

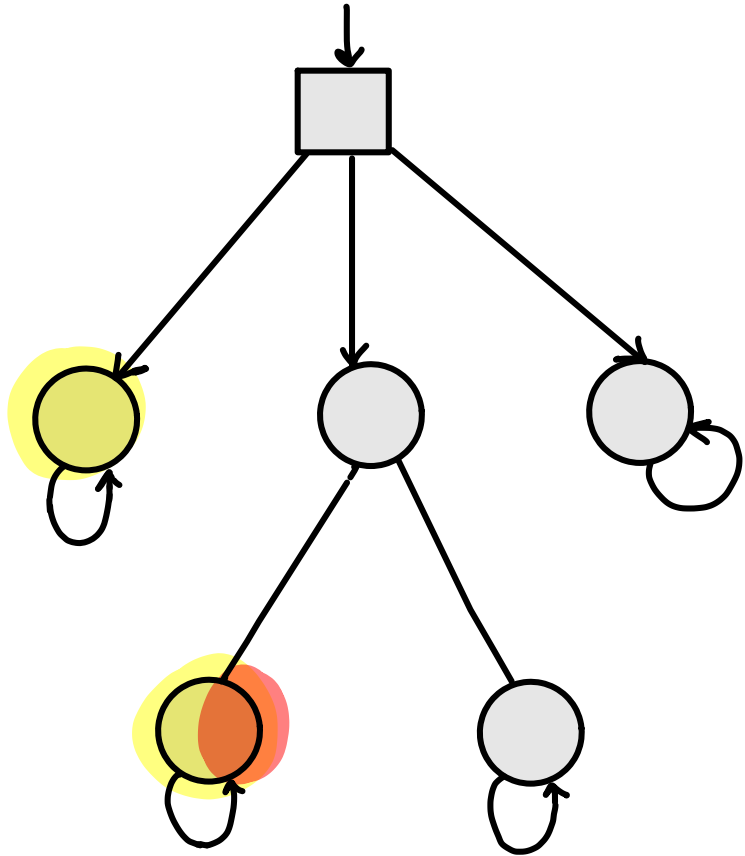
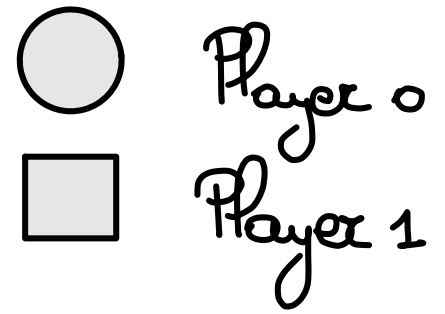
# Subgame Perfect Equilibrium Quantitative Reachability Games

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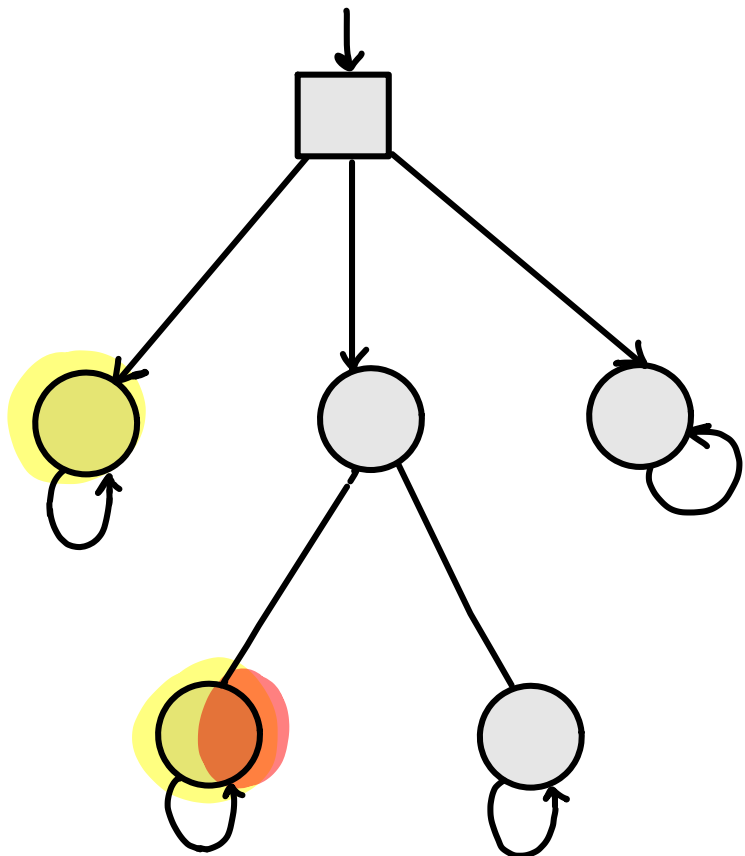
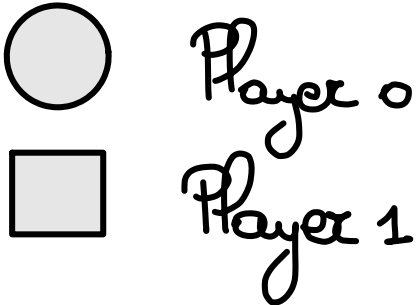
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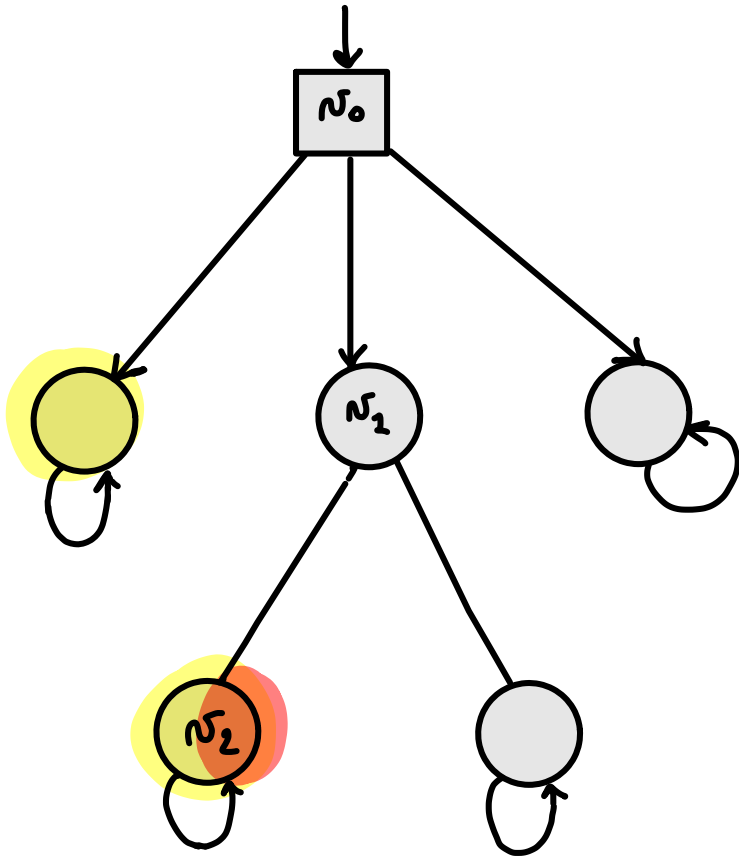


$\diamond T_0 = \diamond \bullet$   
 $\Rightarrow$  no winning strategy for P.0

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Need for other solution concepts : NE and **SPE**

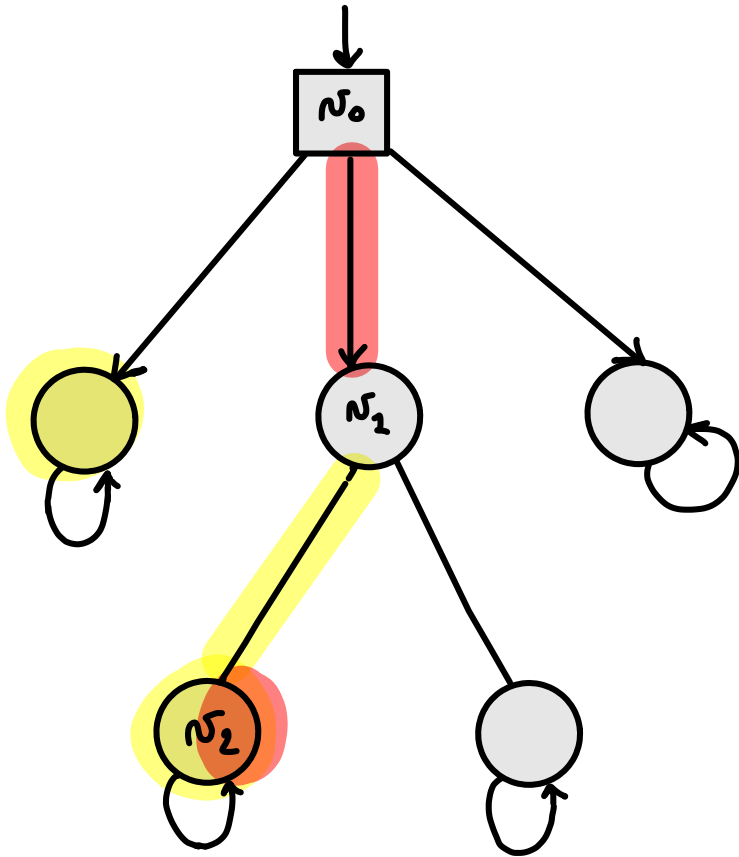
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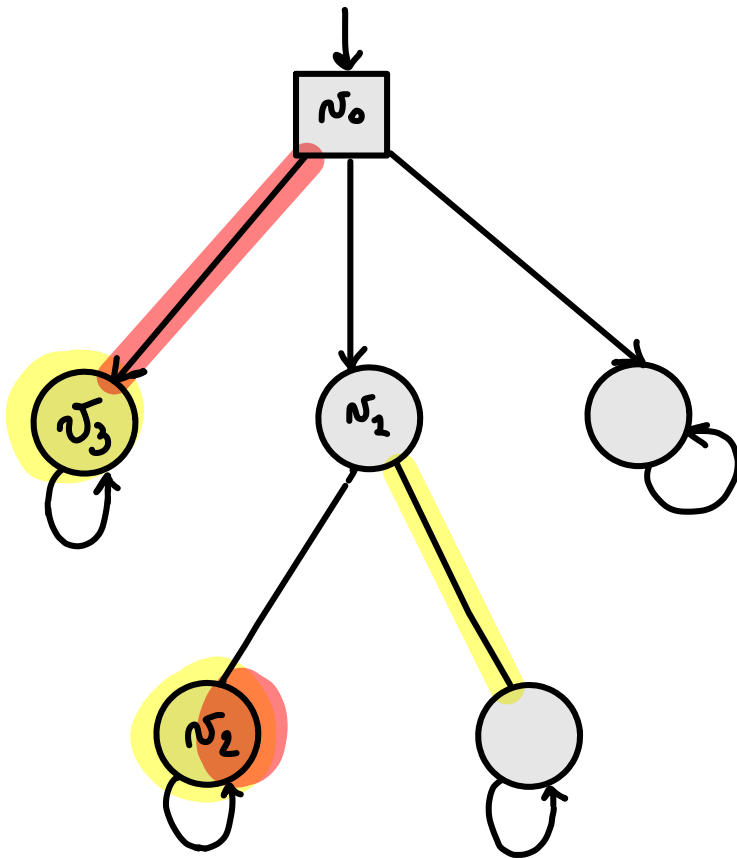


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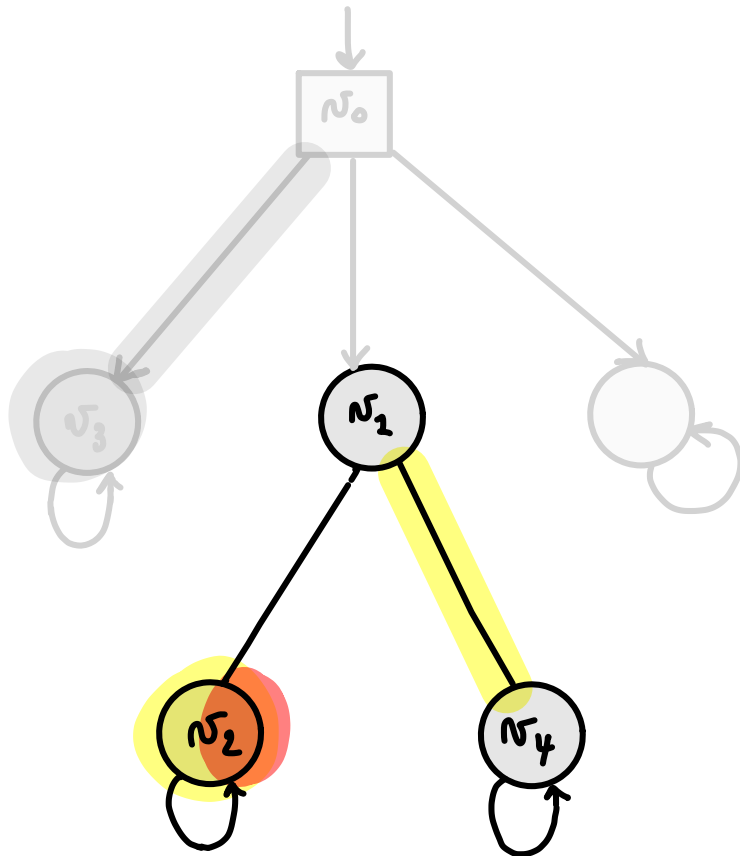
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→ no unilateral change is profitable.

