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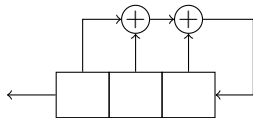
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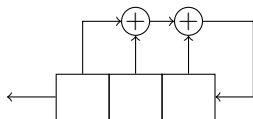
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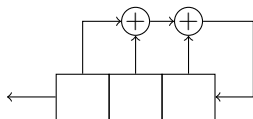
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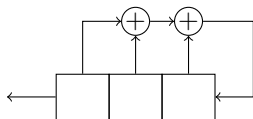
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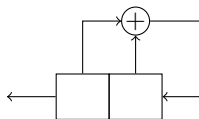
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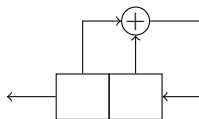
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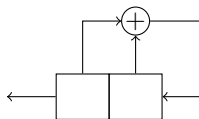
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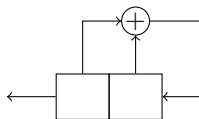
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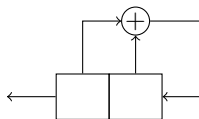
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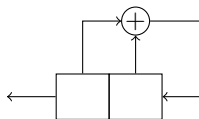
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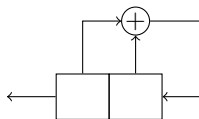
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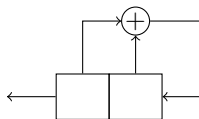
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The coefficients of x^2, x^3, \dots match shifts of 011 because the coefficient vector of $P^*(x)$ is 111.

The coefficients of x^0 and x^1 have fewer terms because their degree is lower than $\deg(P)$.

That's why we need to treat them separately in

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