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- What we can do with this? - Data model description, dependency structure, forecasting, change detection, etc. etc.

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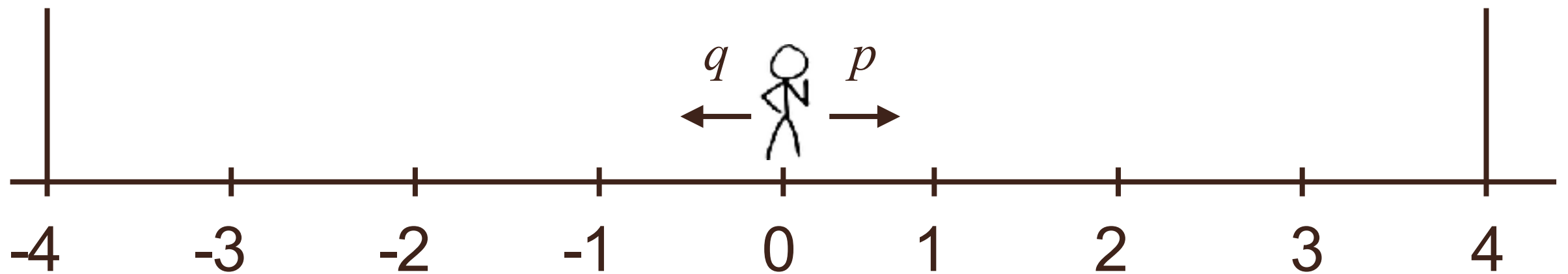
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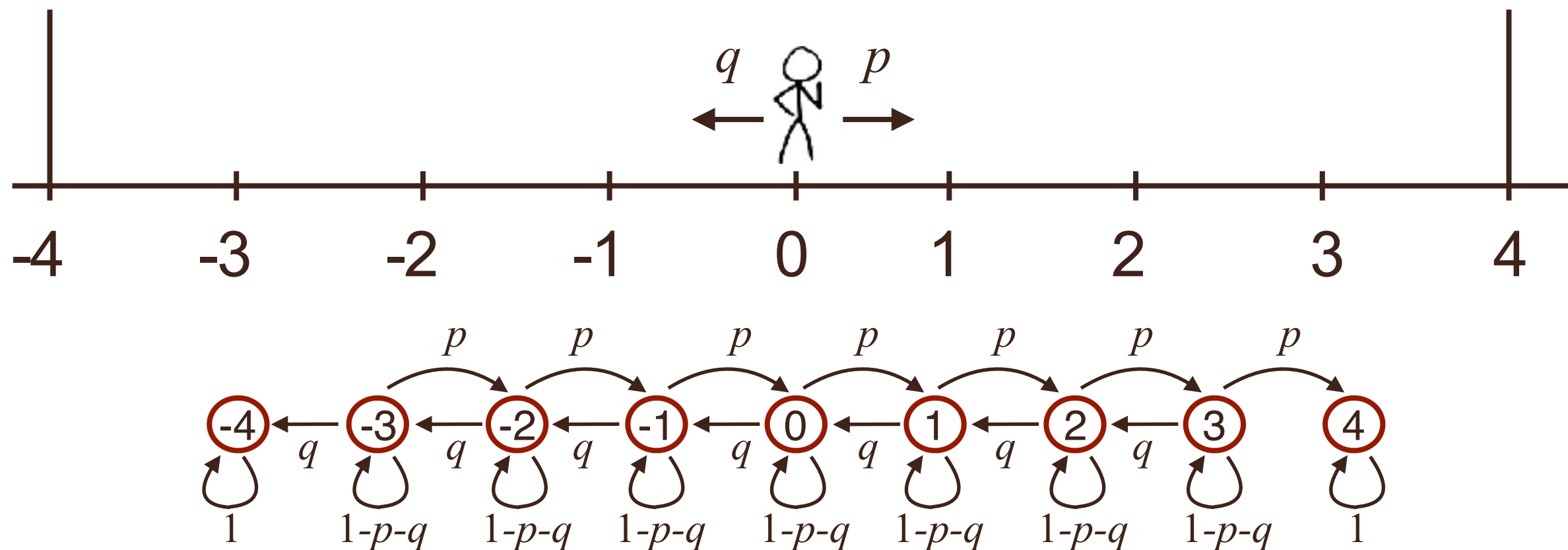
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- Let us consider a finite set of states: $\mathcal{S} = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ along with the initial distribution, $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$, where $p_i = P[X_0 = a_i]$
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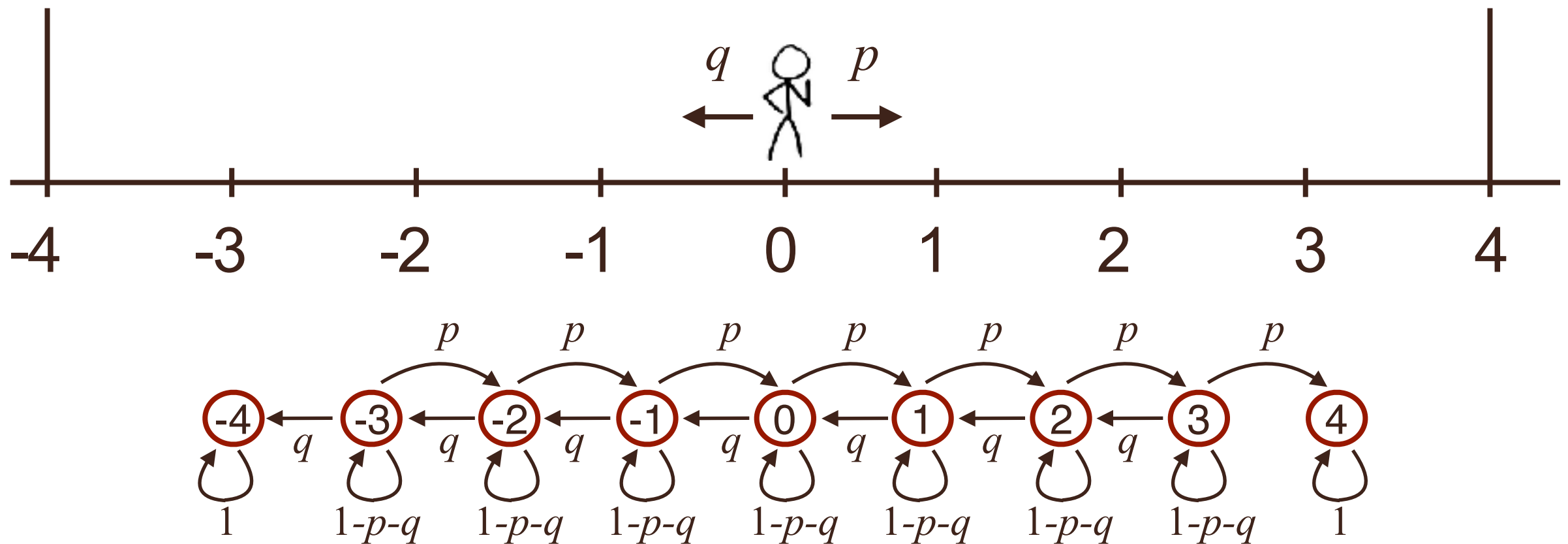
