

CTU Open 2023

Presentation of solutions

October 21, 2023

Natatorium



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- ▶ If C is a product of two primes P and Q , then P and Q are the only primes that divide C

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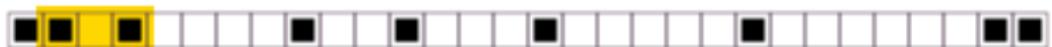
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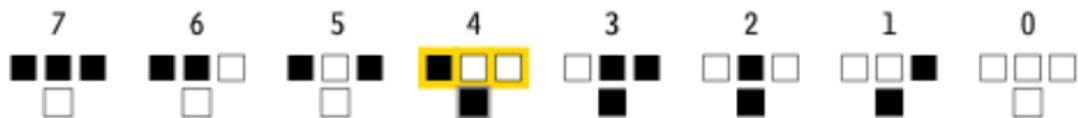
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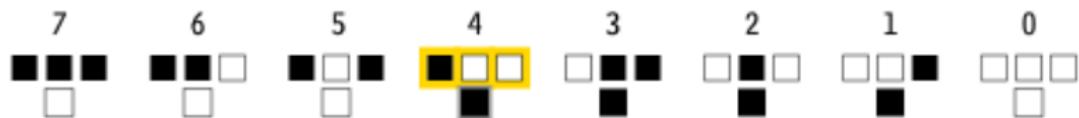
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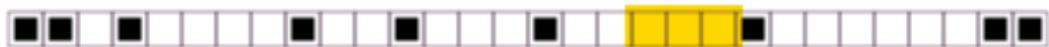
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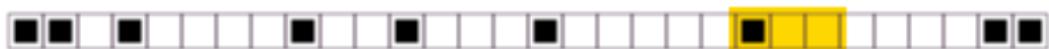
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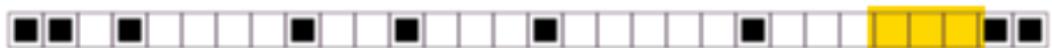
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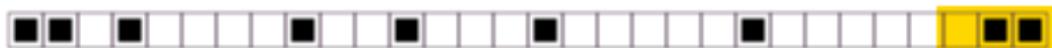
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Beth



Beth's Cookies

- ▶ Valid bracket sequence on the input.
- ▶ Create an expression with the following rules and evaluate it.
 - ▶ $() \rightarrow (1)$
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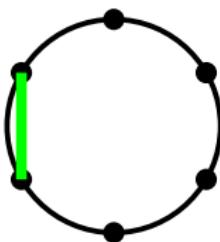


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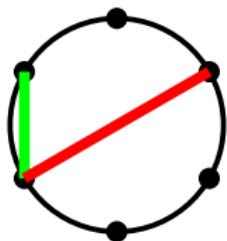
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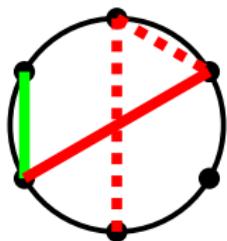
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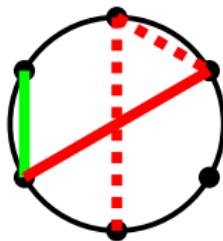
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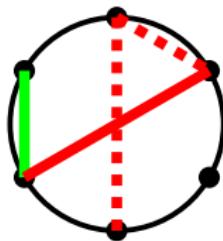
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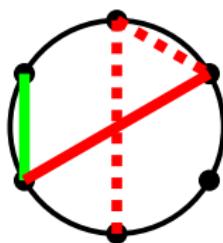
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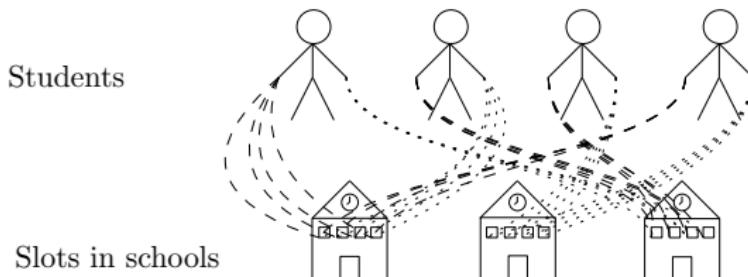
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- ▶ In total there are $2^{N-2} \frac{N}{2} = 2^{N-3} N$ such paths.

