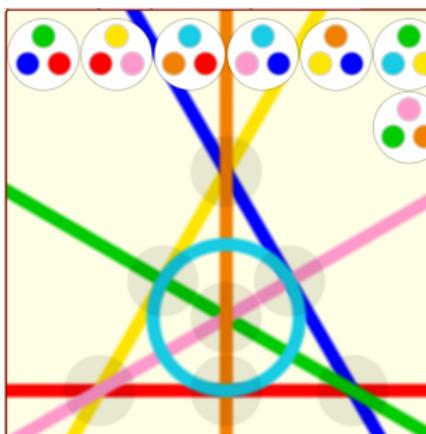


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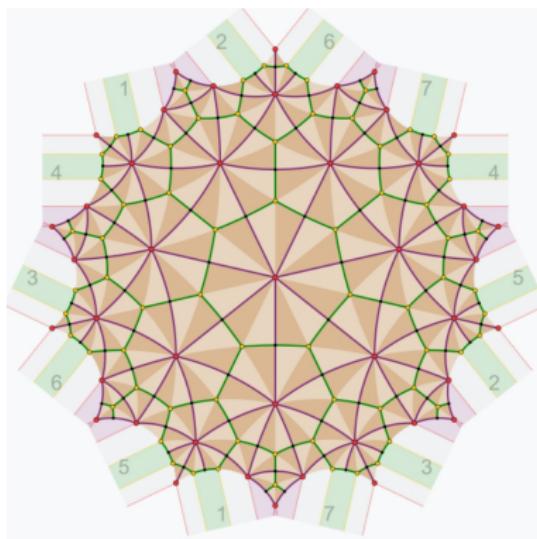


Have a go with a Dobble/Fano inspired game
There is also a “make your own Mini Dobble” handout

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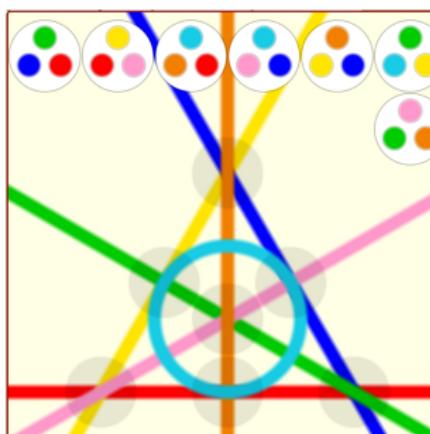
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(from Wikipedia)

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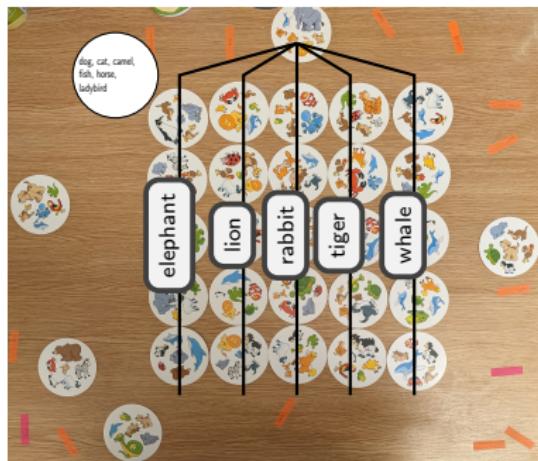
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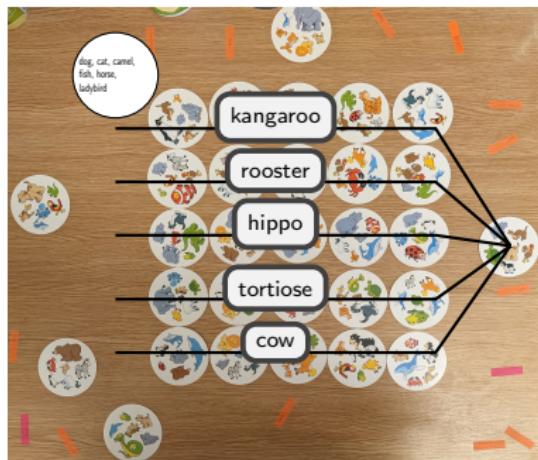


