Games and complexity: from Banach–Mazur to automata theory

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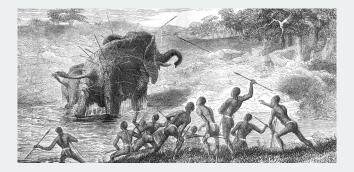
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Part 1

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Part 2

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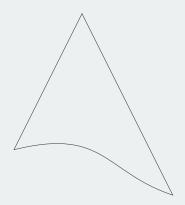
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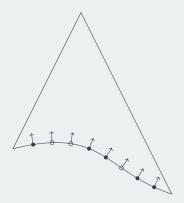
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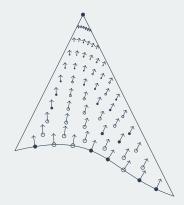
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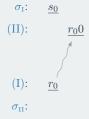
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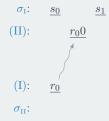
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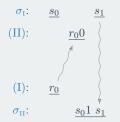
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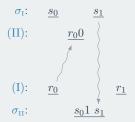
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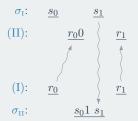
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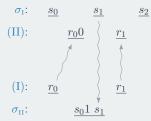
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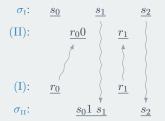
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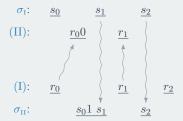
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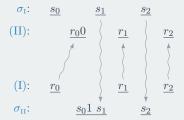
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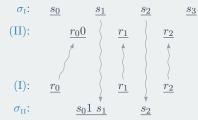
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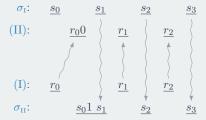
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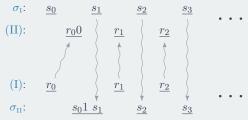


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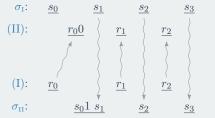
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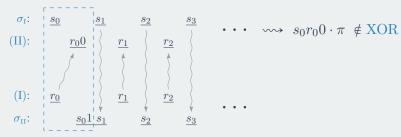


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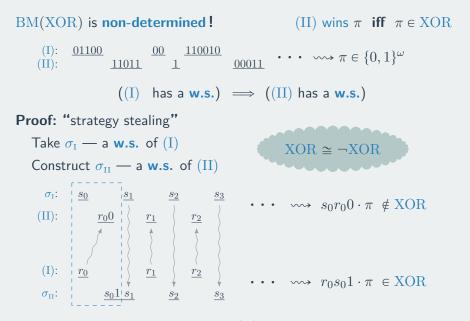
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Part 4

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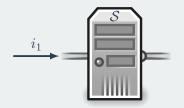
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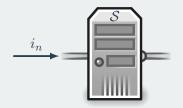
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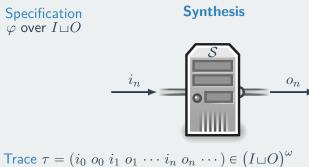
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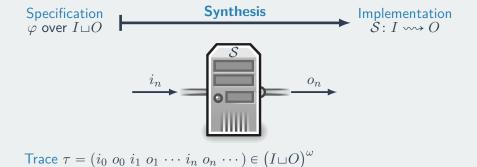


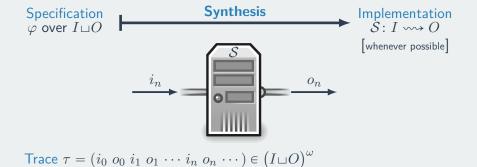
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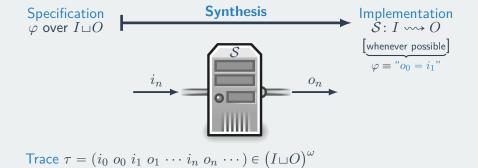


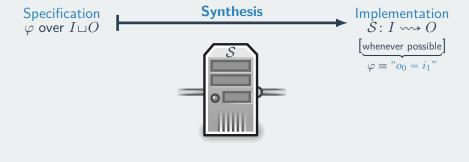
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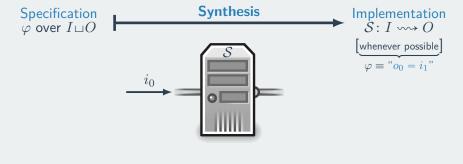




