

# Numerical semigroups, minimal presentations, and posets

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Big idea: the inequalities “ $a_i + a_j \geq a_{i+j}$ ” to define a **cone**  $C_m$ .

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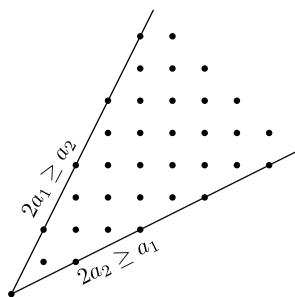
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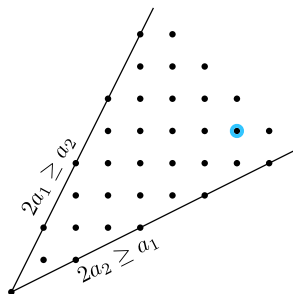
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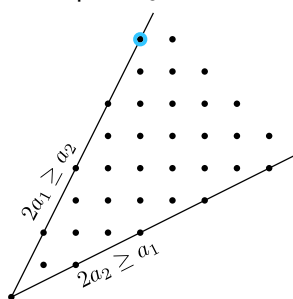
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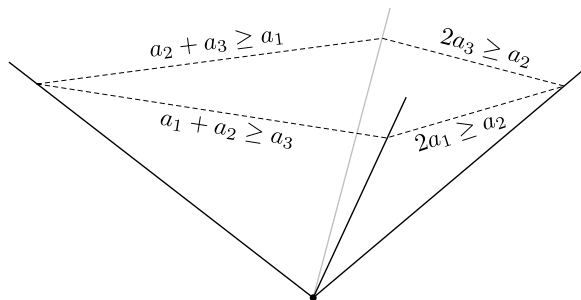
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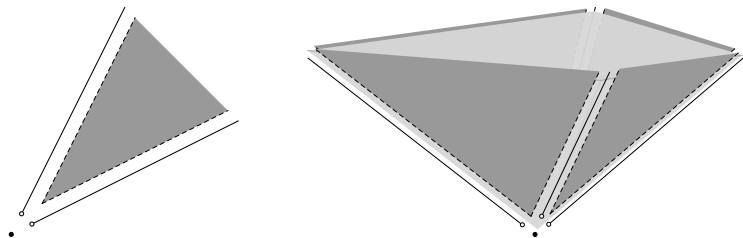
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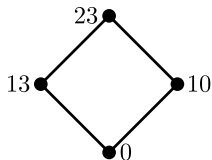
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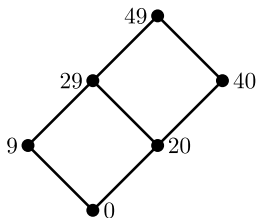
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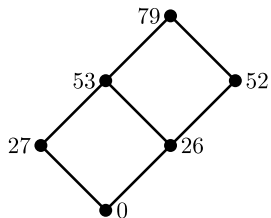
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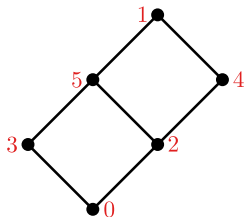
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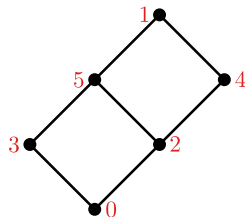
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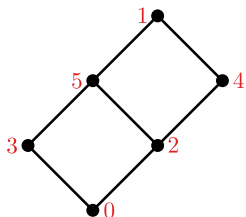
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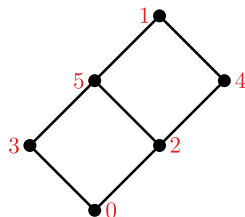
