

Termination

2. Games

Readings

- ◆ Floyd, "Assigning Meaning to Programs"
- ◆ "Proving Termination with Multiset Orderings"

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ASSIGNING MEANINGS TO PROGRAMS¹

Introduction. This paper attempts to provide an adequate basis for formal definitions of the meanings of programs in appropriately defined programming languages, in such a way that a rigorous standard is established for proofs about computer programs, including proofs of correctness, equivalence, and termination. The basis of our approach is the notion of an interpretation of a program: that is, an association of a proposition with each connection in the flow of control through a program, where the proposition is asserted to hold whenever that connection is taken. To prevent an interpretation from being chosen arbitrarily, a condition is imposed on each command of the program. This condition guarantees that whenever a command is reached by way of a connection whose associated proposition

Invariants

$r := 1$

$u := 1$

loop

$v := u$

until $r \geq n$

$s := 1$

loop $u := u + v$

$s := s + 1$

while $s \leq r$

repeat

$r := r + 1$

repeat

$1 \leq r \leq n$

$1 \leq s \leq r + 1$

Double Induction

- ◆ Inner loop
- ◆ Outer loop

Ackermann's Function

$$a(0, n) = n + 1$$

$$a(m + 1, 0) = a(m, 1)$$

$$a(m + 1, n + 1) = a(m, a(m + 1, n))$$

Ackermann

- ◆ $a(4,4) = 2 \uparrow^{7-3}$
- ◆ Computation is much longer
- ◆ Fact: $a(m,n) > m+n \geq m,n$

Double Induction

- ◆ Call by value termination
- ◆ Assume terminating for smaller m
 - ◆ Assume terminating for same m and smaller n

BASIC A(m,n)

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DIM s(tsize + 1)

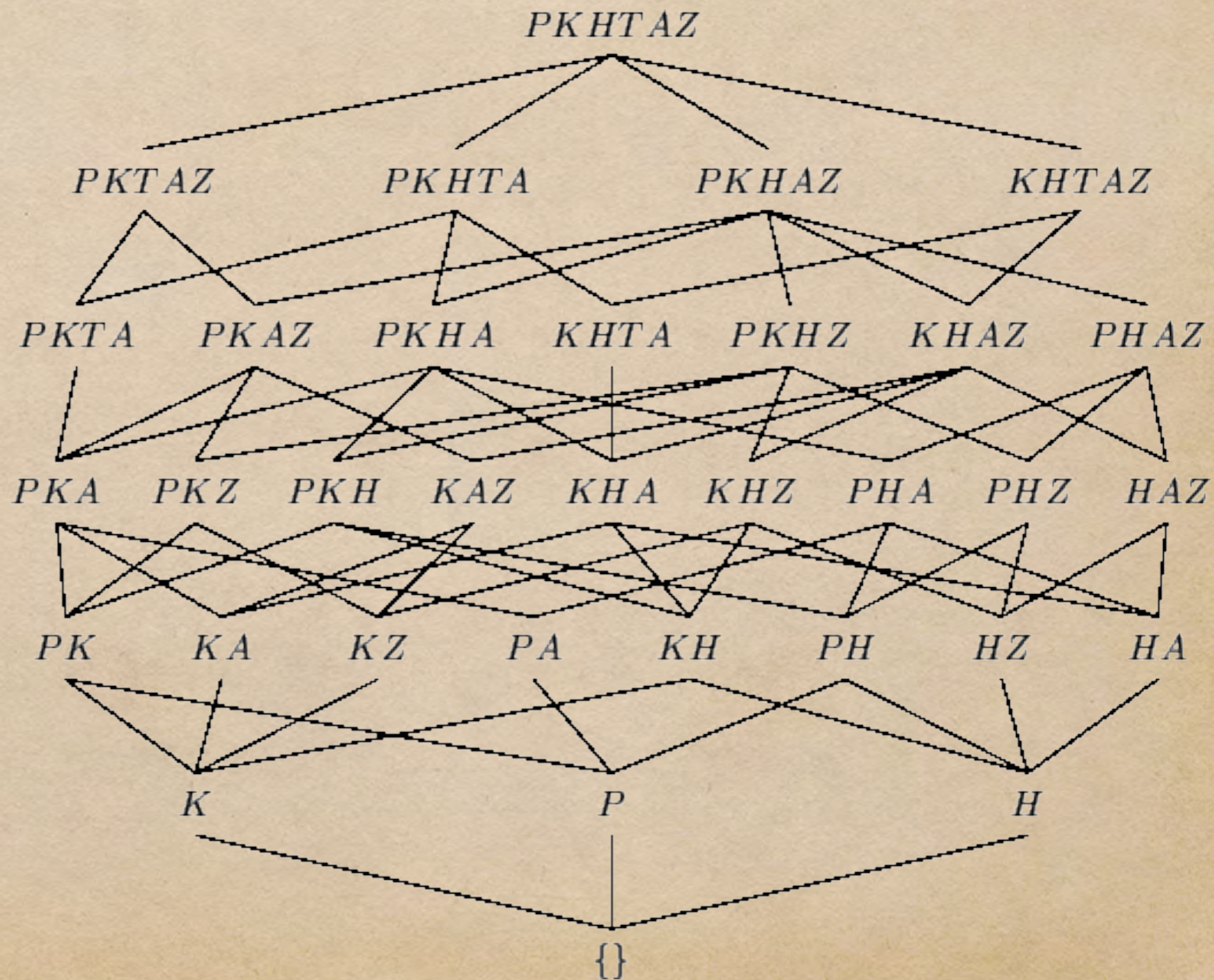
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DO
  c = c + 1
  m = s(t): t = t - 1
  IF m = 0 THEN
    n = n + 1
  ELSEIF n = 0 THEN
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m - 1
    n = 1
  ELSE
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m - 1
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m
    n = n - 1
  END IF
  IF t > d THEN
    d = t
    IF d > tsize THEN
      PRINT "failure": END
    END IF
  END IF
LOOP UNTIL t = 0
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```
A = n
END FUNCTION
```

Orderings

- Partial ordering
 - Irreflexive
 - Transitive
 - Asymmetric

Hasse Diagram



Orderings (Well-founded)

- Partial ordering
 - Irreflexive
 - Transitive
 - Asymmetric
- Well-founded
 - No infinite decreasing chains

Well-Founded Orderings

- ◆ $\mathbb{N}, >$
- ◆ $\mathbb{Z}^-, <$
- ◆ $\mathbb{Z}, ???$
- ◆ Finite trees, subtree
- ◆ $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, lexicographic
- ◆ Σ^* , subword
- ◆ Σ^* , lexicographic ???

Couples

$$(a,b) > (a',b')$$

- ◆ Component-wise: $a > a' \ \& \ b \geq b'$ or $a \geq a' \ \& \ b > b'$
- ◆ Lexicographic: $a > a'$ or $a = a' \ \& \ b > b'$
- ◆ Reverse lexicographic: $a > a' \ \& \ b = b'$ or $b > b'$
- ◆ Pairs of pairs: $(1,0) > (0,(1,0)) > \dots$

Mixed Couples

If V and W are well-founded, then their pairs $V \times W$ are well-founded lexicographically.

Ackermann

- ◆ Termination of recursion
 - ◆ Induction on (m,n)

Turing's Program

$r := 1$

$u := 1$

loop

$v := u$

until $r \geq n$

$(n-r, r-s)$

$s := 1$

loop $u := u+v$

$s := s+1$

while $s \leq r$

repeat

$r := r+1$

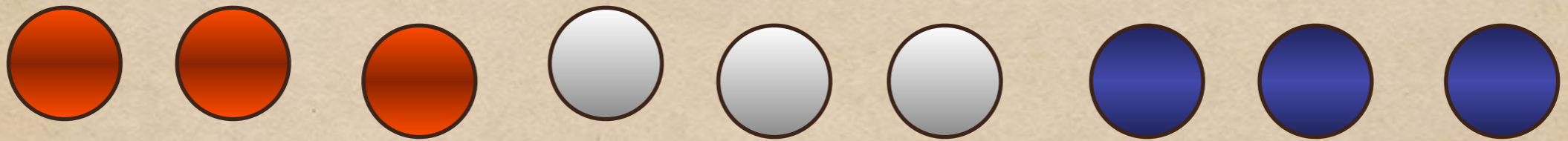
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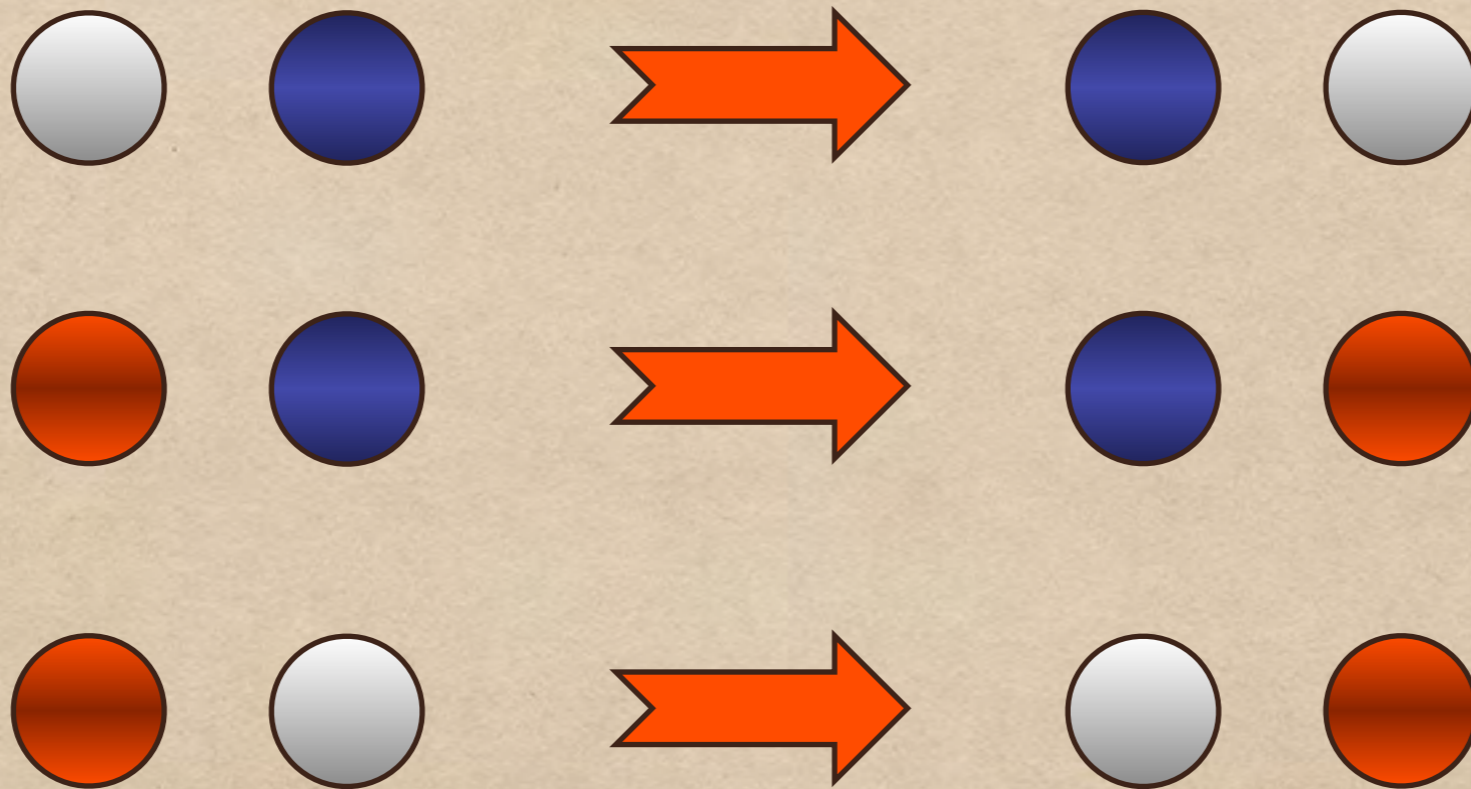
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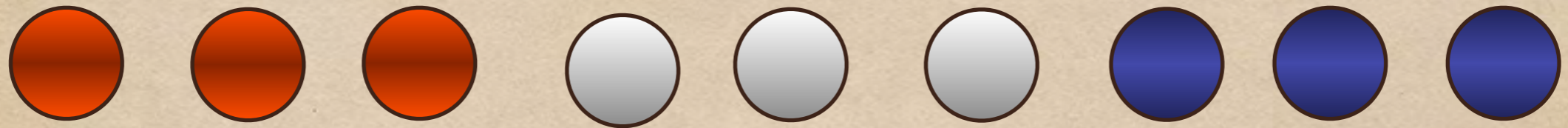
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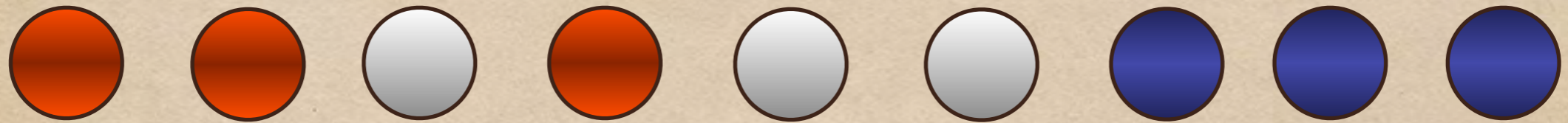
Flag Problem



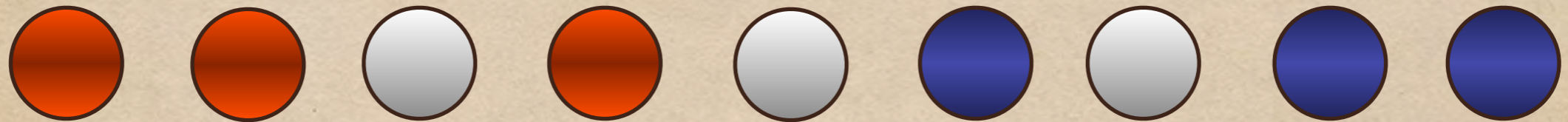
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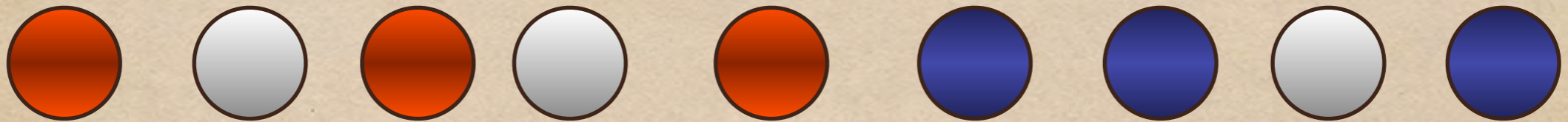
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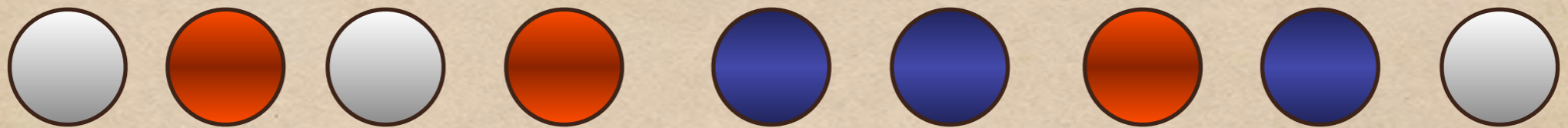
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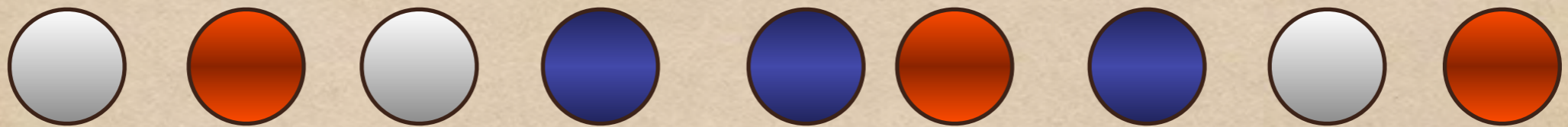
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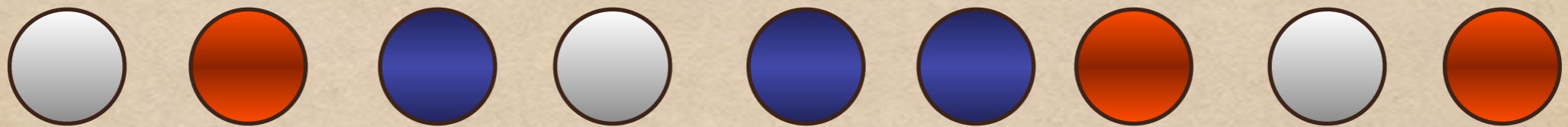
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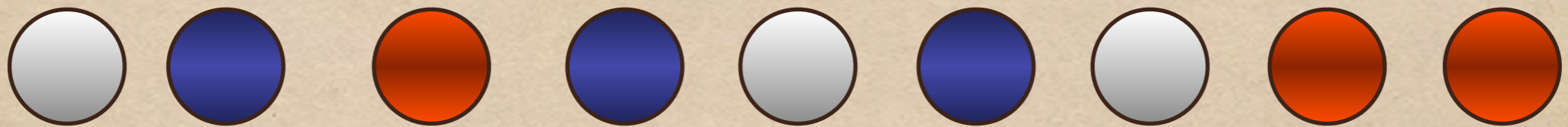
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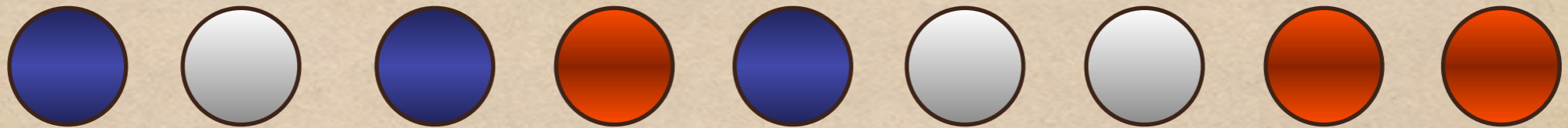
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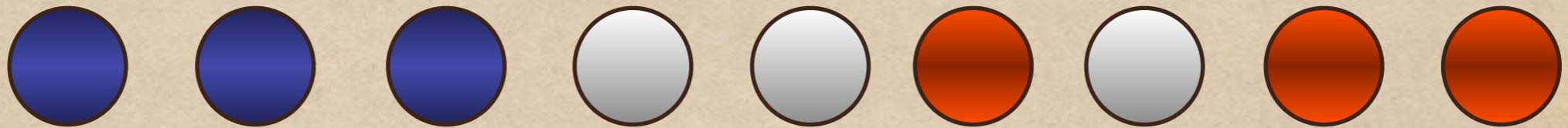
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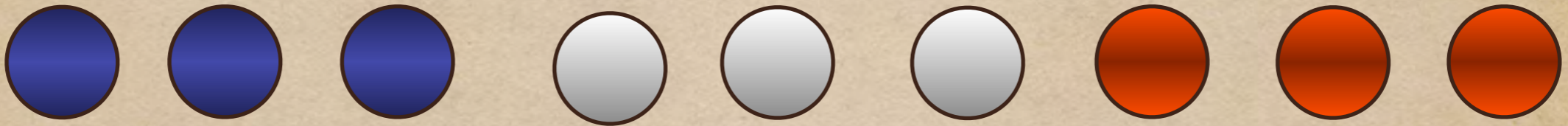
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BASIC A(m,n)

