

# Discrete Strategy Improvement for Solving Parity Games

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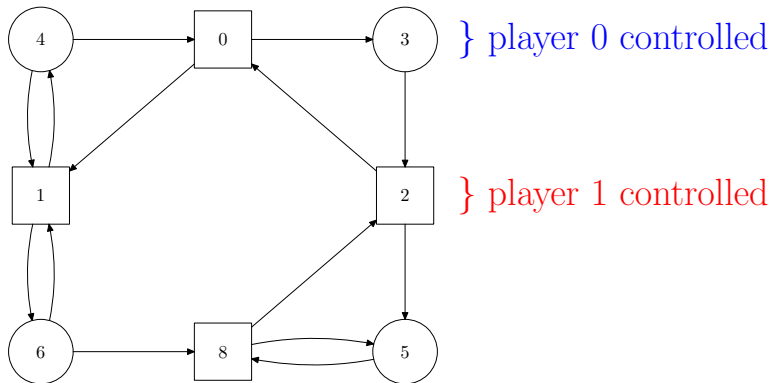
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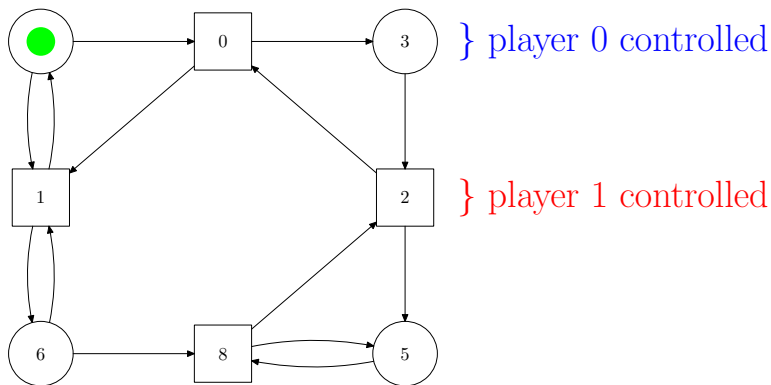
Parity Game (PG)  $G = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \Omega)$ .

- Two players called 0 and 1, with  $V = V_0 \cup V_1$  (and  $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$ )
- Labeling as a priority assignment  $\Omega : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- Winning objective: player 0 wins if largest priority seen infinitely often is even

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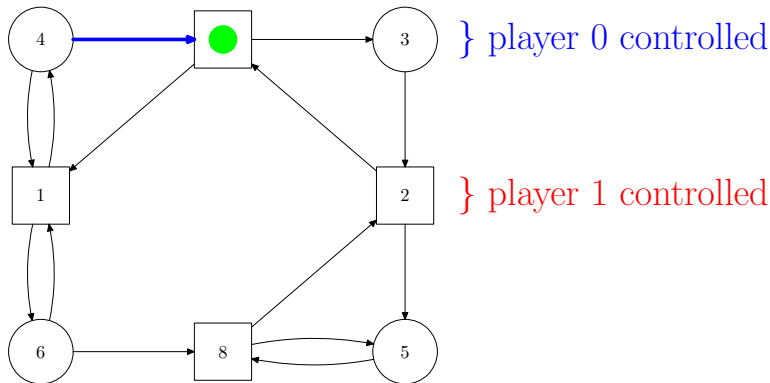


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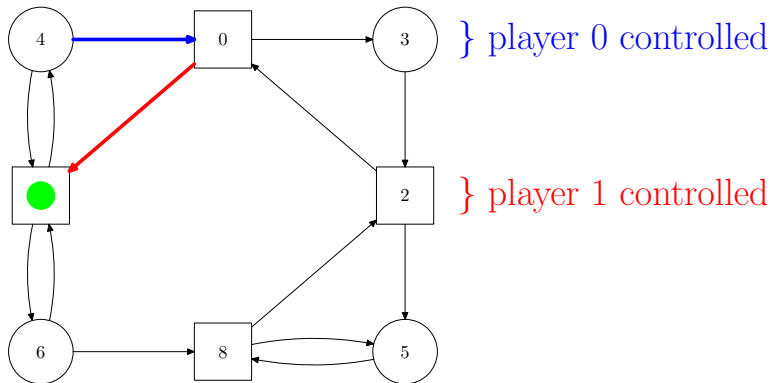
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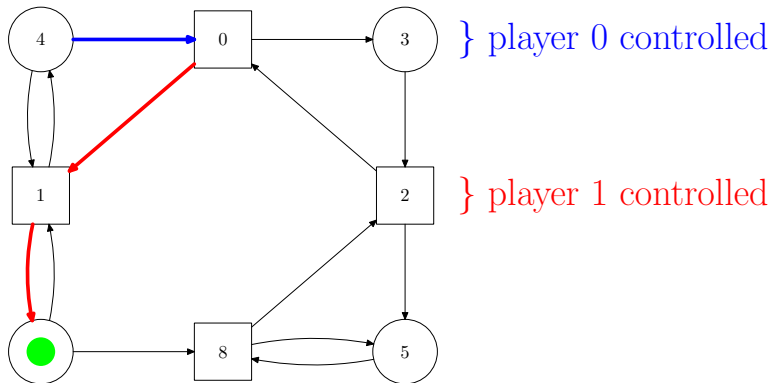
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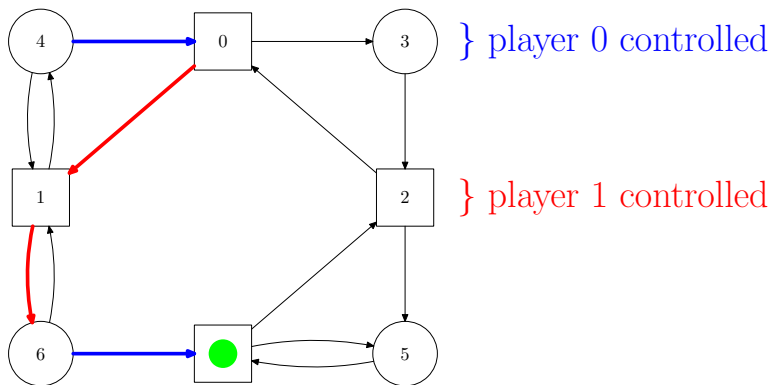
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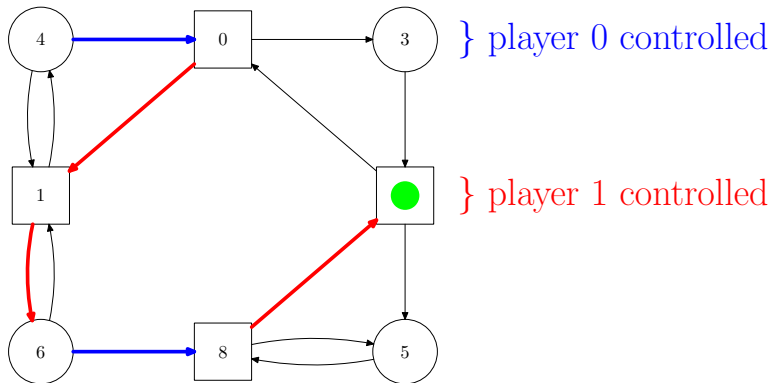


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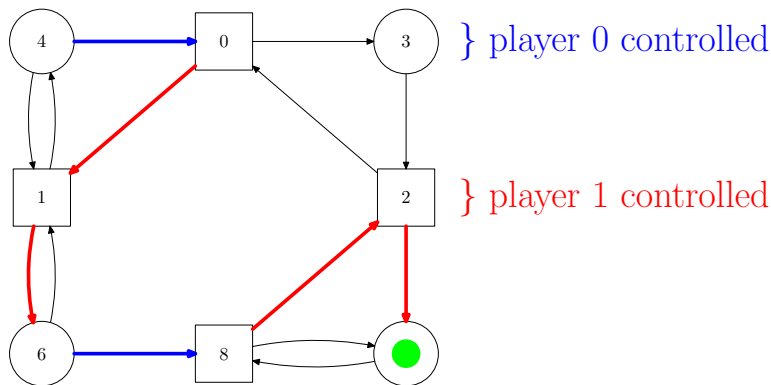
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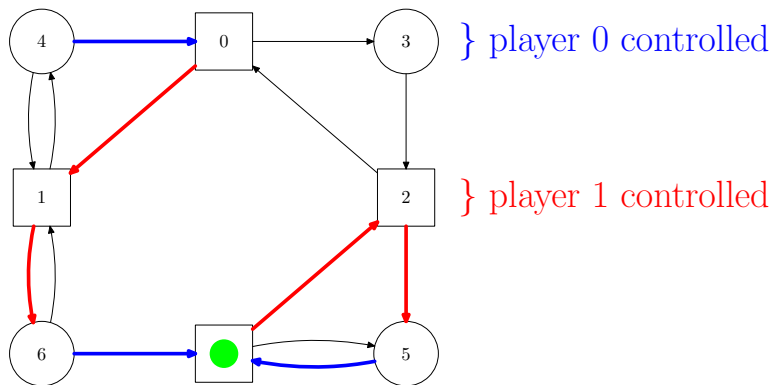
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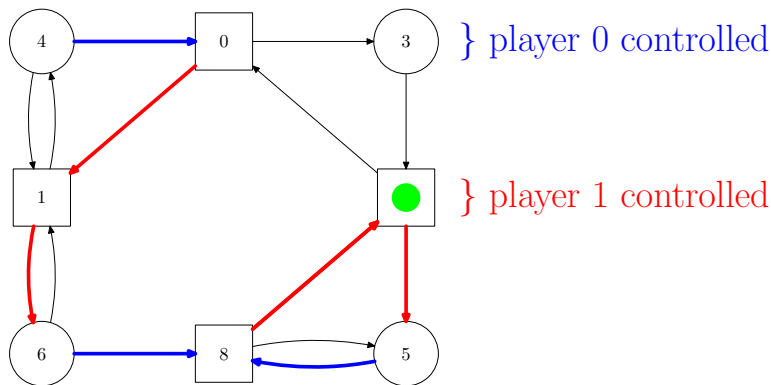
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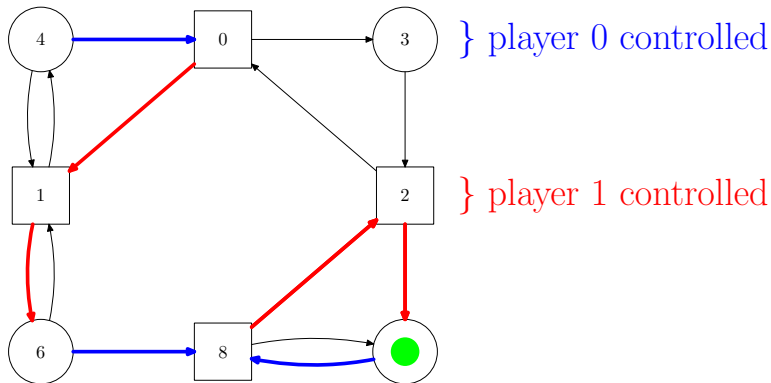
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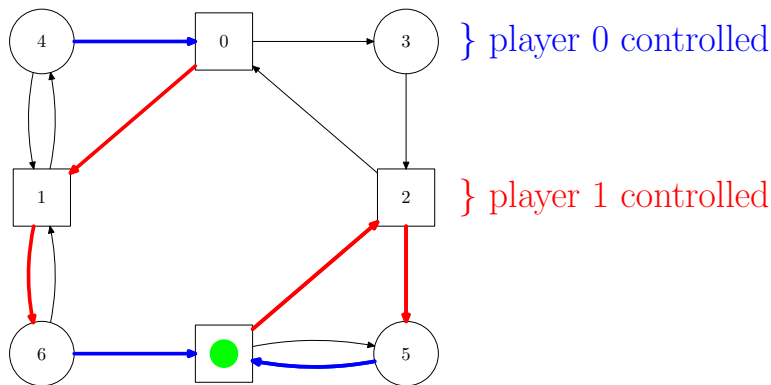
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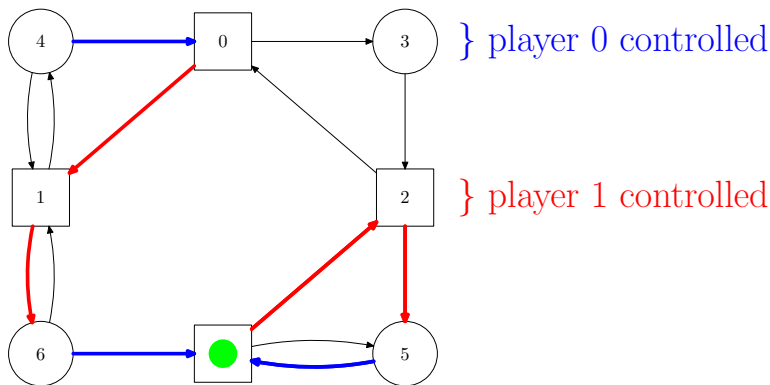
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# Strategies, Winning, and all that

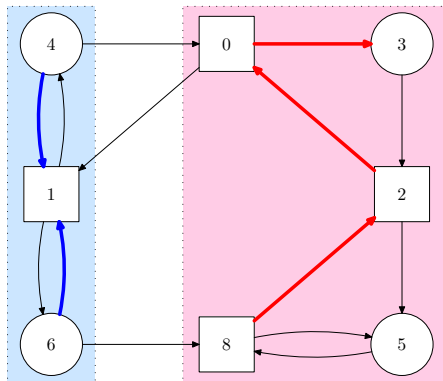
- (Positional) **strategy** for player  $i$ :  $\sigma_i : V_i \rightarrow V$  respecting  $E$
- $v$ -**winning** strategy  $\sigma$  for  $i$ : wins  $v$ -starting plays against any counterstrategy
- Winning set  $W_i = \{ \text{nodes for which } i \text{ has a winning strategy} \}$

## Theorem

The set of vertices  $V$  can be partitioned into winning sets  $W_0$  and  $W_1$ . Player  $i$  has a **single** positional winning strategy for all nodes in  $W_i$ .

**Computational Problem:** Compute  $W_0$  and  $W_1$  along with winning strategies.

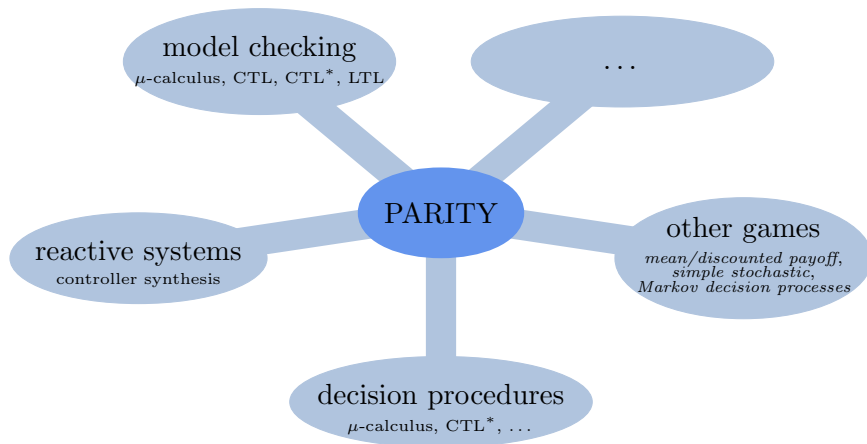
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Player 0 wins **blue** area with **blue** strategy.