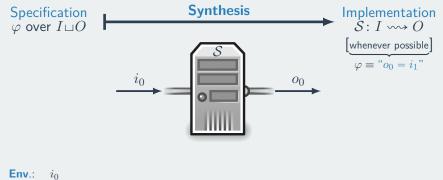




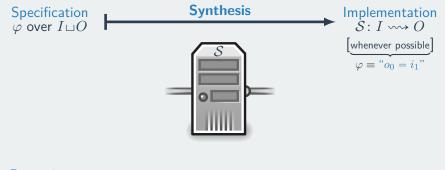
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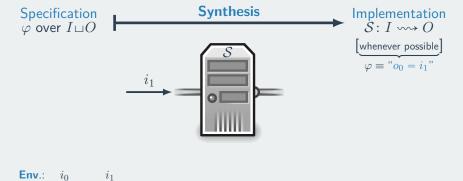
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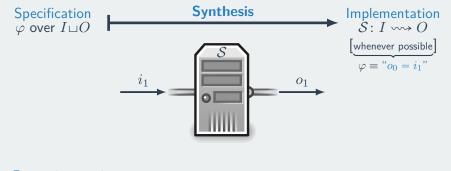
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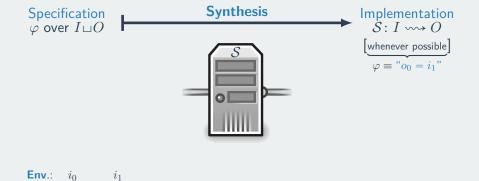
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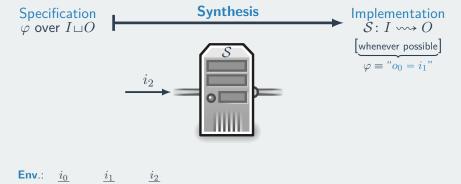




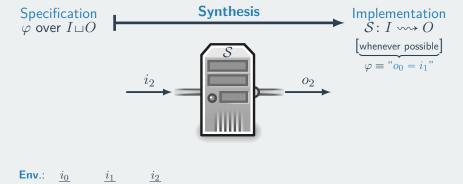
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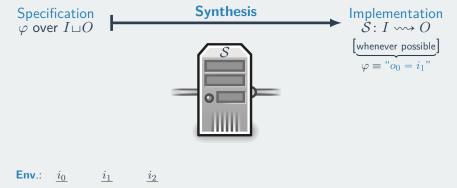
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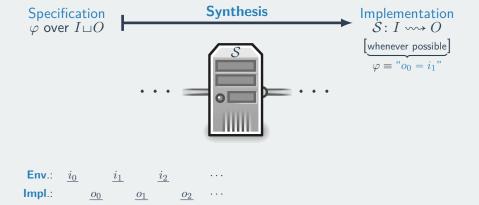
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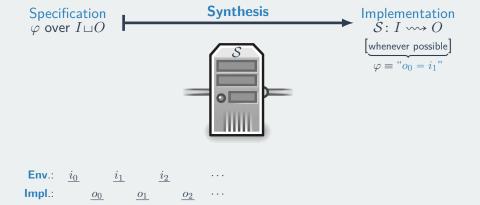


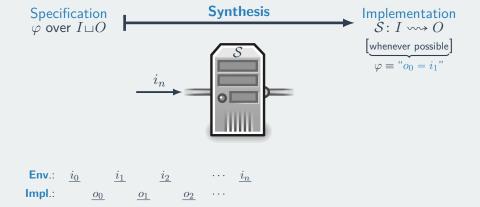
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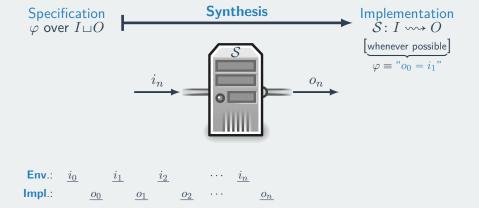


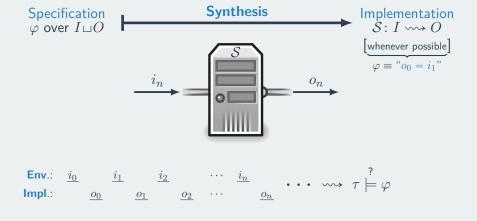
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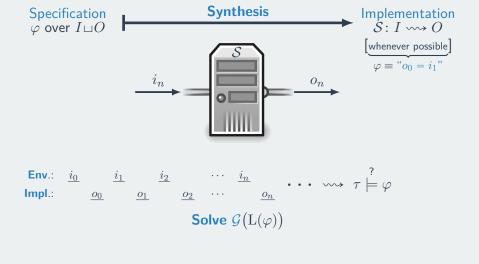


