

Random Walks and Adic Systems

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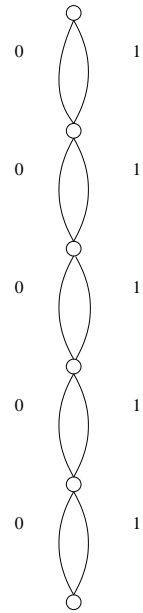
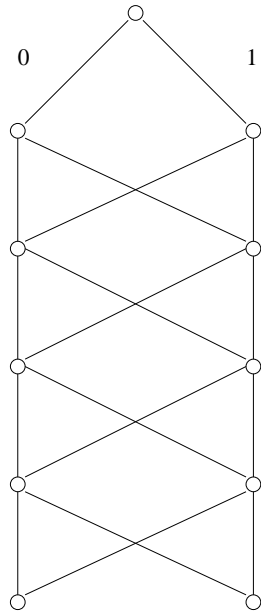
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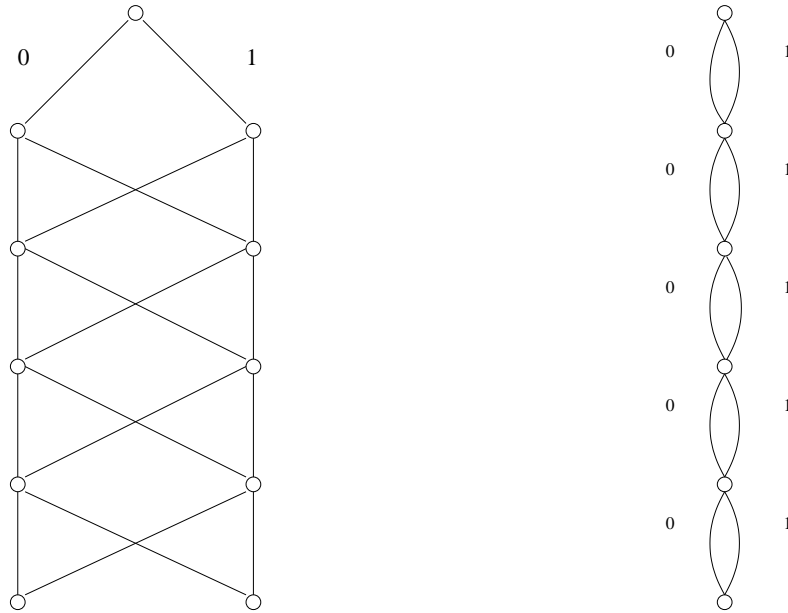
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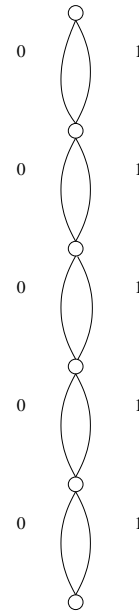
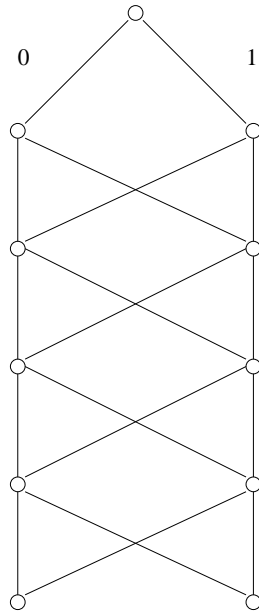


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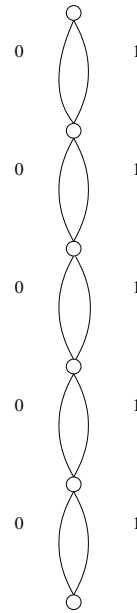
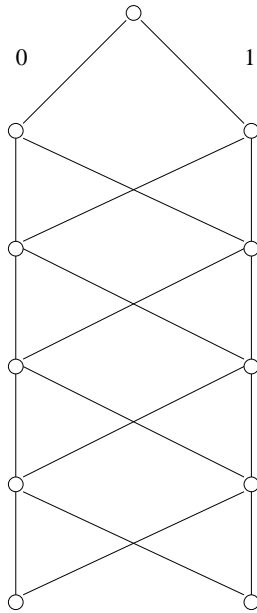
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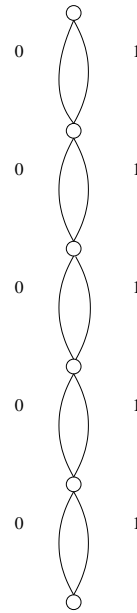
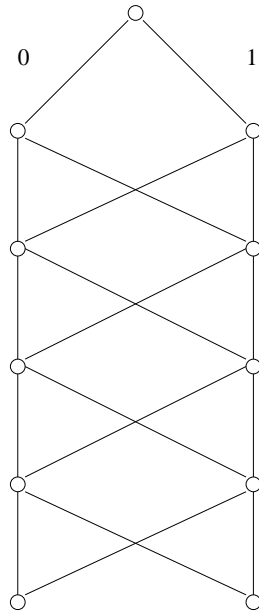
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$Tx =$ the smallest $y > x$ (if there is one).

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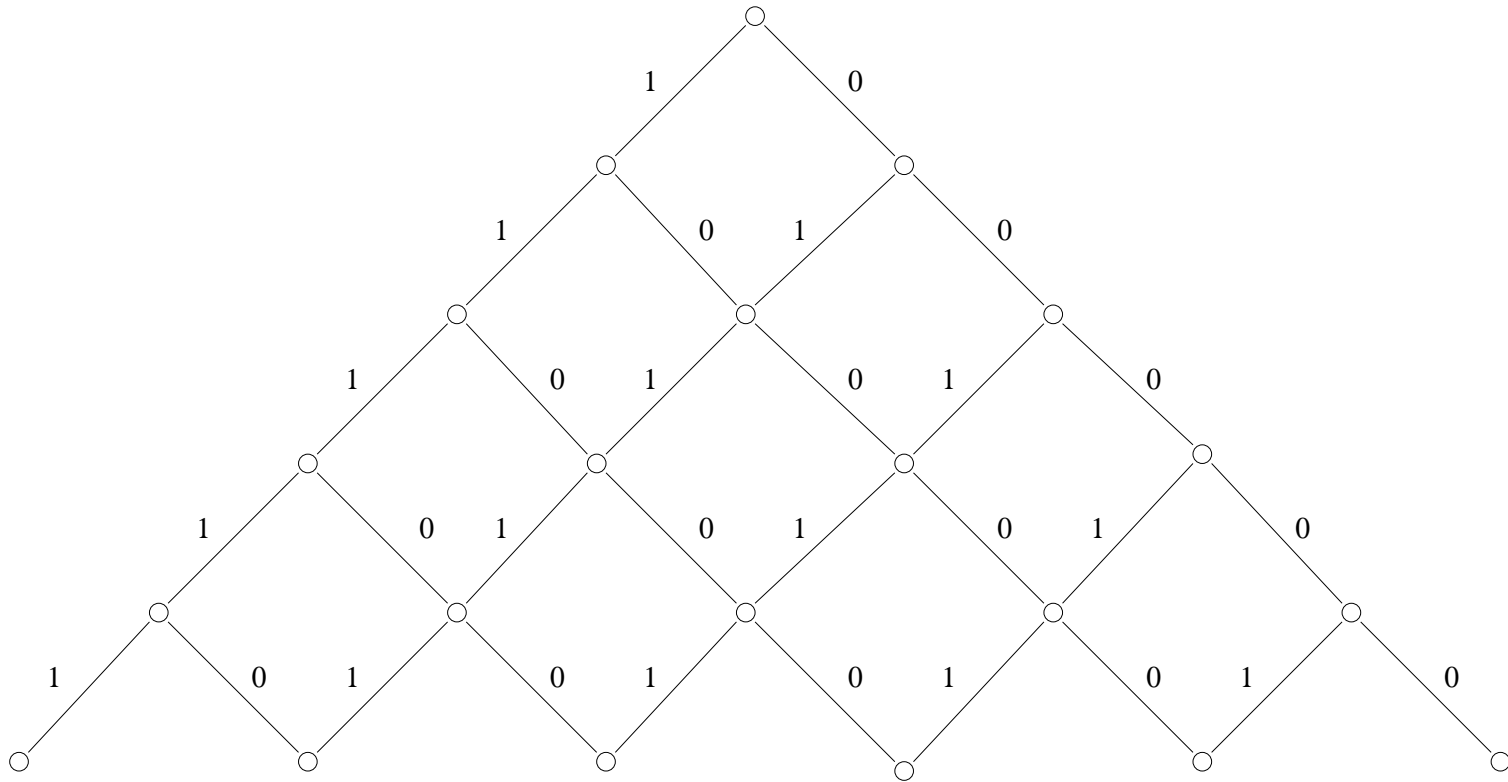
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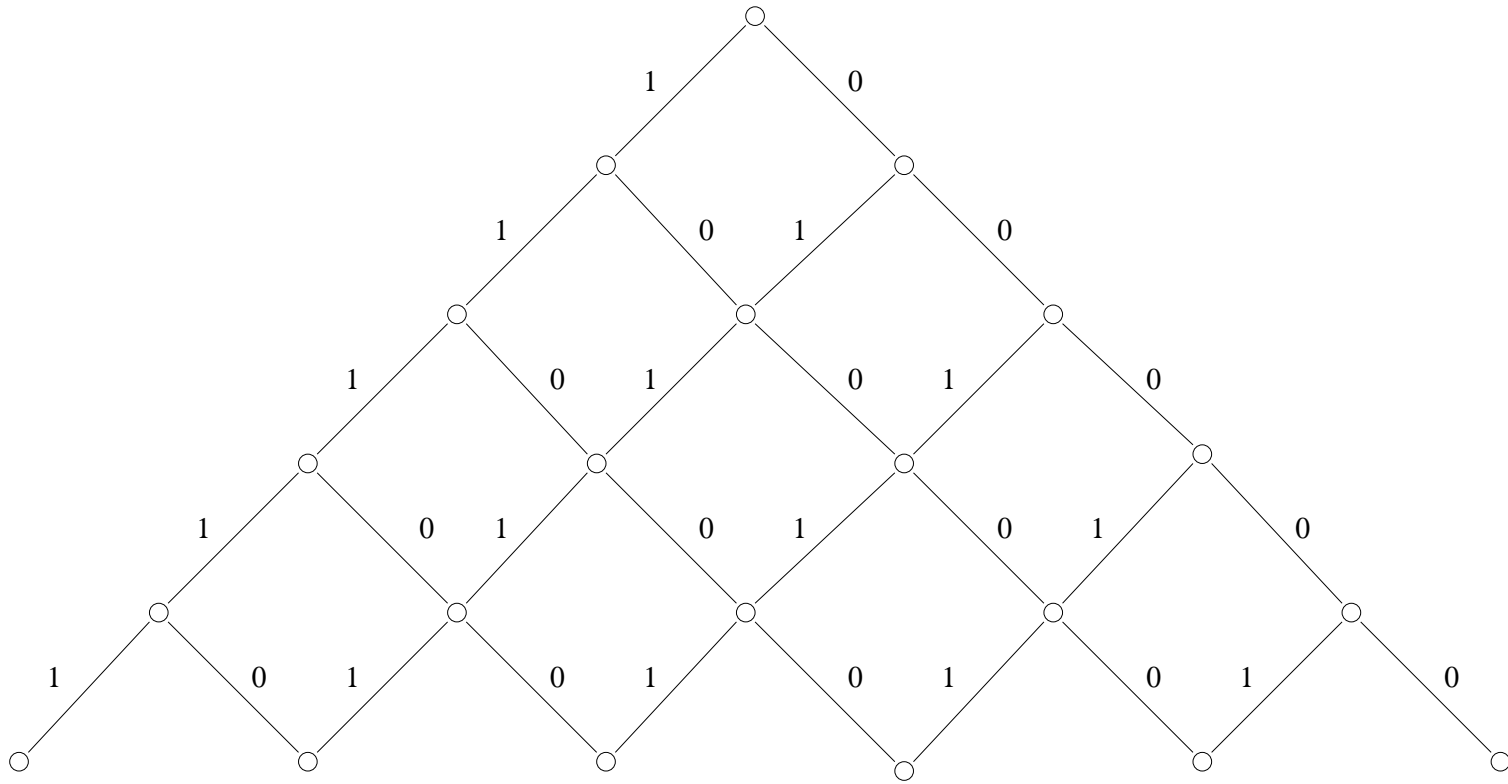
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Adic is transverse to shift; translates in a self-similar tiling system, where the shift changes scale.