Player 1 wins **red** area with **red** strategy.

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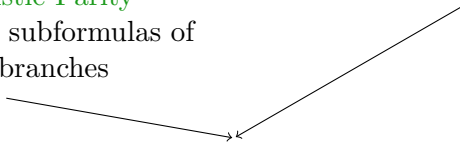
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Winner of Parity Game determines validity of  $\varphi$



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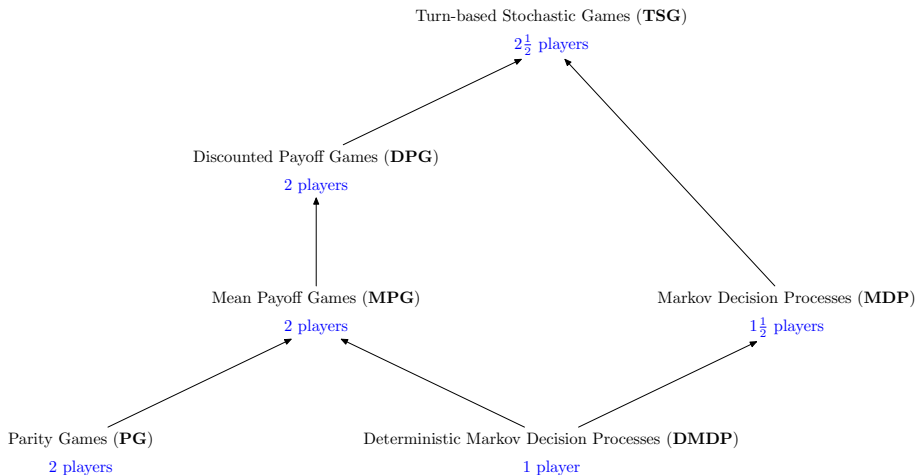
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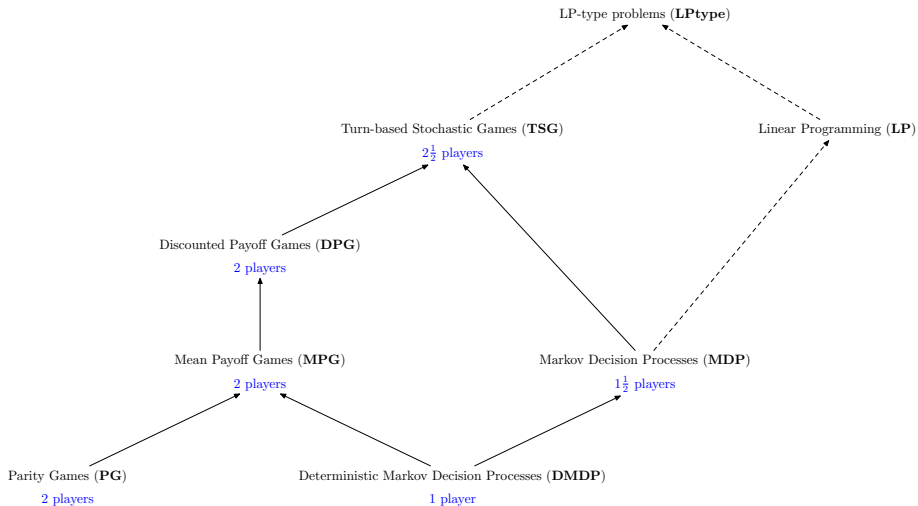
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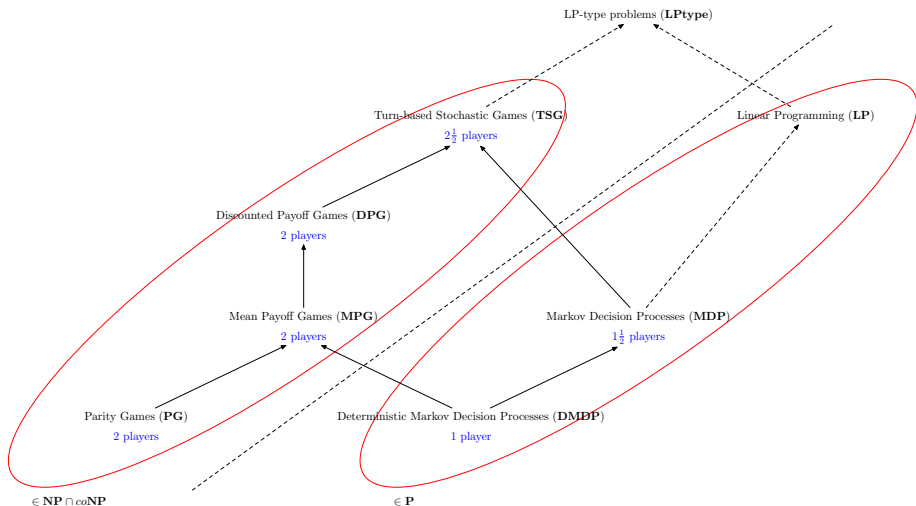
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Strategy Improvement applies to other infinitary payoff games as well!

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## 1 Parity Game Solver Platform

PGSOLVER: <http://www.tcs.ifi.lmu.de/pgsolver>

## 2 Modal Logic Solver Platform

MLSOLVER: <http://www.tcs.ifi.lmu.de/mlsolver>

# Strategy Improvement

# History

- Howard 1960: infinite-horizon [Markov Decision Processes](#)
- Hoffman-Karp 1966: [Non-terminating Stochastic Games](#)
- Condon 1992: [Simple Stochastic Games](#)
- Puri 1995: [Discounted Payoff Games](#)
- Vöge-Jurdziński 2000: discrete algorithm to solve [Parity Games](#)



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**Question:** does this algorithm always terminate?

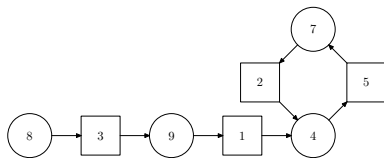
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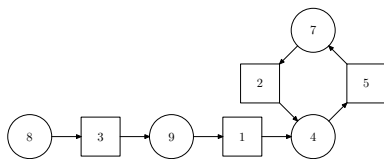


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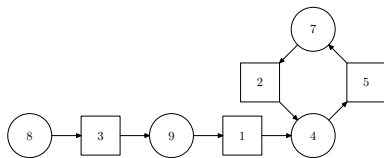


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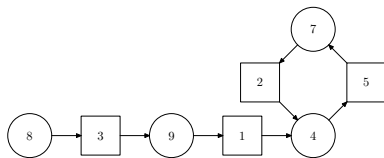
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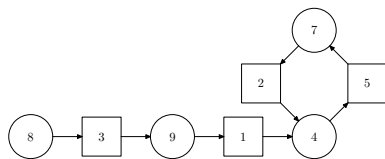
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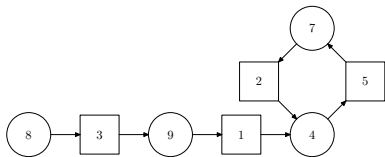
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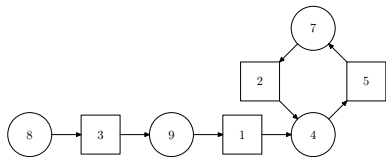
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Let  $\sigma$  be an optimal strategy.

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- 2  $W_1 = \{v \mid \text{val}_\sigma(v) = (w, -, -) \text{ and } w \text{ odd}\}$
- 3  $\sigma$  is a winning strategy for player 0 on  $W_0$
- 4  $\tau_\sigma$  is a winning strategy for player 1 on  $W_1$

# Scheme (recall)

Two ingredients...

- 1 **Pre-ordering**  $\leq$  on positional **player 0 strategies** ✓
- 2 **Improvement operator**  $\text{IMPROVE} : \mathcal{S}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_0$  ✓

with two properties...

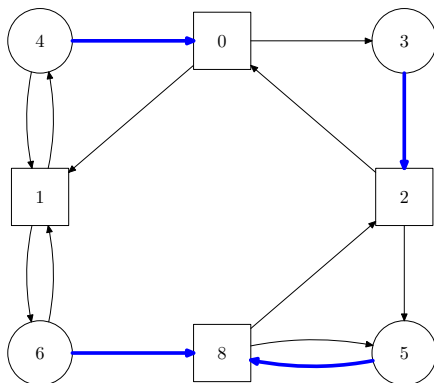
- 1  $\leq$ -**optimal** strategy  $\sigma$  induces **winning sets** and **strategies** ✓
- 2  $\sigma$  **not**  $\leq$ -**optimal** implies  $\sigma \triangleleft \text{IMPROVE}(\sigma)$  ✓

## Strategy Improvement

- 1: **while**  $\sigma$  is **not optimal** **do**
- 2:      $\sigma \leftarrow \text{IMPROVE}(\sigma)$
- 3: **end while**

# Example

Initial strategy



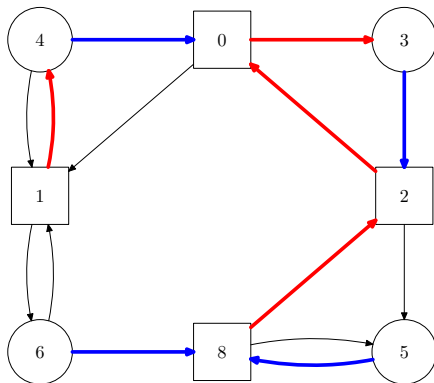
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# Example

## Counter strategy / Valuation

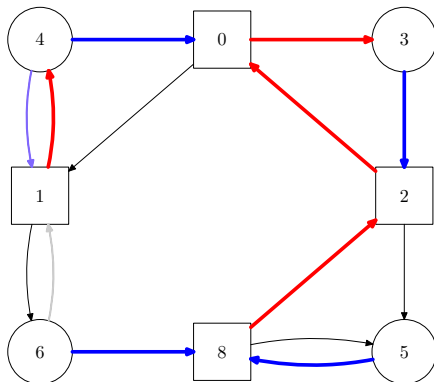


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# Example

## Improving switches

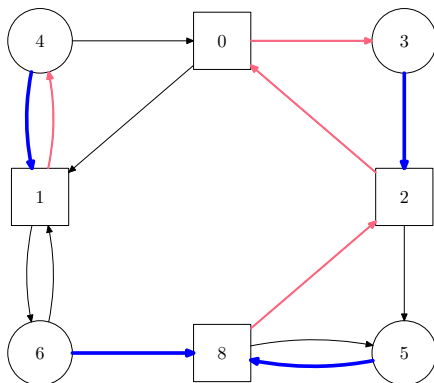


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# Example

Next strategy

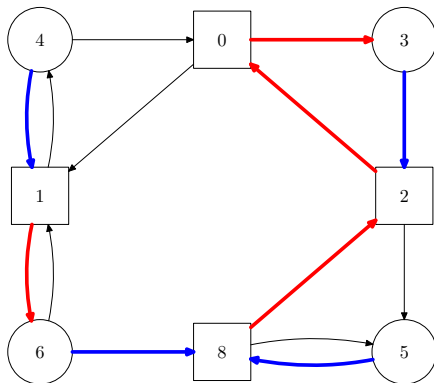


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# Example

Next counter strategy / Next valuation

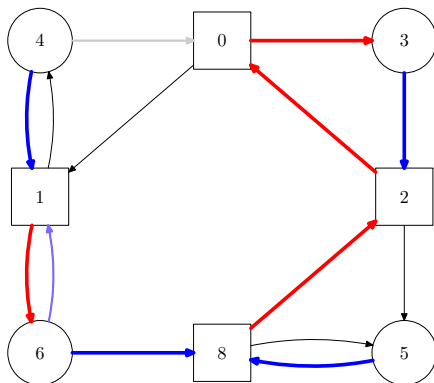


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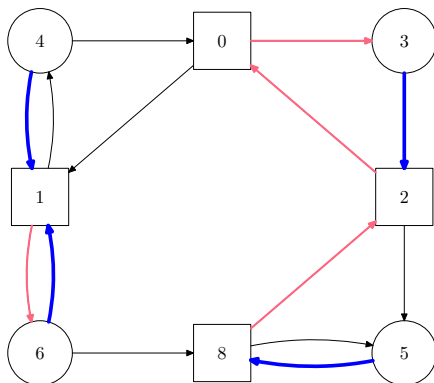


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# Example

Final strategy

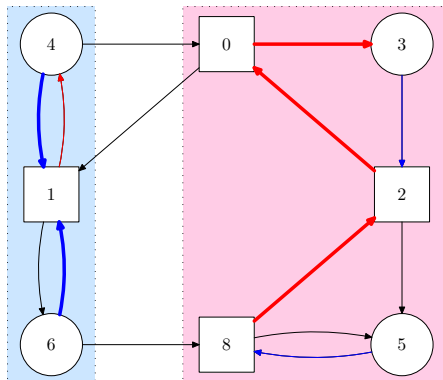


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# Example

Final counter strategy / Final valuation



■  $\text{val}_\sigma(6) = (4, \{6\}, 2)$  induced by  $\pi = 6, 1, (4, 1)^\omega$

■  $\text{val}_\sigma(5) = (3, \{8, 5\}, 4)$  induced by  $\pi = 5, 8, 2, 0, (3, 2, 0)^\omega$

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Complexity of **Strategy Iteration** essentially depends on the **number of iterations**!

# Improvement Rules

Strategy Iteration is parameterized by an **improvement rule**.

$$\text{IMPROVE}(\sigma) = \sigma[J] \text{ for some } \emptyset \subsetneq J \subseteq I(\sigma)$$

Improvement Rule = method of **choosing** improving switches

- Single-Switching vs. Multi-Switching
- Deterministic vs. Randomized
- Memorizing vs. Oblivious

# Diameter

Question: **theoretically** possible to have polynomially many iterations?

Let  $G$  be a game and  $n$  be the number of nodes.

Definition: the **diameter** of  $G$  is the **least number of iterations** required to solve  $G$

## Diameter Theorem

The diameter of  $G$  is **less or equal to**  $n$ .

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## Theorem

One player PGs can be solved in  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  iterations by SWITCH-ALL strategy improvement.

