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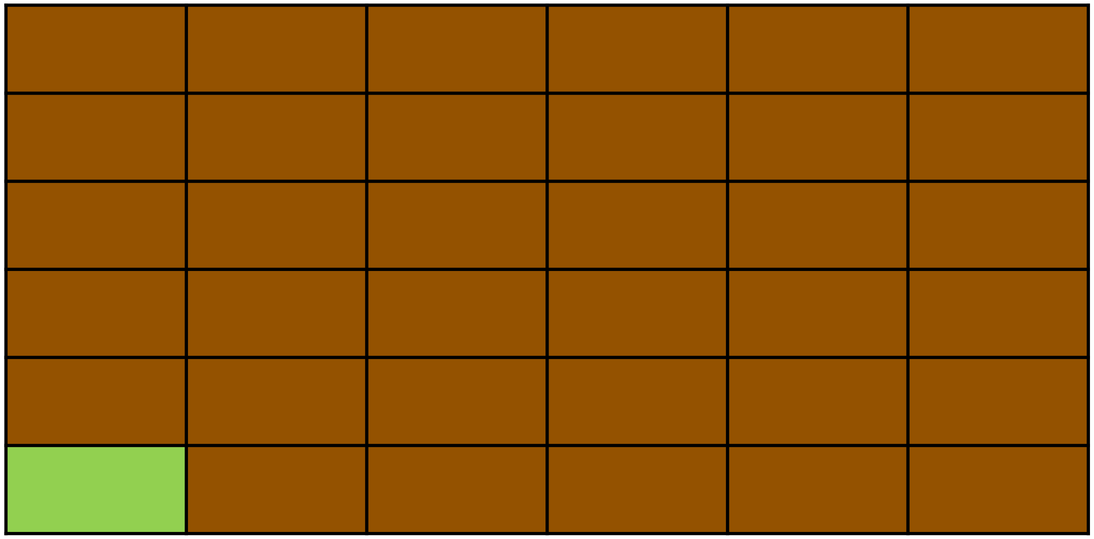

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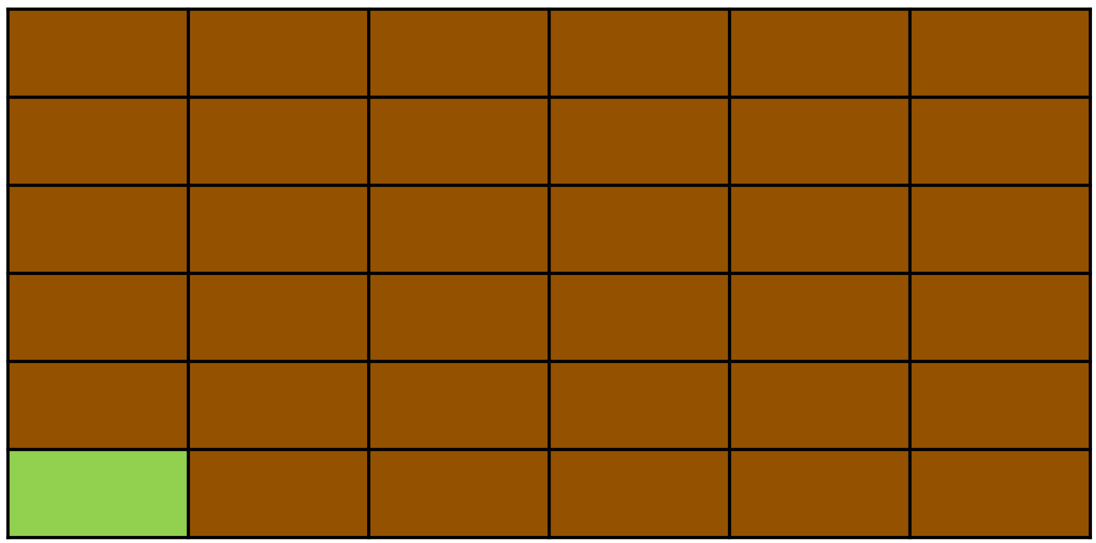

Unfortunately, one piece is poisoned

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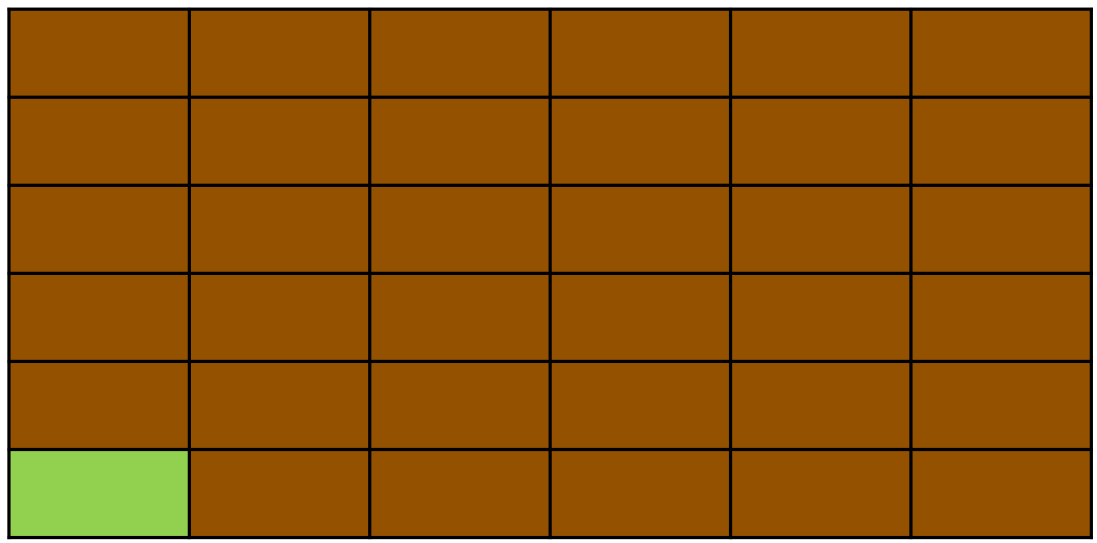

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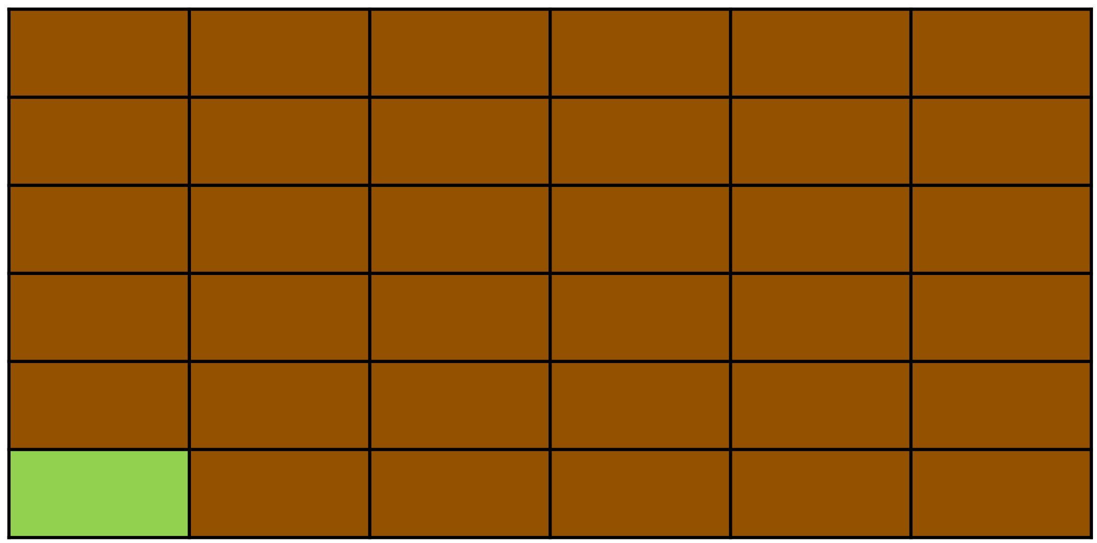
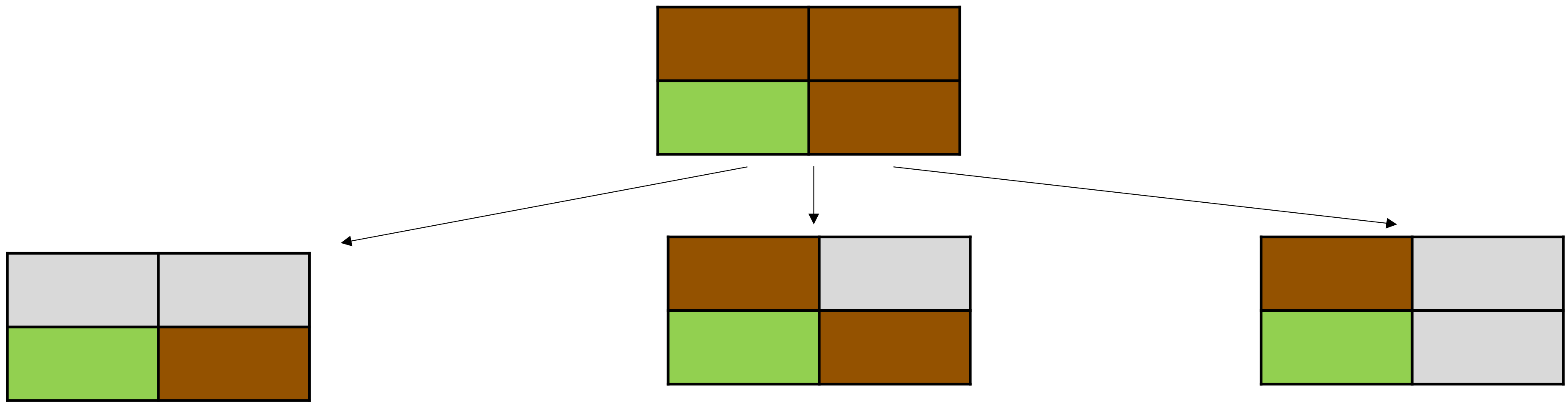


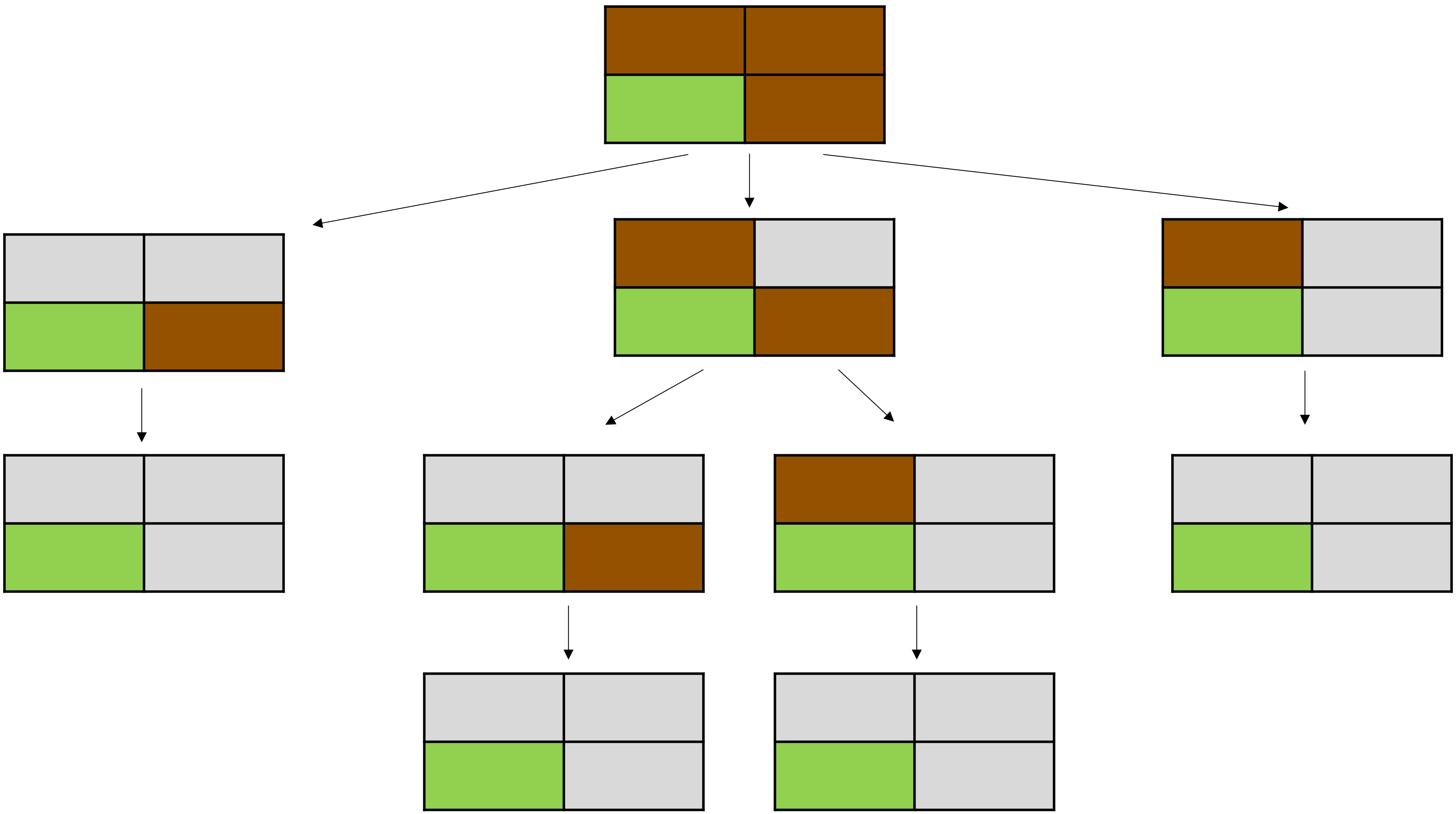
Try not to eat the poisoned piece

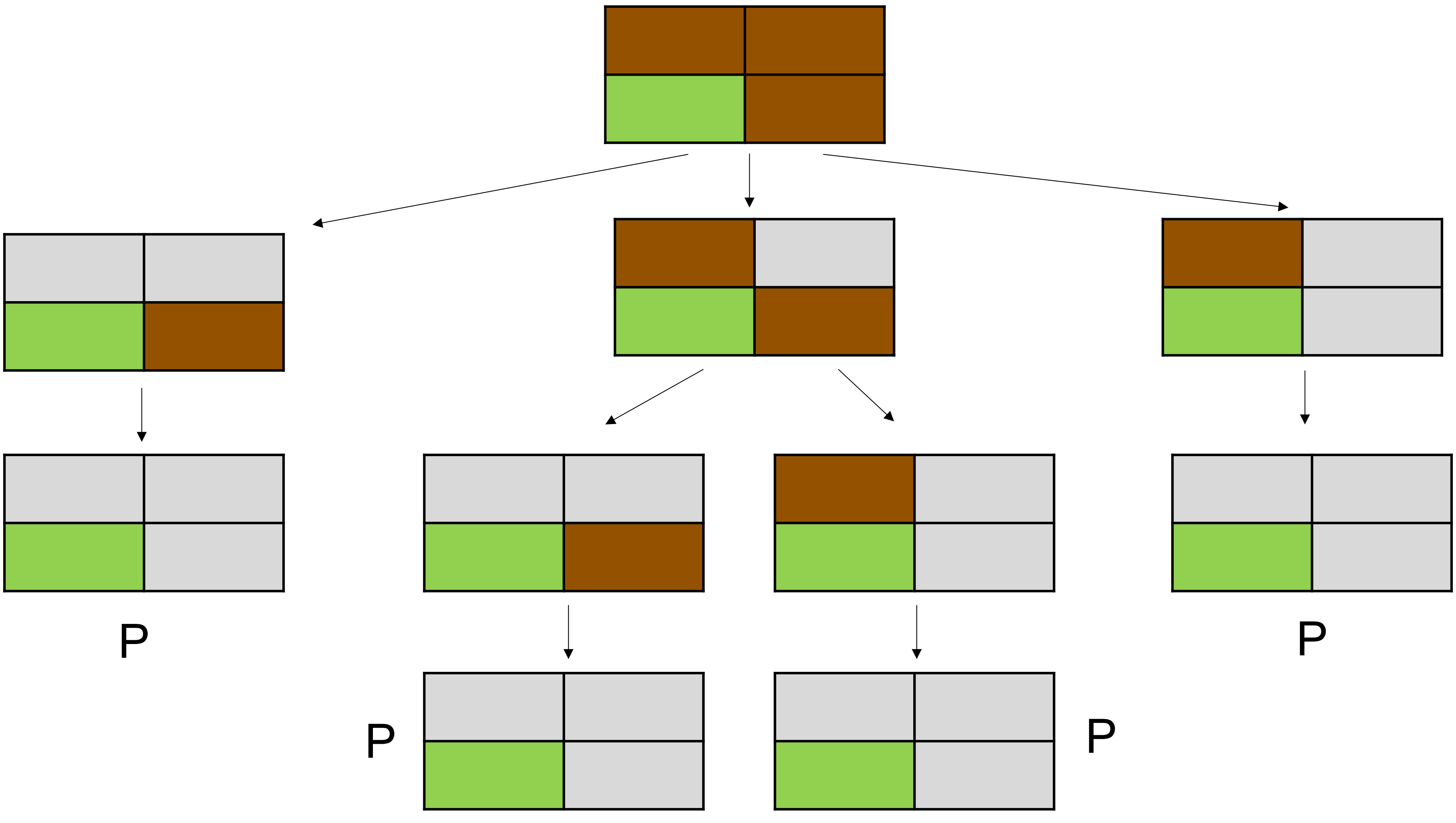
Over to Neel

Tiny Chomp

Who feels ill tomorrow?



