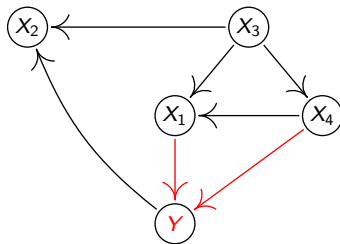


A stability upgrade for data-driven models



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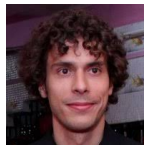
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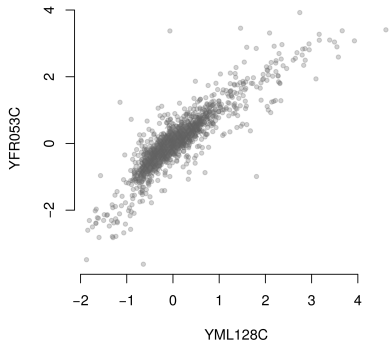
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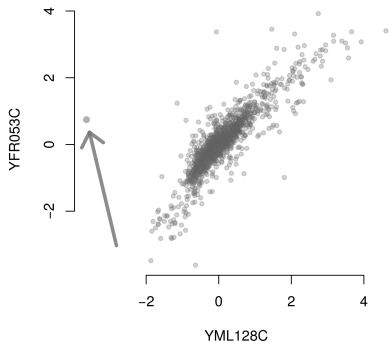
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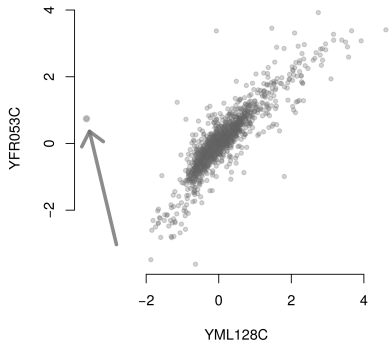
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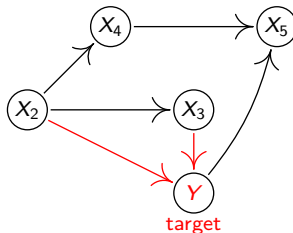
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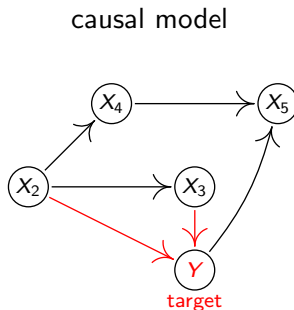
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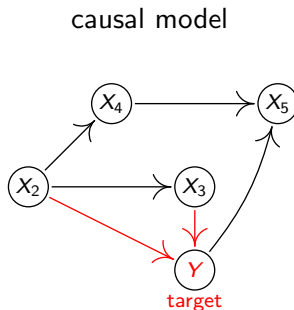


