

# Designs in the generalised symmetric group

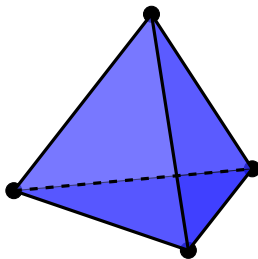
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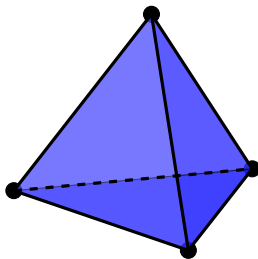
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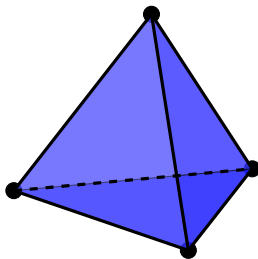


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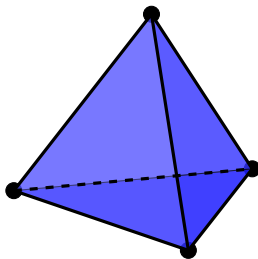
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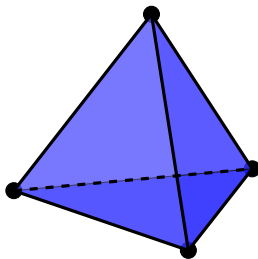


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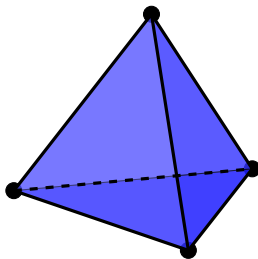


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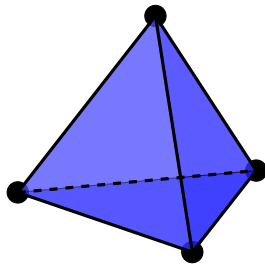
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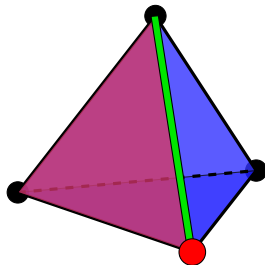
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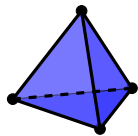
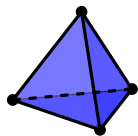
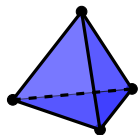
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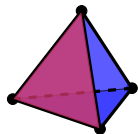
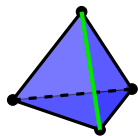
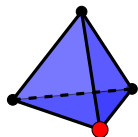


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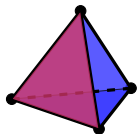
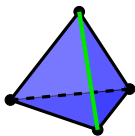
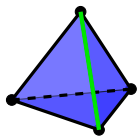
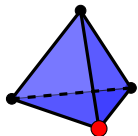
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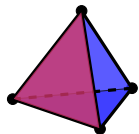
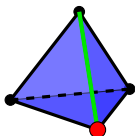
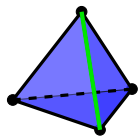
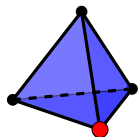


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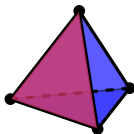
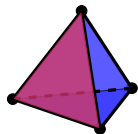
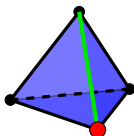
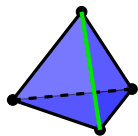
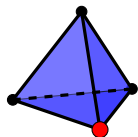