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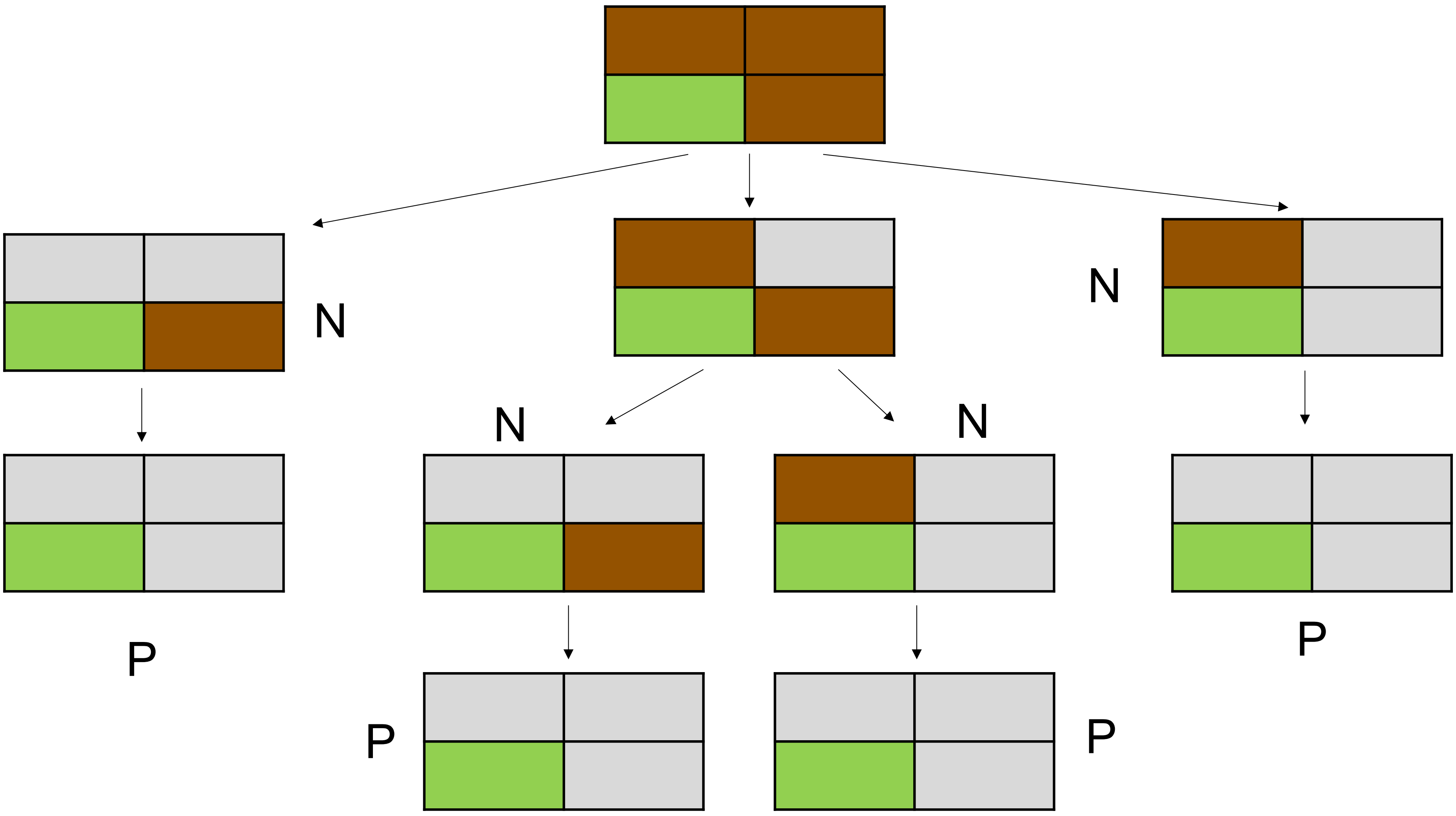
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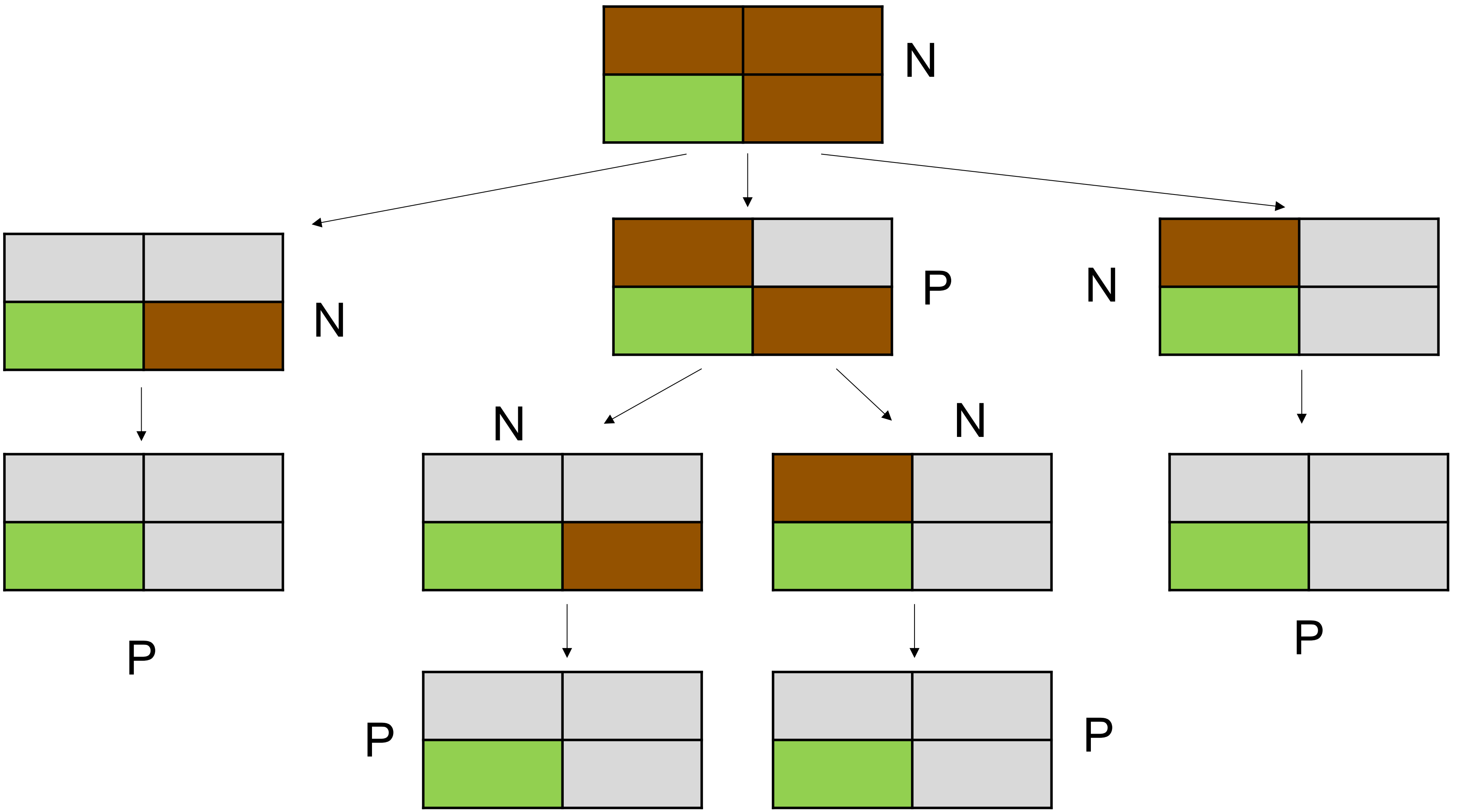

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Combinatorial Games

Game board and rules

Two player

Turn-based

No hidden information

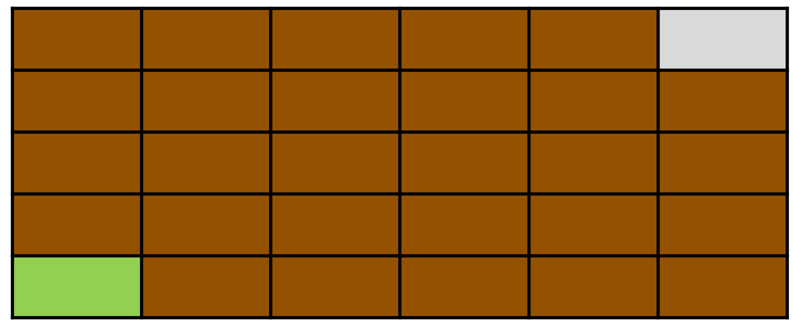
No Chance

Terminates in finite steps

Fundamental Theorem

Either the first player or the second can force a win – not both

First player wins chomp



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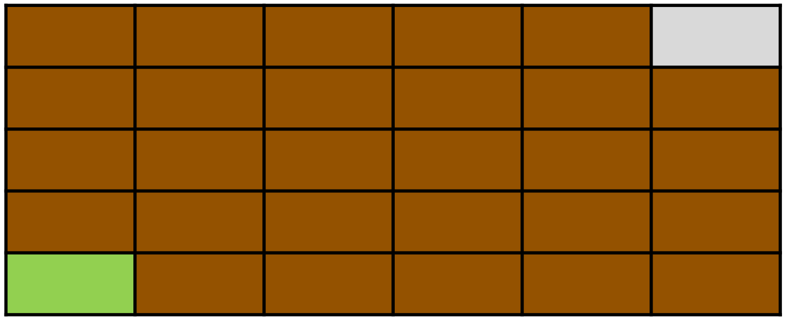

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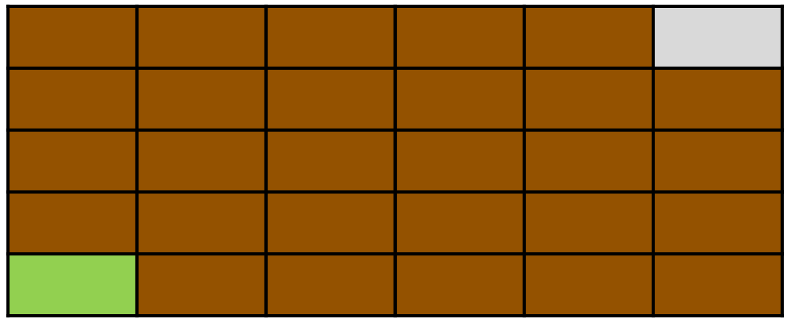

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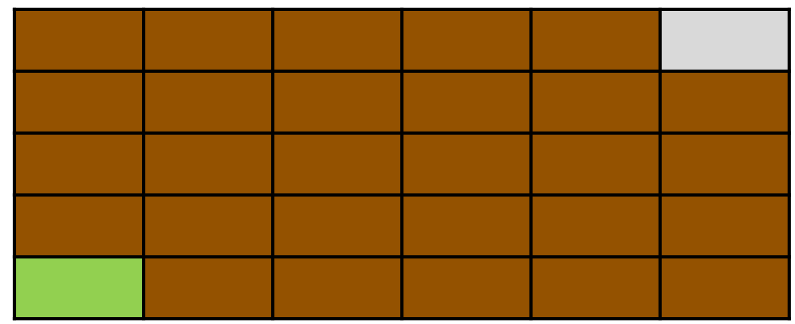

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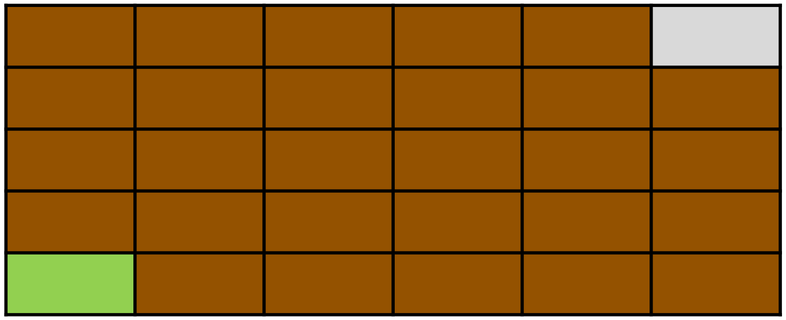

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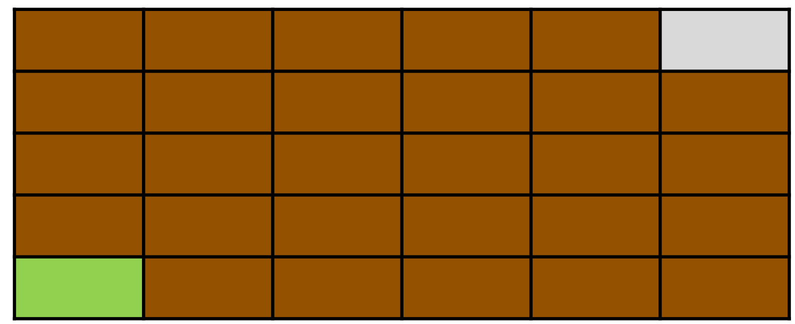

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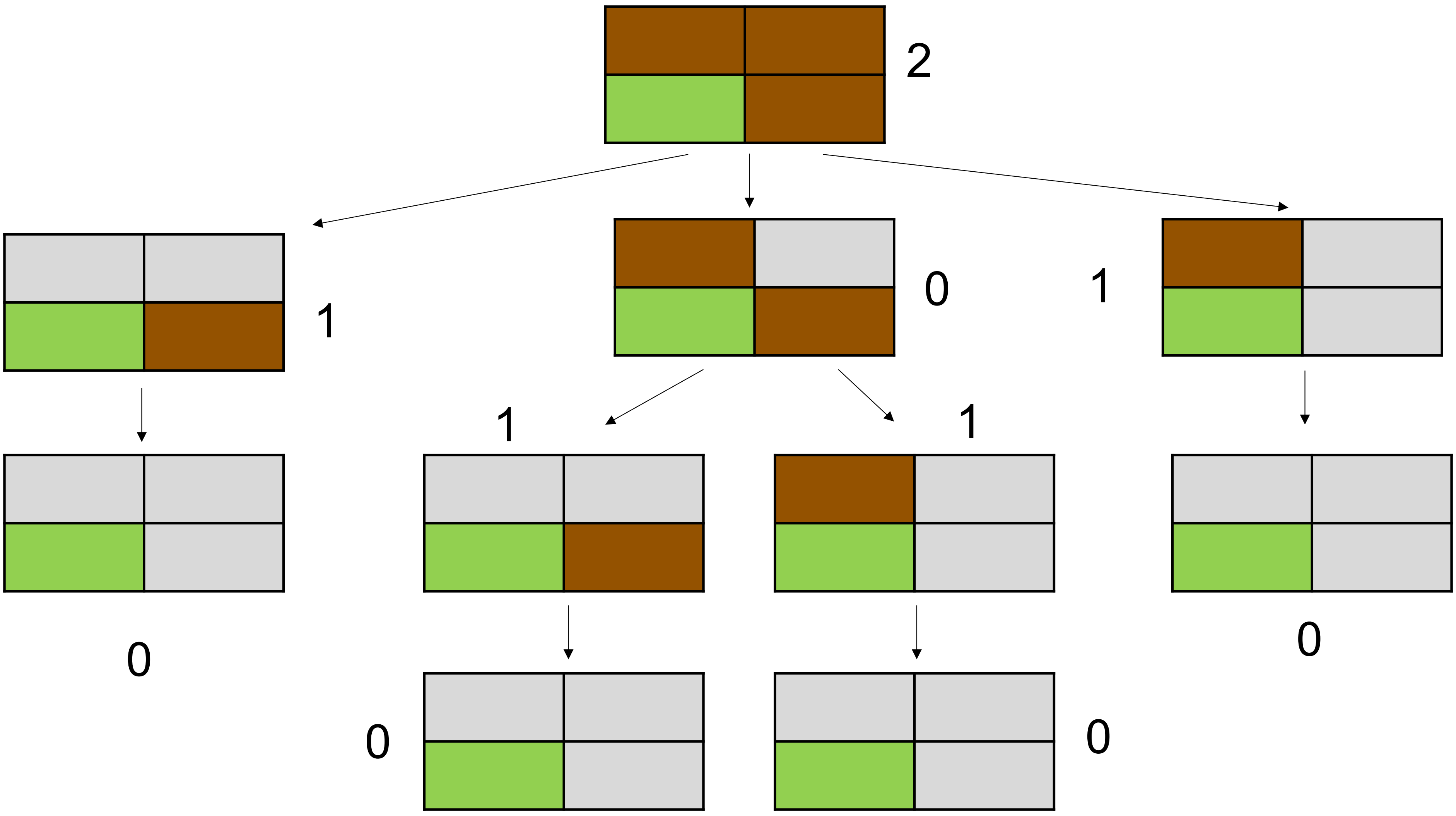

