

# Cylindric growth diagrams, walks in simplices, and exclusion processes

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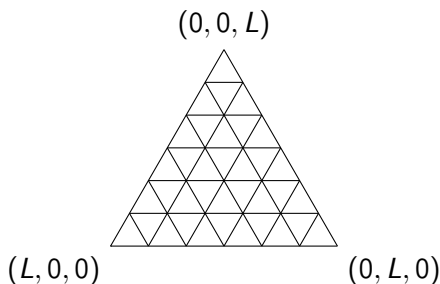
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  - Walks in simplicial regions
  - Standard cylindric tableaux (SCT)
  - Exclusion processes on a cycle
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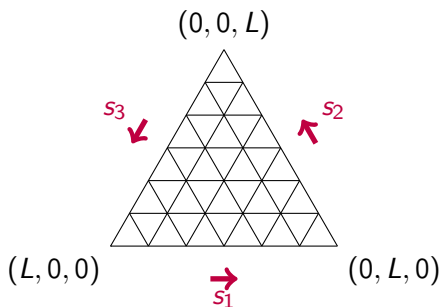
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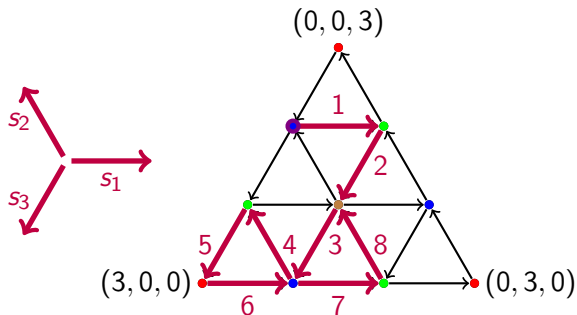
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For  $1 \leq i \leq d$ , let  $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , with 1 in position  $i$ , and let  $s_i = e_{i+1} - e_i$ , with the convention  $e_{d+1} := e_1$ .

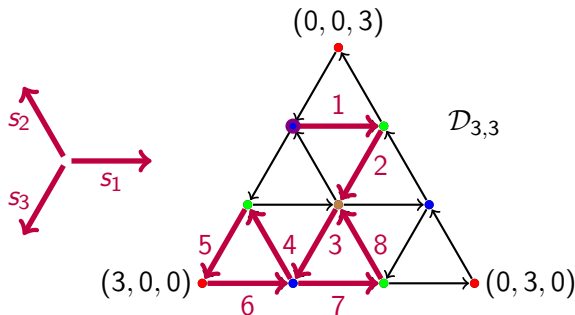
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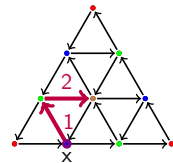
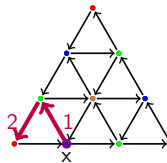
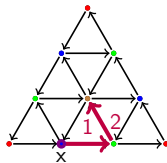
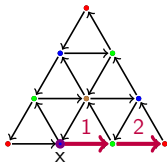
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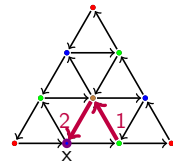
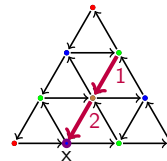
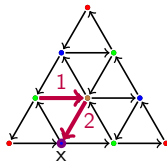
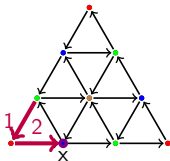
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# Small example

Starting at x:



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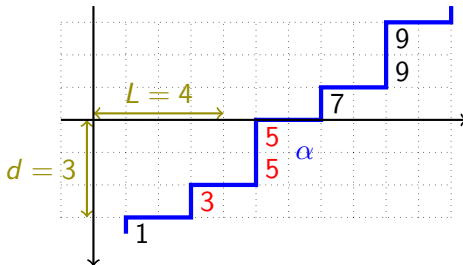
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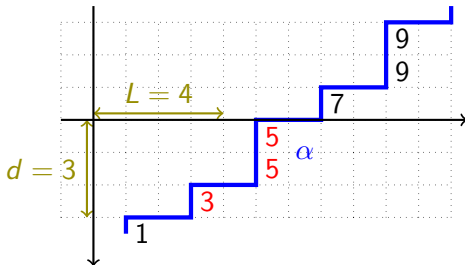