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- ▶ Task: Match students with $M \cdot C$ slots in schools based on preferences on both sides
- ▶ **Stable marriage problem**
 - ▶ *Stable* = no local improvement possible
 - ▶ *Local improvement* = a slot and a student connect, possibly breaking their current ties, to improve the situation for both
 - ▶ Known: There exists a matching that is stable



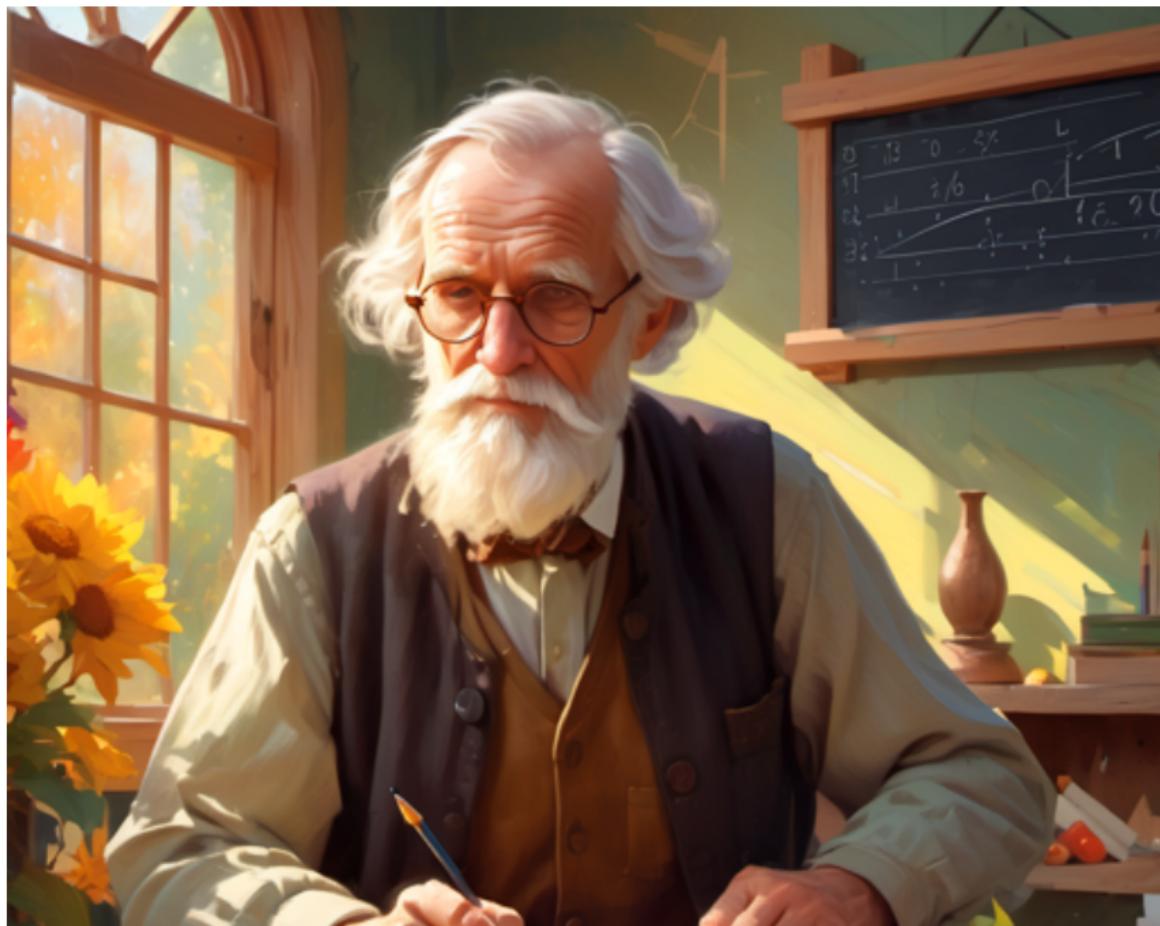
Digitalisation – Does it always finish?

