


$\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_n$ crystals and cylindric partitions¹

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1 Motivation and background

- Crystals, Characters and Combinatorics
- $\widehat{\mathfrak{sl}}_n$ and its crystals

2 Partiton and cylindric partition models

- The Misra-Miwa-Hayashi realization
- Cylindric partitions and higher level representations
- Two applications
- Relationship with the Kyoto path model

3 Current work

- Fayers' crystals
- Future directions

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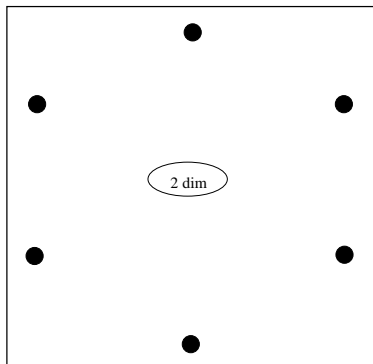
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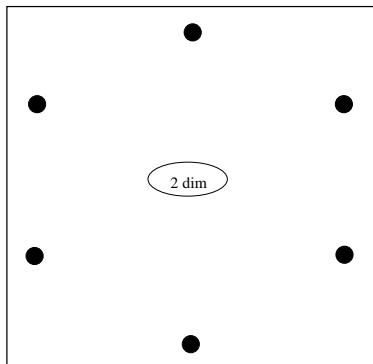
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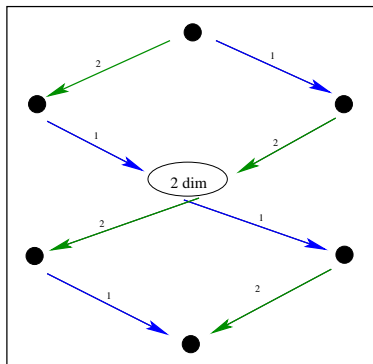
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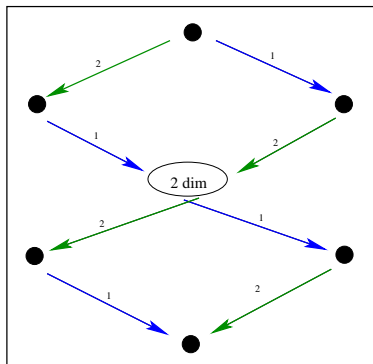
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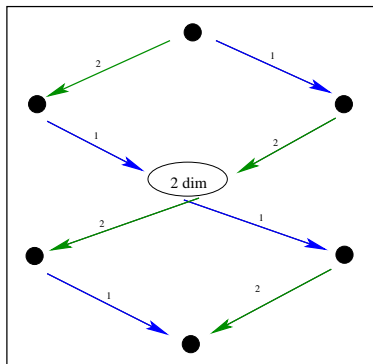
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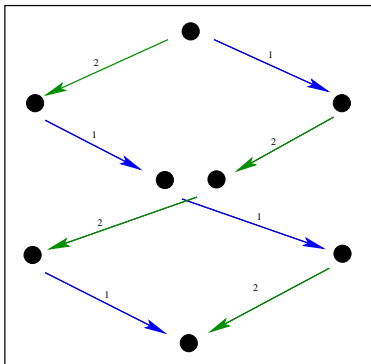
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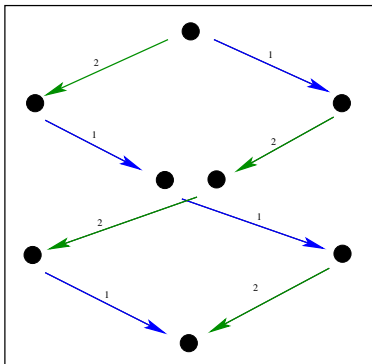
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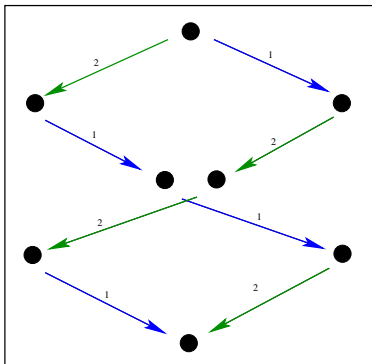
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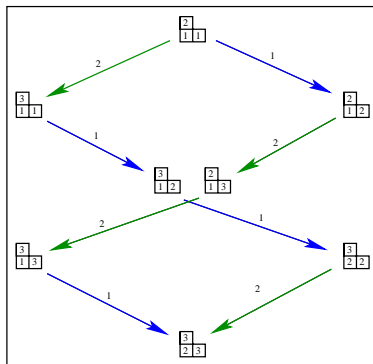
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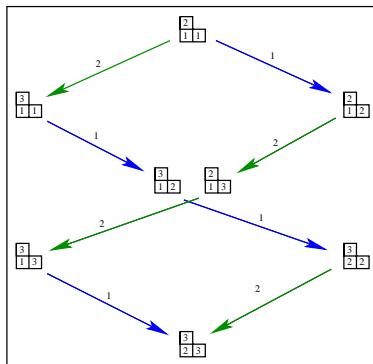
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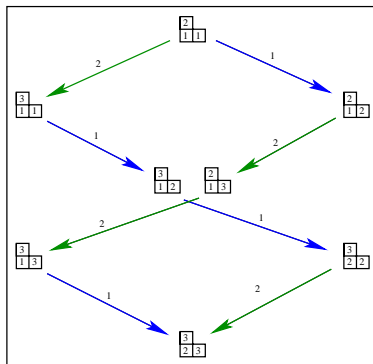
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- Here you see that the graded dimension of the representation is the generating function for semi-standard Young tableaux.

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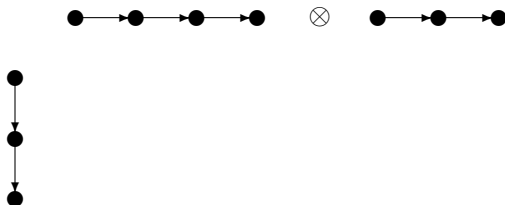
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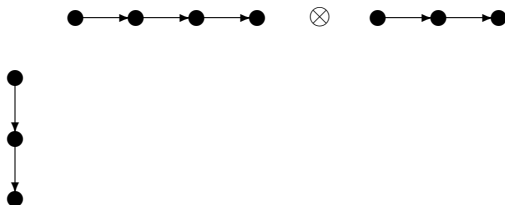
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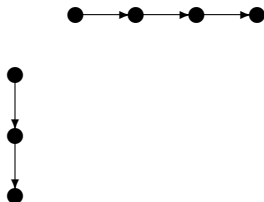
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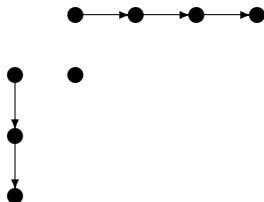
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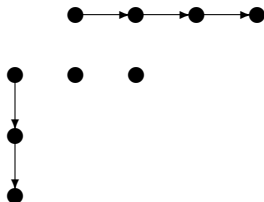
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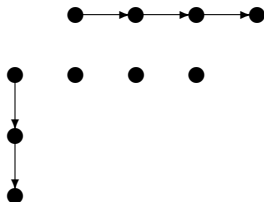
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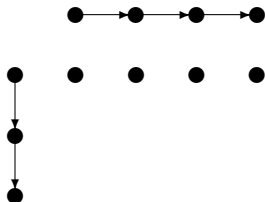
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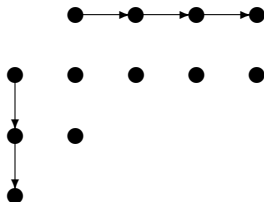
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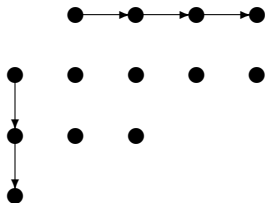
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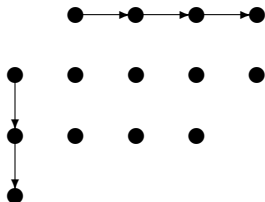
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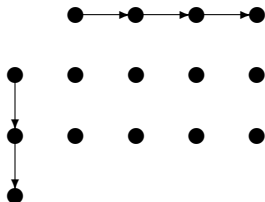
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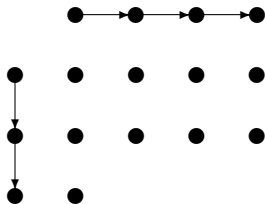
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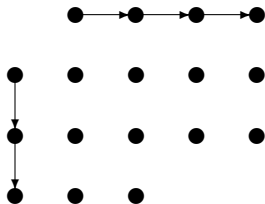
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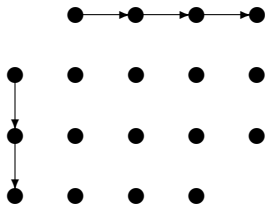
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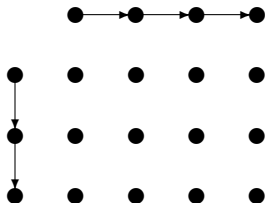
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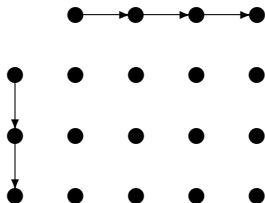
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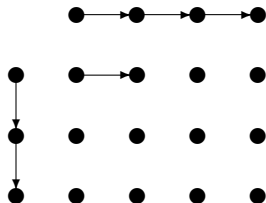
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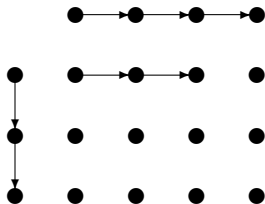
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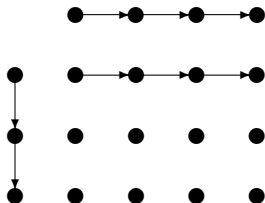
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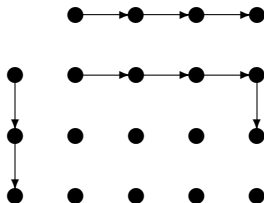
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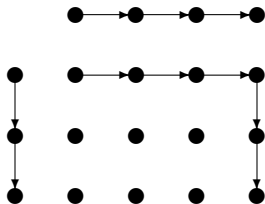
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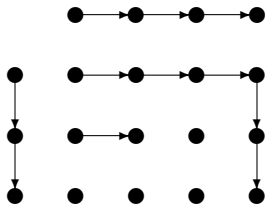
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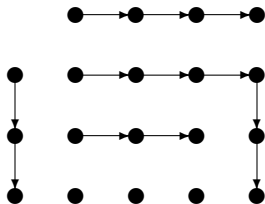
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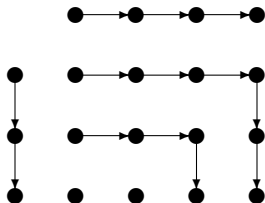
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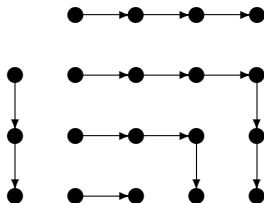
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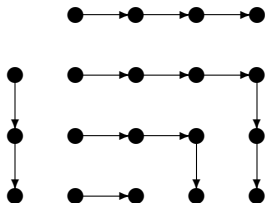
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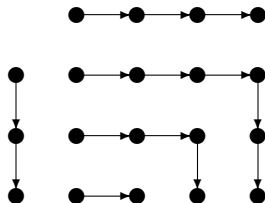
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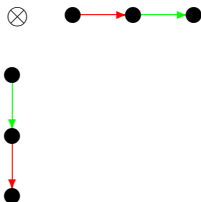
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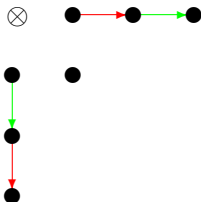
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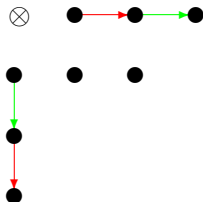
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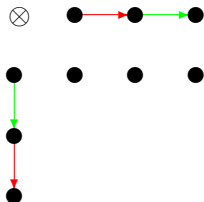
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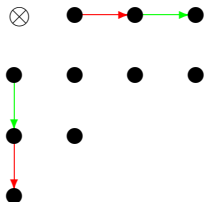
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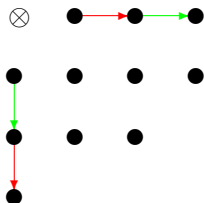
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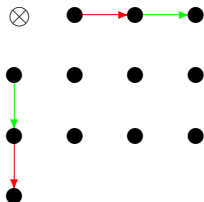
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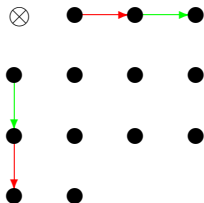
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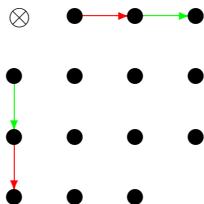
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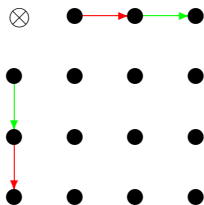
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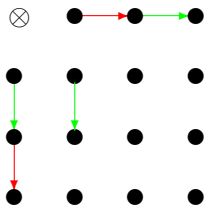
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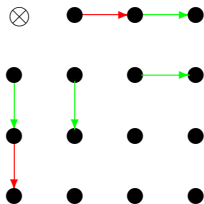
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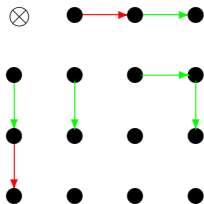
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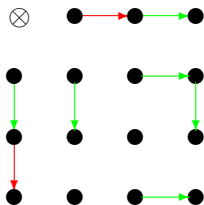
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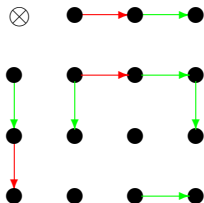
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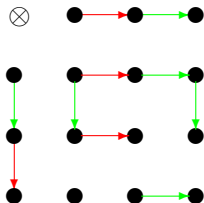
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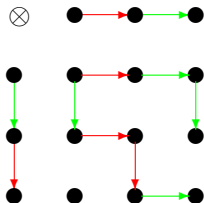
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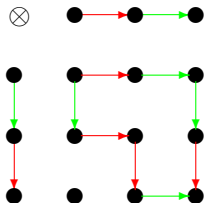
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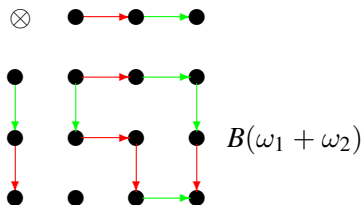
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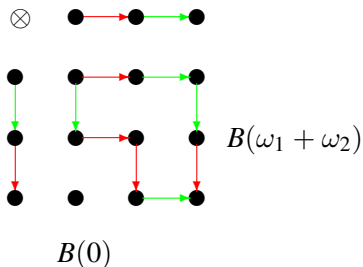
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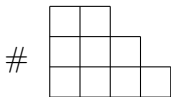
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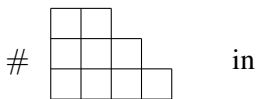
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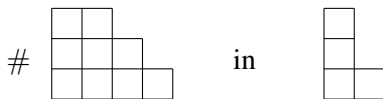
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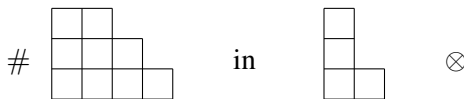
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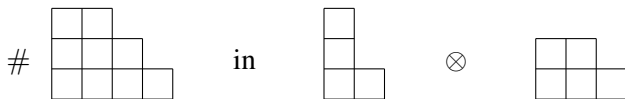
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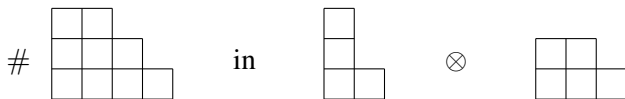
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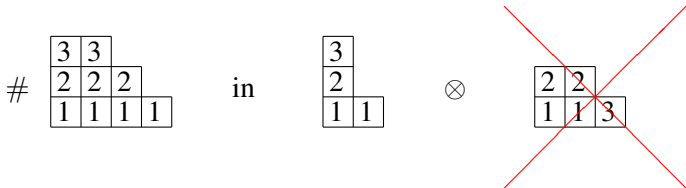
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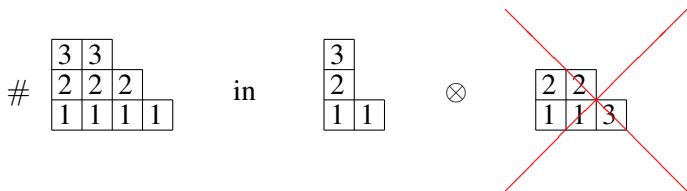
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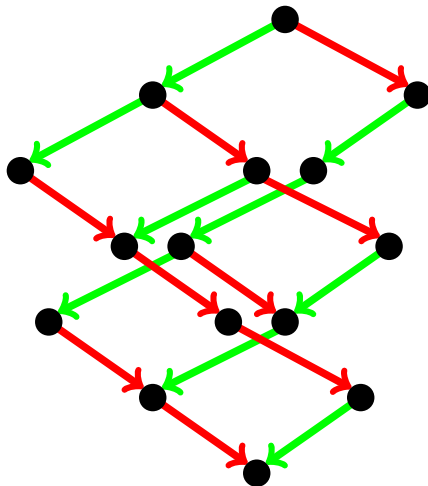
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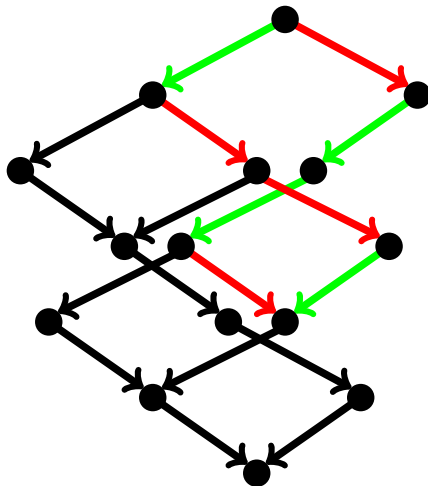
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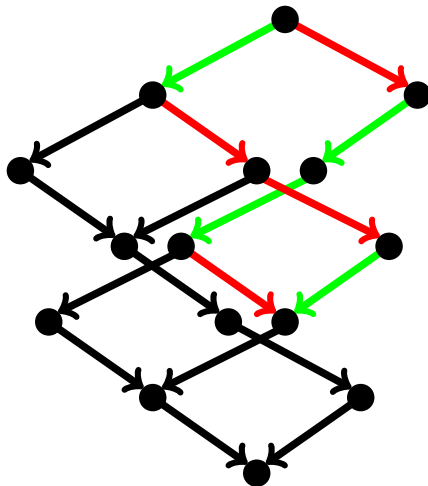
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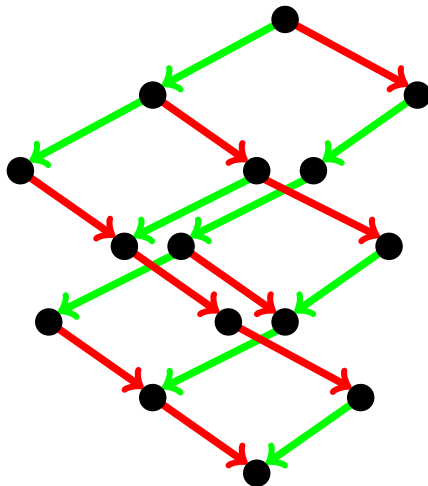
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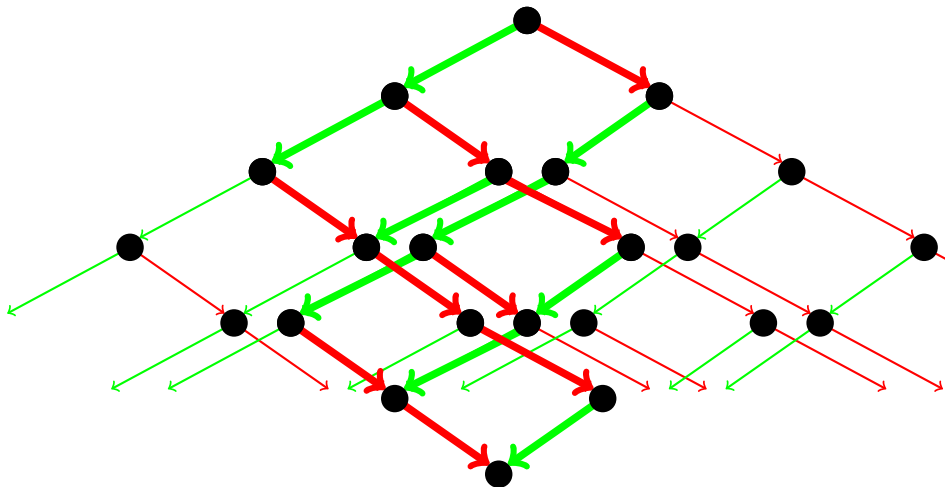
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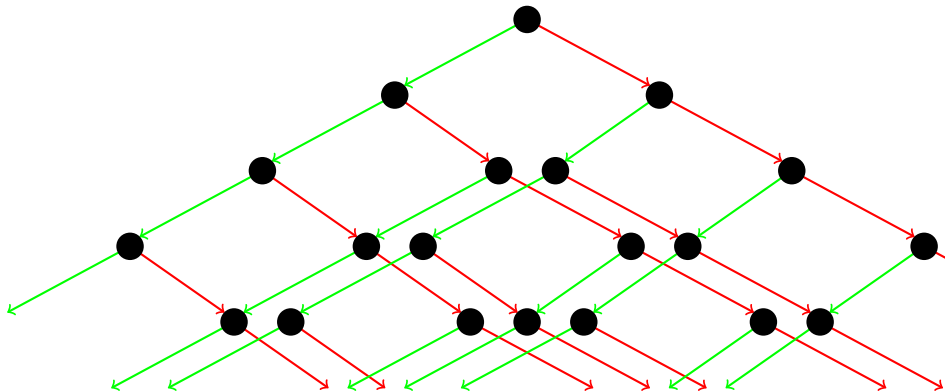
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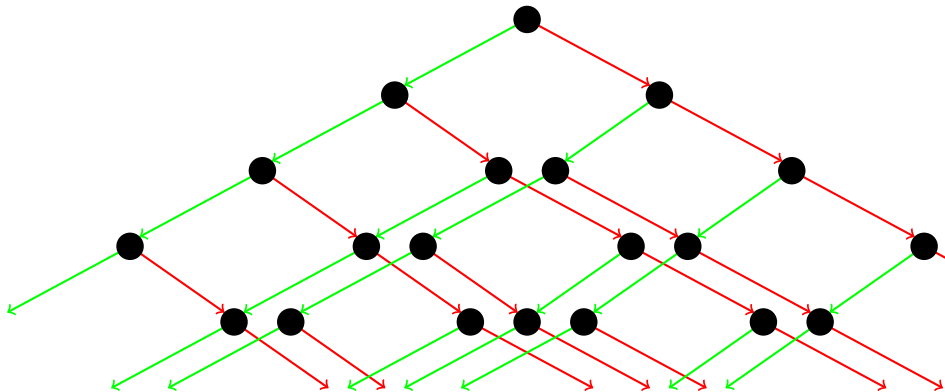
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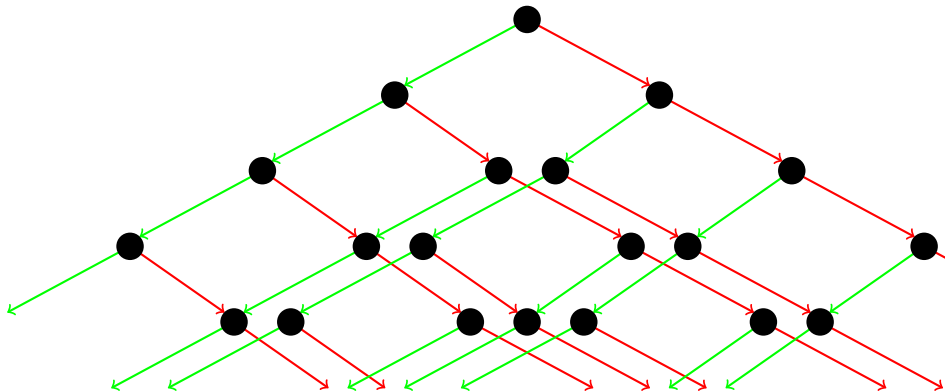


