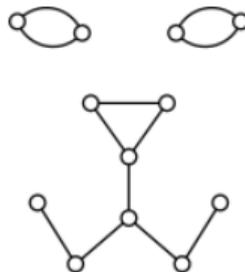


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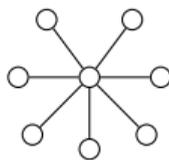


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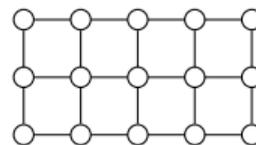
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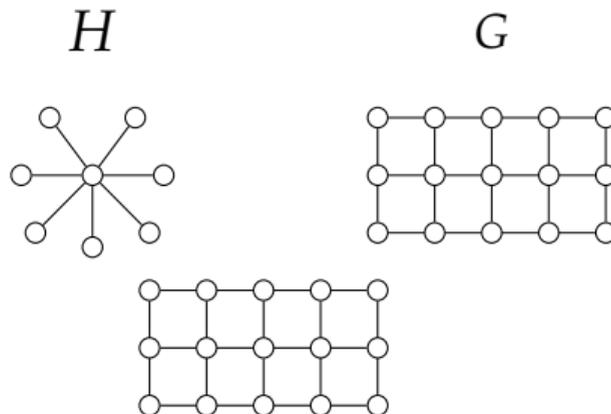
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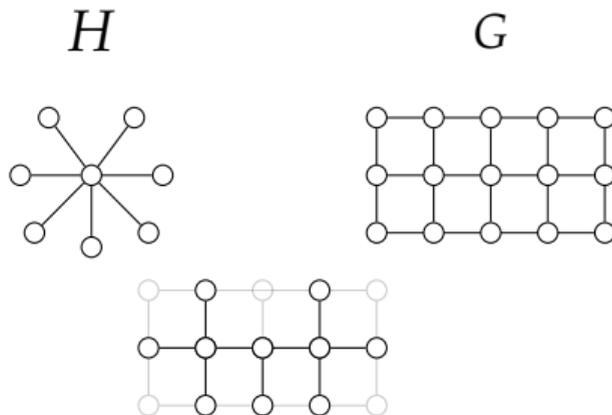
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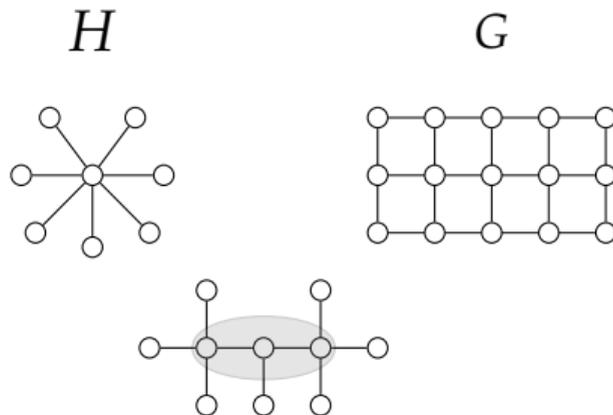
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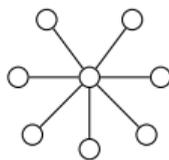
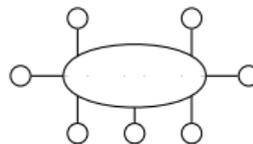
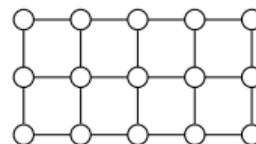
