

# Nearly-linear increasing paths in edge-ordered graphs

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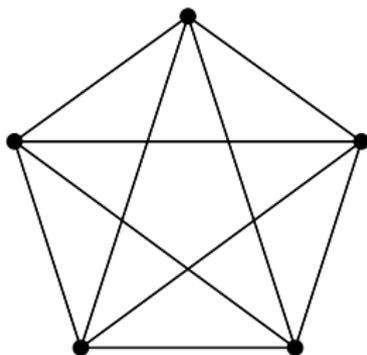
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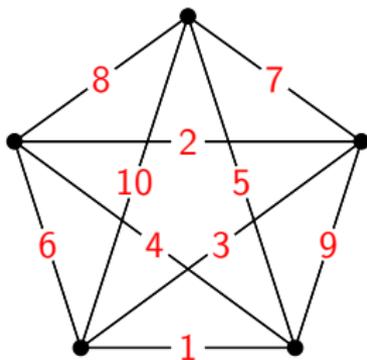
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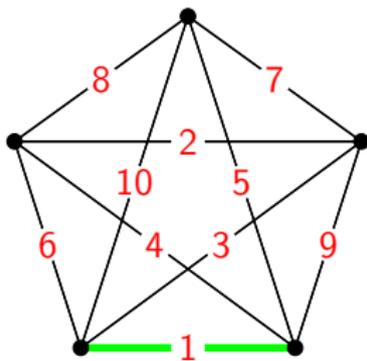
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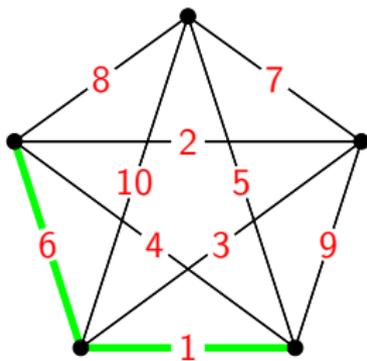
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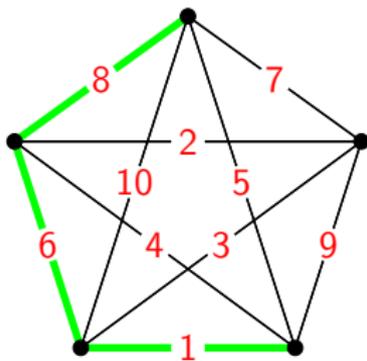
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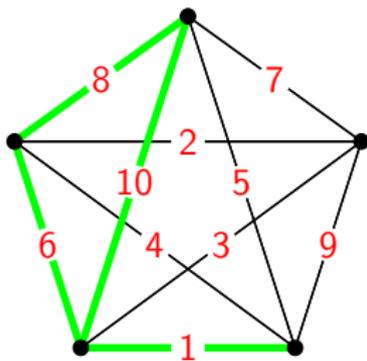
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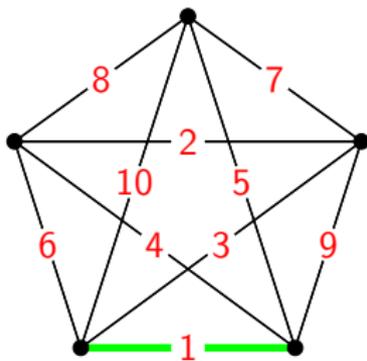
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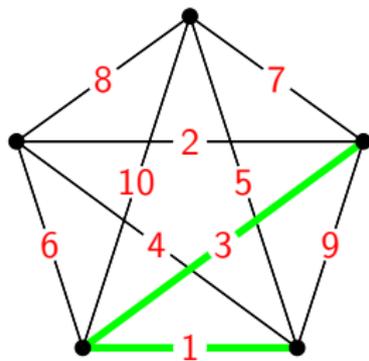
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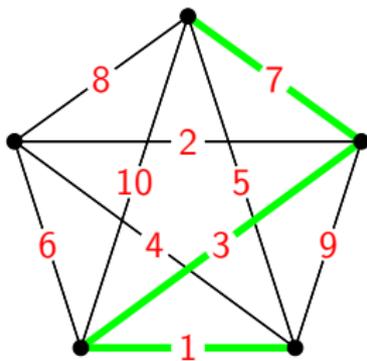
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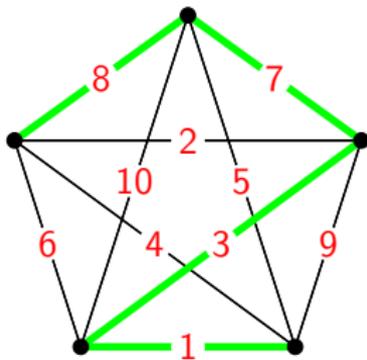
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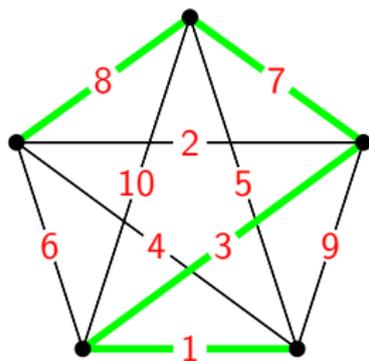
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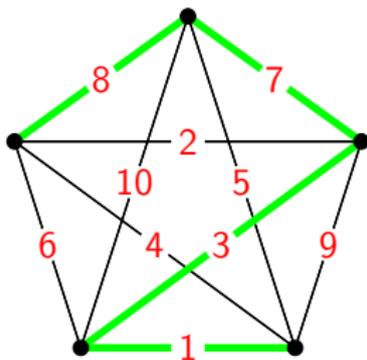


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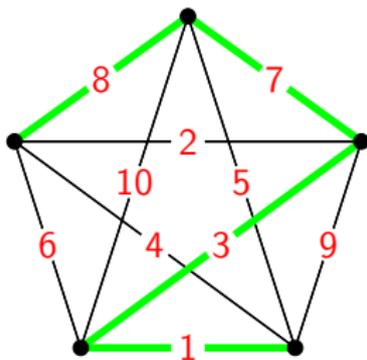


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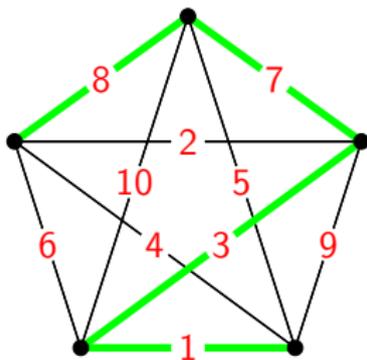


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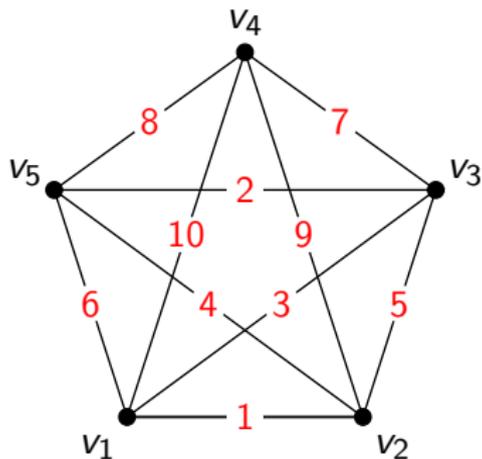
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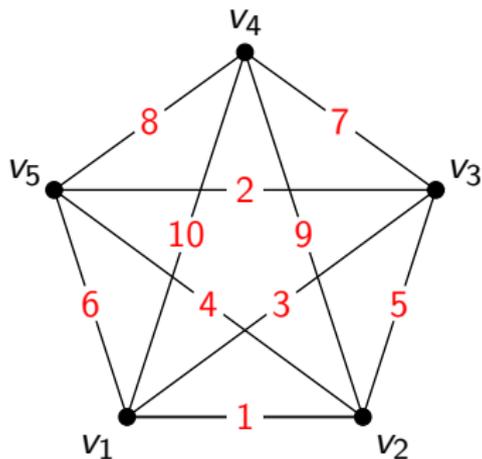
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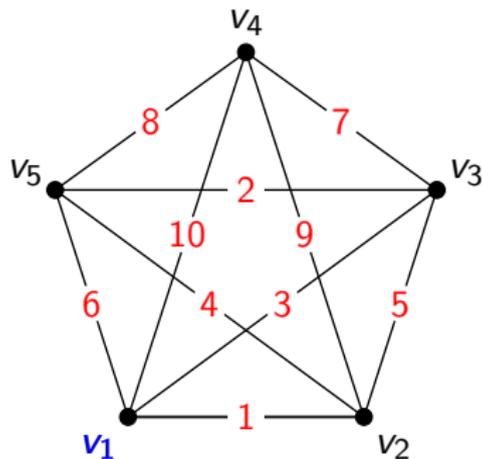
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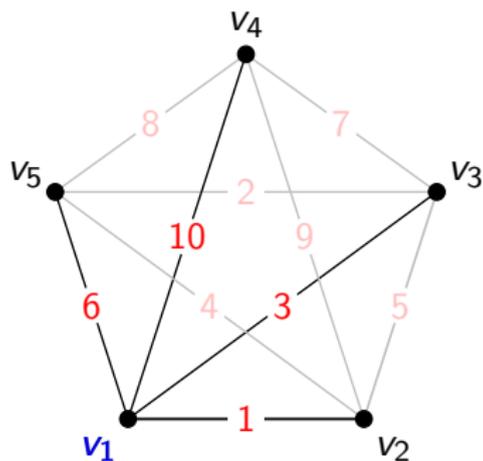
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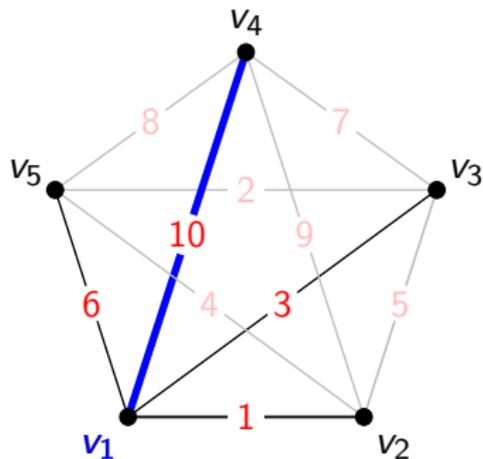
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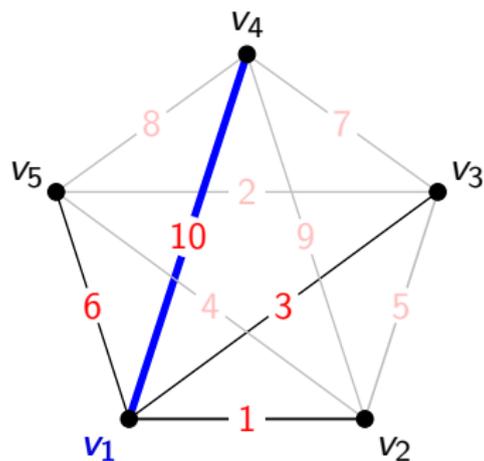
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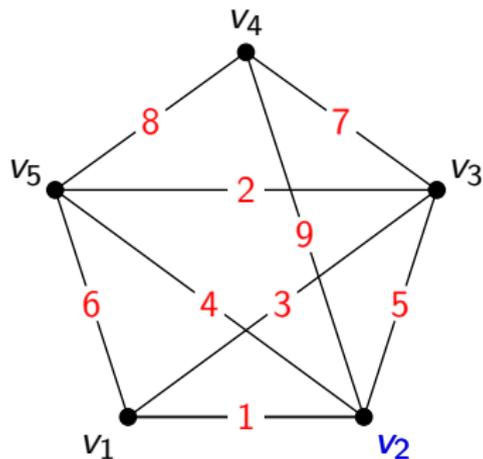
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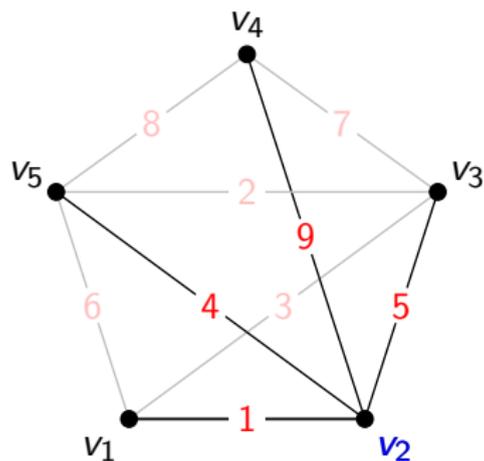
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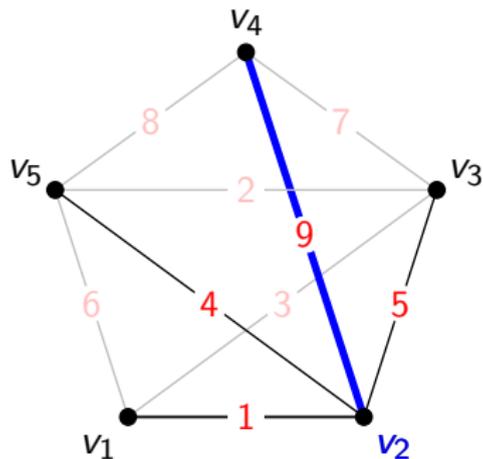
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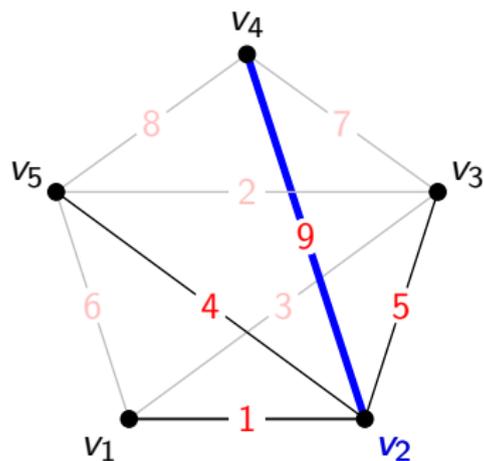
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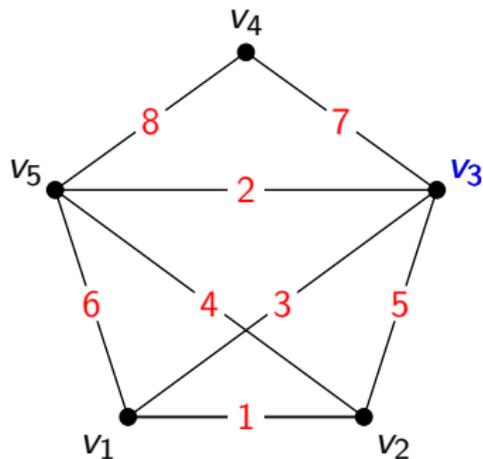
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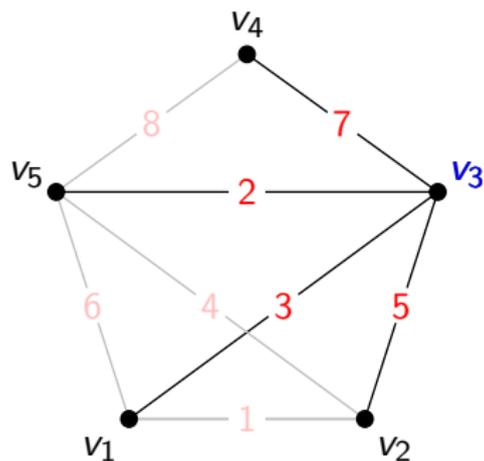
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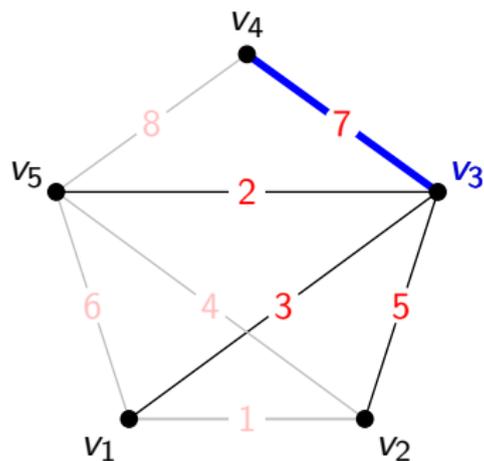
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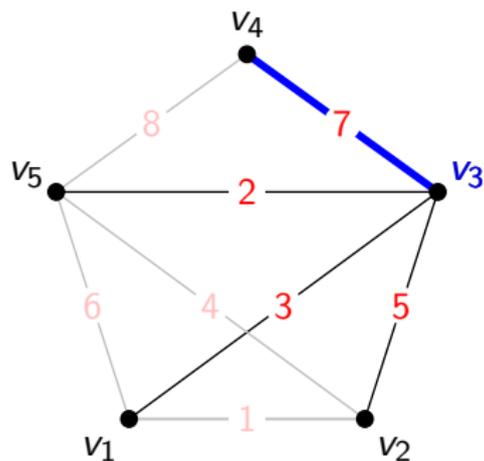
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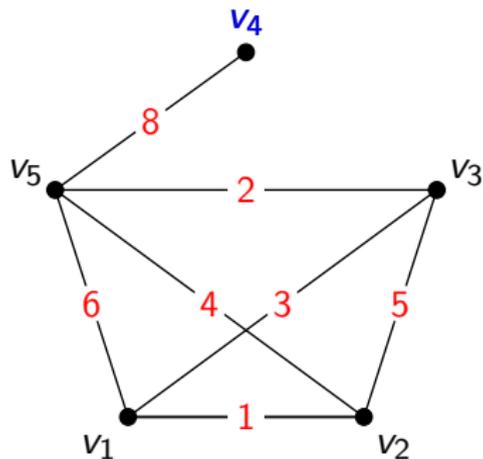
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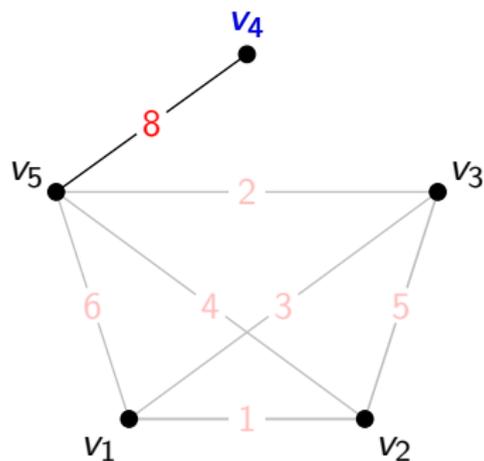


