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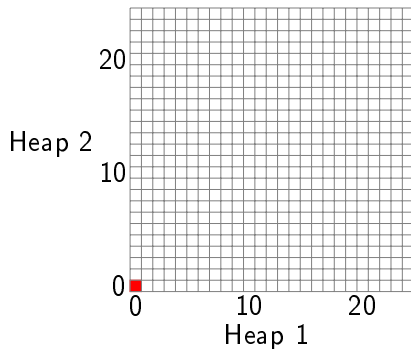


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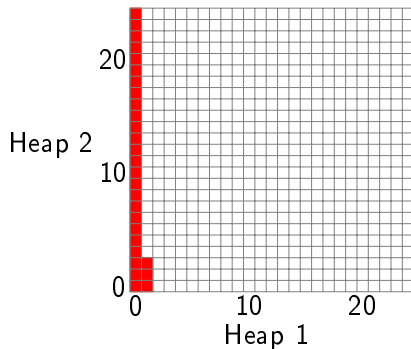


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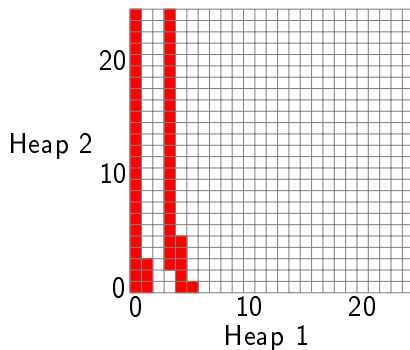


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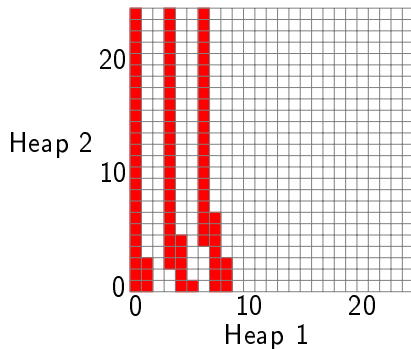


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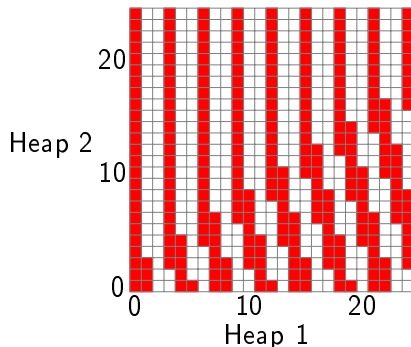


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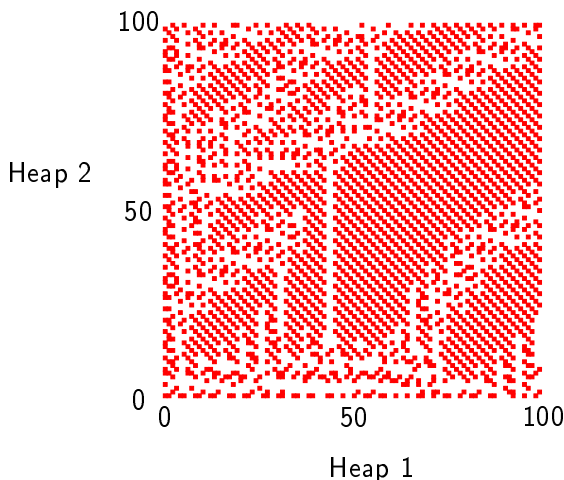


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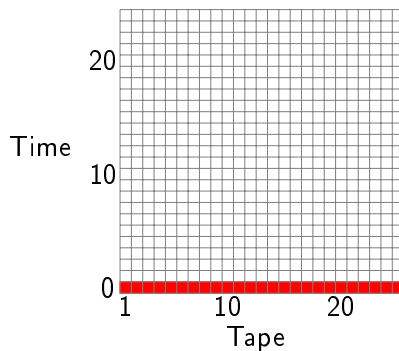


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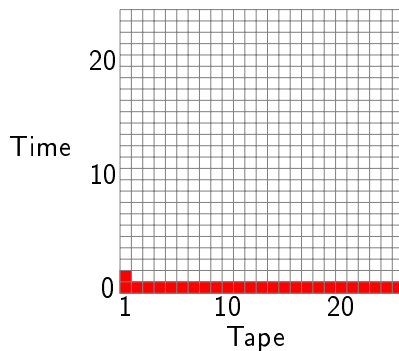


