

# Bijections for maps on non-oriented surfaces

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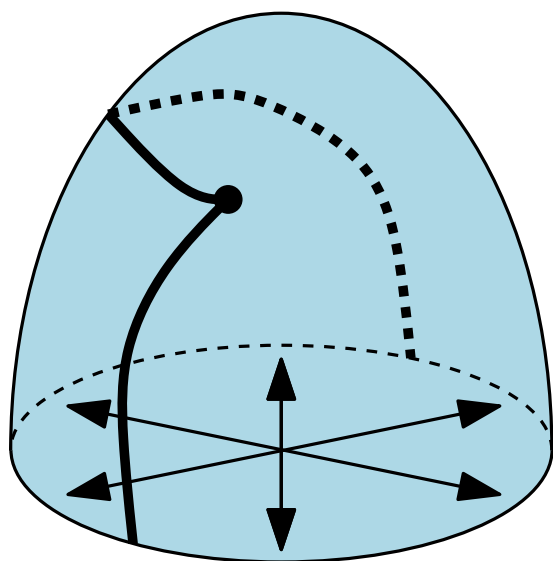
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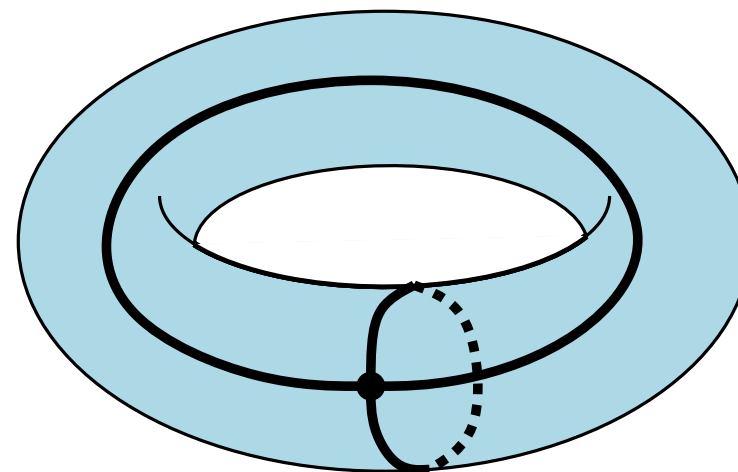
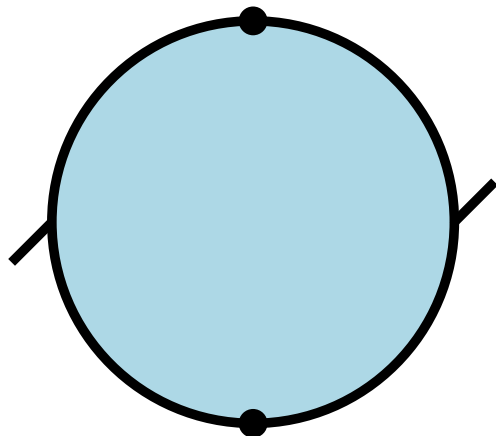
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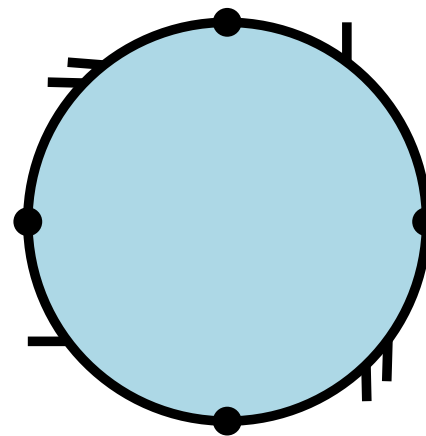
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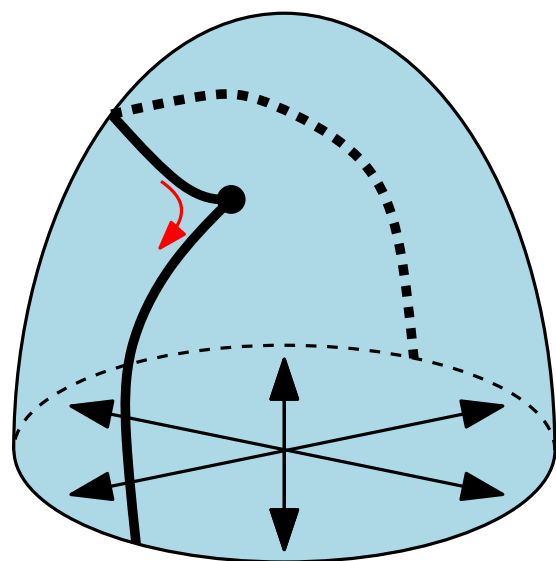
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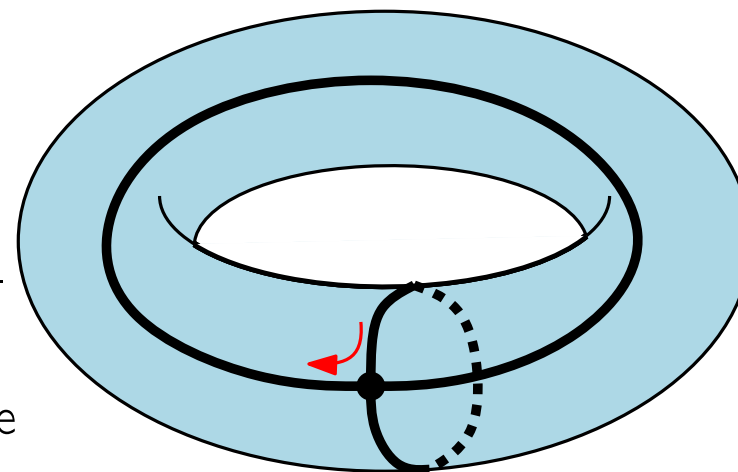
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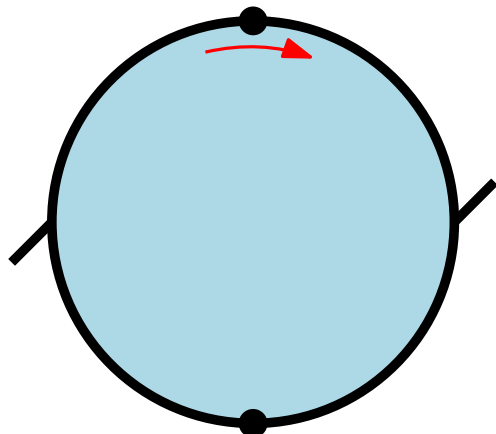
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we kill automorphisms - easier to count/decompose



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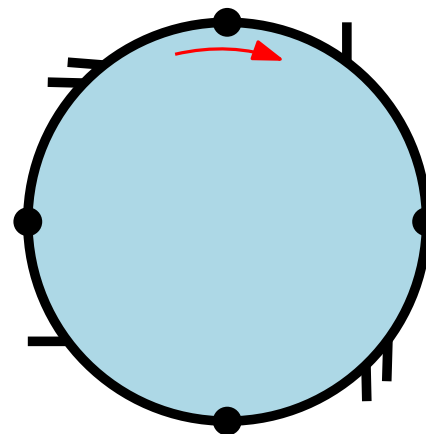
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**rooted** map  $\equiv$  map with a distinguished **oriented corner**

$\equiv$  distinguished oriented edge in the oriented case  
(**warning**: not enough in the non-oriented case!)

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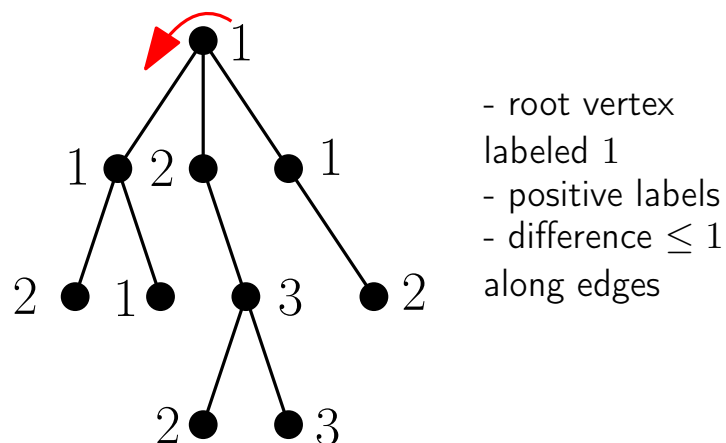
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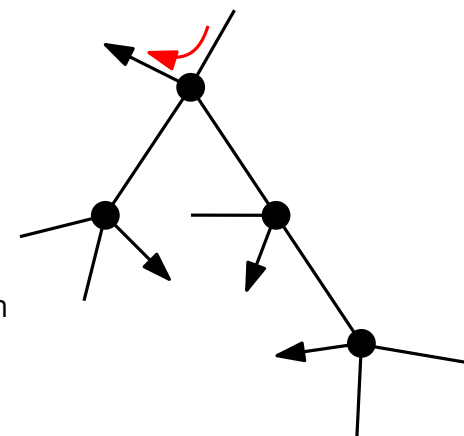
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- each vertex has an additional "bud"
- closing operation leaves the root leaf open