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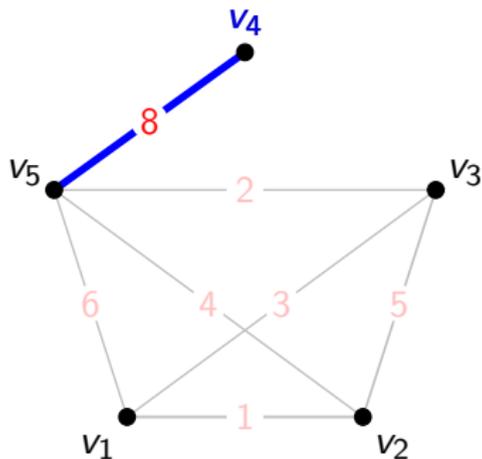


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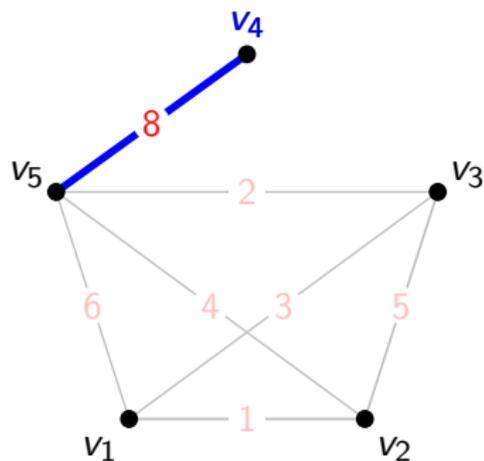
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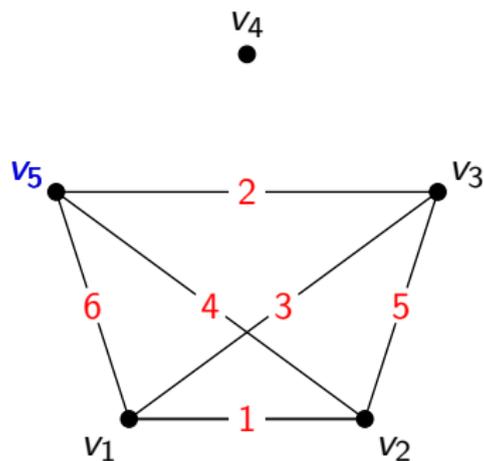
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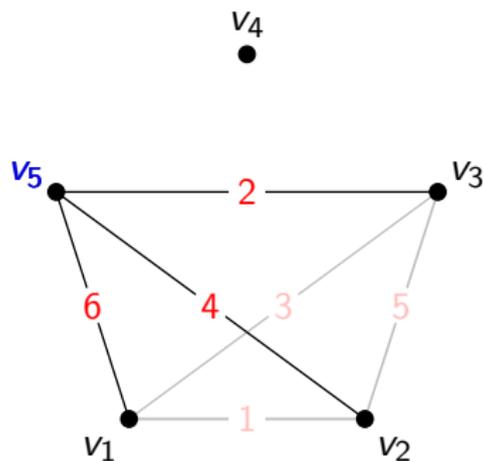
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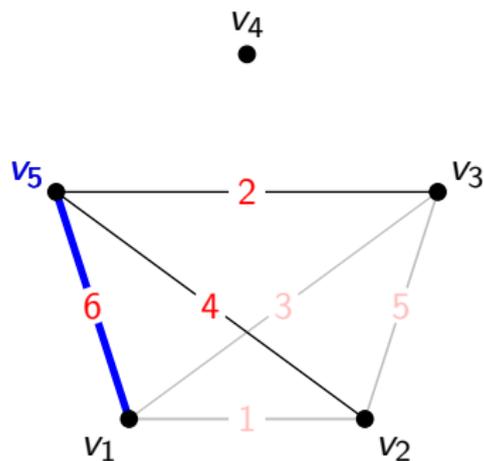
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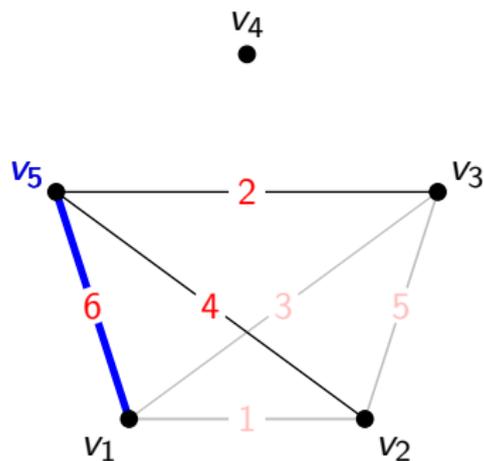
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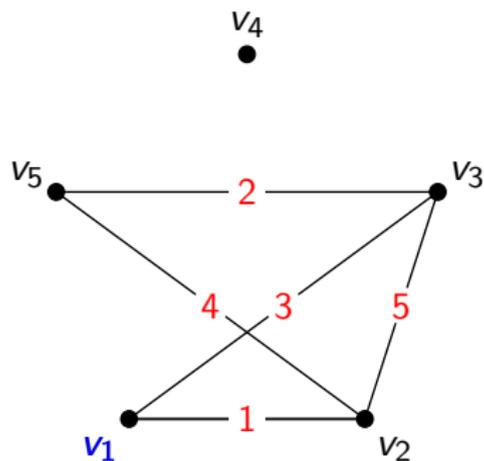
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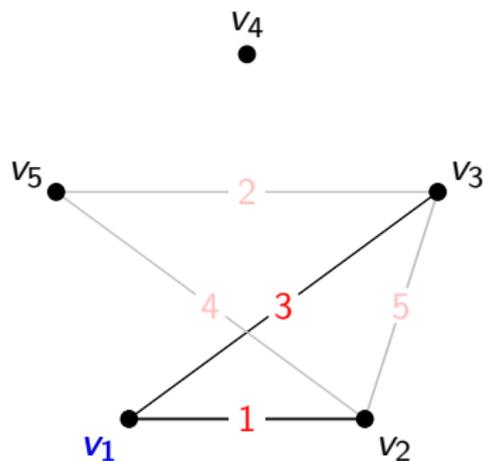
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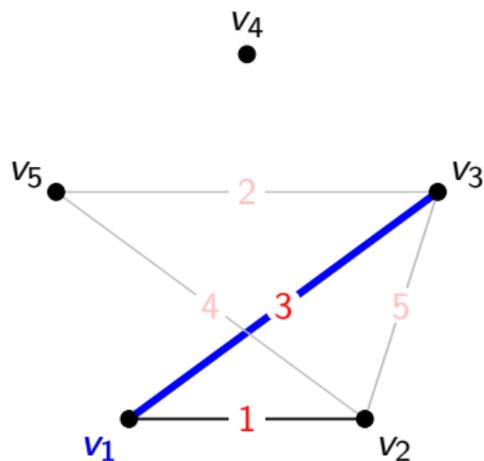
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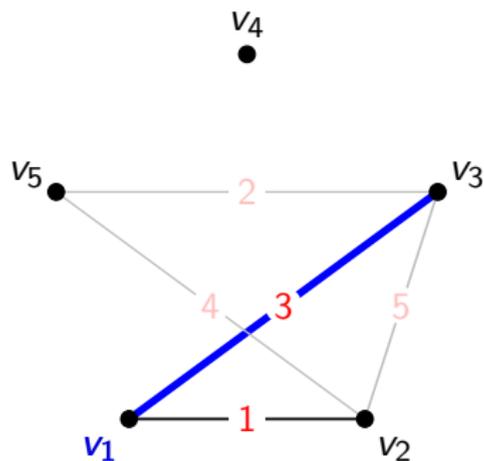
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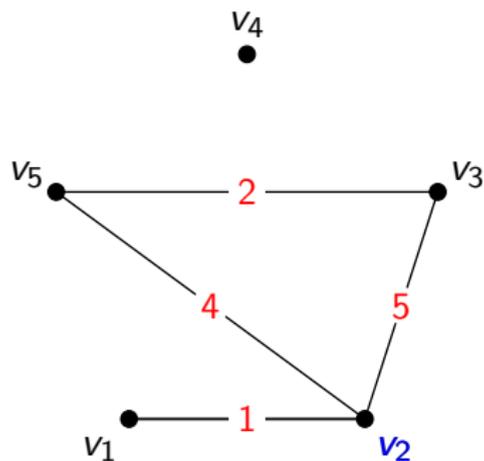
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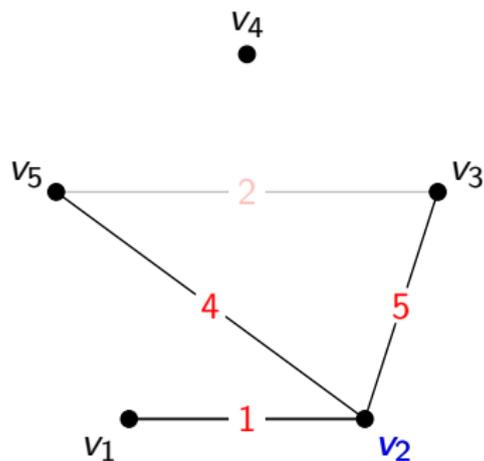
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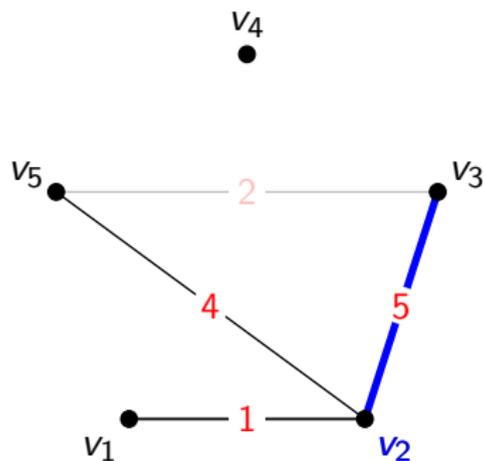
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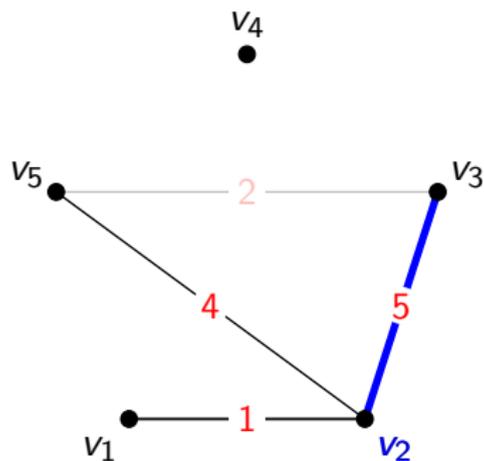
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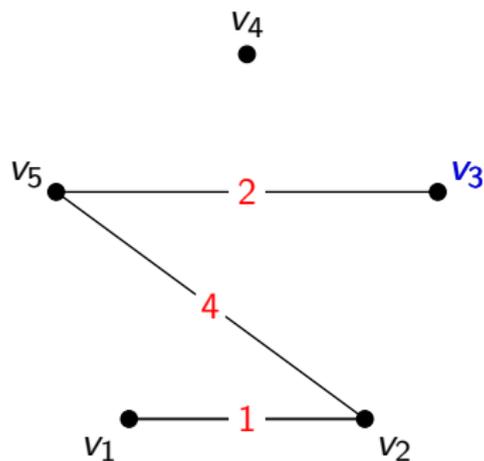
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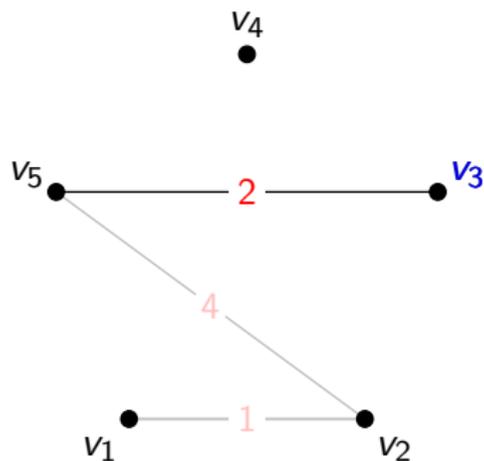
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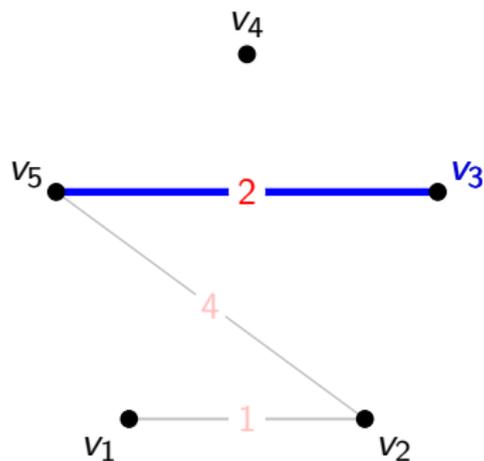
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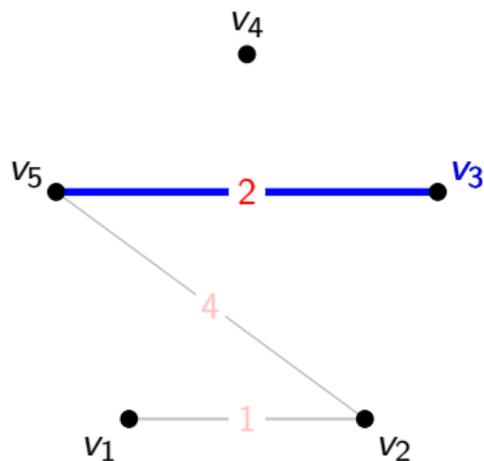
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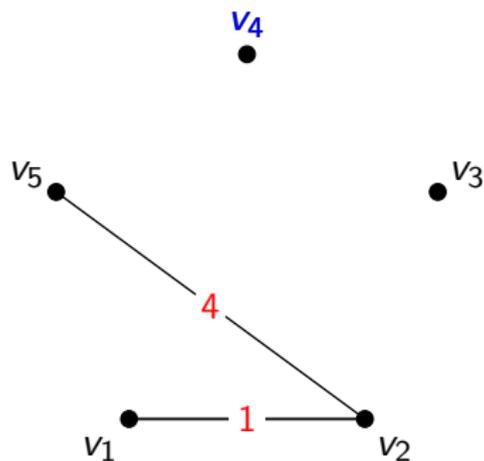
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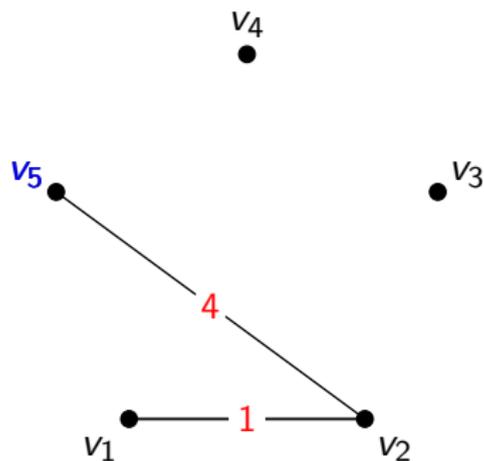
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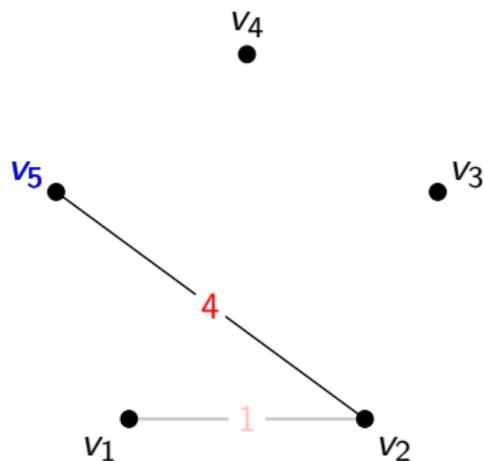
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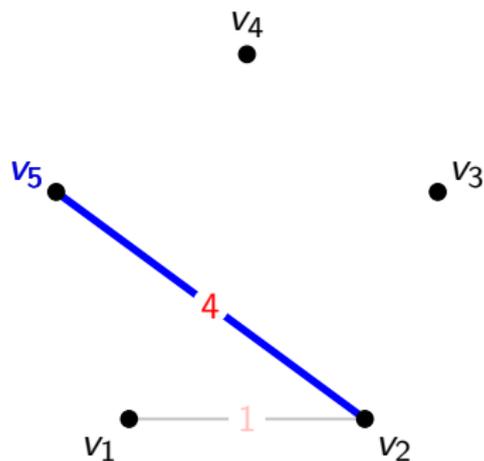
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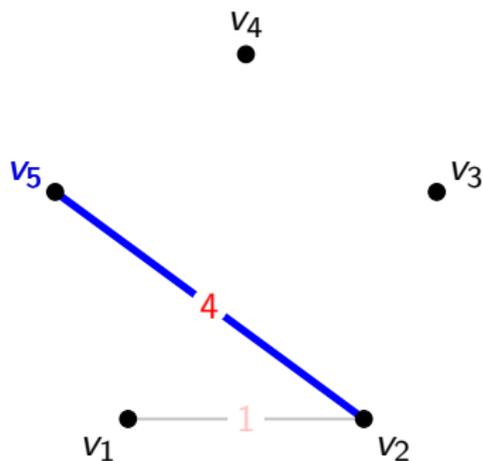


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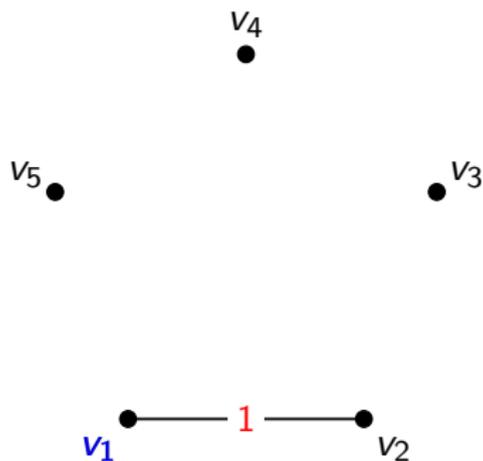
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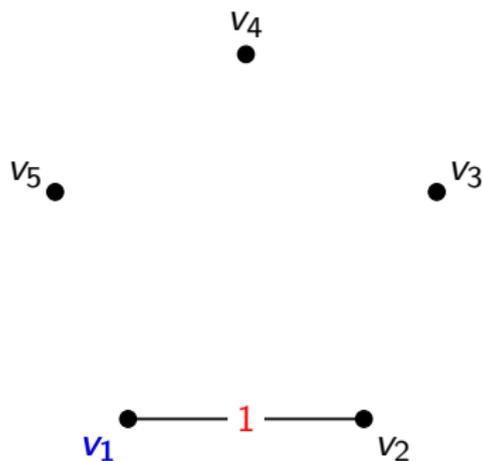
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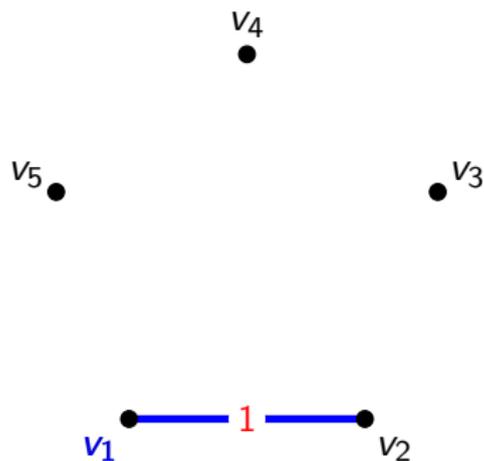


