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Sprague-Grundy Numbering:

$S \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ then

$$\text{mex}(S) = \min \{x \geq 0 : x \notin S\}$$

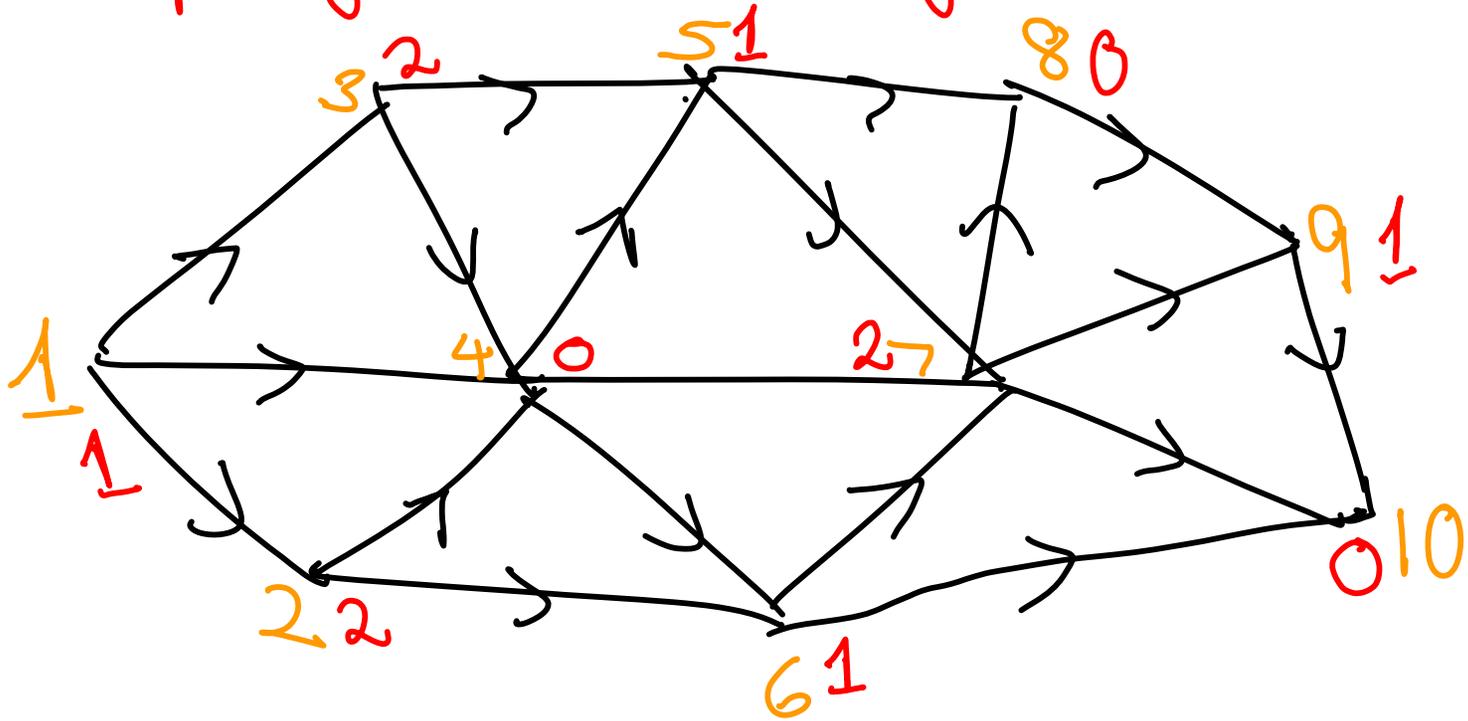
$$S = \{0, 1, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{mex}(S) = 2$$

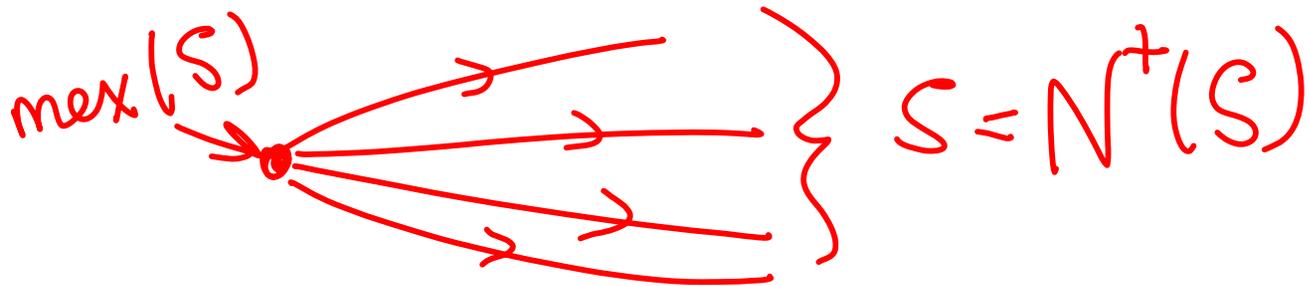
$$S = \{3, 12, 13\}$$

$$\text{mex}(S) = 0$$

Topological numbering



SG-numbering



Claim

$$x \in P \iff g(x) = 0$$

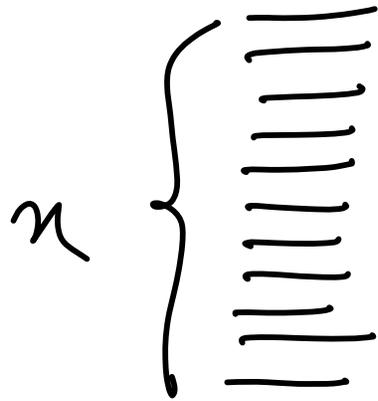
Proof

$$x \in N \iff N^+(x) \cap P \neq \emptyset$$

To show

$$g(x) > 0 \iff \exists y \in N^+(x) \text{ s.t. } g(y) = 0$$

Simplest one pile game

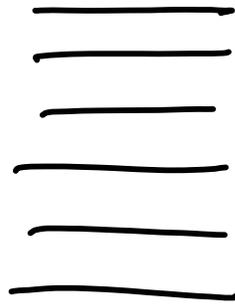


Can take any or all :

