Massey Products for Graph Homology

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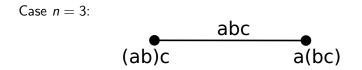
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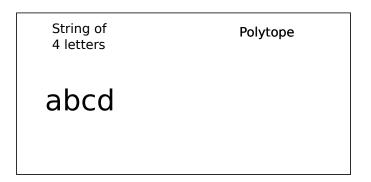
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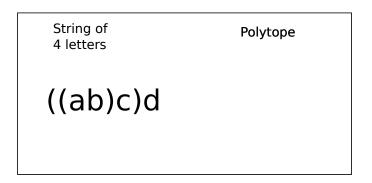
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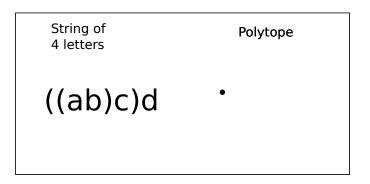
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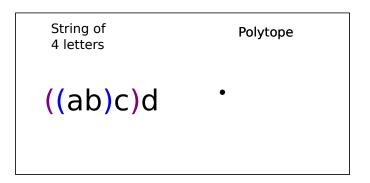
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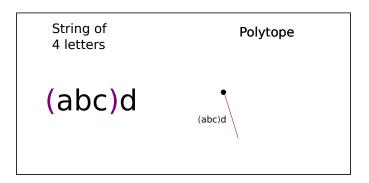


