Affine Deodhar Diagrams and Rational Dyck Paths

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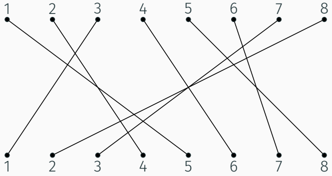

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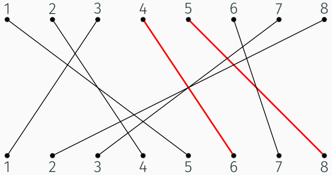

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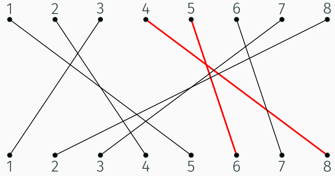

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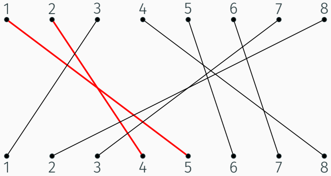

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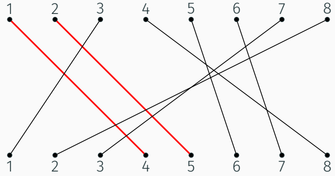

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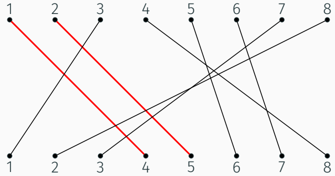

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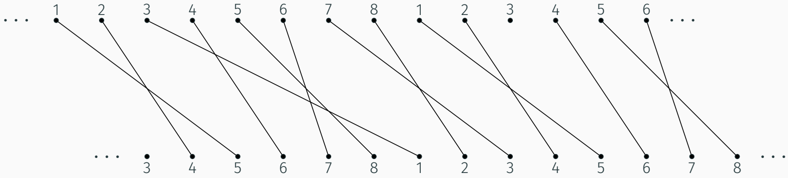

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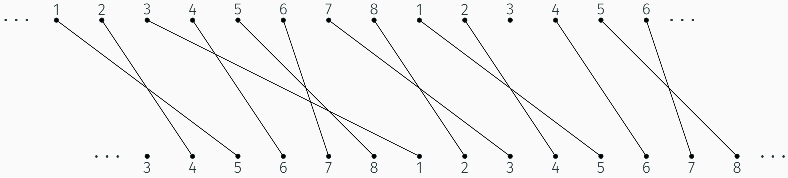

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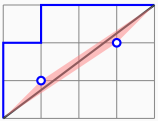

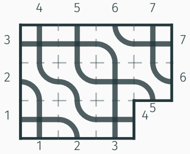

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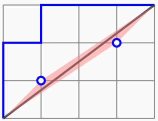

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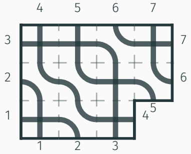

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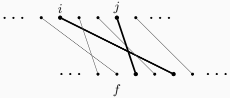

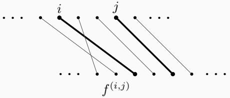

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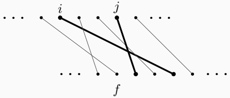

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The multiset $\Gamma(f)$ contains a point $\gamma(f_1^{(i,j)}) = (k, n-k)$ for each inversion $(i,j), i < j$, where f_1 is the cycle with i after resolving.

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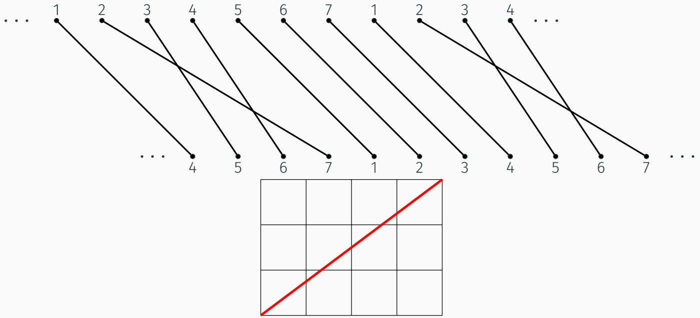