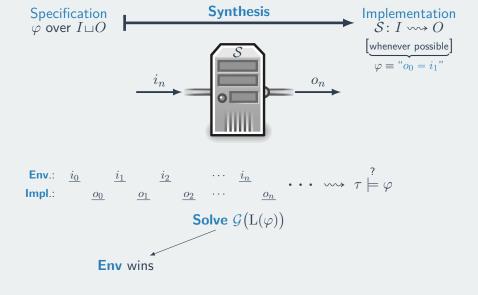


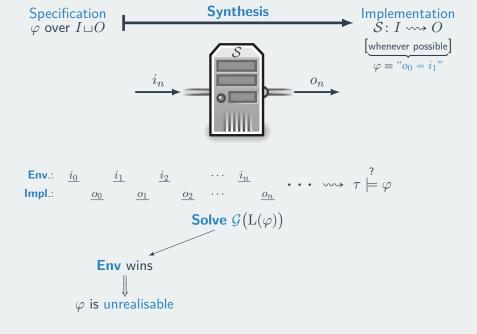


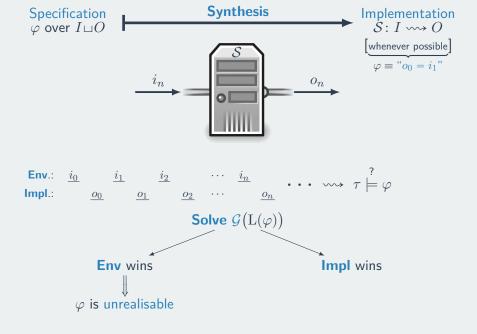


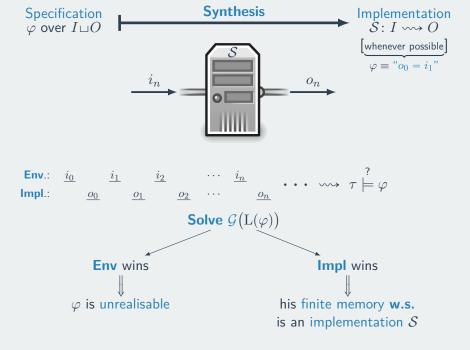












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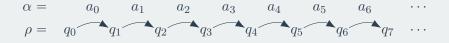
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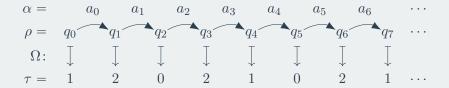
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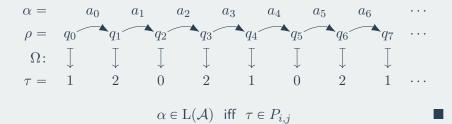
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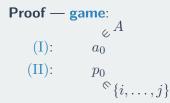
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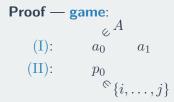
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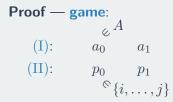
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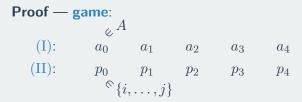
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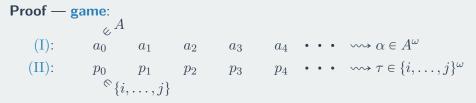
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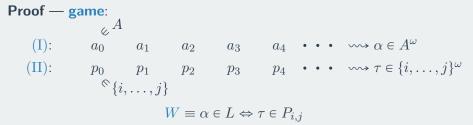
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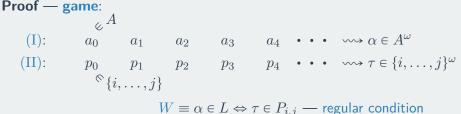
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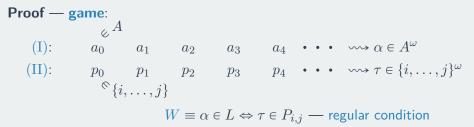
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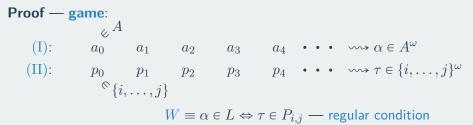
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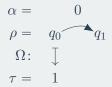
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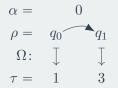
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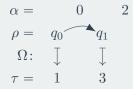
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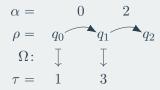
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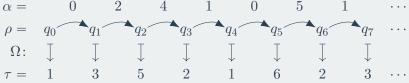
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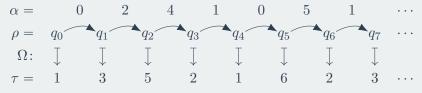
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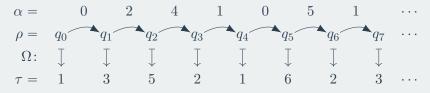