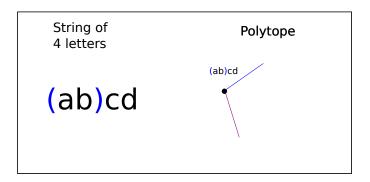


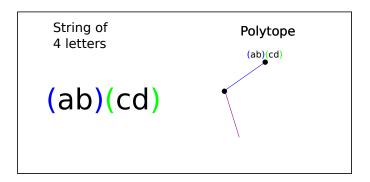


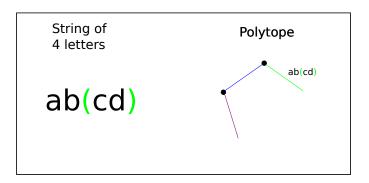


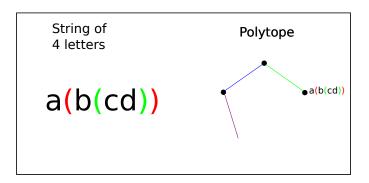


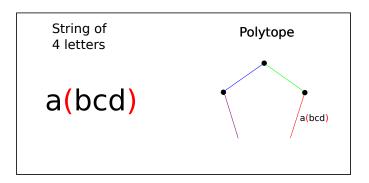


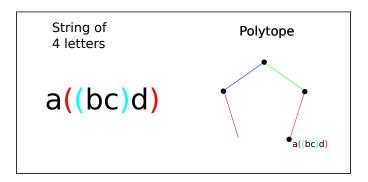


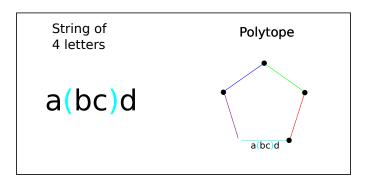


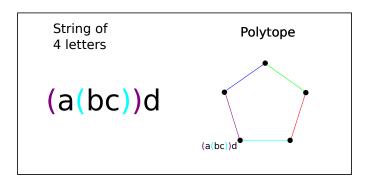


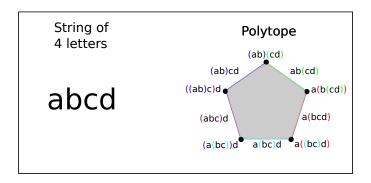








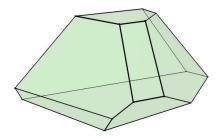




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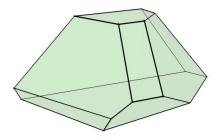
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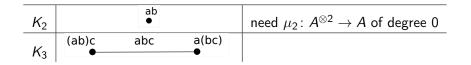
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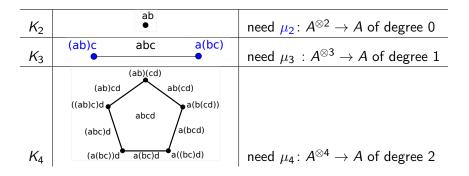
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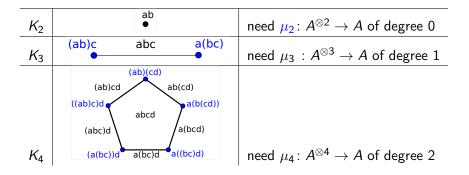
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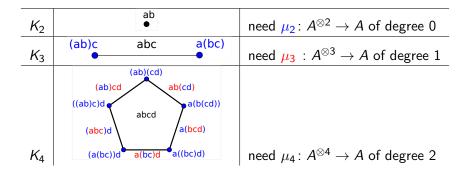


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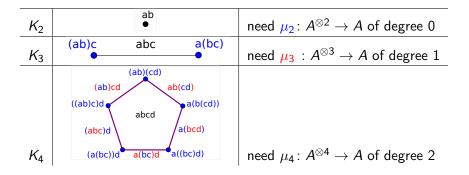
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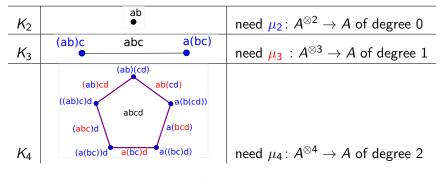


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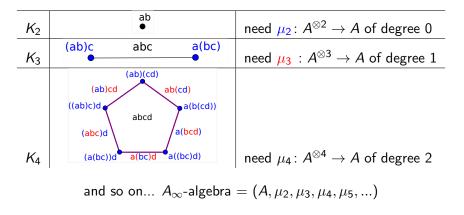


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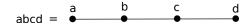
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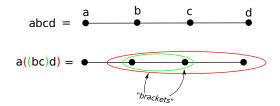
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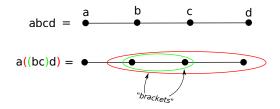
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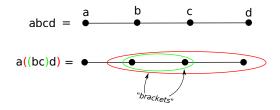
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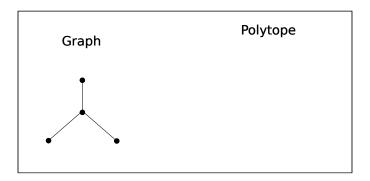
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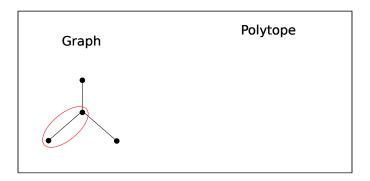
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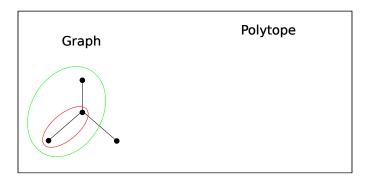


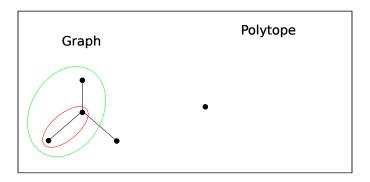
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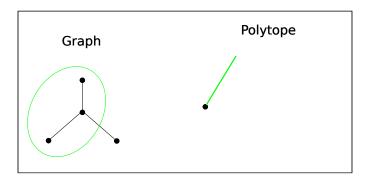
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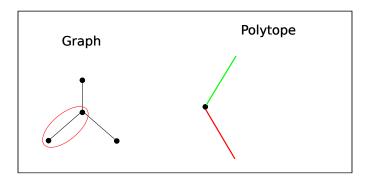


