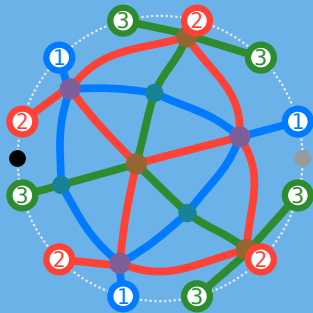


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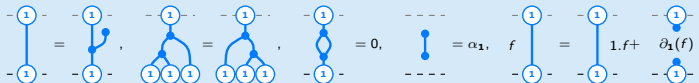
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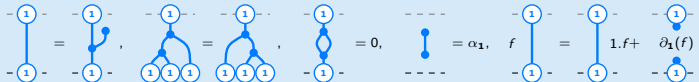
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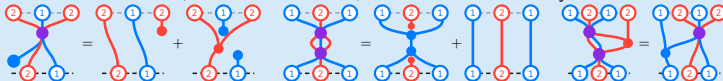
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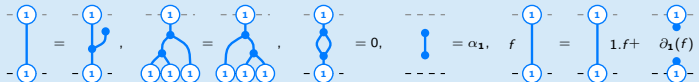


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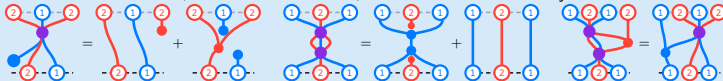
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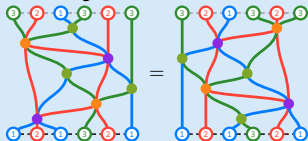
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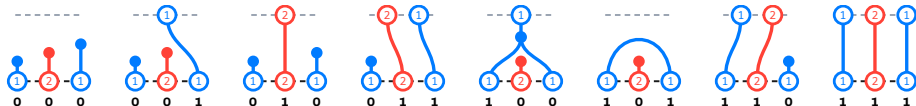
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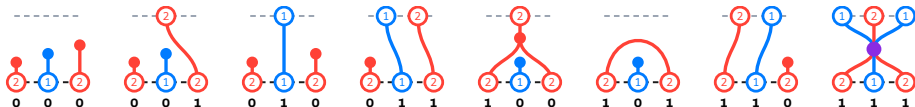
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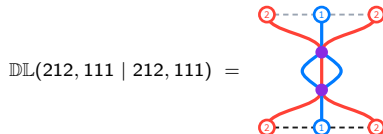
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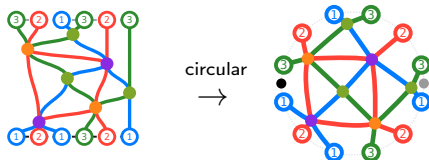


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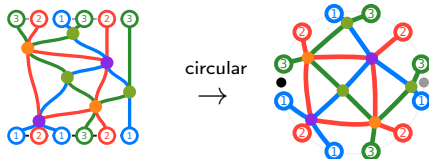
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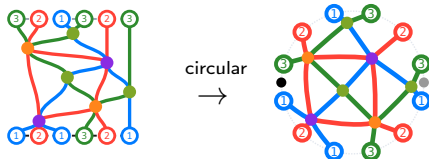
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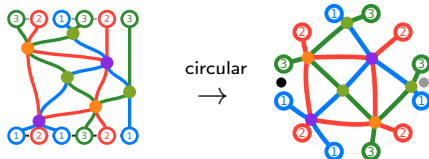


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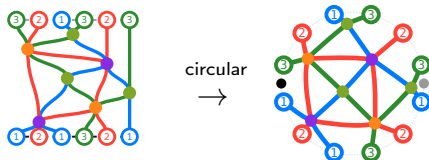


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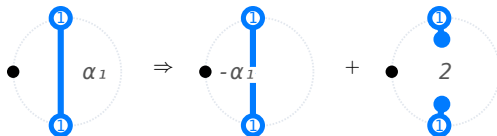
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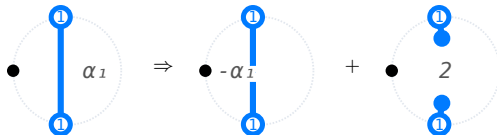
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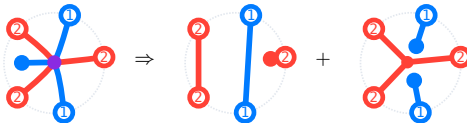
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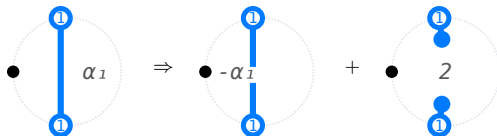
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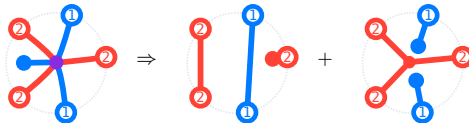
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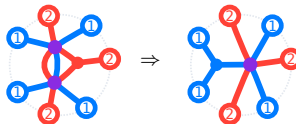
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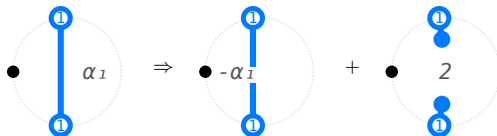
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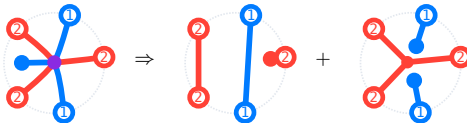
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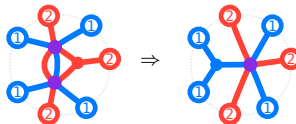
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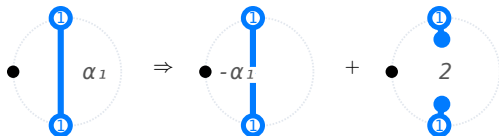


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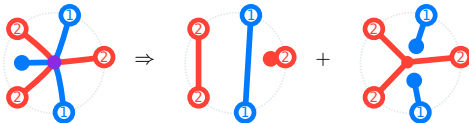
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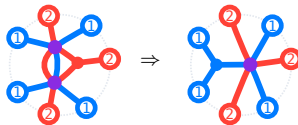
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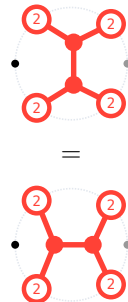
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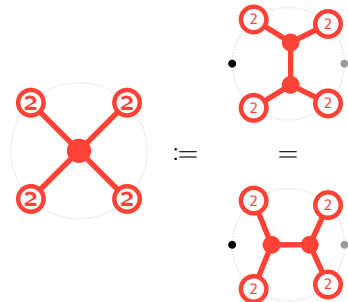
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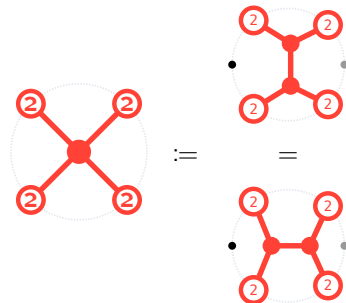
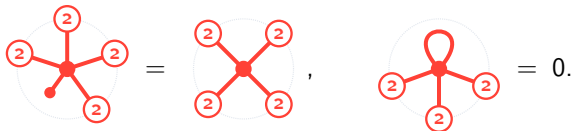


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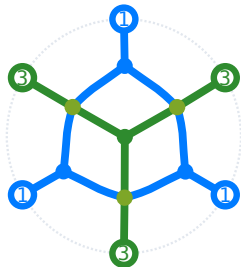
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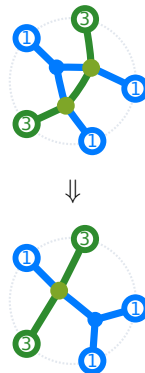
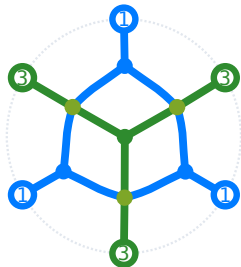
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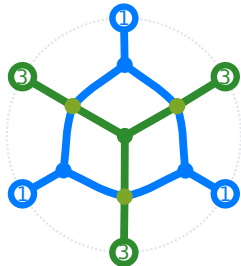
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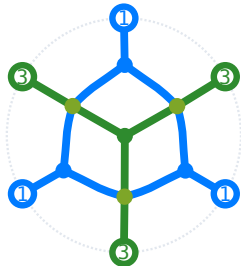


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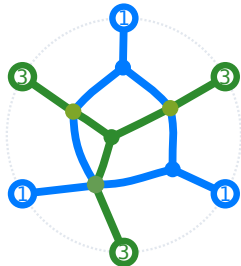


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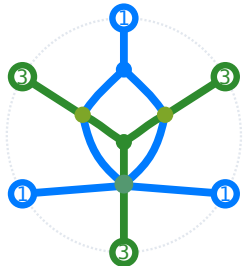


