

# Parity Games with Weights

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# Controller Synthesis

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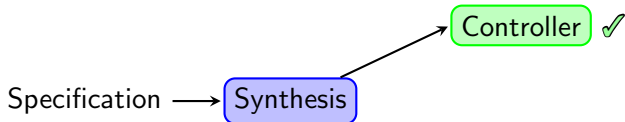
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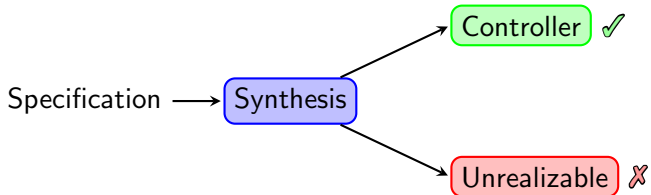
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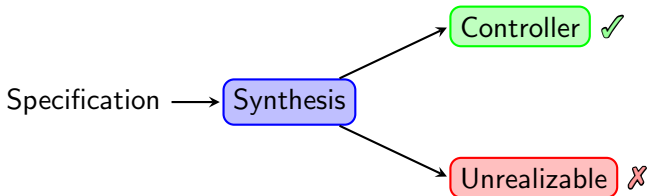
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In most cases boils down to solving parity game

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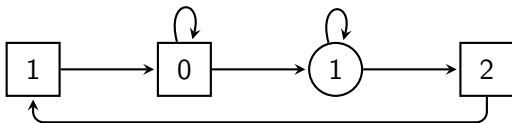
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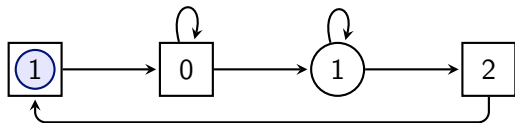
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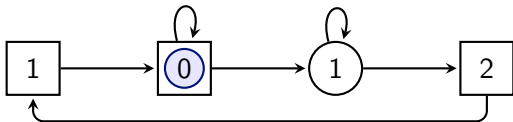
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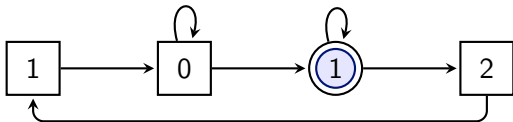
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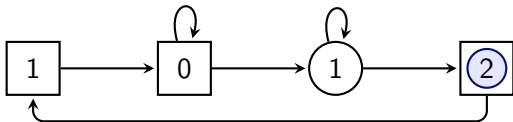
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$1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1$

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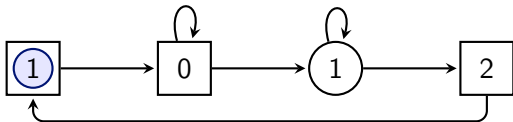
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1 → 0 → 1 → 2

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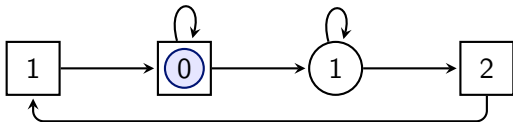
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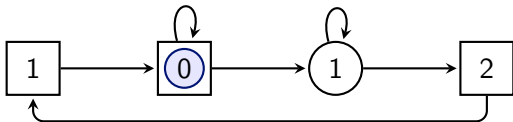
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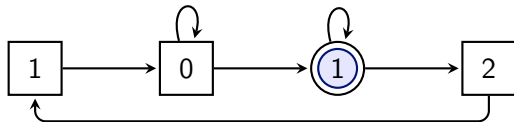


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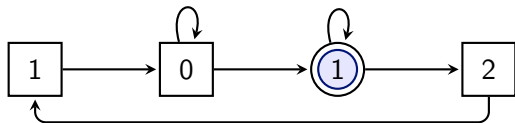
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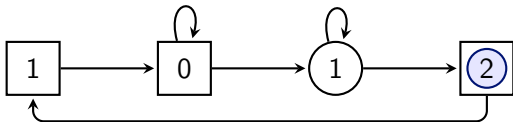
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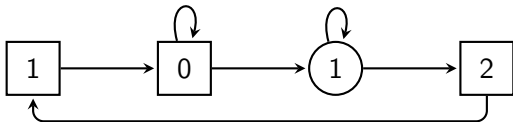
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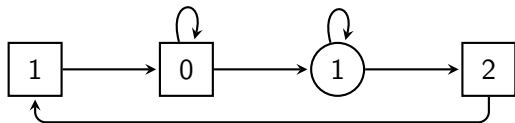
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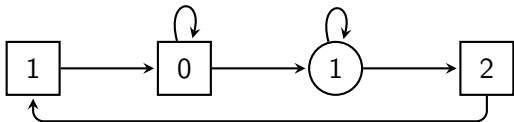
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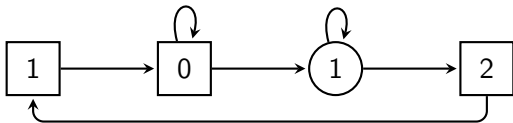
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## Proposition (Jurdziński 1998, Calude et al. 2017)

*Solving parity games is in  $UP \cap co-UP$  and they can be solved in quasi-polynomial time. Both players have memoryless winning strategies.*

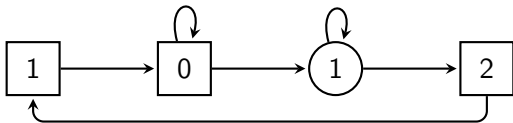
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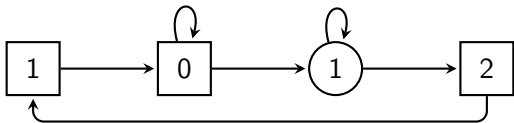