- ▶ Write a string, one symbol per student, from best to worst:
 - ▶ f for first choice, s for second choice, x for nothing
- ▶ Each local improvement makes the string lexicographically smaller
 - ▶ A student gets to a better state, a worse student may get worse

Digitalisation – Can it be done faster and simpler?

- ▶ Find the lexicographically smallest string right away
 - ▶ Go from the best student to the worst and assign their most preferred choice that's not full yet
- ▶ Time $O(N + M)$
 - ▶ Faster than the general solution for Stable marriage problem, thanks to all schools having the same preferences

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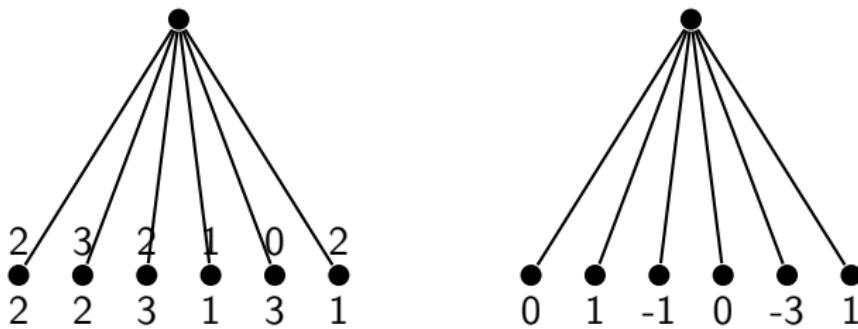
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- ▶ Preprocess - $\mathcal{O}(n)$, Query - $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

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→ We can keep only info on their difference.

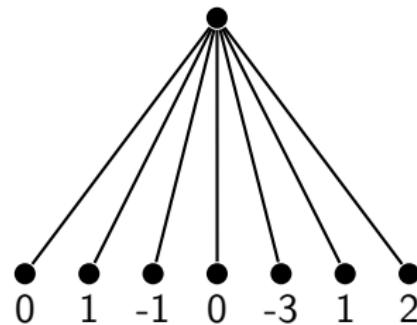
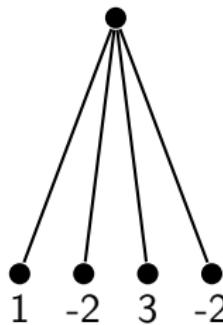


- ▶ Quickly update number of commodities in a vertex.

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Let N be the input size:

- ▶ Elementary approach – always iterate neighbors $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
- ▶ Faster approach –
partition vertices by their degrees $\leq \sqrt{N}$ and $> \sqrt{N}$

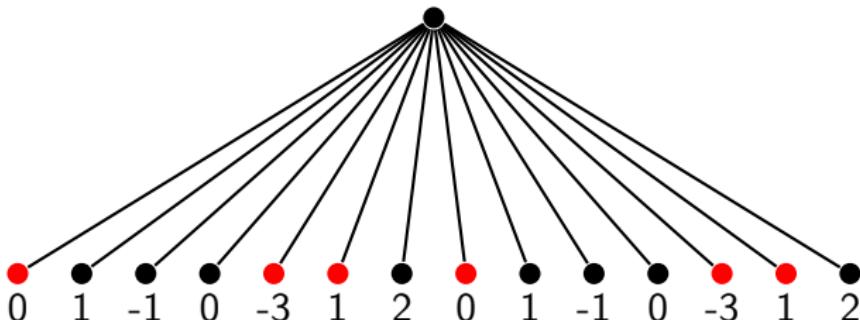


- ▶ for small degrees – iterate all neighbors $\mathcal{O}(N\sqrt{N})$
- ▶ for big degrees – update its final sum $\mathcal{O}(N\sqrt{N})$

