

# Equivariant Gromov–Witten theory and GKM spaces

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**Equivalently:** The 1-skeleton

$$X_1 := \{x \in X : \dim(T \cdot x) \leq 1\}$$

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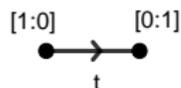
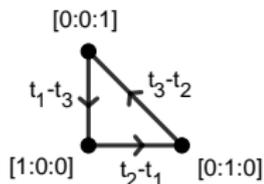
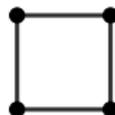
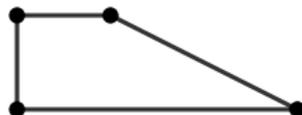
$$\alpha : E(G)^{\text{oriented}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}^*.$$

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- $\alpha(\bar{e}) = -\alpha(e)$

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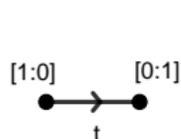
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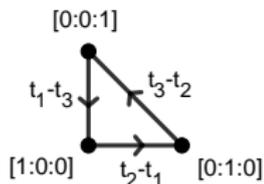
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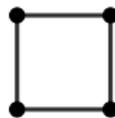
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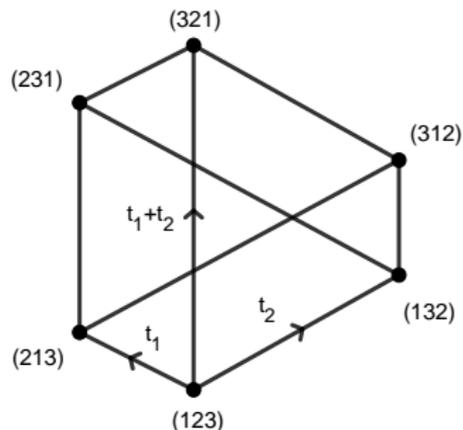


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## Homogeneous spaces [Guillemin–Holm–Zara '06]



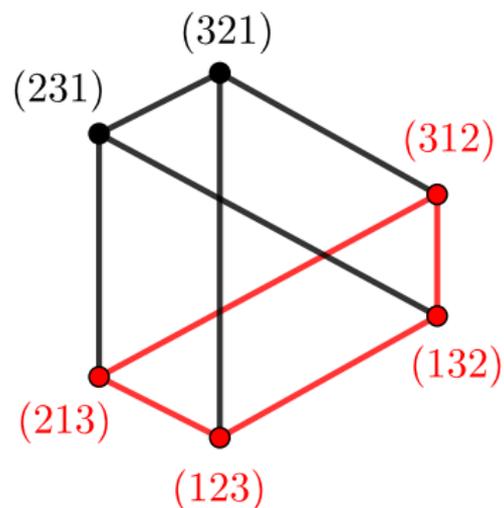
$$FI(\mathbb{C}^3) \cong SU(3)/T$$

vertices  $\longleftrightarrow S_3$

edges  $\longleftrightarrow (12), (23), (31)$

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## Smooth Schubert varieties



$$X_w \subset G/P \text{ for } w \in W_G/W_P$$



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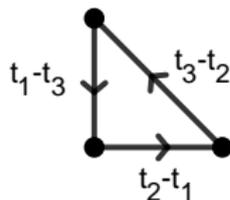
- **Equivariant cohomology** [Goresky–Kottwitz–MacPherson '98]

