

# Unbeatable Strategies

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We have seen:

- $\text{Det}(\text{Open})$  and  $\text{Det}(\text{Closed})$  (Gale-Stewart, 1953).
- $\text{Det}(F_{\sigma})$  and  $\text{Det}(G_{\delta})$  (Wolfe, 1955).
- $\text{Det}(F_{\sigma\delta})$  and  $\text{Det}(G_{\delta\sigma})$  (Morton Davis, 1964).
- $\text{Det}(\text{Borel})$  (Tony Martin, 1975).
- Assuming “large cardinals”,  $\text{Det}(\text{projective})$  (Martin-Steel, 1989).
- $AD = \text{Det}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}))$ ; it is inconsistent with AC.

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The original proof is due to Mycielski-Świerczkowski (1964) but we present a proof of Harrington.

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Easy to see that  $a : 2^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous and  $\text{ran}(a) = [0, 1]$  (think of  $x$  as the binary expansion of  $a(x)$ ).

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Intuition: I attempts to play a real number in  $A$ , while II attempts to “cover” that real number with the  $I_n$ 's (of an increasingly smaller measure.)

# The main result

## Theorem

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $\epsilon$  be given.

- 1 If  $I$  has w.s. in  $G_{\mu}(A, \epsilon)$  then there is a measurable  $Z \subseteq A$  with  $\mu(Z) > 0$ .
- 2 If  $II$  has w.s. in  $G_{\mu}(A, \epsilon)$  then there is an open  $O$  such that  $A \subseteq O$  and  $\mu(O) < \epsilon$ .

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But if  $\mu(Z) = 0$  then  $Z$  can be covered by  $\{I_{y_n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  satisfying  $\forall n (\mu(I_{y_n}) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2(n+1)}})$ . Then if II plays  $y = \langle y_0, y_1, \dots \rangle$

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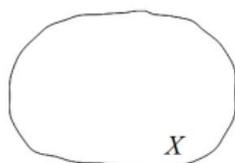
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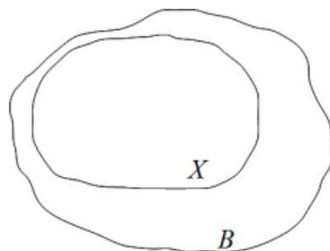


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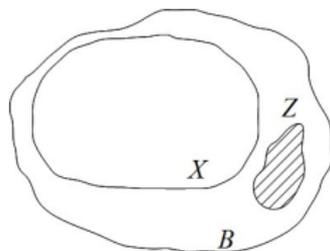
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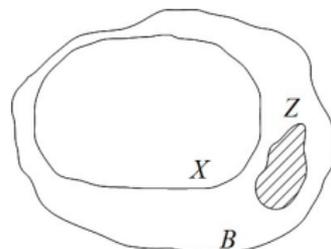
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Note: the Perfect Set Property arose from Cantor's original attempts to prove the Continuum Hypothesis. If all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfied this property, then all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  would be either countable or have cardinality  $2^{\aleph_0}$  (since  $|2^{\mathbb{N}}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ ). But using AC one can construct counterexamples.

# Perfect Set Property and AD

Theorem (Morton Davis)

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Let  $\sim$  be the equivalent relation on  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x \sim y$  iff  $\{n \mid x(n) \neq y(n)\}$  is finite. For each equivalence class  $[x]_{\sim}$ , let  $s_{[x]_{\sim}}$  be some fixed element from that class. Now define  $X$  by

$$x \in X \iff |\{n \mid x(n) \neq s_{[x]_{\sim}}(n)\}| \text{ is even.}$$

This is a flip set: if  $x, y$  differ by exactly one digit, then  $s_{[x]_{\sim}} = s_{[y]_{\sim}}$ . But then, by definition, exactly one of  $x, y$  is in  $X$ .  $\square$

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## Theorem

$AD \implies$  *flip sets don't exist.*

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Definition ( $G^{**}(X)$ )

I:	$s_0$	$s_1$	$\dots$
II:	$t_0$	$t_1$	$\dots$

- $s_i, t_i \in \{0, 1\}^* \setminus \{\langle \rangle\}$ .
- Let  $z := s_0 \frown t_0 \frown s_1 \frown t_1 \frown \dots$ ; Player I wins iff  $z \in X$ .

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## Proof.

Assume  $\sigma$  is a w.s. for I in  $G^{**}(X)$ , then define  $\sigma'$ :

- The first move  $\sigma'(\langle \rangle)$  is a sequence of the same length as  $\sigma(\langle \rangle)$  but differs from it at exactly one digit.
- Next, play according to  $\sigma$ , **as if the first move was**  $\sigma(\langle \rangle)$ .

Clearly, for any sequence  $y$  of II's moves,  $\sigma * y$  and  $\sigma' * y$  differ by exactly one digit. Since  $\sigma * y \in X$  and  $X$  is a flip set,  $\sigma' * y \notin X$ , hence  $\sigma'$  is winning for I in  $G^{**}(2^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus X)$ .

The proof of 2 is analogous. □

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Let  $x = s \hat{\ } t \hat{\ } s_0 \hat{\ } t_0 \hat{\ } \dots$ ; then  $x \notin X$  since  $\tau$  was winning in the auxiliary game  $G^{**}(X)$ . Hence the strategy we just described is winning for I in  $G^{**}(2^{\mathbb{N}} \setminus X)$ . □

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Both situations are clearly absurd. □

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# Martin-Monk theorem

## Theorem (Martin-Monk)

*Assuming AD, the relation  $<_W$  is well-founded.  
(i.e., there are no infinite descending chains).*

## The local version

*Assume  $\Gamma$  is closed under continuous pre-images, finite unions, intersections and complements, and contains closed sets. Then  $\text{Det}(\Gamma) \Rightarrow$  the relation  $<_W$  restricted to sets in  $\Gamma$  is well-founded.*



Simultaneous Exhibition (Simul)