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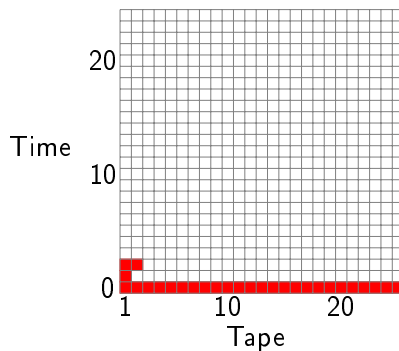


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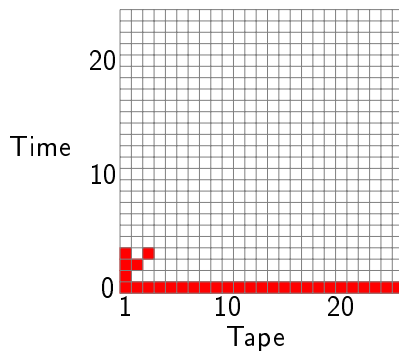


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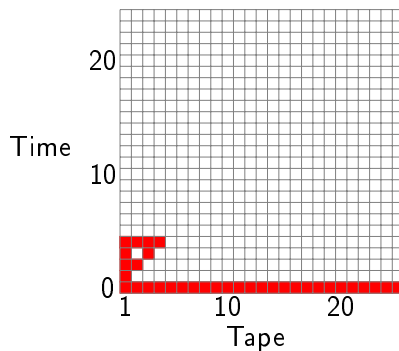


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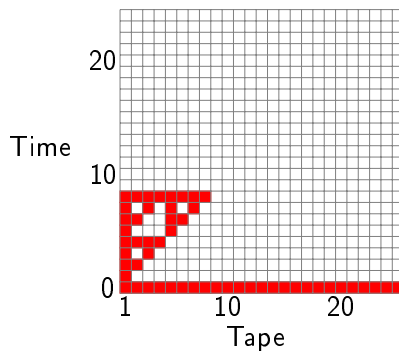


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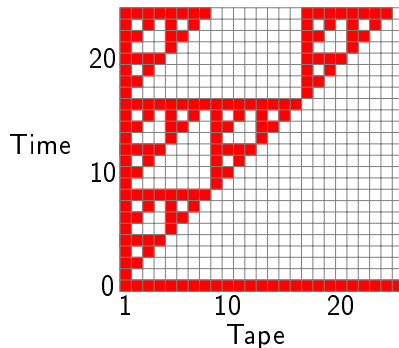


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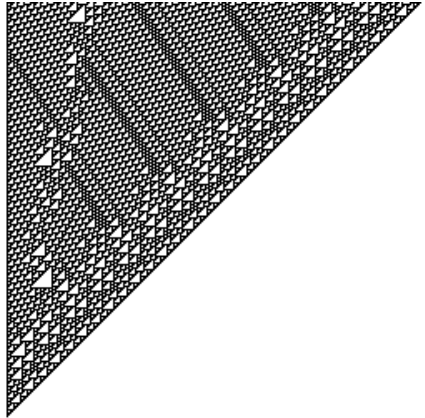


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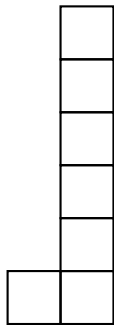


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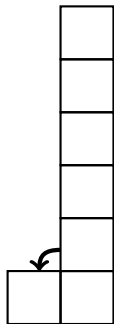


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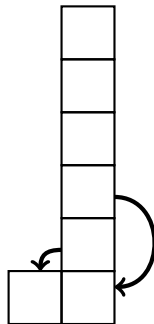


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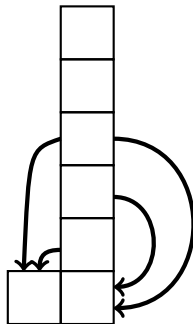


