

# EFFICIENT AND SIMPLE GIBBS STATE PREPARATION OF THE 2D TORIC CODE VIA DUALITY TO CLASSICAL ISING CHAINS



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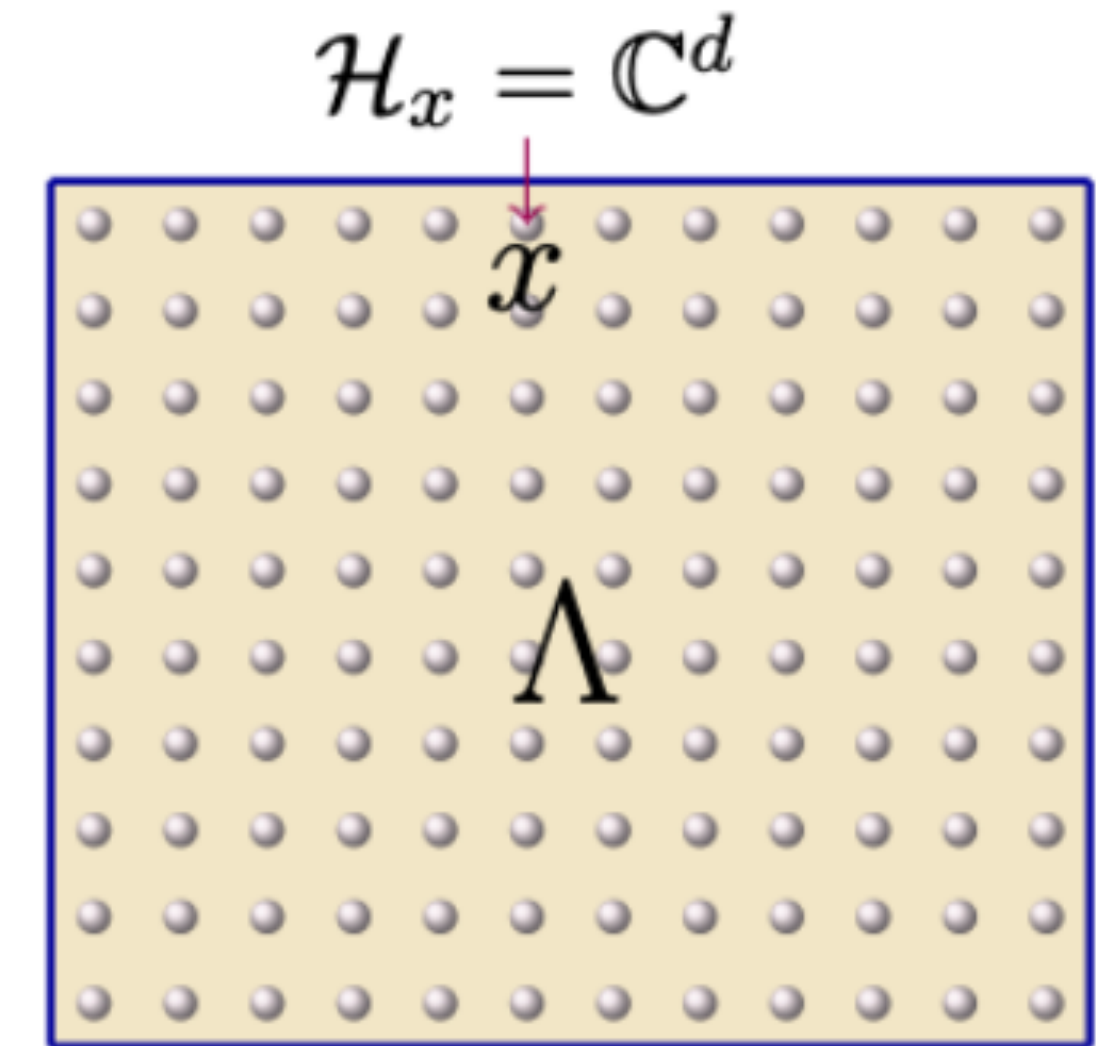
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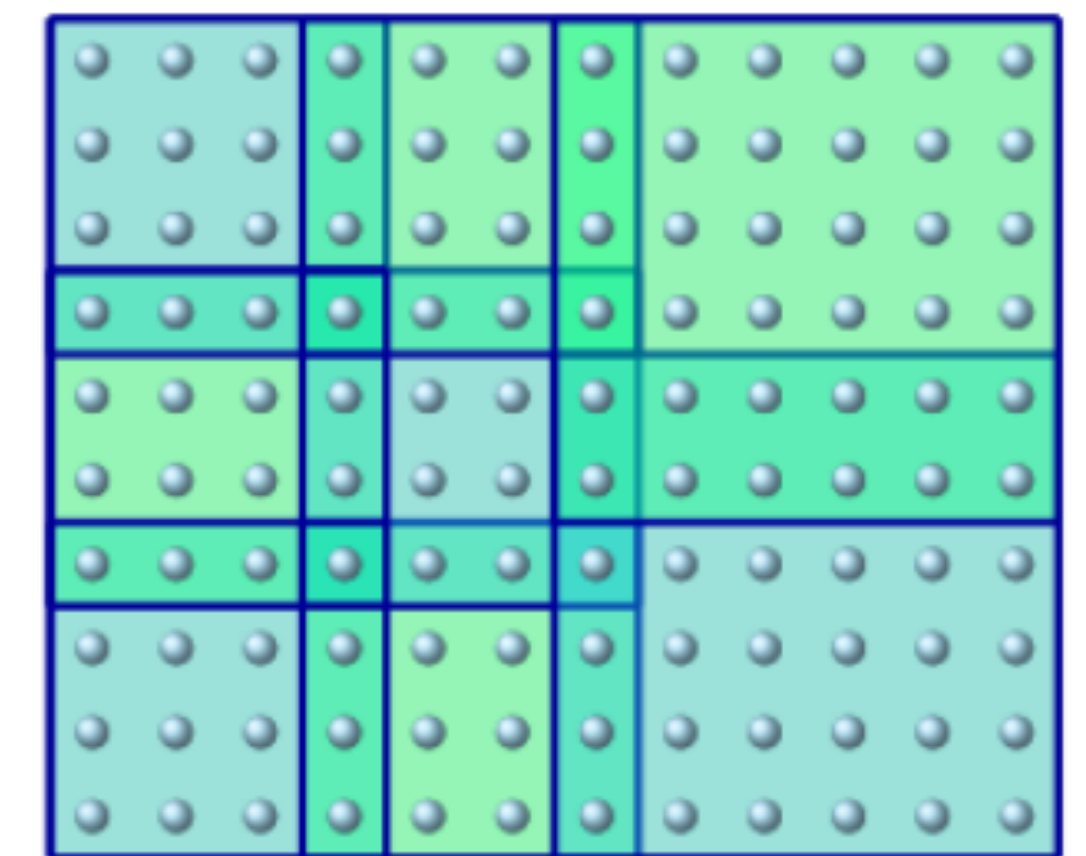
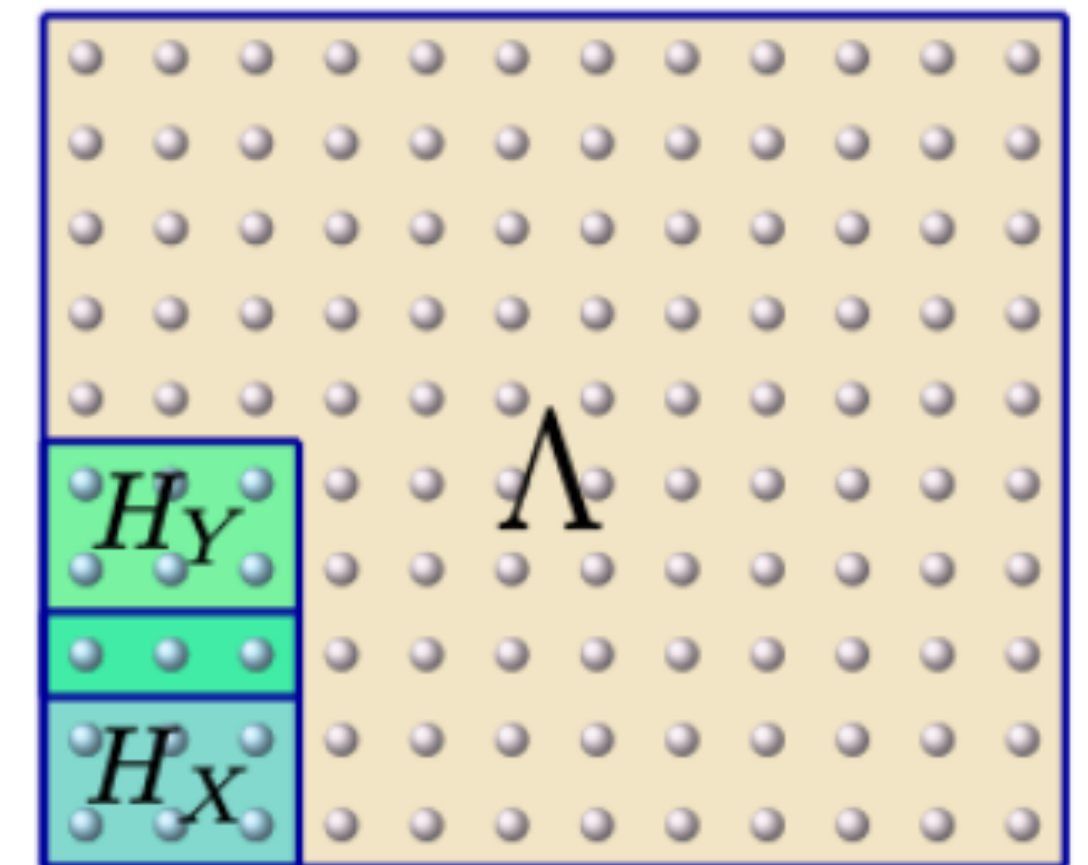
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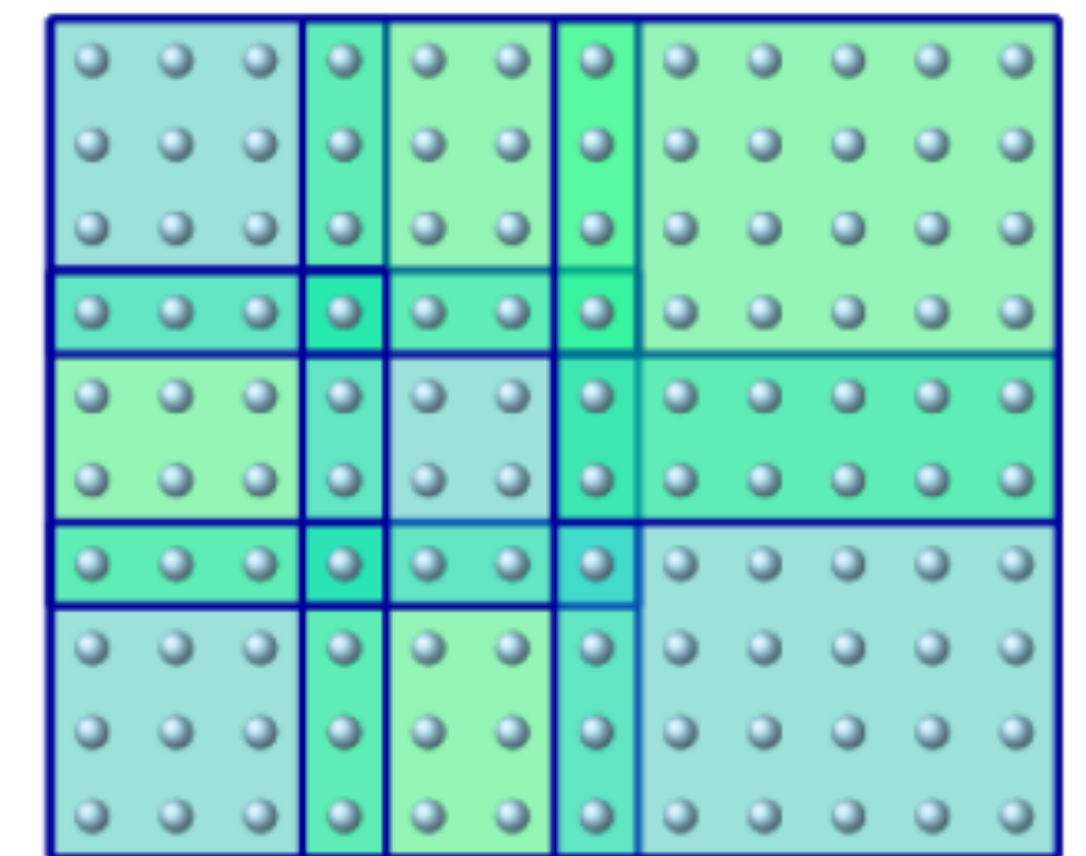
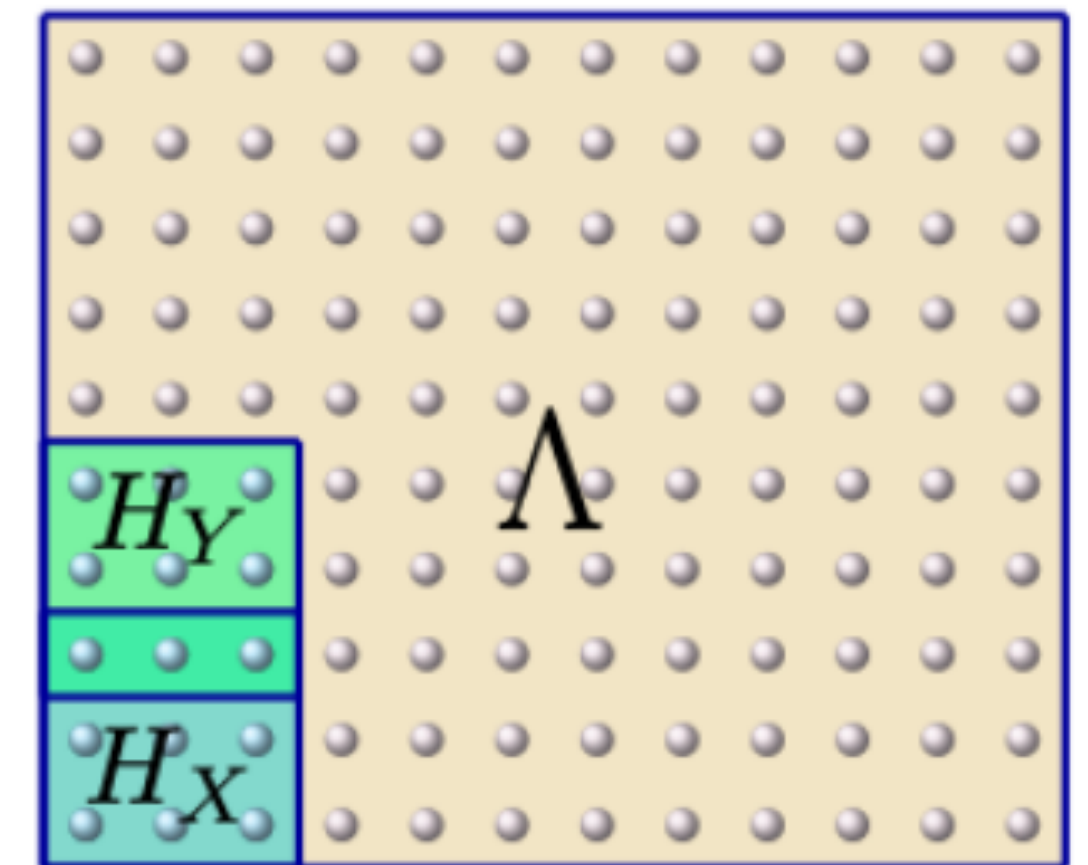
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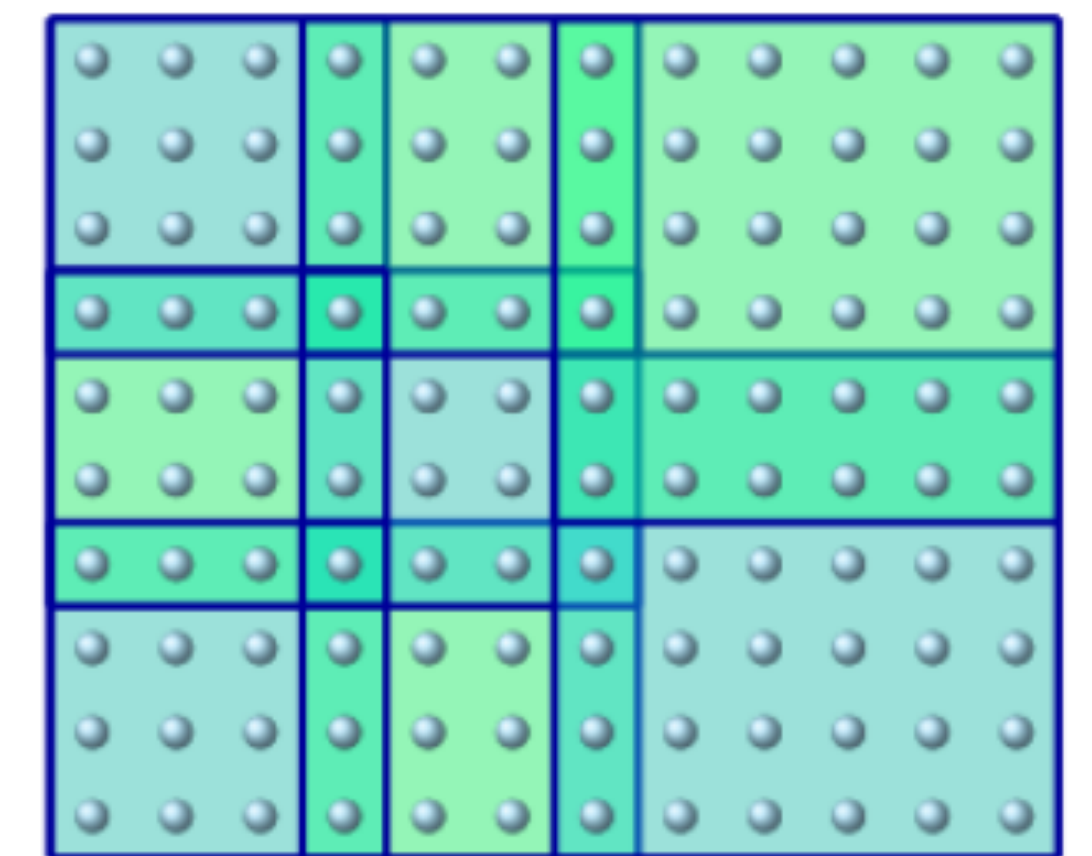
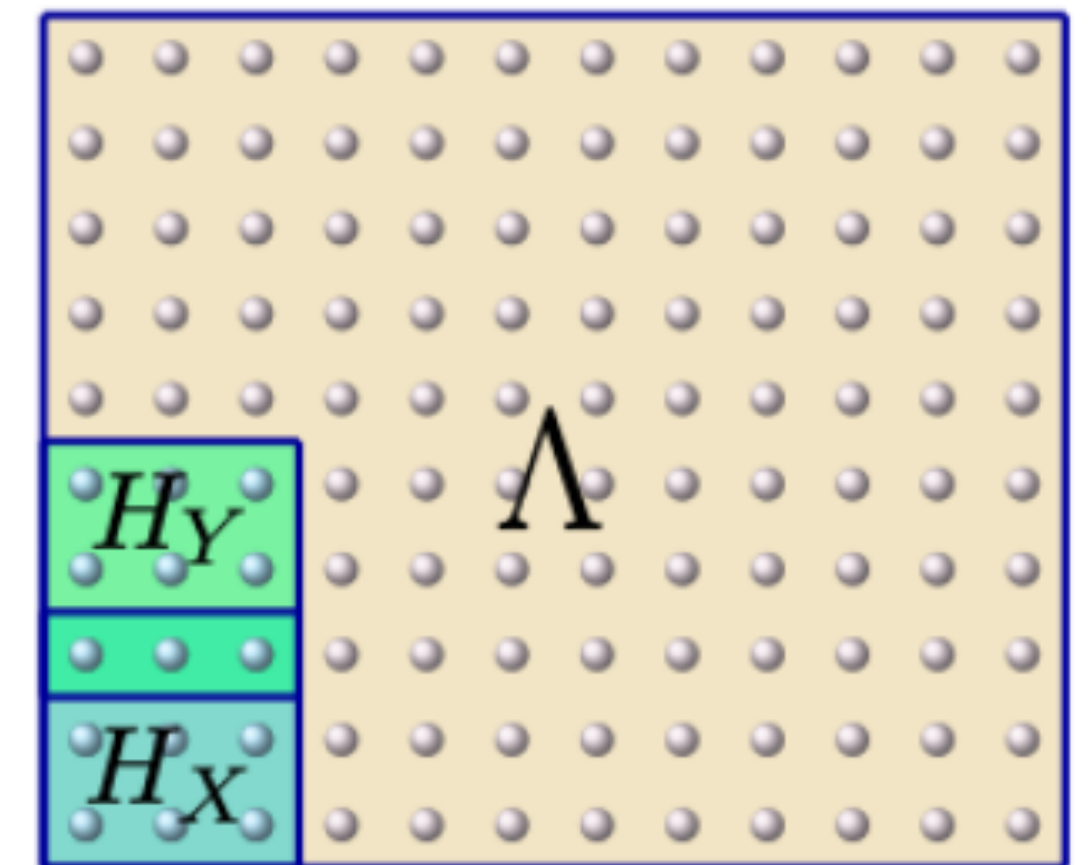
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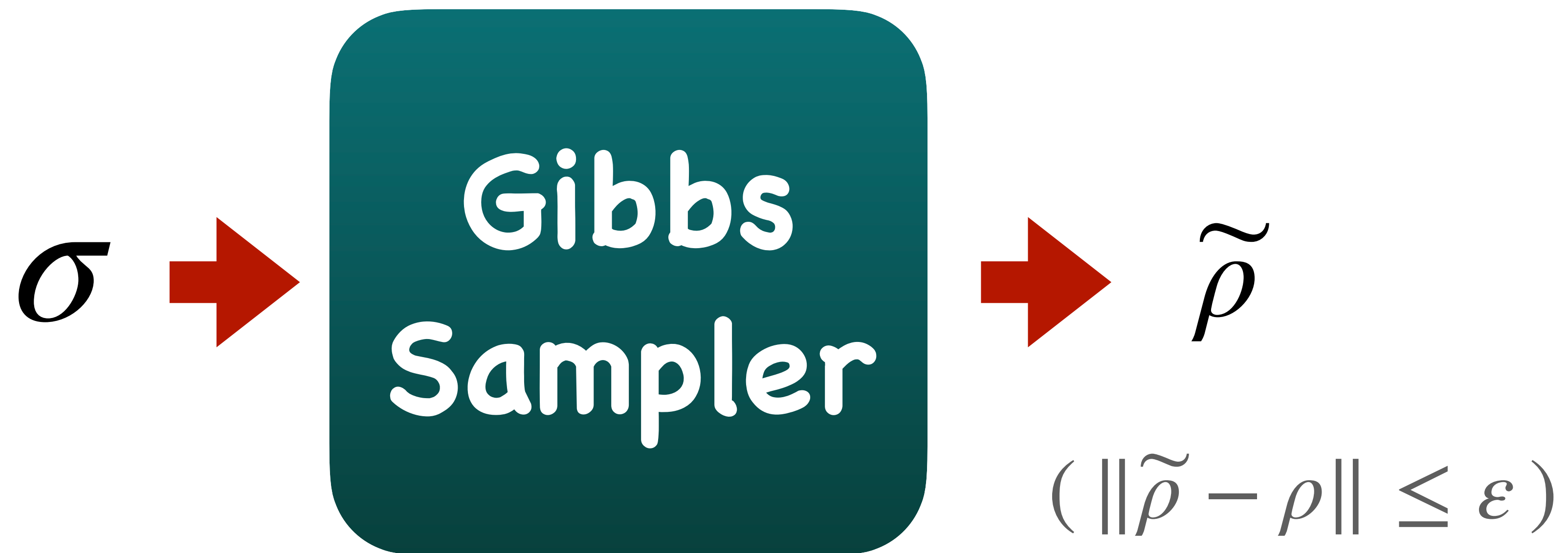
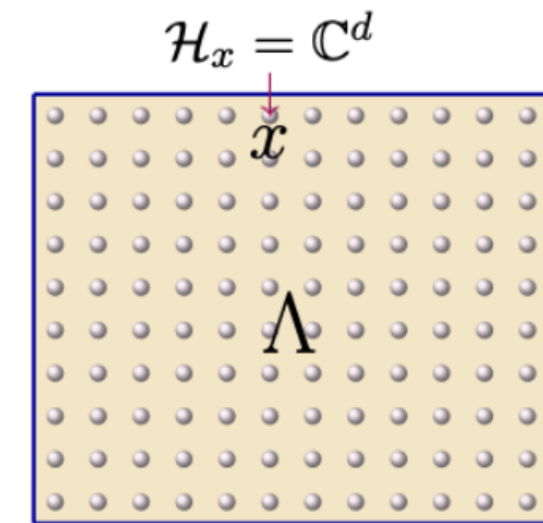
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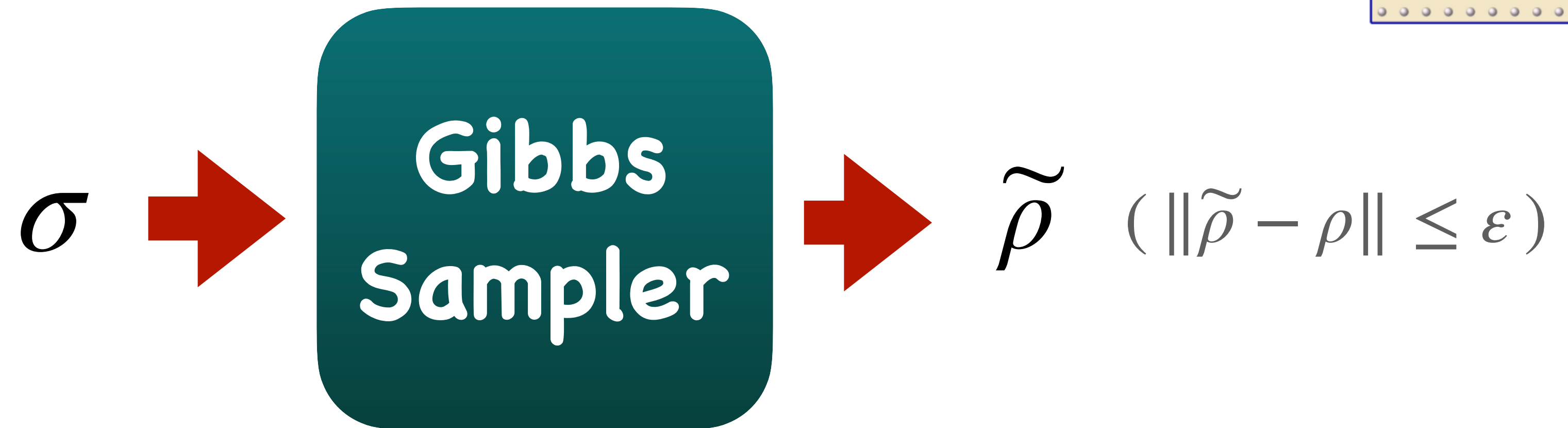
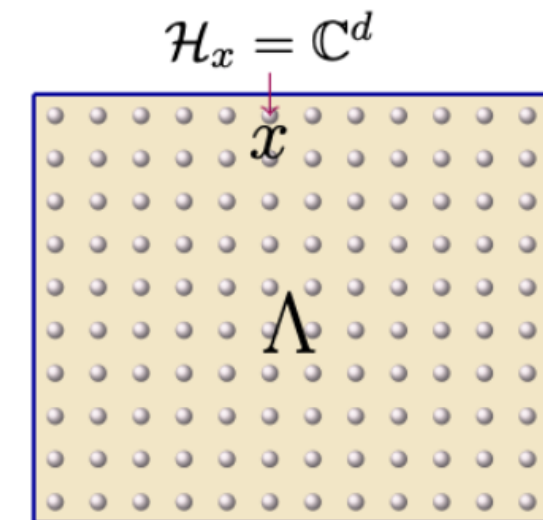
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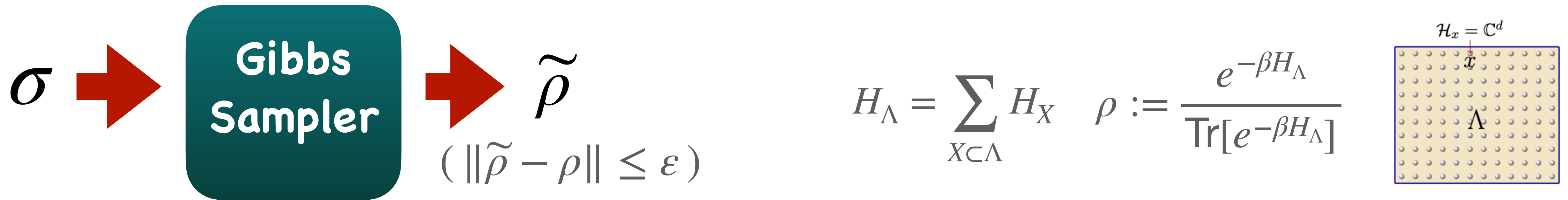
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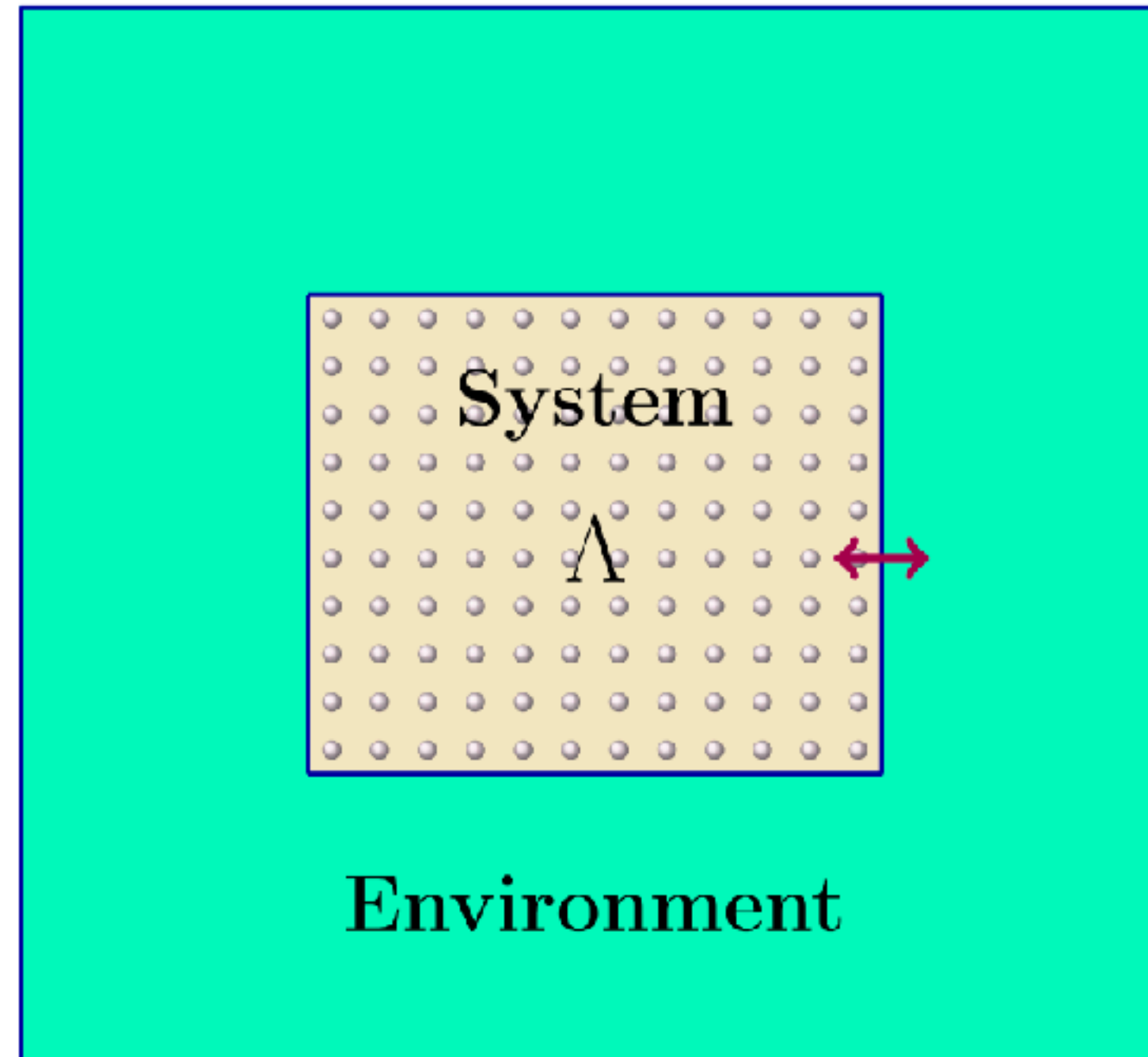