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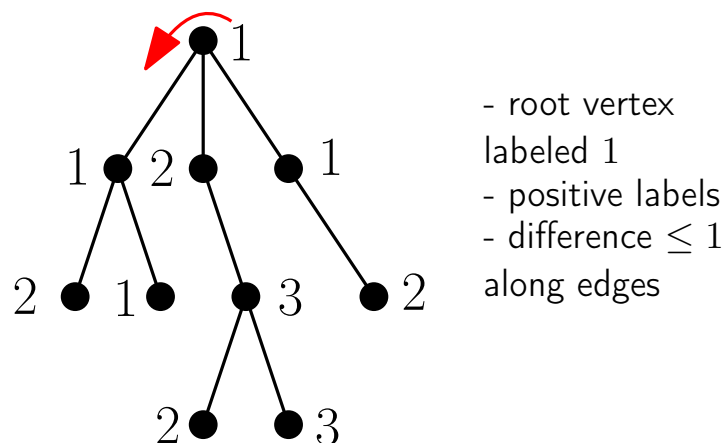
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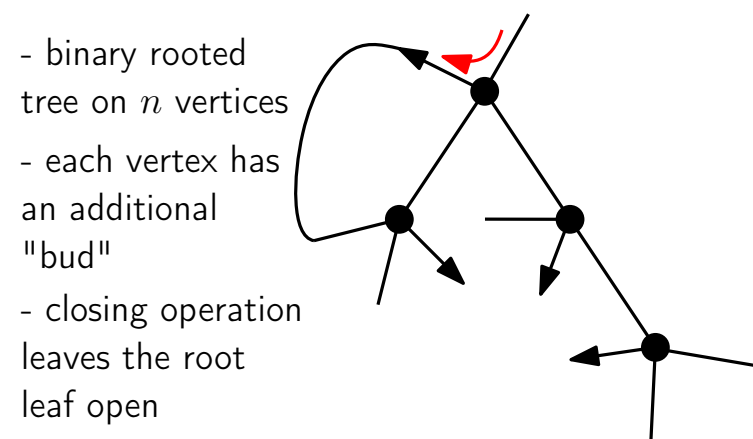
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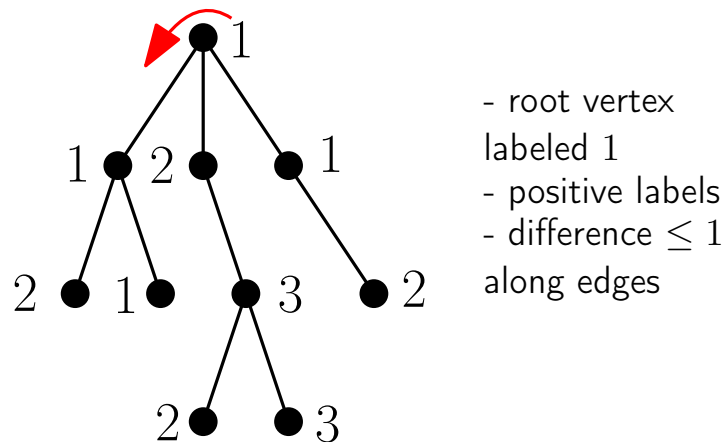
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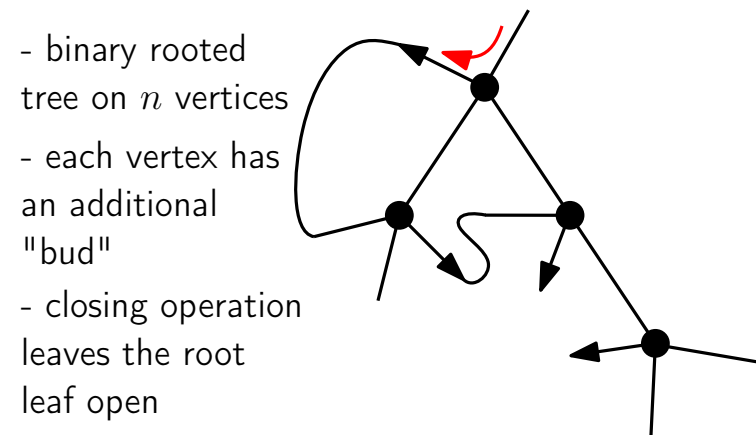
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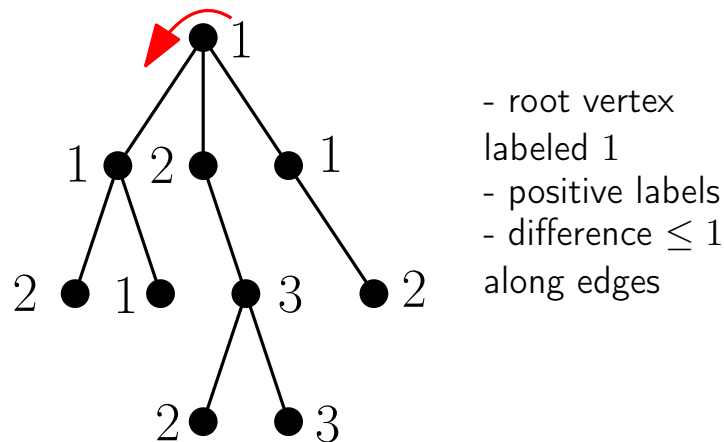
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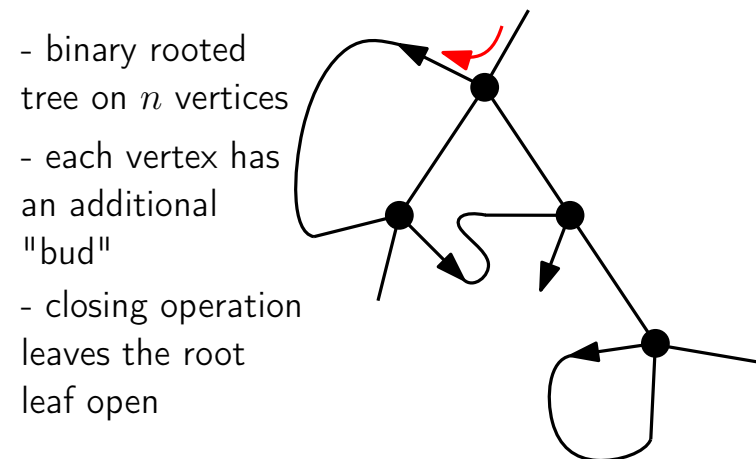
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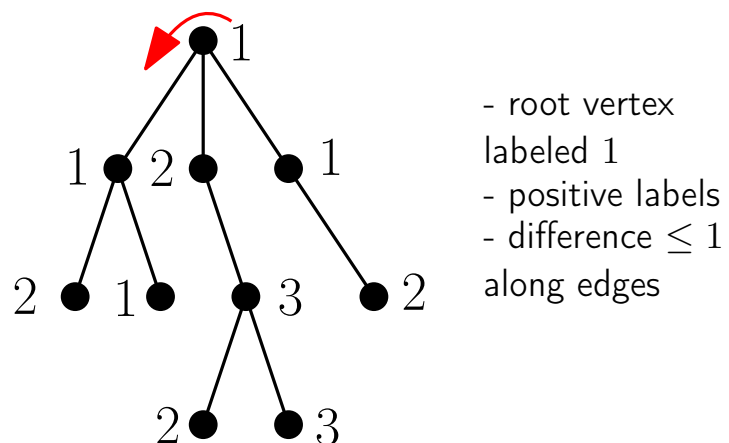
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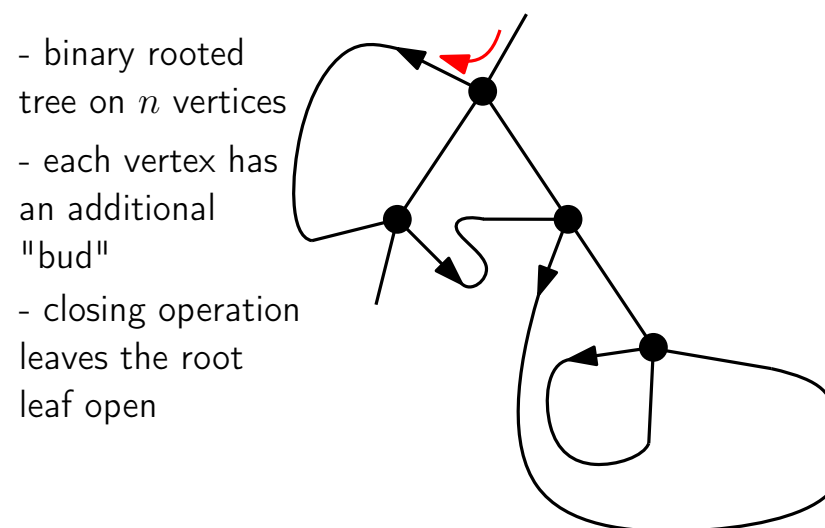
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**Initial motivation:**

- direct explanation of the simple formula of Tutte,
- better understanding of the structure of planar maps
- good way to generate maps

