

Towards a provably resilient scheme for graph-based watermarking

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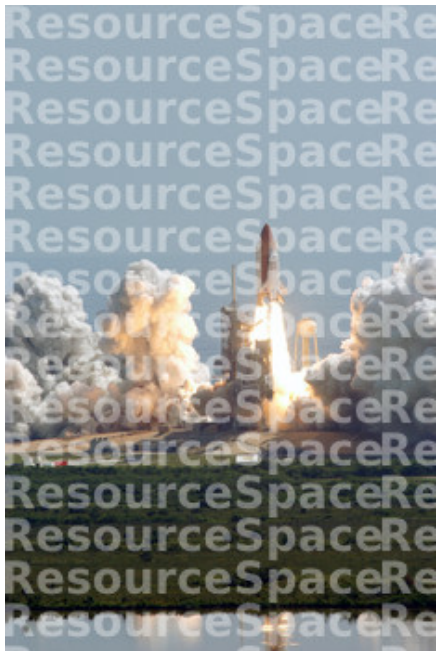
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What for?

How?

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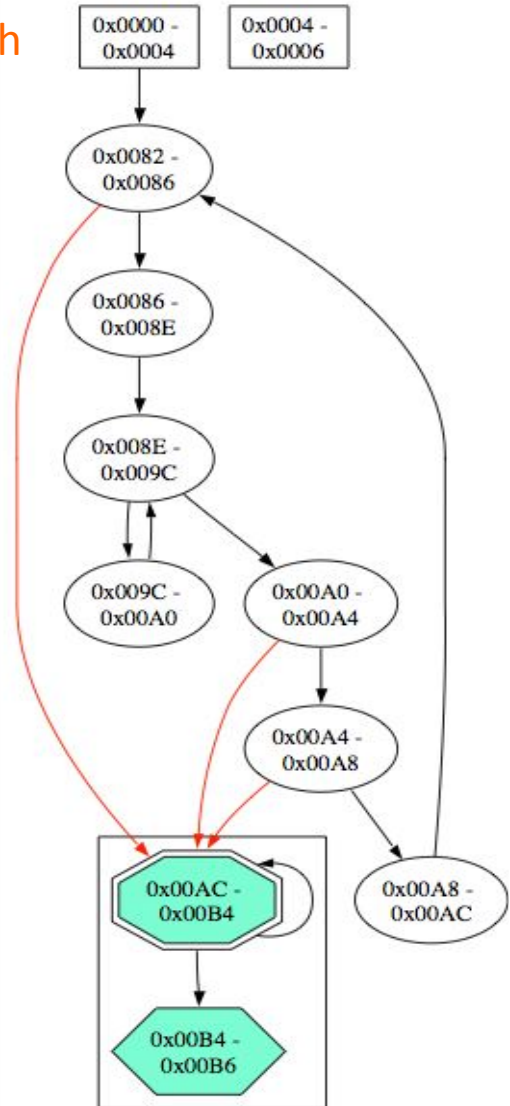
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Control flow graph



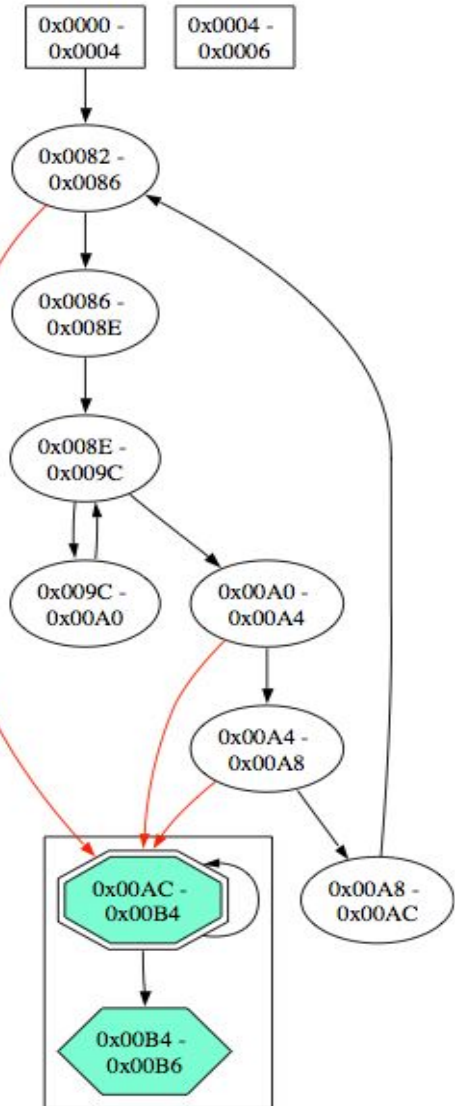
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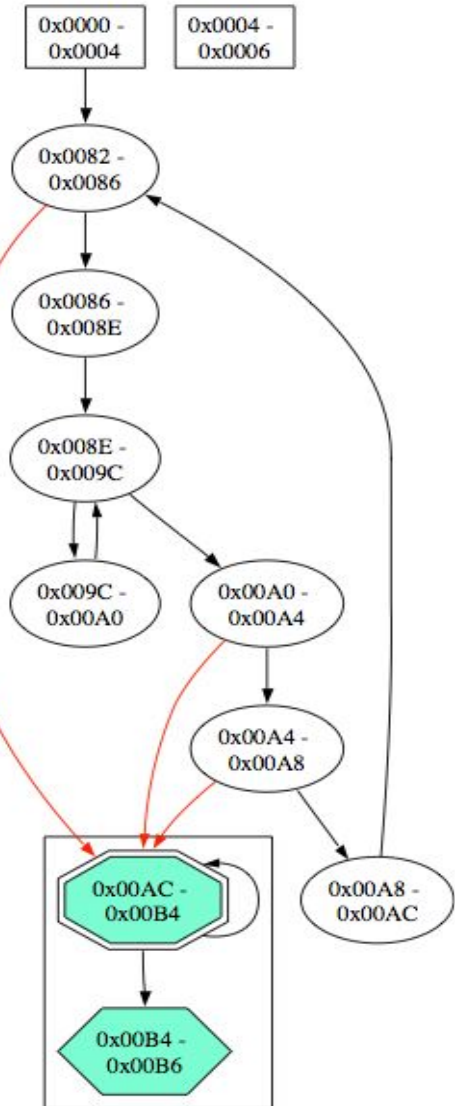
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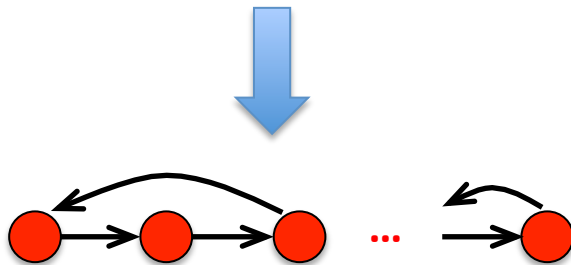
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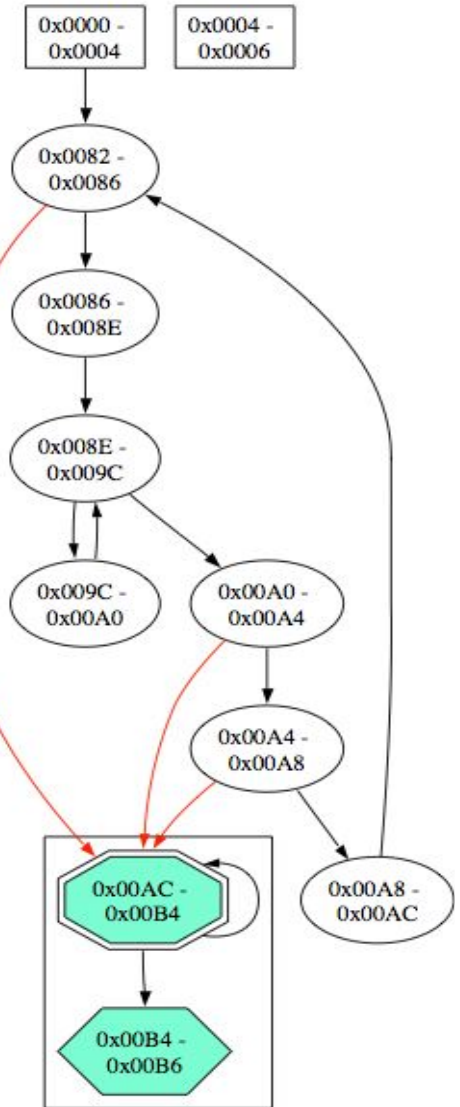
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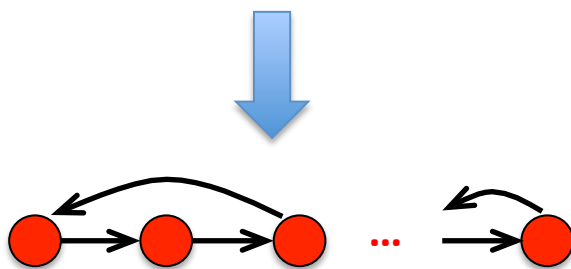


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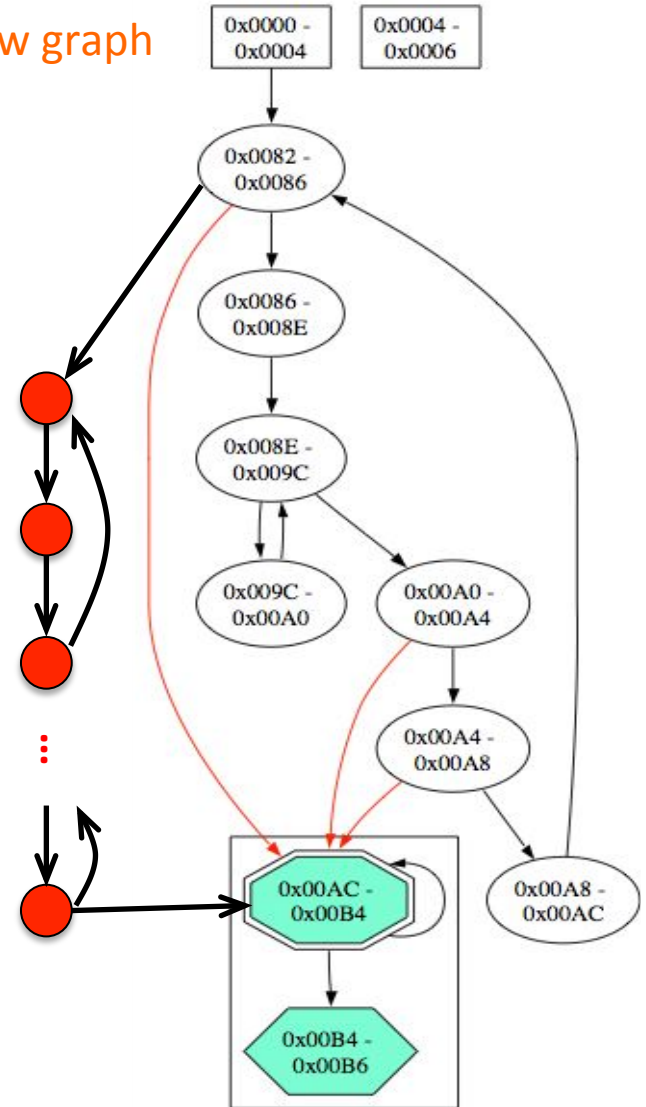
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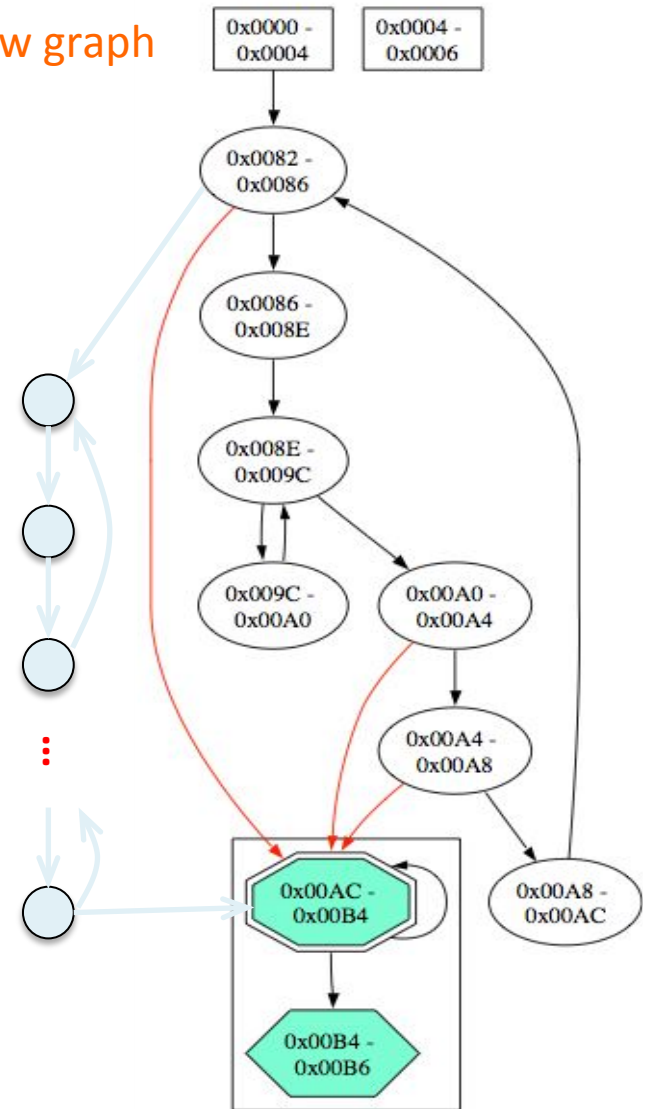
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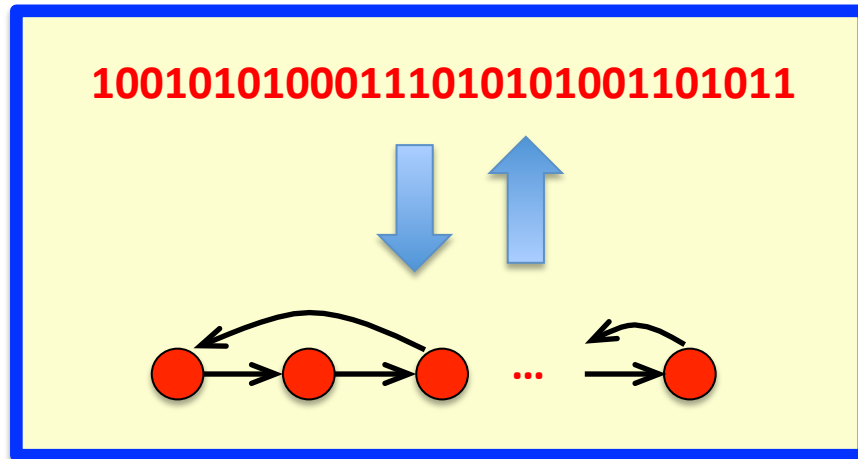
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Graph-based software watermarking

