

# Using automata to realise additions

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# **1** Warm-up: Addition in integer base

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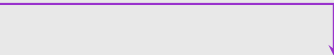
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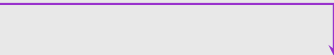
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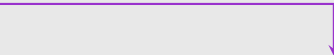
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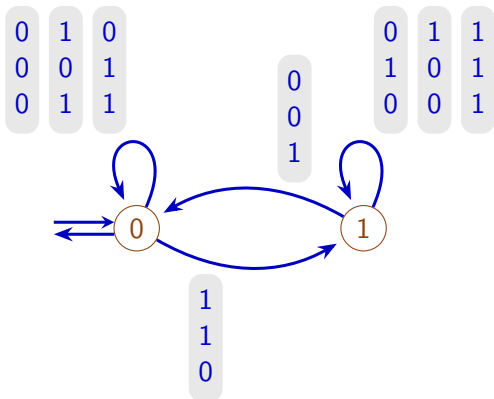


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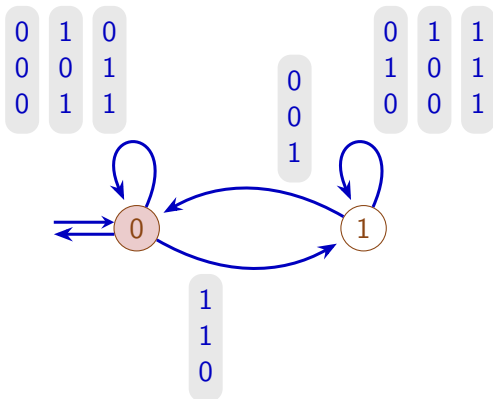


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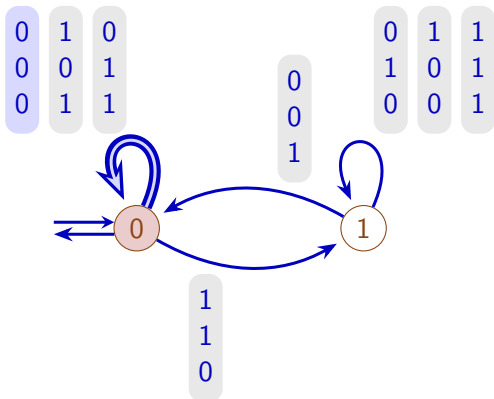


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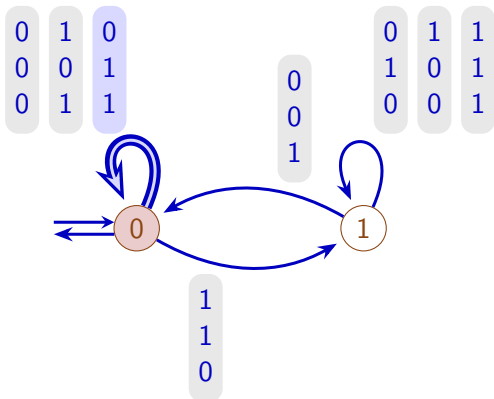
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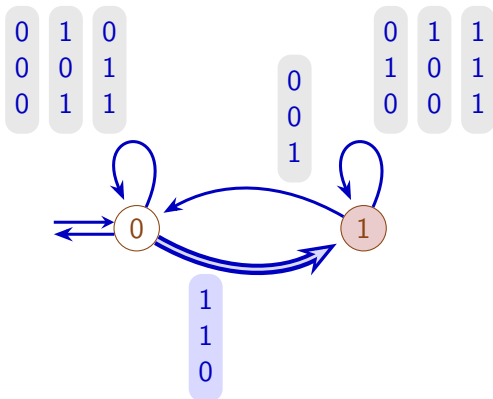
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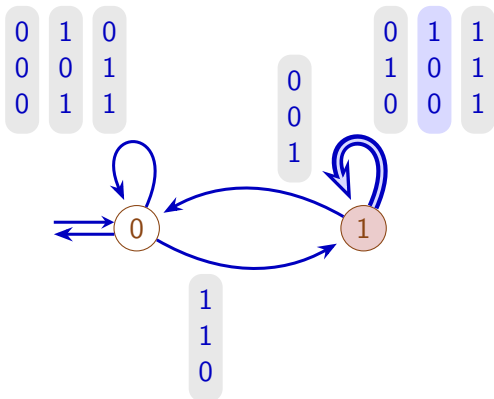
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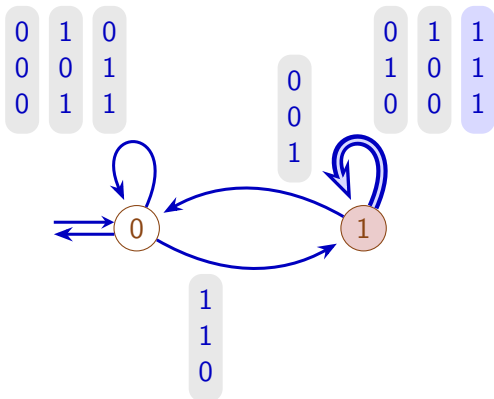
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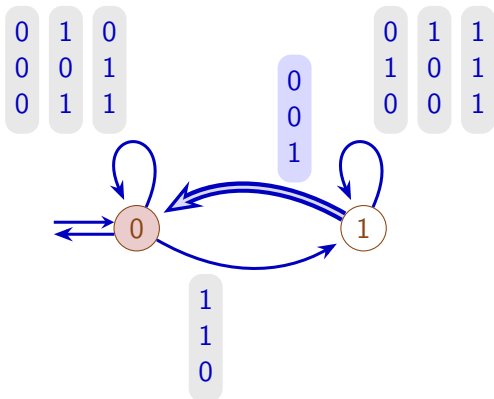




