

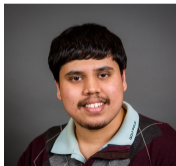
Reconstruction on 2D Regular Grids

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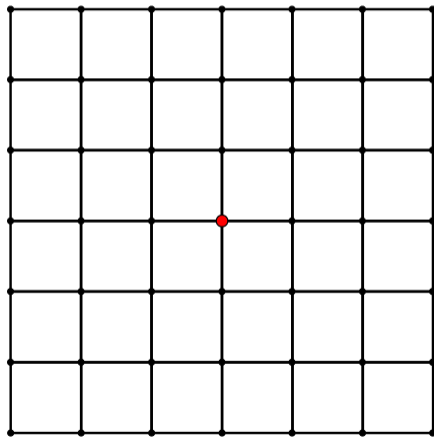
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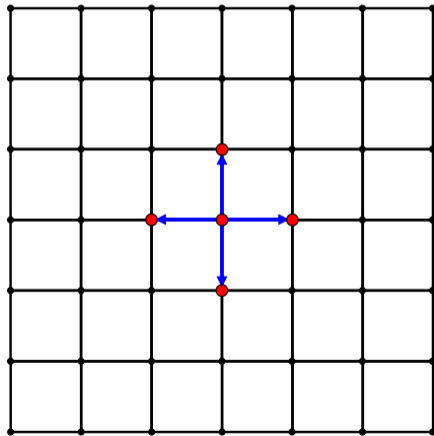
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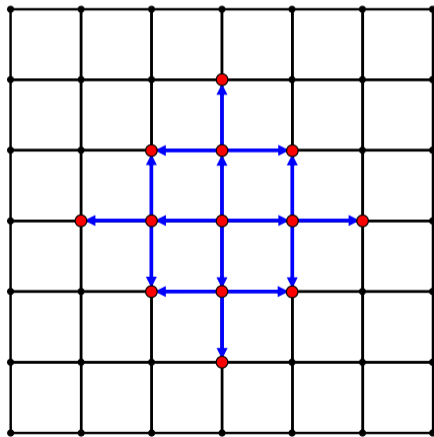
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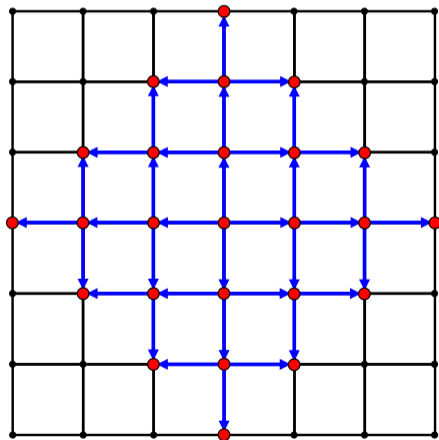
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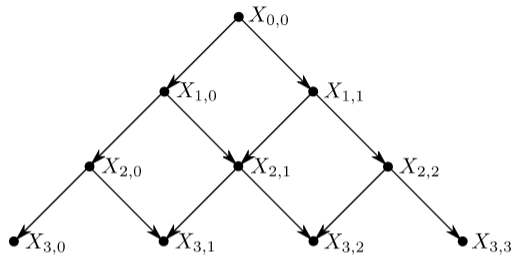


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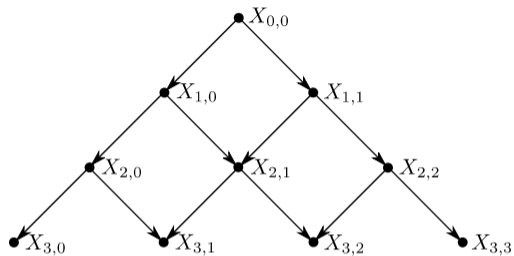


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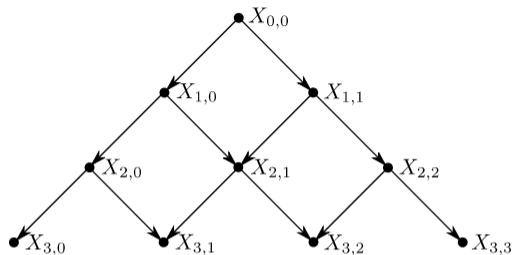
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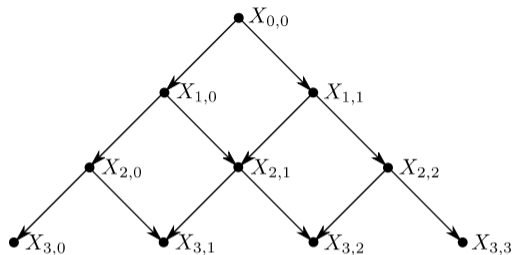
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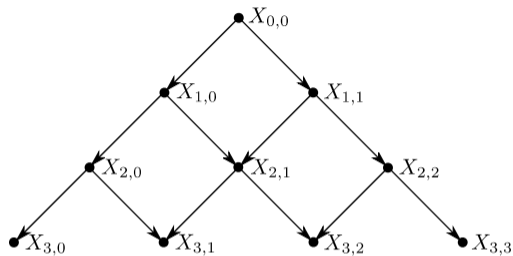
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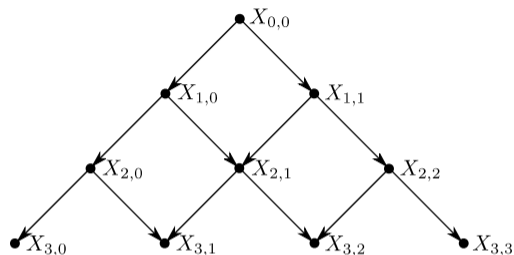
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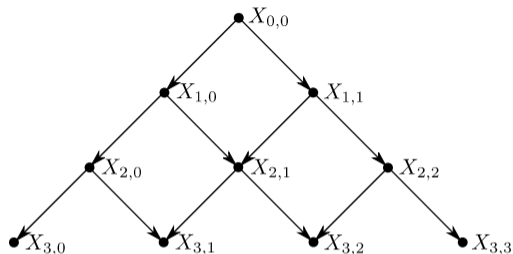


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- **Motivation:** “**Positive rates conjecture**” on ergodicity of simple 1D probabilistic cellular automata (e.g., [Gray 2001])

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