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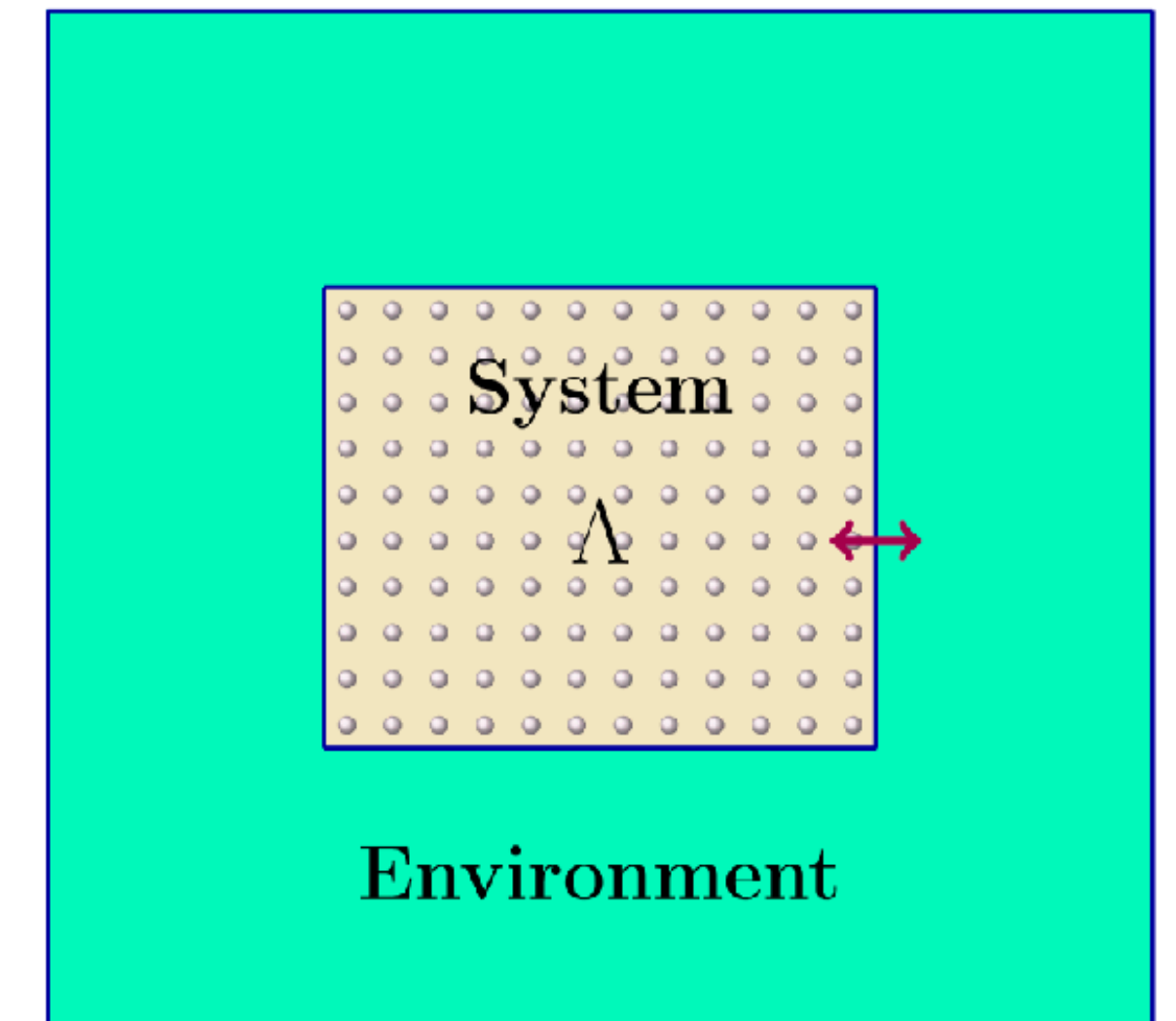
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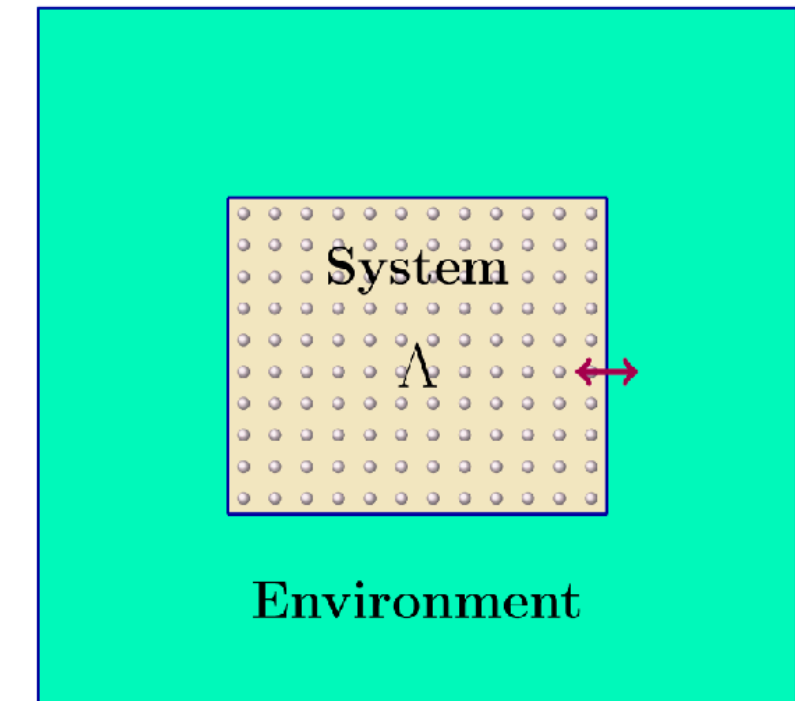
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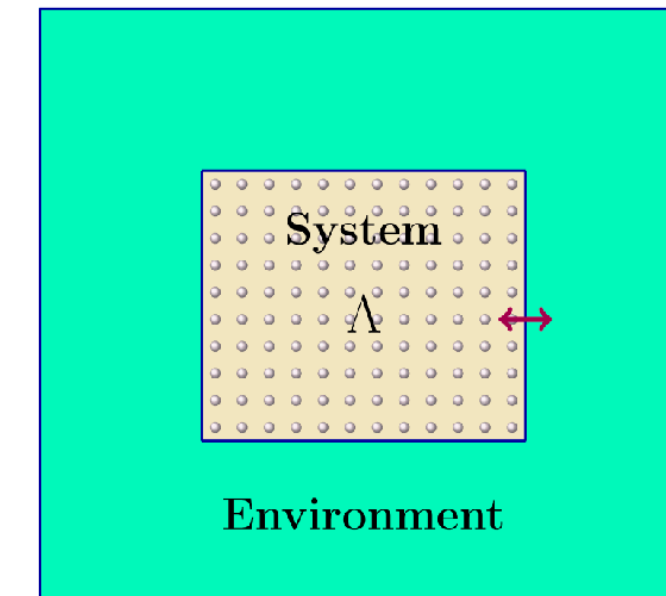
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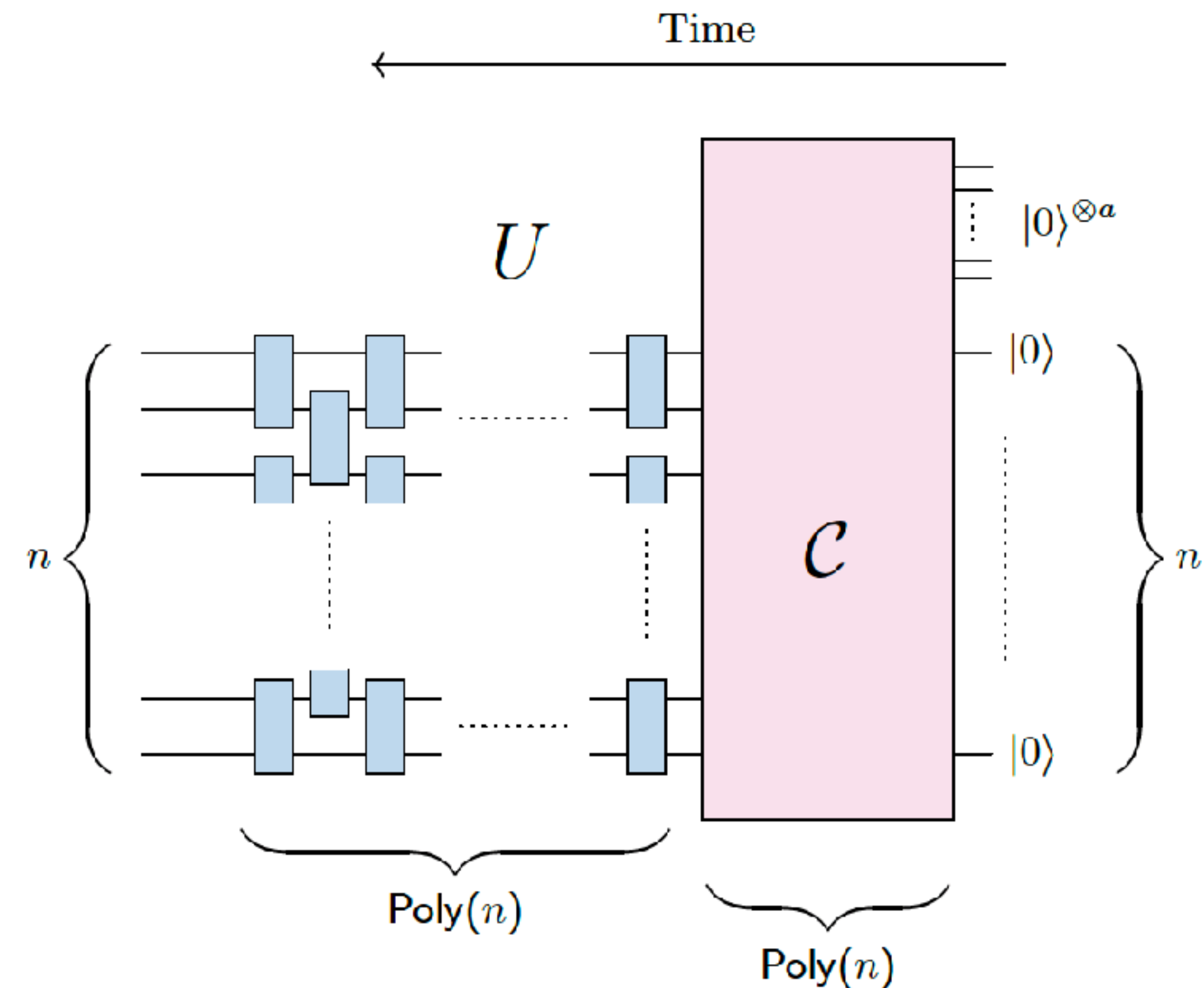
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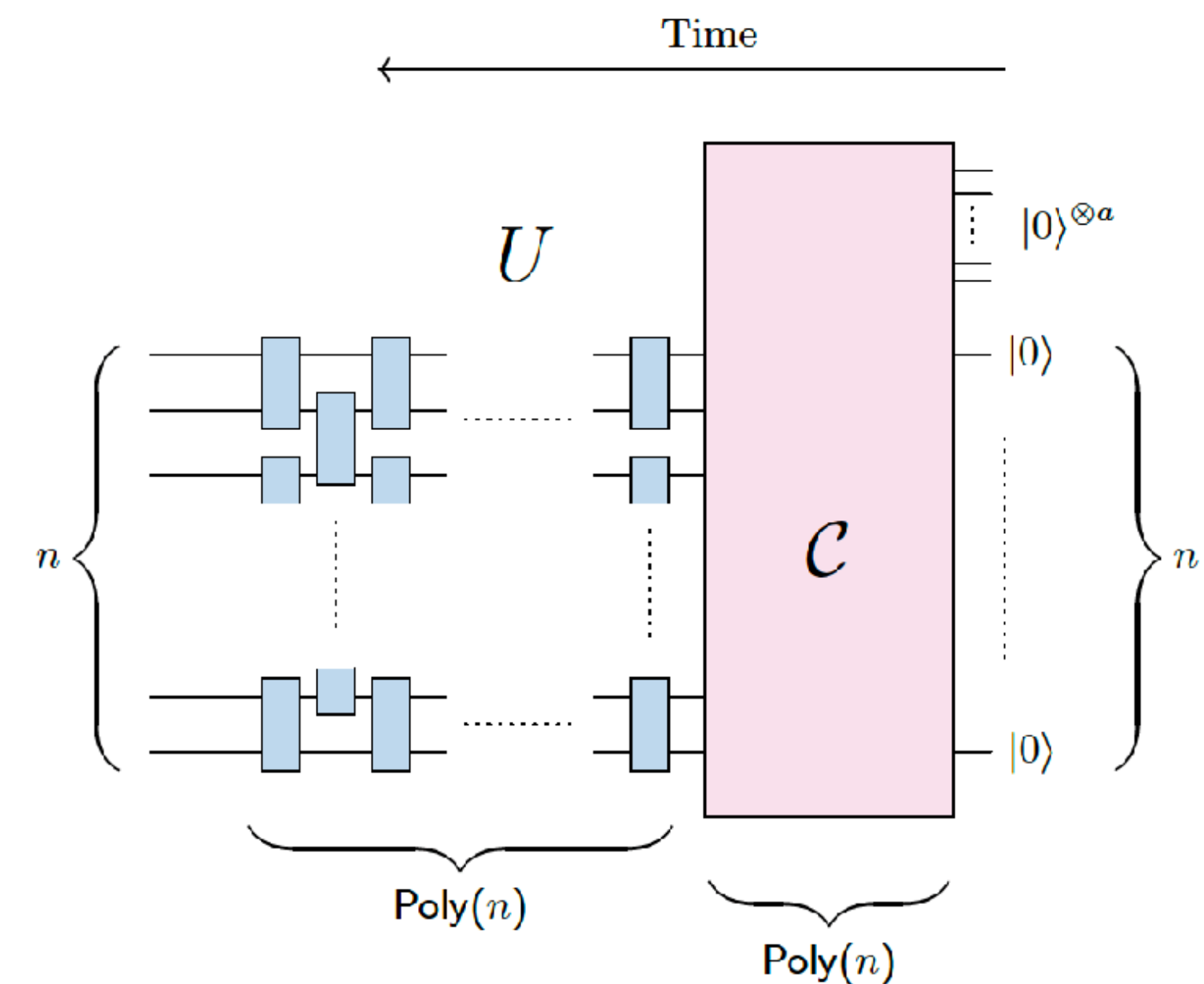
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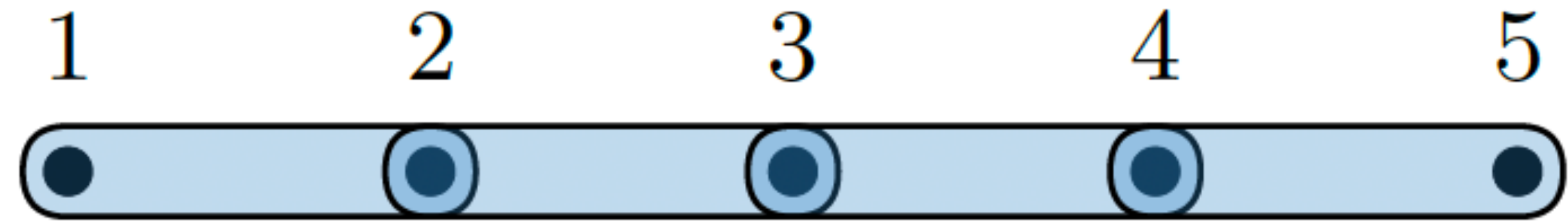
Ingredients. For a relevant Hamiltonian  $H_2$ :

