

# kool, geit en wolf

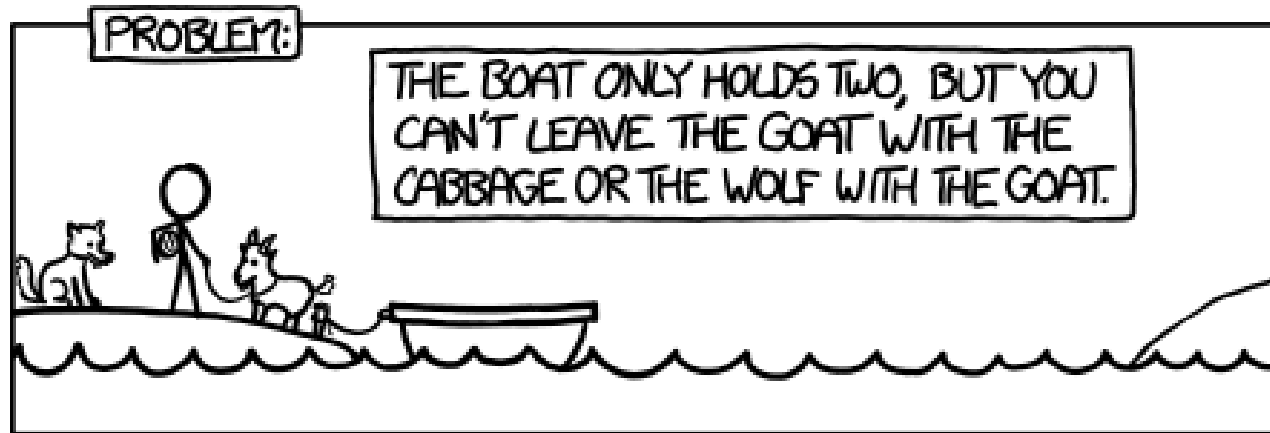
algoritmiëk, NP-compleet en een beetje latijn

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# Algoritmiek: een puzzel

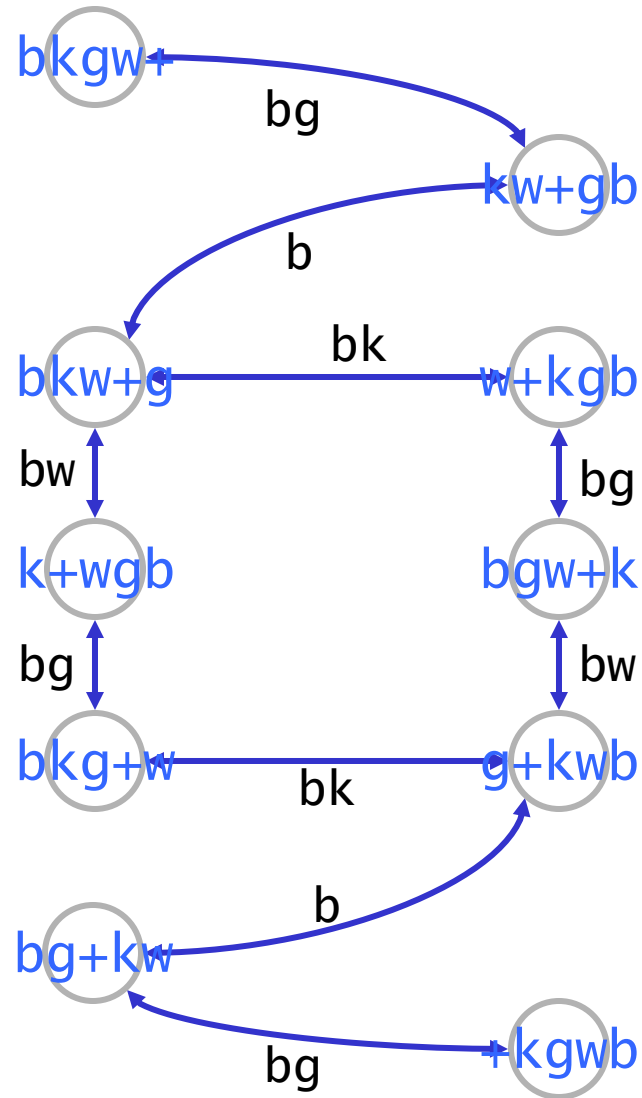
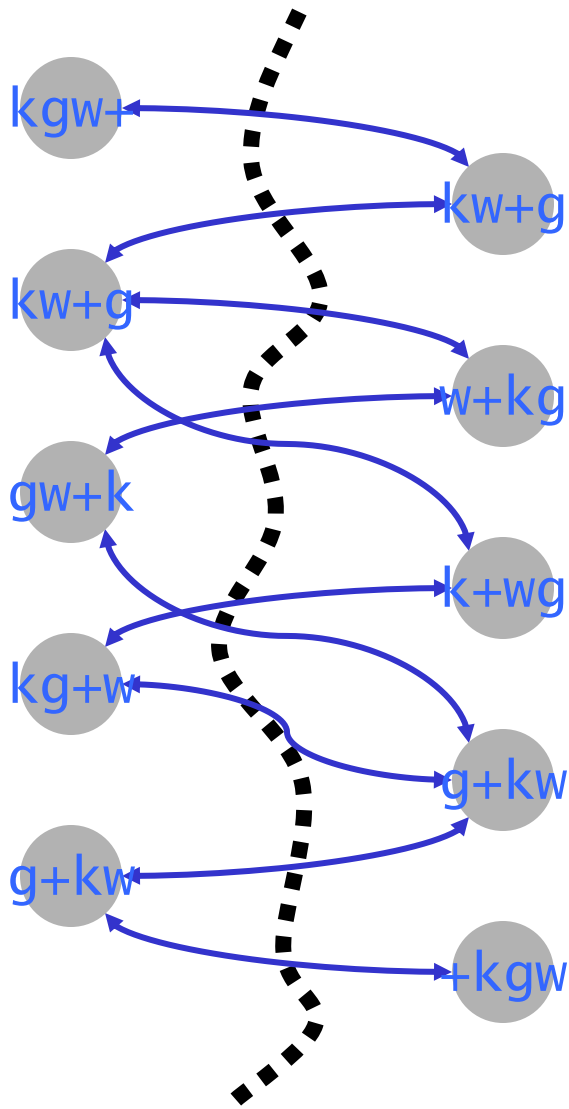