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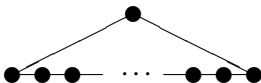
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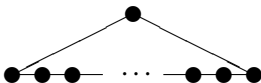
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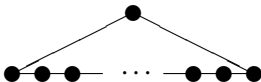


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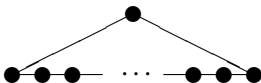
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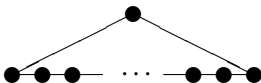
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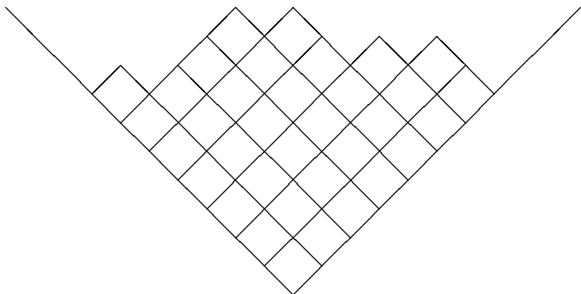
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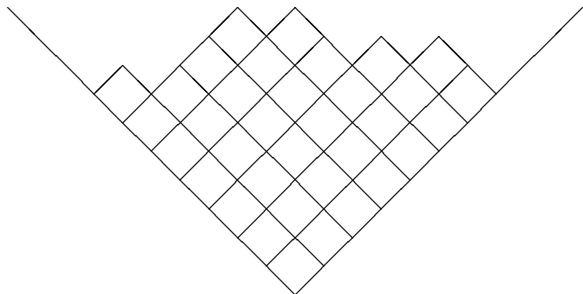
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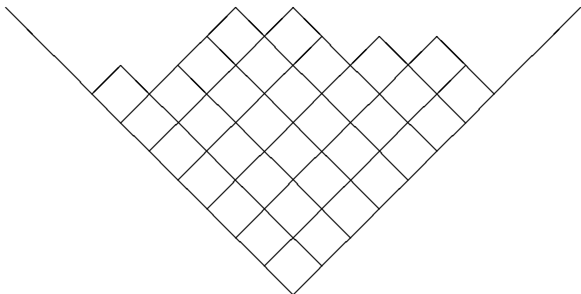
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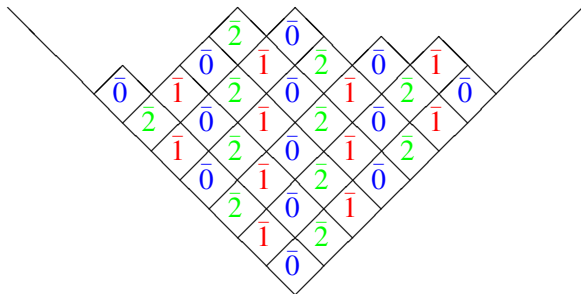
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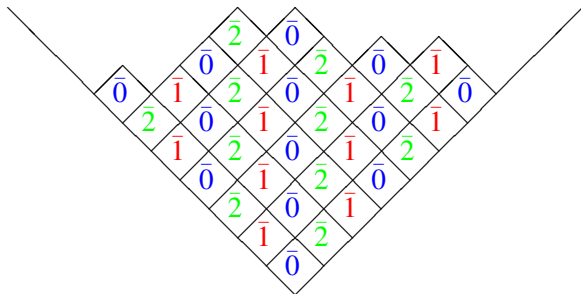


