



Revisiting Time-Space Tradeoffs for Function Inversion

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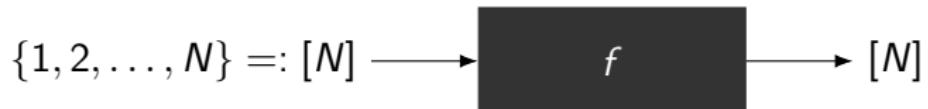


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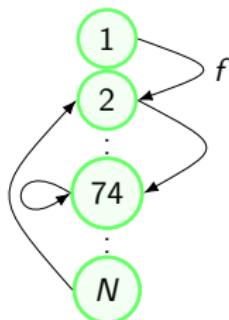
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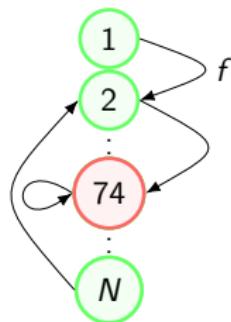
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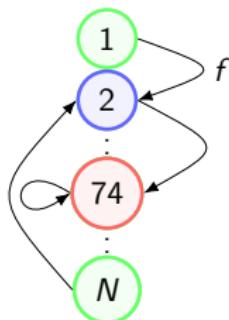
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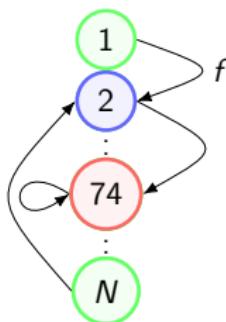
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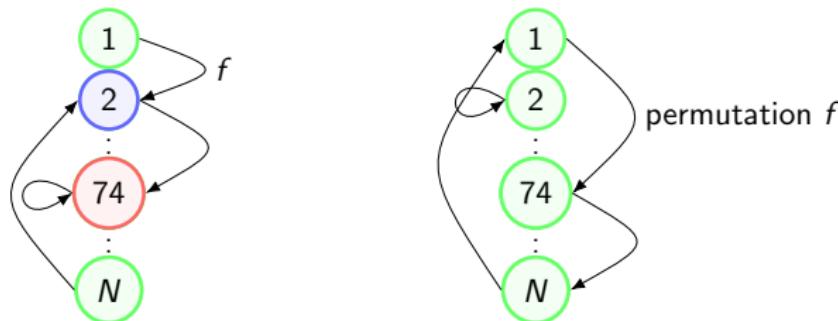
