

# PSPACE et applications

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# Un plan

## I. COMPLEXITÉ EN ESPACE.

Au prix du m<sup>2</sup> sur la côte, ça peut être utile.

## II. PSPACE et problèmes PSPACE-complets classiques

## III. PSPACE et JEUX : où un surfeur réunionnais inconscient doit être sauvé.

# Un plan

## I. COMPLEXITÉ EN ESPACE.

### – Définitions.

– Low space Classes: L and NL.

– Connectivity.

– Théorème de Savitch

– Théorème d'Immerman

# Motivation

Complexity classes correspond to bounds on resources

We have seen: **Time**

Now **Space**: number of tape cells a Turing Machine uses when solving a problem



# Space Complexity Classes

For any function  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ , we define:

$SPACE(f(n)) = \{ L : L \text{ is decidable by a } \text{deterministic } O(f(n)) \text{ space TM} \}$

$NSPACE(f(n)) = \{ L : L \text{ is decidable by a } \text{non-deterministic } O(f(n)) \text{ space TM} \}$

Example: Low (logarithmic) space classes

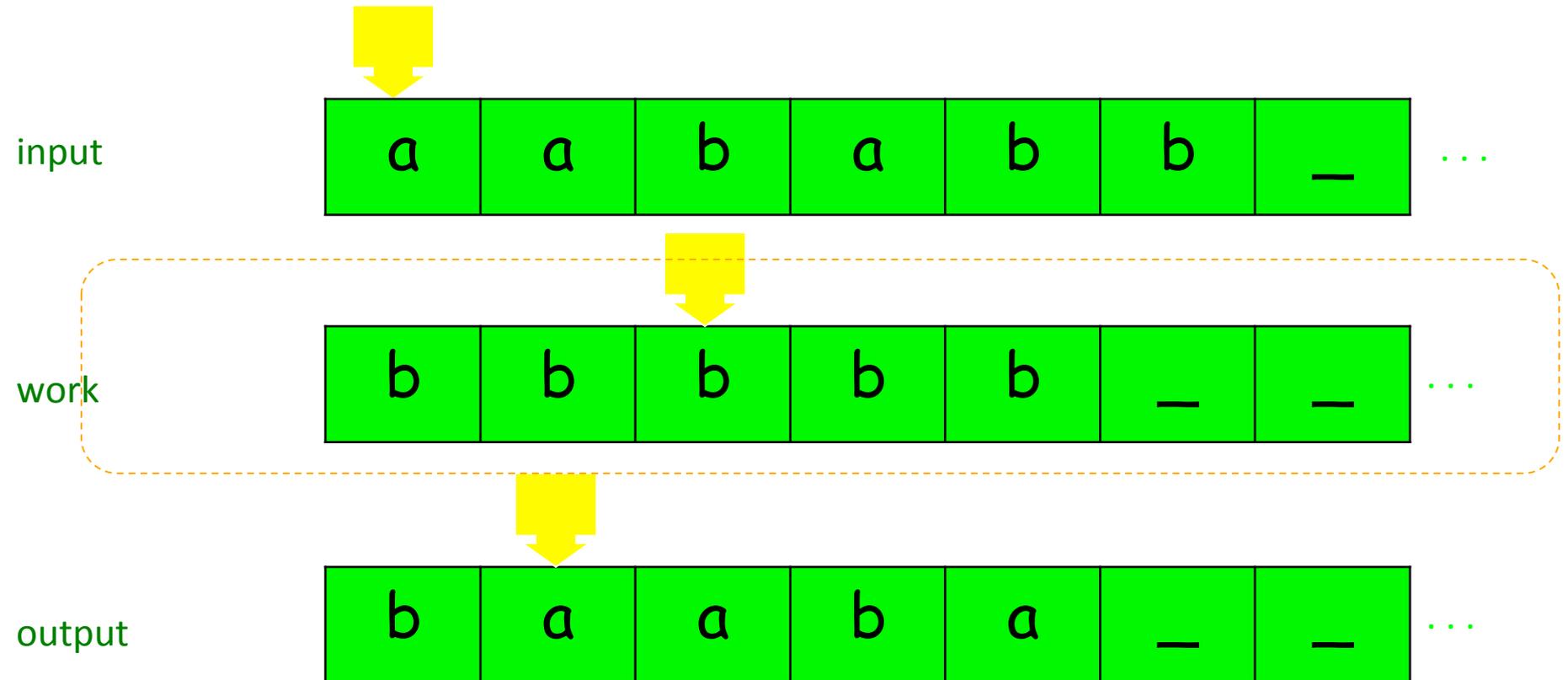
- $L = SPACE(\log n)$
- $NL = NSPACE(\log n)$

# Problem!

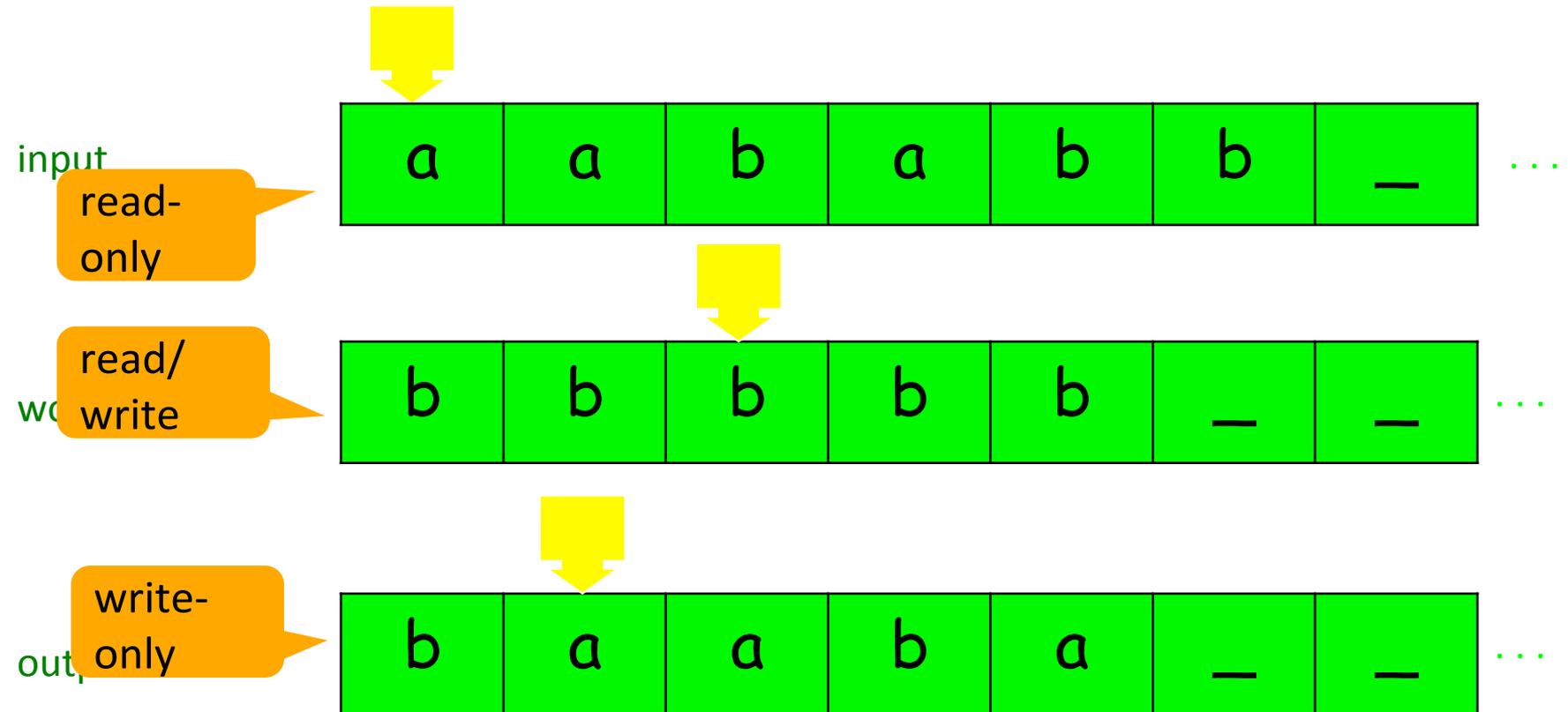
How can a TM use only  $\log n$  space if the input itself takes  $n$  cells?!



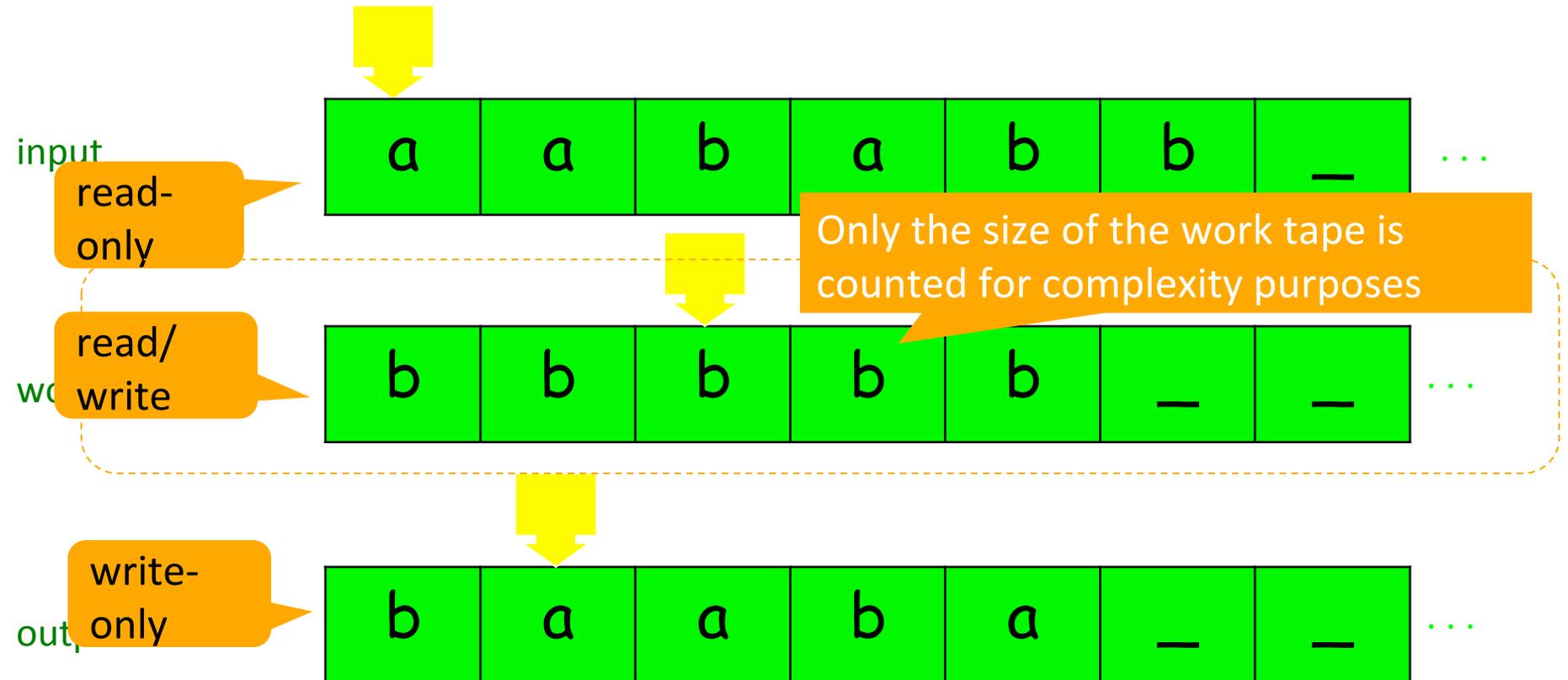
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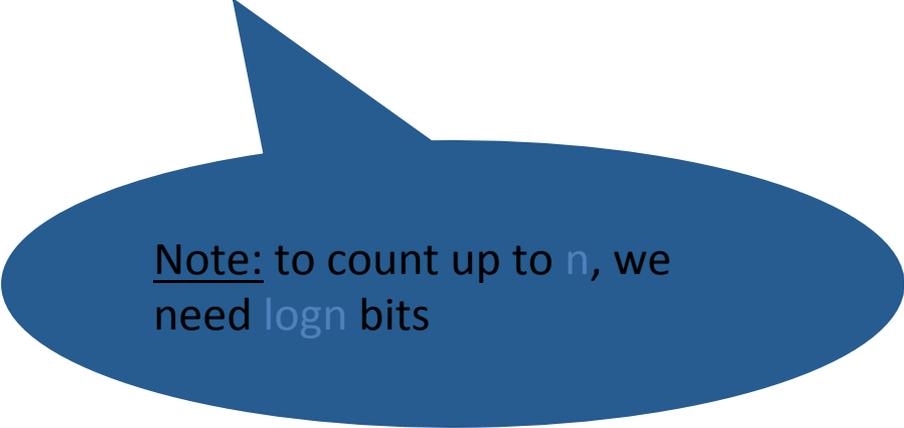


# 3Tape Machines



# Example

Question: How much space would a TM that decides  $\{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\}$  require?



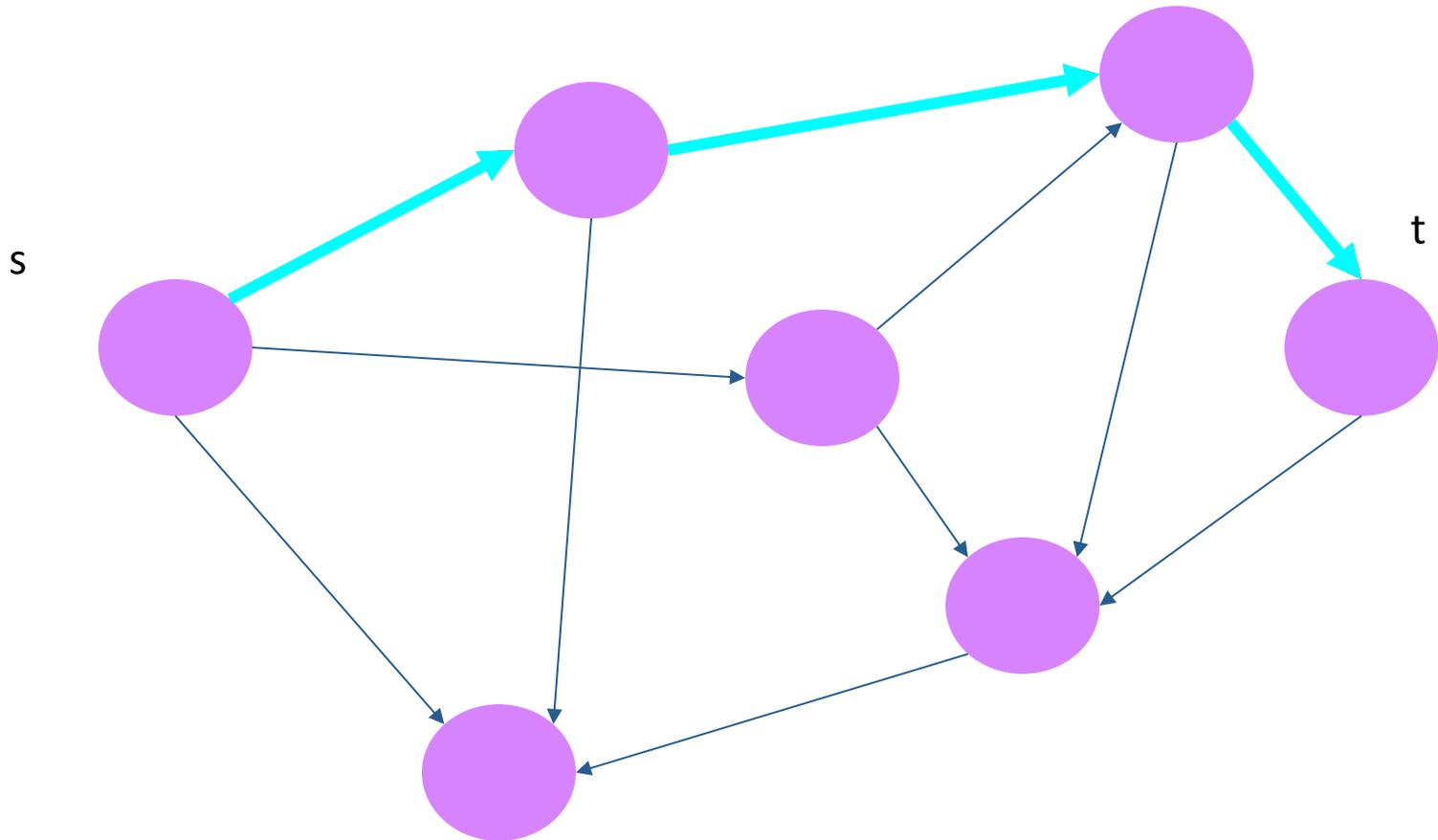
Note: to count up to  $n$ , we need  $\log n$  bits

# Graph Connectivity

## CONN (REACH)

- Instance: a directed graph  $G=(V,E)$  and two vertices  $s,t \in V$
- Problem: To decide if there is a path from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G$ ?

# Graph Connectivity



# CONN is in NL

- Start at  $s$
- For  $i = 1, \dots, |V|$  {
  - Non-deterministically choose a neighbor and jump to it
  - Accept if you get to  $t$}
- If you got here – reject!