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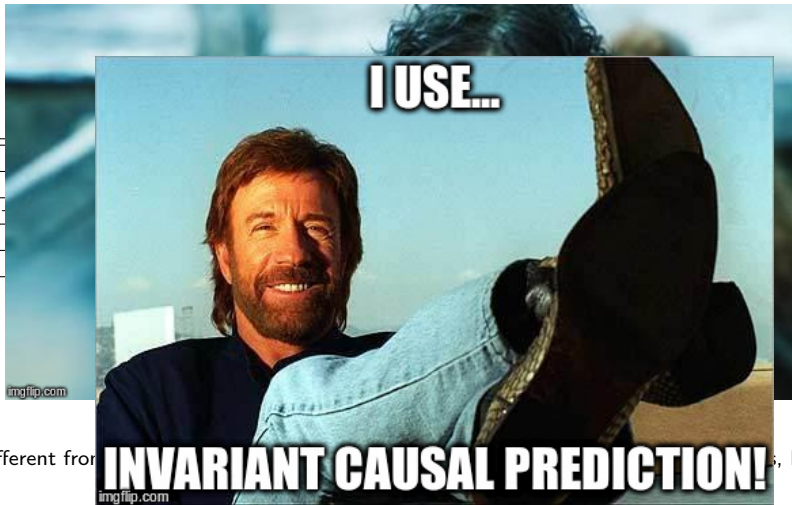
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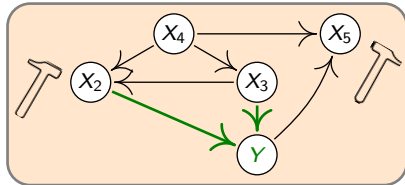
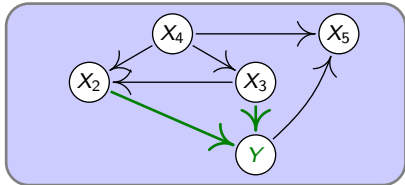
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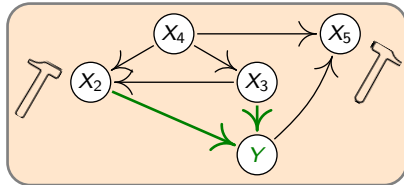
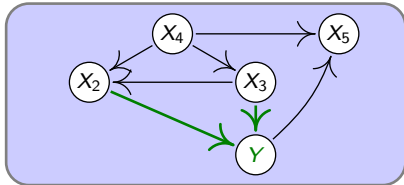
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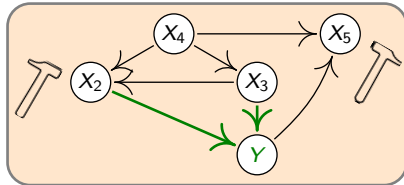
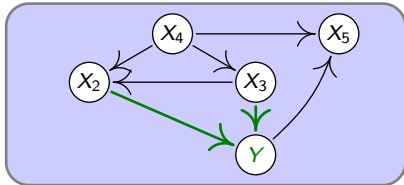
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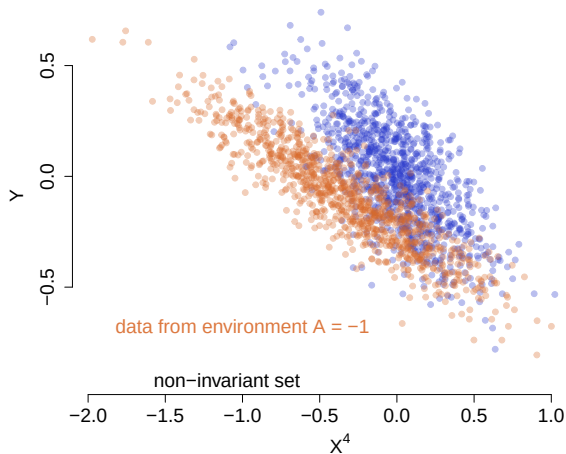
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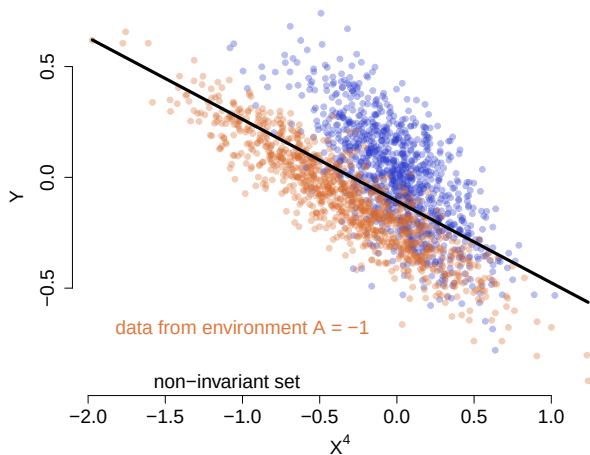
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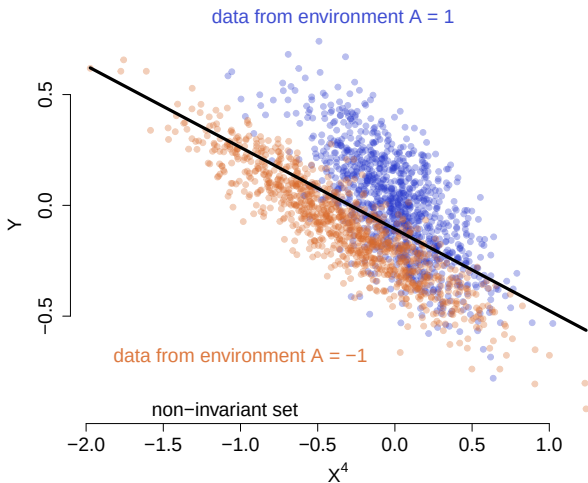
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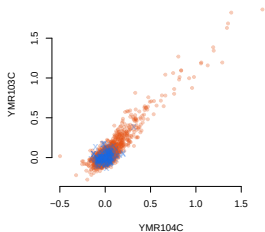


