Making Self-Stabilizing Algorithms for any Locally Quasi-Greedy Problem

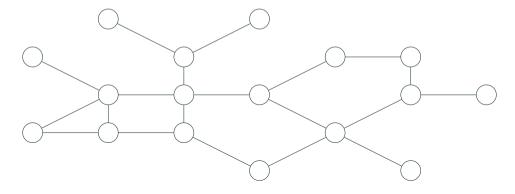
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Introduction

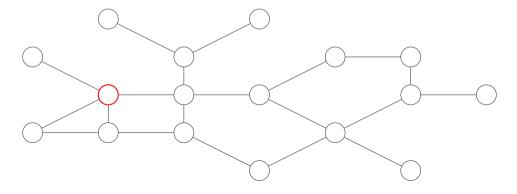
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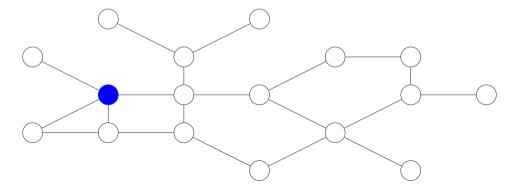
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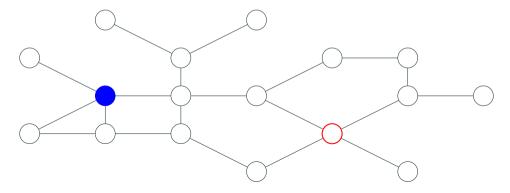
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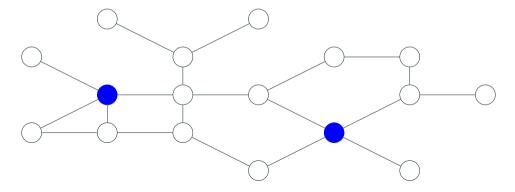
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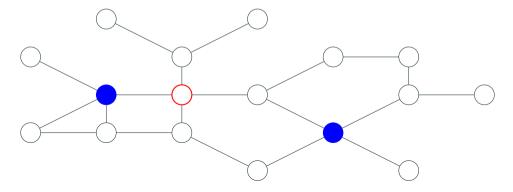
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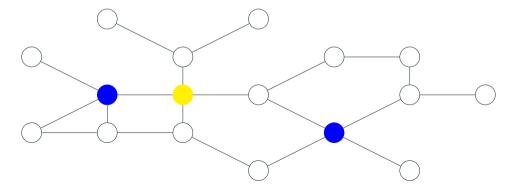
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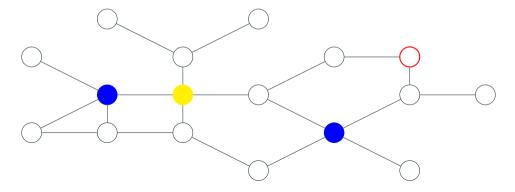
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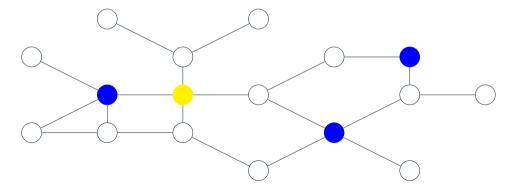
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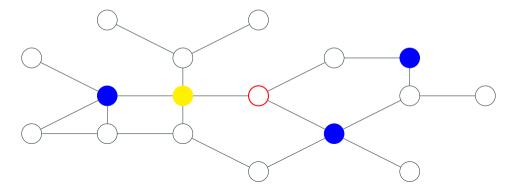
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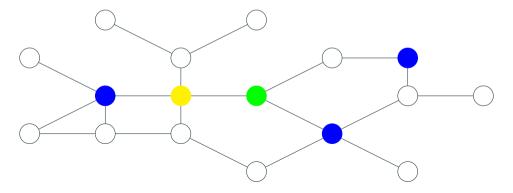
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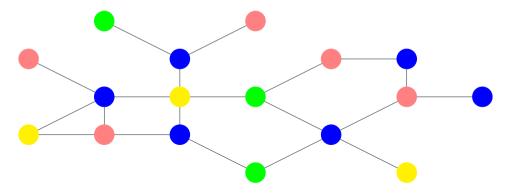
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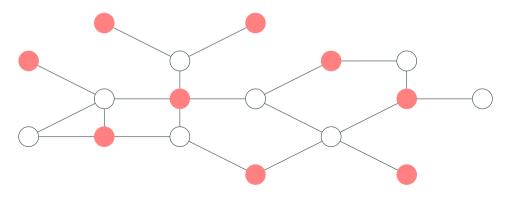
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Mendable Problems