# transportation problems





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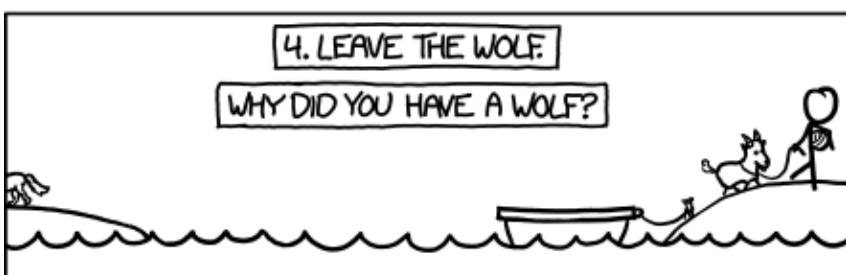
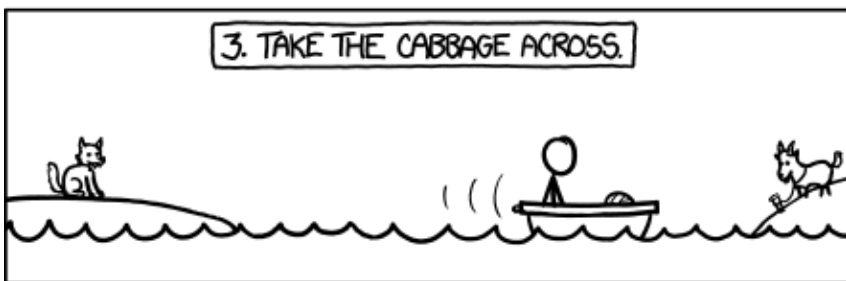
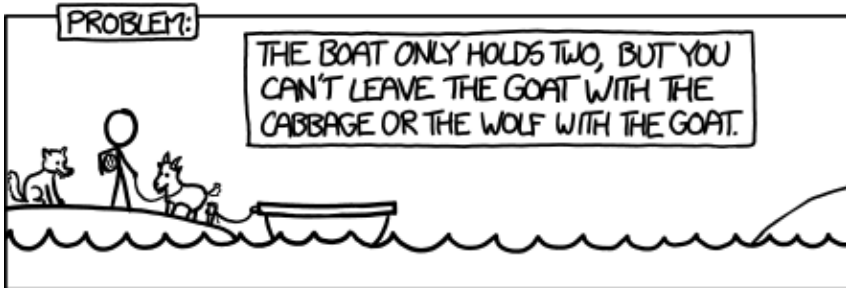
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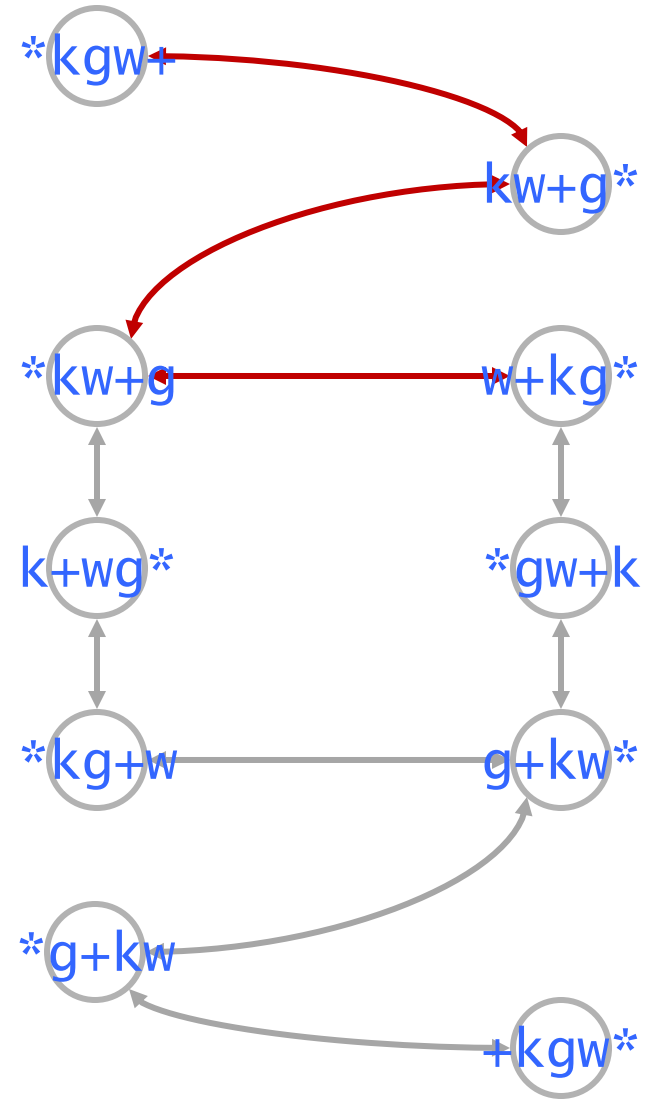
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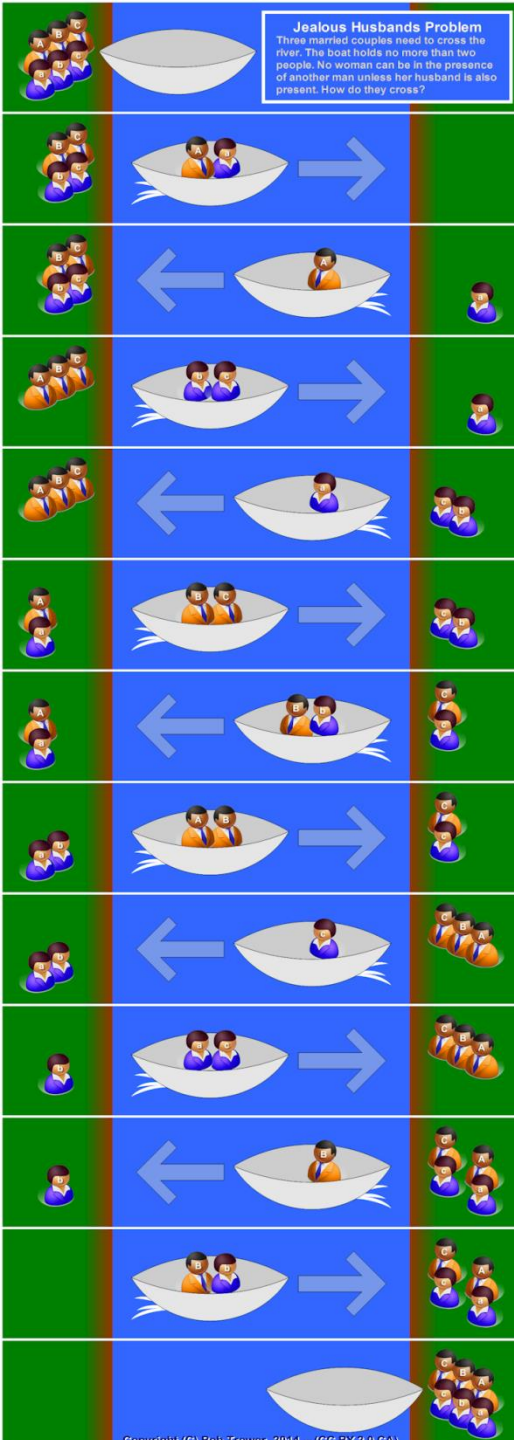
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Latijn - gedetecteerd	Engels
Homo quidam debebat ultra fluuium transferre lupum, capram, et fasciculum cauli	A man ought to move beyond the river wolf, a goat and a bunch of cabbage



# LOGIC BOAT





# jaloeerse echtgenoten

trip number	left bank	travel	right bank
(start)	Aa Bb Cc		
1	Ab Cc	Aa →	
2	Ab Cc	← A	a
3	A B C	bc →	a
4	A B C	← a	b c
5	Aa	BC →	b c
6	Aa	← Bb	Cc
7	a b	AB →	Cc
8	a b	← c	A B C
9	b	a c →	A B C
10	b	← B	Aa Cc
11		Bb →	Aa Cc
(finish)			Aa Bb Cc



# missionarissen en kannibalen

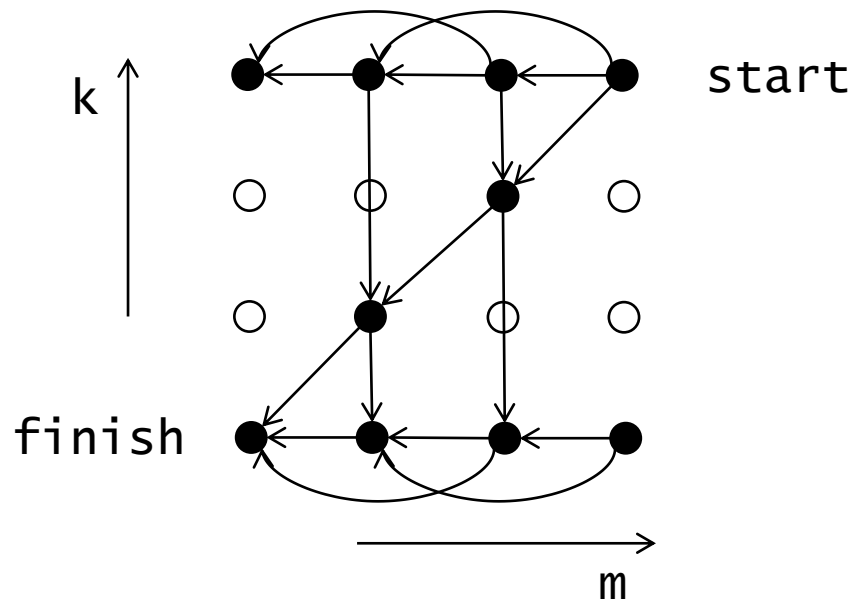
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$(k, m)$

