

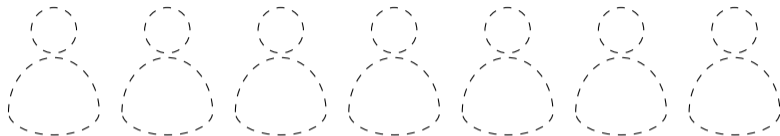
Constant-Competitive Random Assignment MSP Without Knowing the Matroid

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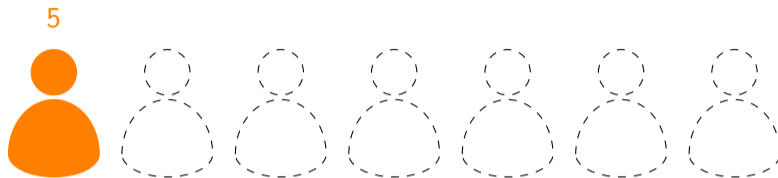
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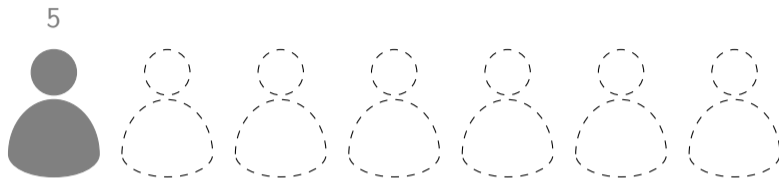
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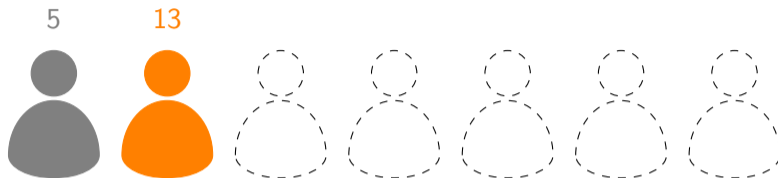
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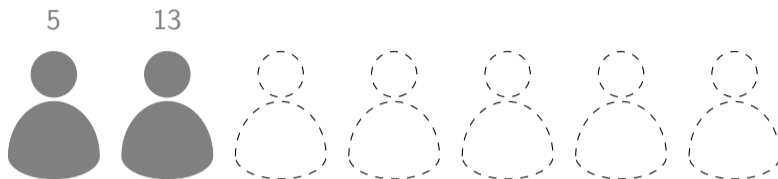
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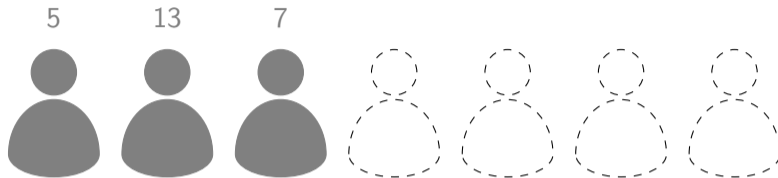
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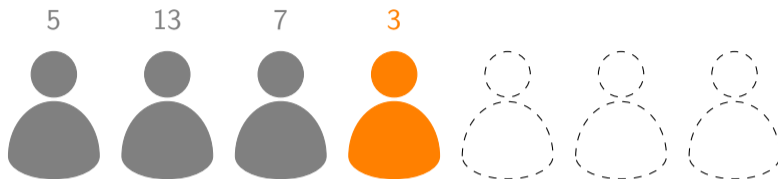
