

Projet ANR **ALARICE**

“Bornes de complexité générales pour les systèmes dynamiques finis”

♥ **Théorème** [Rice, 1953]. Toute propriété non-triviale du comportement des programmes est indécidable.



Systèmes dynamiques **finis** donc décidables,
donc **complexité algorithmique**.

Métathéorème [Objectif 1]. Toute propriété non-triviale de la dynamique des $\langle \text{mon_modèle_de_calcul} \rangle$ est **C-difficile**.

Pour quelles définitions de *propriété non-triviale* et *classe C* ?

Plan

▷ <https://alarice.lis-lab.fr/>

↪ essayons de la maintenir à jour (publications, évènements) :
[git push](#) ou <mailto:kevin>

▷ Réseaux d'automates et architecture des interactions (EN)

▷ 3 Objectifs (EN) ⇐ **science et problèmes ouverts !**

▷ 5 Tâches

▷ Budget et planning

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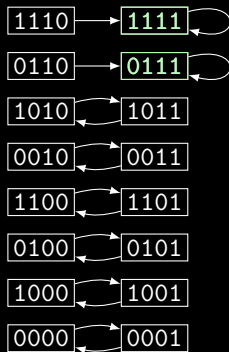
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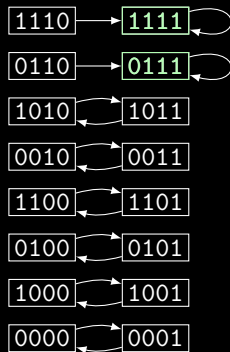
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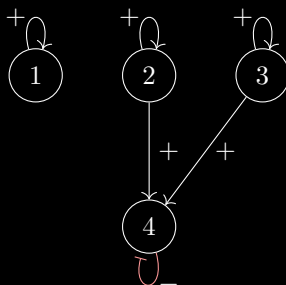
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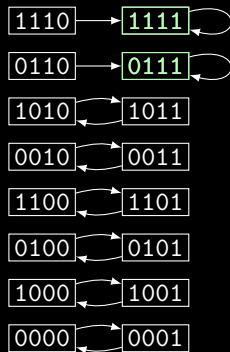
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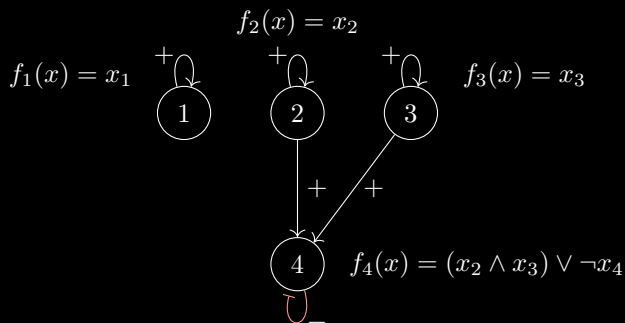