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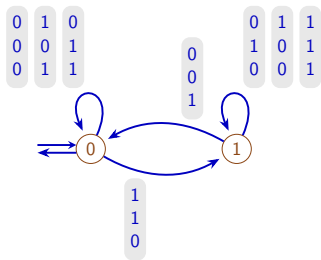


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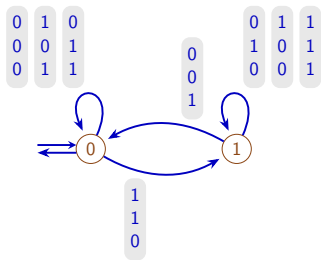


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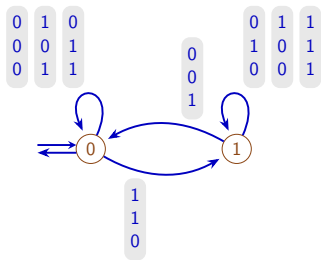


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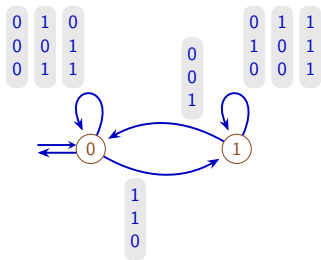


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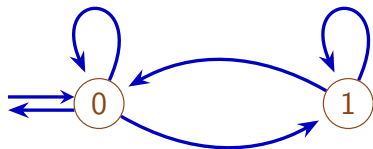


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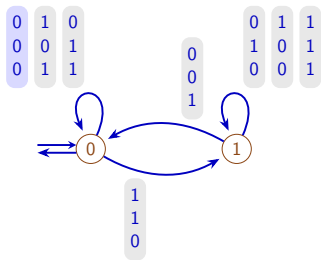


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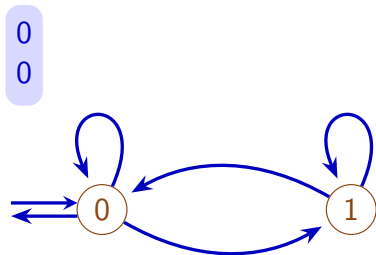


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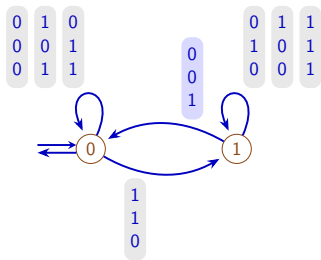


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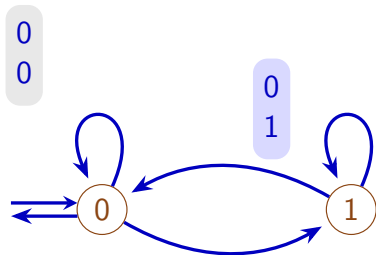


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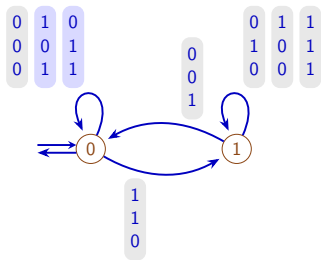


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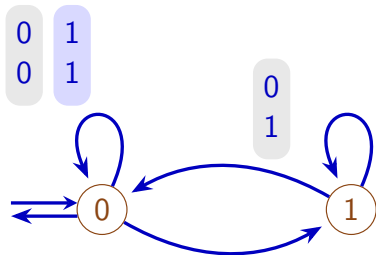


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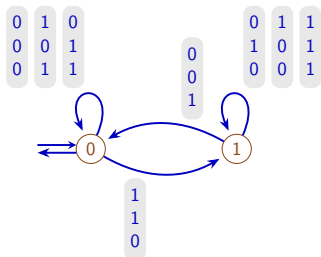


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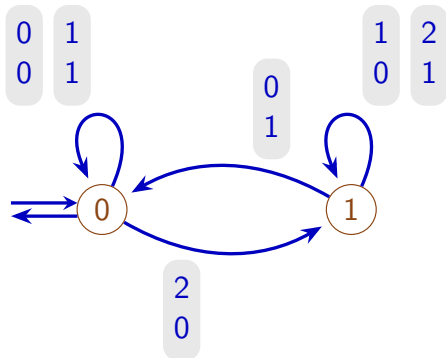


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$\Rightarrow$  Many properties are decidable for automatic sequences (periodicity, squarefreeness, etc.)