- Counting up to  $|V|$  requires  $\log|V|$  space
- Storing the current position requires  $\log|V|$  space

# Savitch's Theorem

## Theorem:

$$\forall S(n) \geq \log(n)$$

$$\text{NSPACE}(S(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(S(n)^2)$$

## Proof:

First we'll prove  $\text{NL} \subseteq \text{SPACE}(\log^2 n)$

then, show this implies the general case

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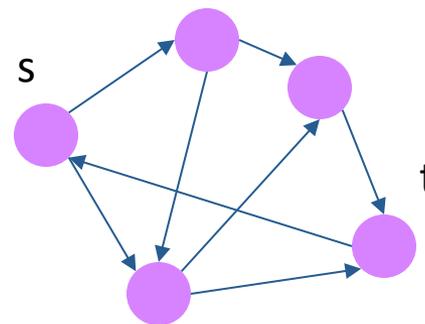
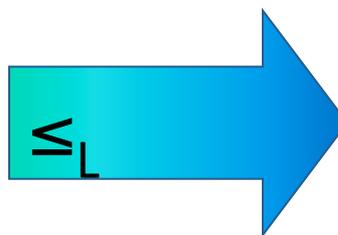
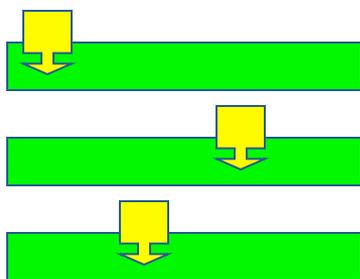
## Proof:

1. First prove **CONN is NL-complete** (under log-space reductions)
2. Then show an **algorithm** for **CONN** that uses  $\log^2 n$  space

# CONN is NL-Complete

Theorem: CONN is NL-Complete

Proof: by the following reduction:

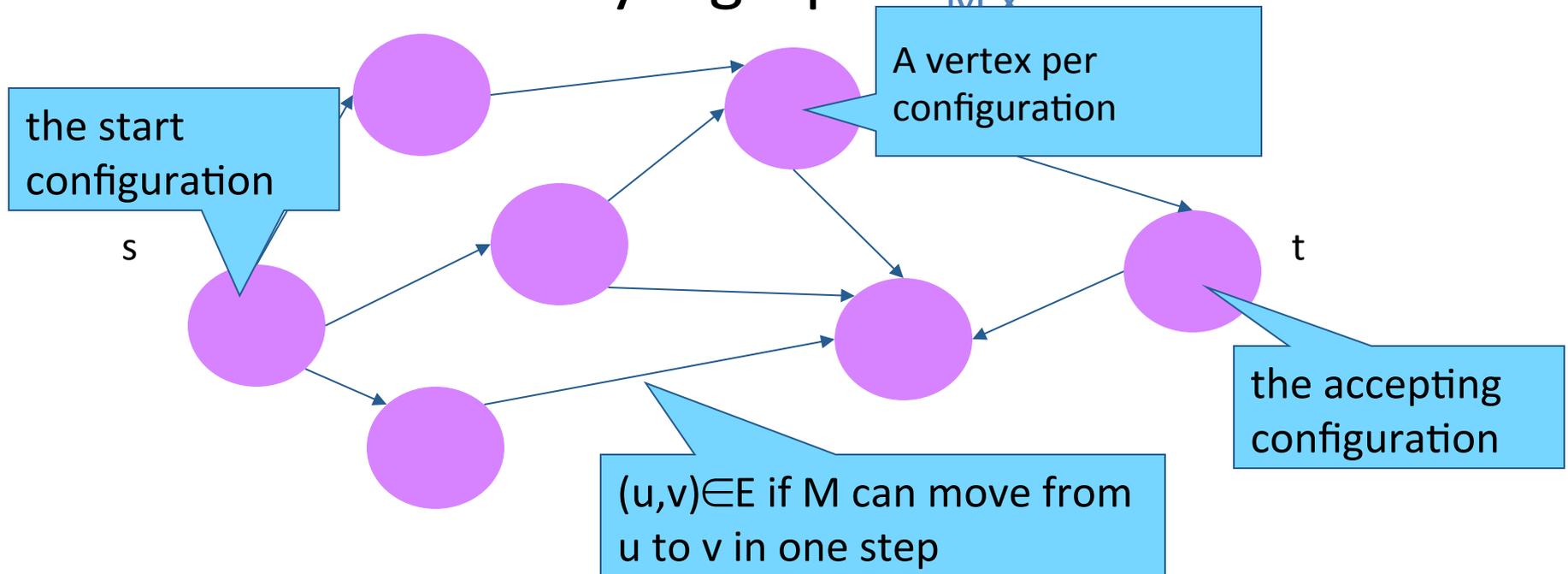


“Does  $M$  accept  $x$ ?”

“Is there a path from  $s$  to  $t$ ?”

# Configuration Graph

A Computation of a **NTM**  $M$  on an input  $x$  can be described by a graph  $G_{M,x}$ :



# CONN is NL-Complete

Claim: For every non-deterministic log-space Turing machine  $M$  and every input  $x$ ,  
 $M$  accepts  $x$  iff there is a path from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G_{M,x}$

Corollary: CONN is NL-Complete

Proof:

- We've shown CONN is in NL.
- Reduction from any NL language to CONN which is computable in log space ■

# A Byproduct

Claim:  $NL \subseteq P$

Proof:

- Any  $NL$  language is log-space reducible to  $CONN$
- Thus, any  $NL$  language is poly-time reducible to  $CONN$
- $CONN$  is in  $P$
- Thus any  $NL$  language is in  $P$ . ■

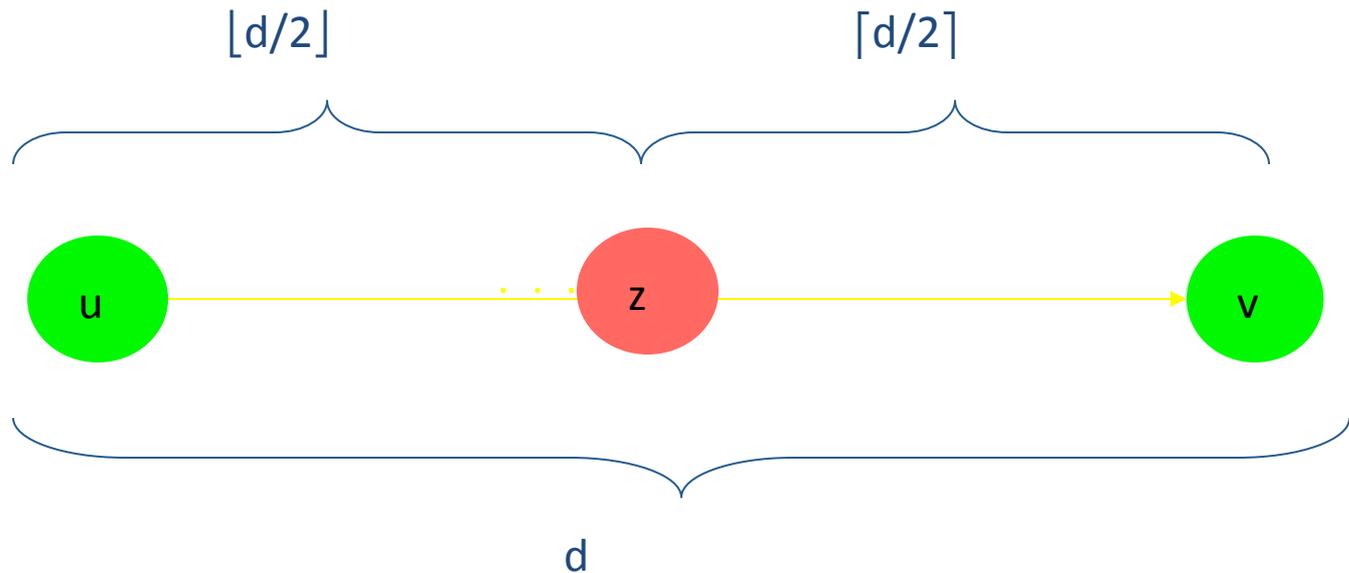
# What Next?

We need to show **CONN** can be decided by a deterministic TM in  $O(\log^2 n)$  space.

# The Trick

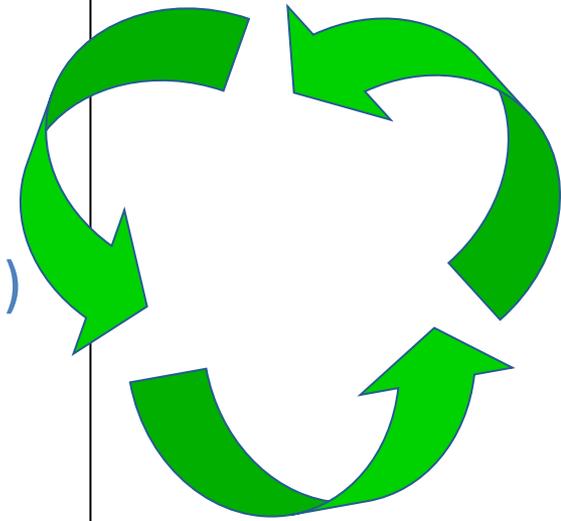
“Is there a path from  $u$  to  $v$  of length  $d$ ?”

“Is there a vertex  $z$ , so there is a path from  $u$  to  $z$  of size  $\lfloor d/2 \rfloor$  and one from  $z$  to  $v$  of size  $\lceil d/2 \rceil$ ?”



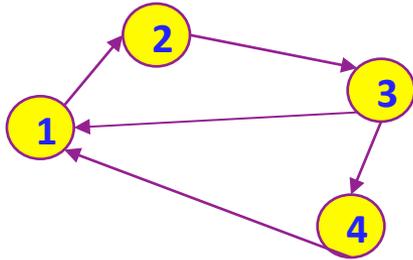
# The Algorithm

```
Boolean PATH(a,b,d) {  
    if there is an edge from a to b then TRUE  
    else {  
        if d=1 return FALSE  
        for every vertex v {  
            if PATH(a,v, [d/2]) and PATH(v,b, [d/2])  
            then TRUE  
        }  
        FALSE  
    }  
}
```



The two recursive invocations can use the same space

# Example of Savitch's algorithm



```
boolean PATH(a,b,d) {  
  if there is an edge from a to b then  
    return TRUE  
  else {  
    if (d=1) return FALSE  
    for every vertex v (not a,b) {  
      if PATH(a,v, [d/2]) and  
        PATH(v,b, [d/2]) then  
        return TRUE  
    }  
    return FALSE  
  }  
}
```

$(a,b,c)$  = Is there a path from a to b, that takes no more than c steps.

$(1,4,3)$  TRUE

$3\log_2(d)$

# $O(\log^2 n)$ Space DTM

Claim: There is a deterministic TM which decides **CONN** in  $O(\log^2 n)$  space.

Proof:

To solve **CONN**, we invoke **PATH**( $s, t, |V|$ )

The space complexity:

$$S(n) = S(n/2) + O(\log n) = O(\log^2 n) \blacksquare$$

# Conclusion

Theorem:

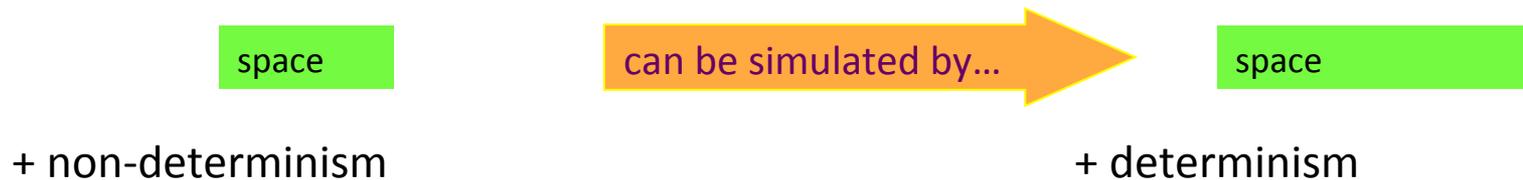
$$\text{NSPACE}(\log n) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(\log^2 n)$$

**How about the general case**  $\text{NSPACE}(S(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(S^2(n))$ ?

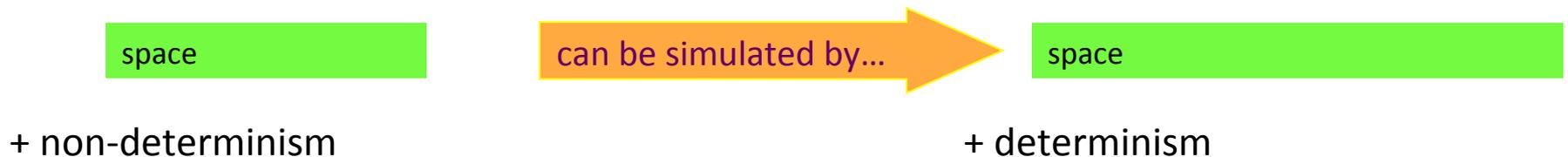
# The Padding Argument

Motivation: Scaling-Up Complexity Claims

We have:



We want:



# Formally

Claim: For any two **space constructible** functions  $s_1(n), s_2(n) \geq \log n, f(n) \geq n$ :

$$\text{NSPACE}(s_1(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(s_2(n))$$

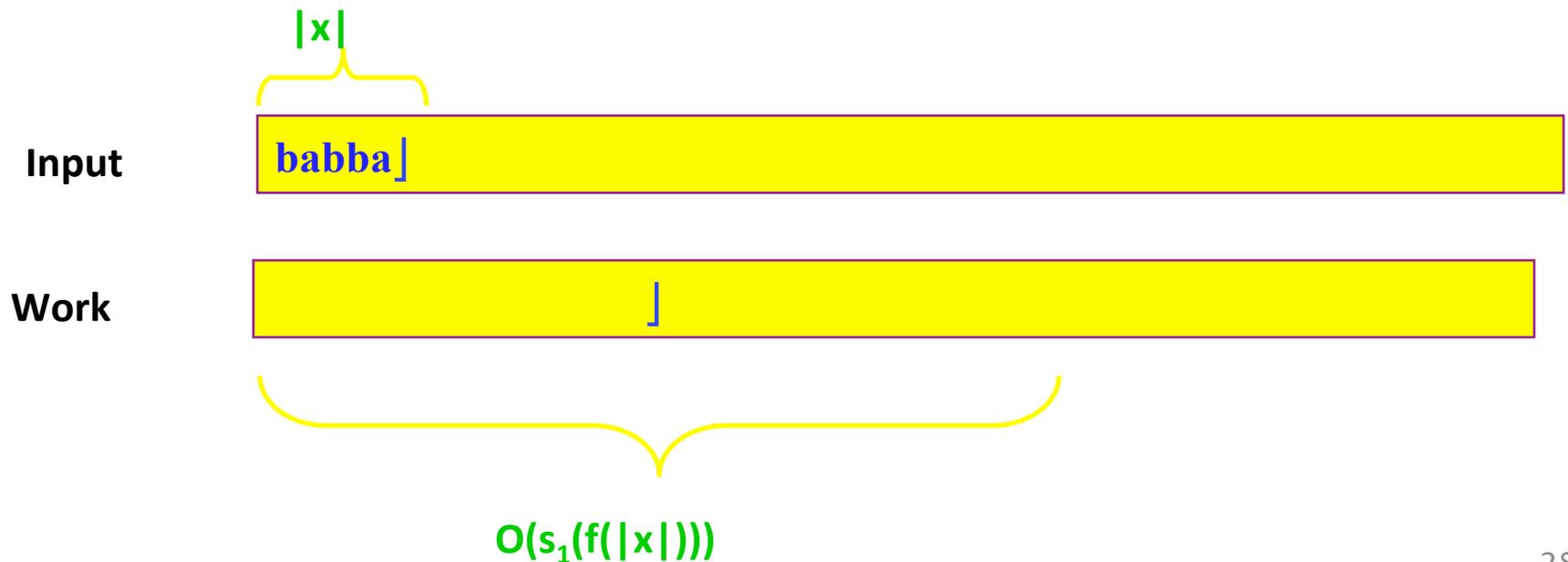


$$\text{NSPACE}(s_1(f(n))) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(s_2(f(n)))$$

E.g  $\text{NSPACE}(n) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(n^2) \Rightarrow \text{NSPACE}(n^2) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(n^4)$

# Padding argument

- Let  $L \in \text{NPSPACE}(s_1(f(n)))$
- There is a 3-Tape-NTM  $M_L$ :







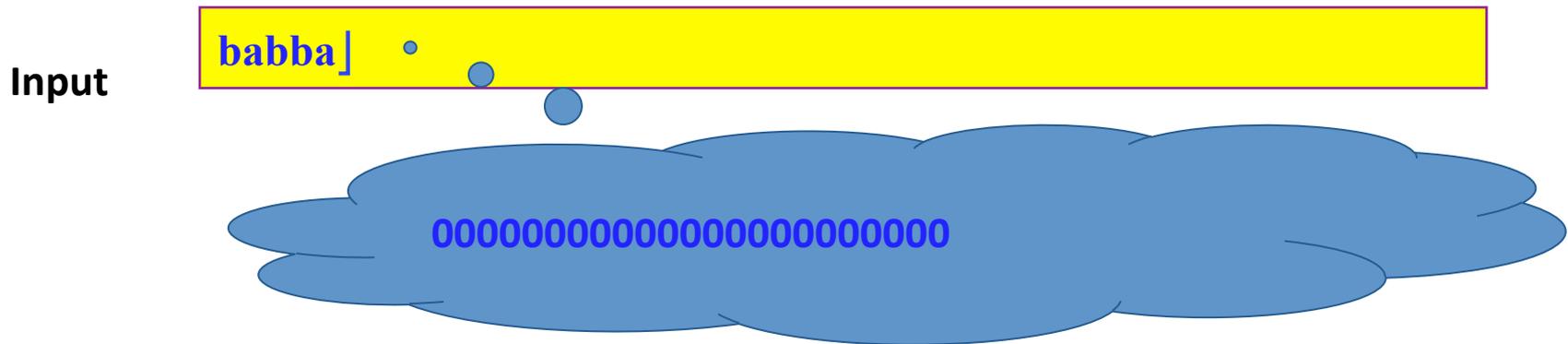


# Padding Argument

- We started with  $L \in \text{SPACE}(s_1(f(n)))$
- We showed:  $L' \in \text{SPACE}(s_1(n))$
- Thus,  $L' \in \text{SPACE}(s_2(n))$
- Using the DTM for  $L'$  we'll construct a DTM for  $L$ , which will work in  $O(s_2(f(n)))$  space.

