

Poset cohomology, Leray numbers and the global dimension of left regular bands

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- The nerve of an open cover is fundamental to Čech cohomology.

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- The modern way to formulate his result is via Leray numbers.

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$\text{Cliq}(G)$ is 1-representable iff G is chordal and \overline{G} is a comparability graph (**Lekkerkerker, Boland**).

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- I believe Fröberg independently discovered the connection between chordal graphs and Leray number 1 in this context.

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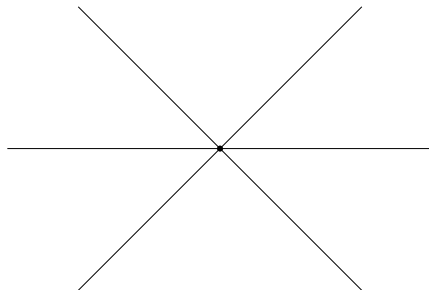
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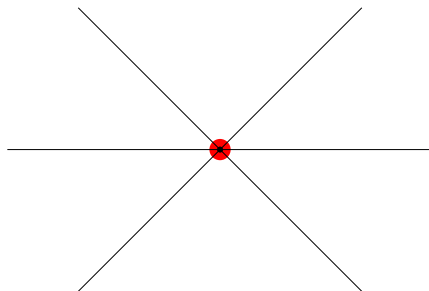