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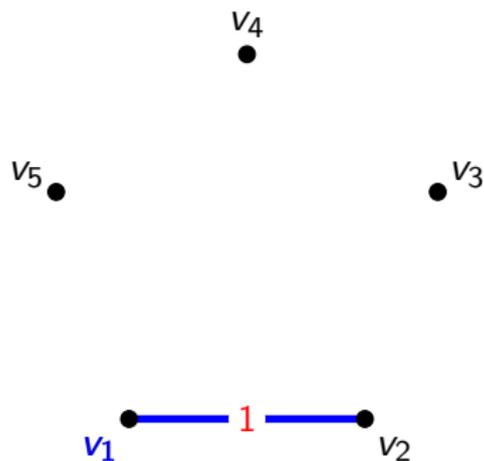
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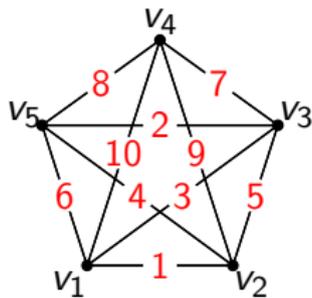
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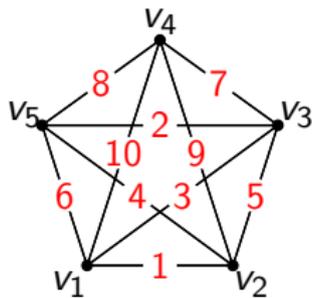
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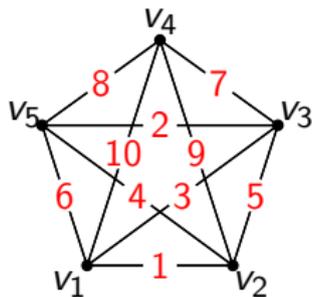
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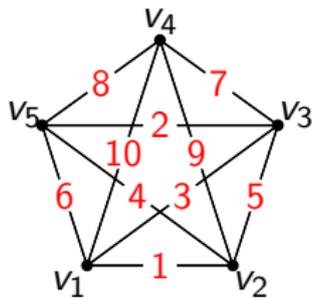
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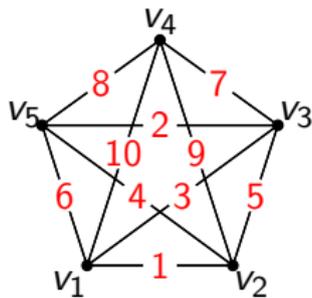
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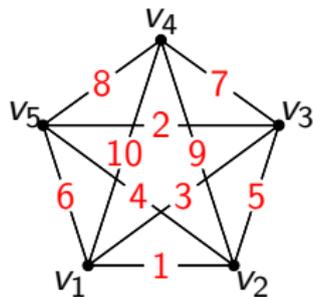
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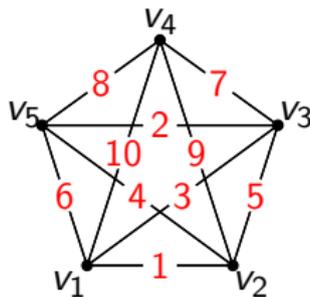
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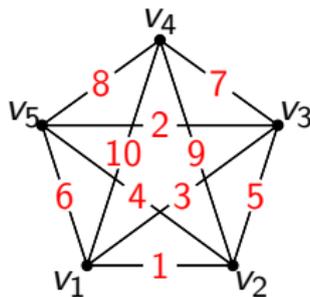
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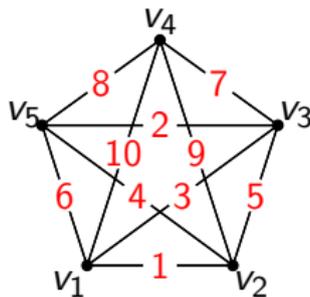
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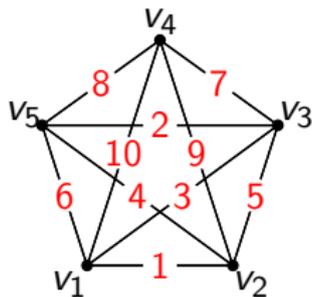
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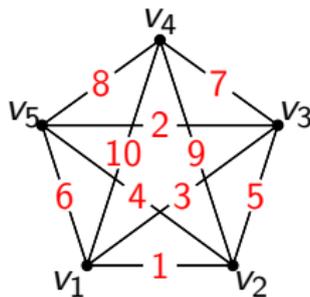
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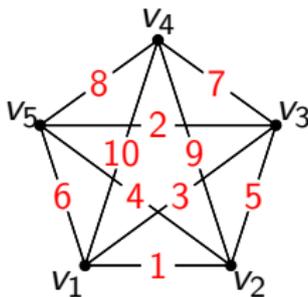
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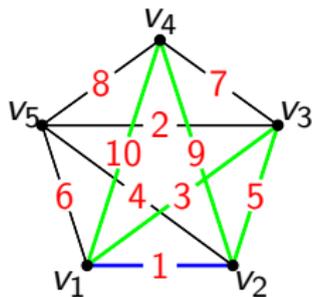
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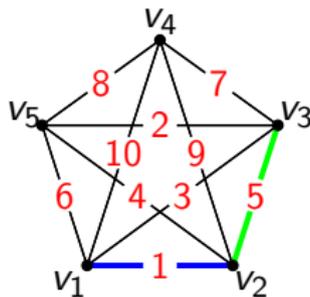
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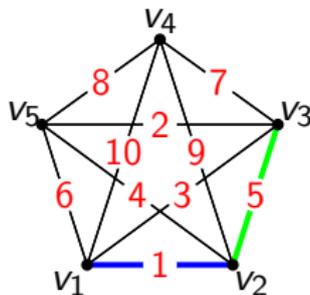
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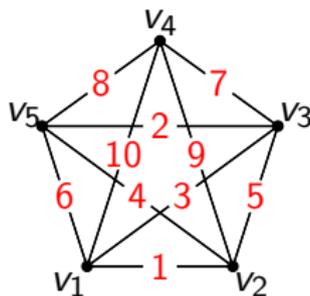
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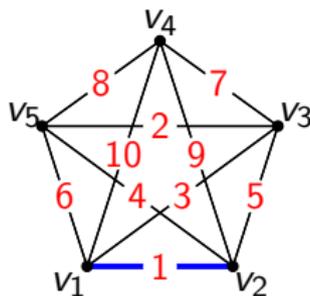
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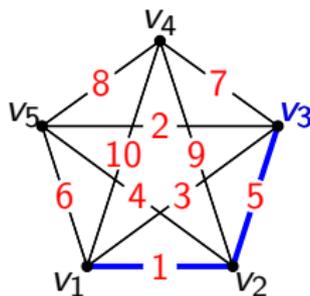
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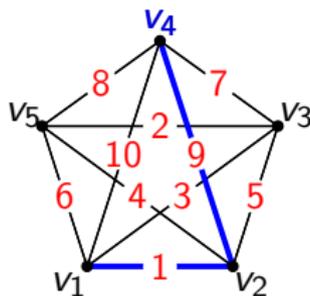
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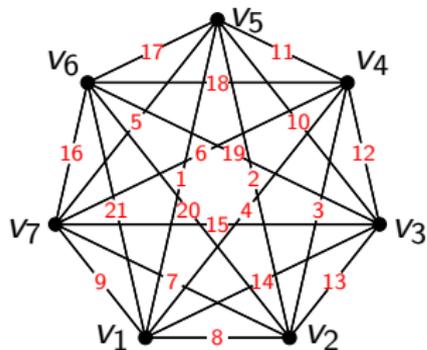
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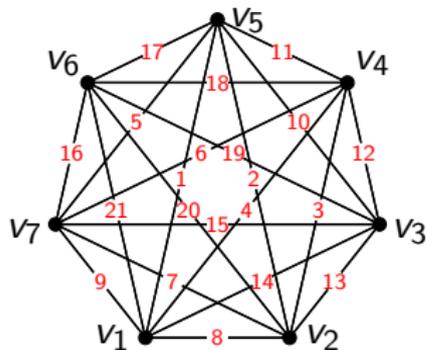
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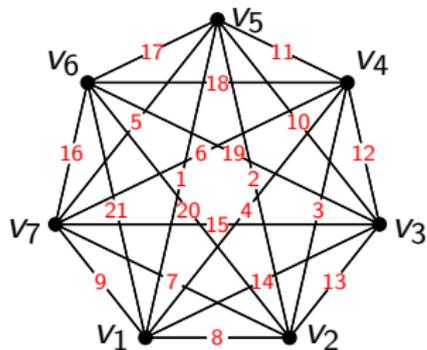


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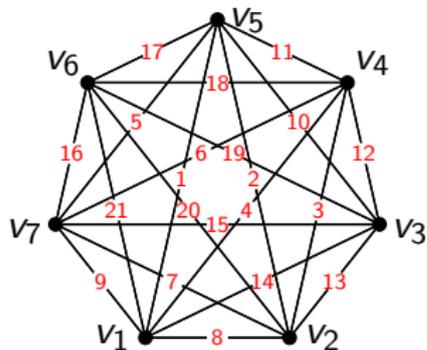
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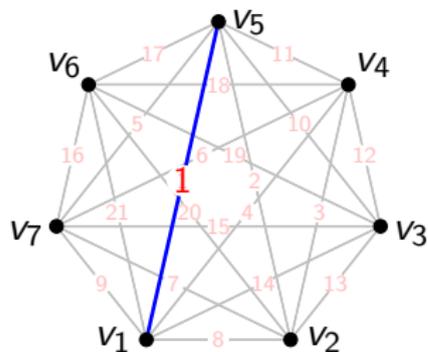
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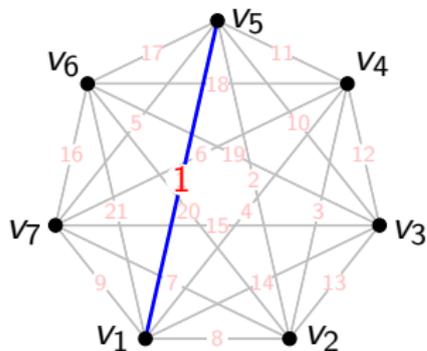
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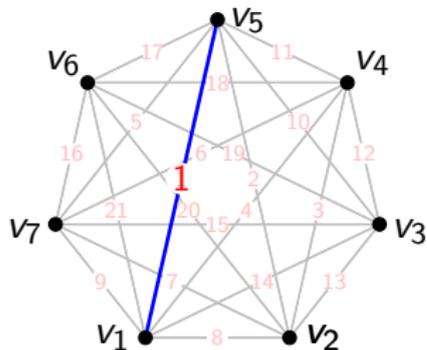
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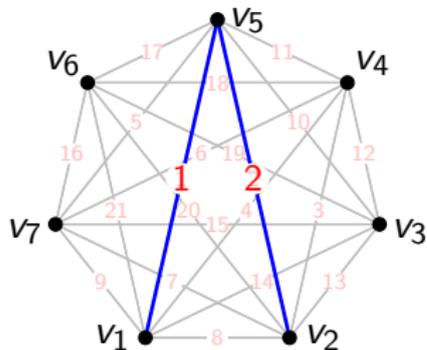
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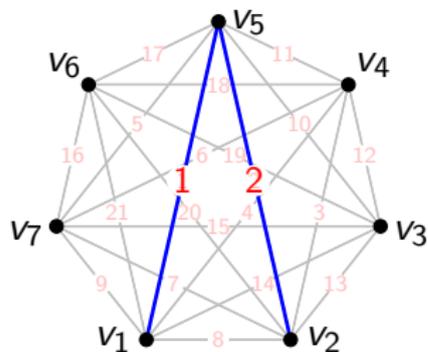
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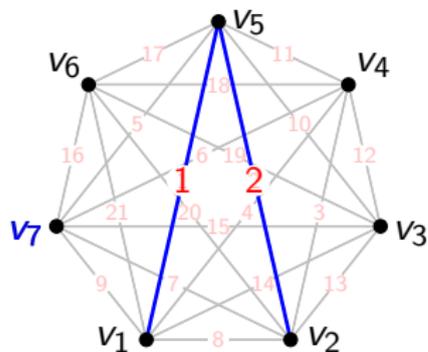
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# Application of height tables