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Encoding



Decoding

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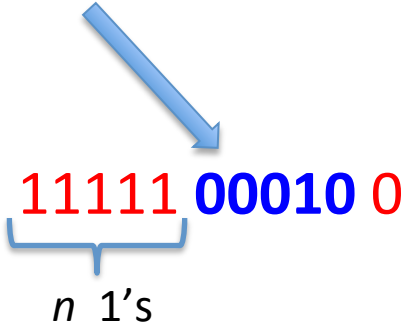
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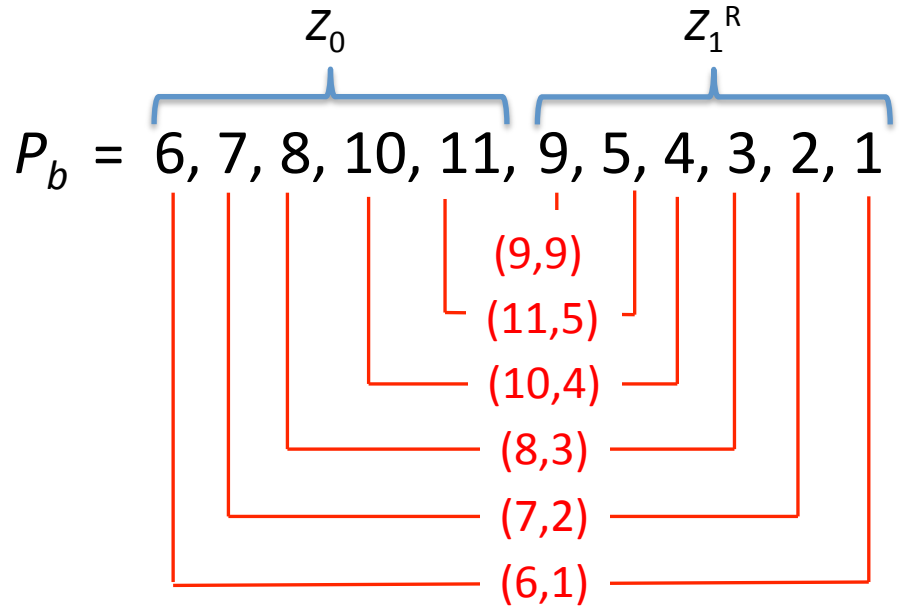
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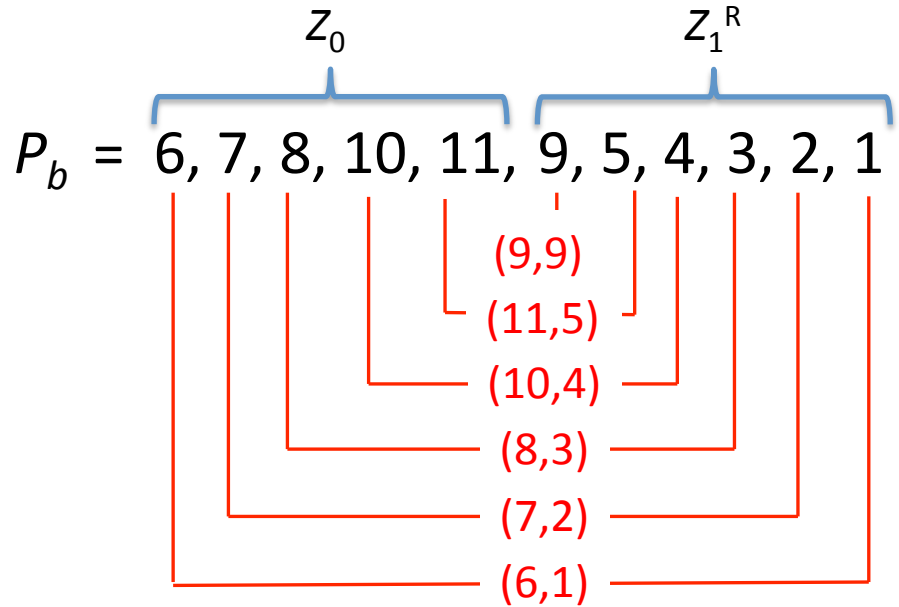
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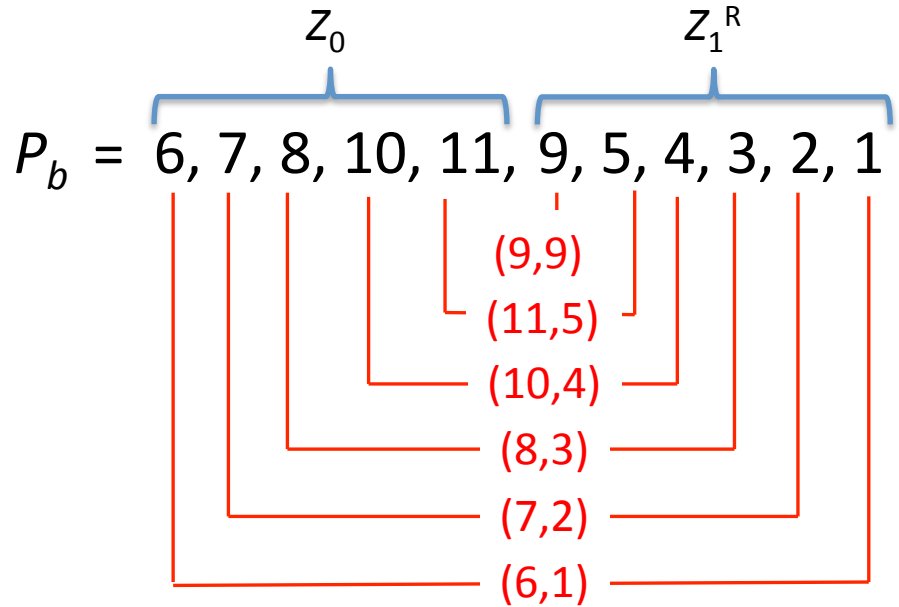
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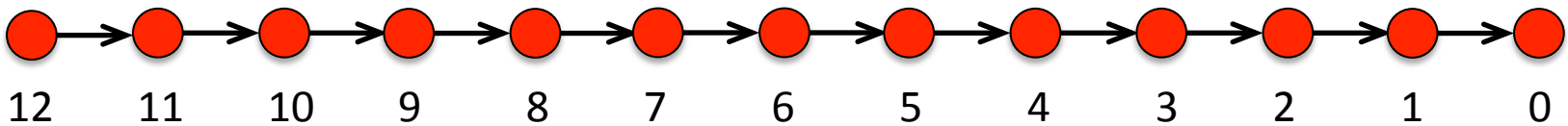
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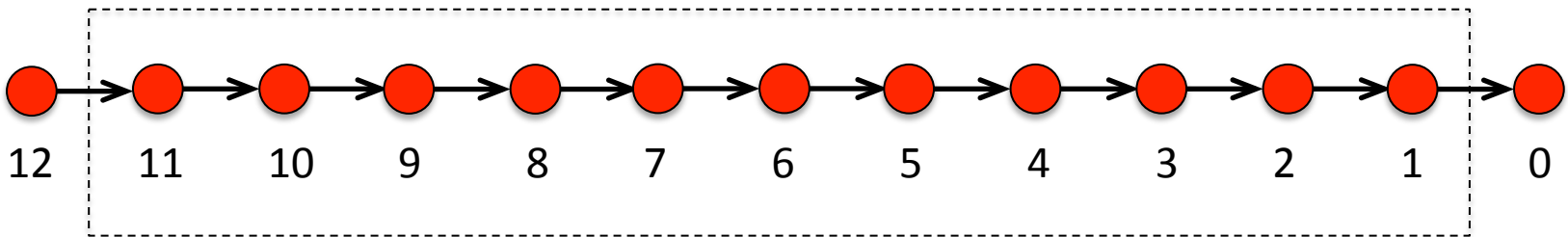
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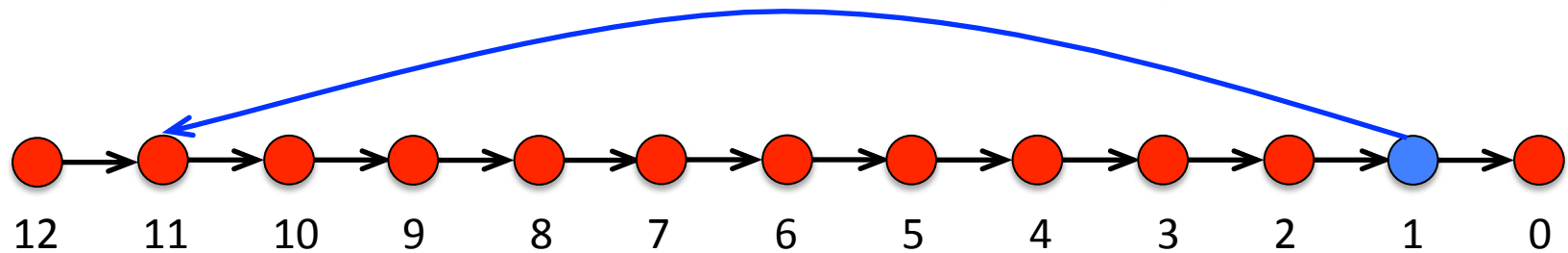
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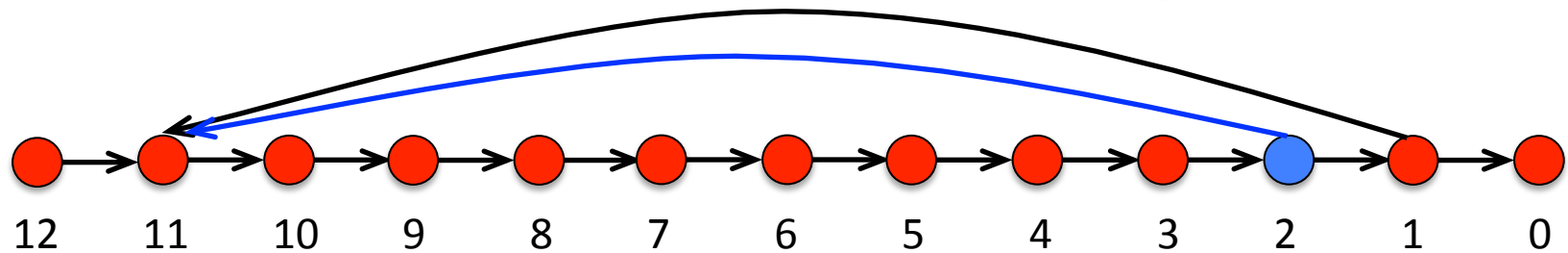
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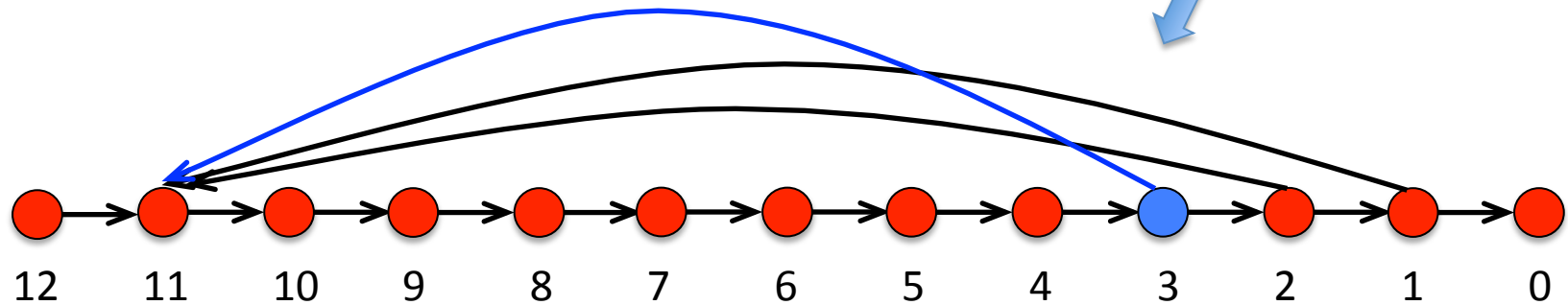
