

# Foams, Polytopes, Abstract Tensors, and Homology

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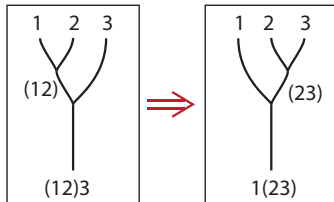
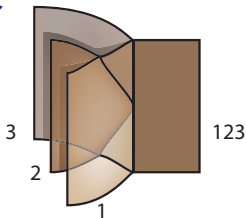
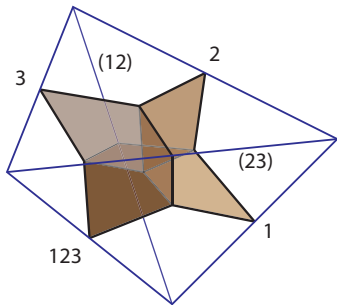
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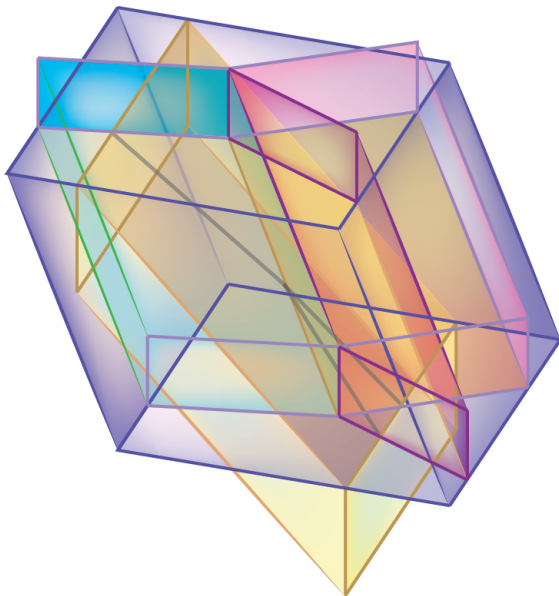
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# Foam Definition

An  $n$ -**dimensional foam** is a compact top. sp.  $X$  for which each point  $x \in X$  has a nbhd.  $N(x)$  that is homeom. to a nbhd.  $M$  of a point in  $Y^n$ .

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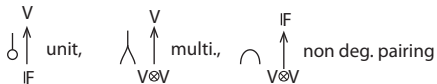
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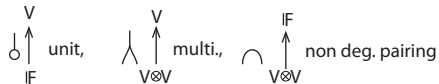
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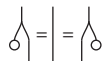
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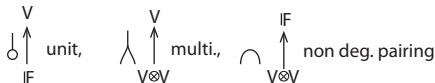
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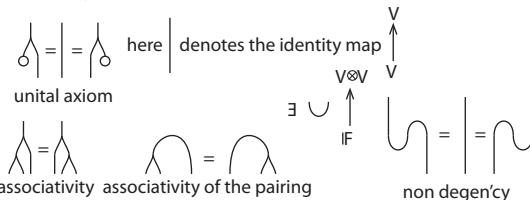
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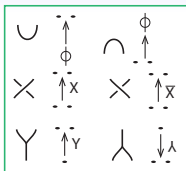
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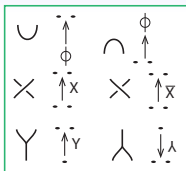
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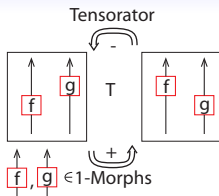
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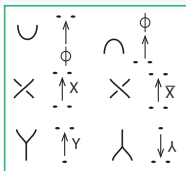


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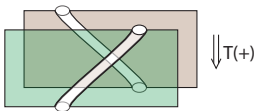
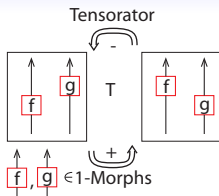


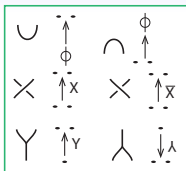
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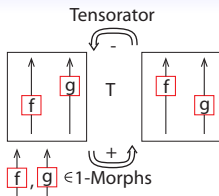
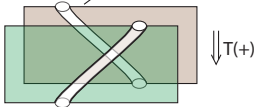


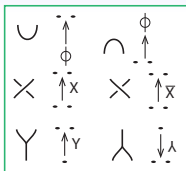


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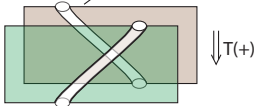




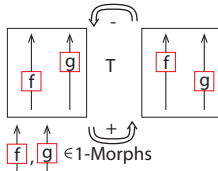
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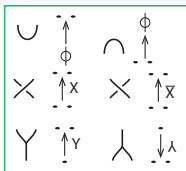
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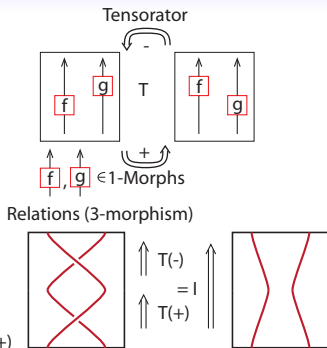
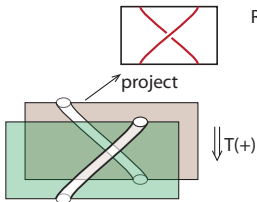
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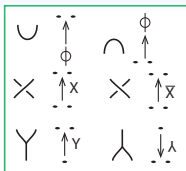


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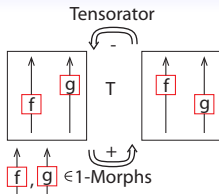
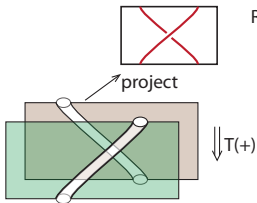


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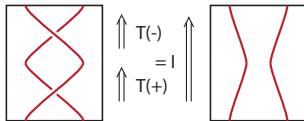




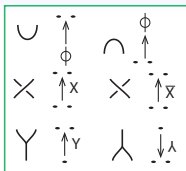
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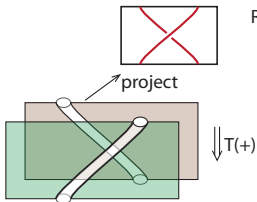
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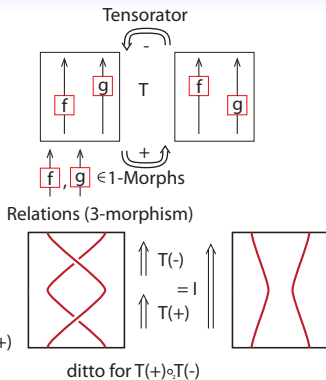
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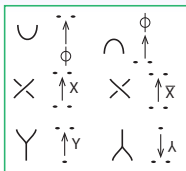


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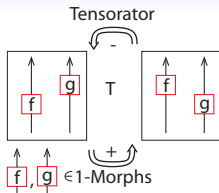


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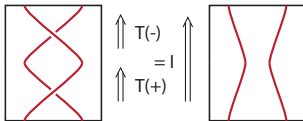




