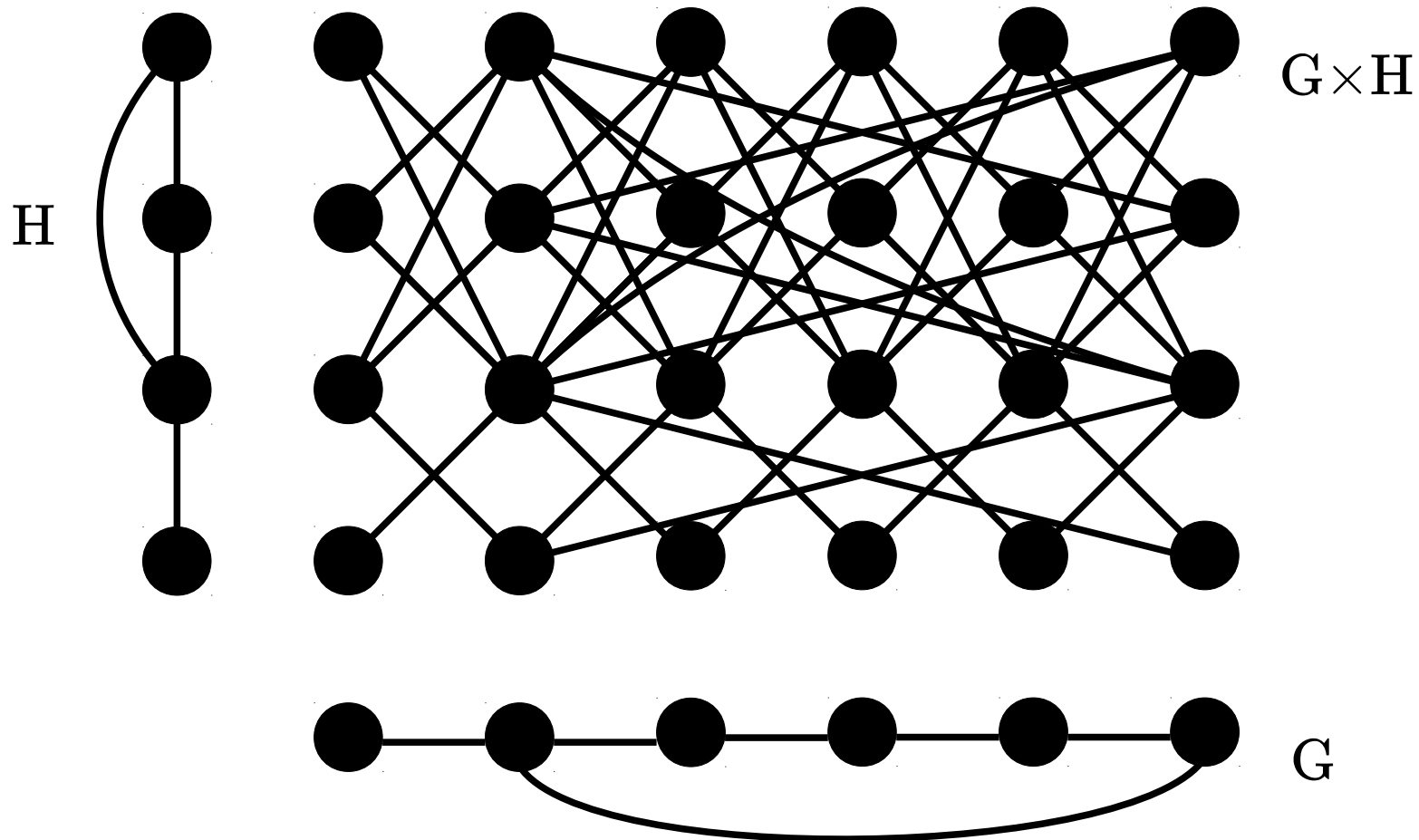


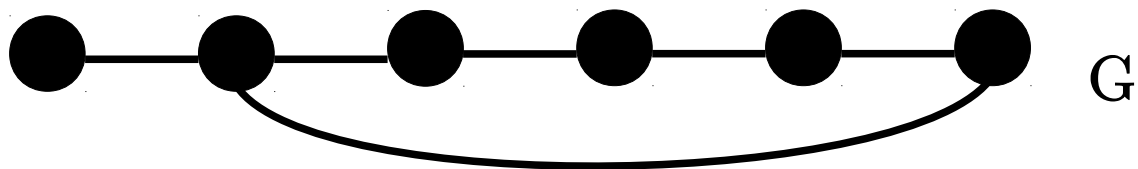
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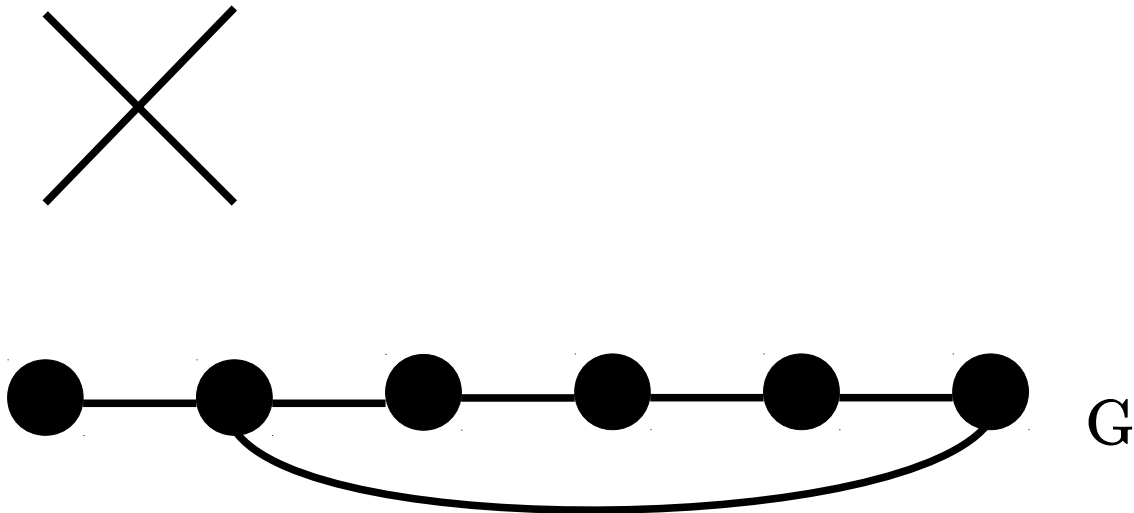


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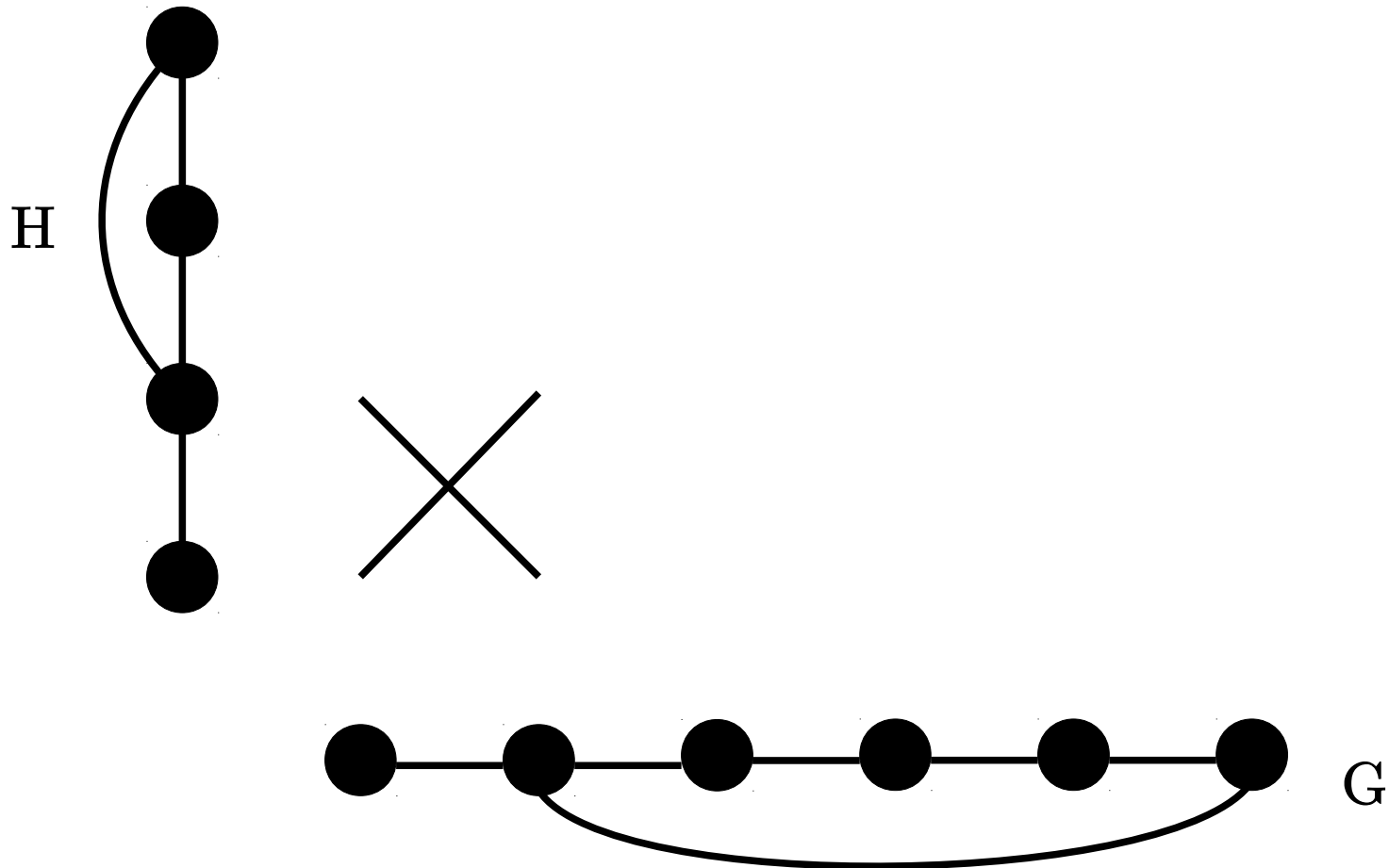
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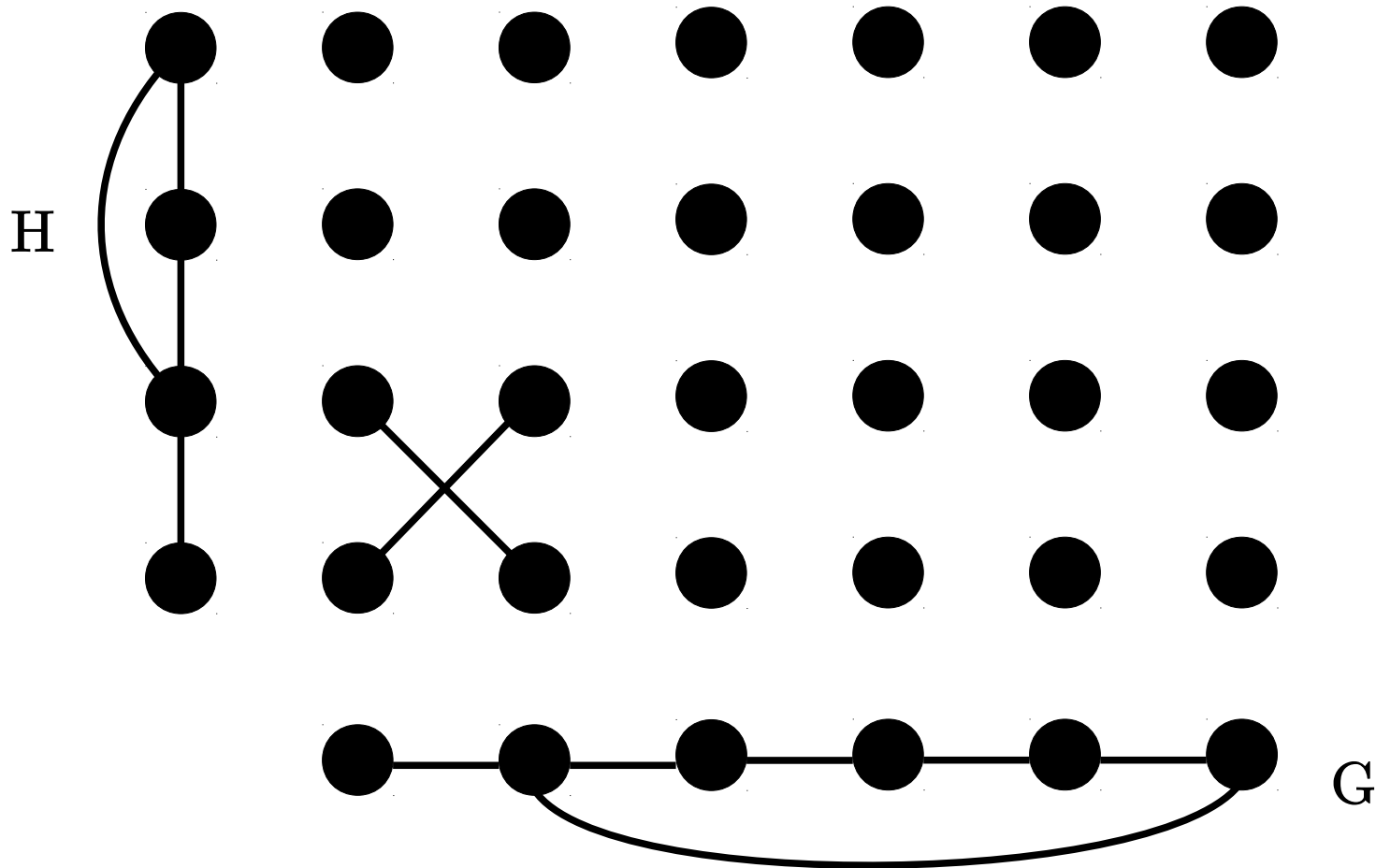


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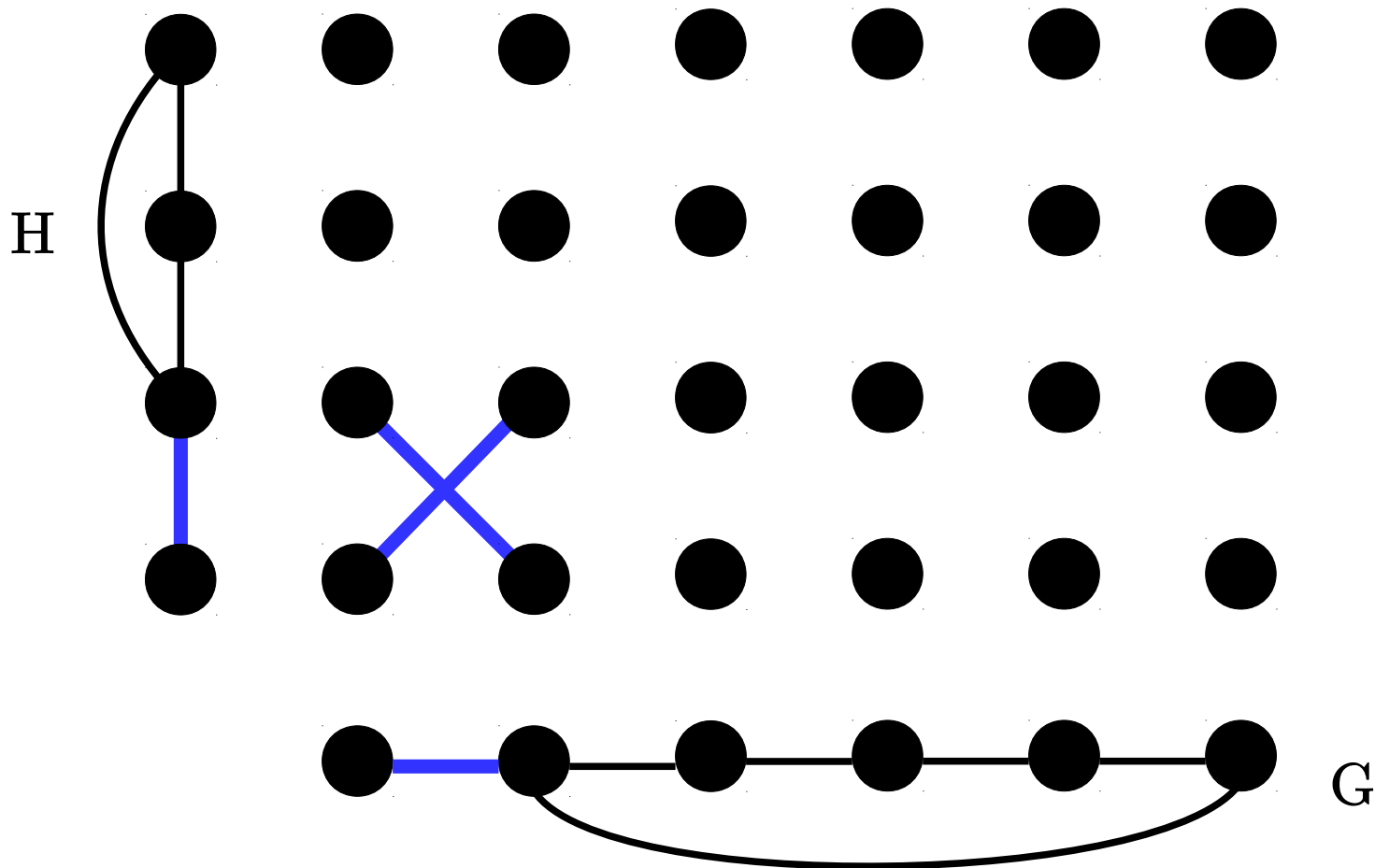
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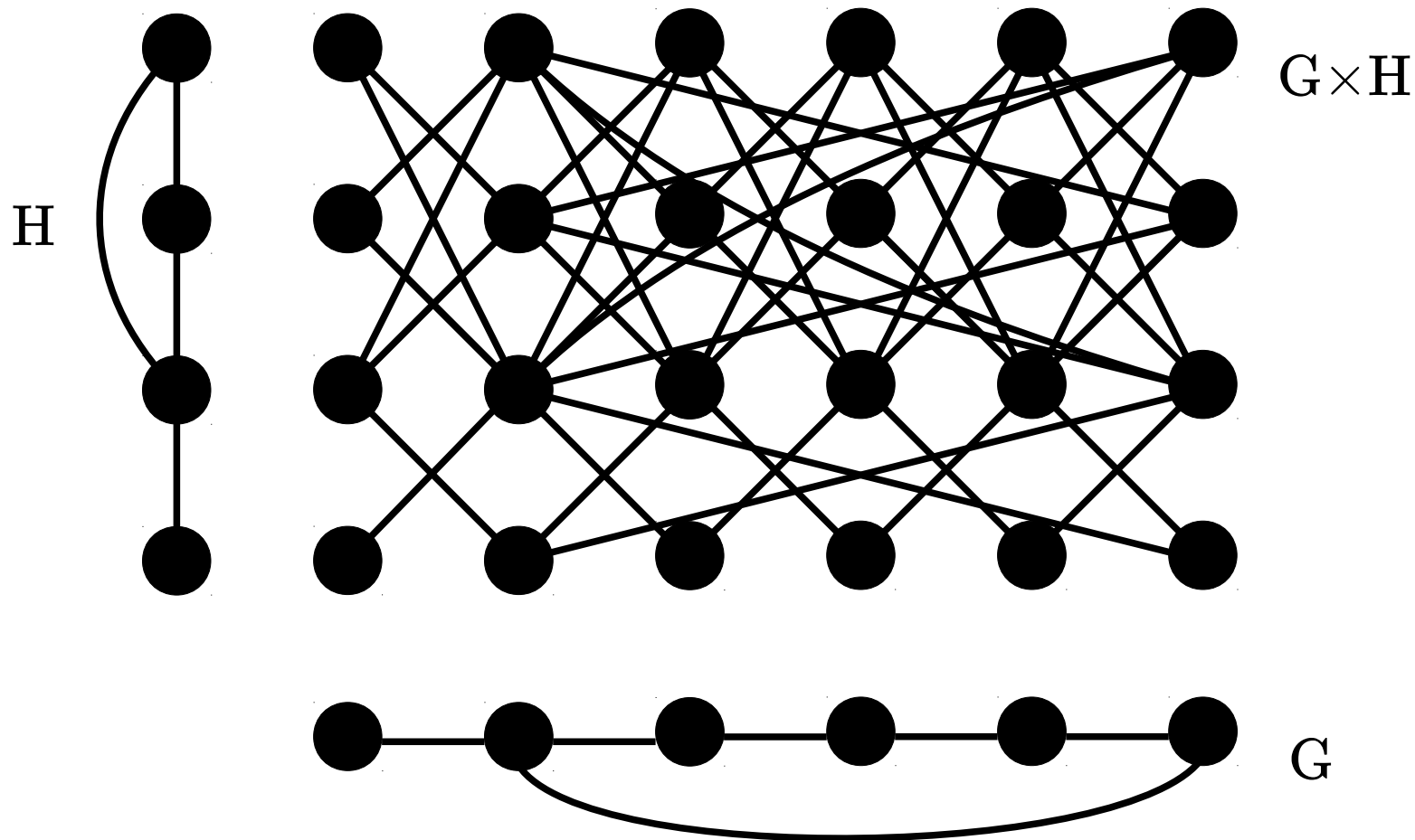
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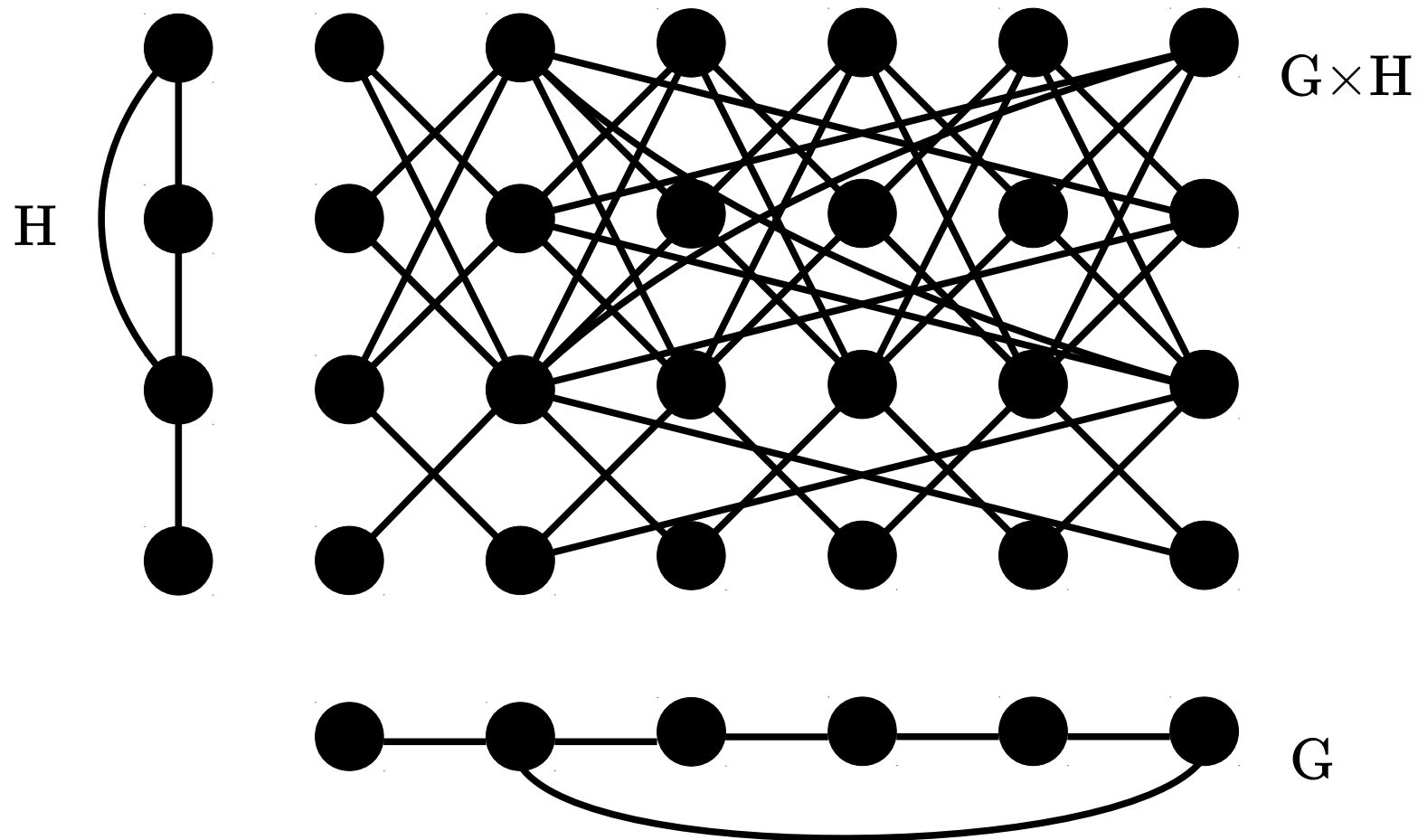
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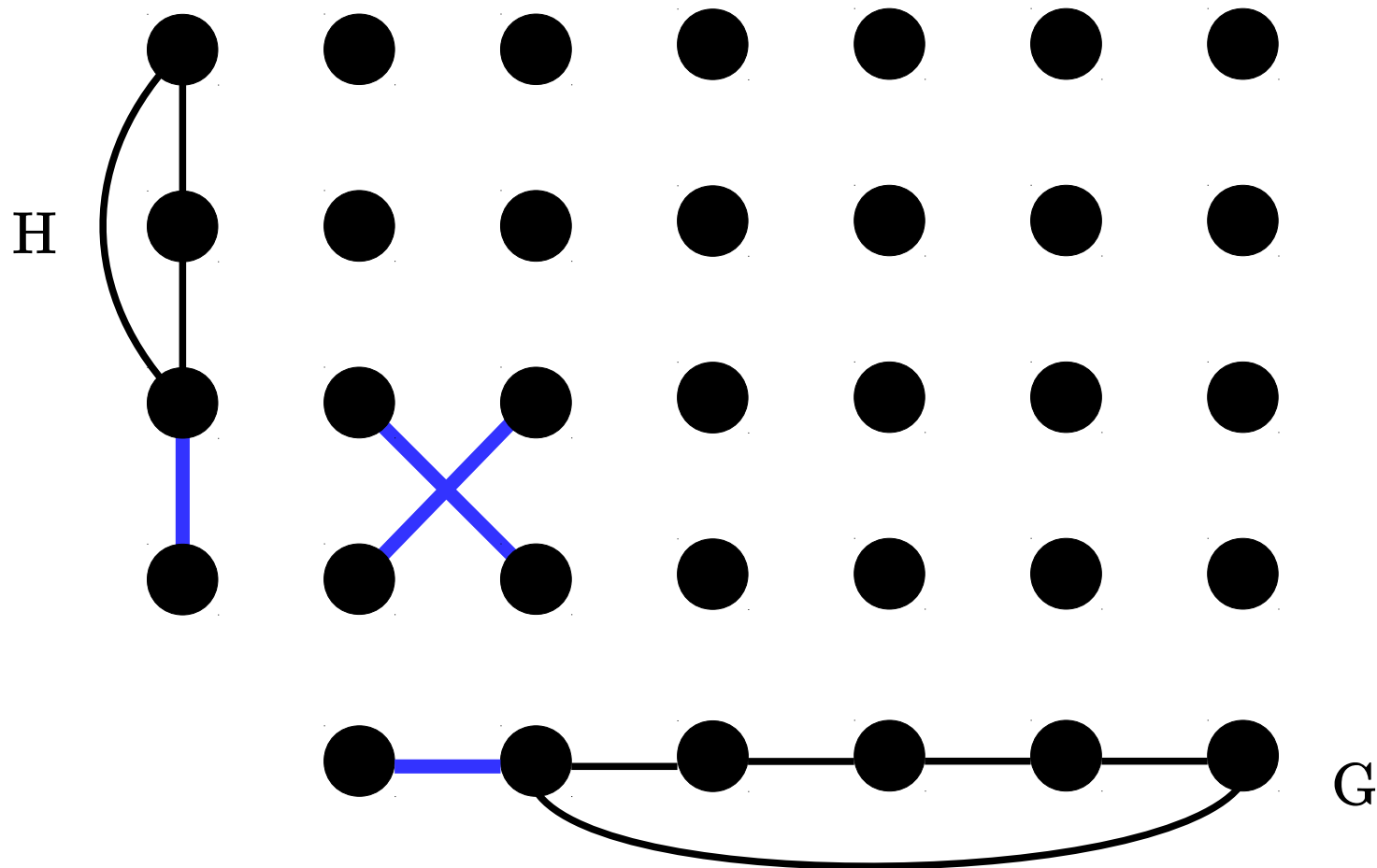
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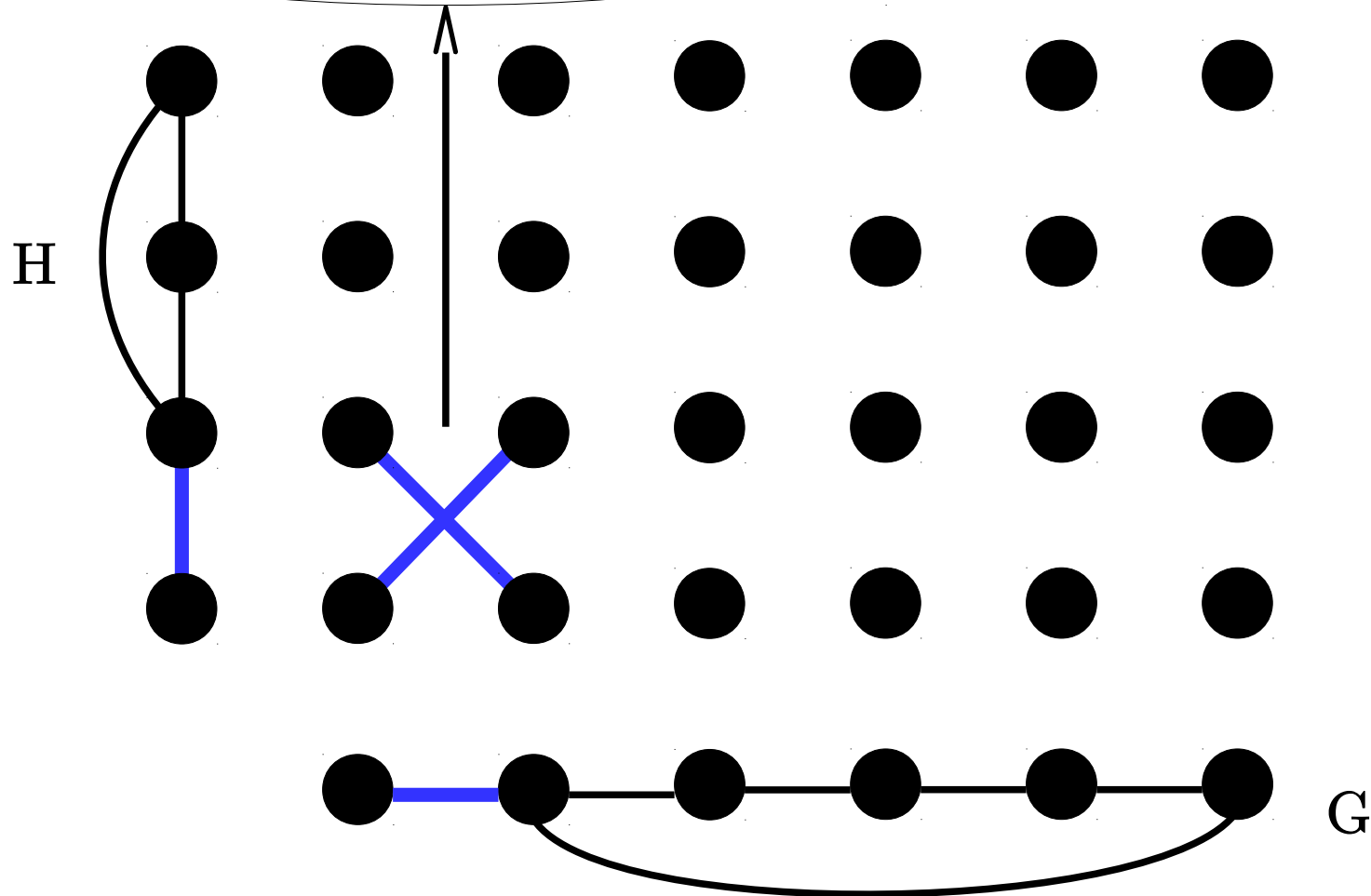