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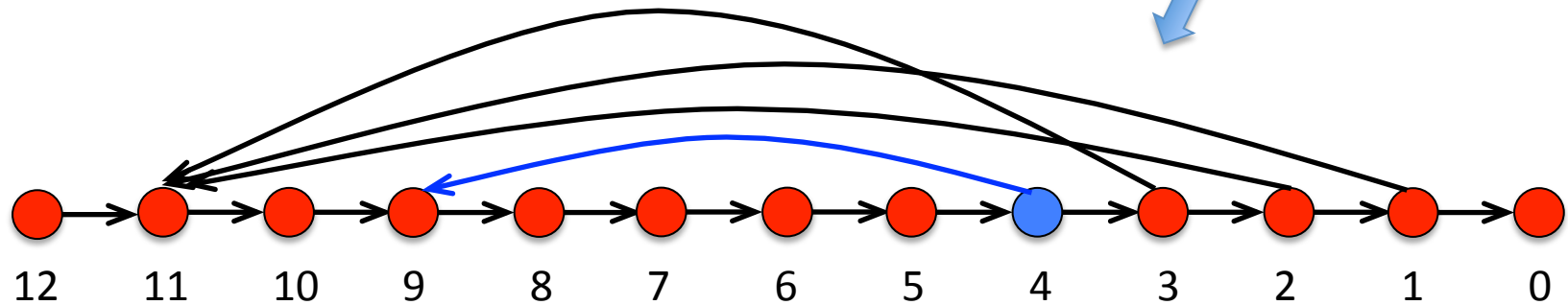
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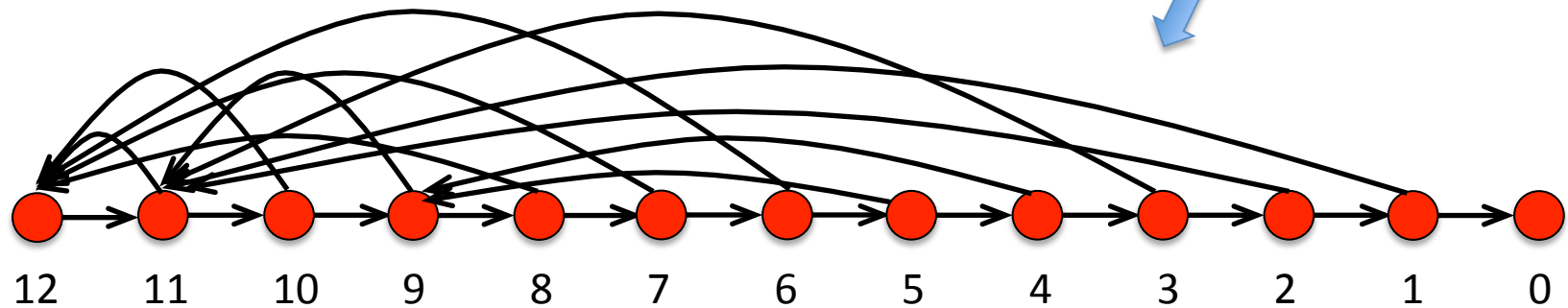
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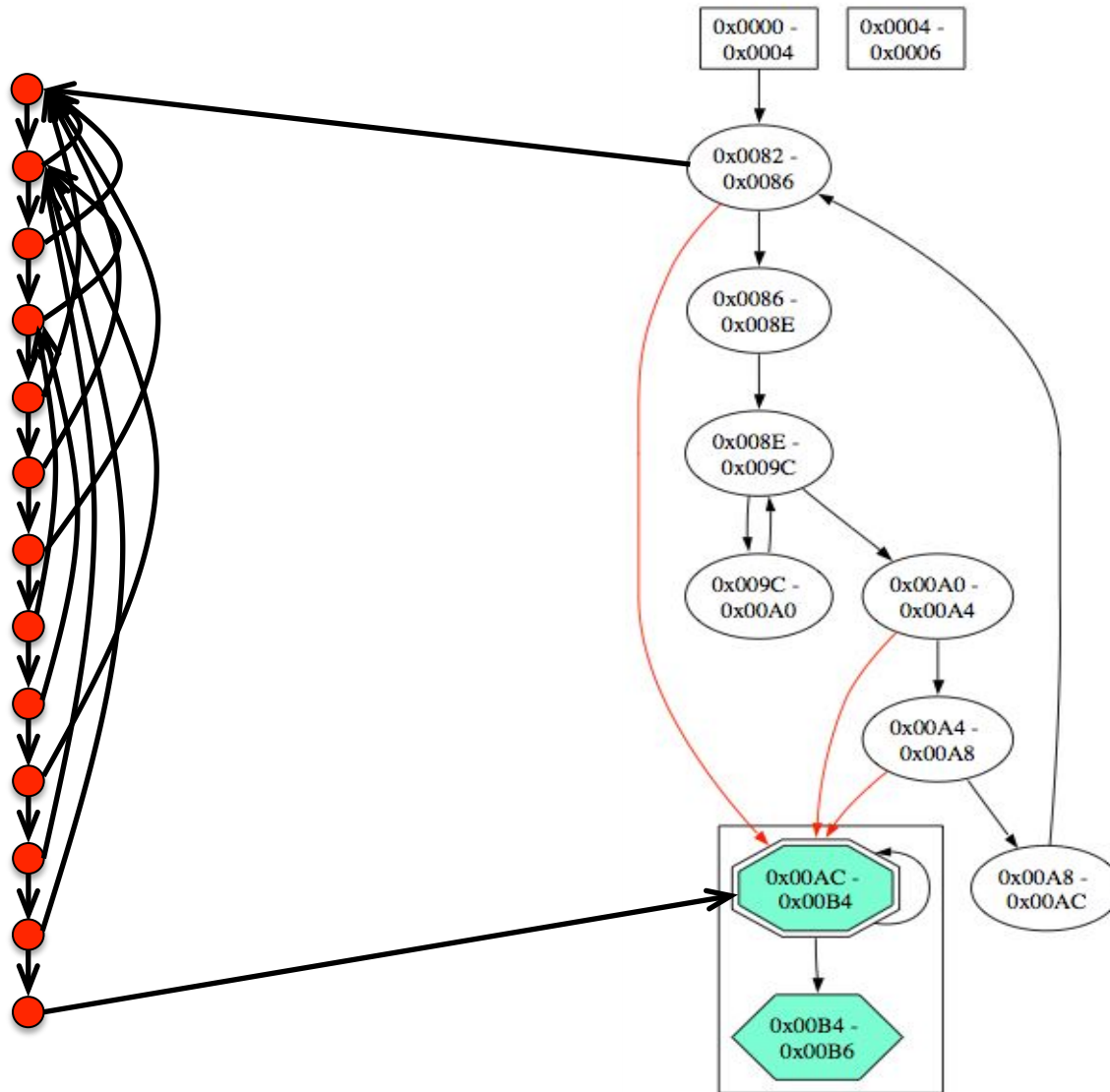
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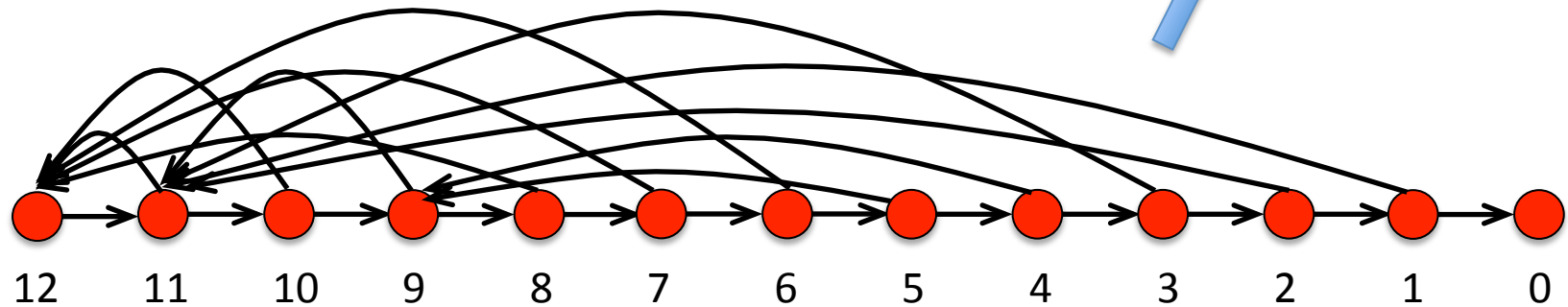
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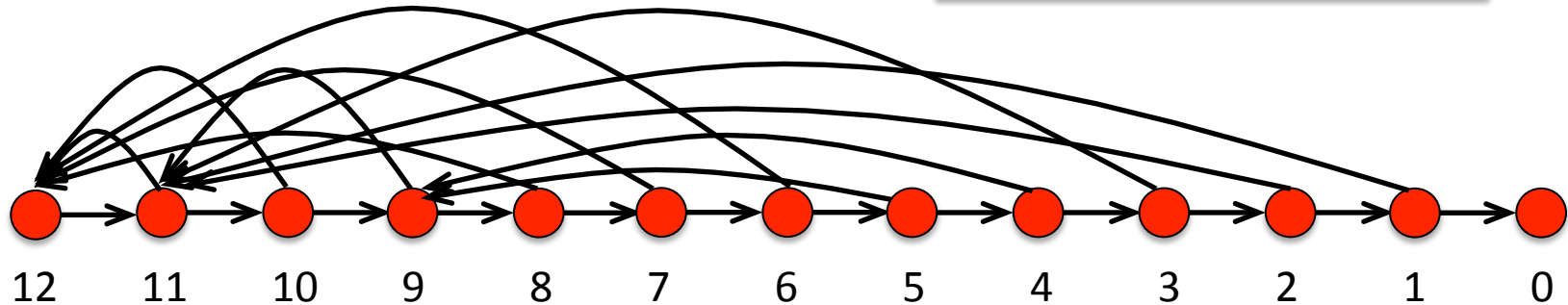
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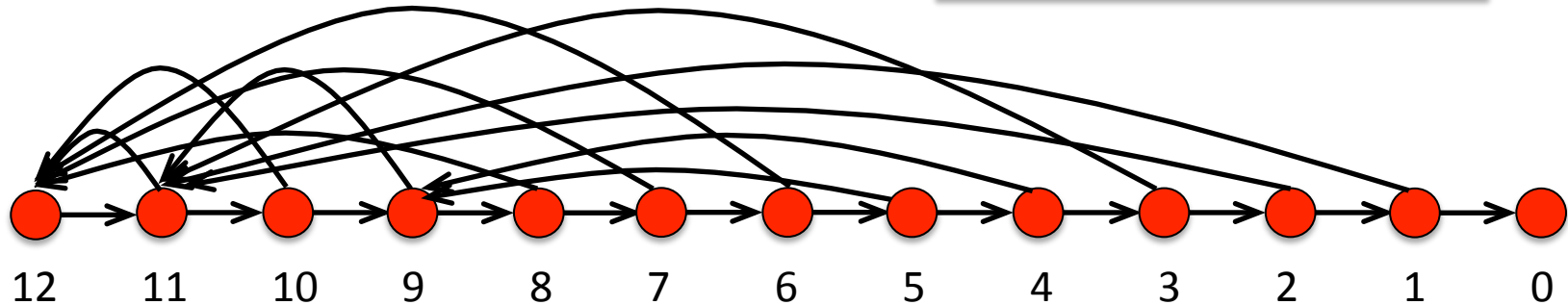
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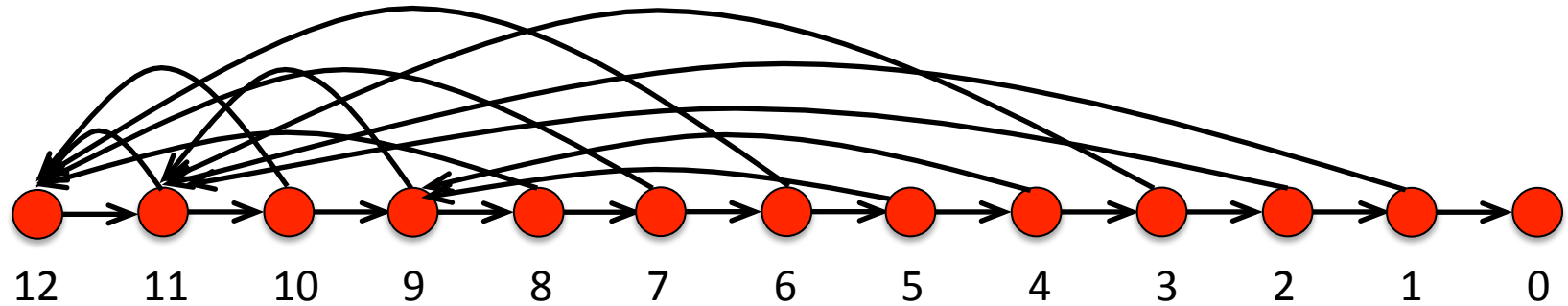
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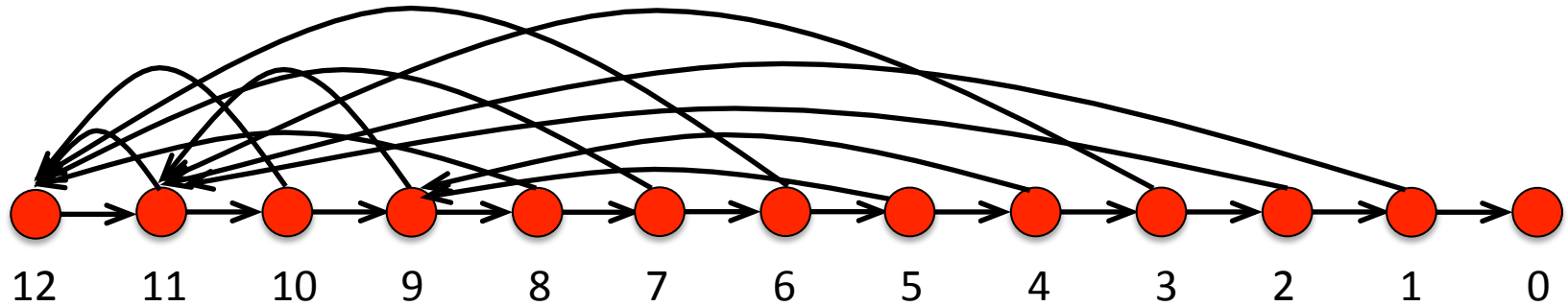
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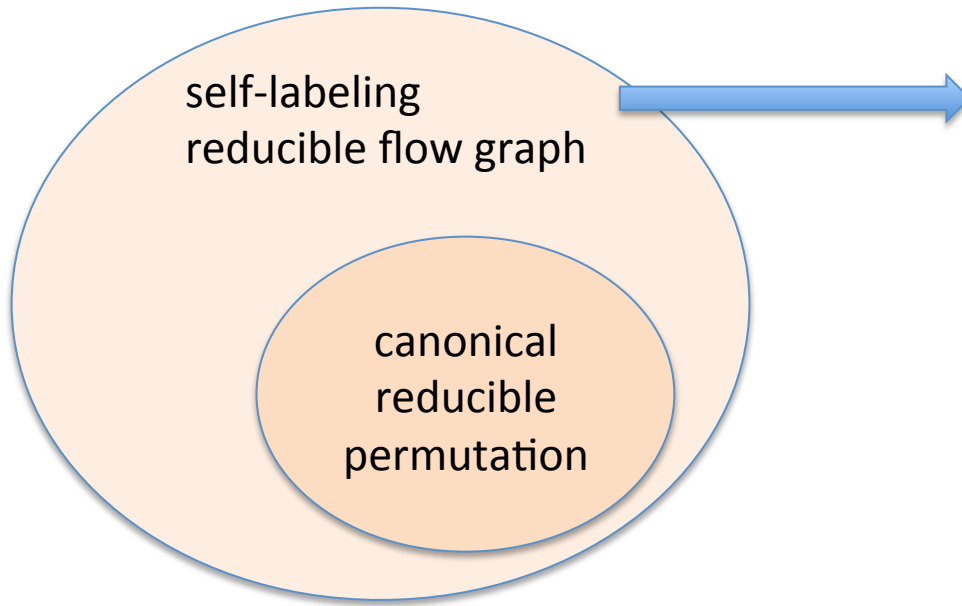
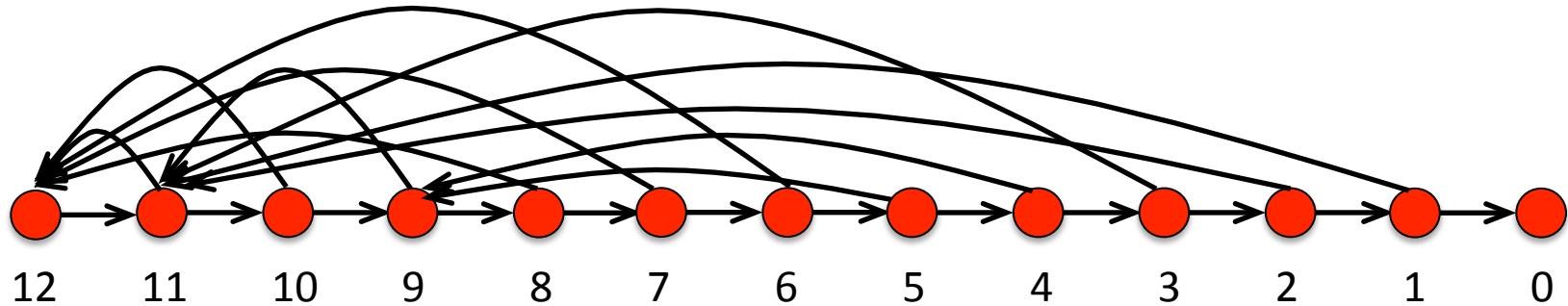
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Definition