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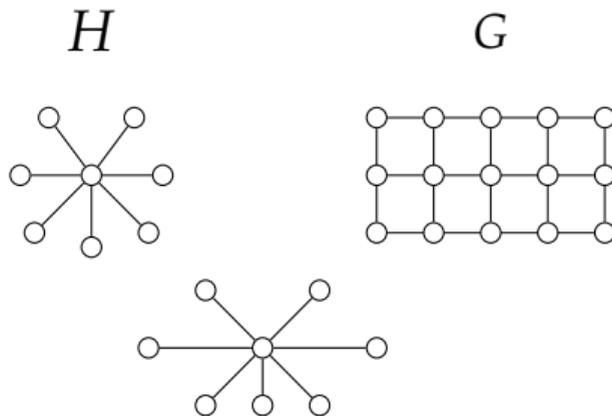
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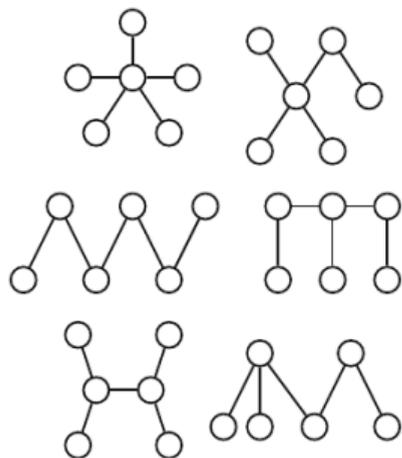
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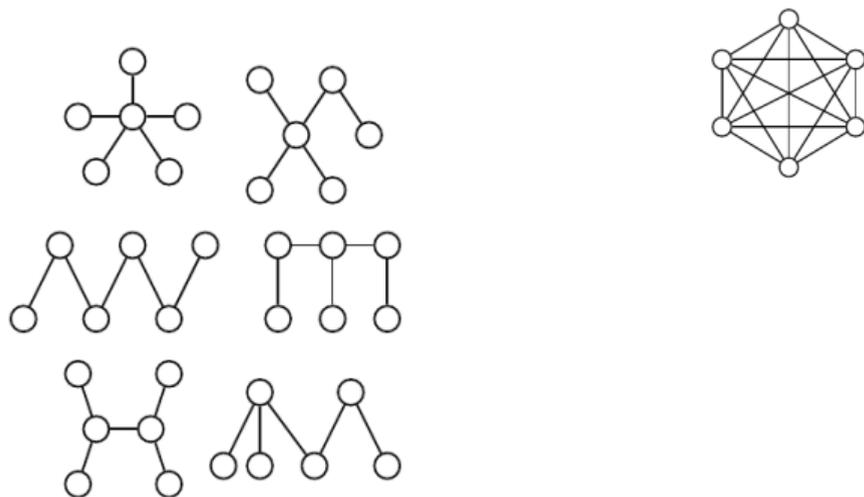


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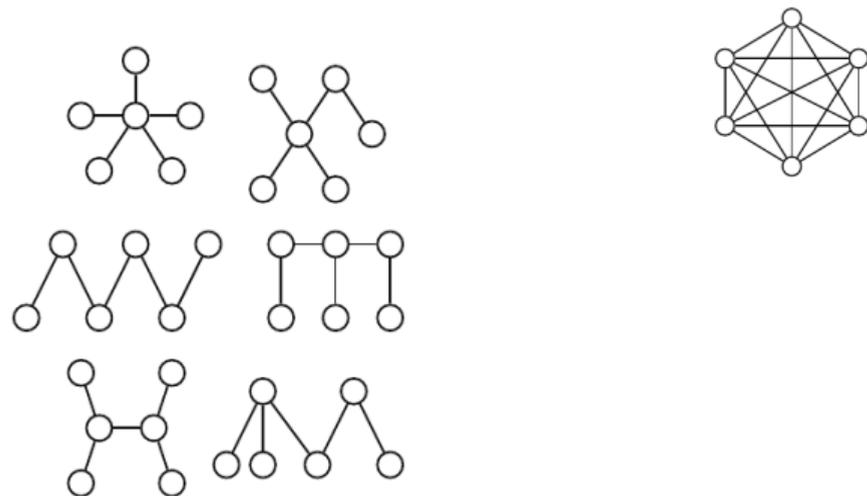
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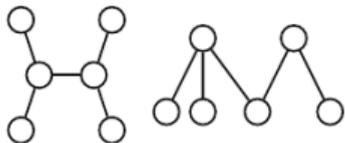
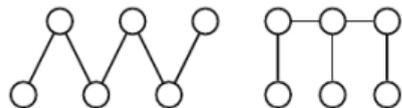
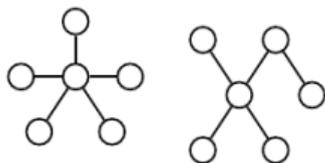
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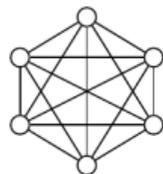
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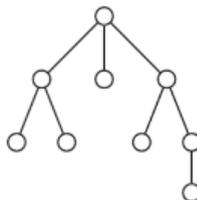