# Padding Argument

- The DTM for  $L$  will simulate the DTM for  $L'$  when working on its input concatenated with zeros



# Padding Argument

- When the input head leaves the input part, just pretend it encounters 0s.
- maintaining the simulated position (on the imaginary part of the tape) takes  $O(\log(f(|x|)))$  space.
- Thus our machine uses  $O(s_2(f(|x|)))$  space.
- $\Rightarrow \text{NSPACE}(s_1(f(n))) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(s_2(f(n)))$

# Savitch: Generalized Version

Theorem (Savitch):

$\forall S(n) \geq \log(n)$

$\text{NSPACE}(S(n)) \subseteq \text{SPACE}(S(n)^2)$

Proof: We proved  $\text{NL} \subseteq \text{SPACE}(\log^2 n)$ . The theorem follows from the padding argument.



# Corollary

Corollary:  $PSPACE = NPSPACE$

Proof:

Clearly,  $PSPACE \subseteq NPSPACE$ .

By Savitch's theorem,  $NPSPACE \subseteq PSPACE$ . ■

Important differences in terms of complexity:

- **Non-determinism** does not decrease the space complexity drastically (**Savitch's theorem**).

# Immerman's Theorem

Non-deterministic space complexity classes are **closed under completion** (Immerman's theorem).

Theorem[Immerman/Szelepcsényi]:  $NL = coNL$

Proof:

(1)  $NON-CONN$  is  $NL$ -Complete

(2)  $NON-CONN \in NL$

Hence,  $NL = coNL$ .  Complexity  
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# Corollary

Corollary:

$\forall s(n) \geq \log(n), \text{NSPACE}(s(n)) = \text{coNSPACE}(s(n))$

Proof: By a padding argument.

# Take Aways



## I. COMPLEXITÉ EN ESPACE.

- **Low space Classes:** L and NL.
- **Connectivity is NL-complete.**
- **$NL \subseteq P$**
- **Théorème de Savitch** et
  - **$NL \subseteq SPACE(\log^2)$**
  - **PSPACE = NPSPACE** (padding argument)
- **Théorème d'Immerman** et
  - > PSPACE = co-PSPACE

# Un plan

## **II. PSPACE et problèmes PSPACE-complets**

- i. An introduction**
- ii. Quantified satisfiability
- iii. Machines de Turing alternantes

# Geography Game

- **Geography Game.**
  - Alice names capital city  $c$  of country she is in.
  - Bob names a capital city starting with letter on which  $c$  ends.
  - Repeat this game until one player is unable to continue.  
Does Alice have a forced win?
- **Ex.** Budapest → Tokyo → Ottawa → Ankara → Amsterdam → Moscow → Washington → Nairobi → ...
- **Geography on graphs.** Given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a start node  $s$ , two players alternate turns
  - follow, if possible, an edge out of the current node to an unvisited node.
  - Alternate turnsCan first player guarantee to make the last legal move?

# Geography Games

- **Geography Games.**
- **Ex.** Budapest → Tokyo → Ottawa → Ankara → Amsterdam → Moscow → Washington → Nairobi → ...
- **Complexity:**
  - P? NP? EXPTIME? NP-complete?
  - In EXPTIME, but uses a polynomial space.
- **Remark.** Some problems (especially involving 2-player games and AI) **defy classification** according to *NP*, *EXPTIME*, *NP*, and *NP-Complete*.

# PSPACE

- **P** Decision problems solvable in polynomial time.
- **PSPACE** Decision problems solvable in polynomial space.
- **Observation.  $P \subseteq PSPACE$ .**



poly-time algorithm  
can consume only  
polynomial space

# PSPACE

- **Binary counter.** Count from 0 to  $2^n - 1$  in binary.  
*Algorithm:* Use  $n$  bit odometer.
- **Claim.**  $3\text{-SAT} \in PSPACE$ . Pf.
  - Enumerate all  $2^n$  possible truth assignments using counter.
  - Check each assignment to see if it satisfies all clauses.
- **Theorem.**  $NP \subseteq PSPACE$ .  
Pf. Consider arbitrary problem  $Y \in NP$ .
  - Since  $Y \leq_p 3\text{-SAT}$ , there exists algorithm that solves  $Y$  in poly-time plus polynomial number of calls to 3-SAT black box.
  - Can implement black box in poly-space. ▀

# Remarques préliminaires

Remark:  **$PSPACE \subseteq EXP$ .**

*Preuve:*

- Une machine de Turing utilisant espace  $P(n)$  n'a **que  $O(2^{P(n)})$  configurations possibles.**
  - Textes possibles sur le ruban de travail + position
- **Ensuite boucle.**

# Complexity Class Hierarchy

- **Summary.  $P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME$ .**
- it is known that  $P \neq EXPTIME$ ,
- but unknown which inclusion is strict; conjectured that all are.

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# Quantified Satisfiability

**QSAT problem (ou TQBF ou QBF for True quantified Boolean formula)**

**Input:**

A set of boolean variables.  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

A logical formula  $\Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

**Question:**

Is the following propositional formula true?

$$\exists x_1 \forall x_2 \exists x_3 \forall x_4 \dots \forall x_{n-1} \exists x_n \Phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

**Remark: canonical forms**

- $\Phi$  in **conjunctive normal form** (conjunction of clauses)
- **alternating** quantifiers

# Quantified Satisfiability

**Intuition relationship QSAT and Games.** Amy picks truth value for  $x_1$ , then Bob for  $x_2$ , then Amy for  $x_3$ , and so on.  
*Can Amy satisfy  $\Phi$  ( $\exists$ ) whatever Bob does ( $\forall$ )?*

Ex.  $(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (\bar{x}_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3)$

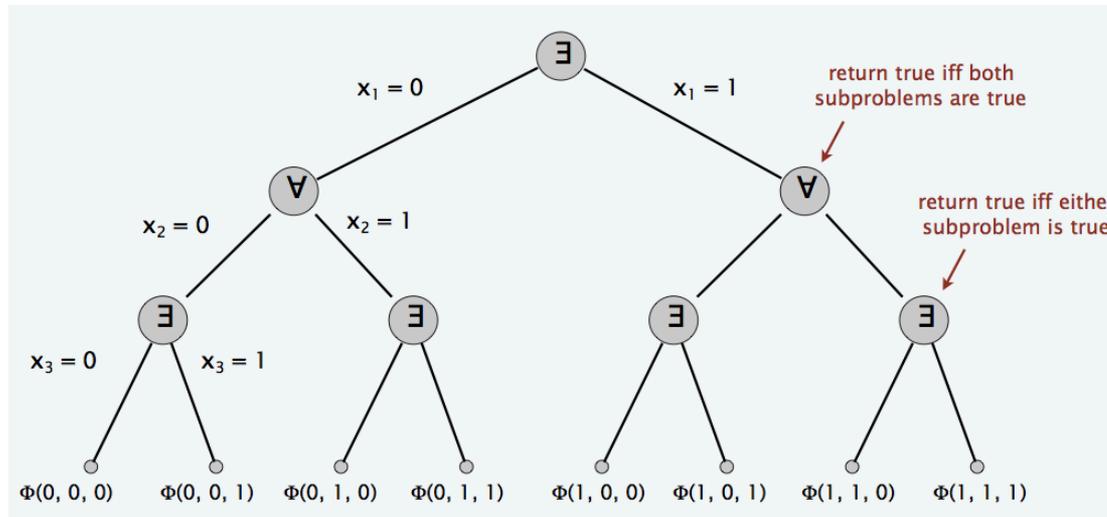
Yes. Amy sets  $x_1$  true; Bob sets  $x_2$ ; Amy sets  $x_3$  to be same as  $x_2$ .

Ex.  $(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3)$

No. If Amy sets  $x_1$  false; Bob sets  $x_2$  false; Amy loses;  
No. if Amy sets  $x_1$  true; Bob sets  $x_2$  true; Amy loses.

# Quantified Satisfiability is in PSPACE

**Theorem. Q-SAT  $\in$  PSPACE**



Pf. Recursively try all possibilities.

- Only need one bit of information from each subproblem.
- Amount of space proportional to depth of function call stack.

# PSPACE Completeness

## Definition:

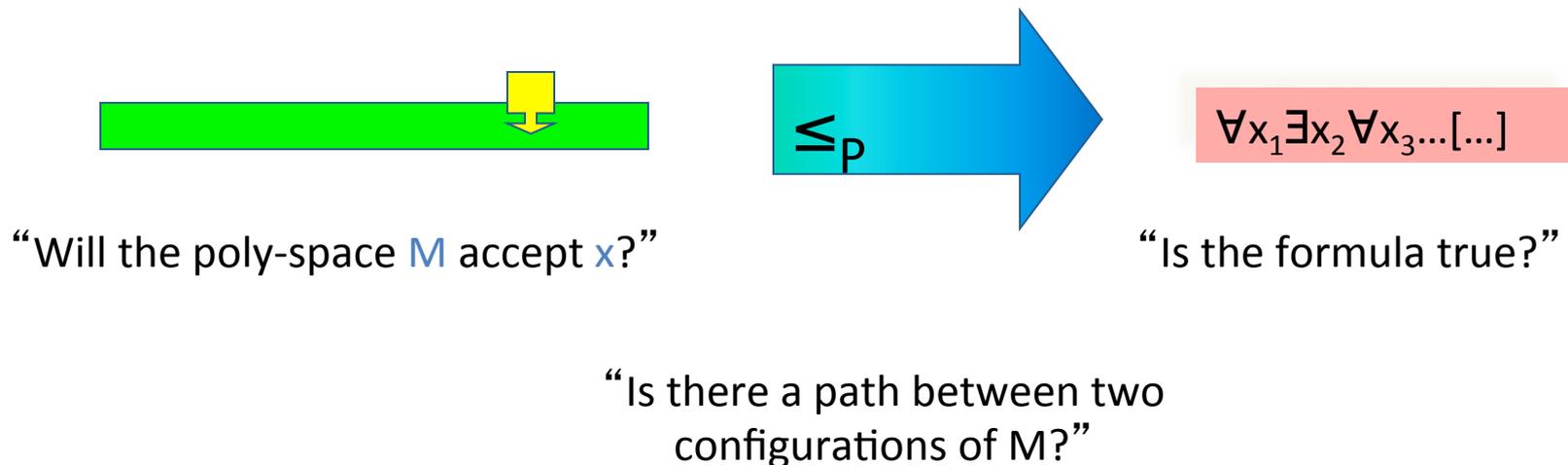
A language  $B$  is **PSPACE-Complete** if

1.  $B \in \text{PSPACE}$   standard Karp reduction
2. For every  $A \in \text{SPACE}$ ,  $A \leq_p B$ .

# TQBF is PSPACE-Complete

**Theorem. Q-SAT is PSPACE-Complete**

Proof: It remains to show TQBF is PSPACE-hard.  
essentially a more technical restatement of Savitch's theorem proof.



"Is there a path between two configurations of  $M$ ?"

# Un plan

- II. PSPACE et problèmes PSPACE-complets
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# Machine de Turing Alternantes - Definitions

- **Machine de Turing alternante** : espace des états non finaux partitionné
  - en **états existentiels** (MT fonctionne comme une machine non déterministe qui va deviner l'état suivant pour tenter d'atteindre un état acceptant) et
  - **les états universels** (MT va vérifier que quel que soit le choix de l'état suivant, elle peut atteindre un état acceptant)

## **Classes de complexité alternante :**

- **ATIME(f(n))** la classe des langages en temps  $f(n)$  sur machine alternante.
- **AP** (temps polynomial alternant)

# Machine de Turing Alternantes – Résultat principal

- **Theorem PSPACE = AP.**  
[Chandra, Kozen, Stockmeyer]
- « Le temps alternant, c'est de l'espace »

# Summary



- We introduced a **new way to classify problems**: according to the **space needed** for their computation.
- We defined **several complexity classes**: **L**, **NL**, **PSPACE**.

# Summary



Our main results were:

- **$NL \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME$ .**
- **Complete Problems**
  - **Connectivity is NL-Complete**
  - **QSAT is PSPACE-Complete**

} By reducing decidability to reachability

# More PSPACE-complete Problems

- Given a memory restricted **Turing machine**, does it **terminate** in at most  $k$  steps?
- Do **two regular expressions** describe different languages?
- Is a **deadlock state** possible within a system of communicating processors?
- Natural **generalizations of games**.
  - Othello, Hex, Geography, Rush-Hour, Instant Insanity
  - Shanghai, go-moku, Sokoban

# Un plan

## III. PSPACE et jeux

- i. **Une remarque intéressante**
- ii. Jeu à un joueur : Sokoban
- iii. Jeu à deux joueurs : sauver un surfeur inconscient

# Remarque intéressante

**La complexité des jeux dépend de longueur (temps) des parties :**

Complexité des Jeux		
Longueur des parties	Polynomiale	Exponentielle
1 joueur	NP(-c)	PSPACE(-c)
2 joueurs	PSPACE(-c)	EXPTIME(-c)

# Remarque intéressante

TABLE 2 – Différentes Complexités pour quelques jeux et puzzles populaires. Les complexités de l'espace d'états et de l'arbre de jeu sont exprimées en logarithme à base 10.

Nombre de joueurs	Longueur des parties	Jeu ou puzzle (taille standard)	Complexité			
			Espace d'états	Arbre de jeu	Computationnelle	
1 joueur		Rubik's cube (3×3×3)	19	20	?	
	Polynomiale	Taquin (5×5)	25	>37	NP-complet	
		SameGame (15×15)	159	85		
	Exponentielle	Sokoban (20×20)	98	280	PSPACE-complet	
2 joueurs	Polynomiale	Tic-tac-toe (3×3)	3	5	PSPACE-complet	
		Othello (8×8)	28	58		
		Hex (11×11)	57	98		
		Gomoku (15×15)	105	70		
		Havannah (10×10×10)	127	157		
		Amazons (10×10)	40	212		
		Bridge (4×13)	<17	<40		
		Exponentielle	Checkers (8×8)	18		31
			Dames (10×10)	30		54
			Échecs (8×8)	47		123
Shogi (9×9)	71		226			
	Go (19×19)	171	360			

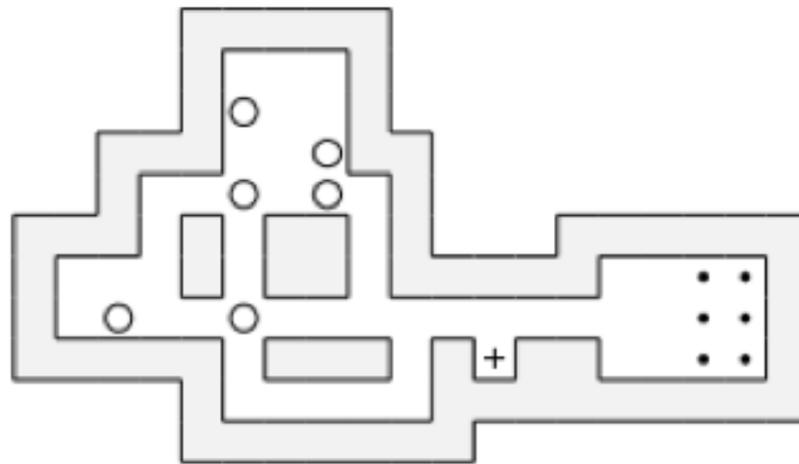
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# Le jeu de Sokoban

- Règles du jeu
  - Le joueur (magasinier) doit pousser toutes les caisses sur des cases spéciales dites objectifs.
  - Il est impossible de tirer une caisse ou d'en pousser deux d'un même mouvement.



# Le Sokoban est dans PSPACE

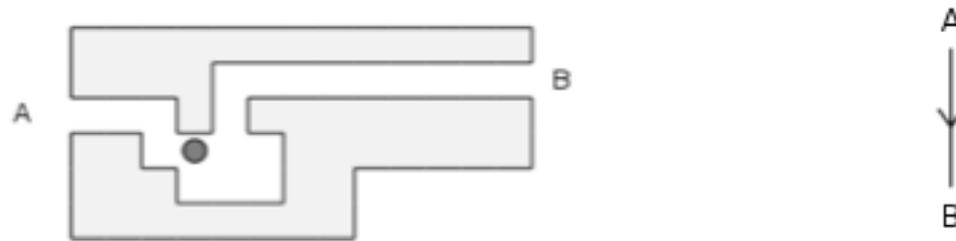
- A un niveau on peut associer son **graphe des configurations** :
  - **Configuration** = répartition de caisses + position du magasinier.
  - **Arête** = transition réalisable (mouvement autorisé)

-> Sokoban se ramène à un **problème d'accessibilité dans un graphe**, pour lequel on dispose d'un algorithme économe en espace.