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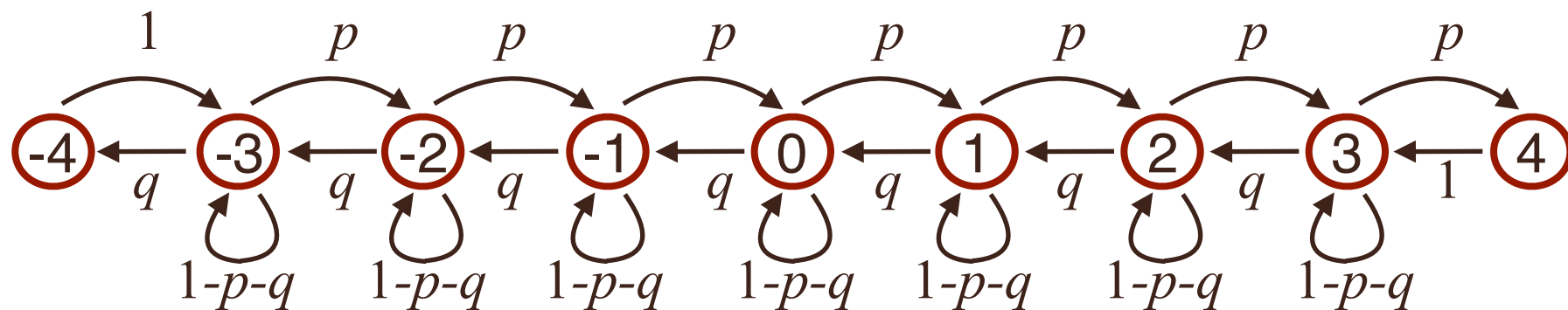
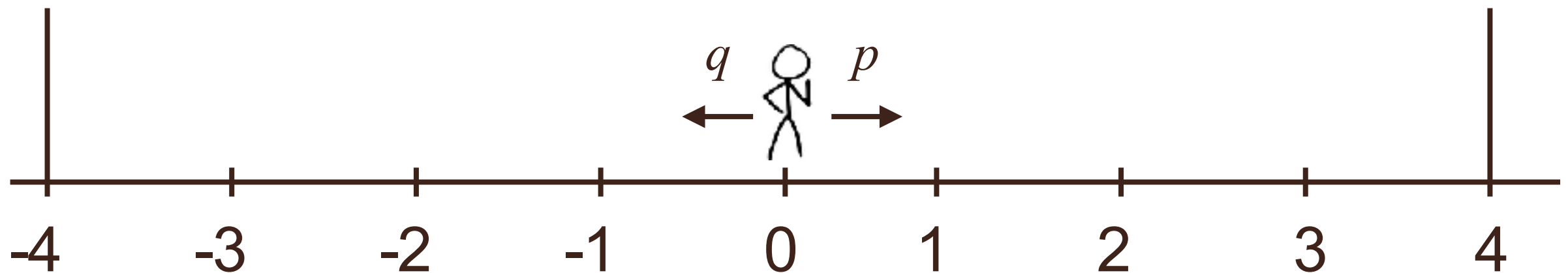
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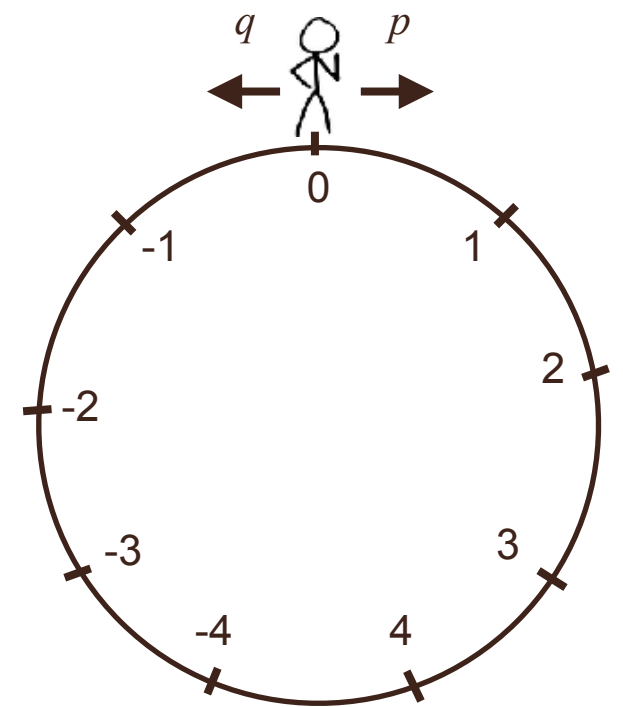
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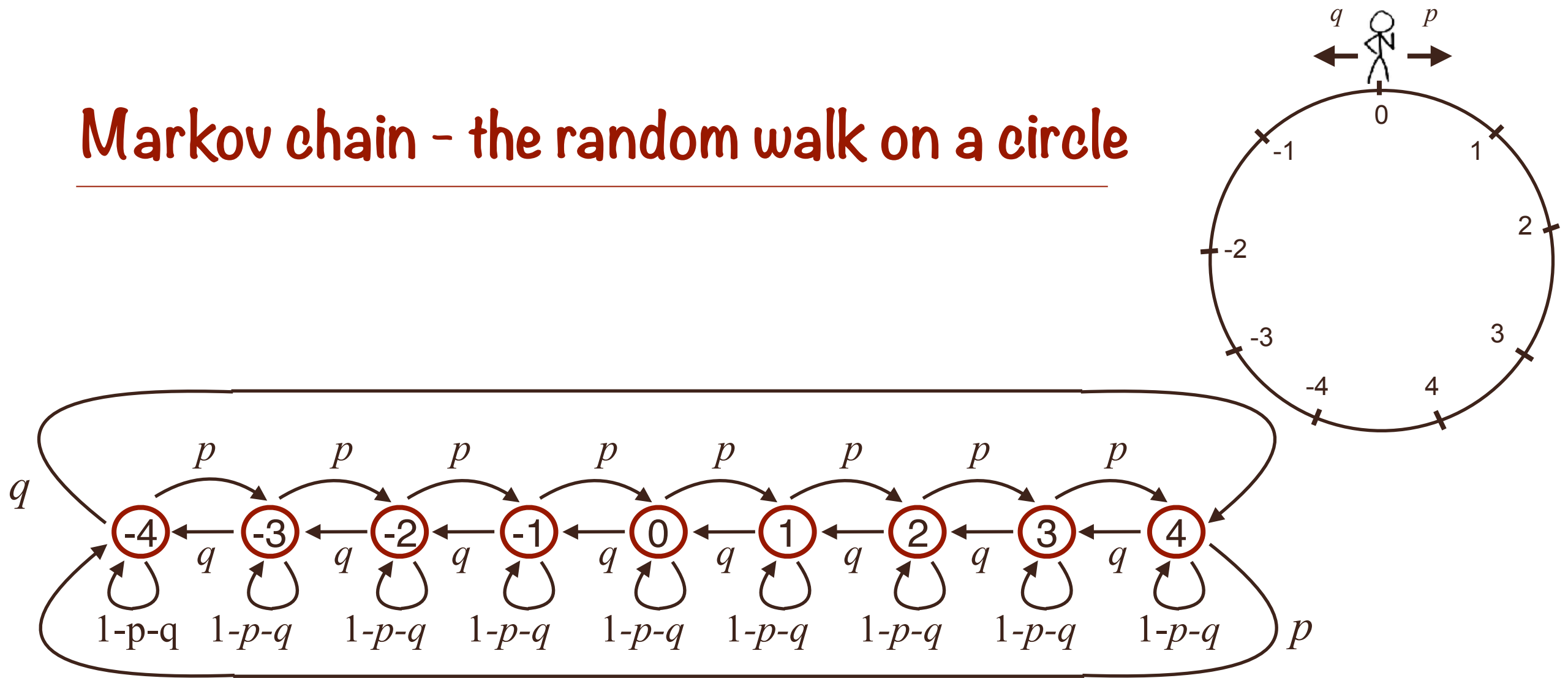
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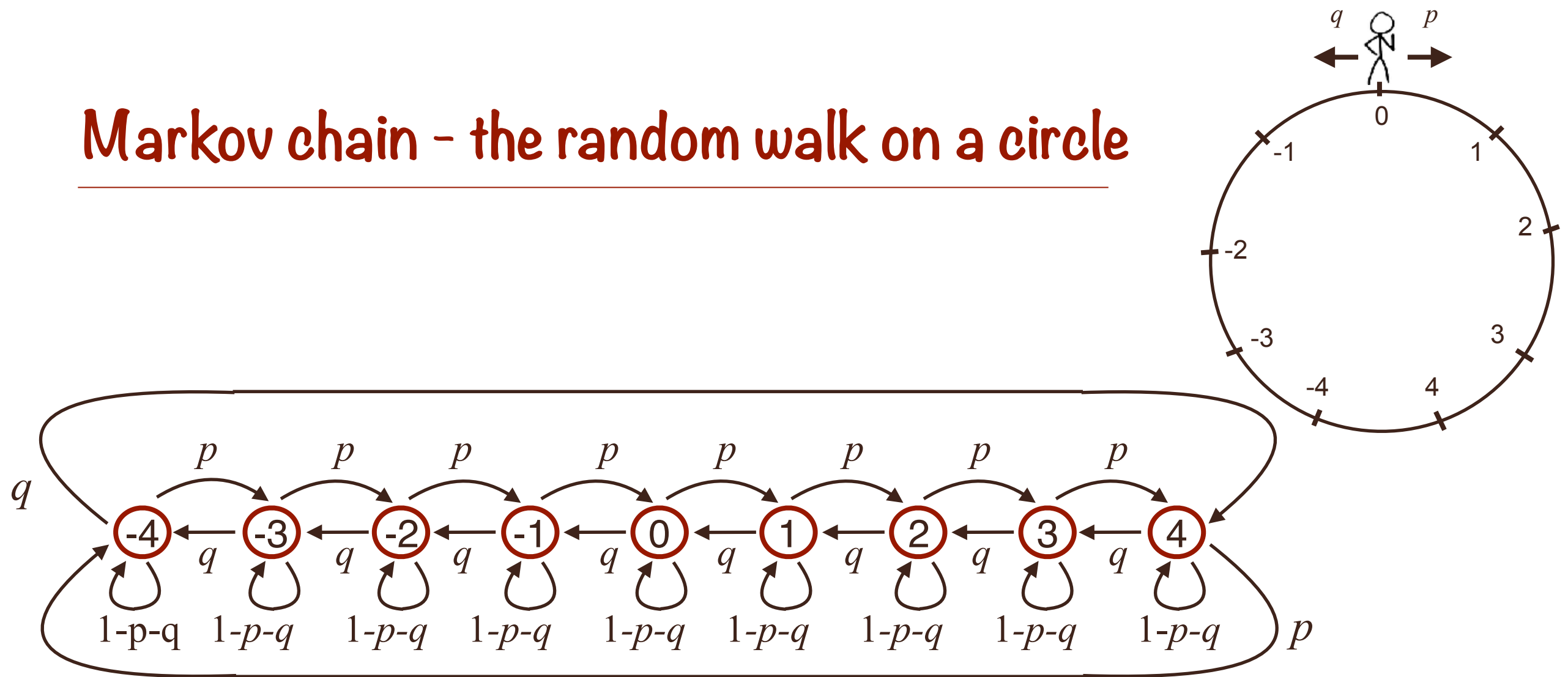
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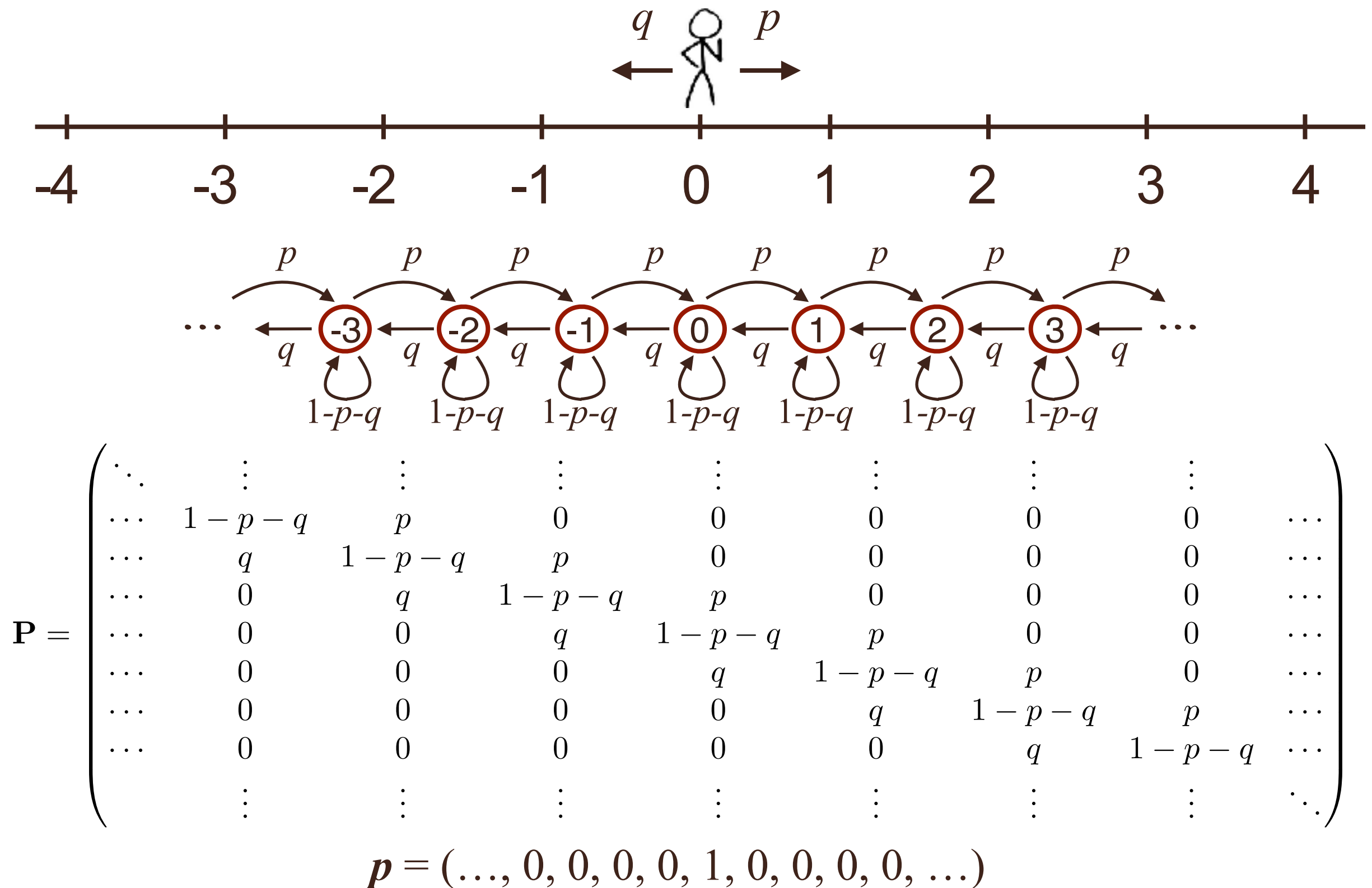
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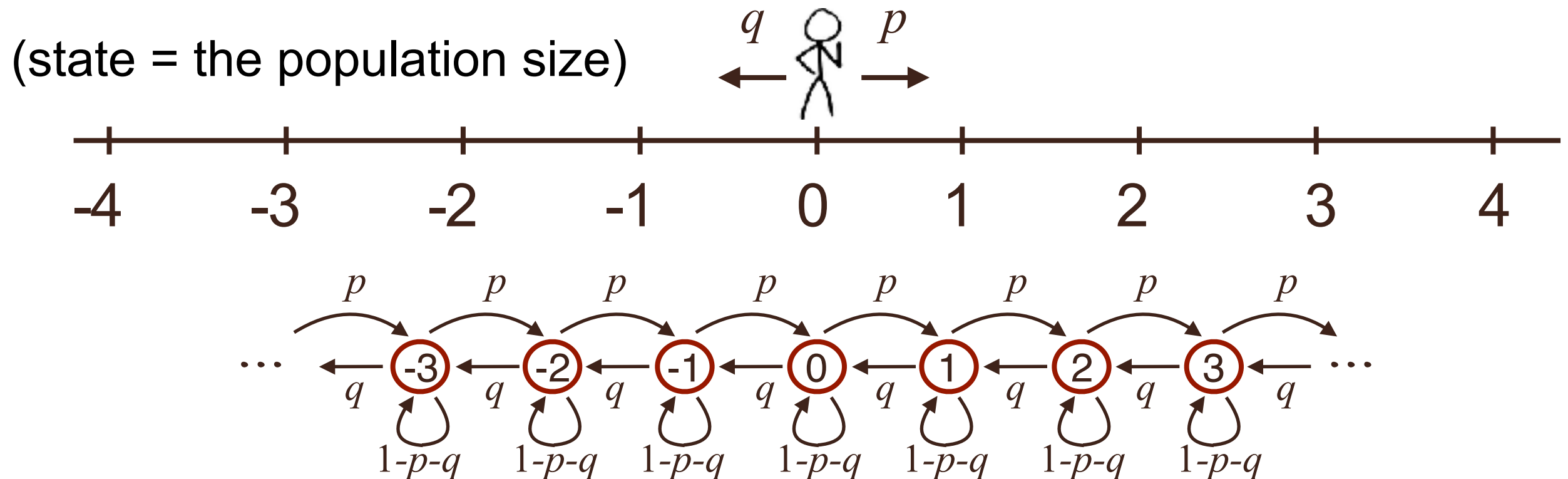
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Markov chain - the random walk without bounds



Markov chain - the birth and death process

