

# Ising model and total positivity

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# Part 1: Ising model

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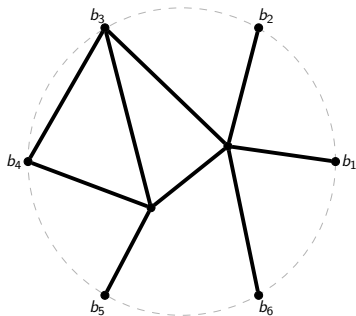
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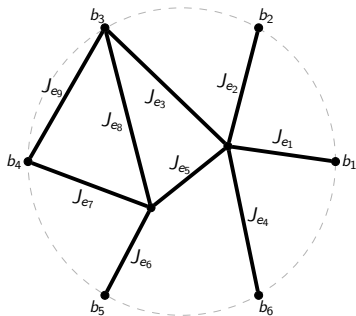


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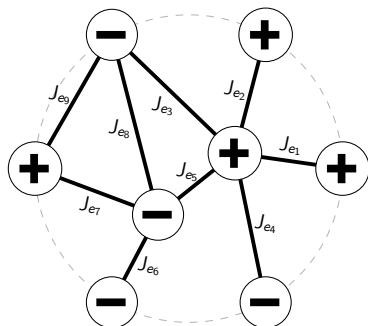


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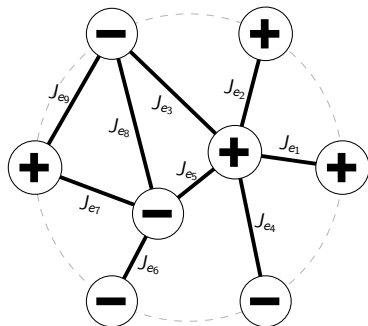
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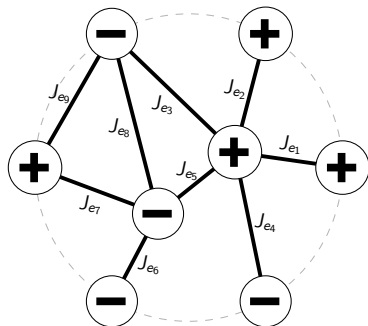
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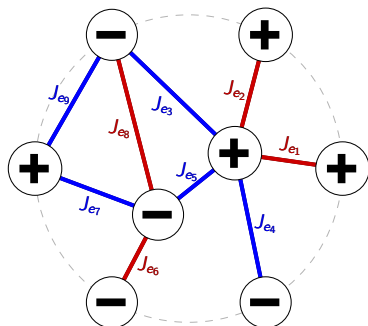


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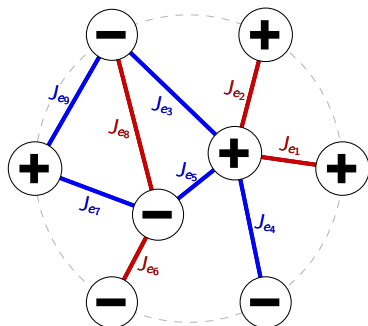
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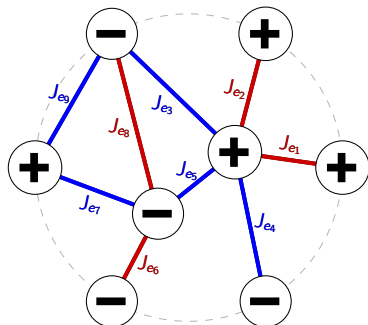
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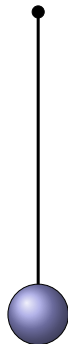
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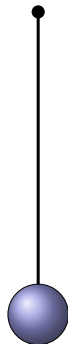
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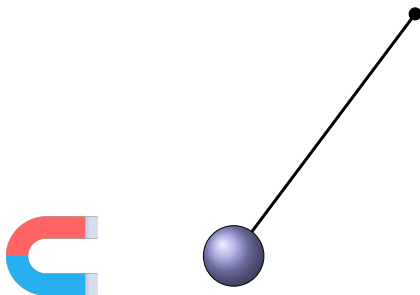
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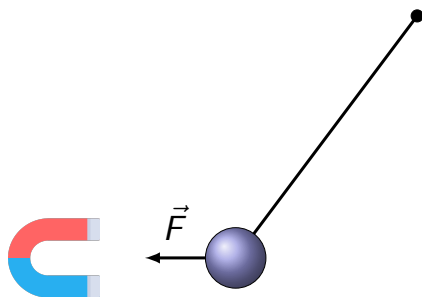
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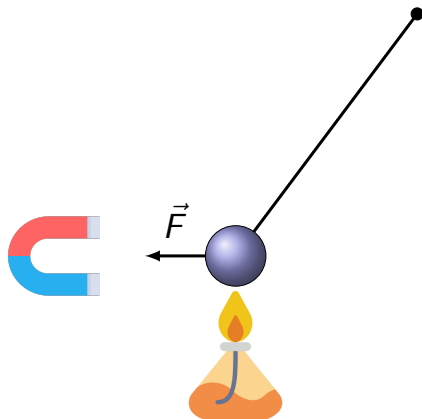
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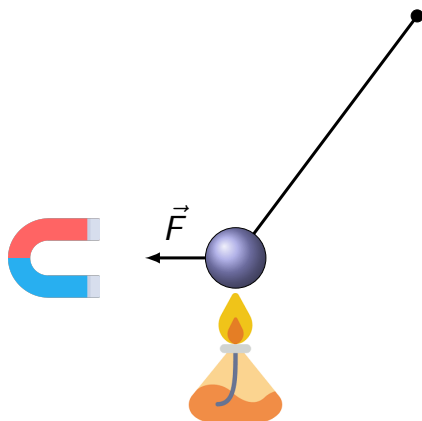
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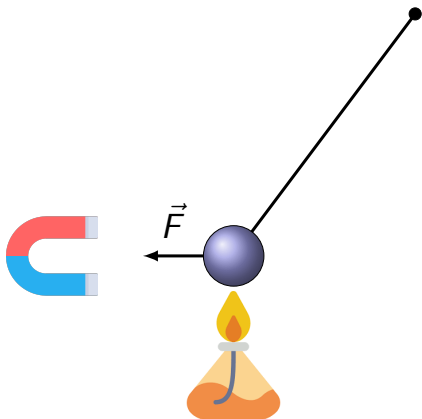
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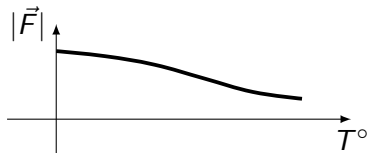