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3	$v_1 v_2$	$v_2 v_7$		$v_4 v_7$	$v_5 v_7$		
2	$v_1 v_3$	$v_2 v_3$	$v_3 v_4$	$v_4 v_5$	$v_5 v_3$		$v_7 v_1$
1	$v_1 v_6$	$v_2 v_6$	$v_3 v_6$	$v_4 v_6$	$v_5 v_6$	$v_6 v_7$	$v_7 v_3$
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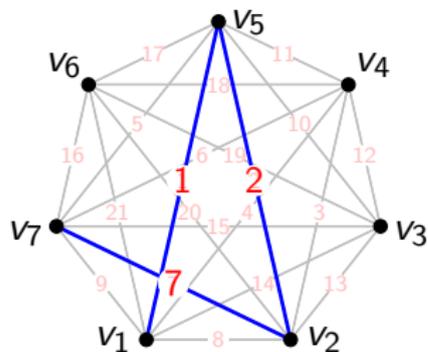
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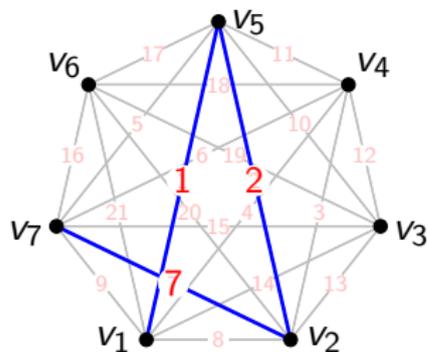
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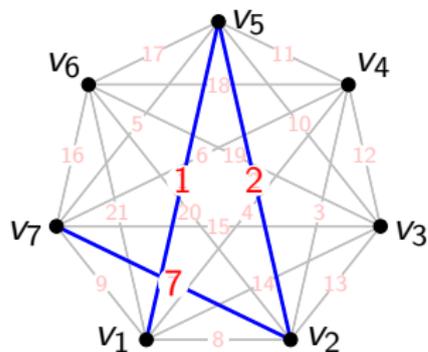
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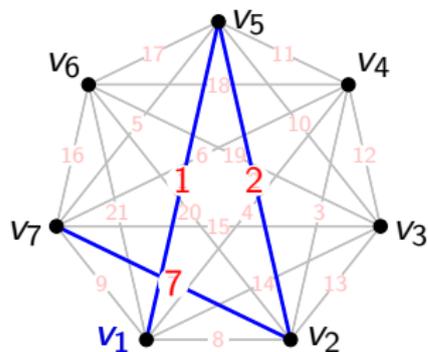
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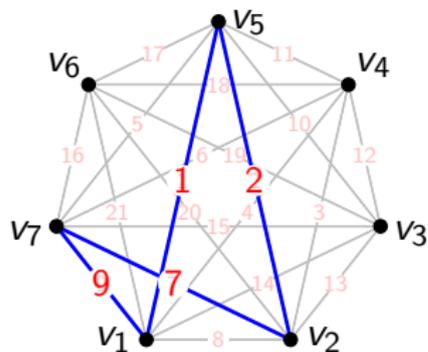
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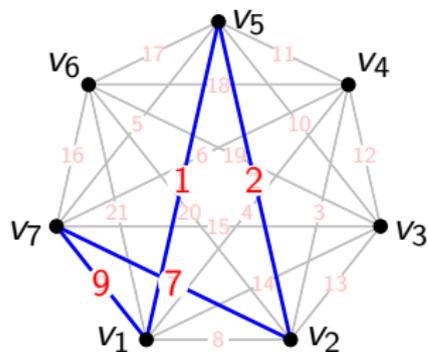
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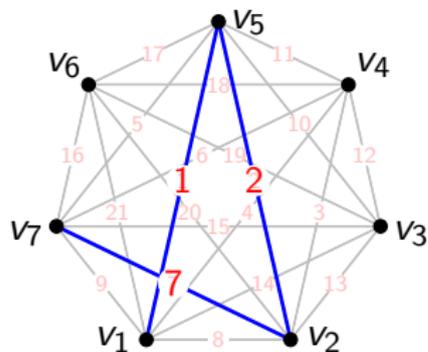
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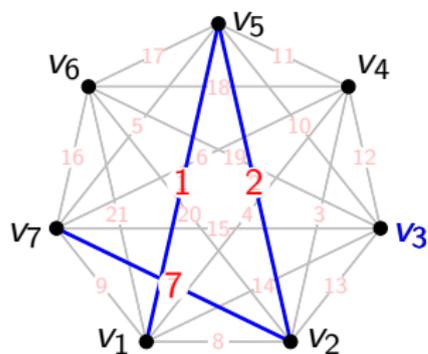
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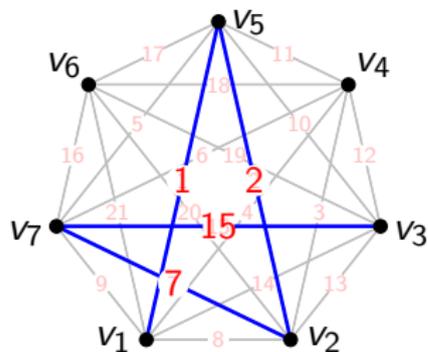
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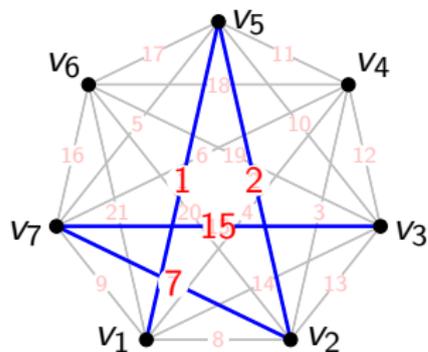
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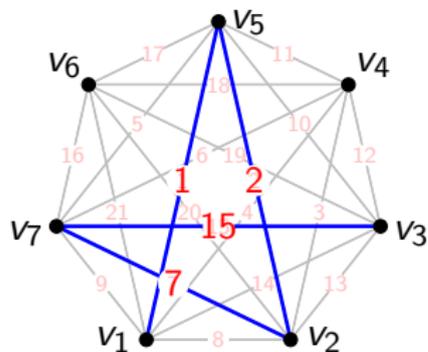
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- Repeat as long as  $d/2 - 1 - \dots - i = d/2 - \binom{i}{2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{d} > i$ . □

# Our new ingredients

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## Lemma (Dropping lemma)

Let  $G$  be an ordered graph,  $U \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $xy \in E(G)$ :  $h_G(xy) > m = \sqrt{\Delta(G)|U|}$ .