 $\Gamma^*: V \to \mathcal{O} \cup \{\bot\}$ is a **Partial Solution** if :

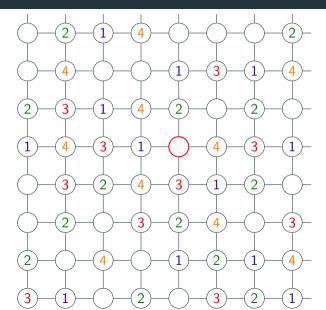
- O is the Output Set,
- $\forall u \in V : \Gamma^*(u) \neq \bot \Rightarrow$ we can complete the labels of the neighbors of u.

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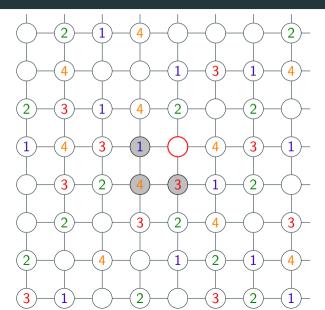
A problem is T-Mendable if, from any partial solution Γ^* and any $v \in V$ such that $\Gamma^*(v) = \bot$, there exists Γ' :

- $\Gamma'(v) \neq \bot$
- $\forall u \neq v, \Gamma'(u) = \bot \Leftrightarrow \Gamma^*(u) = \bot$
- $\forall u \in V$, $dist(u, v) > T \Rightarrow \Gamma'(u) = \Gamma^*(u)$

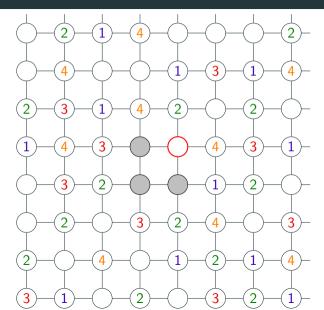
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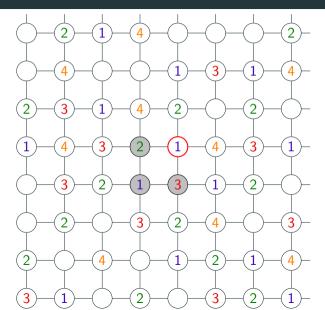
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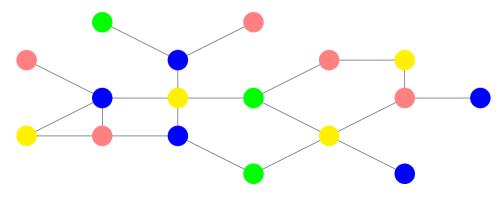