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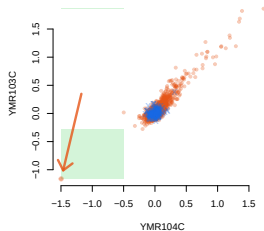
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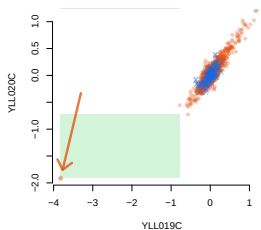
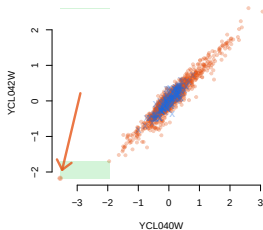
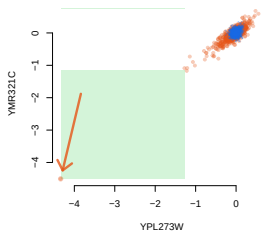
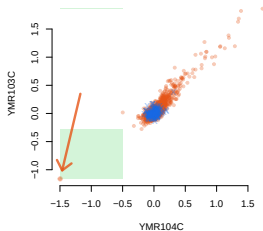
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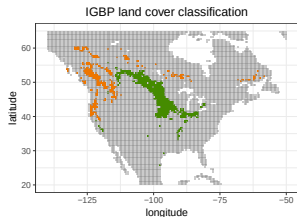
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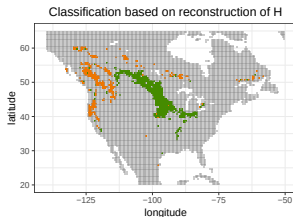
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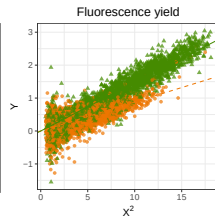
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Survival data (registry data):

Laksafoss, JP: *Causal Methods for Survival Analysis*, work in progress











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Theil (1958), Nagar (1959) – joint work with Martin Emil Jakobsen

Idea 2:

N. Pfister, S. Bauer, JP:

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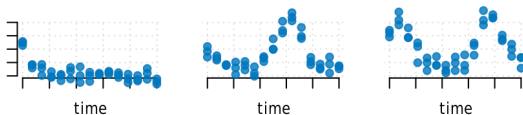
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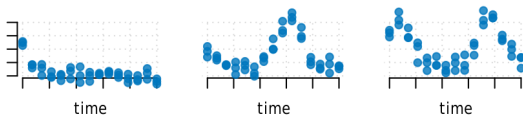


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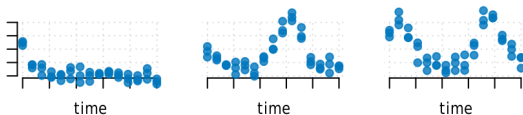
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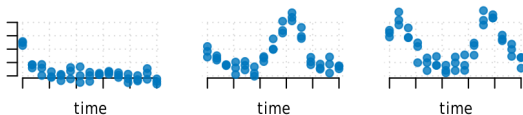
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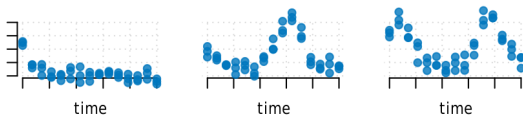
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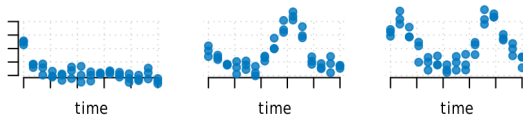
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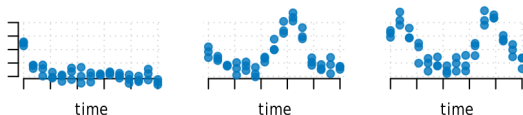
GIVEN: discrete time measurements (w/ repetitions): $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{t_m}$.