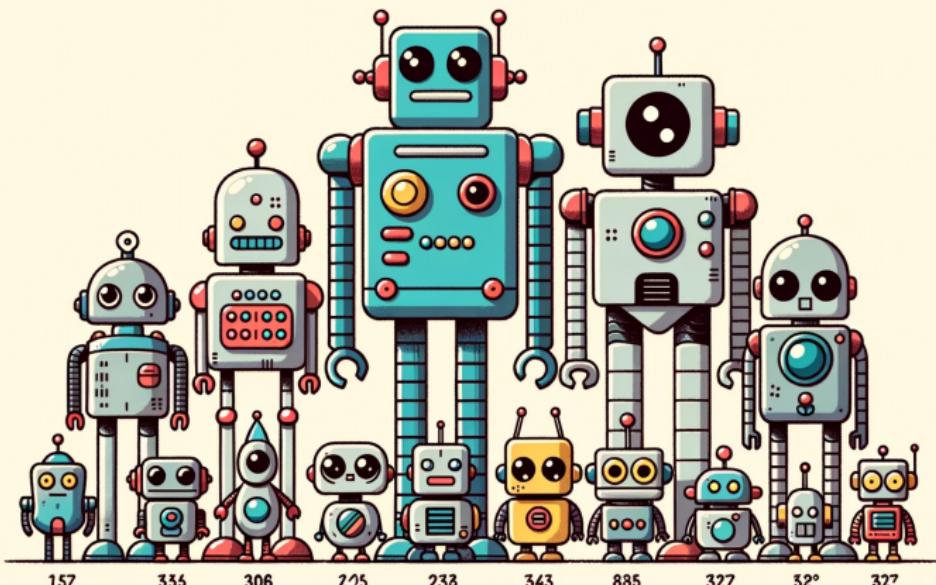
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For big degree vertices:

- ▶ keep the final sum in the vertex
- ▶ there are at most \sqrt{N} high degree vertices
- ▶ update the final sum whenever a neighbor vertex is updated
- ▶ $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(N\sqrt{N})$



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- ▶ We can reduce the instance to only consider one of each numbers in A . There are at most 20 such numbers.

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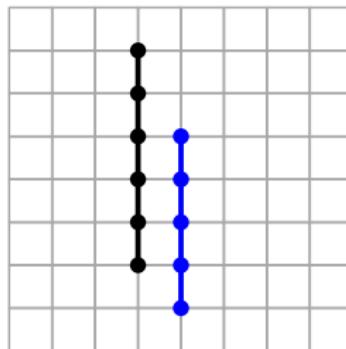
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- ▶ Can be further optimized by putting the number 1 and primes larger than $\frac{N}{2}$ in the front of the array as their GCD with any other number is 1.

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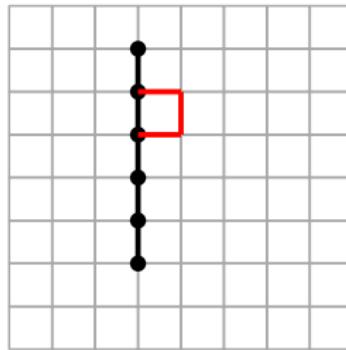


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- ▶ **Task:** Given a set of unit length edges connecting some pairs of integer points, how many additional (unit length) edges do we need to create an enclosed region?
- ▶ Consider as a graph: vertices are integer points, edges are given on the input.
- ▶ First recognize connected components (DFS/BFS).