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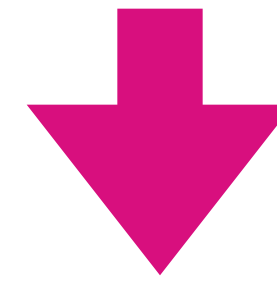
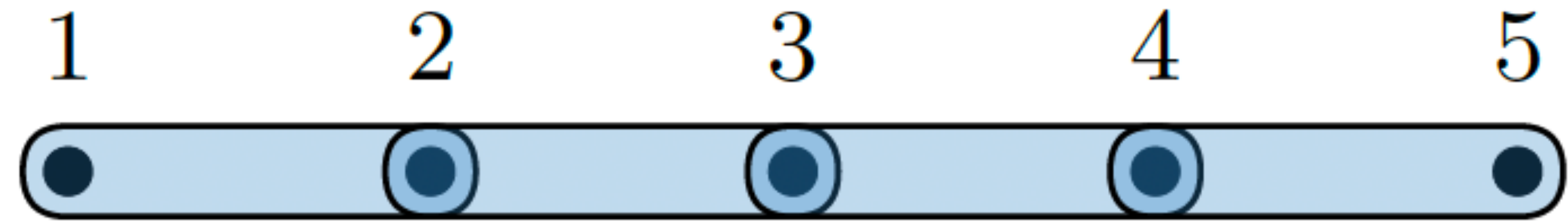




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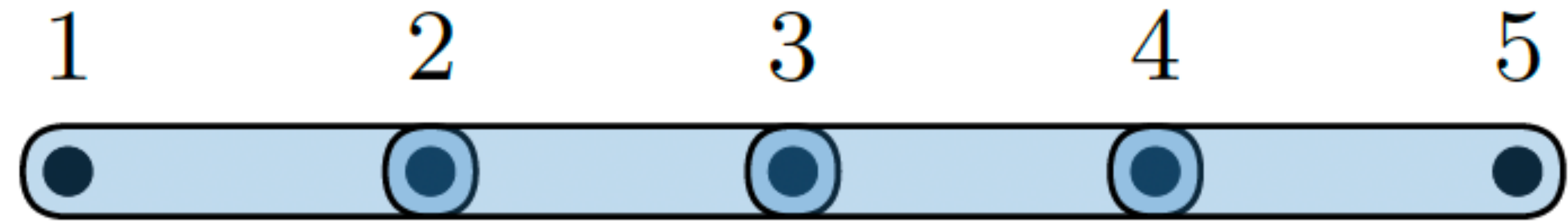
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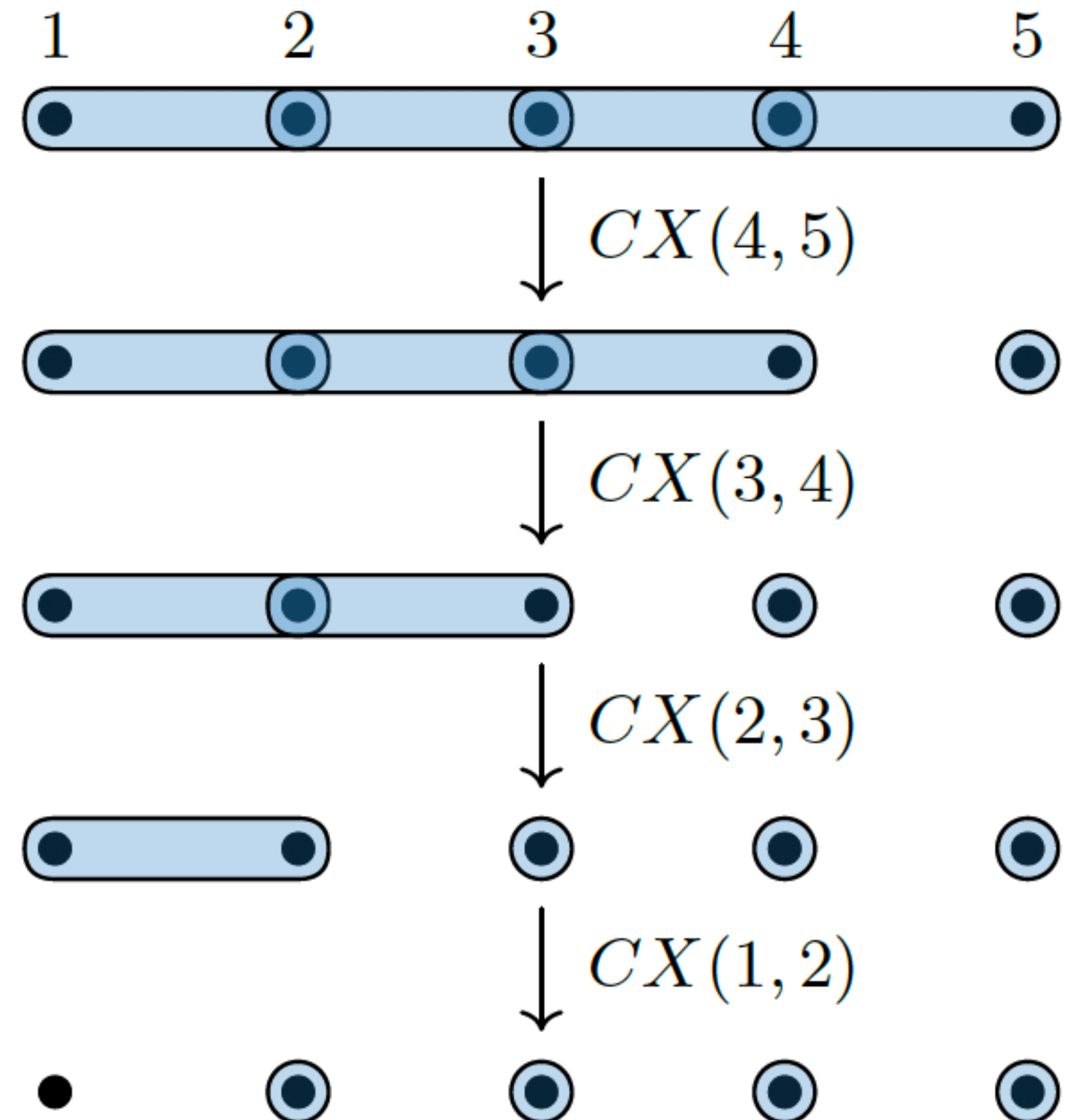
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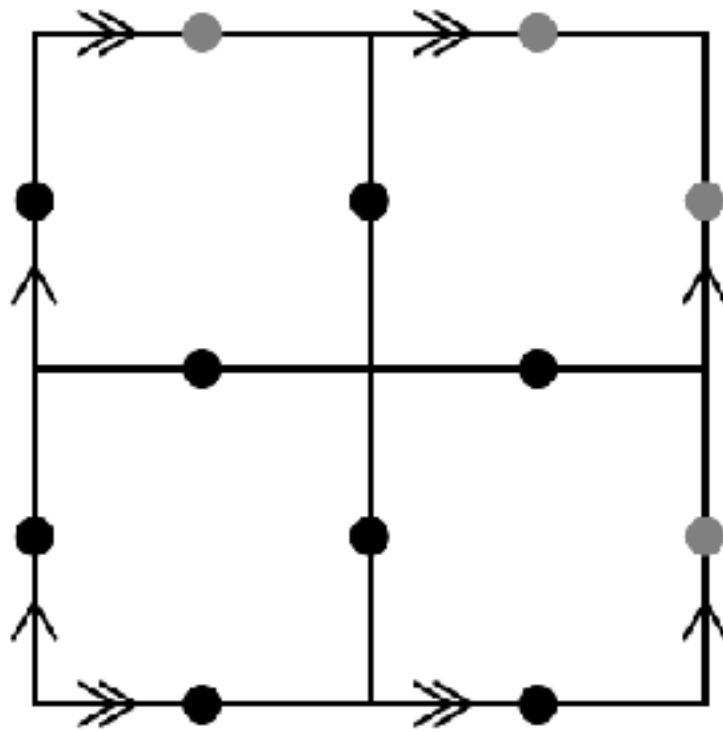


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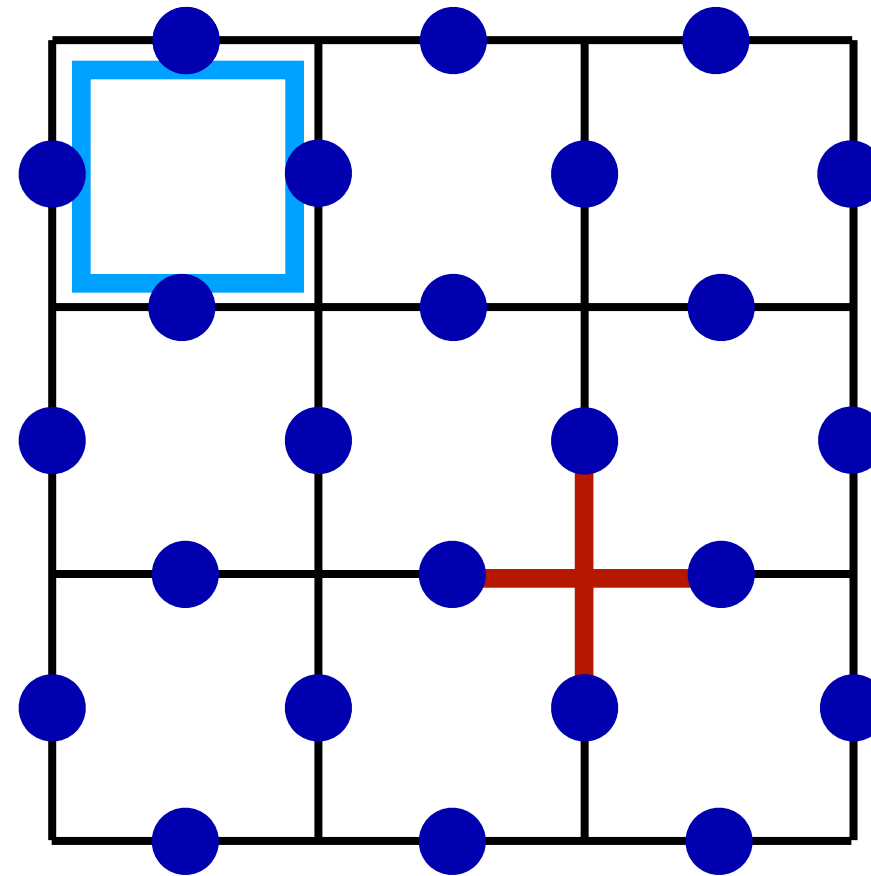
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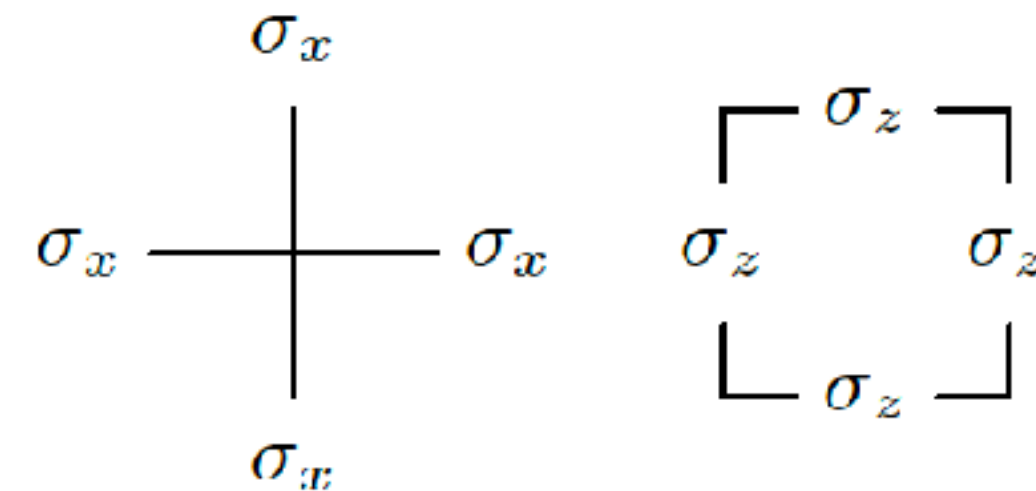


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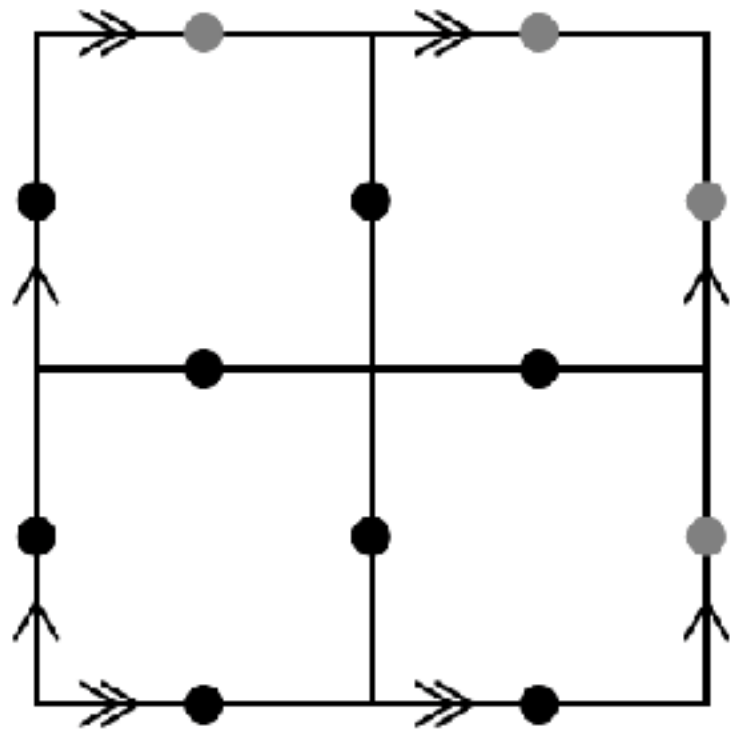
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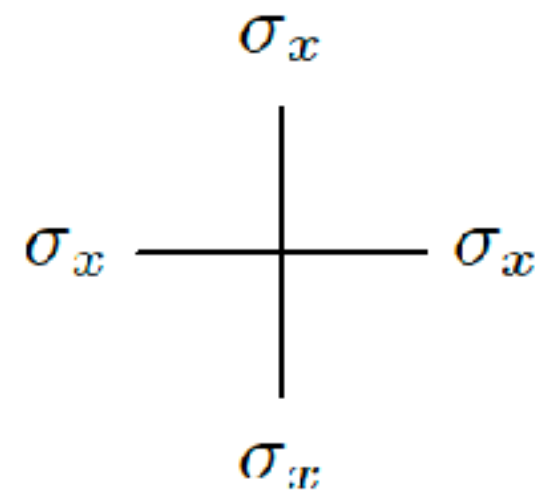
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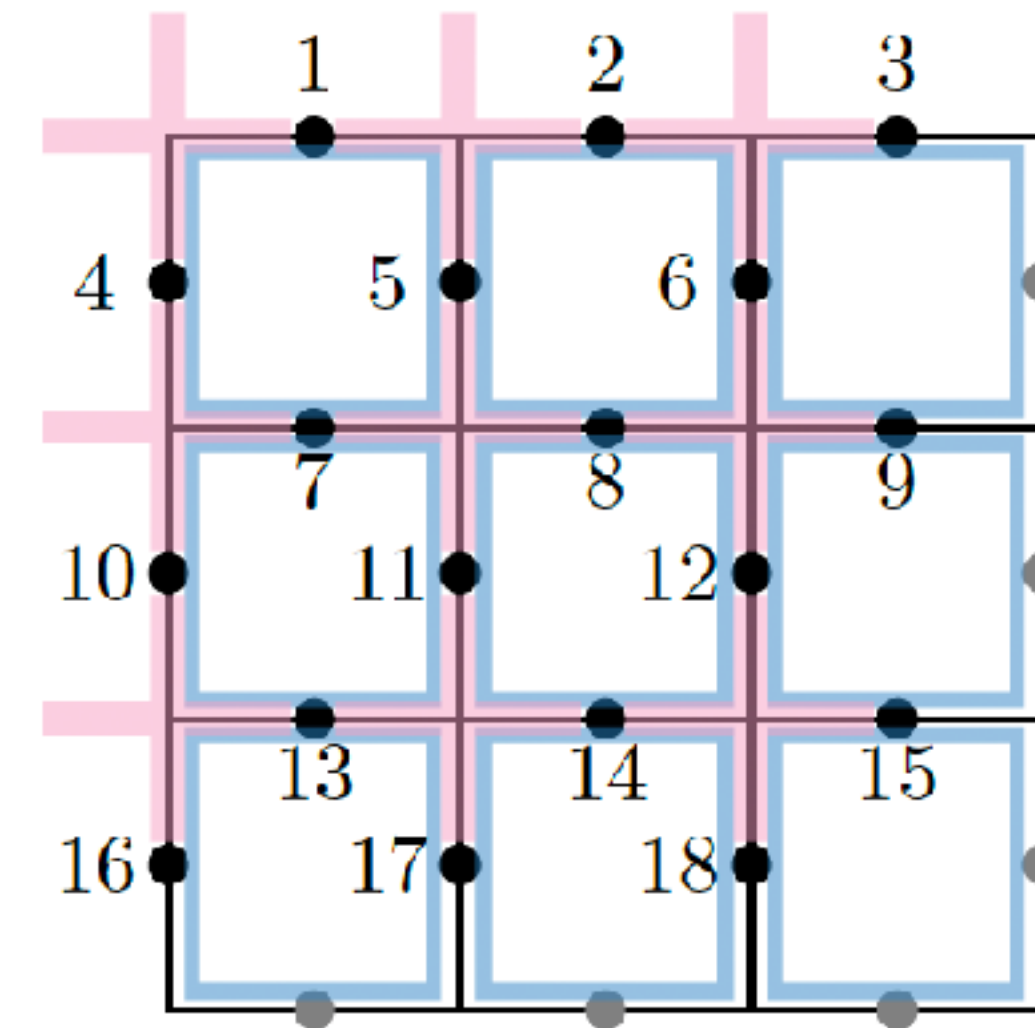
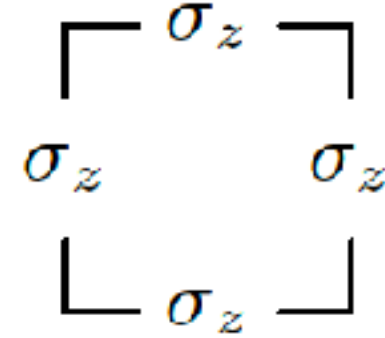