$$H_T^*(X; \mathbb{Q}) \cong \left\{ (f_p) \in \bigoplus_{p \in V(G)} \mathbb{Q}[t_1, \dots, t_r] \mid \forall e = (p, q) \in E(G) \right. \\
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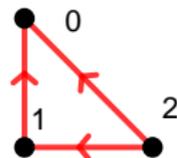
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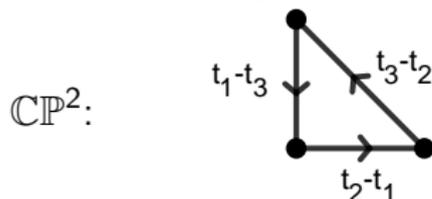
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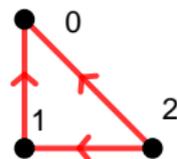
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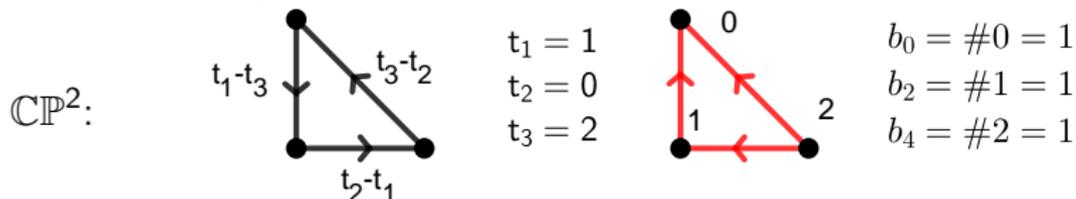
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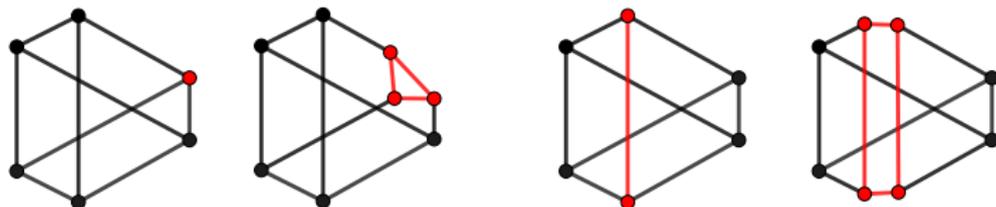


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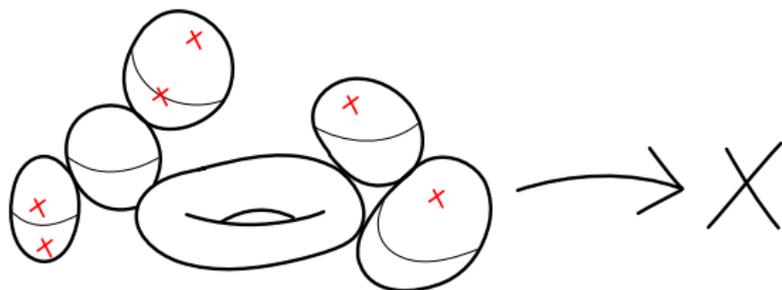
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# rational degree  $d$  curves in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  through  $3d - 1$  generic points:

$$N_d := GW_{0,3d-1}^{\mathbb{C}P^2,d}([pt], \dots, [pt])$$

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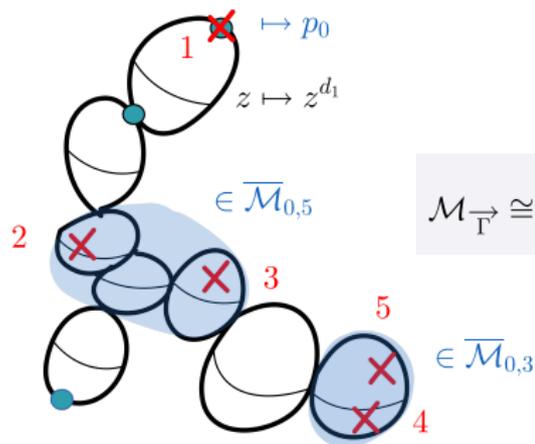
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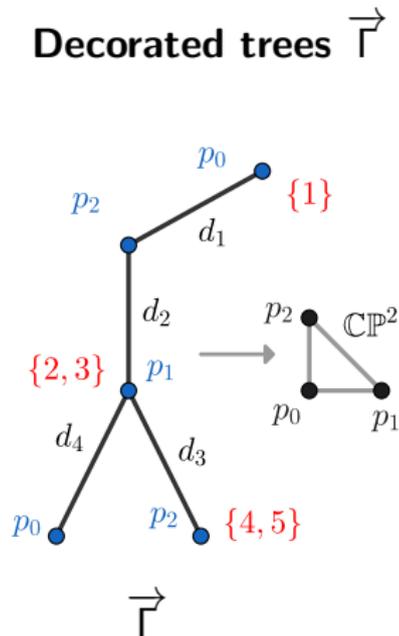
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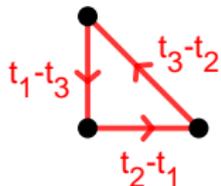
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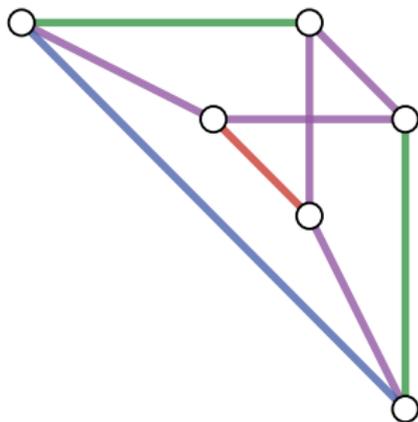
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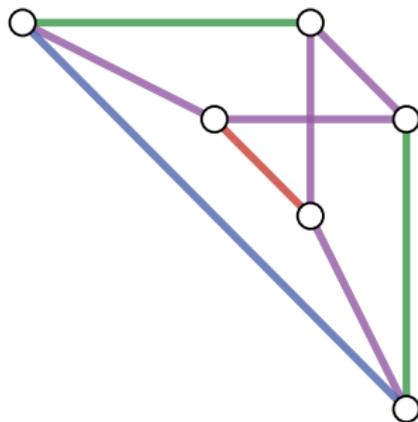
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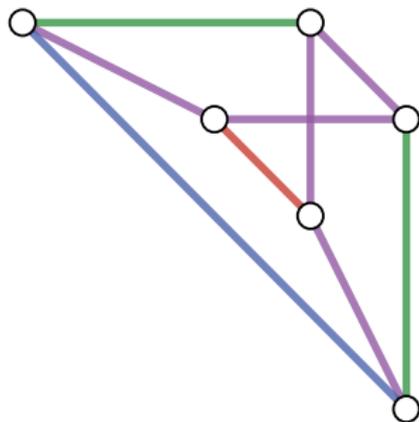