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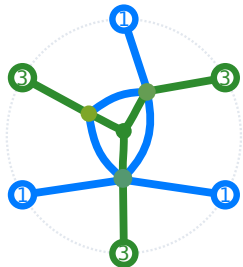


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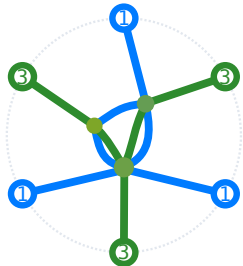


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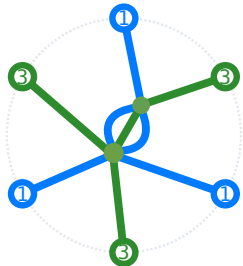


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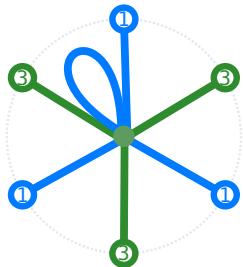


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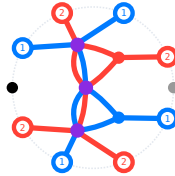
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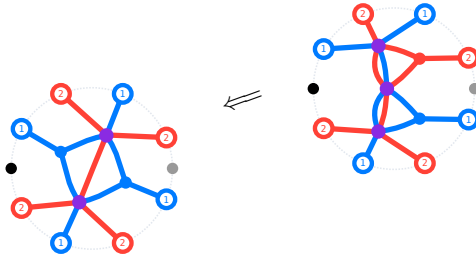
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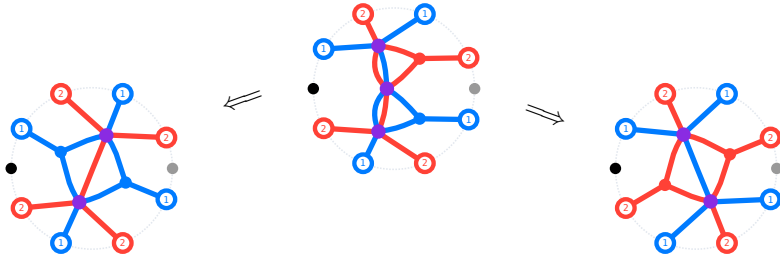
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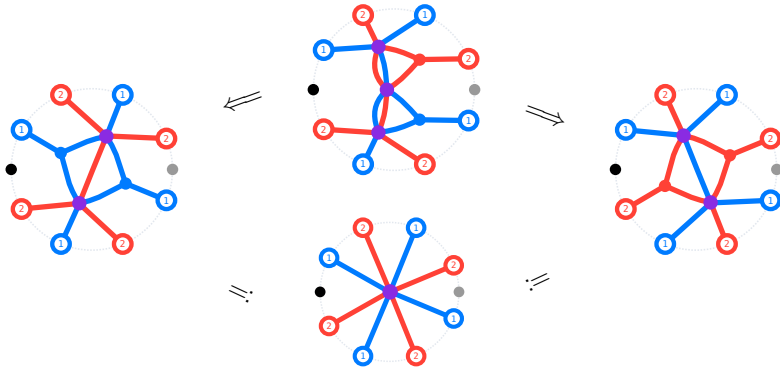
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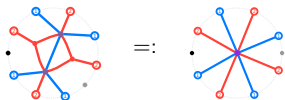
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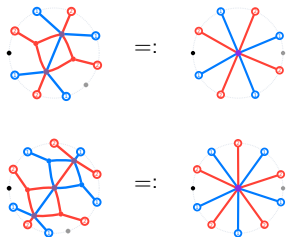
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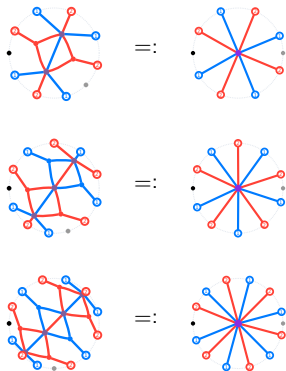
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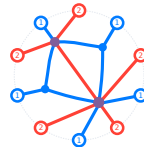
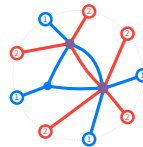
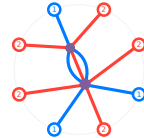
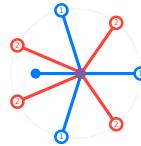
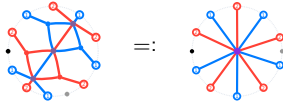
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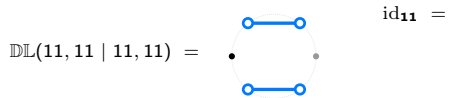
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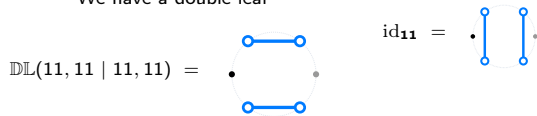
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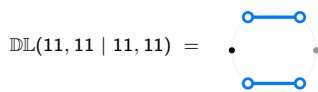
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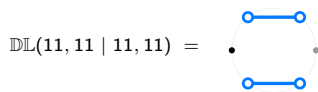
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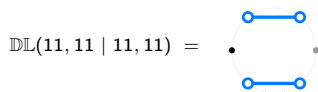
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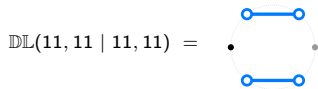
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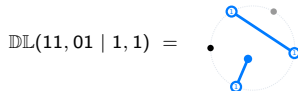
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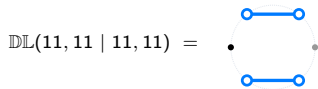
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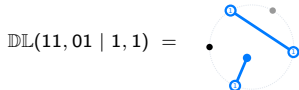
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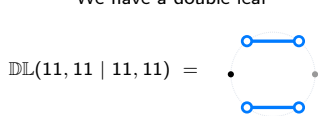
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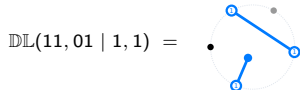
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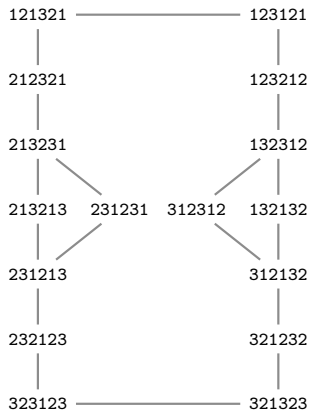
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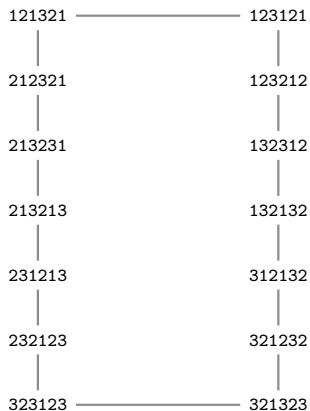
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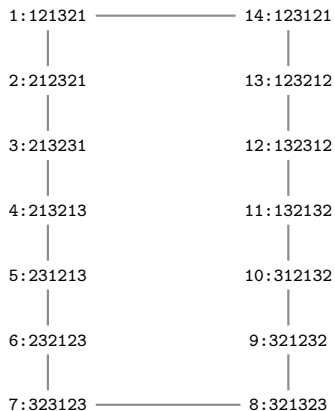
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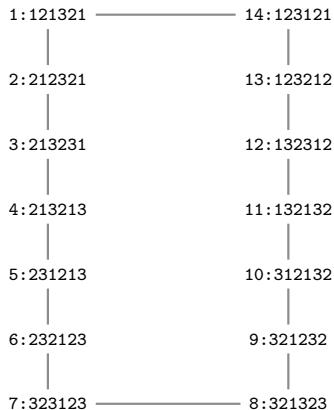
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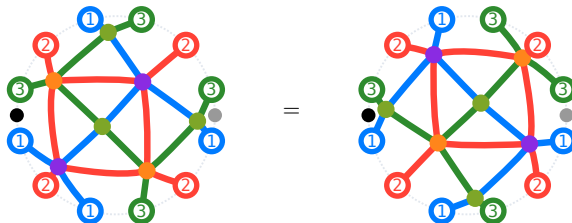


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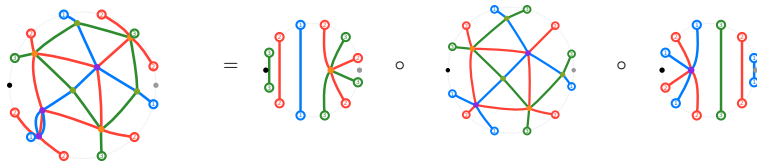


