

# Exercices in reachability style

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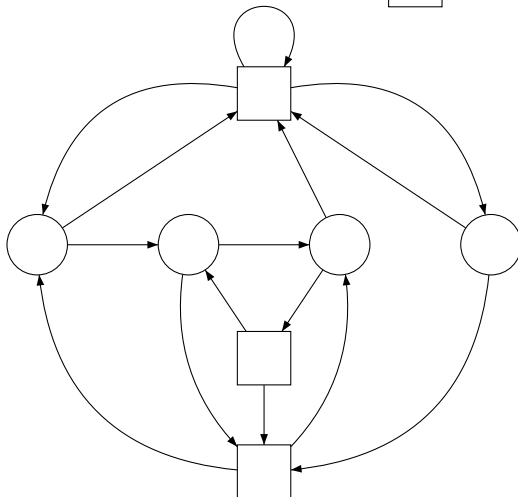
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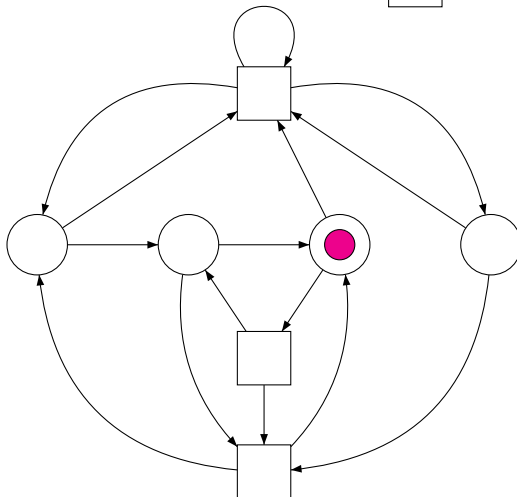
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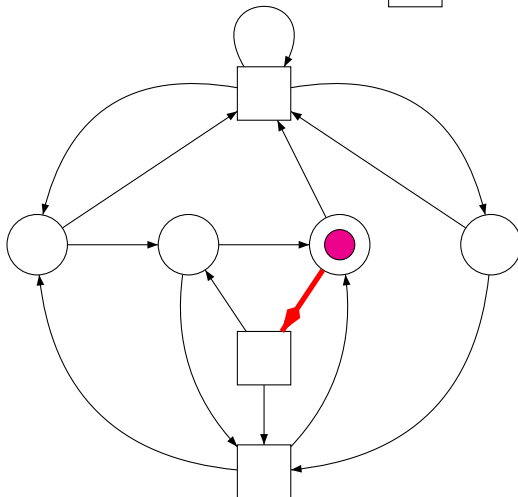
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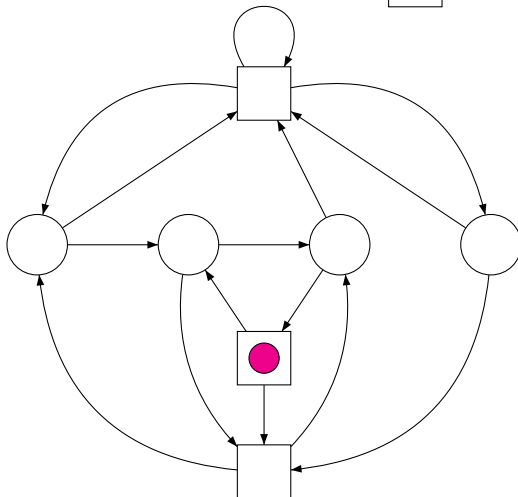