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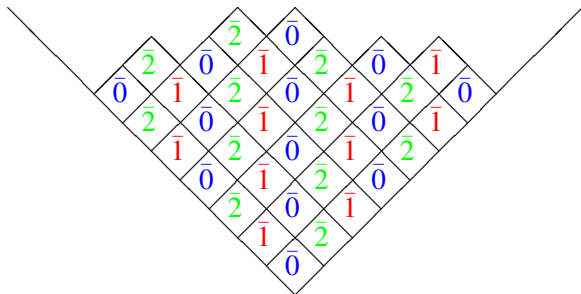
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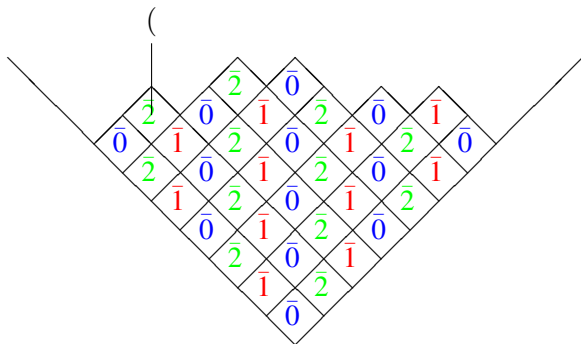
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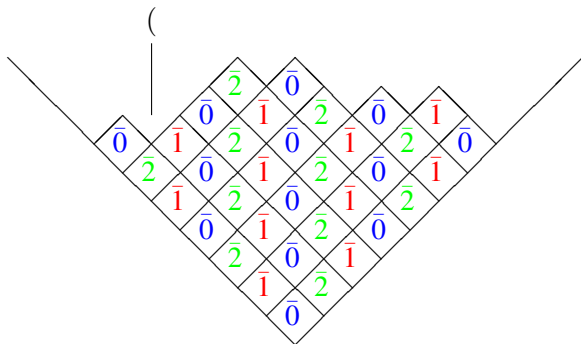
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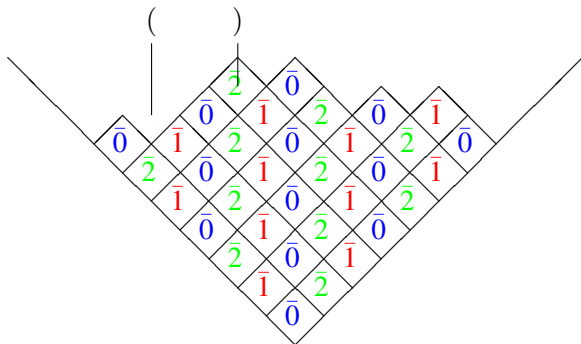
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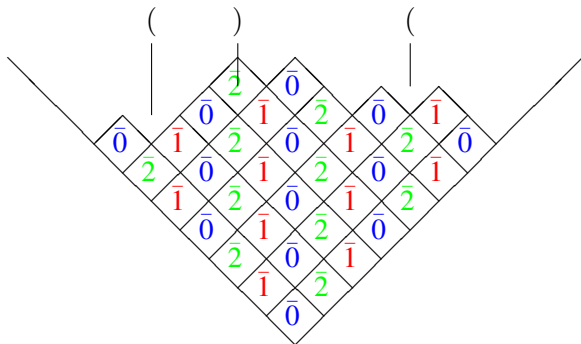
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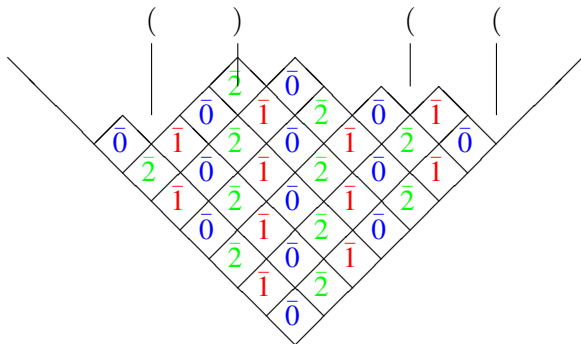
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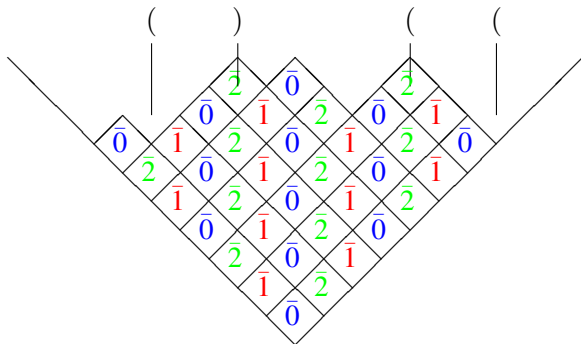
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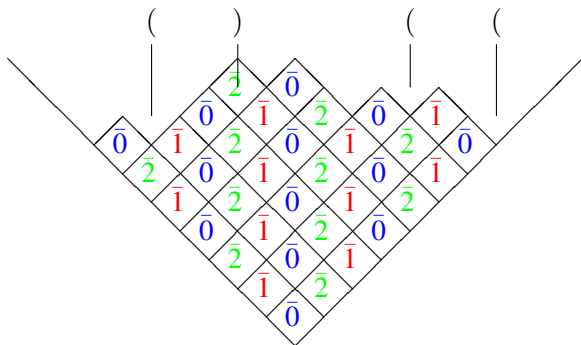
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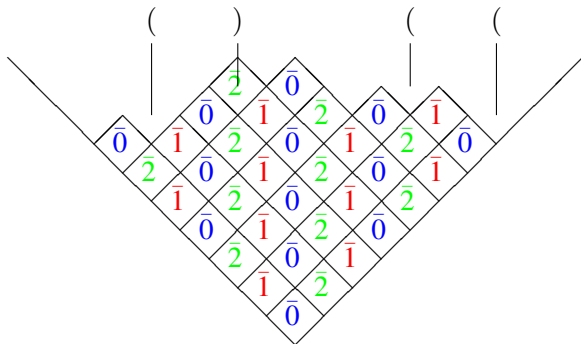
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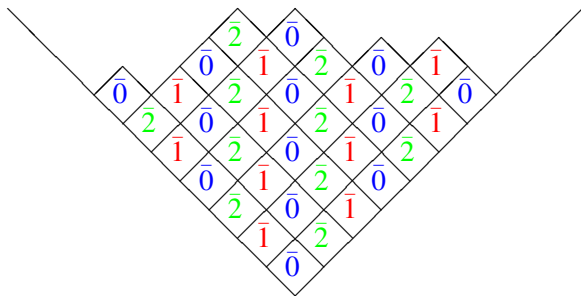
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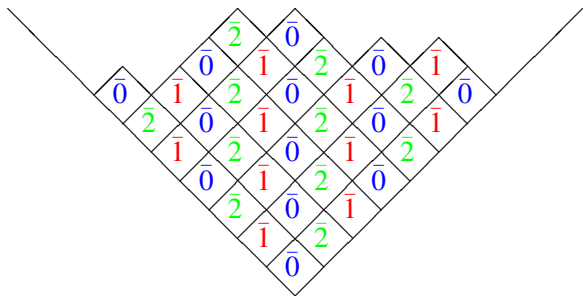
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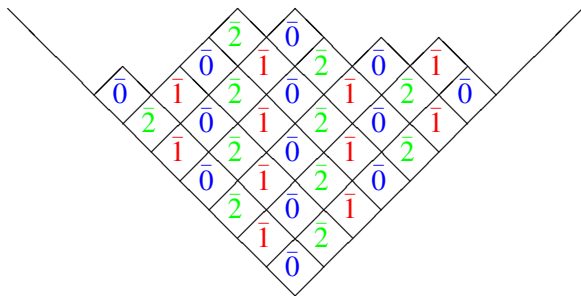
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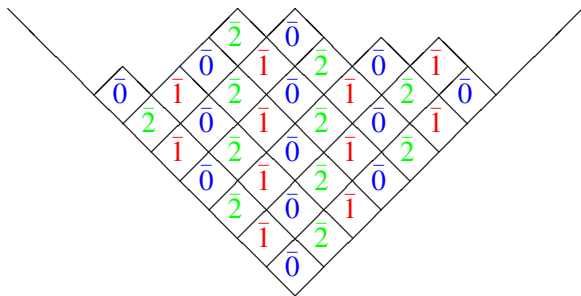
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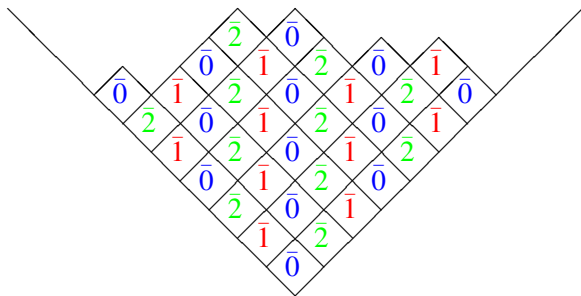
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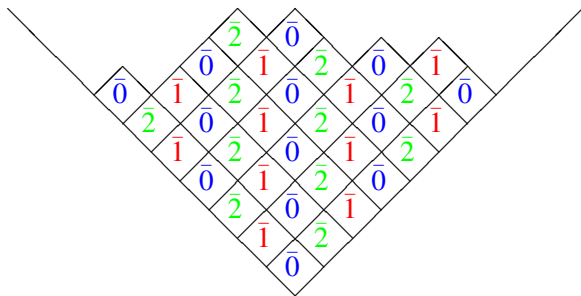
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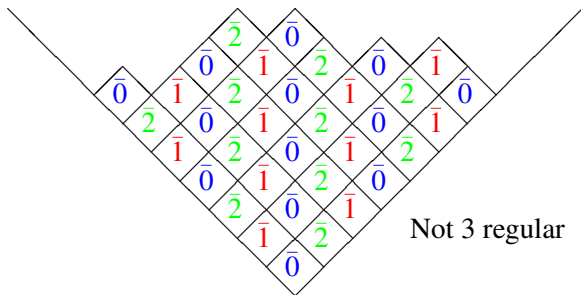
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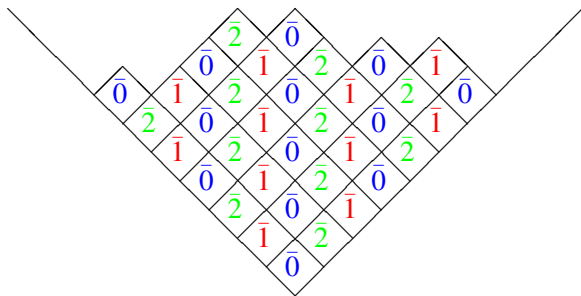
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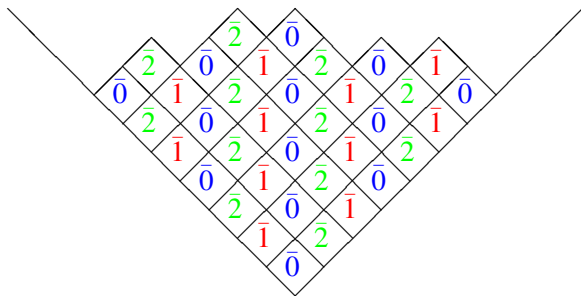
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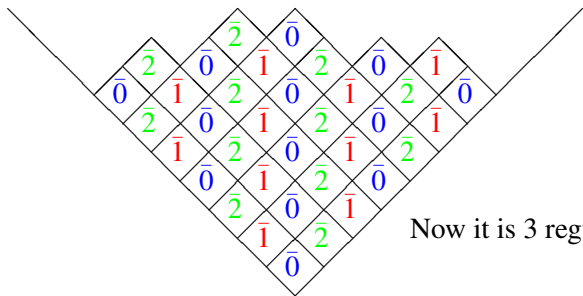
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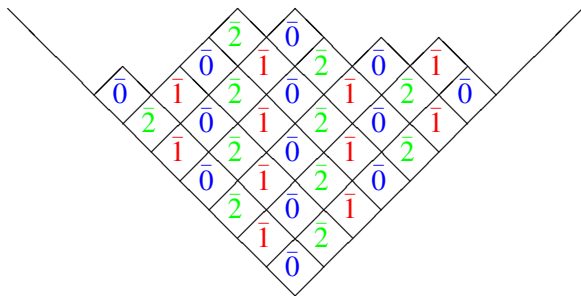
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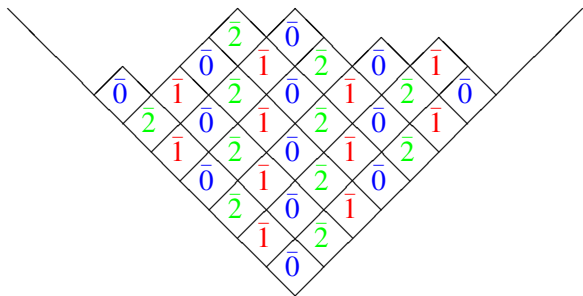
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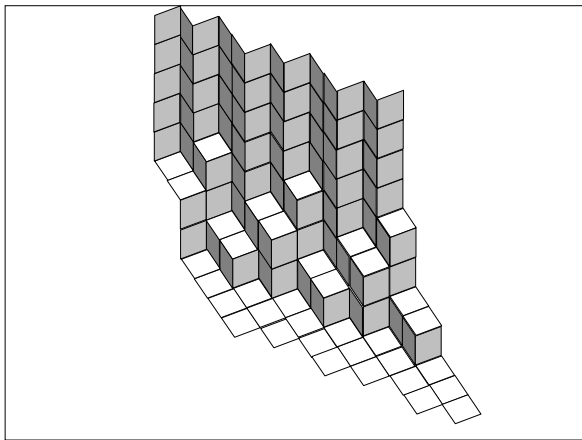
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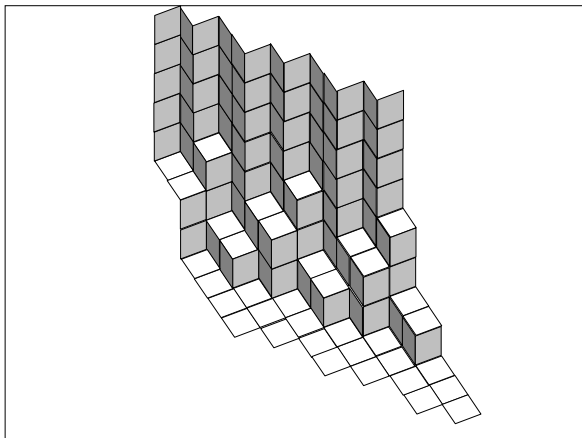
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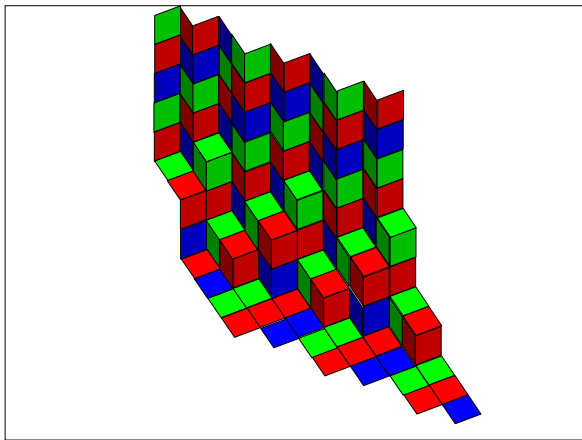
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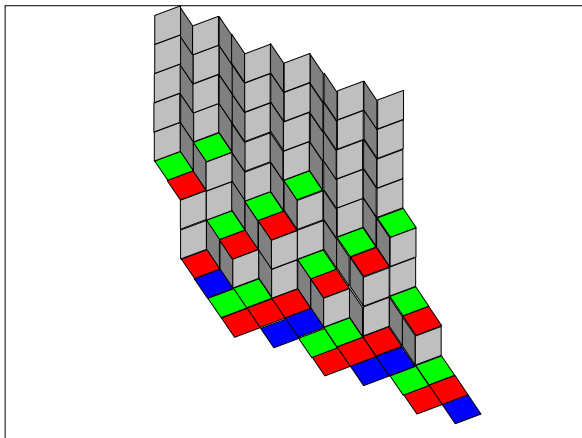
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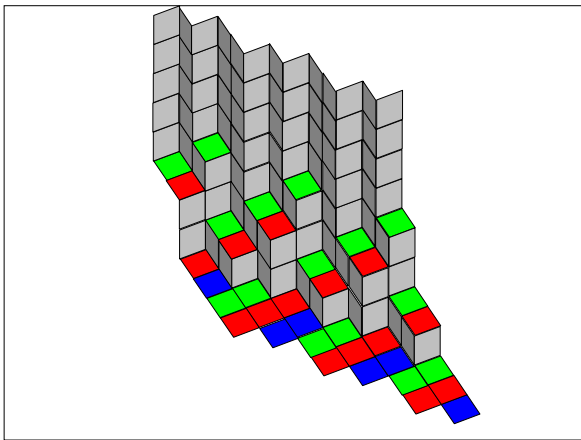
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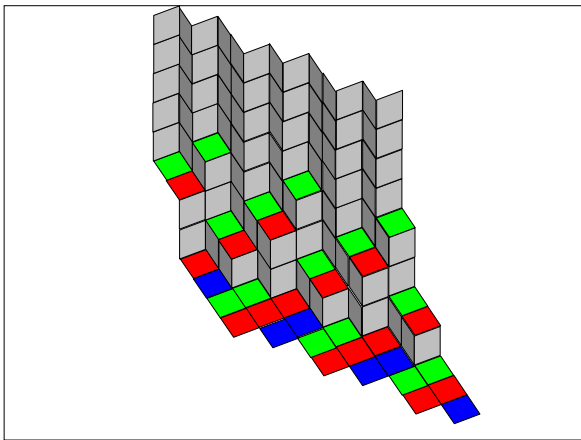