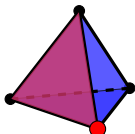
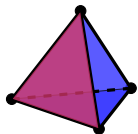
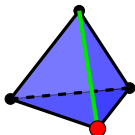
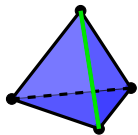
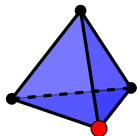
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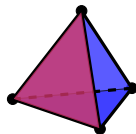
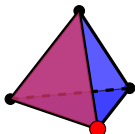
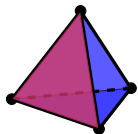
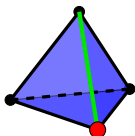
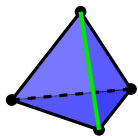
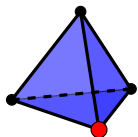
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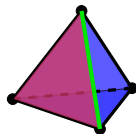
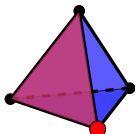
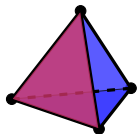
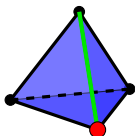
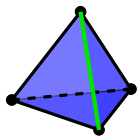
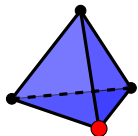
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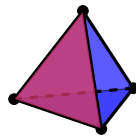
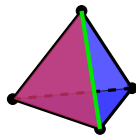
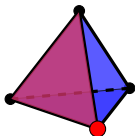
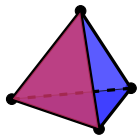
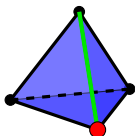
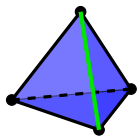
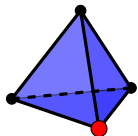
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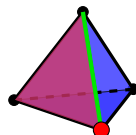
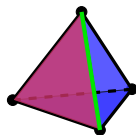
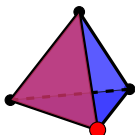
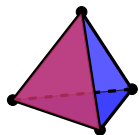
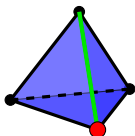
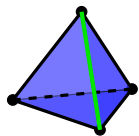
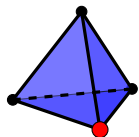
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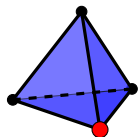
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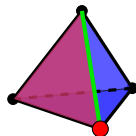
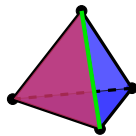
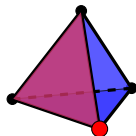
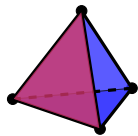
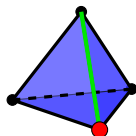
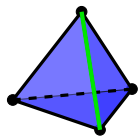
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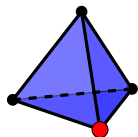


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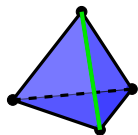




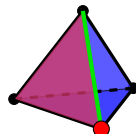
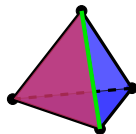
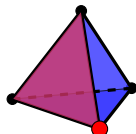
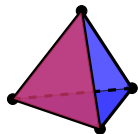
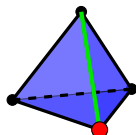
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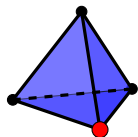
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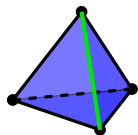
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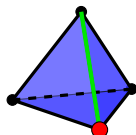
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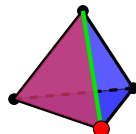
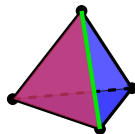
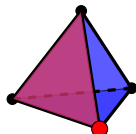
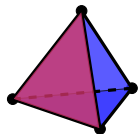
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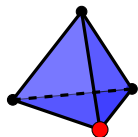
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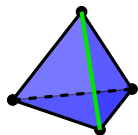
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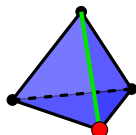
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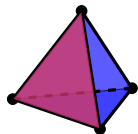
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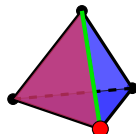
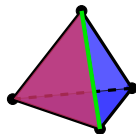
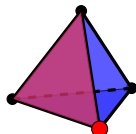
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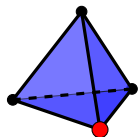
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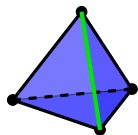
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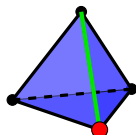
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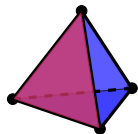
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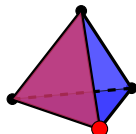
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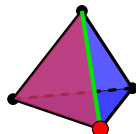
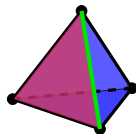
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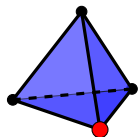
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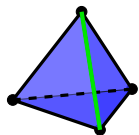
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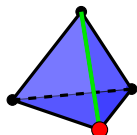
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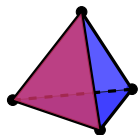
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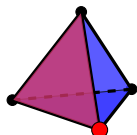
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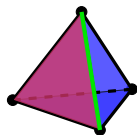
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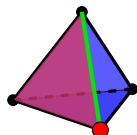
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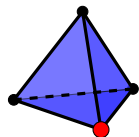
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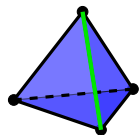
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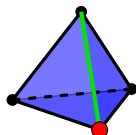
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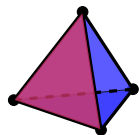
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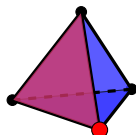
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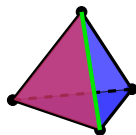
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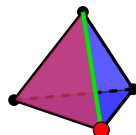
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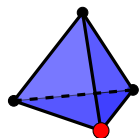


