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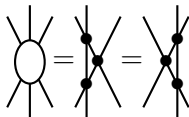
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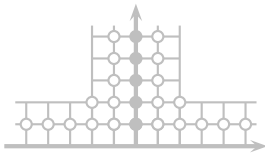
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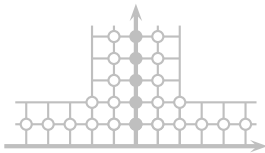
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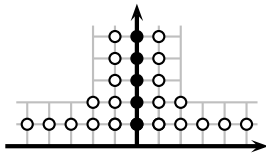
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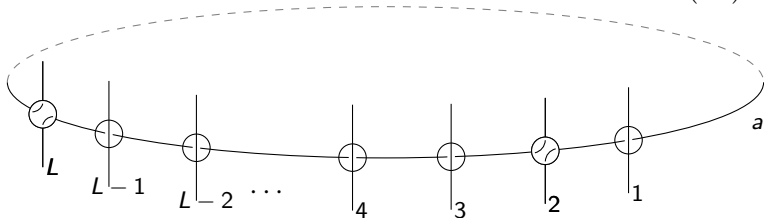
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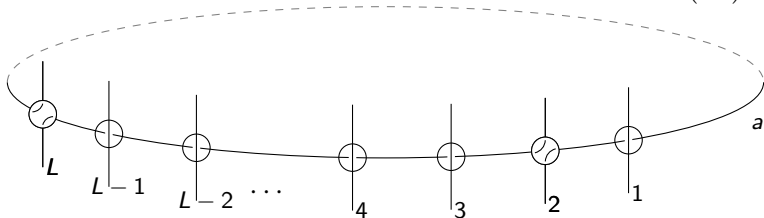
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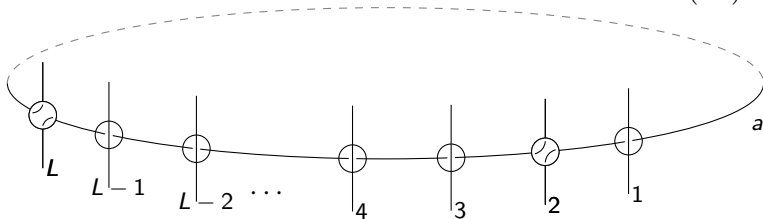
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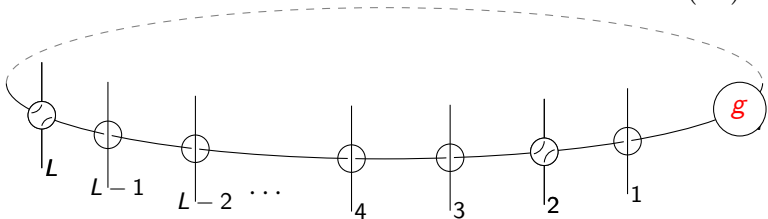
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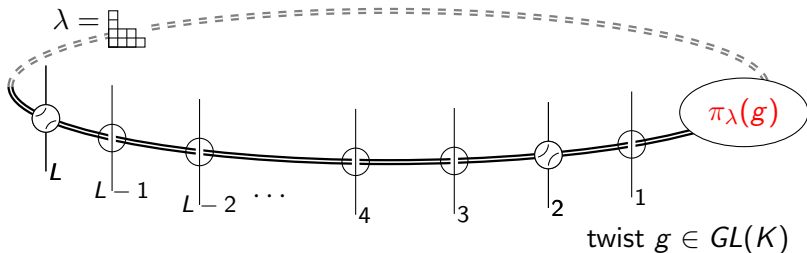
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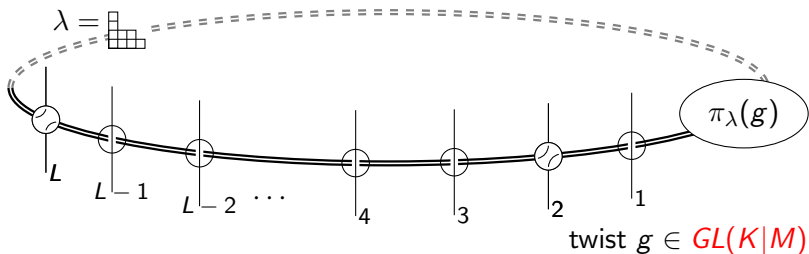
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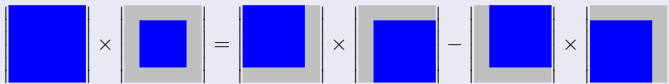