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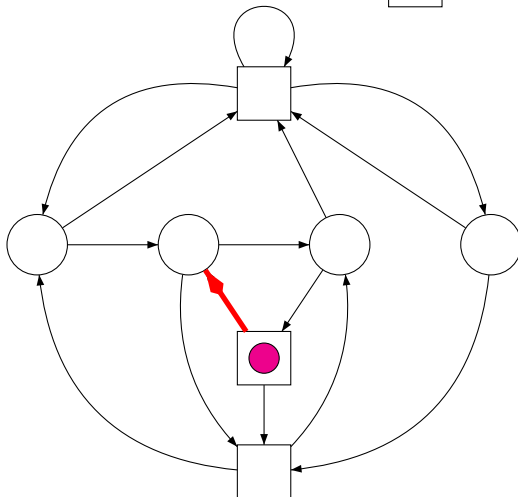
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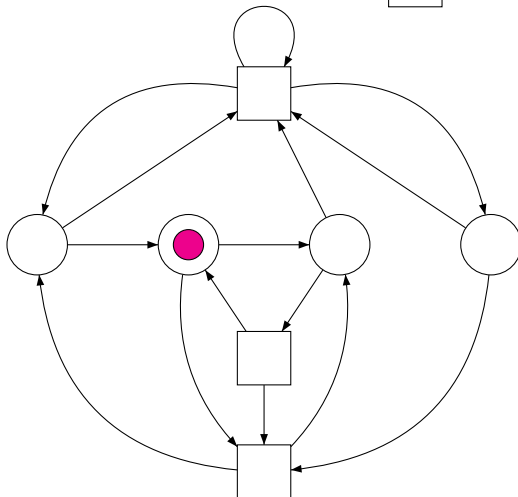
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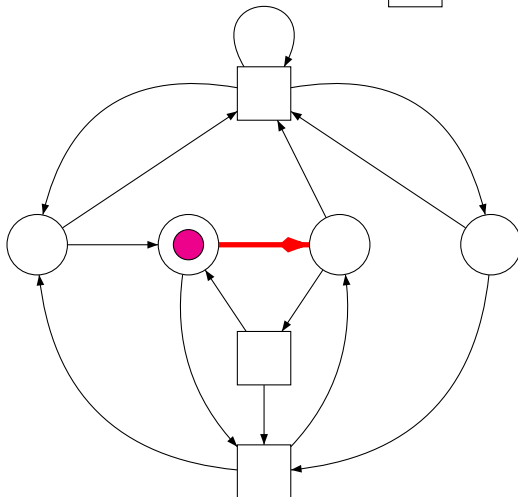
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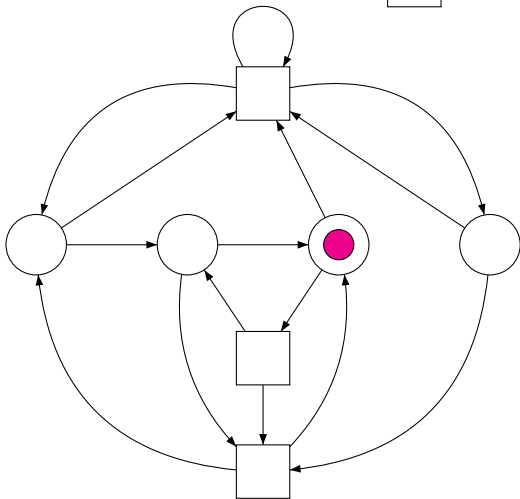


