

# Functional Aggregate Queries are FAQs

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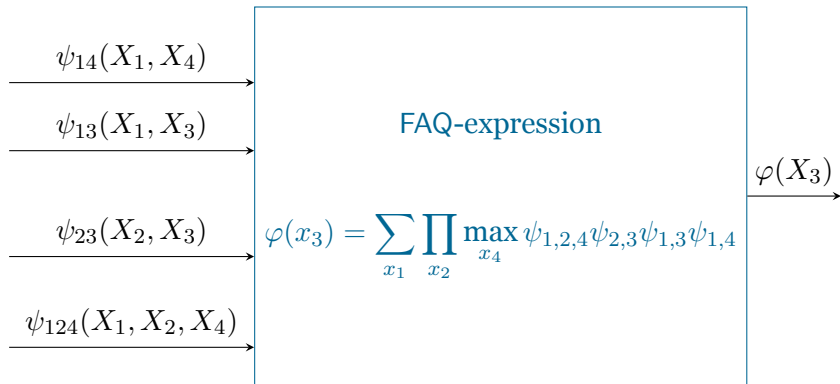
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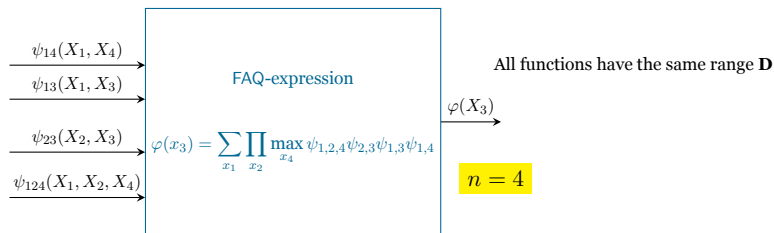
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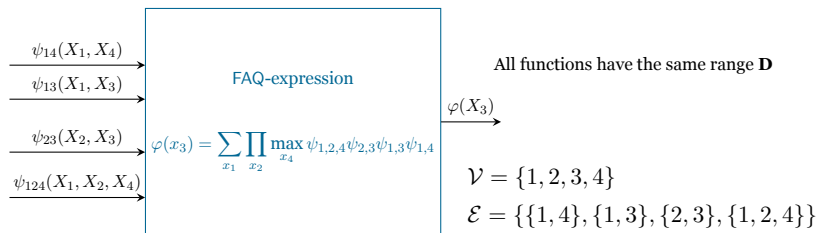


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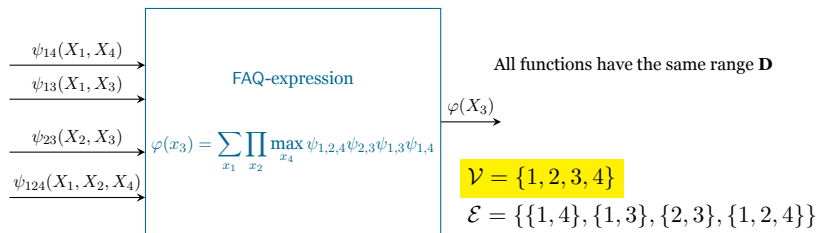
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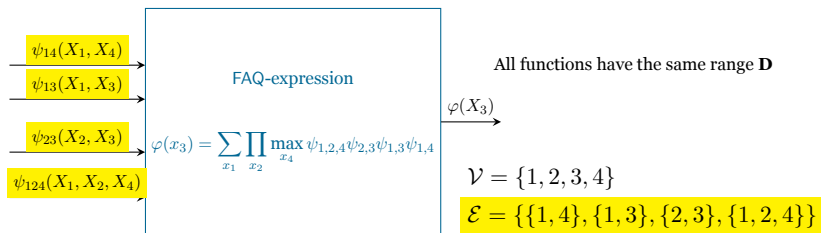
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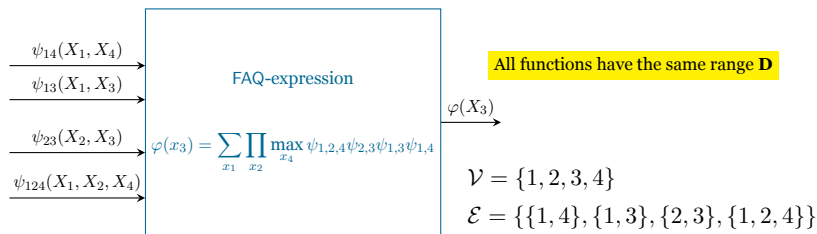
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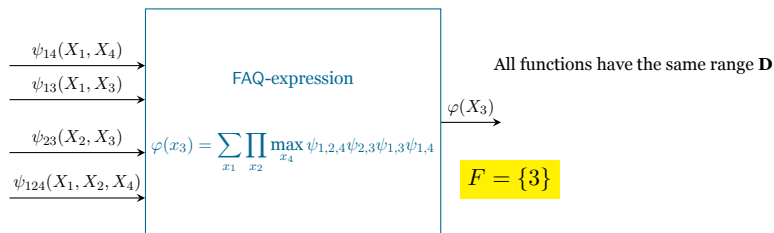
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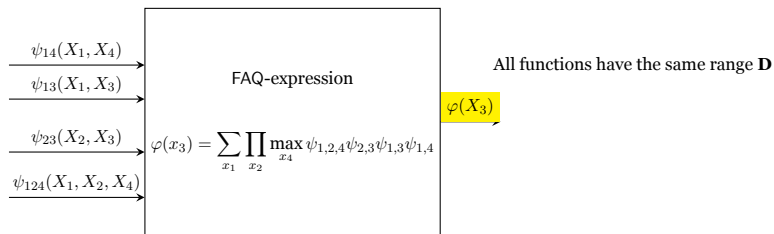
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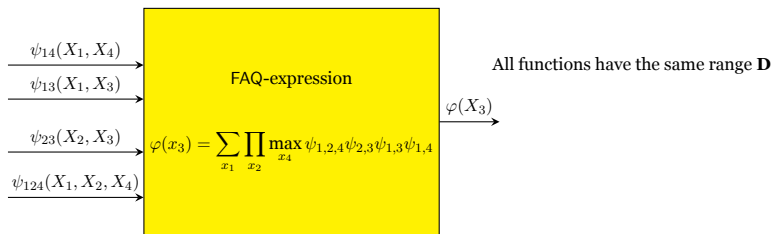
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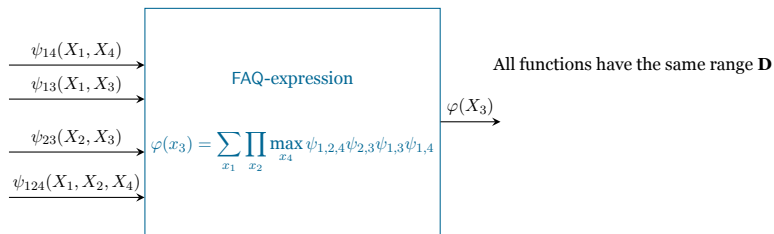


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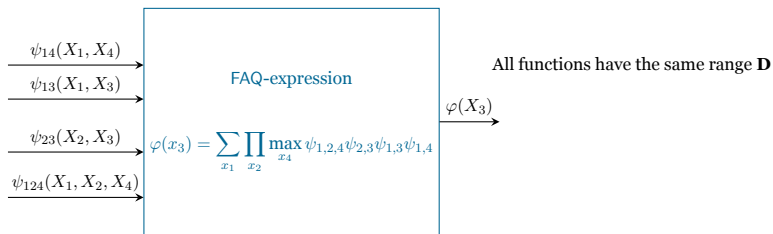
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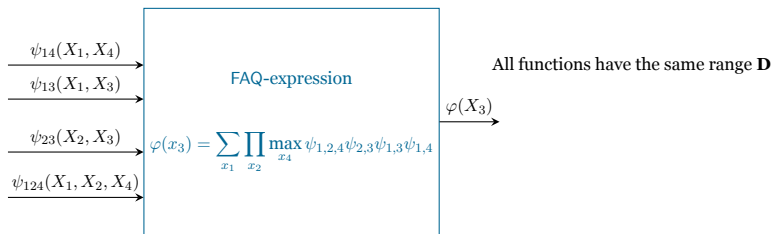
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- ▶ Common examples (there are many more!)

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*sum-product*  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \times, 0, 1)$

*max-product*  $(\mathbb{R}_+, \max, \times, 0, 1)$

*min-plus*  $(\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \min, +, \infty, 0)$

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# Many examples for FAQ-SS w/o free variables

- ▶ Boolean conjunctive query evaluation (Boolean semiring)
- ▶ SAT (Boolean semiring)
- ▶ Quantifier-free conjunctive query evaluation (set semiring)
- ▶  $k$ -colorability (Boolean)
- ▶ Permanent (Sum-Product semiring)
- ▶ Partition function (Sum-Product semiring)
- ▶ etc.
  
- ▶ **Sum-Prod = Marginalize a Product Function problem**
  - ▶ Dechter (Artificial Intelligence 1999)
  - ▶ Aji and McEliece (IEEE Trans. Inform. Theory 2000)

# Adding Free (i.e. GroupBy) Variables

Problem (FAQ-SS with free variables)

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$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}_{[f]}) = \exists_{x_{f+1}} \cdots \exists_{x_n} \bigwedge_{R \in \text{atoms}(\Phi)} R(\text{vars}(R))$$

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## Problem (Matrix Chain Multiplication – MCM)

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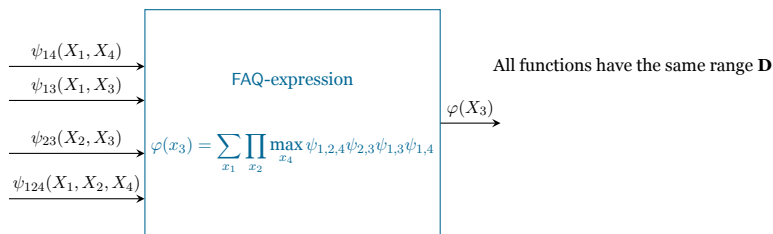
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- ▶ Hollant Problem (as in Holographic algorithms)
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# Why the generality of FAQ again?



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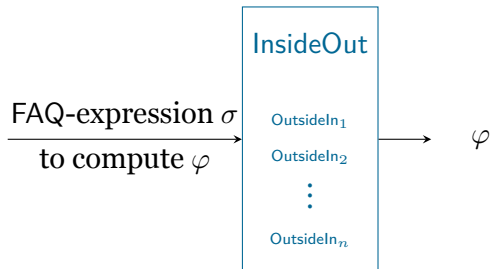
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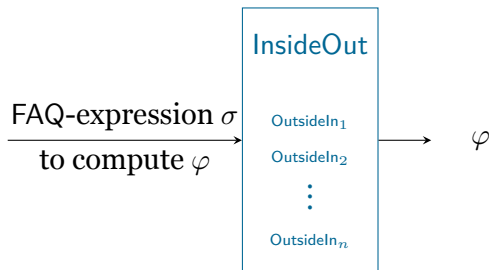
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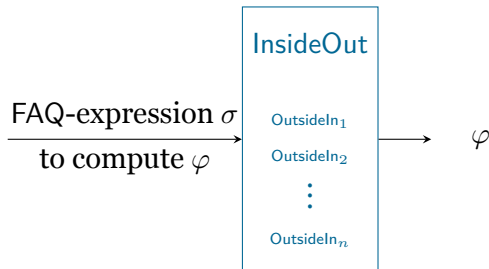


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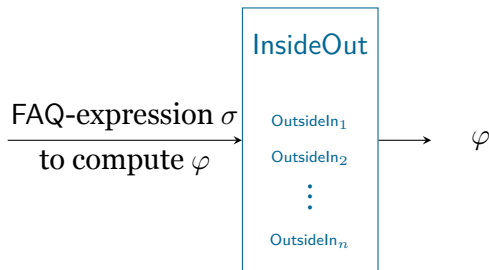
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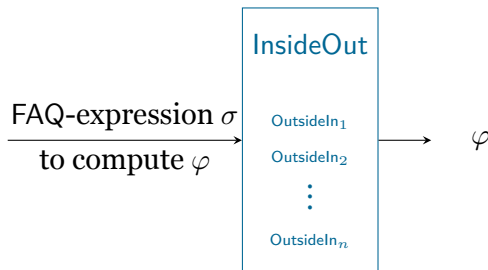
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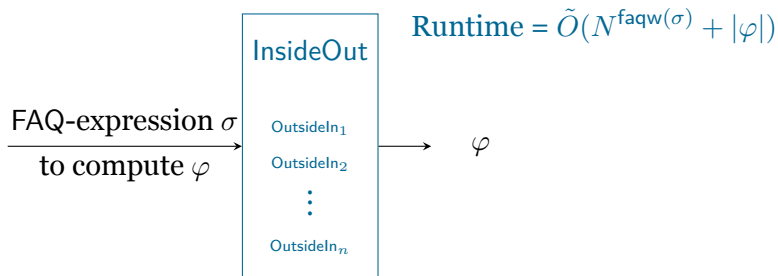
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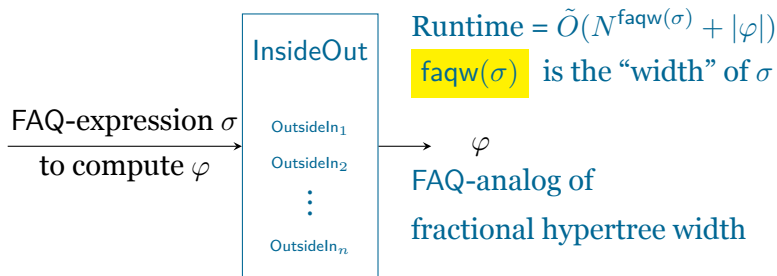
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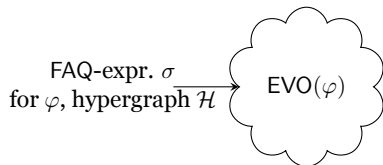
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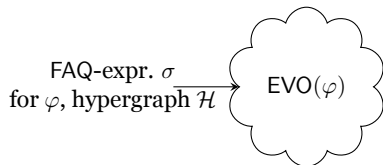
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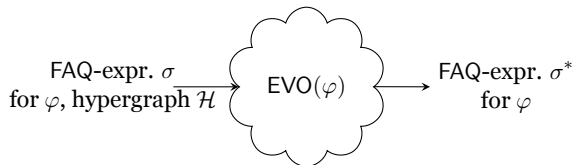