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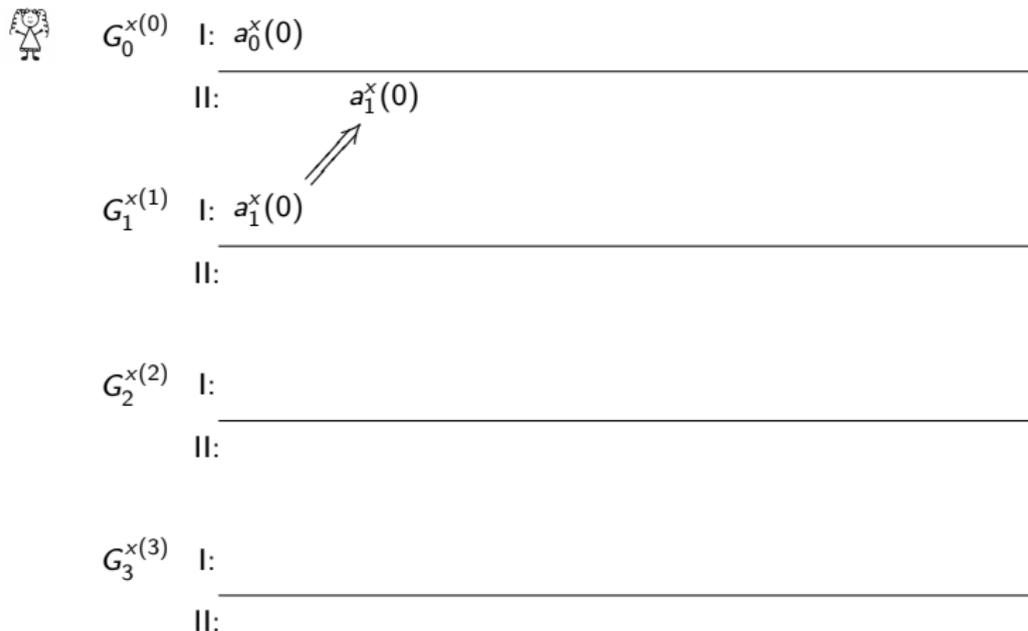
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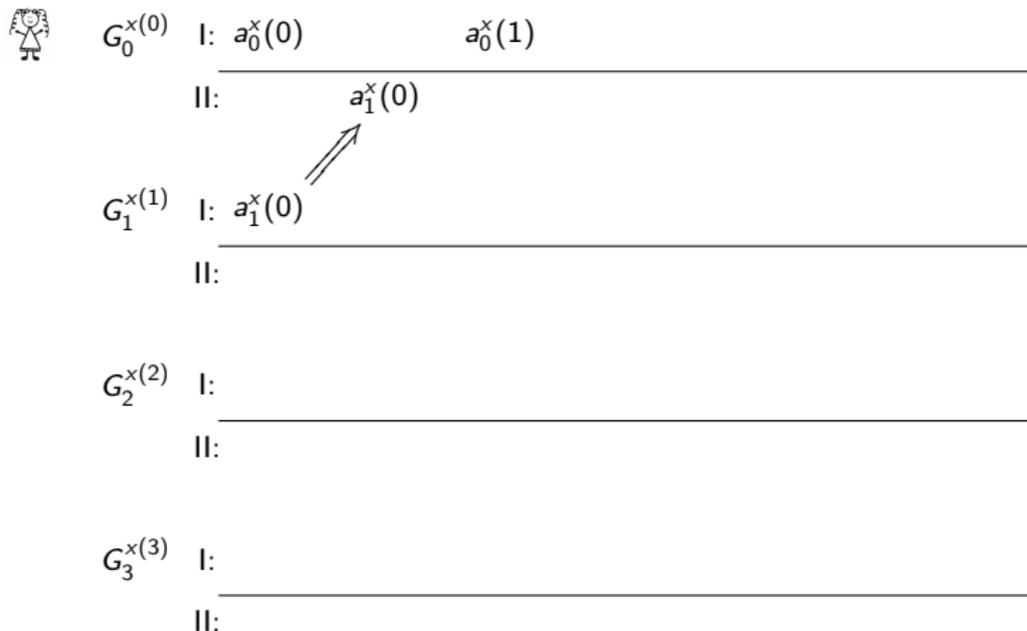
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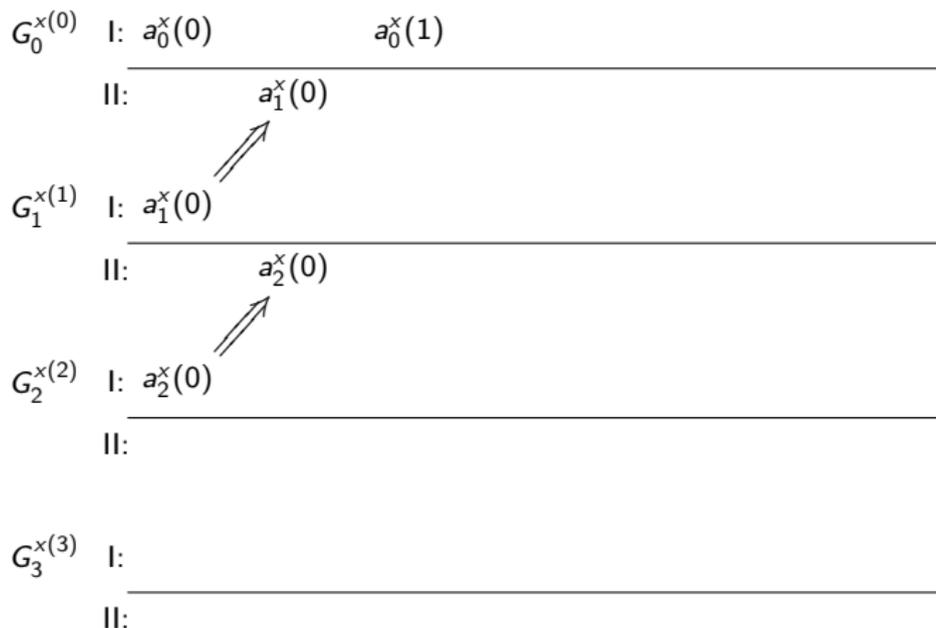
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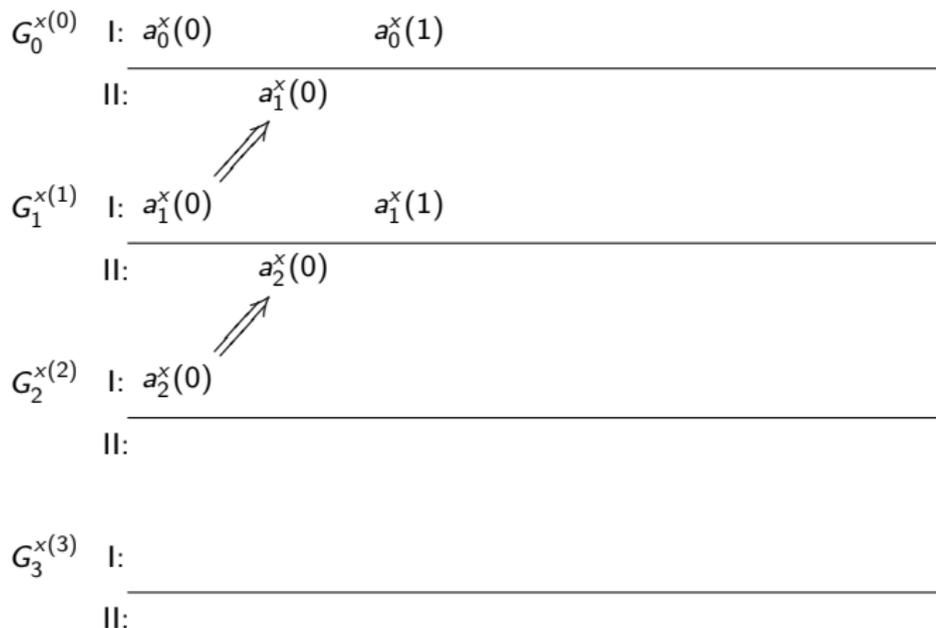
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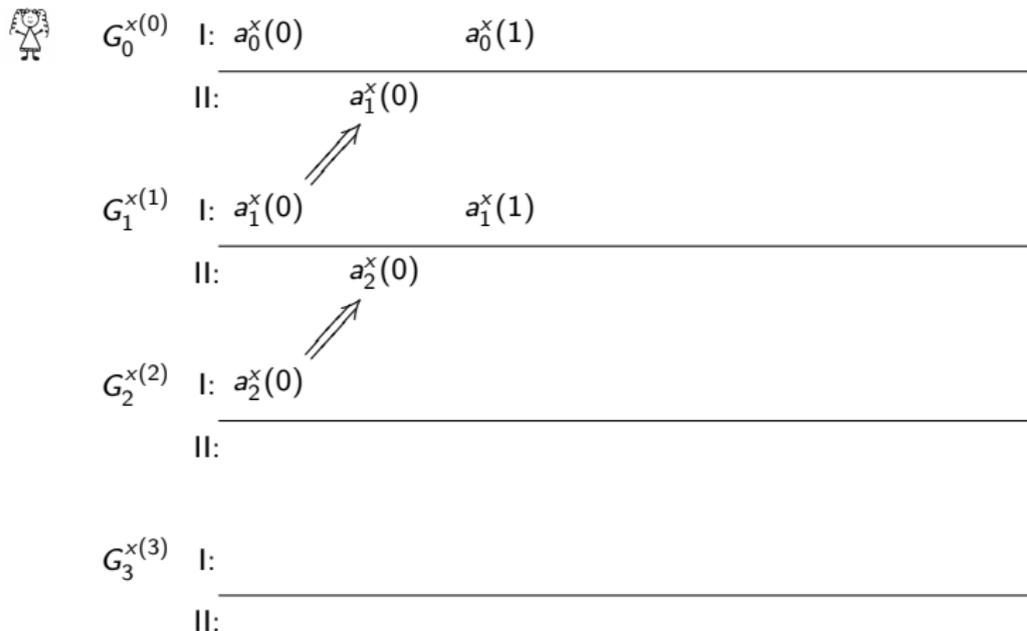
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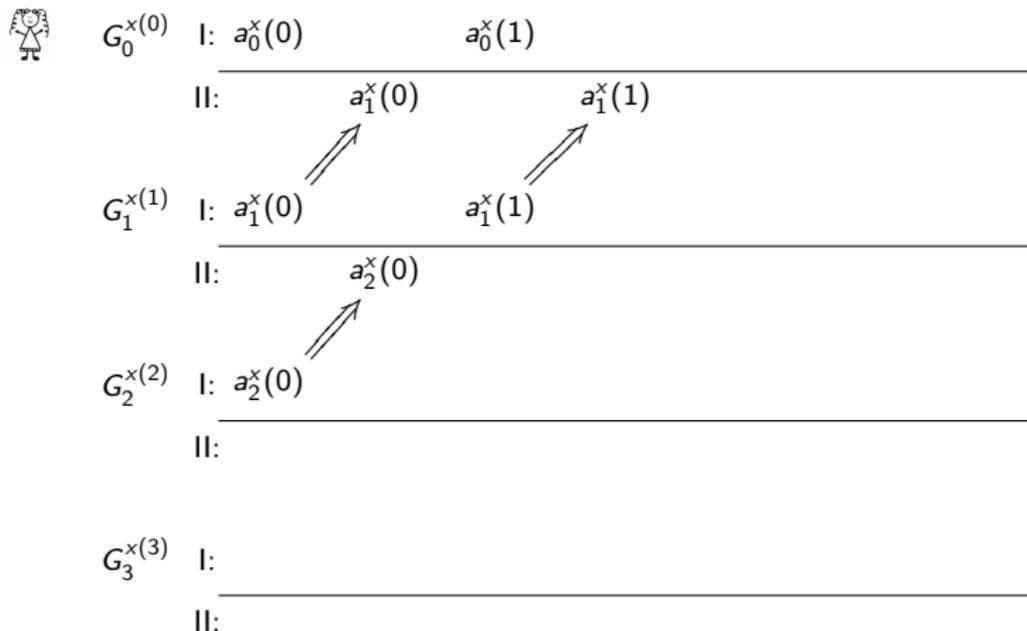