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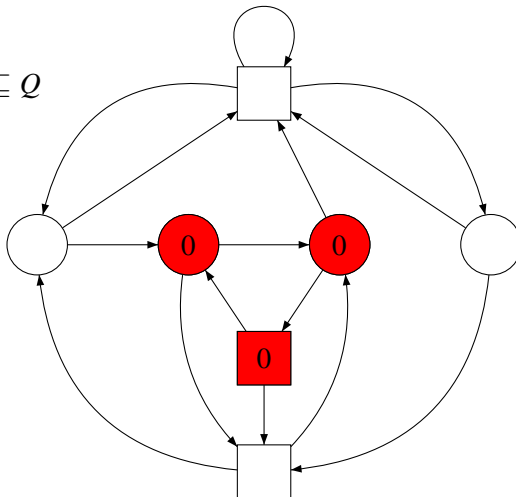


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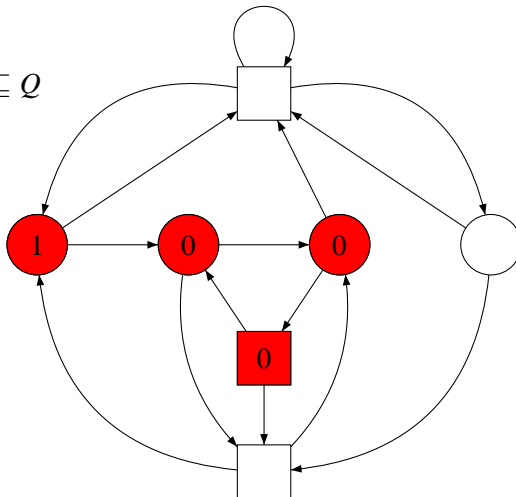
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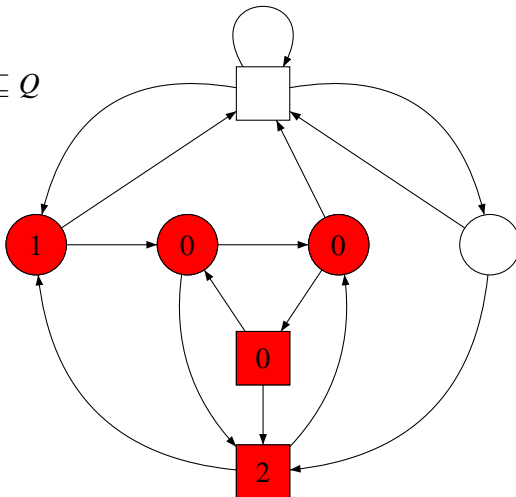


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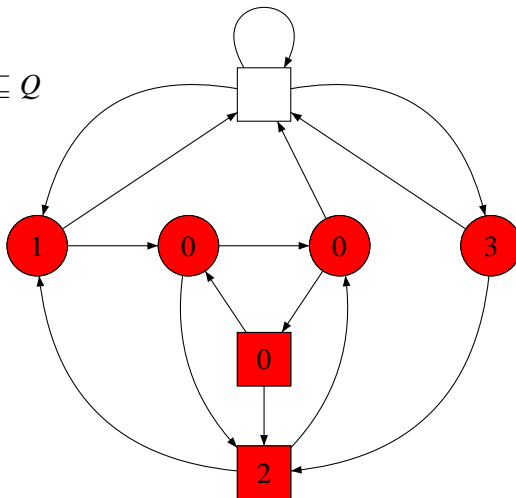
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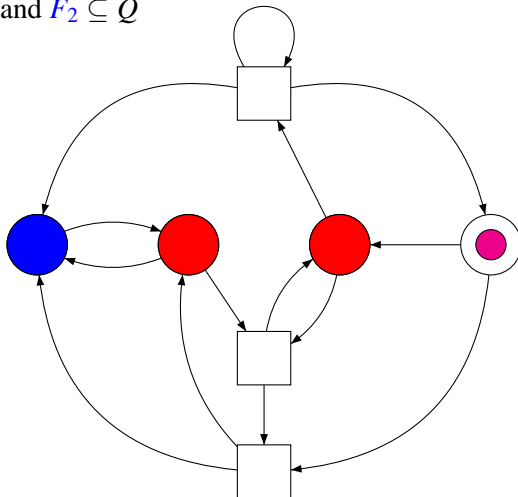
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# Generalized reachability objectives

- Reachability objectives: given  $F \subseteq Q$ , reach at least one vertex in  $F$ ;
- Generalized reachability objectives: given  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_p \subseteq Q$ , reach at least one vertex in each  $F_i$ .

