

Sorting monoids and algebras on Coxeter groups

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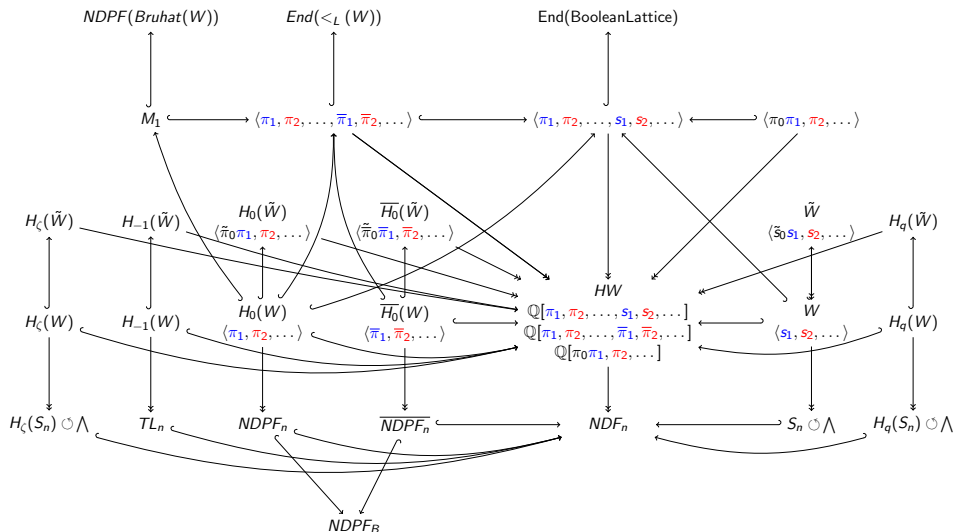
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The Big Picture



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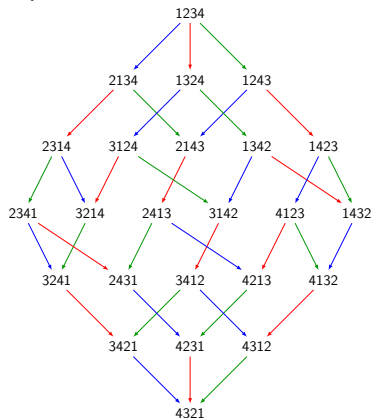
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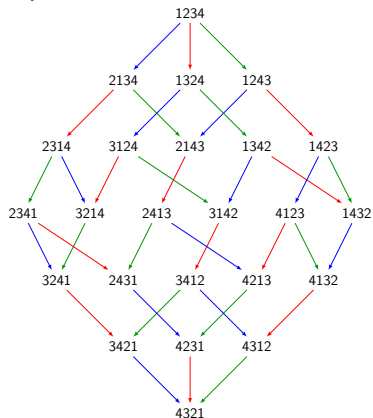
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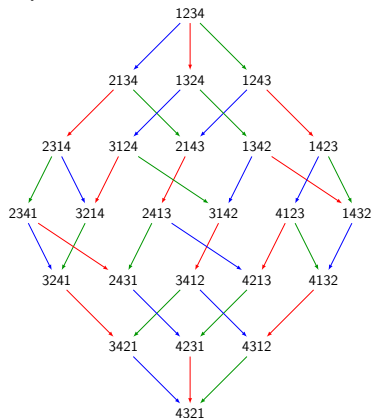


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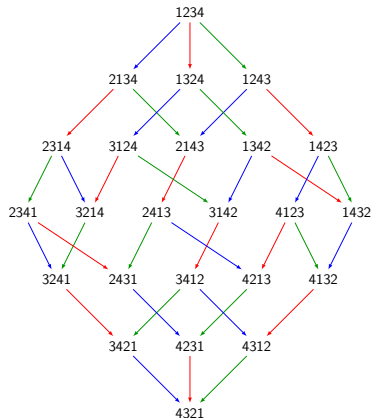


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Elementary bubble antisort operators: $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \dots$

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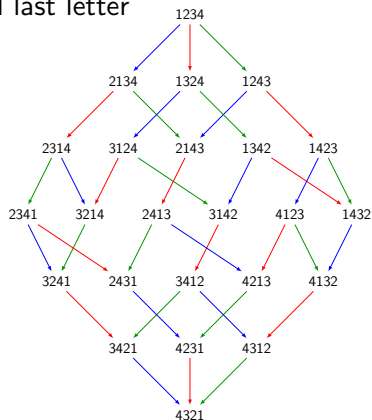
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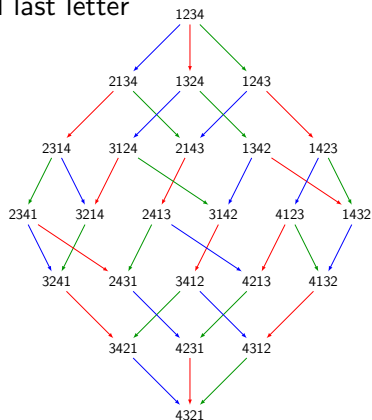
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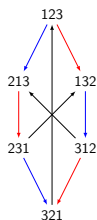
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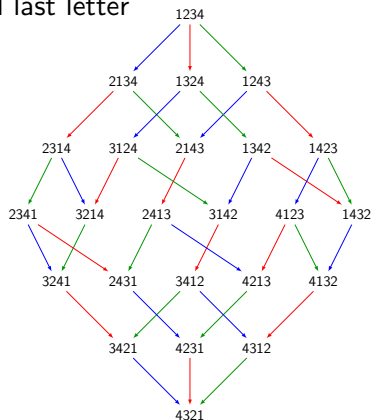