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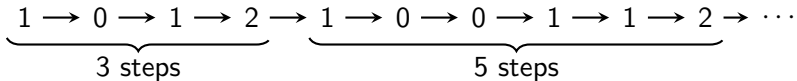
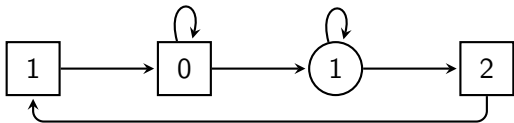
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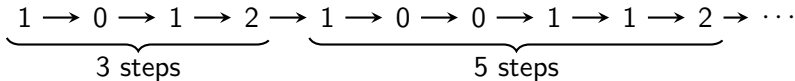
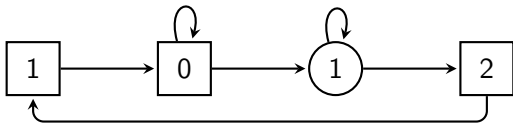
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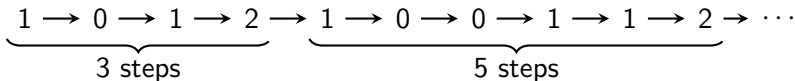
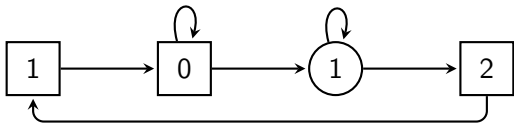
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Aim for Player 0:  
Eventually bound steps between requests and answers

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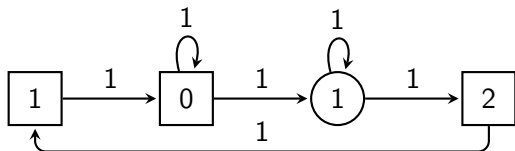
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## Proposition (Chatterjee, Henzinger, and Horn, 2009)

*Solving finitary parity games is in PTIME. Player 0 has memoryless winning strategies.*

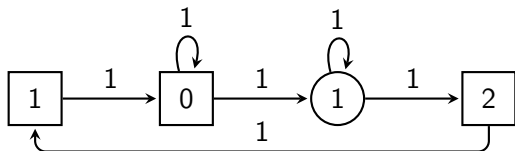
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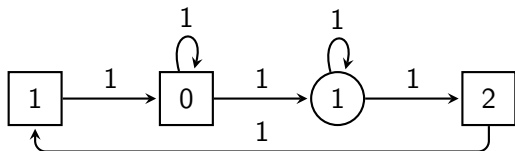
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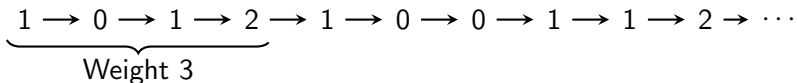
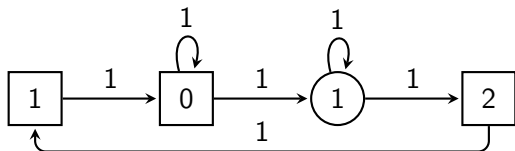
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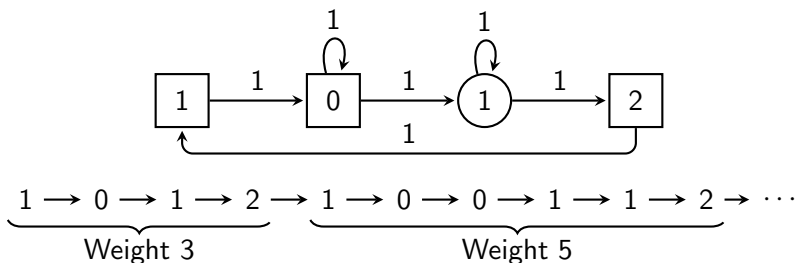
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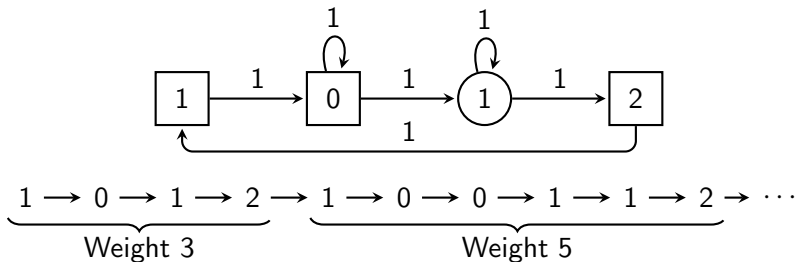