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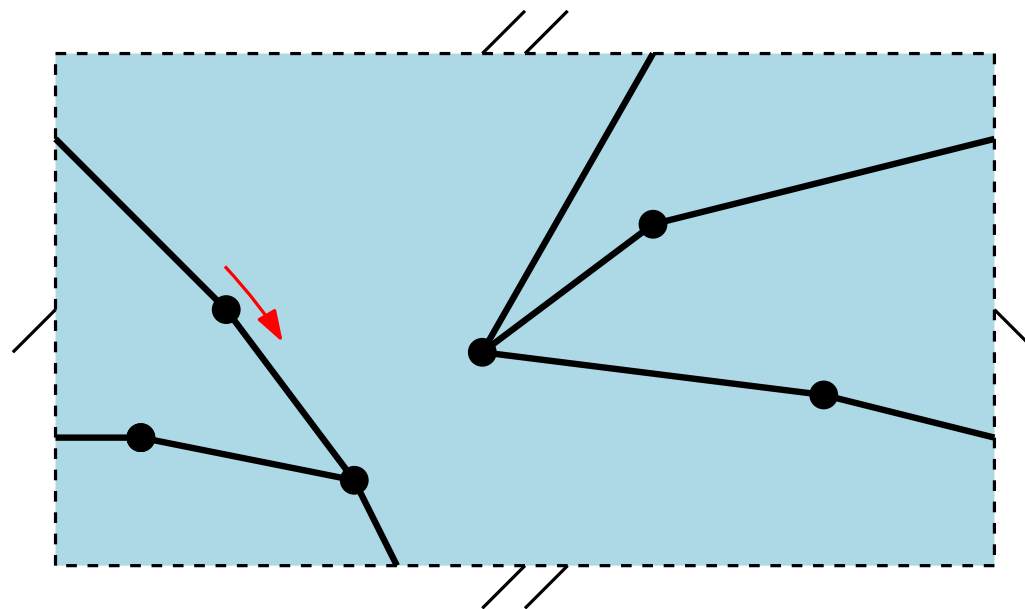
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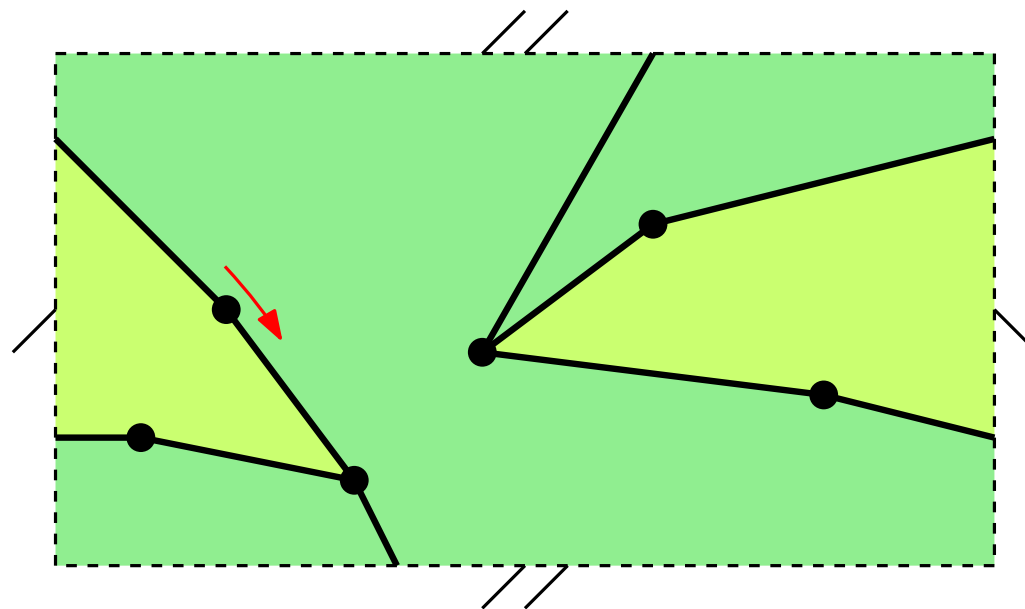
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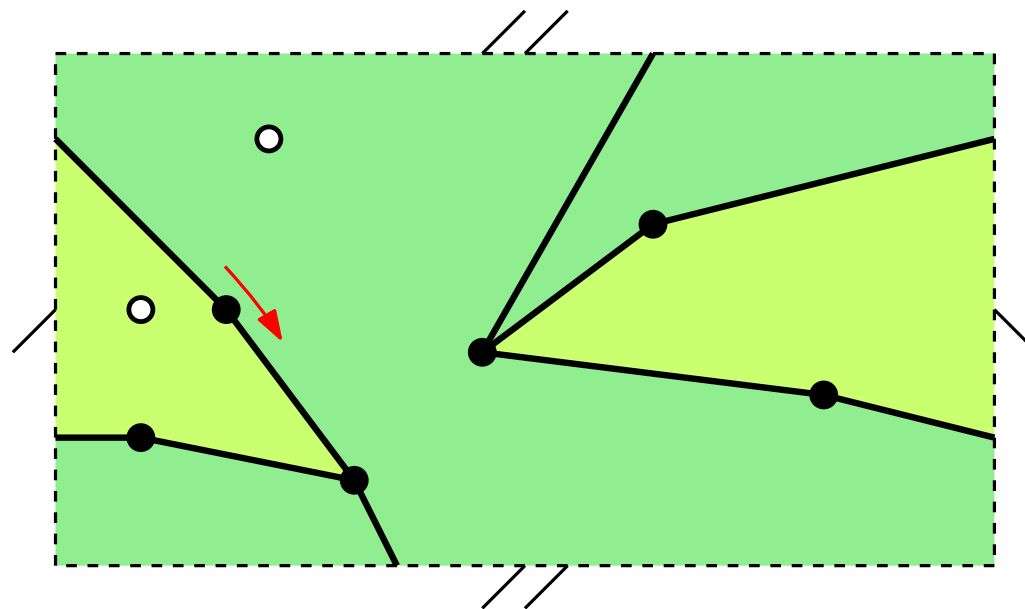
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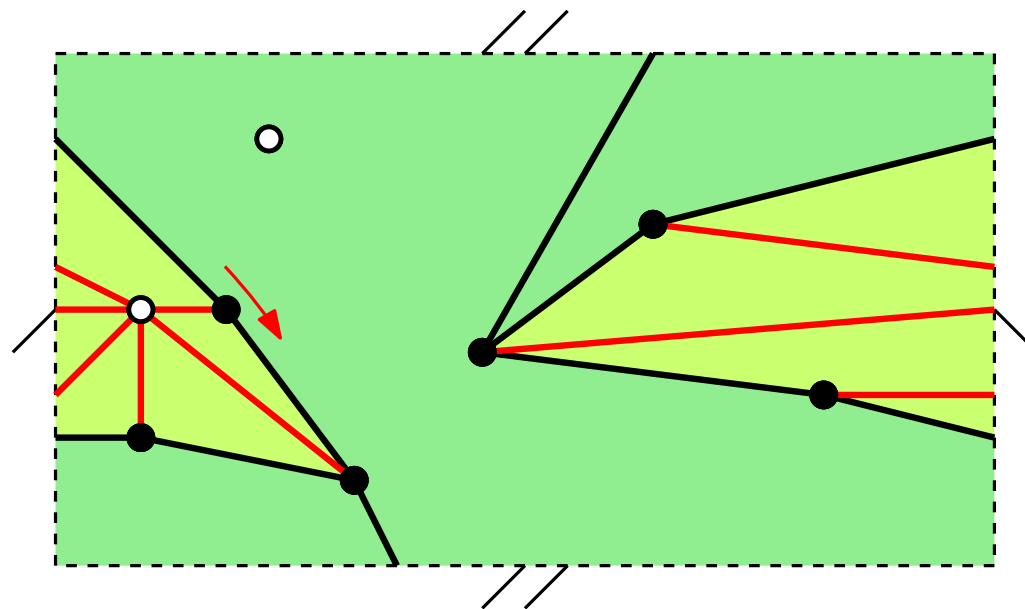
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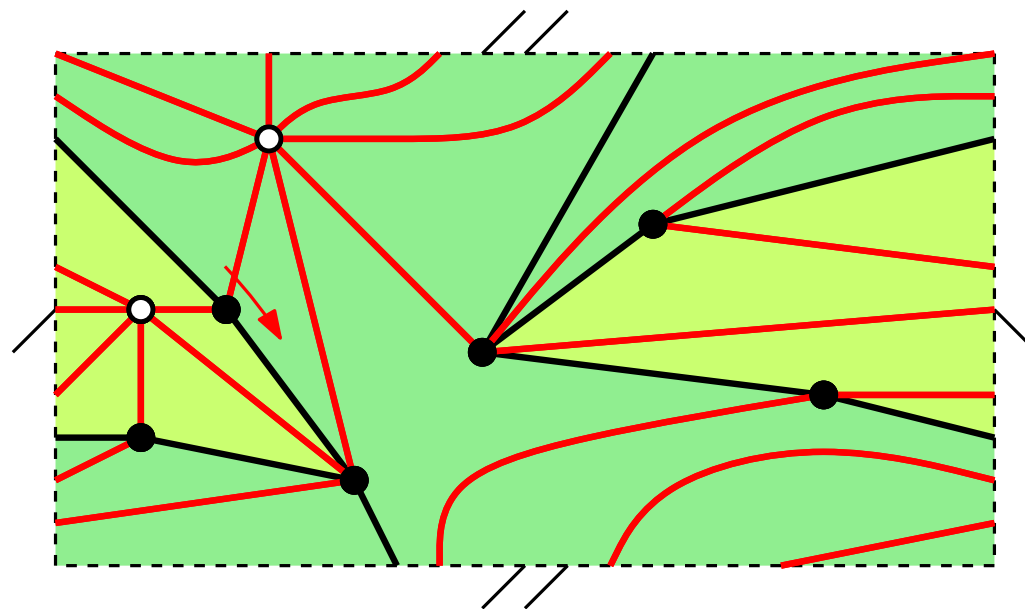
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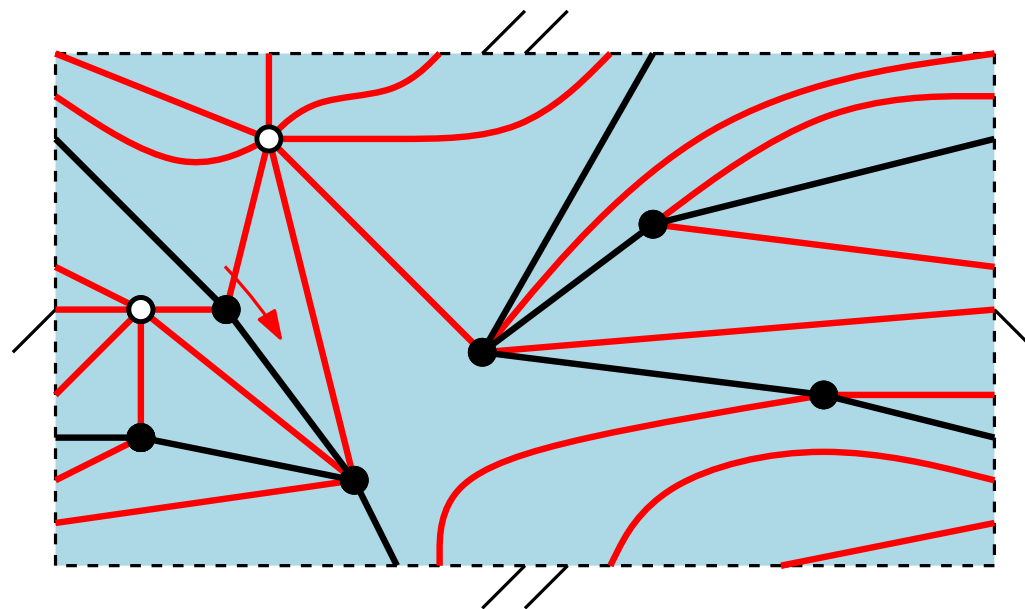
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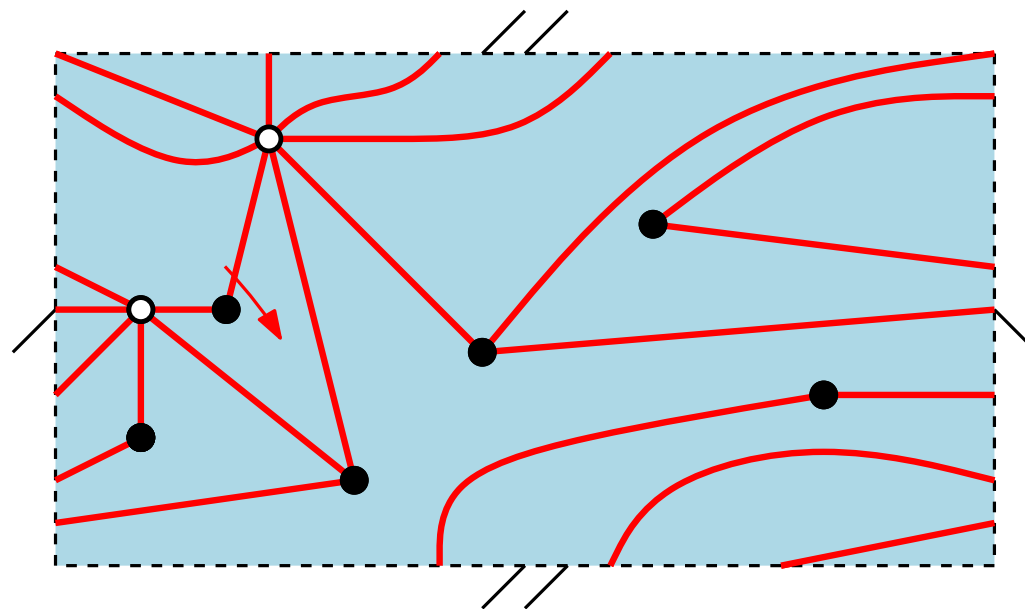
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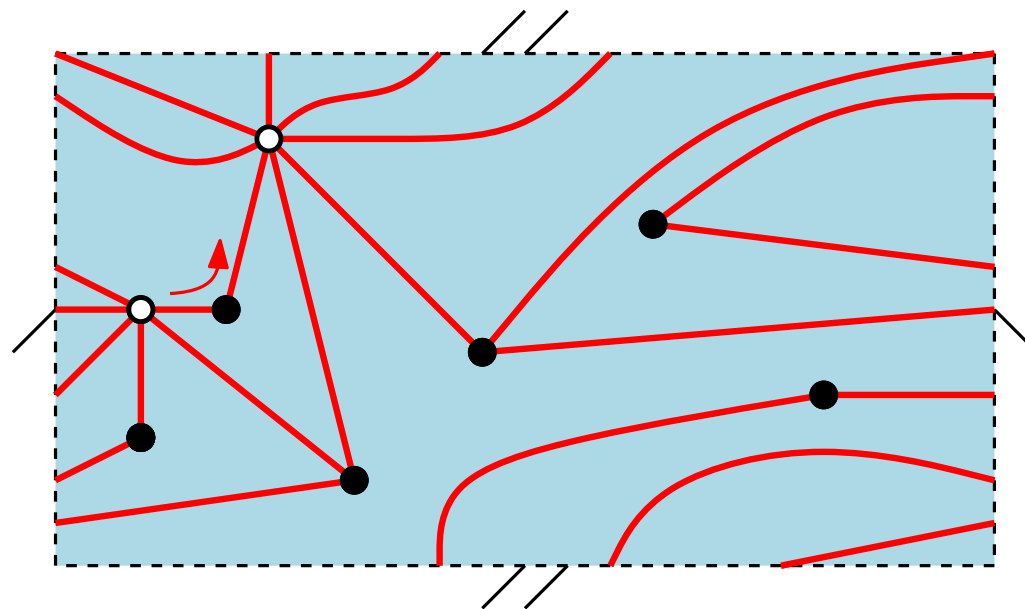
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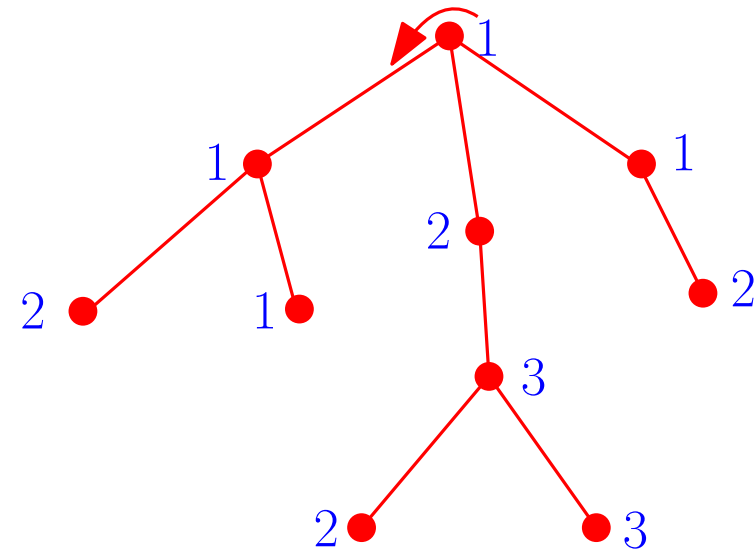