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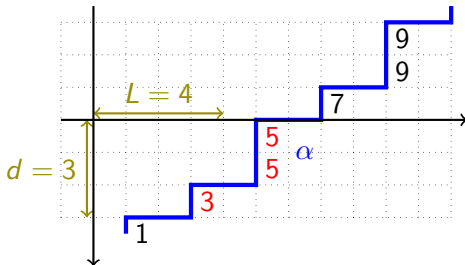
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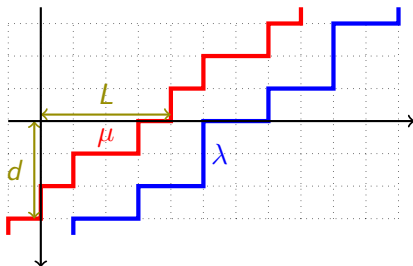
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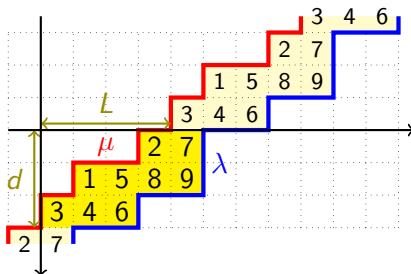
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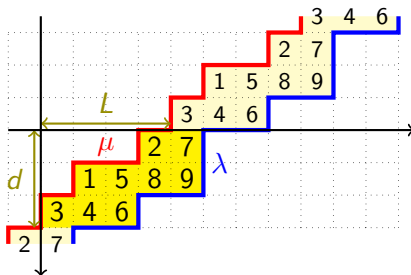
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One can think of them as skew SYT with additional restrictions.



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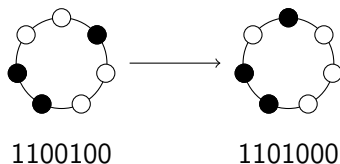
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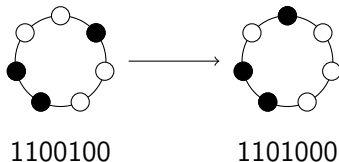
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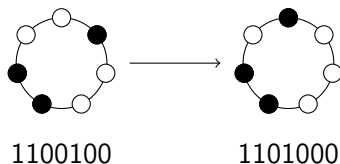
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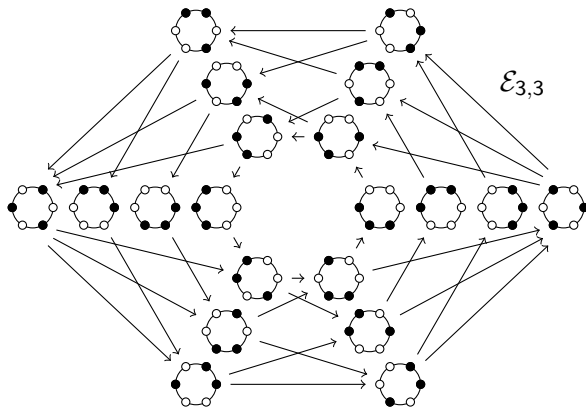


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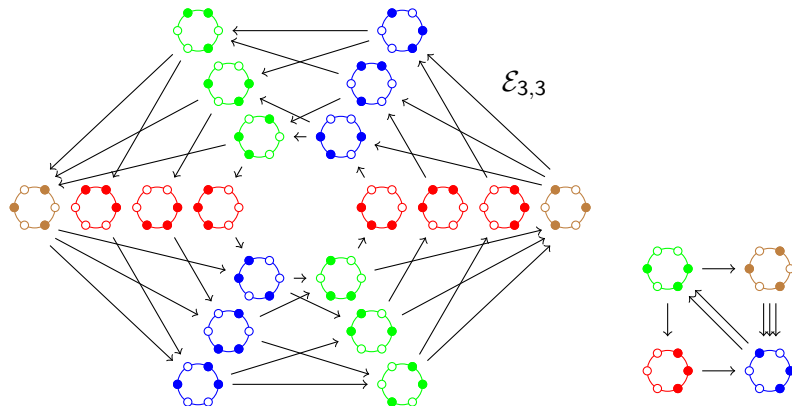
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One can also consider the directed multigraph obtained as the quotient of  $\mathcal{E}_{d,N-d}$  under cyclic rotations.

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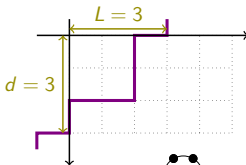




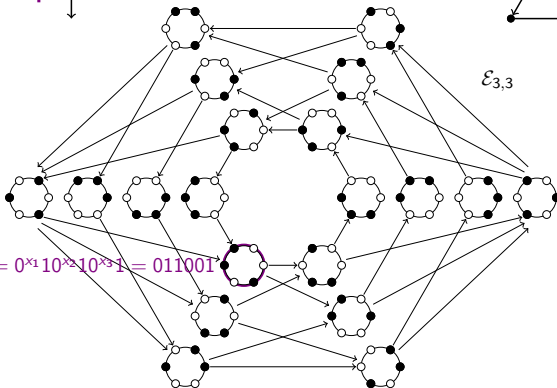
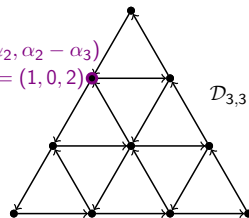