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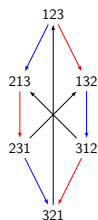
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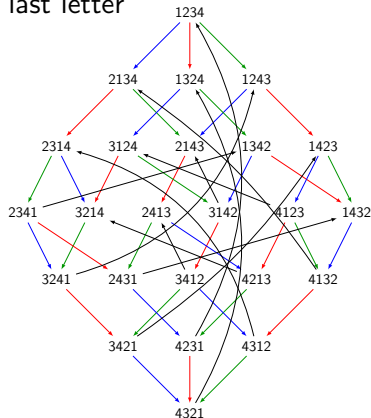
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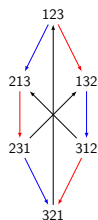
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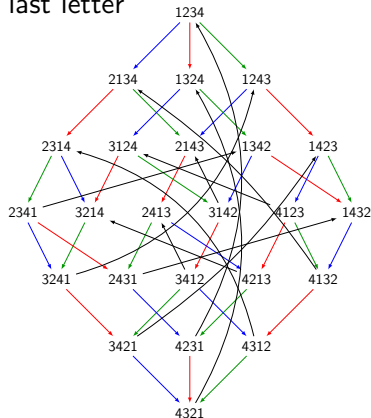
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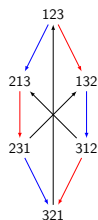
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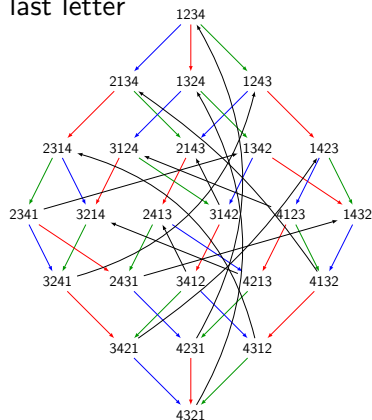
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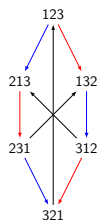
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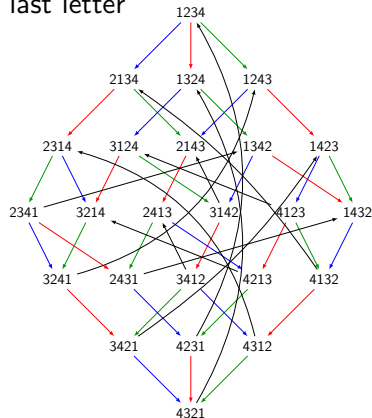
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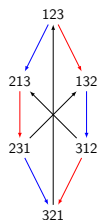
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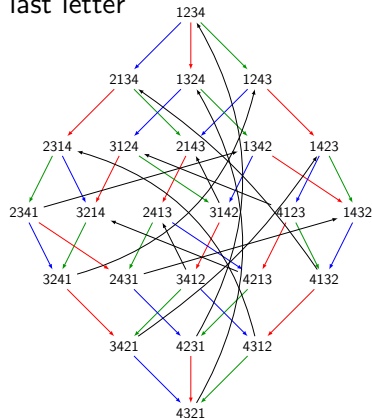
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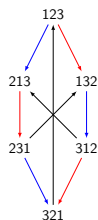
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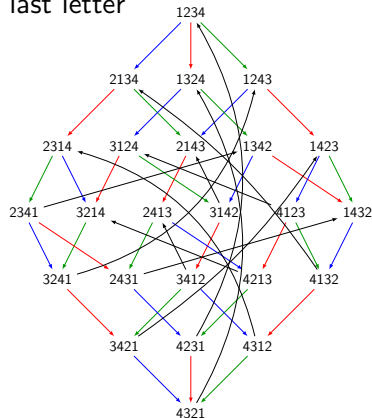