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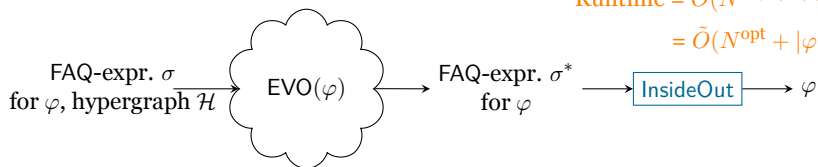
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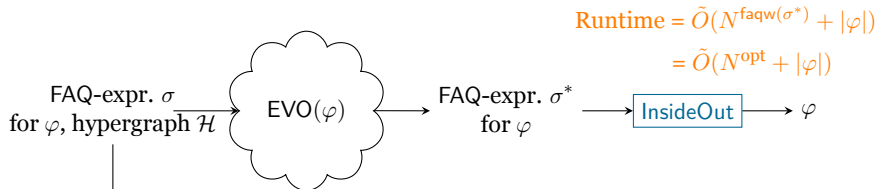


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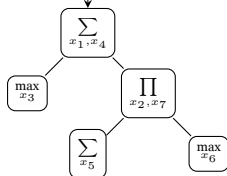
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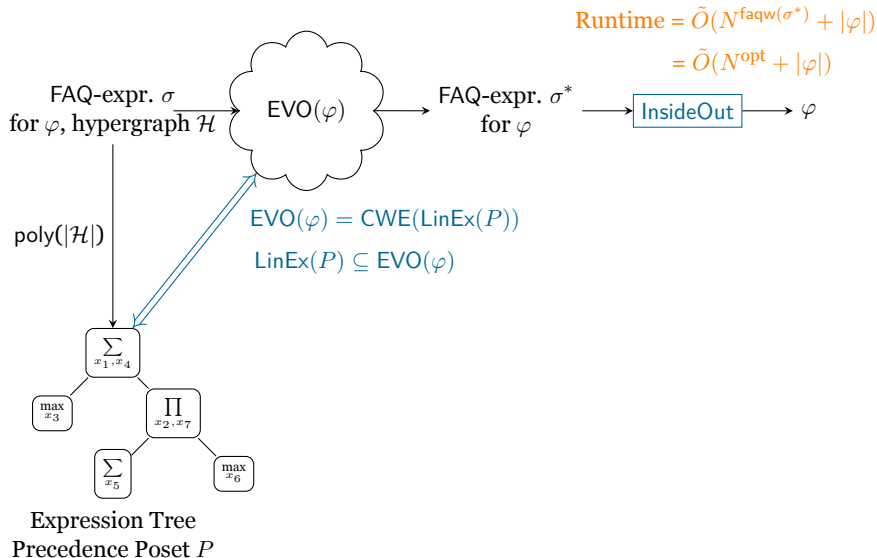


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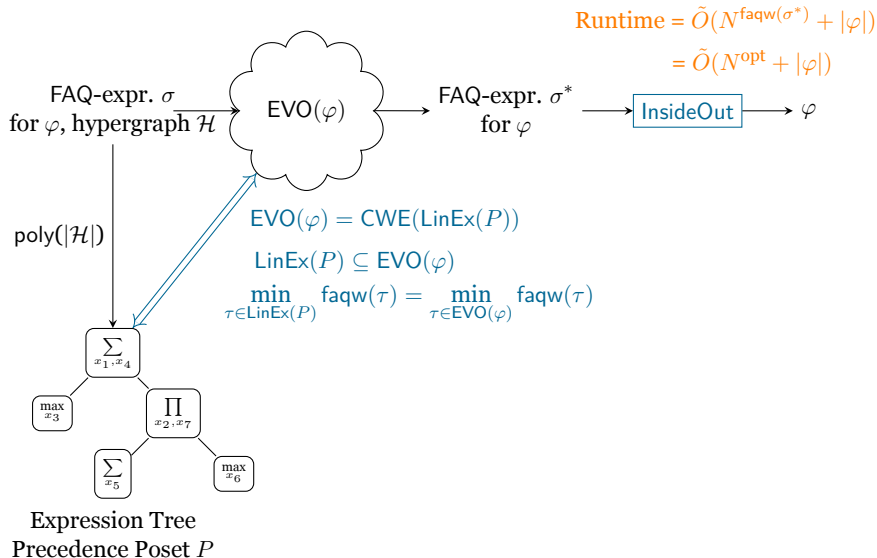


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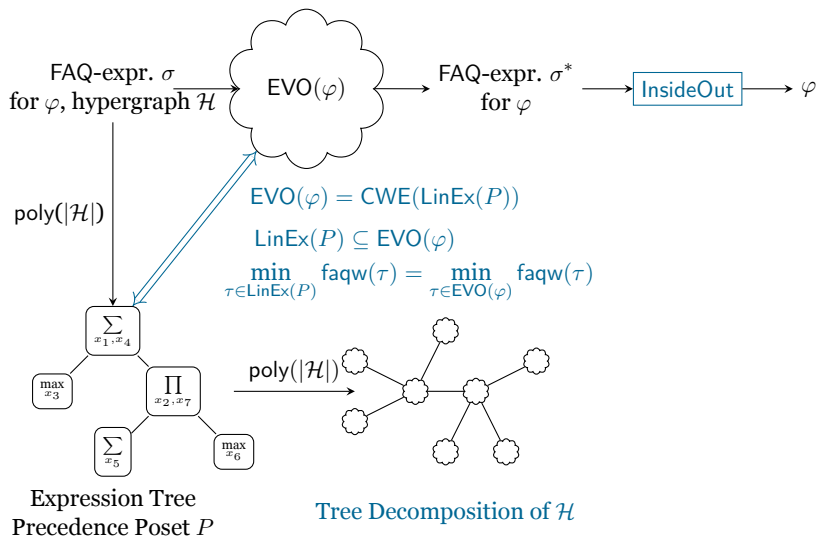
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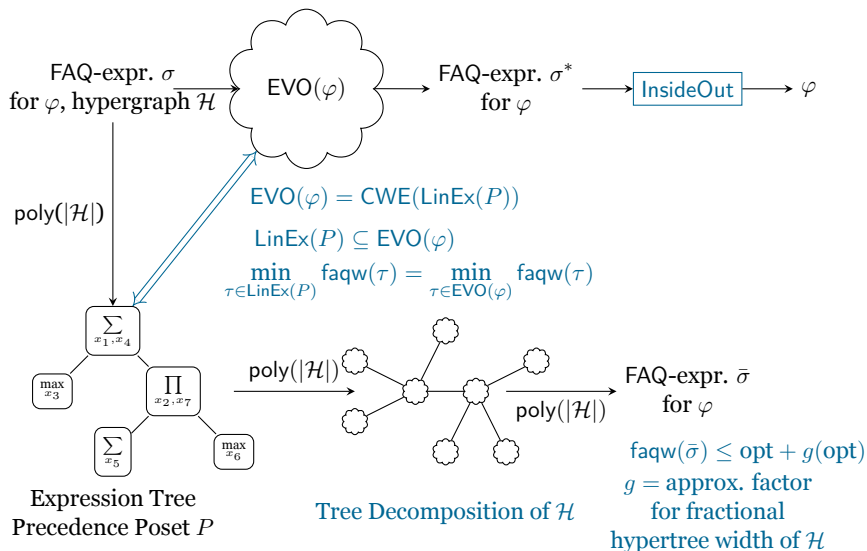
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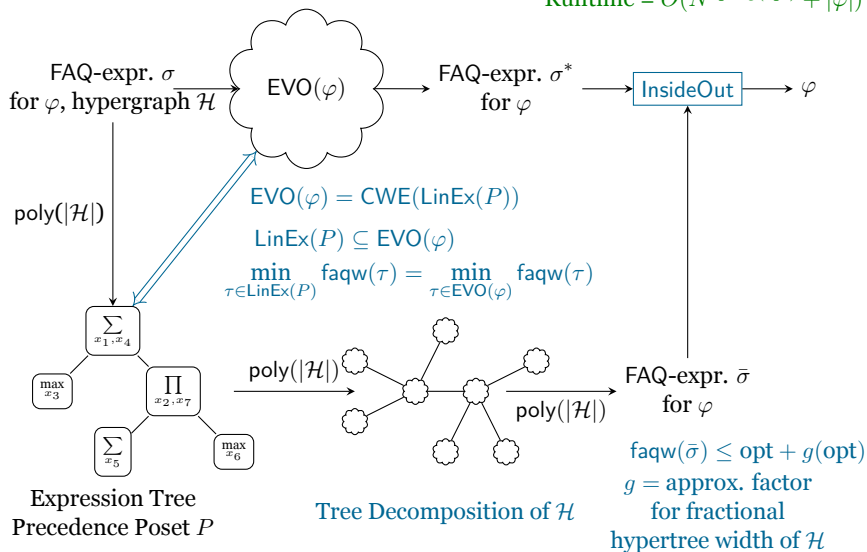
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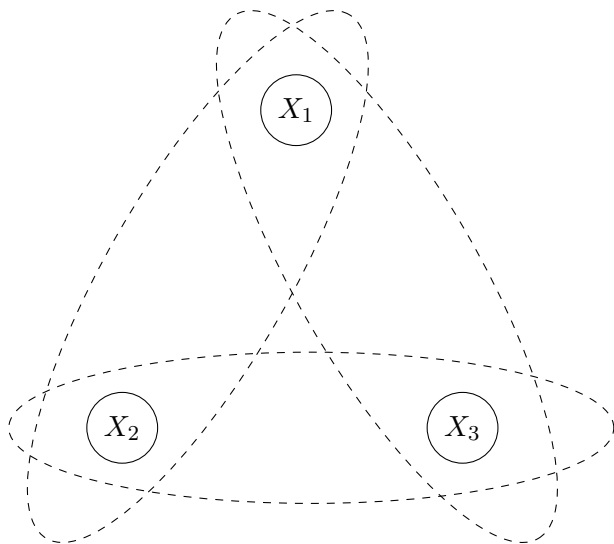
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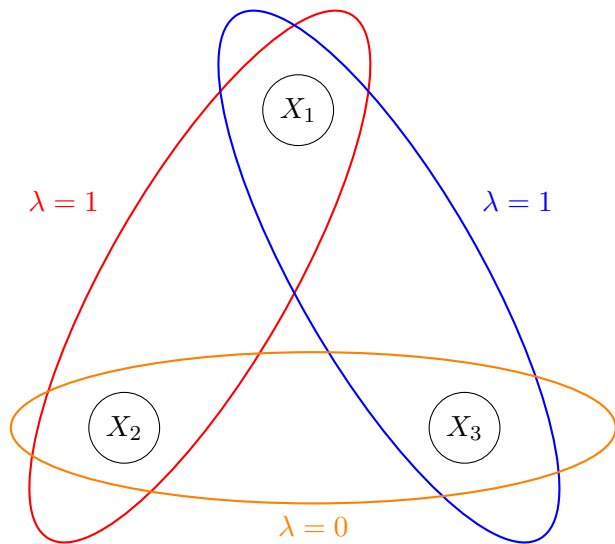
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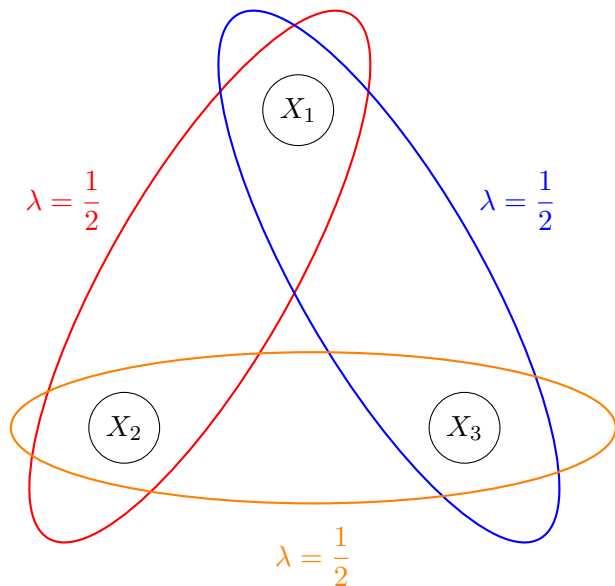
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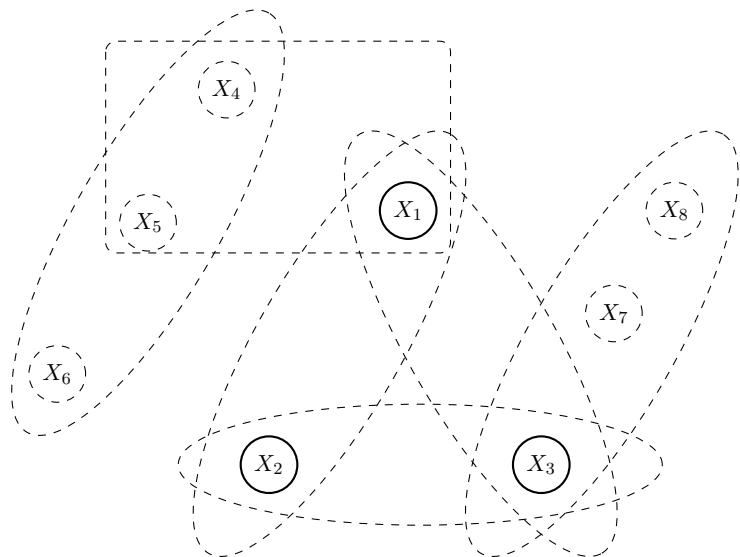
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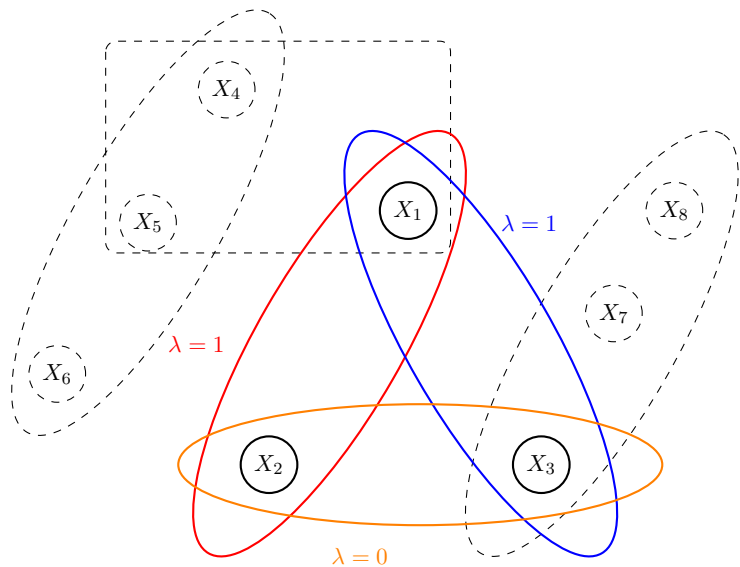