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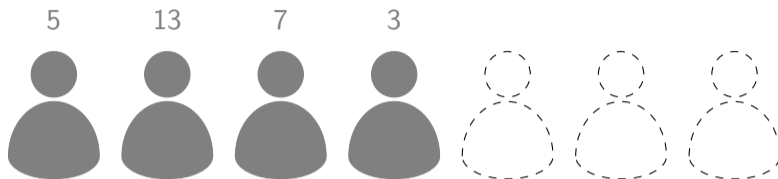
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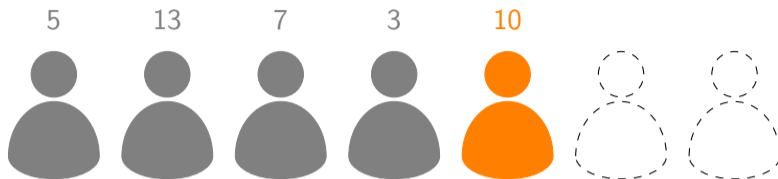
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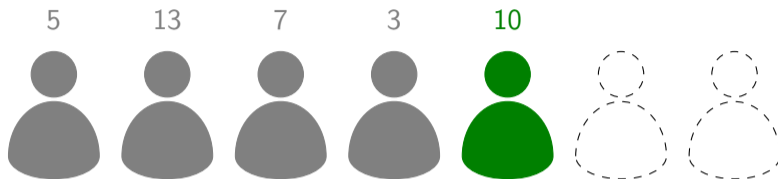
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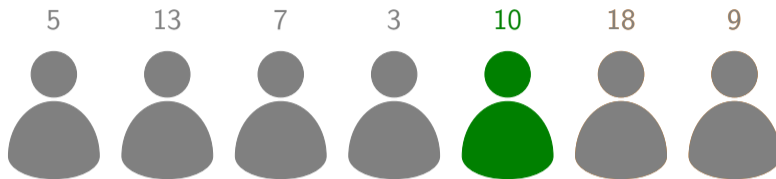
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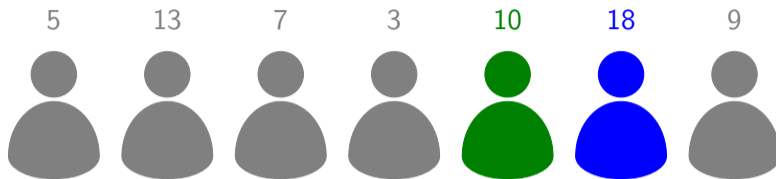
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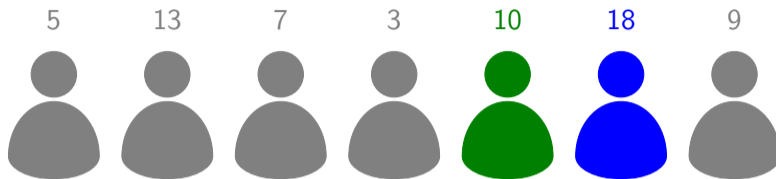
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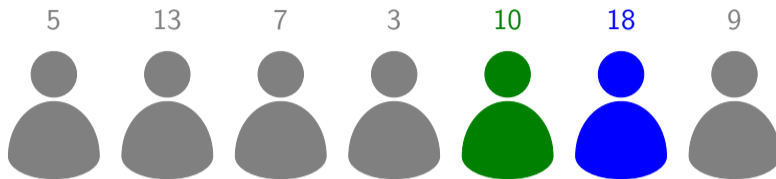