Self-labeling reducible flow graph $G(V,E)$:

- vertices $0, \dots, |V|-1$
- exactly one Hamiltonian path
- $v \text{ in } V \setminus \{0, |V|-1\} \Rightarrow N^+(v) = \{v-1, w\}$,
for some $w > v$

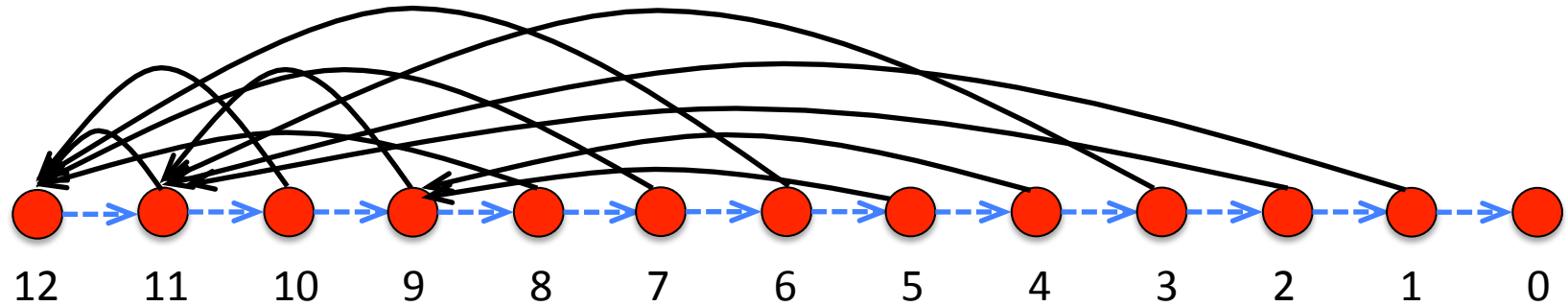
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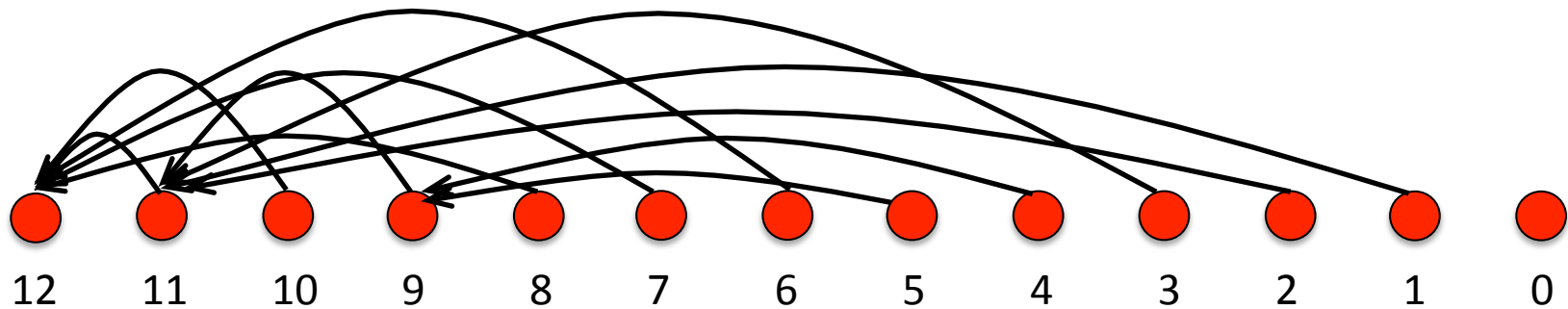
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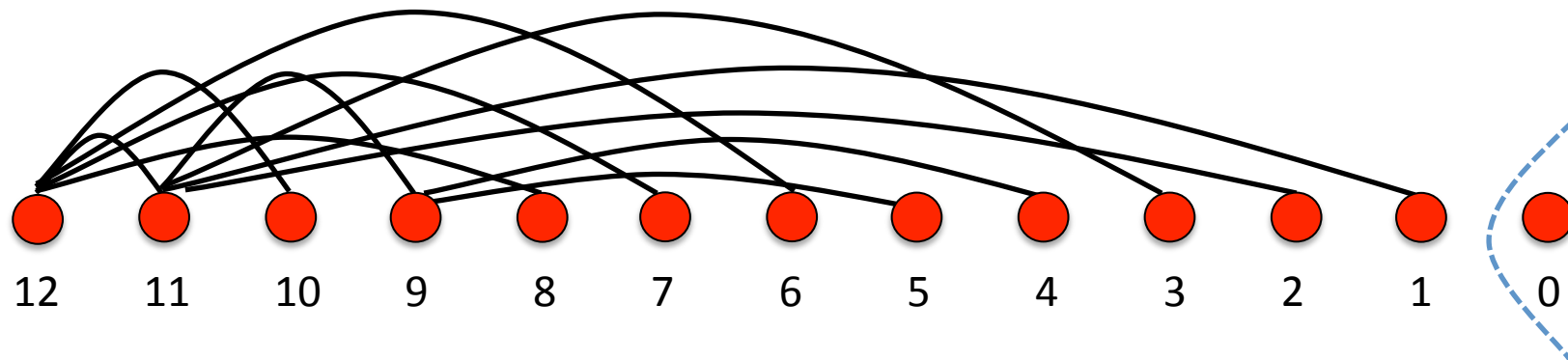
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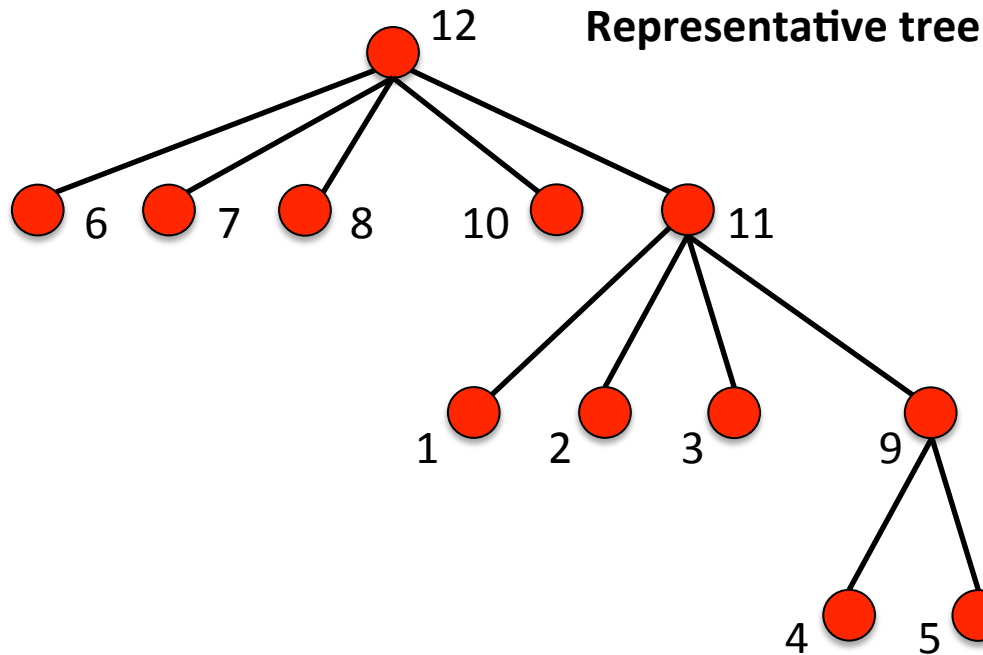
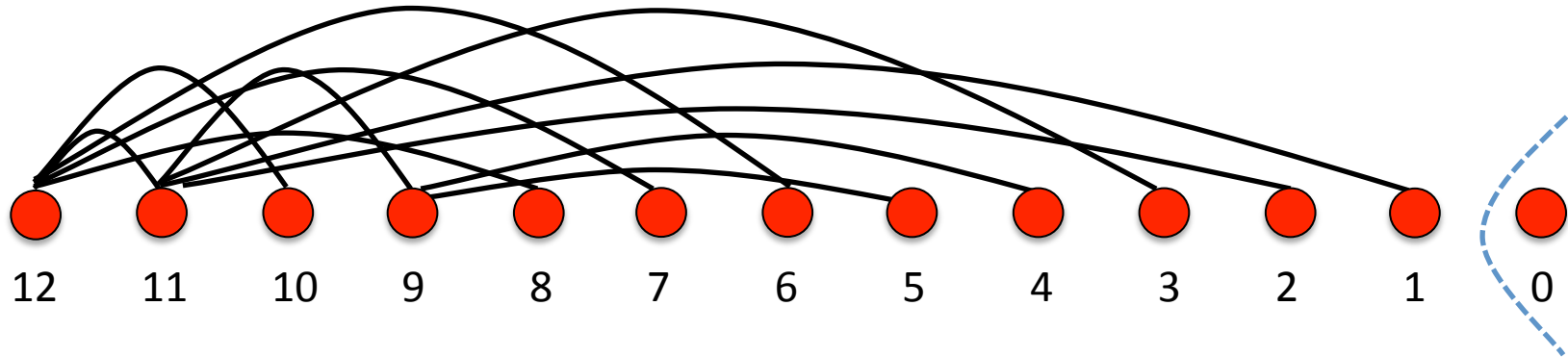
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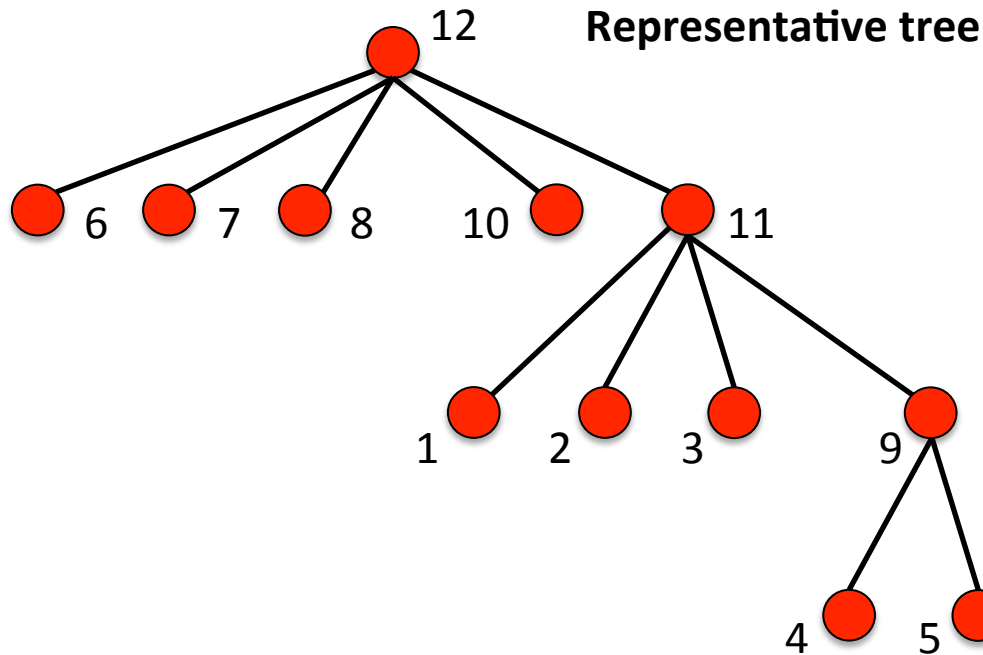
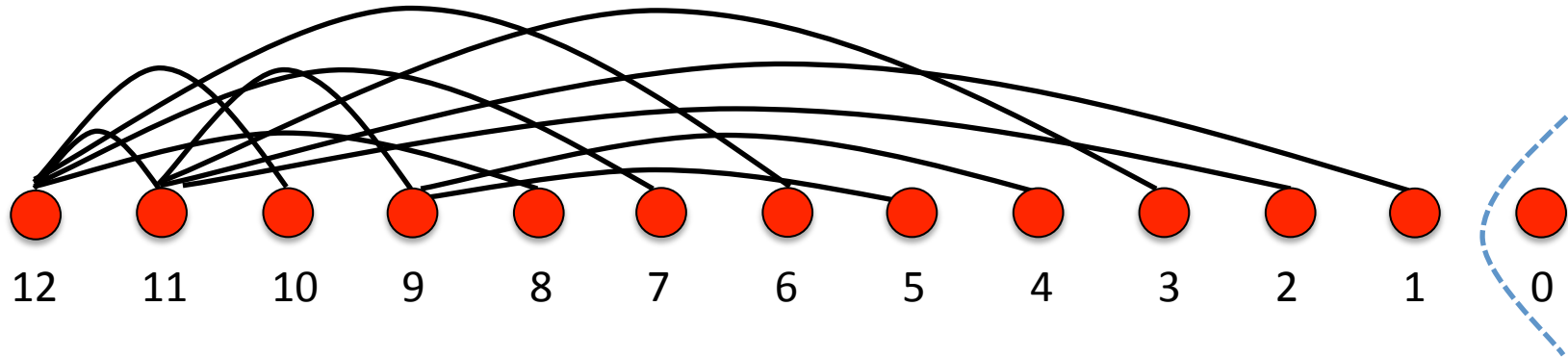


