

# The Brauer Project

## Understanding Idempotents in Diagram Semigroups and Algebras

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# Public Service Announcement

The first paper from this project is available at **arXiv:1408.2021**, and in the Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (JCTA).

The second has appeared in preprint form, at **arXiv:1507.04838**. A third is “in the works.”

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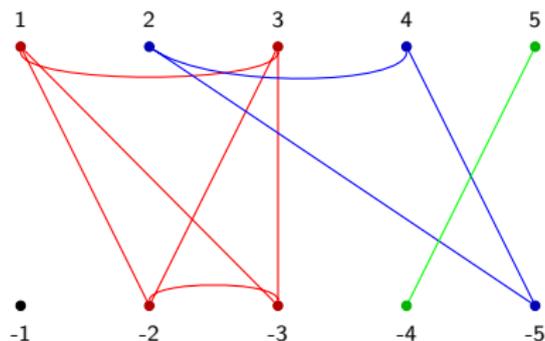
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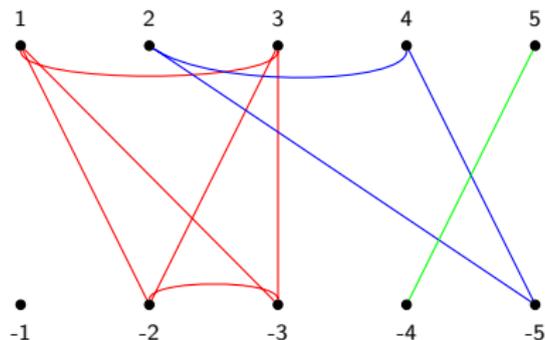
