

Asymptotic Analysis of Shape Parameters of Trees and Lattice Paths



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Thesis Overview

① Reductions of Binary Trees and Lattice Paths induced by the Register Function

- ▶ Joint work with Clemens Heuberger, Helmut Prodinger
- ▶ Published: Theoret. Comput. Sci. **705** (2018), 31–57.

② Fringe Analysis of Plane Trees Related to Cutting and Pruning

- ▶ Joint work with Clemens Heuberger, Sara Kropf, Helmut Prodinger
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③ Growing and Destroying Catalan–Stanley Trees

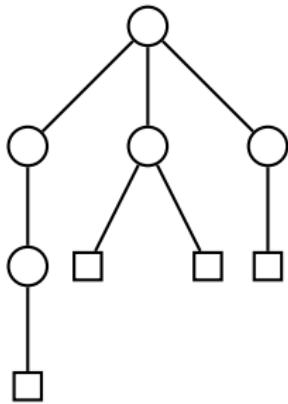
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④ Ascents in Non-Negative Lattice Paths

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- ▶ arXiv:1801.02996 [math.CO]

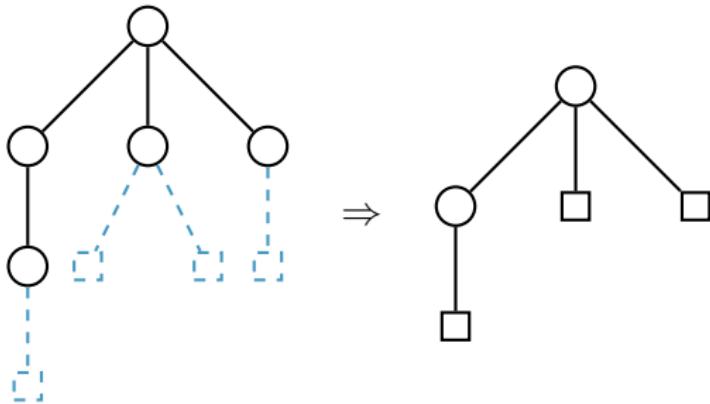
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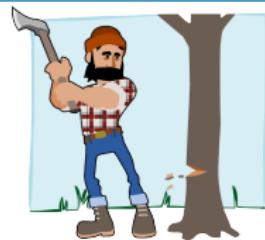
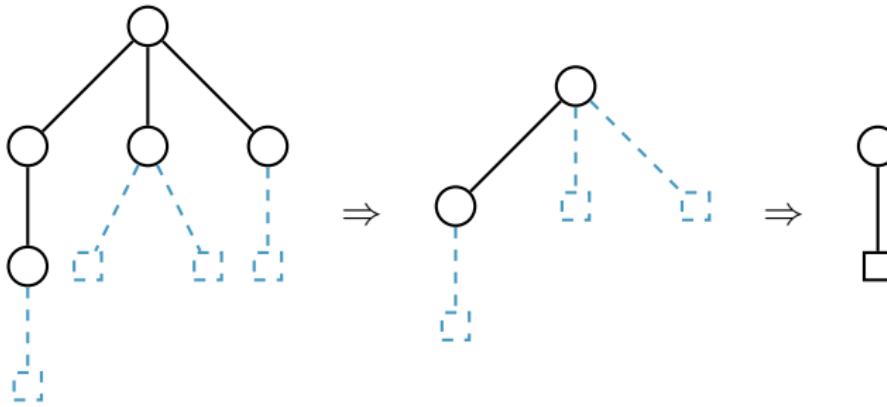
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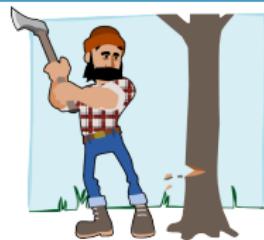
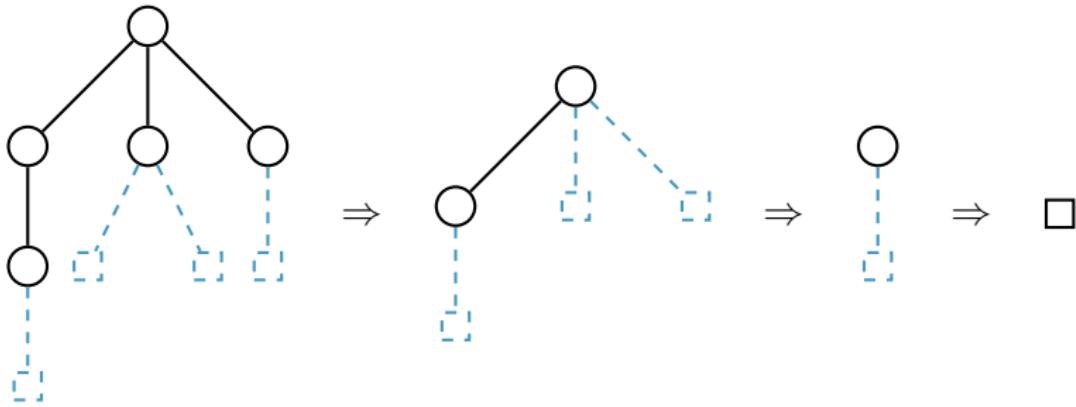
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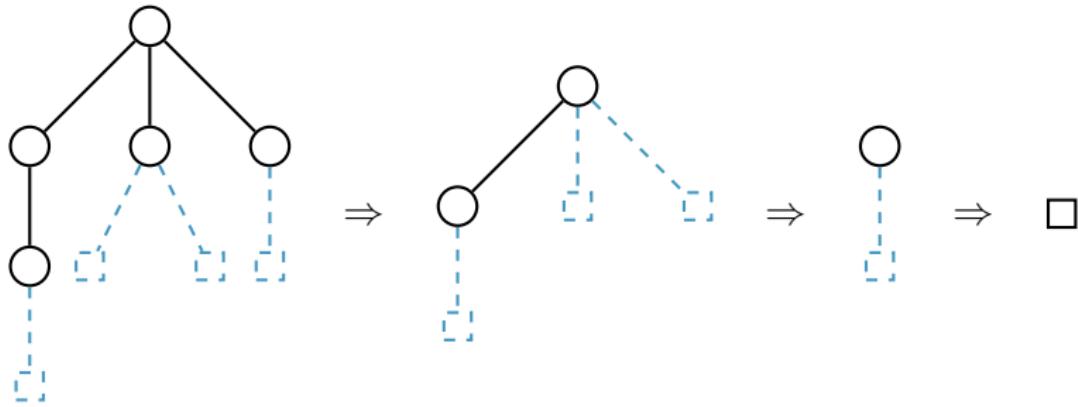
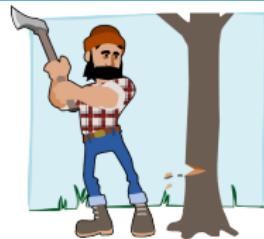
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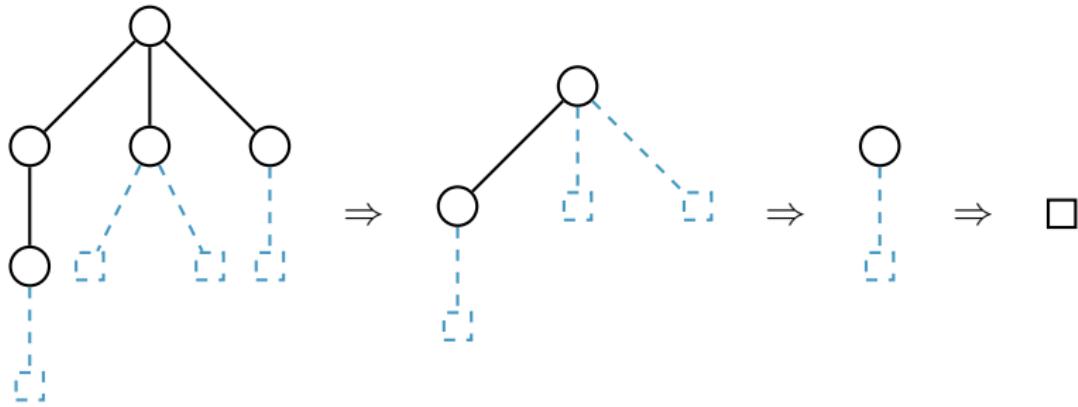
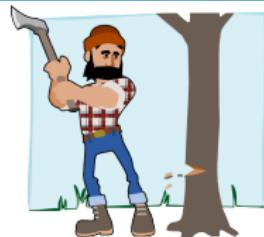
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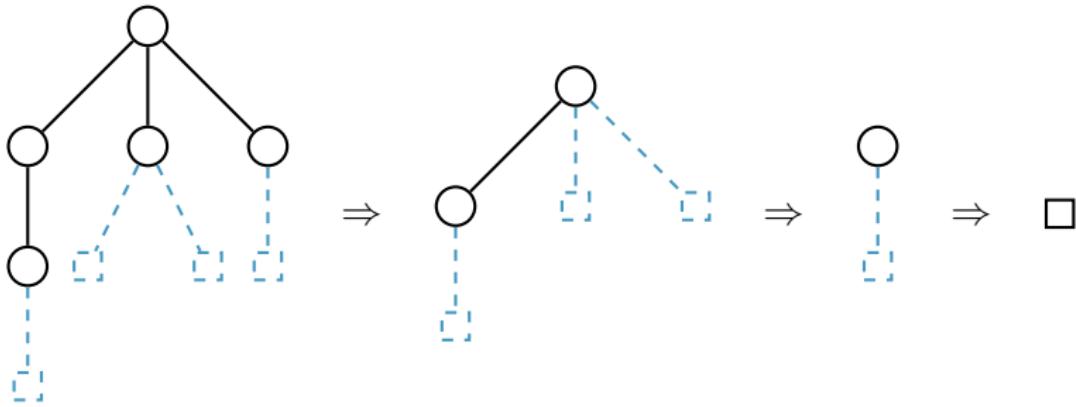