[Culberson, J. (1999). Sokoban is PSPACE-complete. In *Proceedings in Informatics* (Vol. 4, pp. 65-76).]

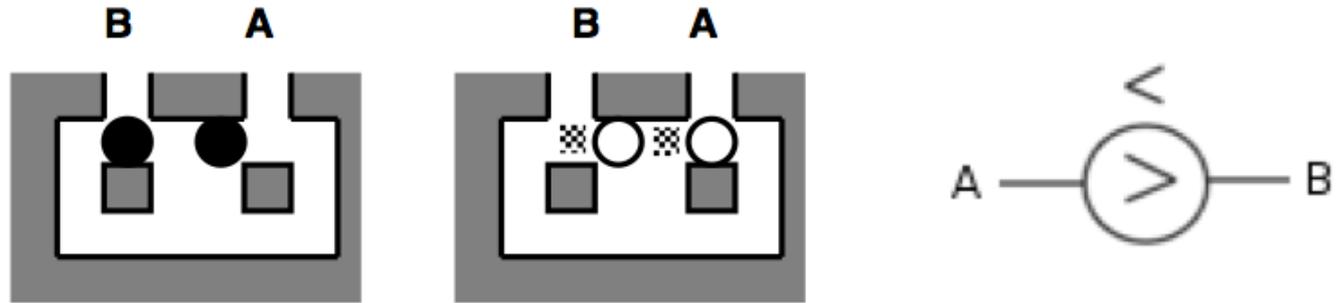
# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet

- Construction de Gadgets :



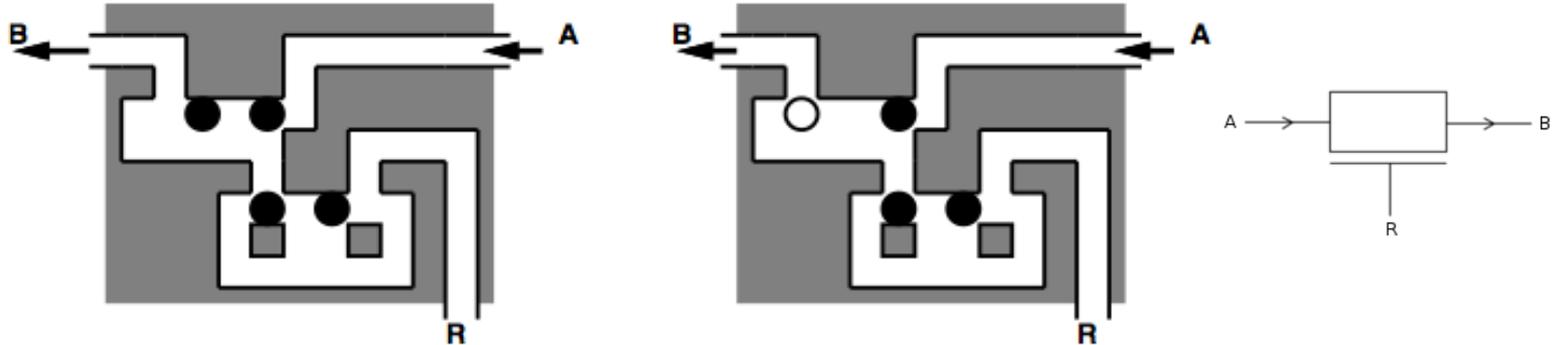
- **La diode.** Passage que de A vers B et n'altère pas l'état du *gadget*, qui reste résolu.

# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet



- **L'inverseur** Ce gadget dispose de deux états.
  - Etat résolu : passage de A vers B, passant le gadget dans l'état irrésolu
  - Etat irrésolu, passage de B vers A.

# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet



- **Le transistor**

- deux diodes associées afin d'empêcher l'entrée en B et la sortie en A.
- Dans l'état résolu, le passage de A à B est bloqué.
- Possible de le déverrouiller pour un unique passage en allant au point R, passant ainsi le gadget dans l'état irrésolu.



# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet

**Idée** : On intègre les quantificateurs 1 à 1.

pour  $k$  tel que  $0 \leq k \leq n$ ,

$$F^k(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = Q_k x_k Q_{k-1} x_{k-1} \cdots Q_1 x_1 \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

On a

$$F^k(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} F^{k-1}(0, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) \vee F^{k-1}(1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) & \text{si } Q_k = \exists \\ F^{k-1}(0, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) \wedge F^{k-1}(1, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) & \text{si } Q_k = \forall \end{cases}$$

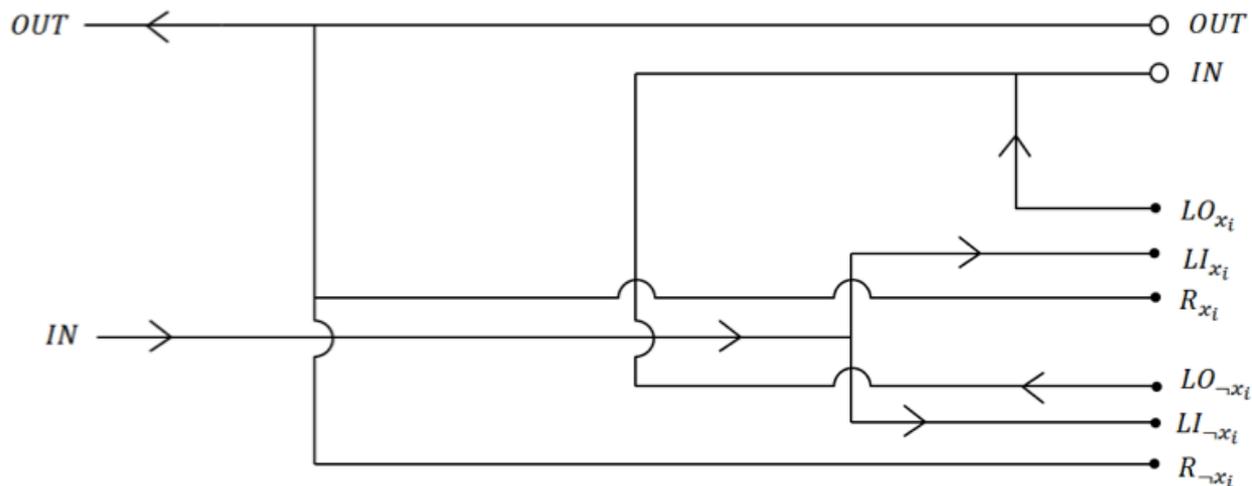
Pour tout  $k$ , on construit par **réurrence** un gadget :

**$G^k$  traversable ssi  $F_k$  est satisfiable.**

# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet

Si  $Q_k = \exists$  :

- Choisir la valeur de  $x_k$
- Altérer  $G^{k-1}$  en bloquant le point  $M_{x_k}$  ou  $M_{nonx_k}$
- Tenter de relier IN à OUT (possible ssi  $F^k$ )

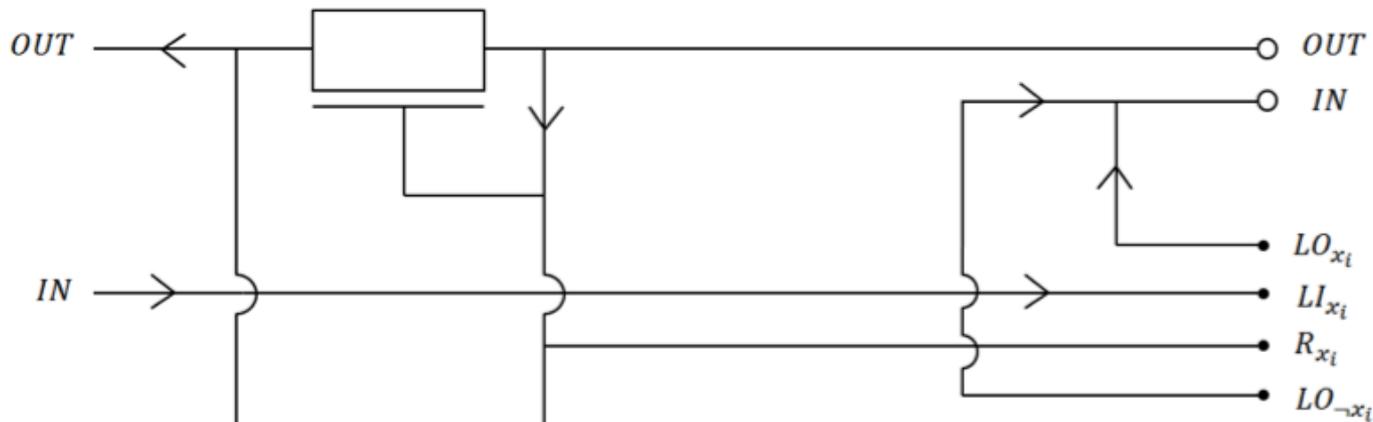


# Sokoban est PSPACE-complet

Si  $Q_k = \forall$  :

On impose deux passages dans  $G_{k-1}$

- 1. avec blocage de  $M_{xk}$
- 2. avec blocage de  $M_{\text{non}xk}$



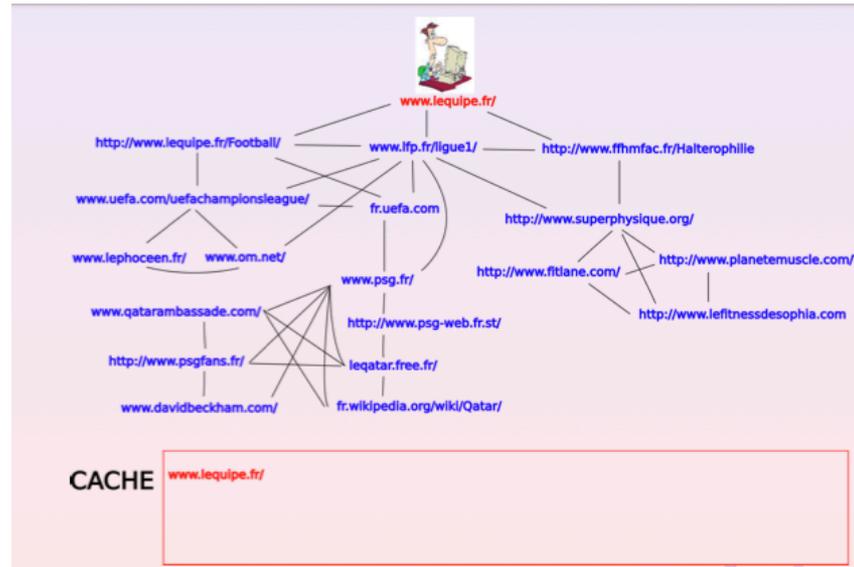
**Theorem. Sokoban is PSPACE-Complete**

# Un plan

## III. PSPACE et jeux

- i. Une remarque intéressante
- ii. Jeu à un joueur : Sokoban
- iii. Jeu à deux joueurs : sauver un surfeur inconscient**

# Le jeu du surfeur inconscient

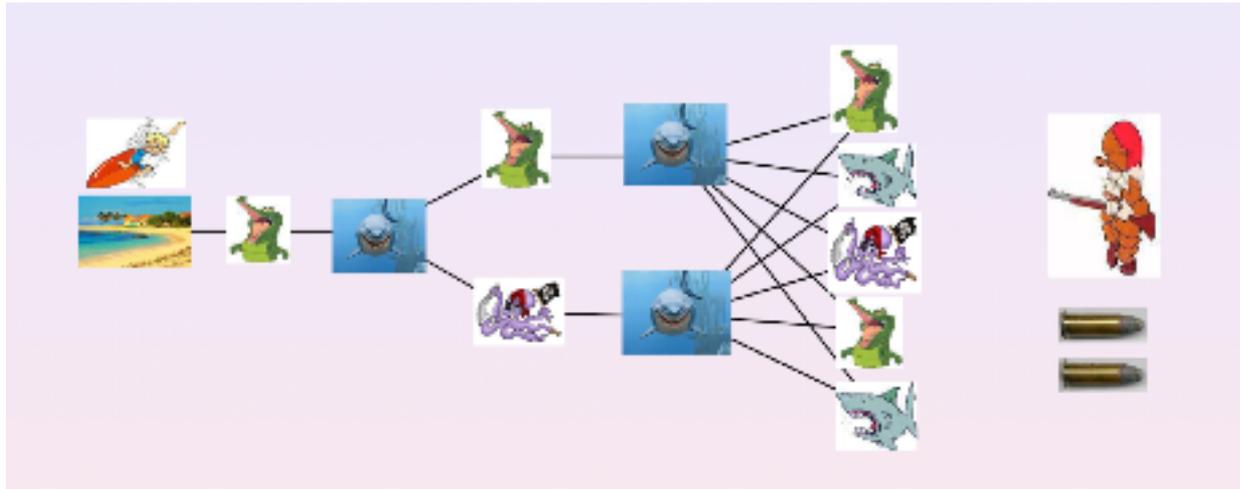


## Problem motivation:

- Idea: **pre-loading web pages** before the **web Surfer** accesses it
- Constraint: **bandwidth**, takes time to load webpages in cache
- Goal: Avoid the web Surfer to wait

[To satisfy Impatient Web Surfers is hard, Fomin, Giroire, Jean-Marie, Mazauric, Nisse]

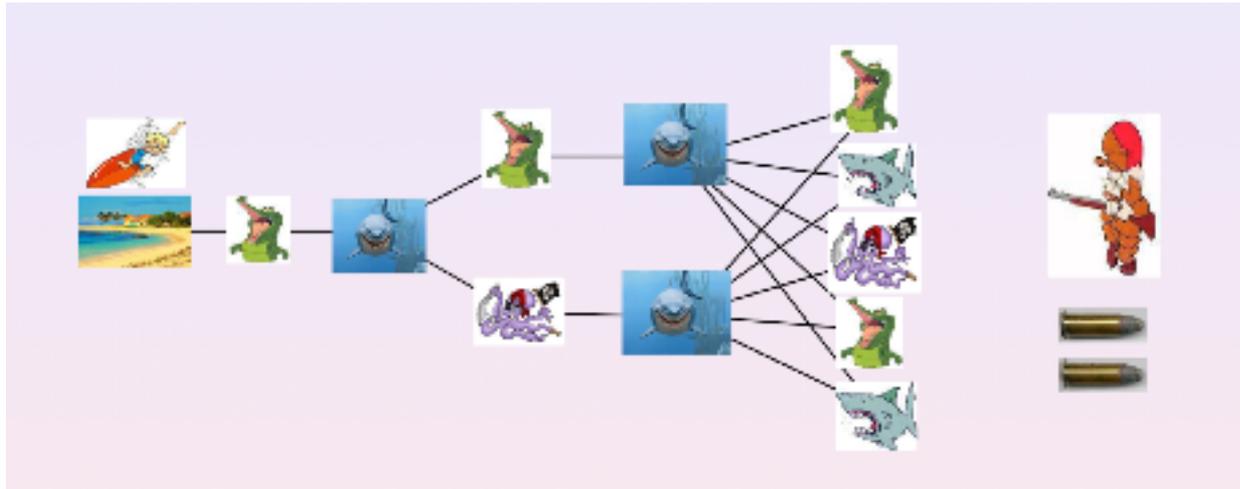
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## Players:

- A **surfer** starts from a safe homebase  $v_0$  in  $G$
- A **guard** with  **$k$  bullets**

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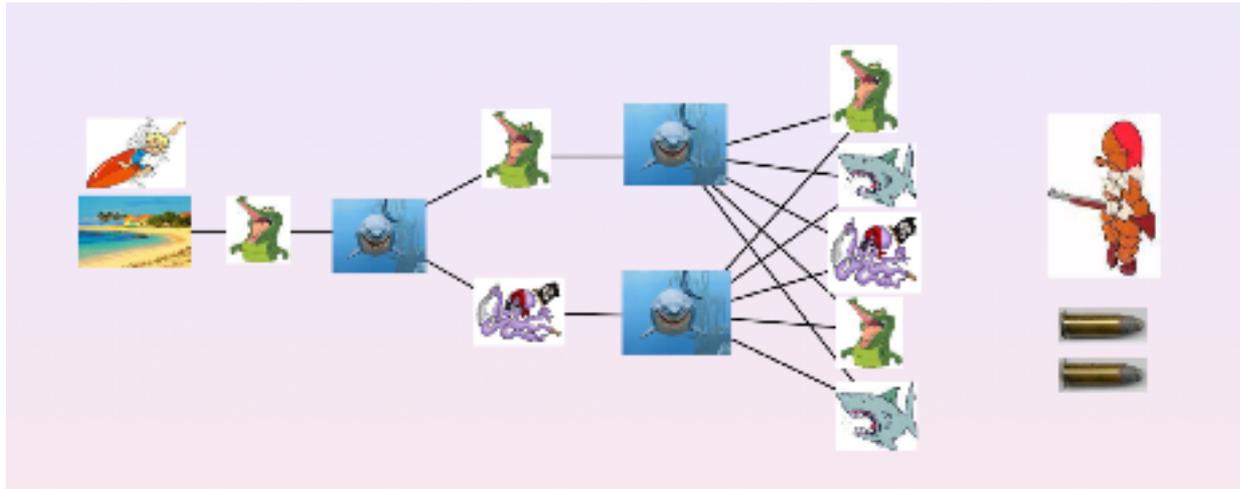
## Turn-by-turn game:

- 1. The guard secures  $\leq k$  nodes
- 2. Then, the surfer may move to an adjacent node.