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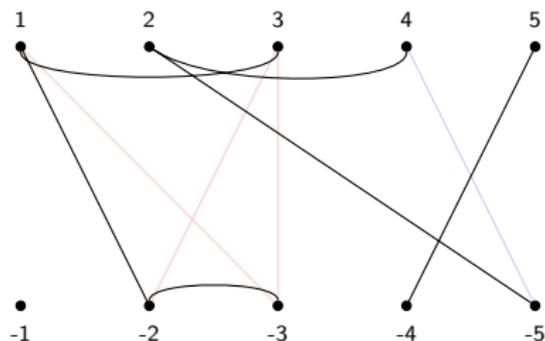
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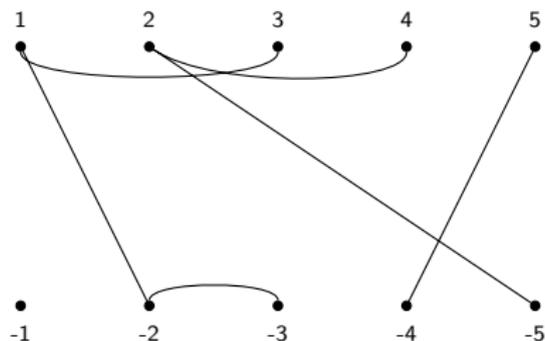
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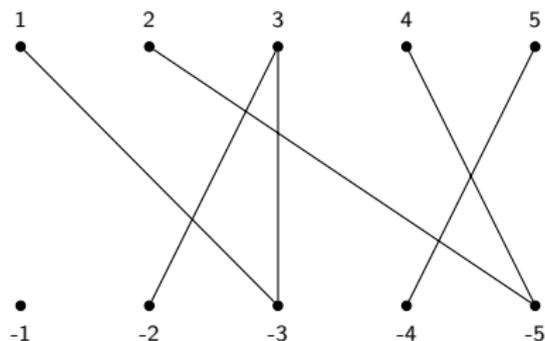
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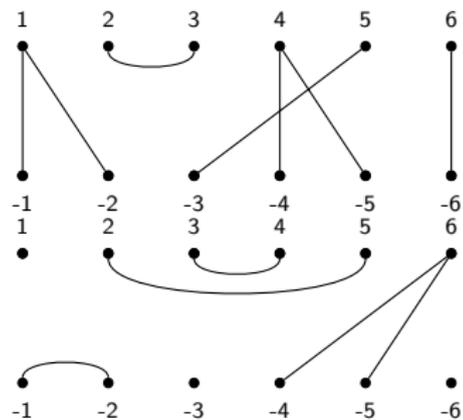
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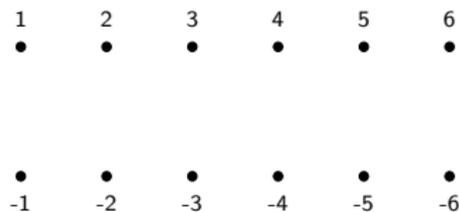
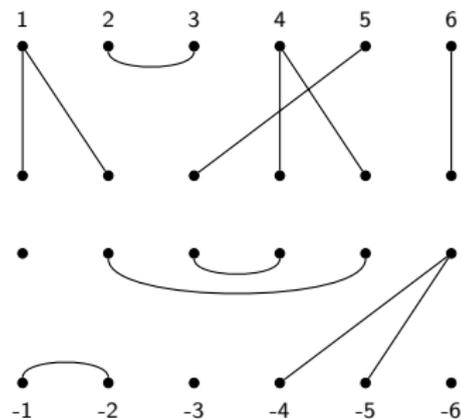
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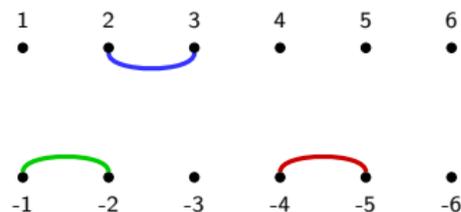
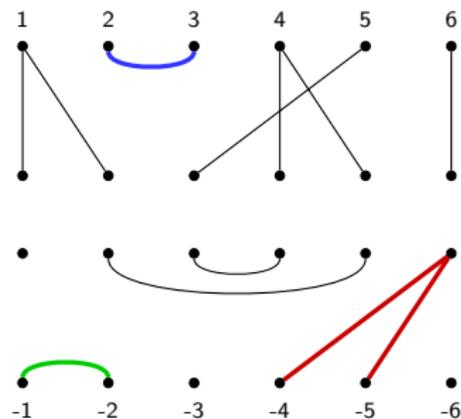