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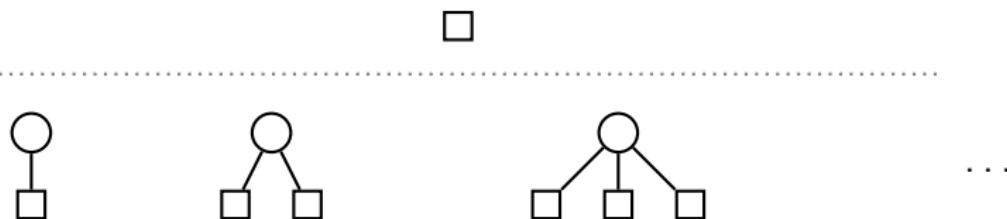
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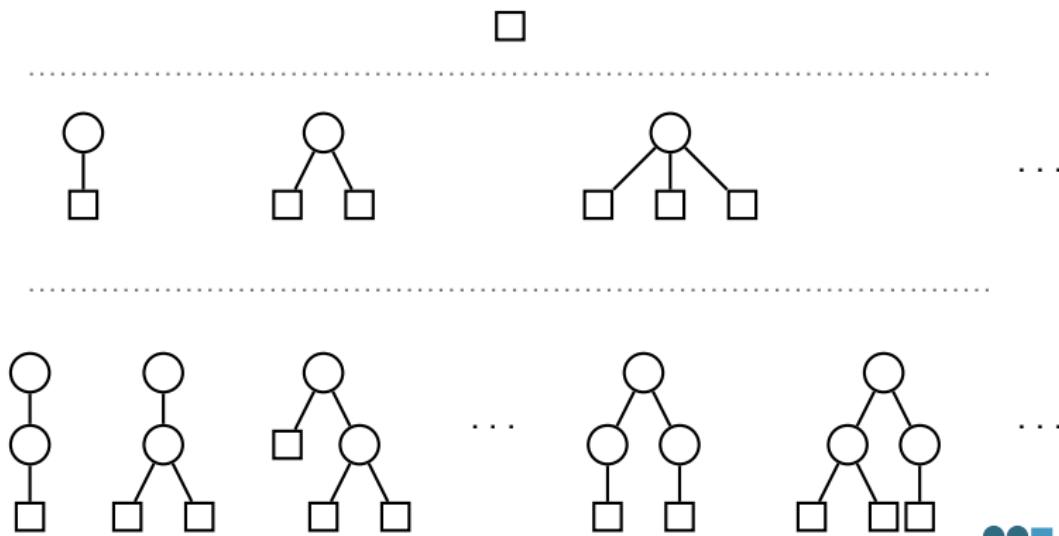
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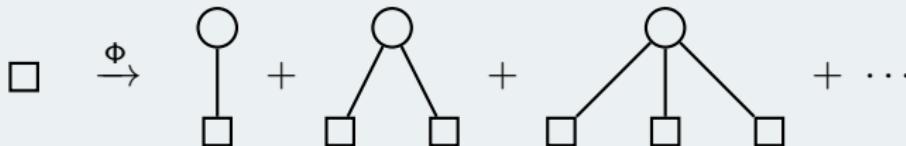
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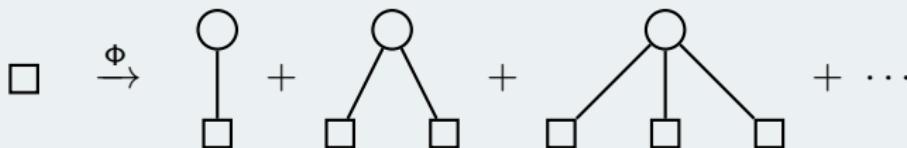


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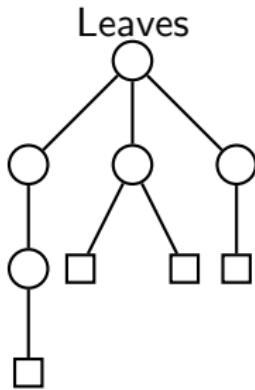
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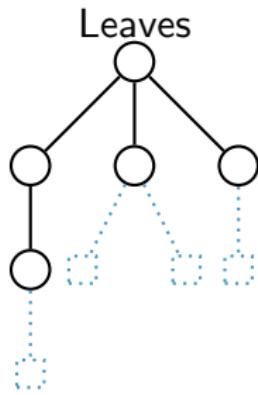


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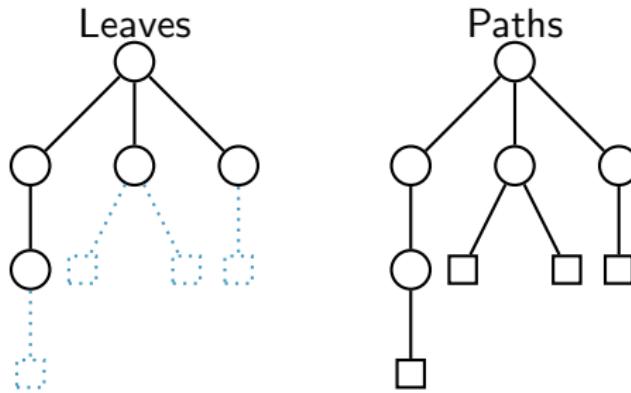
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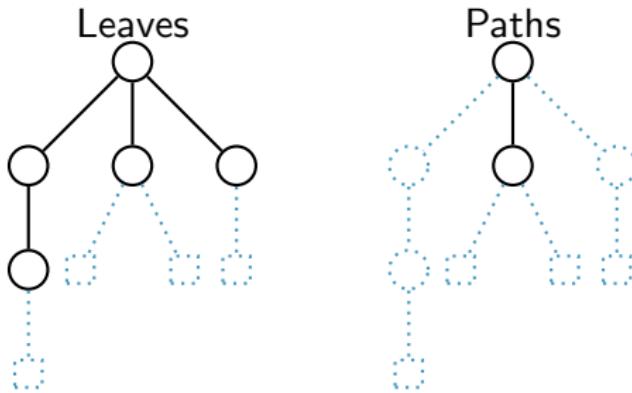
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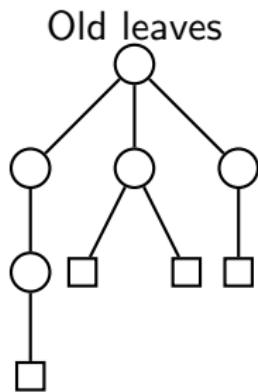
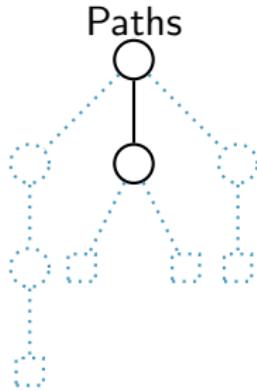
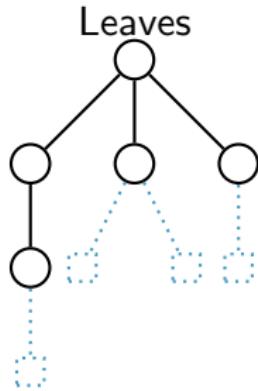
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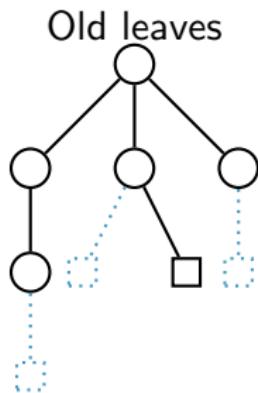
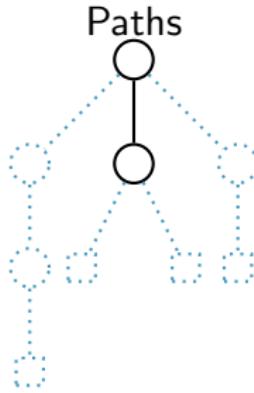
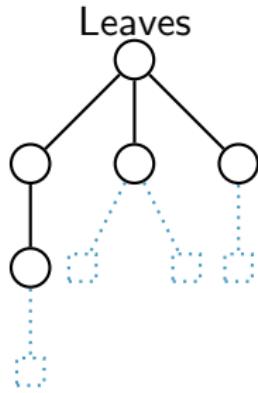
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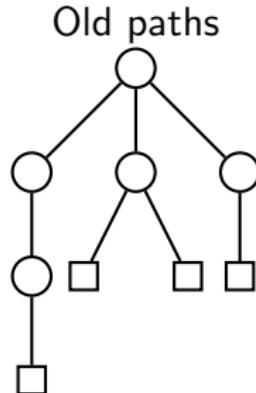
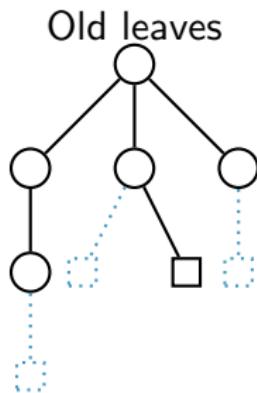
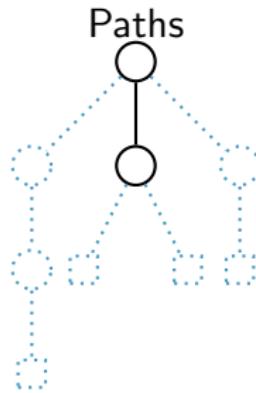
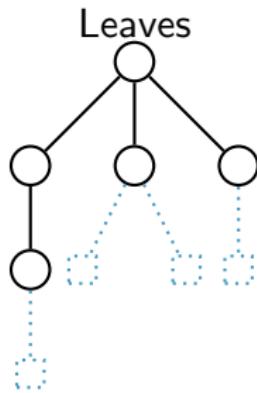
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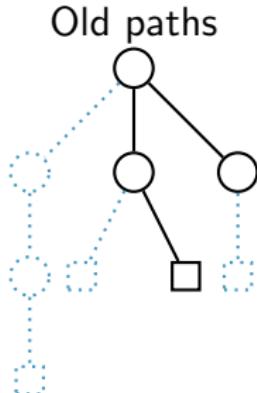
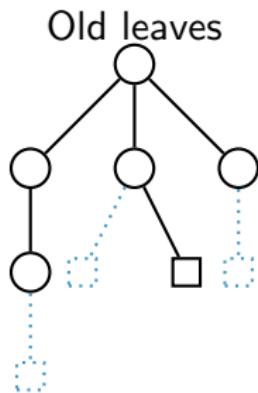
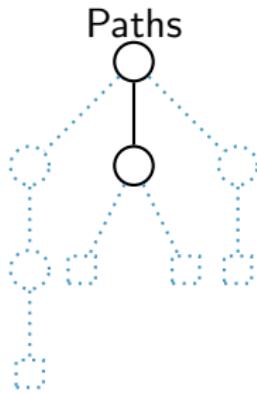
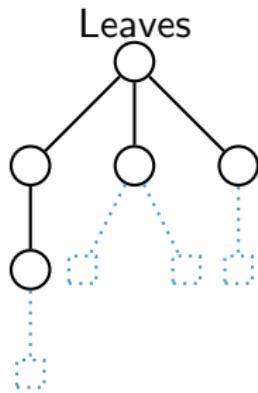
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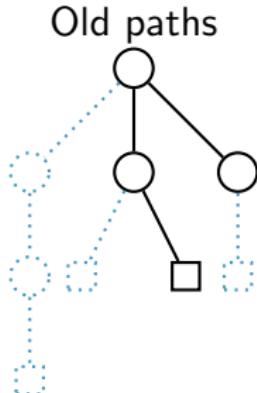
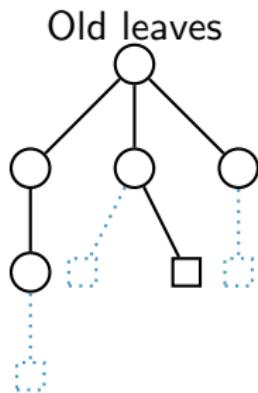
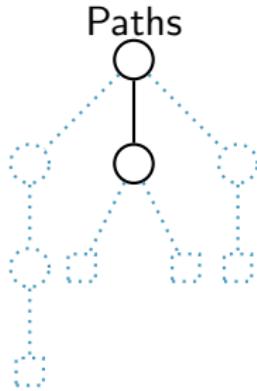
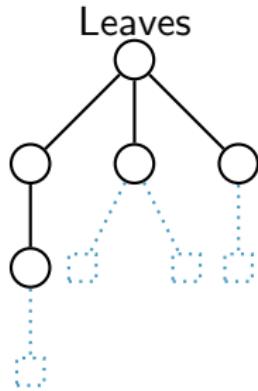
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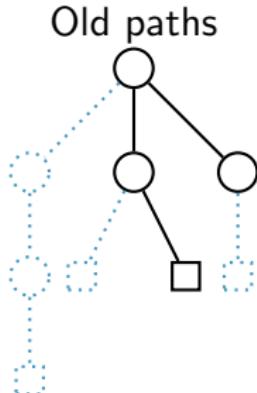
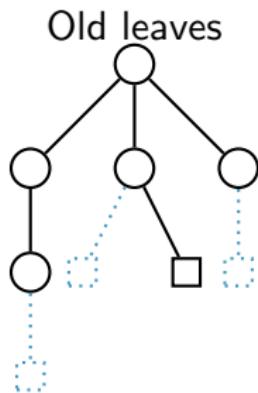
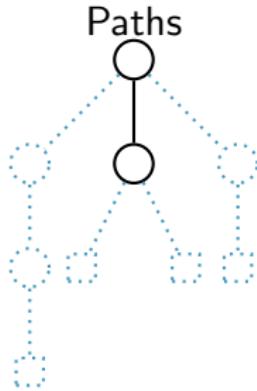
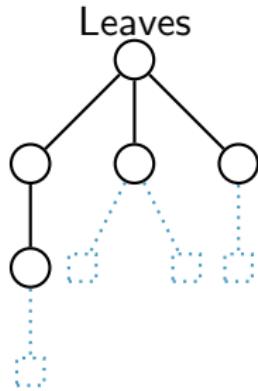
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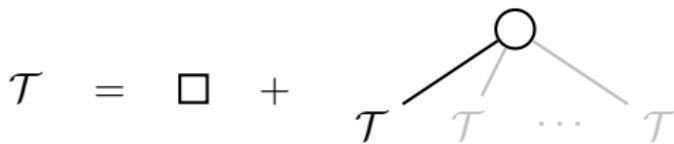
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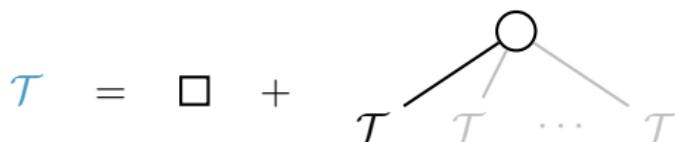
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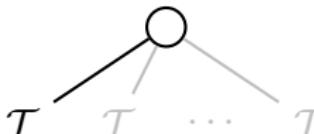
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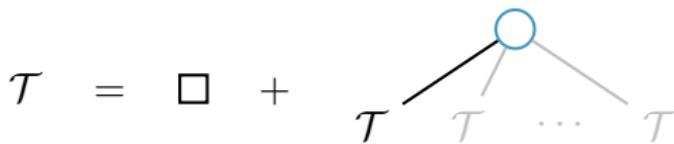
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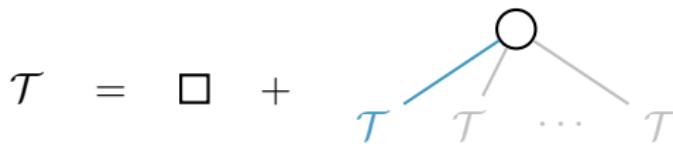
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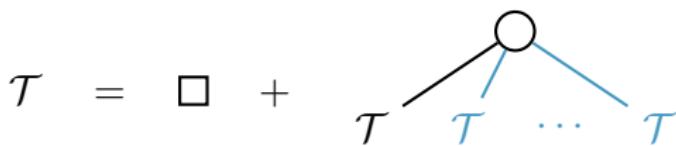
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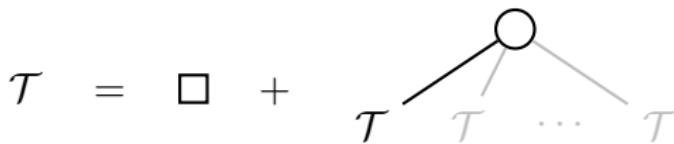
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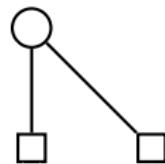
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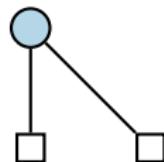
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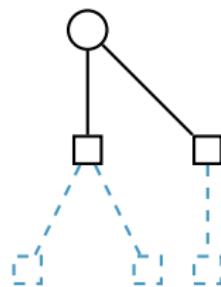
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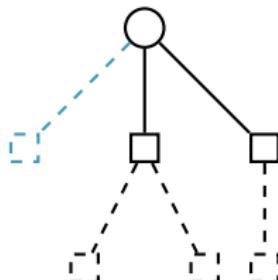
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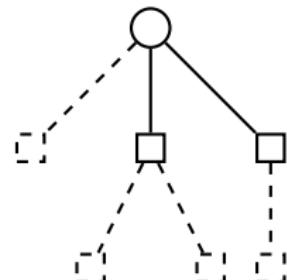
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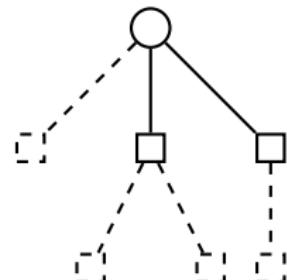
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- ▶ As Φ is linear, this proves the proposition.