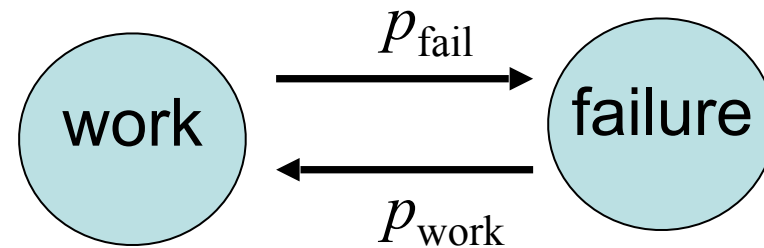


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Markov chain - very simple homogeneous example

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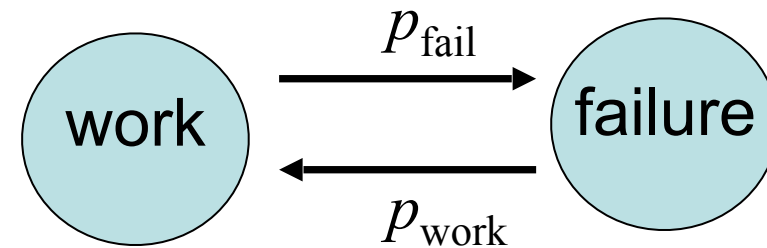


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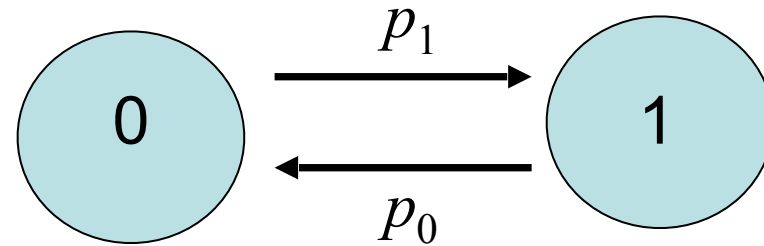
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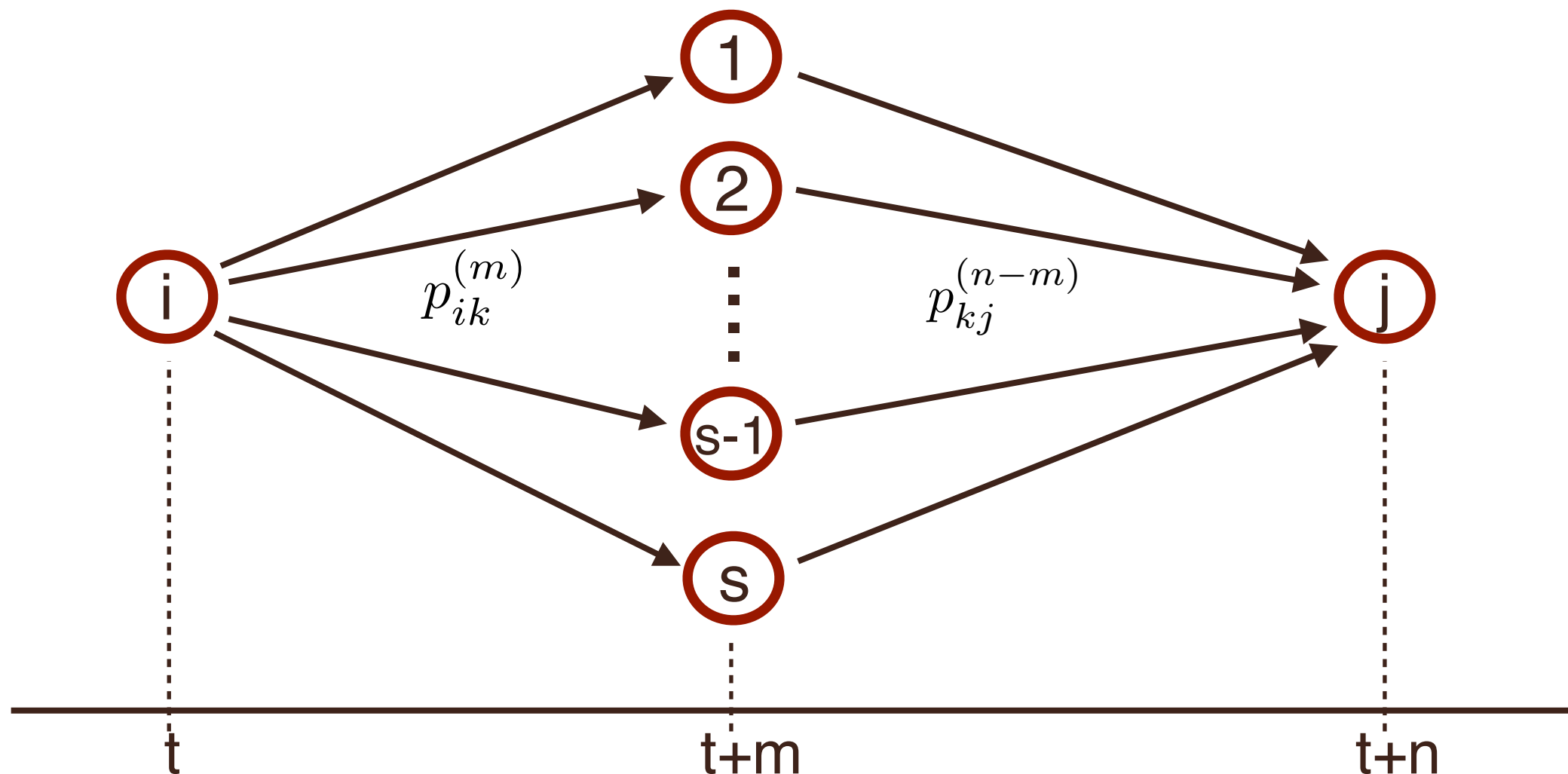
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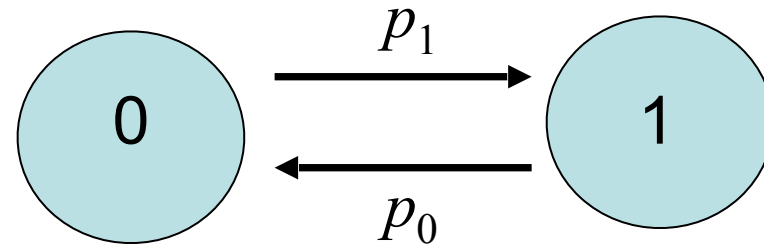
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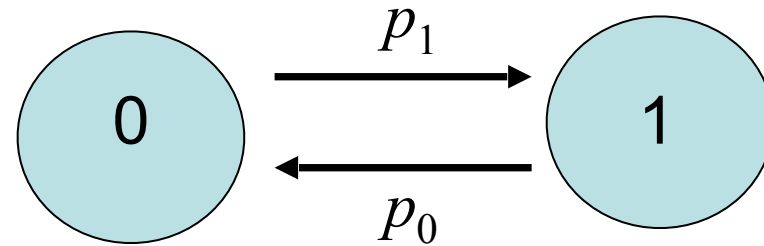
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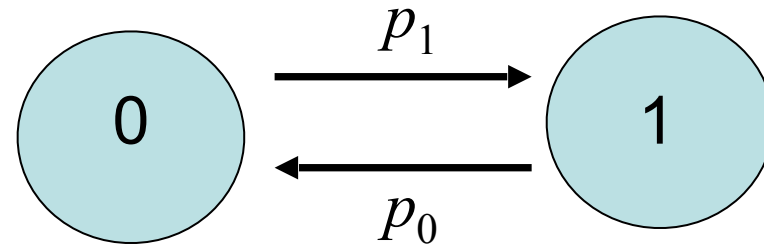
