Deterministic moles cannot solve liveness

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"the trade-off is exactly $2^n - 1$ "





















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PROOF PLAN: Construct a string of graphs w such that:

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 - 2. we have definitely missed the real reasons...



















REASON #2: two-way determinism vs. one-way nondeterminism



REASON #1: it is such a nice problem!

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