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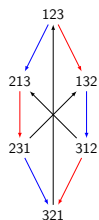
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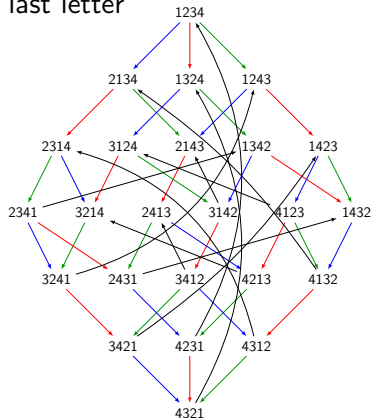
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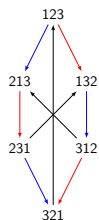
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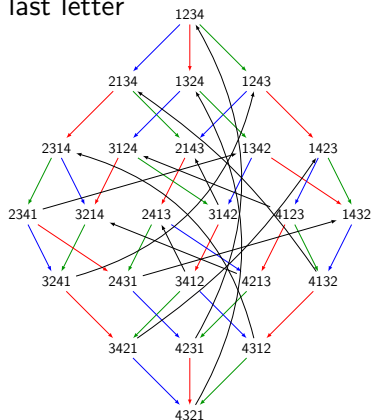
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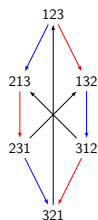
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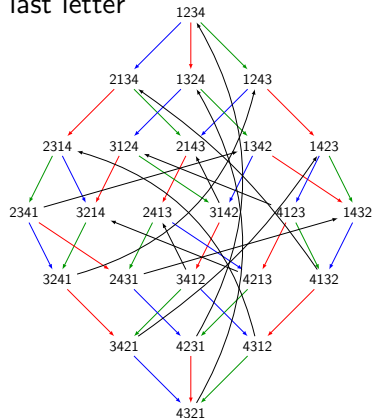
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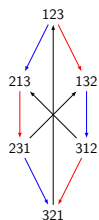
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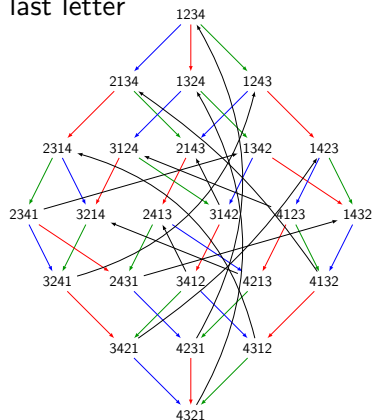
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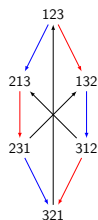
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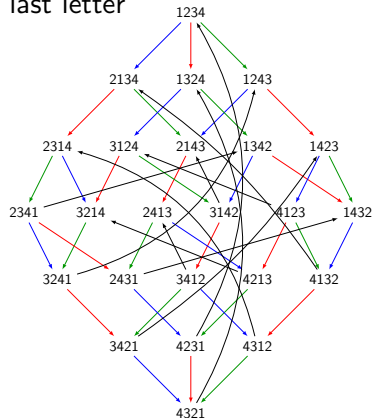
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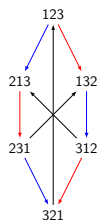
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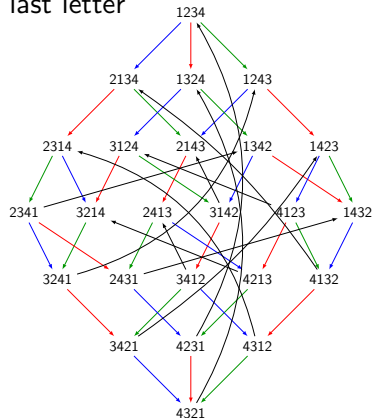