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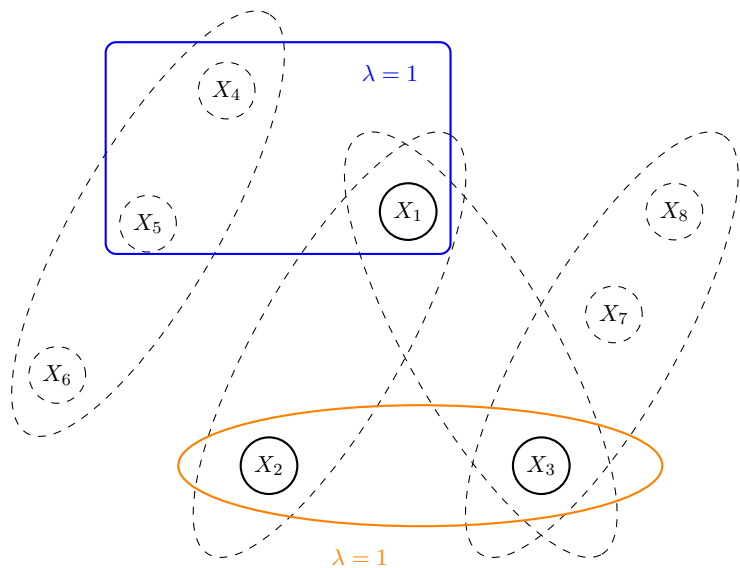




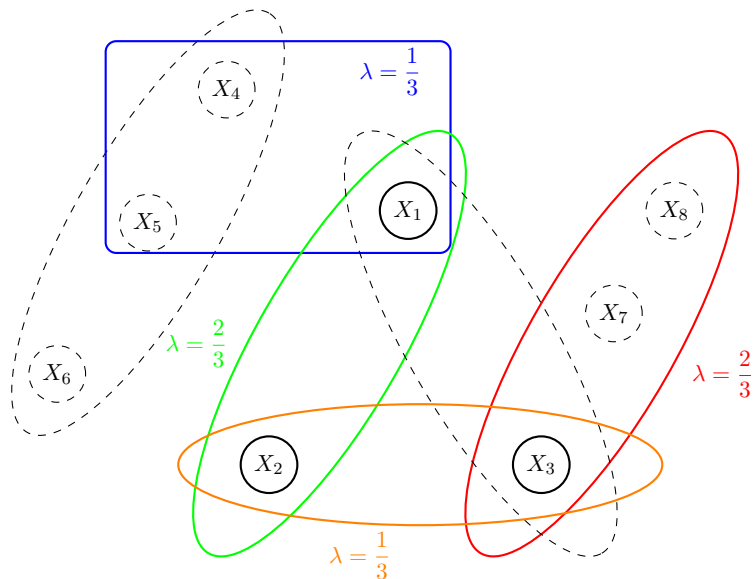
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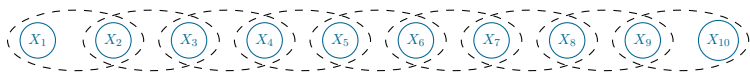
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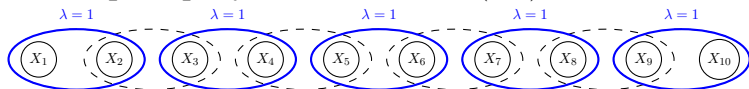
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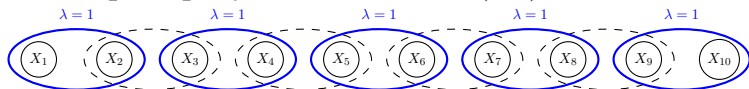
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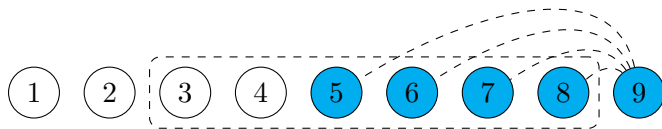
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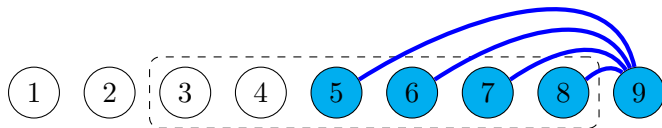
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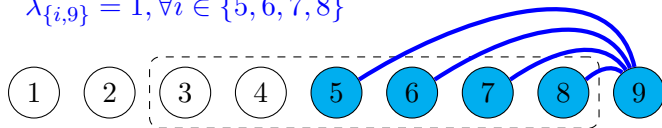
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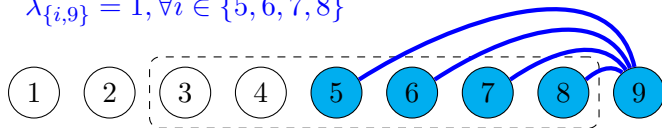
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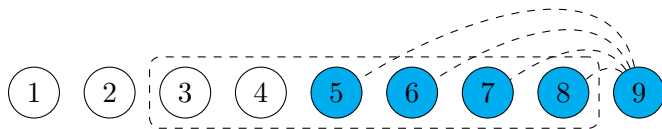
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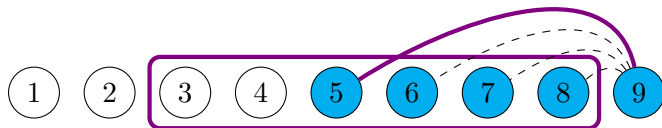
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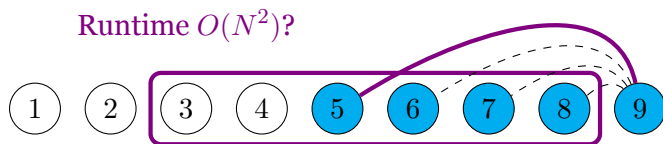
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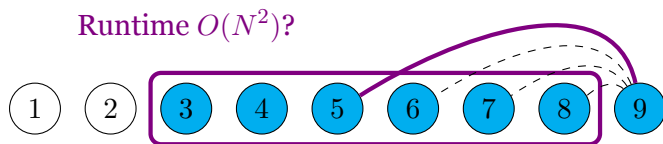


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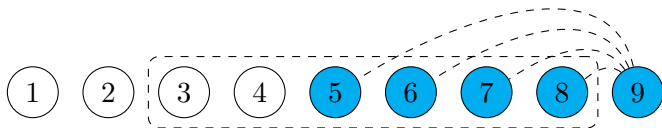
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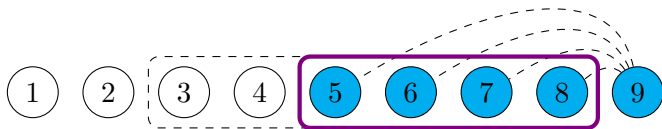
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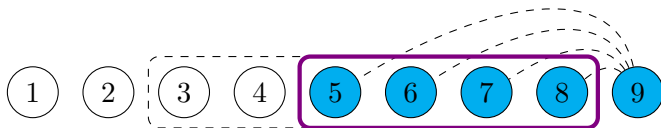
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where

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### Corollary (Grohe-Marx (SODA'06))