# Example

$$\alpha = [2, 2, 0] = (\dots, 5, 5, 3, 2, 2, 0, \dots)$$



$$\mathbf{x} = (\alpha_0 - \alpha_1, \alpha_1 - \alpha_2, \alpha_2 - \alpha_3) = (1, 0, 2)$$



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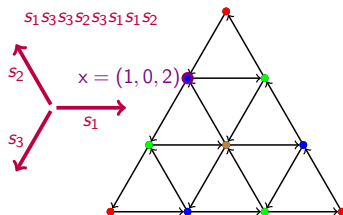
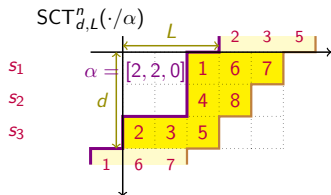


taking step  $s_i$  in the simplicial walk

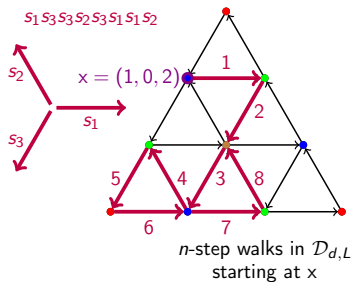
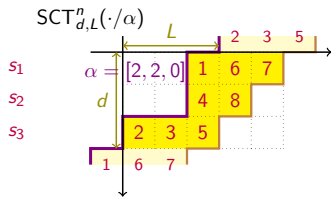


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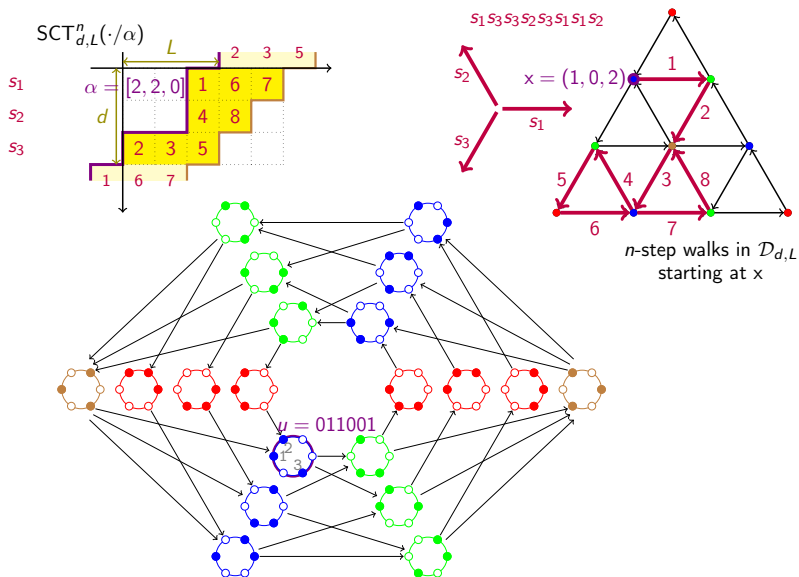
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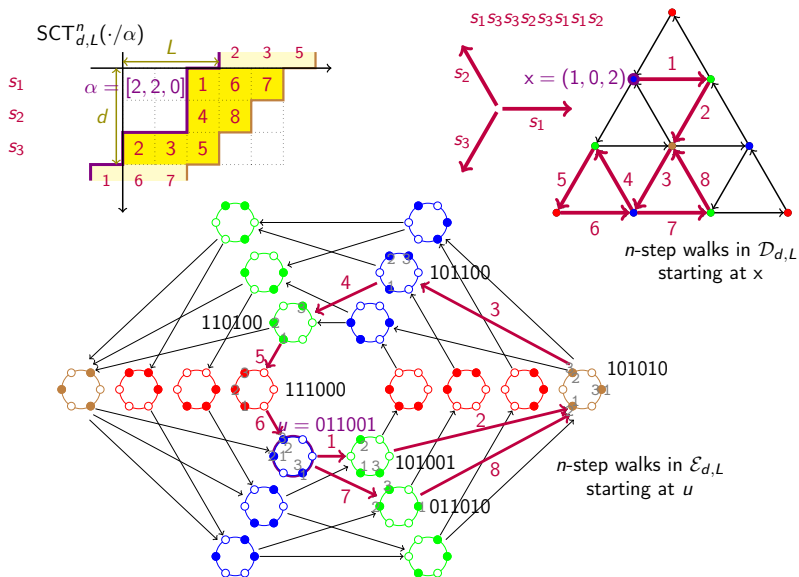