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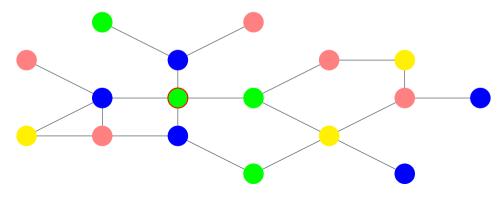
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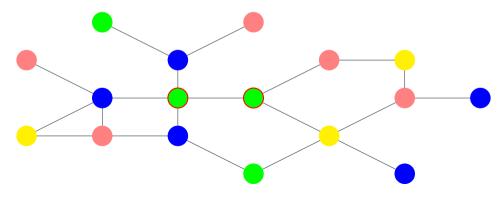
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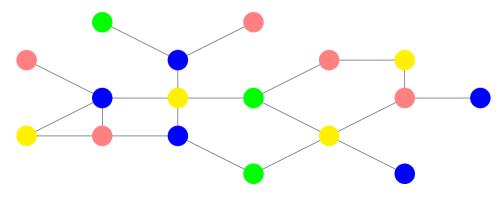
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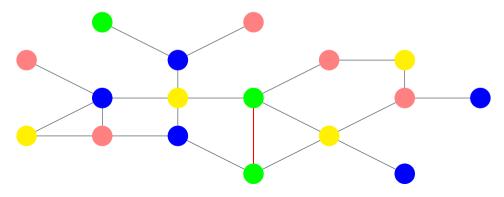
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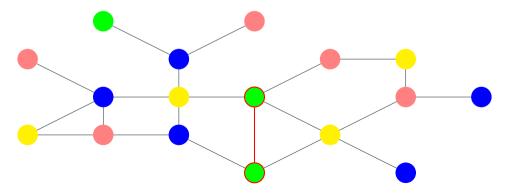
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Computational Setting - State Model

Each node :

- Limited memory $f(\Delta)$, no identifiers.
- When activated : has access to the memory of its neighbors.

Scheduler:

- Subset of agents activated at each round.
- Gouda Fair : If $\mathcal C$ appears infinitely often and $\mathcal C \to \mathcal C'$
 - $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$ appears infinitely often.

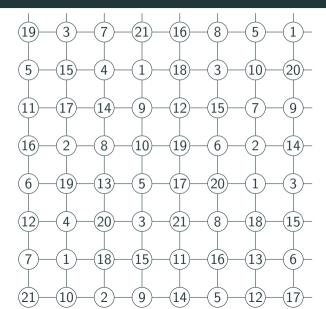
Goal:

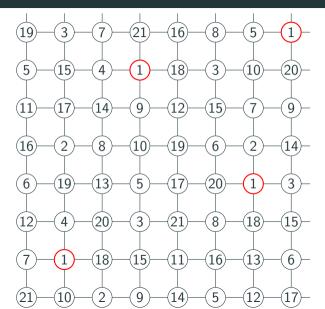
- Define the set of *Stable configurations* and their output.
- From any stable configuration, only stable configurations can be reached.
- From any configuration, a stable configuration is reachable.

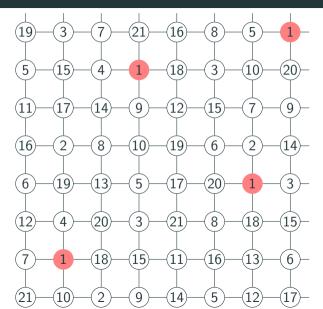
(Similar to probabilistic scheduler without time consideration.)

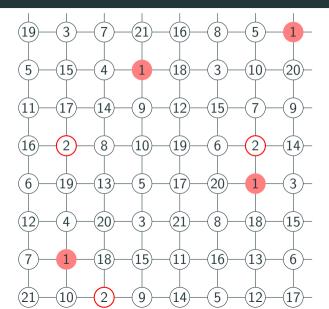
From Distance-*k* Coloring to LOCAL

$$\mathcal{C}: V \to [c]$$
 is a **Distance-** K c -**Coloring** if For all $uv \in V^2$, $dist(u, v) \leq K \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(u) \neq \mathcal{C}(v)$.