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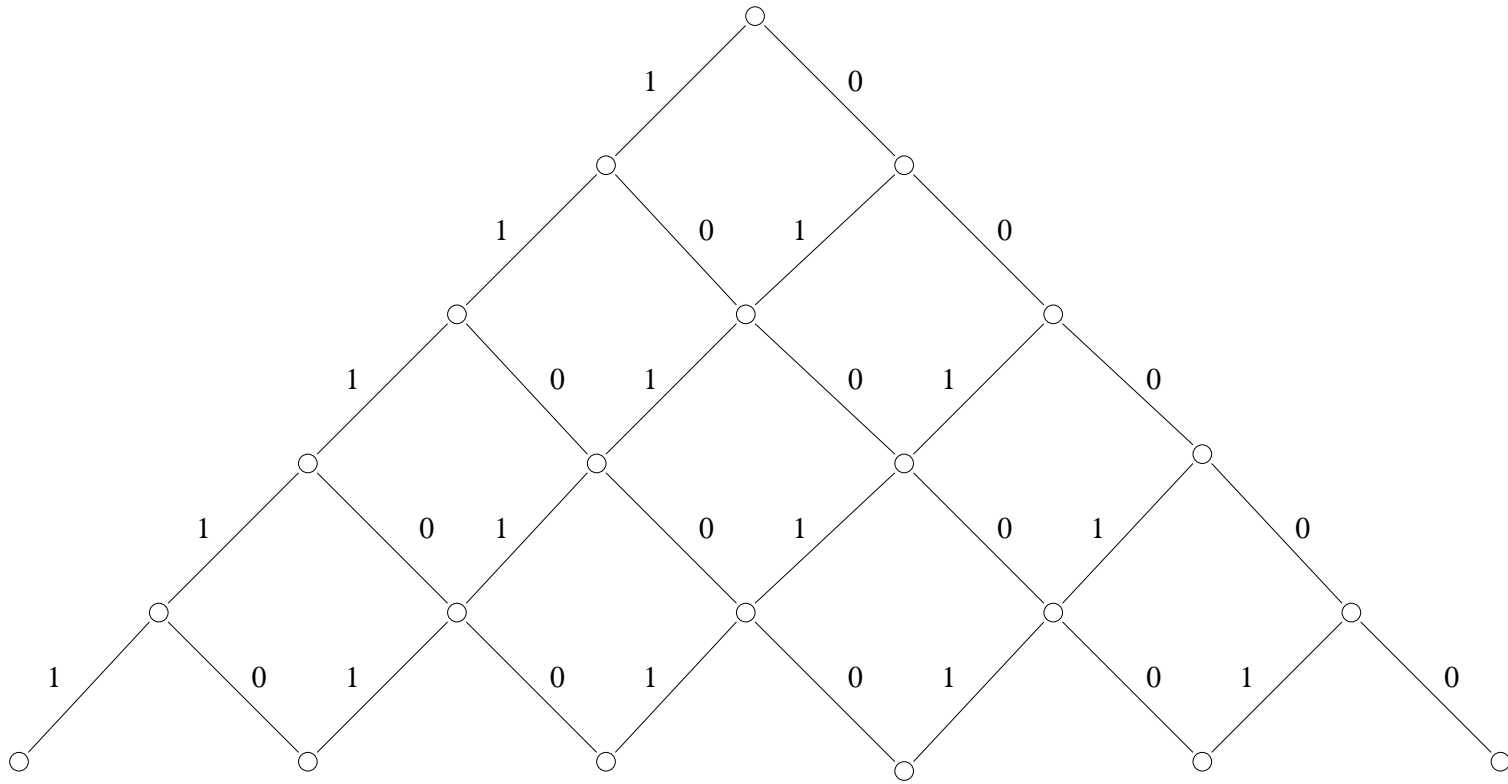


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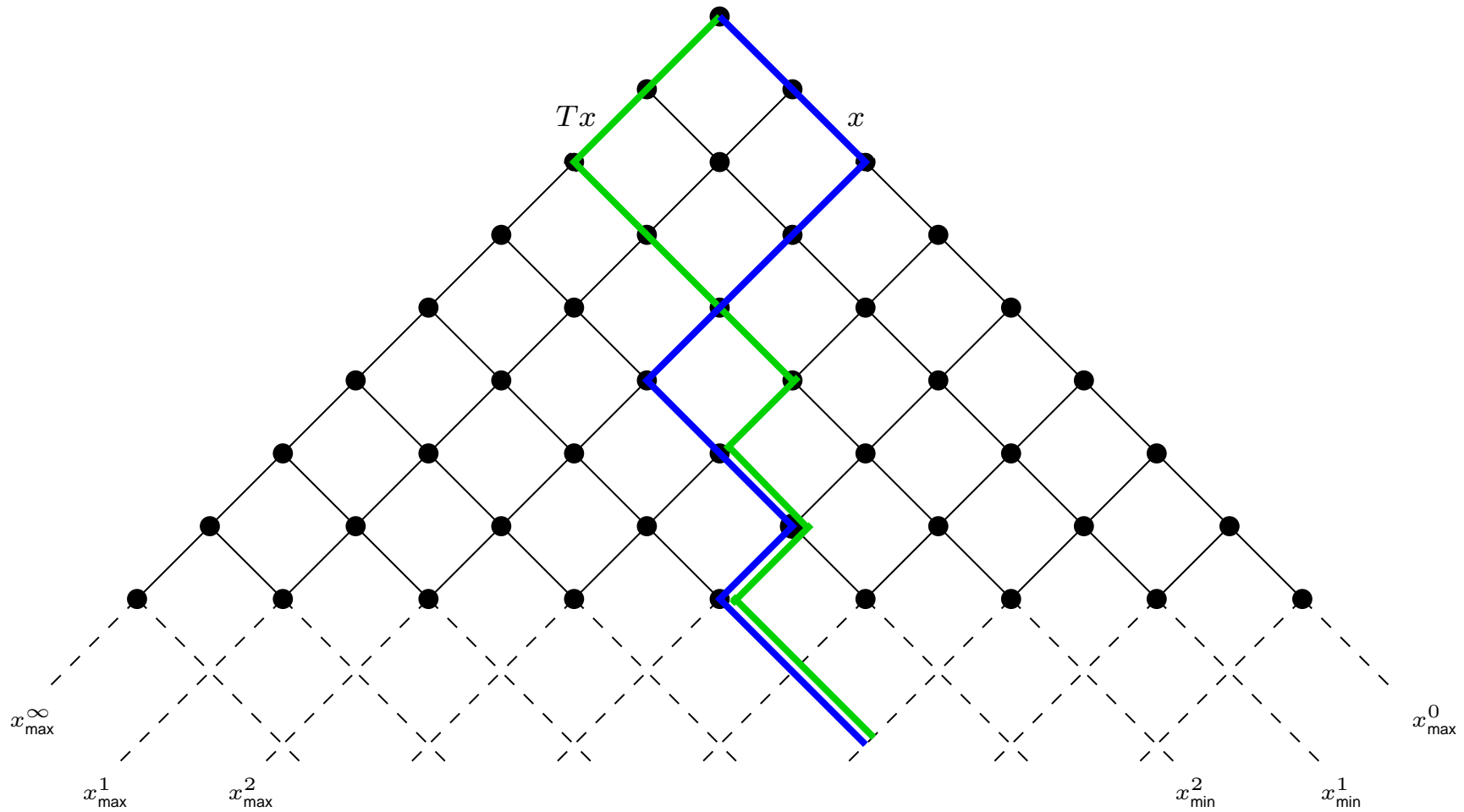
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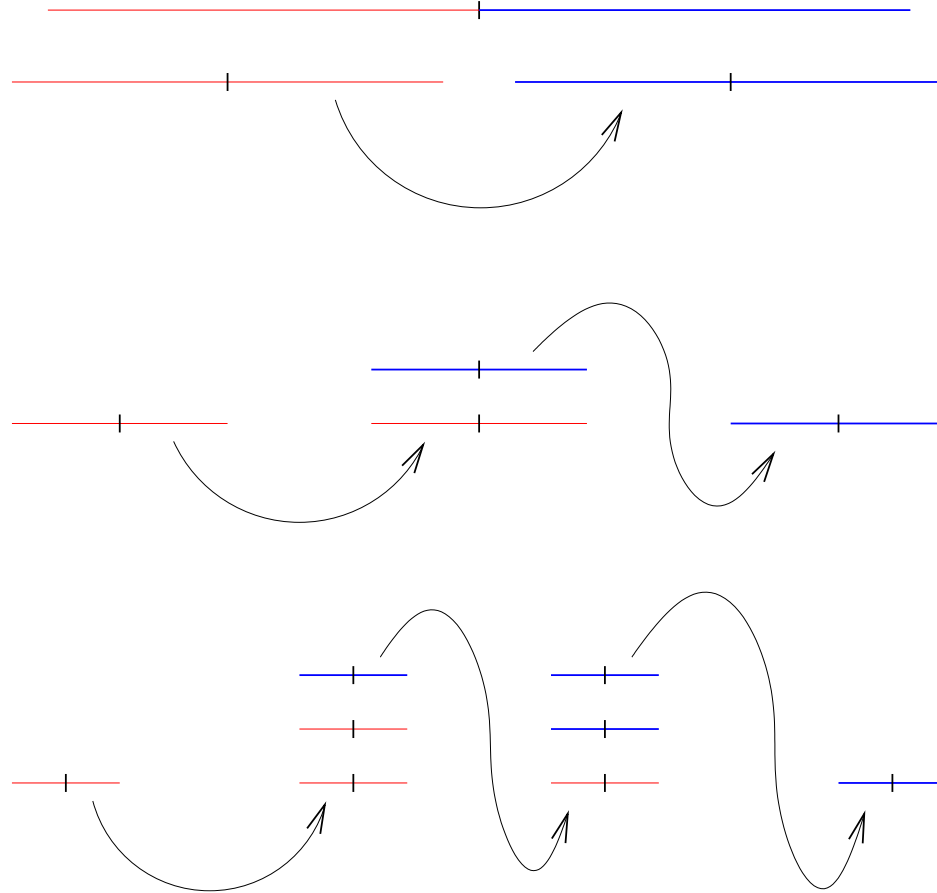
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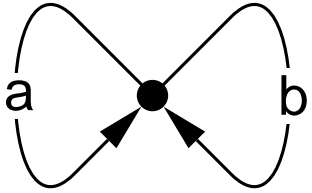
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- It also leads to interesting examples, and the visual presentation can help with combinatorial analysis.

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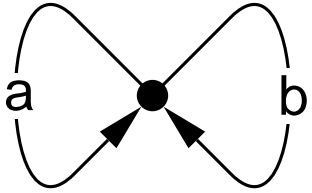


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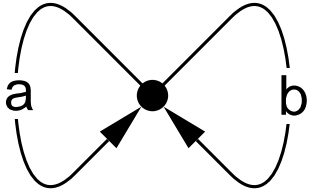
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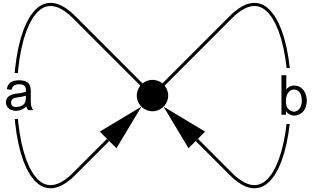
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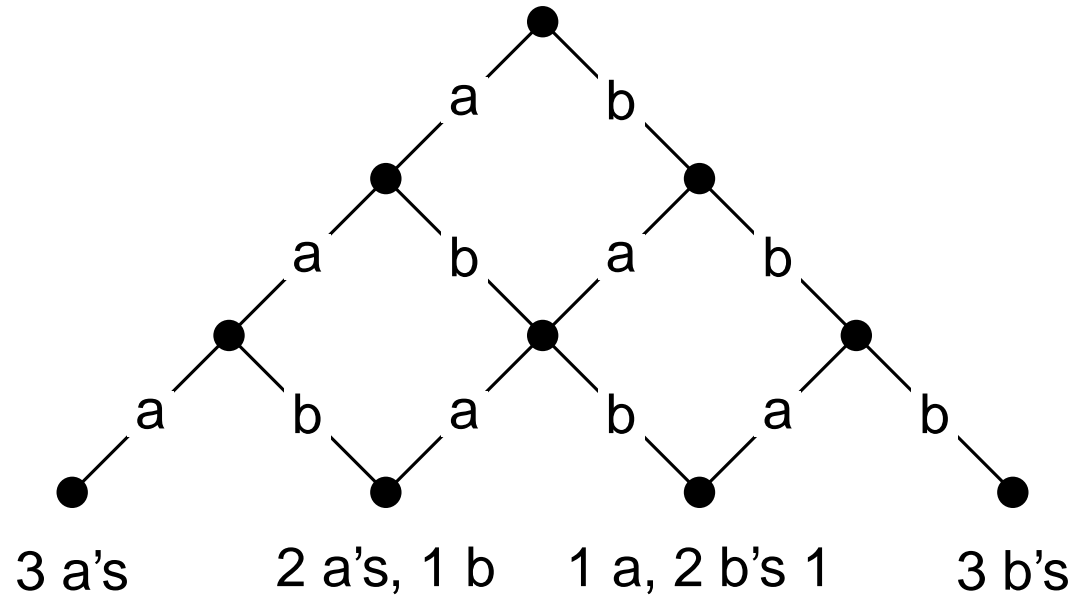


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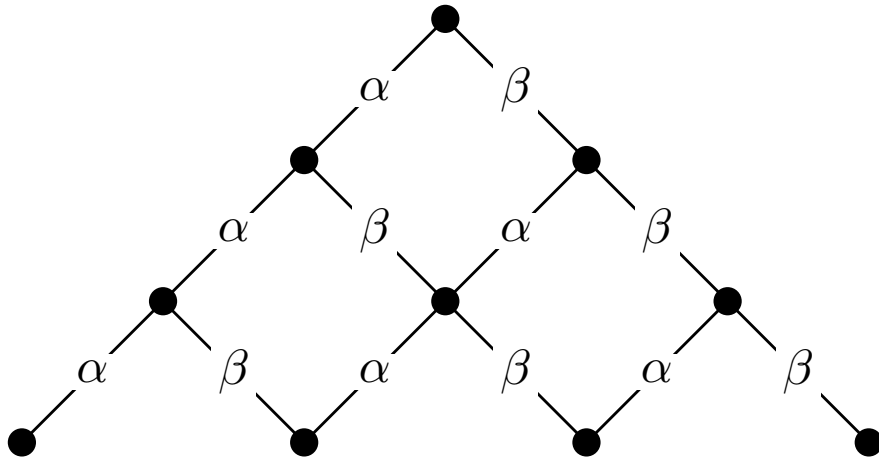
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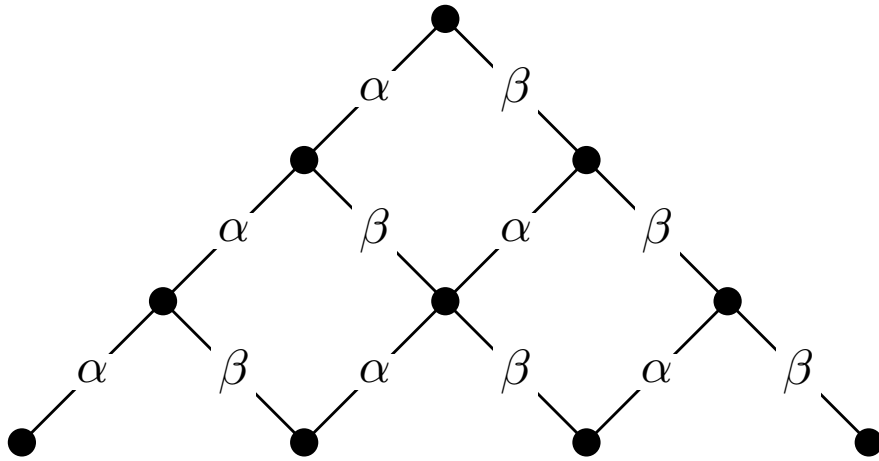