$$g(x) = x$$

Induction: true for $x=0$





One pile

(i) Remove 2, 4, 6, 8, ... but NOT
whole pile

(ii) Whole pile if there are an odd number
in the pile.

$g(x) = ?$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$g(x)$	0	1	0	2	1	3	2	4	3		

$$\begin{array}{l}
 g(2k) = k-1 \\
 g(2k-1) = k
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} g(2k) = k-1 \\ g(2k-1) = k \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{assume true} \\ \text{for some } k \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(2k) &= \max \left\{ \underset{k-2}{g(2k-2)}, \underset{k-3}{g(2k-4)}, \dots, \underset{0}{g(2)} \right\} \\
 &= k-1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(2k-1) &= \max \left\{ \underset{k-1}{g(2k-3)}, \underset{k-2}{g(2k-5)}, \dots, g(1), g(0) \right\} \\
 &= k
 \end{aligned}$$

SG numbering for the sum of games.

2 games

	Game 1	; Game 2	$G_1 + G_2$
Position	$(x_1,$	$x_2)$	
	$g_1(x_1)$	$g_2(x_2)$	$g_1(x_1) \oplus g_2(x_2)$

Integer a, b , $a \oplus b$ is defined as follows:

$$a = a_m a_{m-1} \dots a_1 a_0 \quad \rightarrow \text{binary}$$

$$b = b_m b_{m-1} \dots b_1 b_0$$

$$a \oplus b$$

$$\dots a_i \oplus b_i \dots a_0 \oplus b_0$$

$$1 \oplus 1 = 0$$

$$0 \oplus 0 = 0$$

$$1 \oplus 0 = 1$$

$$0 \oplus 1 = 1$$

$$37 \oplus 45$$

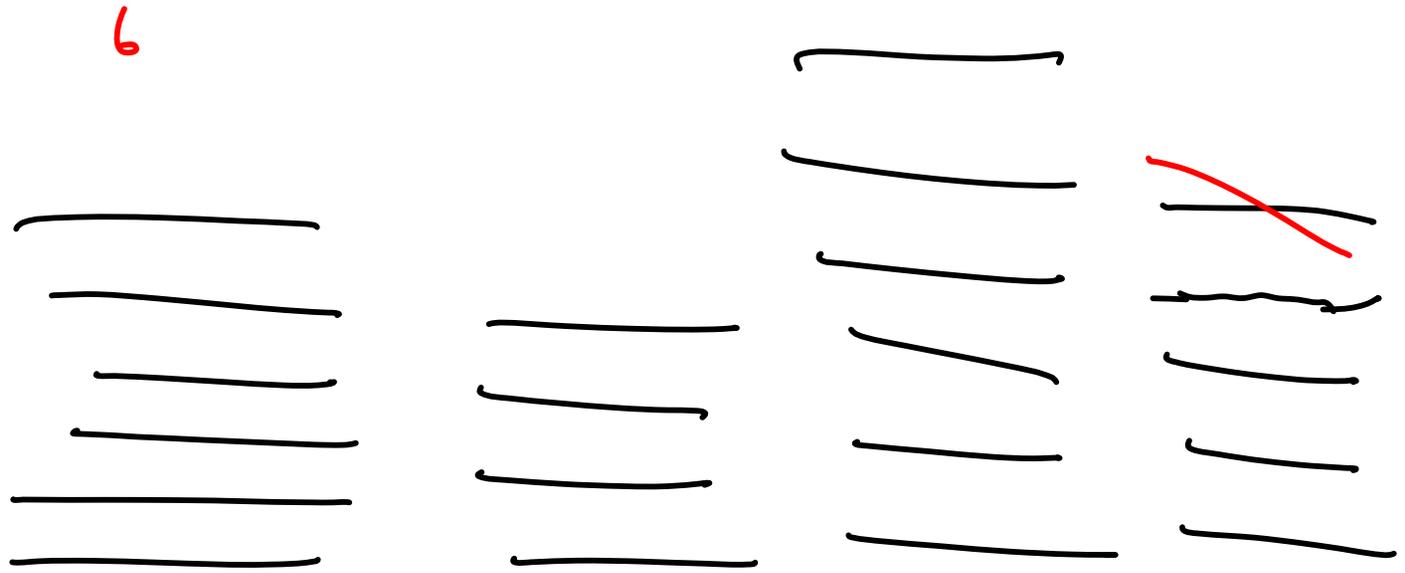
$$37 = 100101$$

$$45 = 101101$$



$$37 \oplus 45 = 001000$$

$$= 8$$



?? Is this a winning position?

1	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	0	1

winning position