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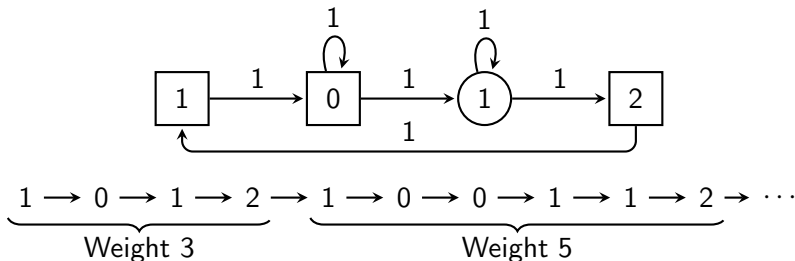
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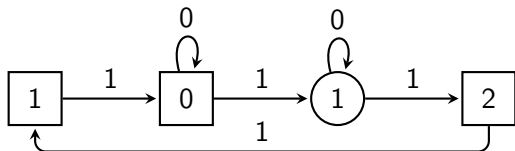
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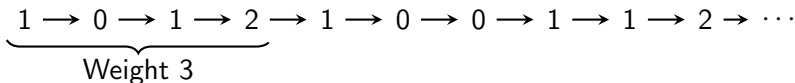
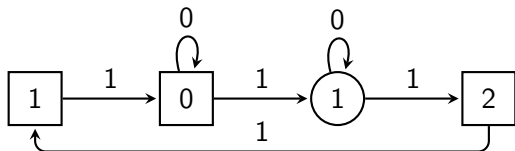
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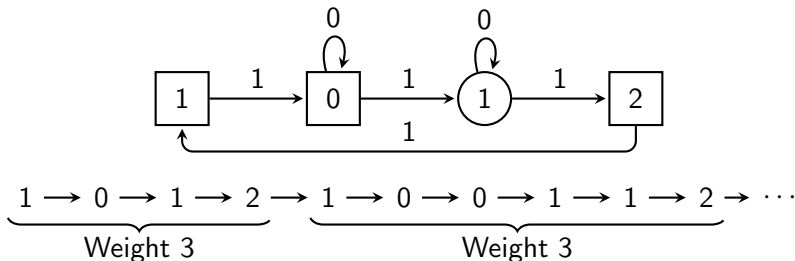
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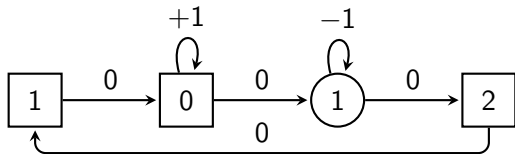
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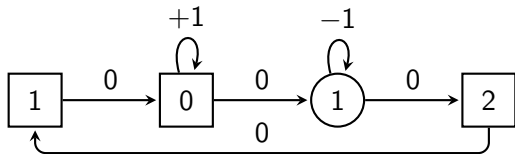
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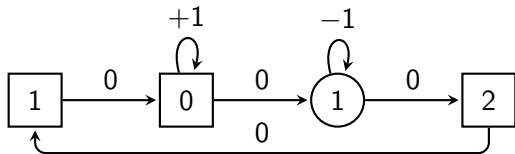


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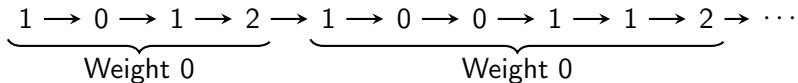
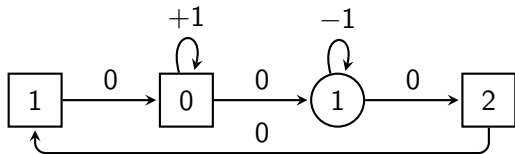
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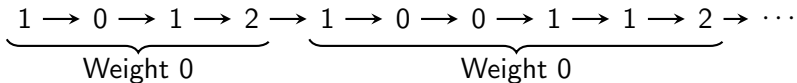
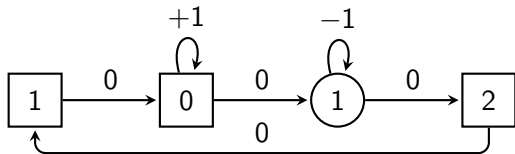
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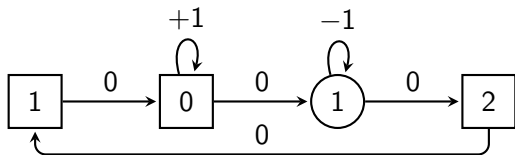
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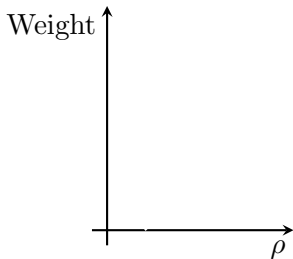
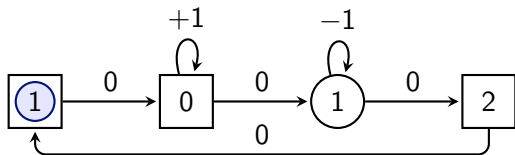
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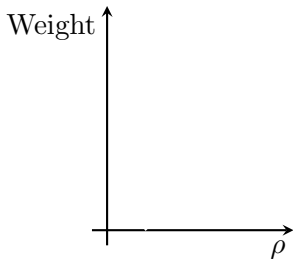
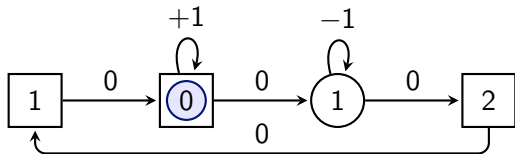
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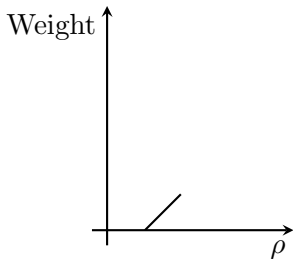
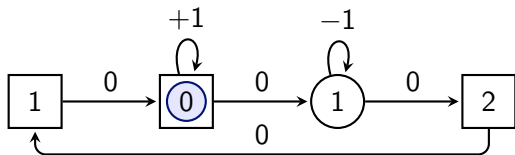
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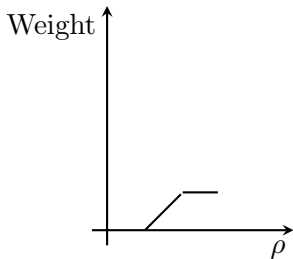
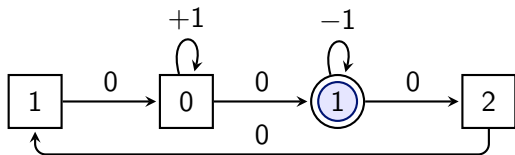