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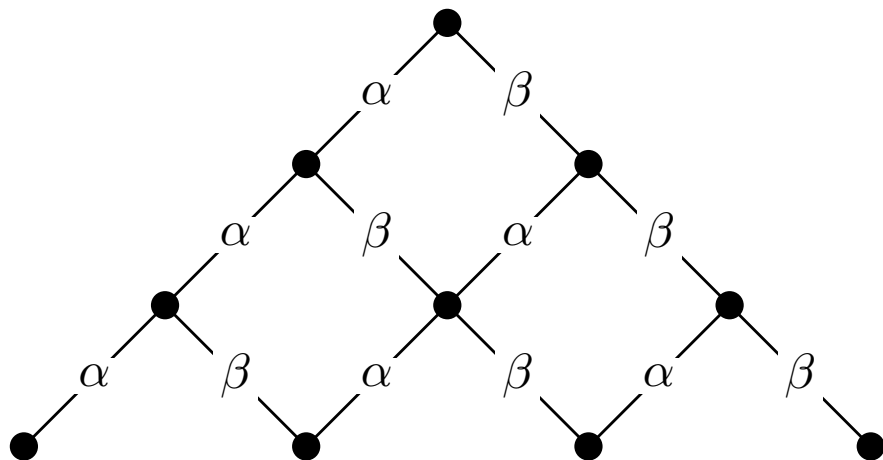
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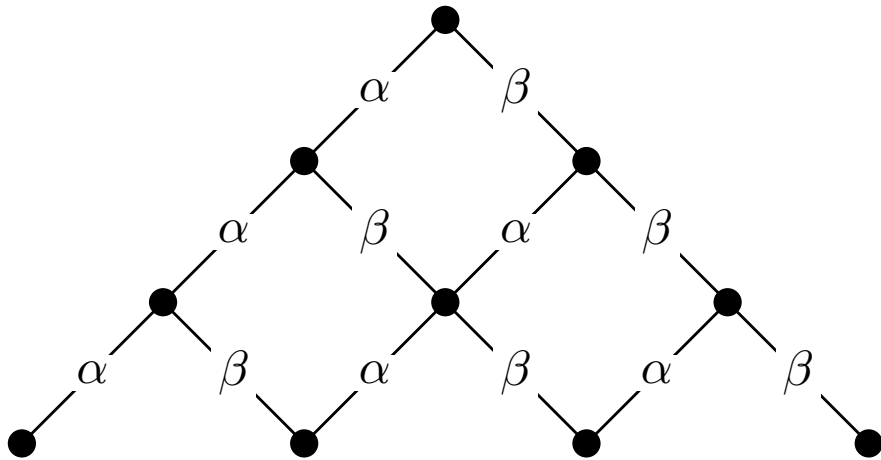
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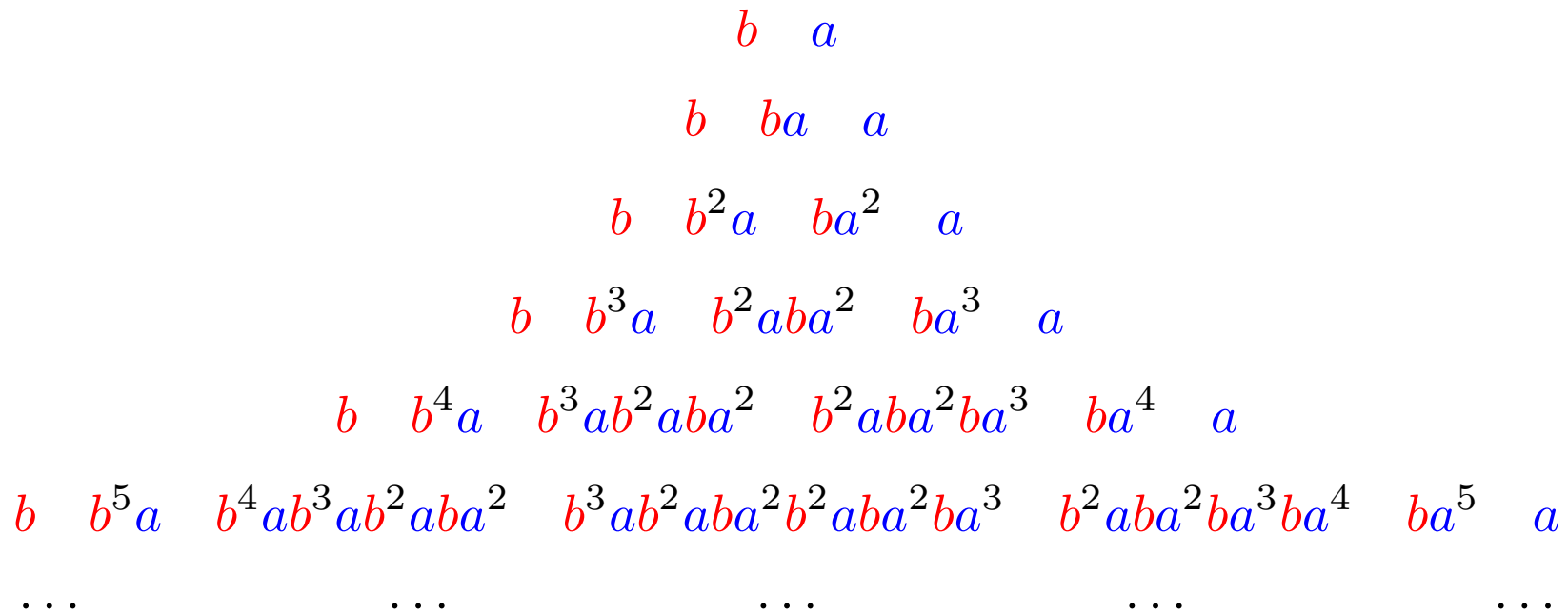
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- The diagram defines the “CCR” C^* algebra.

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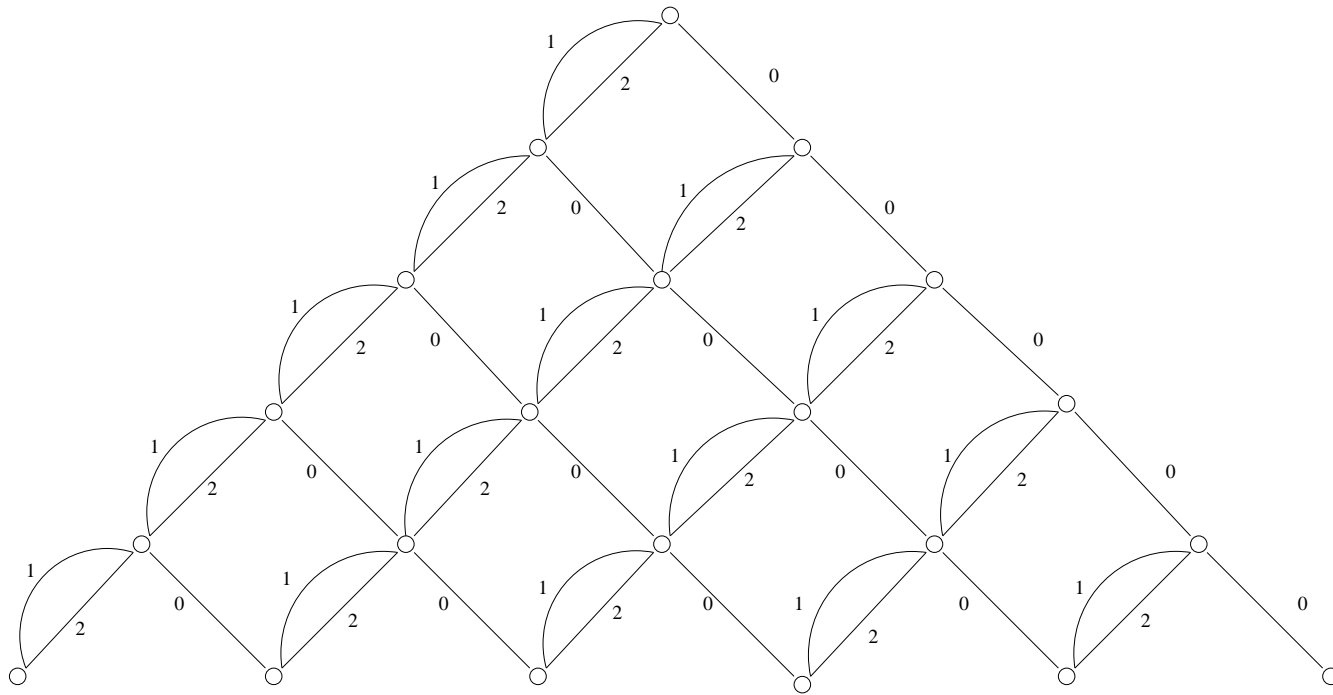
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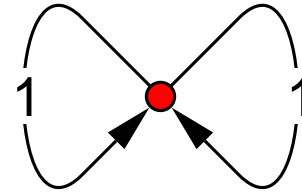
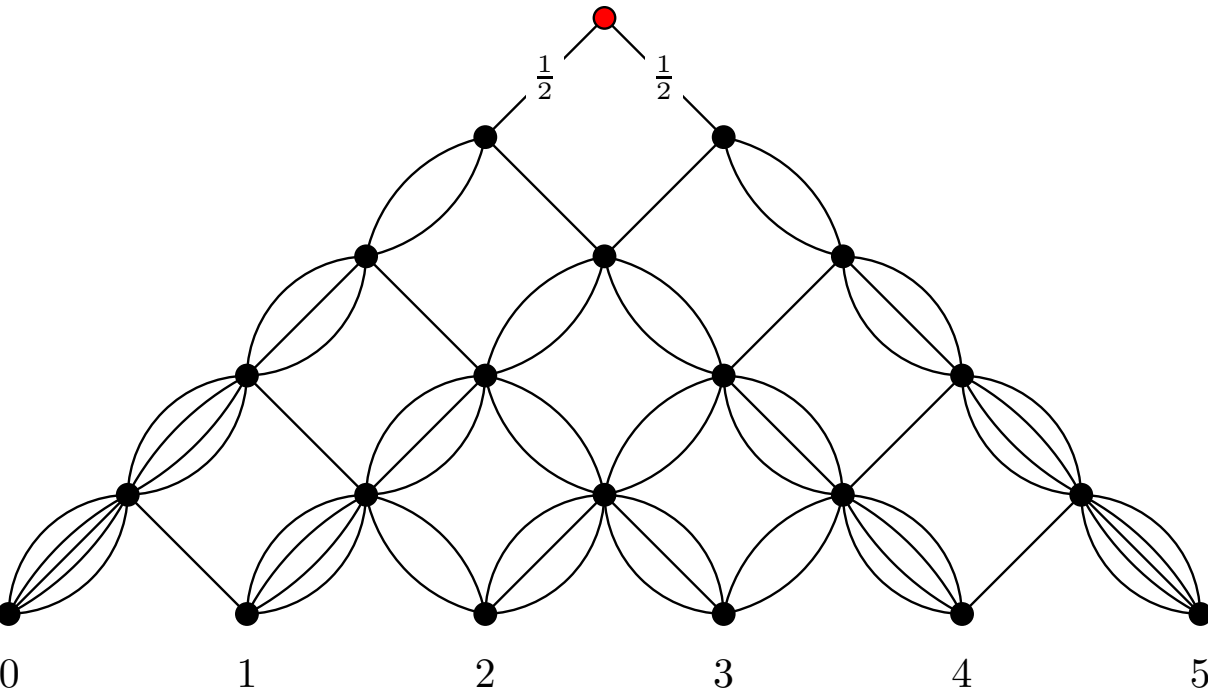
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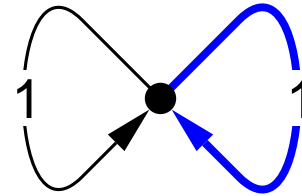
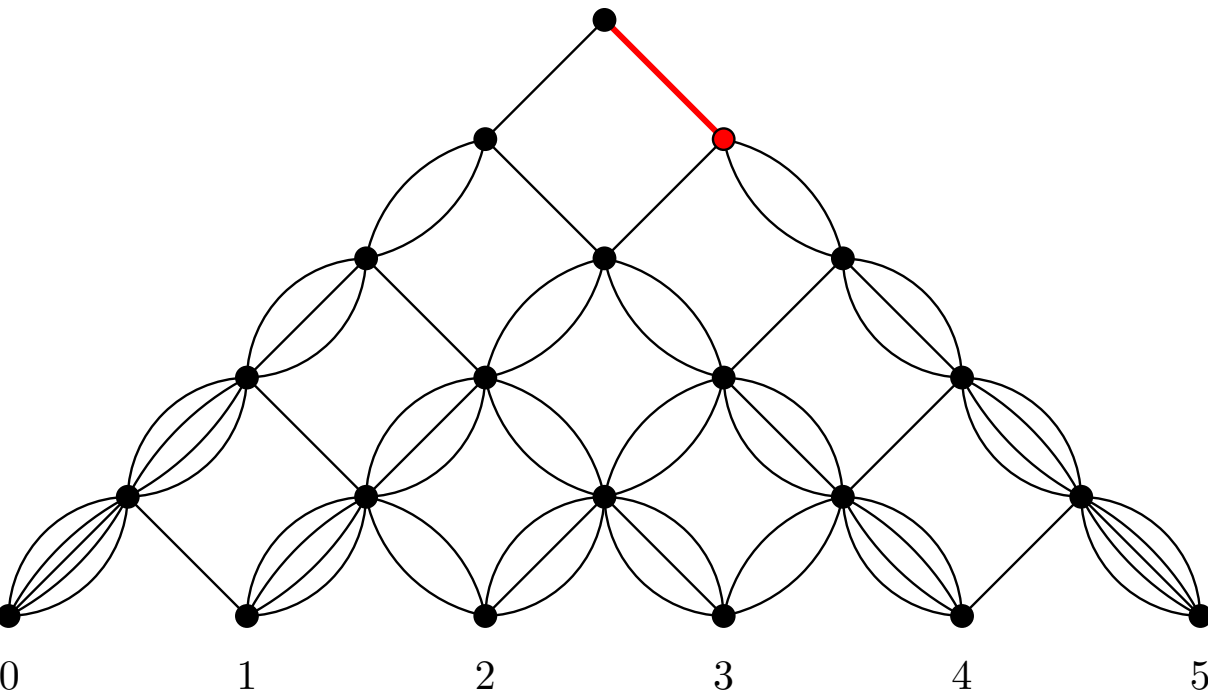