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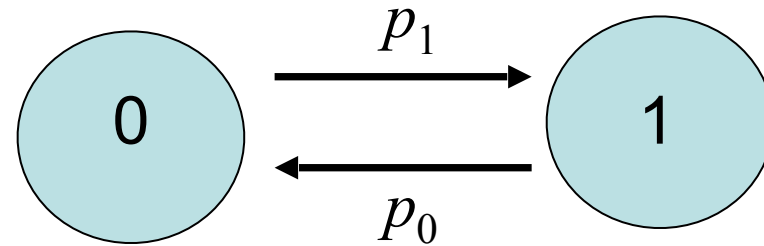
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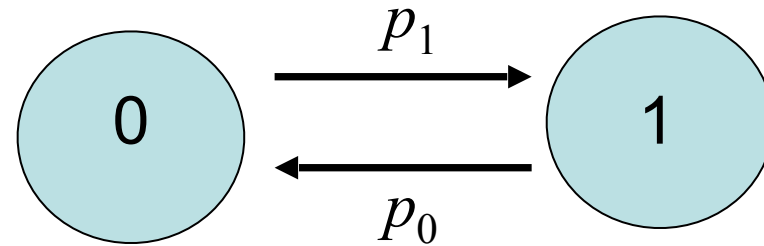
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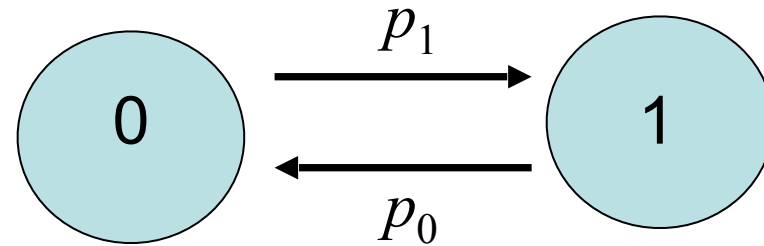
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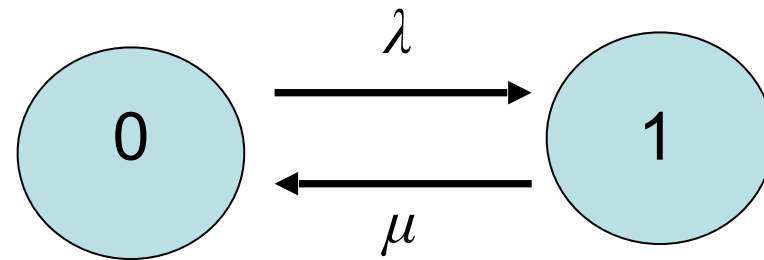
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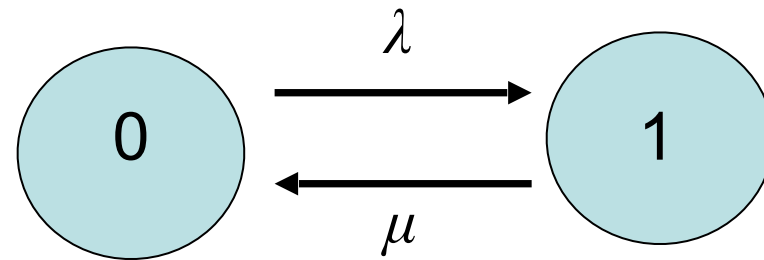


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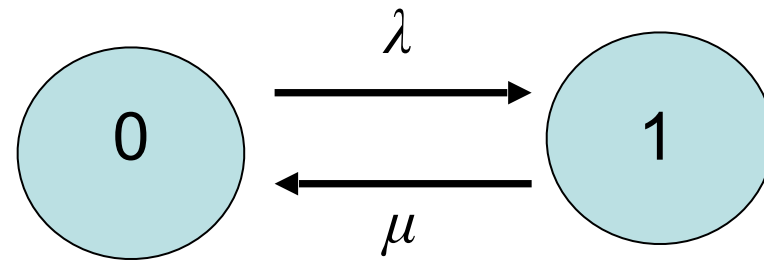
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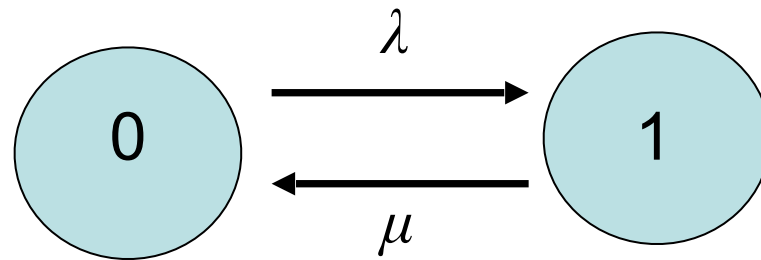
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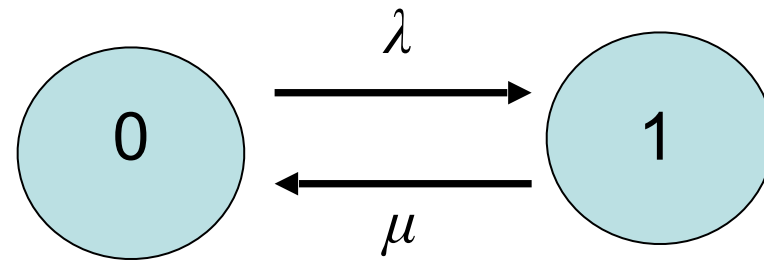