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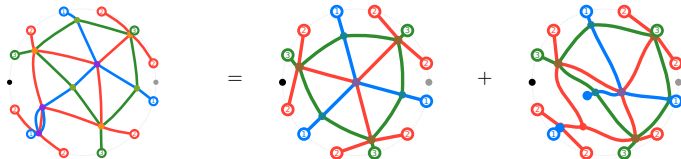
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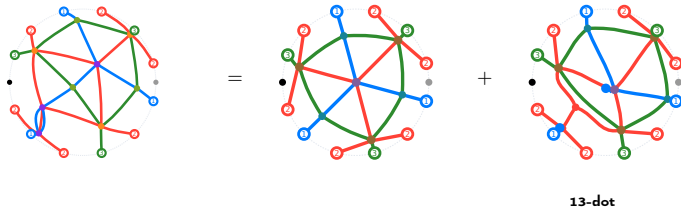
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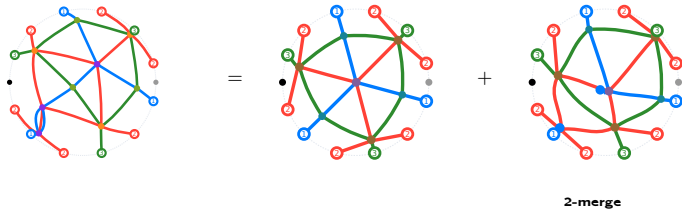
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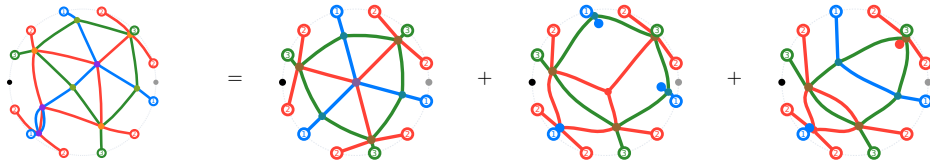
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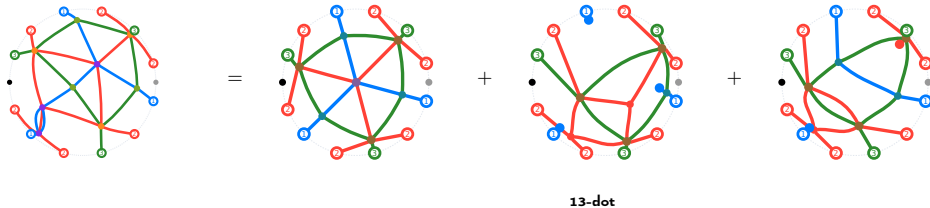
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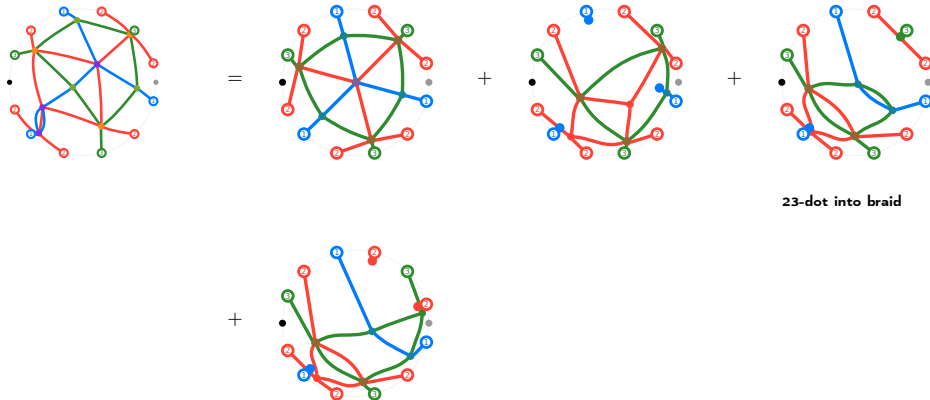
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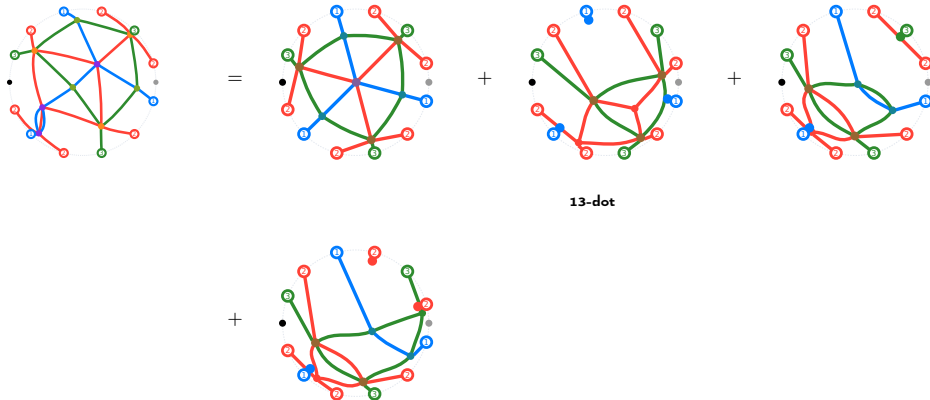
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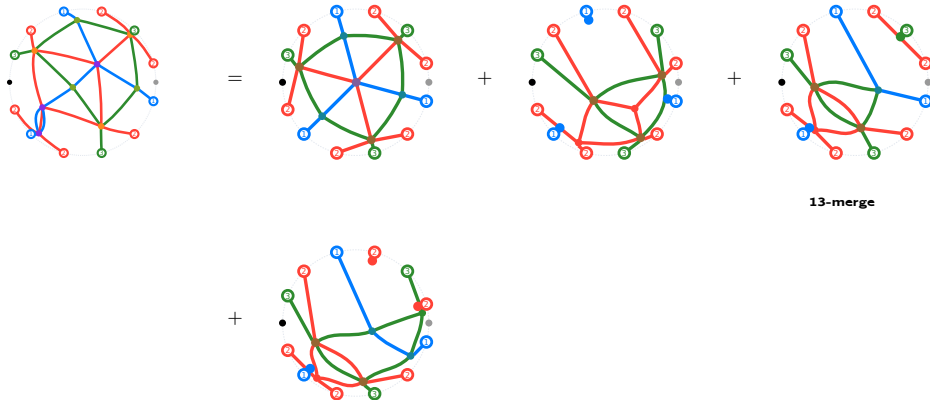
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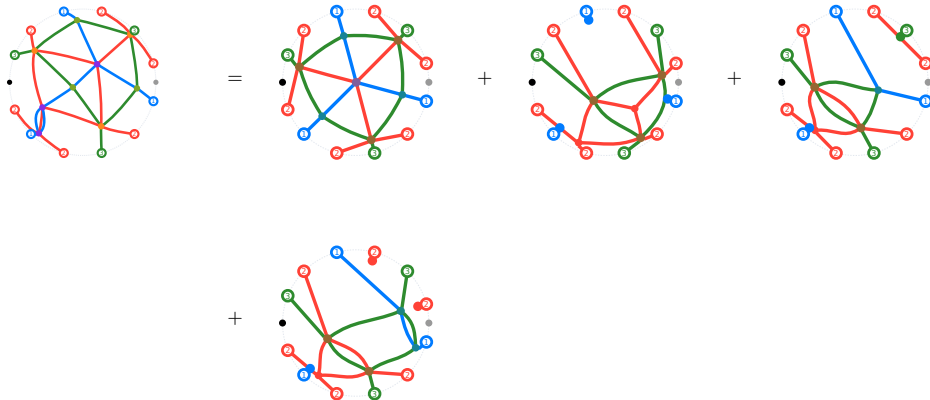
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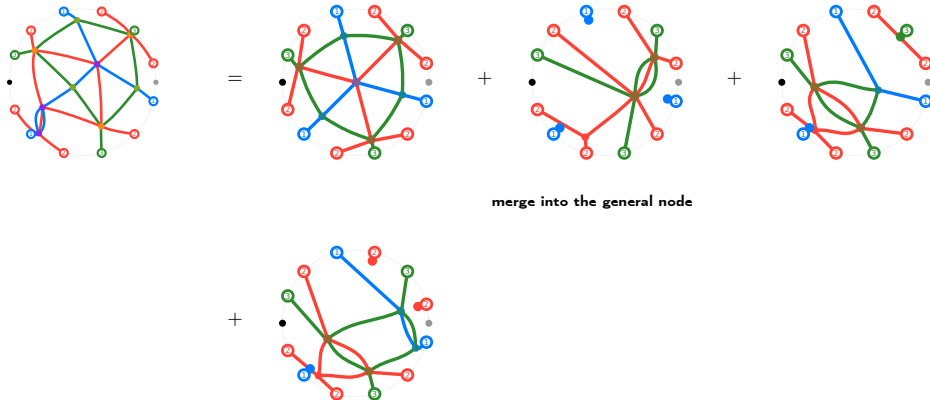
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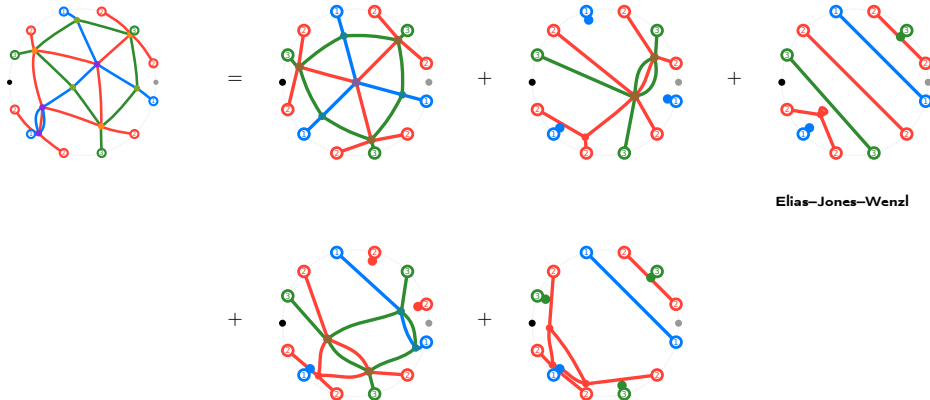