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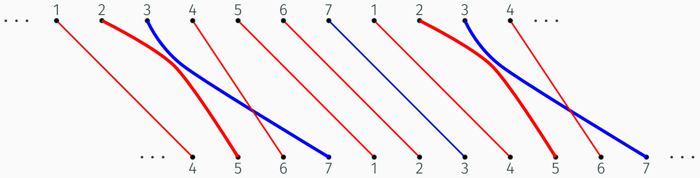

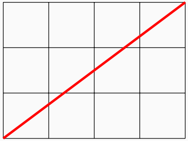

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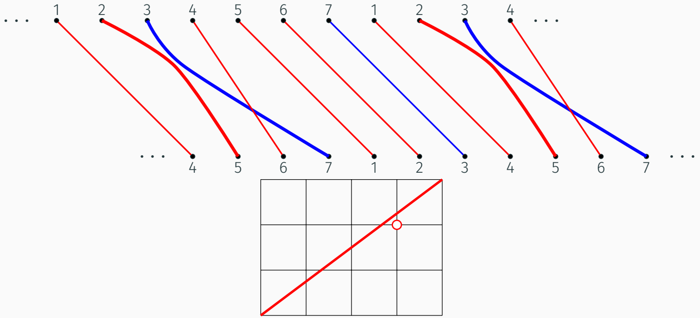

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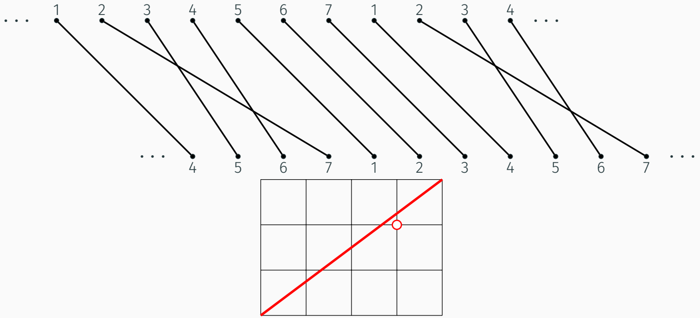

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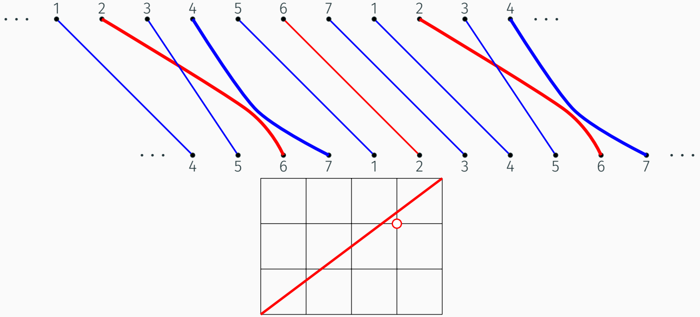

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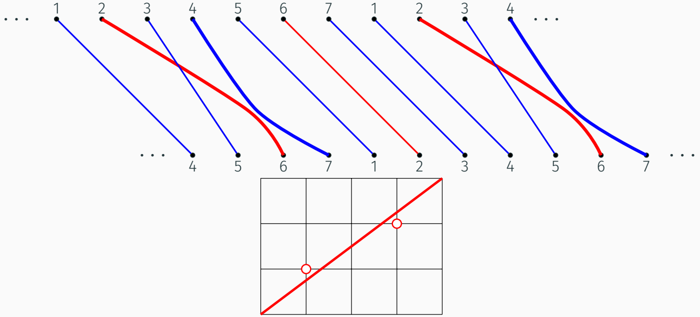