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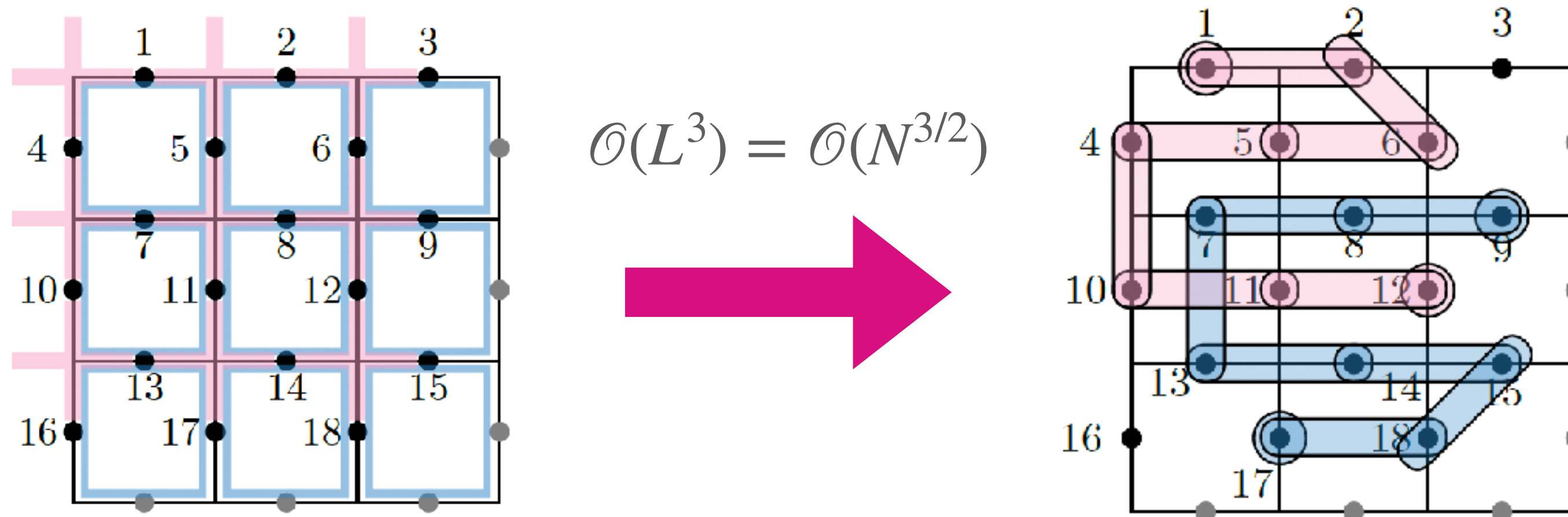
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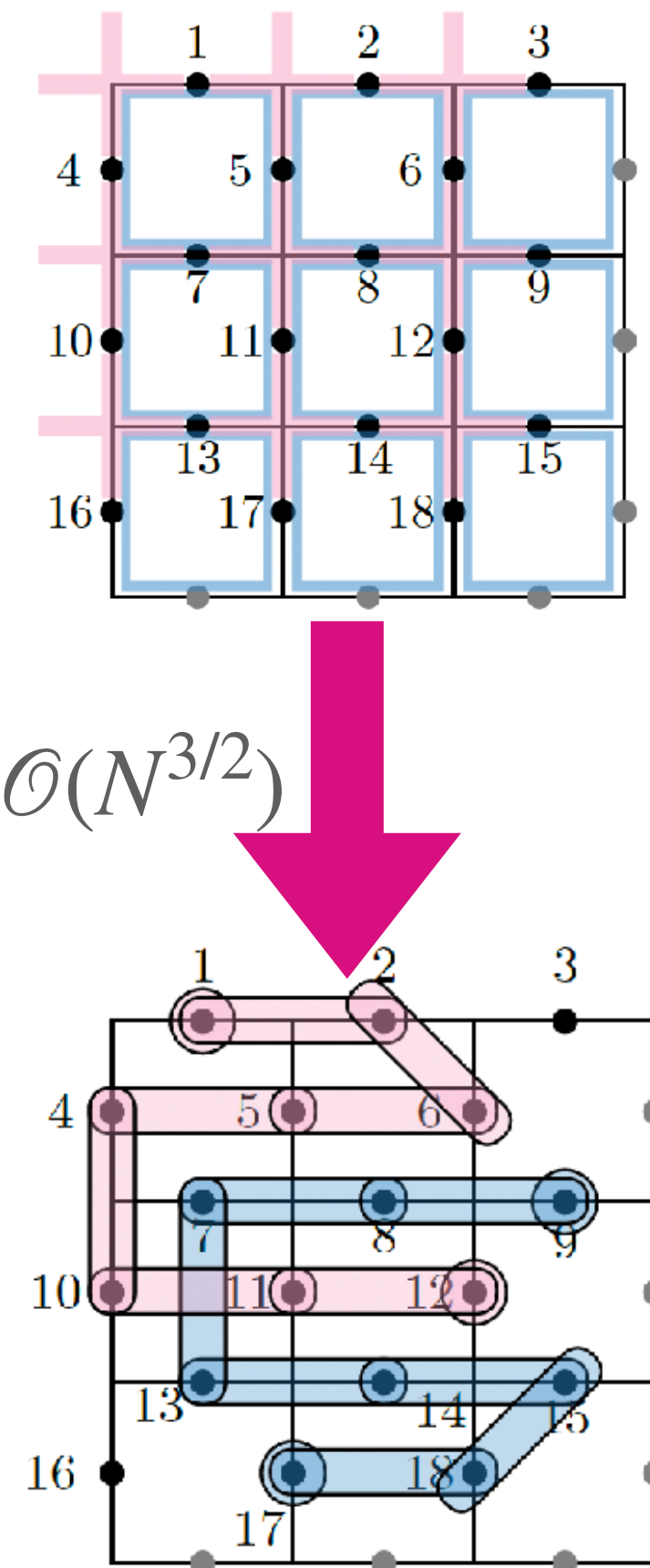
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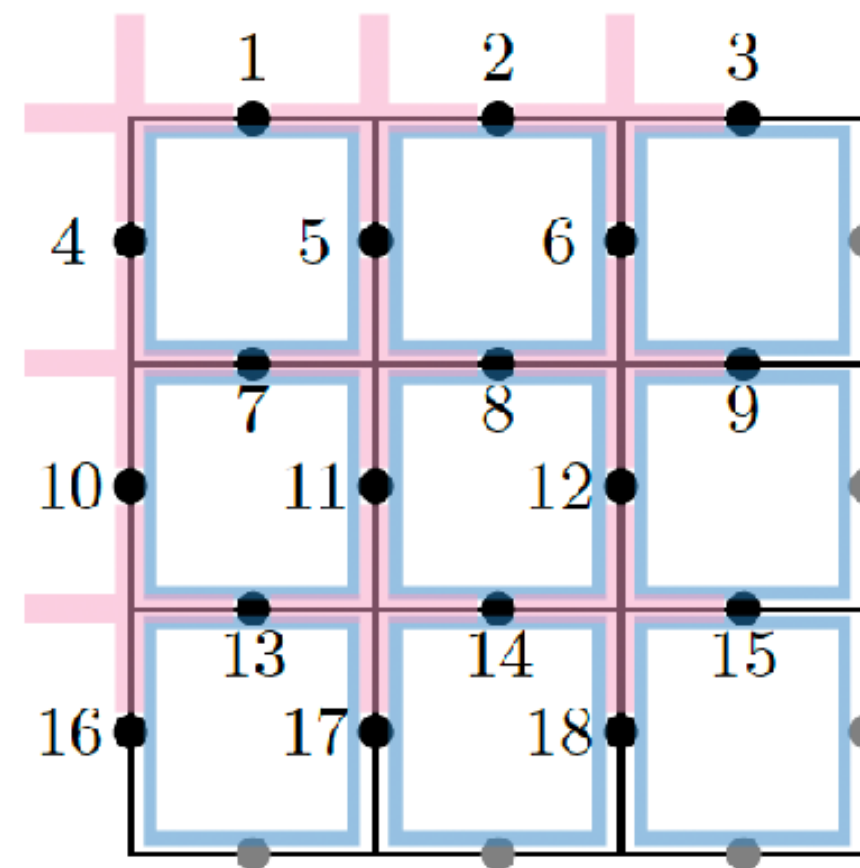
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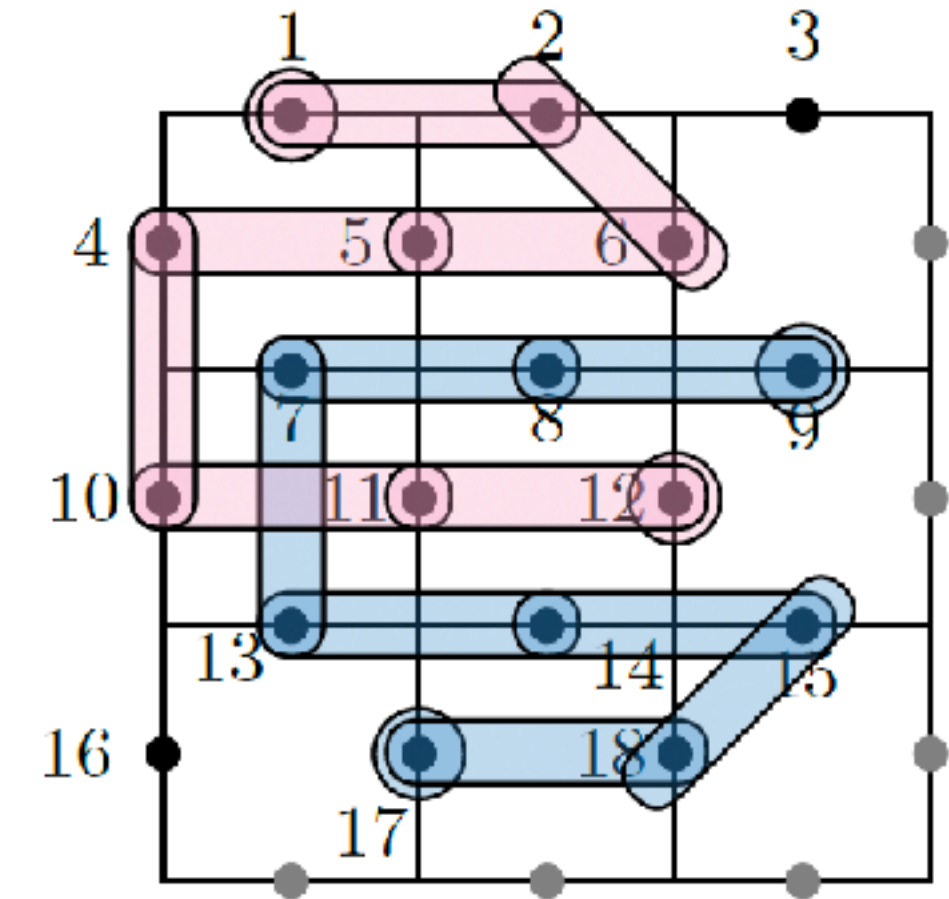


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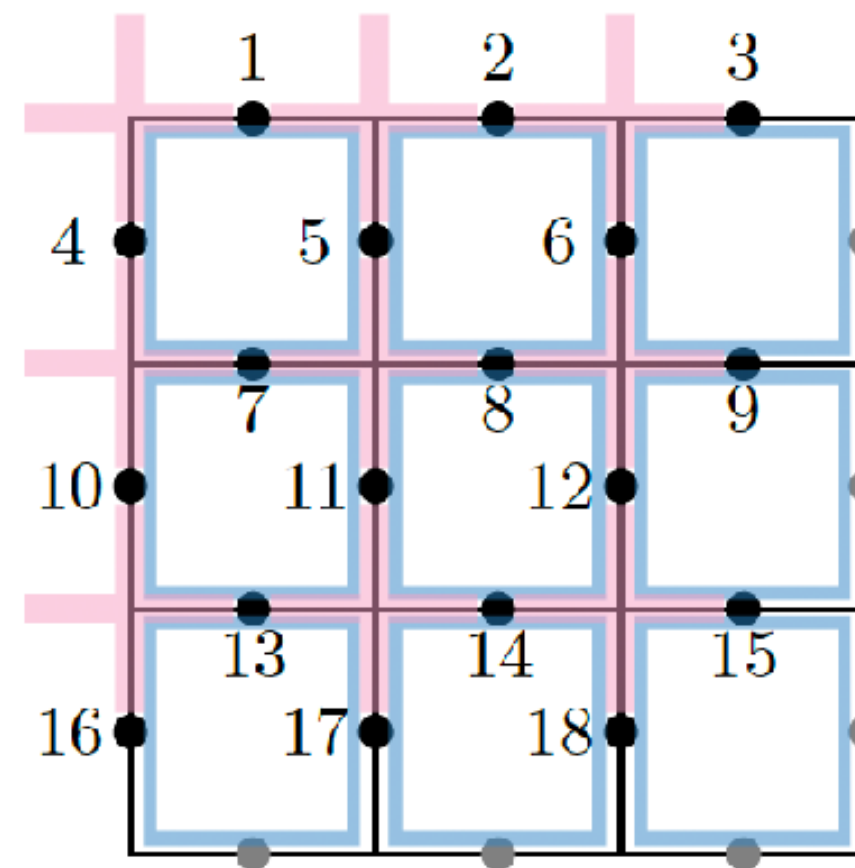


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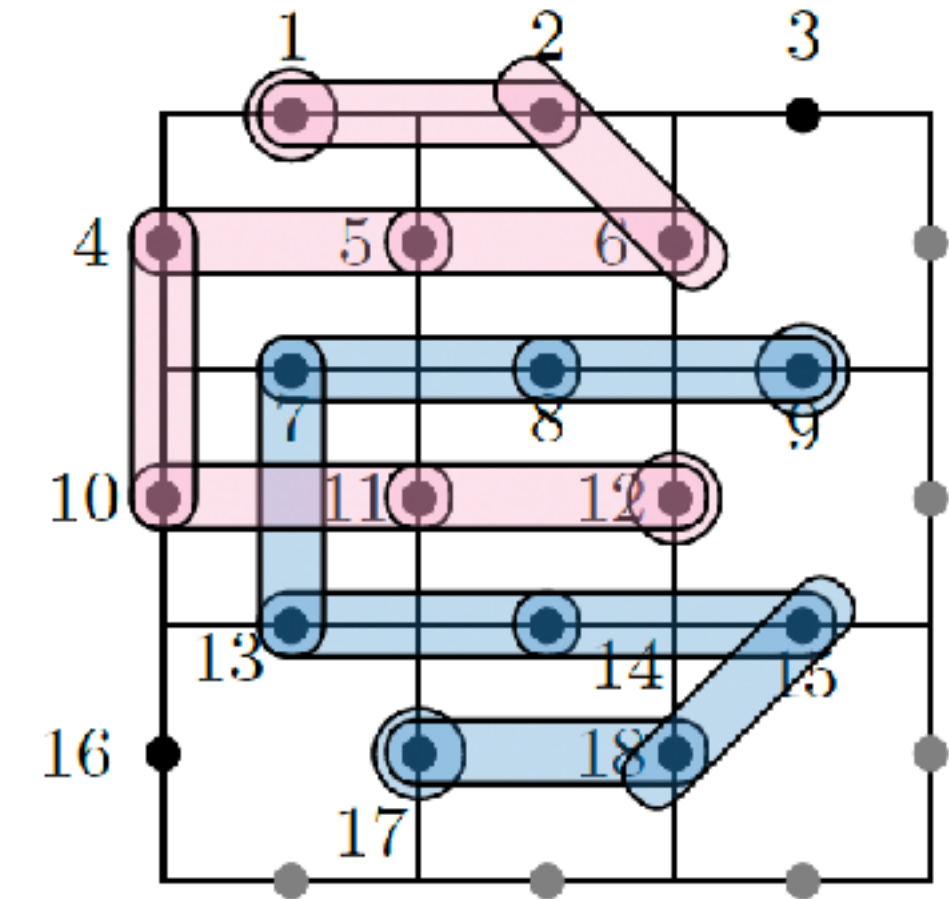


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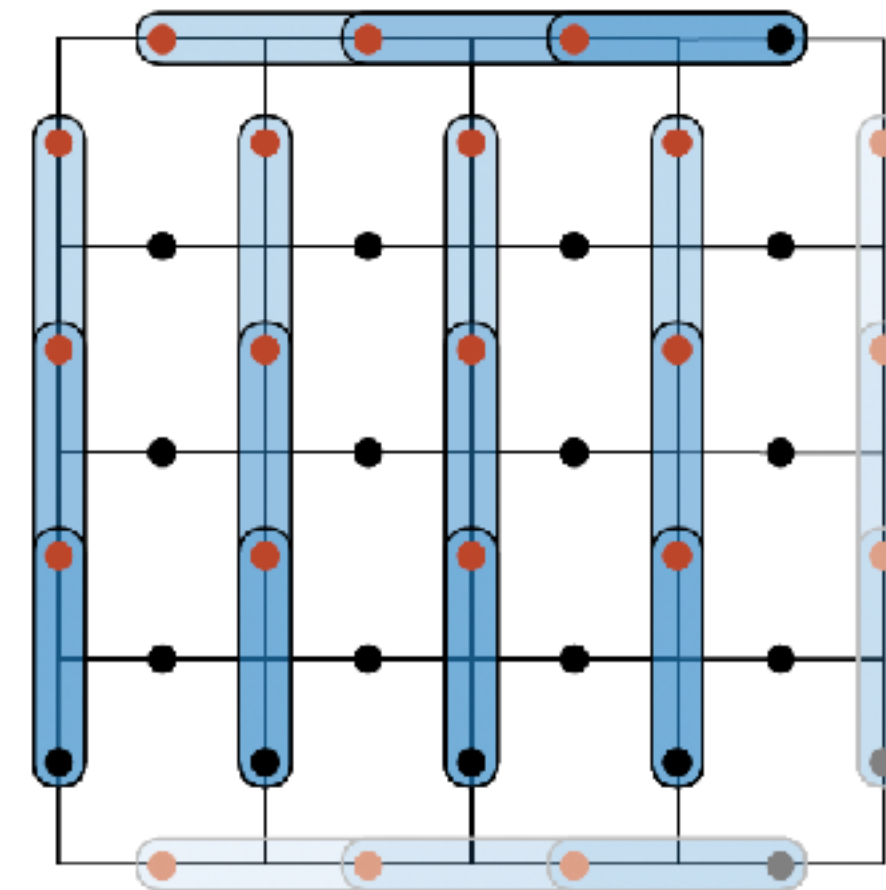


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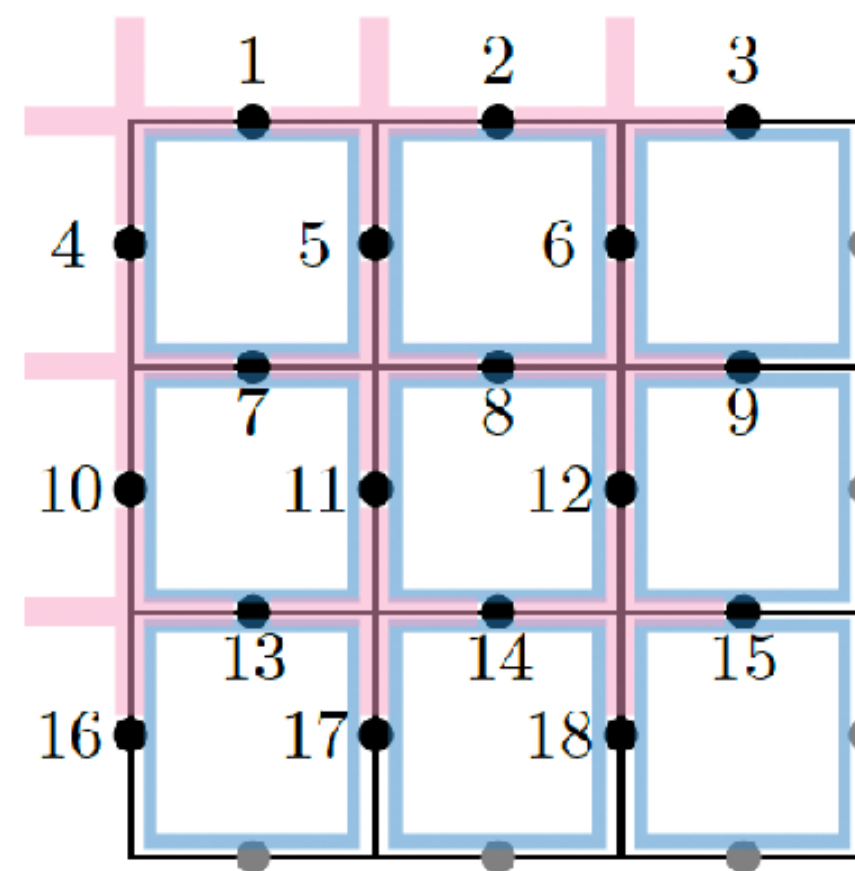
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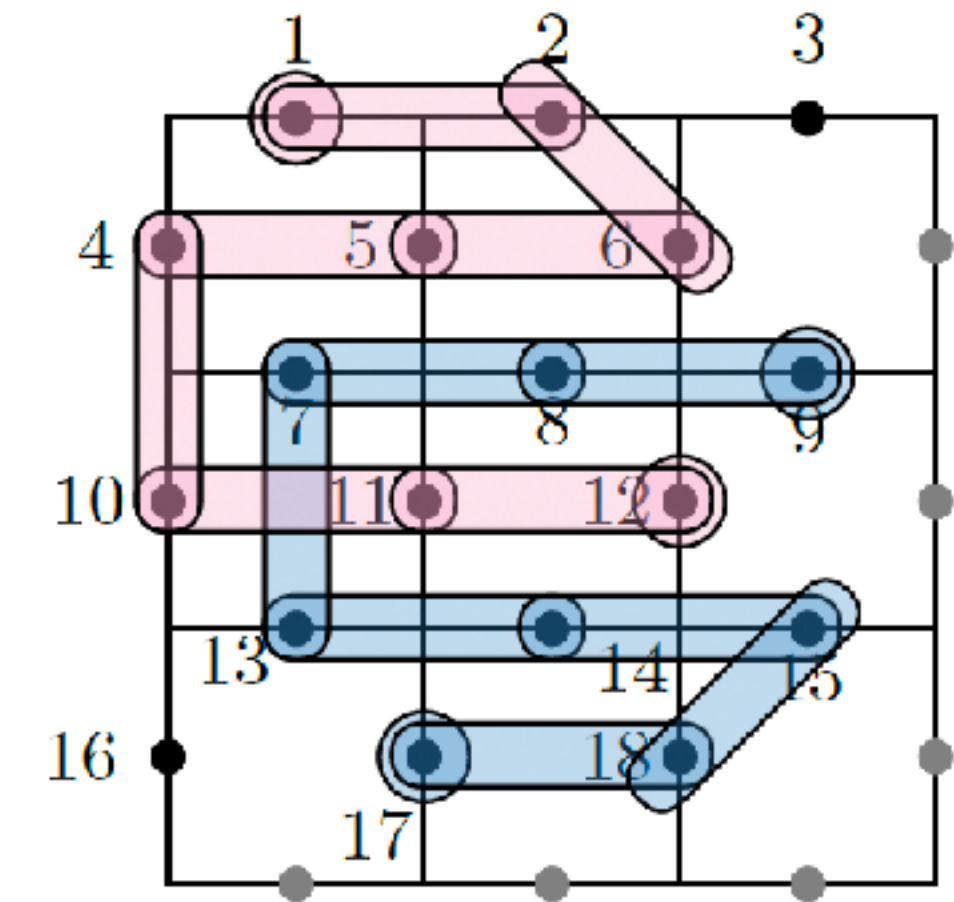


