

On-line size Ramsey number

For monotone k-uniform ordered paths
with uniform looseness.

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Ramsey numbers:

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$\hat{R}_t(G) = \min \{m : \exists H \text{ on } m \text{ edges, } H \xrightarrow{t} G\}$ (size Ramsey)

(Similar for other parameters)

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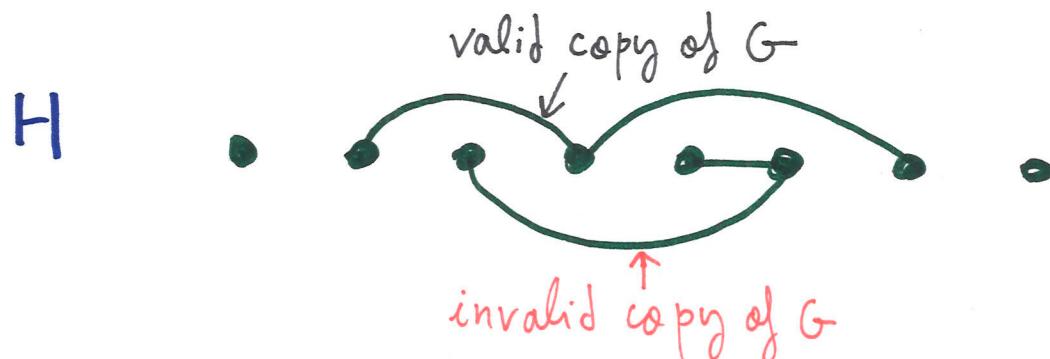
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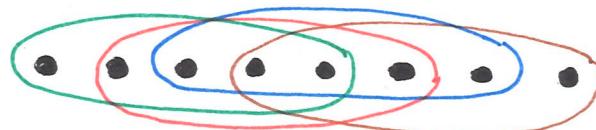
Easy claim:

$$\tilde{R}_t(G) \leq \hat{R}_t(G) \leq \binom{R_t(G)}{k}$$

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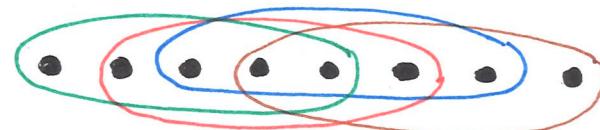
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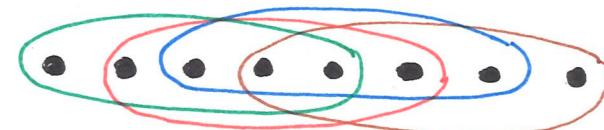
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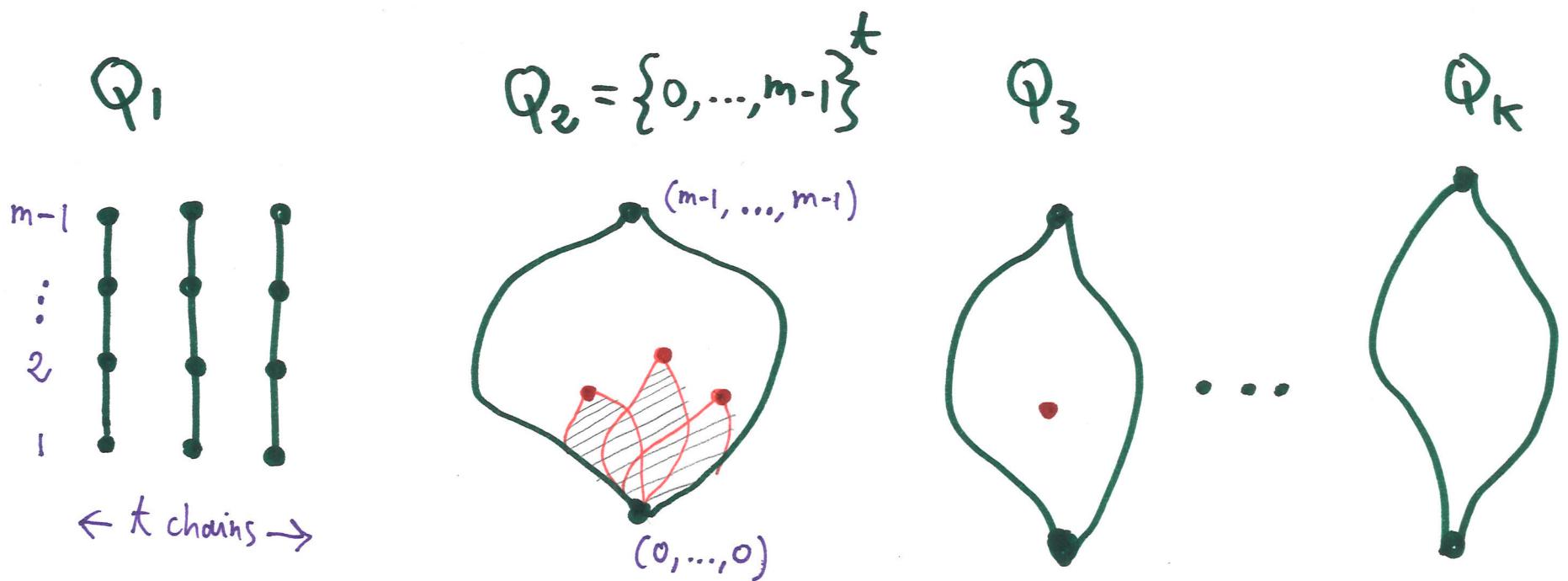
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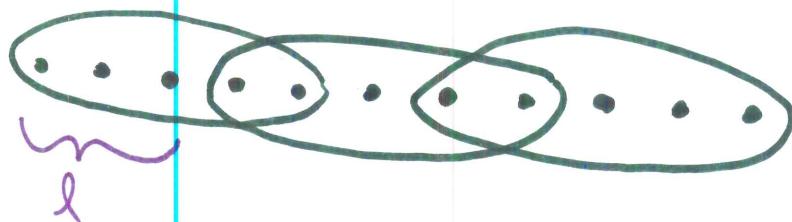
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3-loose path