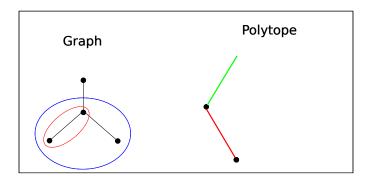


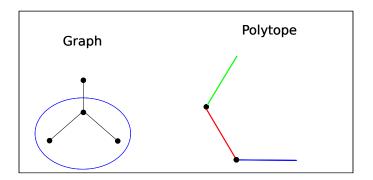


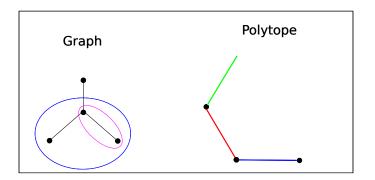


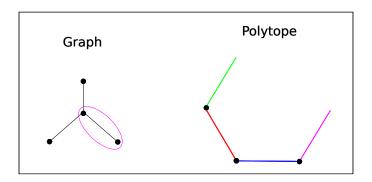




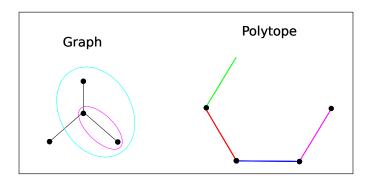


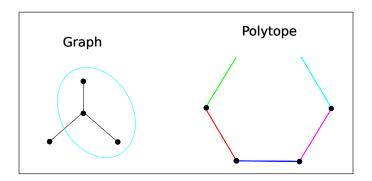


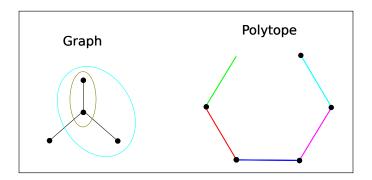




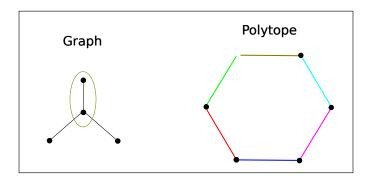
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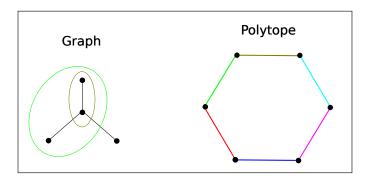




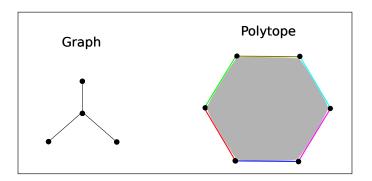
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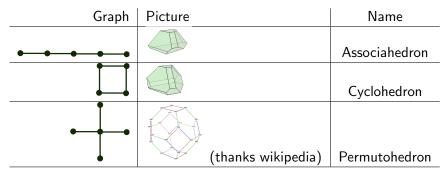
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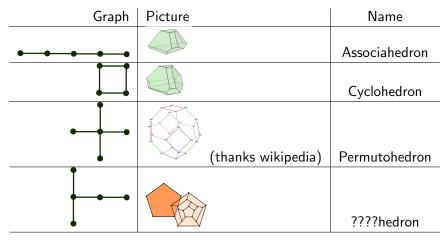
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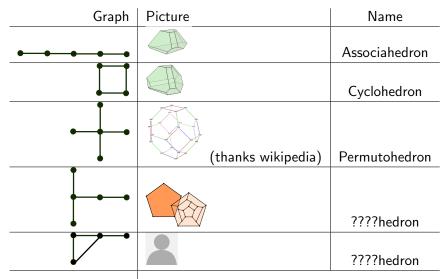
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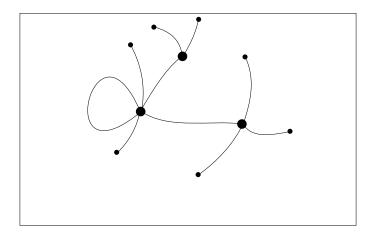
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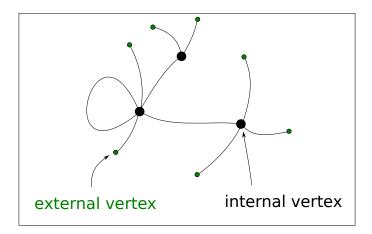
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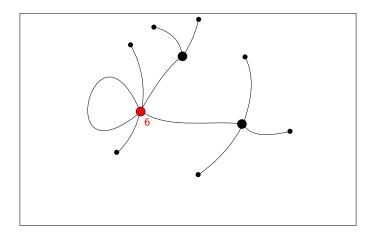