# Non credible threats



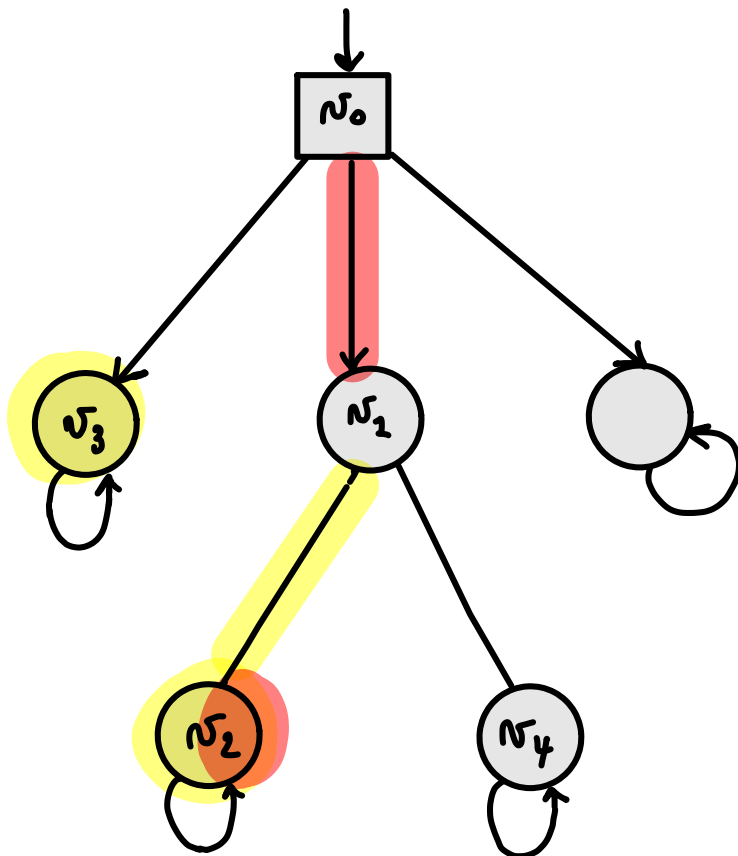
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is **NOT** SUBGAME PERFECT

$N_2 \rightarrow N_4$  is **not** rational  
 $\equiv$  non credible threat

# Subgame perfect equilibrium



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is the only subgame perfect equilibrium



# Theorems

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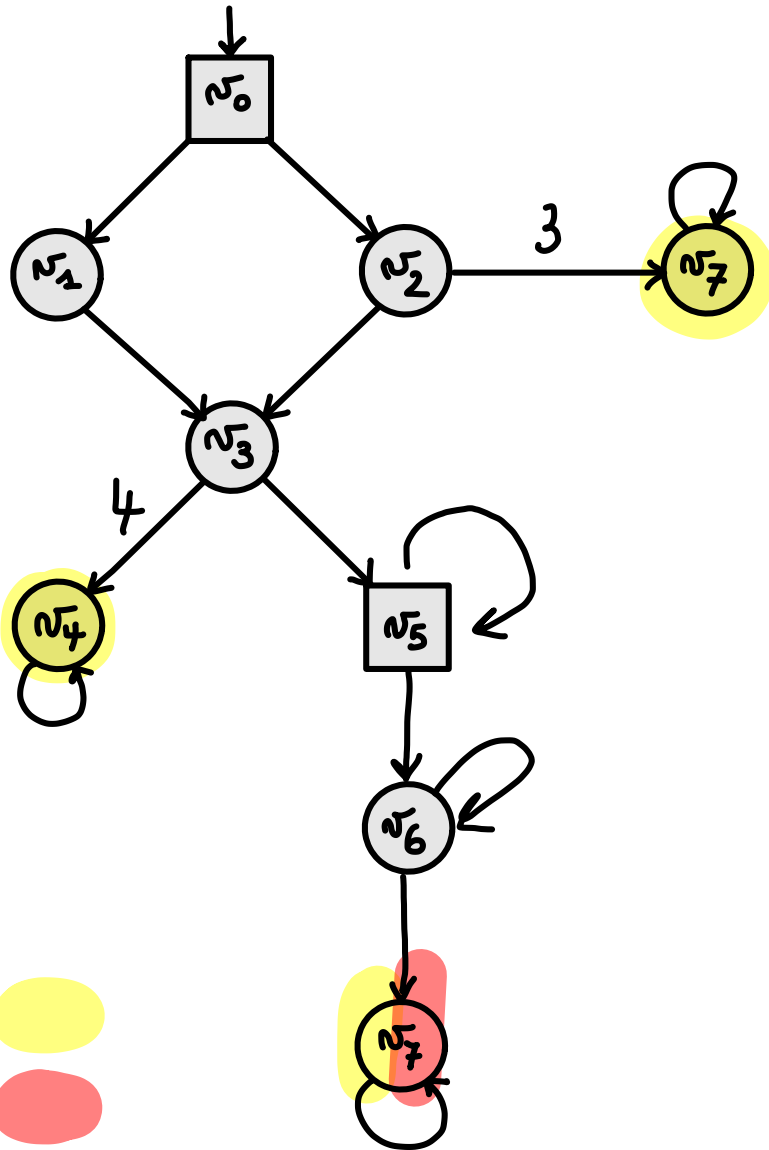
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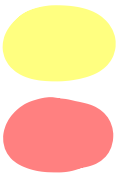
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some complexity gaps  
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# Quantitative reachability games

minimize the number of steps to reach target



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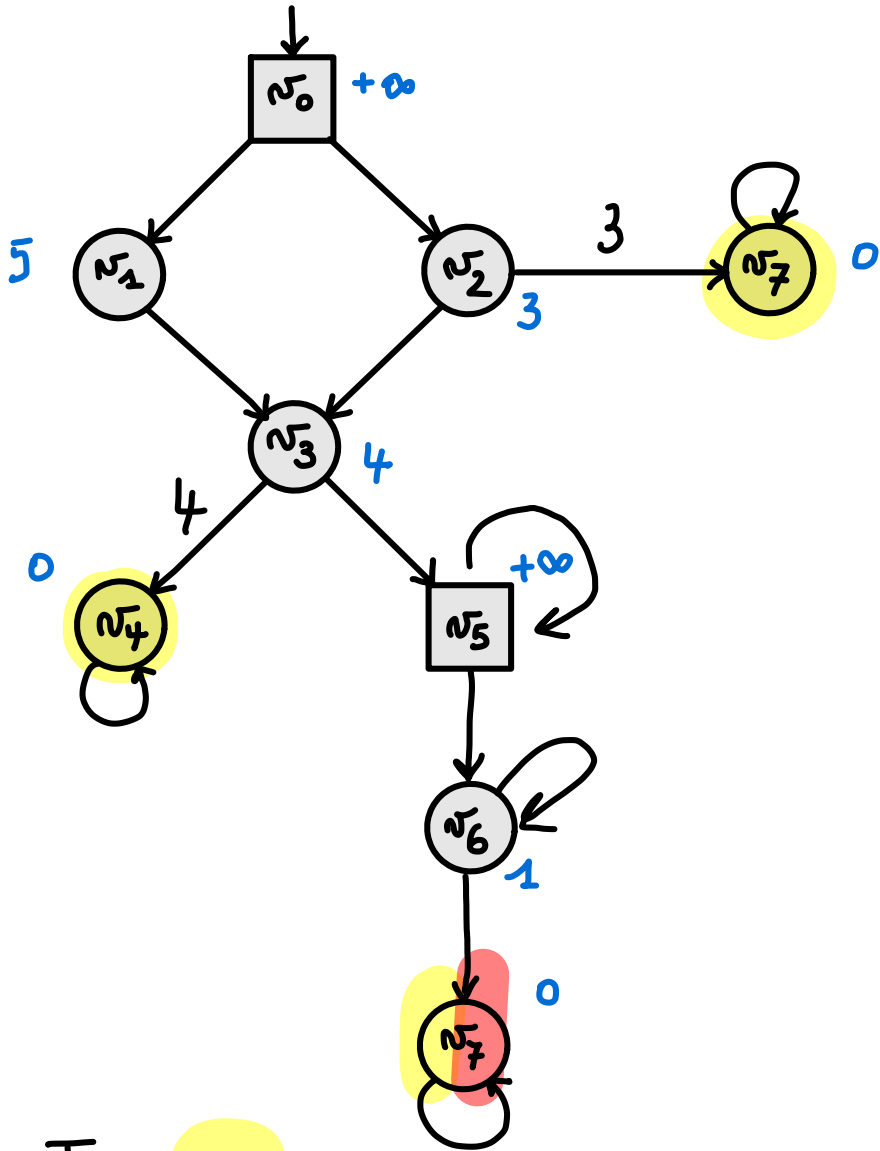
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an upper bound for each player