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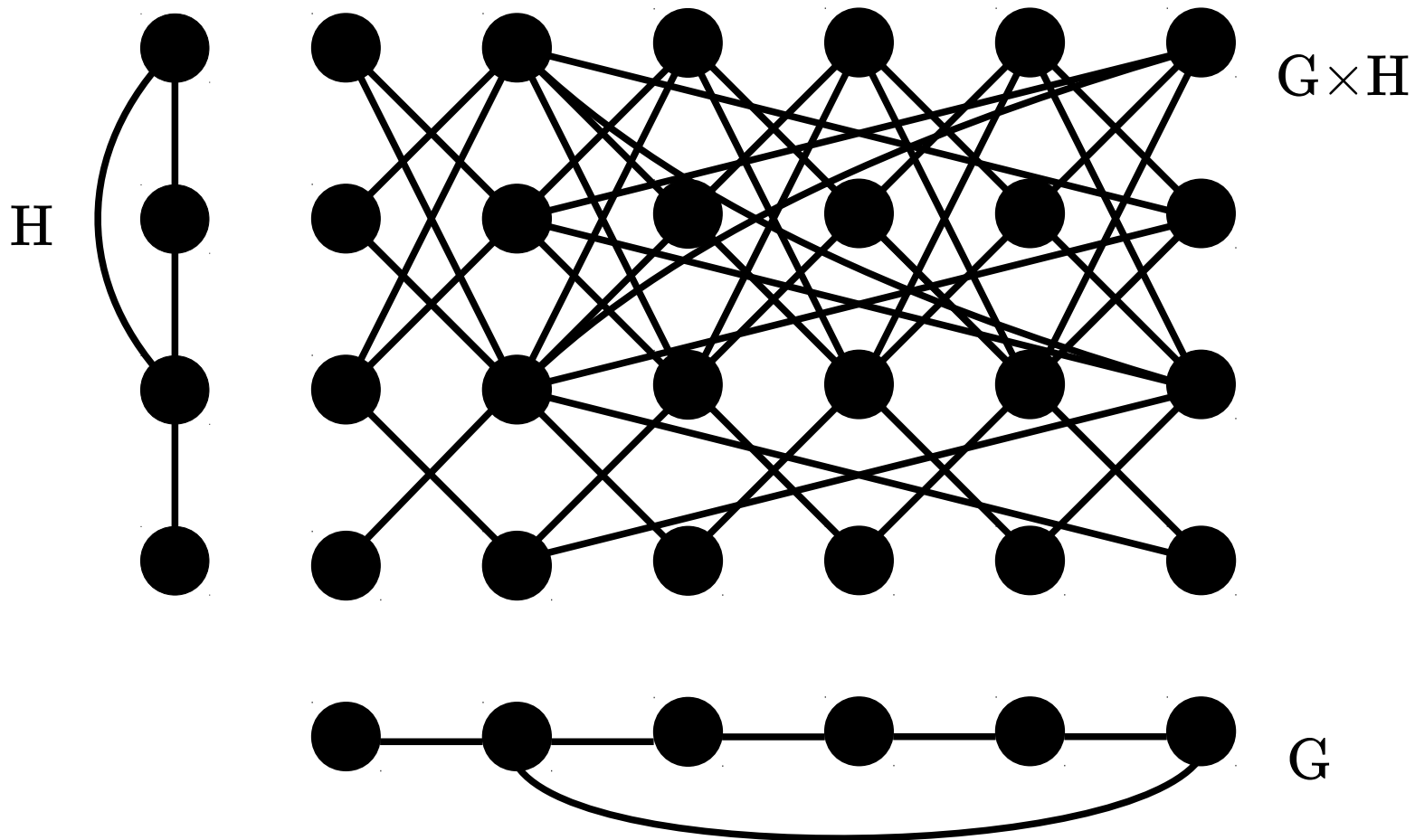
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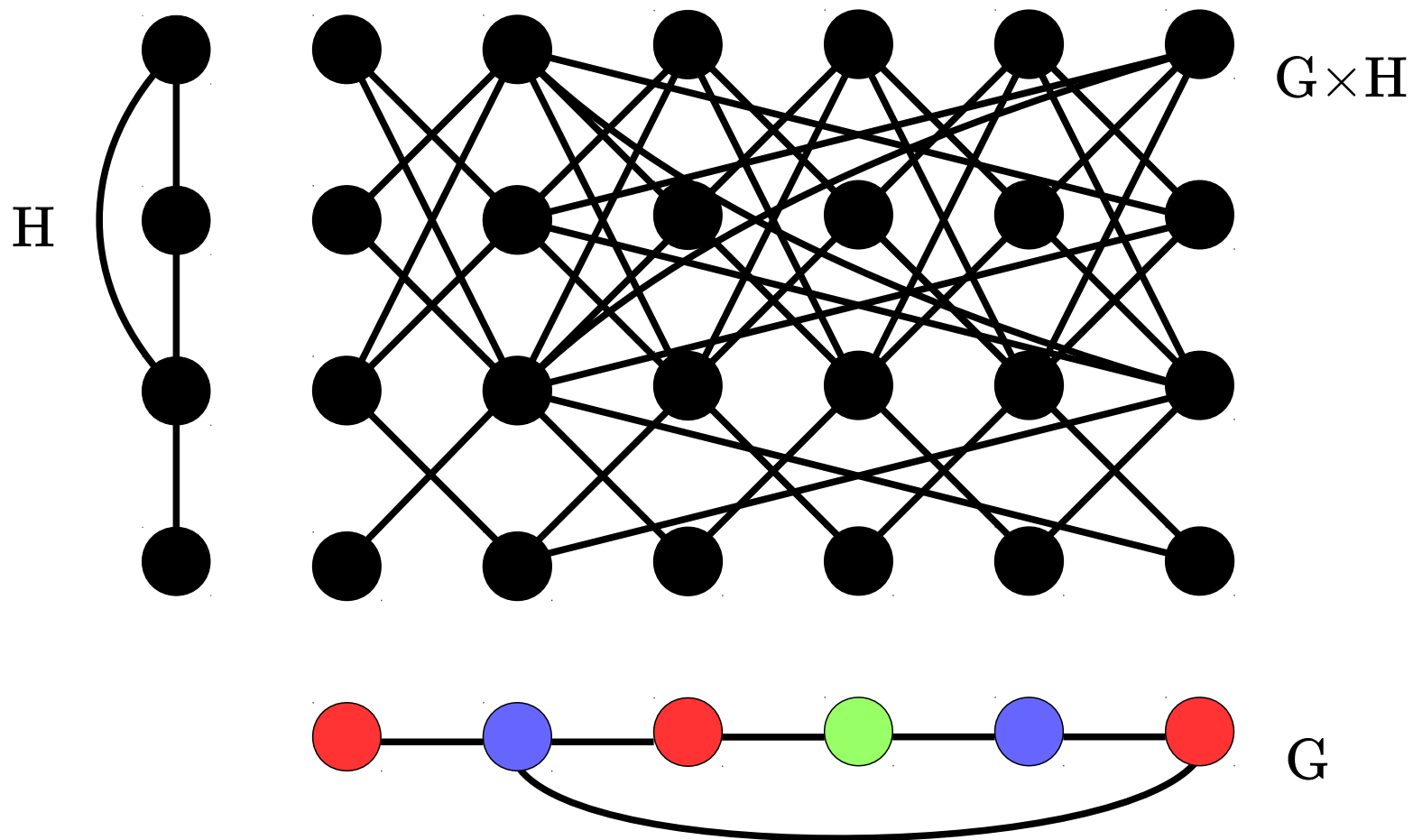
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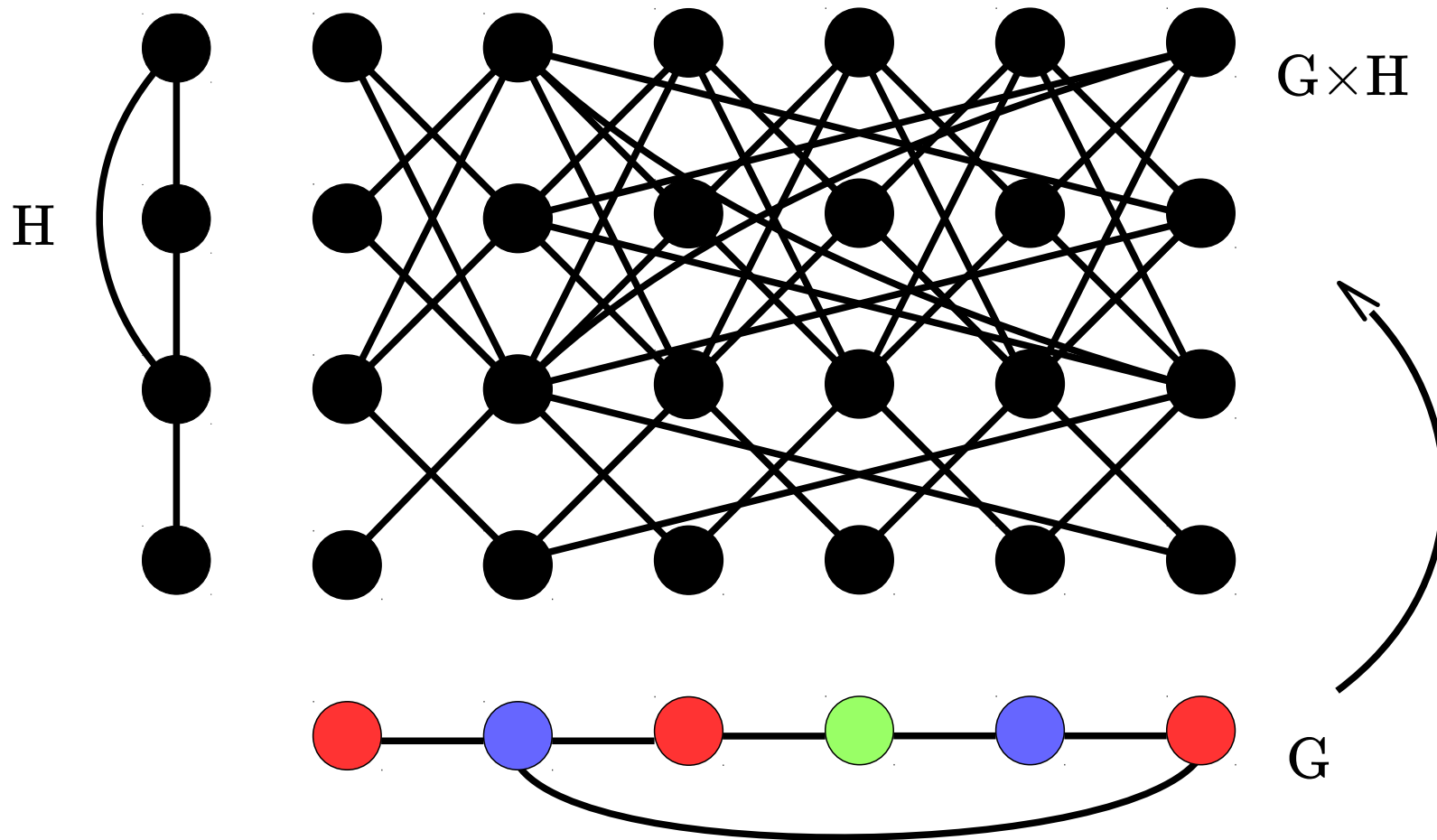
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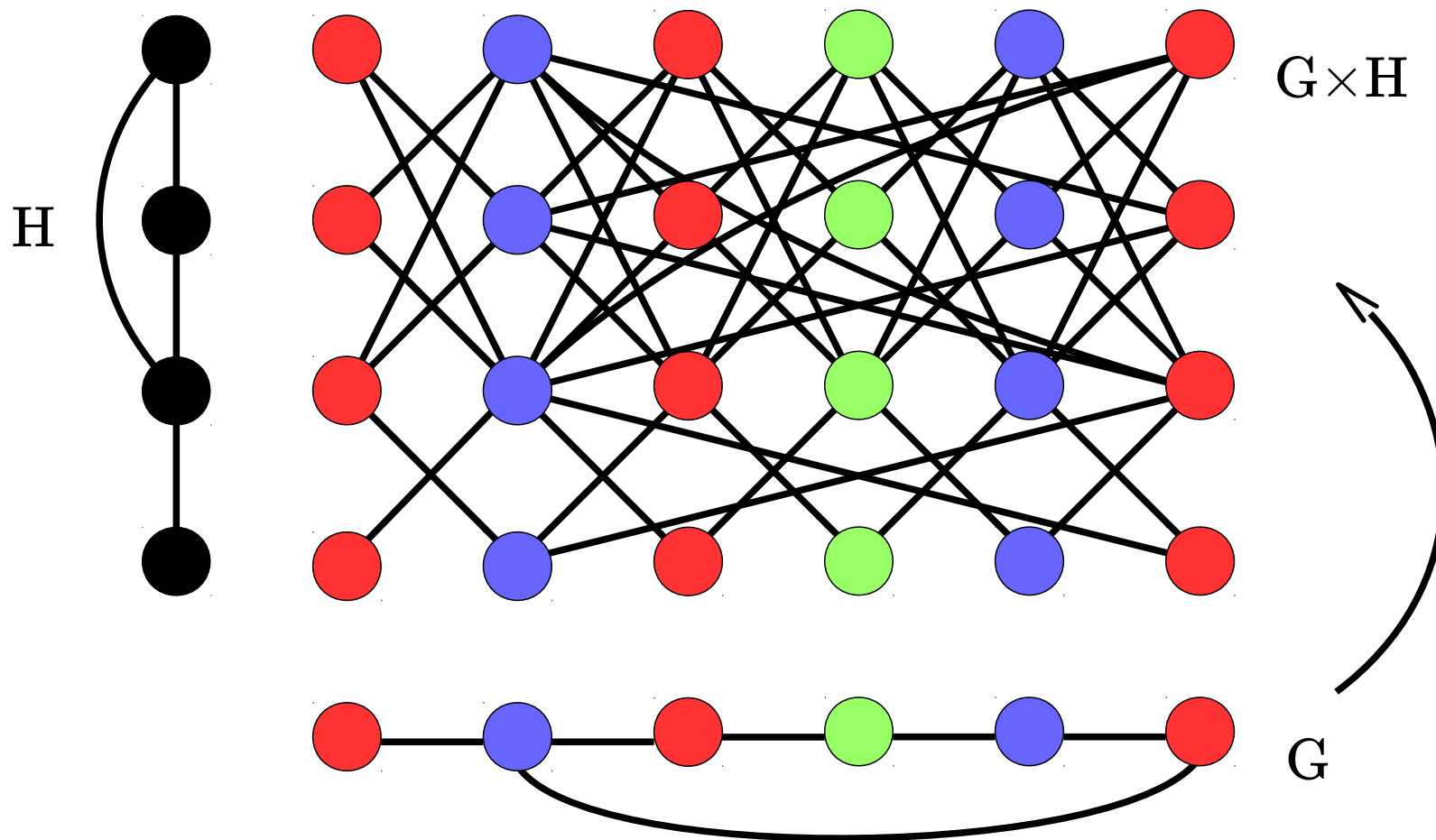
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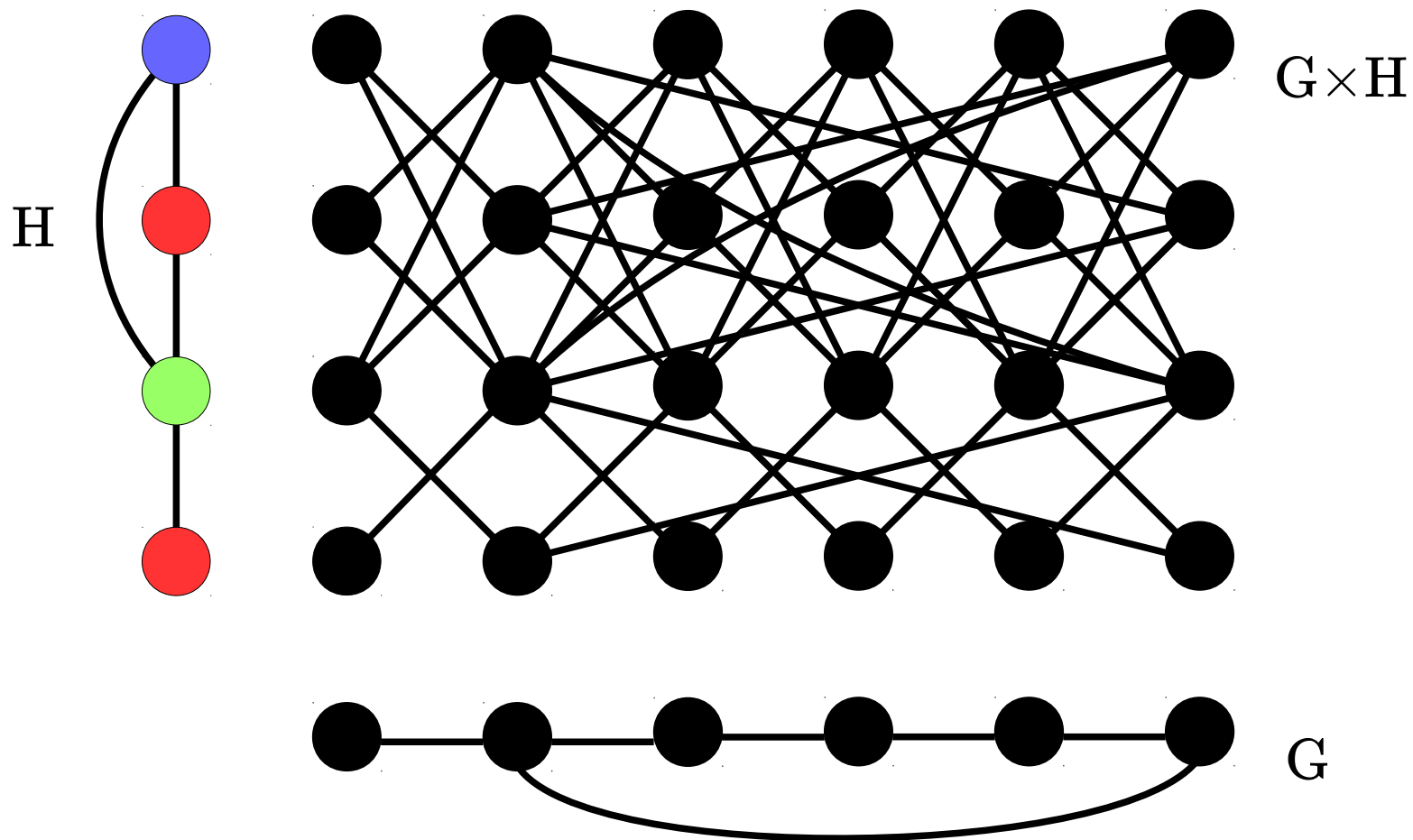
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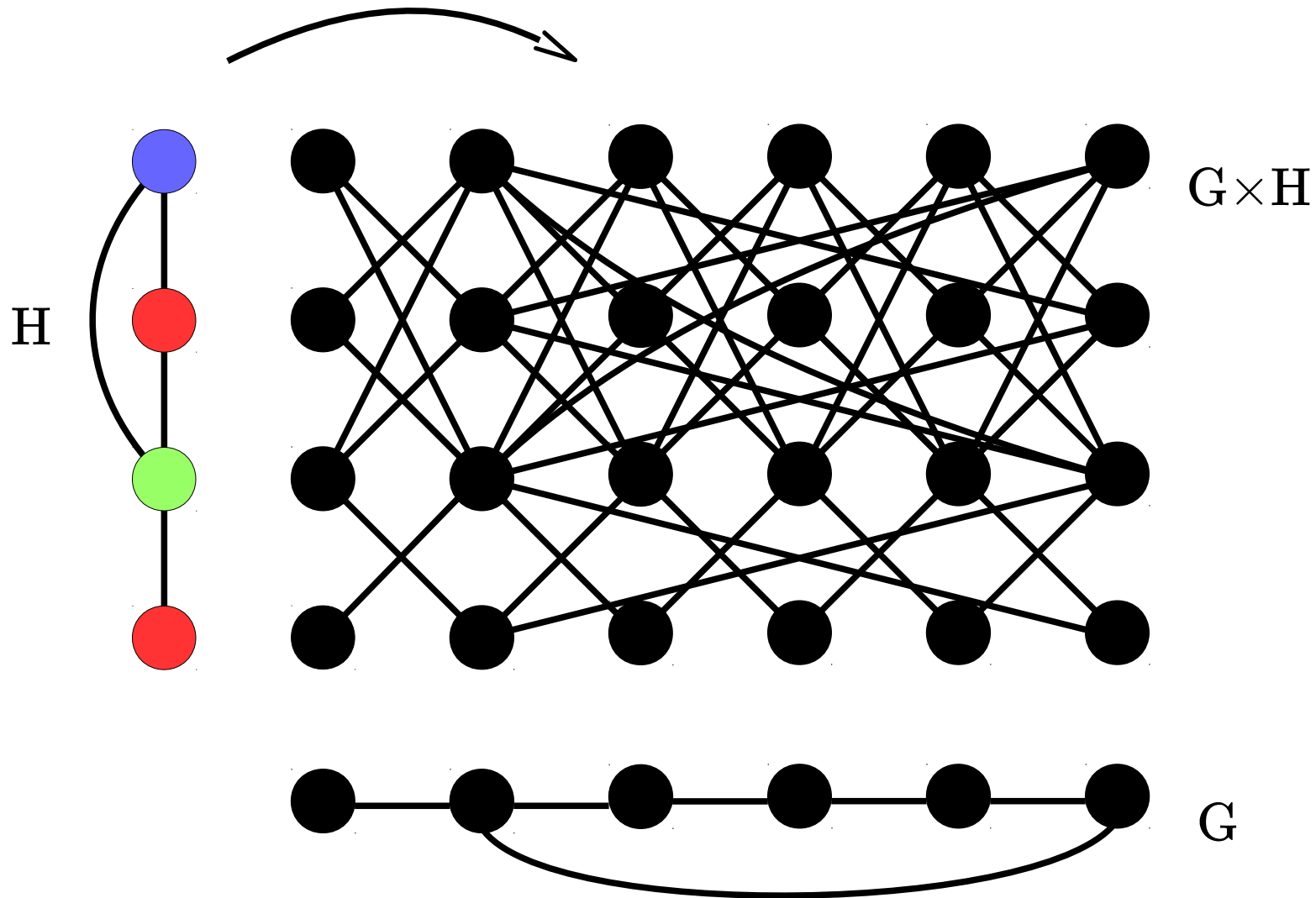
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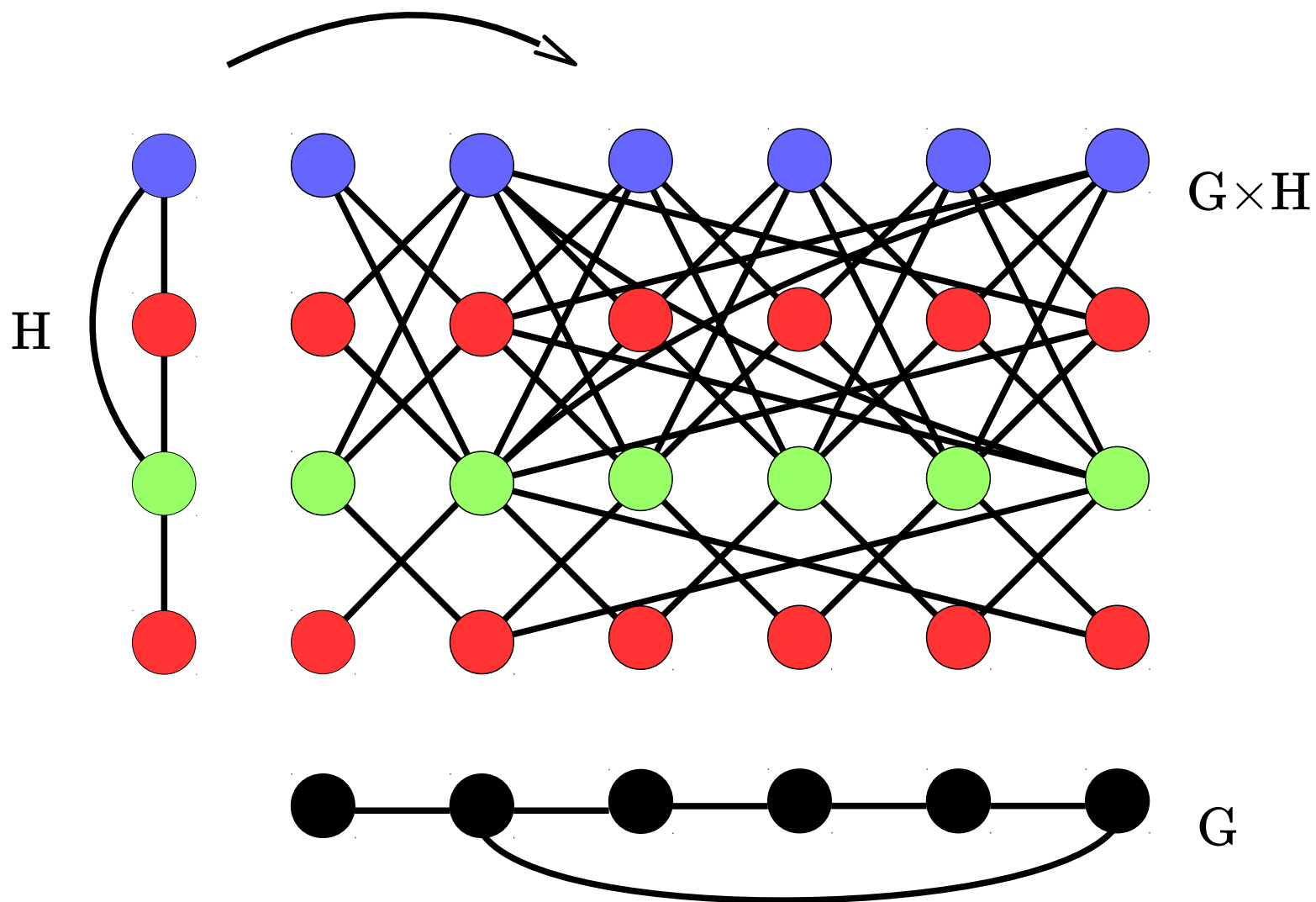
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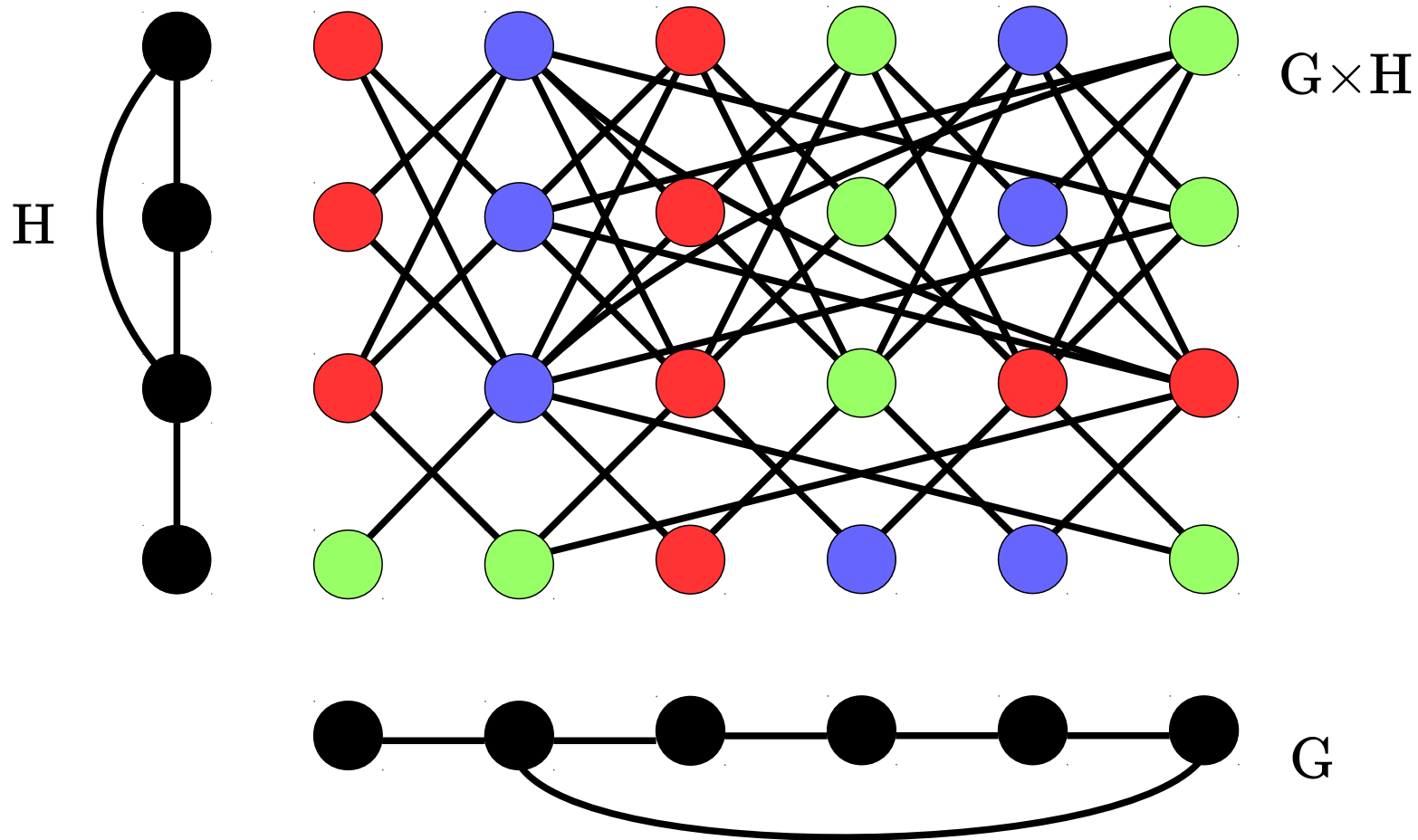
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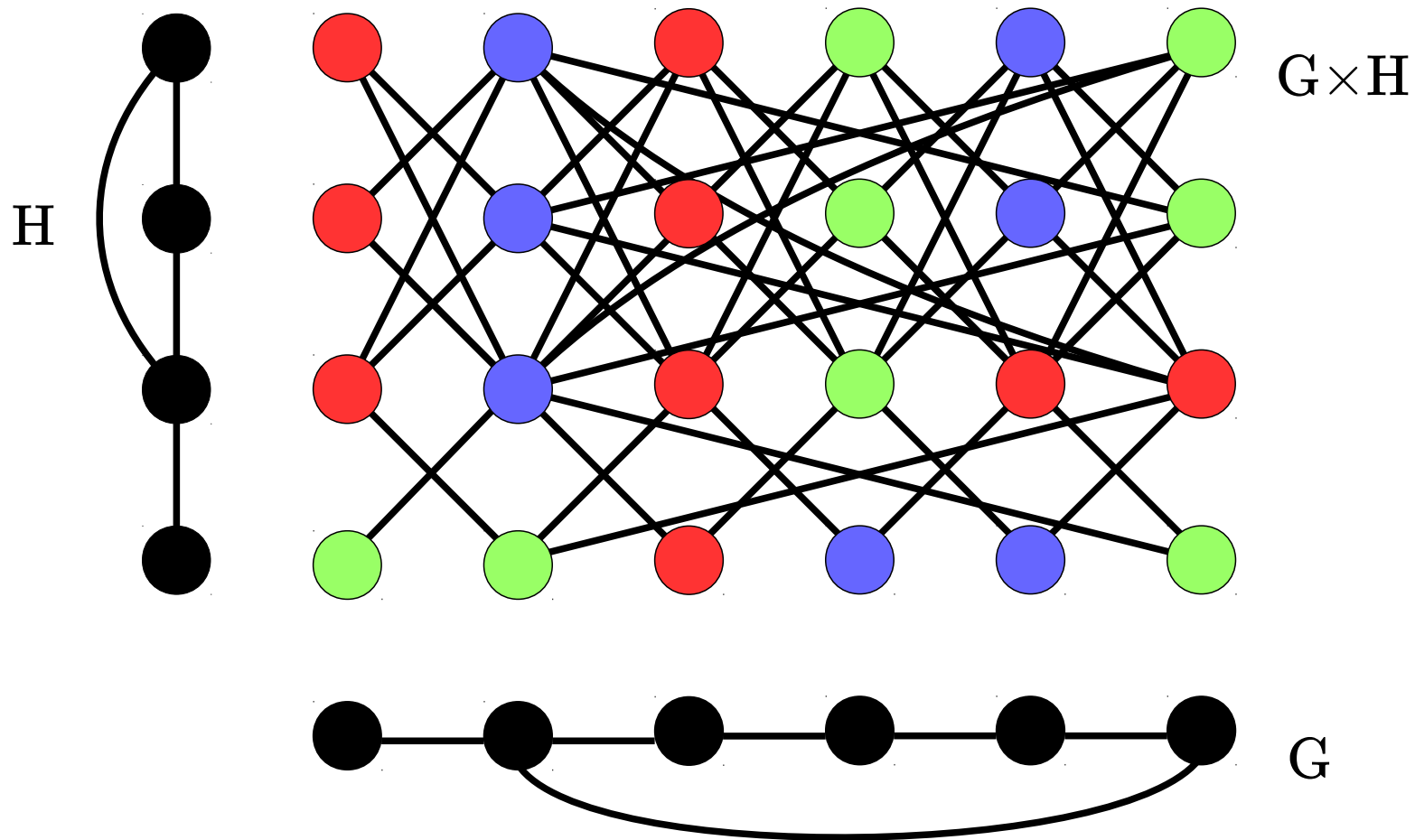
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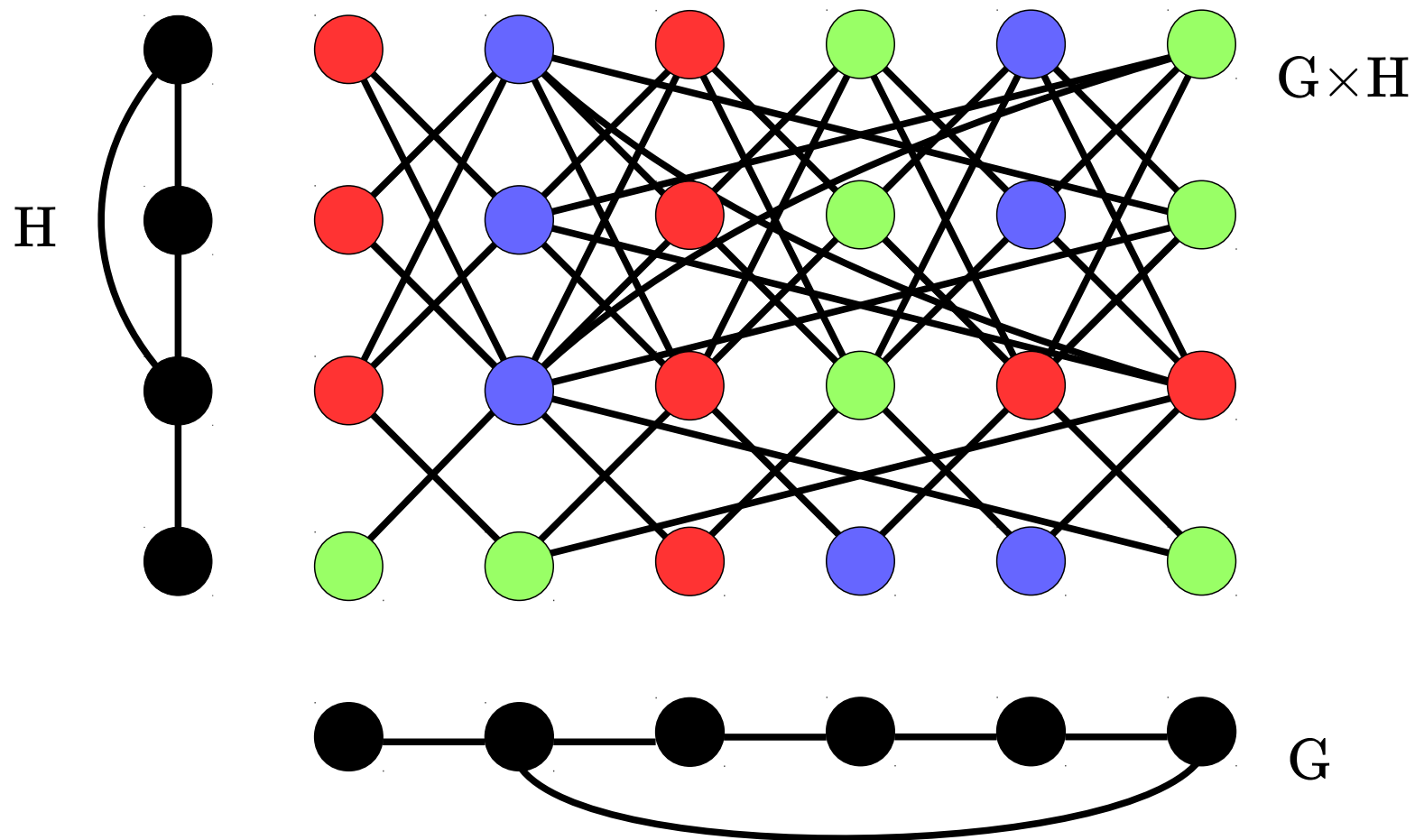


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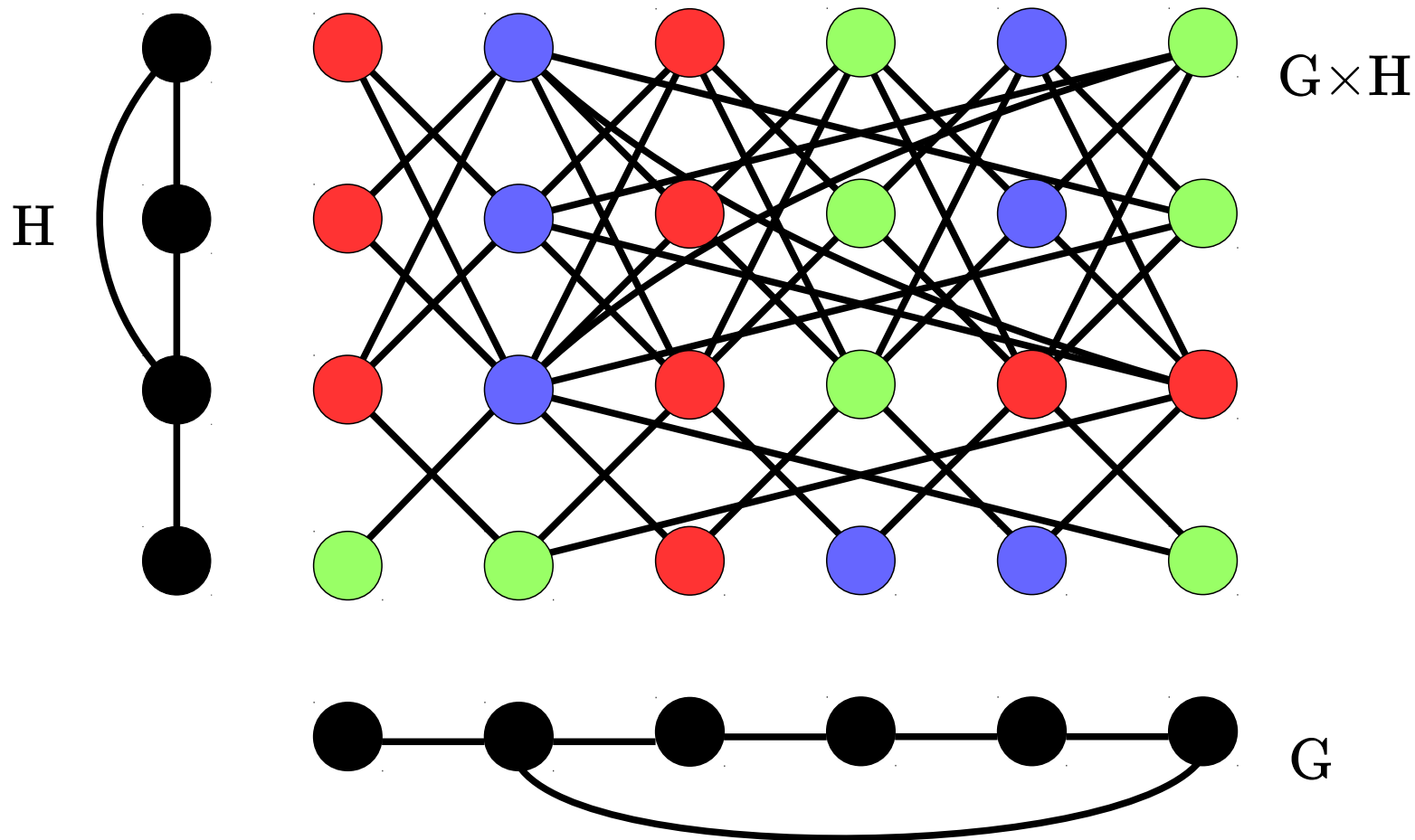
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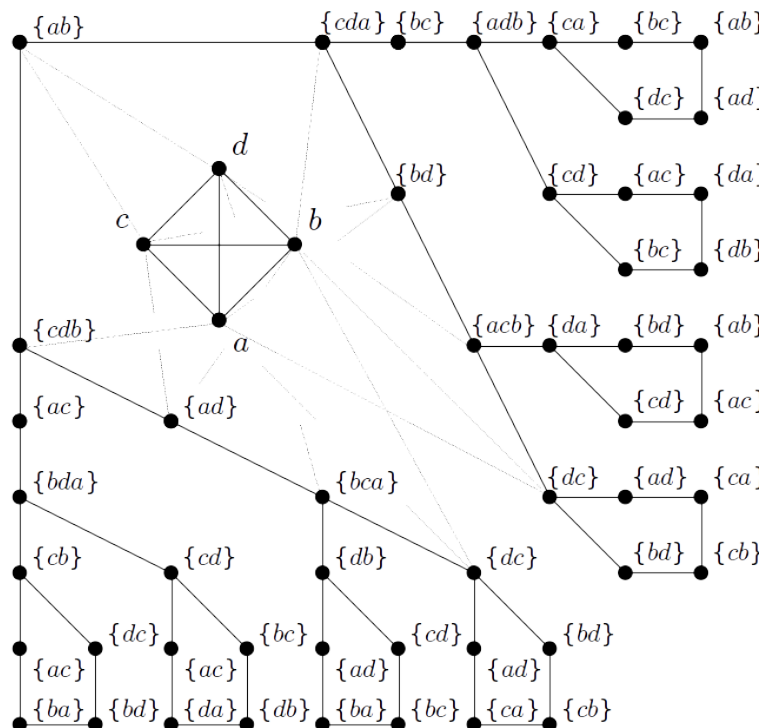
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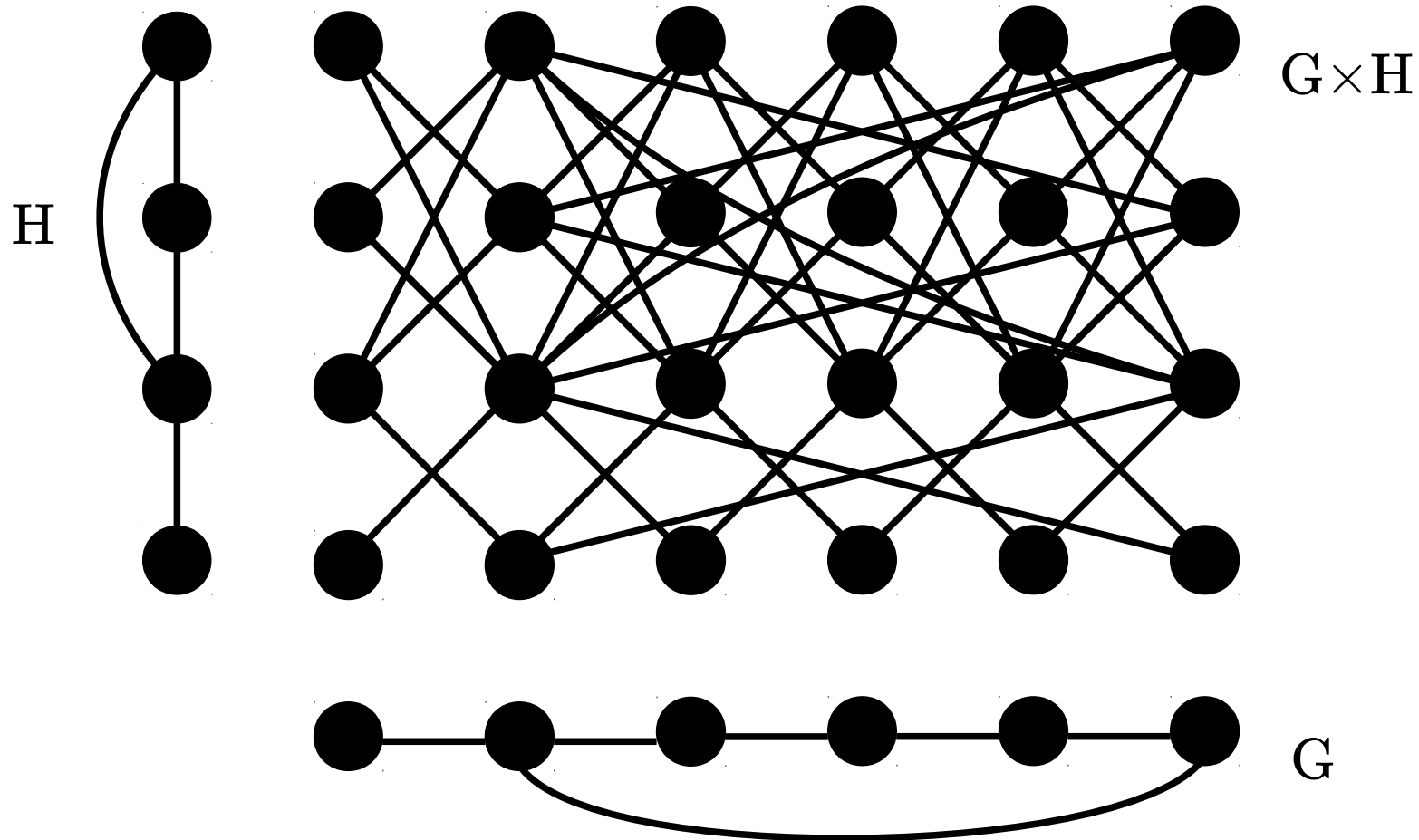
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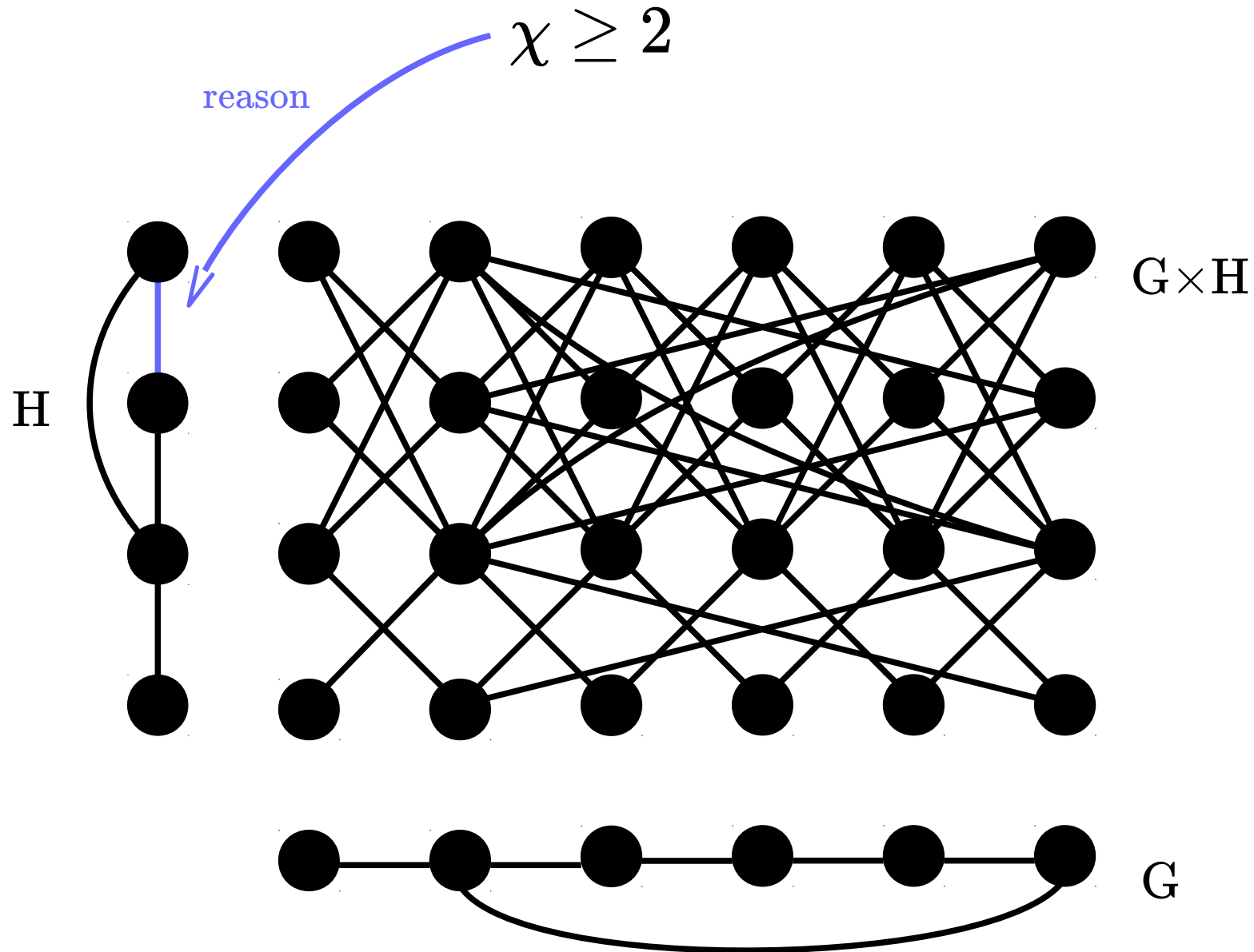