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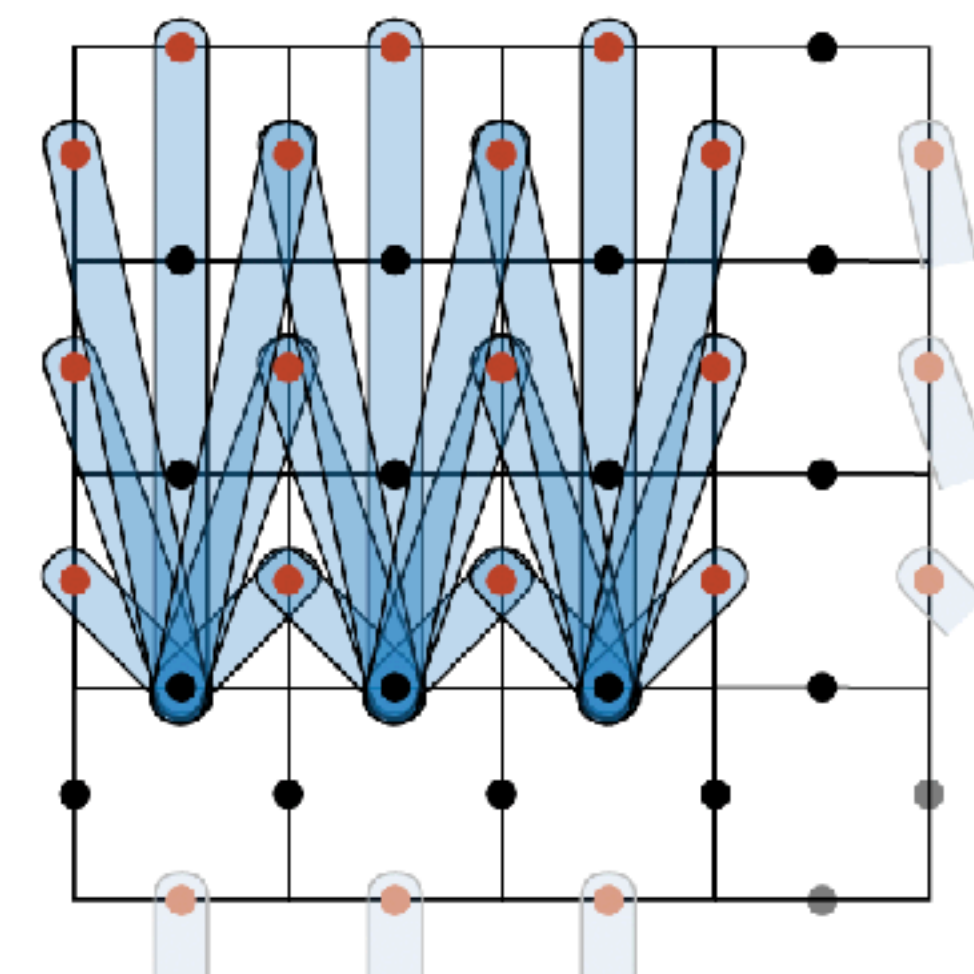
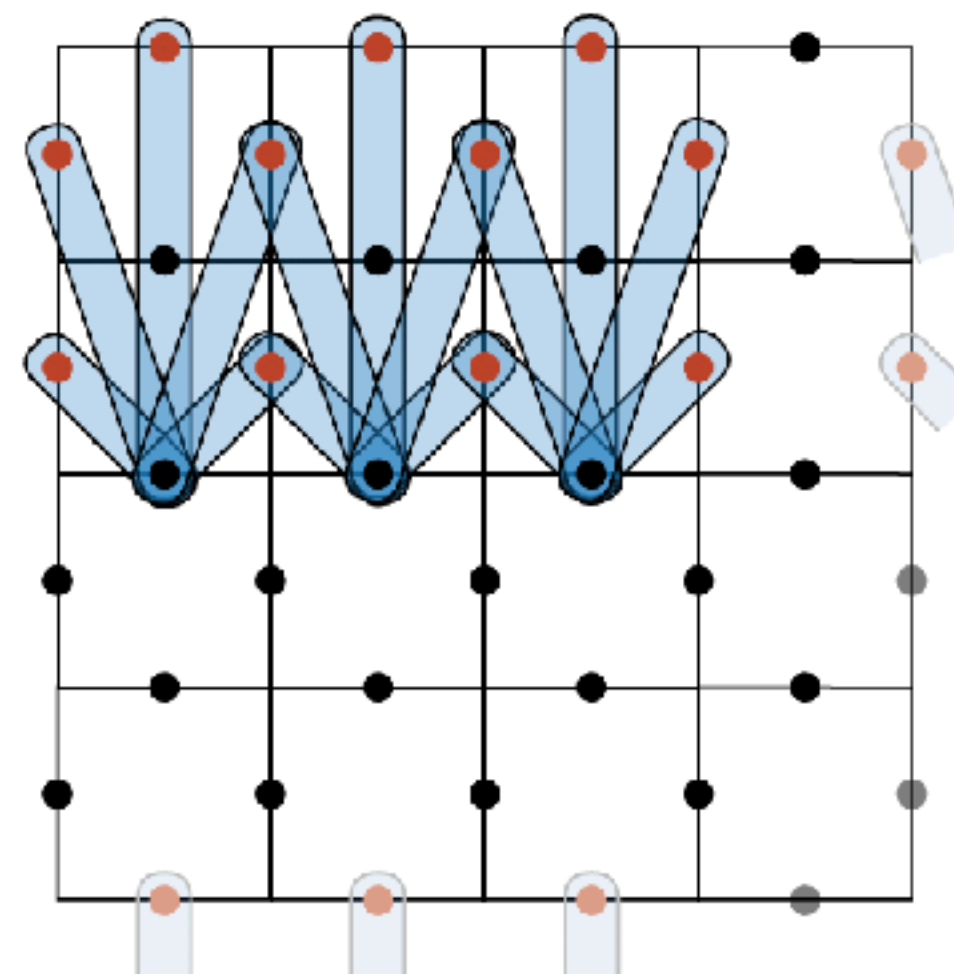
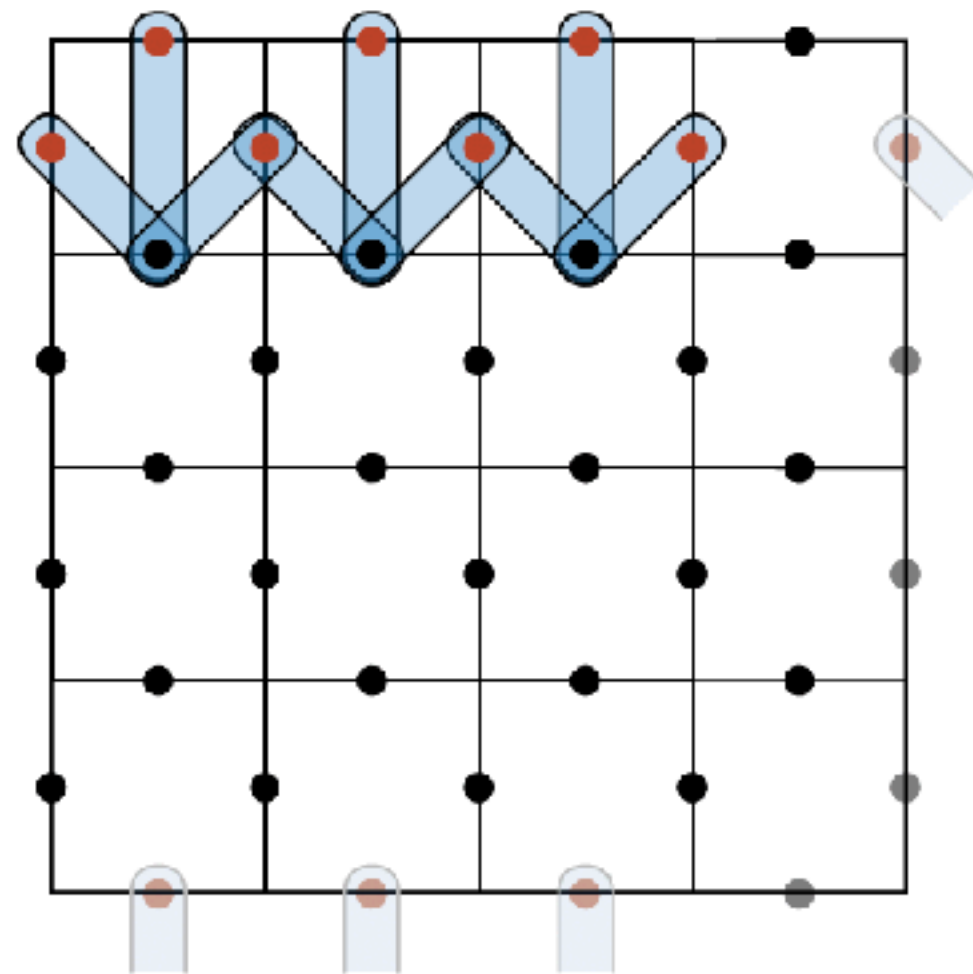


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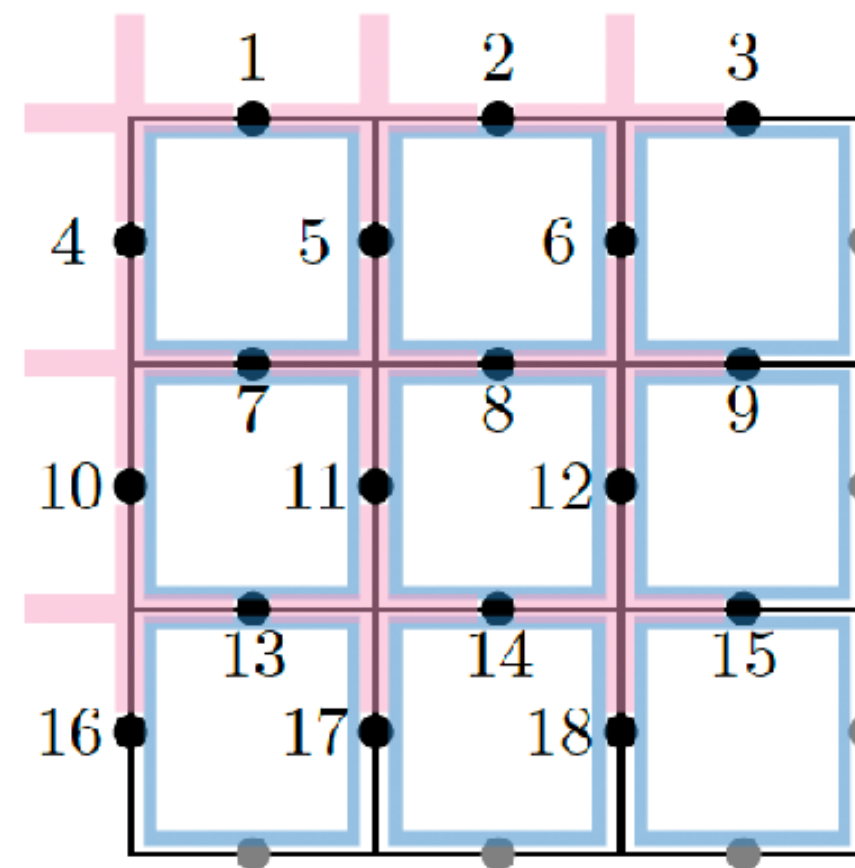
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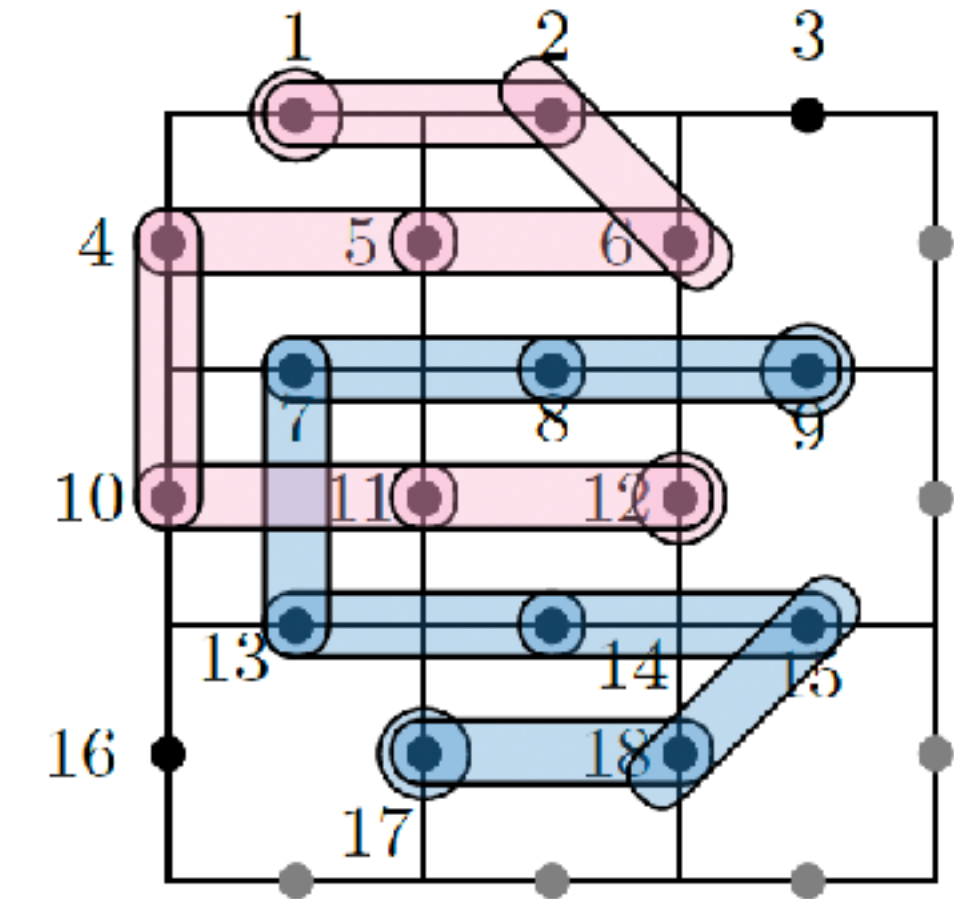


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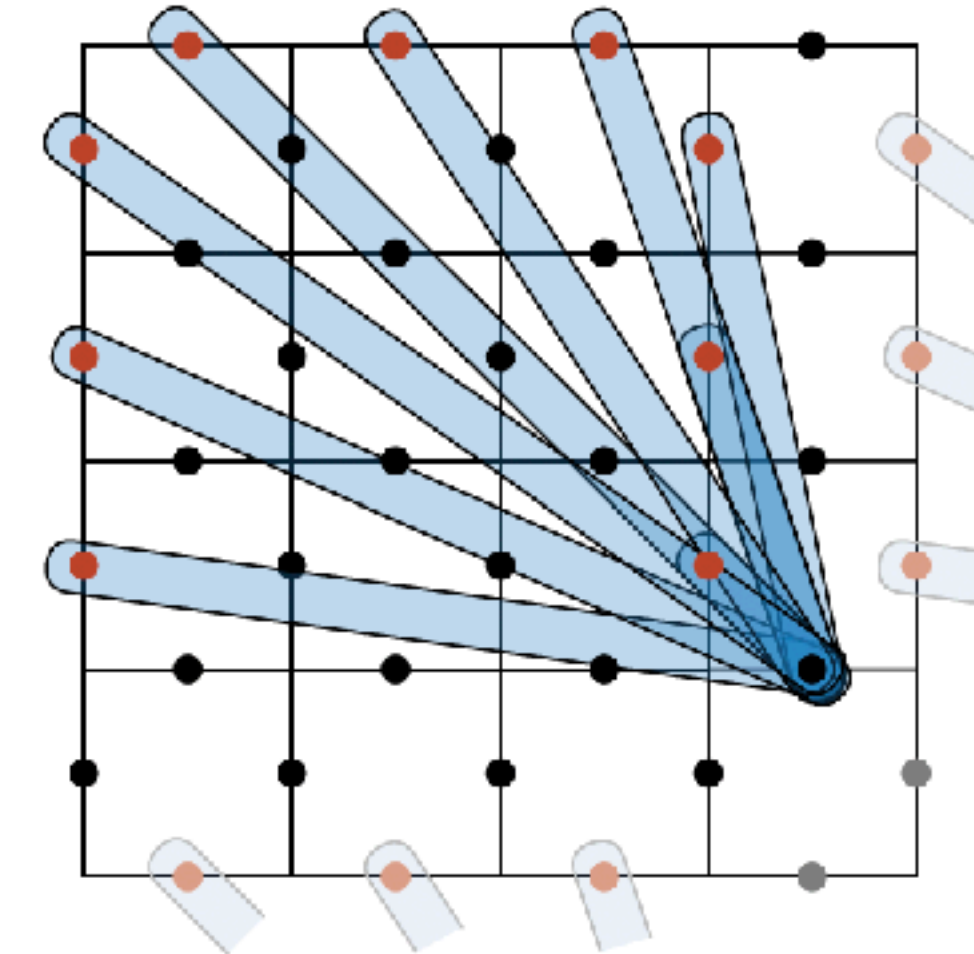
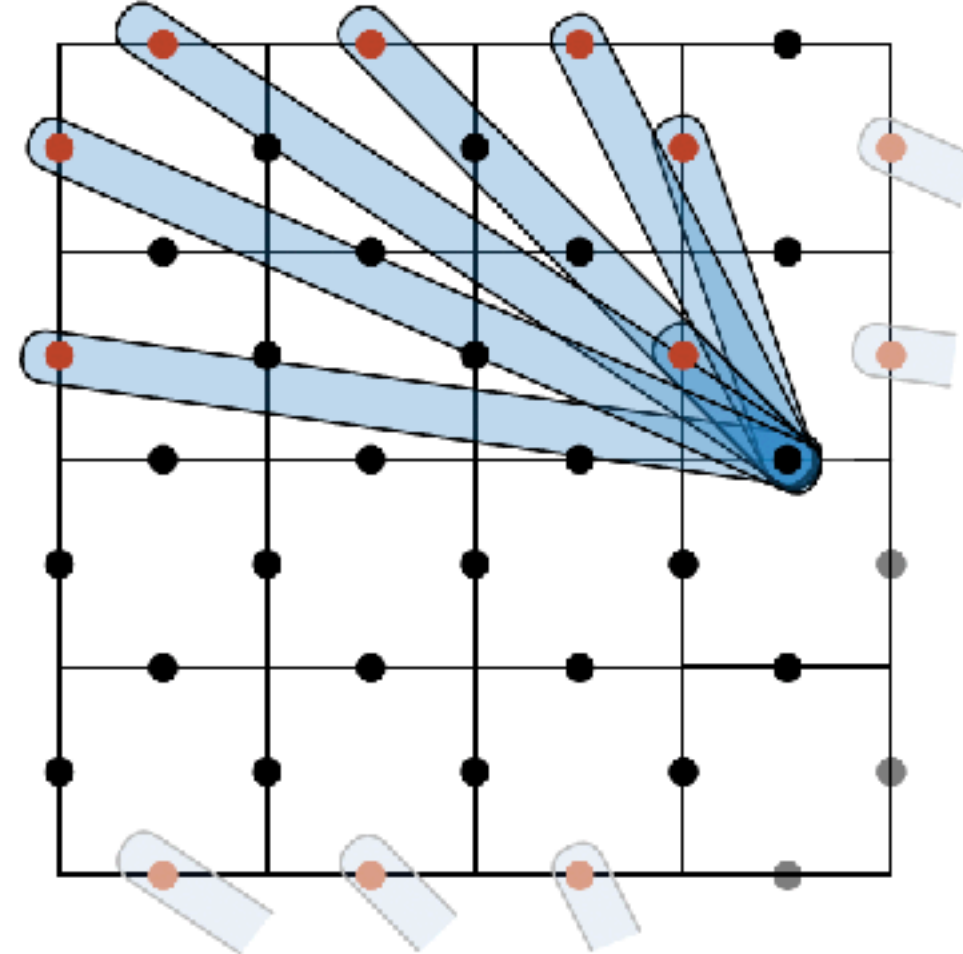
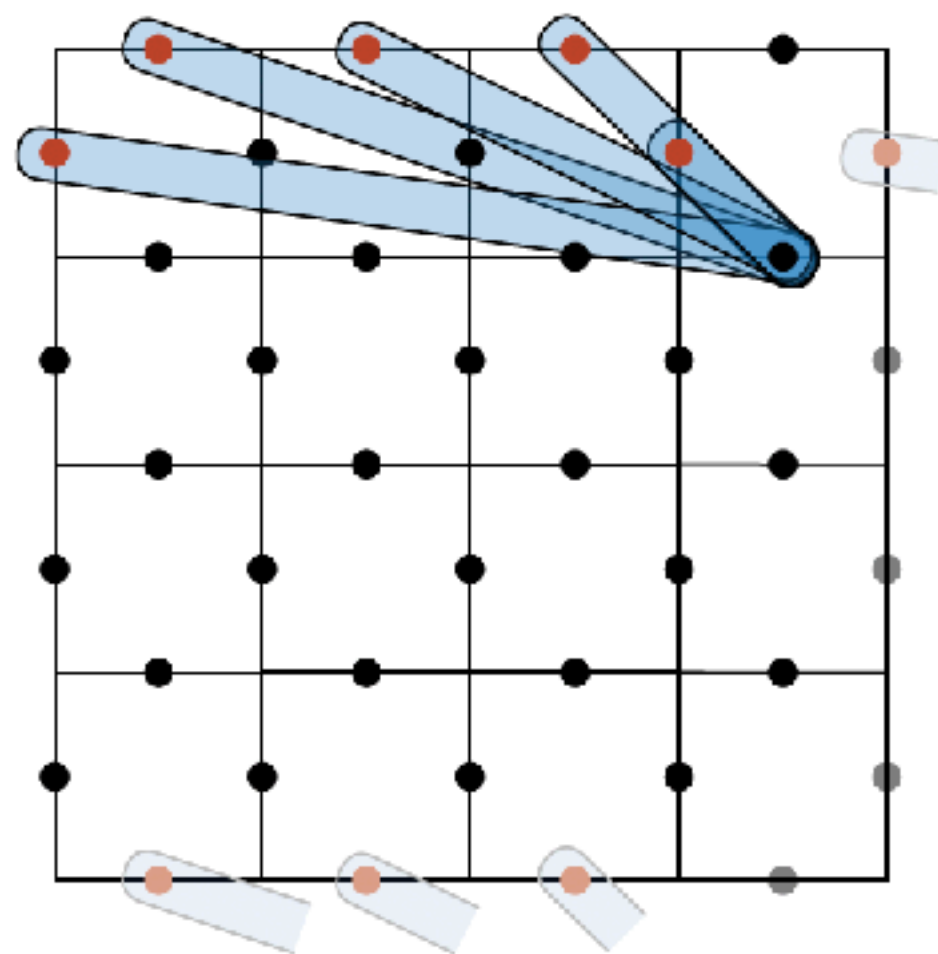