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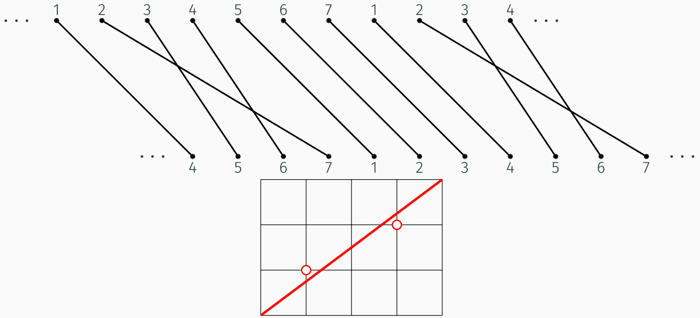

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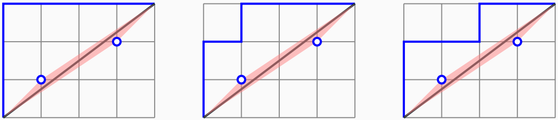

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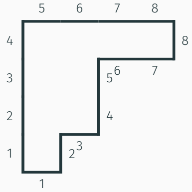

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Deograms
A (maximal) f-*Deodhar diagram* (Deogram) for f, is a filling of a Young tableau of $\lambda(w)$ with crossings, , and elbows, , such that

1. The resulting strand permutation is v.
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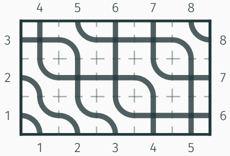

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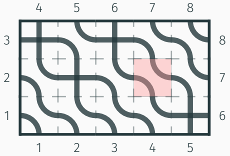

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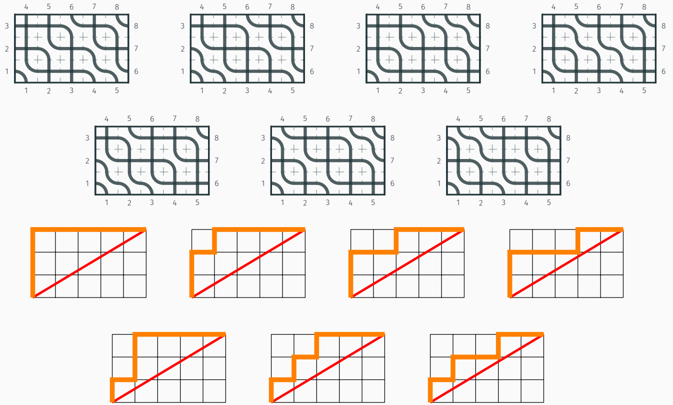

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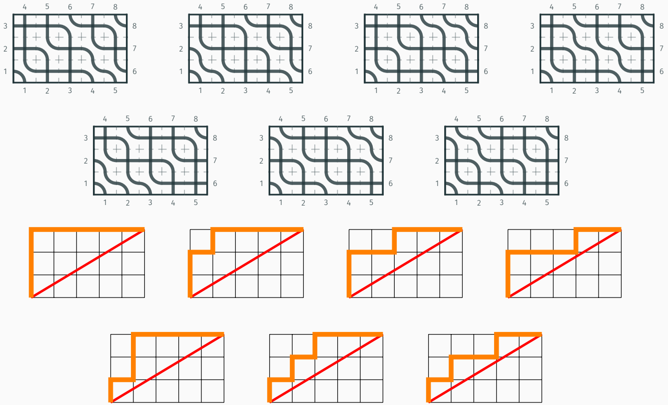

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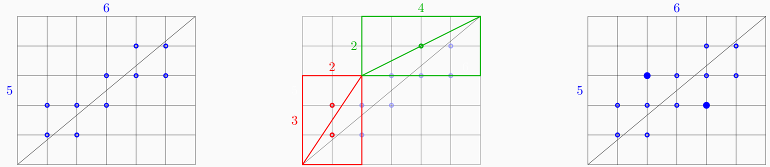

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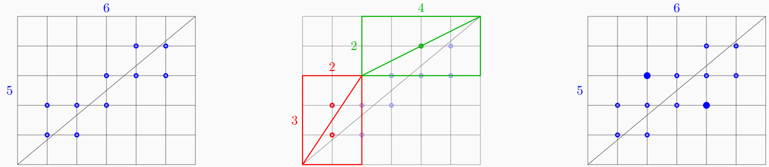

