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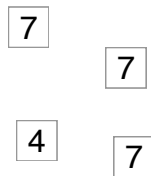
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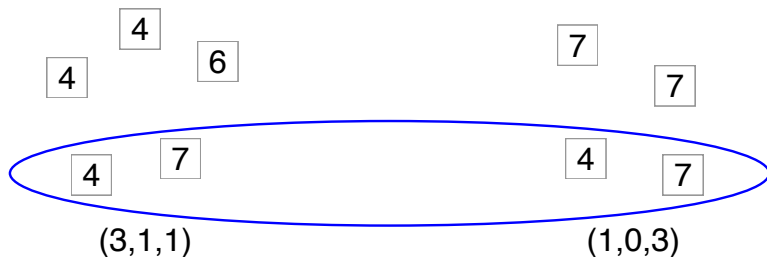
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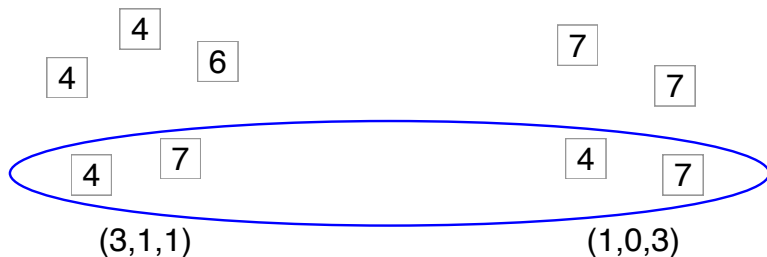


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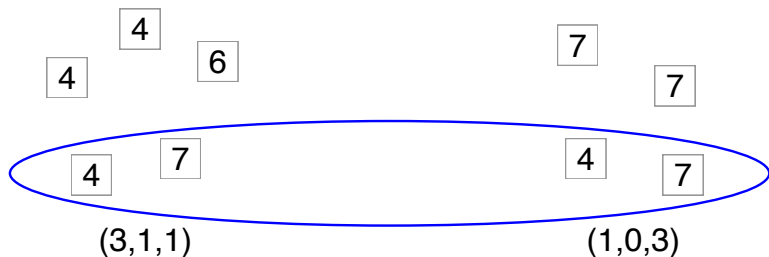


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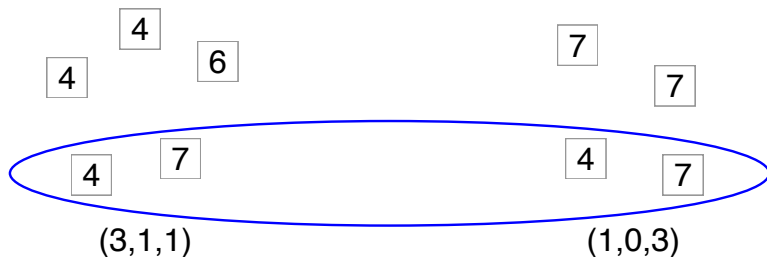


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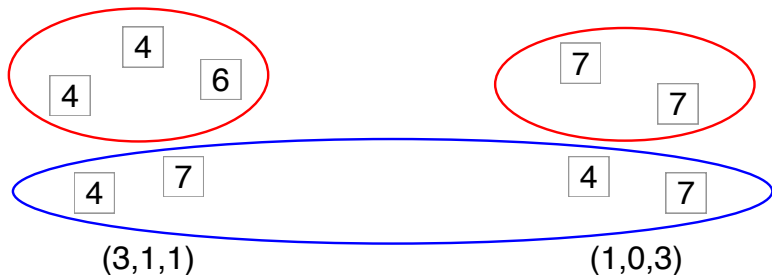


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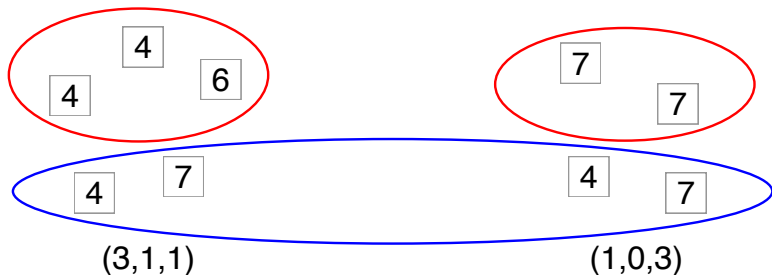