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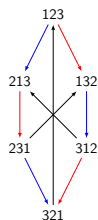
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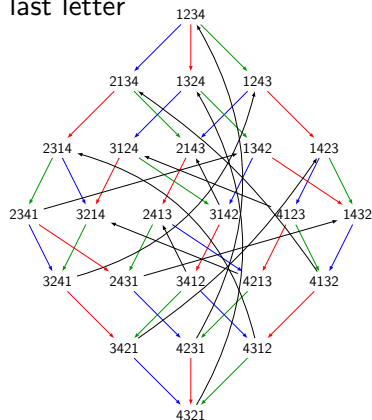
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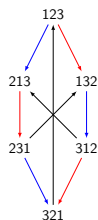
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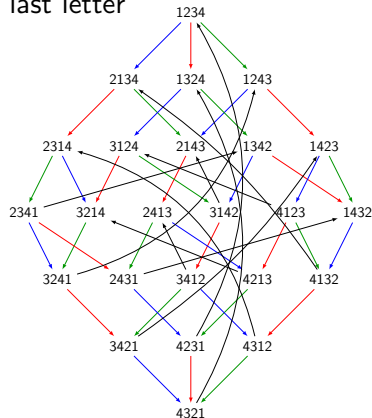
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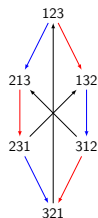
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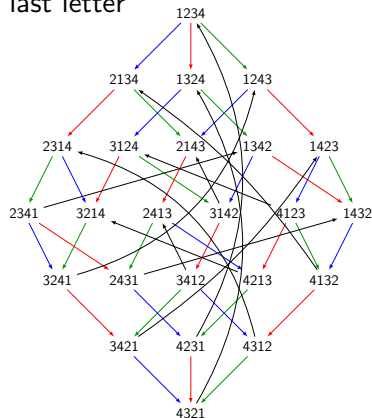
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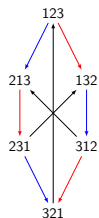
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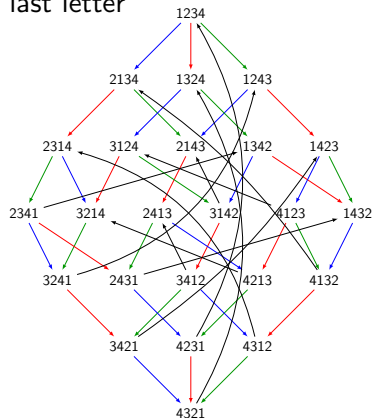
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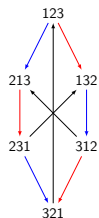
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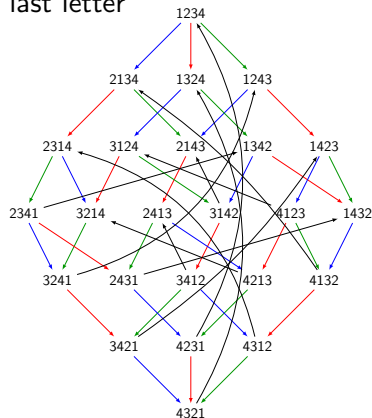
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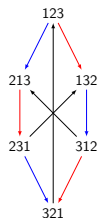
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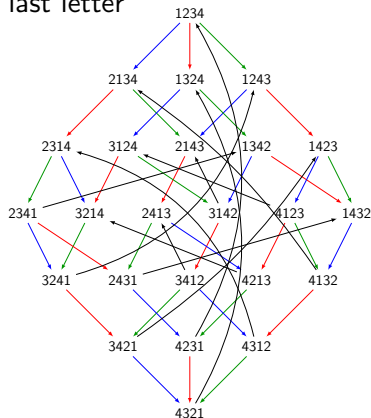