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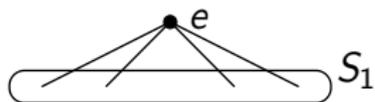
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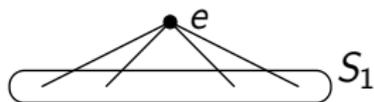
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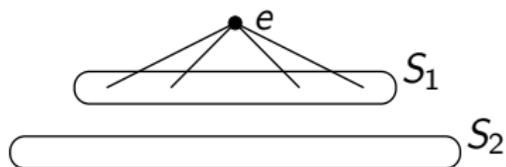
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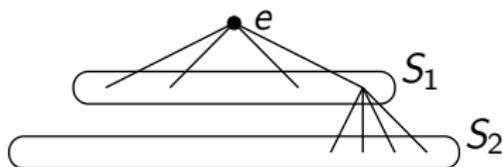
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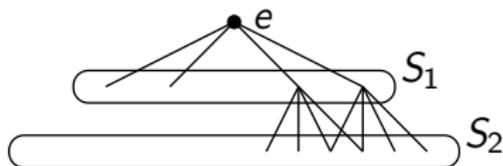
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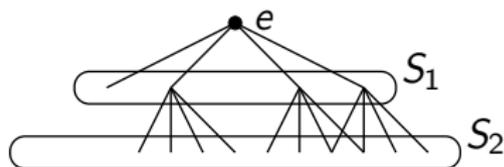
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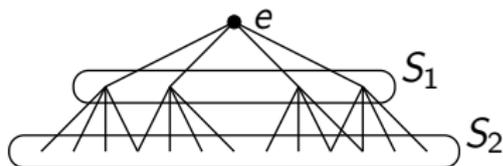
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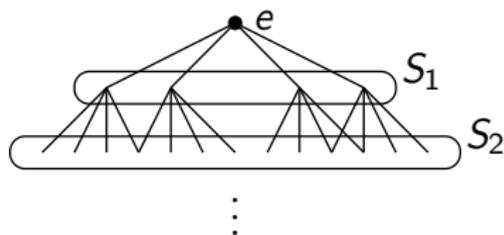
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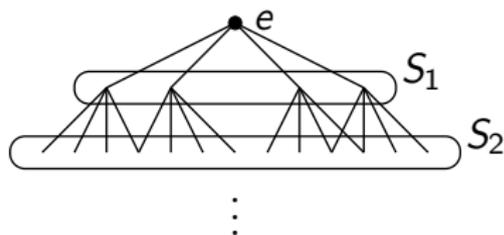
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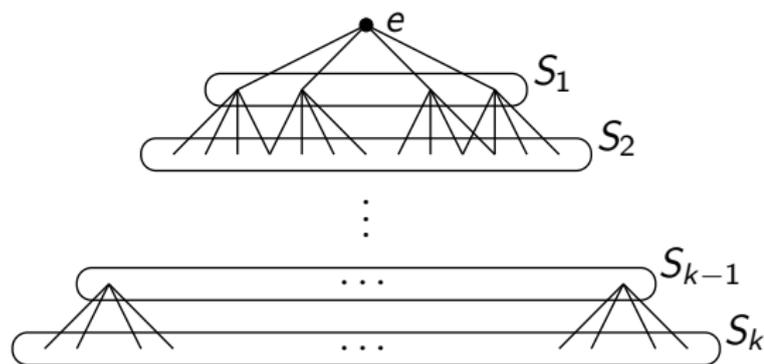
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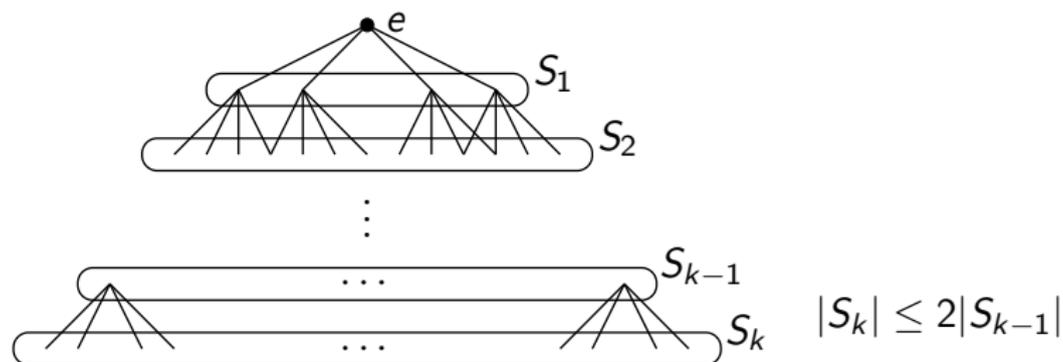
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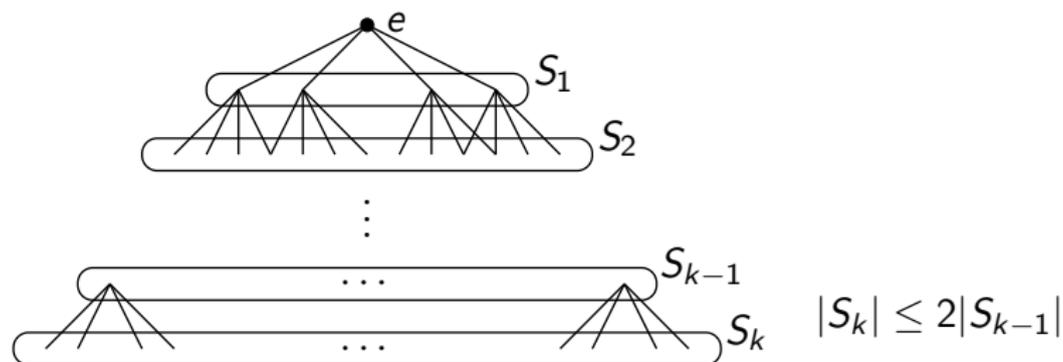
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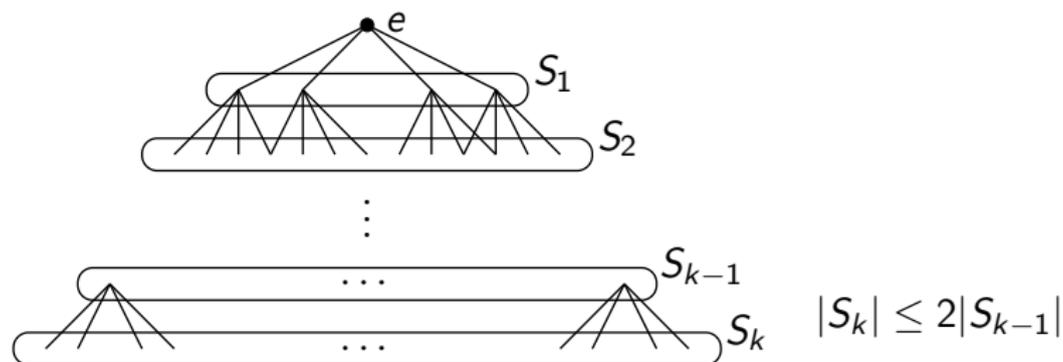
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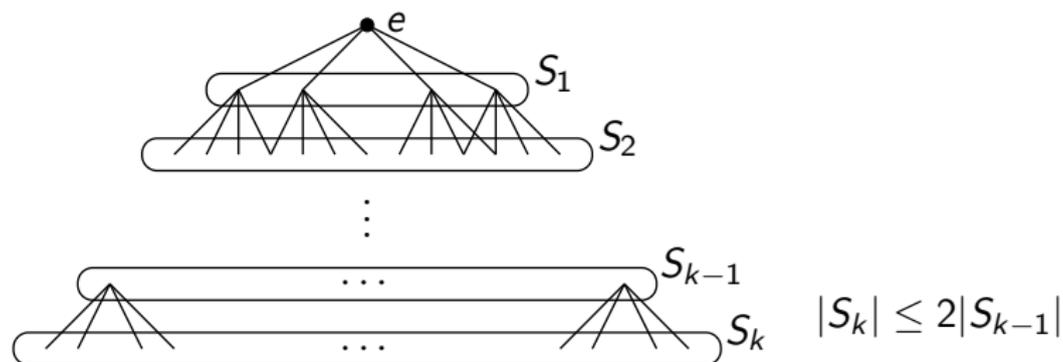