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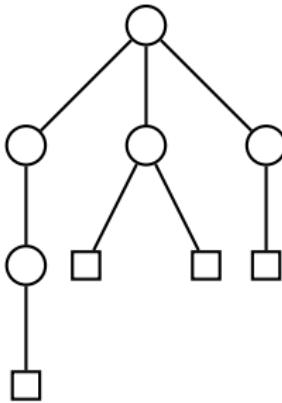
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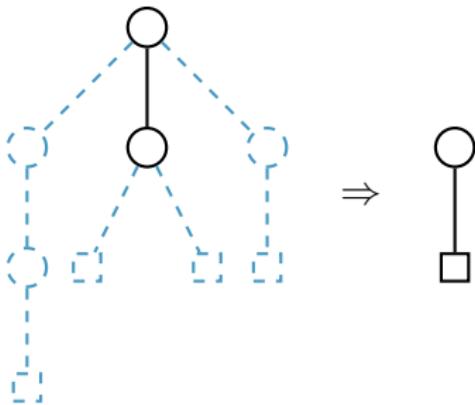
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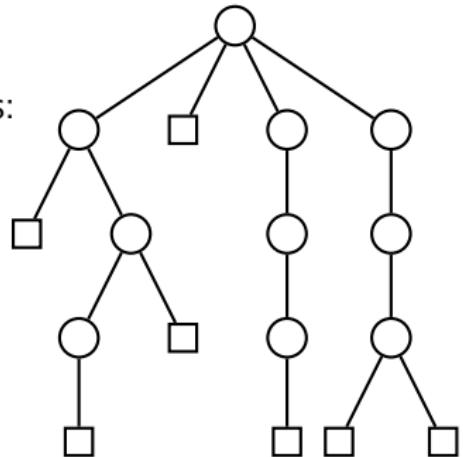
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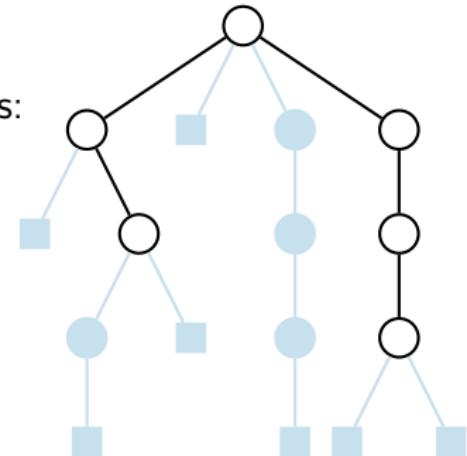
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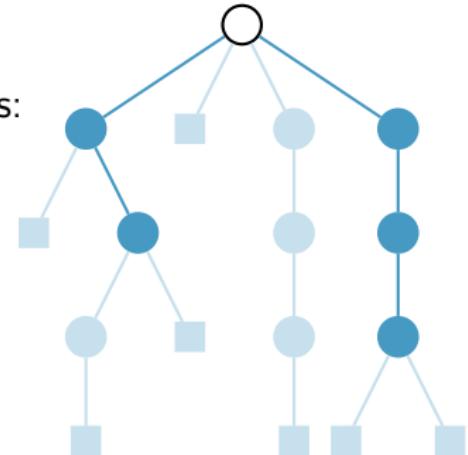
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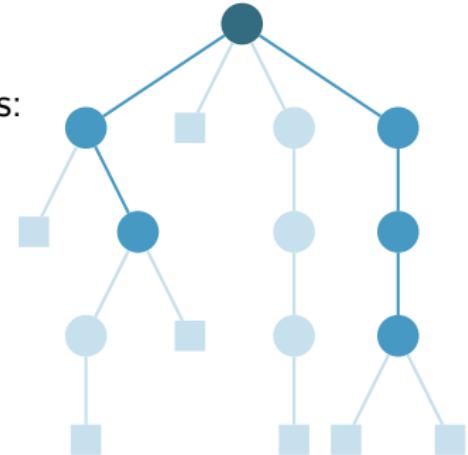
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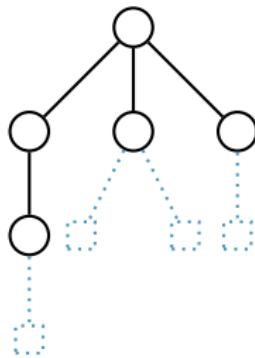
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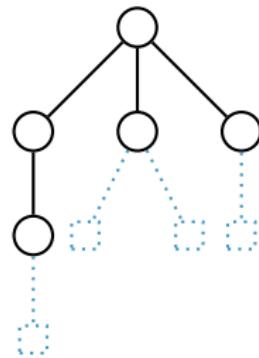
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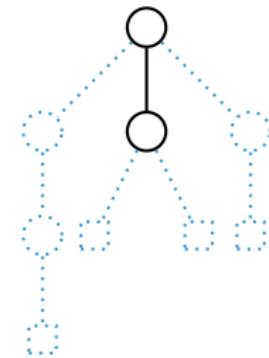


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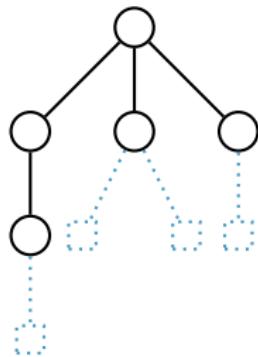
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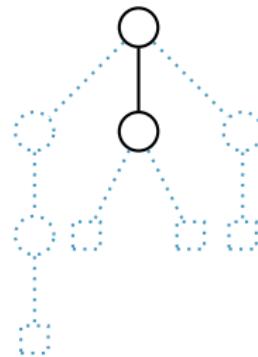


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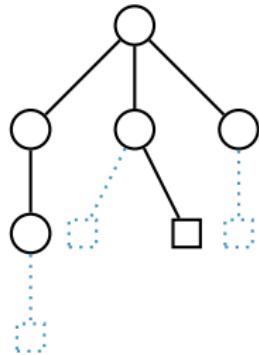


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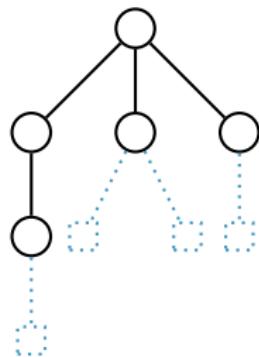
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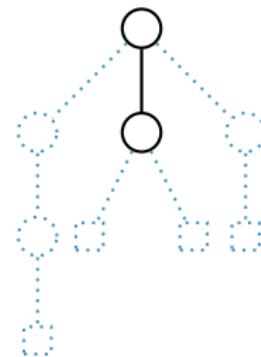


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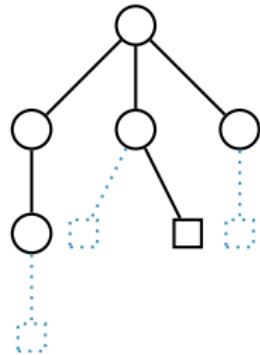


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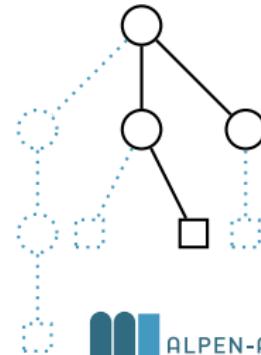


