Graphing the Mermin-Peres Magic Square

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Alice and Bob fill out their assigned equations with 0's and 1's simultaneously without knowing how the other fills theirs out. Their goal is to satisfy each of their own equations while producing the same value for any shared variable.

Magic Square Representation

The Magic Square game can be represented by a 3x3 grid by labeling each cell like so:

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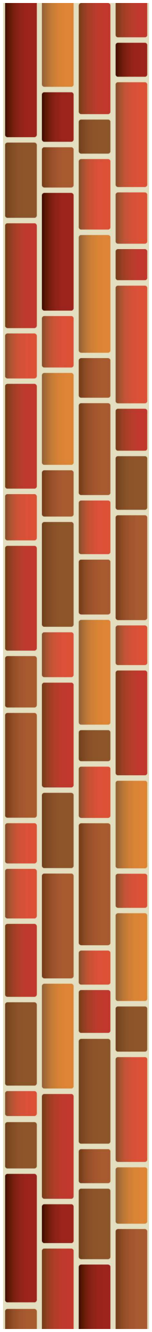

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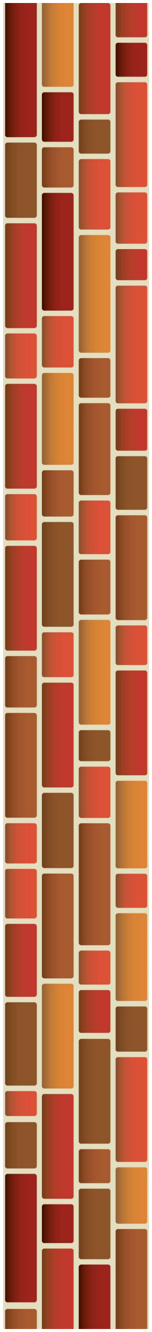

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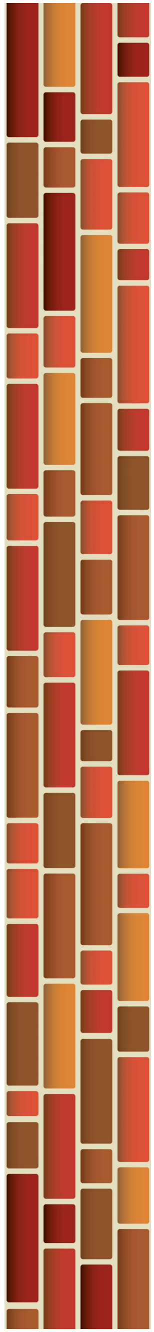