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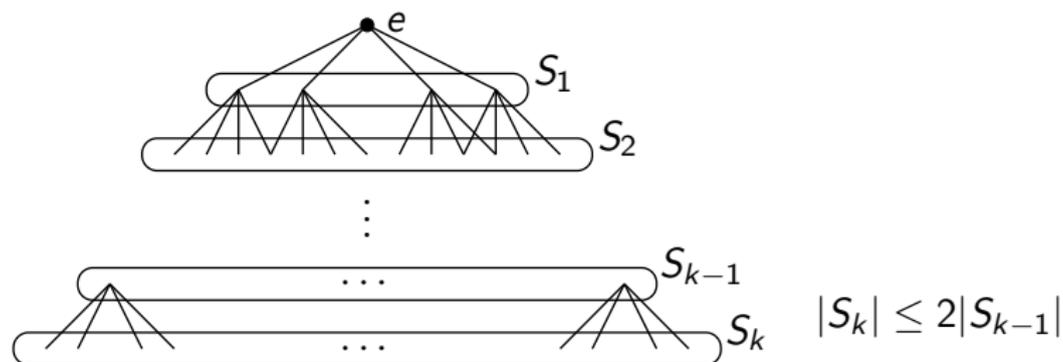
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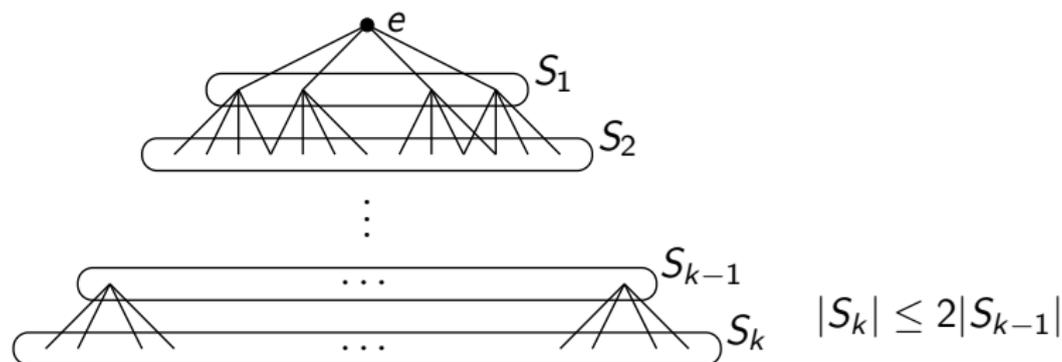
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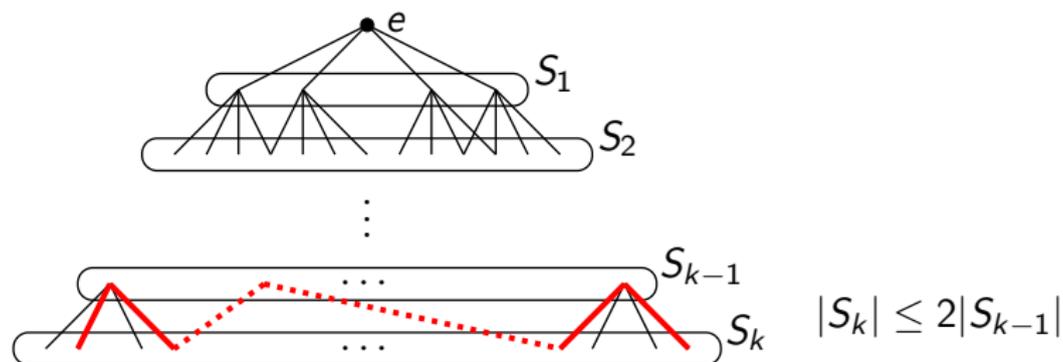
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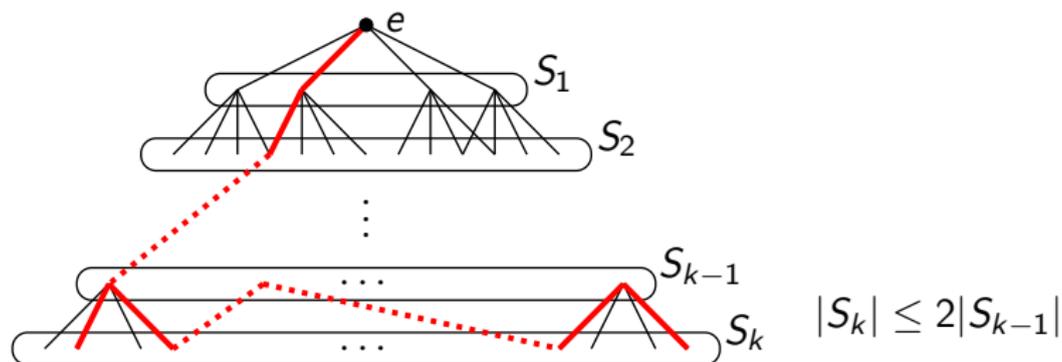
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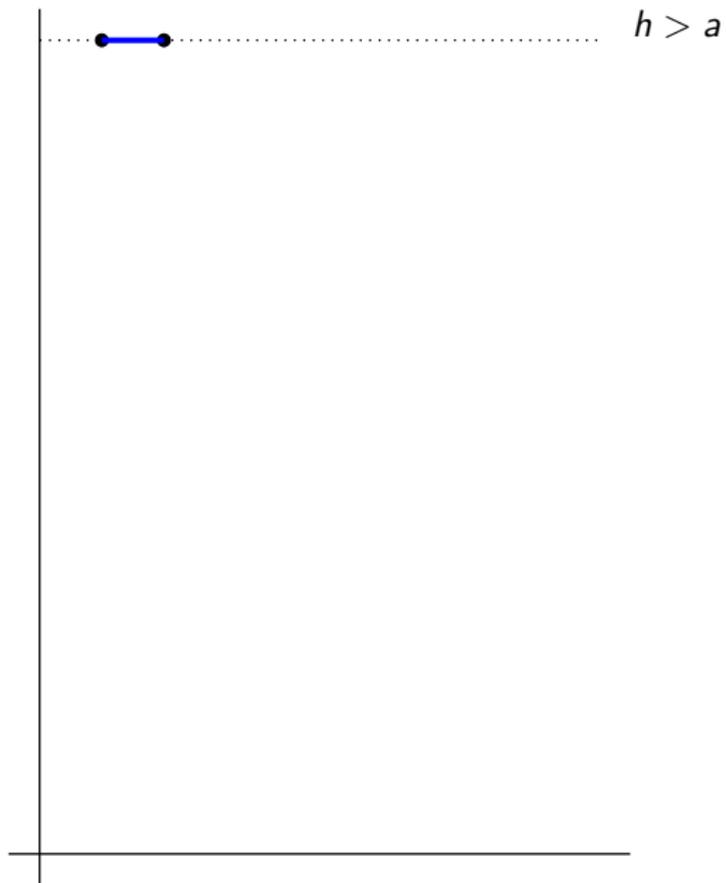
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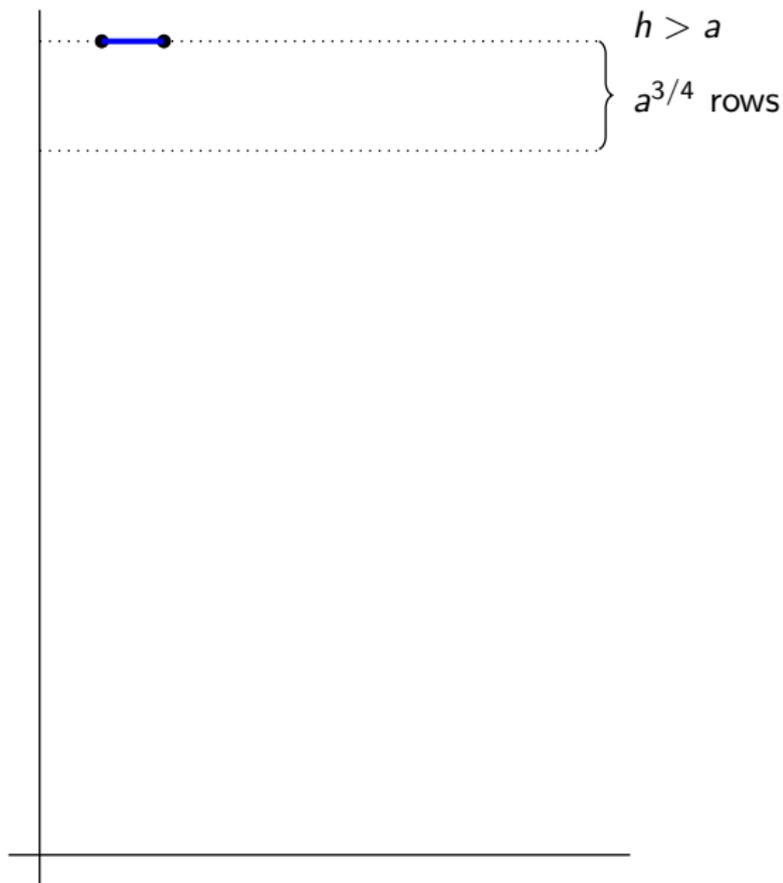
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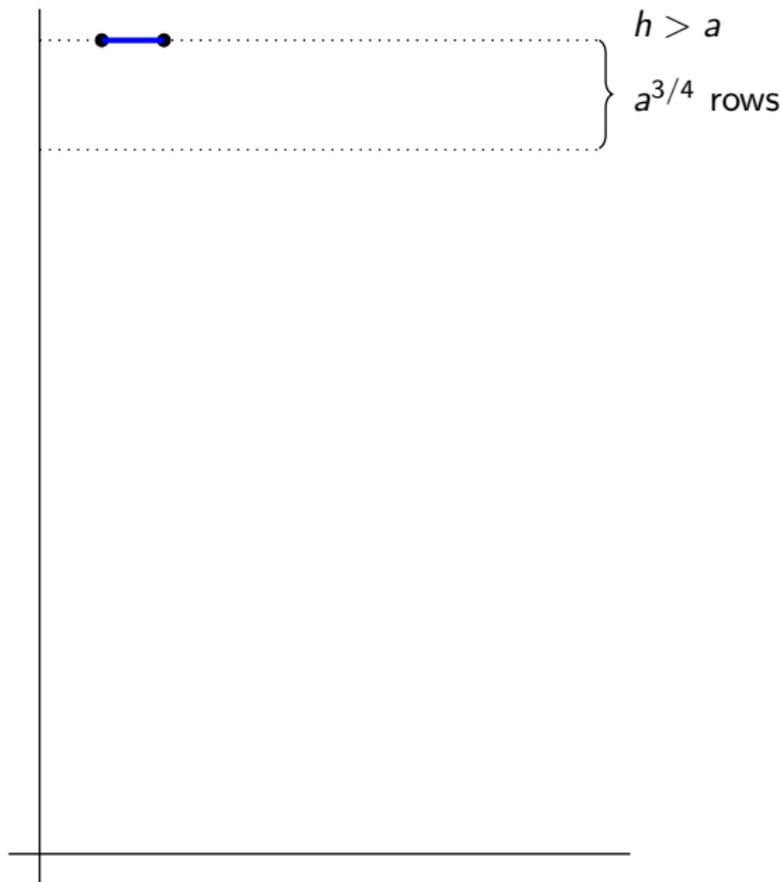
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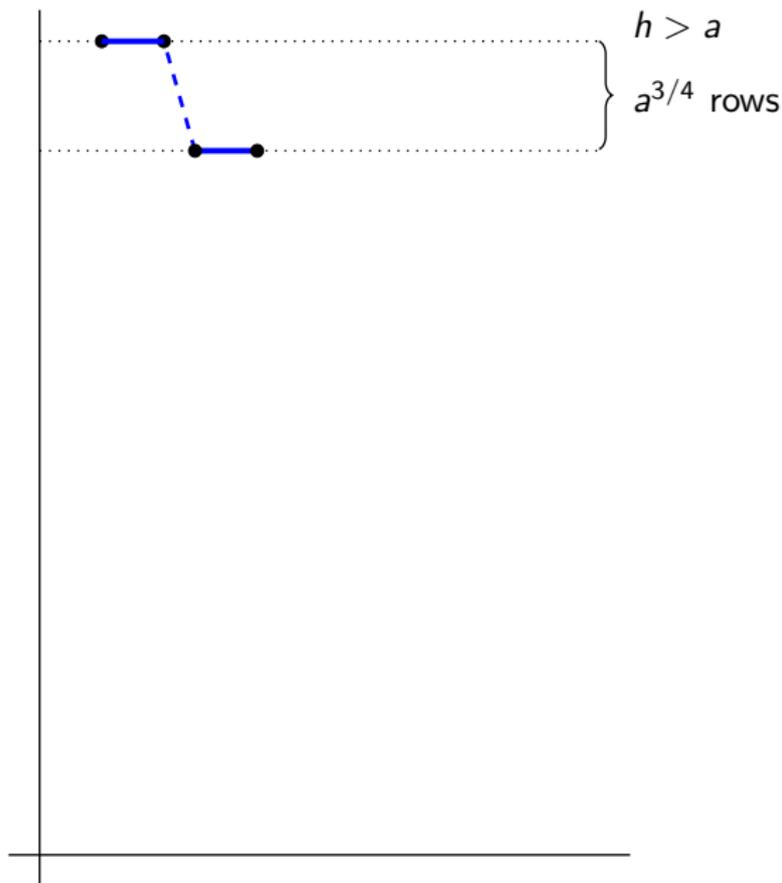
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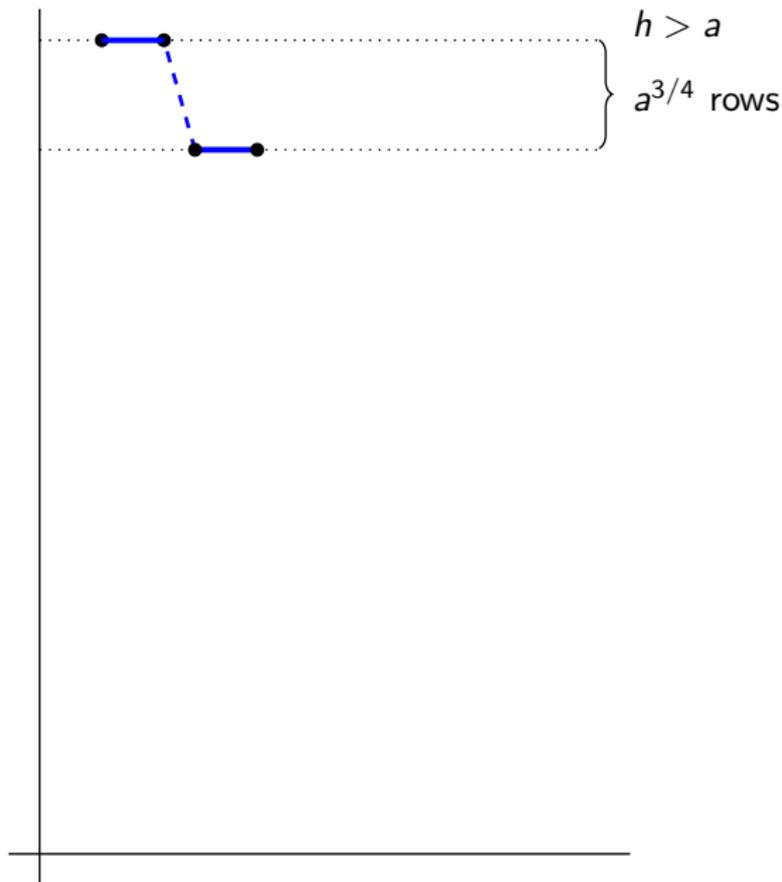
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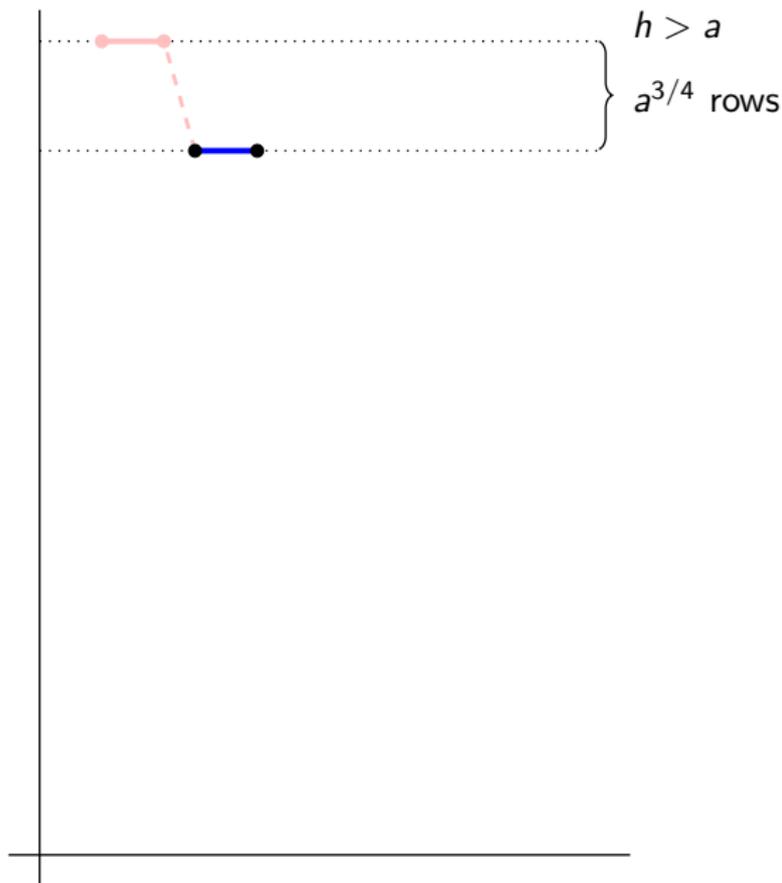
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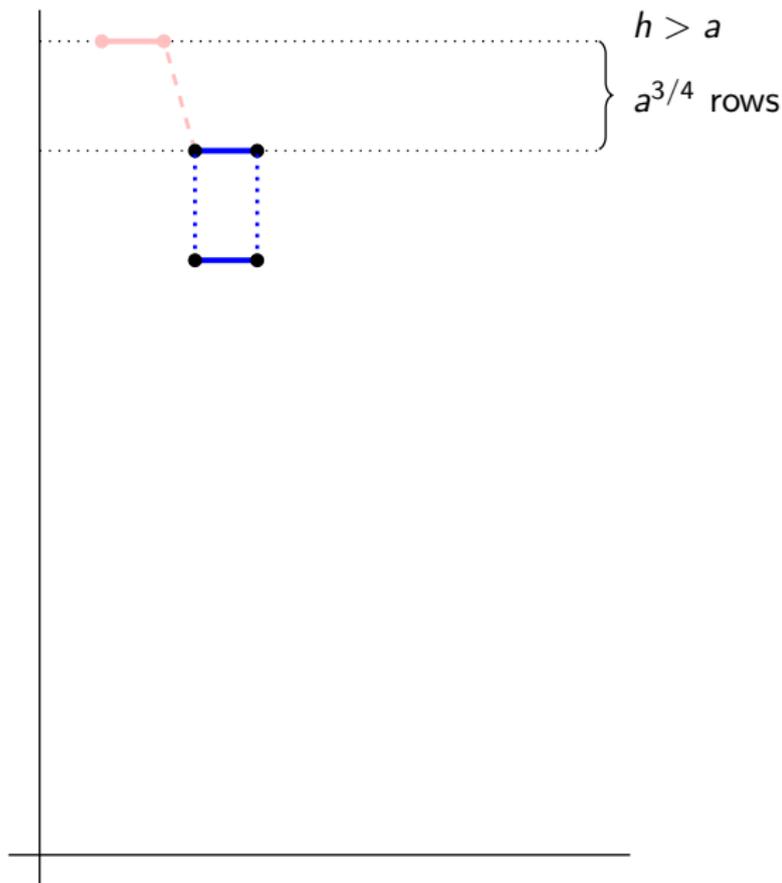
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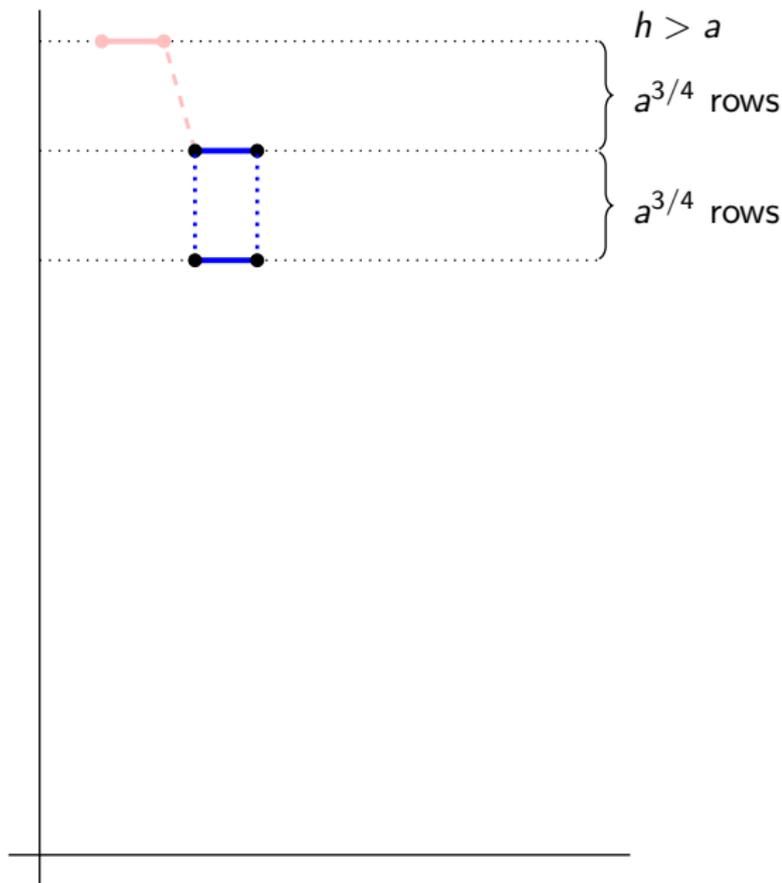
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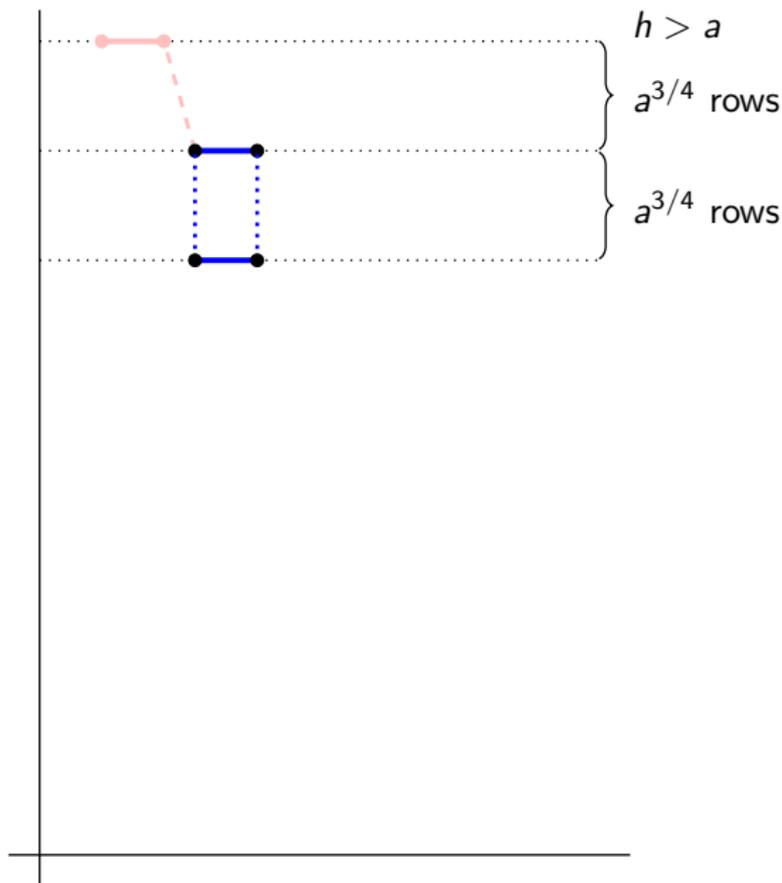
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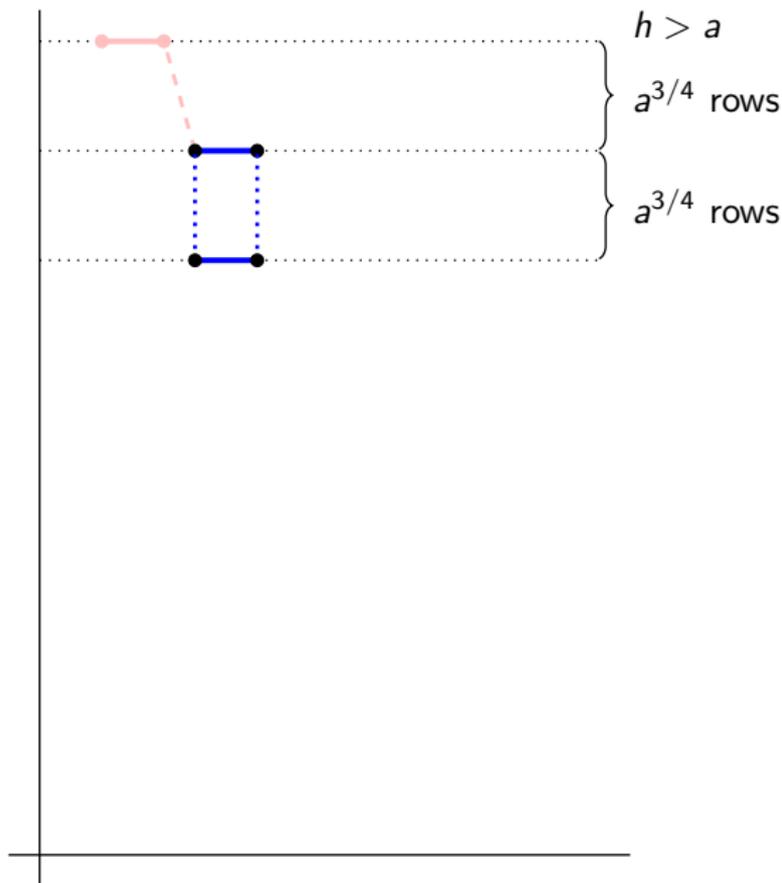