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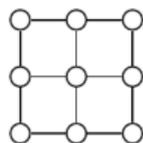
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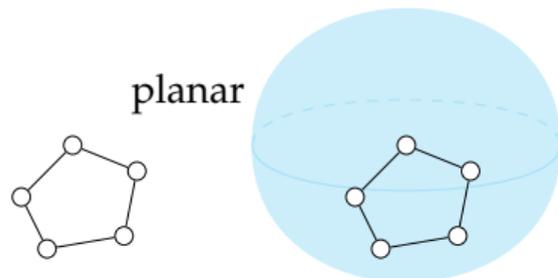
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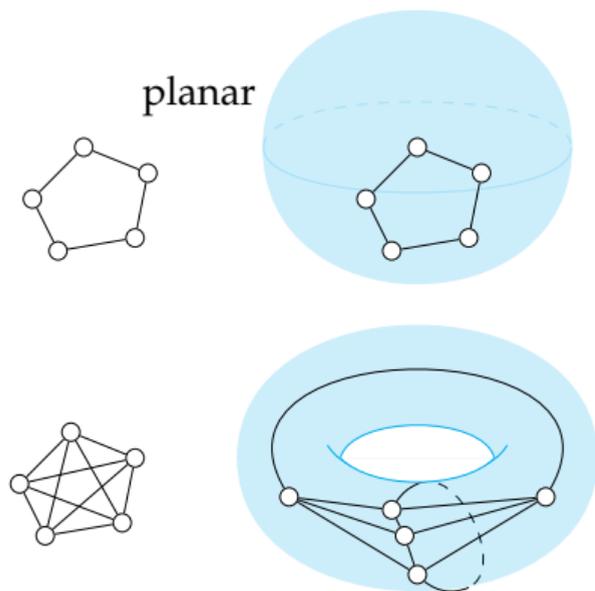
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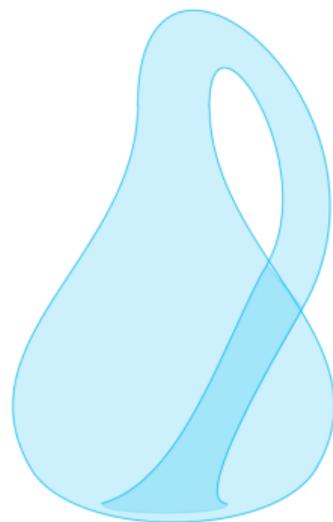
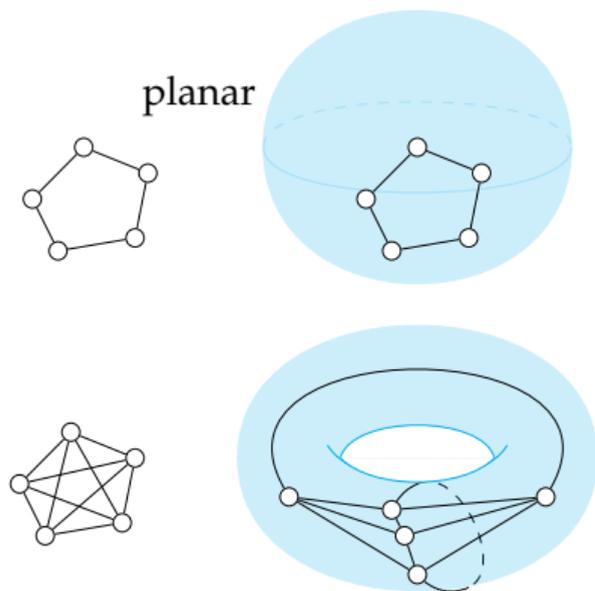
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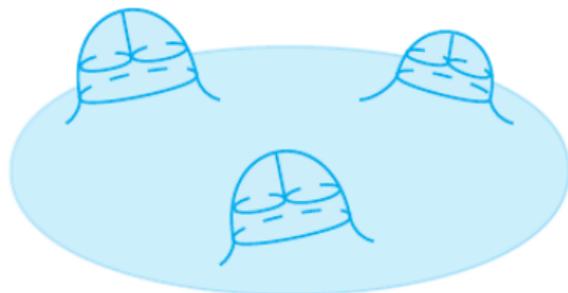
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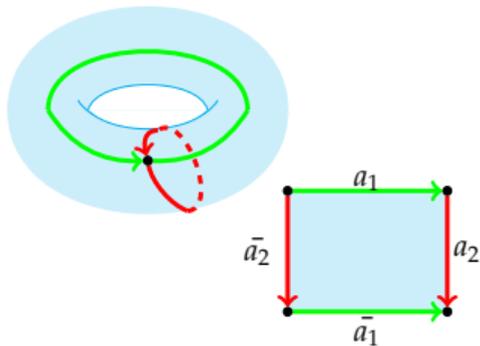
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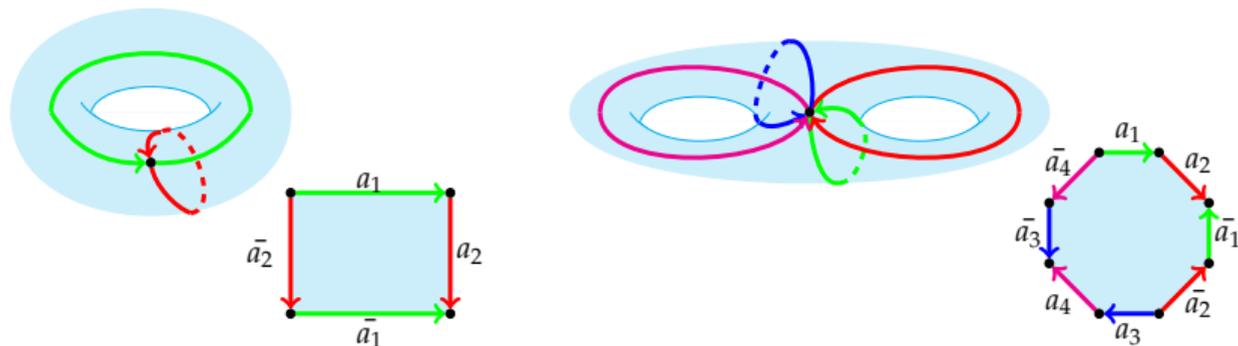
