

Self-Stabilizing K -out-of- L Exclusion on Tree Networks

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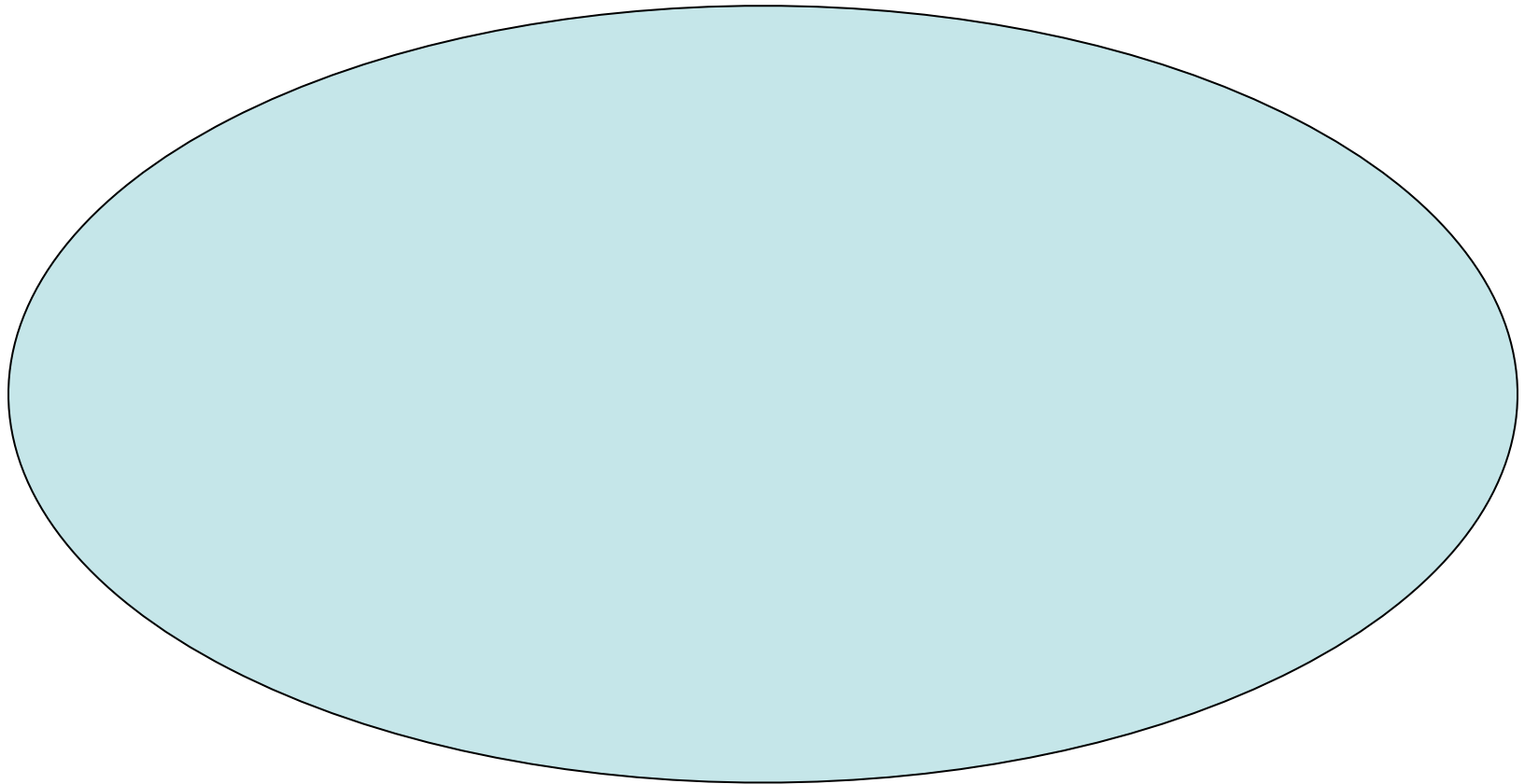
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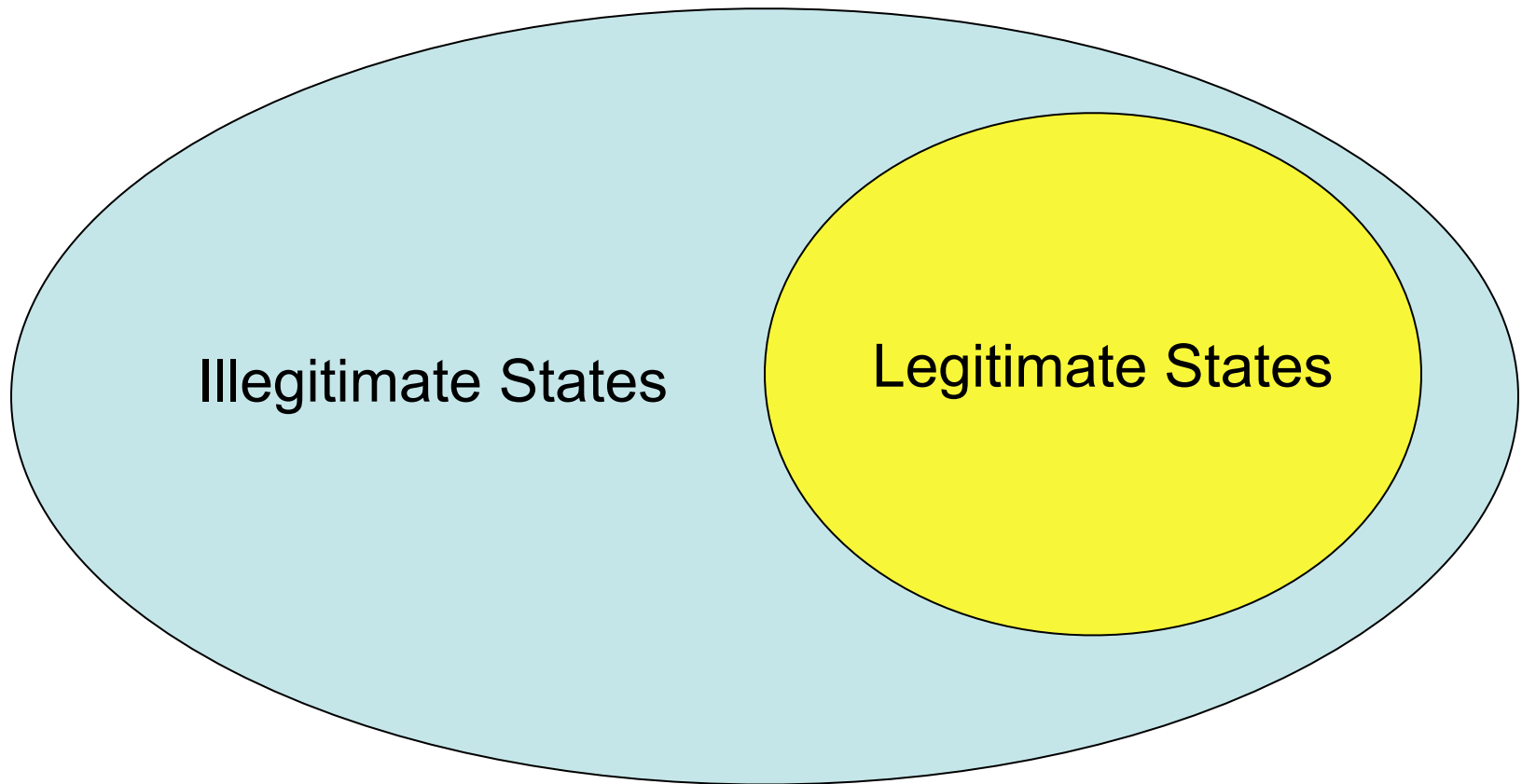
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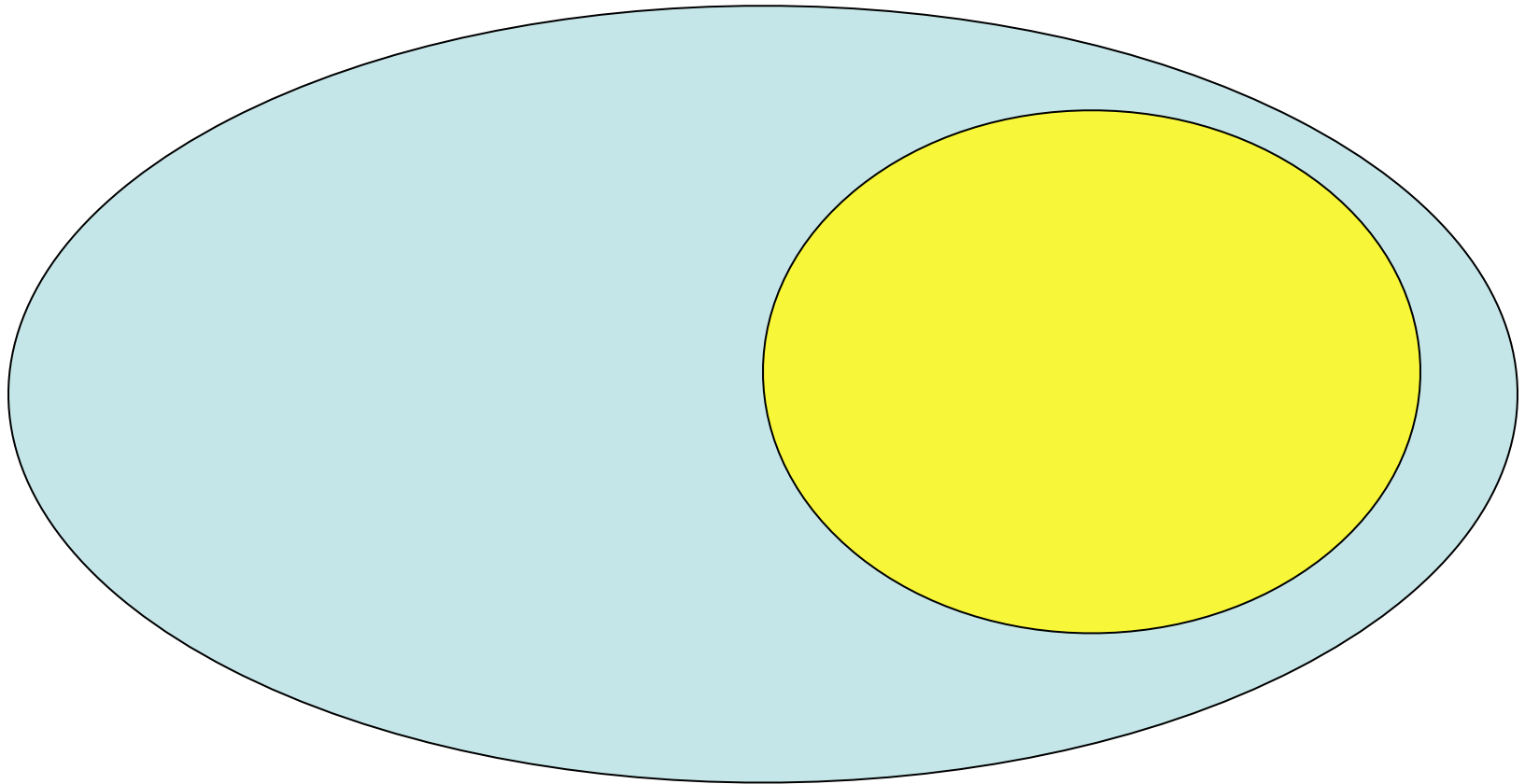
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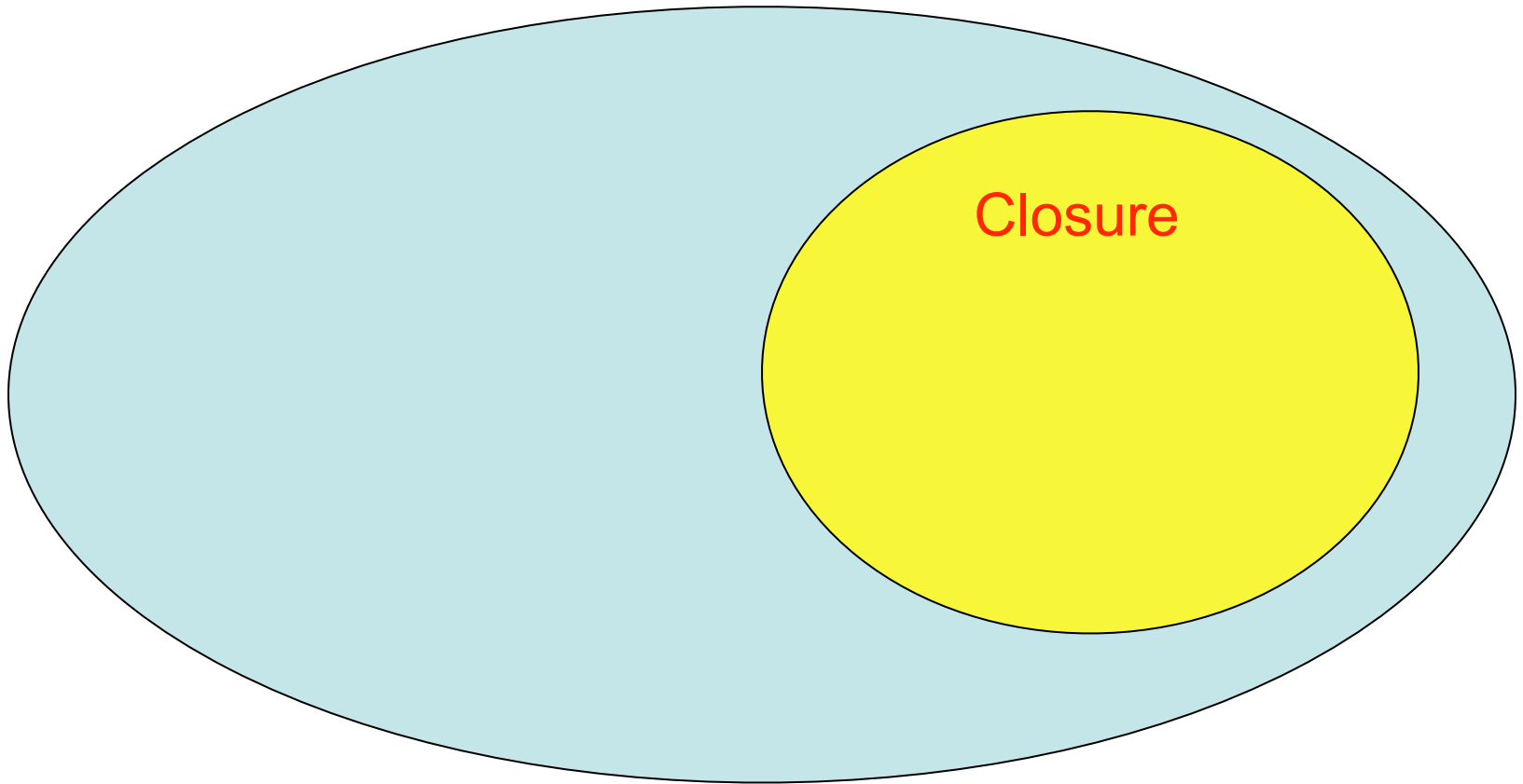
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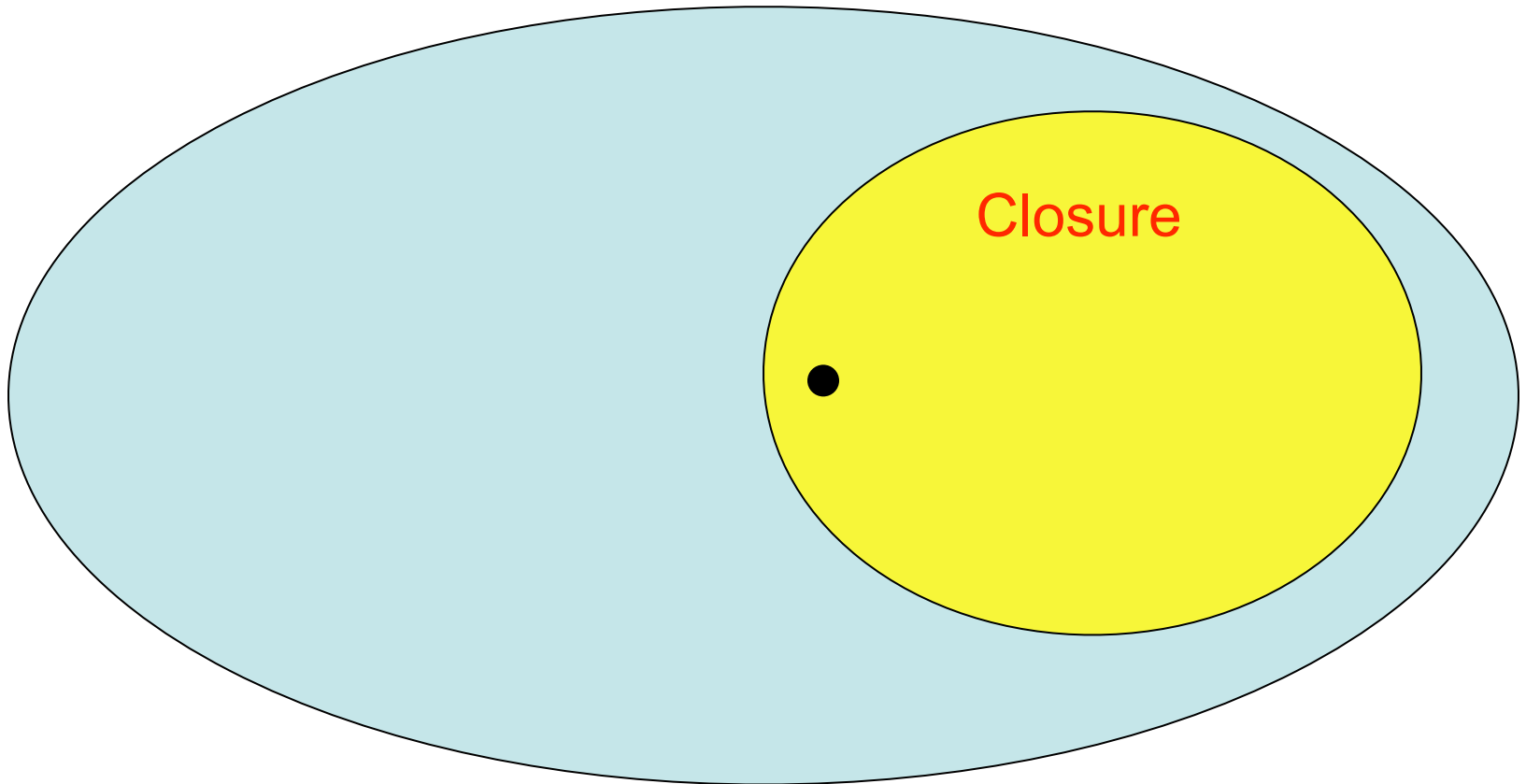