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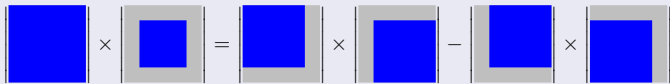
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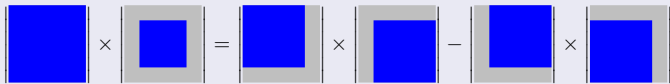
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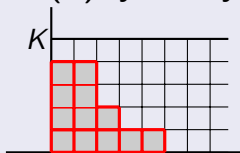
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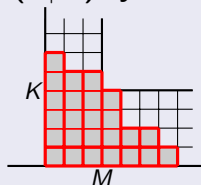
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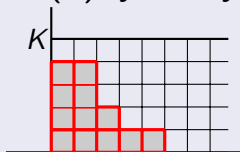
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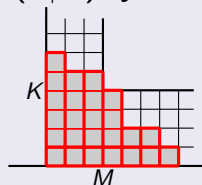
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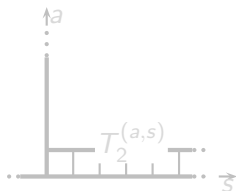
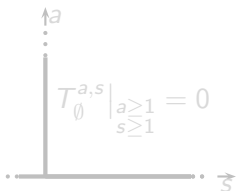
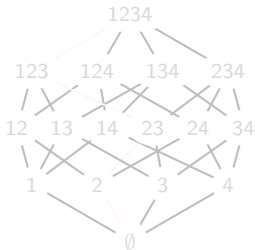
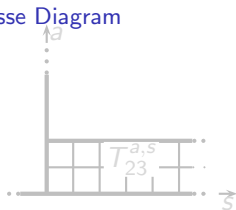
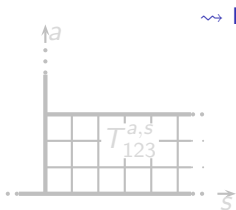
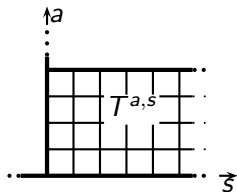
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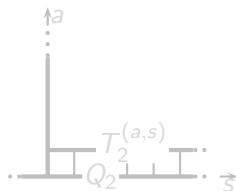
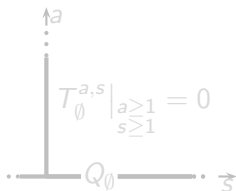