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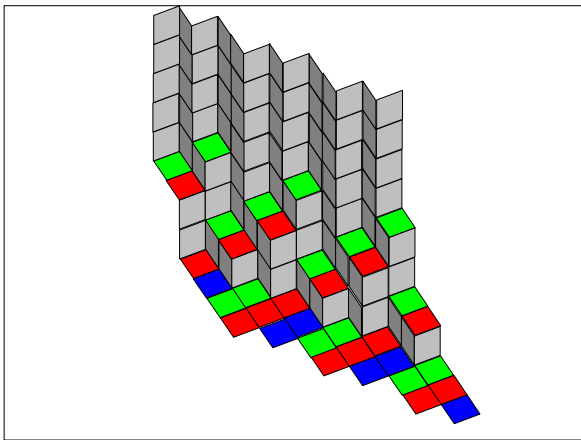


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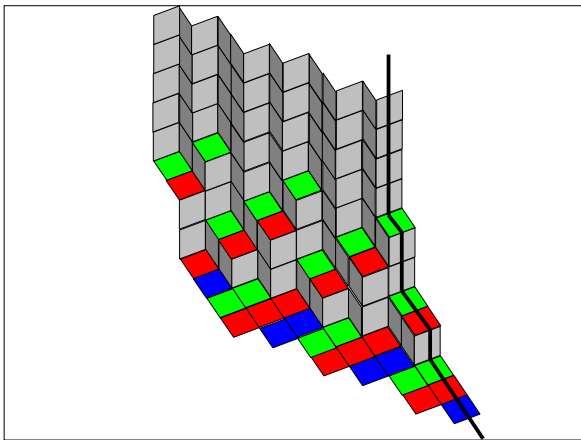


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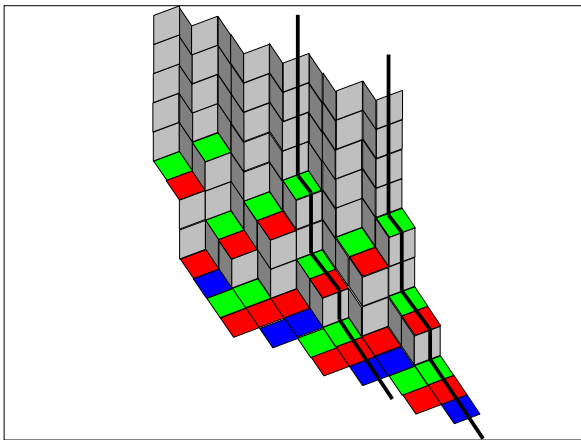
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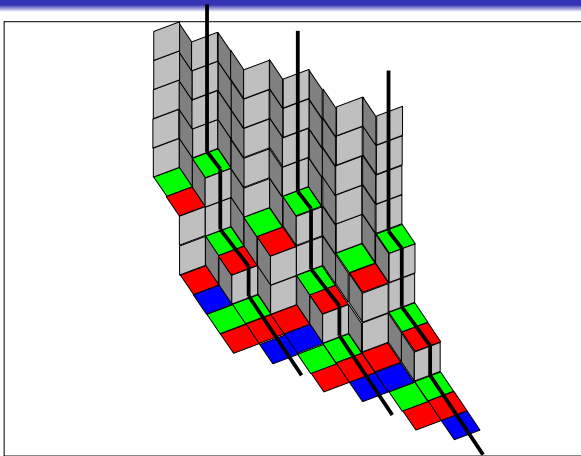
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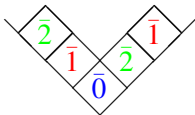
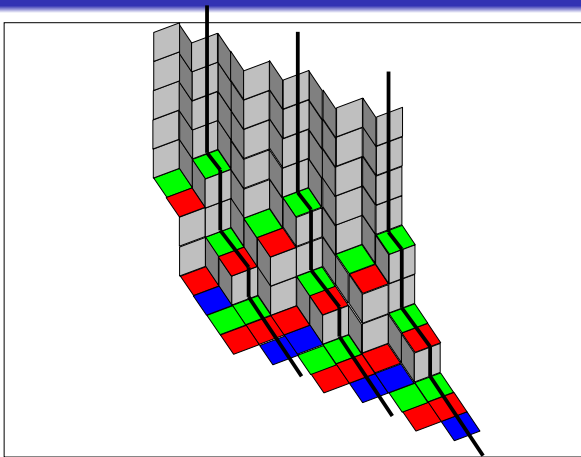
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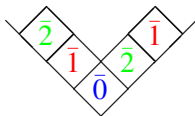
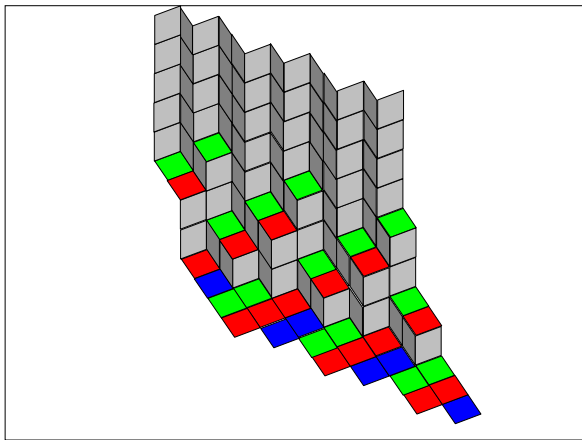
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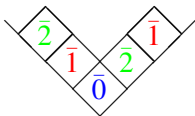
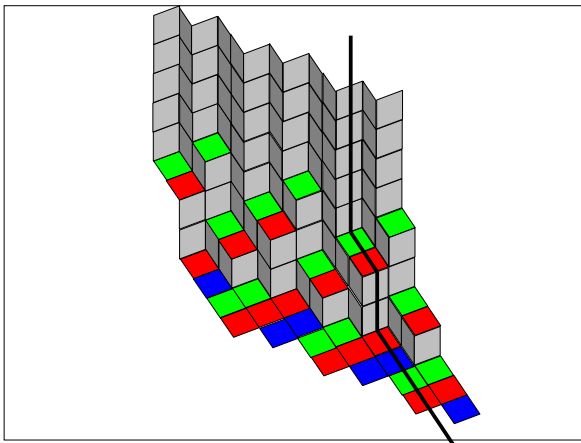
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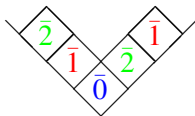
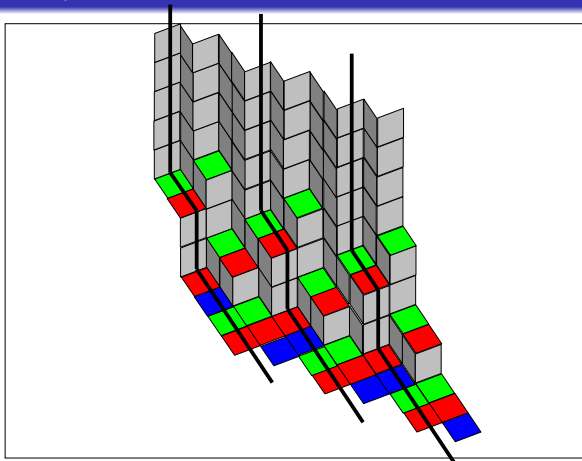
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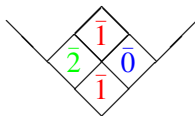
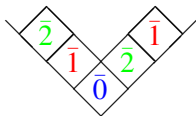
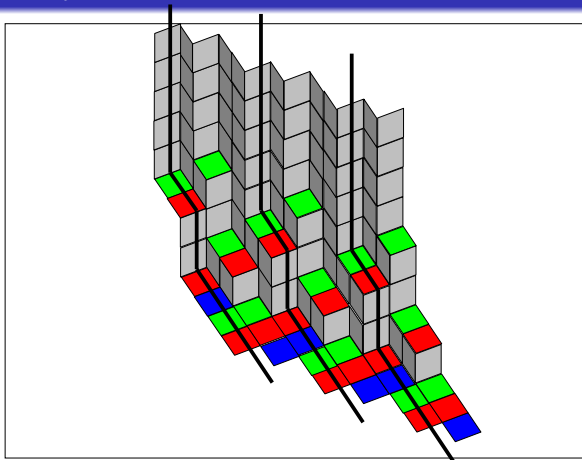
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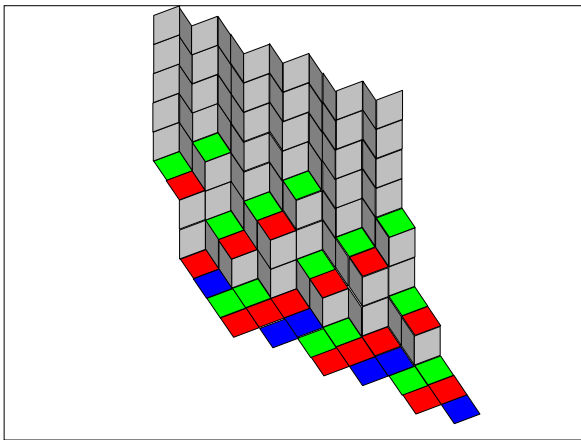
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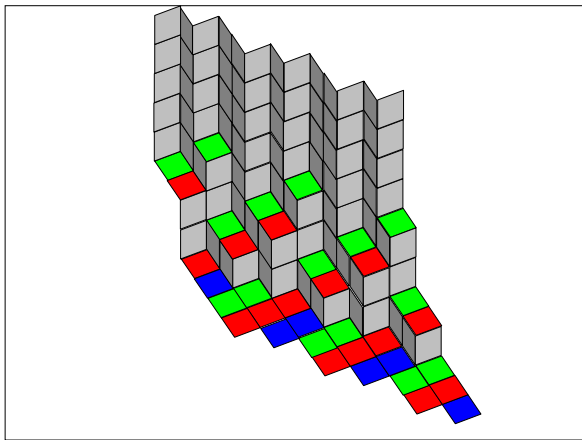
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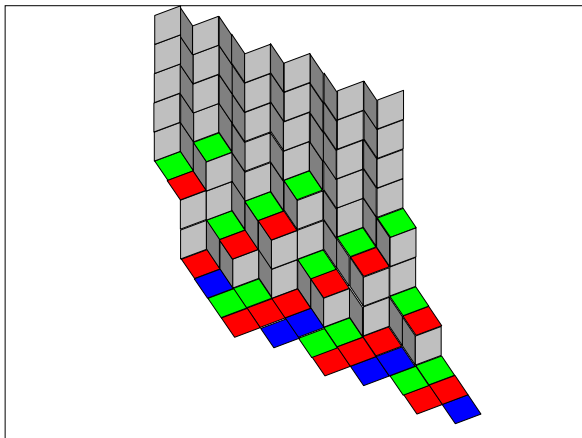


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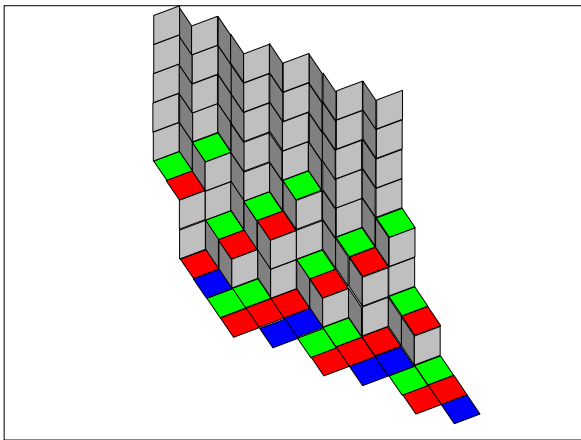
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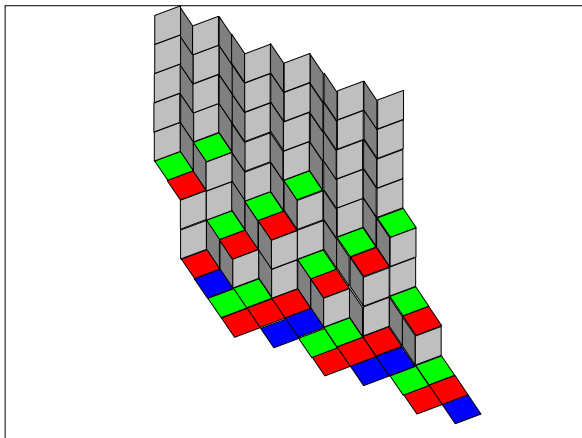


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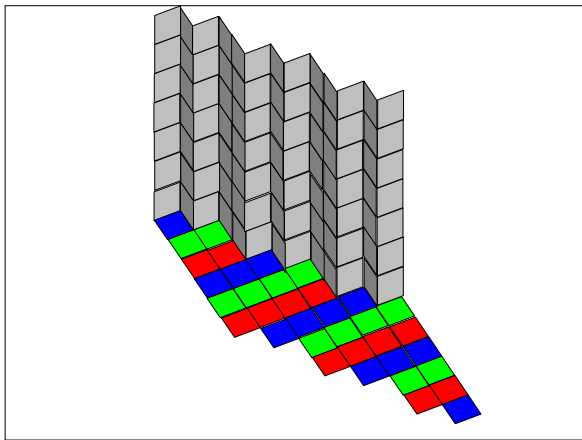


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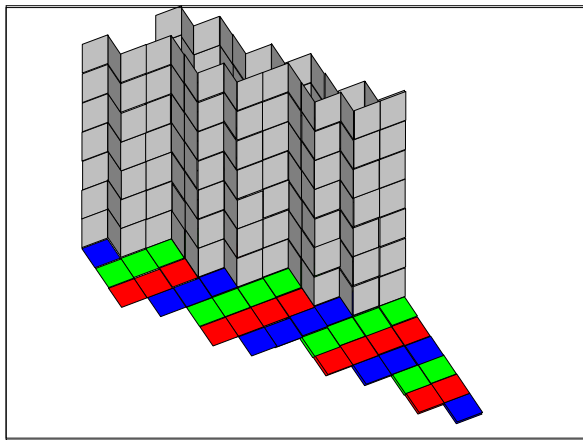
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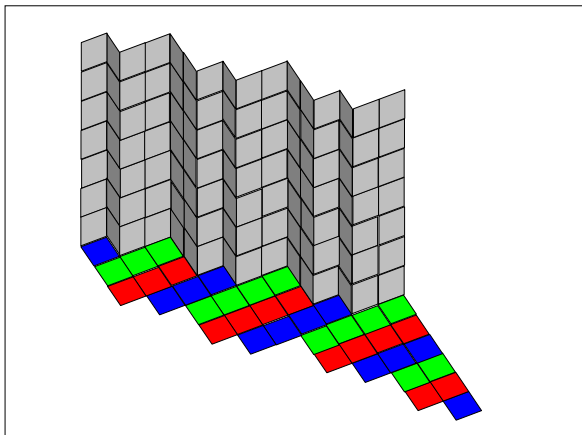
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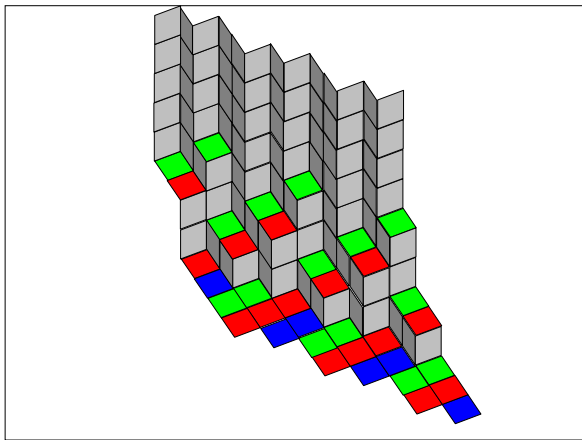