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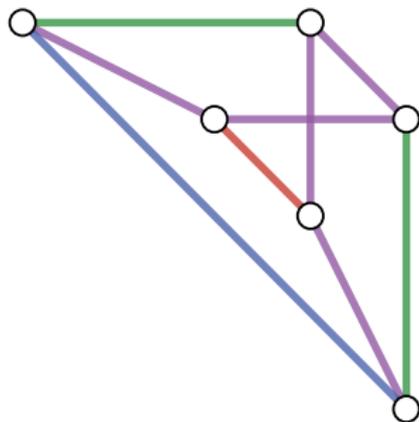
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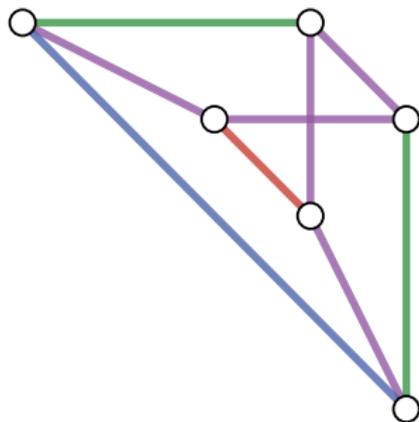
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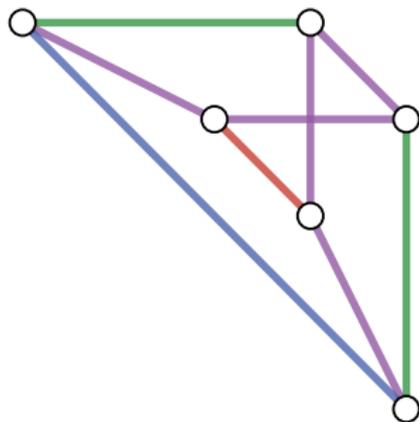
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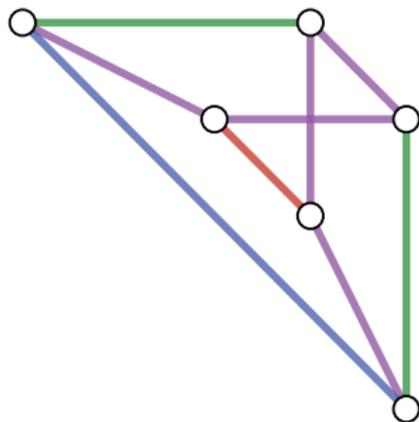
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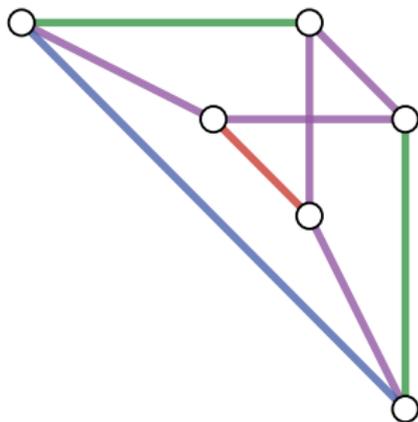
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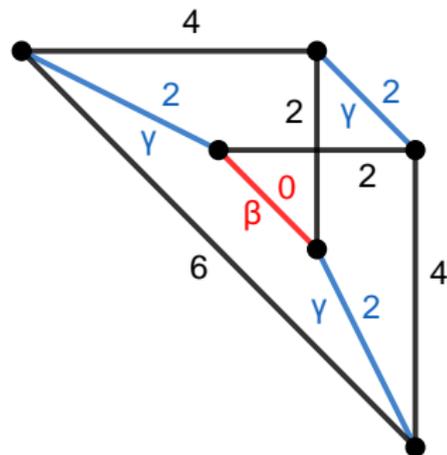