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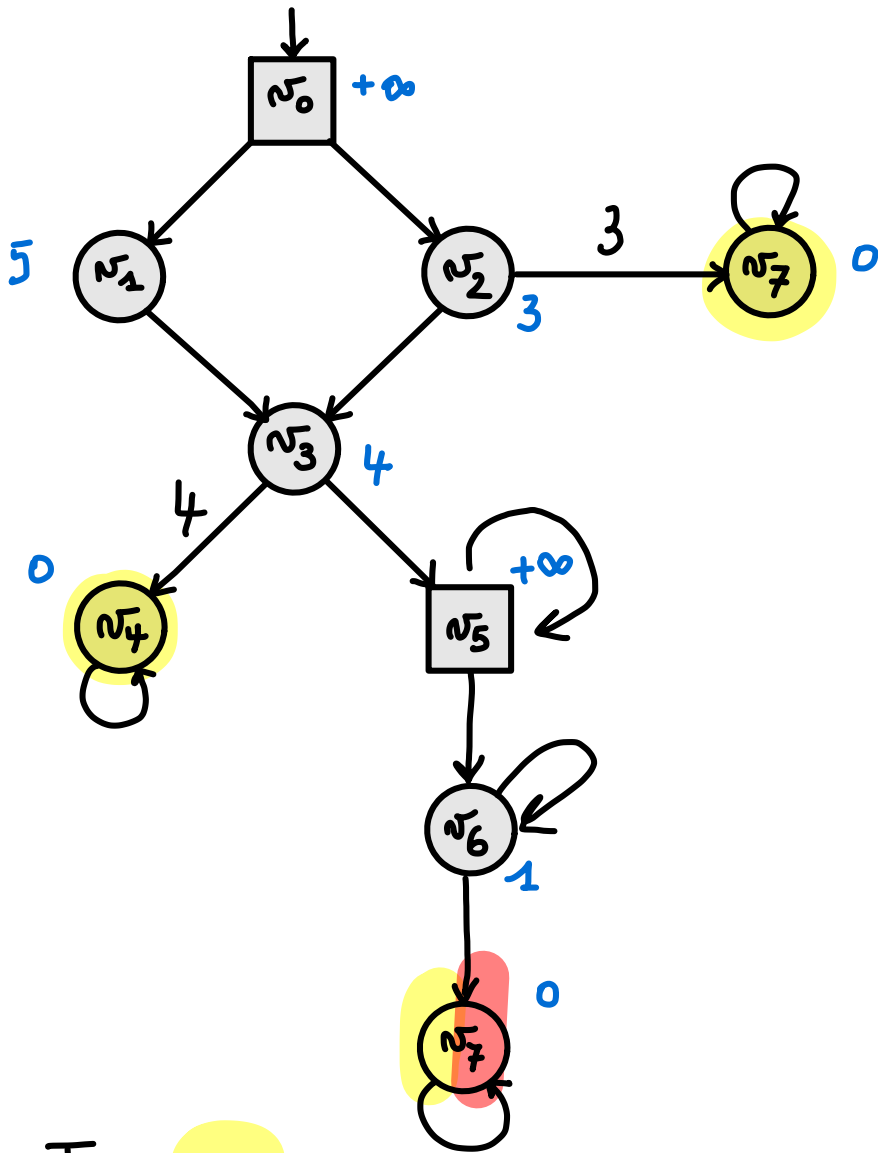
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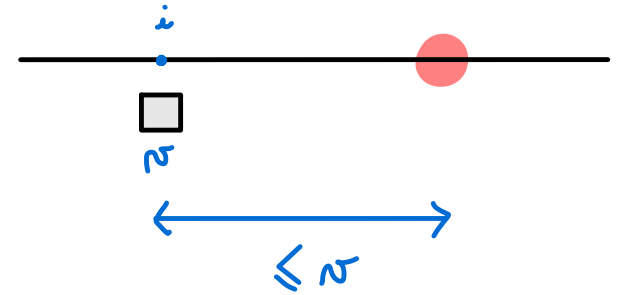
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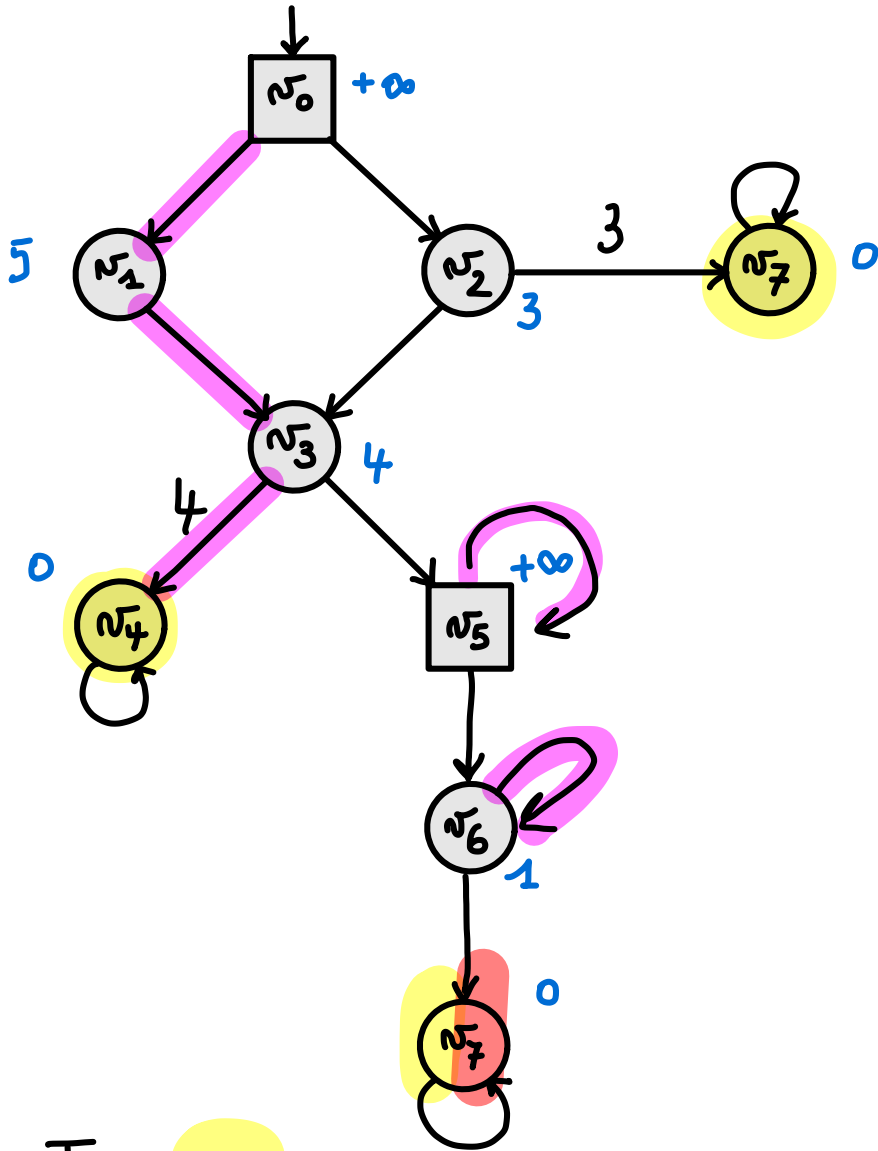
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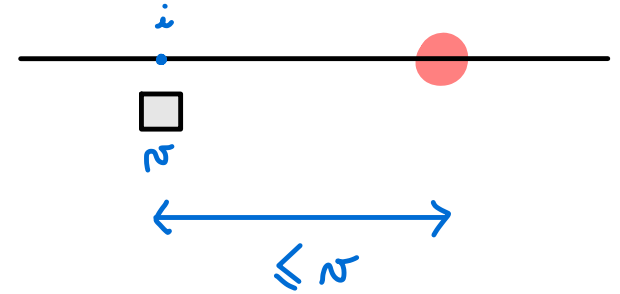
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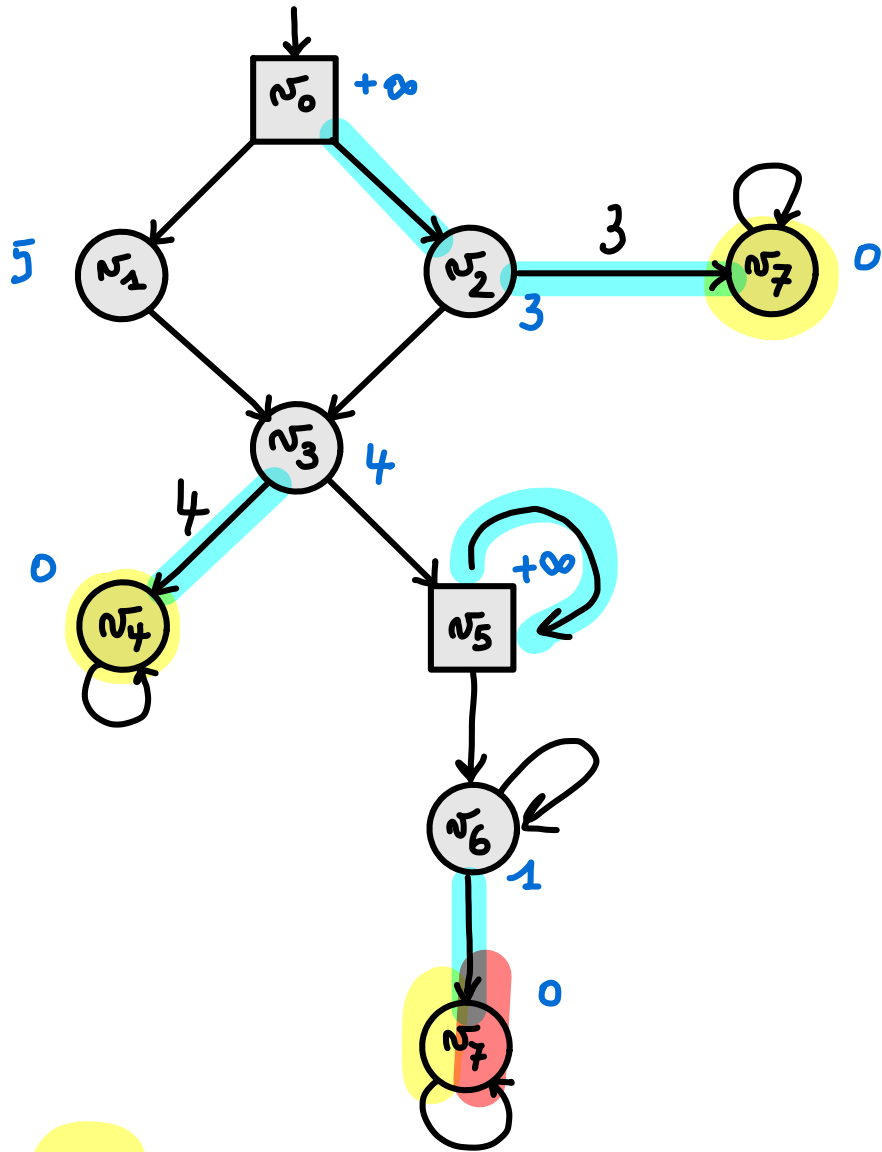
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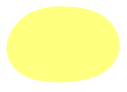

ex:  
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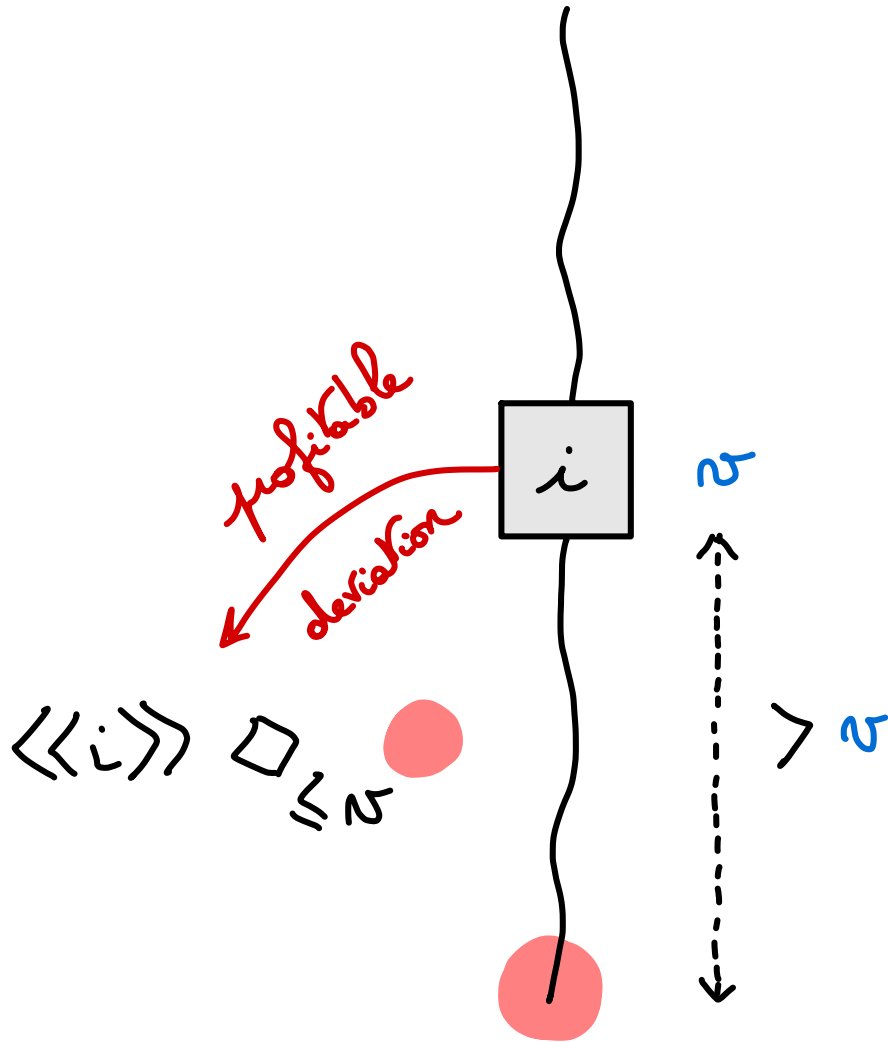
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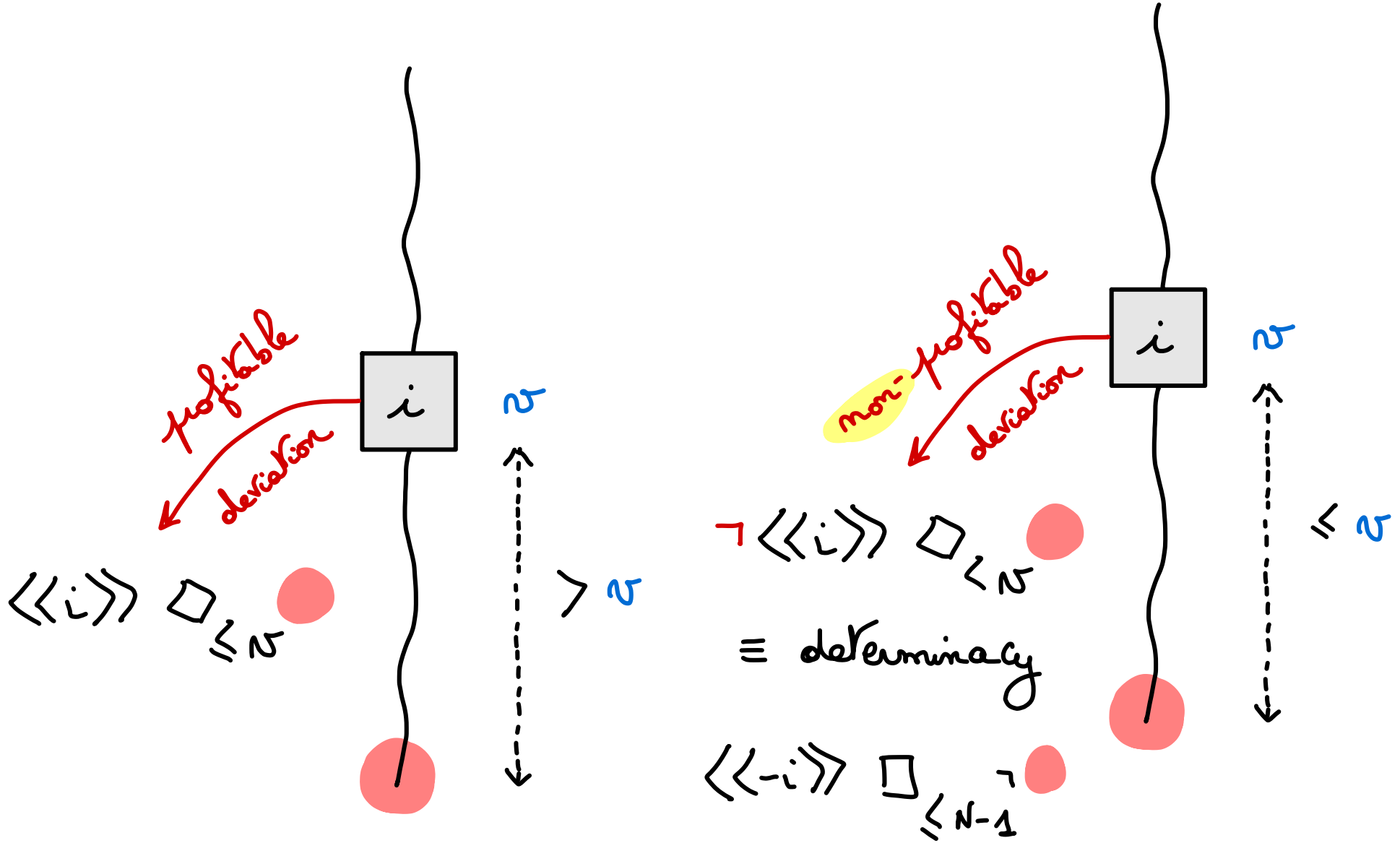
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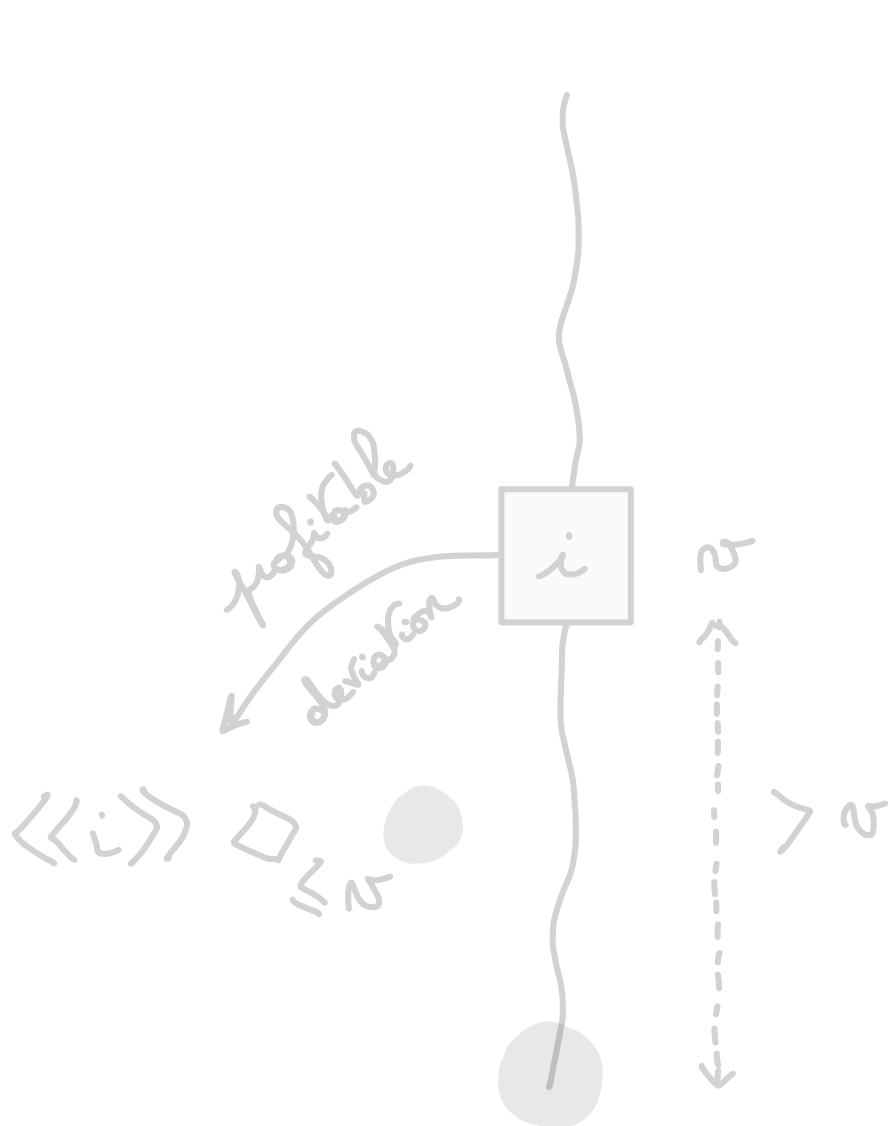