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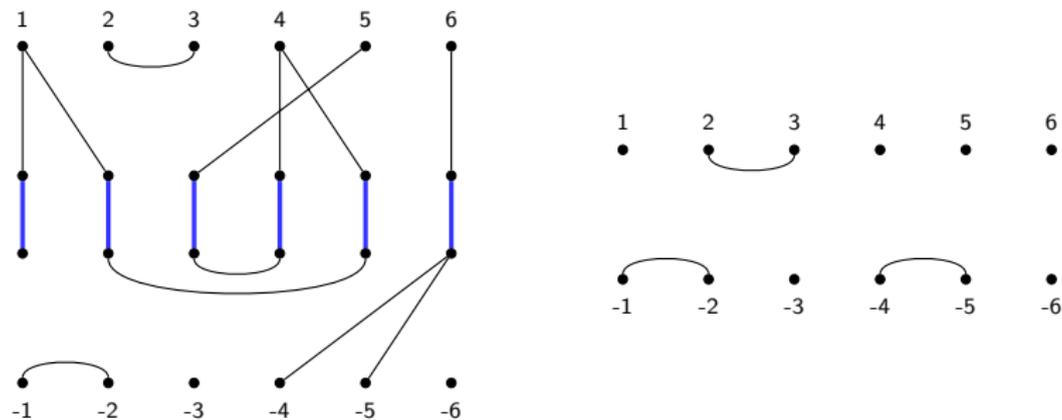
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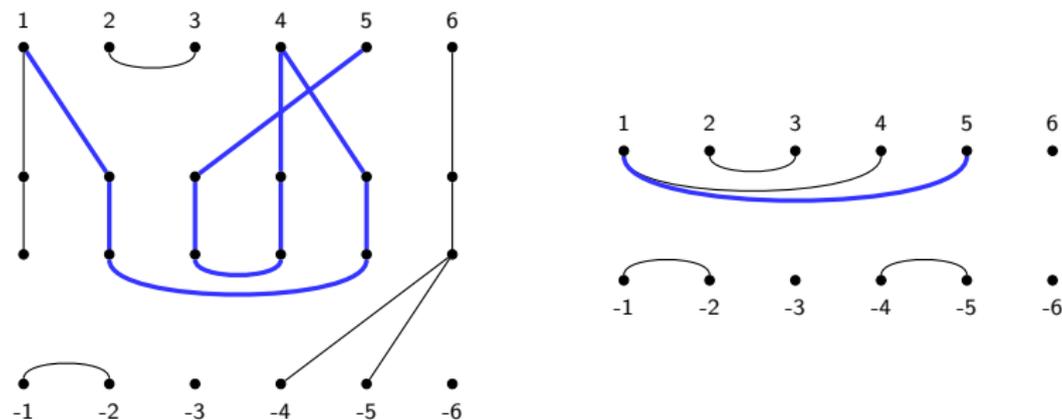
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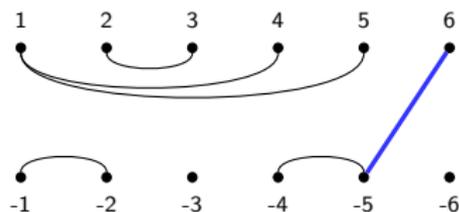
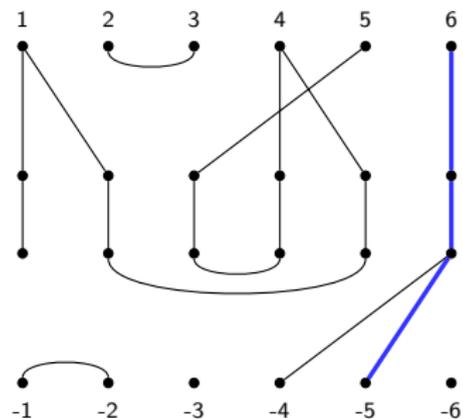


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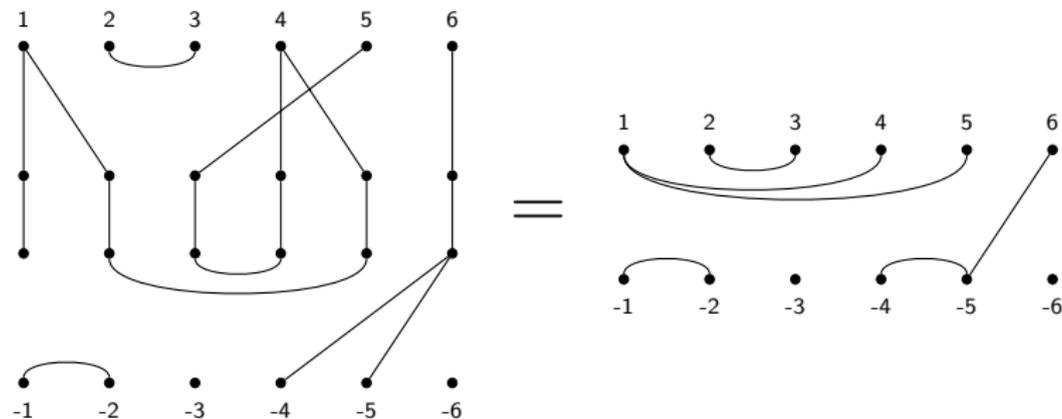
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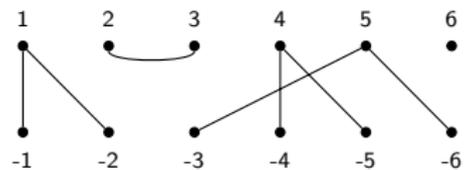
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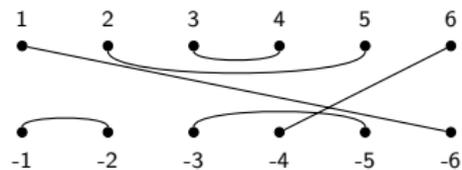


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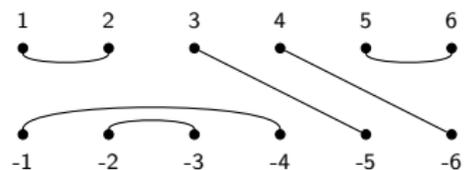