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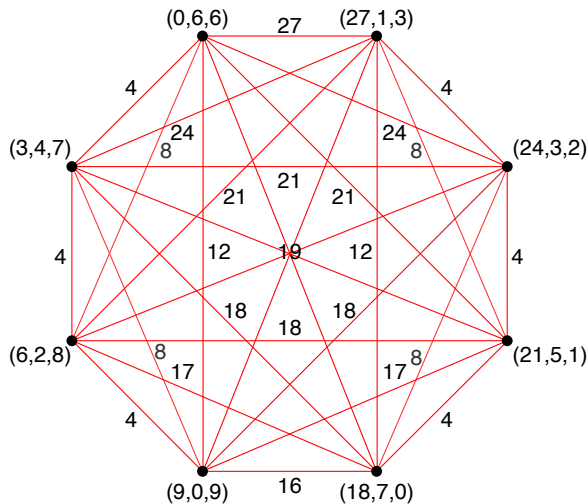
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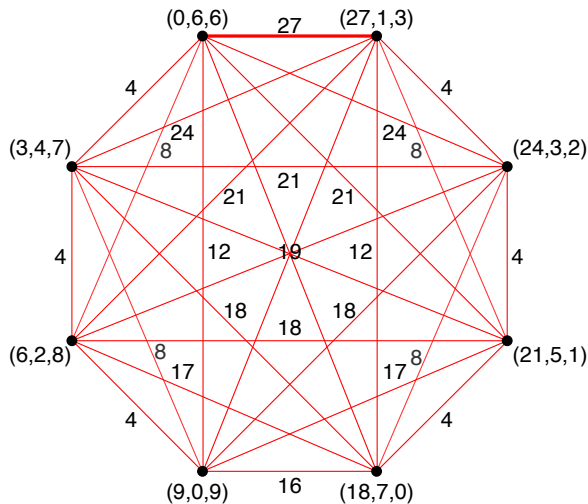
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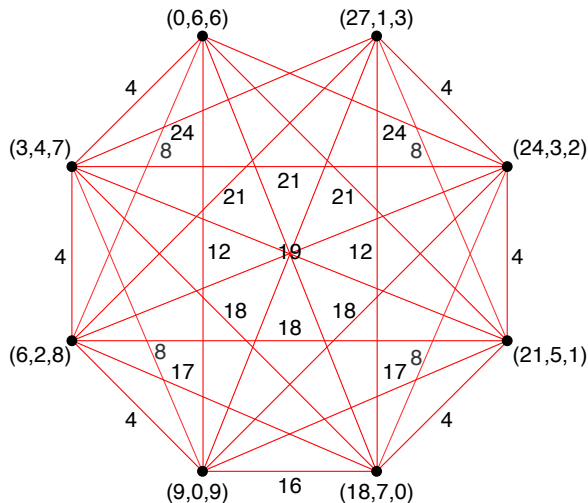
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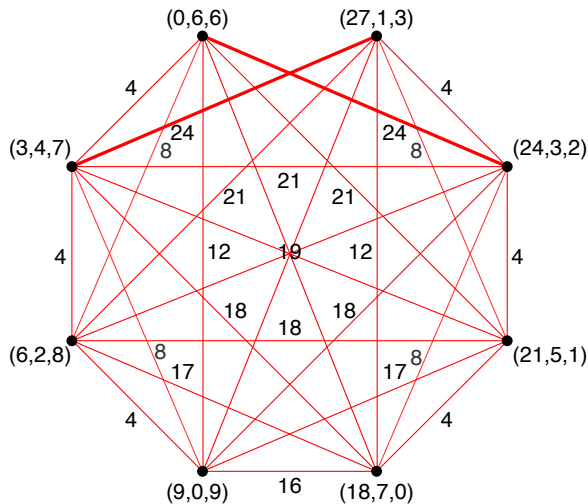
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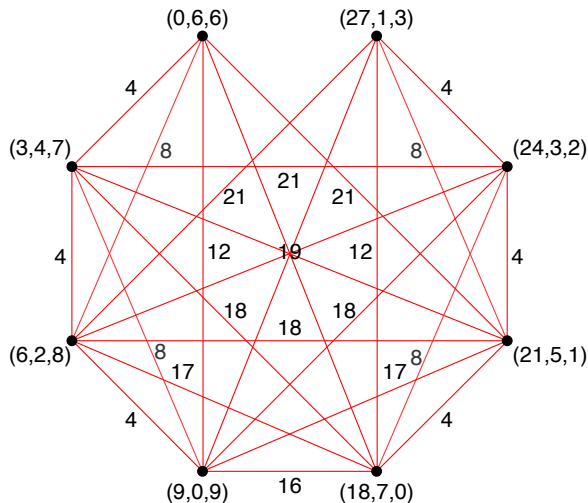
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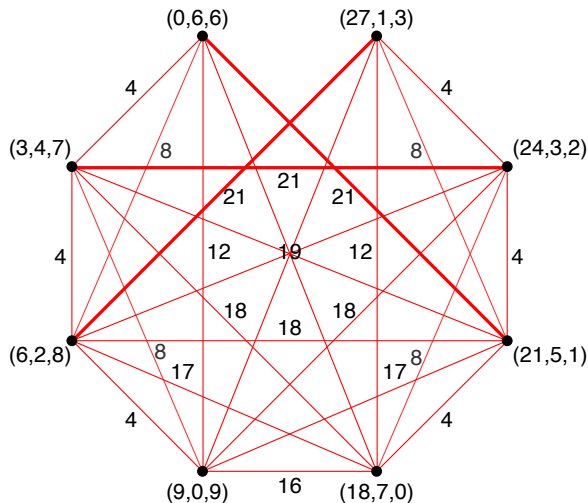
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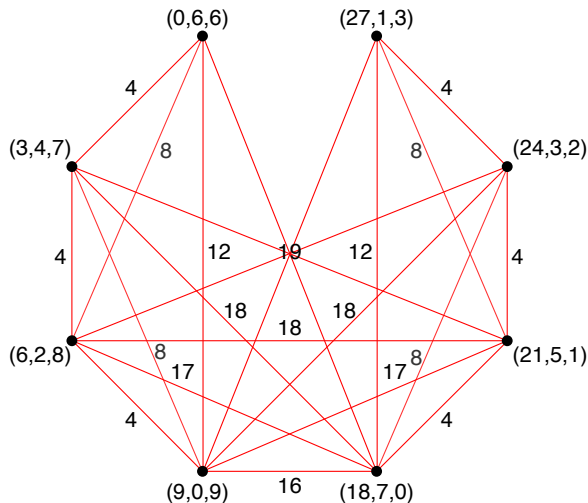
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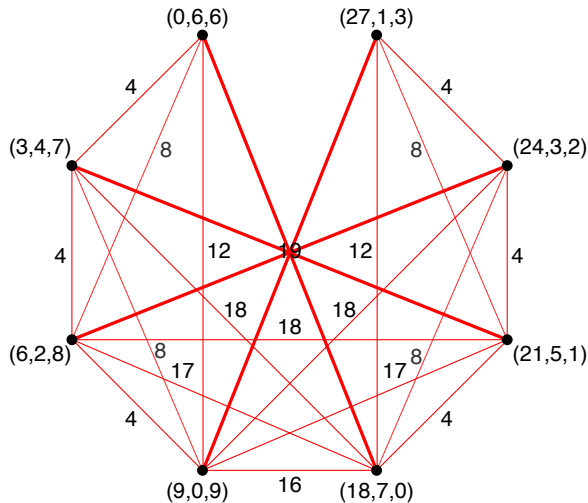
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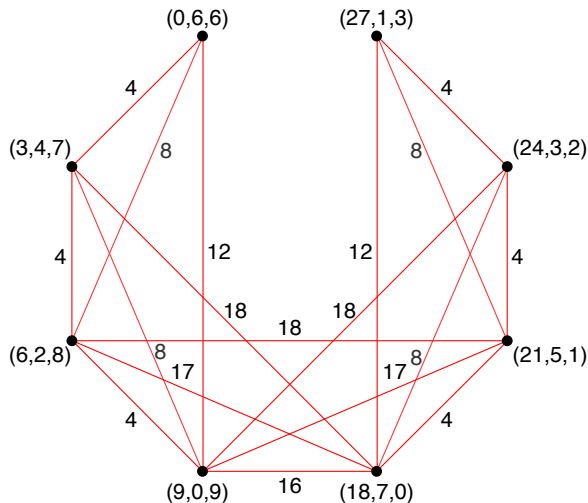