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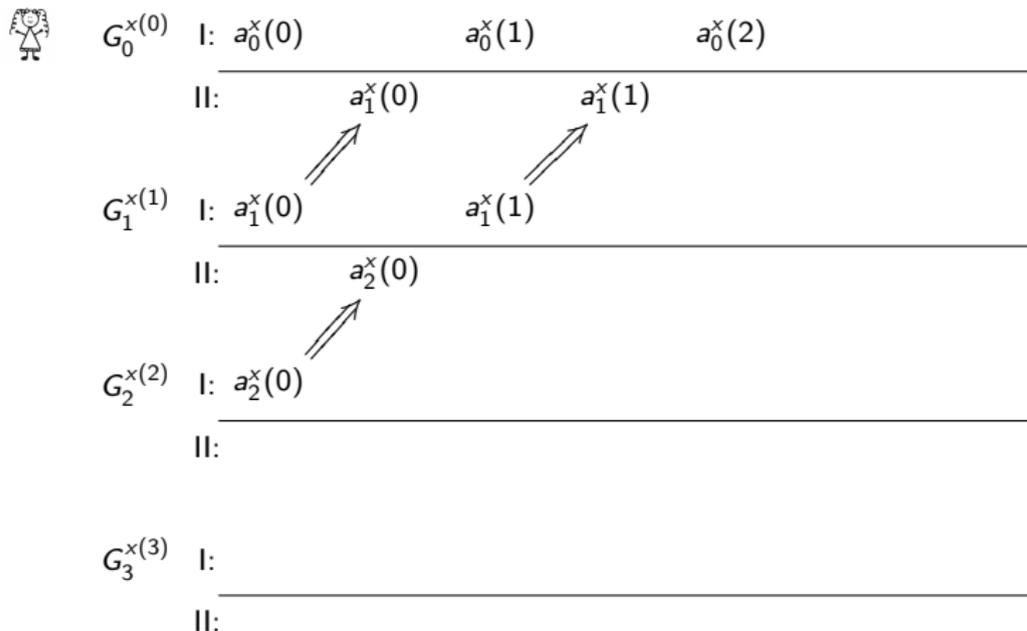
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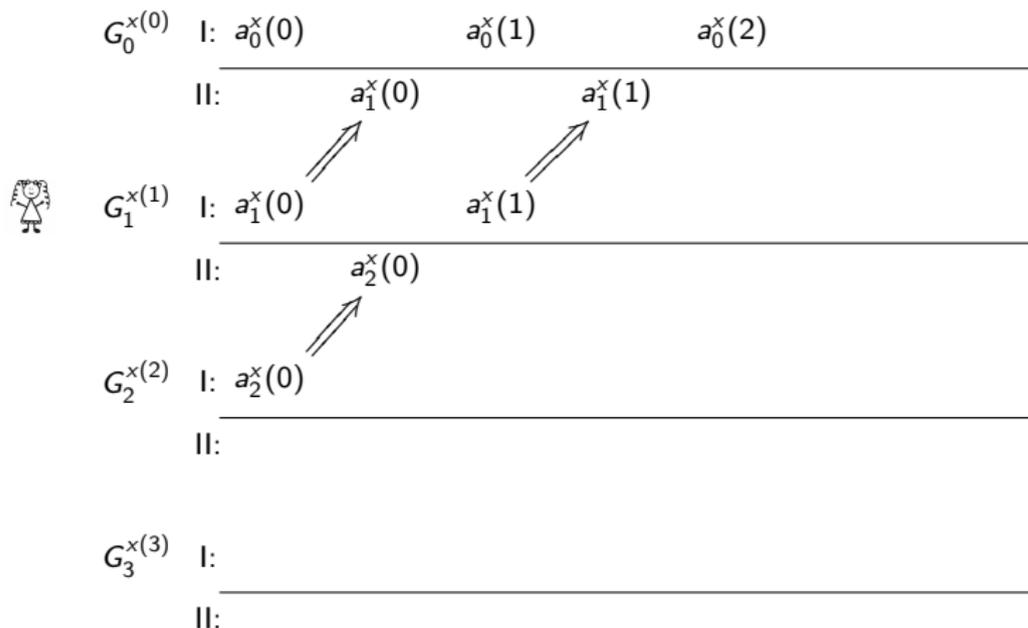
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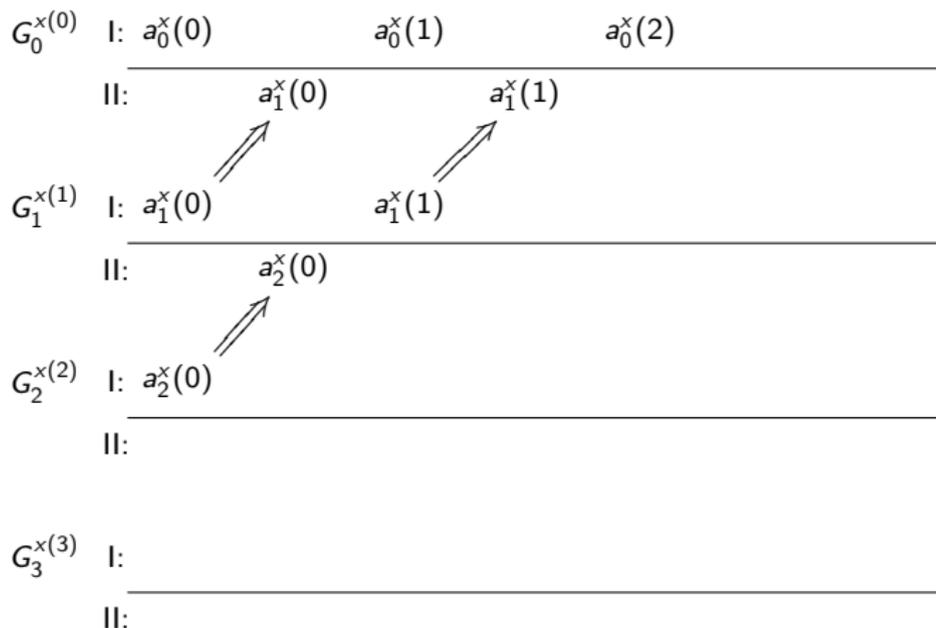
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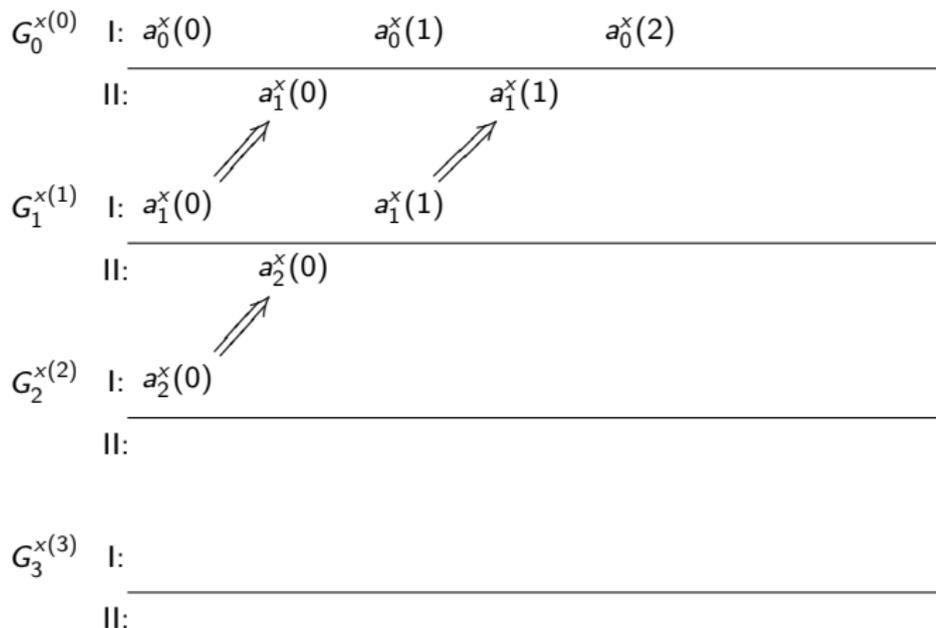
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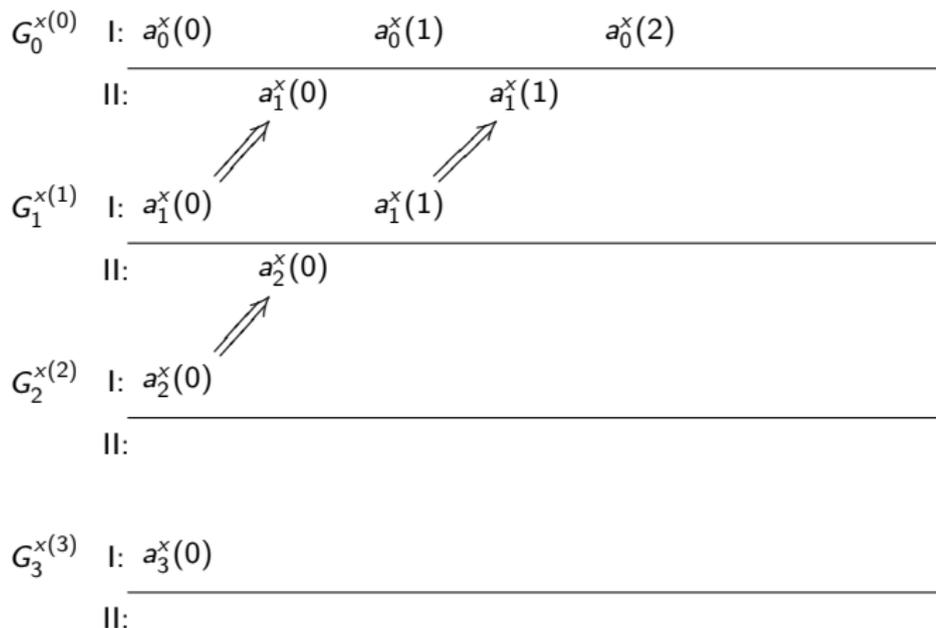
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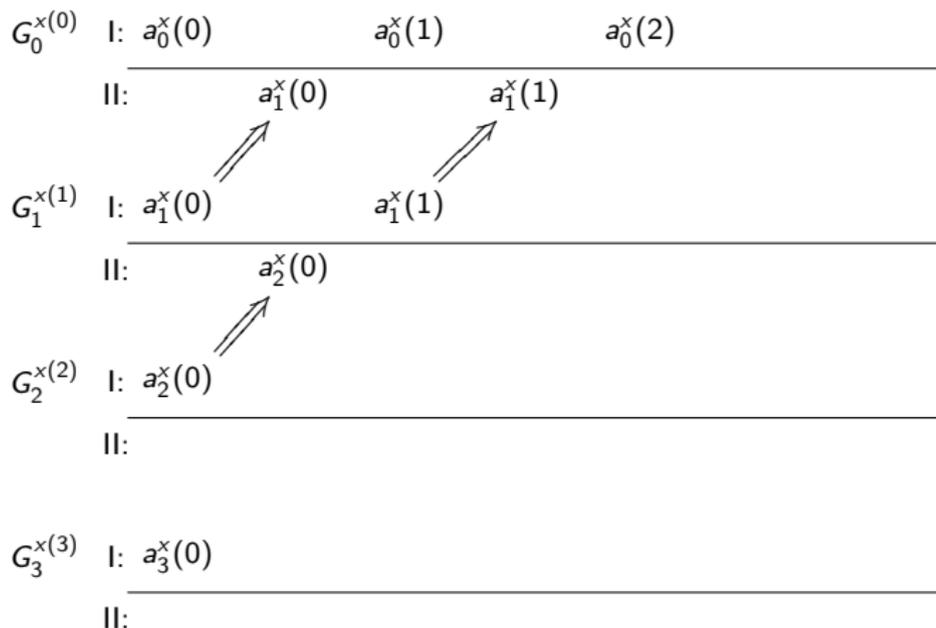