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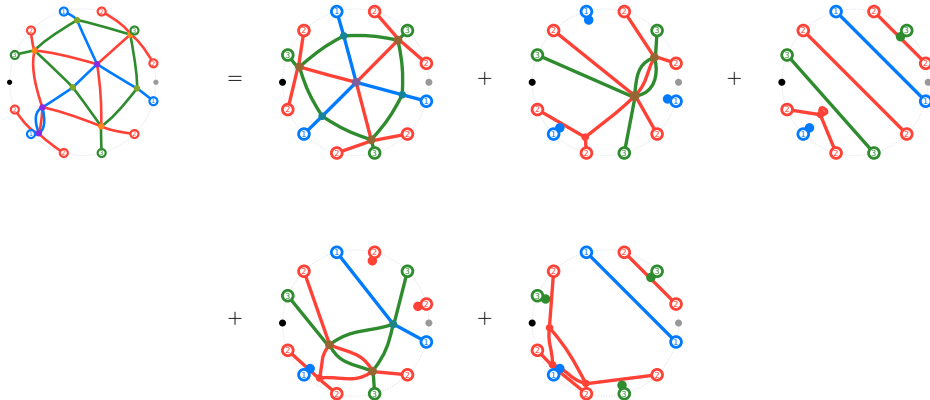
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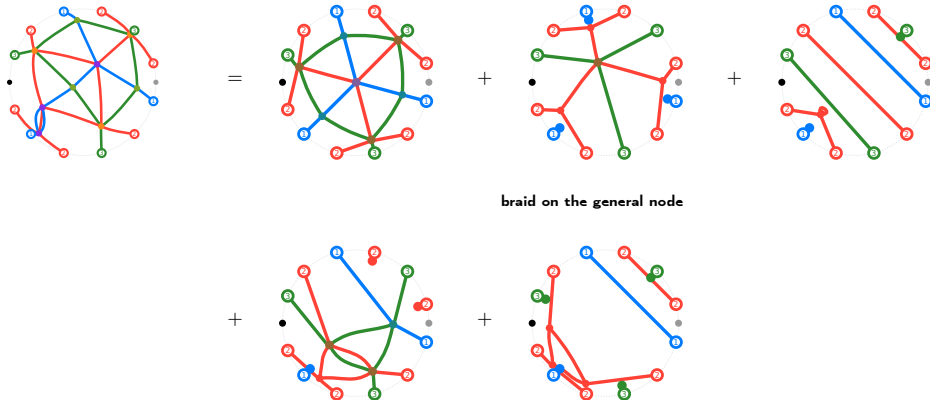
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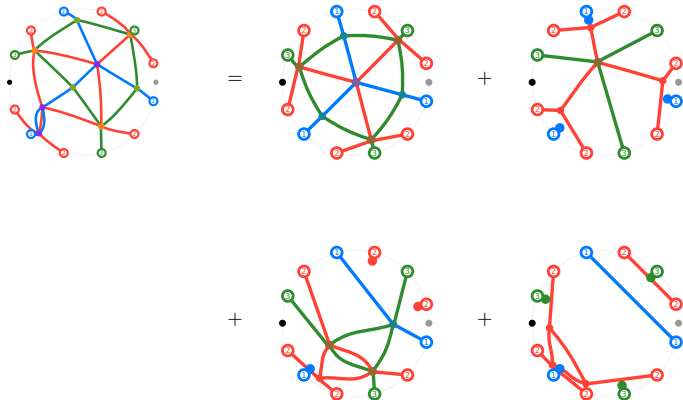
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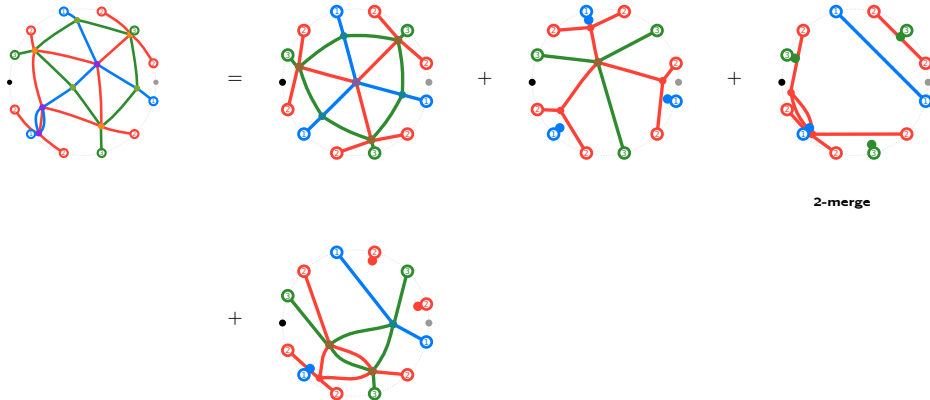
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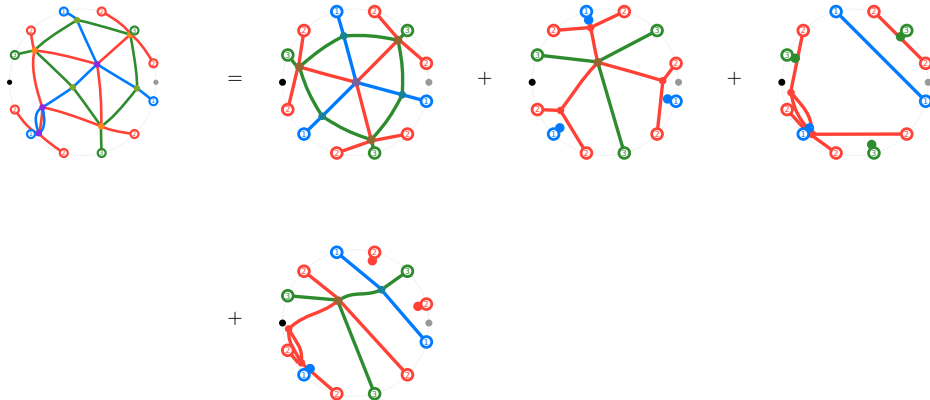
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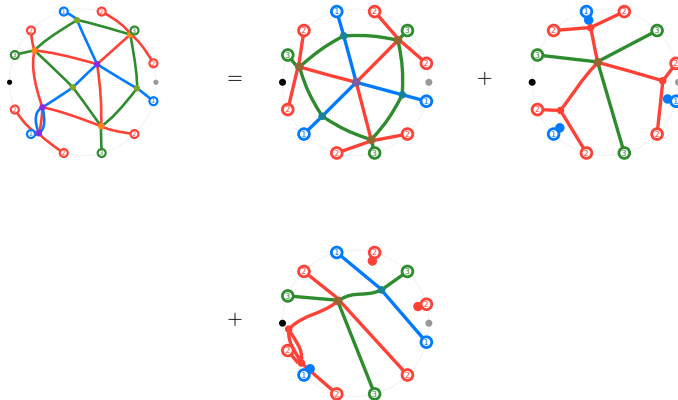
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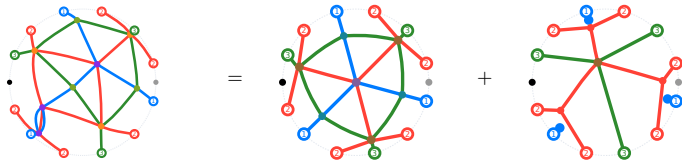
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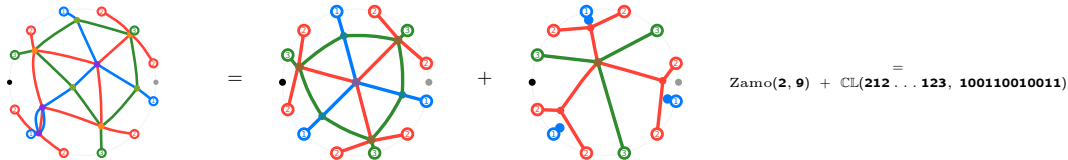
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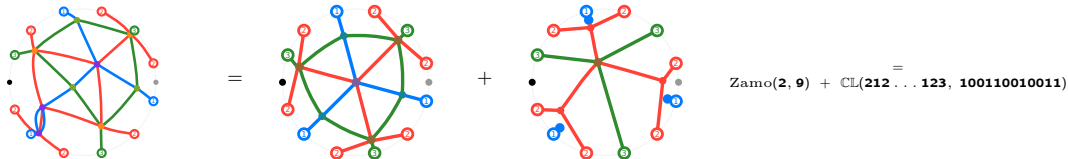
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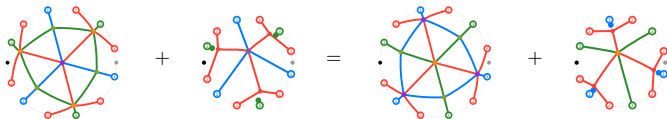