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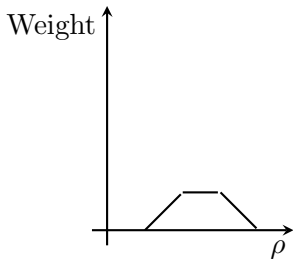
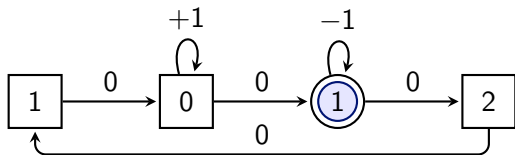


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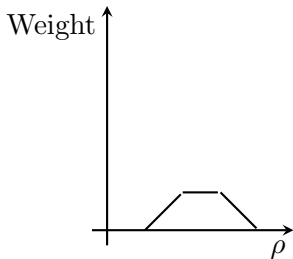
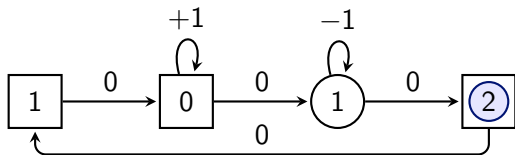


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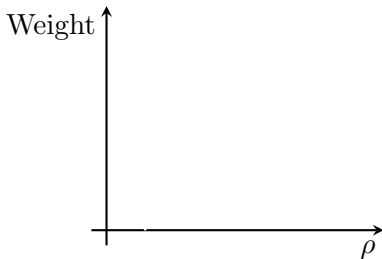
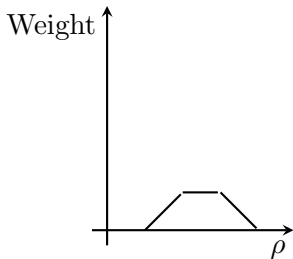
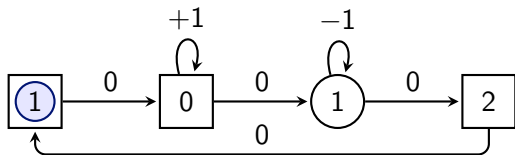


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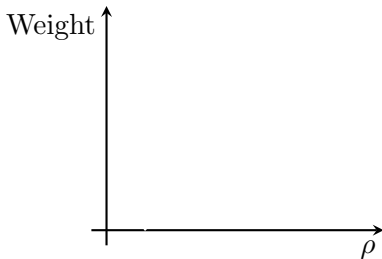
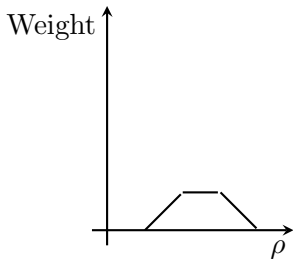
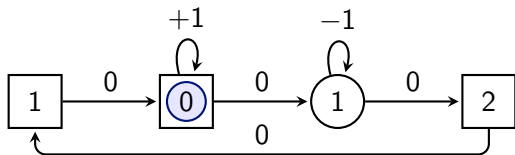
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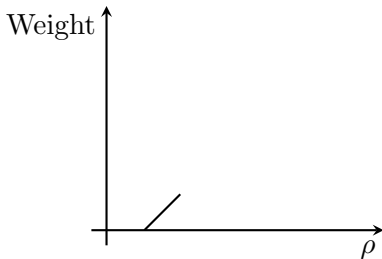
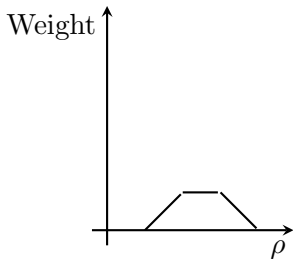
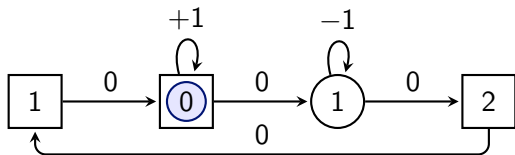
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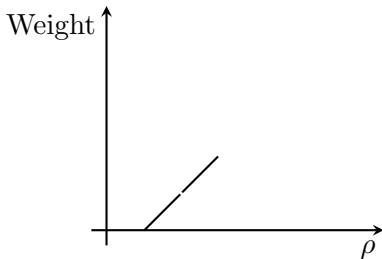
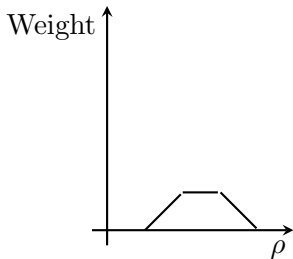
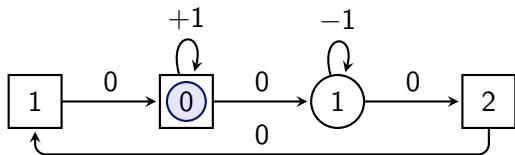
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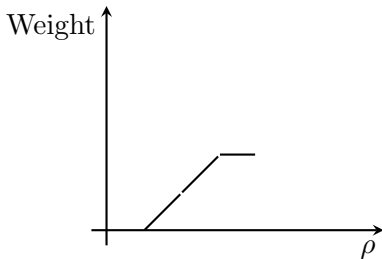
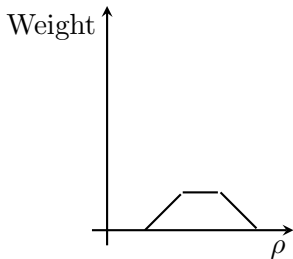
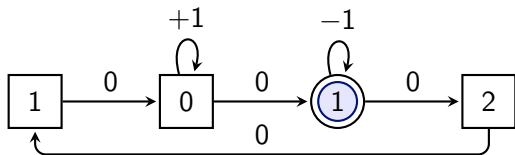
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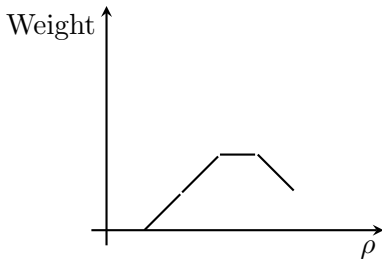
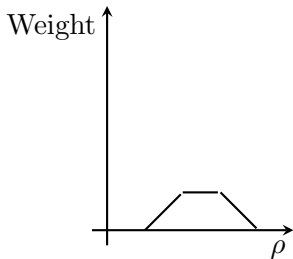
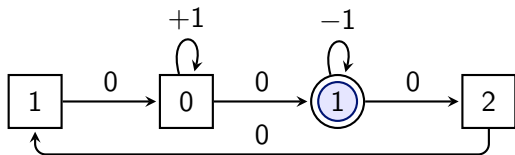
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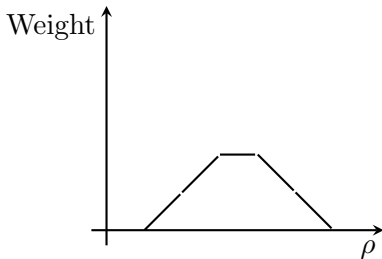
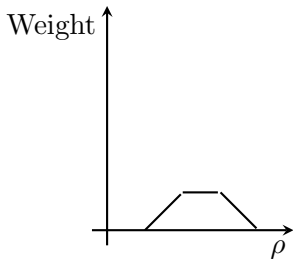
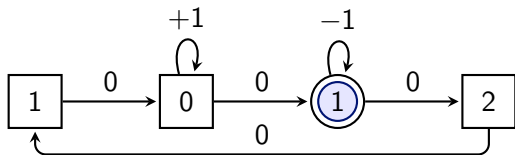