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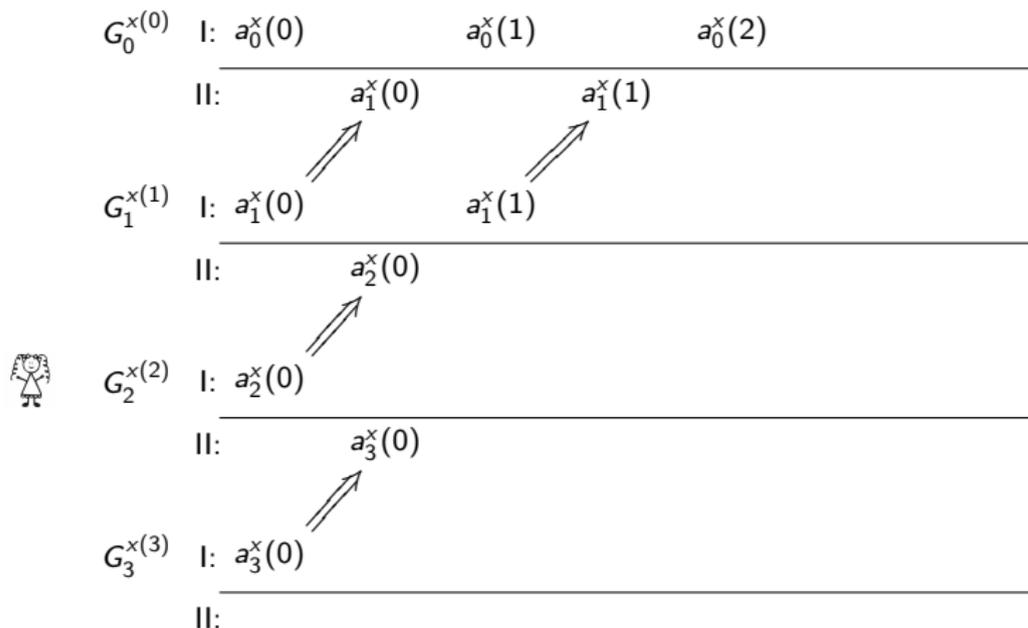
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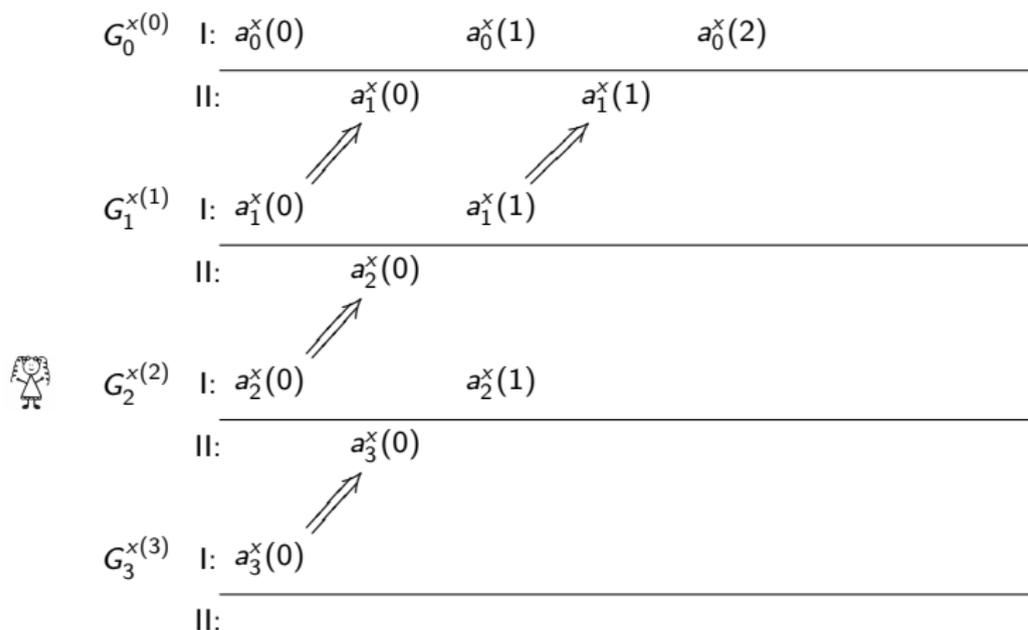
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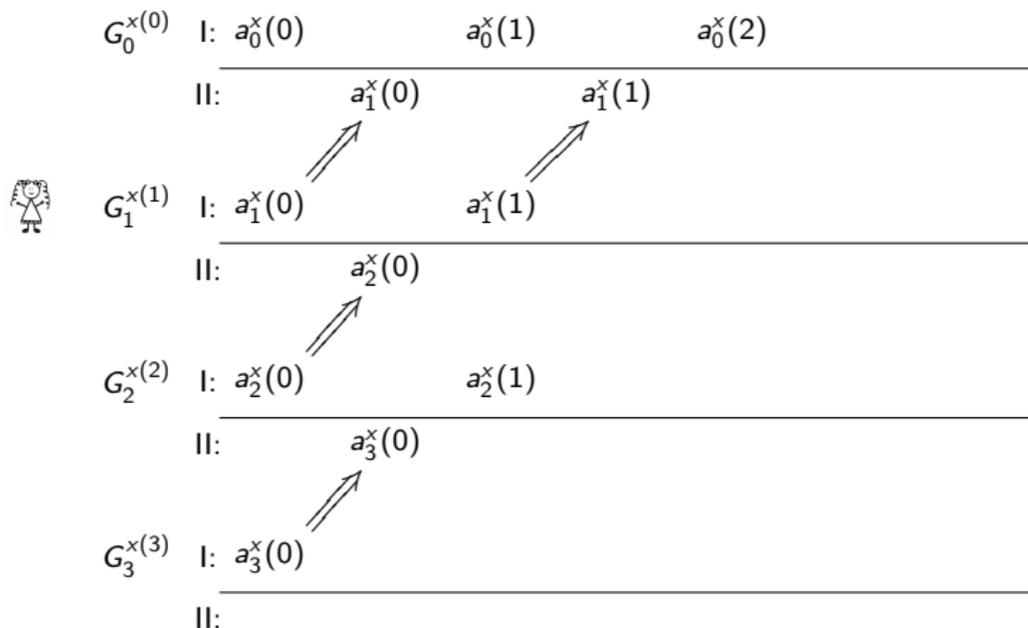
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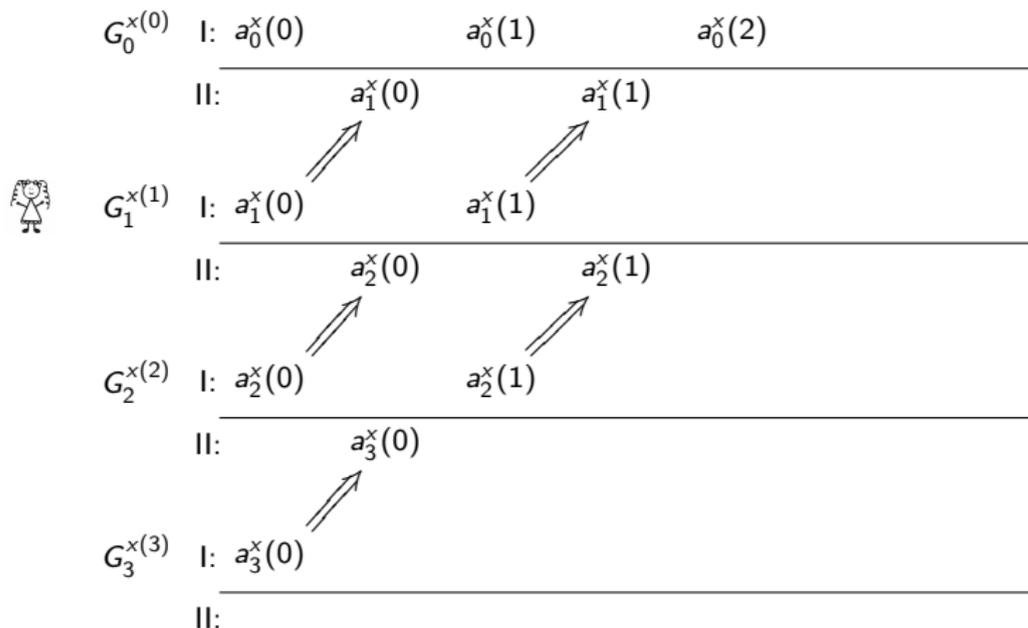
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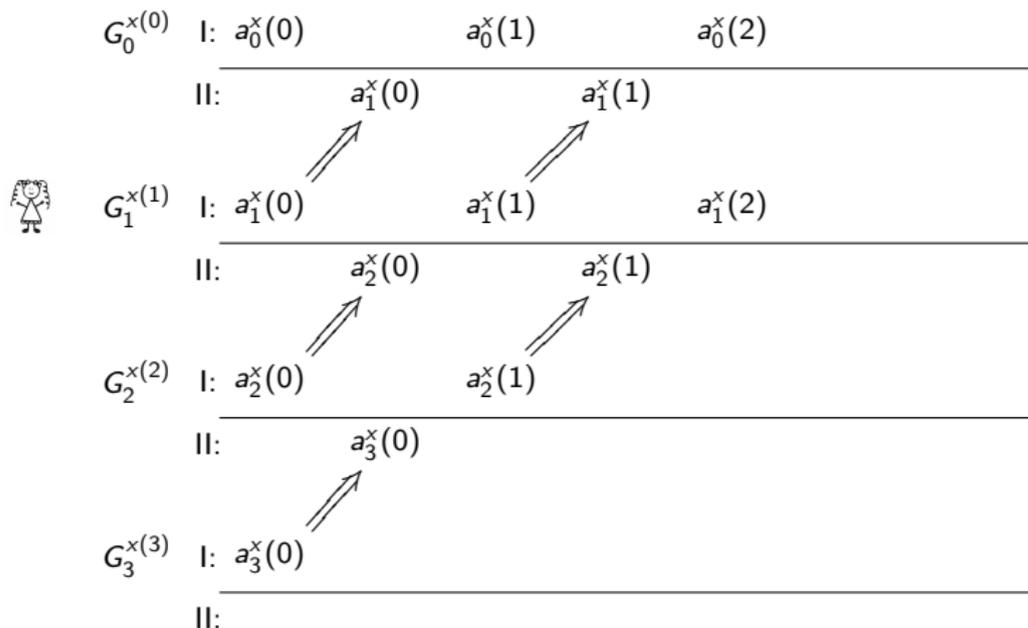
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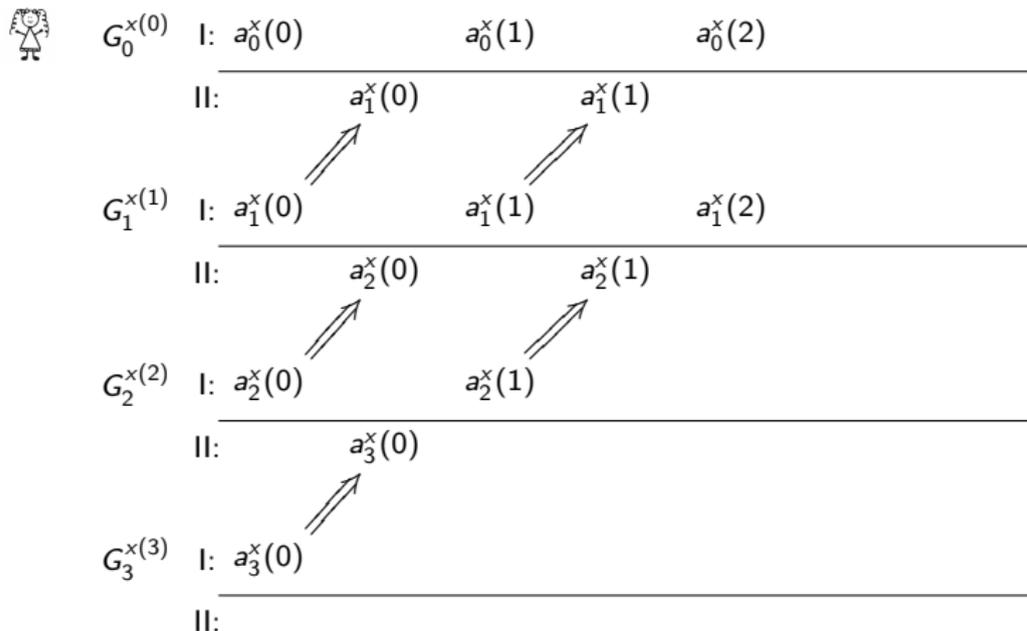
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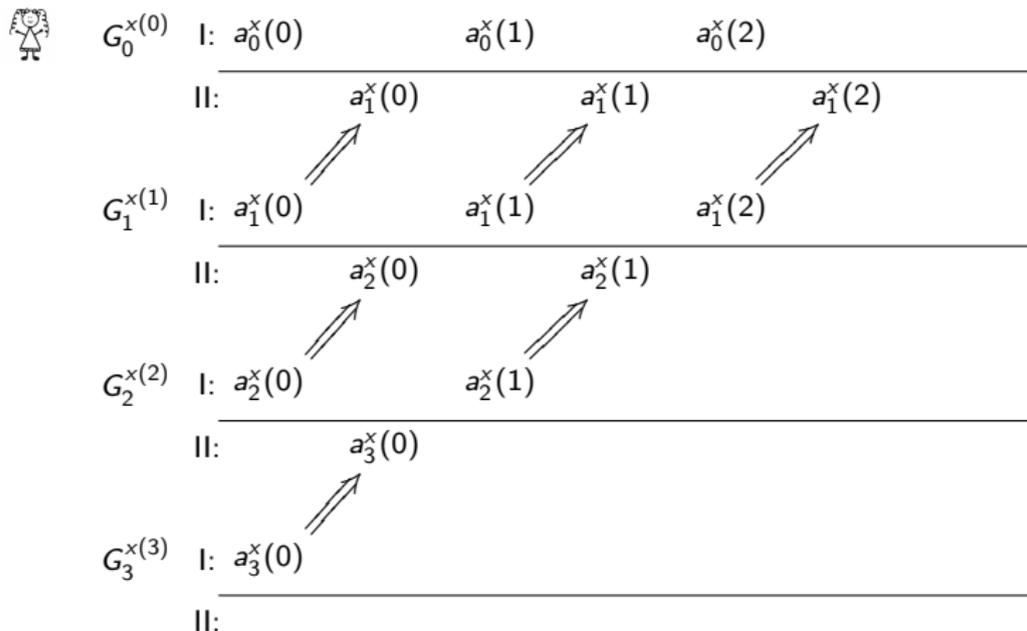