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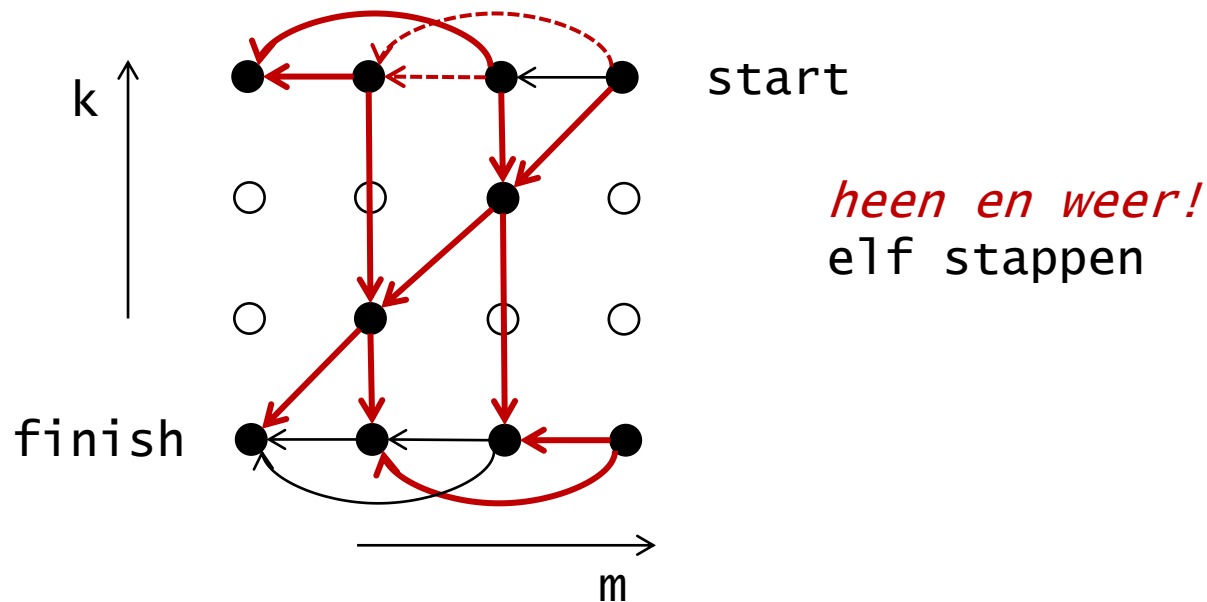
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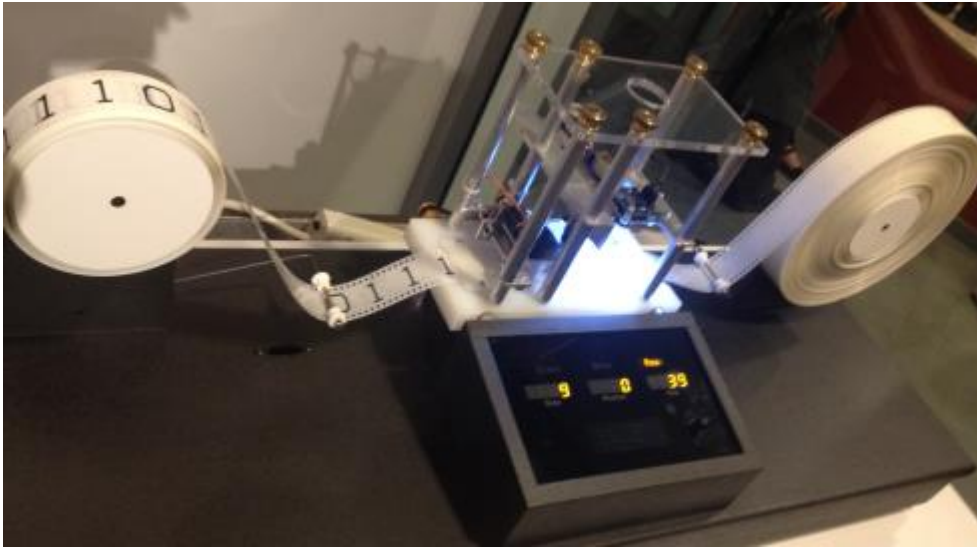
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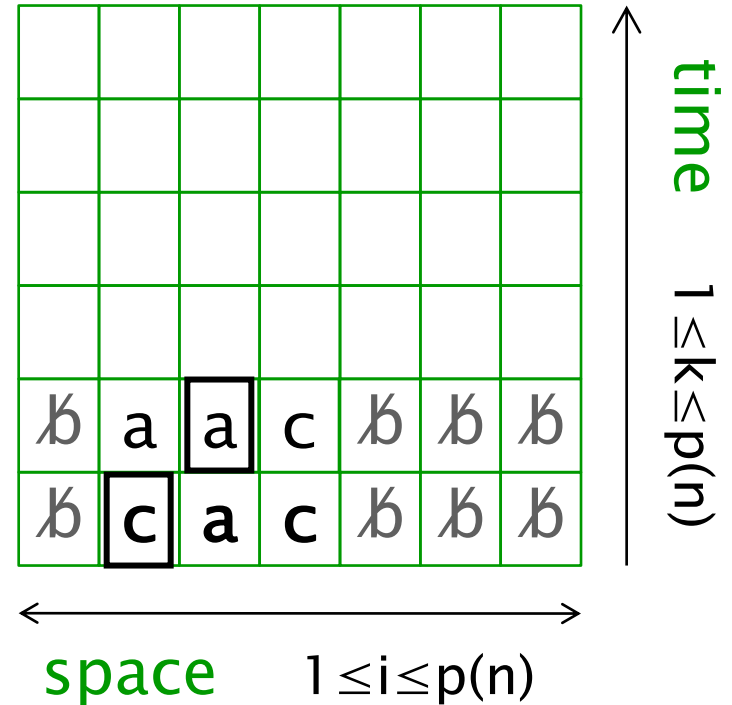
Complexiteit: NP compleet



# Turing machine



$(p, c, q, a, R)$  instructie  
p toestand  
c letter gelezen  
q nieuwe toestand  
a letter geschreven  
R richting verplaatst



A.M. Turing (1936). On Computable Numbers, with an Application to the Entscheidungs problem. Proc London Math Soc (1937)

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# dimensions

existential and *universal* states  
 computation = tree

	<i>log.</i> space	<i>polynomial</i> time	space	<i>exp.</i> time
determinism	L	P	PSPACE	EXPTIME
nondeterminism	NL	NP	NPSPACE	NEXPTIME
alternation	AL	AP	APSPACE	AEXPTIME

AL                  AP                  APSPACE                                  AEXPTIME

$P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME \subseteq NEXPTIME \subseteq EXPSPACE$

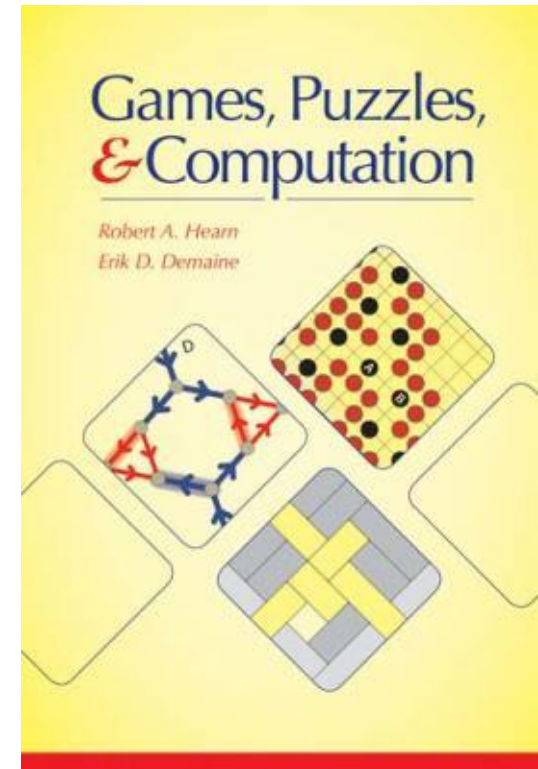
NPSPACE

NEXPSPACE

# Games, Puzzles, & Computation

*Robert A. Hearn*  
*Erik D. Demaine*

(2009, AKPeters)



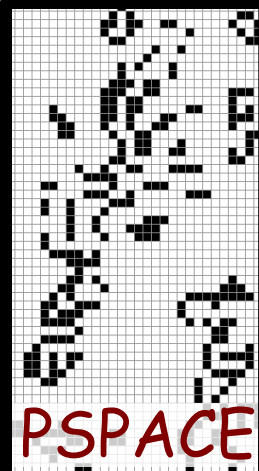
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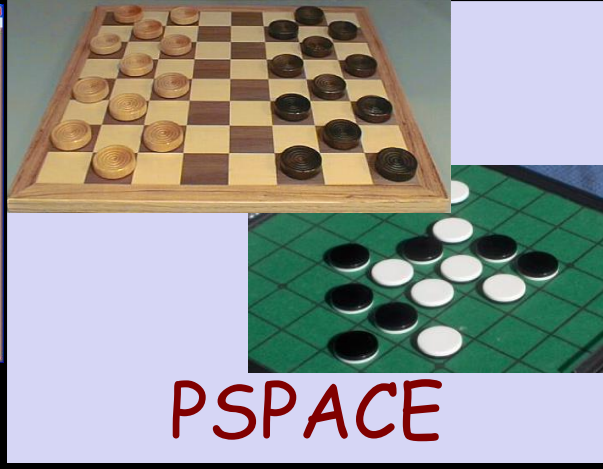
# Complexity of Games & Puzzles

[Demaine, Hearn & many others]

unbounded



bounded



0 players  
(simulation)

1 player  
(puzzle)

2 players  
(game)

team,  
imperfect info



# game categories

game categories and their natural complexities

(polynomial)

TM  
resources

*Rush Hour*  
*River Crossing*

*unbounded*  
SPACE

*bounded*  
TIME

PSPACE	PSPACE NPSPACE	EXPTIME APSPACE	undecid
P	NP	PSPACE AP	NEXPTIME

#

zero  
*simulation*  
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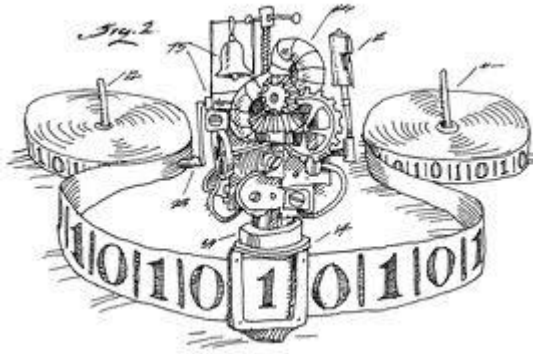
team  
*imperfect*  
*informat.*