# Lower Bounds

# Sink Parity Games

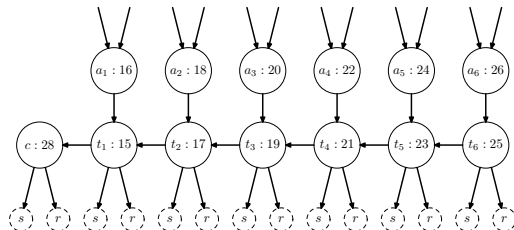
Definition: PG is **sink PG** iff

- 1 only **one cycle component** appears in strategy iteration
- 2 cycle component has **least priority** in the game, and is **odd**

Consequences:

- Game is completely **won by player 1**
- Cycle component and path length component **irrelevant**
- Strategy Iteration = **optimization of paths** leading to the sink

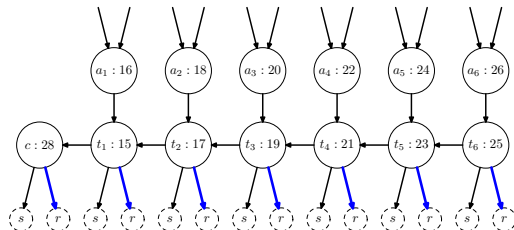
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- Assume  $\text{val}_\sigma(s) \prec \text{val}_\sigma(r)$
- Best entry point:

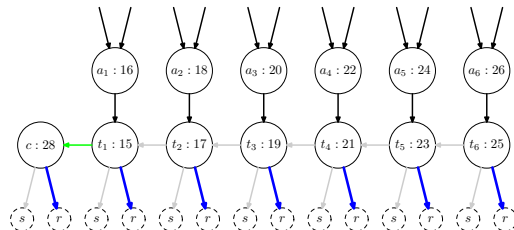


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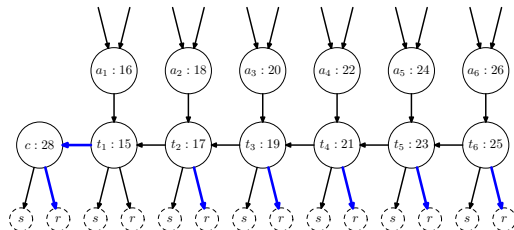
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- Best entry point:  $a_6$

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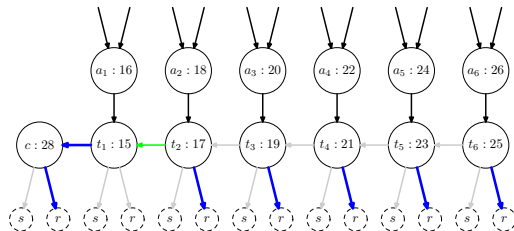
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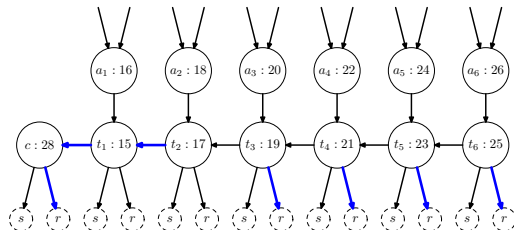
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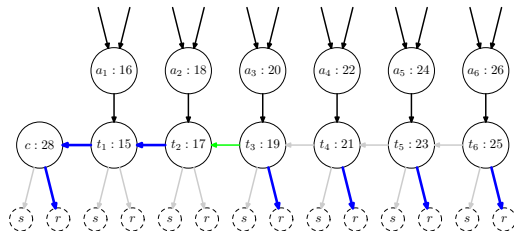
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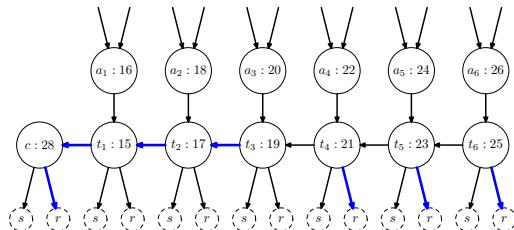
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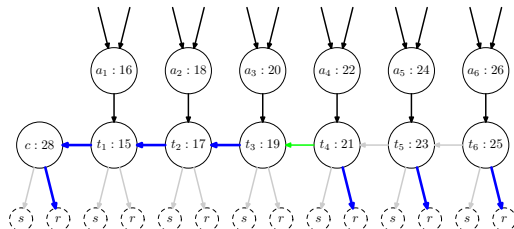
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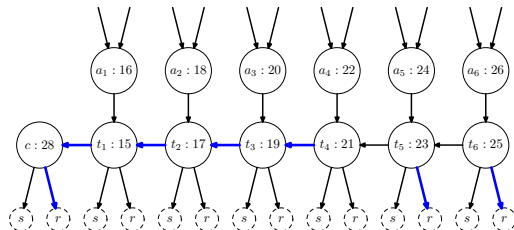
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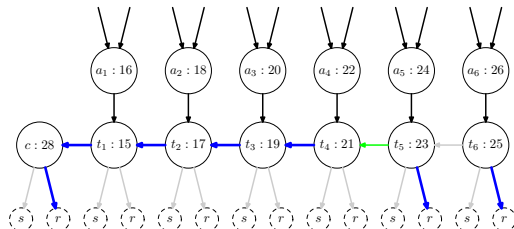


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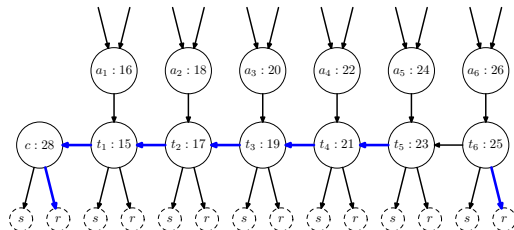
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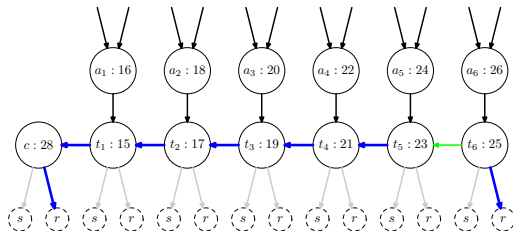


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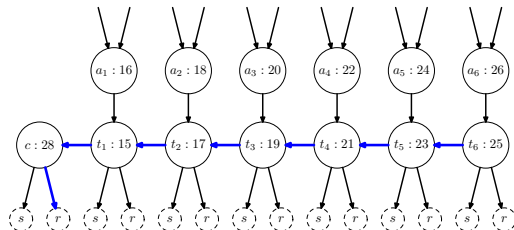


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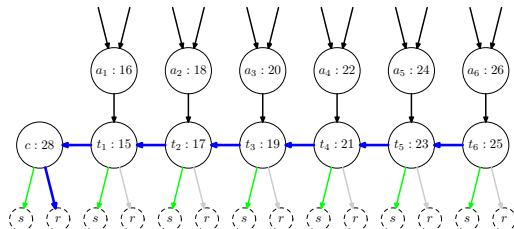
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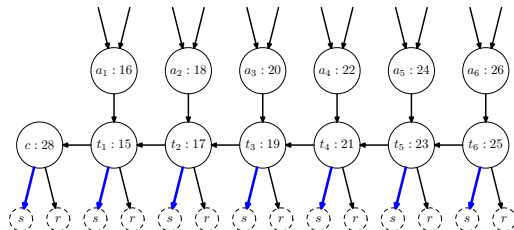
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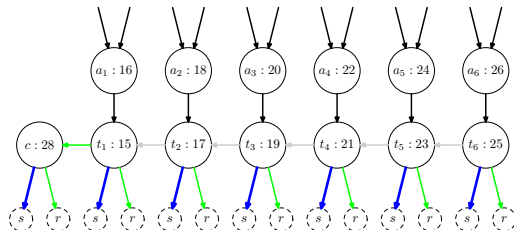
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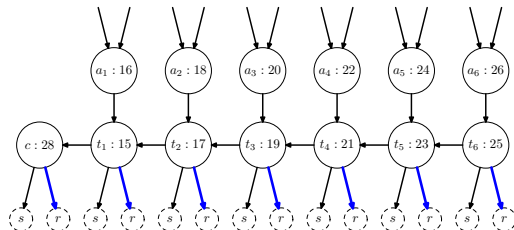
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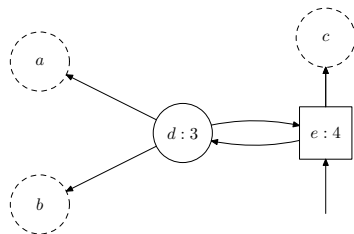


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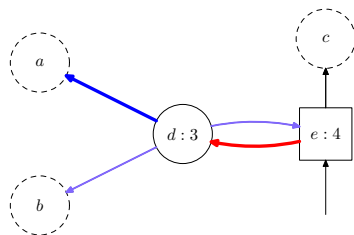
# Cycle Gadget



Situation: Player 1 controlled, player 0 dominated cycle

- Ordering:
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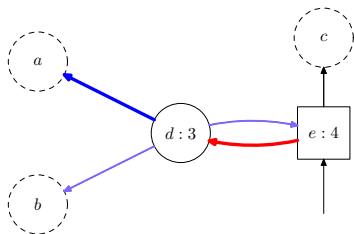
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Player 0 moves out, player 1 moves in (“cycle open”)

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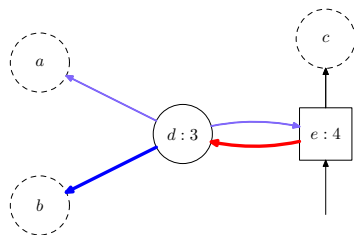
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Node  $c$  has the highest valuation, however, best local update is  $b$

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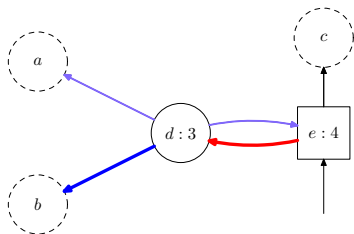
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Player 0 still moves out

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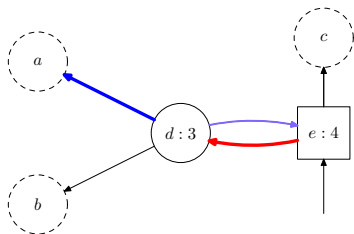
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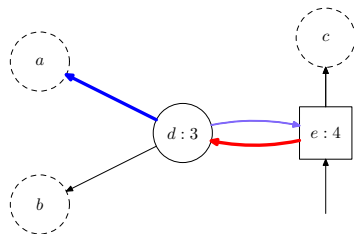
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Still moving out...

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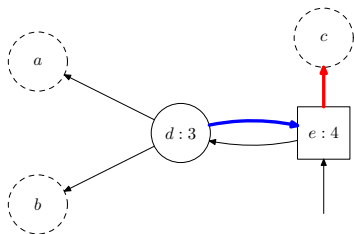


Only improving edge is  $d$  (“closing the cycle”)

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# Cycle Gadget



Cycle closed, player 1 forced to move out

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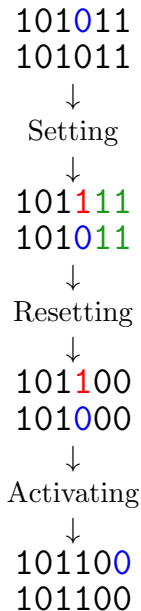
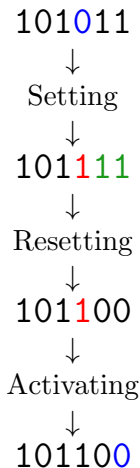
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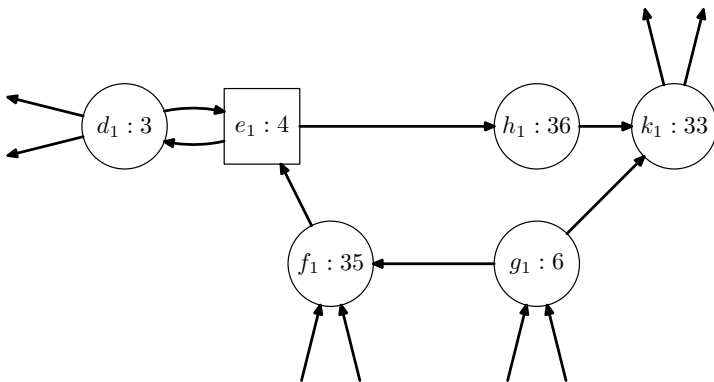
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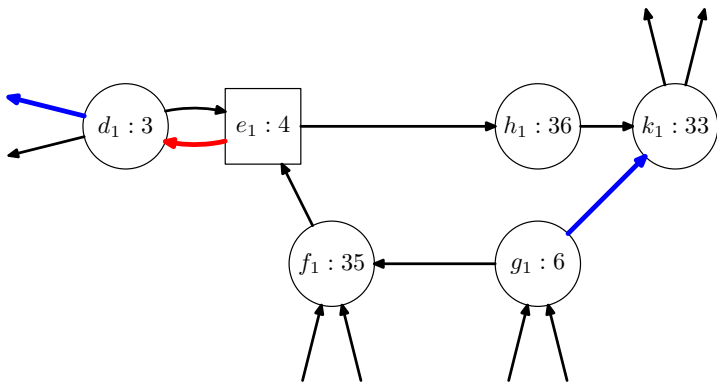


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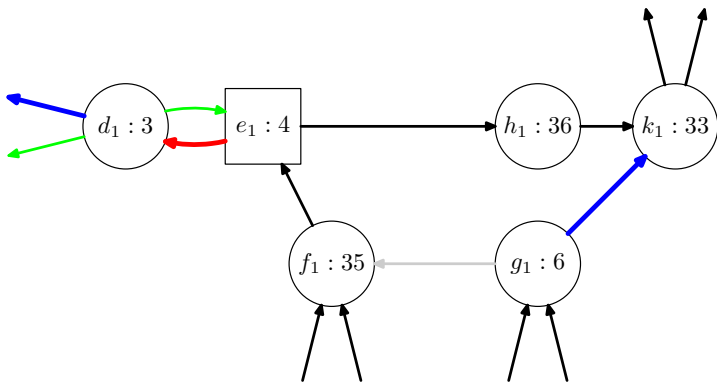
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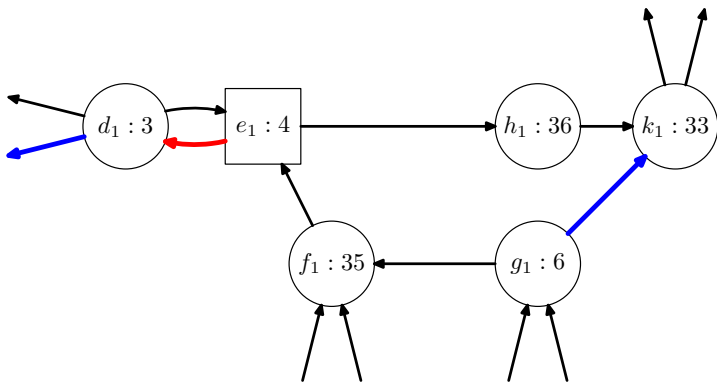
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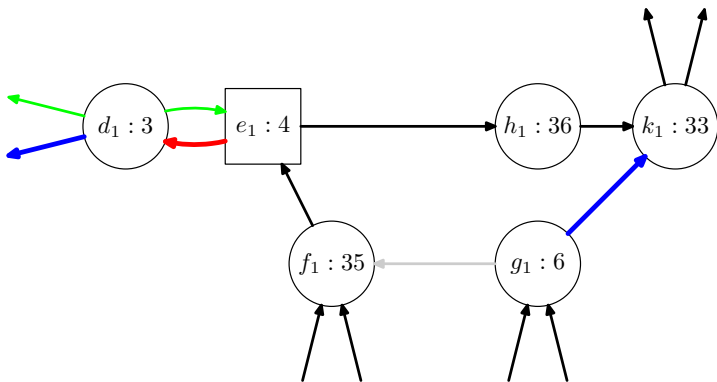
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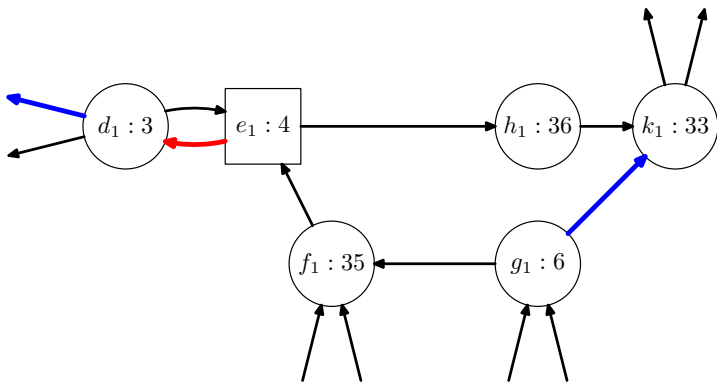
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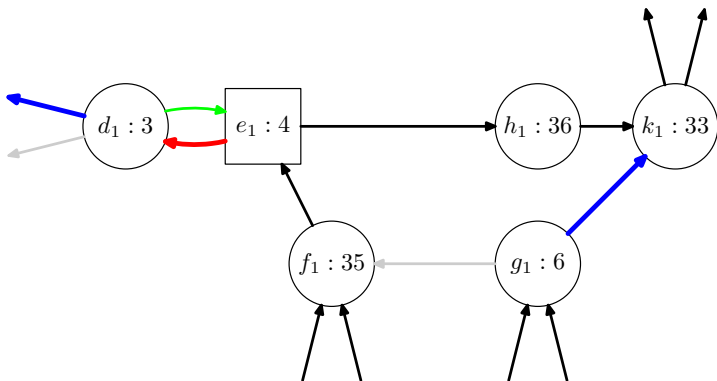
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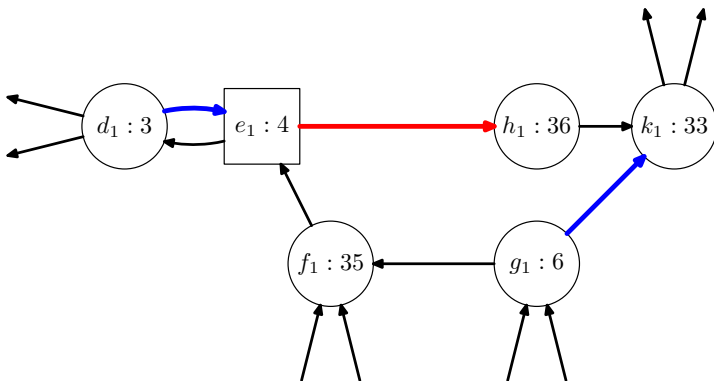
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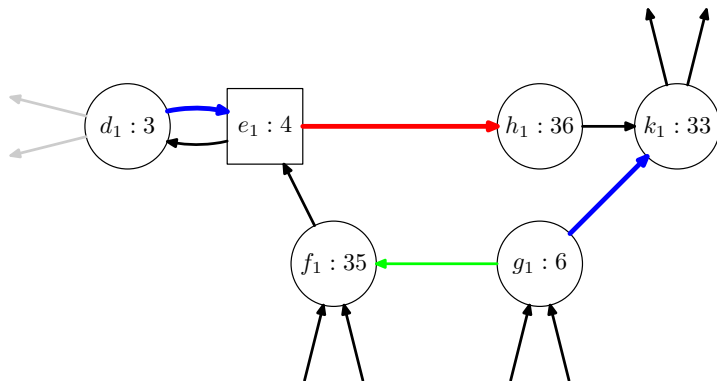