```
DIM s(tsize + 1)

t = 1: s(t) = m
DO
  c = c + 1
  m = s(t): t = t - 1
  IF m = 0 THEN
    n = n + 1
  ELSEIF n = 0 THEN
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m - 1
    n = 1
  ELSE
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m - 1
    t = t + 1: s(t) = m
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  IF t > d THEN
    d = t
    IF d > tsize THEN
      PRINT "failure": END
    END IF
  END IF
LOOP UNTIL t = 0
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END FUNCTION
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S(1:TSIZE)
LEXICOGRAPHICALLY

Sequences

$(a,b,c,\dots) > (a',b',c',d',\dots)$

- ◆ Lex is bad : $10 > 010 > 0010 > \dots$
- ◆ Length-lex: $0010 > 010 > 001 > 10 > 01$

Unbounded Sequences

- ◆ Sorted-lex: $221 > 211110000 > 2111000000 > \dots$
- ◆ Sorted-lex: $\infty\infty 21 > \infty 88880 > 9998888000 > \dots$

Sorted Sequences

- ◆ $s_{11} \geq s_{12} \geq s_{13} \geq \dots \geq s_{1j} \geq \dots$
- ◆ $s_{21} \geq s_{22} \geq s_{23} \geq \dots \geq s_{2j} \geq \dots$
- ◆ etc. ...
- ◆ Let j be first unstable column, changing at i
- ◆ $s_{i,1} = s_{i,1} \geq s_{i,j} > s_{i+1,j}$
- ◆ Consider rest: $s[i+1..\infty, j..\infty]$ and continue
- ◆ Gives infinite descending sequence of elements

HARDER A(m,n)

```
t := 1
s[t] := m
loop
  c := c + 1
  m := s[t]
  t := t - 1
  if m = 0
  then
    n := n + 1
  elseif n = 0
  then
    t := t + 1
    s[t] := m - 1
    n := 1
  else
    t := t + 2
    s[t-1] := m - 1
    s[t] := m
    n := n - 1
until t = 0
```

S CAN GROW AND GROW

(SORTED) LEX DOESN'T WORK

HARDER A(m,n)