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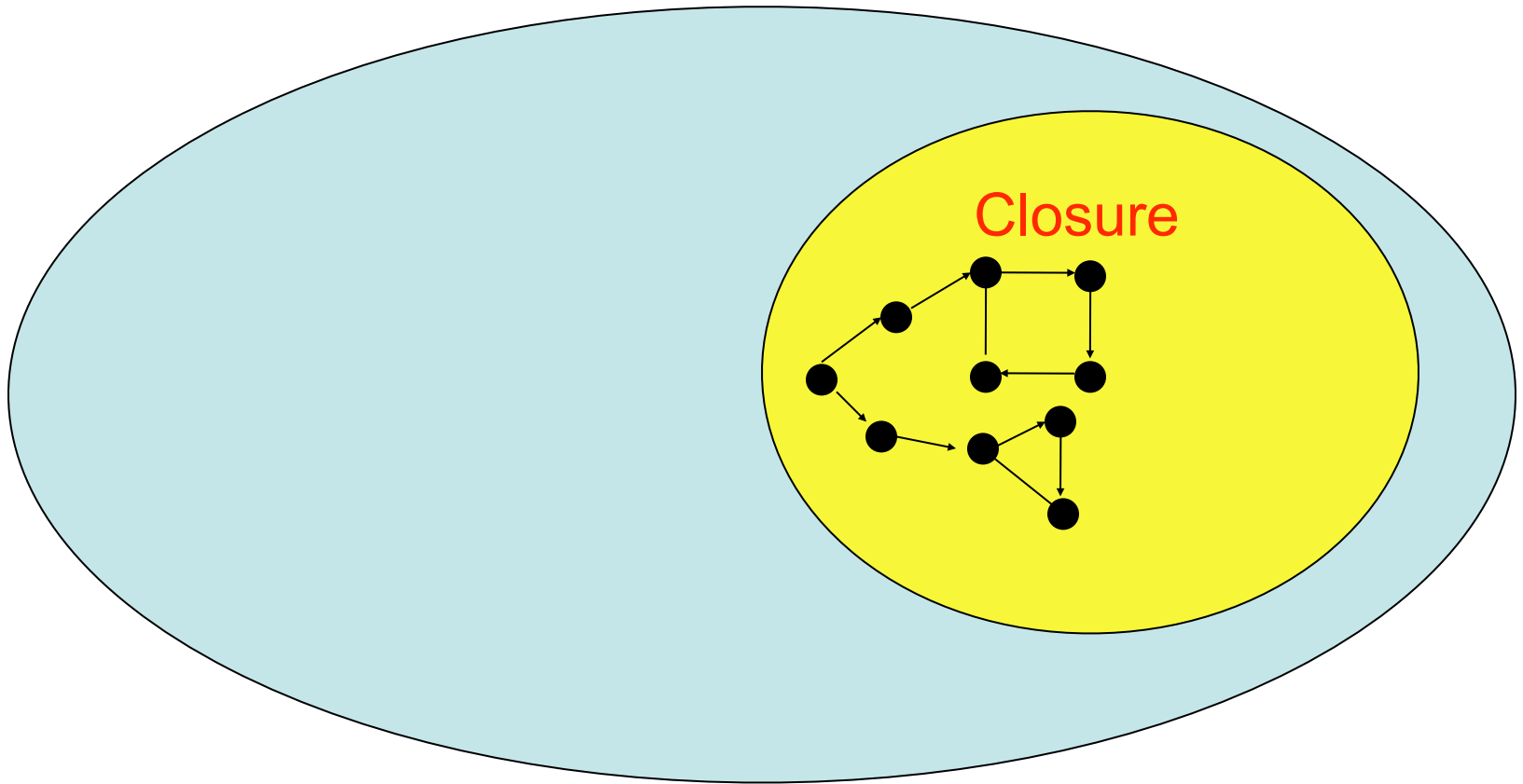
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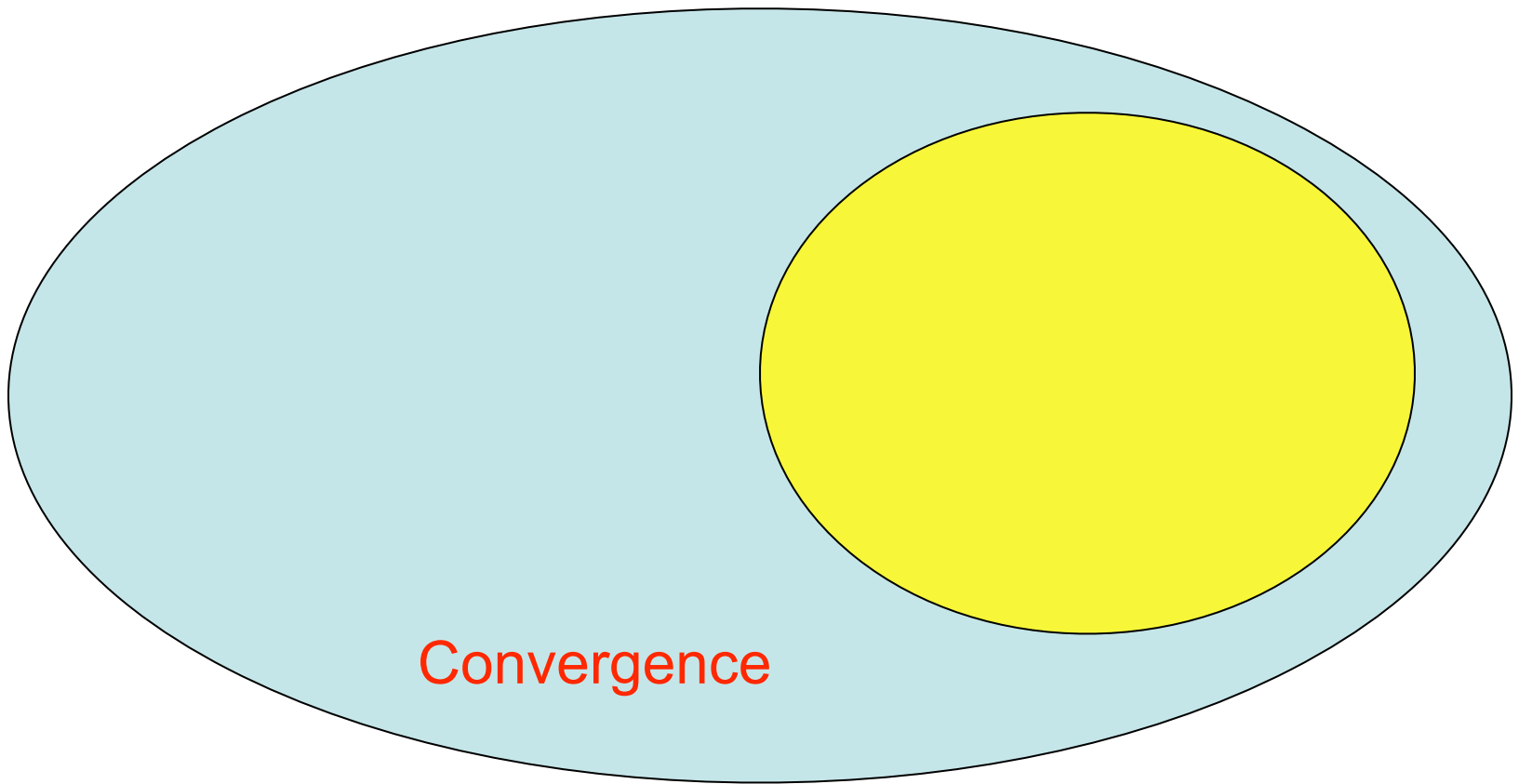
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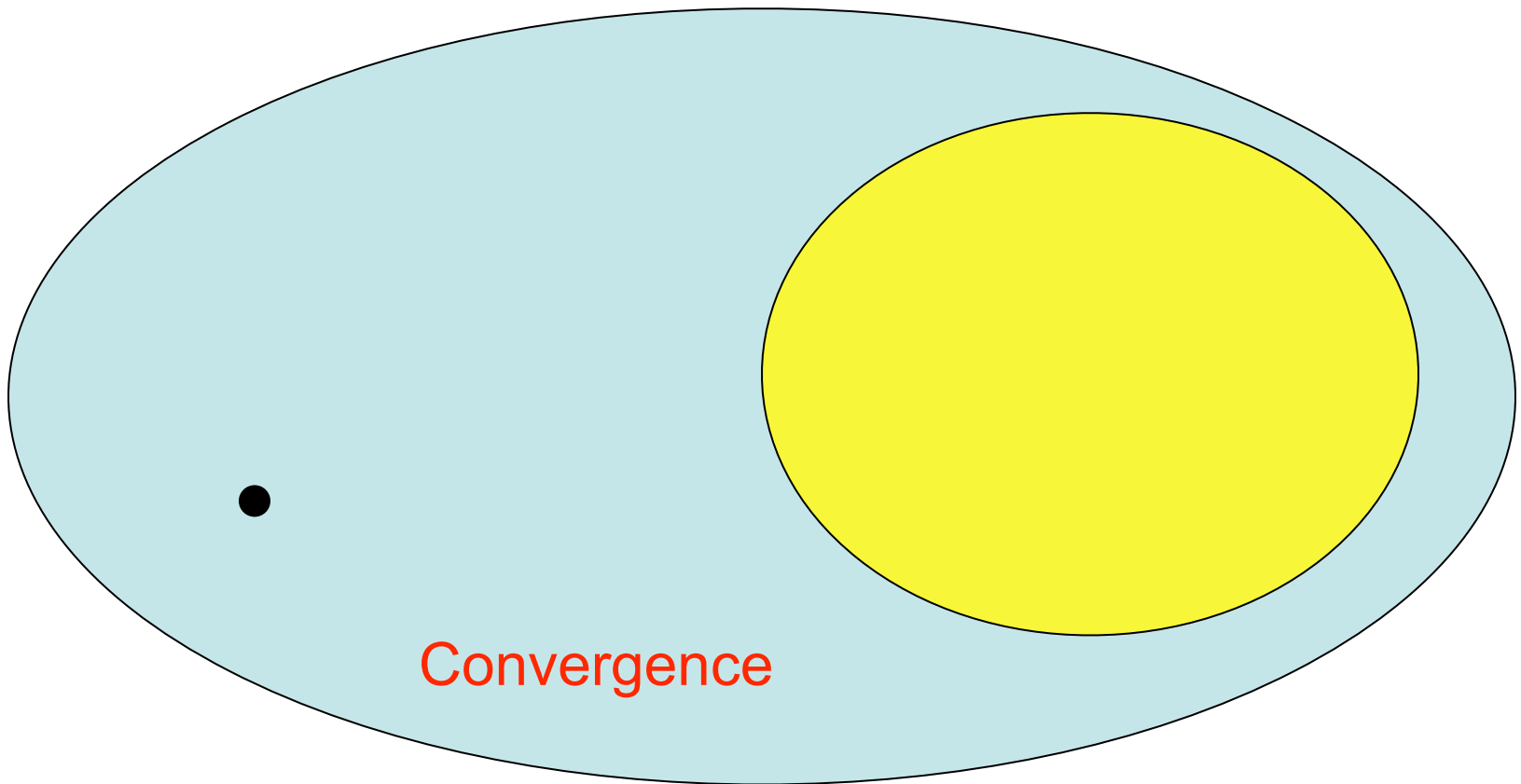
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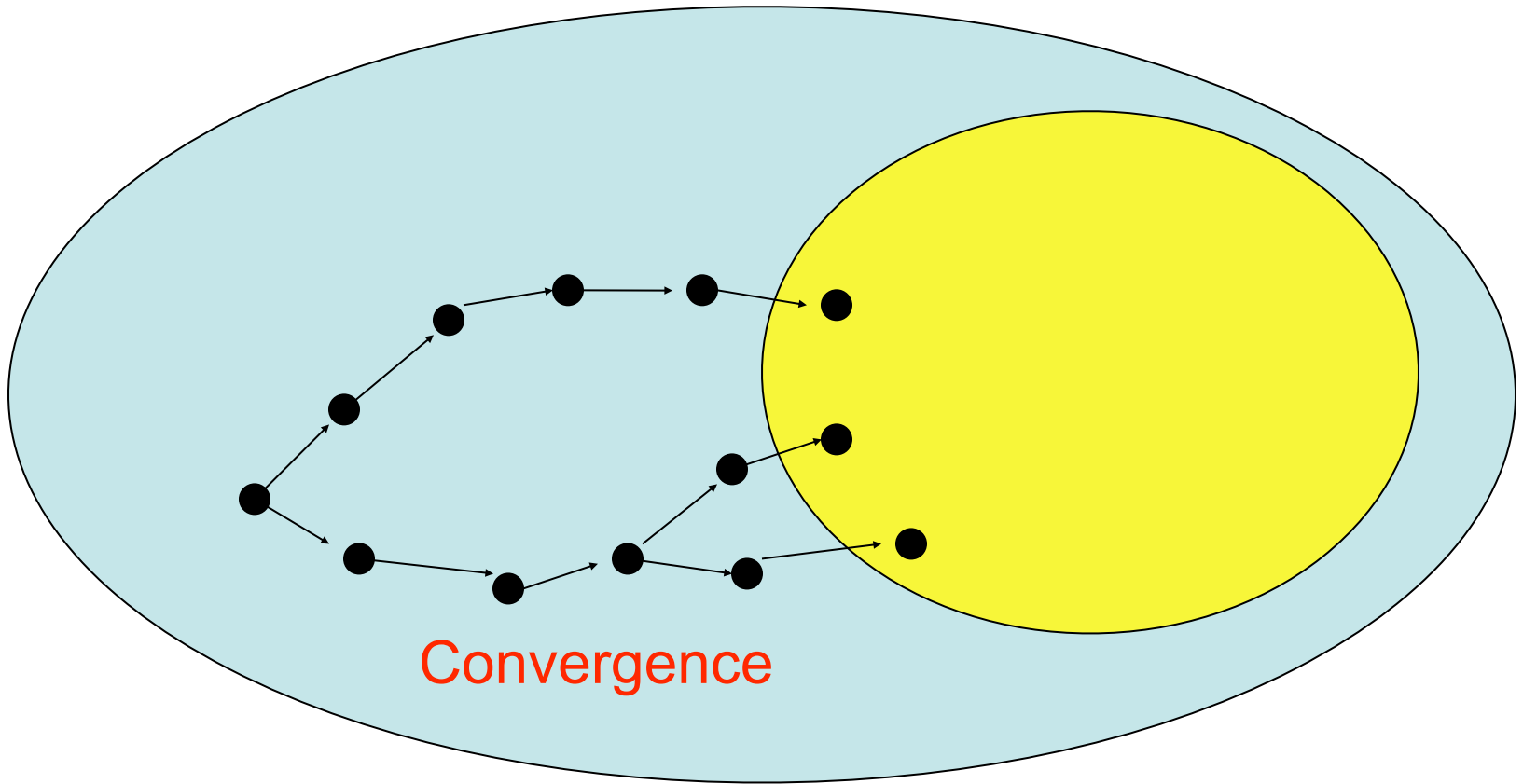
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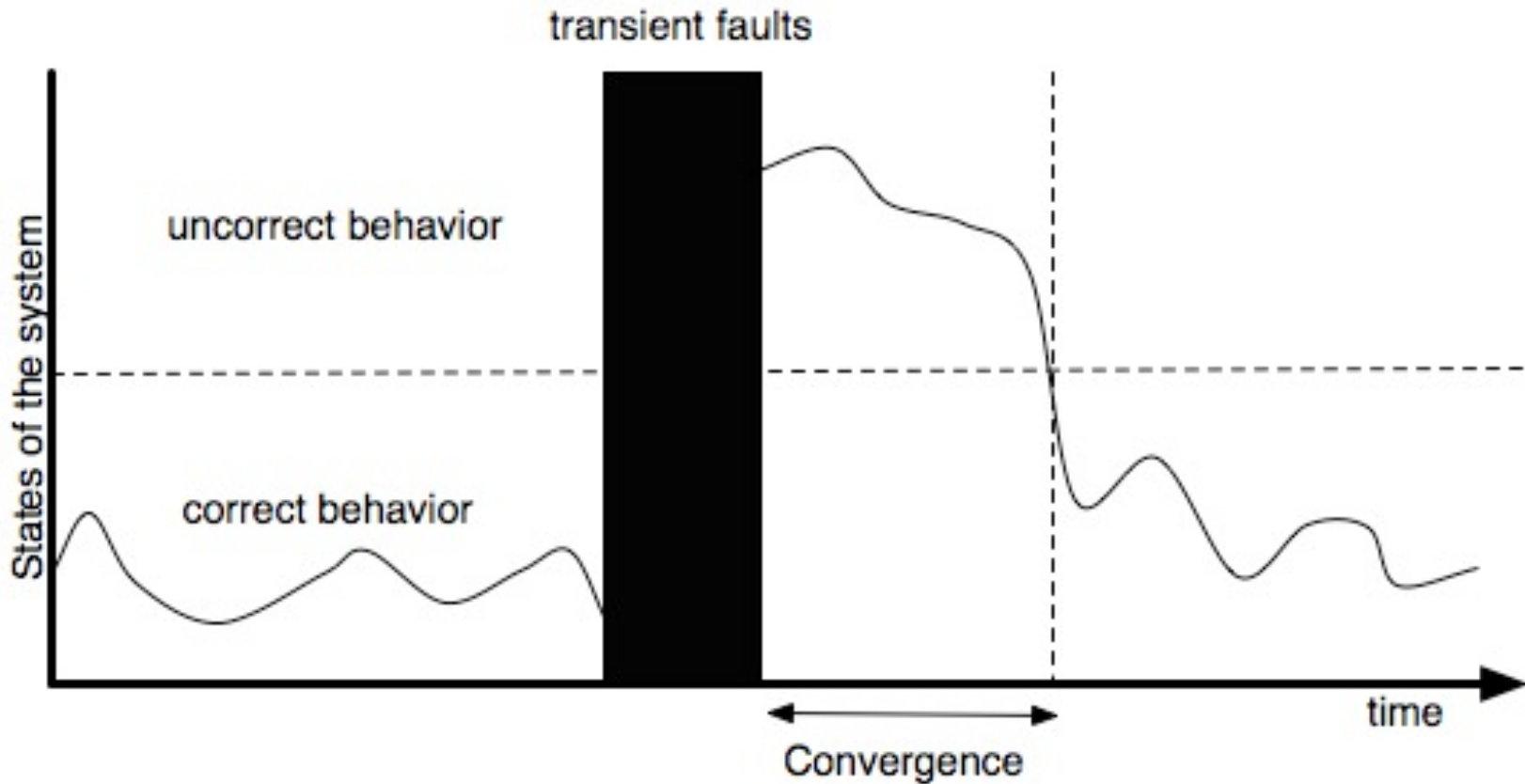
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Property: Tolerance to Transient Faults



