

Nim Value and Mex Rule: Additional Slides

If $G \equiv \ast(n)$, a single heap of n chips, then we say it has nim value n , denoted $N(G)=n$. So in particular, we have $N(\ast n) = n$.

$N(G+H)=N(G) \oplus N(H)$. In particular

$$N(\text{Nim}[3,6]) = N(\ast 3) \oplus N(\ast 6) = (1 \oplus 2) + (4 \oplus 2) = 1 \oplus 4 = 5$$

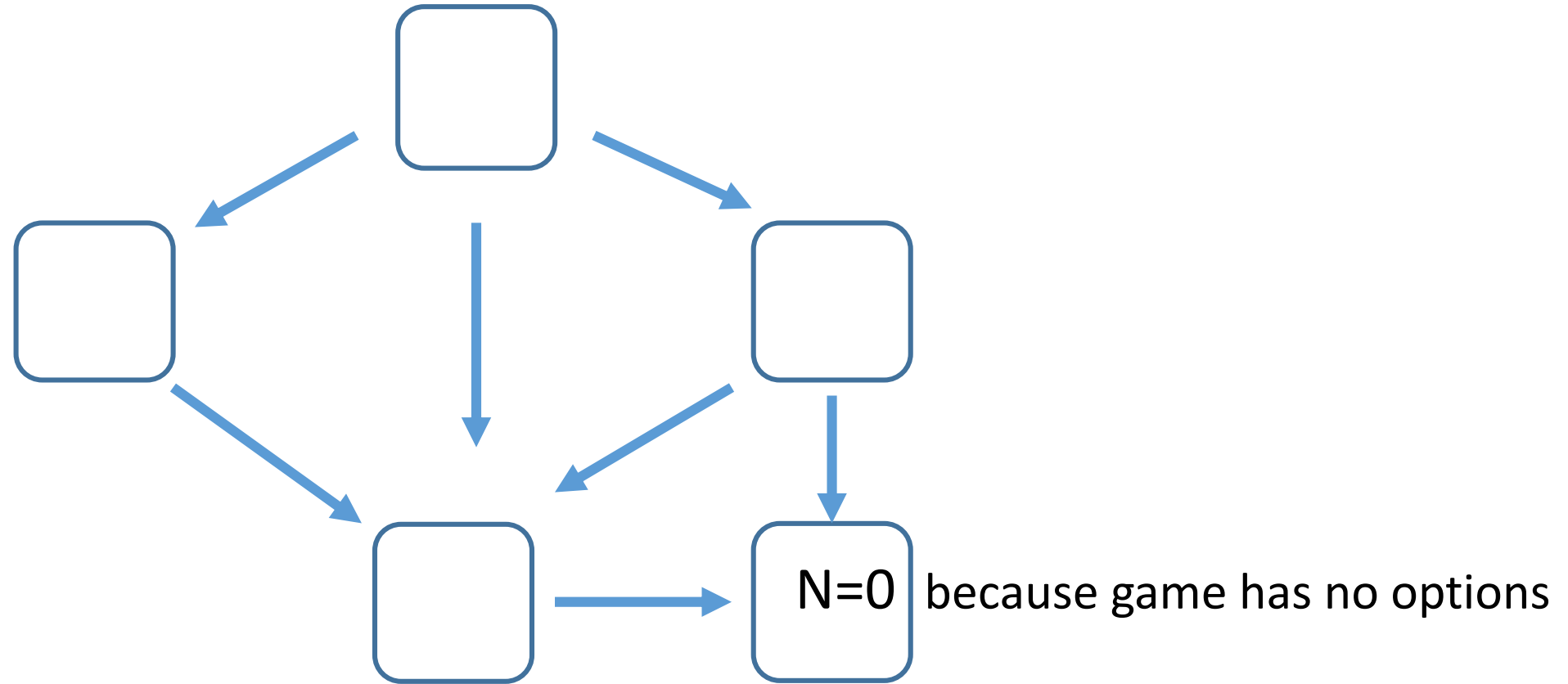
If $N(G)>0$ then $W(G)=1$ (it is a winning game- the option with $N=0$ is losing)

If $N(G)=0$ then $W(G)=0$ (it is a losing game)