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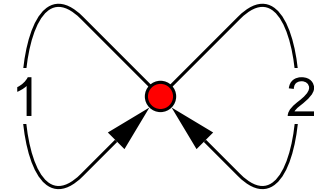
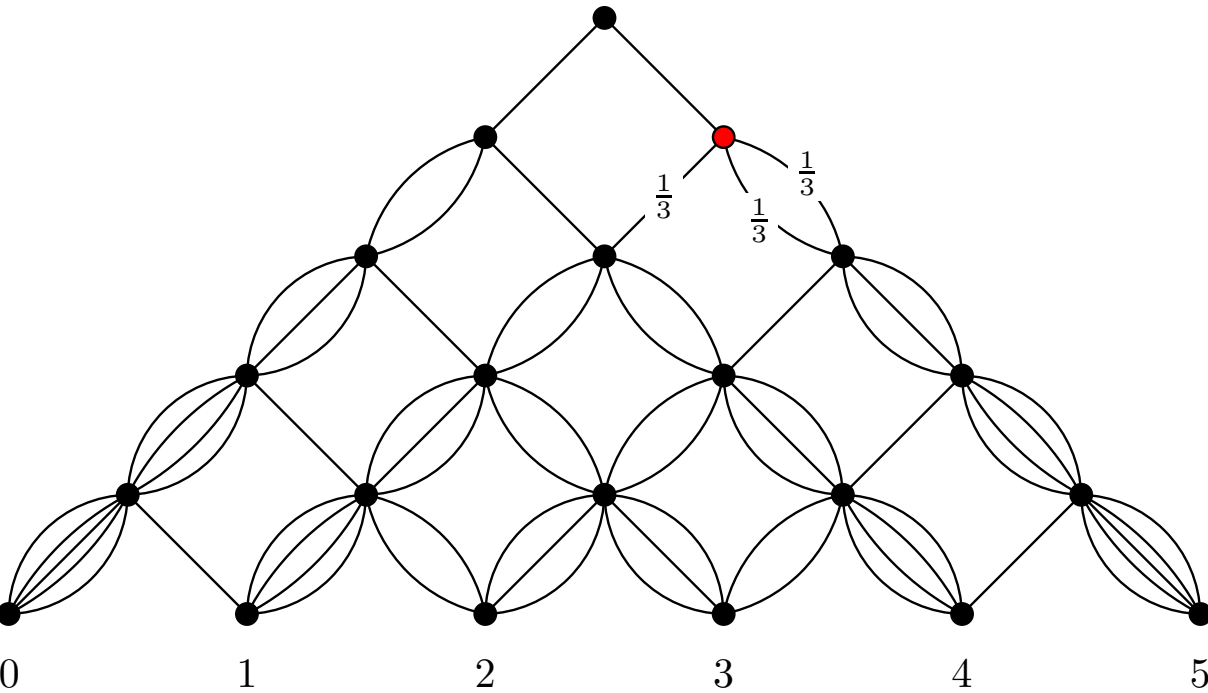


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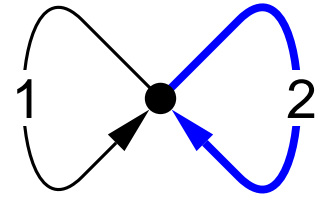
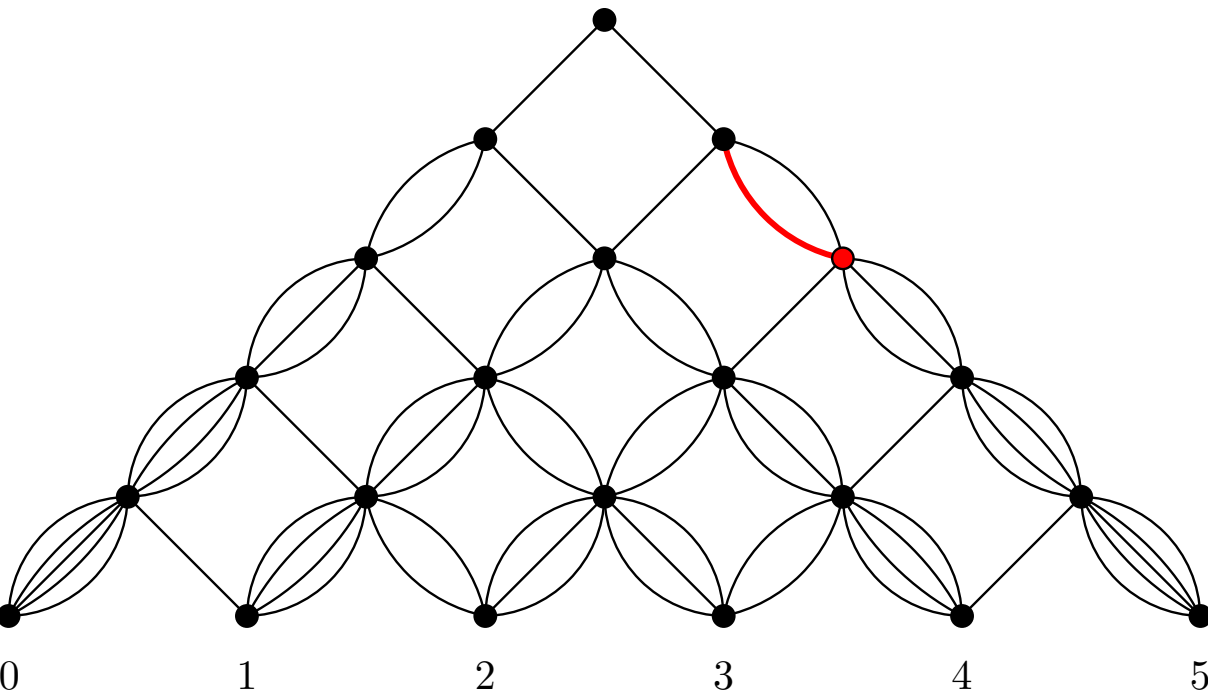


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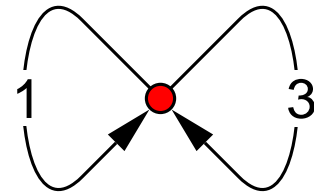
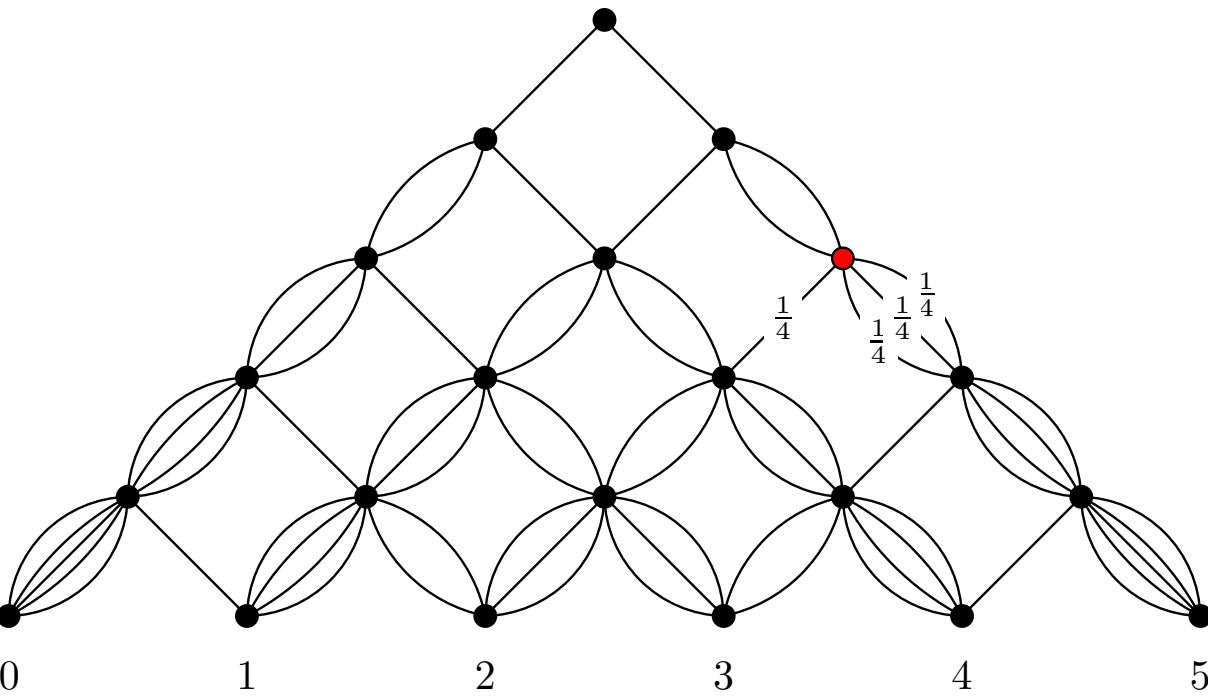


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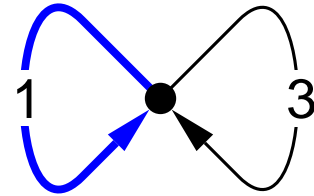
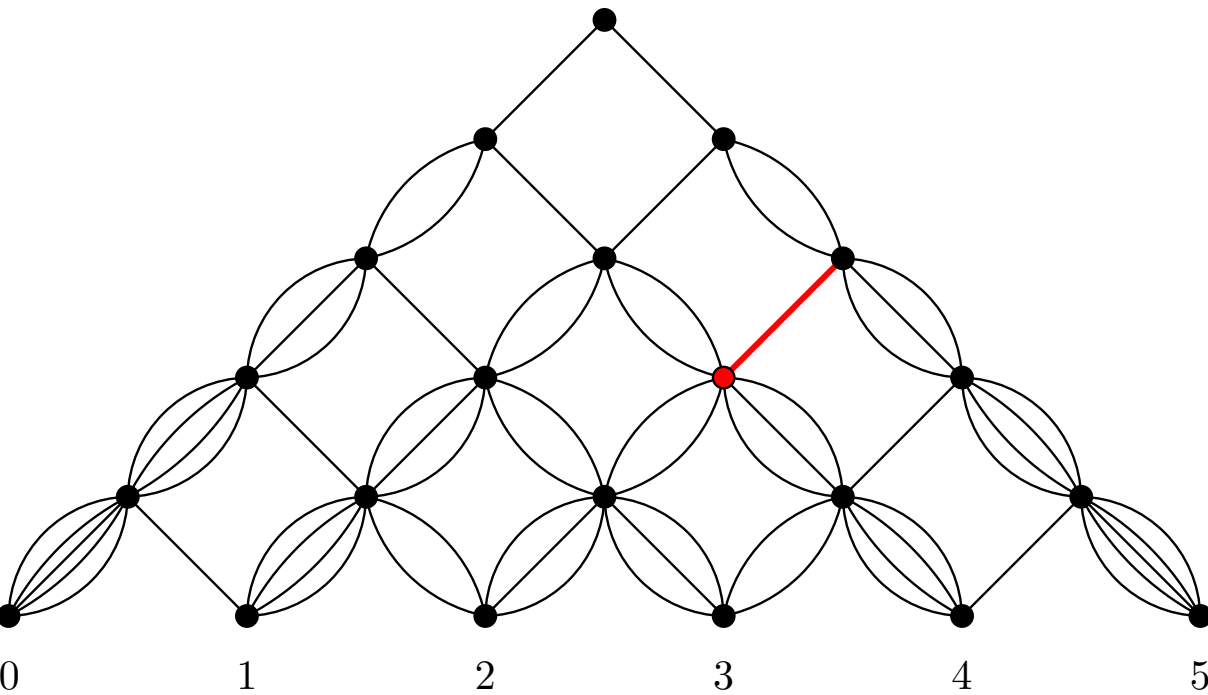