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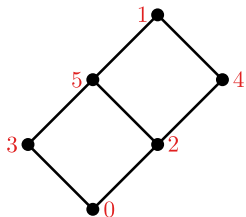
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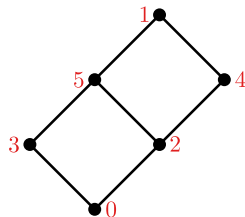
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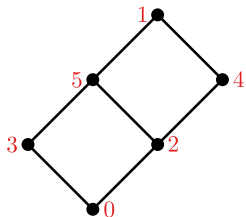
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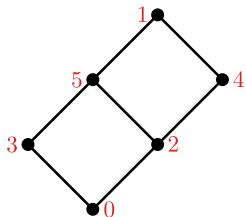
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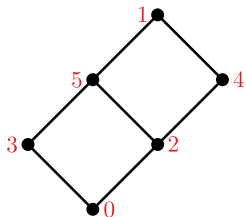
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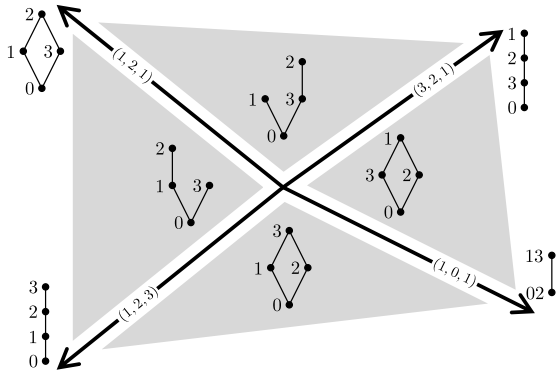
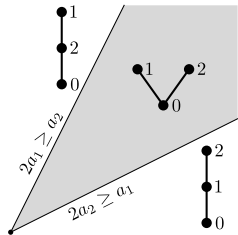
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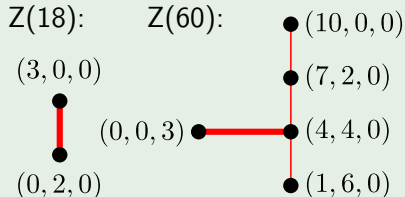
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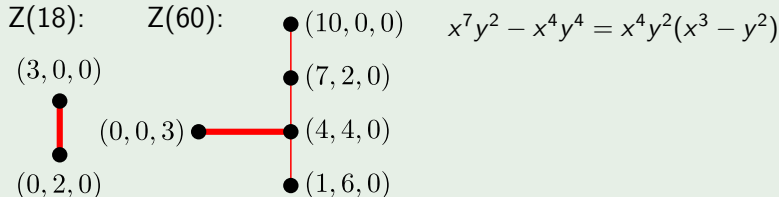
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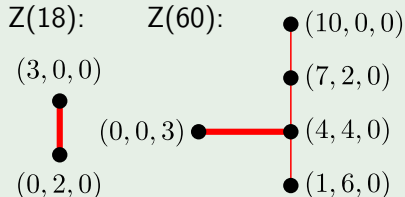
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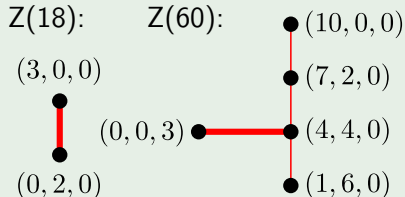
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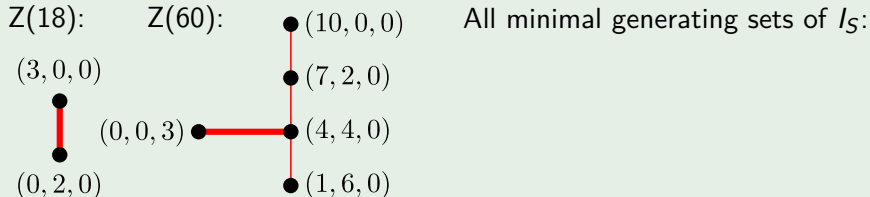
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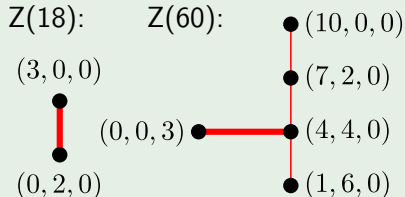
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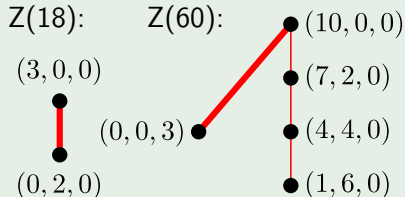
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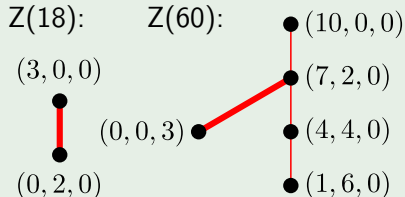