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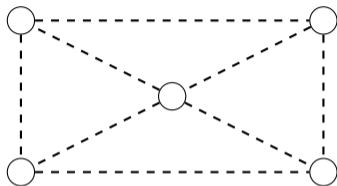


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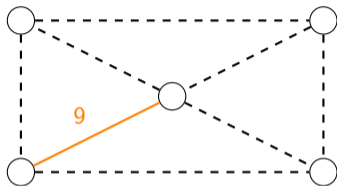
Theorem [Dynkin 1963]

There exists an optimal $\frac{1}{e}$ -competitive algorithm.

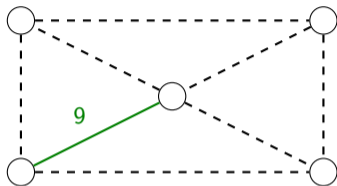
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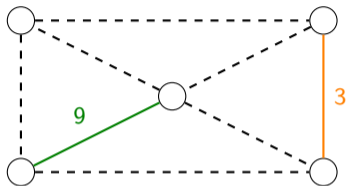
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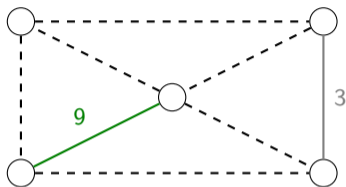
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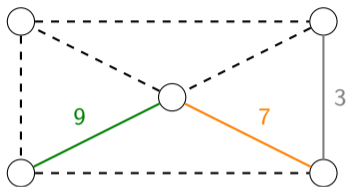
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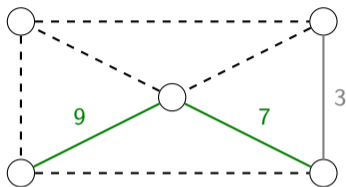
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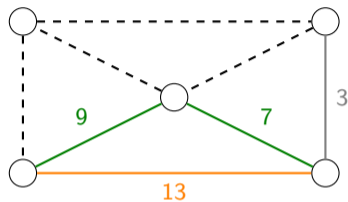
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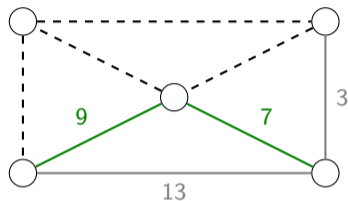
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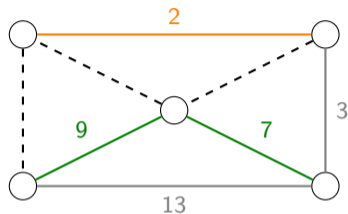
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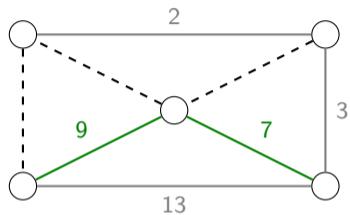
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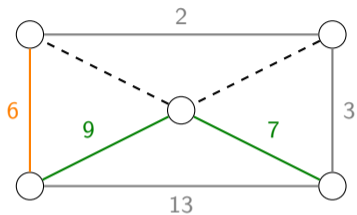
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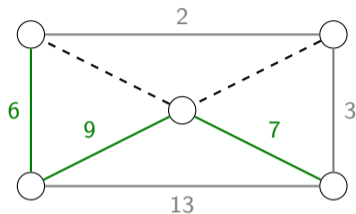
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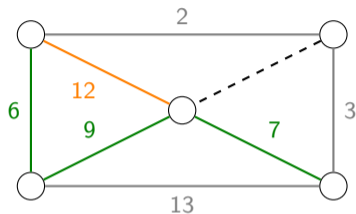
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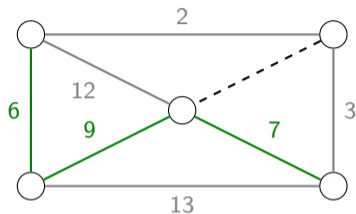
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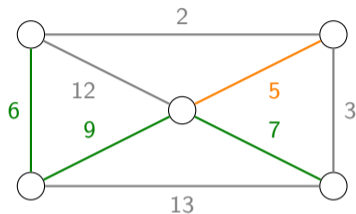
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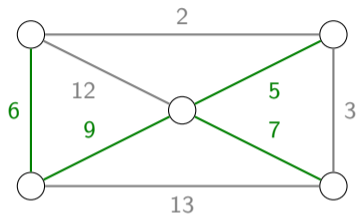
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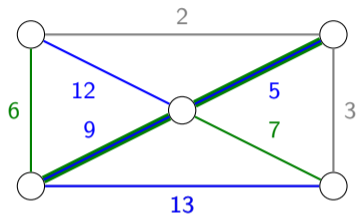
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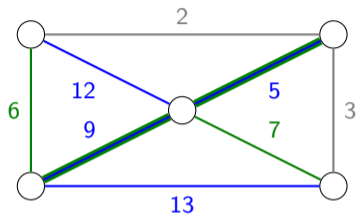
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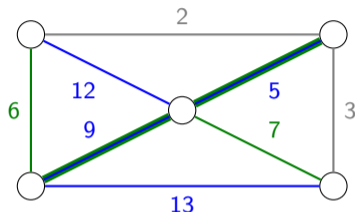