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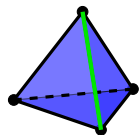
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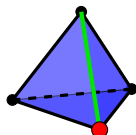


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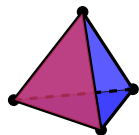
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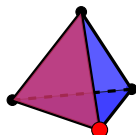
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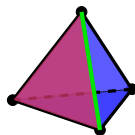
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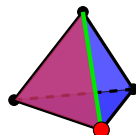
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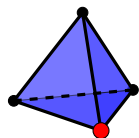


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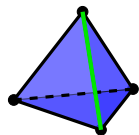
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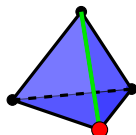


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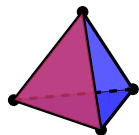
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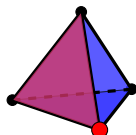
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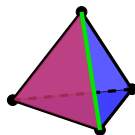
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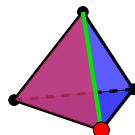
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If a subgroup  $D \subseteq S_n$  is  $t$ -homogeneous for  $1 \leq t \leq n/2$ , then it is also  $(t-1)$ -homogeneous.

## Corollary [Martin, Sagan 2006]

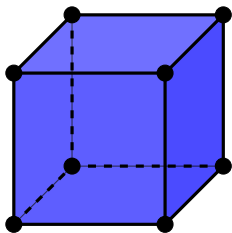
If  $D \subseteq S_n$  is  $\lambda$ -transitive and  $\lambda \trianglelefteq \mu$ , then  $D$  is also  $\mu$ -transitive.

$$(n-t, t) \trianglelefteq (n-t+1, t-1) \text{ for } 1 \leq t \leq n/2$$

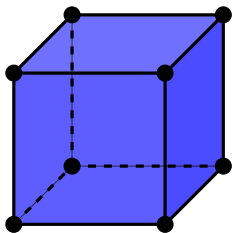


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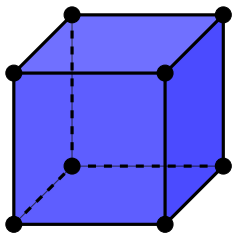


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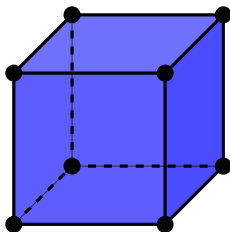
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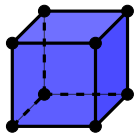
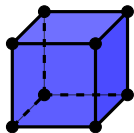
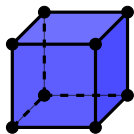
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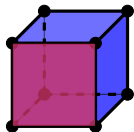
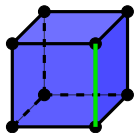
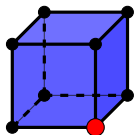