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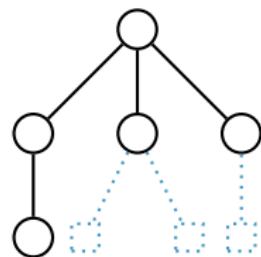
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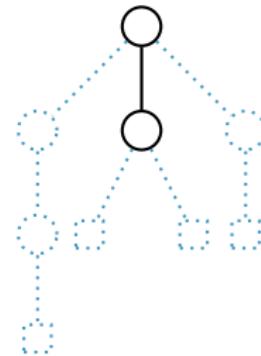


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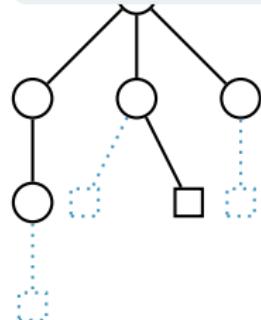
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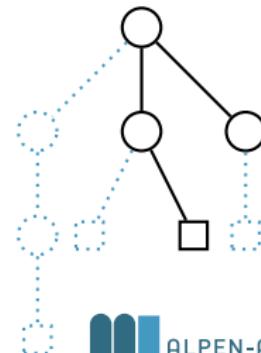


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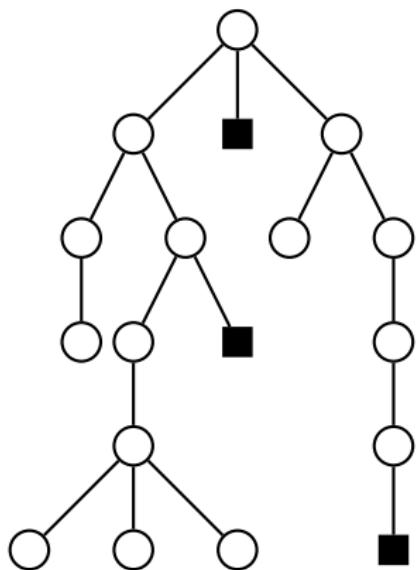
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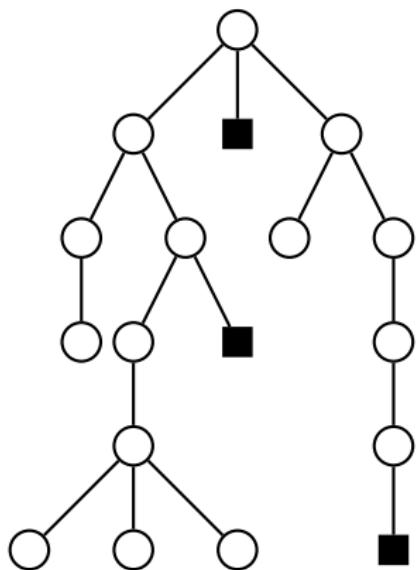
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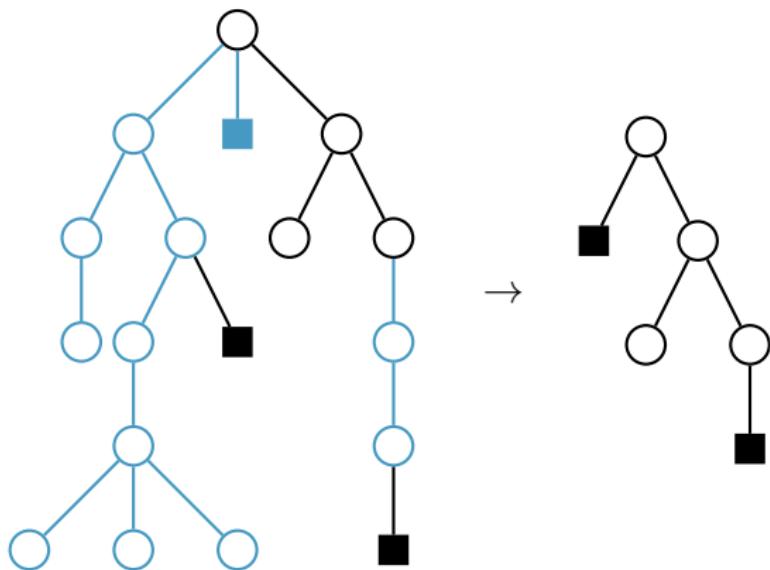
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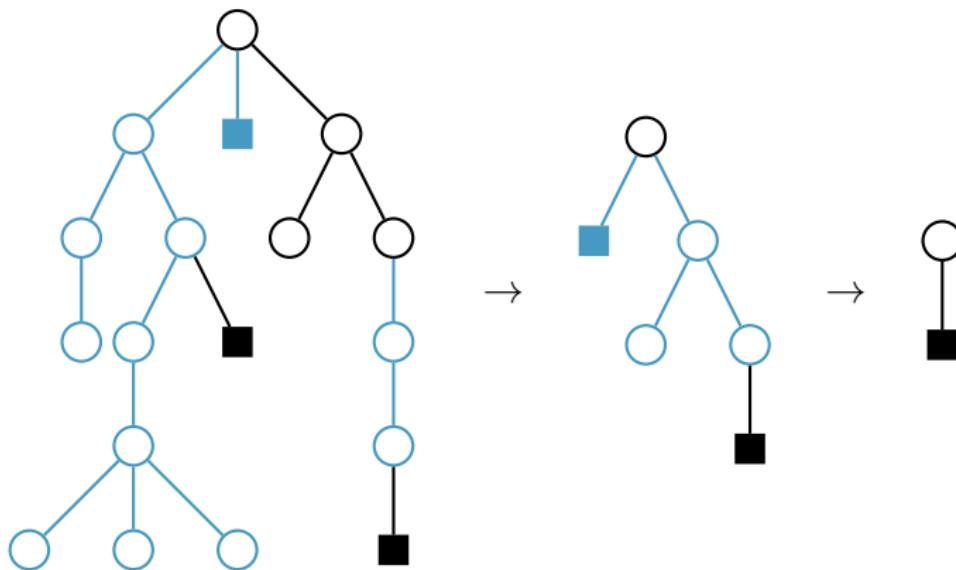
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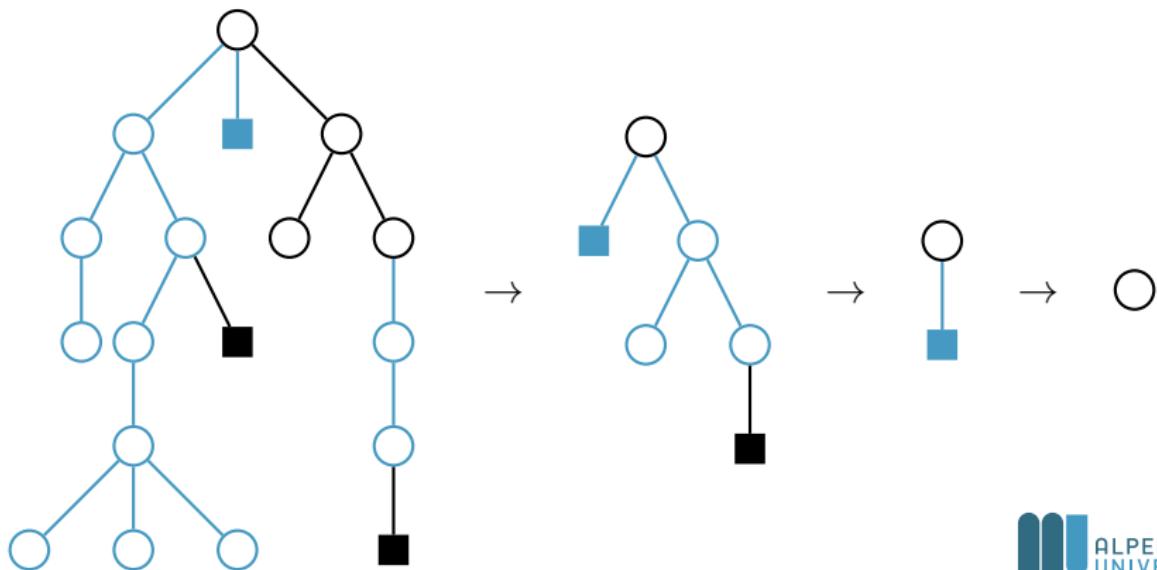
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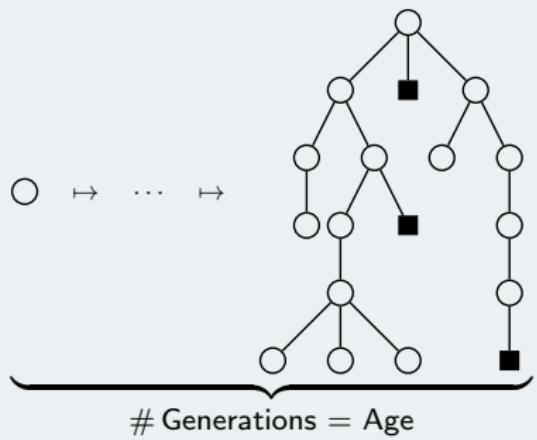
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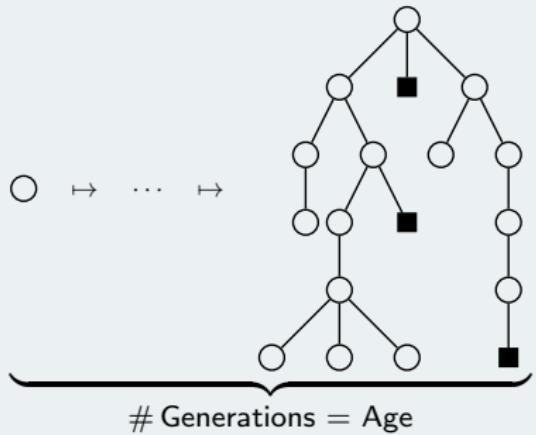
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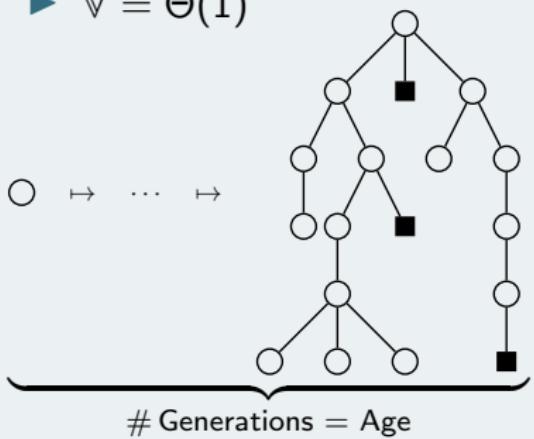
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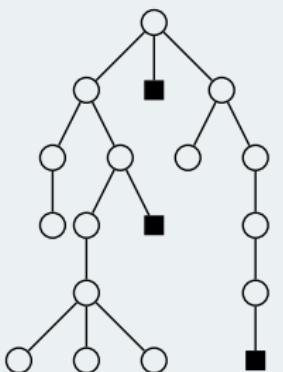
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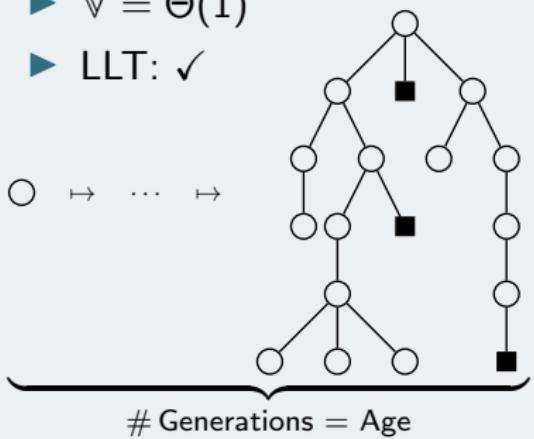
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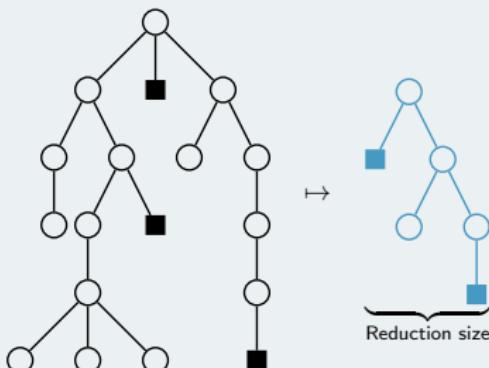
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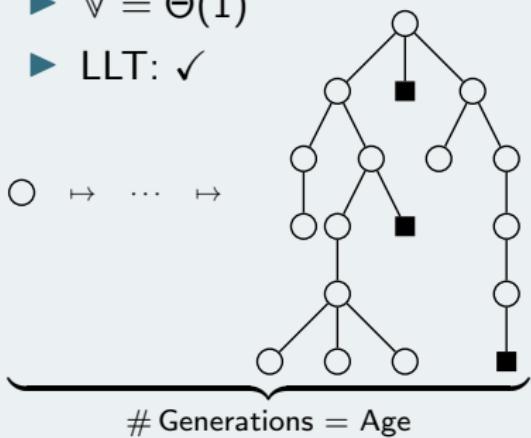