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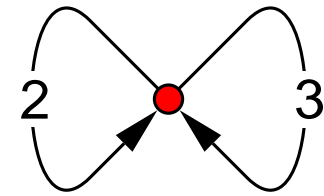
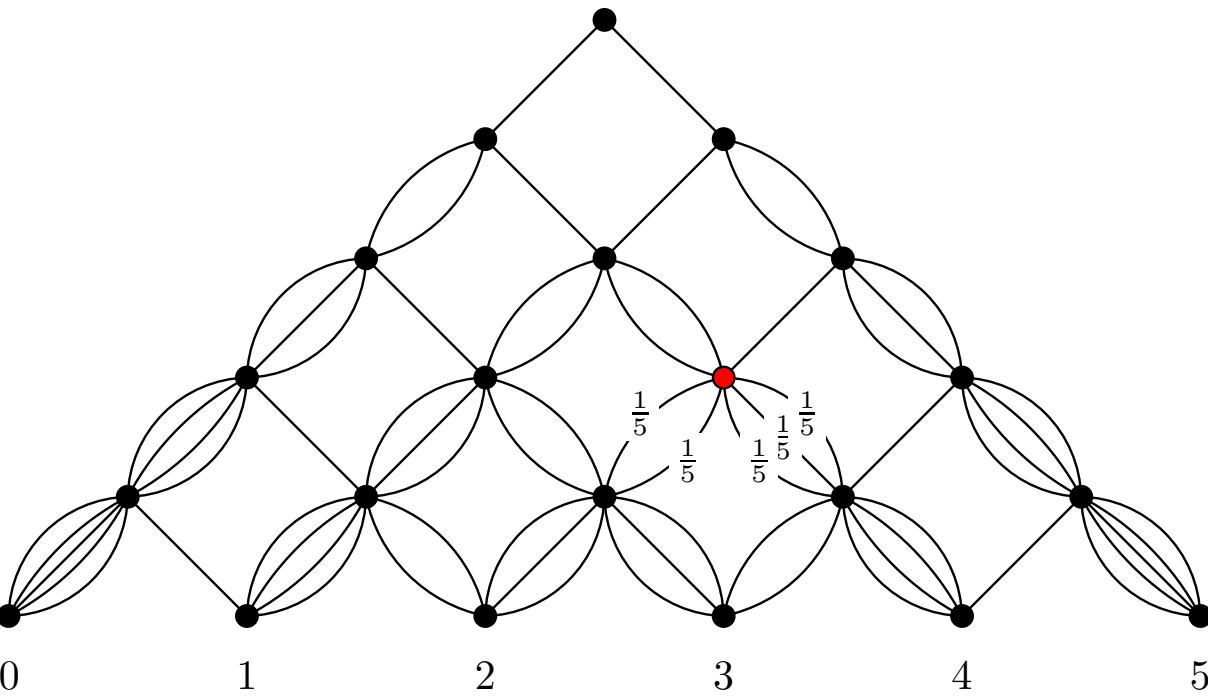


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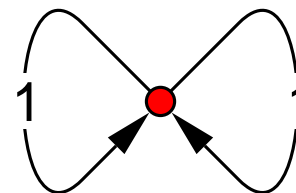
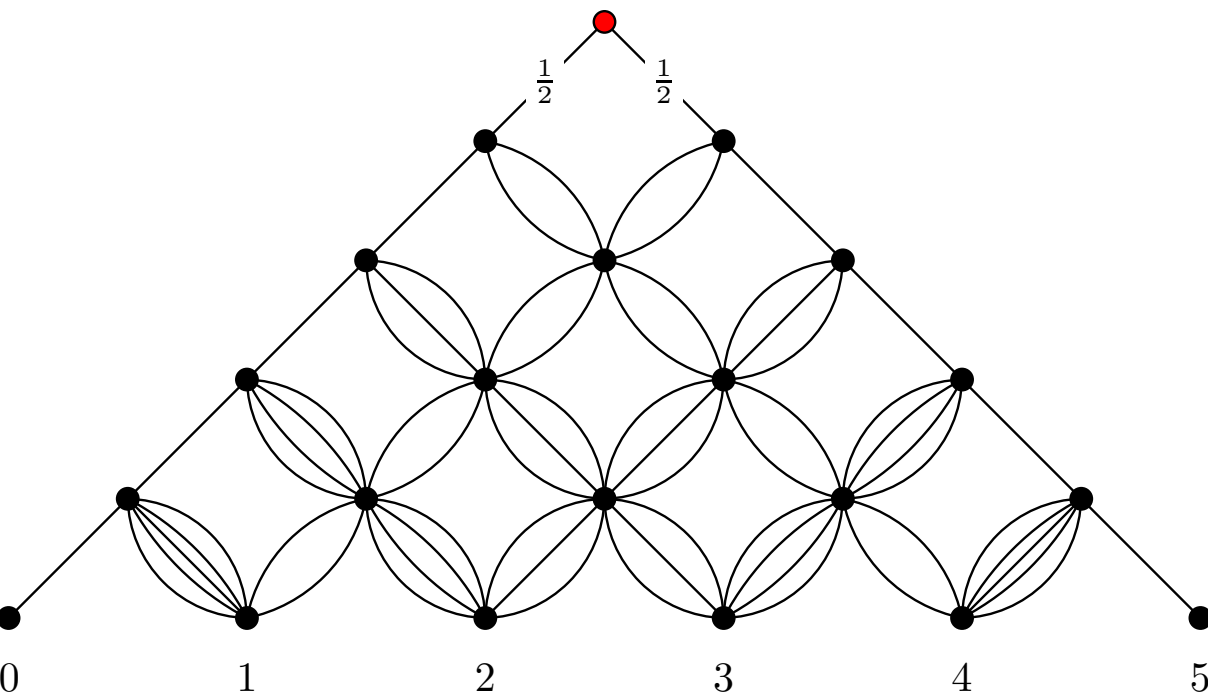


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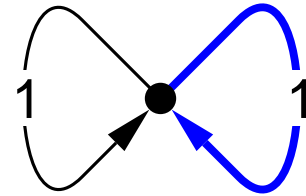
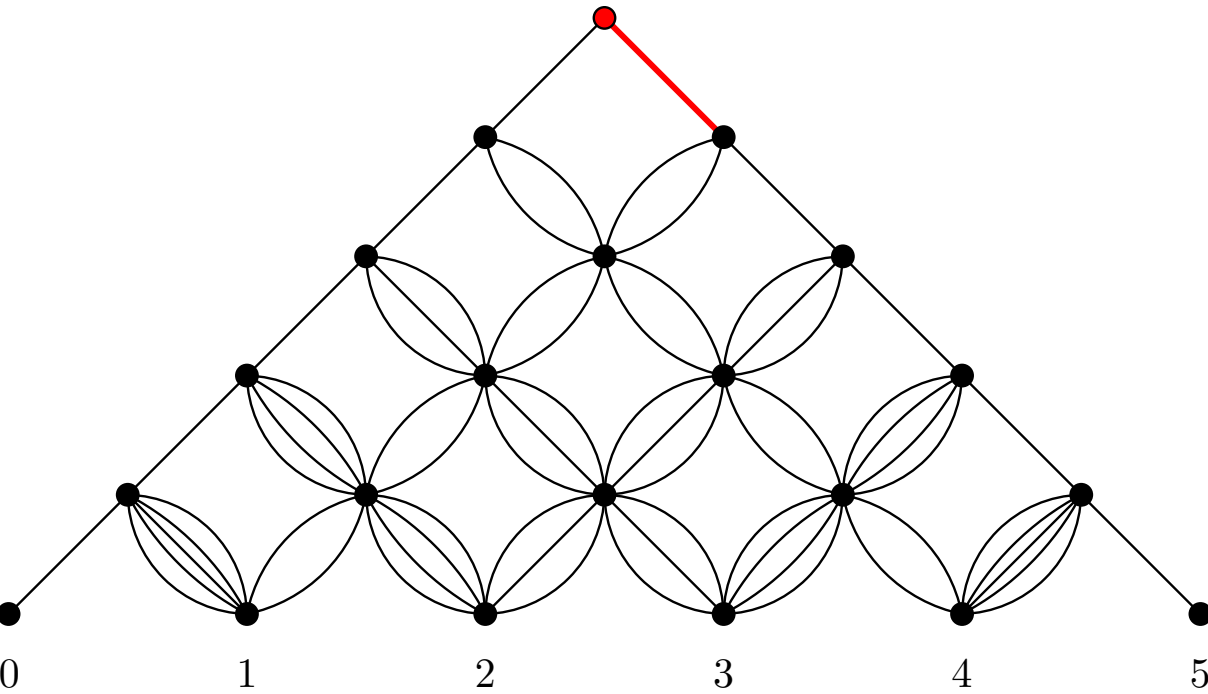


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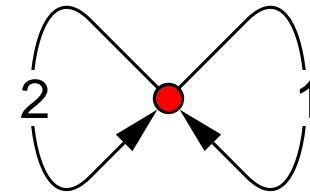
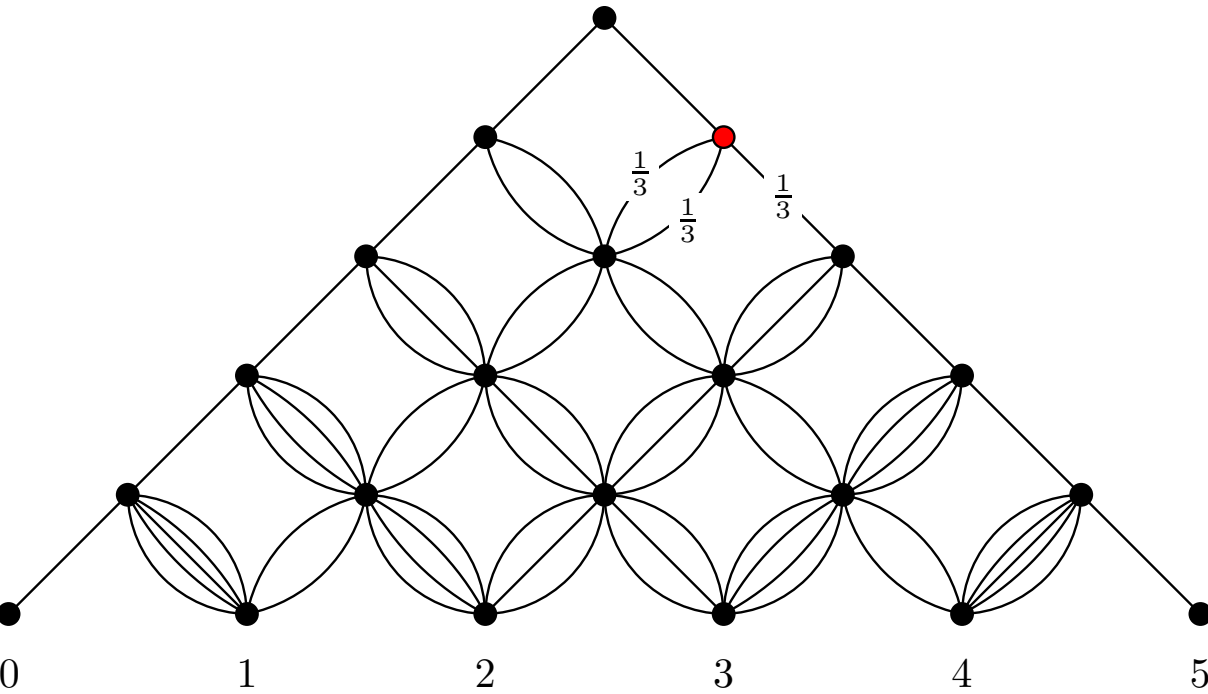
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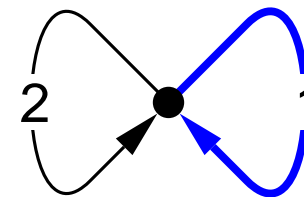
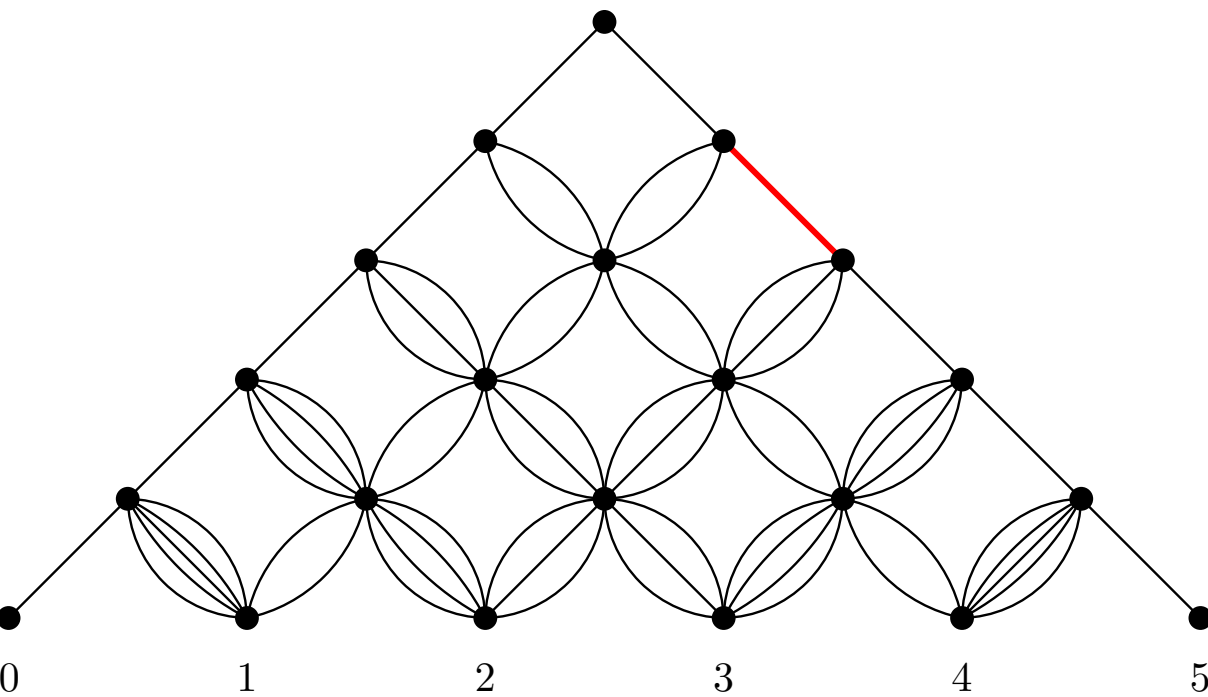