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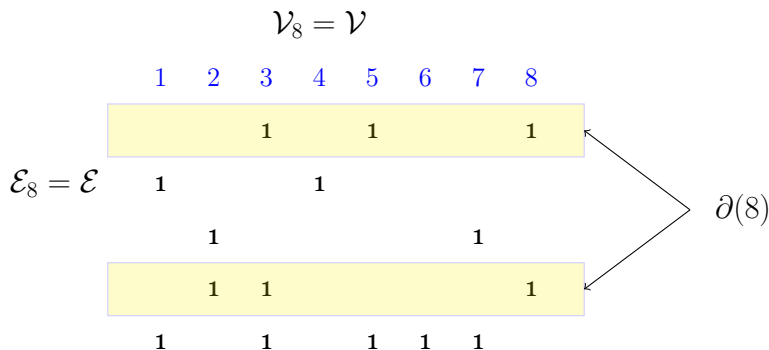
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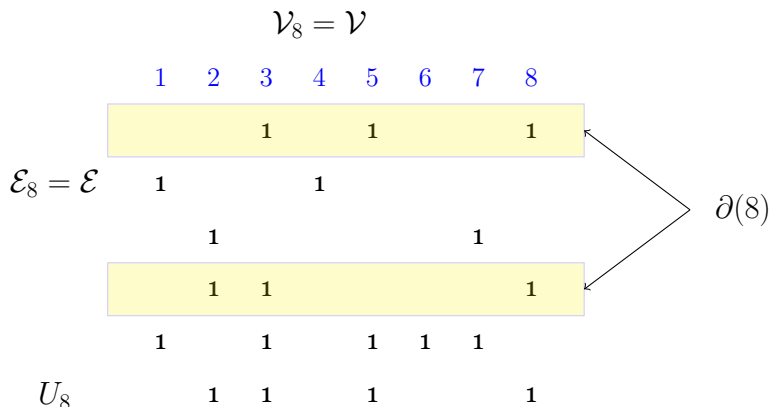
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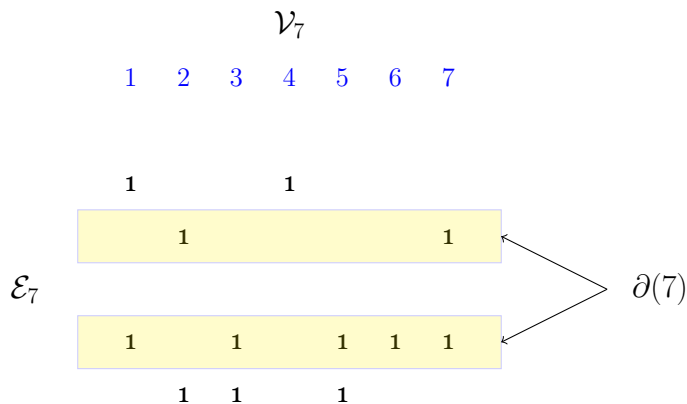
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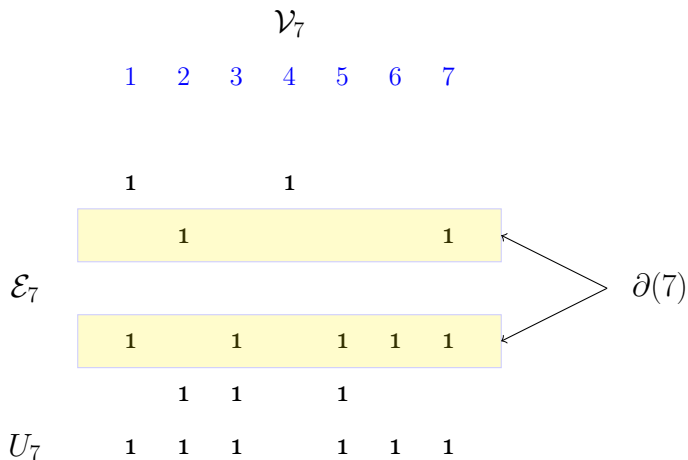
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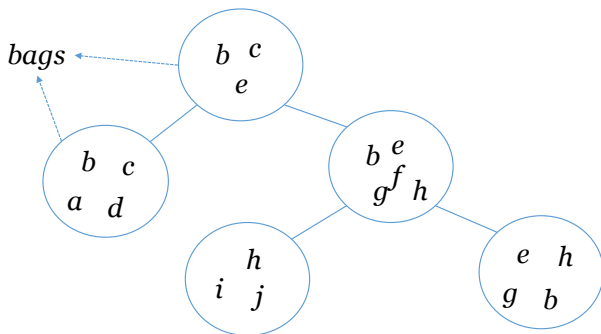
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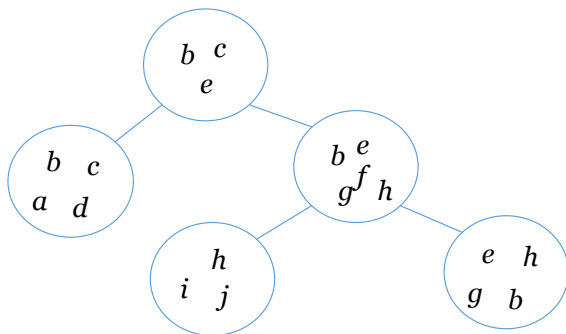
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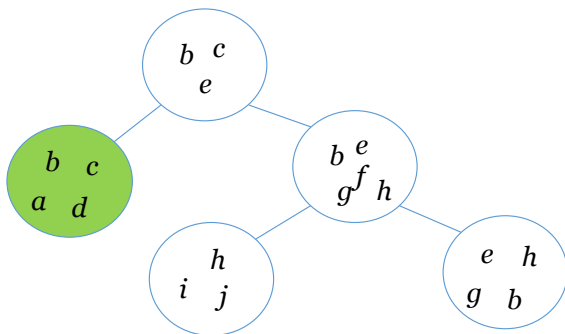
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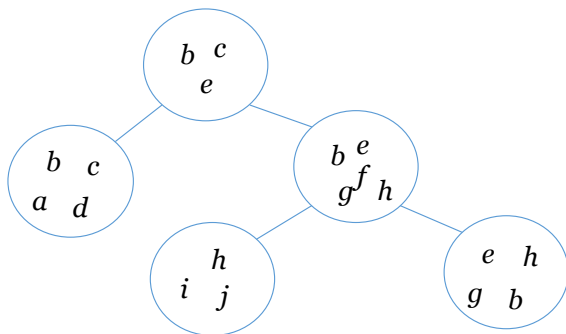
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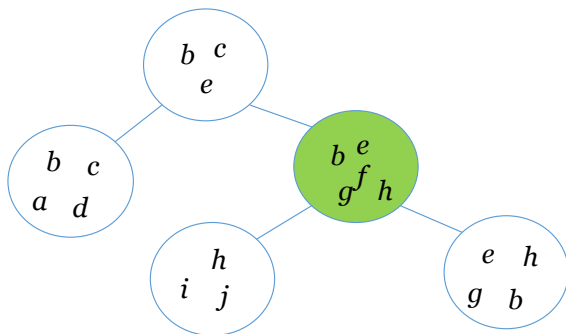
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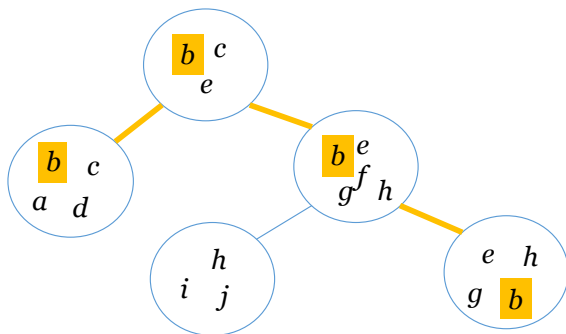
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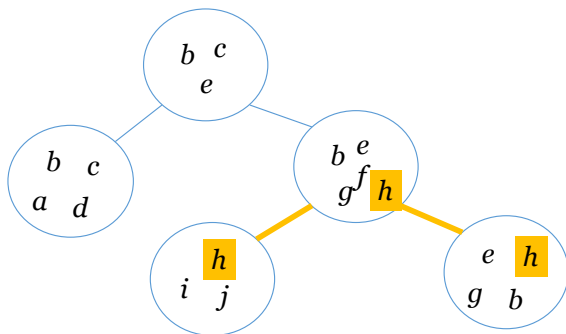
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# Tree decomposition, formally

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  - ▶  $T = (V(T), E(T))$  is a tree
  - ▶  $\chi : V(T) \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{V}}$ ,  $\chi(t)$  called *bag*
  - ▶ **Coverage property** :

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \exists t \in V(T) \text{ s.t. } F \subseteq \chi(t).$$

- ▶ **RIP** :

$\forall v \in \mathcal{V}, \quad \{t \mid t \in V(T), v \in \chi(t)\}$  is a connected sub-tree

- ▶ **Non-redundant** if no bag is contained in another.

# Variable Ordering and Tree decomposition

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## Proposition (Folklorish)

- ▶ *For every variable ordering  $\sigma$ , there is a tree decomposition whose bags are precisely the sets  $U_k^\sigma$*
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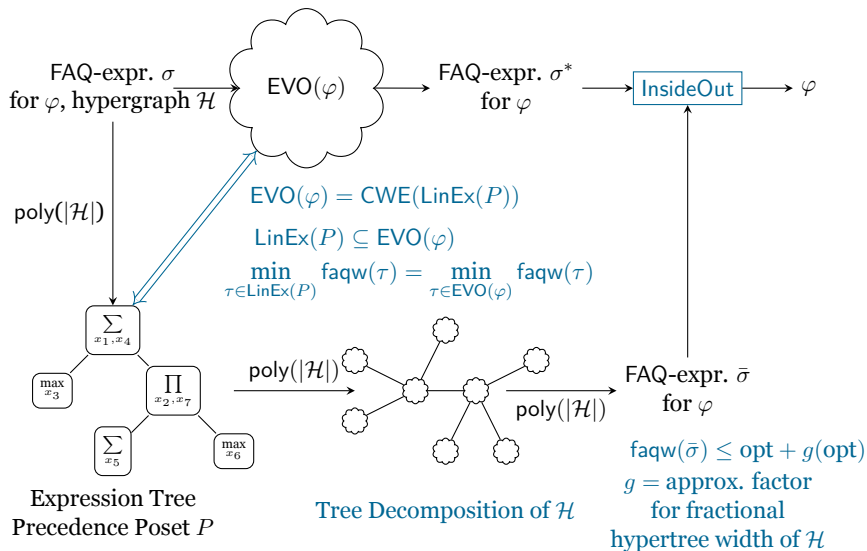
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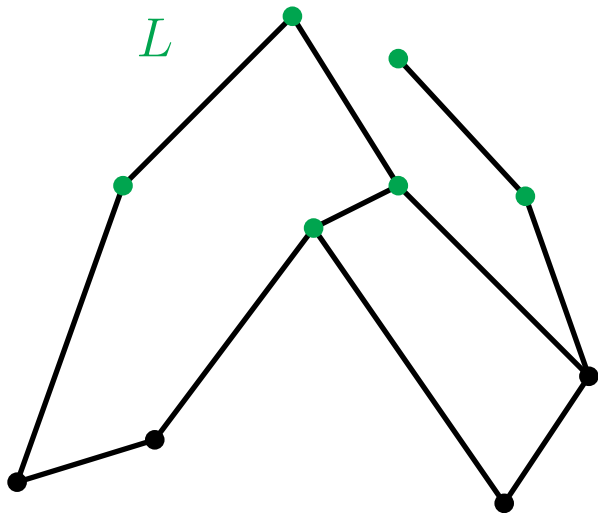
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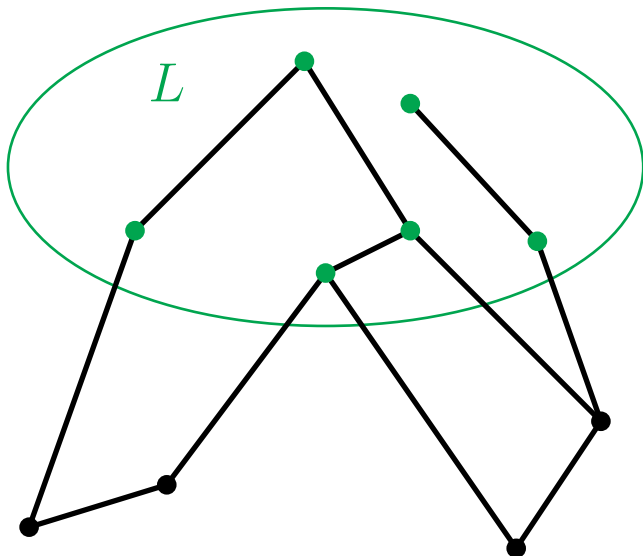
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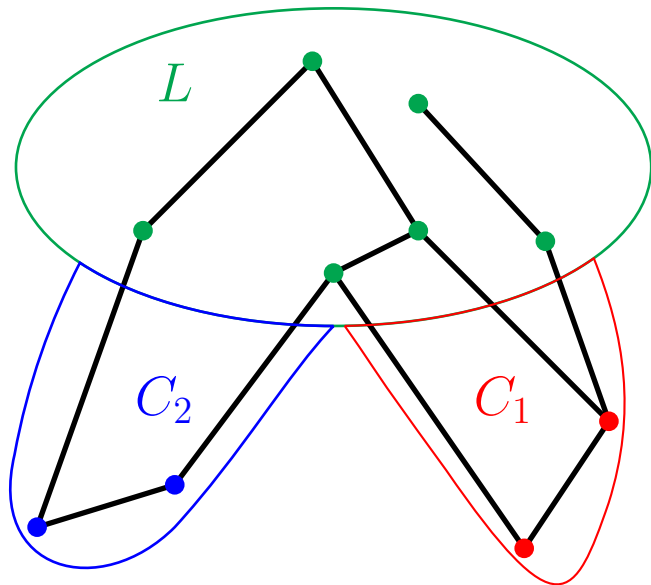
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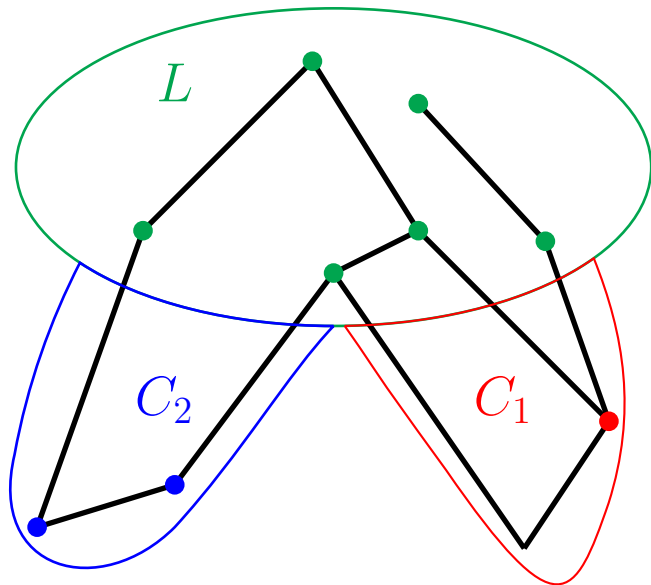
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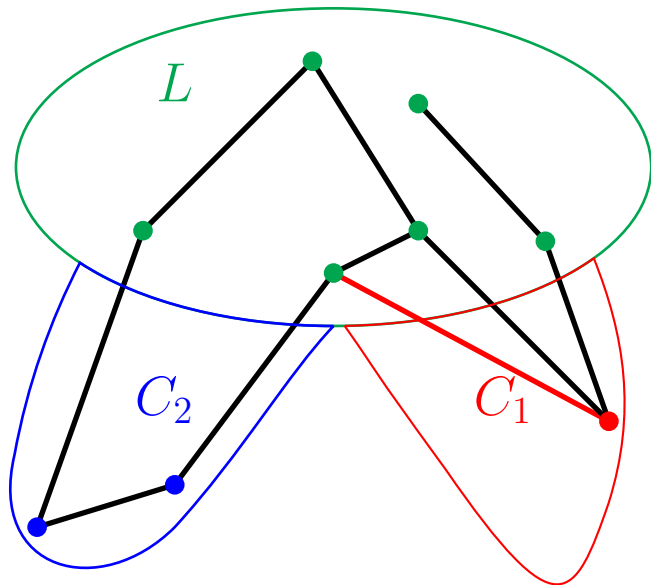
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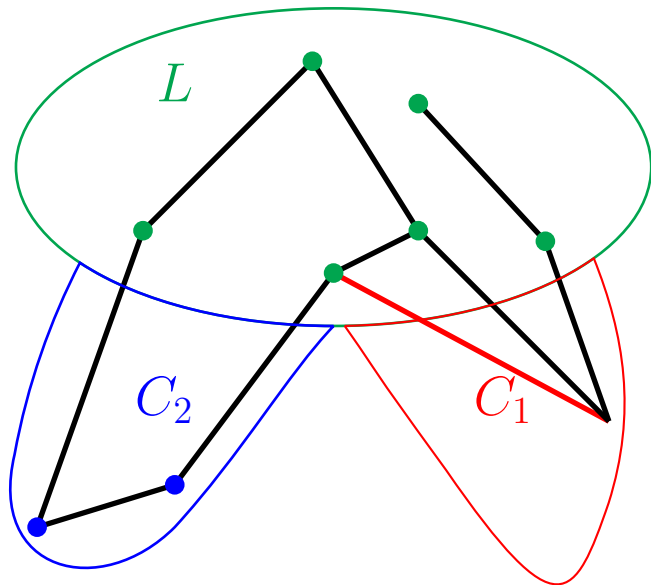