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Main Tool: Affine Deograms

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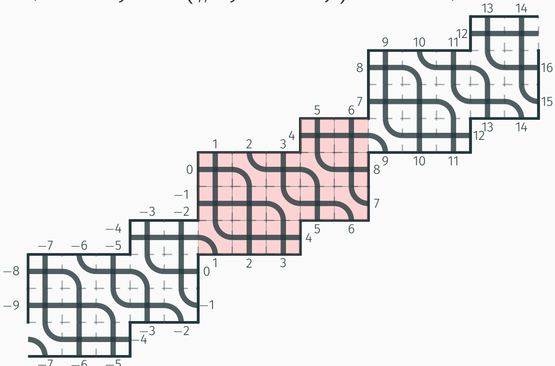

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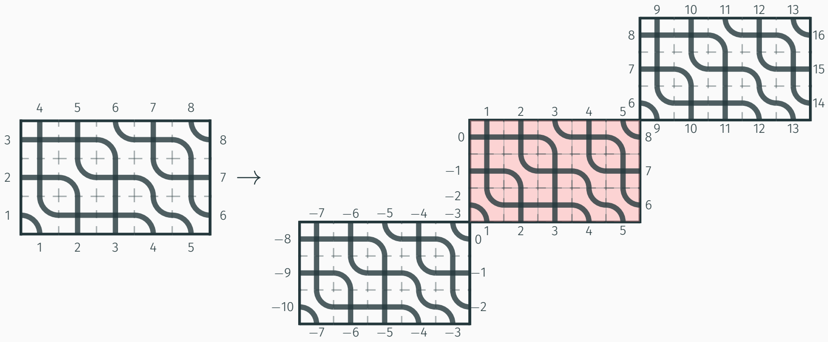

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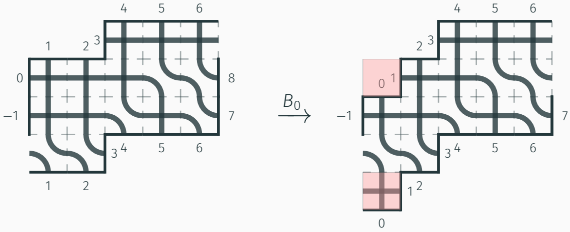

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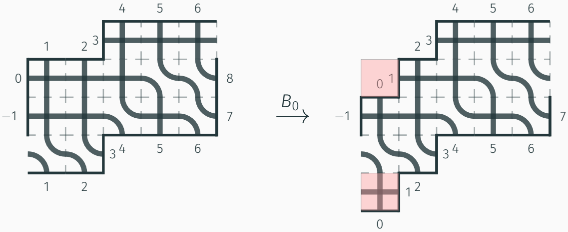

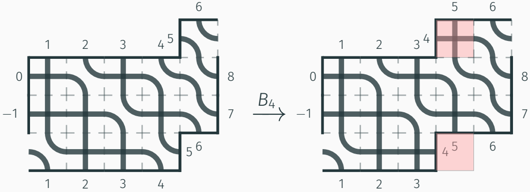

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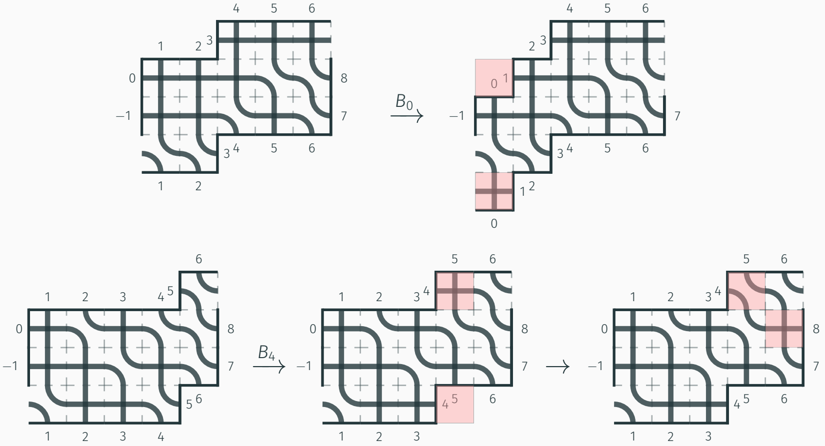