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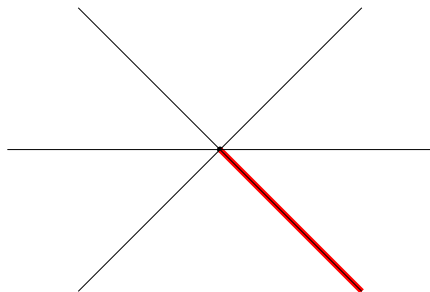
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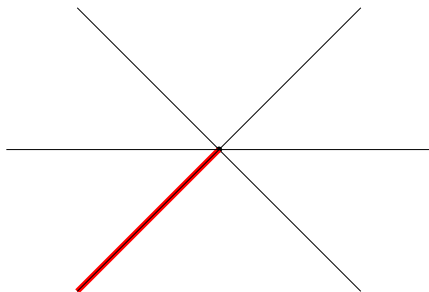
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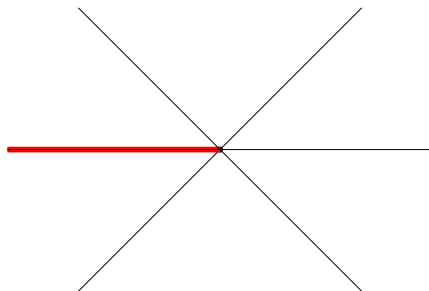
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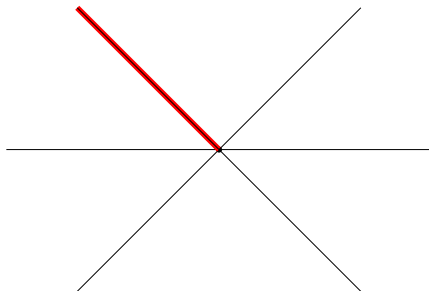
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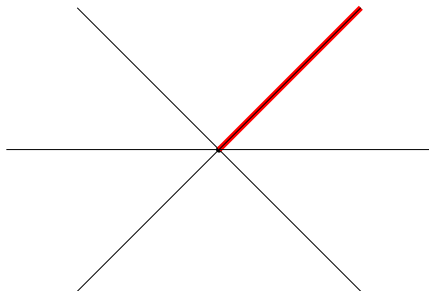
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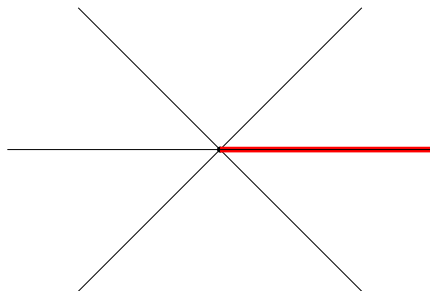
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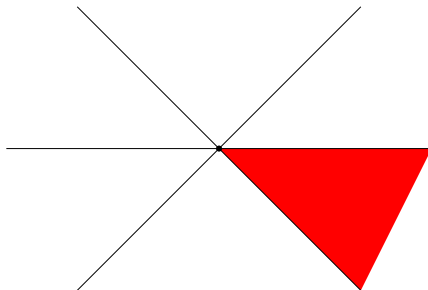
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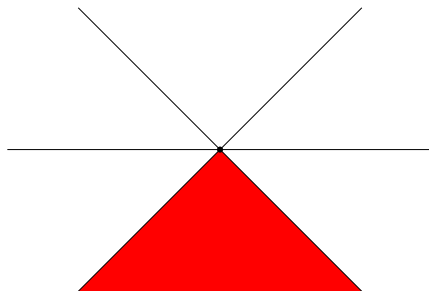
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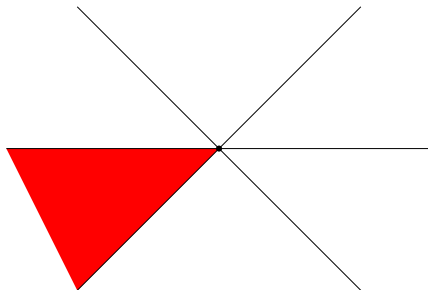