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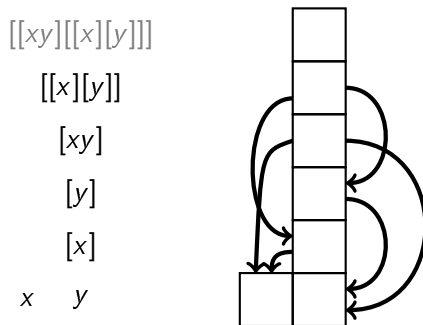


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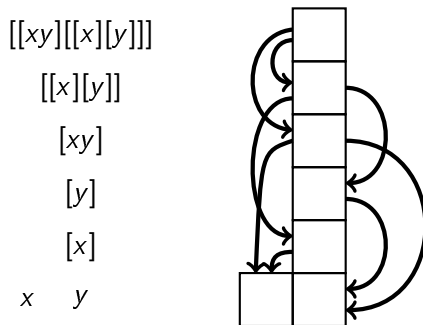


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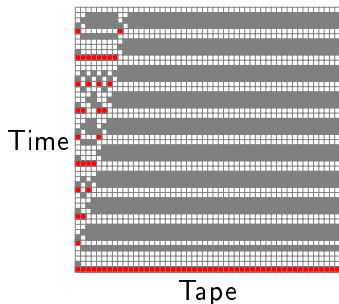


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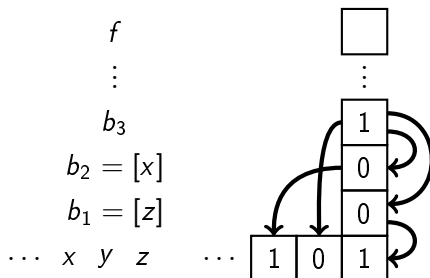


Figure: A modular game \mathcal{G}' with input $\dots xyz$ computing a function f in a few steps. The first two boxes b_1 and b_2 invert x and z . The third box b_3 is a 1 ($=\mathcal{P}$ -position) if and only if $xyz = 101$.

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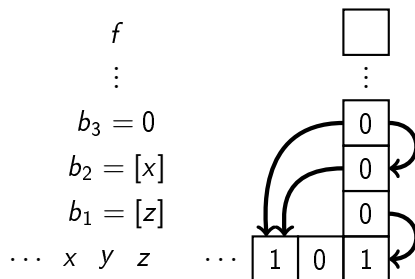


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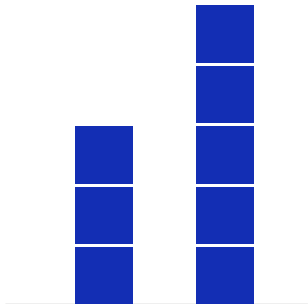


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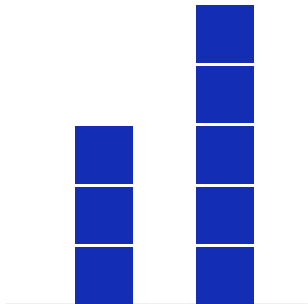
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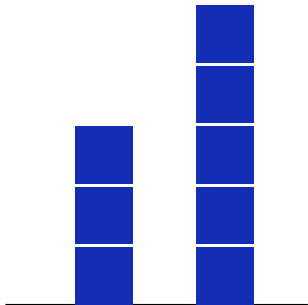
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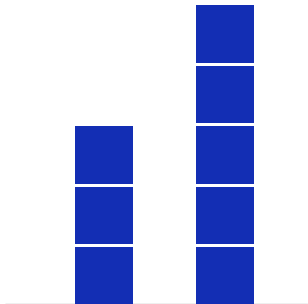
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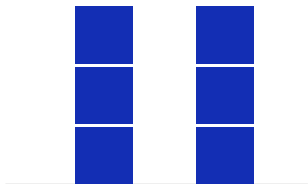
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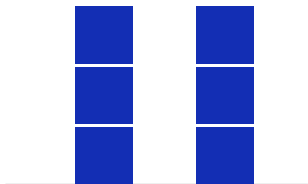
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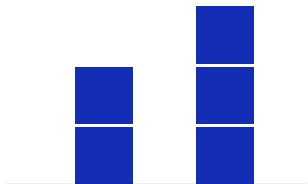
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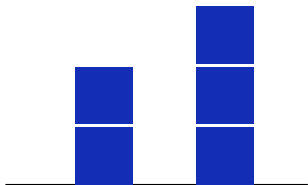
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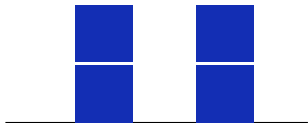
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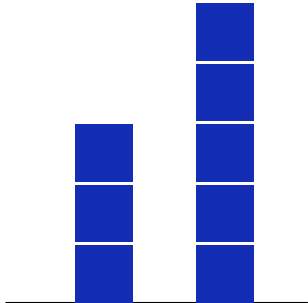
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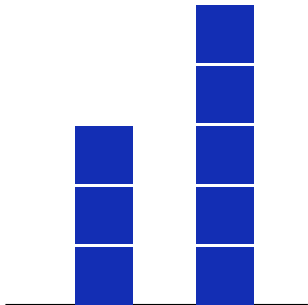
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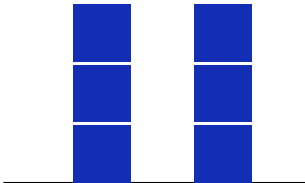
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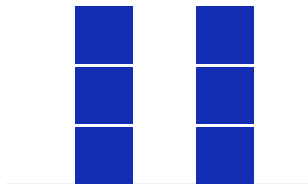
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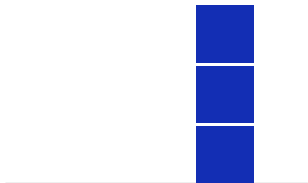