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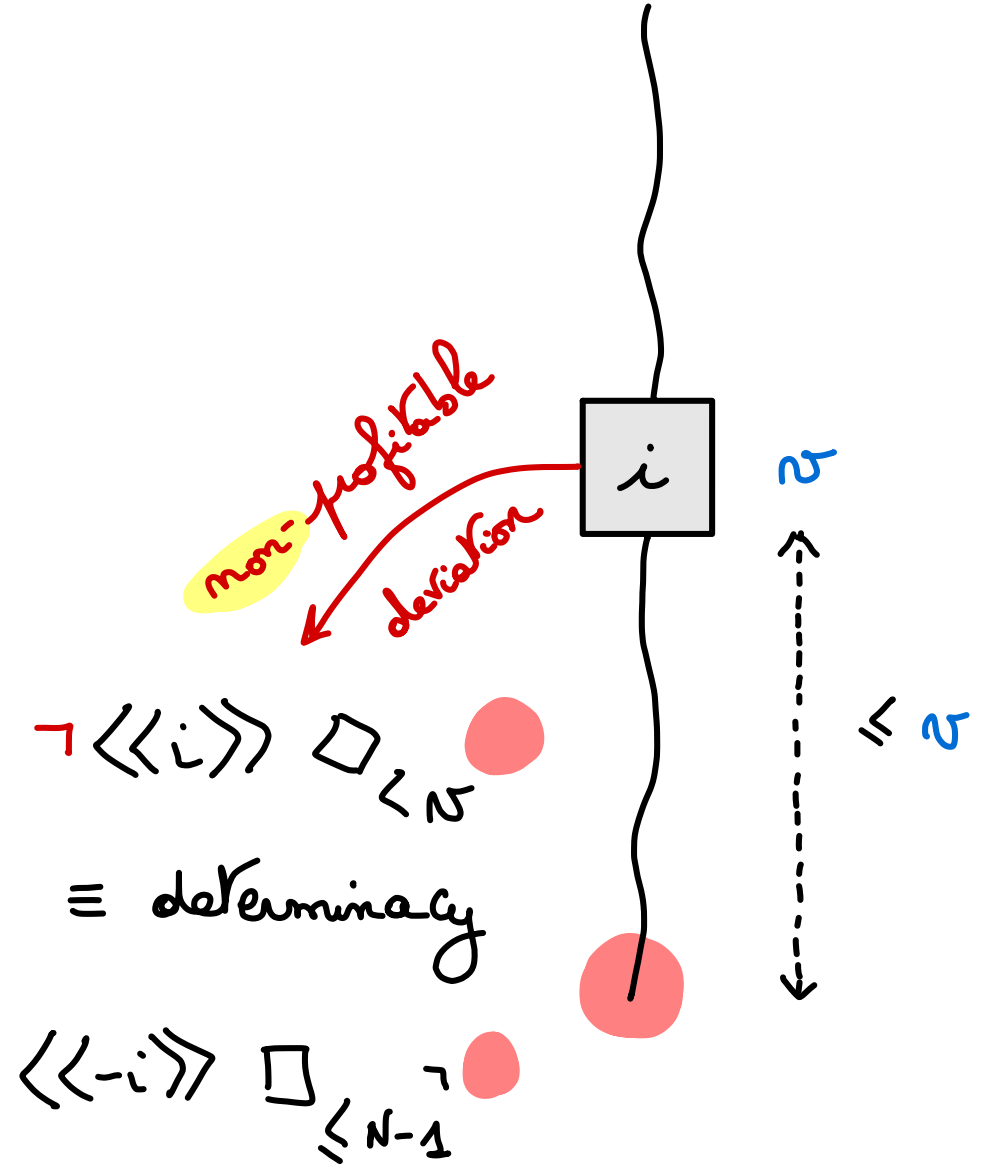
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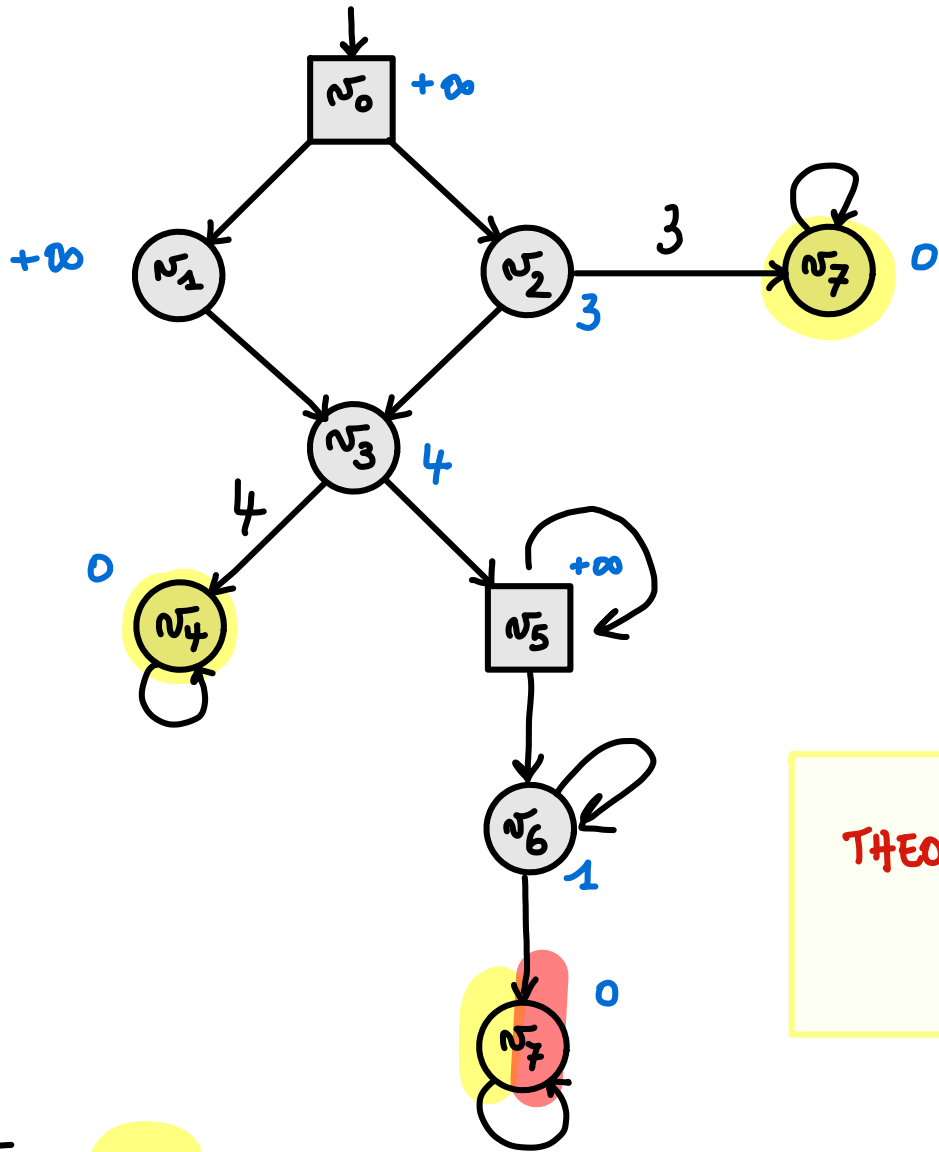