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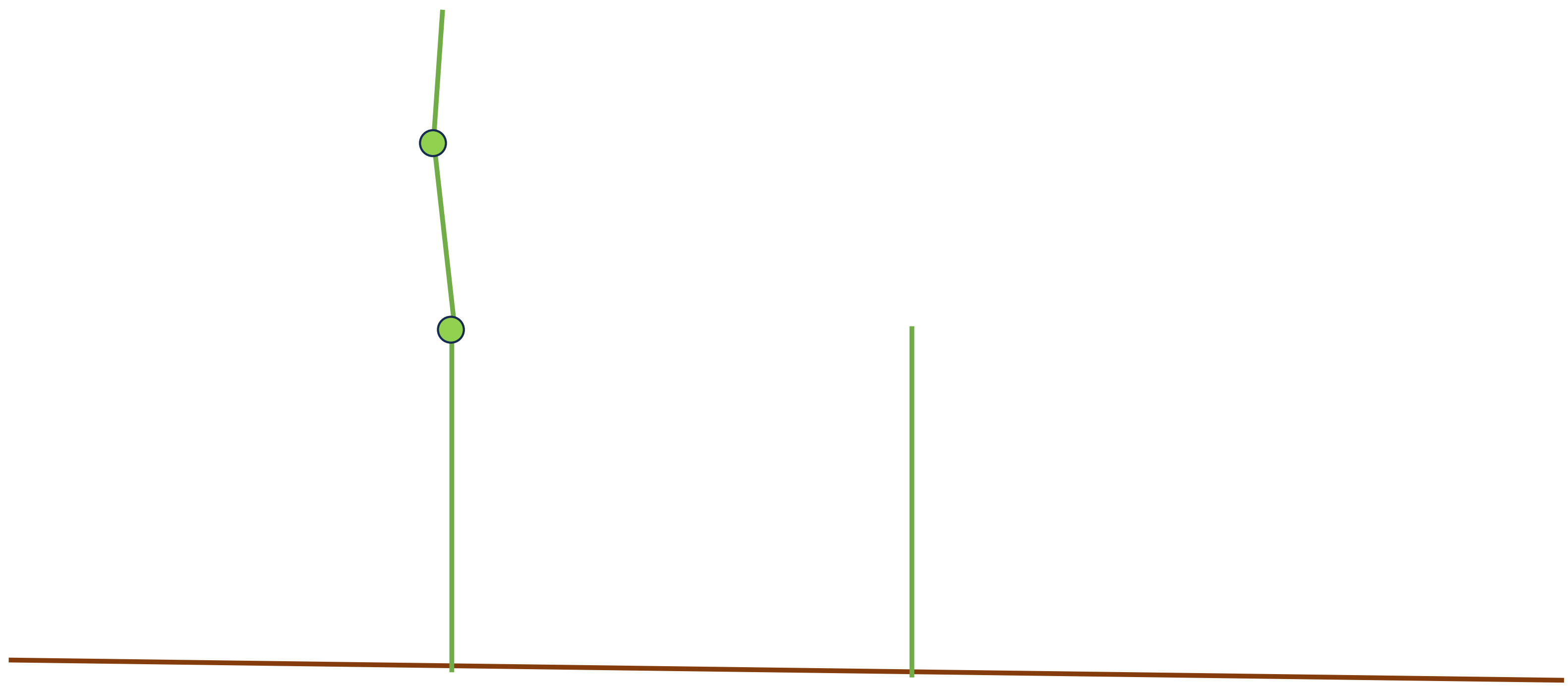
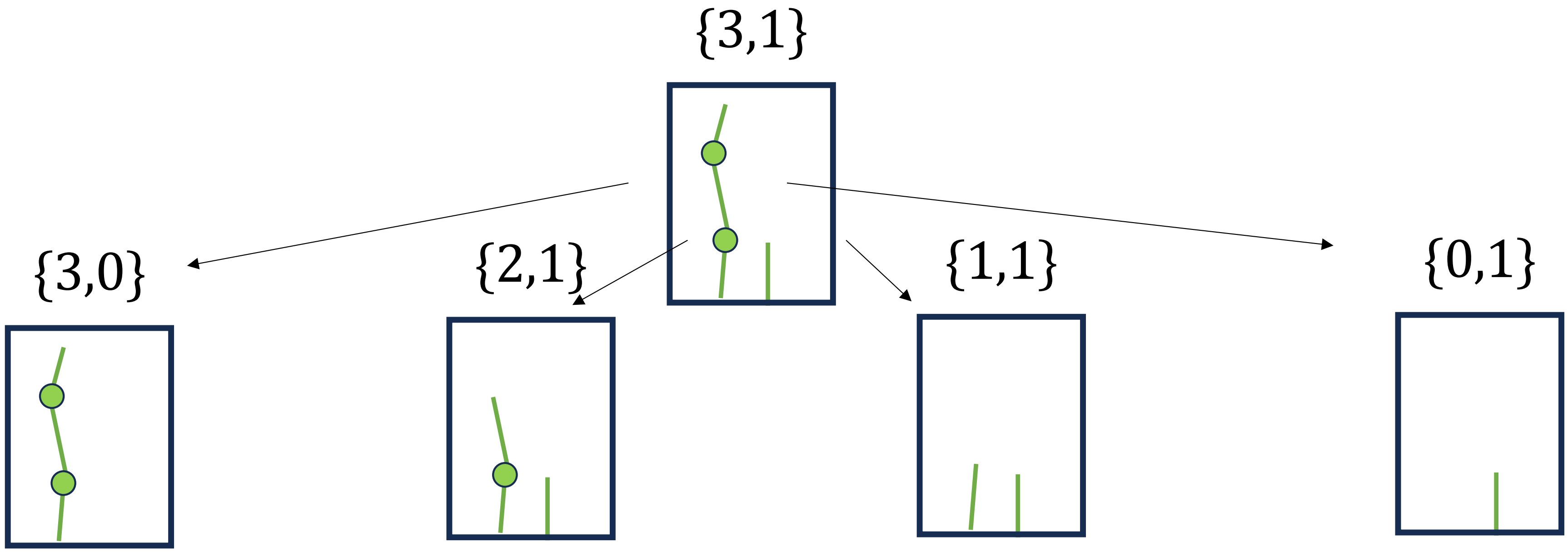
Time for some Hackenbush





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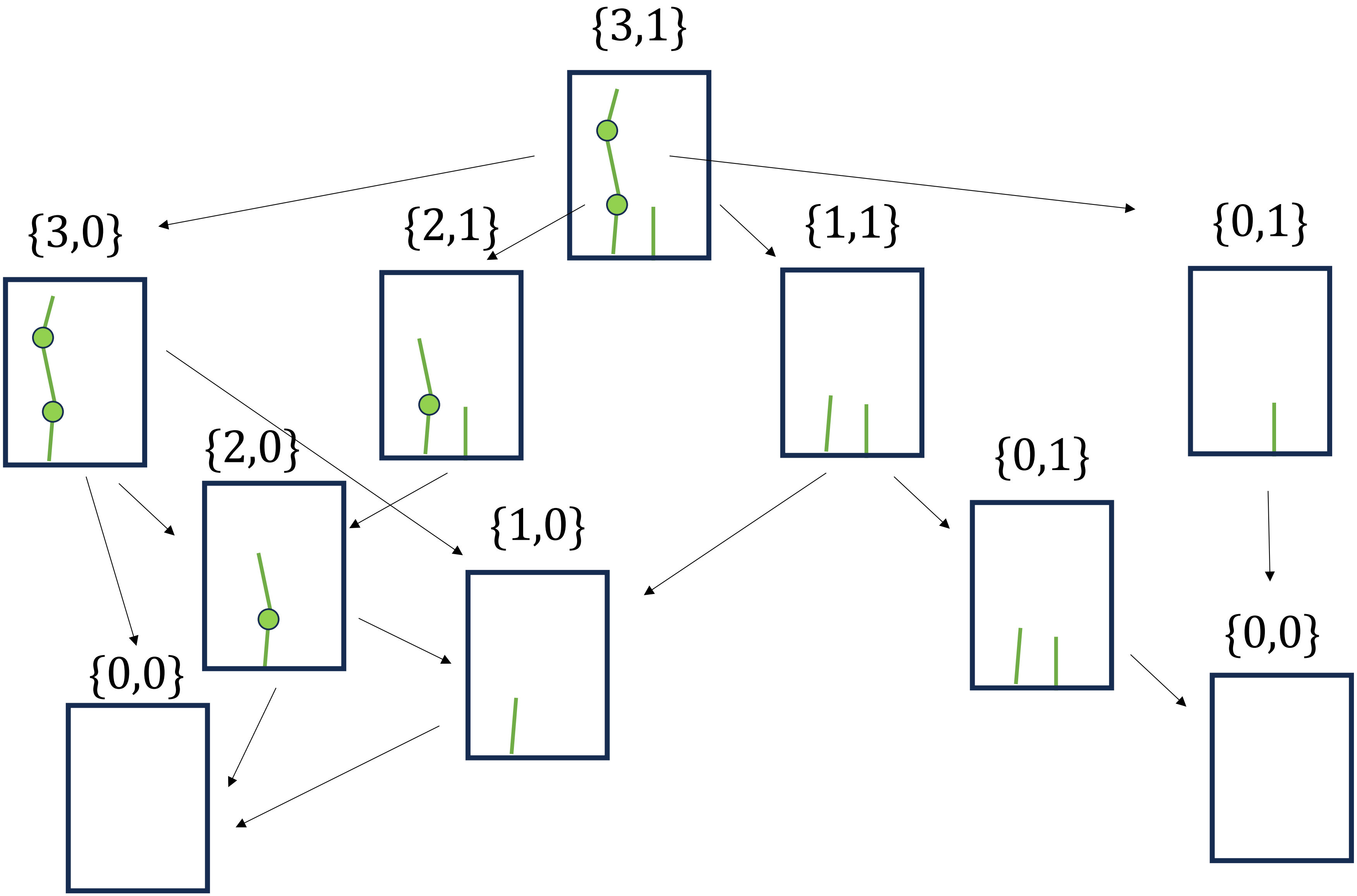
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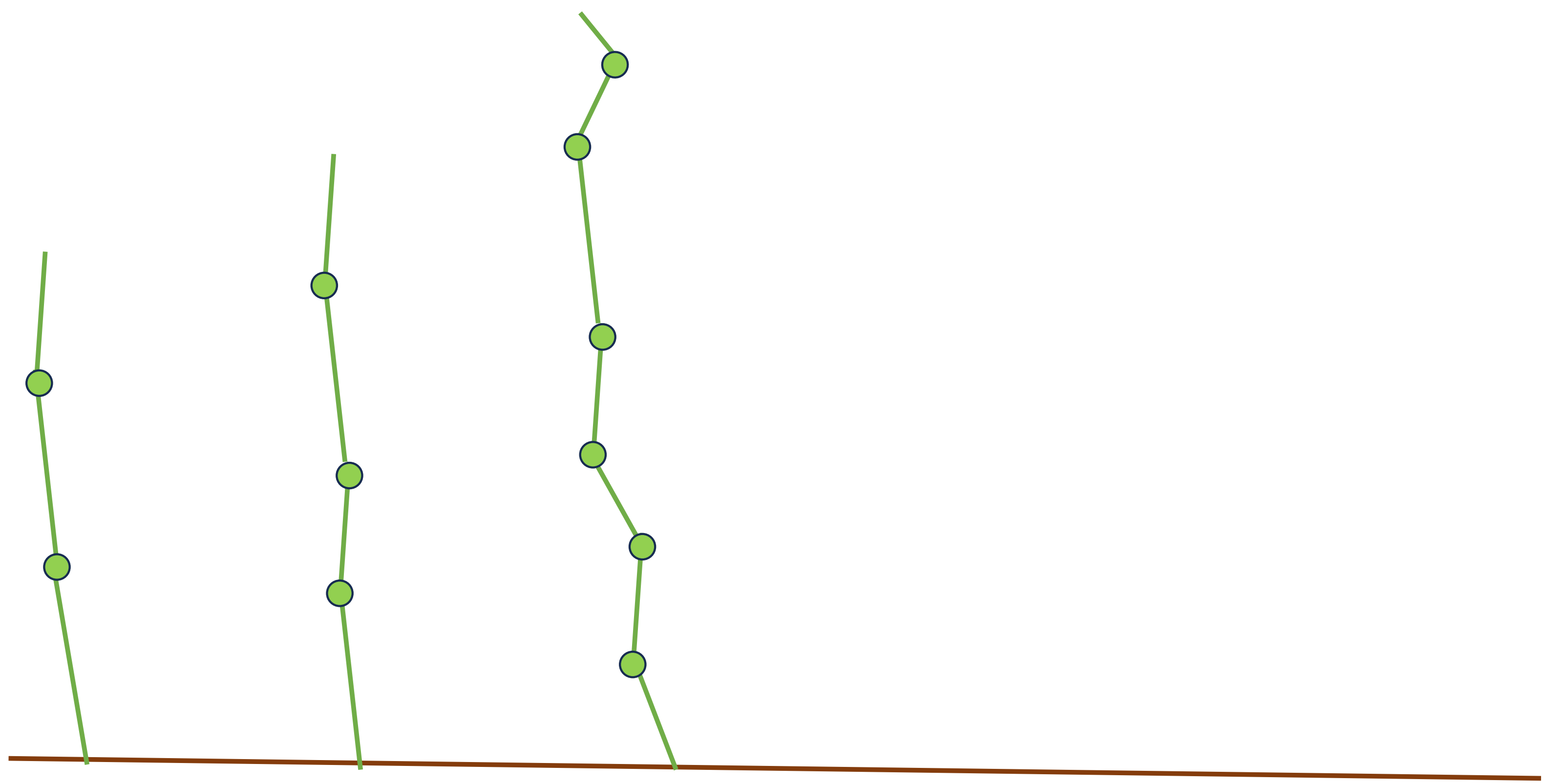