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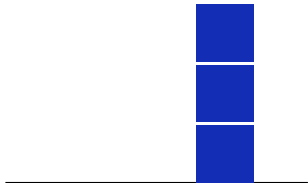
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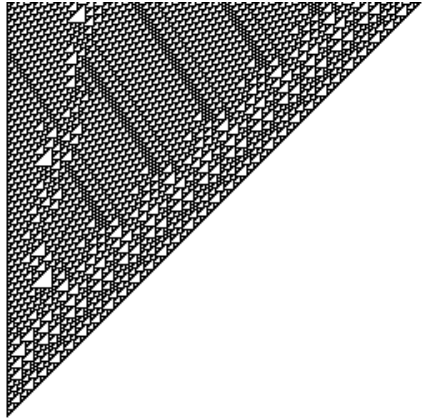


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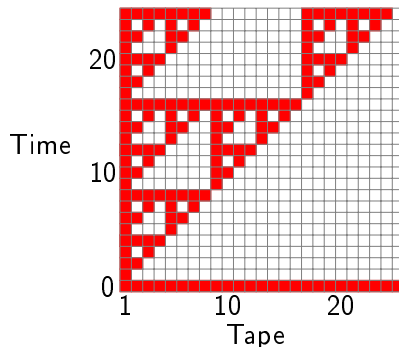
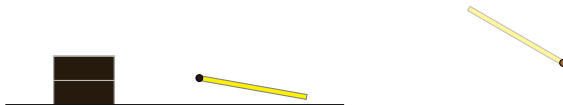


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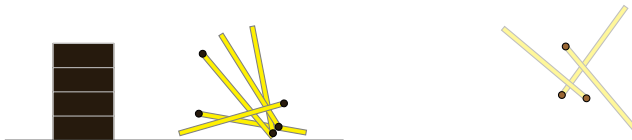
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17. The rule 60 game position $(4, 5, 3)$ is in \mathcal{P}

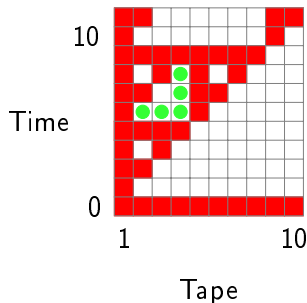


Figure: The green pattern indicates a second player winning position $\#tape = 4$, $\#time = 5$, $m_p = 3$.

17. so is $(4, 5, 2)$

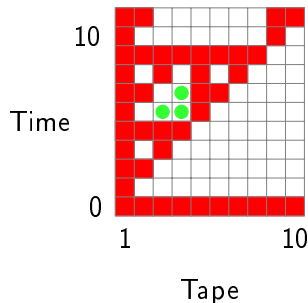


Figure: The green pattern indicates a second player winning position
 $\#tape = 4$, $\#time = 5$, $m_p = 2$.