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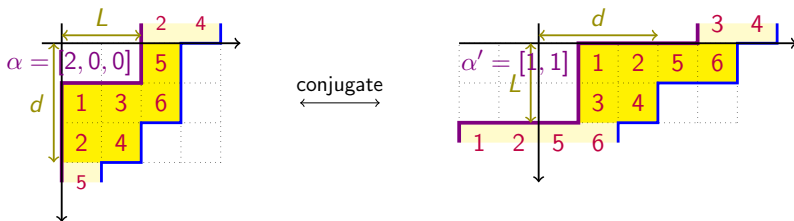


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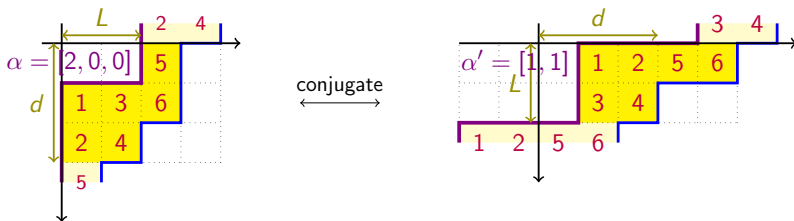
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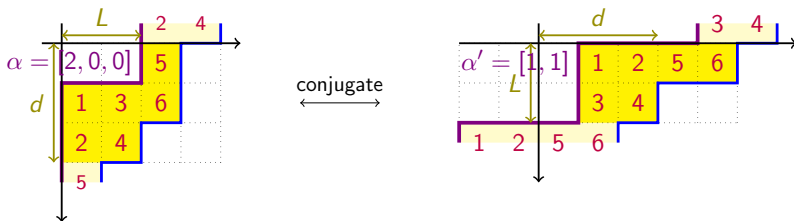
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Let us use our bijections to translate this symmetry to the other settings.

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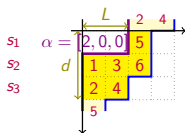
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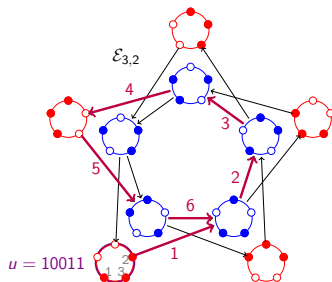
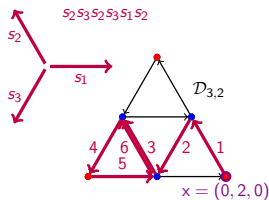
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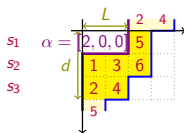
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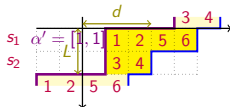
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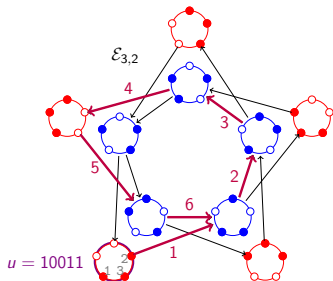
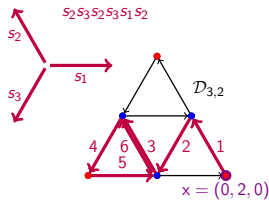
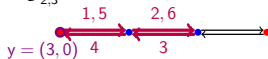
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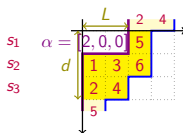
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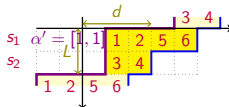