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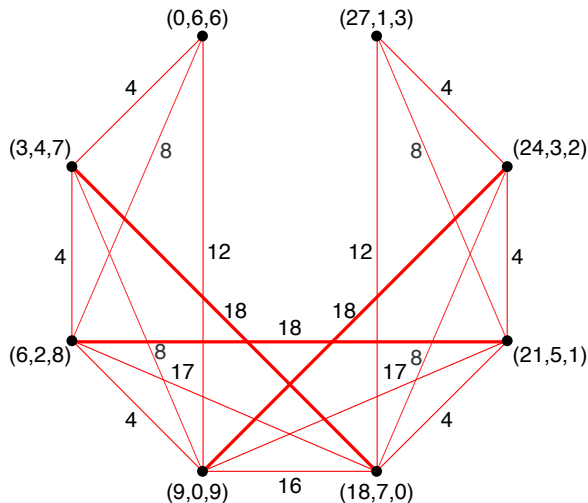
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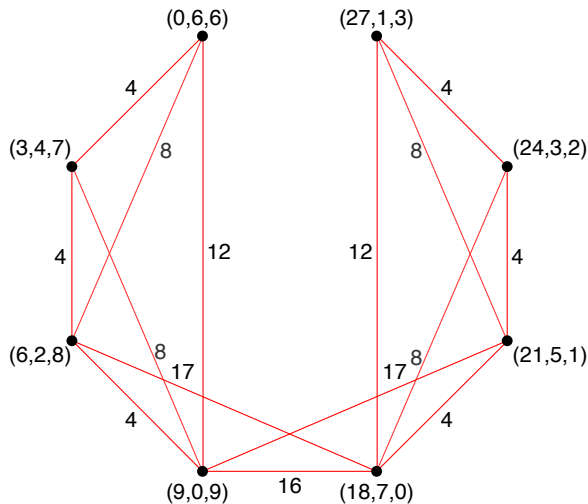
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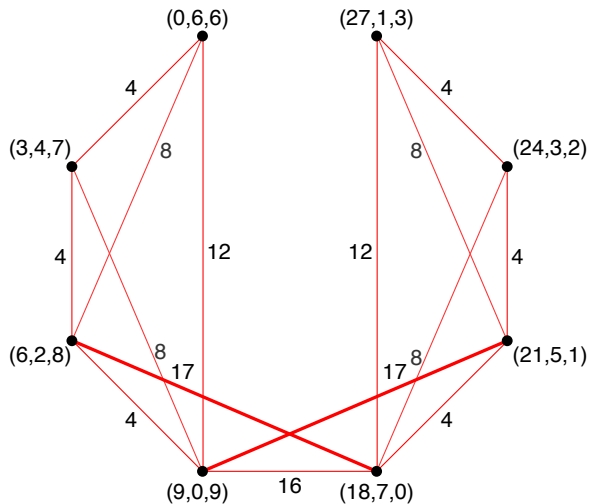
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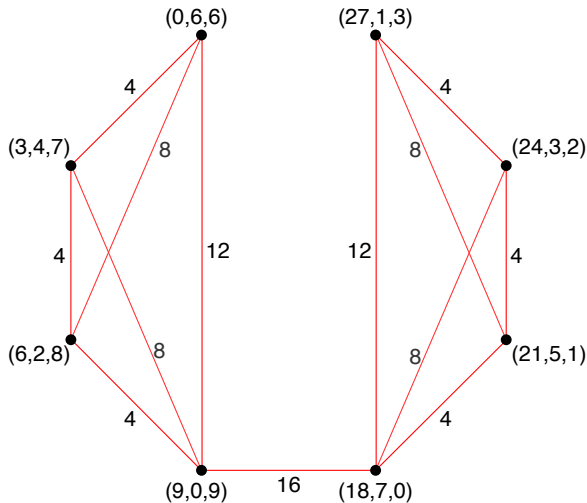
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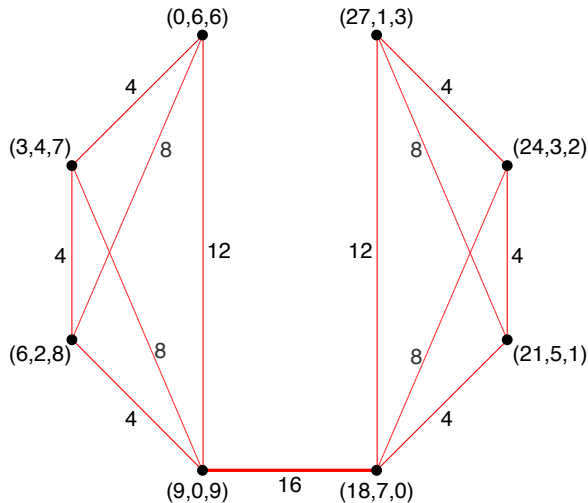
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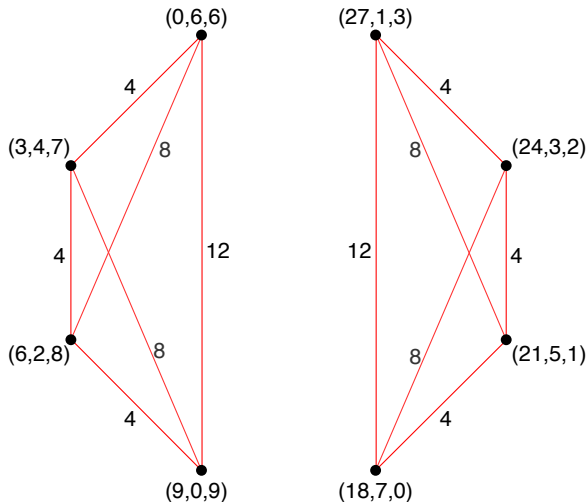
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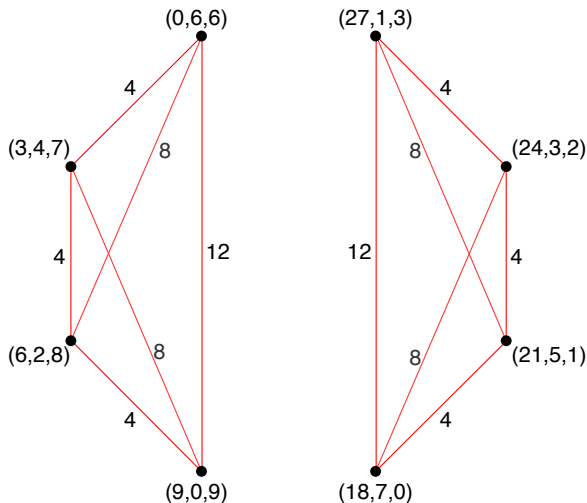
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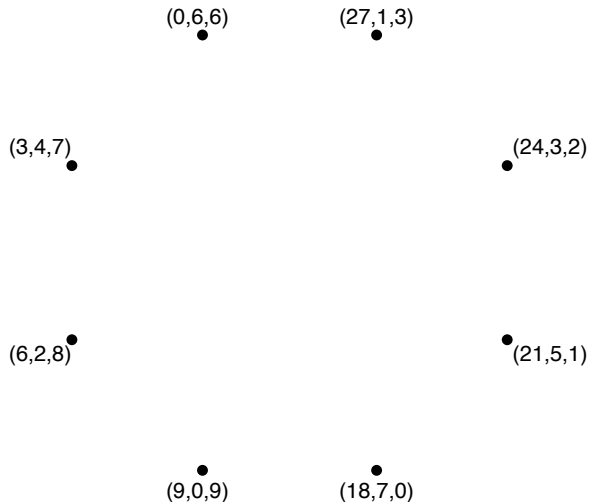