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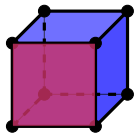
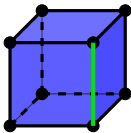
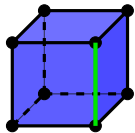
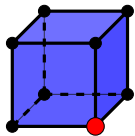
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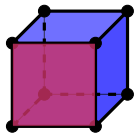
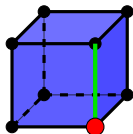
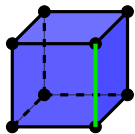
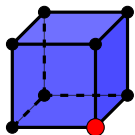
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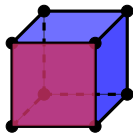
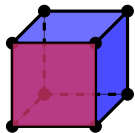
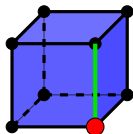
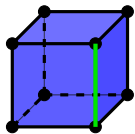
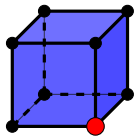
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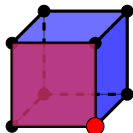
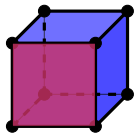
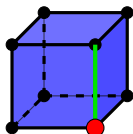
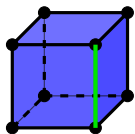
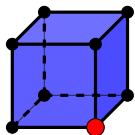
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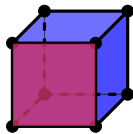
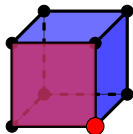
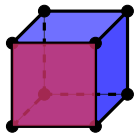
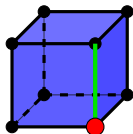
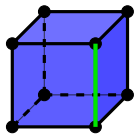
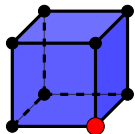
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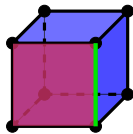
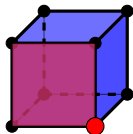
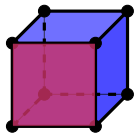
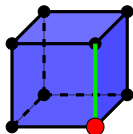
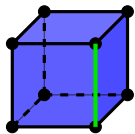
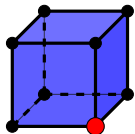


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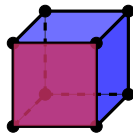
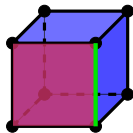
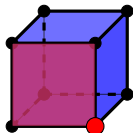
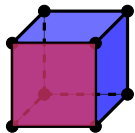
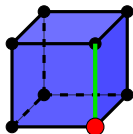
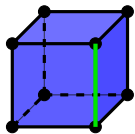
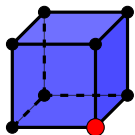




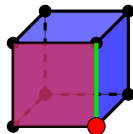
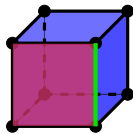
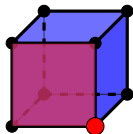
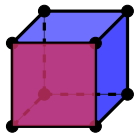
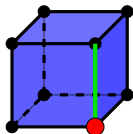
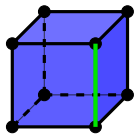
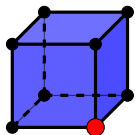
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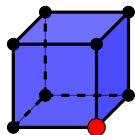
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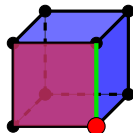
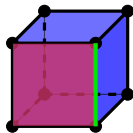
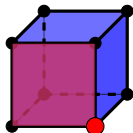
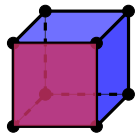
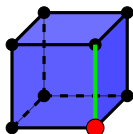
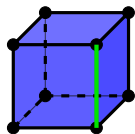
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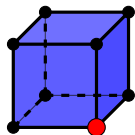
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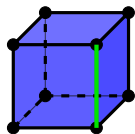
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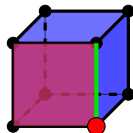
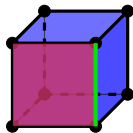
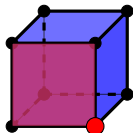
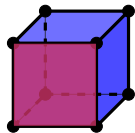
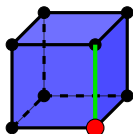
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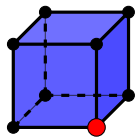
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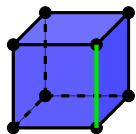
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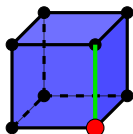
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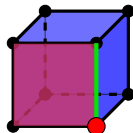
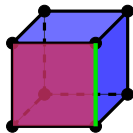
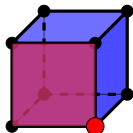
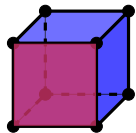
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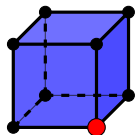
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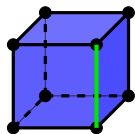
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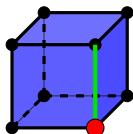
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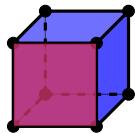
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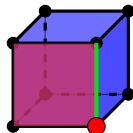
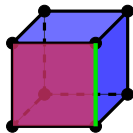
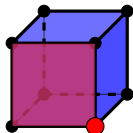
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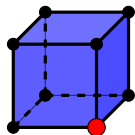
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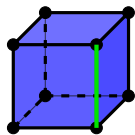
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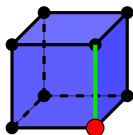
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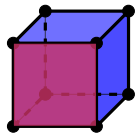
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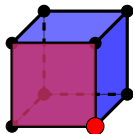
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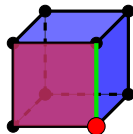
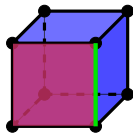
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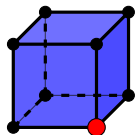