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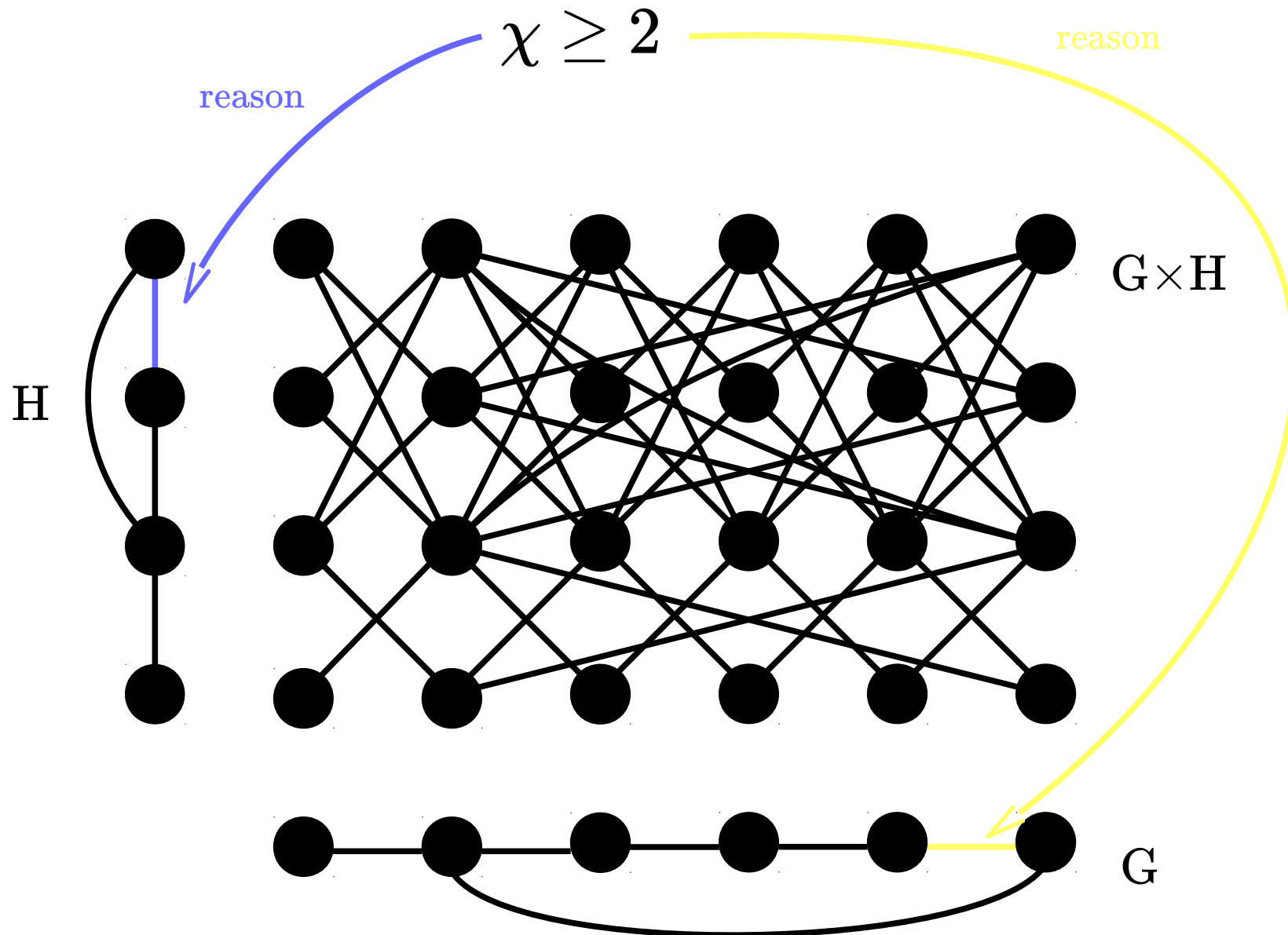
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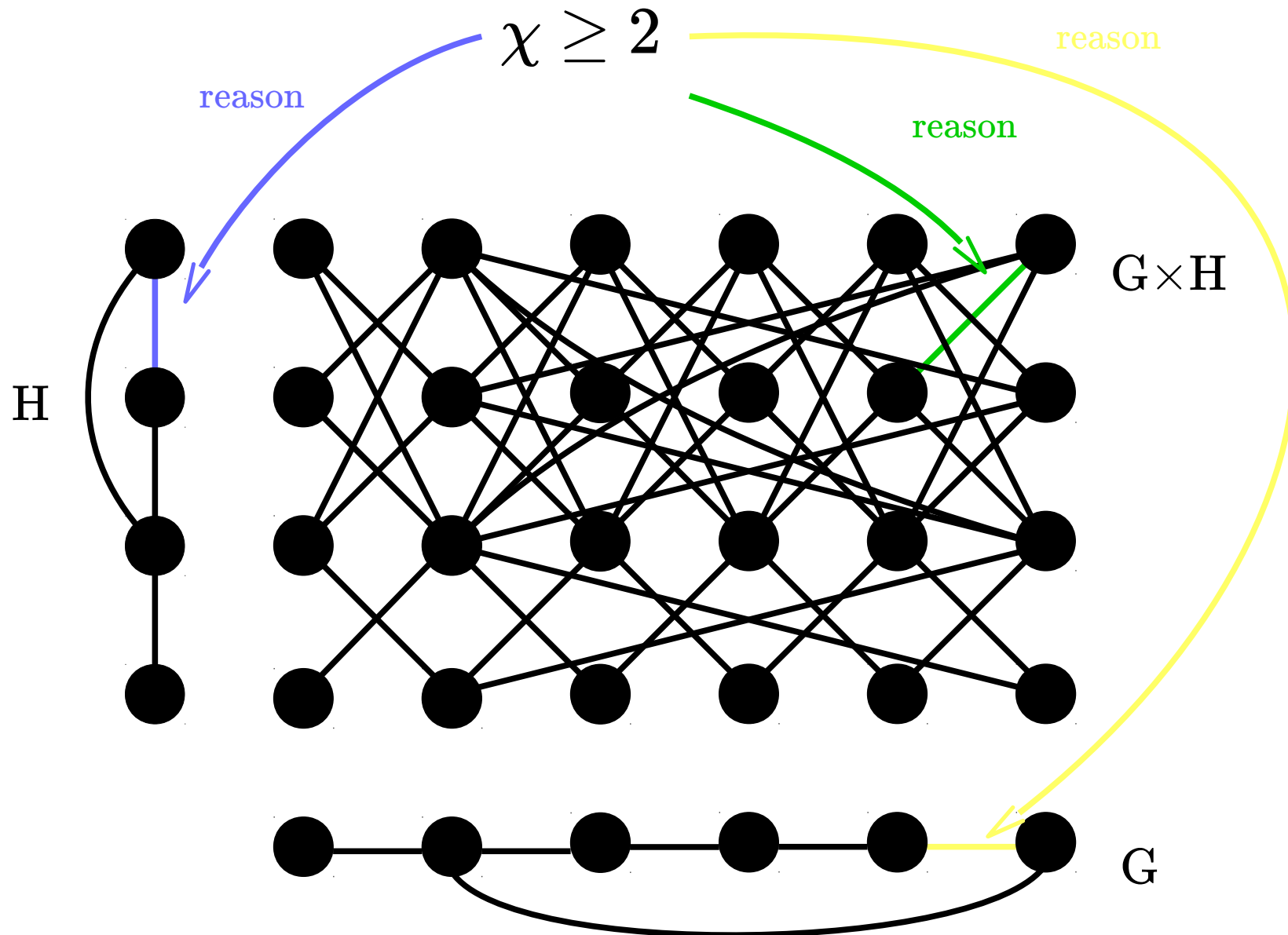
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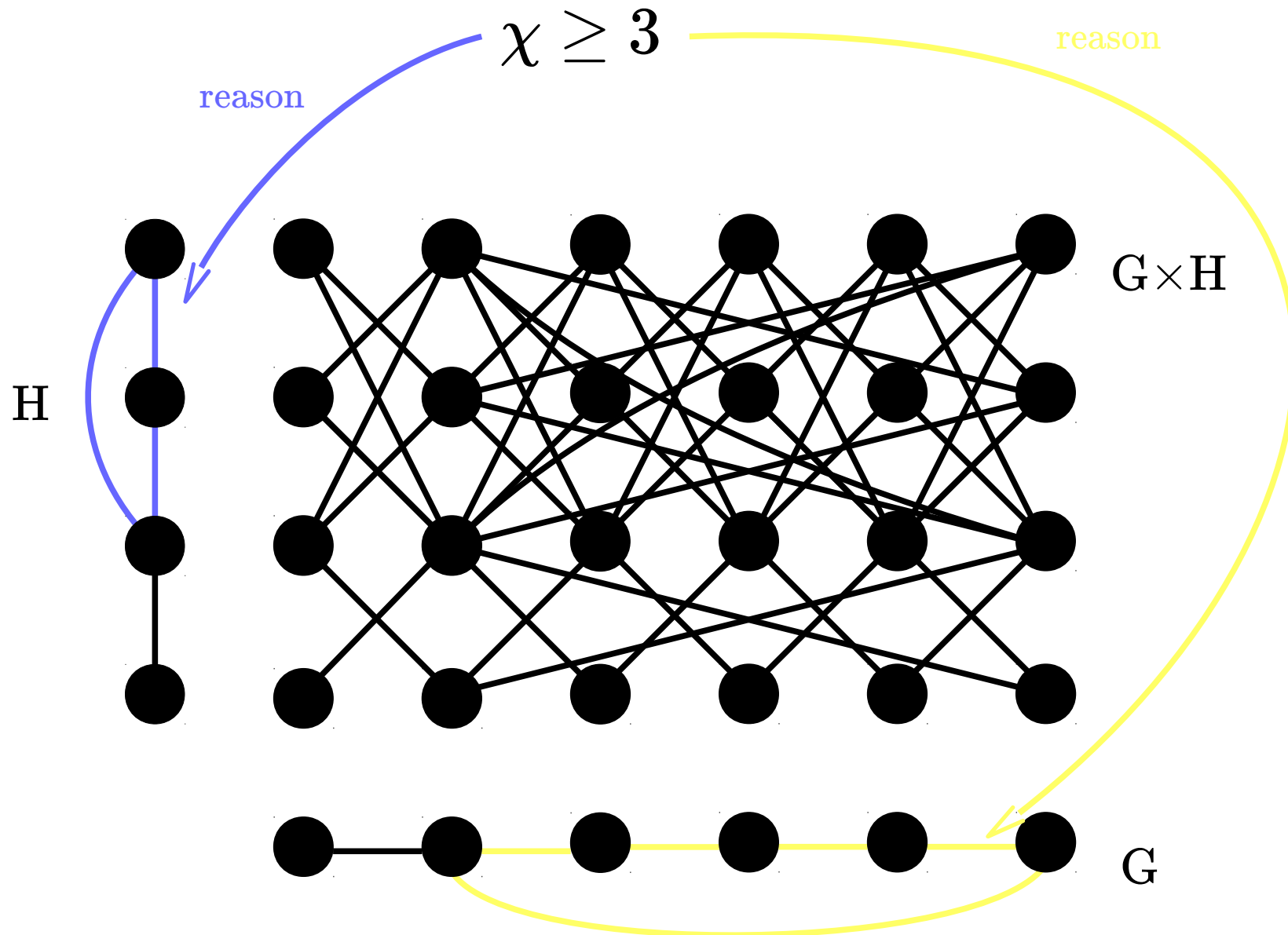
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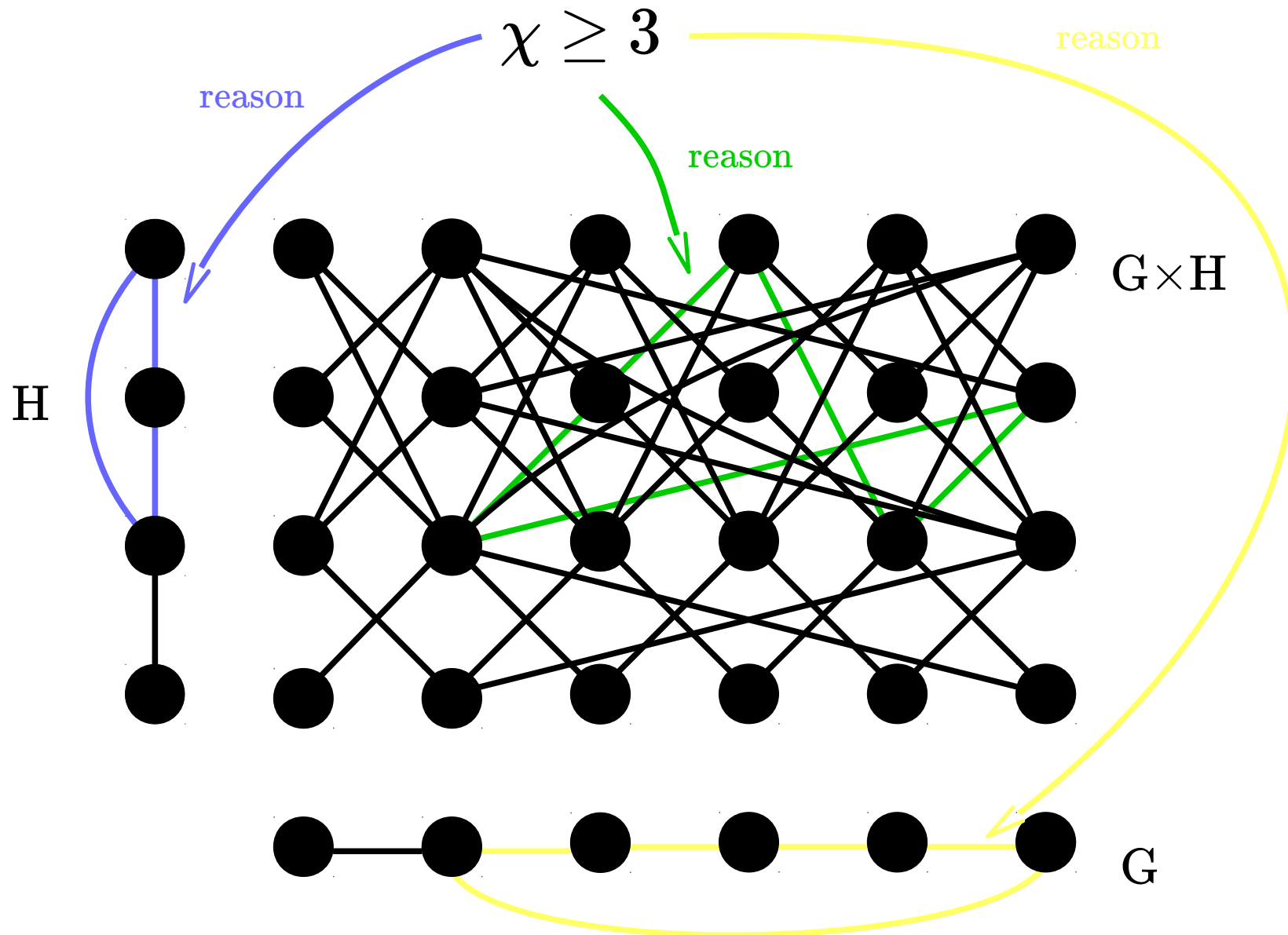
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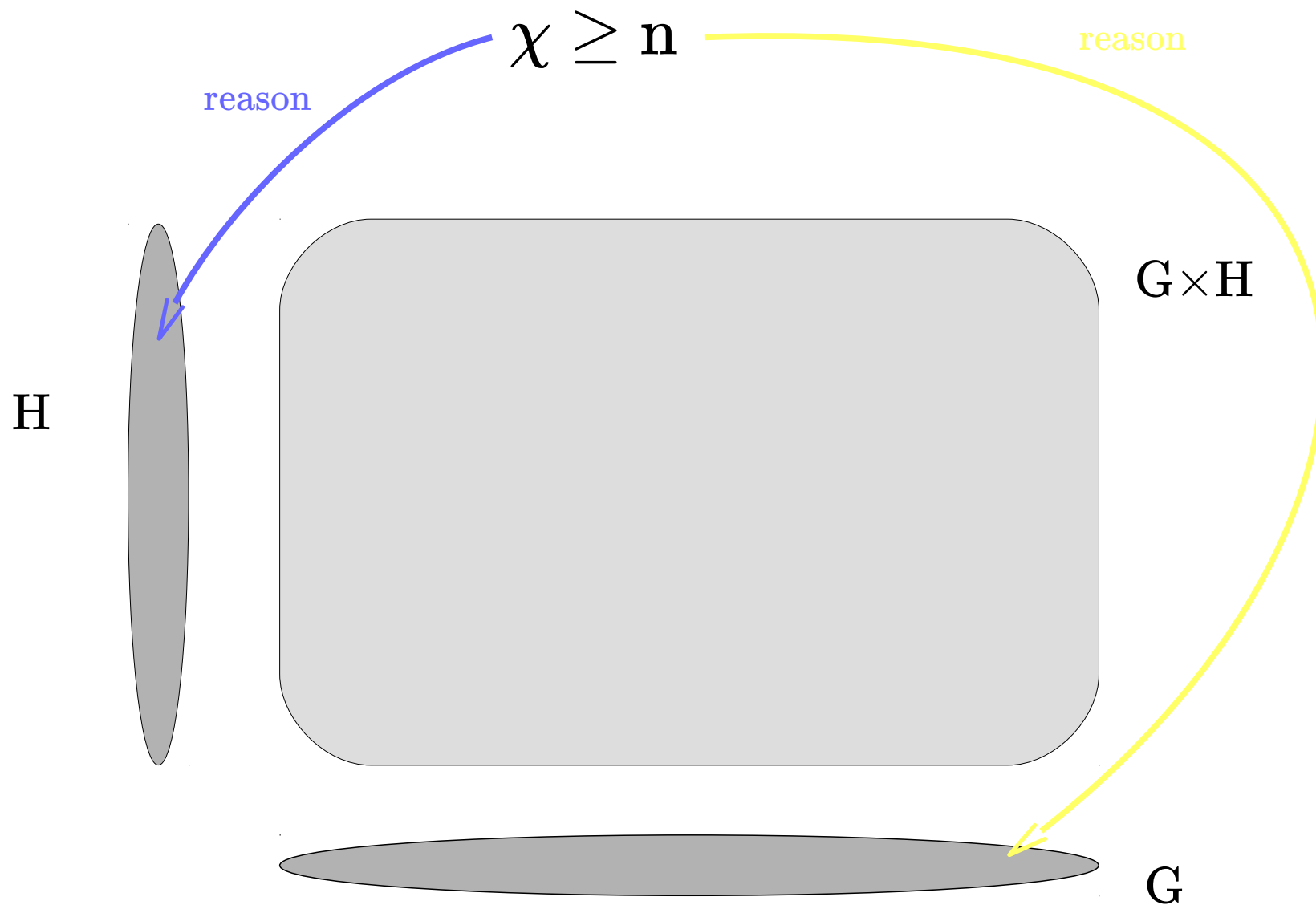
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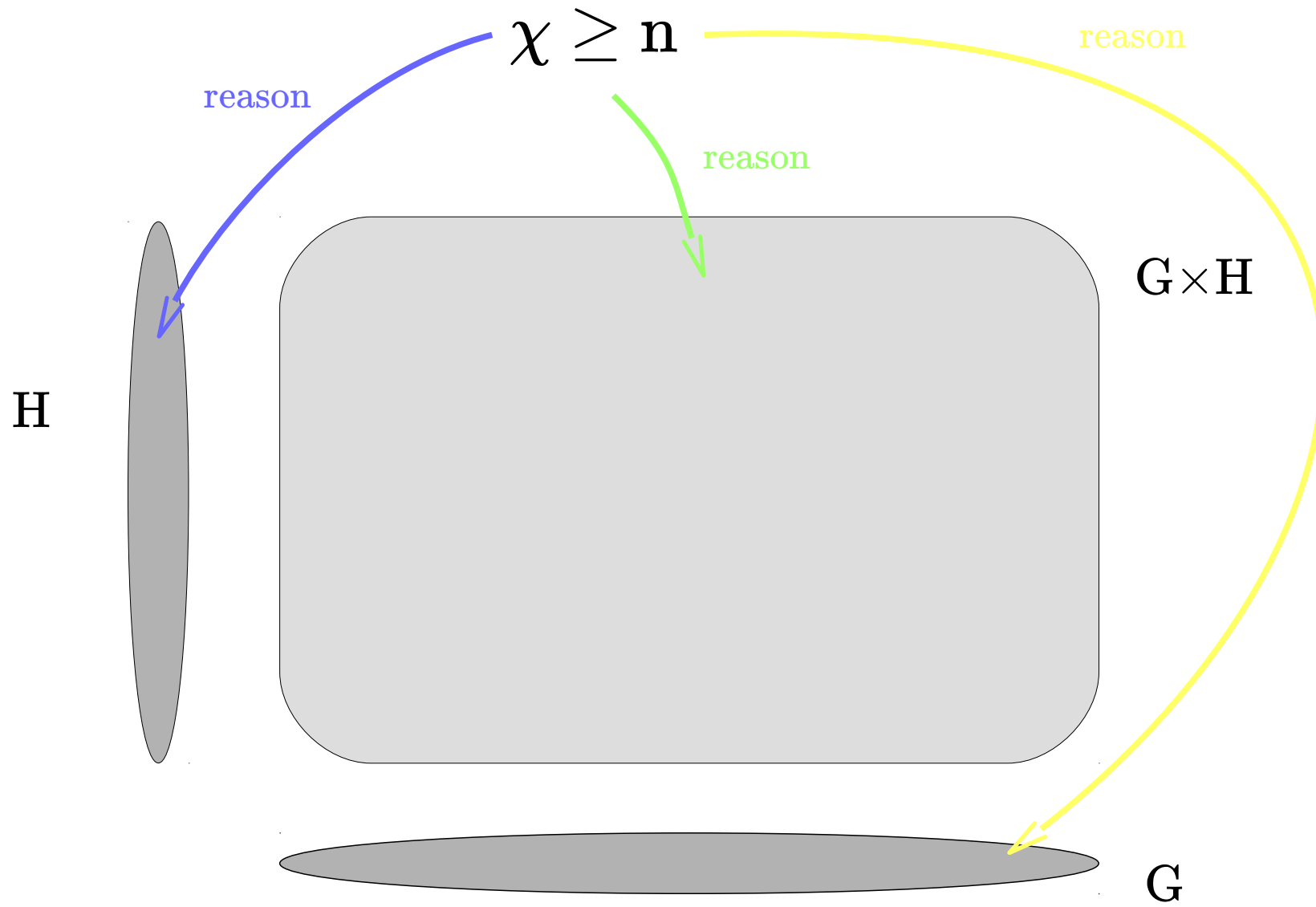
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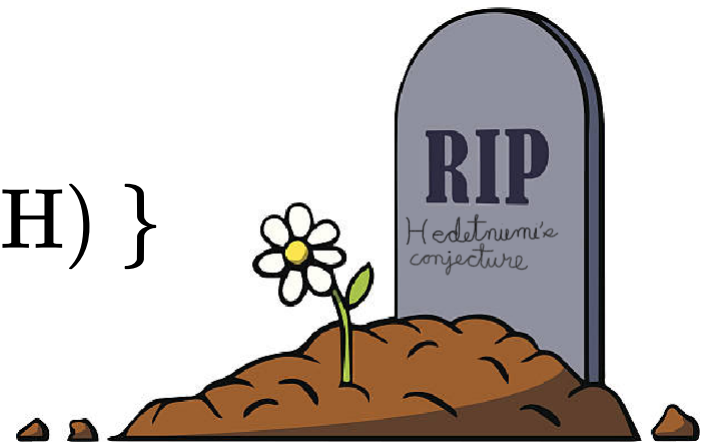
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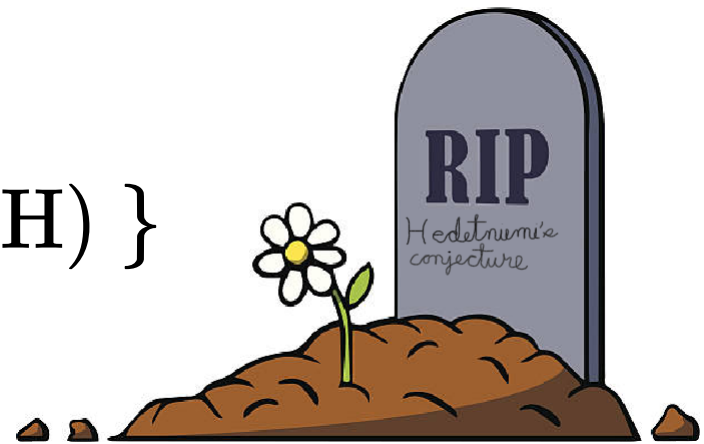
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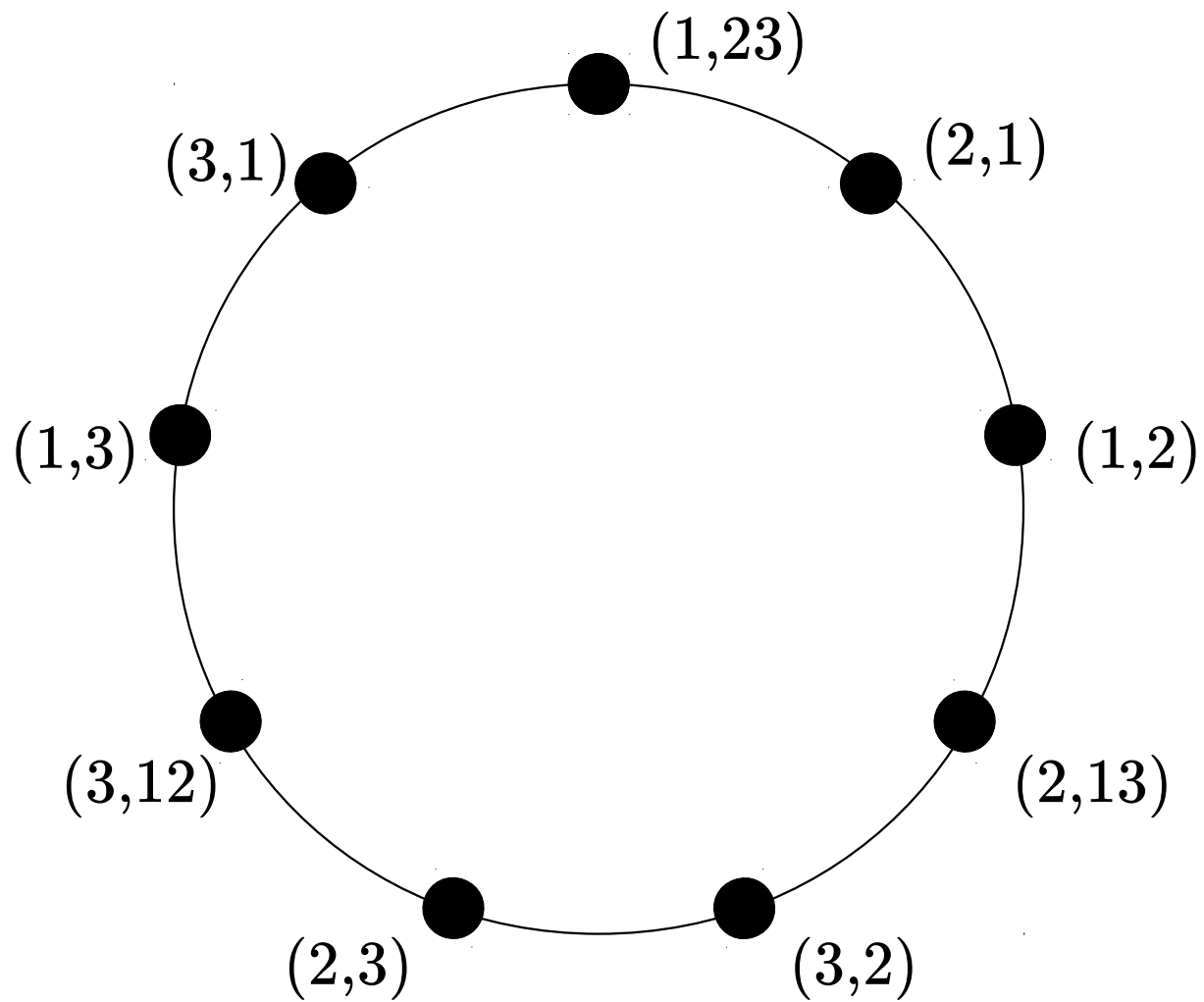
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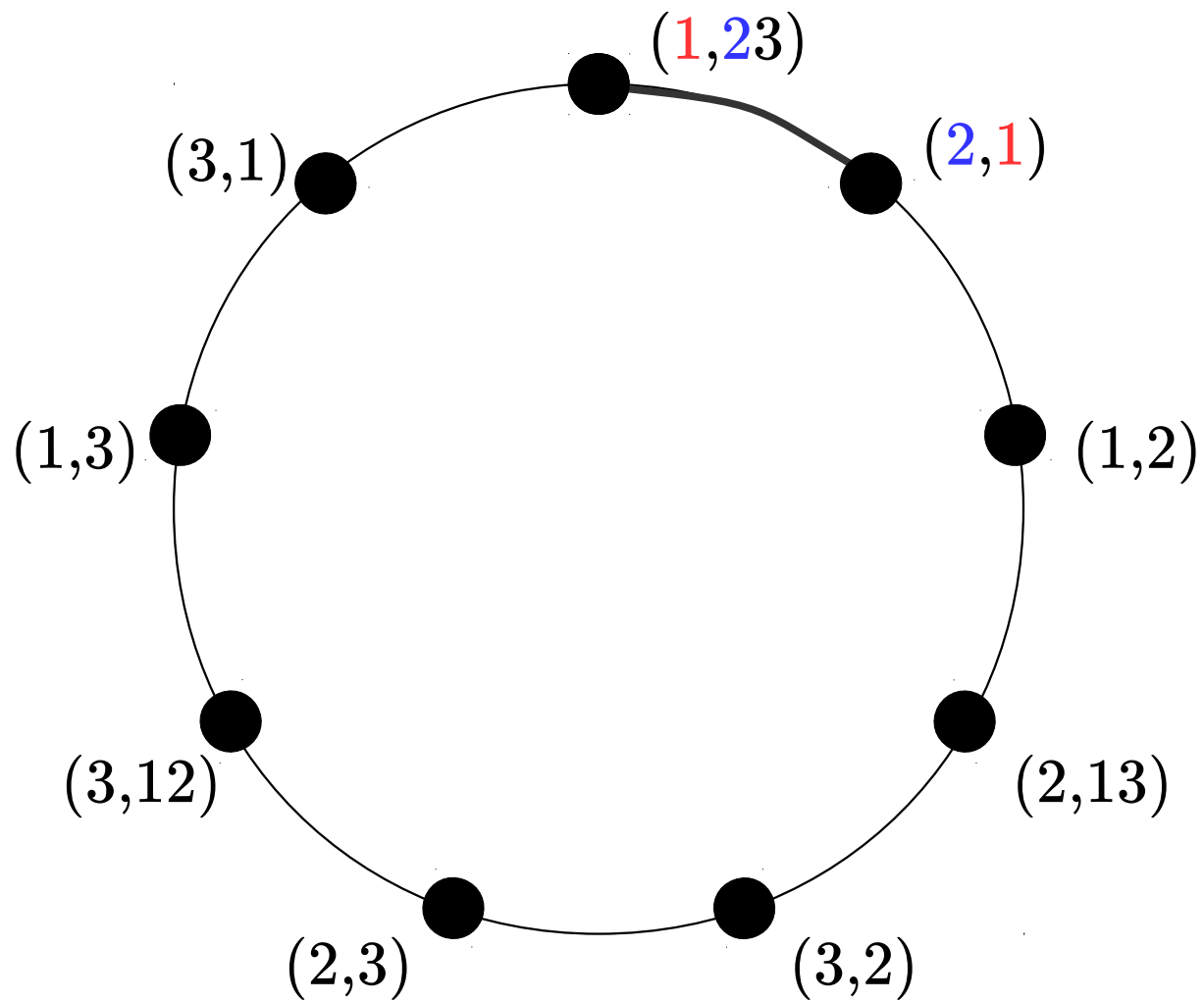
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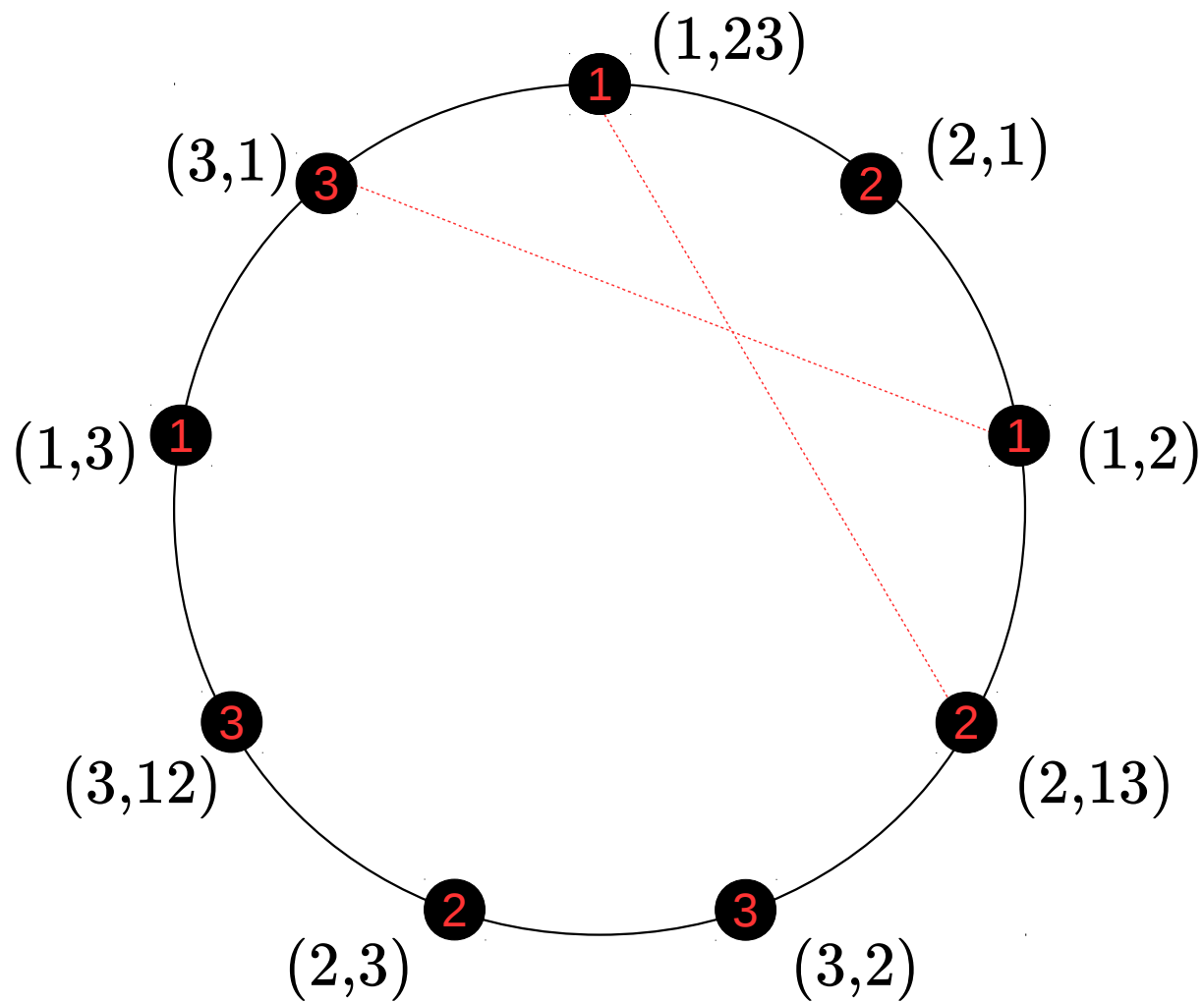
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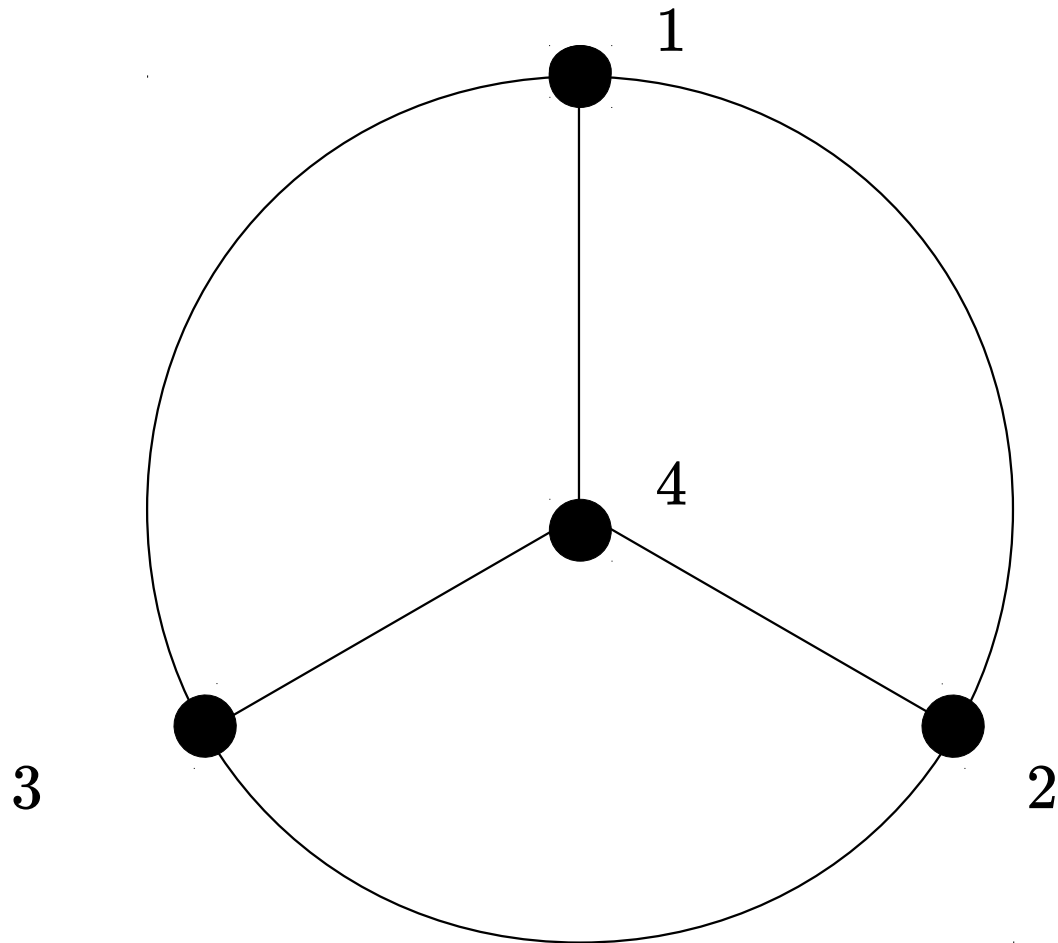
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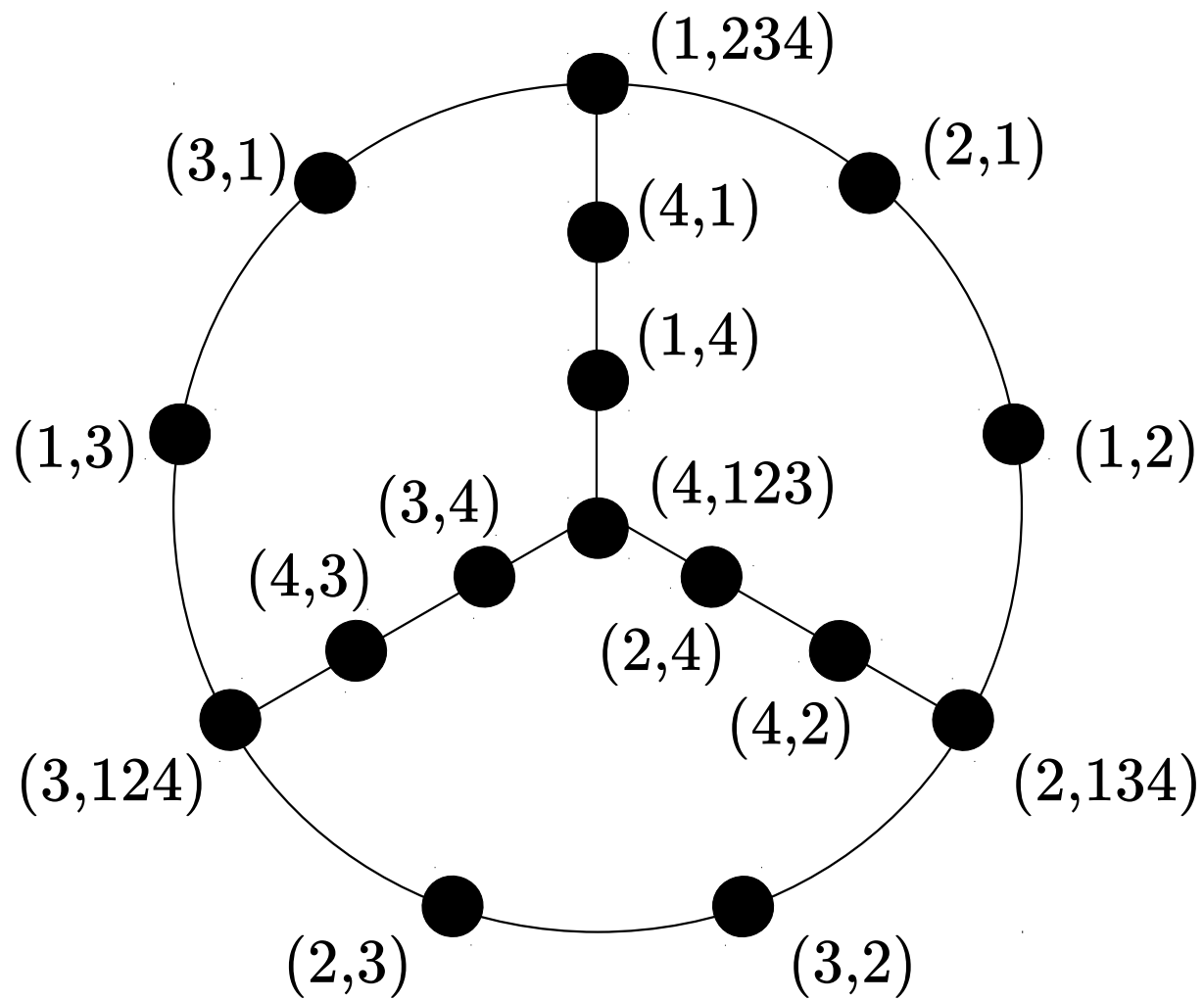
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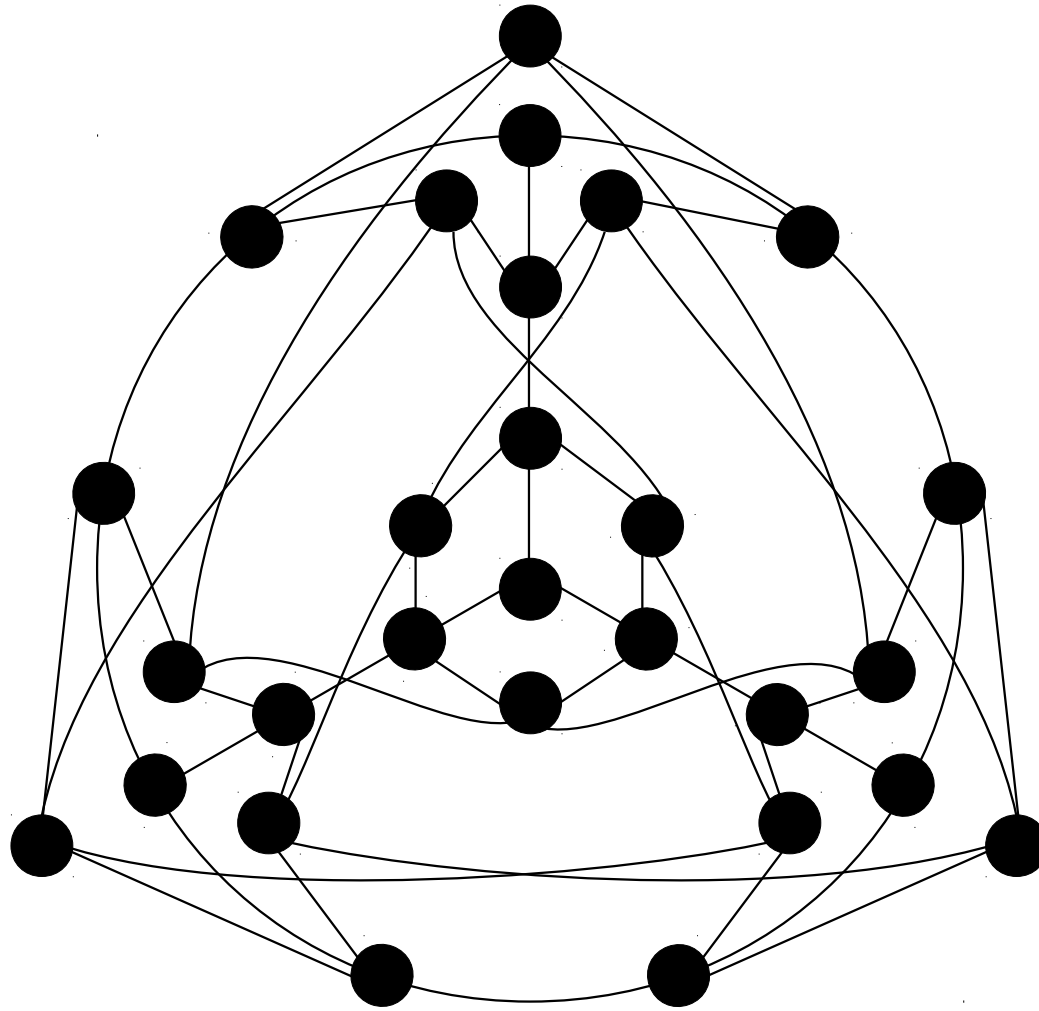
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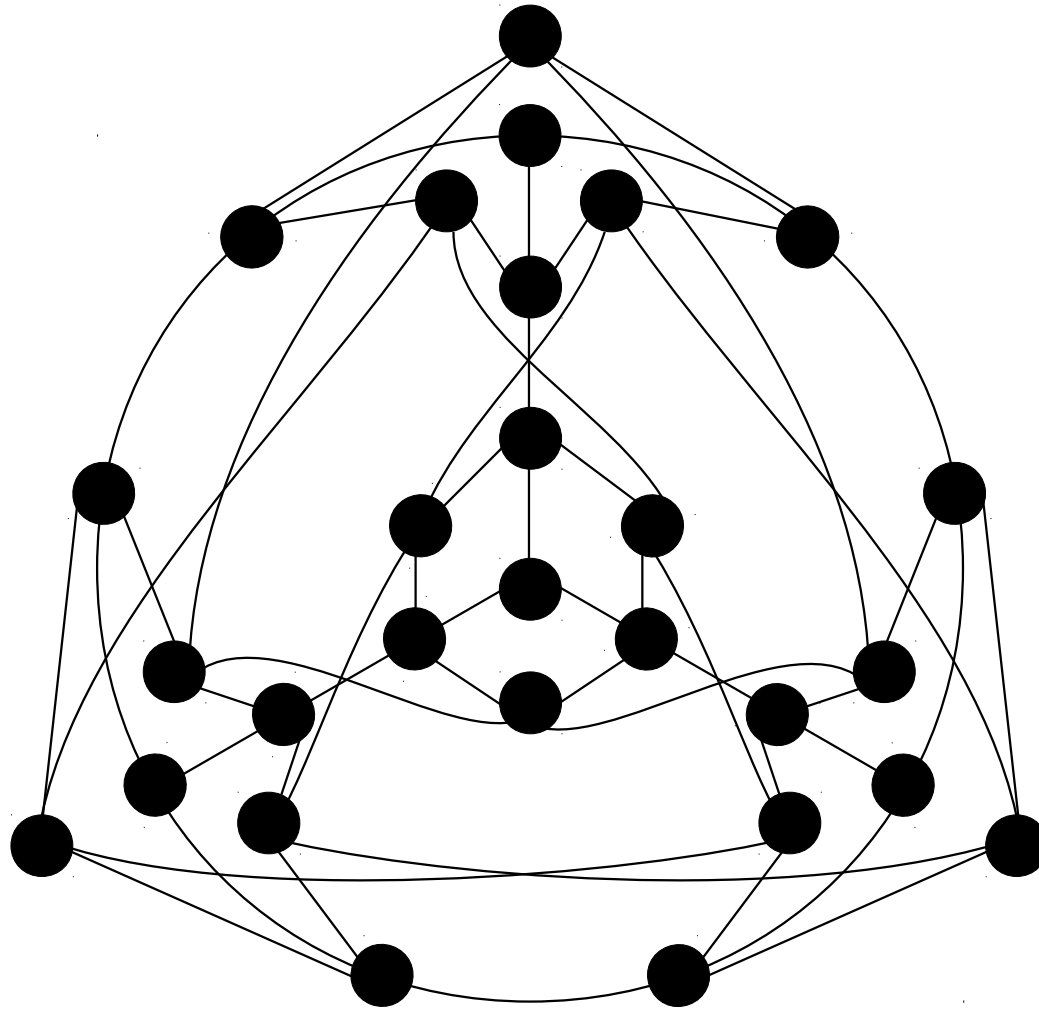
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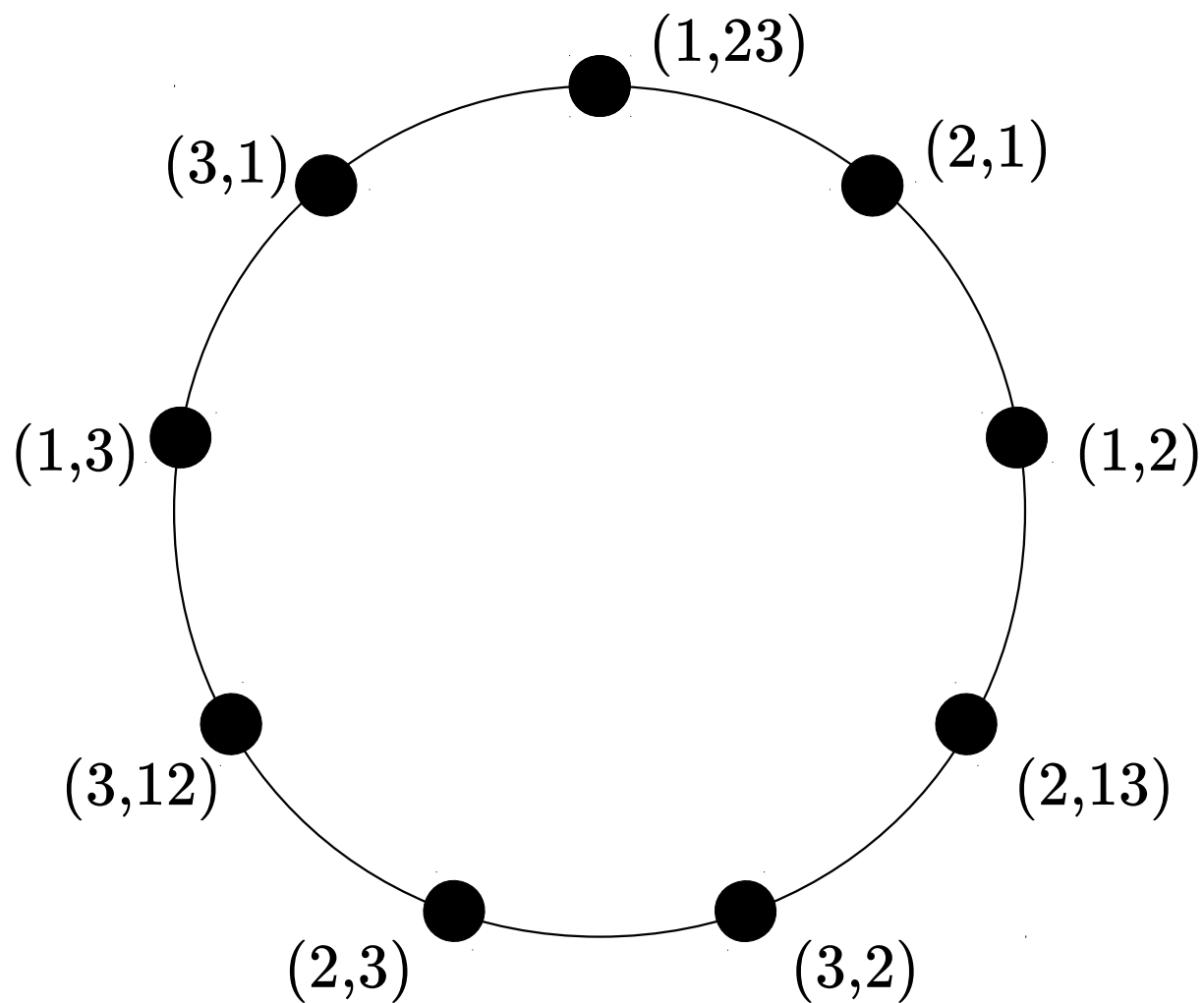
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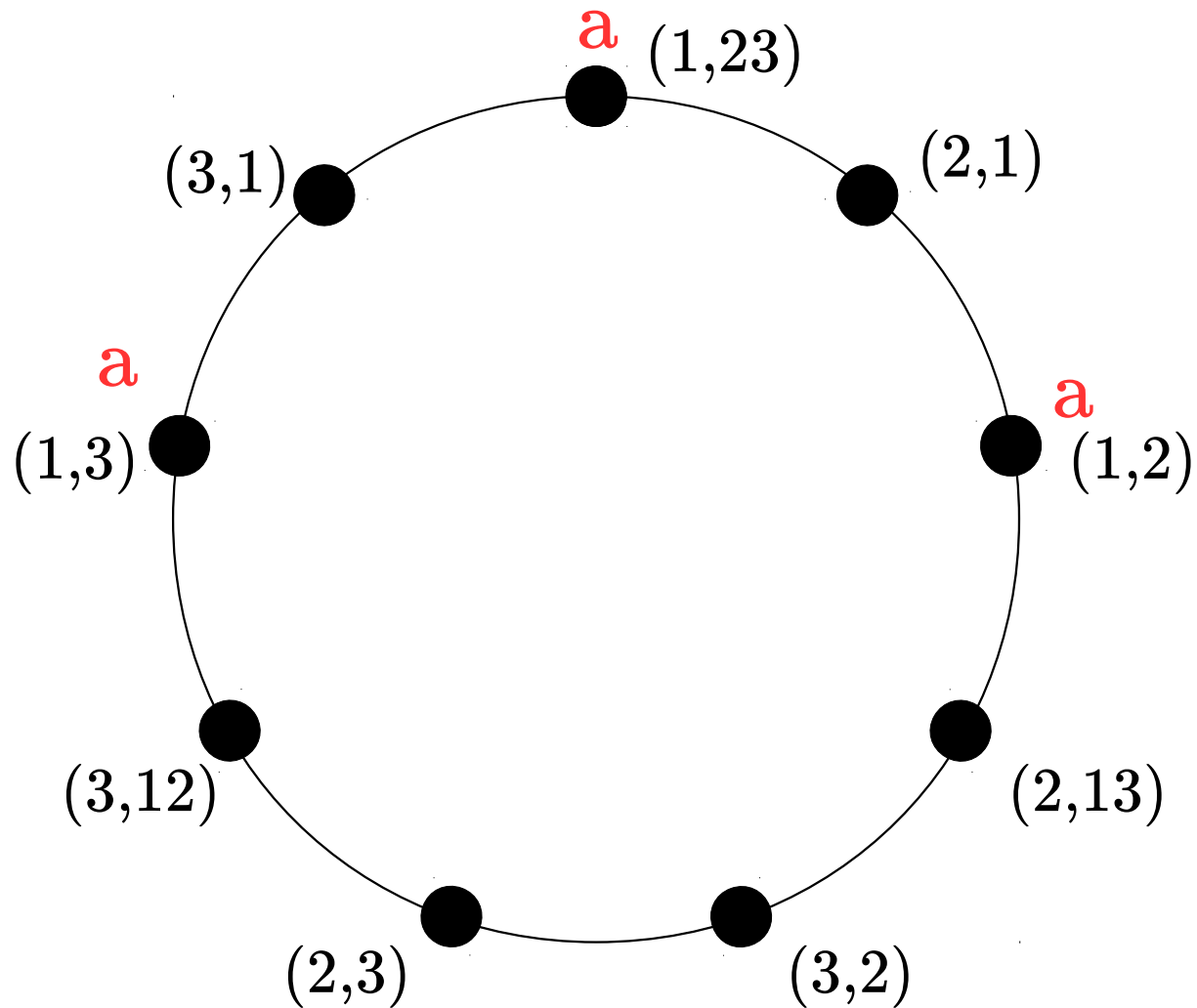
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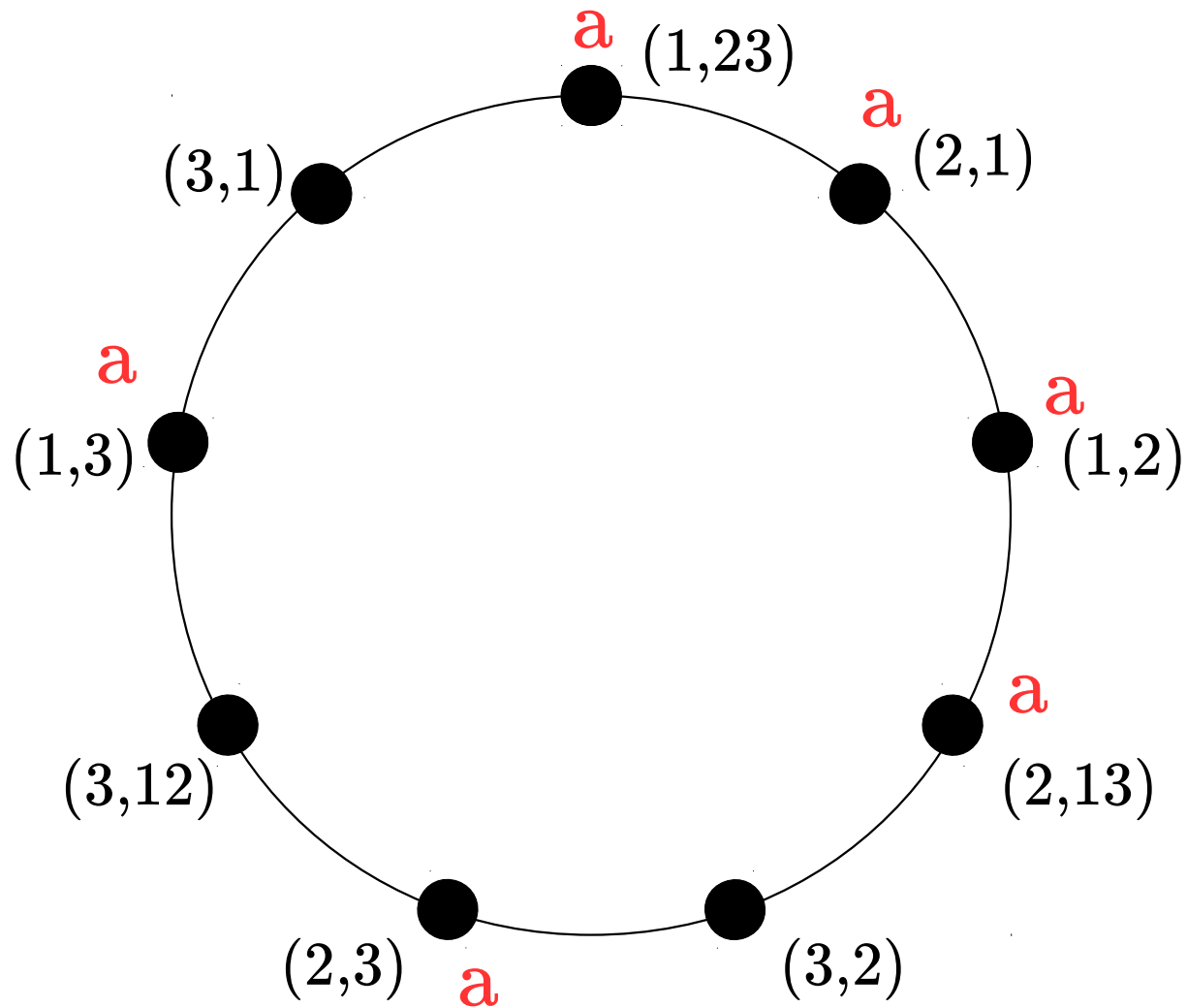
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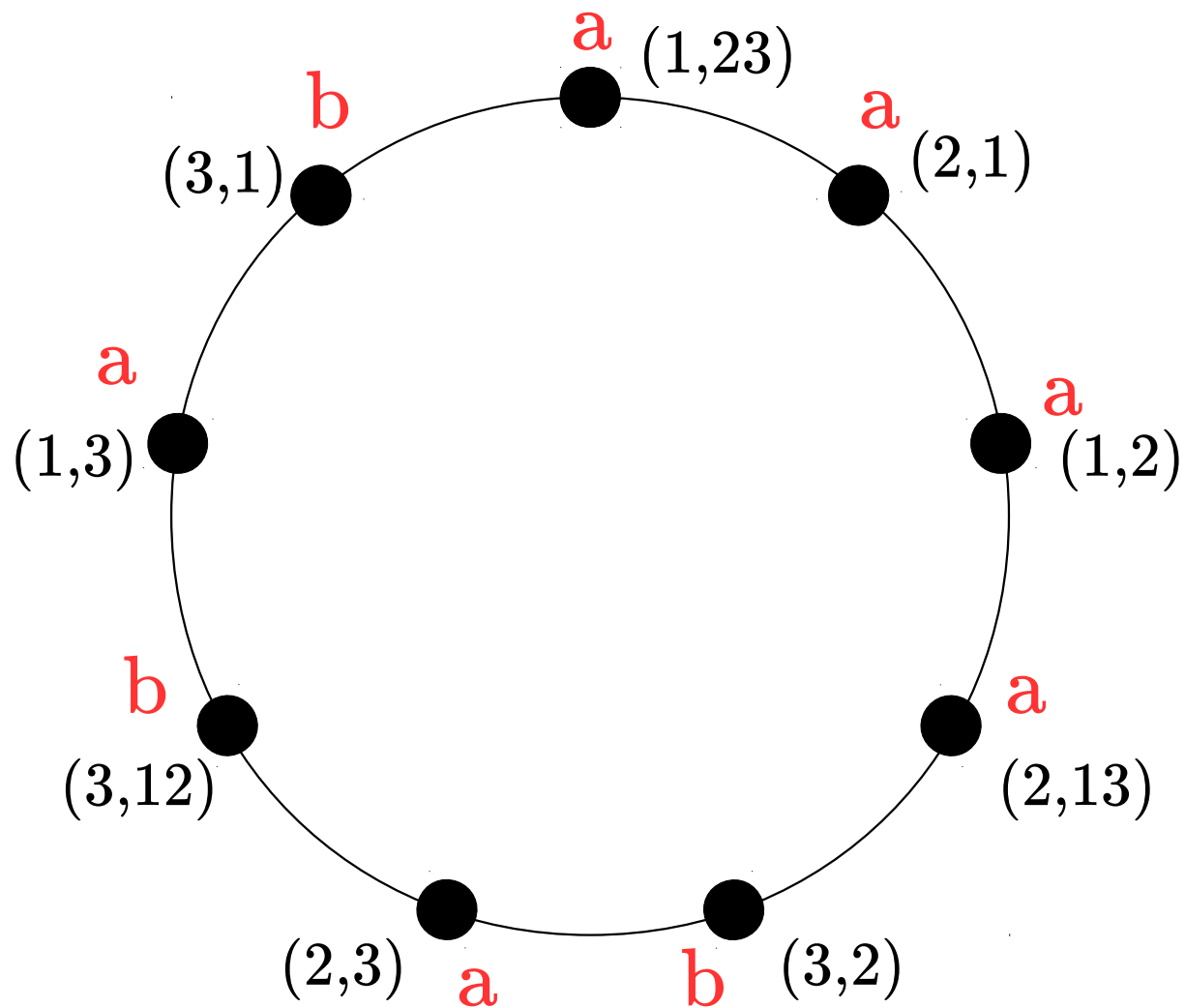
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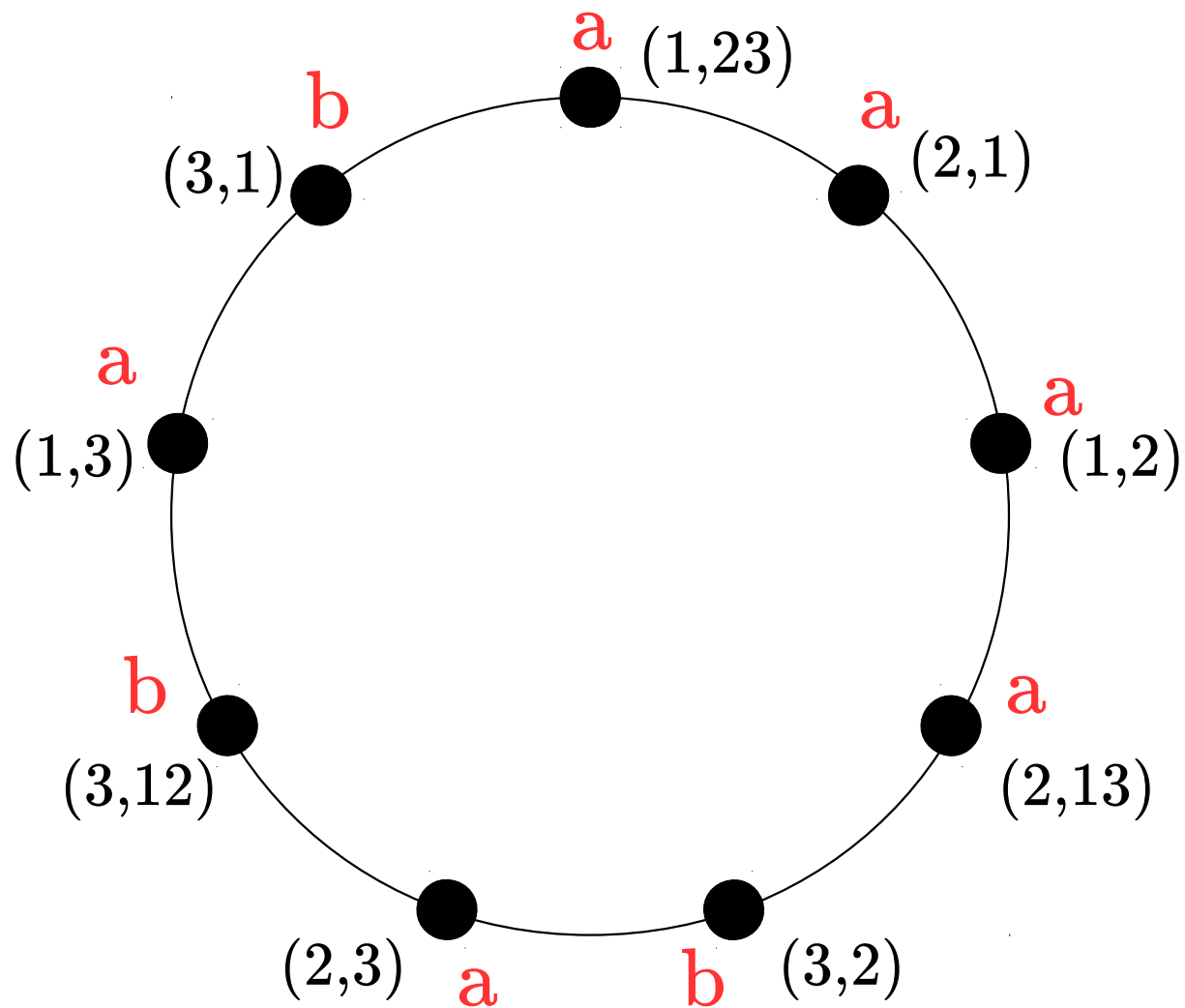