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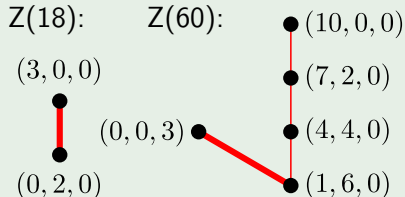
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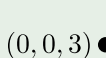
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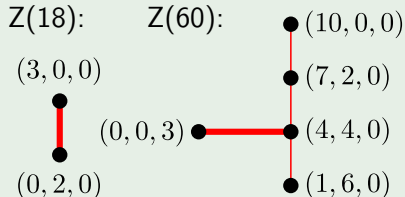
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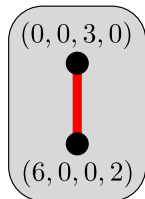
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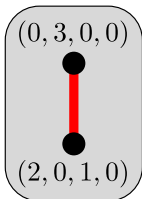
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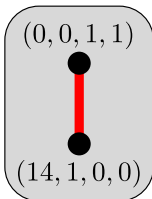
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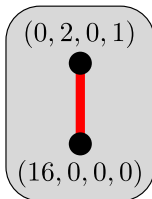
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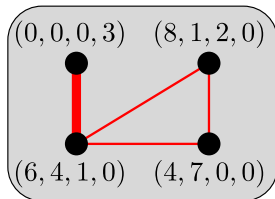
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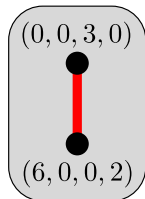
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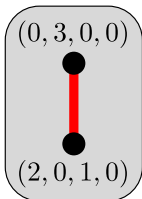
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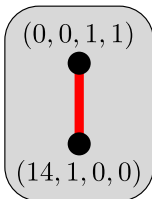
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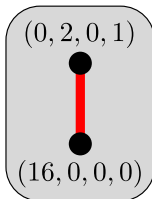
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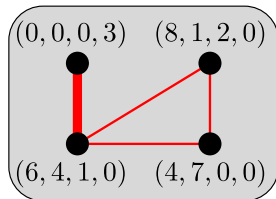
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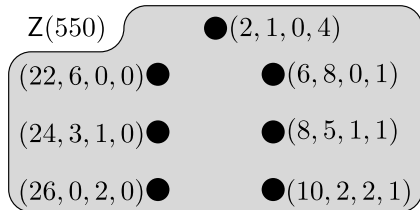
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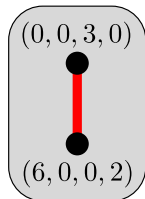