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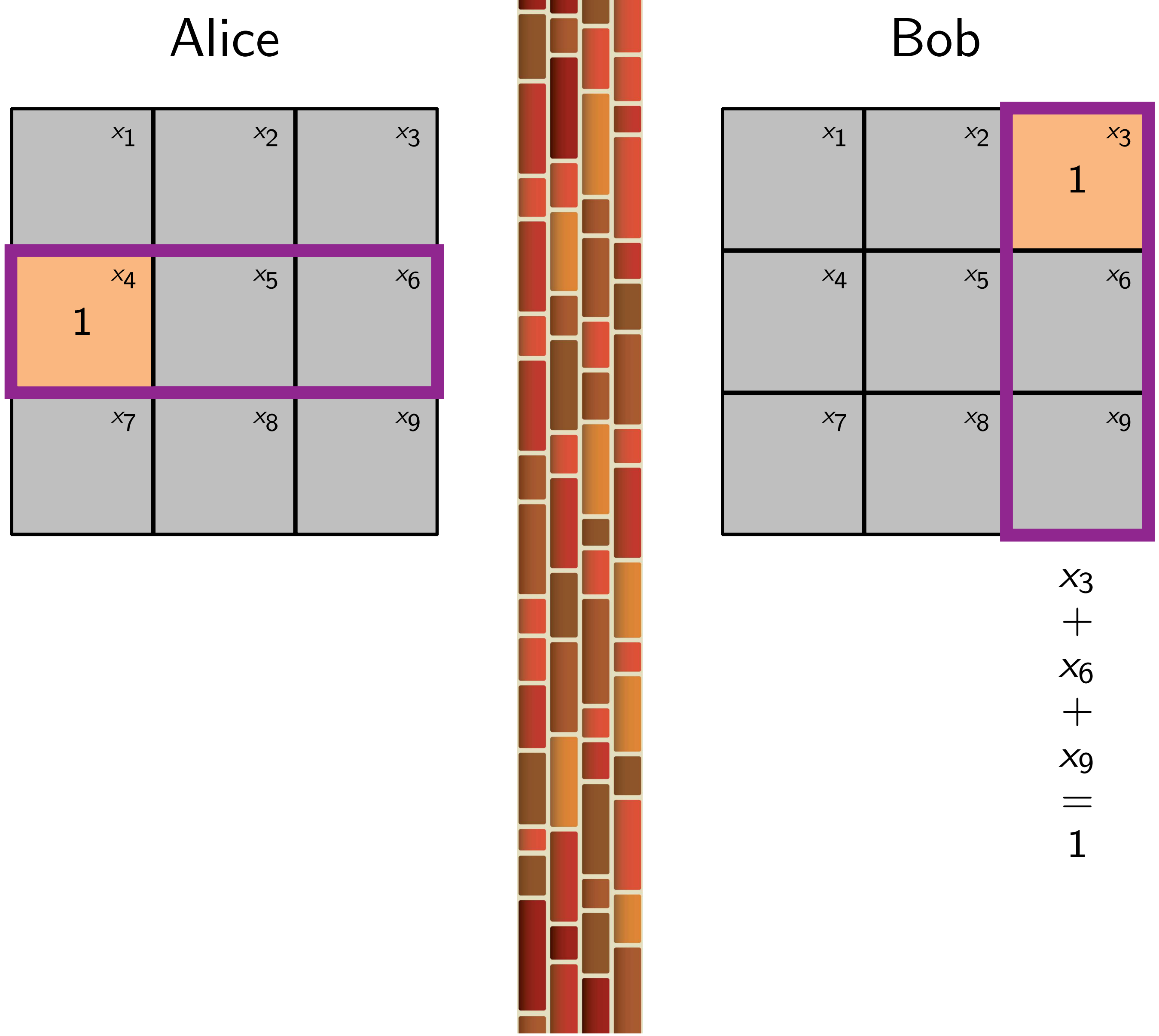

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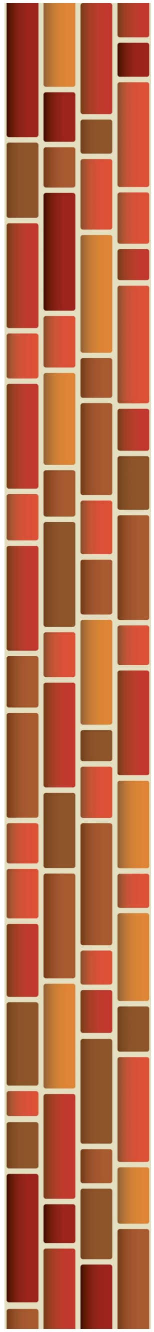

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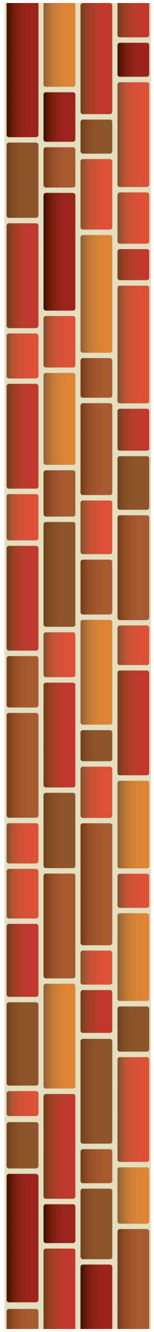

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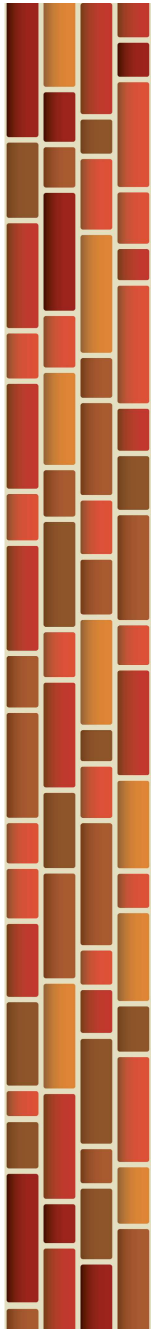