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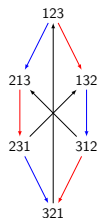
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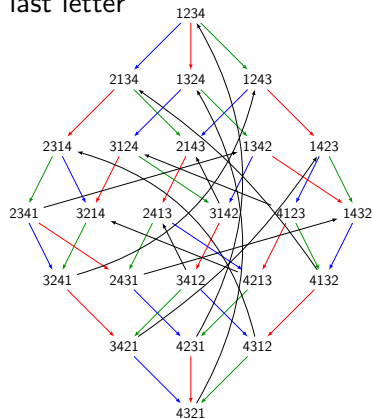
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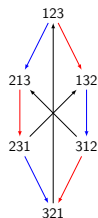
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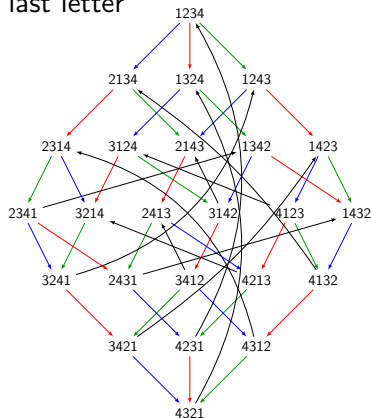
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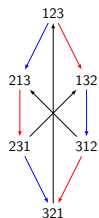
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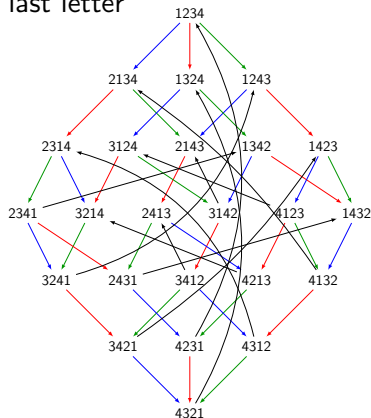
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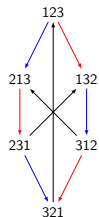
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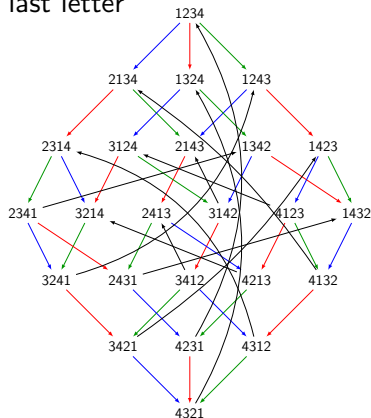
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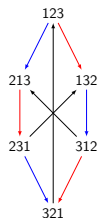
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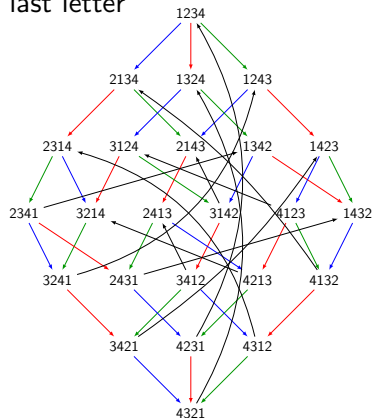
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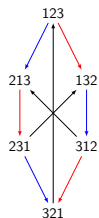
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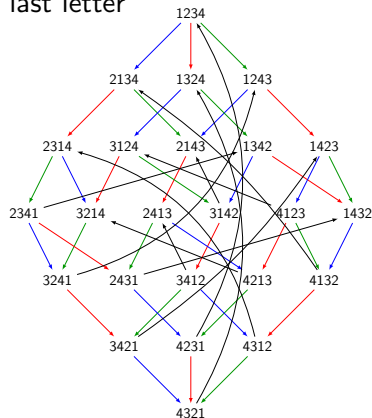