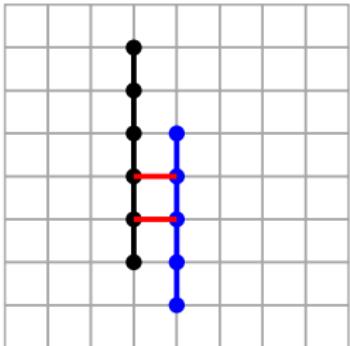


- ▶ **3 edges are always enough:** given one edge, use 3 more to create a unit square.

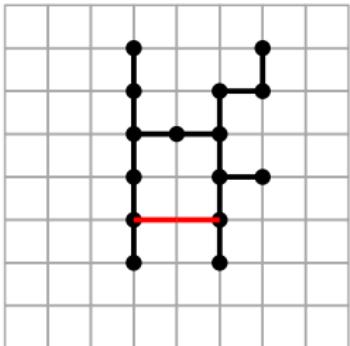


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- ▶ Case 1: We can add 2 edges between two components at different places.

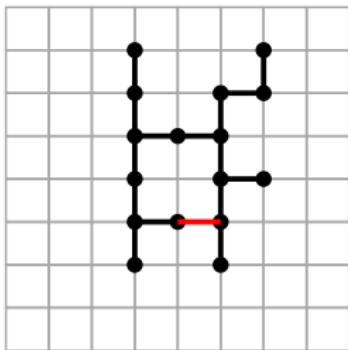


- ▶ Case 2: We can add 2 edges, connecting two different vertices of one connected component by a new path.



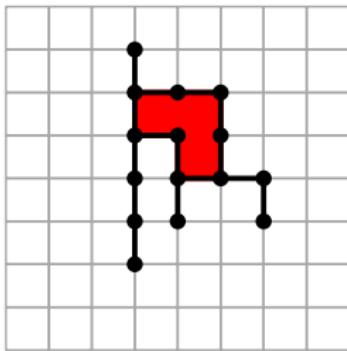
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- ▶ Only case: We can add 1 edge to place without an edge, connecting two different vertices of one connected component.