*Toppling Dominoes*

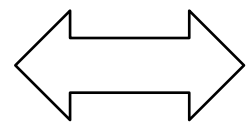
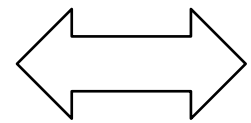
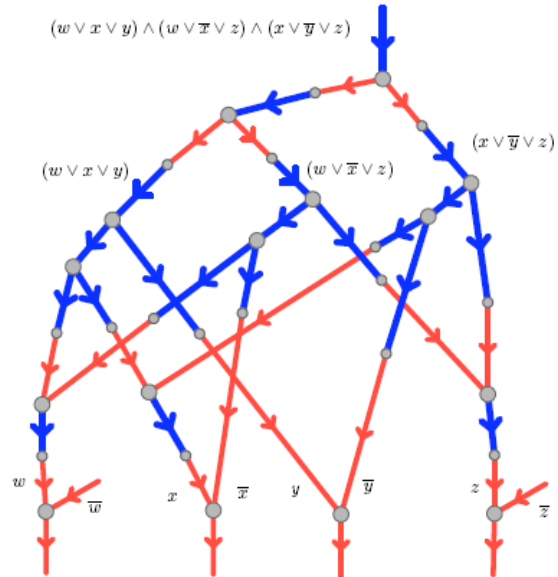
*TipOver*

$NL \subseteq P \subseteq NP \subseteq PSPACE \subseteq EXPTIME \subseteq NEXPTIME$   
NPSPACE

# NP & TipOver



$$(w \vee x \vee y) \wedge (w \vee \bar{x} \vee z) \wedge (x \vee \bar{y} \vee z)$$



**NP**

**3SAT**

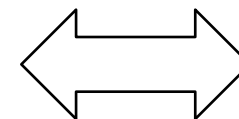
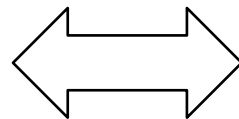
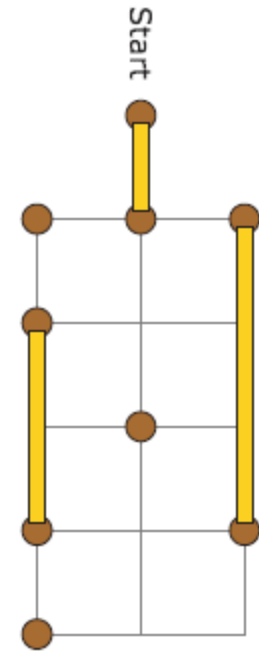
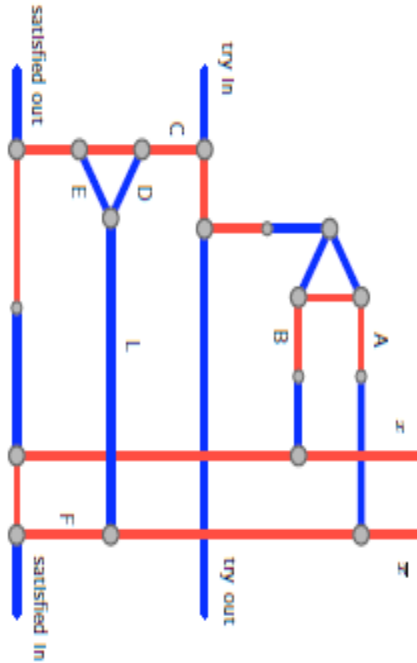
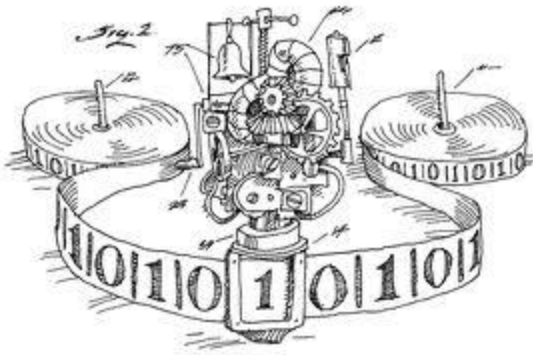
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'graph games'

**Bounded NCL**

part II  
games in particular

**TipOver**

# PSPACE & Plank Puzzle



**PSPACE**

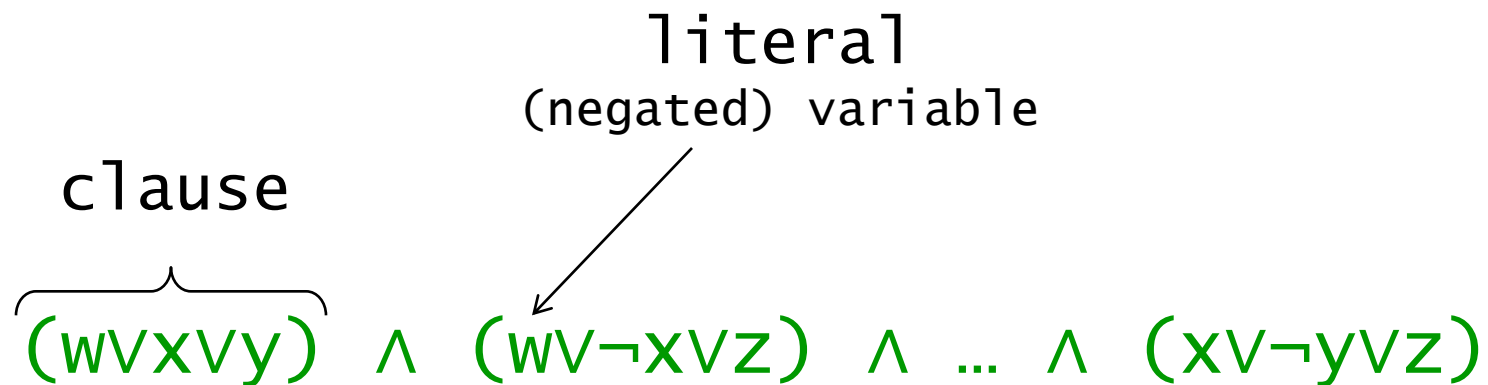
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**QBF**

**NCL**

**plank puzzle  
(river crossing)**



3 conjunctive normal form

### 3SAT

given: given formula  $\phi$  in 3CNF

question: is  $\phi$  satisfiable?

(can we find a variable assignment making formula true)