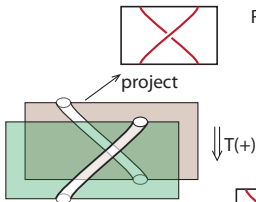
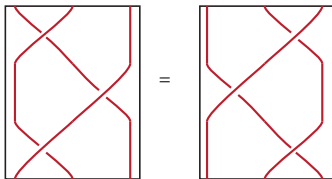
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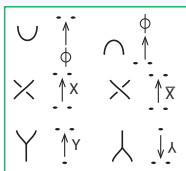


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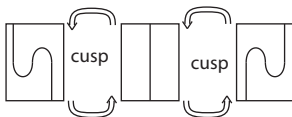
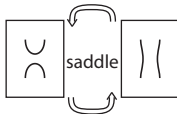
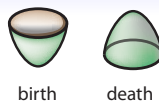
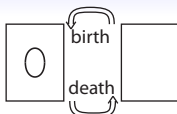


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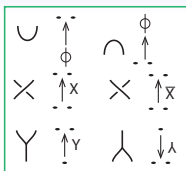
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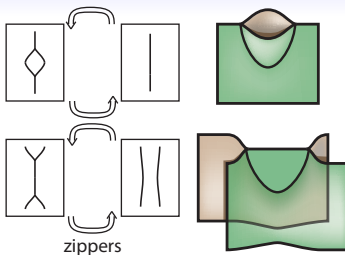
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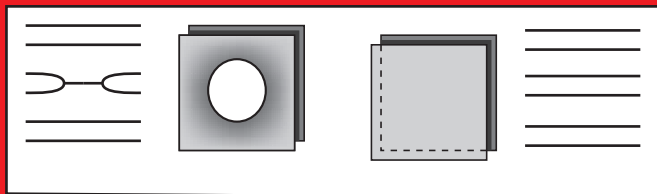
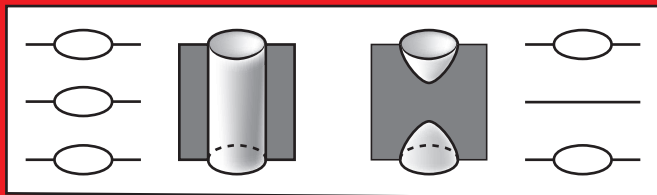
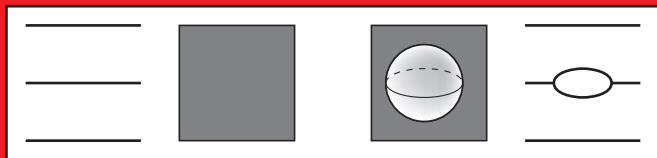
- The critical points evolve to become folds.  
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  - beak-to-beak
  - swallow-tail
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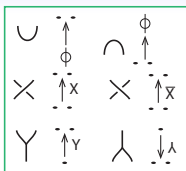


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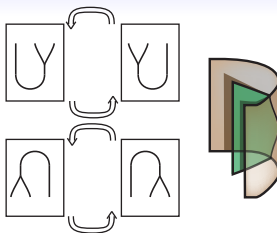


- The vertices of  $Y$  or  $\lambda$  evolve to form seams of the foam.  
(co-oriented towards the single sheet)
- There are zig-zag moves that cancel a pair of zipper 2-morphisms.
- Under some circumstances, one might want to suppose bubble and saddle moves hold.  
But, as is the case with birth followed by death,  
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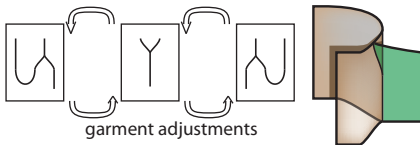




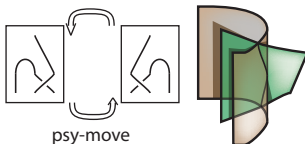
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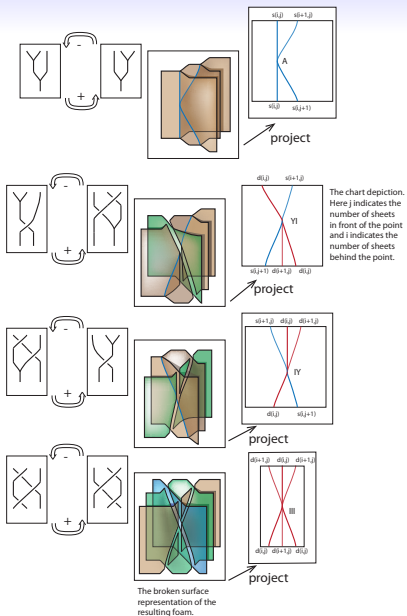


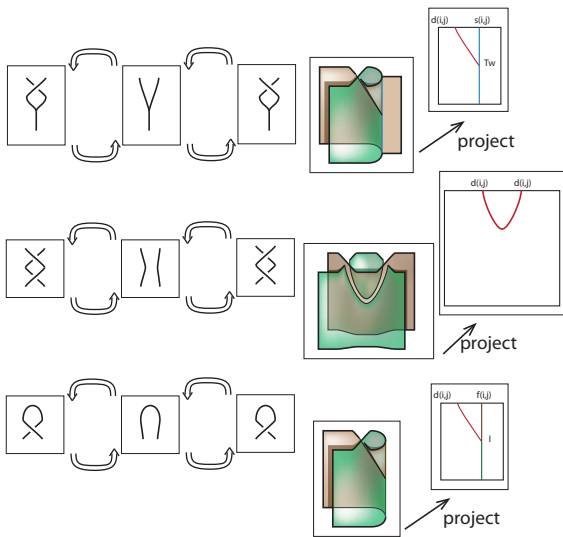
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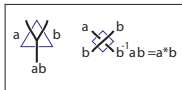
- These 2-morphs indicate how folds, seams, double points can interact.
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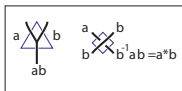
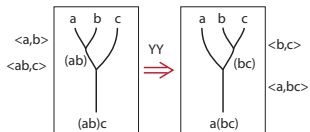


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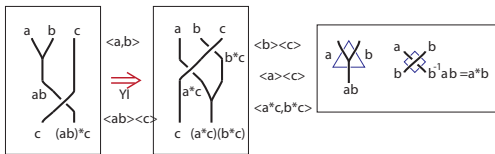
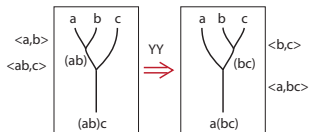
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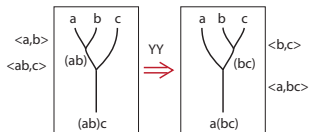


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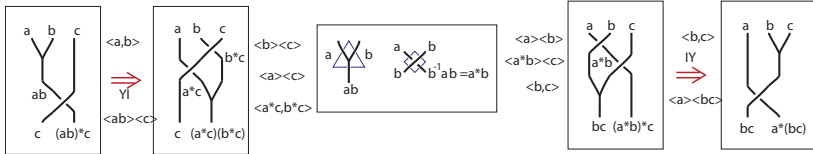


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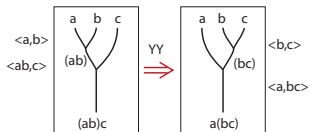


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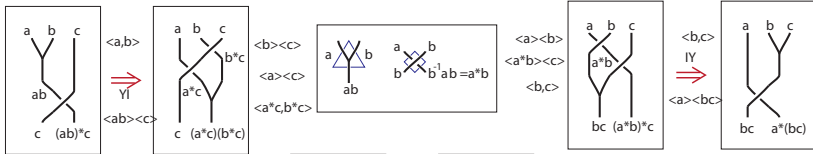