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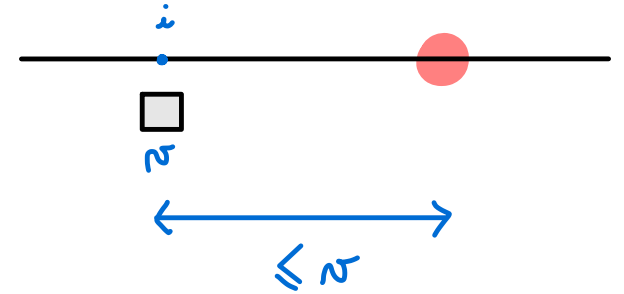
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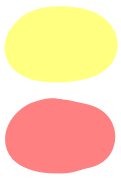
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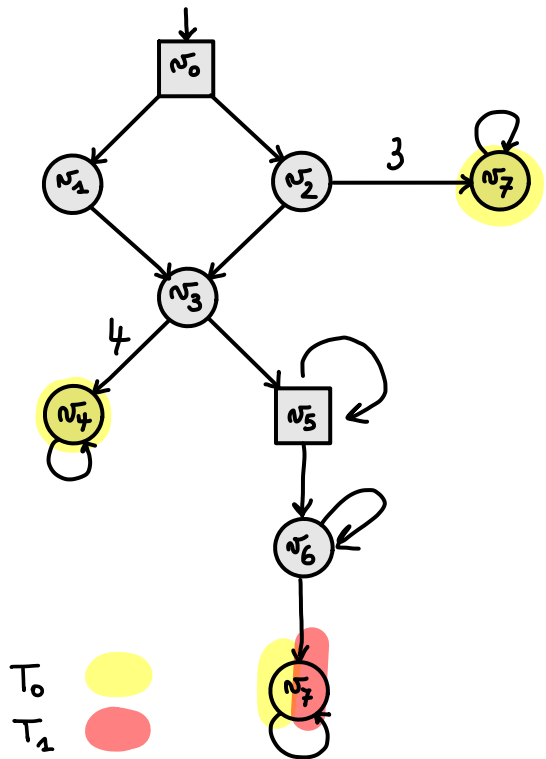
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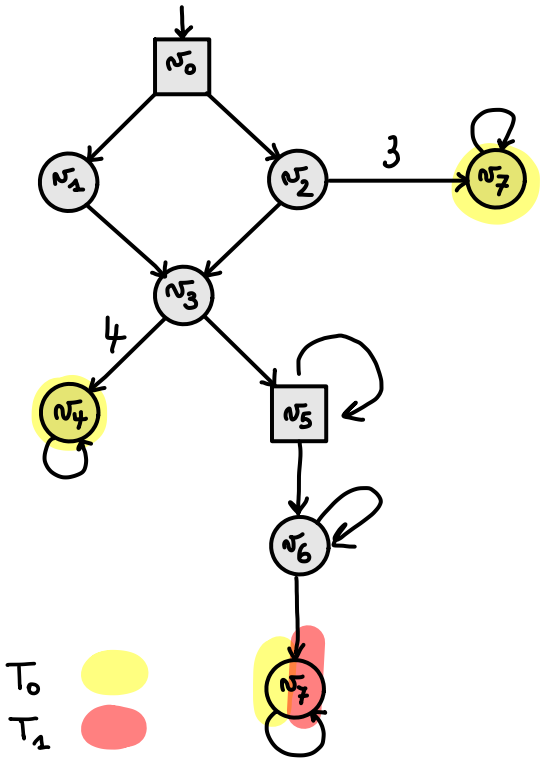
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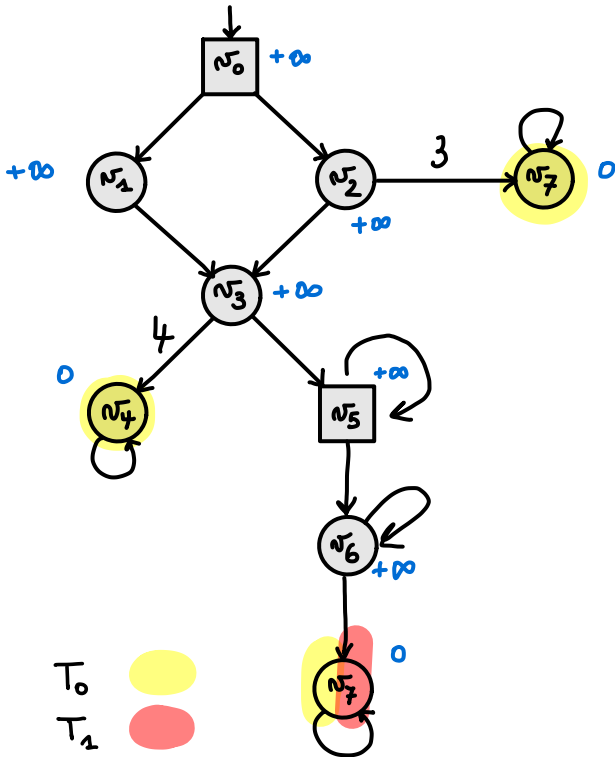
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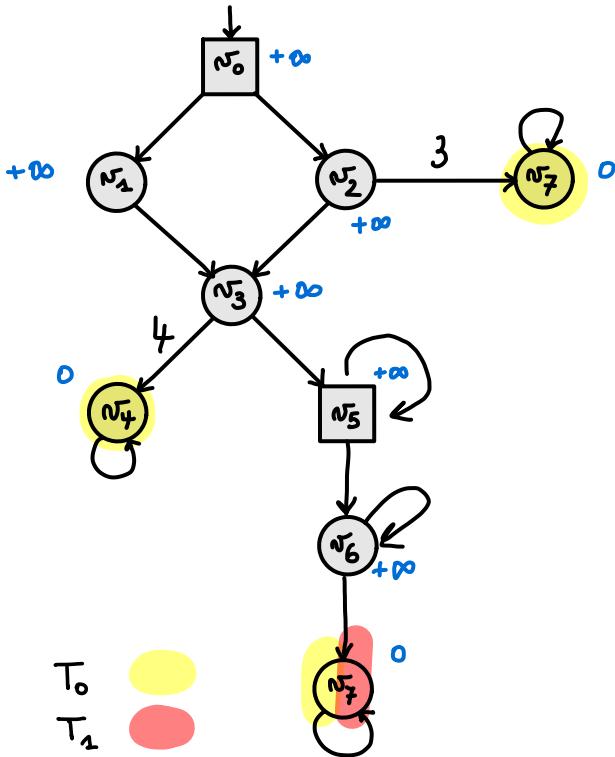
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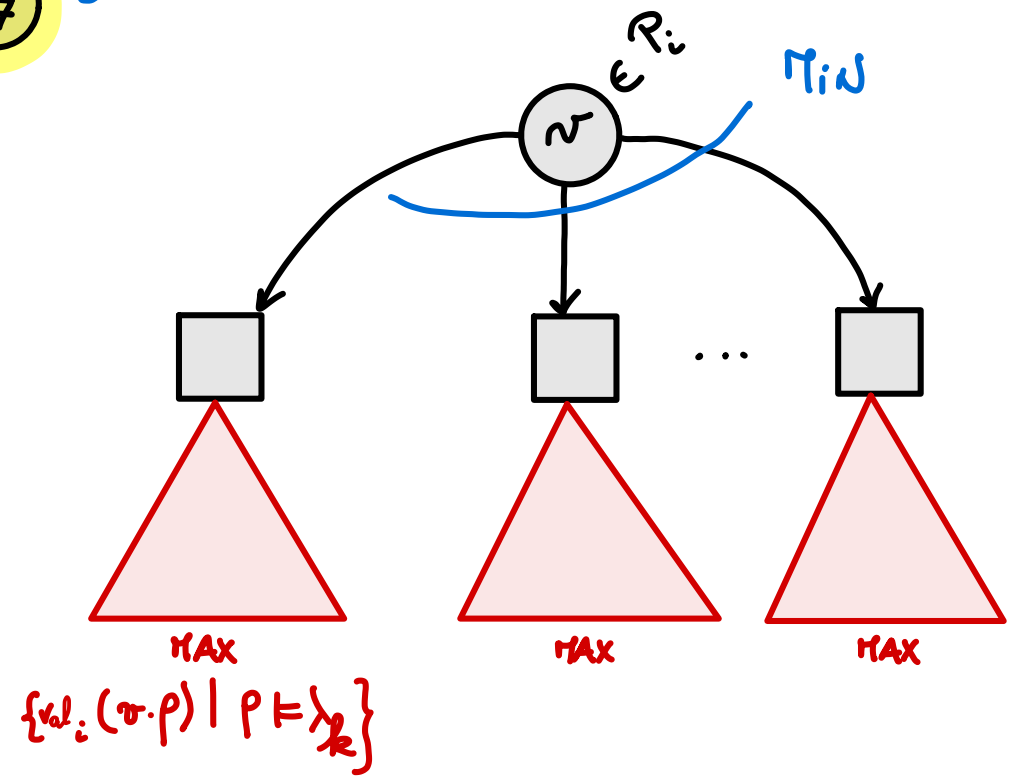
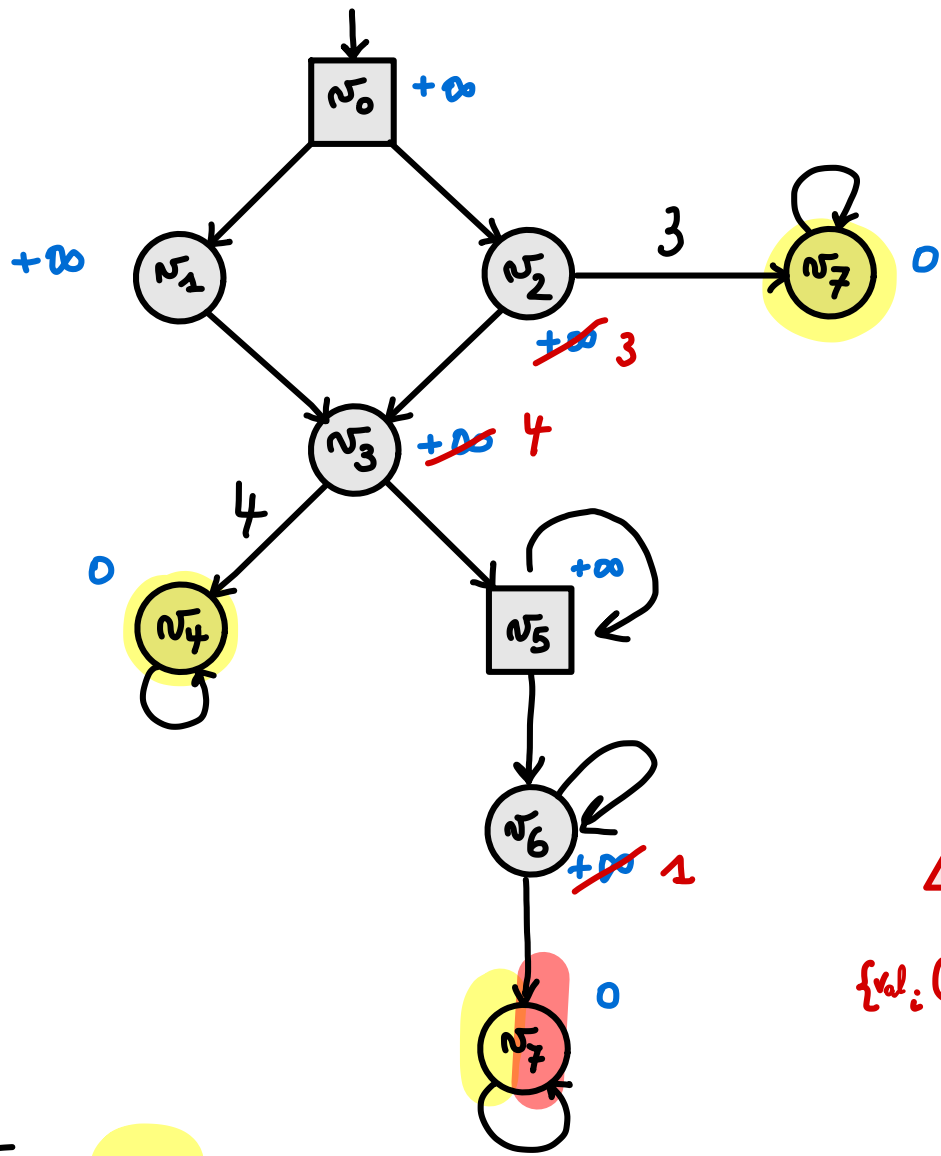
Update:

$$\lambda_{k+1}(v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } v \in T_i \\ 1 + \min_{v' \in \text{Succ}(v)} \max \{ \text{VAL}_i(v' \cdot p) \mid v' \cdot p \models \lambda_k \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