## 2 Journey from evaluator to additioner

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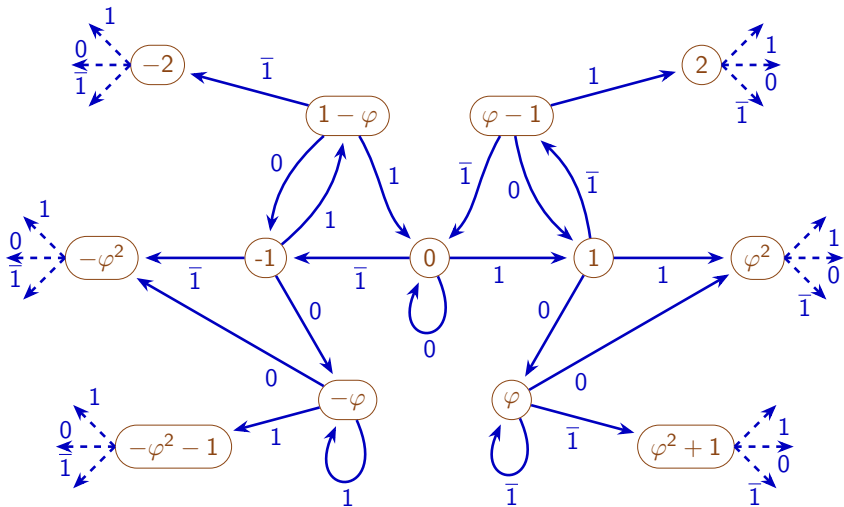
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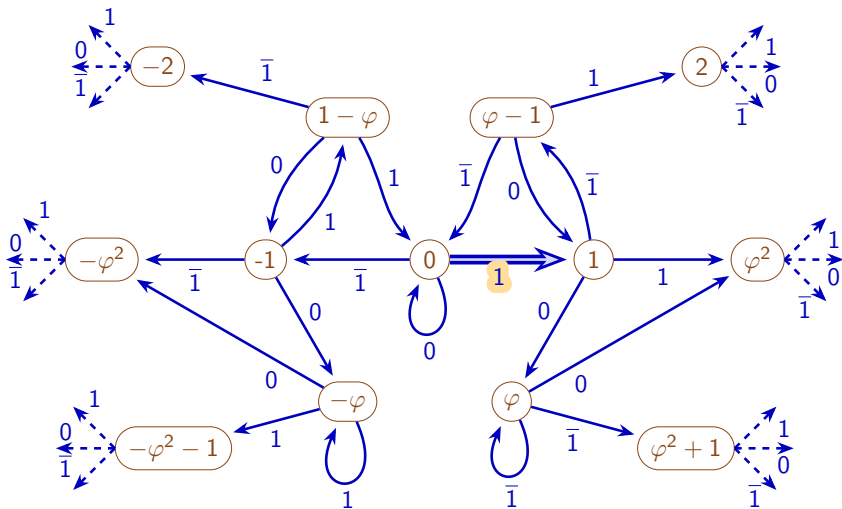
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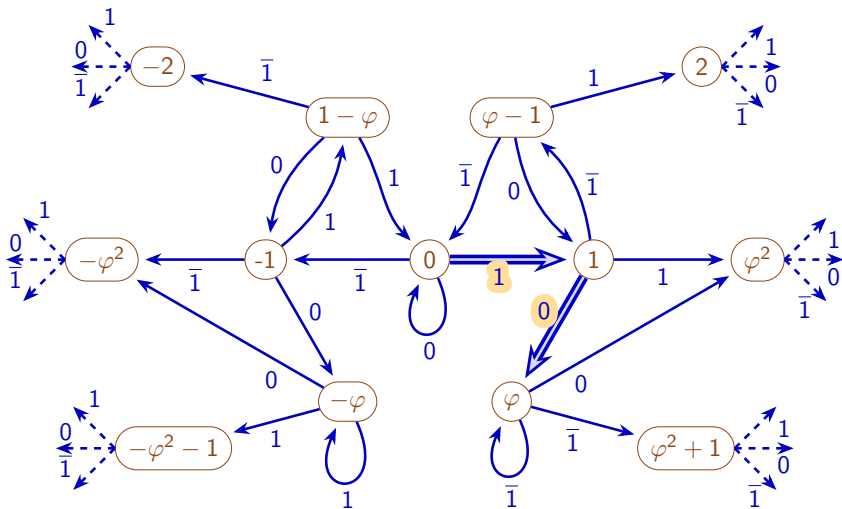
$$0 \xrightarrow{a_k} \cdots \xrightarrow{a_1} \xrightarrow{a_0} s \quad \text{where } s = \text{Val}(a_k \cdots a_1 a_0 \bullet) \quad (6)$$