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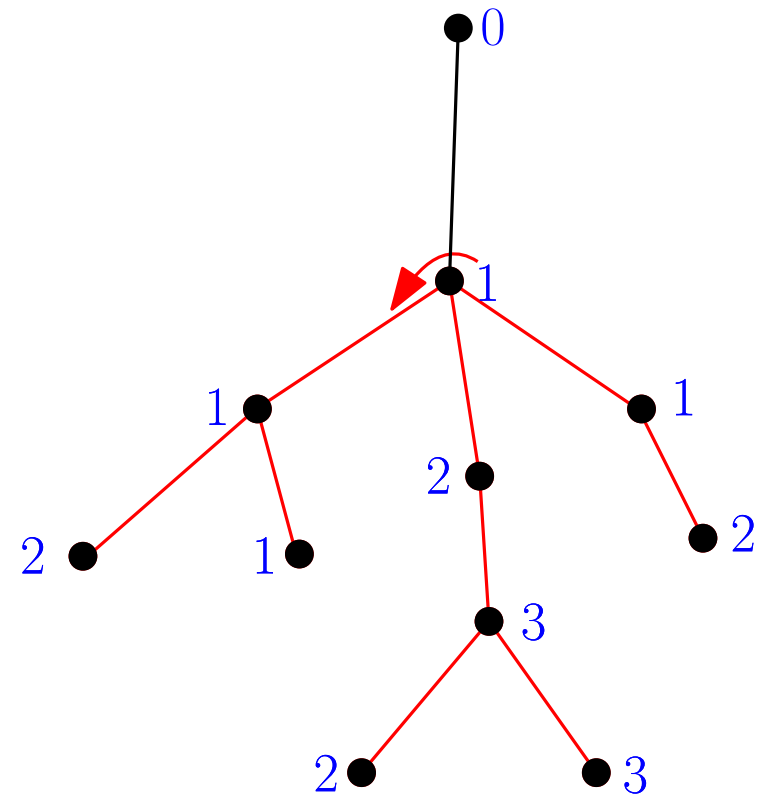
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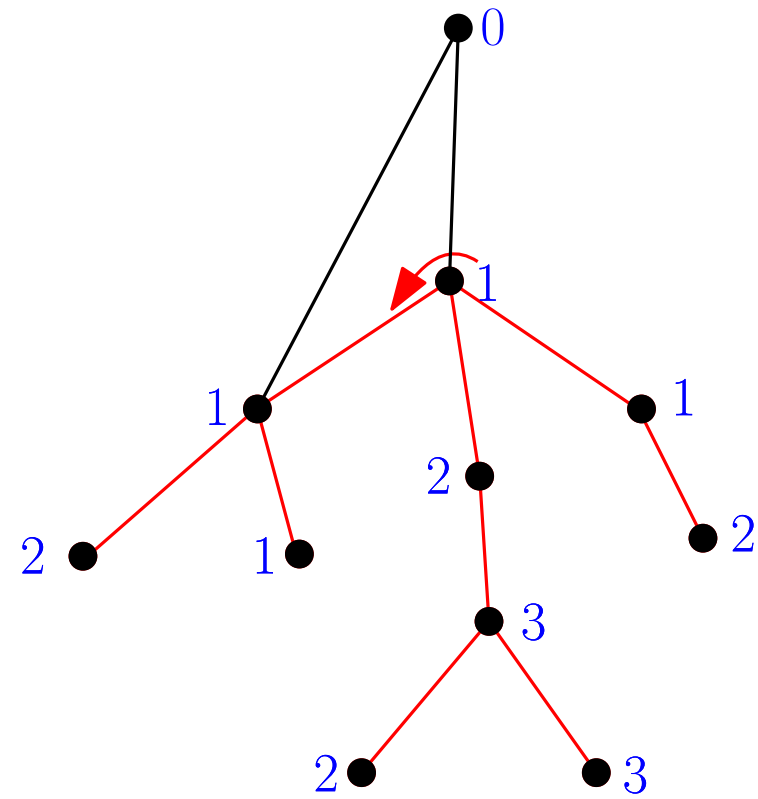
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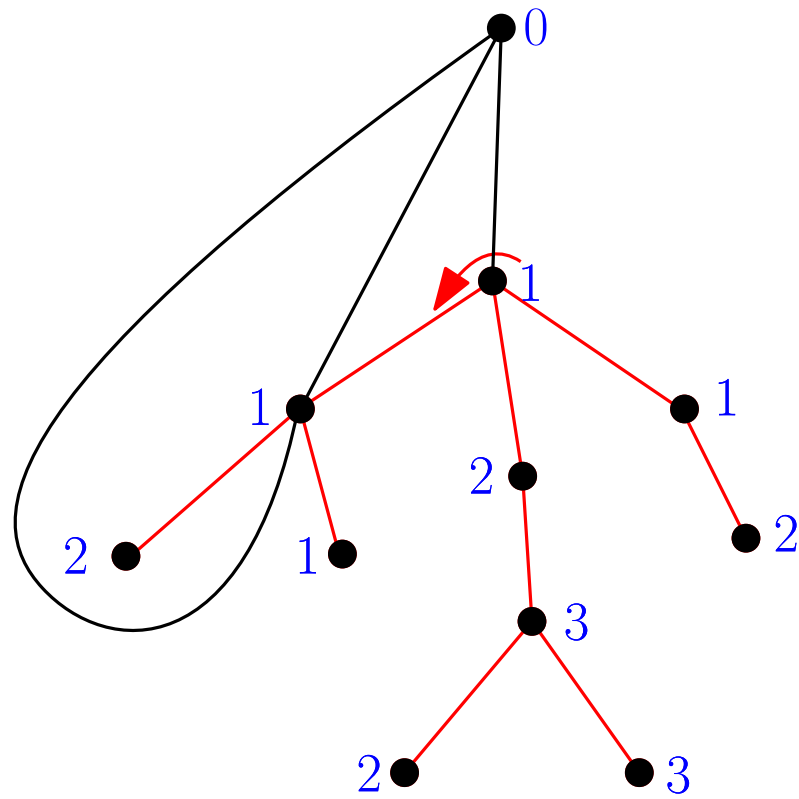
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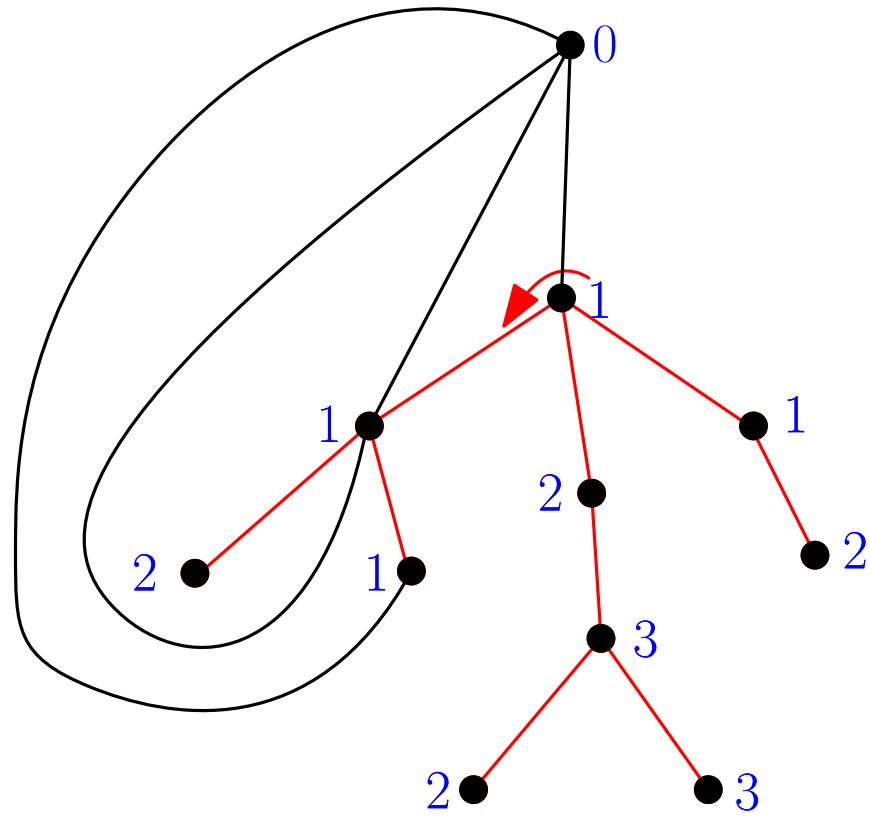
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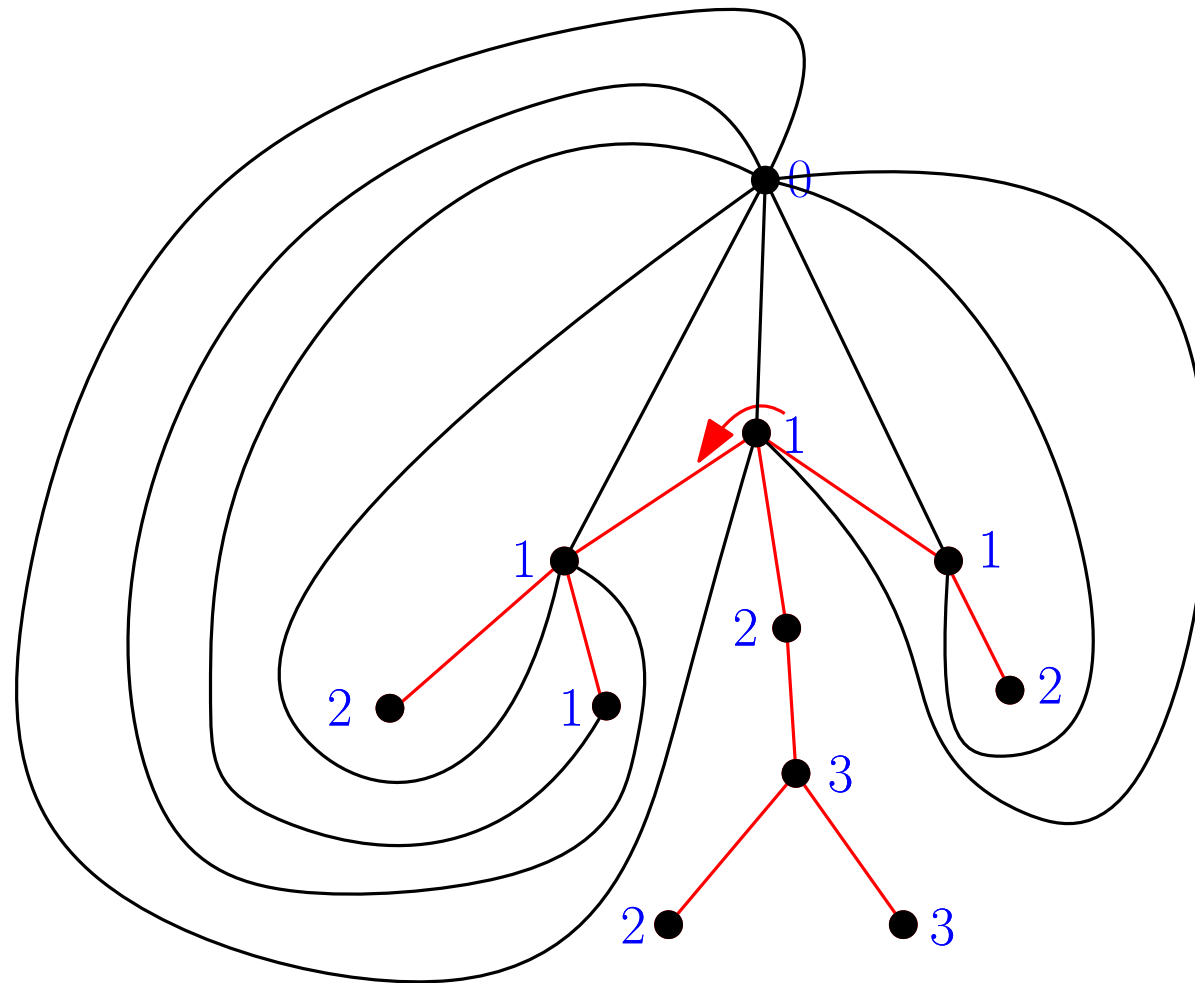
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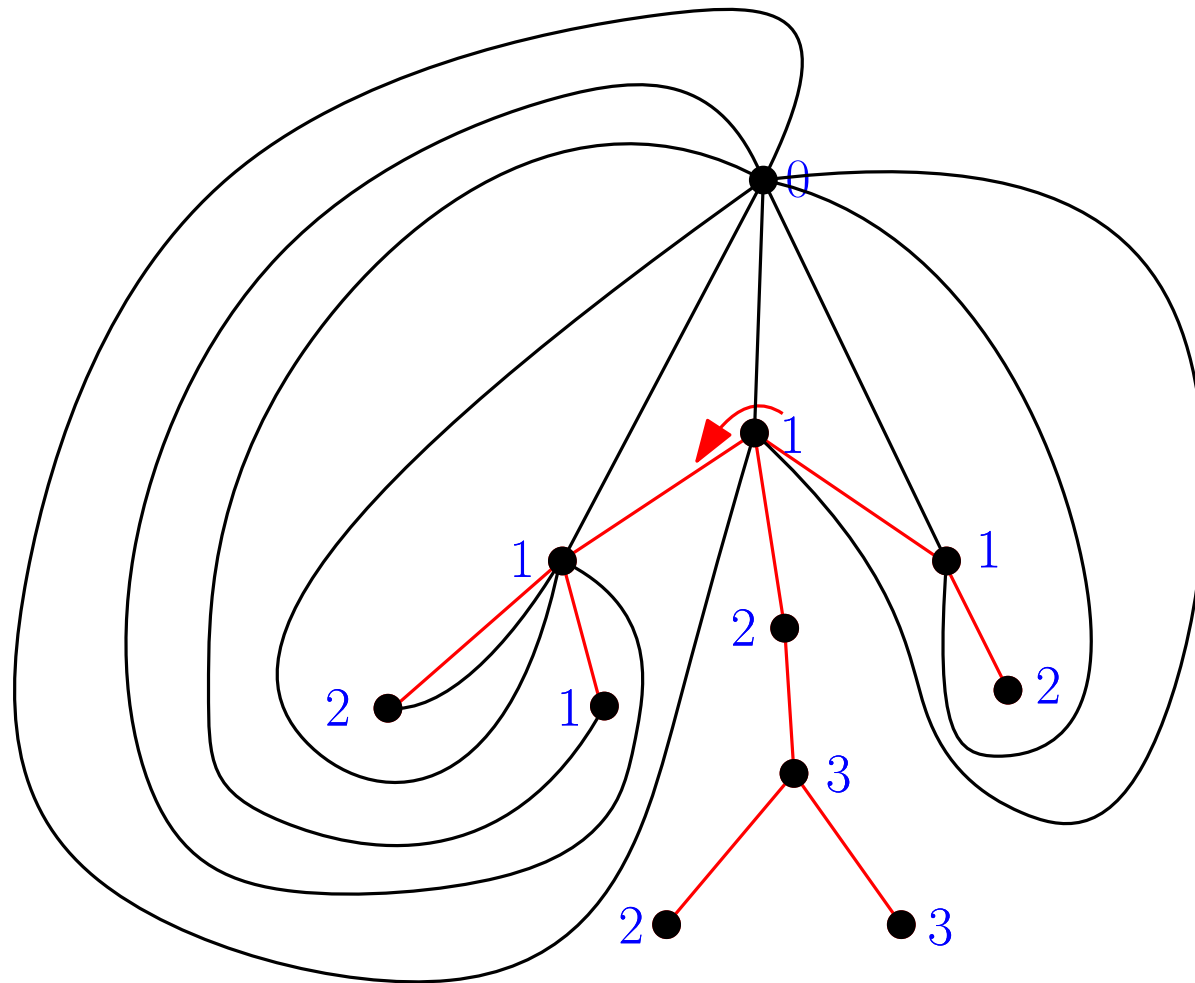
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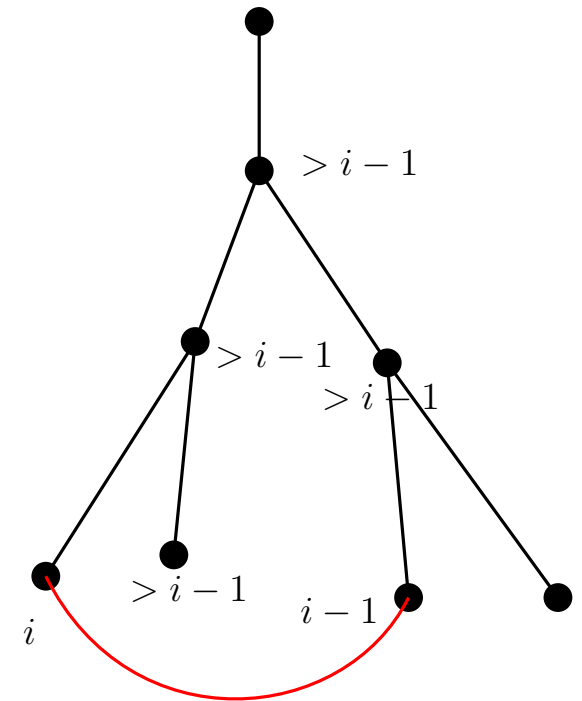
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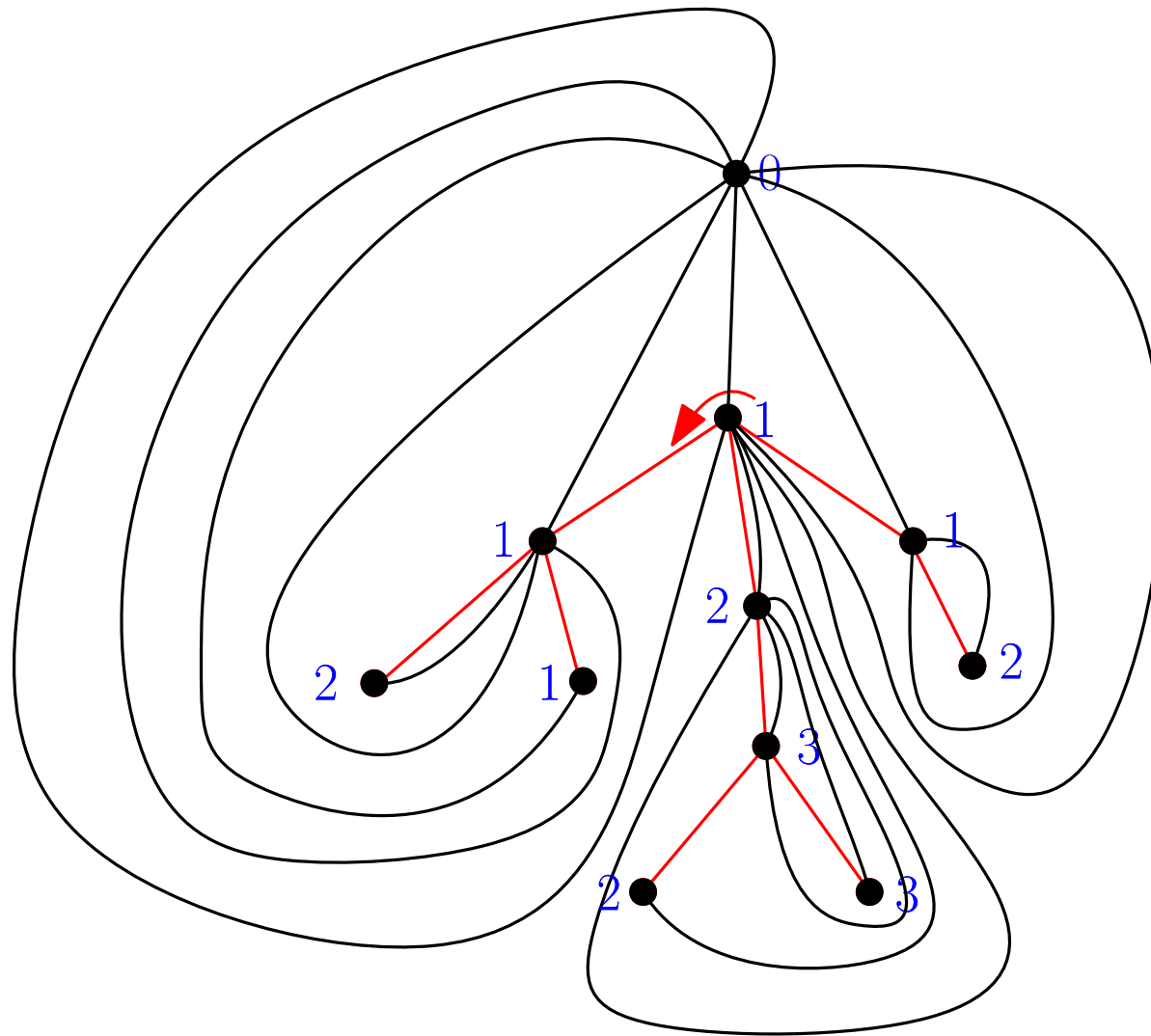