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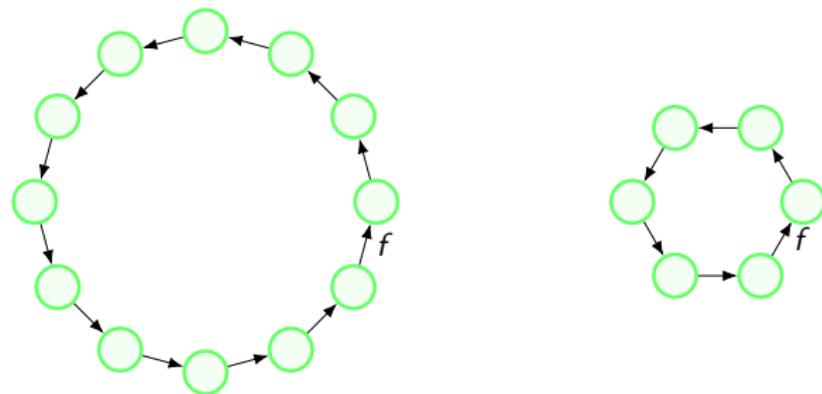


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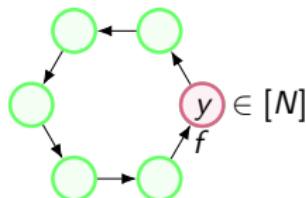
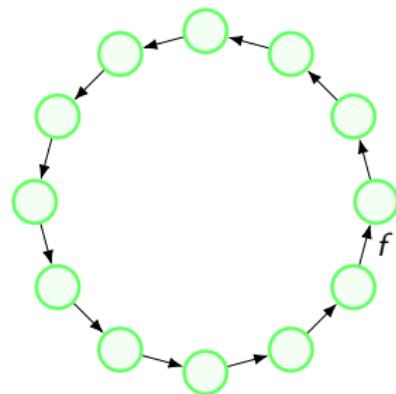
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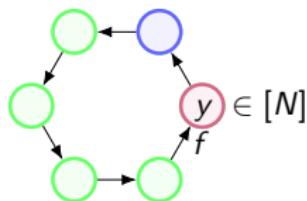
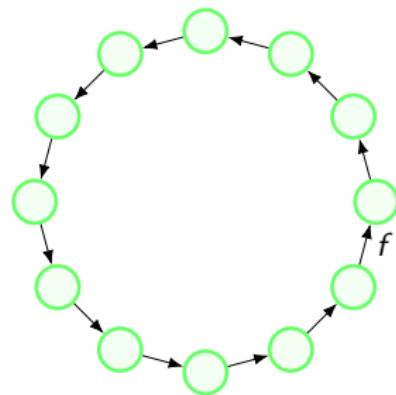
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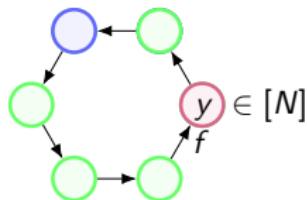
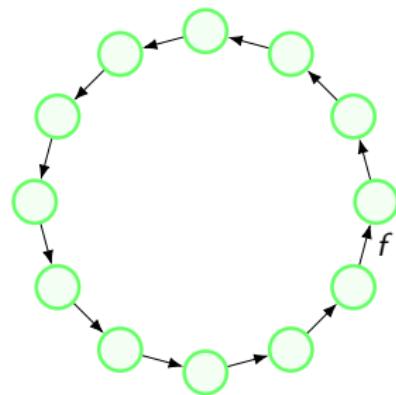
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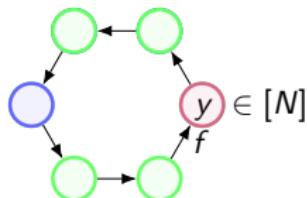