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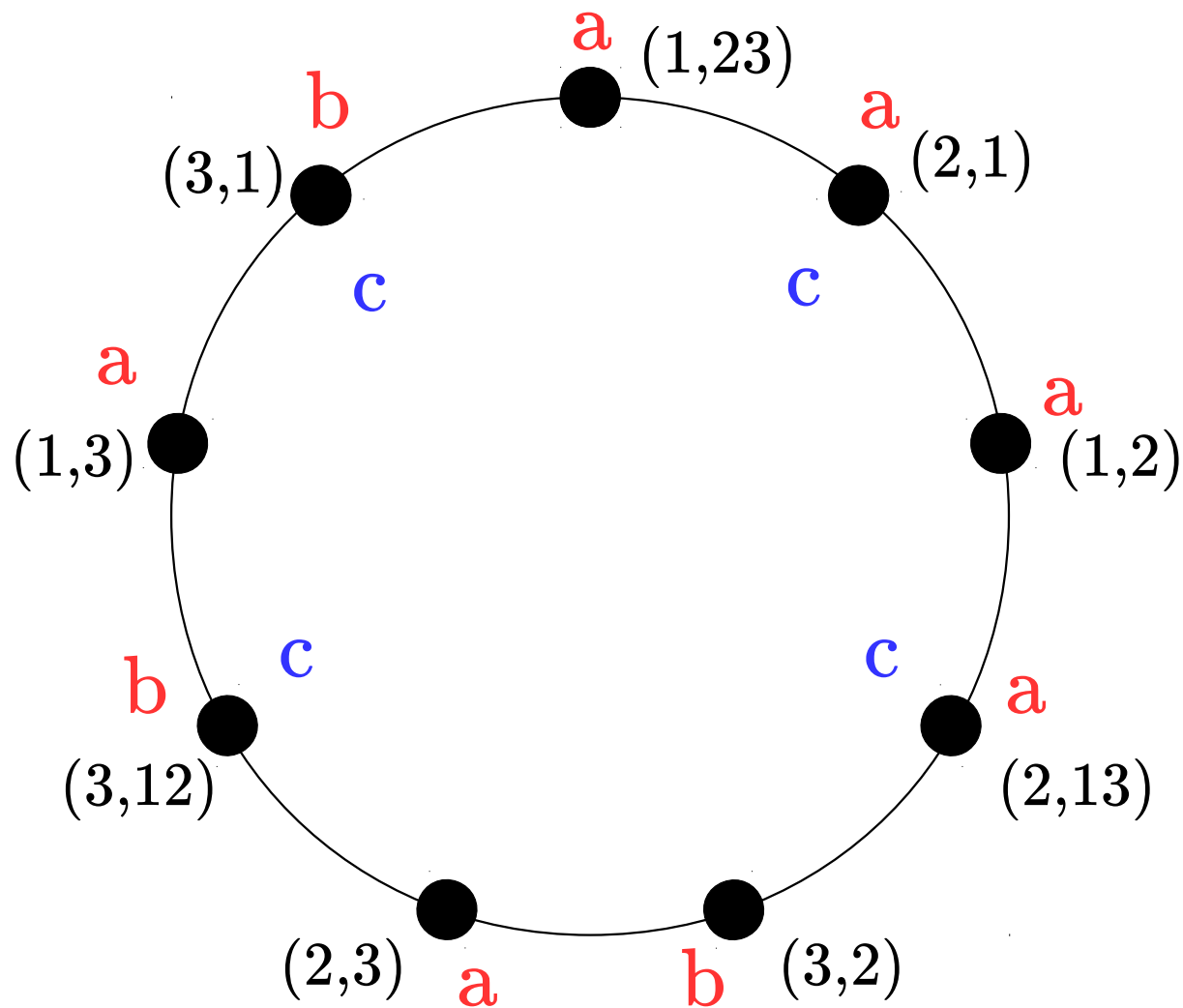
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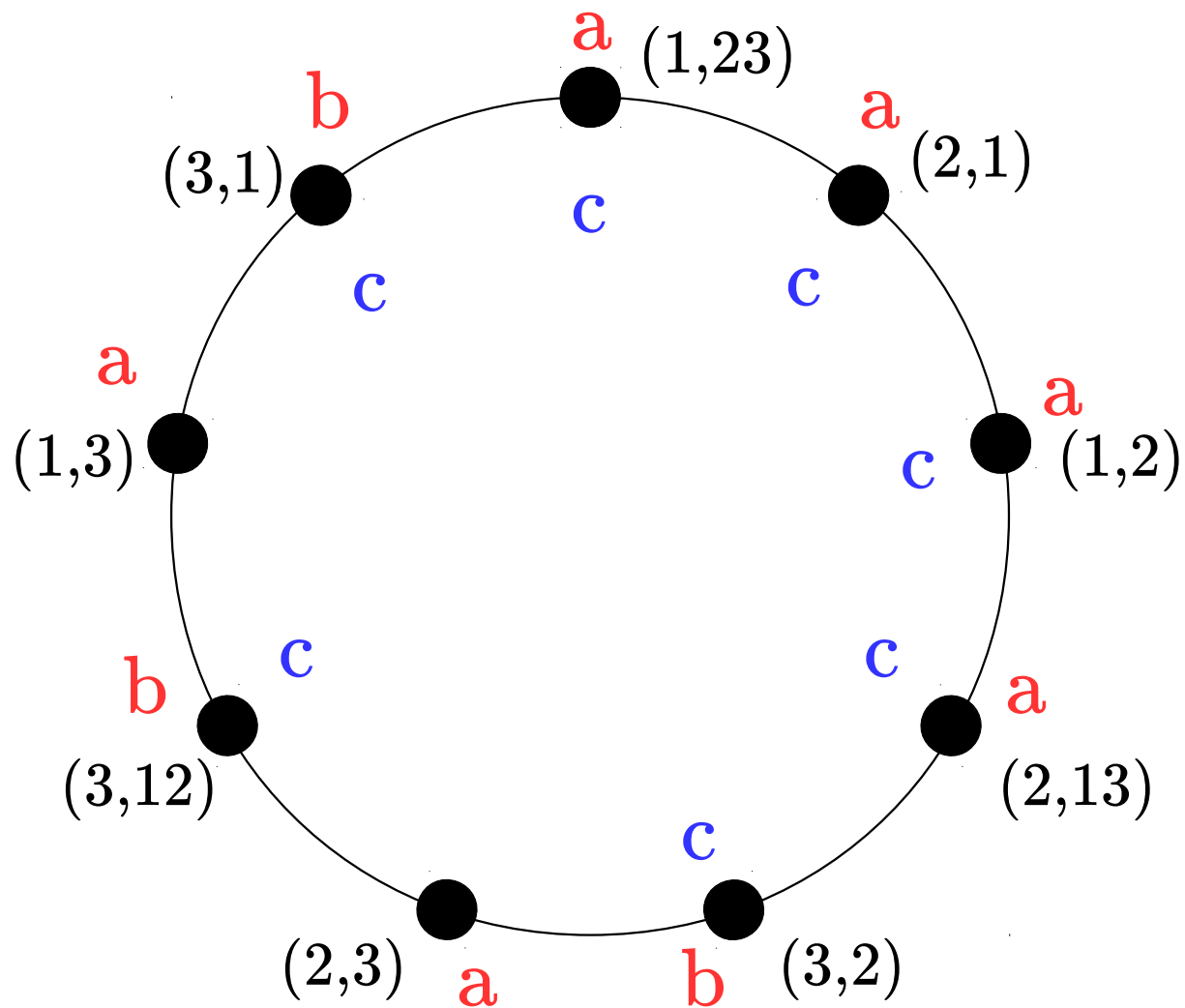
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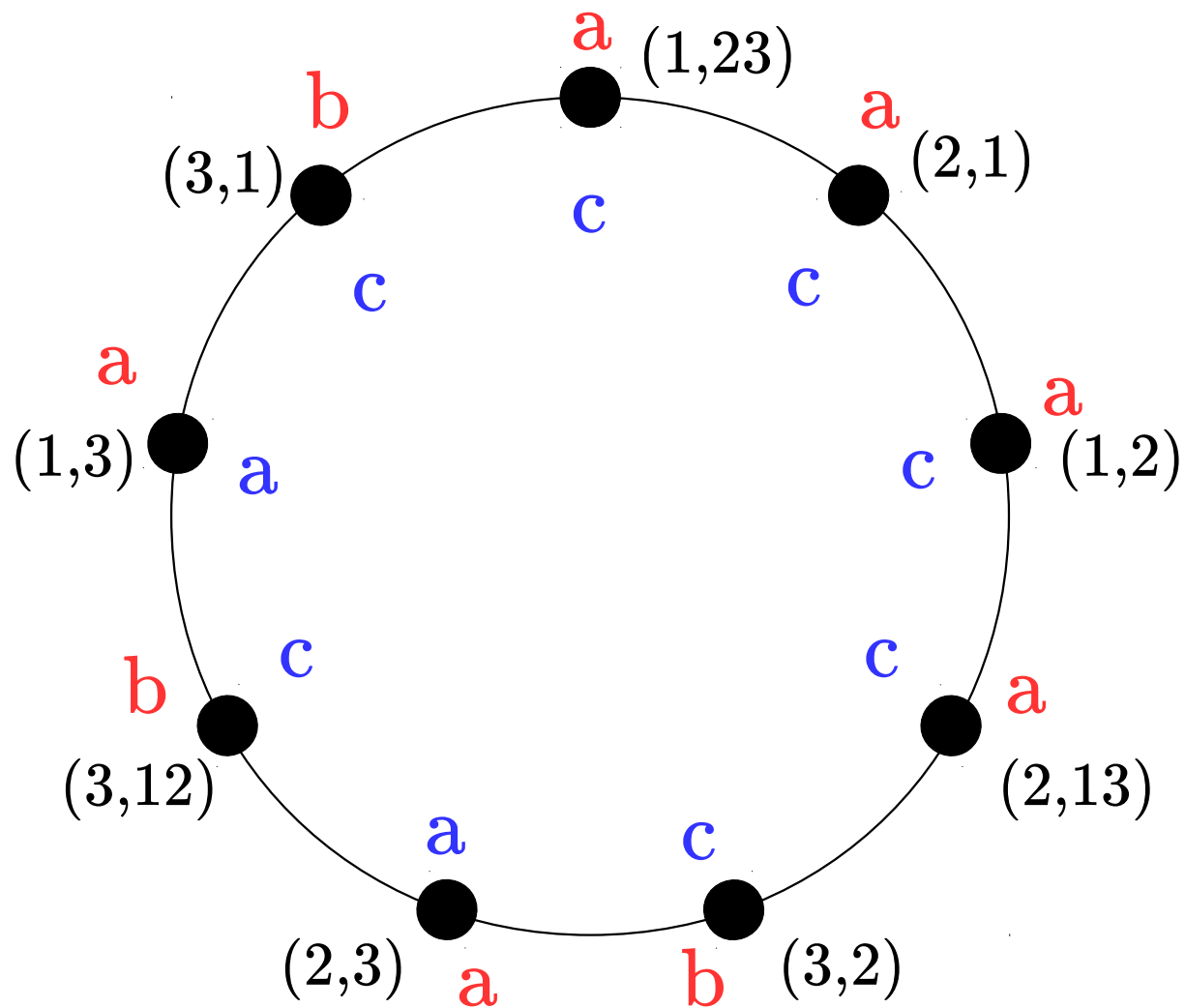
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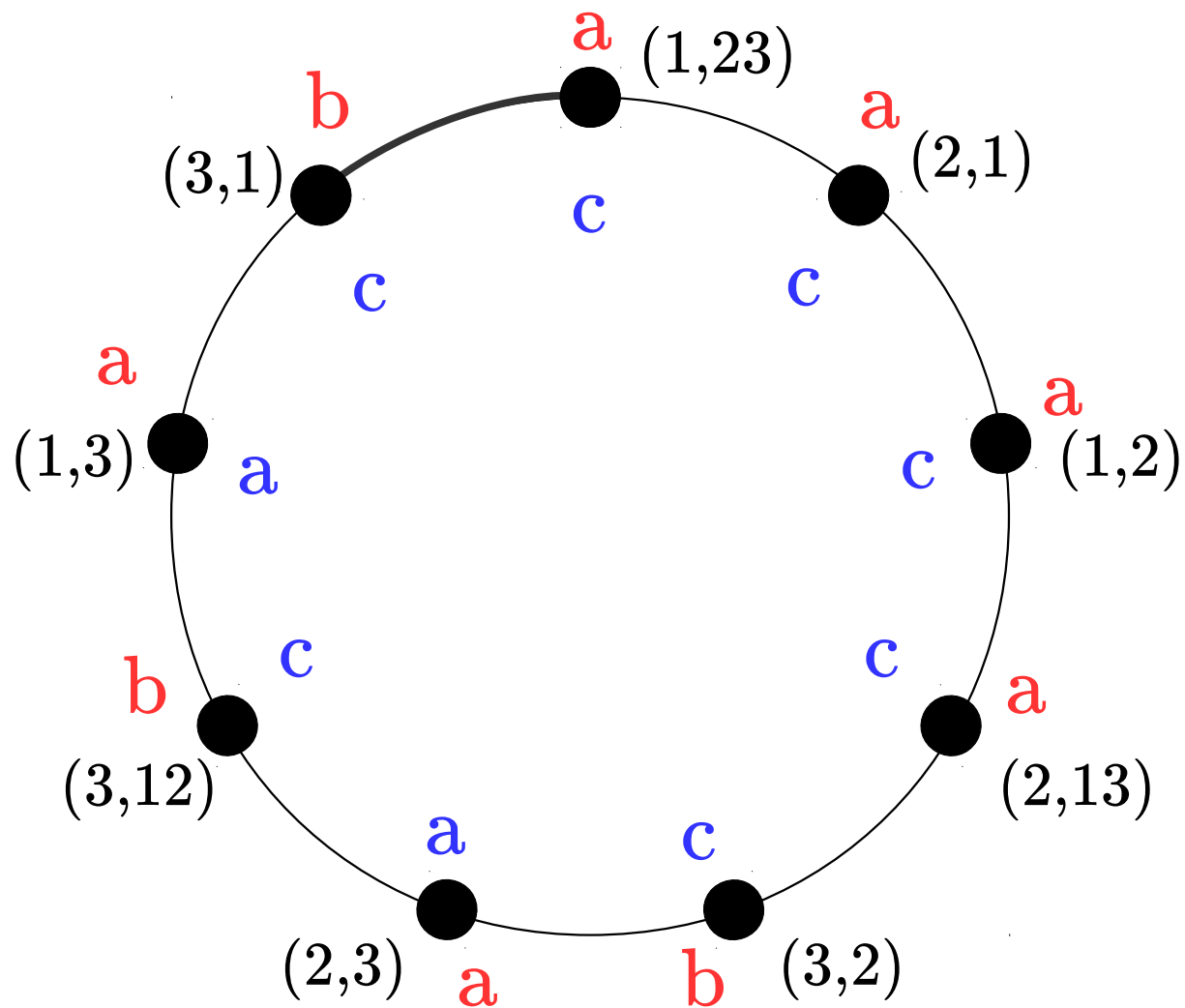
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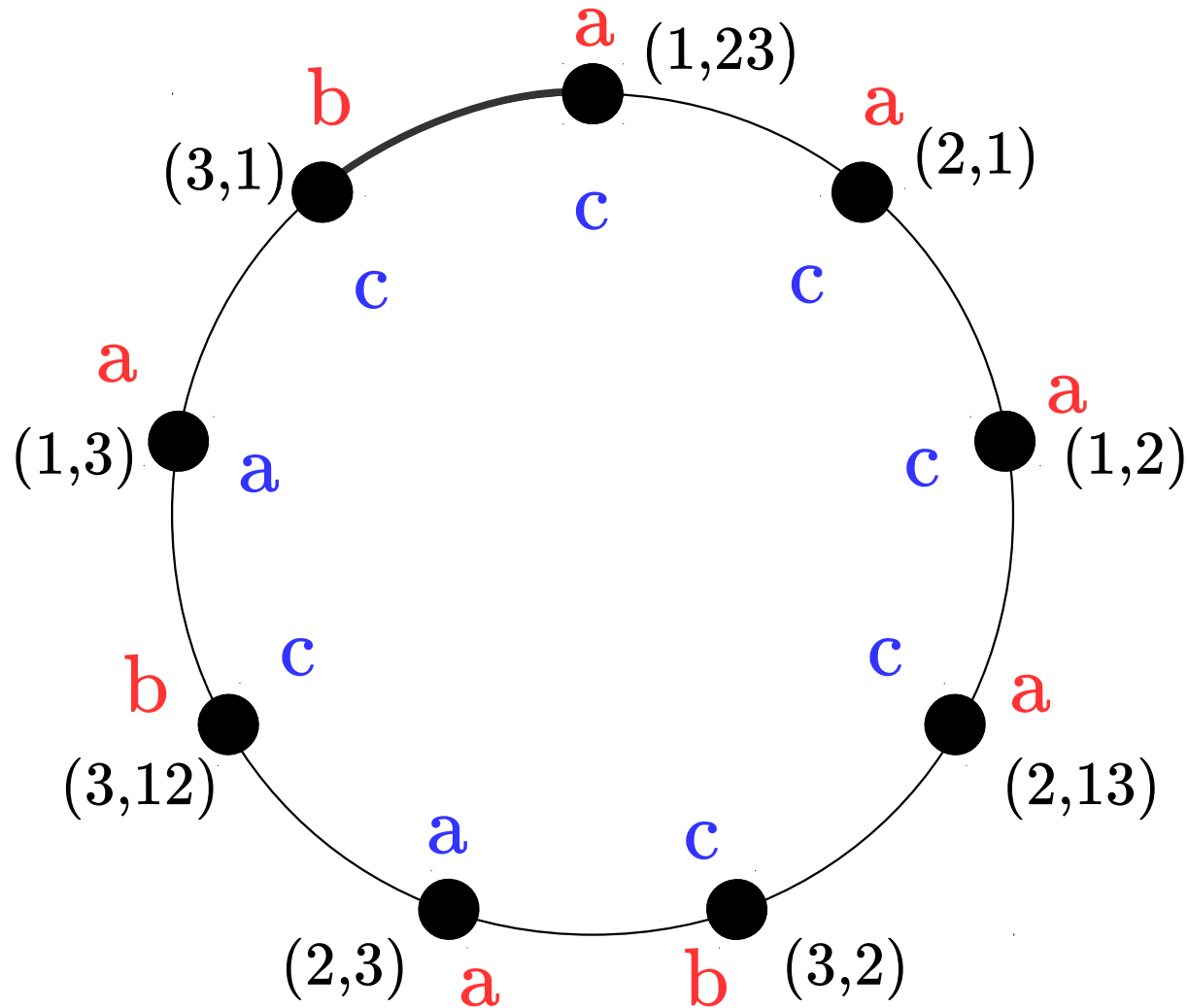