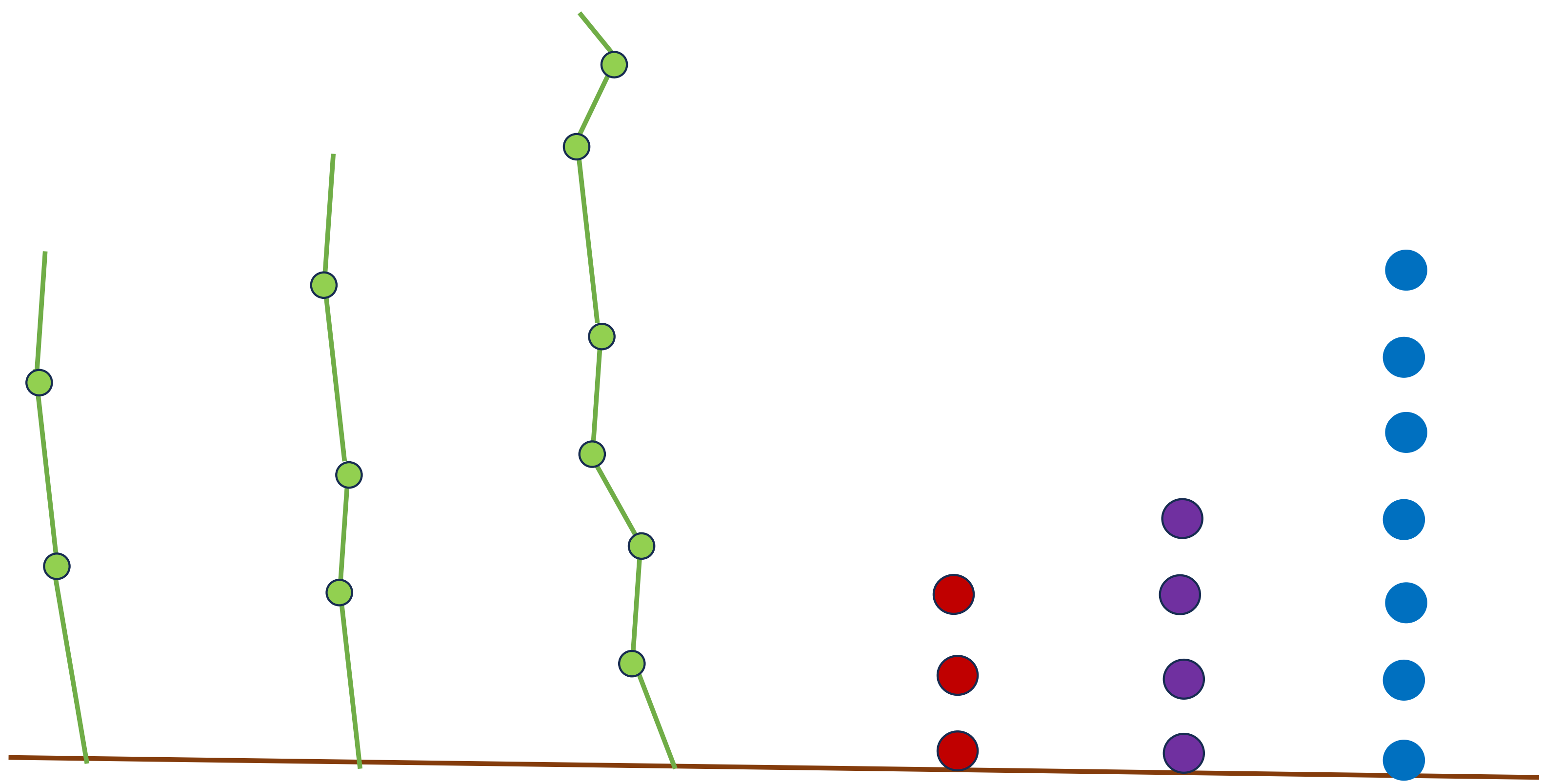

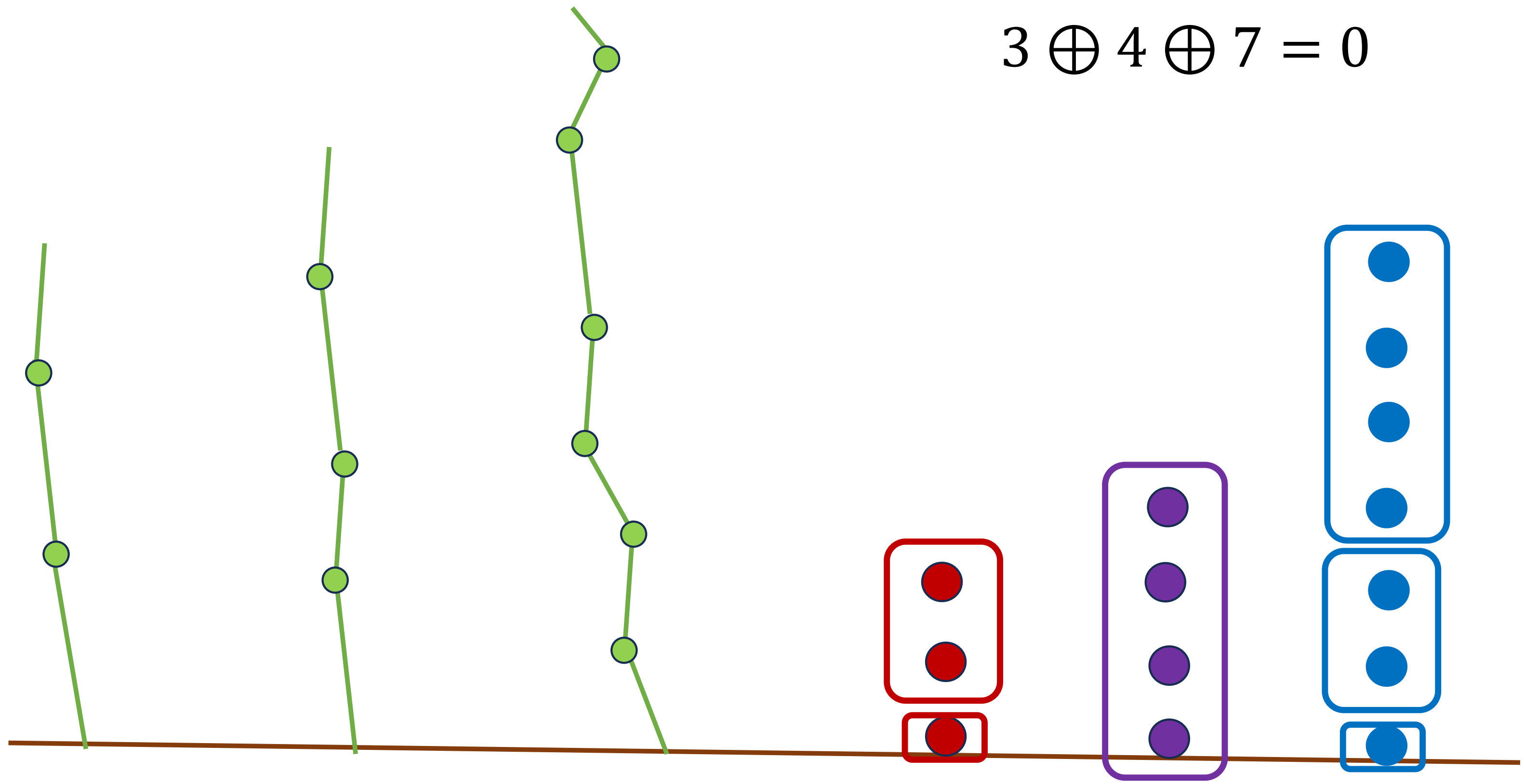
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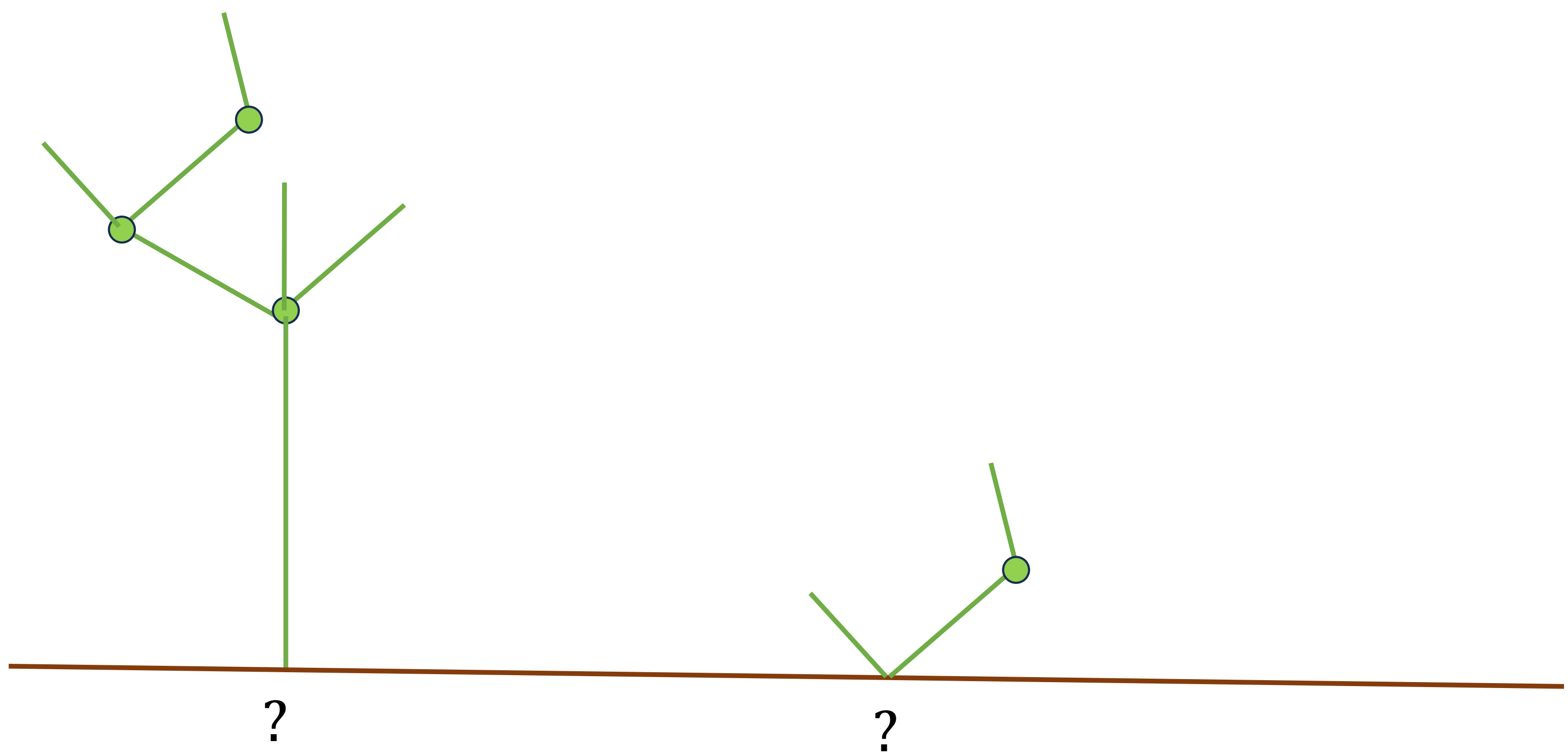

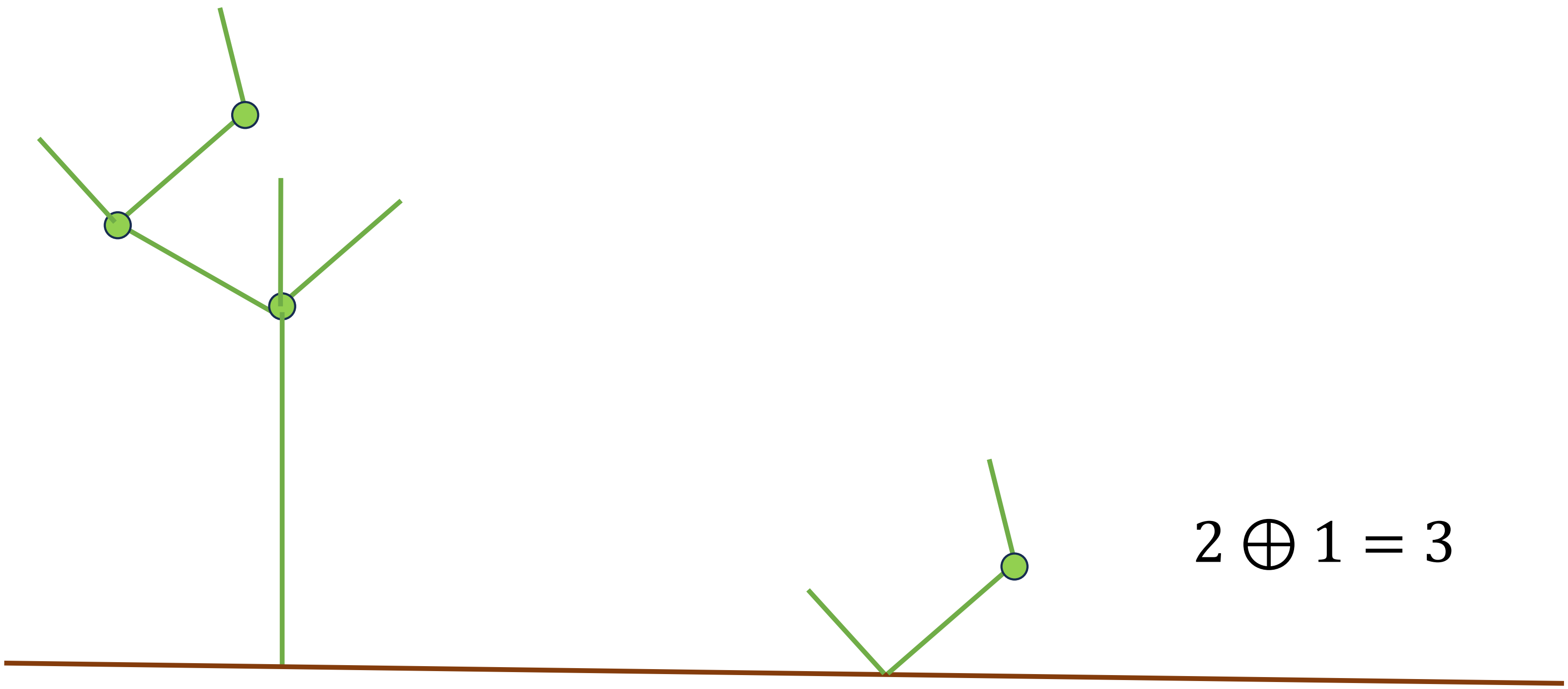

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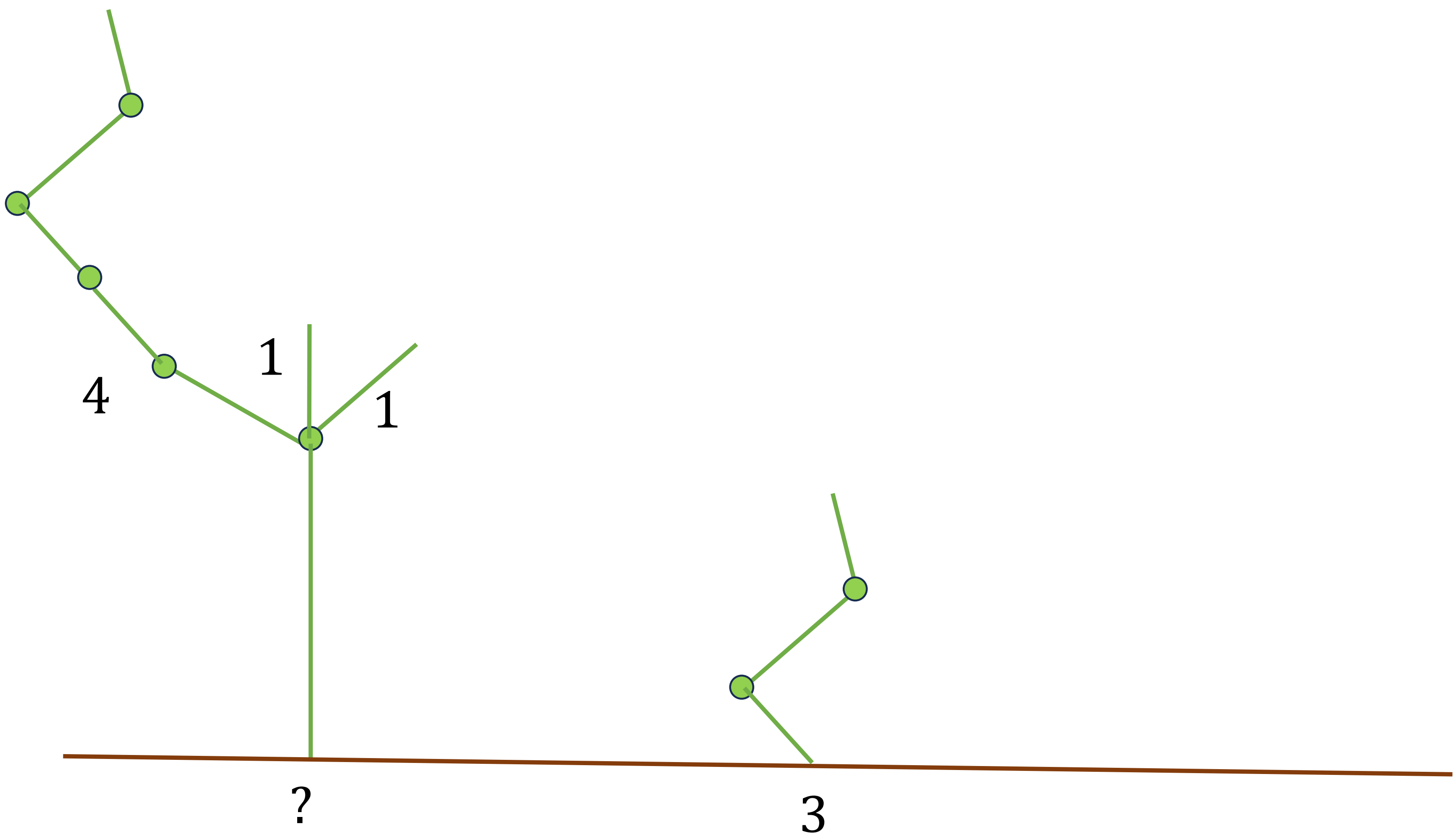
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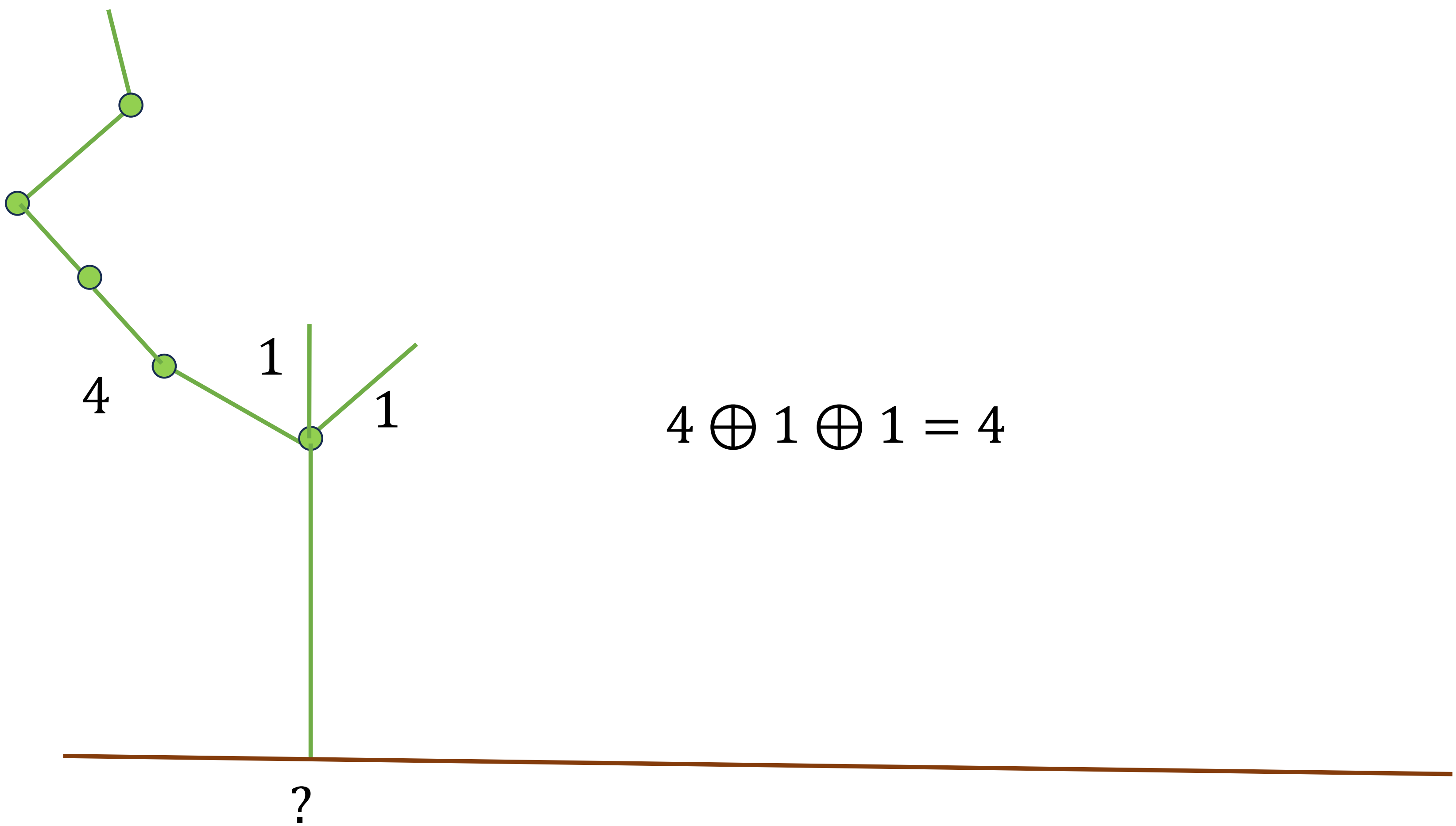

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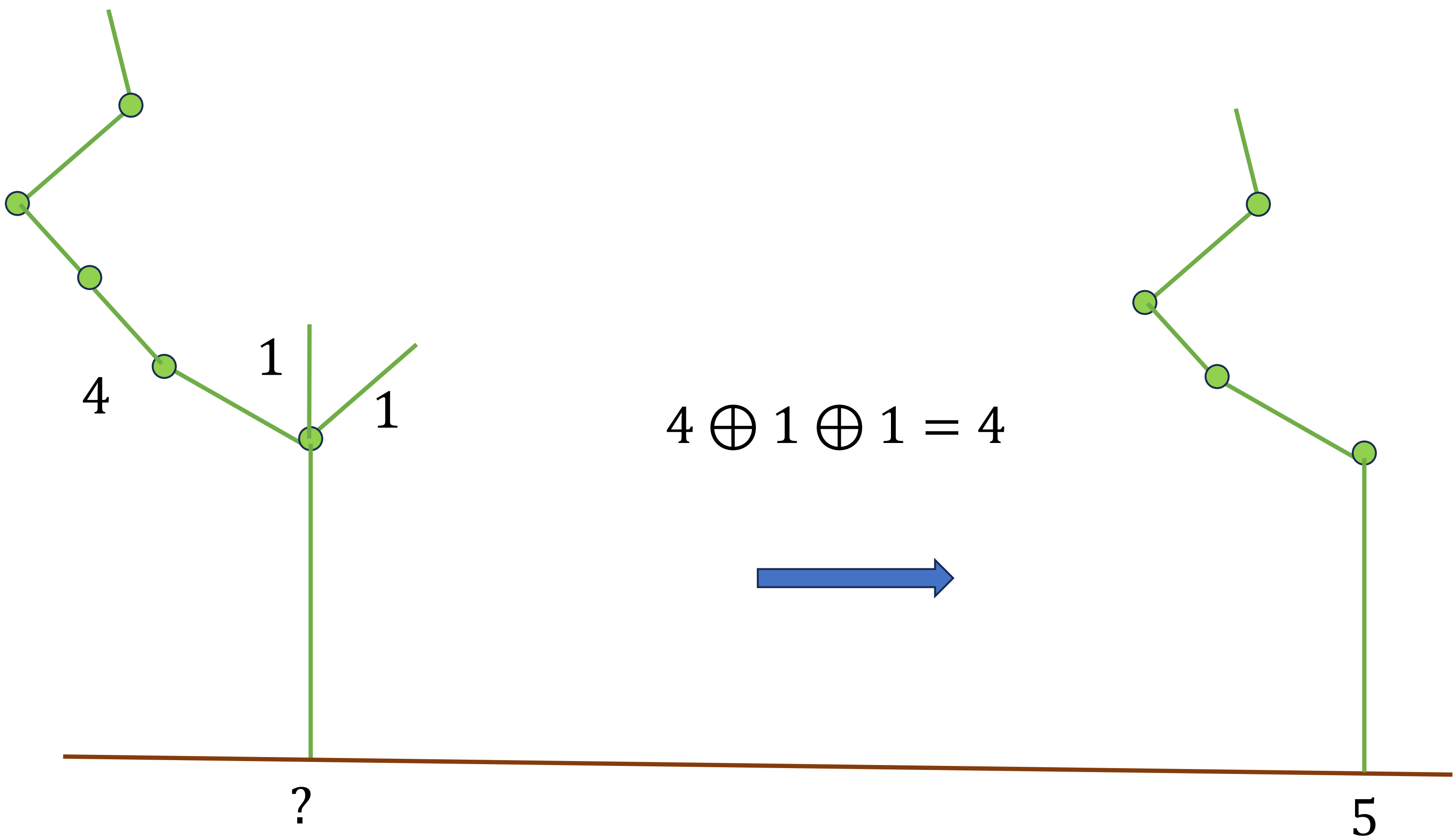