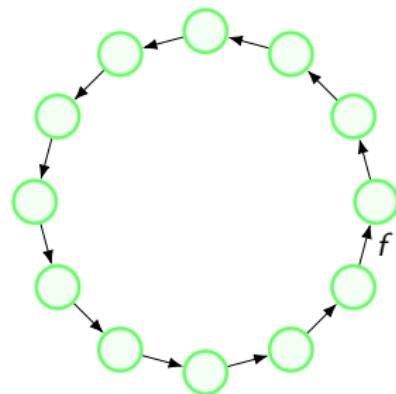
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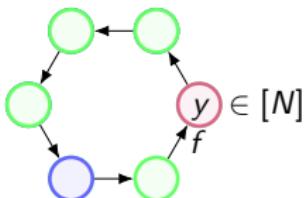
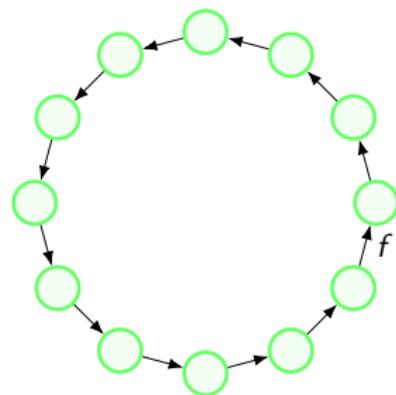
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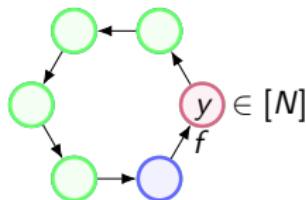
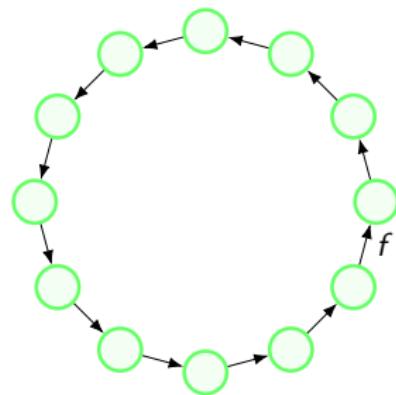
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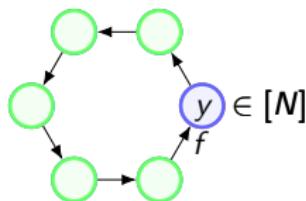
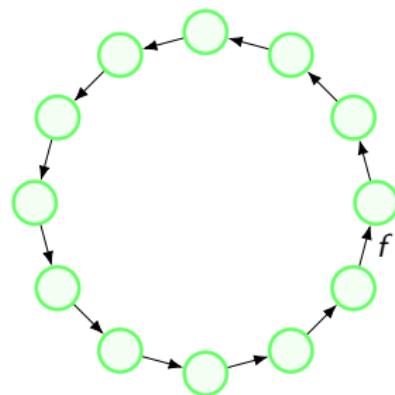
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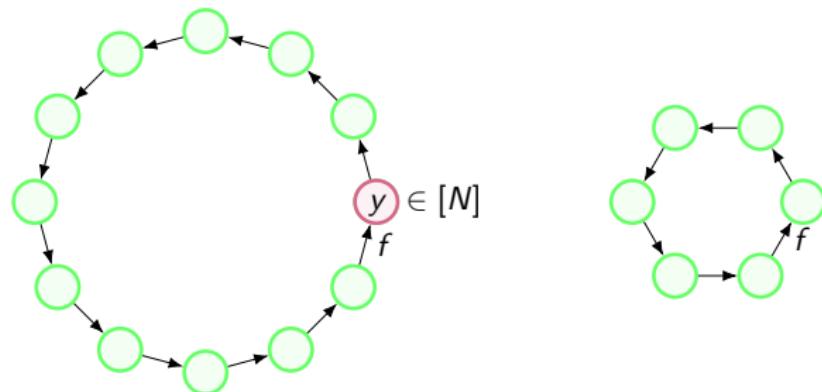