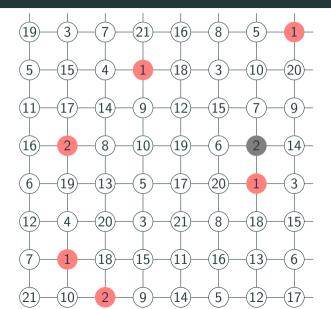


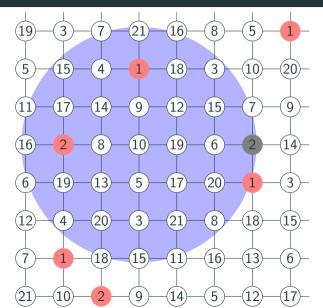






From Distance- $\ensuremath{\mathcal{K}}$ Coloring to Greedy Problems





LOCAL Simulation

LOCAL Model:

- Unique identifiers.
- Synchronous rounds.
- k-rounds is equivalent to knowing neighborhood at distance k.

LOCAL Simulation:

- From a distance-2K coloring, a node can compute its radius-K neighborhood :
 - At first, each node knows its radius-0 neighborhood.
 - With the radius-0 neighborhood of your neighbors, you know your radius-1.
 - With the radius-i neighborhood of your neighbors, you know your radius-i + 1.
- Having unique colors/identifiers in radius-i removes any ambiguity.
- Each node can simulate a LOCAL algorithm that runs on at most K rounds.

Solving Mendable Problems

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Let Π be a T-mendable L_{CL} problem. Π can be solved in $O(T\Delta^{2T})$ rounds in the L_{OCAL} model if we are given a distance-2T+1 coloring.

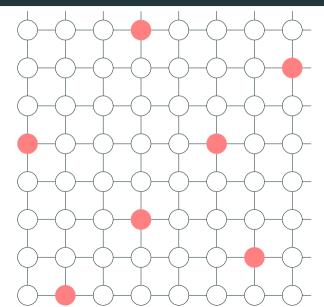
How to simulate the LOCAL algorithm :

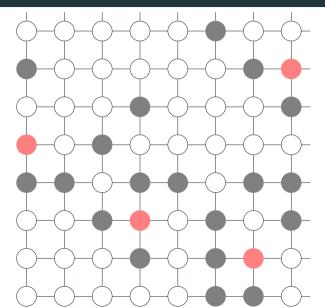
- Compute the distance-2T + 1 coloring.
- Compute a distance- $O(T\Delta^{2T})$ coloring for making fake "unique identifiers".
- For each node, compute the radius- $O(T\Delta^{2T})$ neighborhood.
- Give the output of the LOCAL algorithm on this neighborhood.

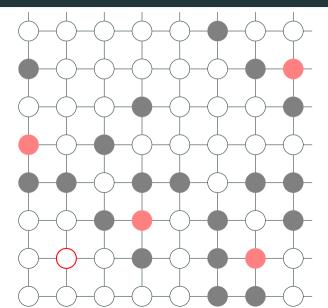
Computing a (k, k-1)-Ruling Set

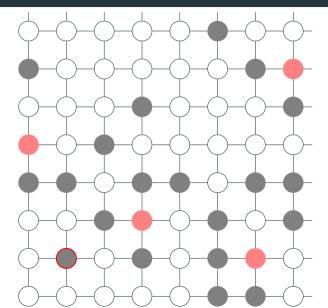
(a, b)-Ruling Set S:

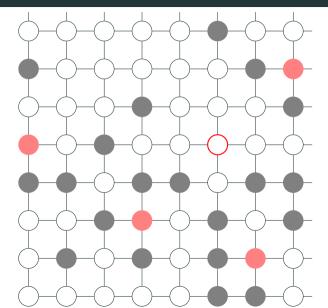
- $\forall u, v \in S^2$, $dist(u, v) \geq a$.
- $\forall u \notin S$, $dist(u, S) \leq b$.
- (2,1)-Ruling Set is MIS.
- (k, k-1)-Ruling Set is Distance-k MIS.
- A distance-k coloring is a partition into (k + 1, k)-ruling sets : Each set corresponds to one of the colors.