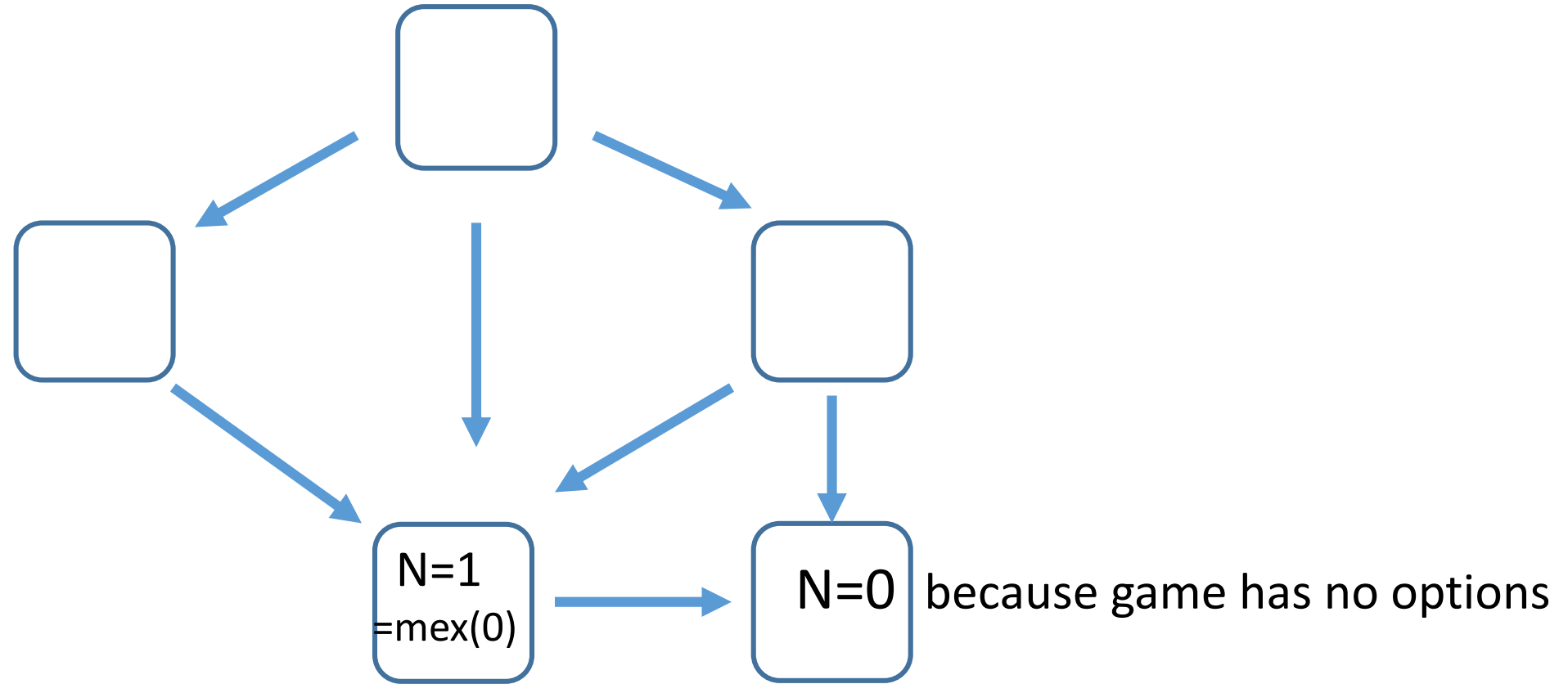
If G has options G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m , then

$N(G) = \text{mex}(N(G_1), N(G_2), \dots, N(G_m))$. The nim value of a game is the mex of the nim values of its options.

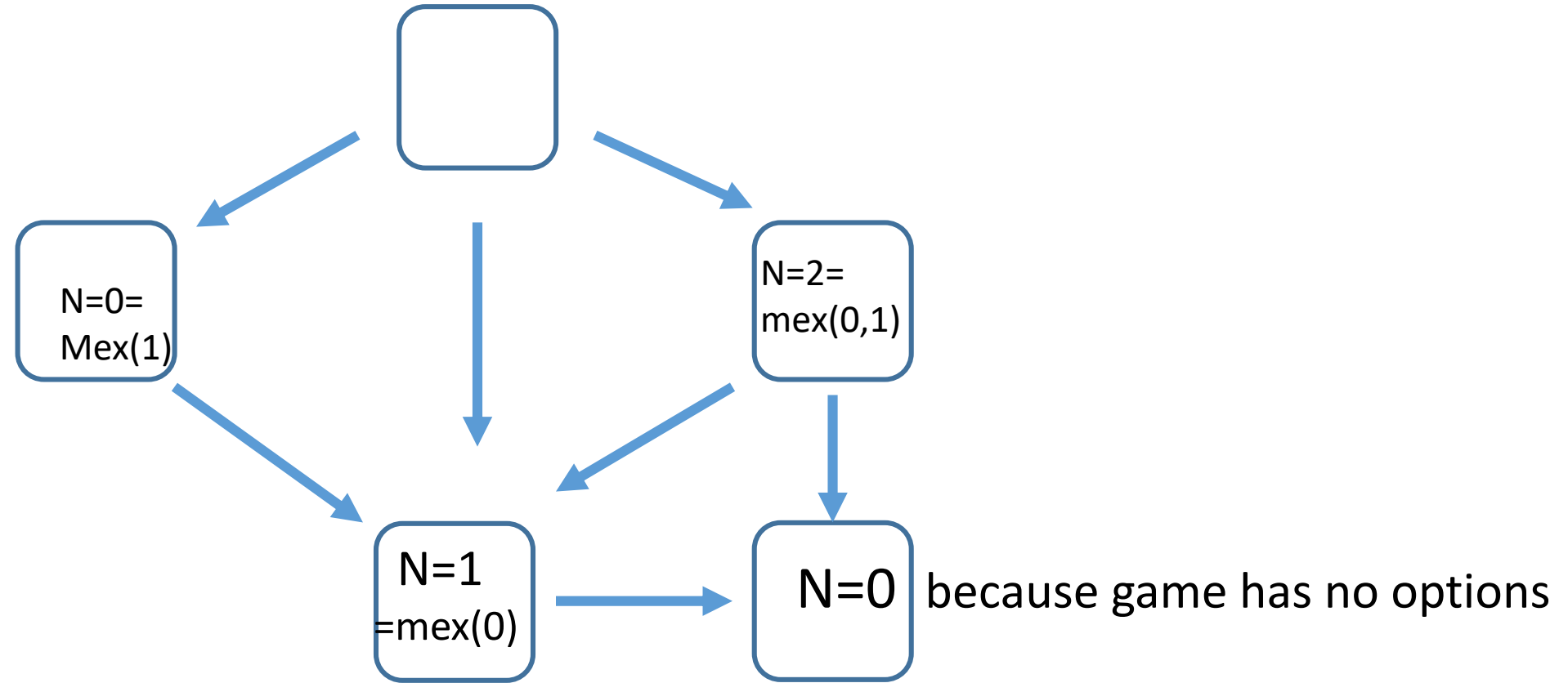
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