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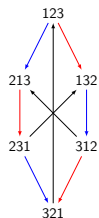
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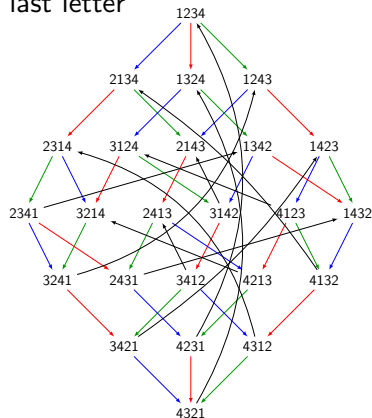
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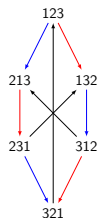
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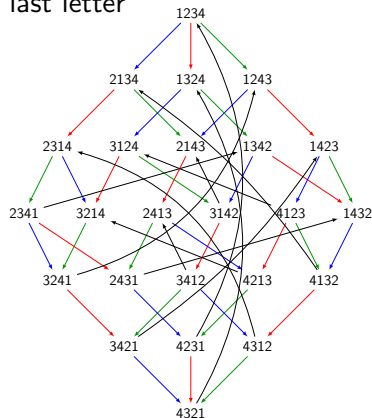
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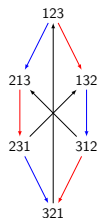
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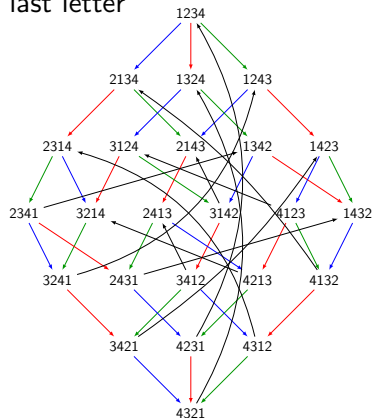
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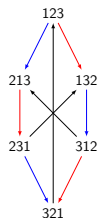
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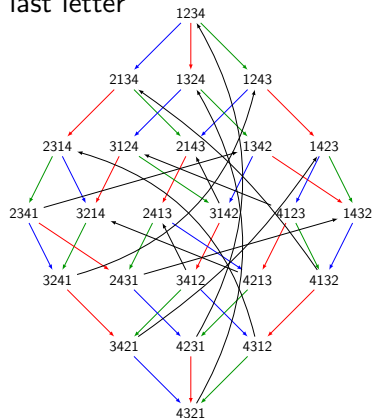
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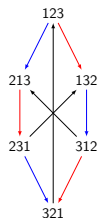
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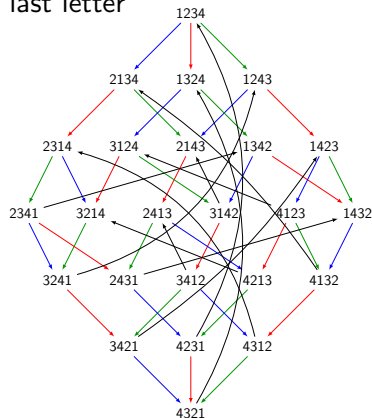
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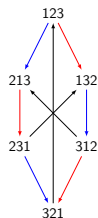
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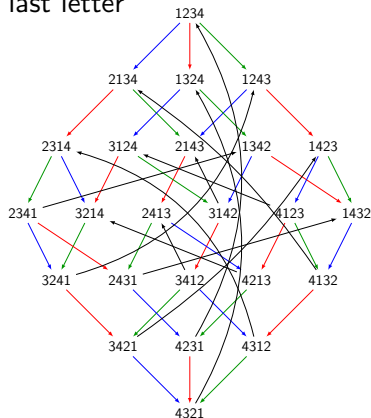