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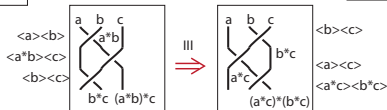
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Following Przytycki, one can observe that  $\partial \circ \partial = 0$  in this context, if and only if

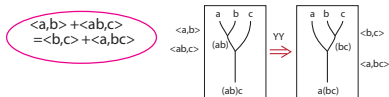
- $a(bc) = (ab)c$
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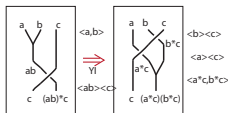


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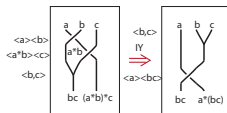
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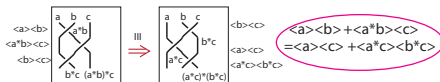


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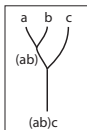
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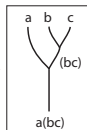


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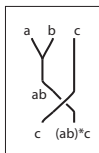


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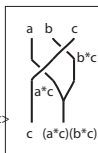


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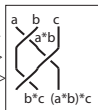
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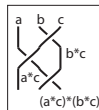
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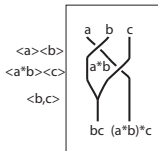


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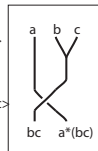


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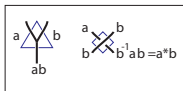


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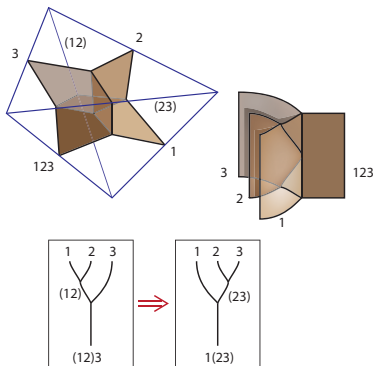


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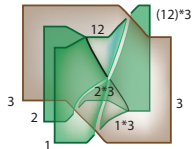
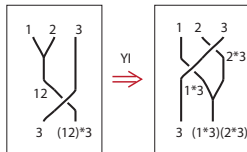
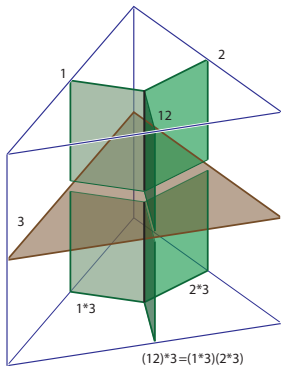
# Triangles and Squares



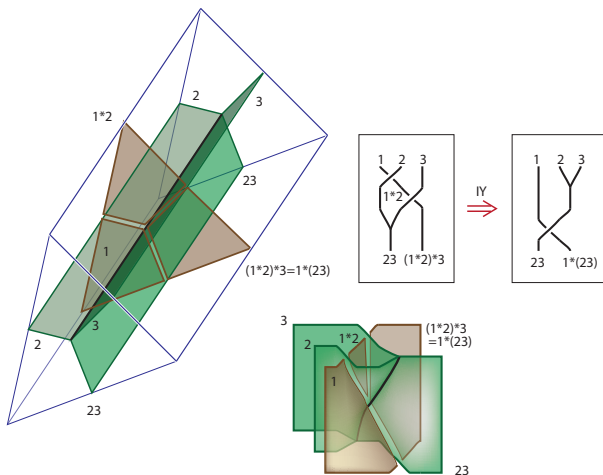
# Tetrahedron



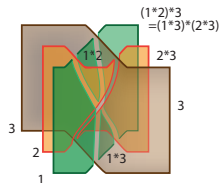
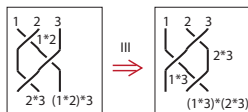
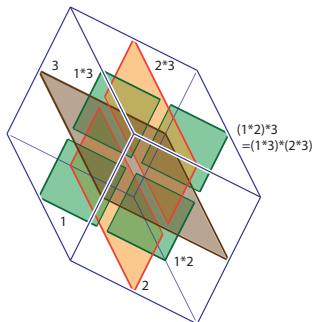
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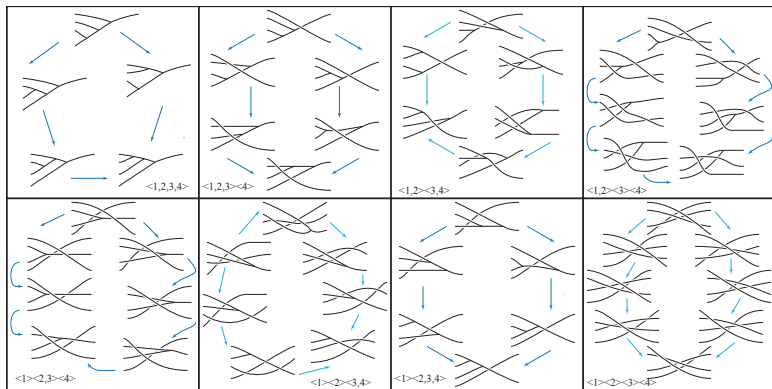
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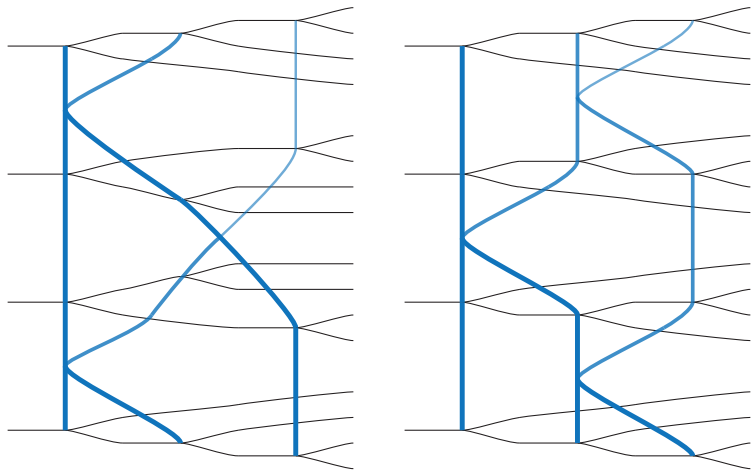
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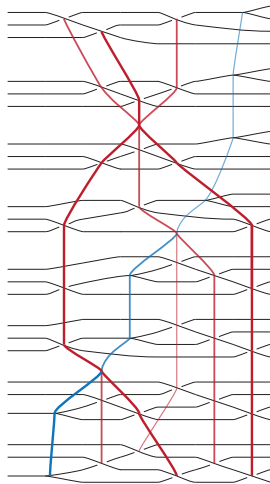
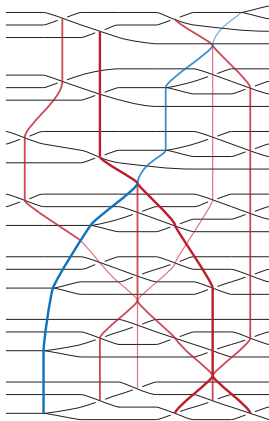
# 8 interesting moves



