

Classifying numerical semigroups using polyhedral geometry

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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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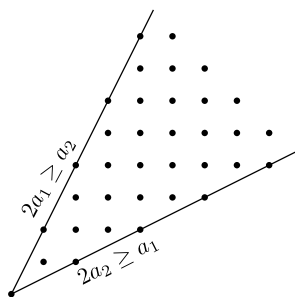
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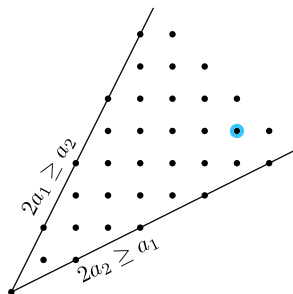
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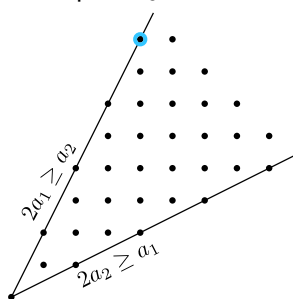
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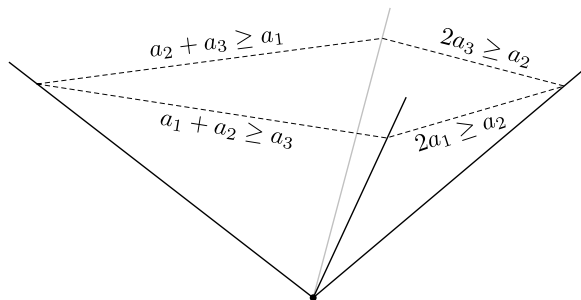
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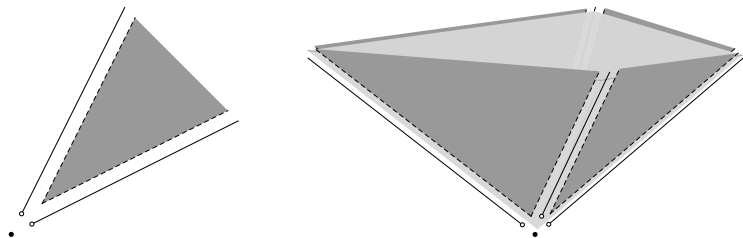
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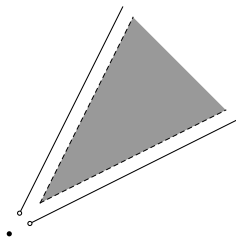
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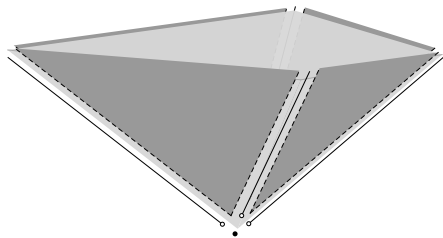
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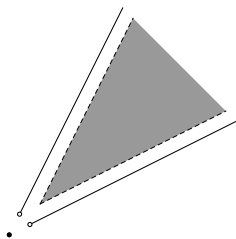


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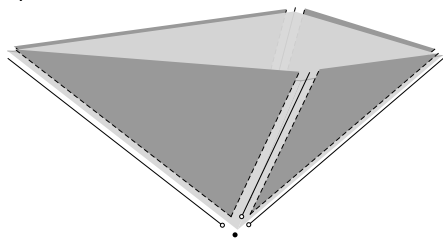
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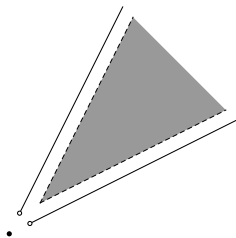
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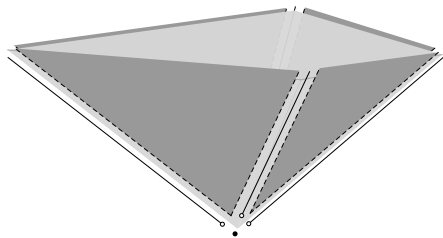