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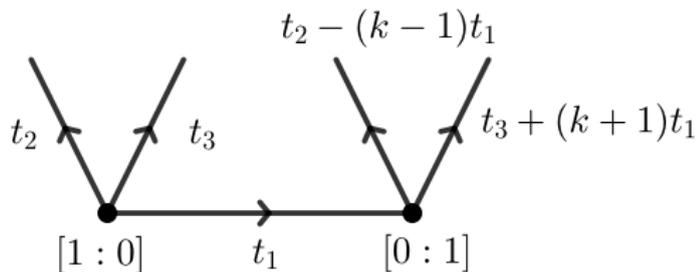
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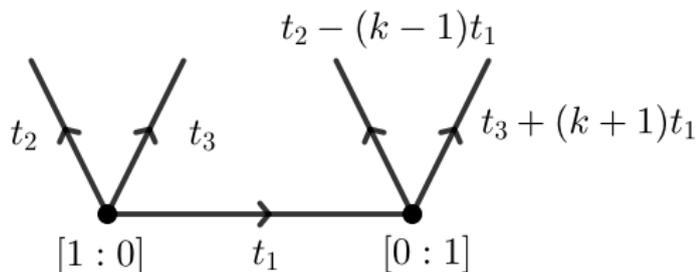
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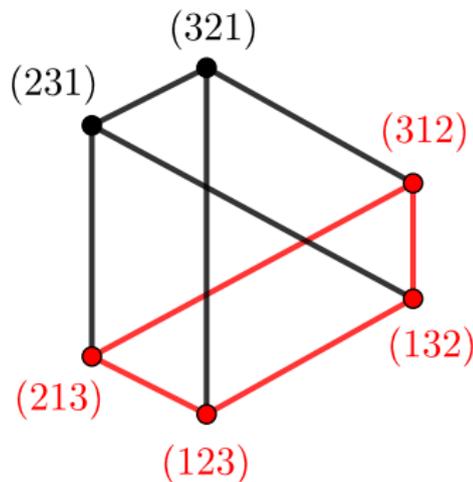
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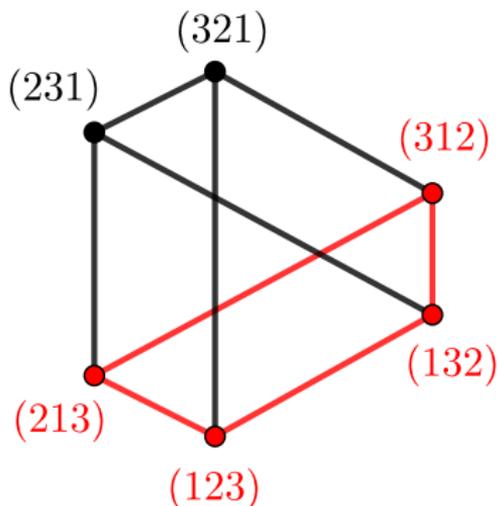
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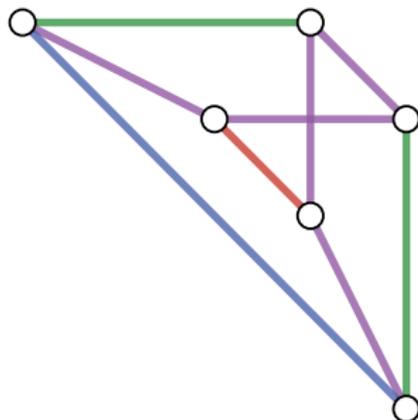
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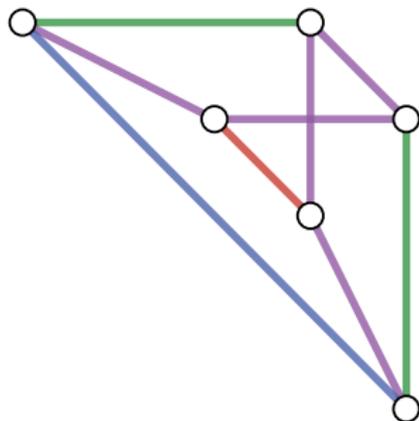