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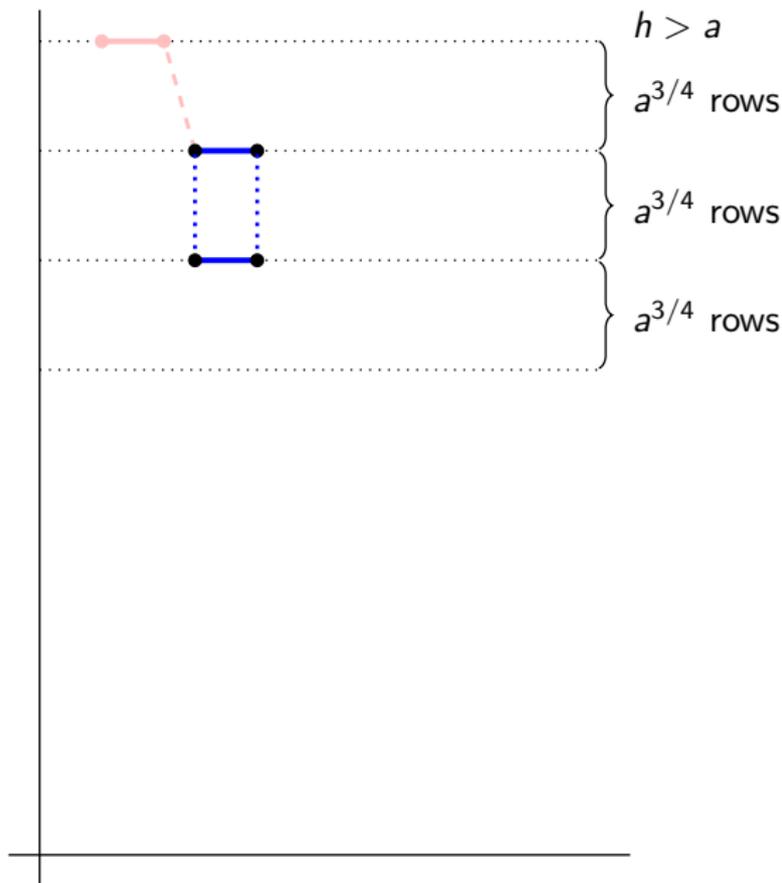