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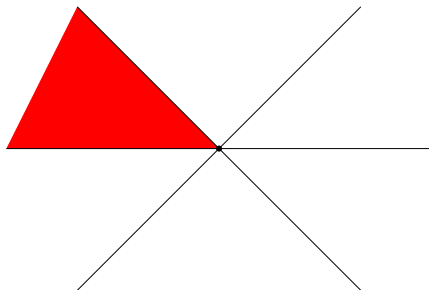
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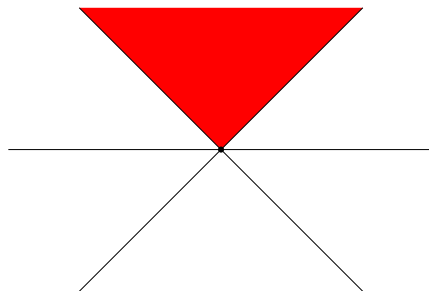
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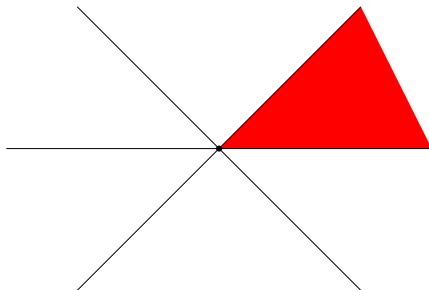
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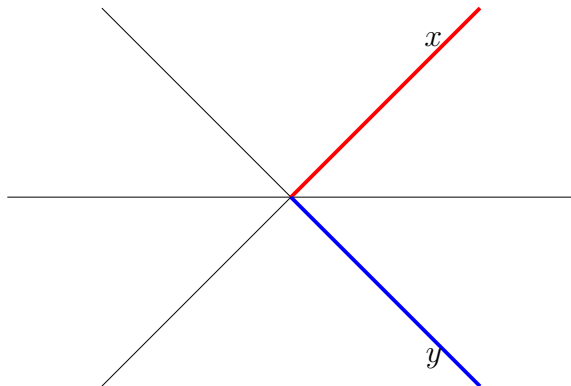
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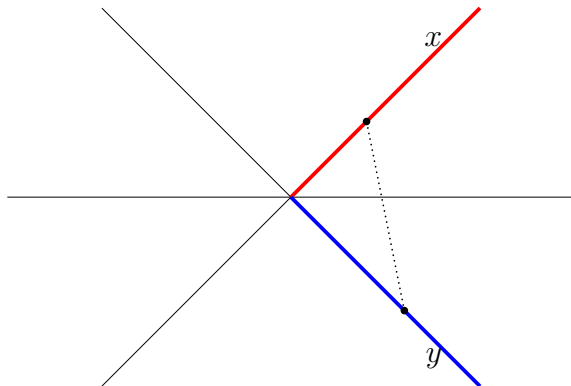
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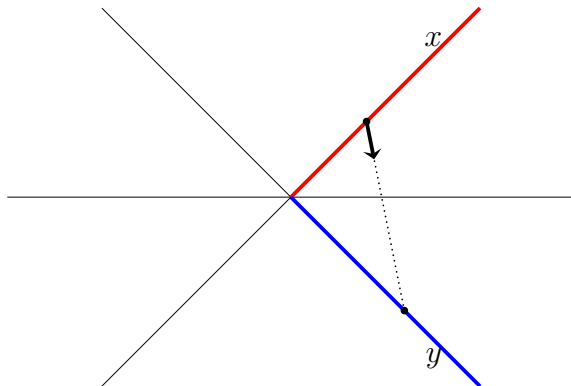
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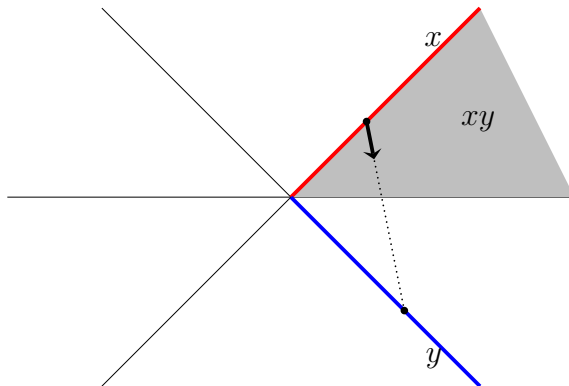
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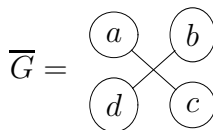
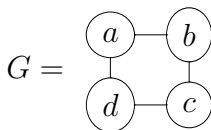
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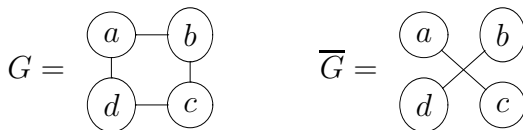