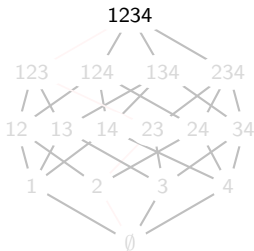
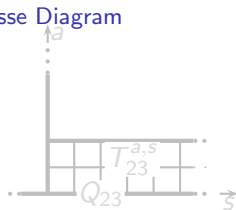
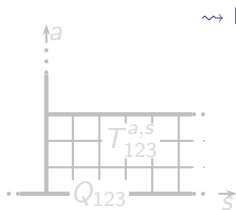
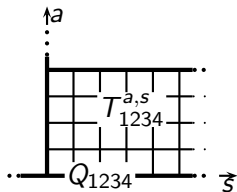
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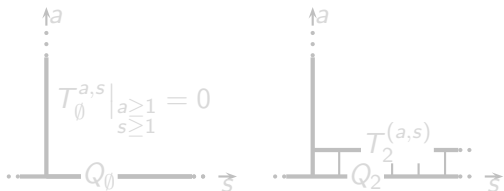
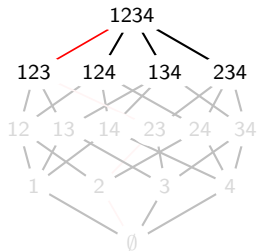
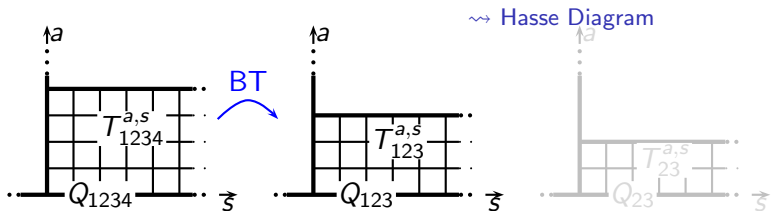
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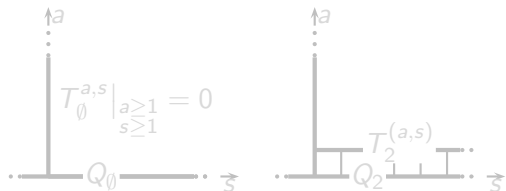
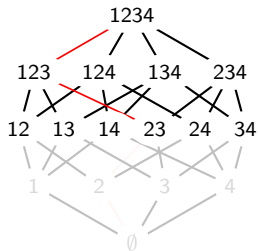
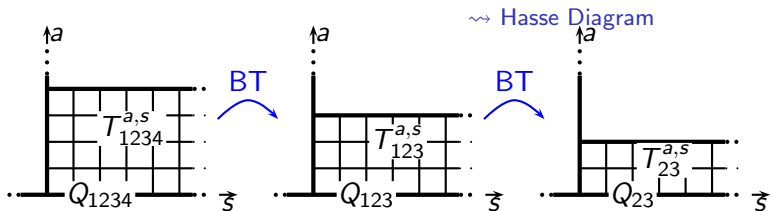
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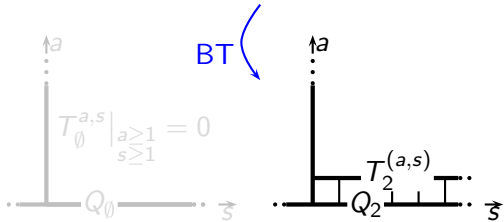
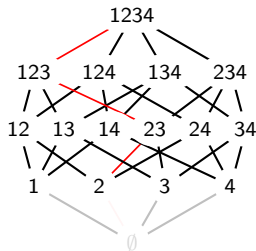
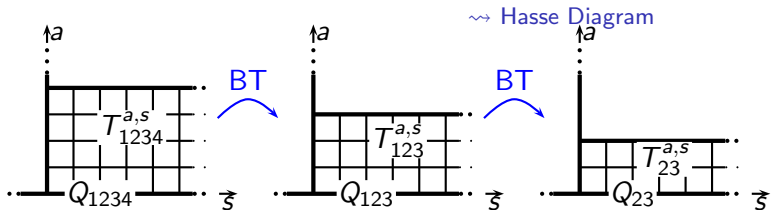
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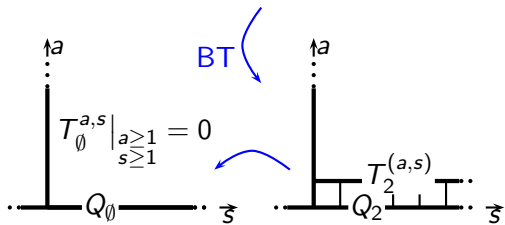
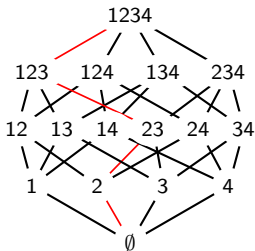
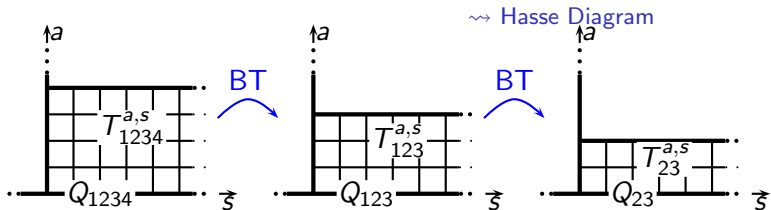
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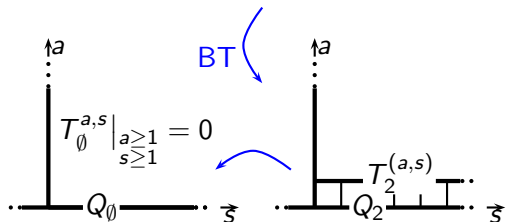
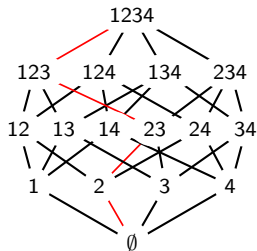