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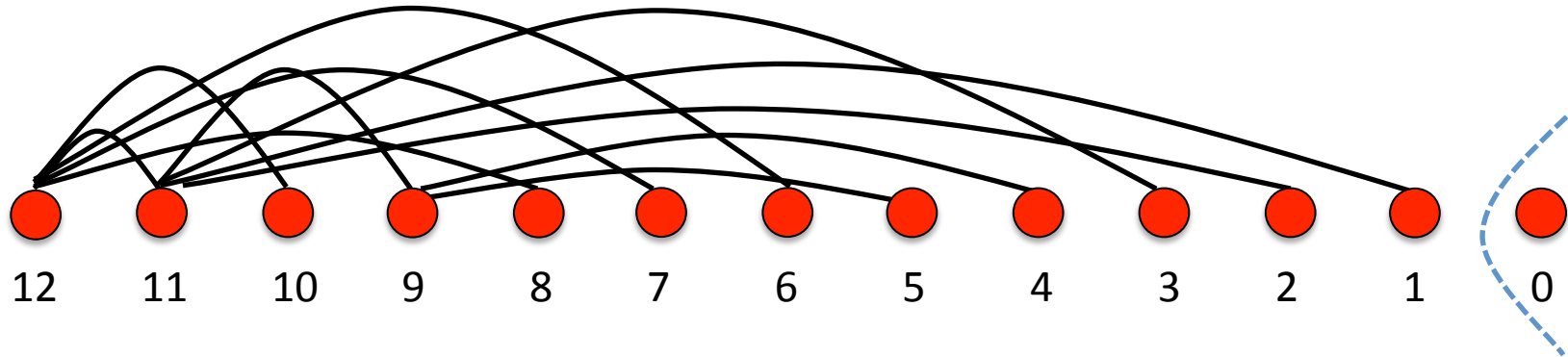
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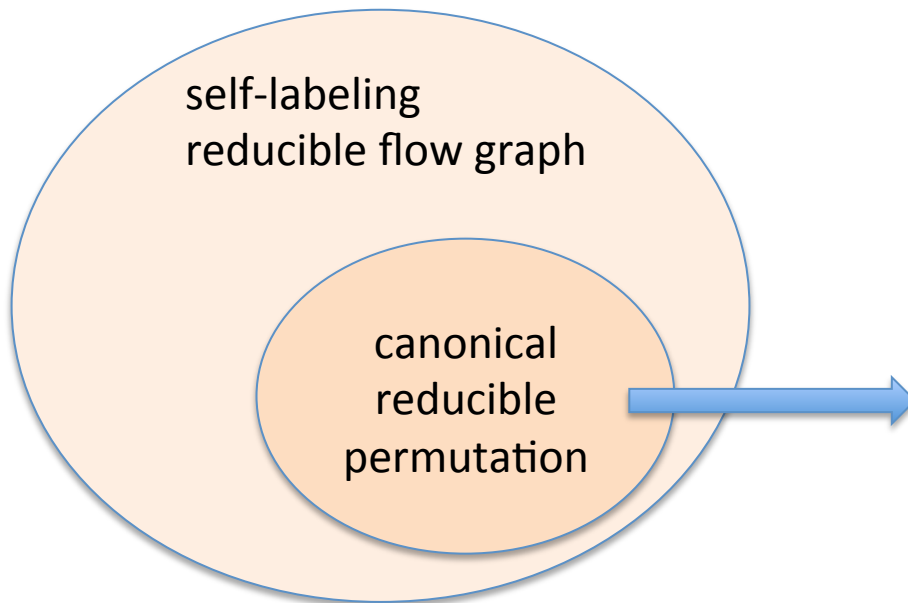
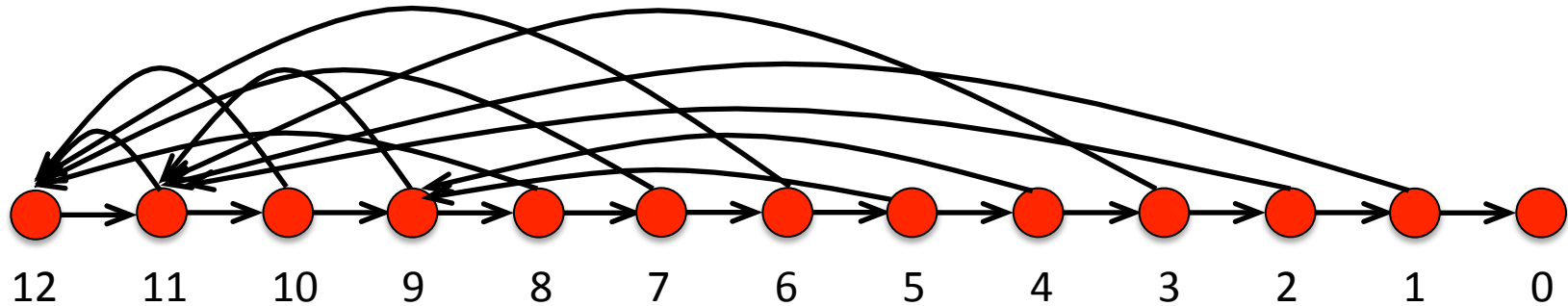
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Canonical self-inverting permutation

- a self-inverting permutation
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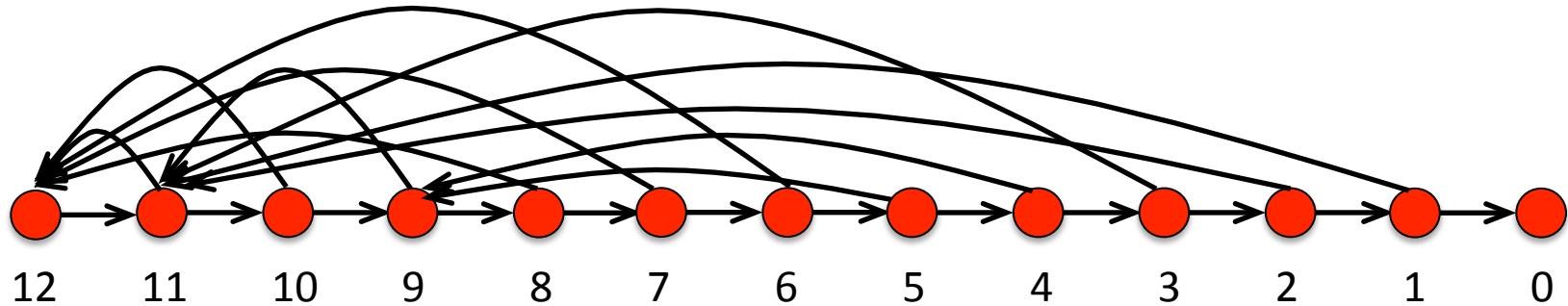


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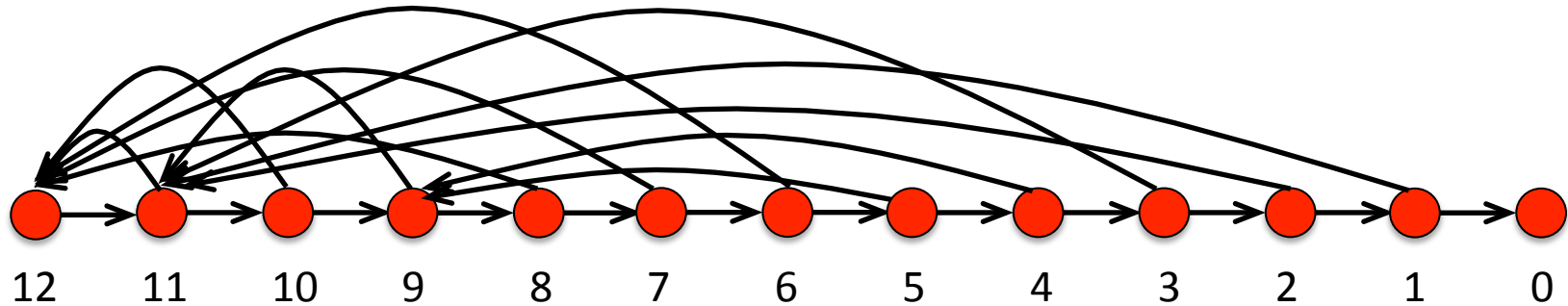
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key $\omega = 29$

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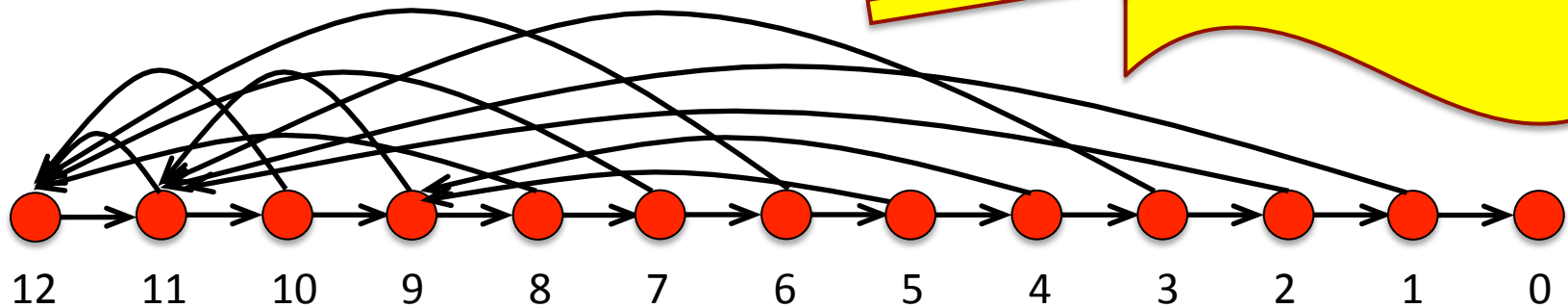
$\bar{B} = 00010$

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$P_b = \overbrace{6, 7, 8, 10, 11}^{Z_0}, \overbrace{9, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1}^{Z_1^R}$

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several structural properties