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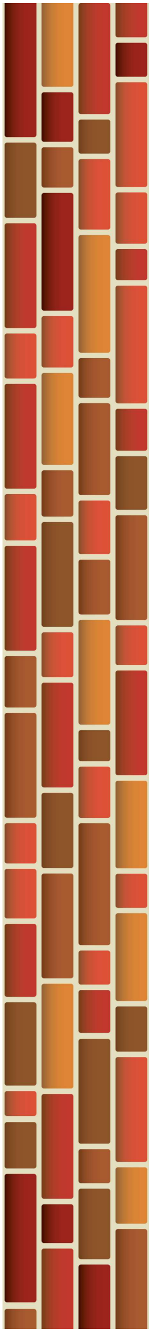

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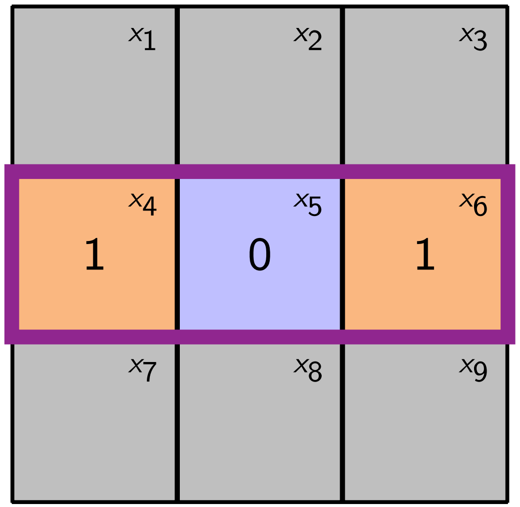

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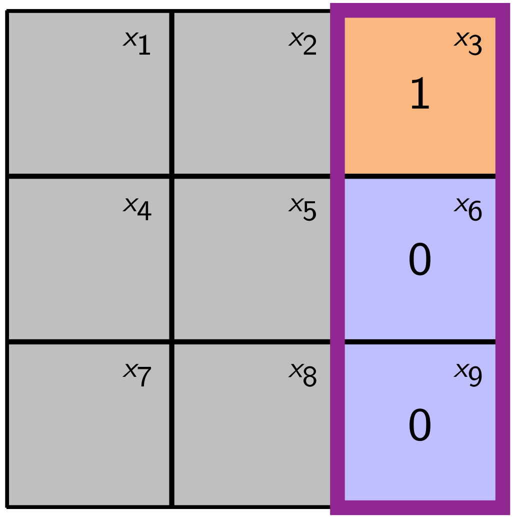

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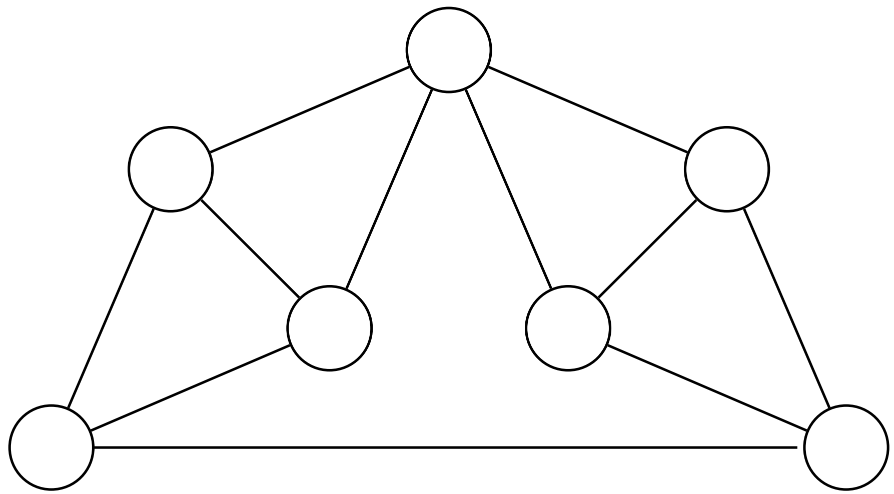