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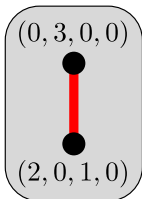
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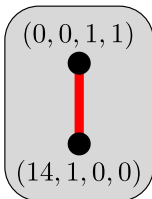
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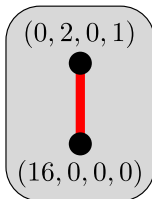
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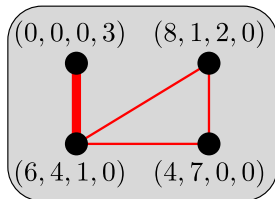
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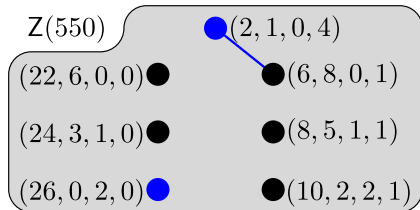
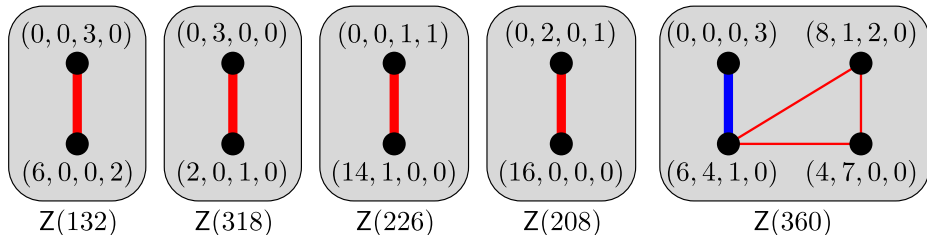
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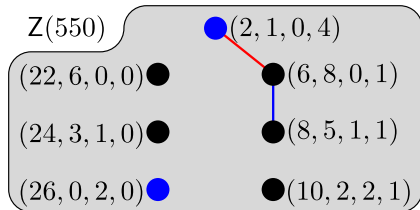
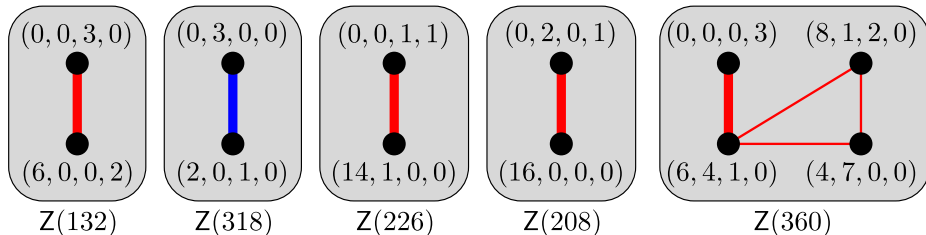