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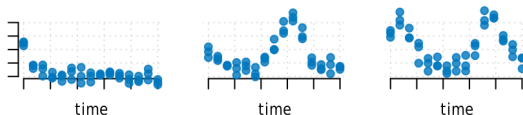


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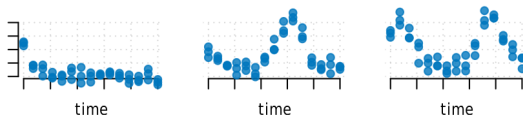
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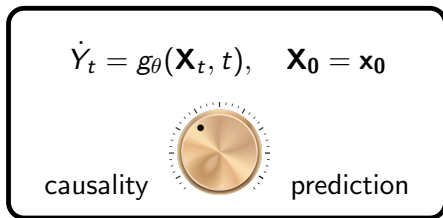
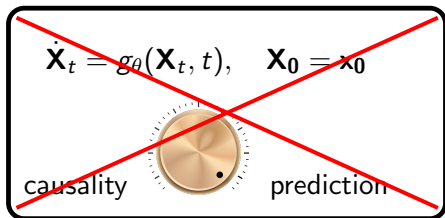
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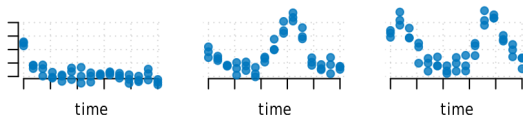