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s[t] := m
loop
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  m := s[t]
  t := t - 1
  if m = 0
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    n := n + 1
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  then
    t := t + 1
    s[t] := m - 1
    n := 1
  else
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    s[t] := m
    n := n - 1
until t = 0
```

$N := A(m,n)$

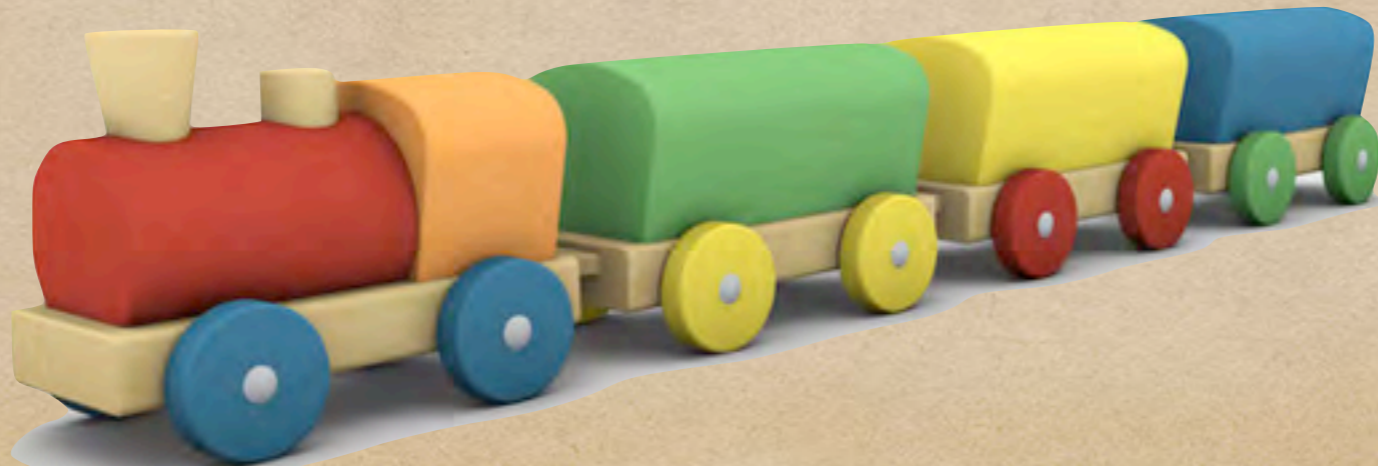
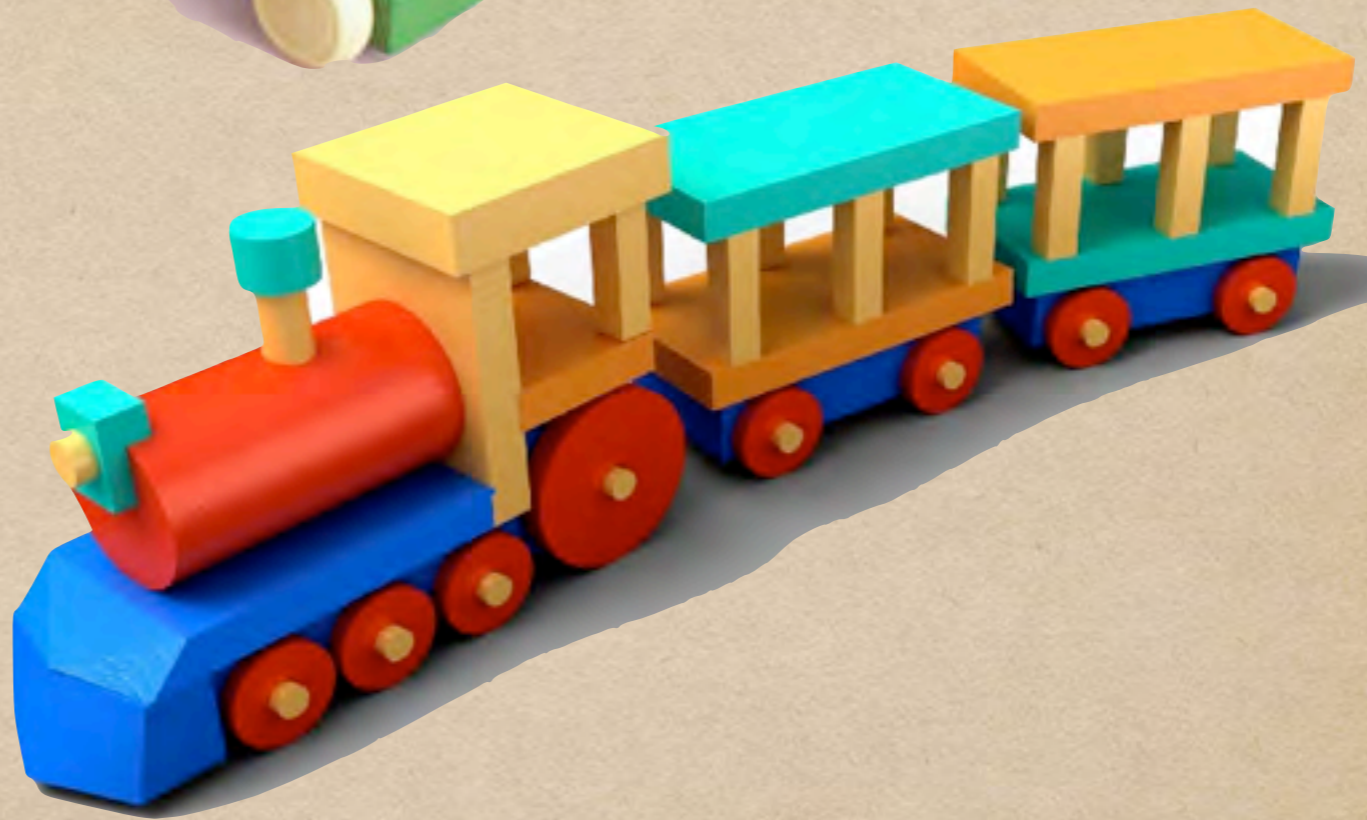
$$\sum_3 N S[J] + \left\{ \begin{matrix} N \\ n \end{matrix} \right.$$

Well-Orderings

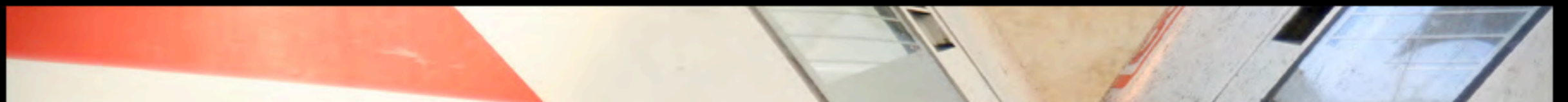
- ◆ $a b c \dots$
- ◆ $a b c \dots \infty$
- ◆ $a b c \dots 012 \dots$
- ◆ $a_0 a_1 a_2 \dots b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots c_0 c_1 c_2 \dots \dots$
- ◆ $000 001 002 \dots 010 011 \dots 020 \dots 100$
 $101 \dots$

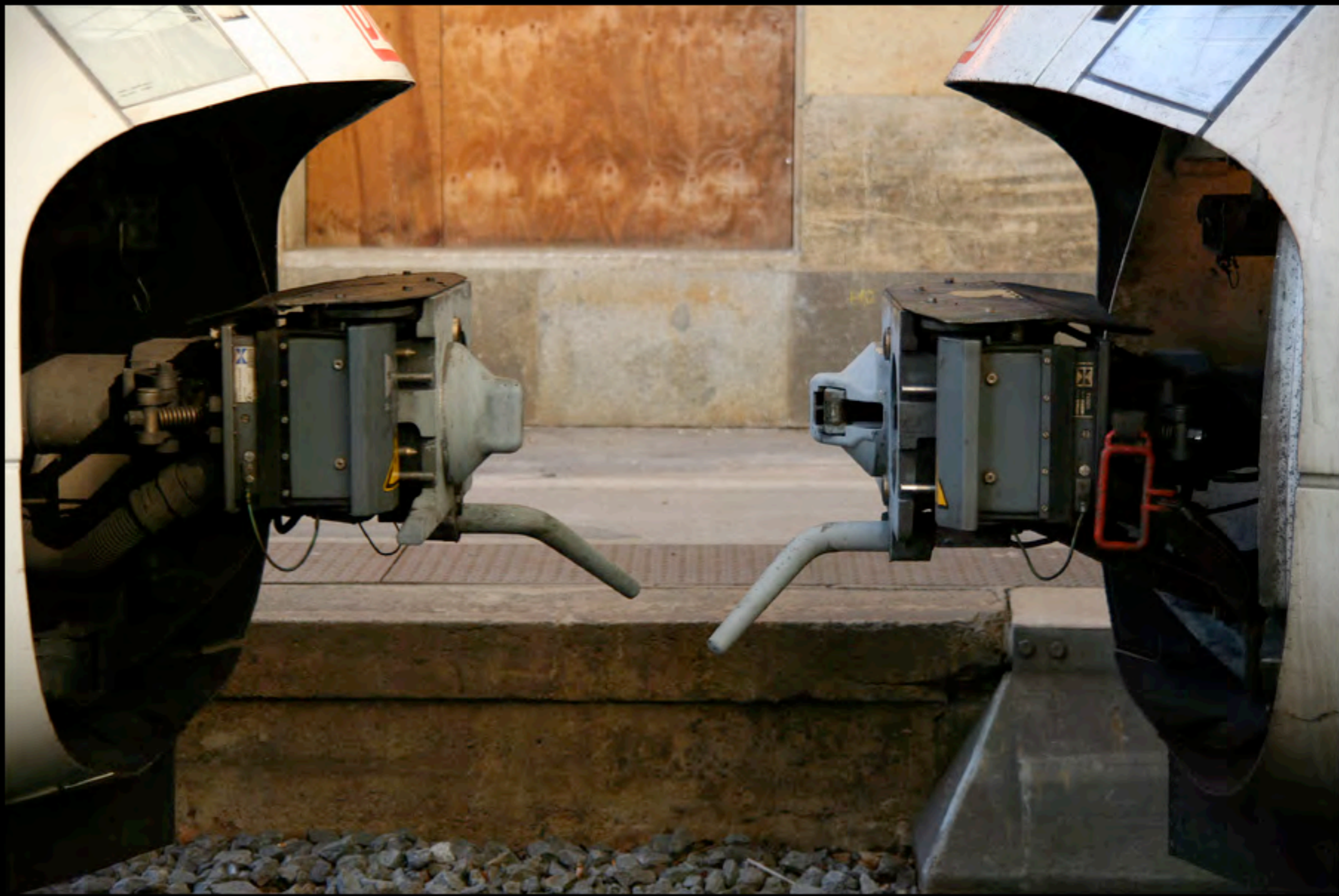
Chocolate Bar

- ◆ [Yumm \(click here\)](#)









Before & After

◆ $n \rightarrow \lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \lceil n/2 \rceil \quad (n > 1)$

Before & After

◆ $1 \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow \lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \lceil n/2 \rceil \quad (n > 1)$

Before & After

◆ $1 \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow 1, n-1 \quad (n > 1)$

Before & After

◆ $1 \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow i, n-i \quad (n > 1, i > 0)$

Before & After

◆ $m \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow n-1, n-1 \quad (n > 1, i > 0)$

Proof by Cases

$A[x]$

$A[\text{true}], A[\text{false}]$

Before & After

◆ $l \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow i, j \quad (0 < i, j < n)$

Before & After

◆ $1 \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow i, j, k \quad (0 < i, j, k < n)$

Before & After

◆ $1 \rightarrow$

◆ $n \rightarrow n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \quad (0 < n_i < n)$

Konig's Lemma

- A TREE IS FINITE (HAS FINITELY MANY EDGES)

IF AND ONLY IF

- ALL NODES HAVE FINITE DEGREE

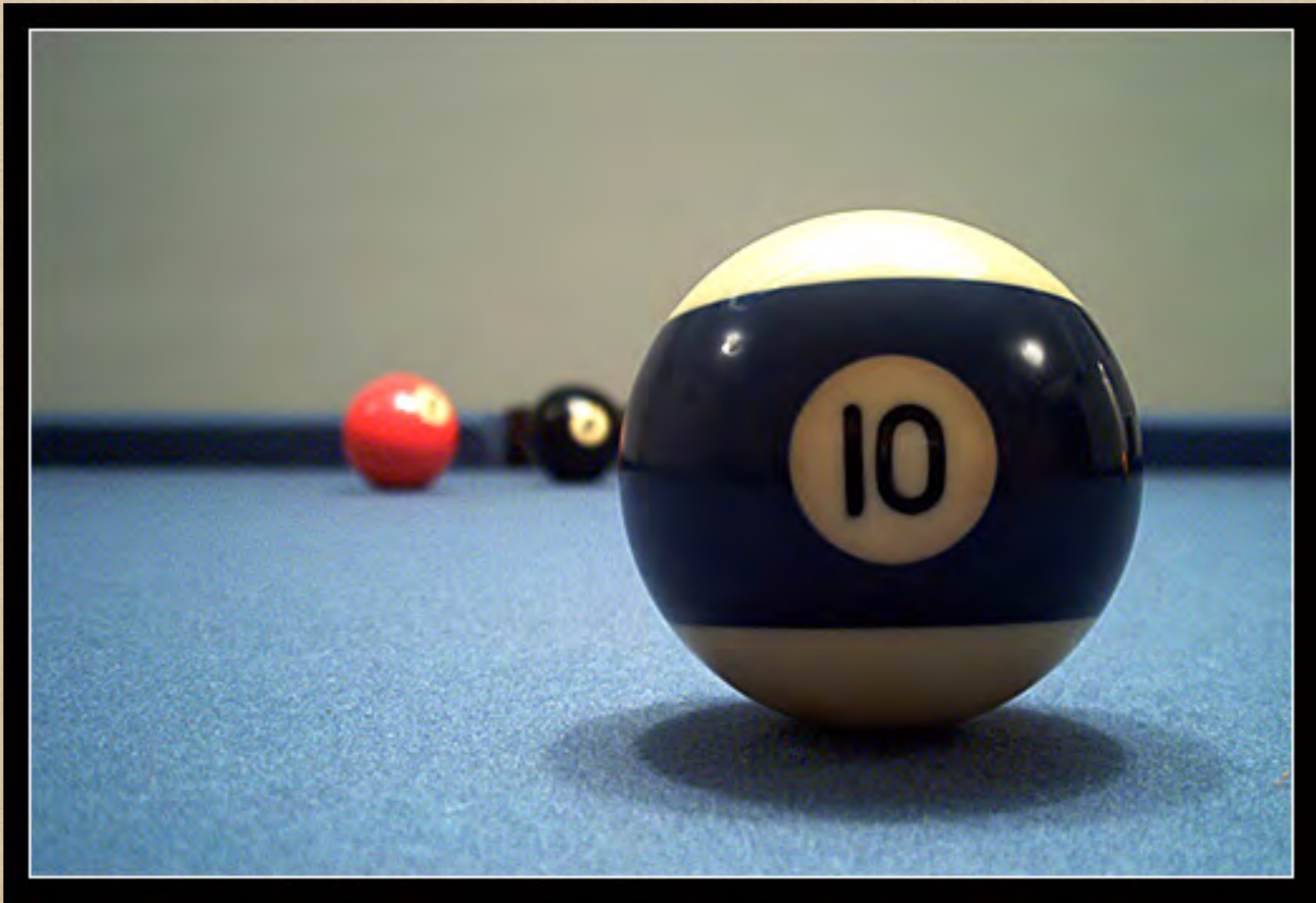
AND

- ALL BRANCHES (SIMPLE PATHS) HAVE

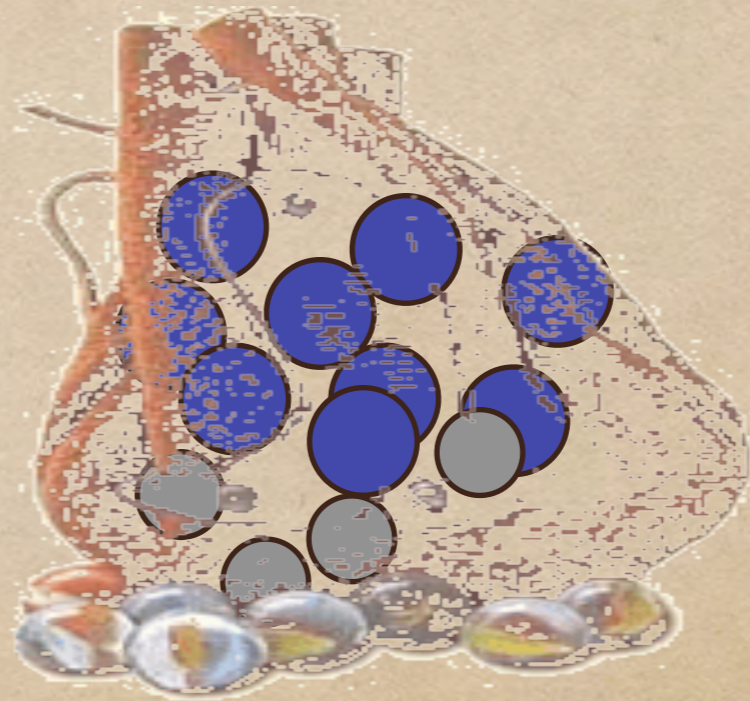
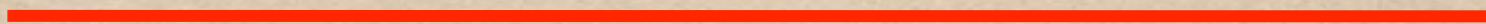
Billiards



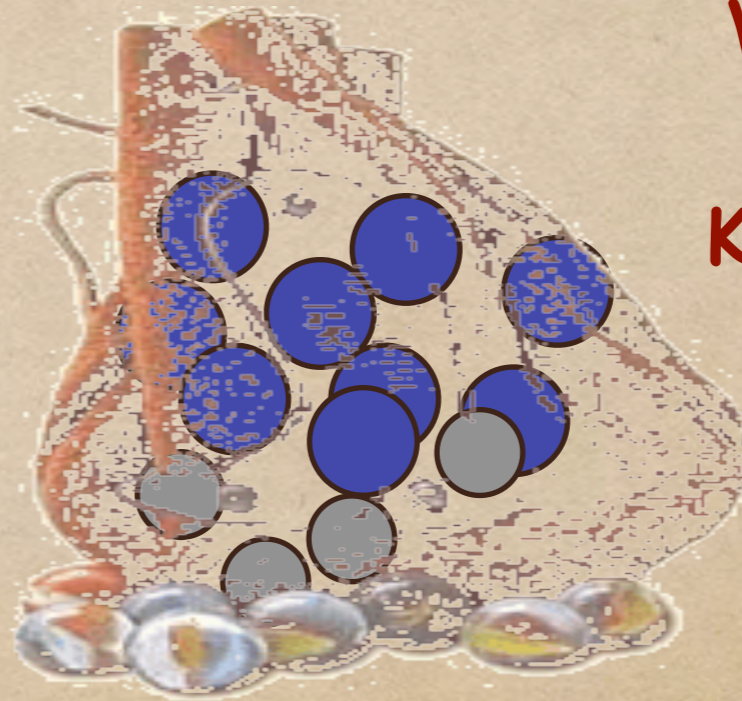
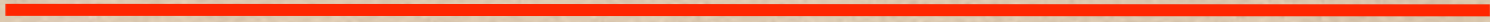
Smullyan's Billiards



Multiset (Bag) Ordering



Multiset (Bag) Ordering



Well-founded
by
König's Lemma

HARDER A(m,n)

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s[t] := m
loop
  c := c + 1
  m := s[t]
  t := t - 1
  if m = 0
  then
    n := n + 1
  elseif n = 0
  then
    t := t + 1
    s[t] := m - 1
    n := 1
  else
    t := t + 2
    s[t-1] := m - 1
    s[t] := m
    n := n - 1
until t = 0
```