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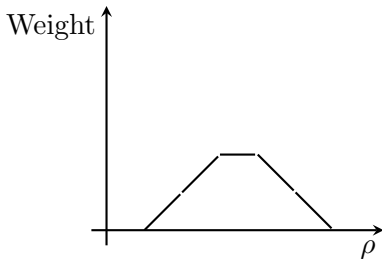
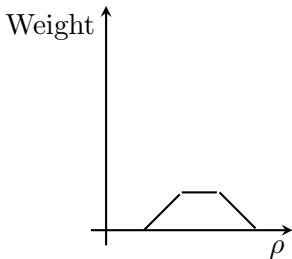
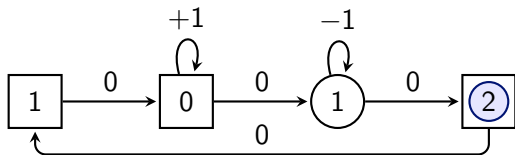




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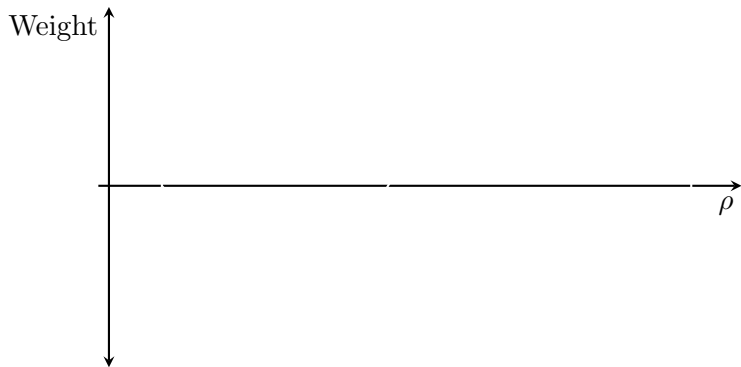