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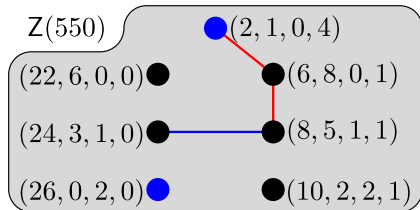
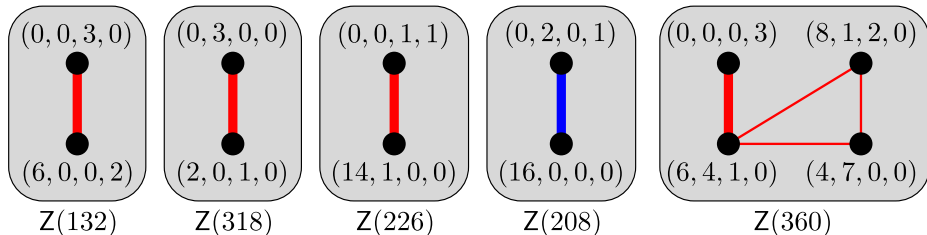


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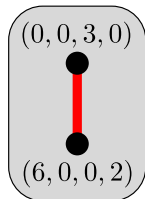


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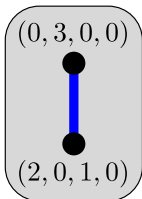
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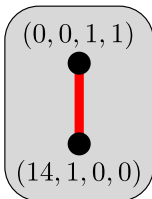
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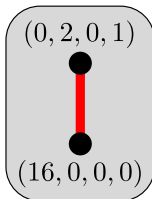
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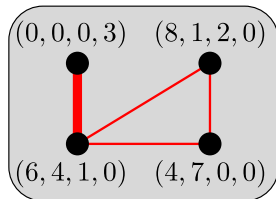
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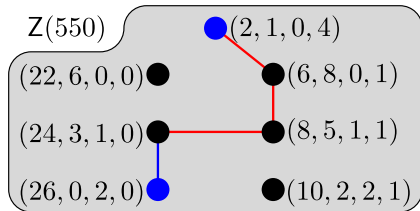
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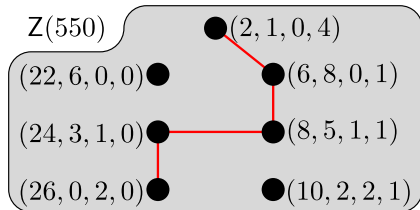
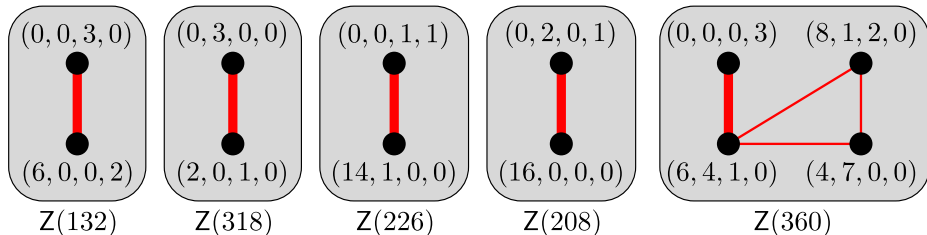


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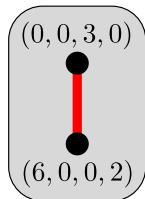


