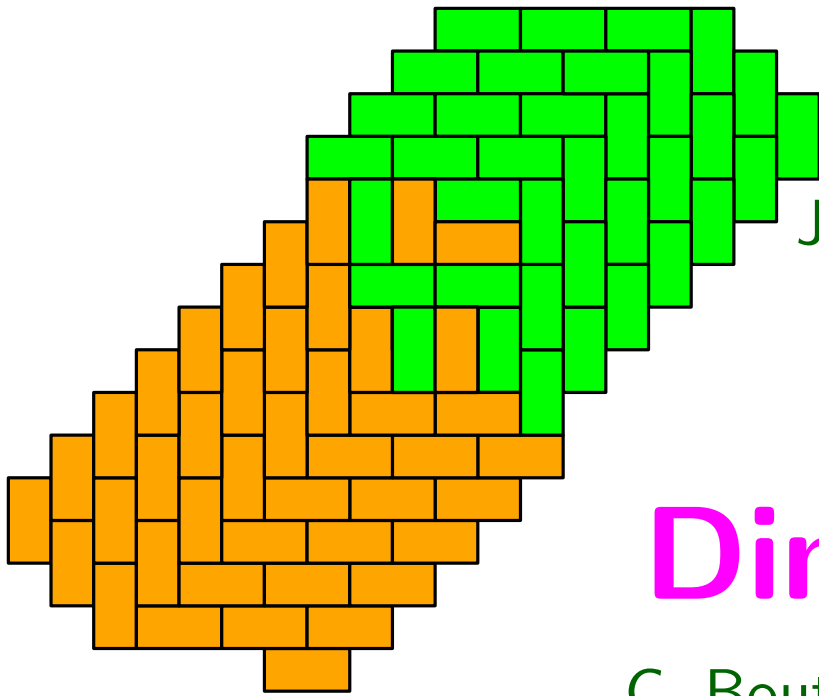


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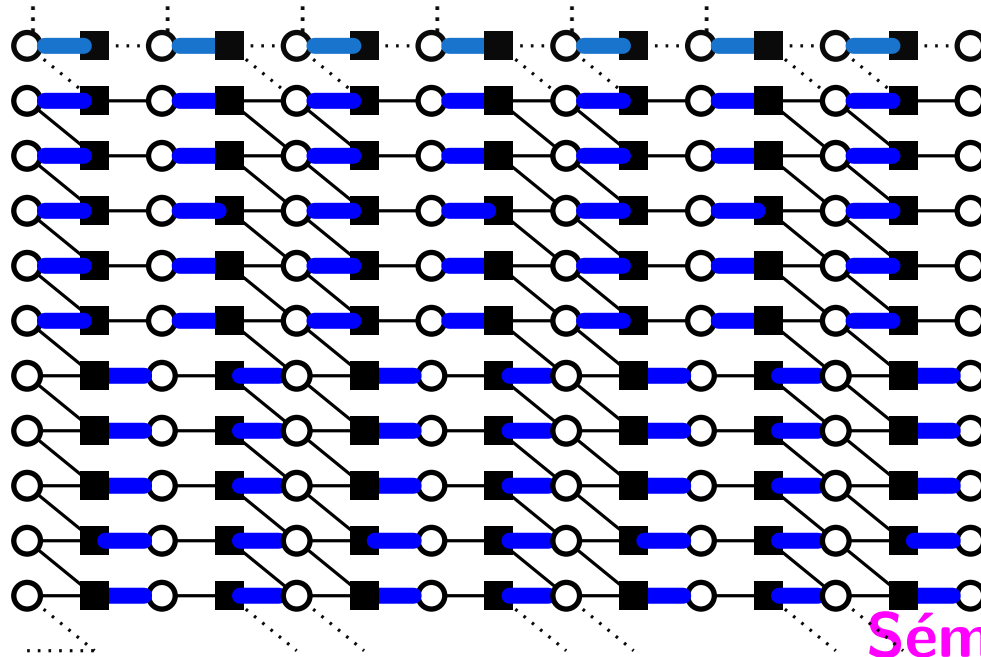


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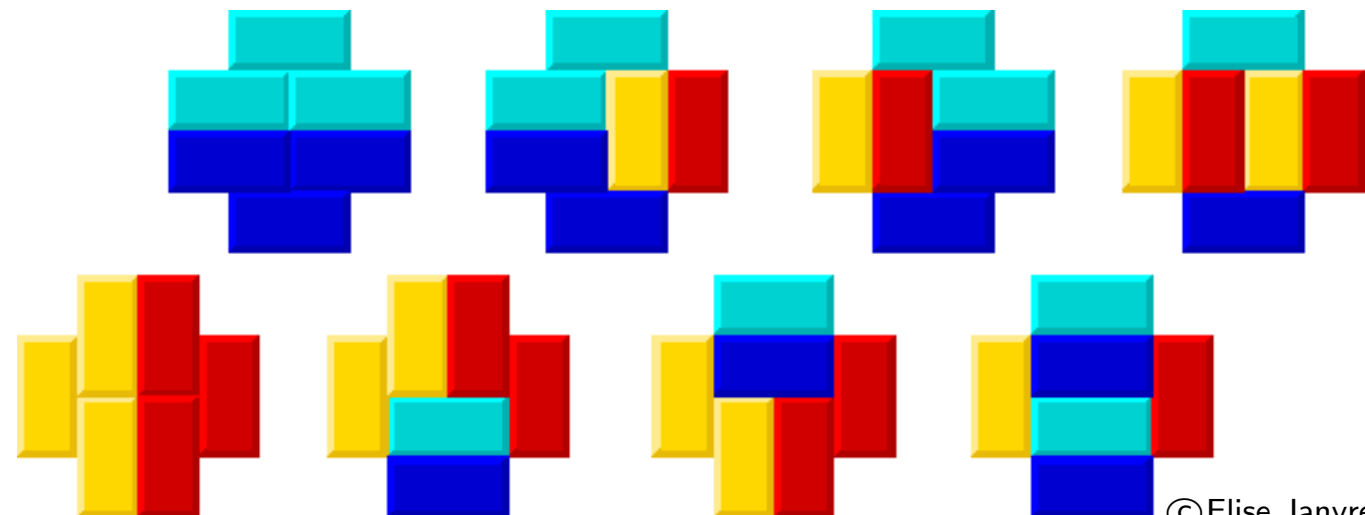
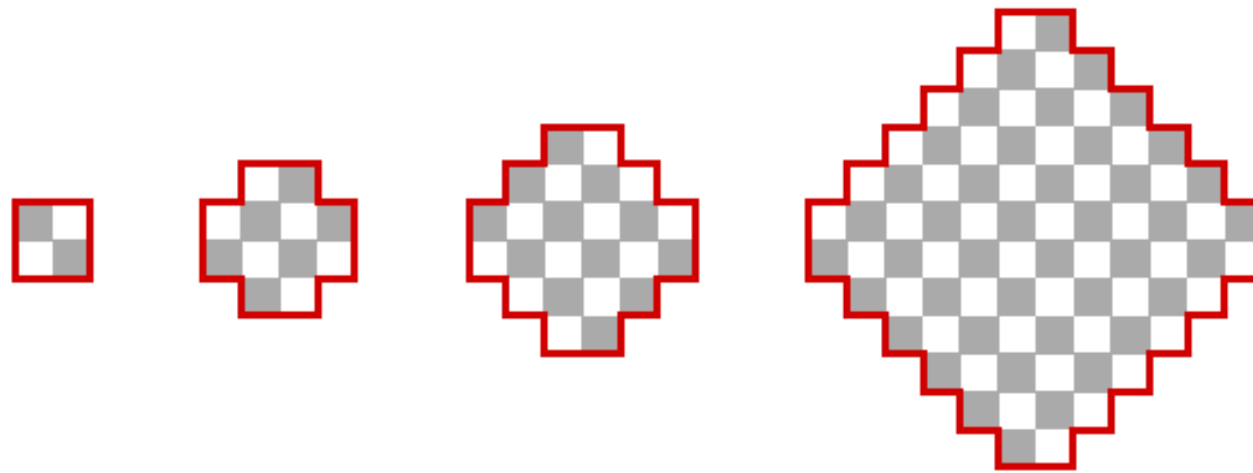
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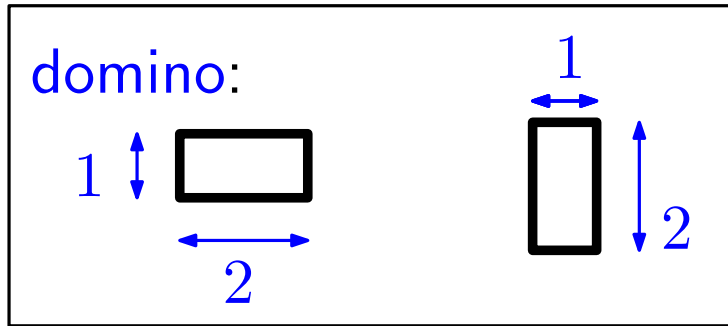


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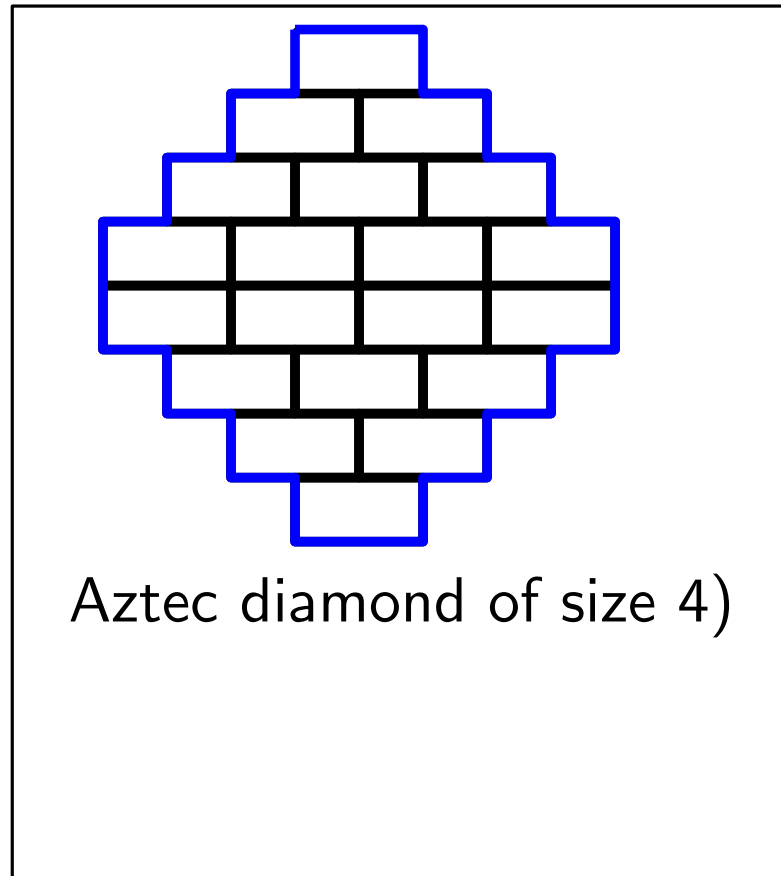
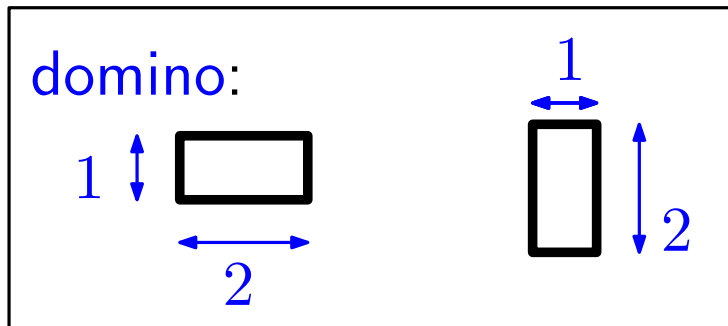
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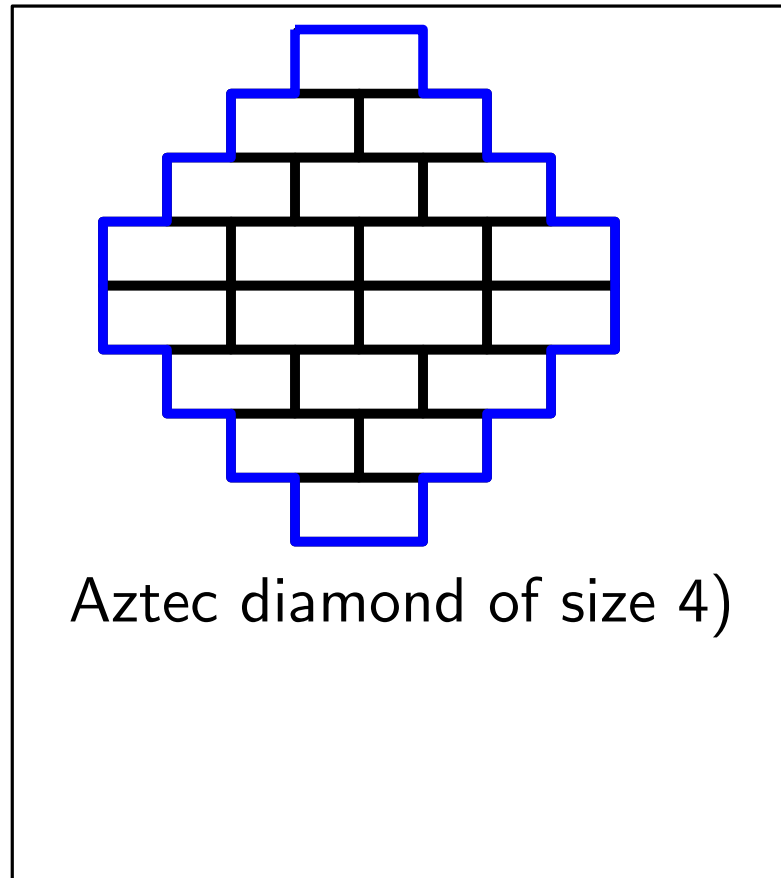
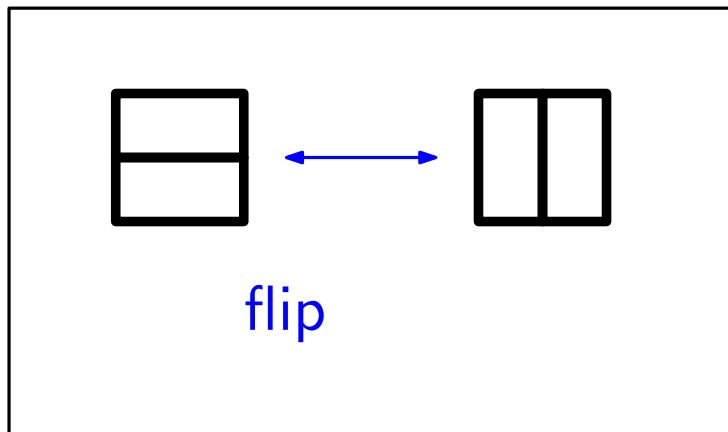
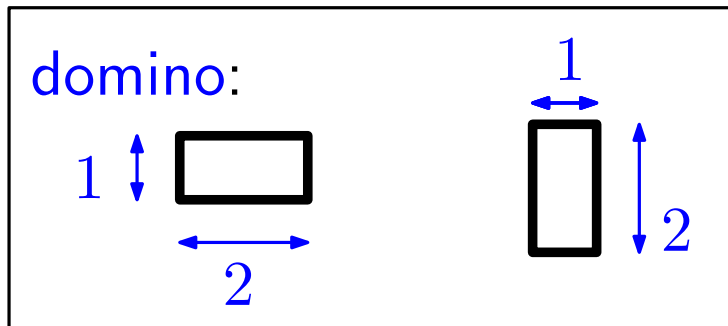
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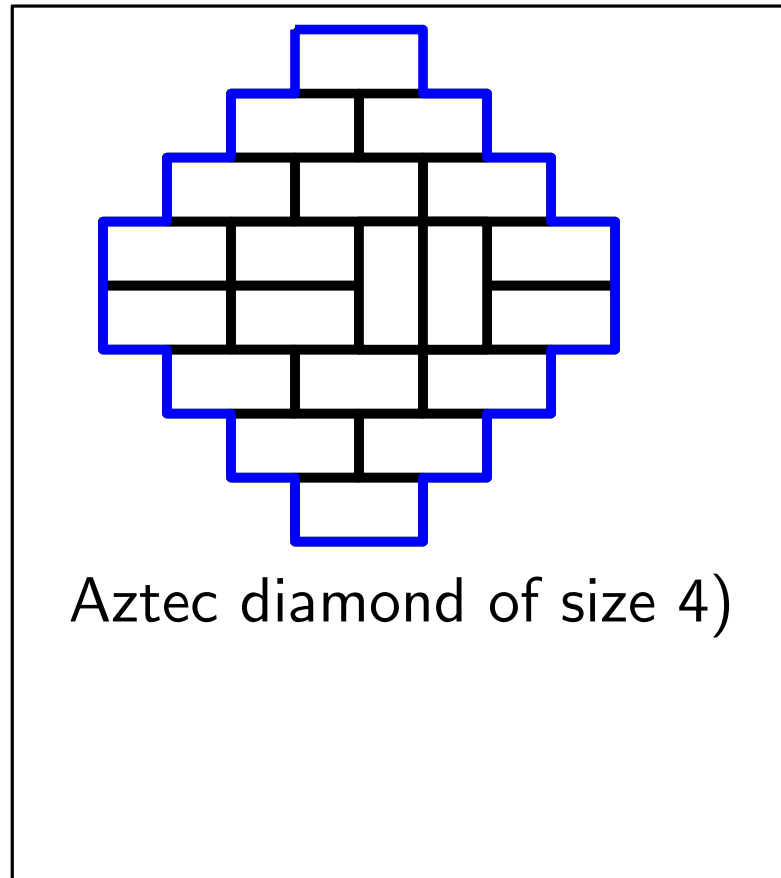
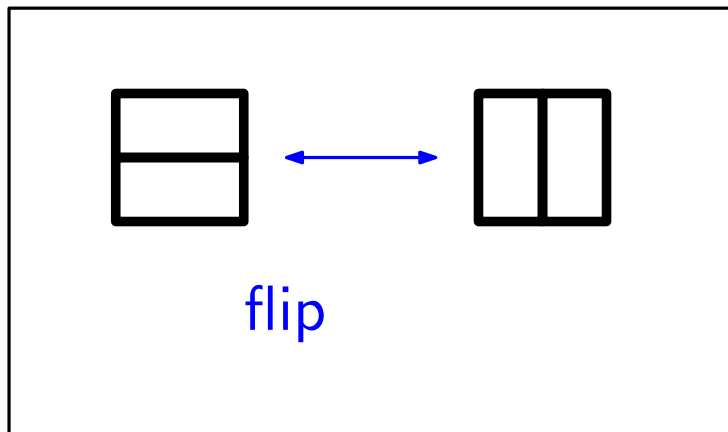
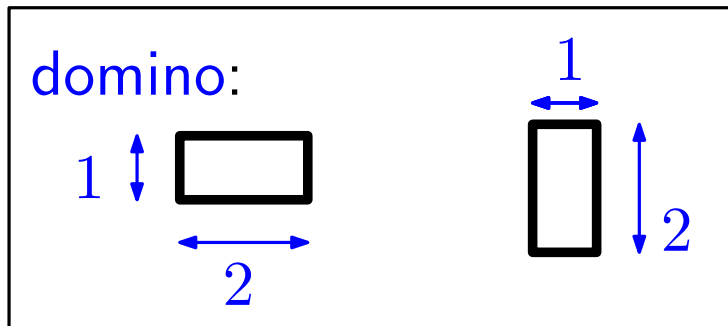
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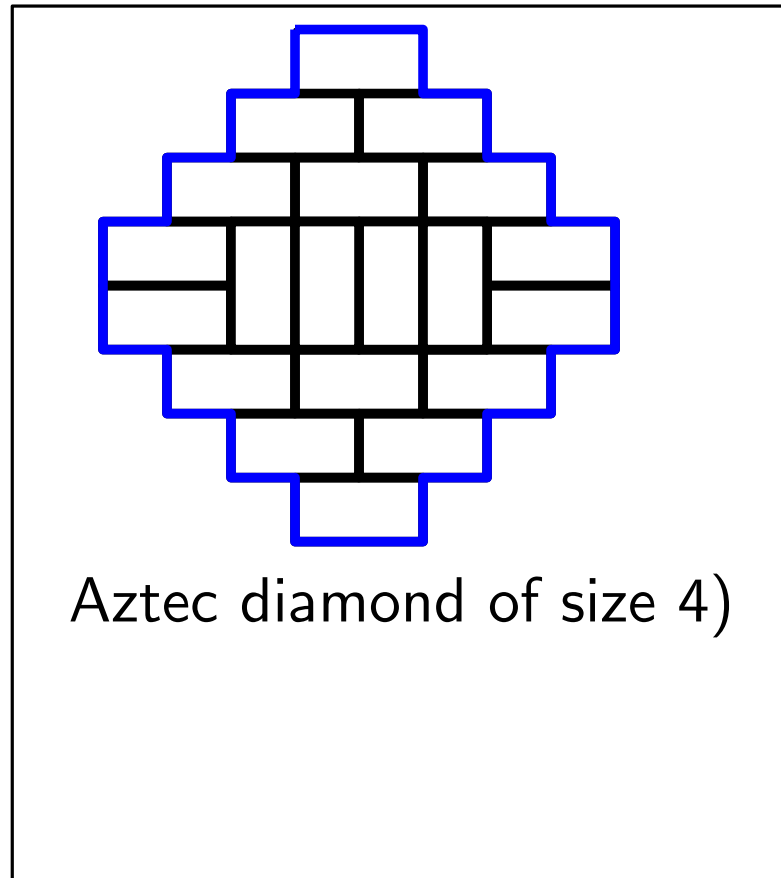
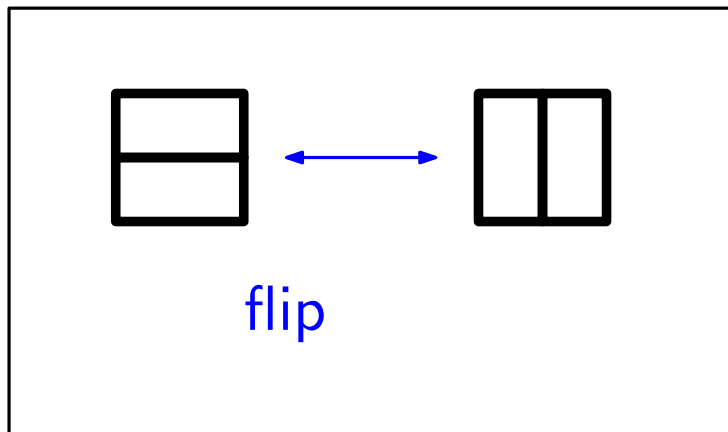
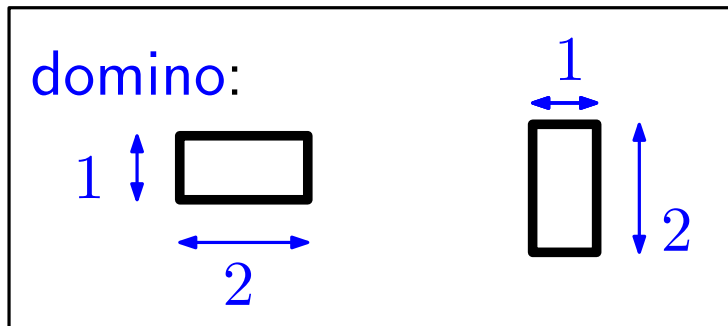
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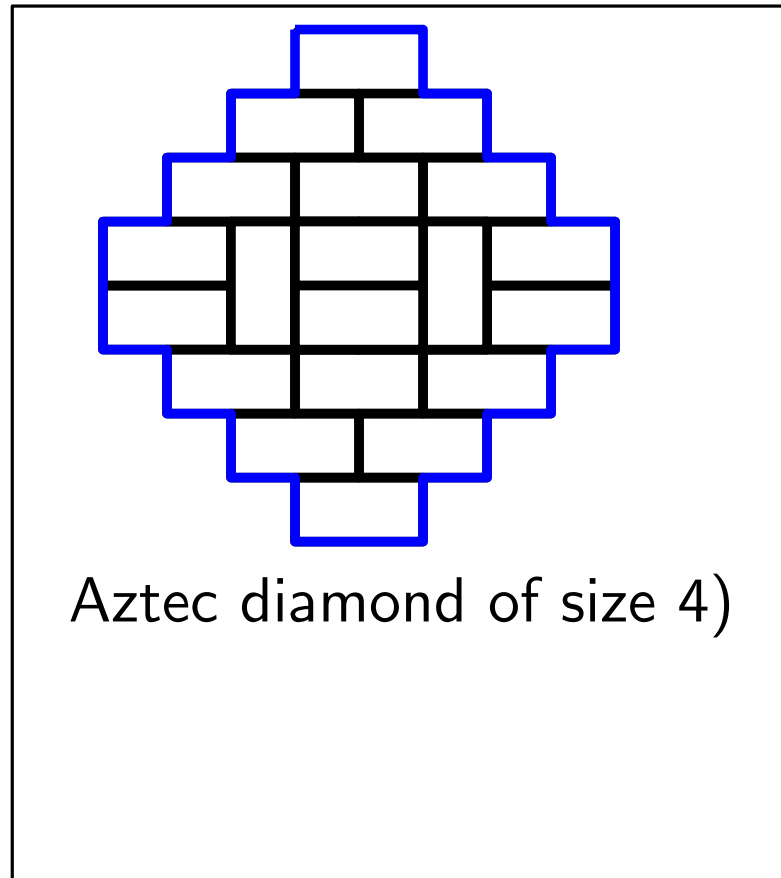
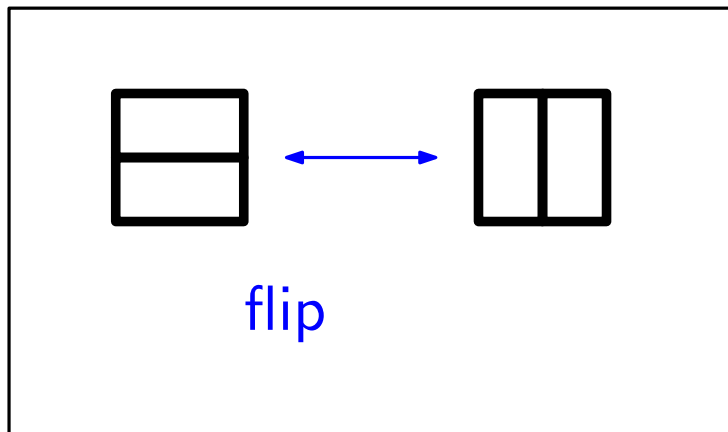
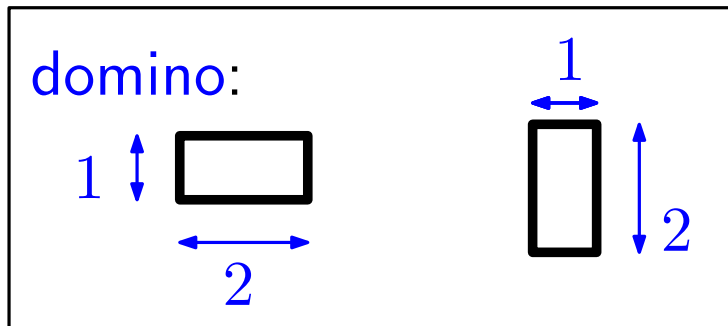
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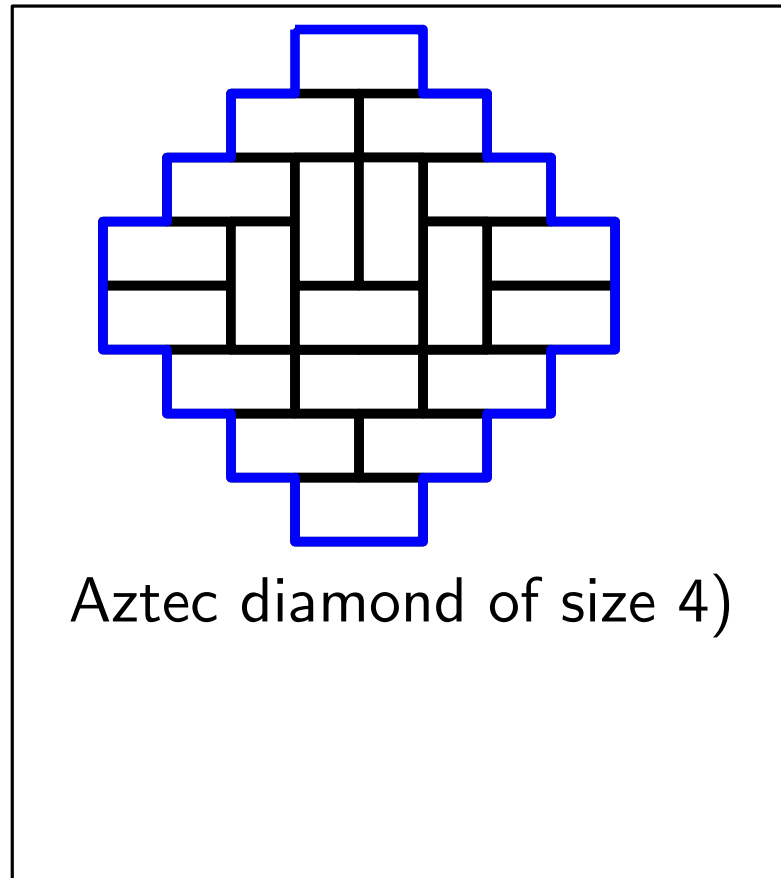
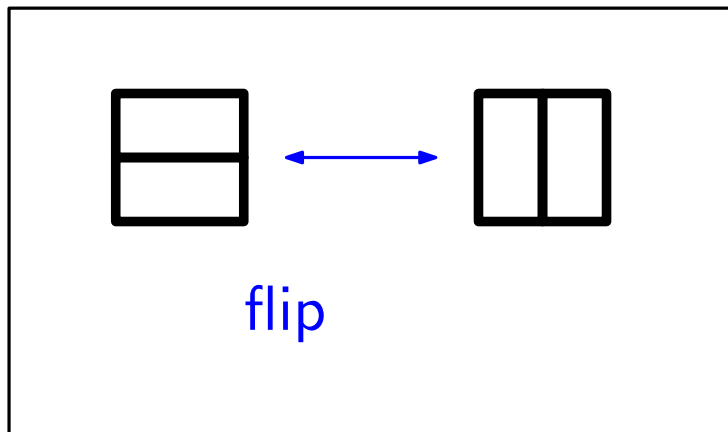
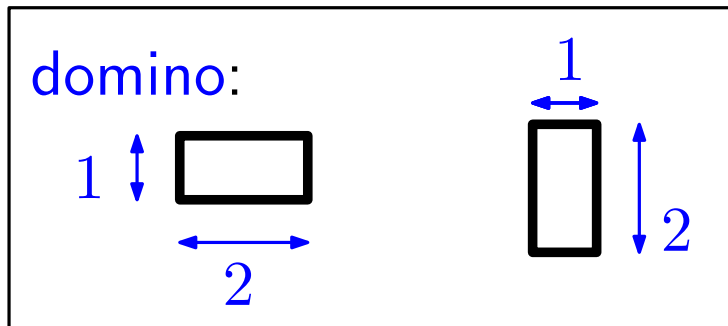
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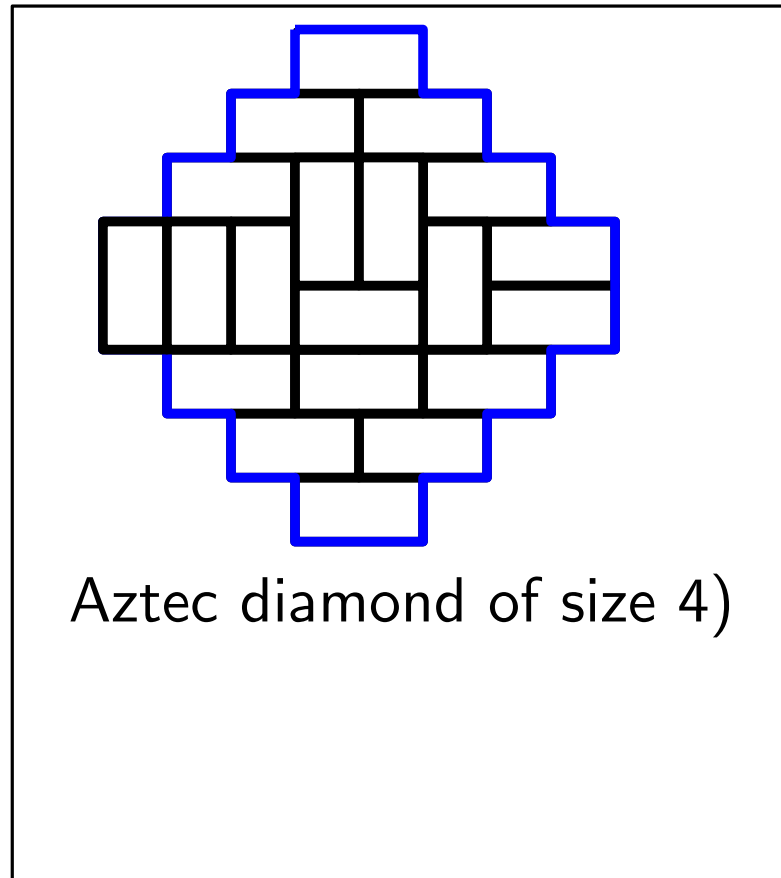
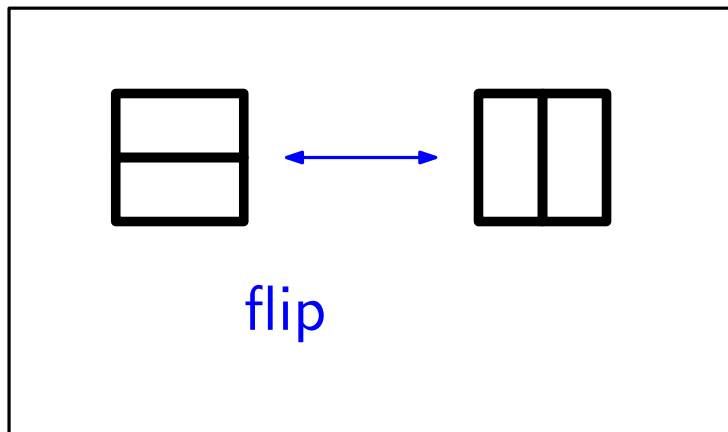
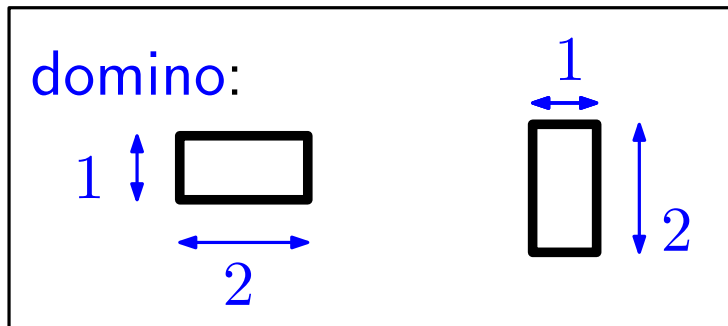
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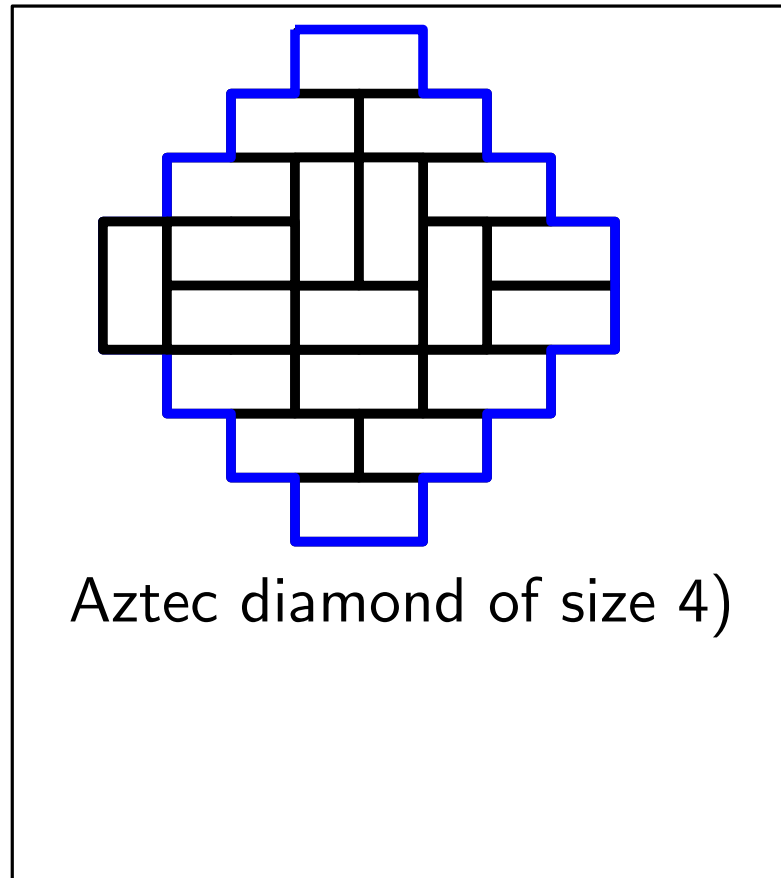
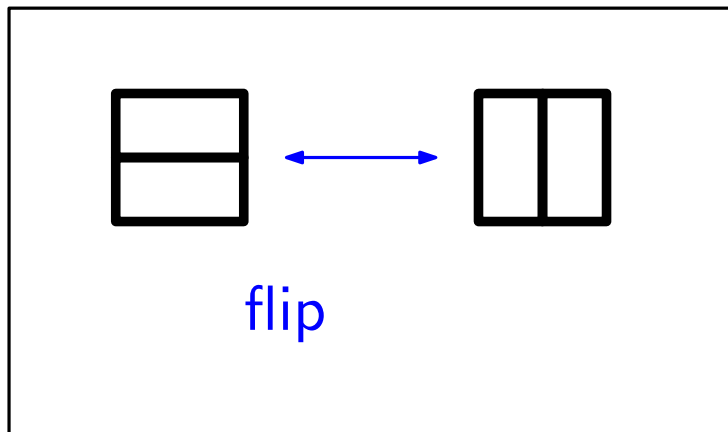
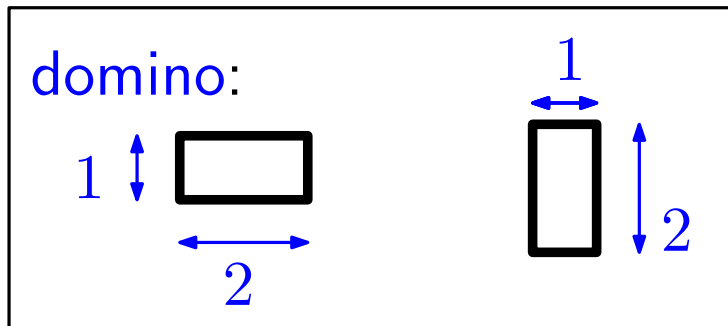
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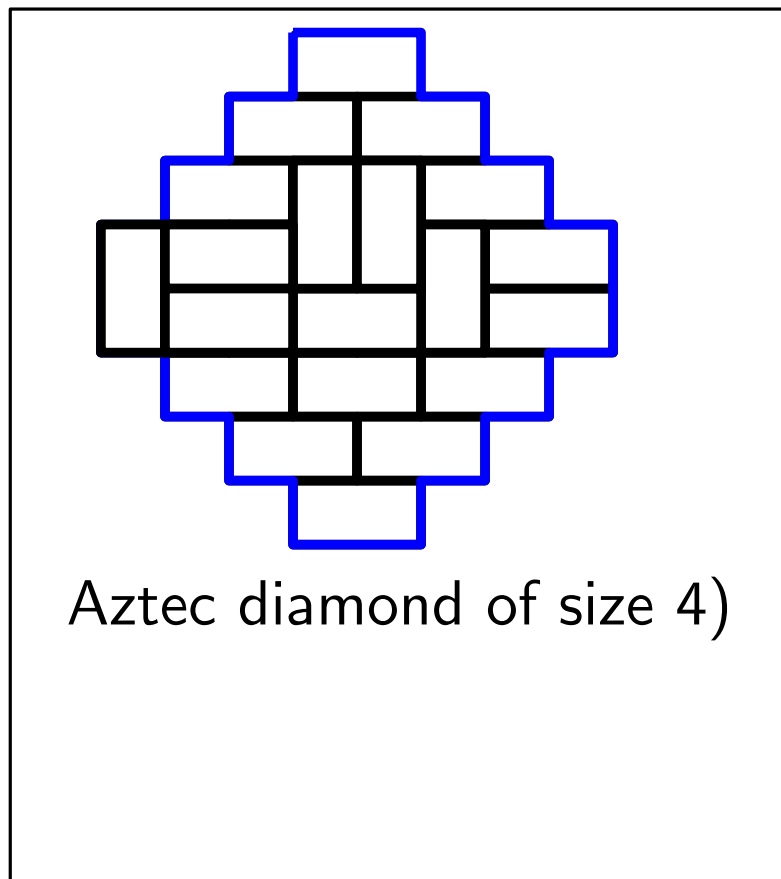
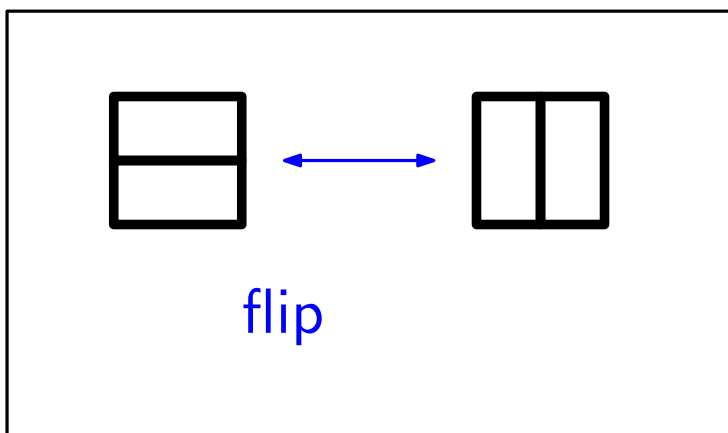
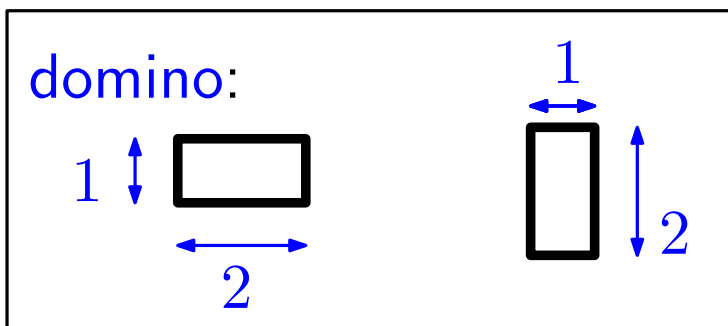
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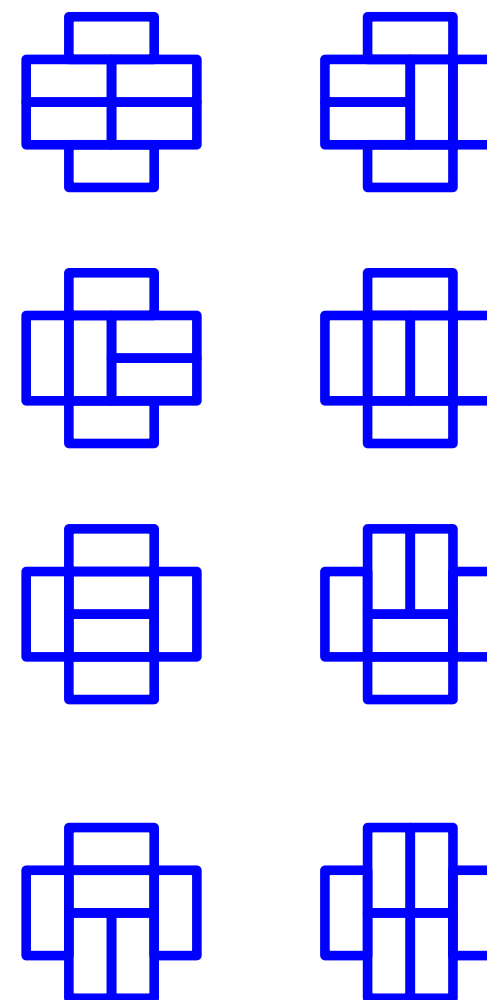