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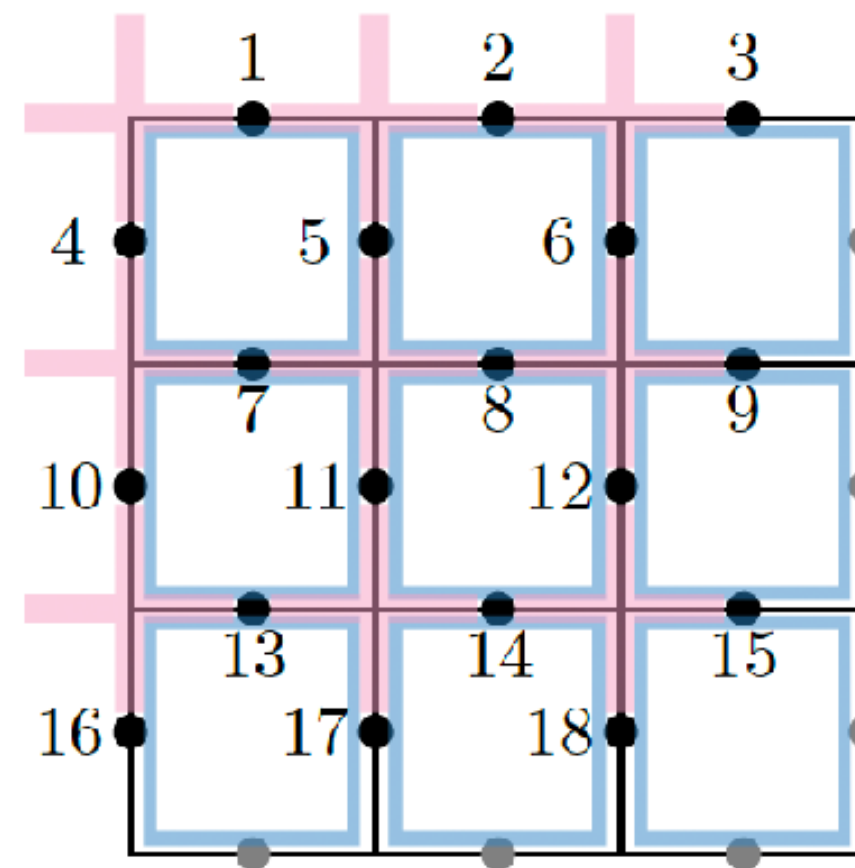
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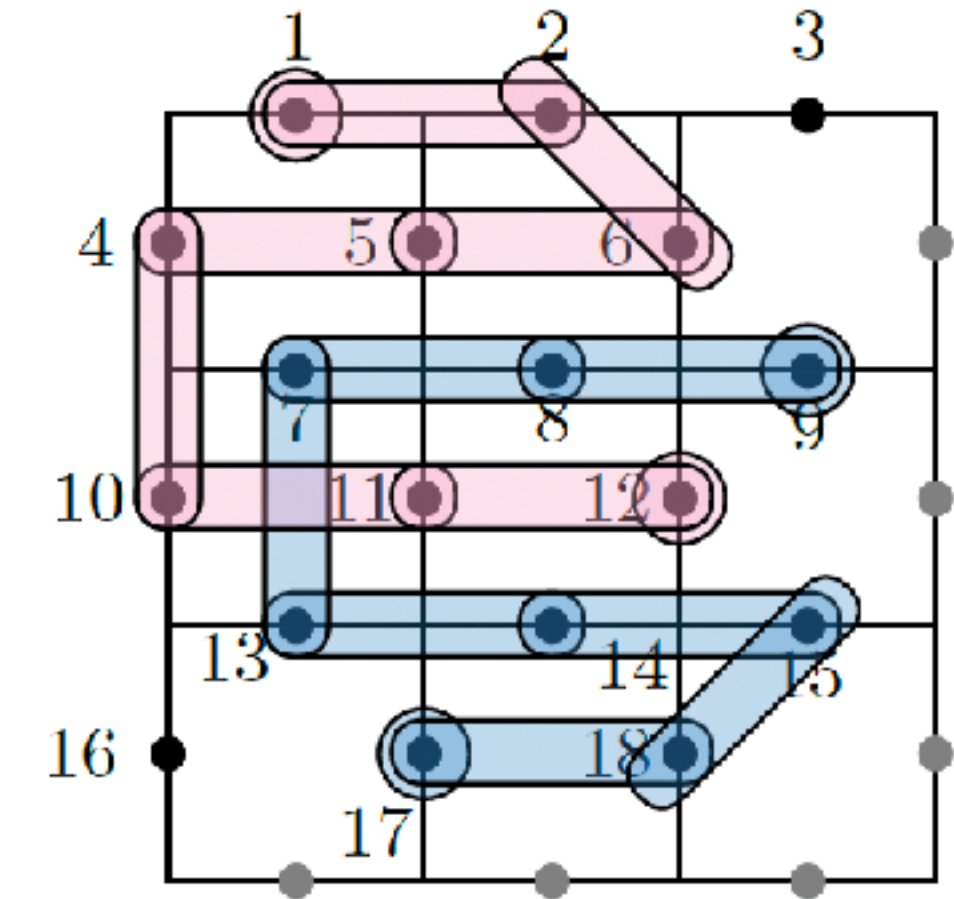


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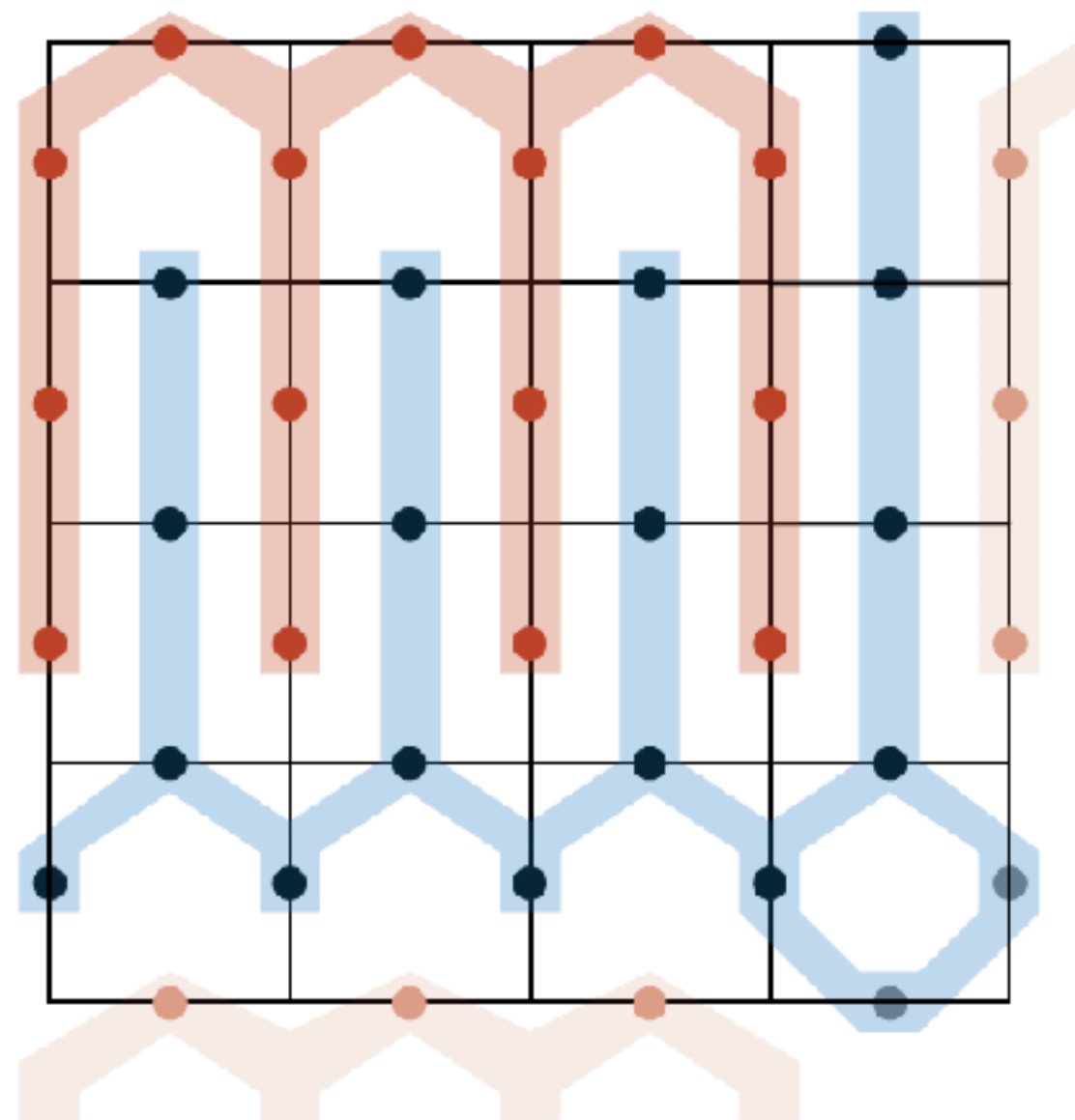
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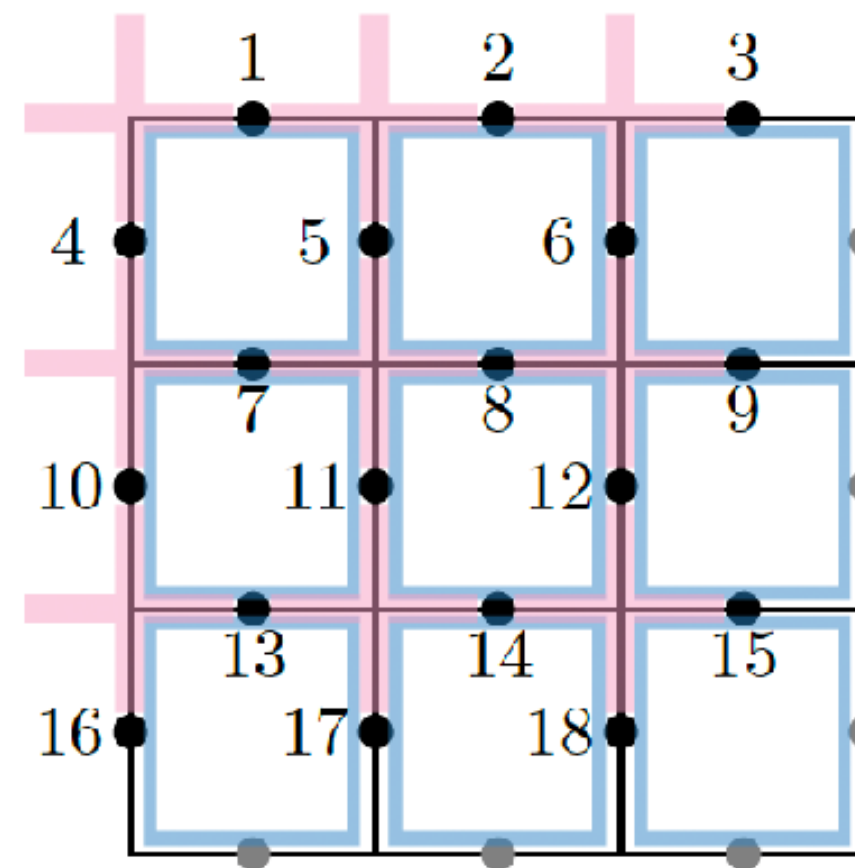
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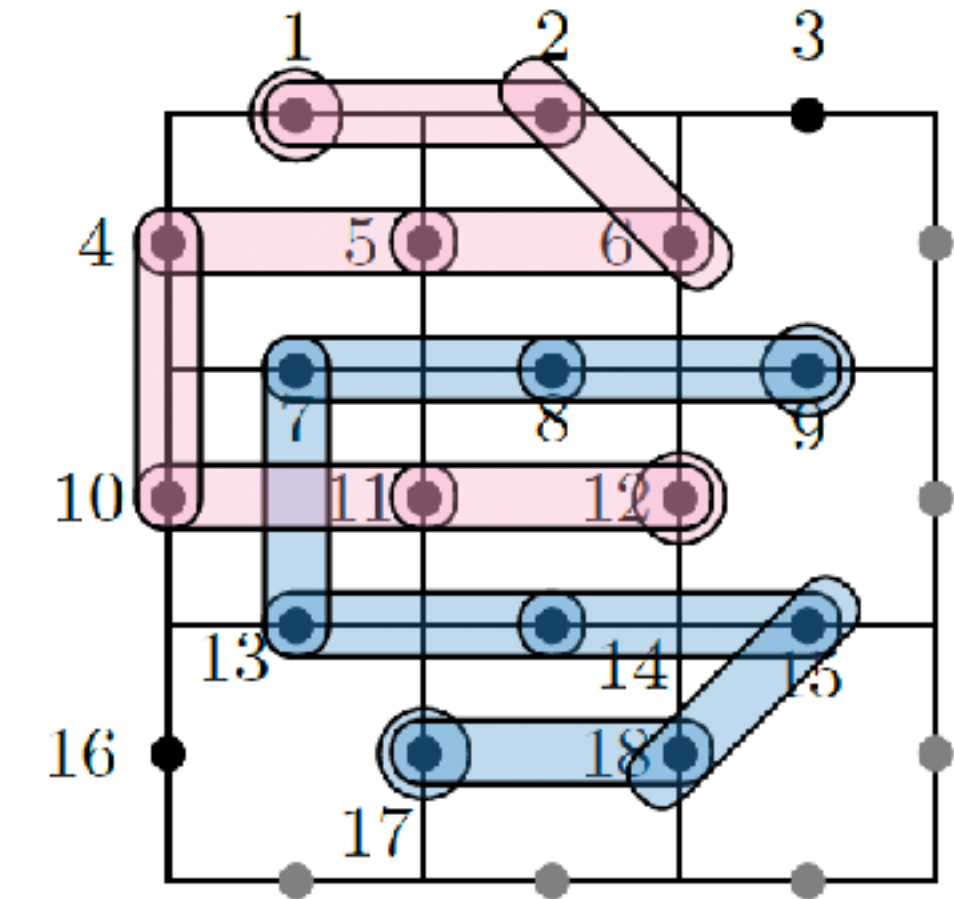


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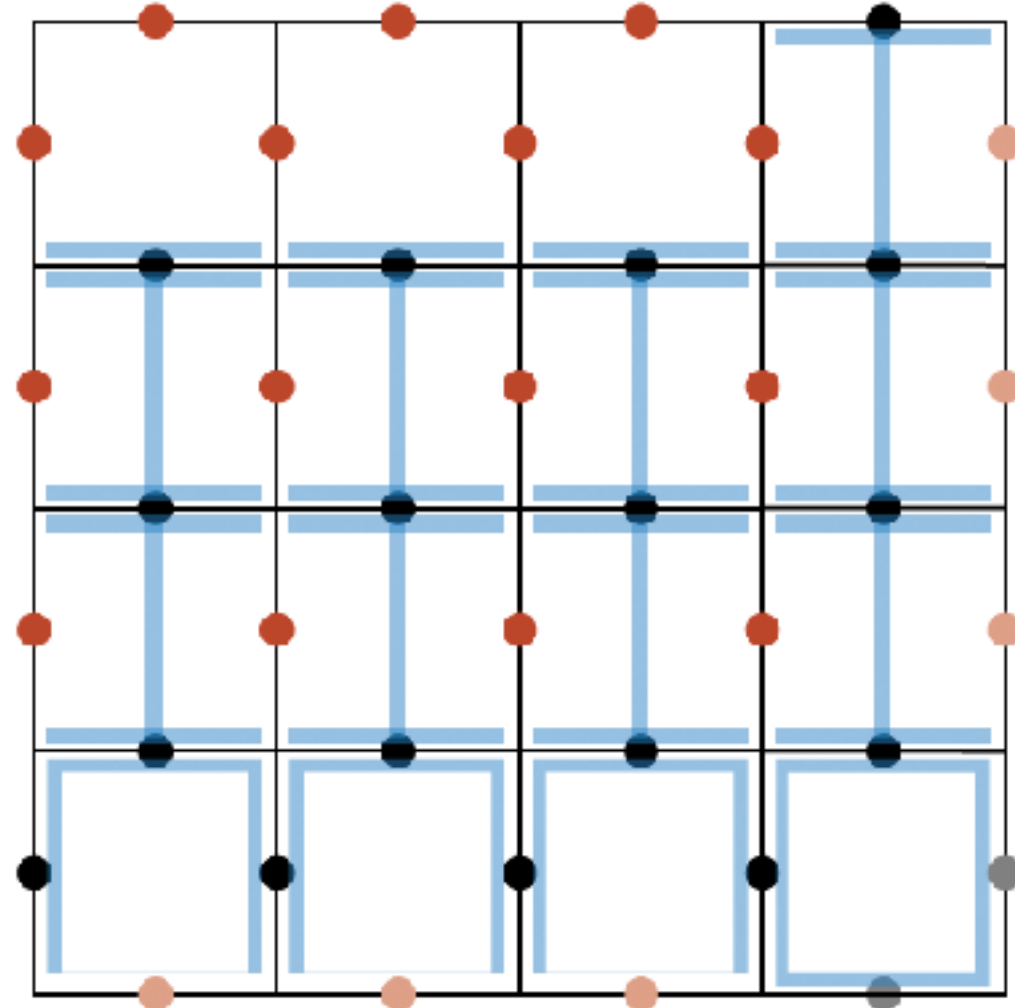
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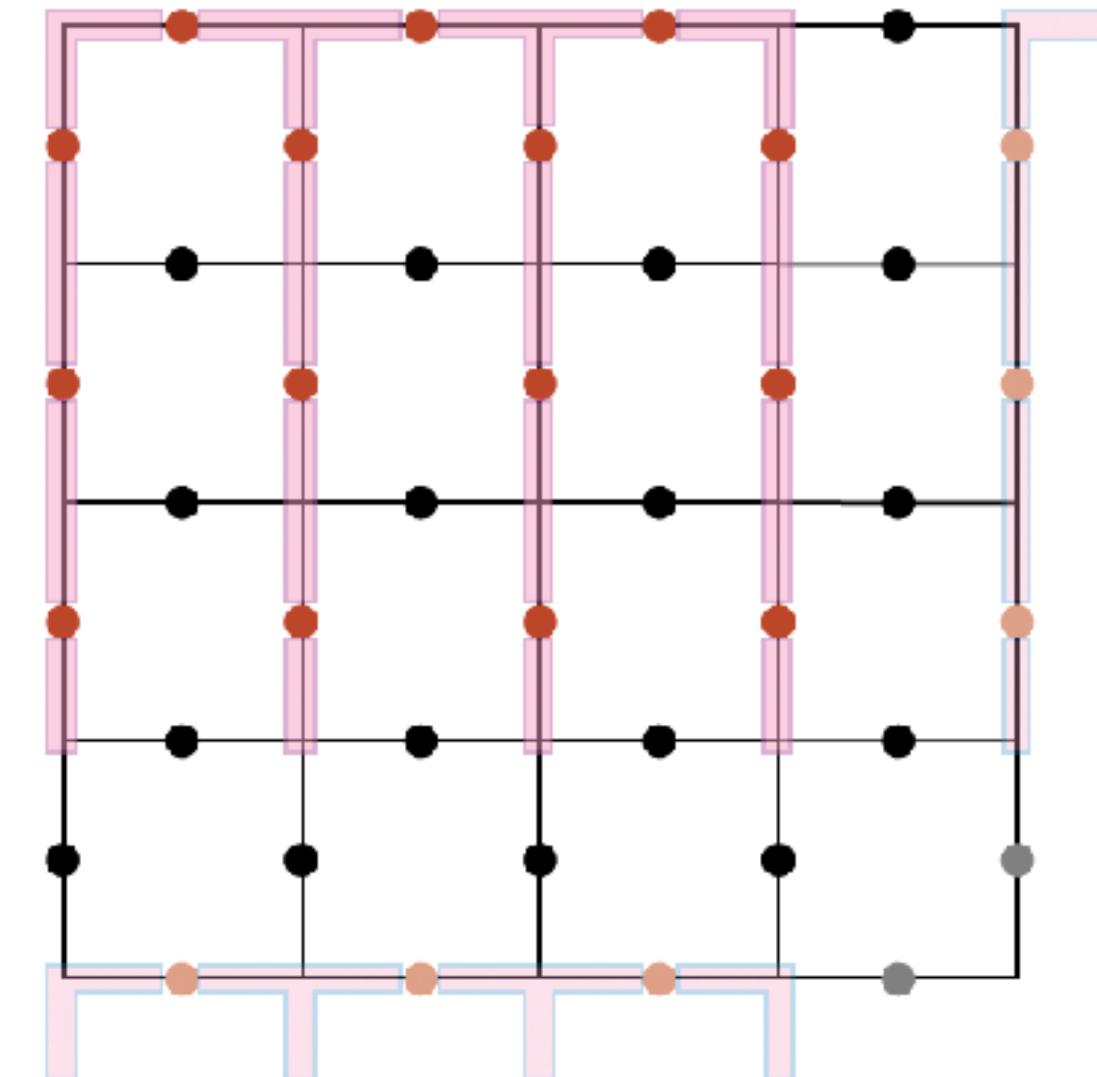
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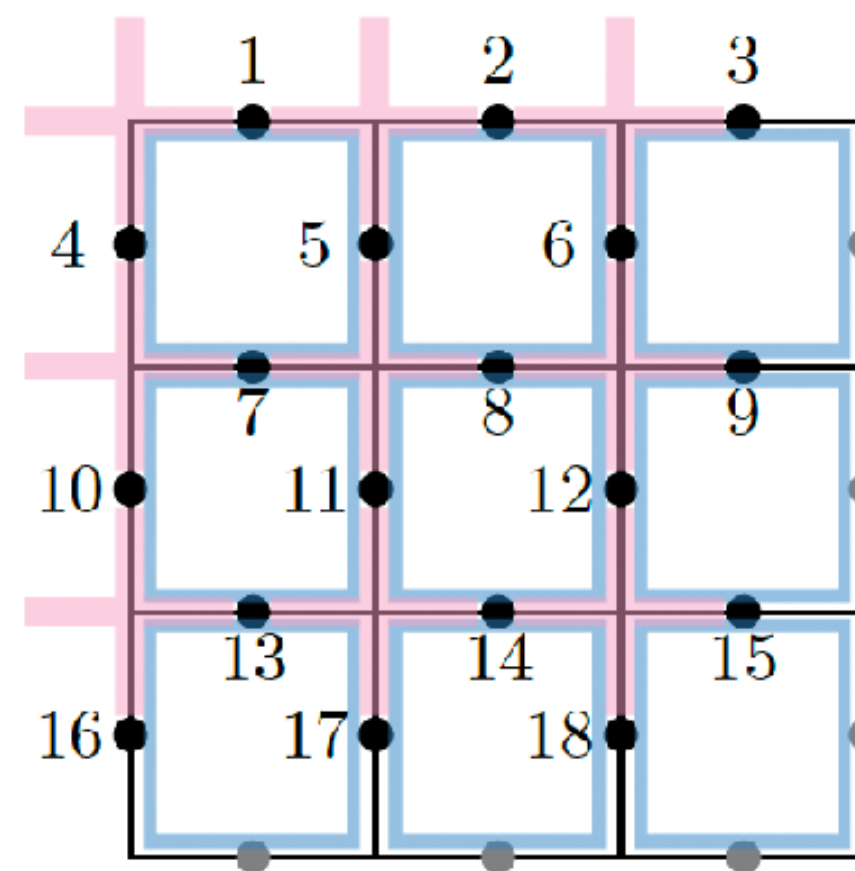