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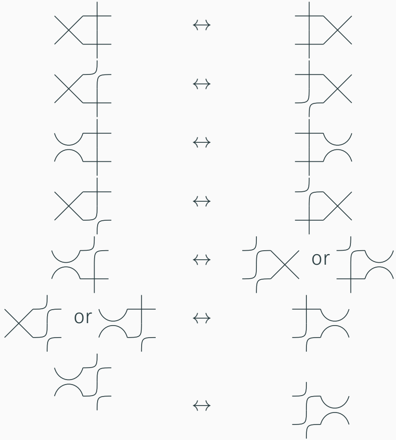

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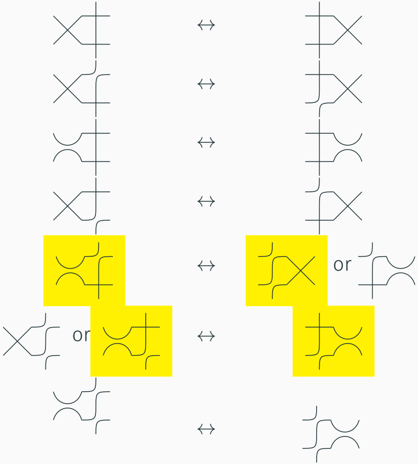

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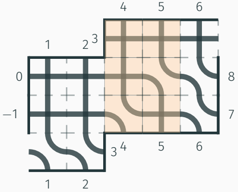

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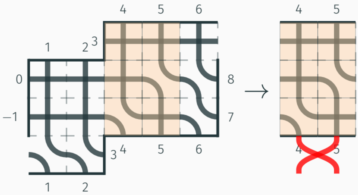

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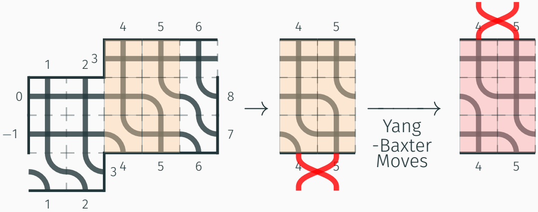

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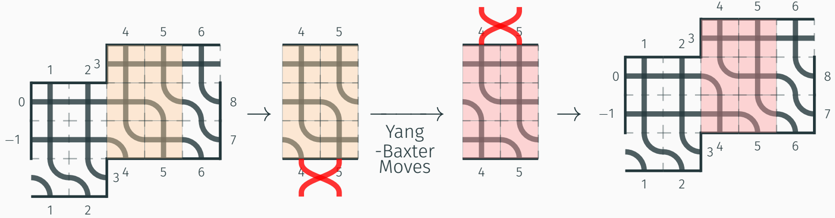

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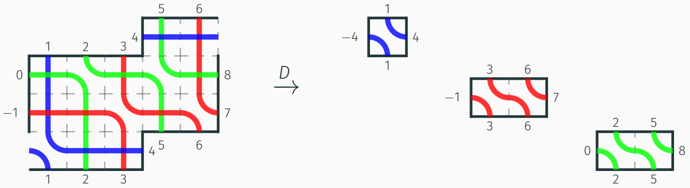

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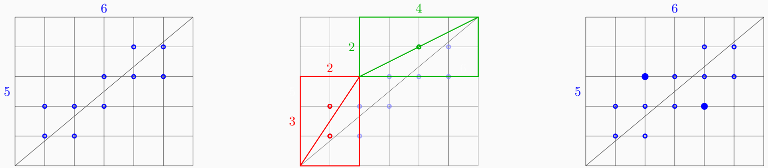