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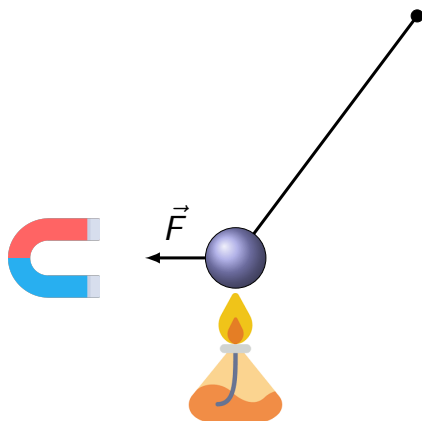


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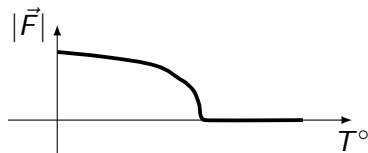
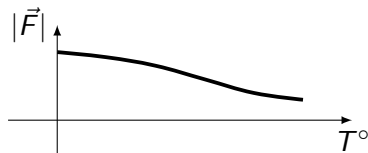


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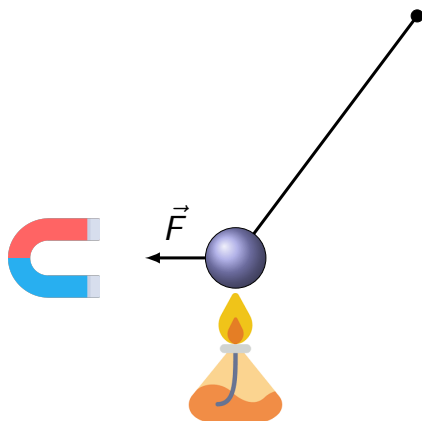


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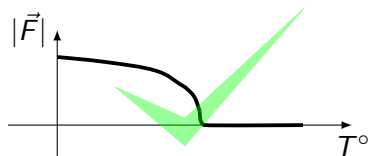
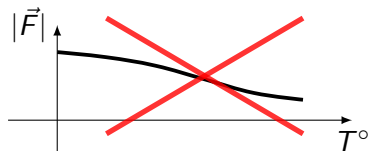


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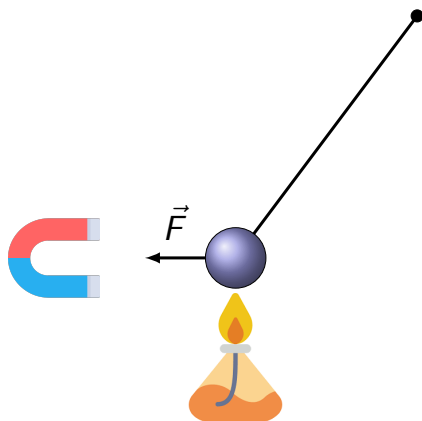