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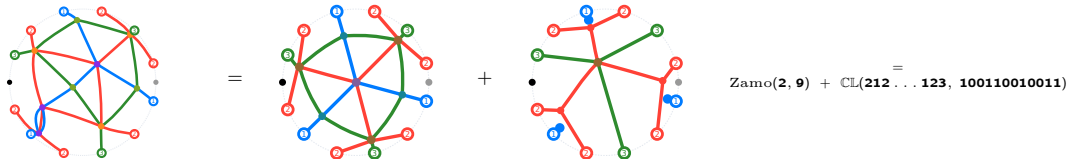
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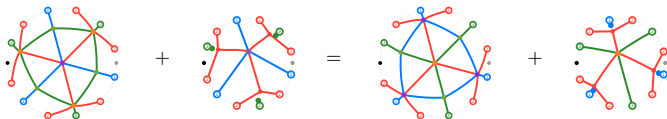
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One can extend this to **Zamolodchikov regions** of size ≥ 7 , i.e. tilings with the 123-triangle plus certain conditions.

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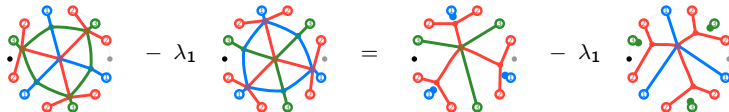
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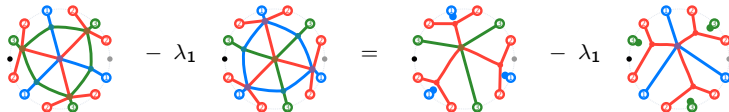
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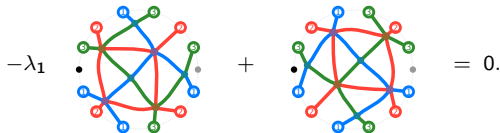
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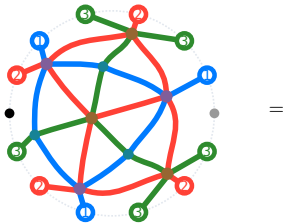
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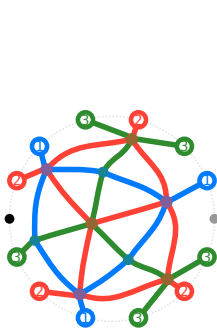
The software package and a paper on circular leaves should appear soon; the sooner, the faster somebody might offer me a nice postdoc position (October 2026 seems to be a good month to start something new).

<https://github.com/rogeliam/DiagrammaticHecke.jl>

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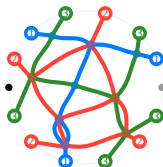


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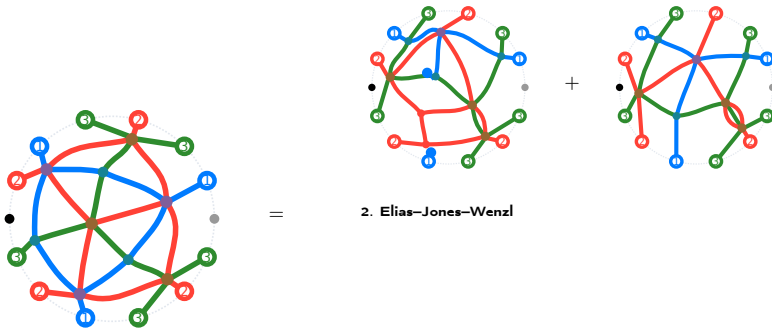


