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The problem for which the input is  $n$  and the description of the Turing-machine and the output is another path ending is called **END-OF-THE-LINE**.

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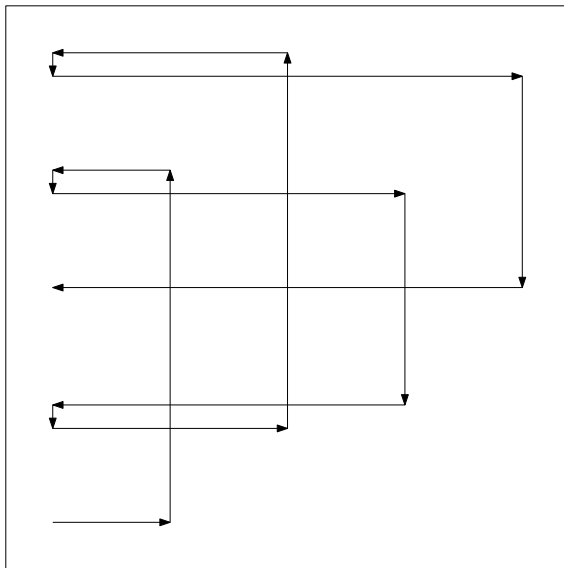
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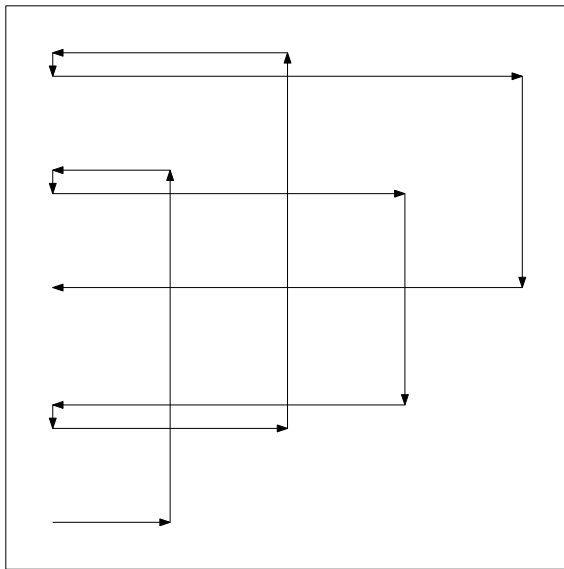
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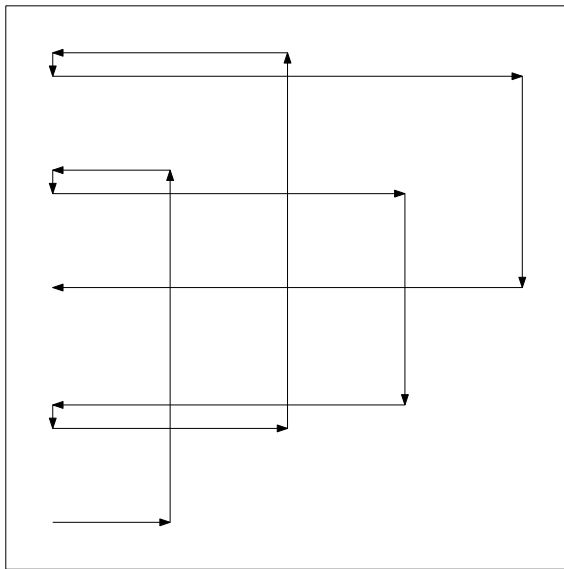
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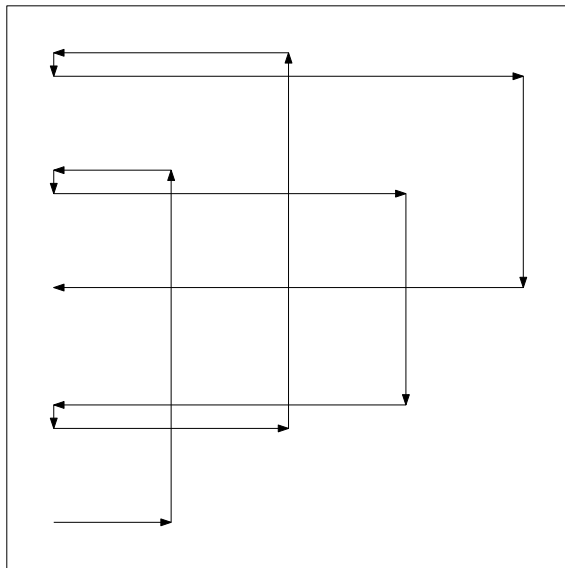
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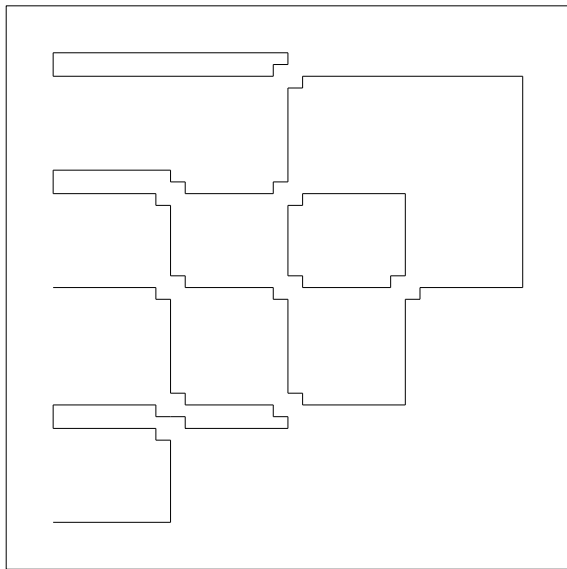




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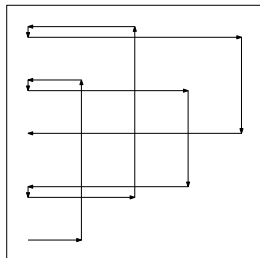
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Thank you for your attention!



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