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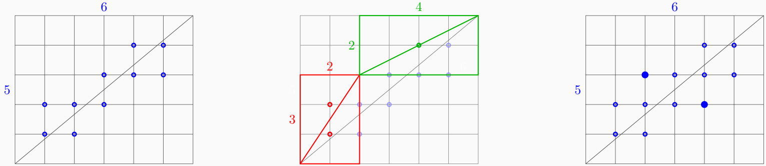

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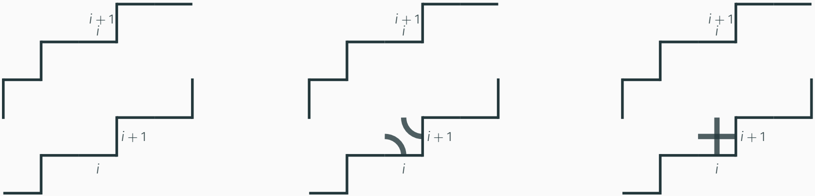

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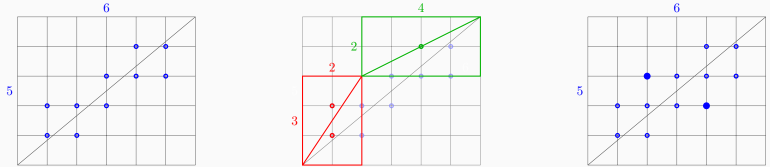

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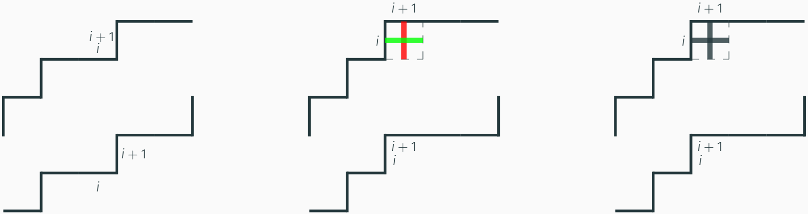

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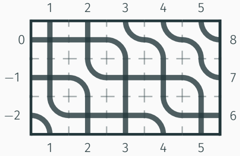

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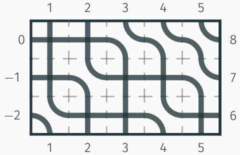

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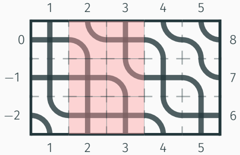

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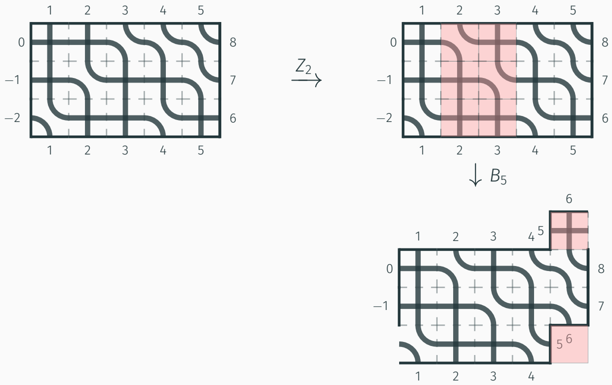

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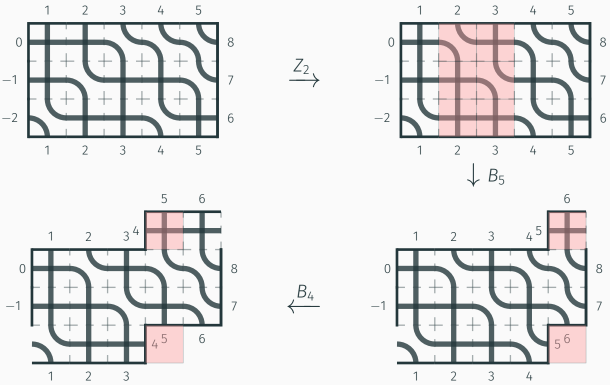