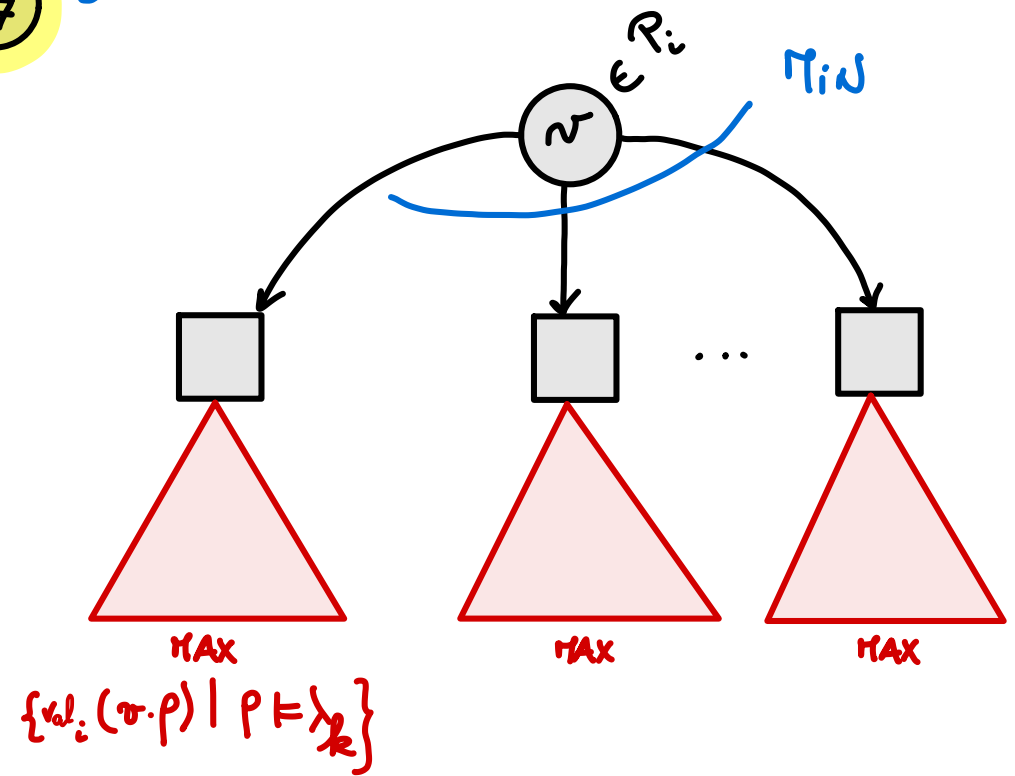
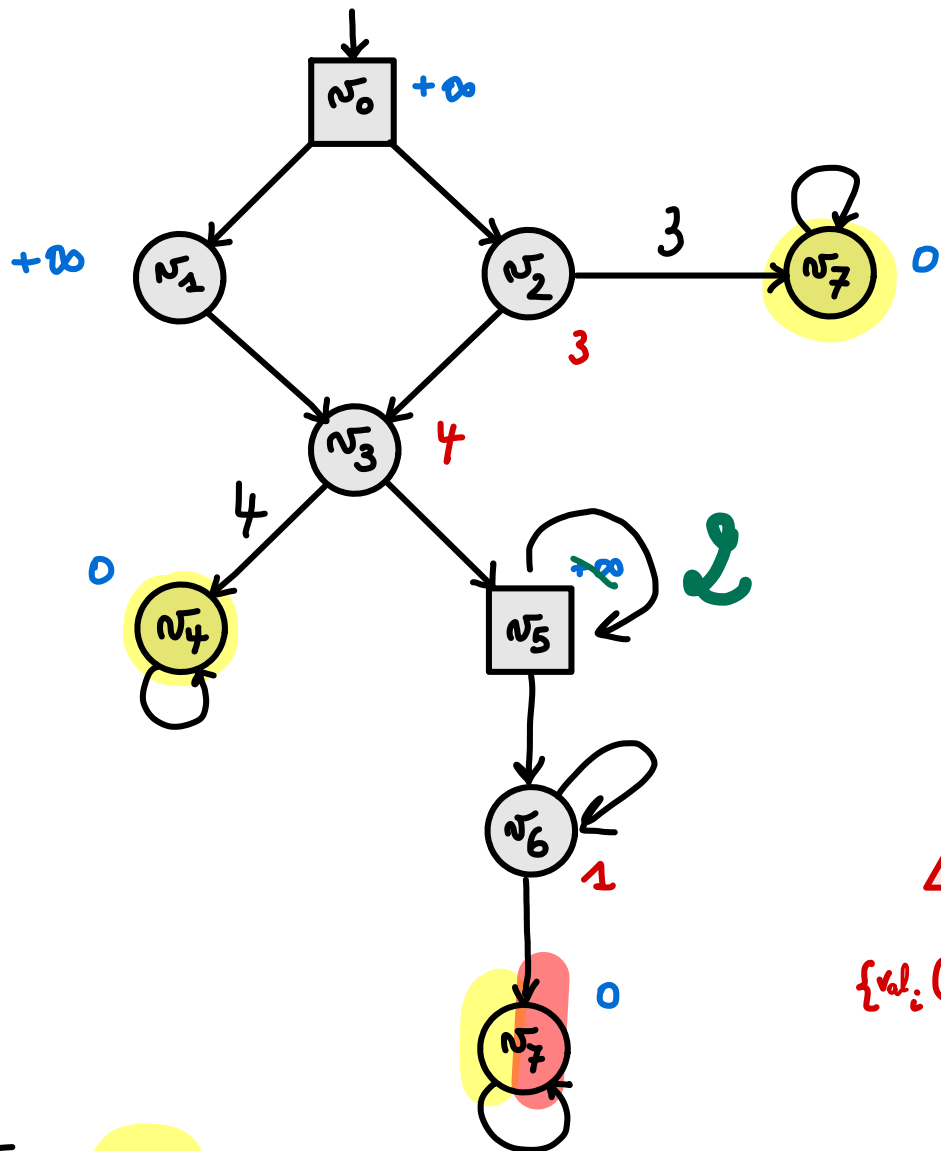
$\lambda_k$ -consistency

Owner(v) chooses for successor

then he potentially faces worst-case among  $\lambda_k$  consistent paths.

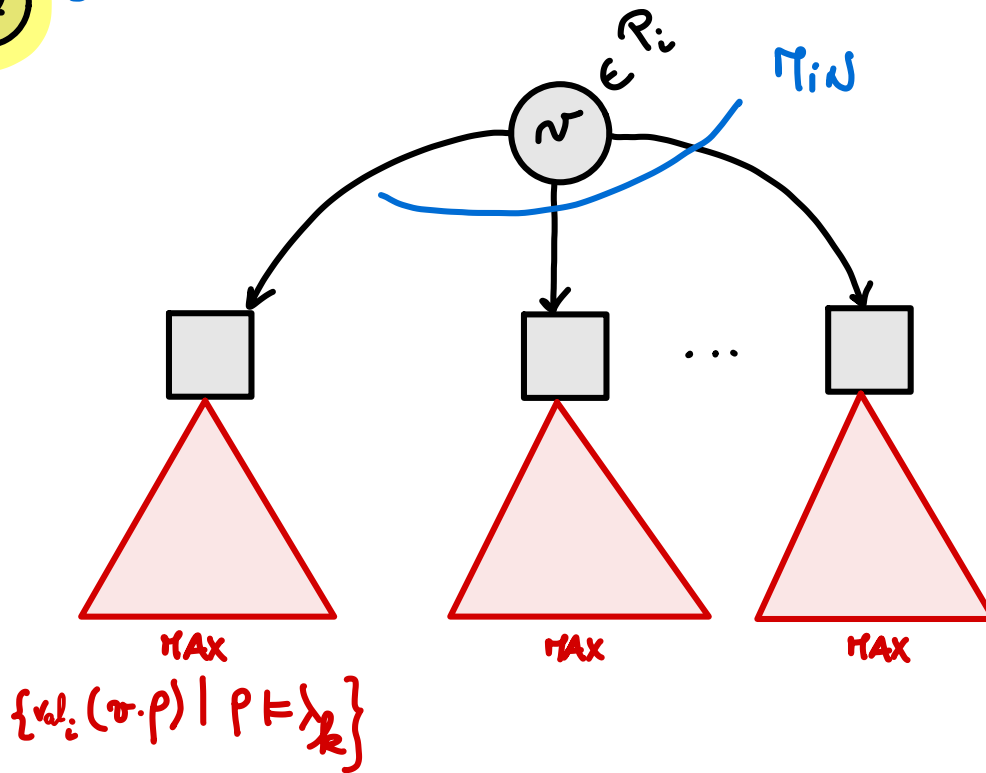
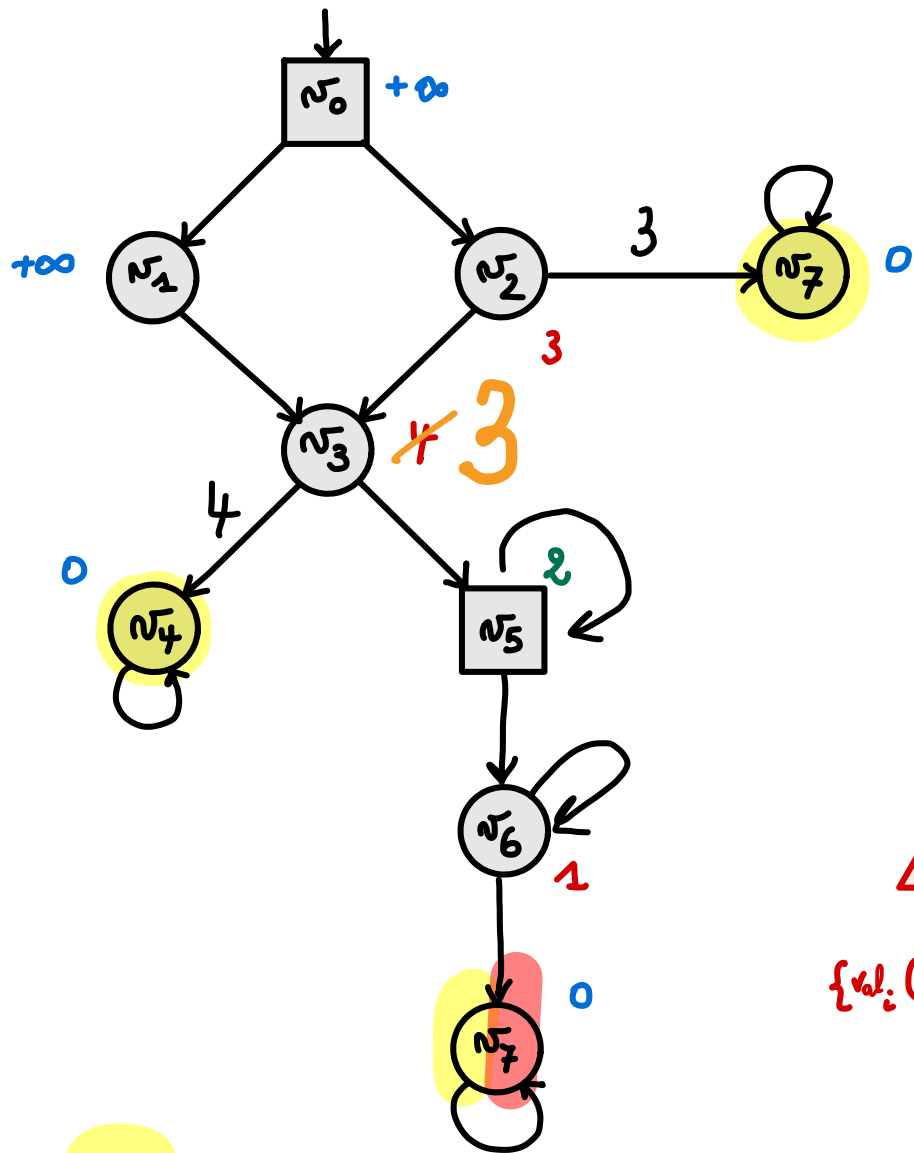