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Part 5

Effective characterisations

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Output: Is $L(\mathcal{A})$ simple?

definable in a weaker logic (e.g. FO)

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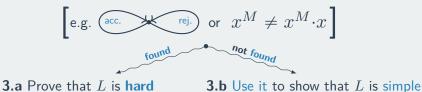
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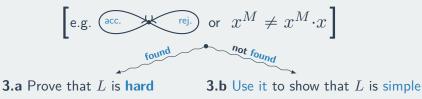


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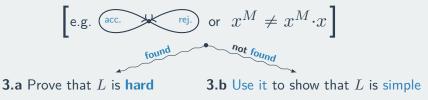


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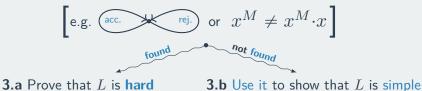
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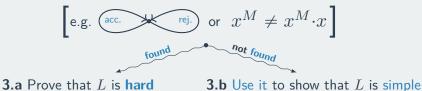
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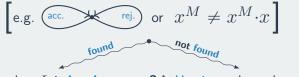
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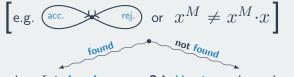
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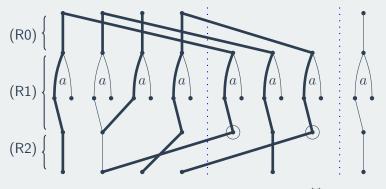
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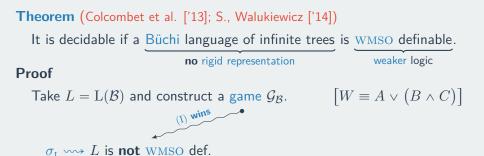
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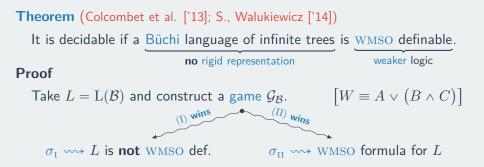
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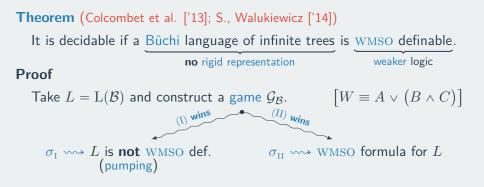
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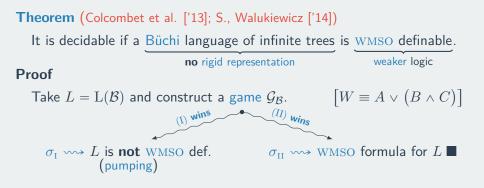
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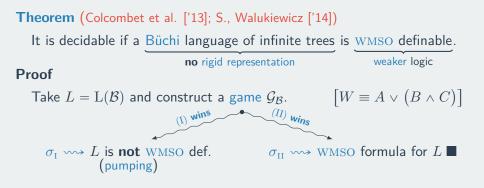