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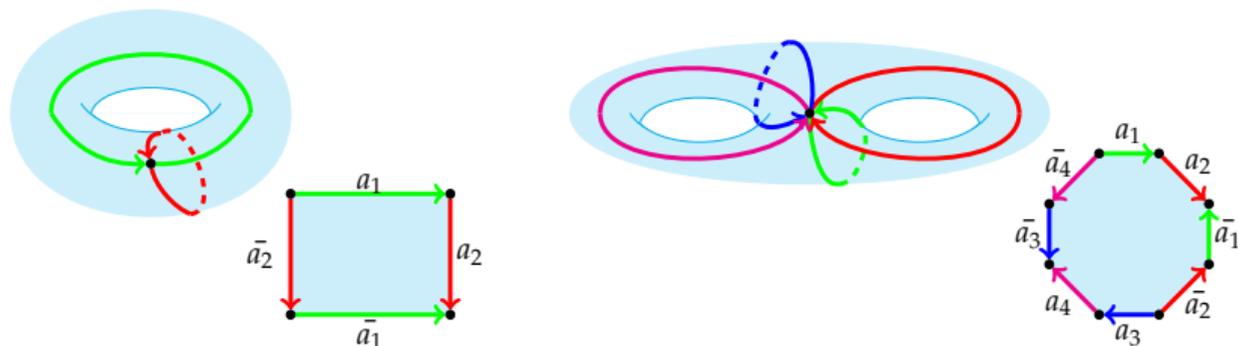
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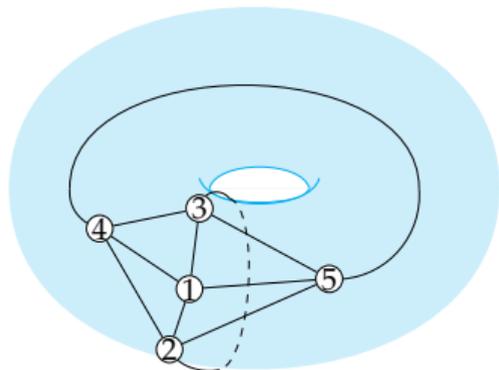


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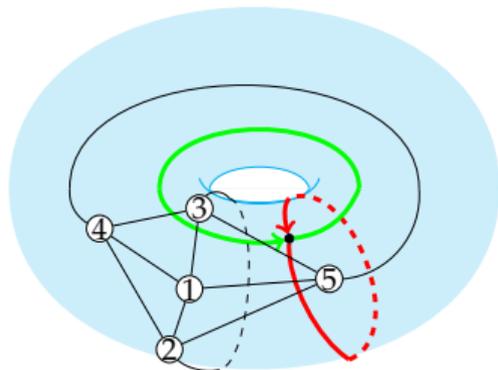
Every compact, connected surface of Euler genus  $g \geq 1$  is homeomorphic to a polygonal surface given by one of the following **canonical signatures**  $\sigma$ :

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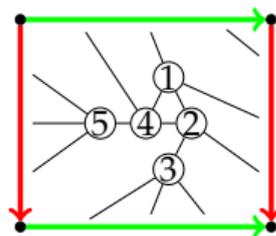
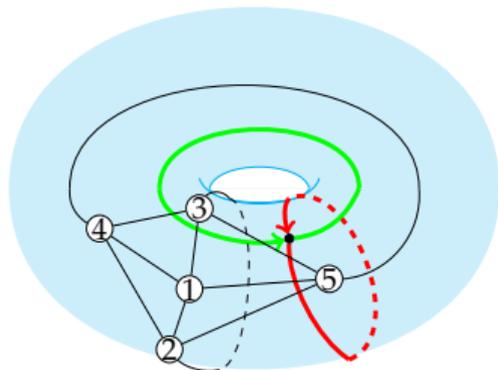
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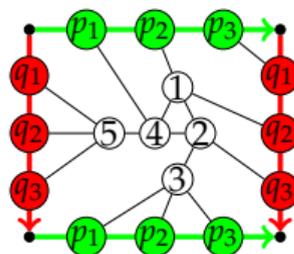