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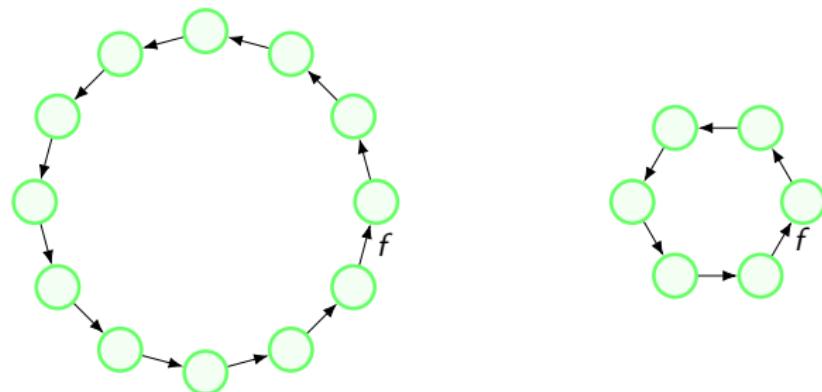
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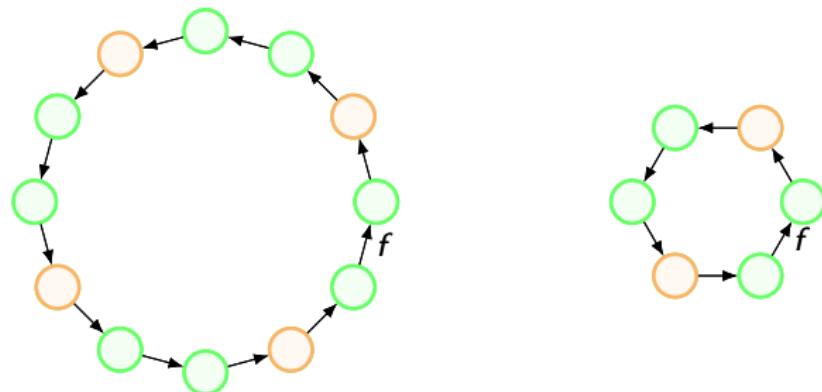
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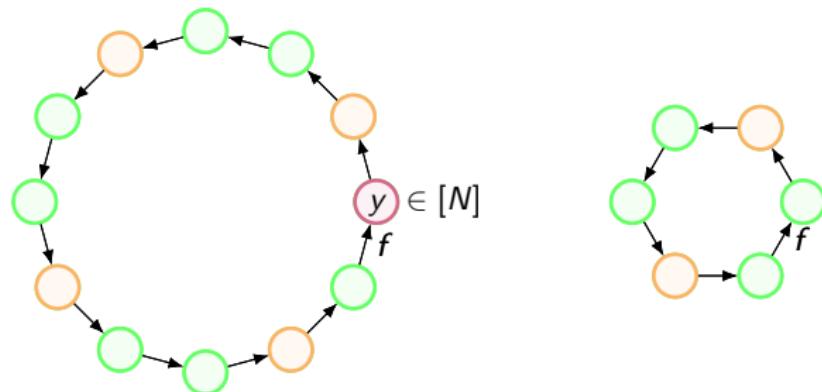
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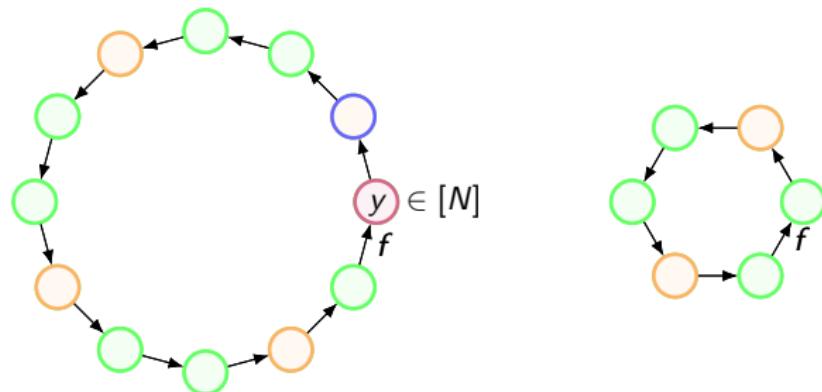
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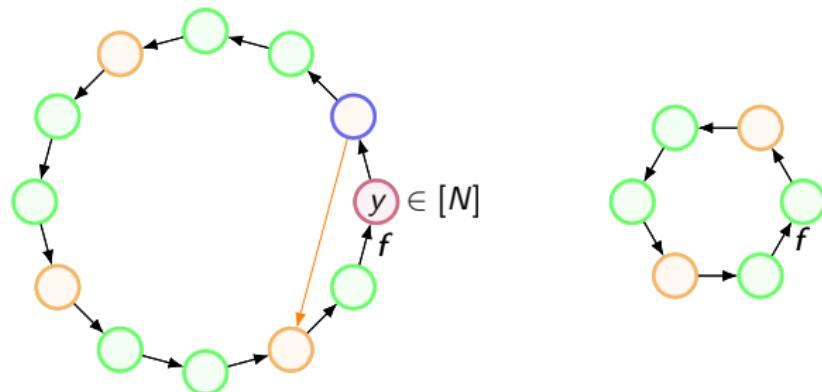
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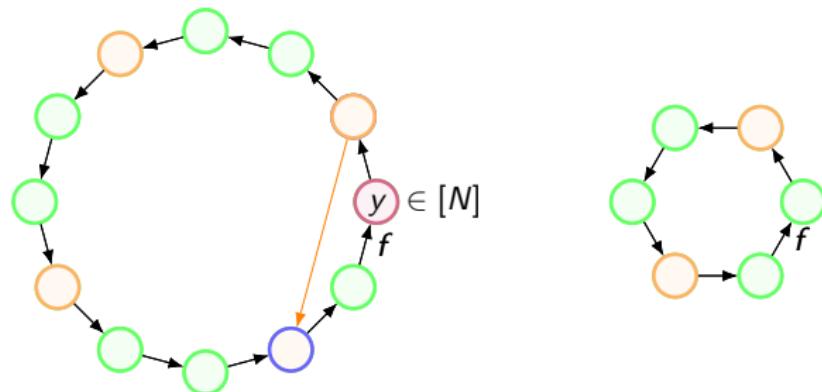
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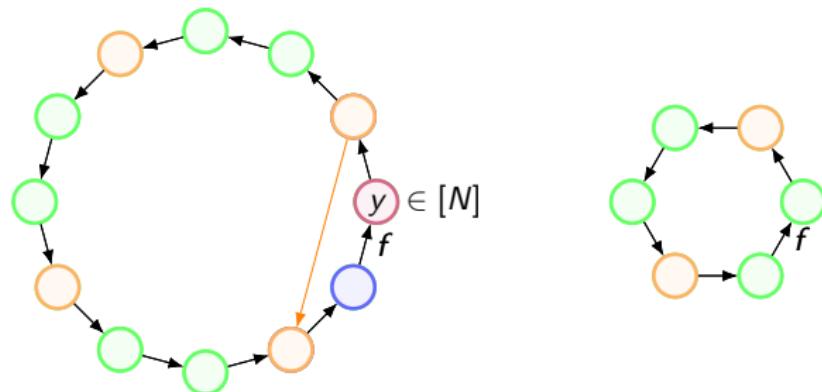