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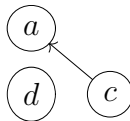
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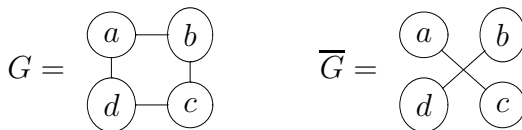
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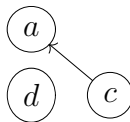
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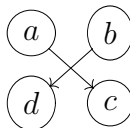
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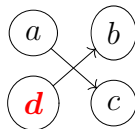
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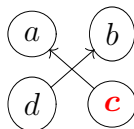
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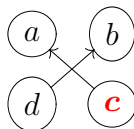
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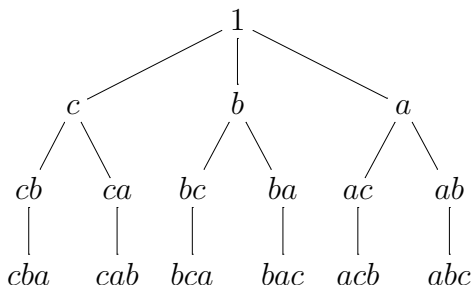
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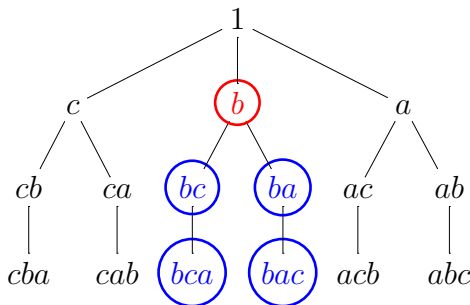