BAG OF PAIRS

$(S[I], \infty) \quad I < T$

$(S[T], N)$

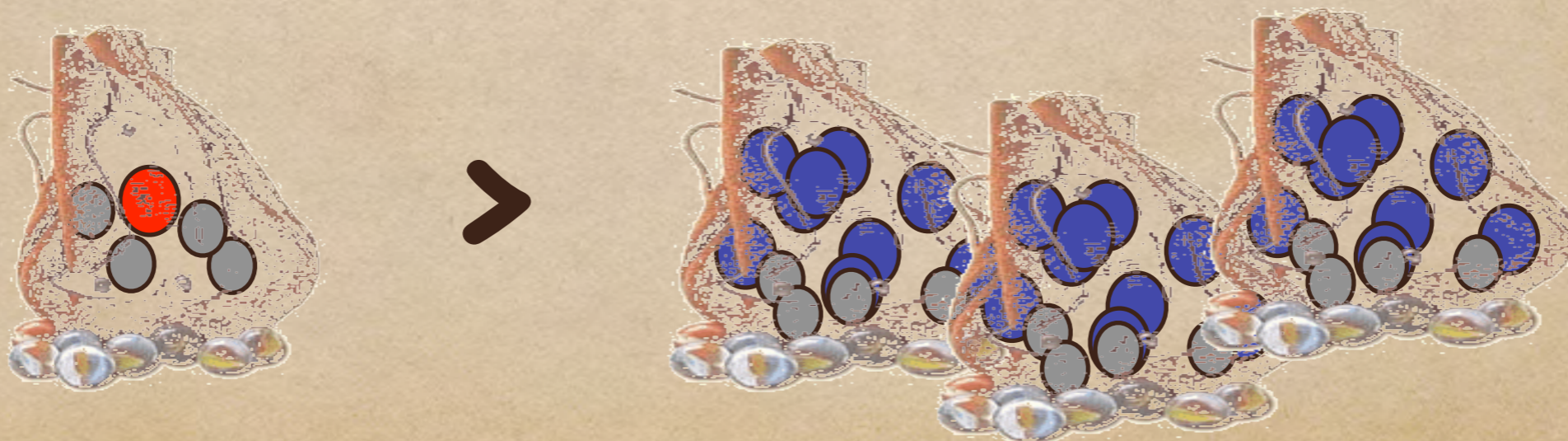


Nested Matryoshka Dolls

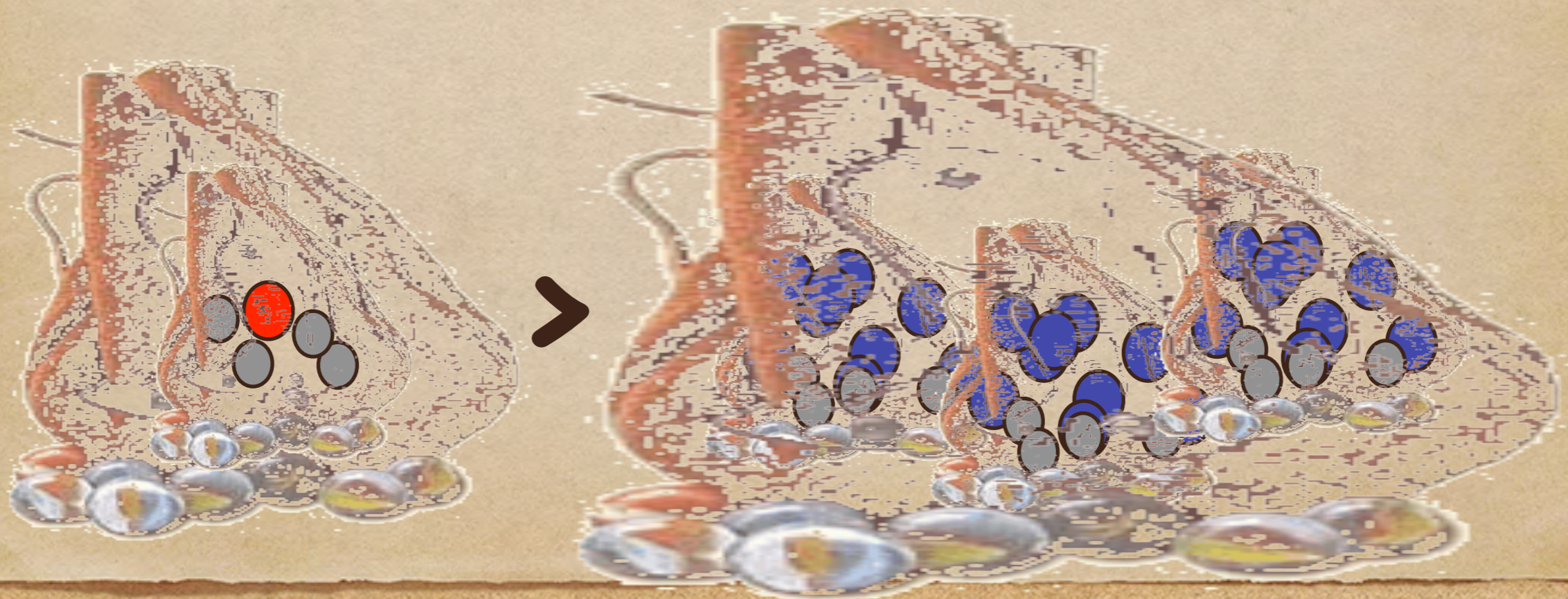


Nested Bags

Nested Ordering



Nested Ordering



Goodstein 4

4, 26, 41, 60, 83, 109, 139, 173, 211, 253, 299, 348,
401, 458, 519, 584, 653, 726, 803, 884, 969, 1058,
1151, 1222, 1295, 1370, 1447, 1526, 1607, 1690, 1775,
1862, 1951, 2042, 2135, 2230, 2327, 2426, 2527,
2630, 2735, 2842, 2951, 3062, 3175, 3290, 3407, ...,
11115, 11327, ..., 40492, 40895, ..., 154349,
162129585780031489, 162129586585337855,
 $3 \cdot 2^{402653210} - 1$,, 2, 1, 0

Goodstein 19

◆ 19, 7625597484990, $\sim 1.3 \times 10^{154}$, ...

◆

Goodstein Step

- ◆ Increment base & decrement number
 - ◆ $4 : 2^2$
 - ◆ $26 : 3^3 - 1 = 27 - 1 = 26 = 3^2 + 3^2 + 3 + 3 + 2$
 - ◆ $41 : 4^2 + 4^2 + 4 + 4 + 1$

Goodstein Step

- ◆ Base is a bag (and the whole thing is in a bag)
 - ◆ 2^2 is $\{\{\emptyset\}\}$
 - ◆ $3^2 + 3^2 + 3 + 3 + 2$ is $\{\{2\}, \{2\}, \emptyset, \emptyset, 2\}$
 - ◆ $4^2 + 4^2 + 4 + 4 + 1$ is $\{\{2\}, \{2\}, \emptyset, \emptyset, 1\}$

Hydra





Hercules' Second Labor

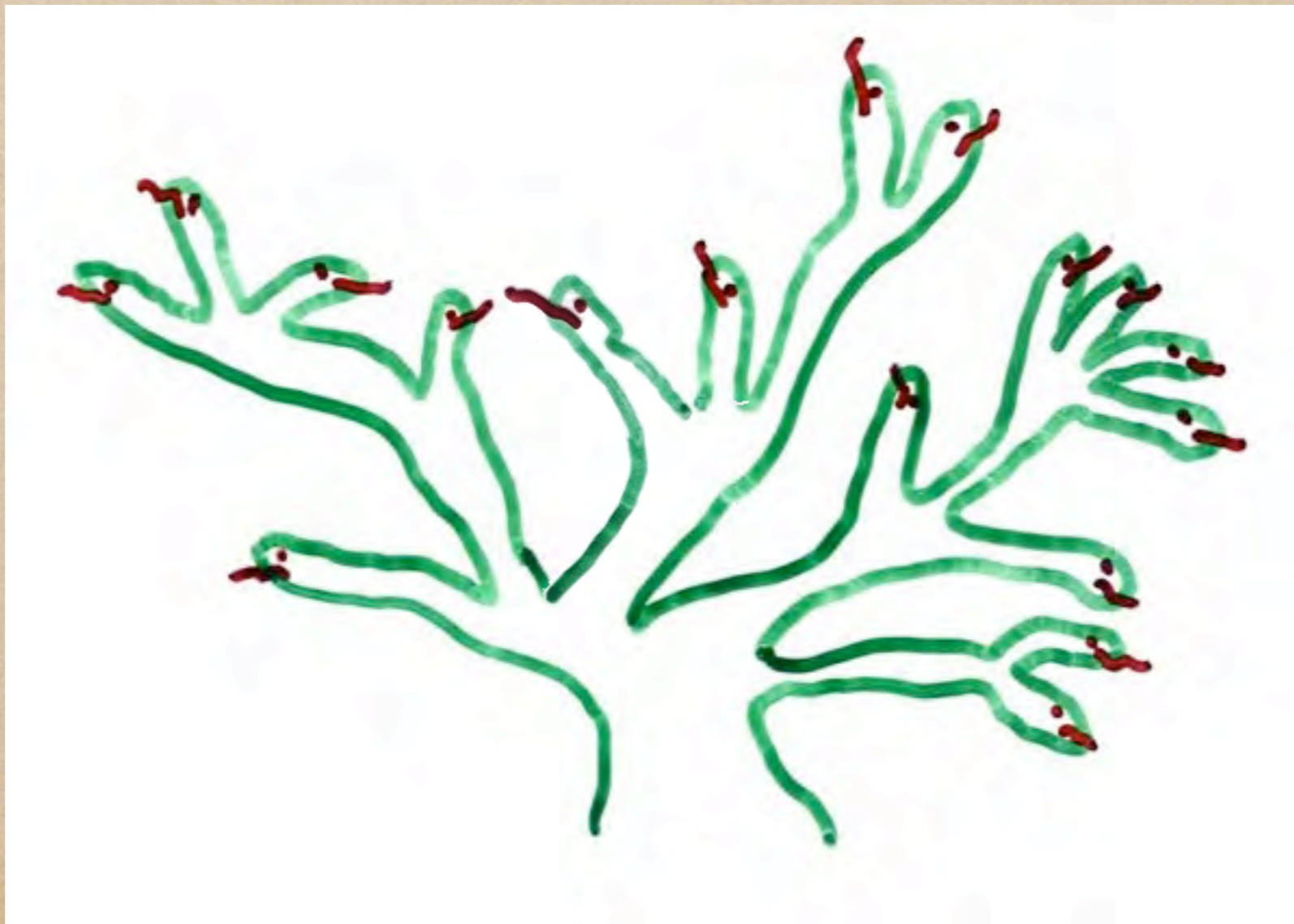


Each time Hercules bashed one of Hydra's heads, Iolaus held a torch to the headless neck.

After destroying eight mortal heads, Hercules chopped off the ninth, immortal head, which he buried at the side of the road from Lerna to Elaeus, and covered with a heavy rock.