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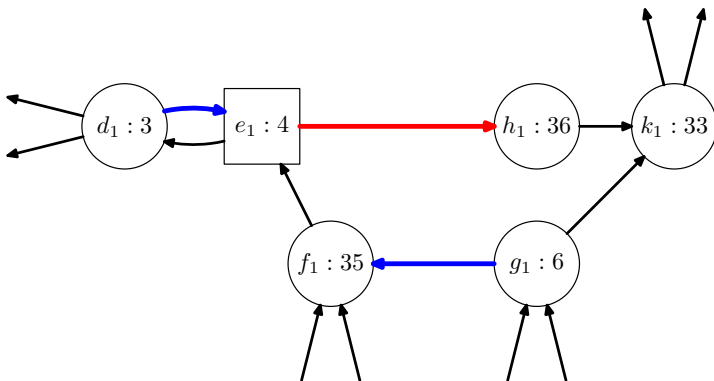
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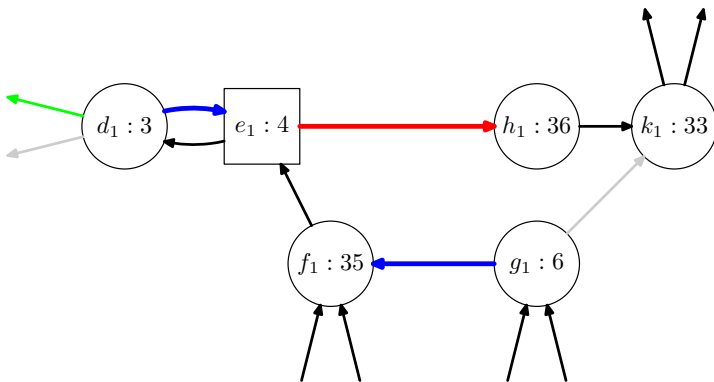
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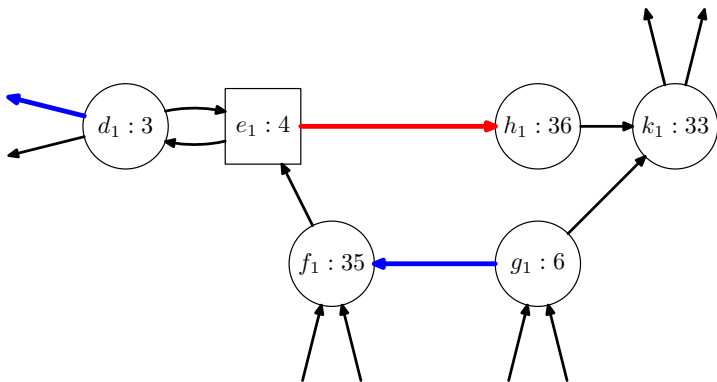
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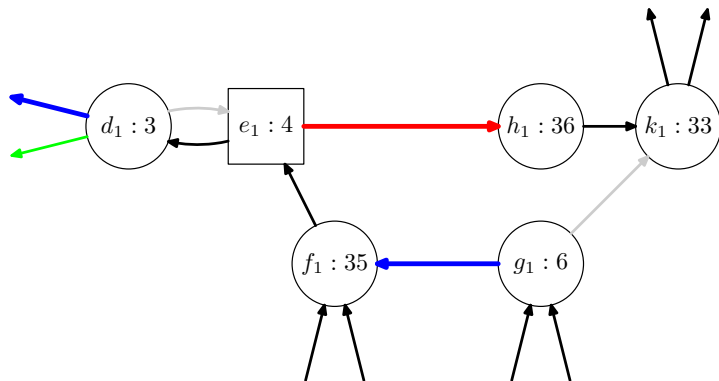
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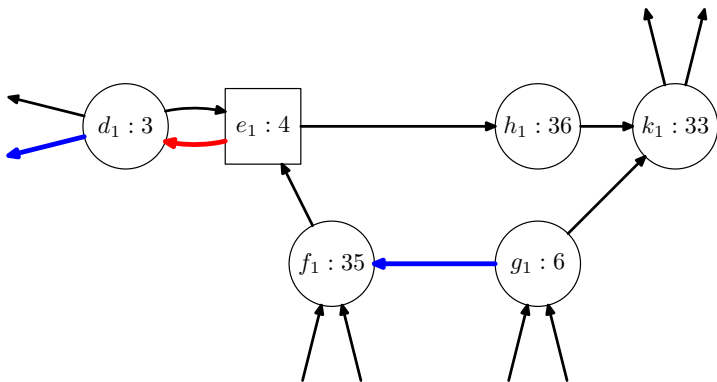
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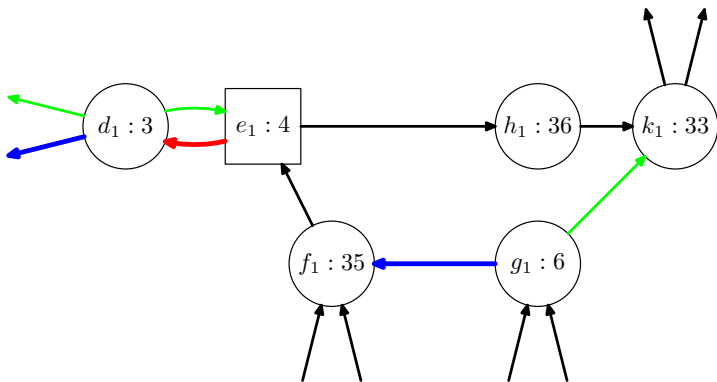
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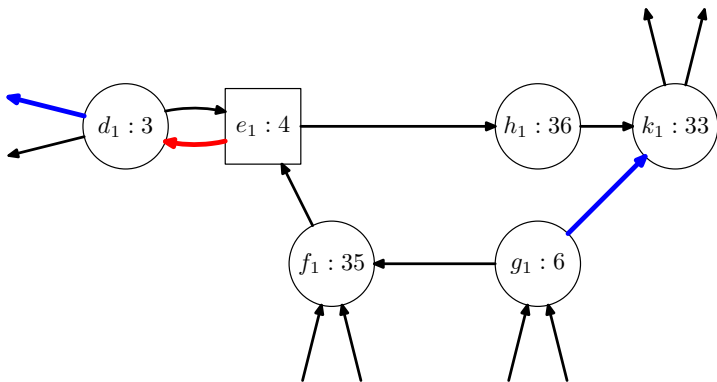
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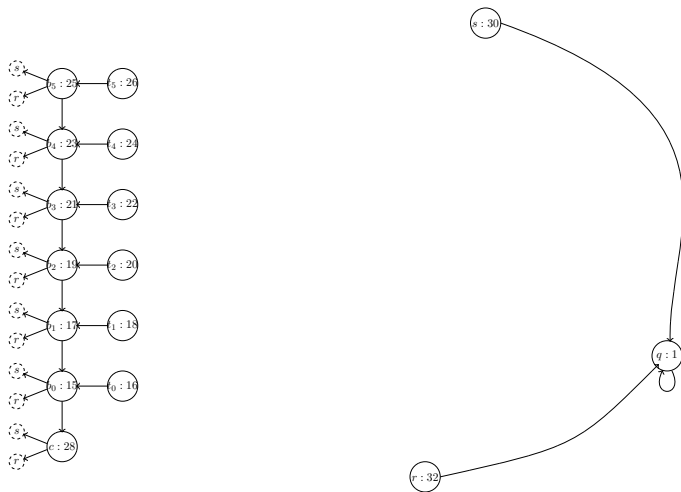
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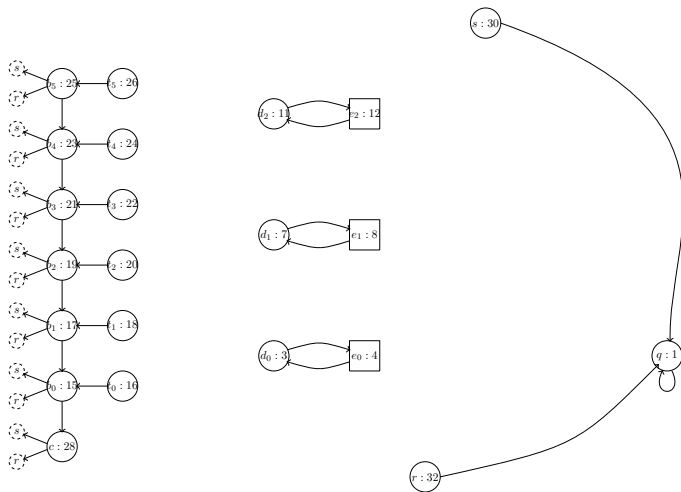
Whole graph consists of a simple cycle,

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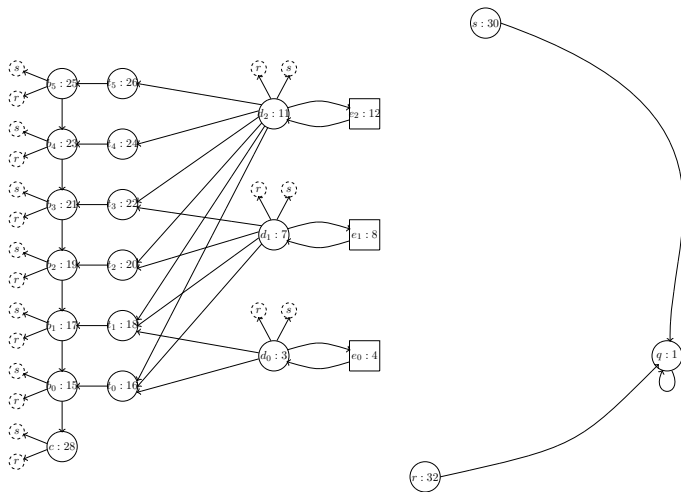
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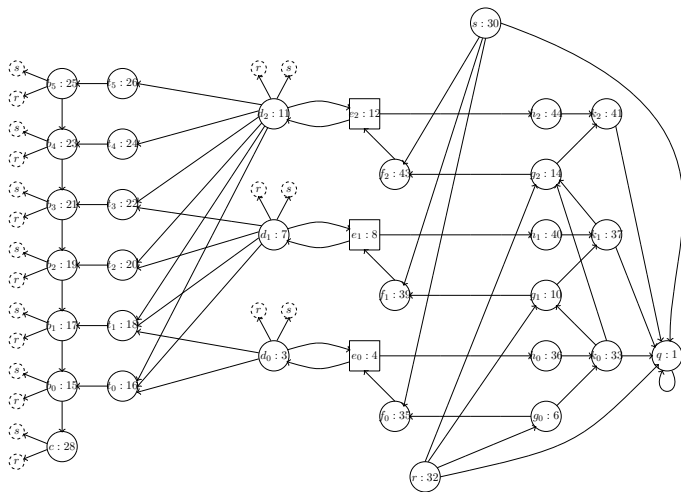


simple (bit-saving) cycles

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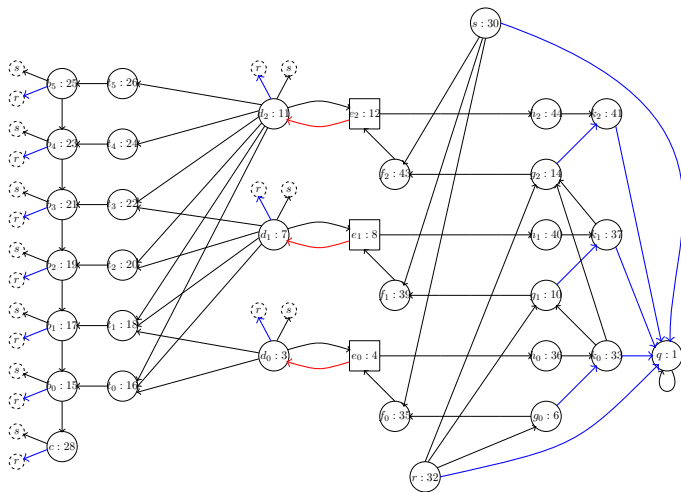


simple (bit-saving) cycles that are connected to the lane,



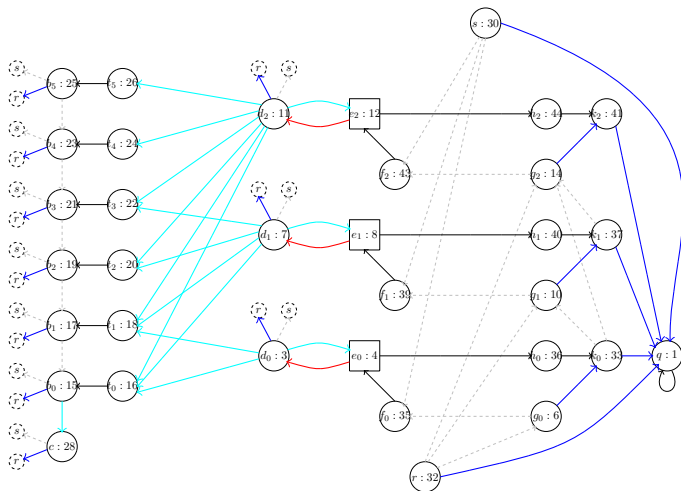
and cycle associated structures.