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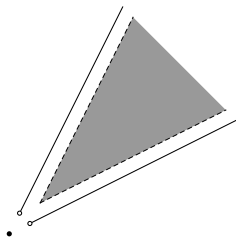
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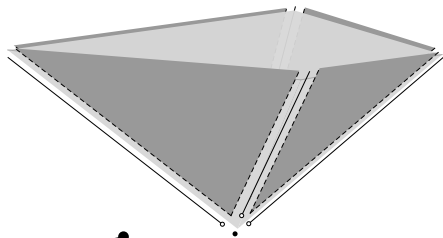
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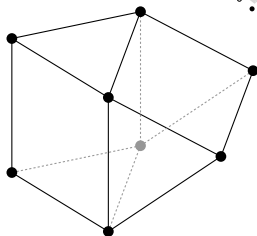
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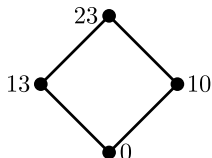
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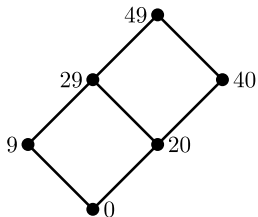
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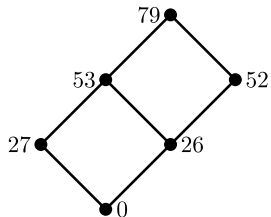
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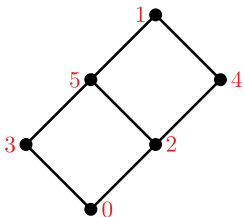
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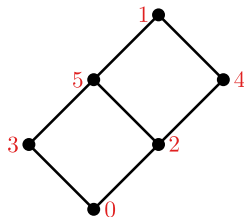
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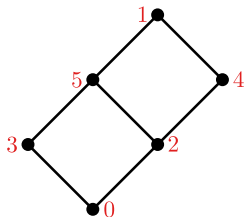
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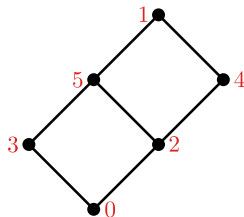
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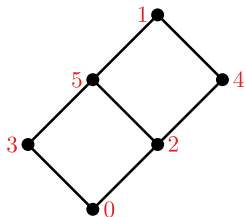
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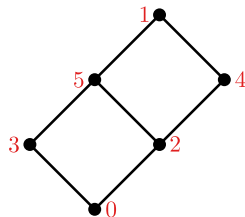