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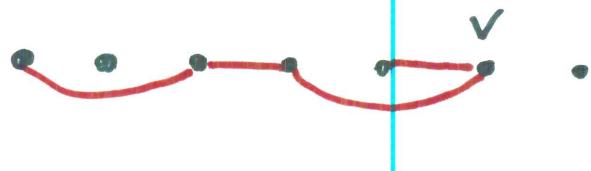
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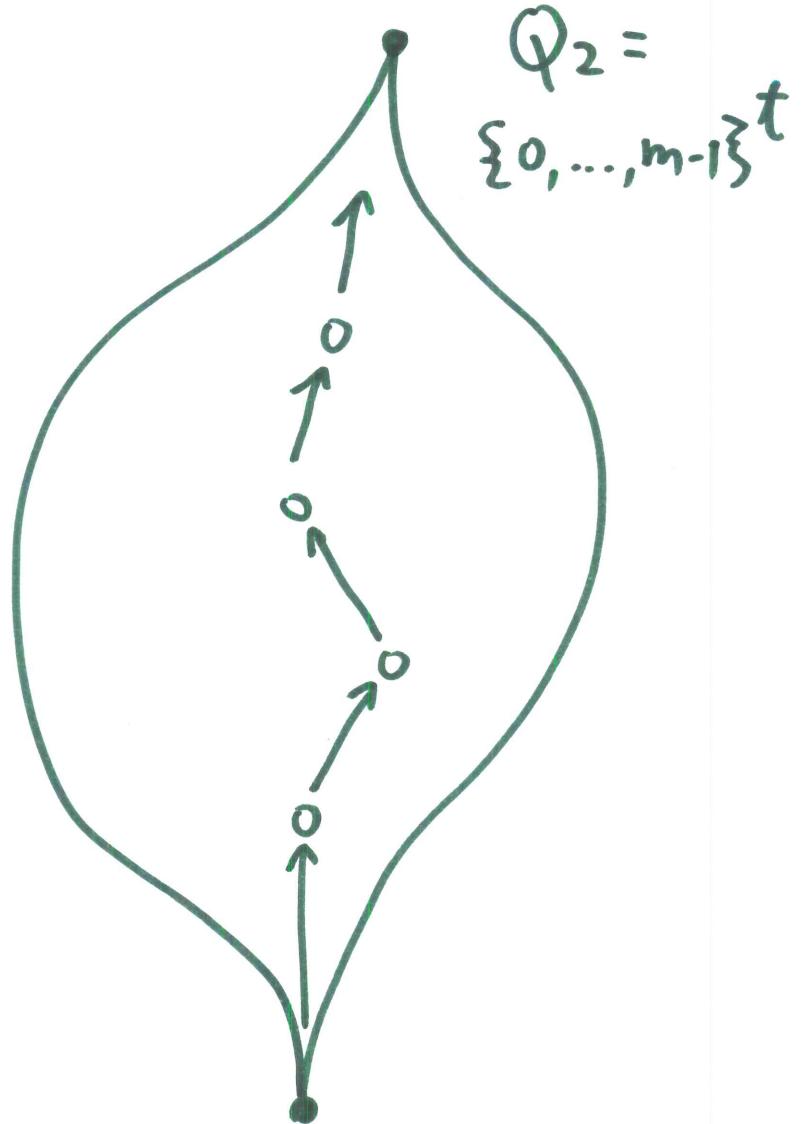