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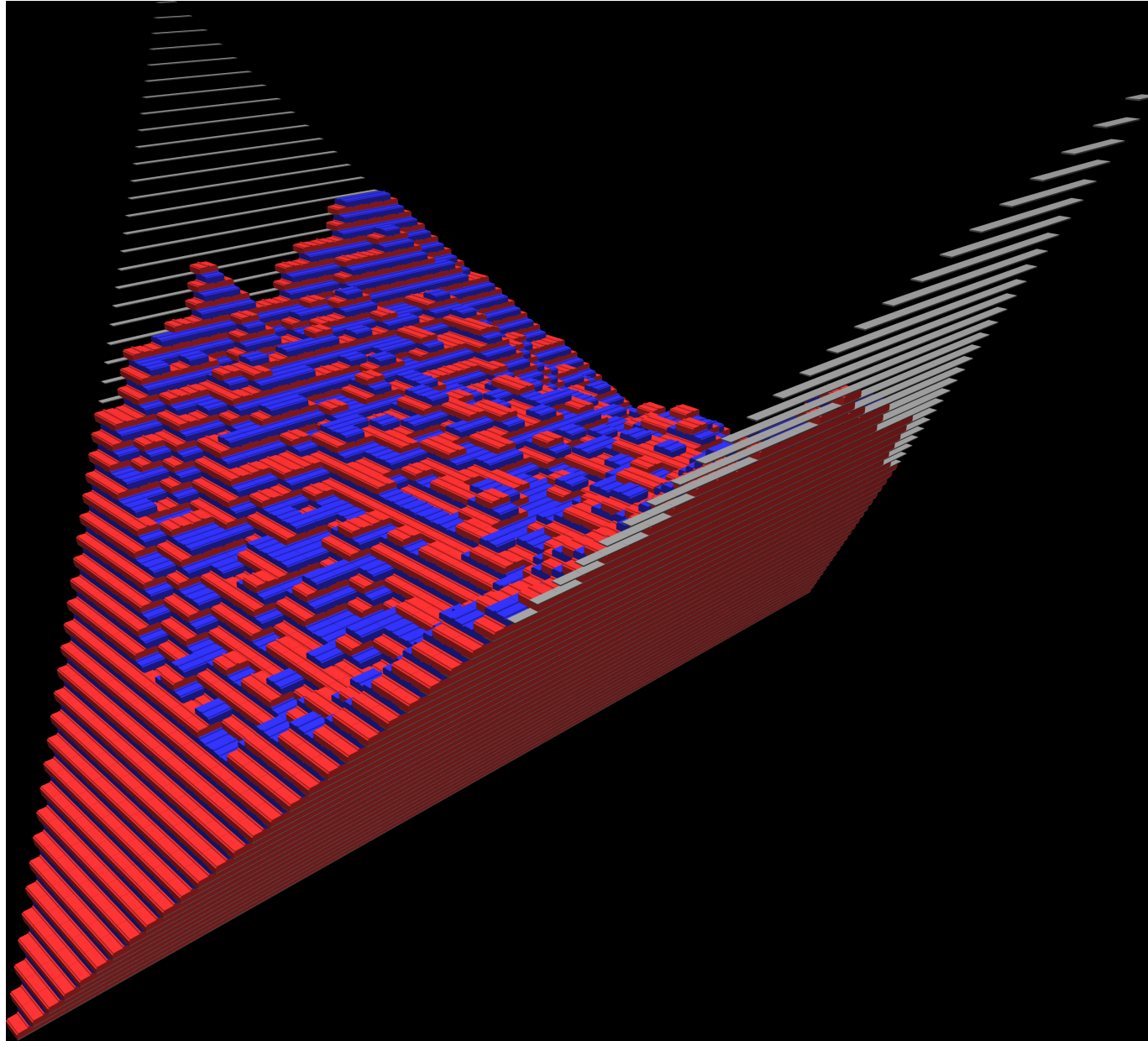


Example: $\ell = 2$
 $2^3 = 8$ tilings



- **Thm[EKLP92]:** The aztec diamond of size ℓ has $2^{\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2}}$ tilings

Domino tilings \leftrightarrow Piles of bricks



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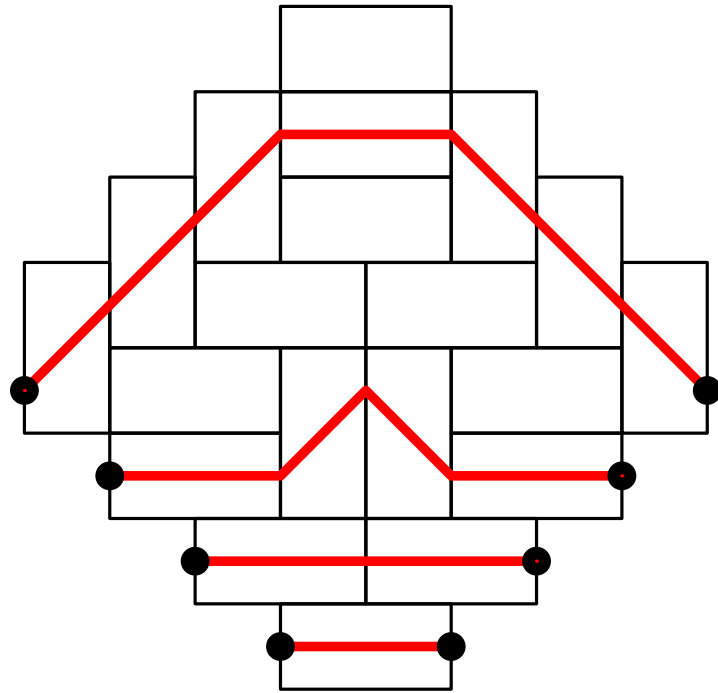
Flips \leftrightarrow Remove/add a brick

Height functions [Thurston]

Aztec diamond

[Eu et Fu 2005]

A_ℓ number of tilings of the diamond of size ℓ



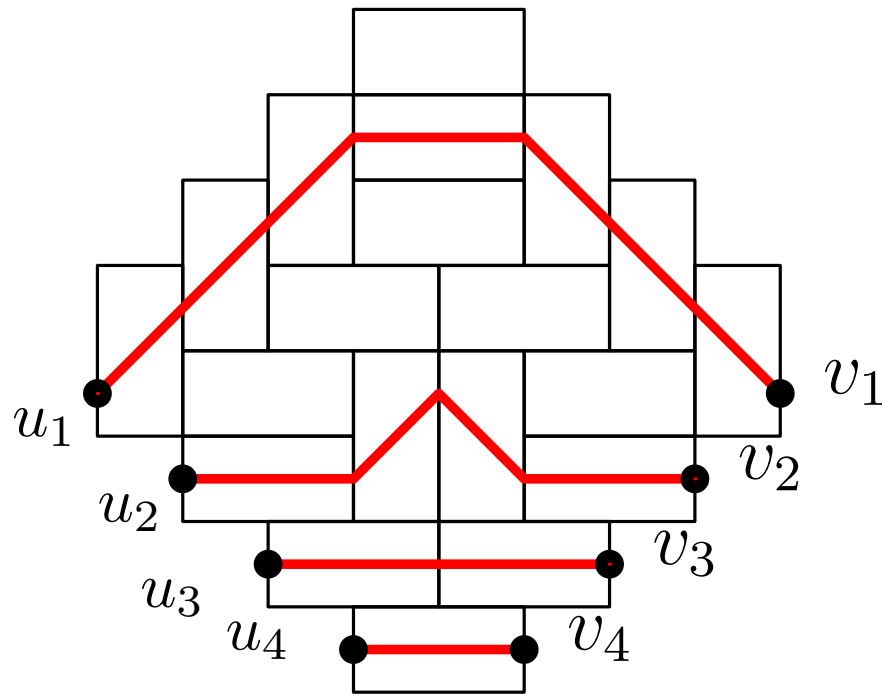
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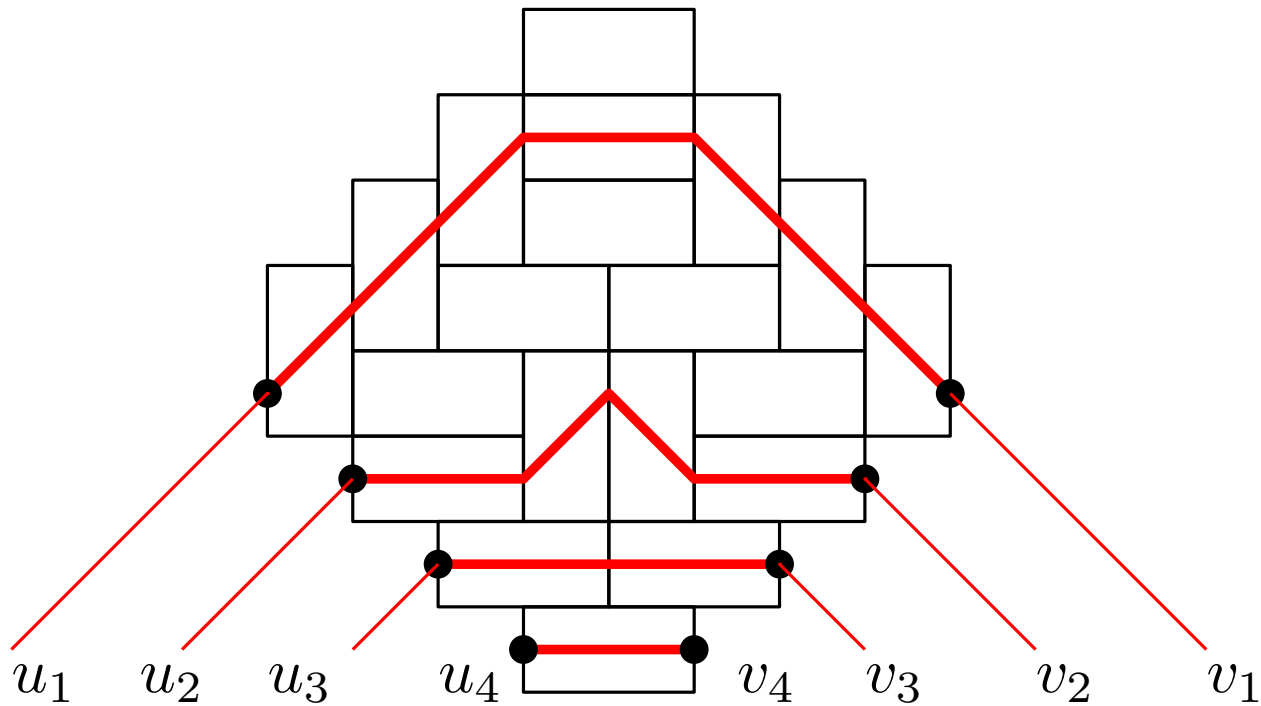
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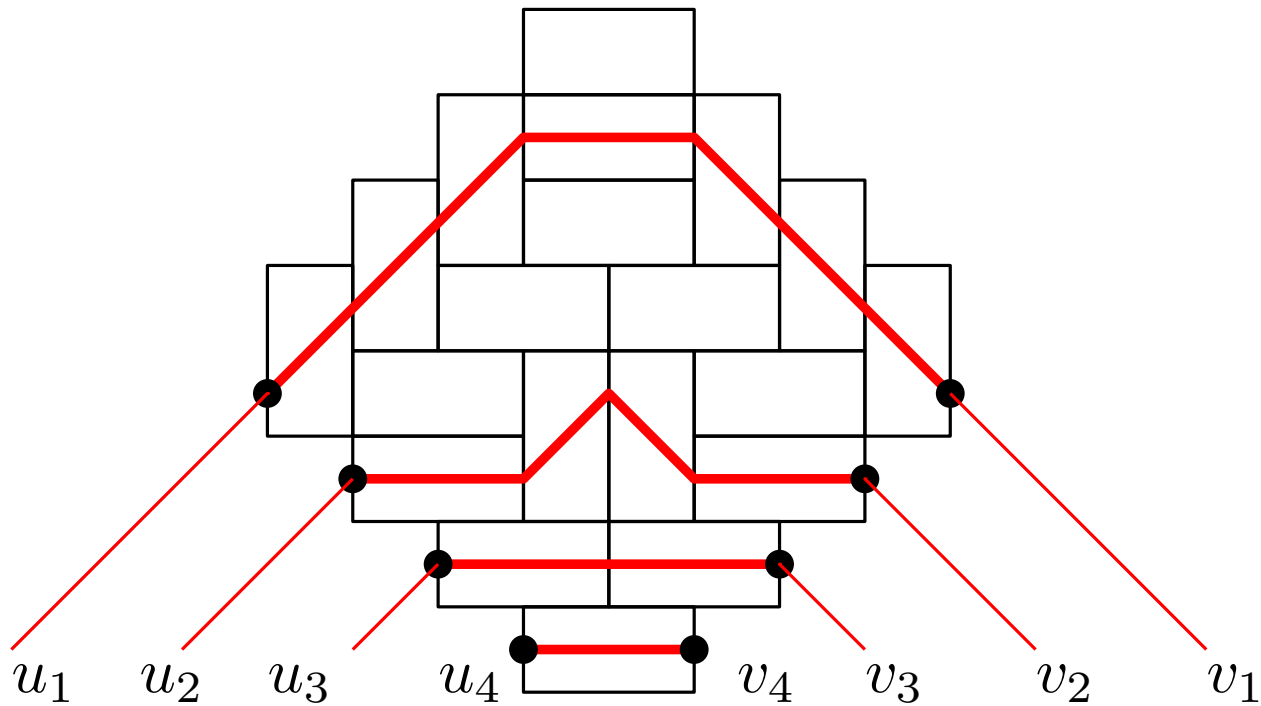
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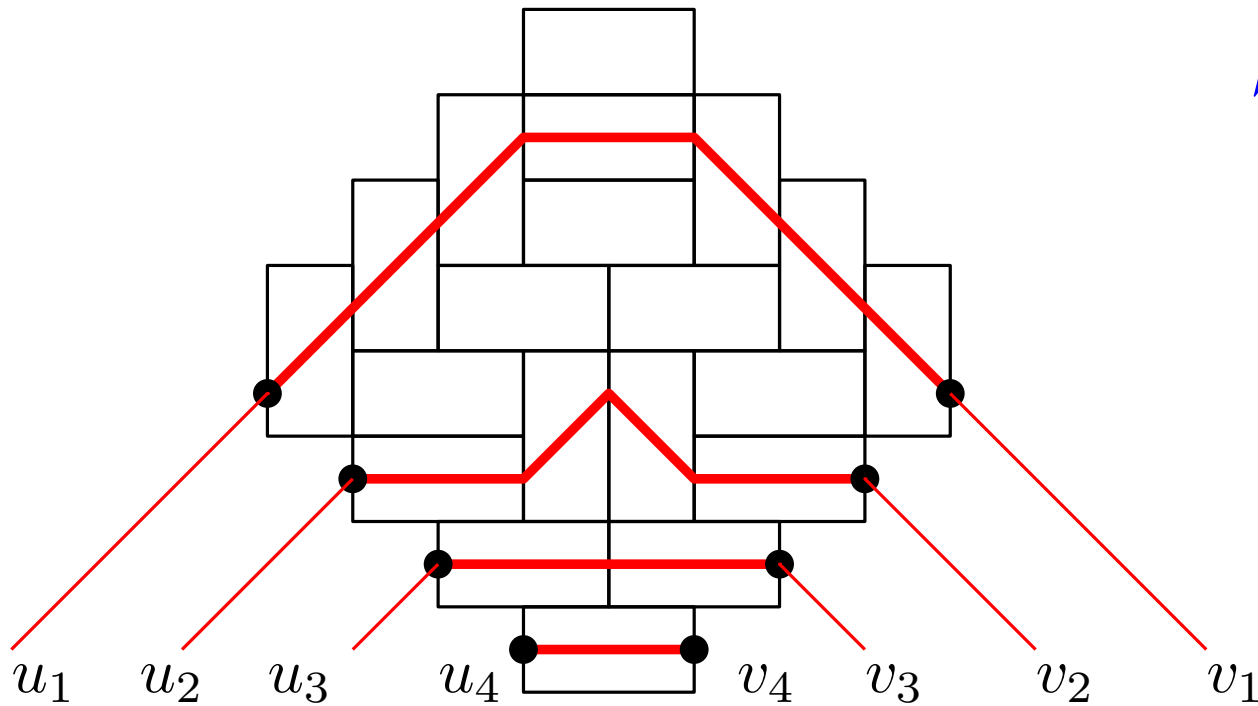
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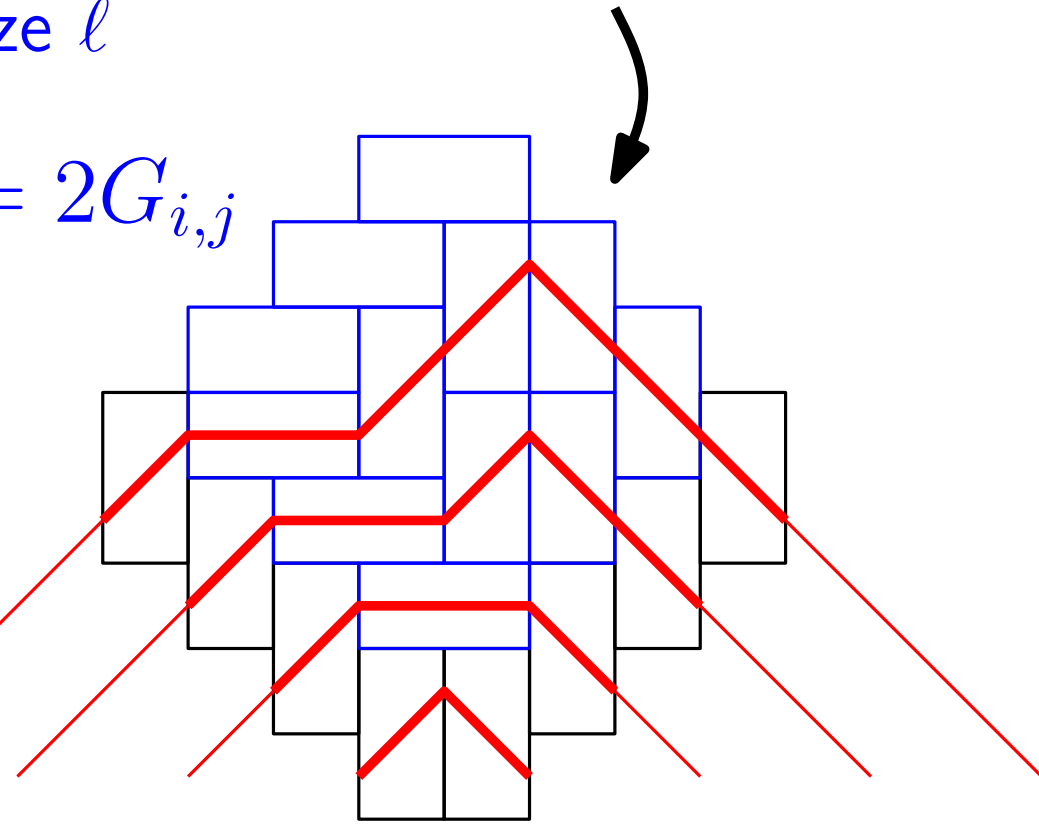
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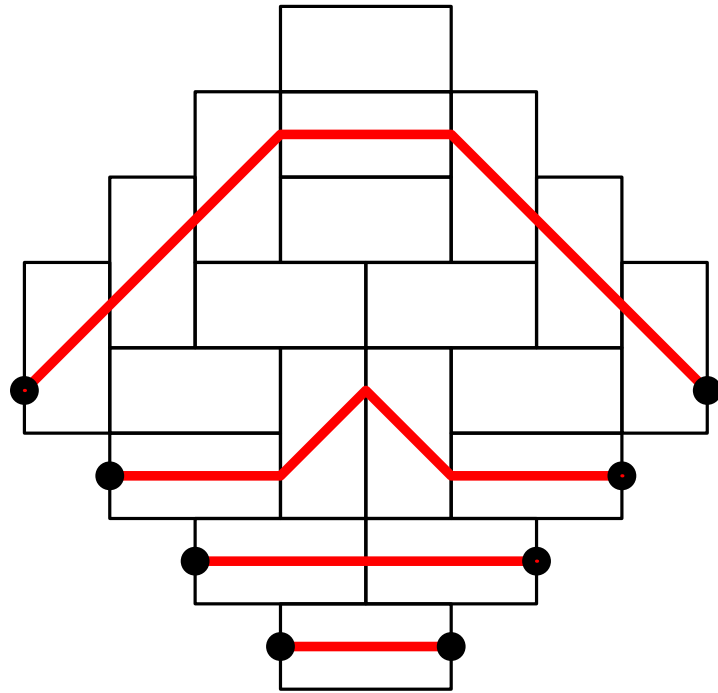
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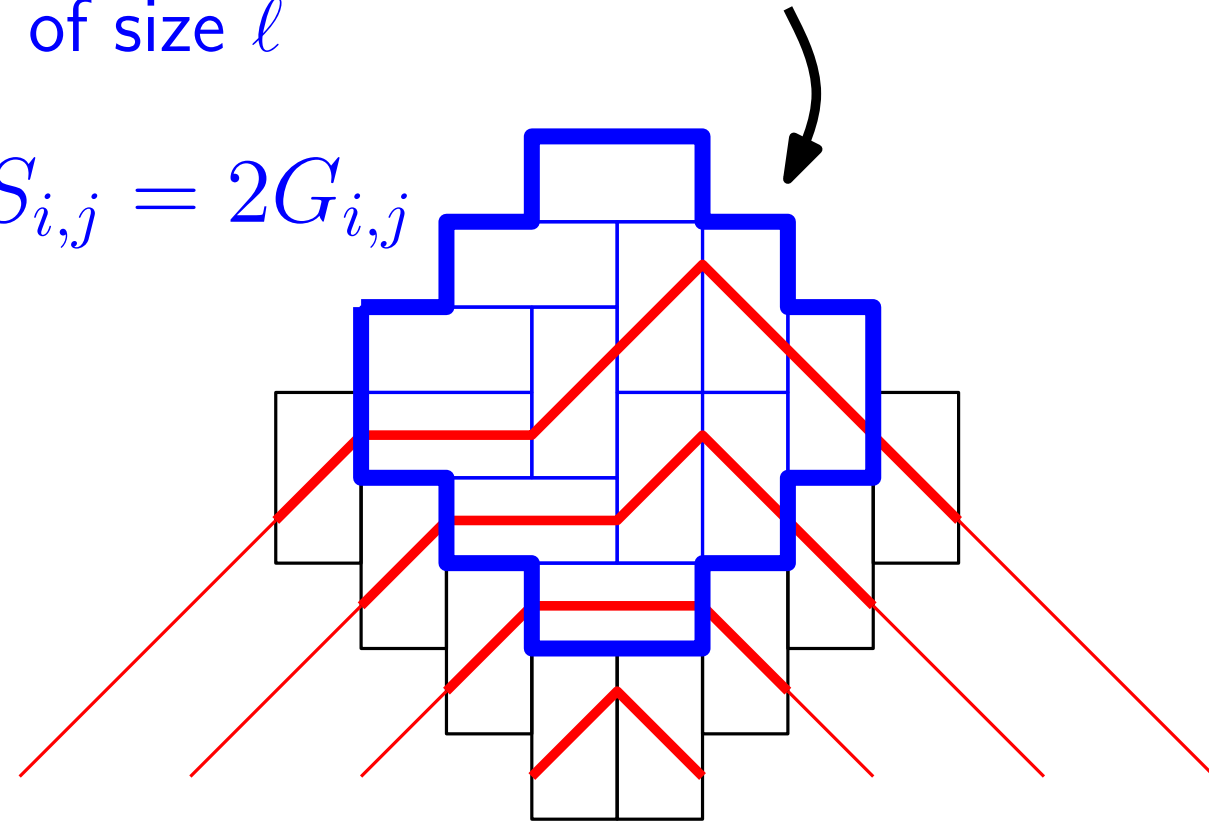
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$$A_\ell = 2^{\binom{\ell+1}{2}}$$

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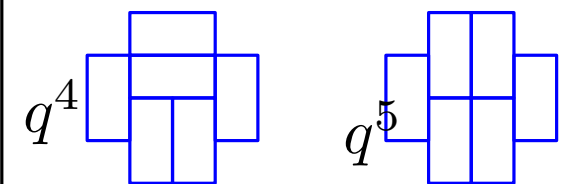
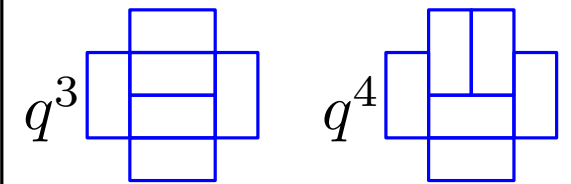
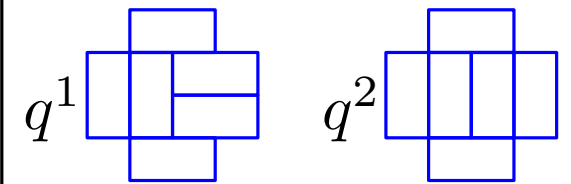
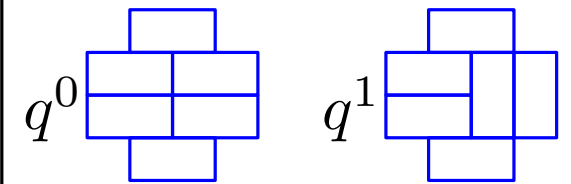
- Let P a tiling and let $h(P)$ be the minimal number of flips to obtain P from the tiling with horizontal tiles.

- **Thm[EKLP92]:** Tilings of the aztec diamond on size ℓ

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Example: $\ell = 2$



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Aztec diamond

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- Thm[EKLP92]:** Tilings of the aztec diamond on size n

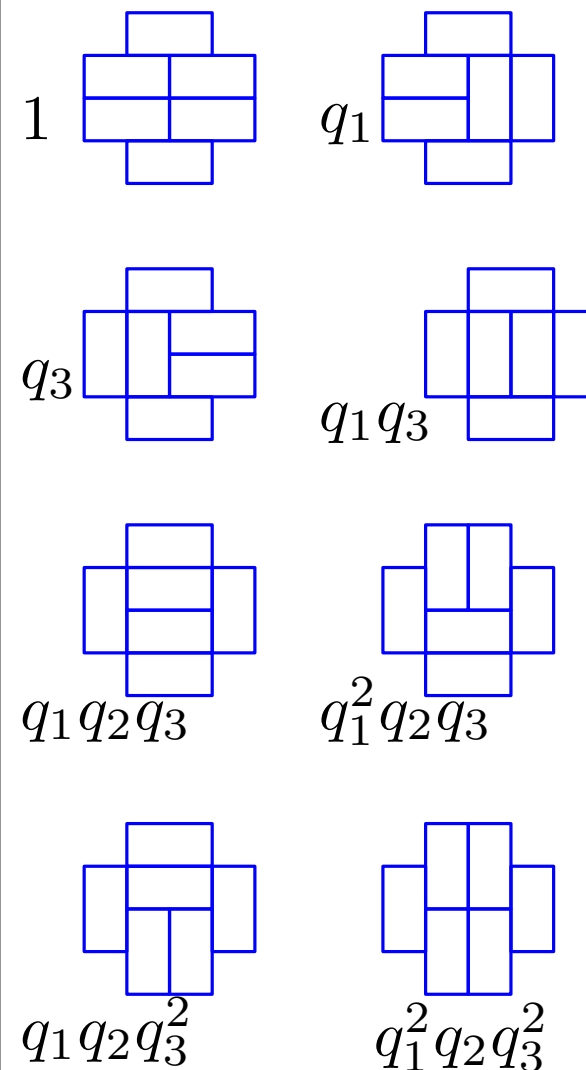
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- Thm[Stanley]:** If q_i counts the flips on the diagonal $y = x - i$

$$\sum_P \prod_i q_i^{\text{flips sur } y=x-i} = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq \ell} (1 + q_{2i-1} \cdots q_{2j-1})$$

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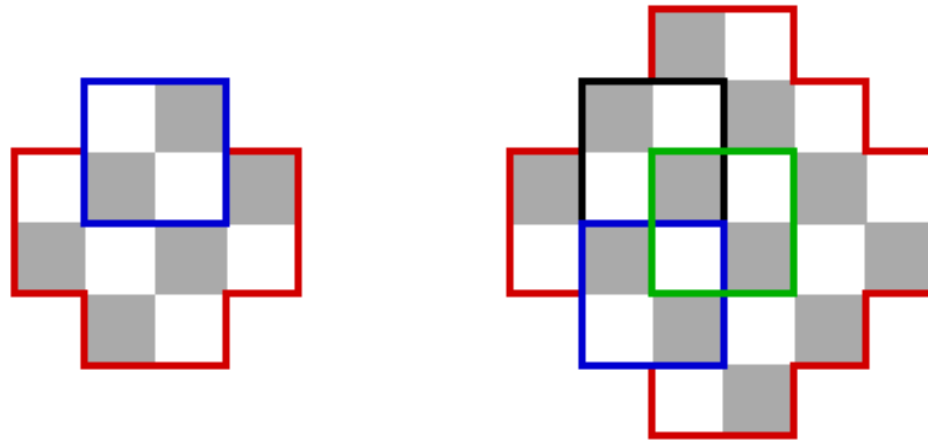
$$= (1 + q_1)(1 + q_1 q_2 q_3)(1 + q_3)$$

How can we generate randomly a tiling?

Shuffling algorithm [EKLP 92]

Get a tiling of size n from a tiling of size $\ell - 1$ and ℓ bits

Cell : 2×2 square

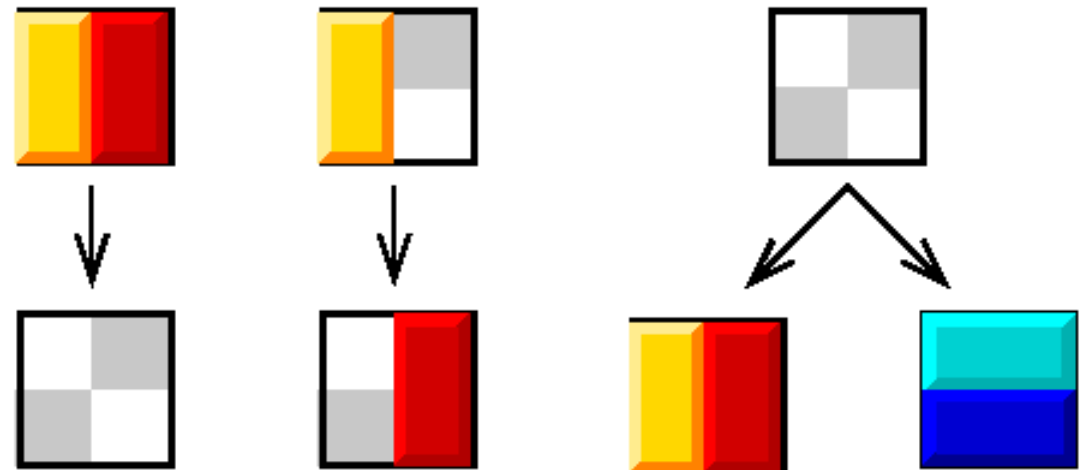


Active cell: up left square is white (ℓ even) grey (ℓ odd)

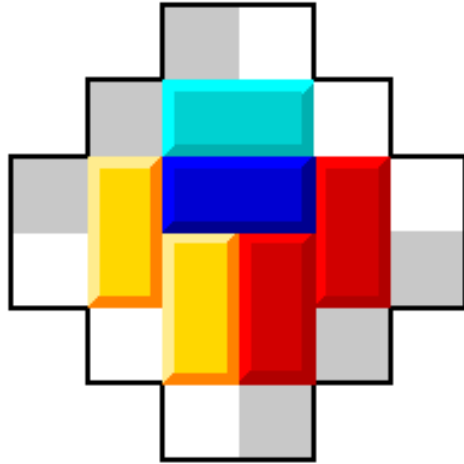
A cell has 2 dominos: erase

A cell has one domino: move it to the other side

A cell has no domino: flip a coin



Example $\ell = 3$



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Movie!

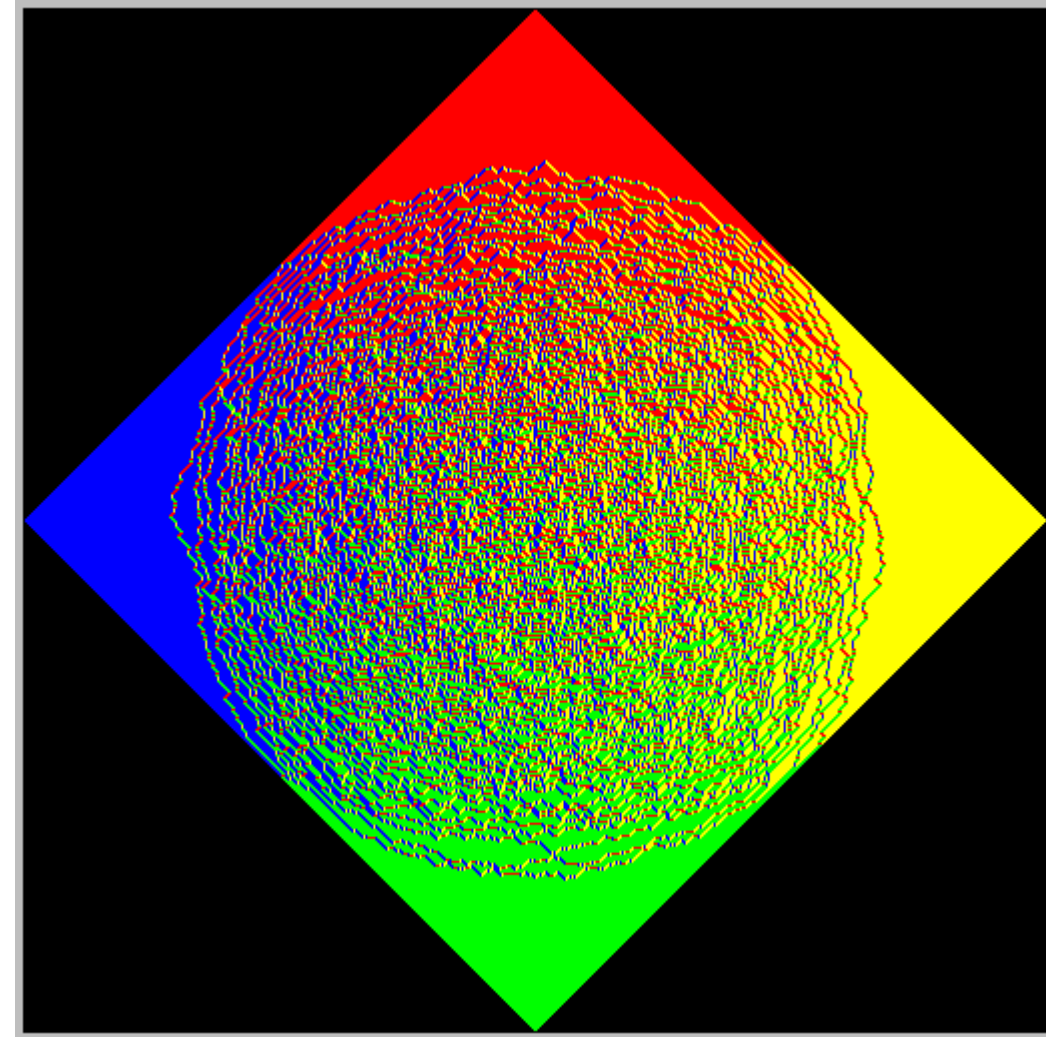
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Aztec diamond: arctic circle

- When ℓ is big how does a randomly chosen tiling look like?

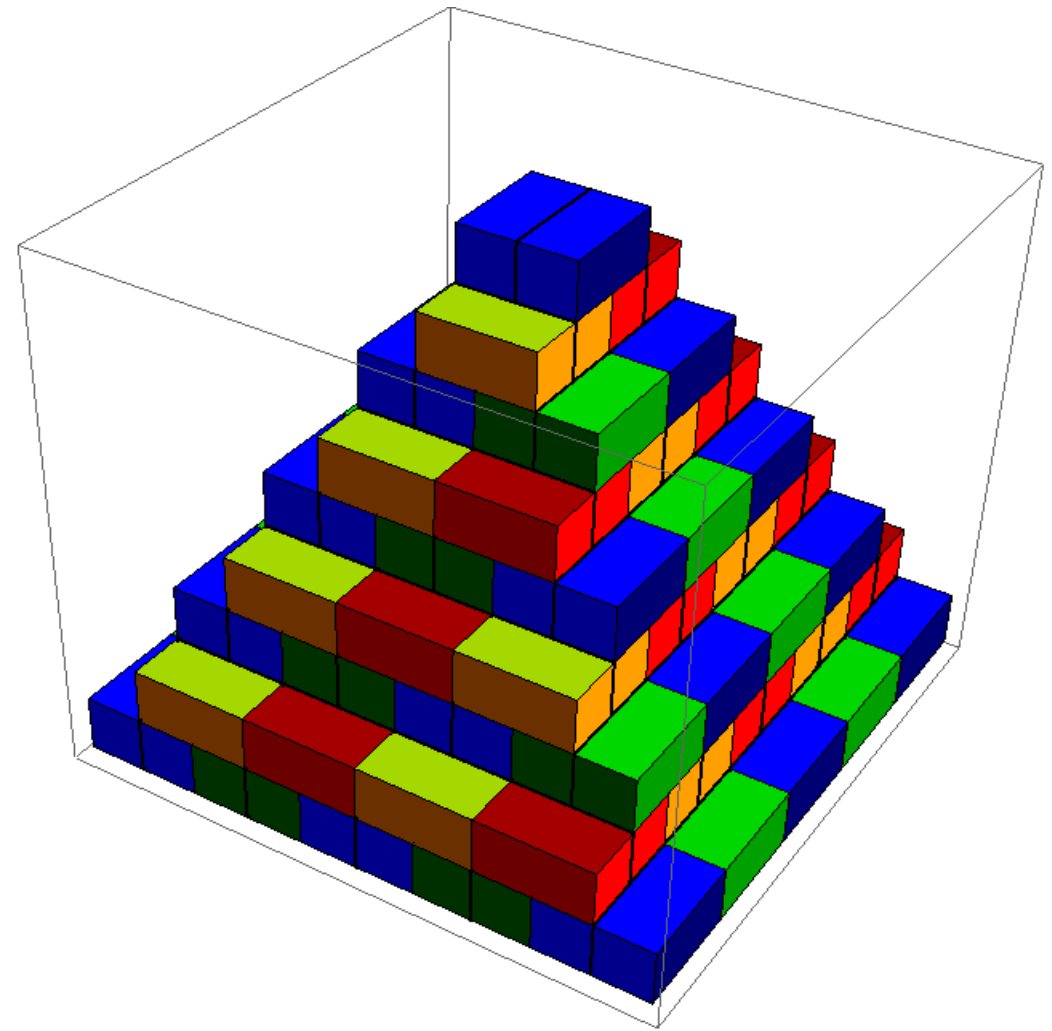
• Thm[Jockusch-Propp-Shor 95] **The arctic circle theorem:** A random tiling of a large Aztec diamond tends to be frozen outside a certain circle.

- Fluctuations [Johansson 05] (Airy process).
- Inverse of the Kasteleyn matrix [Chhita and Young 13]



Pyramid partitions

[Szendrői] [Kenyon], [Young, 2006]:

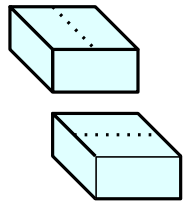


a_n number of configurations after taking off n bricks

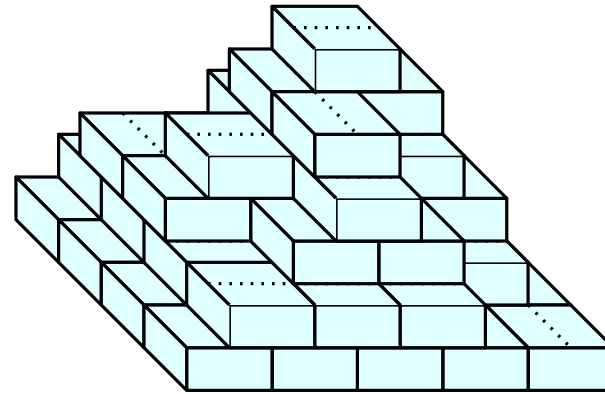
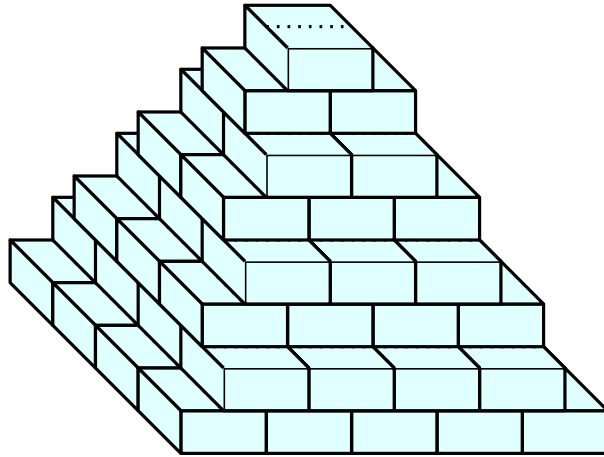
$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, a_3 = 5 \dots$$

Pyramid partitions

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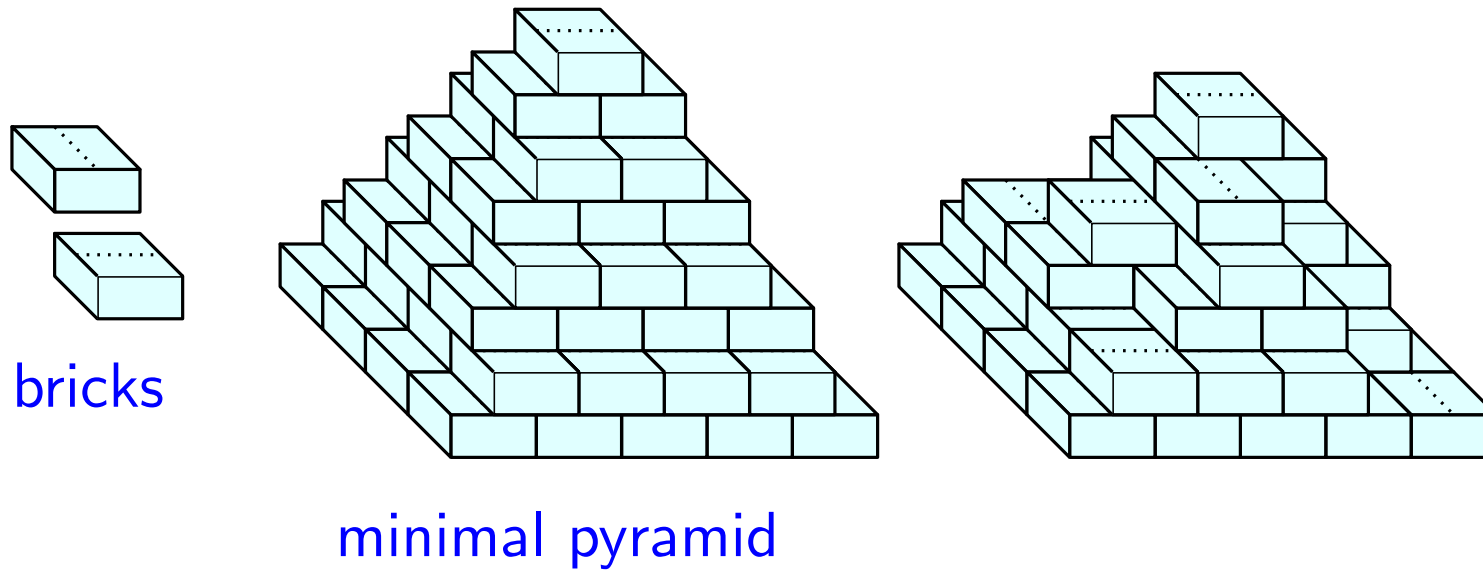


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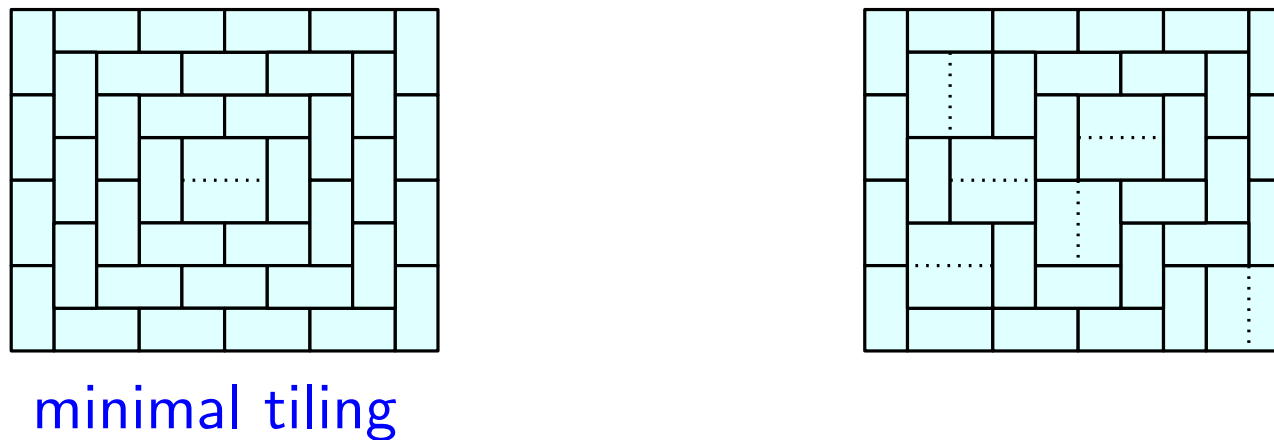


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- From the top: domino tilings of the whole plane!