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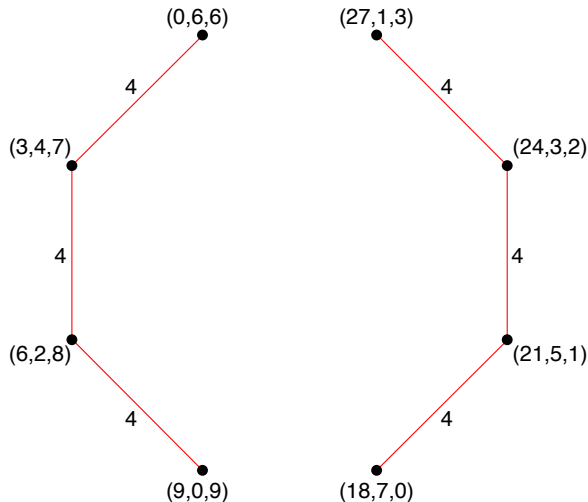
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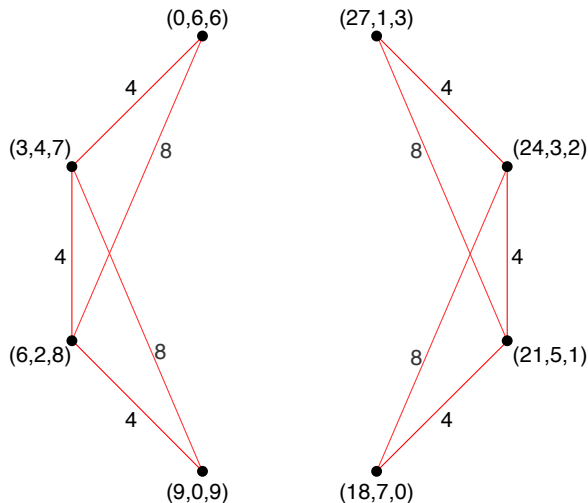
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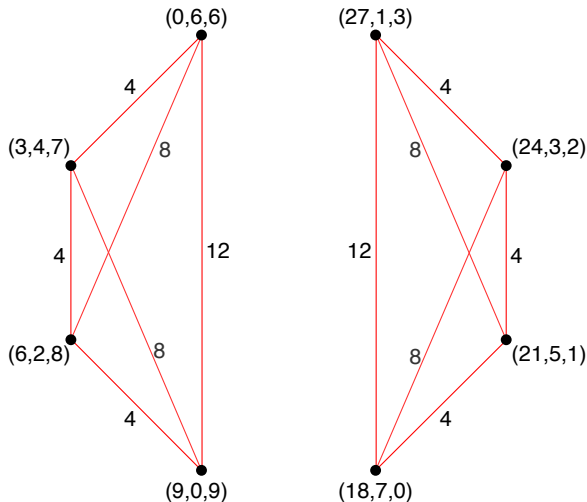
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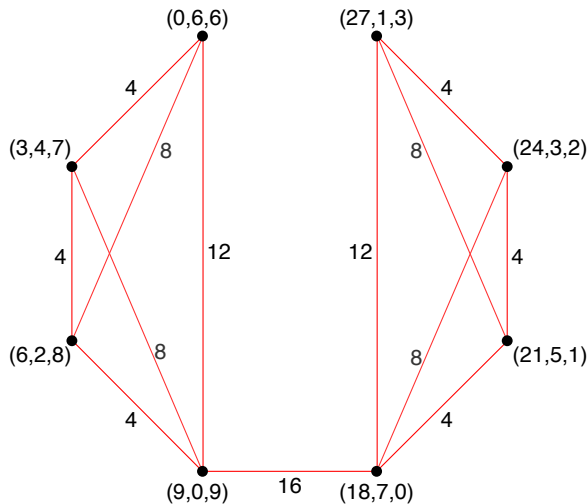
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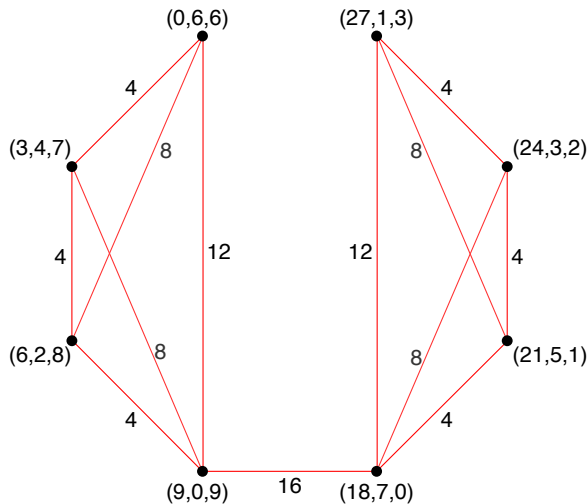
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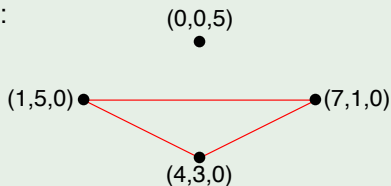
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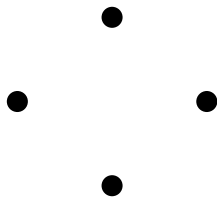
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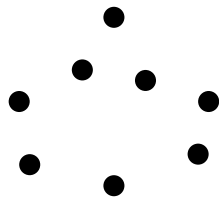
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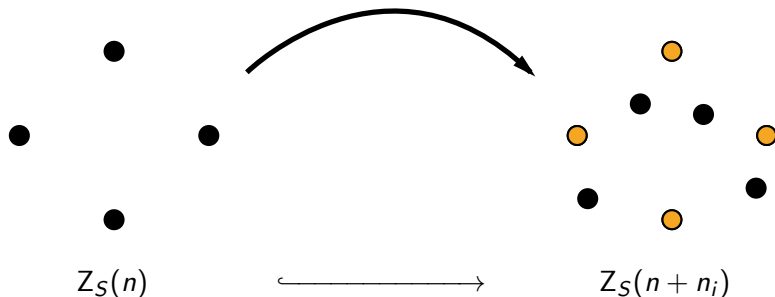
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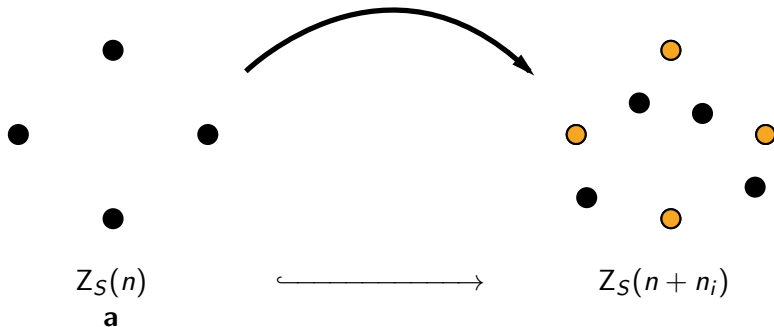