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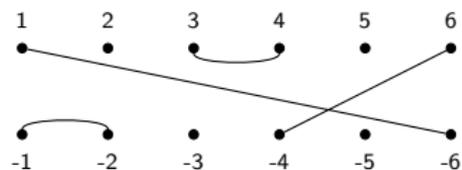
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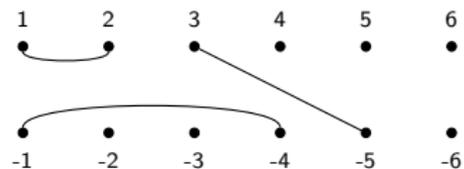
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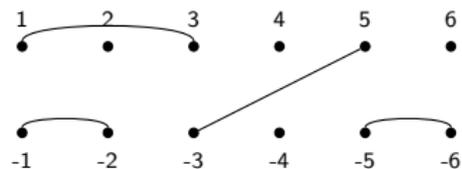
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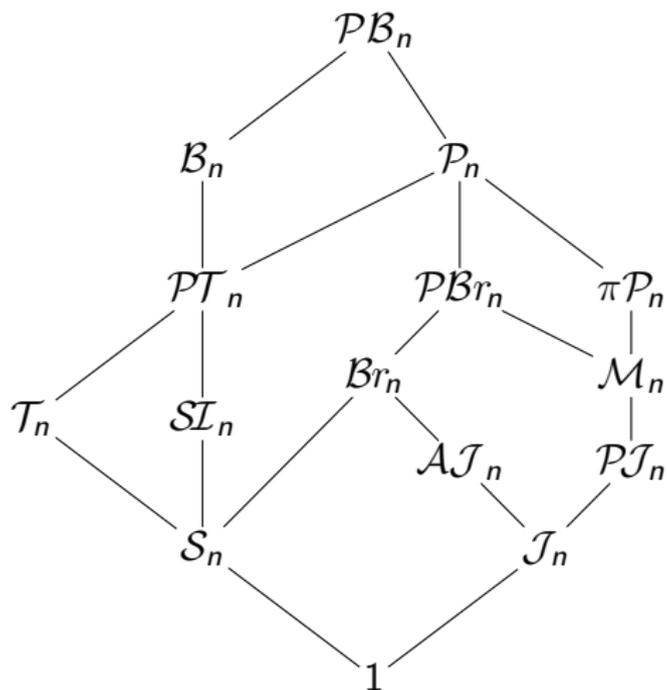


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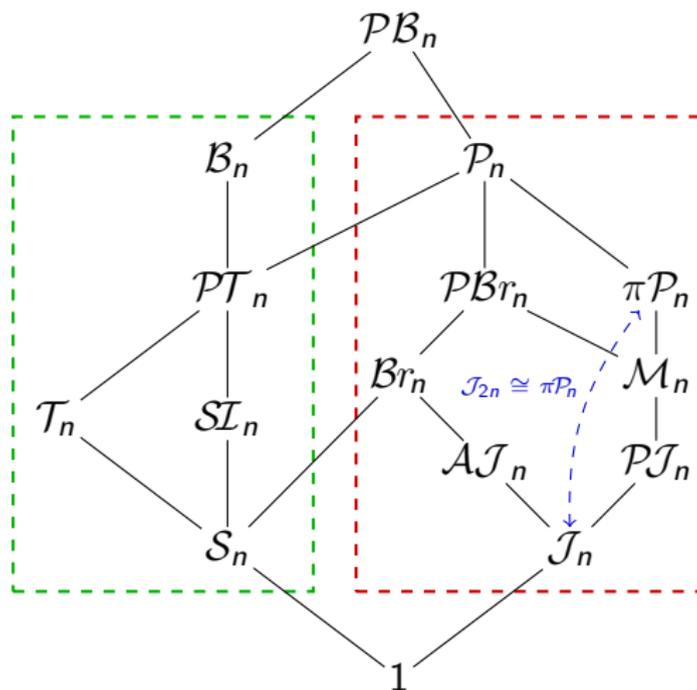


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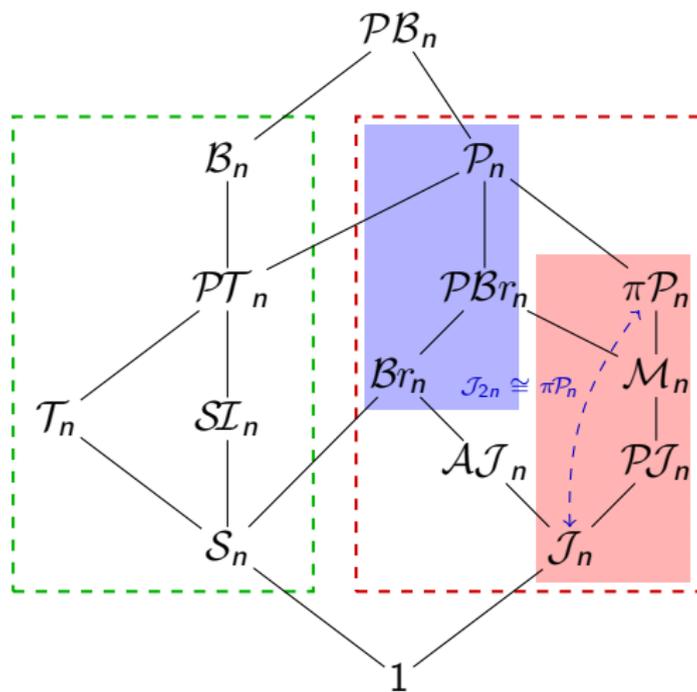