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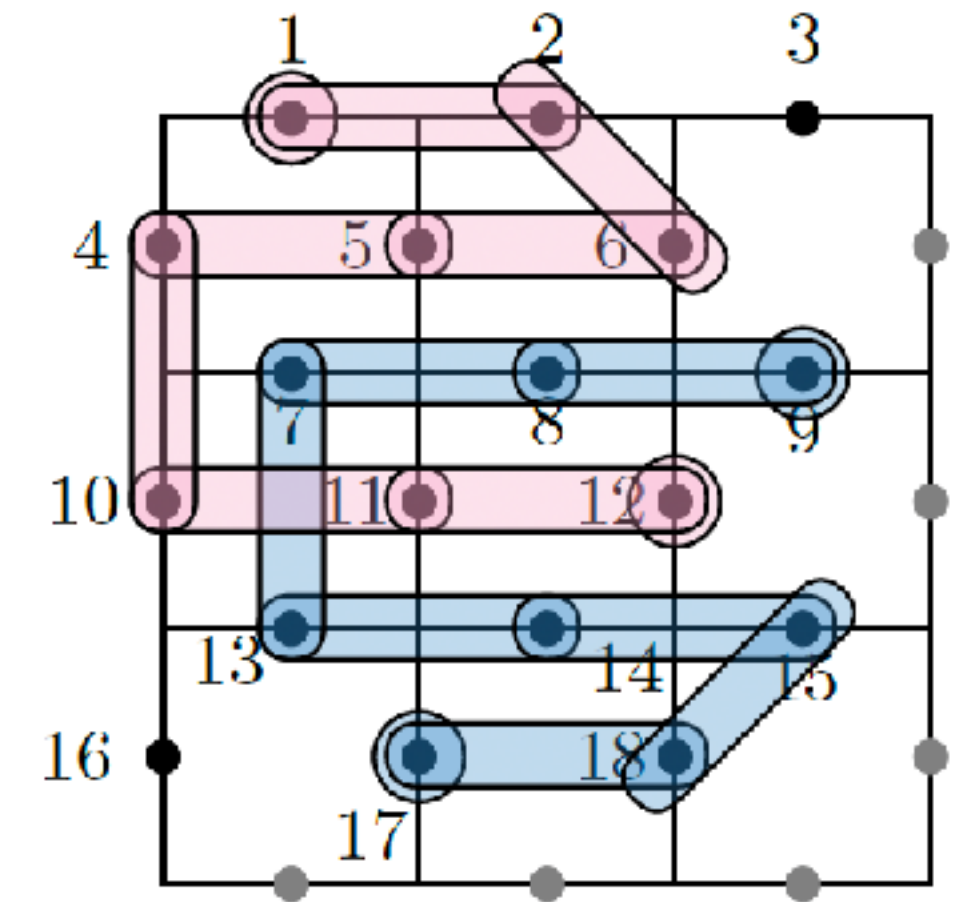


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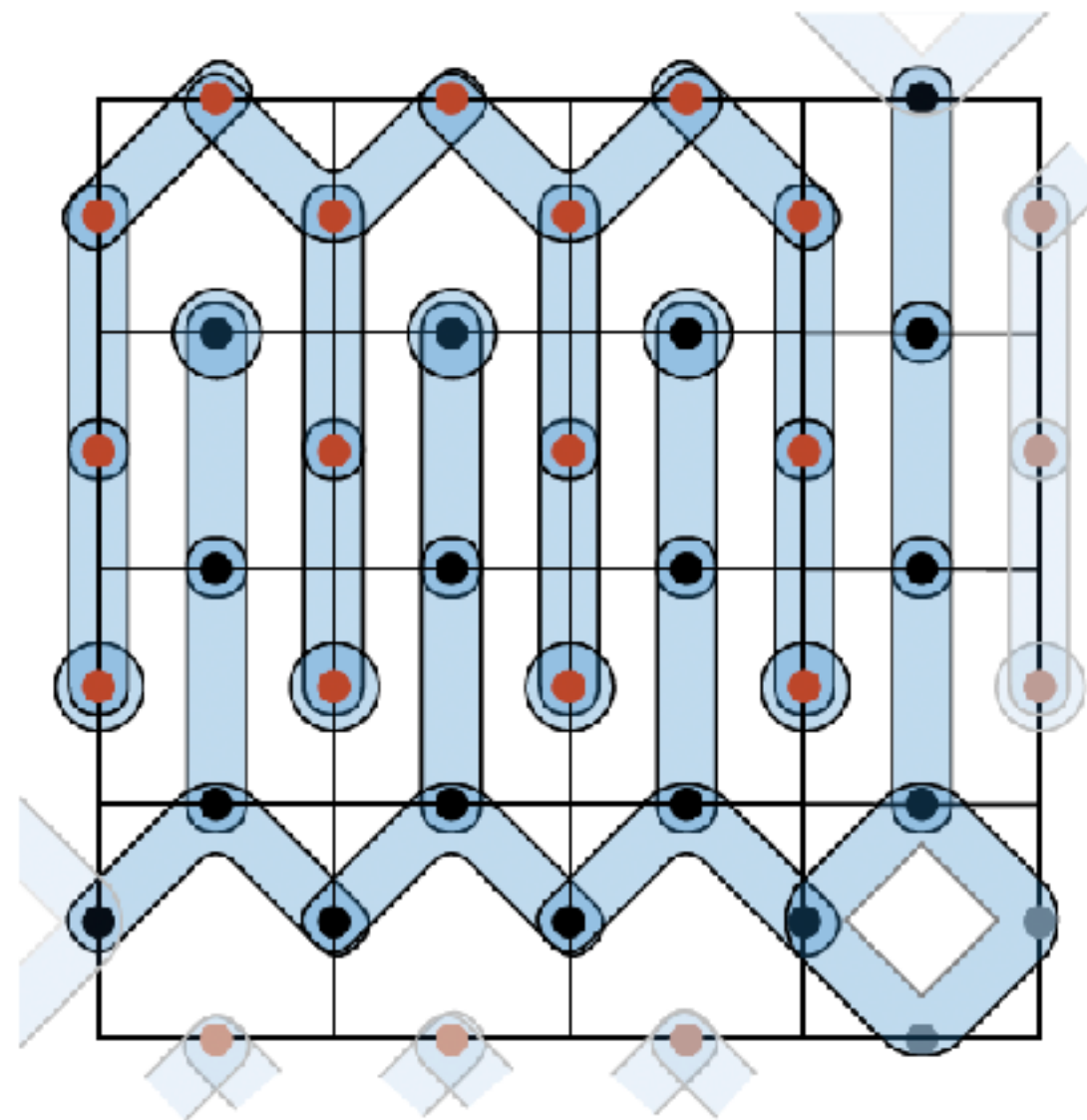
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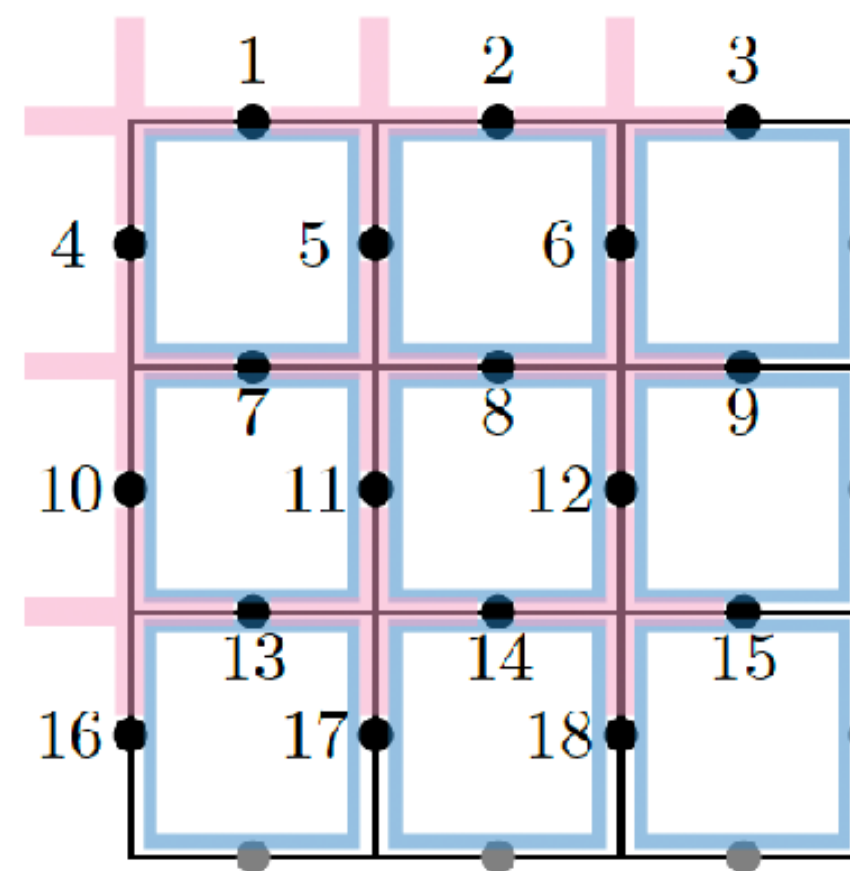


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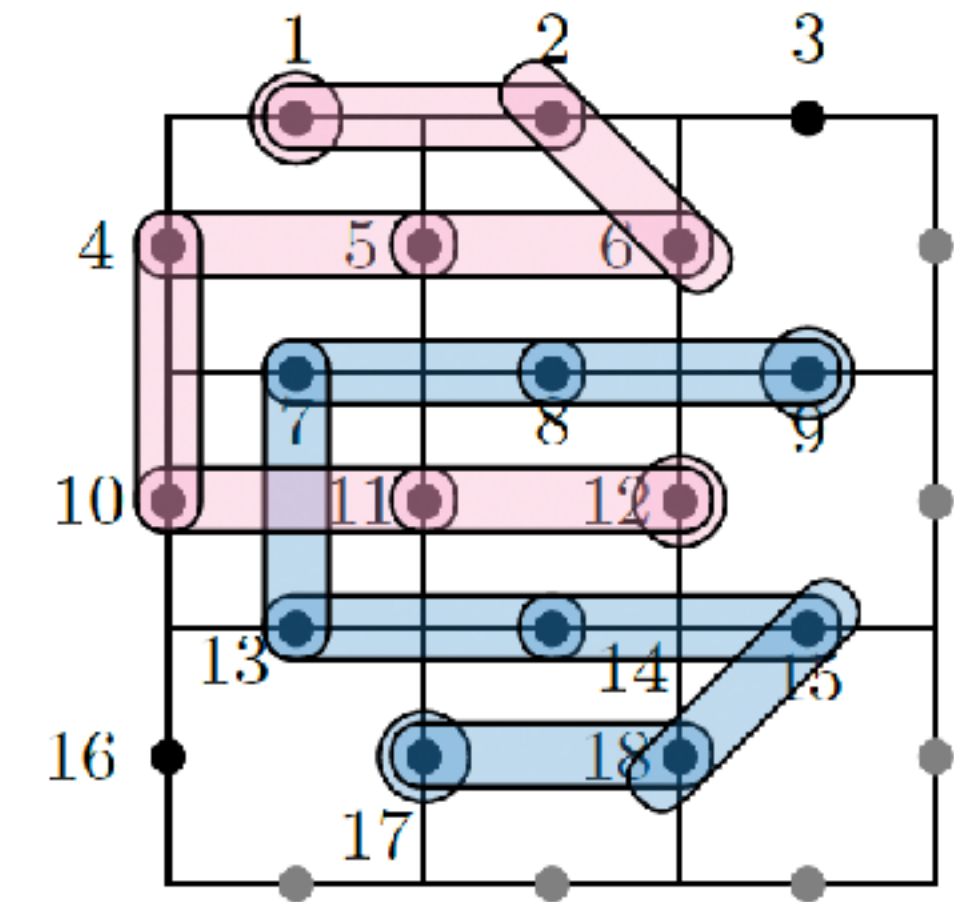


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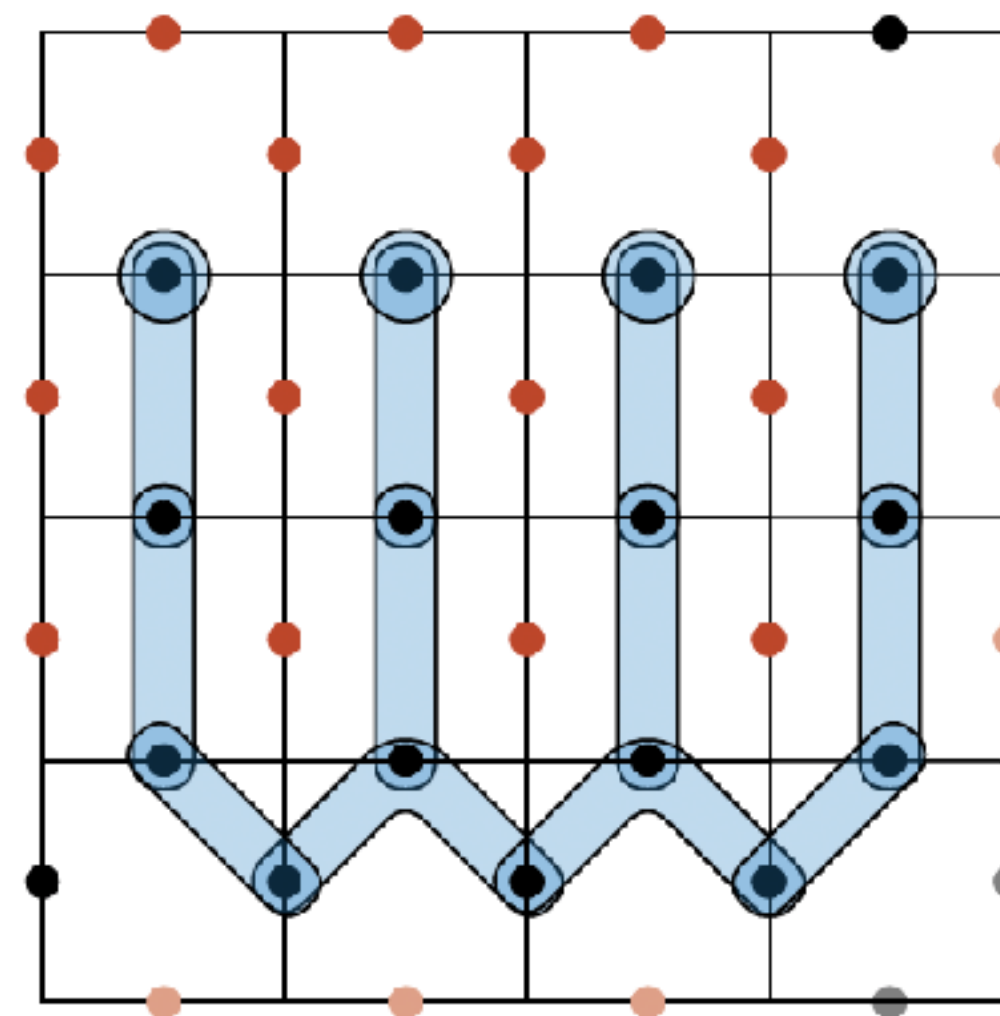
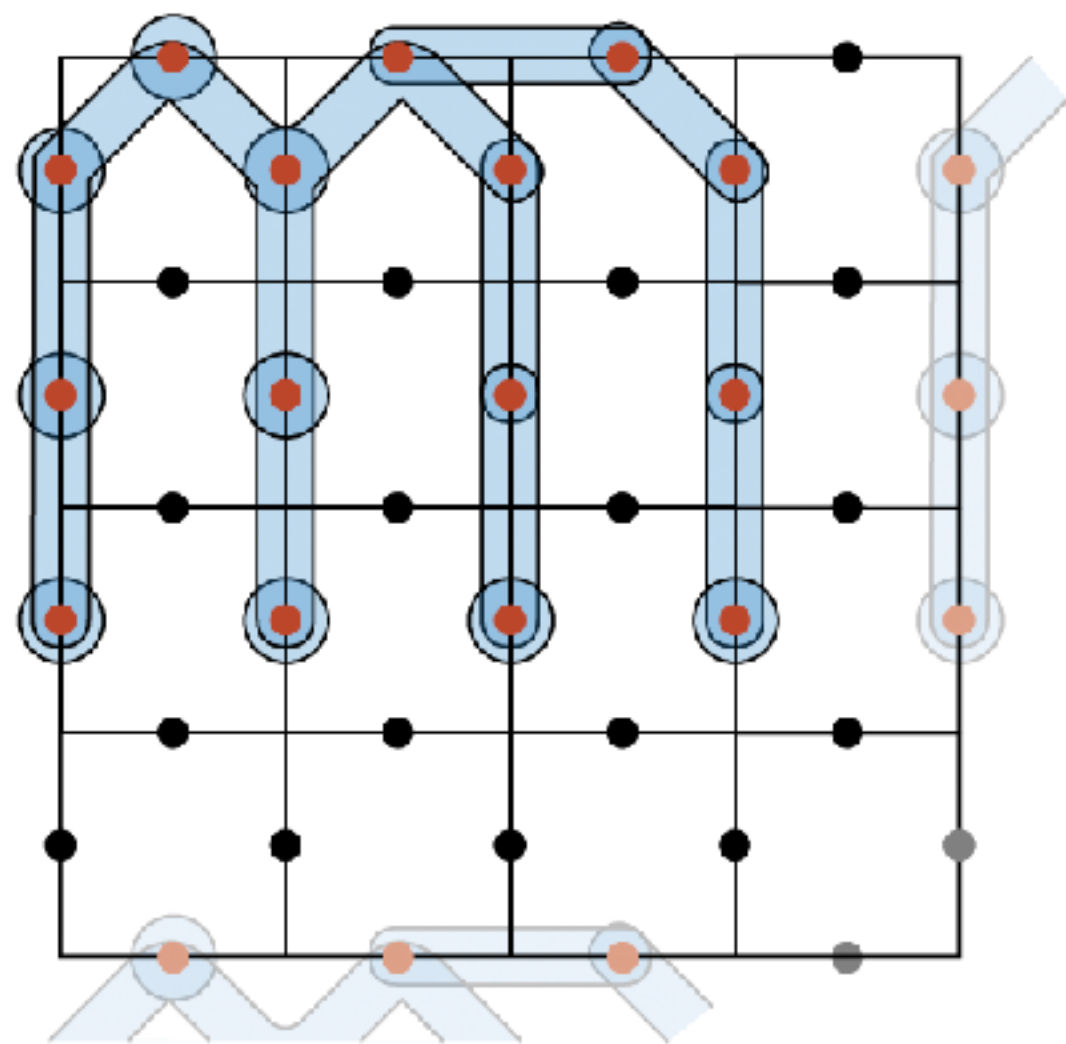
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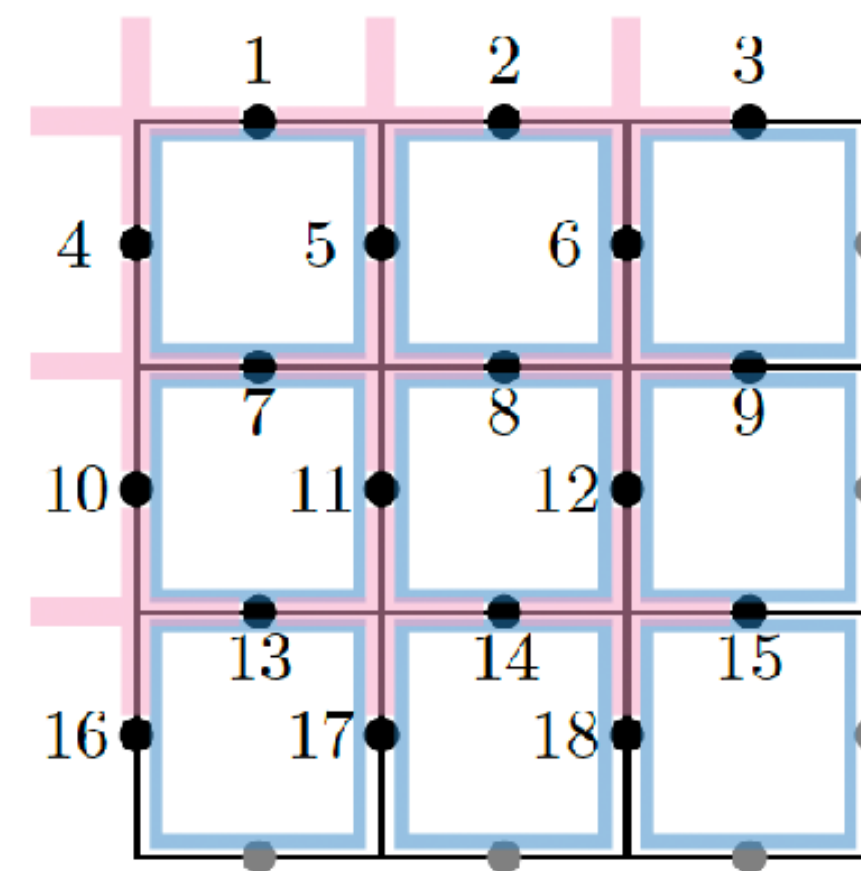
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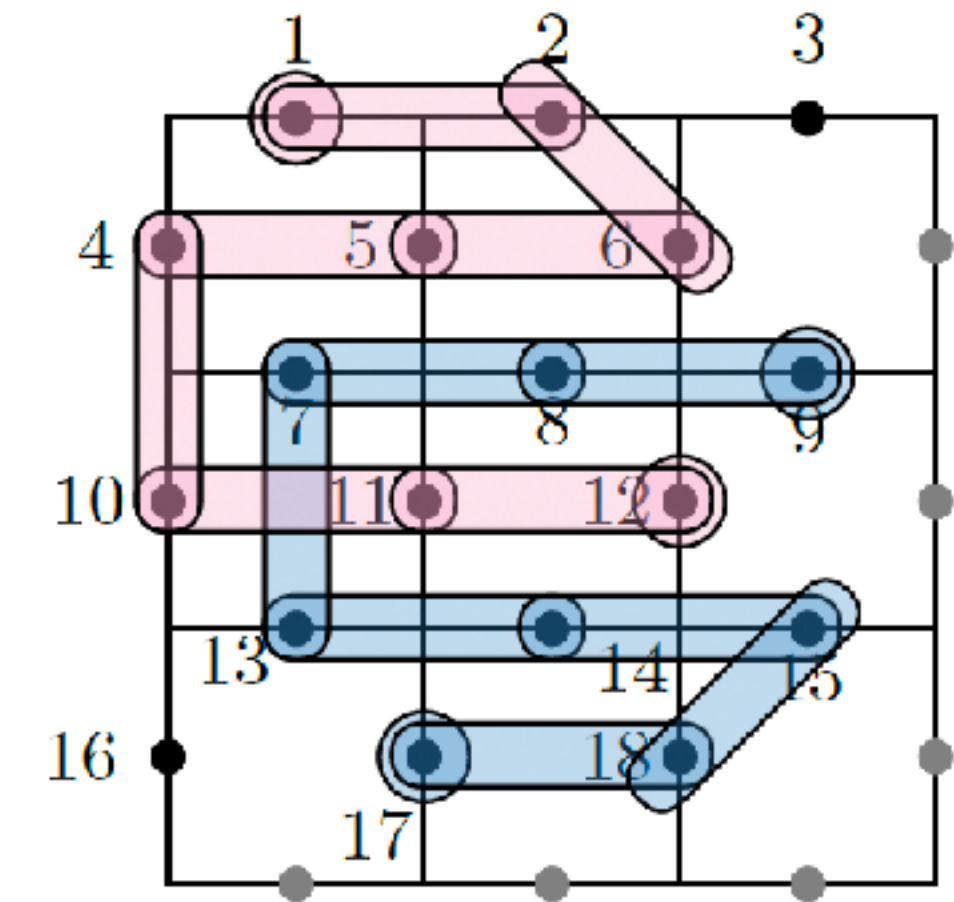