## Full Construction



Initial Strategy, heuristic: Maximize local reward.

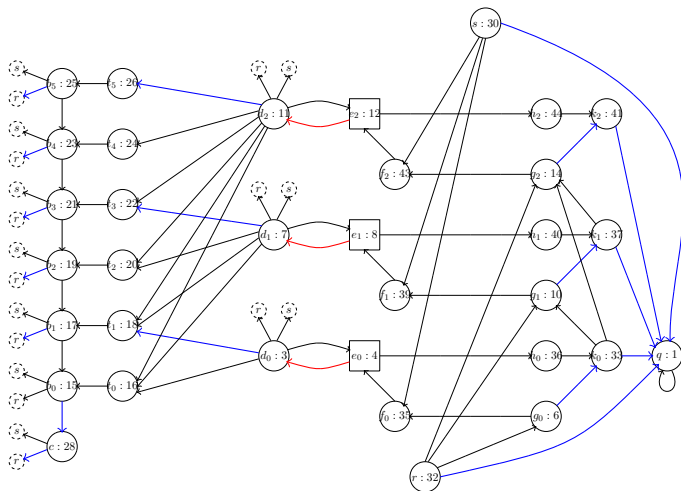
## Full Construction



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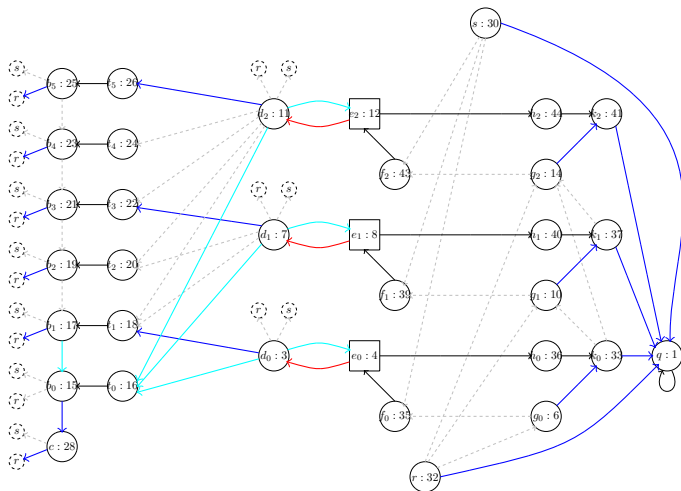


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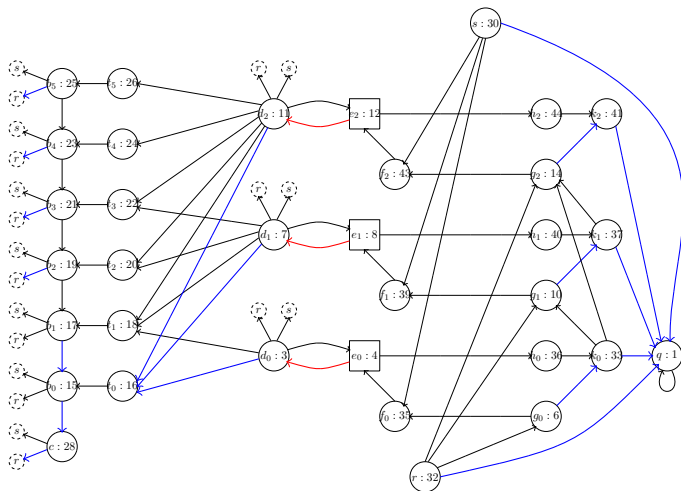
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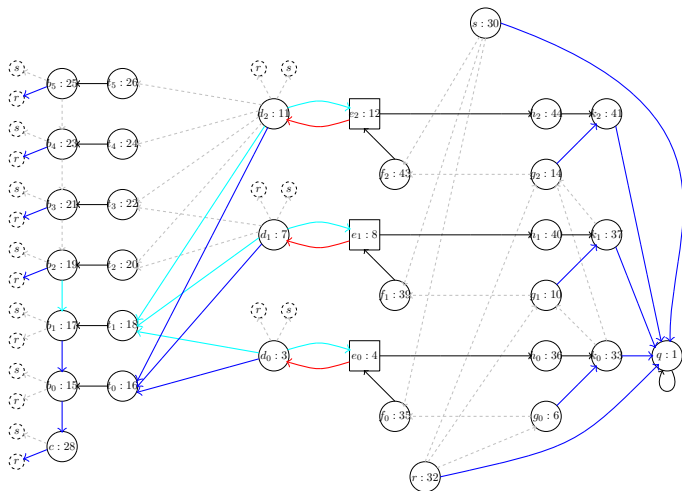
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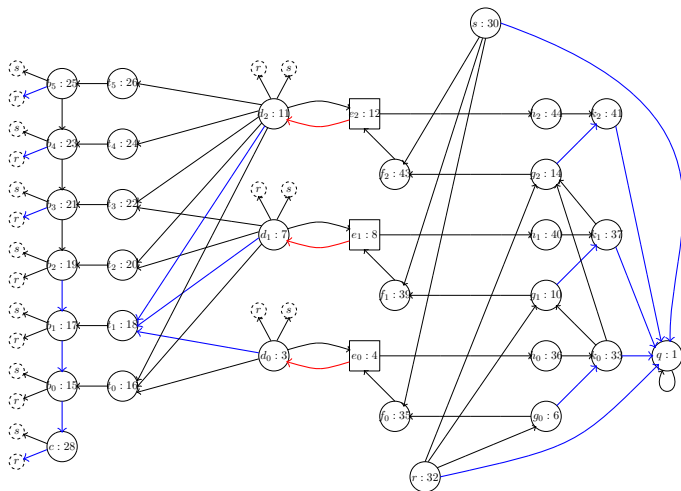
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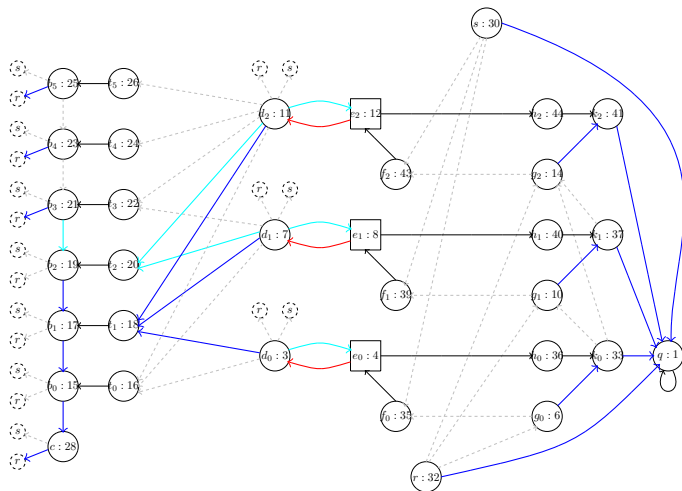
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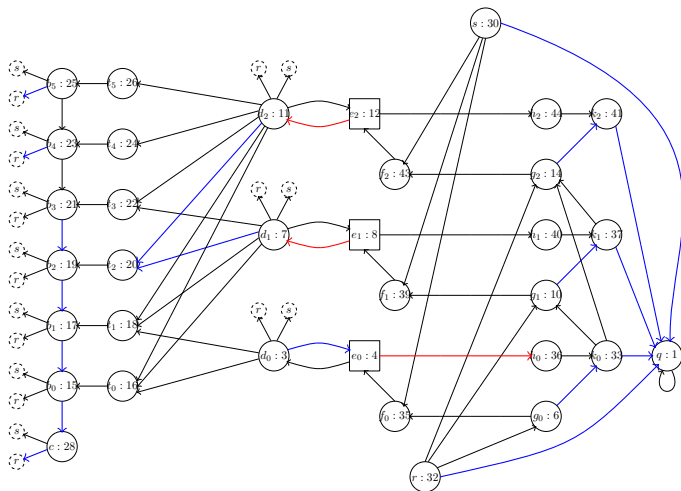
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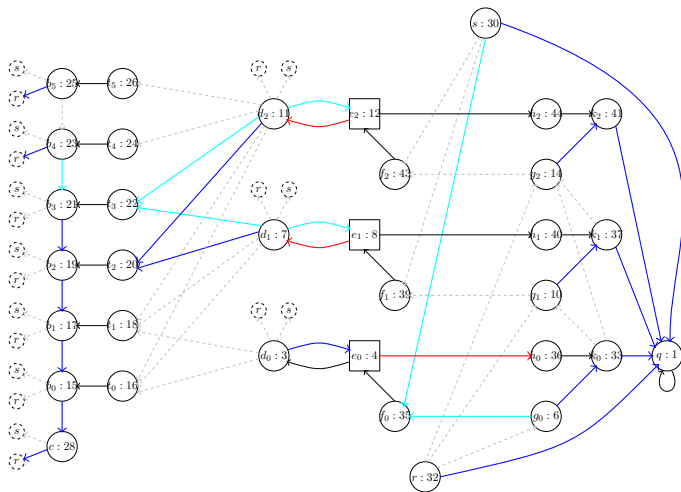
First cycle cannot improve furthermore to the lane.

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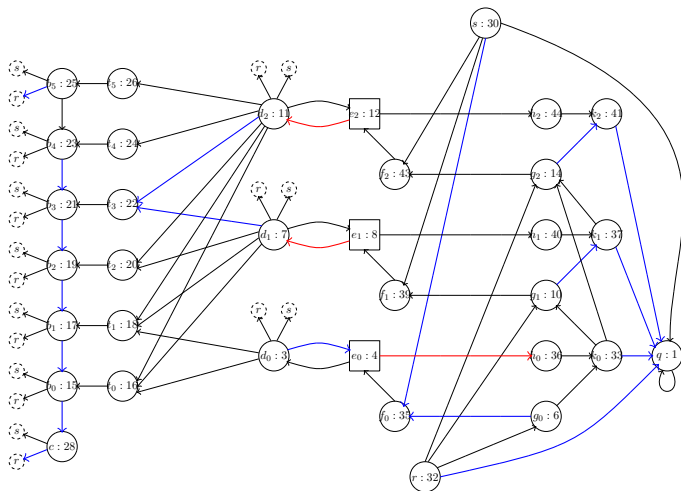
First cycles closes, forcing player 1 to leave it.

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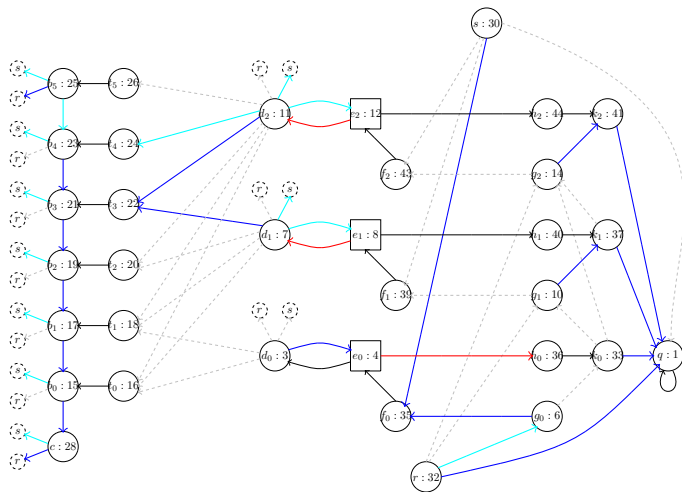
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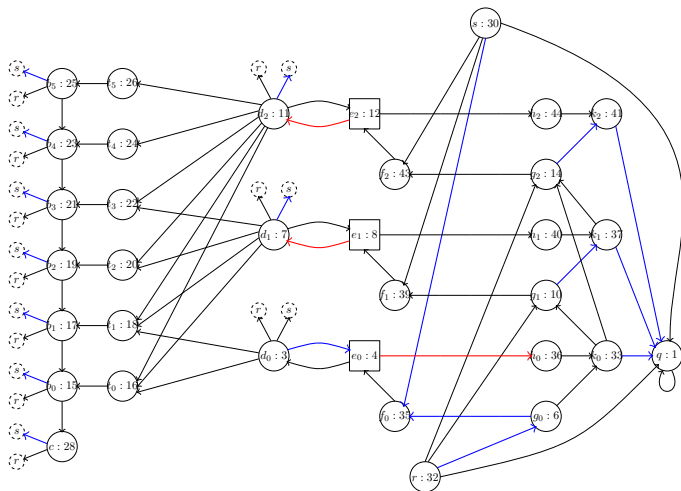
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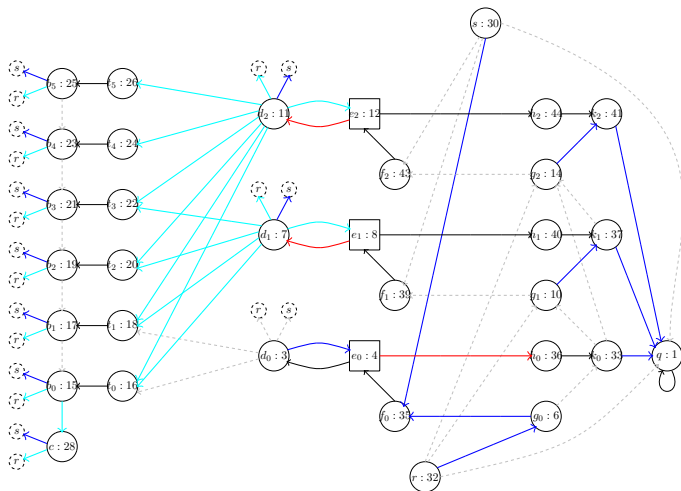
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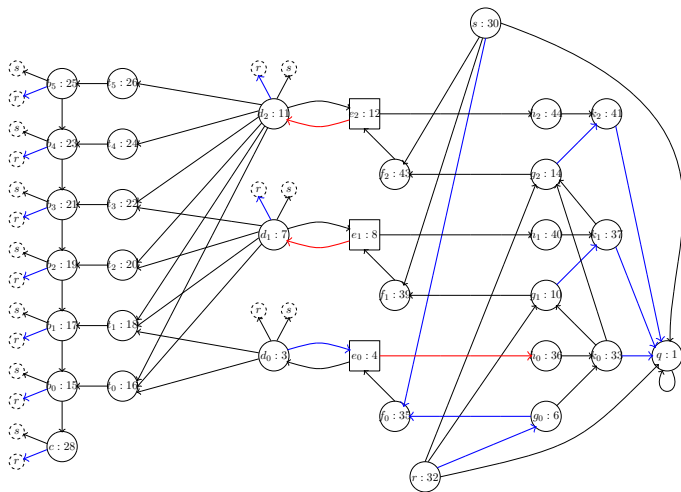
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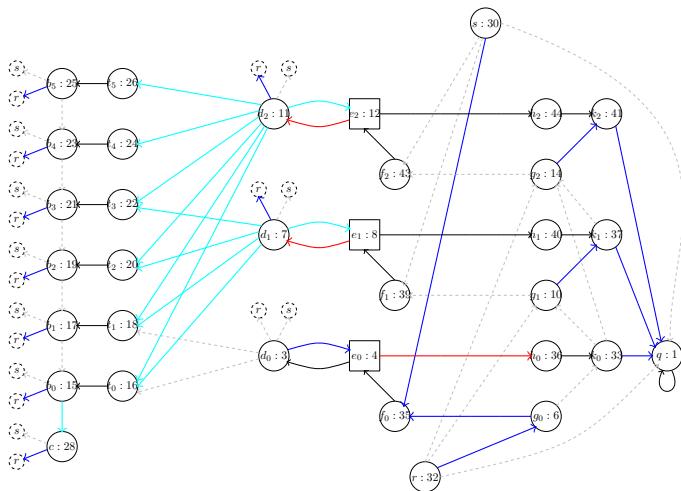
Deceleration lane and other cycles reset.