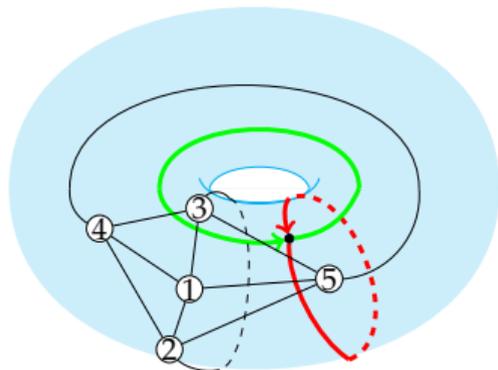
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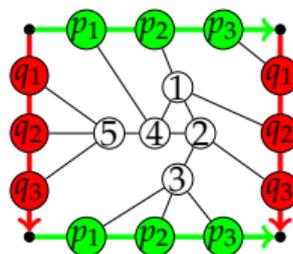
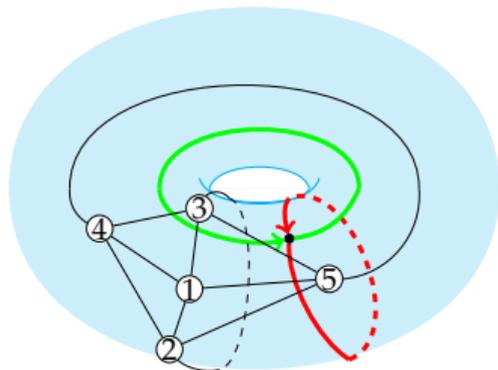
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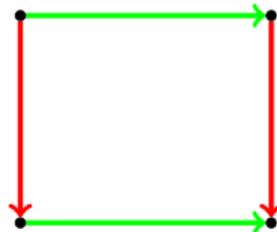
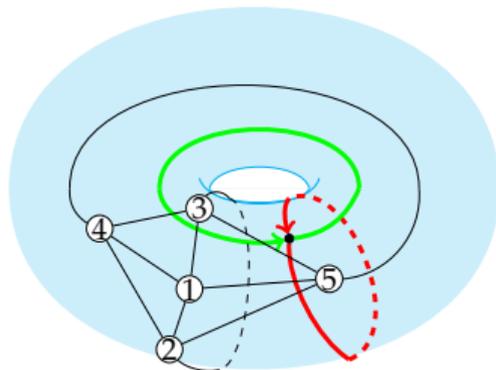


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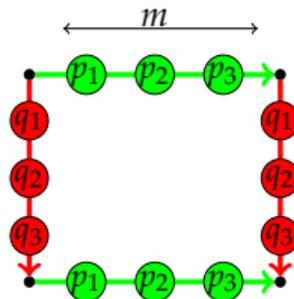
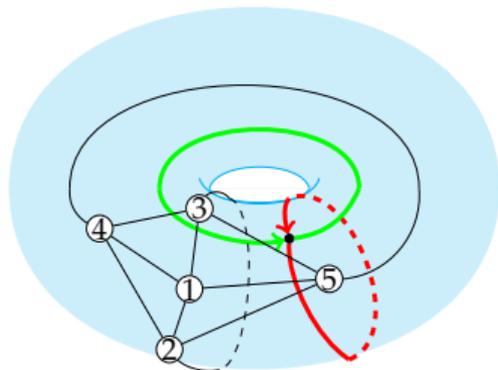
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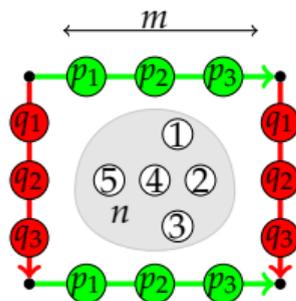
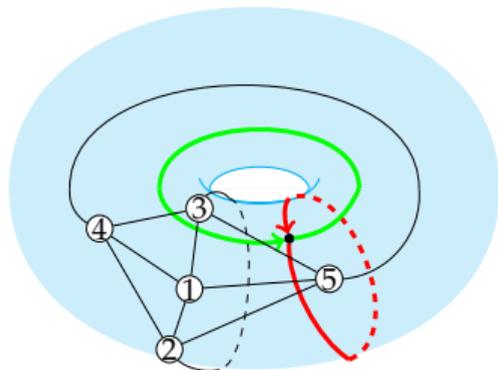
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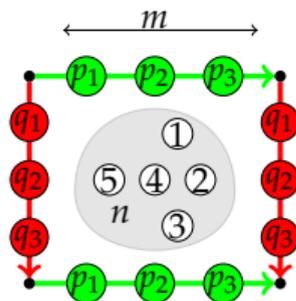
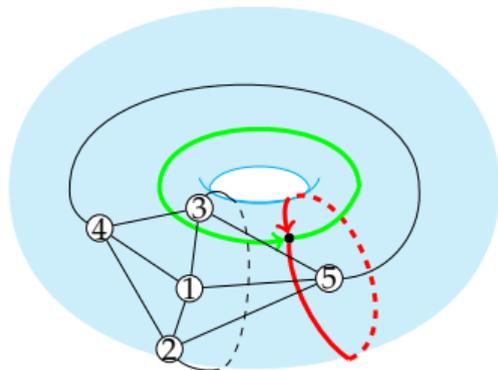