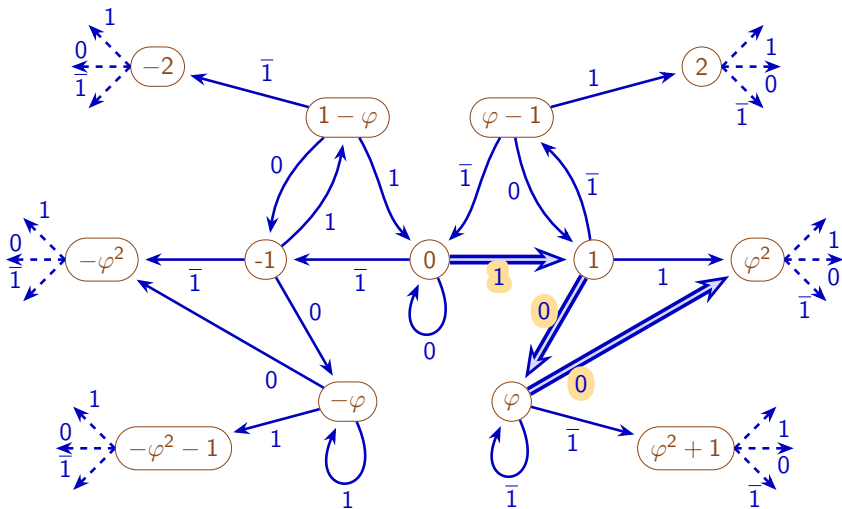


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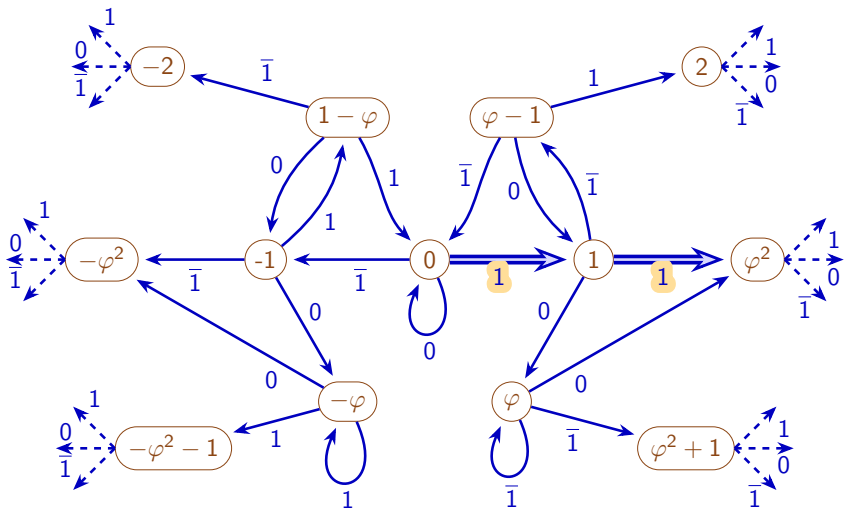




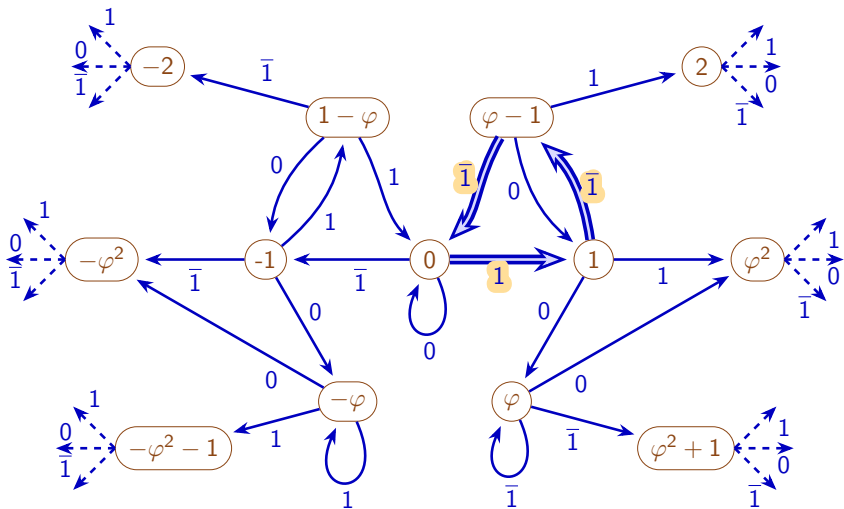
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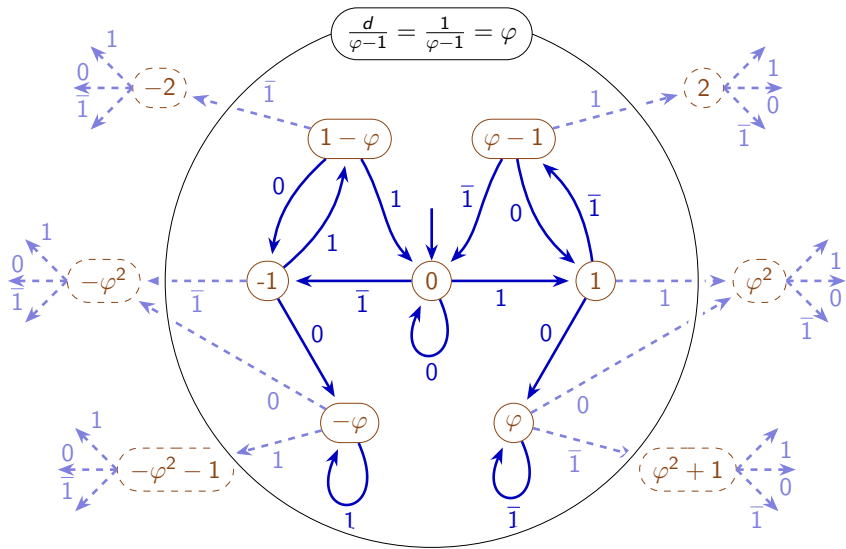
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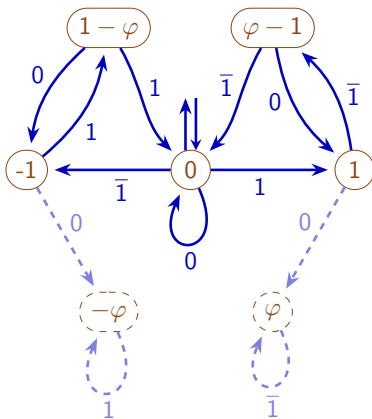
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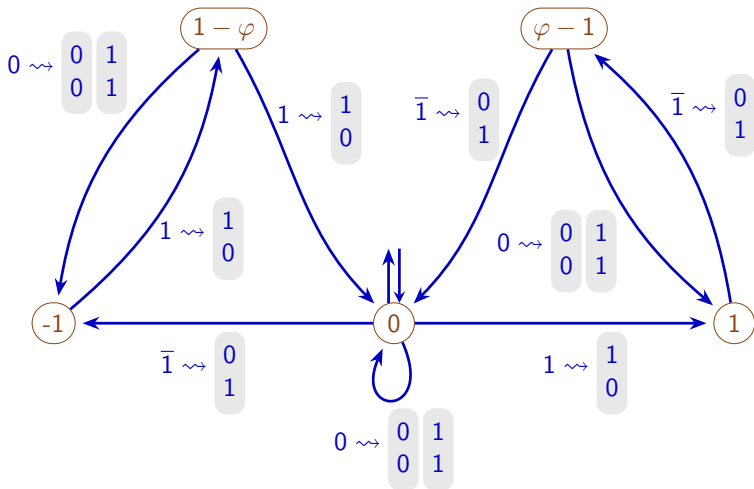
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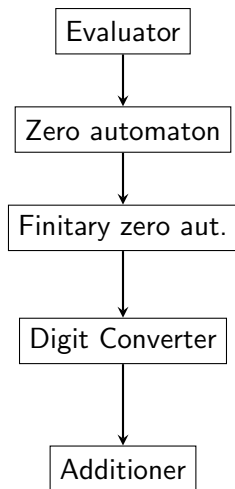
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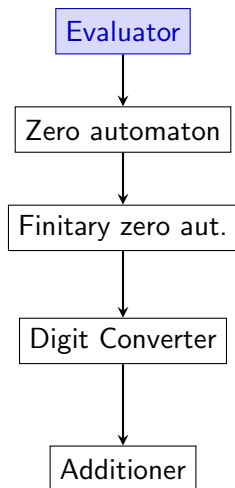