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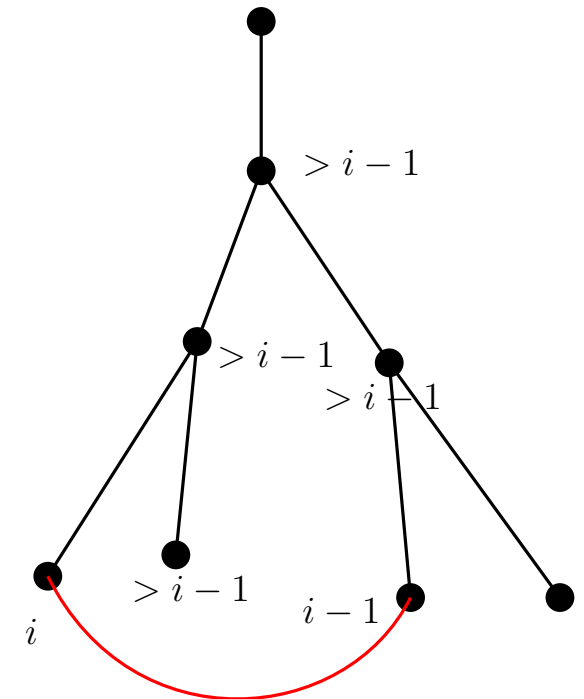