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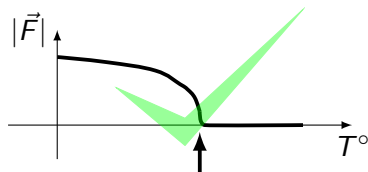
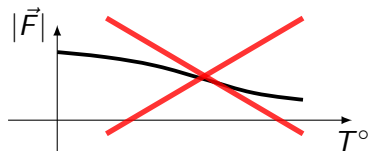


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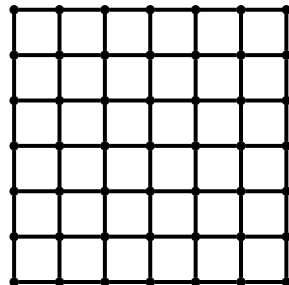
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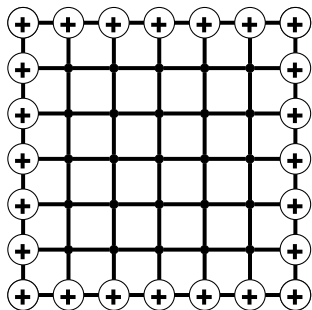
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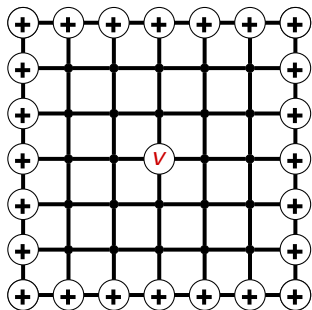
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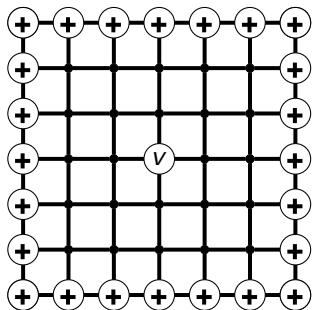
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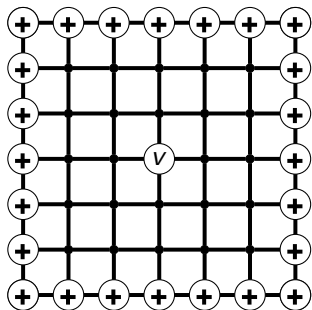
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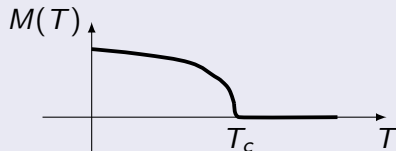


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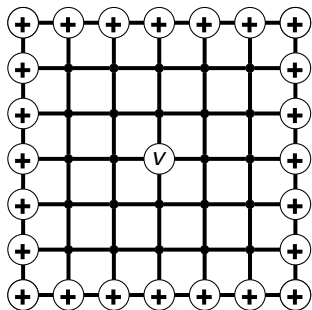
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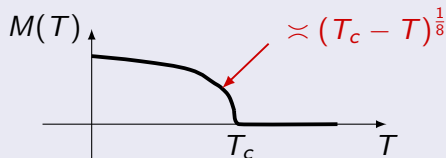


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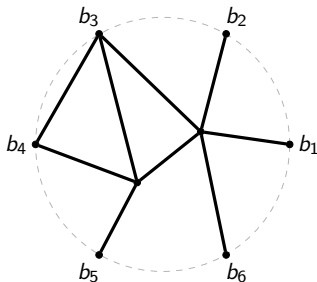
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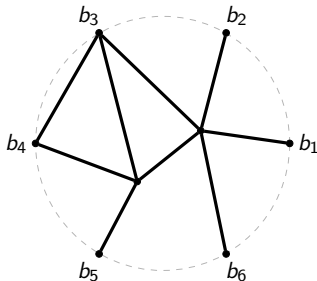
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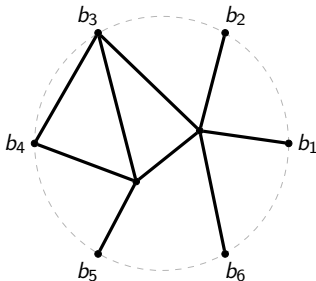


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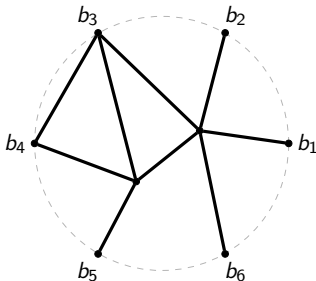