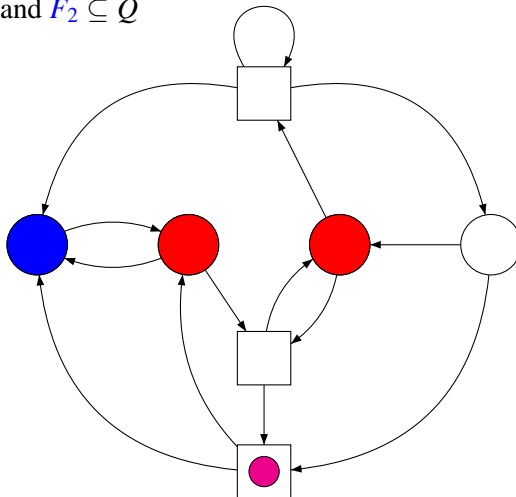
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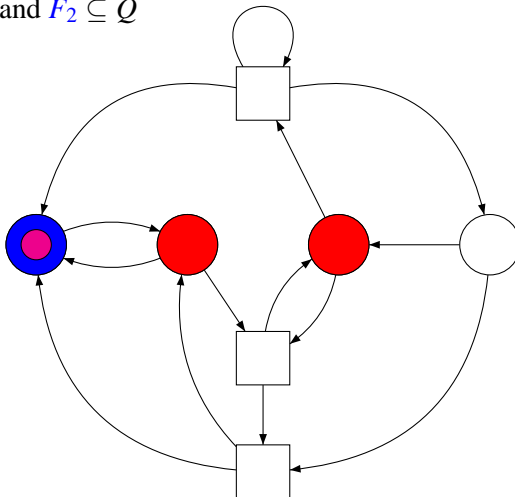
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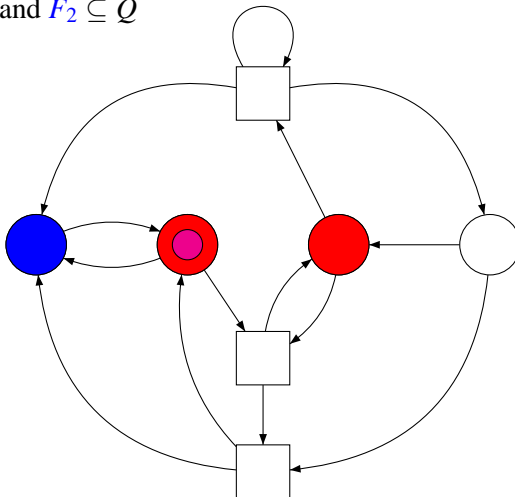
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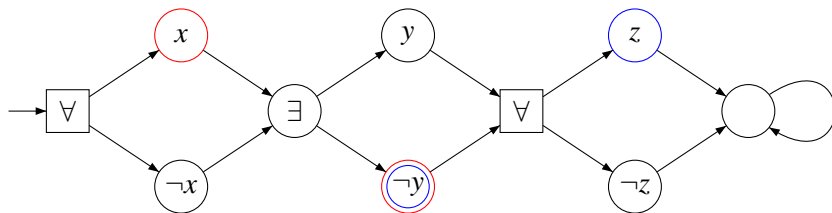
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Eve wins if and only if  $\phi$  is true.

# Complexity

## Theorem (Complexity of generalized reachability games)

- *Solving two players generalized reachability games is PSPACE-complete;*
- *Solving one player (Eve) generalized reachability games is NP-complete.*

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How to weaken weak Müller games to get lower complexity?