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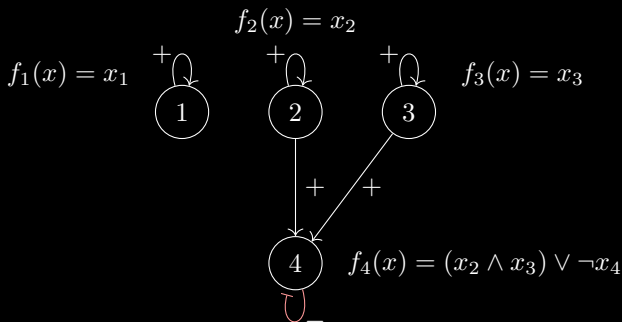
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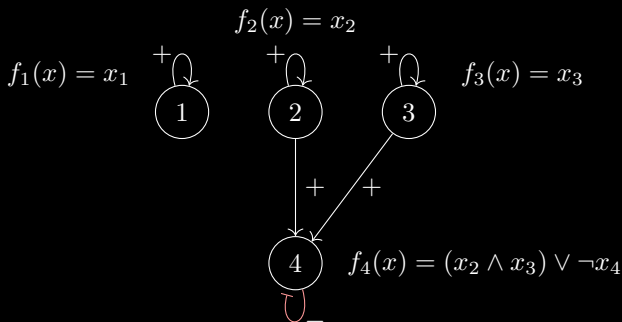
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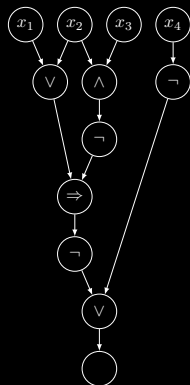
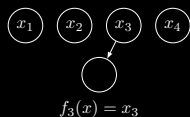
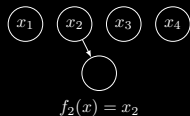
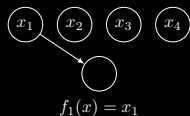
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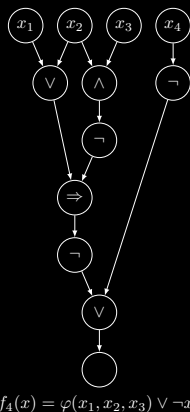
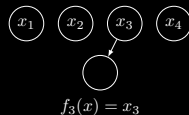
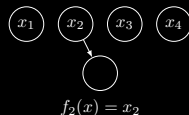
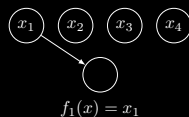
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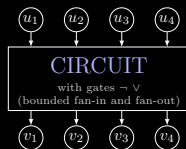


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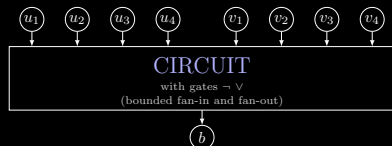
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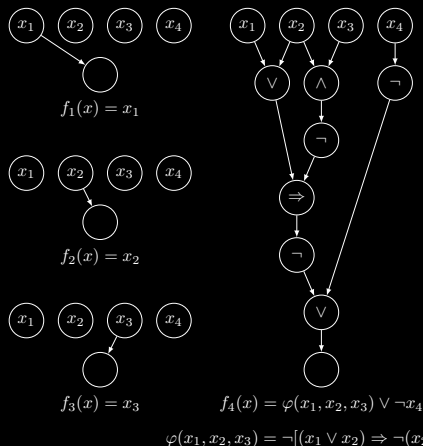
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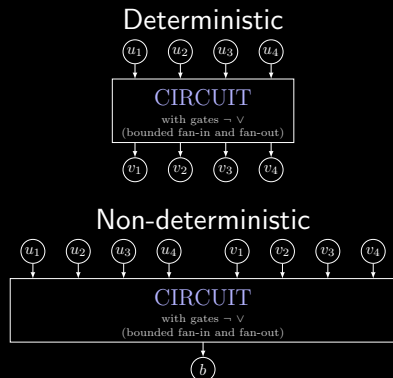


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Property. Any (functional) digraph is the dynamics of some AN.

Proof. With one automaton of alphabet V and $f_1(x) = \{y \in V \mid (x, y) \in E\}$. $\square$

Caution. An AN with n automaton of alphabet $\{0, \dots, q-1\}$, i.e. a q -uniform AN, has $|\mathcal{G}_f| = q^n$. Boolean is $q = 2$.

3 Objectifs

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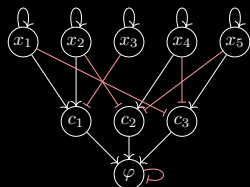
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Graphe d'interaction G_f sur les sommets $[n]$

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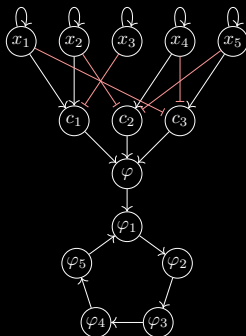
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- ▷ Objectif 2 : épuiser les problèmes classiques
- ▷ Objectif 3 : transposer à d'autres modèles de calcul

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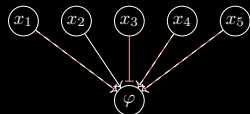


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Non-deterministic: arbitrary graphs

- ▷ arborescent (nontrivial on bounded treewidth) q -arborescent implies NP-hard or coNP-hard.