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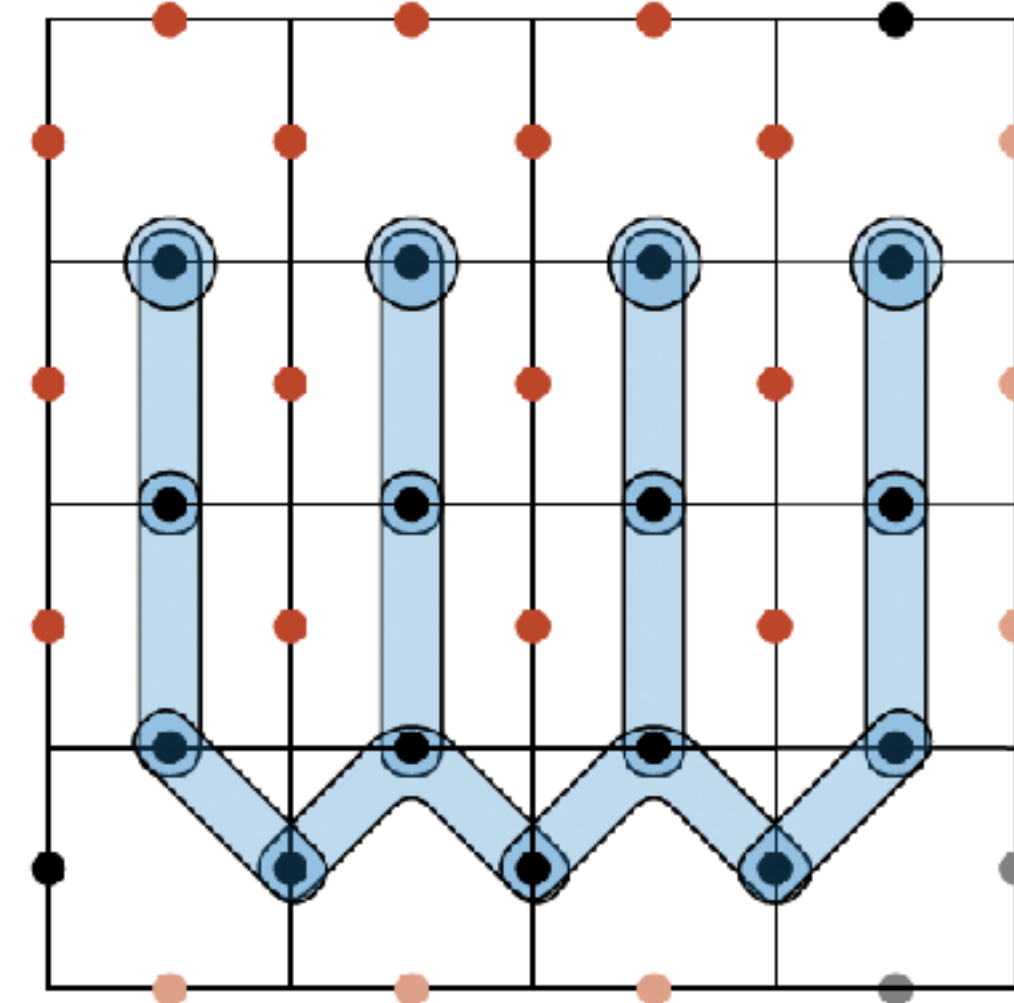
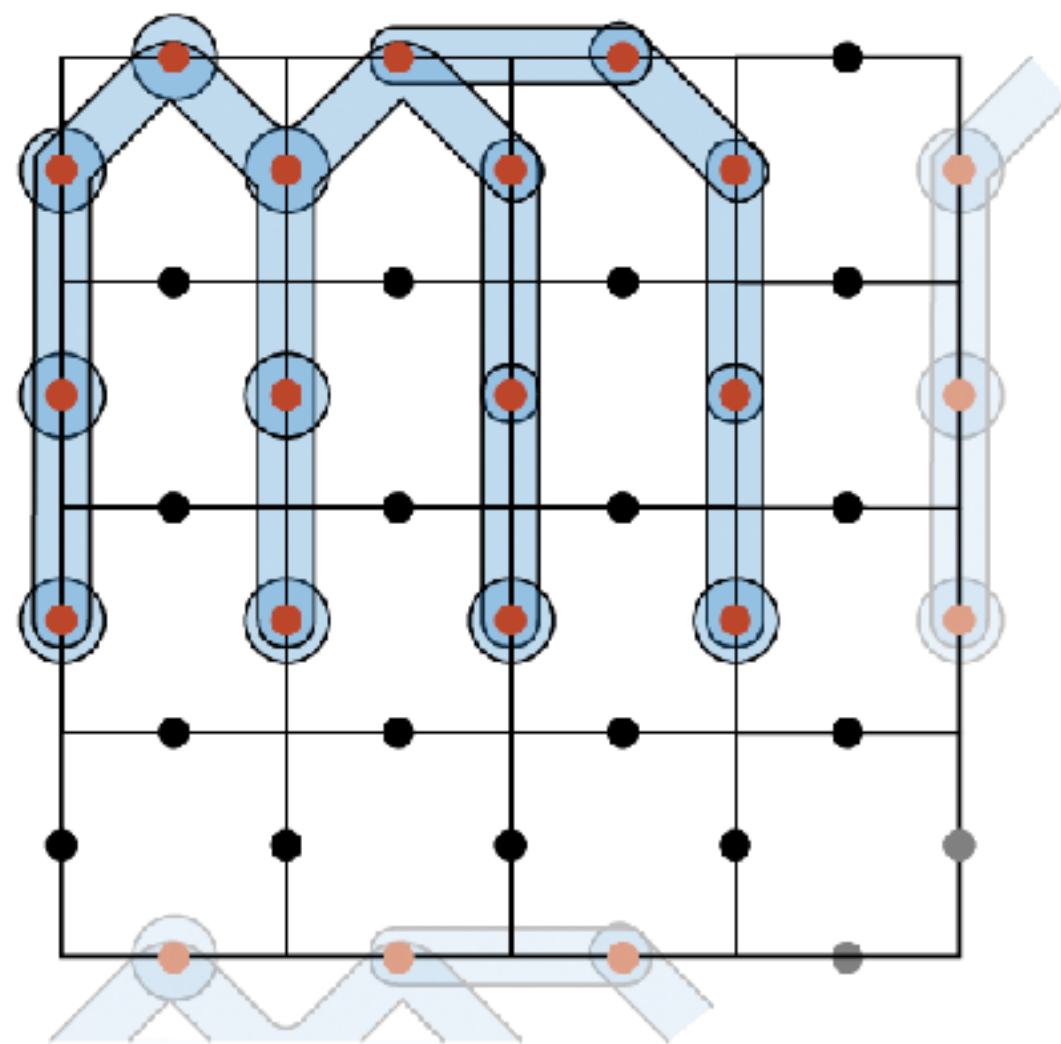
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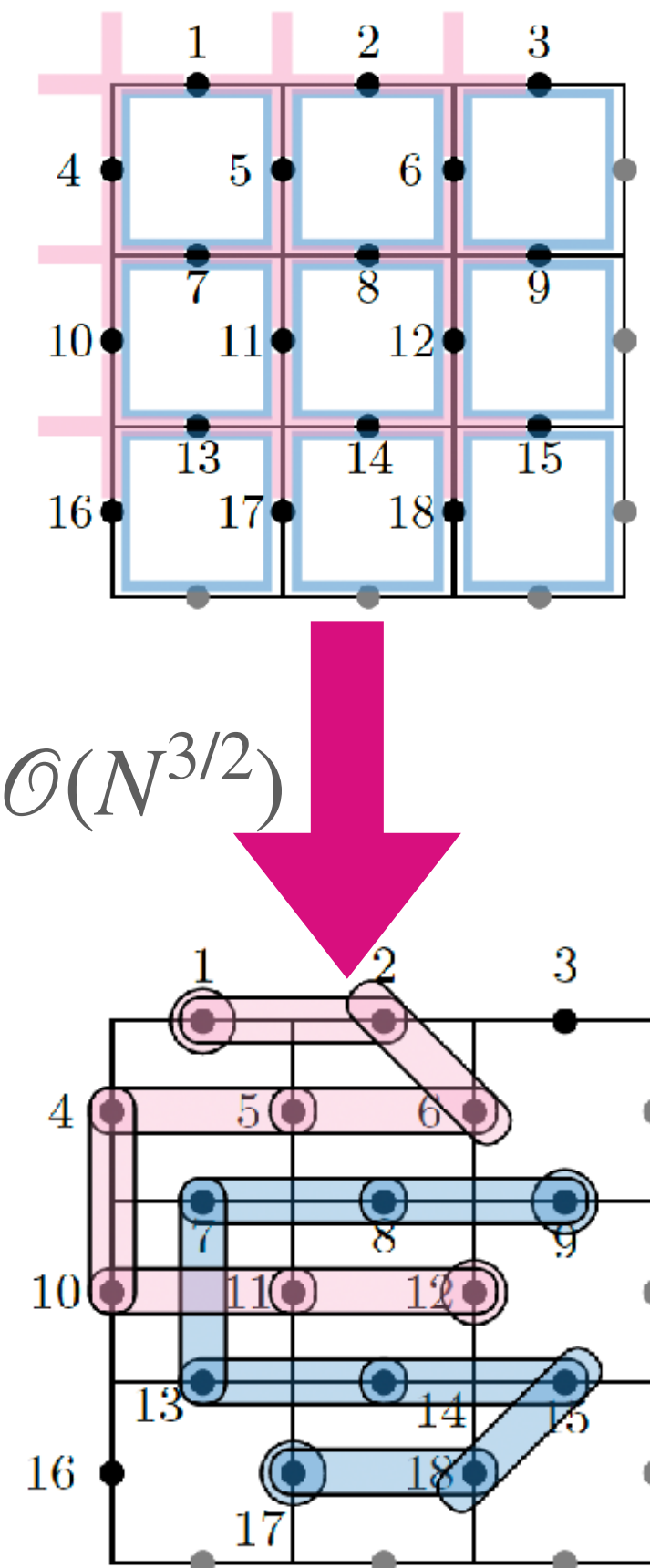
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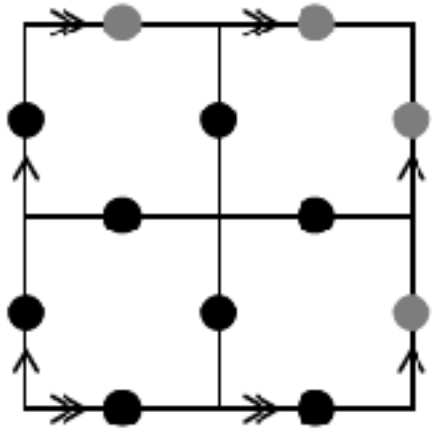
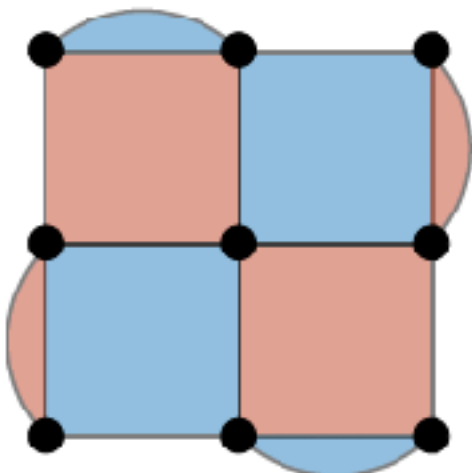
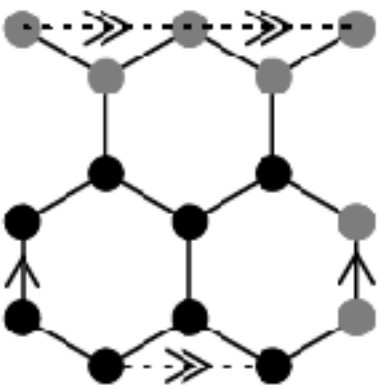
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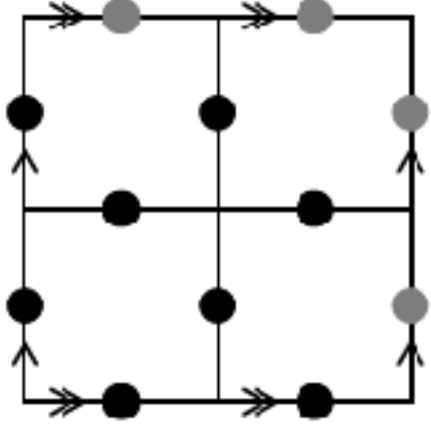
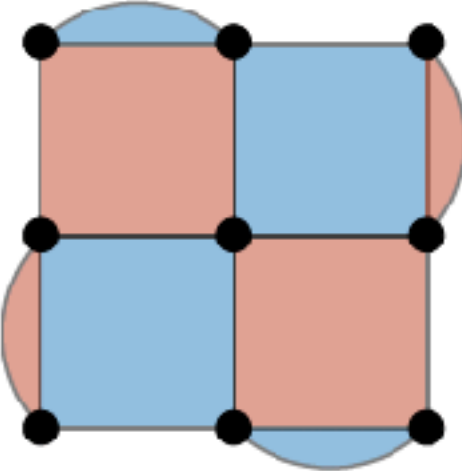
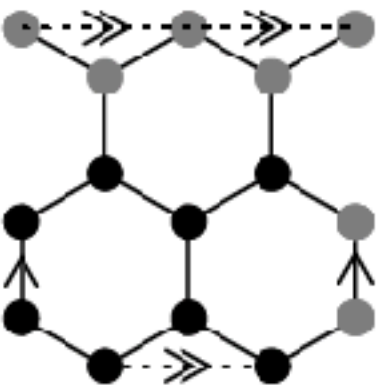
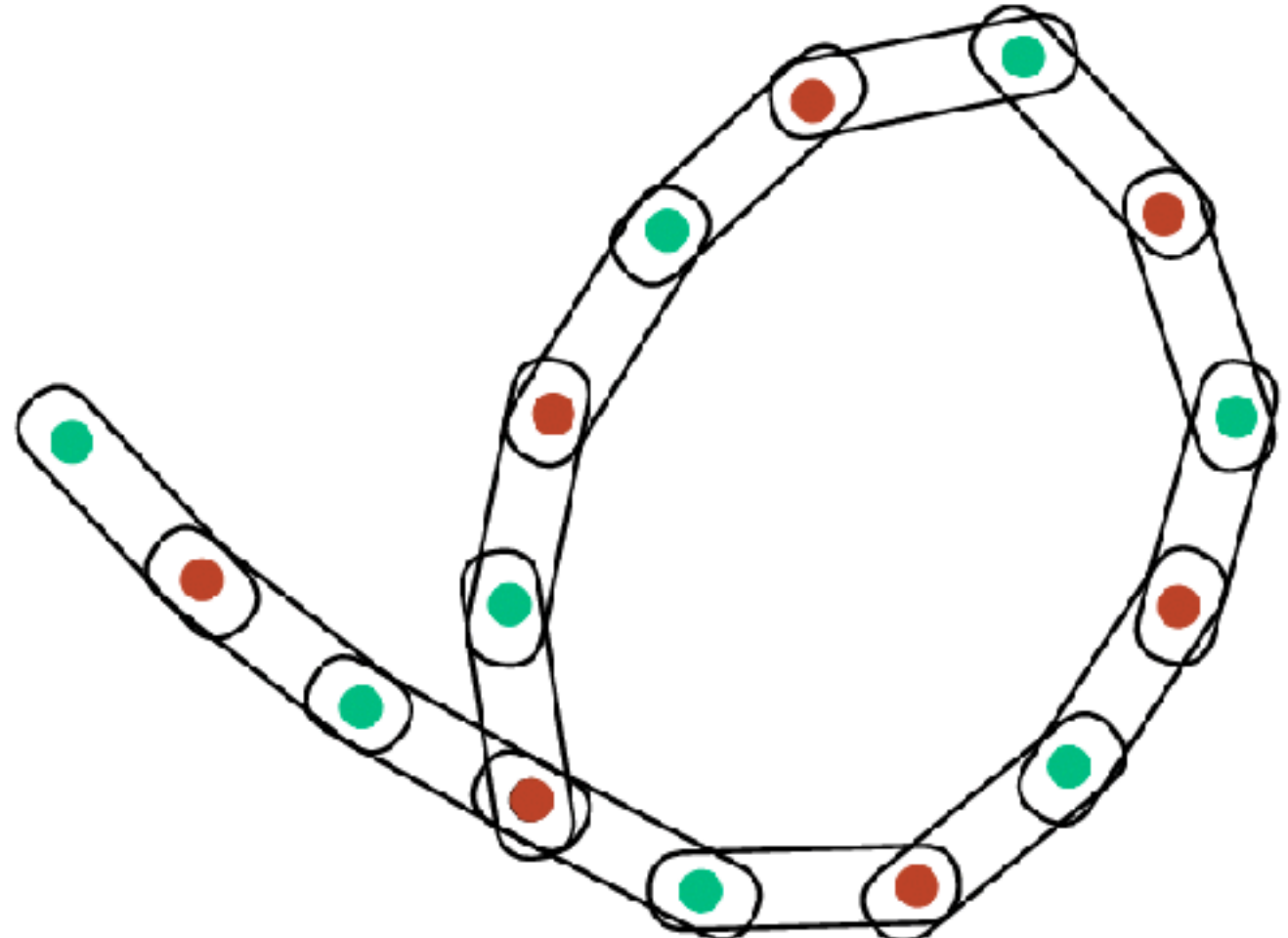
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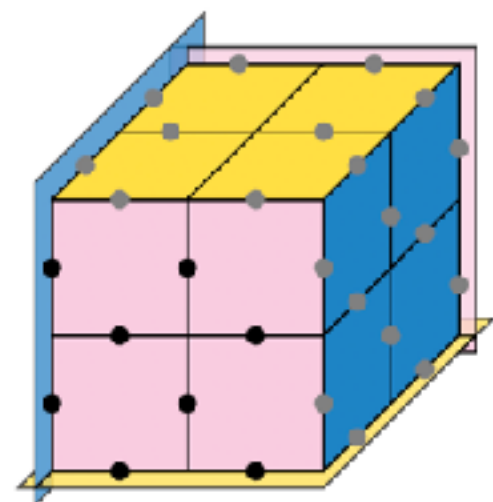
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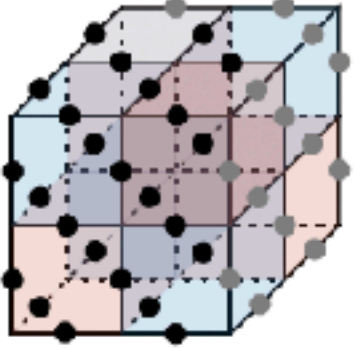

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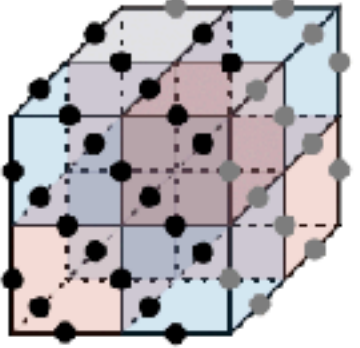
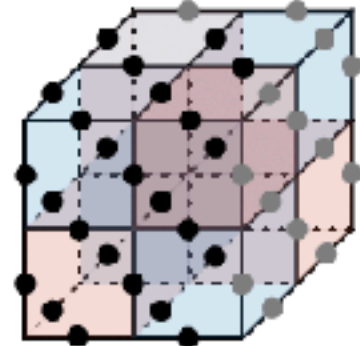
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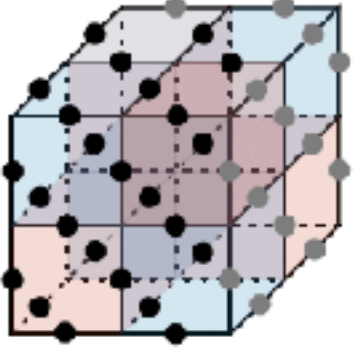
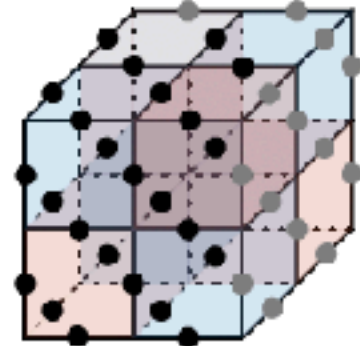
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This is proven algorithmically for system sizes of order up to  $10^5$  qubits and conjectured in general.

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