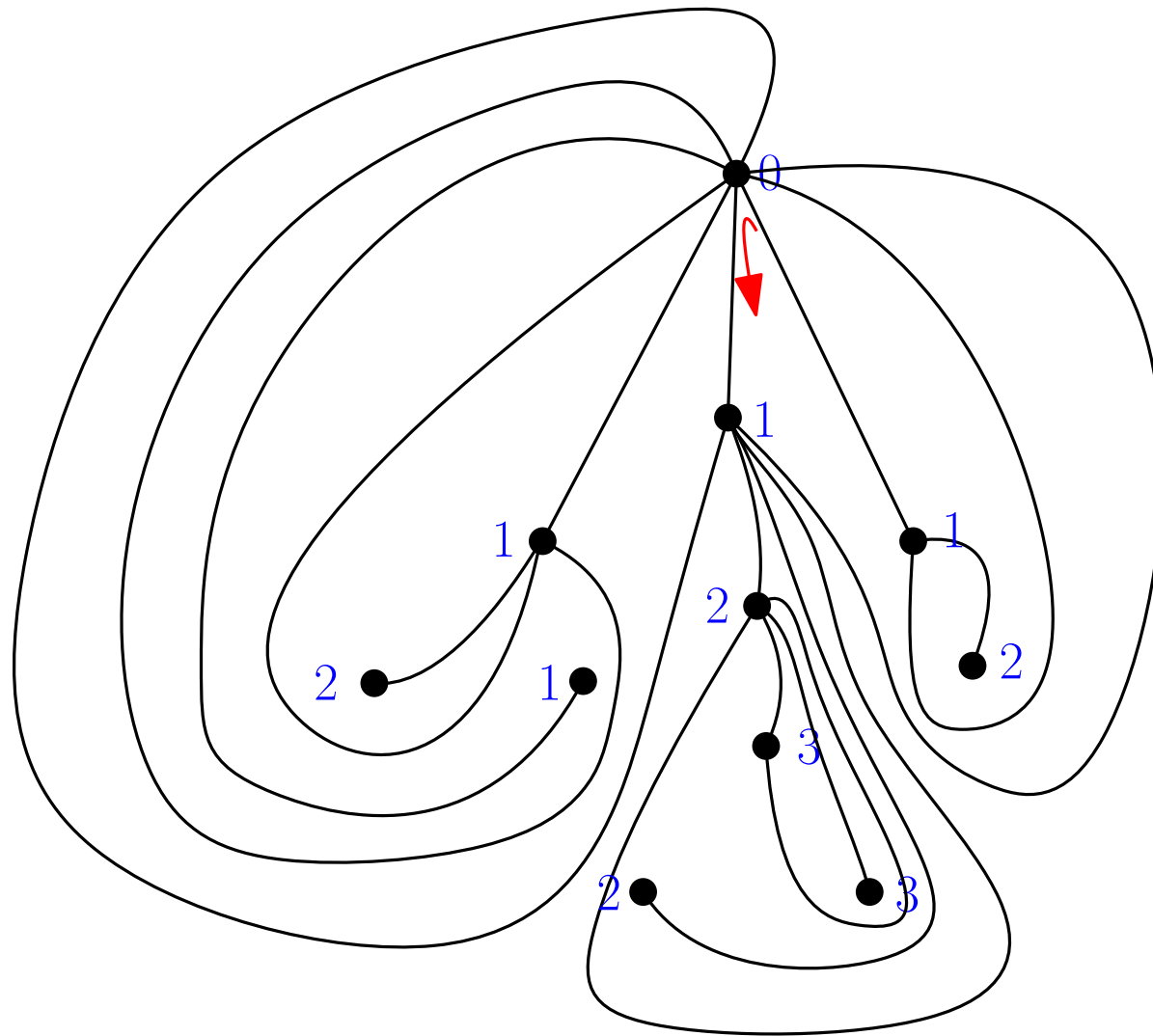
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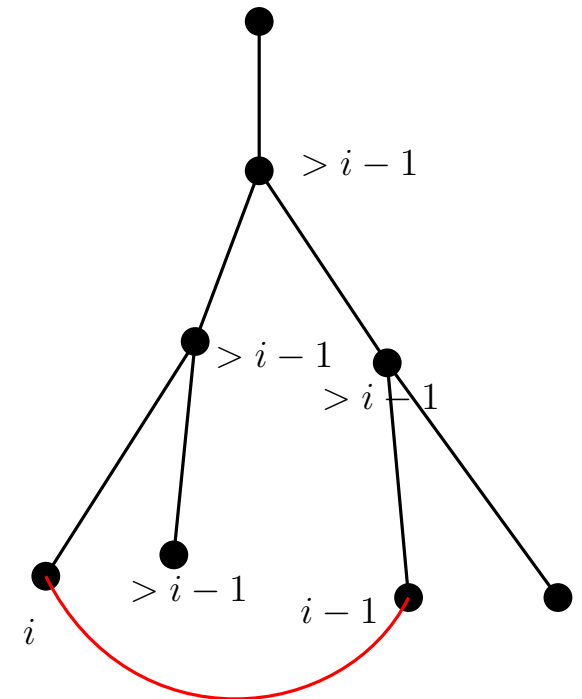
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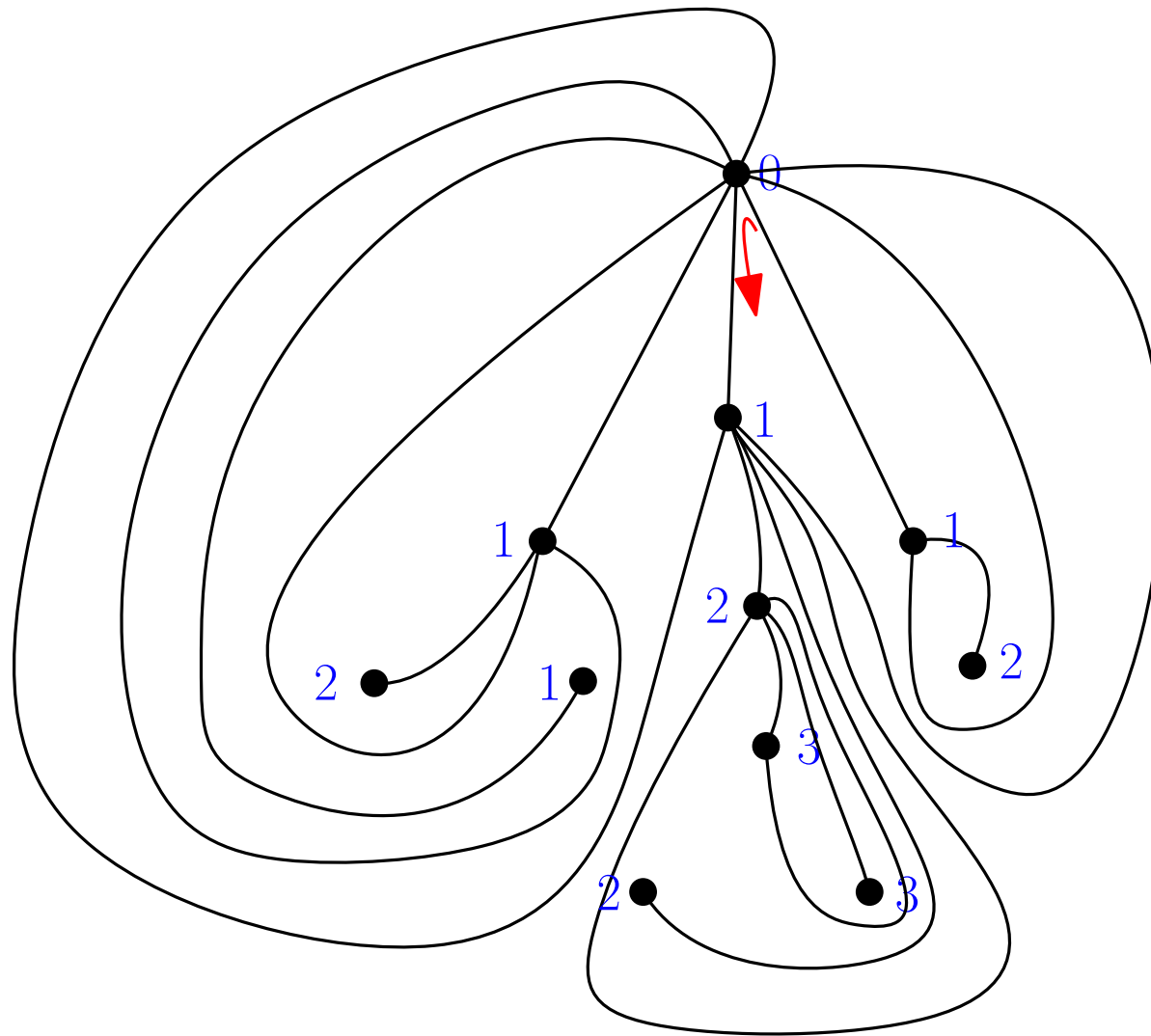
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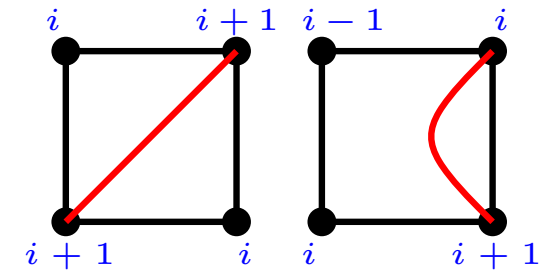
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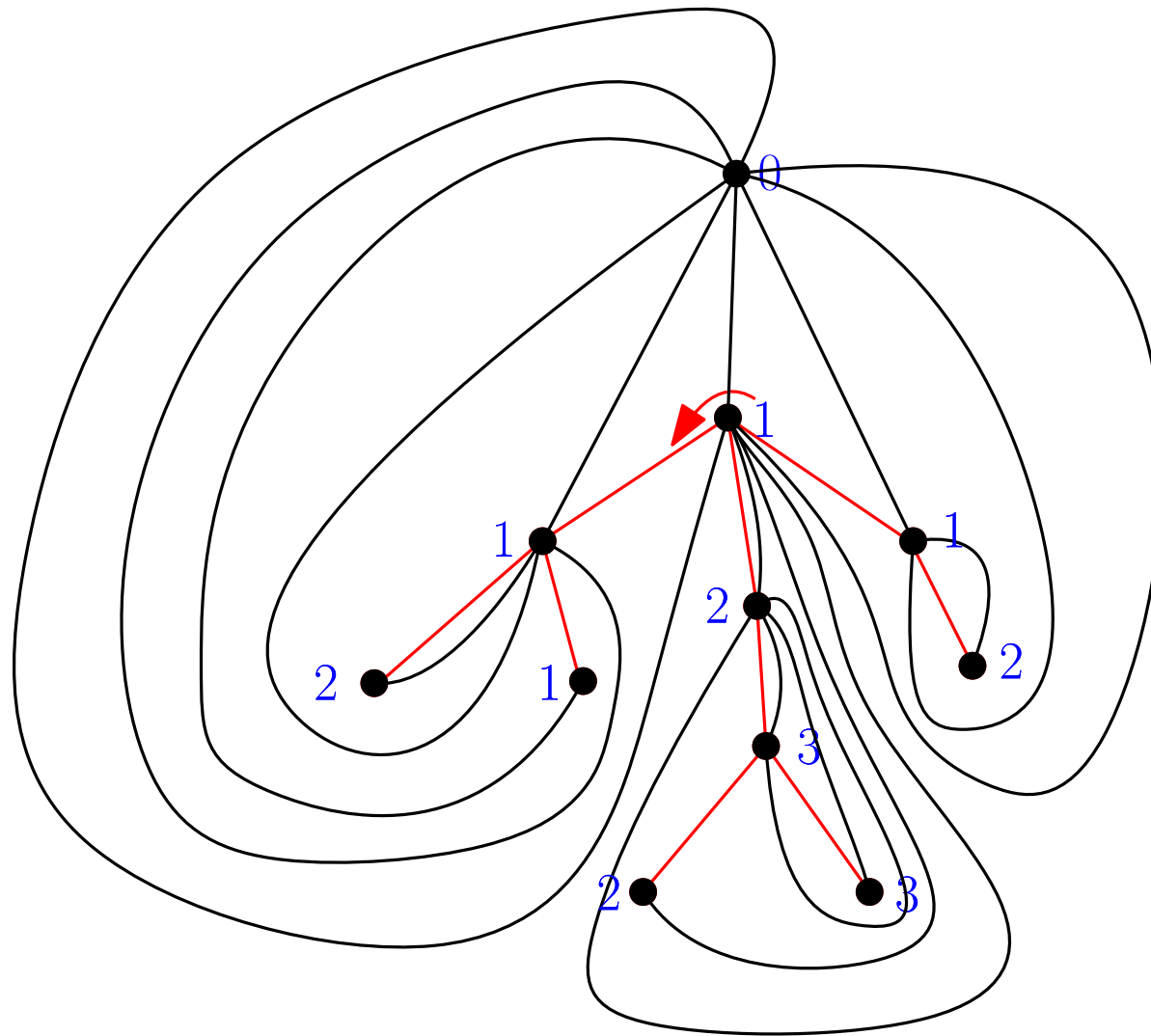
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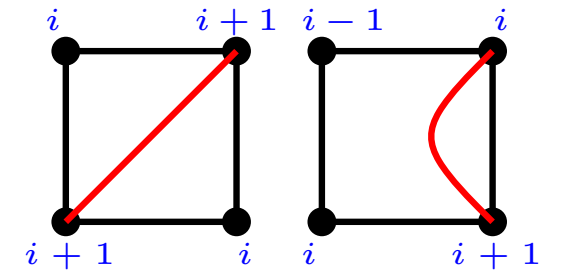
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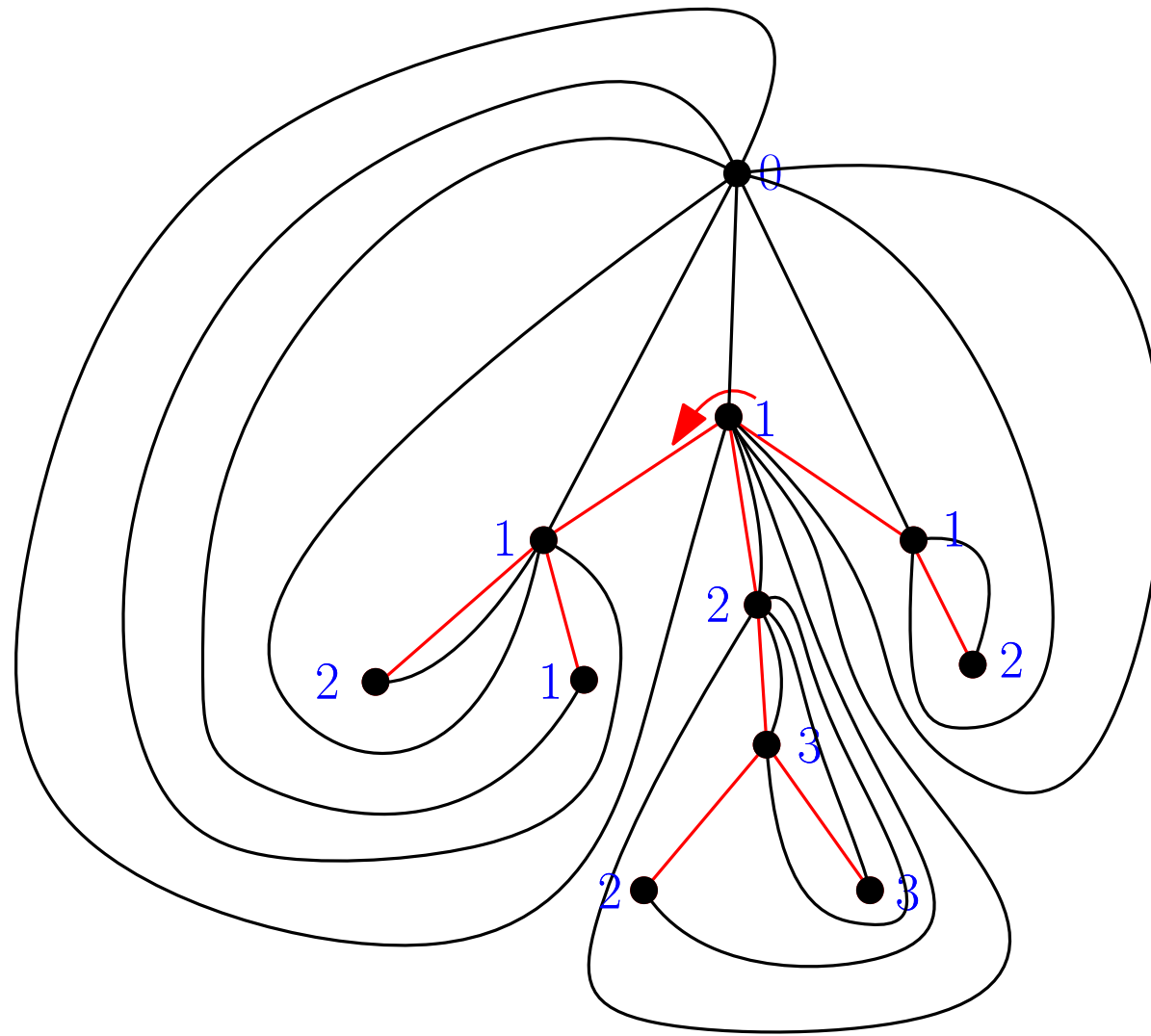
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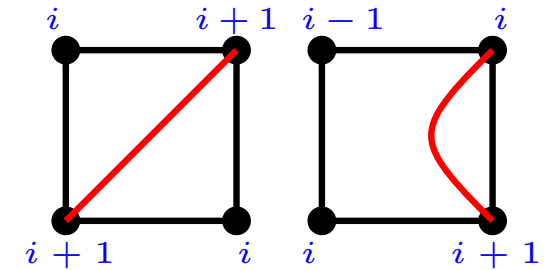
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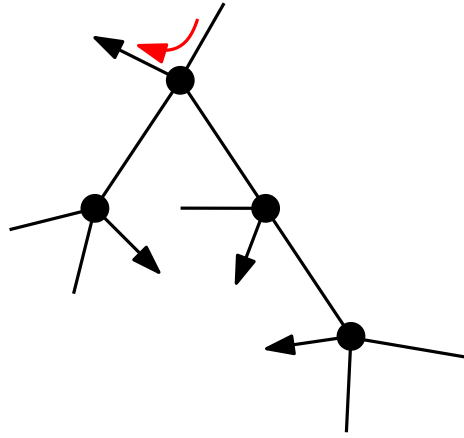