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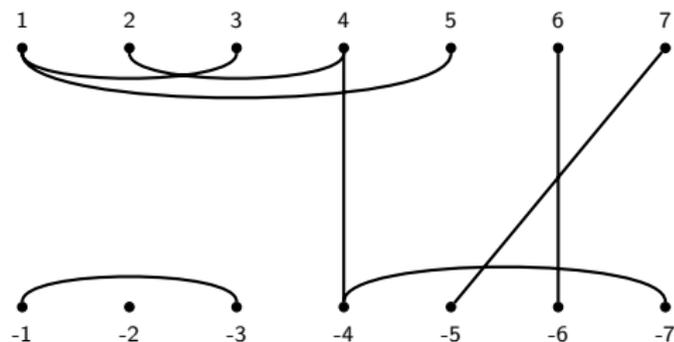
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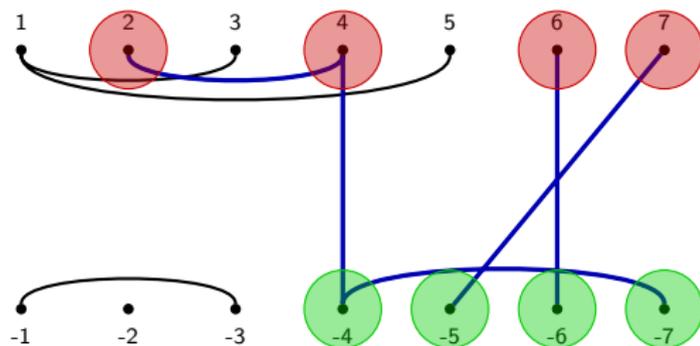


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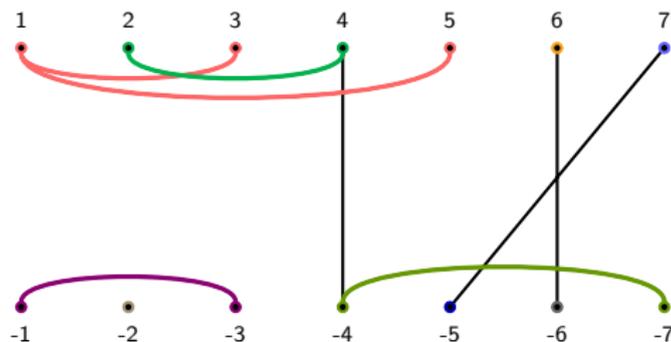
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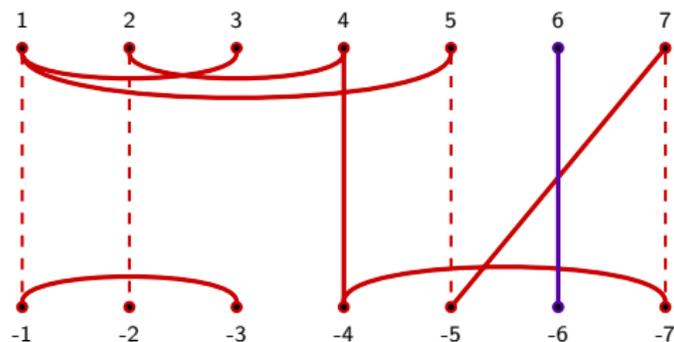


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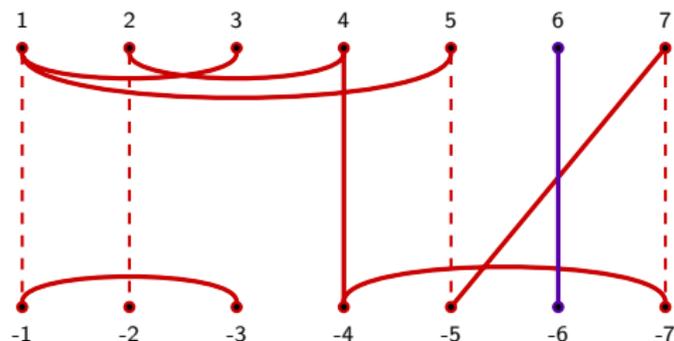
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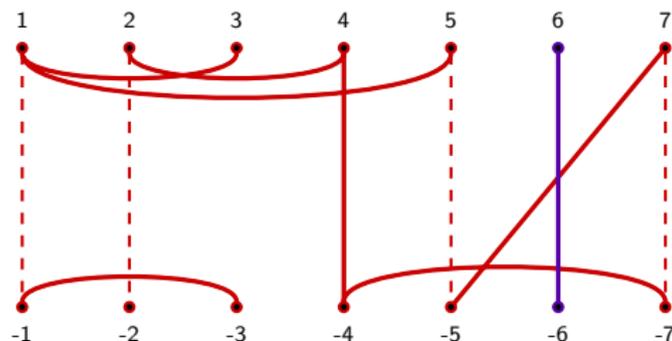
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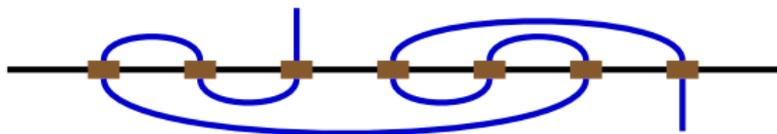