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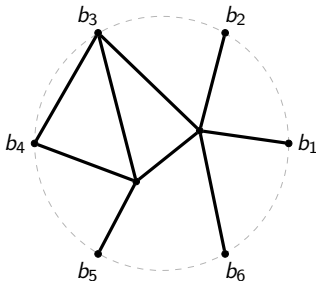
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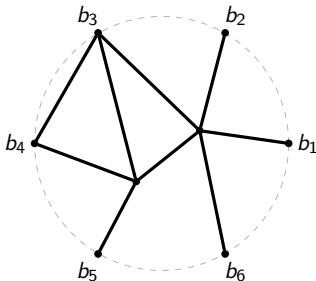
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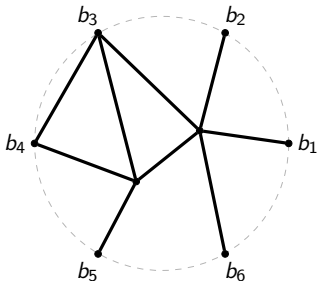
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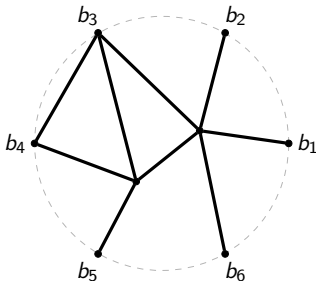
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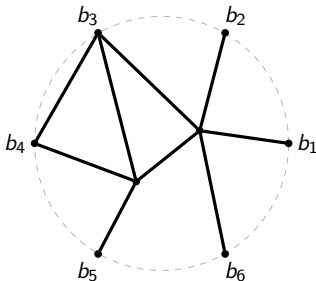
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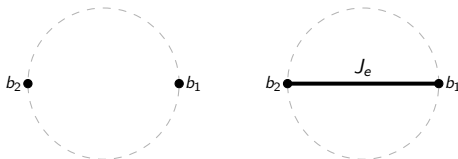
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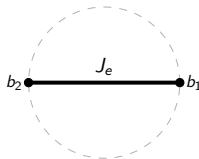
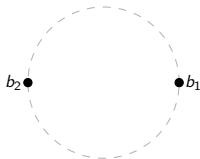
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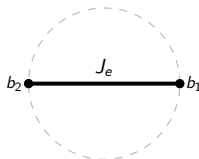
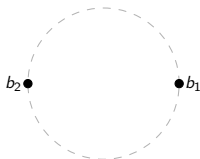
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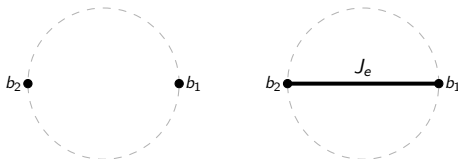


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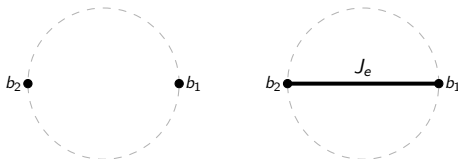
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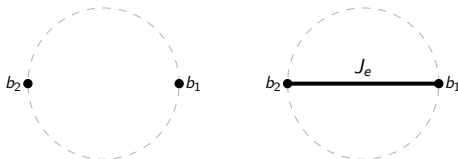


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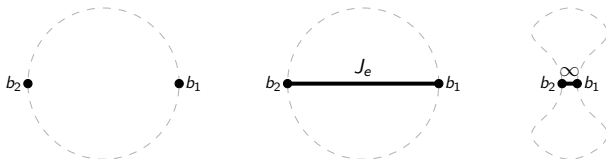


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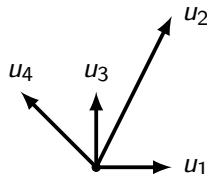
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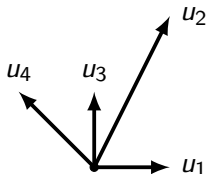


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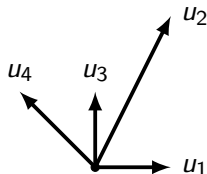
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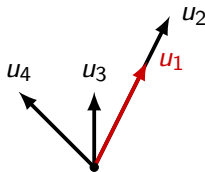
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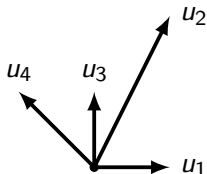
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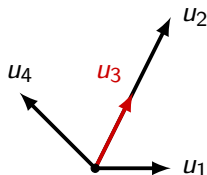
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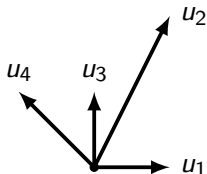
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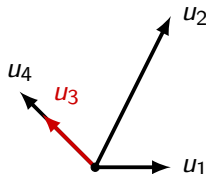
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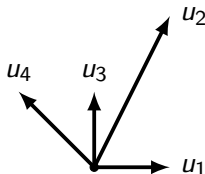
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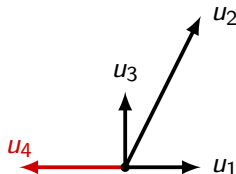
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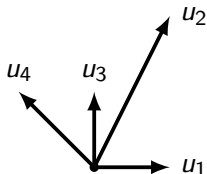
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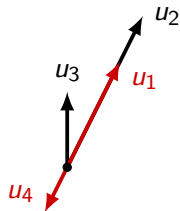
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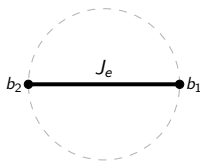