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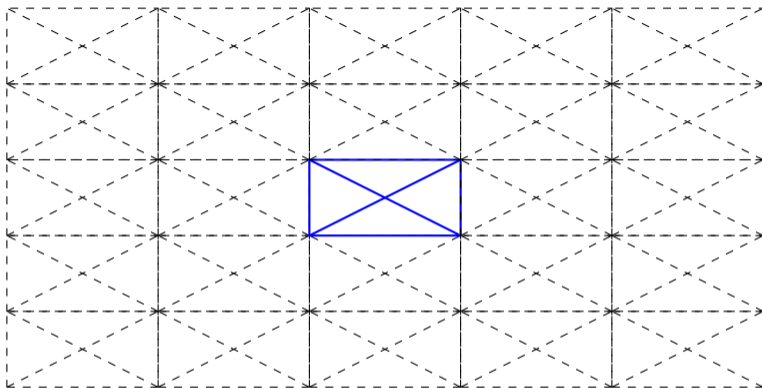
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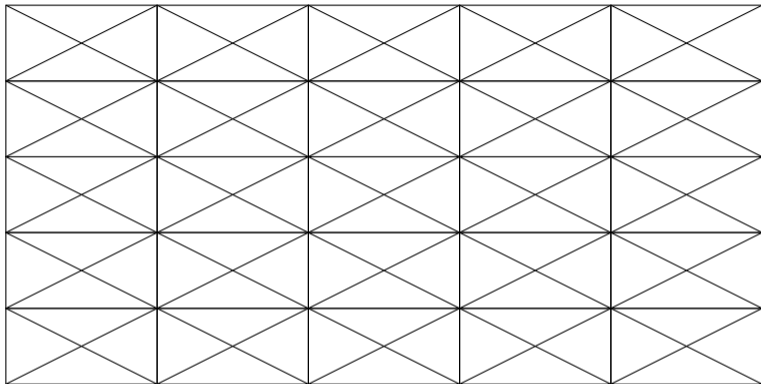
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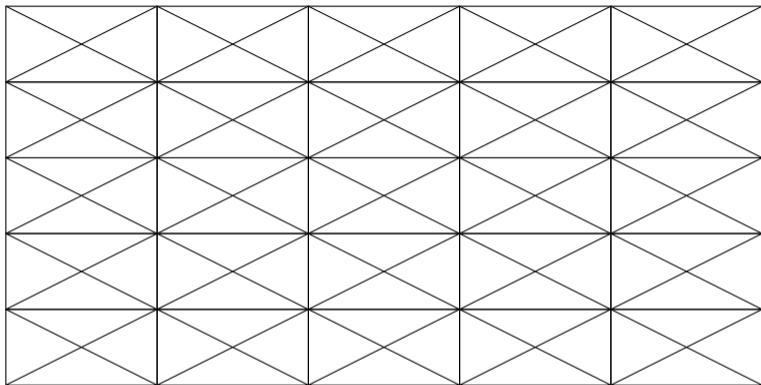
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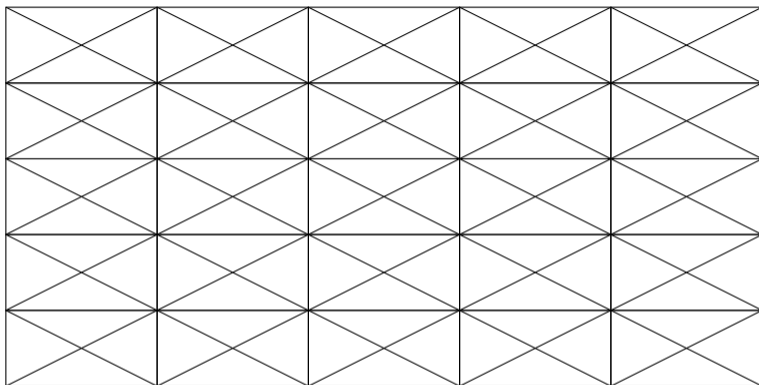