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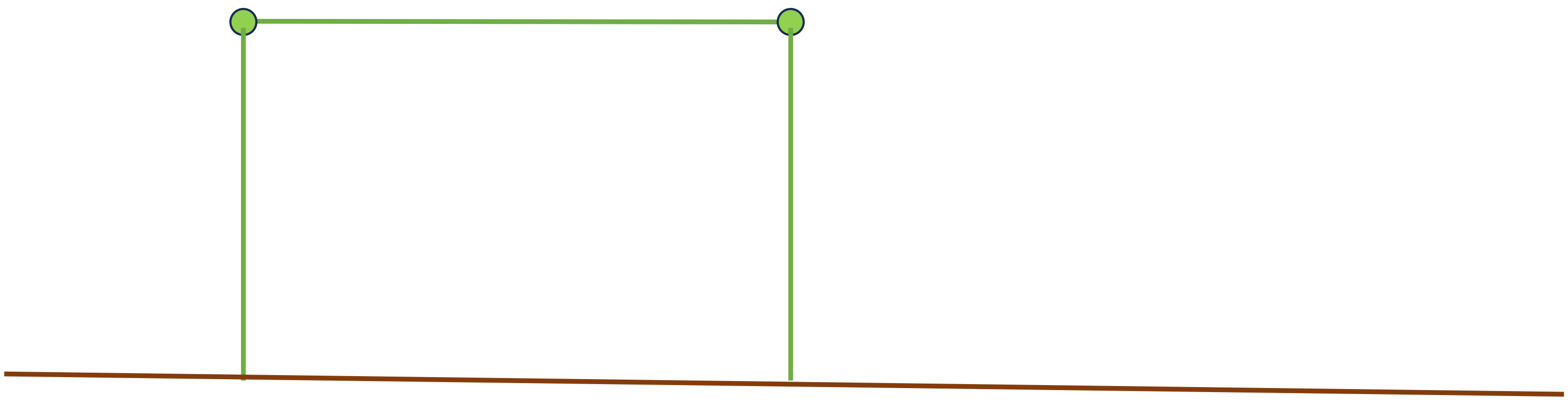

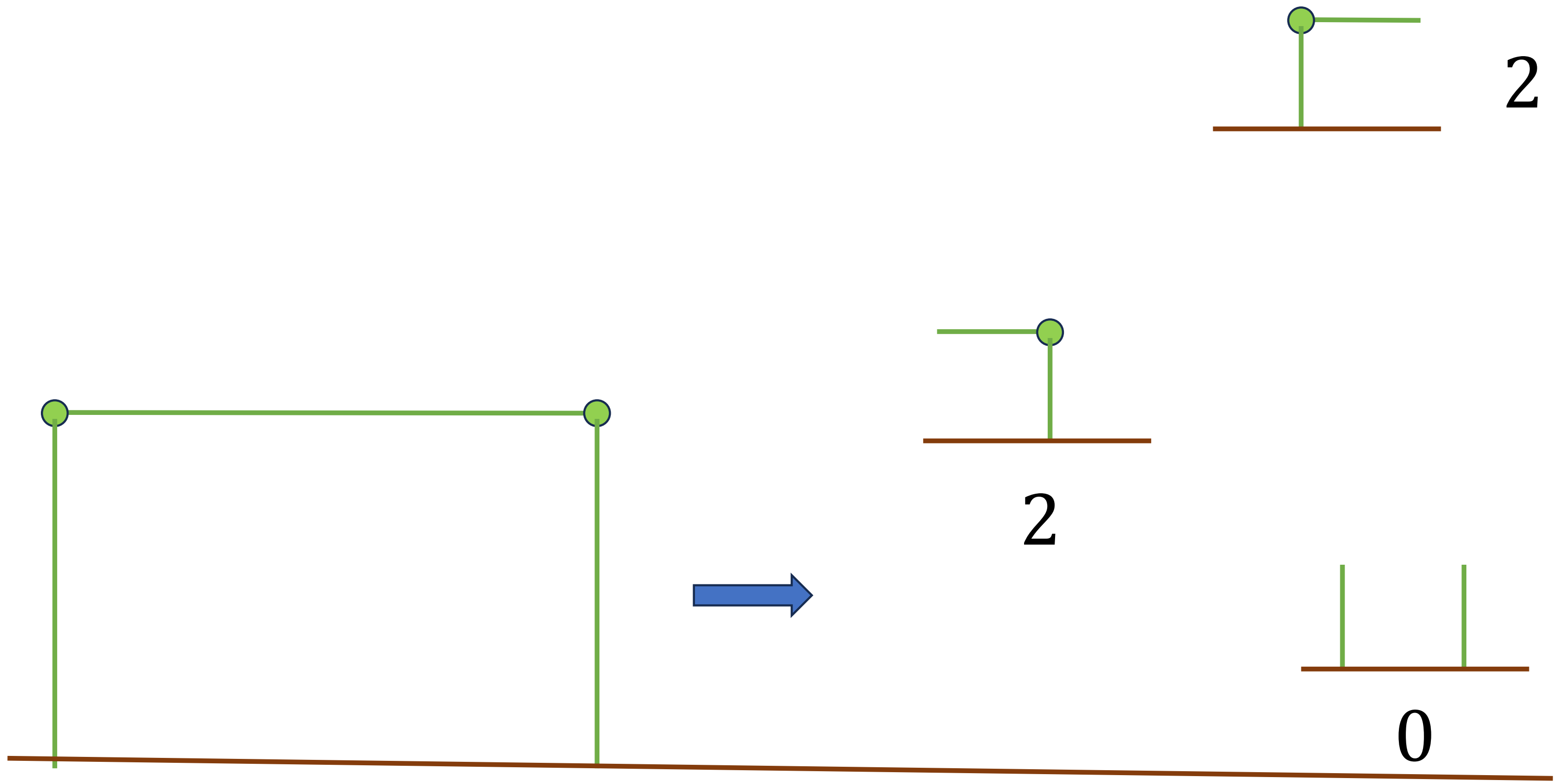
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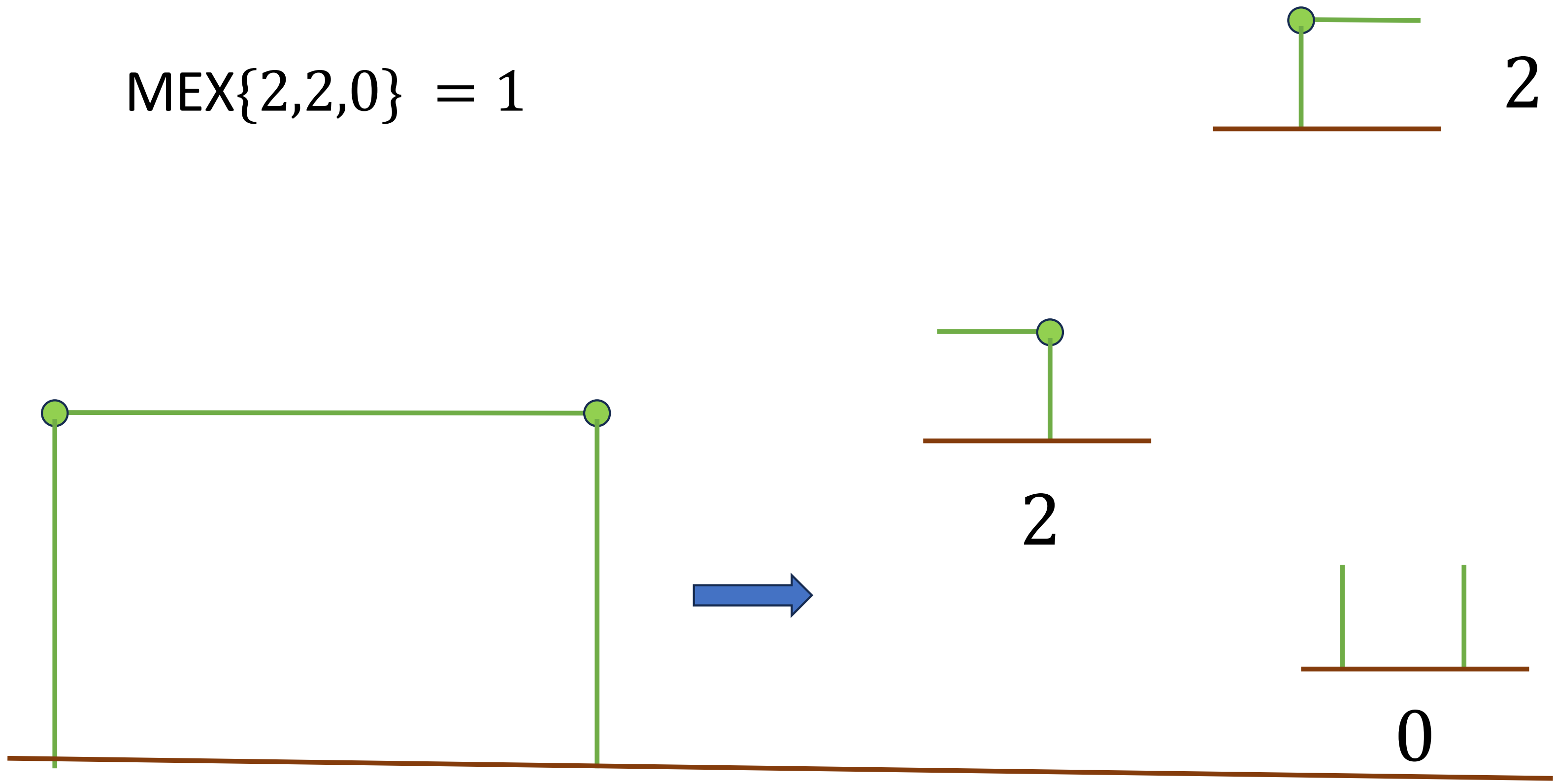