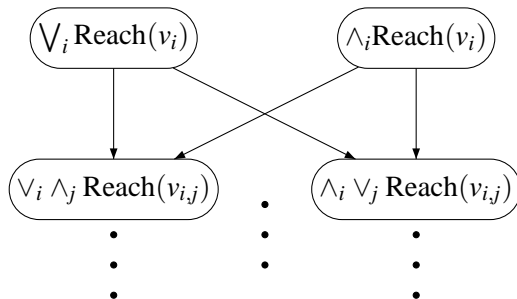
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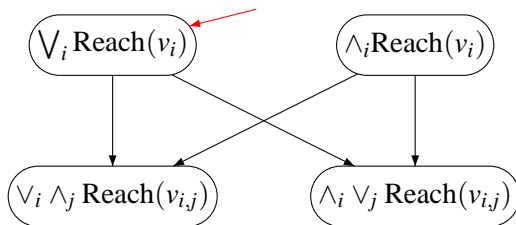
- A condition  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^Q$  is downward-closed if  $Y \in \mathcal{F}, X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow X \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
- weak Müller downward-closed objectives are generalized (existential) reachability objectives;
- weak Müller upward-closed objectives are generalized universal reachability objectives.

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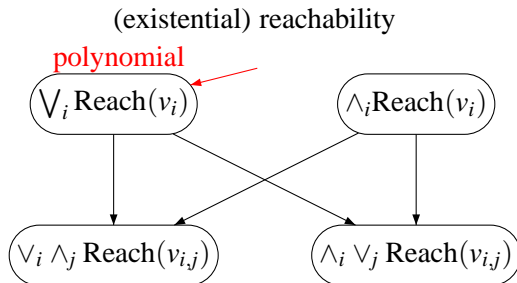


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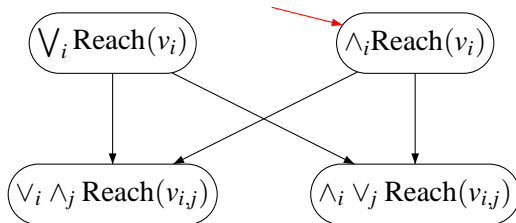


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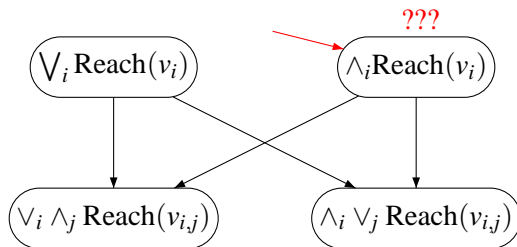
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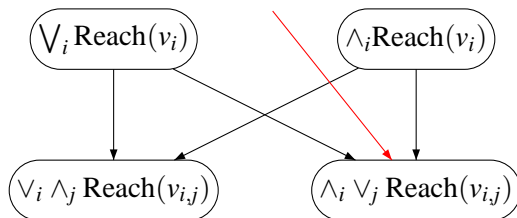
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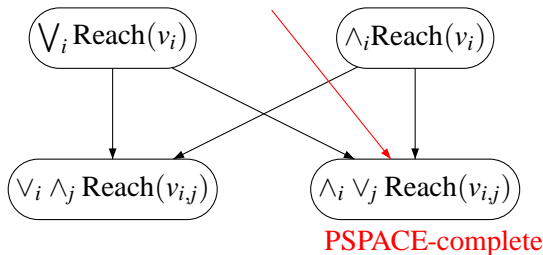
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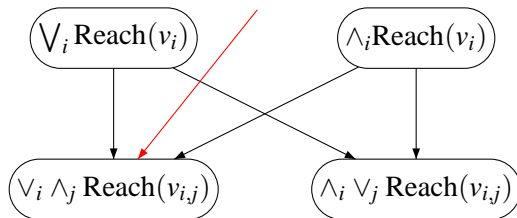
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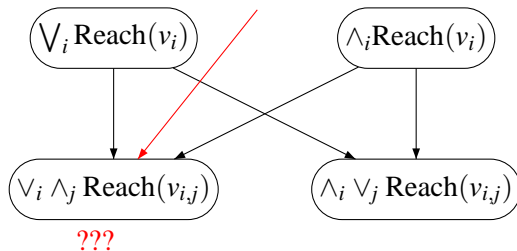
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Theorem (Complexity of universal reachability games)