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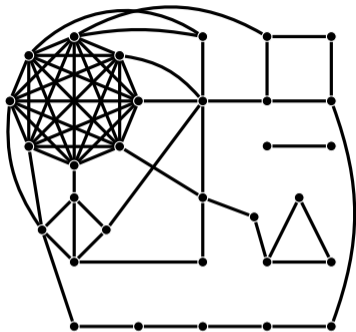
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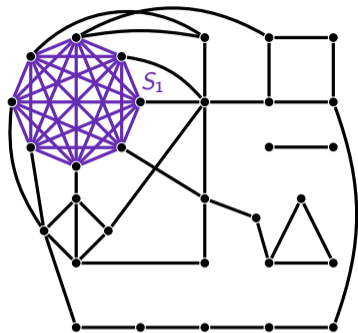
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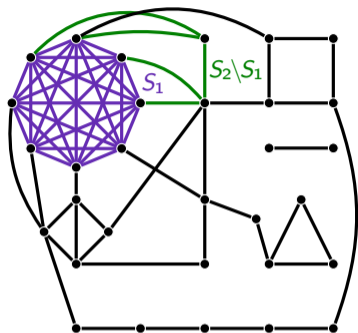


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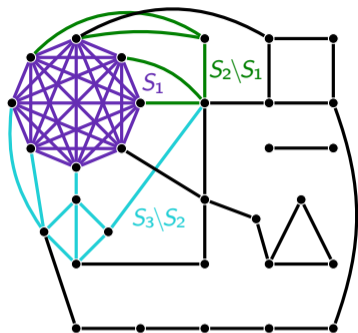


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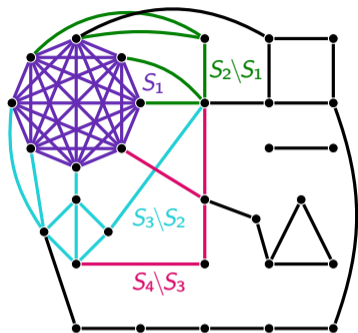


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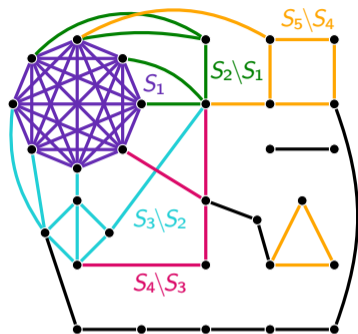


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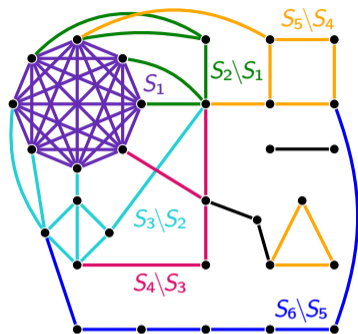


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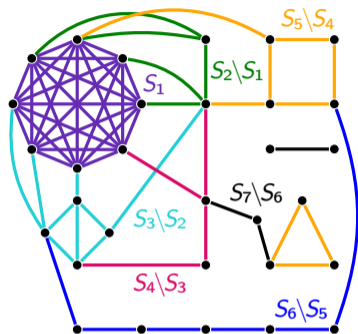


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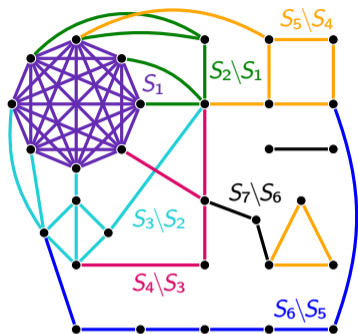