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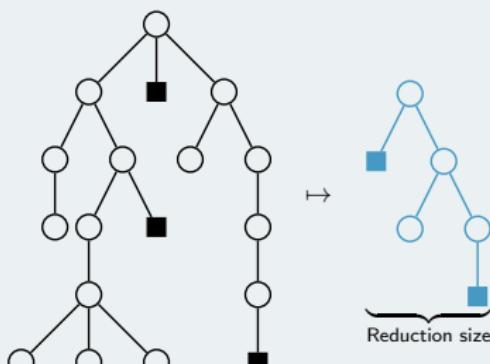
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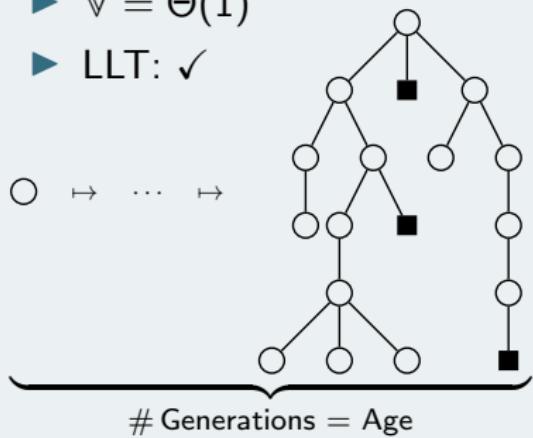


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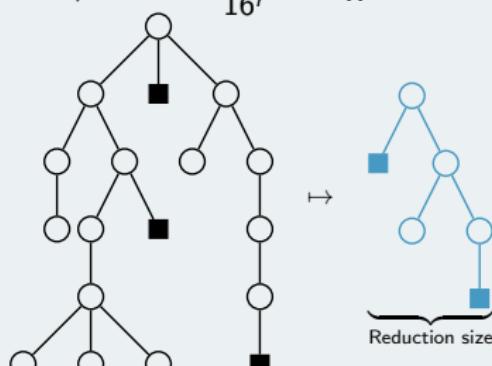
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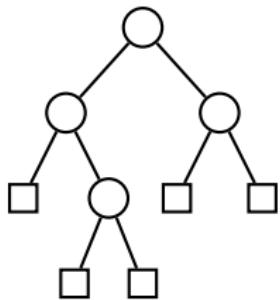
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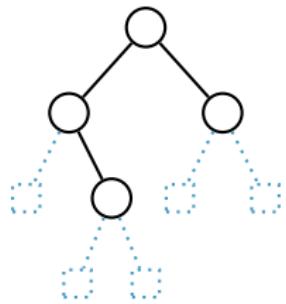
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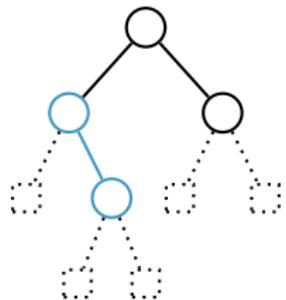
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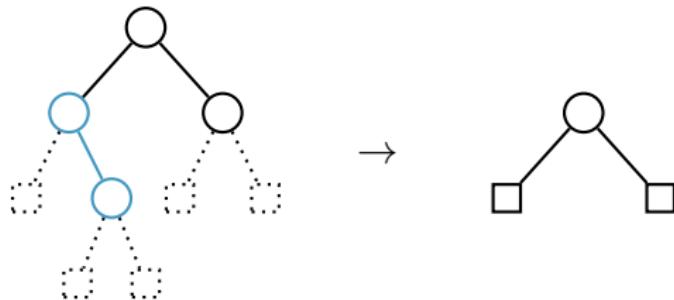
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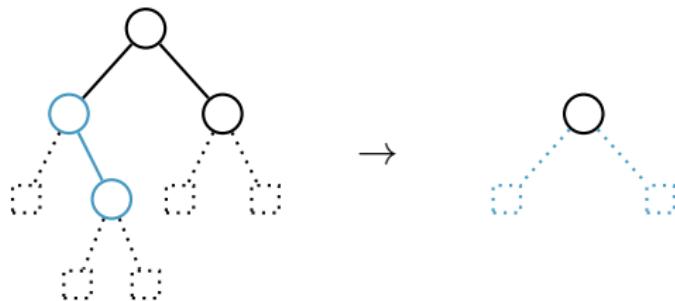
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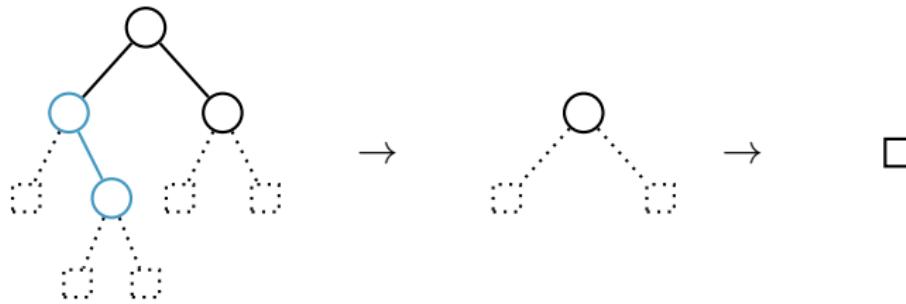
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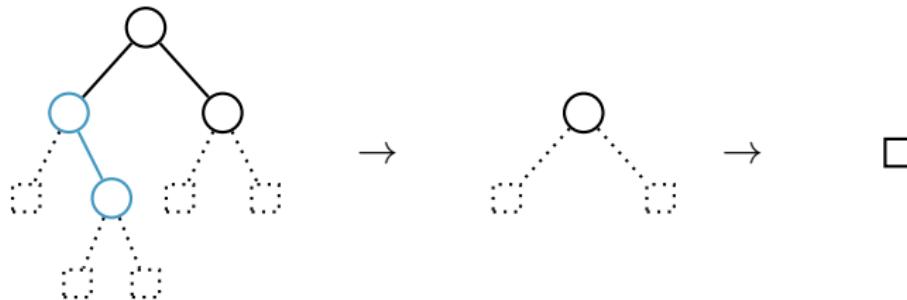
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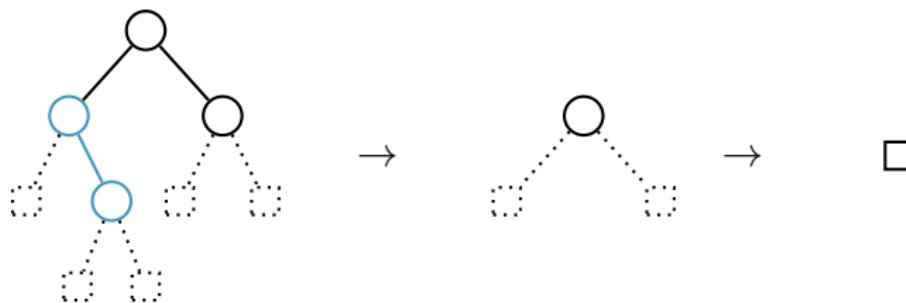
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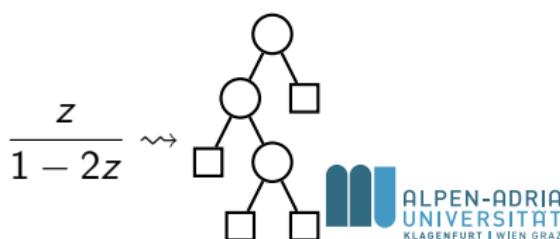
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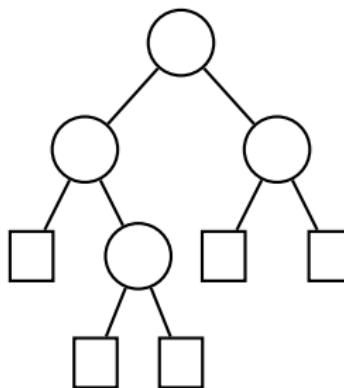
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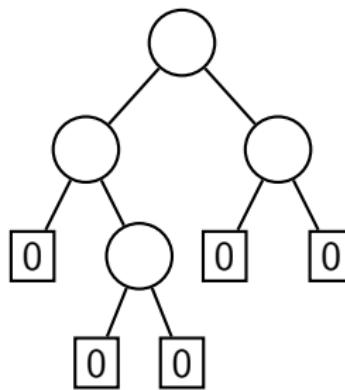
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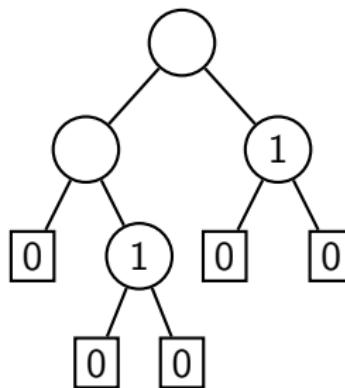
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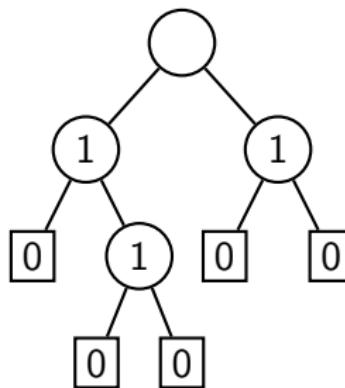
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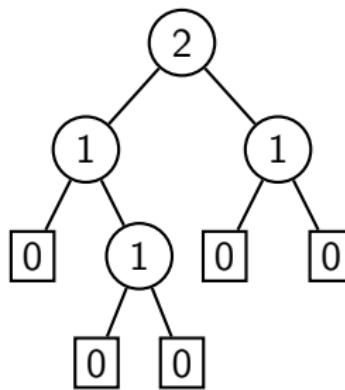
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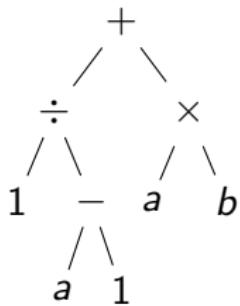
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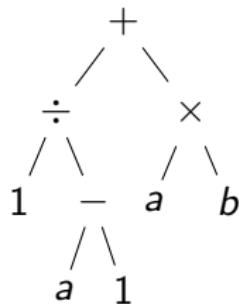


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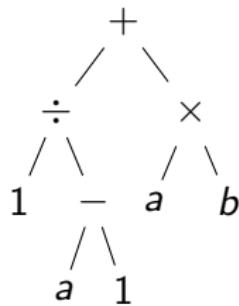