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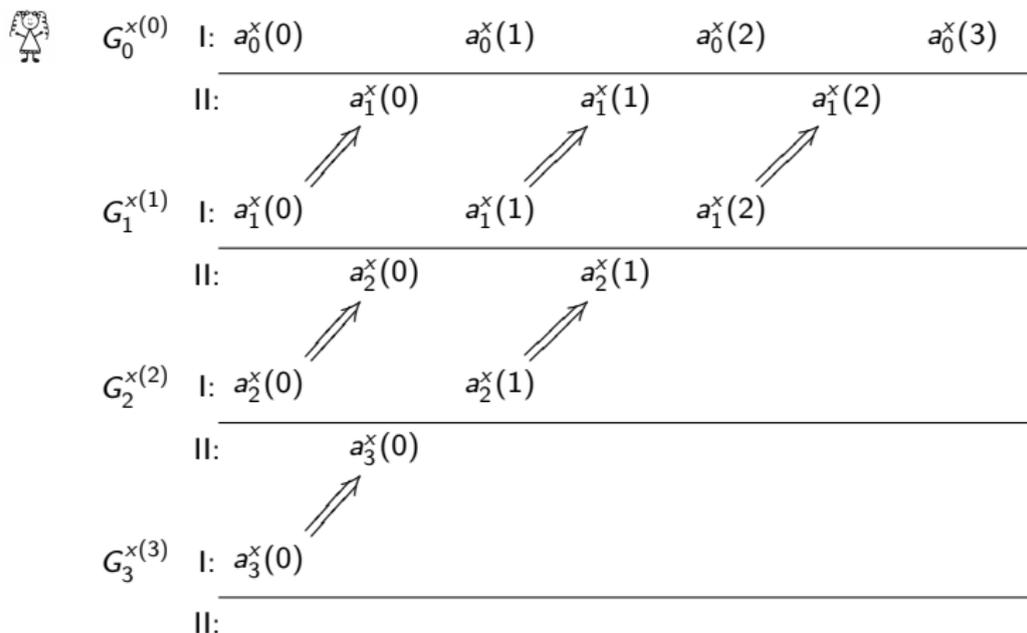
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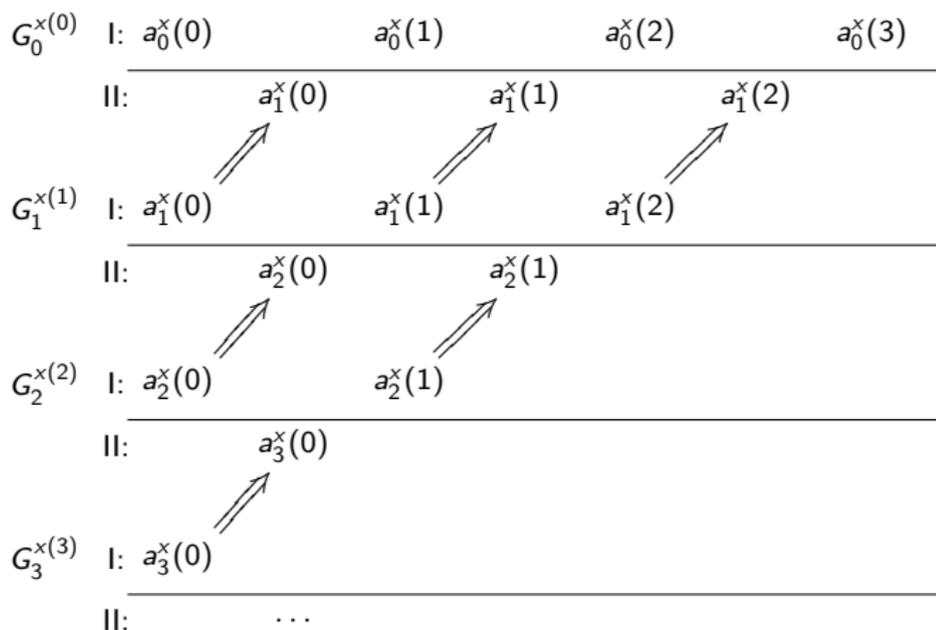
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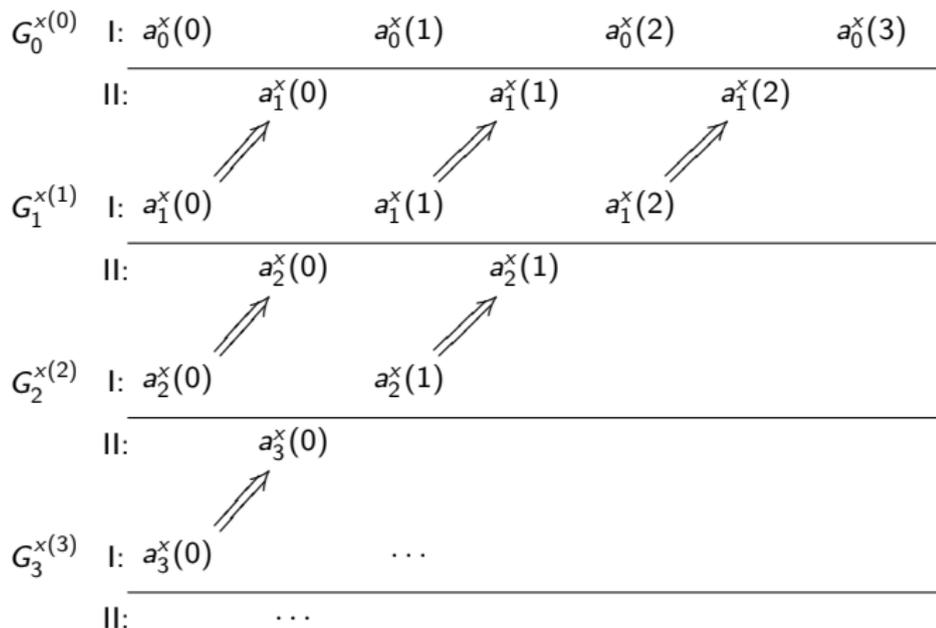
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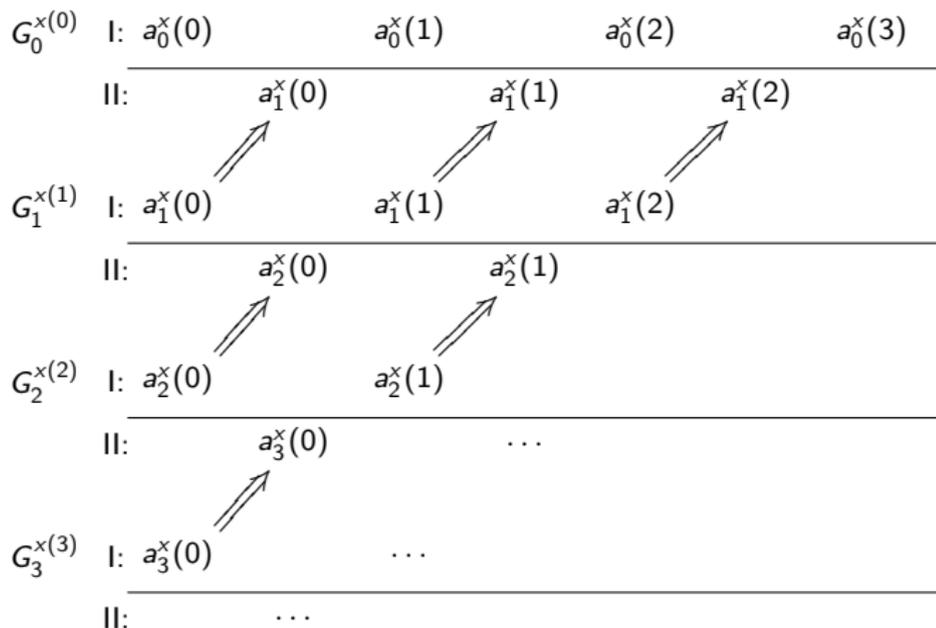
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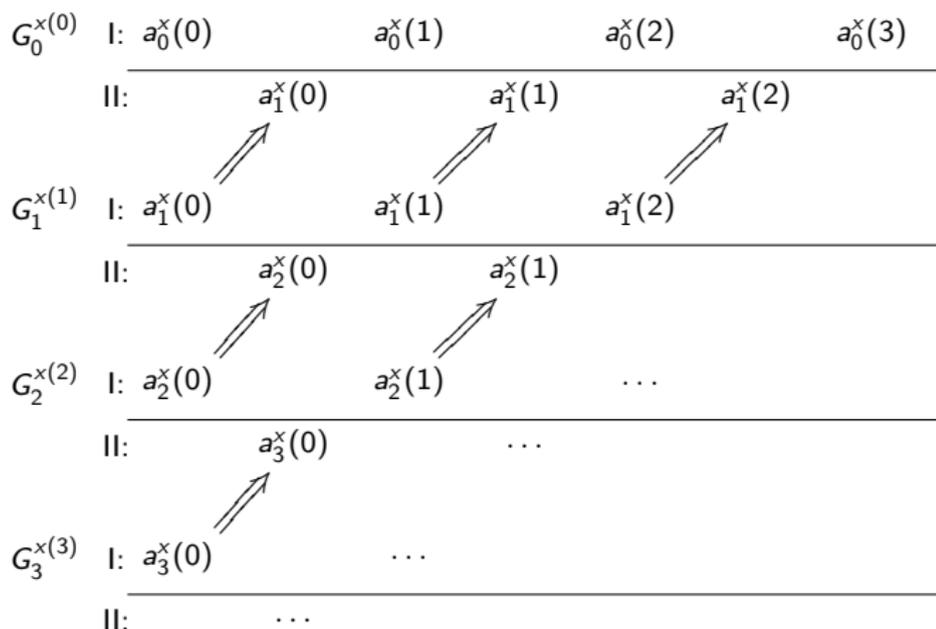
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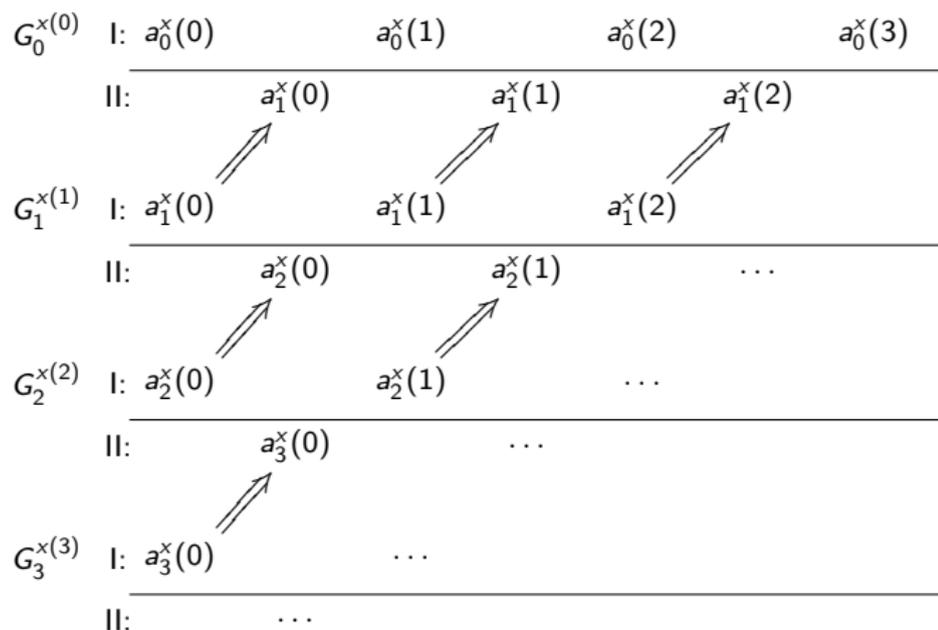
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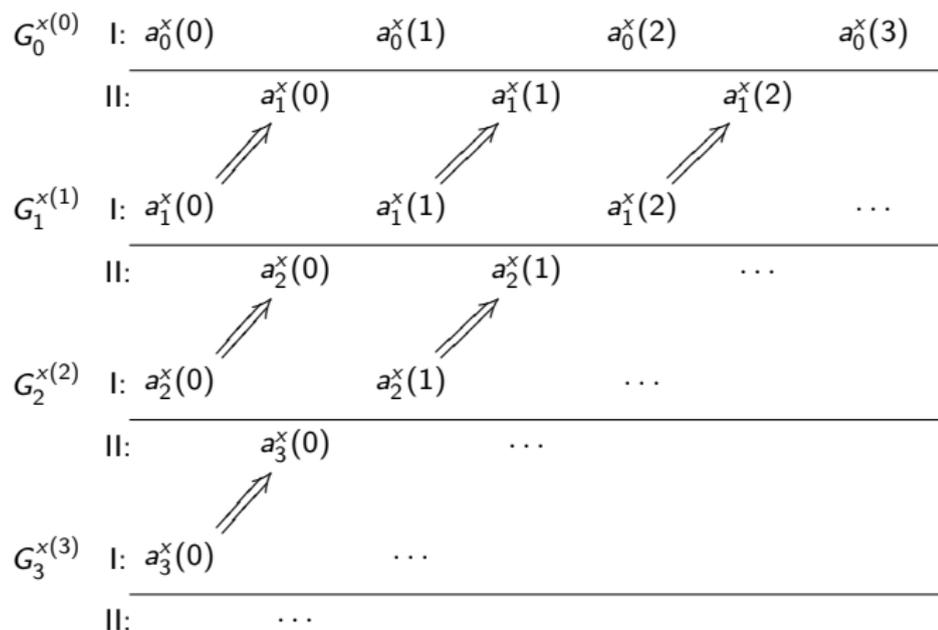