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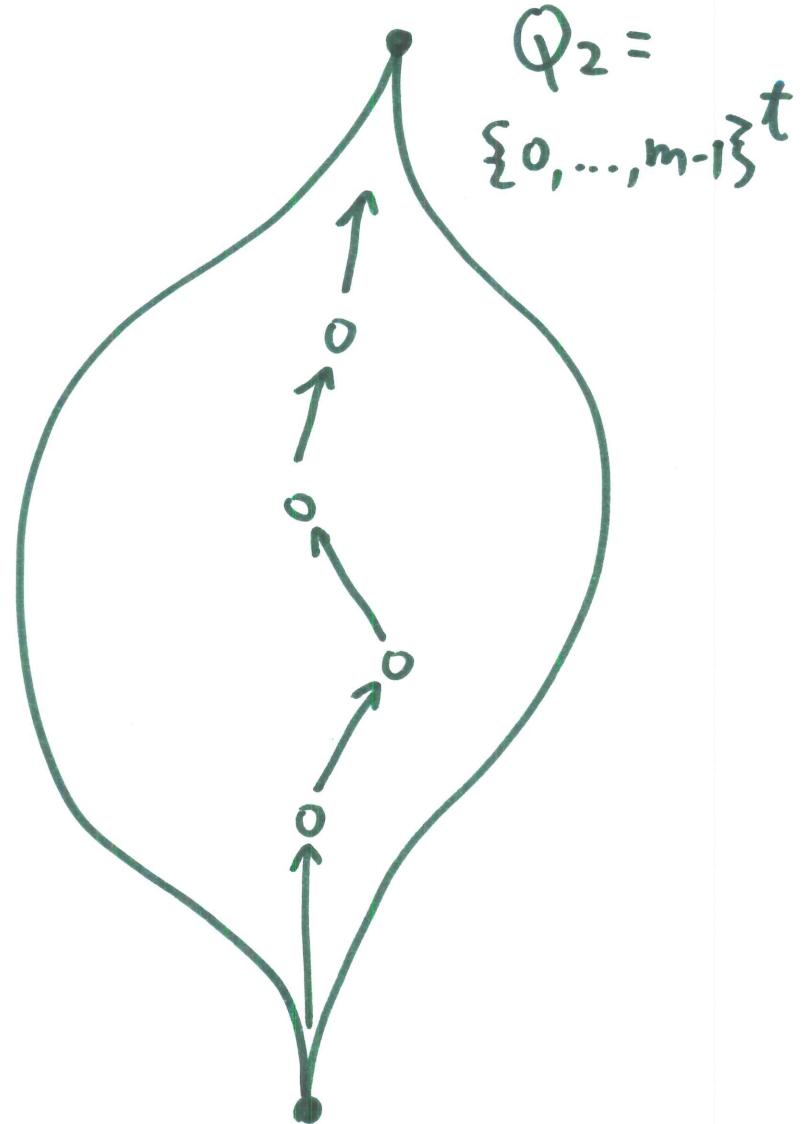
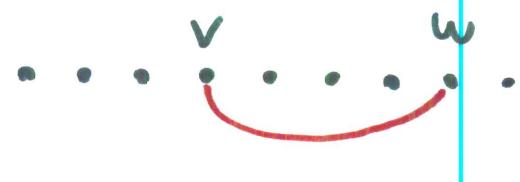
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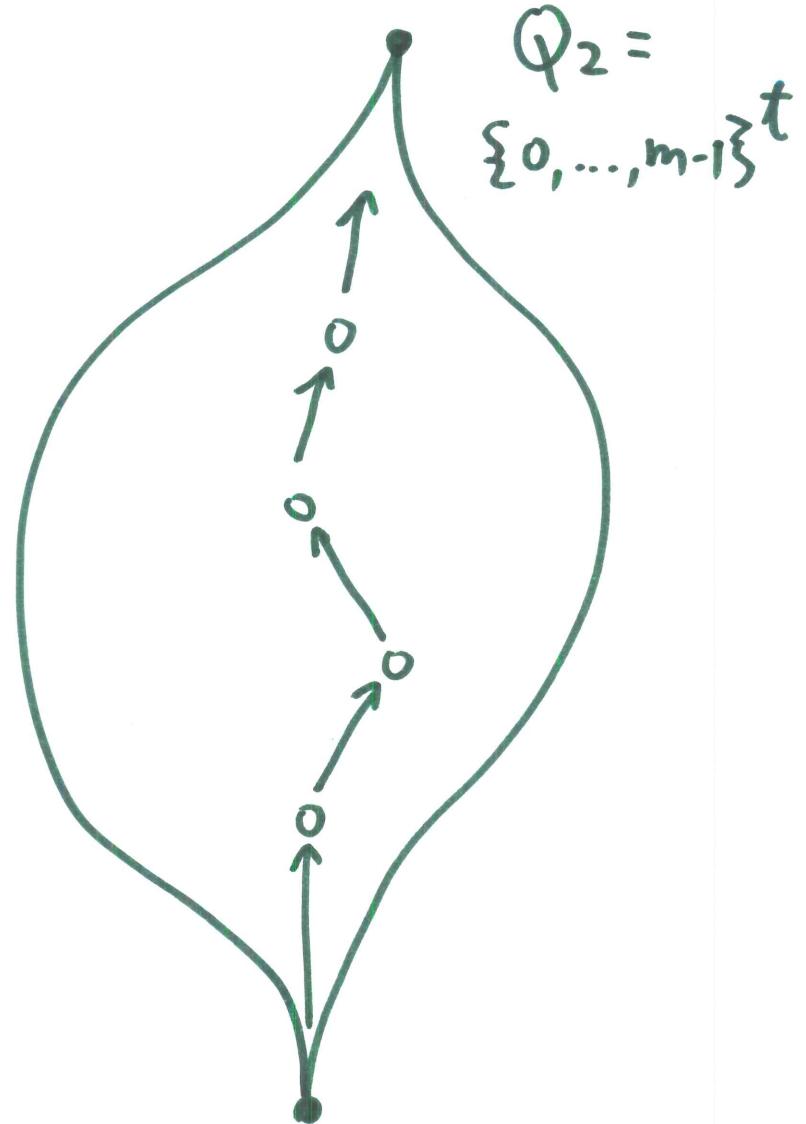
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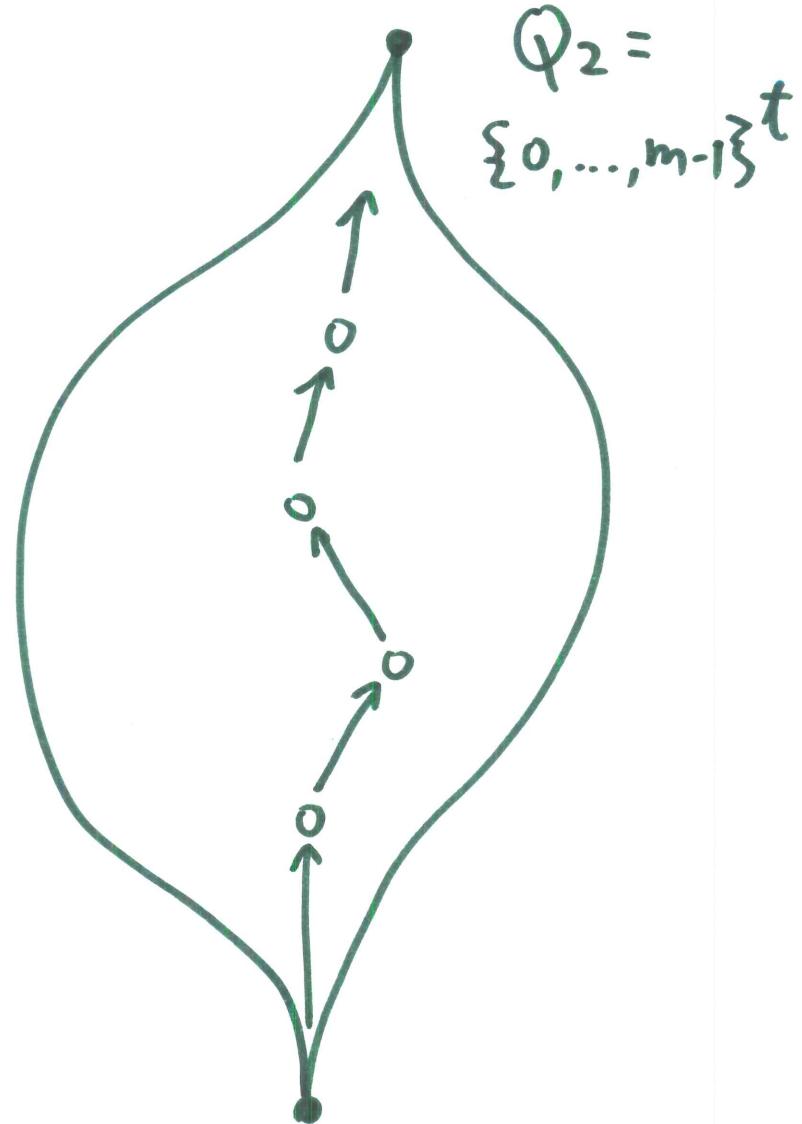