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K -out-of- L Exclusion [Raynal, 91]

- L resource units
- Requests from 1 to K resource units
($K \leq L$)

K-out-of-*L* Exclusion

- 3 property to ensure:
 - ***Safety***
 - ***Fairness***
 - ***Efficiency***

Safety

- At any time:
 - Each resource unit is used by **at most one** process
 - Each process uses **at most K** resource units
 - **At most L** resource units are available

Fairness

- Each request (of at most K units) is satisfied in finite time

(*i.e.* the process then uses the resource units it holds in a special section of code called *critical section*)

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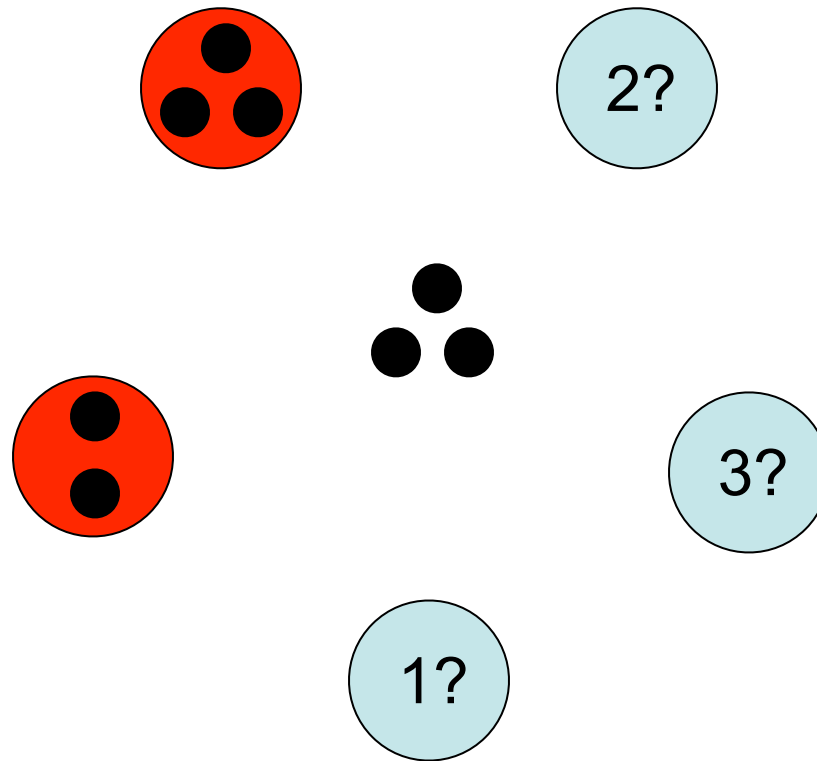
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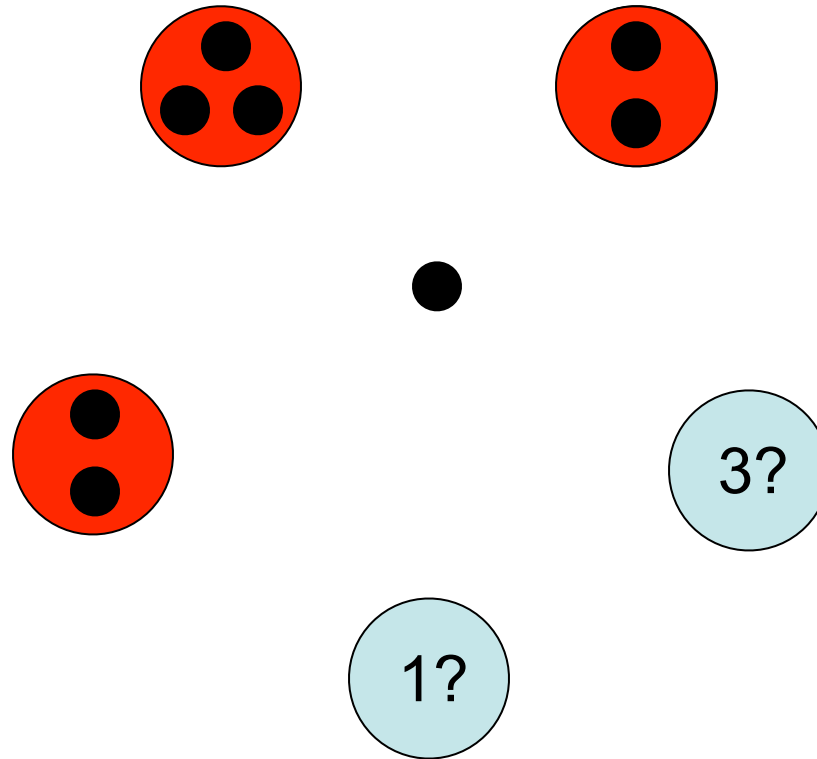


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Waiting Time

« The maximum number of time, all other processes can enter in the critical section before some process p , starting from the moment requests the critical section »

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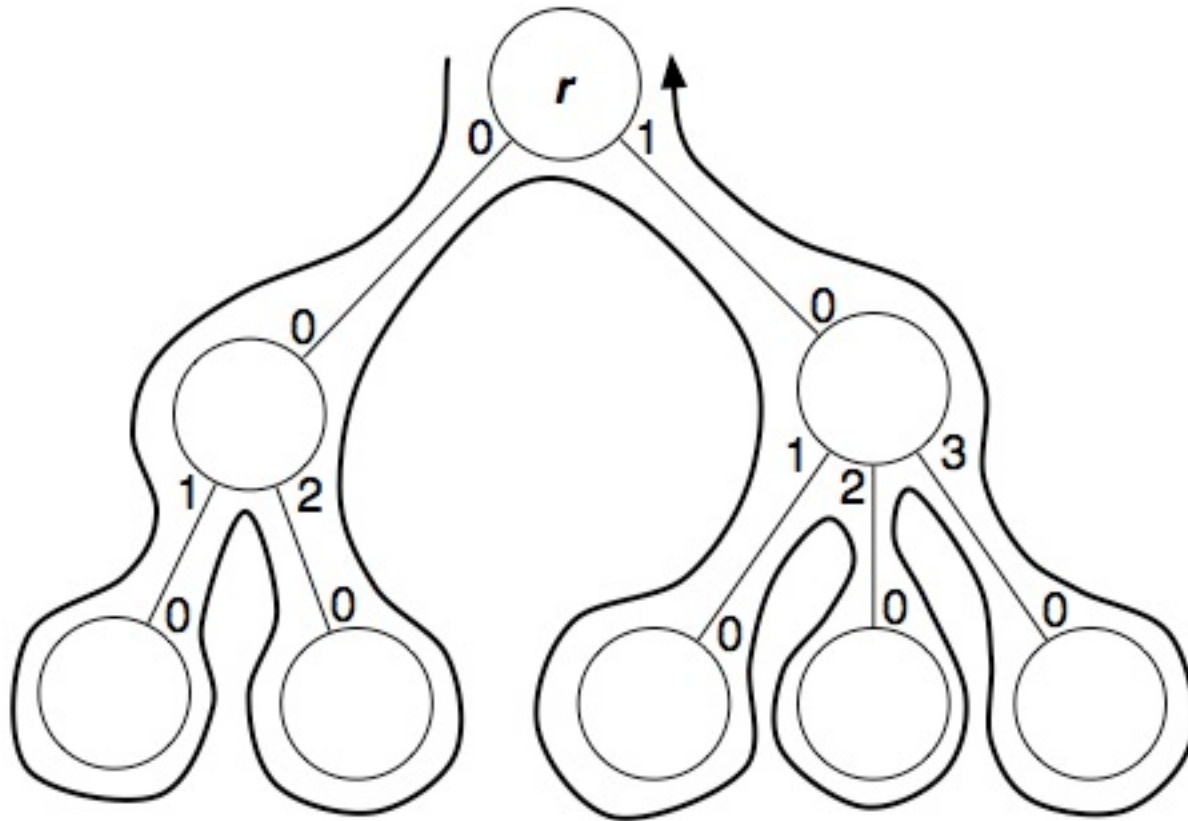
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- **Necessary condition** [Gouda-Multari, 91]:
 - Bounded link capacity (C_{MAX})

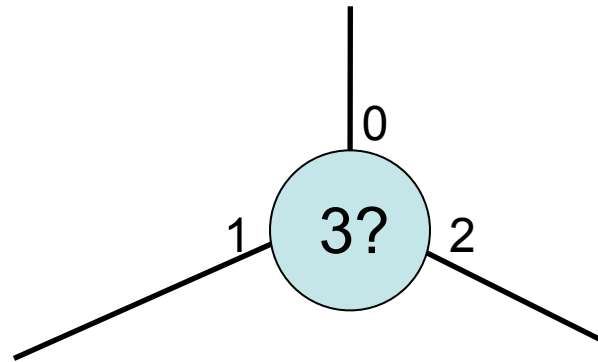
Approach

- Token-based (resource units = tokens)
- Modular:
 - Non Self-stabilizing K -out-of- L Exclusion
 - Self-stabilizing Controller