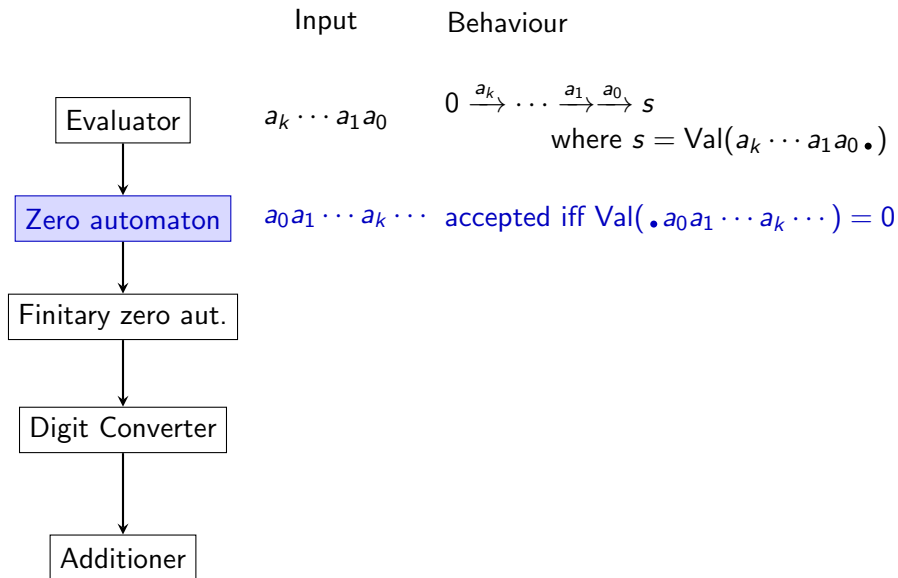
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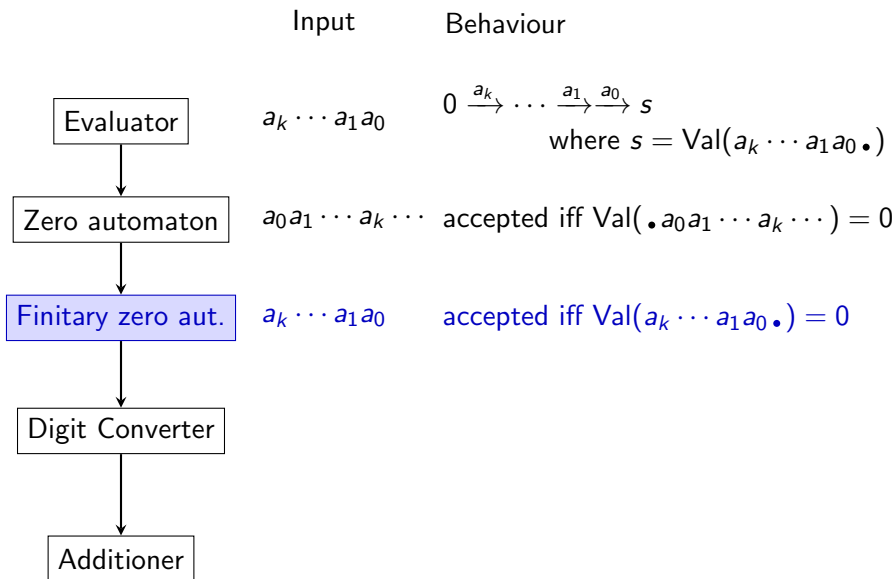