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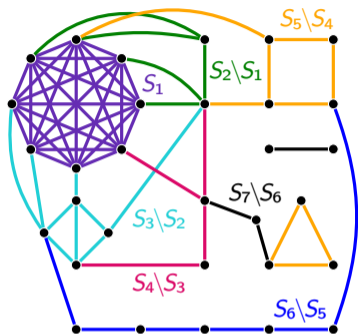
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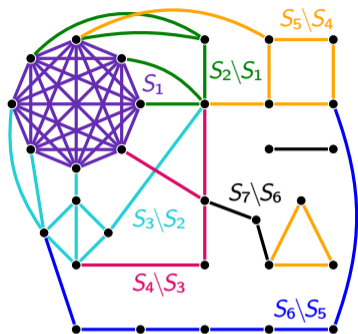
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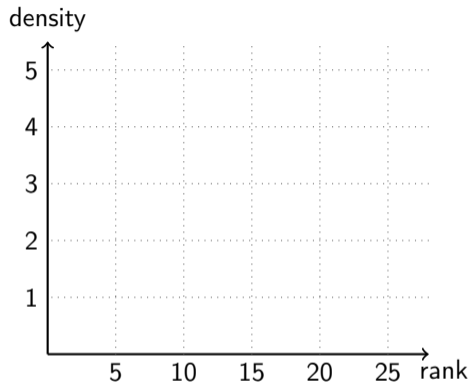
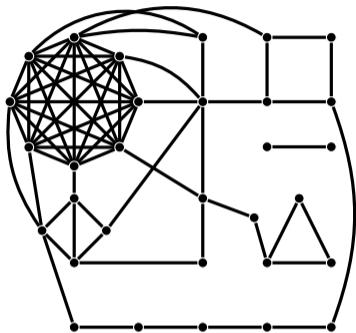
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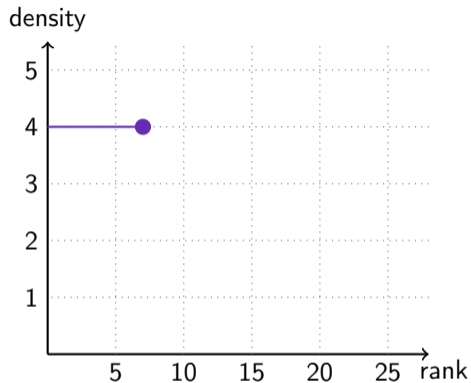
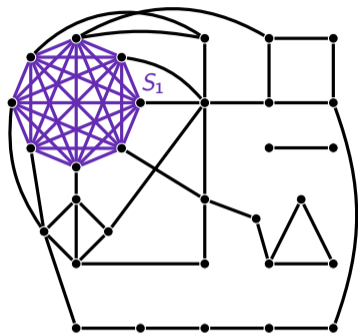
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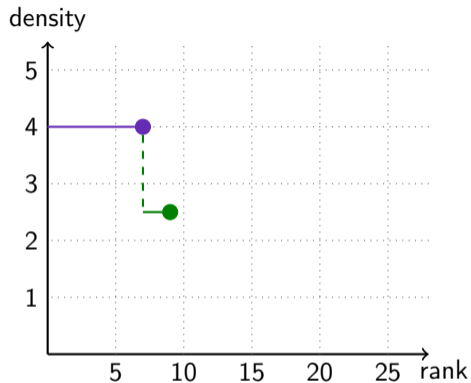
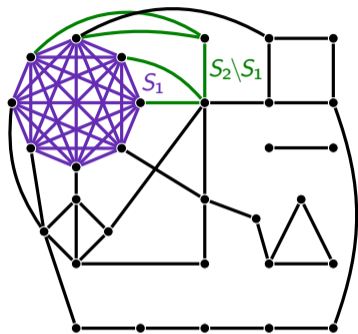
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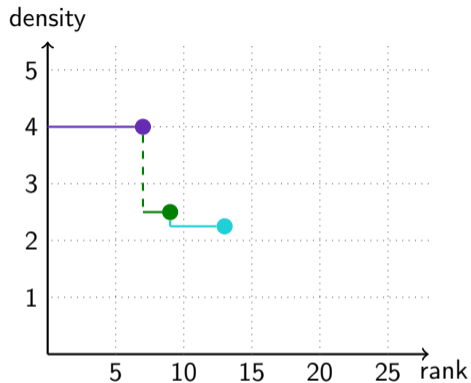
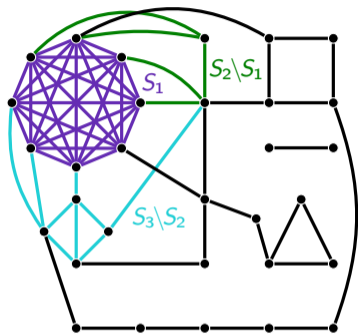