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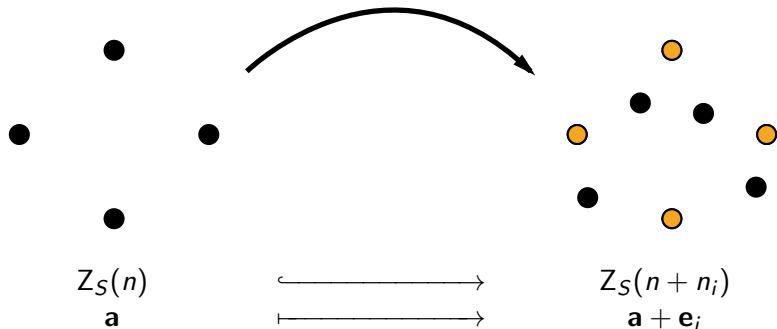


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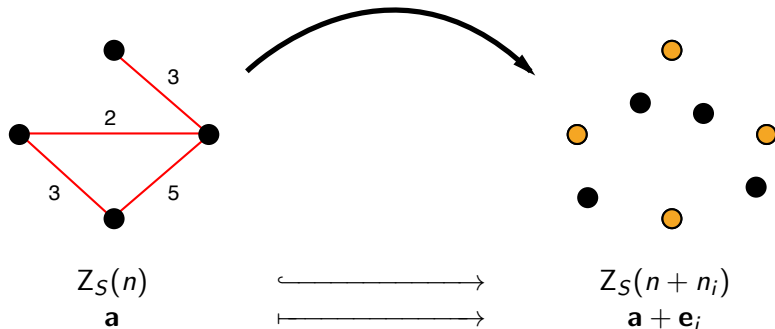