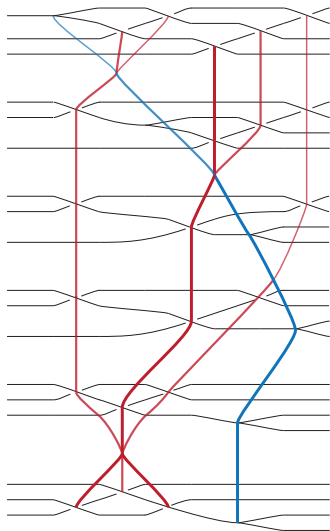
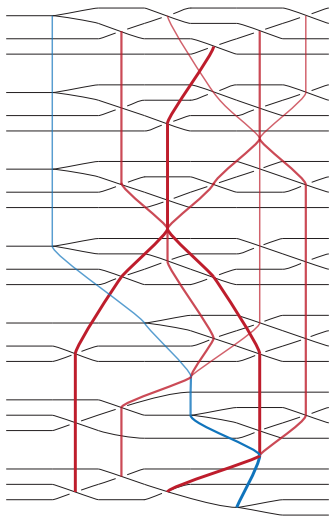
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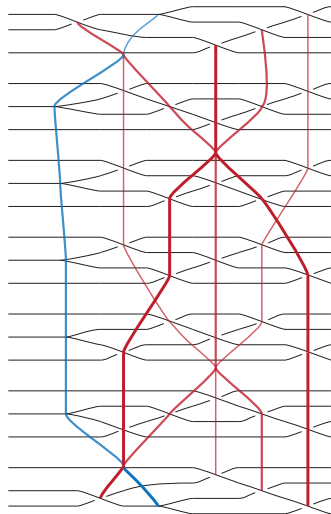
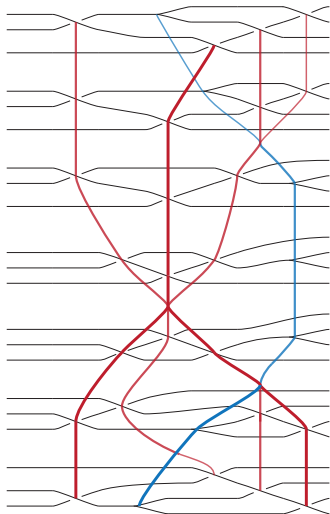
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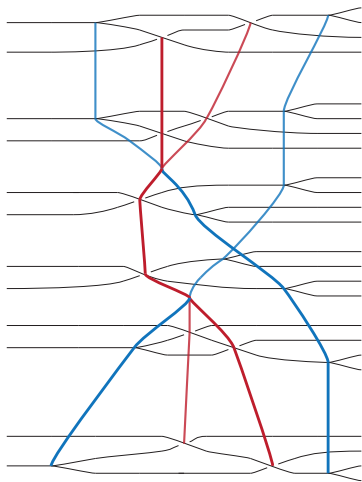
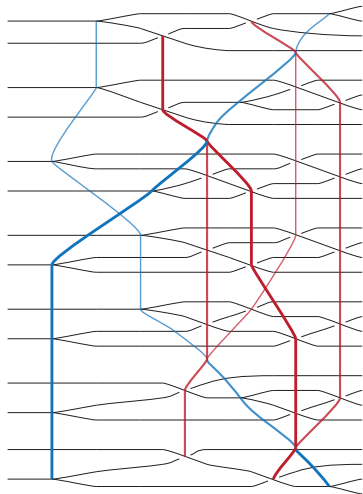
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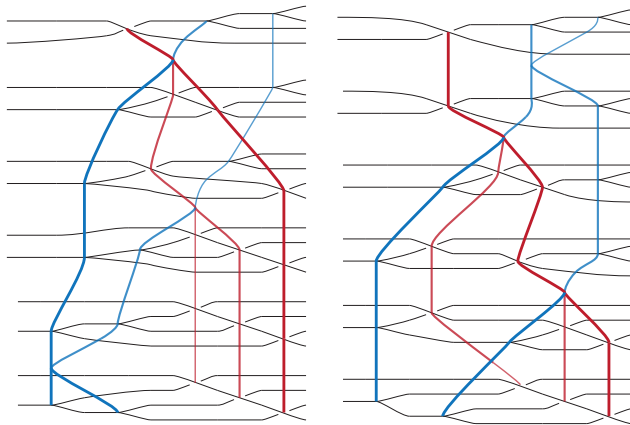
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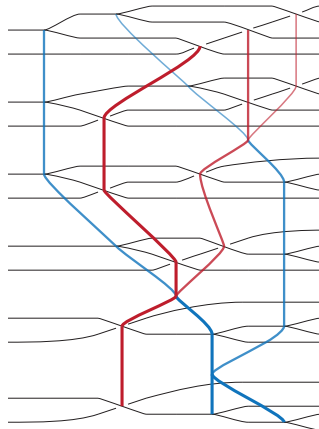
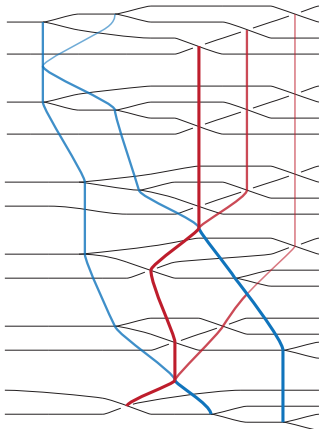
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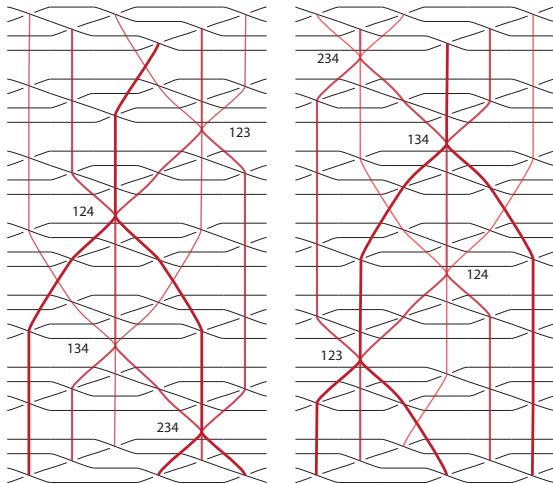
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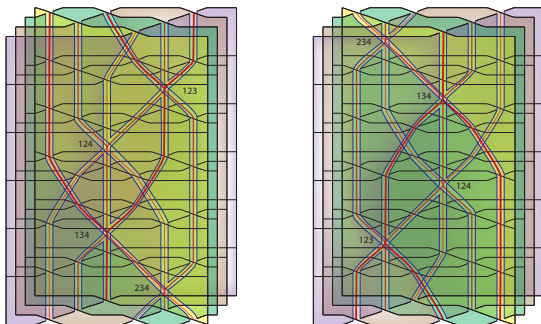
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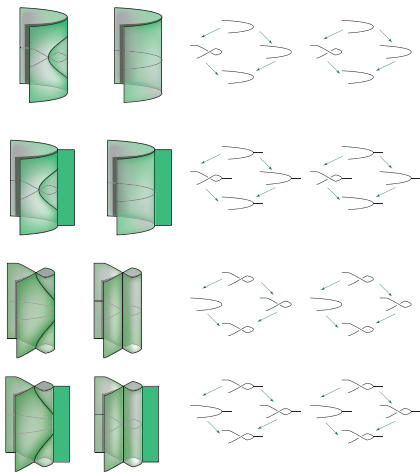
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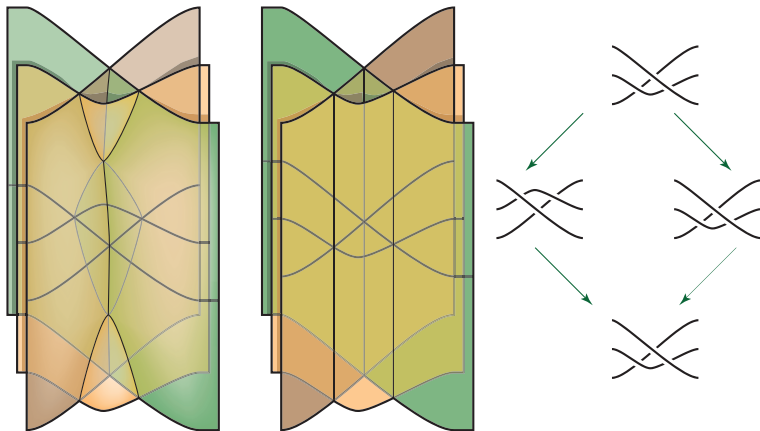
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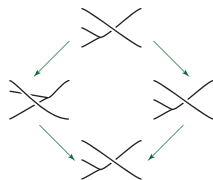
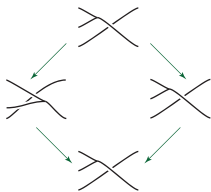
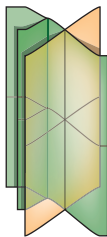
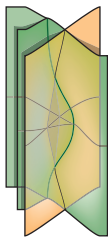
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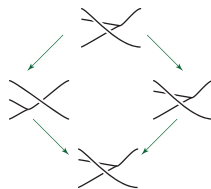