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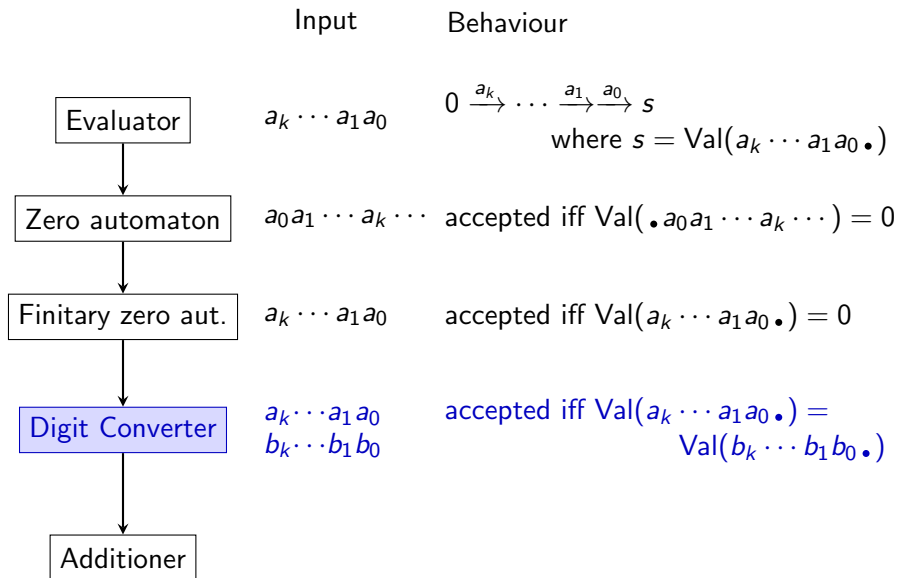
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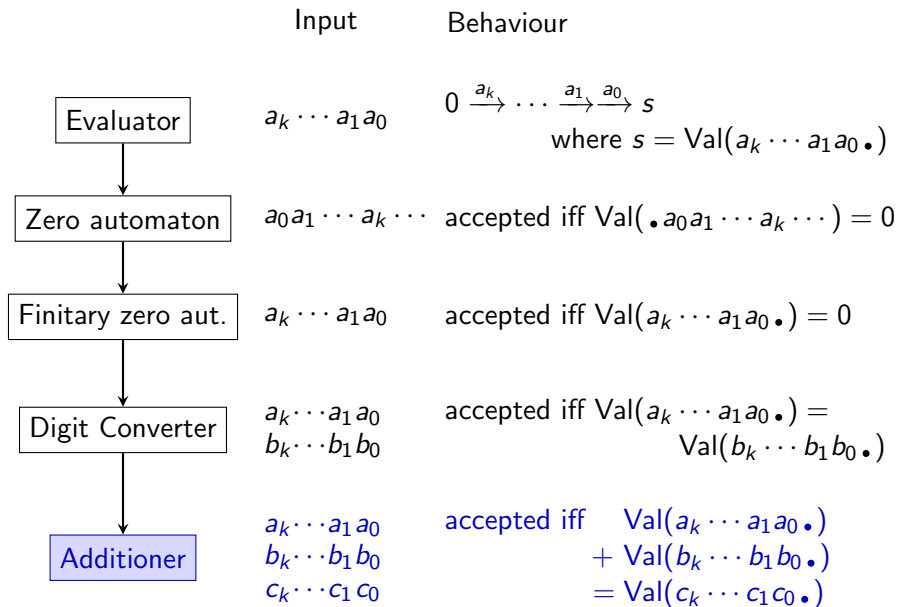
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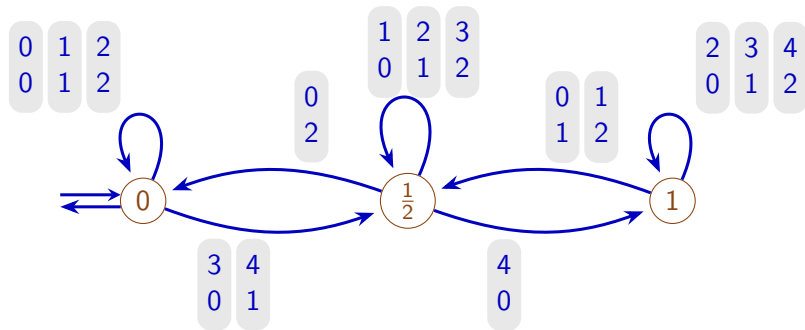


Figure: Converter  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  in base  $\frac{3}{2}$