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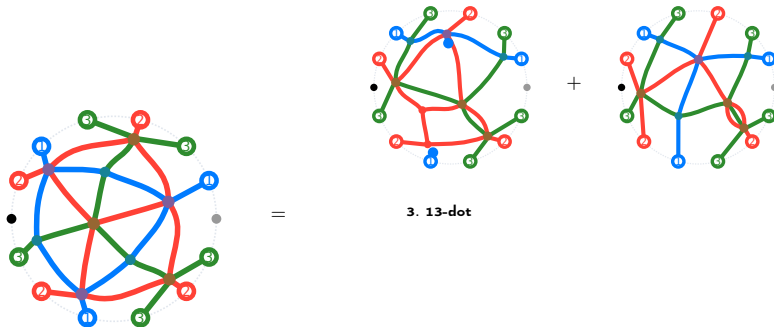
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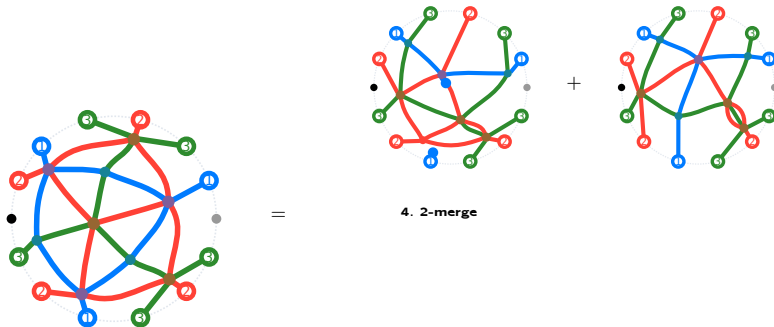
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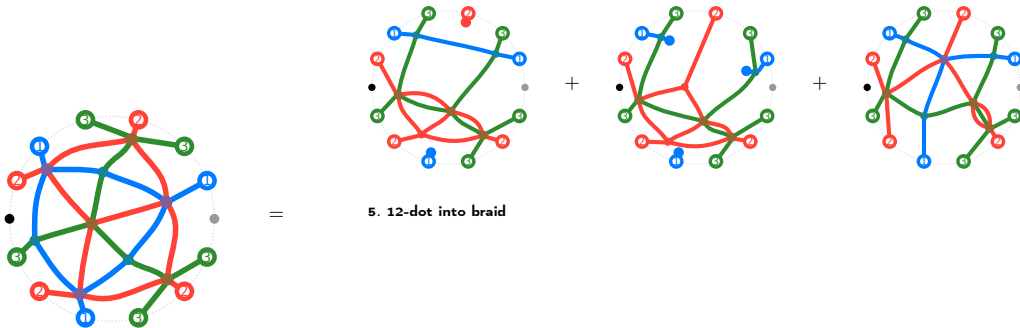
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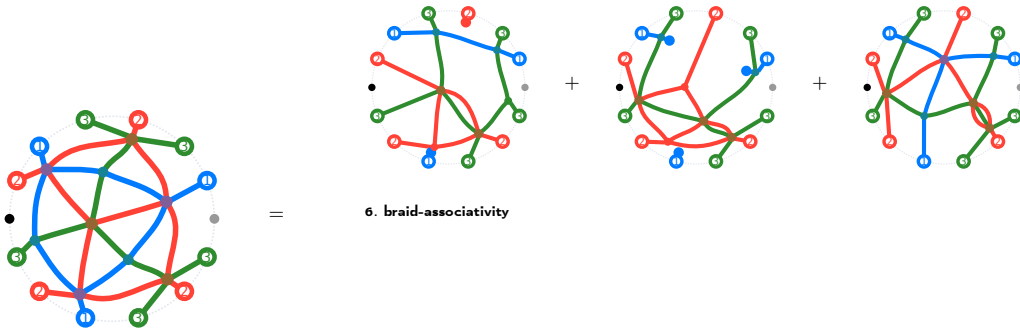
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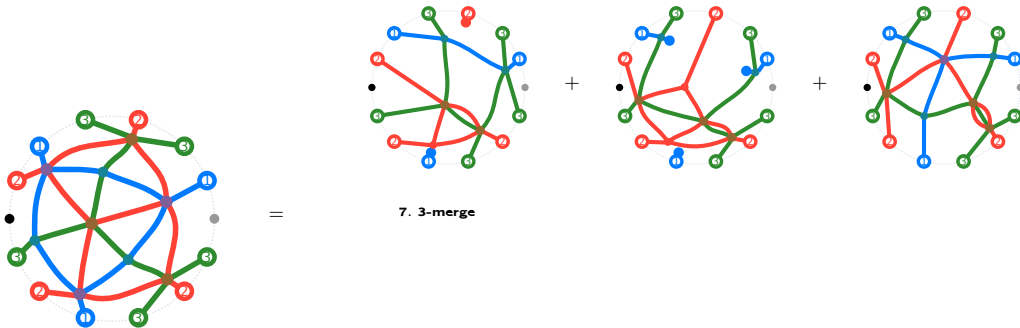
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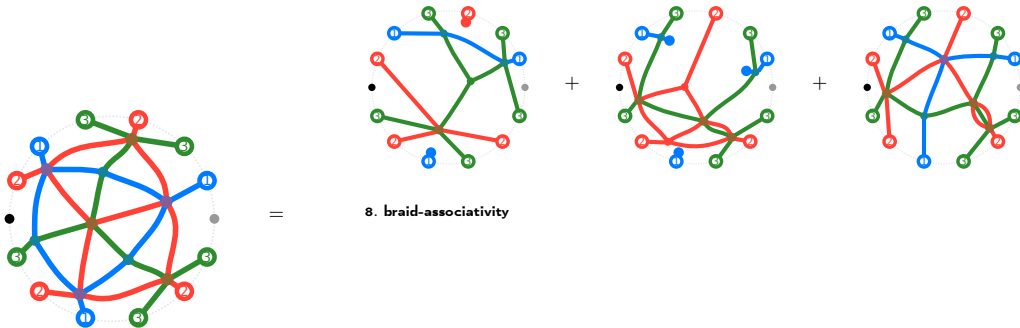
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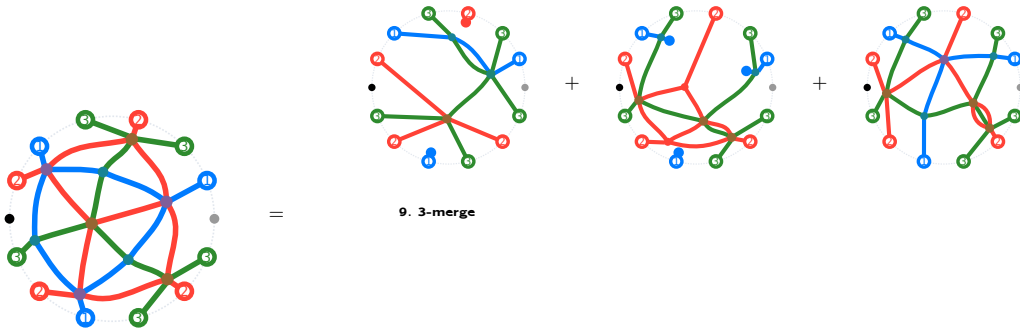
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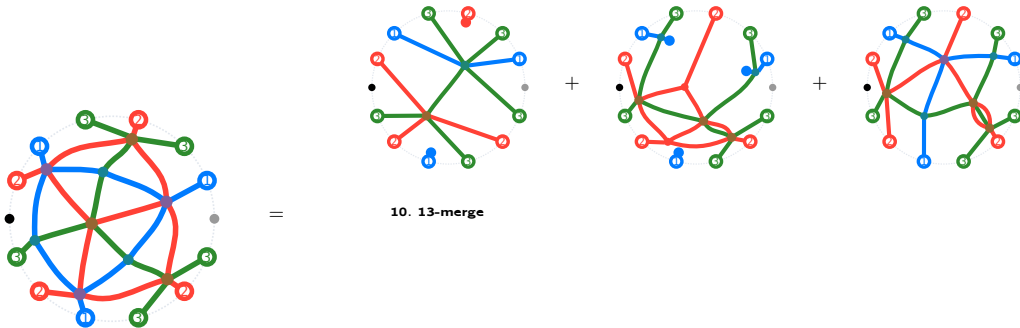