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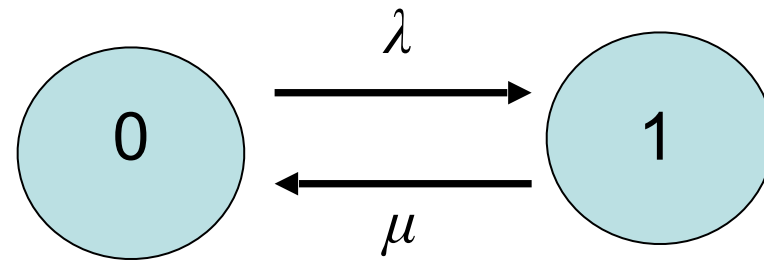
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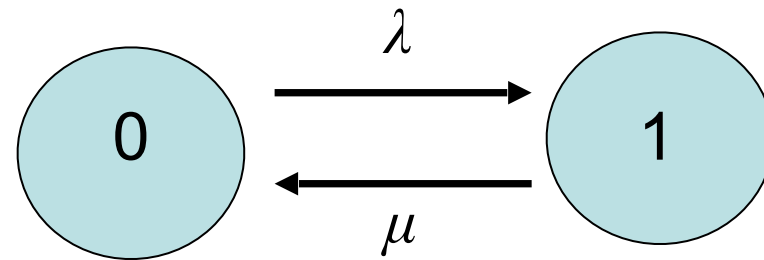
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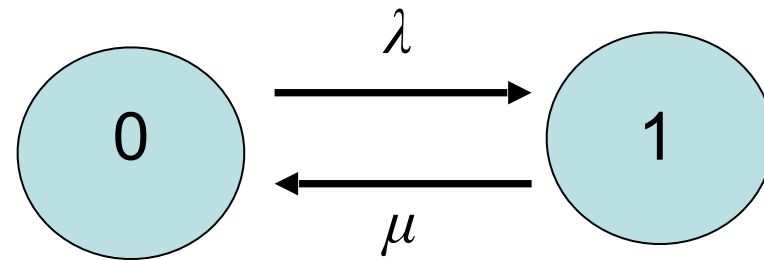
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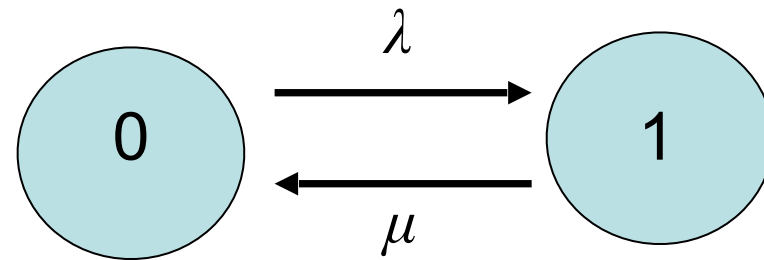
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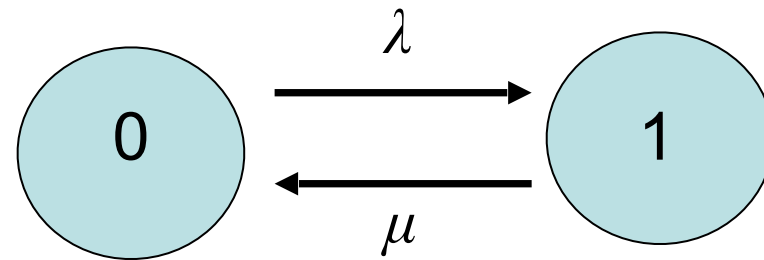
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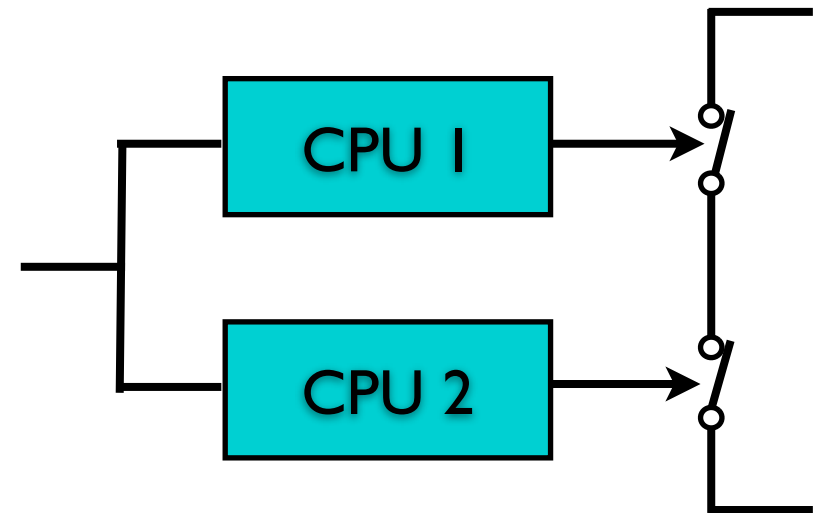
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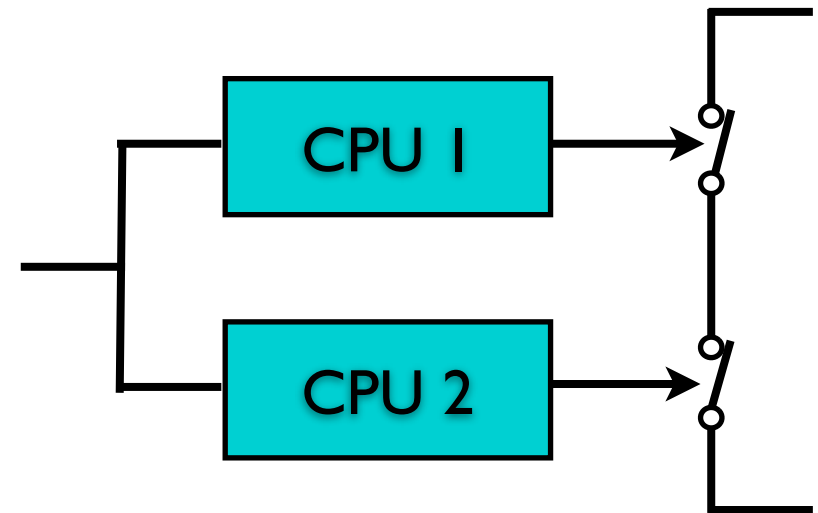
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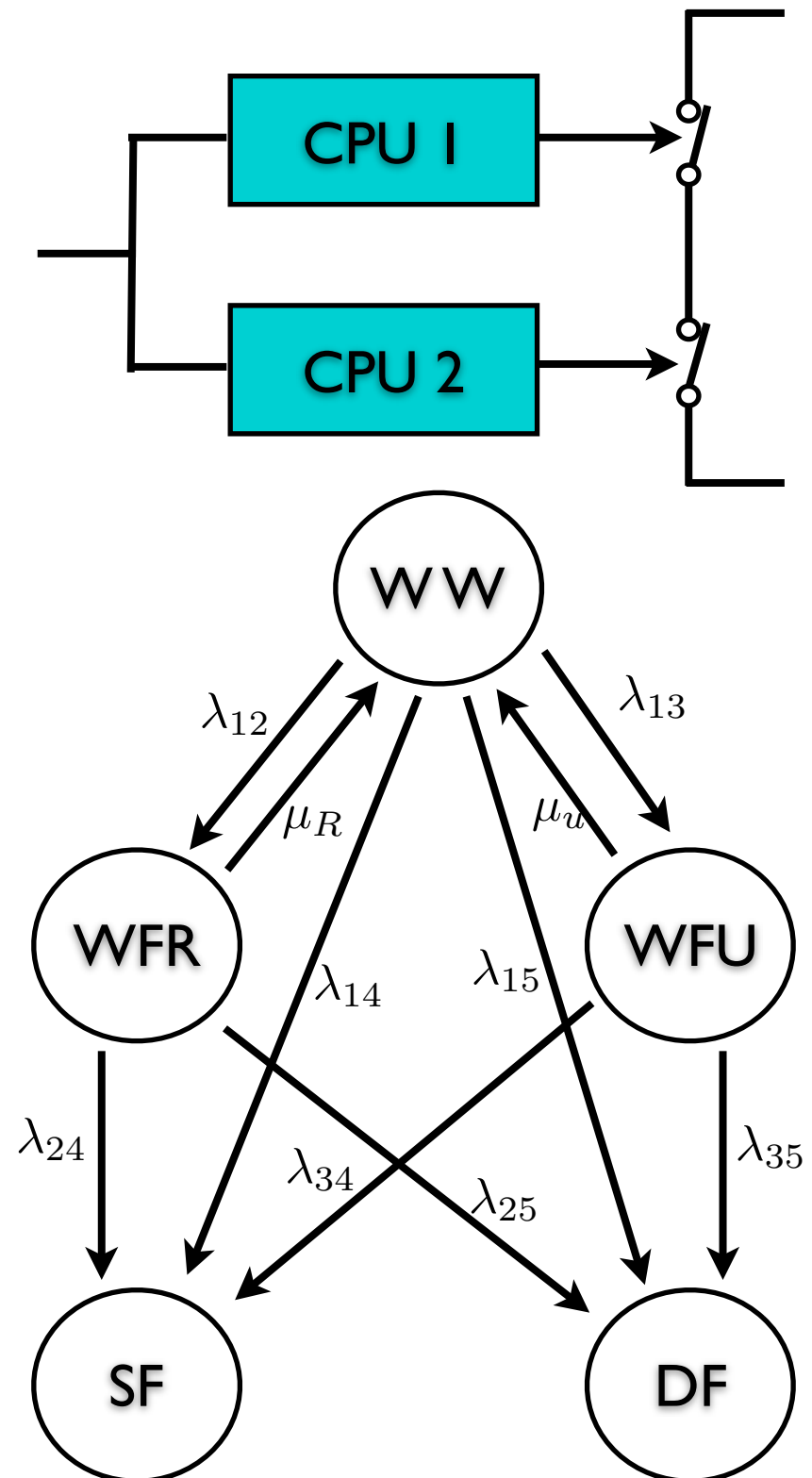