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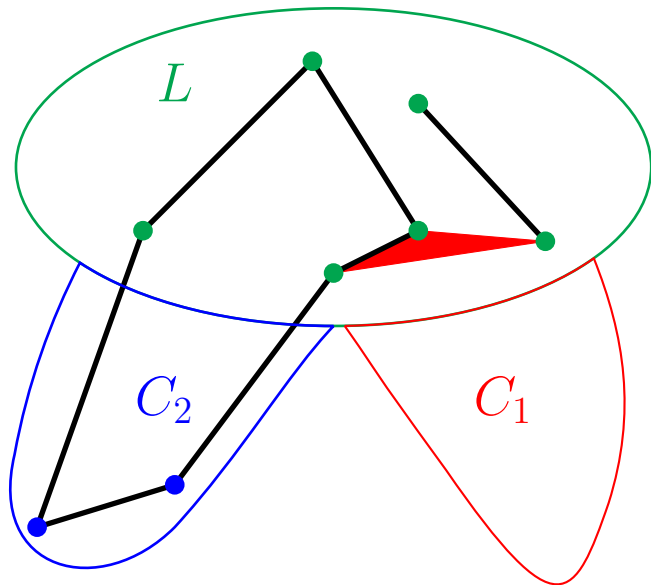




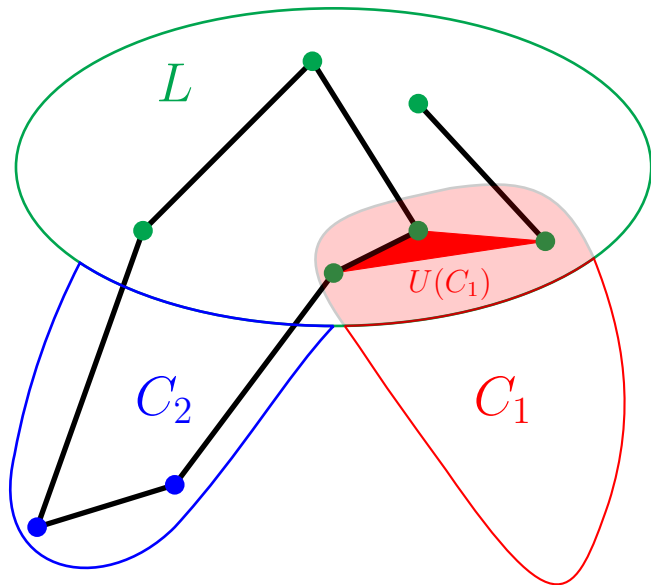
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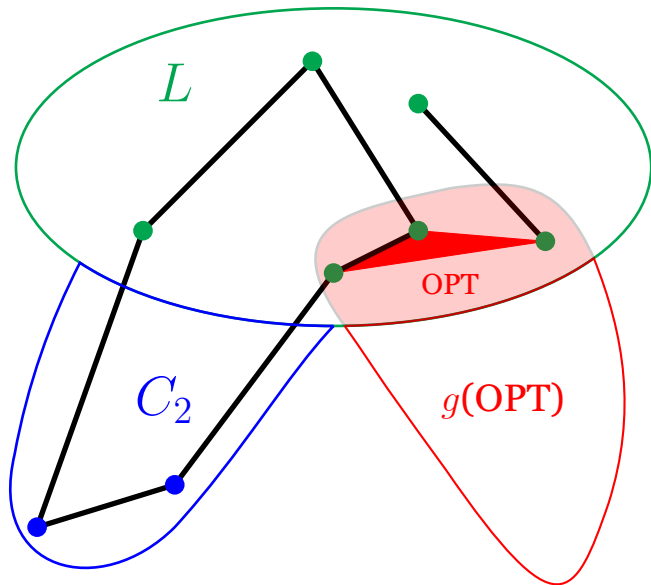
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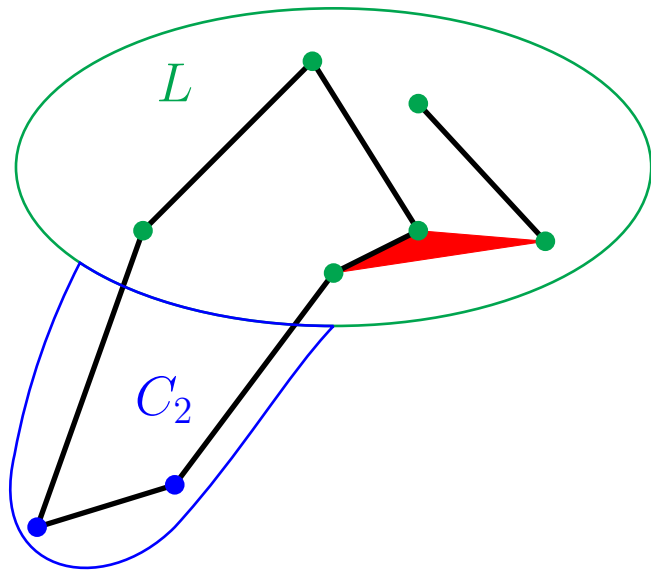
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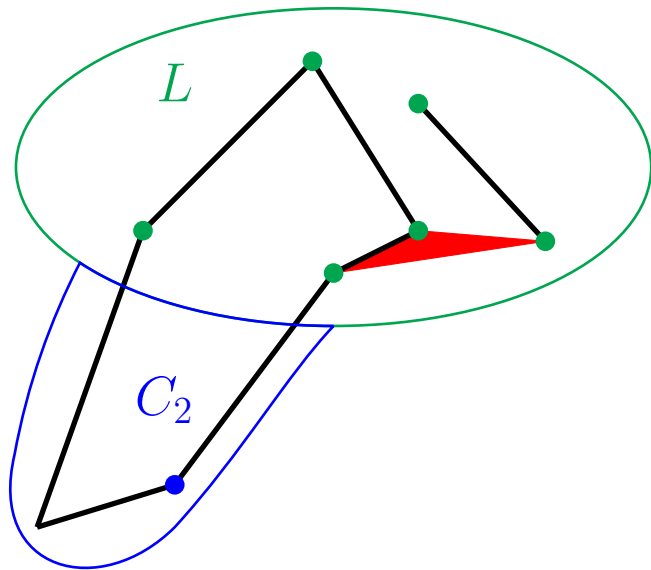
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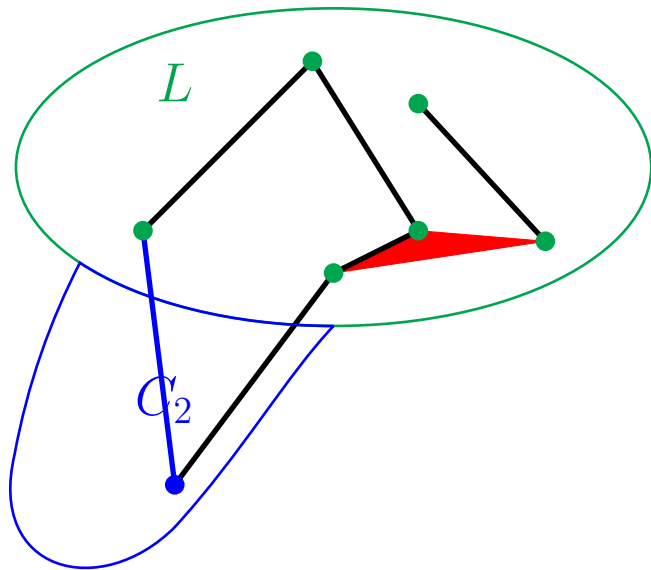
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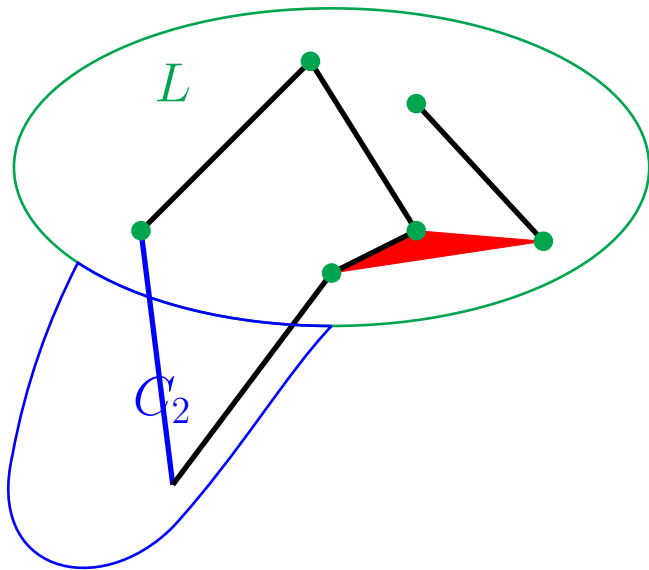
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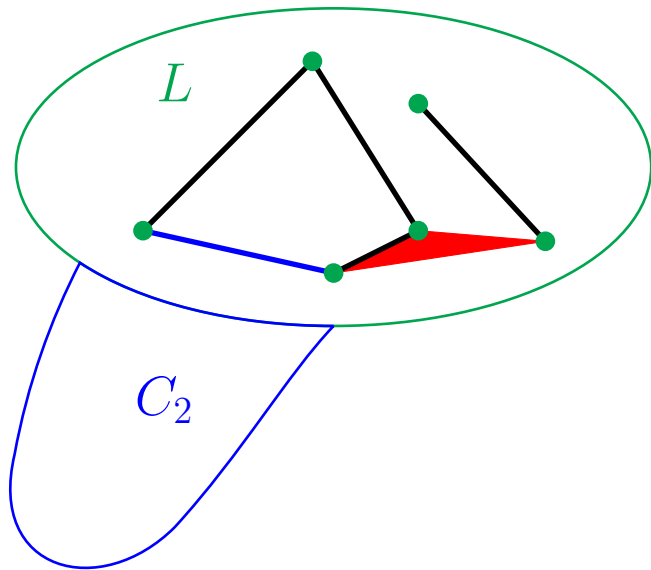


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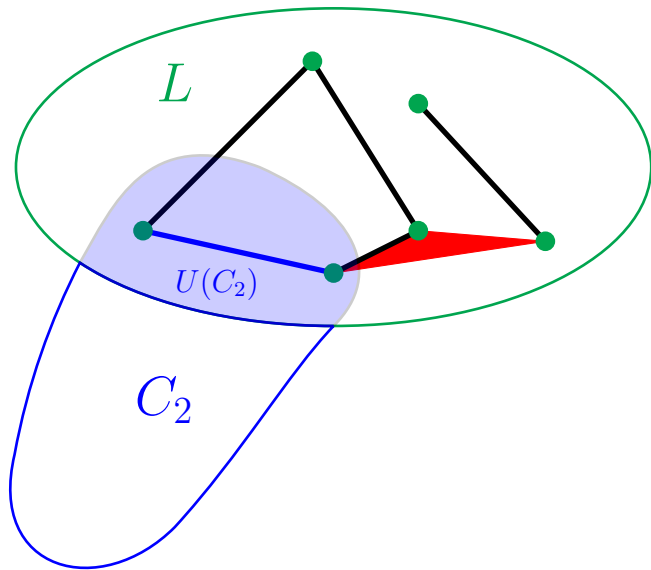