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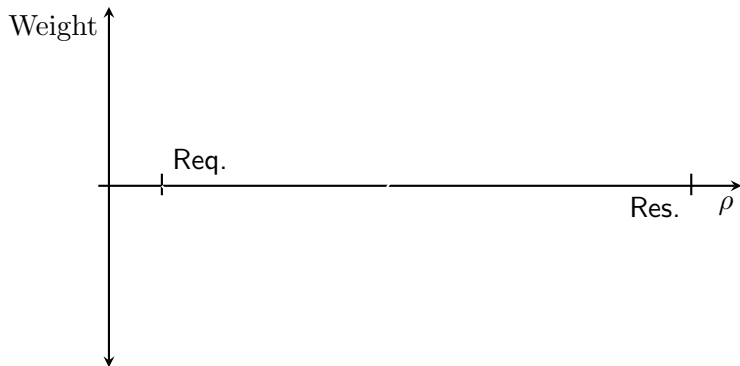
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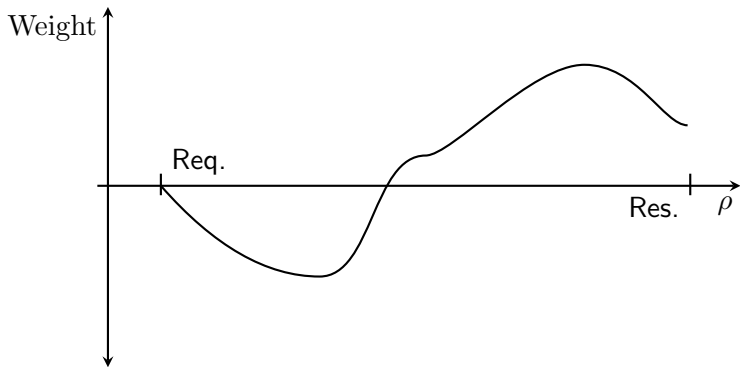
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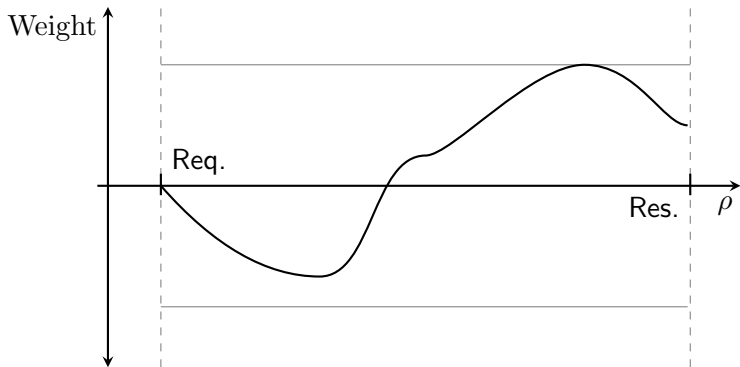


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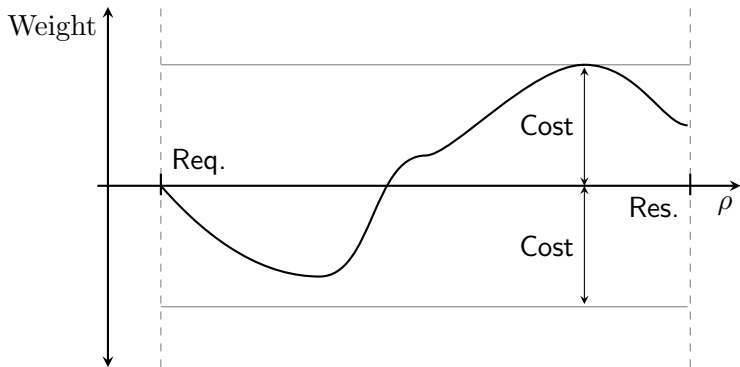
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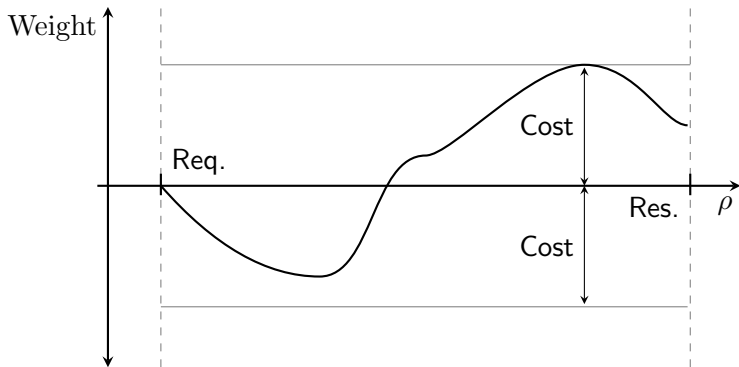
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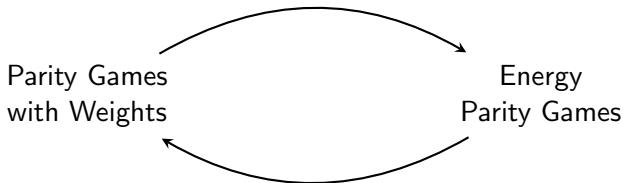