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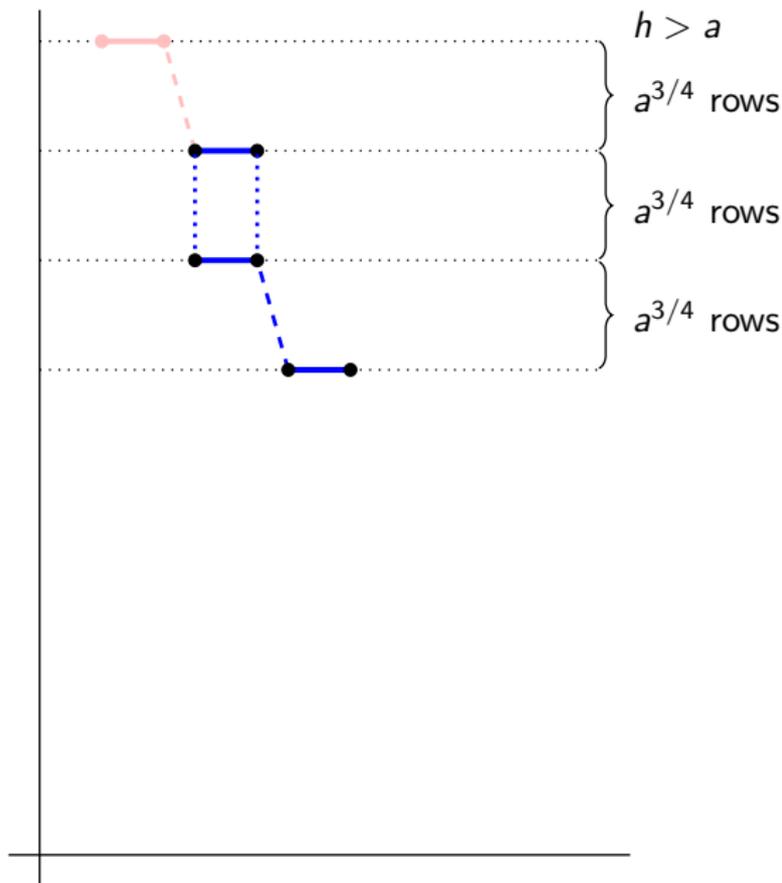


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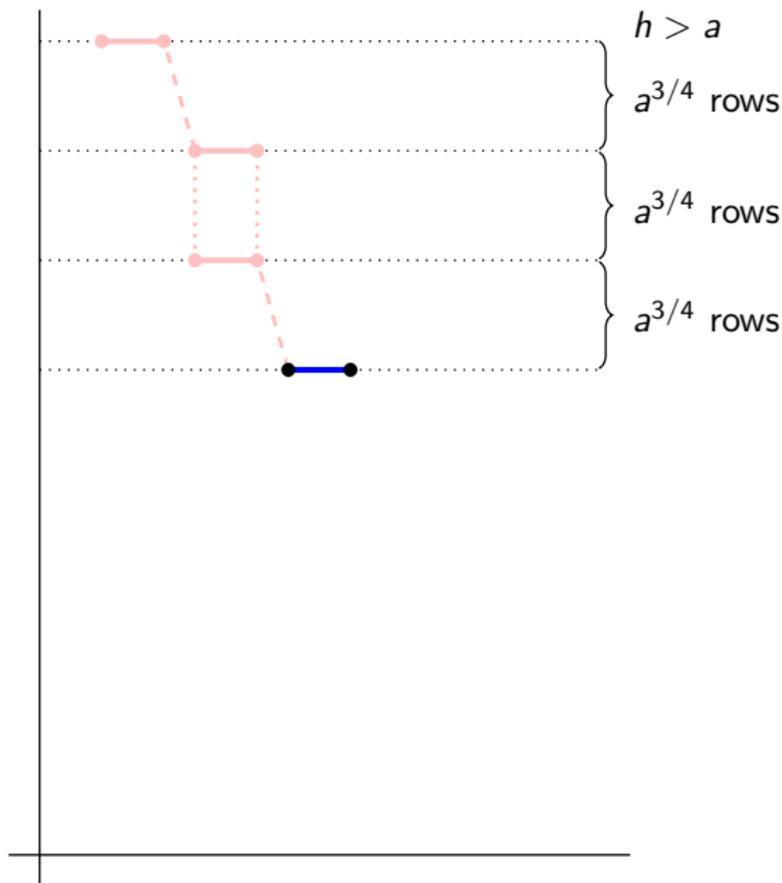


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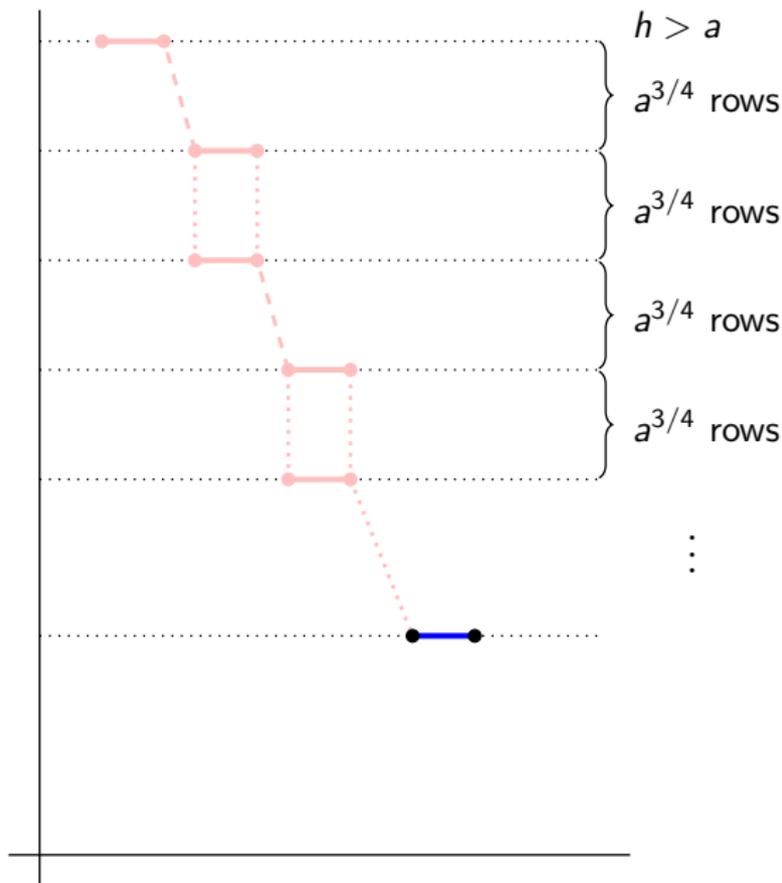


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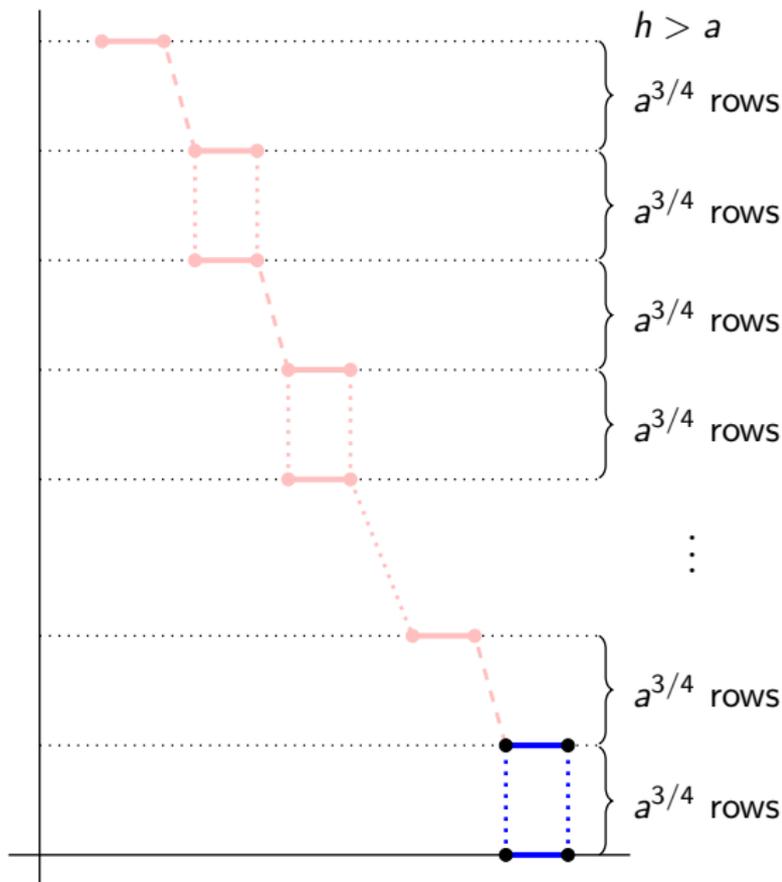


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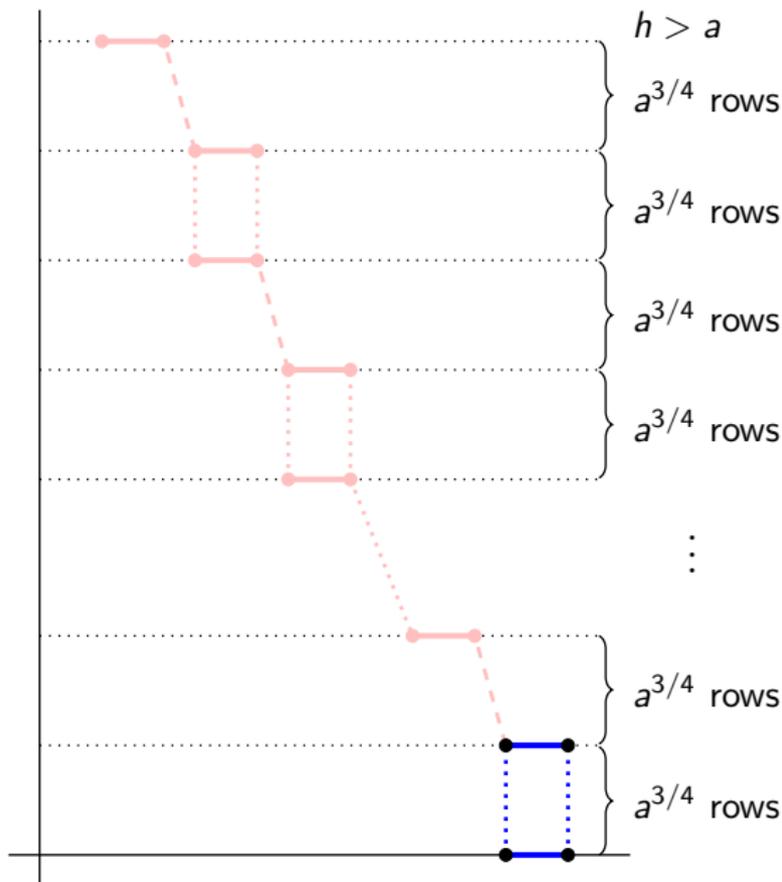
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