

1. The terminal positions are 0, 1, so

$$g(0) = 0, \quad g(1) = 0.$$

$$g(2) = \text{mex} \{g(0)\} = 1.$$

$$g(3) = \text{mex} \{g(0), g(1)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$

$$g(4) = \text{mex} \{g(1), g(2)\} = \text{mex} \{0, 1\} = 2.$$

$$g(5) = \text{mex} \{g(2), g(3)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

$$g(6) = \text{mex} \{g(3), g(4)\} = \text{mex} \{1, 2\} = 0.$$

$$g(7) = \text{mex} \{g(4), g(5)\} = \text{mex} \{0, 2\} = 1.$$

$$g(8) = \text{mex} \{g(5), g(6)\} = \text{mex} \{0, 0\} = 1.$$

$$g(9) = \text{mex} \{g(6), g(7)\} = \text{mex} \{0, 1\} = 2.$$

$$g(10) = \text{mex} \{g(7), g(8)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

So we have observed a repeating pattern:

$$\underline{0, 0, 1, 1, 2}, \quad \underline{0, 0, 1, 1, 2}, \quad \underline{0, \dots}$$

Since $g(x)$ depends on only the 3 previous values, and this pattern has length 5 (> 3), this pattern will continue (beginning again at each multiple of 5).

2. First we list the followers of every position:

$$F(a) = \{\}$$

$$F(d) = \{c\}$$

$$F(g) = \{e\}$$

$$F(b) = \{a, e\}$$

$$F(e) = \{c\}$$

$$F(c) = \{\}$$

$$F(f) = \{a, b, g\}$$

$$\text{So } SG(a) = \text{mex } \{\} = 0$$

$$\& \quad SG(c) = \text{mex } \{\} = 0.$$

$$\text{Then } SG(d) = \text{mex } \{SG(c)\} = \text{mex } \{0\} = 1$$

$$\& \quad SG(e) = \text{mex } \{SG(c)\} = \text{mex } \{0\} = 1.$$

$$SG(b) = \text{mex } \{SG(a), SG(e)\} = \text{mex } \{0, 1\} = 2.$$

$$SG(g) = \text{mex } \{SG(e)\} = \text{mex } \{1\} = 0.$$

$$SG(f) = \text{mex } \{SG(a), SG(b), SG(g)\} = \text{mex } \{0, 2\} = 1.$$

3. The Sprague-Grundy function for G_1 is

given by:

$$g_1(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 3 \text{ divides } x \\ 1 & \text{if } 3 \text{ divides } x-1 \\ 2 & \text{if } 3 \text{ divides } x-2. \end{cases}$$

This can be justified by computing g_1 for $x \leq 6$, and noting that $g_1(x)$ depends only on $g_1(x-1)$ and $g_1(x-2)$.

For Nim, the Sprague-Grundy function g_2 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_2(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) &= g_2(x_1) \oplus \dots \oplus g_2(x_k) \\ &= x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_k. \end{aligned}$$

By the Sprague-Grundy Thm, the S.G. function g for $G_1 + G_2$ is given by:

$$g(x, (x_1, x_2, x_3)) = g_1(x) \oplus g_2(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

For the given position, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} g(10, (1, 6, 7)) &= g_1(10) \oplus g_2(1, 6, 7) \\ &= 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 6 \oplus 7 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 001 \leftarrow (1) \\ 001 \leftarrow (2) \\ 110 \\ 111 \leftarrow (3) \\ \hline 001 \leftarrow \end{array}$$

From the row nim-sum above, 3 winning moves exist:

- (1) Remove 1 coin from the game G_1 .
- (2) Remove 1 coin from the 1-pile in G_2 .
- (3) Remove 1 coin from the 7-pile in G_2 .

4. The terminal positions in this game are any positions where all piles have ≤ 1 coin.

In particular,

$$g(0) = 0$$

$$g(1) = 0$$

Observation: In this game, like in Nim, a position where there are multiple piles of coins is the same as the sum-of-games of several single-pile games. This is true because every move in this game operates on a single pile only.

Consequence: $g(x, y) = g(x) \oplus g(y)$, where (x, y) is a position in this game with two piles, of sizes x & y .

Then:

$$g(2) = \text{mex} \{g(1, 1)\} = \text{mex} \{g(1) \oplus g(1)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$

$$g(3) = \text{mex} \{g(2, 1)\} = \text{mex} \{g(2) \oplus g(1)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

$$g(4) = \text{mex} \{g(3, 1), g(2, 2)\} = \text{mex} \{g(3) \oplus g(1), g(2) \oplus g(2)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$

$$g(5) = \text{mex} \{g(4, 1), g(3, 2)\} = \text{mex} \{g(4) \oplus g(1), g(3) \oplus g(2)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

$$g(6) = \text{mex} \{g(5) \oplus g(1), g(4) \oplus g(2), g(3) \oplus g(3)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$

$$g(7) = \text{mex} \{g(6) \oplus g(1), g(5) \oplus g(2), g(4) \oplus g(3)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

$$g(8) = \text{mex} \{g(7) \oplus g(1), g(6) \oplus g(2), g(5) \oplus g(3), g(4) \oplus g(4)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$

$$g(9) = \text{mex} \{g(8) \oplus g(1), g(7) \oplus g(2), g(6) \oplus g(3), g(5) \oplus g(4)\} = \text{mex} \{1\} = 0.$$

$$g(10) = \text{mex} \{g(9) \oplus g(1), g(8) \oplus g(2), g(7) \oplus g(3), g(6) \oplus g(4), g(5) \oplus g(5)\} = \text{mex} \{0\} = 1.$$