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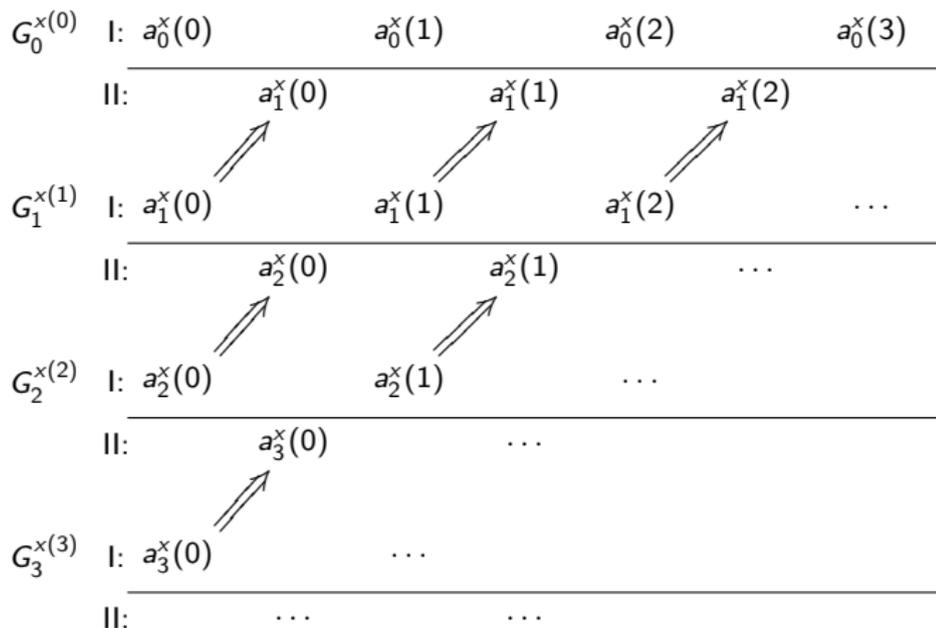
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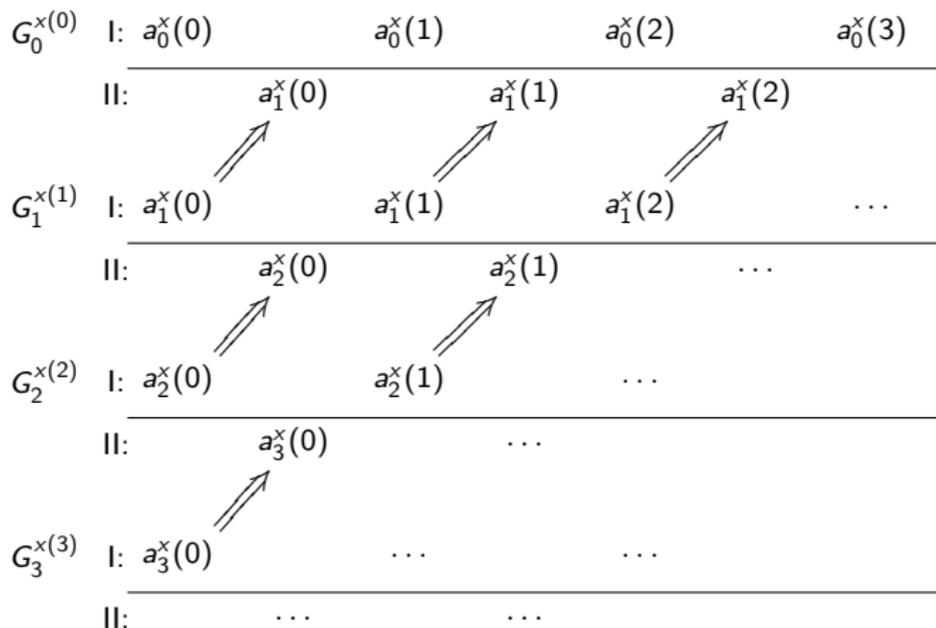
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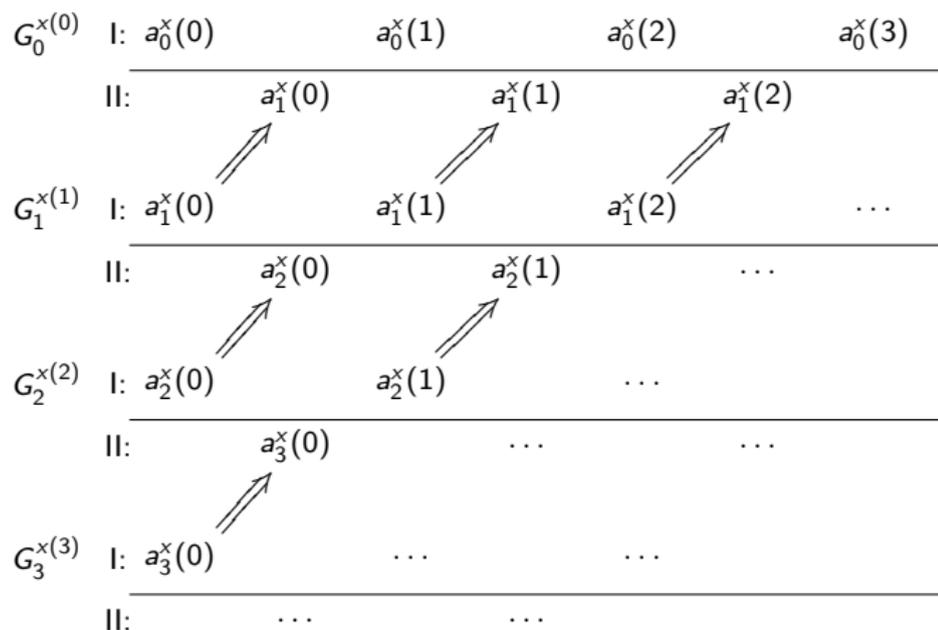
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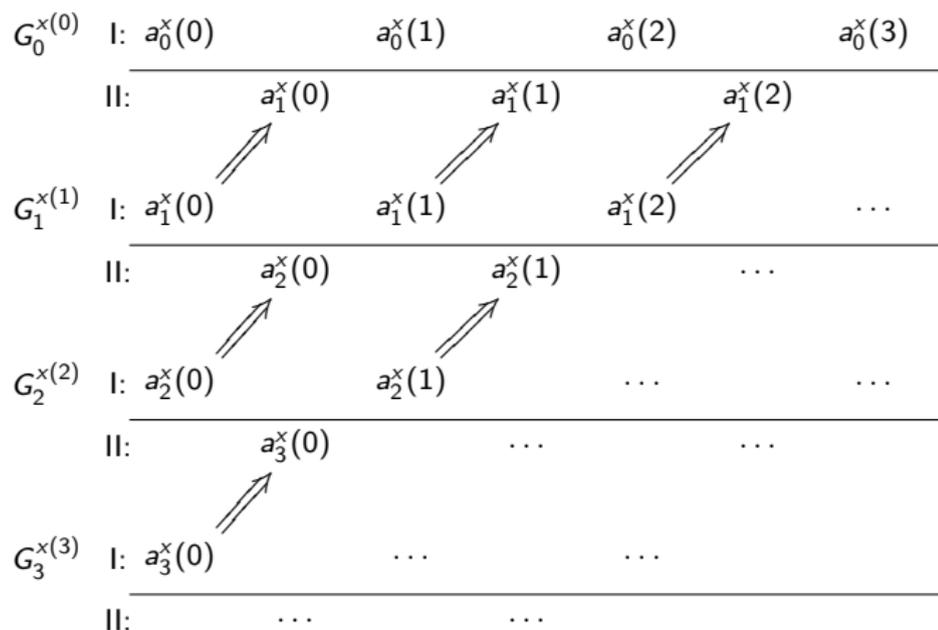
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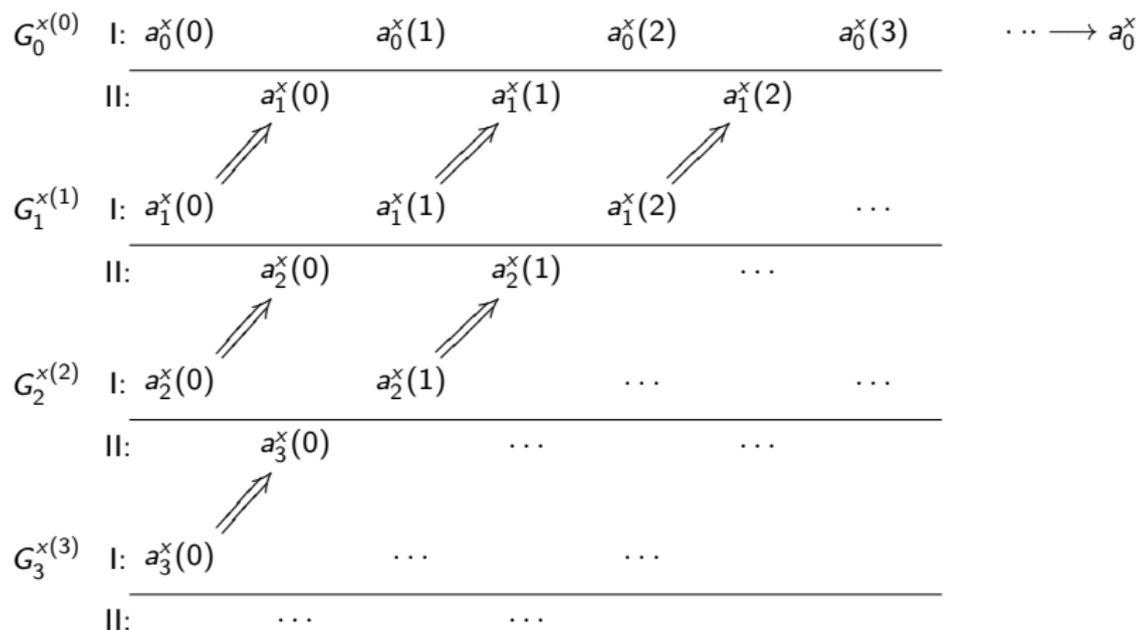
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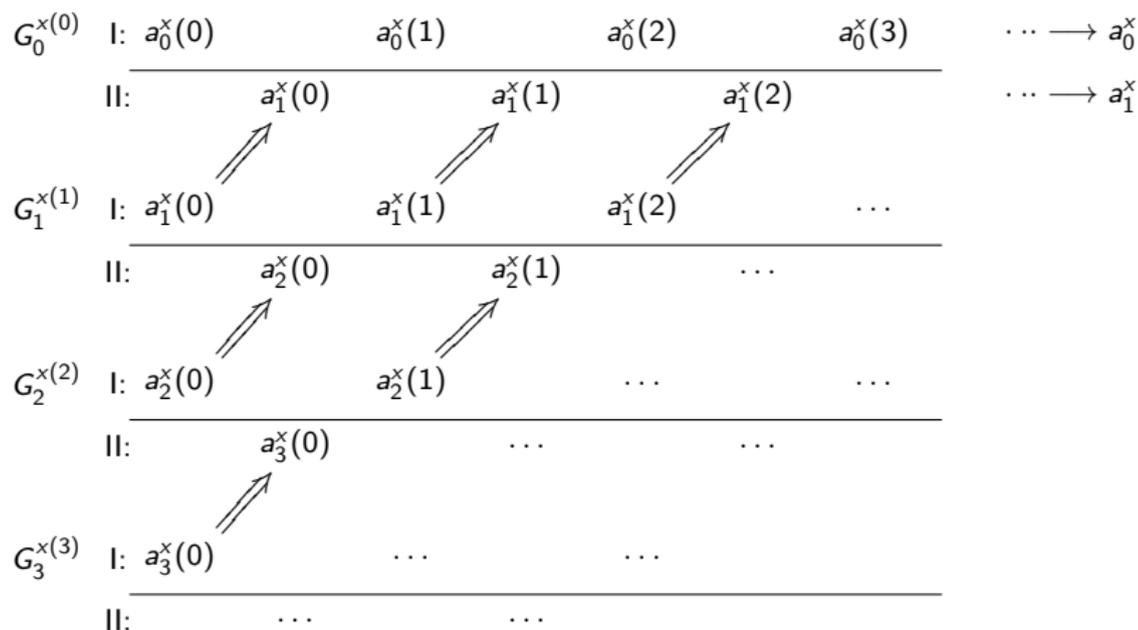