*Solving universal generalized reachability games is in P.*

*Furthermore, Eve requires at most  $k$  memory states, and Adam at most 2.*

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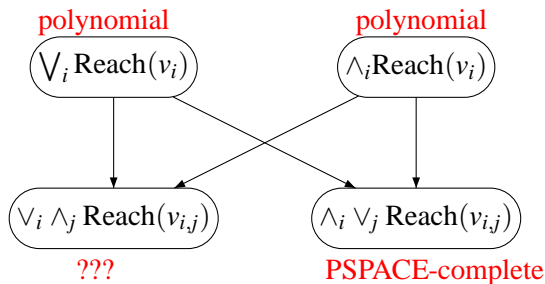
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A winning strategy for Adam is: "if  $v_i$  or  $v_j$  has been reached, then avoid the other".

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*Solving generalized universal games is PSPACE-complete.*

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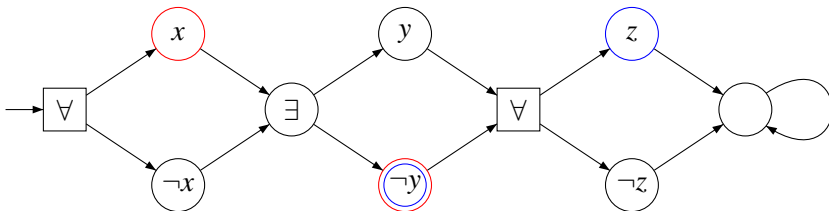
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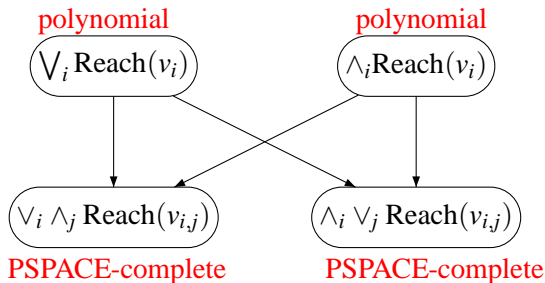
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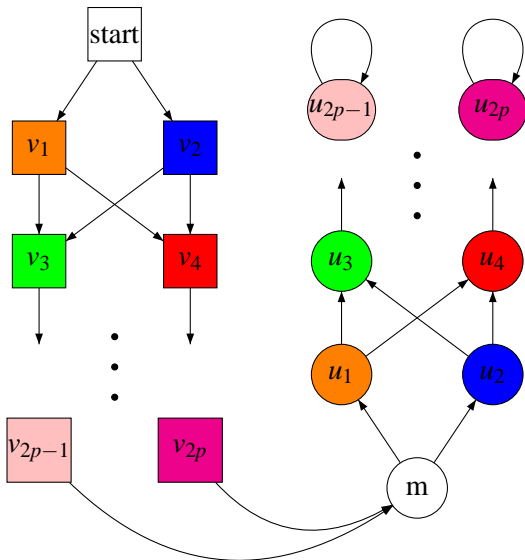
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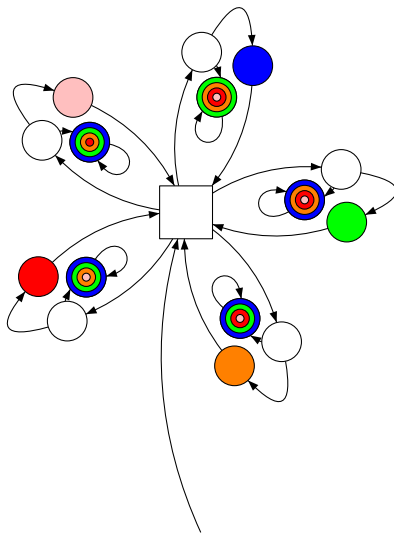
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# Exponential lower bound for Eve, reachability sets of size 2



# Florian's piece of art; exponential lower bound for Eve



# Conclusion and further work

- Many restrictions over weak Müller games are still PSPACE-complete;
- Open case: generalized reachability games where reachability sets have size 2.



# The end.

Thank for your attention!