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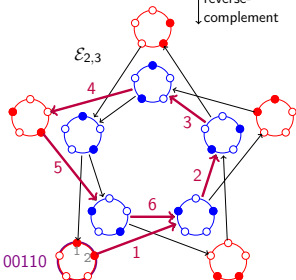
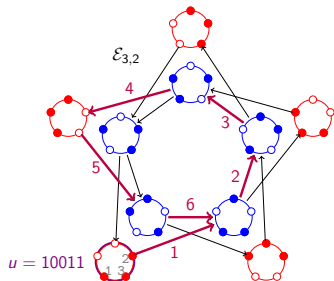
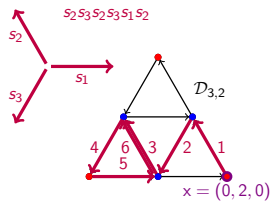
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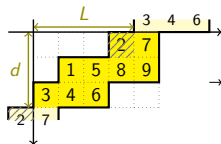
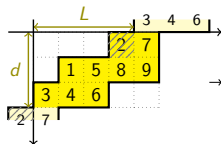
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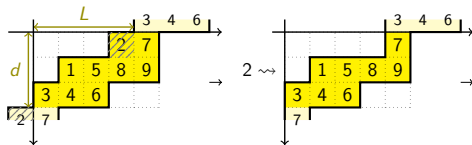
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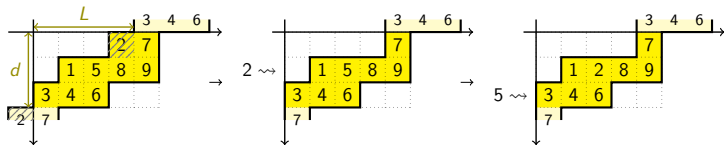
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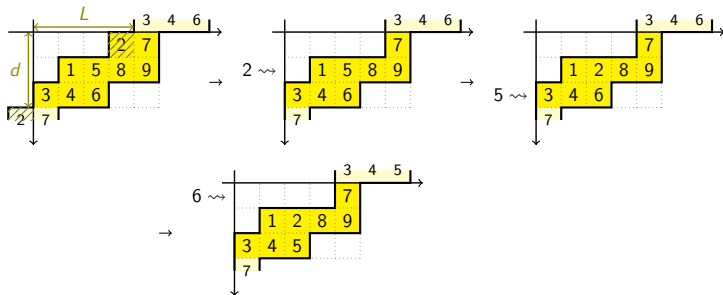
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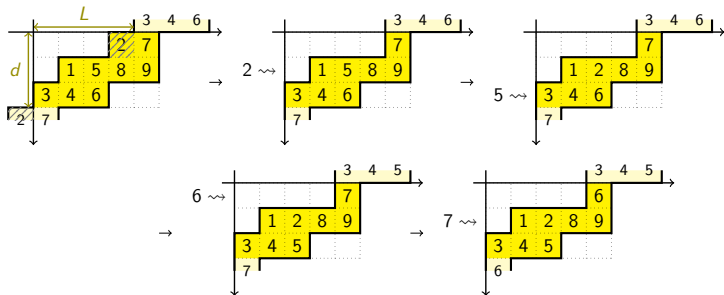
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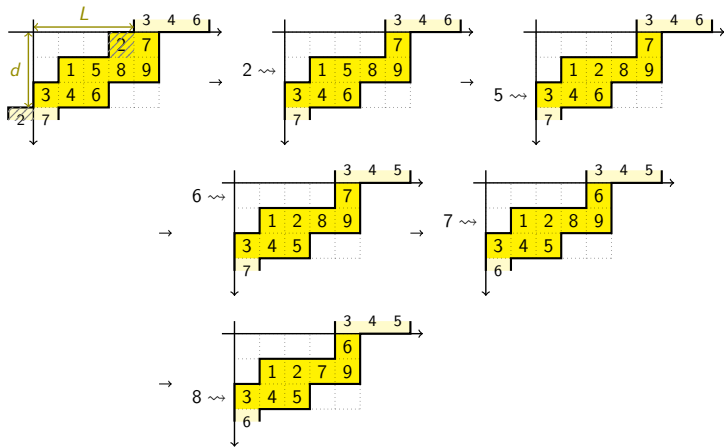
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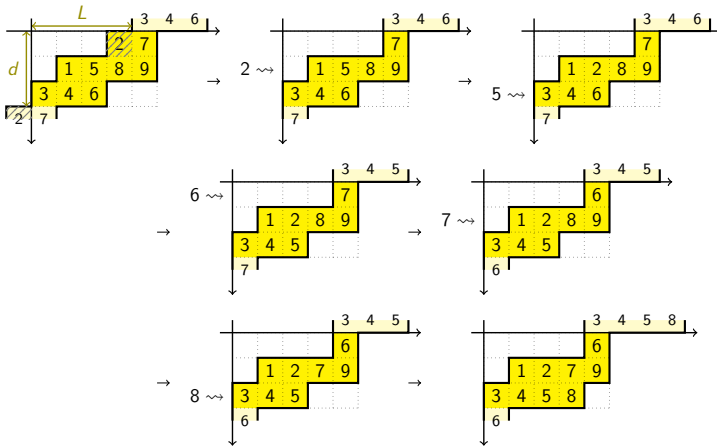
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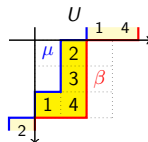
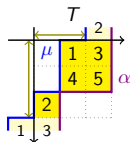
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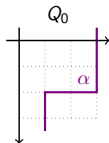
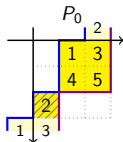
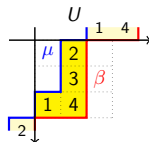
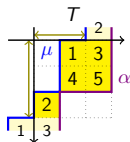