17. and $(3, 5, 1)$

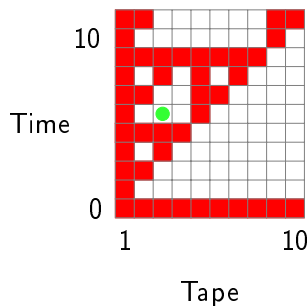


Figure: The green pattern indicates a second player winning position
 $\#tape = 4$, $\#time = 5$, $m_p = 1$.

17. but not $(4, 6, 1)$

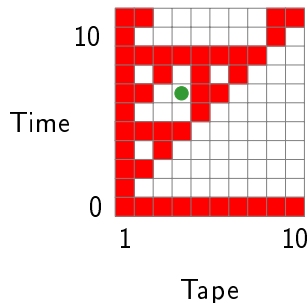


Figure: A first player winning position $\#tape = 4$, $\#time = 6$, $m_p = 1$ (remove one match or one match and one token).

17. neither is $(3, 5, 4)$

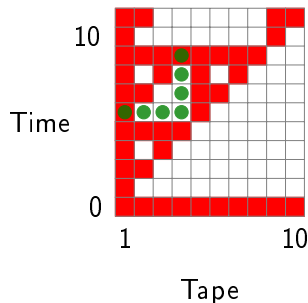


Figure: A first player winning position $\#tape = 3$, $\#time = 5$, $m_p = 4$
(remove all matches and tokens)

17. $\text{nor}(4, 4, 2)$

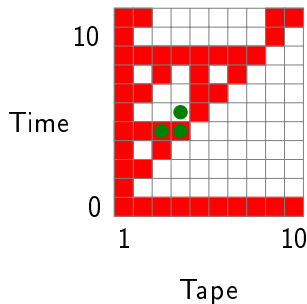


Figure: A first player winning position $\#tape = 4$, $\#time = 4$, $m_p = 2$ (remove all but one match and no token).

18. The rule 110 game

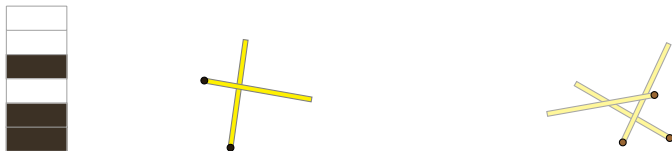


Figure: The position ("110100", 2, 3).

A position of the rule 110 game. The second player wins, see green circle:

18. The rule 110 CA and some game positions

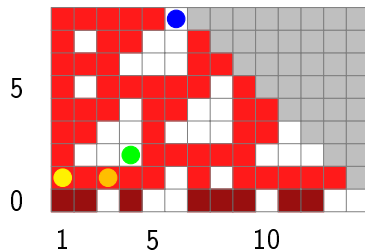


Figure: Some rule 110 game positions (m_p omitted) for the finite ending condition “11010011101100” together with CA updates. Example: green position (“110100”, 2, m_p) second player wins if $1 \leq m_p \leq 3$. For the other positions the first player wins independent of m_p .

19. Undecidable F glider occurrence in \underline{LCR} rule 110 CA

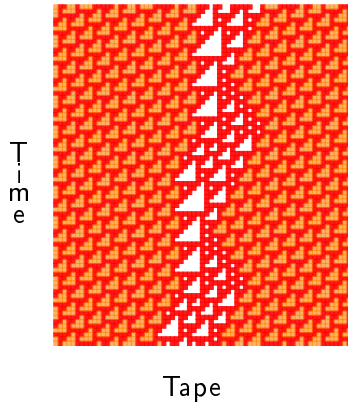


Figure: An F glider embedded in Rule 110 ether.

20. An undecidable path of moves

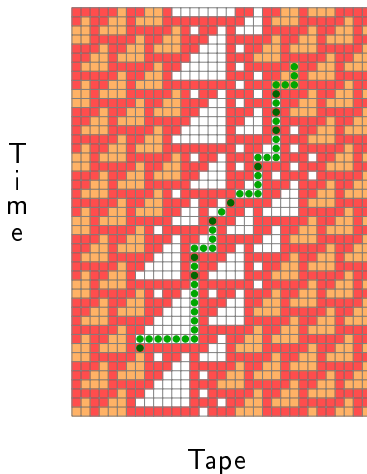


Figure: An optimal sequence of consecutive moves in the rule 110 game traversing an F glider.