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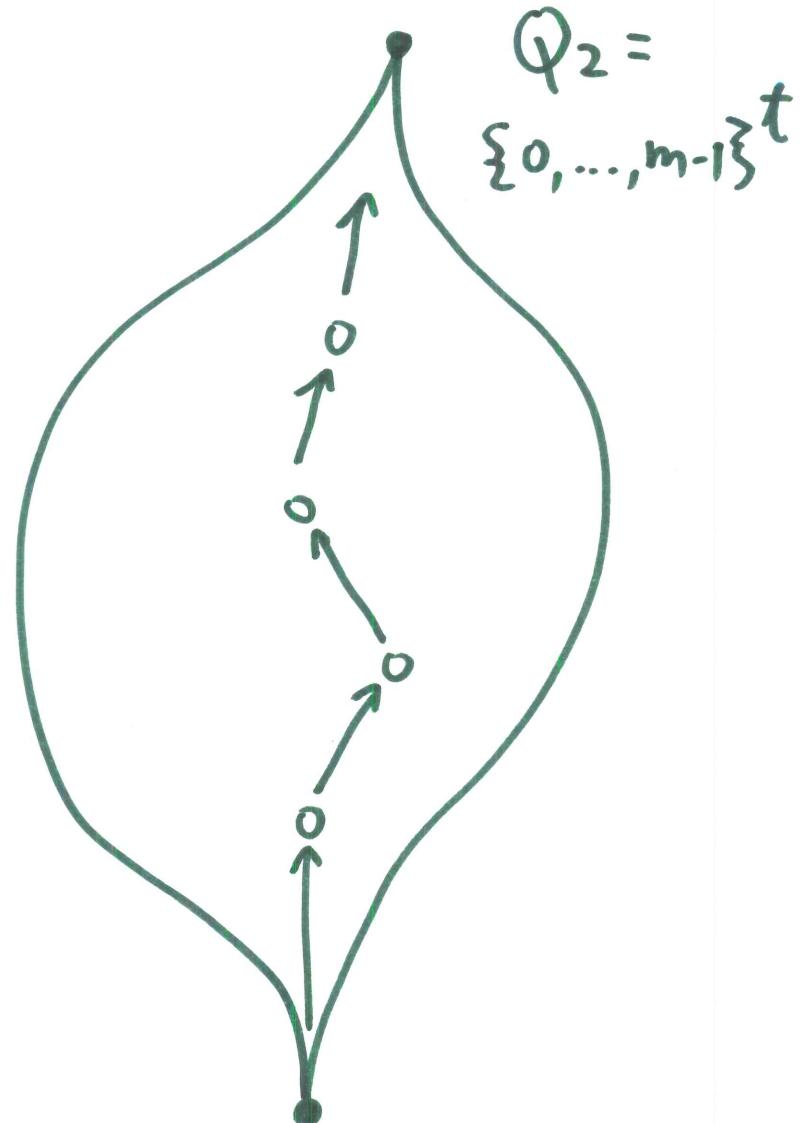