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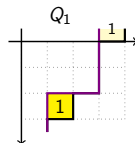
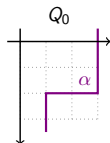
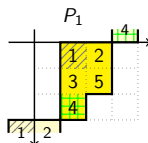
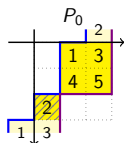
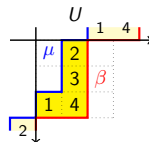
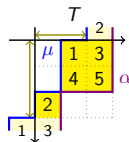
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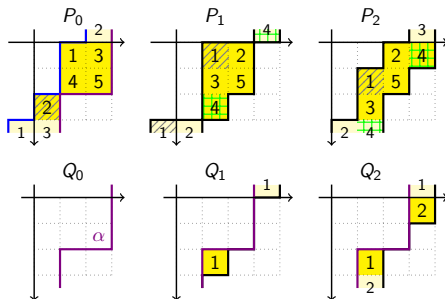
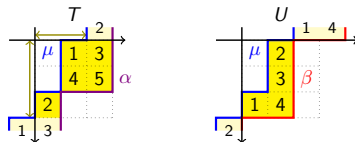
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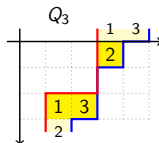
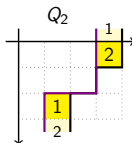
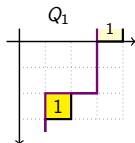
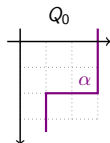
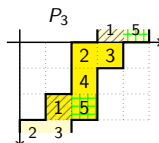
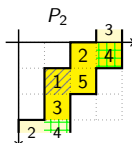
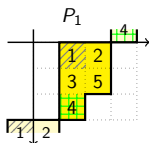
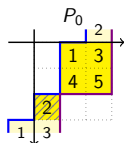
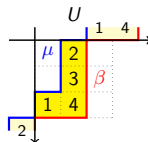
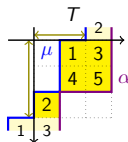
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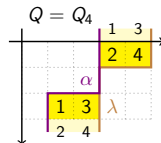
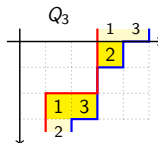
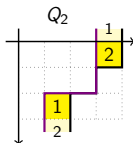
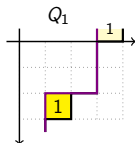
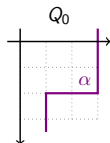
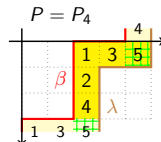
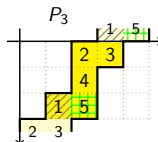
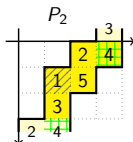
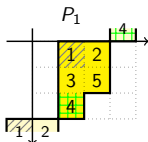
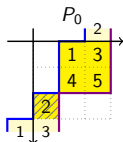
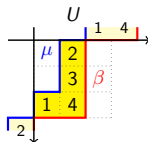
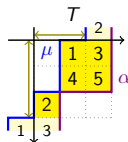
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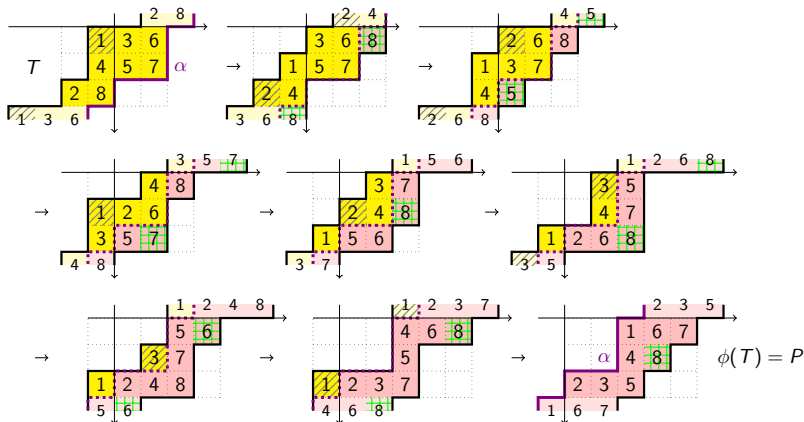
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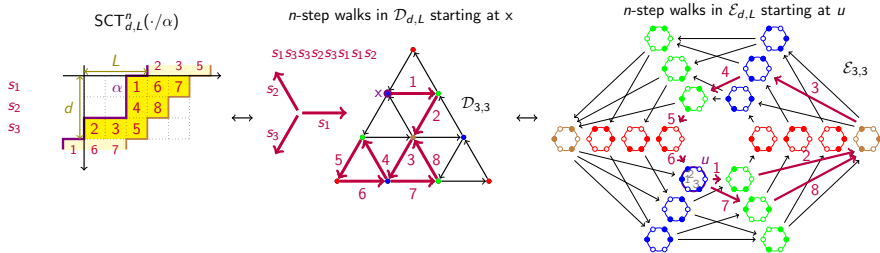
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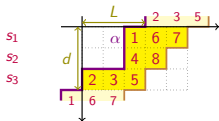
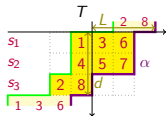
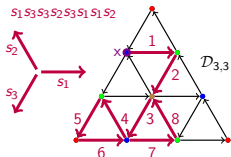
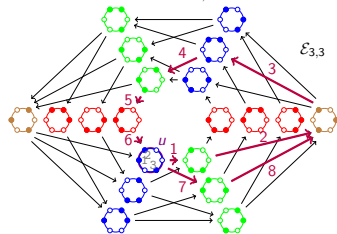
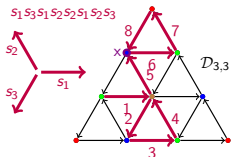
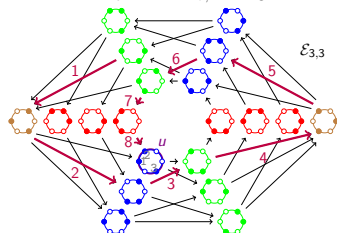
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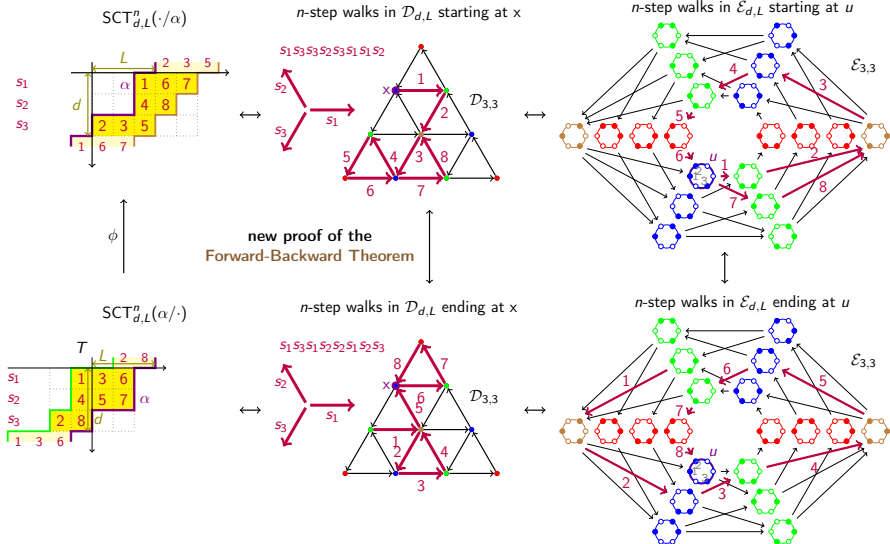
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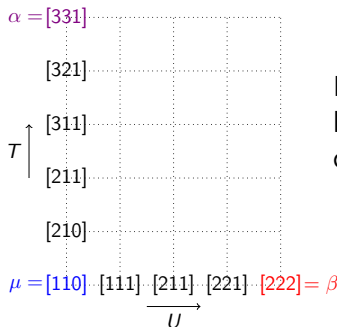
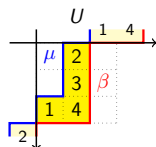
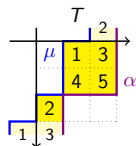
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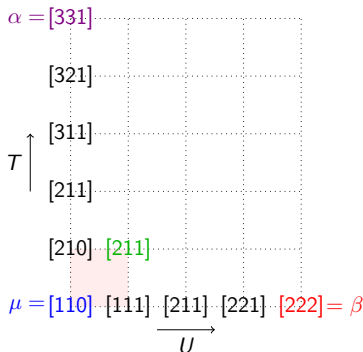
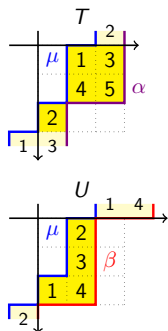