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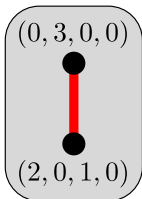
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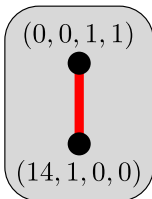
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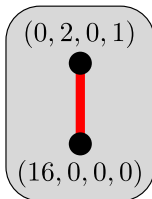
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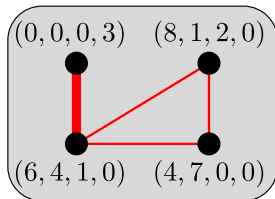
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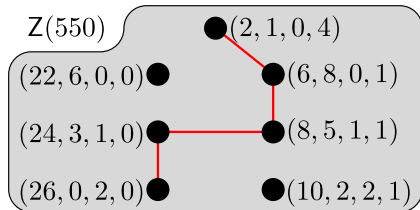
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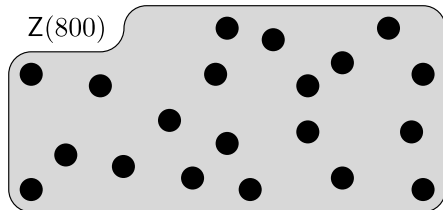
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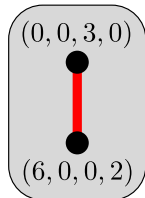
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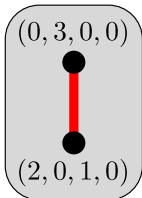
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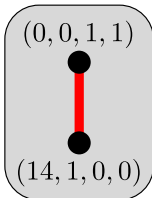
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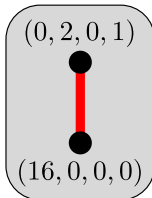
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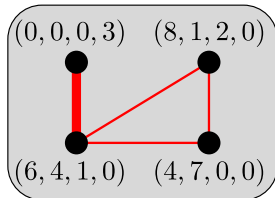
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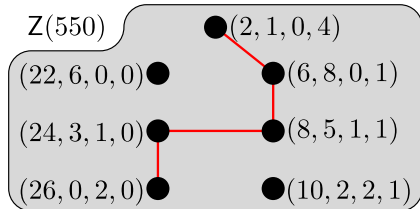
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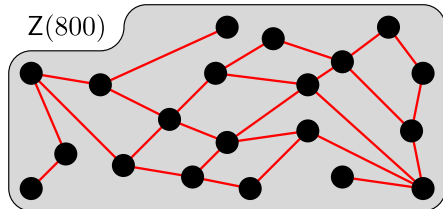
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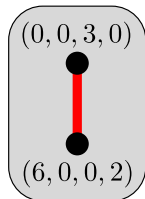
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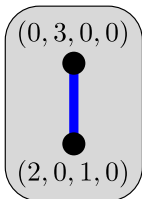
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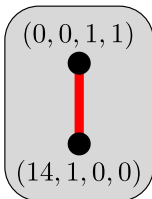
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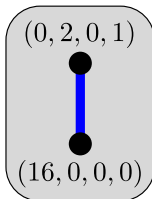
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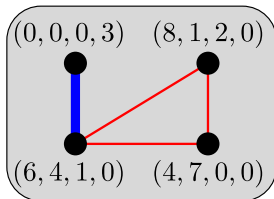
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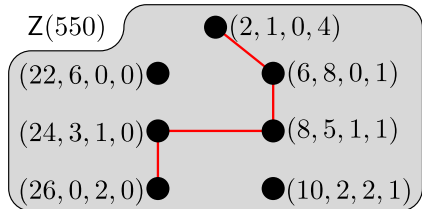
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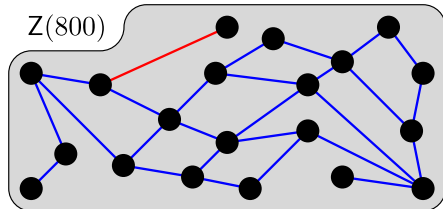
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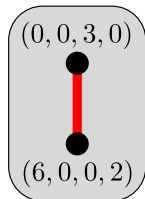
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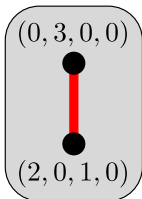
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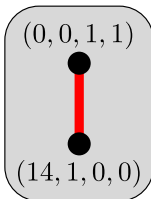
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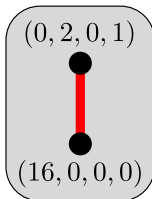
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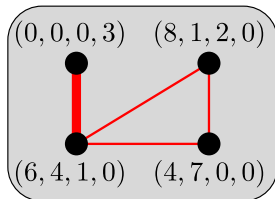
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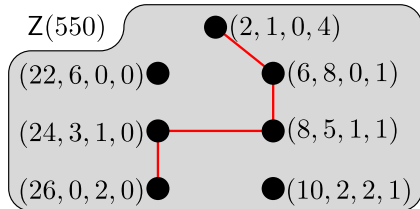
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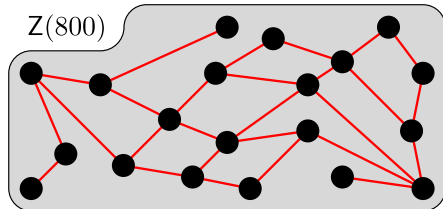
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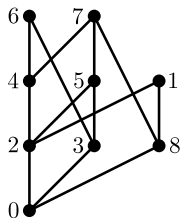
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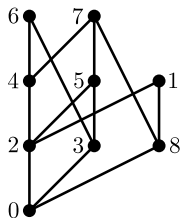