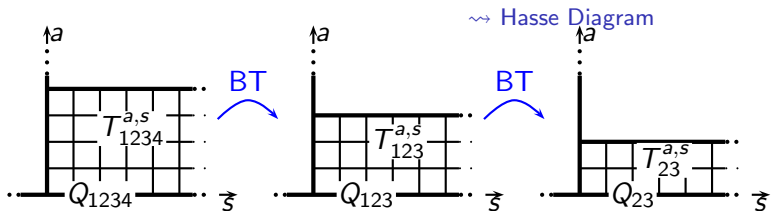
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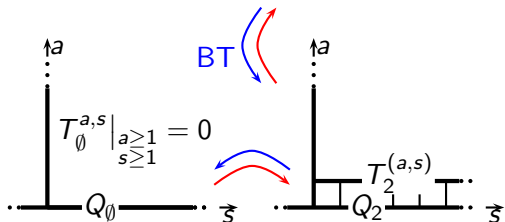
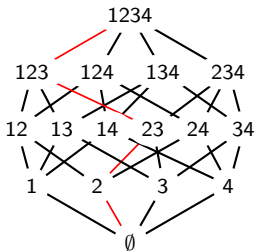
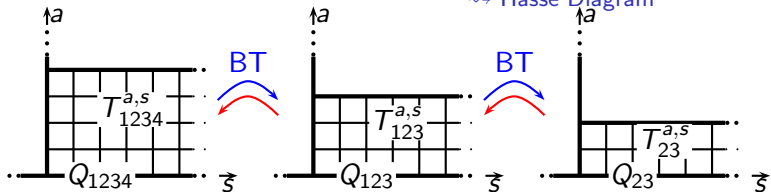
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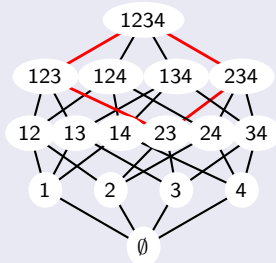
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example :  $I = \{23\}, i = 1, j = 4$

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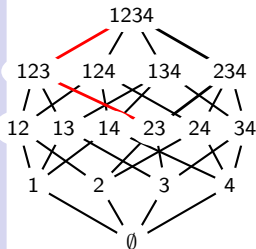
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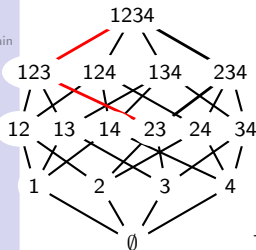
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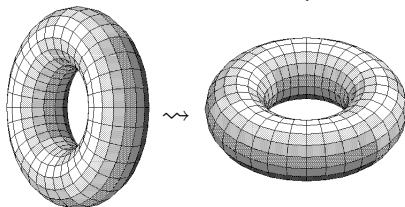
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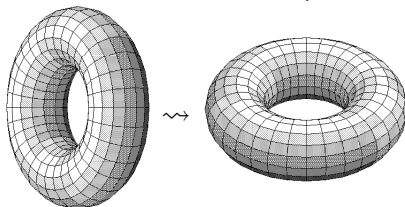
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Thank you !

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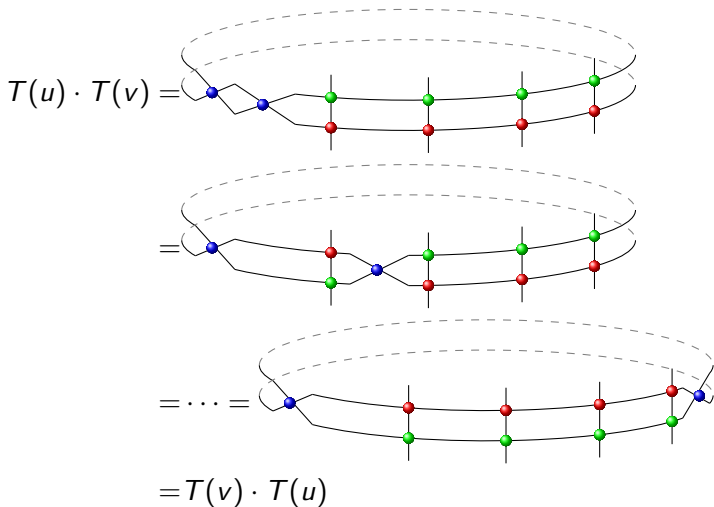
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