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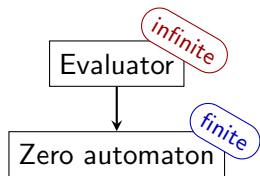
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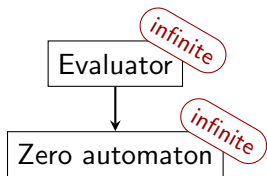
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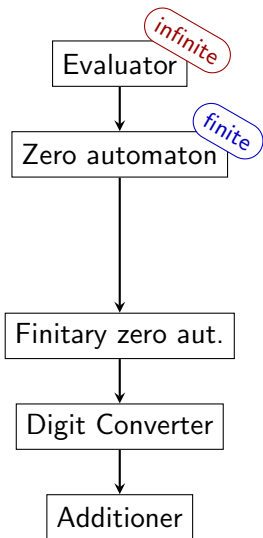
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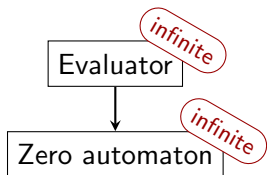
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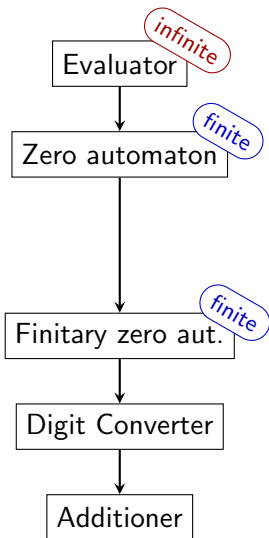
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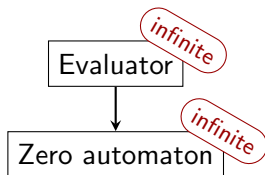
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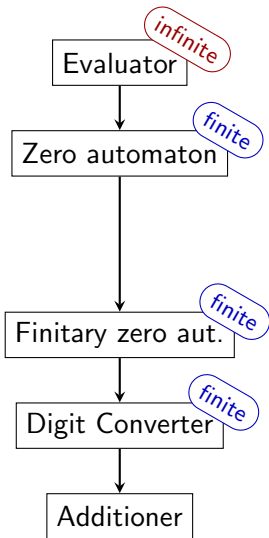
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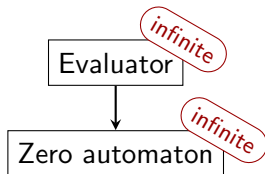
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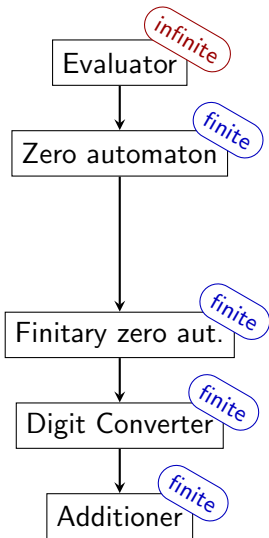
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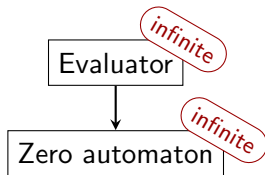
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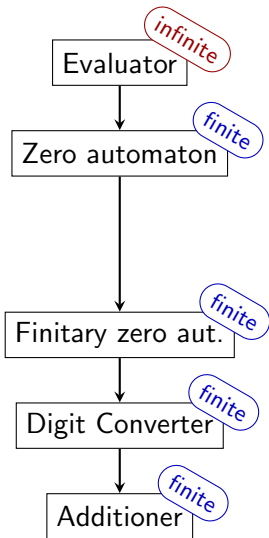


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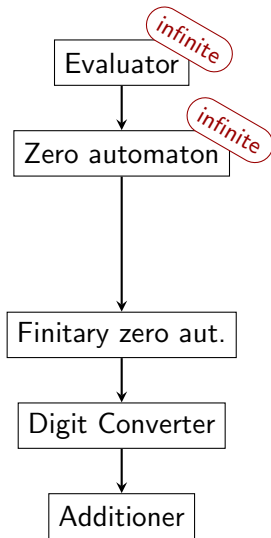




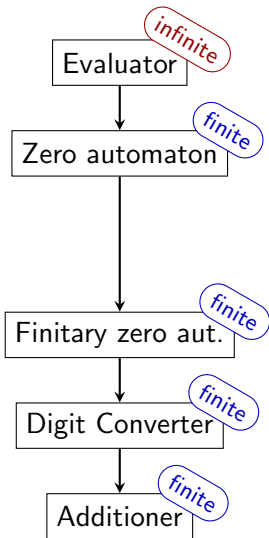
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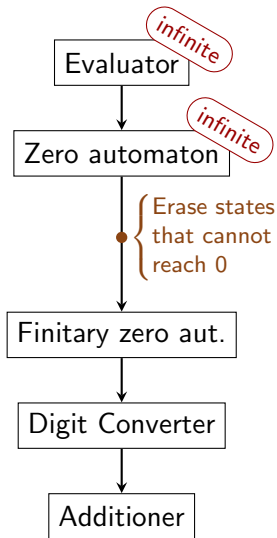
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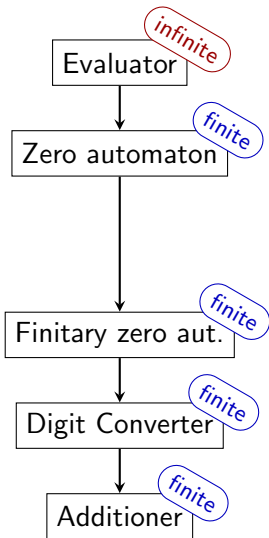
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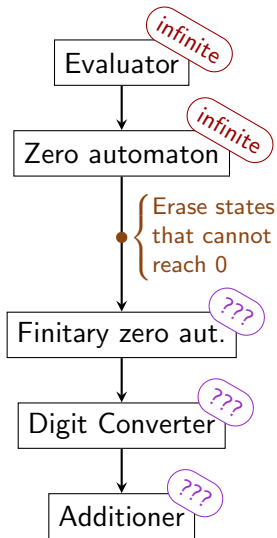
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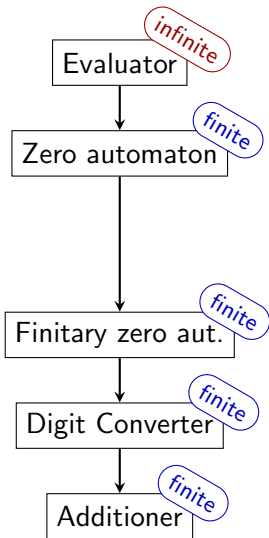