Cook'71/Levin'73

3SAT is NP-complete

# TM computation

specify computation

at step  $k \dots$

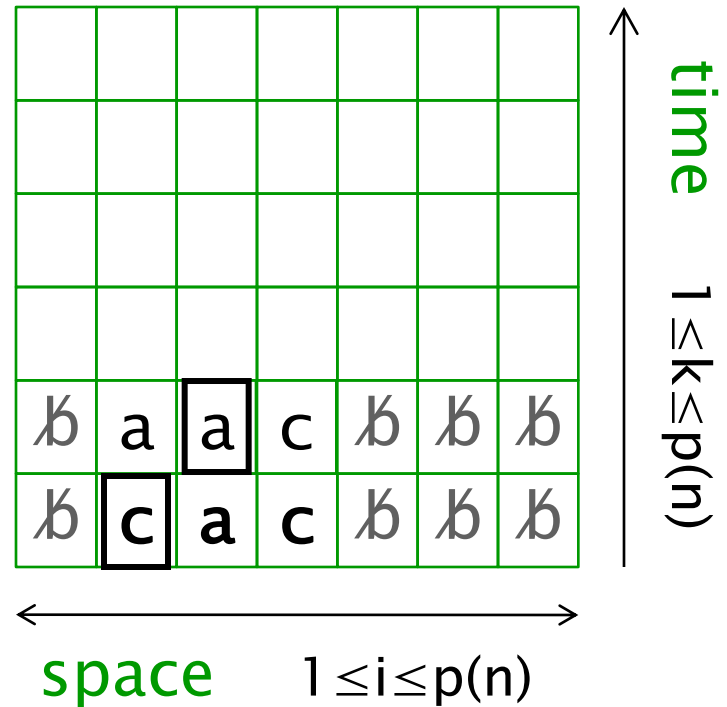
$T_{iak}$

$H_{ik}$

$Q_{qk}$

cell  $i$  contains a  
head at position  $i$   
state  $q$

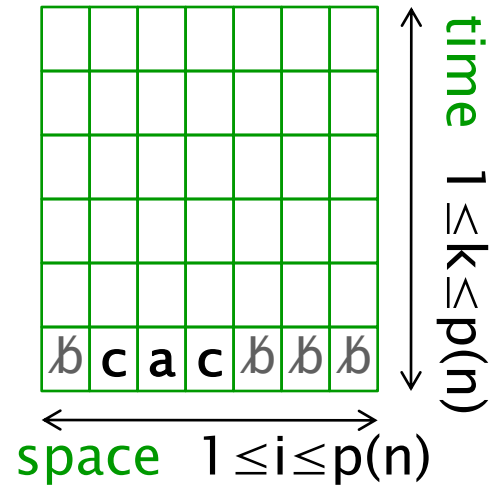
variablen



# Cook/Levin

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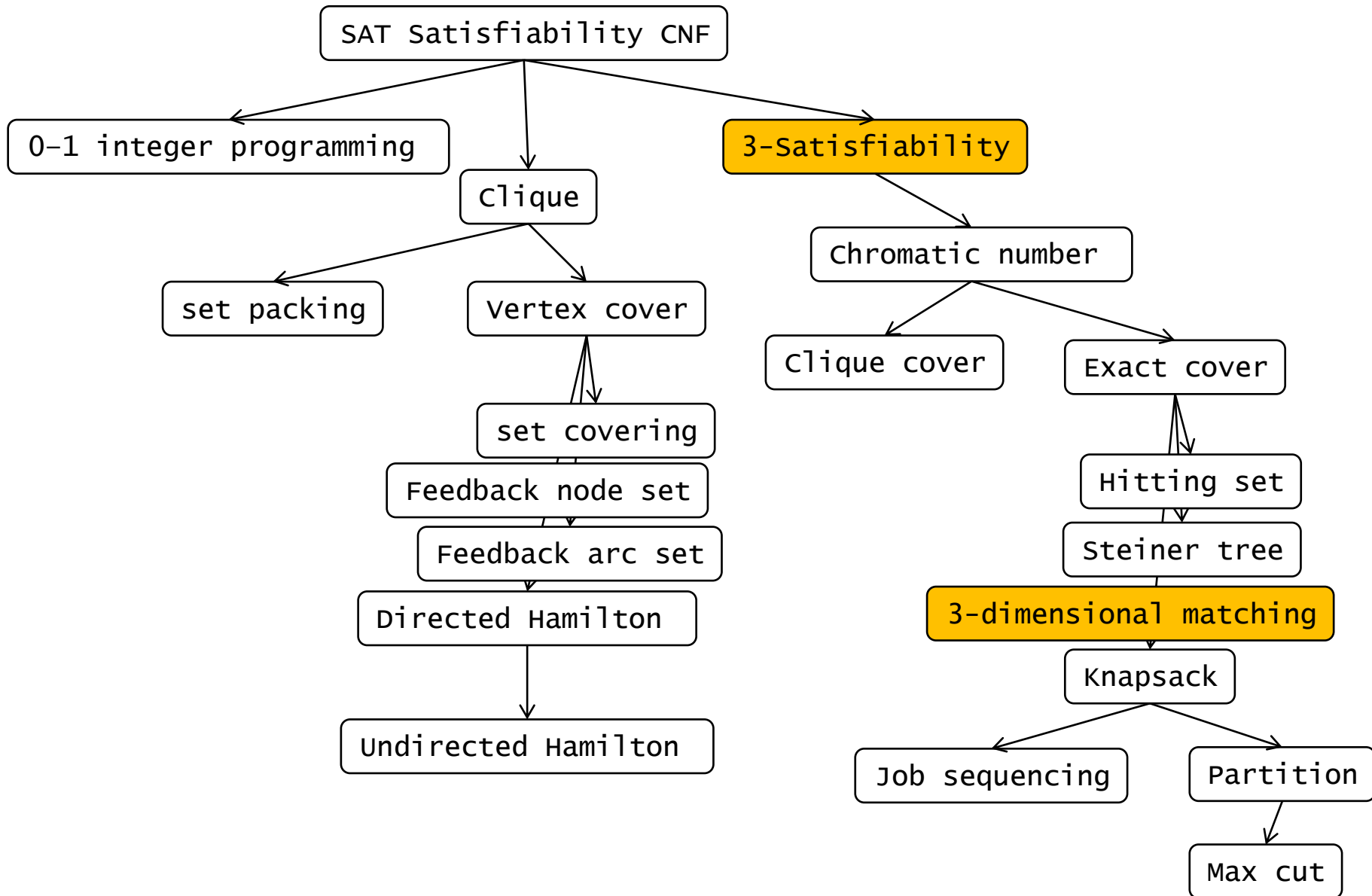


$(p, a, p, a, 0)$  for each  $p, a$

conjunction of

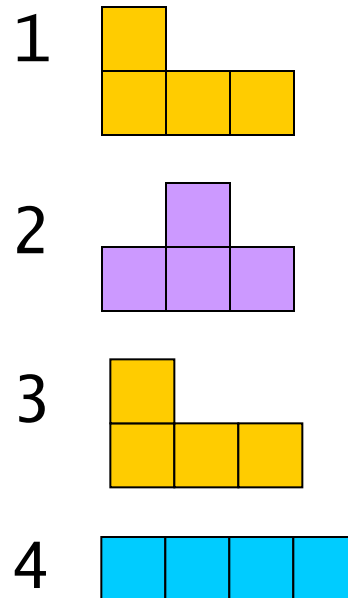
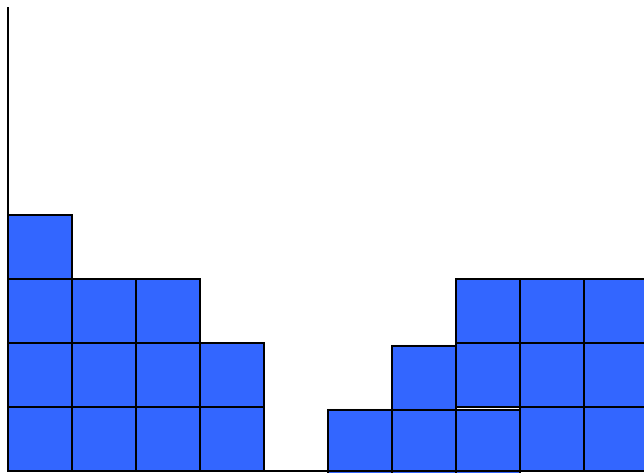
$T_{ix[i]0}$  initial tape  $x[i]=x_i$  or  $x[i]=b$   
 $Q_{q00}$  initial state  
 $H_{00}$  initial position  
 $T_{iak} \rightarrow \neg T_{ibk}$  single symbol  $a \neq b$   
 $Q_{pk} \rightarrow \neg Q_{qk}$  single state  $p \neq q$   
 $H_{ik} \rightarrow \neg H_{jk}$  single head  $i \neq j$   
 $T_{iak} \wedge T_{ib.k+1} \rightarrow H_{ik}$  changed only if written  $a \neq b$   
 $H_{ik} \wedge Q_{pk} \wedge T_{iak} \rightarrow \bigvee_{(p,a,q,b,d)} H_{i+d.k+1} \wedge Q_{q.k+1} \wedge T_{ib.k+1}$   
 $Q_{h.p(n)}$  accept

# Karp's 21 NP-complete problems



# Tetris is NP complete

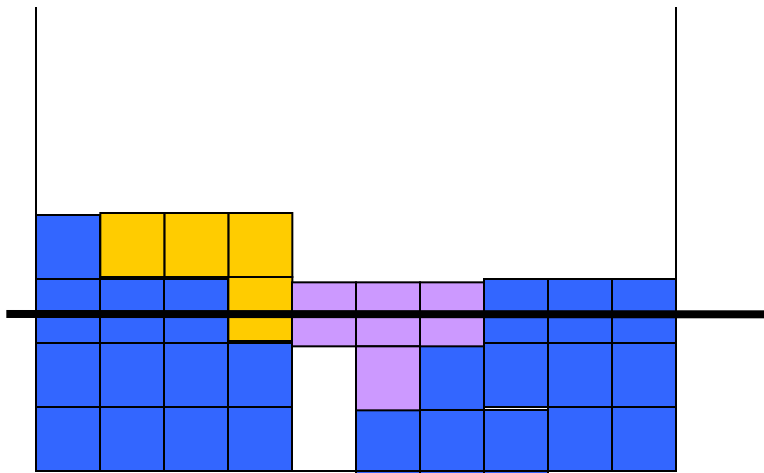
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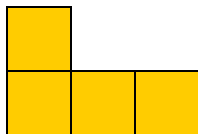
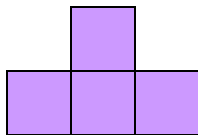
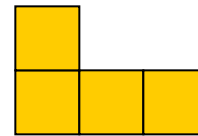