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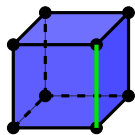




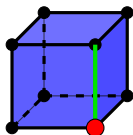
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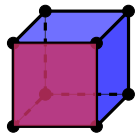
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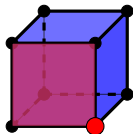
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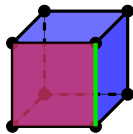
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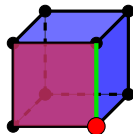
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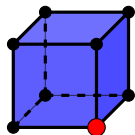
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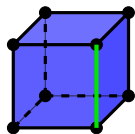
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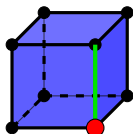
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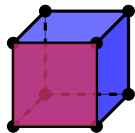
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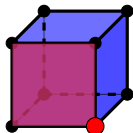
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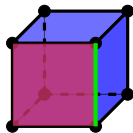
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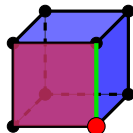
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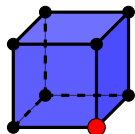
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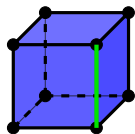
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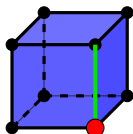
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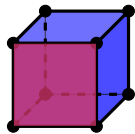
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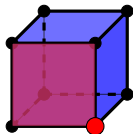
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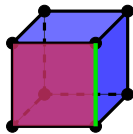
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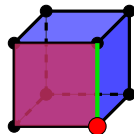
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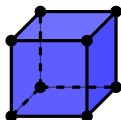
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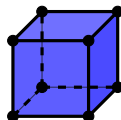
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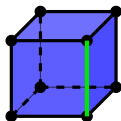
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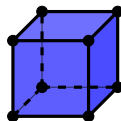
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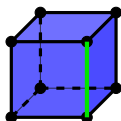
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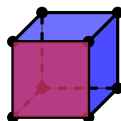
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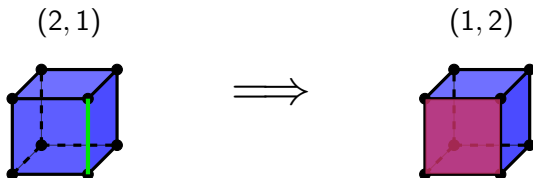
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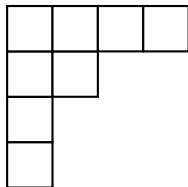
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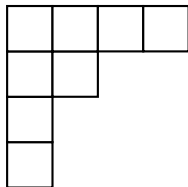