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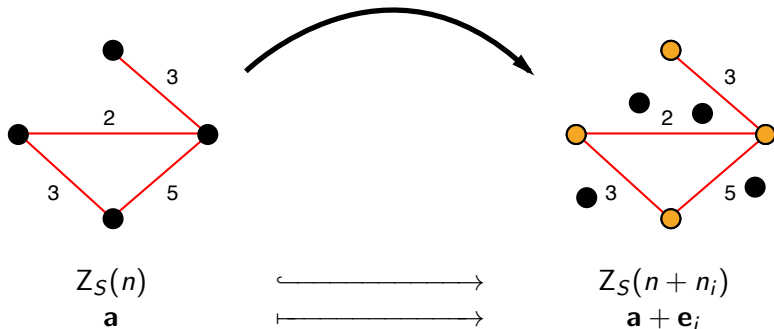


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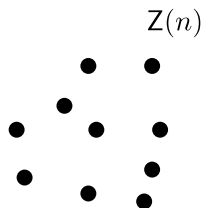
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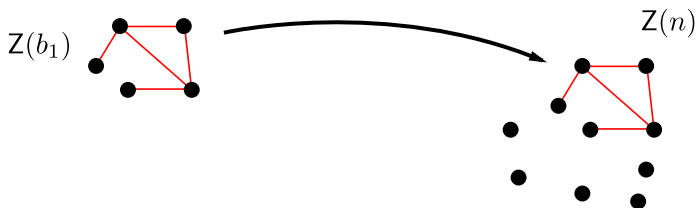


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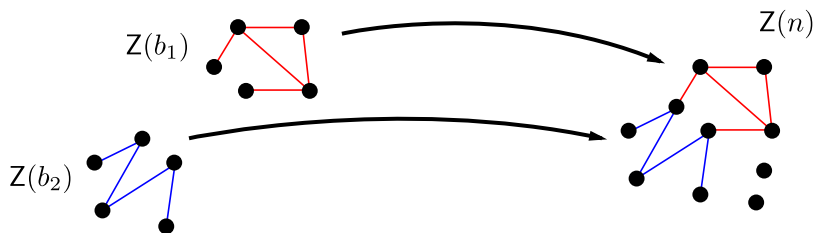


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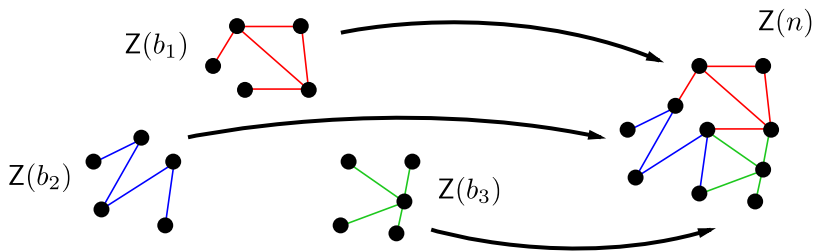