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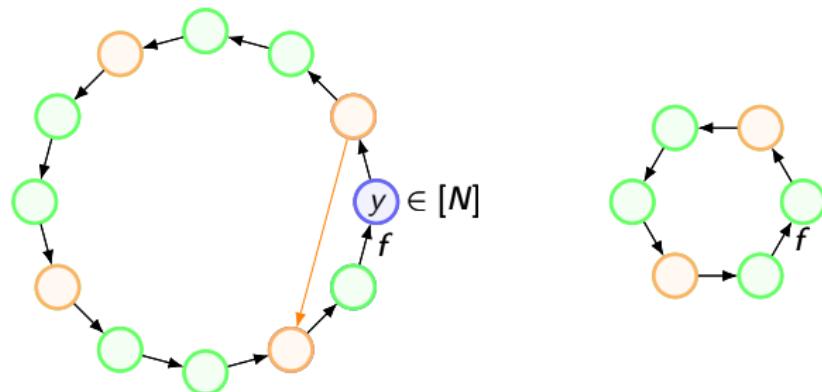
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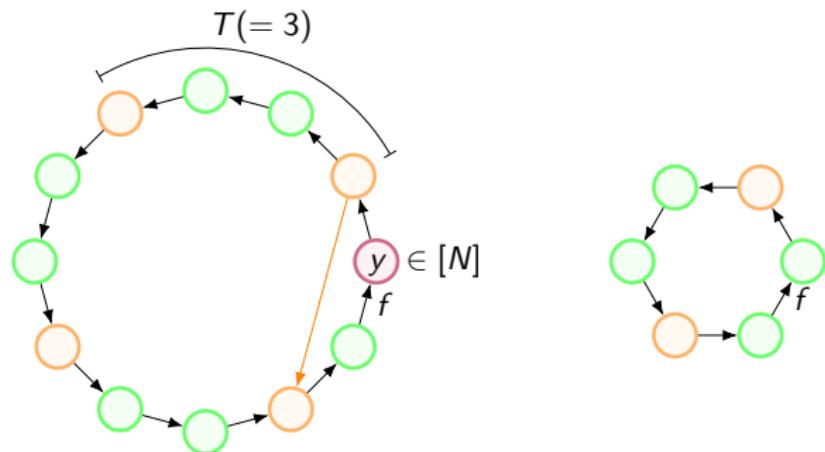
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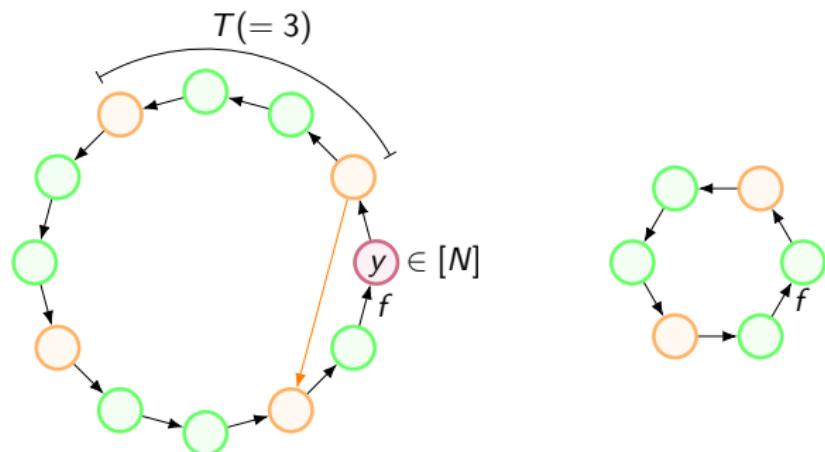
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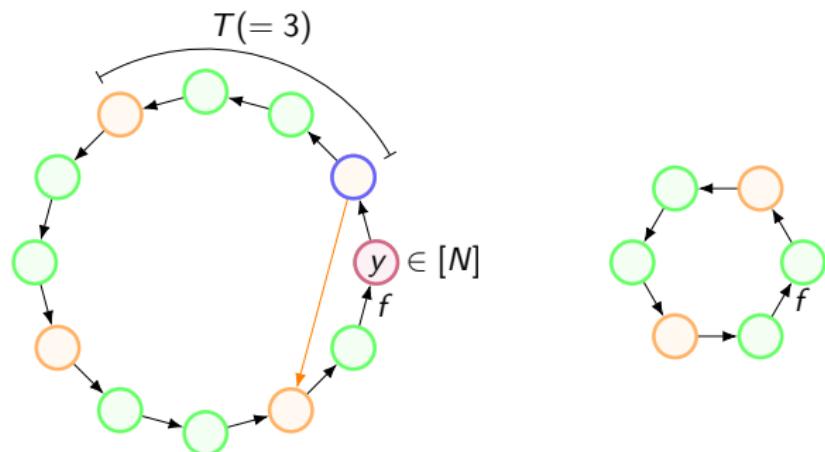
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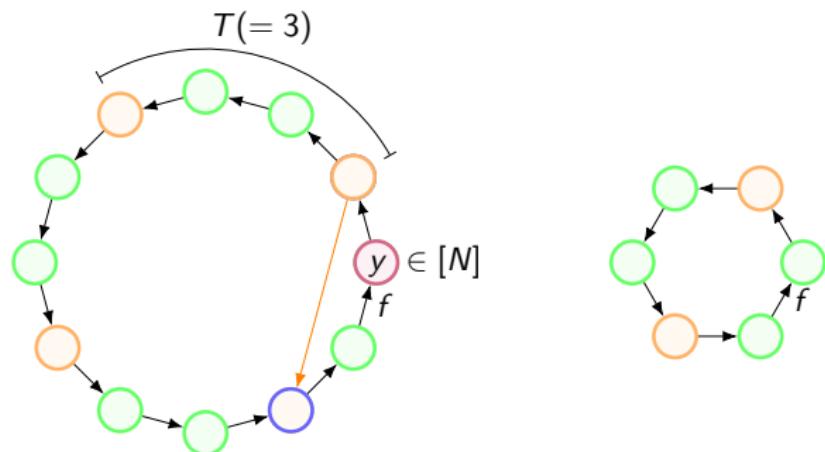
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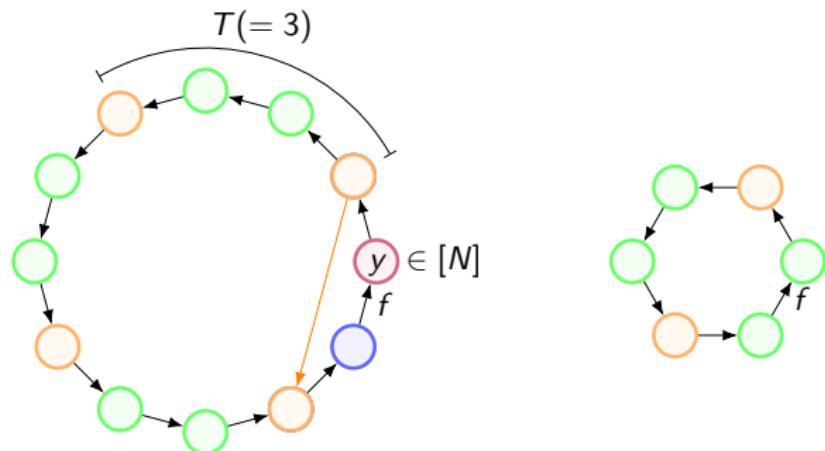