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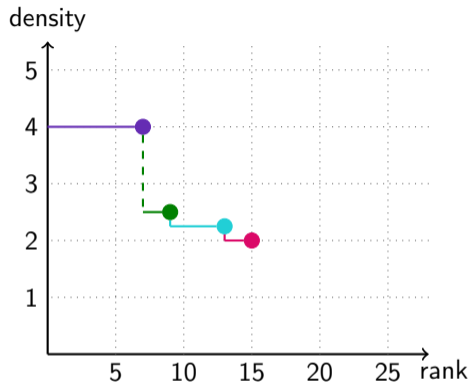
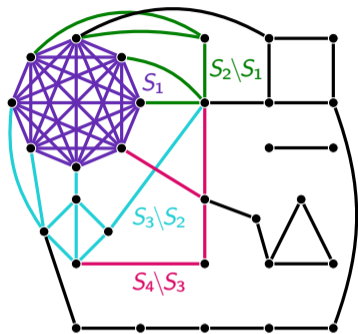
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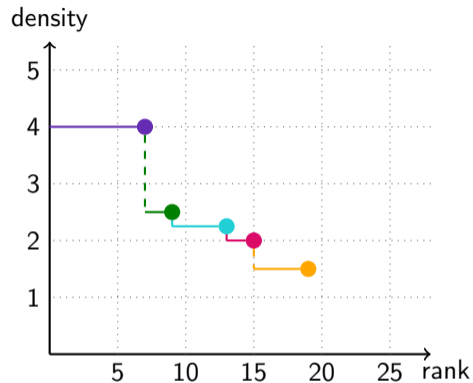
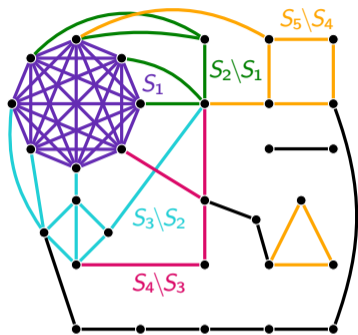
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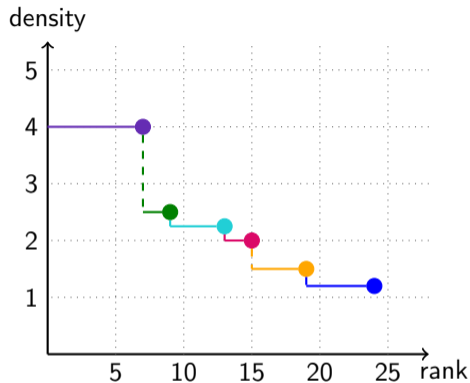
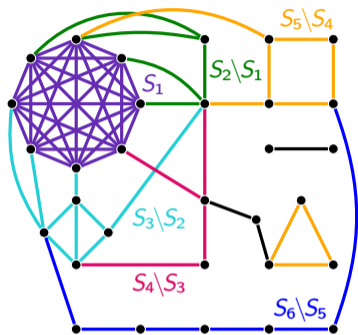
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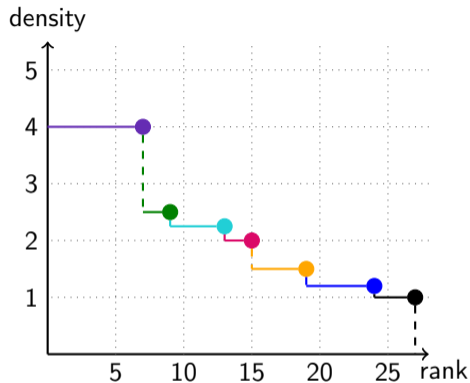
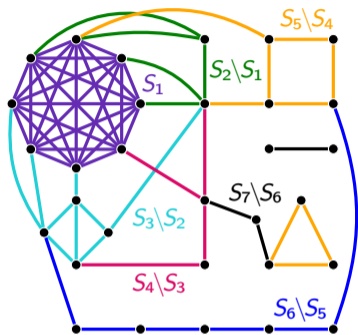
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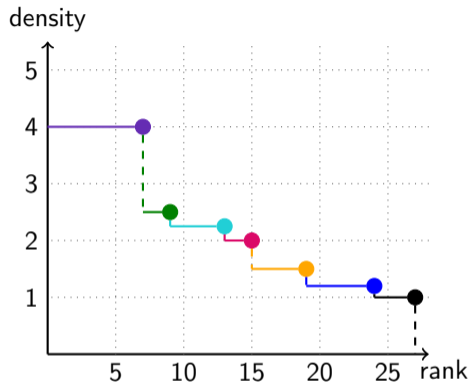
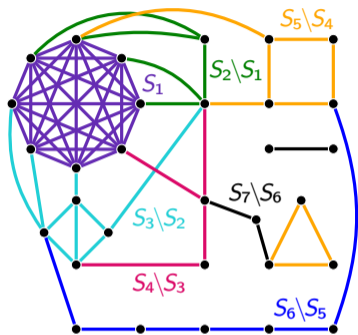
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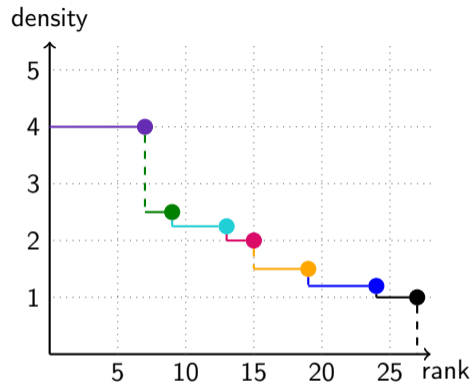
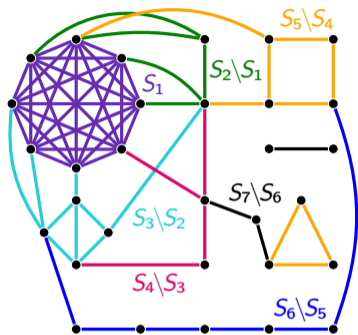