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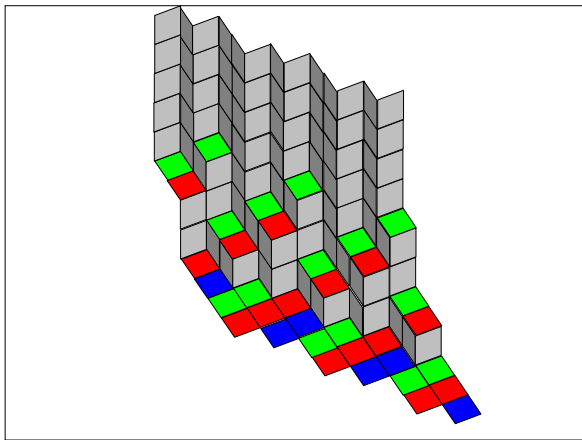
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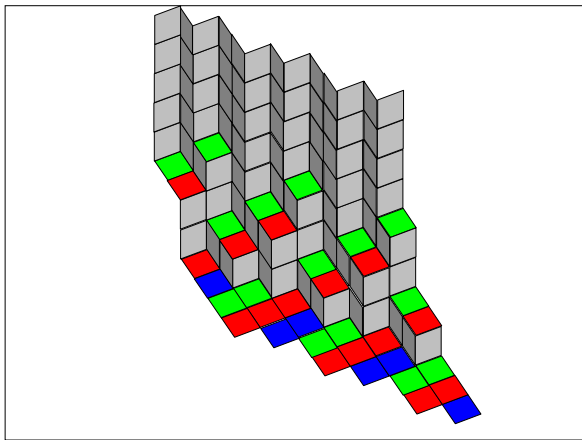
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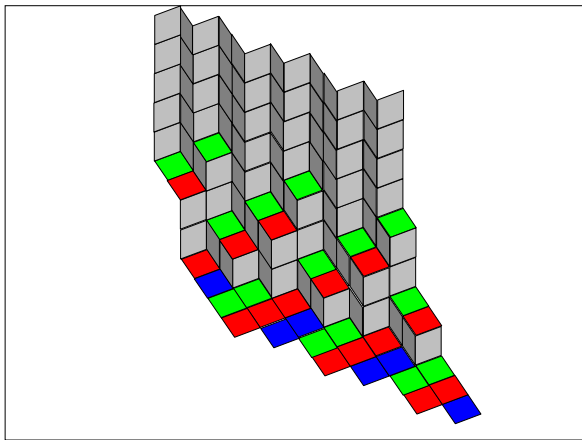
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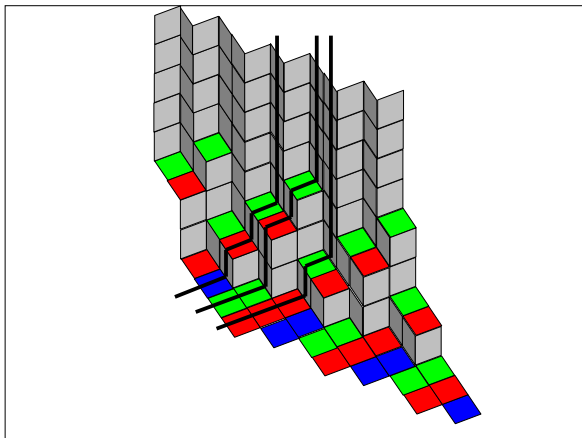
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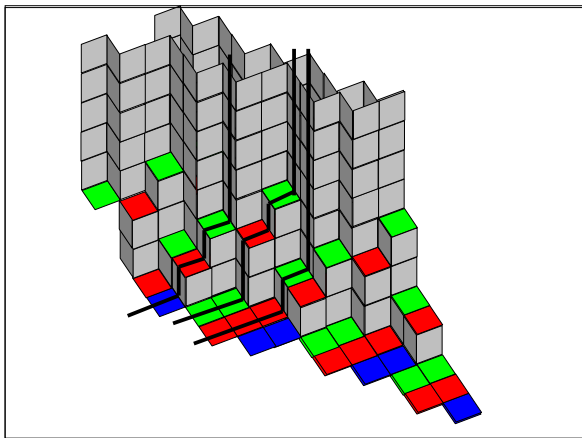
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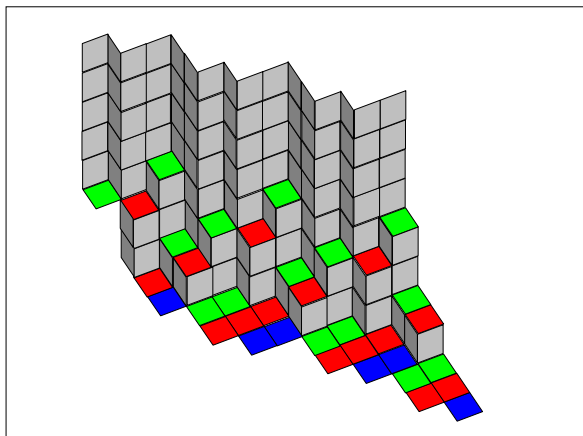
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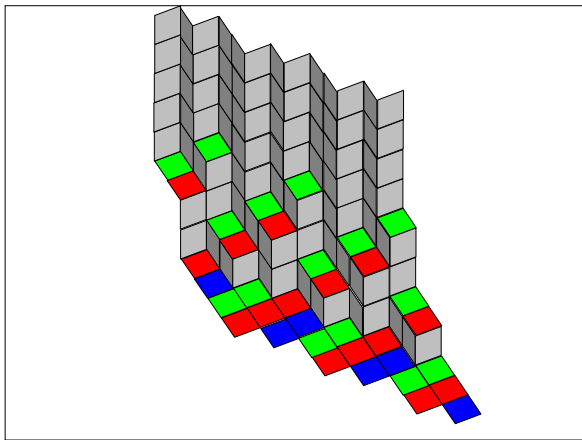
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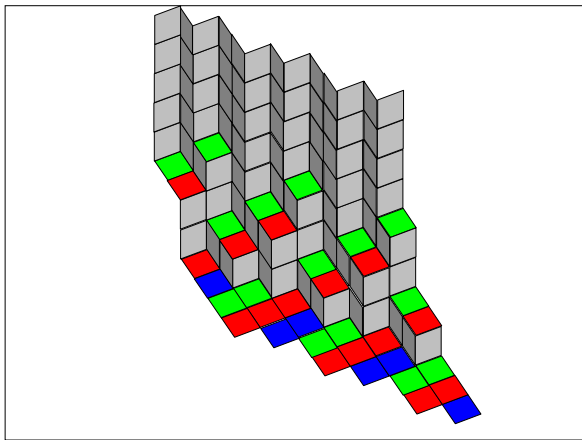
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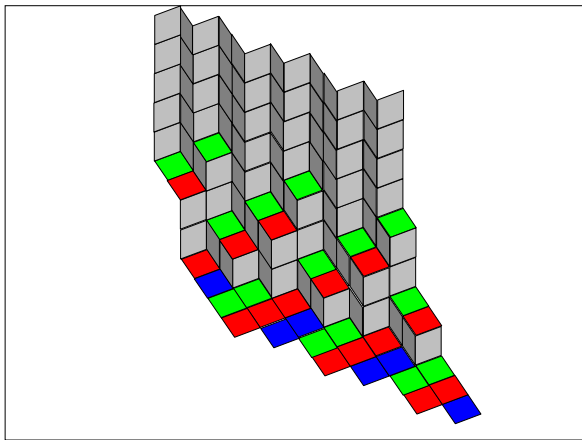
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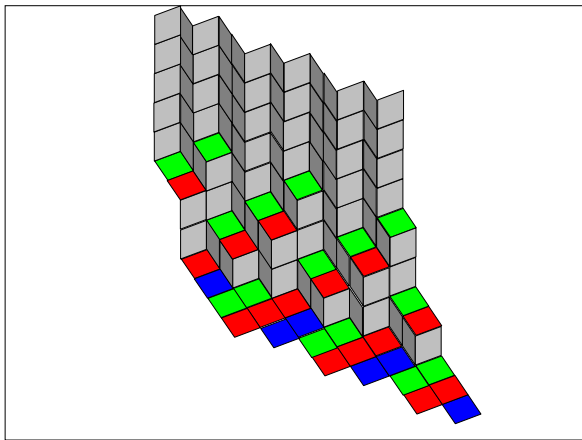
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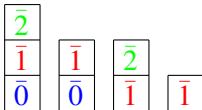
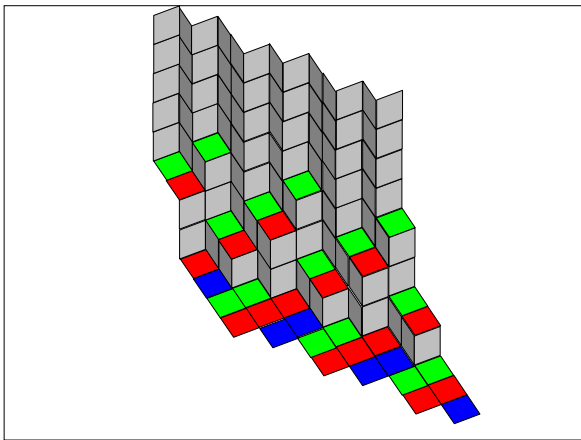
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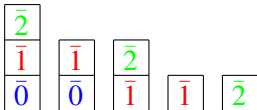
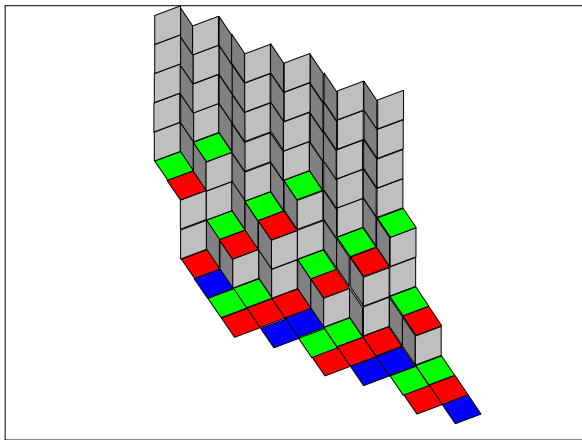