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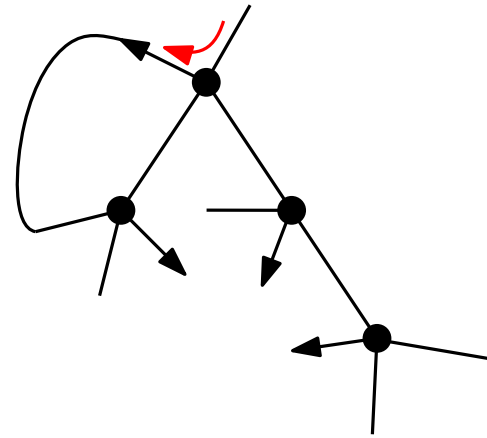


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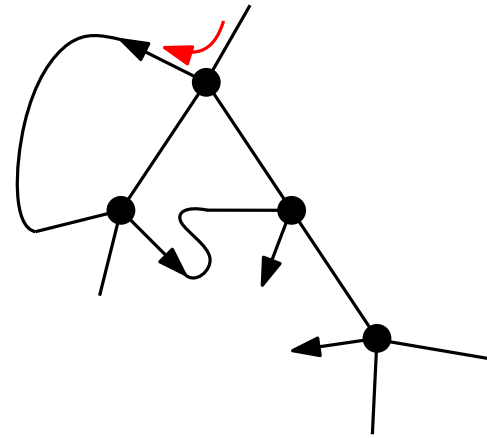
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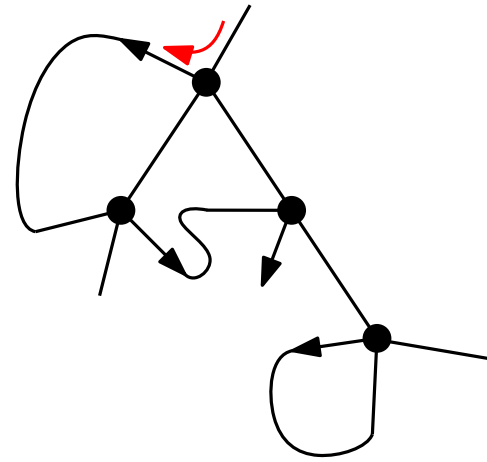


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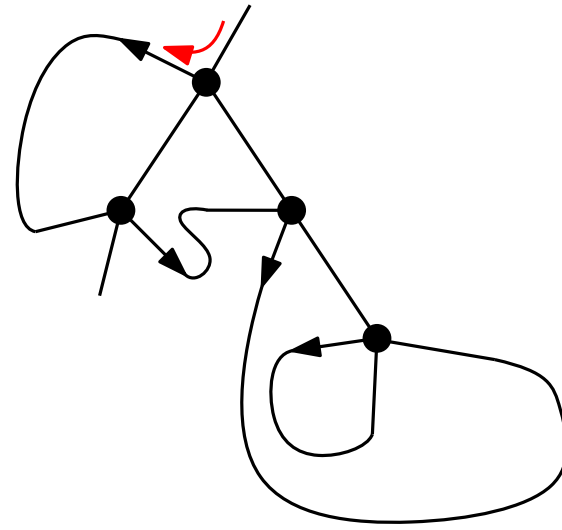