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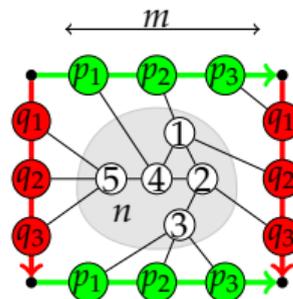
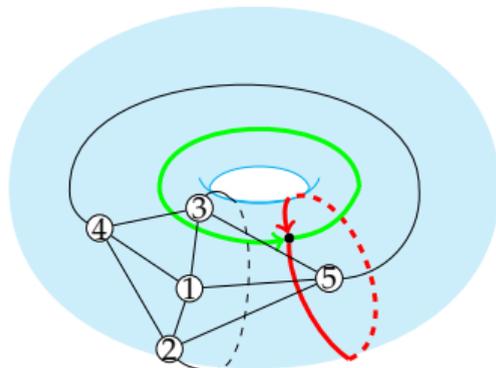
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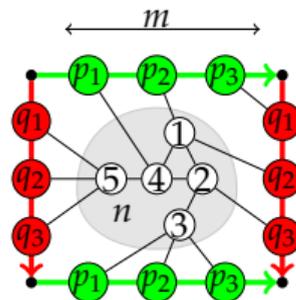
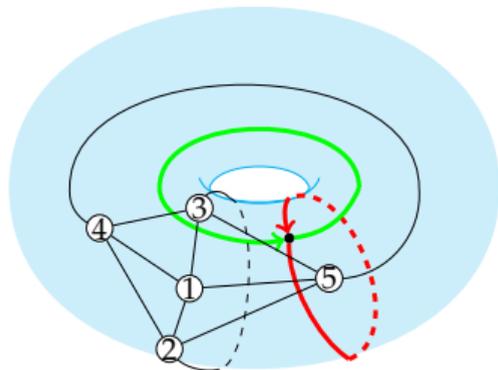
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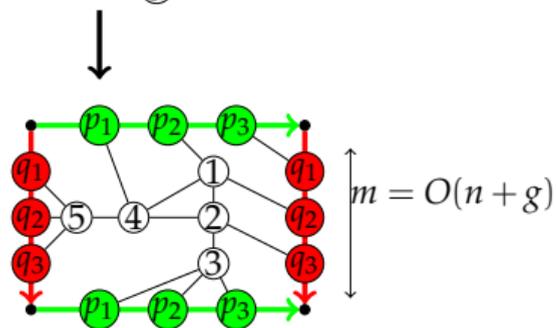
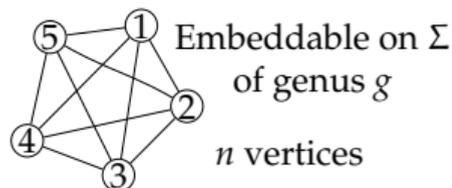
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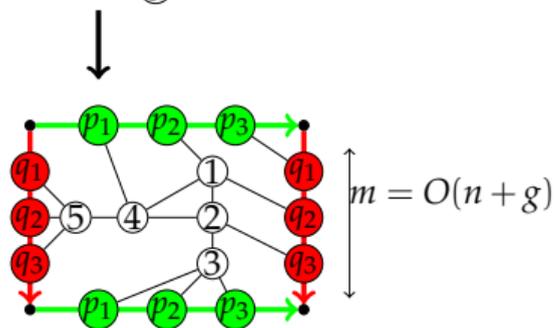
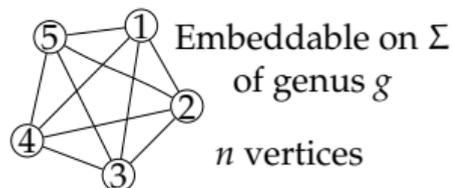
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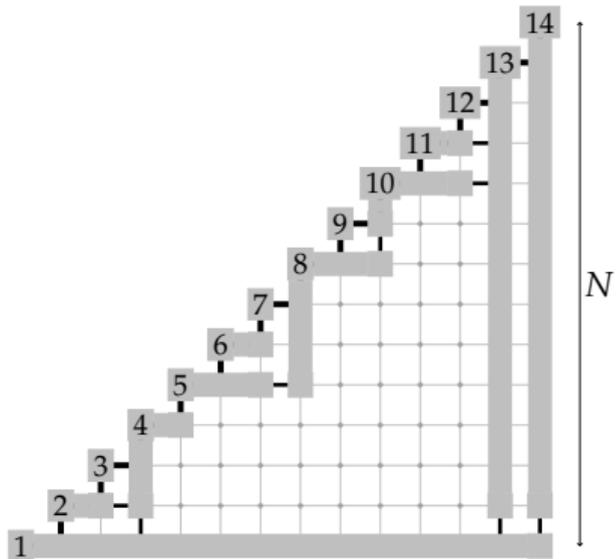
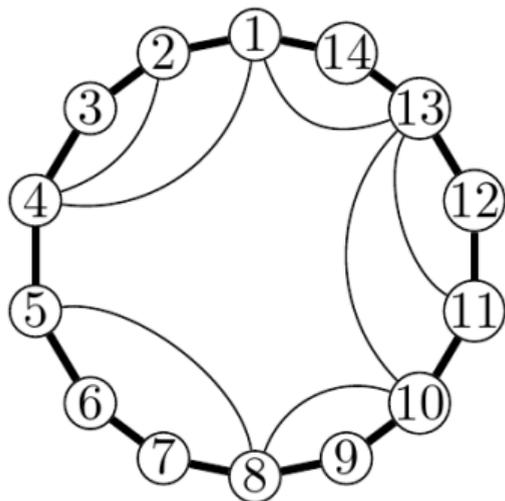
Technical theorem.