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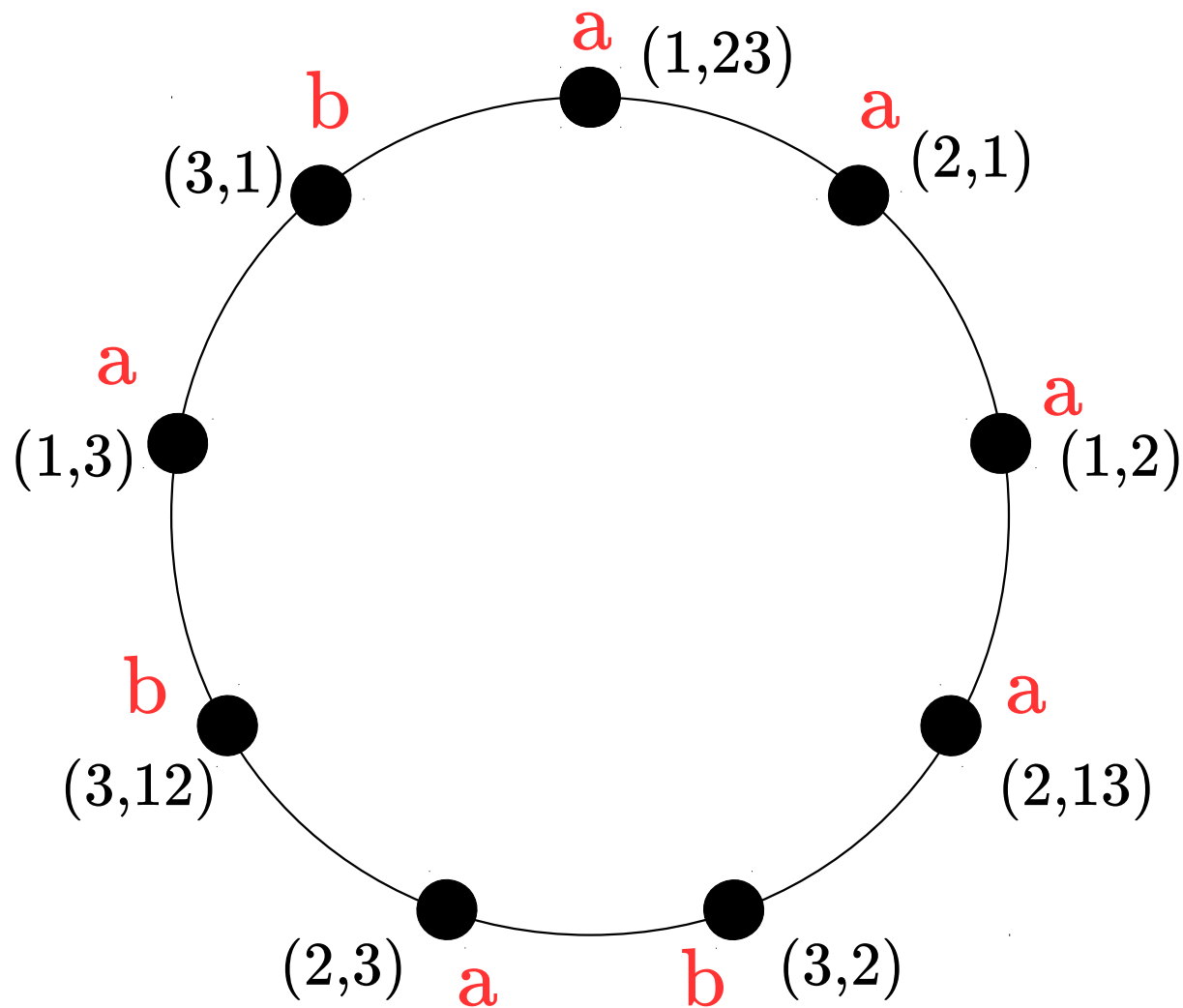
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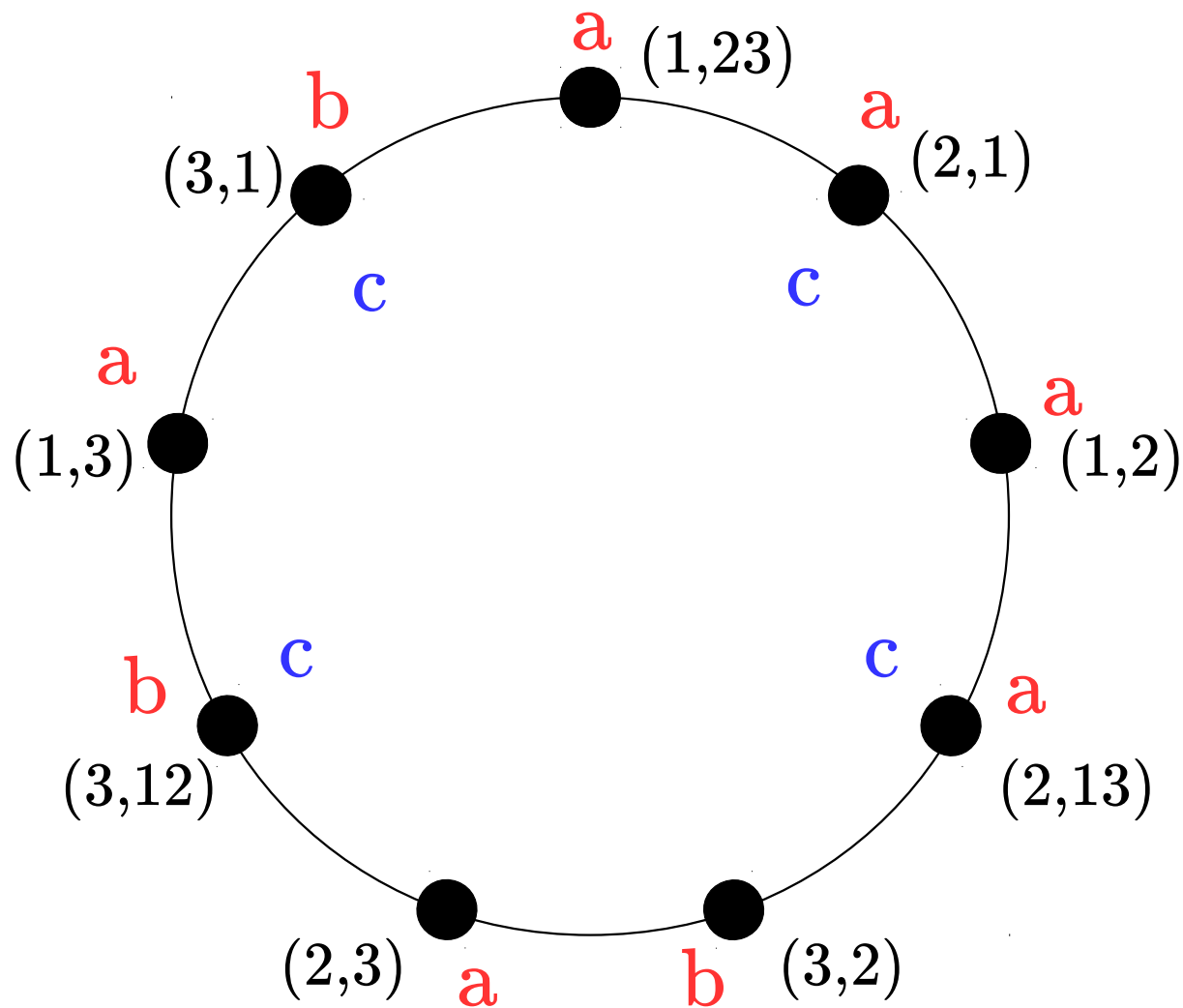
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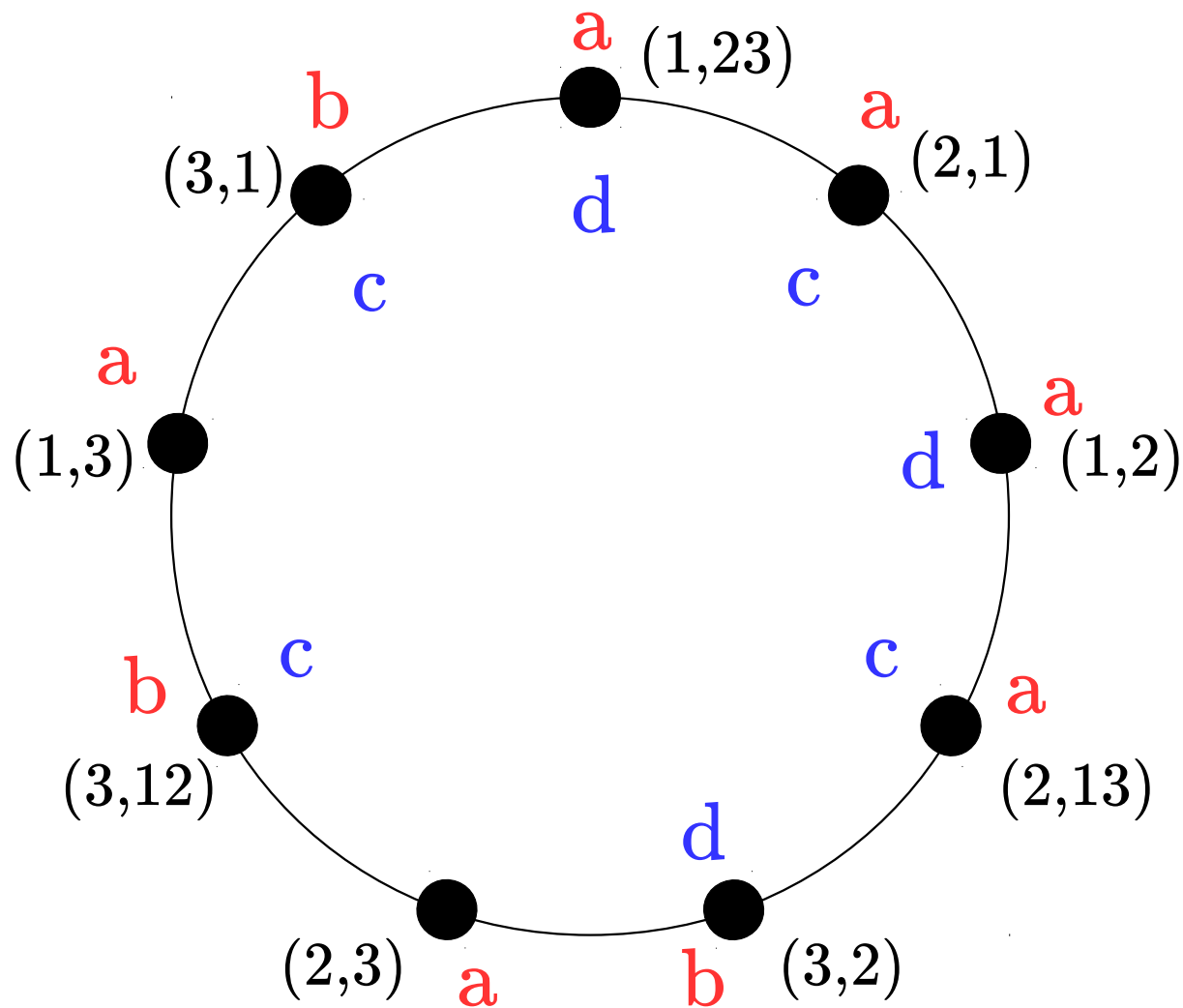
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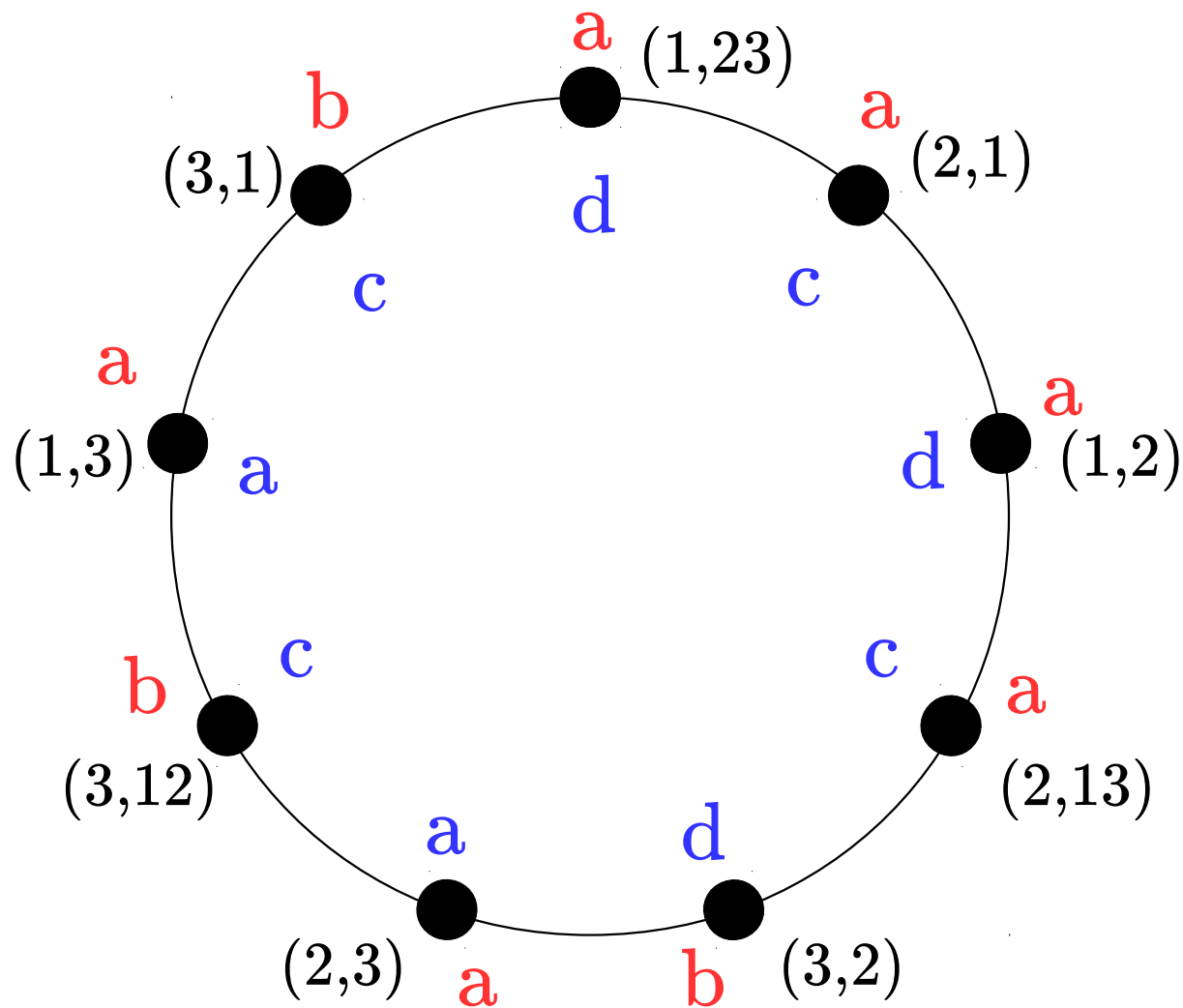
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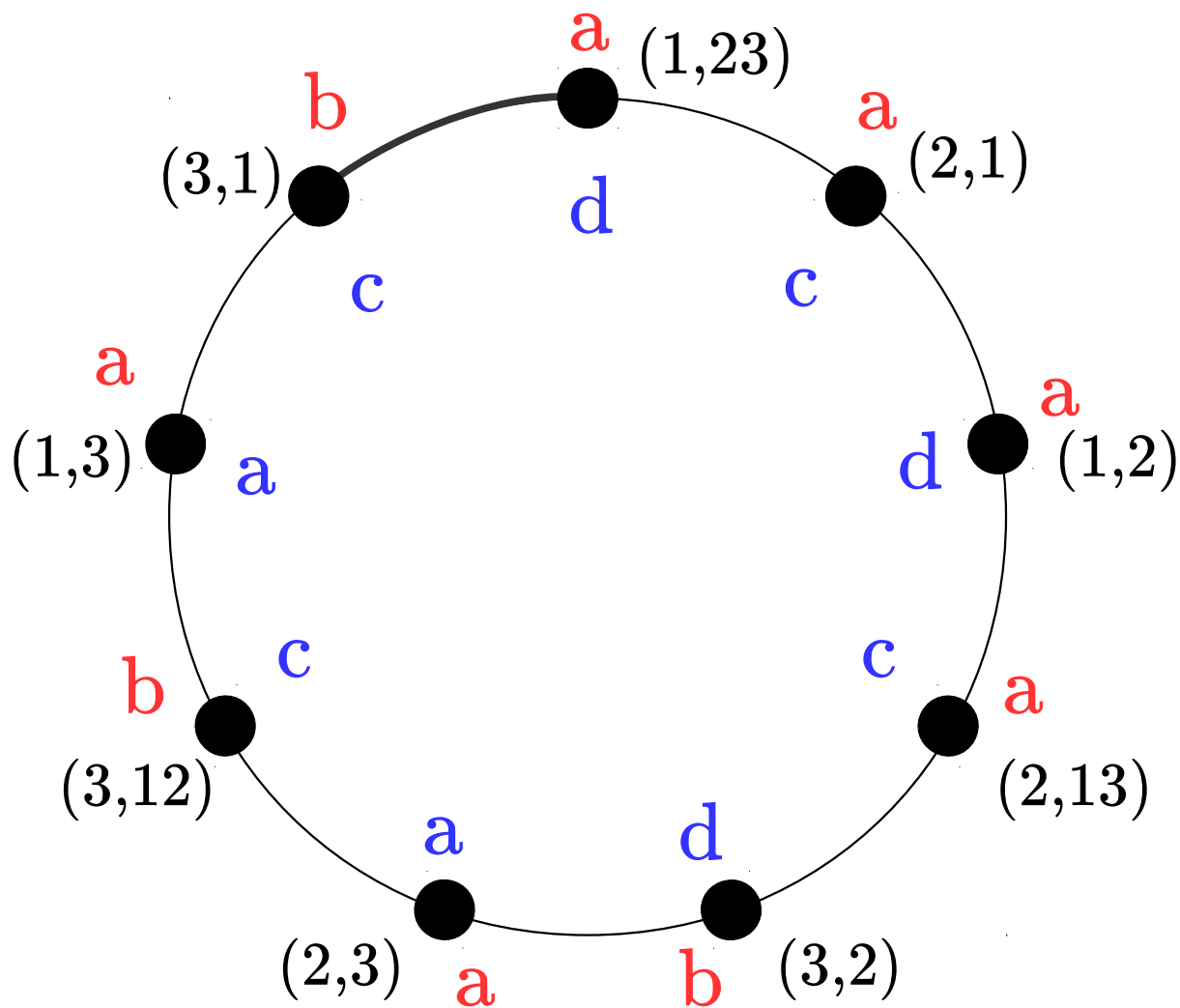