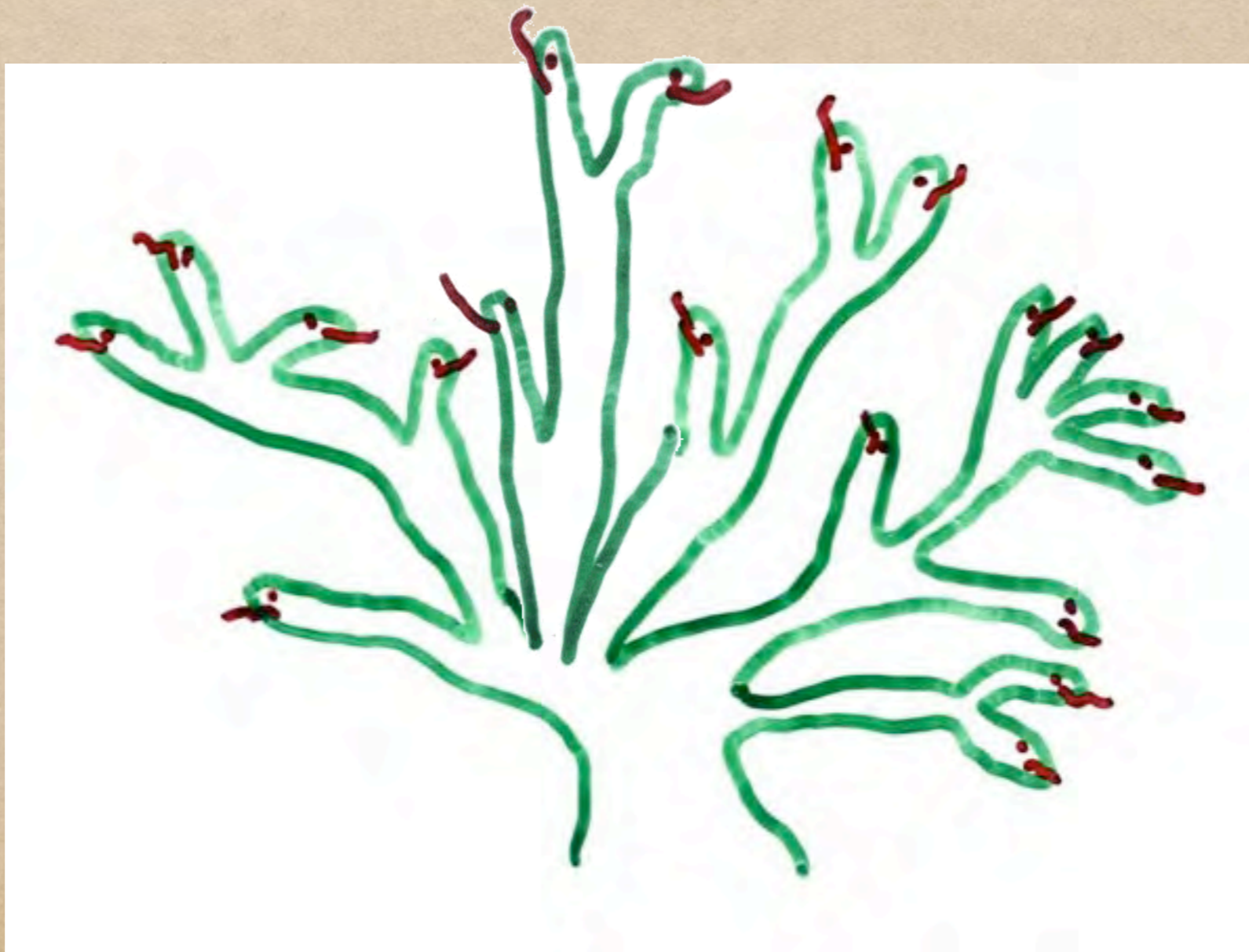
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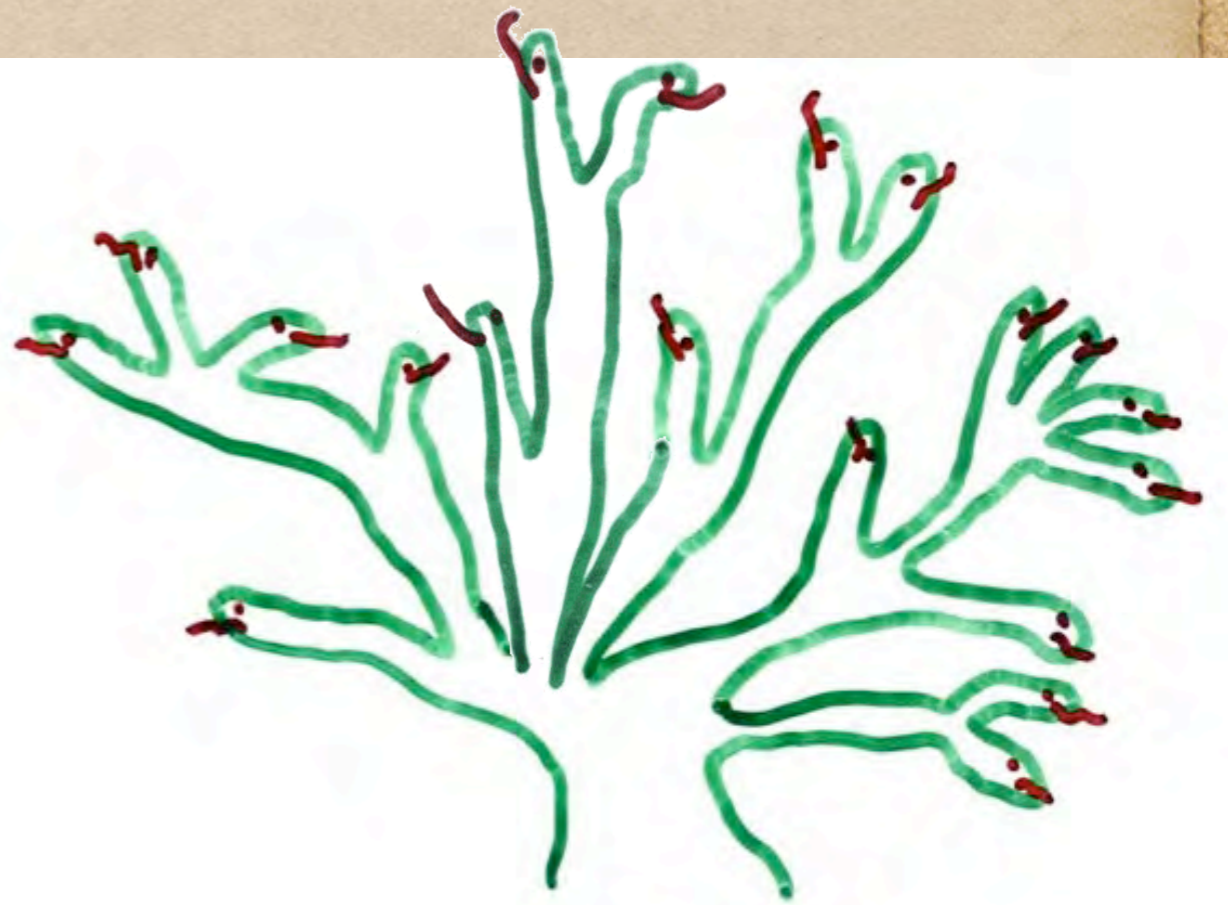
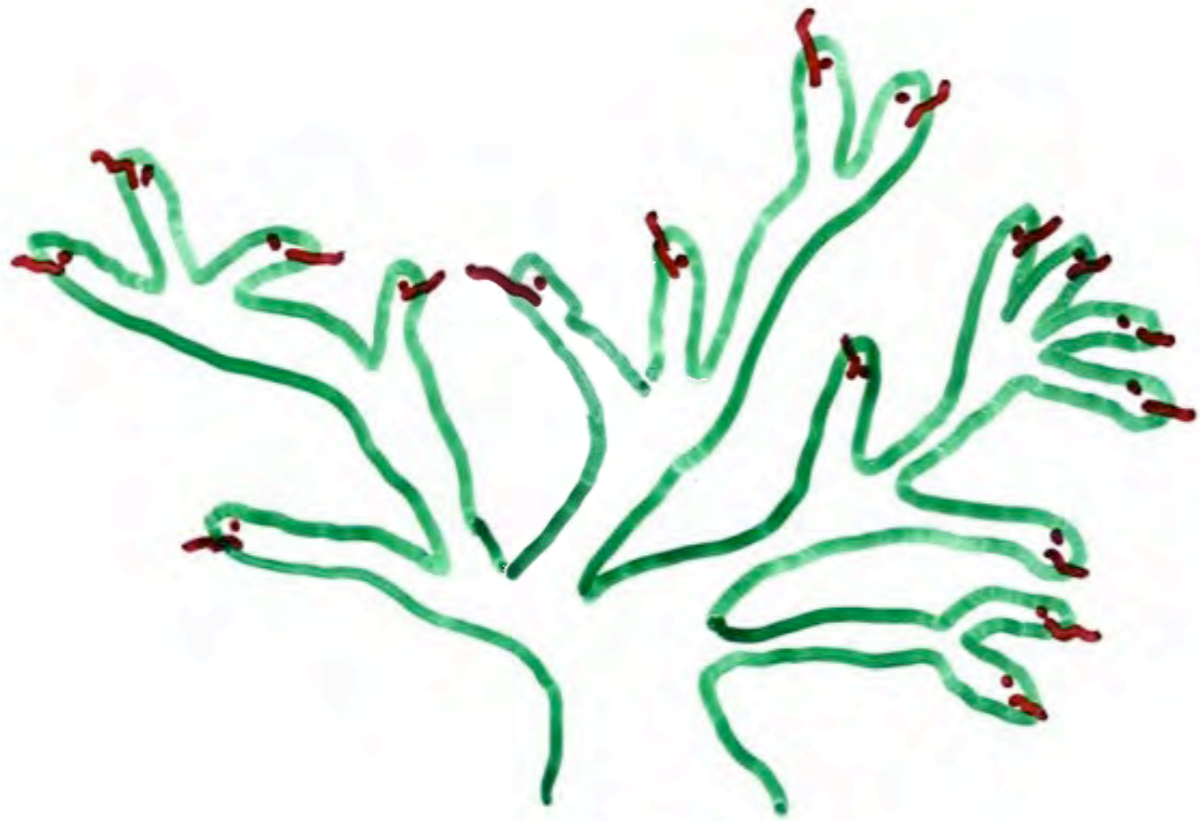
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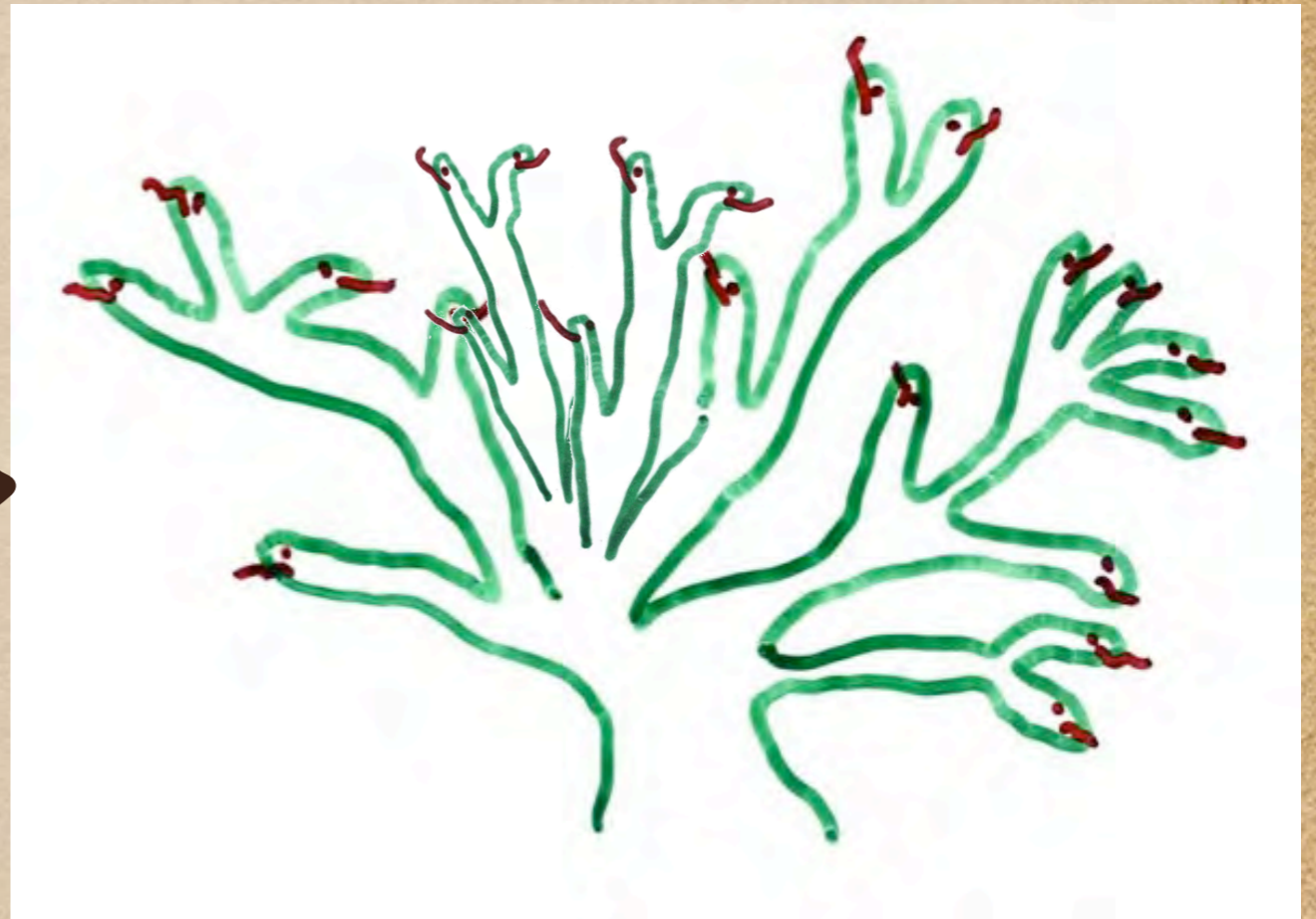
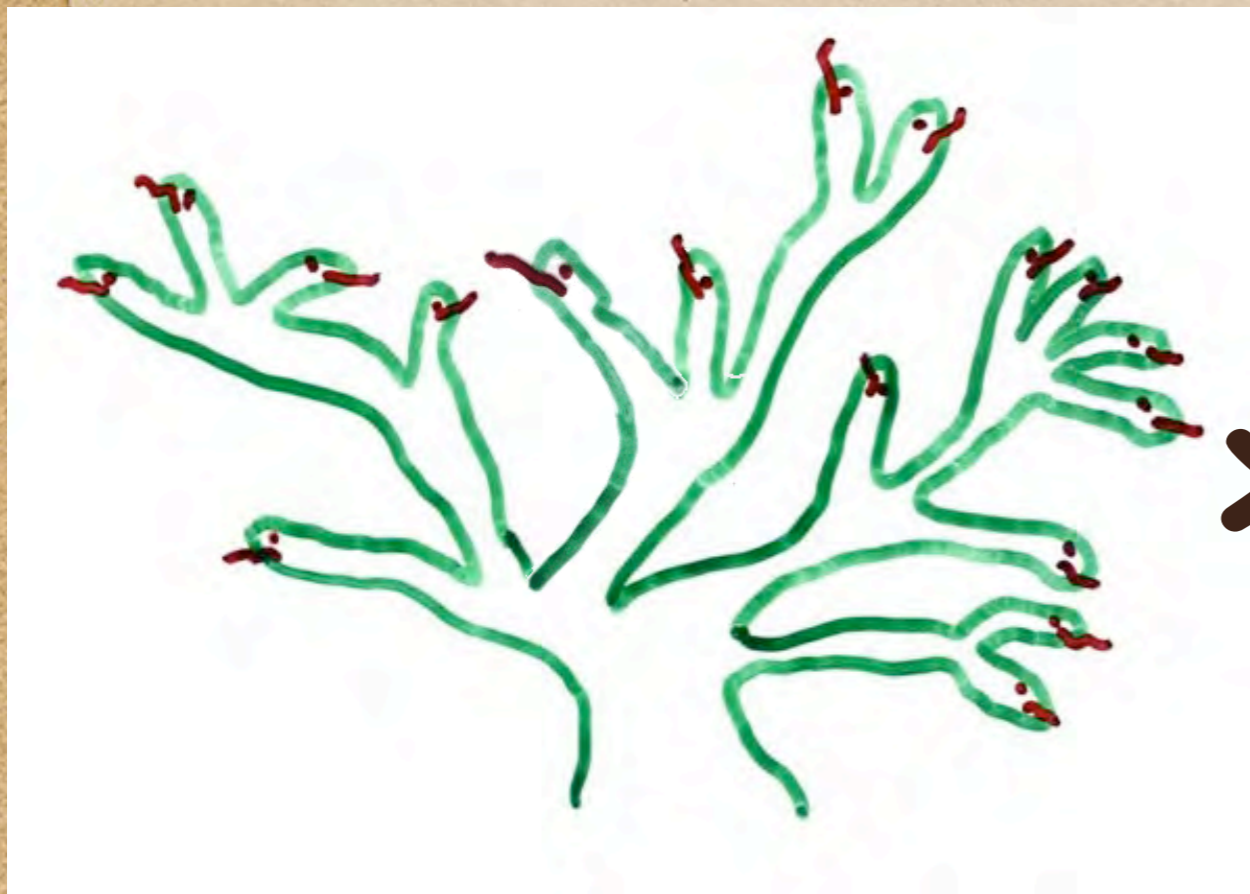