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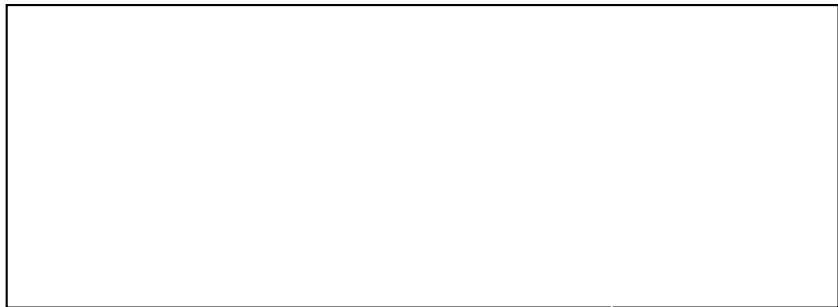
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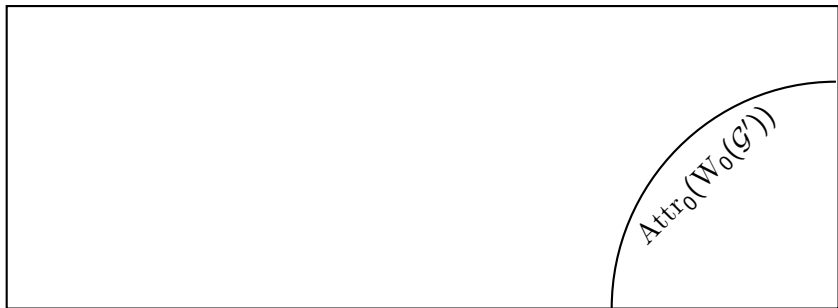
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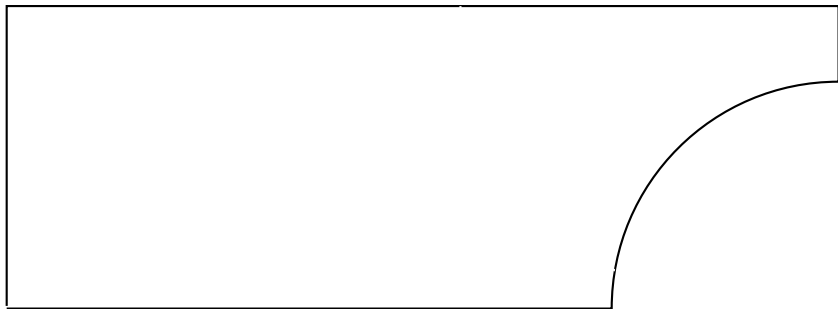
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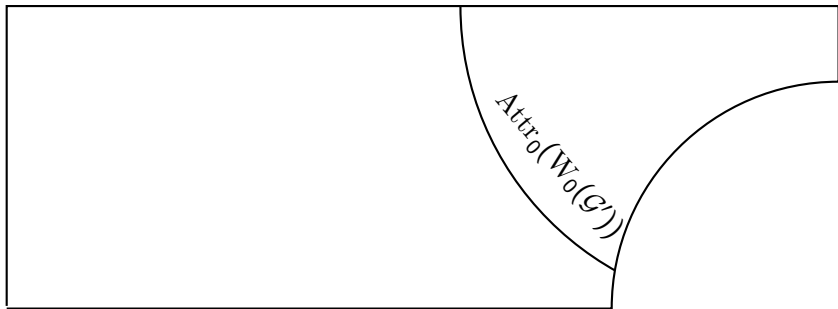
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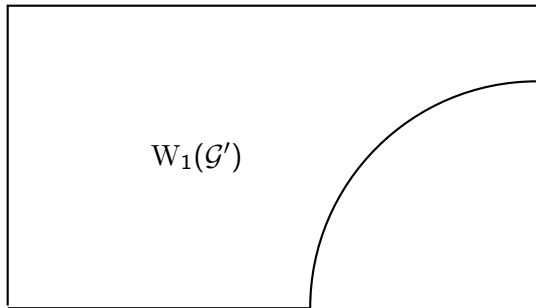
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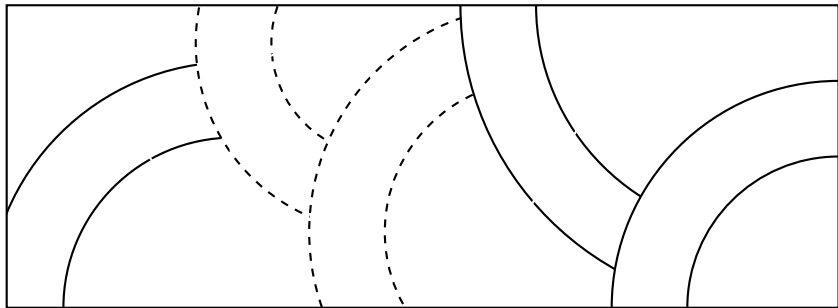
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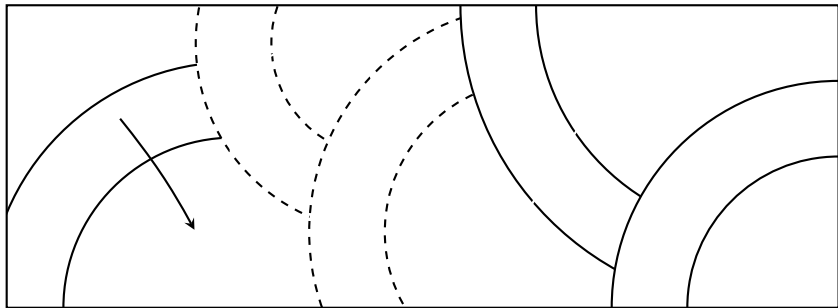
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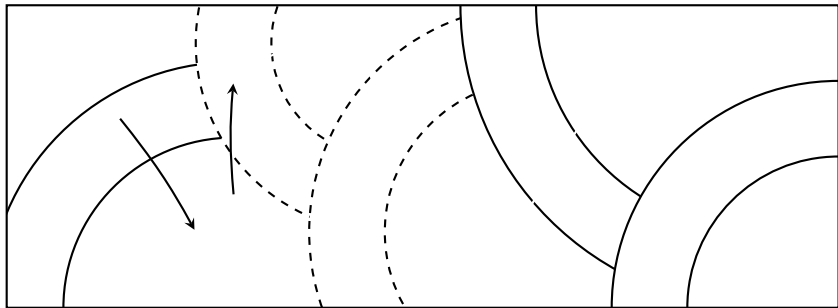
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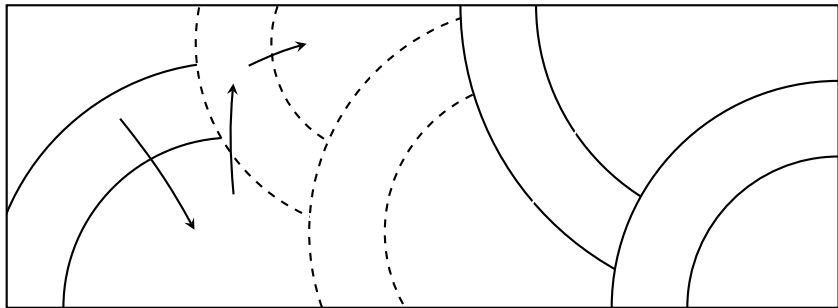