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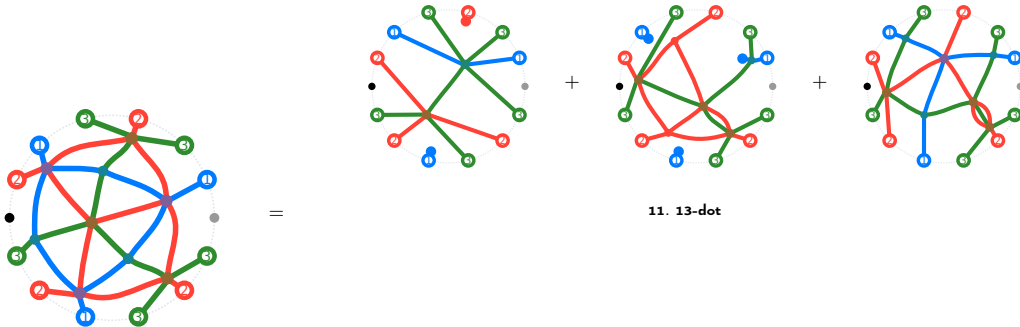
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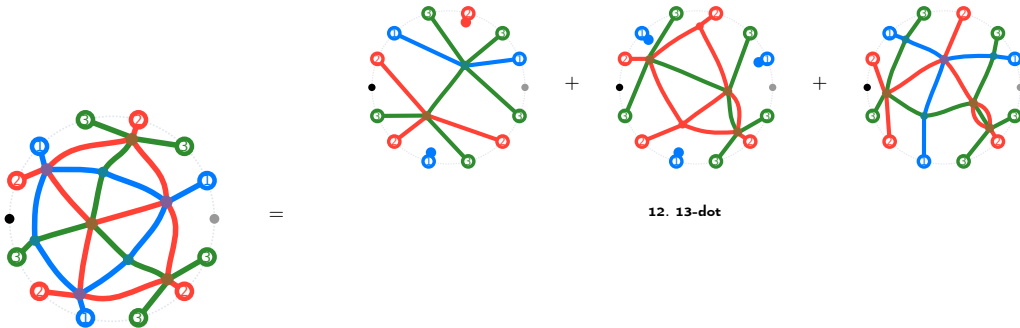
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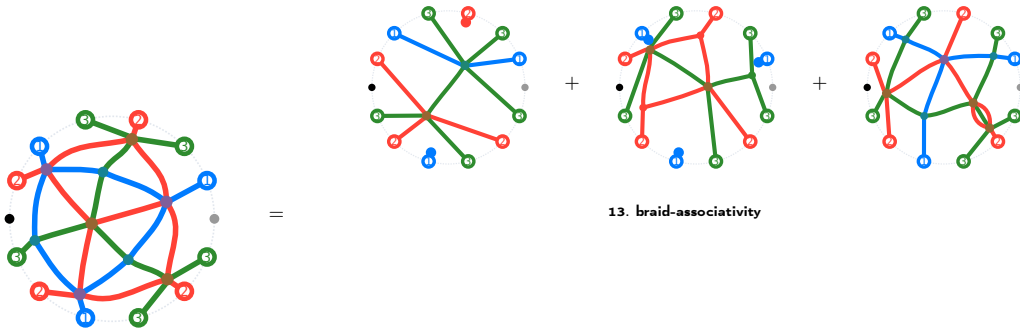
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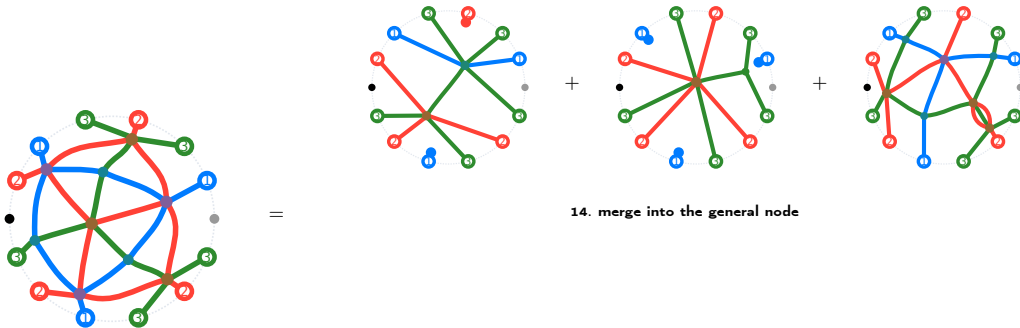
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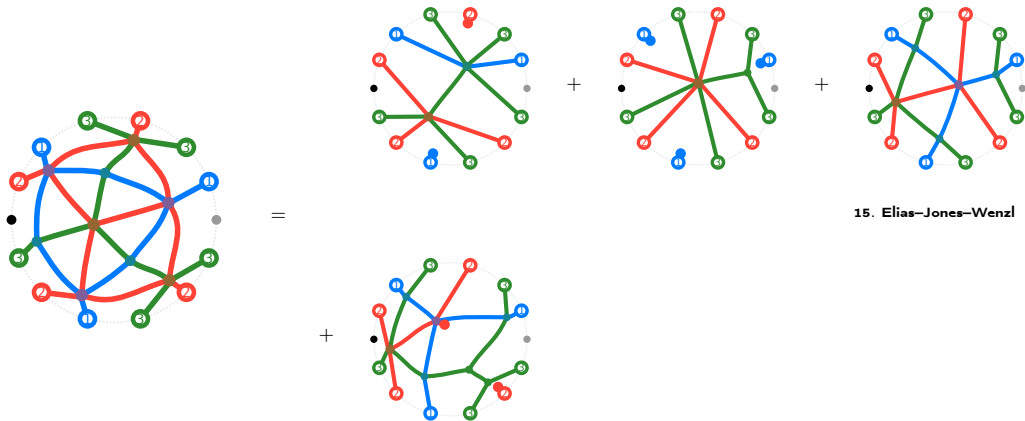
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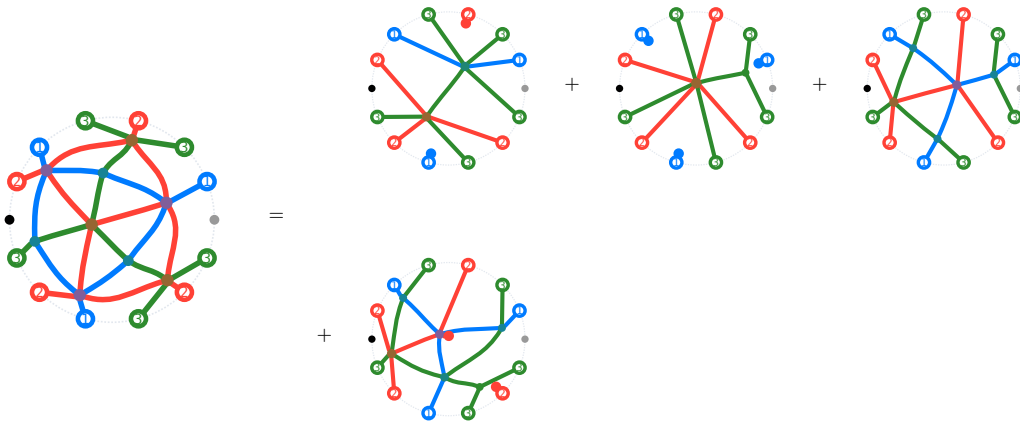
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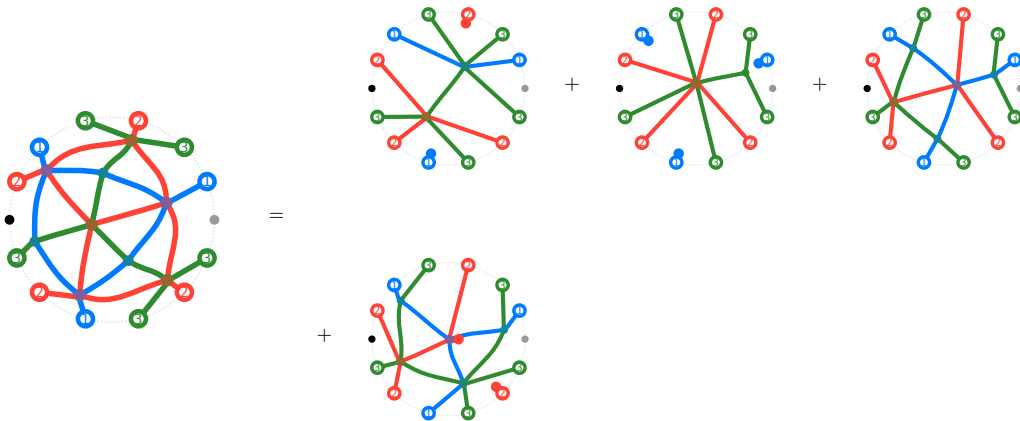