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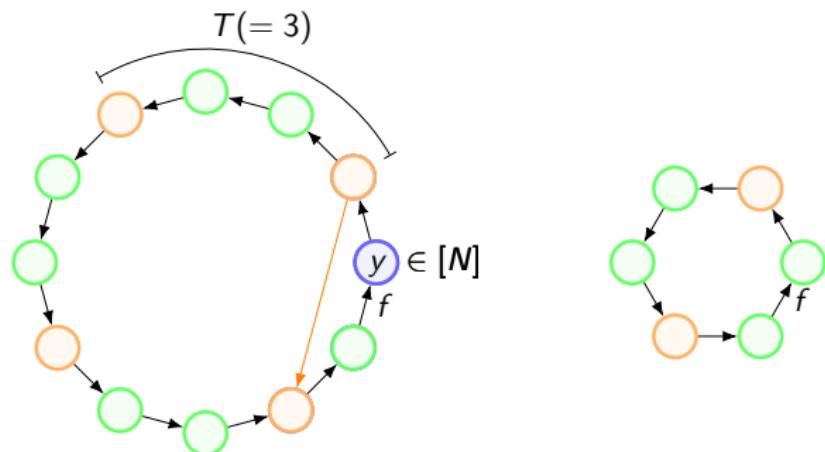
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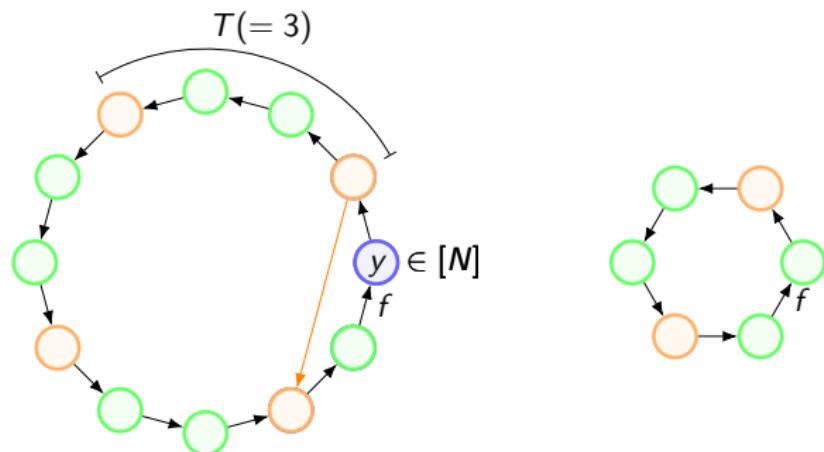
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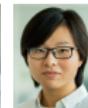
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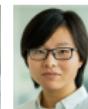


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- ▶ Result 2: A tight lower bound for a natural class of non-adaptive function inversion algorithms.
- ▶ Not in this talk: equivalences between variants of function inversion.