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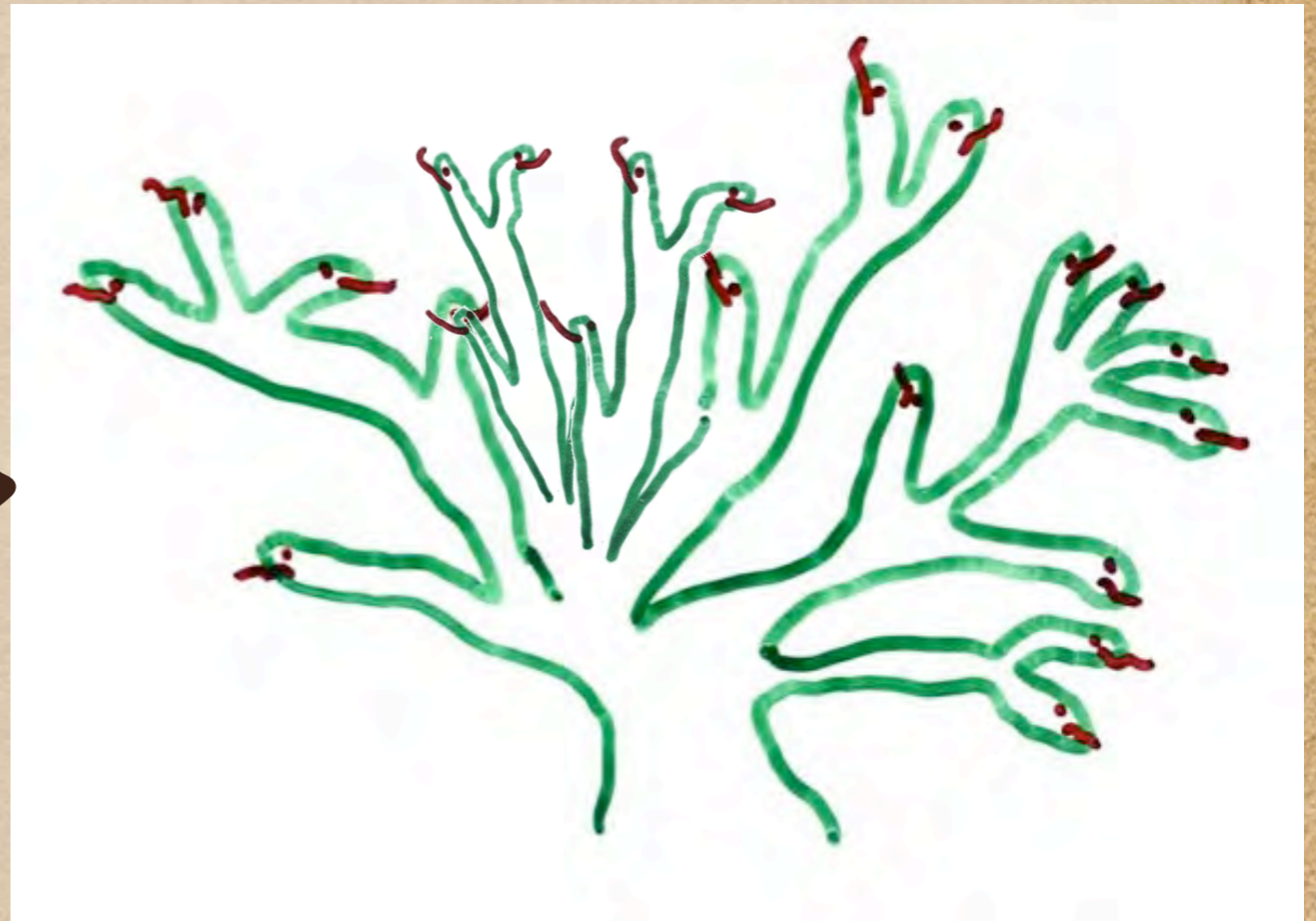
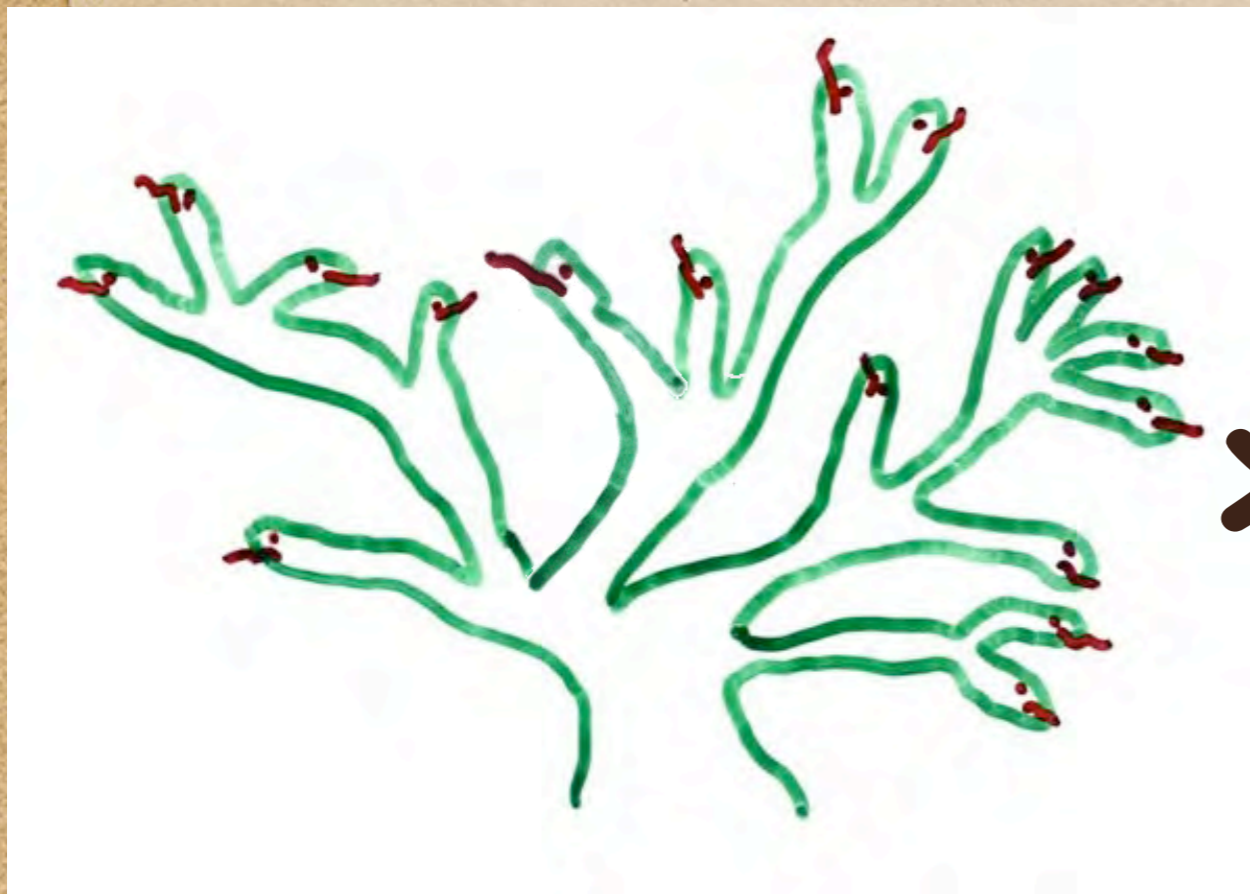
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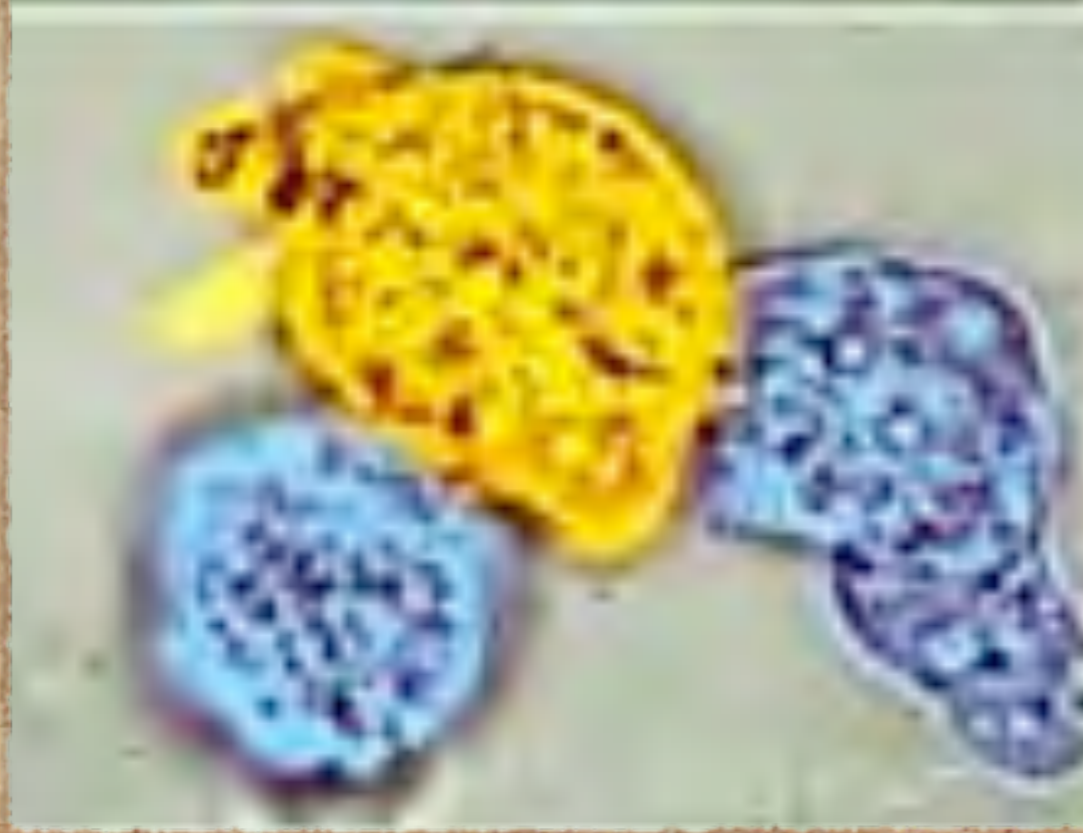
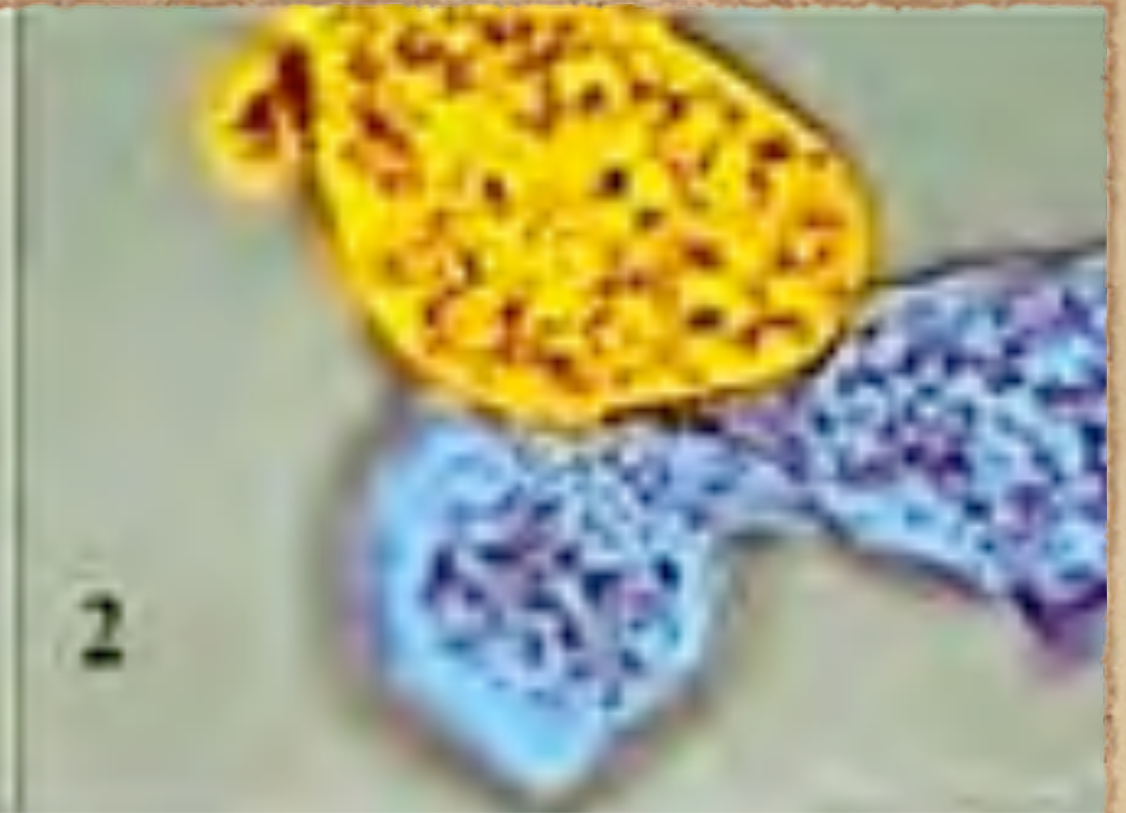