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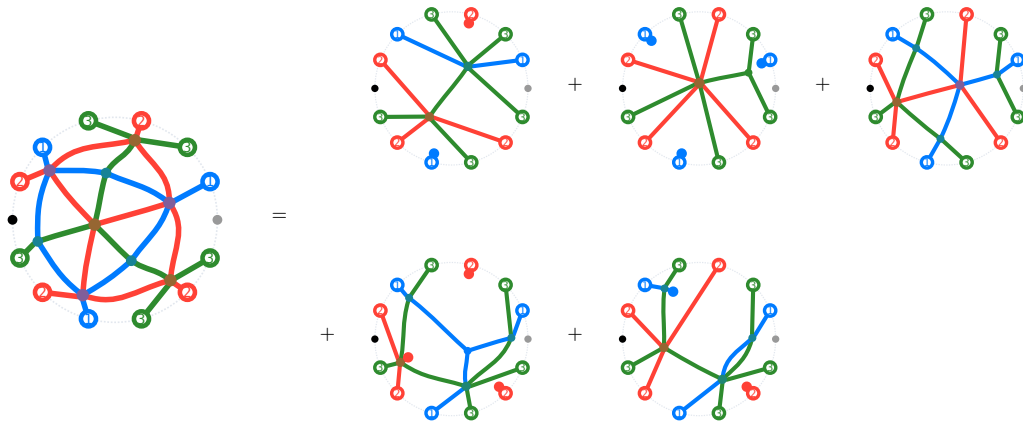
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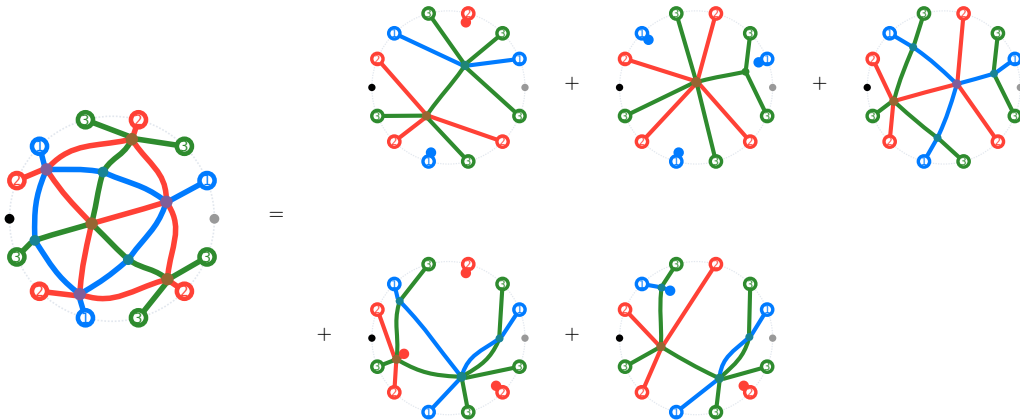
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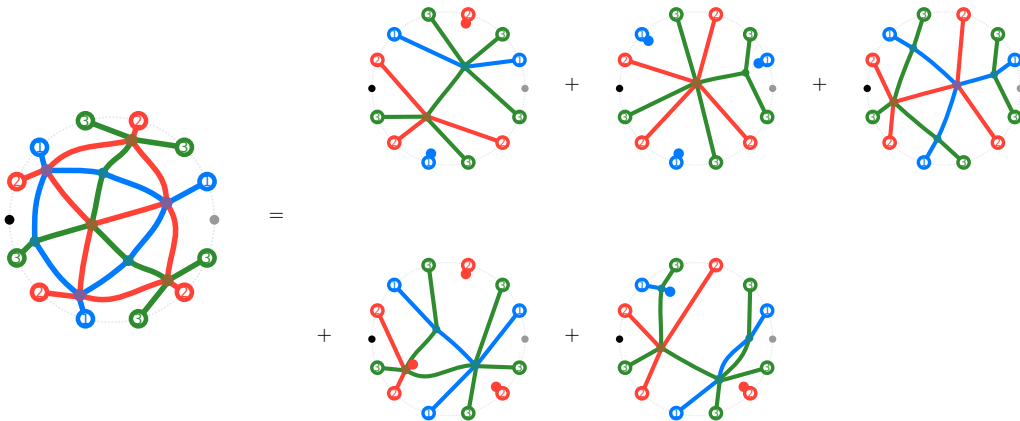
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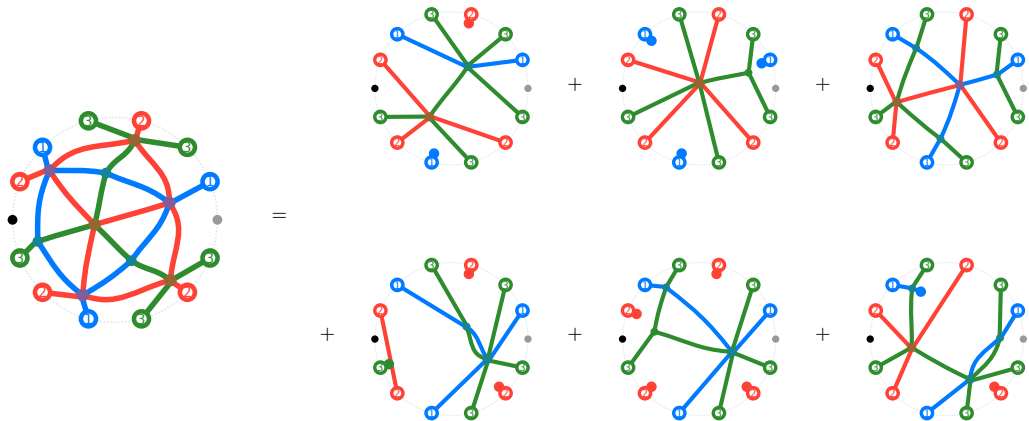
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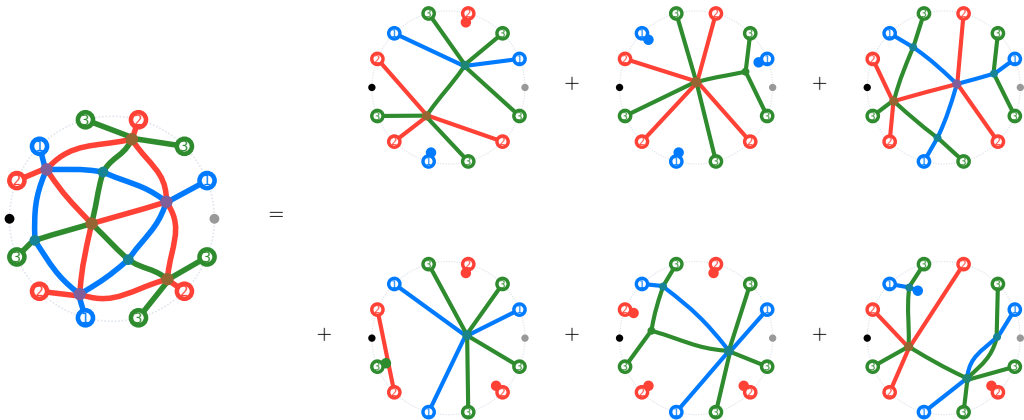
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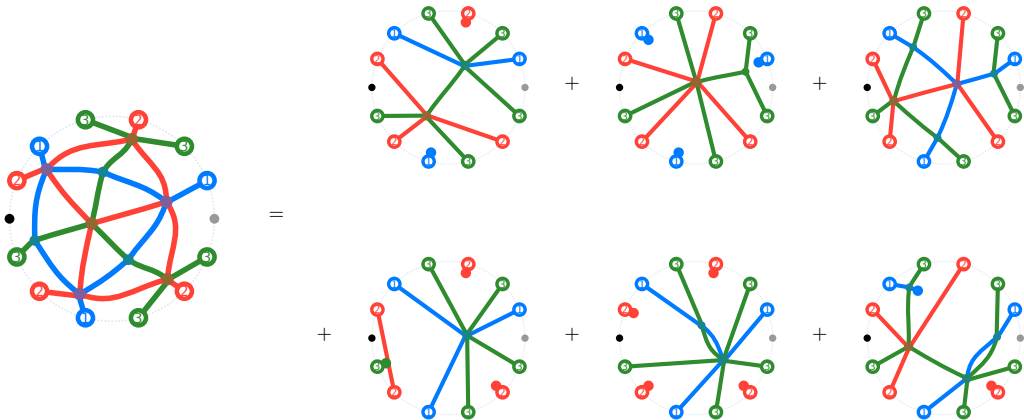
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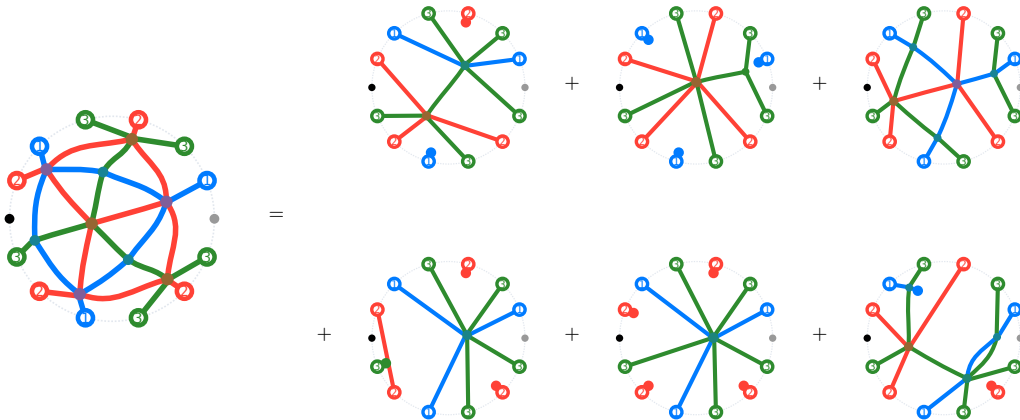
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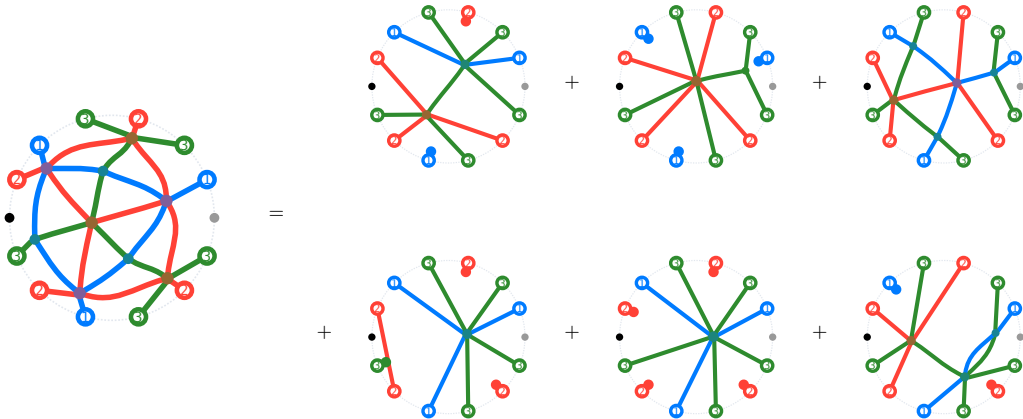
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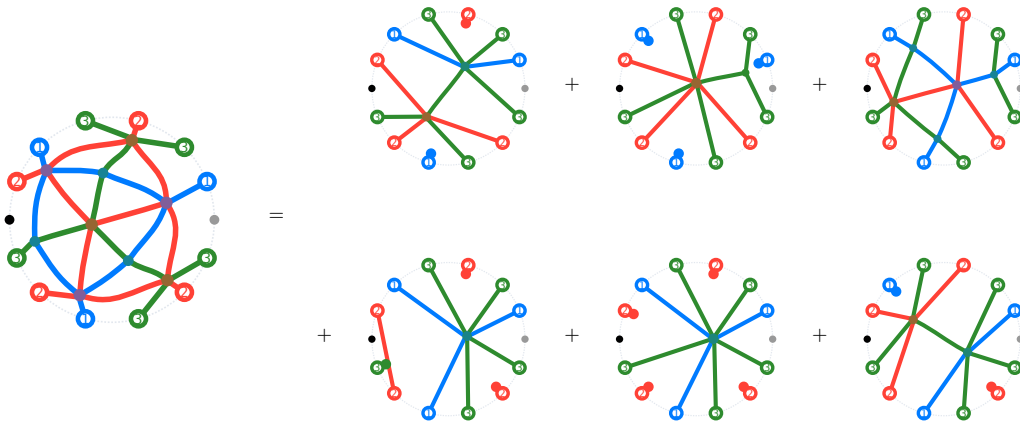
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