Codec properties

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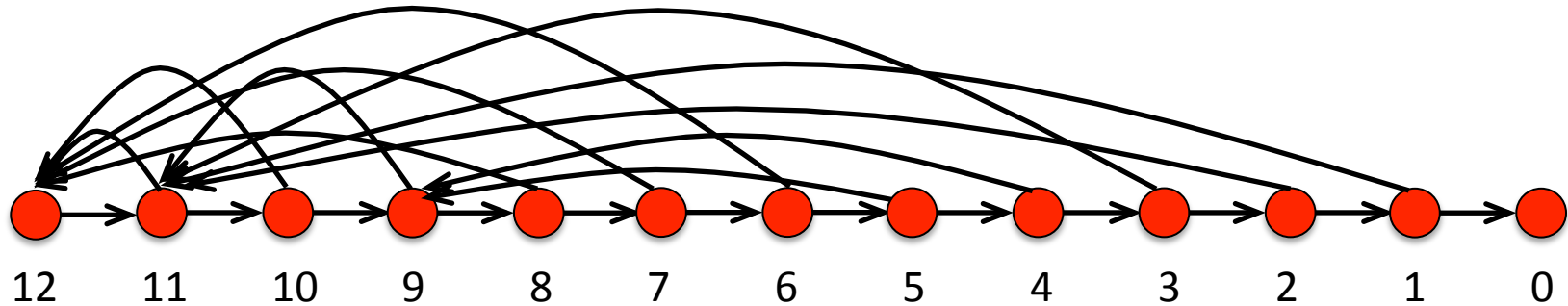
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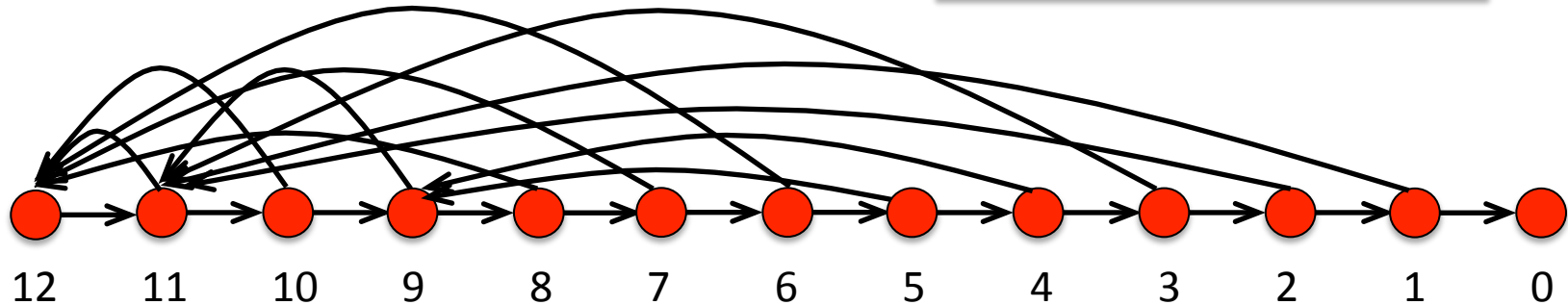
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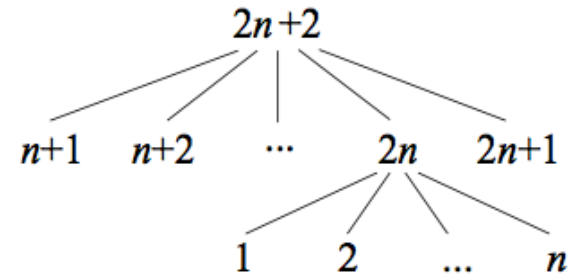
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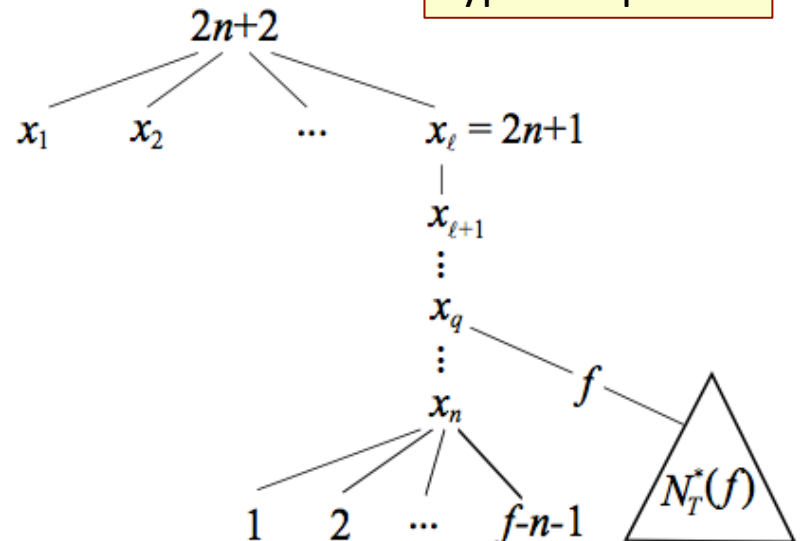
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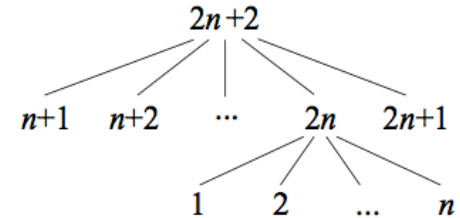
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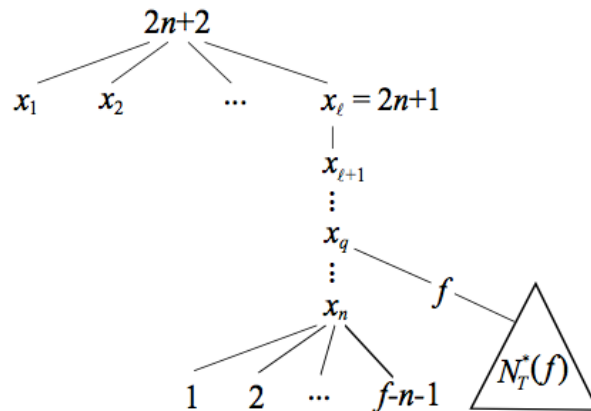
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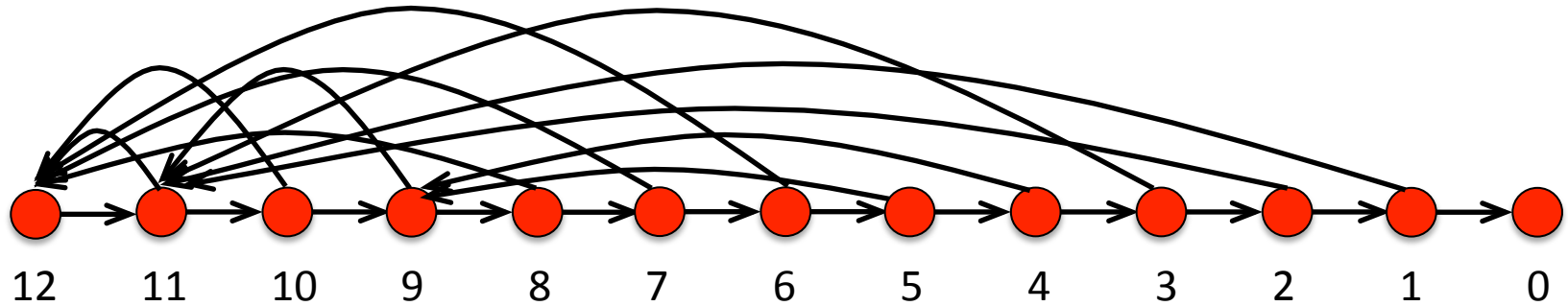
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- (i) $n + 1 = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_\ell = 2n + 1$ are the children of $2n + 2$, for some $\ell \in [2, n - 1]$;
- (ii) $x_i > x_{i+1}$ and x_i is the parent of x_{i+1} , for all $i \in [\ell, n - 1]$;
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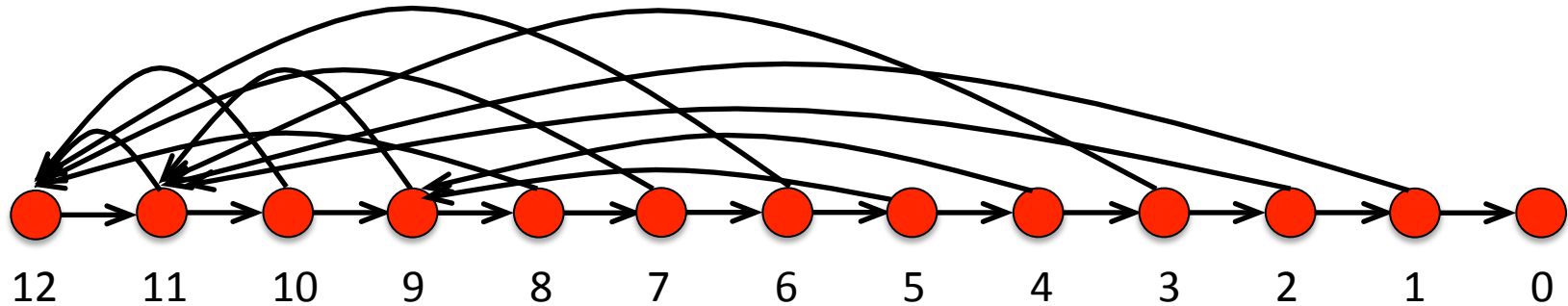
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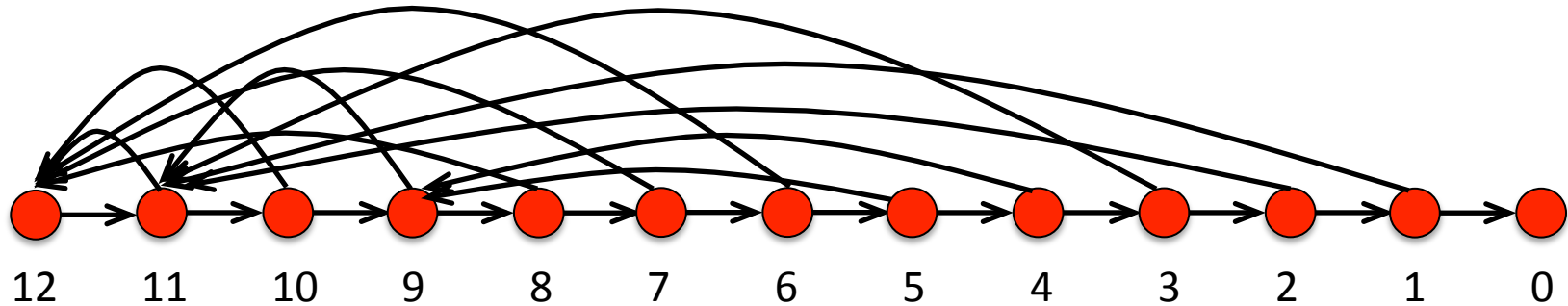
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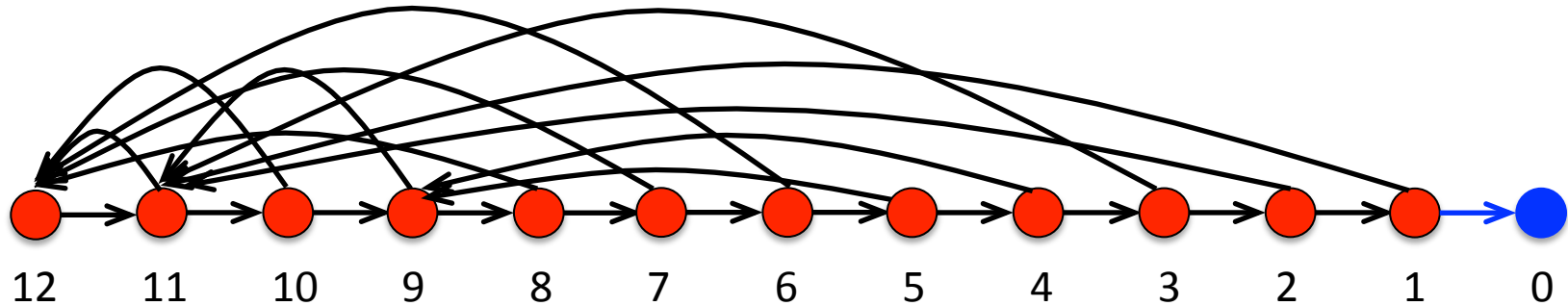


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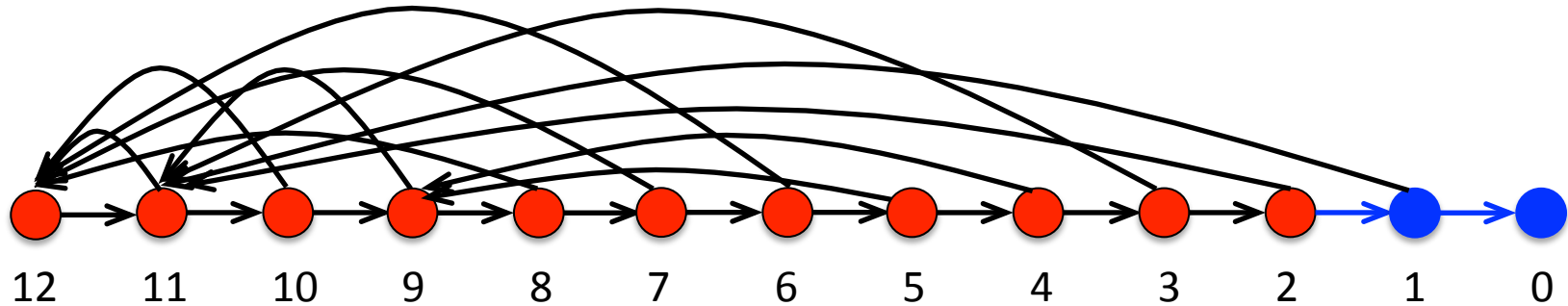


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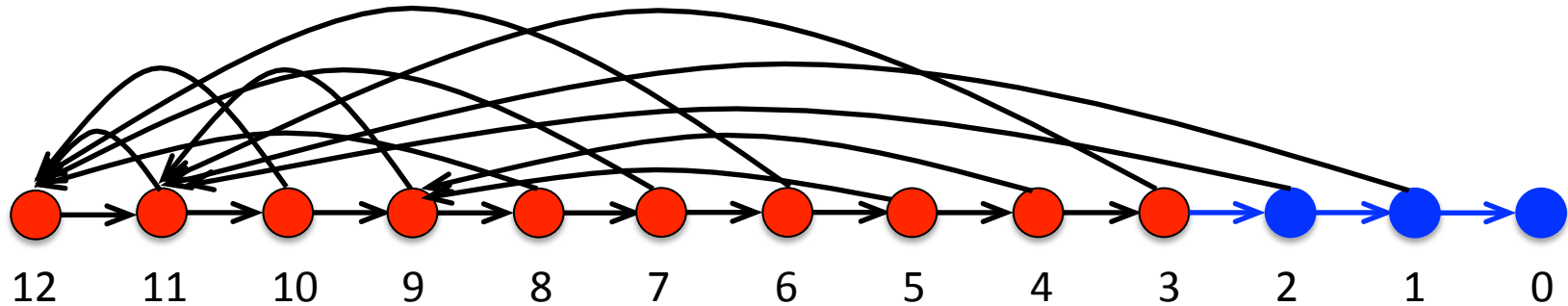


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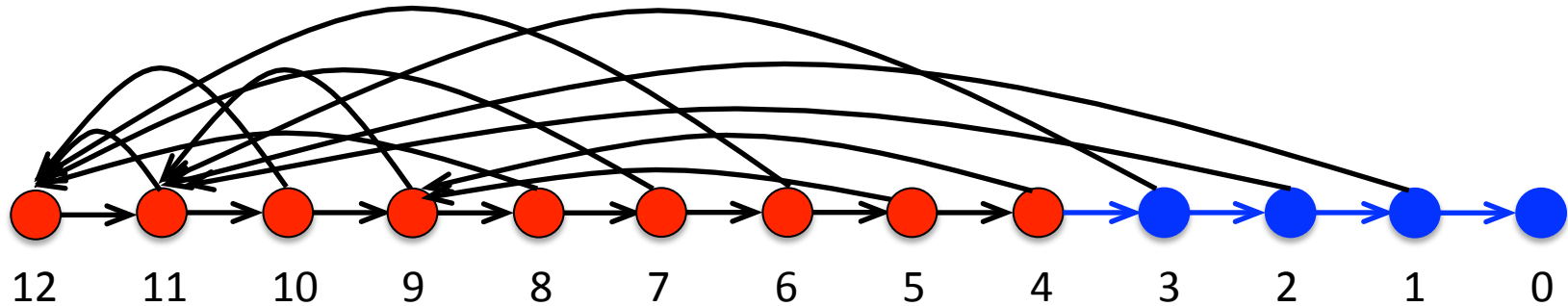


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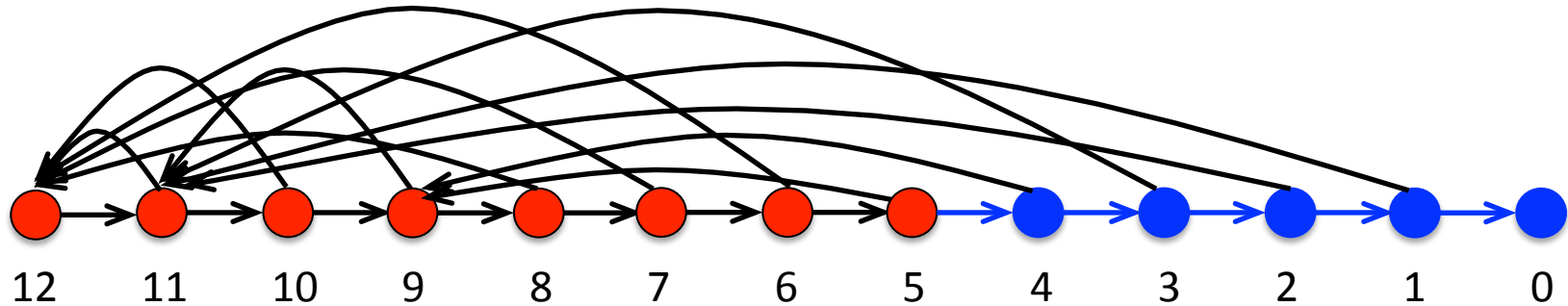


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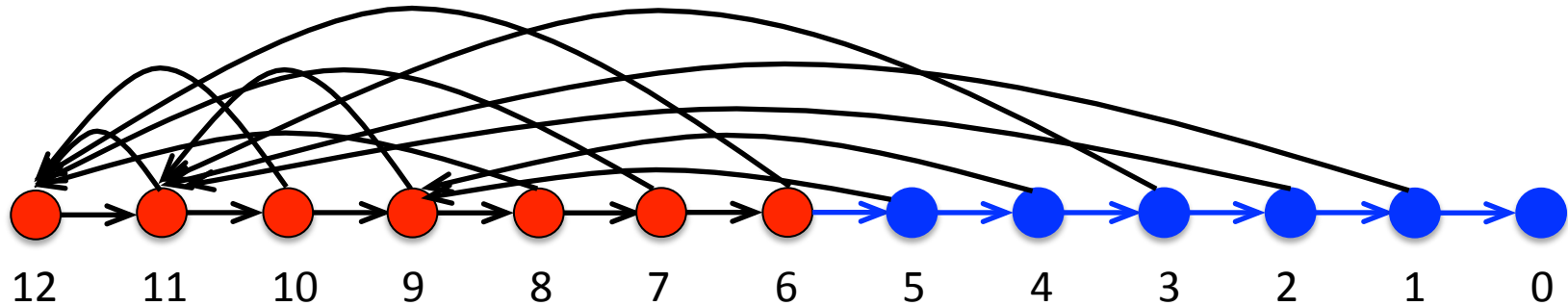