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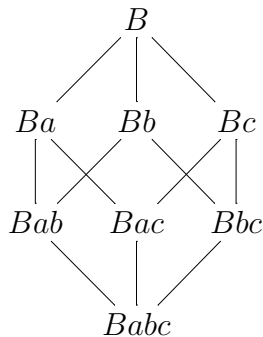
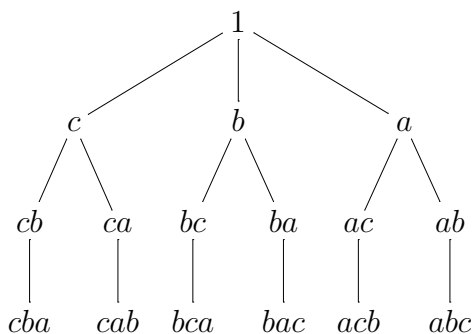
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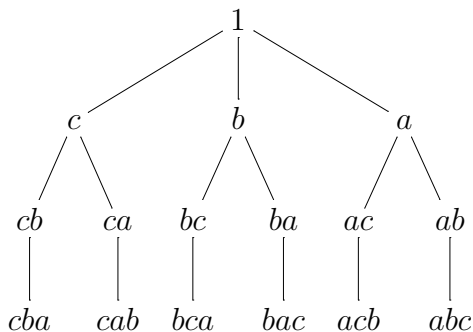
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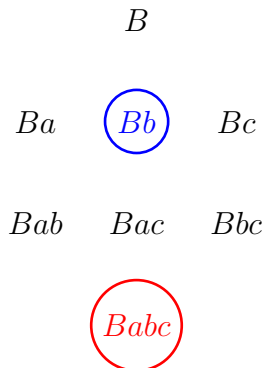
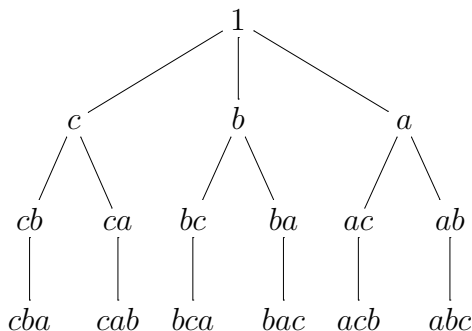
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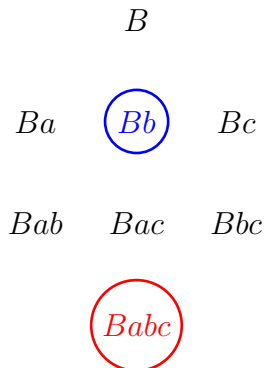
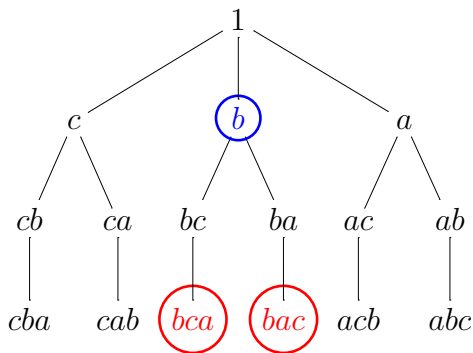
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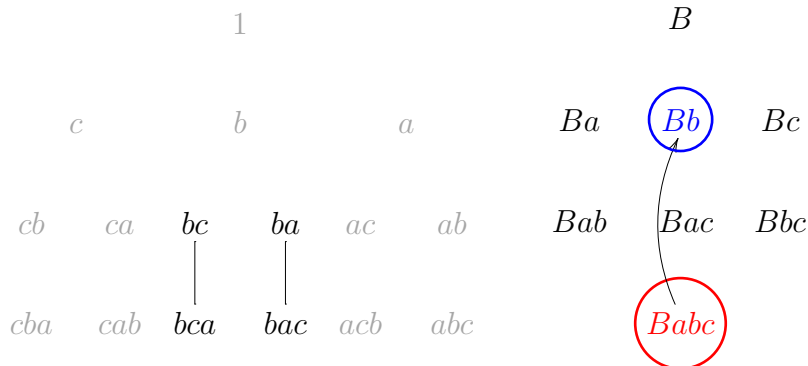


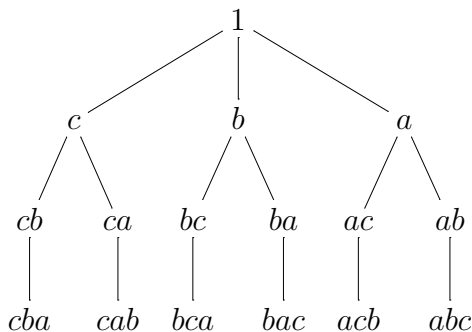
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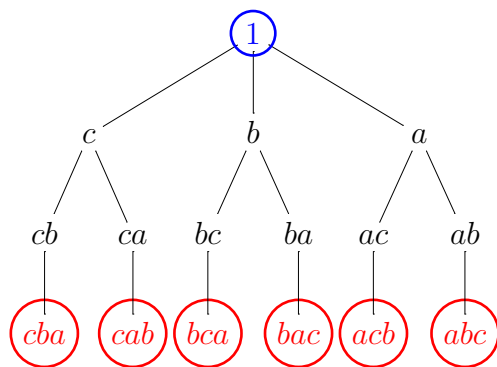
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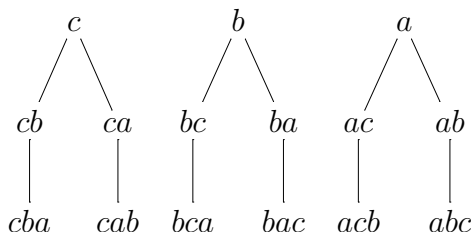
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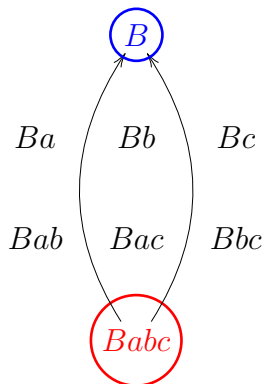