**Defeat:** surfer in an unsafe node.

**Victory:** graph safe

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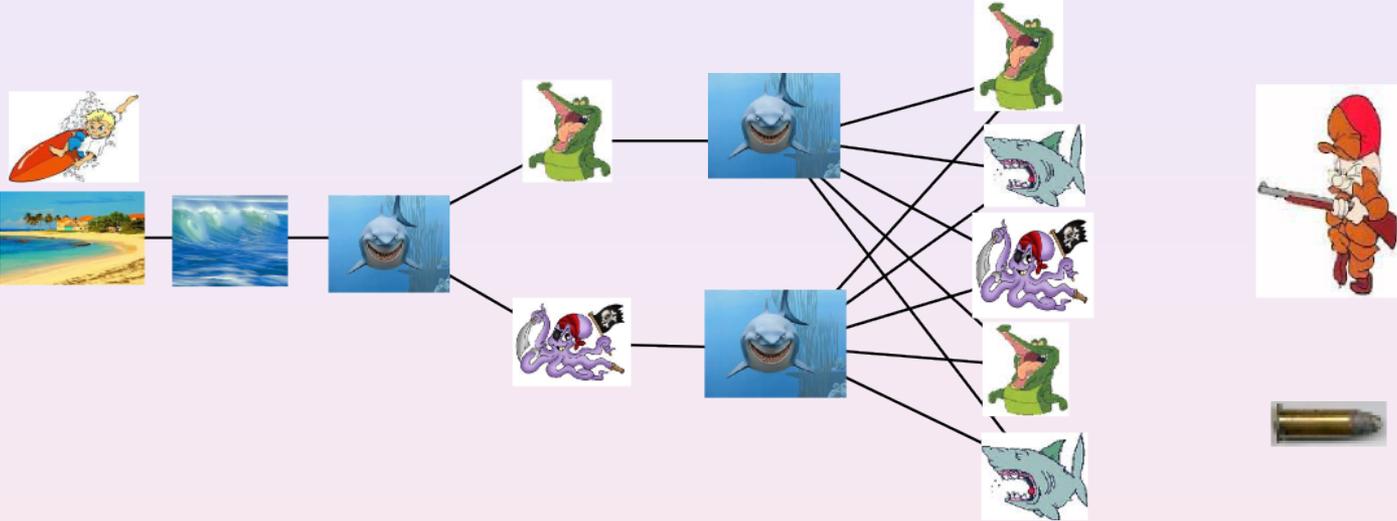


**Problem:** minimize the number of bullets to win for any surfer trajectories

**Surveillance number** of  $G$  from  $v_0$ :  $sn(G, v_0)$

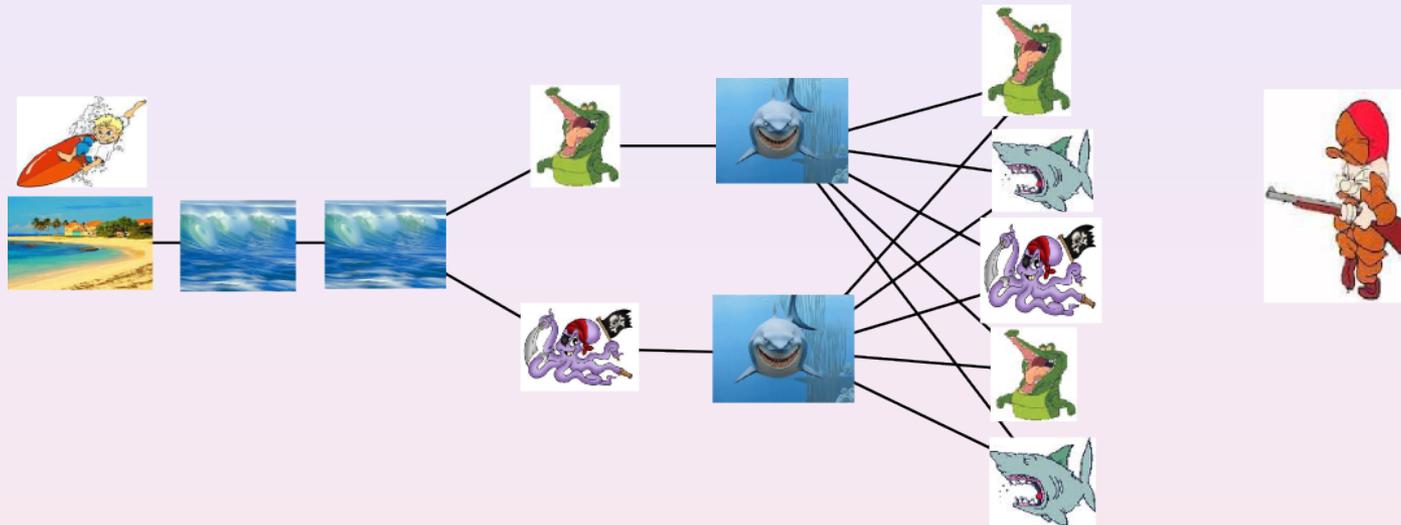


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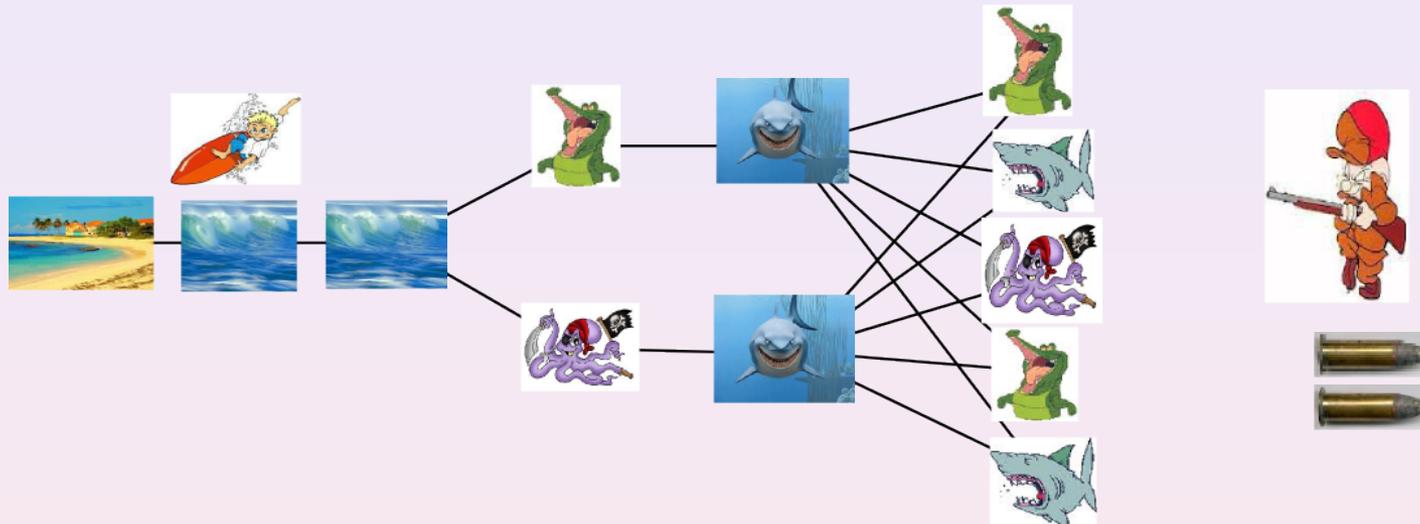
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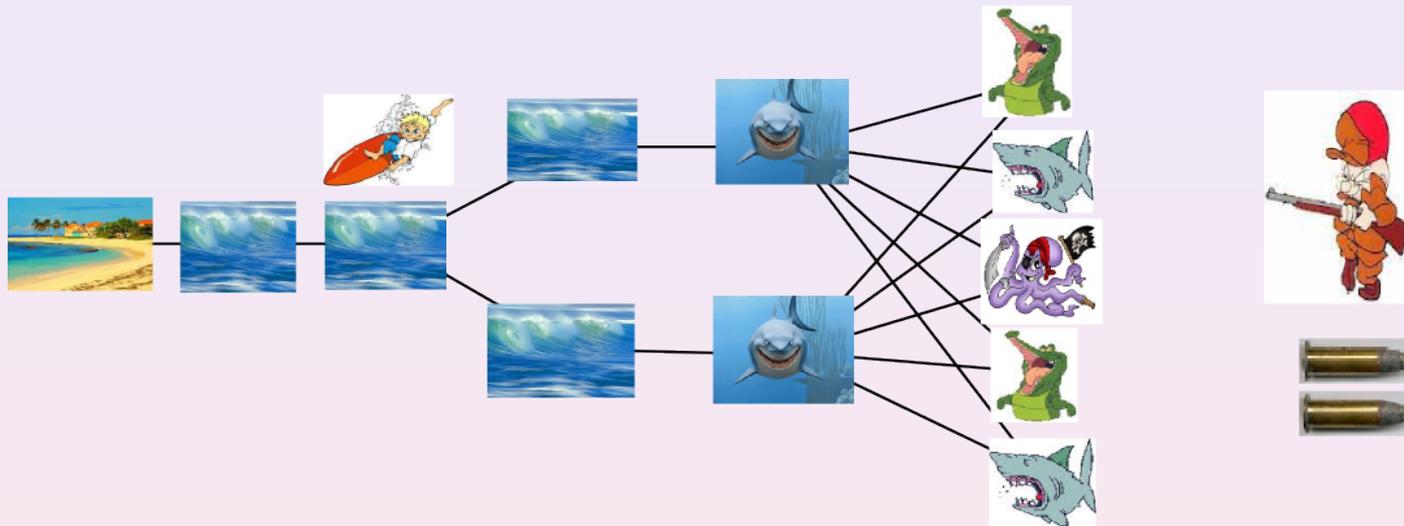
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Guard uses (all) his bullets, **then** Surfer may move

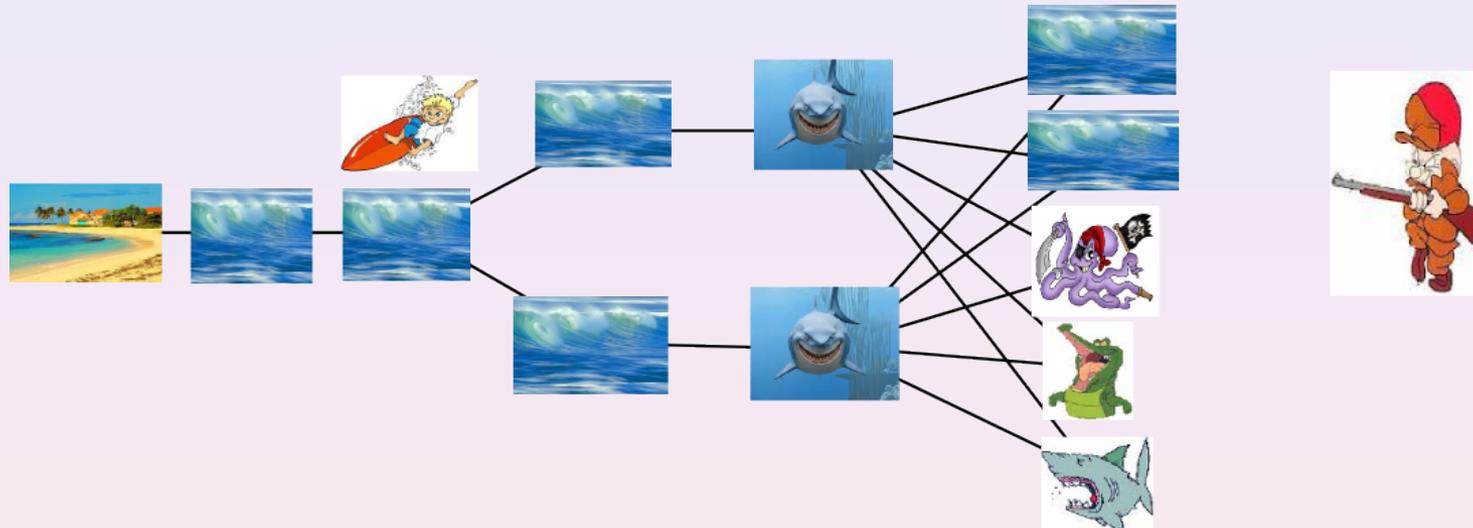
Clearly: worst case if Surfer always move

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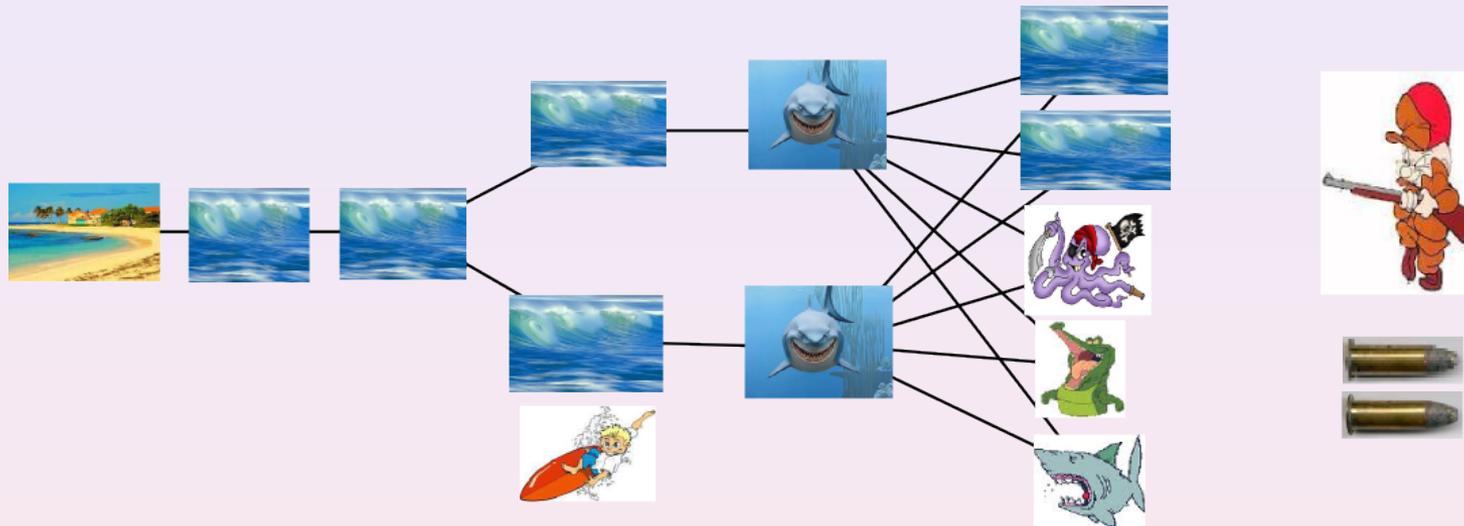
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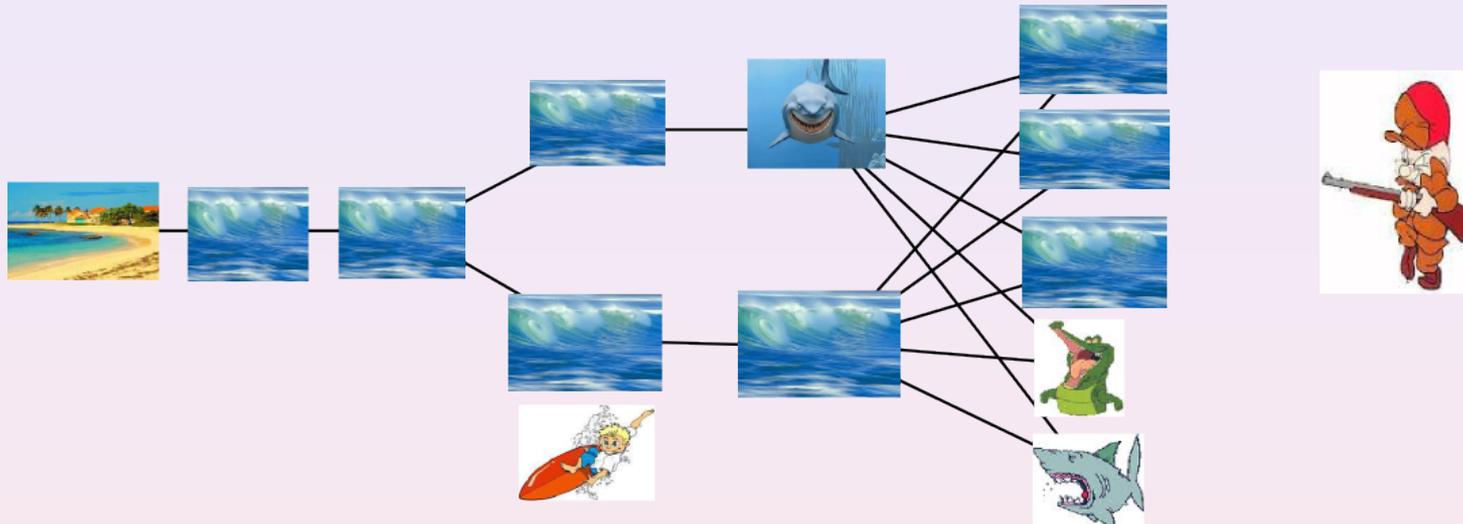
Guard may secure **any** node in the graph