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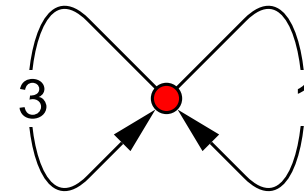
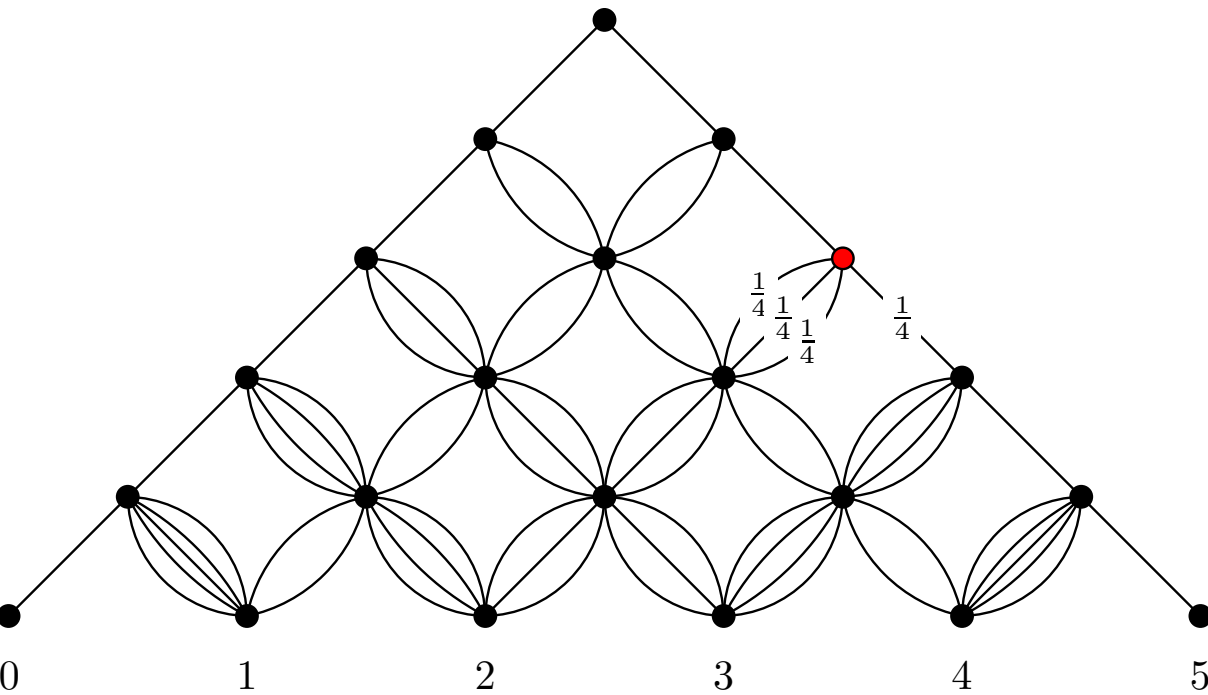


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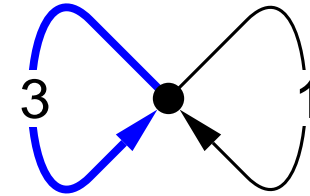
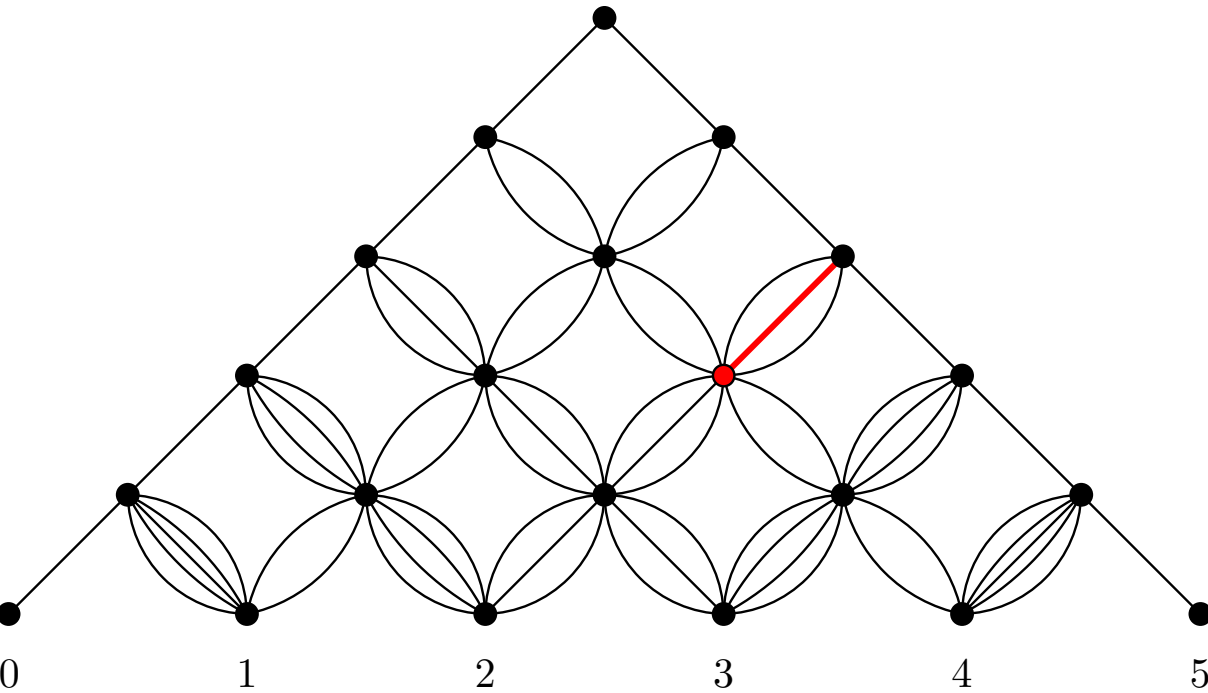


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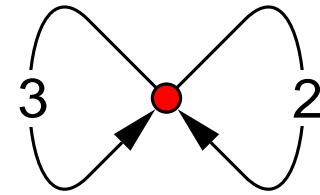
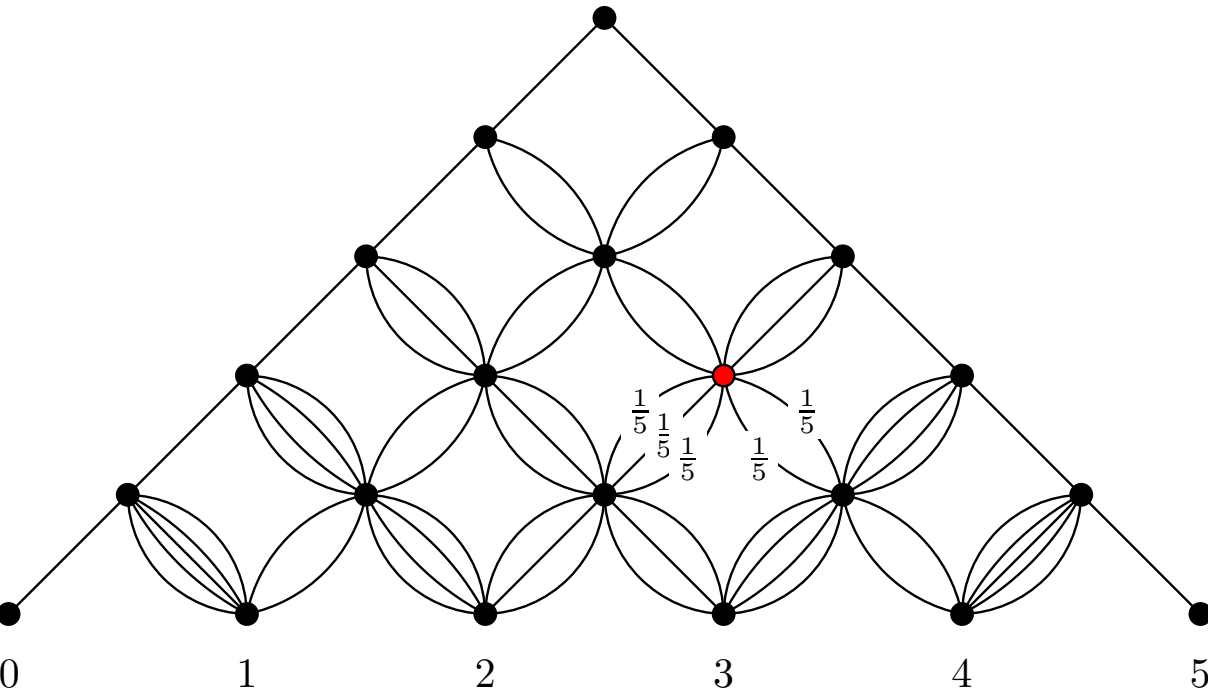


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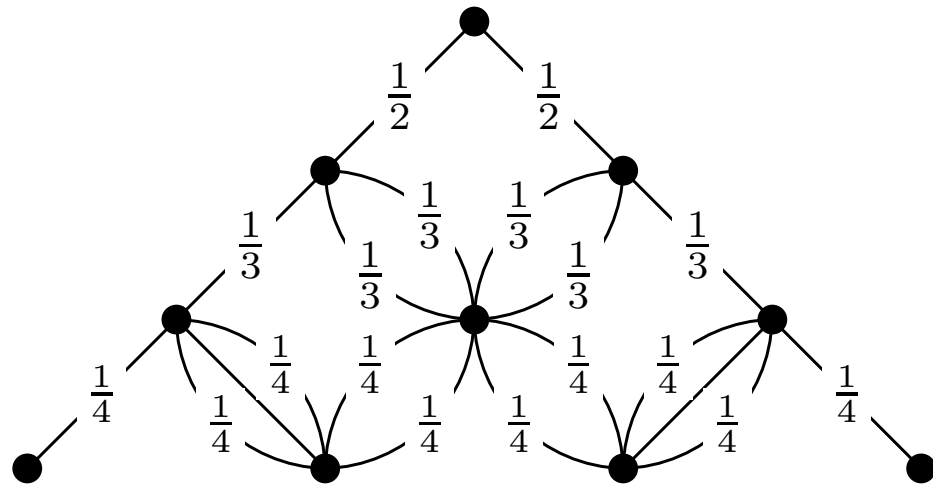
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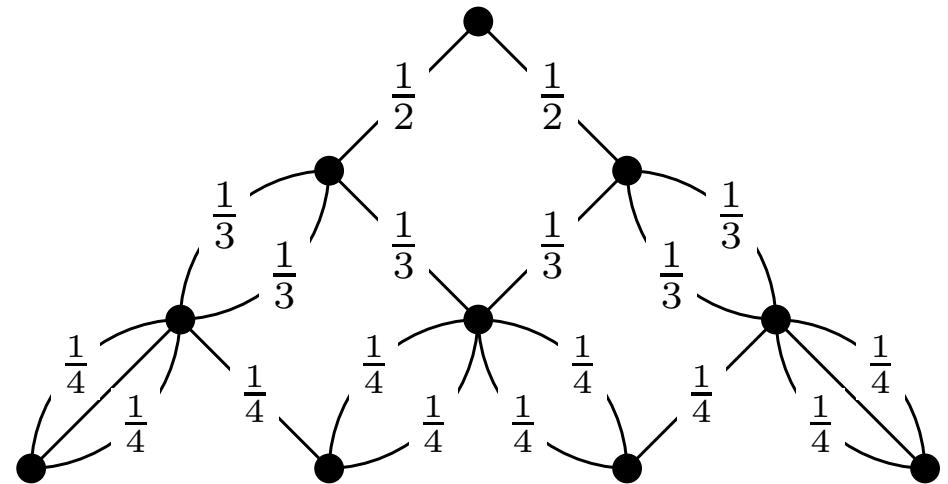
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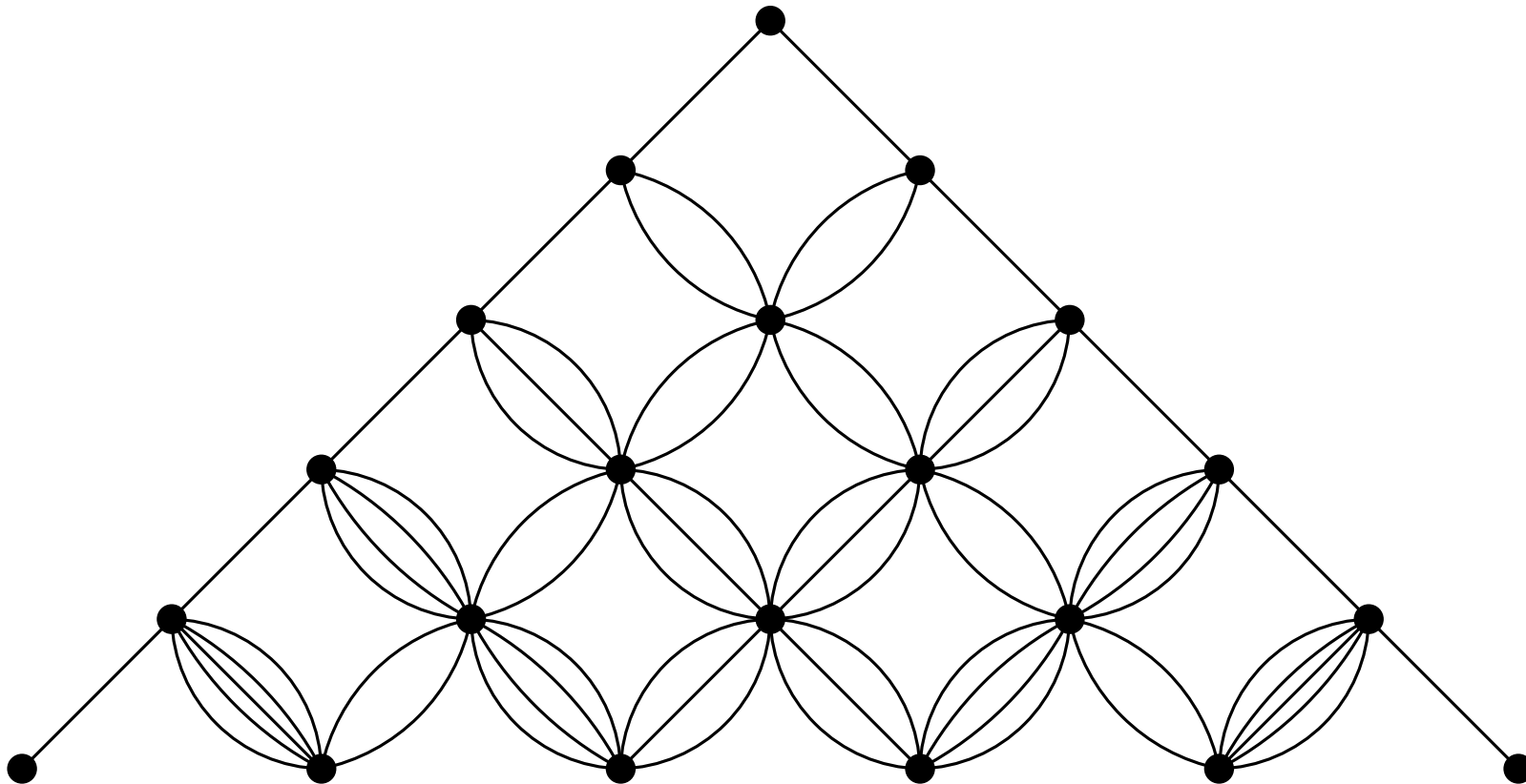