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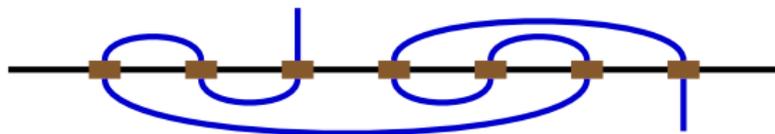
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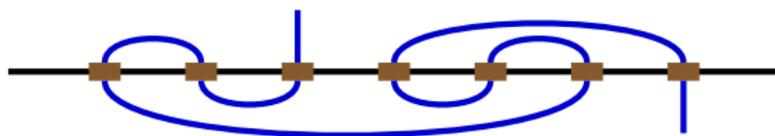
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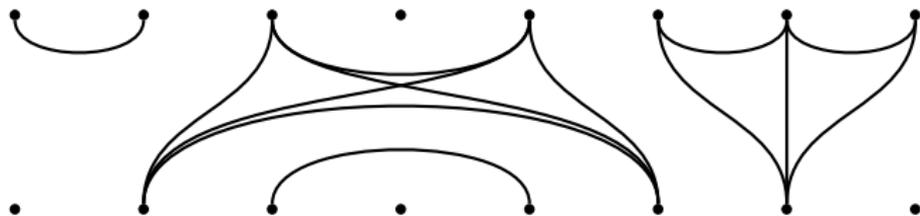
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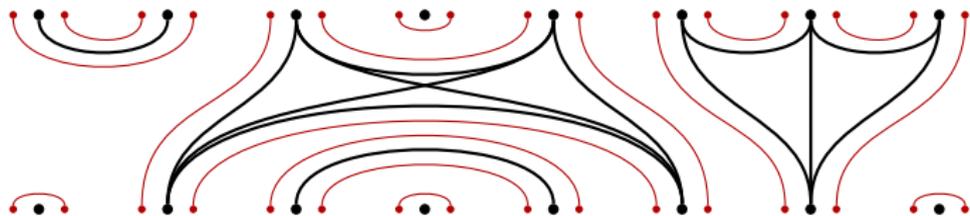
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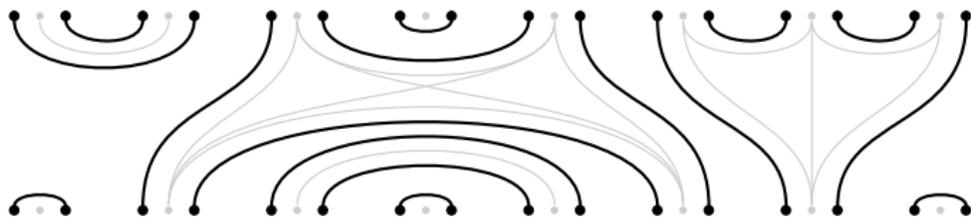
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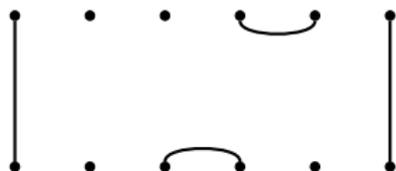


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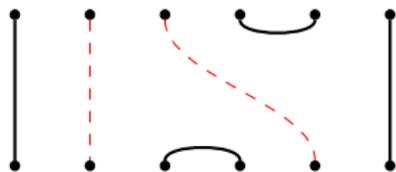