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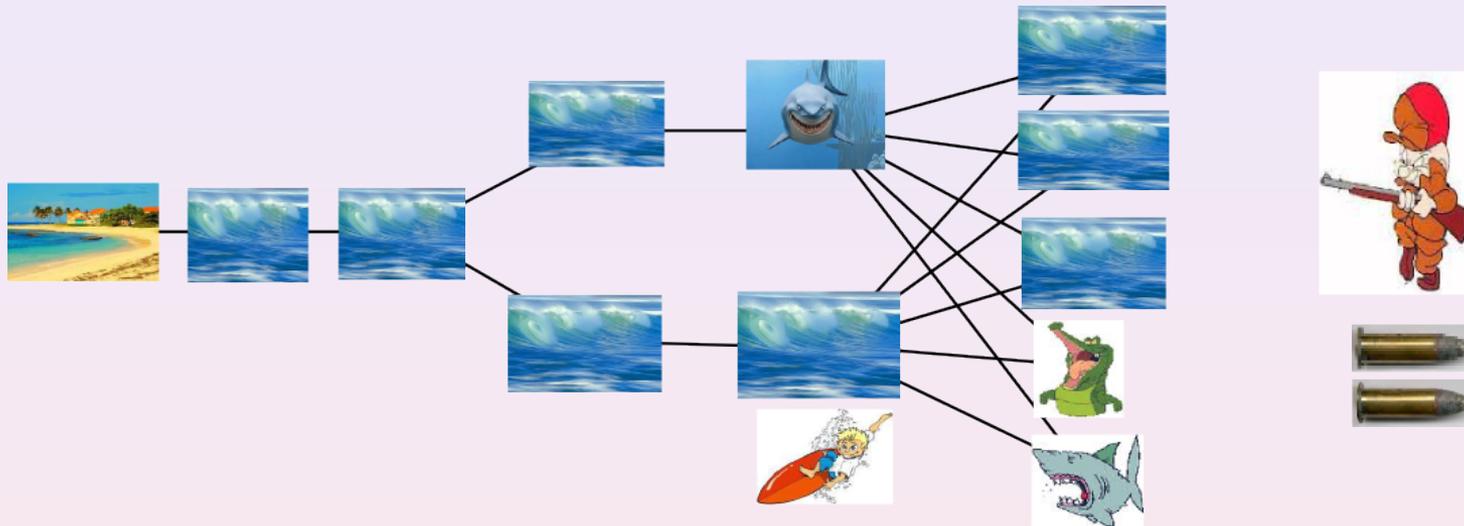
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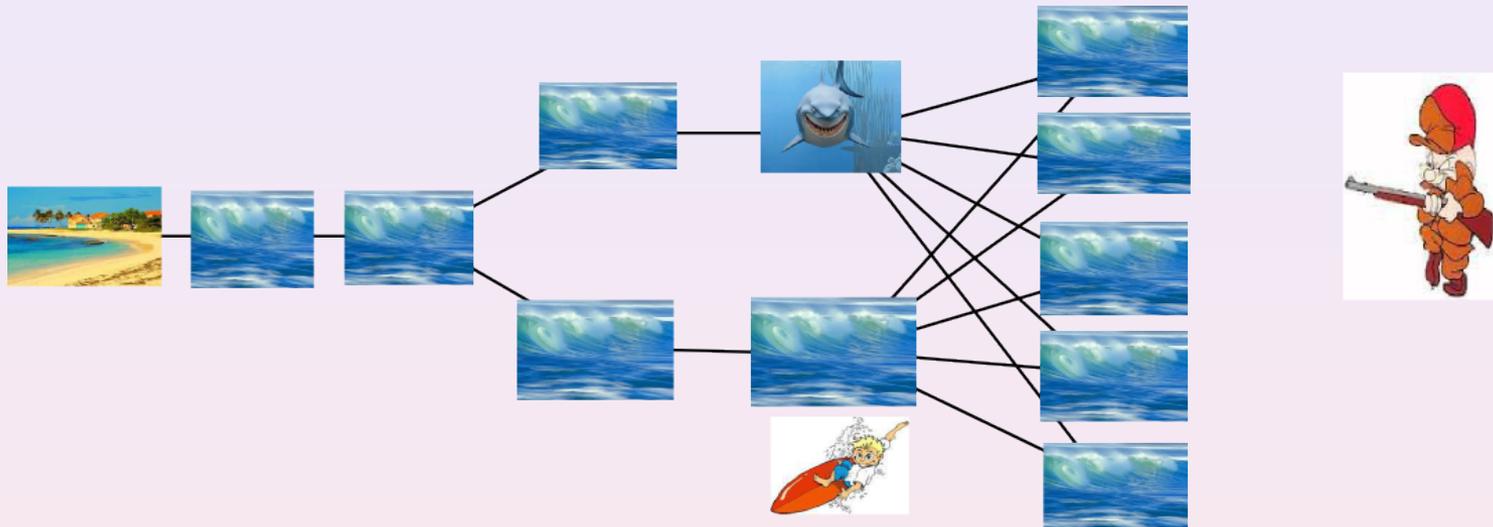
**strategy:** safe nodes + Surfer's node  $\Rightarrow \leq k$  nodes to secure

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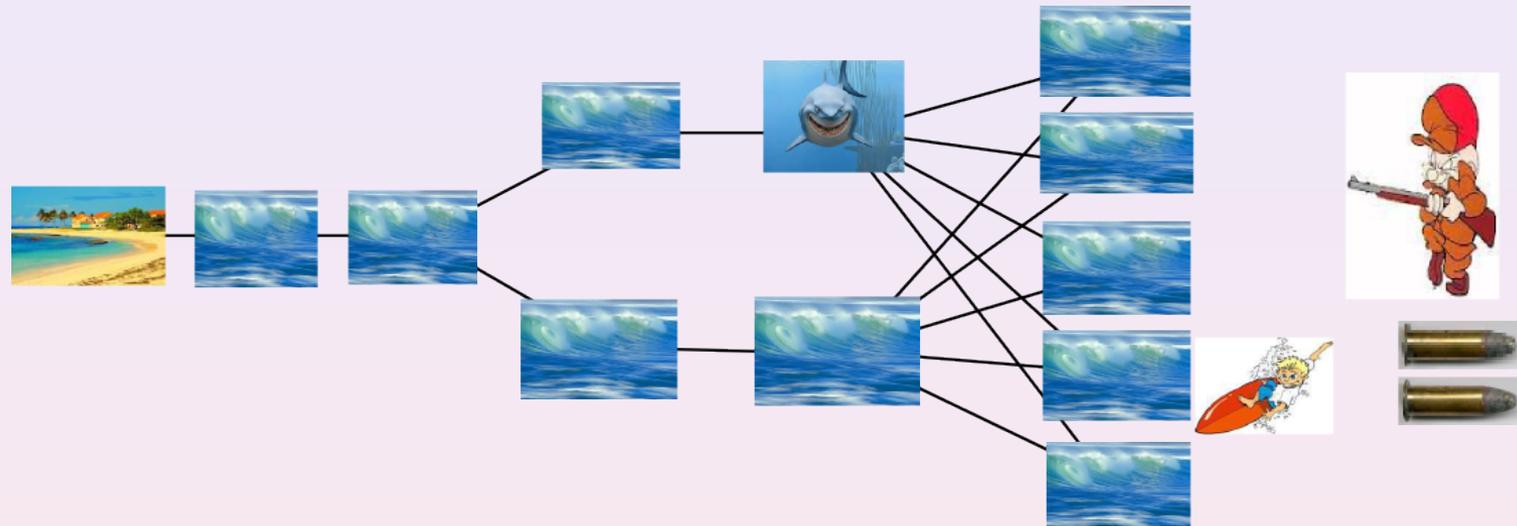
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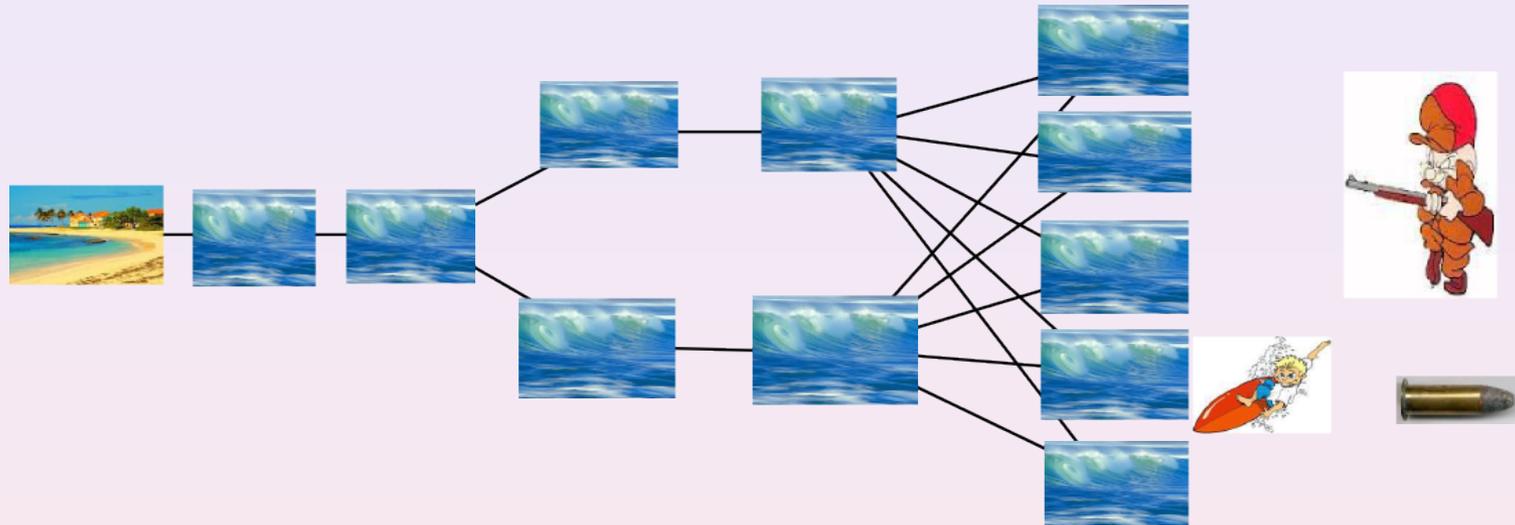
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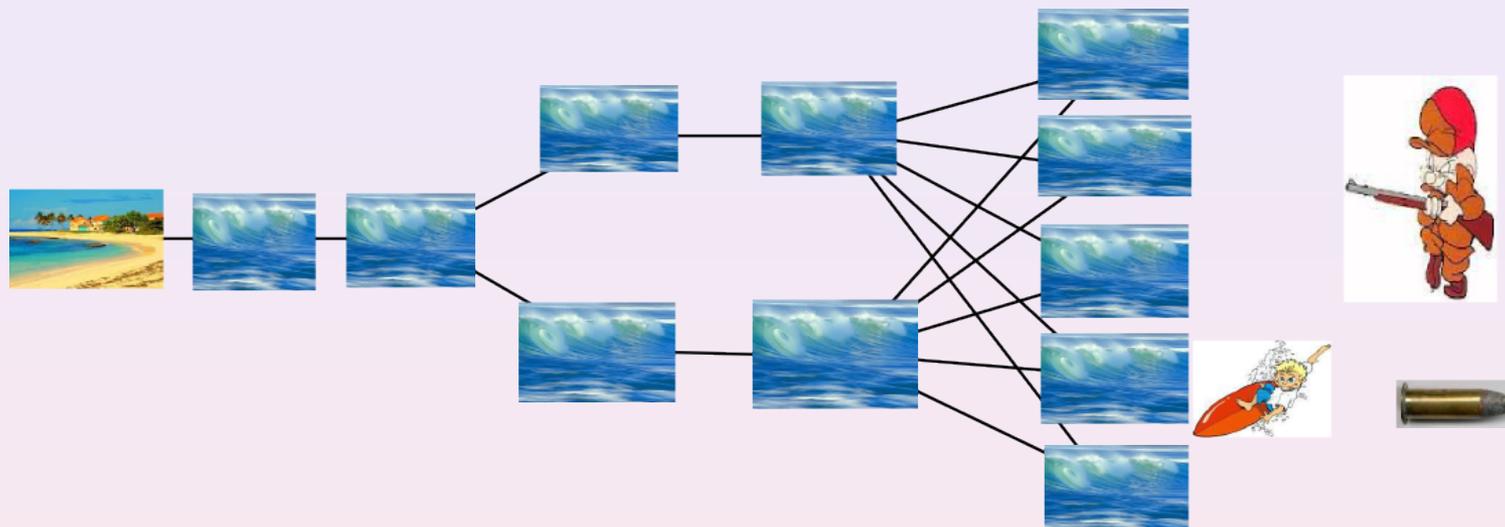
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All nodes safe: Victory **against this trajectory of the Surfer**

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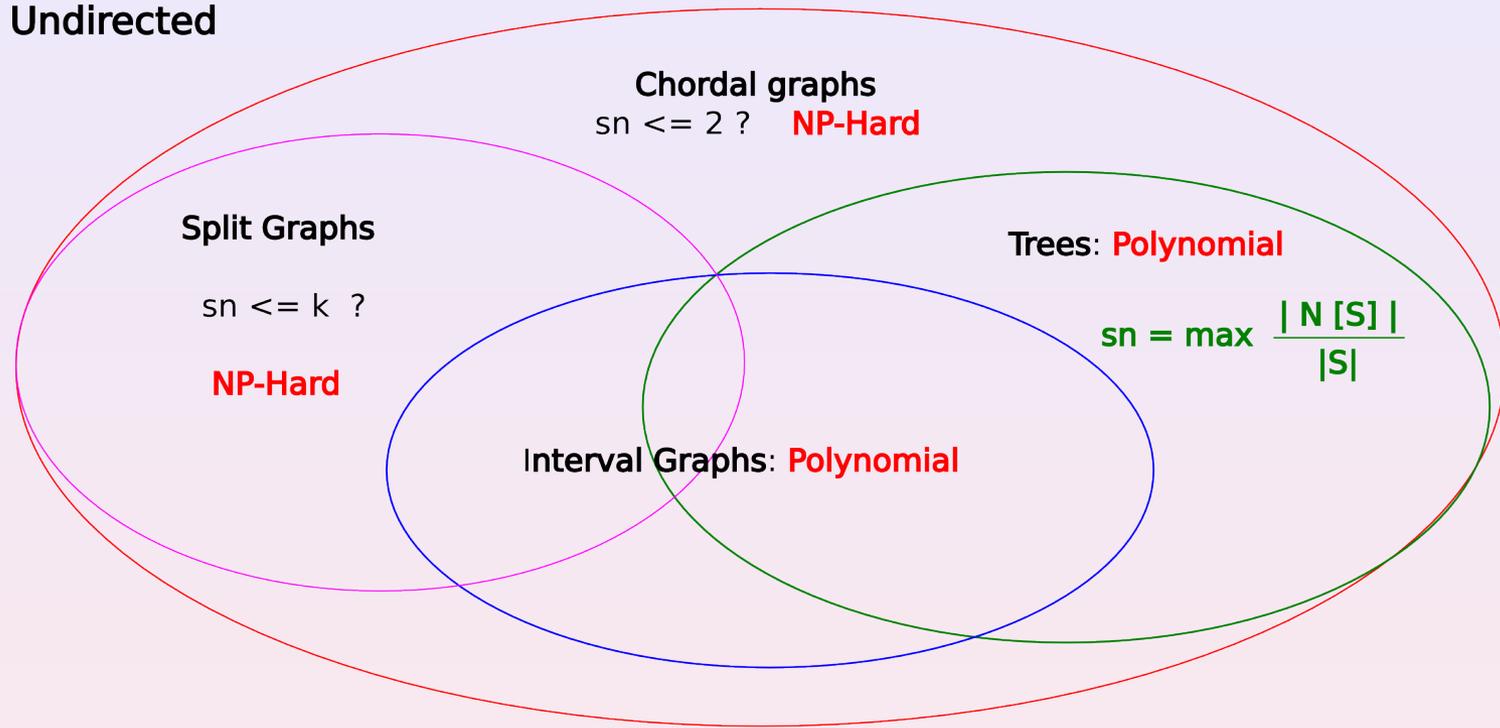


In this example, all Surfer's trajectory similar (by symmetry)

Victory whatever Surfer's trajectory  $\Rightarrow sn(G, v_0) = 2$

# Results: Complexity, Algorithms and Combinatoric

## Undirected



## Directed

DAGs:  $sn \leq 4$  ? **P-SPACE-Complete**

DAGs:  $sn \leq 2$  ? **NP-Hard**

### General

$$(out)\text{-degree}(v_0) \leq sn \leq \max \begin{pmatrix} \text{degree}(v_0) \\ \text{max degree} - 1 \\ \text{max out-degree} \end{pmatrix}$$