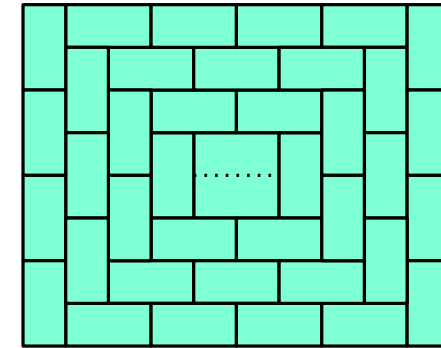
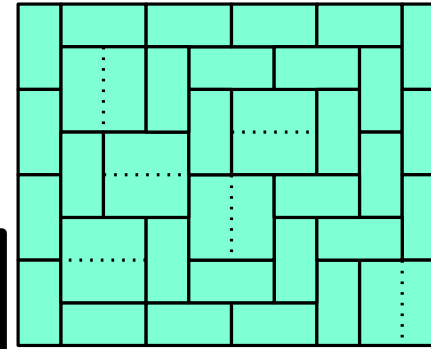


a_n : number of tilings after n flips

Pyramid partitions

- Thm[Young 06]: Generating function

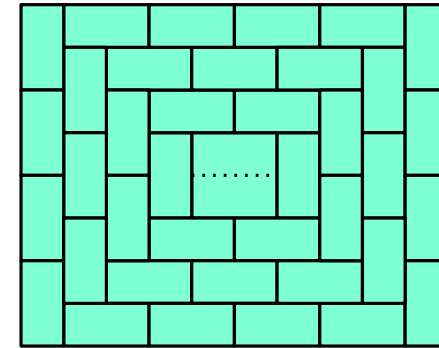
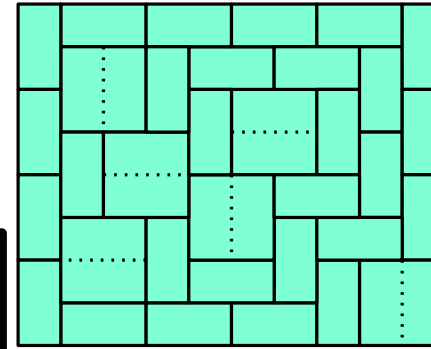
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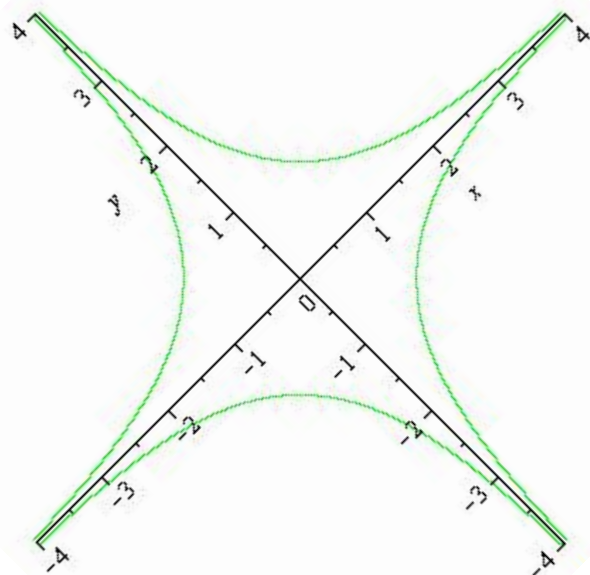
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- limit shape

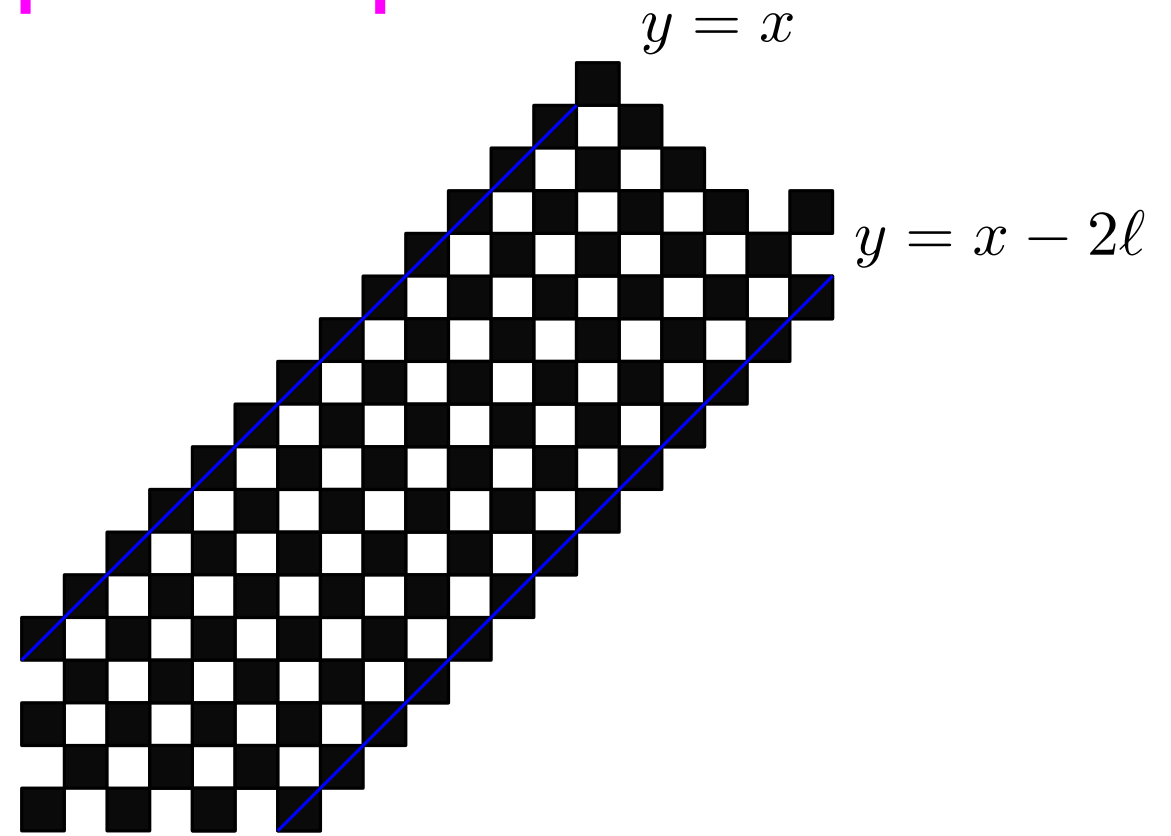


[Kenyon-Okounkov-Sheffield 03]

2. Steep tilings

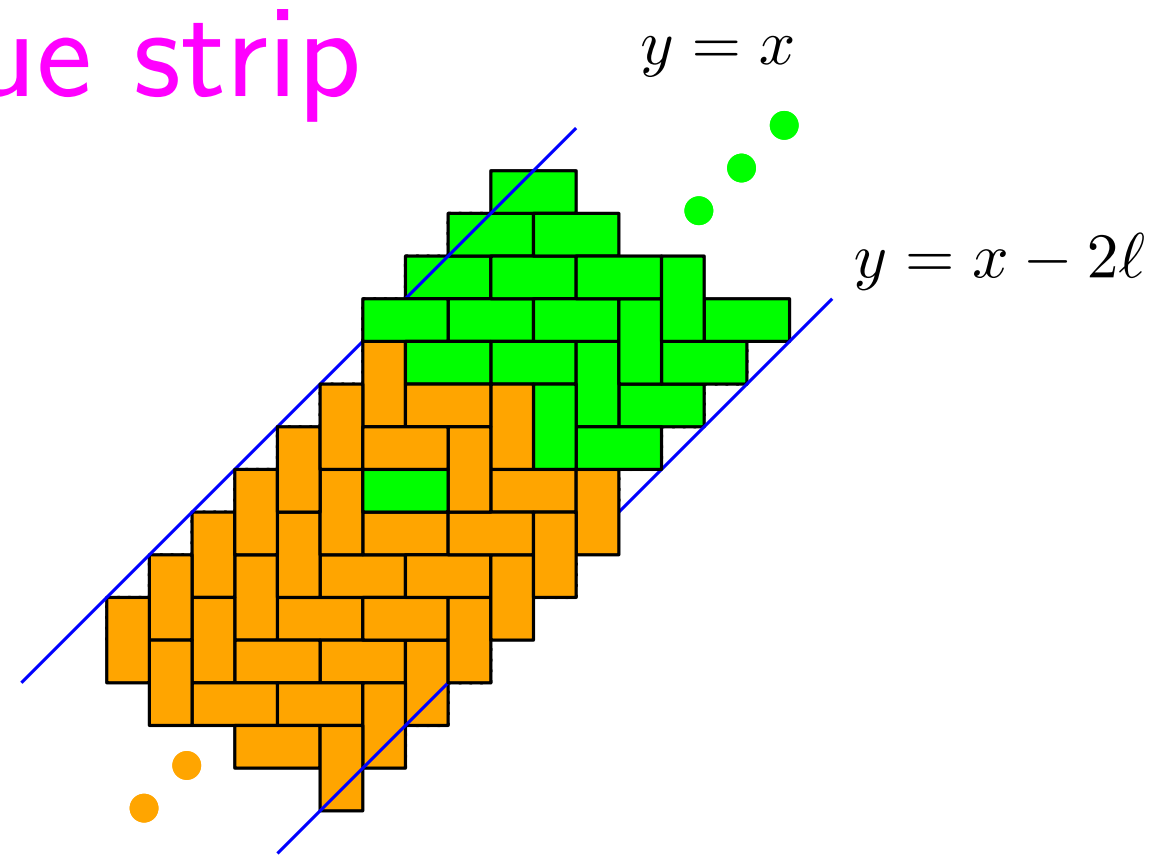
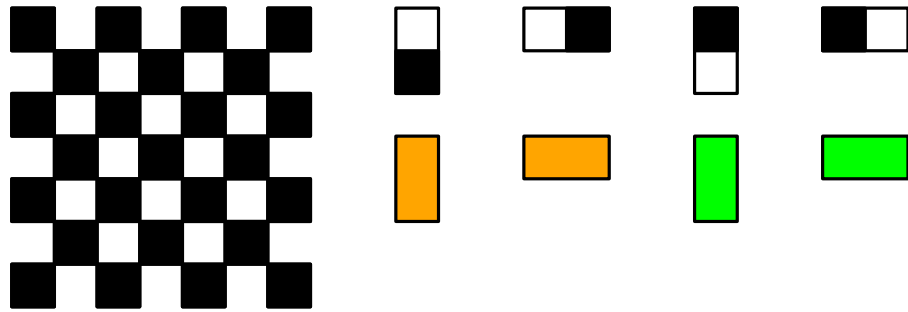
Steep tilings in an oblique strip

- Oblique strip of width 2ℓ



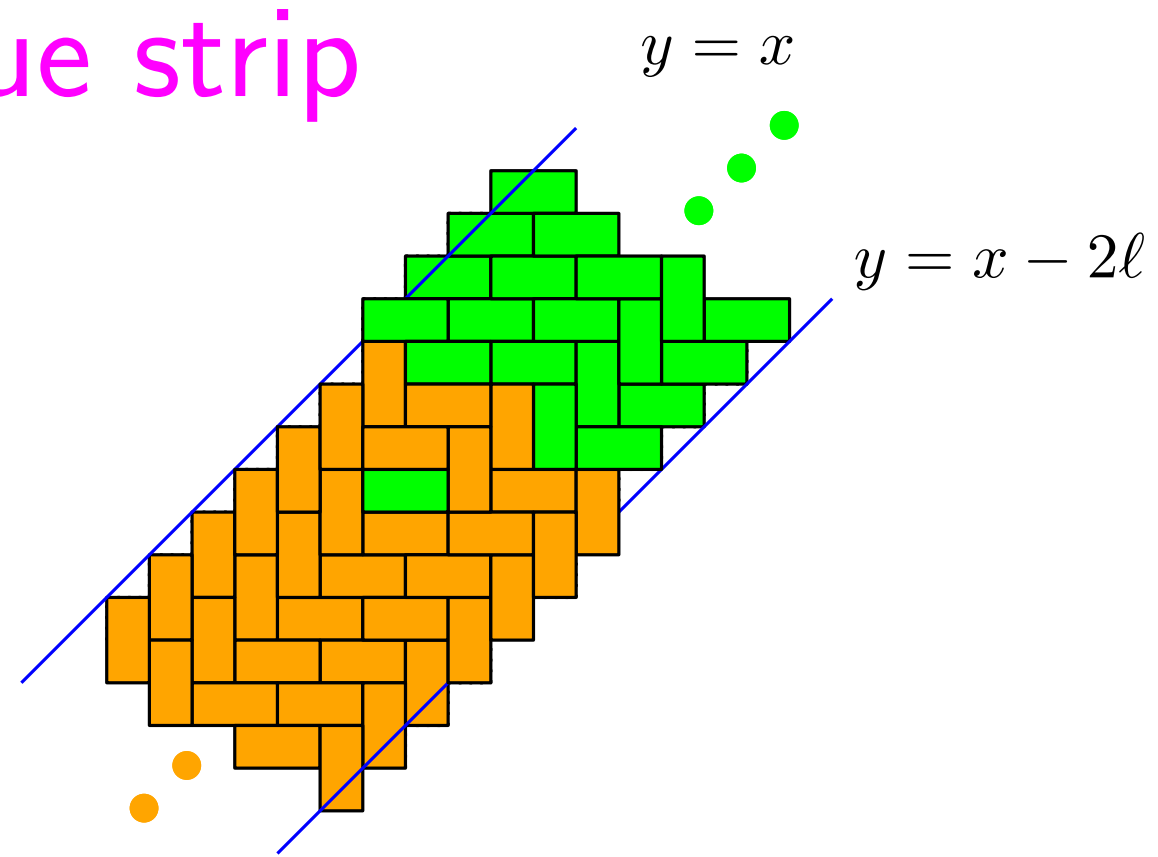
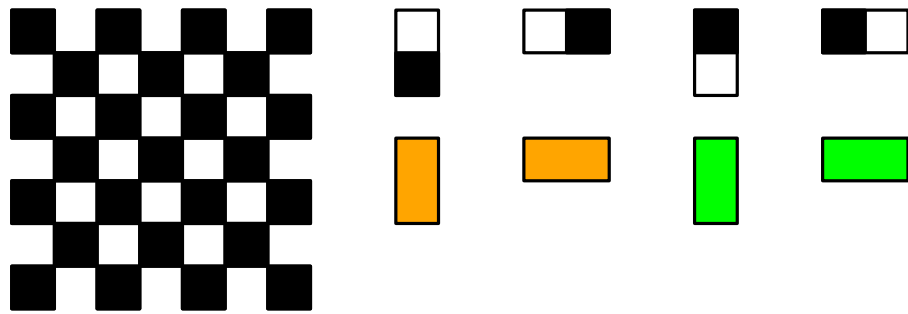
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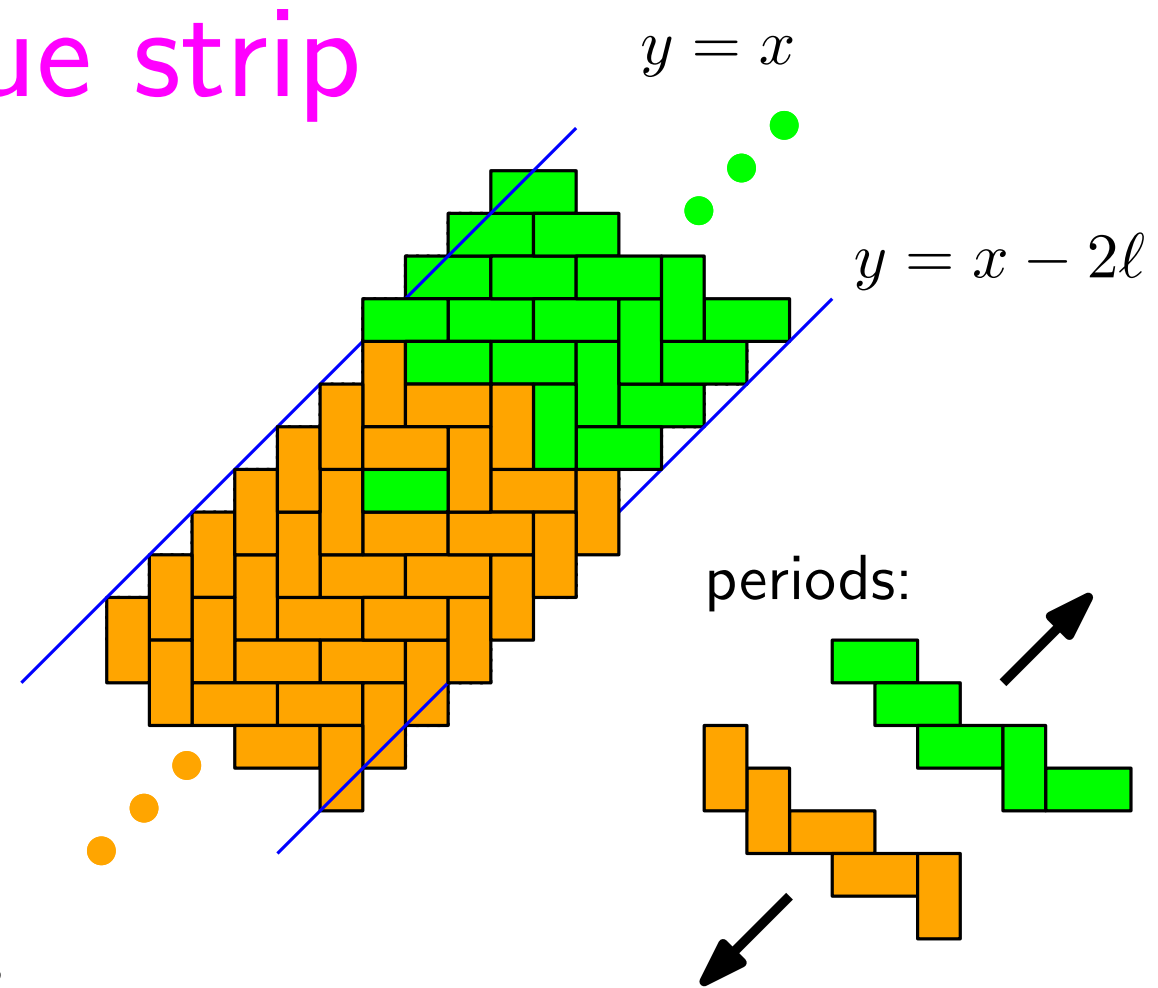
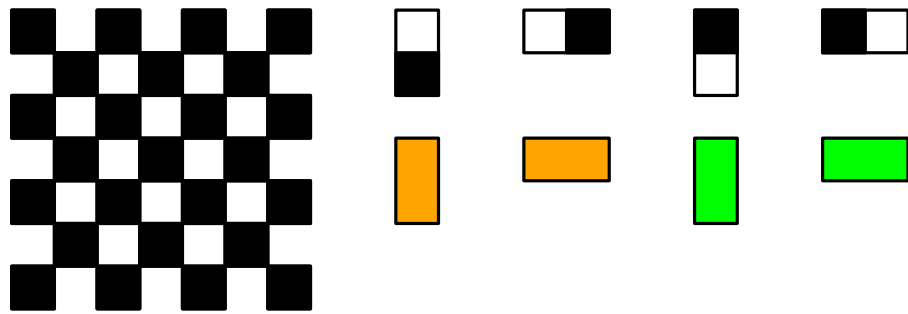
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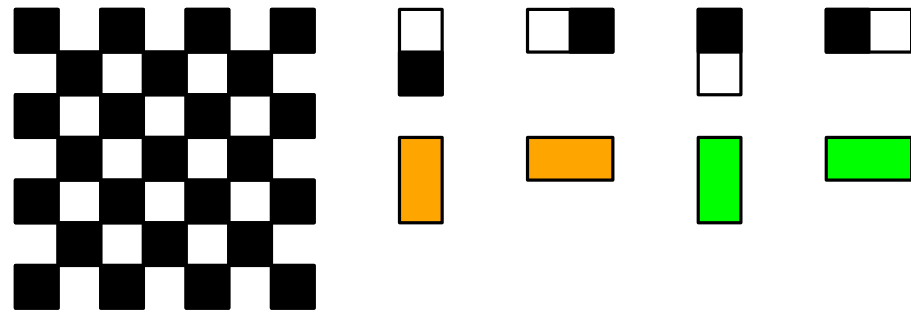


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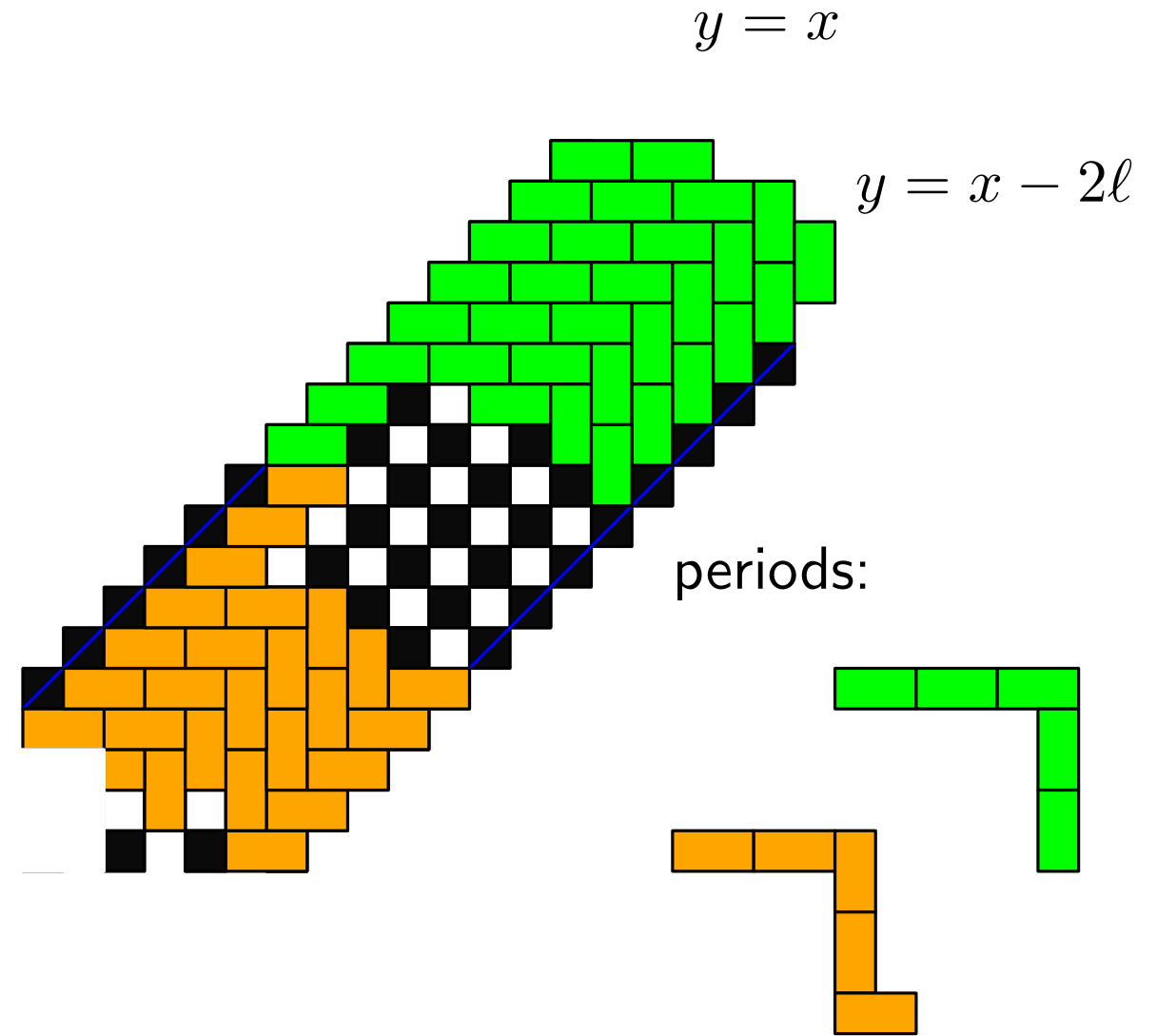
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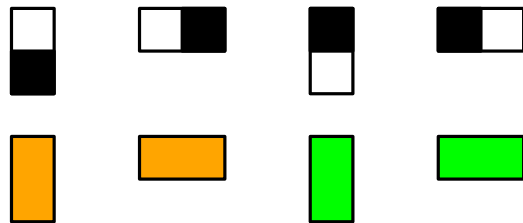
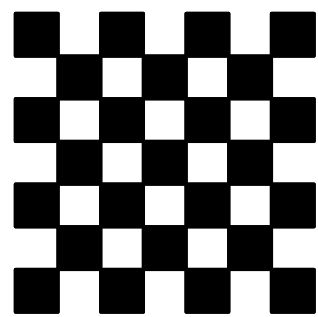


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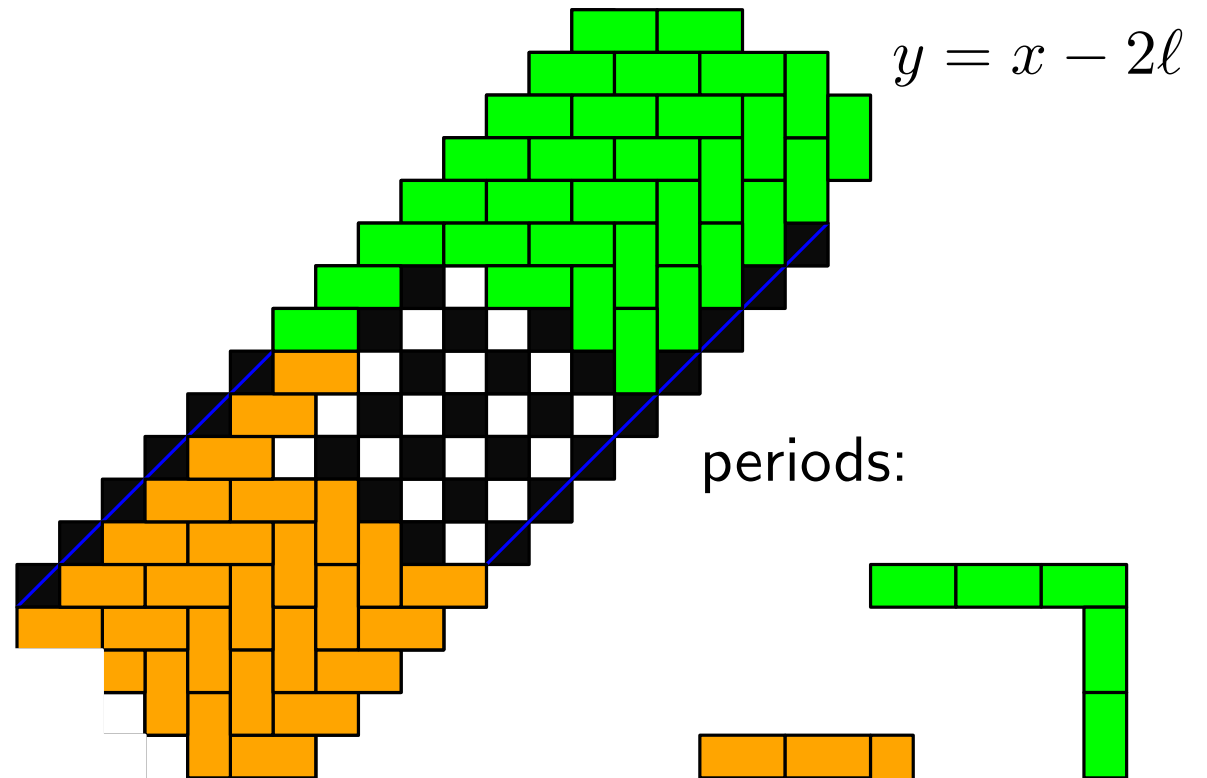
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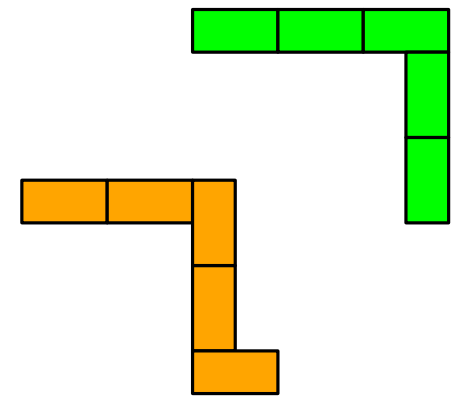


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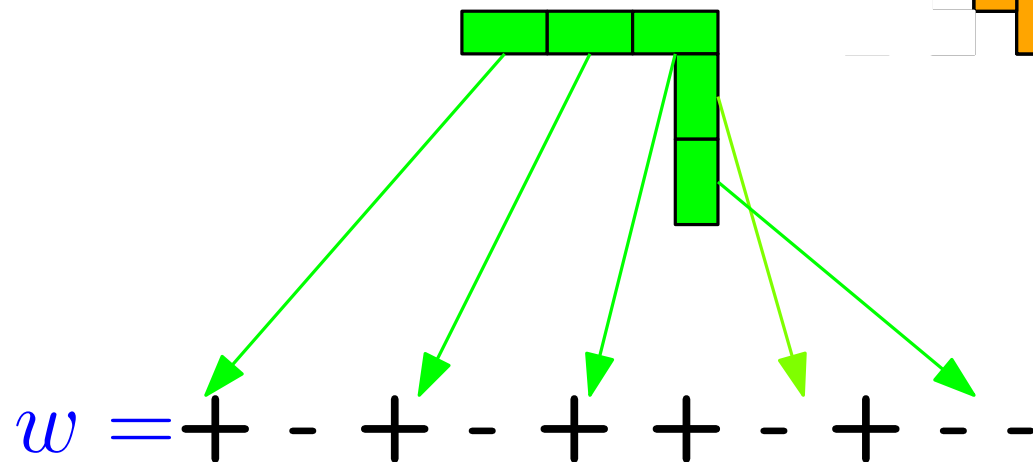
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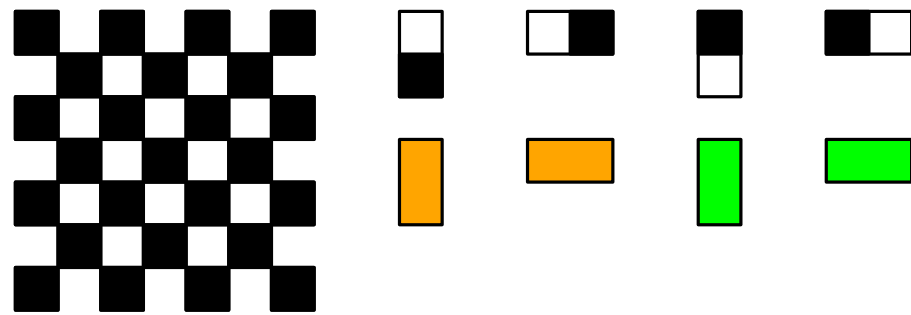


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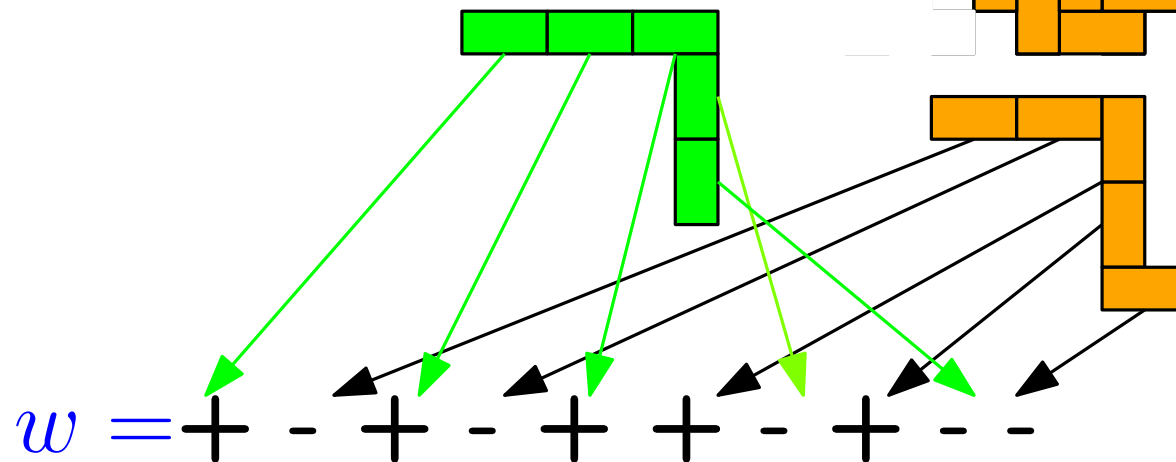


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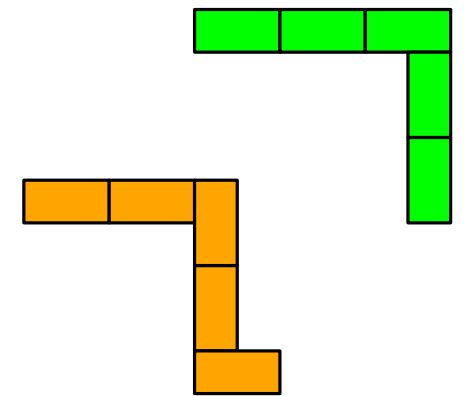
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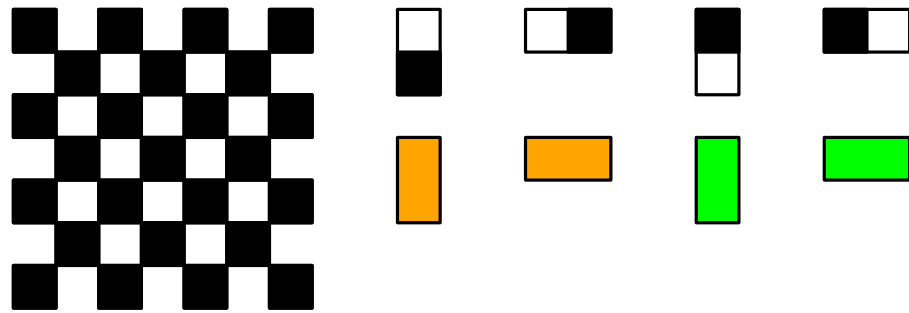
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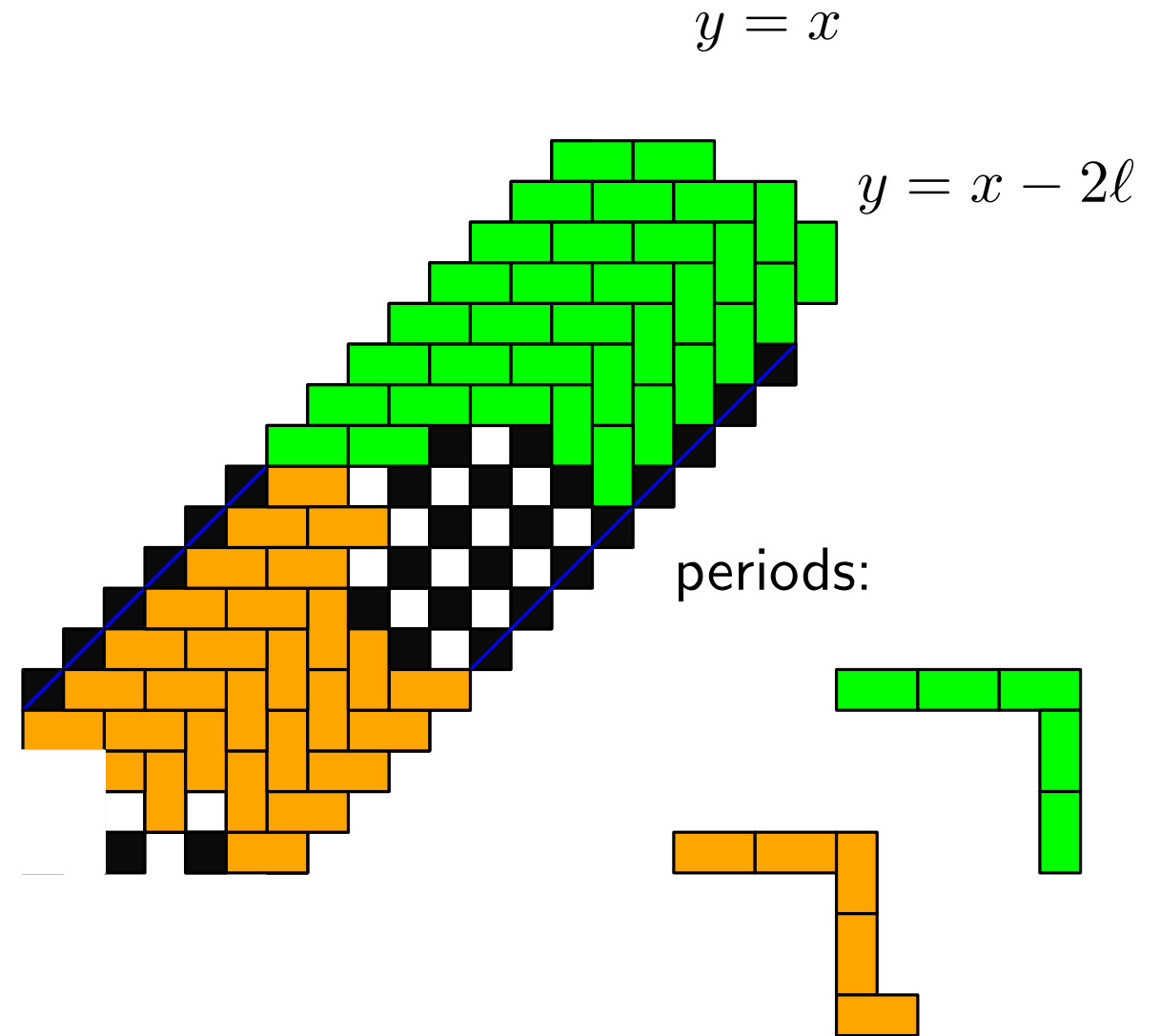


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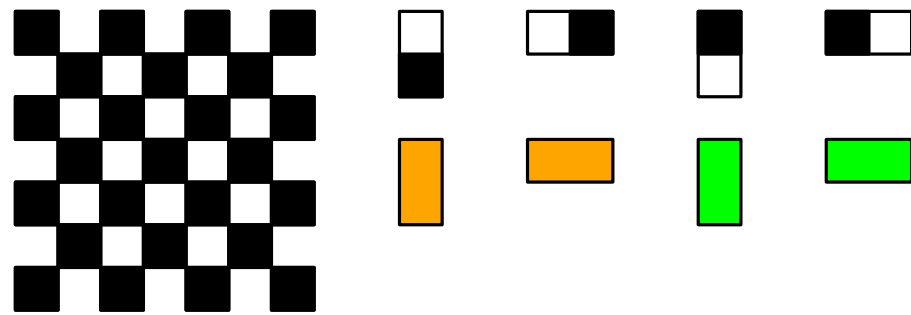


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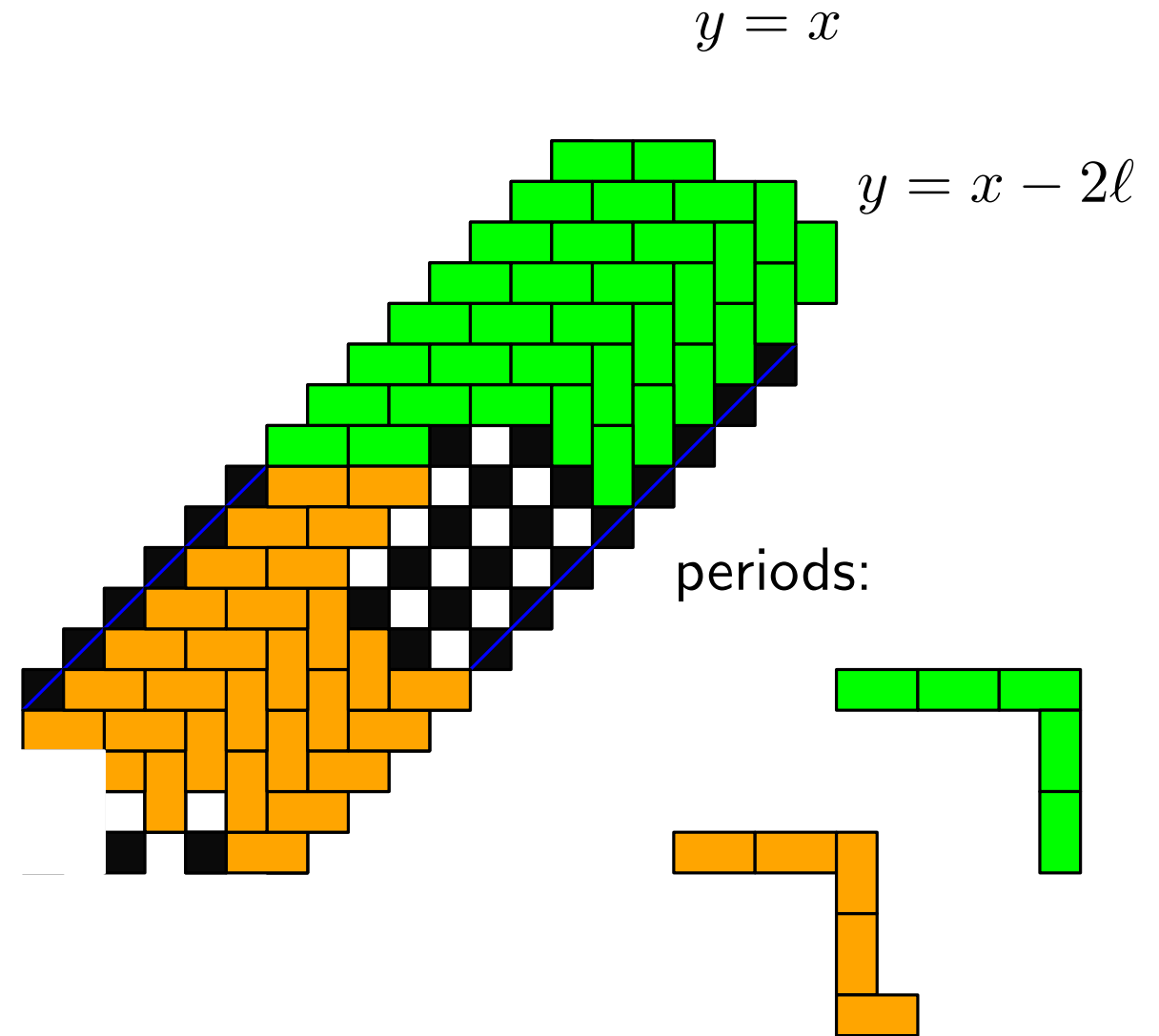