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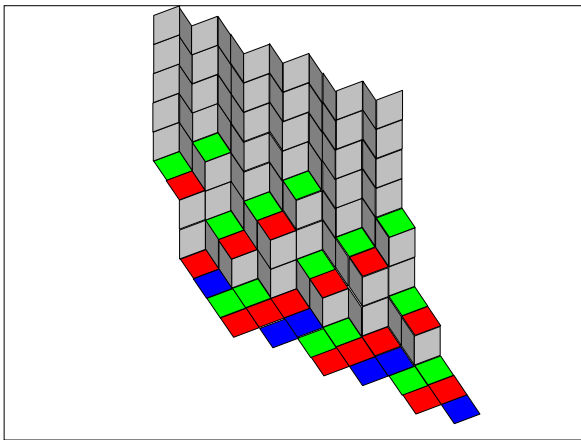
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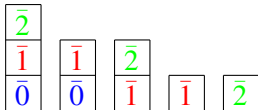
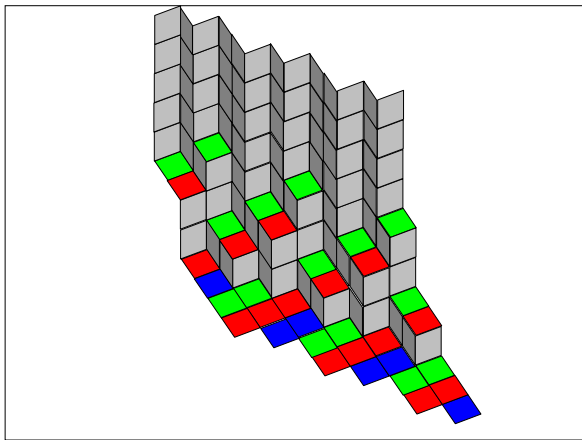
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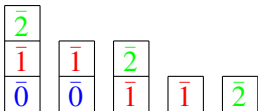
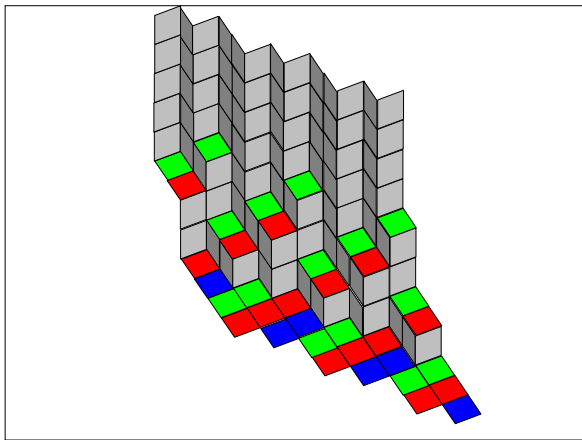
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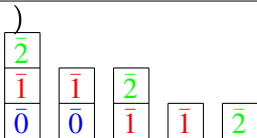
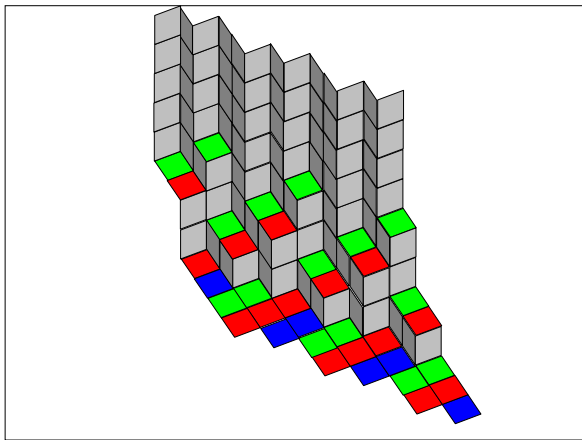
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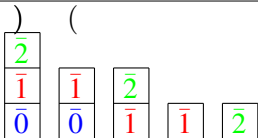
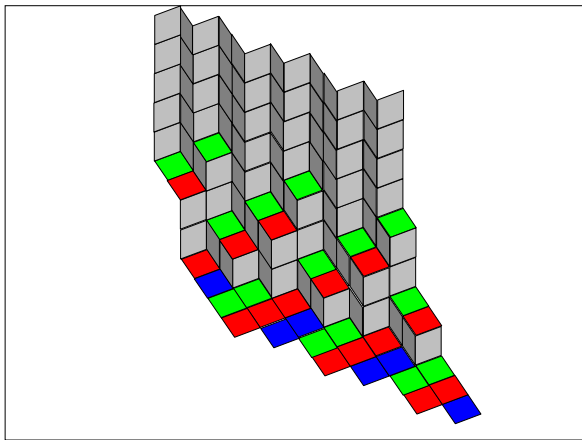
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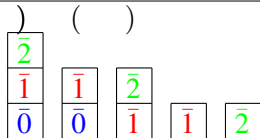
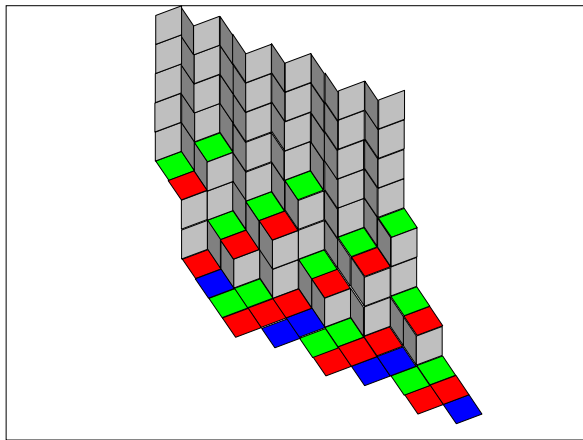
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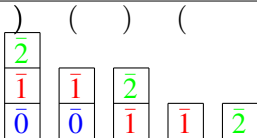
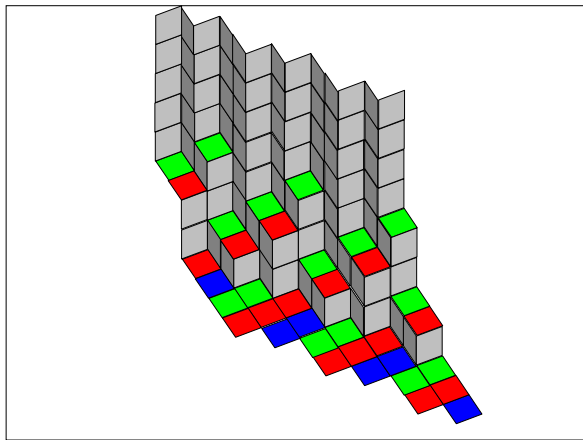
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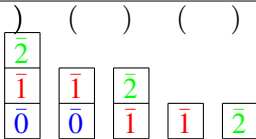
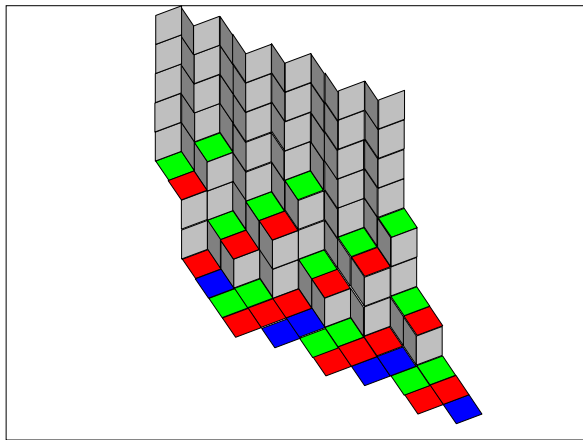
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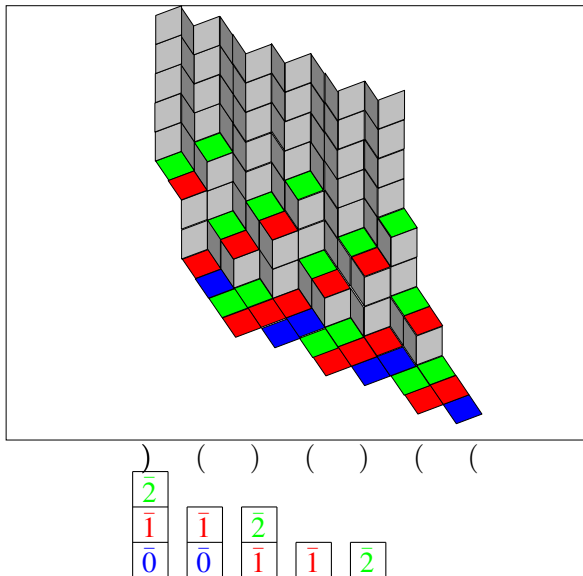
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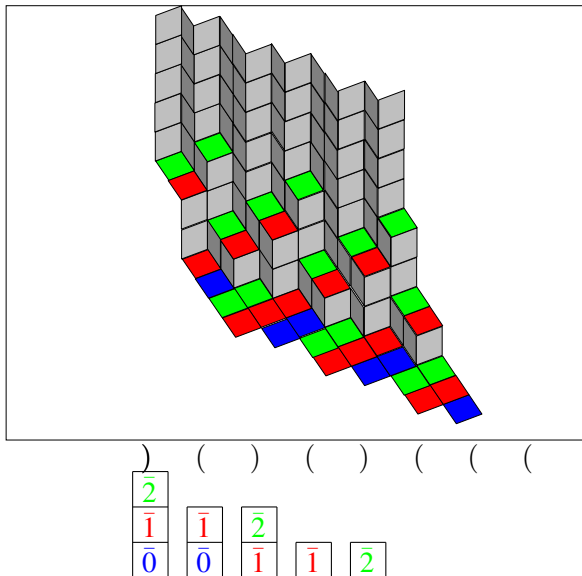
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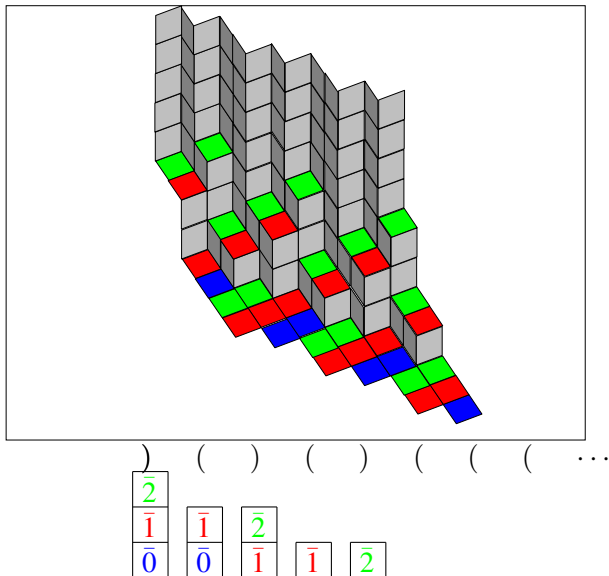
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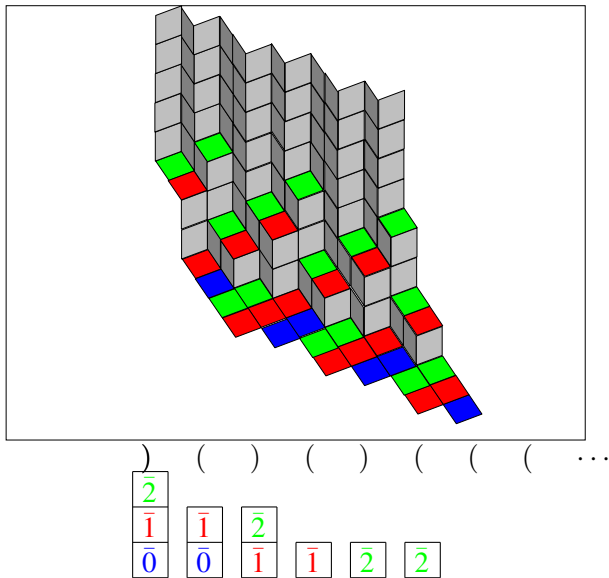
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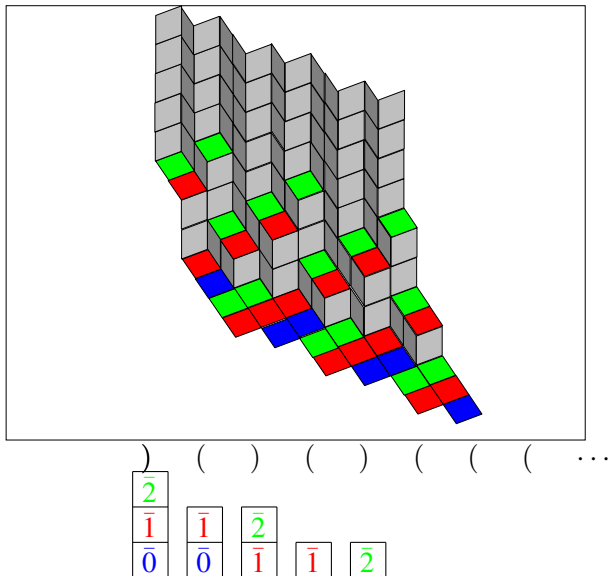
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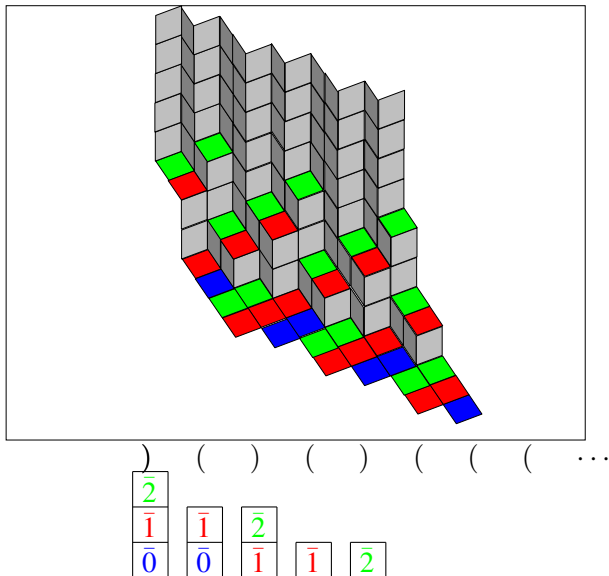
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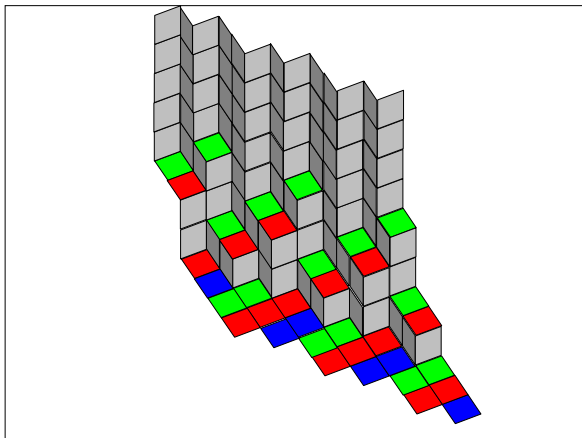
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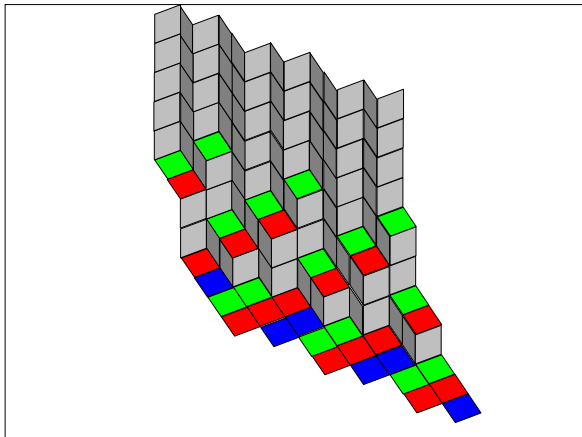
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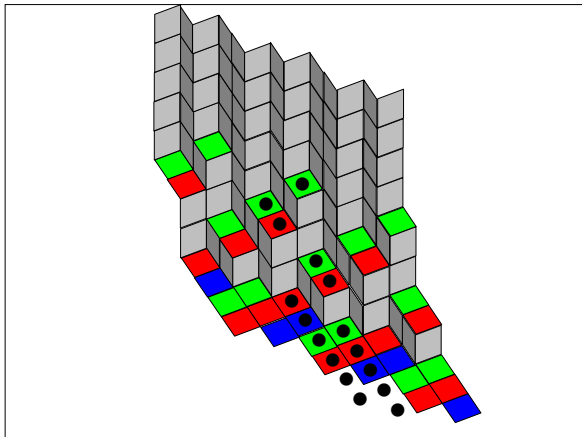
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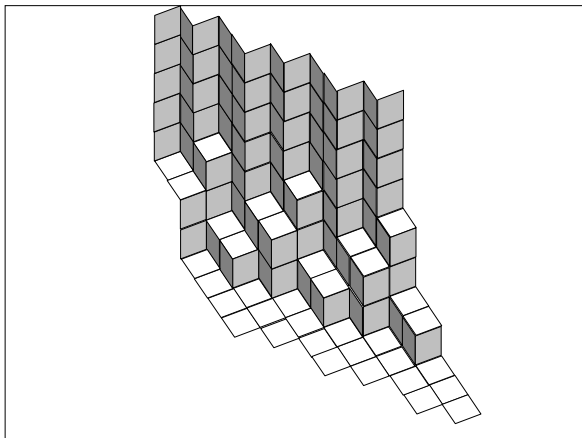
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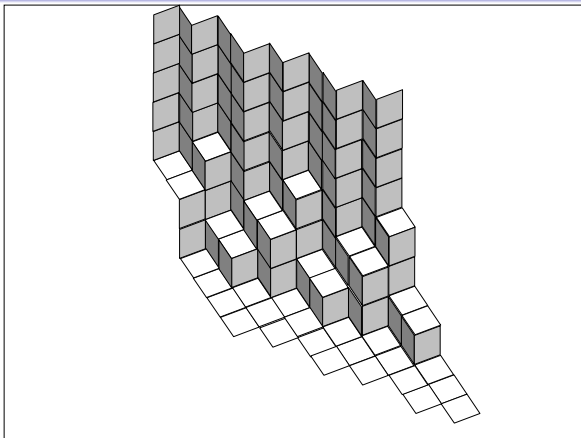
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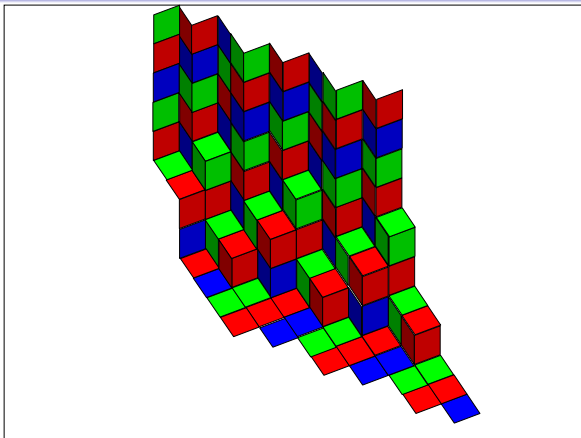
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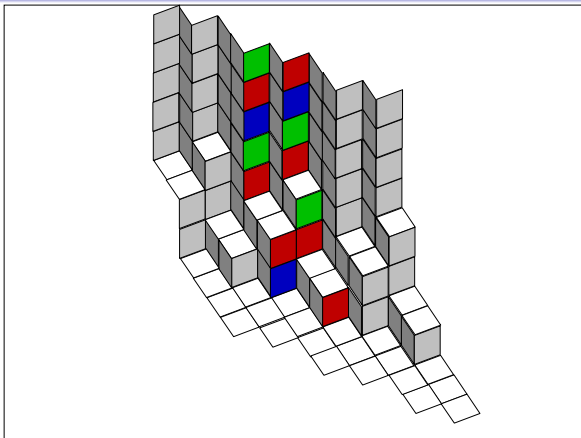
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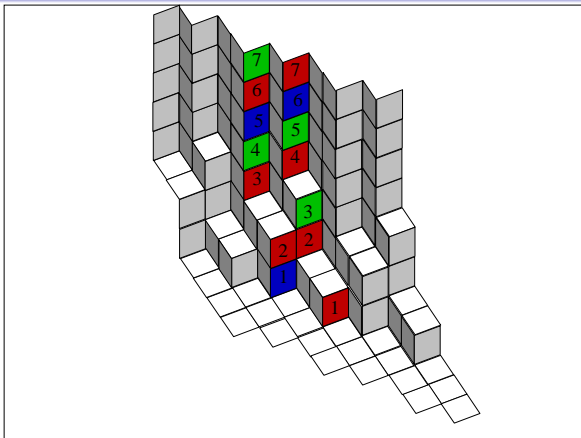
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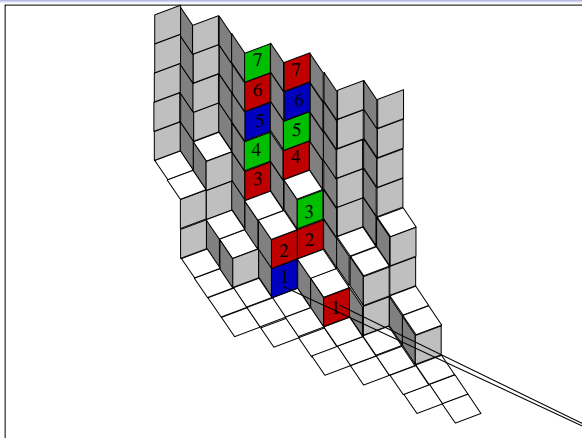
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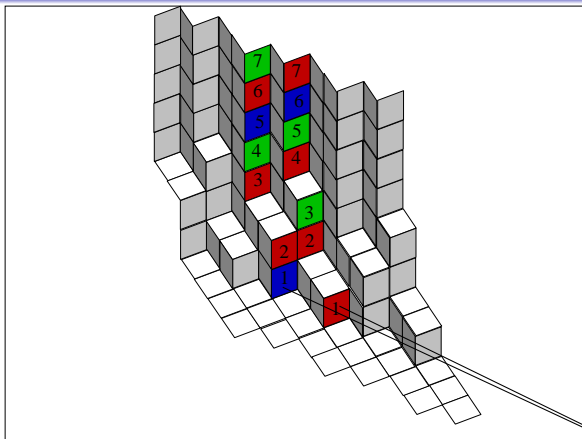
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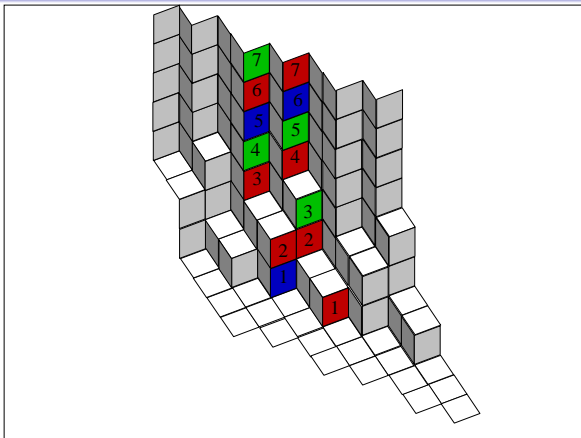