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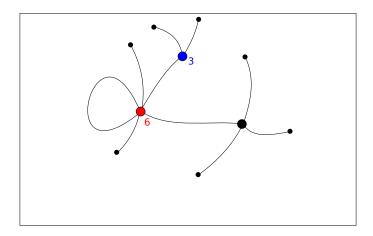


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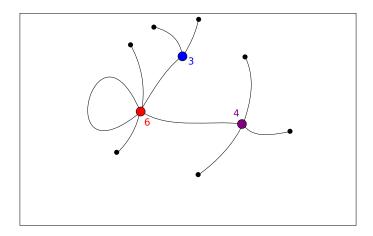


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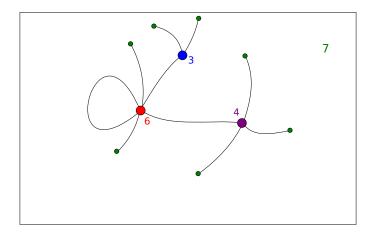
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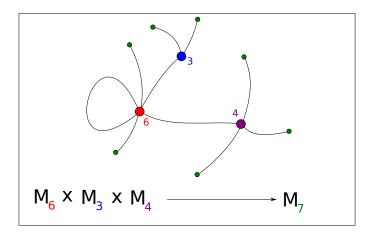


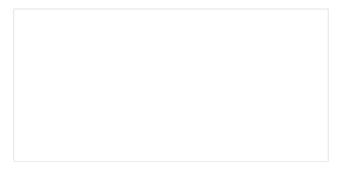
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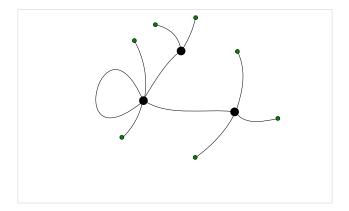


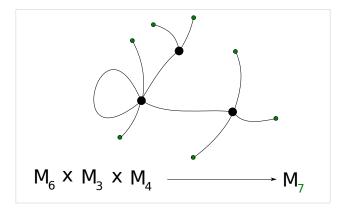
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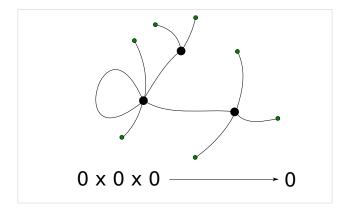
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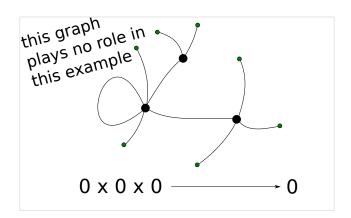




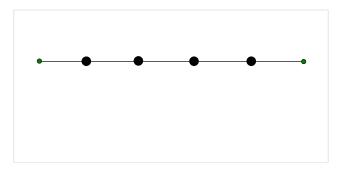




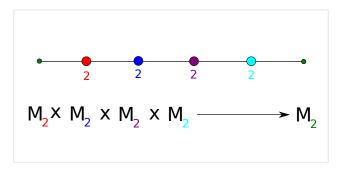




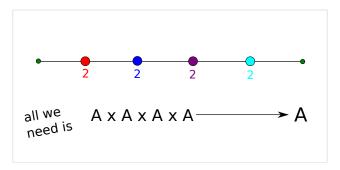
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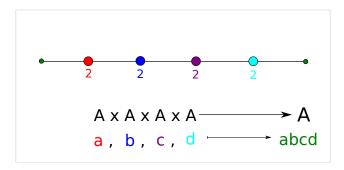
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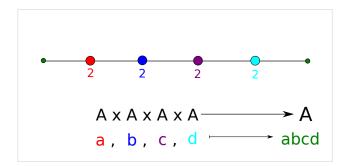