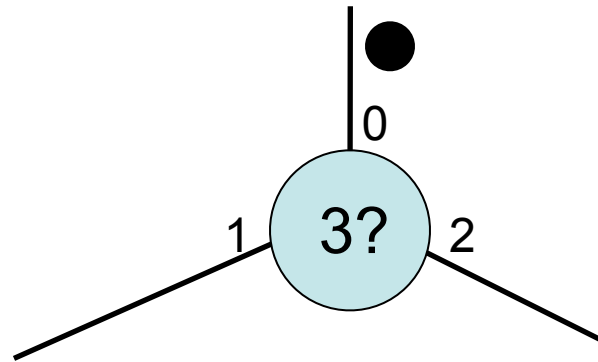
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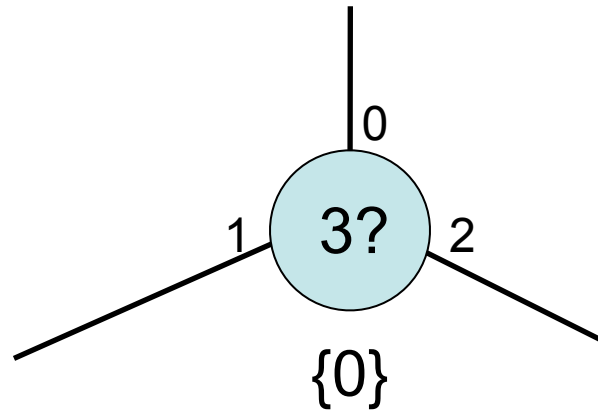
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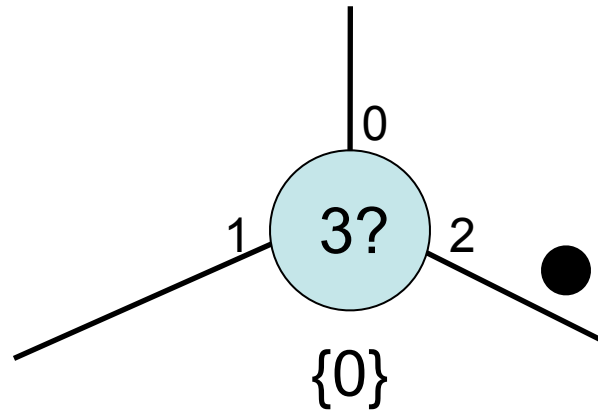
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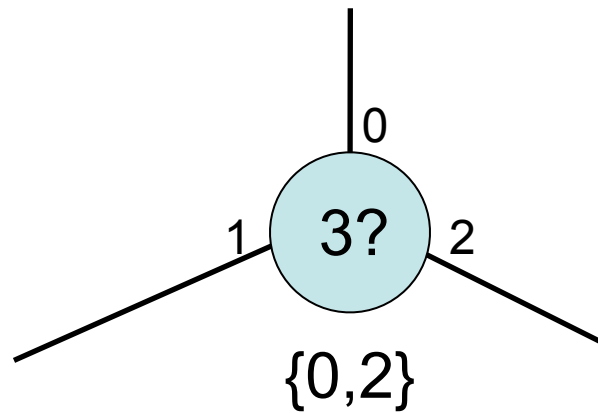
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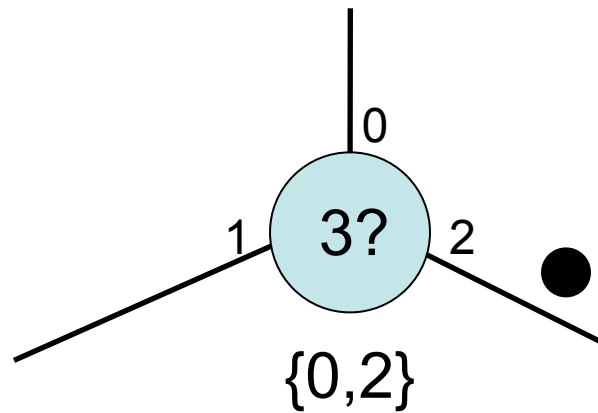
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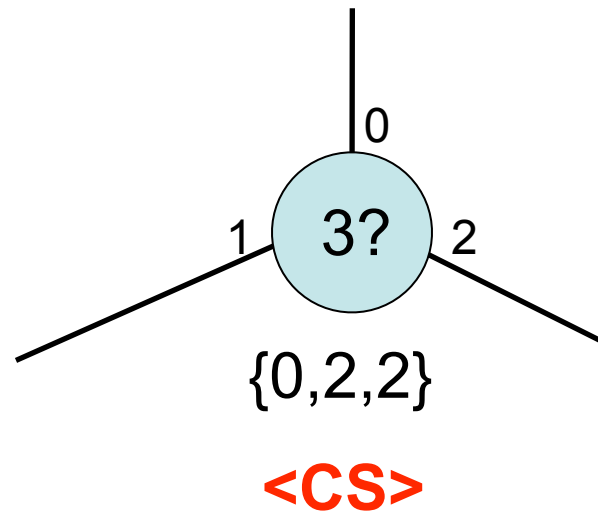
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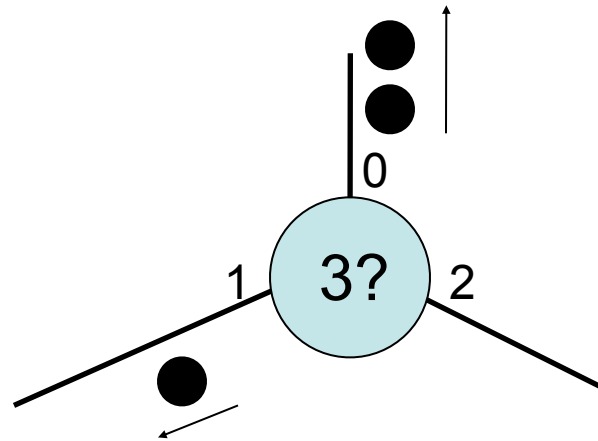
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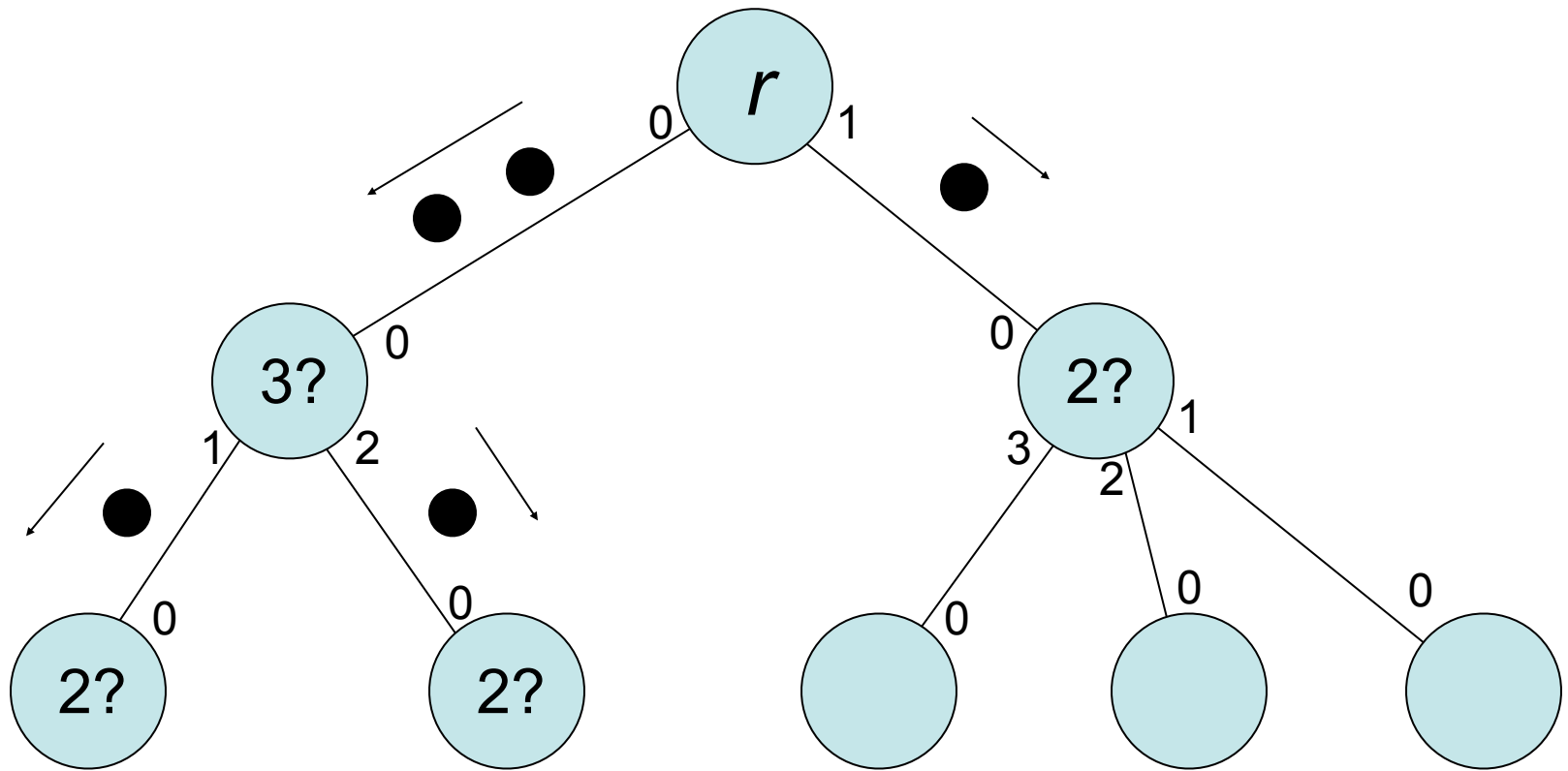
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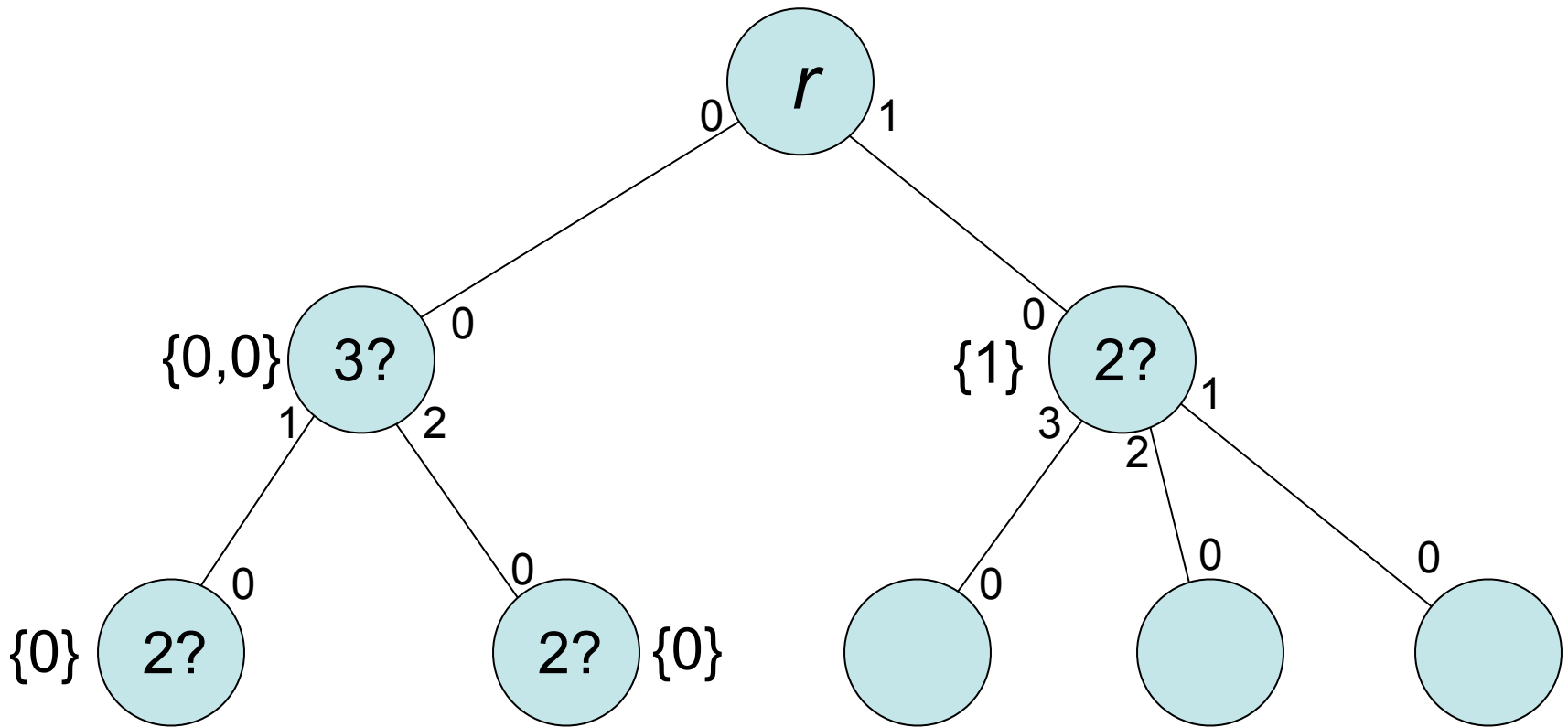


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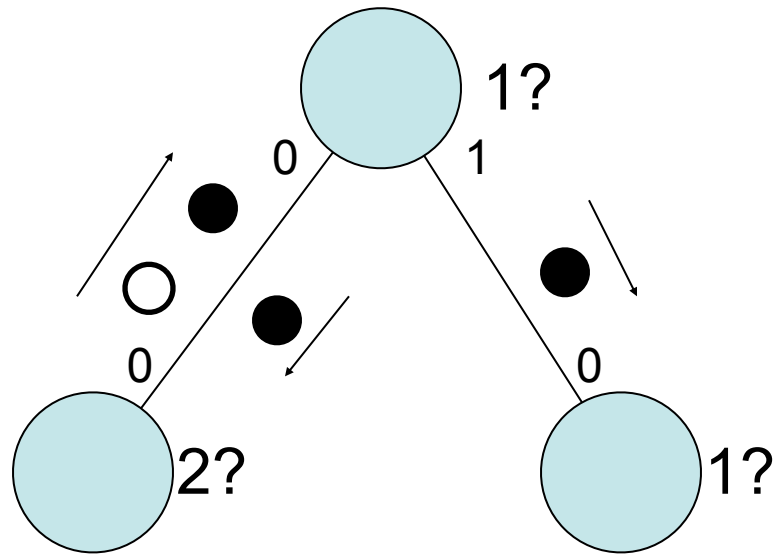
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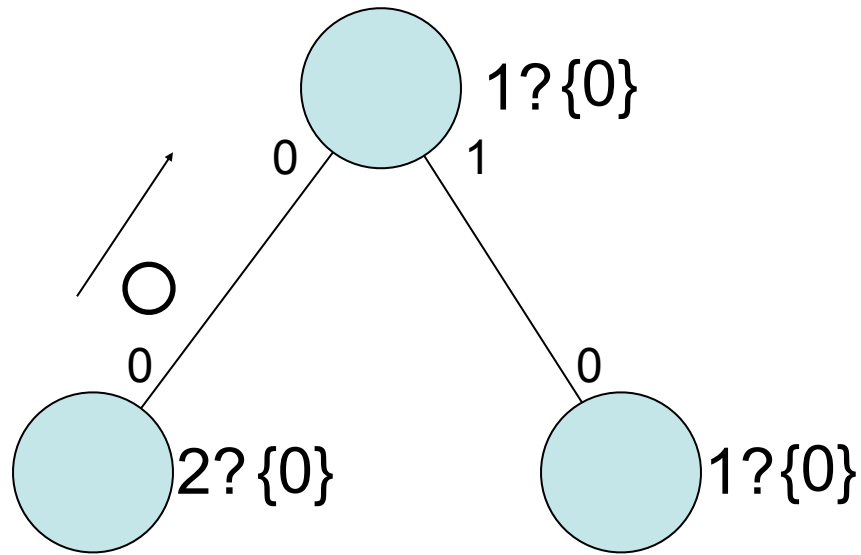
Solution

- Circulation of a special token :
the *pusher*
- Upon receiving the *pusher*:
a node releases all its resource tokens
if its request is not satisfied