(ψ arborescent iff $\exists k$ such that ψ has an infinity of models and countermodels of treewidth $\leq k$)

$\hookrightarrow$ a succinct counterpoint to Courcelle's theorem 🤖

$\hookrightarrow$ we need a bounded structure to pump... cw ? $\rightsquigarrow$ Pierre O !

- ▷ no parameter fails: $\exists \psi$ FO such that if SAT or UNSAT reduces to ψ -**dynamics** then polytime algo for SAT on a robust subset.

(M robust iff $\forall k : \exists \ell : \{\ell, \ell + 1, \dots, \ell^k\} \subset M$ [Fortnow Santhanam 2017])

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Remark. G_0 depends only on the quantifier rank of ψ ,

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and to get G_1 we pump on the other infinity. (structural bound)

Objective 1. Metatheorems $\frac{5}{5}$: perspectives

- ▷ Most comprehensive structural bounds to pump ?
What comes after cliquewidth ?

- ▷ Reduce from other problems ?
NP as non-deterministic circuit evaluation...

- ▷ Higher levels of PH ? Connectivity is PSPACE-complete...

For any i there is ψ_i such that ψ_i -dynamics is Σ_i^P -complete.

- ▷ Enrich the signature $\{=, \rightarrow\}$ to distinguish configurations ?
Unary relation $S_i^a(x)$ for " $x_i = a$ " gives P-complete formulas...

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Théorème [BDPR 2019,2022]. Given a signed interaction graph G , deciding...

Problem	$k = 1$	$k \geq 2$	k in input	
$\max\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{\#fixed-points} \\ \text{on } G \end{array}\right) \geq k$	P 	NP-complete	NEXPTIME-complete	
			$\text{NP}^{\#P}$ -complete if $\Delta(G) \leq d$	
$\min\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{\#fixed-points} \\ \text{on } G \end{array}\right) < k$	NEXPTIME-complete			
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$\hookrightarrow$ Explains why structural bounds are loose...

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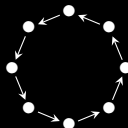
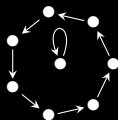
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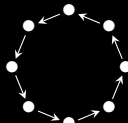
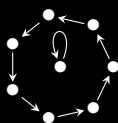
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It has lcm substeps.

Theorem [PST 2024]. Given $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ as a circuit and $\mu \in BP_n$, almost all problems become PSPACE-complete : image, $\exists$ fixed-point, $\exists$ k -limit-cycle, Subdynamics- G , reachability, constant, but bijectivity is still coNP-complete.

Open. Complexity of recognizing the identity ?

Observation. BP_n 's repetitions can generate new fixed points. $\rightsquigarrow$ Léah !

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- ▷ reaction systems
- ▷ tile assembly
- ▷ DNA folding
- ▷ ...

via simulations acting as reductions.

Intuition. If A simulates B via $\varphi : X_B \rightarrow X_A$ $A^k \circ \varphi = \varphi \circ B$
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} $\rightsquigarrow$ Simulation thesis !

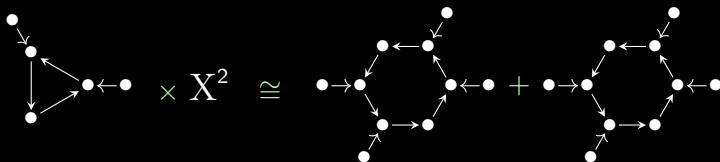
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Abstract finite deterministic dynamical system (FDDS)
are functional digraphs up to isomorphism.