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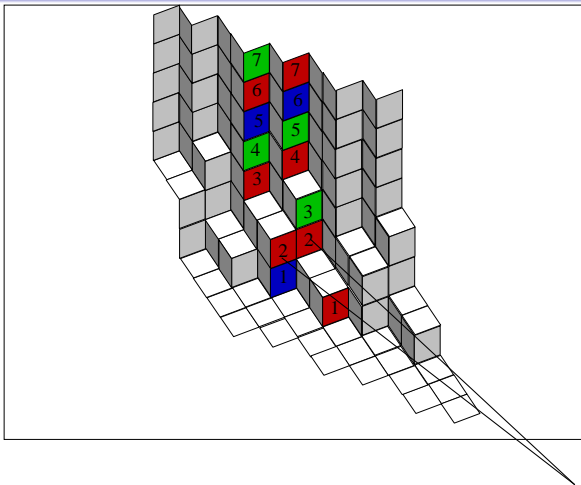


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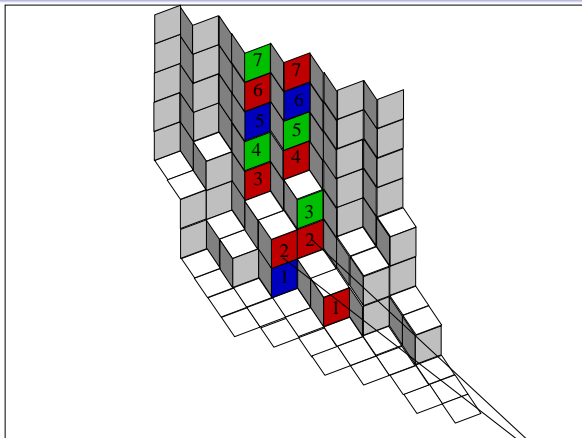


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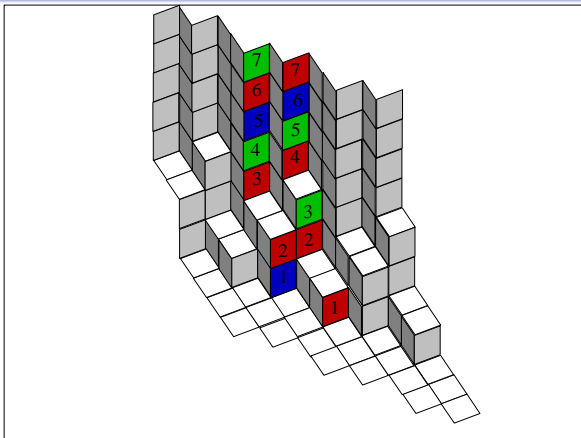
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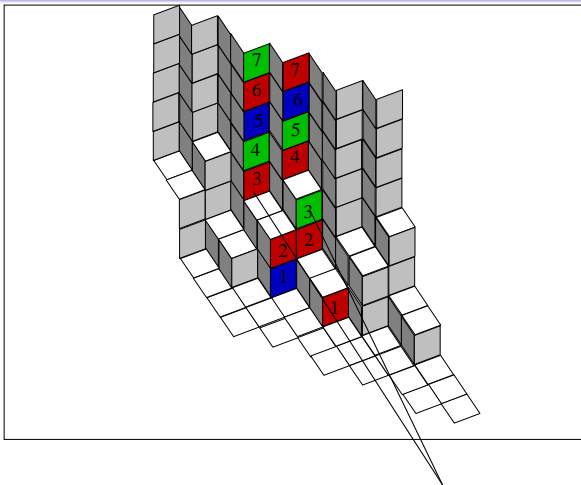
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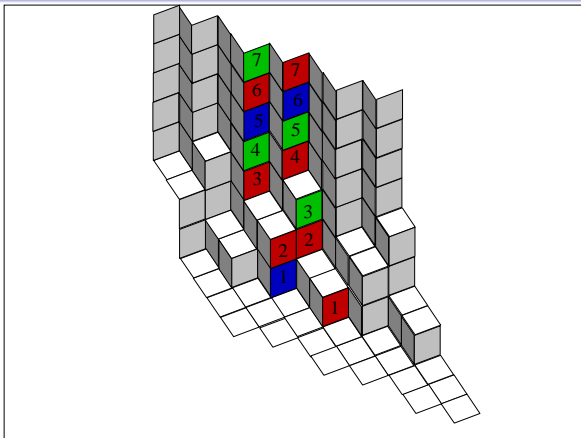
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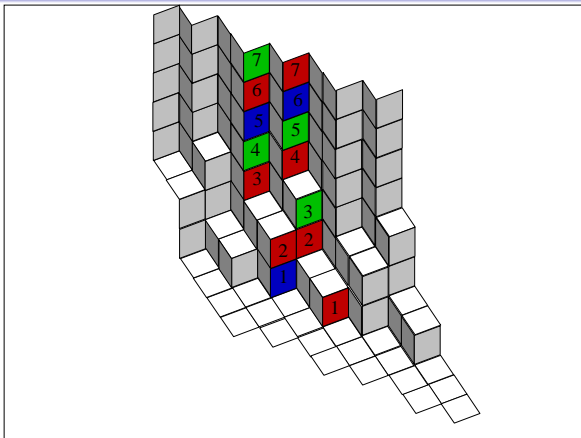
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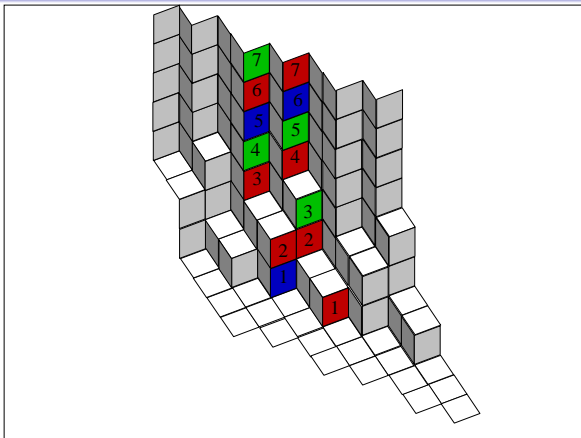
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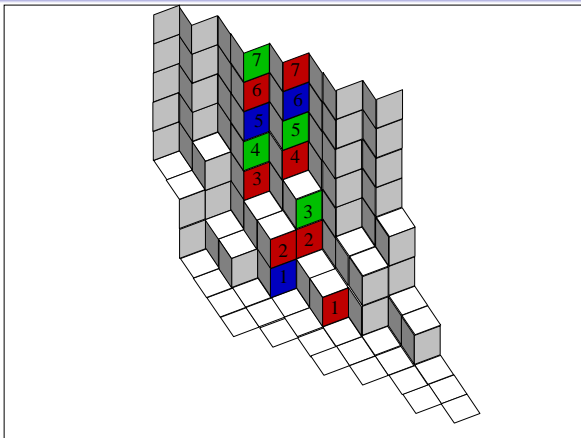
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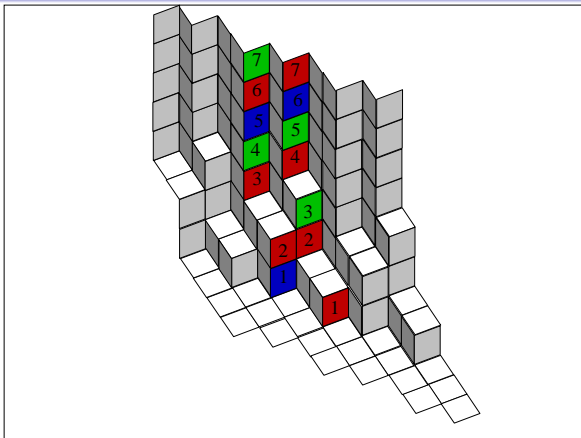
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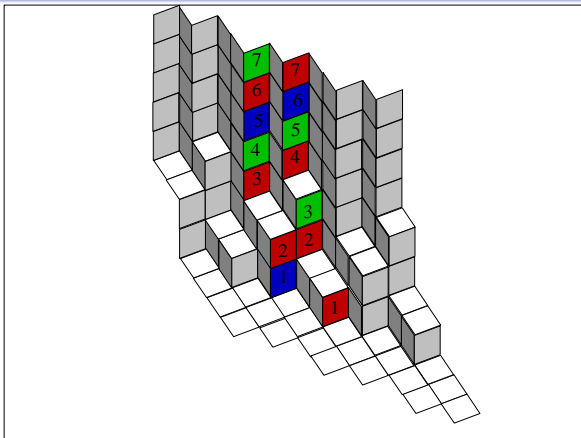
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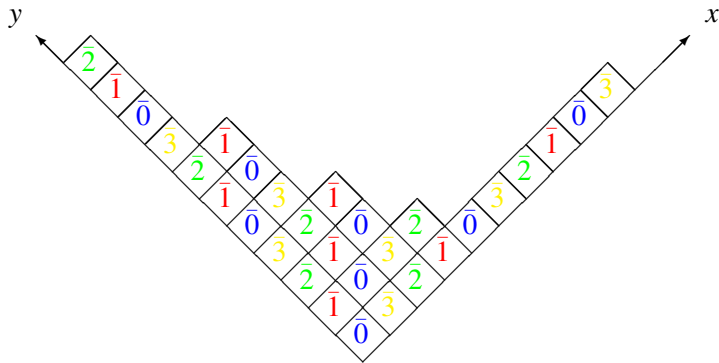
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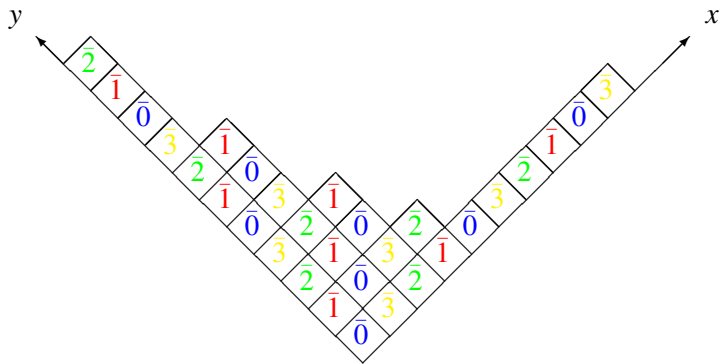
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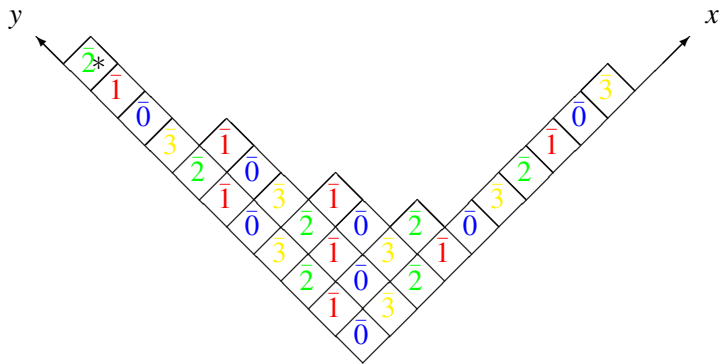
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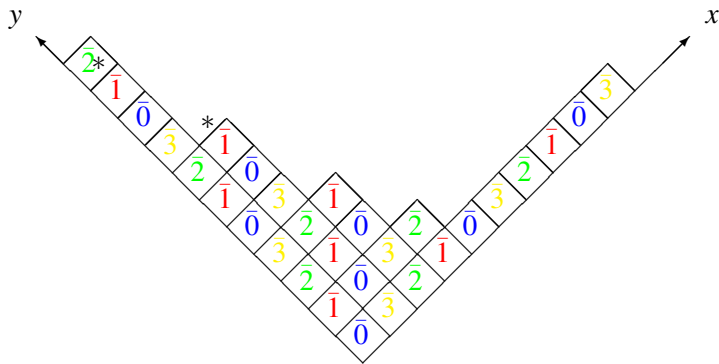
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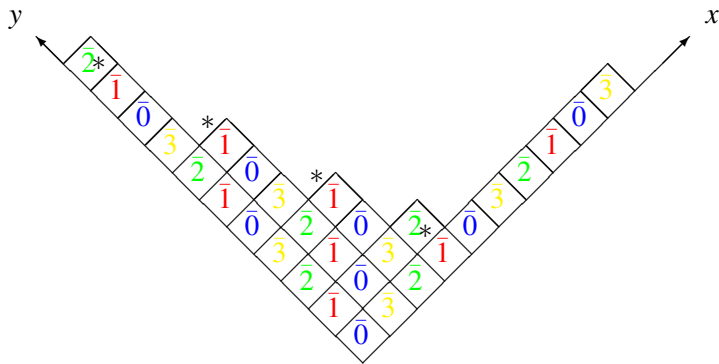
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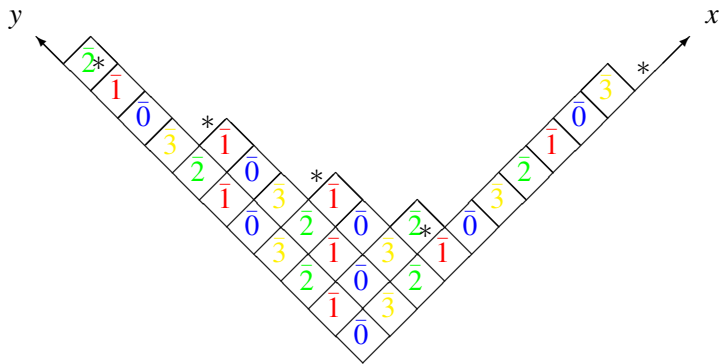
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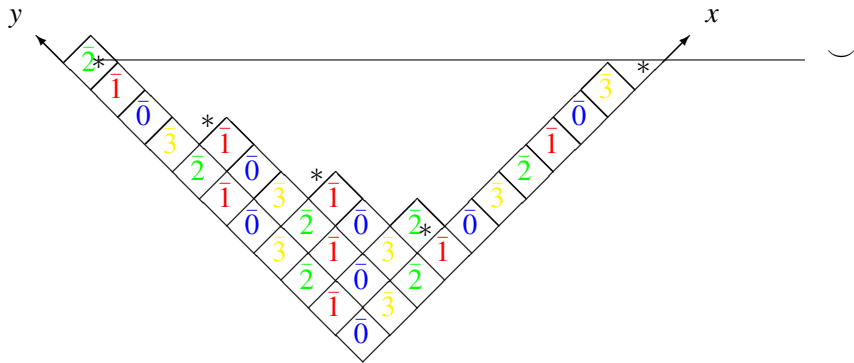
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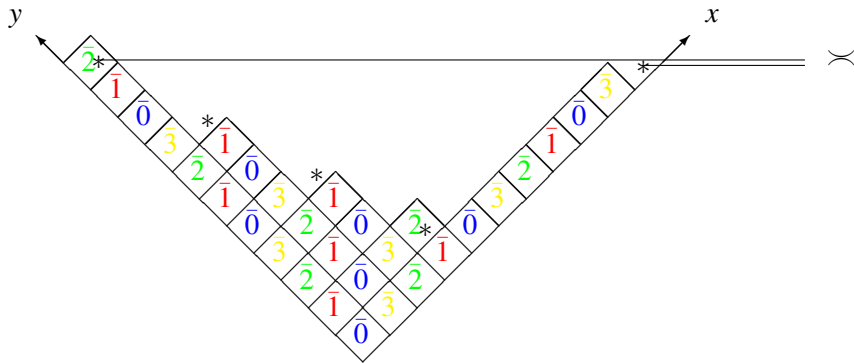
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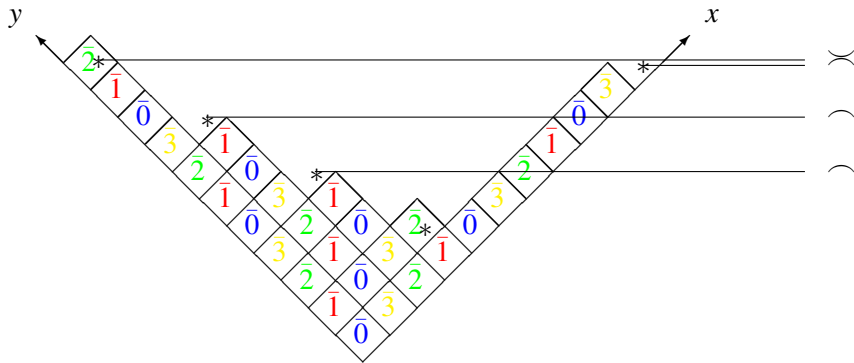
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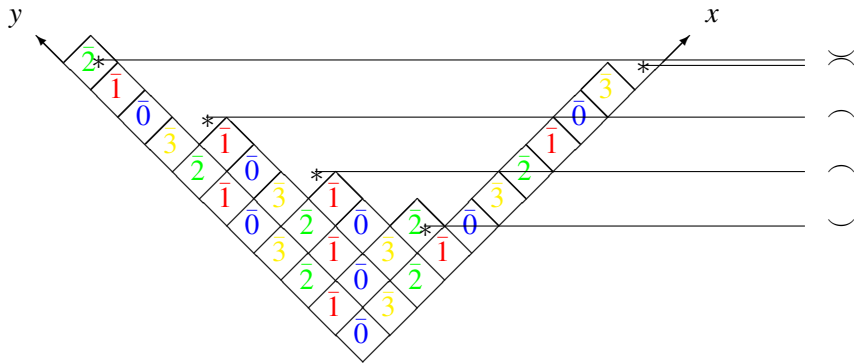
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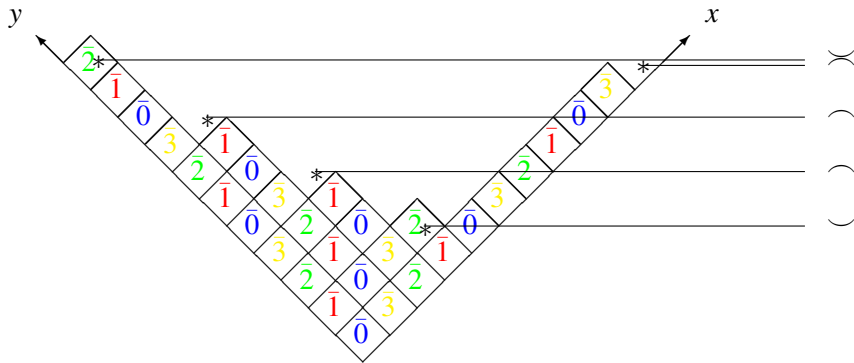
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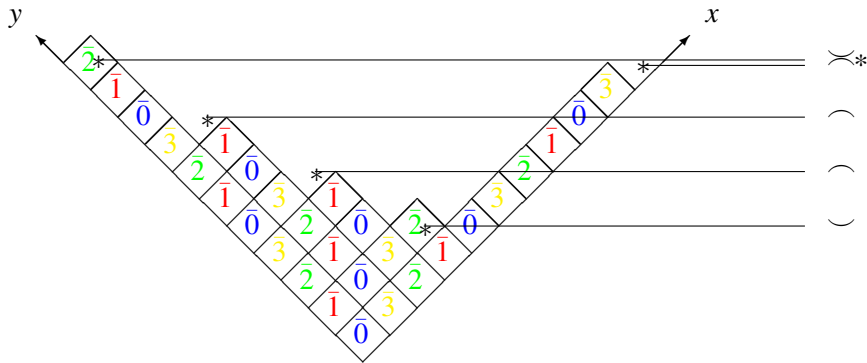
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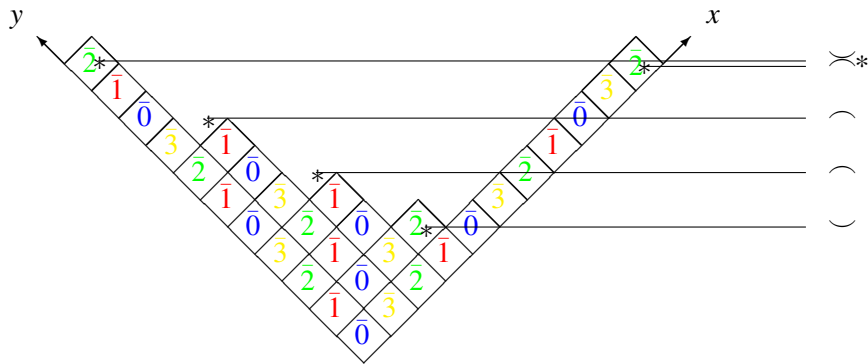
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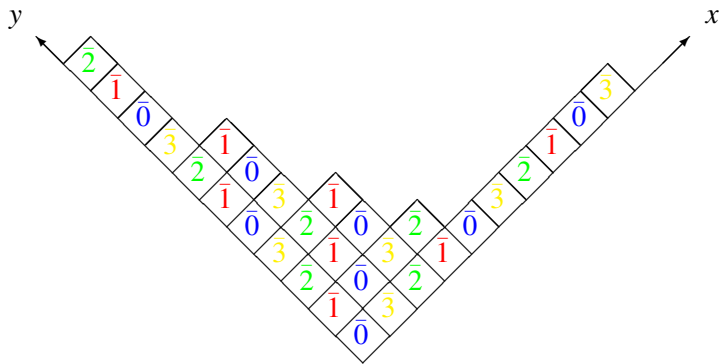
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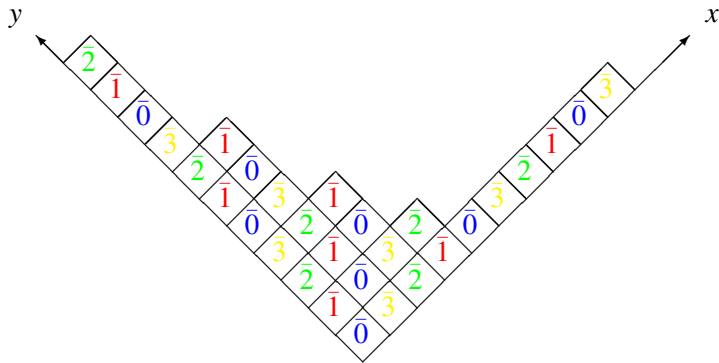