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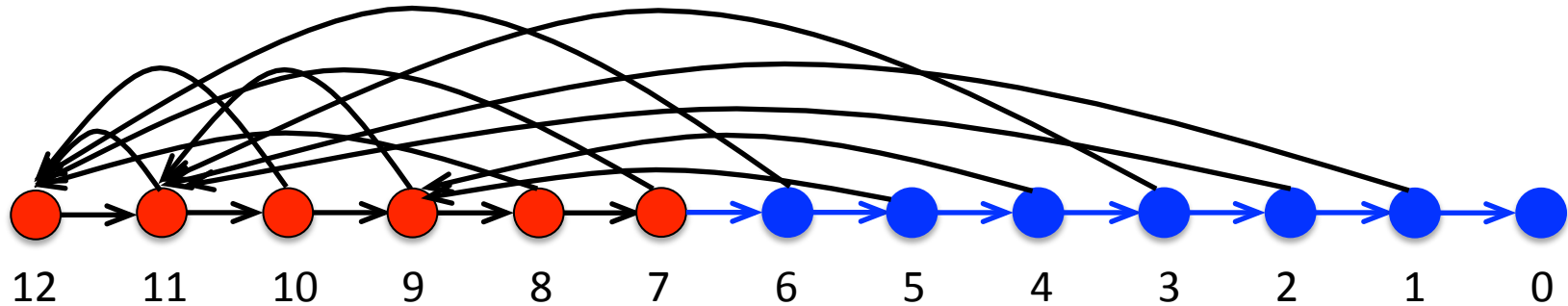


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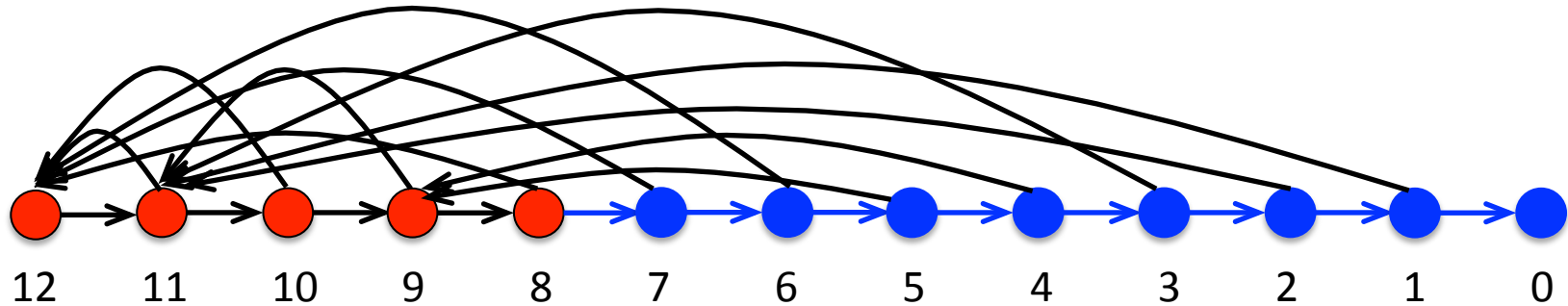


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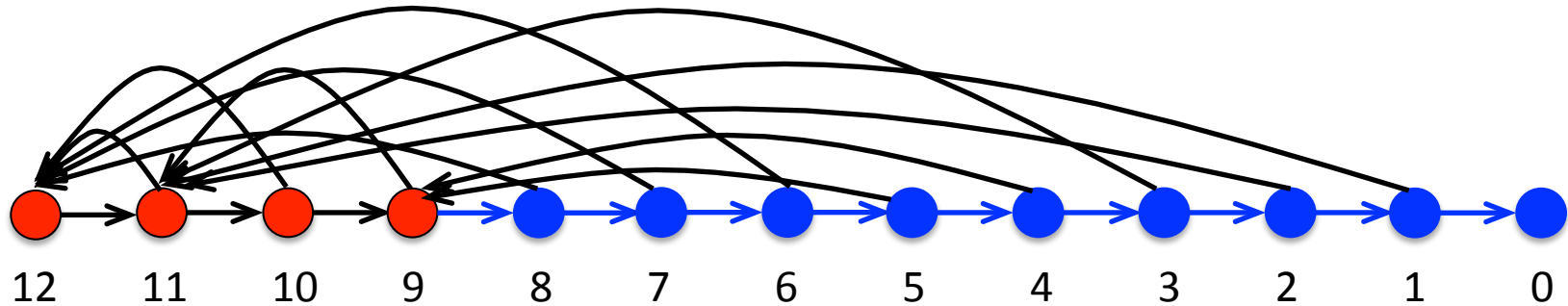


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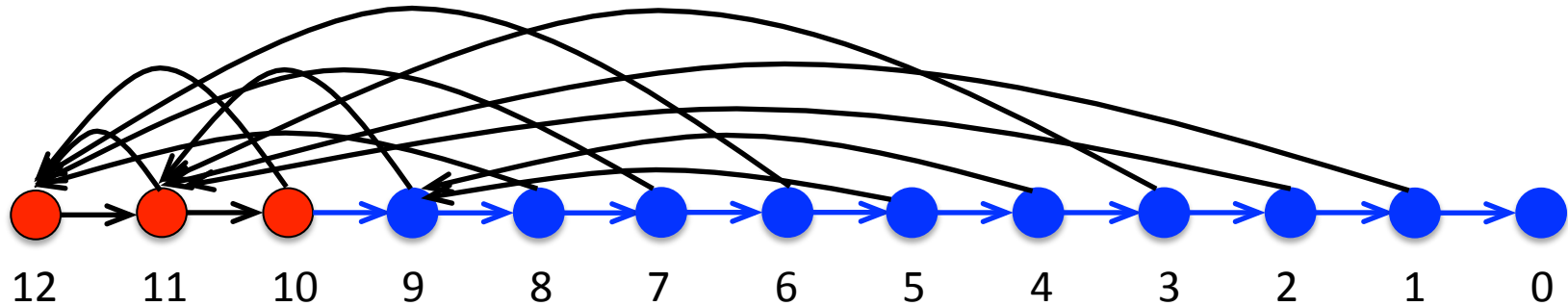


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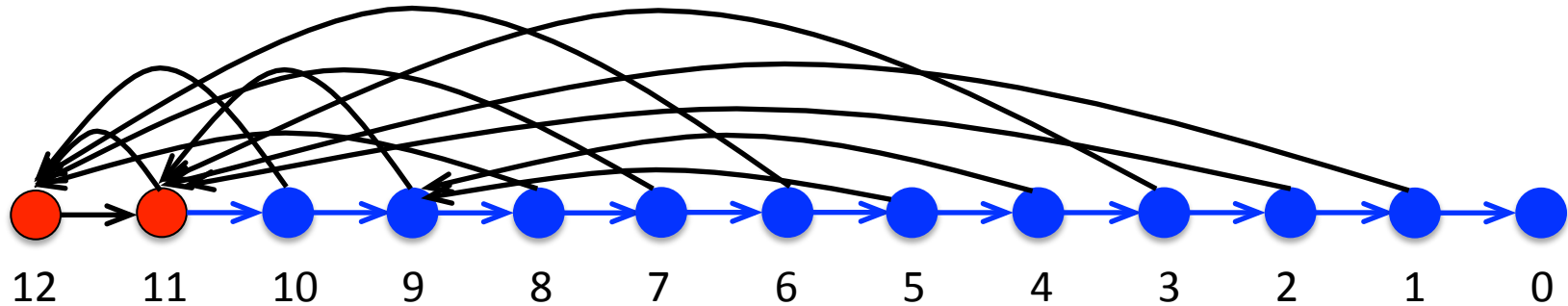


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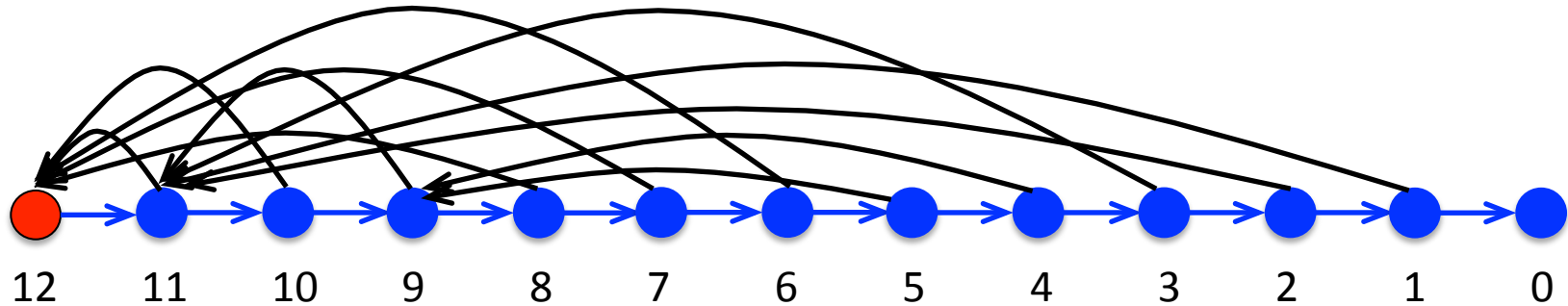


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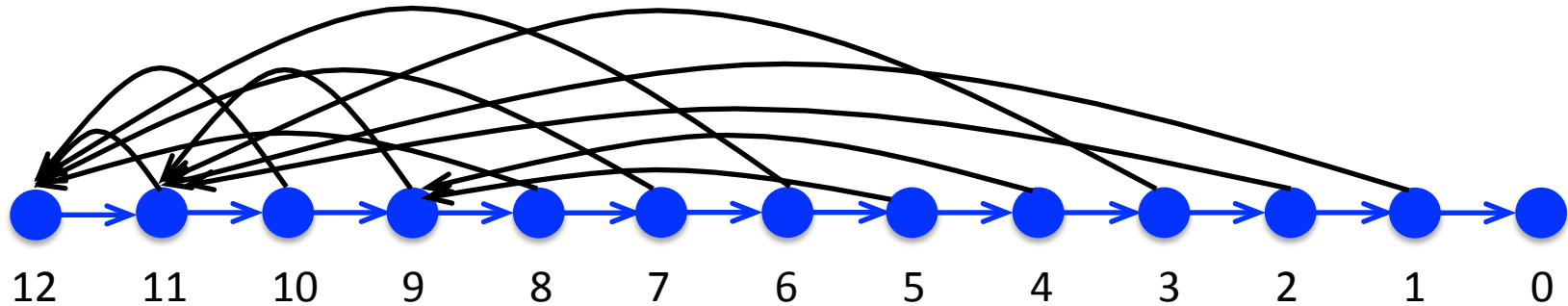