$O(2^n)$  exact algorithm

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reduction from

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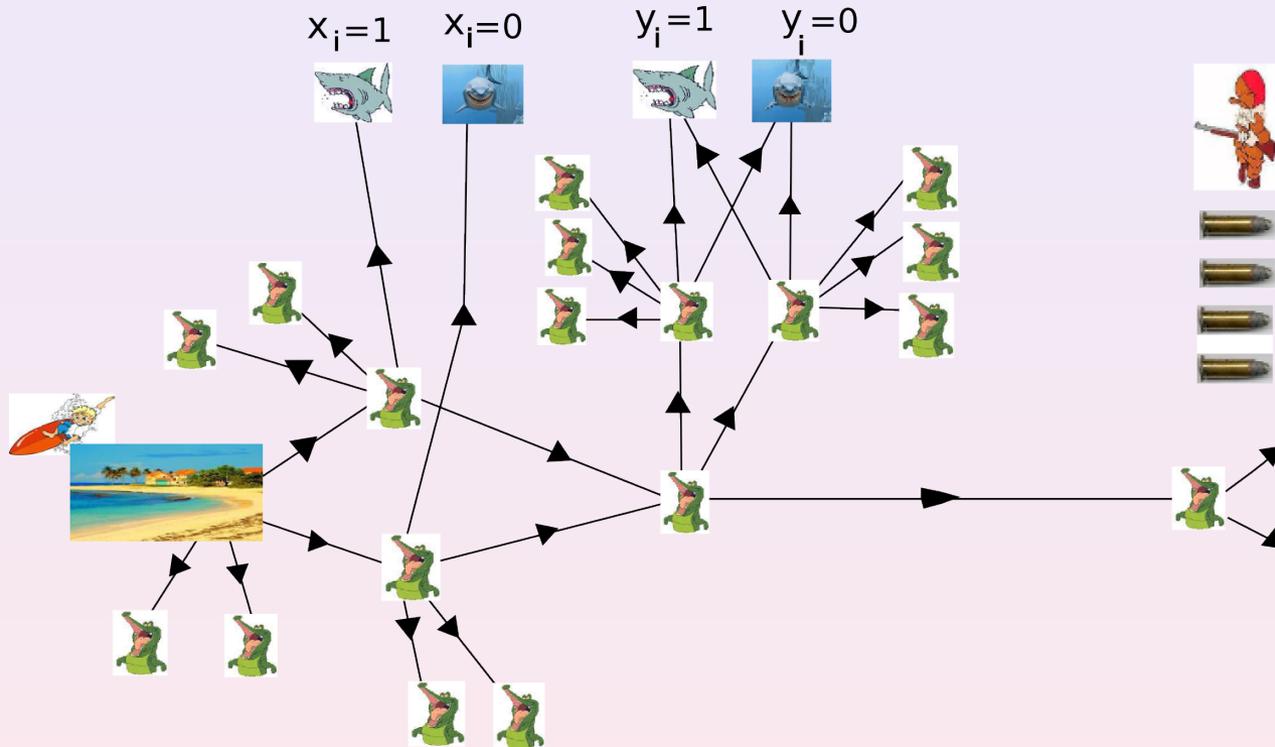
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- “ $\exists y_i$ ” depends on Guard’s strategy

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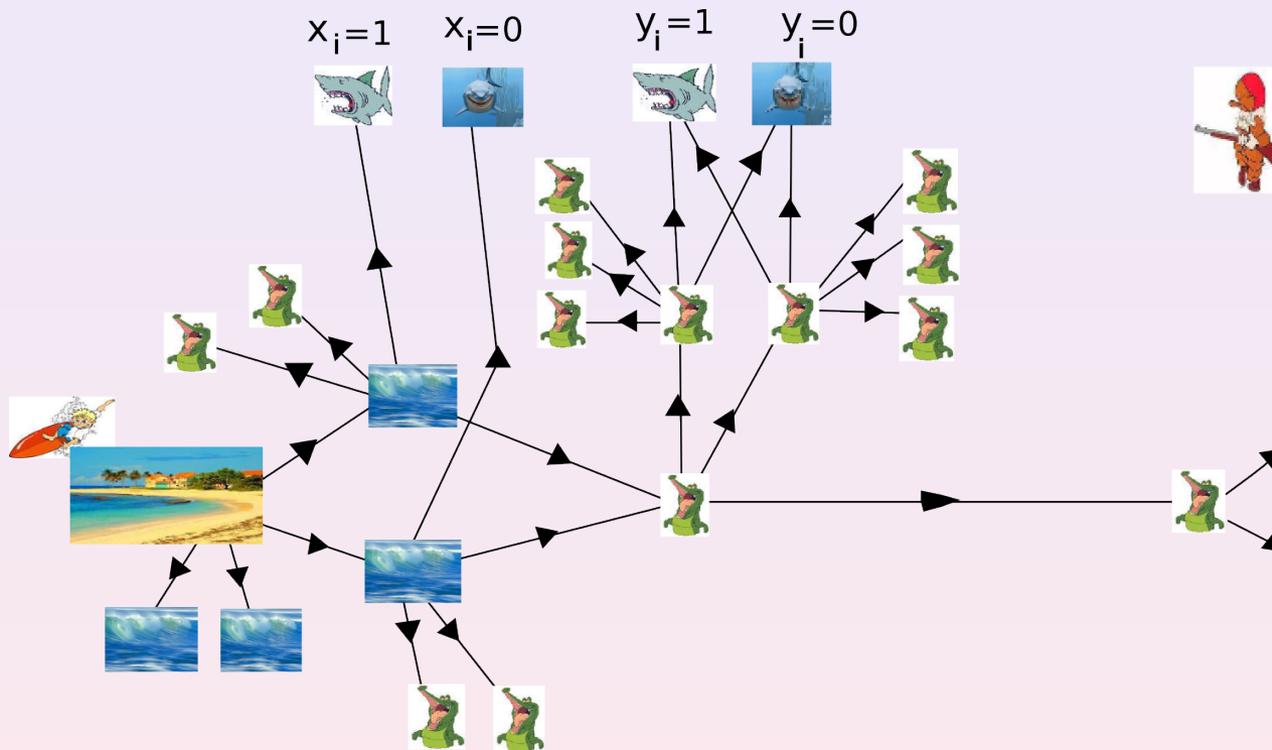


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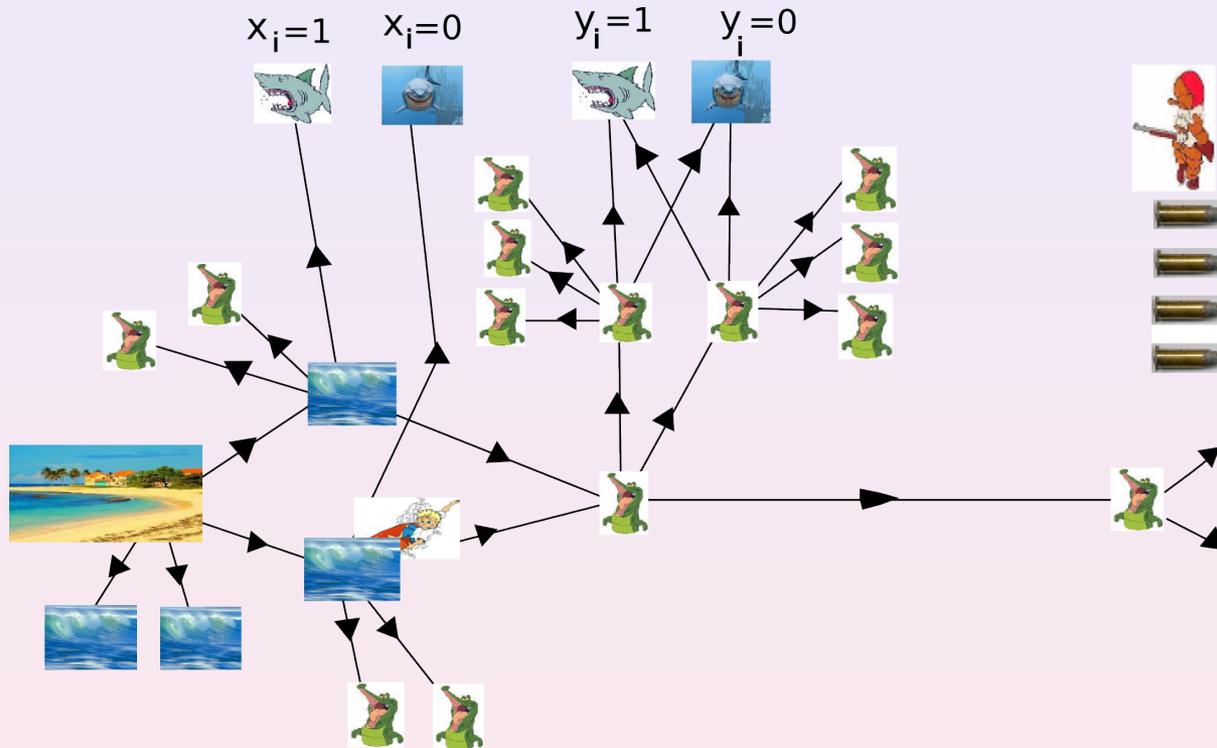


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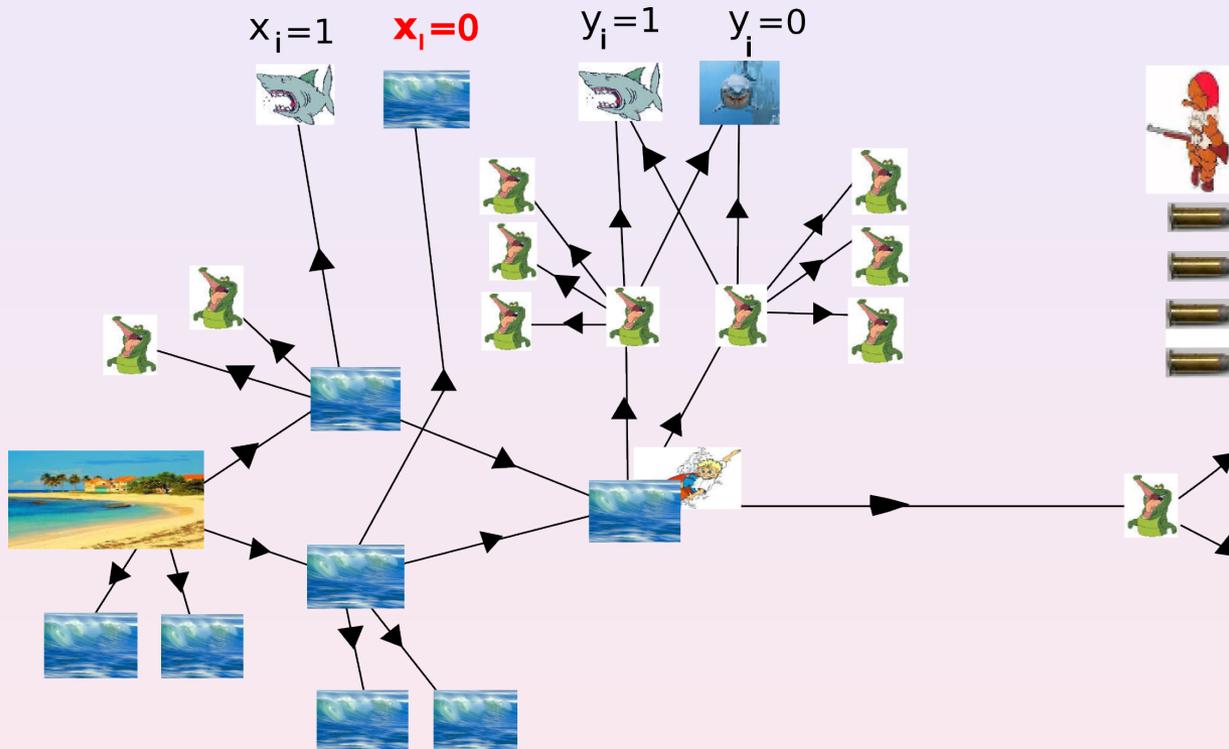


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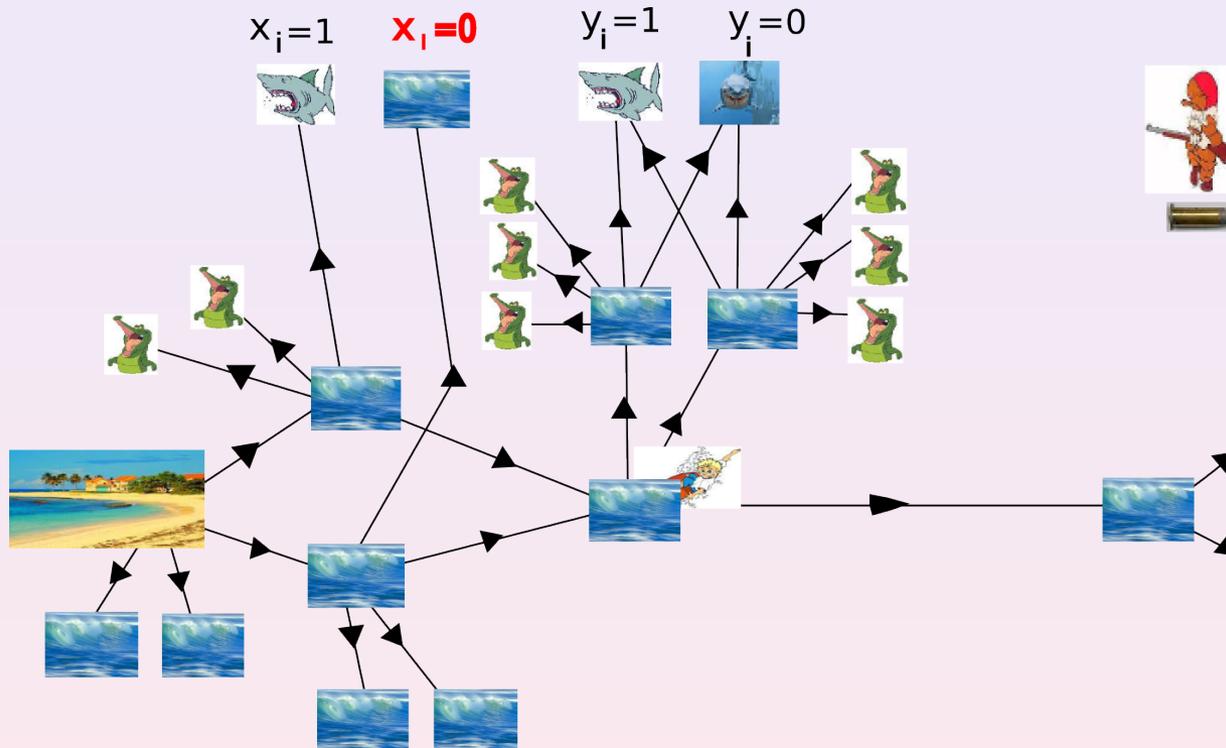


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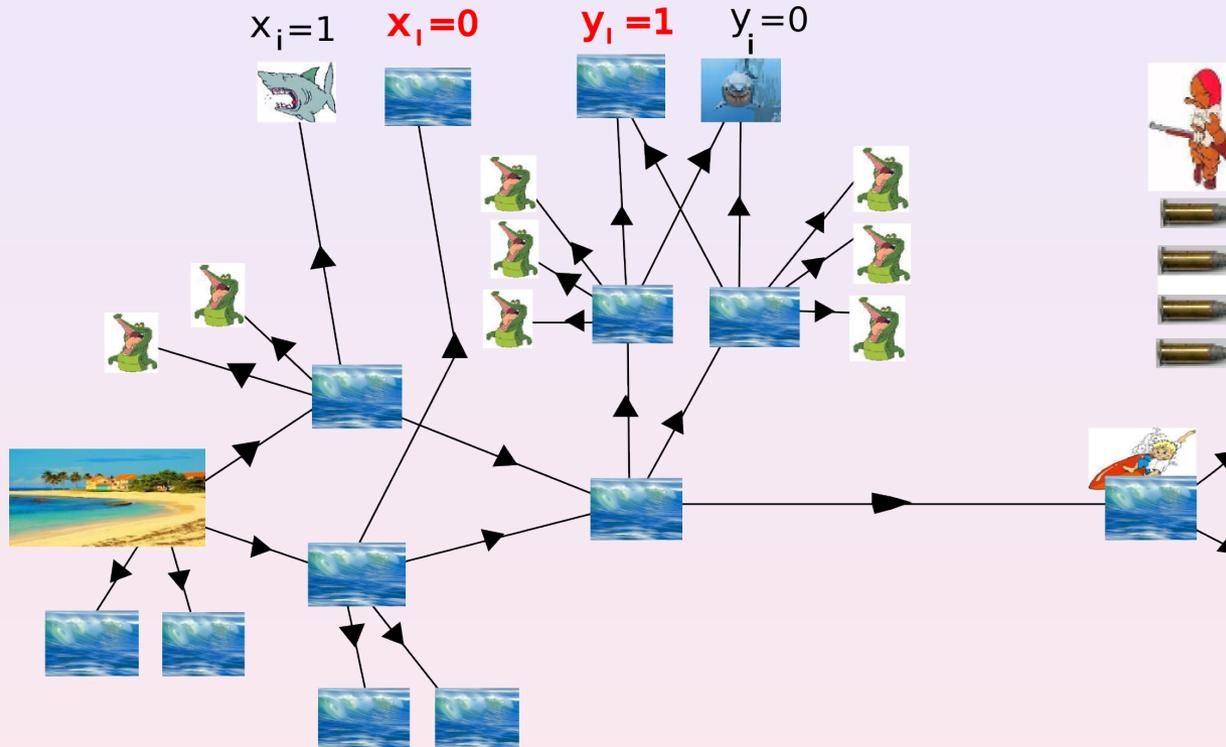