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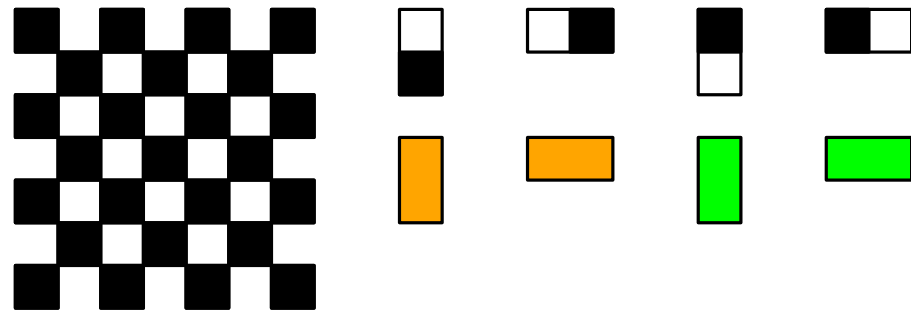


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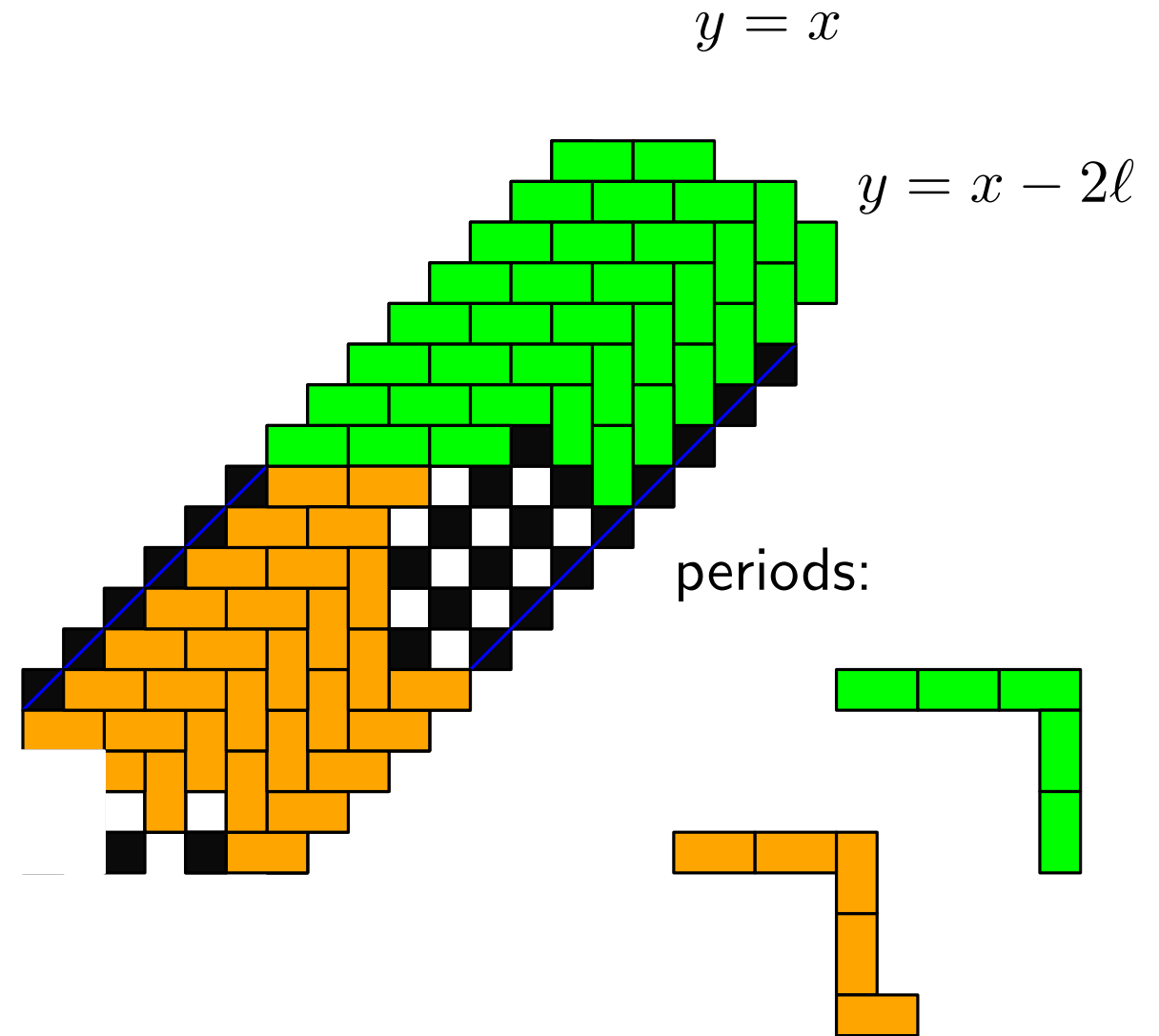


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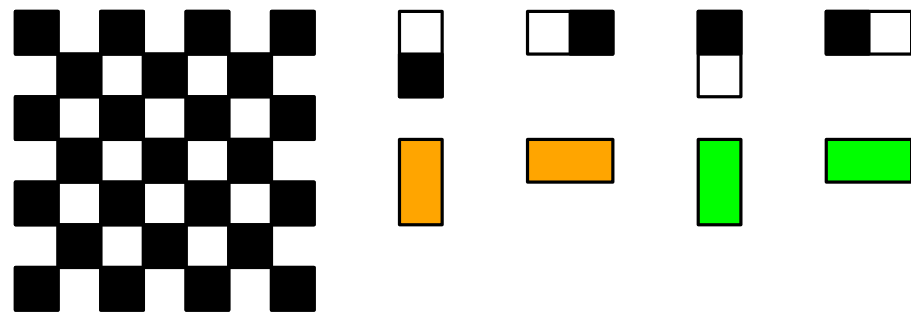


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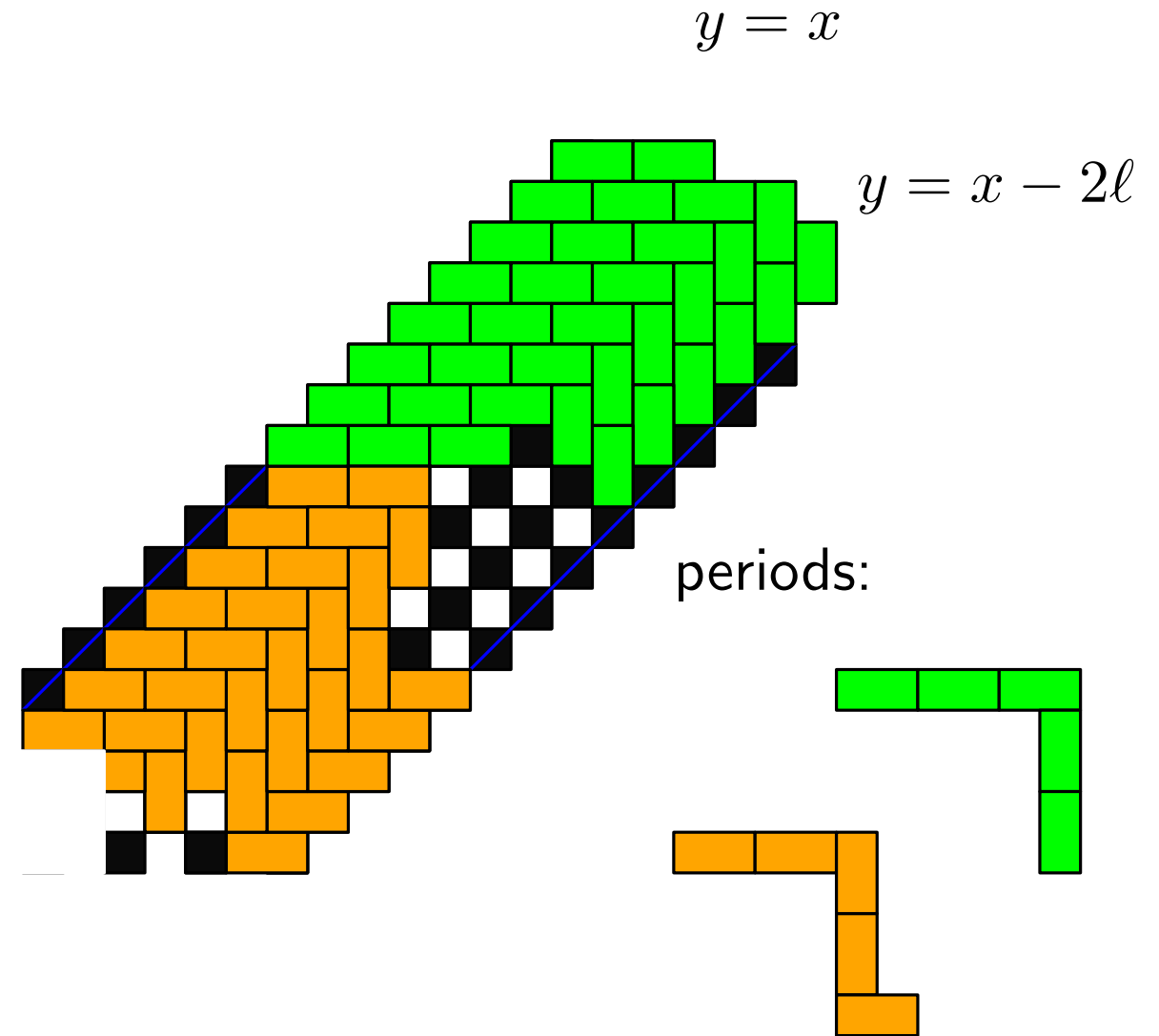


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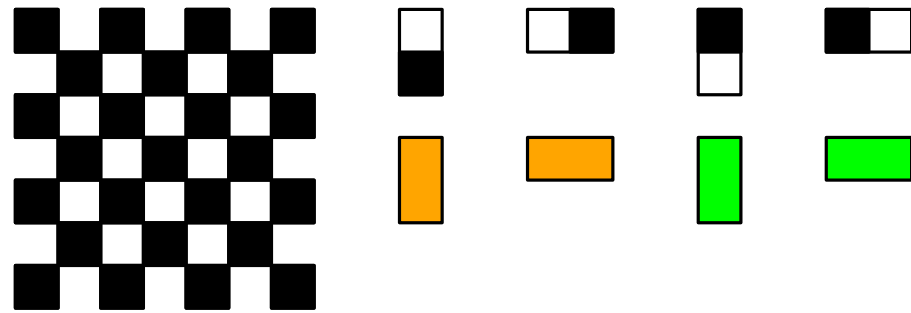


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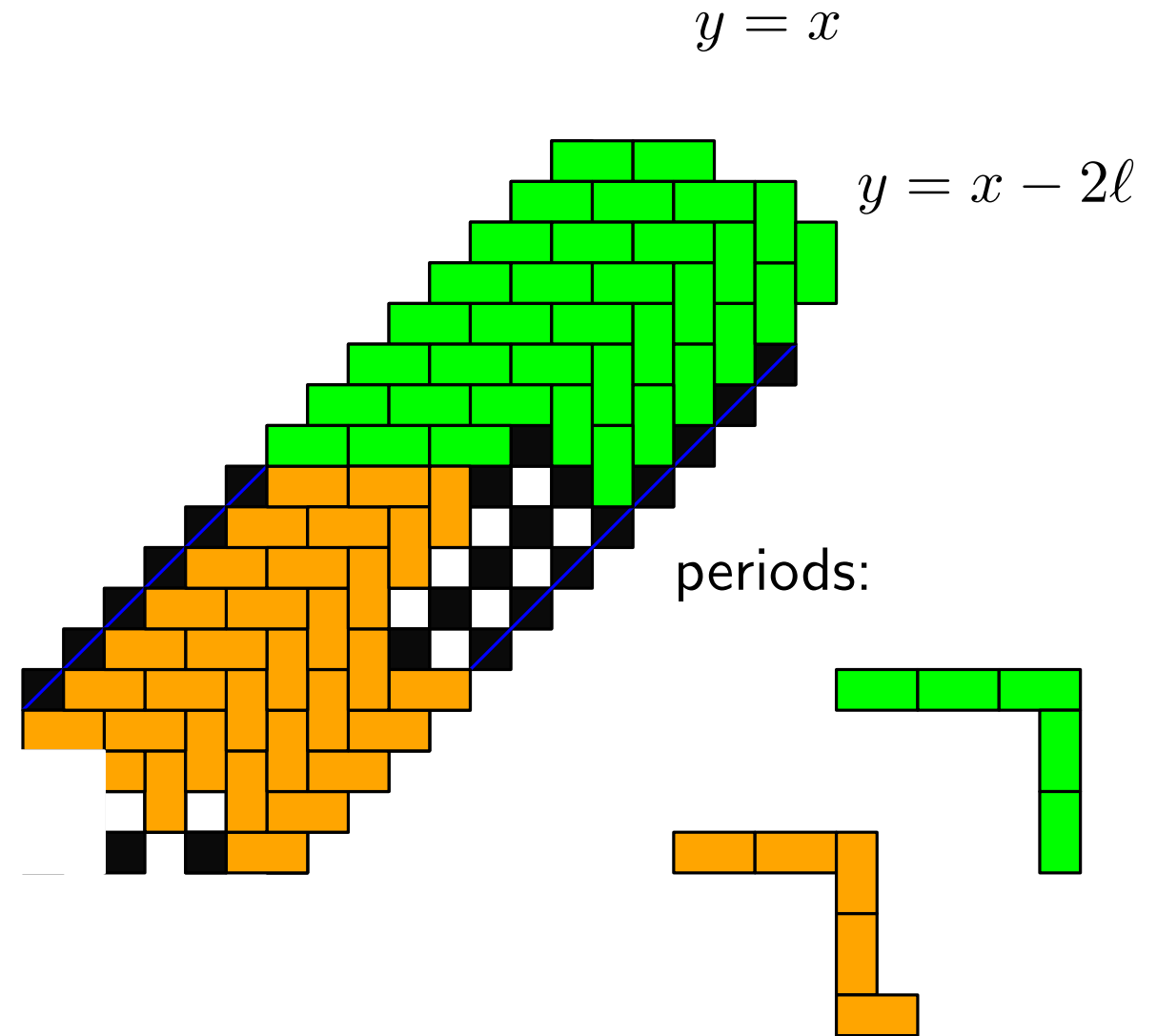


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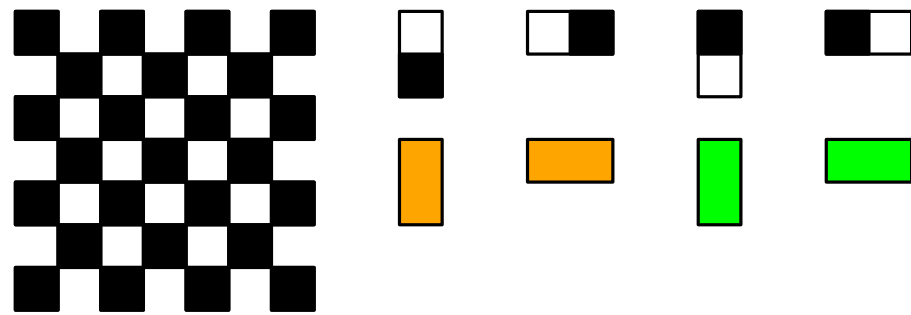


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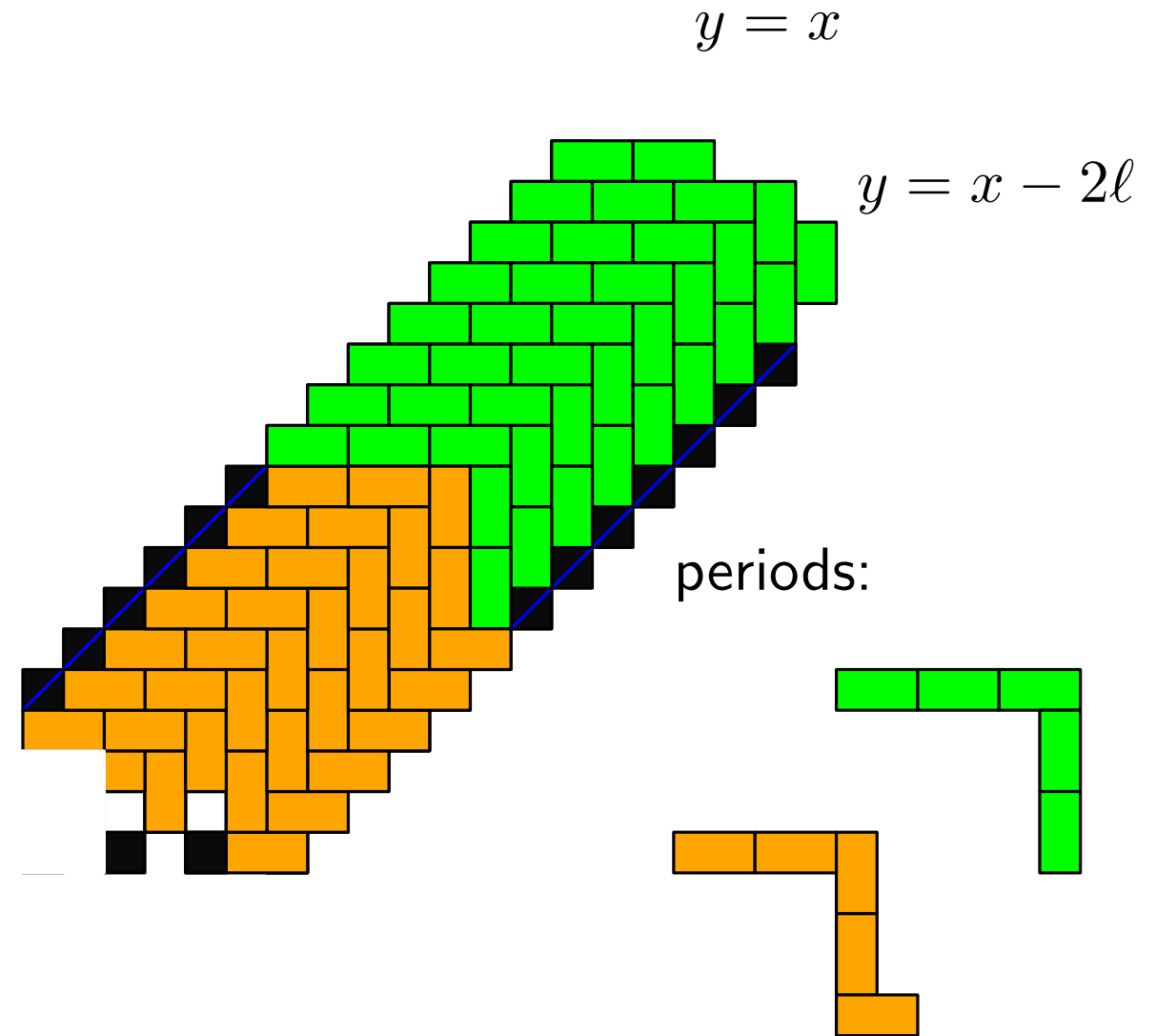


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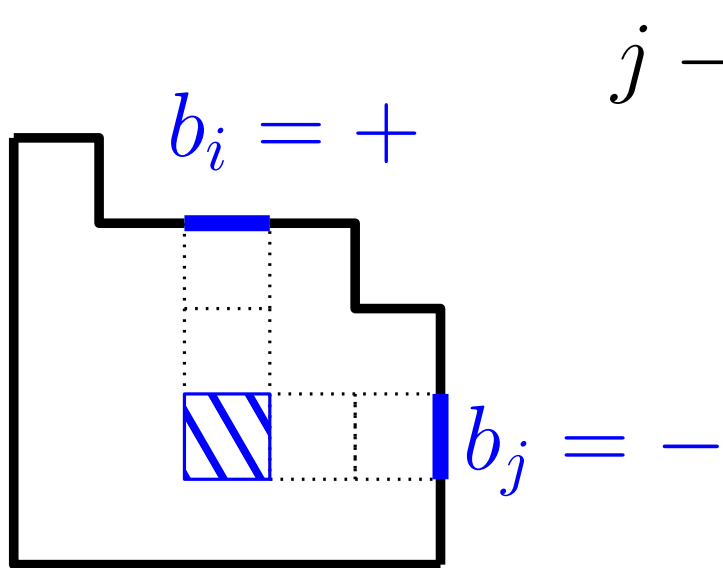
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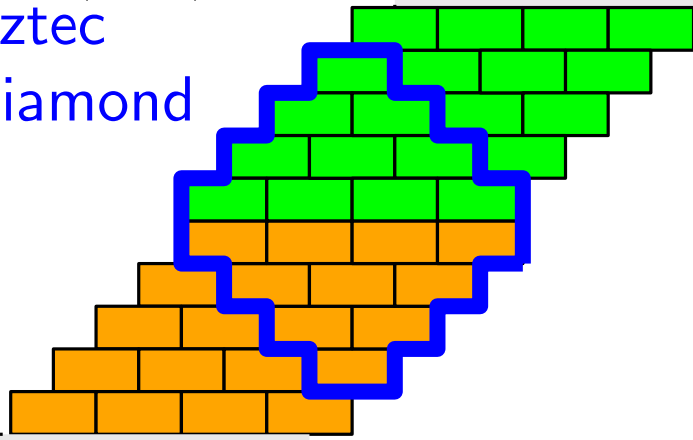
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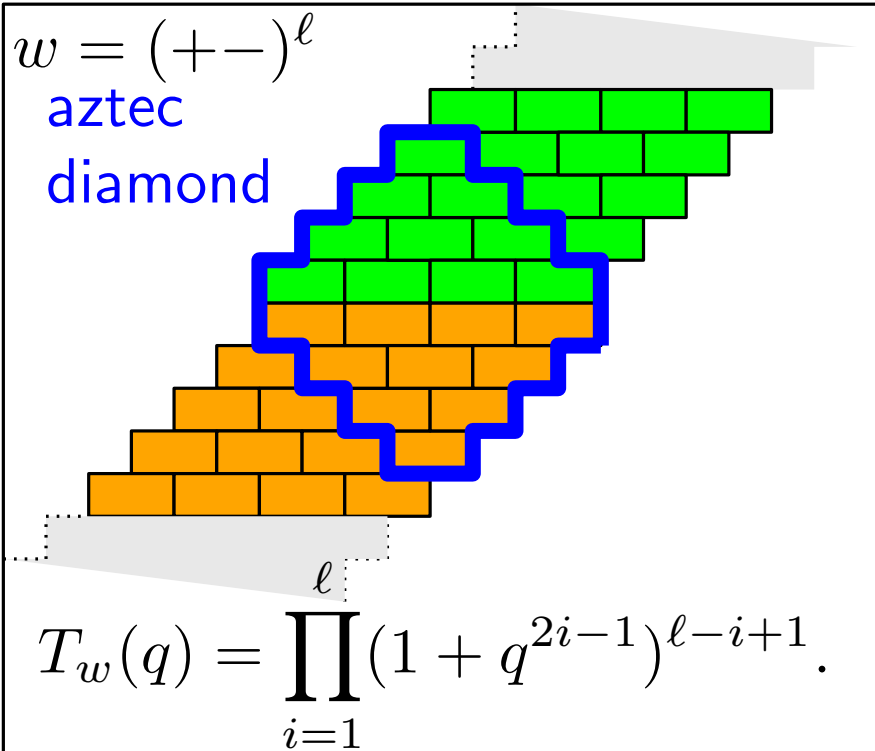
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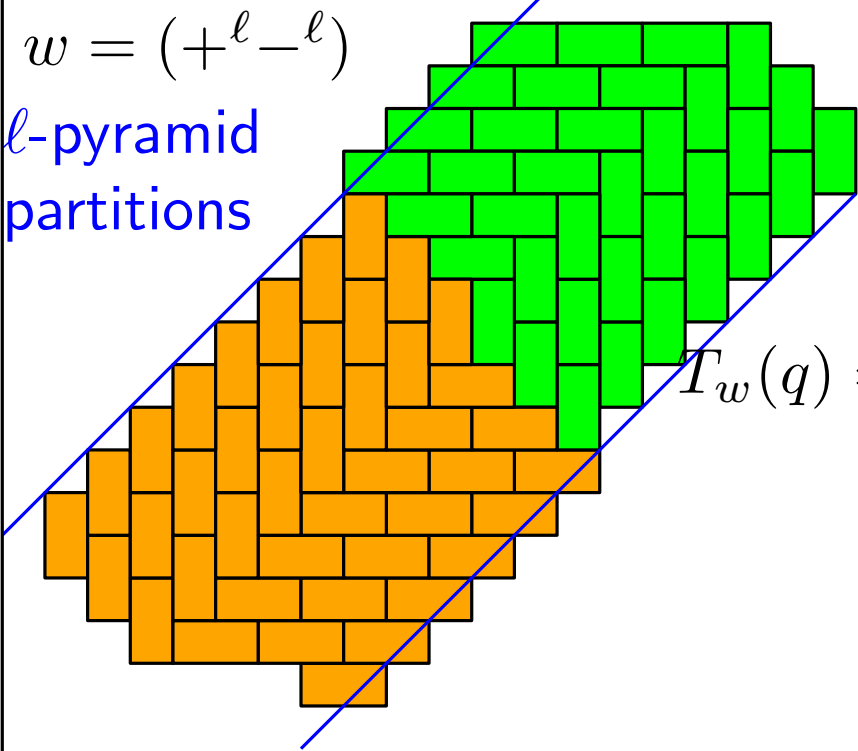
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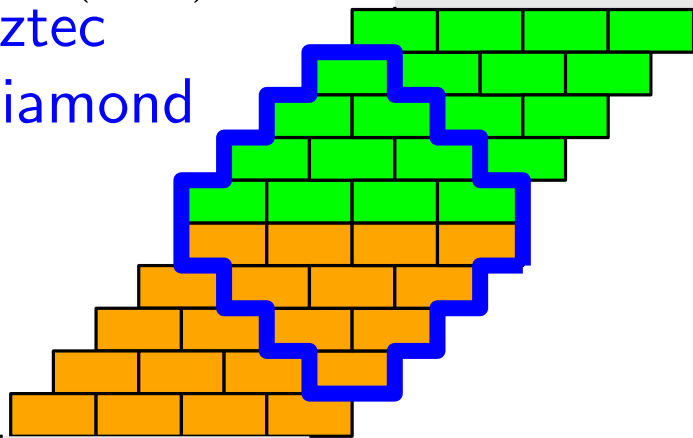
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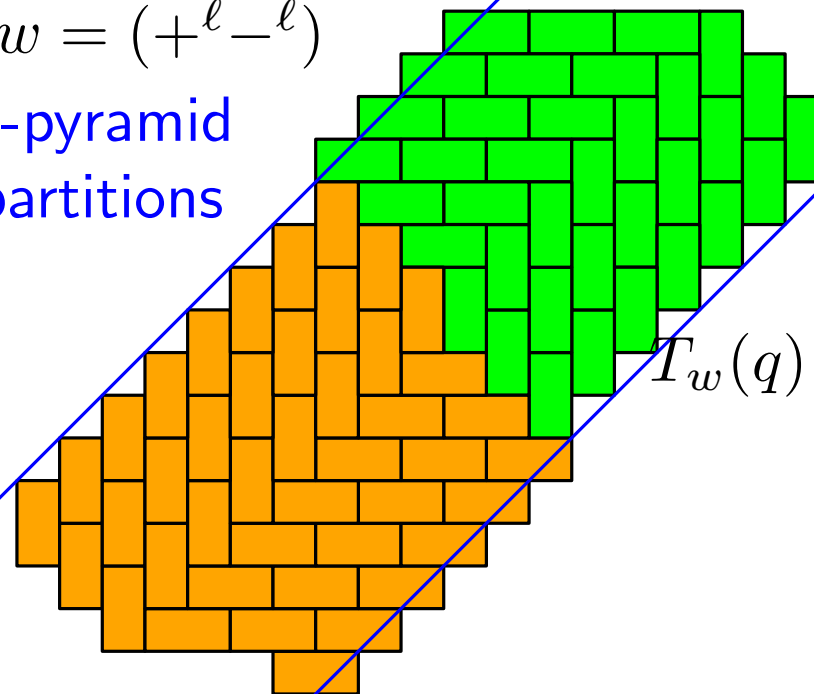
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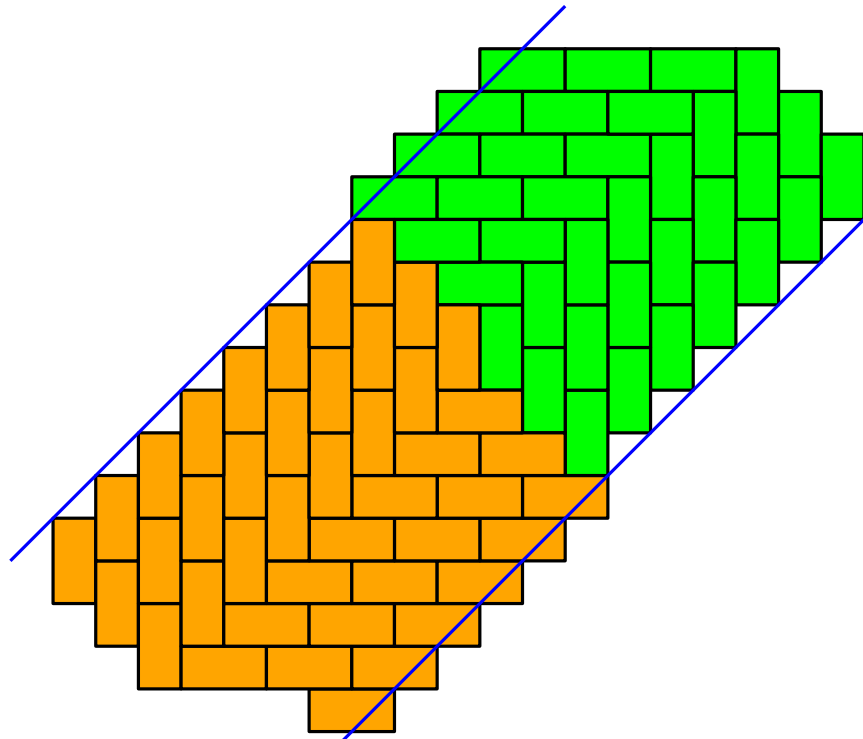
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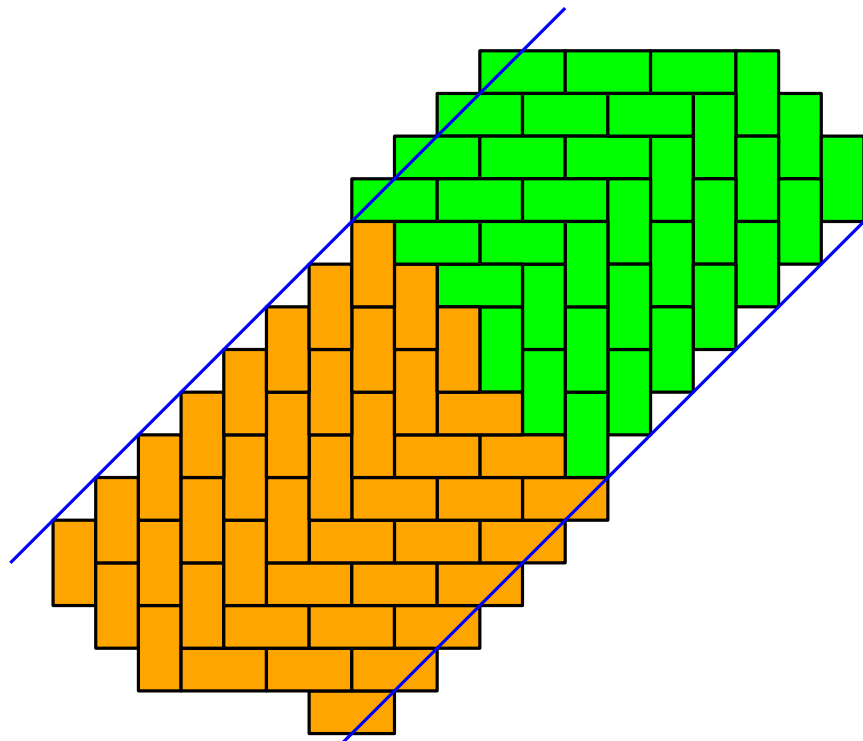
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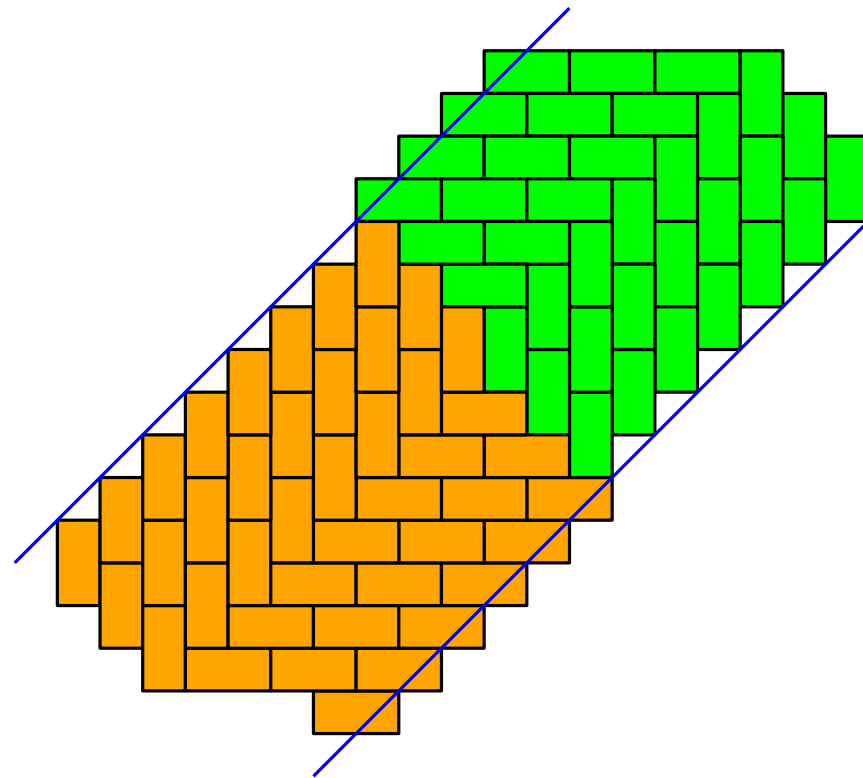
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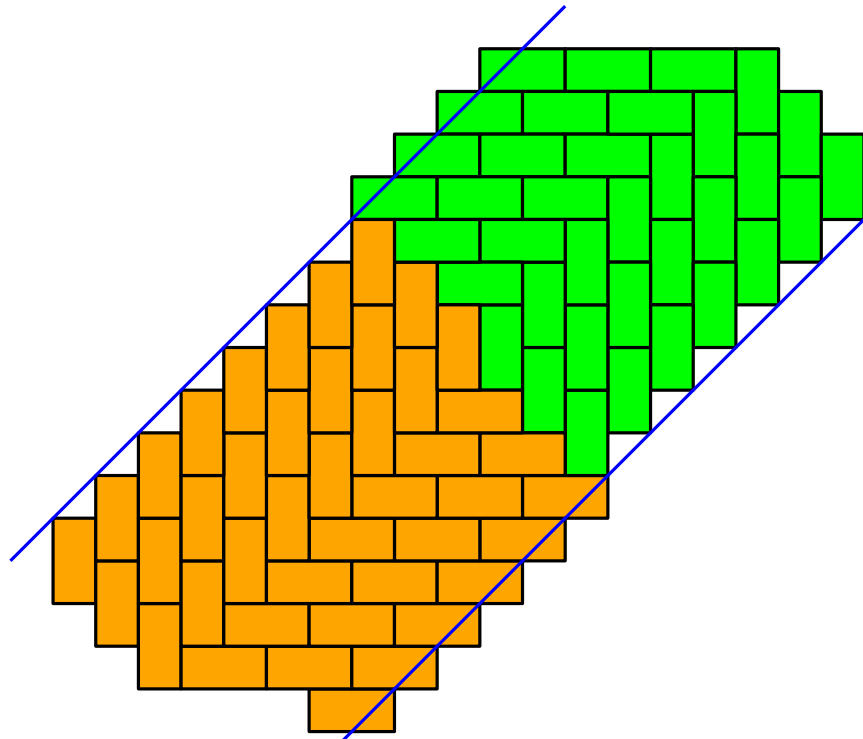


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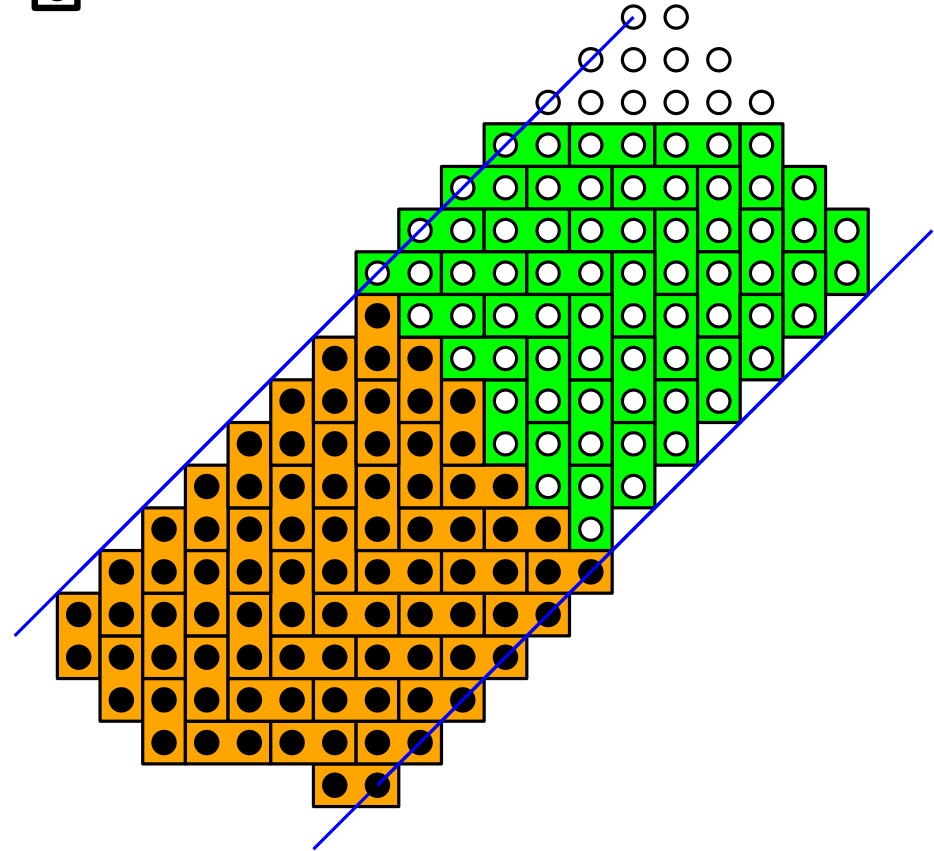


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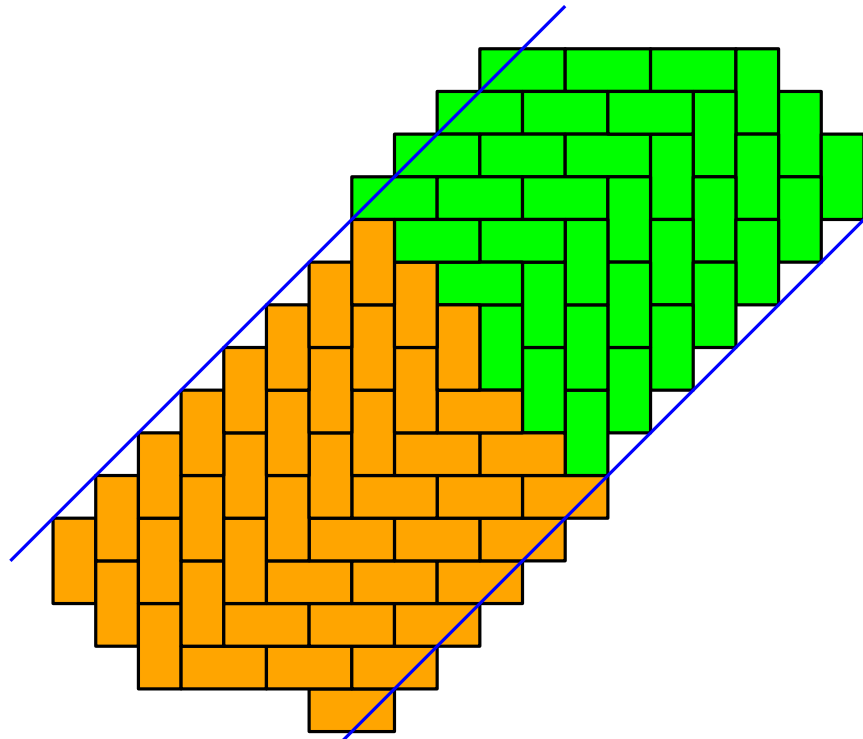


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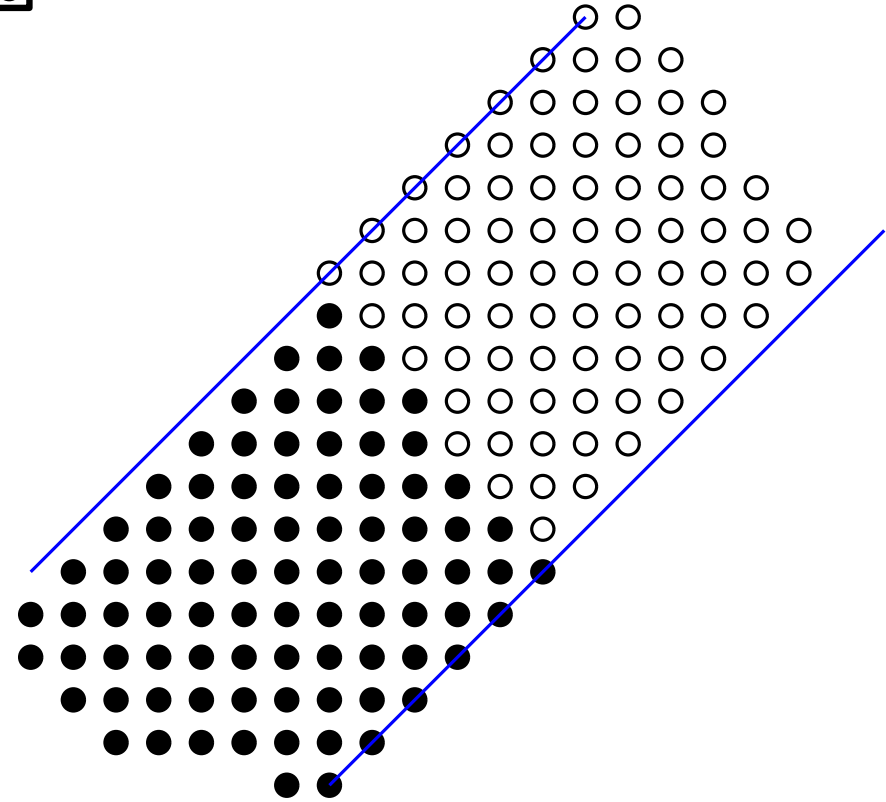