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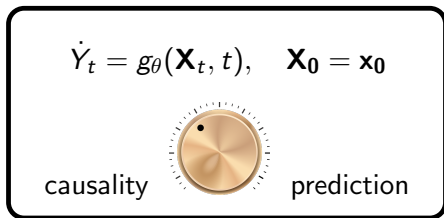
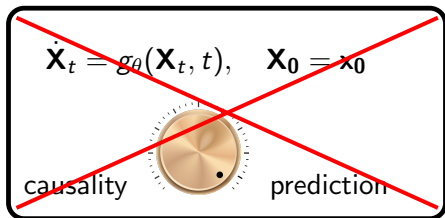
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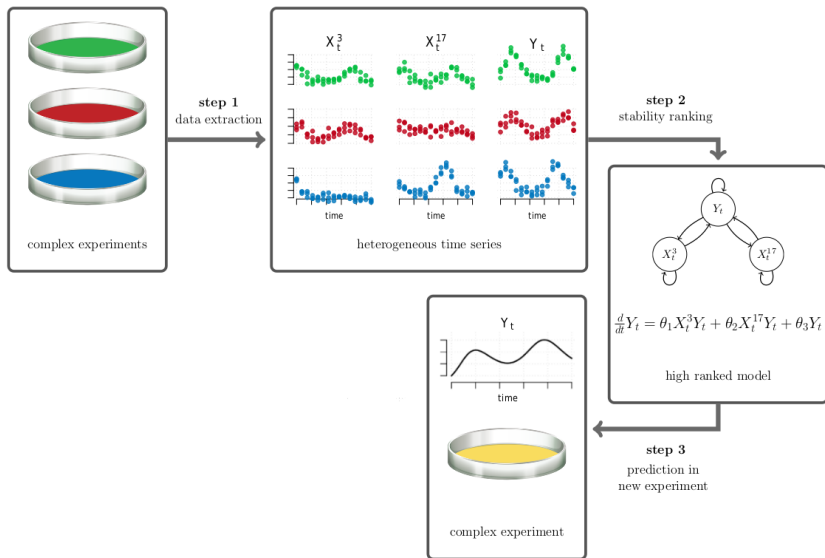
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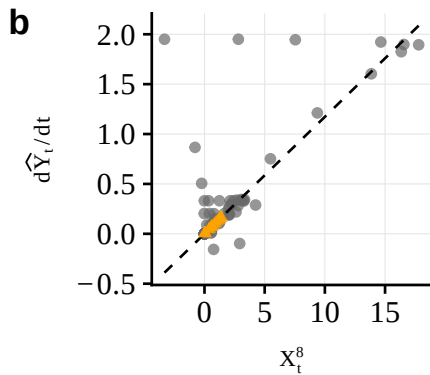
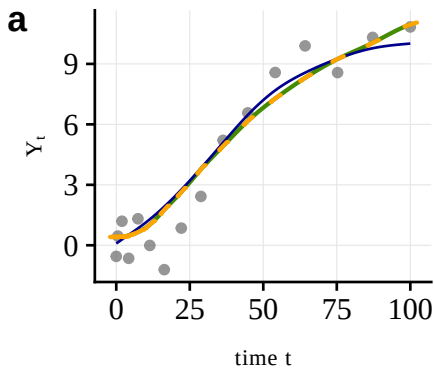
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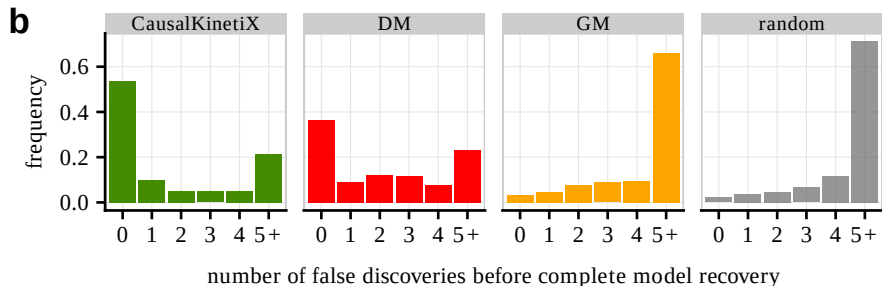
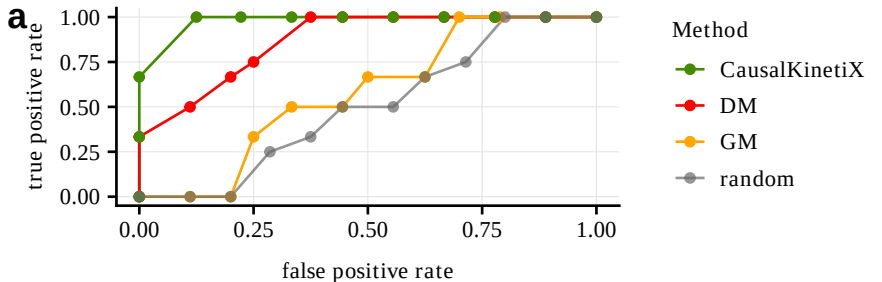
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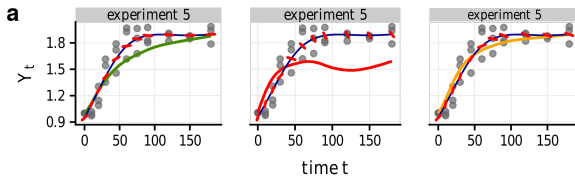
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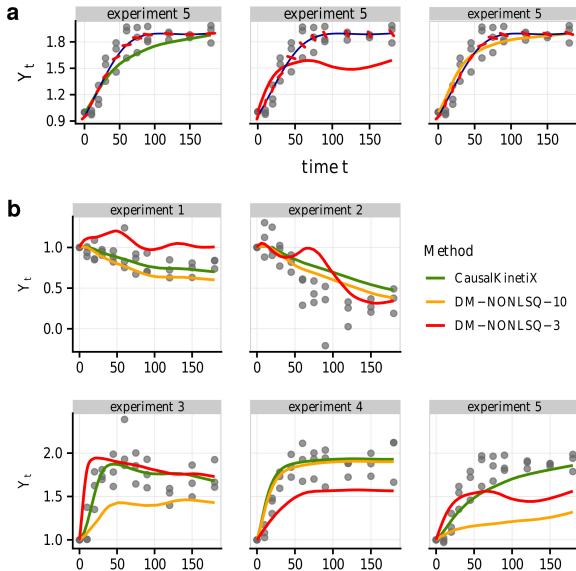
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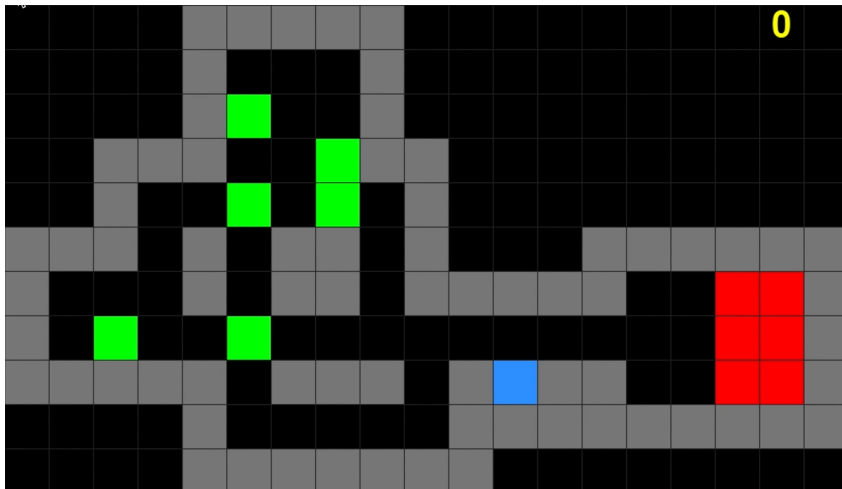
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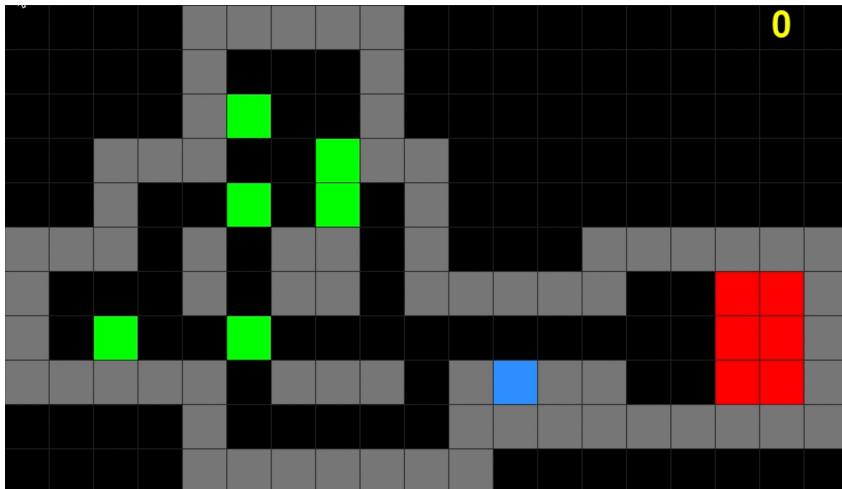