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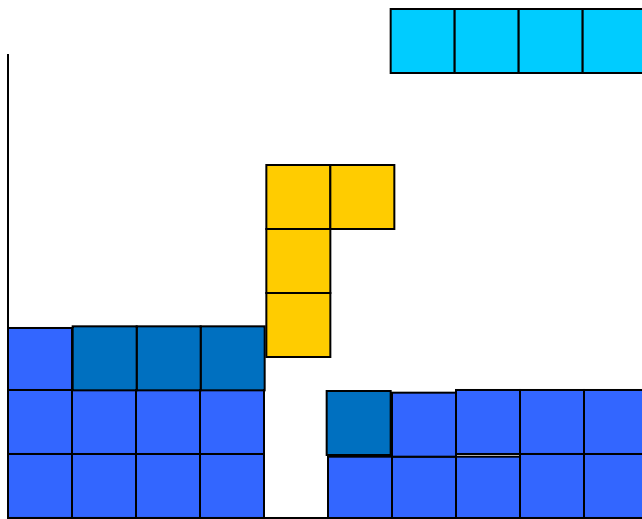
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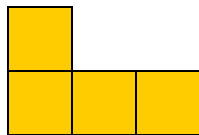
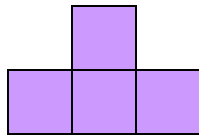
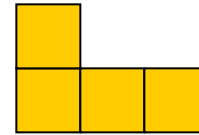



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- 2  ✓
- 3 
- 4 

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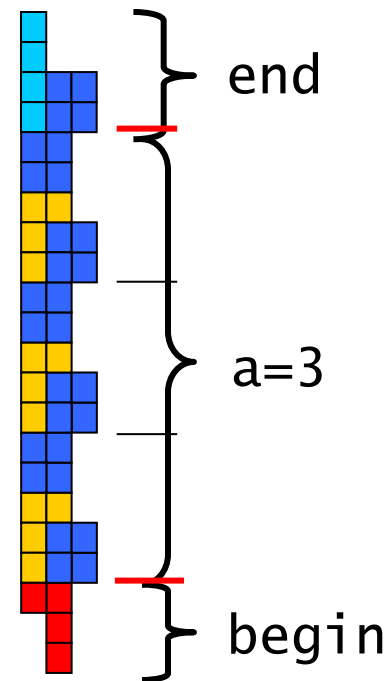
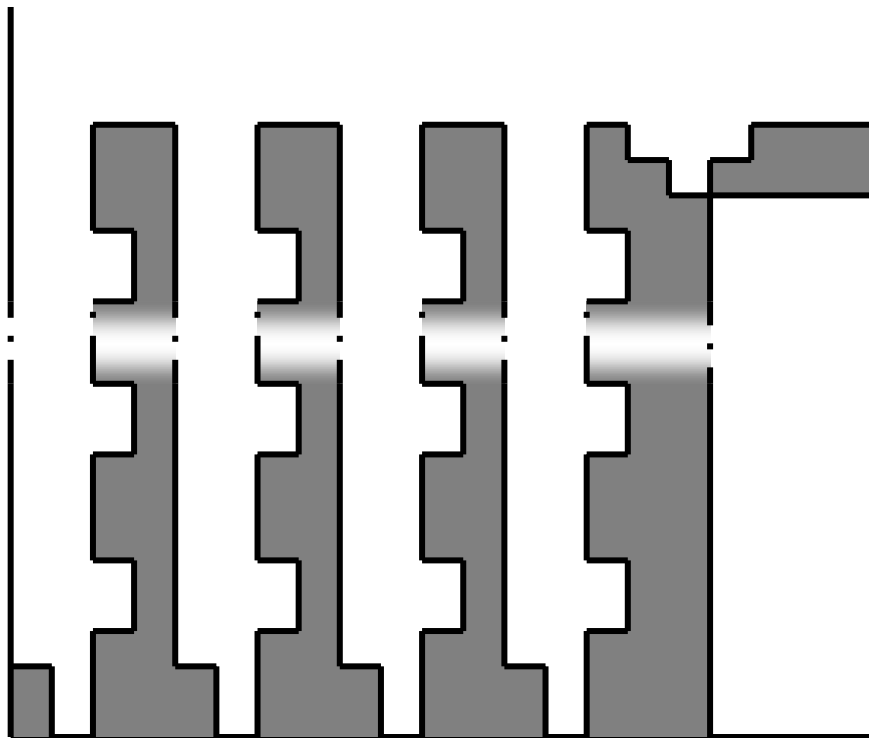
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yes!

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reduction from 3-partitioning problem  
(can we divide set of numbers into triples?)



# 'generalized' river crossing



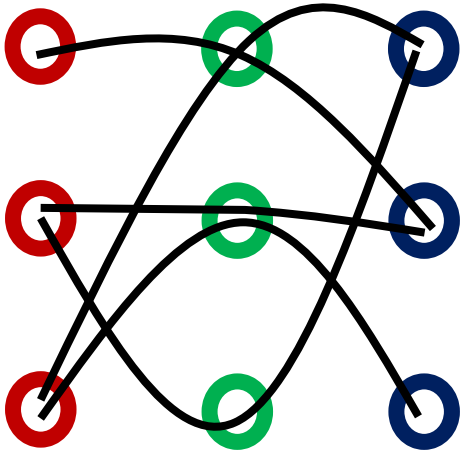
D drivers  
P passengers  
c capaciteit boot  
m max verplaatsingen  
*verboden* combinaties:  
 $F_R$  rechteroever  
 $F_L$  linkeroever  
 $F_B$  boot

$D = \{ \text{Man} \}, \quad P = \{ \text{Wolf}, \text{Goat}, \text{Cabbage} \},$   
 $F_L = F_R = \{ \{ \text{Wolf}, \text{Goat} \}, \{ \text{Goat}, \text{Cabbage} \},$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \{ \text{Wolf}, \text{Goat}, \text{Cabbage} \} \},$   
 $F_B = \emptyset,$   
 $c = 2, m = 100.$

*verboden*: want anders polynomiaal, n.l. graaf-wandelen

**Thm.** [Ito et al.] Polynomiaal als  $F_B = \emptyset$ , en  $m = \infty$ .

# 3 dim matching



**gegeven:**

$U, V, W$ , met  $|U| = |V| = |W| = k$   
en  $M \subseteq U \times V \times W$

**vraag:**

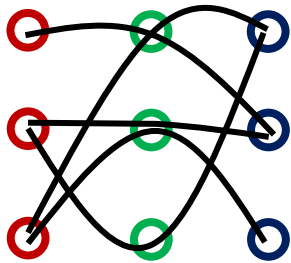
bestaat er een  $P \subseteq M$  met  $|P| = k$   
die alle elementen één keer bevat ?

$\{a, b, c\} \times \{p, q, r\} \times \{x, y, z\}$

$M = \{ (a, p, y), (b, q, y), (b, r, x), (c, p, x), (c, q, z) \}$

## 3D matching

$U, V, W$ , met  
 $|U| = |V| = |W| = k$  en  
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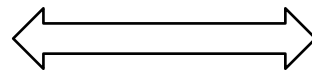
## river crossing

$D = U \cup \{s\}$ ,  $P = V \cup W$ ,  $c = 3$ ,  $m = 3k - 1$ ,  
 $F_R = \emptyset$ ,  $F_L = \emptyset$ ,  
 $F_B^C =$   
 $\{ \{u, v, w\} \mid (u, v, w) \in M \}$   
 $\cup \{ \{s, u_{2i-1}, u_{2i}\} \mid i \leq k/2 \}$

complement!