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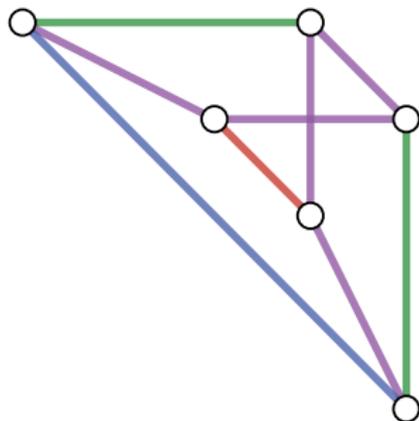
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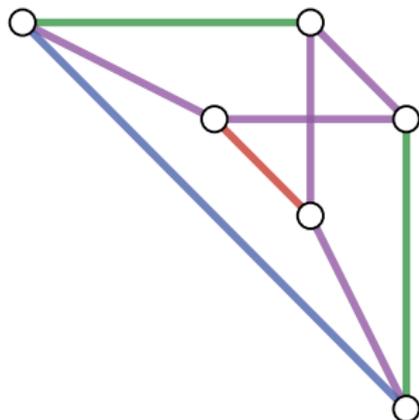
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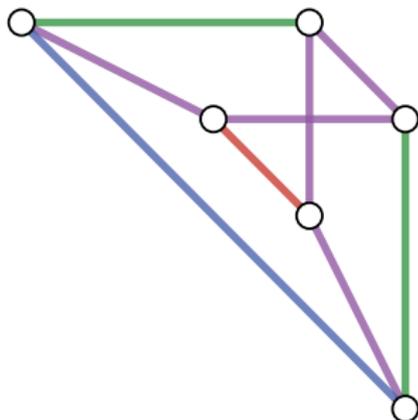
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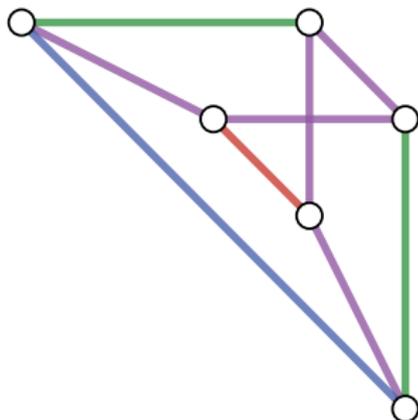
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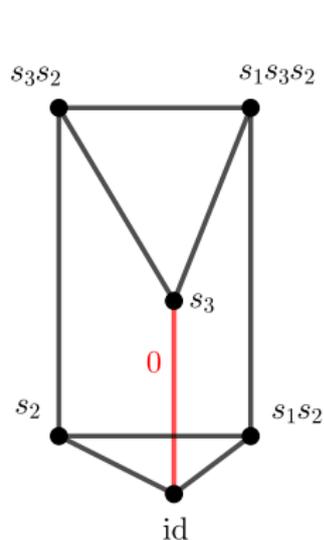
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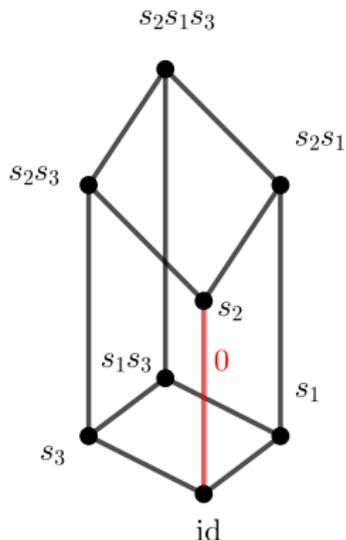
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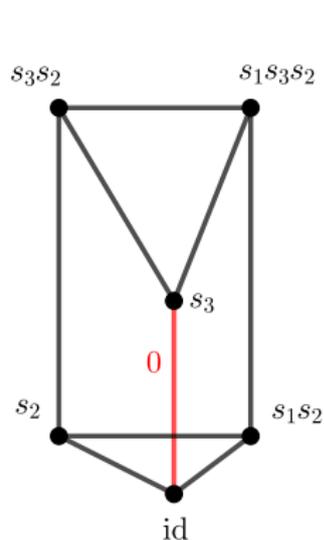
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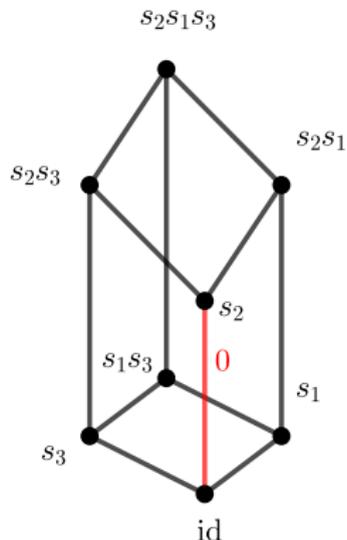
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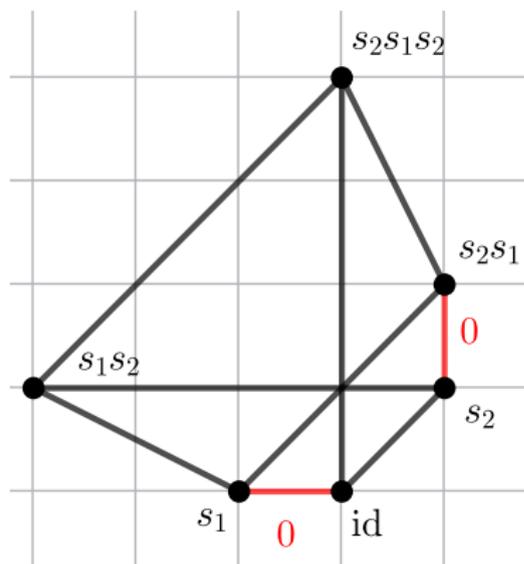