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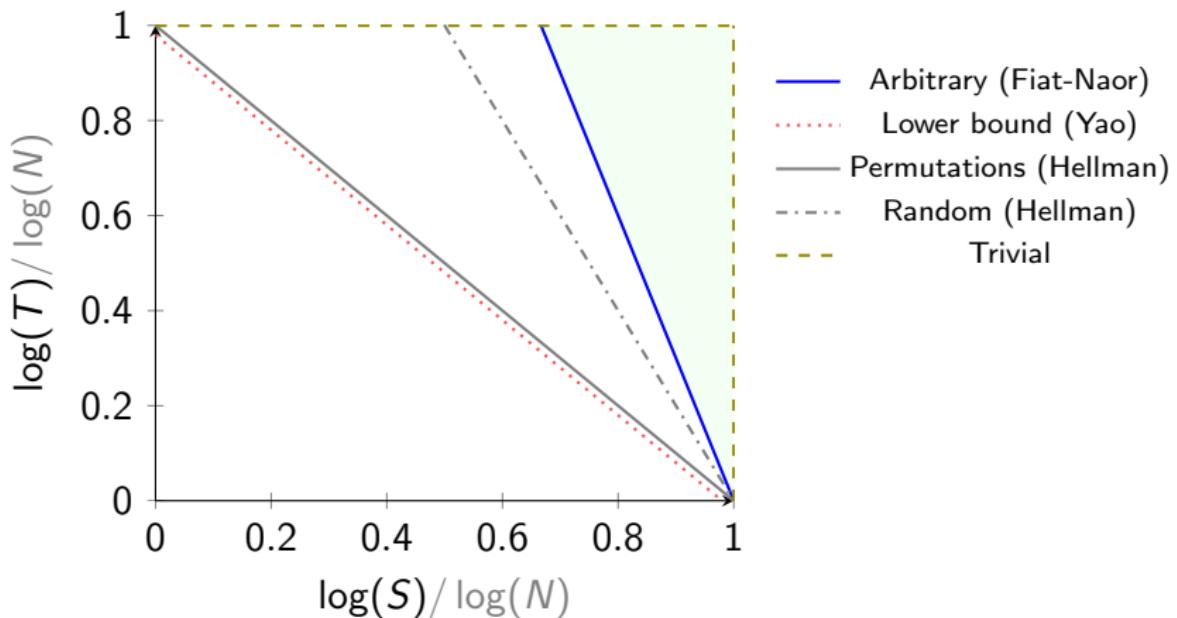
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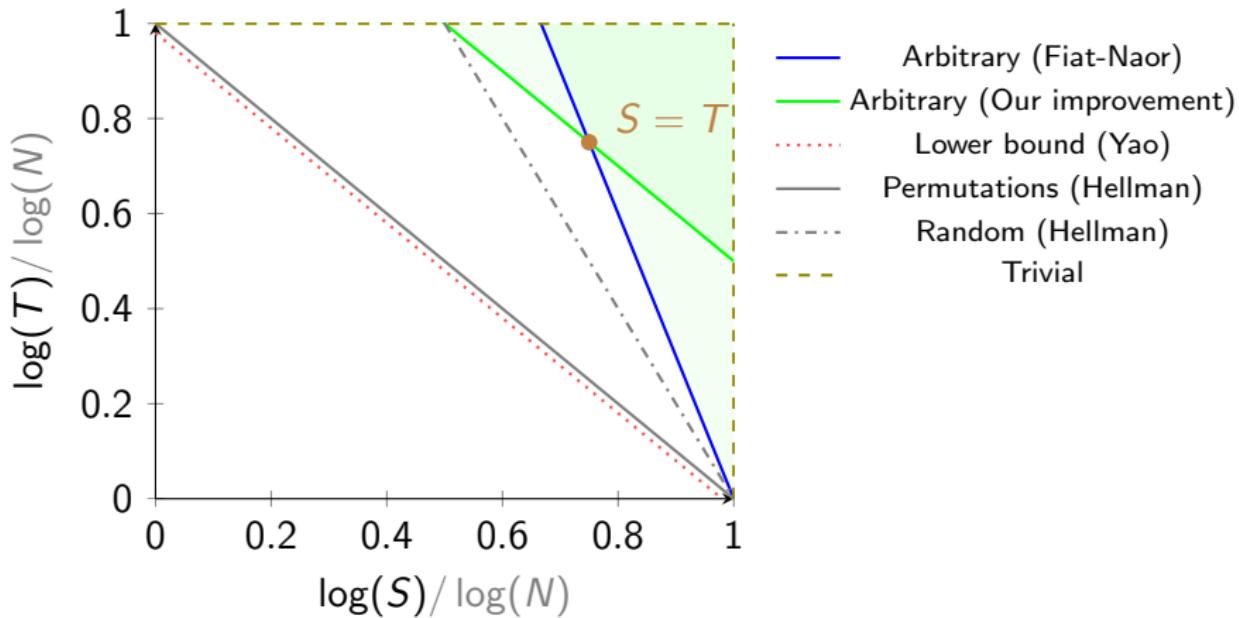
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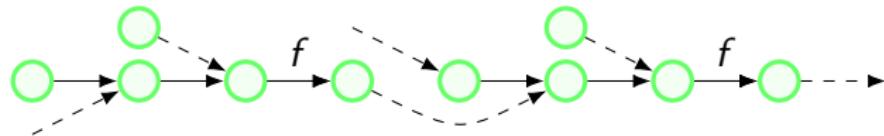


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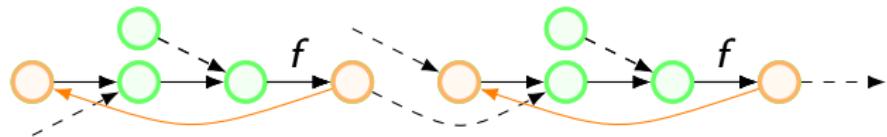
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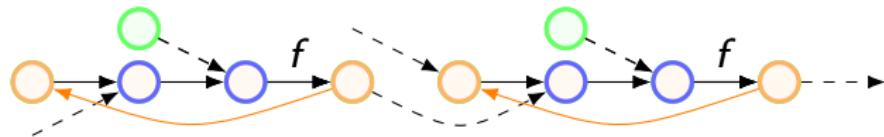
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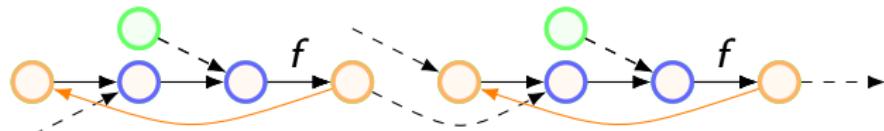
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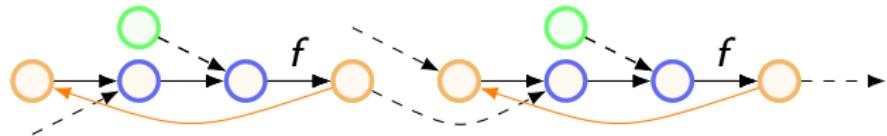
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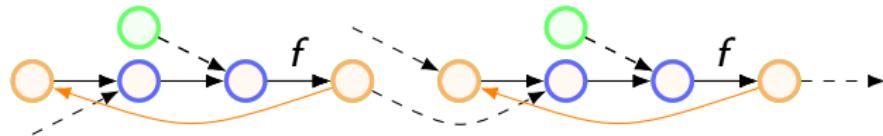
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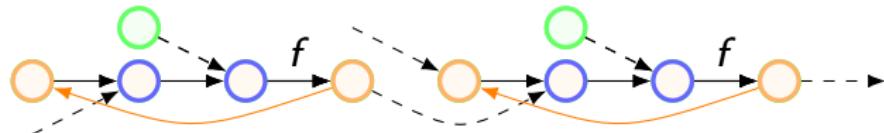