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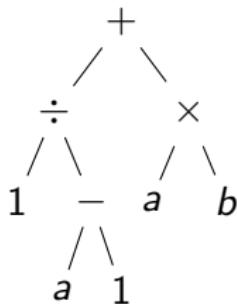
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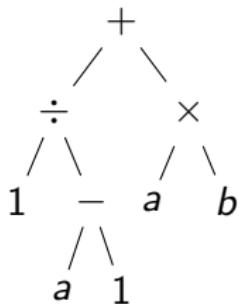
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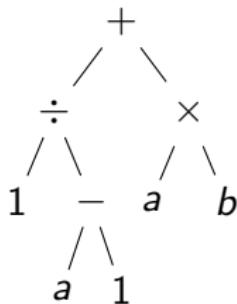
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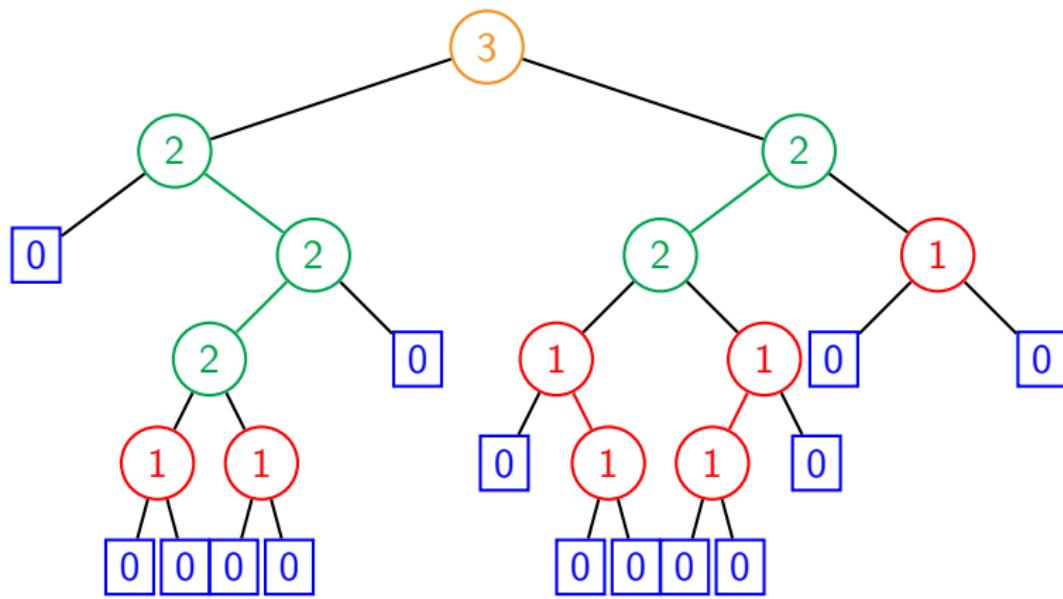
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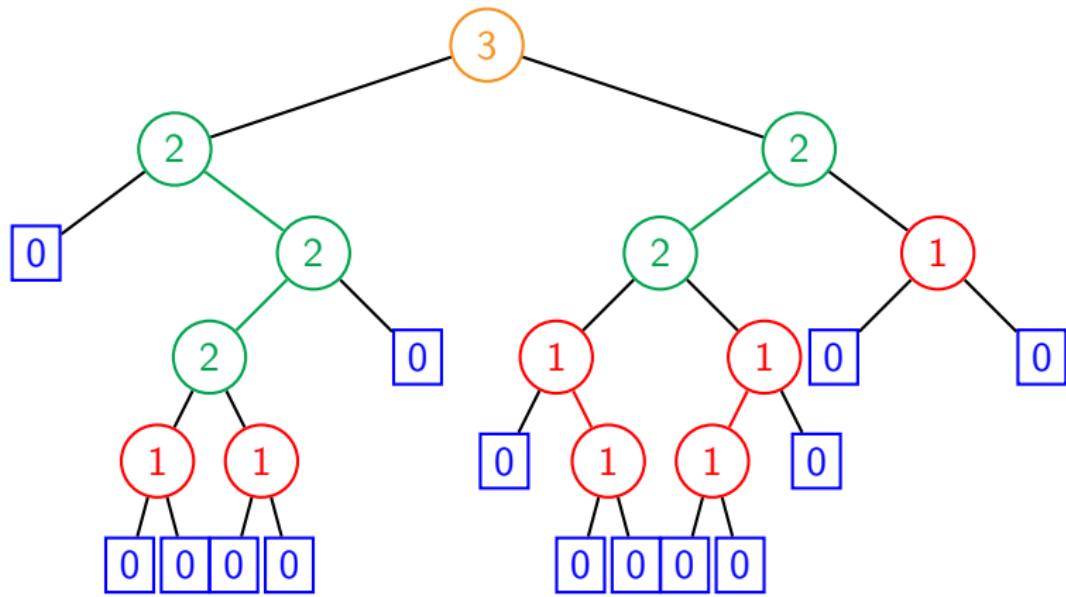
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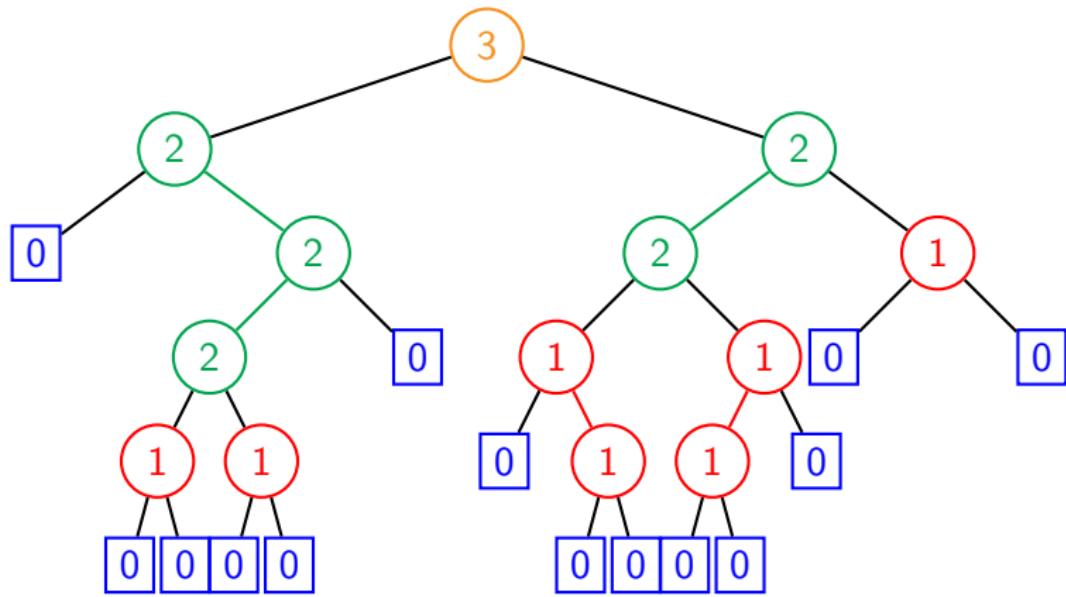
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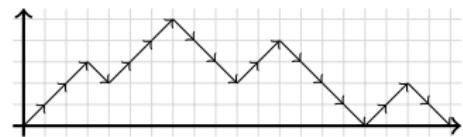
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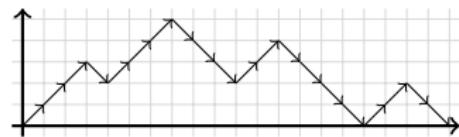
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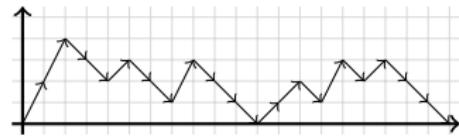
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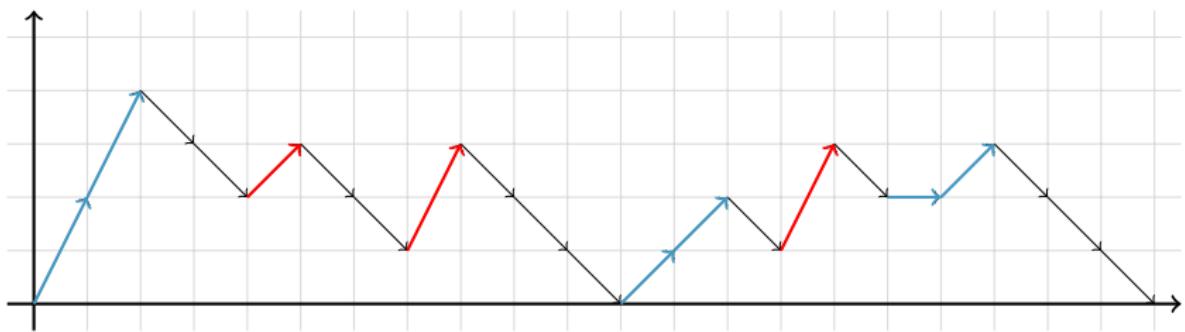


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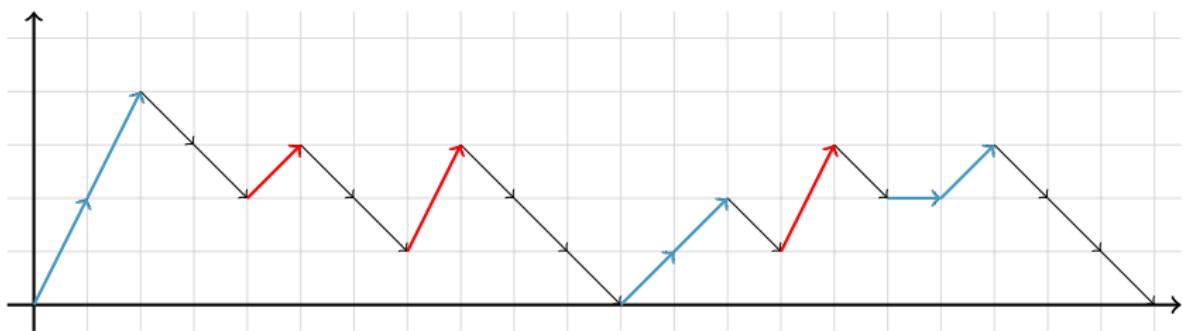
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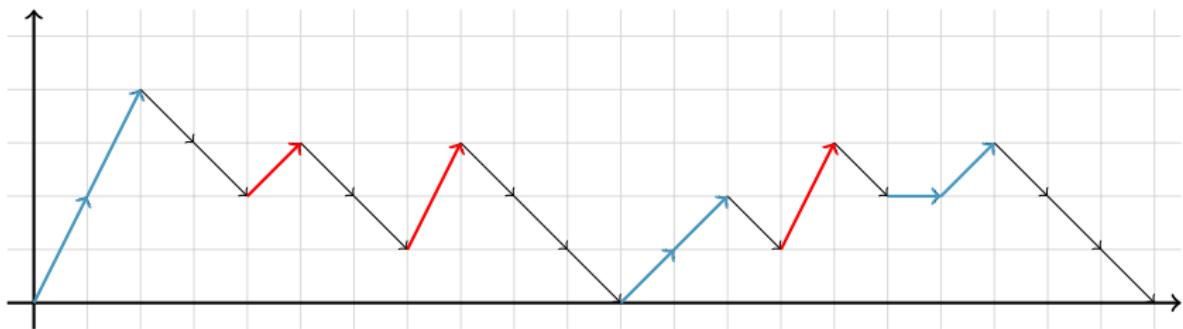