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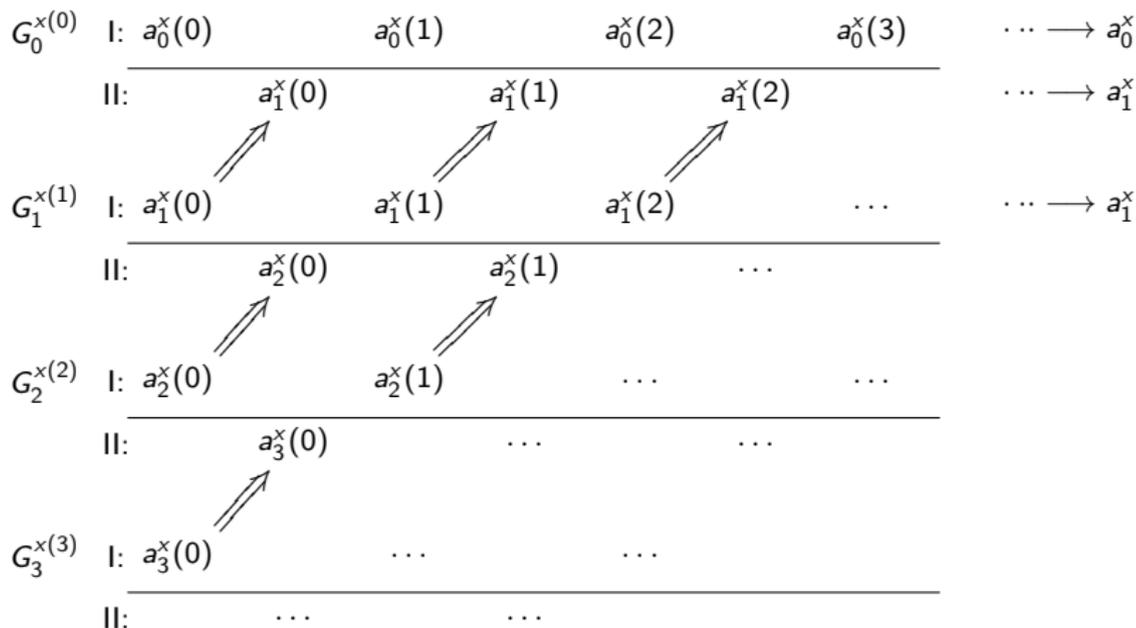
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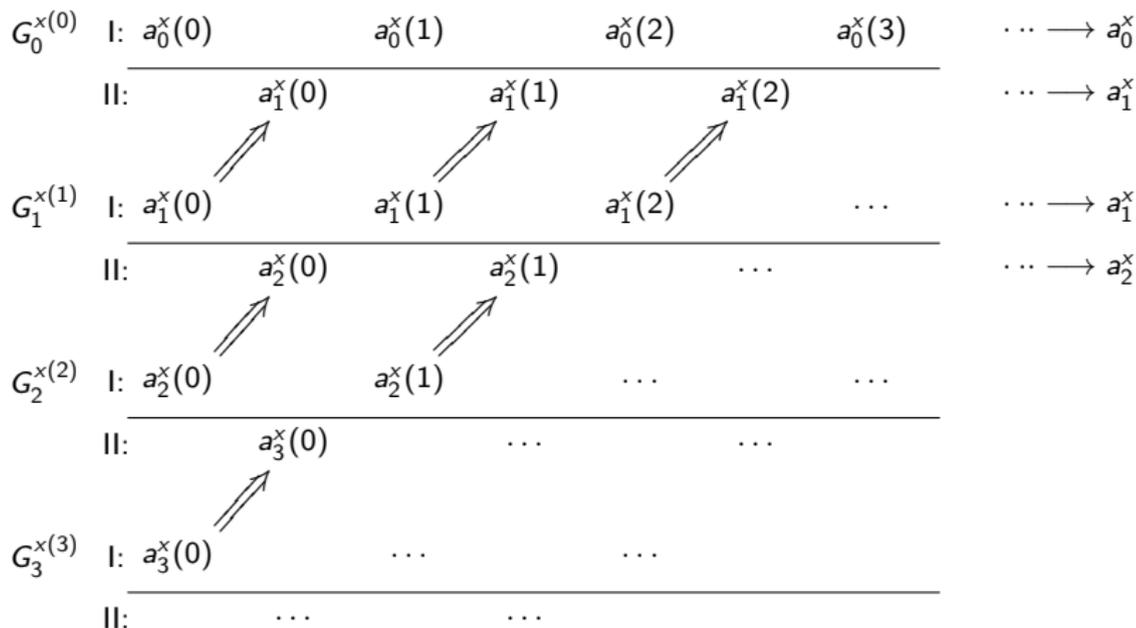
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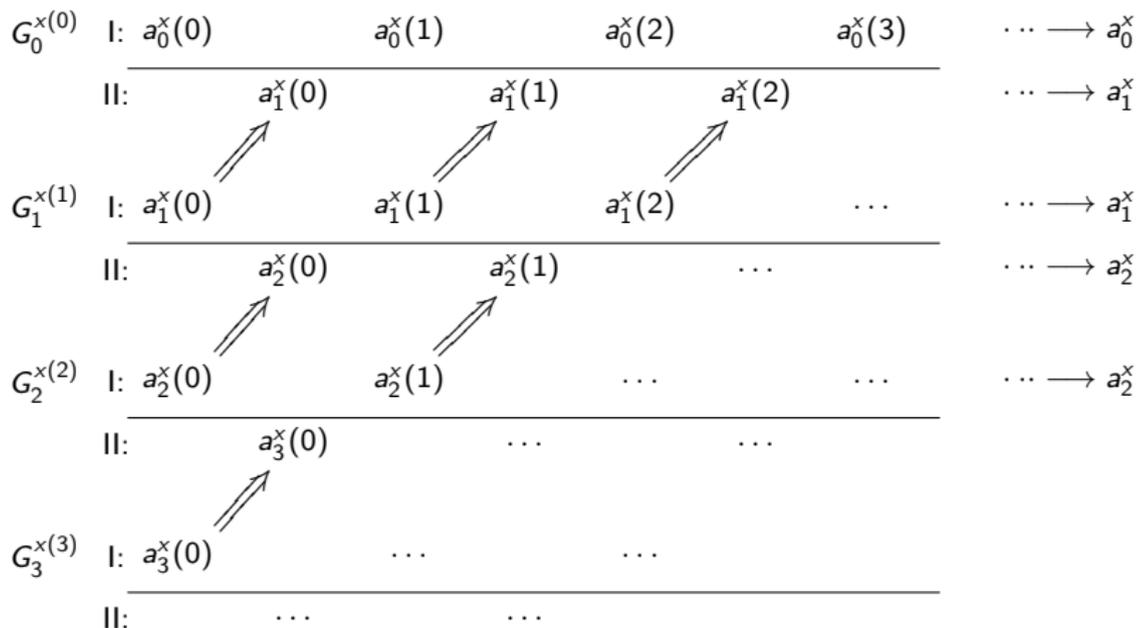
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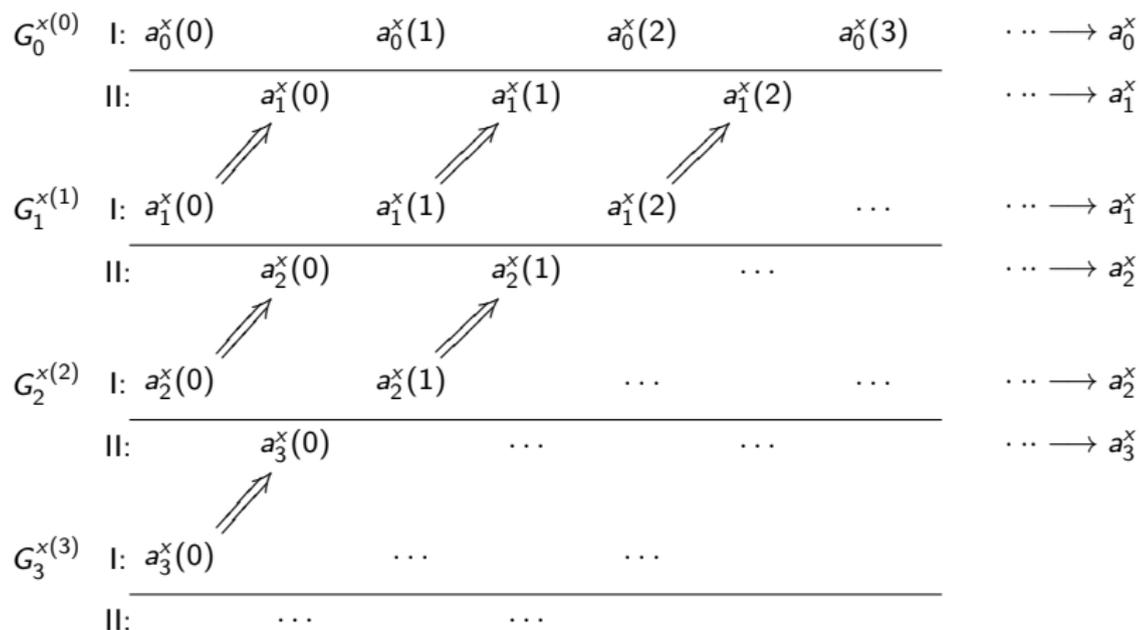
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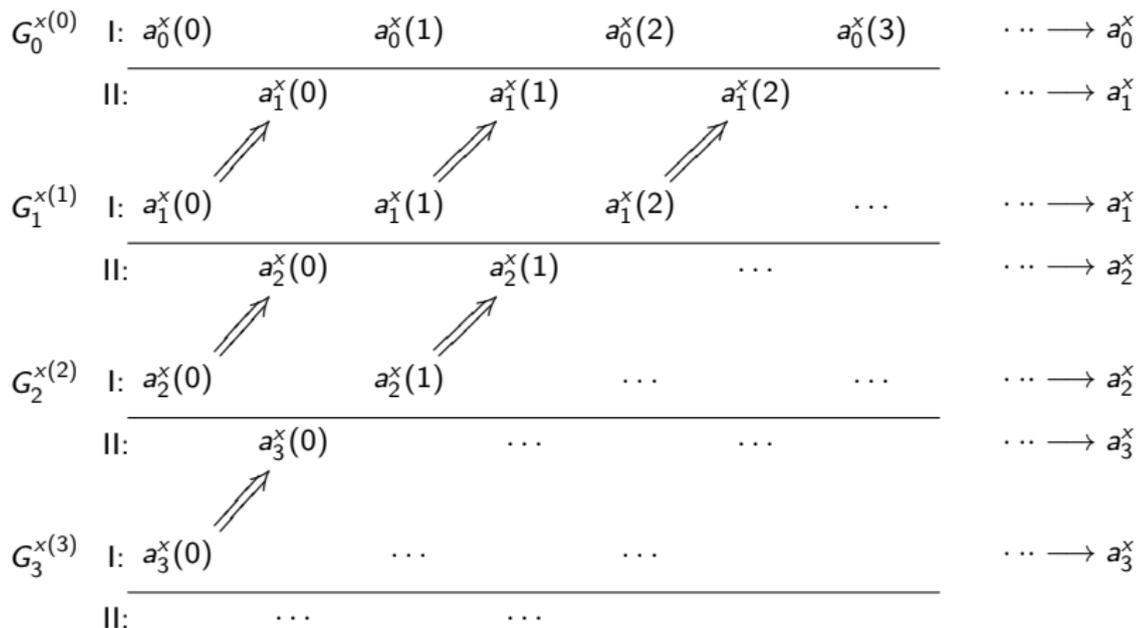
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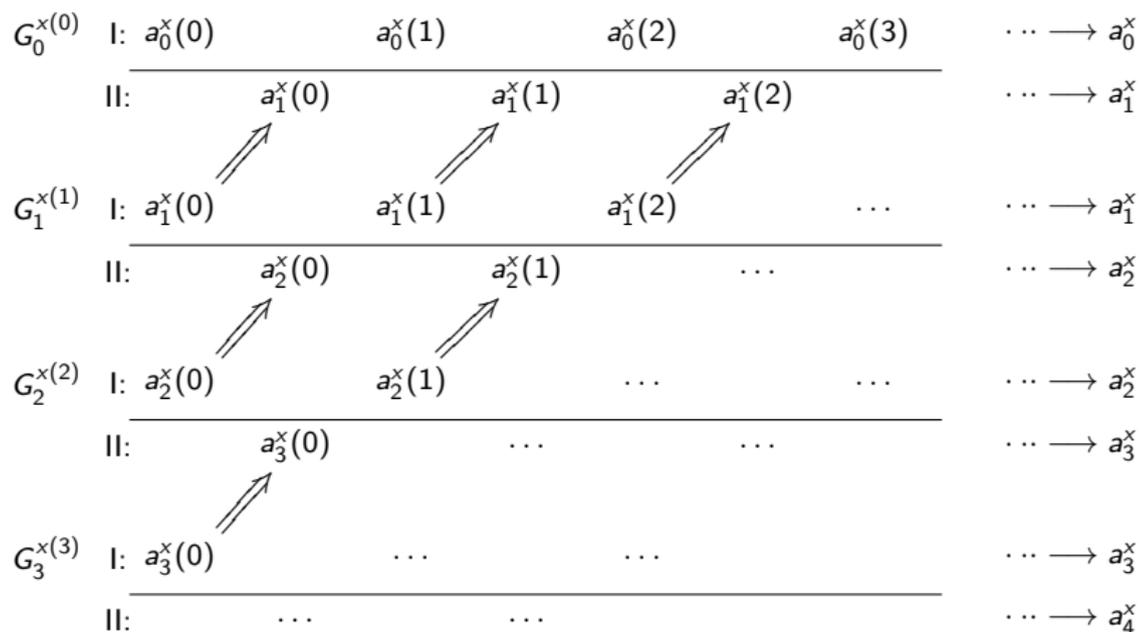
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- Since I wins each game  $G_n^{x(n)}$ , the definition implies