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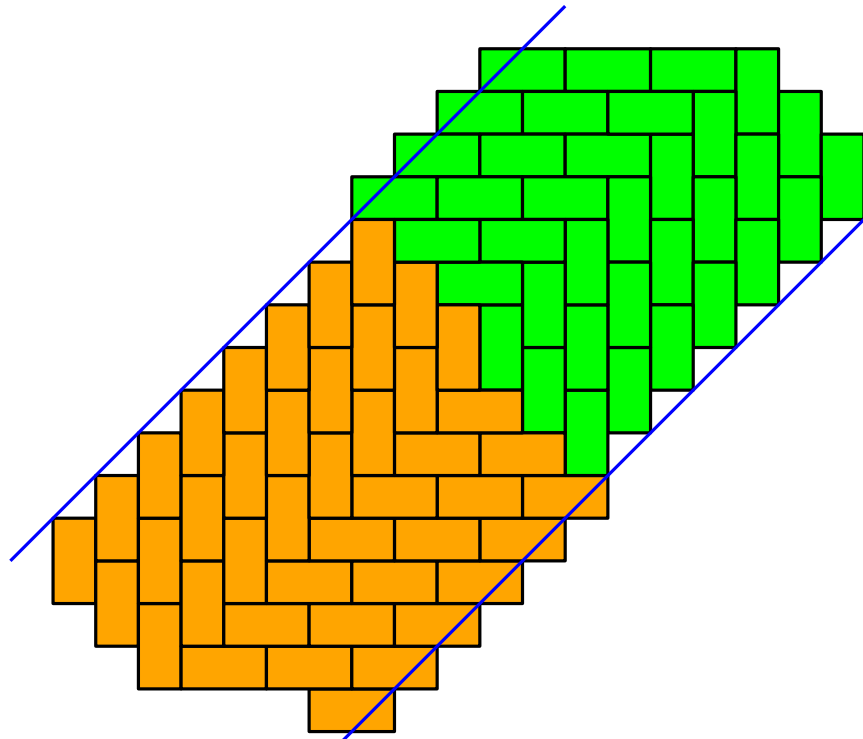


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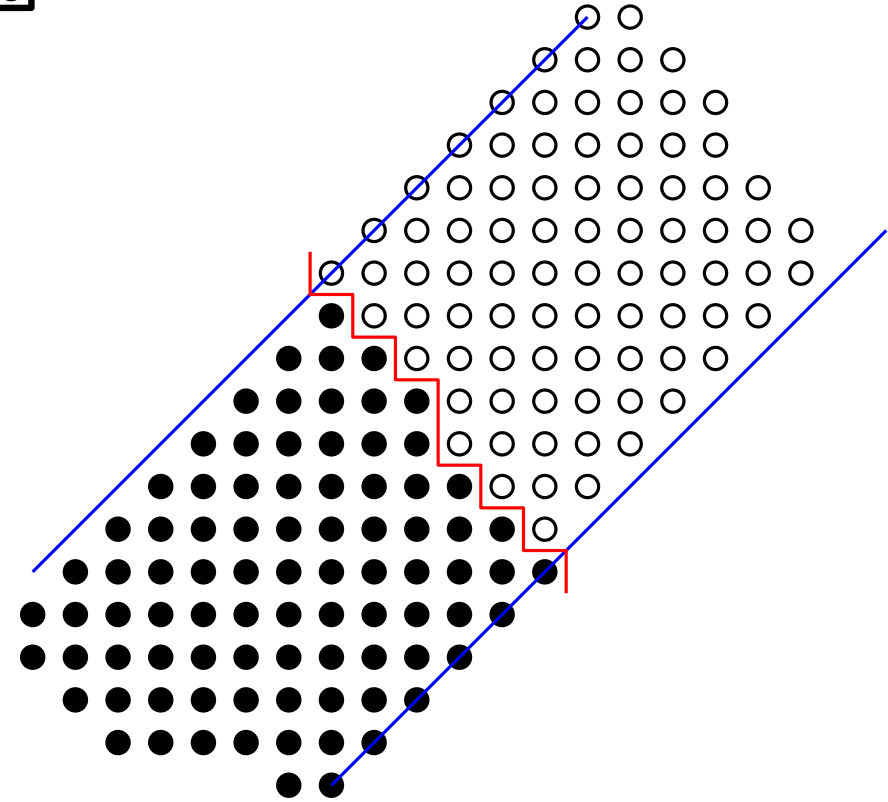


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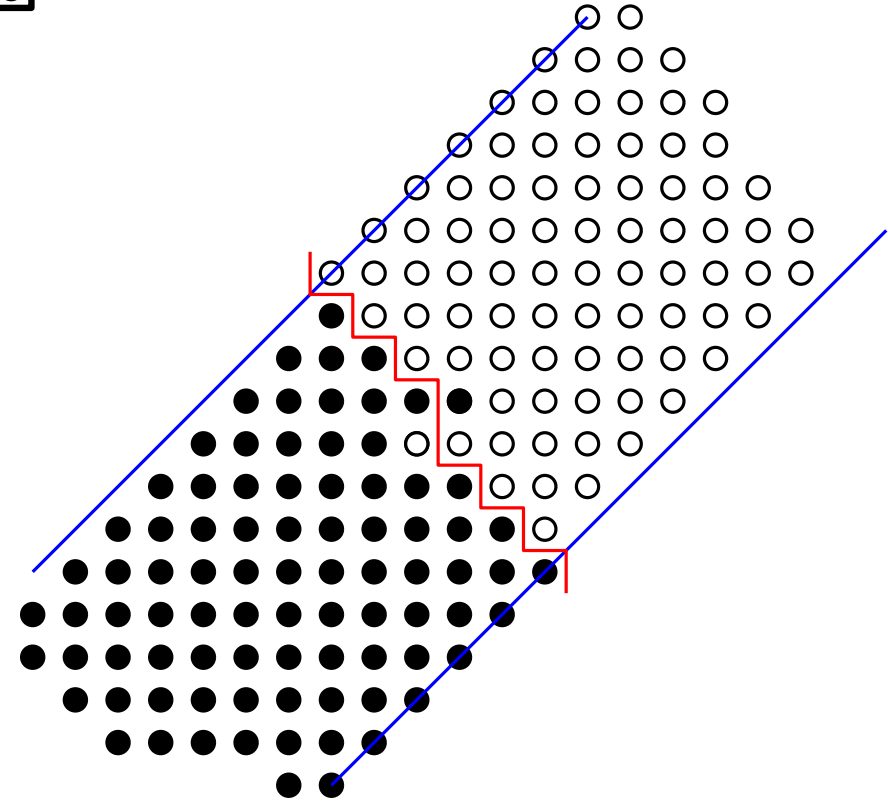
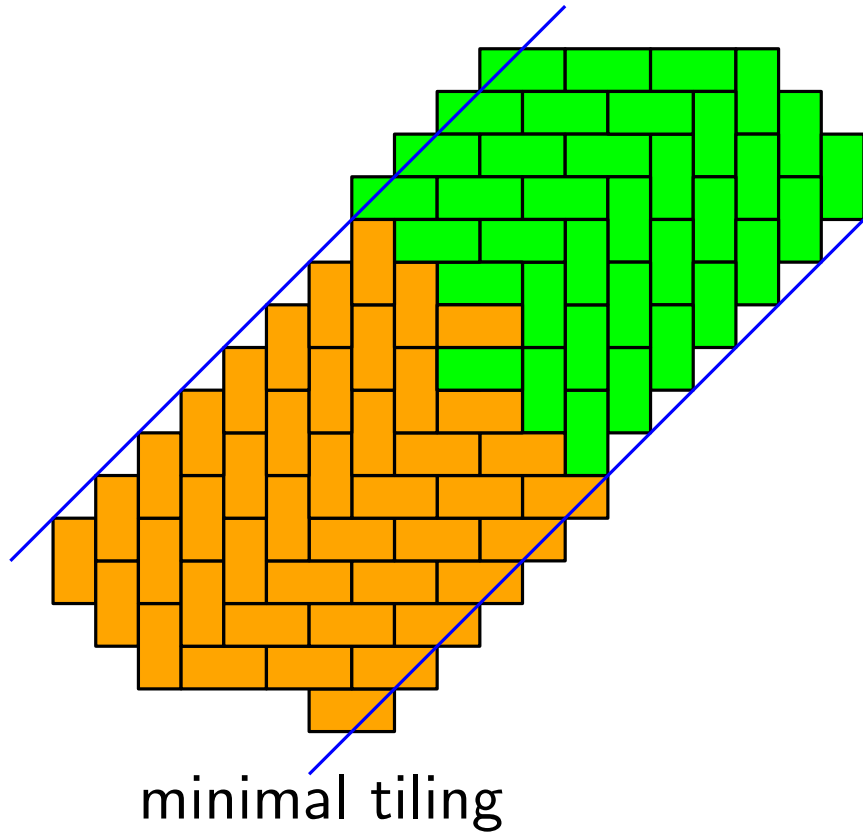


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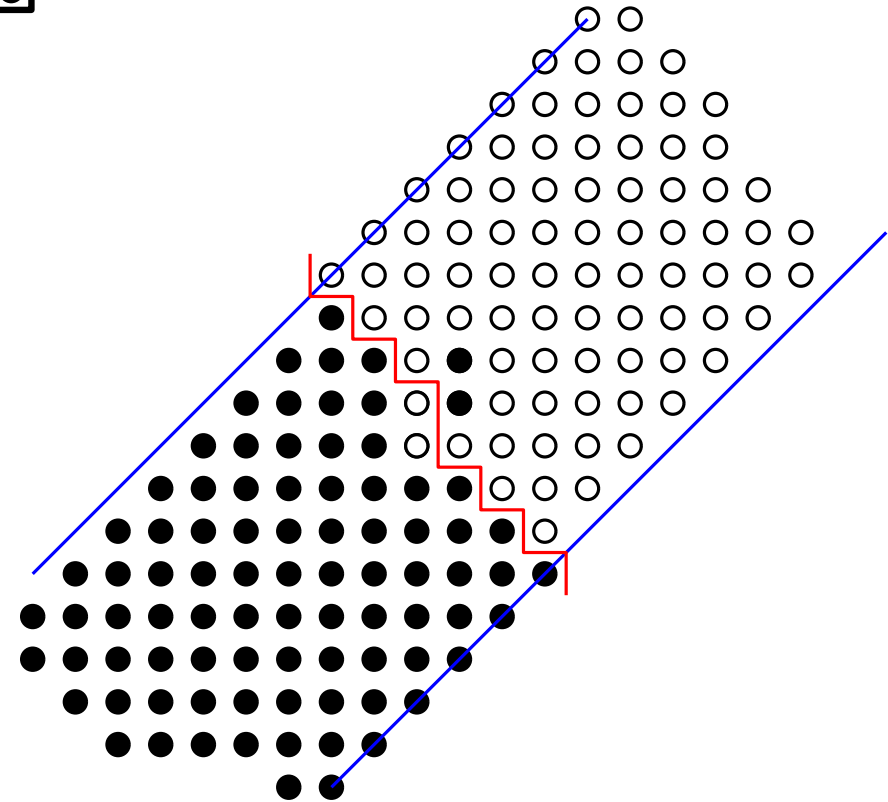
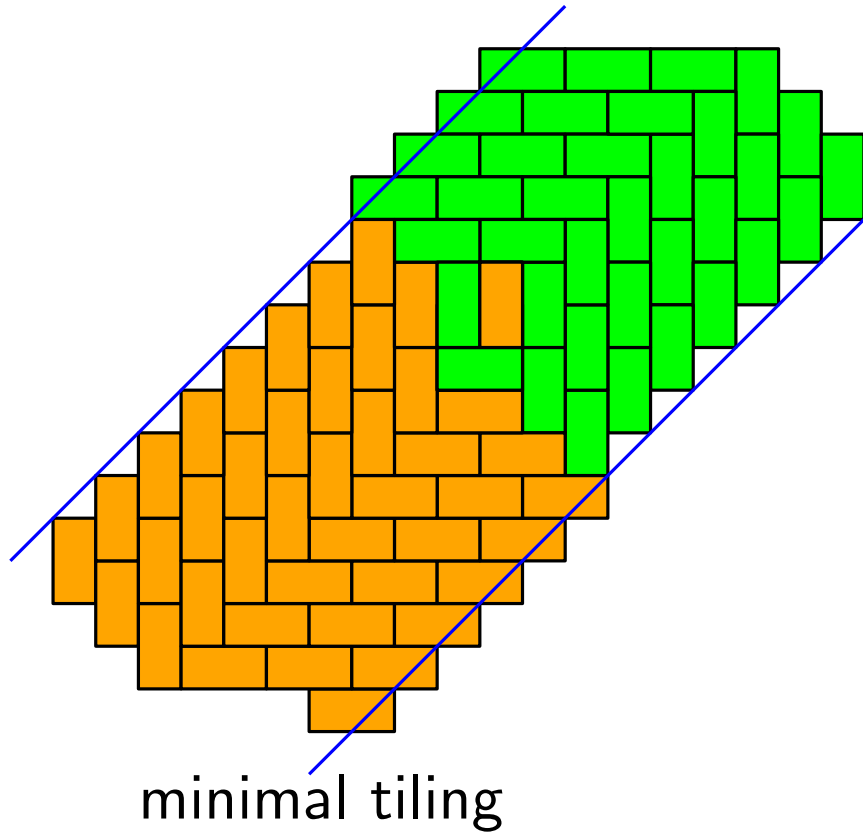


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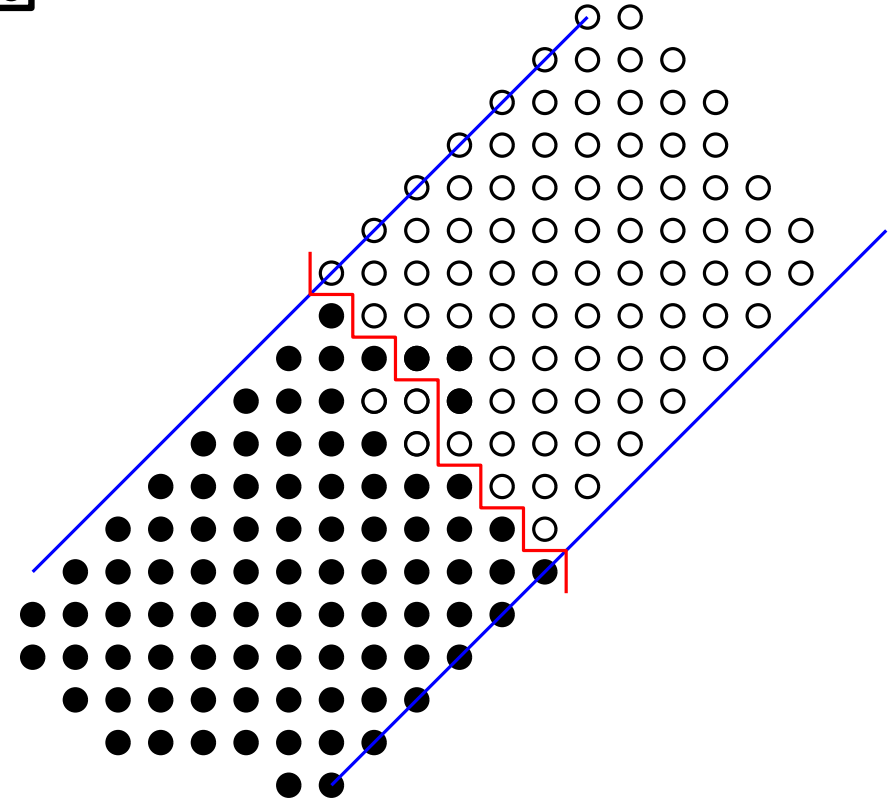
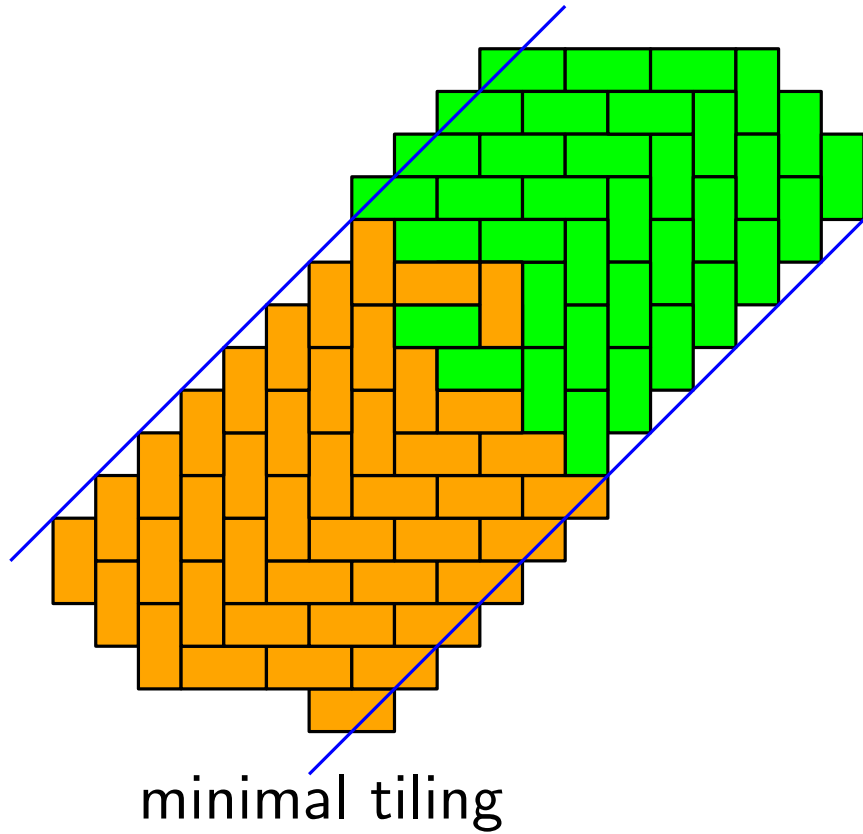


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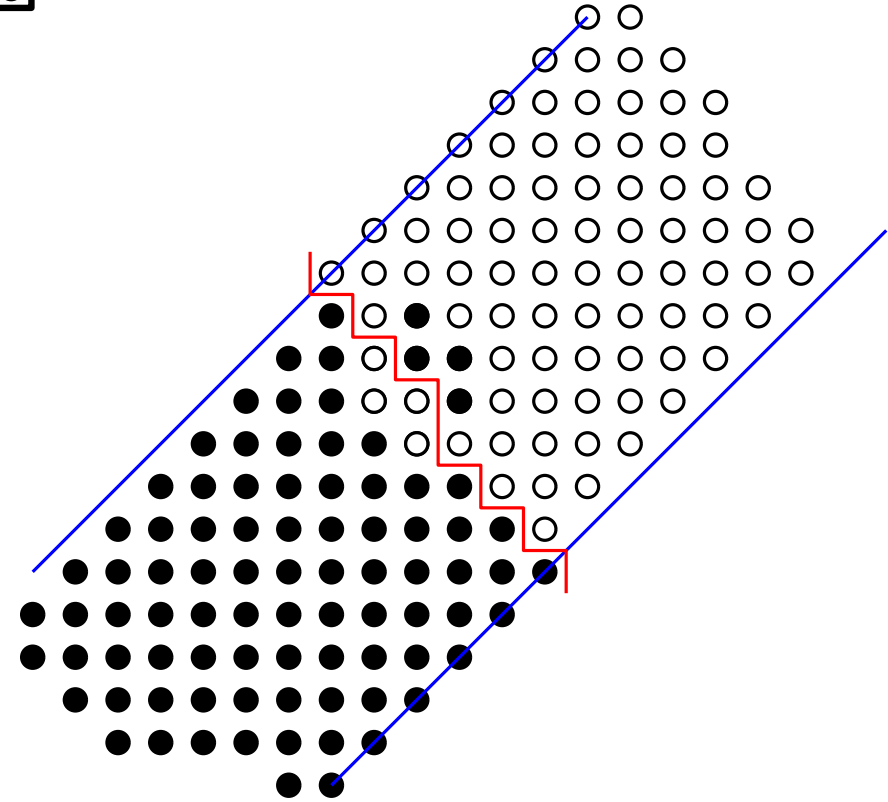
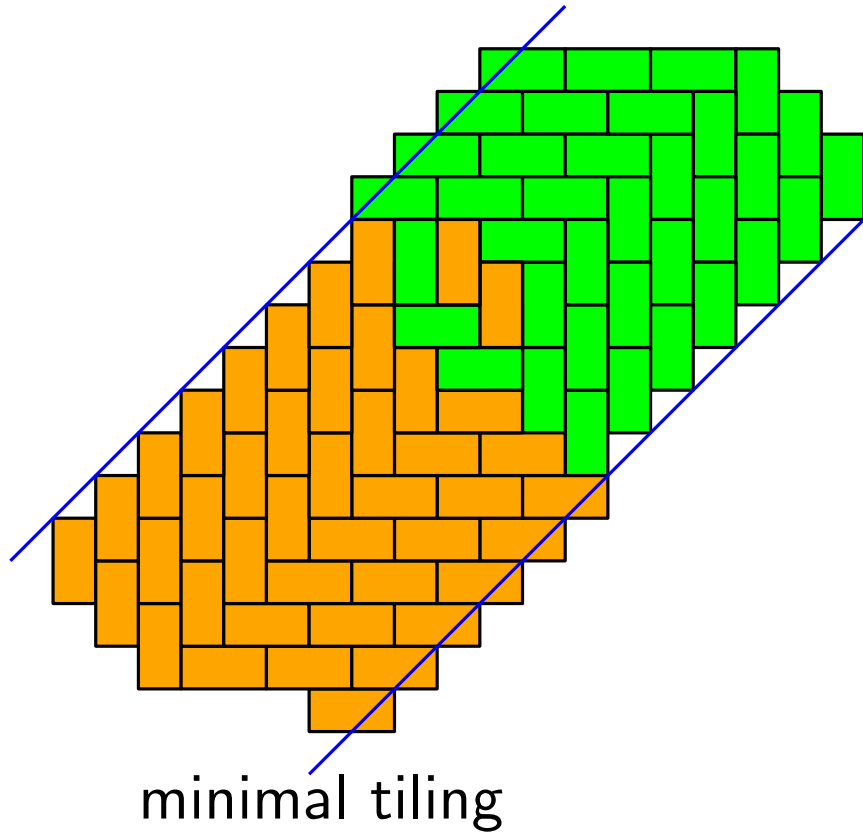


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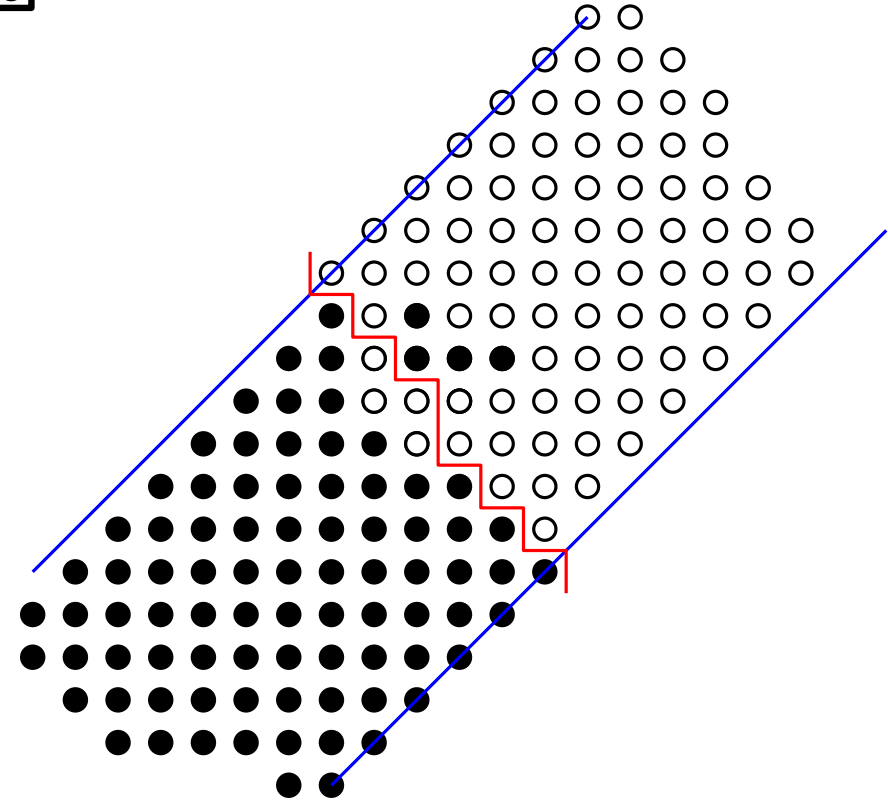
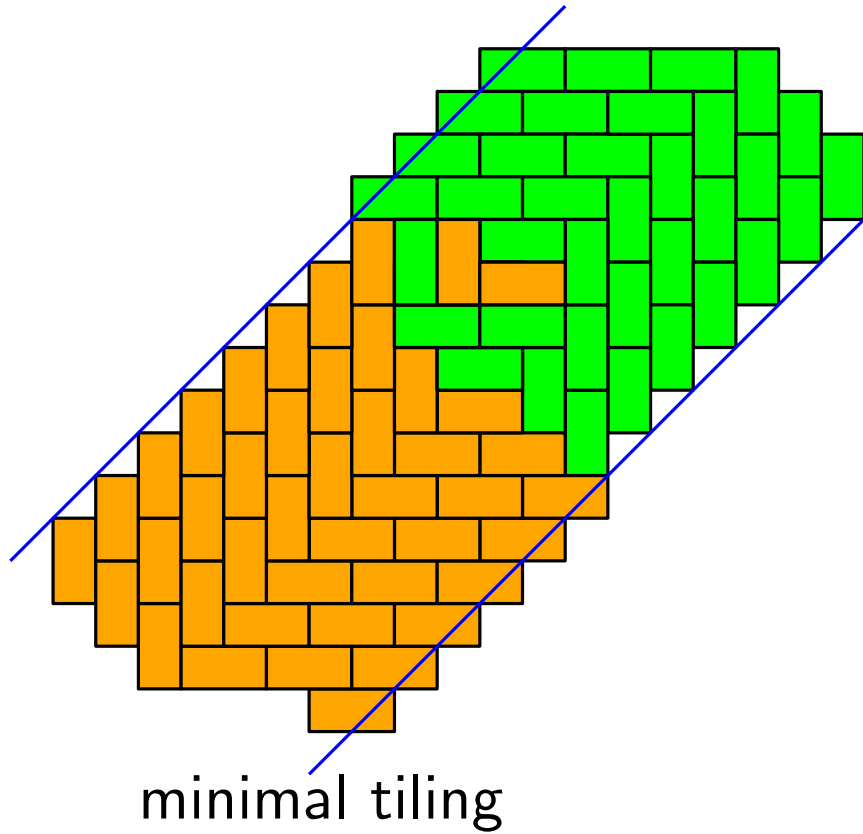


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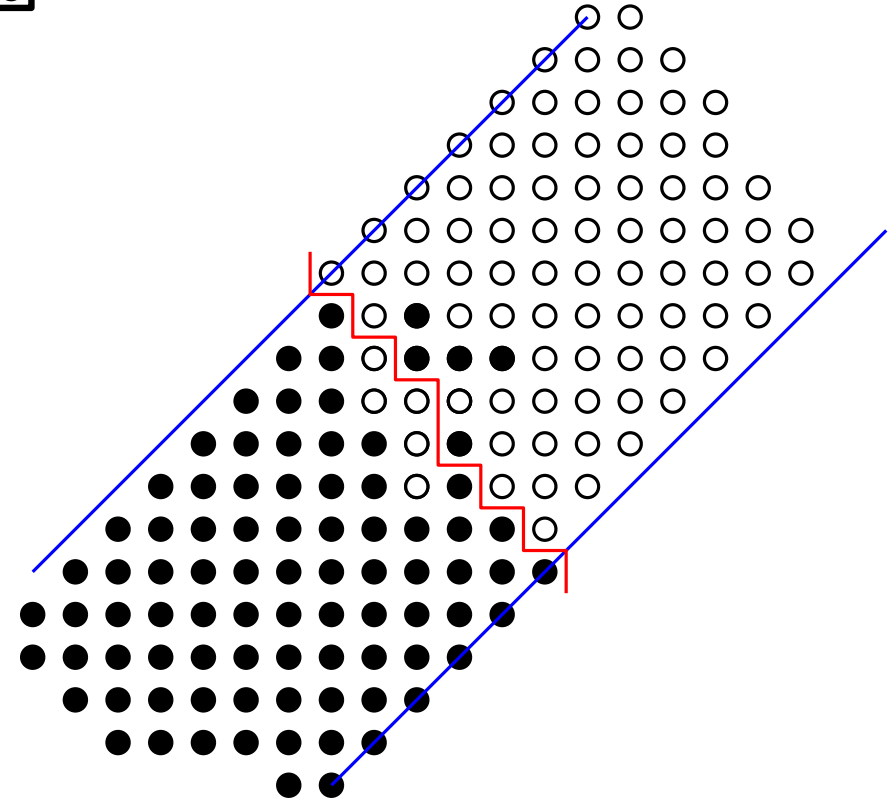
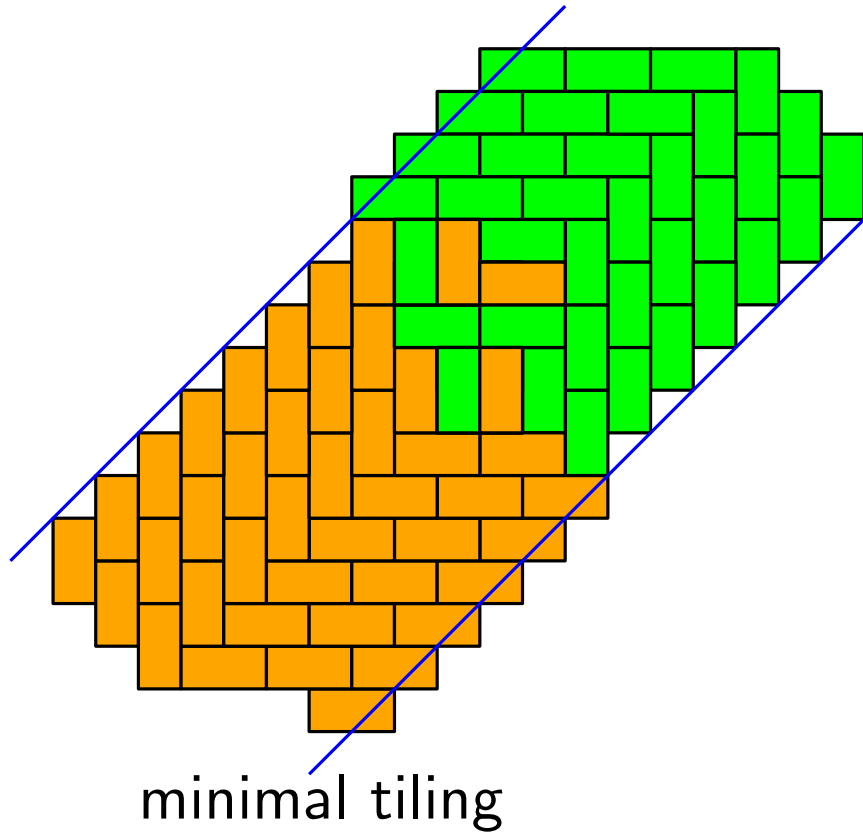


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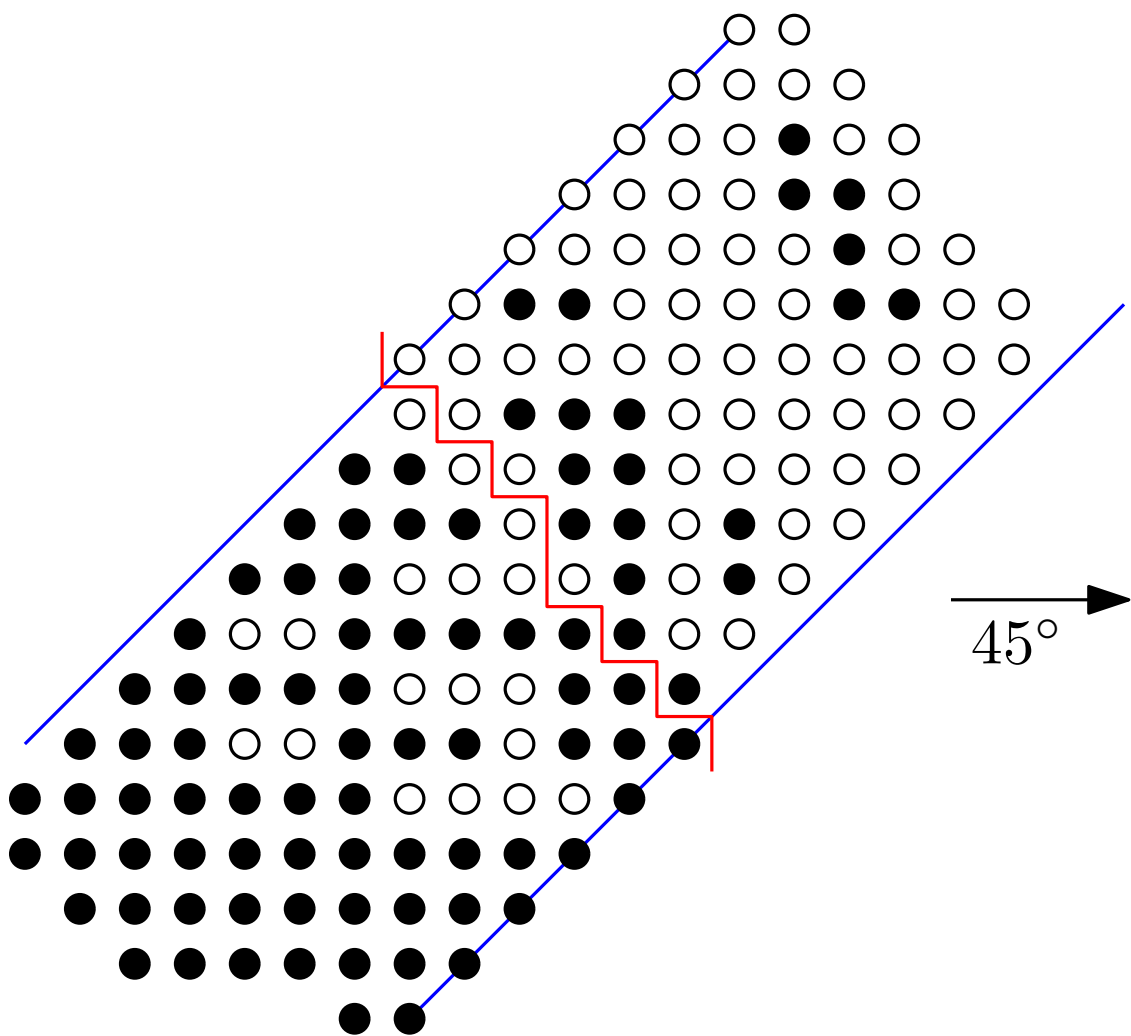
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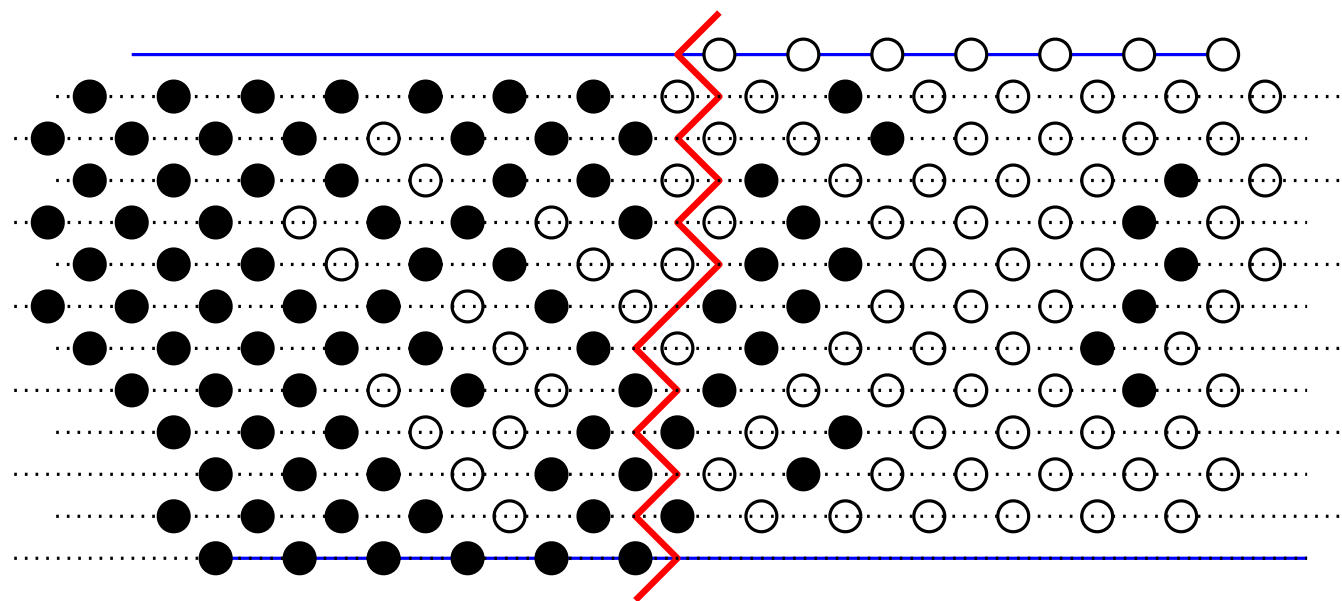
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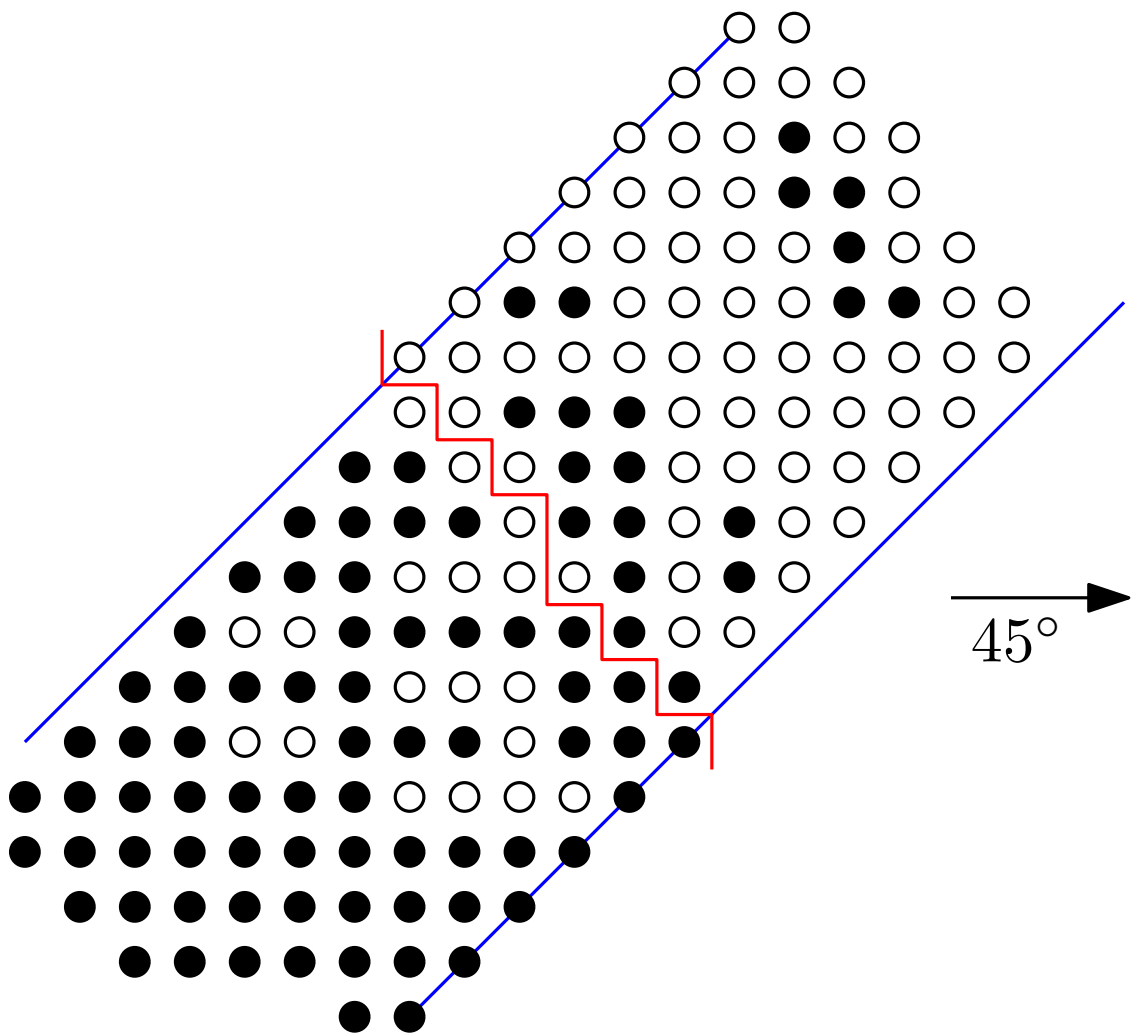


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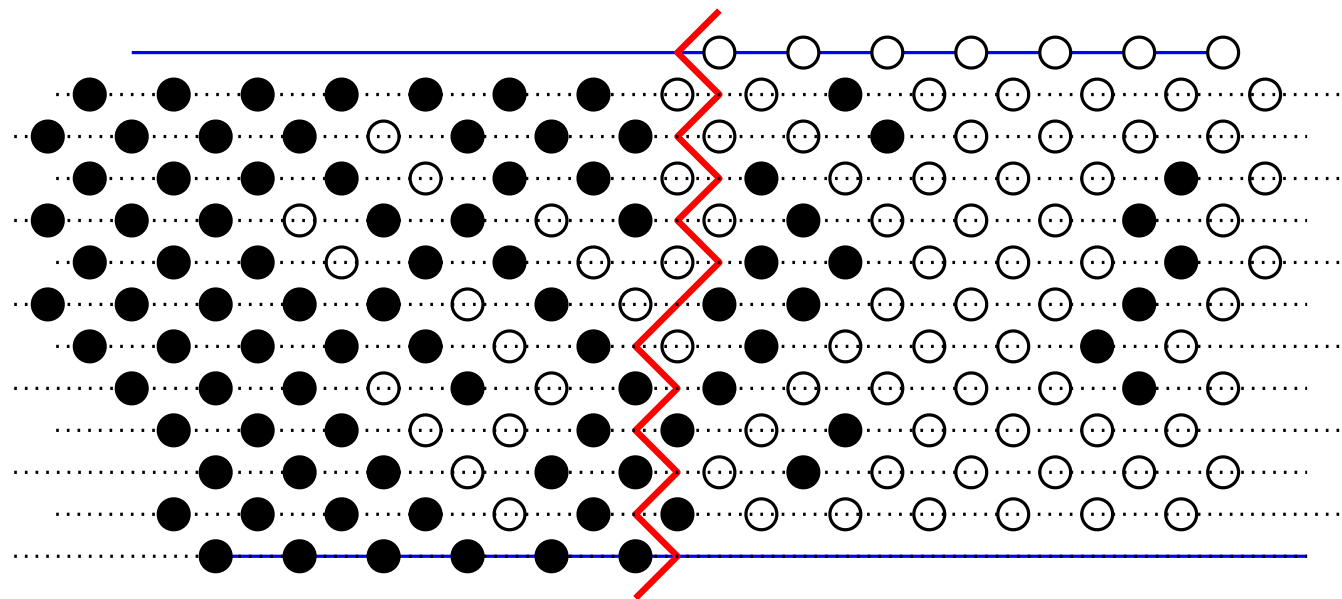