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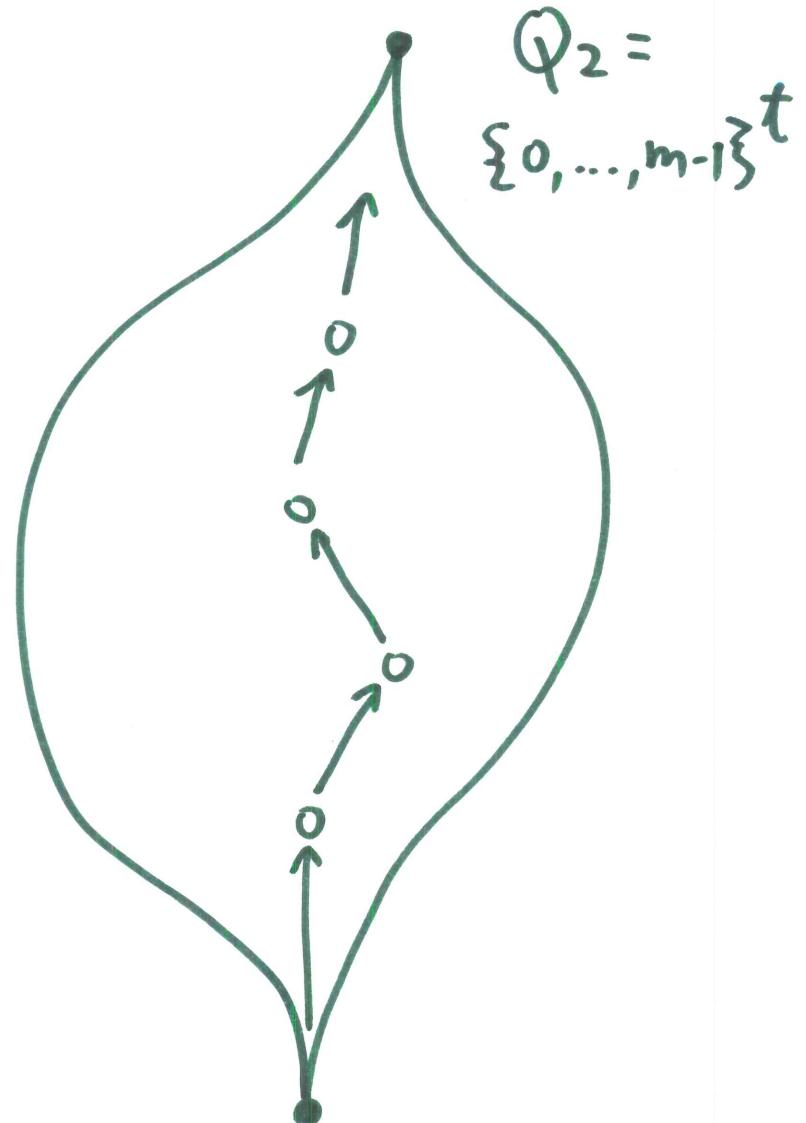
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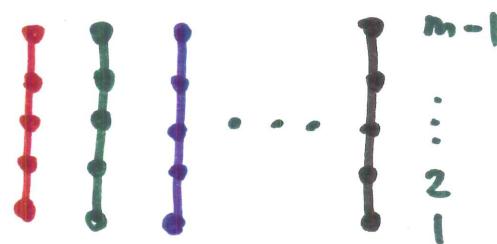
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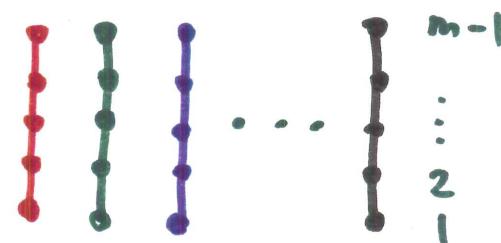
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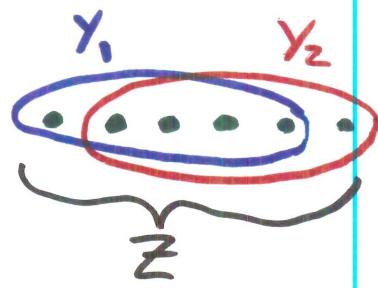
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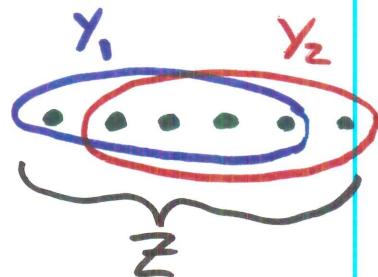