Decomposition algebra (commutative semiring):

- ▷ $+$: alternative execution (disjoint union)
- ▷ $\times$: parallel execution (direct product)

Goal. Classify the complexity of solving equations. $\rightsquigarrow$ Enrico & Marius !



5 Tâches

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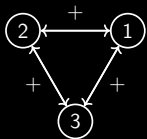
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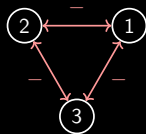


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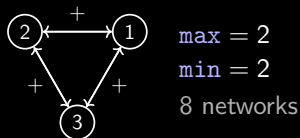
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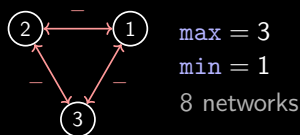
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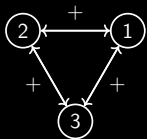
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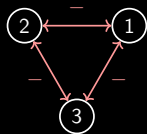
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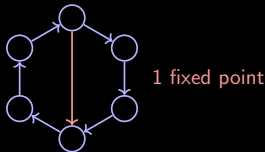
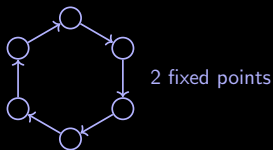
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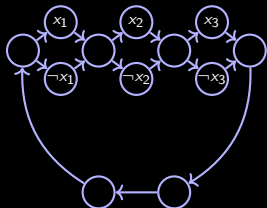
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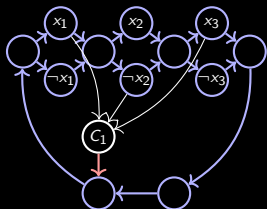
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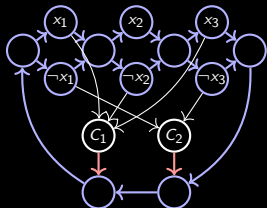
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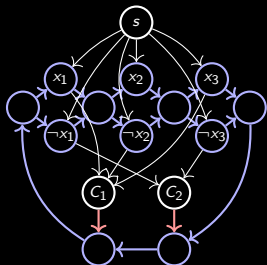
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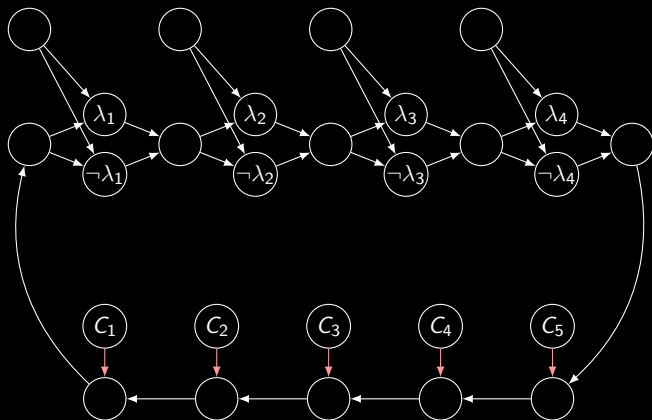
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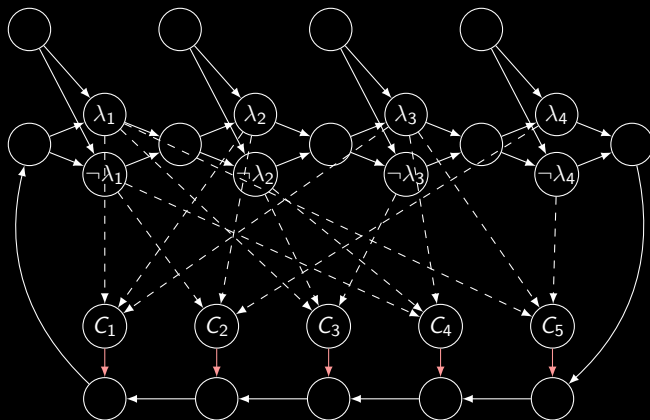