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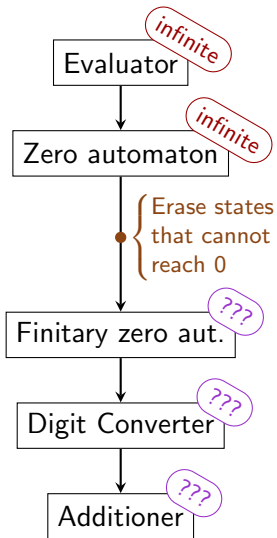


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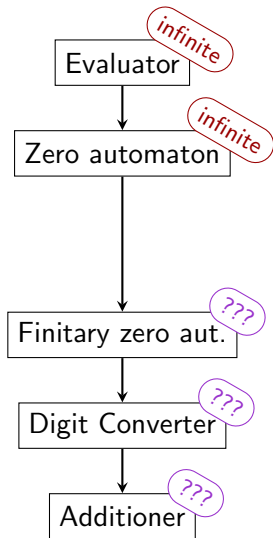
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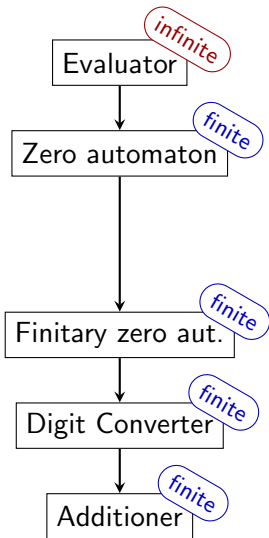
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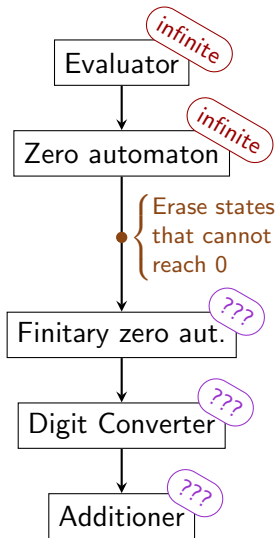
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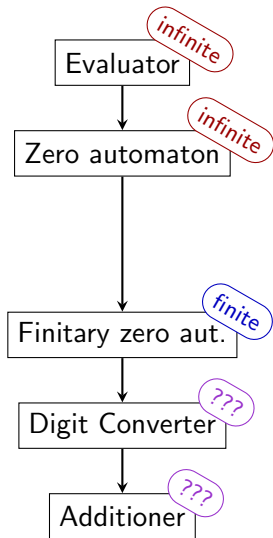
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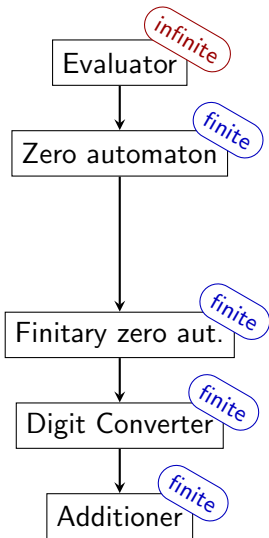


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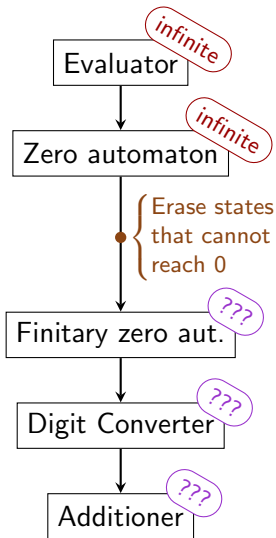


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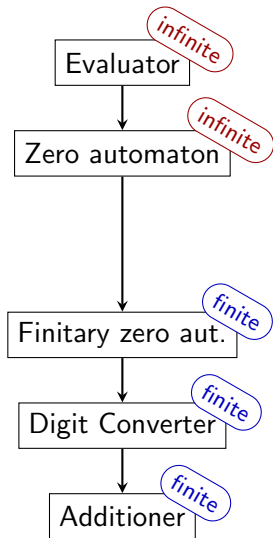
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