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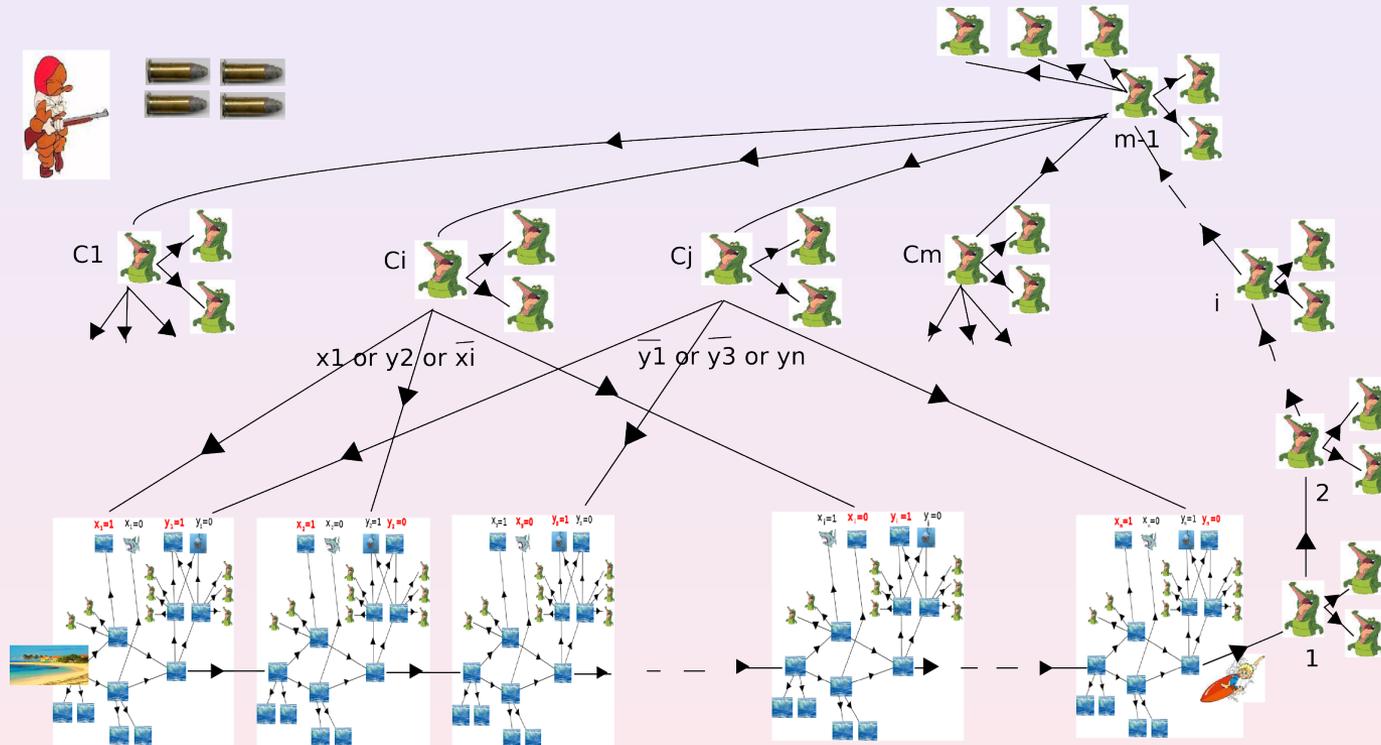
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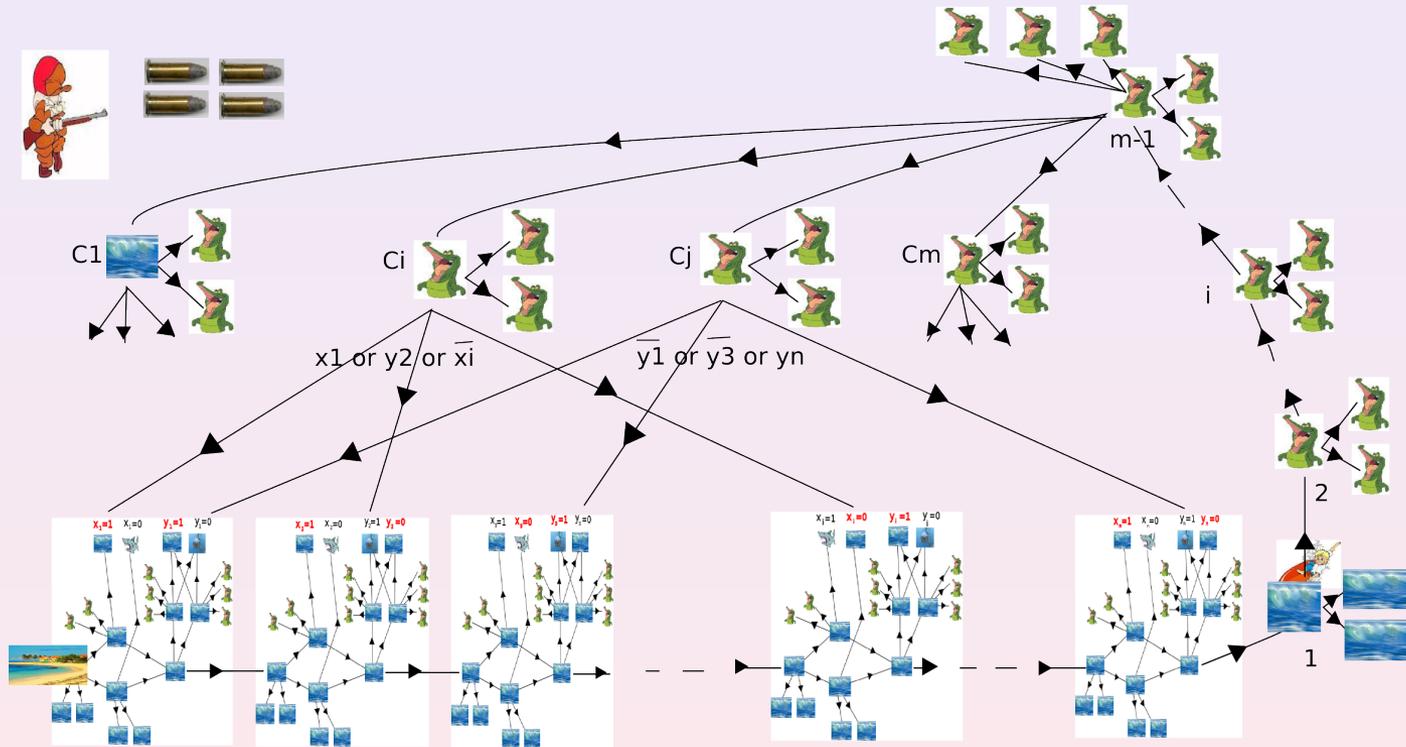


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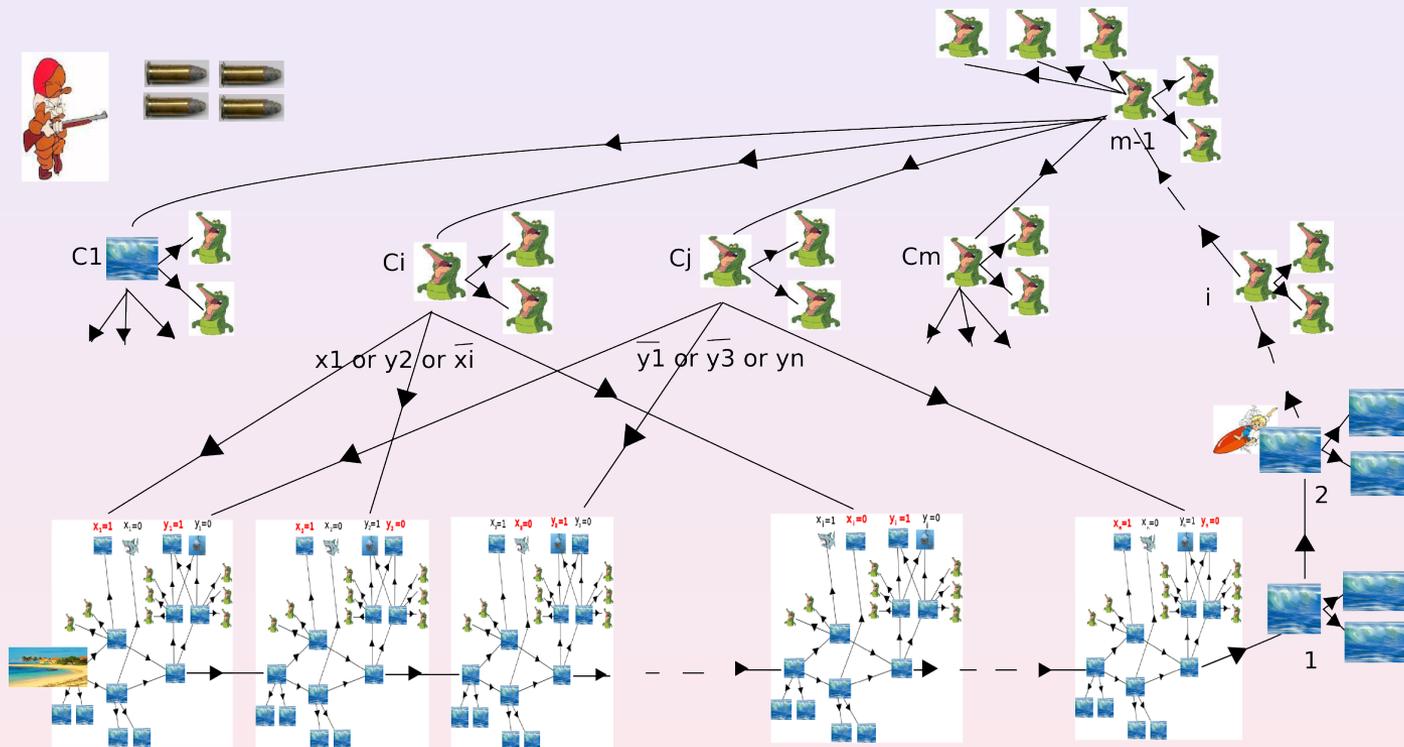


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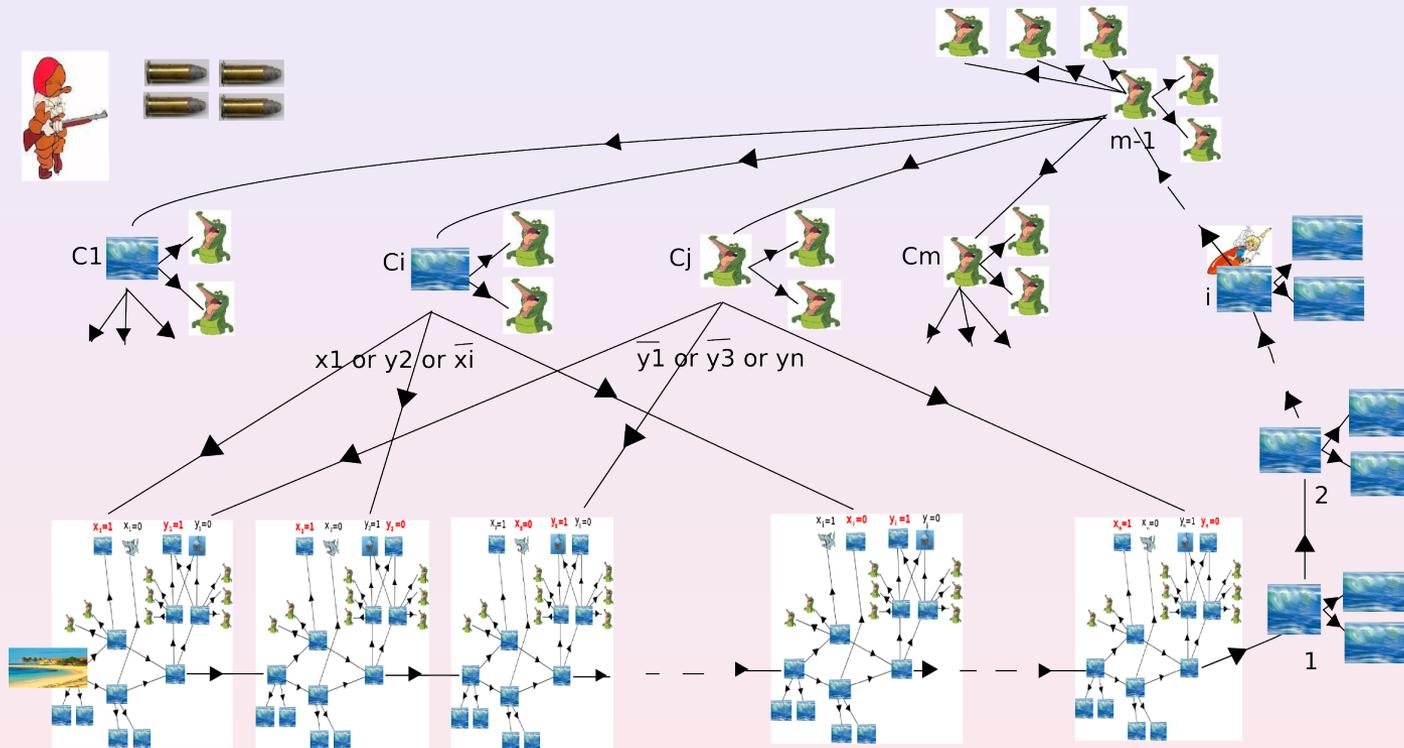
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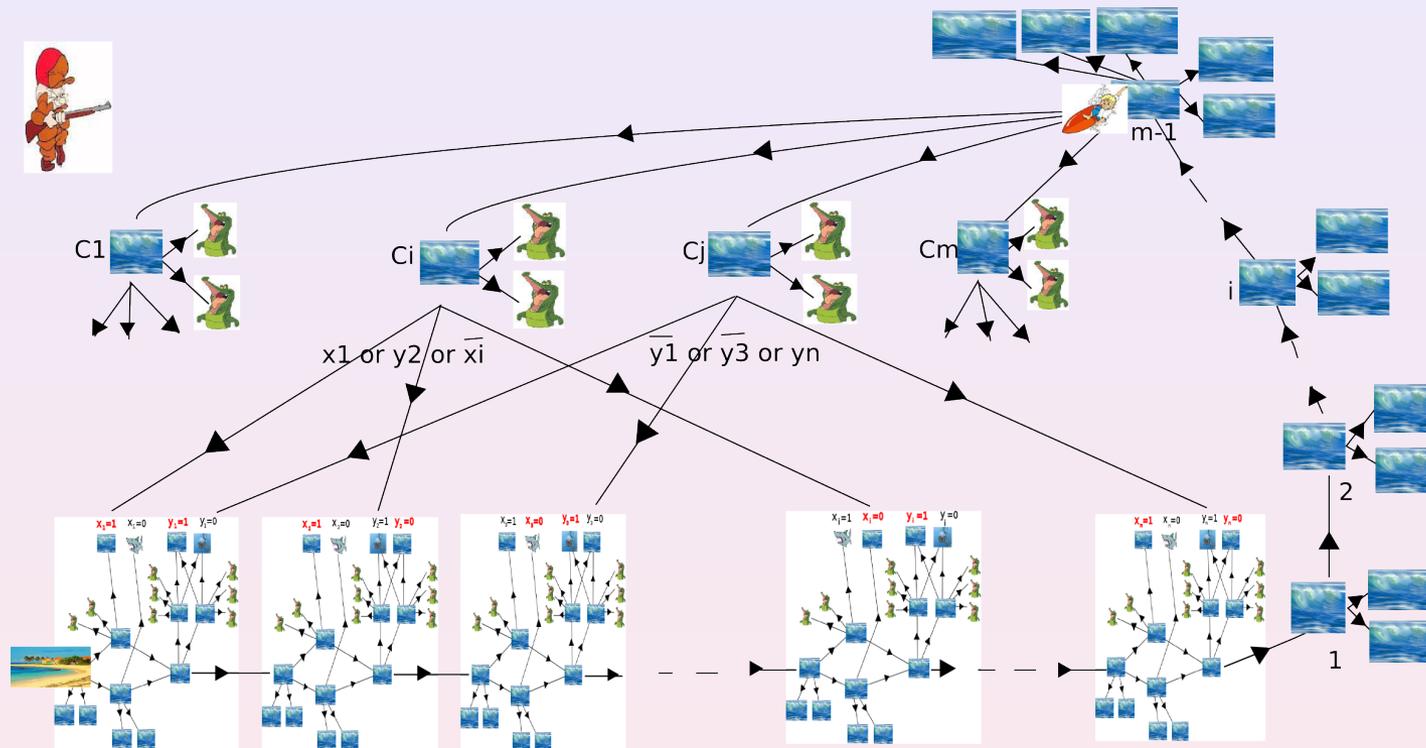


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$$sn(D, v_0) \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow \forall x_1 \dots \exists y_n \Phi \text{ true}$$

# Take-Aways



- **Space Complexity:**
  - Non-determinism not very strong (Savitch)
    - $NL \subseteq SPACE(\log^2)$
    - $PSPACE = NPSPACE$  (padding argument)
- **Complete problems:**
  - **CONNECTIVITY is NL-complete**
  - **QSAT is PSPACE-complete**
- **Hierarchy:**
  - $P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME.$**

# Take-Aways



- **PSPACE utile pour les jeux :**

	Complexité des Jeux	
Longueur des parties	Polynomiale	Exponentielle
1 joueur	NP(-c)	PSPACE(-c)
2 joueurs	PSPACE(-c)	EXPTIME(-c)

- **Exple:** Sokoban et Surfeur.