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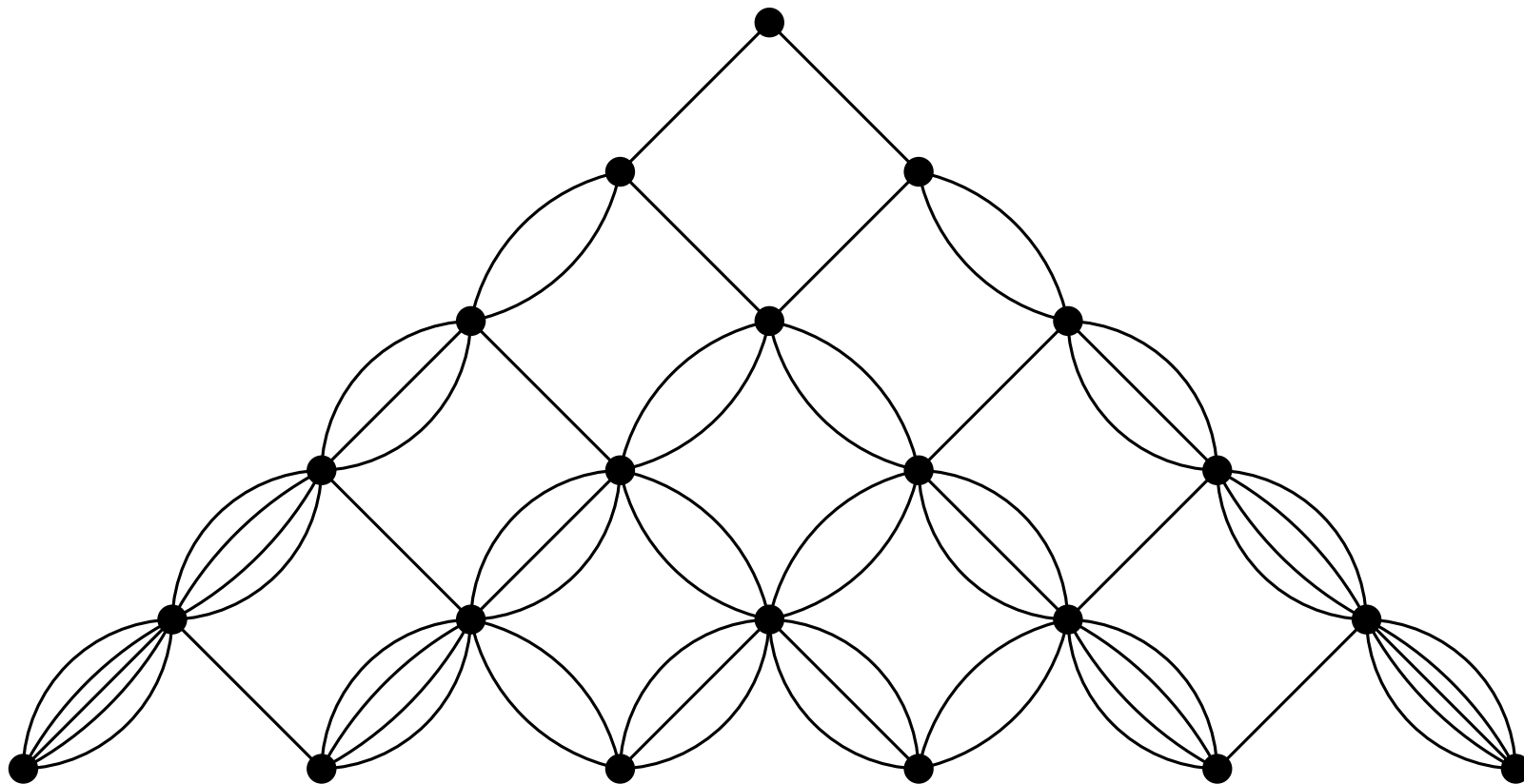


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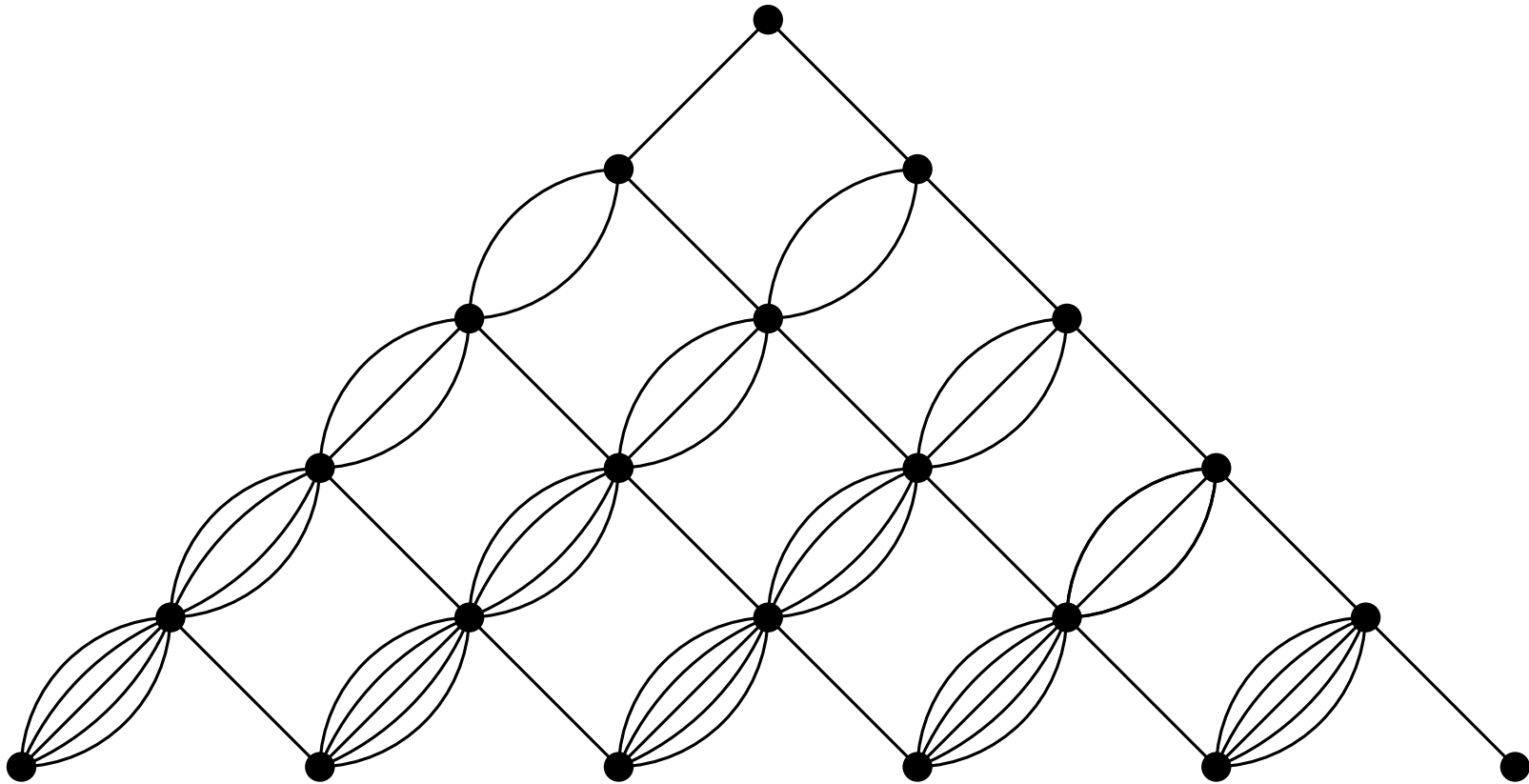
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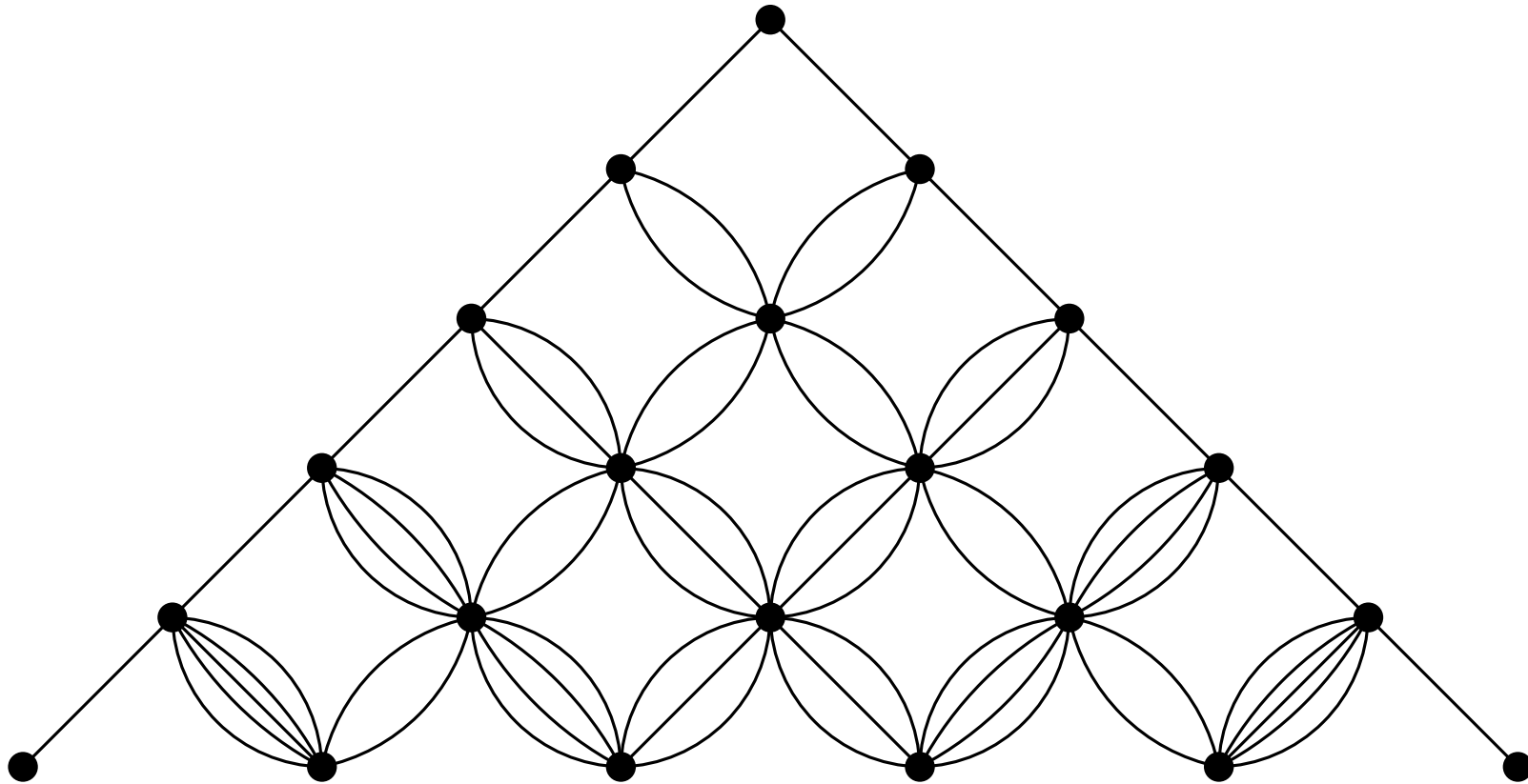