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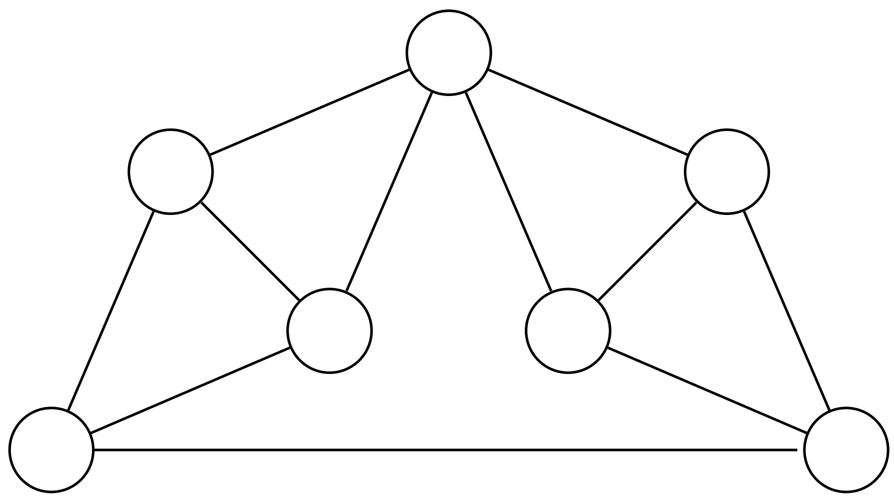

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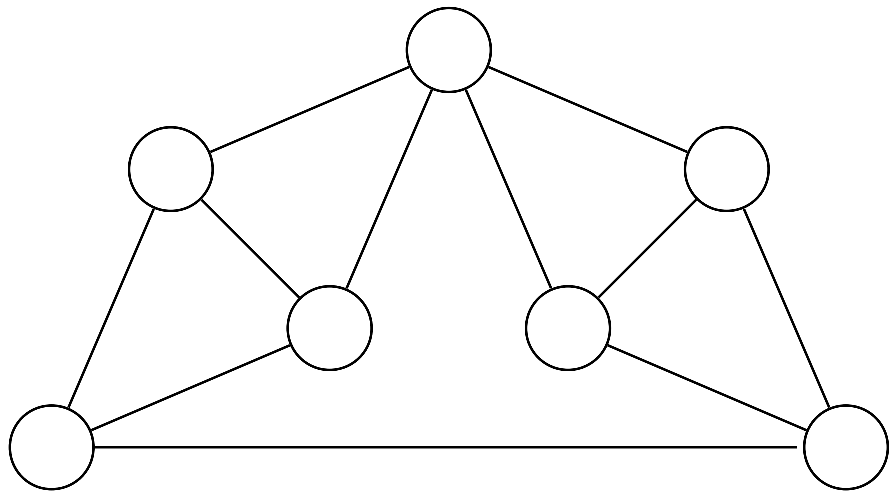

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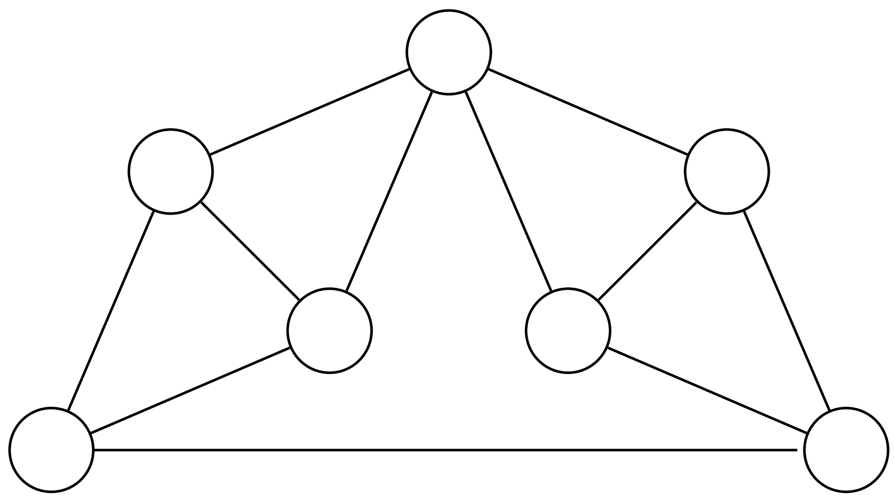