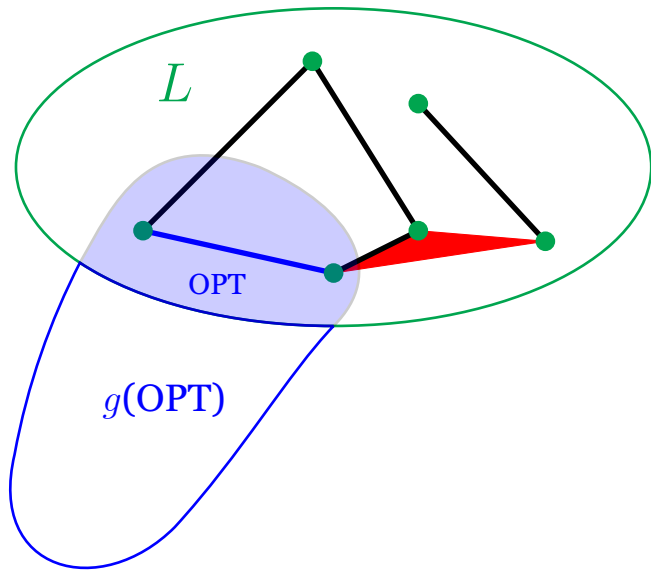
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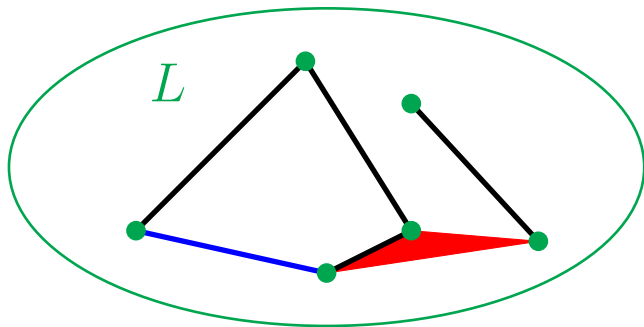
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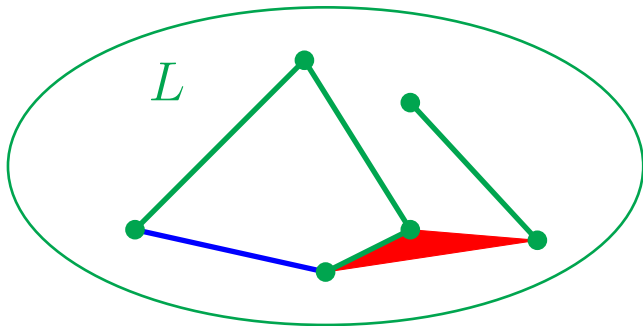
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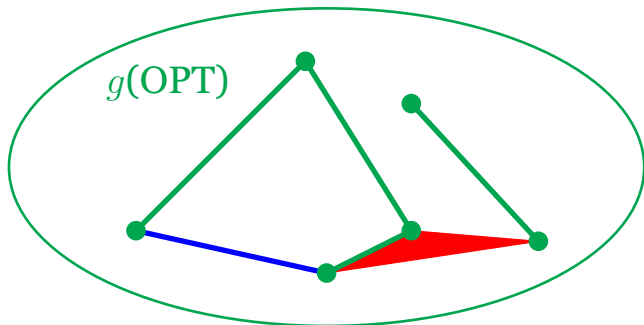
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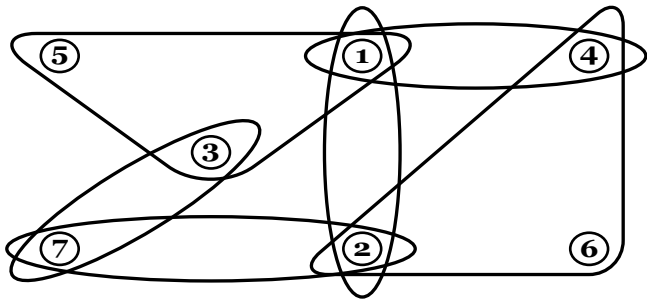
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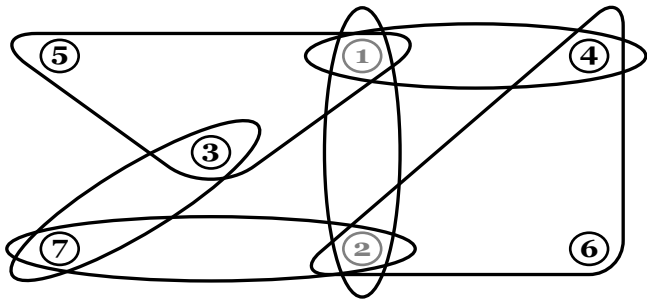
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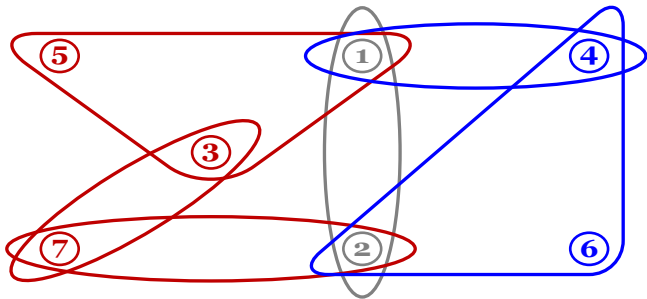
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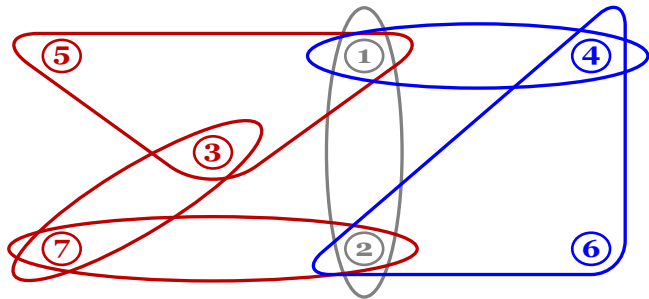
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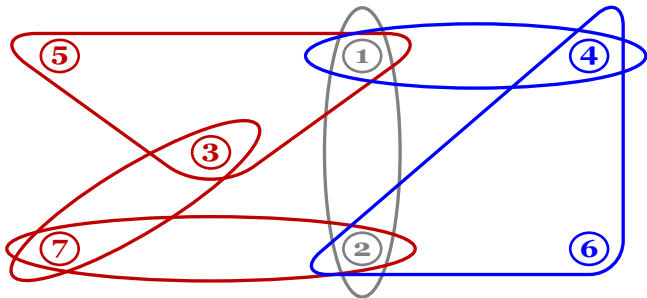
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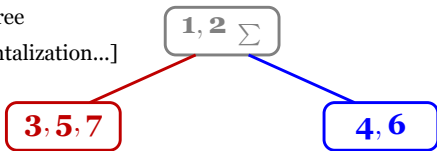


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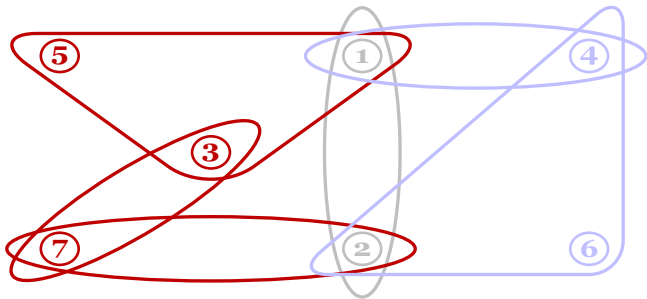
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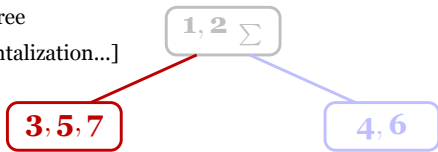




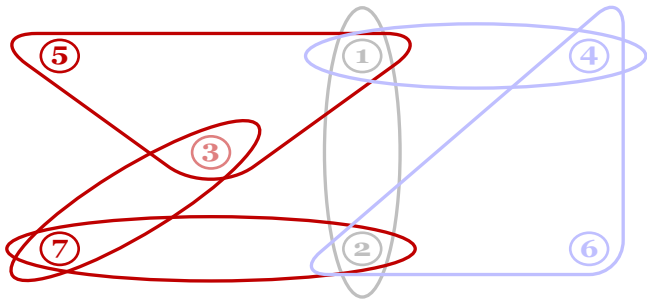
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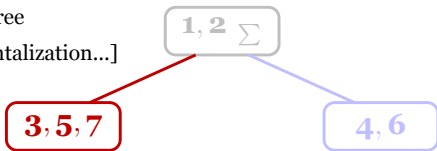
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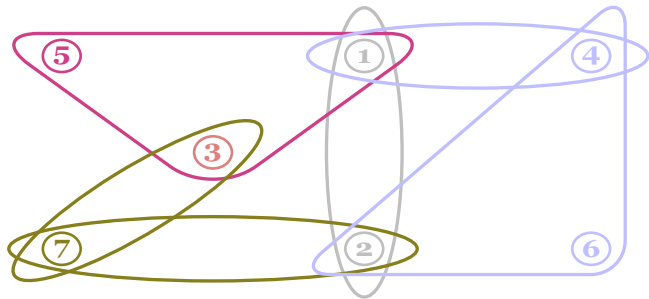
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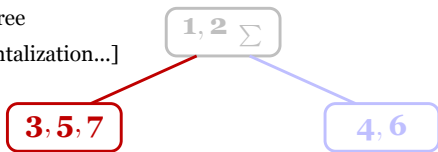
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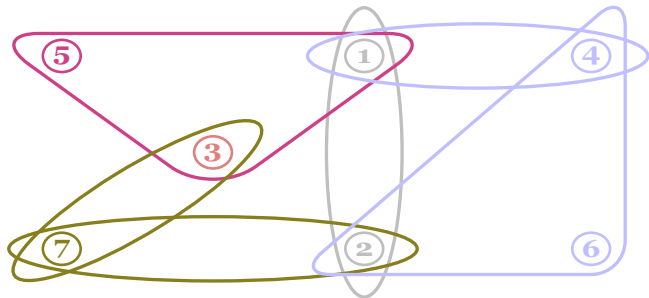
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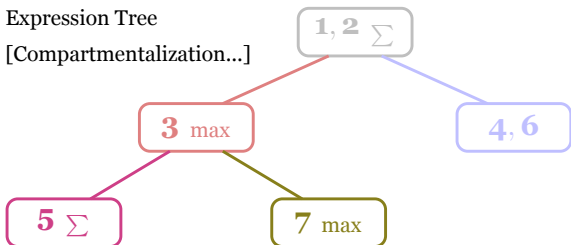


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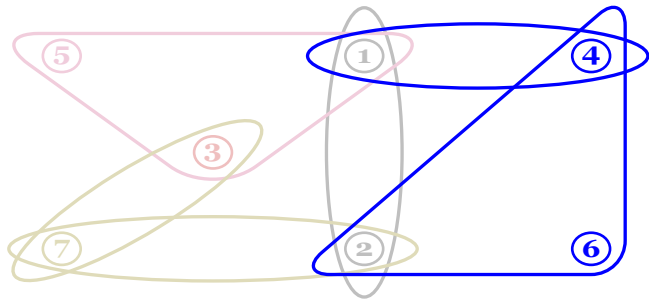


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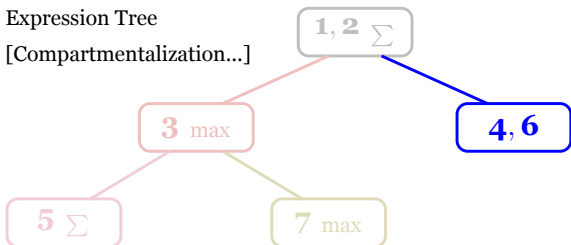


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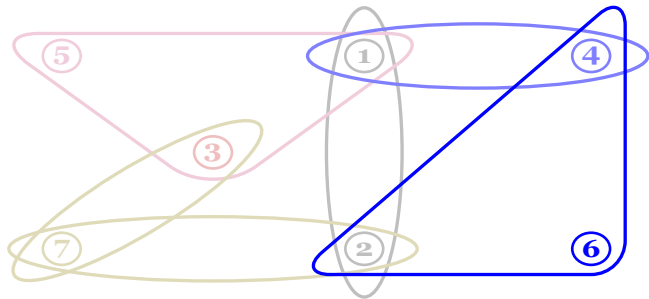