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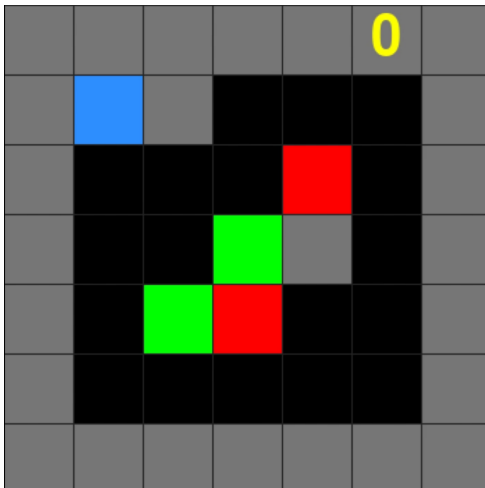


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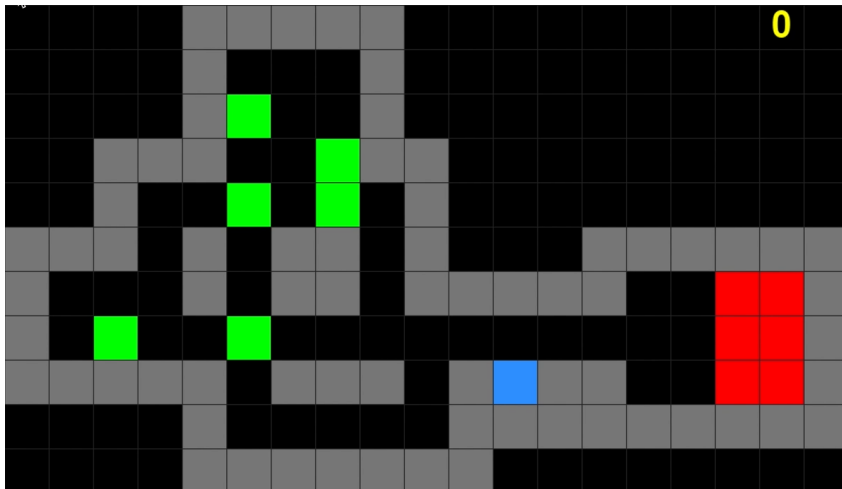
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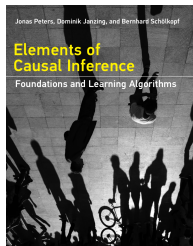


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