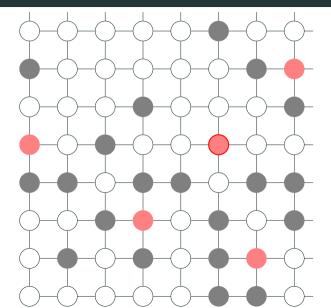


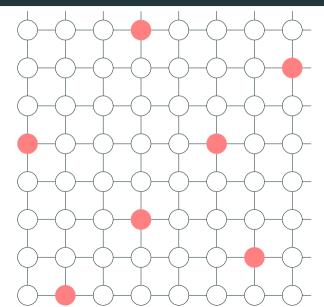


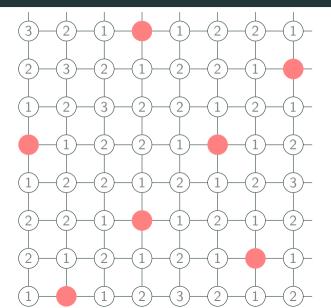


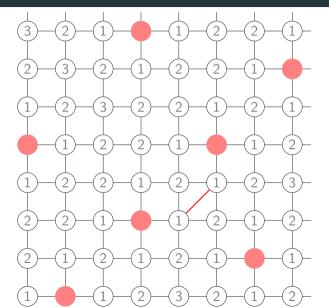


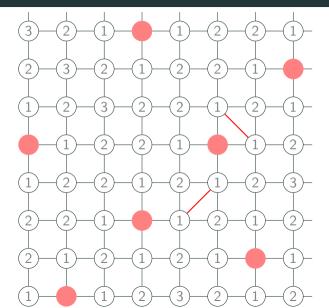












Idea of the Algorithm

Each node u has 3 elements :

- $d_u \in [0, k-1]$
 - Each node keeps their distance to the ruling set candidates.
 - $d_u = 0$ means that u is candidate (called Leader).
- $\operatorname{err}_u \in \{0,1\}$
 - Nodes keep in their memory if an error is detected.
 - Errors are transmitted to nodes with smaller d_u .
 - Leaders with an error reset $d_{ii} = k 1$.
 - When $d_{ij} = k 1$, the error is removed.
- $\bullet \ \, \text{For every } i \in \llbracket 1, \left \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right \rfloor 1 \rrbracket : \mathsf{c}_{i,u} \in \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \mathsf{b}_{i,u} \in \{\uparrow, \downarrow\}$
 - Clock system to synchronize to the closest leader.
 - One clock for each distance from d_u to $\left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor$.

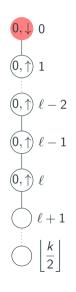
Keeping your Distances

Each node u stores a distance integer $d_u \in [0, k-1]$:

- If $d_u = 0$, u is a leader (i.e. une the Ruling Set)
- If $d_u>0$, we need that $\min\{d_v:v\in N(u)\}=d_u-1$ If it is not the case, $d_u=\min\{\min\{d_v:v\in N(u)\}+1,k-1\}$
- If ∀v ∈ N(u), d_v = k − 1, d_u = 0

 u becomes a new leader.

 (Scheduler ensures that several nodes in that situation will not be an issue.)
- If there is $v \in N(u)$ with $|d_u d_v| \ge 2$, $err_u = 1$.
- If there are two leaders v_1 and v_2 in your closed neighborhood, $d_{v_1} = d_{v_2} = k 1$.