oplossing

$P =$   
 $\{ (a, p, y),$   
 $(b, r, x),$   
 $(c, q, z) \}$

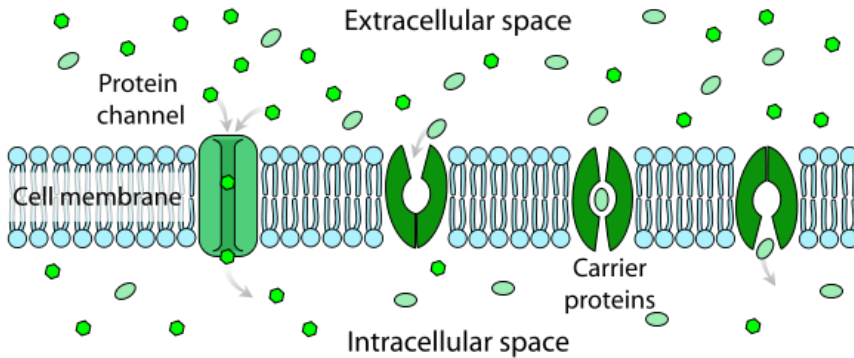


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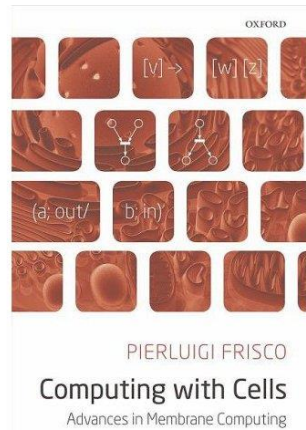
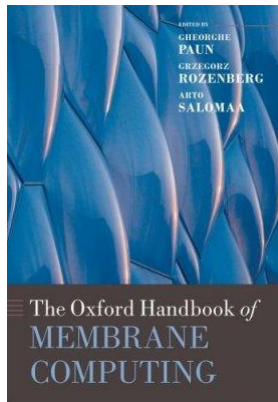
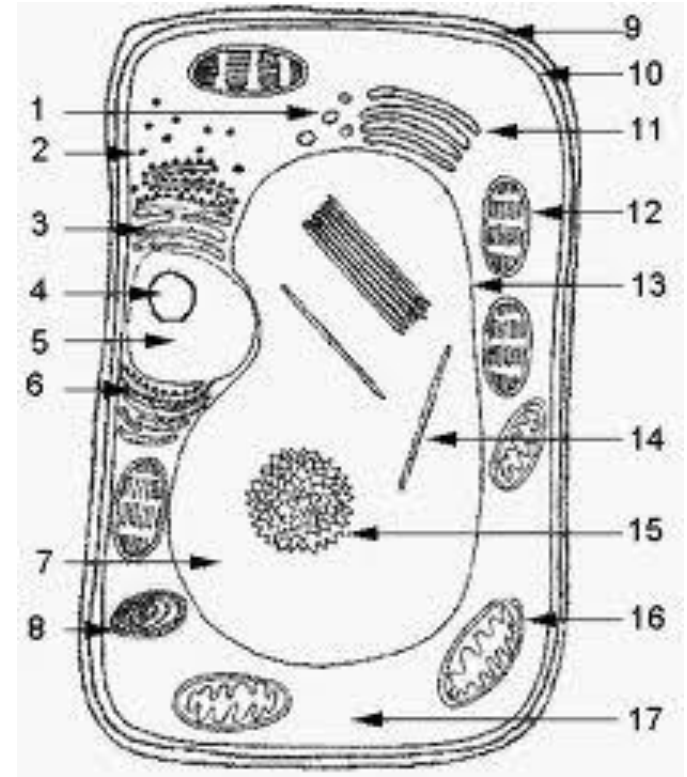
$\{a, p, y\} \rightarrow$   
 $\leftarrow a$   
 $\{b, r, x\} \rightarrow$   
 $\leftarrow b$   
 $\{s, a, b\} \rightarrow$

# Natural Computing: een model

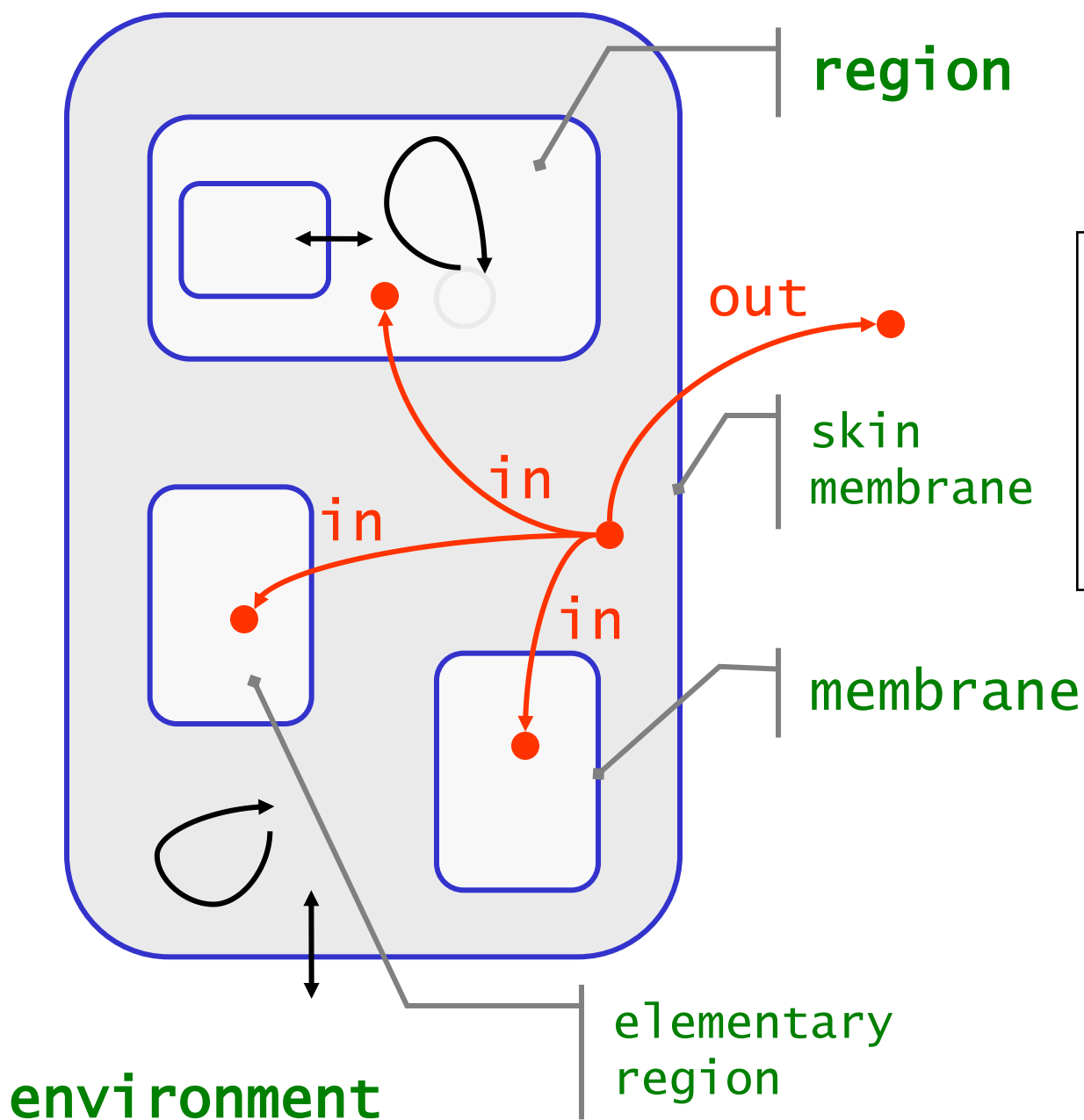




nested compartments  
- information  
membranes - communication

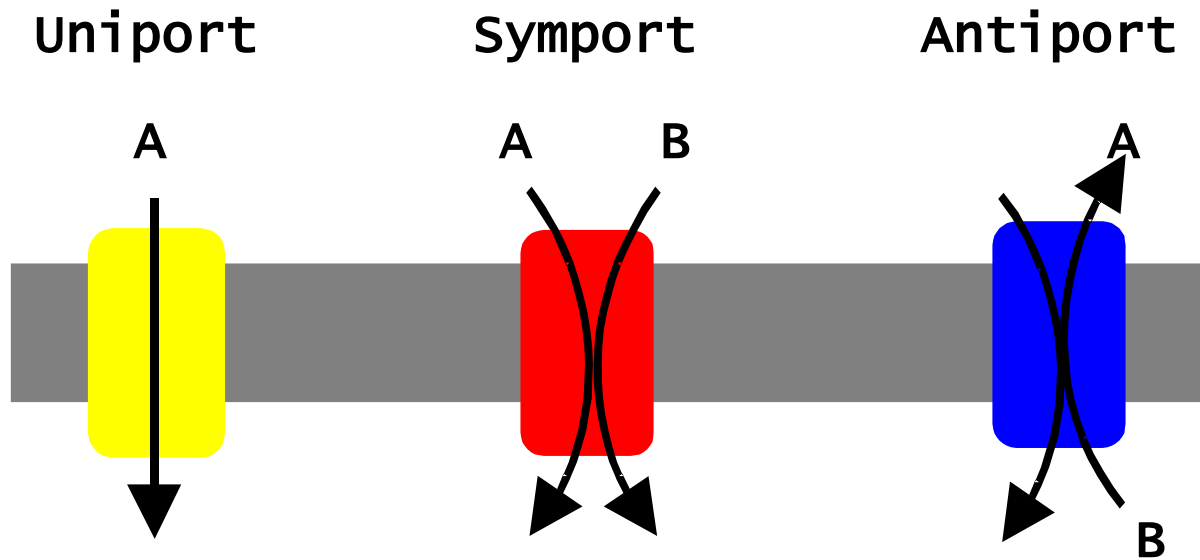






Structure

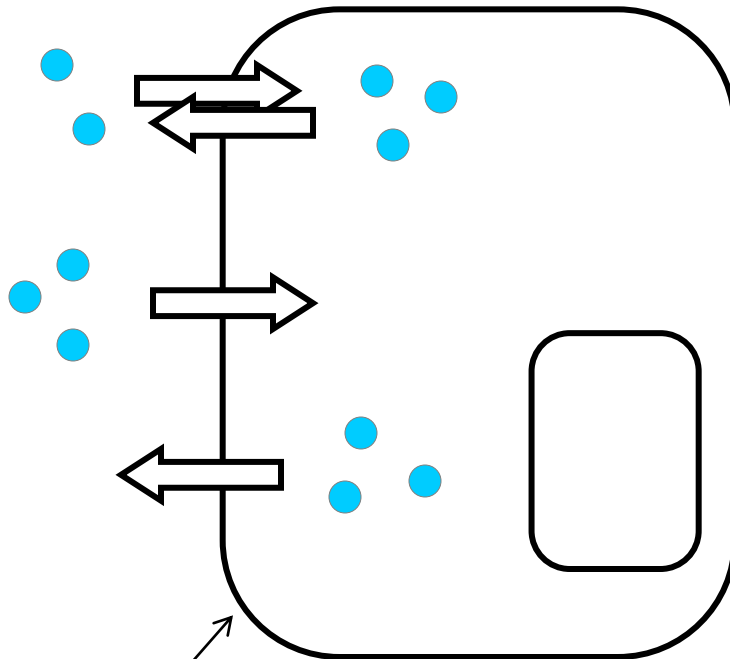
keuze:  
type objecten,  
reacties,  
communicatie,  
output



- alléén samen verplaatsen
- hoeveel membranen?
- hoeveel tegelijk?
- antiport nodig?