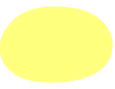

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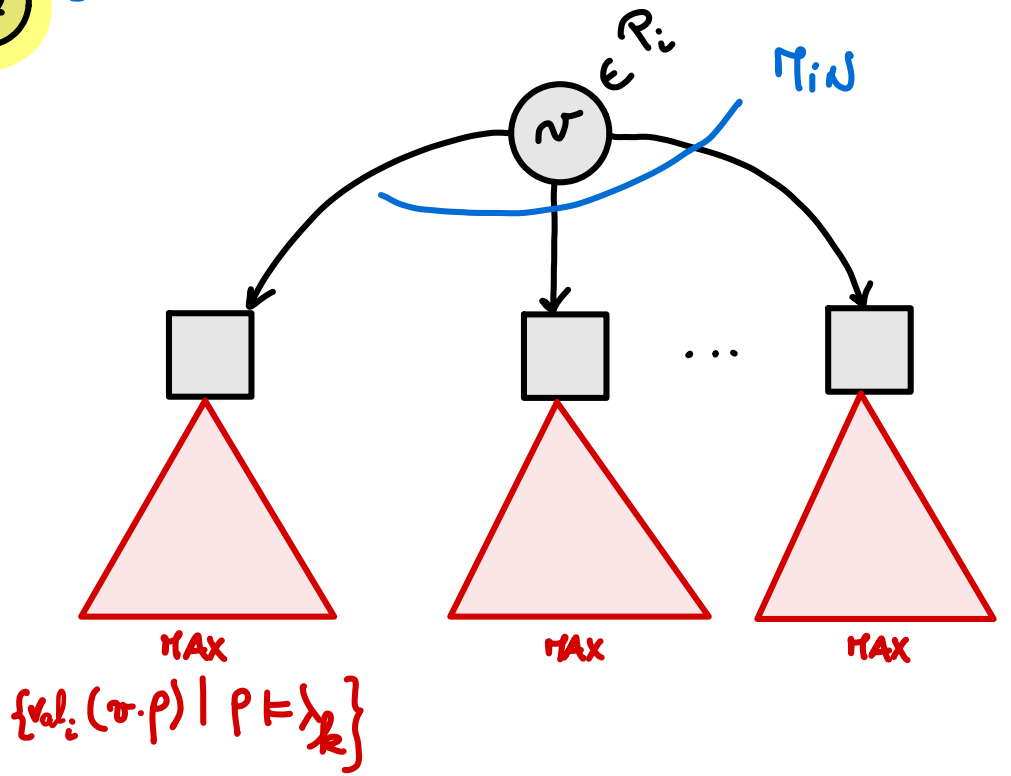
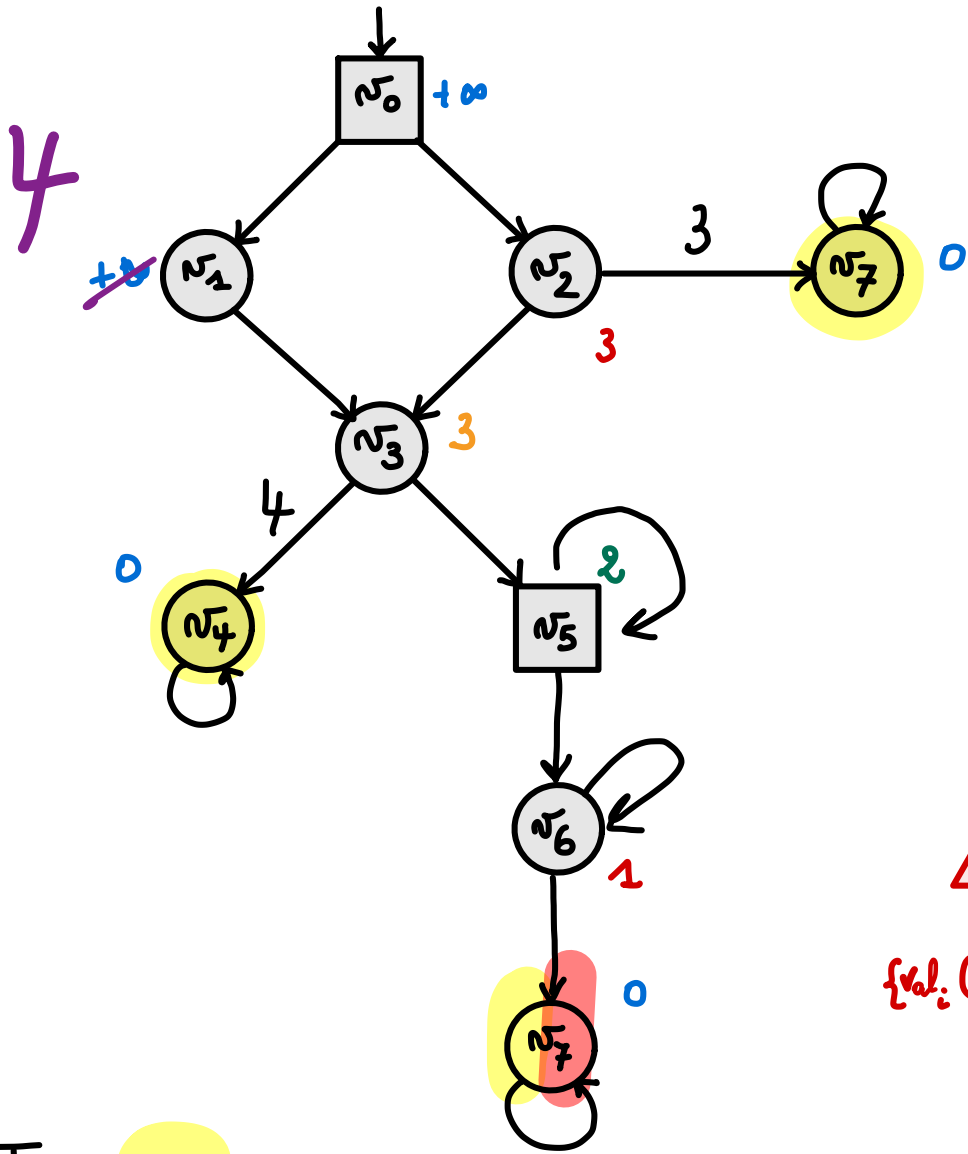




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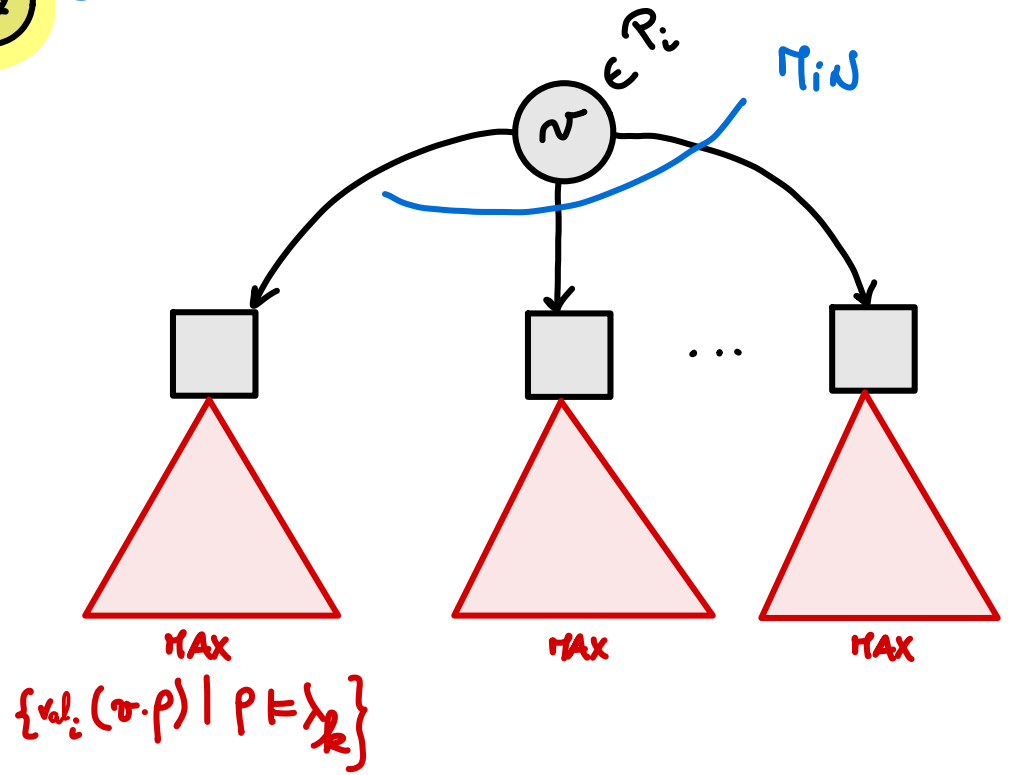
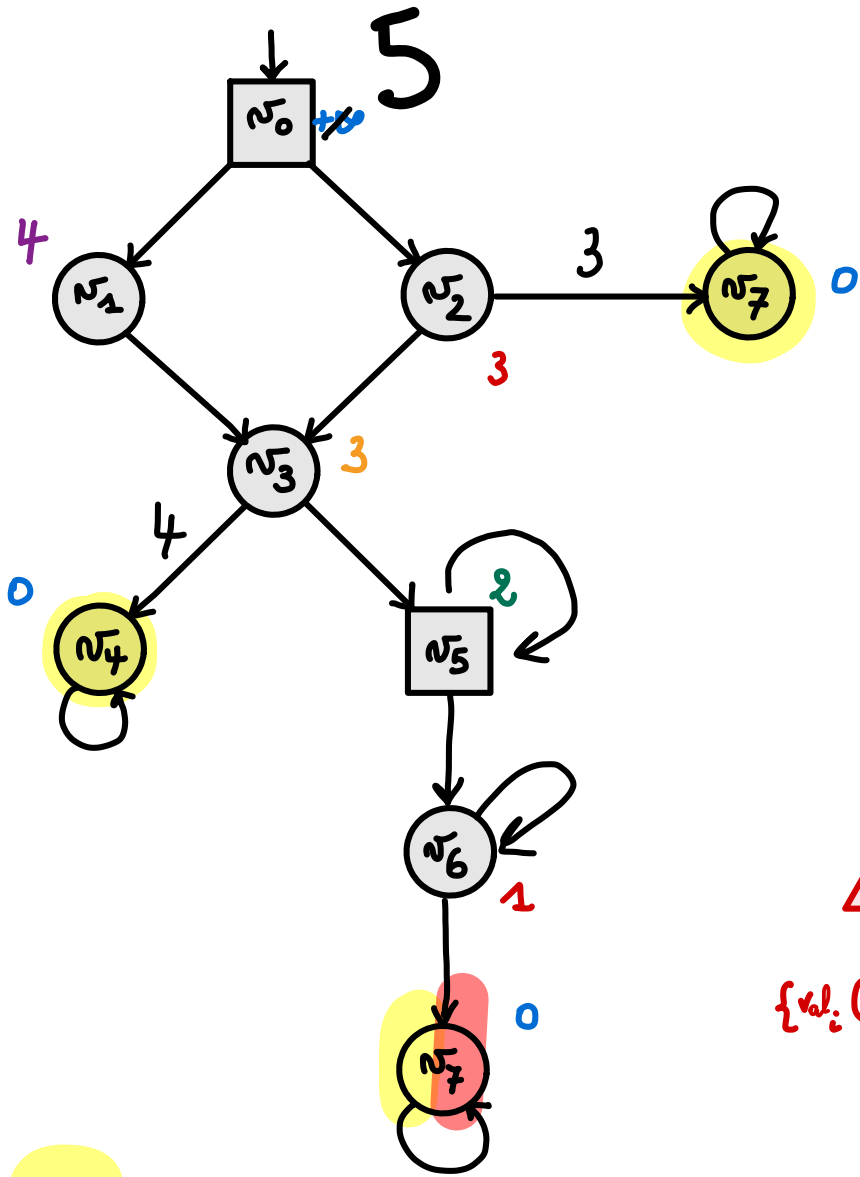