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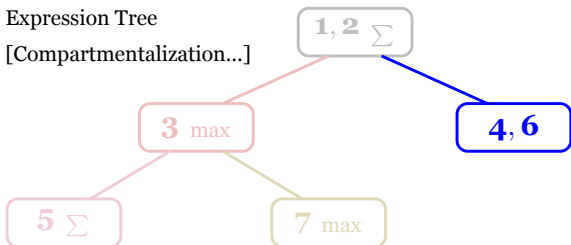


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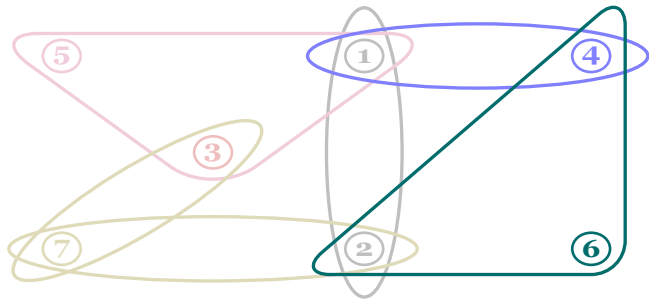


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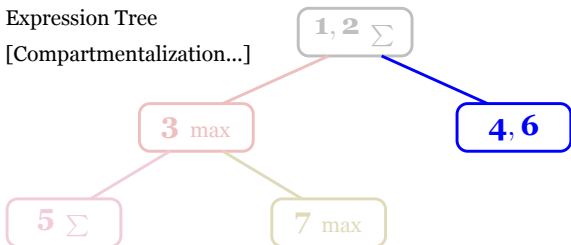


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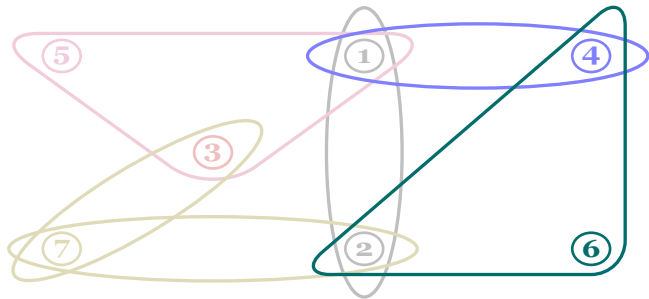


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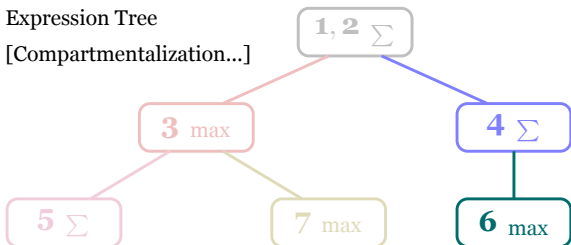


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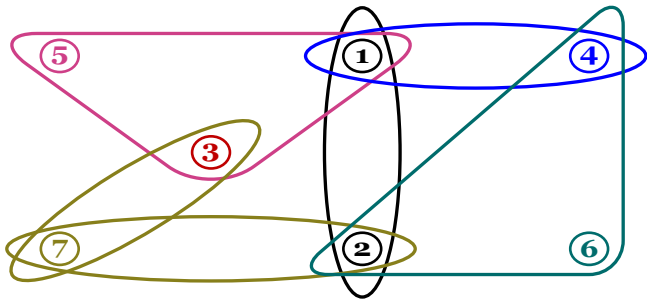
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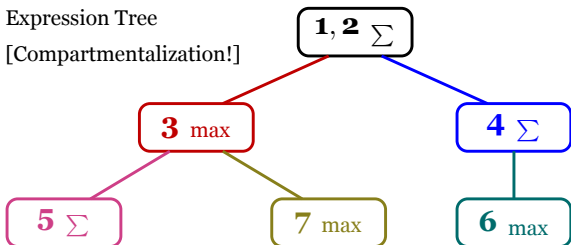




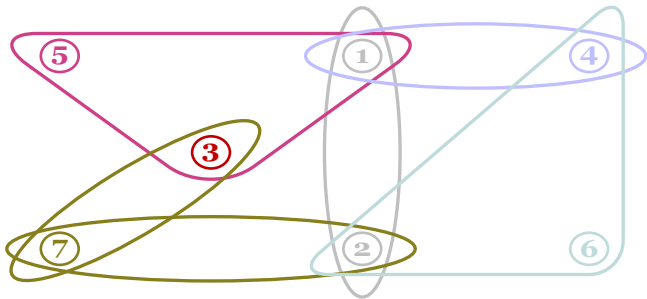
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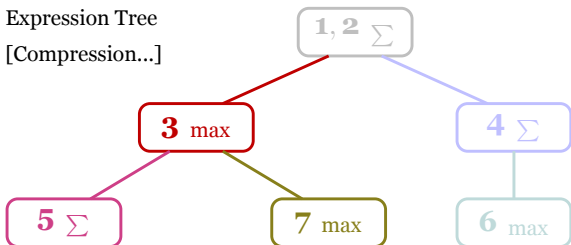
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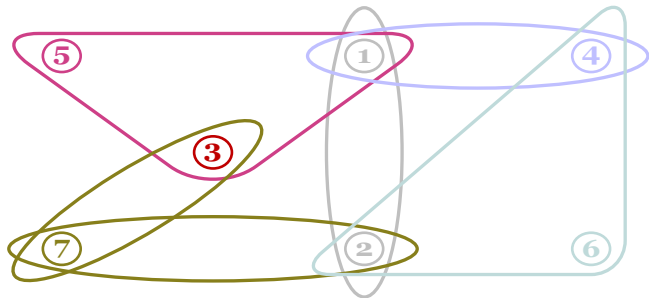
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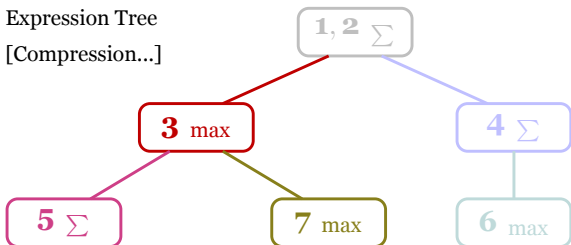
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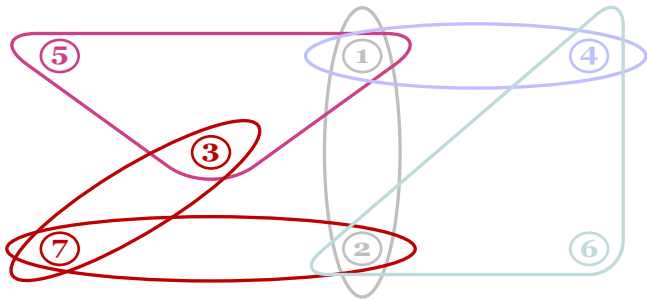
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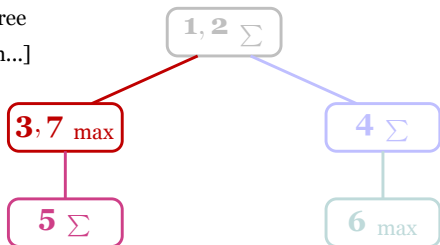
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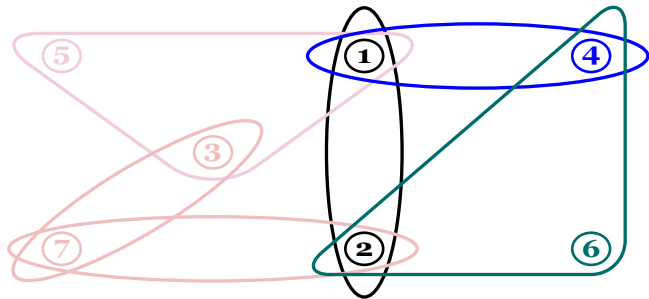
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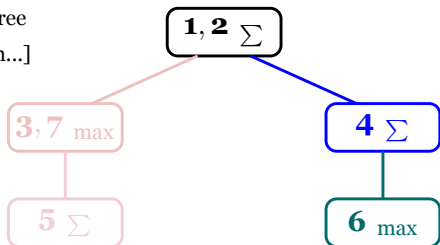
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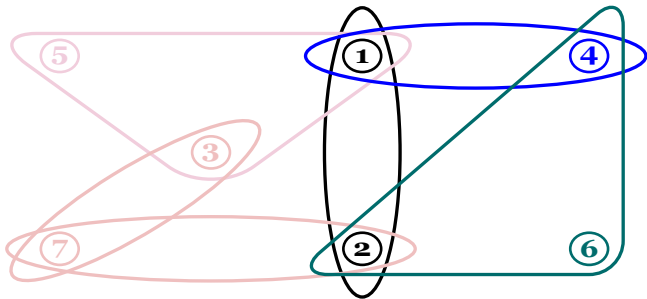
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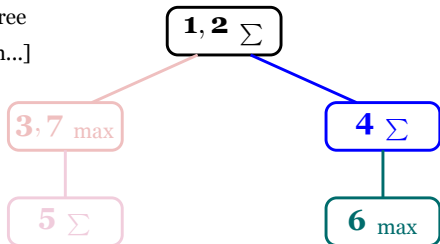
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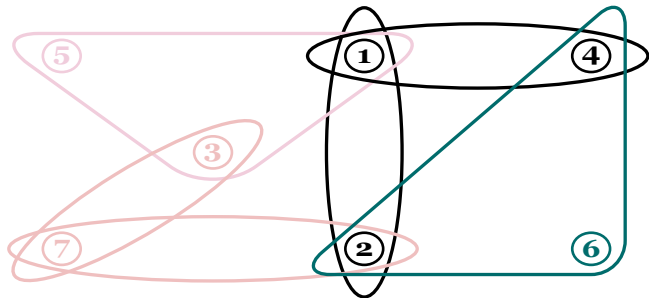
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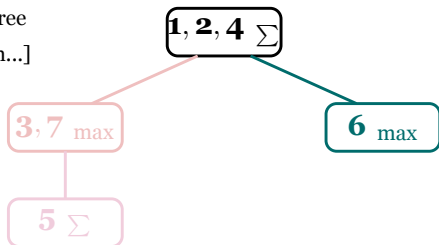
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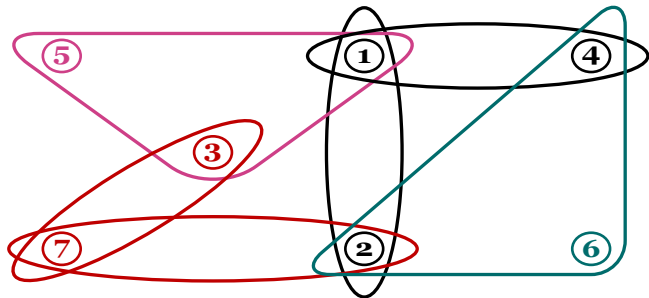
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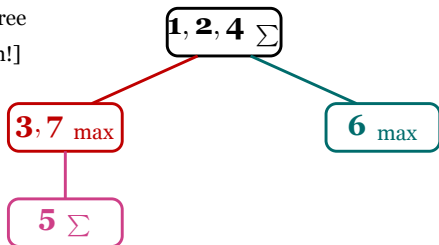
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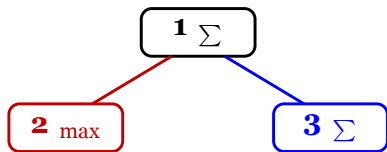
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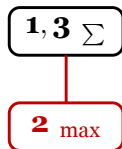
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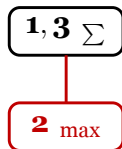
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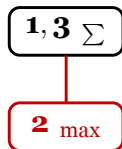
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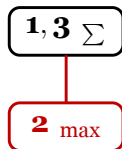
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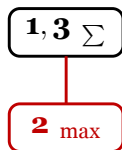
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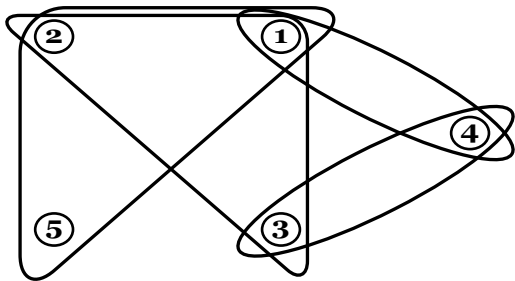
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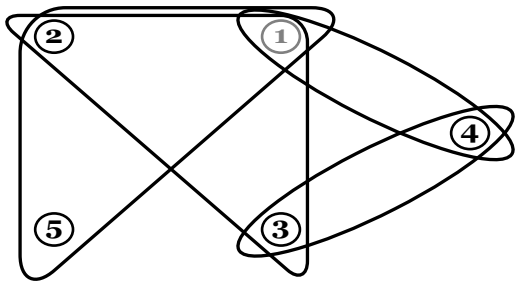
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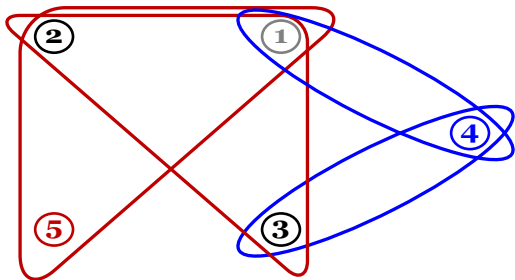
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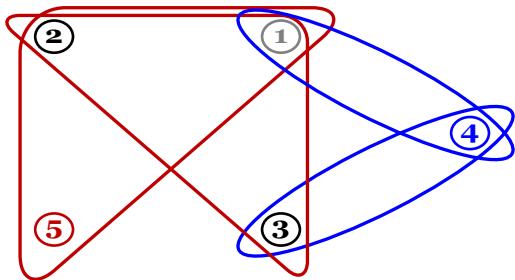
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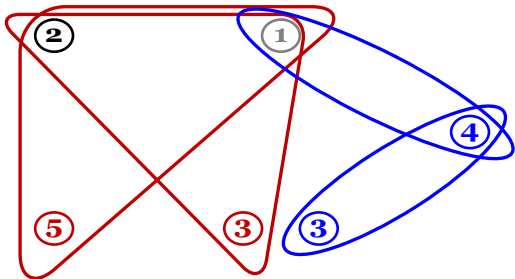
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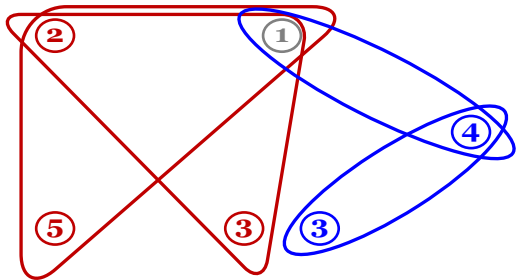
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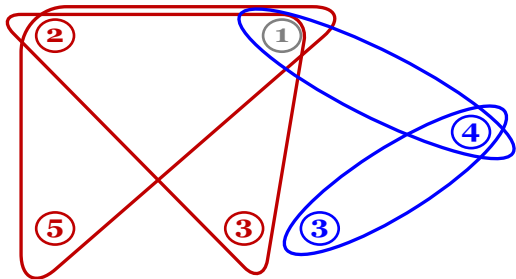