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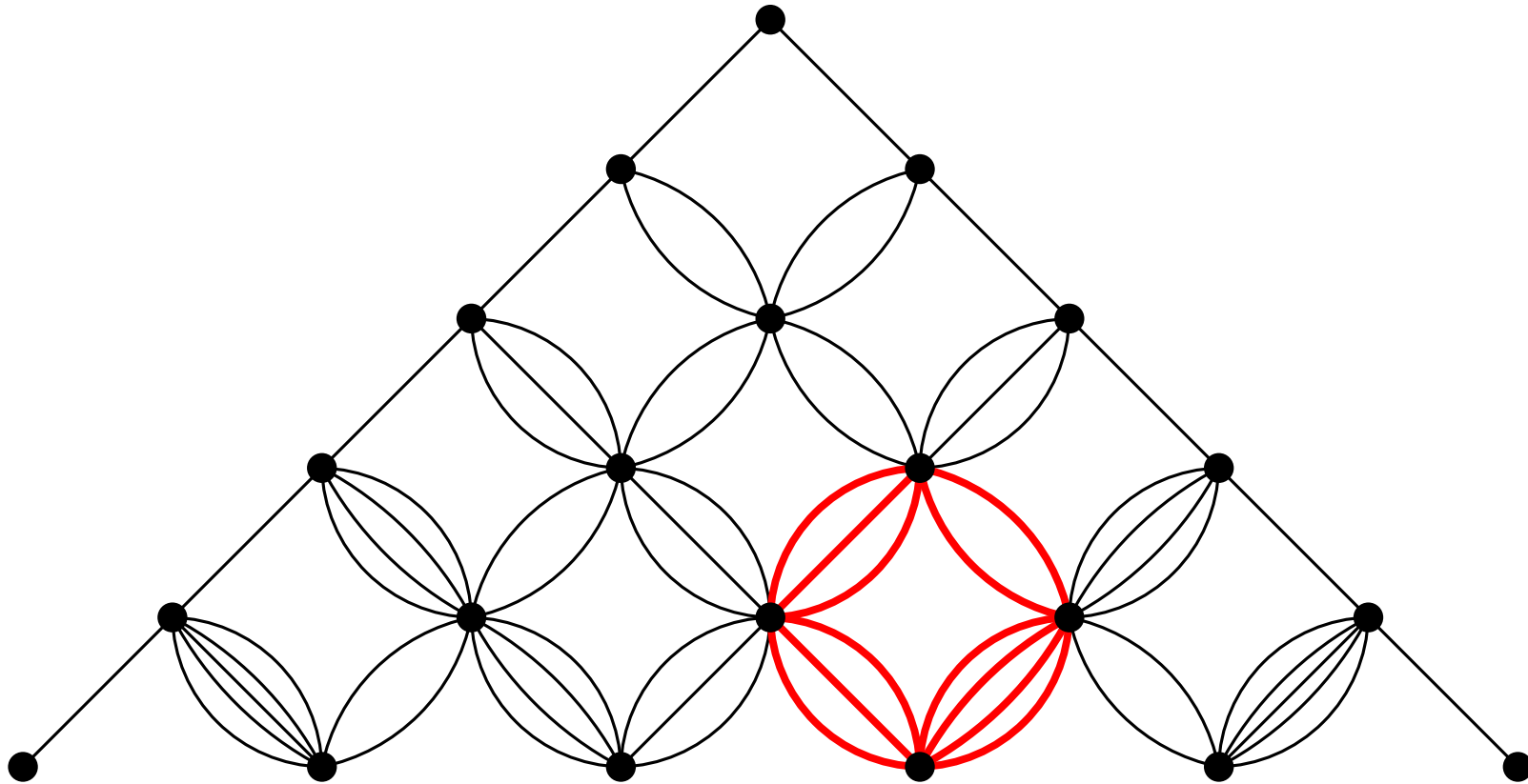
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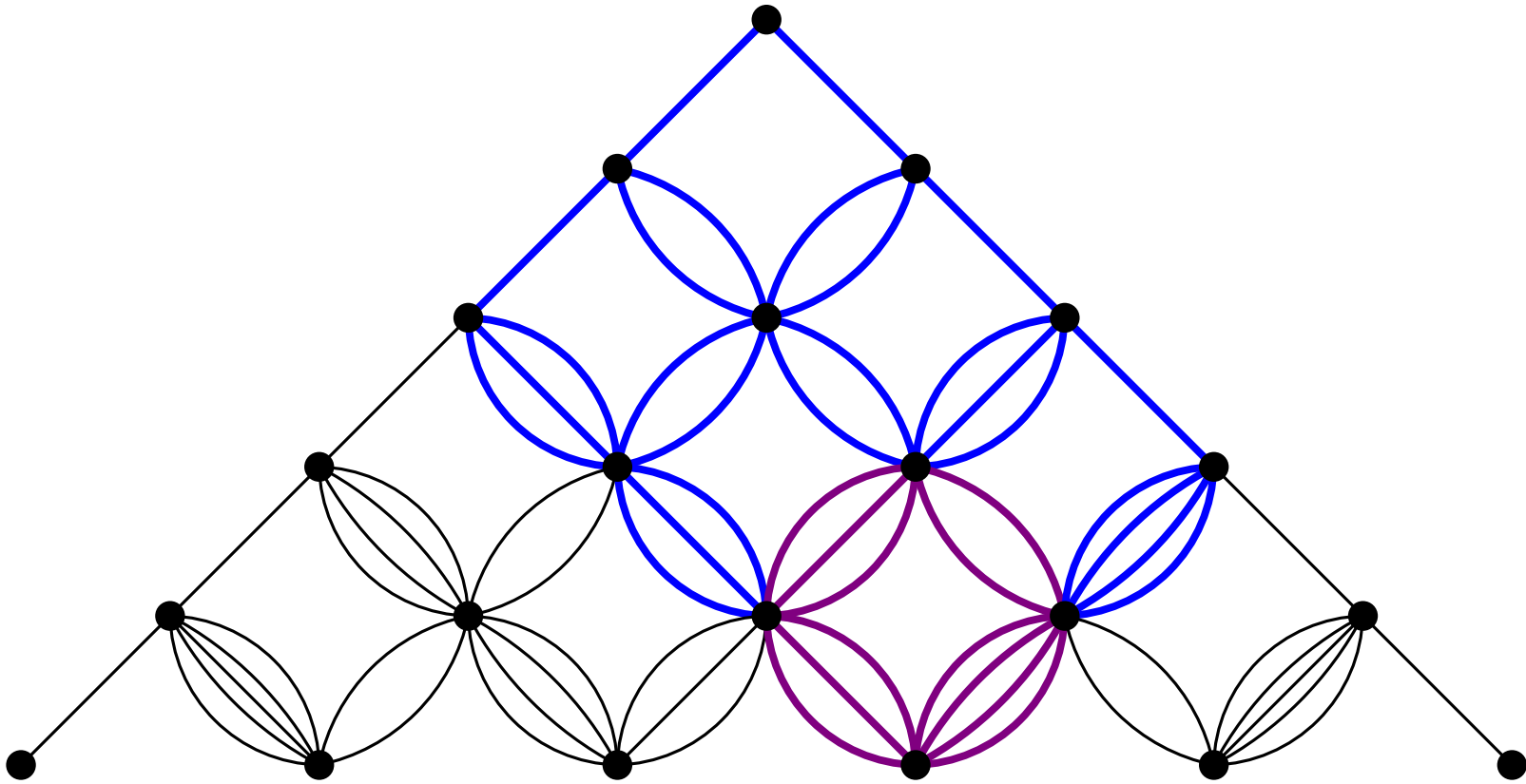
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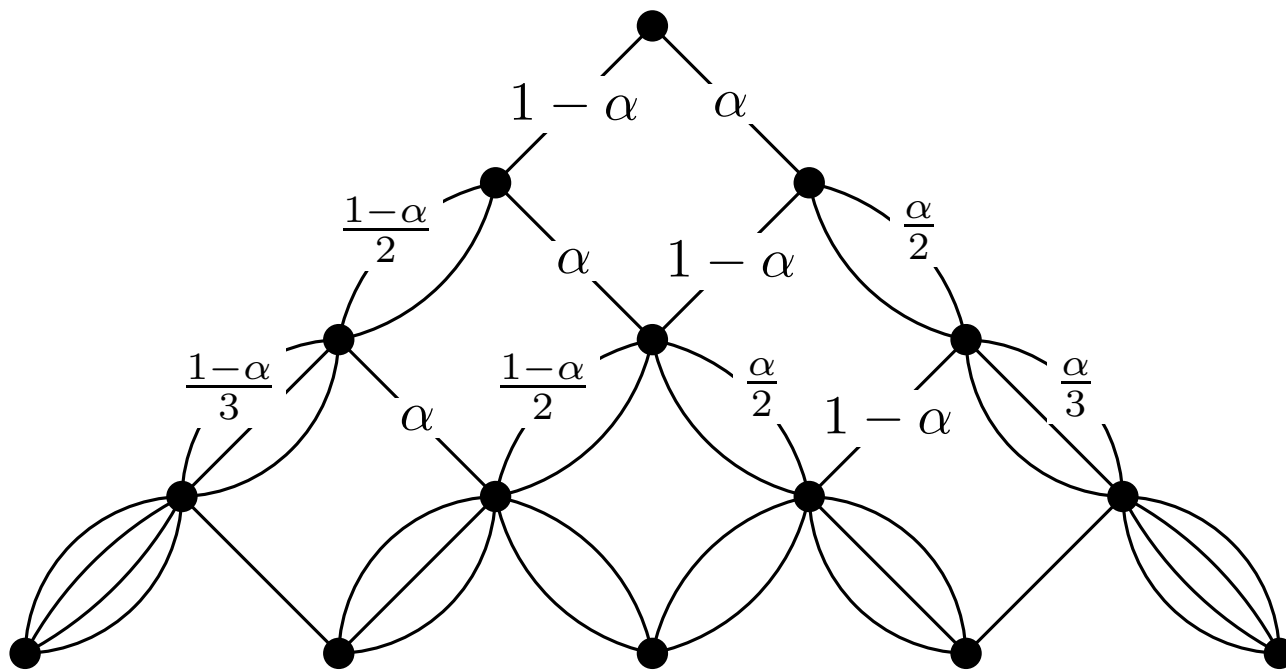
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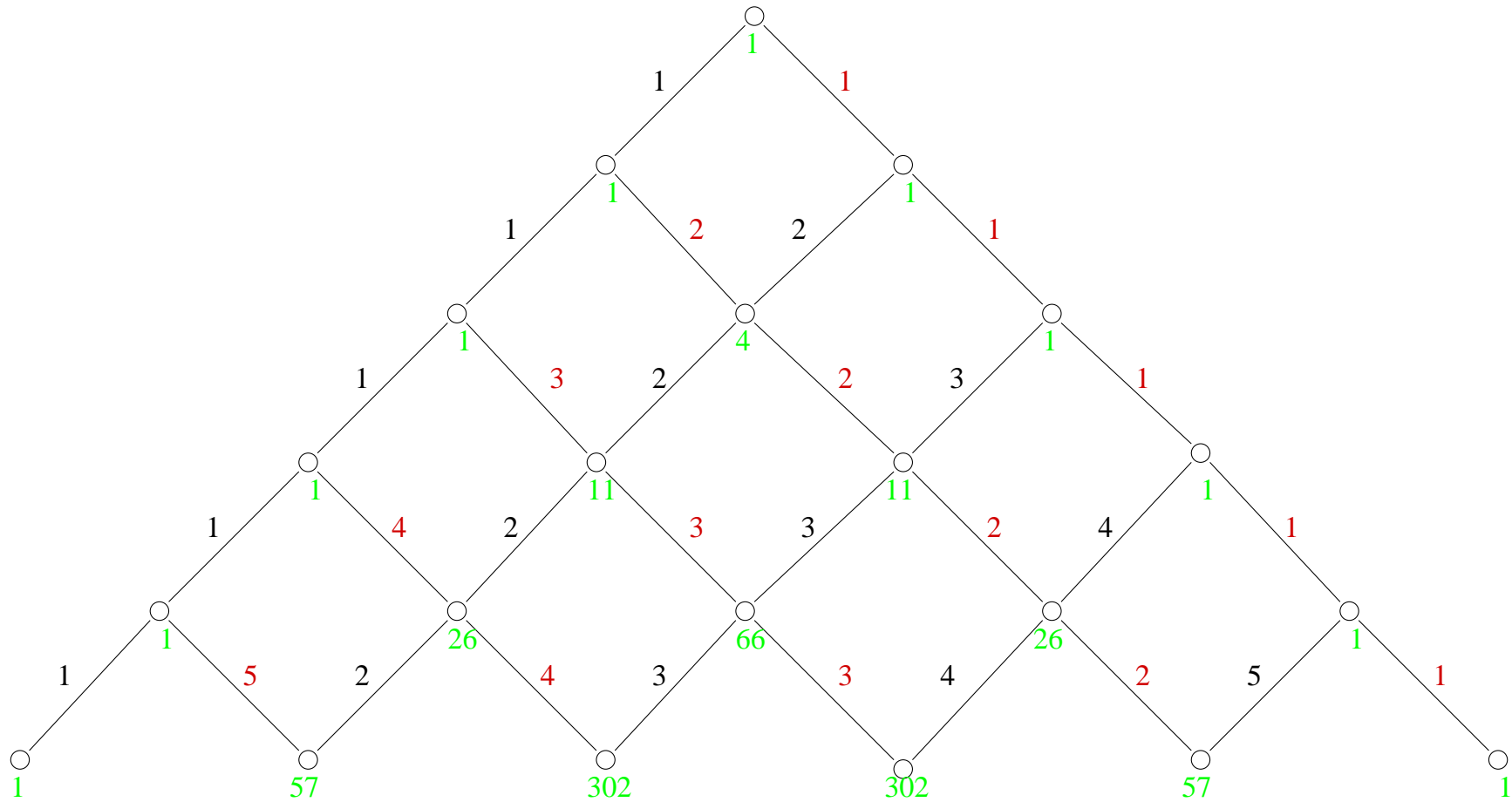
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