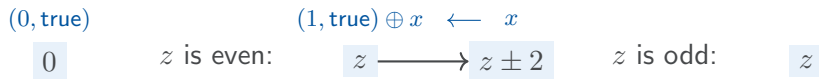
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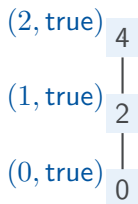
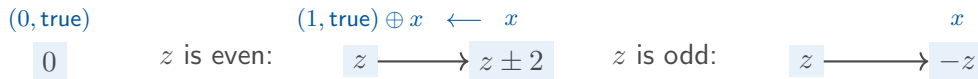
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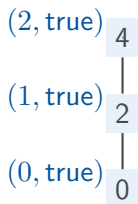
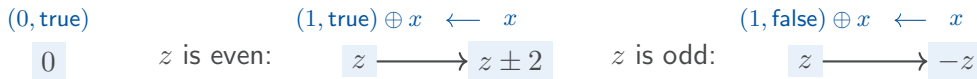
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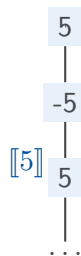
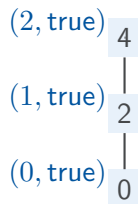
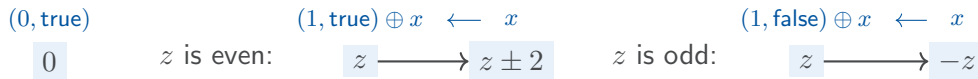
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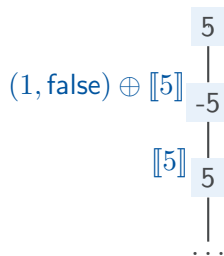
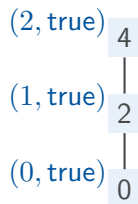
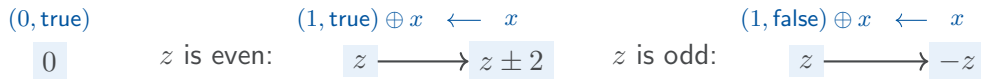