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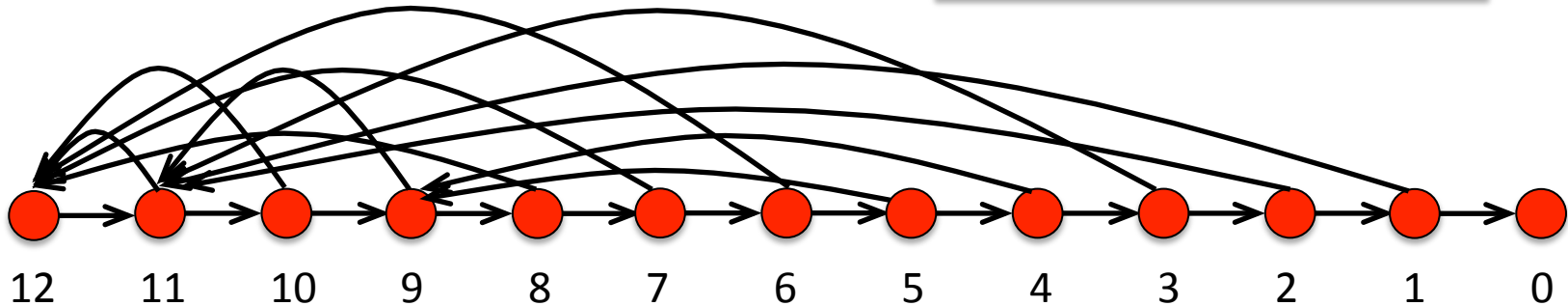
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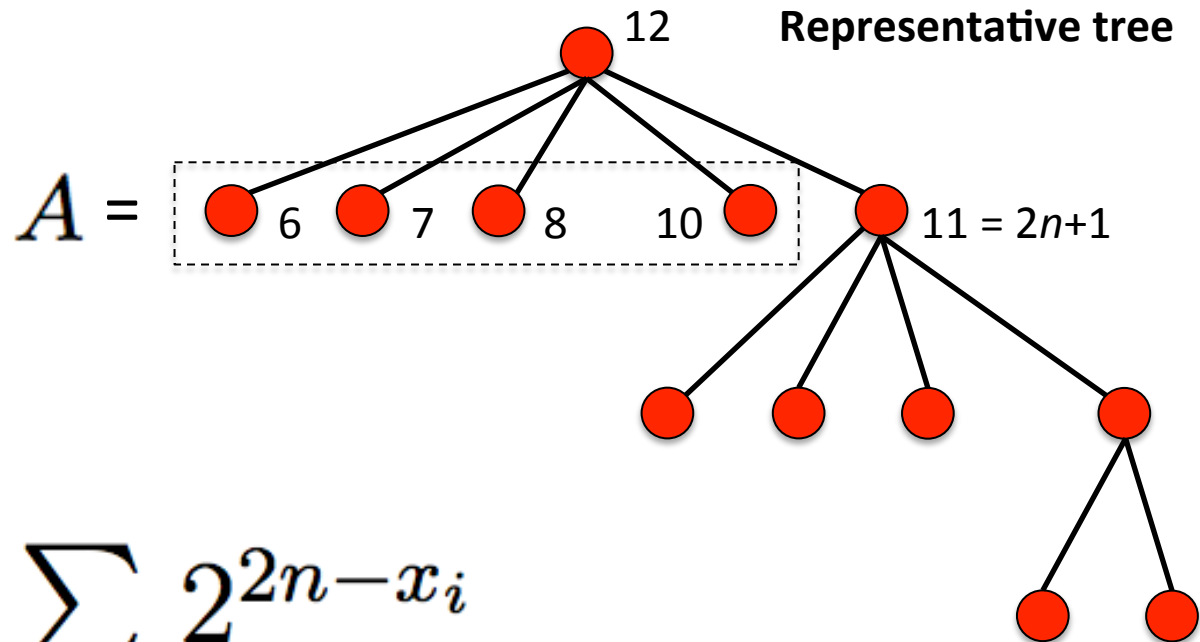
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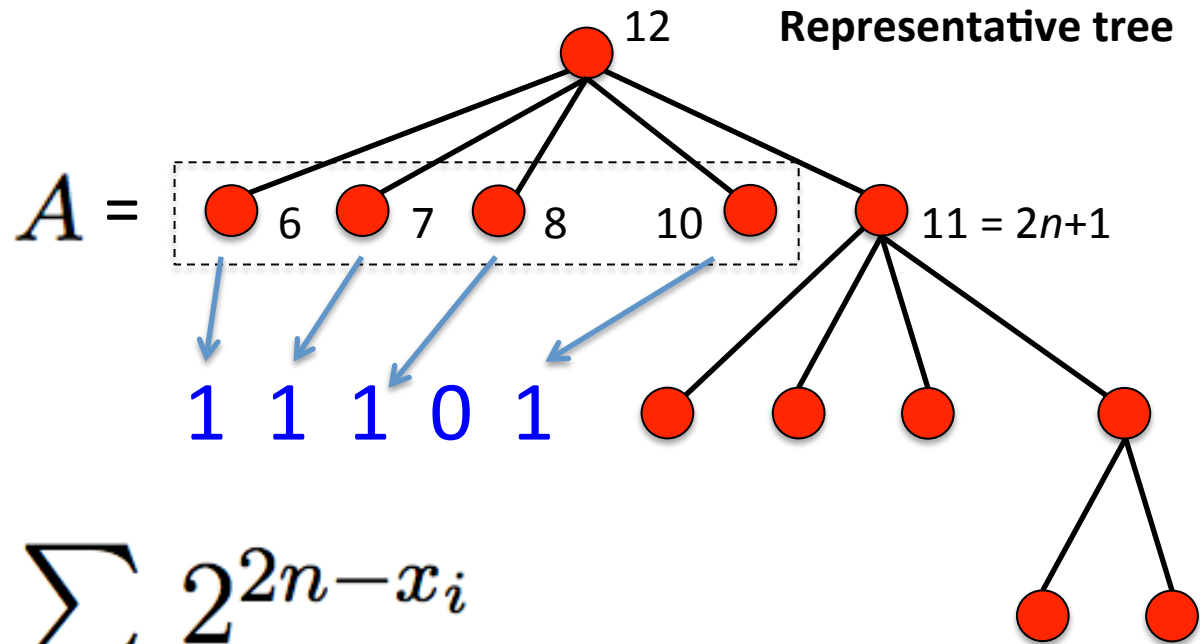
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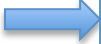
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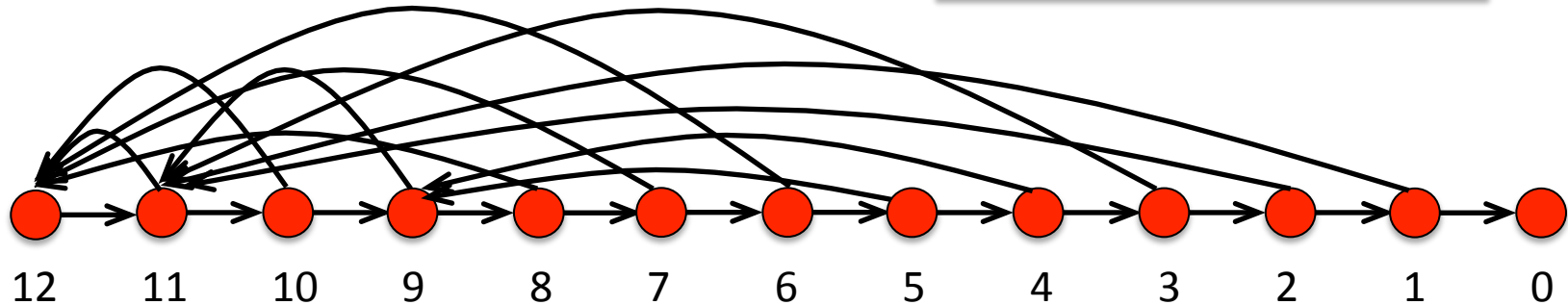
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| 10 | 132.3 (9.3) μs | 95.7 (5.8) μs | 104.2 (9.4) μs | 122.8 (24.8) μs |
| 20 | 240.9 (11.8) μs | 177.5 (9.7) μs | 190.7 (17.4) μs | 219.9 (44.9) μs |
| 30 | 357.7 (14.4) μs | 268.9 (13.2) μs | 281.3 (18.2) μs | 328.1 (66.0) μs |
| 100 | 1406.7 (45.7) μs | 1135.4 (39.5) μs | 1151.2 (89.8) μs | 1248.5 (260.4) μs |

average time (standard deviation)

Our contribution

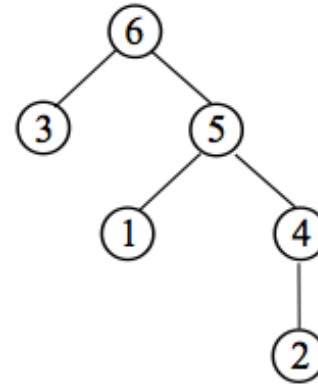
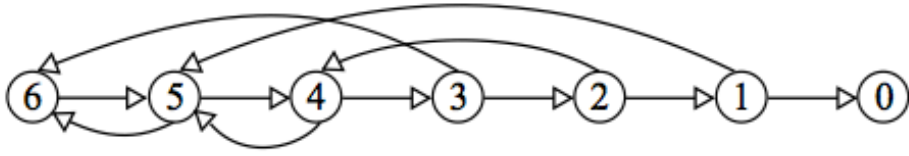
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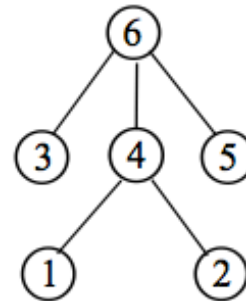
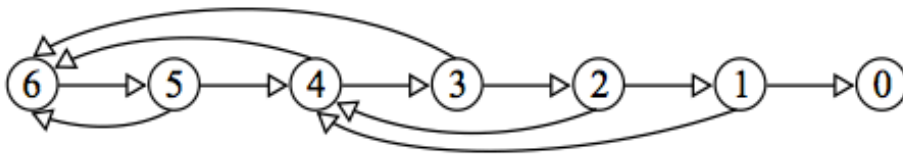
1. **formal definition of the class** of *canonical reducible permutation graphs* (precisely the graphs produced by Chroni and Nikolopoulos's encoding algorithm)
2. **characterization** and **linear-time recognition algorithm** for such graphs
3. a **new linear-time decoding algorithm** (graph \rightarrow integer key) simpler, marginally faster and able to retrieve the correct key even after the malicious removal of $k \leq 2$ edges
4. a **tight bound for the resilience of the codec** against edge removals

Resilience against edge modifications

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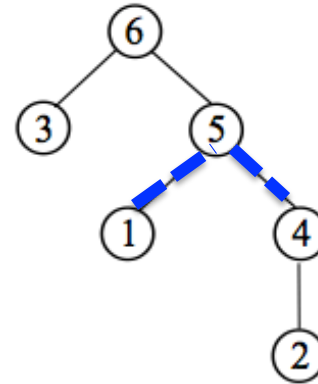
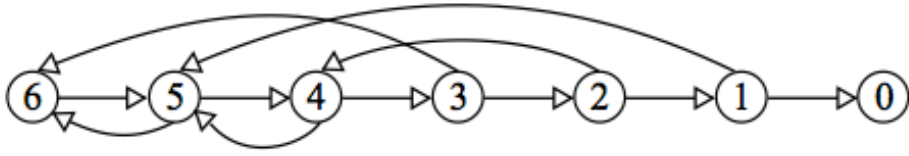


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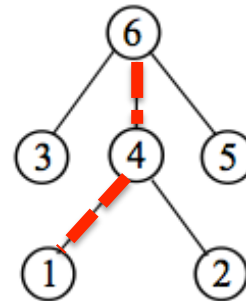
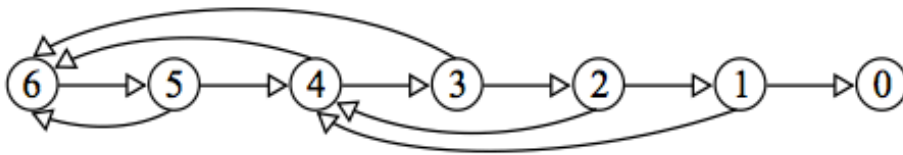


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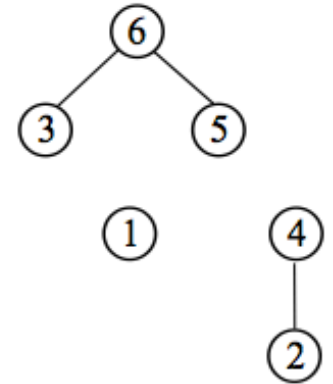
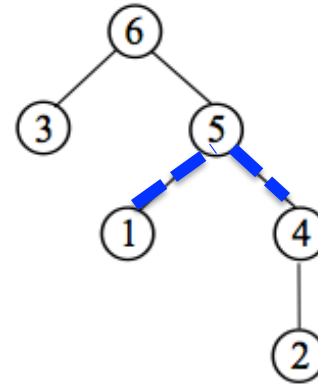
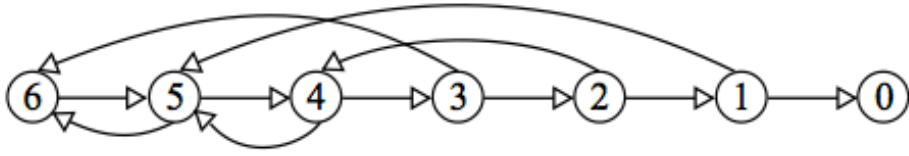


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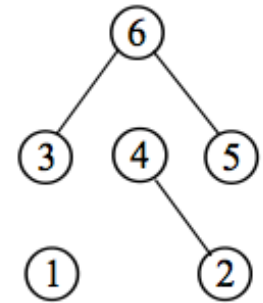
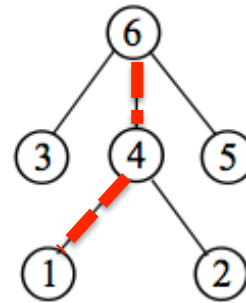
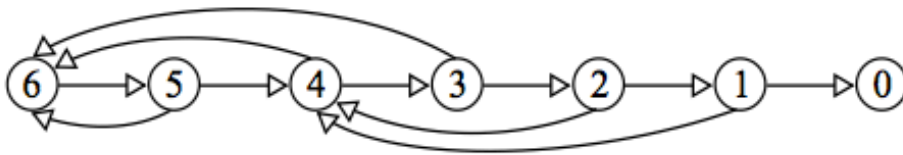


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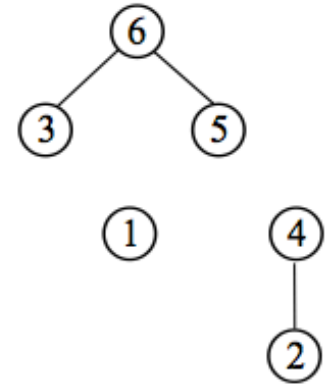
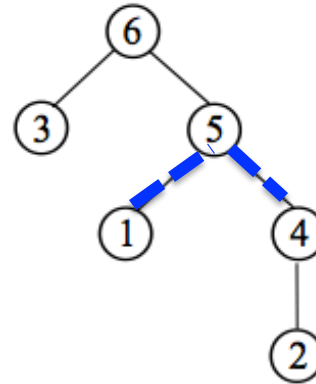
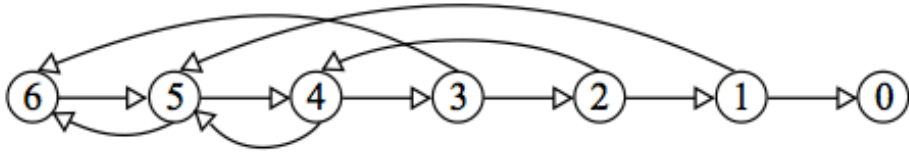


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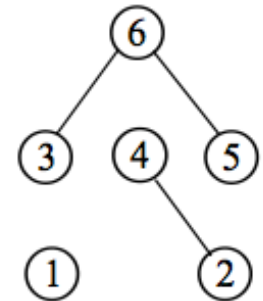
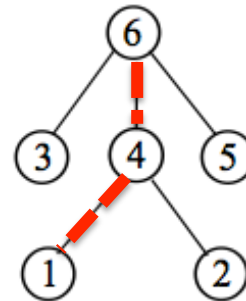
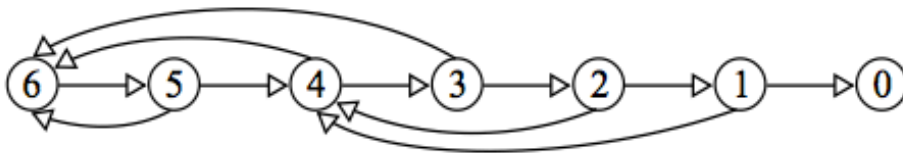


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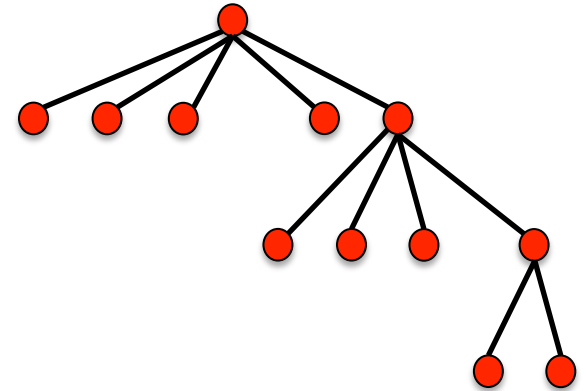
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For $n > 2$ bits, it is possible to detect up to 5 edge insertions/deletions in polynomial time.
This bound is tight.



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