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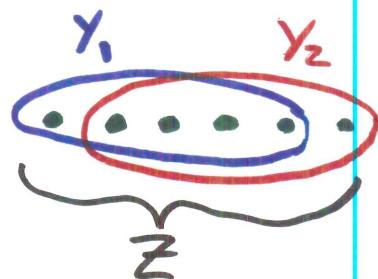
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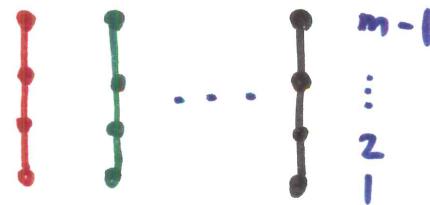
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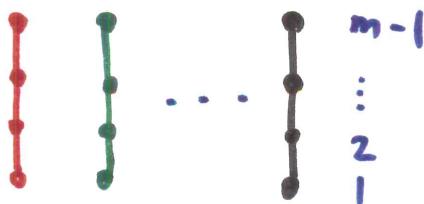
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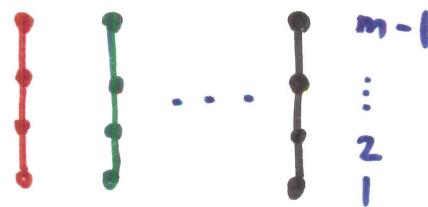