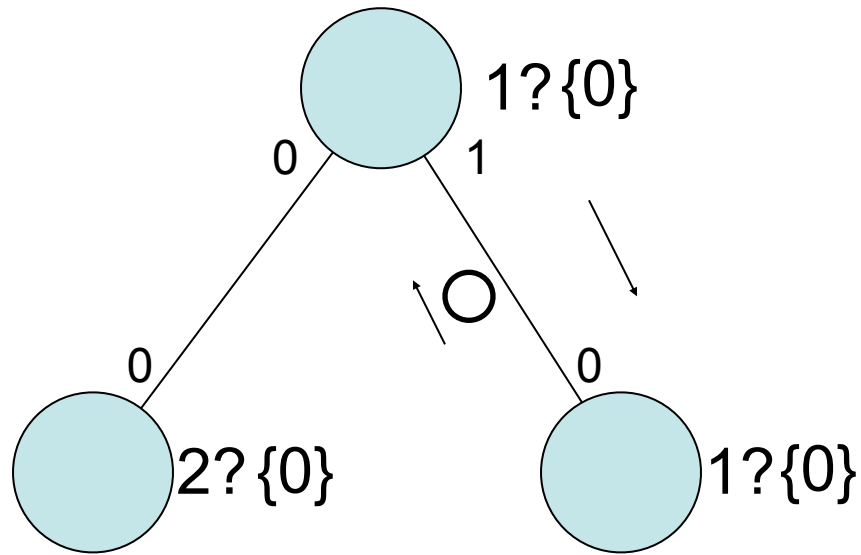
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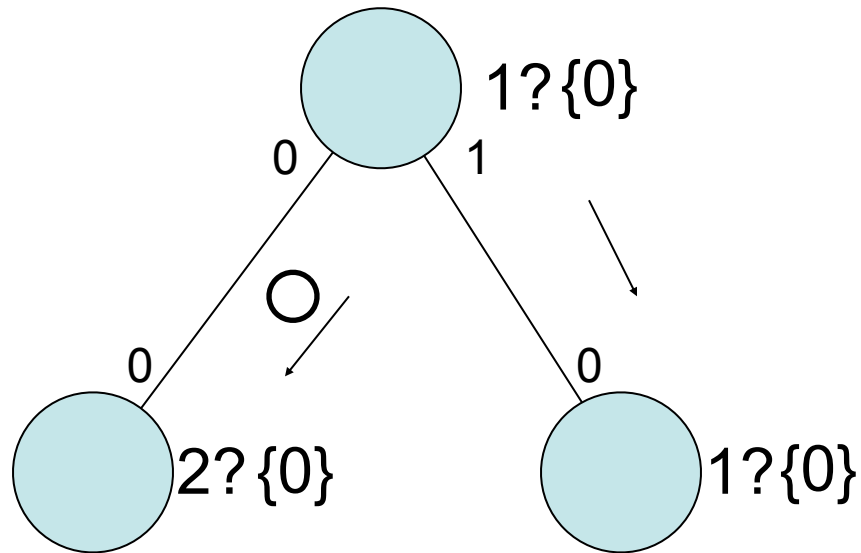
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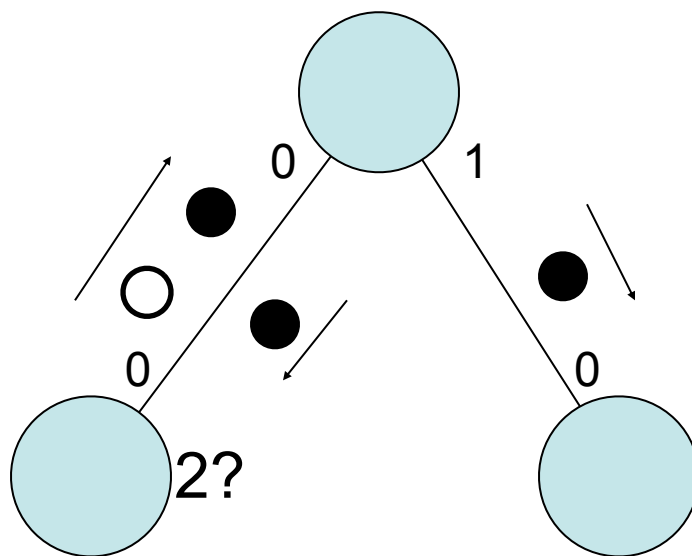
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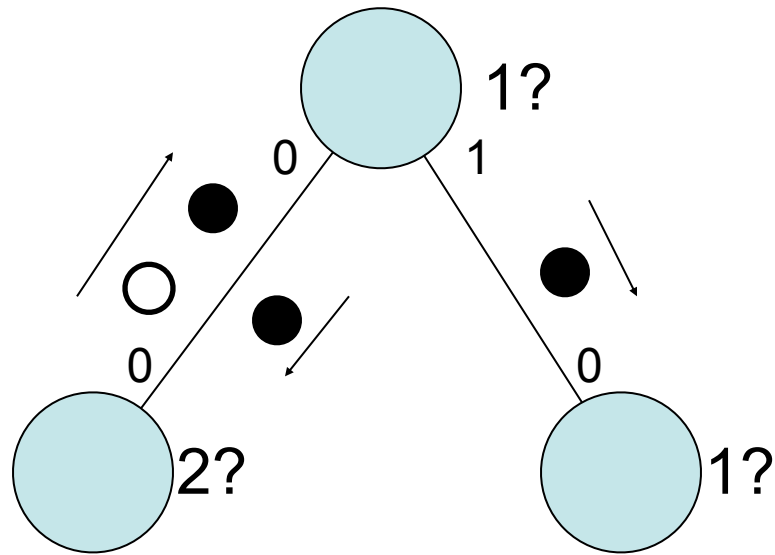
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- Circulation of a *Priority Token*:
 - A requesting process keeps the *Priority Token* while its request is unsatisfied
 - The *Priority Token* cancels the effect of the *Pusher Token*

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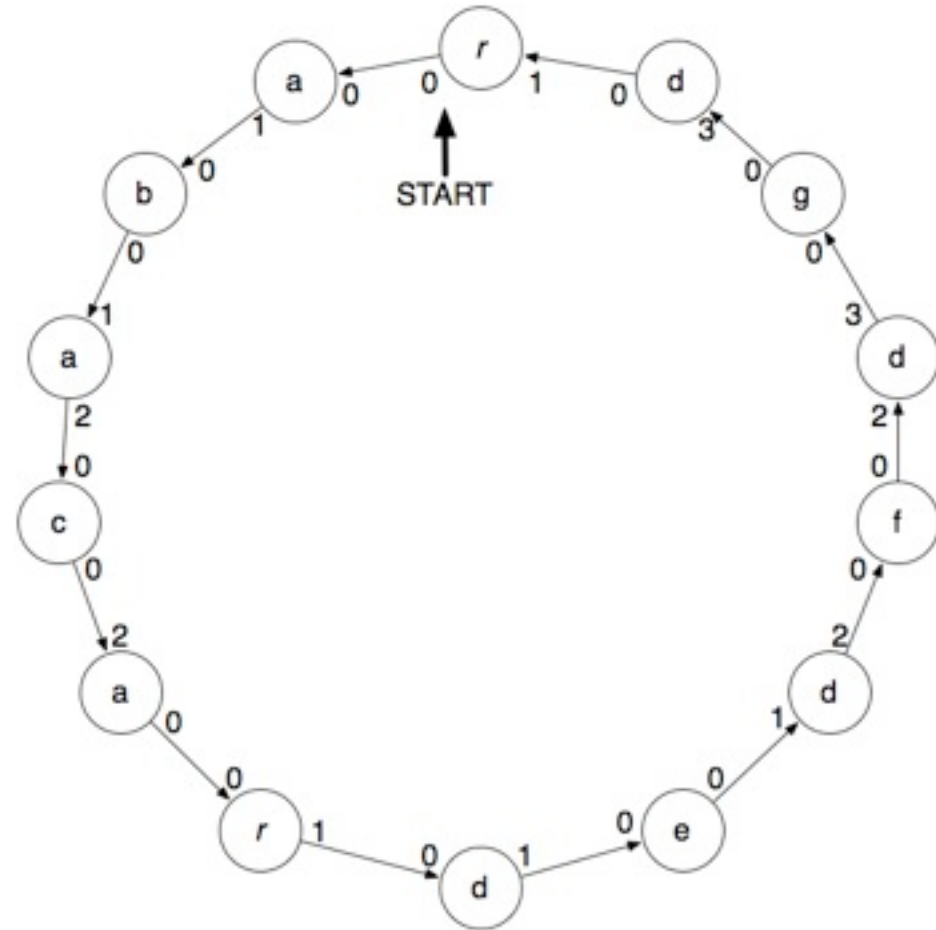
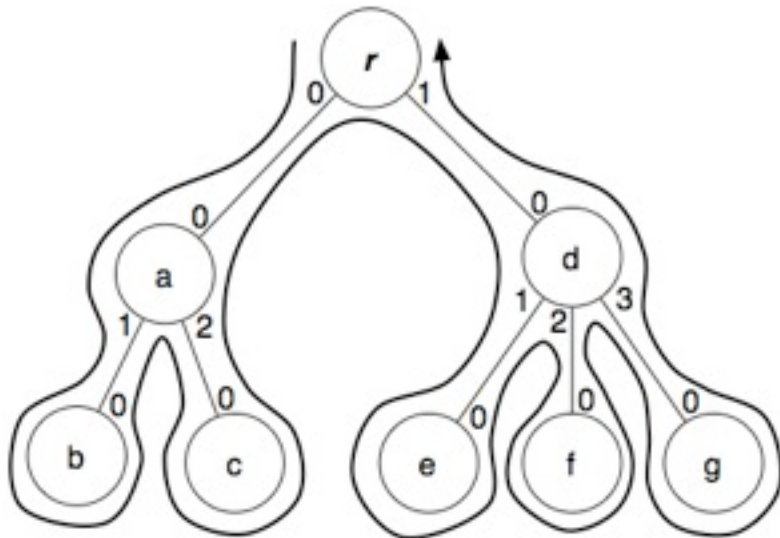
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- **Solution:** a *Controller Token* counts and regulates the number of tokens

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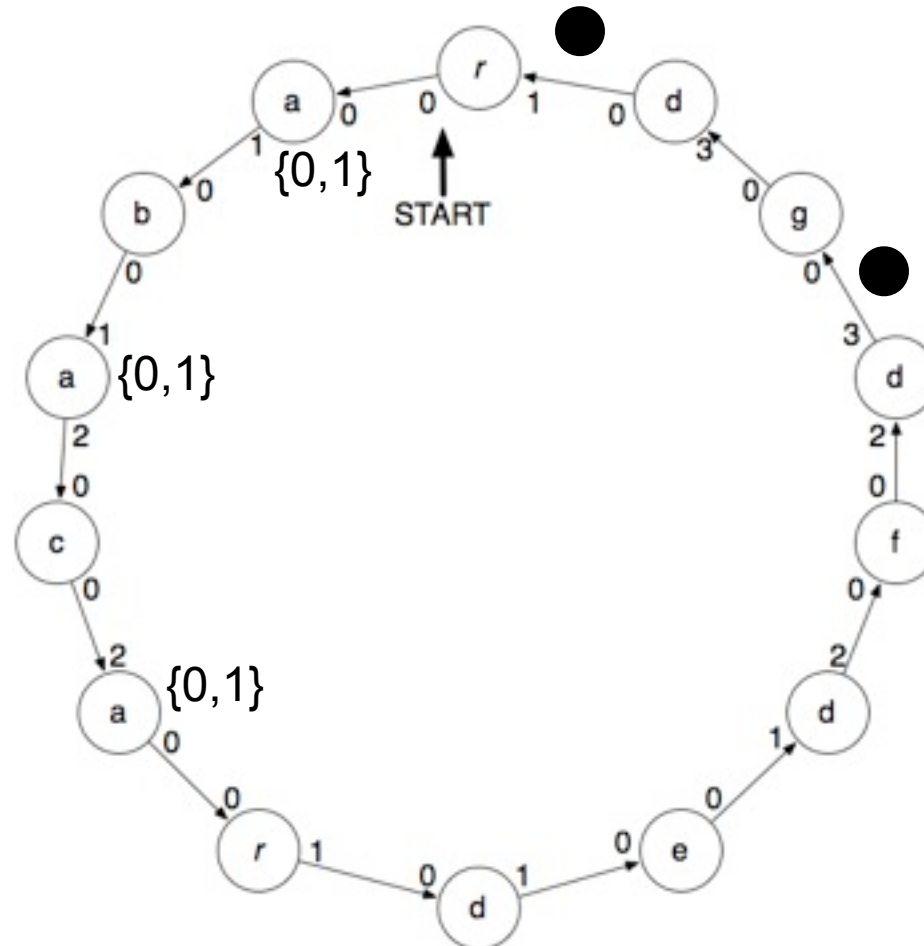


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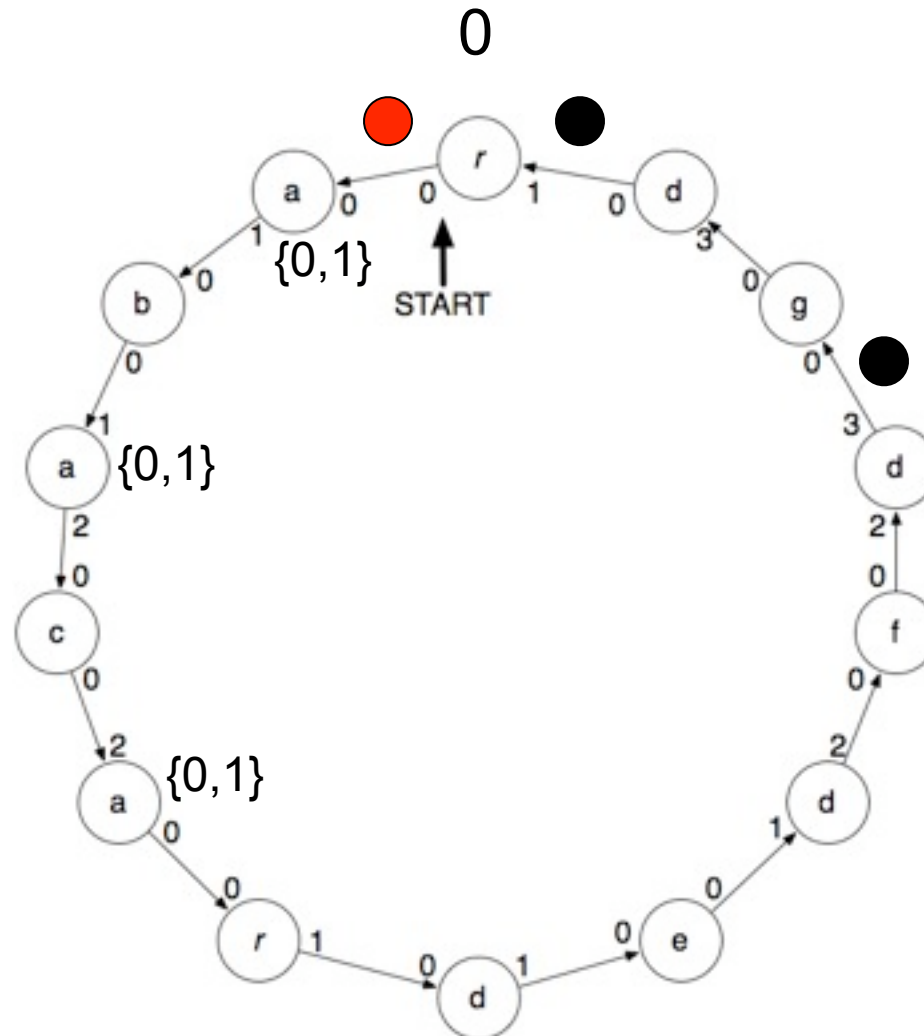


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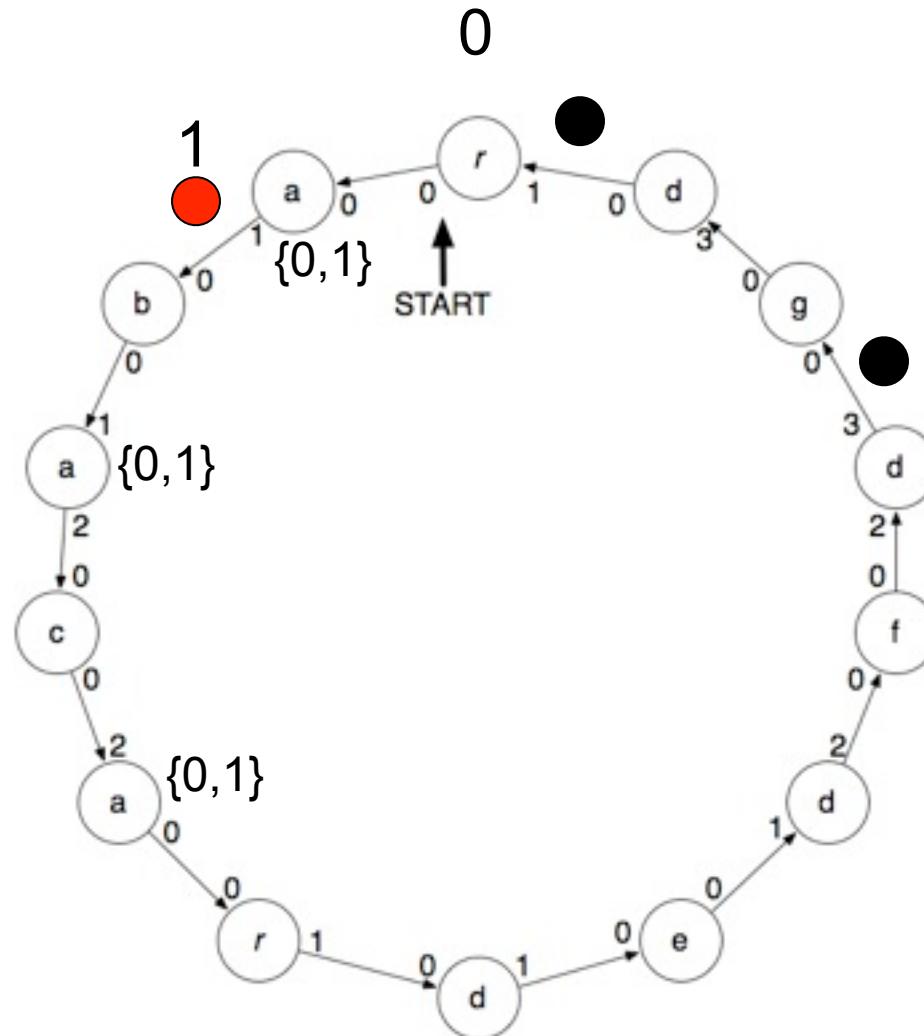