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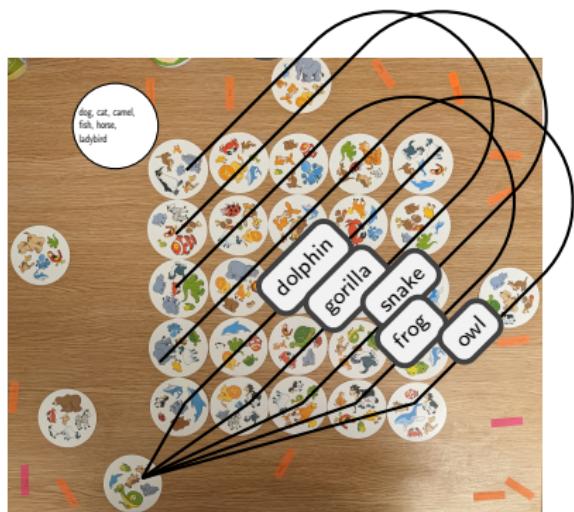


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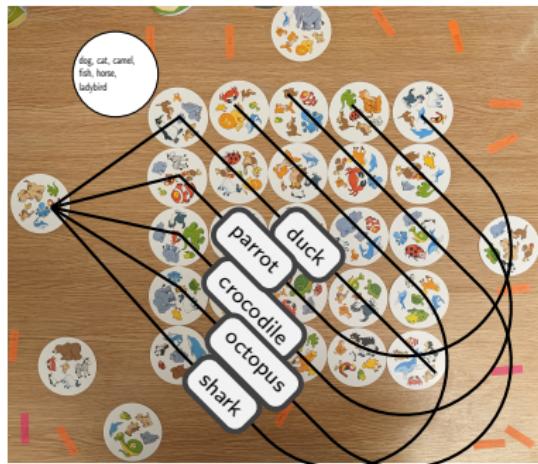


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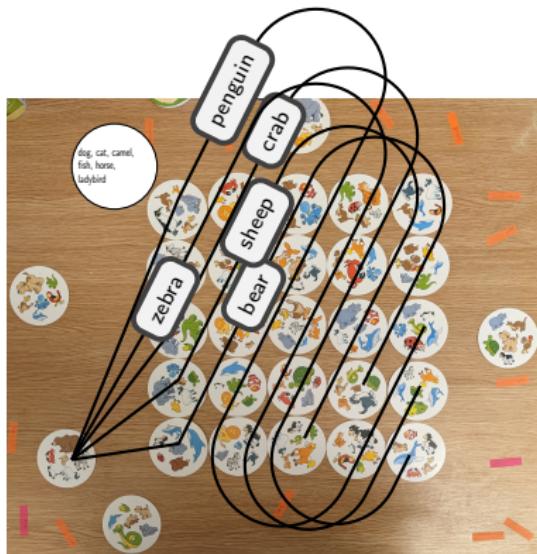


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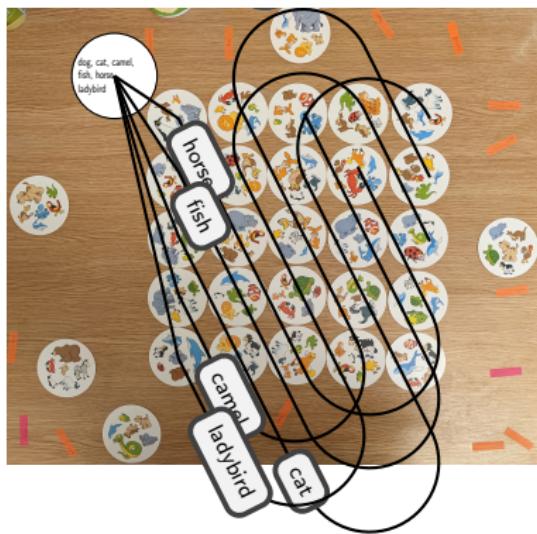