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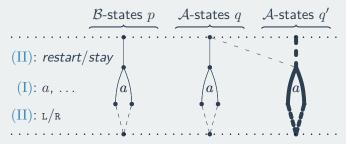
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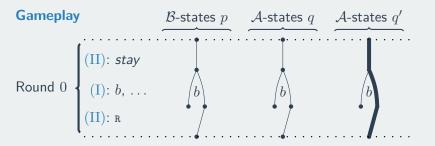
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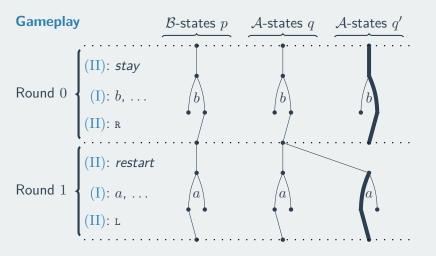
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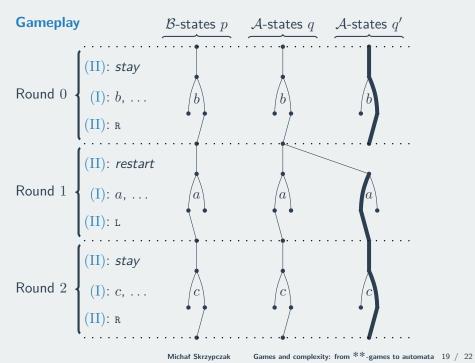


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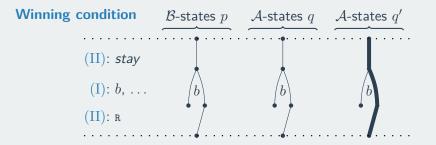
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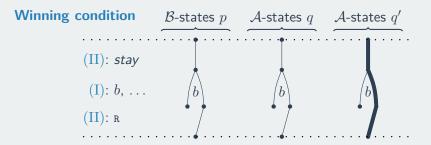




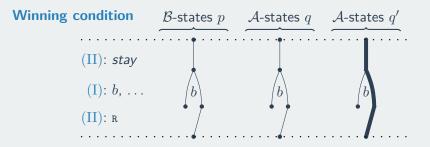


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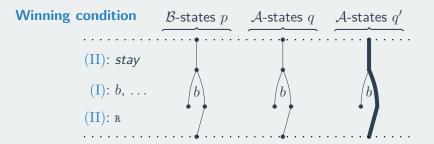




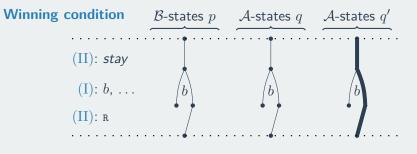
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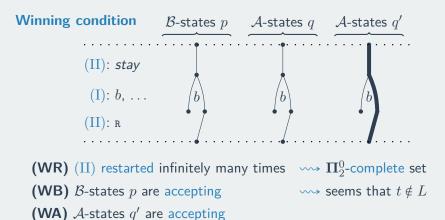
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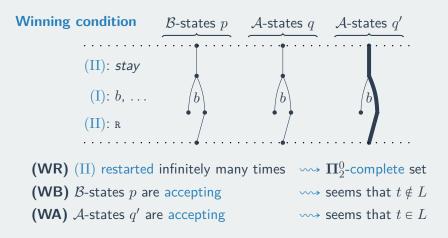


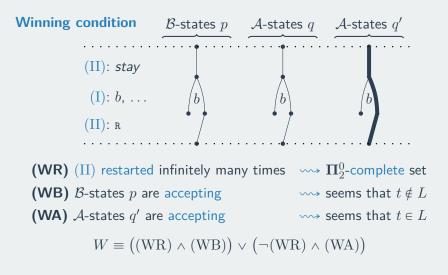
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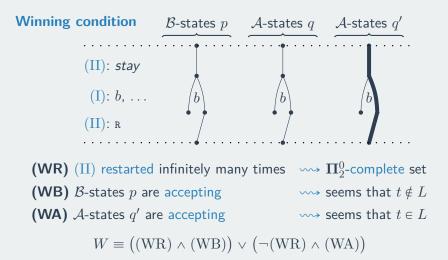


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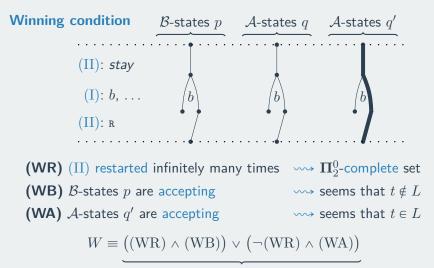








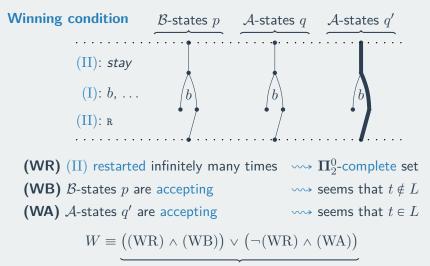
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