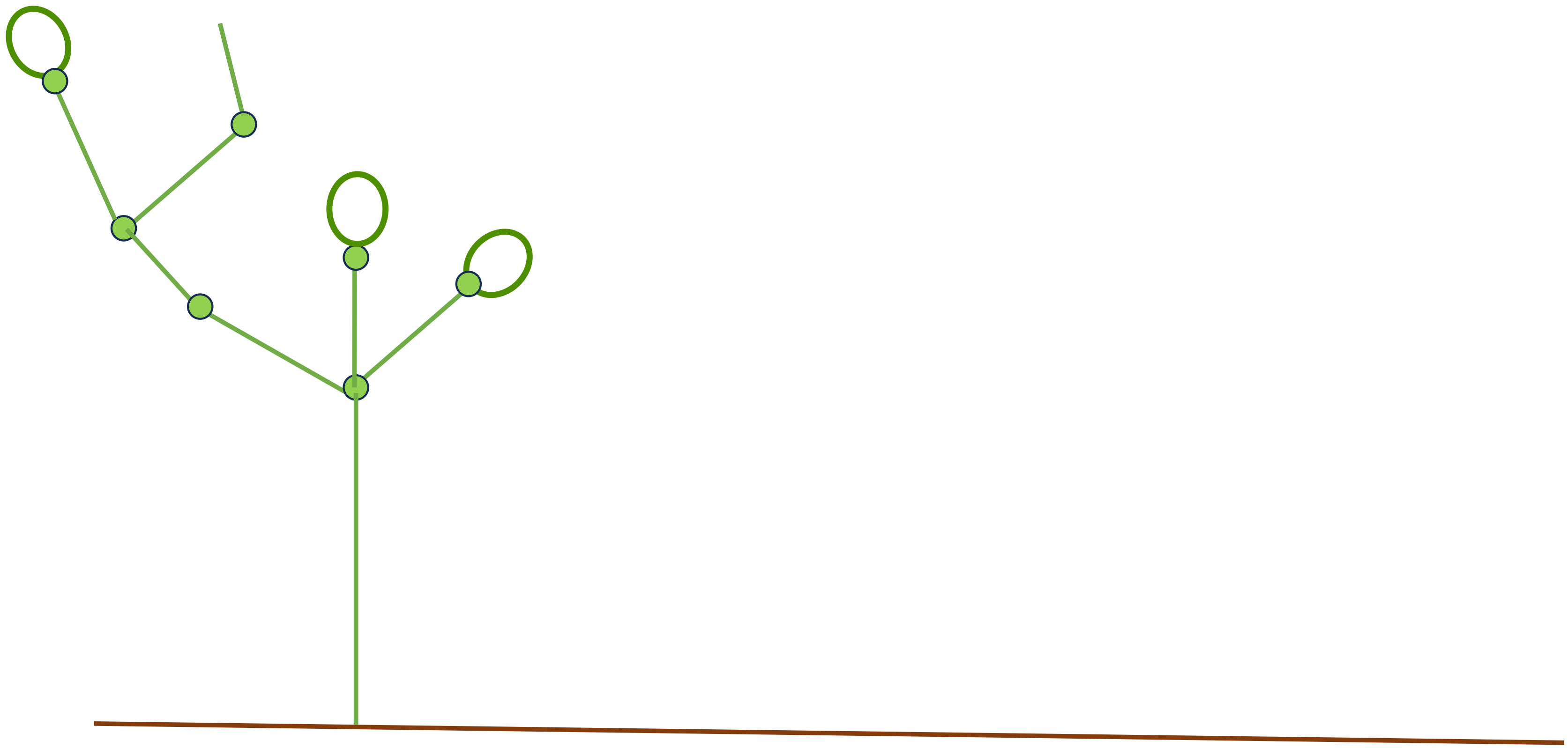

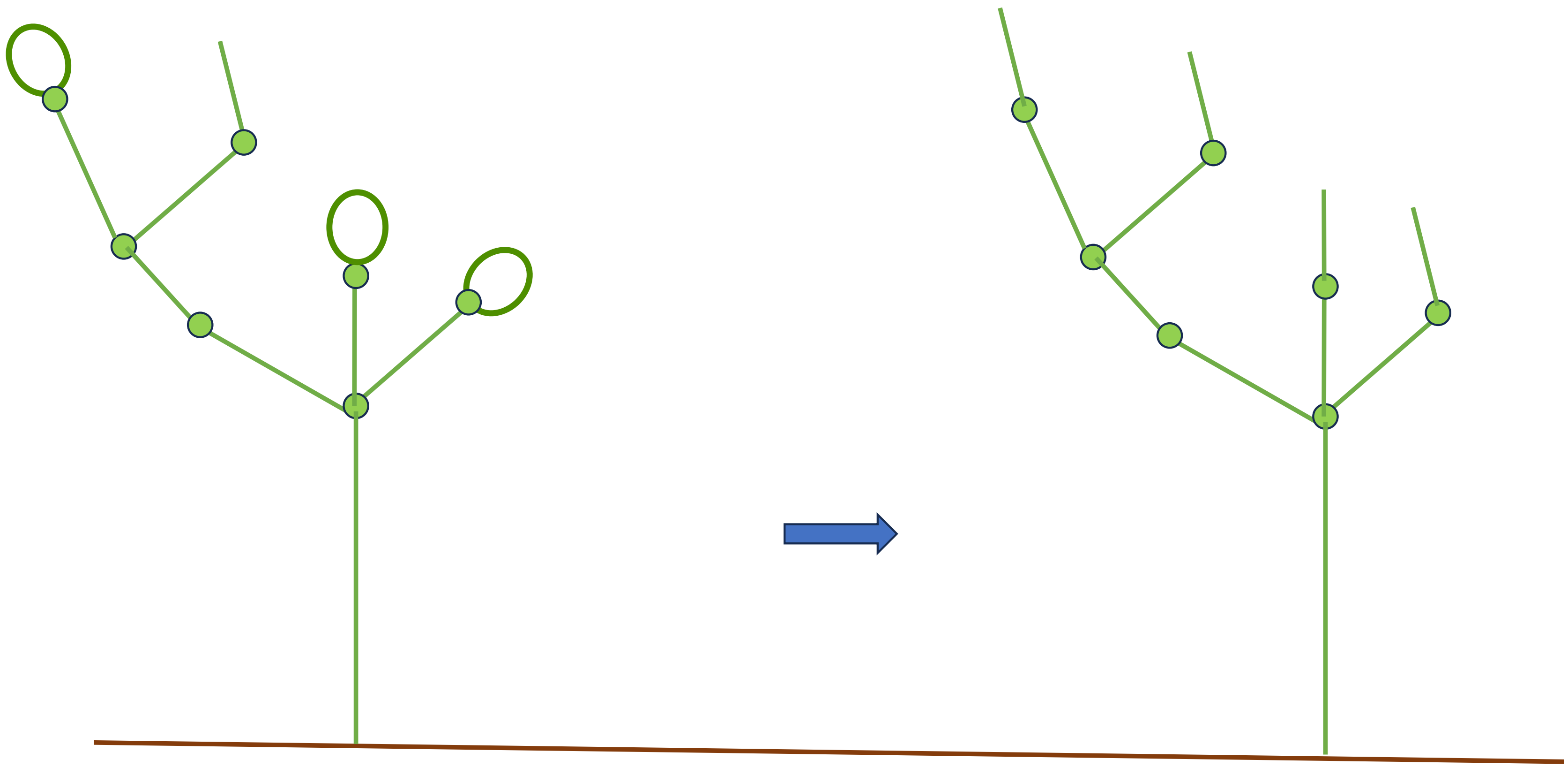

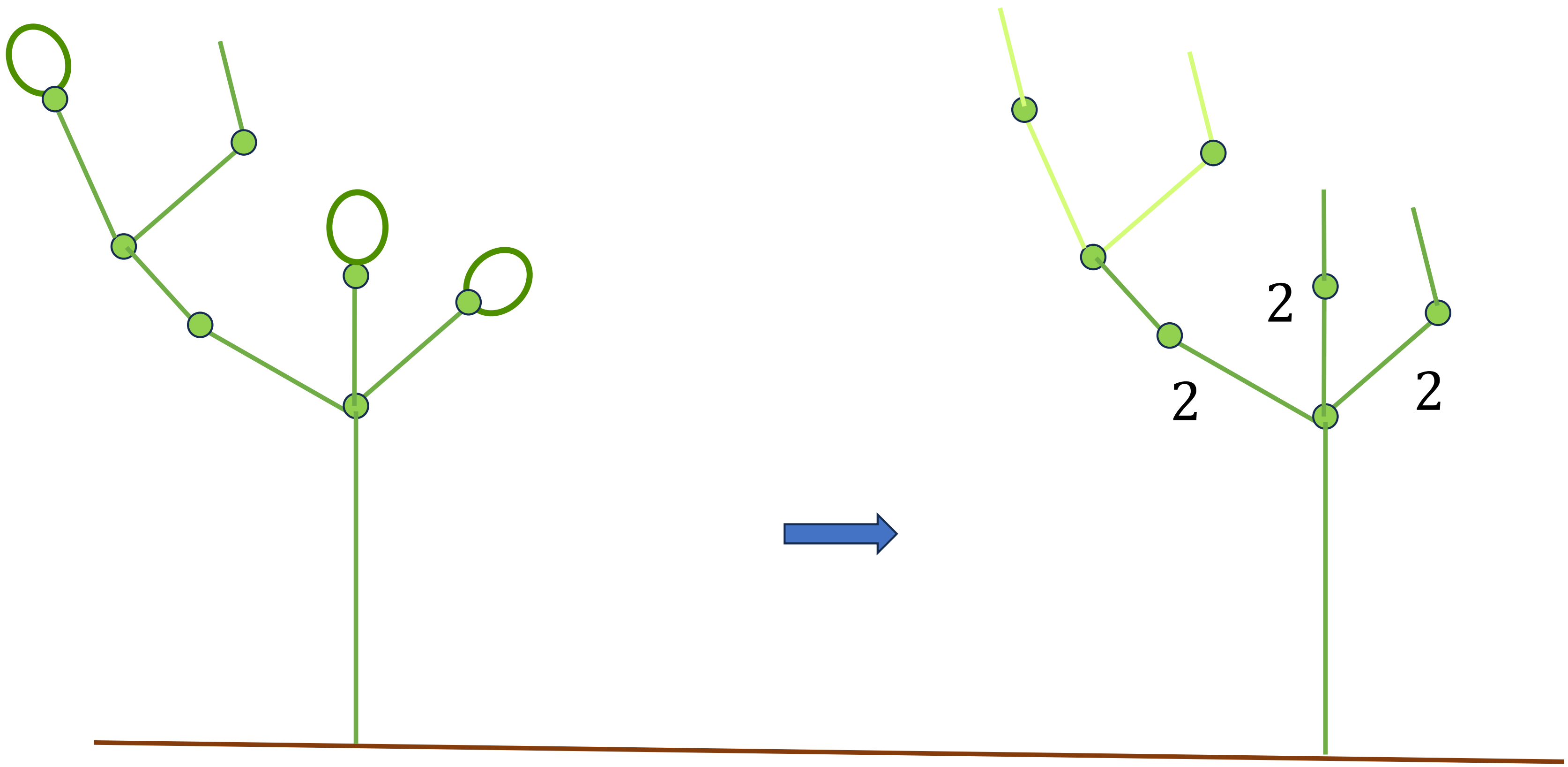
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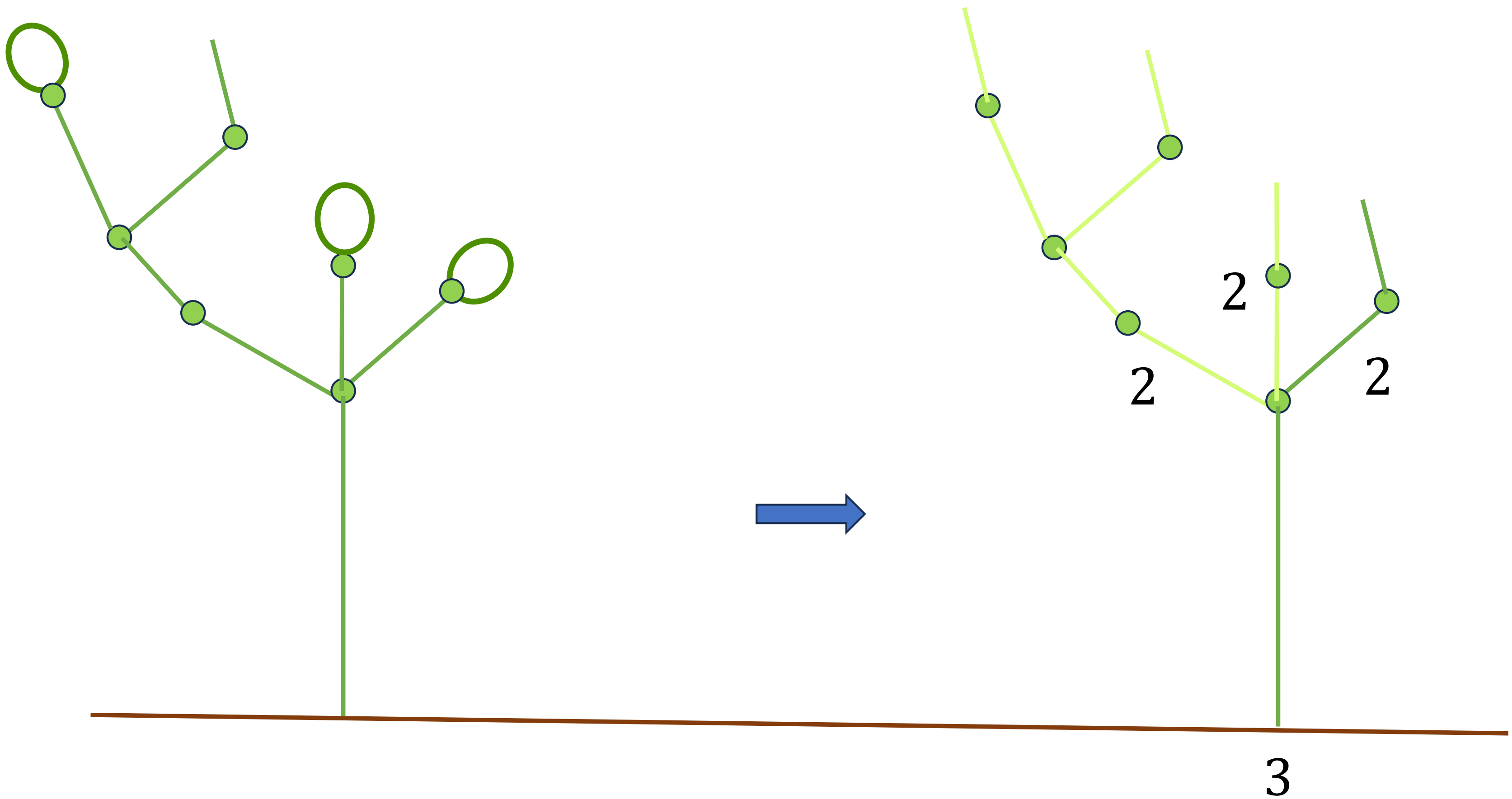

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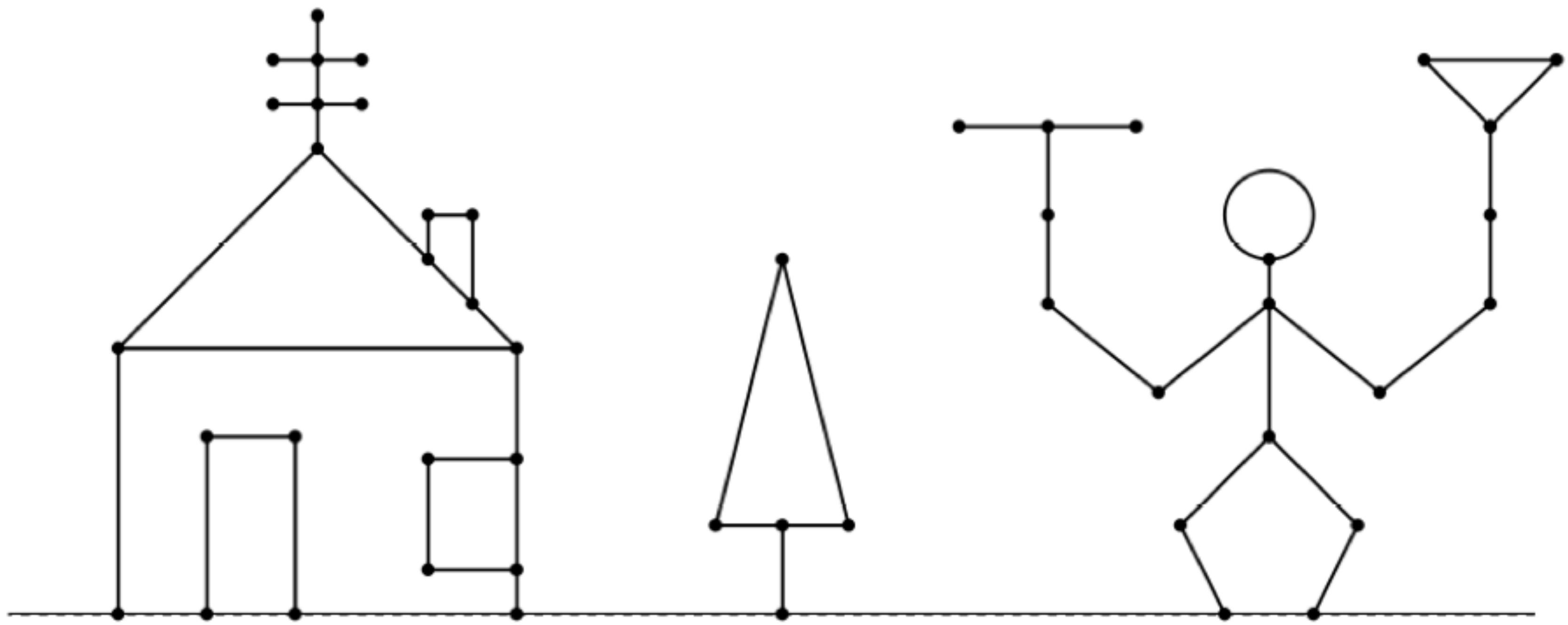

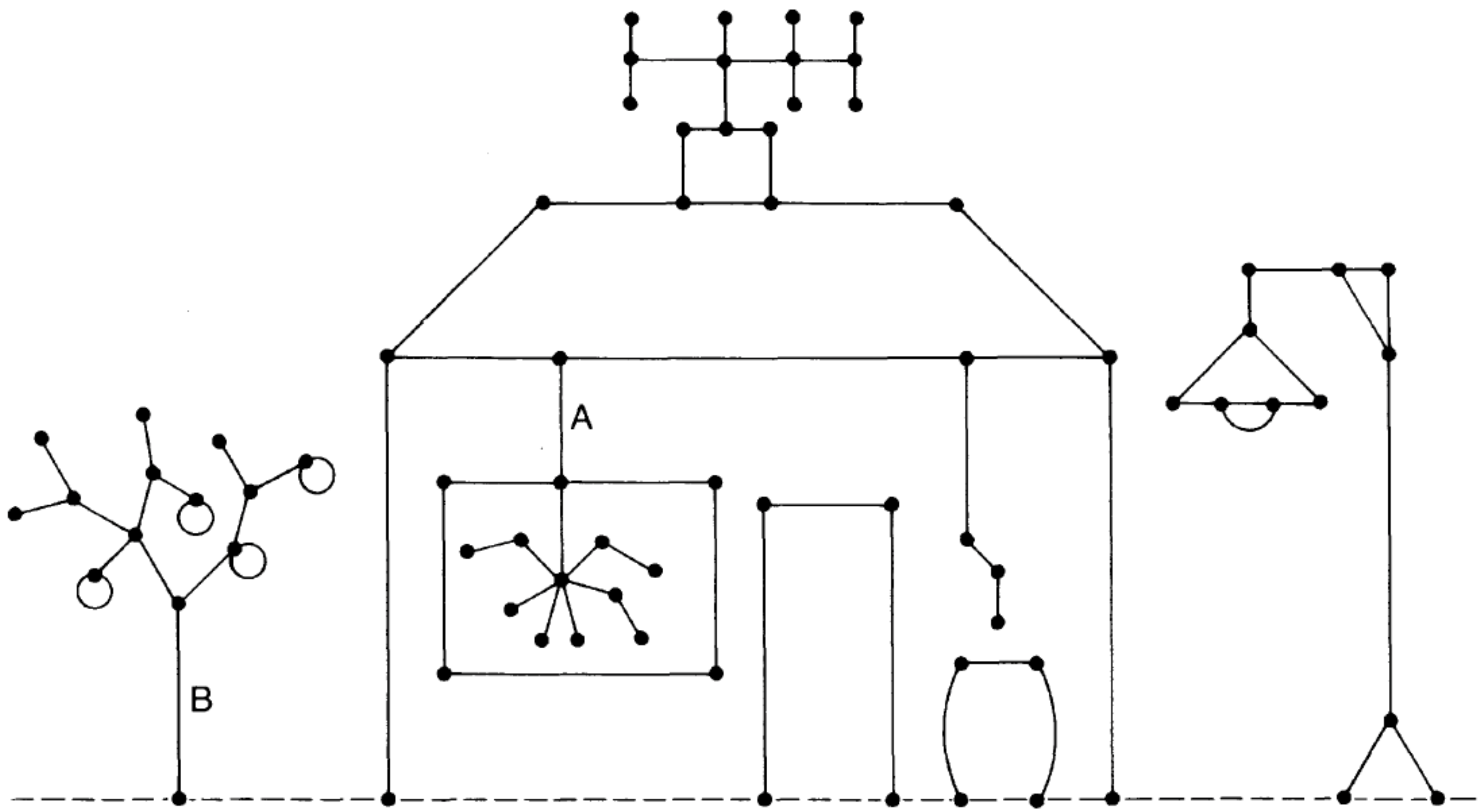

The Hackenbush Homestead

Time for another game!

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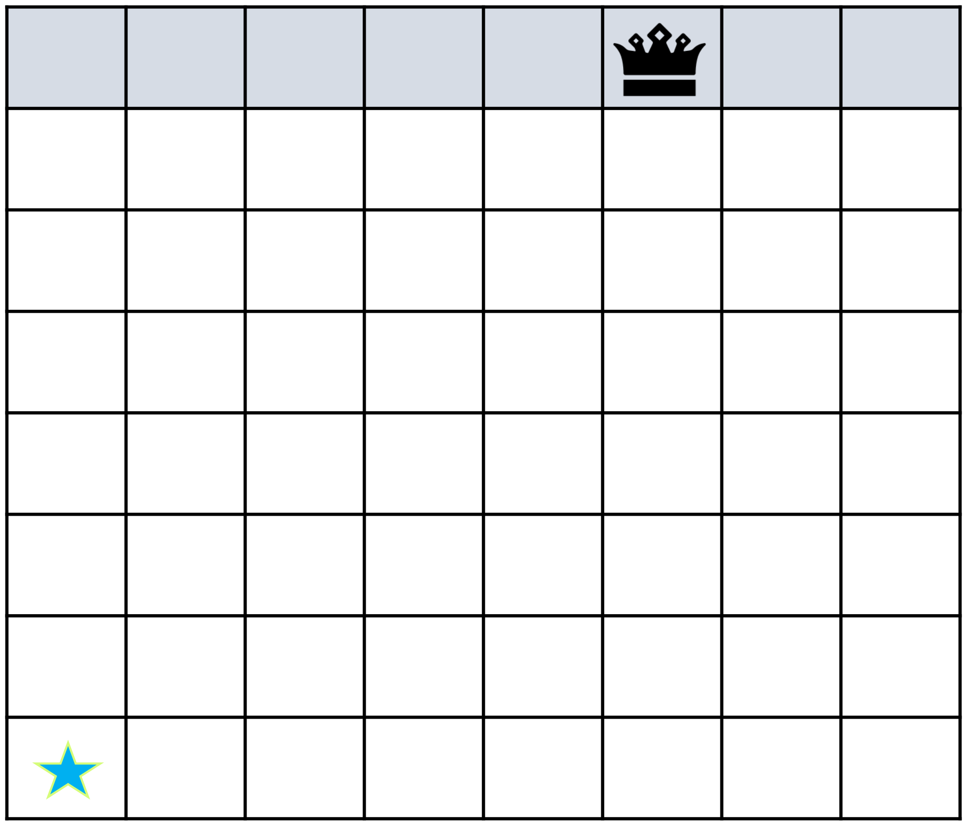

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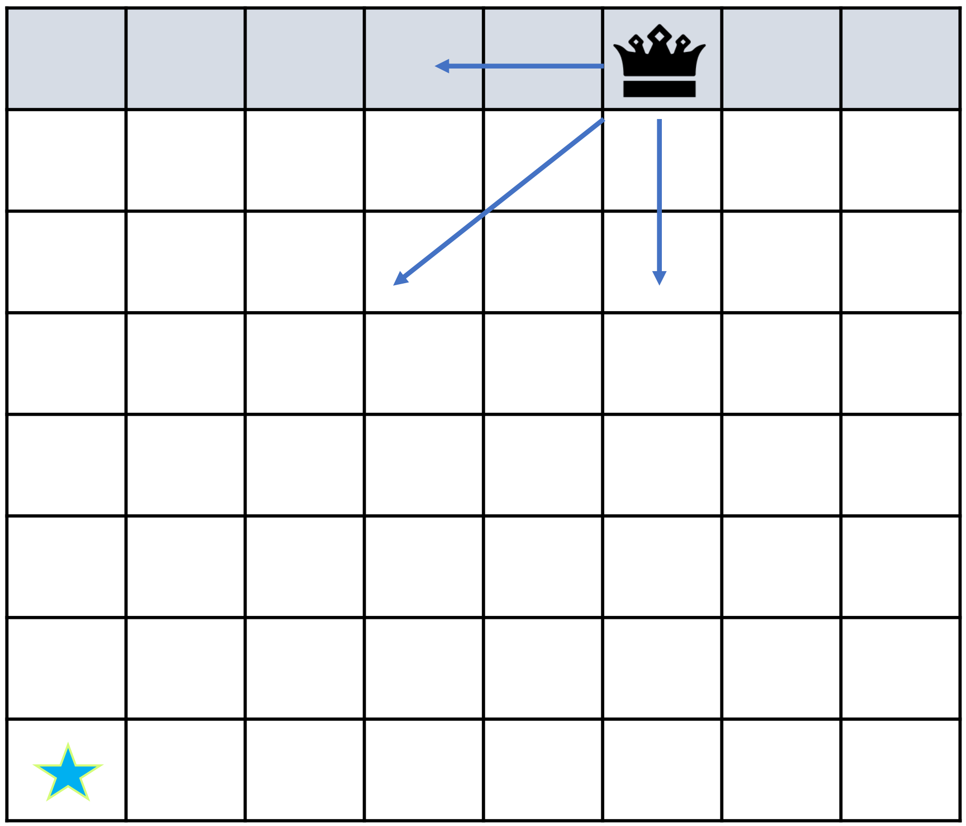