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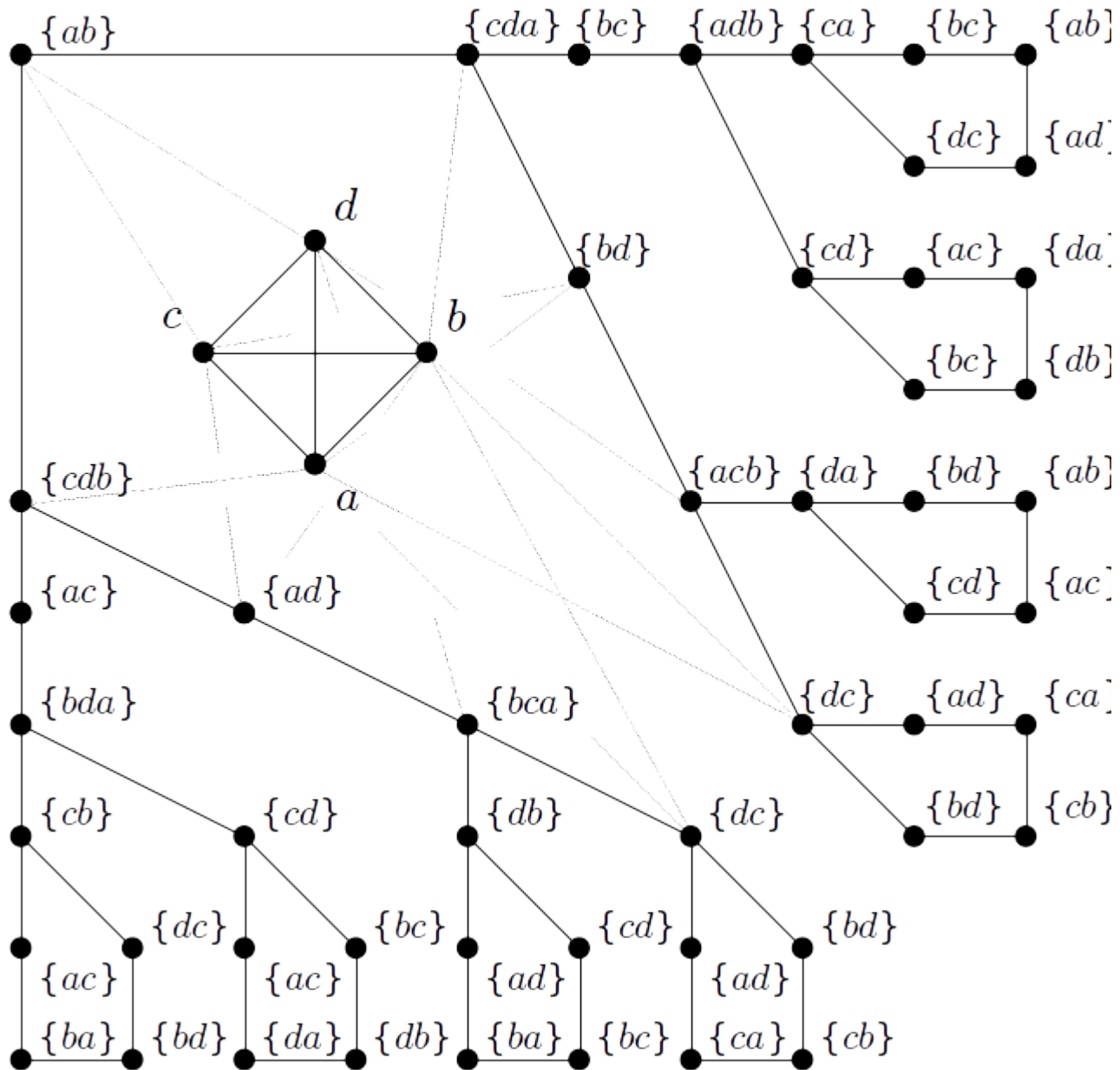
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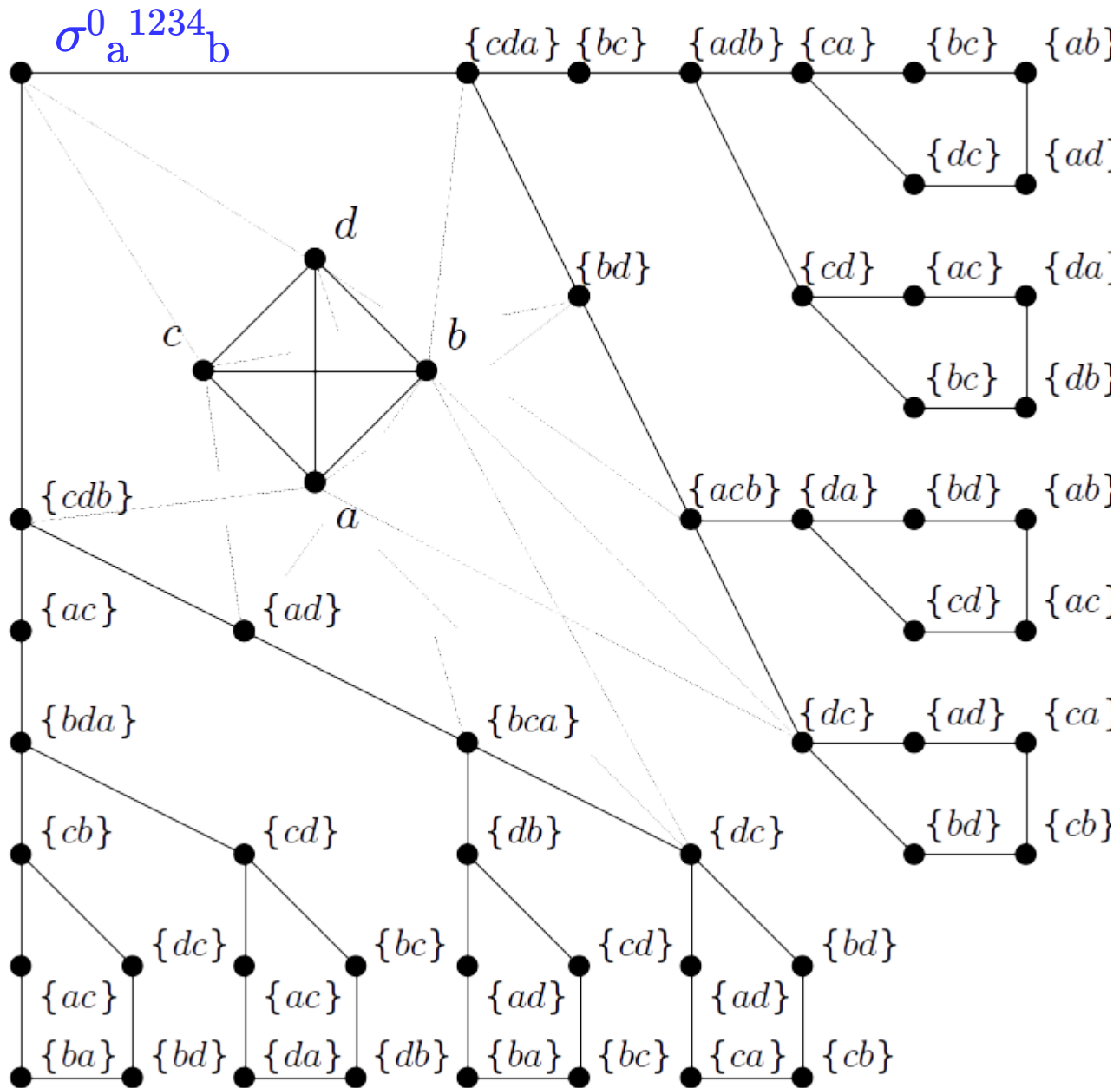
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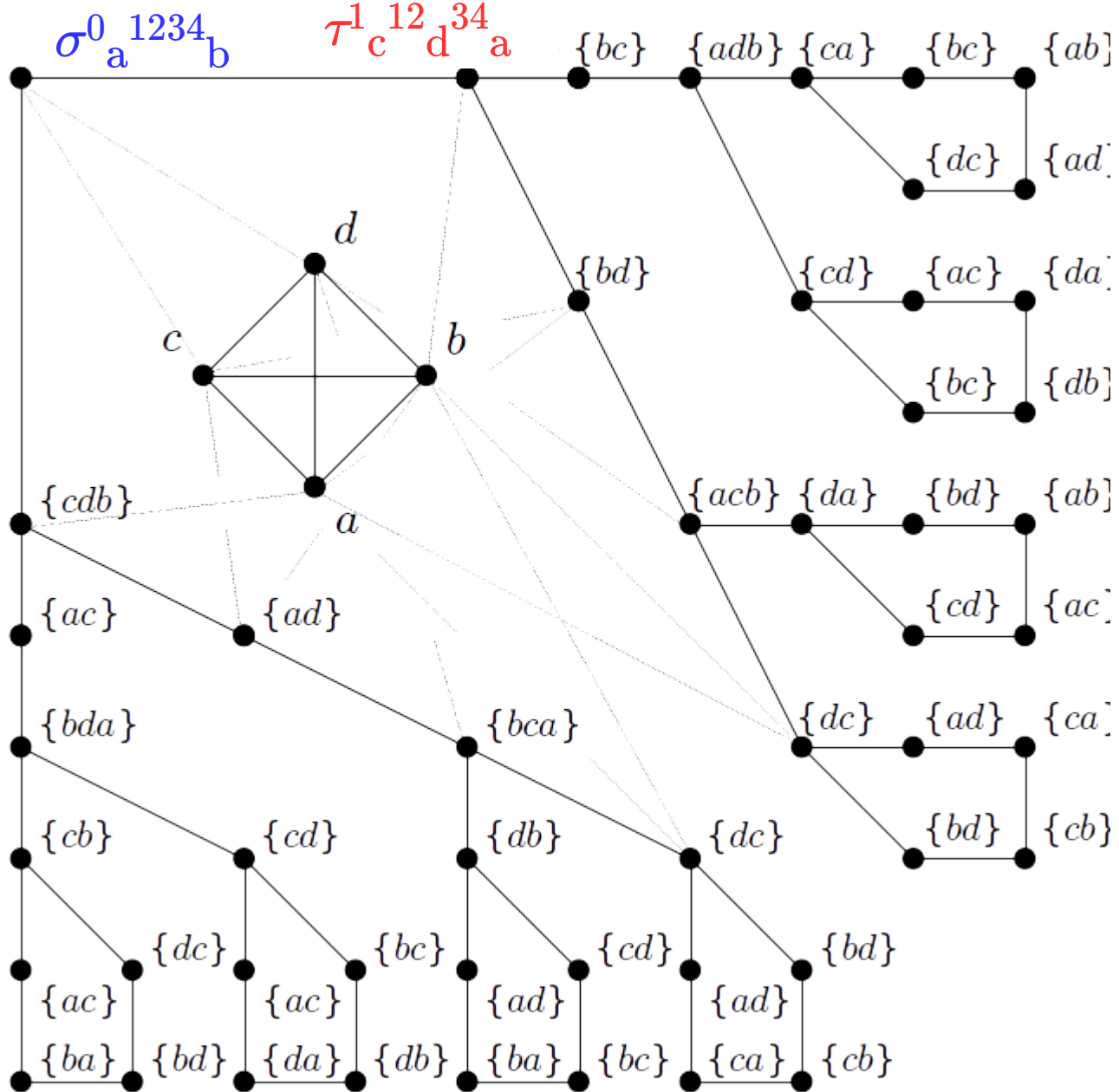
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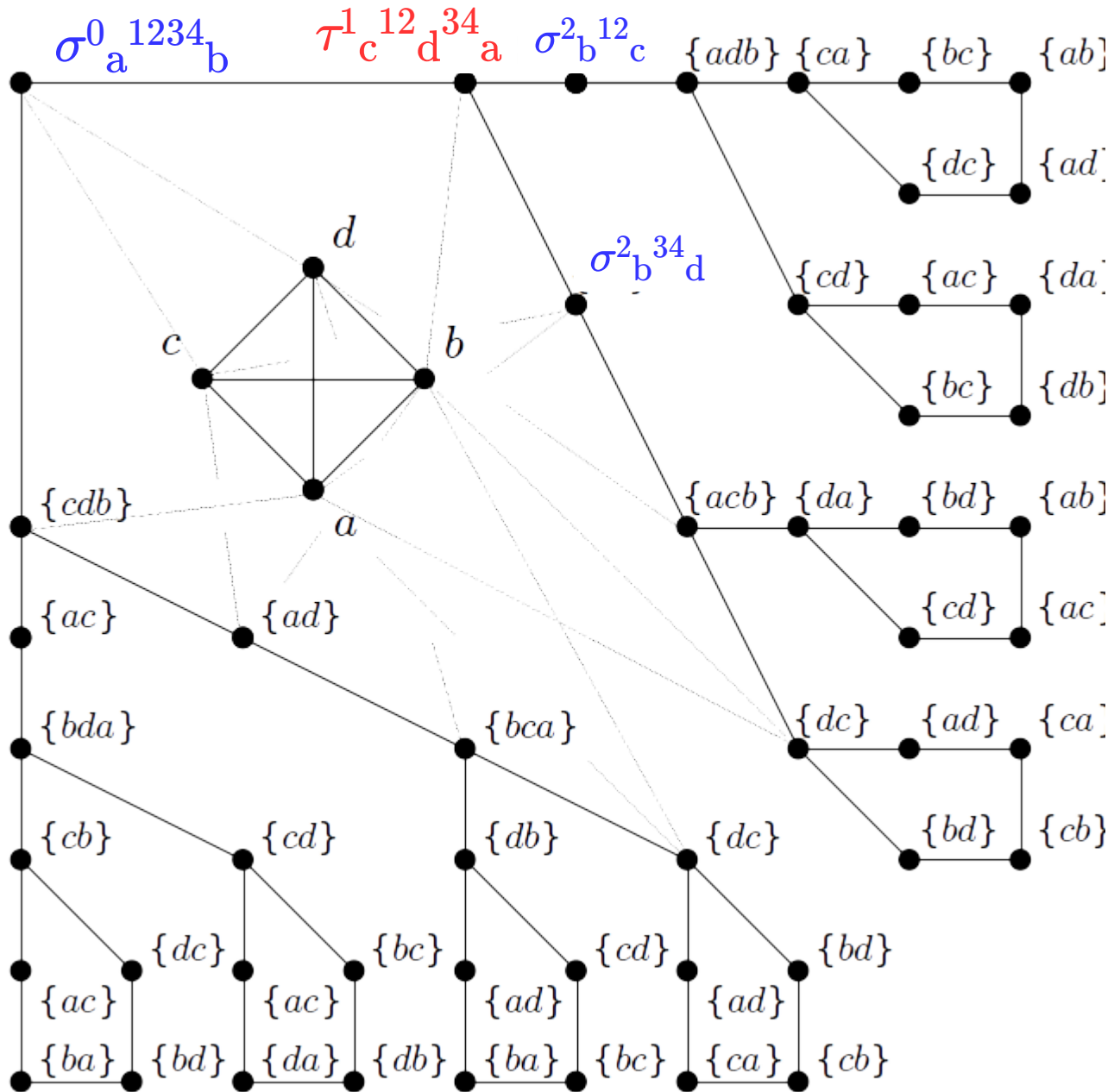
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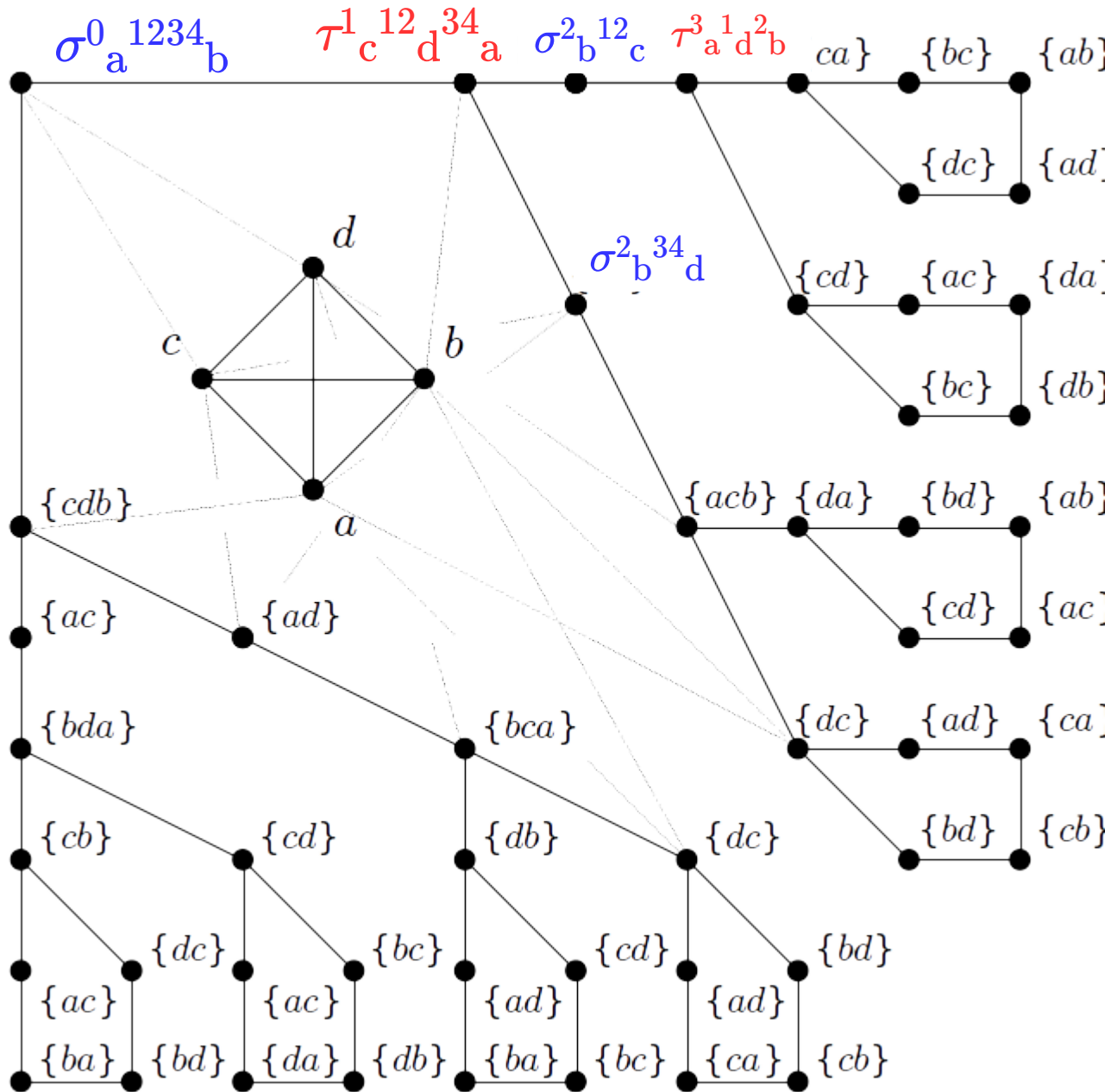
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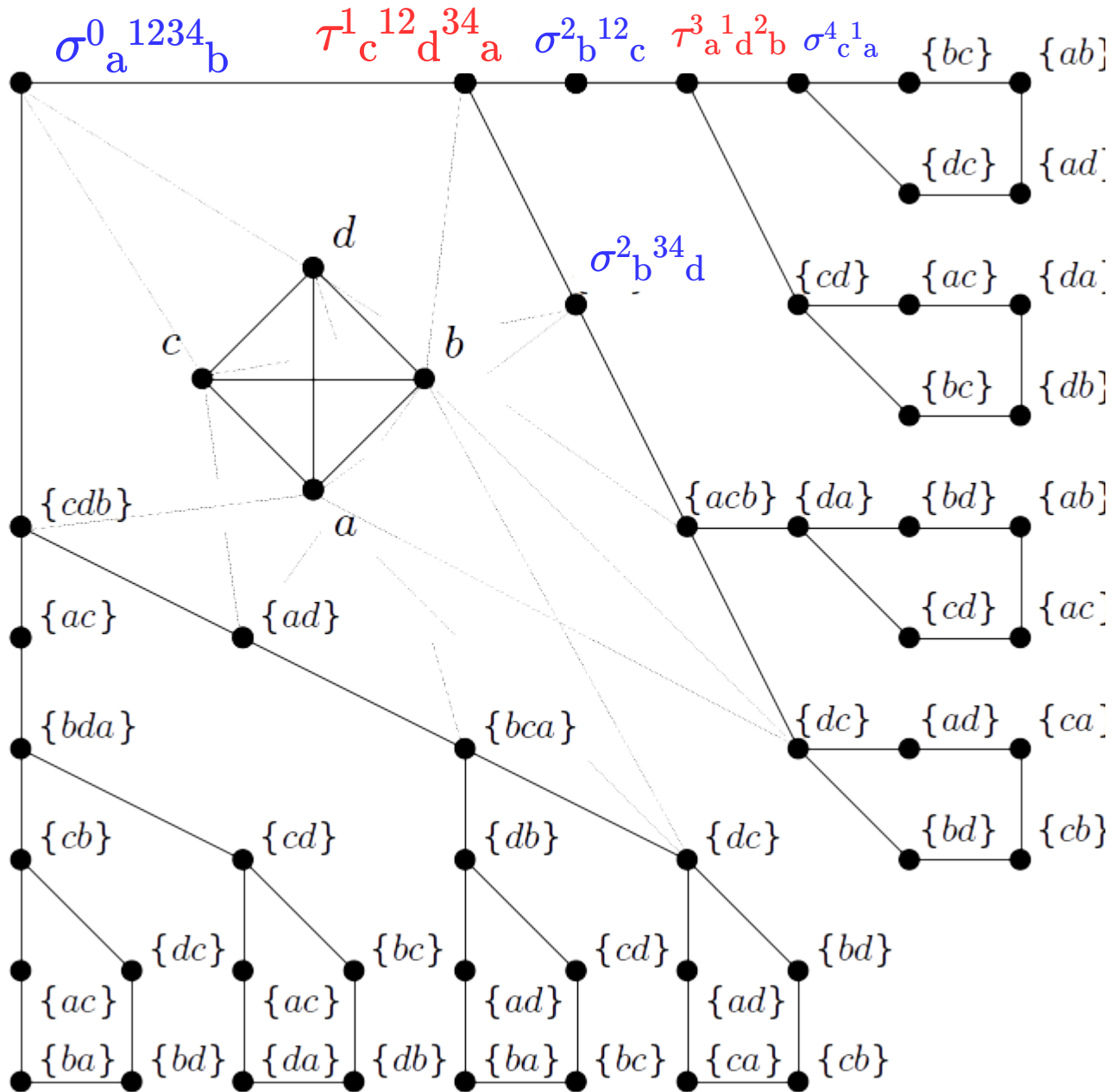
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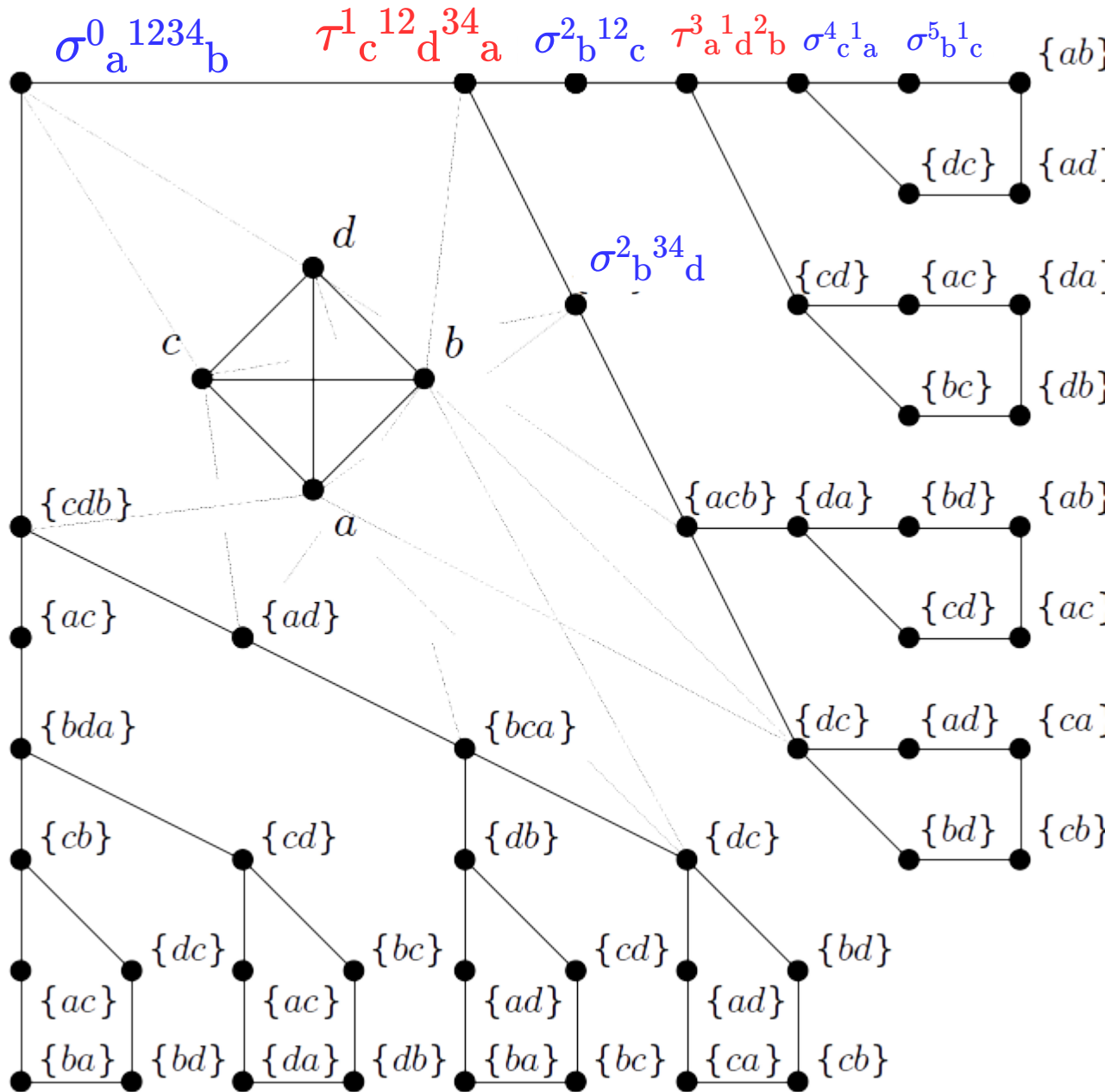
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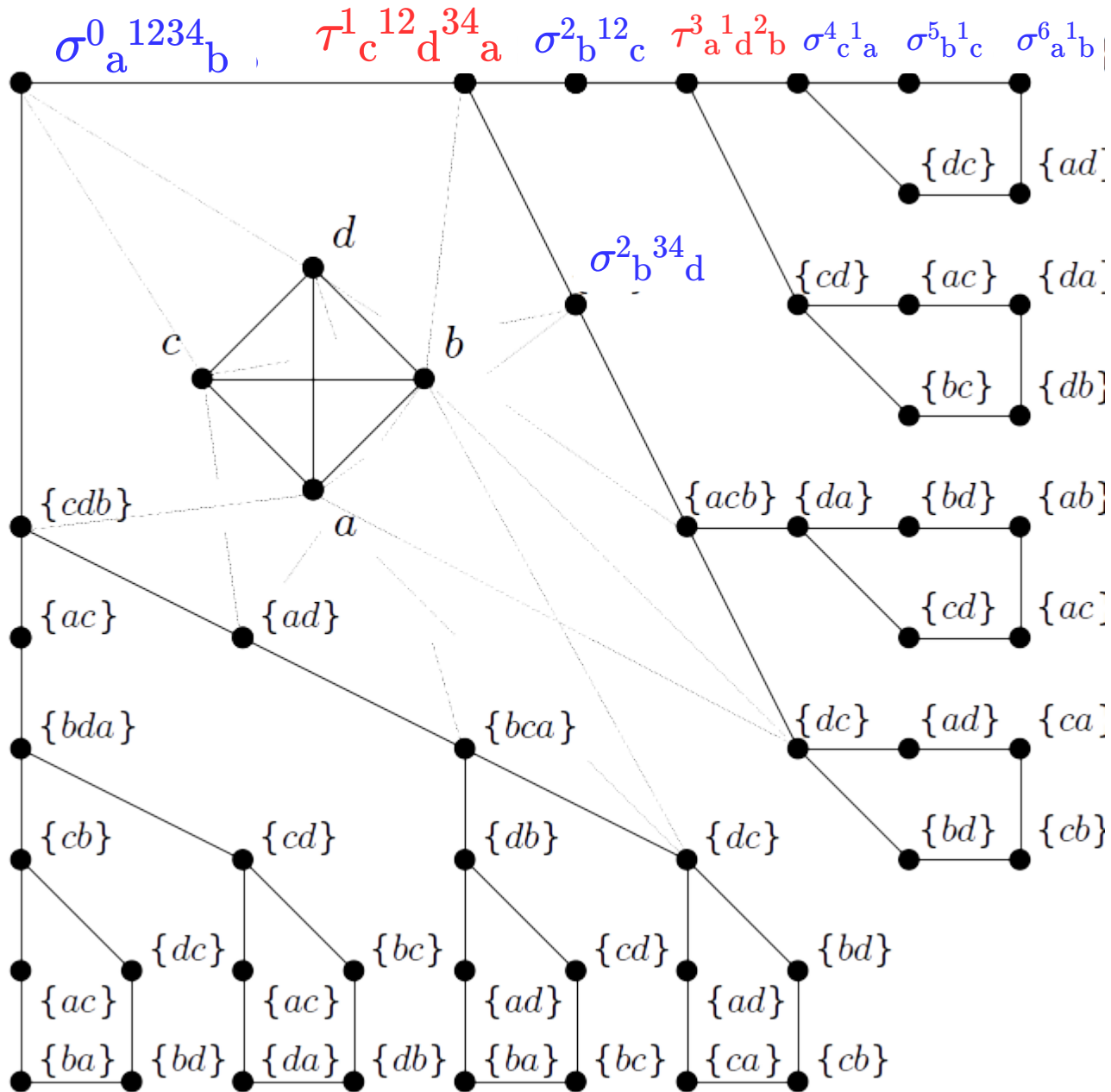
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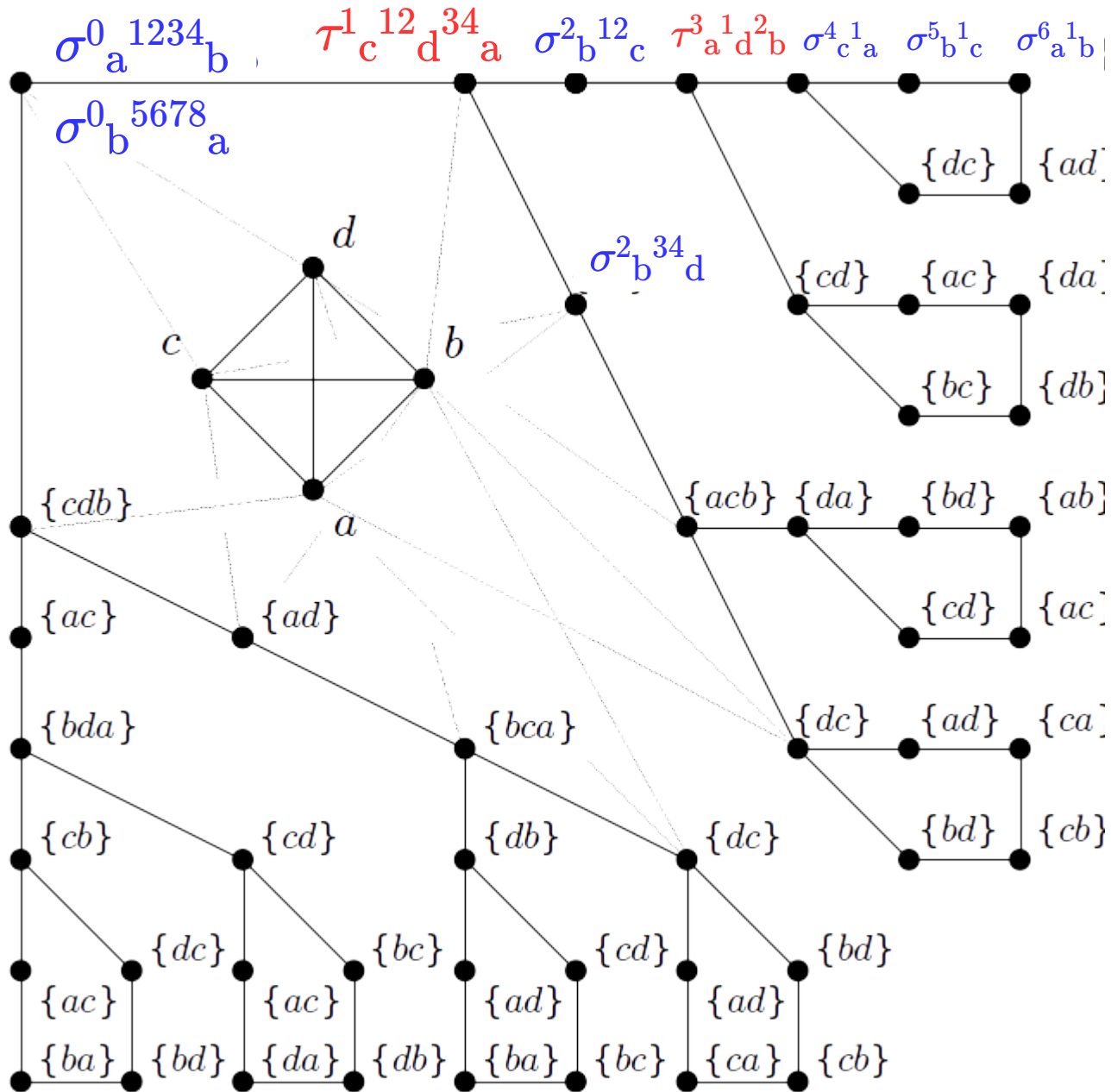
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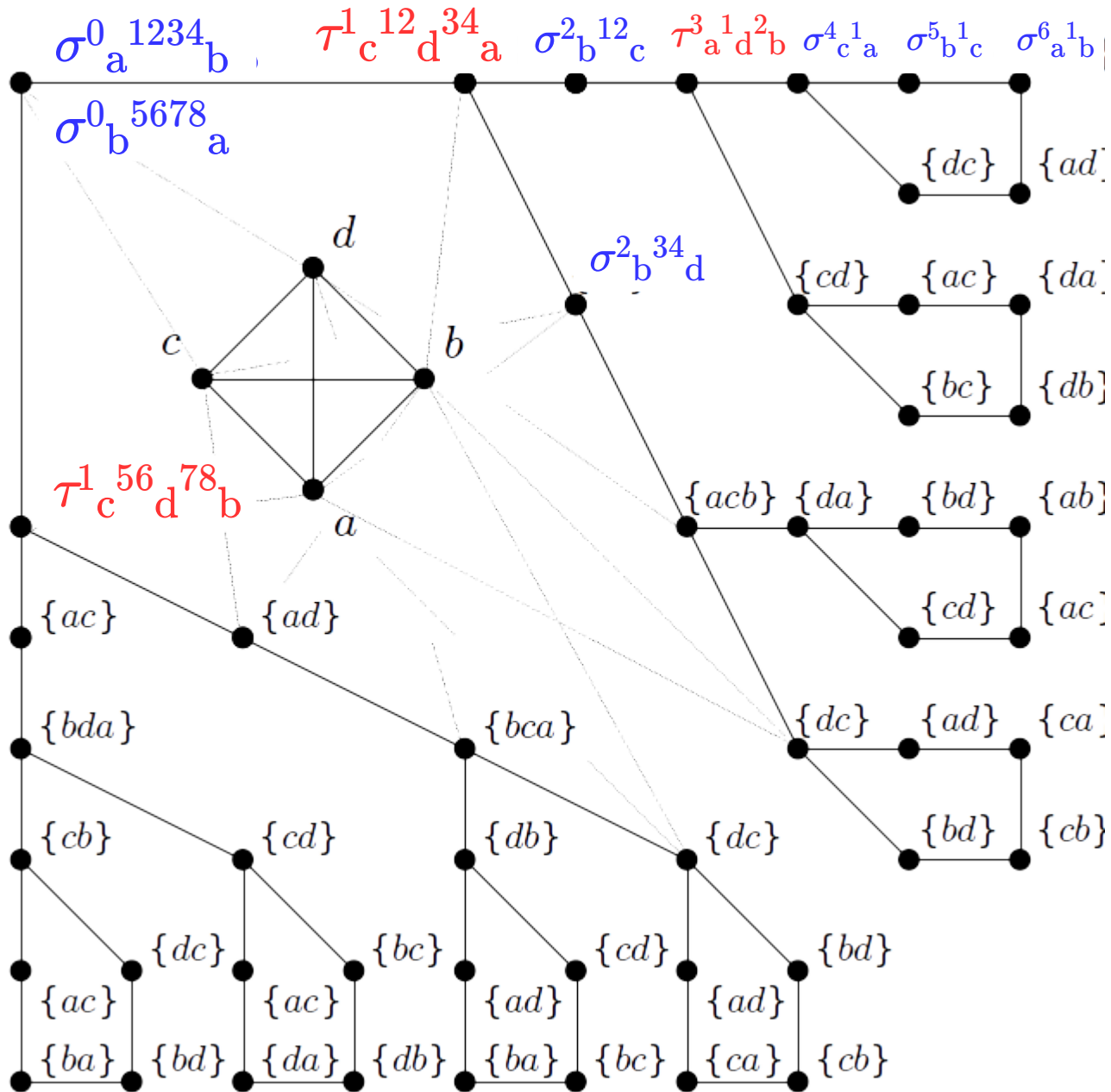
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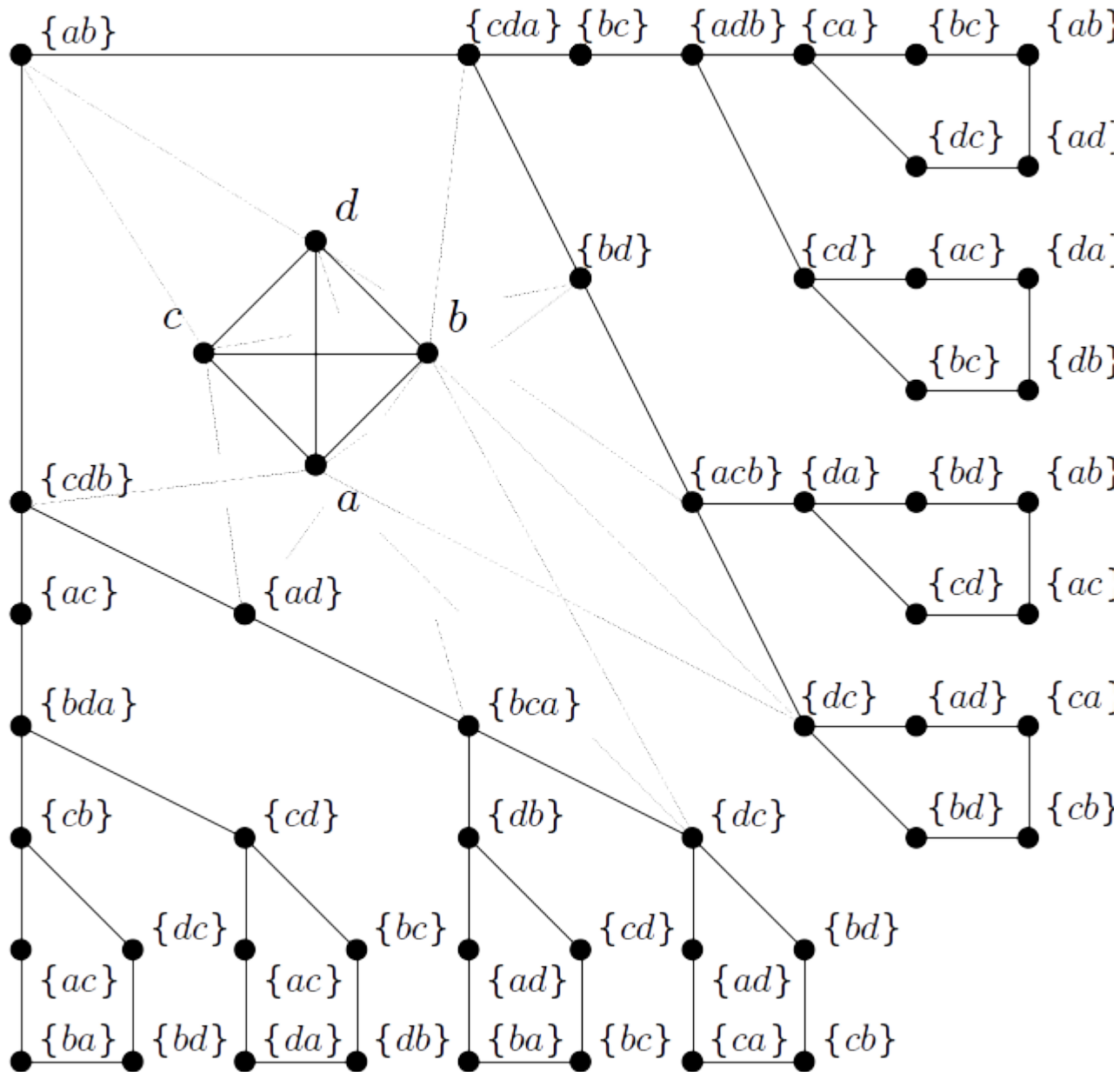
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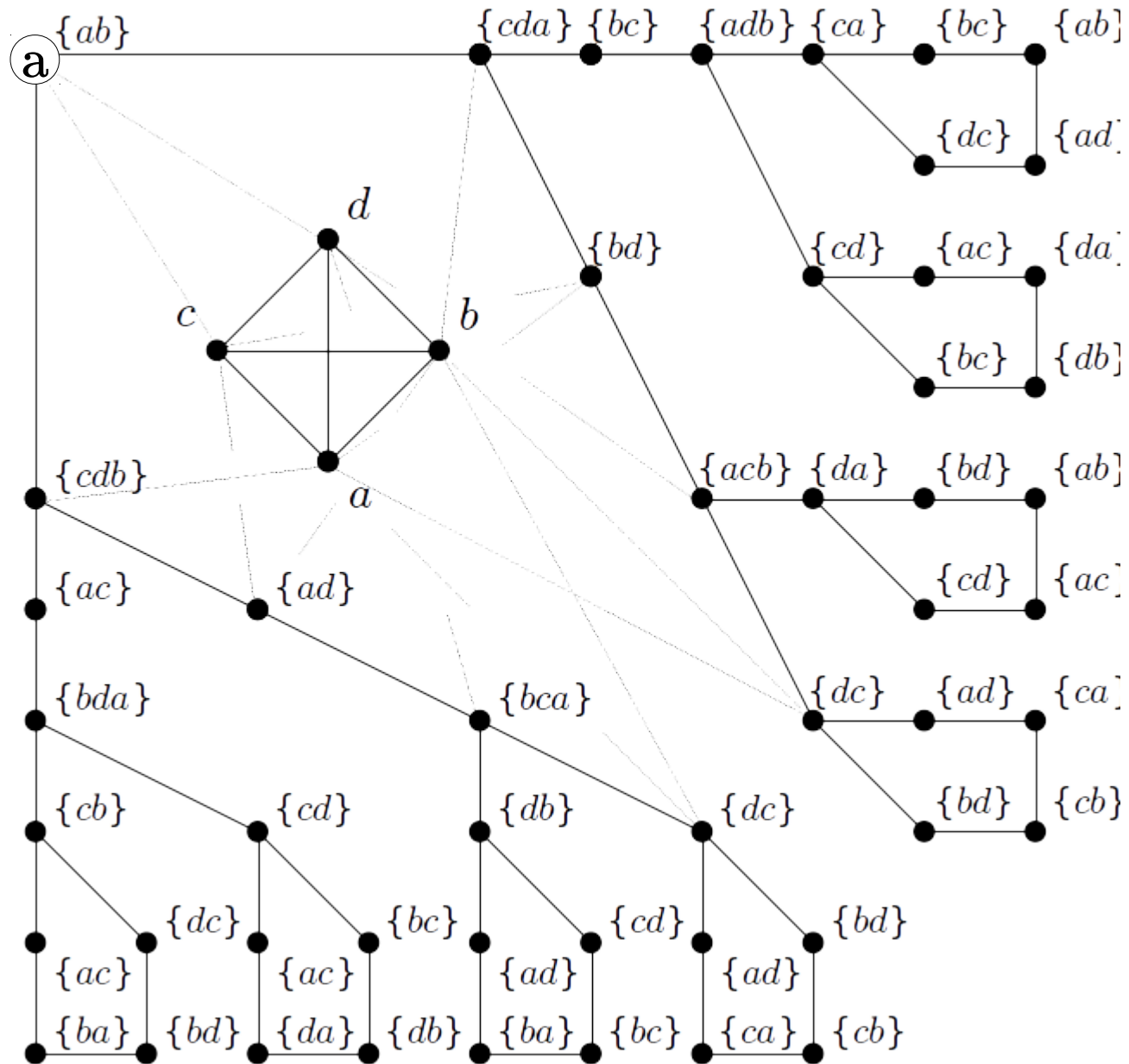
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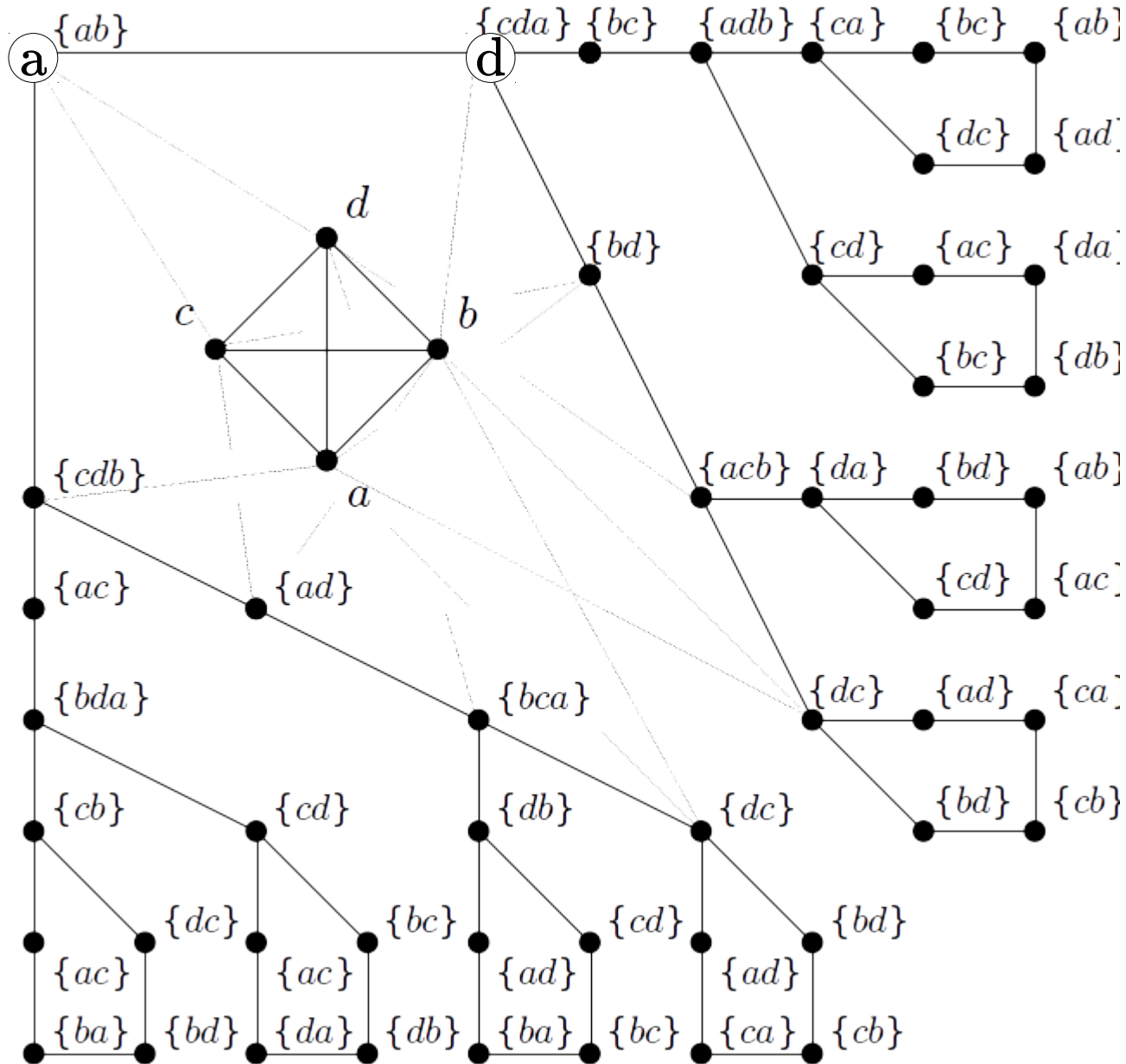
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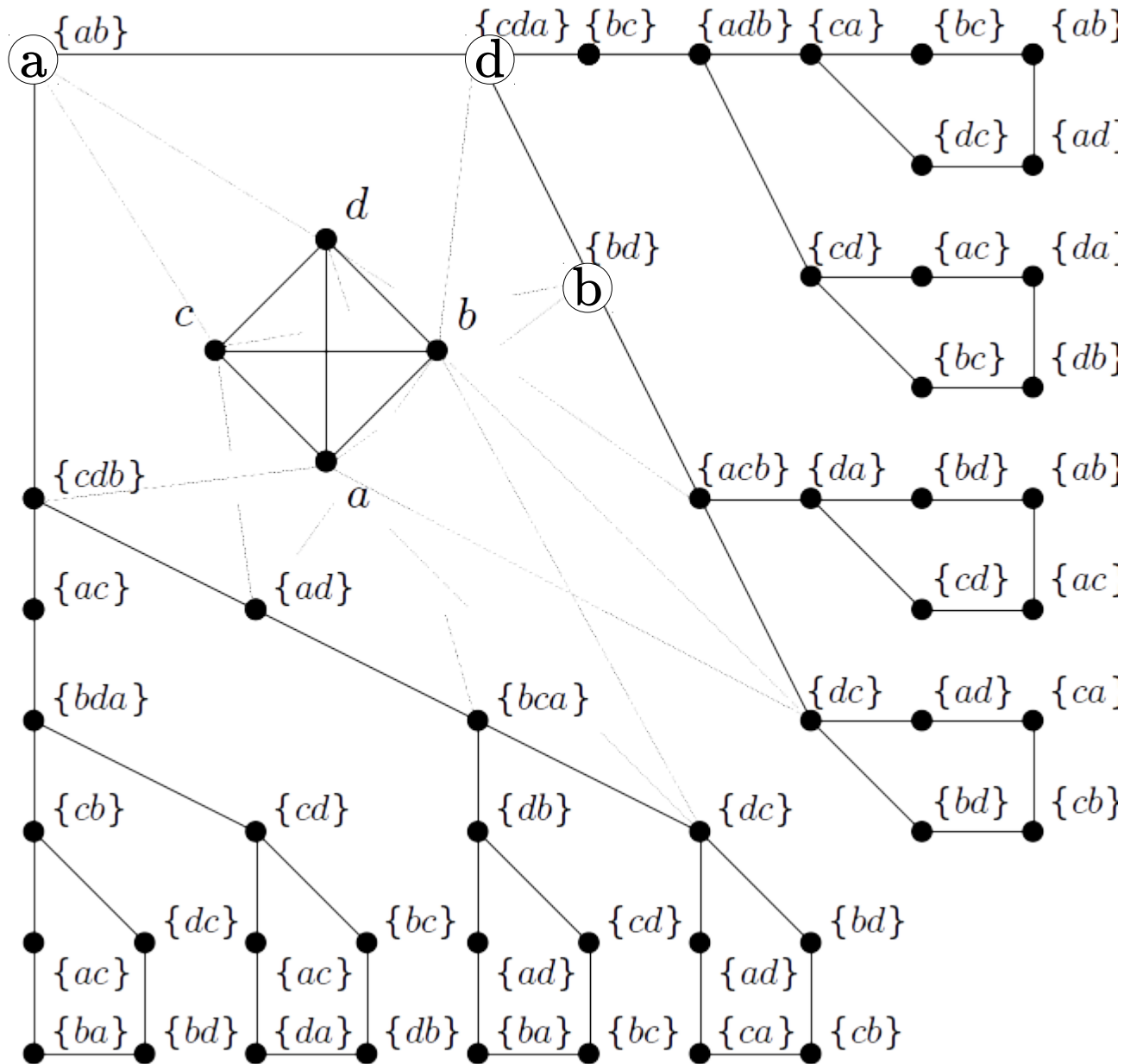