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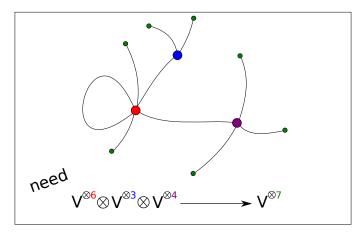


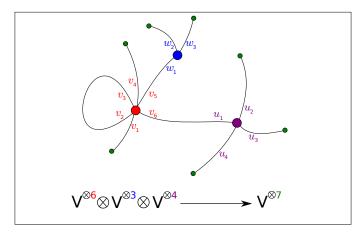
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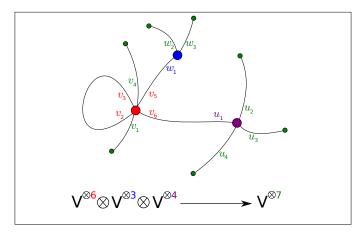
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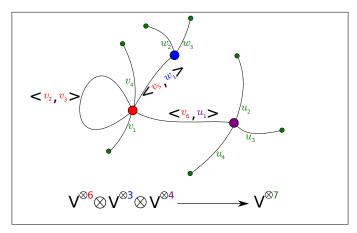


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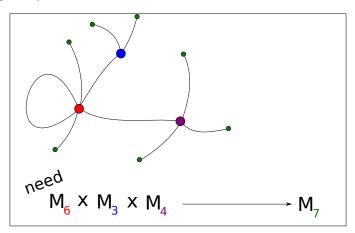


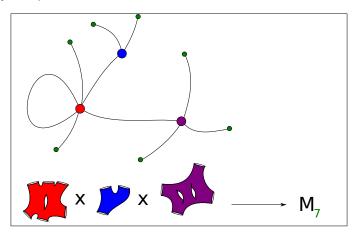


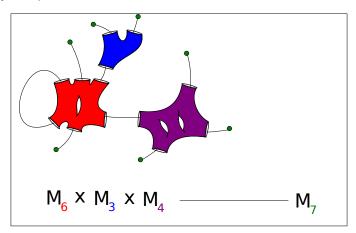


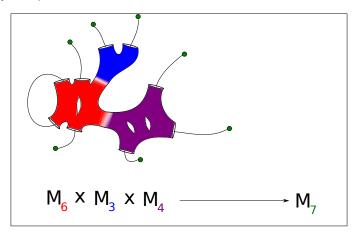


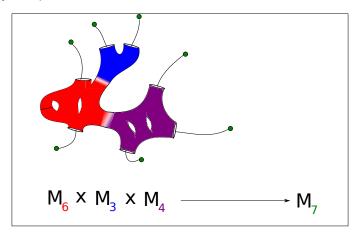


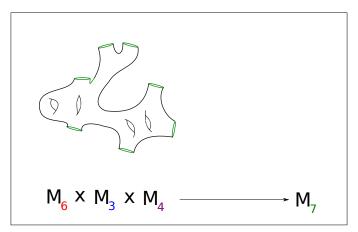


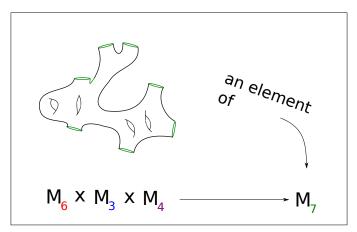




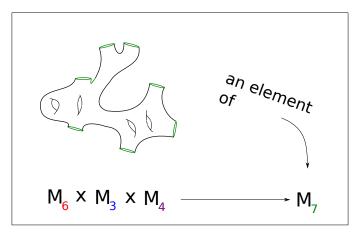






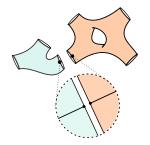


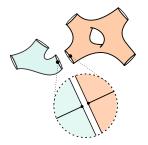
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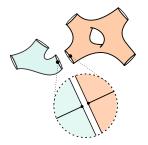
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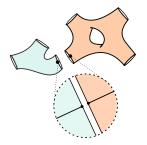