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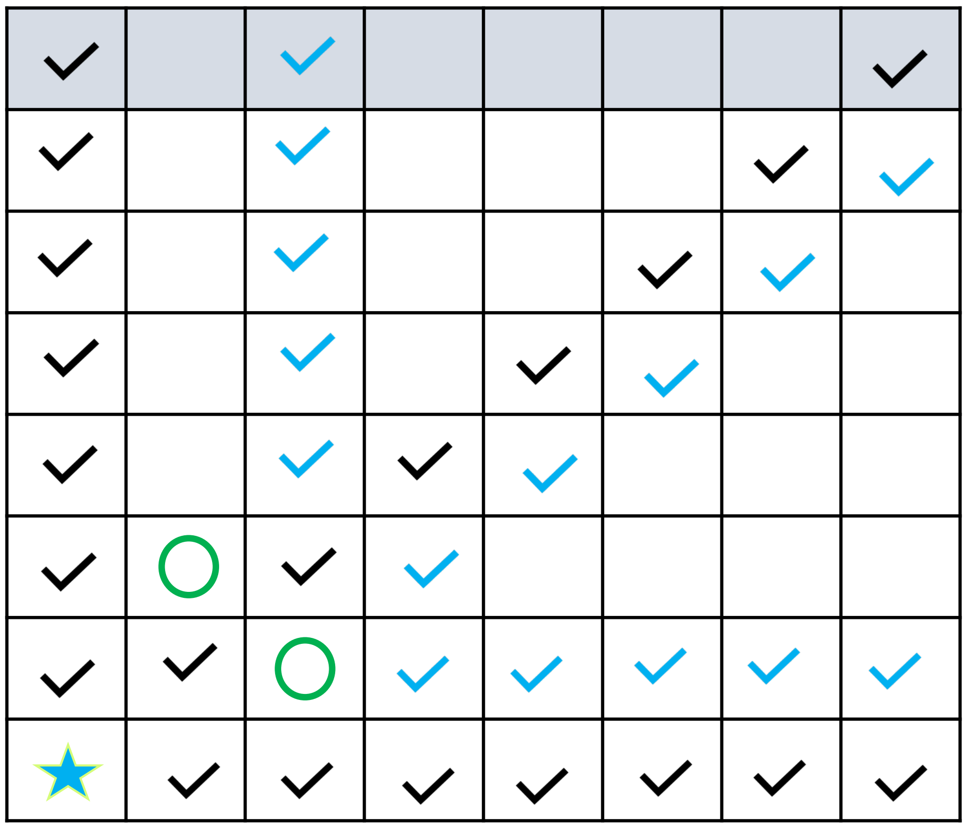

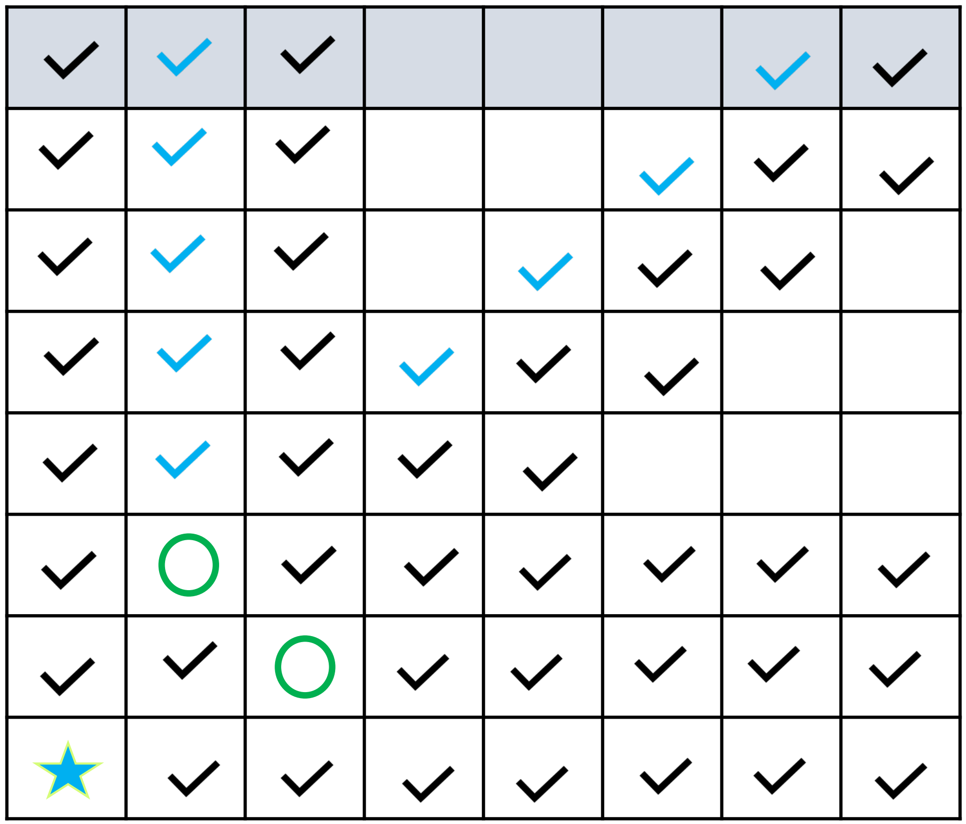

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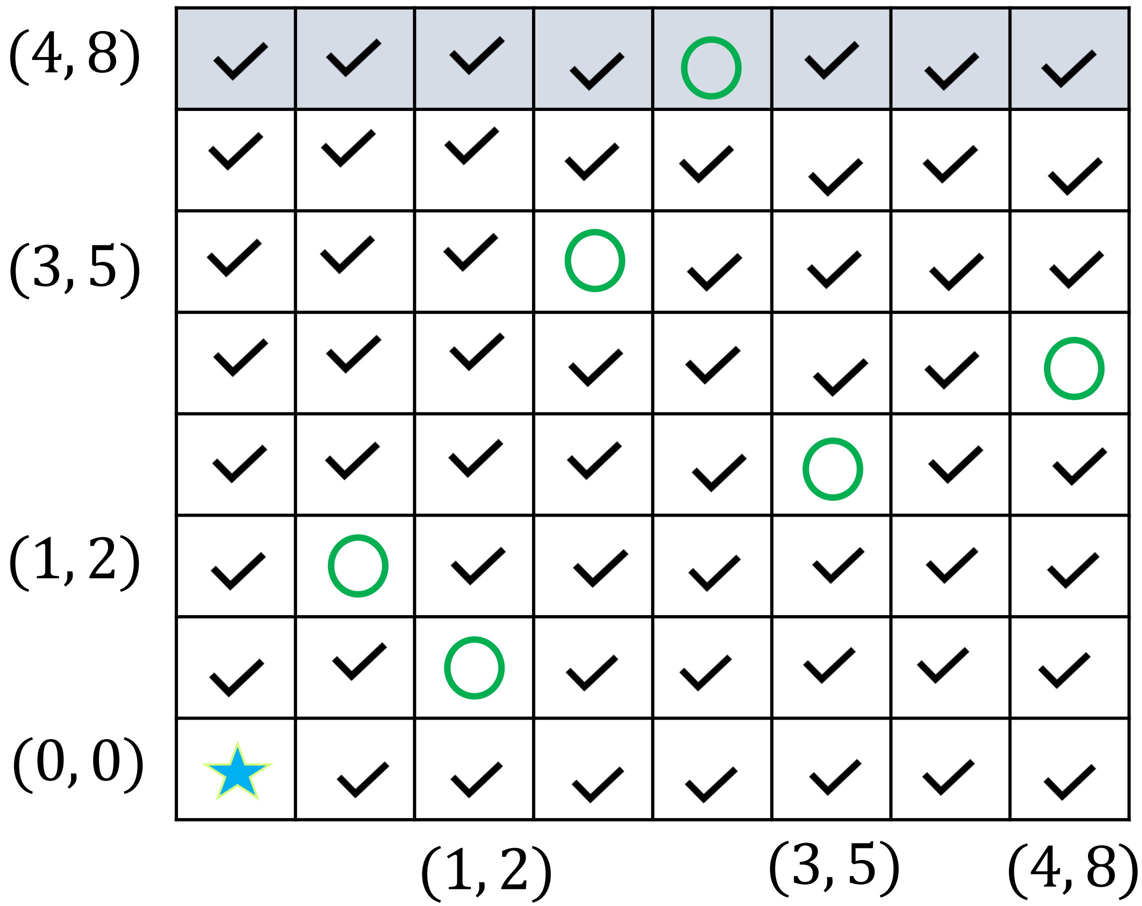
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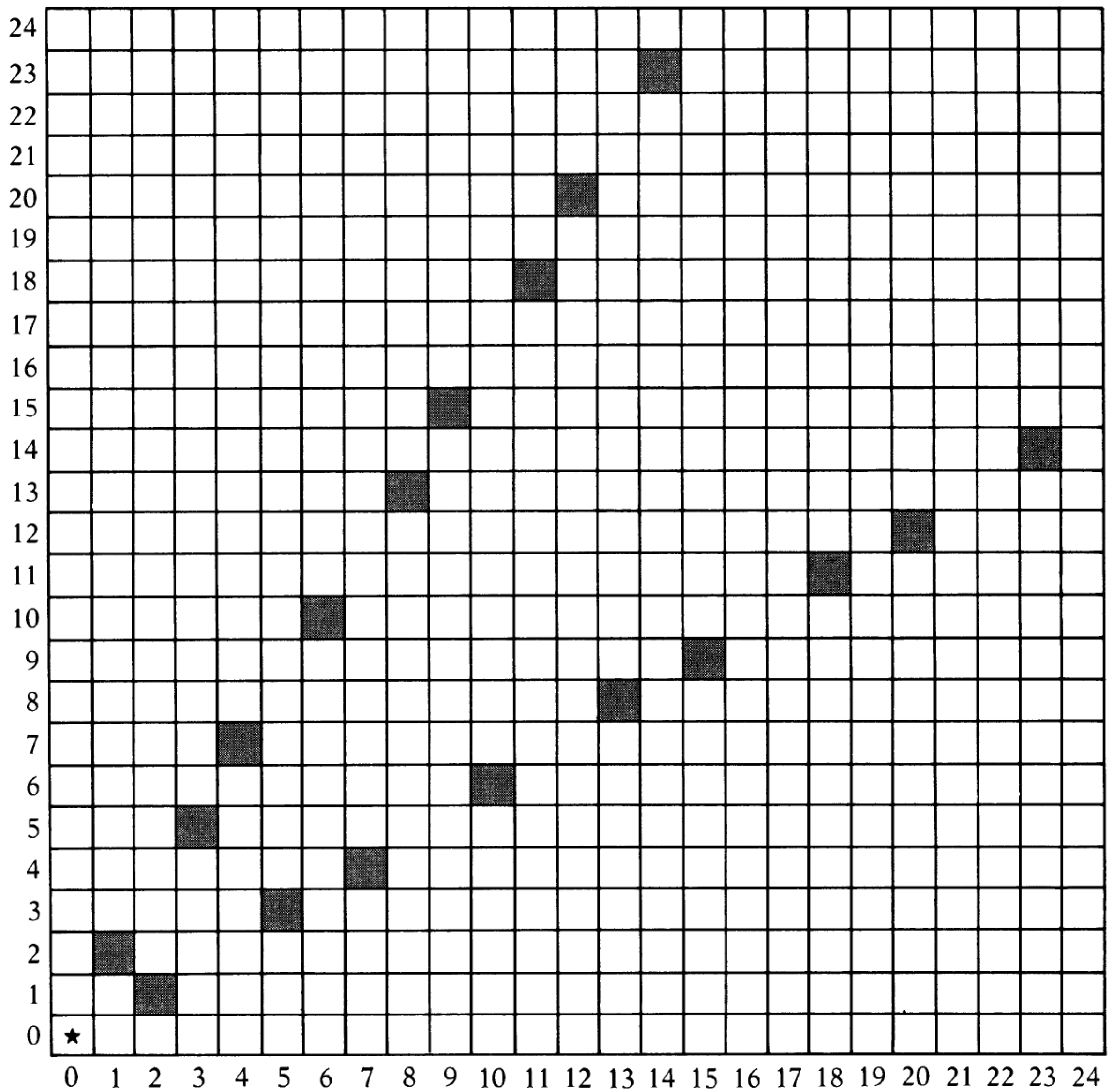
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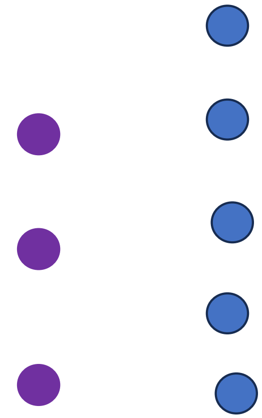

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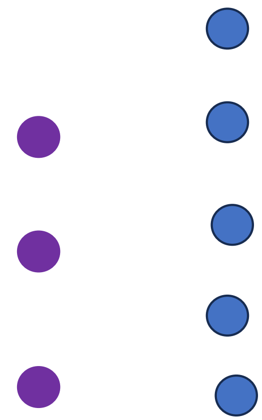

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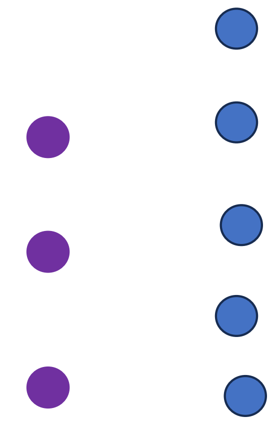

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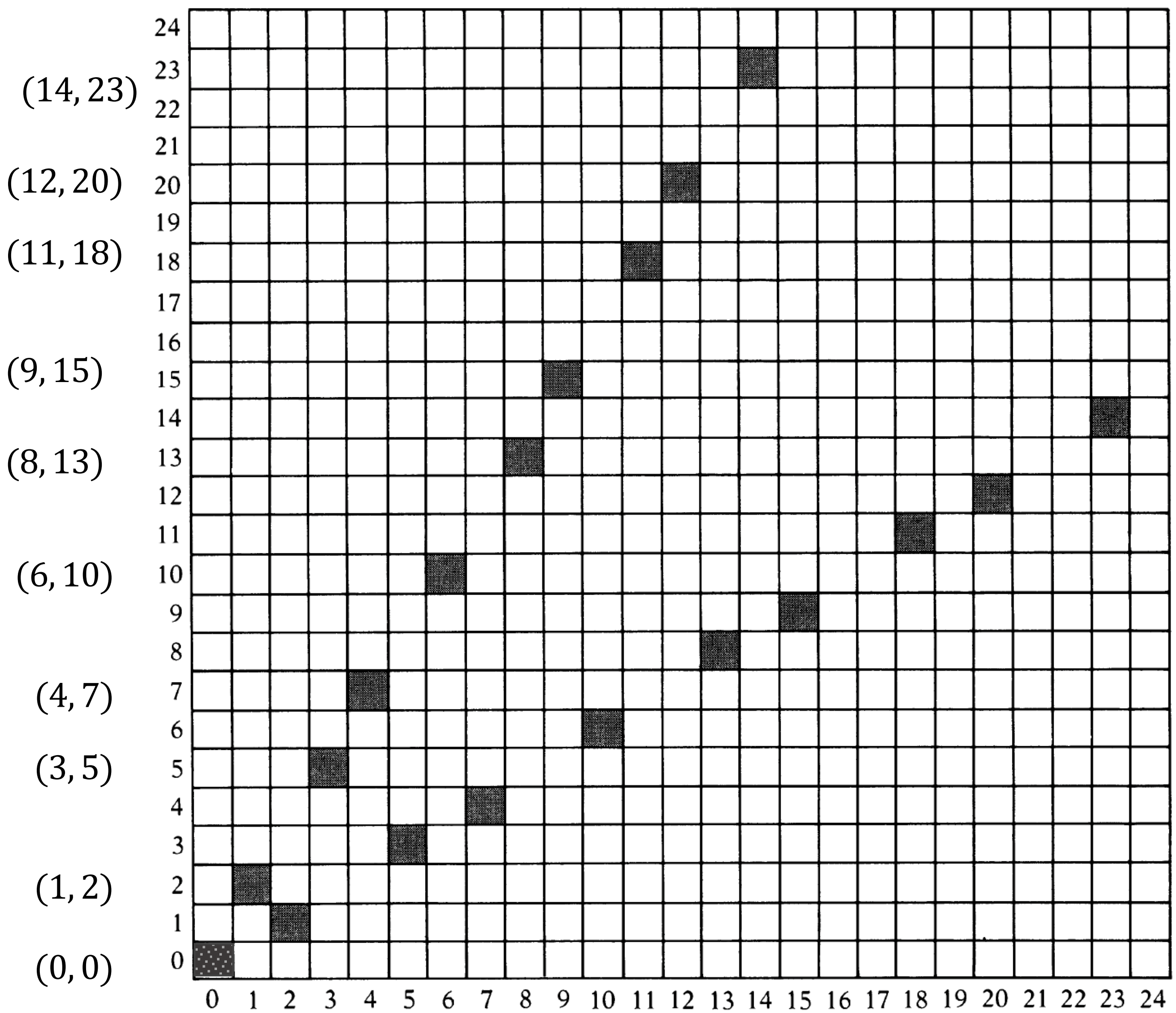
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Determining a Safe Play