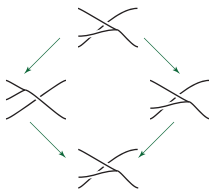
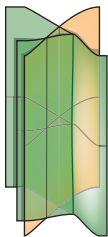
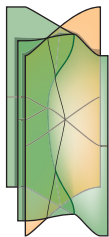
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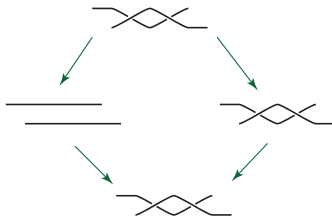
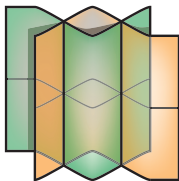
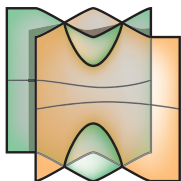
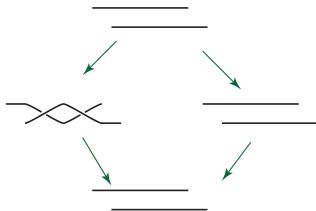
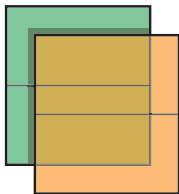
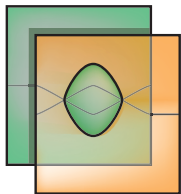
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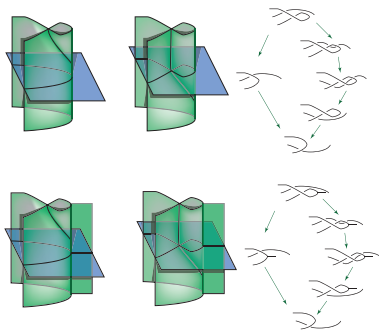
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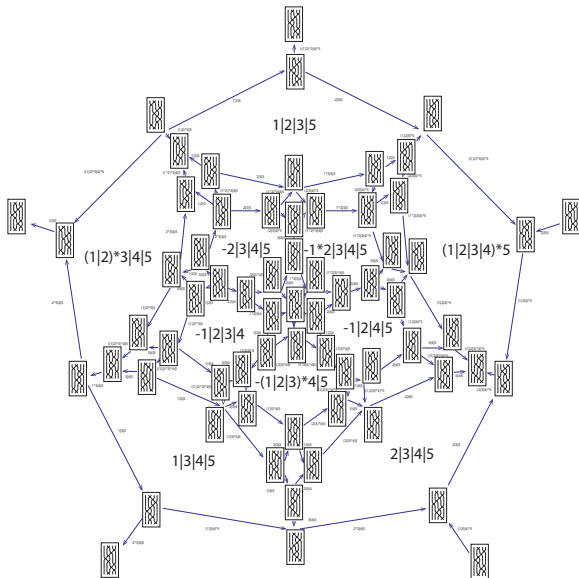
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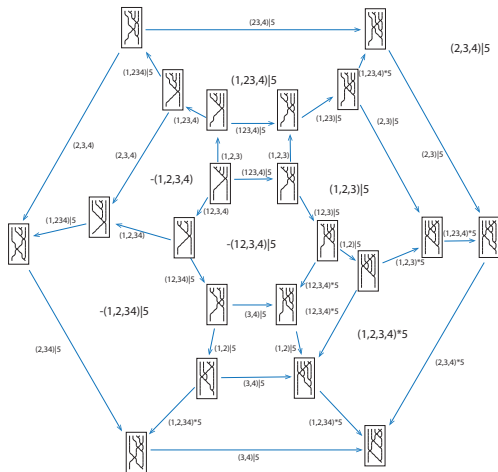
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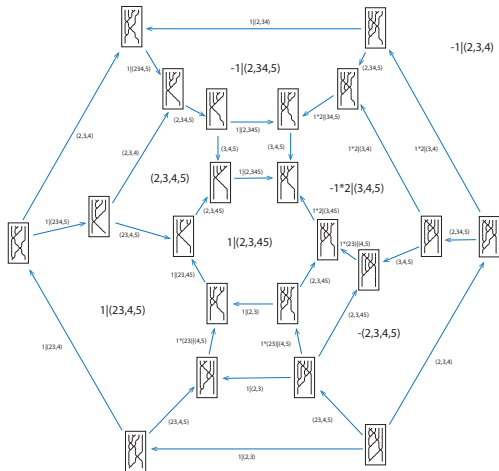
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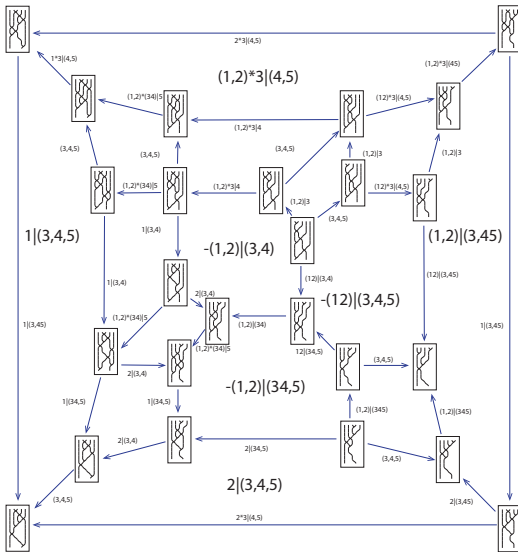
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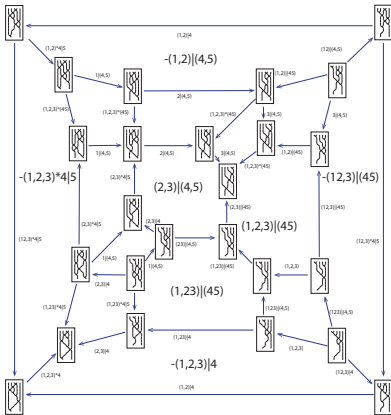
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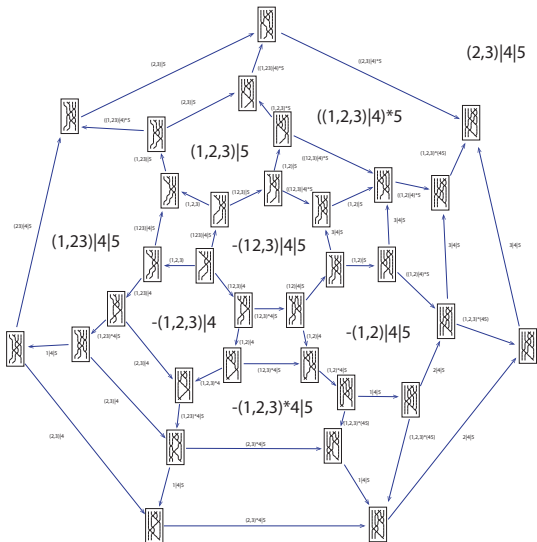
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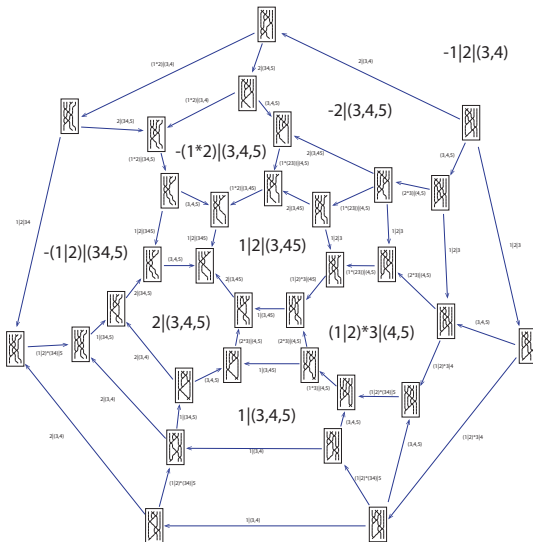
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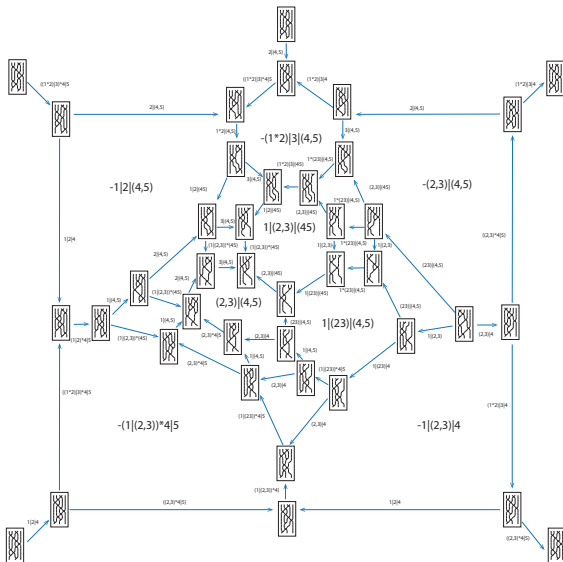