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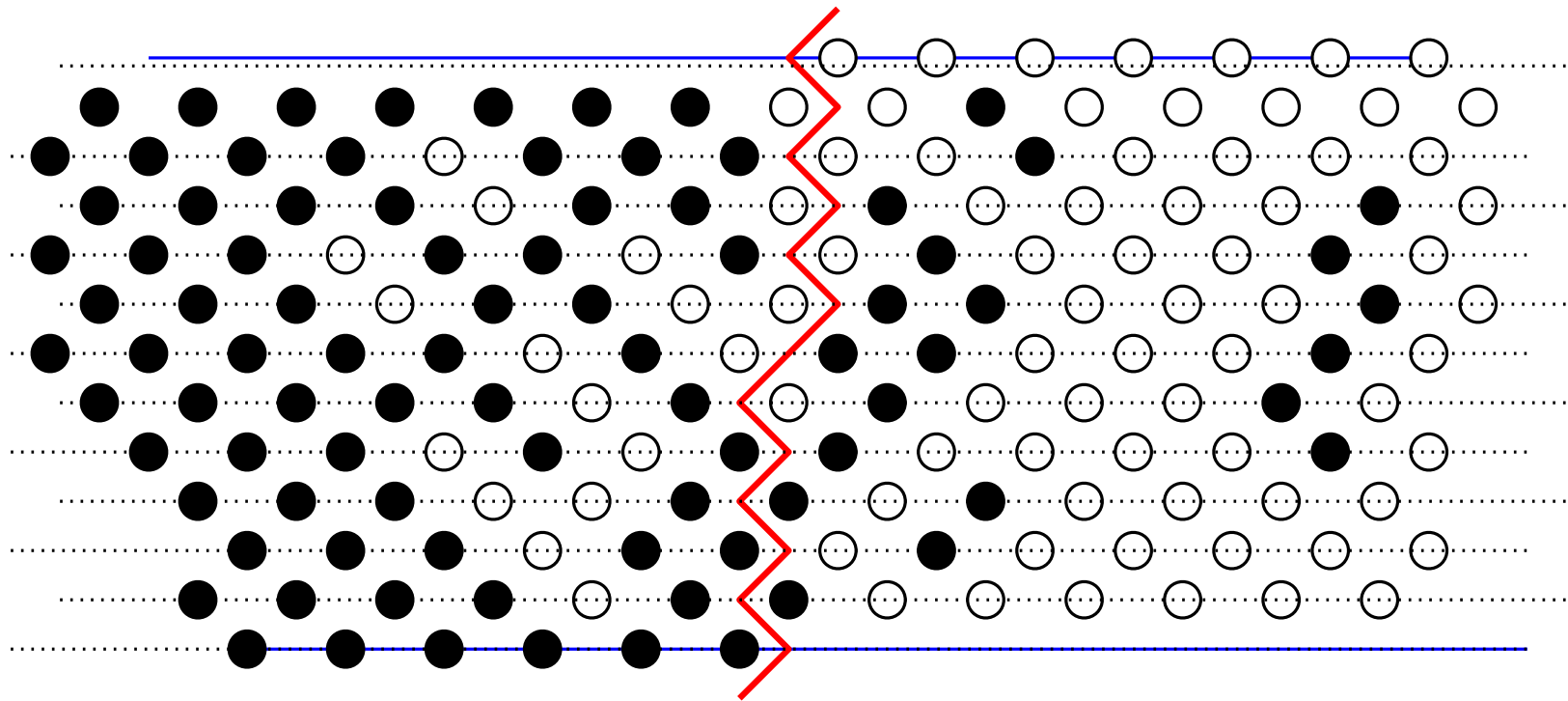


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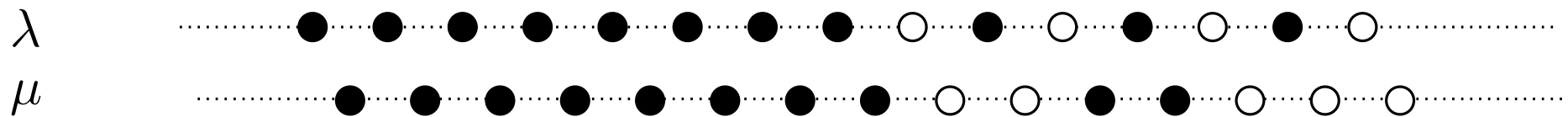


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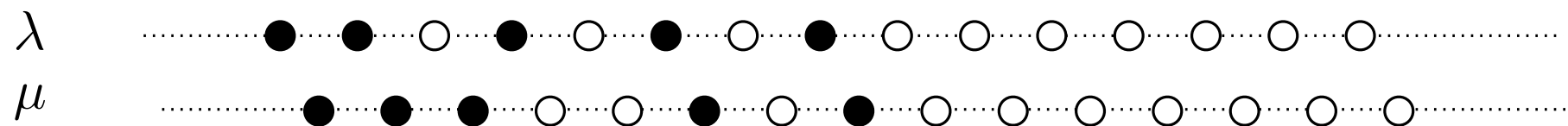
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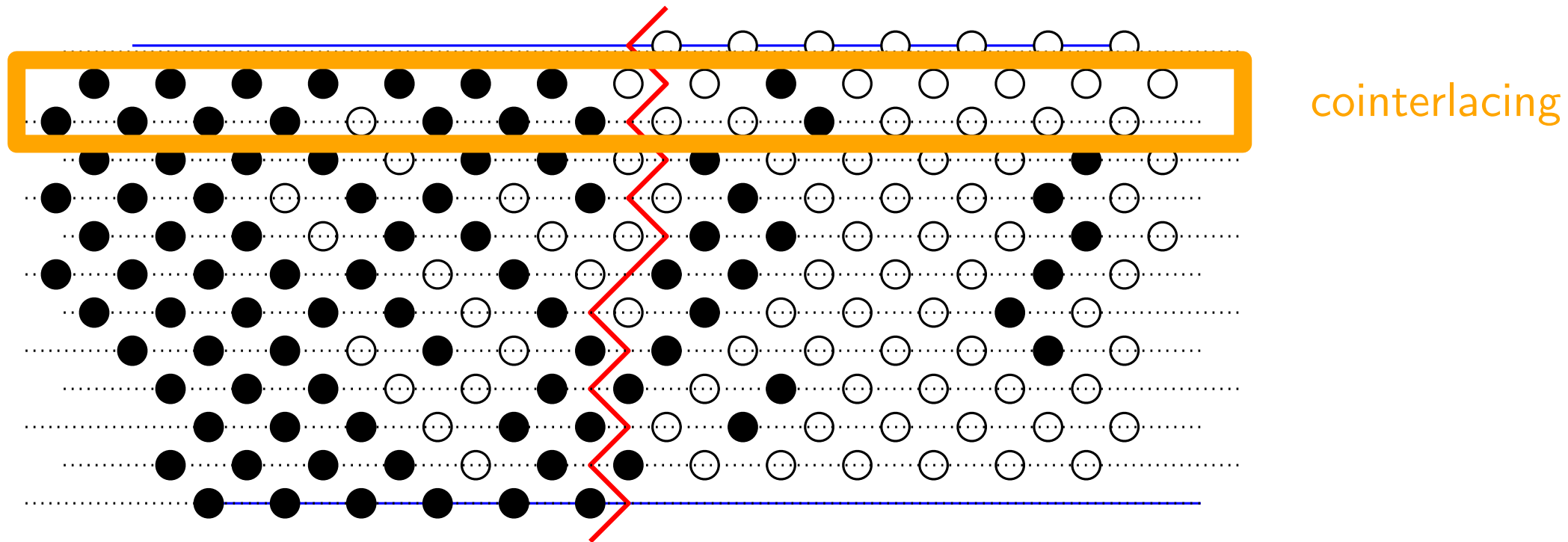
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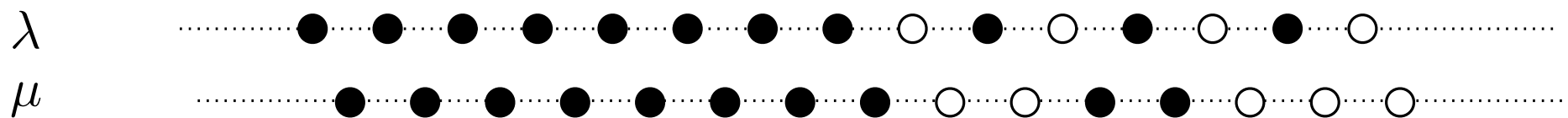
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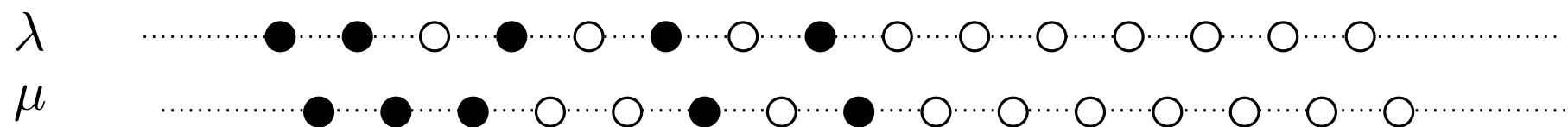
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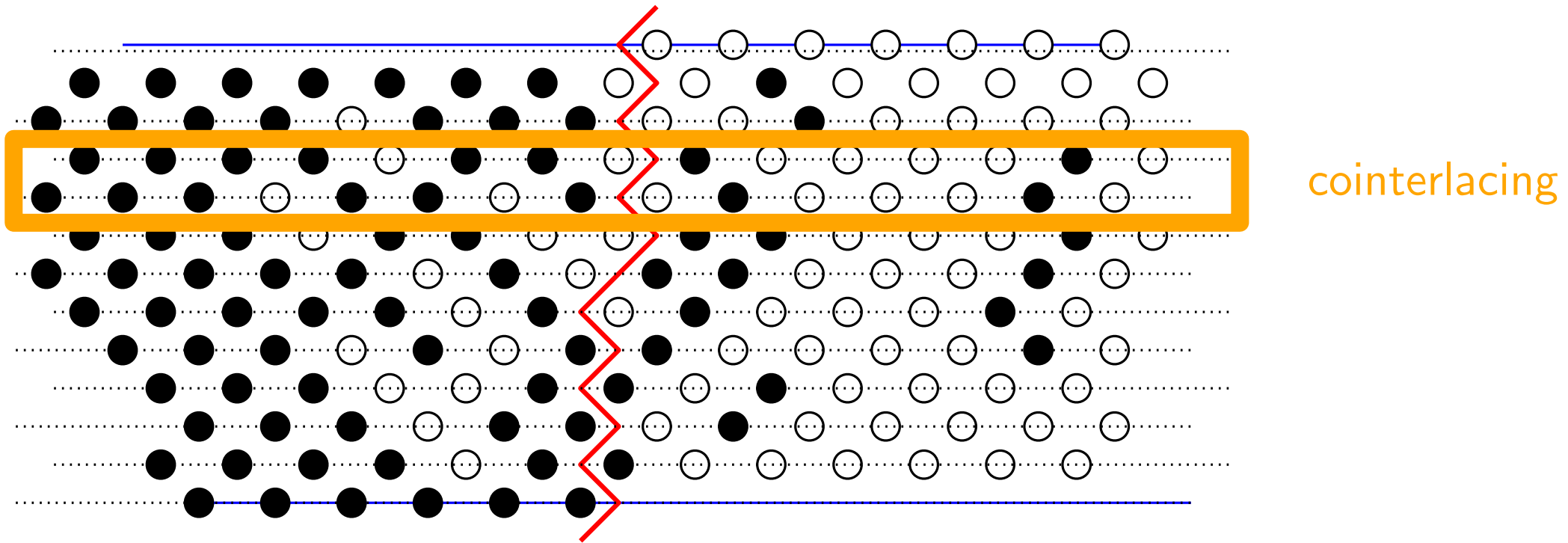
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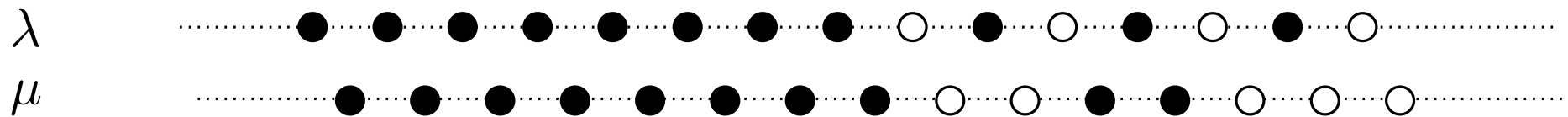
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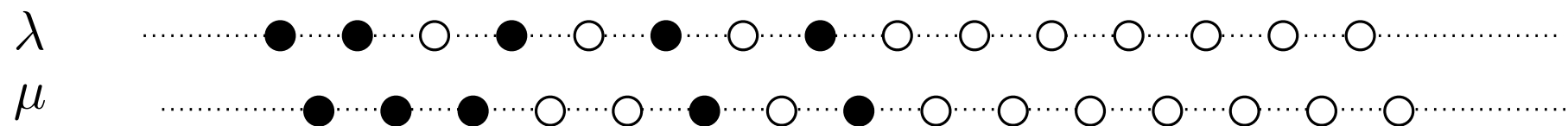
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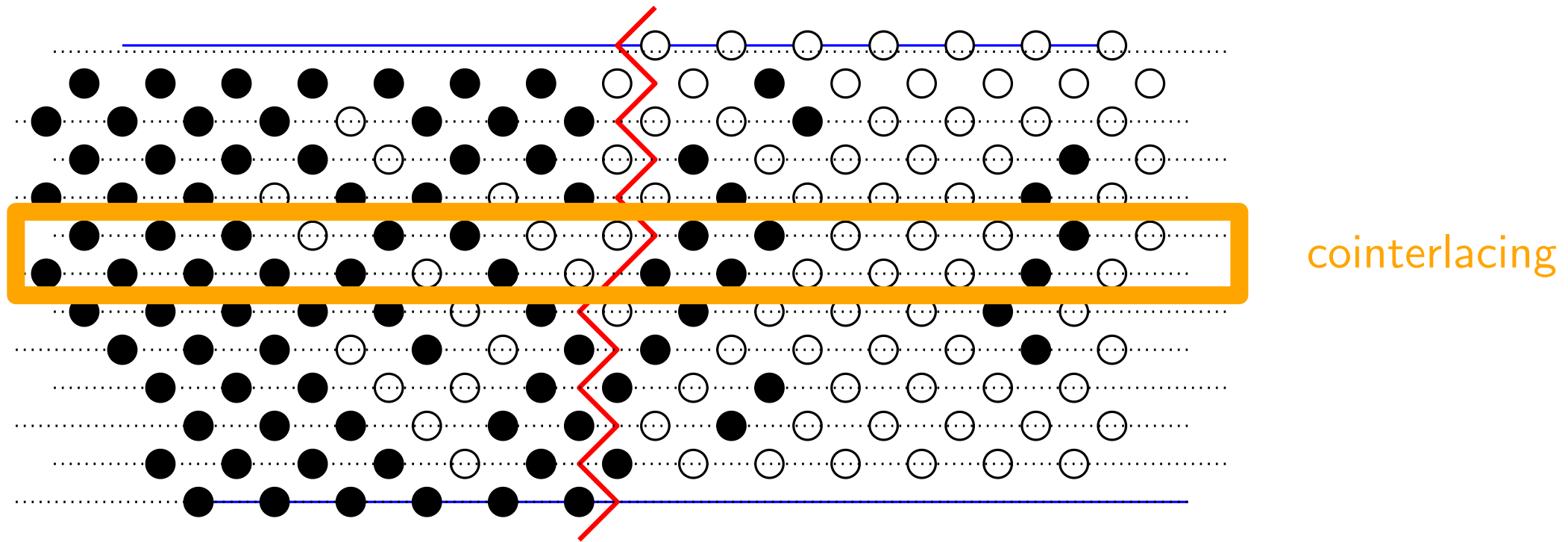
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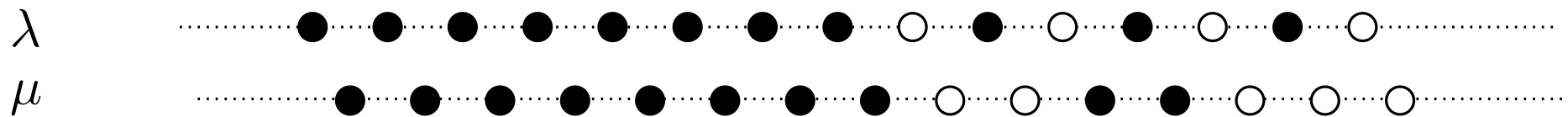
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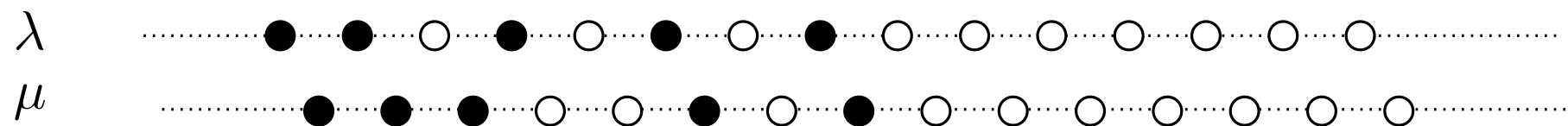
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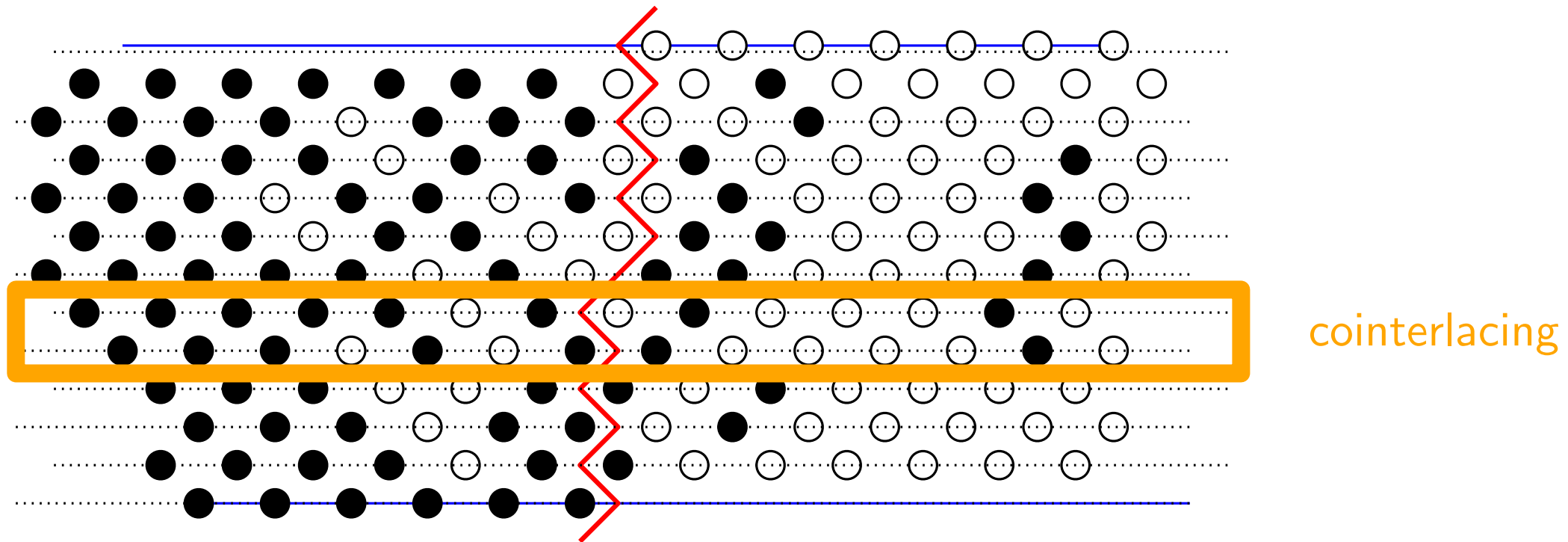
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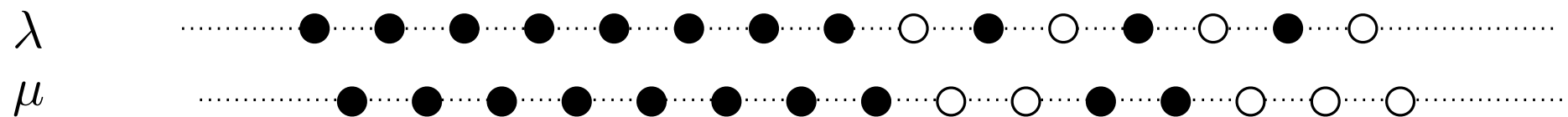
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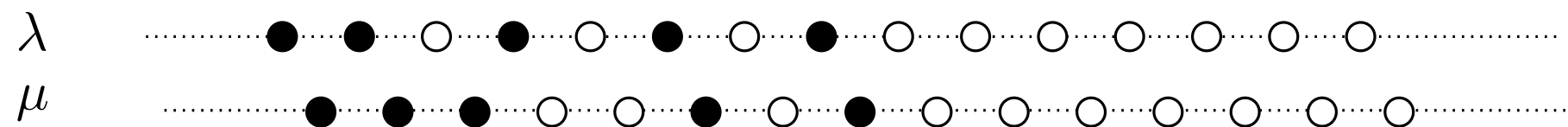
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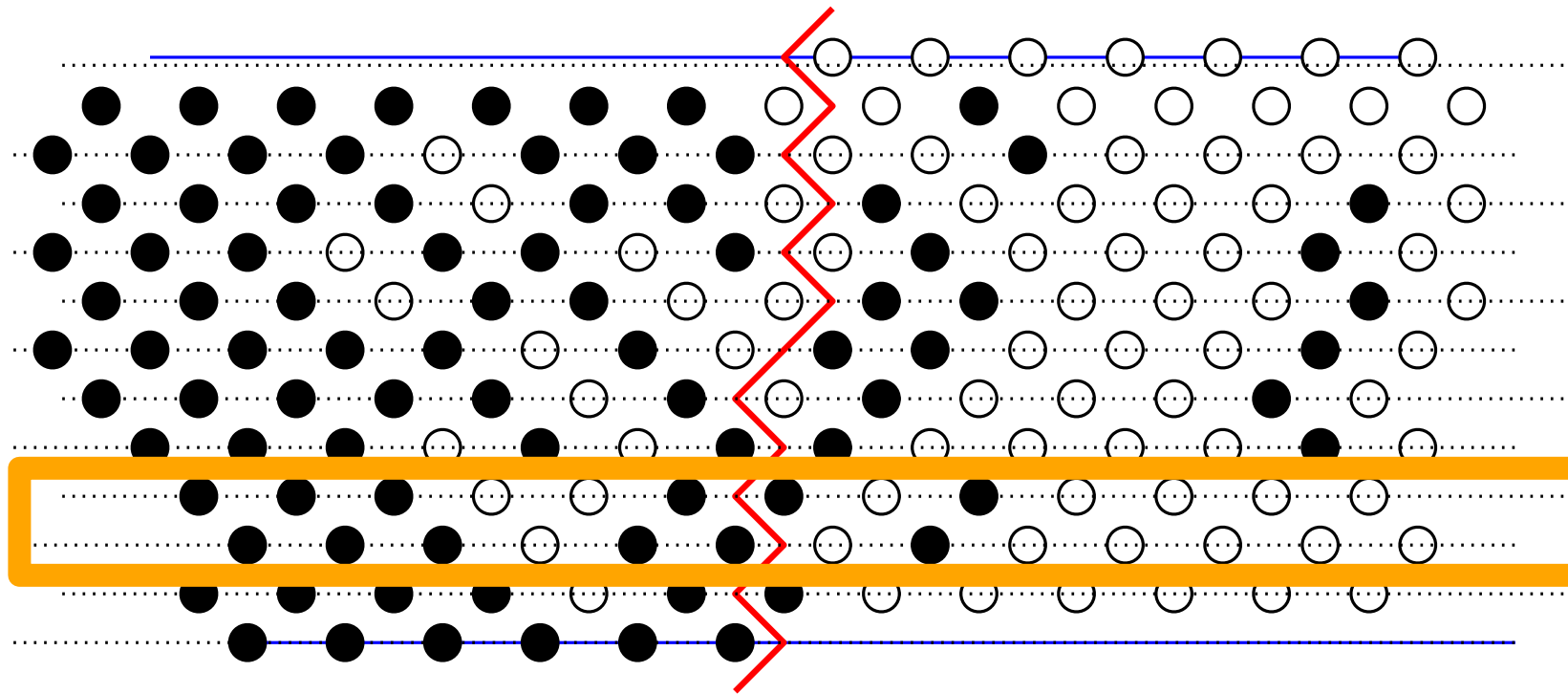
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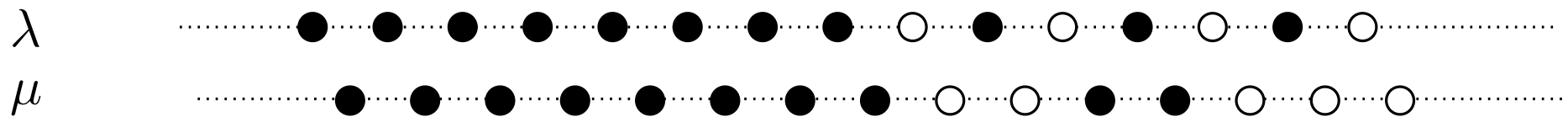


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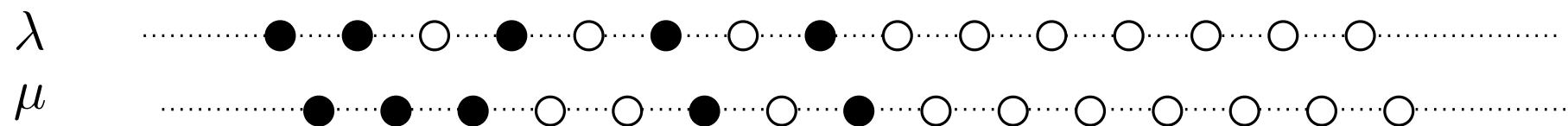


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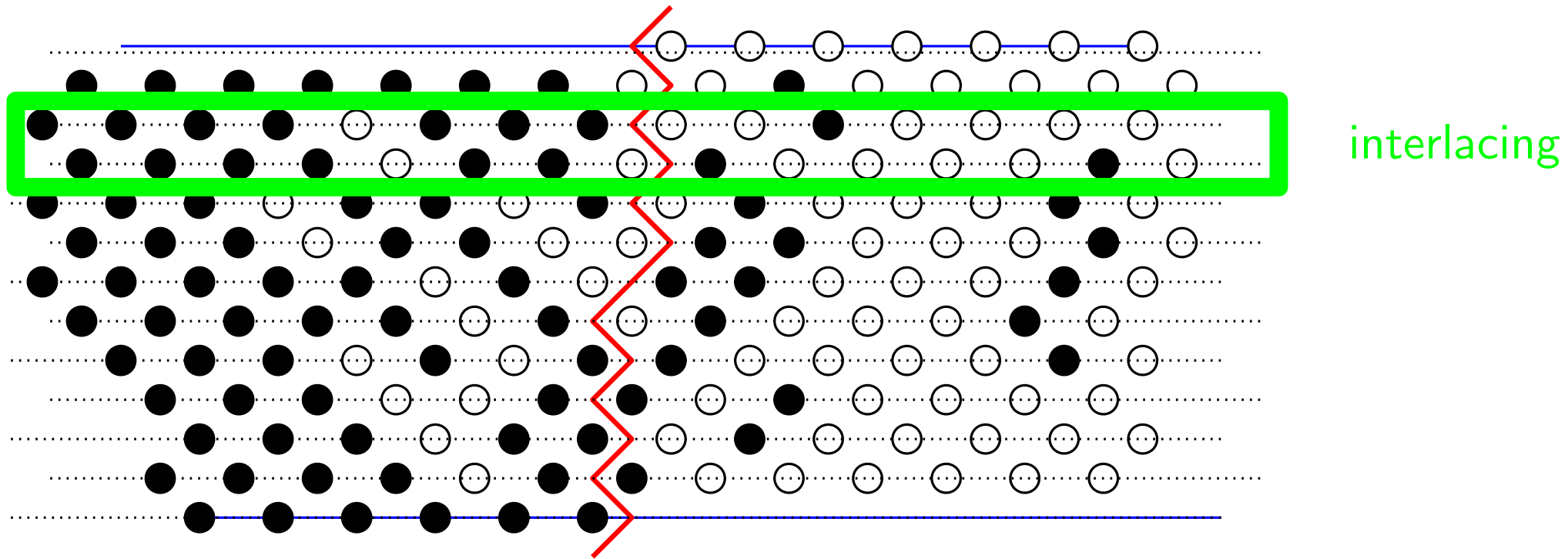
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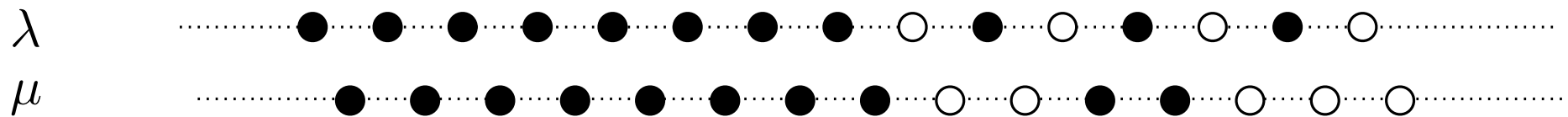
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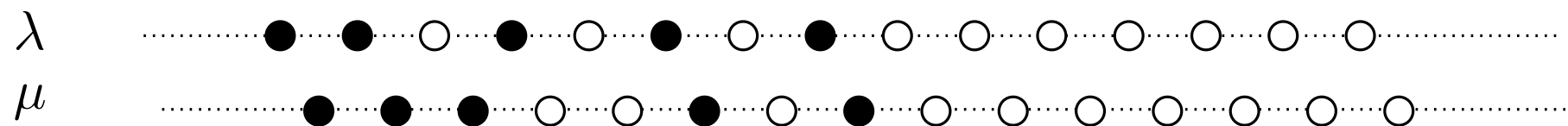
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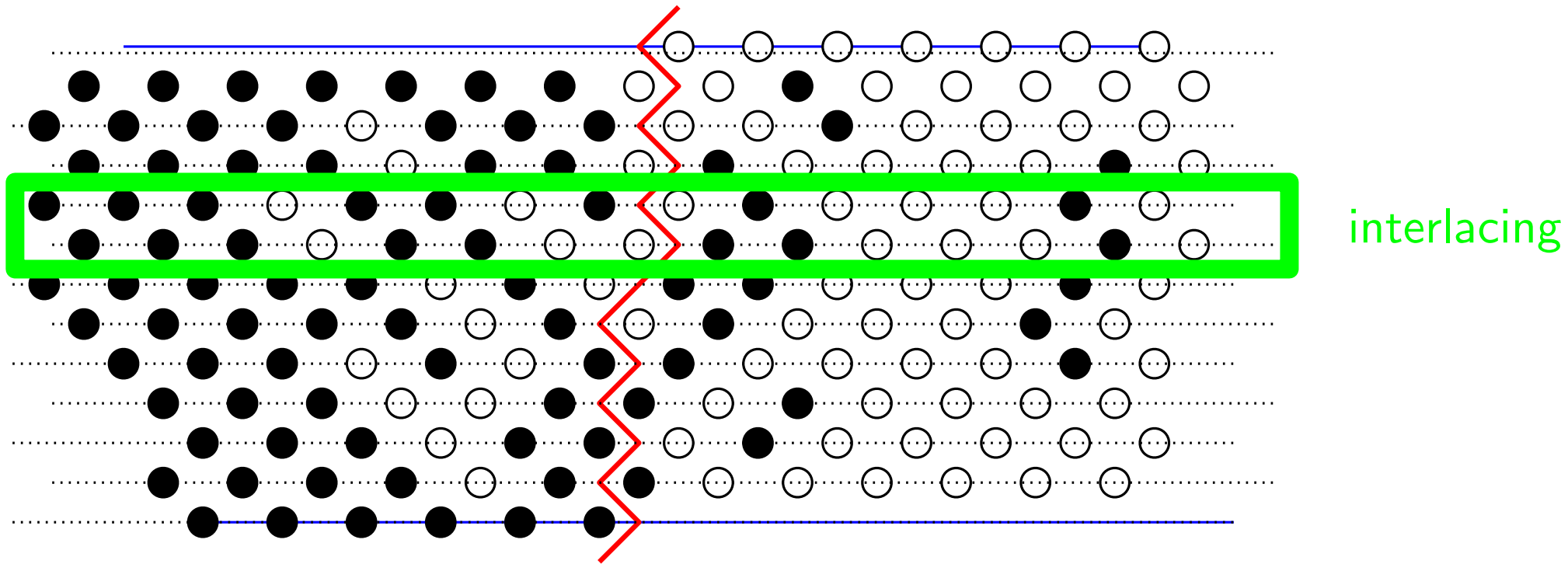
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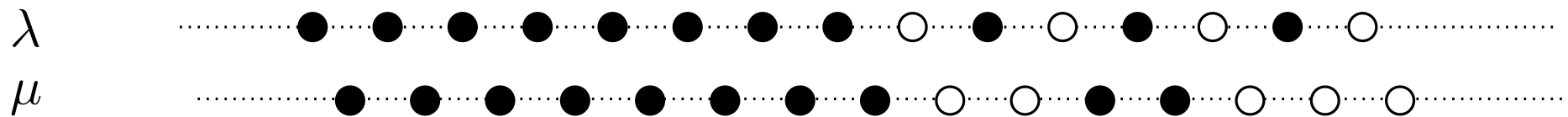
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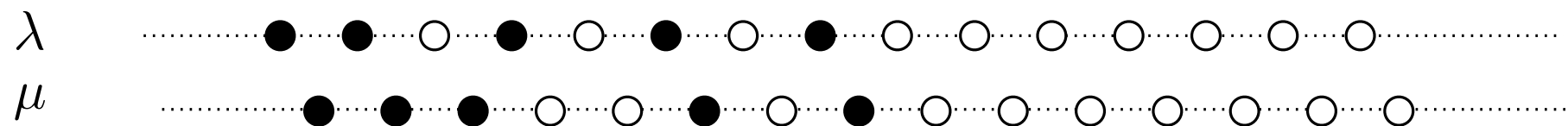
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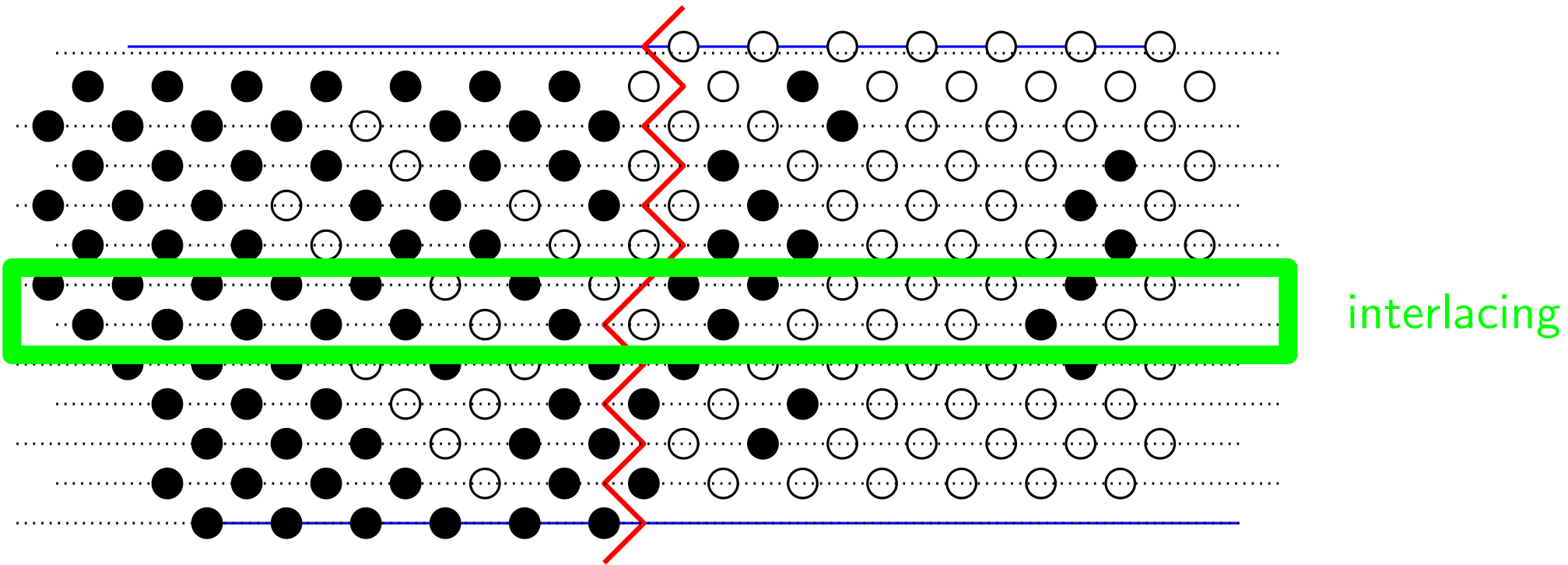
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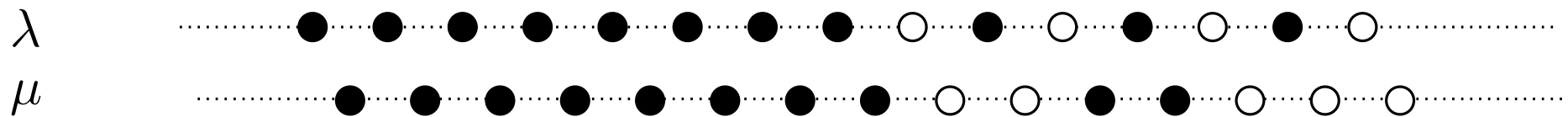
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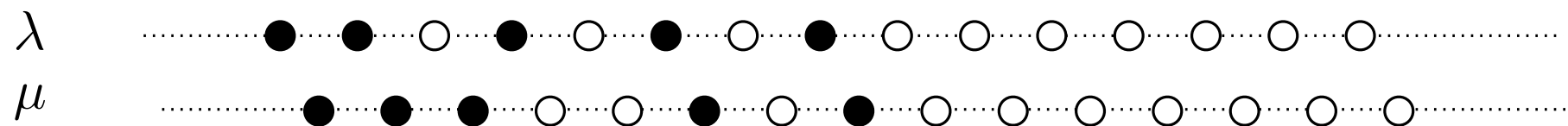
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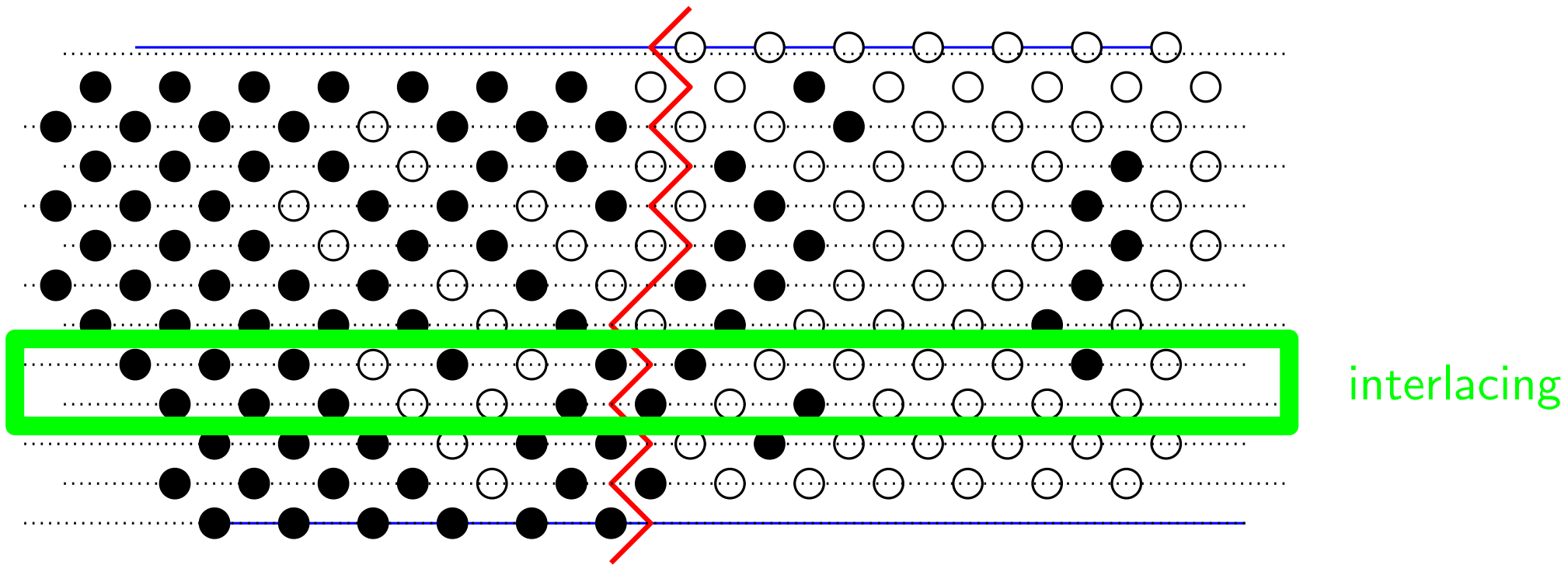
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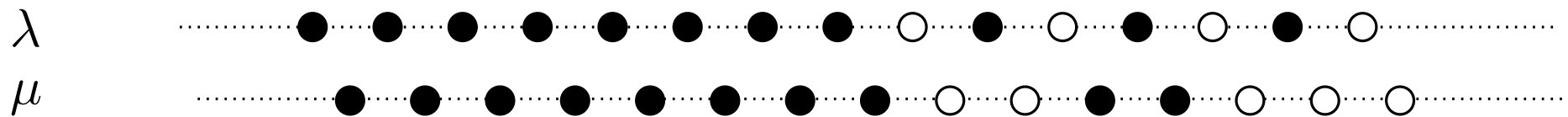
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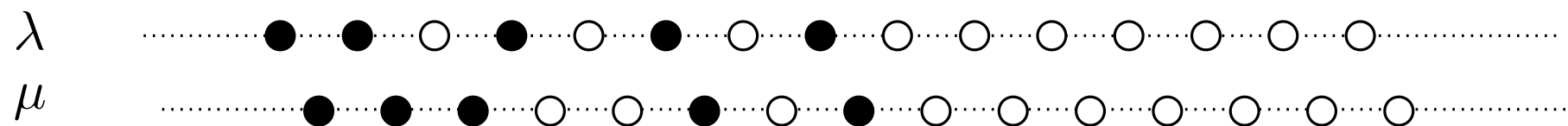
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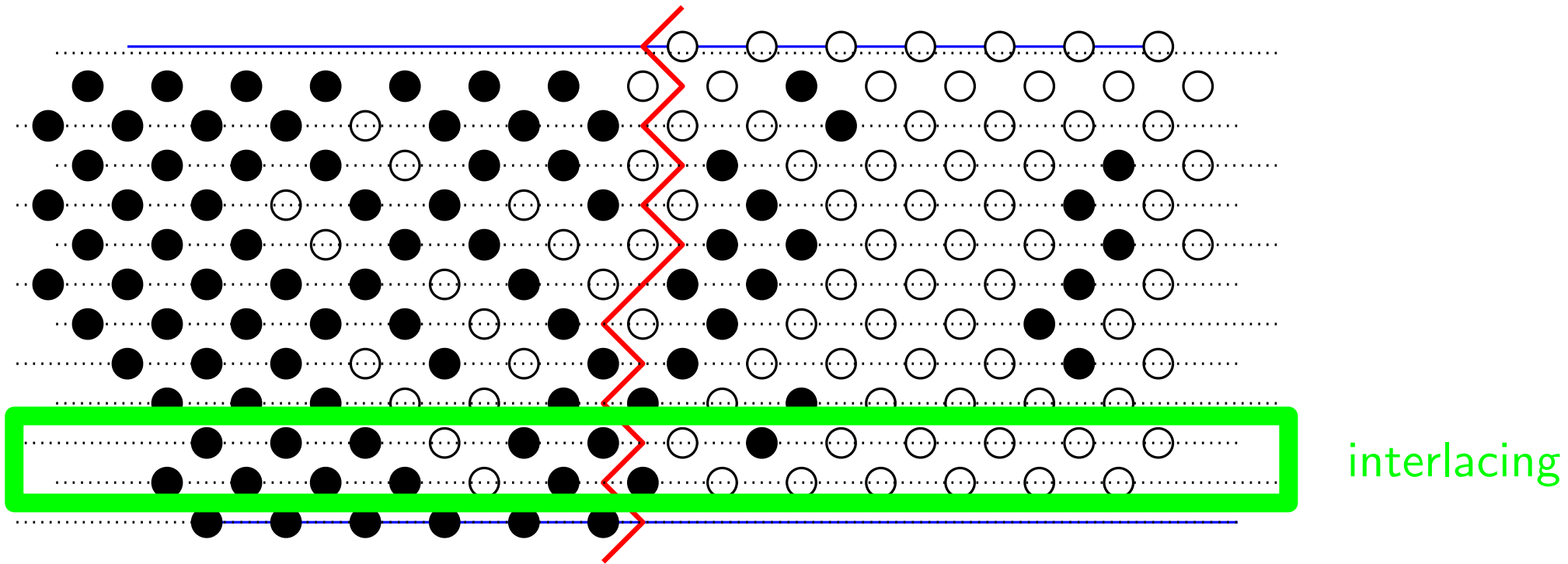
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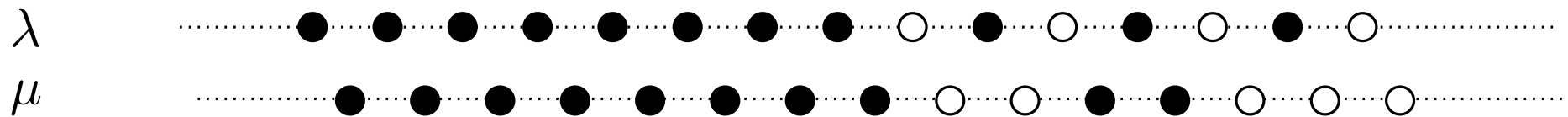
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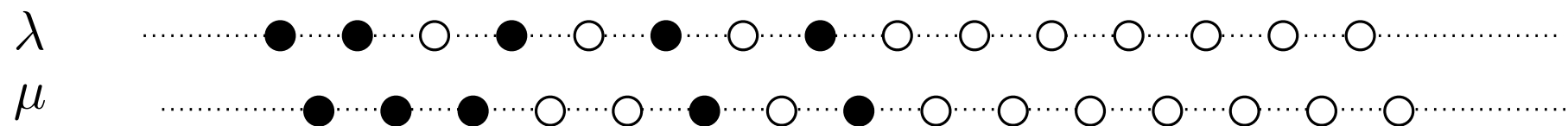
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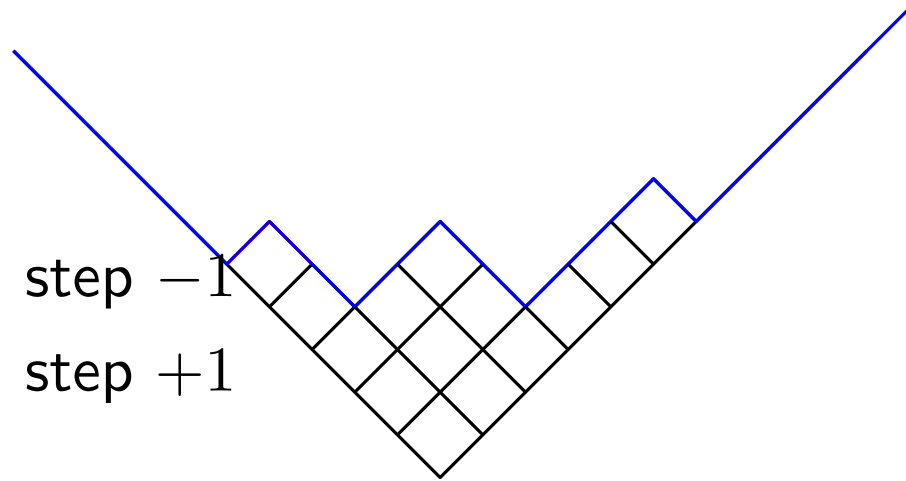
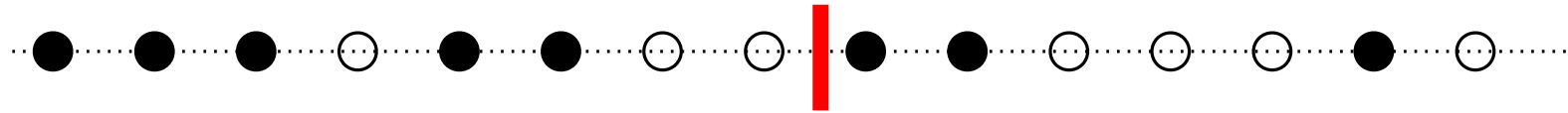