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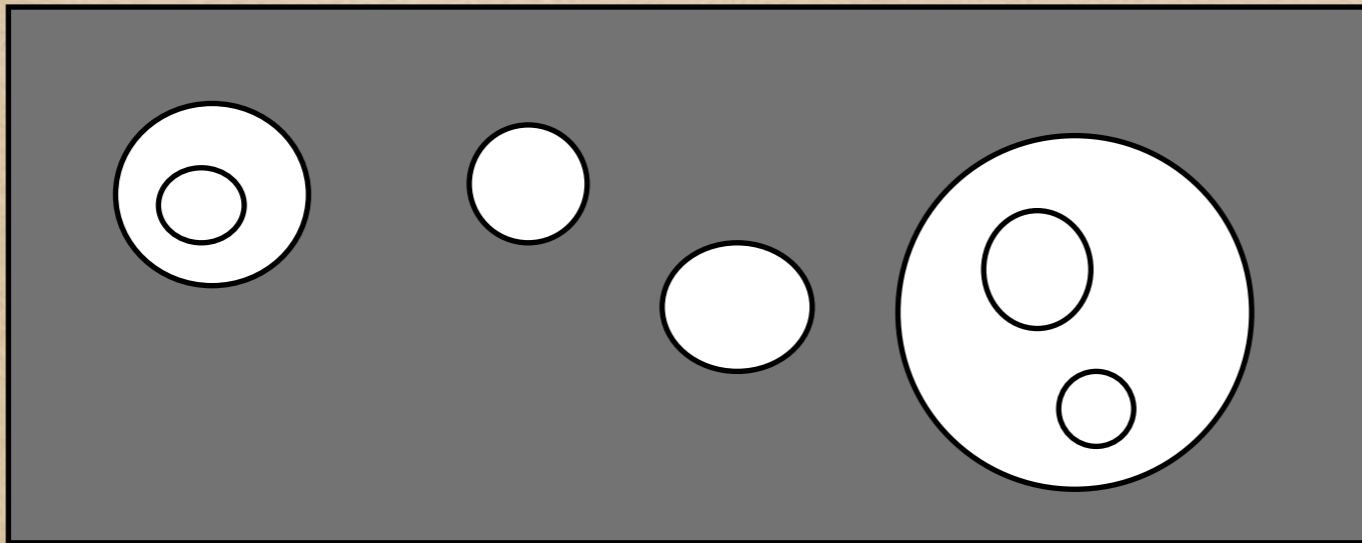
Hercules Defeats Hydra