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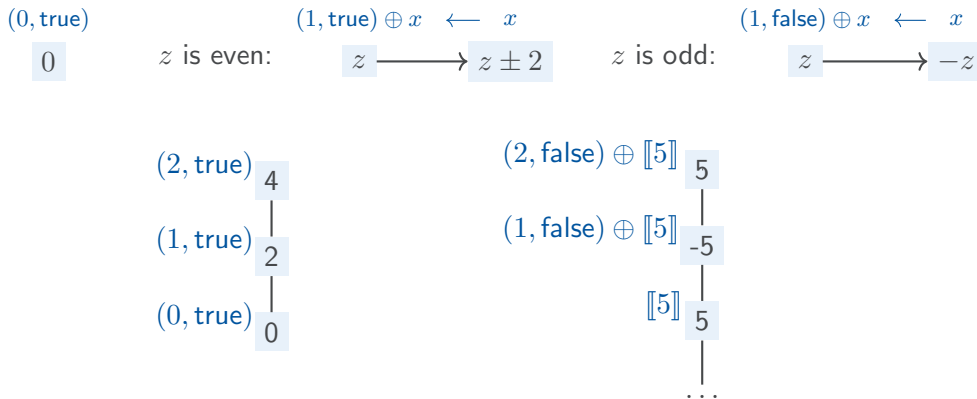
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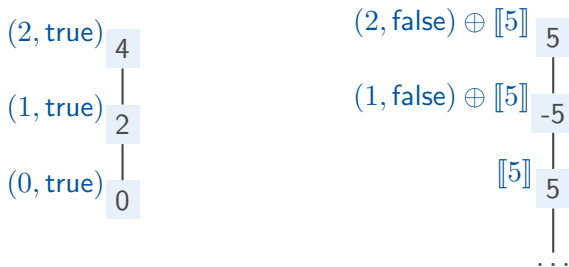
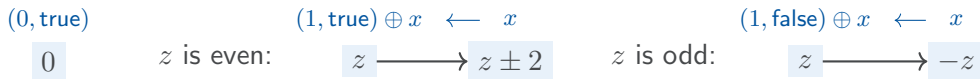
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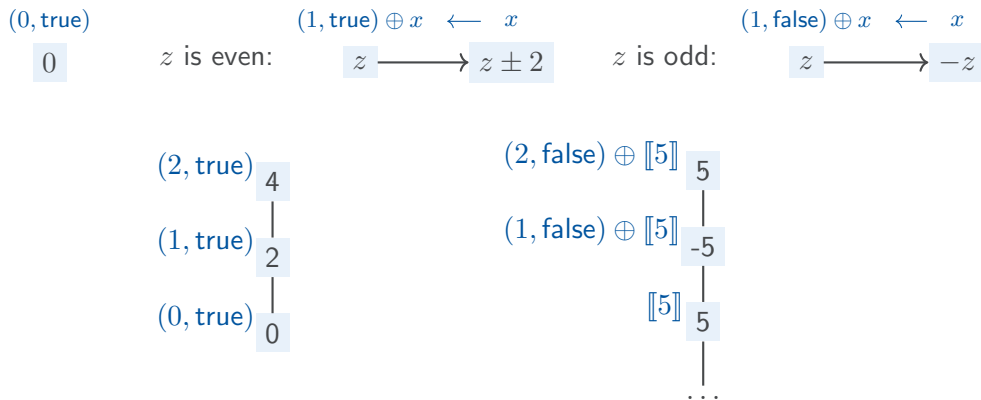
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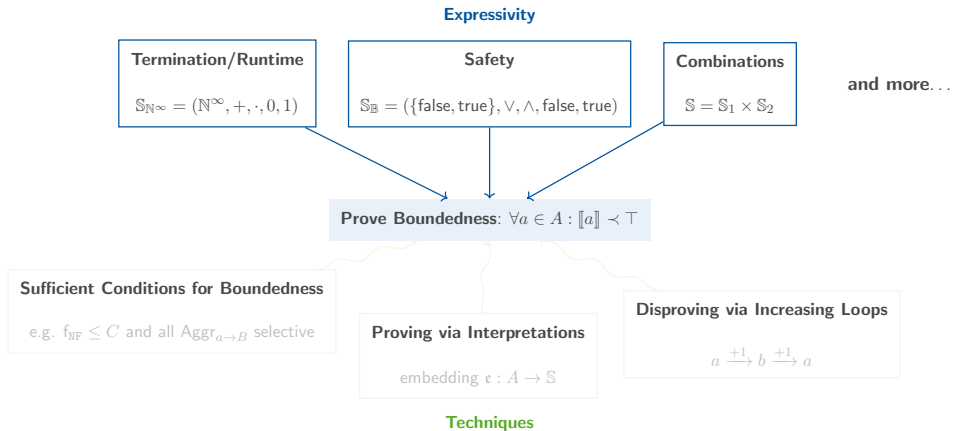
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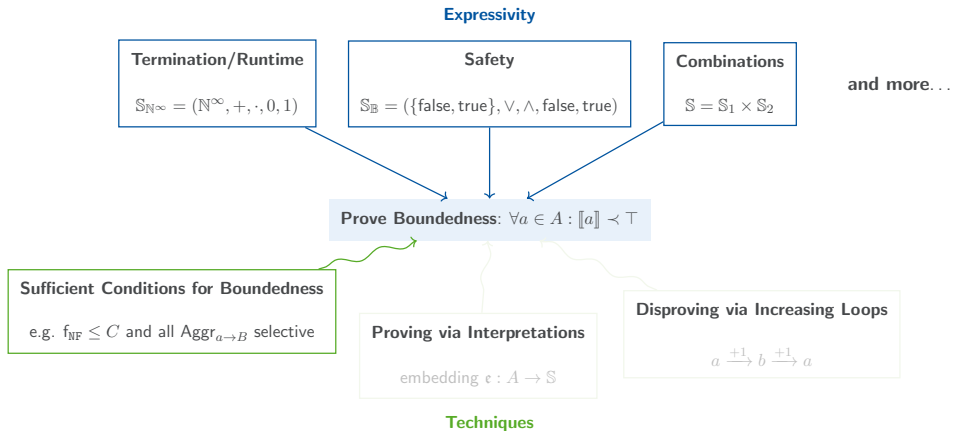
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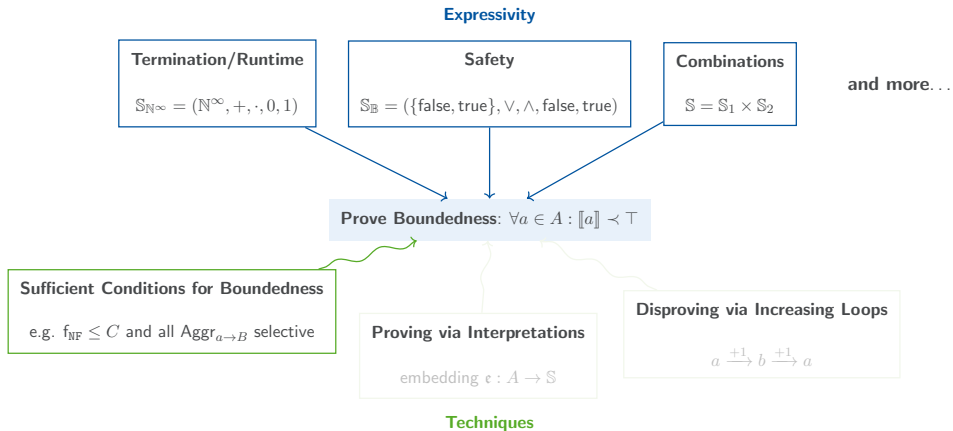
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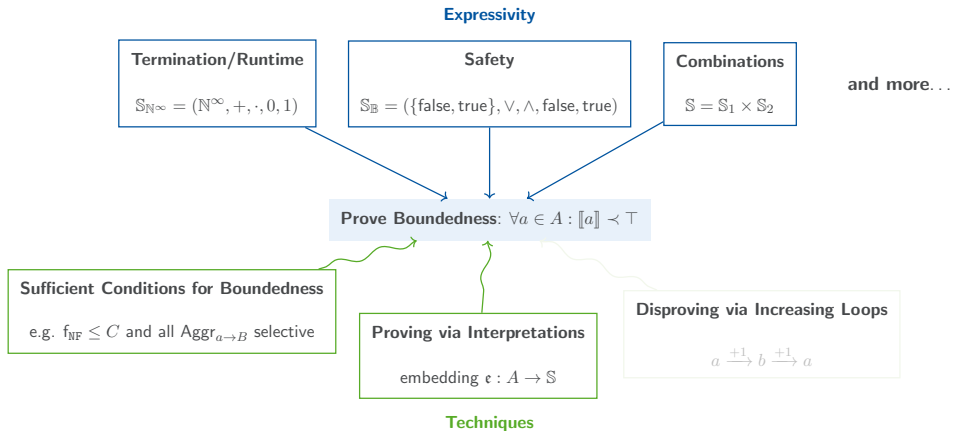