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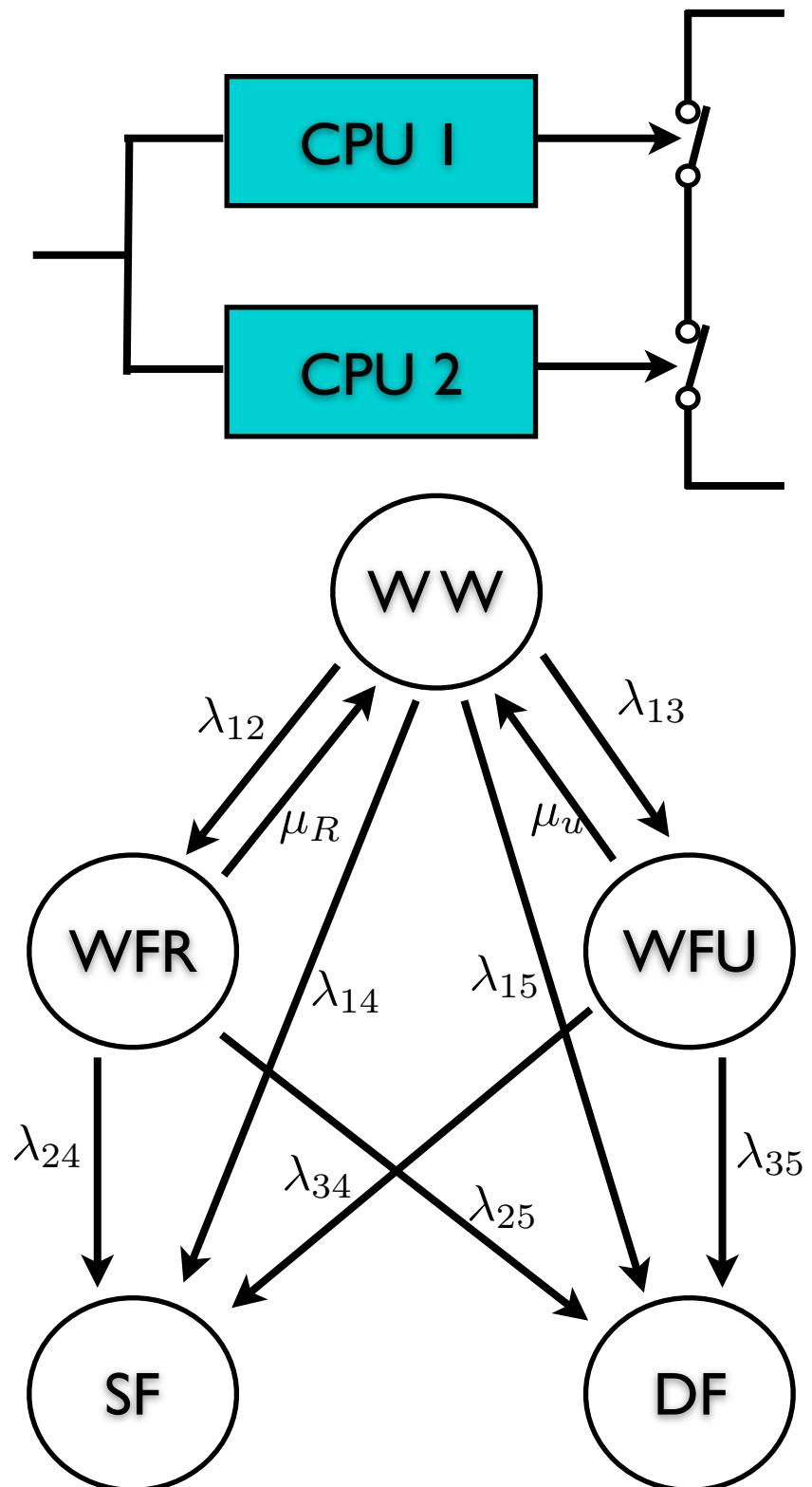
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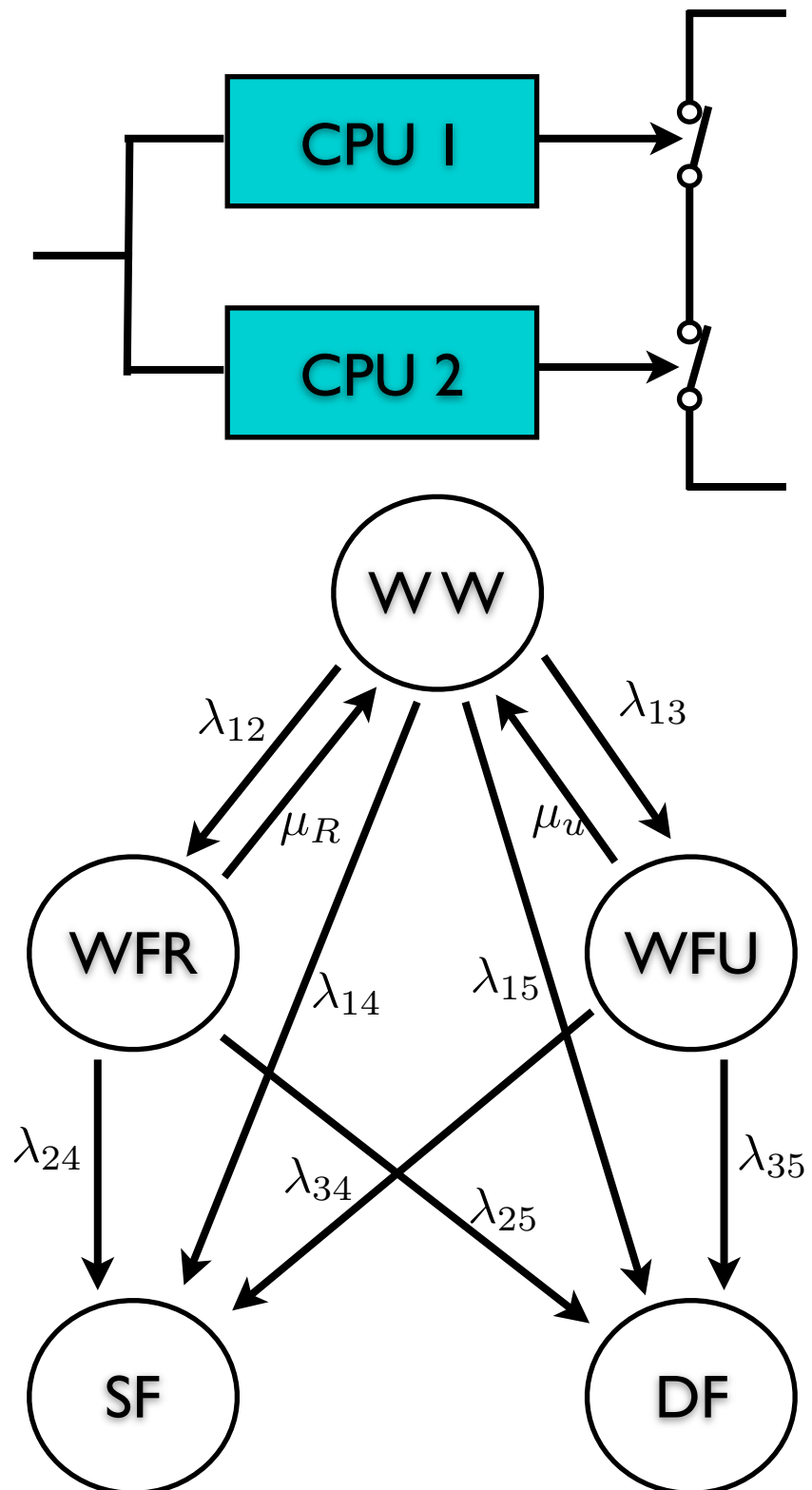
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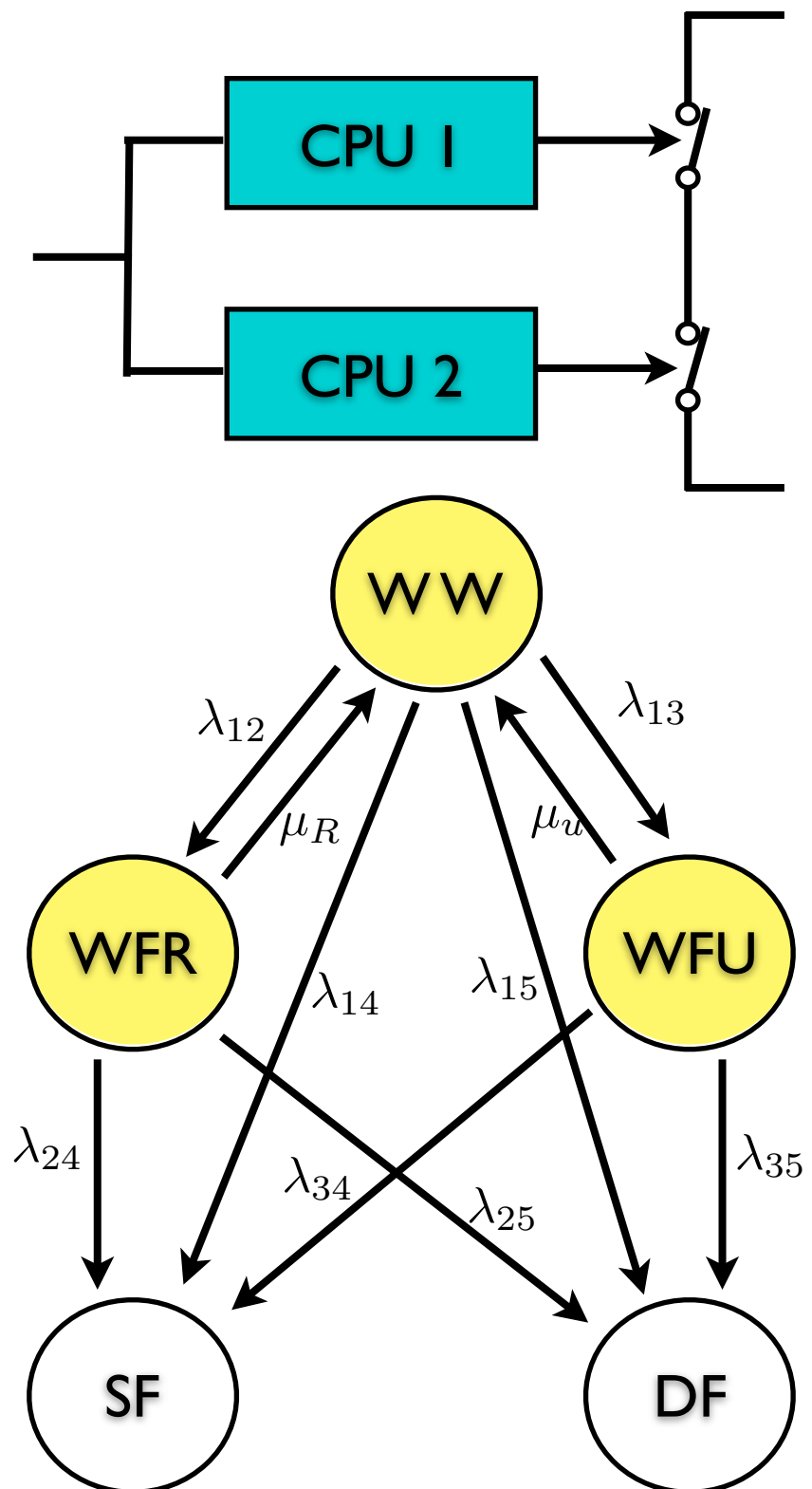
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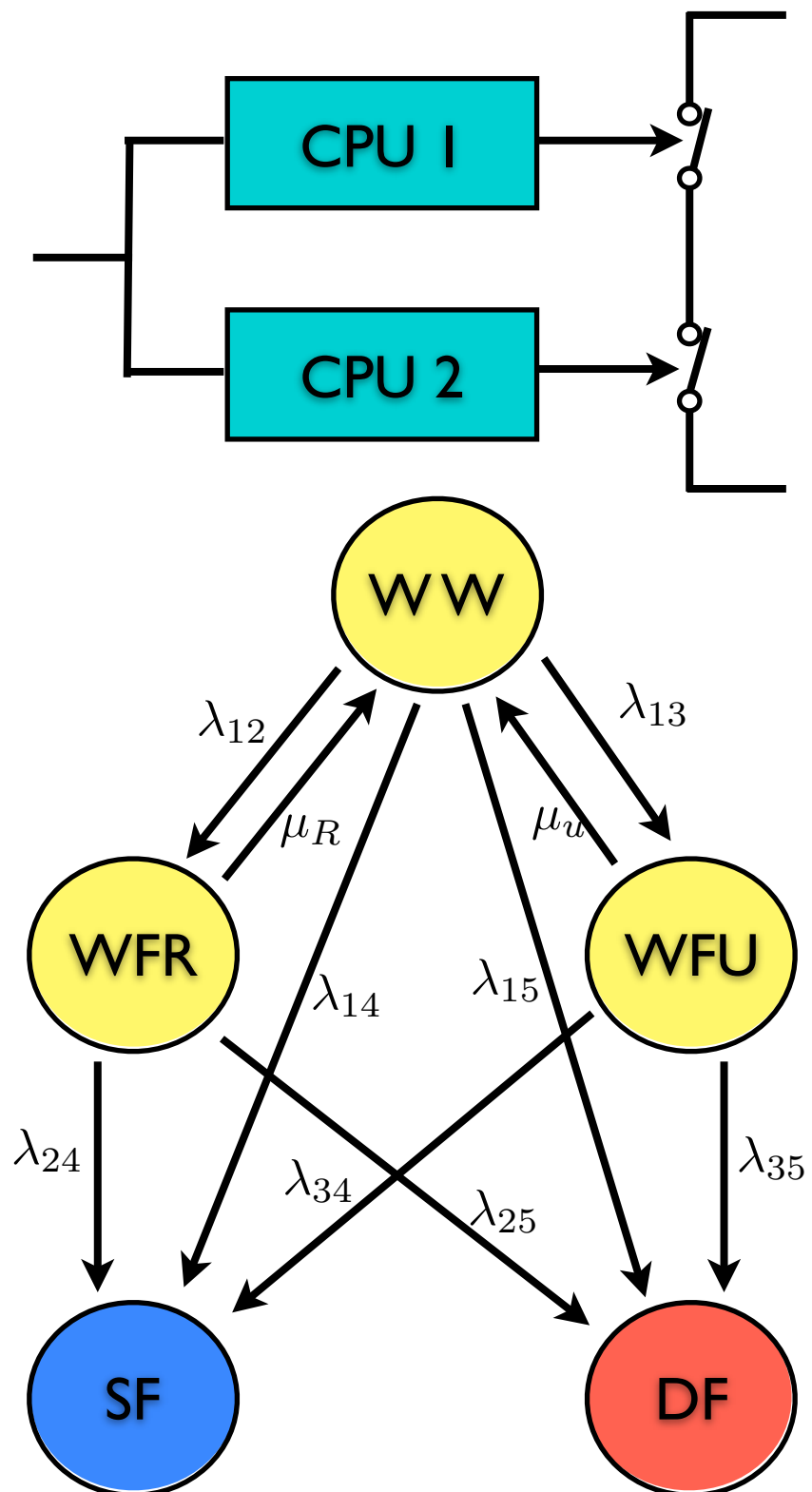
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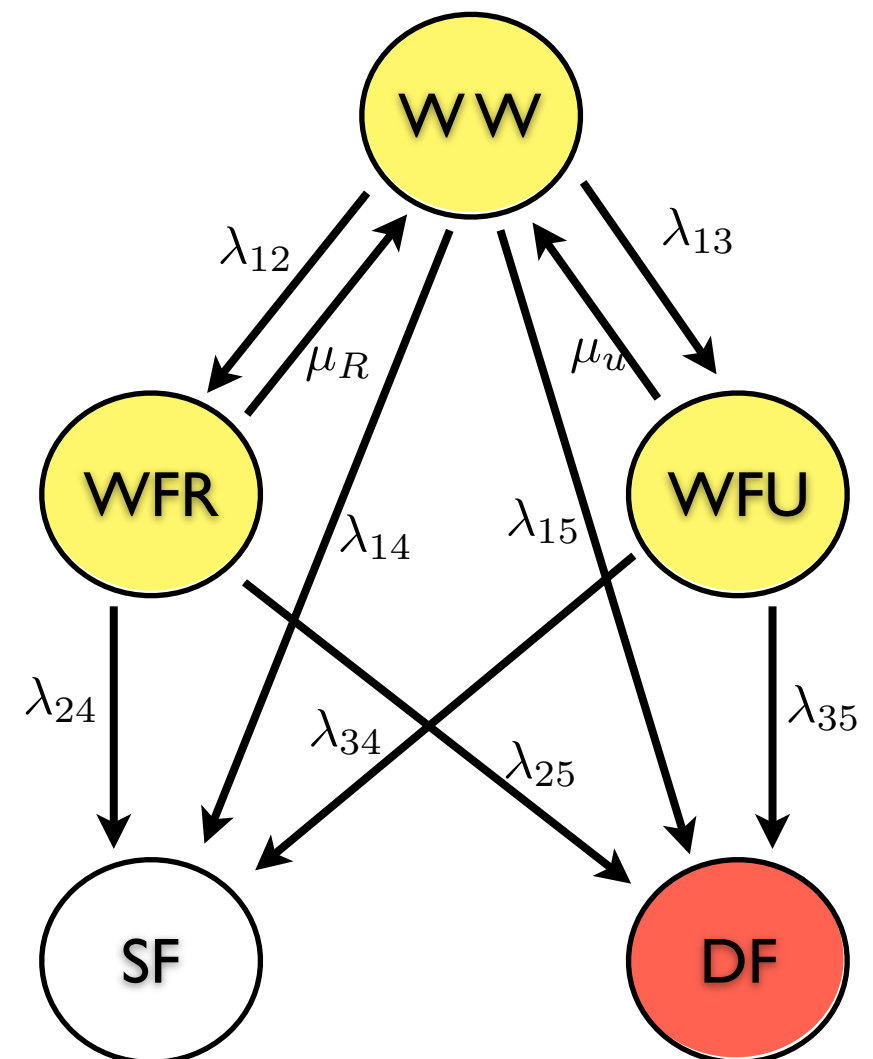
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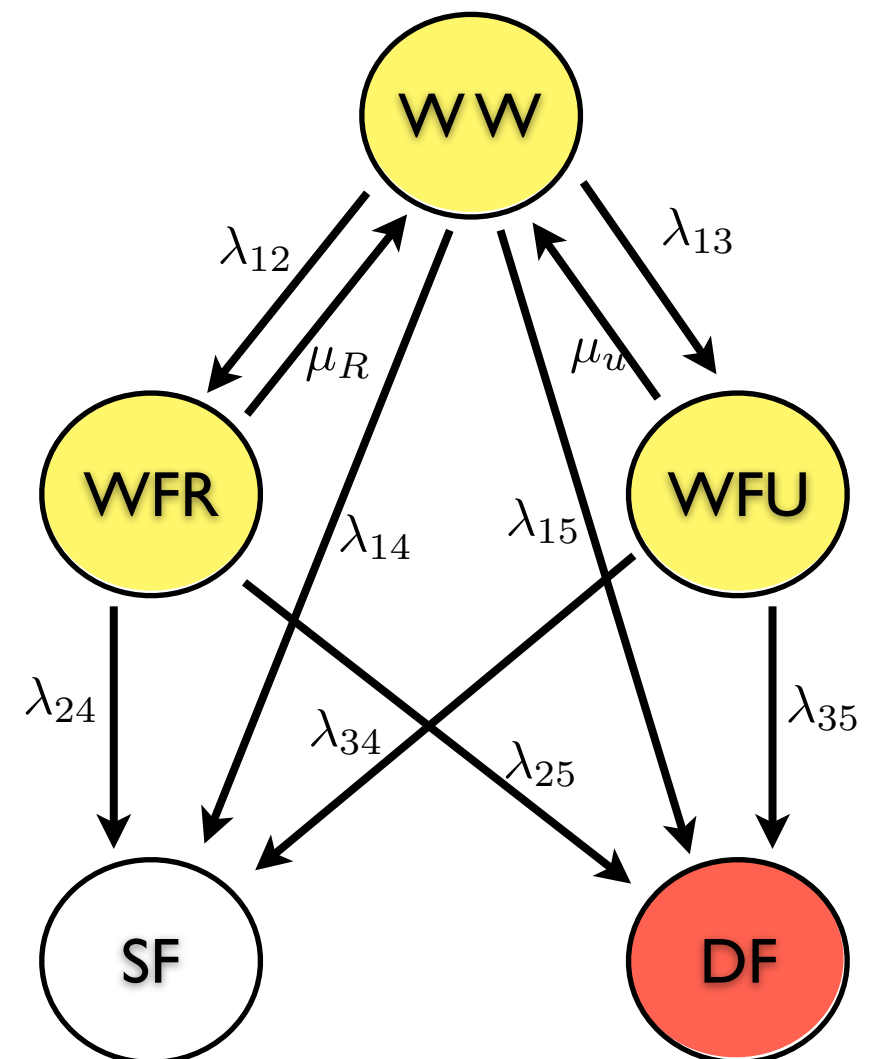
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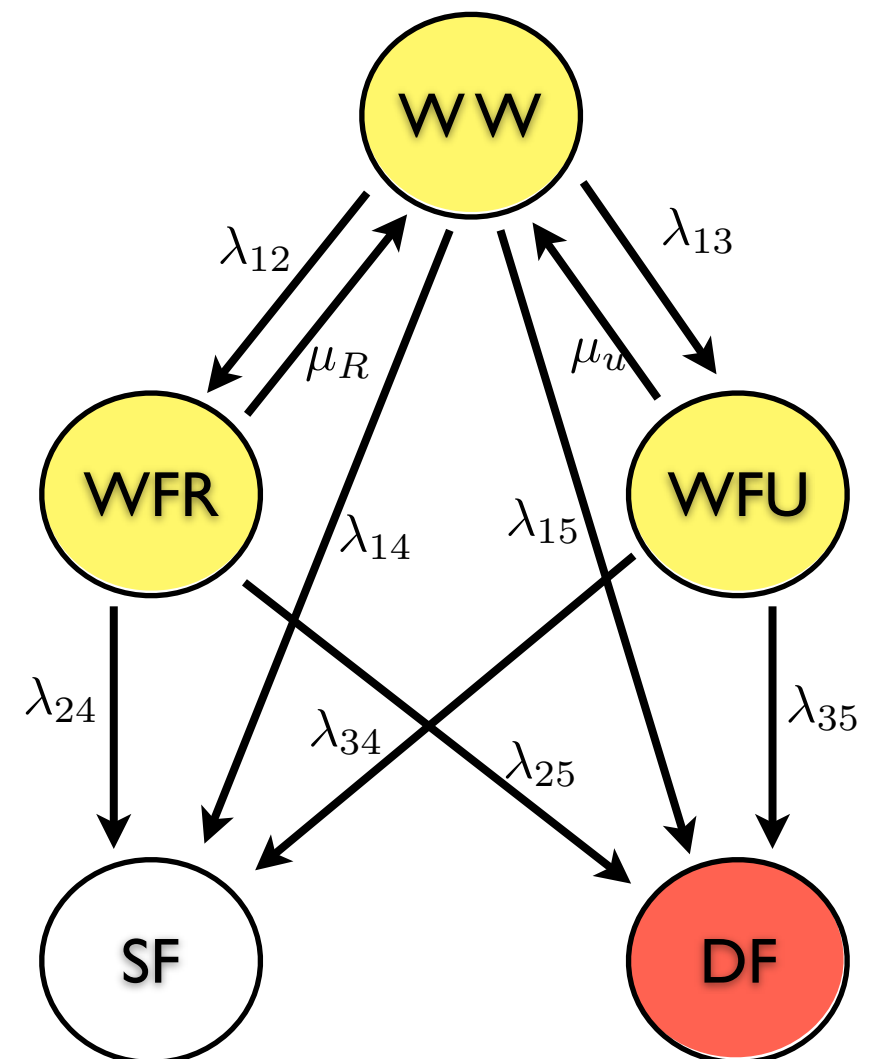
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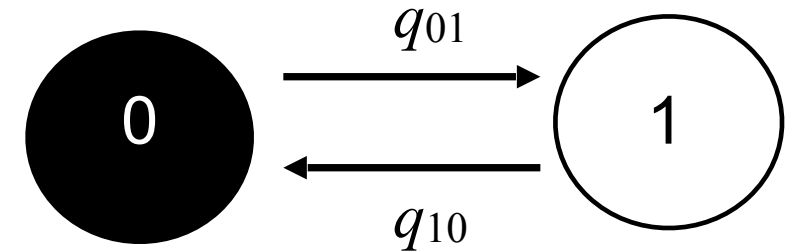