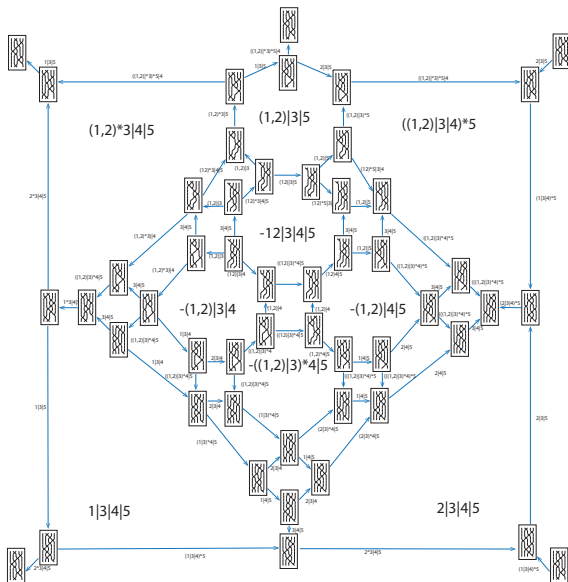




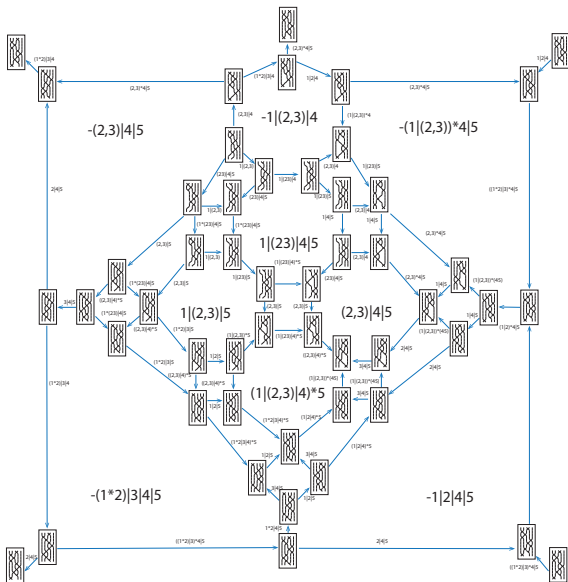
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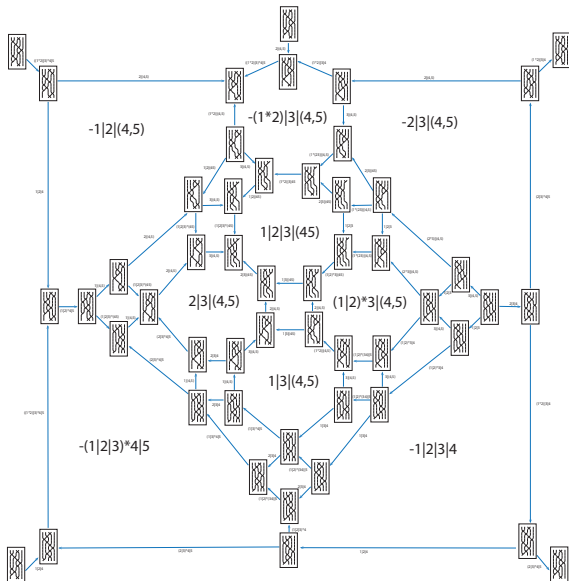


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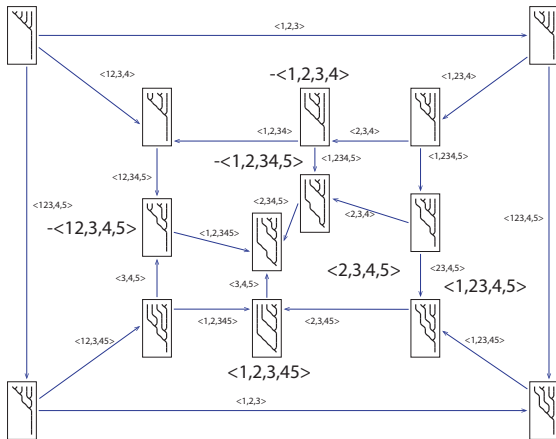