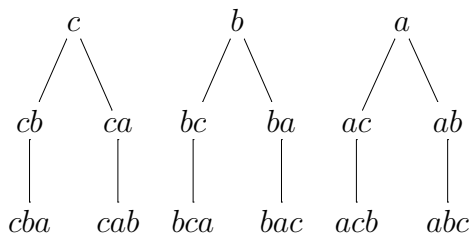
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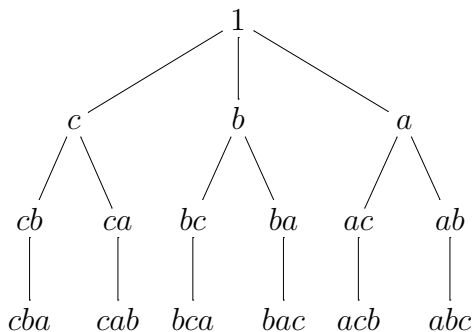
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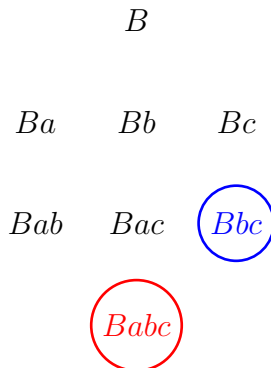
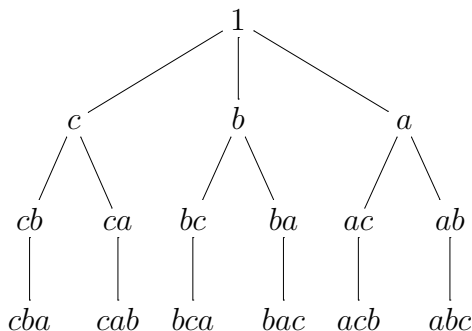
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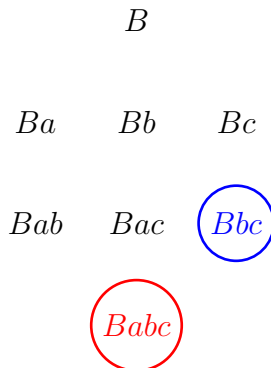
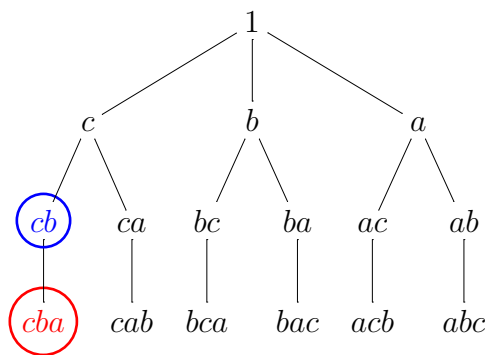
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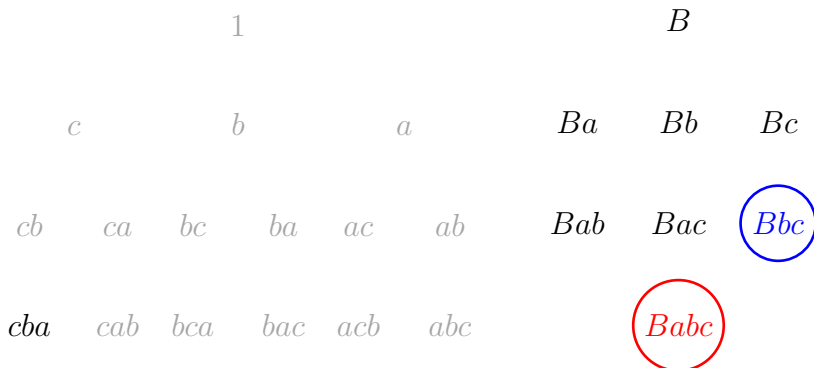
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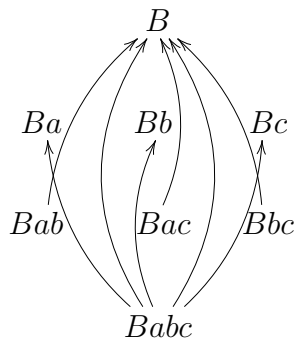
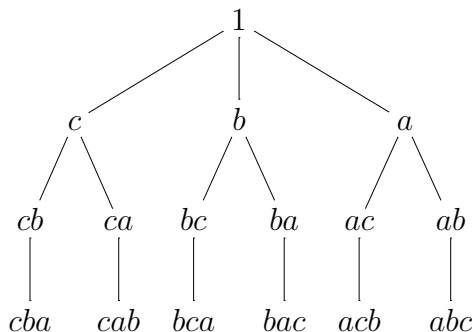
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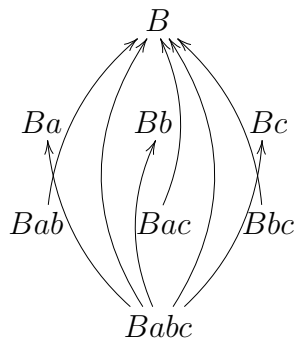
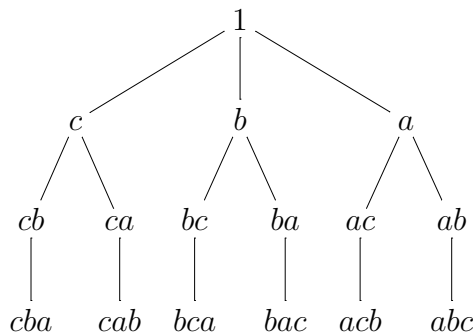
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