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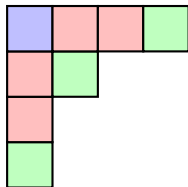
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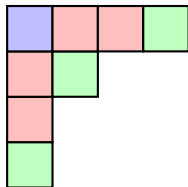
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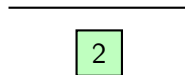
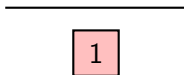
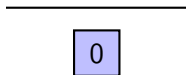
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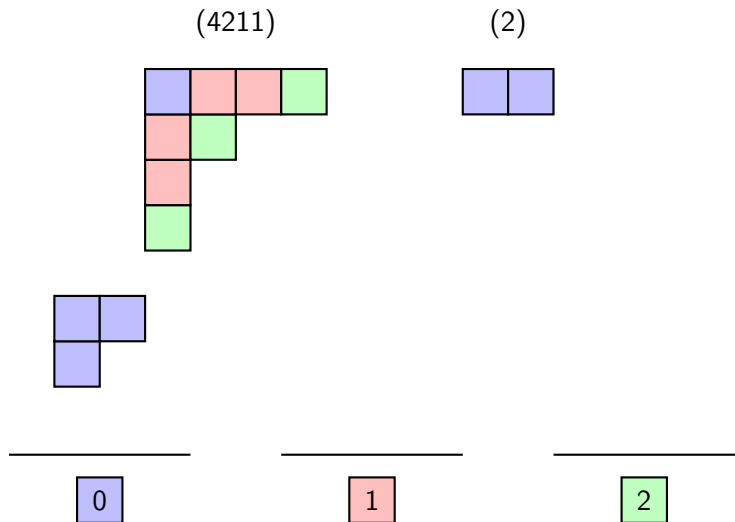