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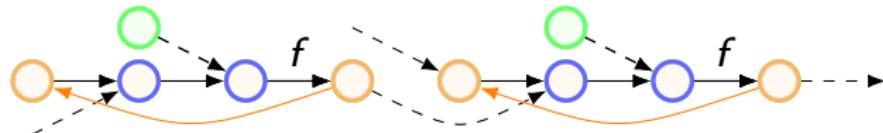
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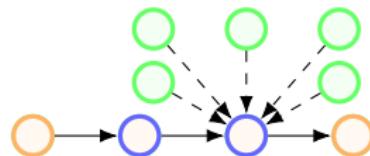


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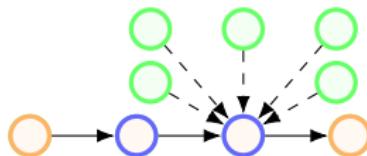
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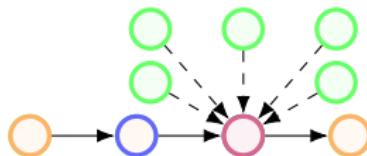
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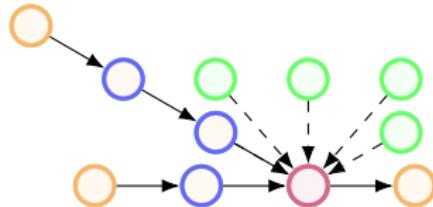
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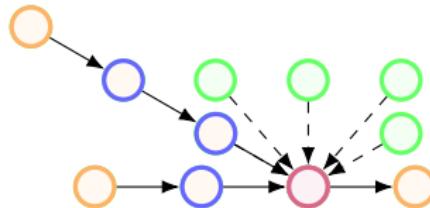
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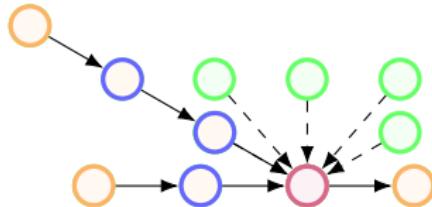
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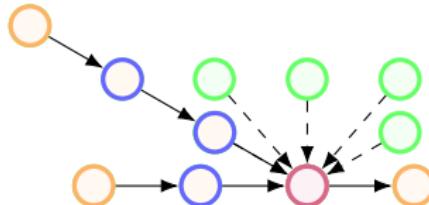
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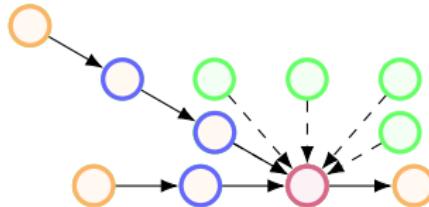
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