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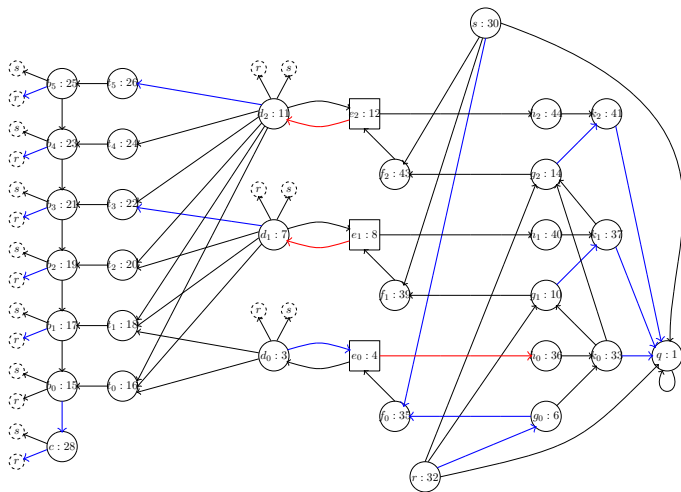
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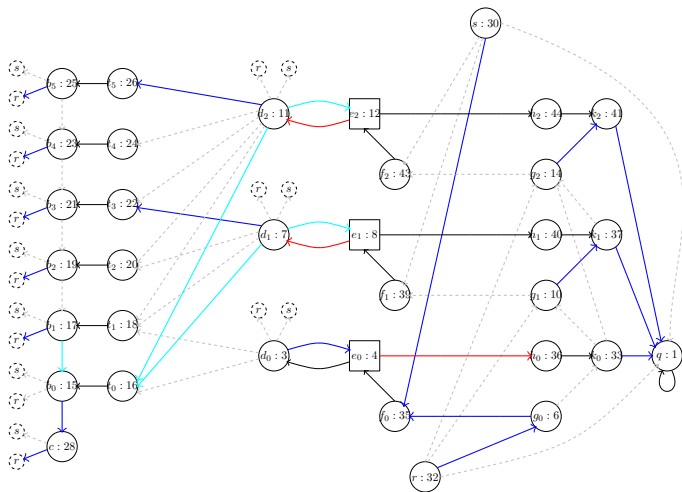
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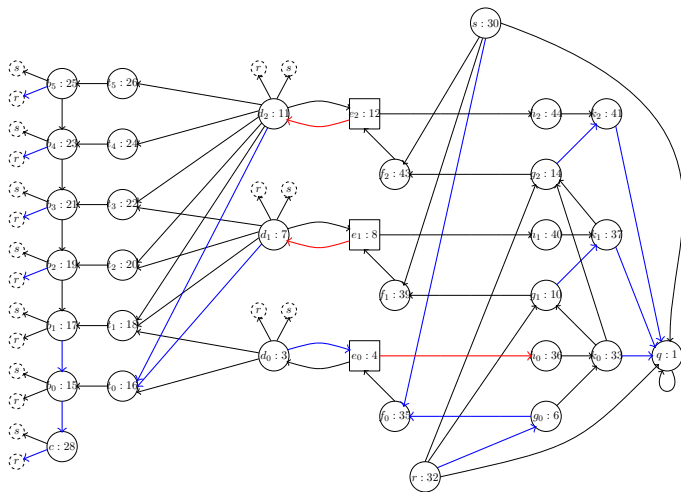
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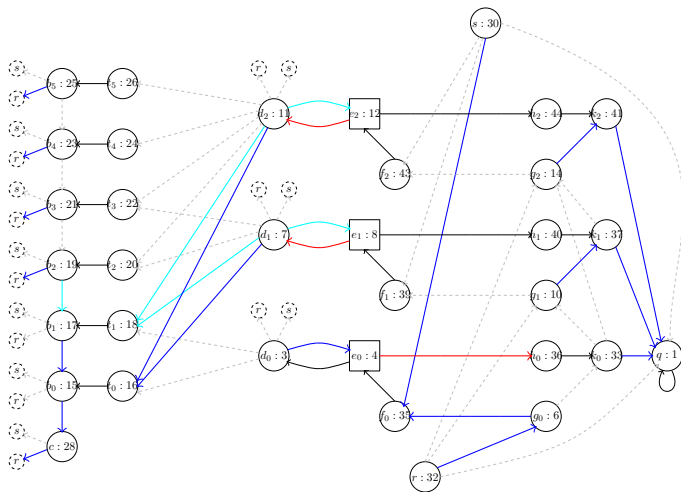


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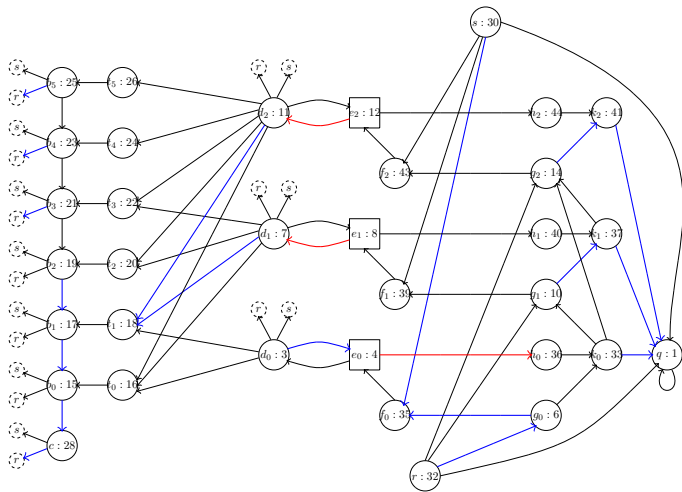


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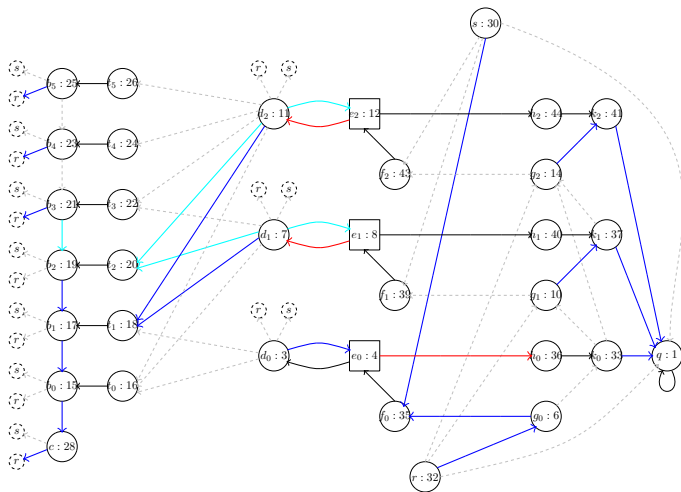


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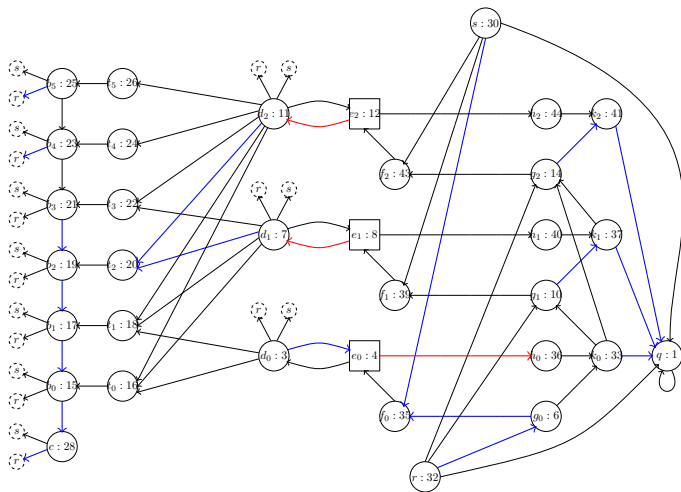
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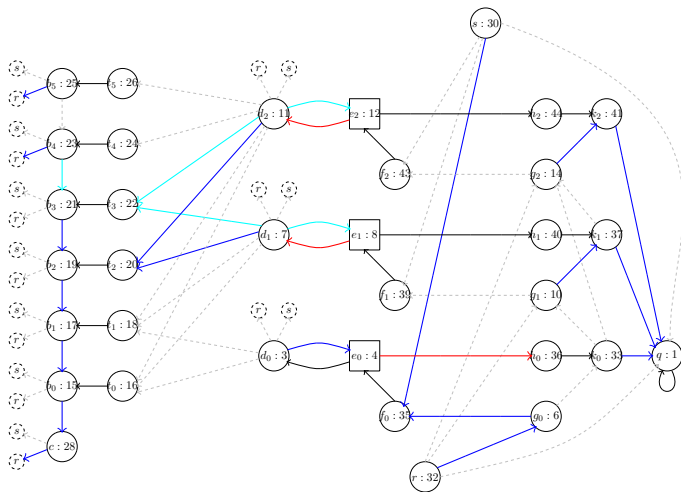
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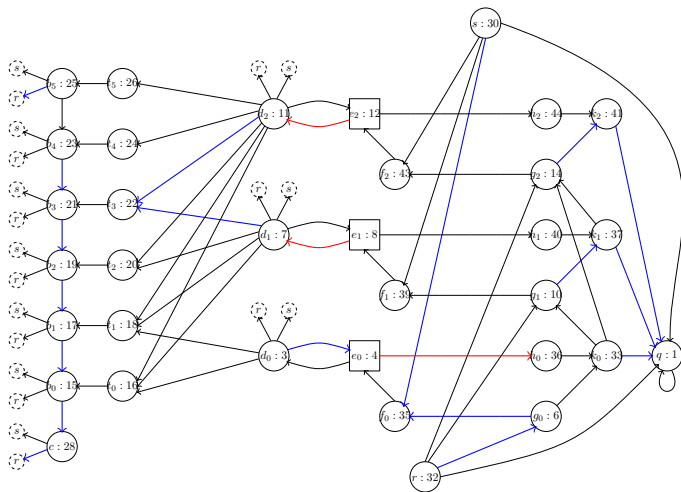
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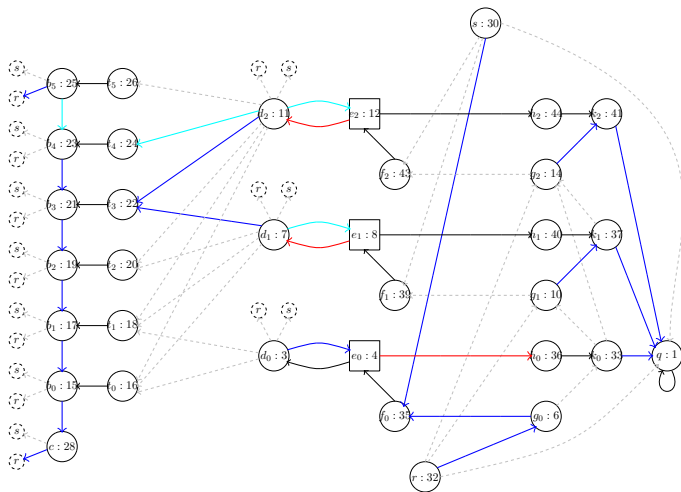
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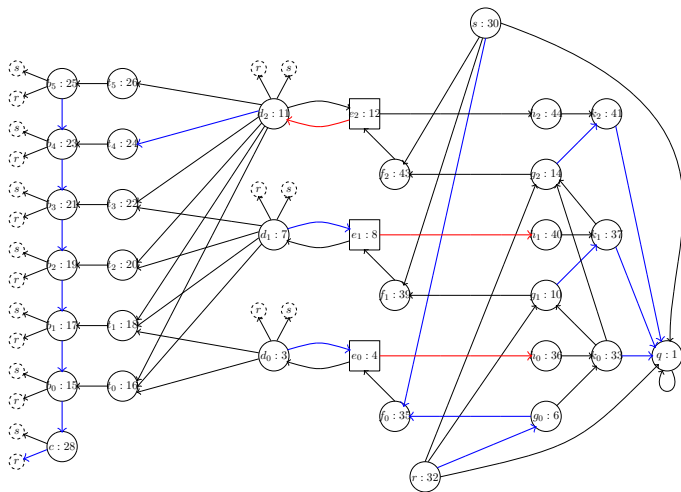
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Second cycle cannot improve furthermore to the lane.

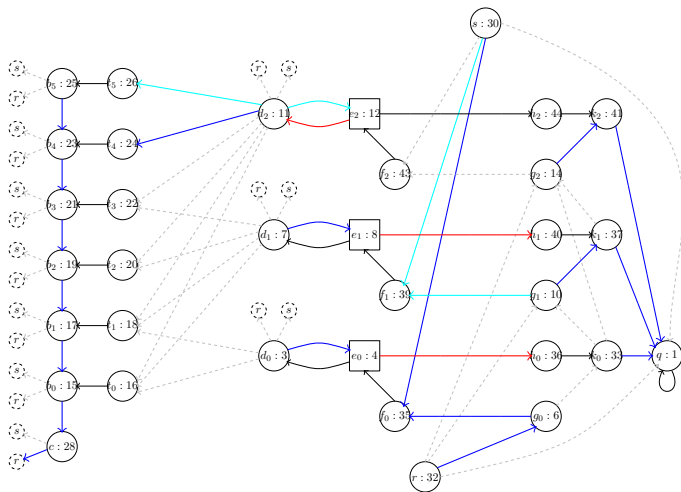


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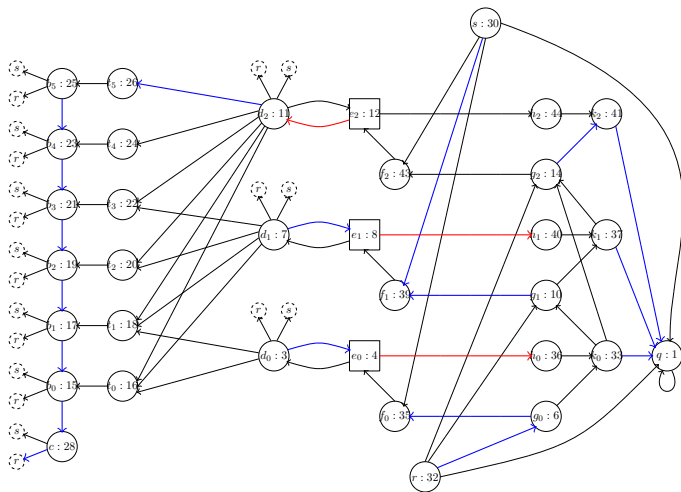
Second cycles closes, forcing player 1 to leave it.