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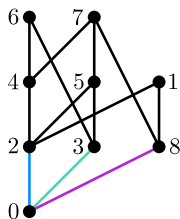
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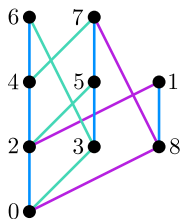
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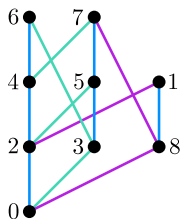
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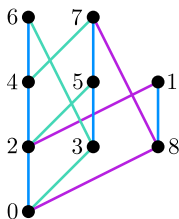
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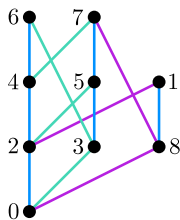
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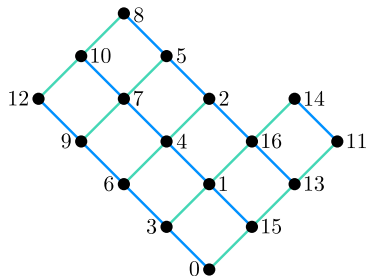
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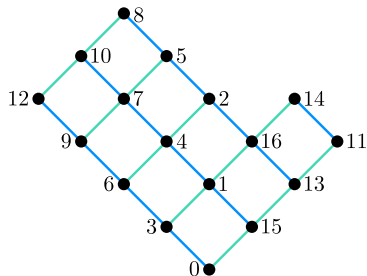
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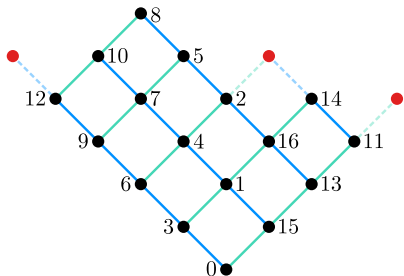
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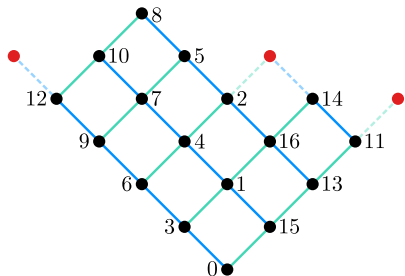


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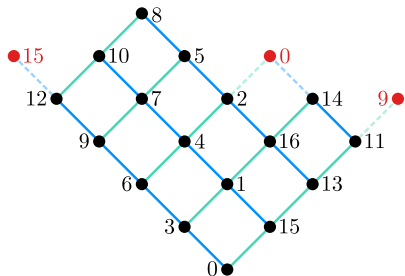
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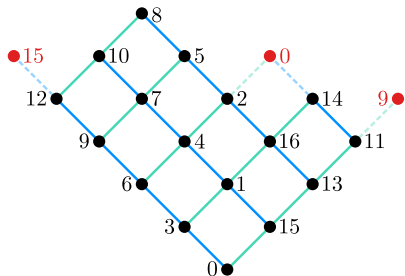
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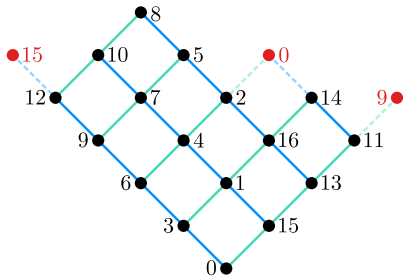
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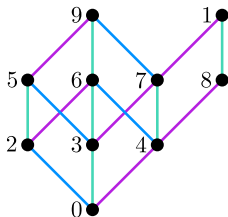
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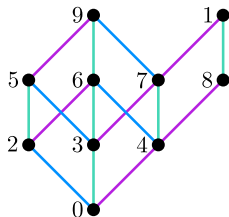


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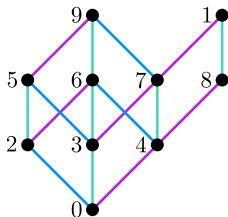
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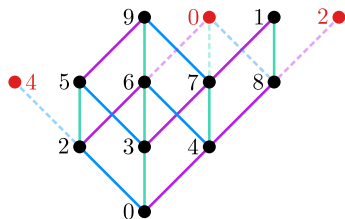
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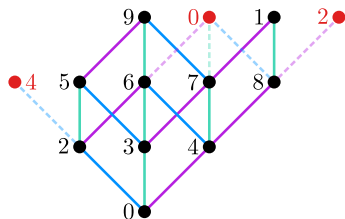
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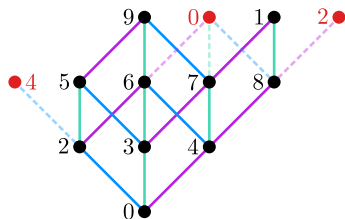
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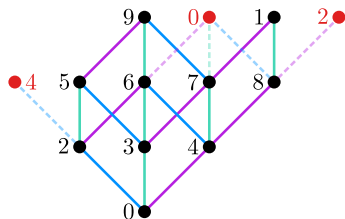
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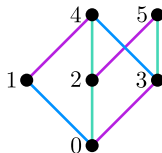
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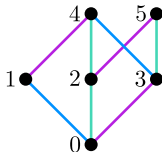
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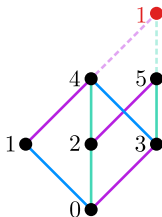