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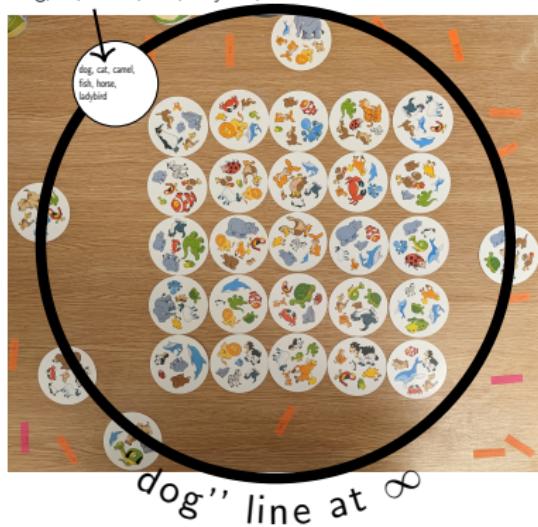
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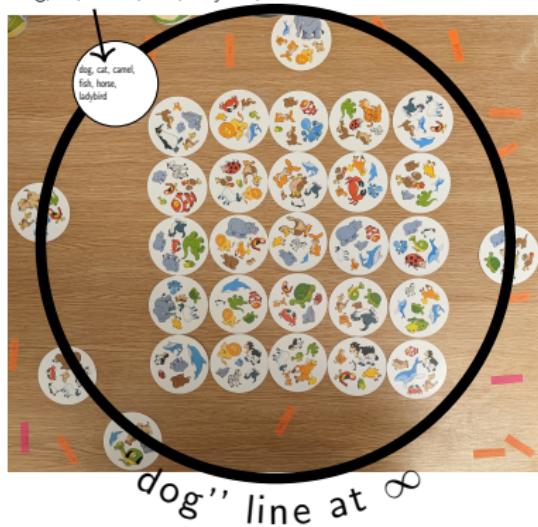
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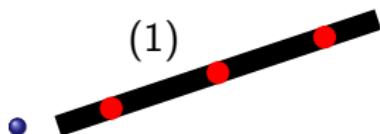
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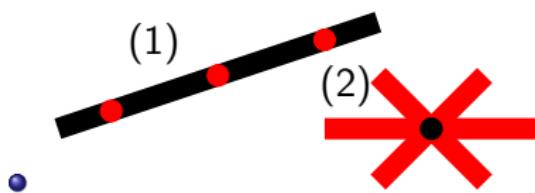
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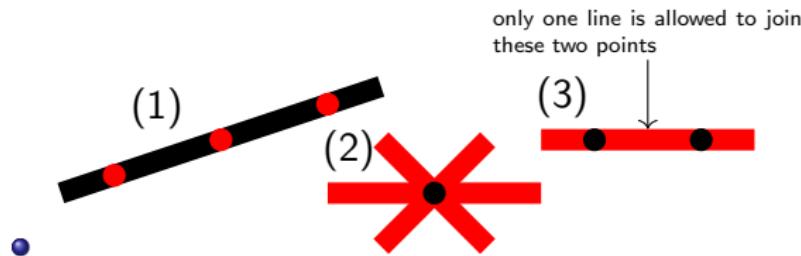
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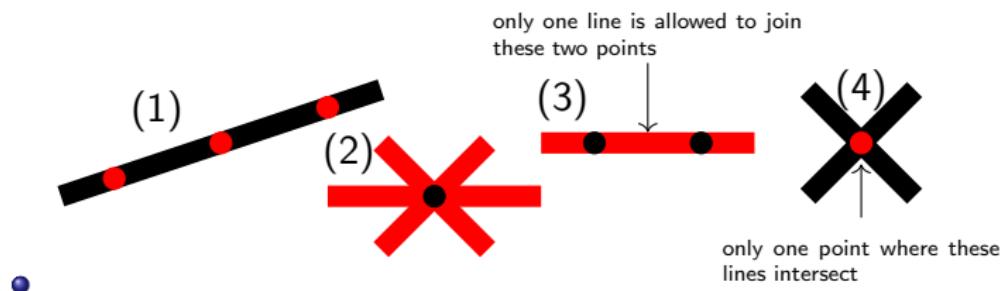
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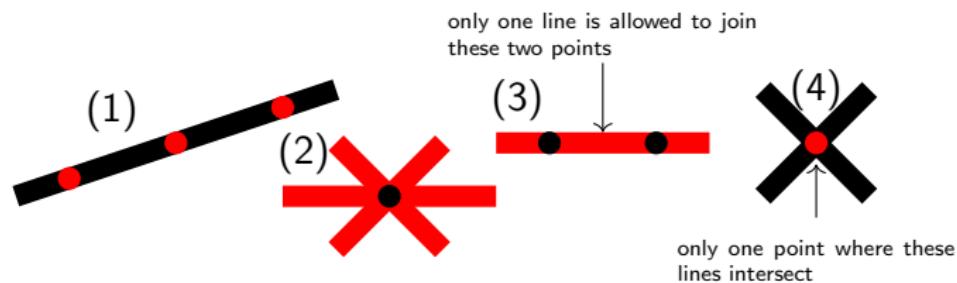
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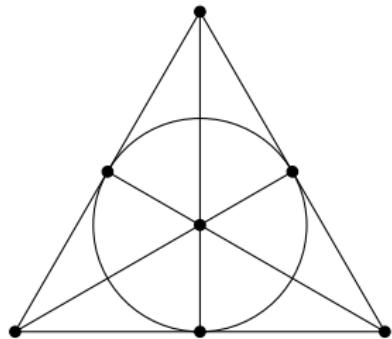