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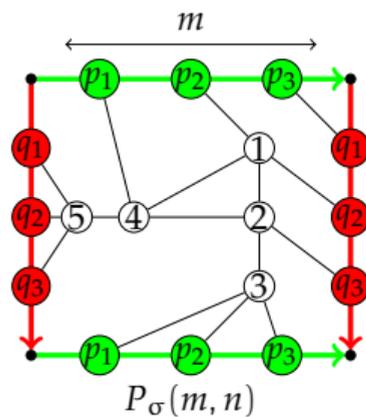


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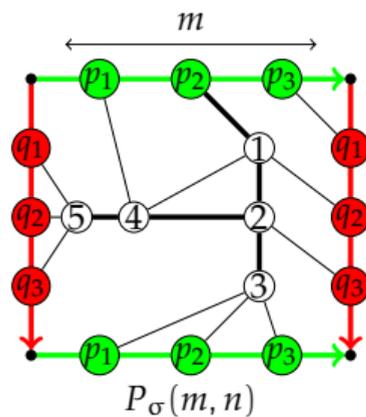
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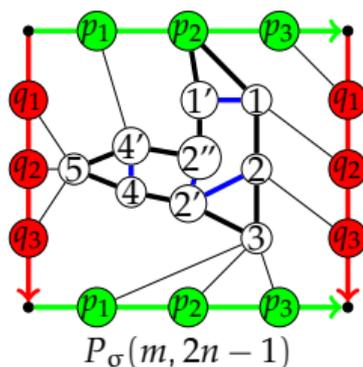
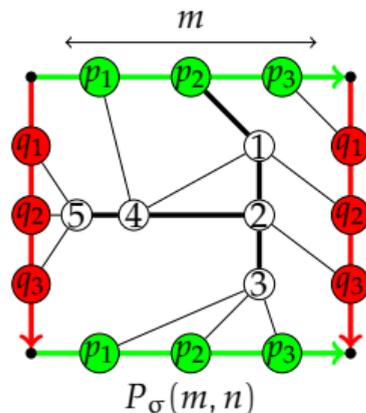
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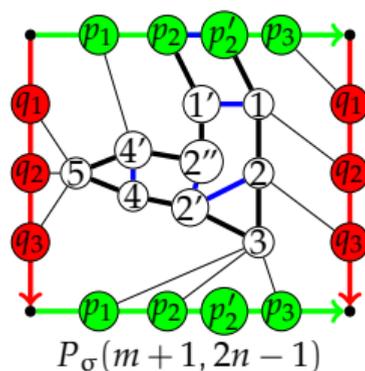
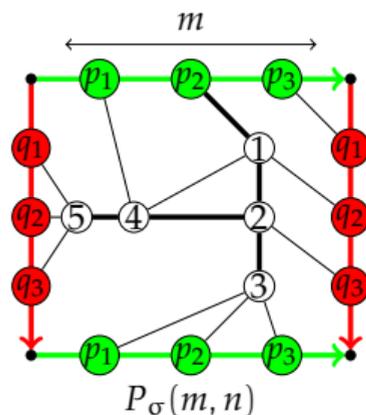
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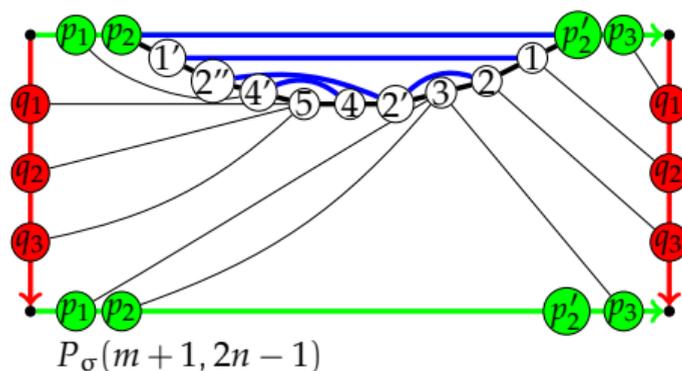
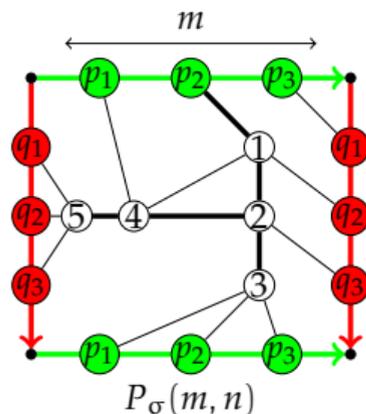