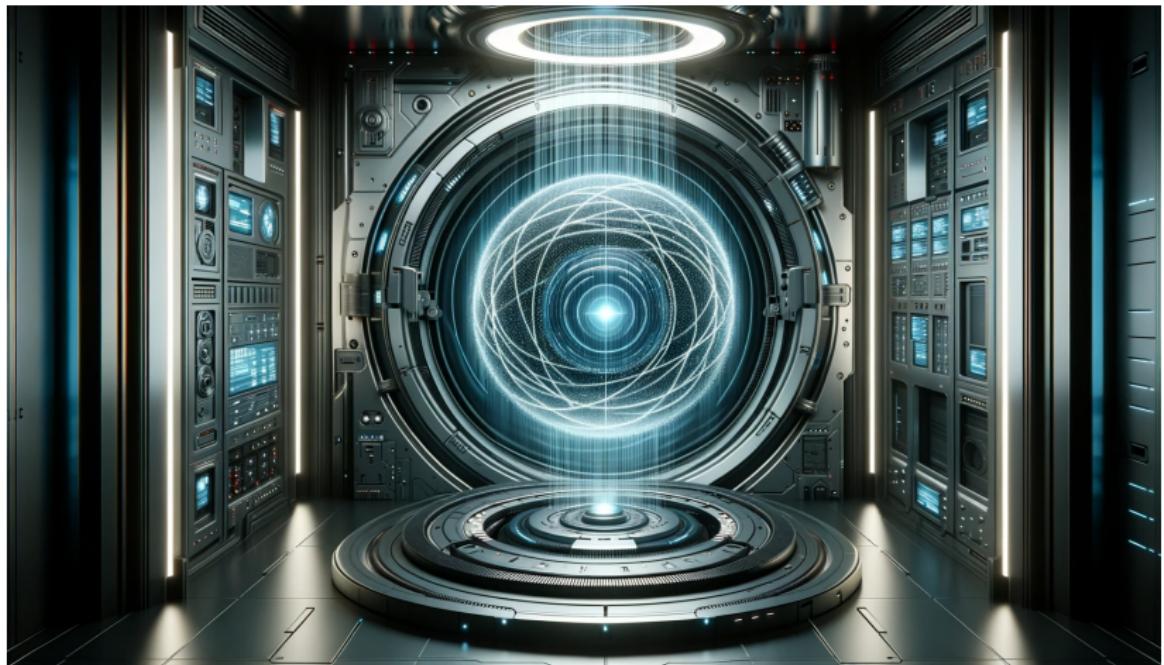


Is 0 edges enough?

- ▶ A connected component contains a cycle.



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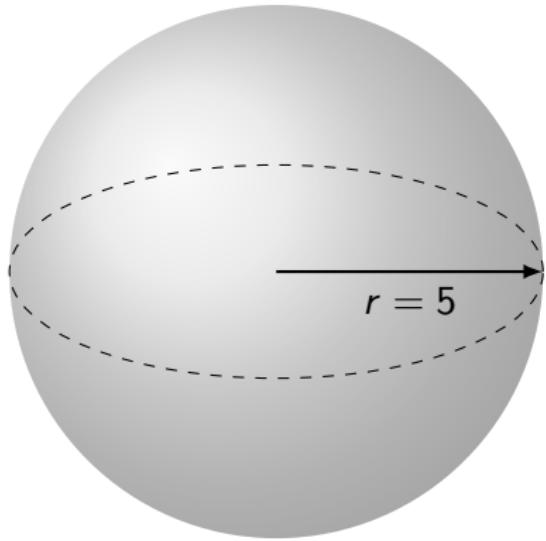
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- ▶ **First solve subtask:** Count the number of integer points in d -dimensional sphere of radius r .
- ▶ **Idea:** Decompose a d -dimensional sphere of radius r into $2r + 1$ $(d - 1)$ -dimensional spheres.