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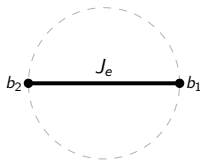


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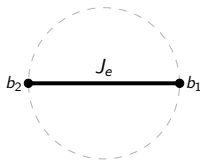
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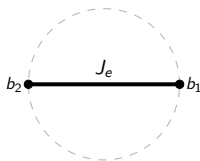
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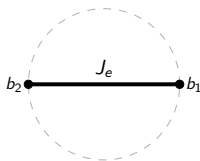
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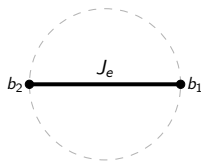
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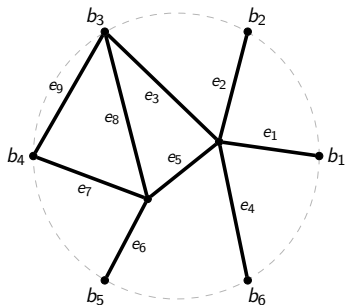
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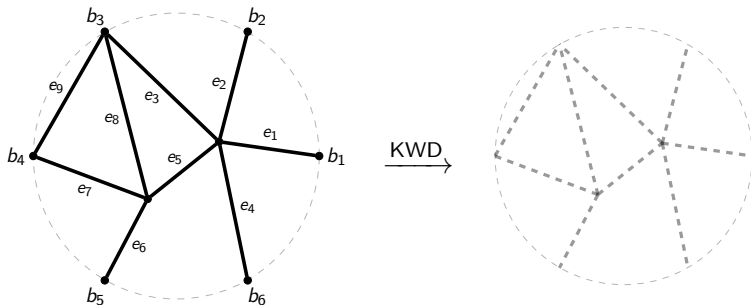
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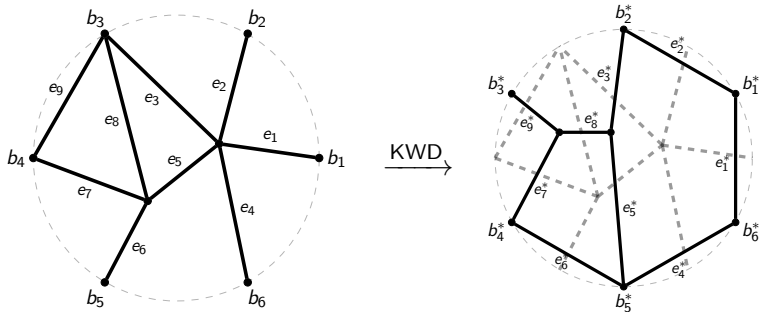
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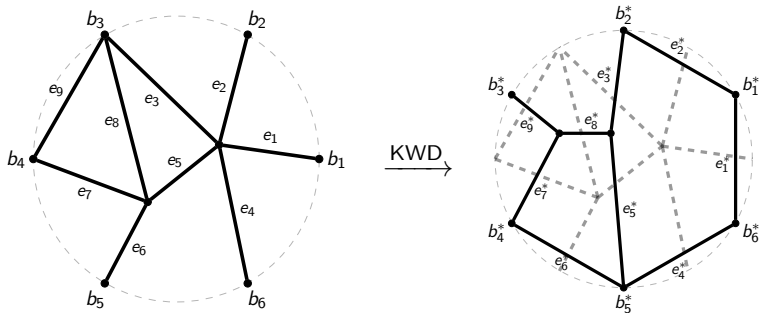
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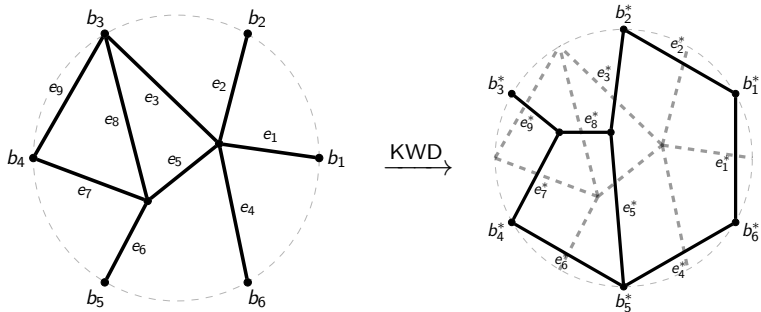