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Integer partitions

From particles to integer partitions



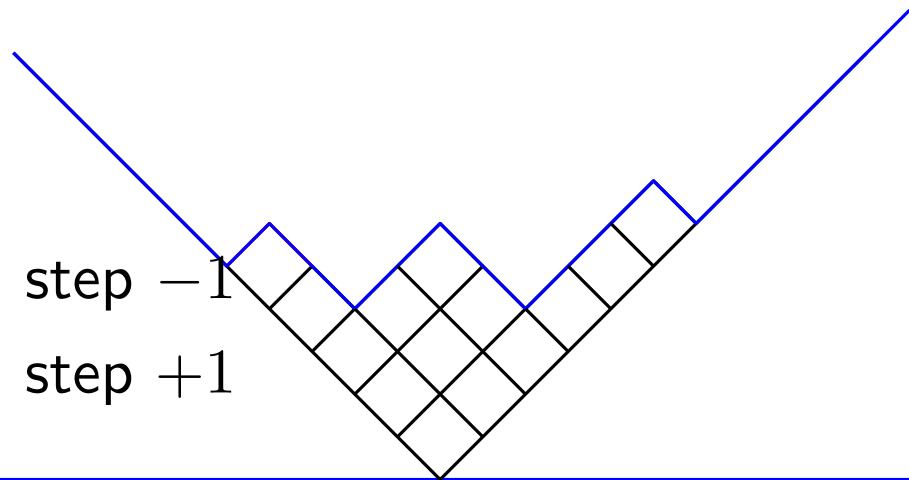
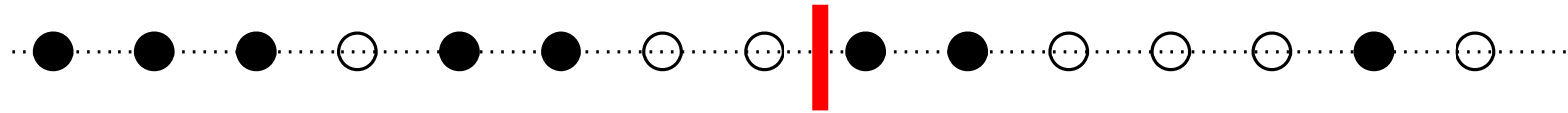
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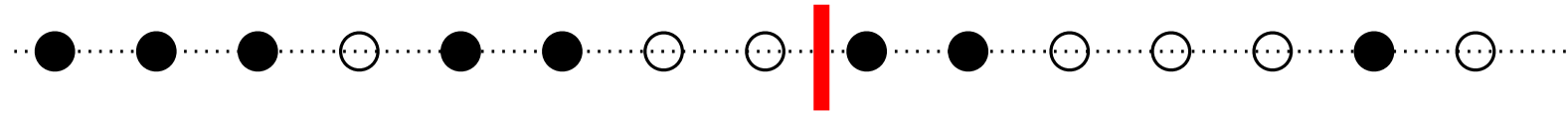
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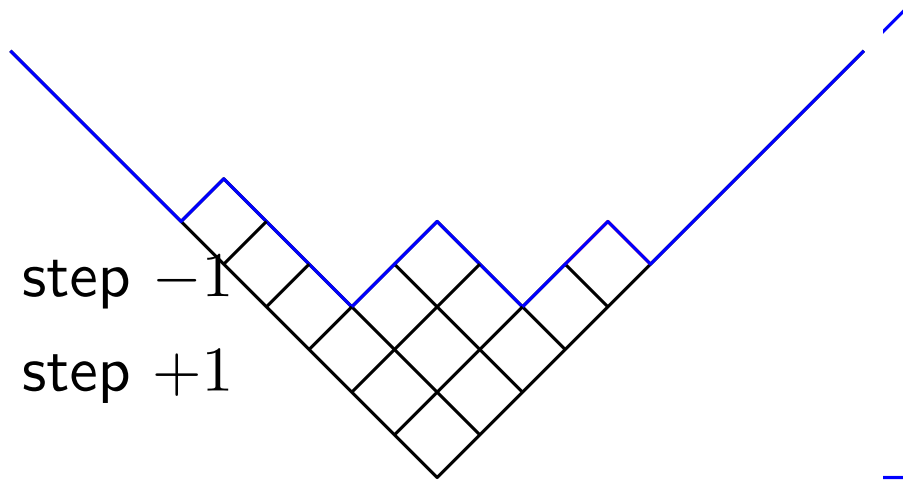
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$$\lambda' = (5, 3, 3, 1, 1, 1)$$

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Horizontal strip

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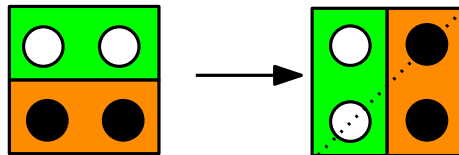
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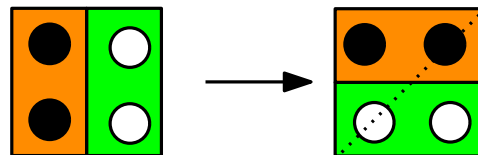
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Idea: True for the minimal tiling and stays true after any flip



even diag.



odd diag.

Interlacing= horizontal strip

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Super-Schur functions/ Hook Schur functions

Vertex operators

Interlacing= horizontal strip

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Shake!



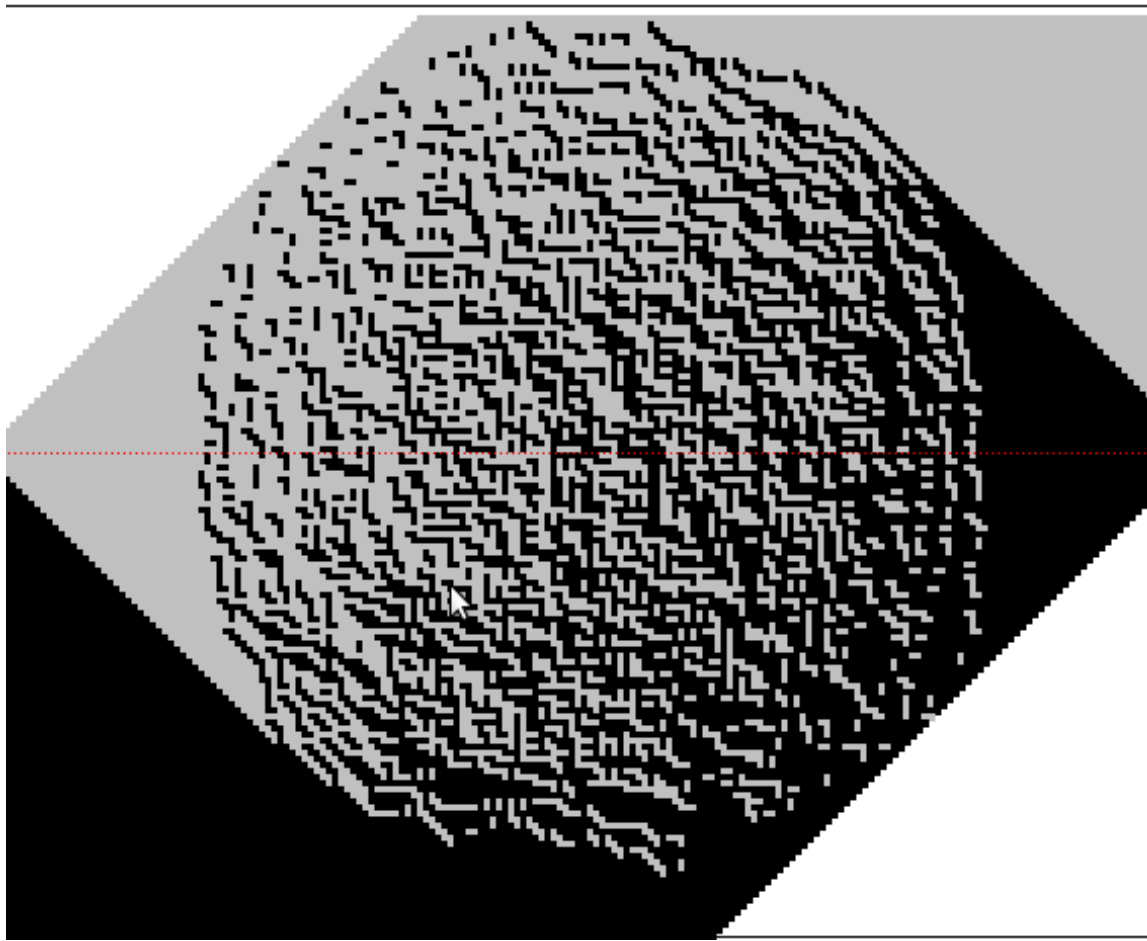
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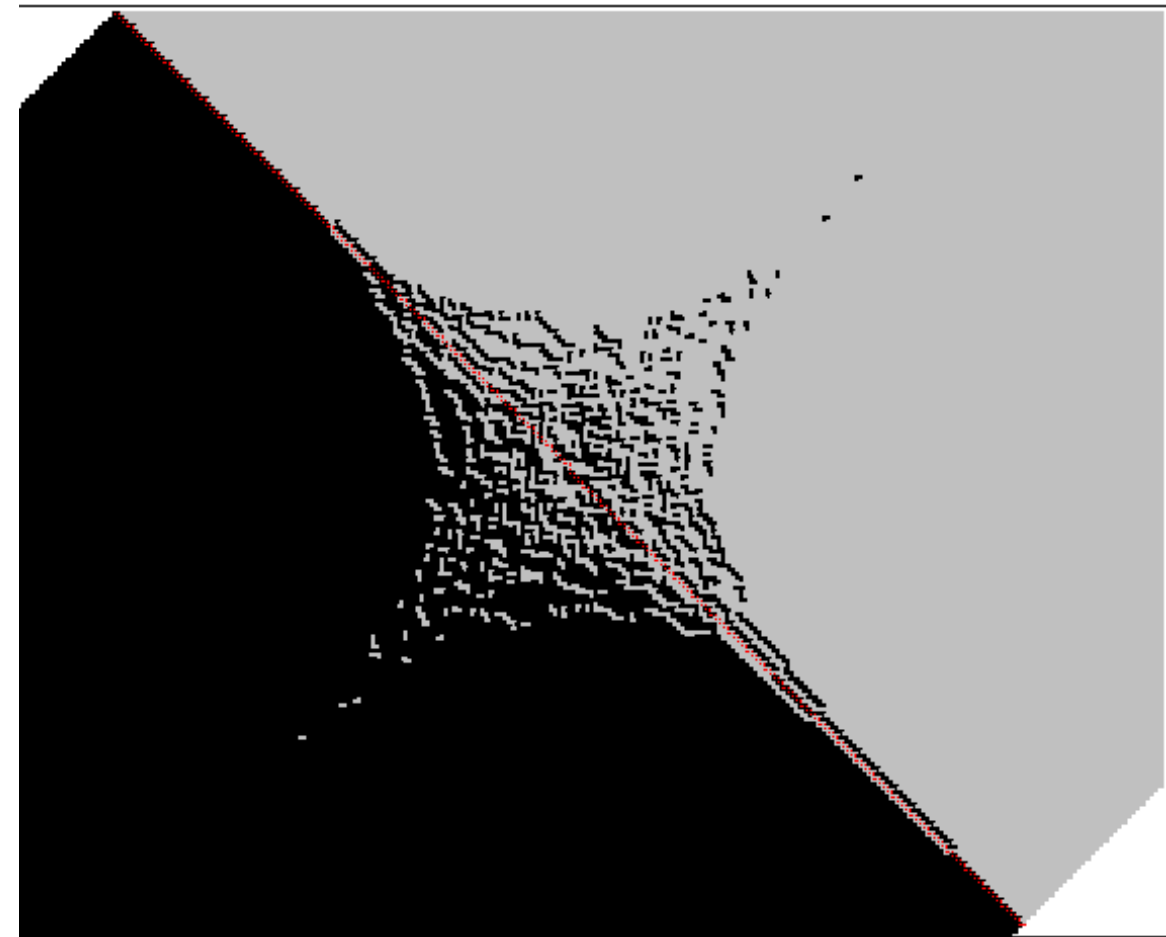
$$T_w(q) = \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ w_i = +, w_j = -}} (1 + \epsilon q^{j-i})^\epsilon$$

Bijjective proofs and Random generation

(with Dan Betea (Paris 6) and Mirjana Vuletić (UMass))

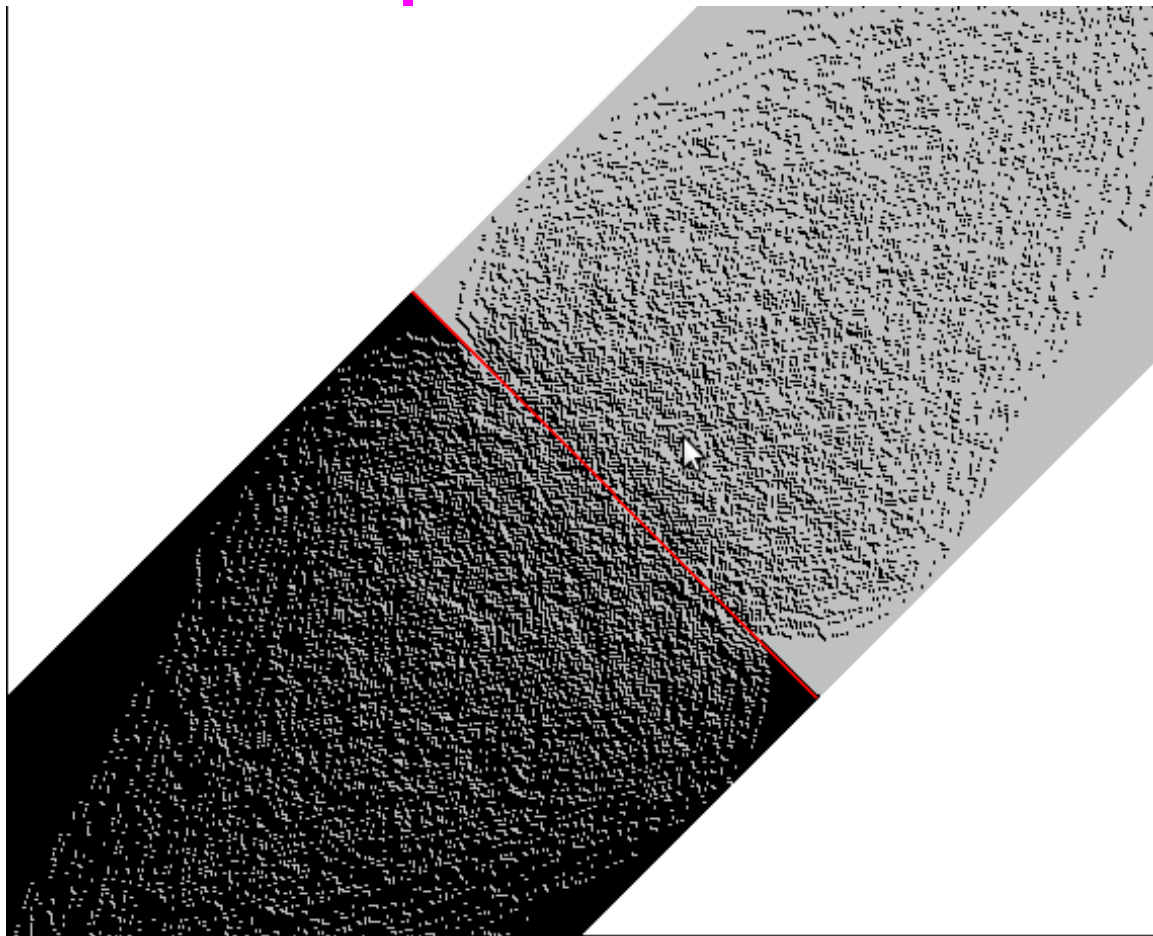


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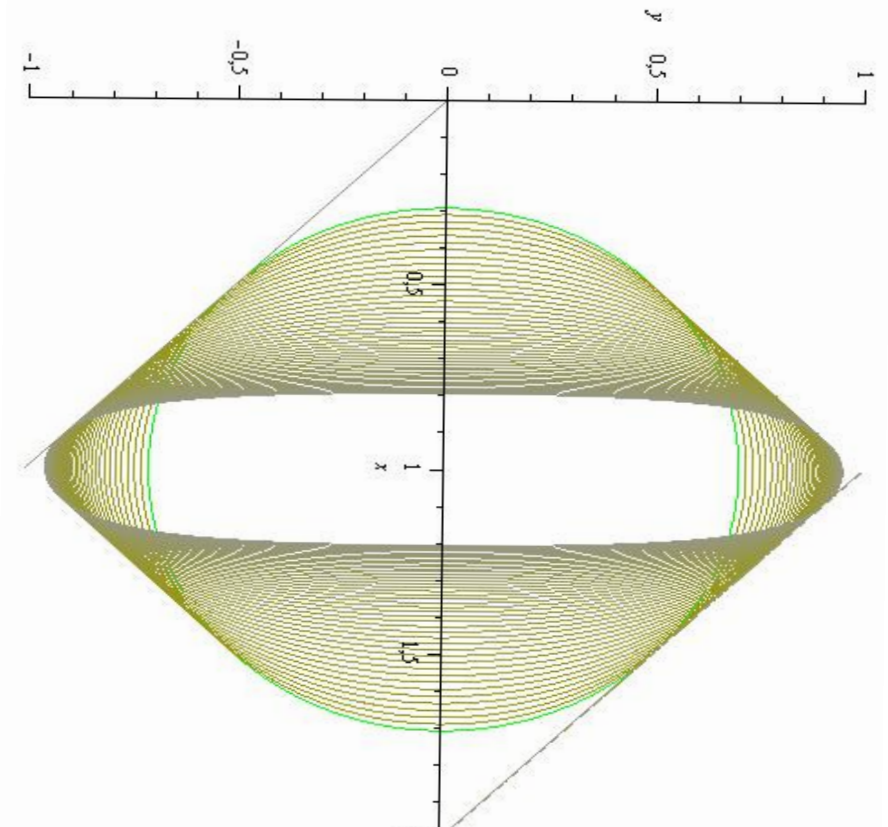


pyramid partitions

Limit shapes



New phenomenon:
limit shapes of ℓ -pyramid partitions
with Mirjana Vuletic (UMASS)



Aztec diamond with $1/4 \leq q \leq 1$

Movie (©Dan Betea 2013)

Generalizations

Steep tilings on a cylinder

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$$T_w^{(c)}(q) = T_w(q) \times \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - q^{2\ell k}} \prod_{w_i = +, w_j = -} (1 + \epsilon q^{2\ell k + j - i})^\epsilon$$

Free steep tilings : allow flips on the boundaries $y = x$ and $y = x - 2\ell$

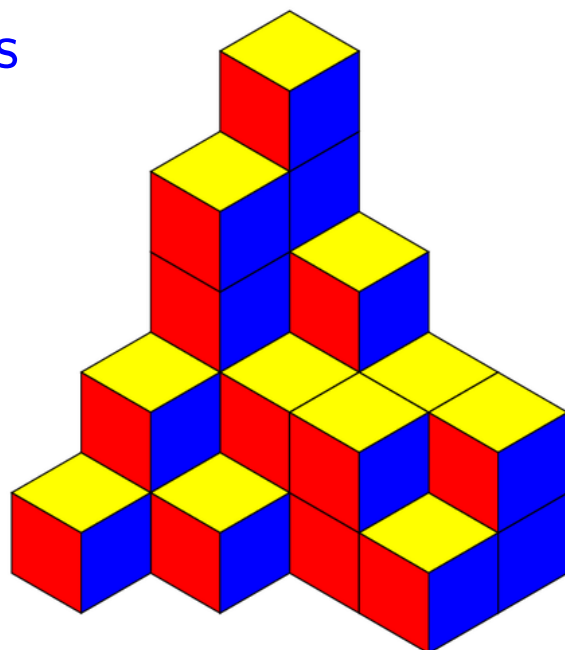
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$$T_w^{(f)}(u, v, q) = \sum q^{\#\text{flips}} u^{|\lambda^{(0)}|} v^{|\lambda^{(2\ell)}|}$$
$$T_w^{(f)}(q, u, v) = T_w(q) \times \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - (uv)^k} \prod_{w_i \neq w_j} (1 + \epsilon u^{2k+1} v^{2k+1} q_i q_j)^\epsilon$$
$$\times \prod_{w_i = w_j} (1 + \epsilon u^{2k} v^{2k} q_i q_j)^\epsilon \prod_i \frac{1}{1 - u^k v^k q^i}$$

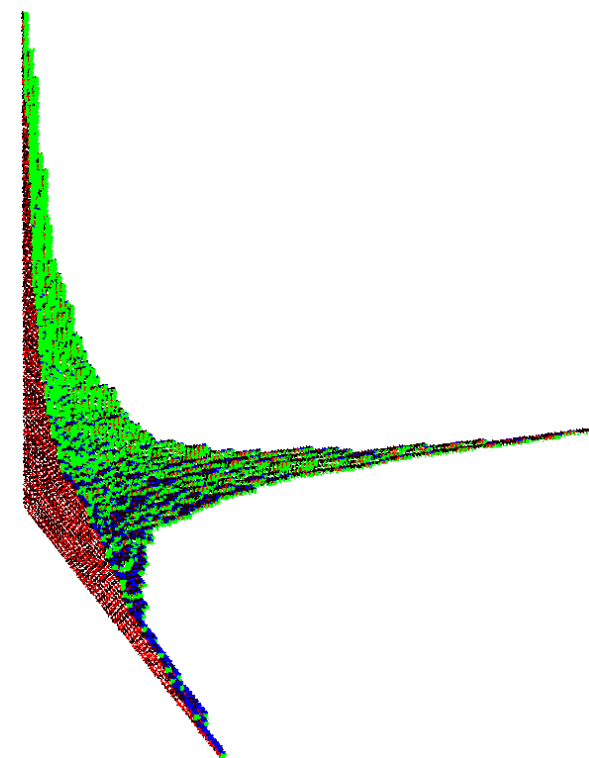
with $u \rightarrow q^{2\ell+1}$, $q_i = q^i/u$ if $w_i = +$ and q^{-i}/v if $w_i = -$

Some results who look alike: plane partitions

- Plane partitions

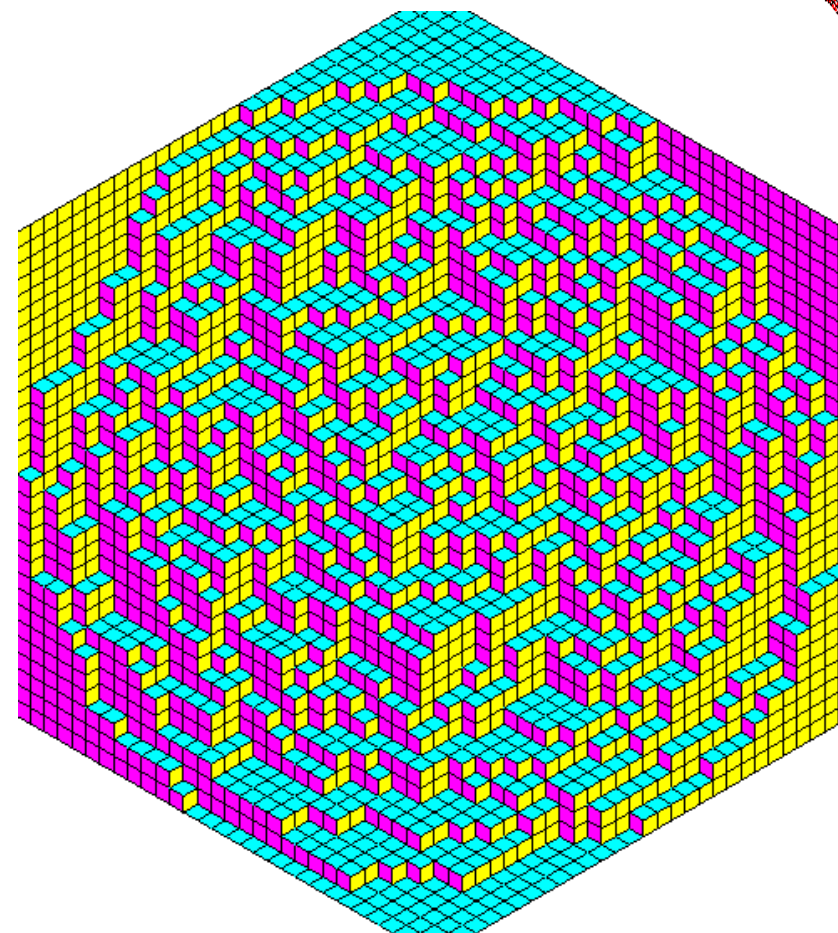


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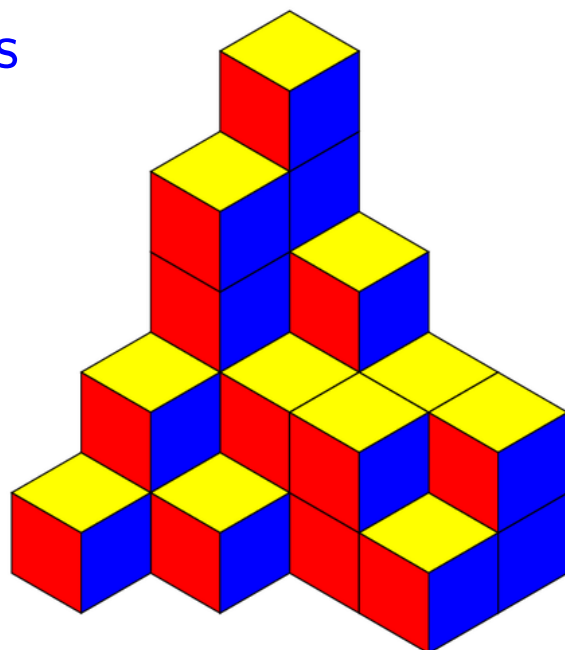
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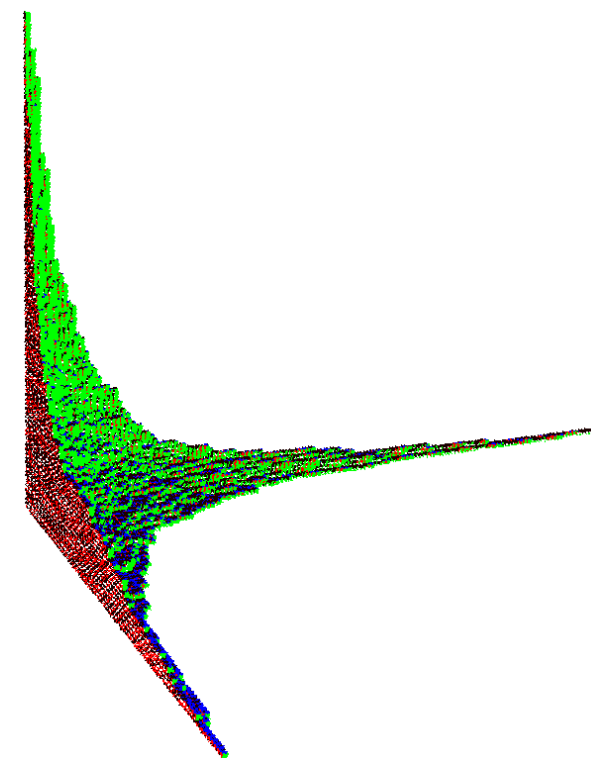
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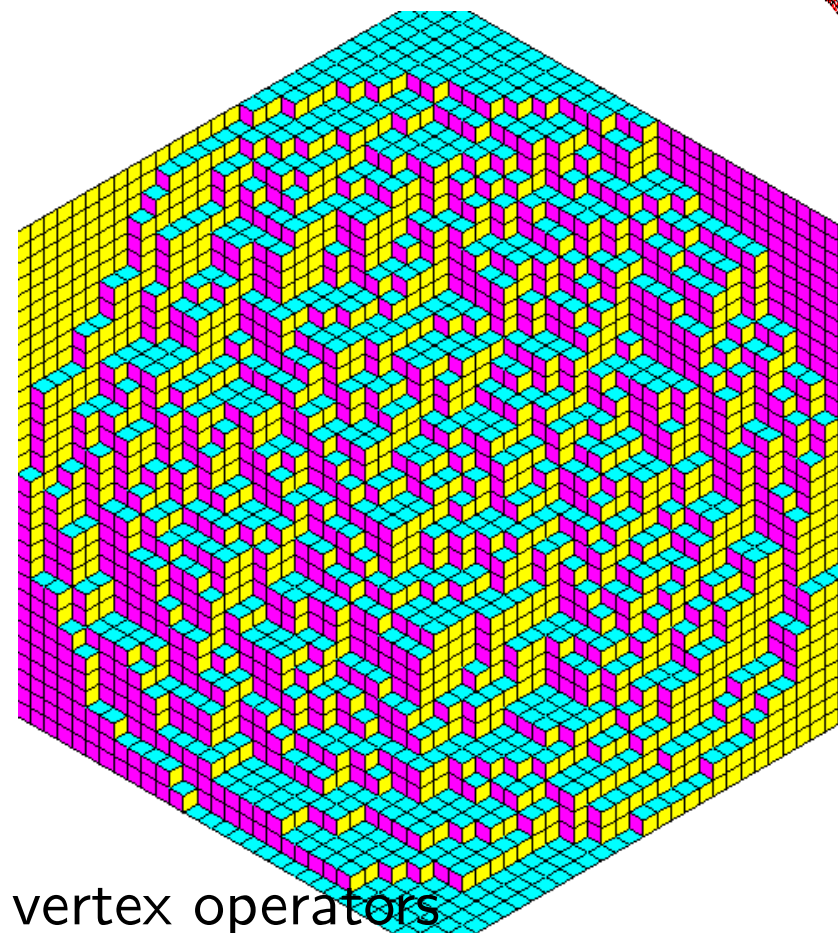
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- Reverse partitions in λ [Stanley 70s]

$$\prod_{c \in \lambda} \frac{1}{(1 - q^{\text{hook}(c)})}$$

[Okounkov Reshetikhin 00s] Schur functions, vertex operators



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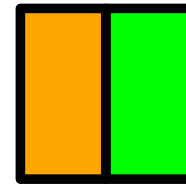
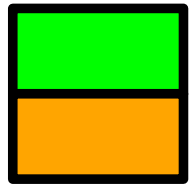
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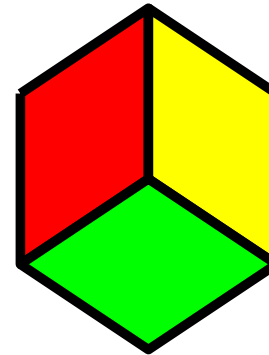
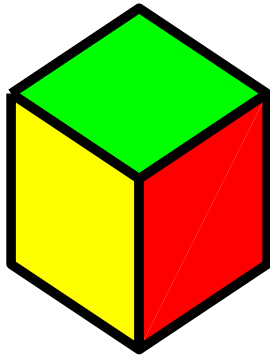
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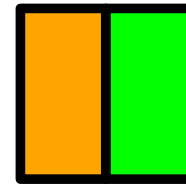
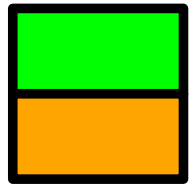


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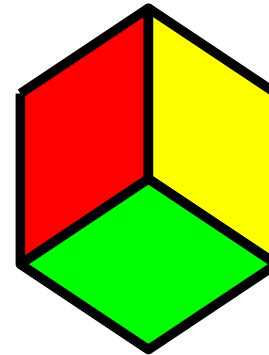
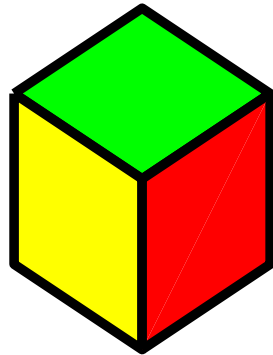
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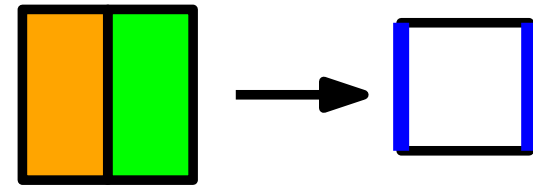
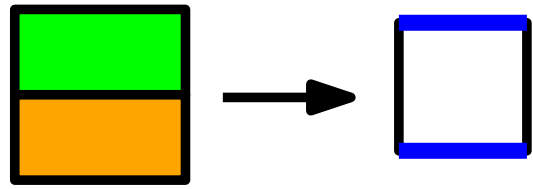


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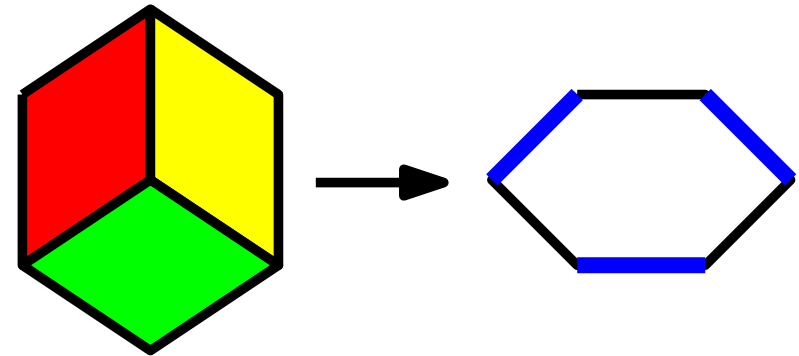
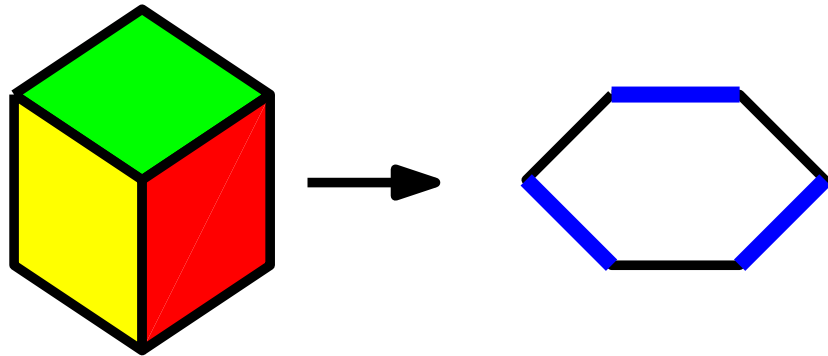
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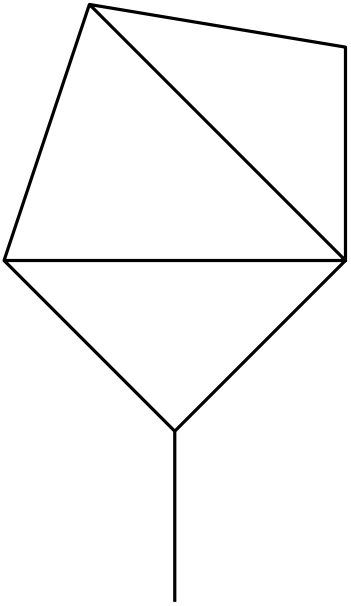
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3. Dimers on rail yard graphs

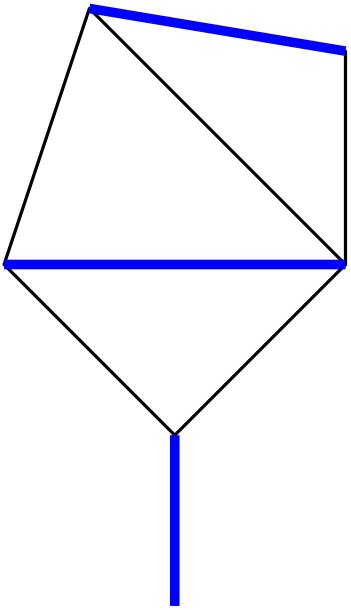
Dimer model

A Graph



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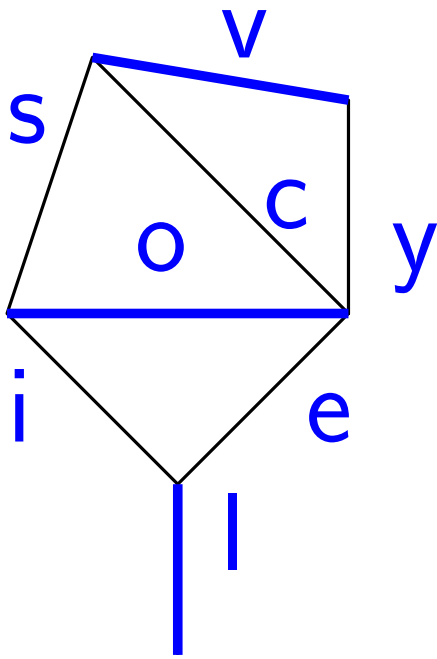
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A subset of edges such that each vertex belongs to one edge

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Weight = product of the weights of the chosen edges