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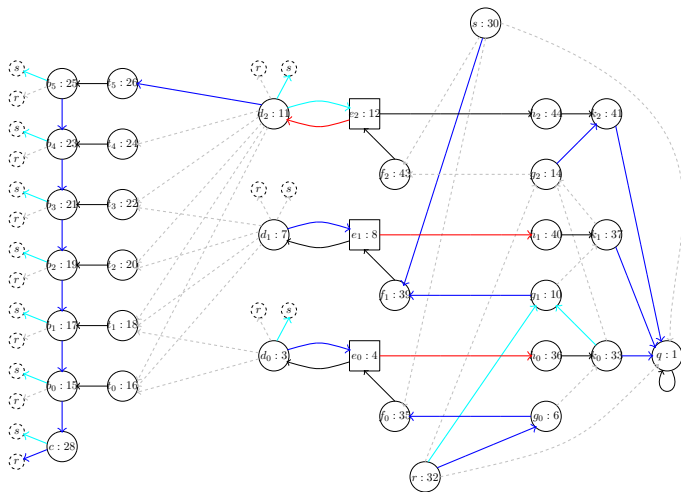
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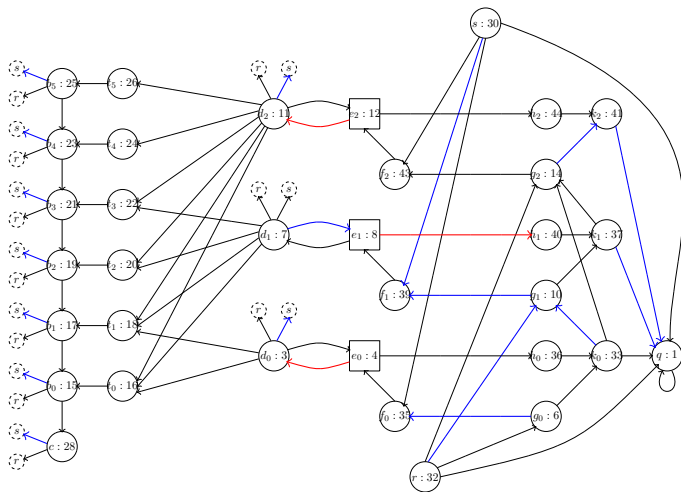
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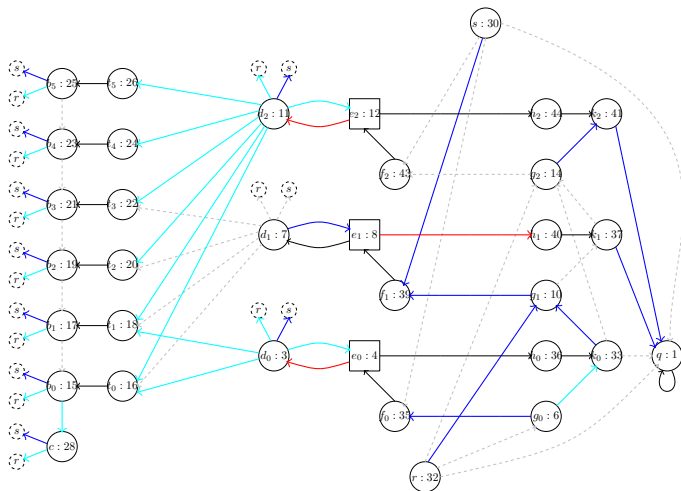


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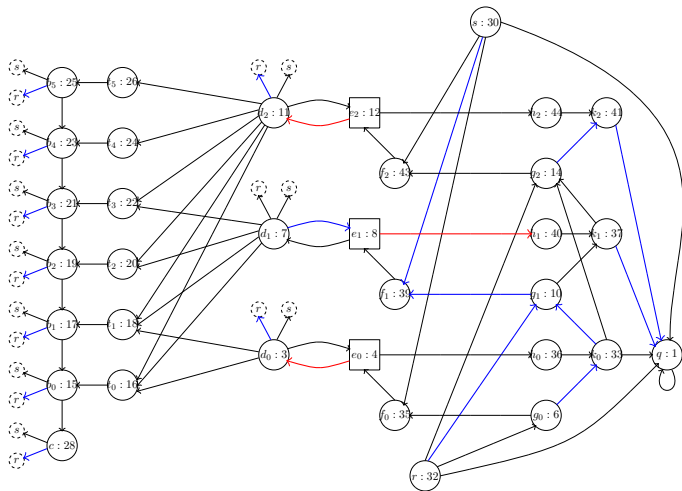
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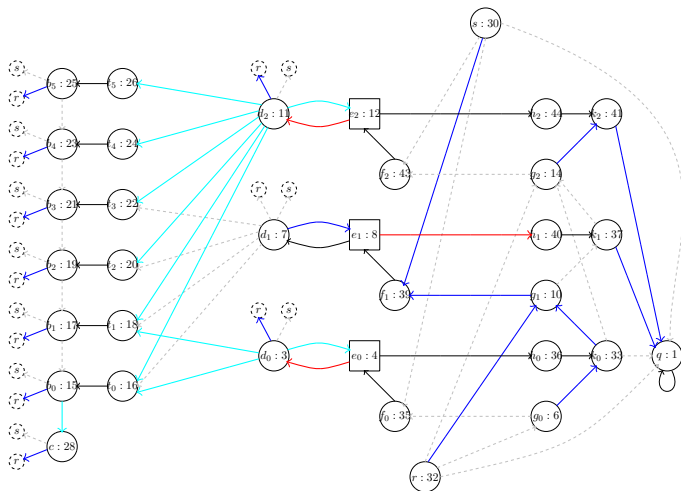


Deceleration lane and all other cycles reset.



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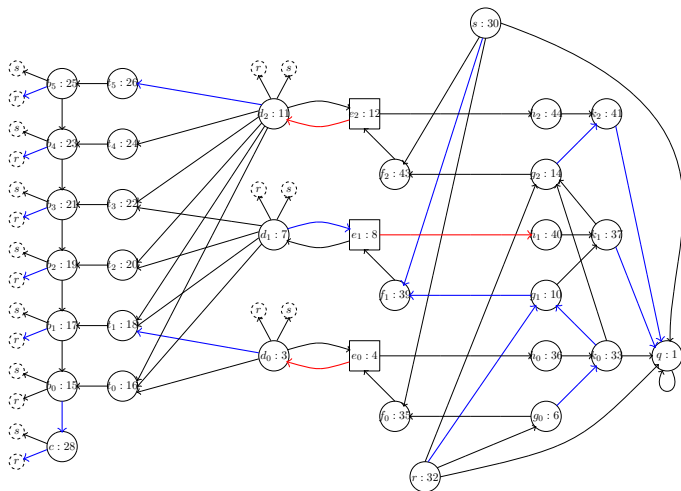
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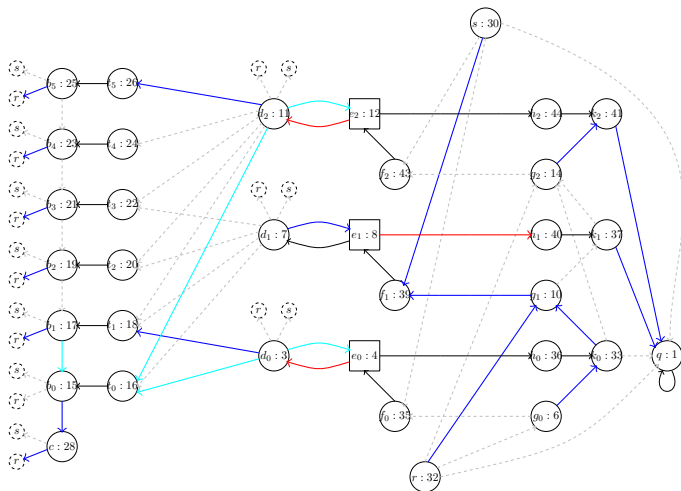


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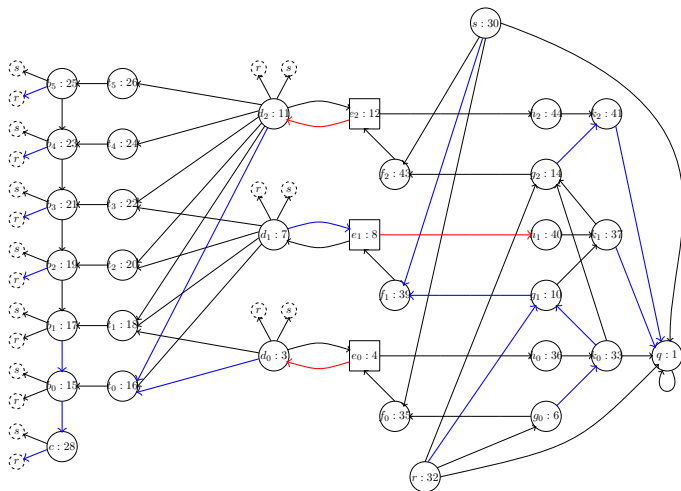
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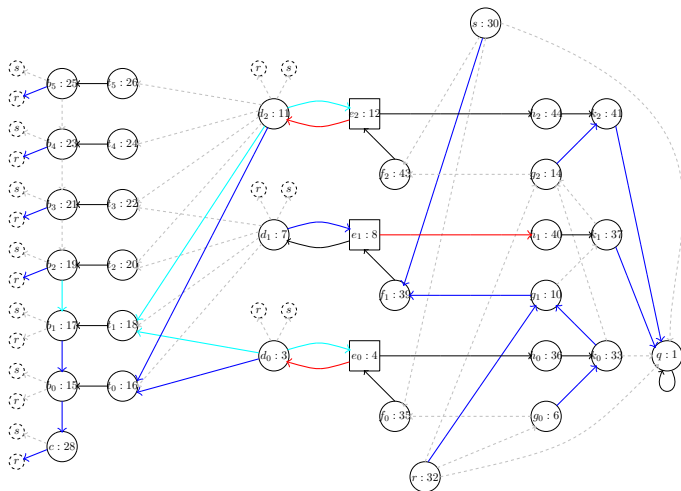
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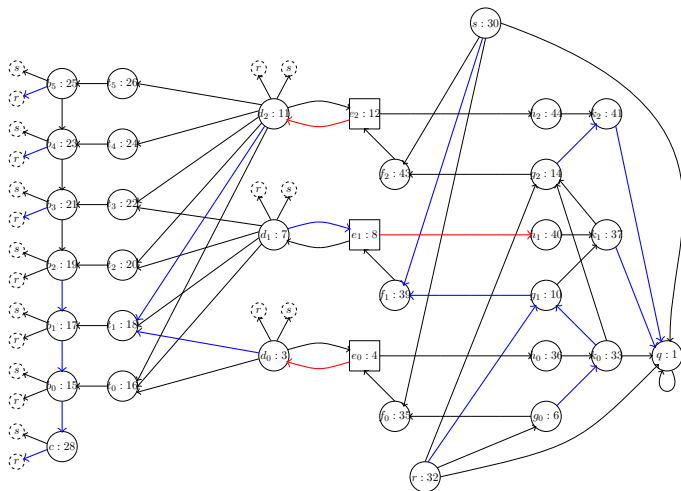
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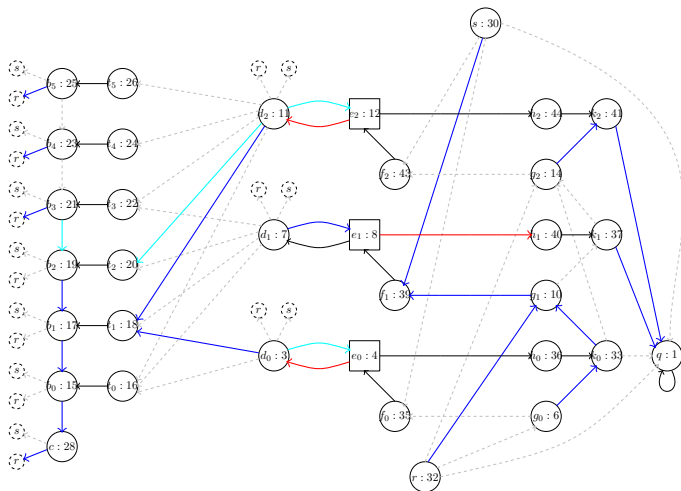
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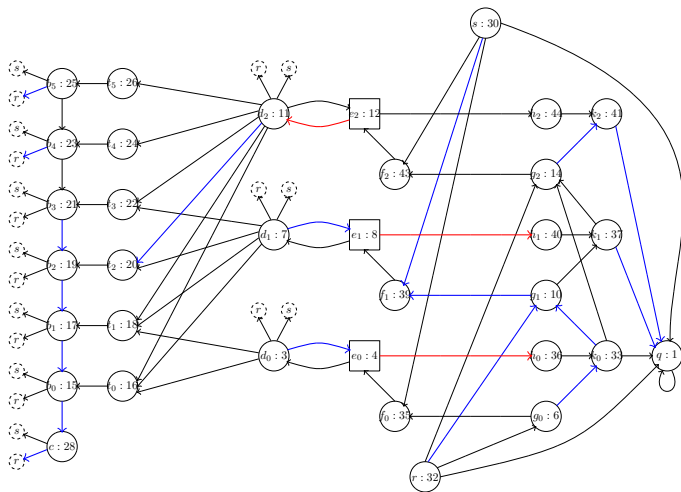


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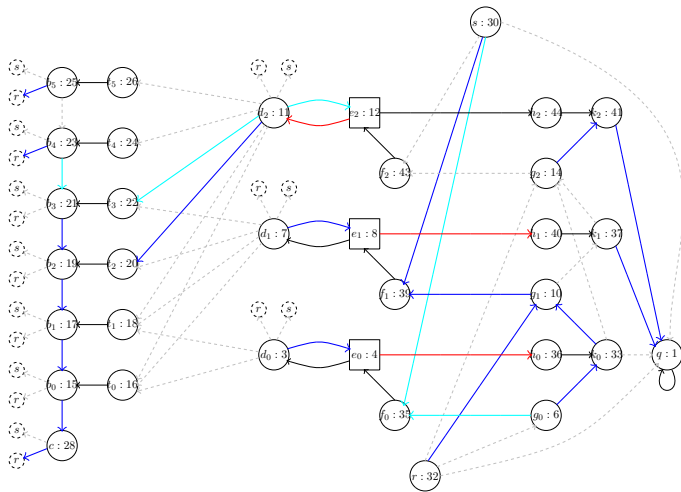
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First cycle cannot improve furthermore to the lane.