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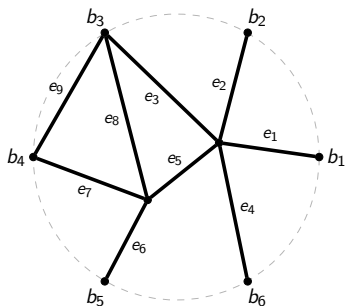
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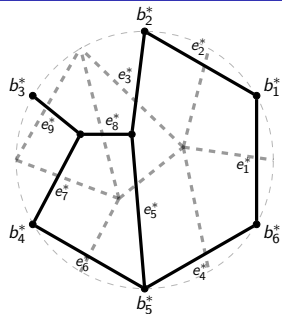
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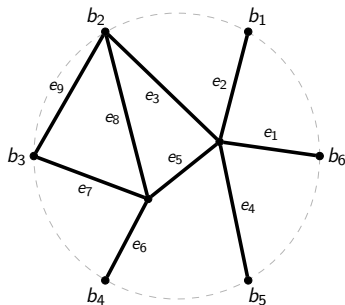
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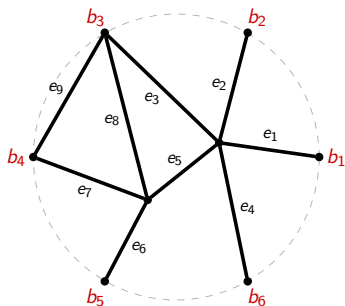
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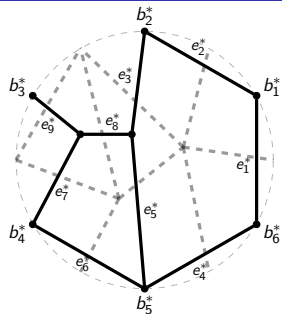
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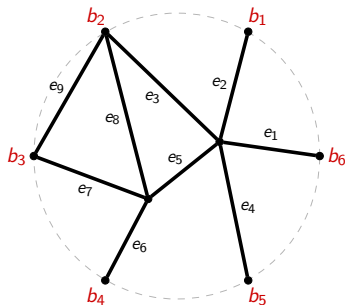
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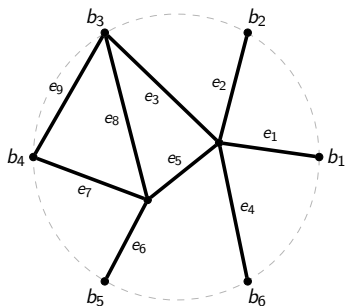