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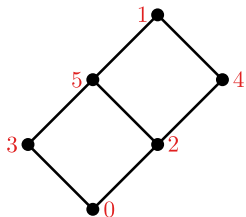
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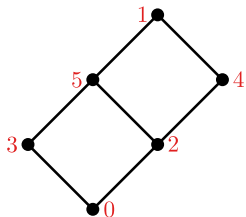
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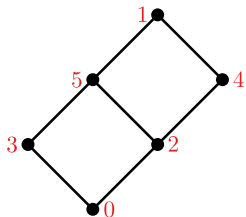
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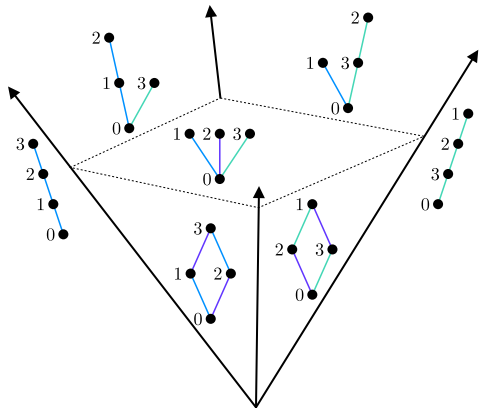
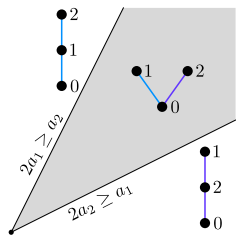
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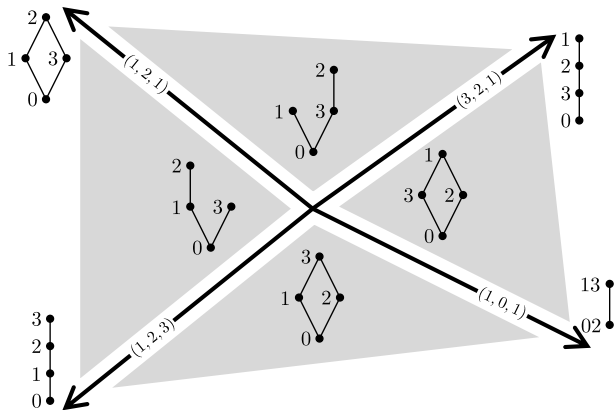
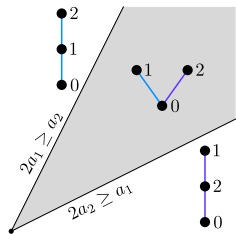
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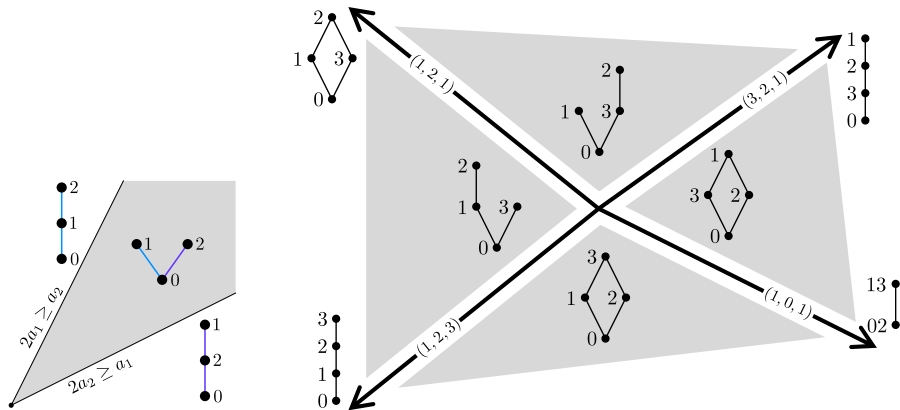
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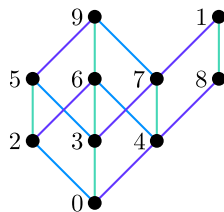
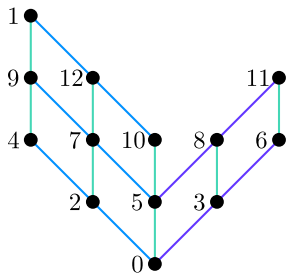
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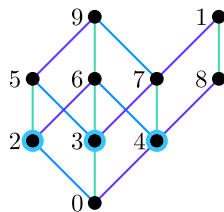
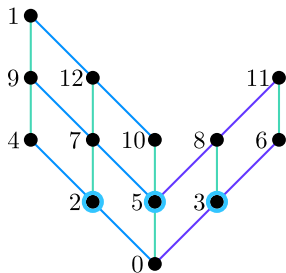
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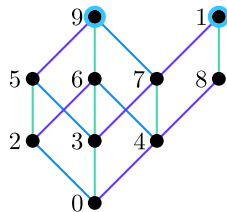
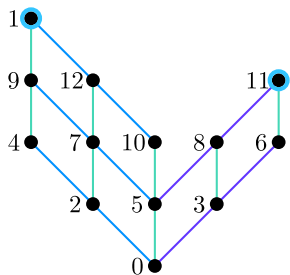
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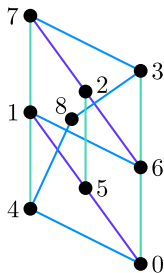
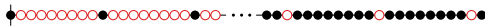