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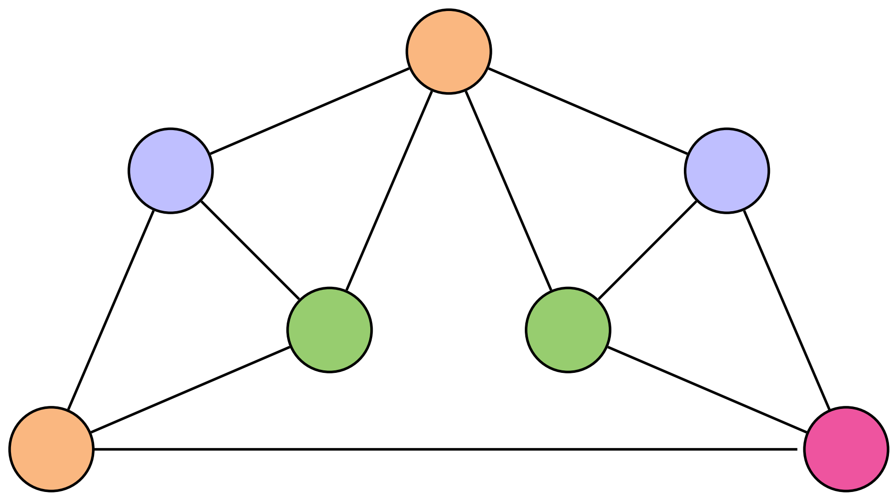

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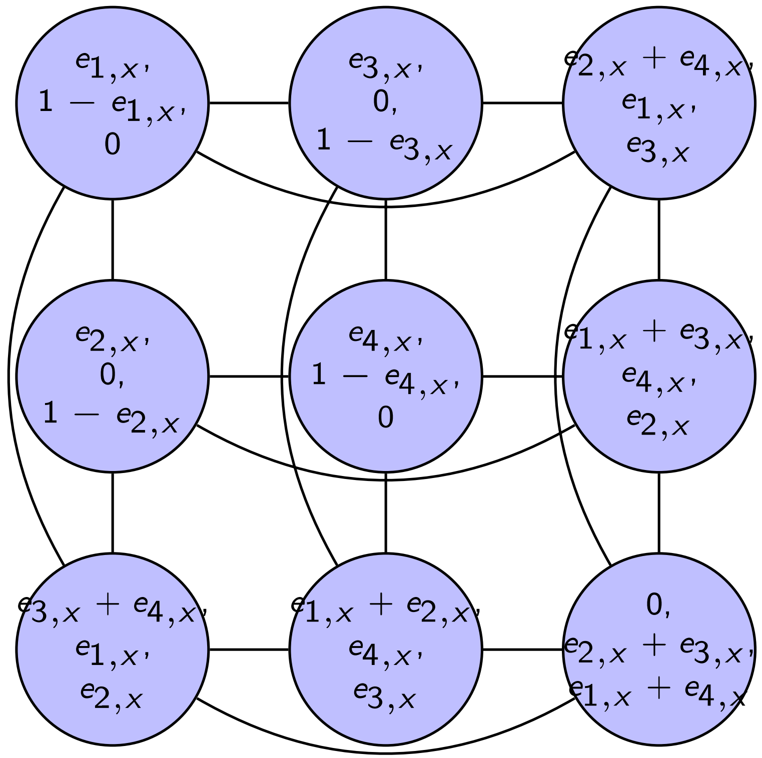