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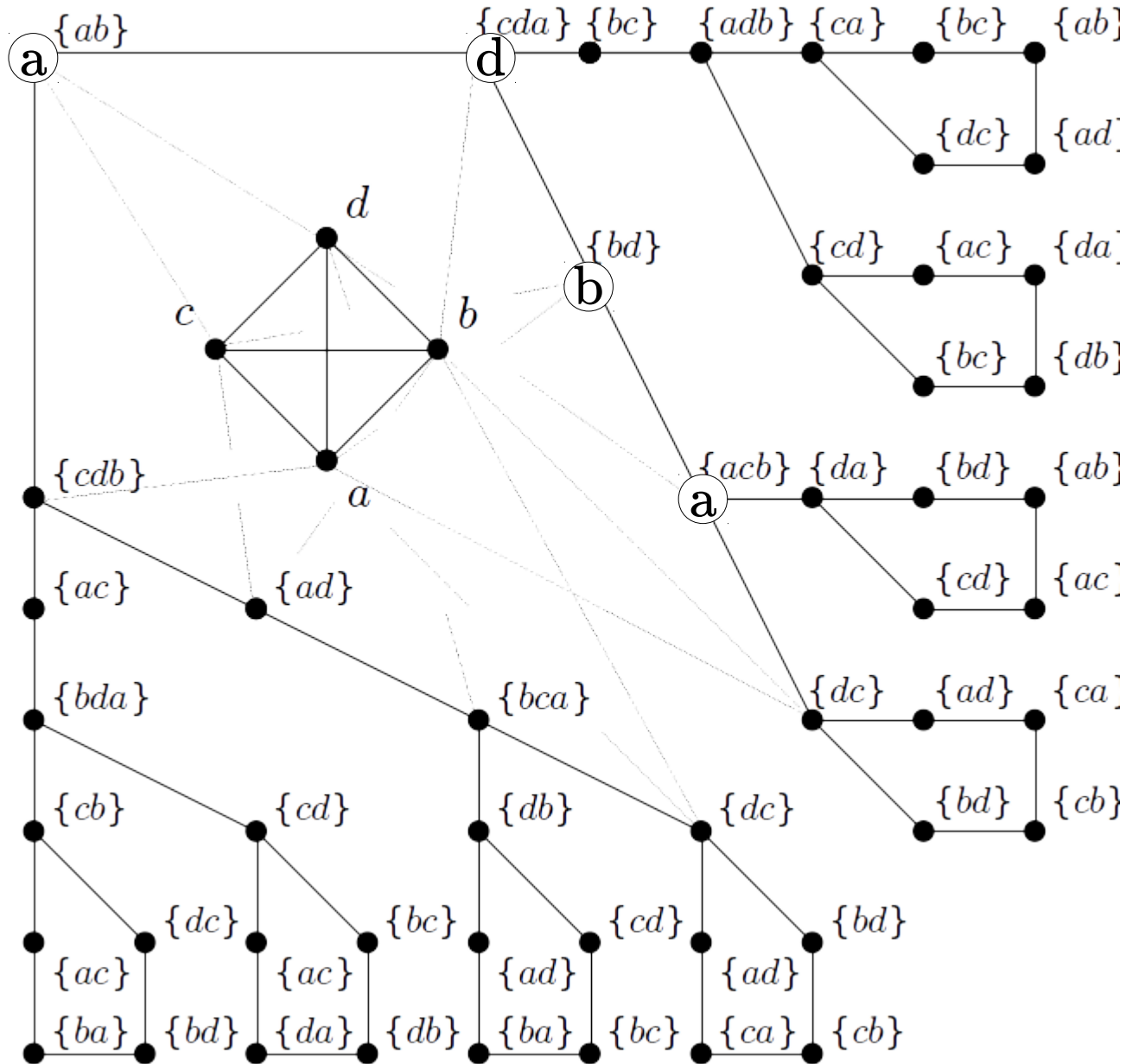
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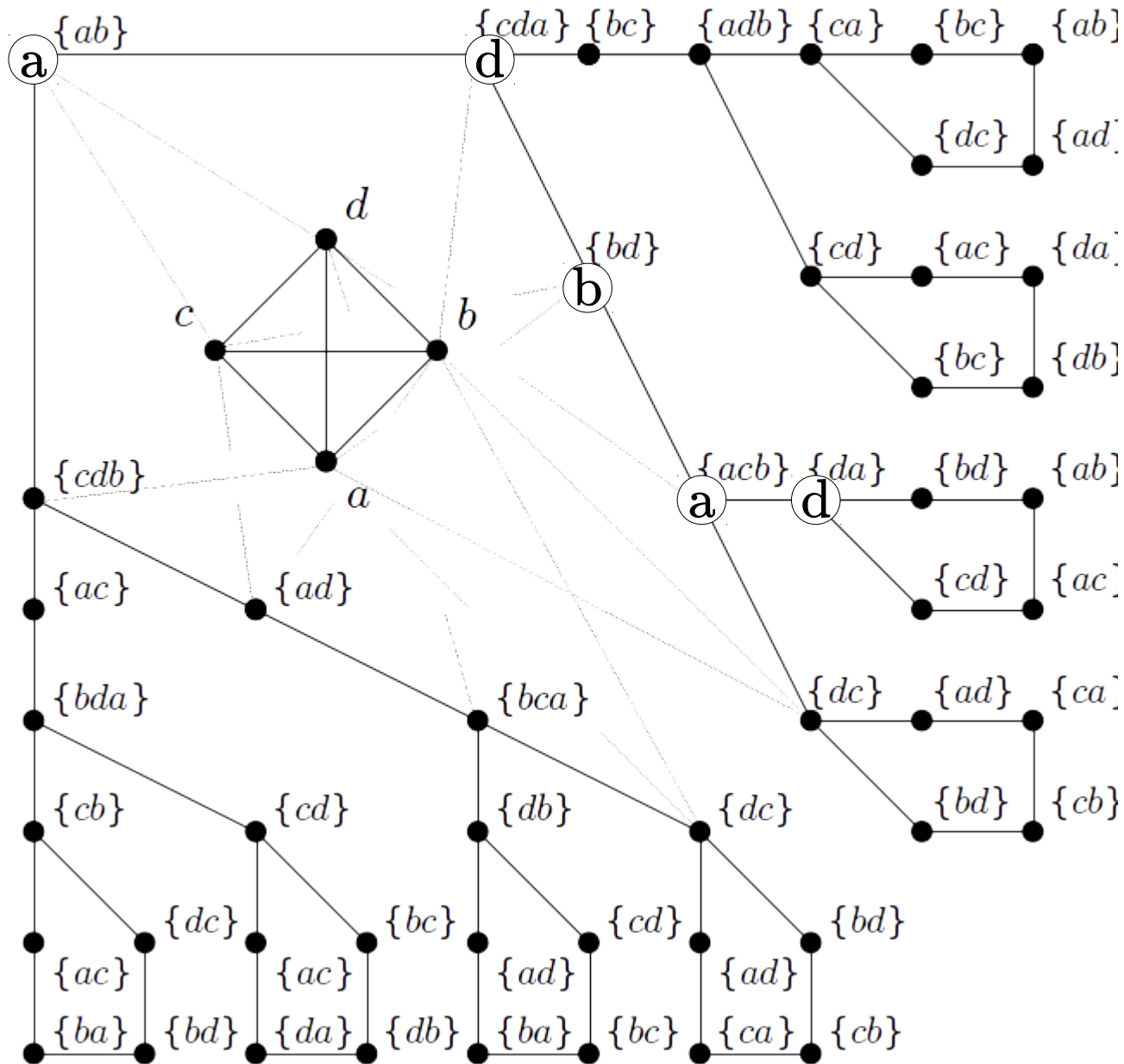
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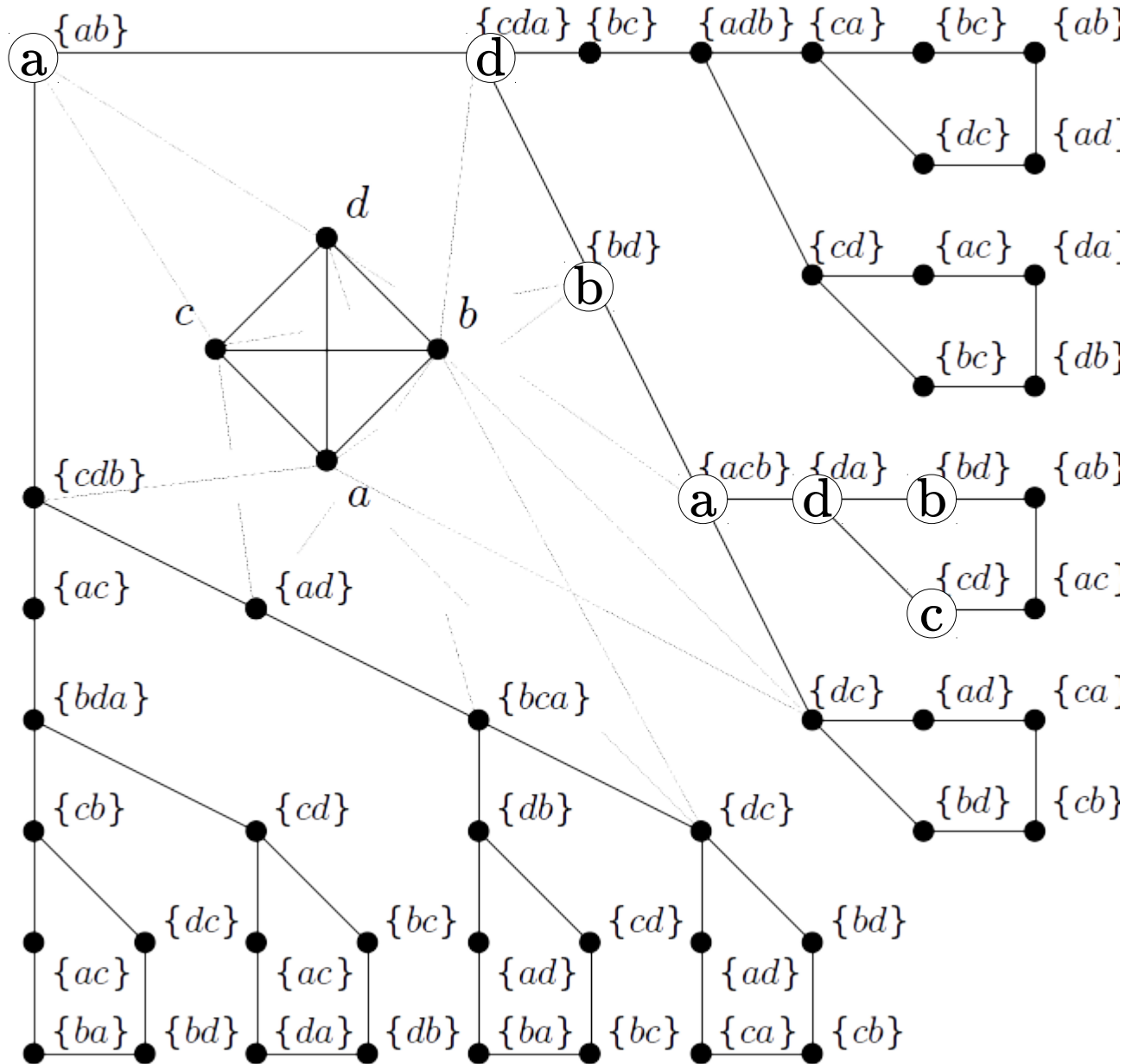
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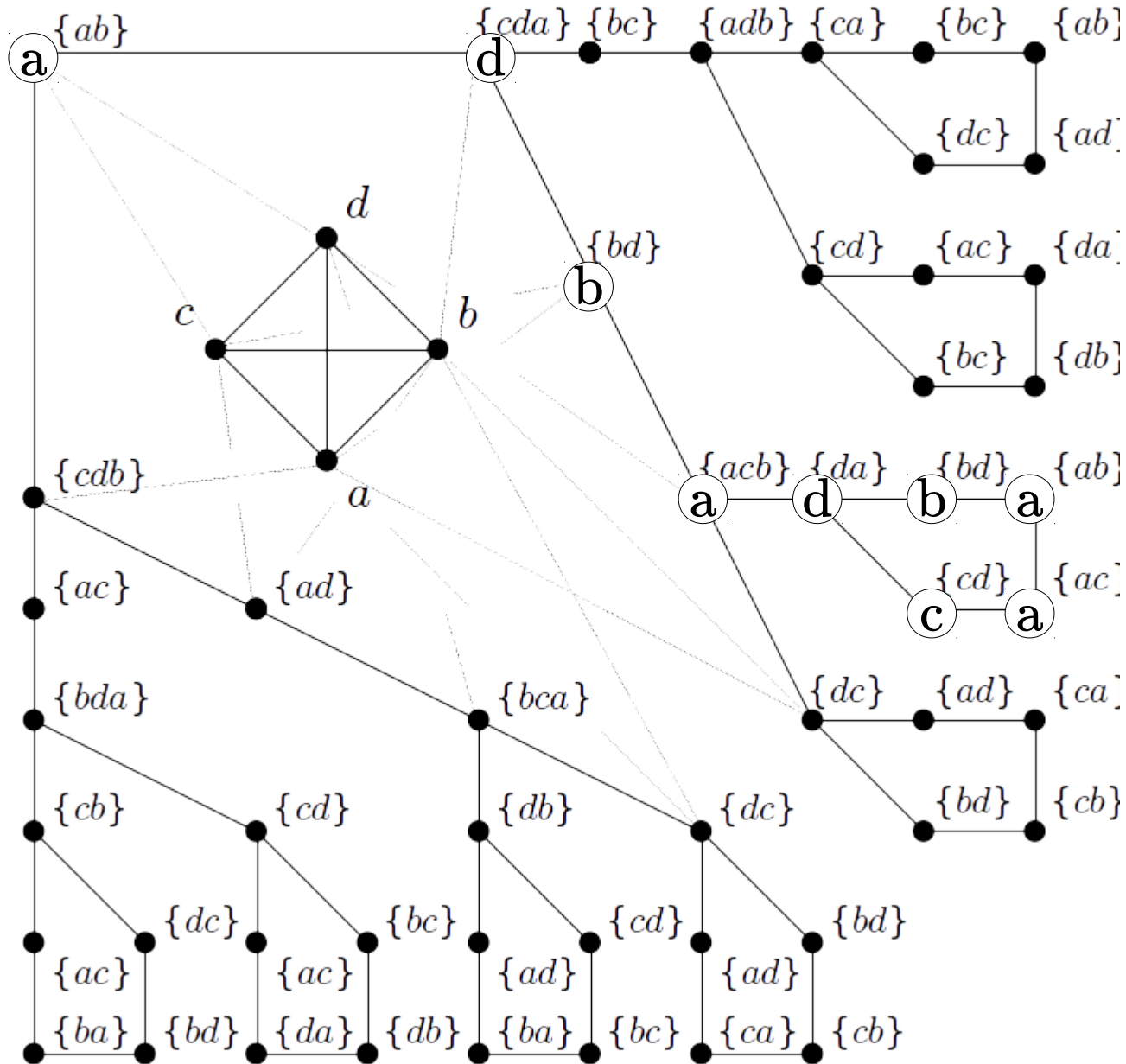
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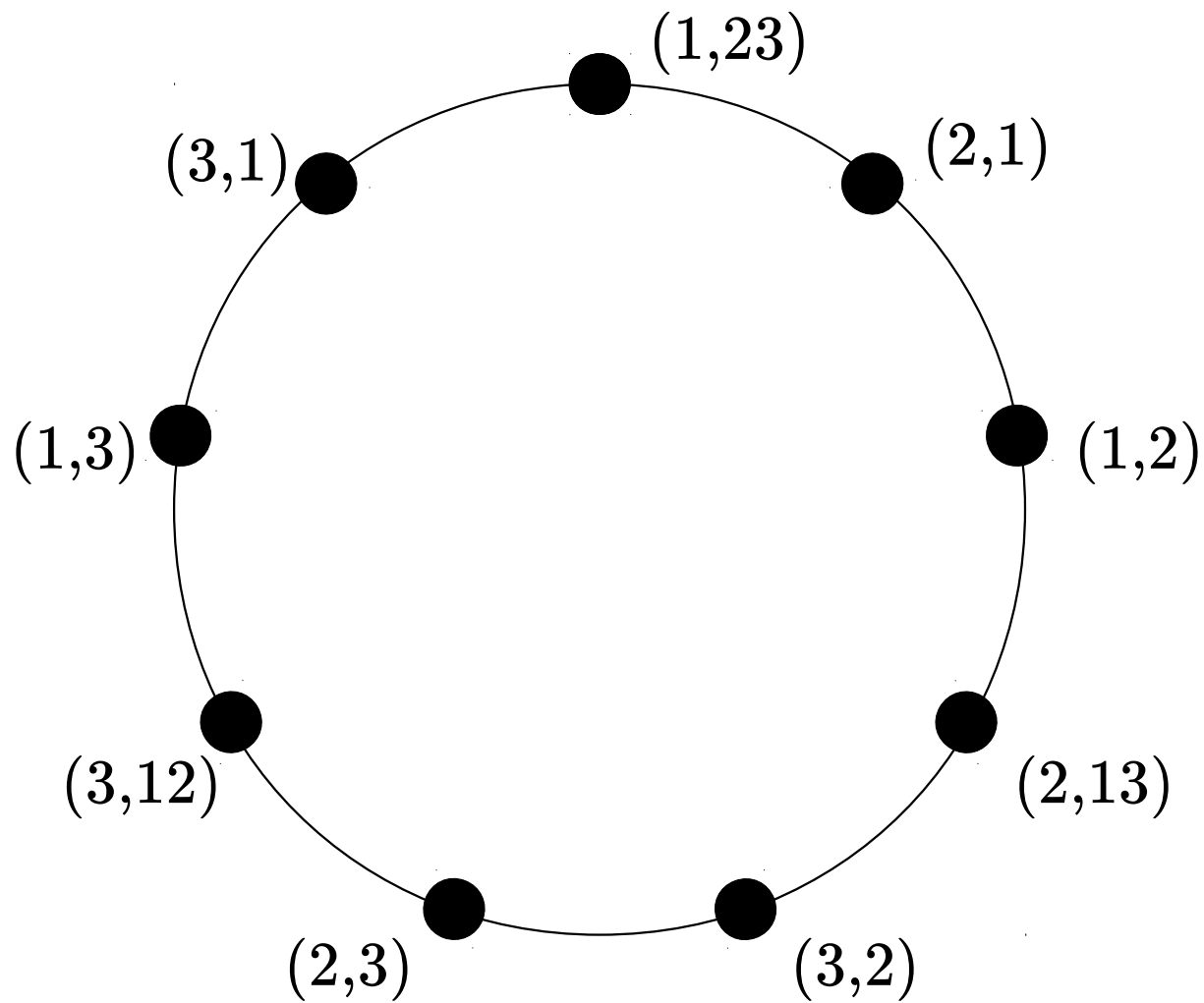
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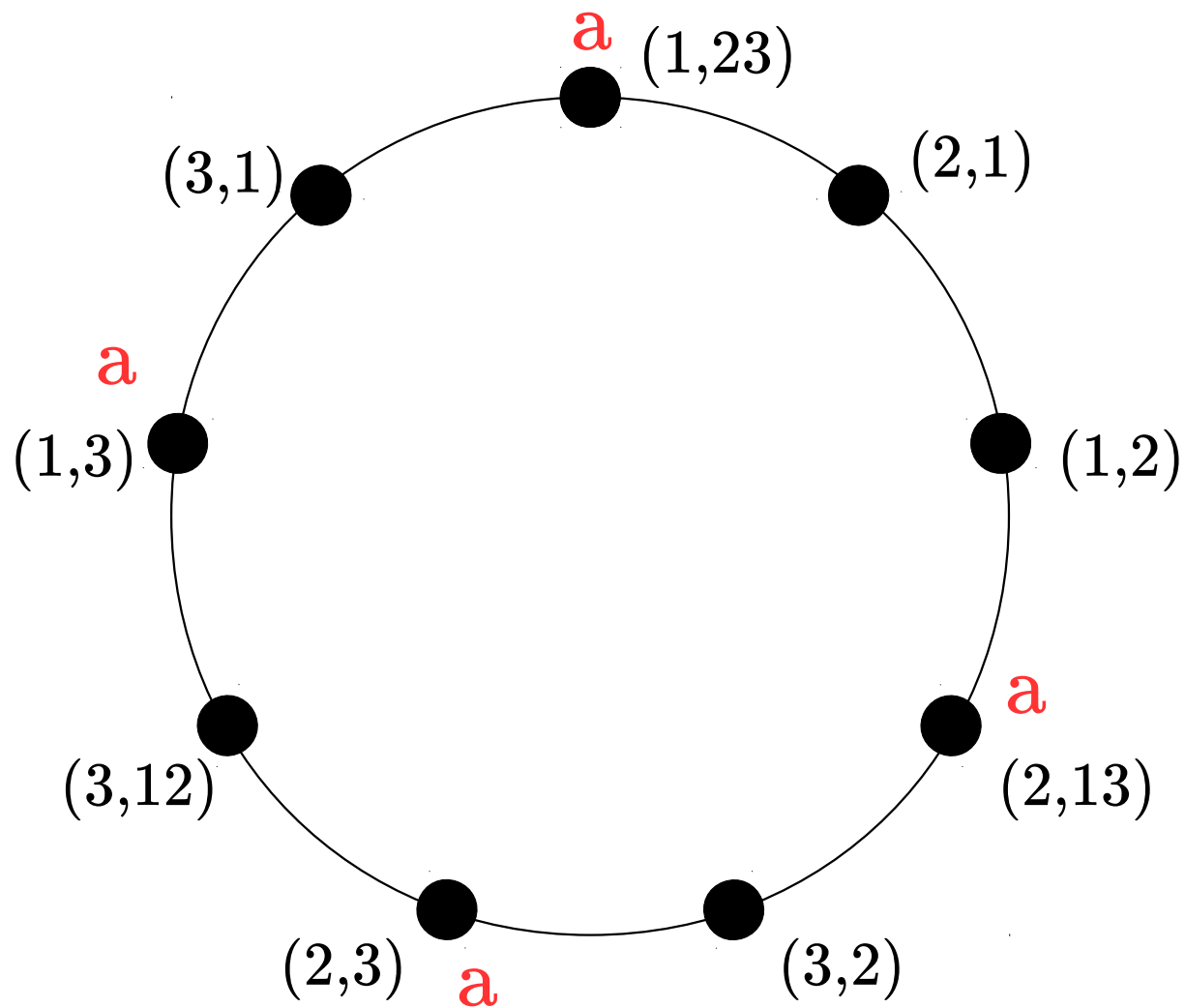
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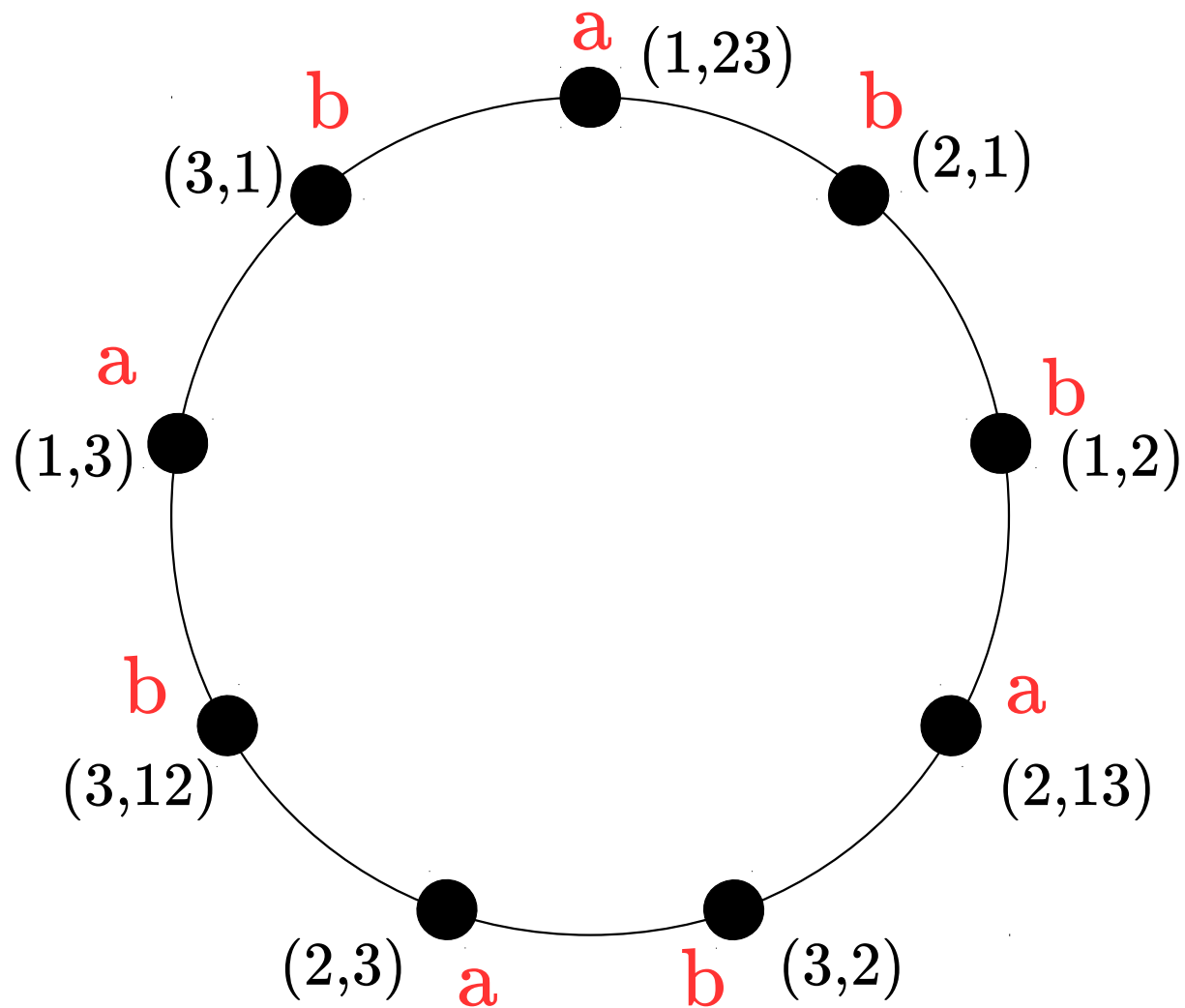
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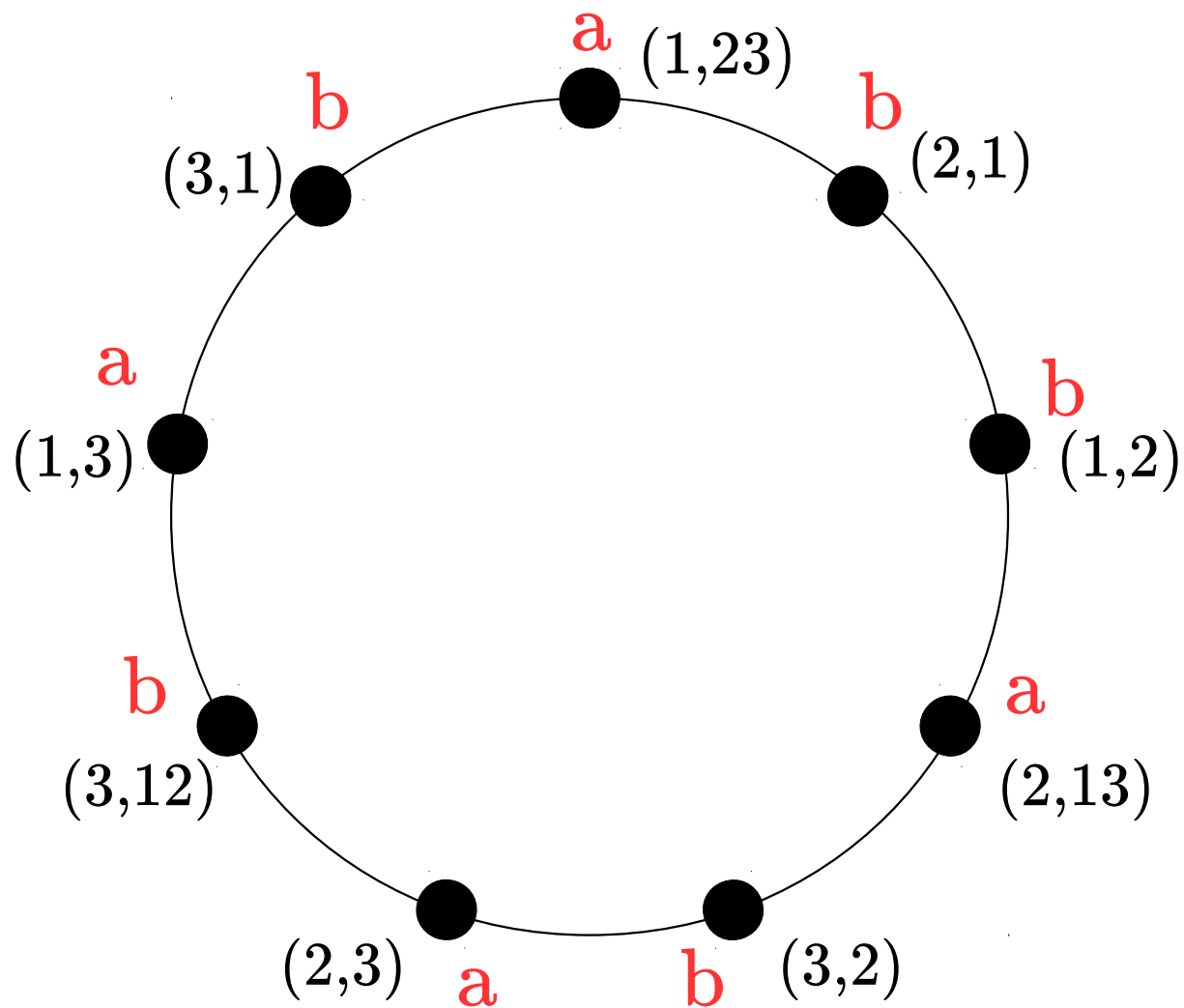


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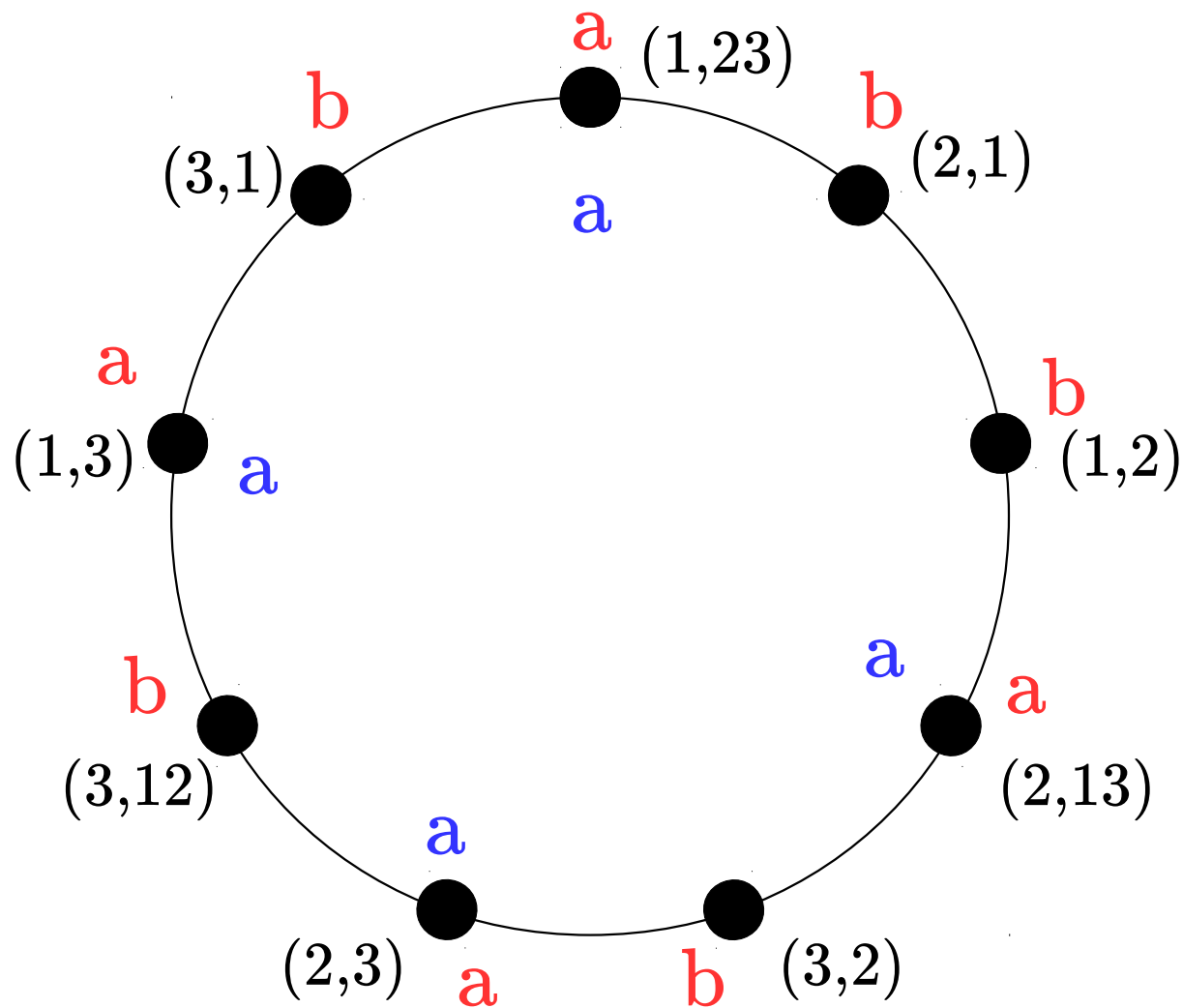
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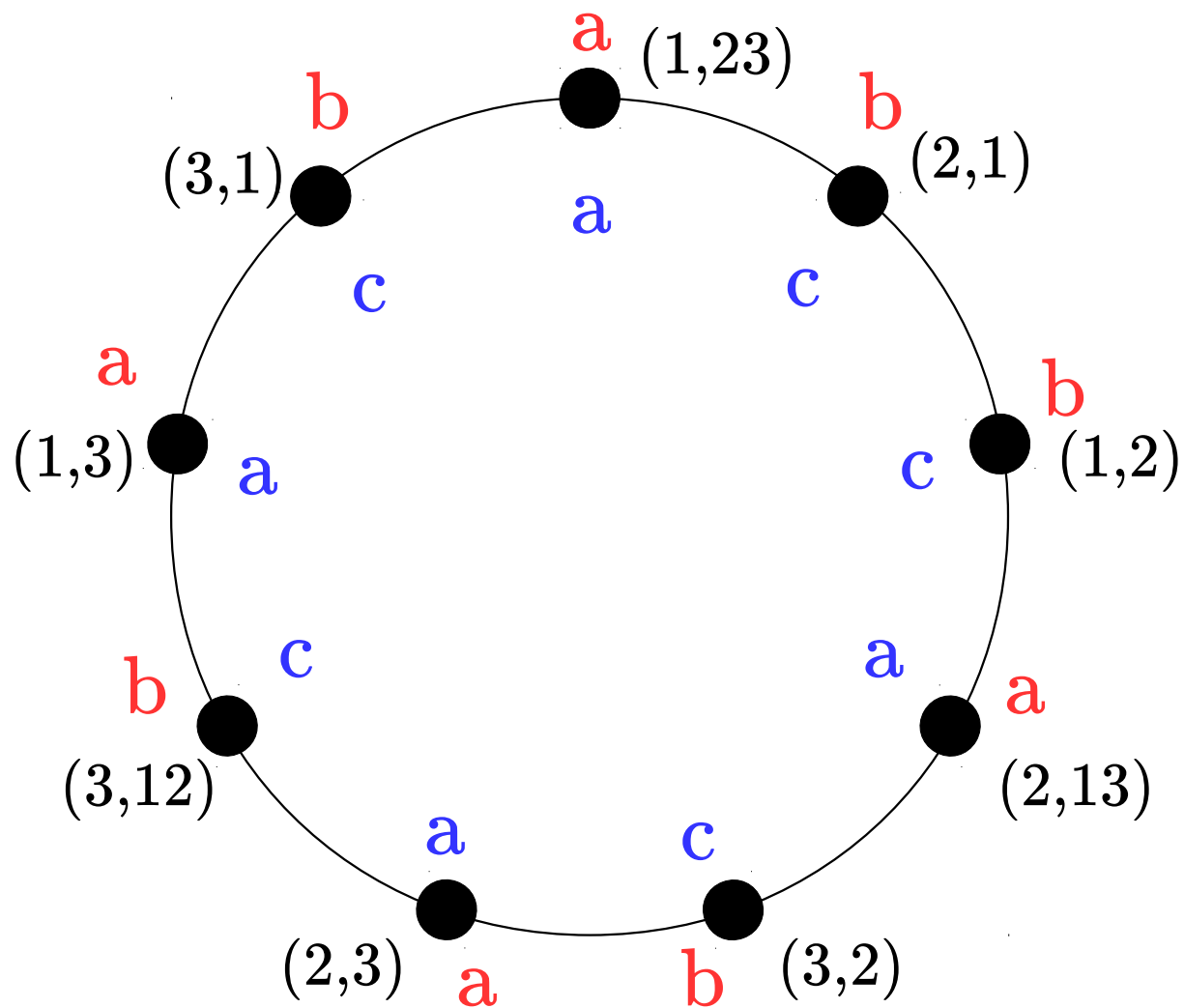
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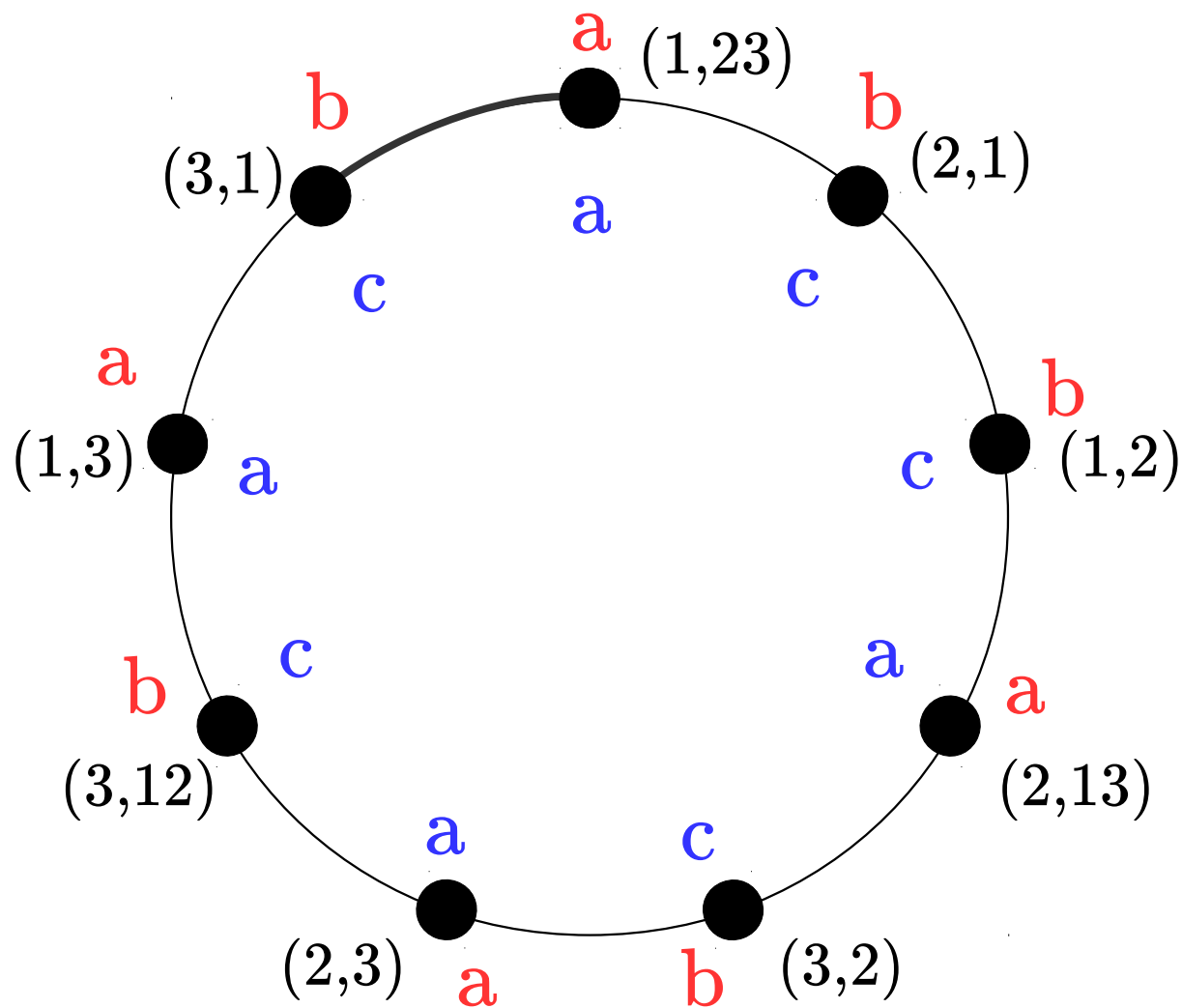
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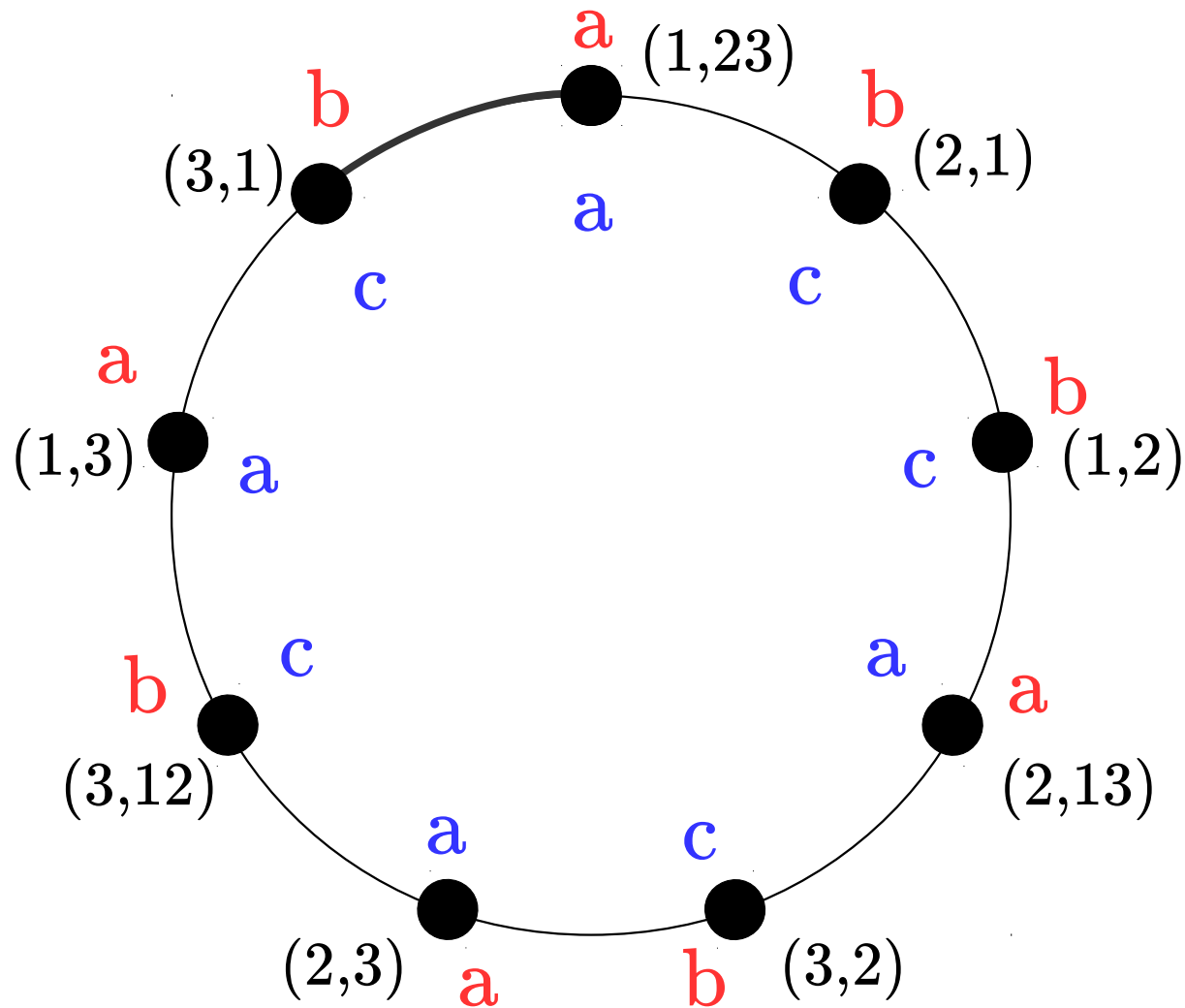


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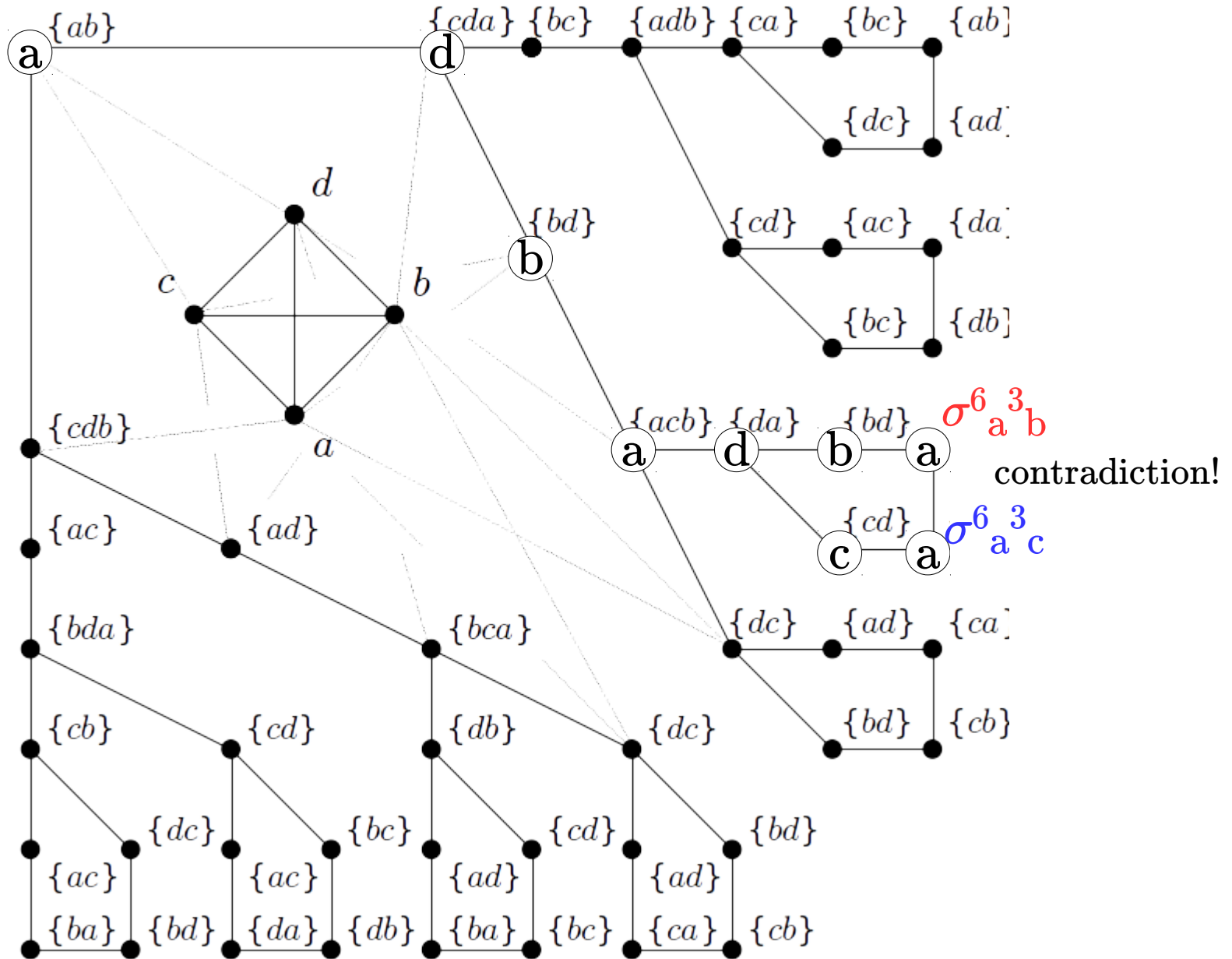
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4-colouring of $\Omega_{13}(K_8) \times K_4^{\Omega_{13}(K_8)}$:

colour of (u, f) is $f(u)$.

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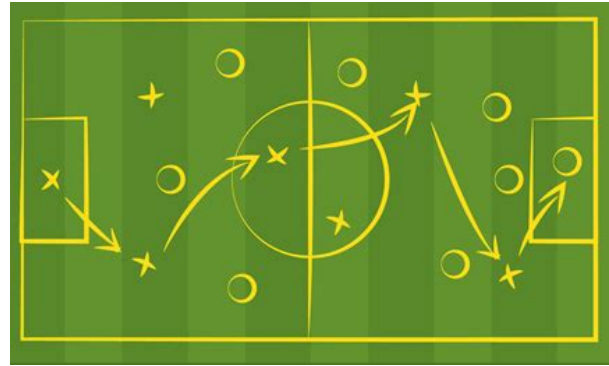
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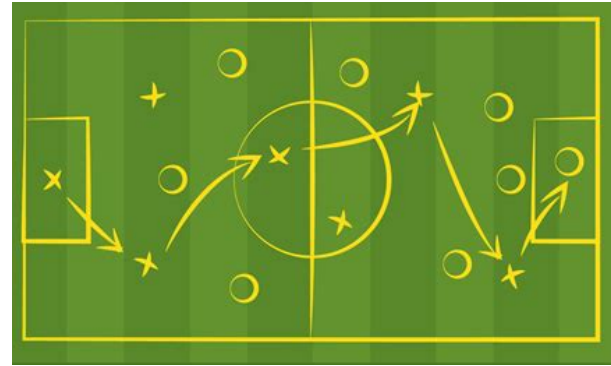
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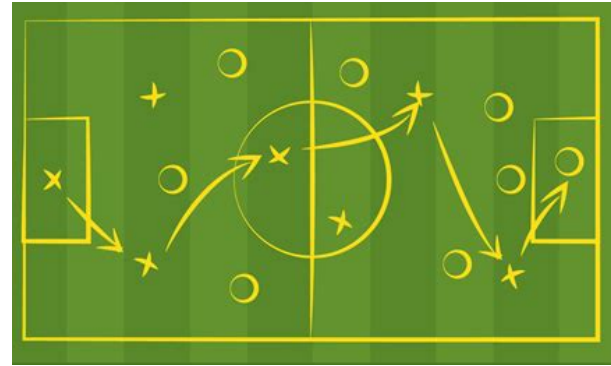
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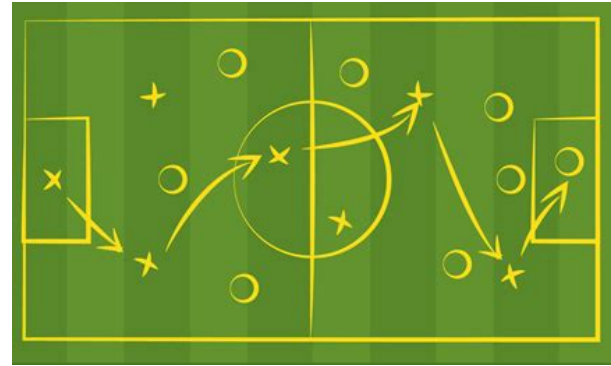