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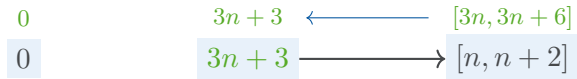
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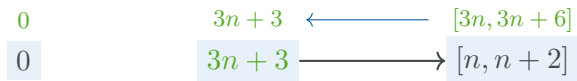
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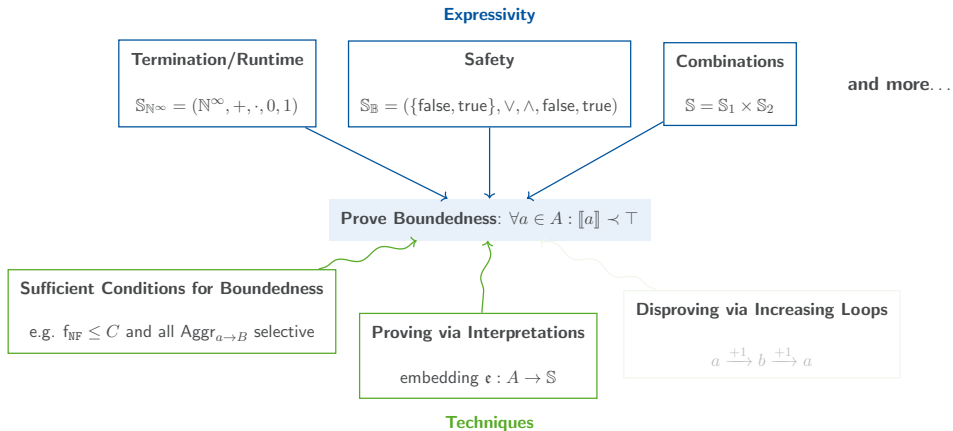
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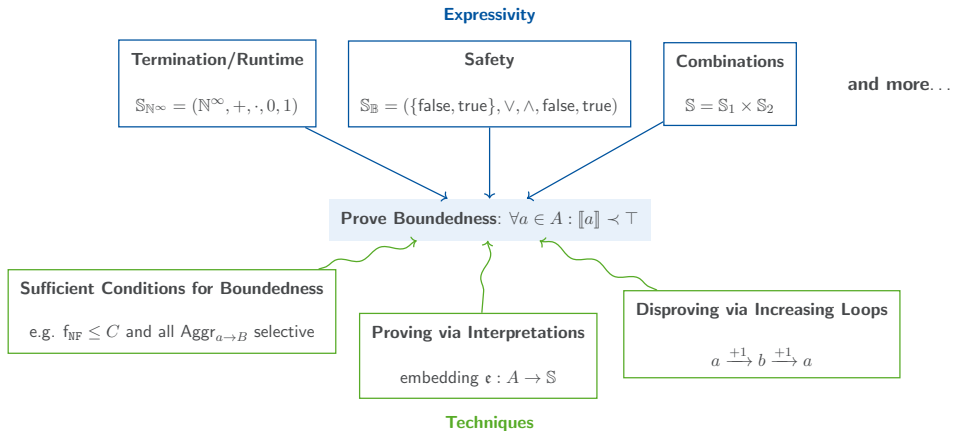