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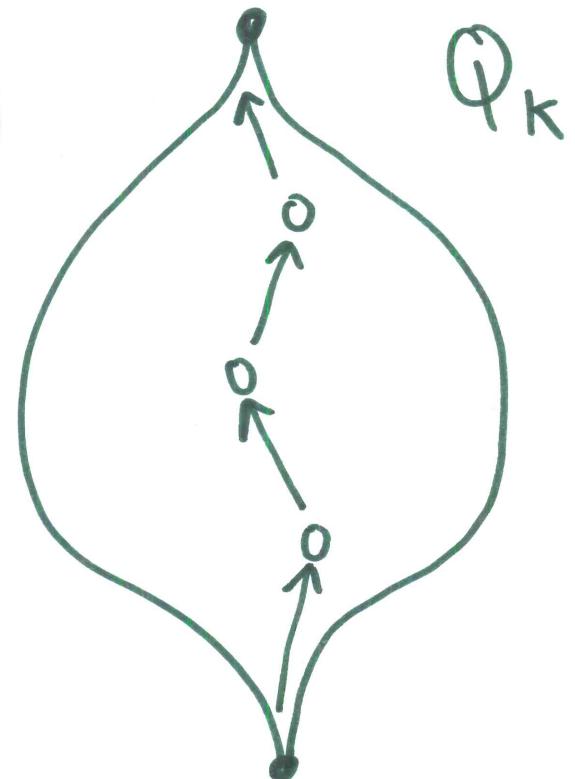


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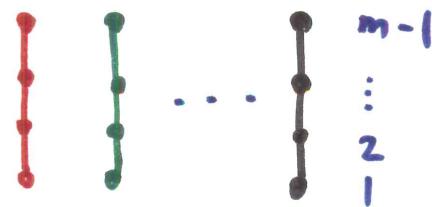
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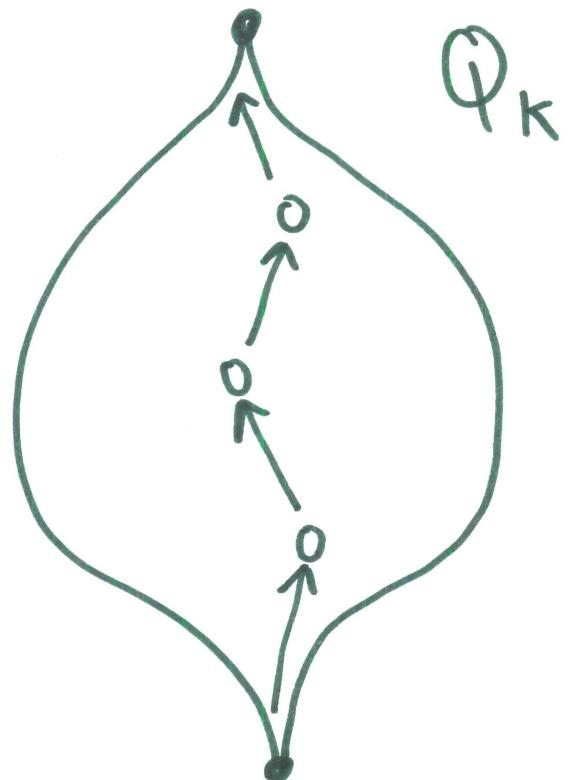
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