BAPC 2023

Solutions presentation

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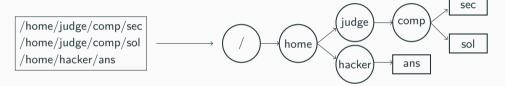
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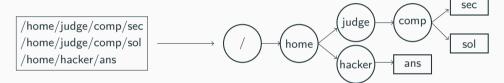
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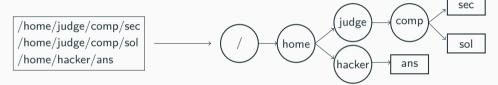
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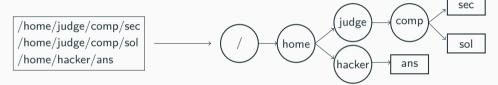


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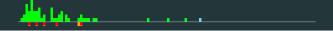
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Use dynamic programming:

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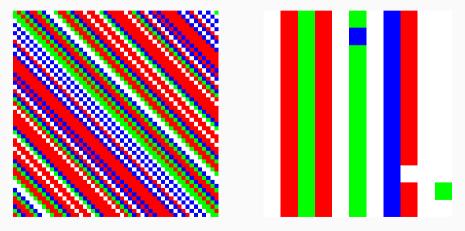
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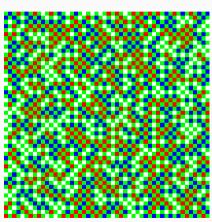
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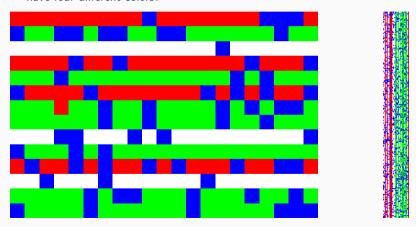


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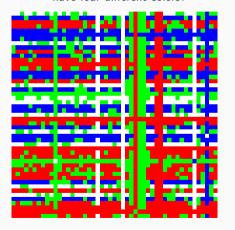


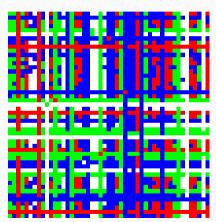
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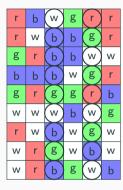
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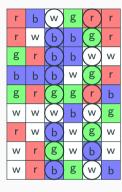


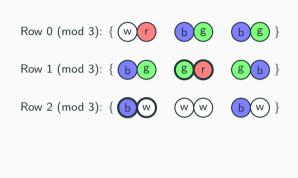


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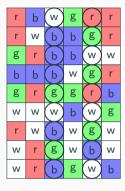
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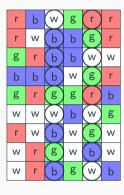
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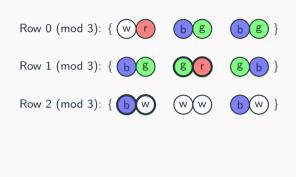
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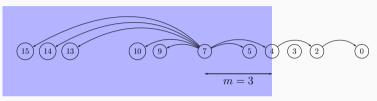
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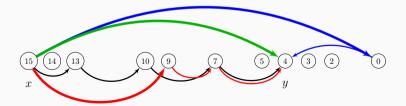
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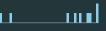
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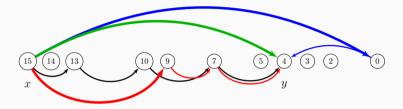
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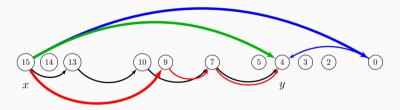


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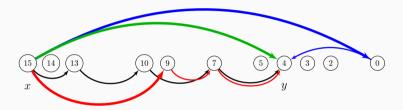
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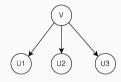
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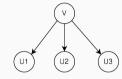


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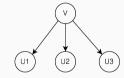
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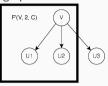
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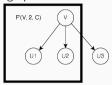
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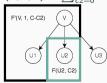
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D - Kindergarten Excursion

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- Process the sequence from left to right. Keep track of the number of 1's and 2's to the left of current number and calculate the result.
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Statistics: 60 submissions, 12 correct, first at 1:13:57.

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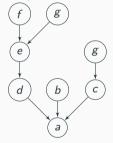
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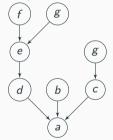
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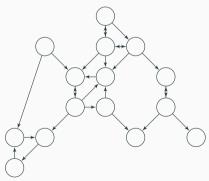
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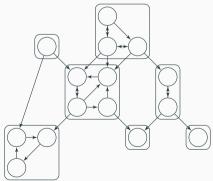
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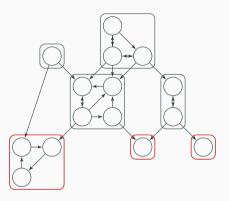
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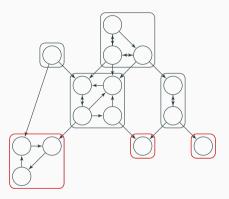
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