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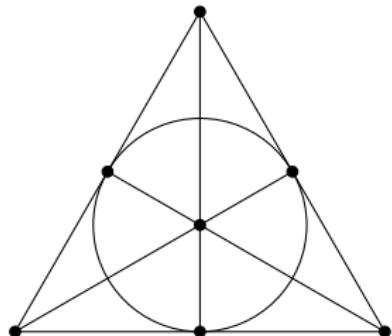
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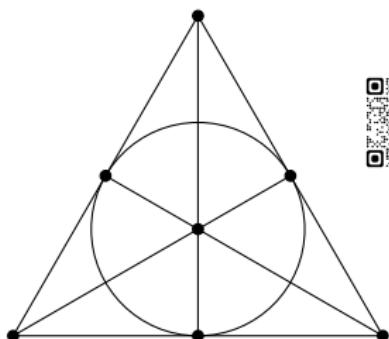
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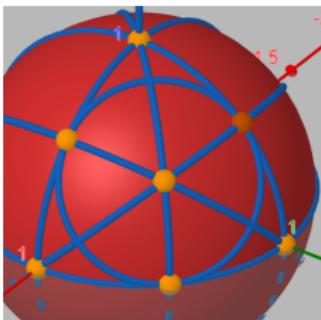
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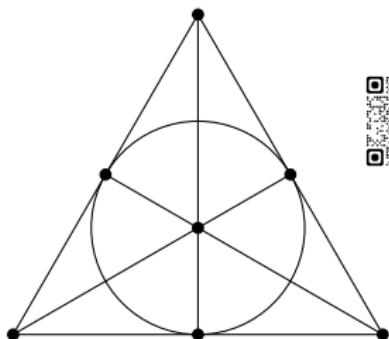
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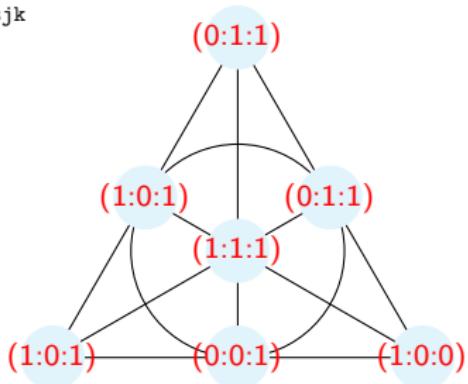
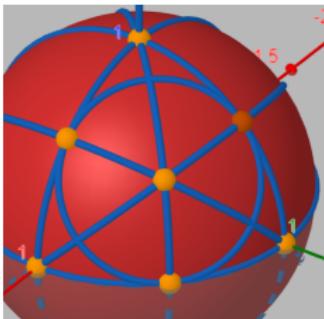
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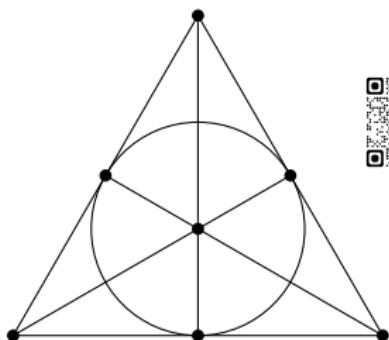
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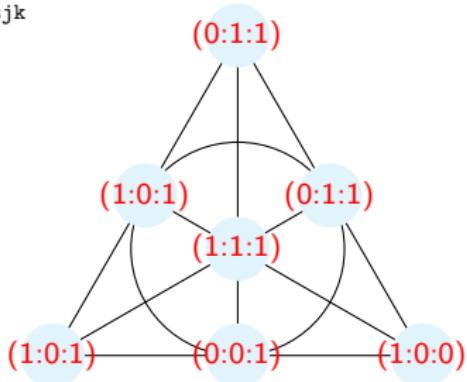
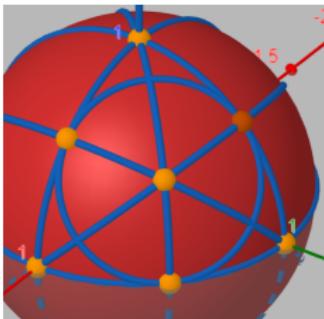
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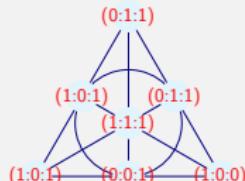