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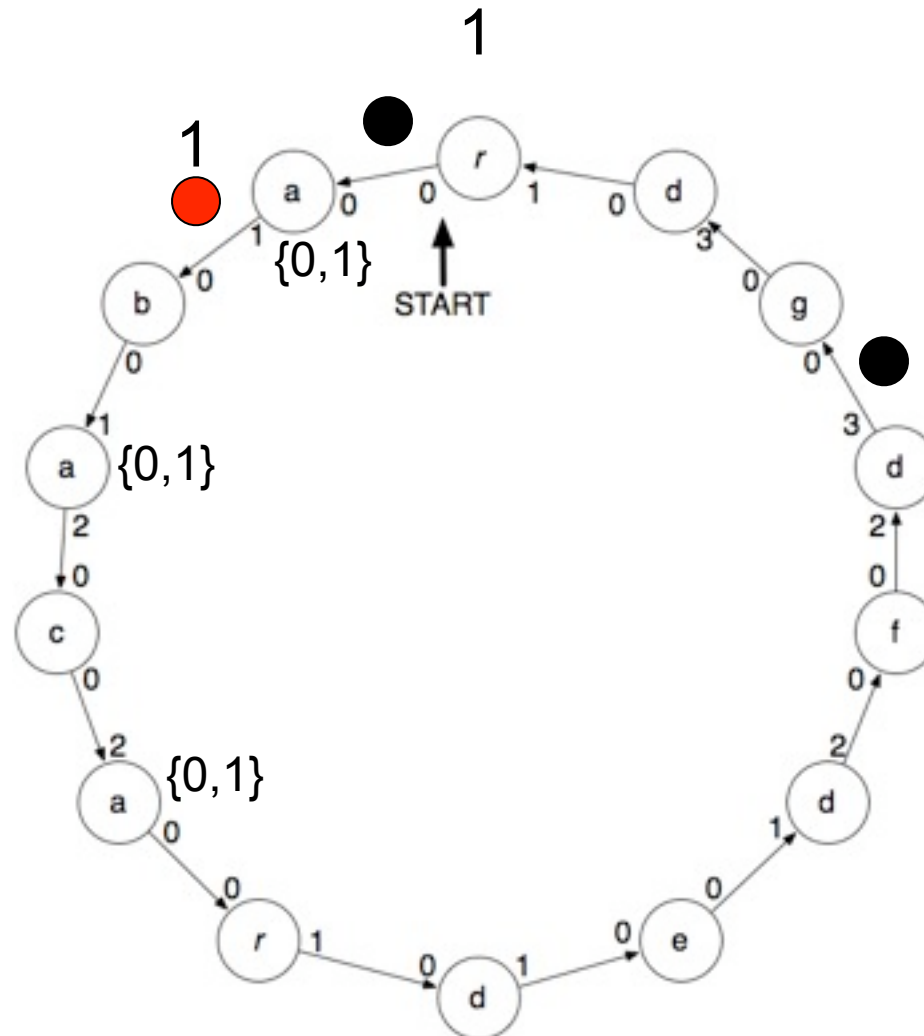


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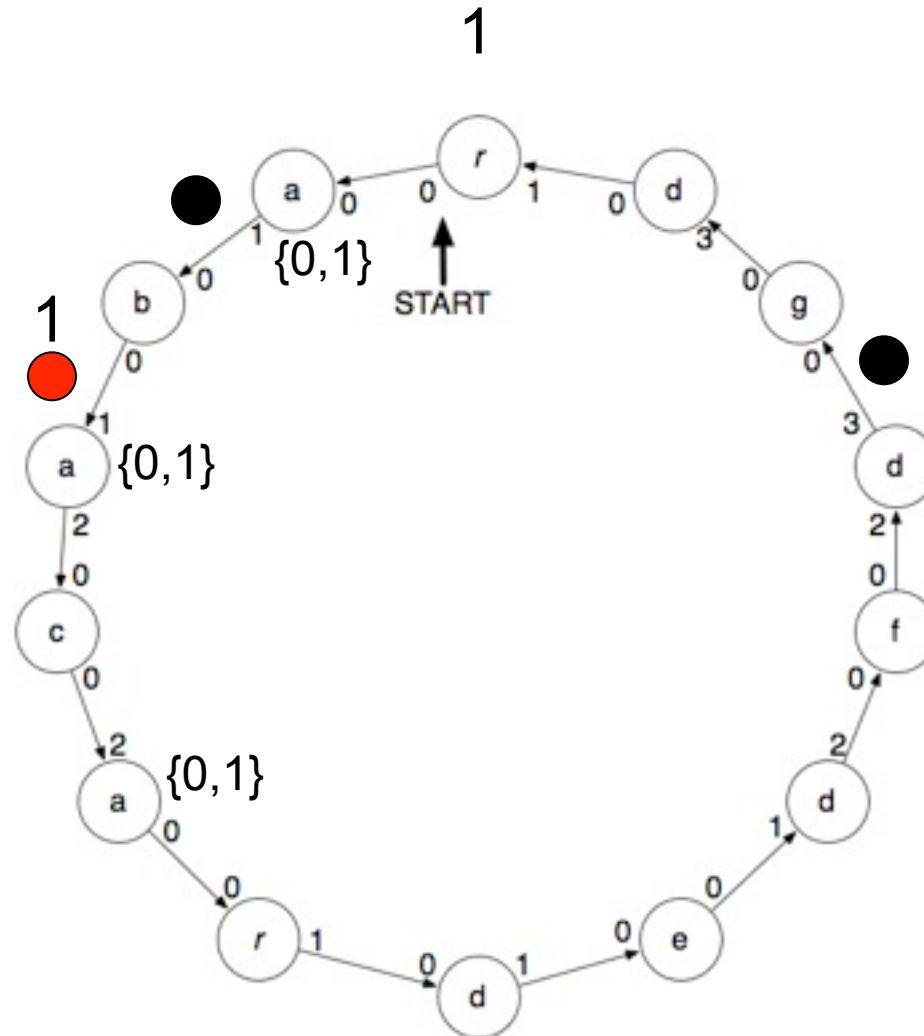


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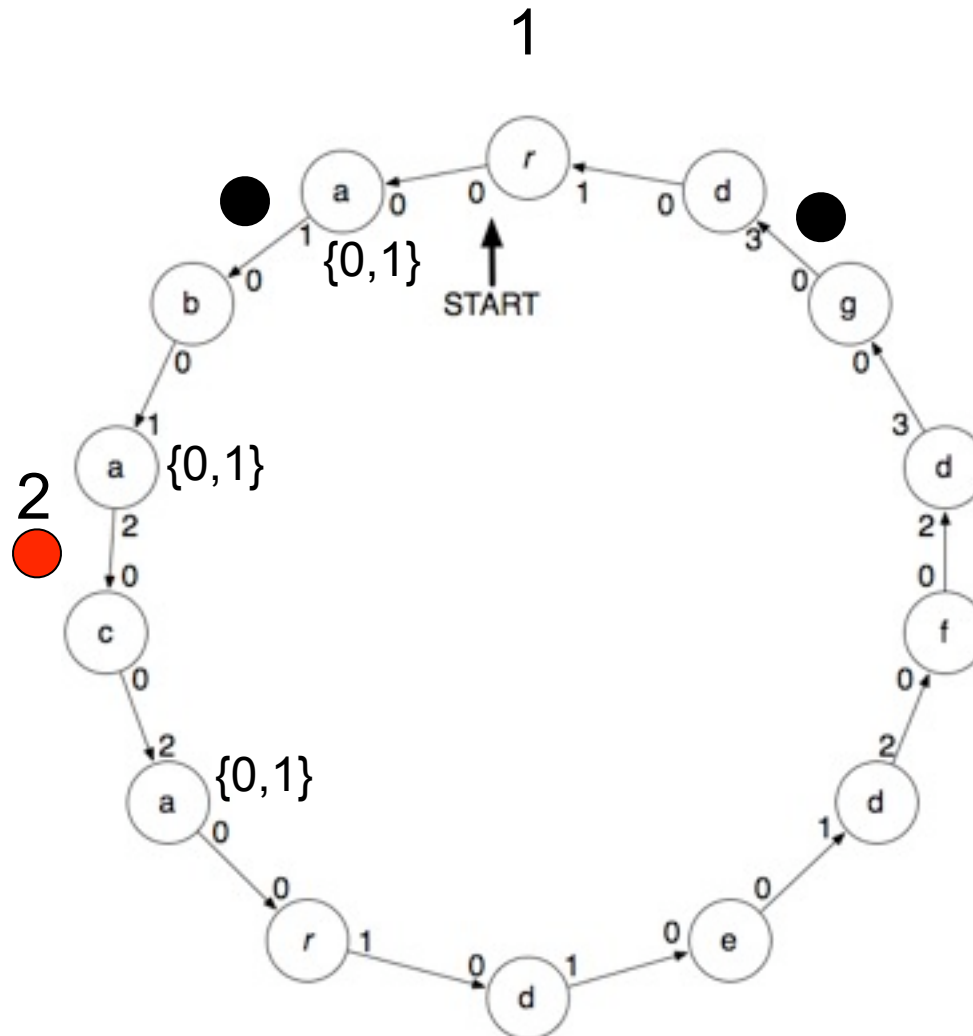
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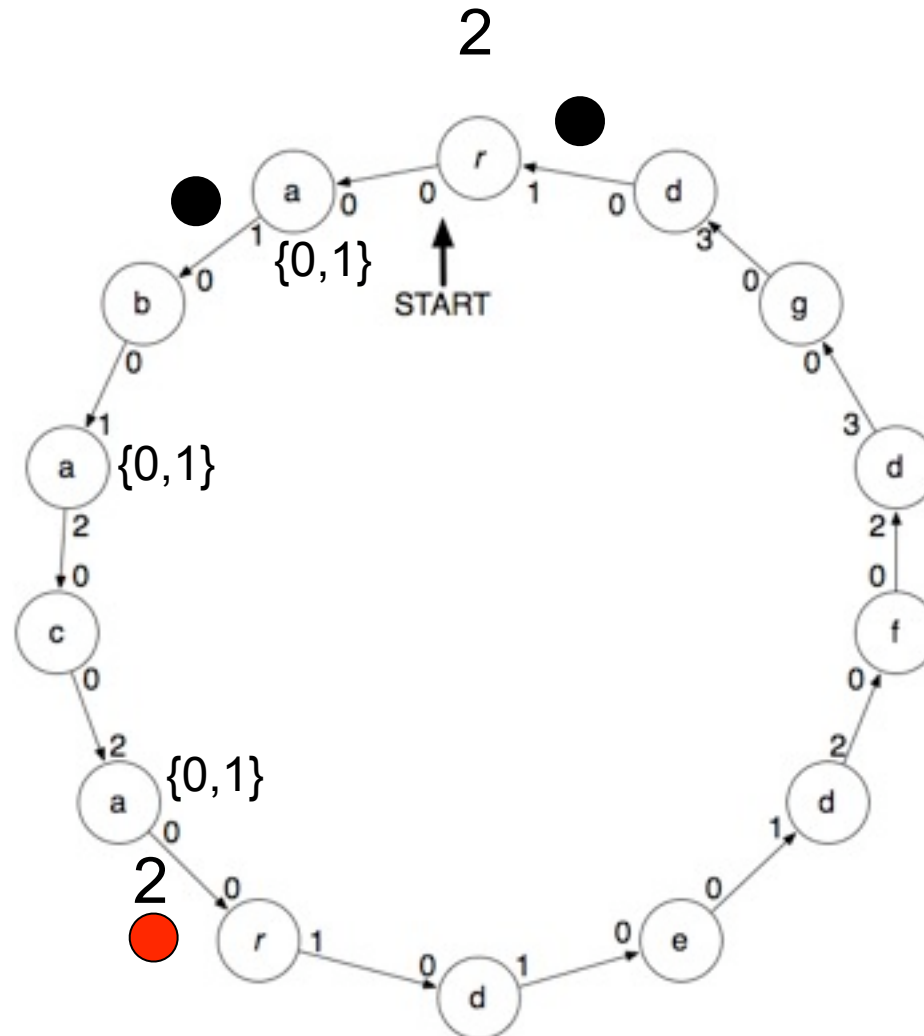
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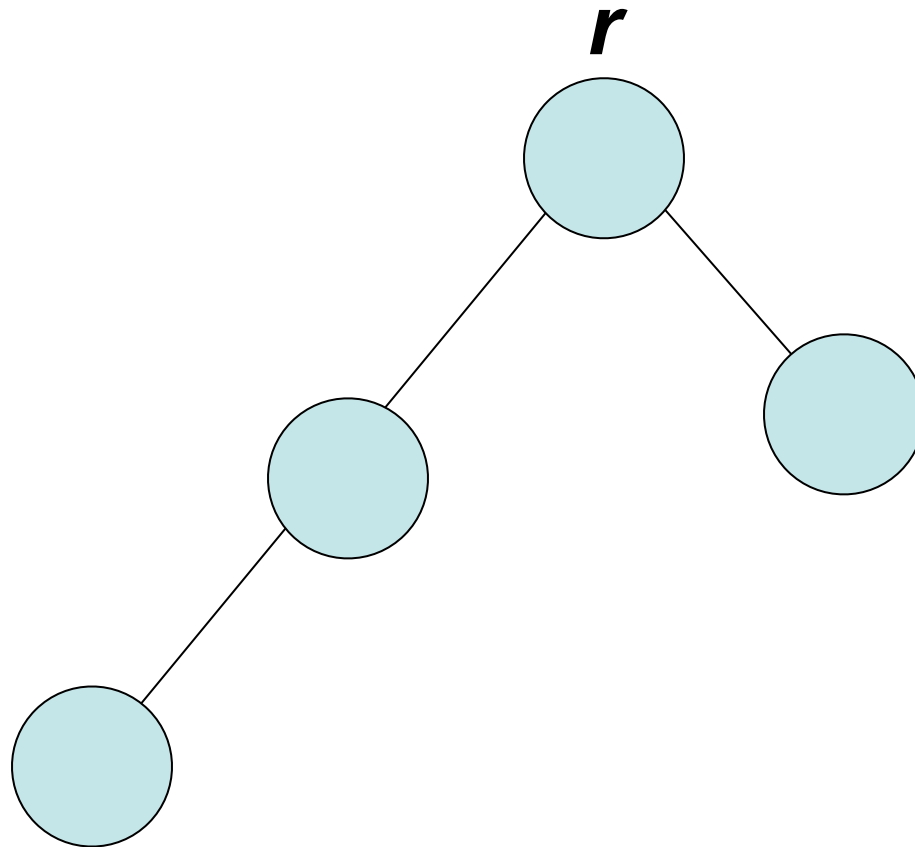
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- At the end of the traversal:
 - The number of token is known
 - Too much tokens : RESET
 - Lack of tokens : Creation at the root

How to stabilize the *Controller* ?