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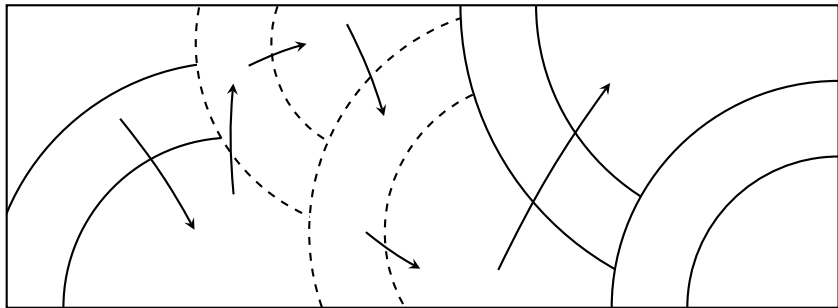
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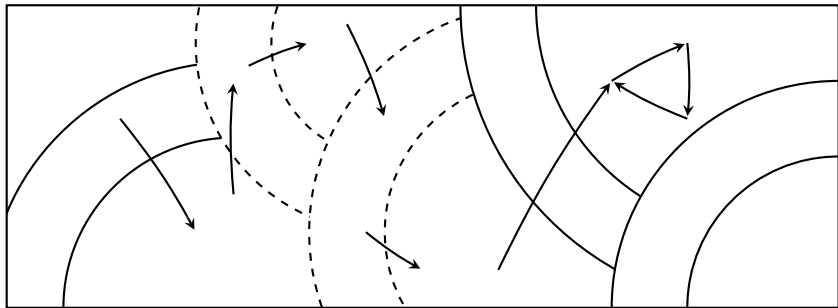
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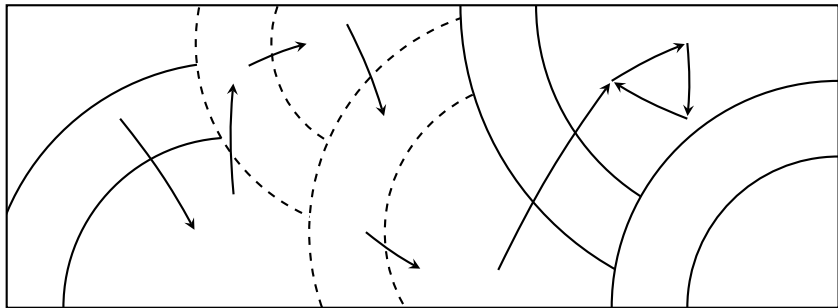
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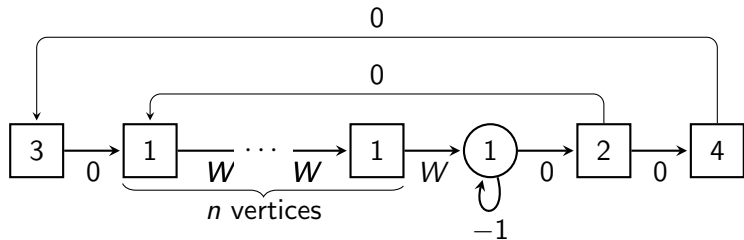
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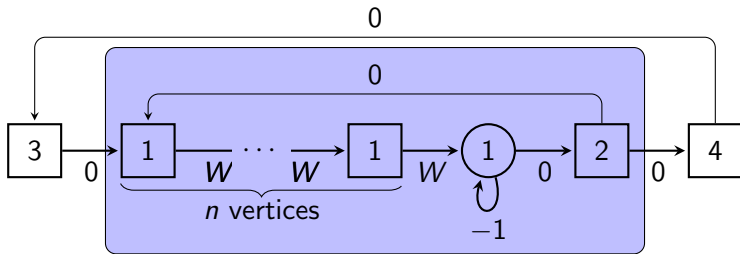
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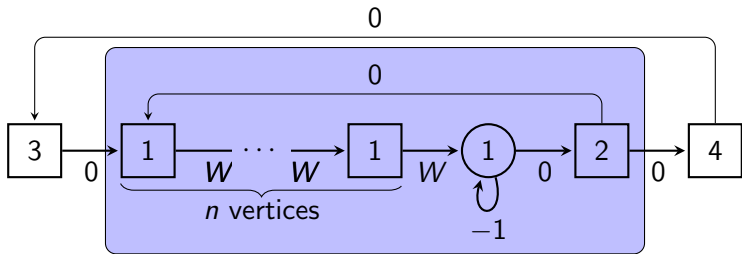
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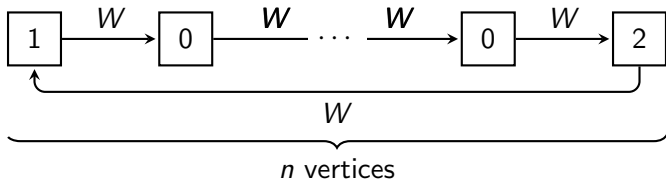
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