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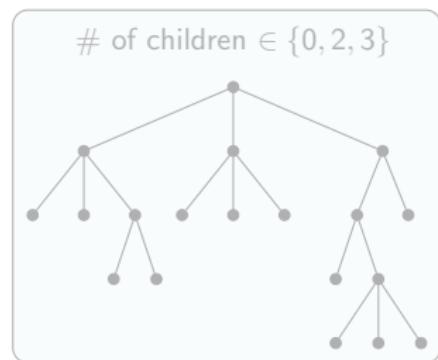
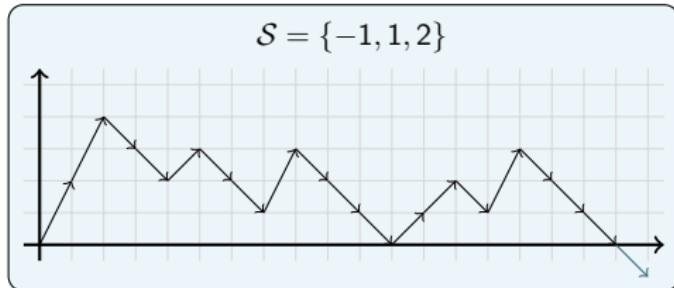
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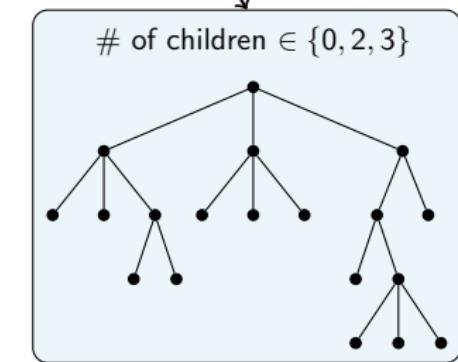
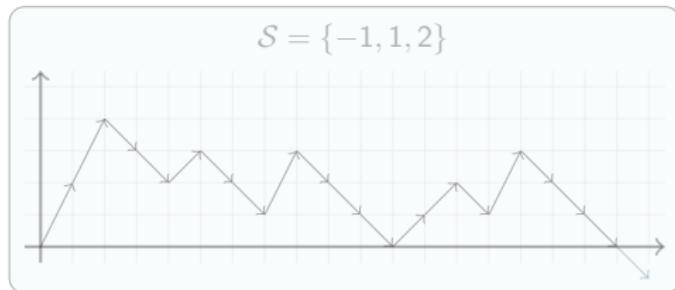