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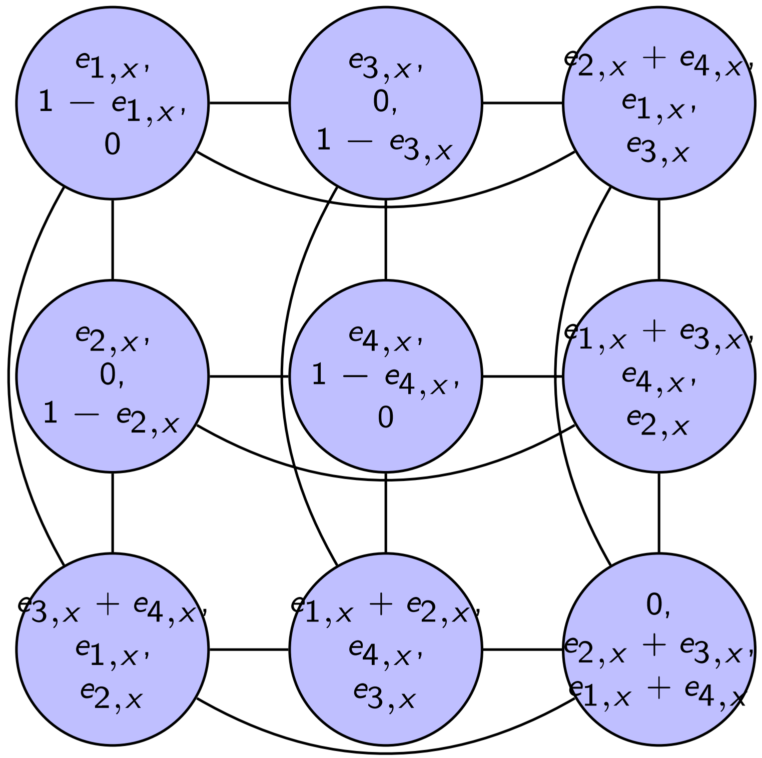
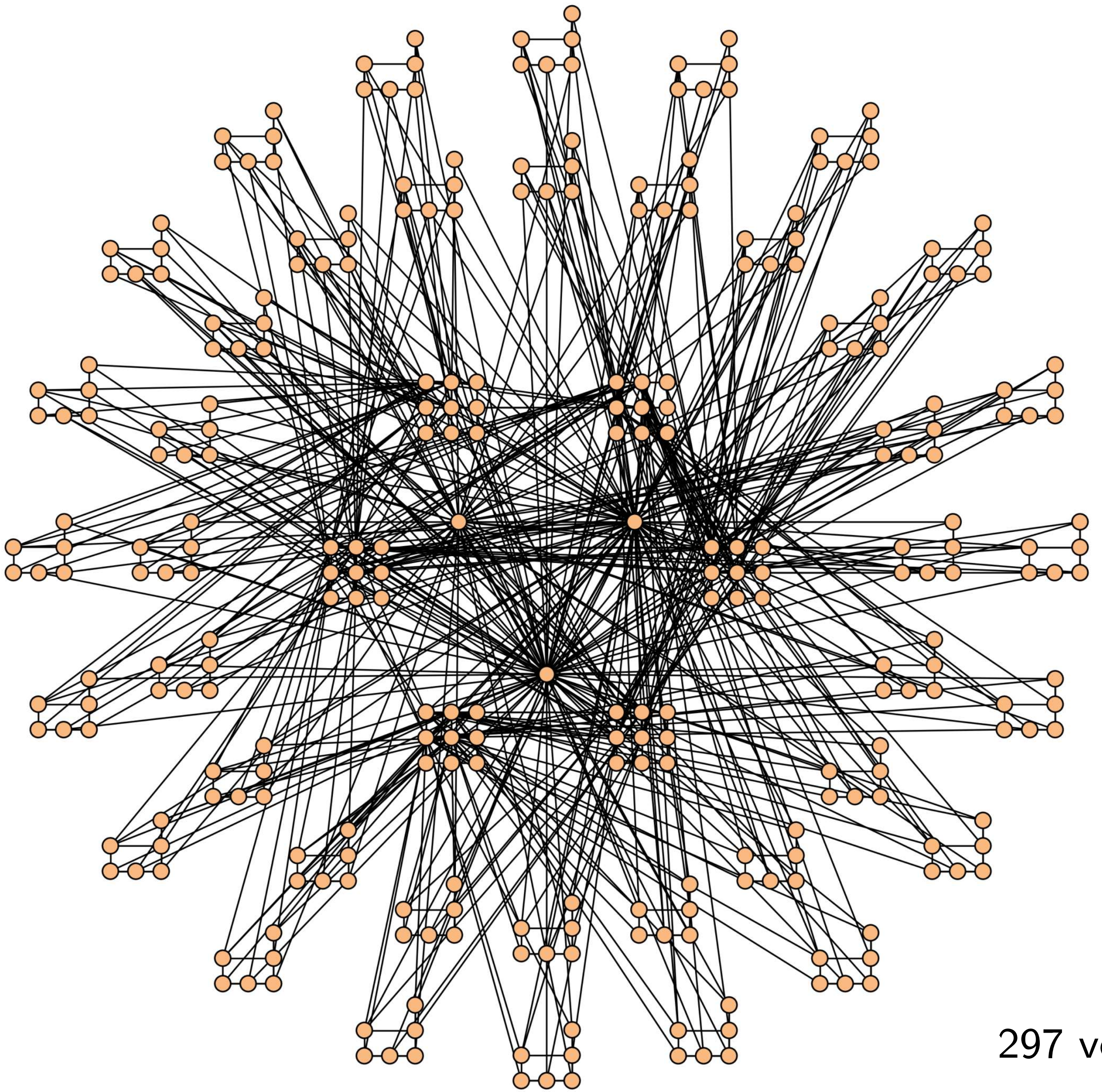