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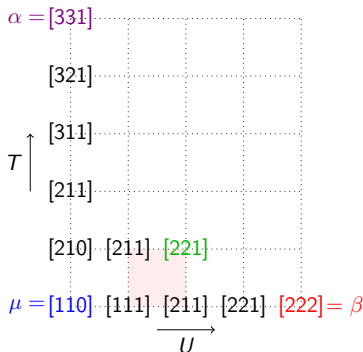
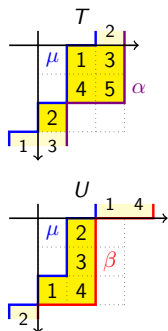
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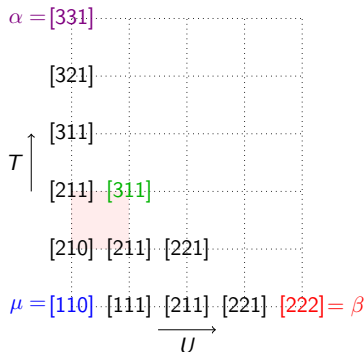
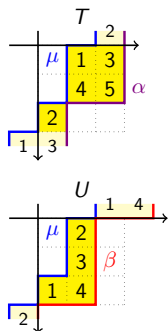
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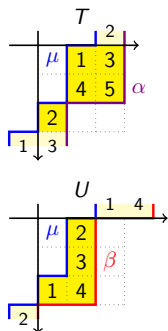
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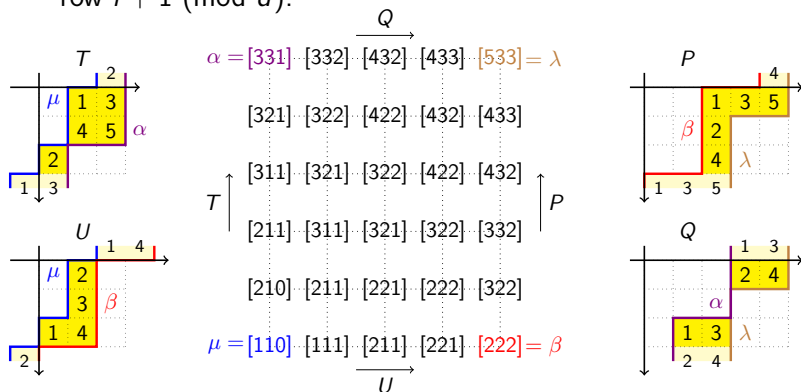
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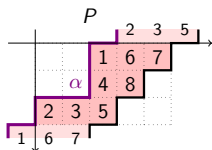
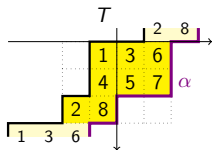
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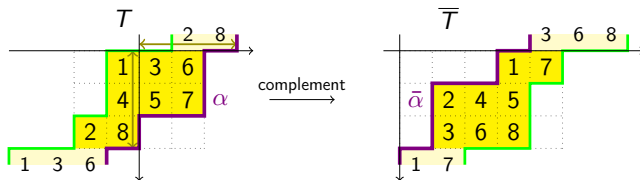