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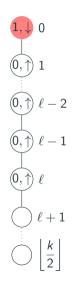
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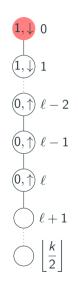
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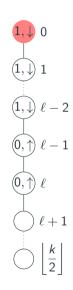
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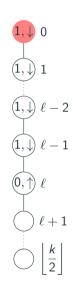
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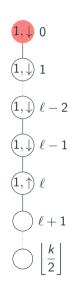
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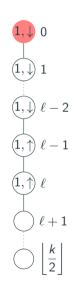
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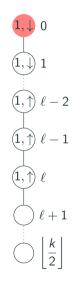
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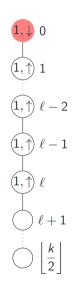
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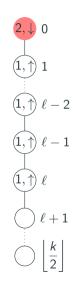
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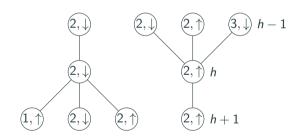
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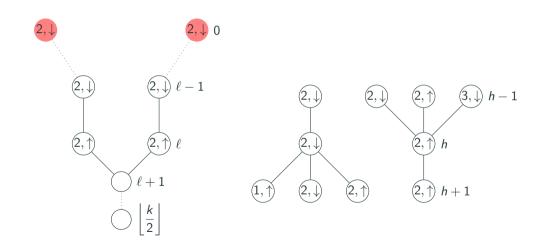
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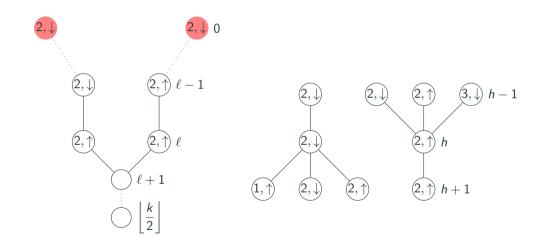
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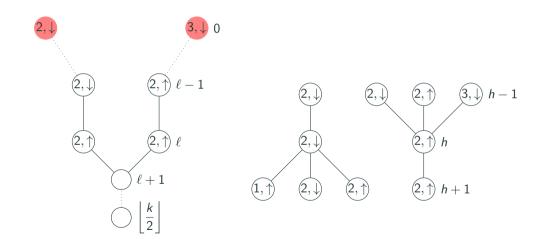
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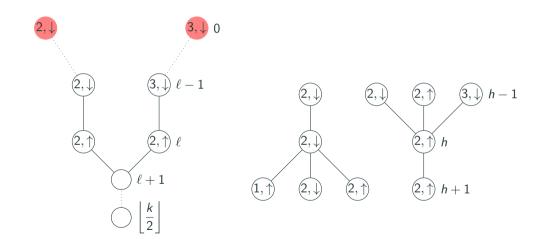
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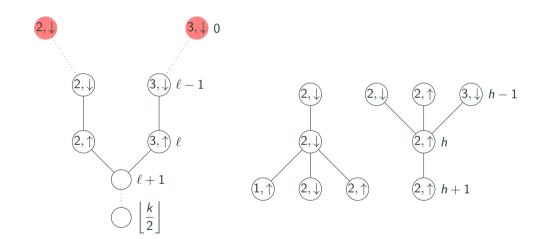