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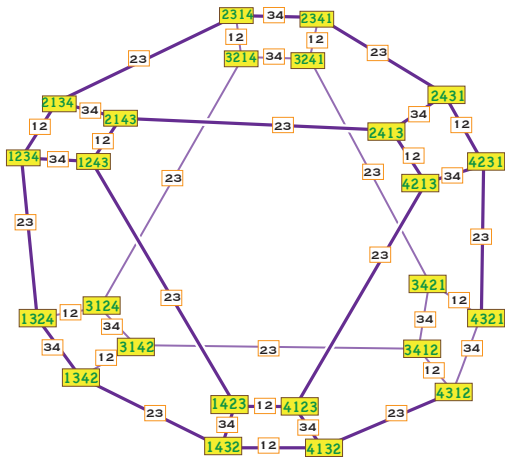
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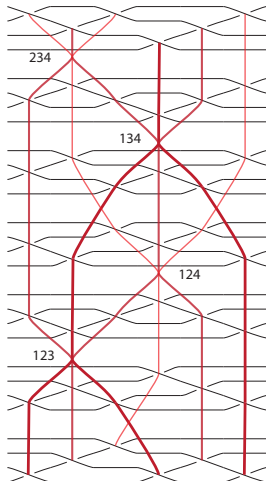
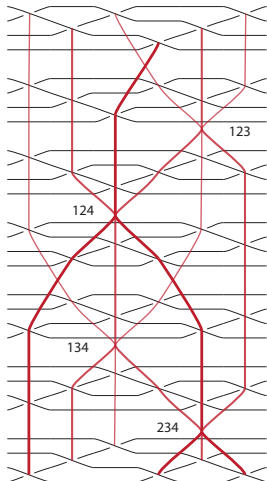
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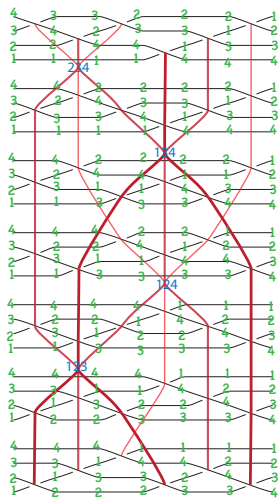
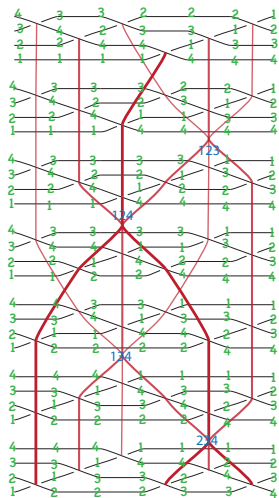
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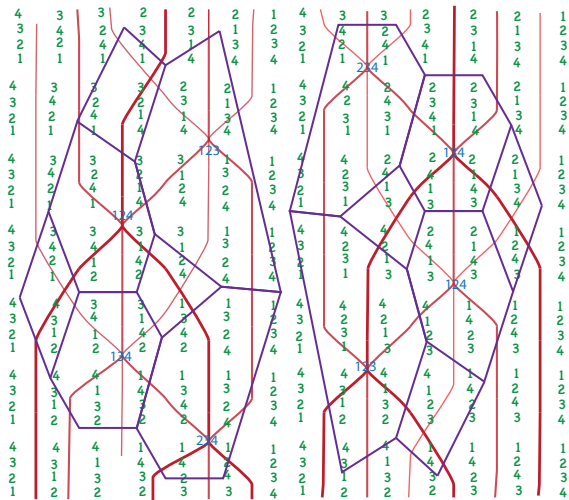
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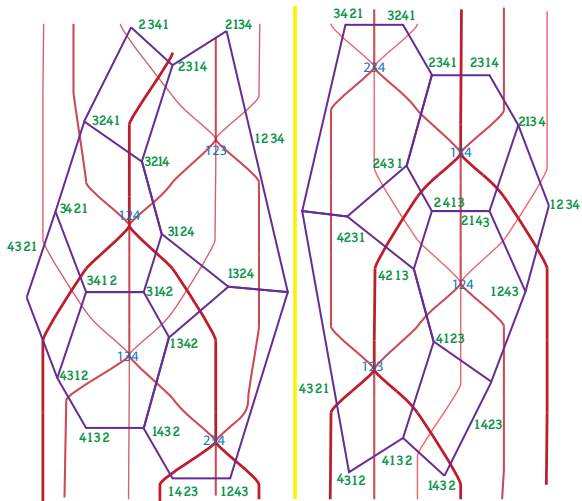
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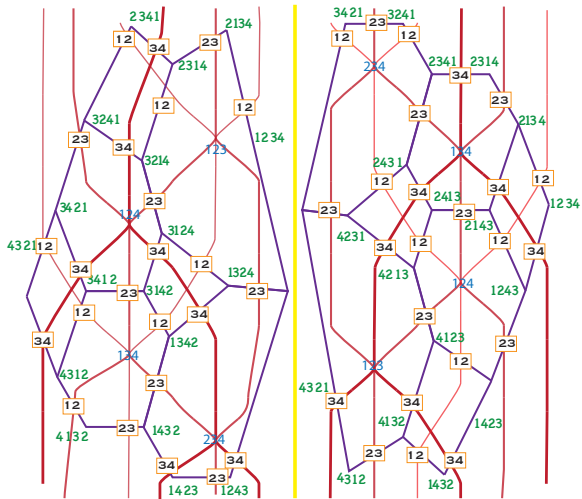


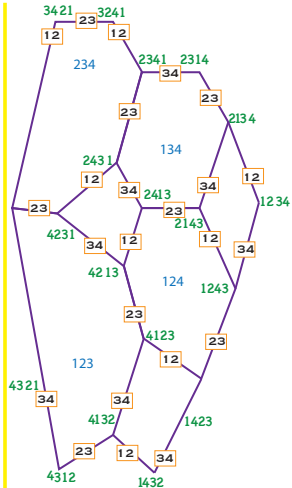
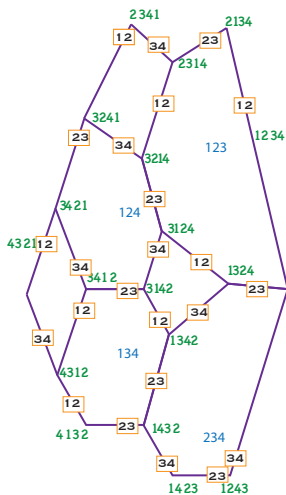