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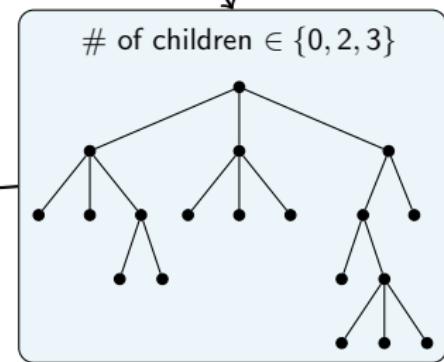
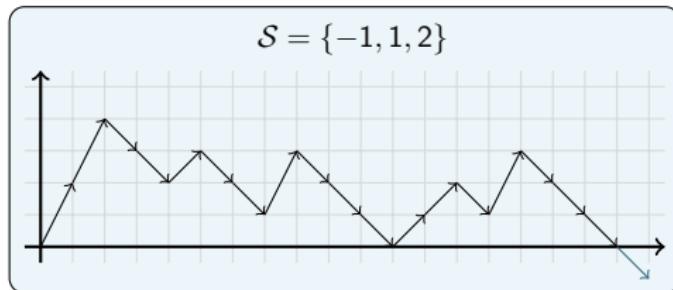
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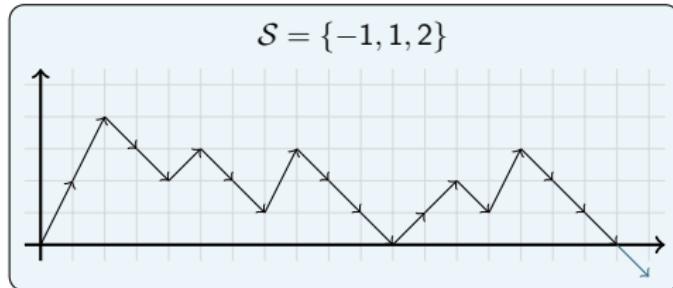
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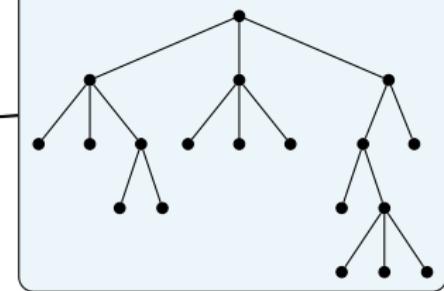
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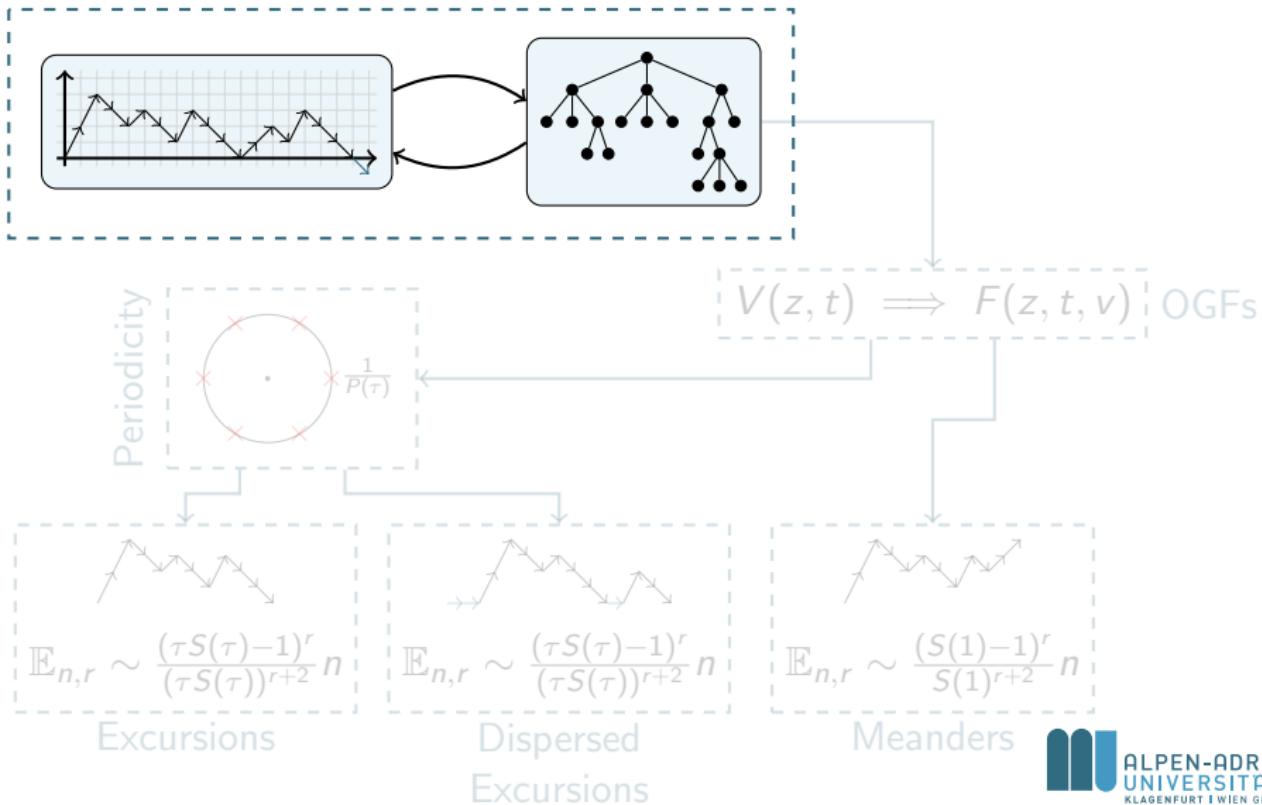
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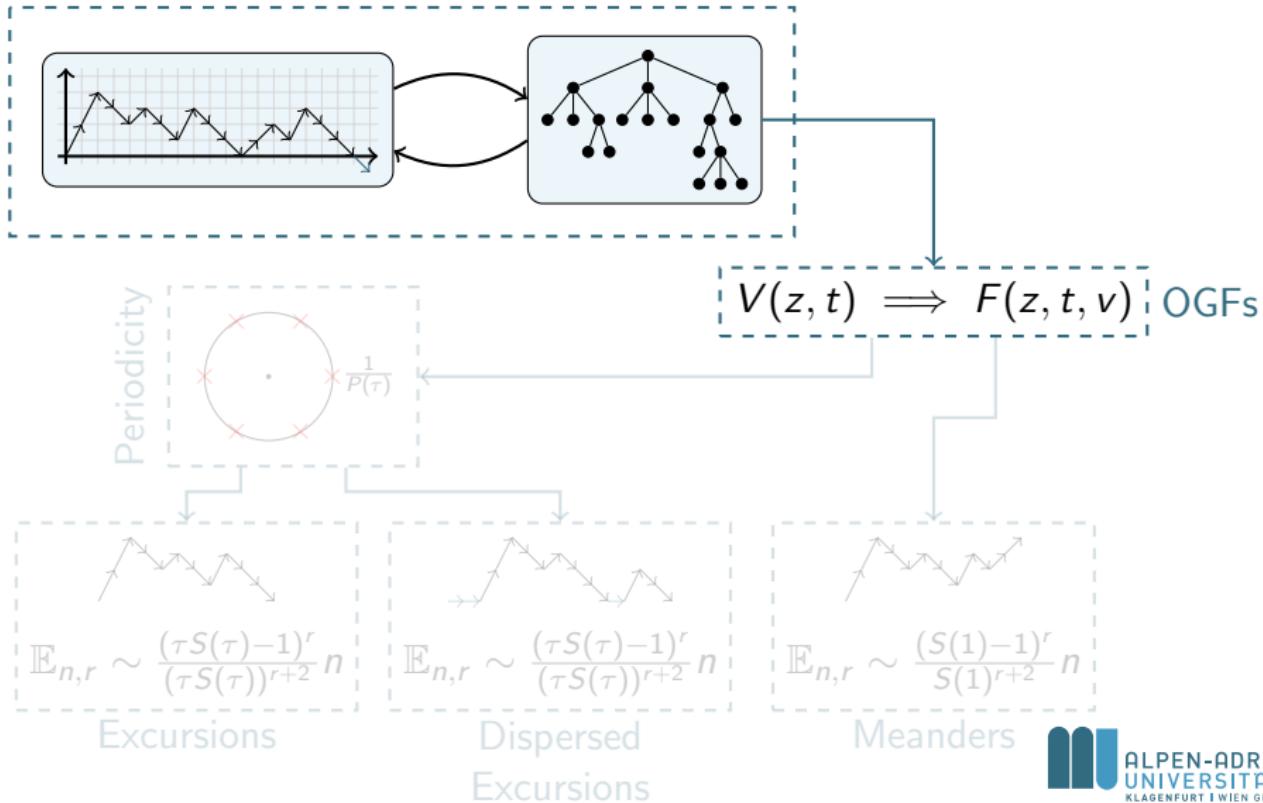
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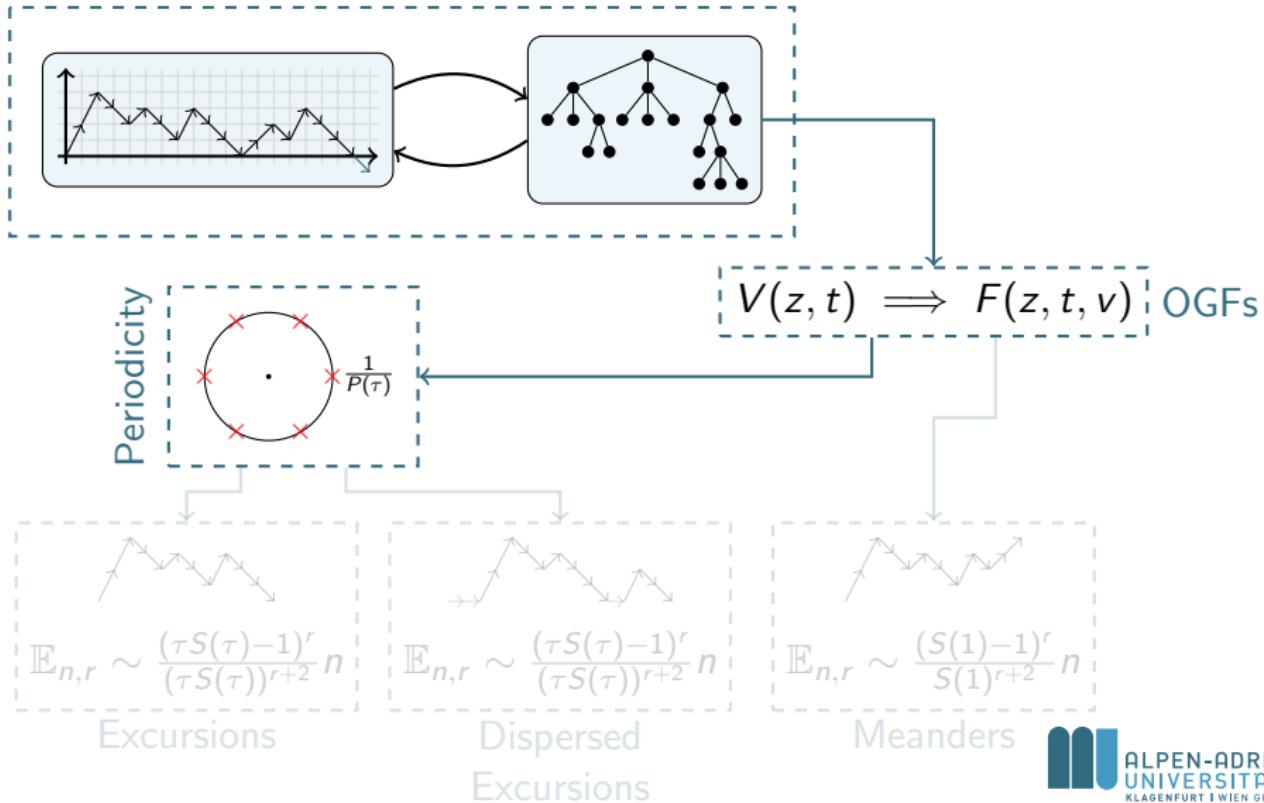
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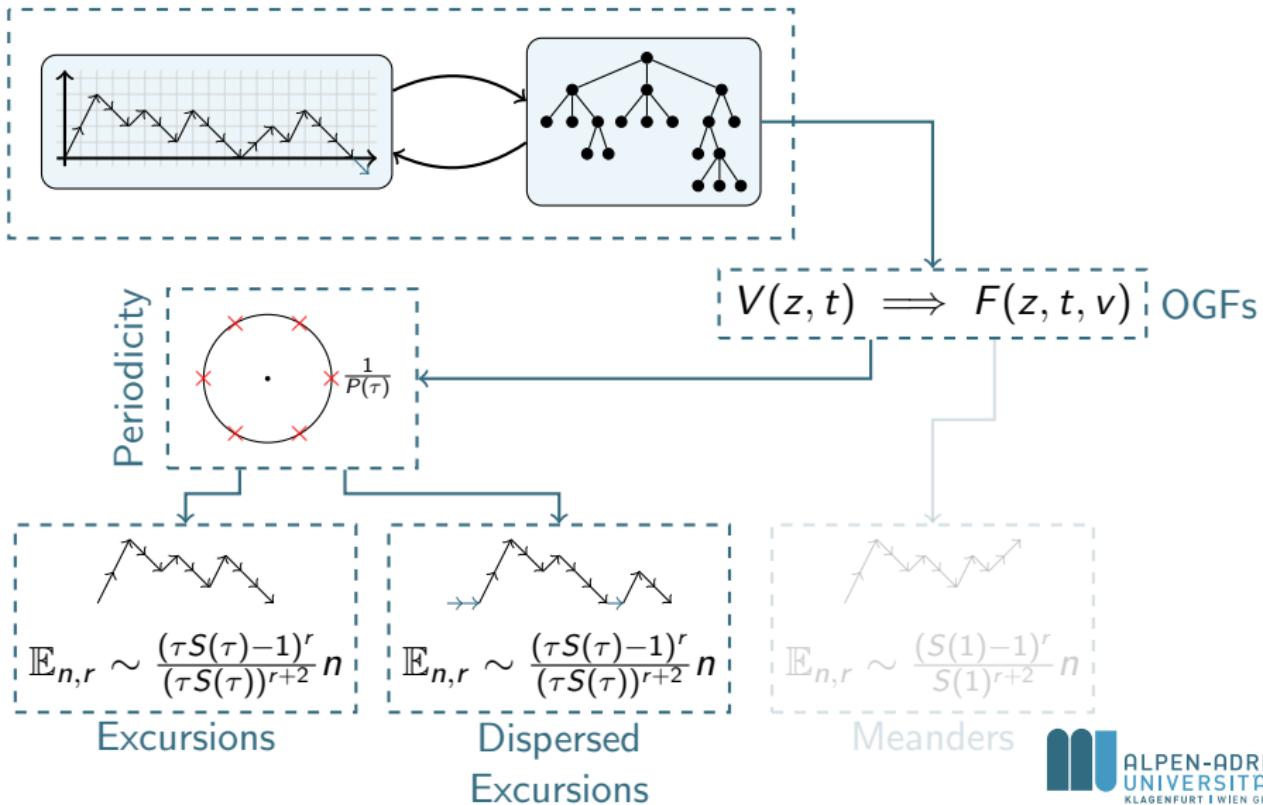
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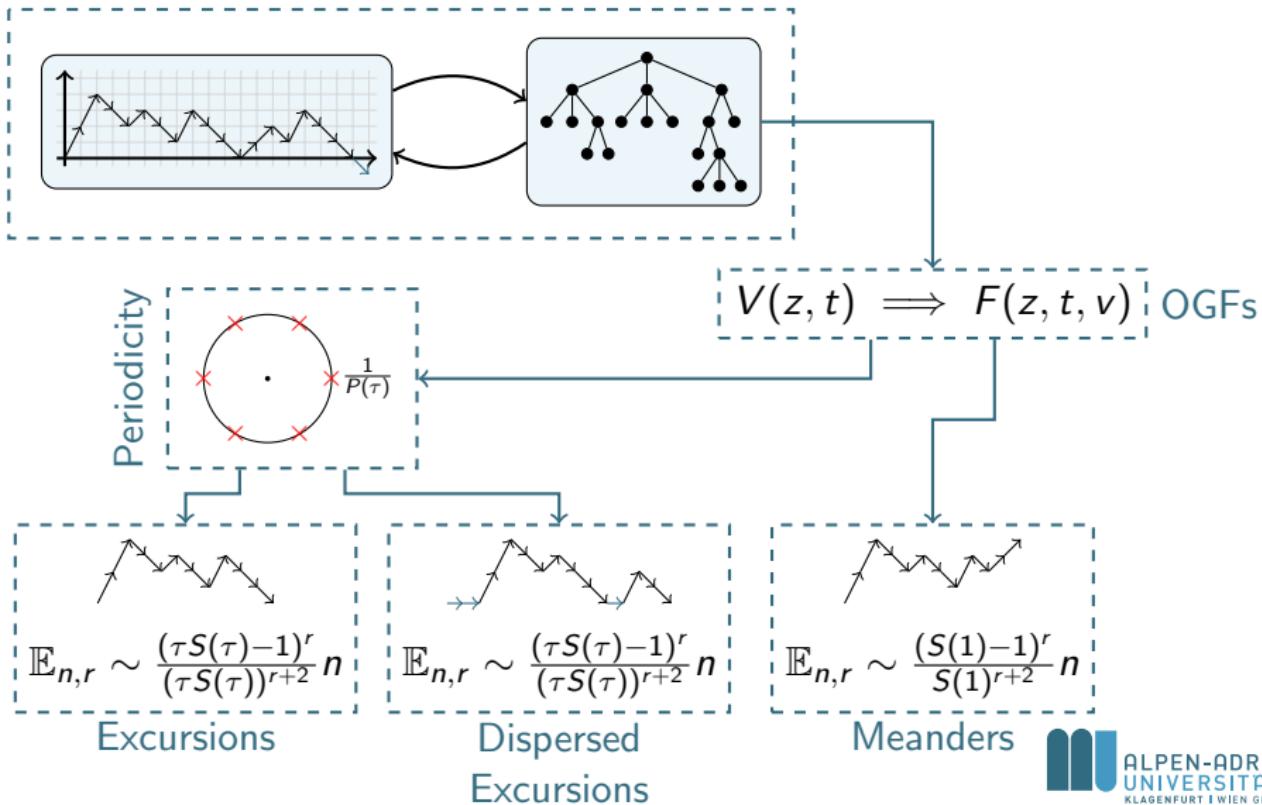
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$f(\mu x)$	$\mu^{-s} f^*(s)$	$\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ ($\mu > 0$)
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$$\mathcal{M}(e^{-x})(s) = \Gamma(s), \quad \mathcal{M}(e^{-x^2})(s) = \frac{1}{2}\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right), \quad \mathcal{M}(\llbracket 0 \leq s \leq 1 \rrbracket)(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

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Mellin Transform – Correspondence

$f(x)$	$f^*(s)$
$f(x) = O(x^\alpha), x \rightarrow 0$	$-\alpha$ left border of FS
$f(x) = O(x^\beta), x \rightarrow \infty$	$-\beta$ right border of FS
Expansion up to $O(x^\gamma), x \rightarrow 0$	Meromorph. Cont. up to $\text{Re } s > -\gamma$
Expansion up to $O(x^\delta), x \rightarrow \infty$	Meromorph. Cont. up to $\text{Re } s < -\delta$
Growth $x^k \log^\ell x, x \rightarrow 0$	Pole with expansion $\frac{(-1)^\ell \ell!}{(s+k)^{\ell+1}}$
Growth $x^k \log^\ell x, x \rightarrow \infty$	Pole with expansion $-\frac{(-1)^\ell \ell!}{(s+k)^{\ell+1}}$

Hurwitz Zeta Function – Estimate

$$\zeta(s, \alpha) := \sum_{n>-\alpha} \frac{1}{(n + \alpha)^s}, \quad \operatorname{Re} s > 1$$

- ▶ $s = \sigma + it$, $\sigma_0 \leq \sigma \leq \sigma_1$
- ▶ $|t| \rightarrow \infty$

$$|\zeta(s, \alpha)| = O(|t|^{\tau(\sigma)} \log |t|), \quad \tau(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - \sigma, & \sigma \leq 0 \\ 1/2, & 0 \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - \sigma, & \frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq 1 \\ 0, & \sigma \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

The logarithmic factor is only necessary in a neighborhood of $\sigma = 0$, $\sigma = 1$.

Gamma Function – Estimate

$$\Gamma(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt$$

- ▶ $z \rightarrow \infty$ with $|\arg z| \leq \pi - \delta$, $\delta > 0$

$$\Gamma(z) \sim e^{-z} z^z \left(\frac{2\pi}{z} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{12z} + \frac{1}{288z^2} + \dots \right)$$