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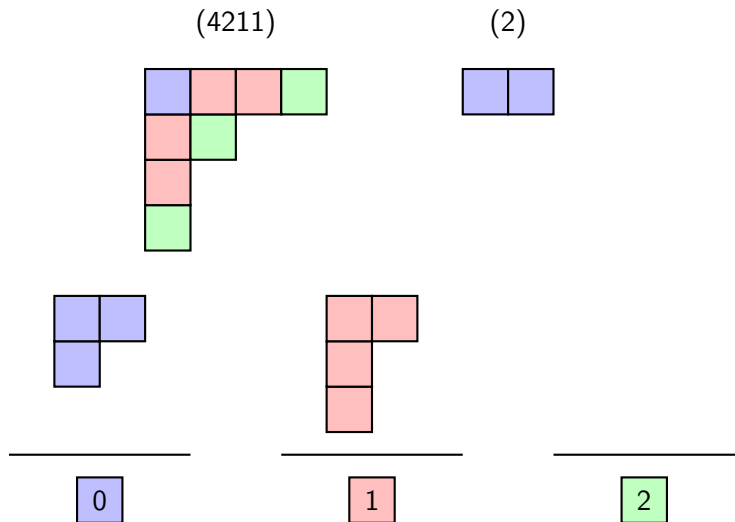
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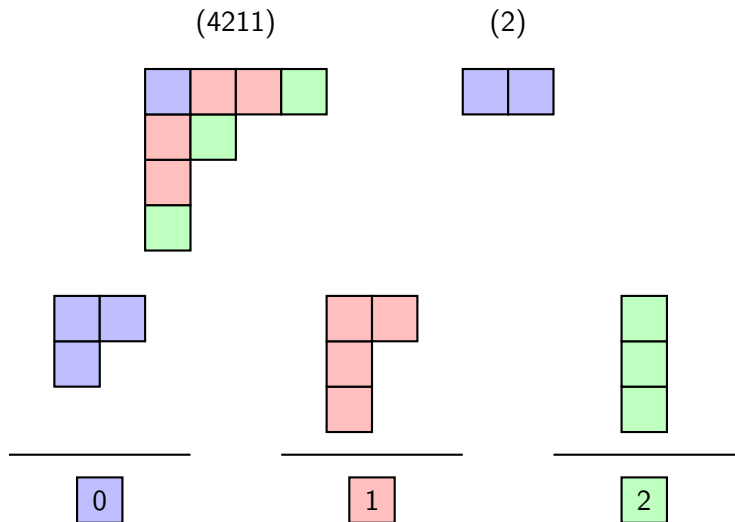
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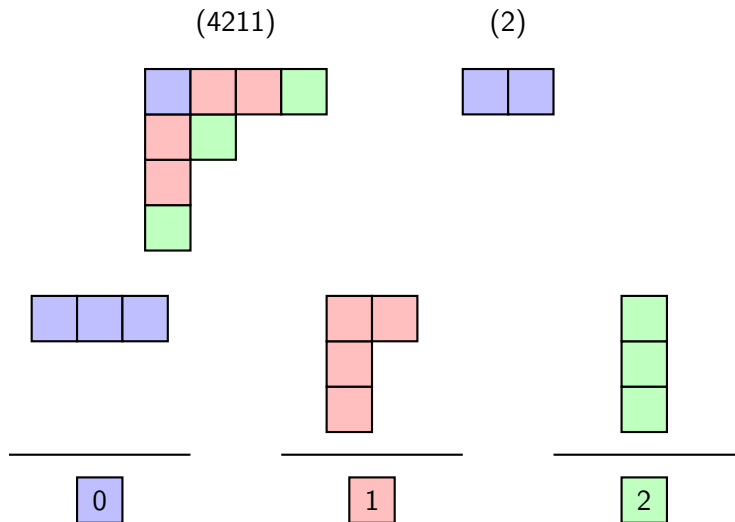
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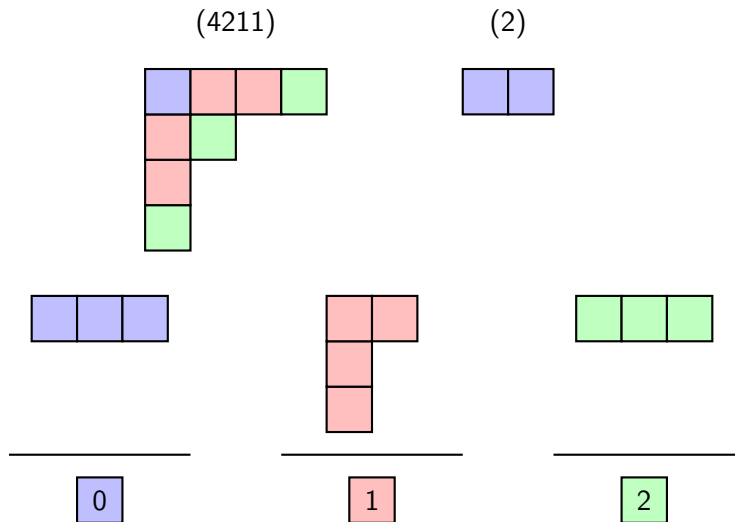
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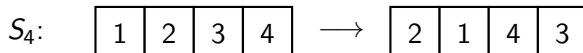
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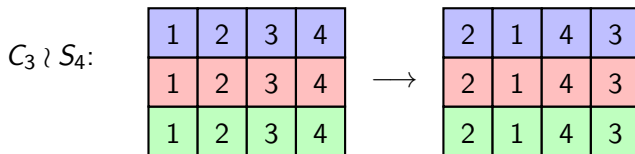
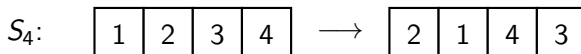
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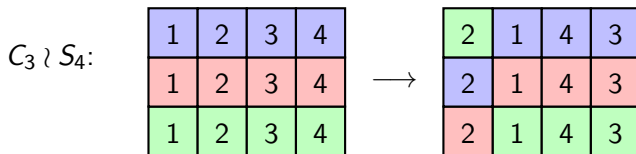
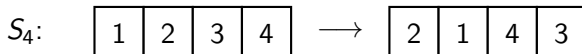
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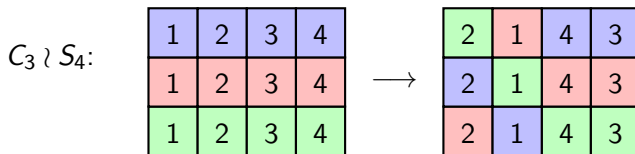
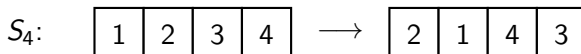




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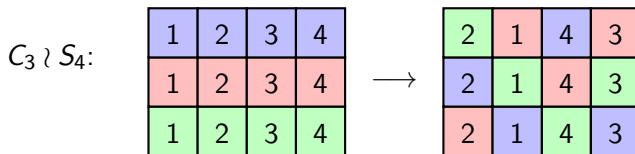
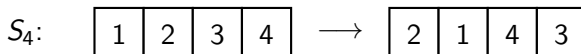
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