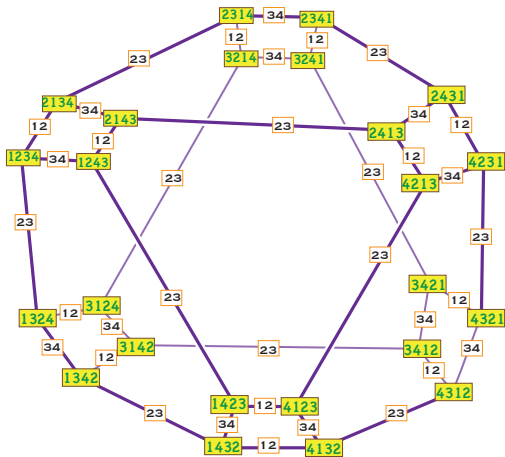








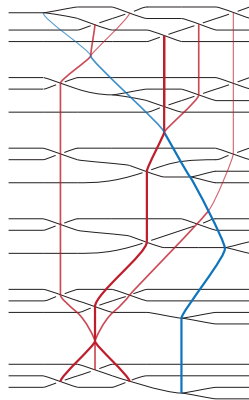
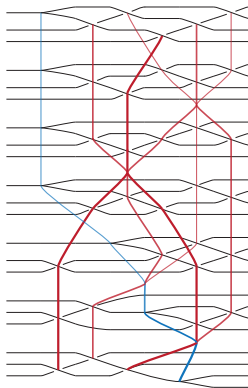


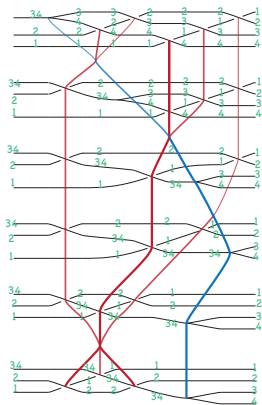
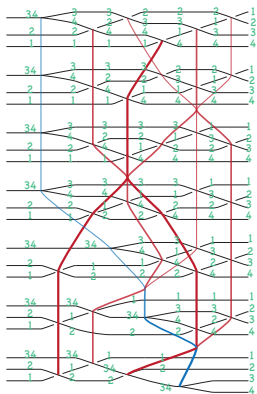


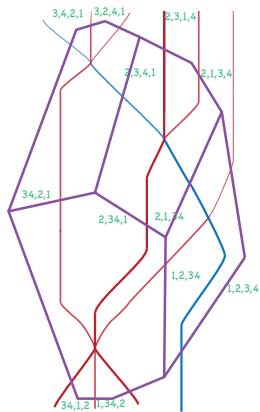
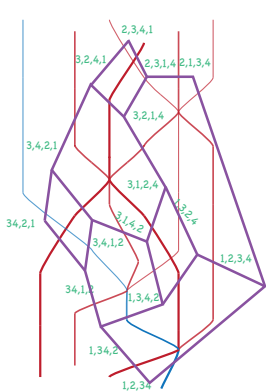
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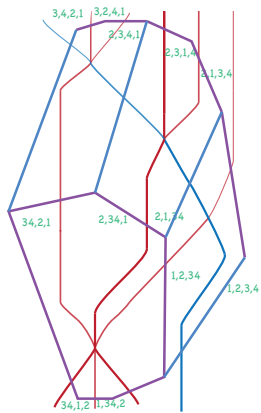
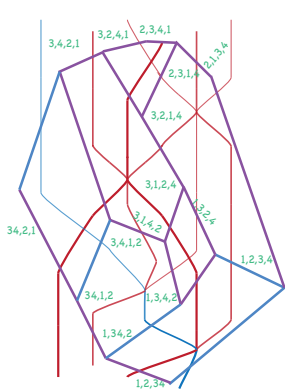
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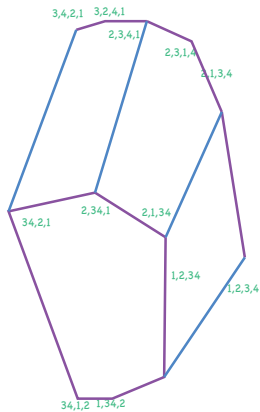
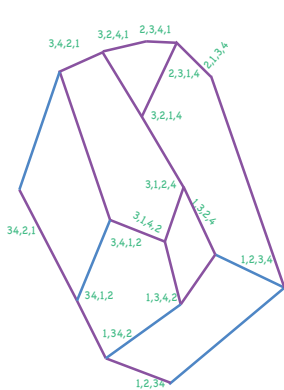
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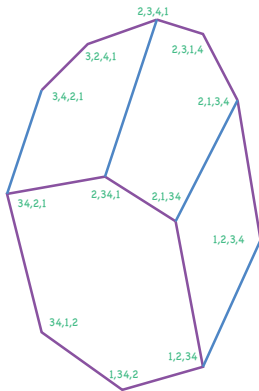
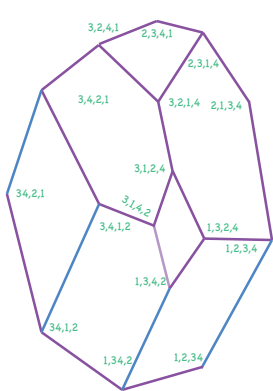


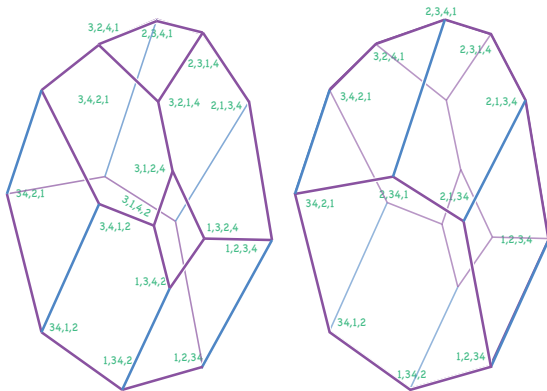


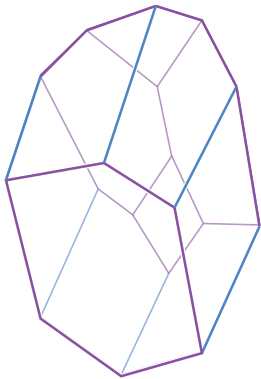


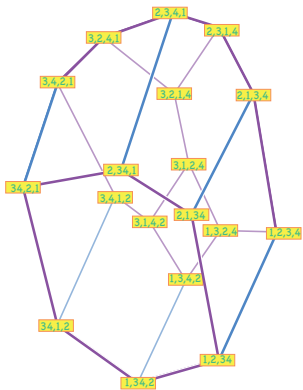


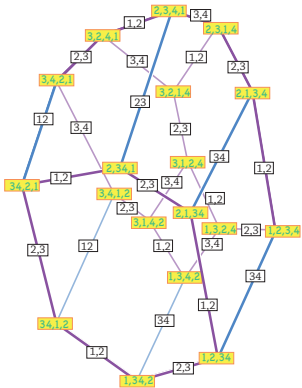












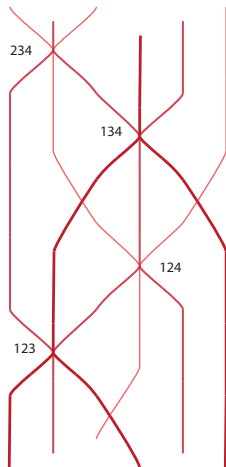
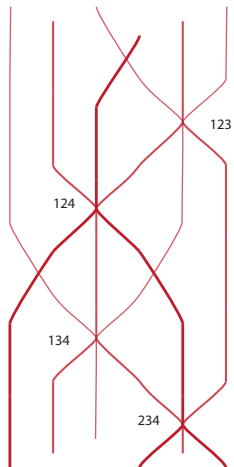
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