# P systems with symport/antiport

Păun & Păun



regels per membraan

$( a_1 \dots a_k \leftrightarrow b_1 \dots b_\ell )$

$( a_1 \dots a_k \rightarrow )$

$( \leftarrow a_1 \dots a_k )$

Contents

- objects  
multiset symbols  
infinite supply  
in environment

Rules

antiport

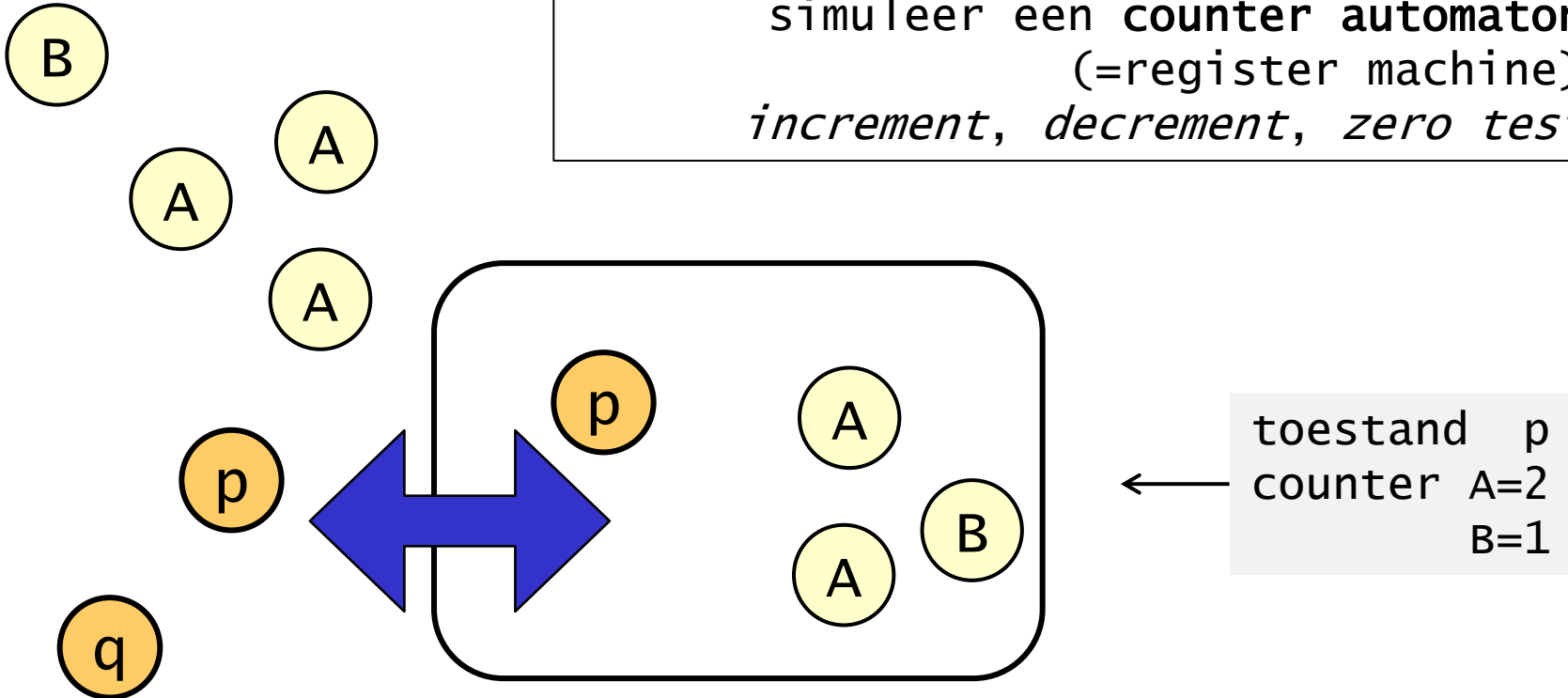
symport (in)

(out)

# single membrane will do

*sadly enough*

simuleer een counter automaton  
(=register machine)  
*increment, decrement, zero test*



toestand p  
counter A=2  
B=1

$(p \rightarrow q, +A)$

$(p \rightarrow q, -A)$

counter aut

$(qA \leftrightarrow p)$

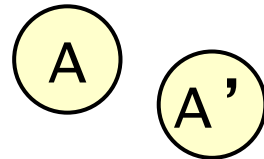
$(q \leftrightarrow pA)$

antiport

# zero test: programming trick

infinite = blocking

conflicting counters A & A'



$(p \rightarrow q, A=0)$

$(A' r \leftrightarrow p)$  +A'  
 $(r' \leftrightarrow r)$  'wait'  
 $(q \leftrightarrow r' A')$  -A'

counter aut

'simulation'



always present



$(\# \leftrightarrow AA')$   
 $(\# \leftrightarrow \#)$

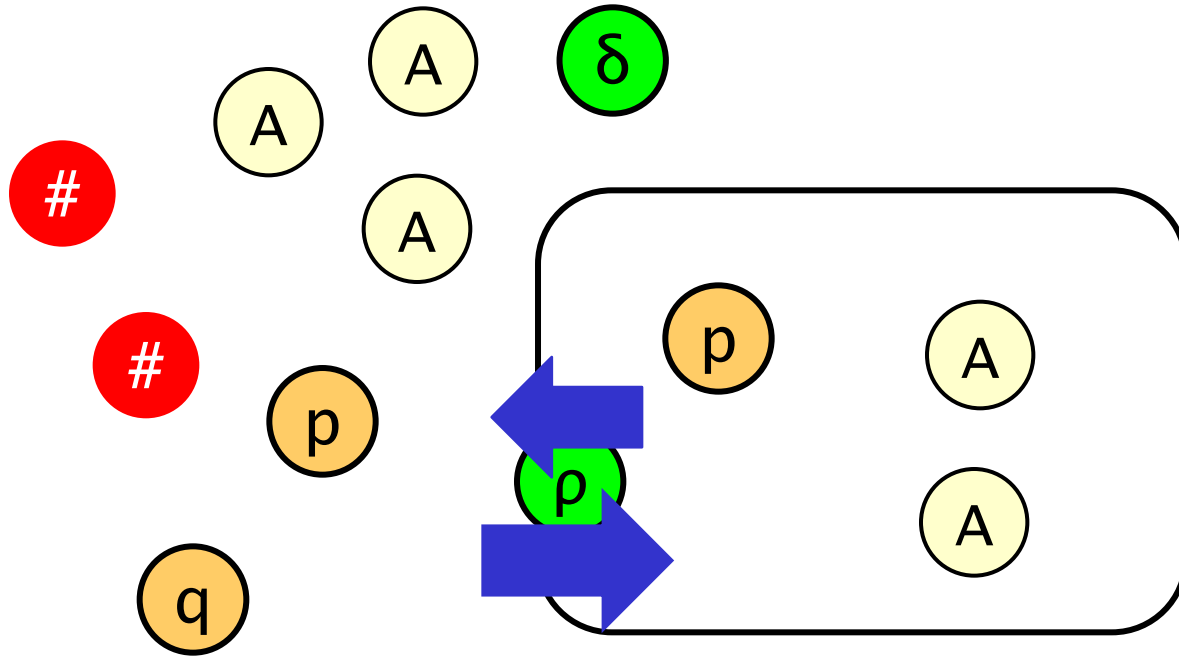
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verboden combinatie!

max parallelism: forced move

# antiport to symport

add 'drivers'



$$\rho = (qA \leftrightarrow p)$$

speciaal voor  
deze regel



$$\begin{aligned} & ( \rho qA \rightarrow ) \\ & ( \leftarrow \rho p ) \end{aligned}$$

drie persoons bootje!



drie persoons-bootje + verboden combinatie

we zijn weer terug!

*Remark.* The construction in the proof of Theorem 1 above reminds us of the classical wolf, cabbage, and goat problem. attributed to [AY99, Propositio XVIII]<sup>1</sup>. The carrier  $v$  crossing the membrane echoes the little boat crossing the river, whereas the carrier  $\partial$  models the conflicting presence of goat with either wolf or cabbage on the banks of the river (here the membrane).

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<sup>1</sup> Propositio de Homine et Capra et Lupo. Homo quidam debebat ultra flavium transferre lupum, capram, et fasciculum cauli. Et non potuit aliam navem invenire, nisi

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