- Cannot be proved in Peano Arithmetic
[Paris & Kirby]
- Requires induction up to ε_0
 - ◆ Natural numbers do not suffice
 - ◆ Sophisticated variants require more powerful systems [Friedman]

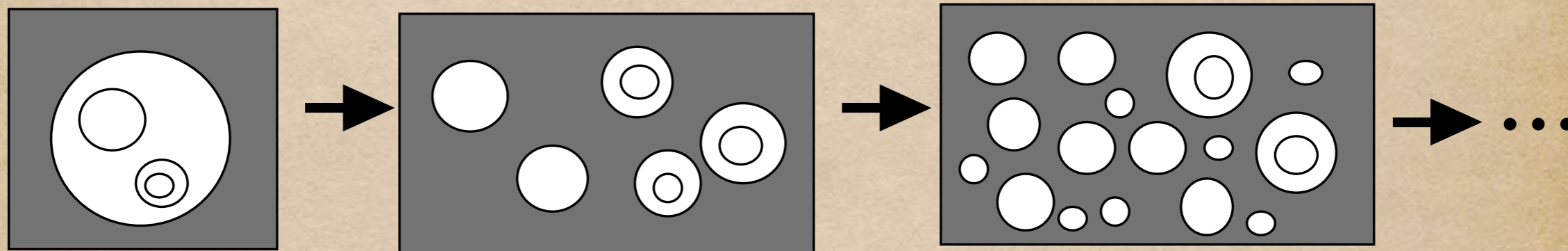


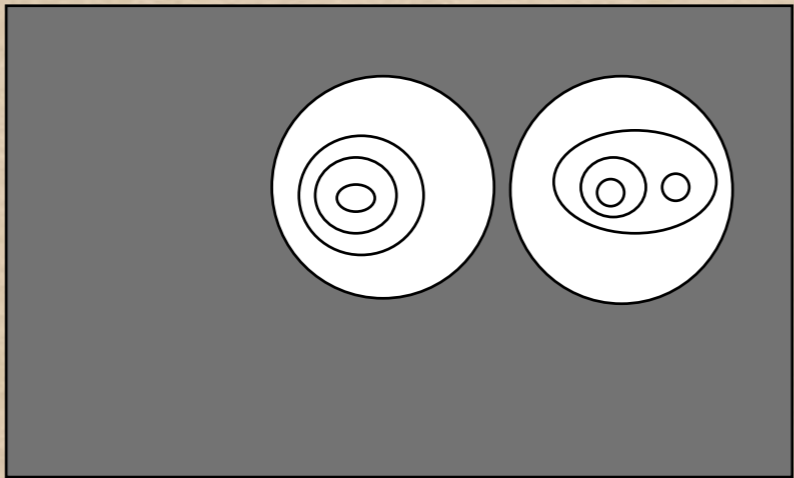


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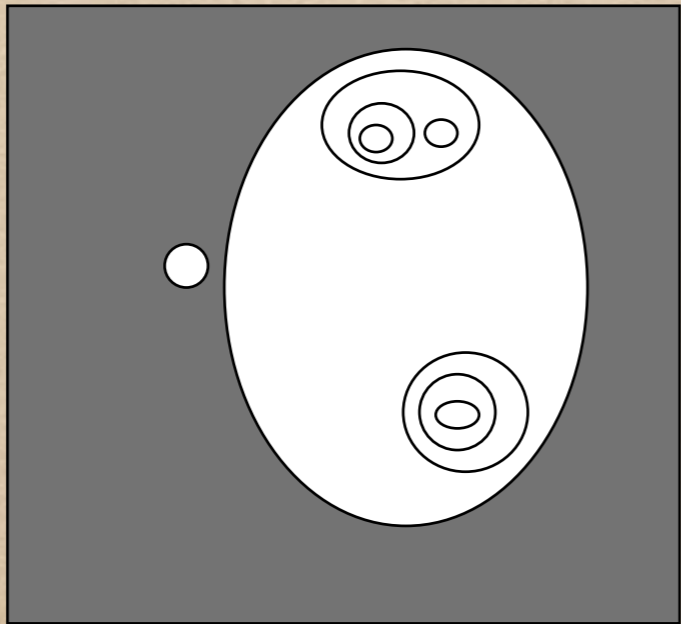
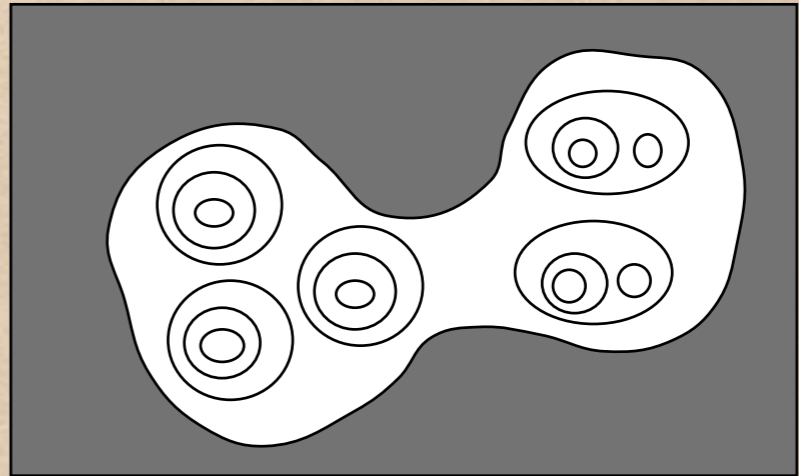


Amoebae





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