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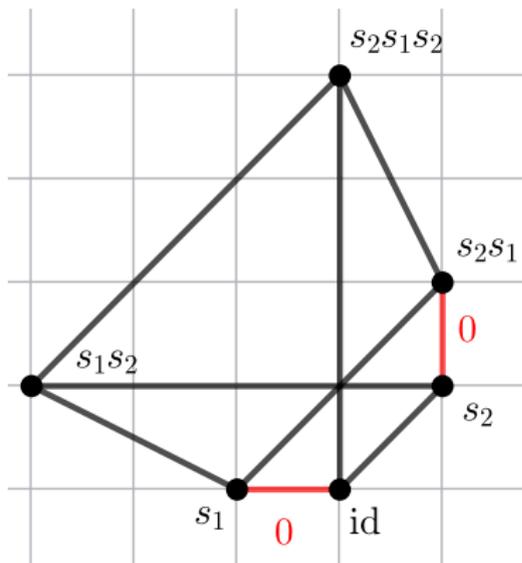
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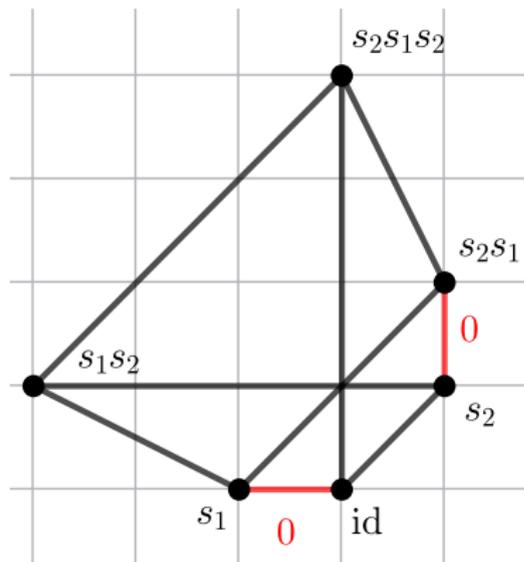
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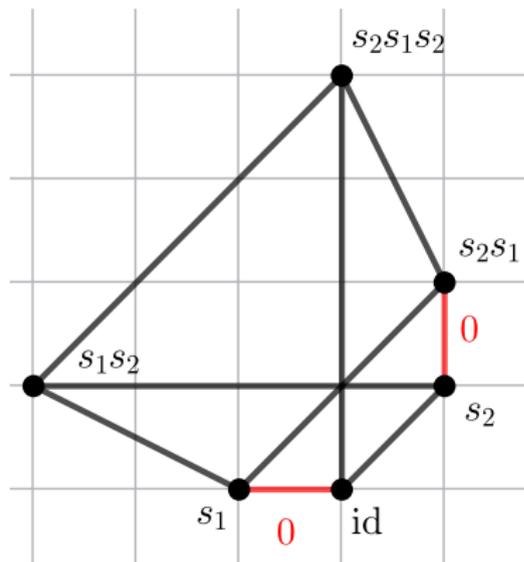
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