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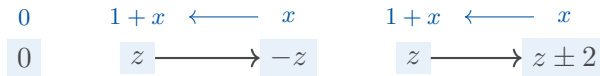


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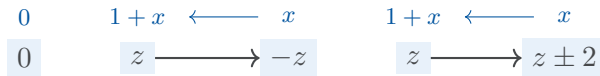
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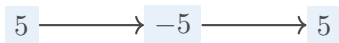
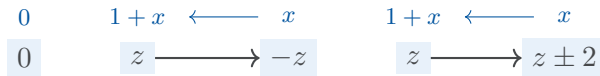


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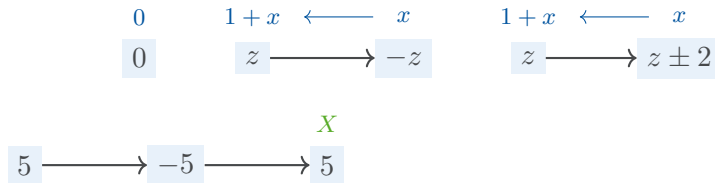


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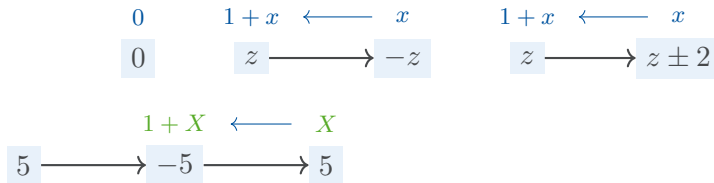


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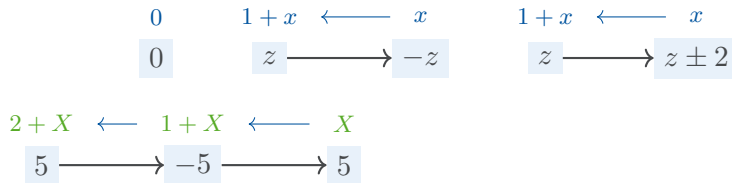


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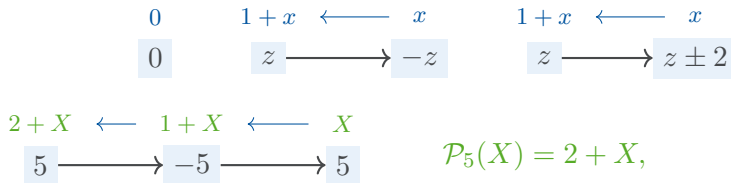


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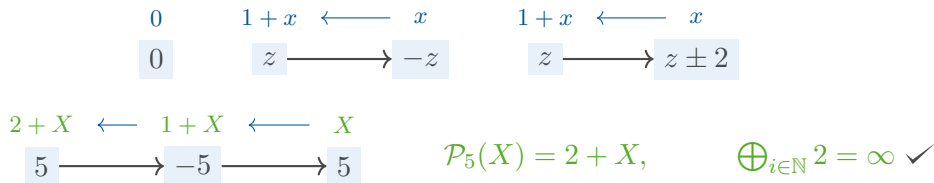


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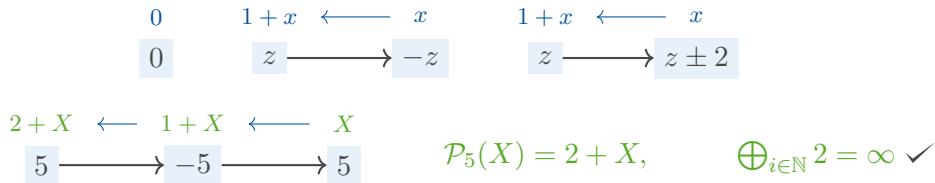