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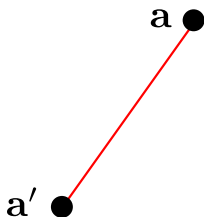
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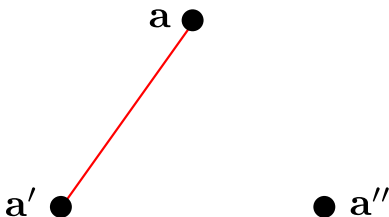
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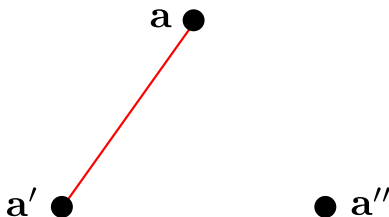
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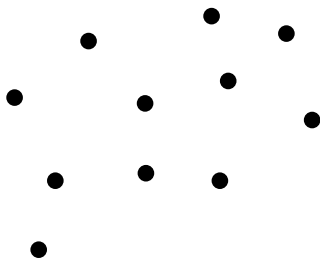
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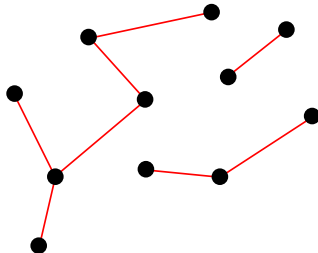
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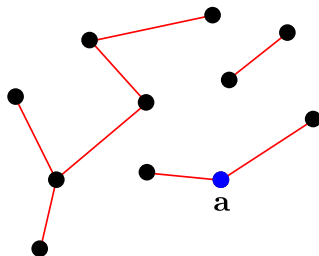
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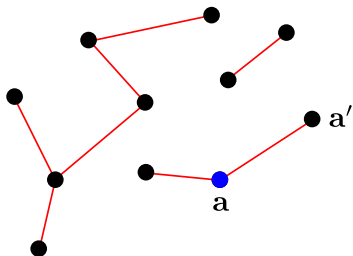
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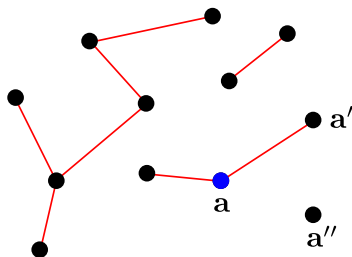
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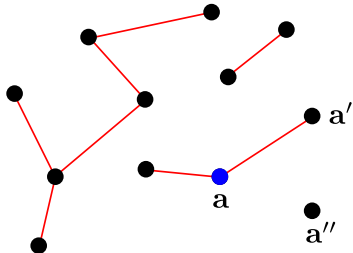
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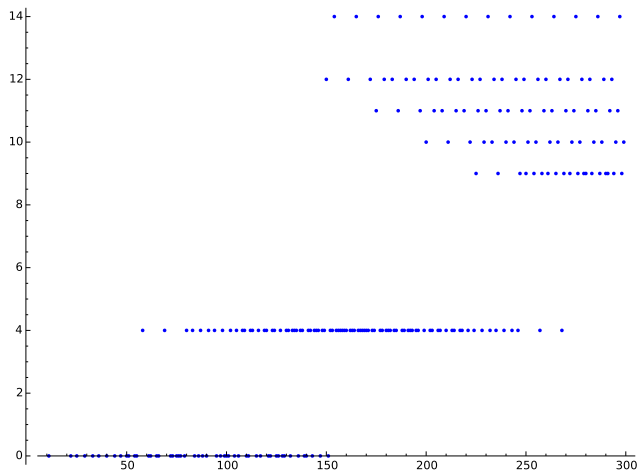
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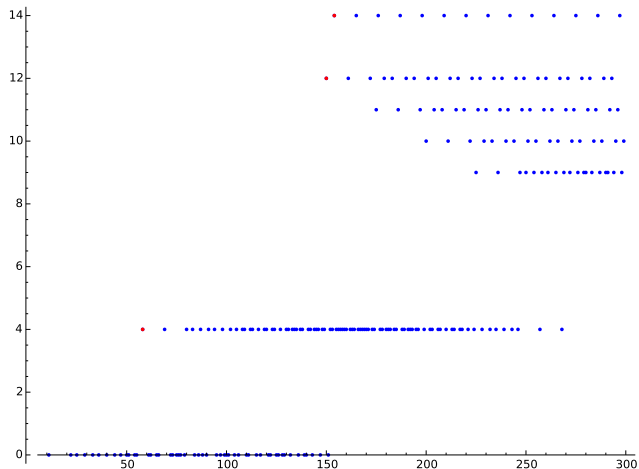


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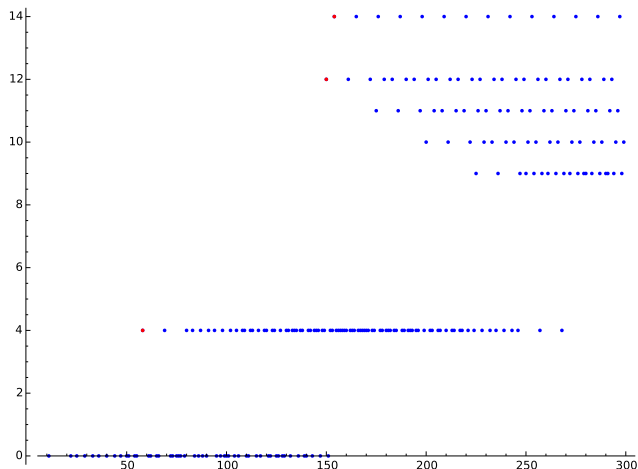
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Theorem (García-García–Moreno-Frías–Vigneron-Tenorio, 2014)

$S = \langle n_1, \dots, n_k \rangle$ . For  $n \geq N_S$ ,  $\Delta(n) = \Delta(n + \text{lcm}(n_1 n_k))$ .