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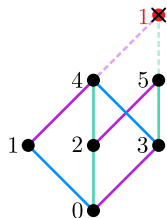
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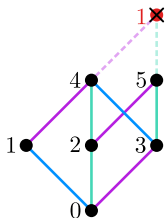
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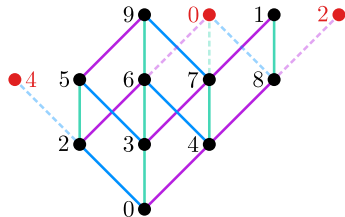
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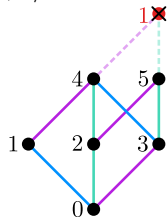
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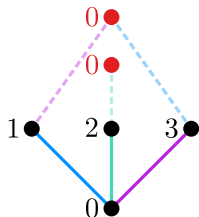
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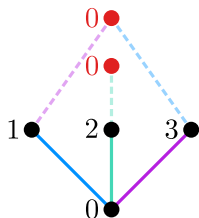
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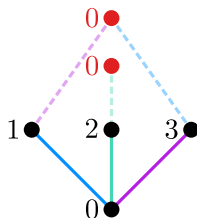
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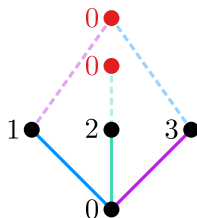


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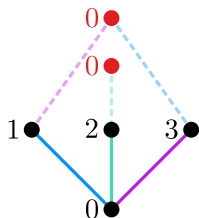
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For  $m = 6$ :       $\#$  minimal trades  $\in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 15\}$

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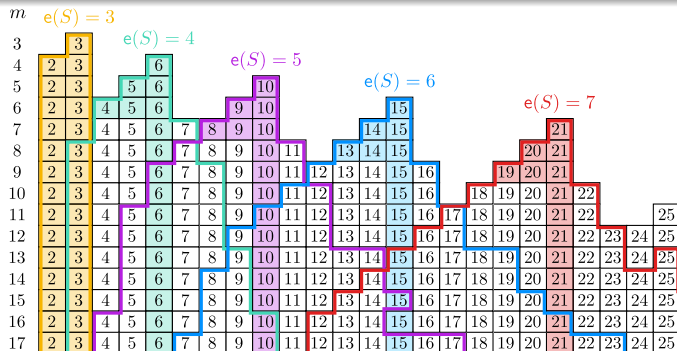




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Prior work: a family has  $\beta_1(S) = \binom{e}{2}$  for  $3 \leq e \leq m$  (Rosales)  
 if  $r = m - e \leq 2$ , then  $\beta_1(S) \in [\binom{e}{2} - r, \binom{e}{2}]$  (GS-R)

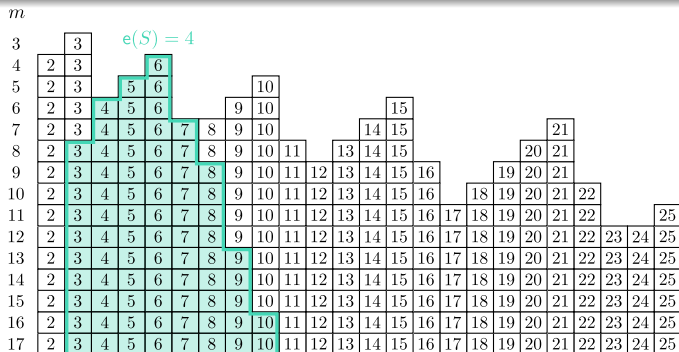




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One more family: for  $e = 4$ , achieves each  $\beta_1(S)$  with  $(\beta_1(S) - 2)^2 \leq 4m$  conjectured to achieve every possible  $\beta_1(S)$  for  $e = 4$

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