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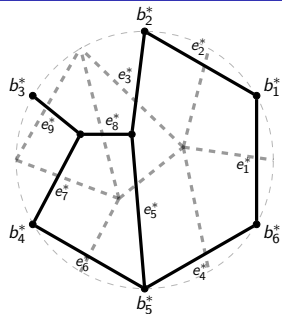
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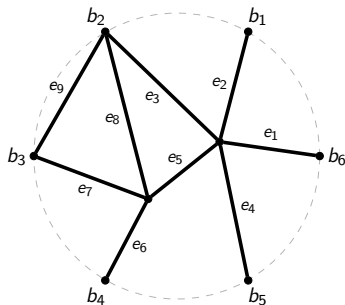
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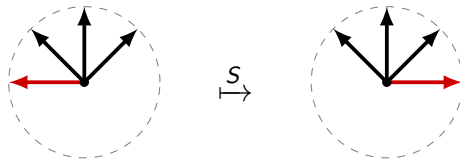
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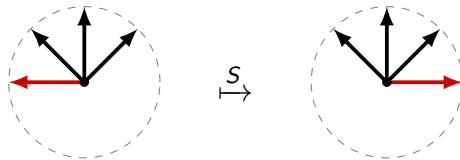
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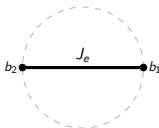
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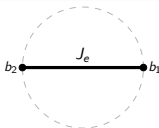
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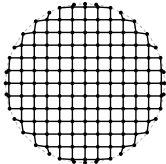
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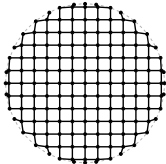
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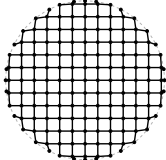
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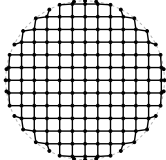
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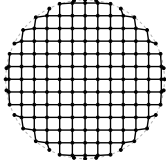
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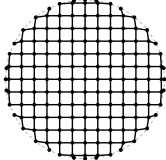
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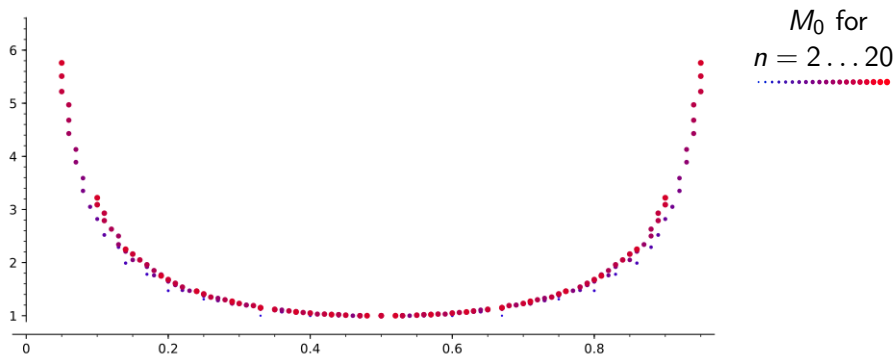
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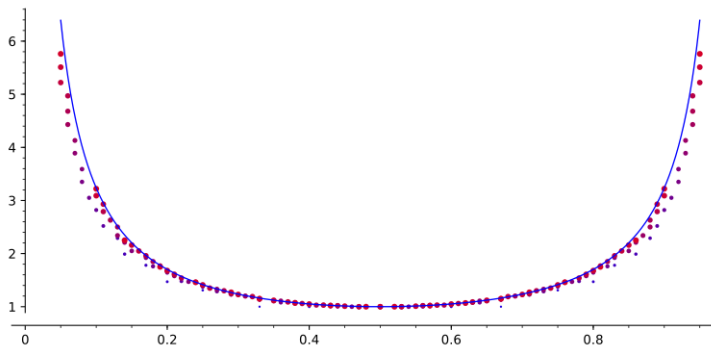


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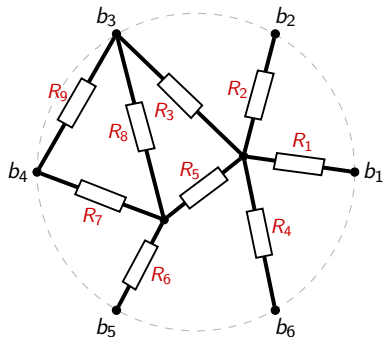
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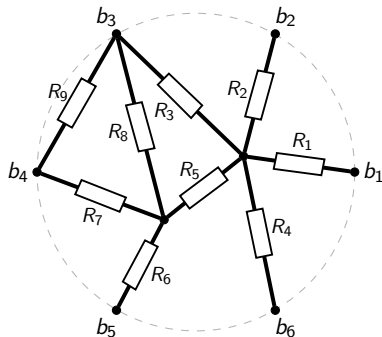


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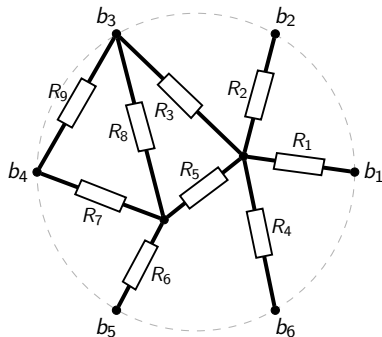