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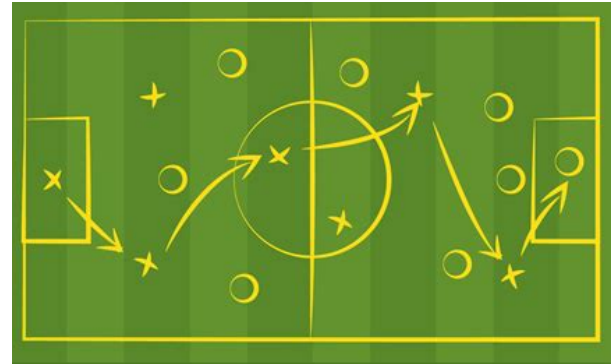
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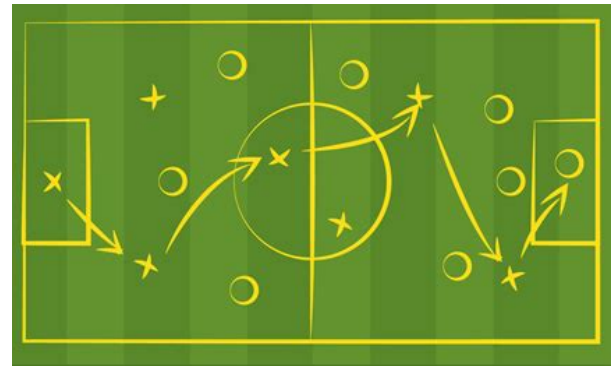
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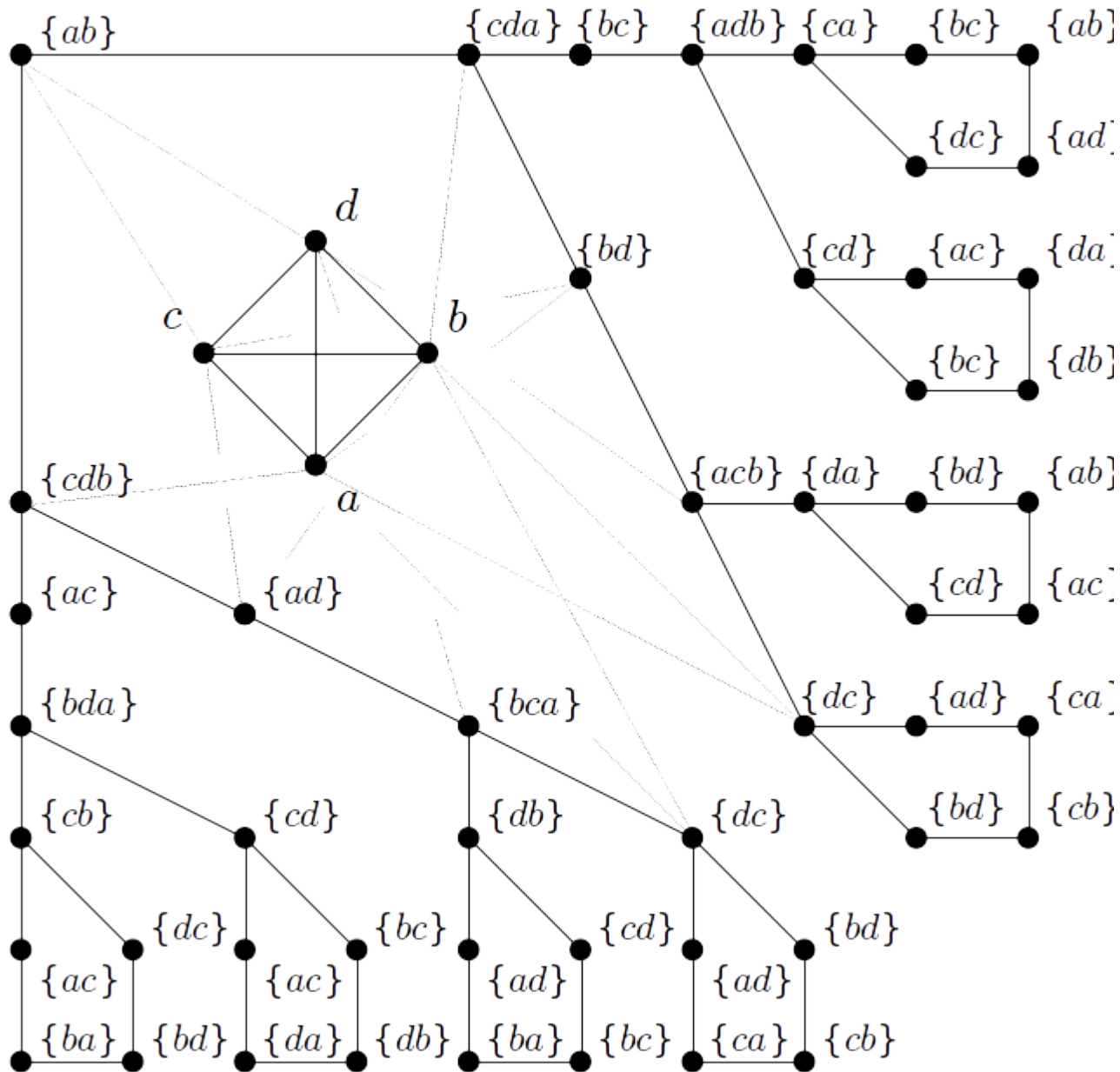
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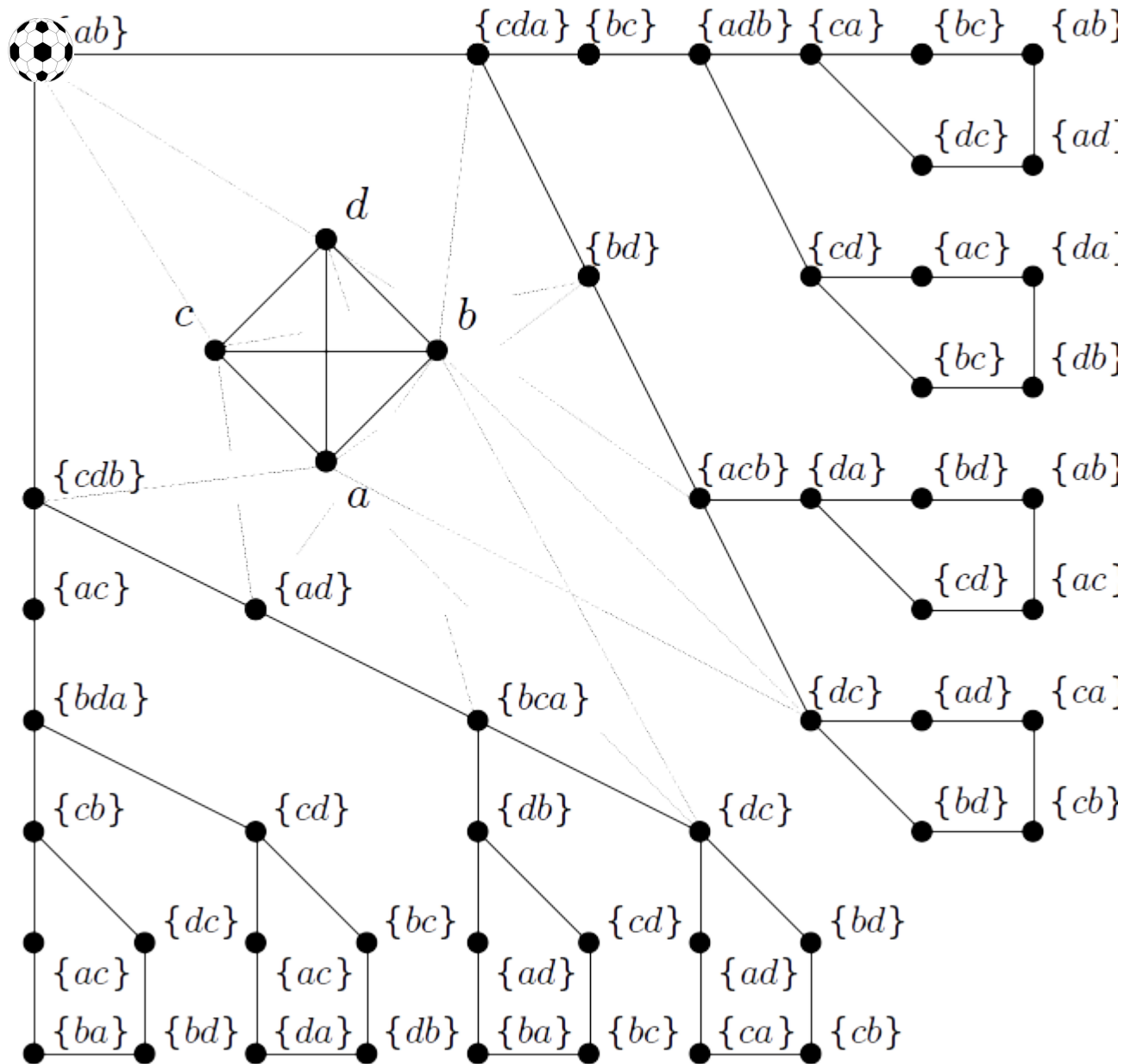
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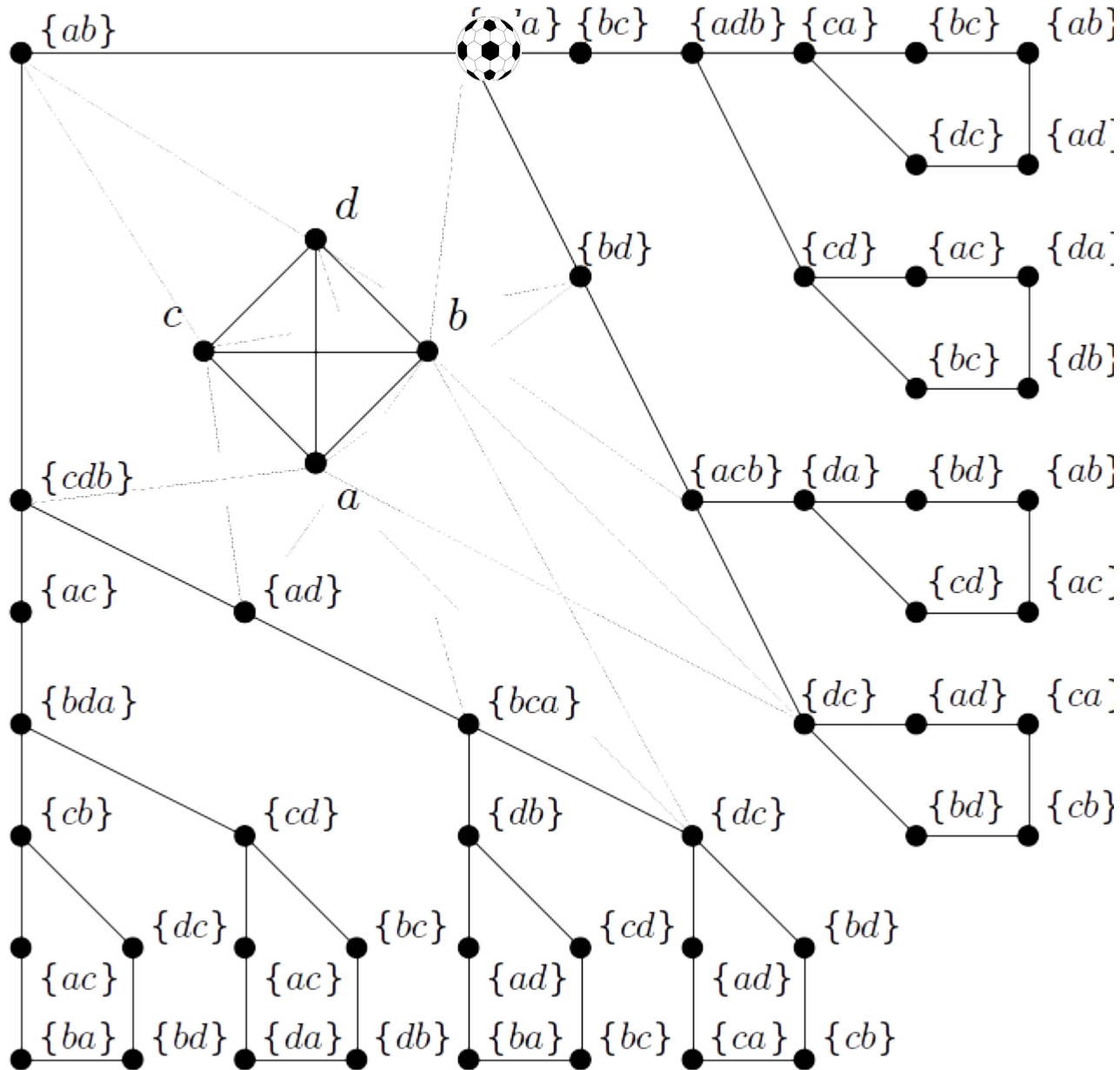
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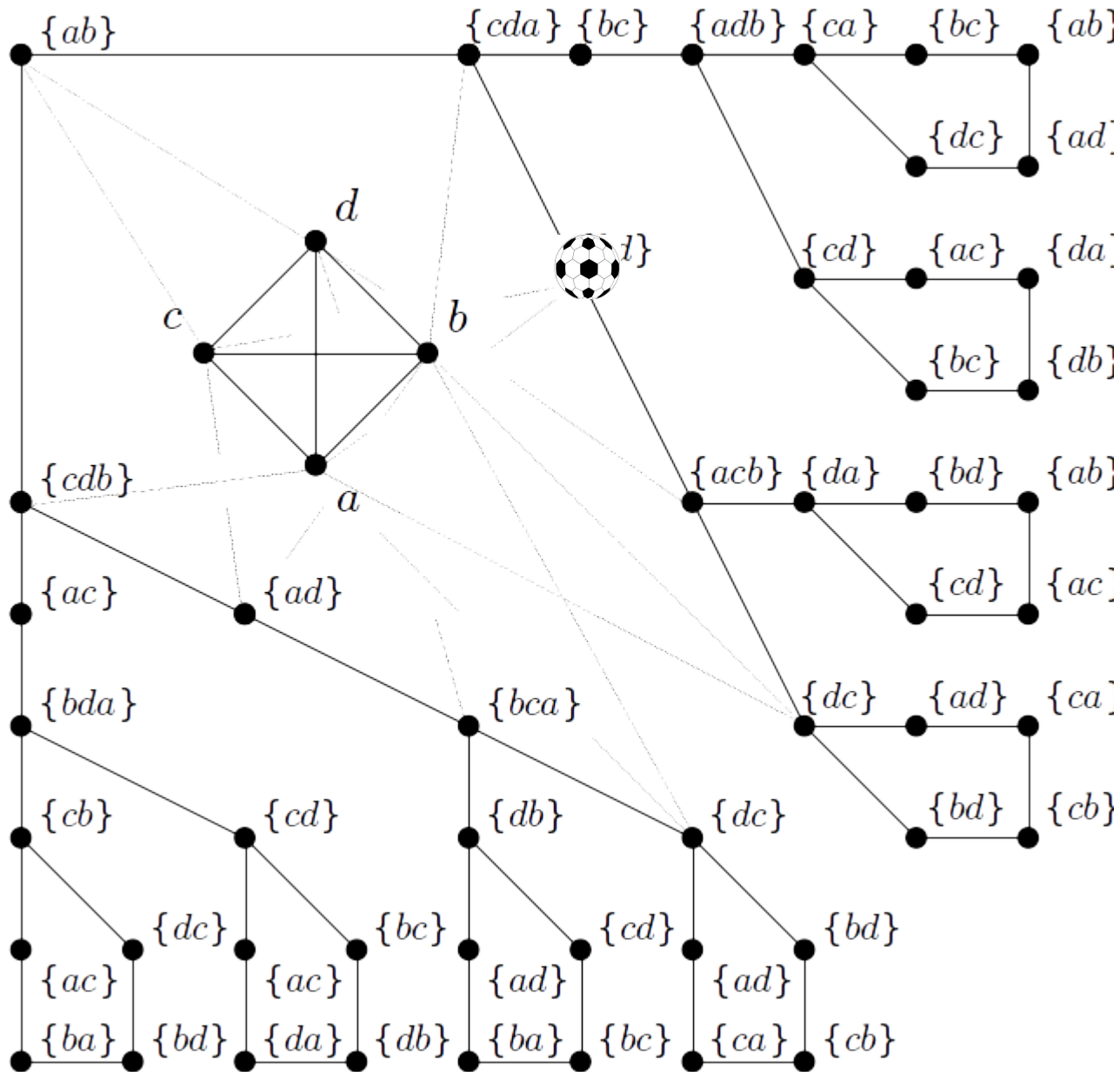
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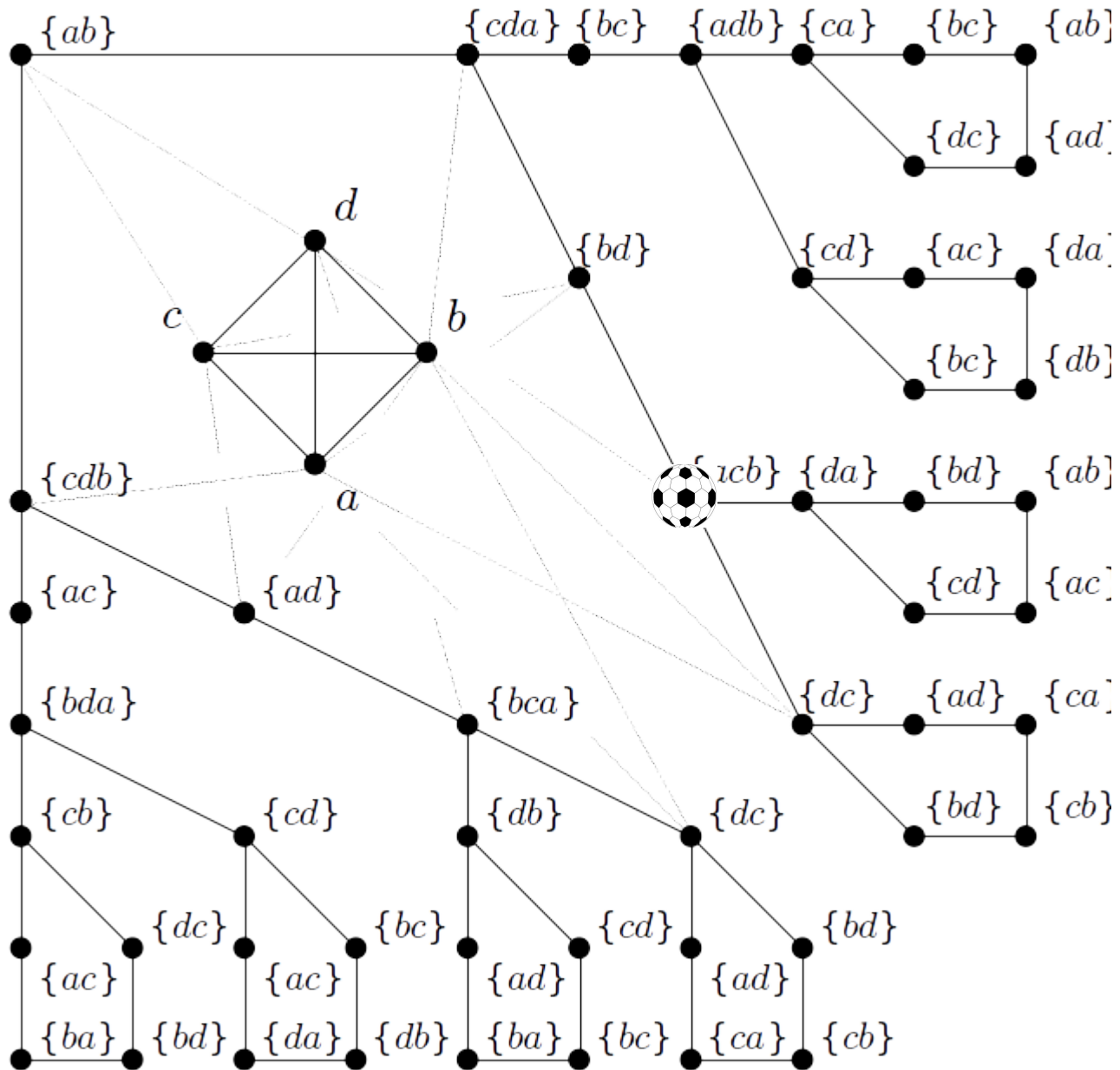
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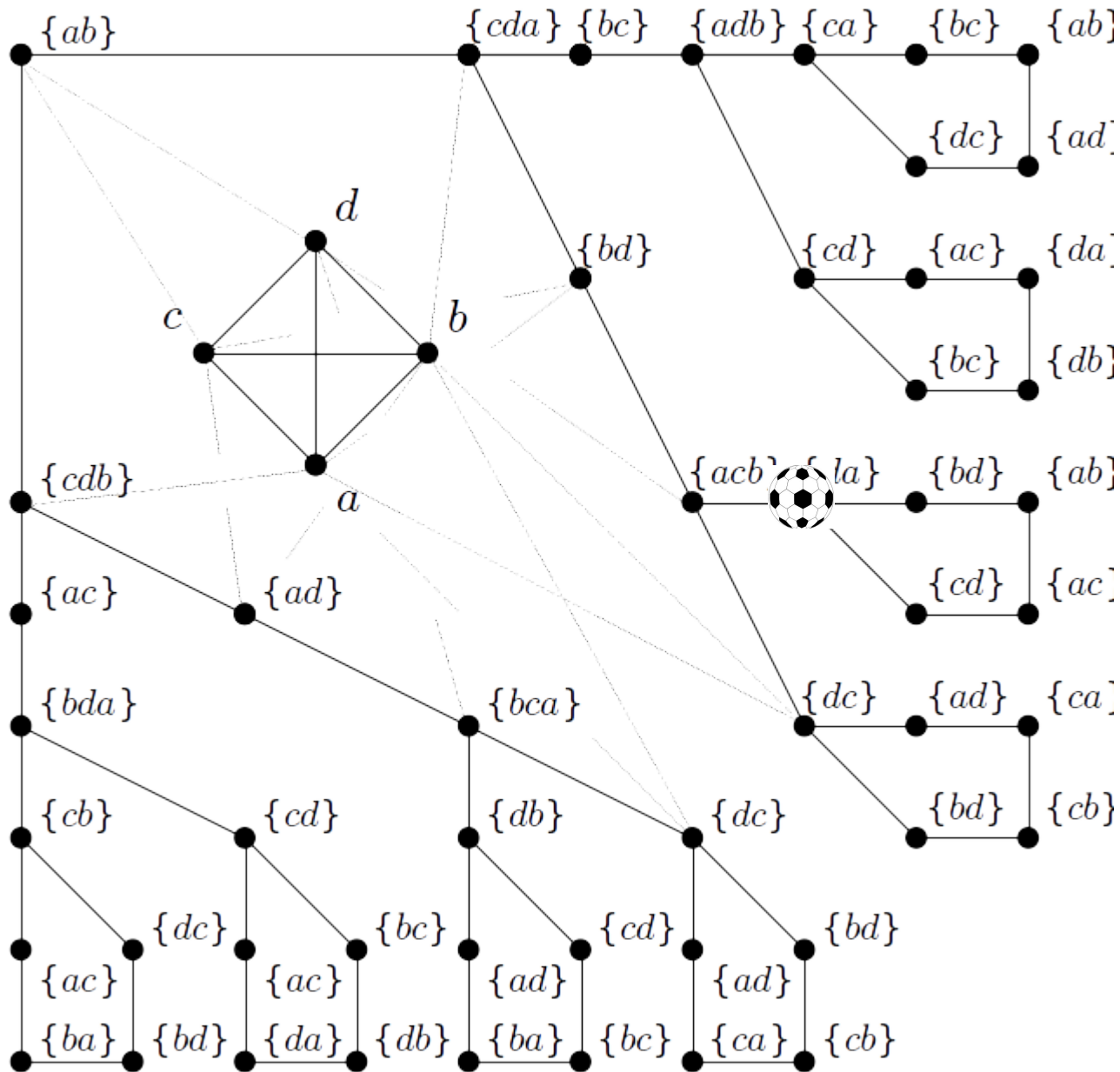
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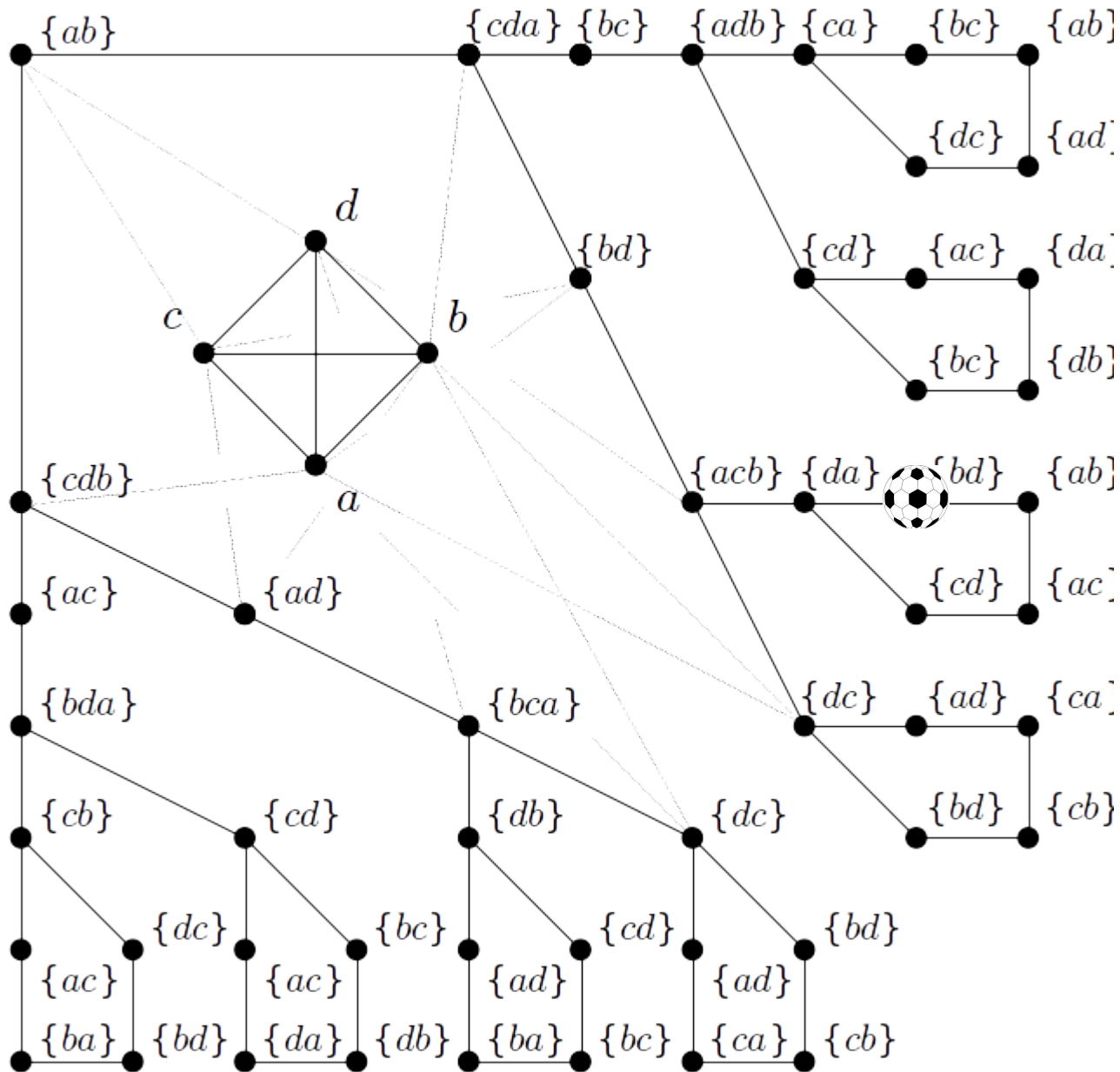
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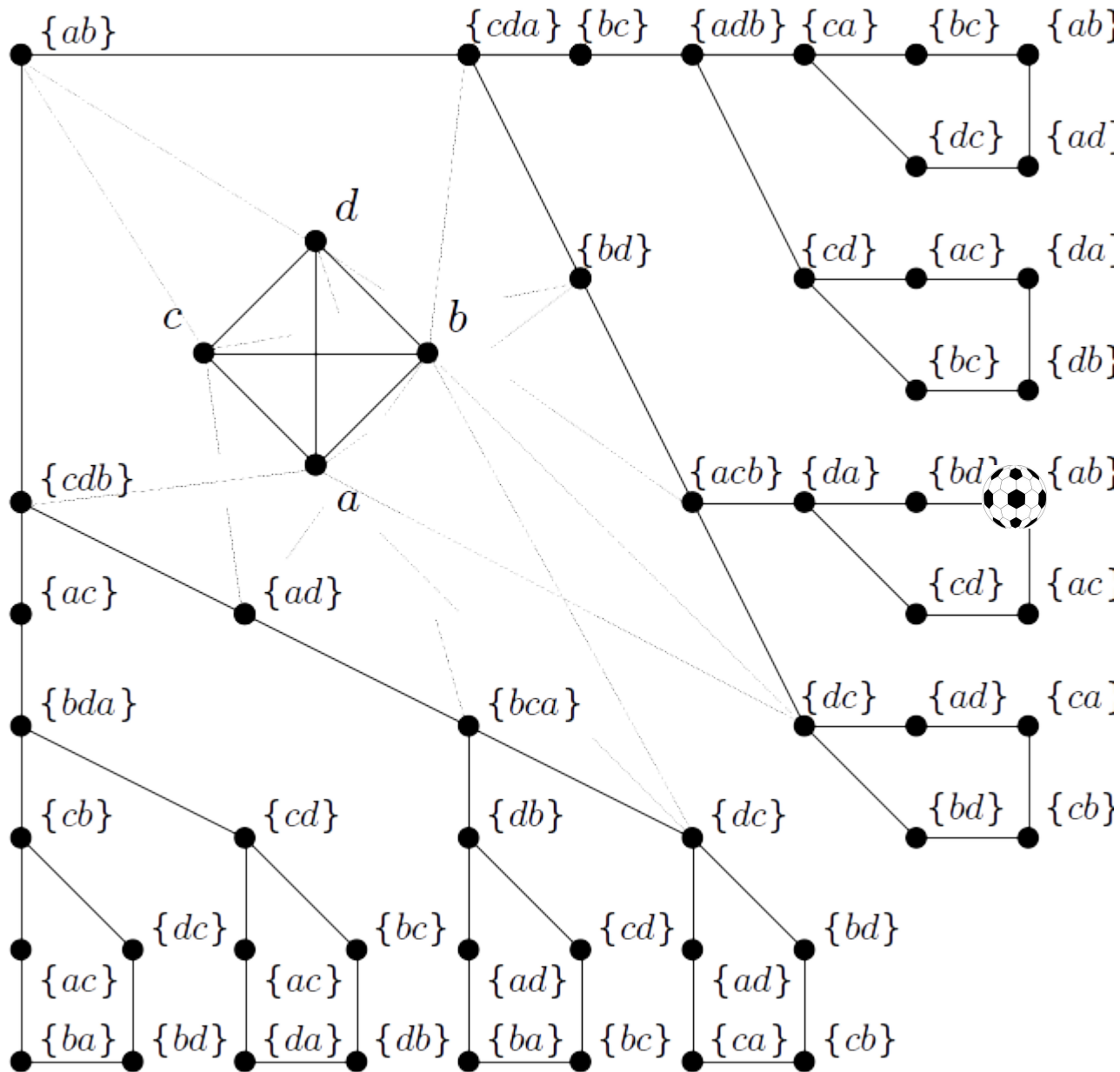
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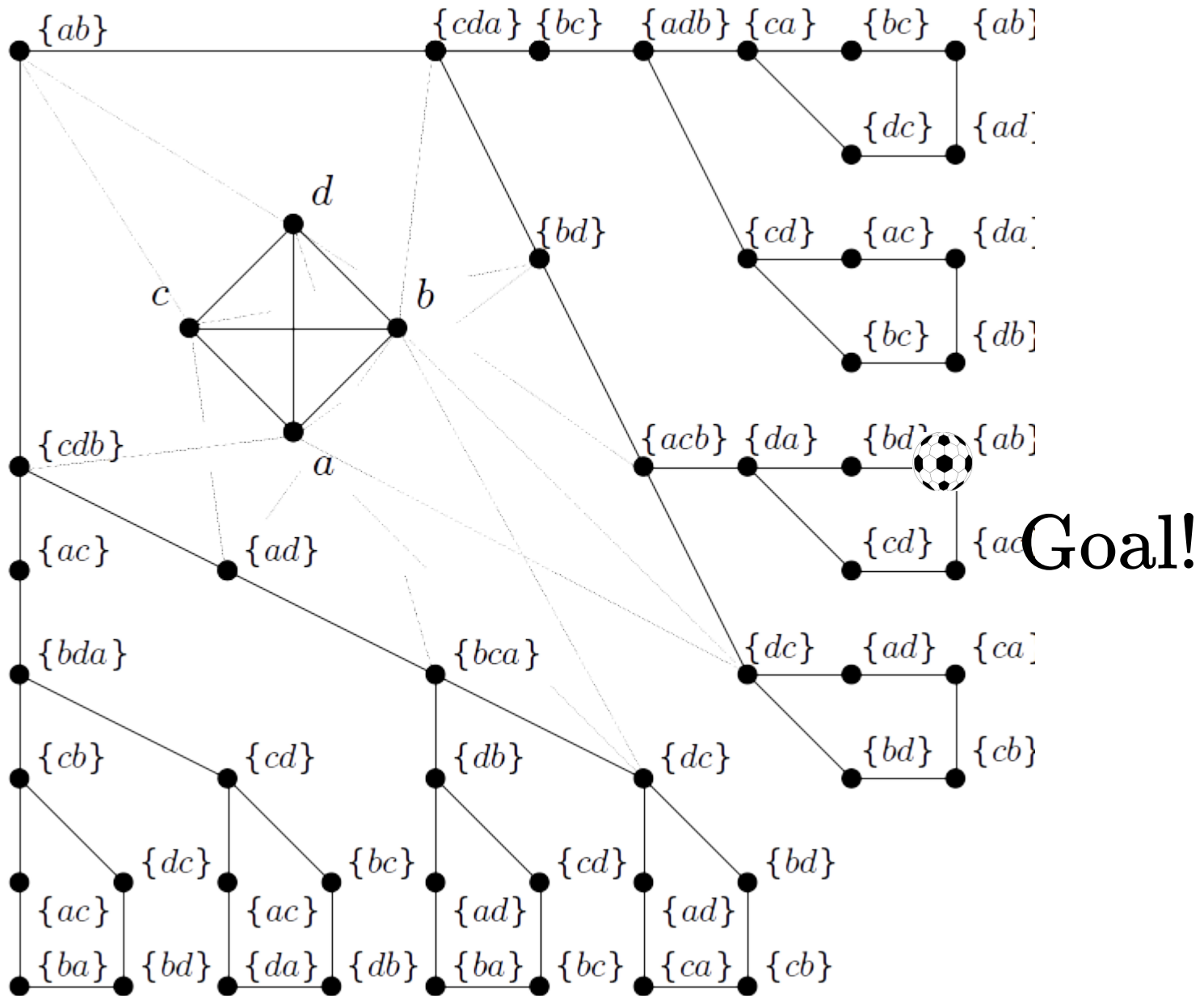
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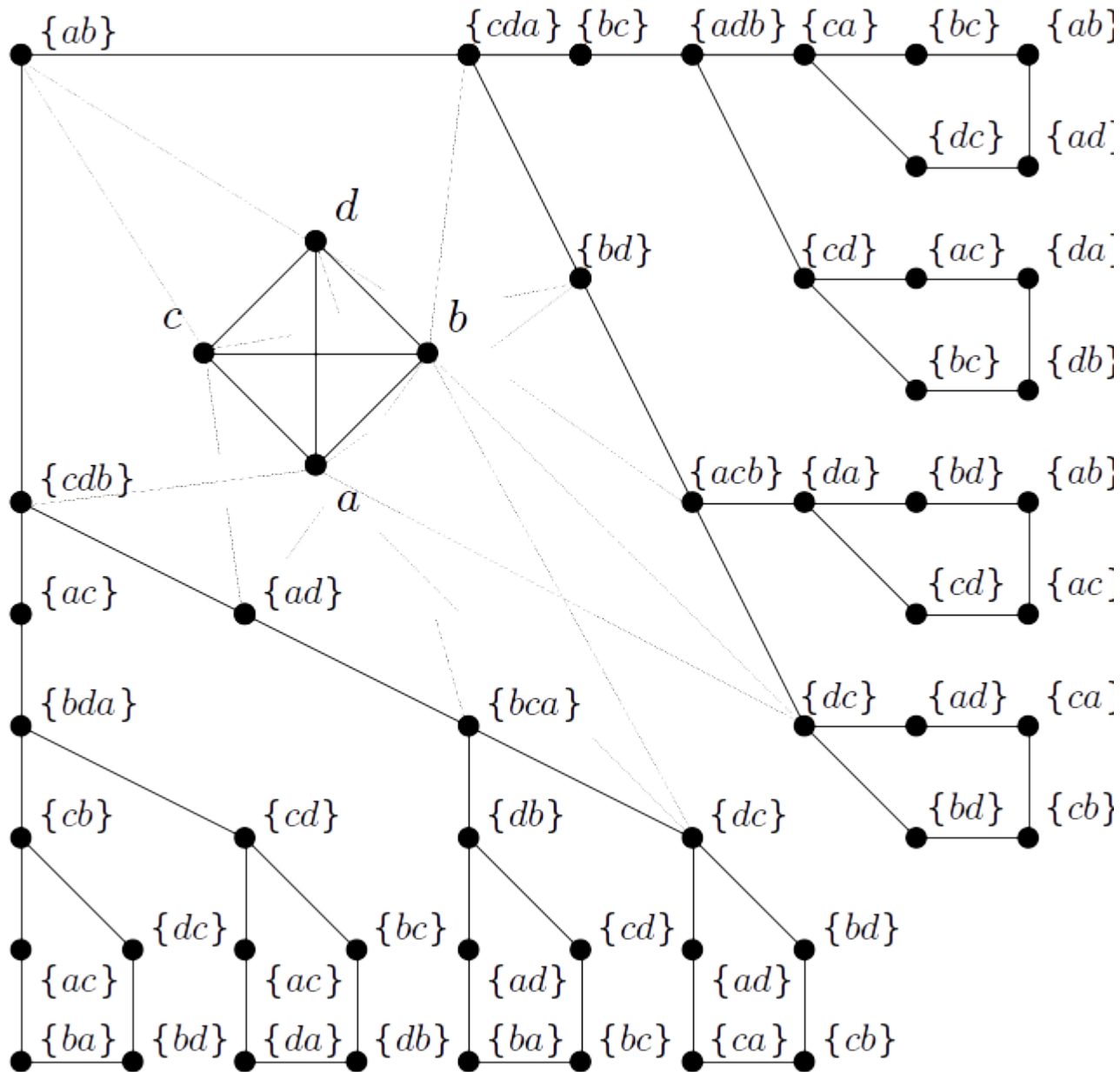
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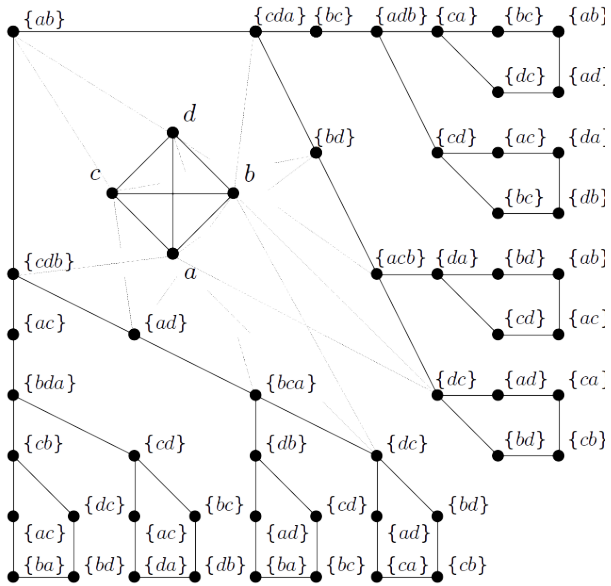


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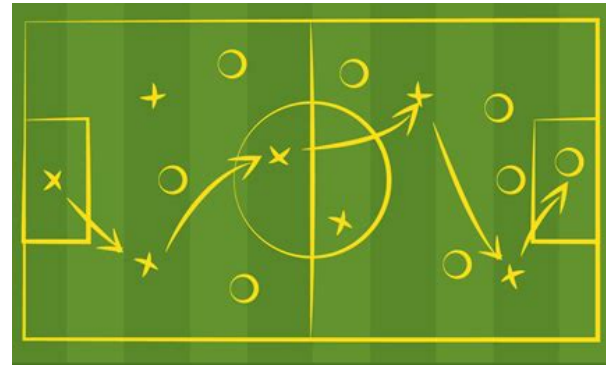


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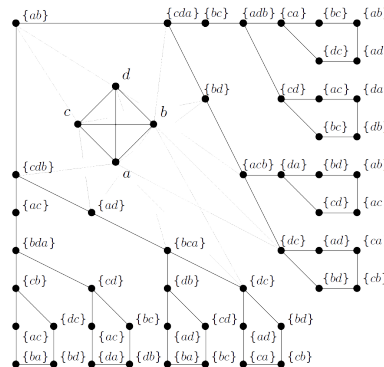
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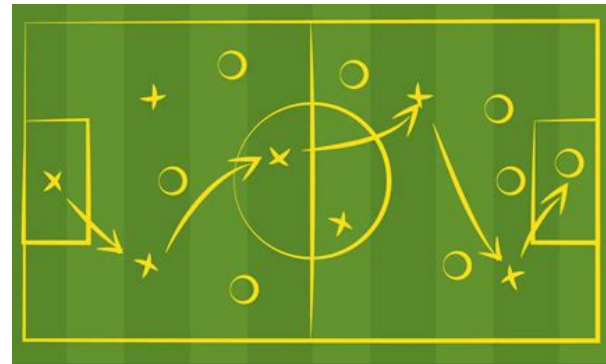
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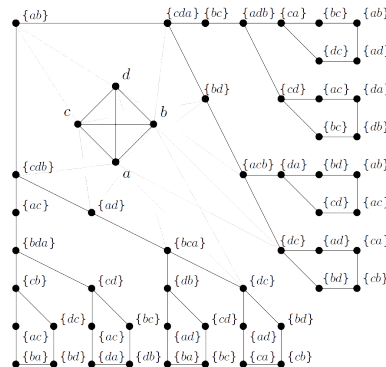
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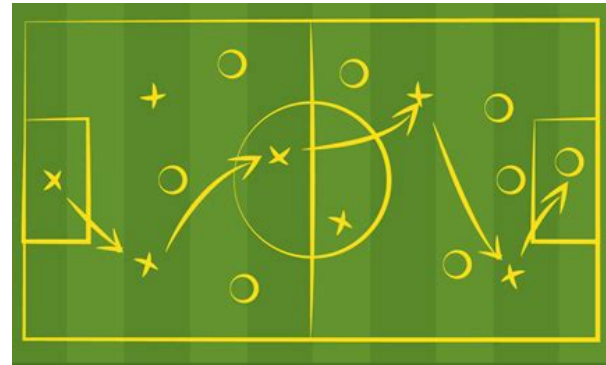
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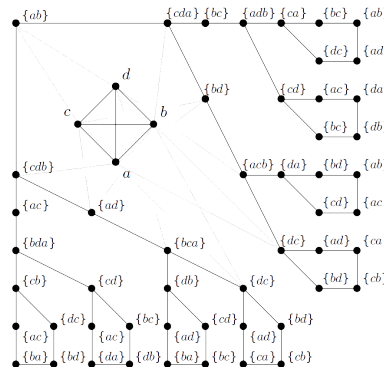
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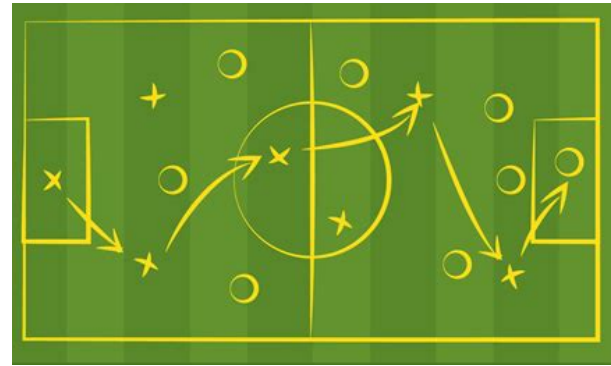
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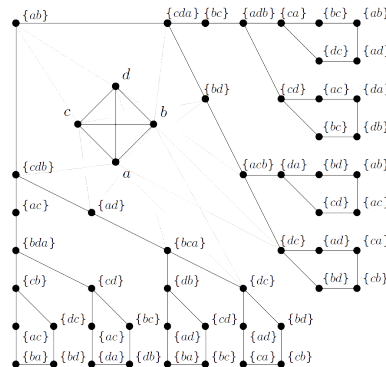
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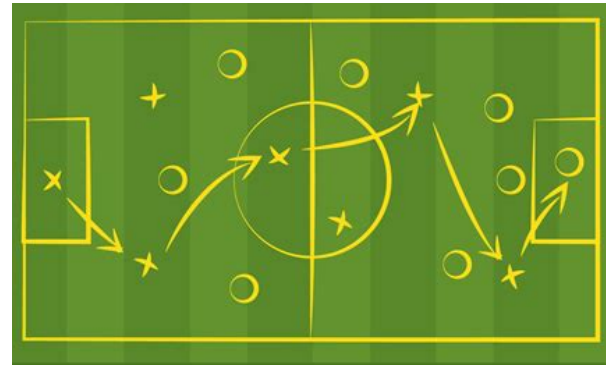
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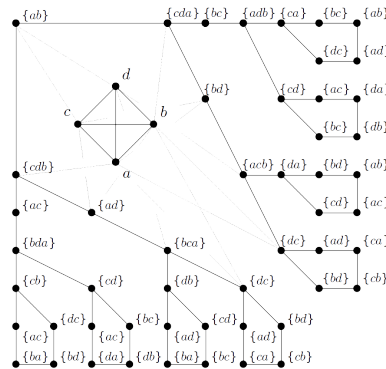
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Thank you!

(now I'm really done.)