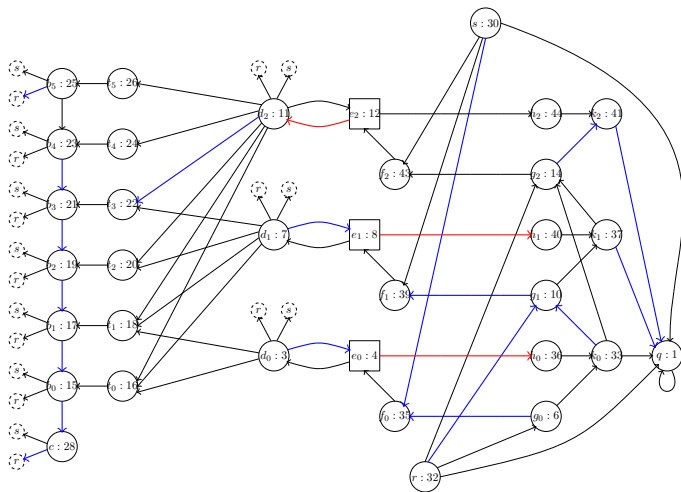
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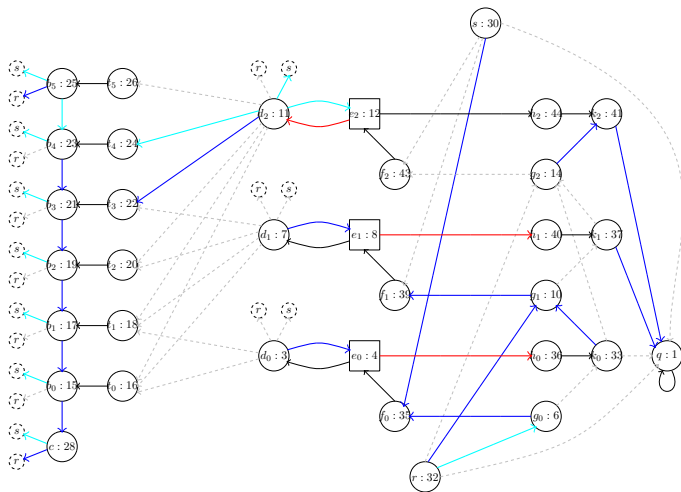
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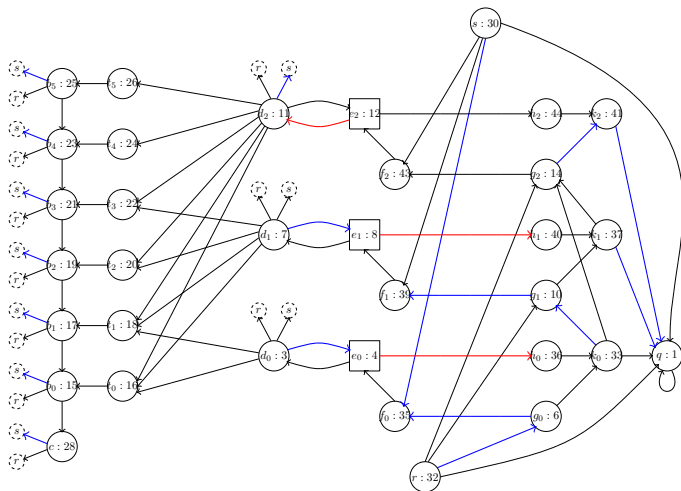


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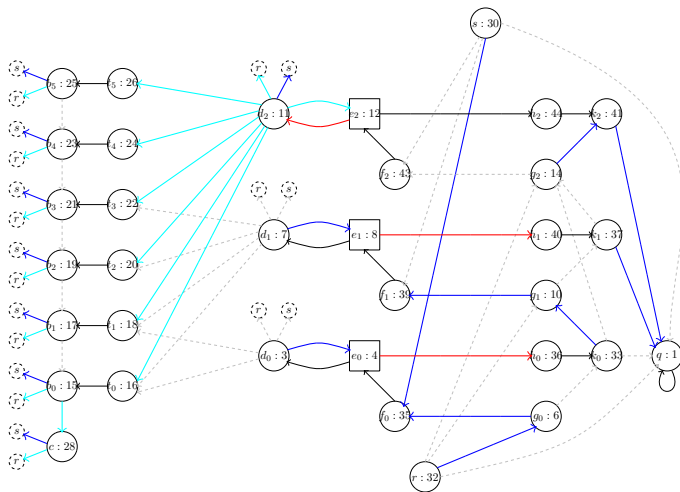
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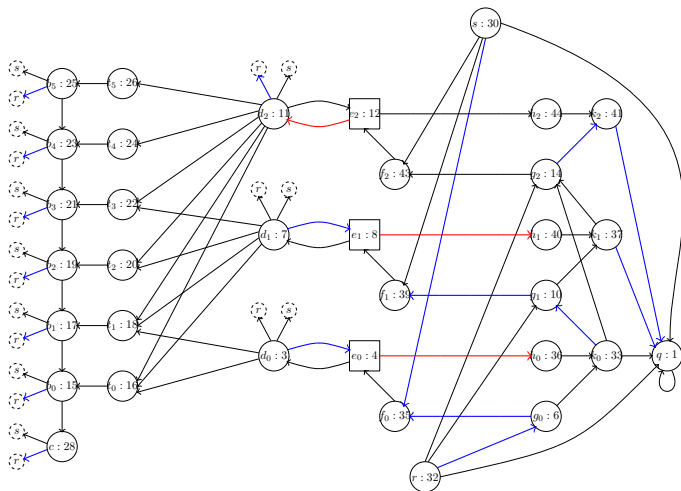
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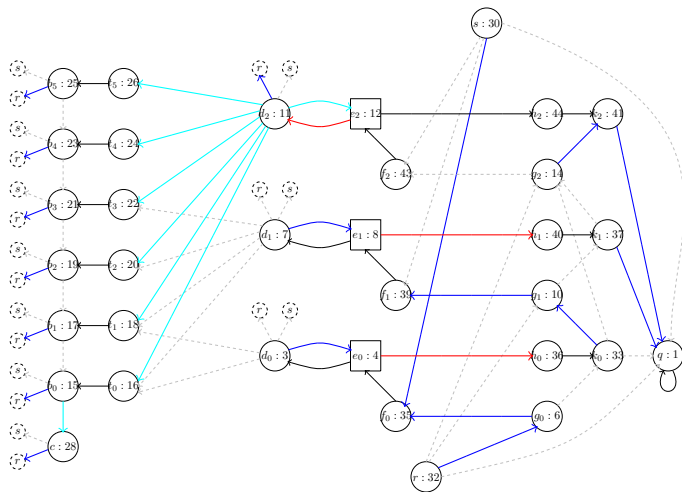
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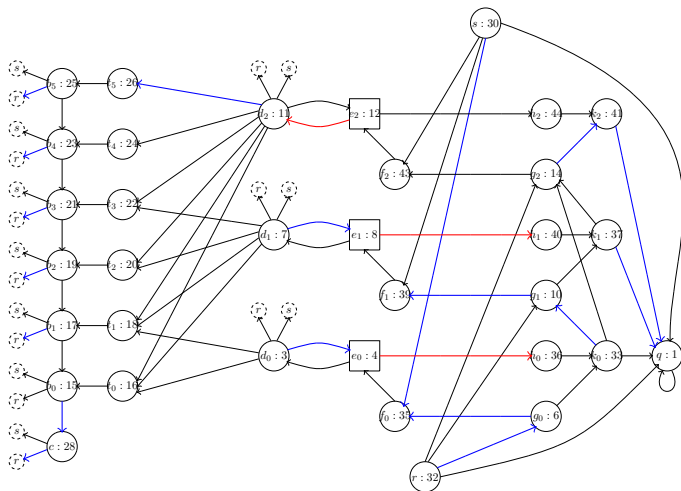
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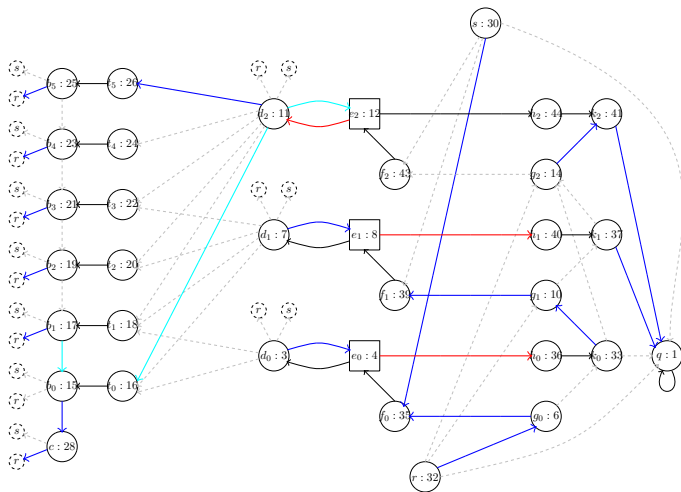
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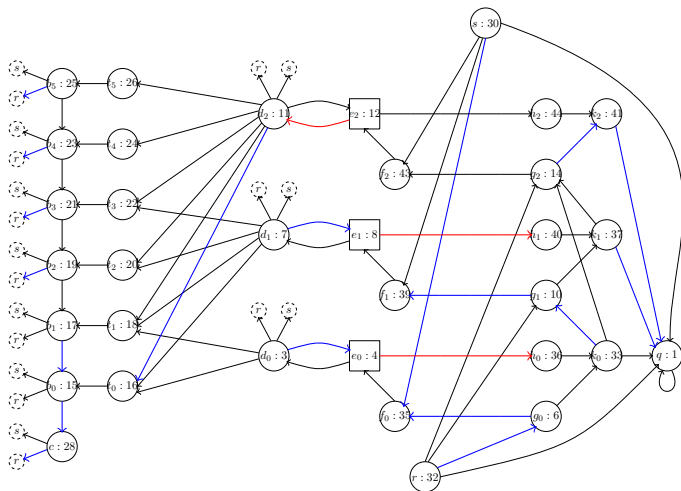
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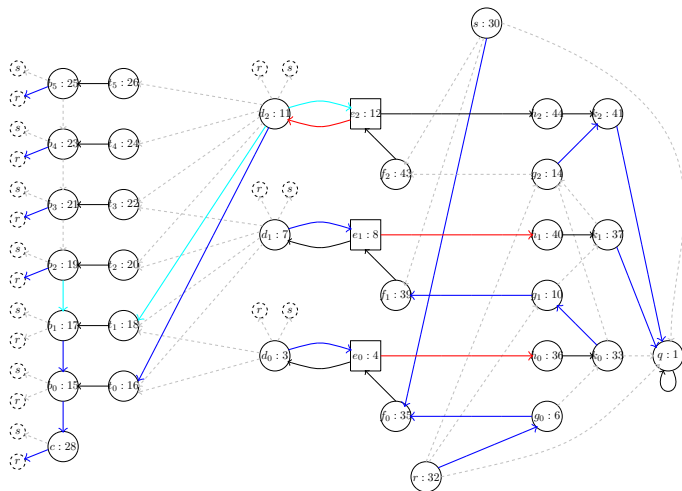


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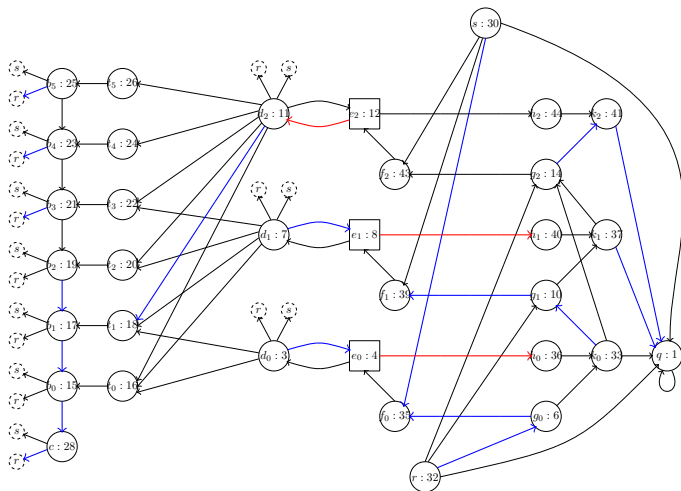
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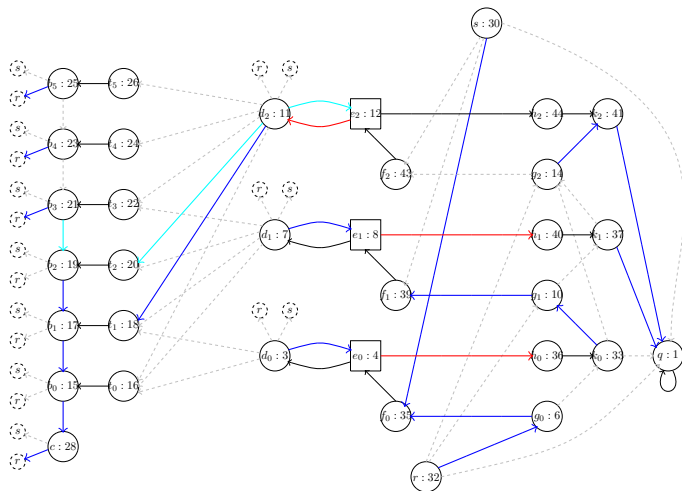
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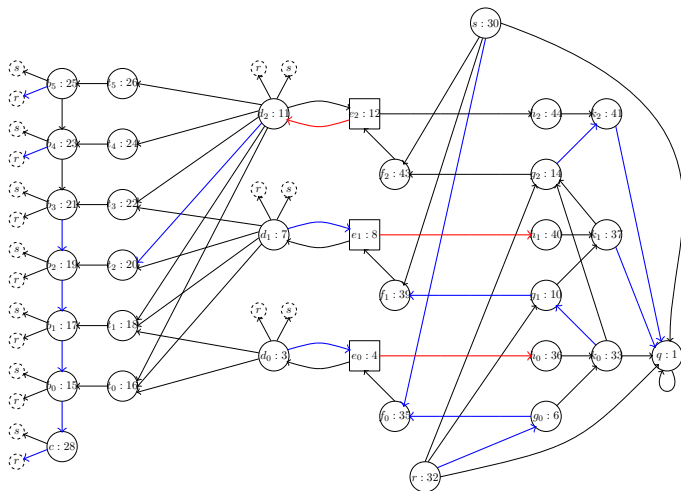
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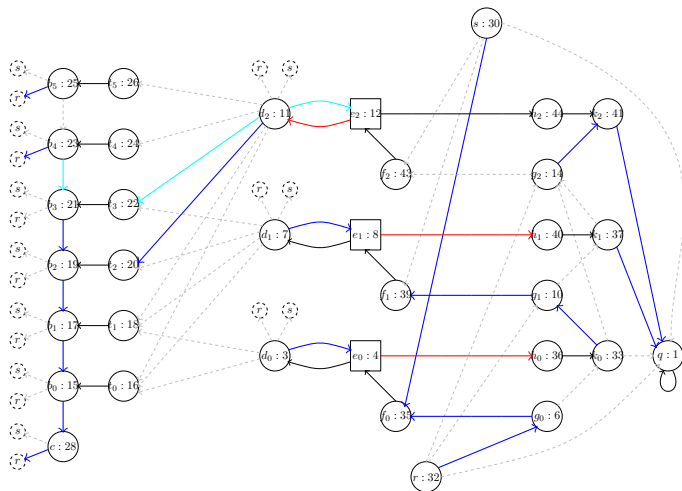
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# Open problems

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