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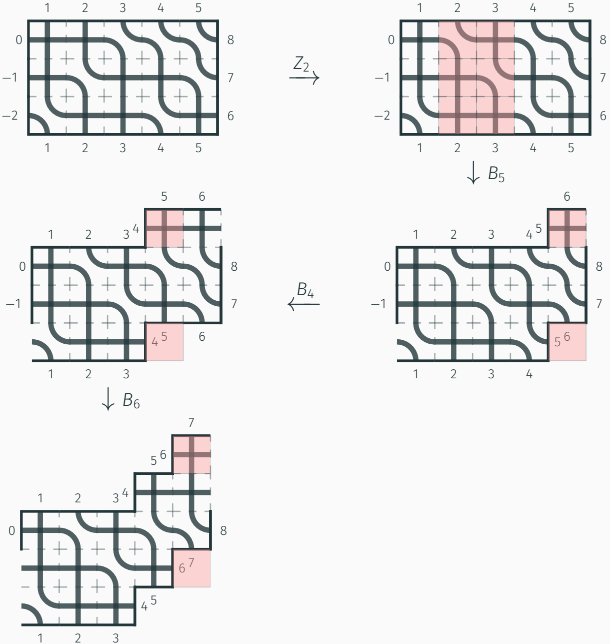

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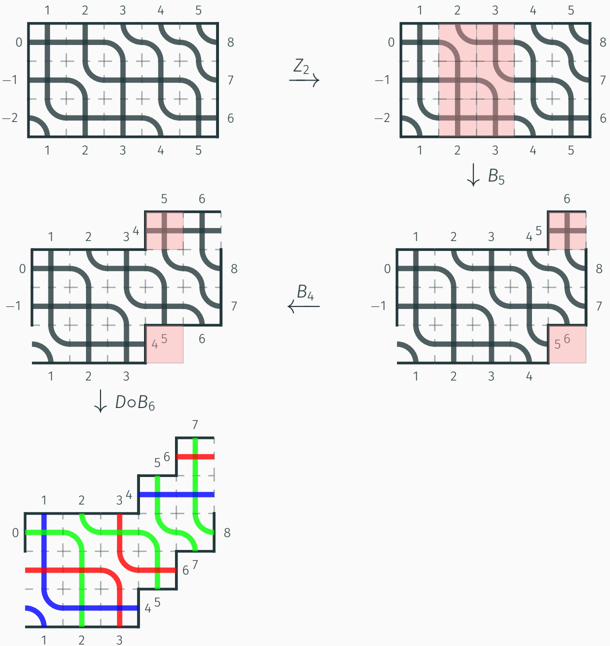

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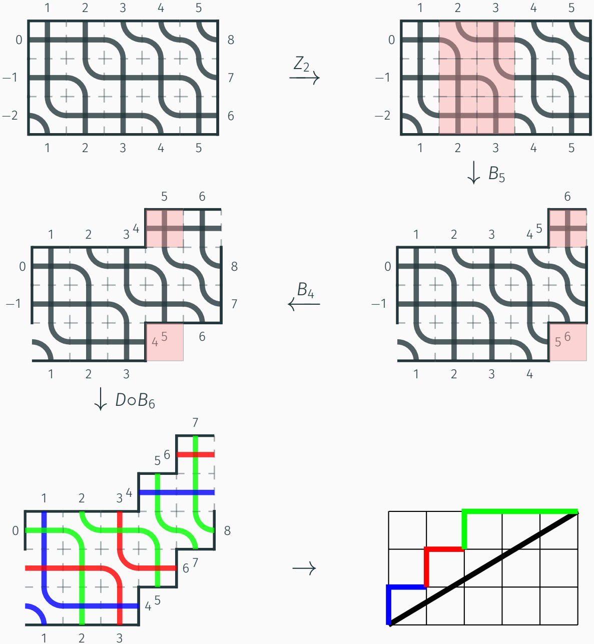

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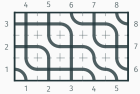

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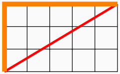

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Geometric Background

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This is also related to

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2. HOMFLY polynomials,
3. Khovanov-Rozansky triply-graded link invariants.