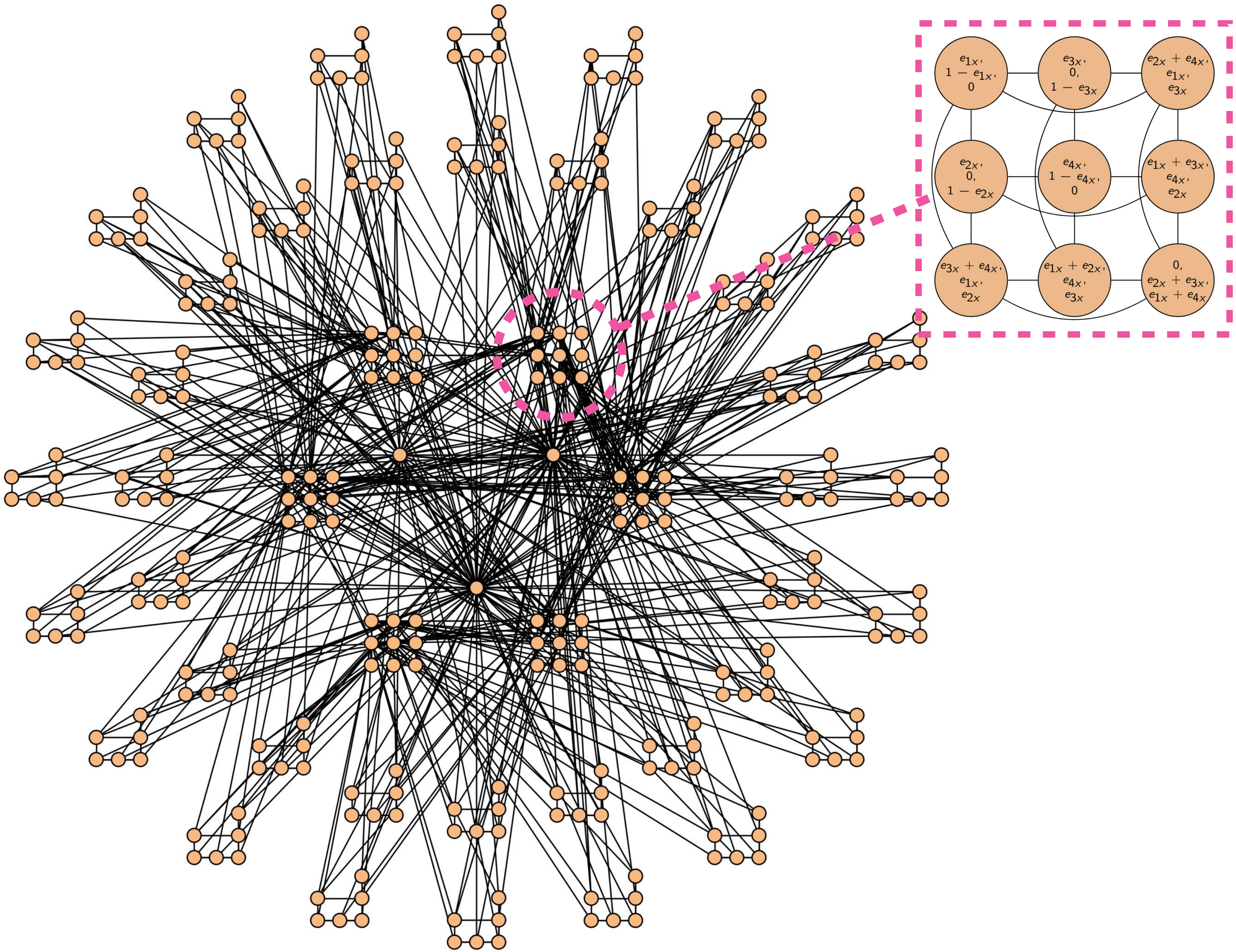
In quantum coloring, each vertex is colored with 3 projections that sum to 1 instead of a single color. These act on a shared entangled state, allowing Alice and Bob to coordinate their responses even when they are separated.

Mermin-Peres Graph



297 vertices

Mermin-Peres Graph



Thank you!

Questions?