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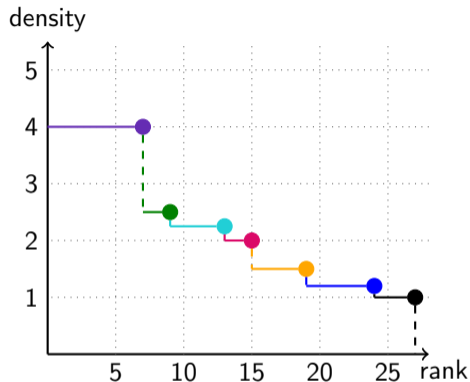
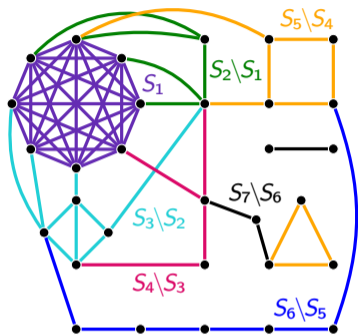
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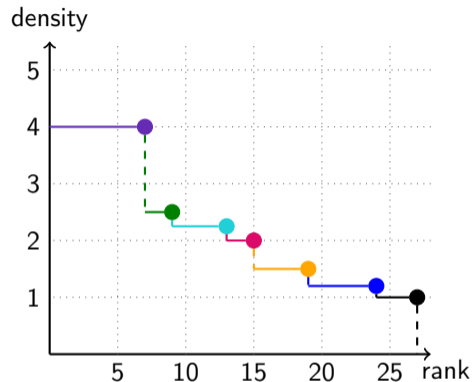
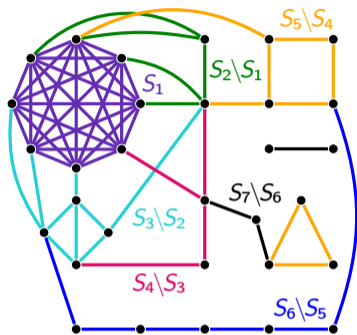
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