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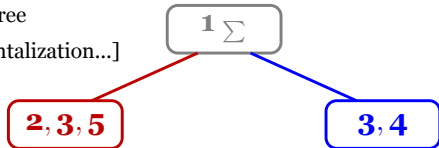


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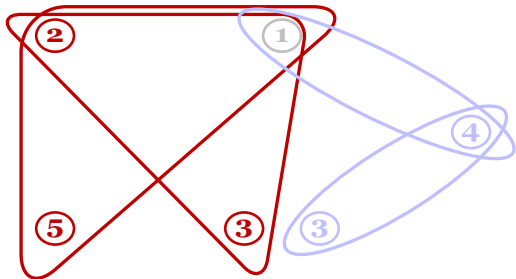


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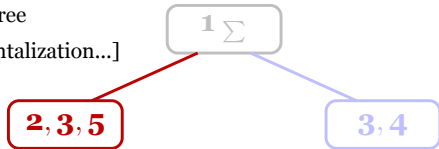


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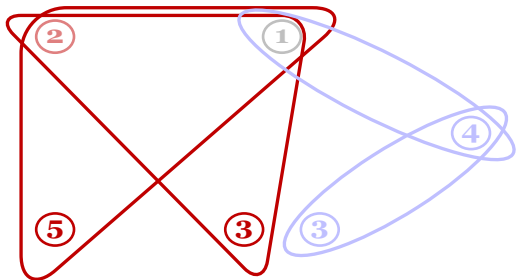


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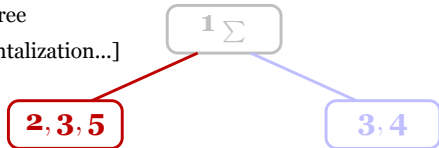


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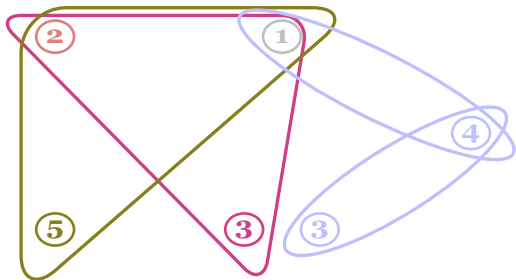


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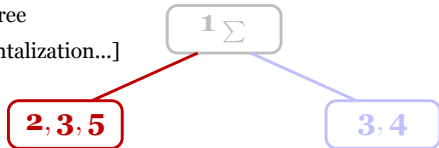


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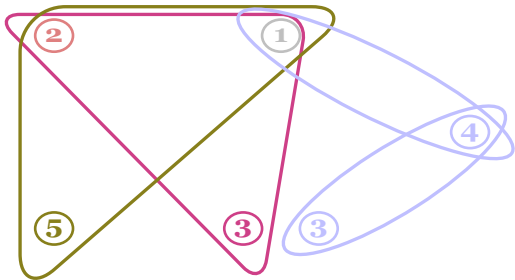


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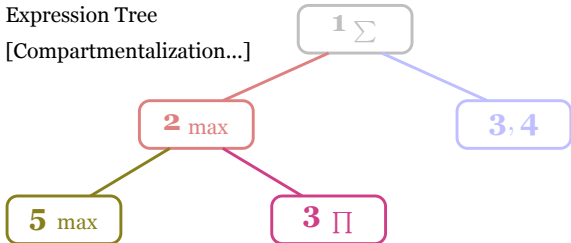


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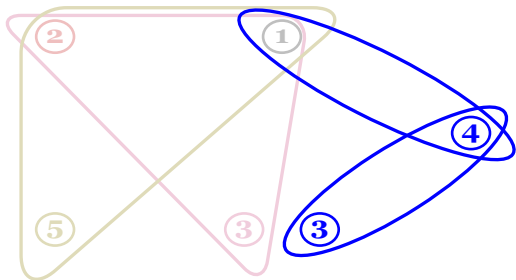


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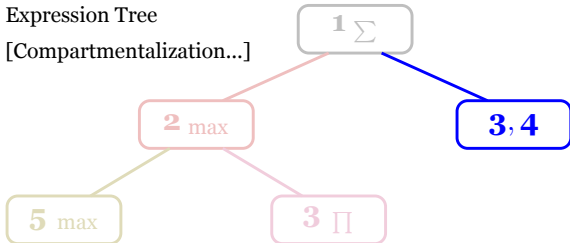


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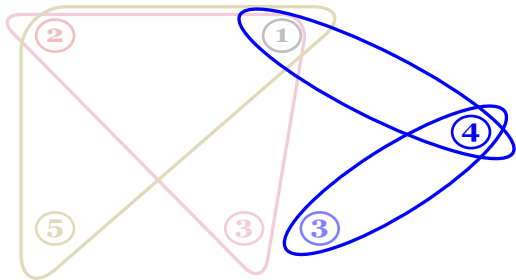


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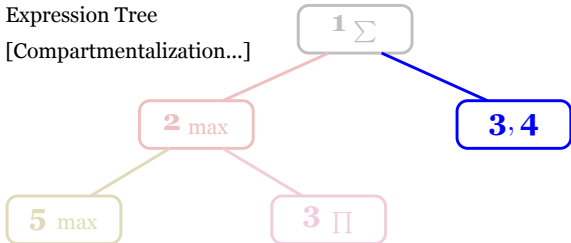


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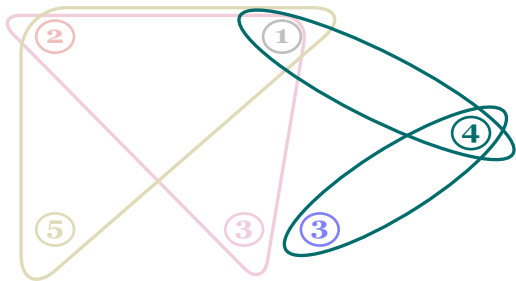


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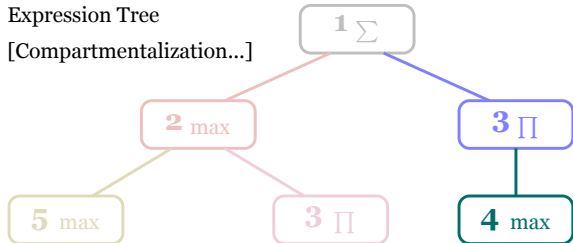


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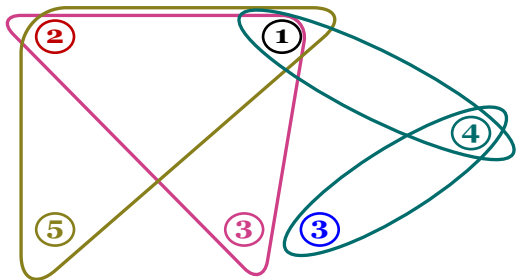
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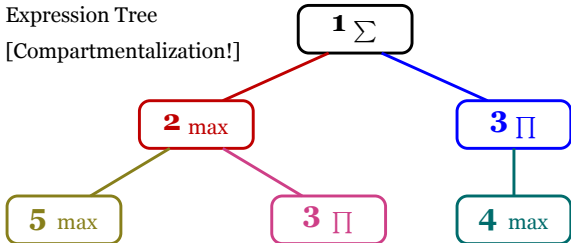


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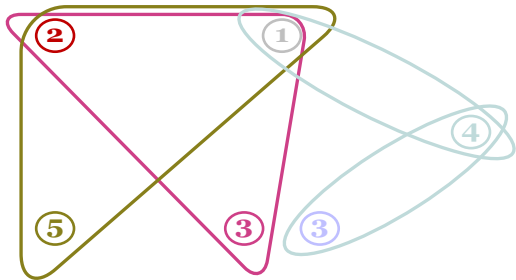


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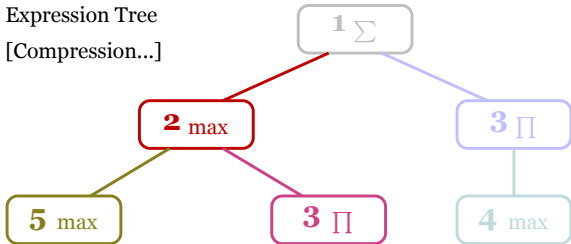
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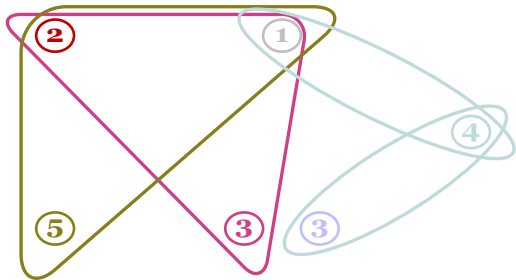
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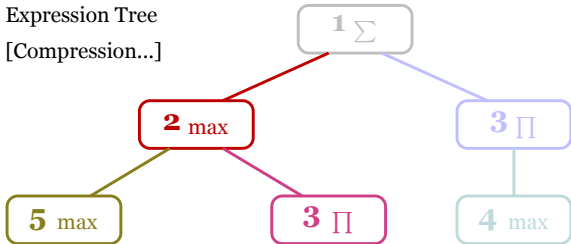
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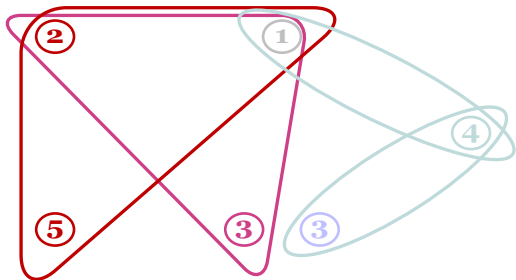
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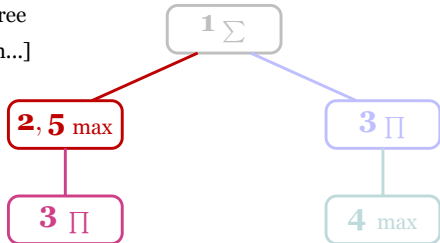
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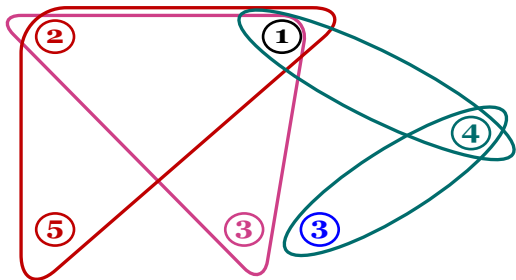
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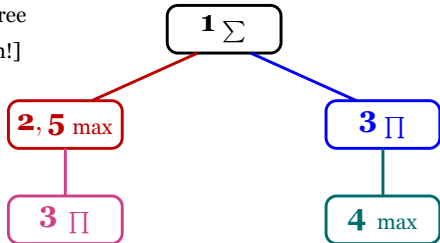
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