For  $n \in S$  with  $N_S \leq n \leq N_S + n_1$ ,  
compute:

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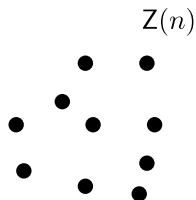
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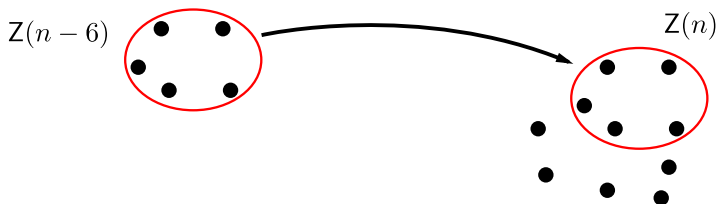


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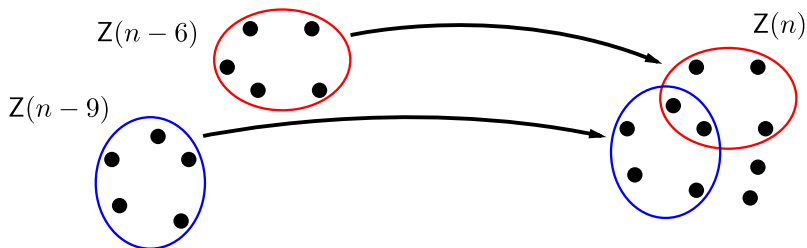


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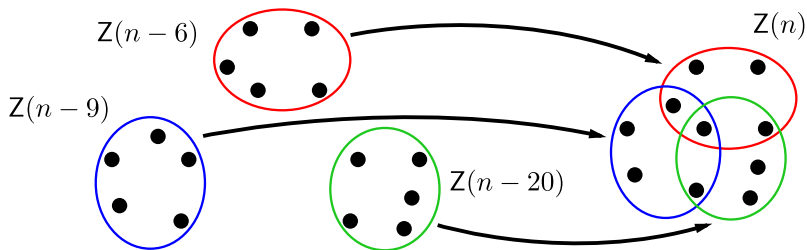


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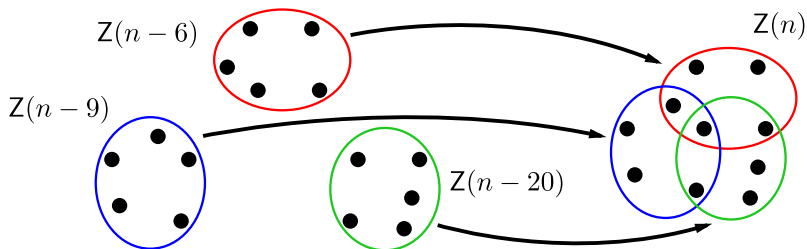
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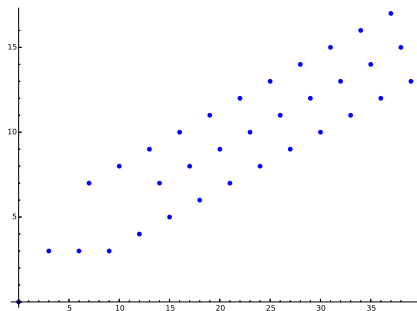
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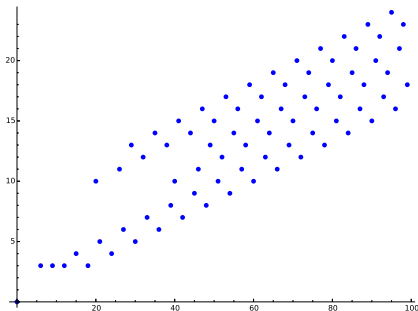
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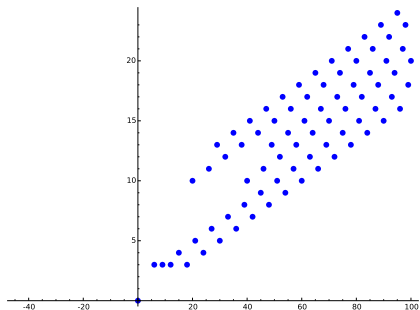
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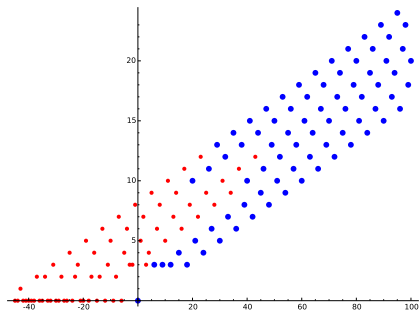


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$\langle 11, 13, 15 \rangle$	10000	915	————	42ms
$\langle 15, 27, 32, 35 \rangle$	1000	69	3m 54.7s	9ms
$\langle 100, 121, 142, 163, 284 \rangle$	25715	308	————	0m 27s
$\langle 1001, 1211, 1421, 1631, 2841 \rangle$	357362	405	————	57m 27s

GAP Numerical Semigroups Package, available at

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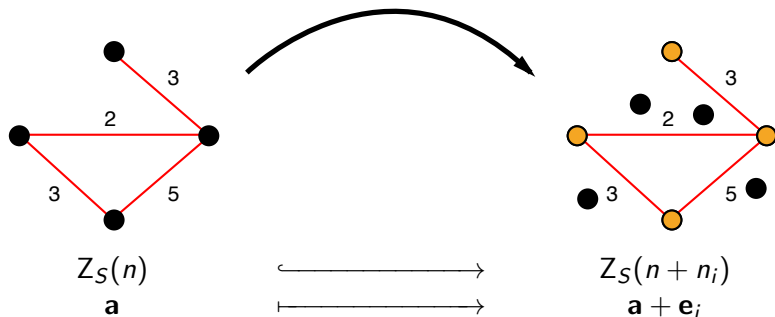
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