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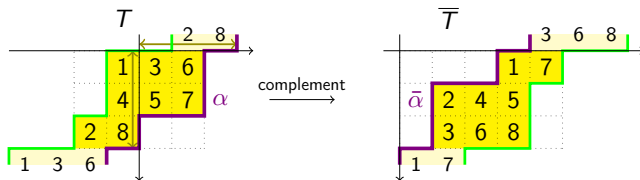
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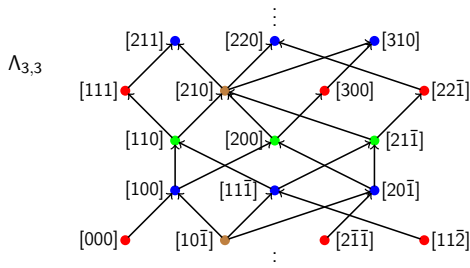
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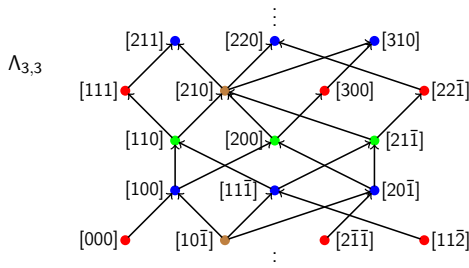
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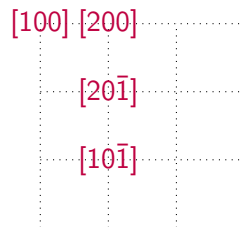
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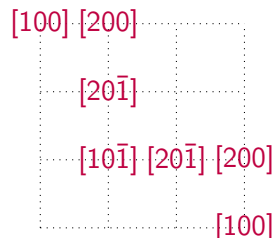
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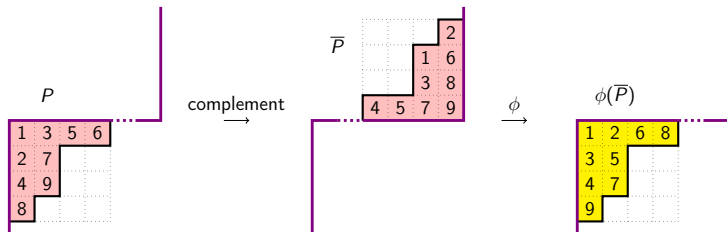
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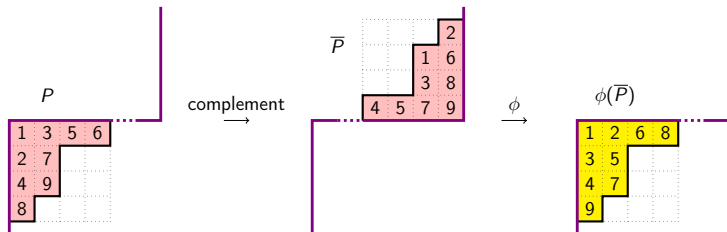


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