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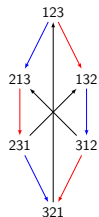
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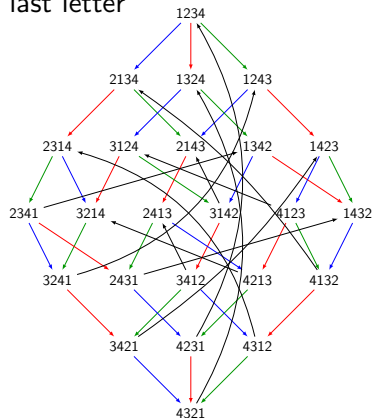
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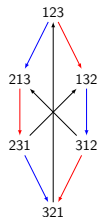
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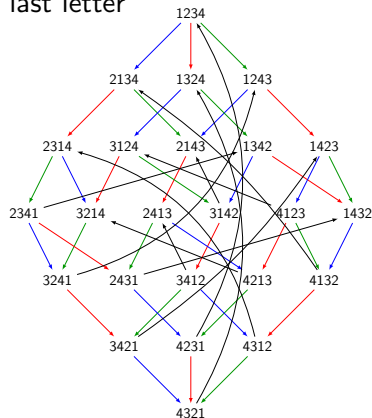
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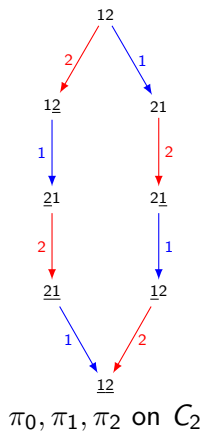
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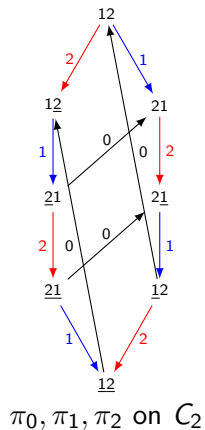
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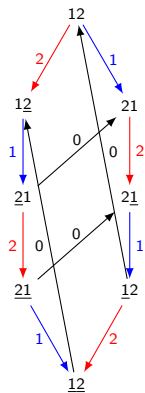
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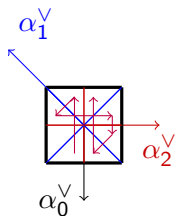
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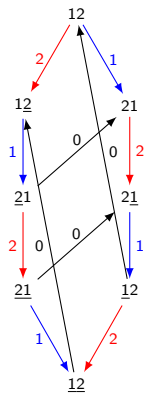
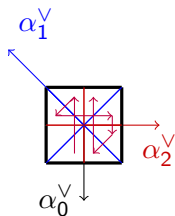
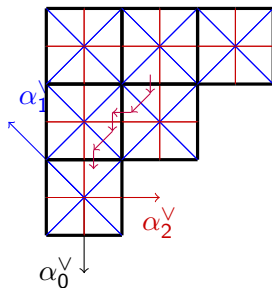


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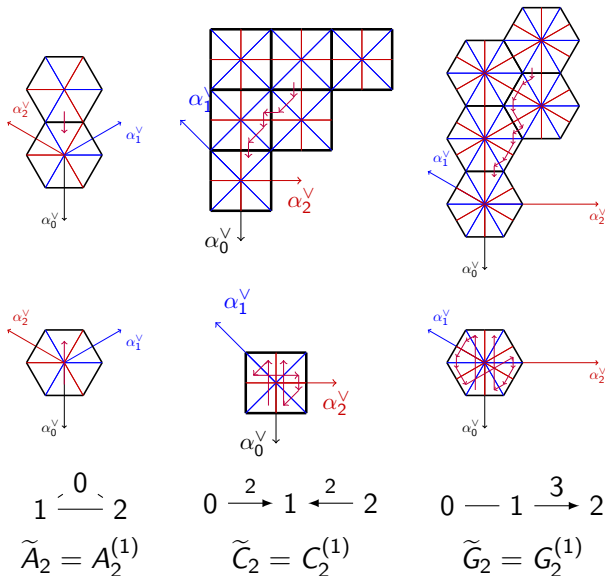
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