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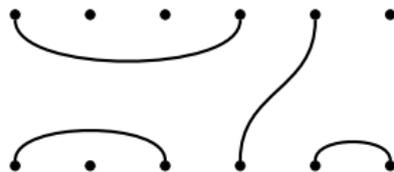
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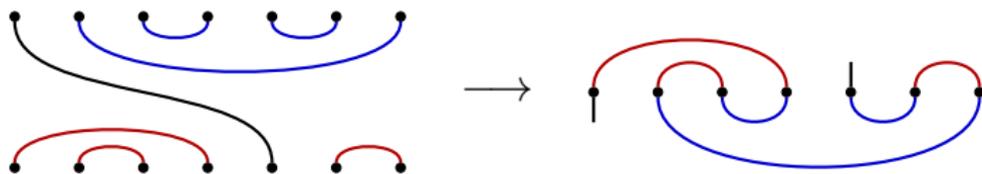
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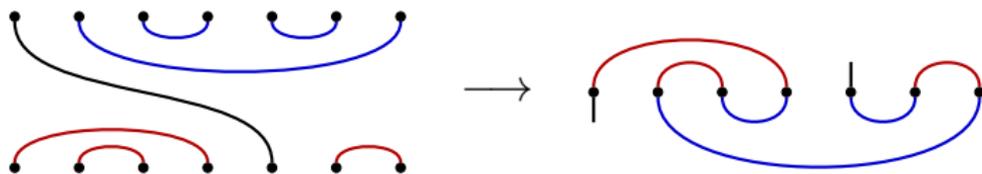
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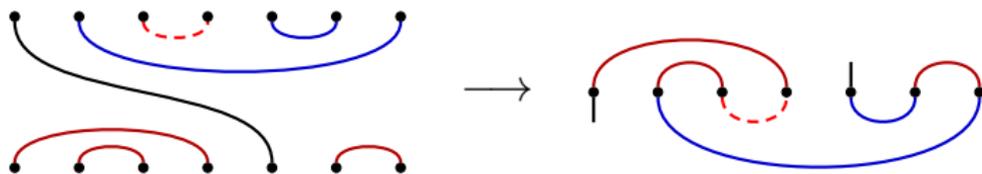
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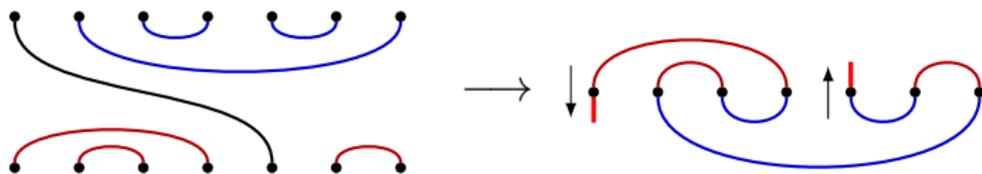
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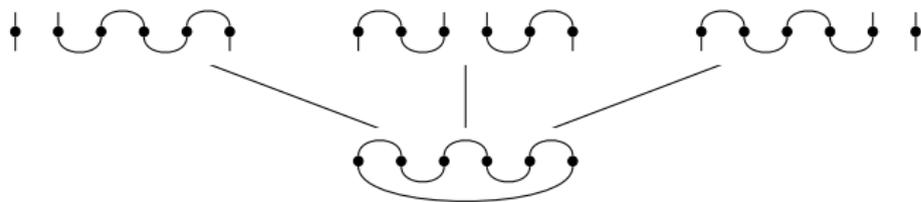
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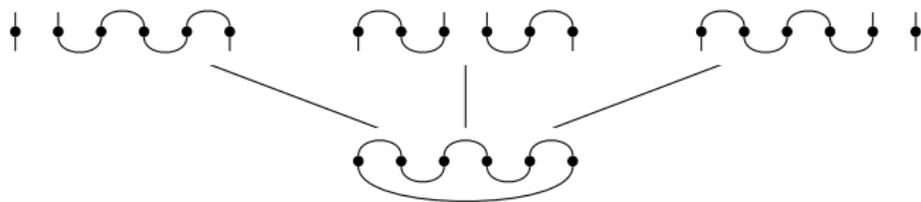
