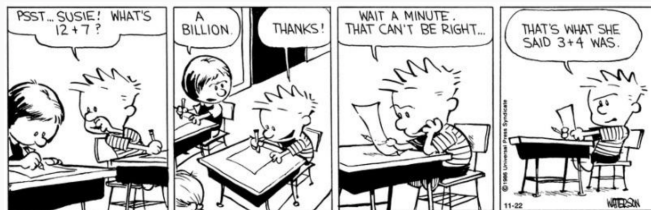


# Games, graphs, and machines



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# A much simplified arithmetic!

- $[0]$  = The set  $\{0\}$ .
- $[1]$  = The set of all positive numbers.

$$[0] + [0] =$$

$$[0] + [1] =$$

$$[1] + [1] =$$

$$[0] \cdot [0] =$$

$$[0] \cdot [1] =$$

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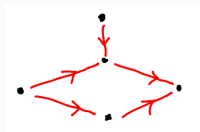
## Boolean powers

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find  $A^{*k}$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Can you explain the pattern using a graph?

# Existence of paths

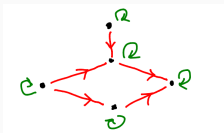
Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of the graph.



- Find  $A^{*k}$  for large  $k$ .
- Find  $I + A + A^{*2} + \dots + A^{*k}$  for large  $k$ .

# Adding loops

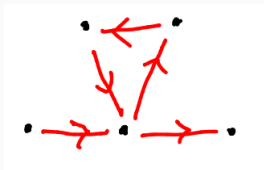
Suppose we add loops.



- Now what is  $A^{*k}$  for large  $k$ ?
- What about  $I + A + A^{*2} + \dots + A^{*k}$ ?

# Modular arithmetic?

Let  $A$  be the adjacency matrix of



Can you describe  $A^{*k}$  for all  $k$ ?

## Eventually periodic?

Let  $A$  be the boolean adjacency matrix of a graph.

**Claim** — The sequence of matrices  $A, A^{*2}, A^{*3}, \dots$  is eventually periodic.

True or false?