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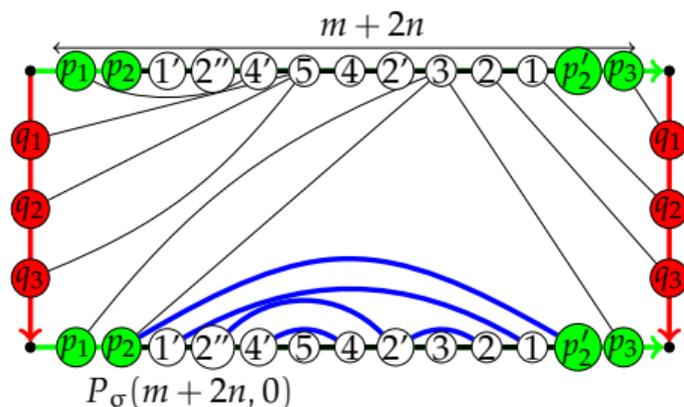
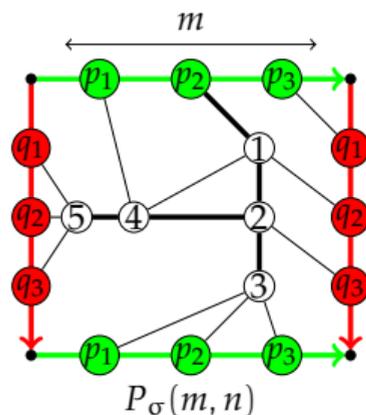
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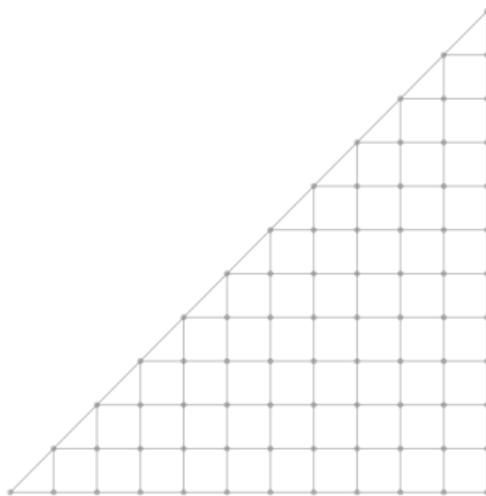
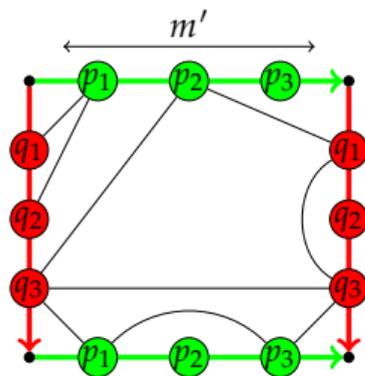
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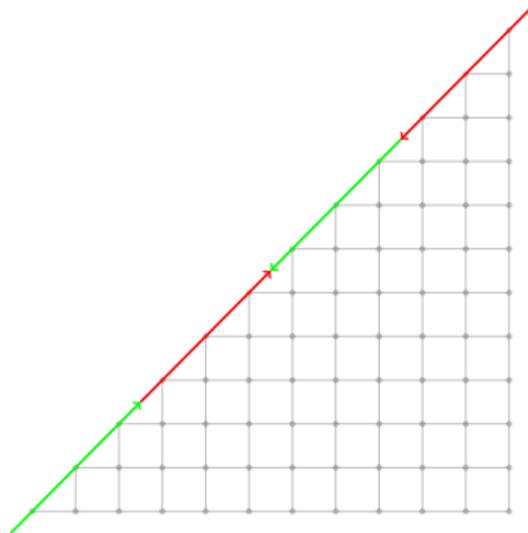
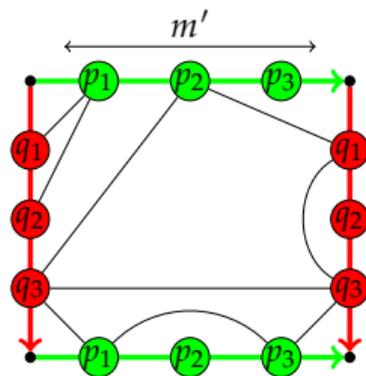
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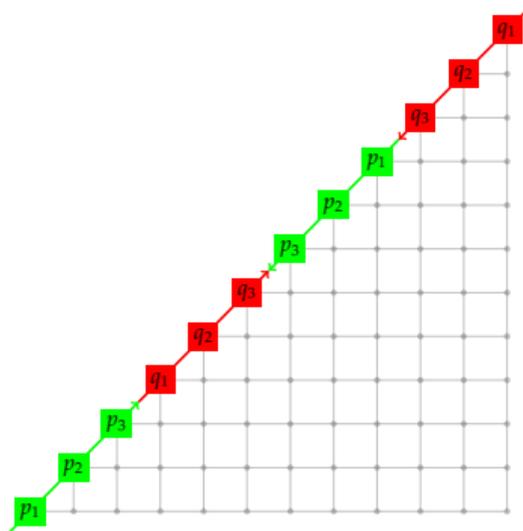
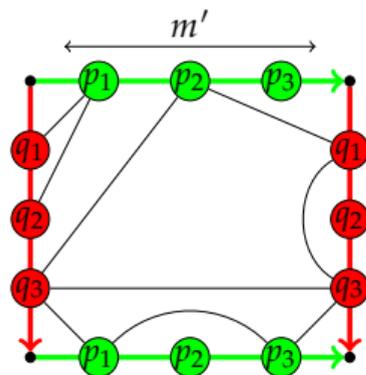
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