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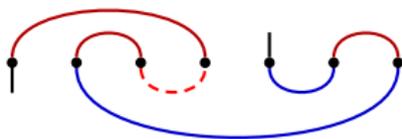
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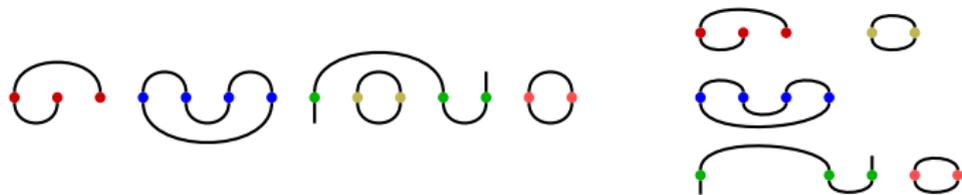
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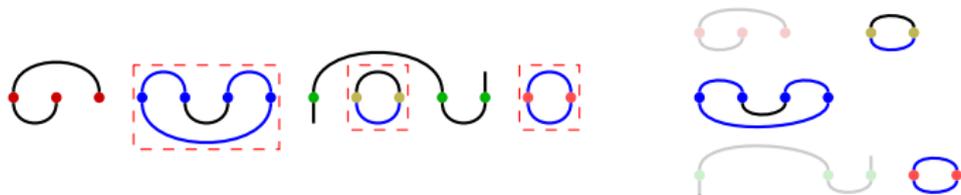
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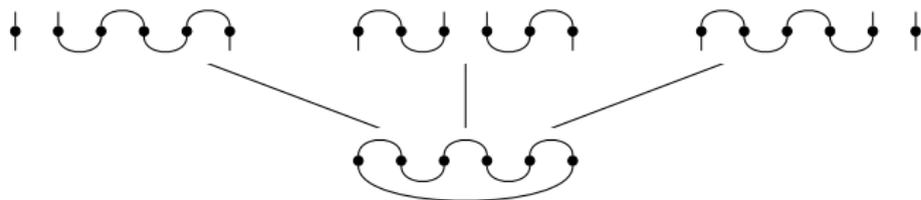
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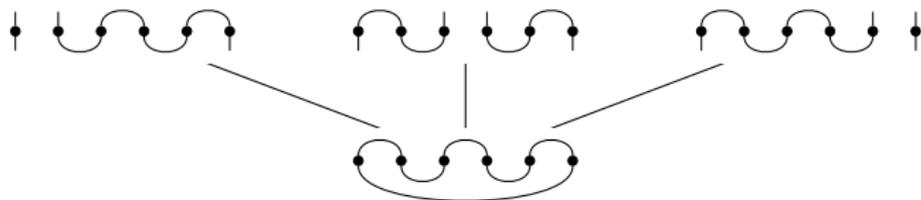
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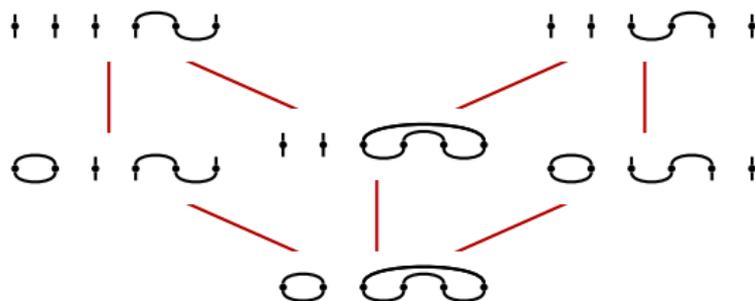
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