- Implemented as a Self-Stabilizing DFTC using the **Varghese Counter Flushing**

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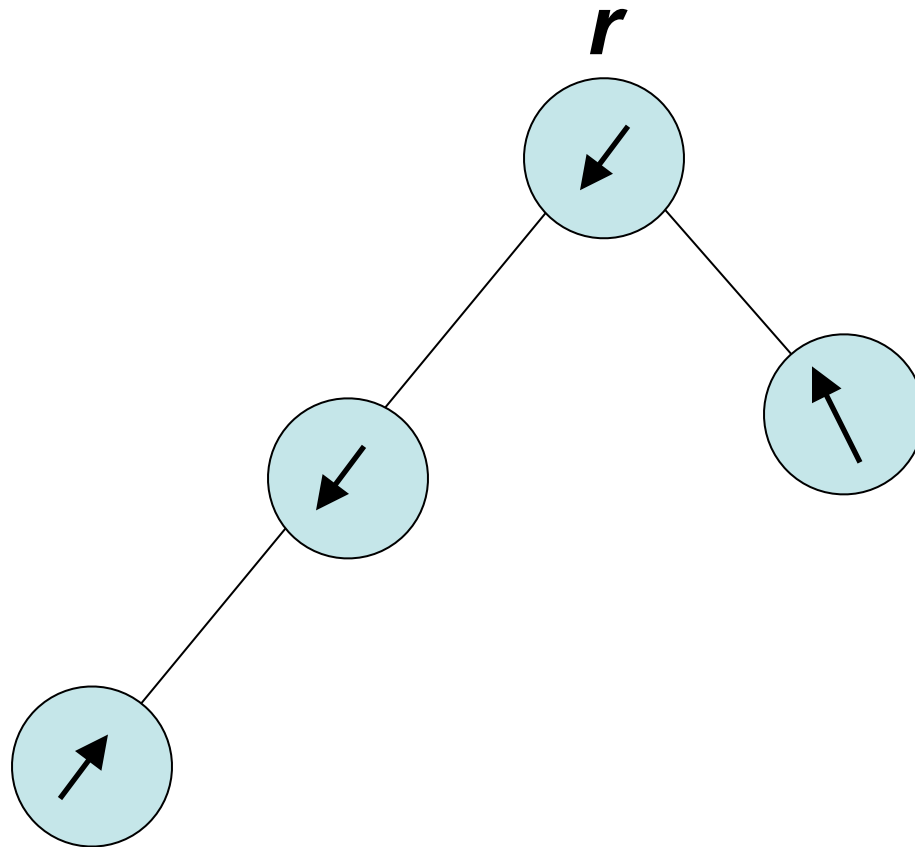


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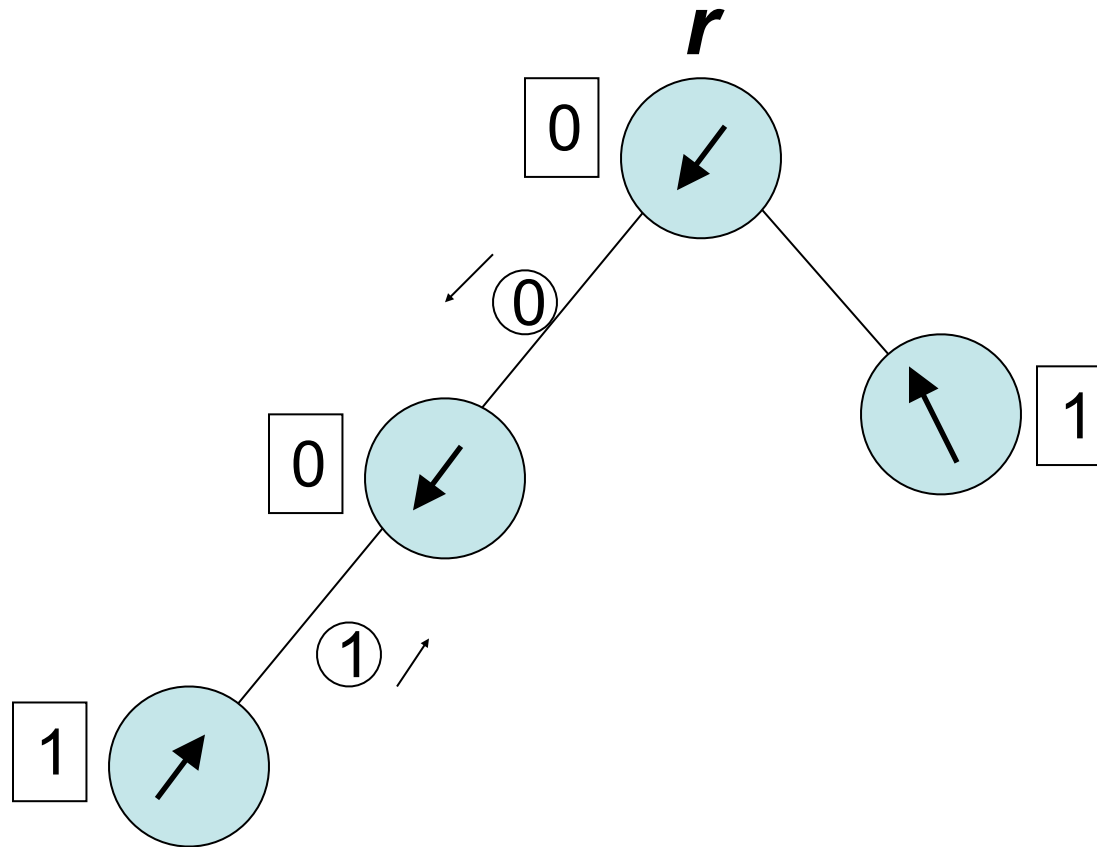