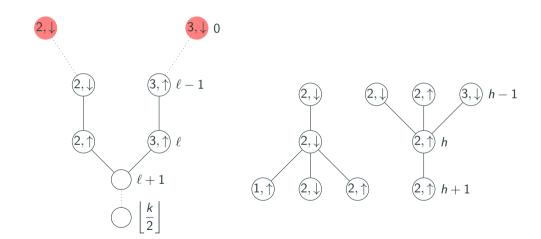


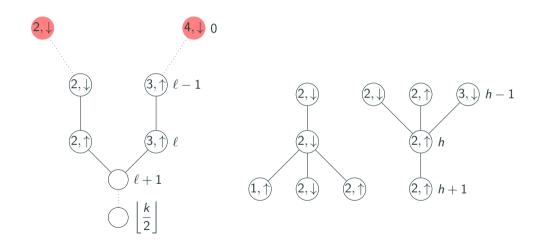


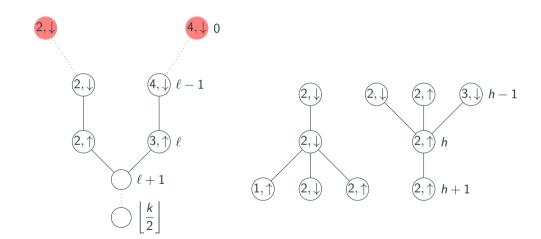


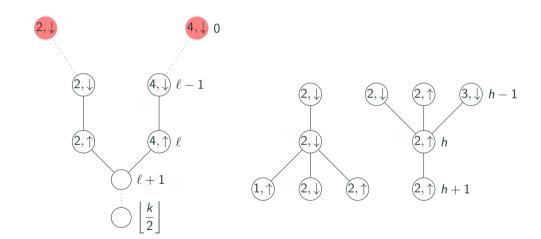


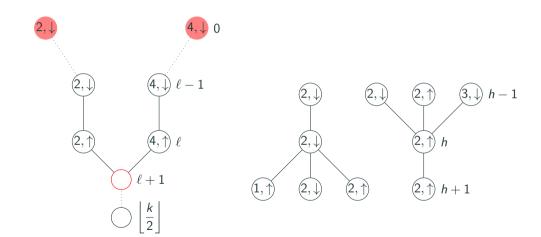


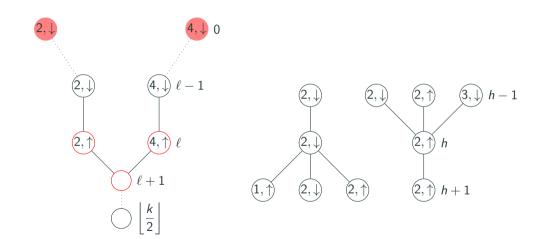


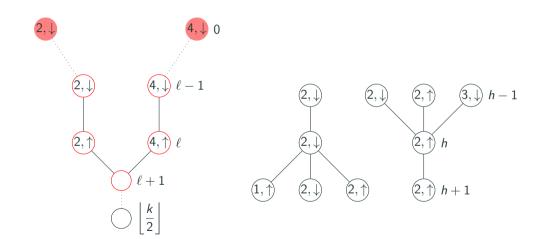


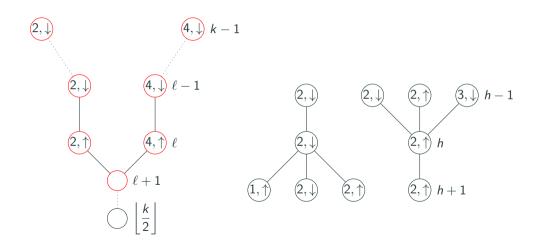


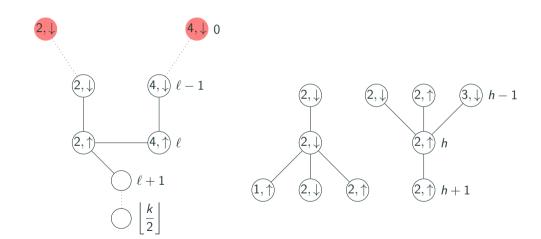


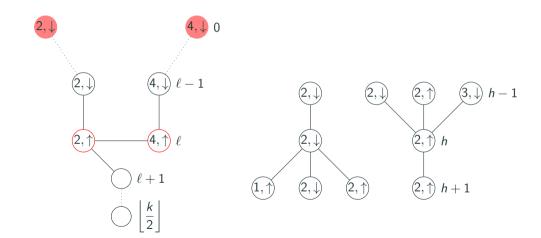












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A configuration is **Stable** if:

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- Each node knows its exact distance to S.

From any configuration:

- If two leaders are too close, we can remove them.
- If a leader has no leader too close, we can make it locally stable.

Computing a Distance-K Coloring

$$C: V \to [c]$$
 is a **Distance-** K c -**Coloring** if For all $uv \in V^2$, $dist(u, v) \le K \Rightarrow C(u) \ne C(v)$

- Such a coloring can be created with a partition into (K + 1, K)-ruling sets : Each set corresponds to one of the colors.
- Our algorithm can be composed.

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