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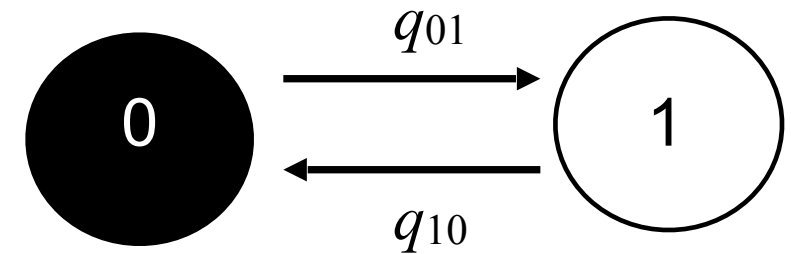
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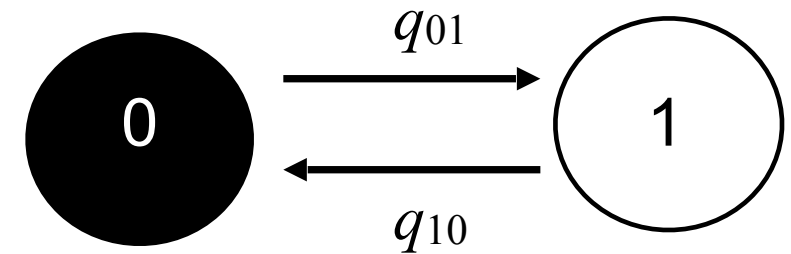
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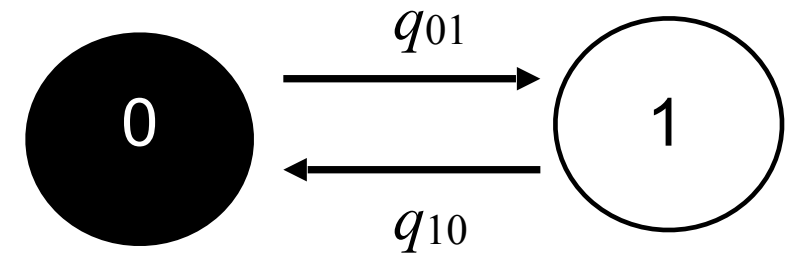


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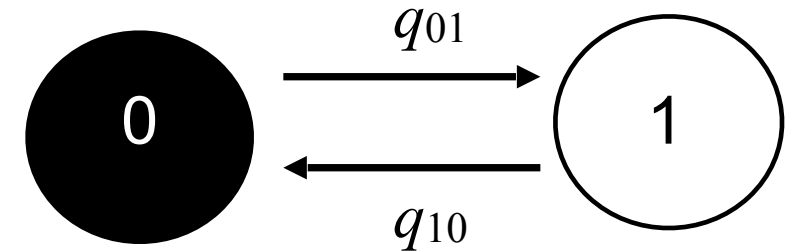
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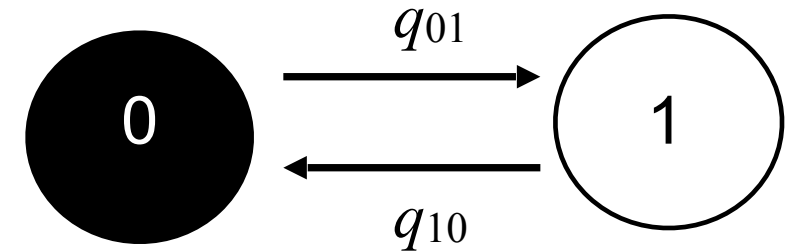


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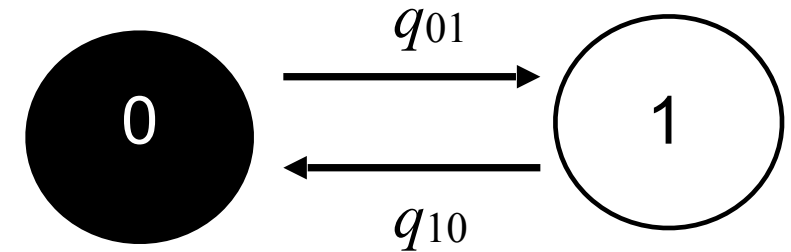
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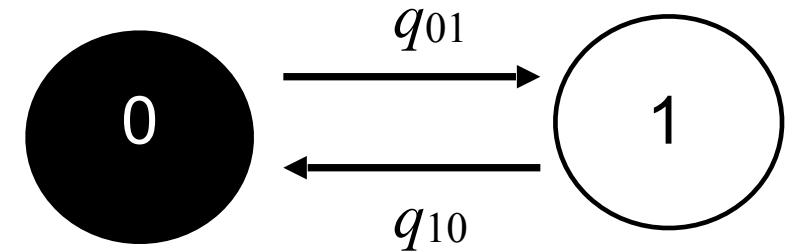
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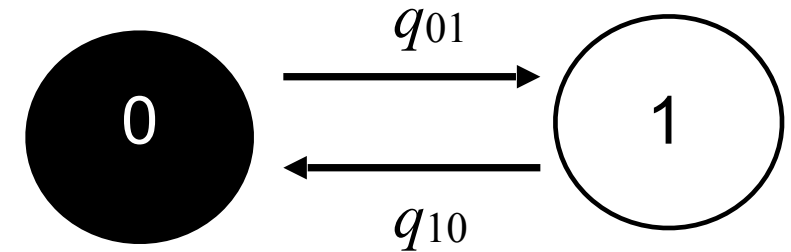