A	1	3	4	6	8	9	11	12	14
B	2	5	7	10	13	15	18	20	23

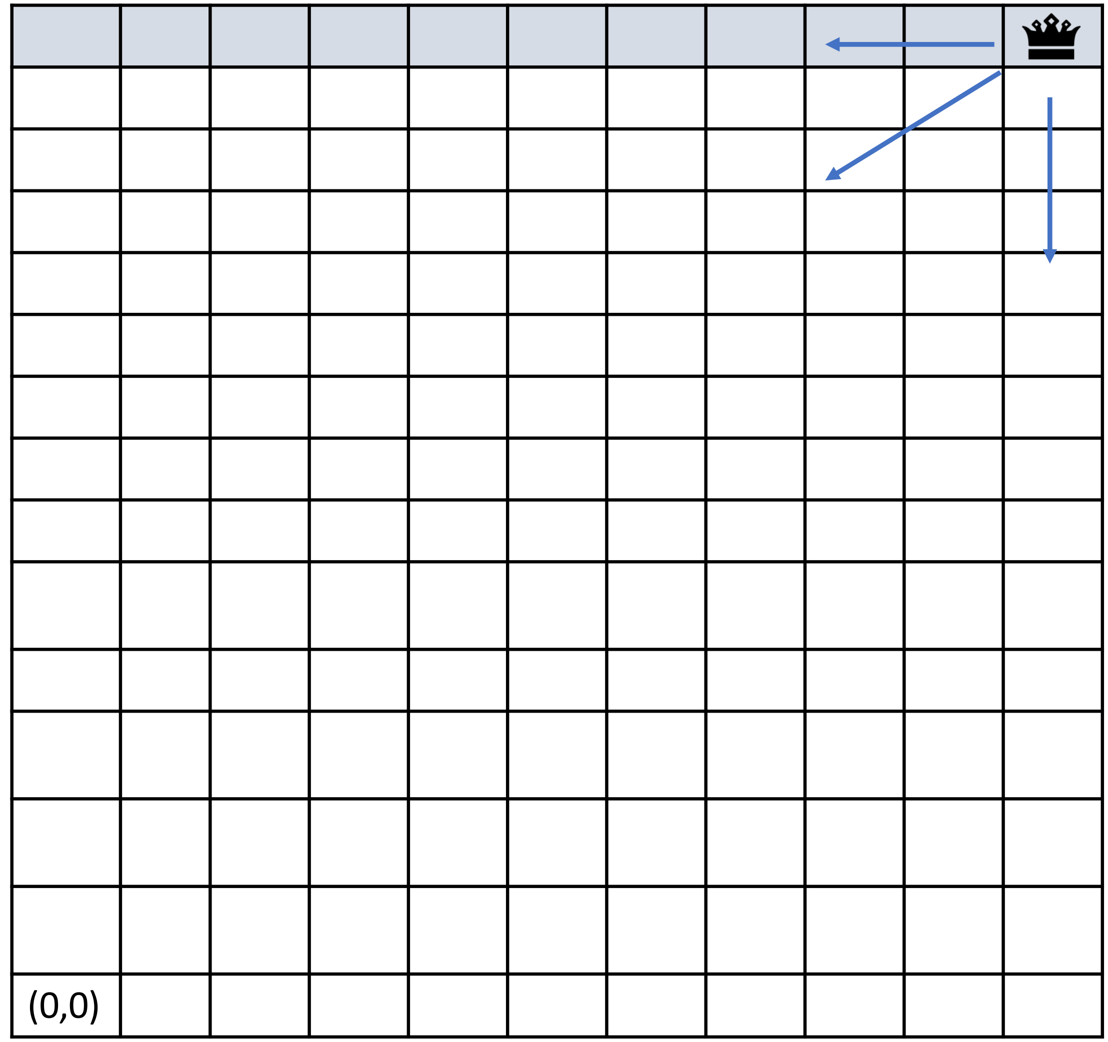
$(1,2),\ (3,5),\ (4,7),\ (6,10),\ (8,13), \ldots$

$(1,10), (100,1000), (101,1010), (1001,10010), (10000,100000), \ldots$

21	13	8	5	3	2	1

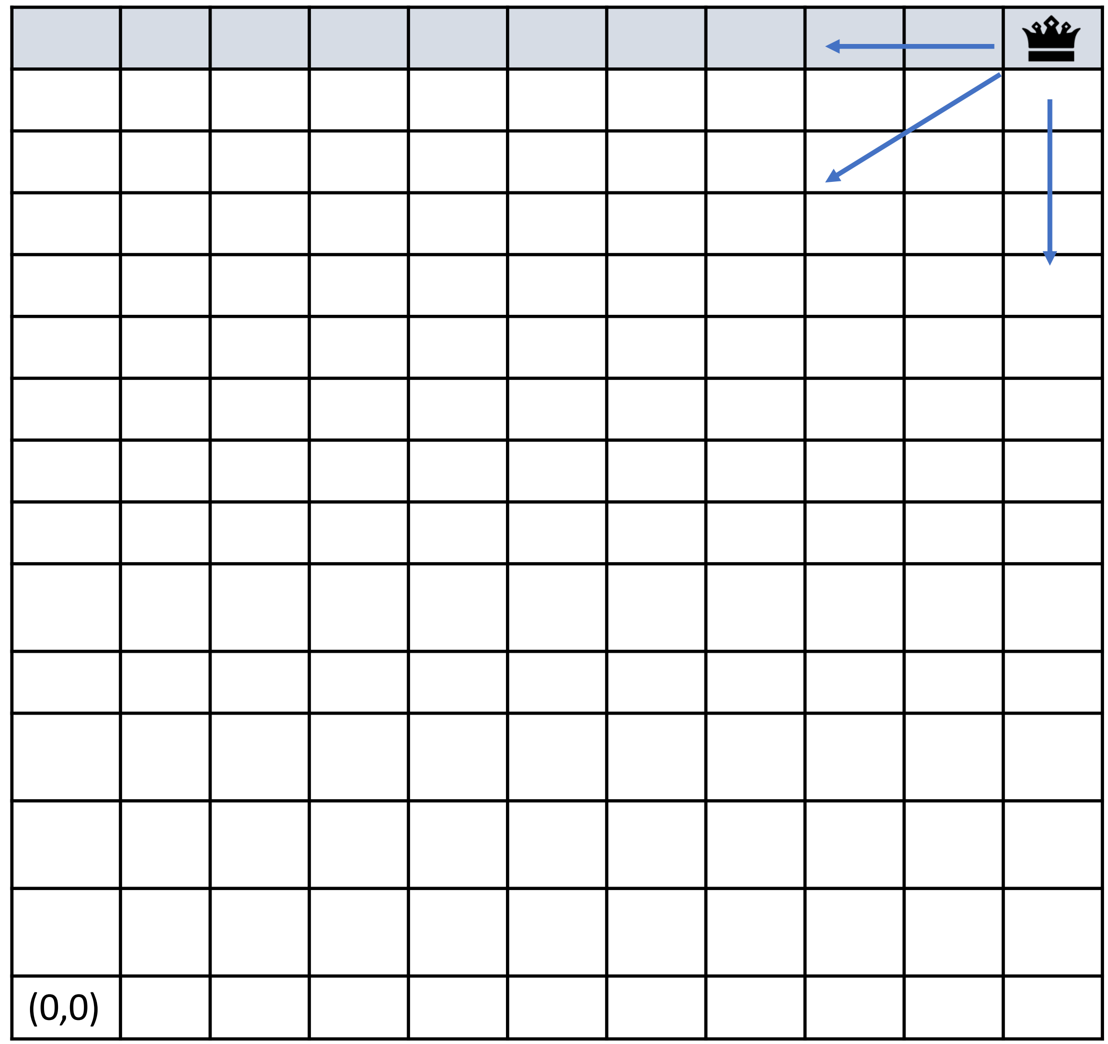
A rightmost 1 in even position

Is (10, 15) safe?



Is (10, 15) safe?

Write in terms of Fibonacci numbers



Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Is (10, 15) safe?

Are these an (A, B) pair?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Which row do we take from?

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Let's say the second

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Let's say the second

Can we make $(10001, 100010)$?

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Let's say the second

Can we make $(10001, 100010)$?

Nope, 10001 is 14

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

How about the first?

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

How about the first?

Can we make $(10010{,}100100)$?

Is (10, 15) safe?

	21	13	8	5	3	2	1
10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

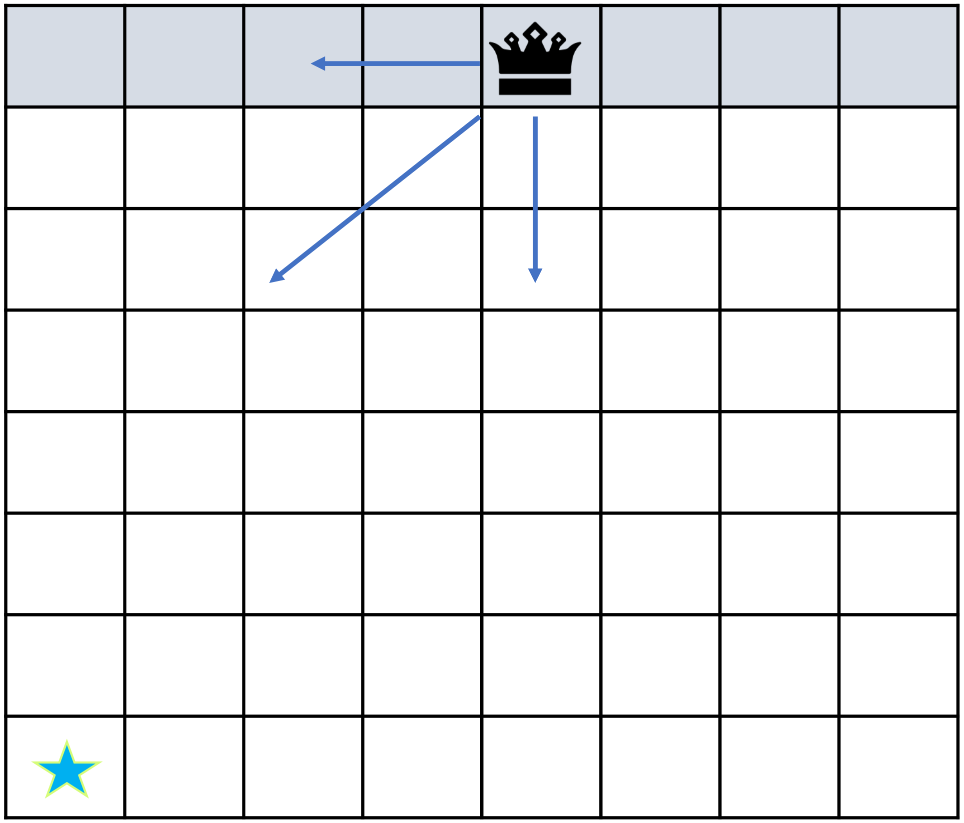
How about the second?

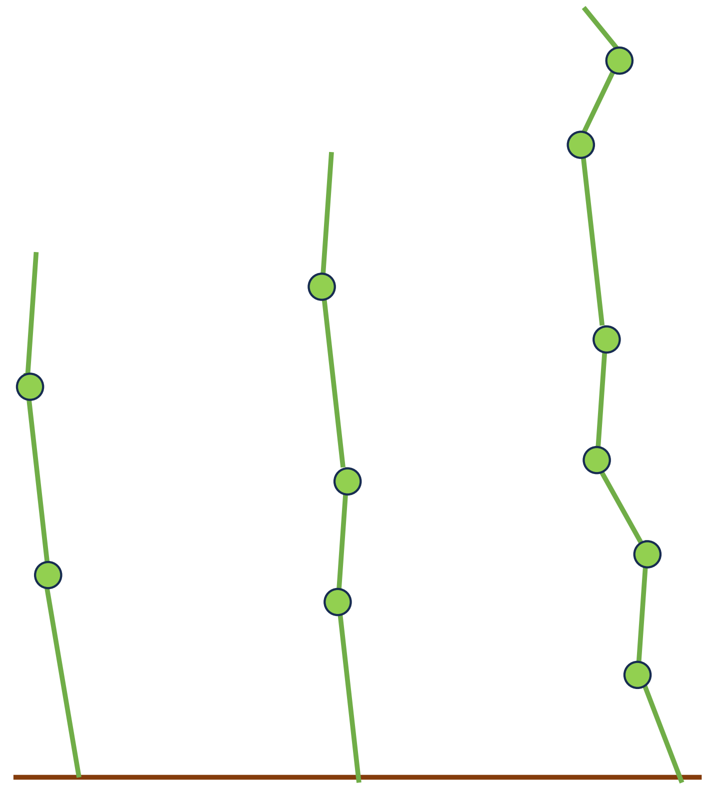
Can we make $(10010, 100100)$?

100100 is 9 so move a step left

Combining Games

Simultaneously play





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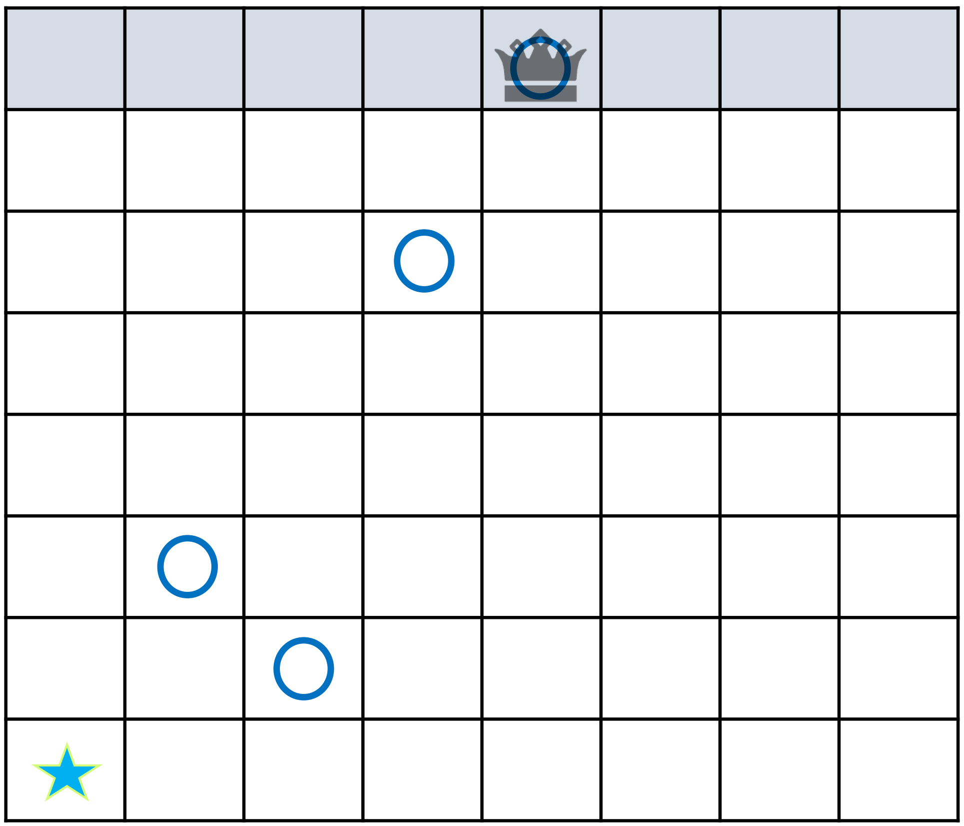

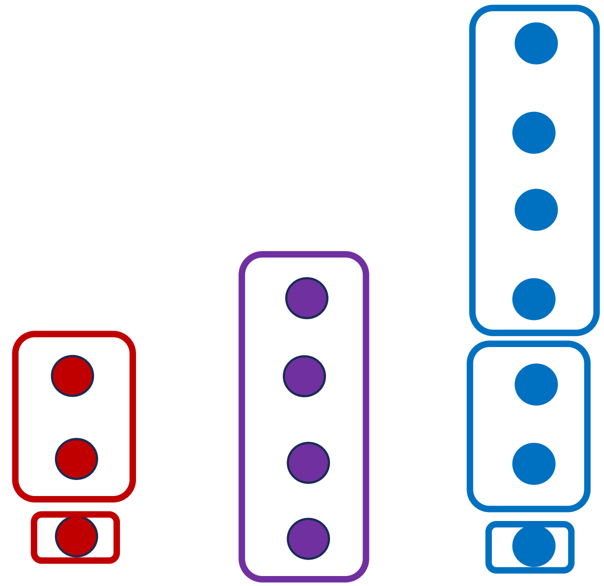

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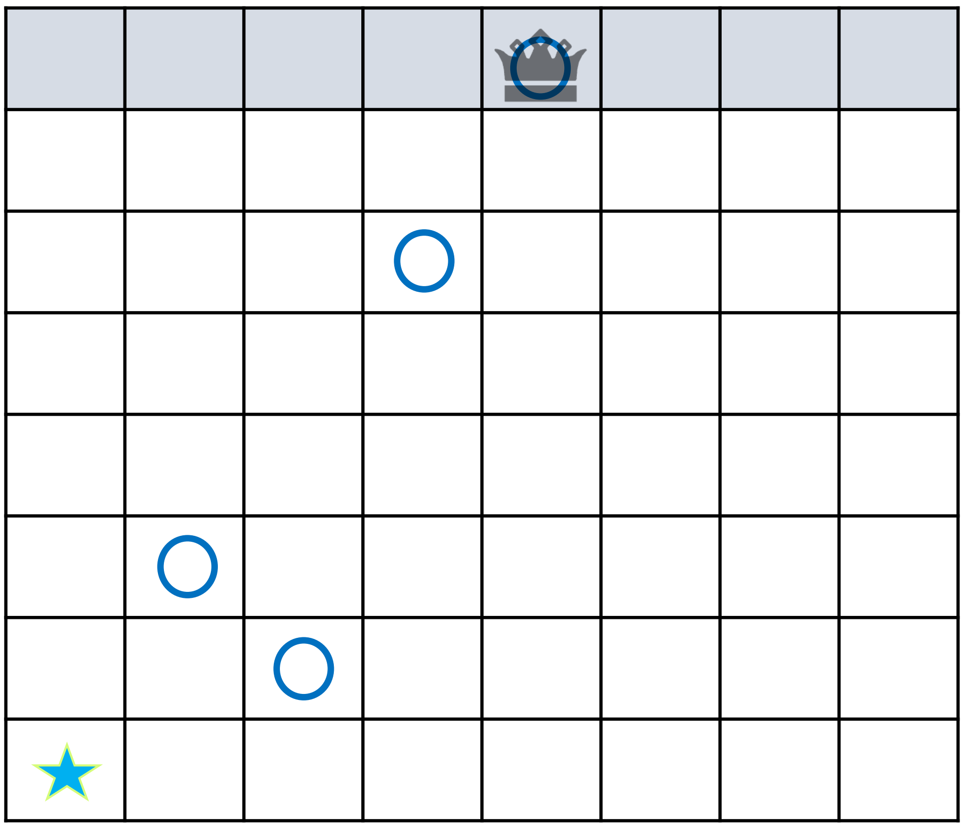

Both are P positions