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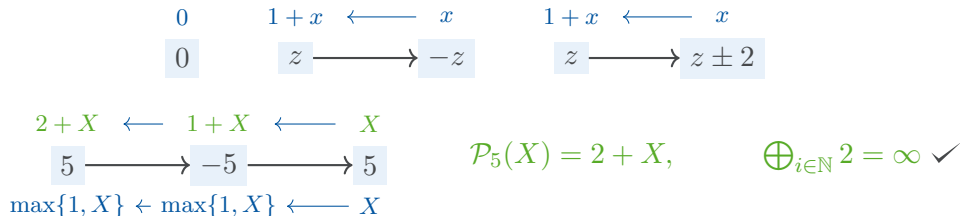
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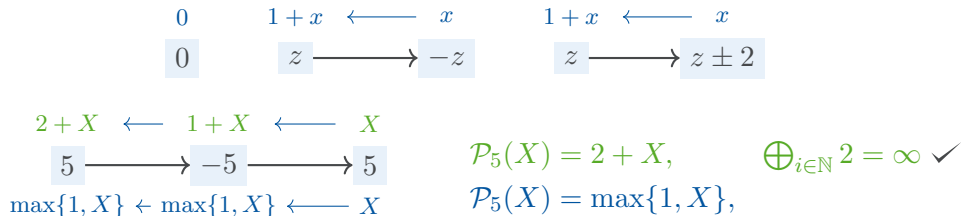
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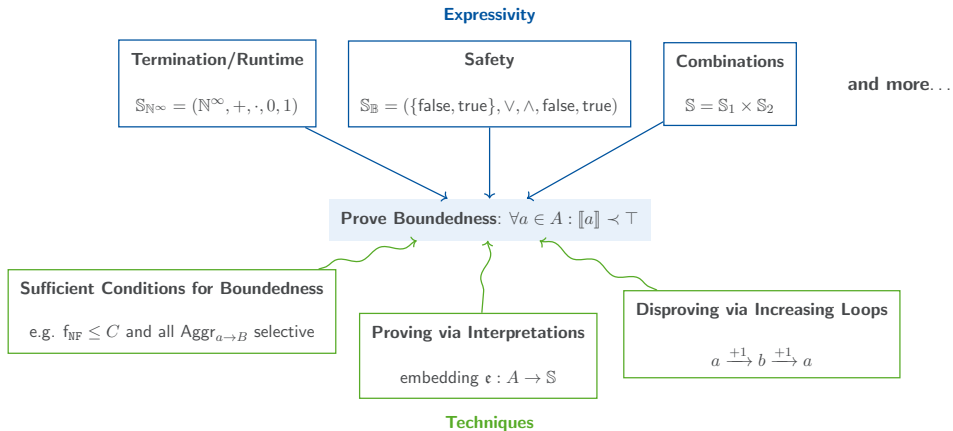
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- Show unboundedness via induced **weight polynomial** $\mathcal{P}_a(X)$ of loops $a \rightarrow^+ a$

Termination: Choose $\mathbb{S}_{\text{N}^\infty} = (\mathbb{N}^\infty, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ and

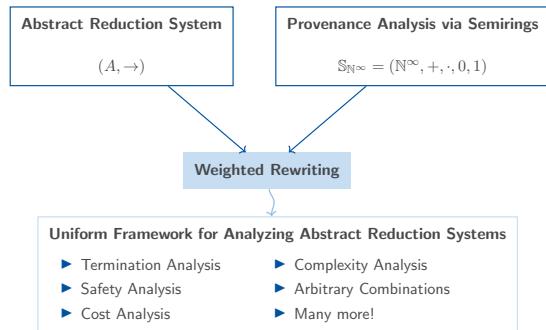
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 1+x \leftarrow x \\ z \longrightarrow -z \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 1+x \leftarrow x \\ z \longrightarrow z \pm 2 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{c} 2+X \leftarrow 1+X \leftarrow X \\ 5 \longrightarrow -5 \longrightarrow 5 \\ \max\{1, X\} \leftarrow \max\{1, X\} \leftarrow X \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P}_5(X) = 2+X, \quad \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} 2 = \infty \checkmark \\ \mathcal{P}_5(X) = \max\{1, X\}, \quad \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{N}} 1 = 1 \times \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Are all reductions terminating? No!



One Framework Fits All

- ▶ Framework to unify research questions
- ▶ Lifts techniques from one area to another
- ▶ Future Work:
 - ▶ Lift more techniques to weighted rewriting
 - ▶ Confluence w.r.t. weightings
 - ▶ Automate the techniques



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