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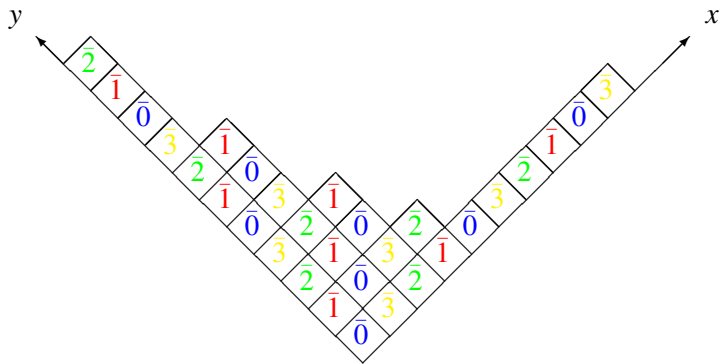


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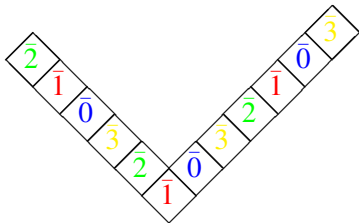


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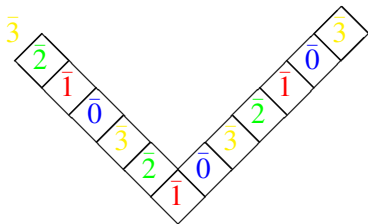
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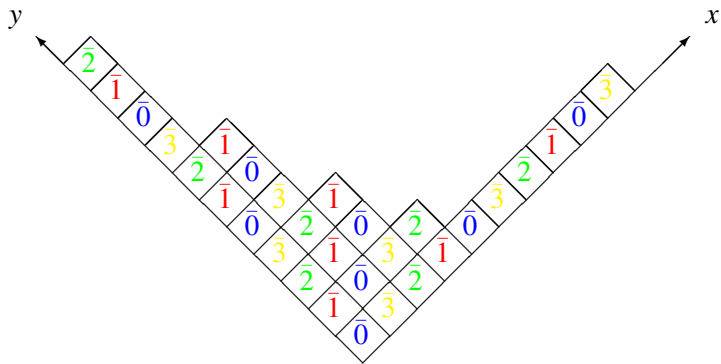
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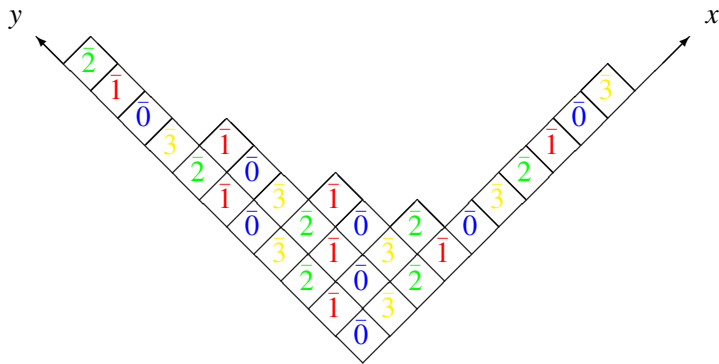


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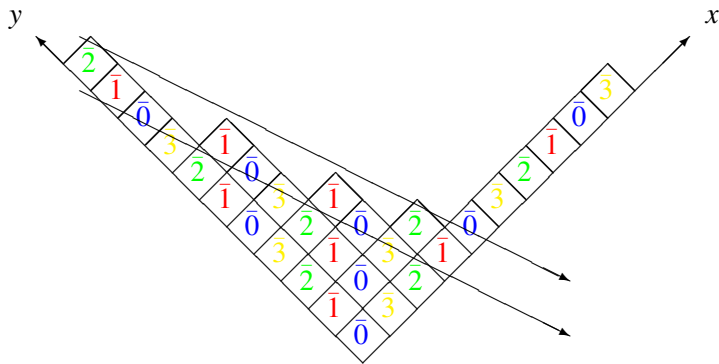


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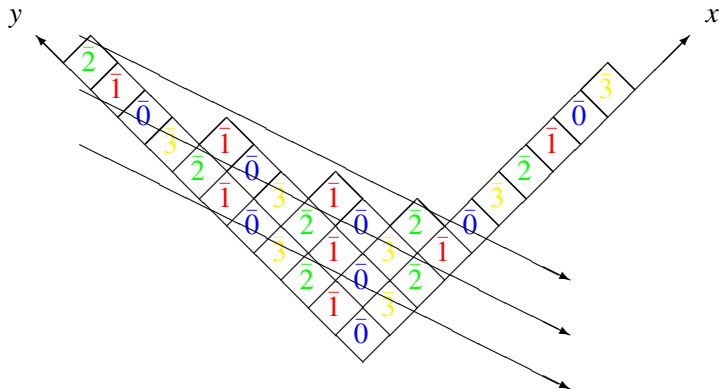
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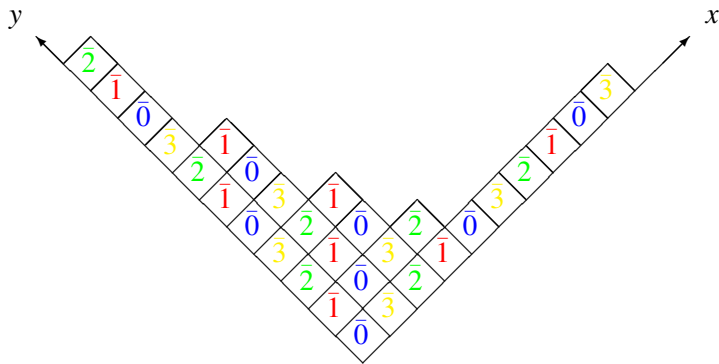
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