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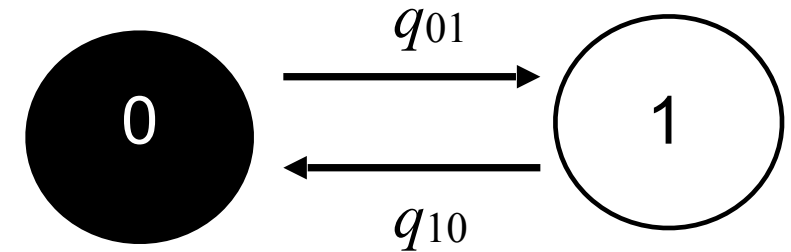
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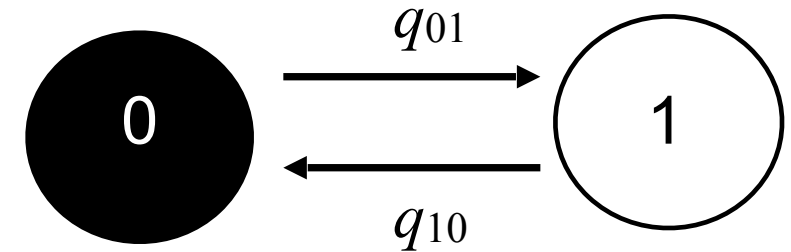
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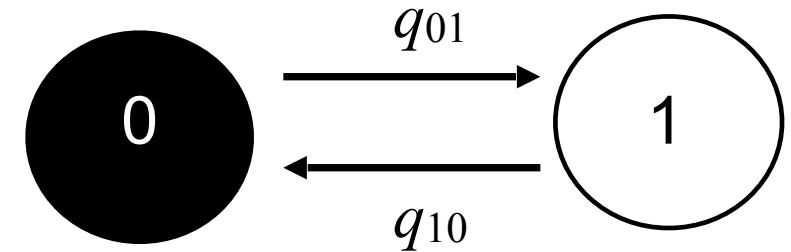
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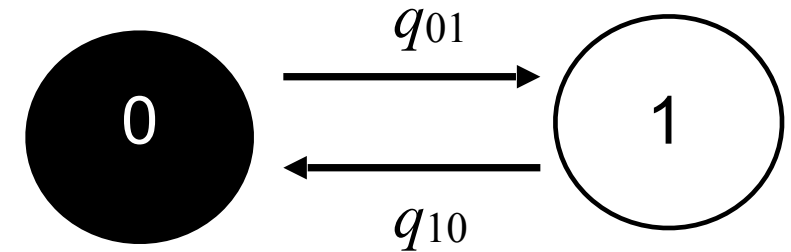
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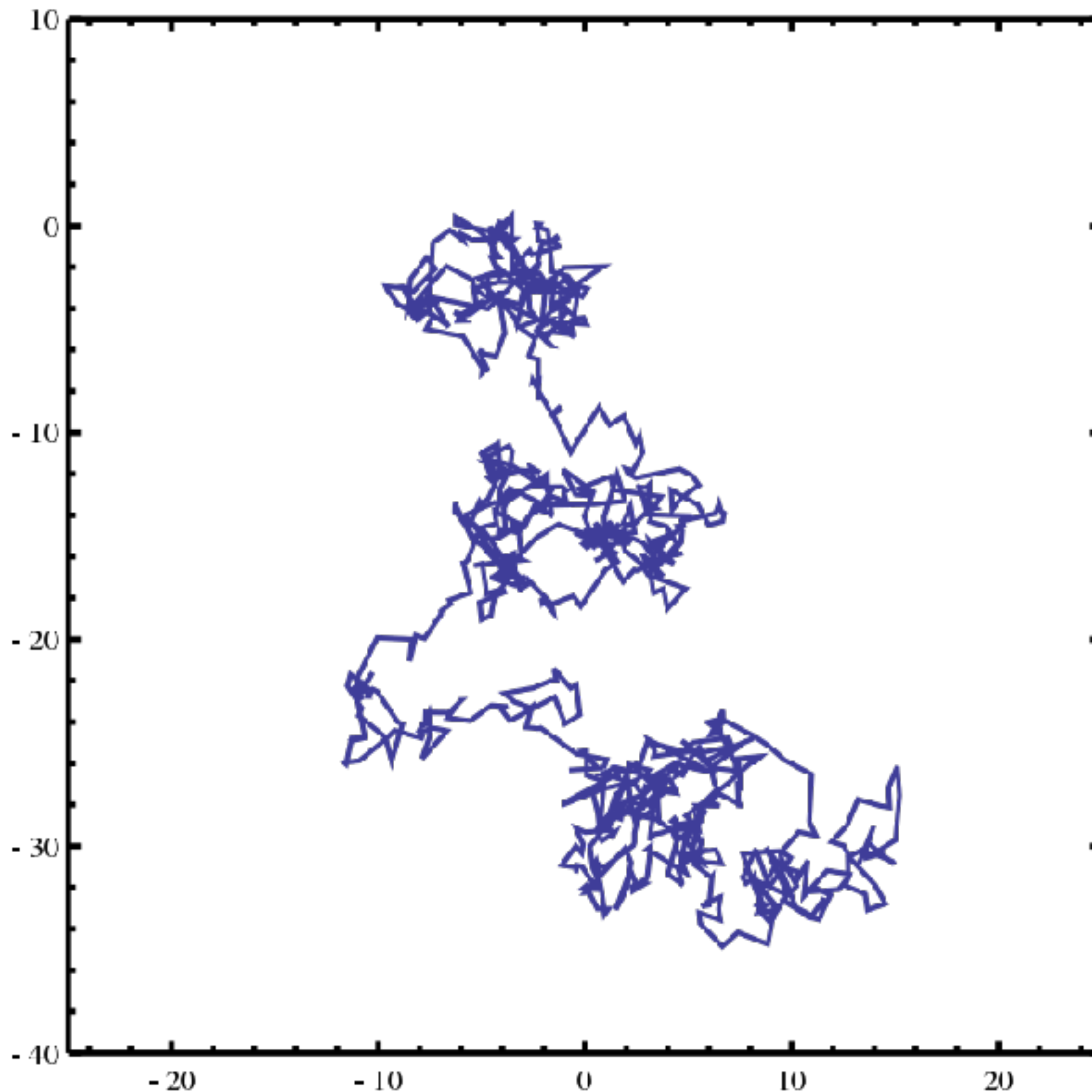
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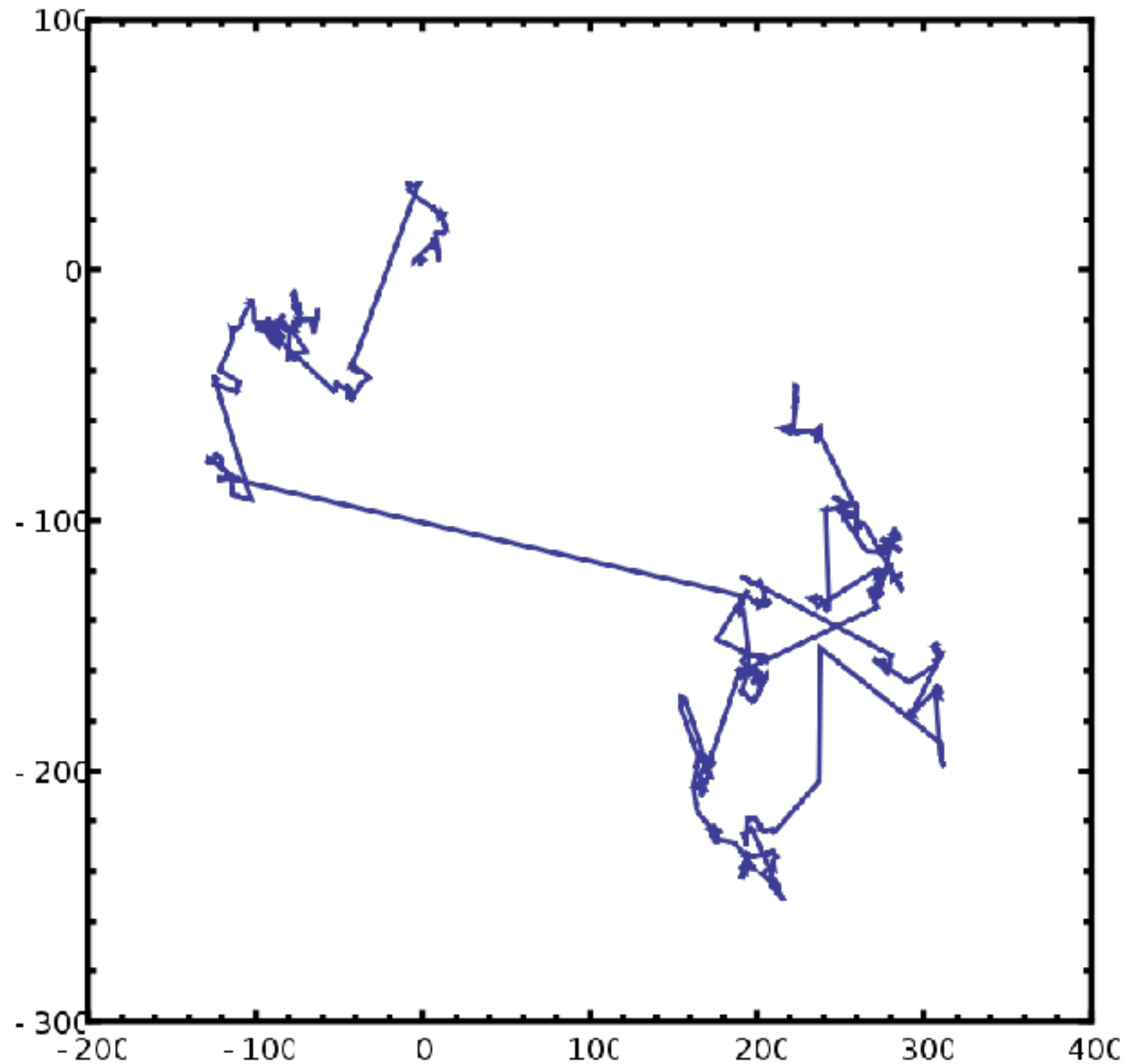
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Markov process - random walk (Brownian motion)



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