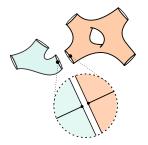
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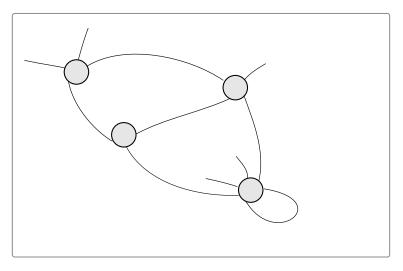
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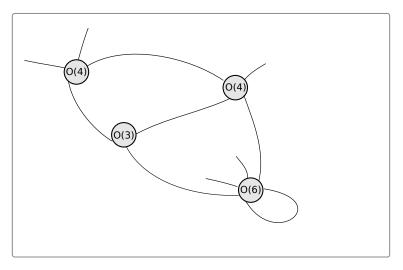
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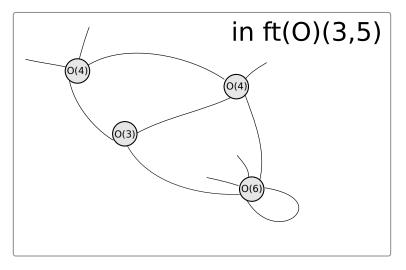
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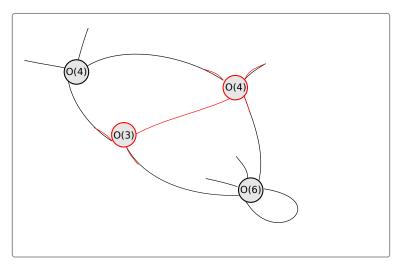
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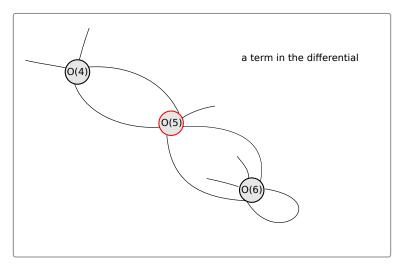
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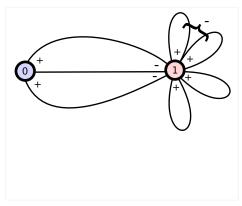
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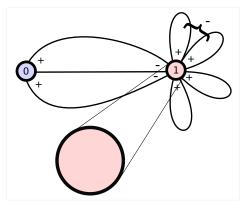
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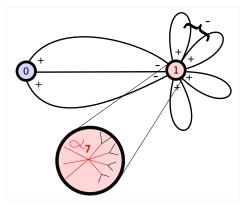
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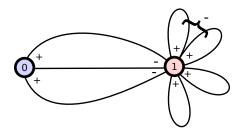


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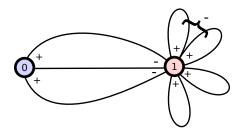
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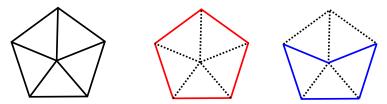
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 $\overline{\mathrm{ft}}(\mathcal{H}_{Lie})(2,n)\otimes_{S_n}\Lambda_n\sim\mathcal{F}_2(\mathfrak{grt}_1)/\mathcal{F}_3(\mathfrak{grt}_1)$

"To understand filtration degree 2 requires understanding Lie graph homology upto genus 2".

This isomorphism sees the fact that $\mathcal{H}_{lie}(2, n) \otimes_{S_n} \Lambda_n$ coincides with the space of relations among the $\{\sigma_{2i+1}, \sigma_{2n-2i+1}\} \in \mathcal{F}_2(\mathfrak{grt}_1)/\mathcal{F}_3(\mathfrak{grt}_1)$. Both spaces, after work of Conant-Kassabov-Hatcher-Vogtmann on the one hand and Schneps on the other, have dimension = space of cusp forms of weight n+2.

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