Weight of the example = lov

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Rail Yard Graphs

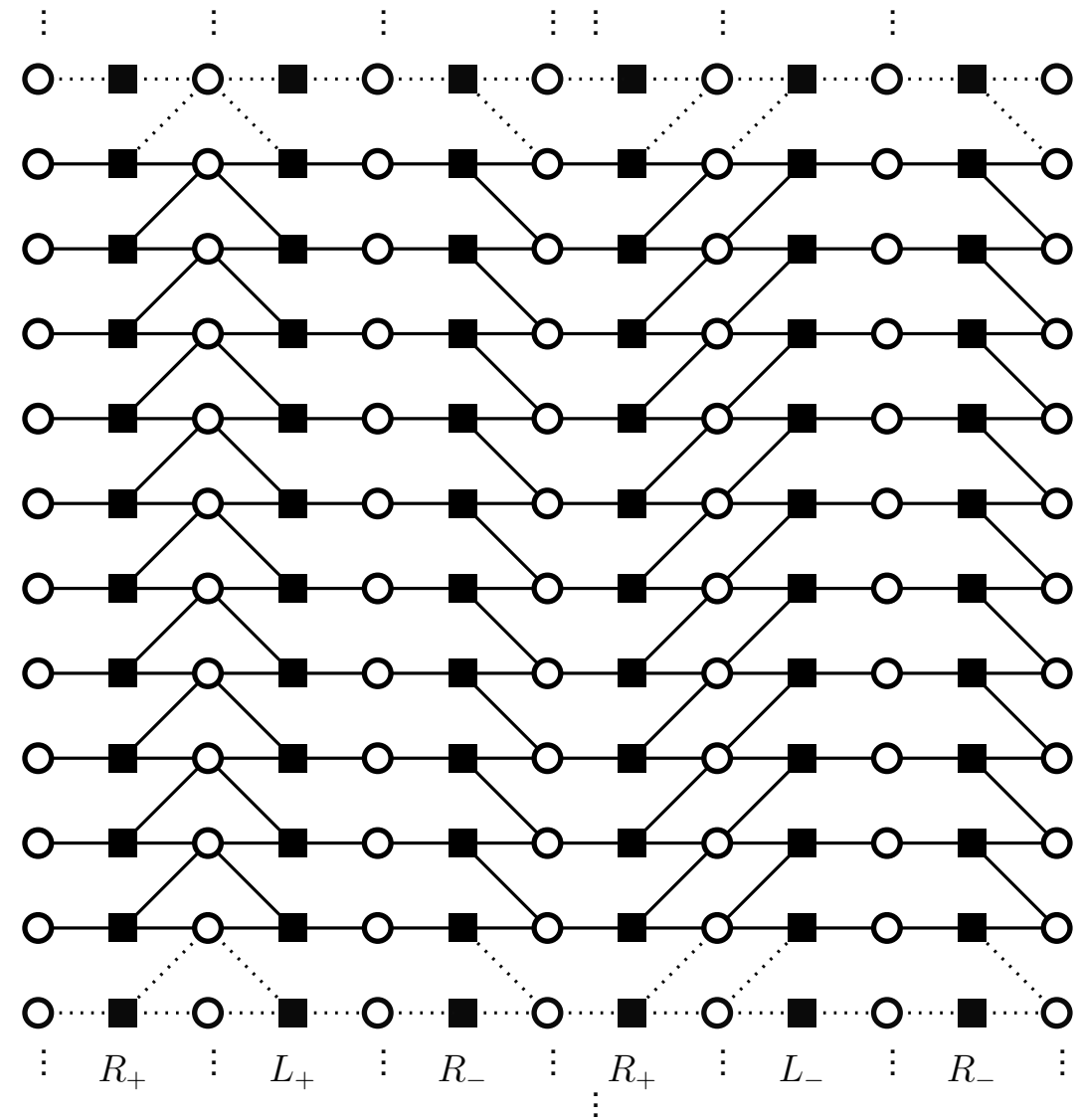
○ odd vertex

■ even vertex

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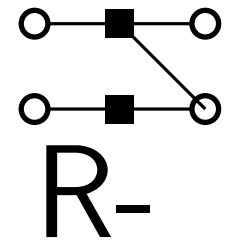
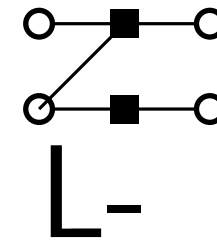
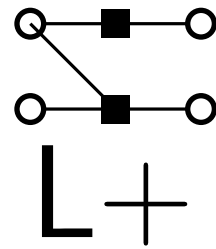
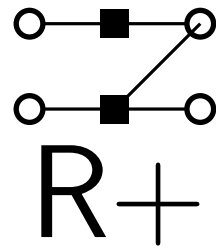
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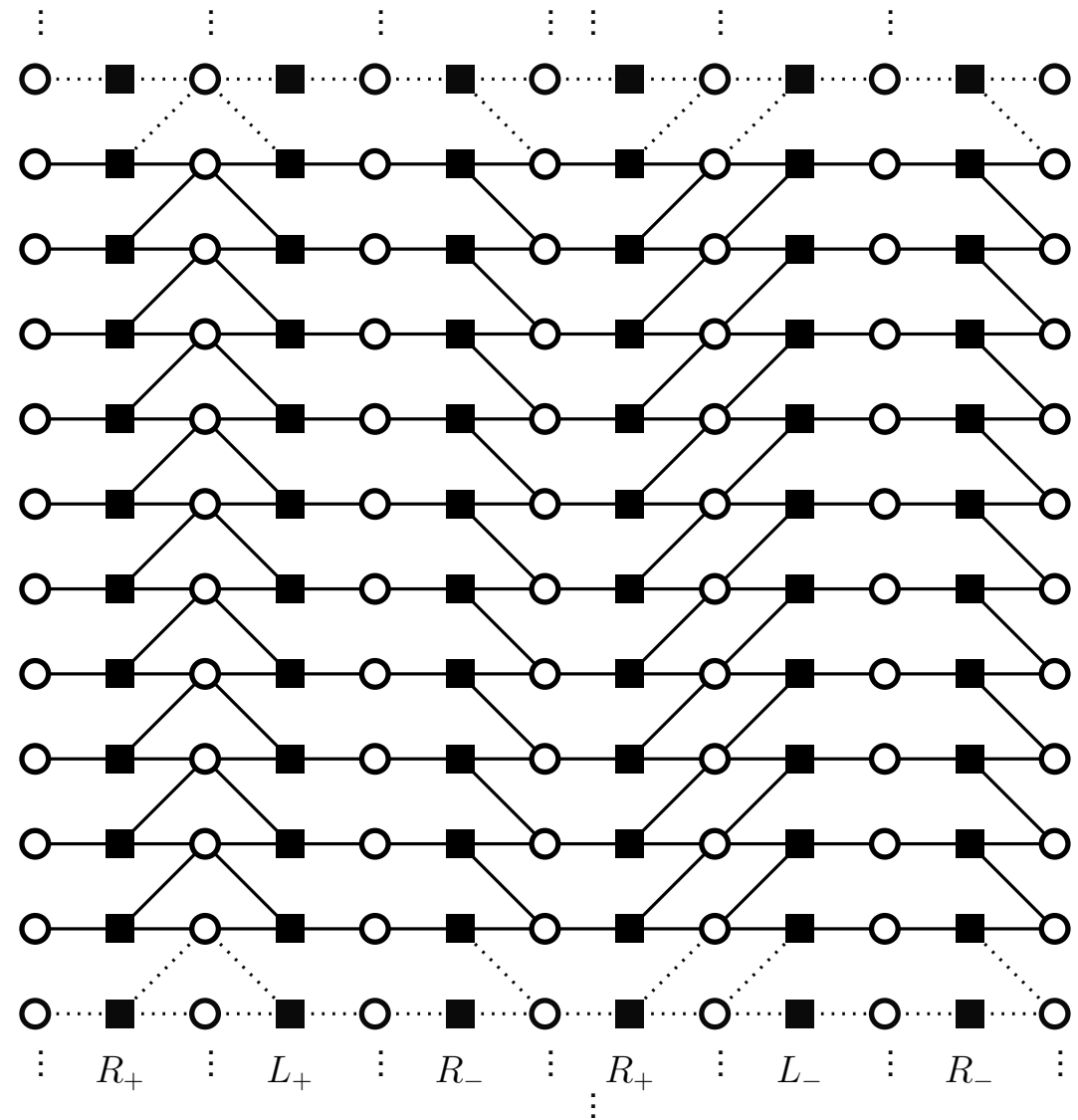


Finite width

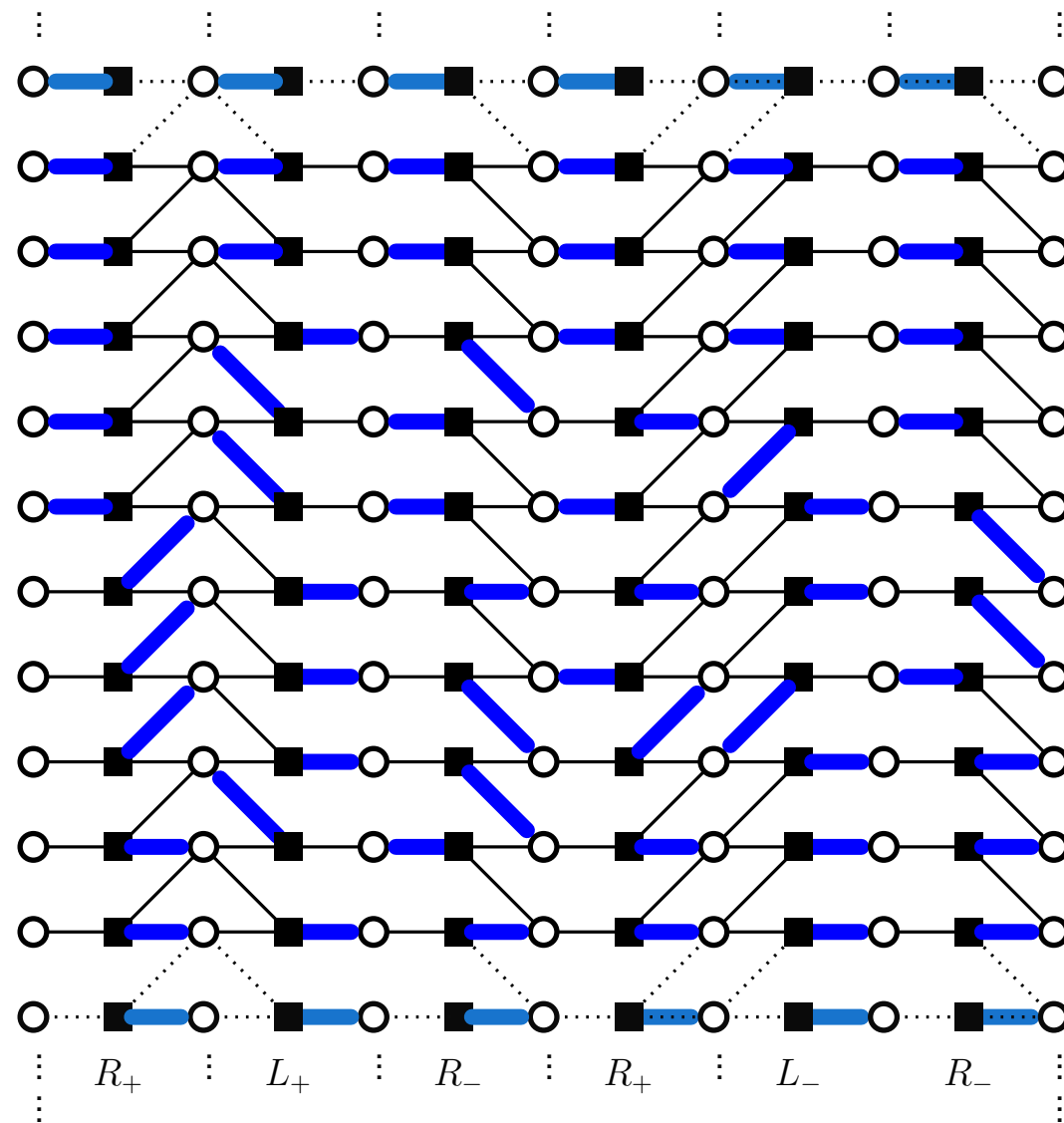
Infinite height

One pattern per column

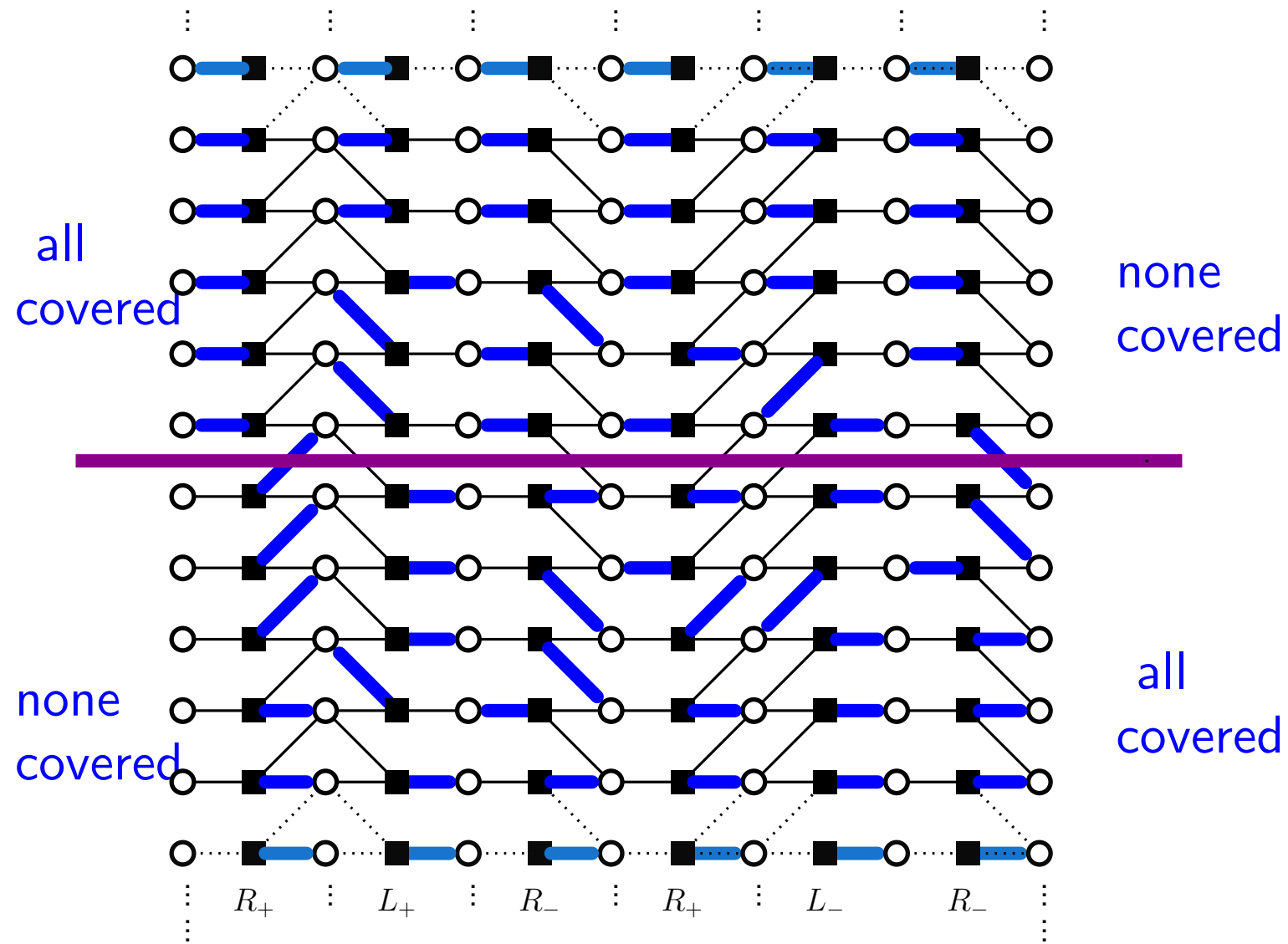
\Rightarrow faces of degree 4,6,8



Dimer coverings on RYG



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Generating function

$a_i \in \{L, R\}$, $b_i \in \{+, -\}$ $a_i b_i$ pattern in column i

x_i follows the number of **diagonal edges** in column i

Theorem [BBCR 14]

$$Z(\ell, \underline{a}, \underline{b}; \underline{x}) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i < j \leq \ell \\ b_i = +, b_j = -}} z_{ij}$$

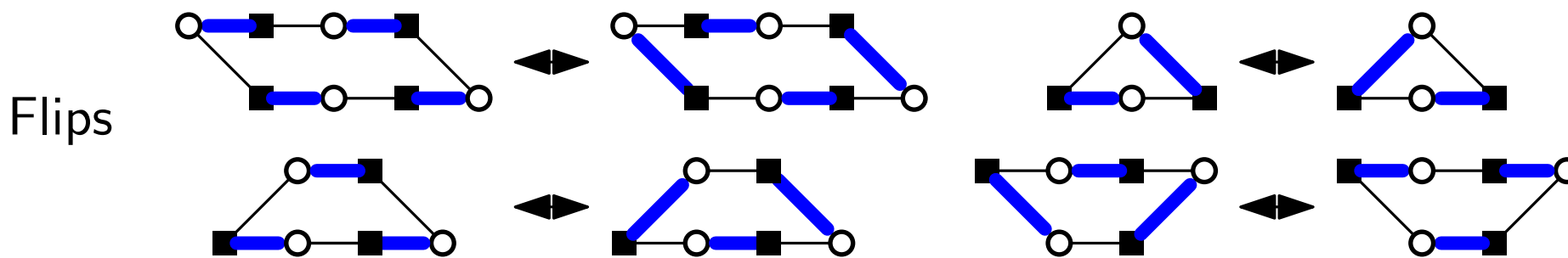
$$a_i \neq a_j: z_{ij} = (1 + x_i x_j)$$

$$a_i = a_j: z_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 - x_i x_j}$$

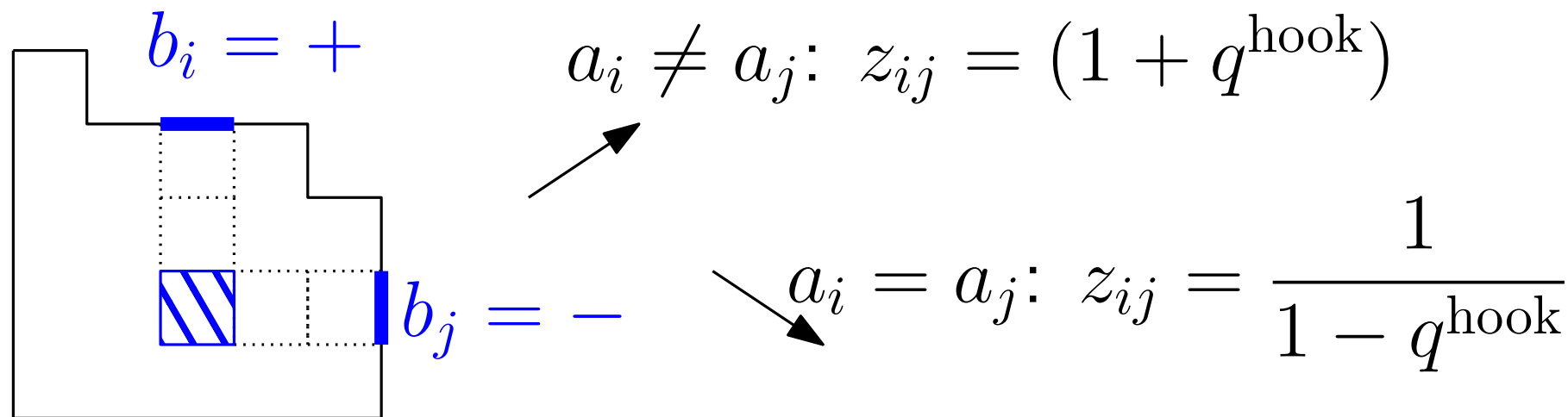
Flip generating function

$$Z(\ell, \underline{a}, \underline{b}; \underline{x}) = \prod_{\substack{\ell \leq i < j \leq r \\ b_i = +, b_j = -}} z_{ij}$$

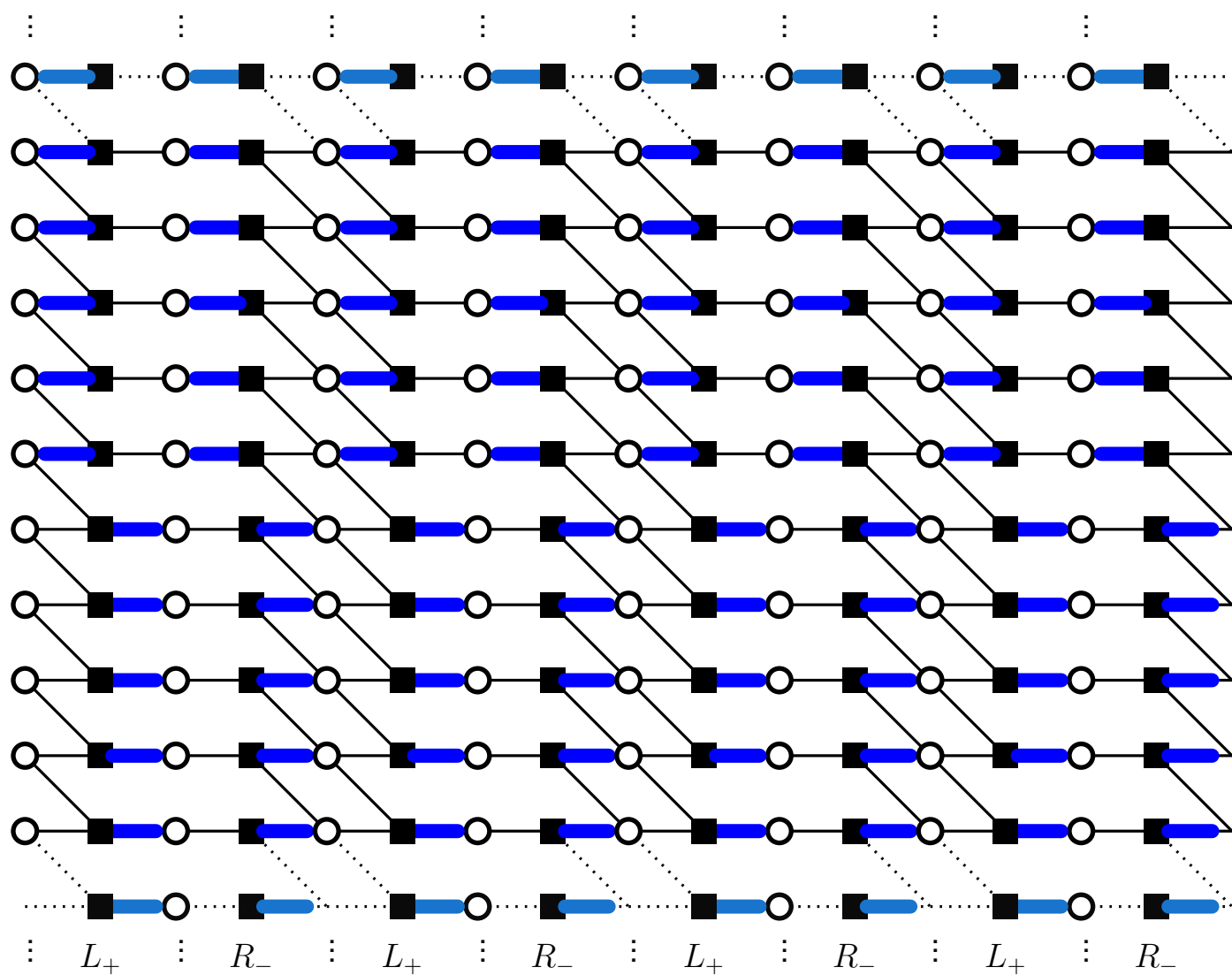
Setting $x_i = q^i$, if $b_i = +$ and $1/q^i$, if $b_i = -$



$$Z(q) = \sum_{\text{coverings}} q^{\#\text{flips}}$$

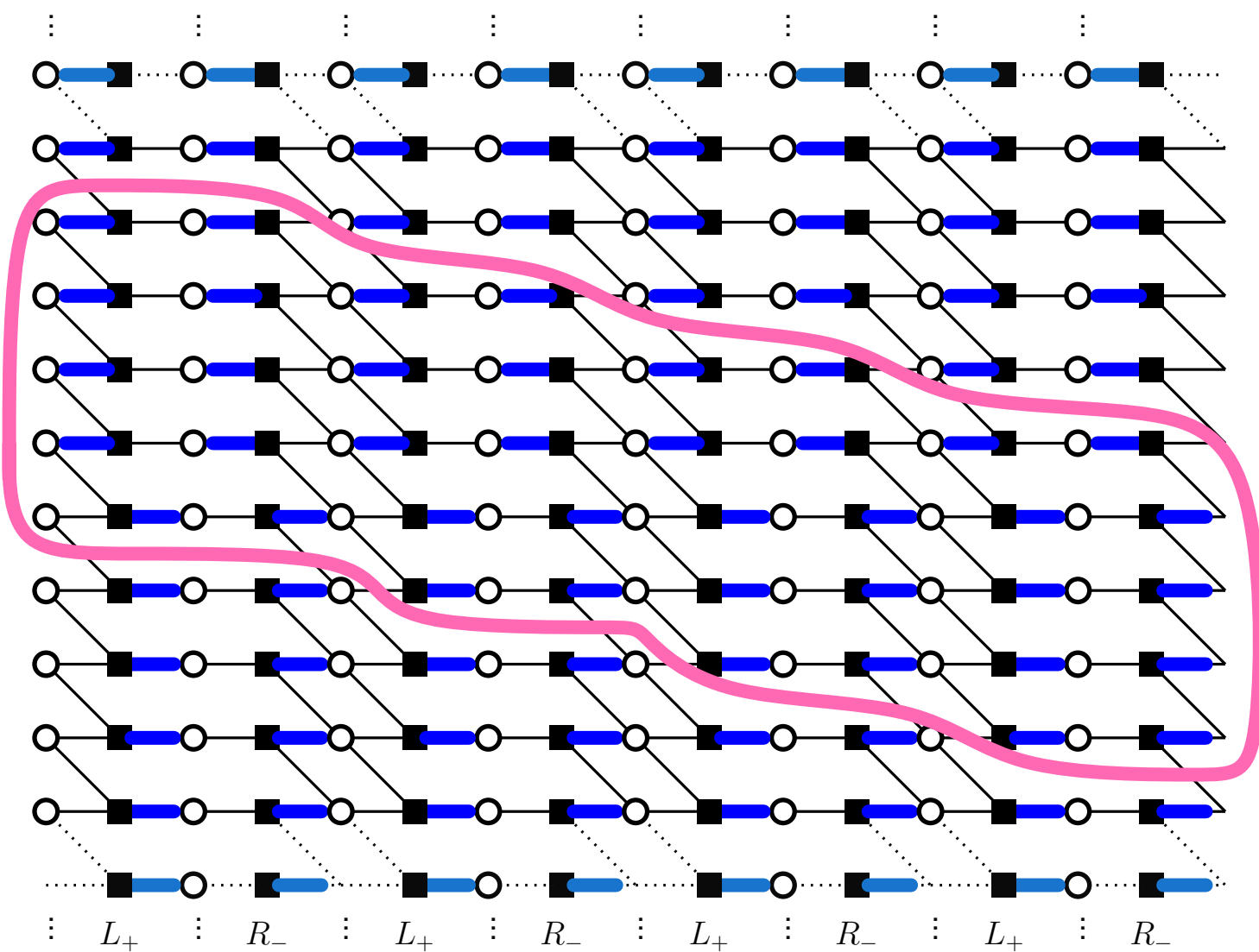


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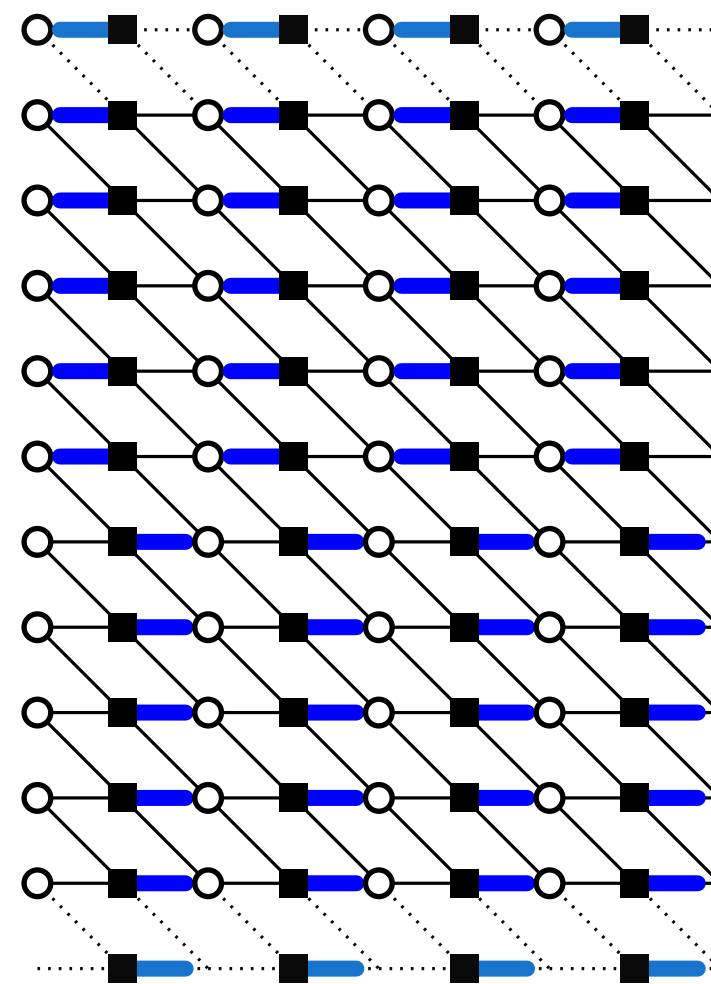


aztec diamond $(L_+R_-)^\ell$

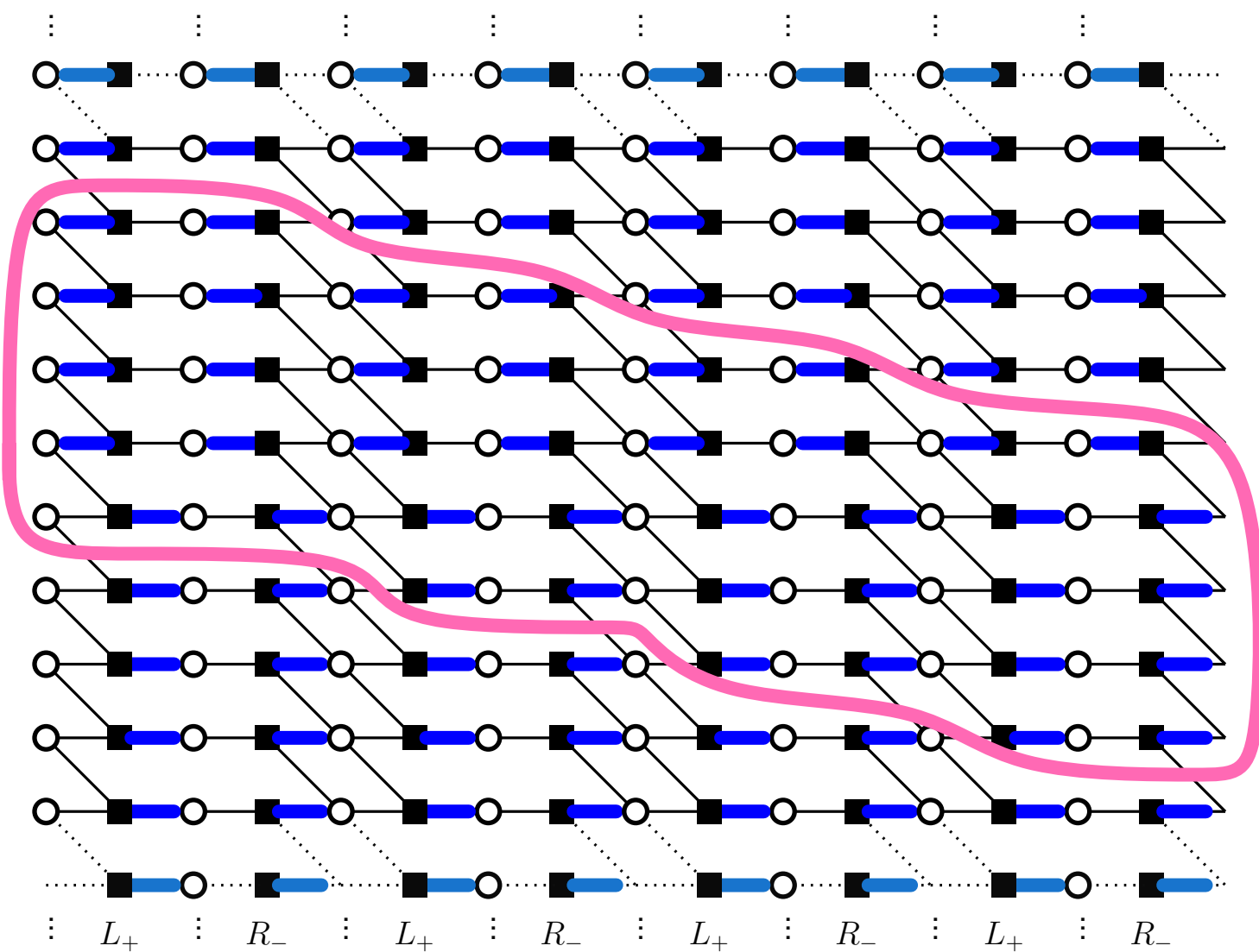
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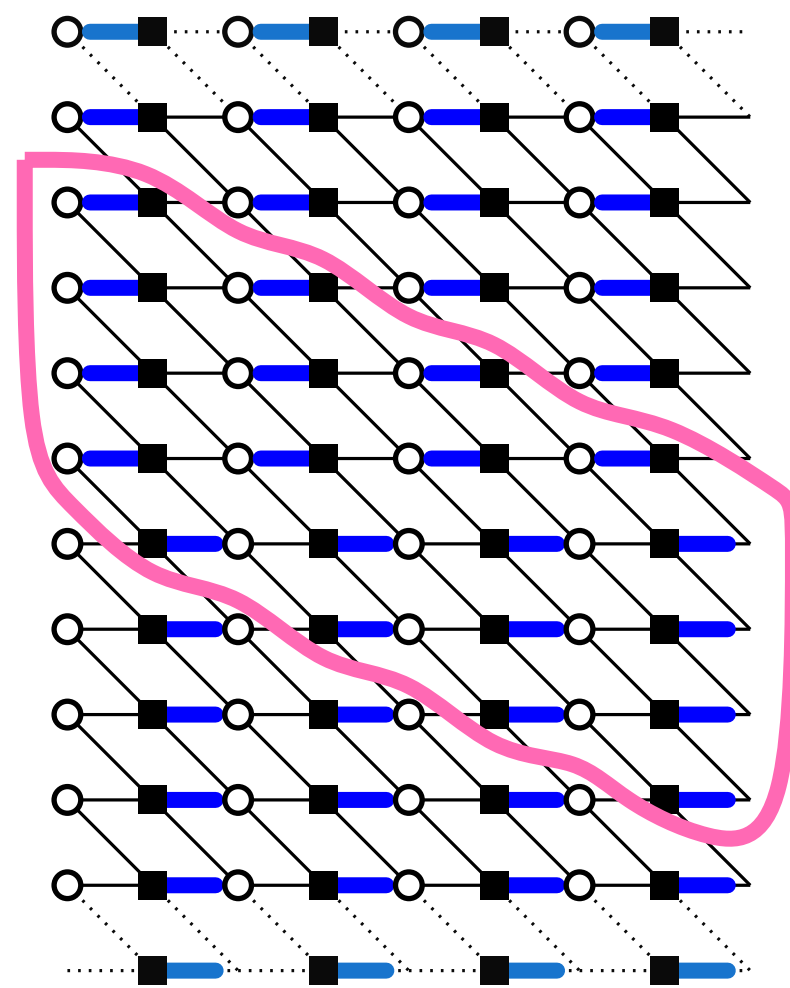
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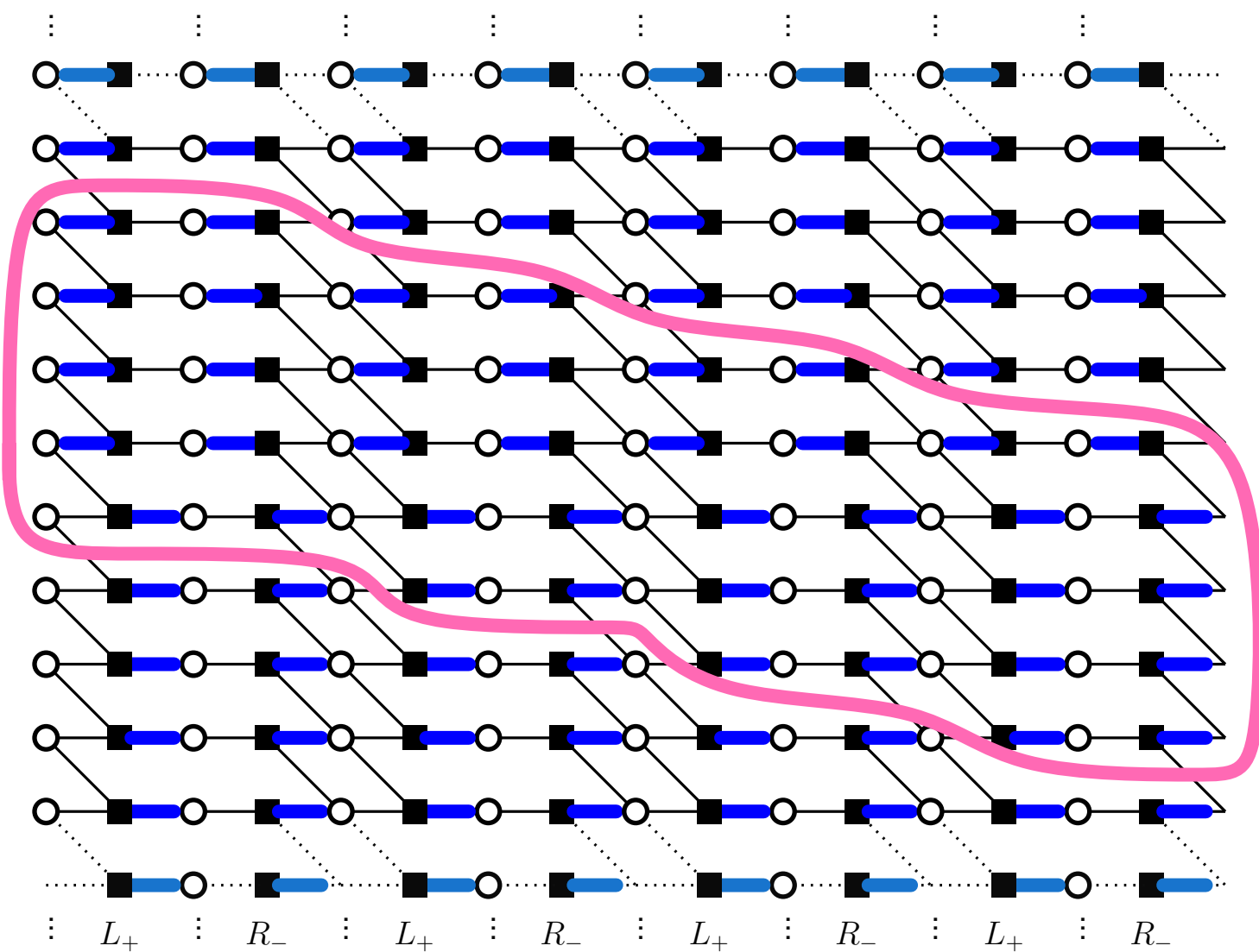
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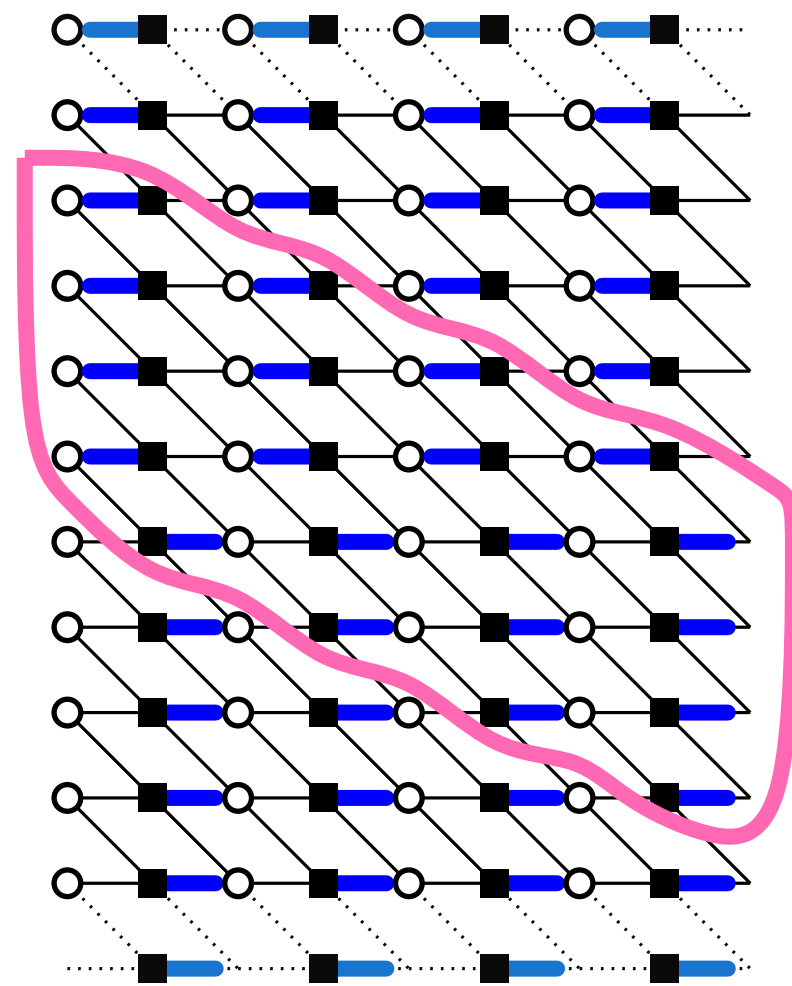
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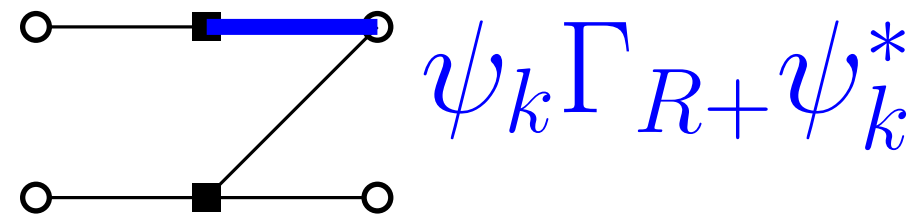
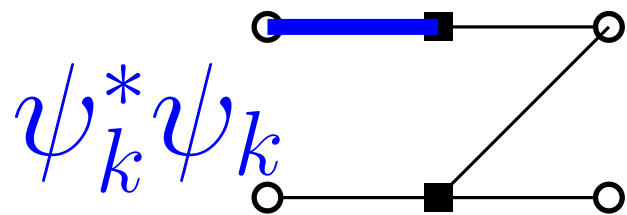
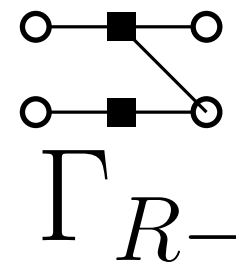
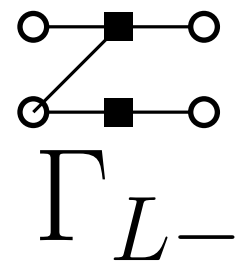
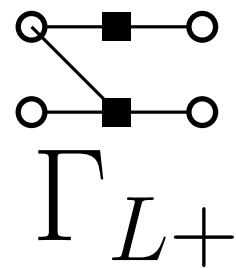
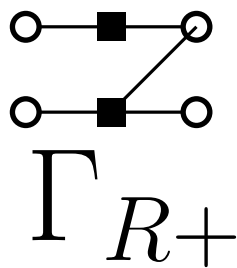
Pyramid partitions $(L_-R_-)^\ell(L_+R_+)^\ell$

Plane partitions $L_-^\ell L_+^\ell$

Dimer correlations

ψ_k creation operator ψ_k^* annihilation operator

Vertex operators



Correlation kernel

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C is the inverse of the Kasteleyn matrix

Time to wrap it up

Fermionic and bosonic operators \Rightarrow Correlation kernel

We can compute the gf of coverings with a fixed collection of dimers

Free dimer configurations, cylindric dimer configurations

Asymptotics...

Open questions: Can we treat those with cluster algebras?

Can we allow the pattern to change in a column?



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