

Secret correlation of pure automata

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We are concerned by the relation between the asymptotic sizes m^1, m^2, m^3 and the limits of

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Thus, all m -periodic sequences are (m, m) -implementable, and that an (m^1, m^2) -implementable sequence is at most $m^1 m^2$ -periodic.

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Players $\{1, \dots, I\}$ against player $I + 1$. If $\min(m^1 \dots m^I) \gg m^{I+1}$ and at least 2 players $\{1, \dots, I\}$ have at least two actions, then $\{1, \dots, I\}$ possess pure strategies that guarantee the correlated max min against $I + 1$.

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