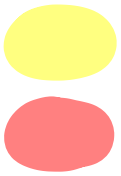
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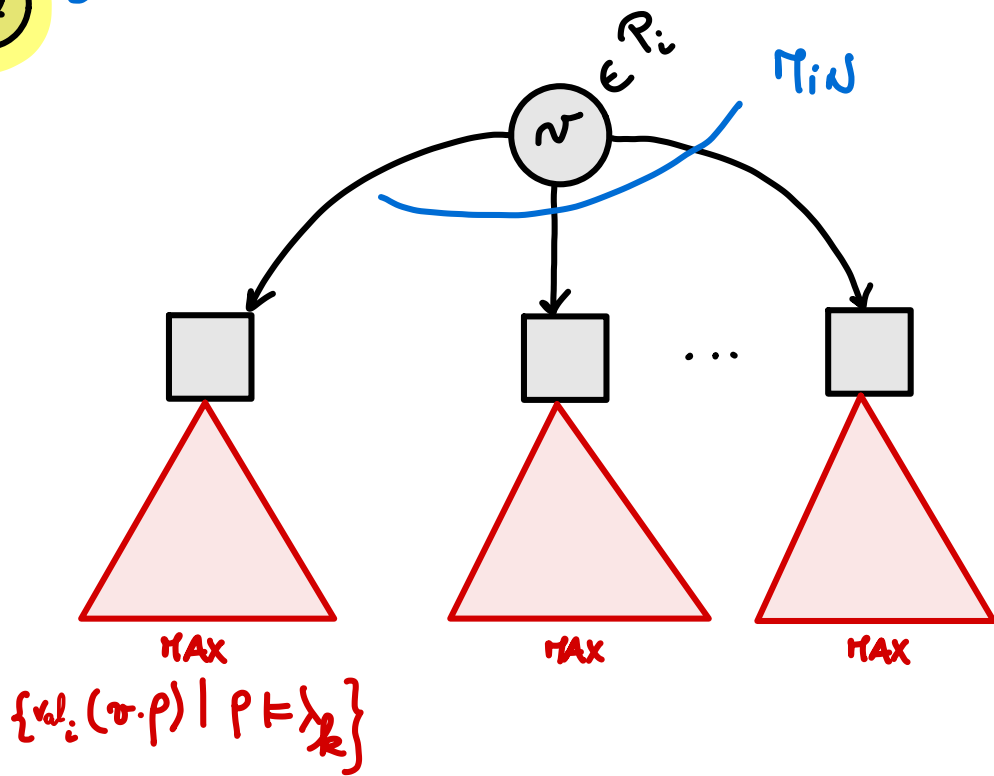
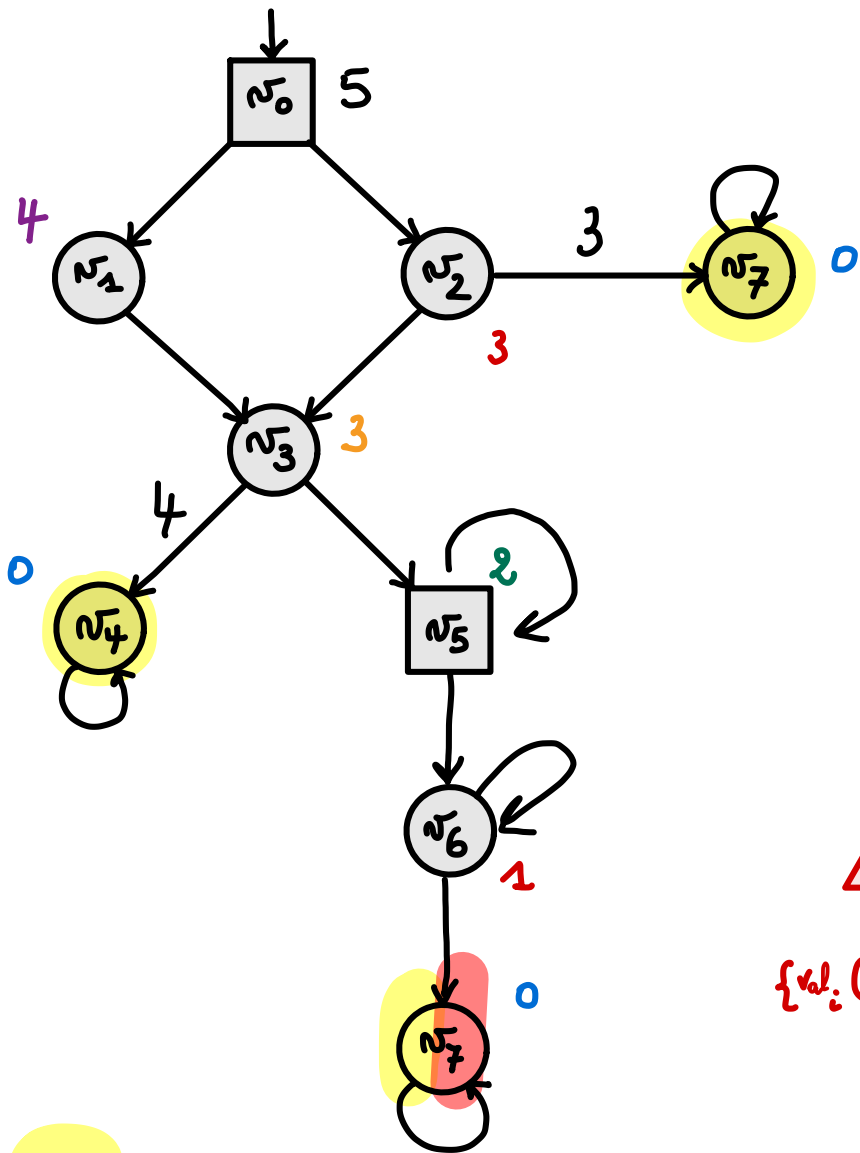
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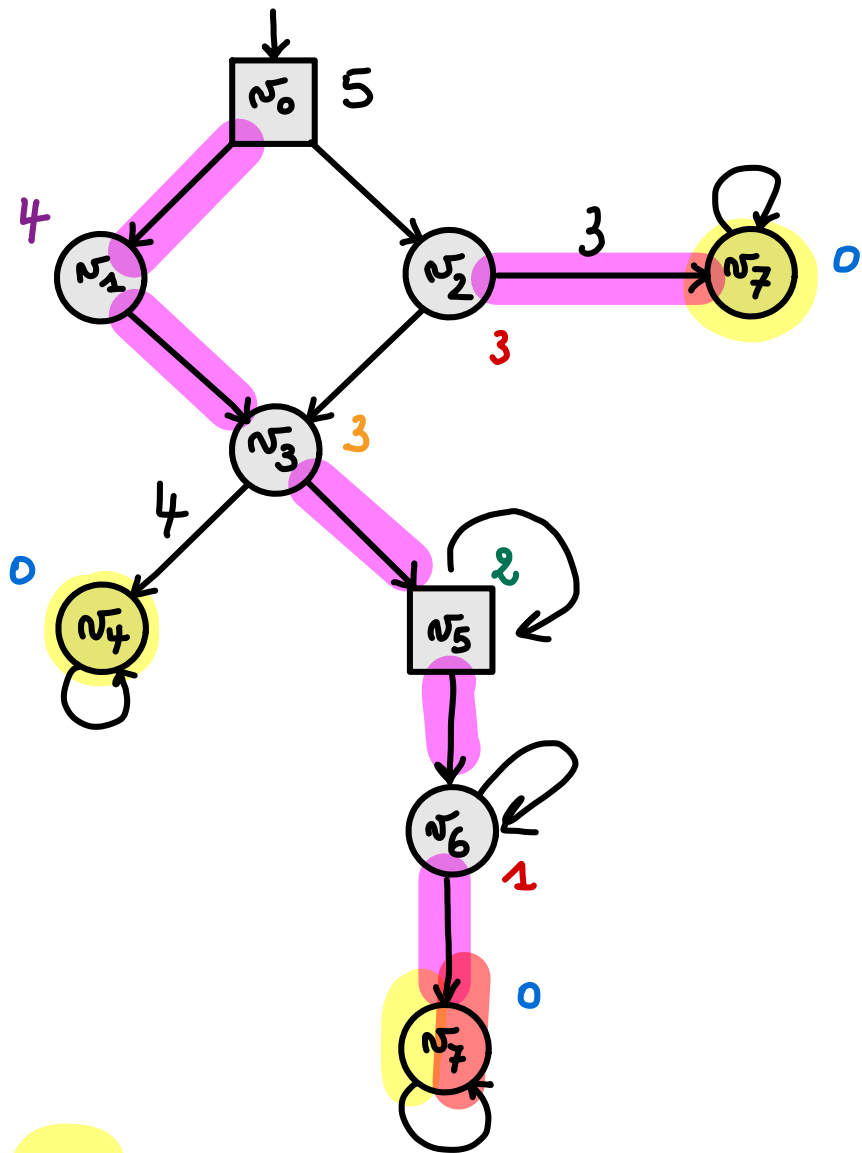


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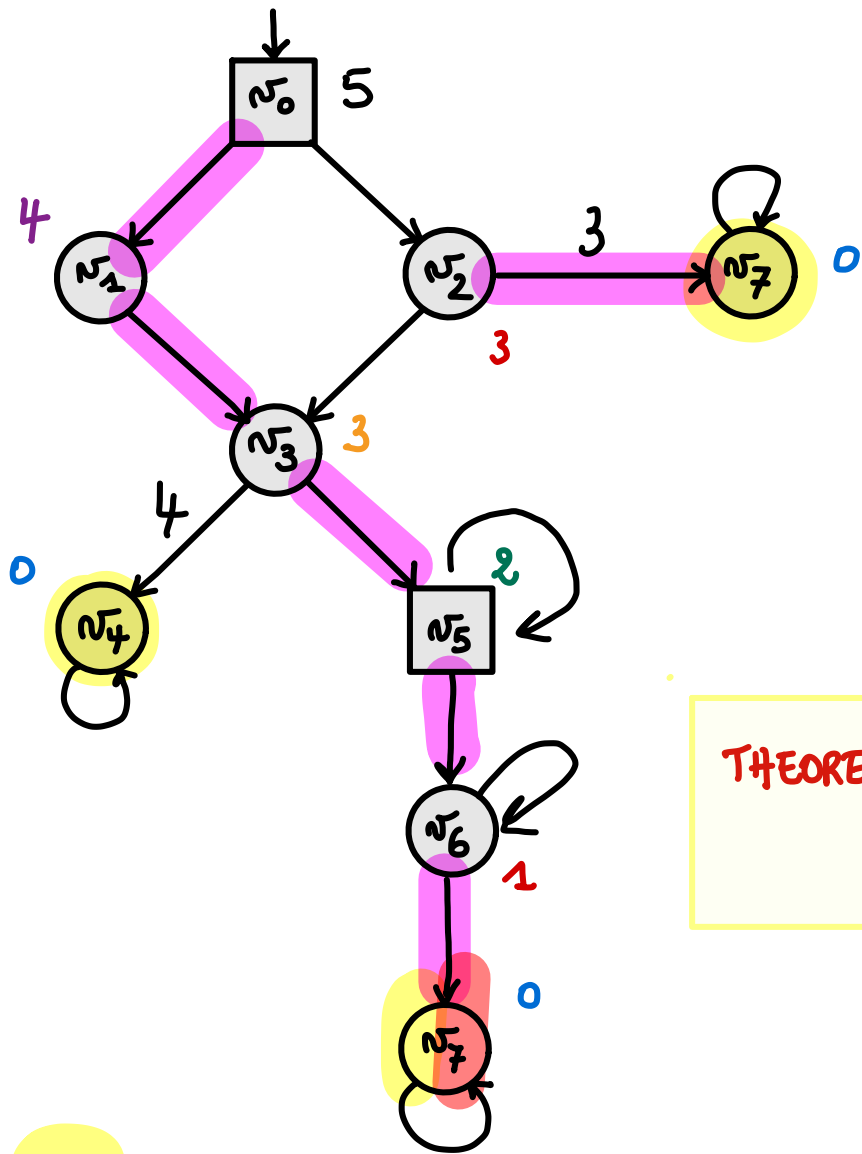


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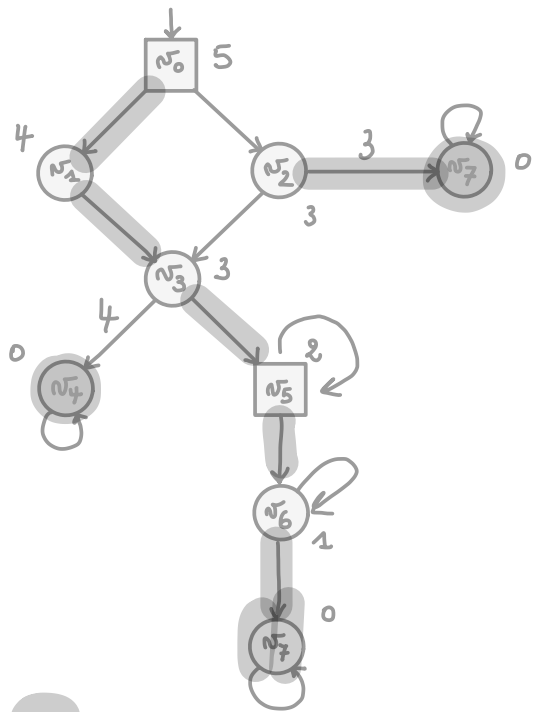
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## Termination

$$\lambda : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$$\lambda \leq \lambda' \text{ if } \forall v \in V: \lambda(v) \leq \lambda'(v)$$

↳ well quasi order

Update :  $\leq$  - monotone

Better complexity (Pspace) through bounds on values (exponential).

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→ fixed point is computed on extended graph

$(v, \mathcal{P})$

Players that have already  
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(no rationality assumed)

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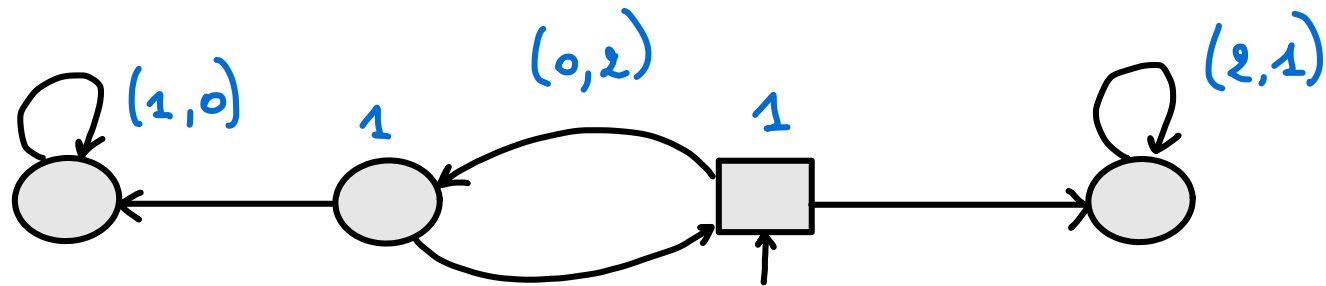
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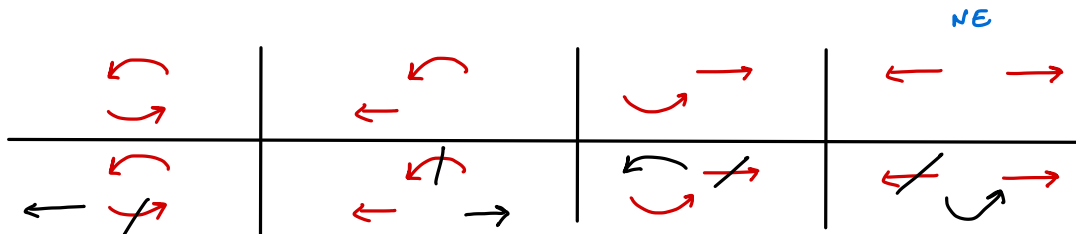
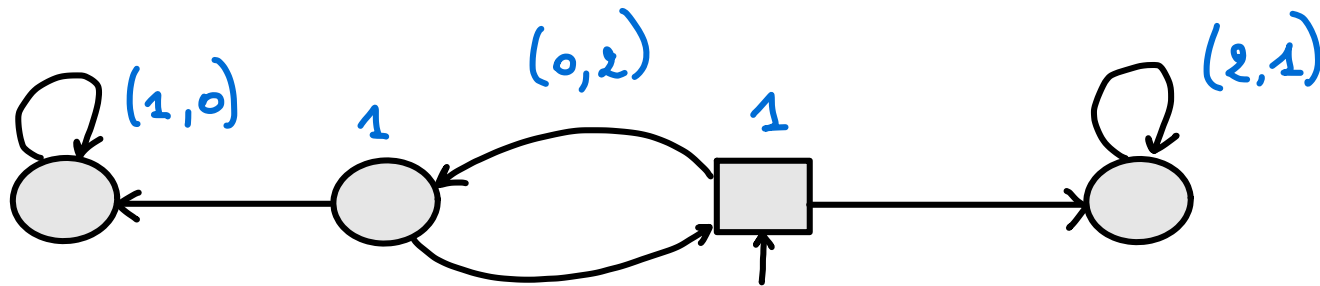
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