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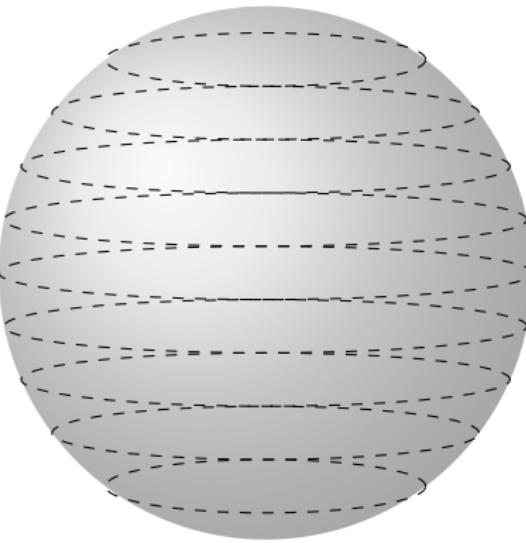
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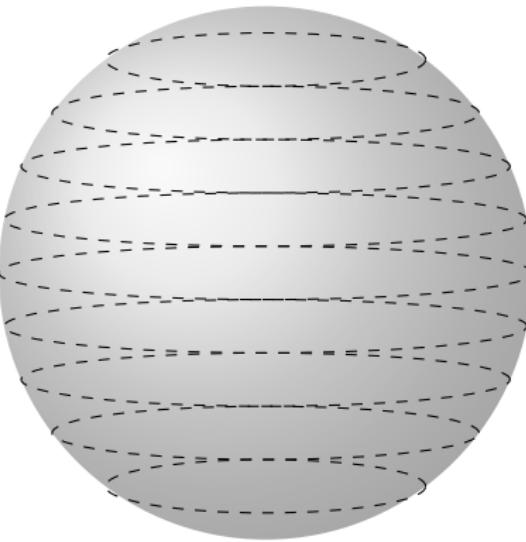
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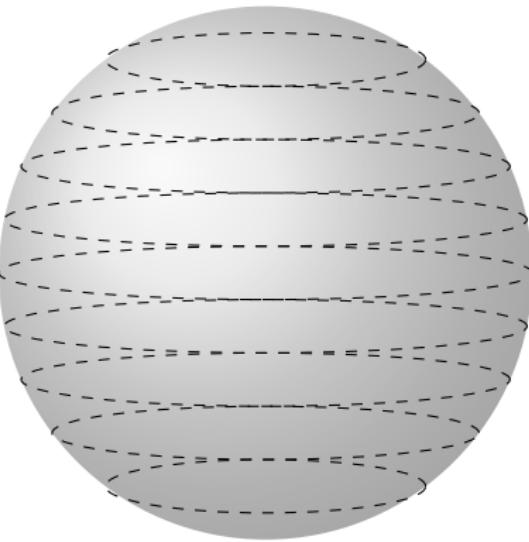
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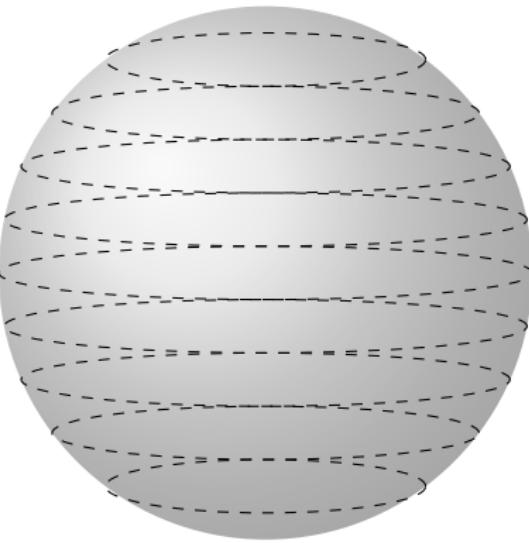
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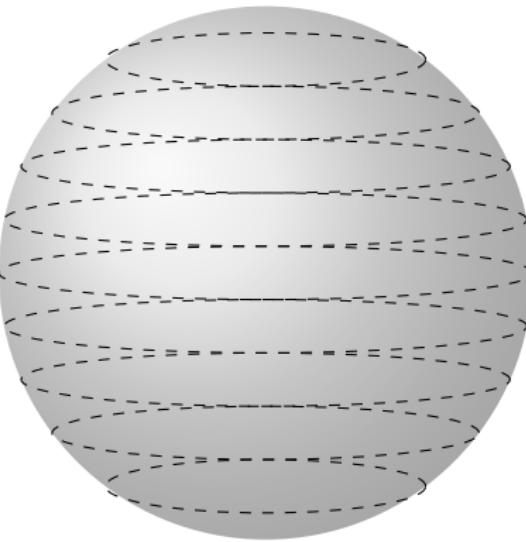
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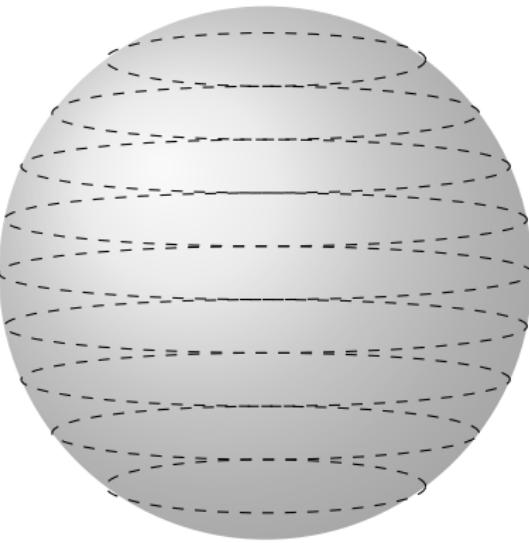
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