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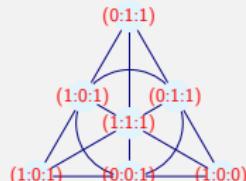


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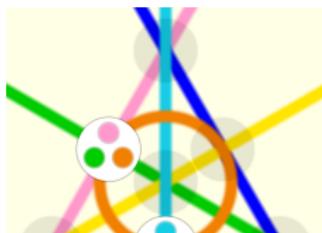
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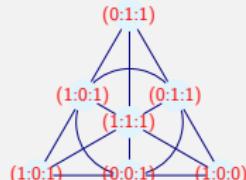
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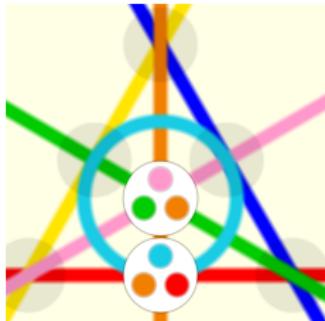
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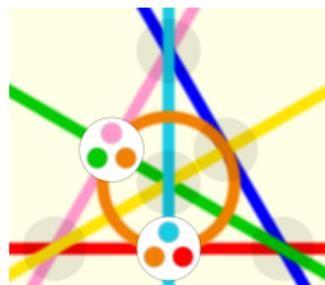
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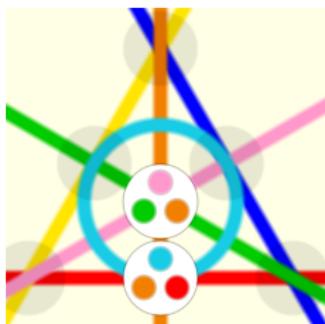
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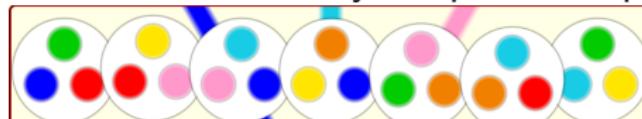
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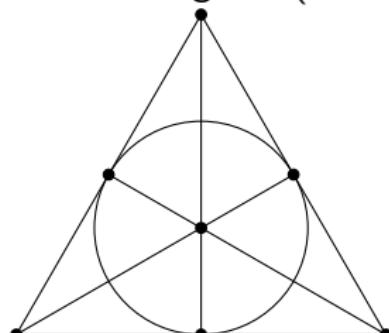
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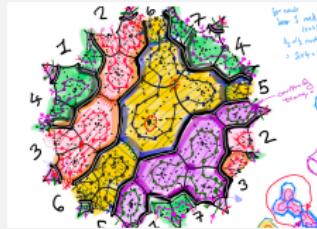
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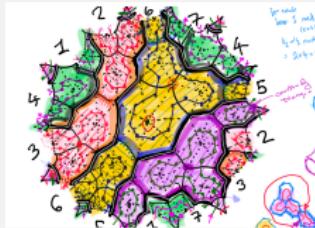
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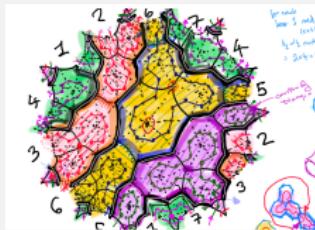
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