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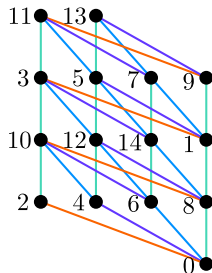
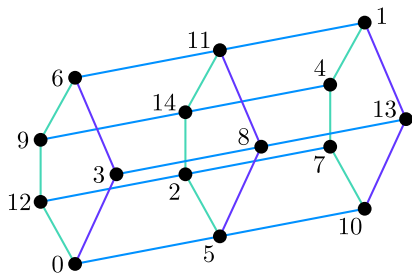
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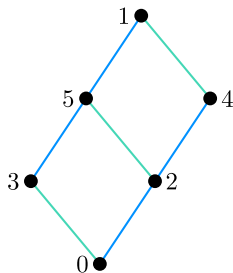
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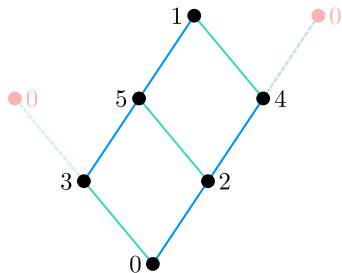
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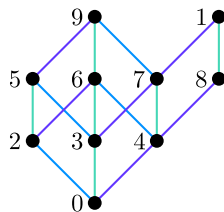
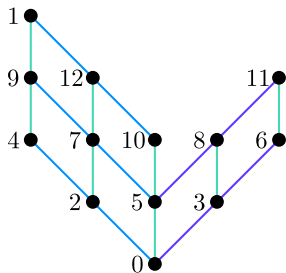
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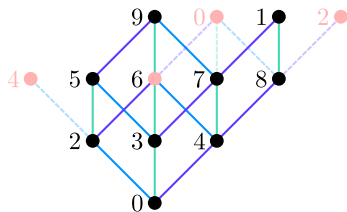
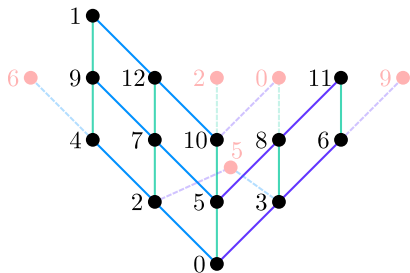
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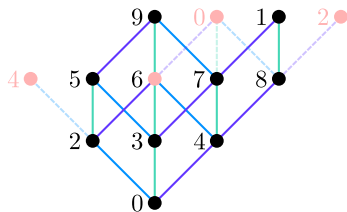
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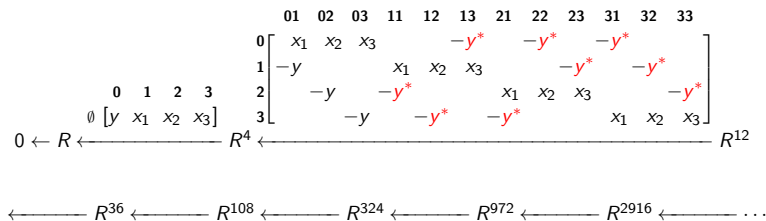
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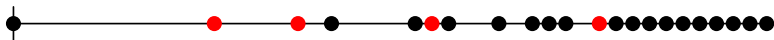
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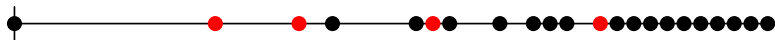
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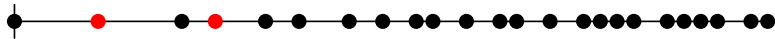
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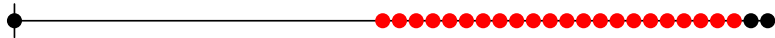


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