$$\begin{aligned} x(n) = 0 &\implies (a_n^x \in A_n \leftrightarrow a_{n+1}^x \notin A_{n+1}) \\ x(n) = 1 &\implies (a_n^x \in A_n \leftrightarrow a_{n+1}^x \in A_{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

(Recall that  $G_n^0 = G^W(A_n, A_{n+1})$  and  $G_n^1 = G^W(A_n, \overline{A_{n+1}})$ ).

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Note that the values of  $a_m^x$  and  $a_m^y$  depend only on games  $G_{m'}^{x(m')}$  and  $G_{m'}^{y(m')}$  for  $m' \geq m$ . □

Comparing different  $x$  (continued)

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By Claim 3,  $X$  is a **flip set**. By AD, this is impossible!  $\square$



Ernst Zermelo (1871-1953)



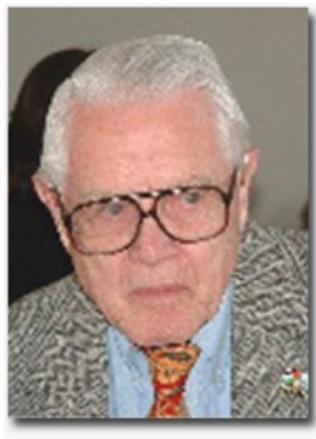
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