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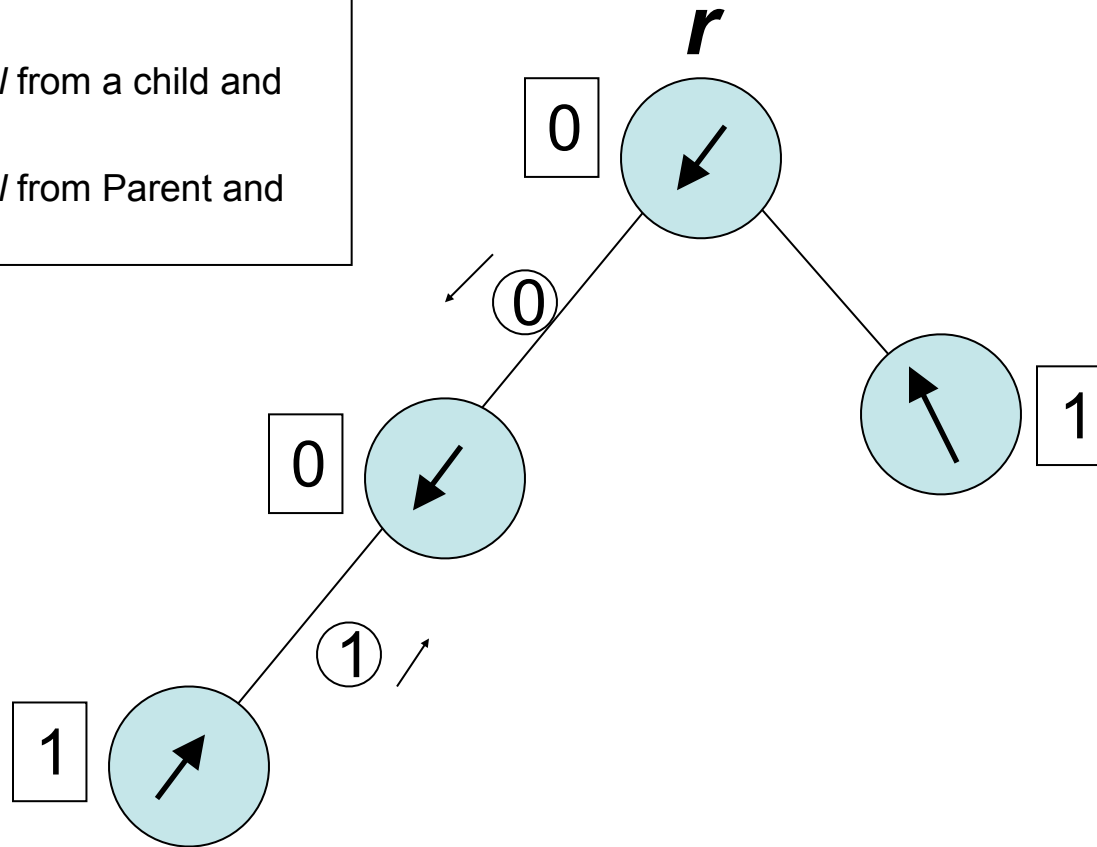
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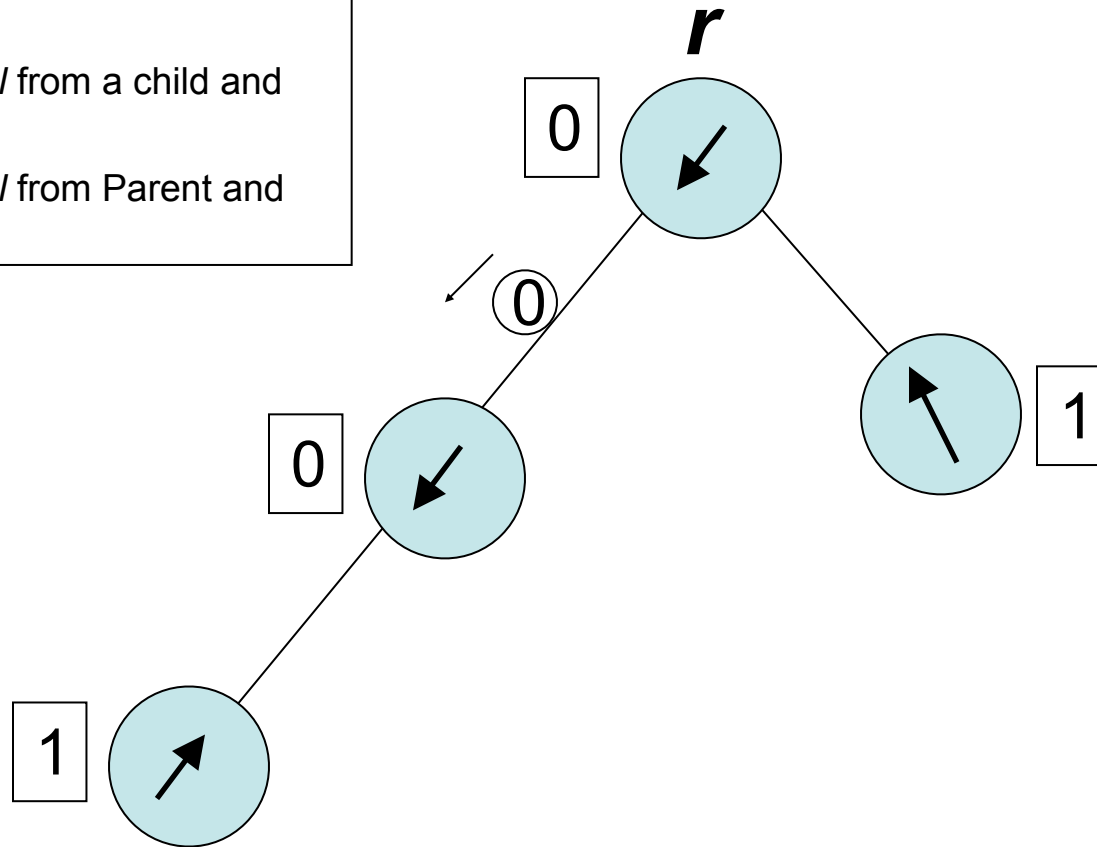
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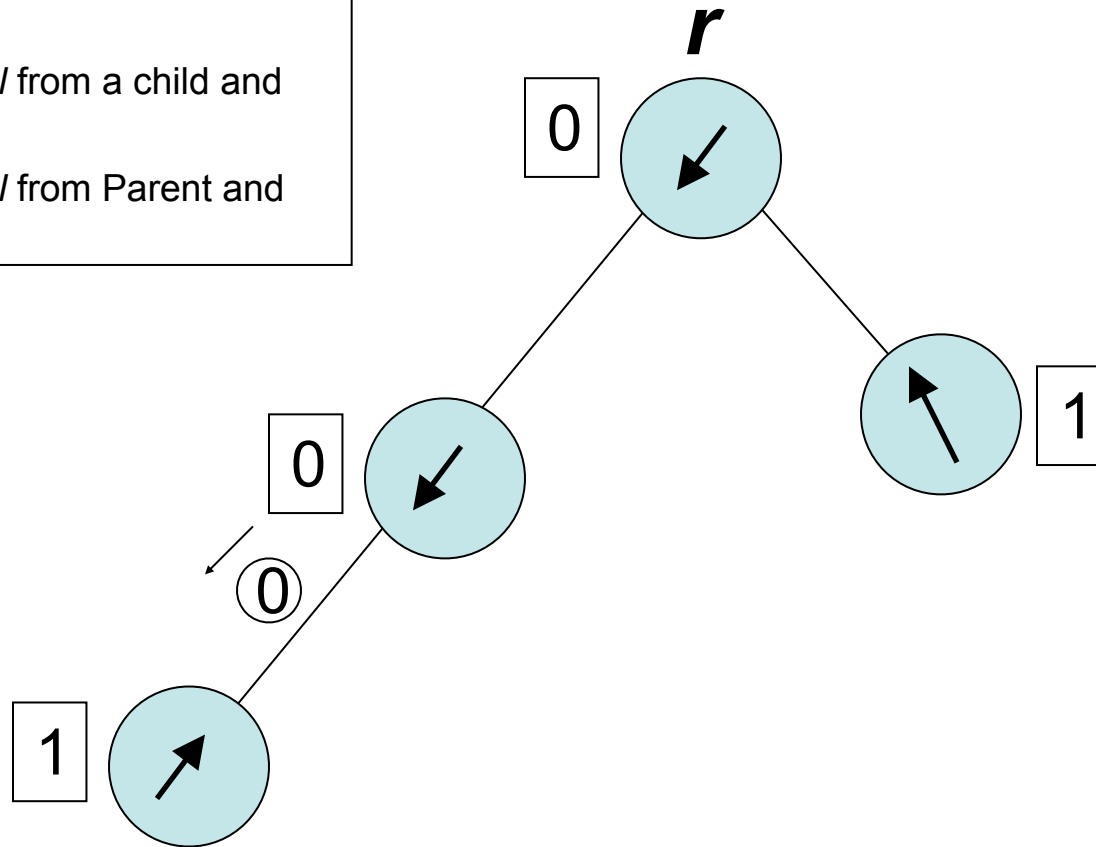
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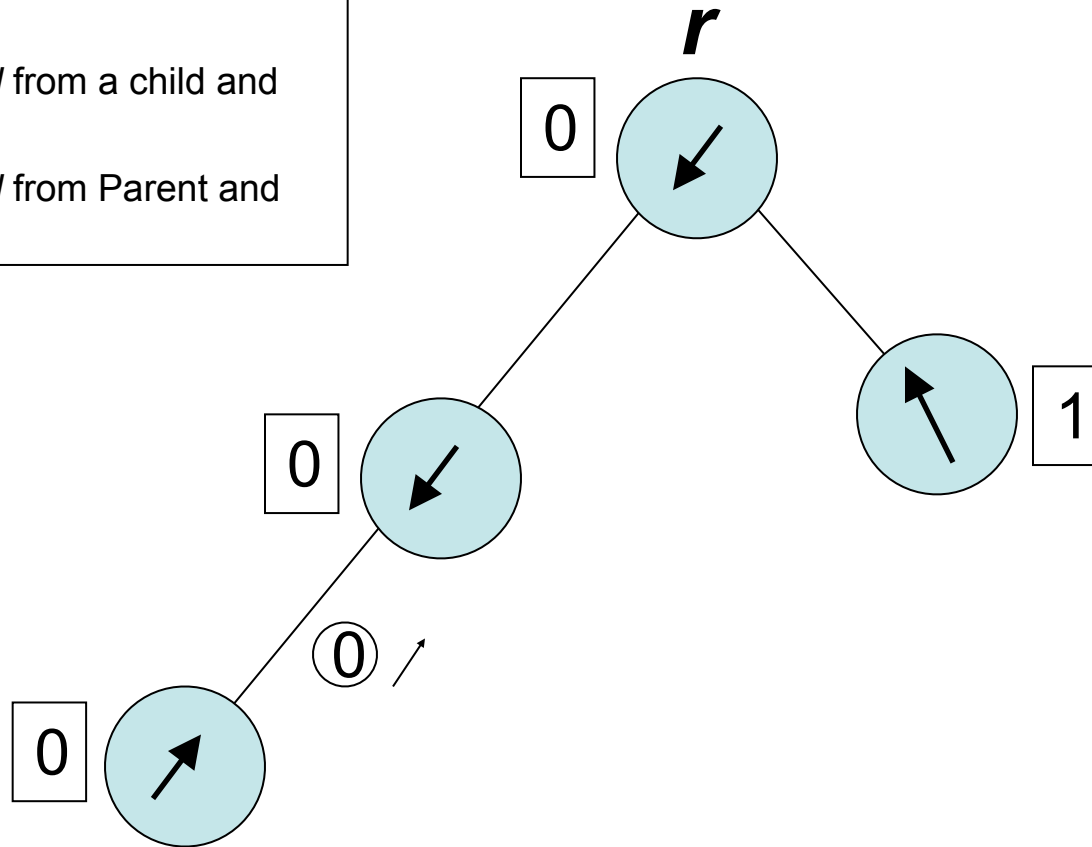
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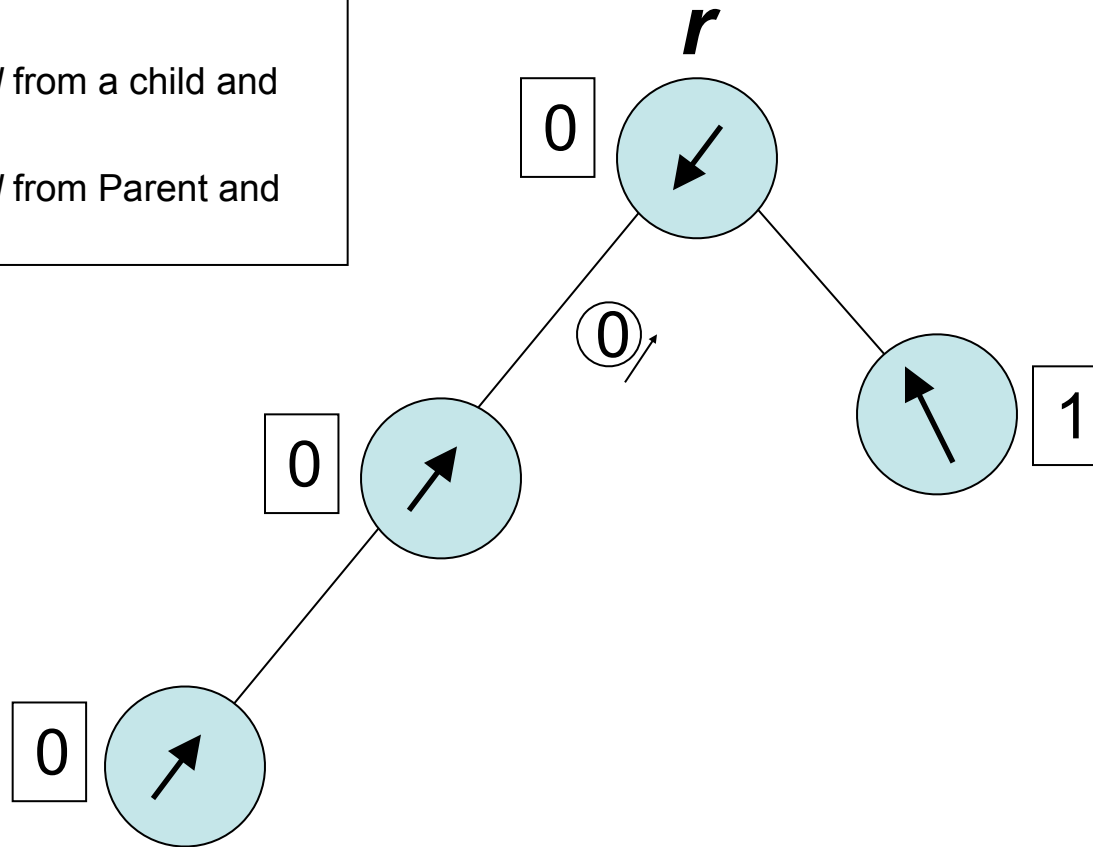
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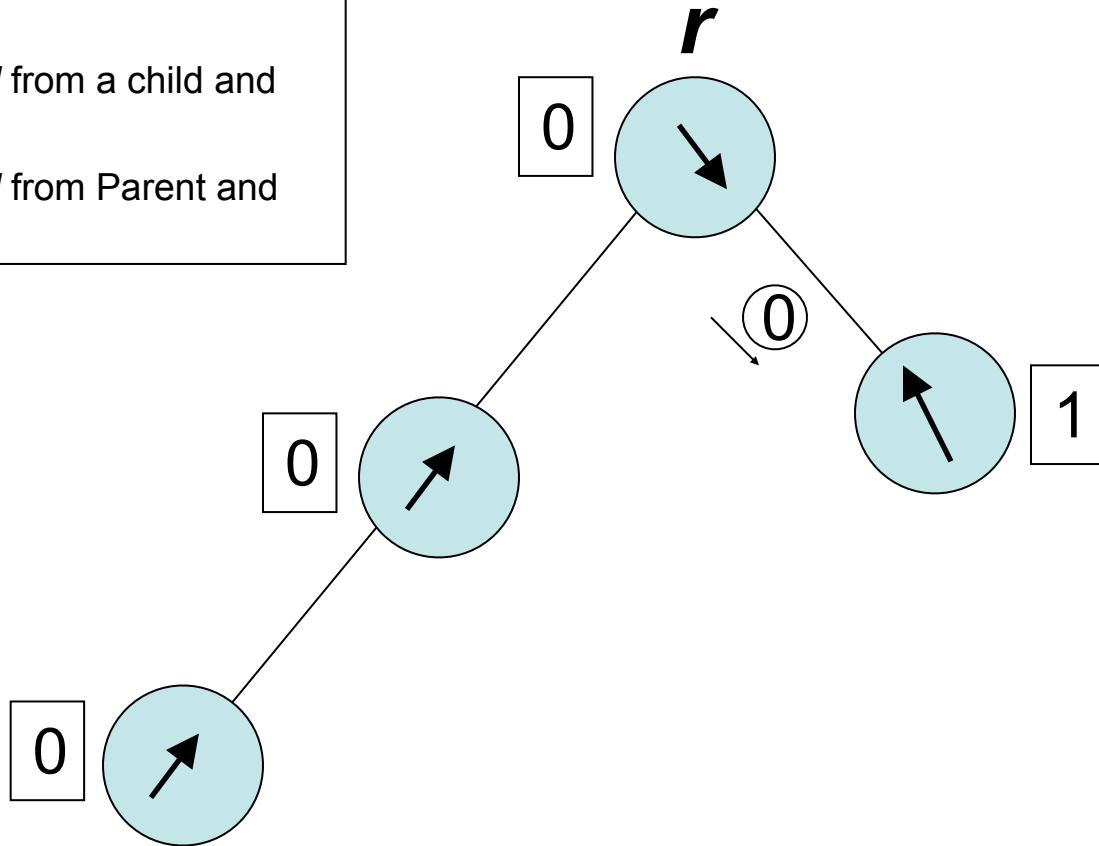
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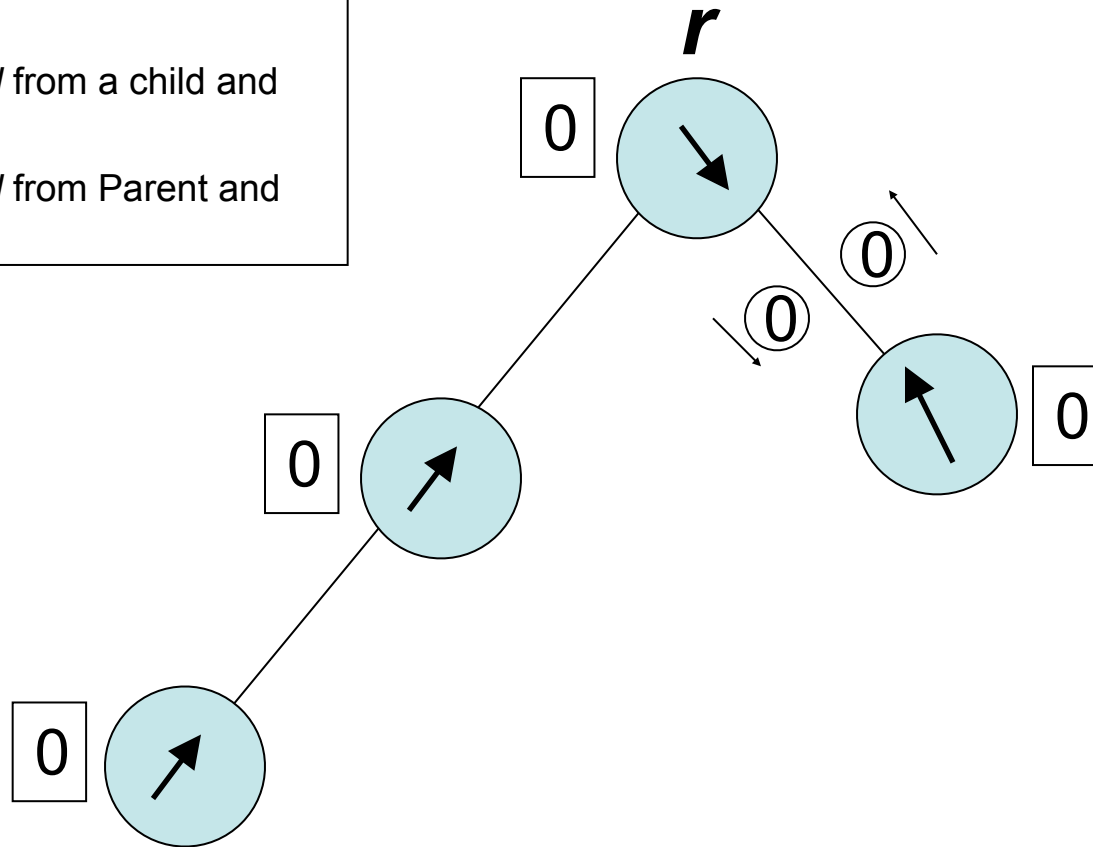
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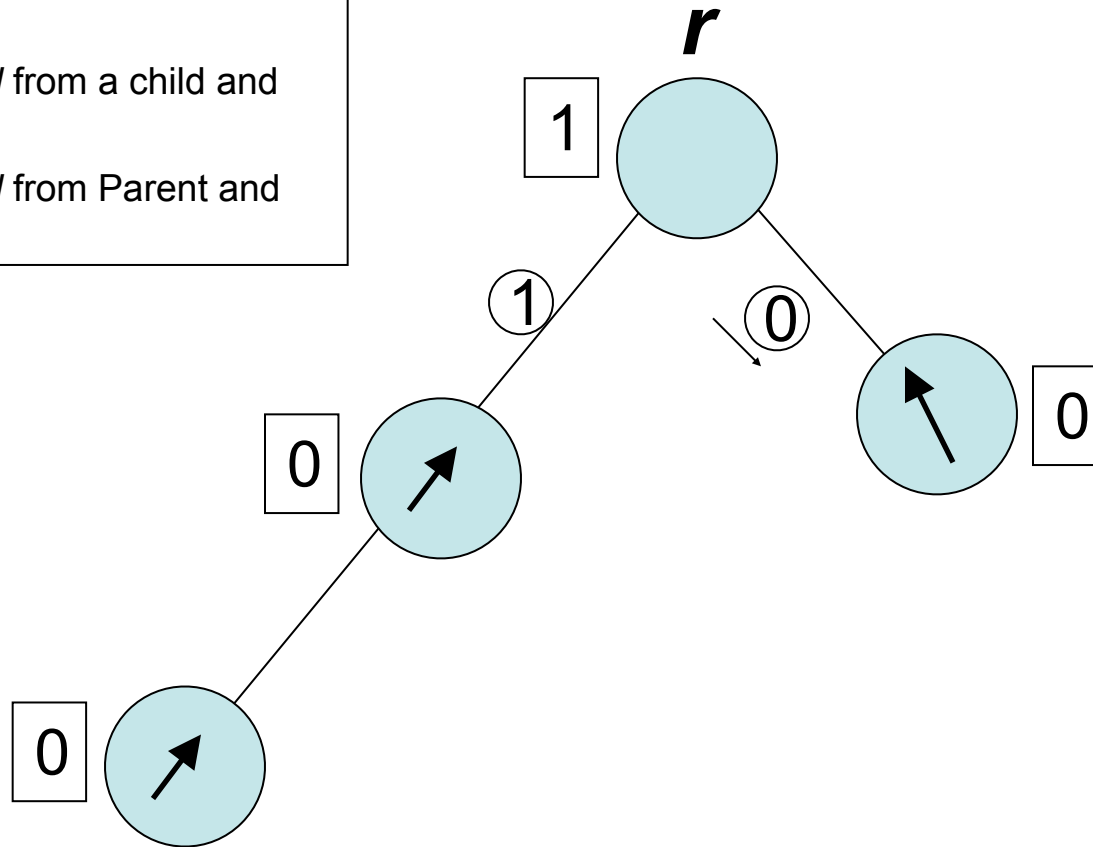
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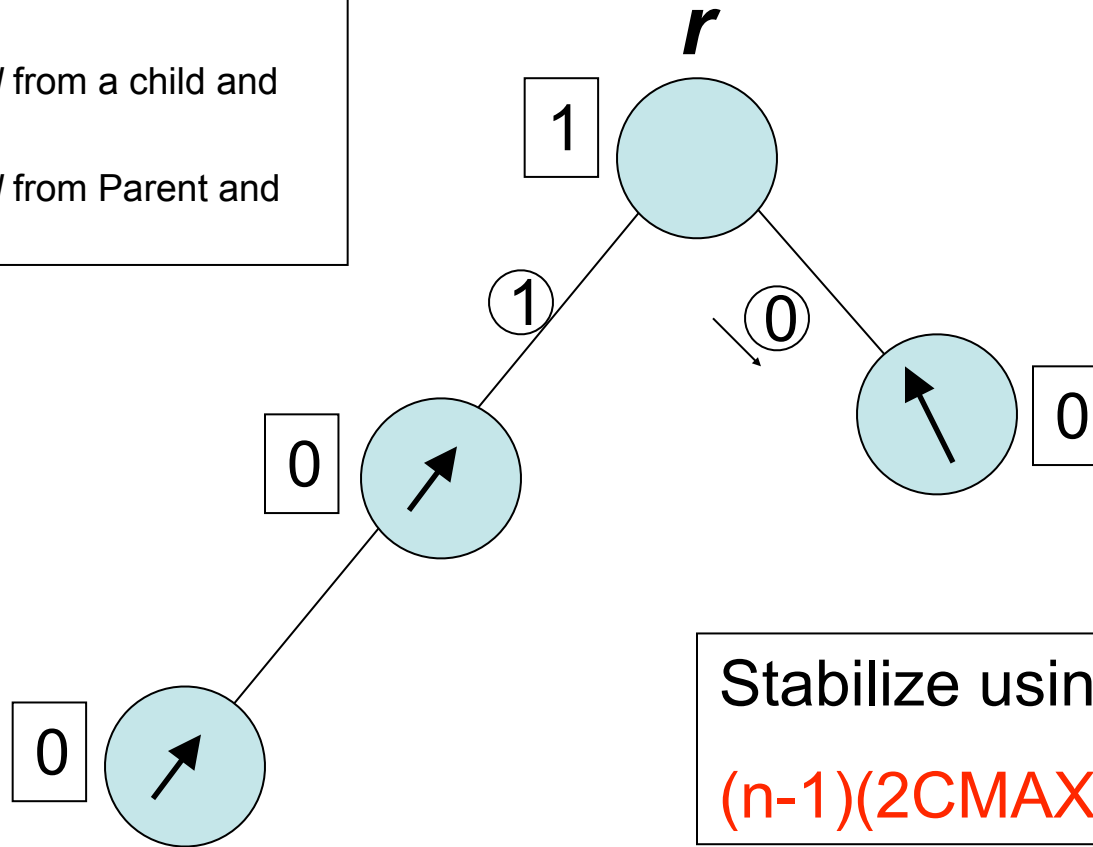
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Stabilize using

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- Fault-Containment ?

Thank you!

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(K,L) -Liveness

- Let V be the set of processes
- Let I be a subset of processes that execute their critical section forever (in particular they hold some resource units forever)
- Let α be the number of resource units held by I
- Let R be the subset of $V - I$ such that any process in R is a requestor
- Let r_{max} be the maximal request of a process in R
- If $R \neq \emptyset$ and $r_{max} \leq L - \alpha$ then at least one member of R eventually satisfies its request