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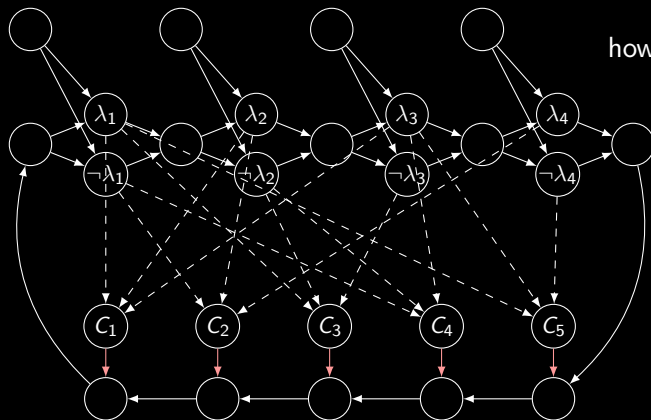
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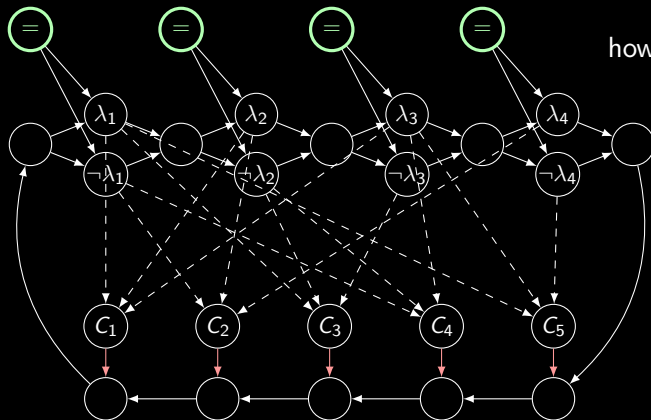
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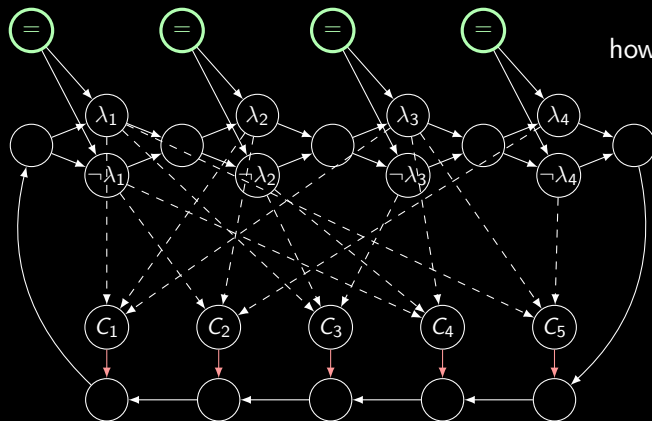
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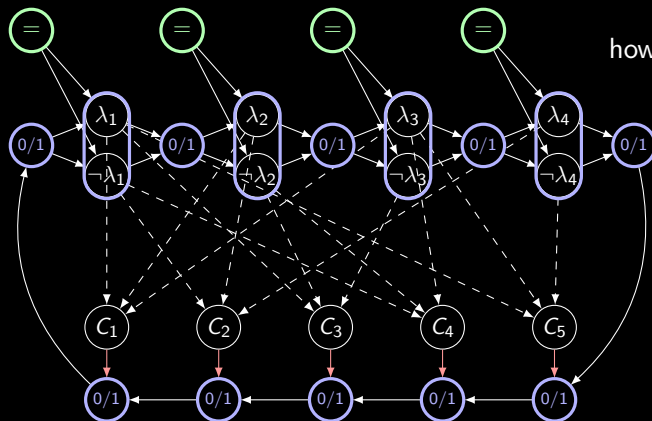
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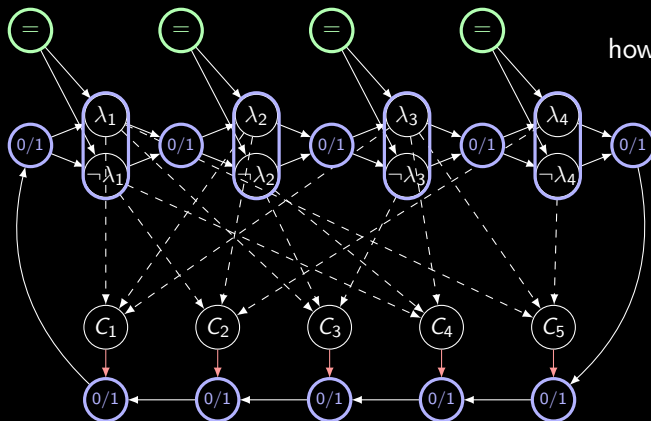
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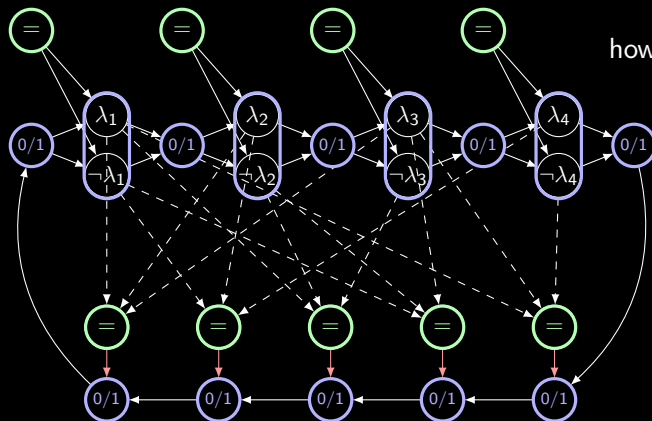
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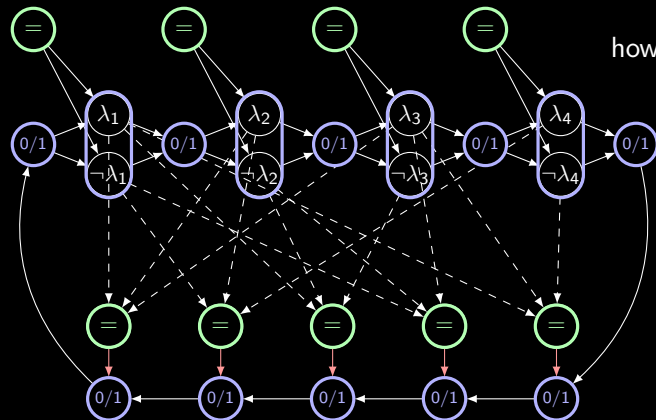
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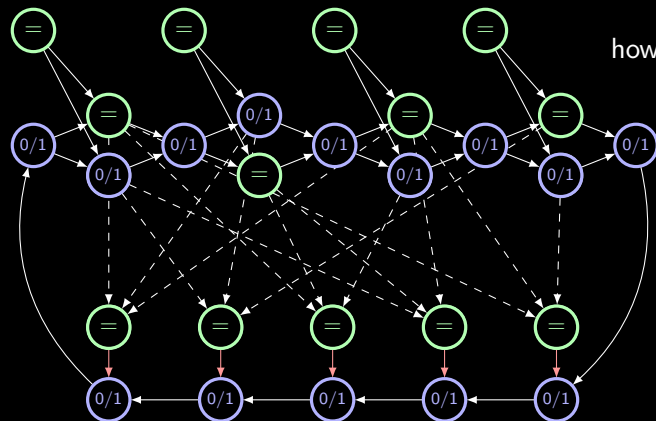
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