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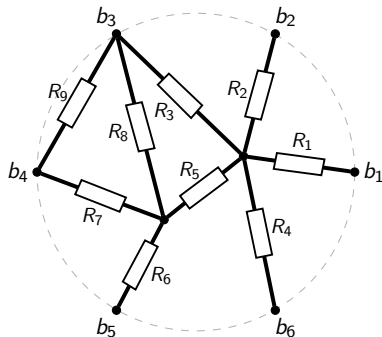
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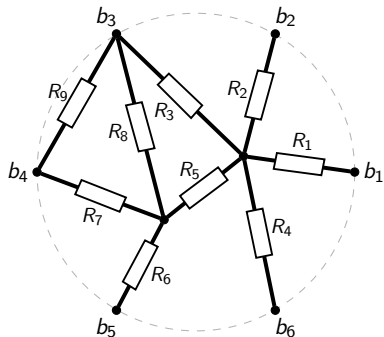
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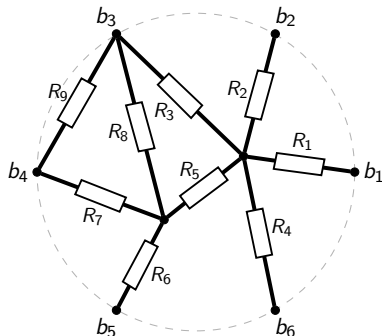
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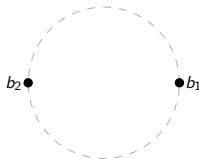
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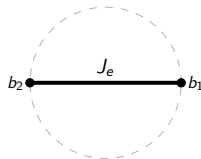
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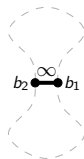
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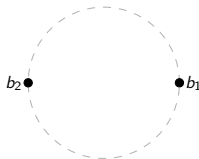
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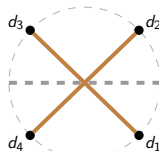
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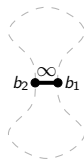
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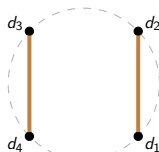
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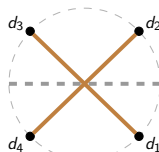
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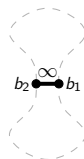
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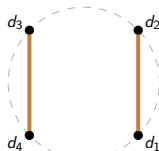
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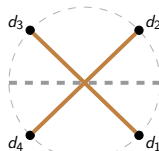
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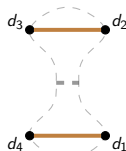
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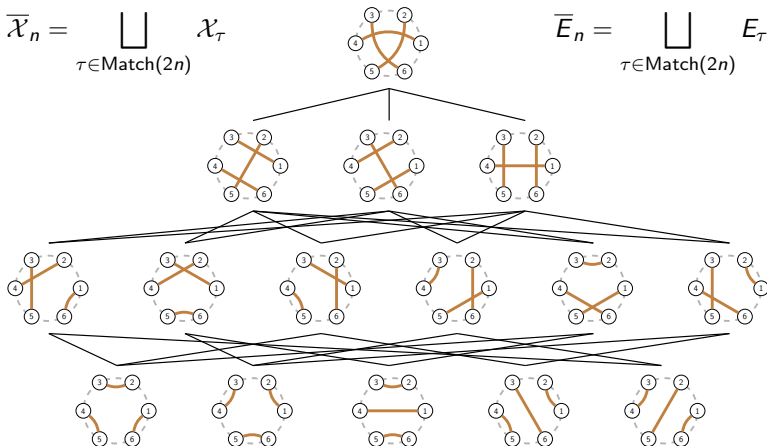
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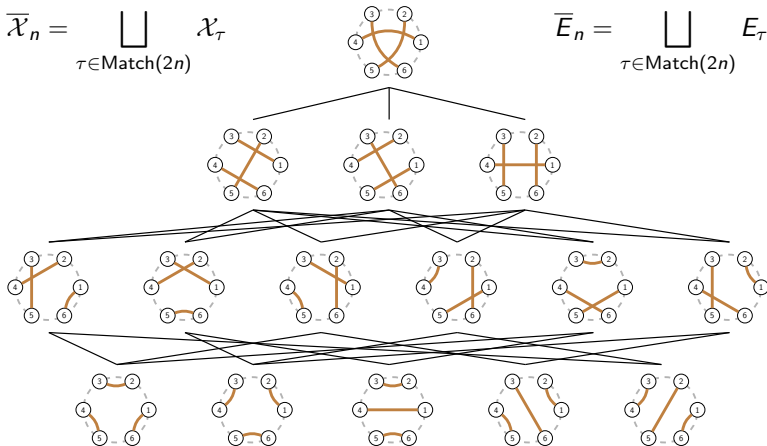
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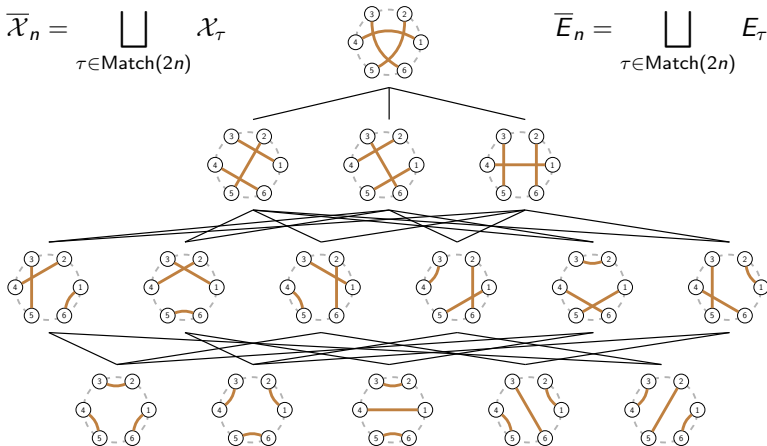
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# Thank you!

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