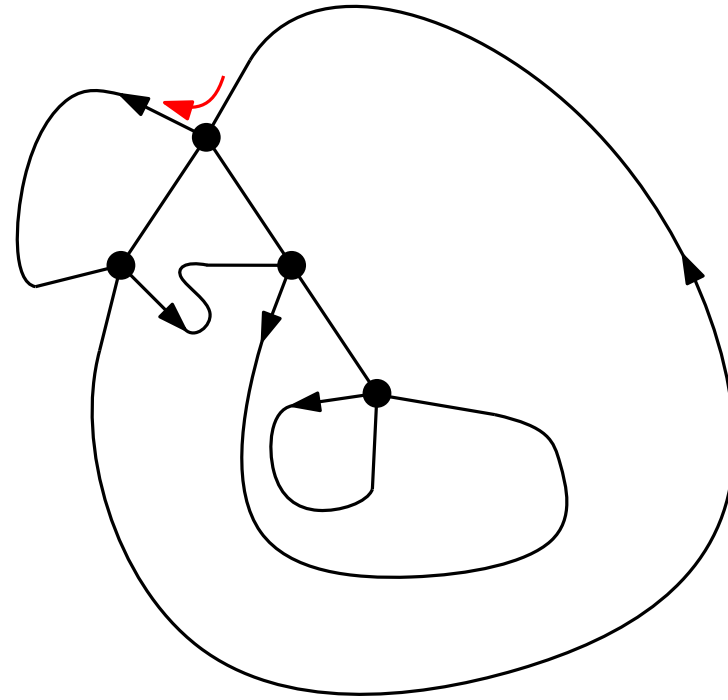
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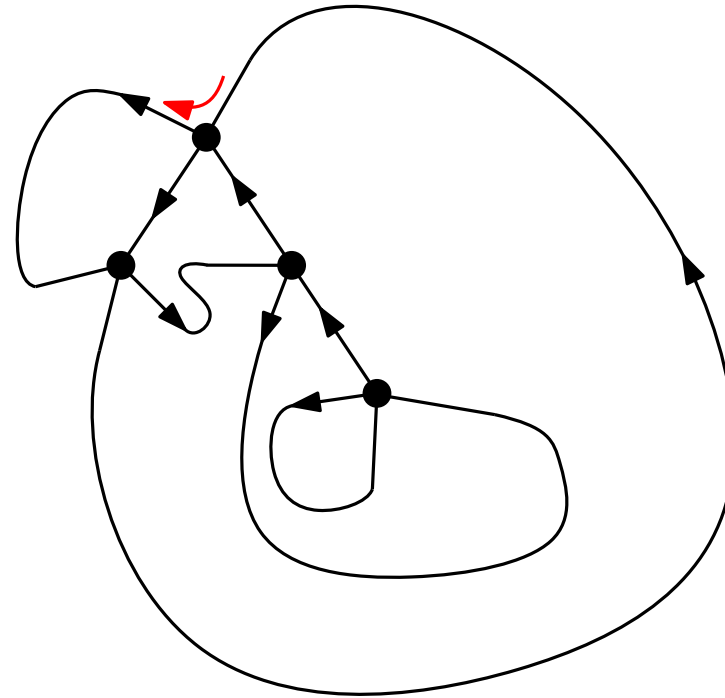
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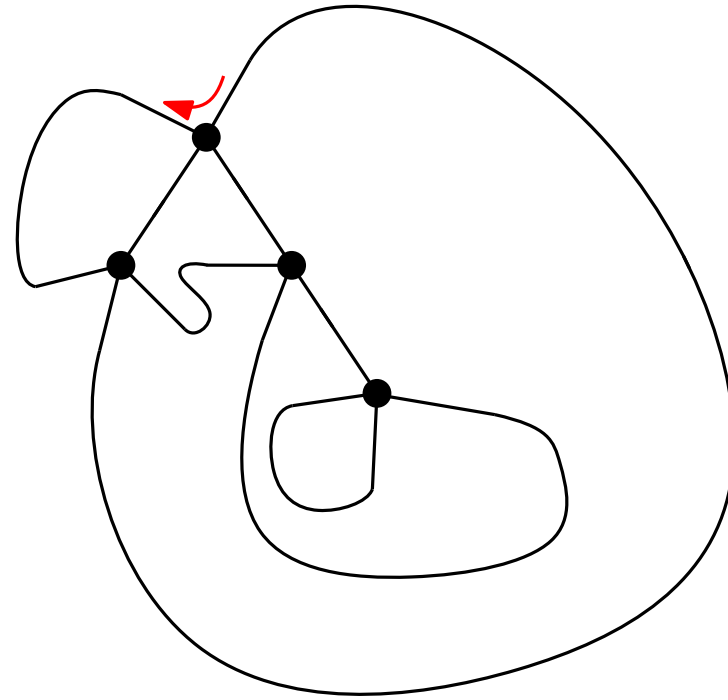
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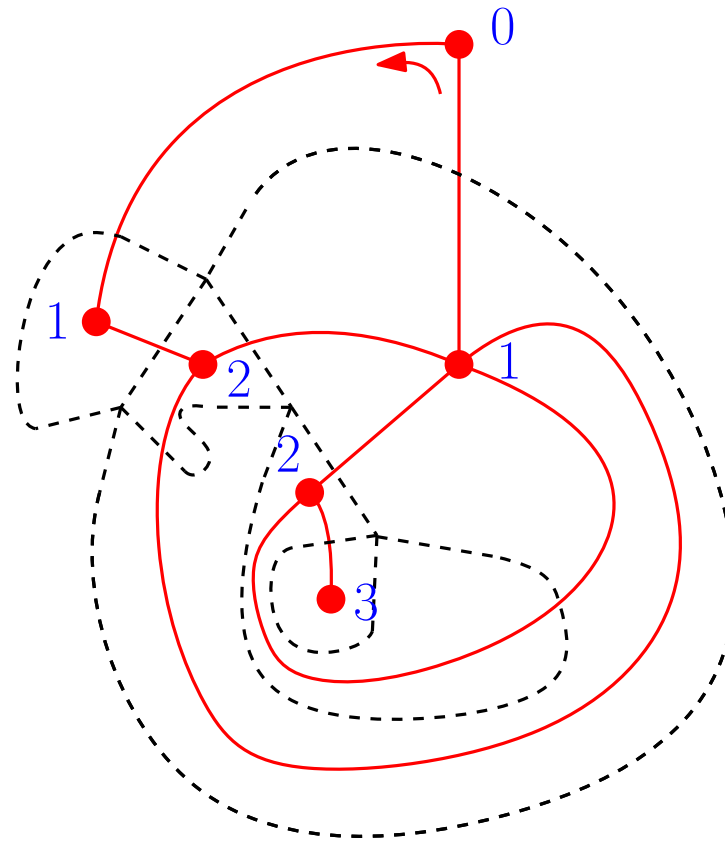
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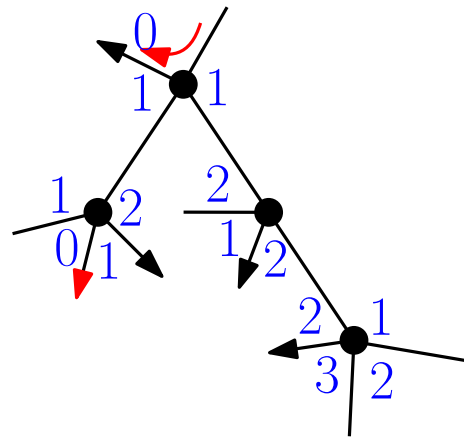
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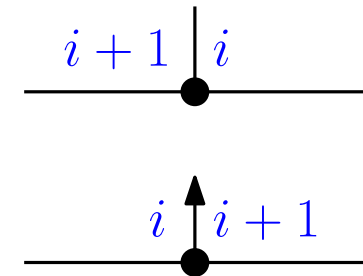
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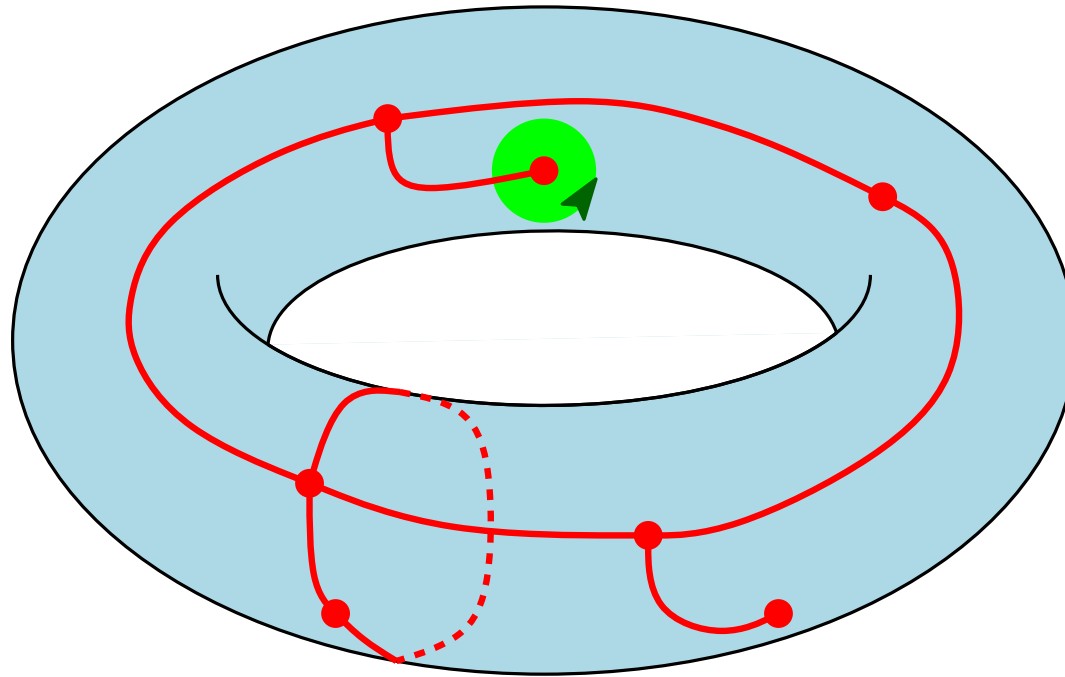
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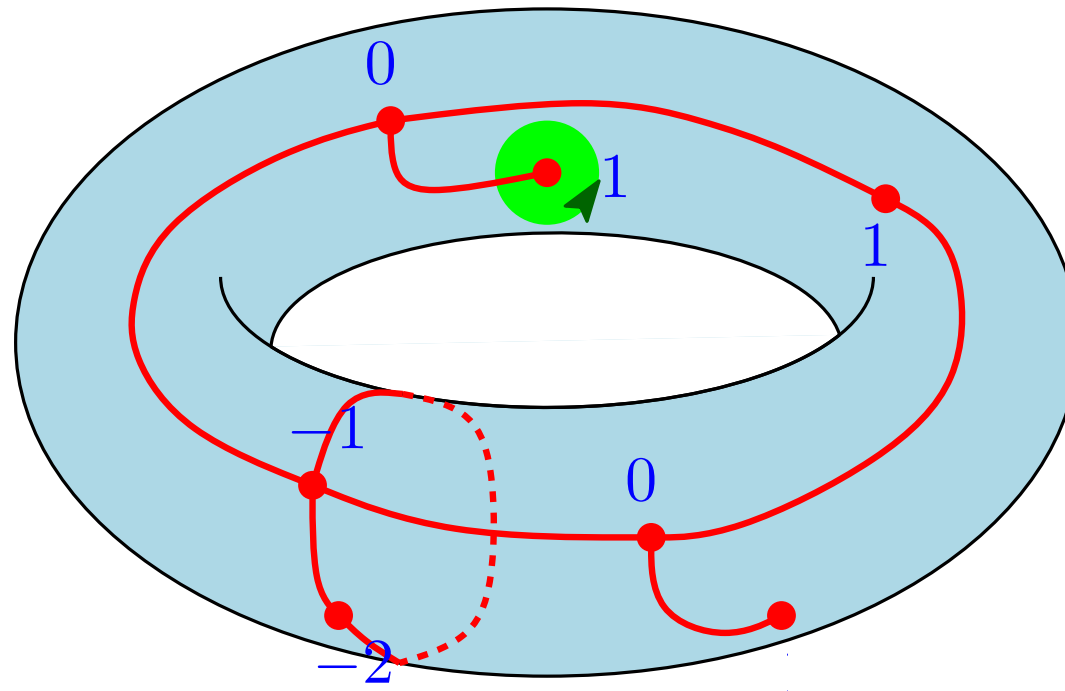
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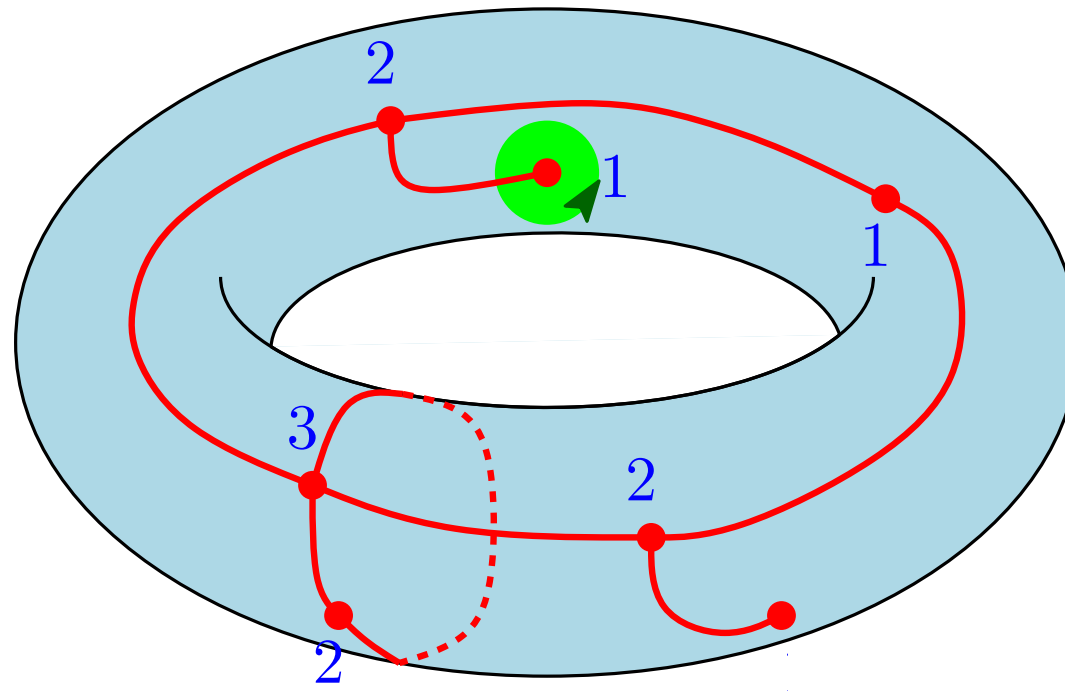
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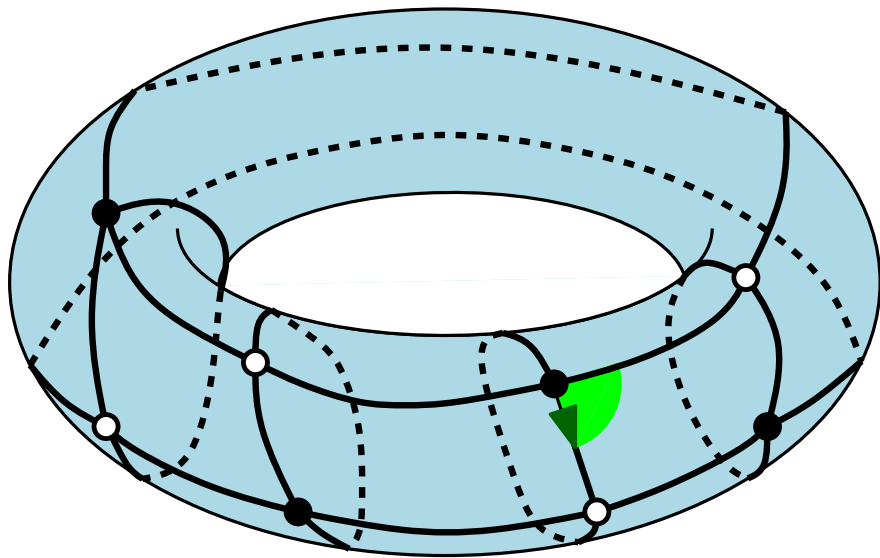


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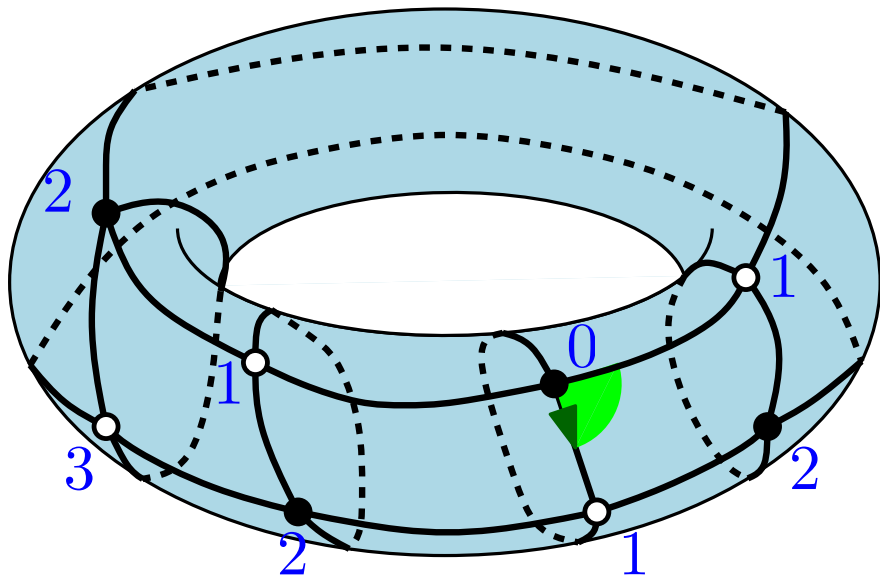


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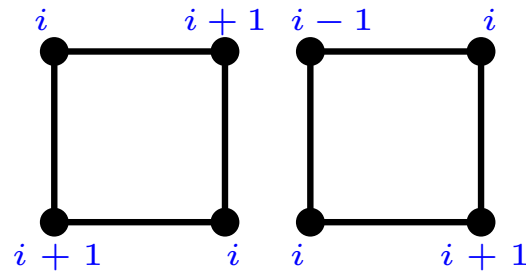
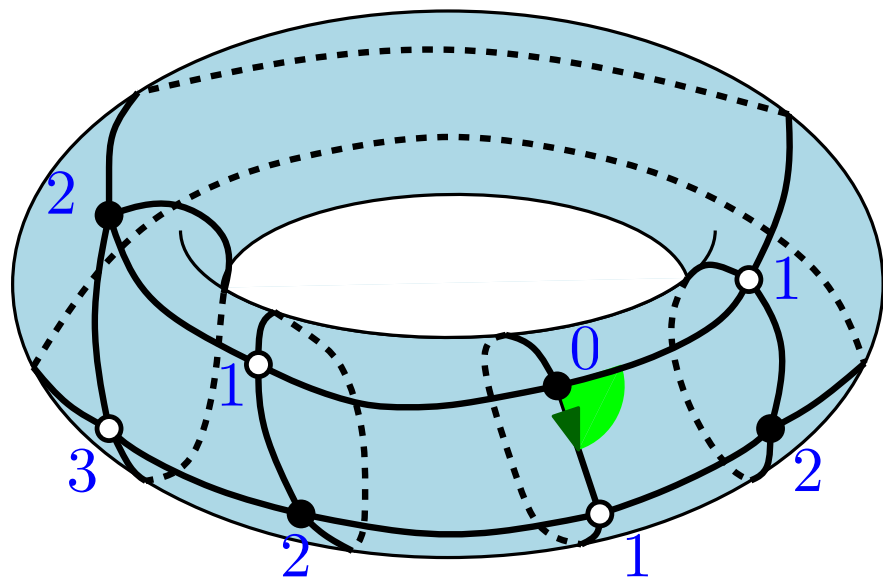


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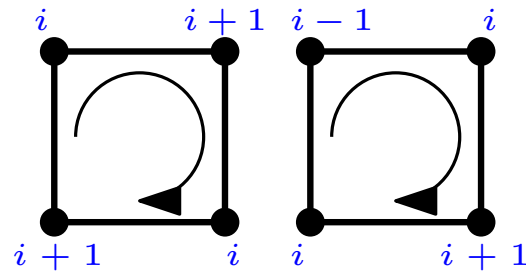
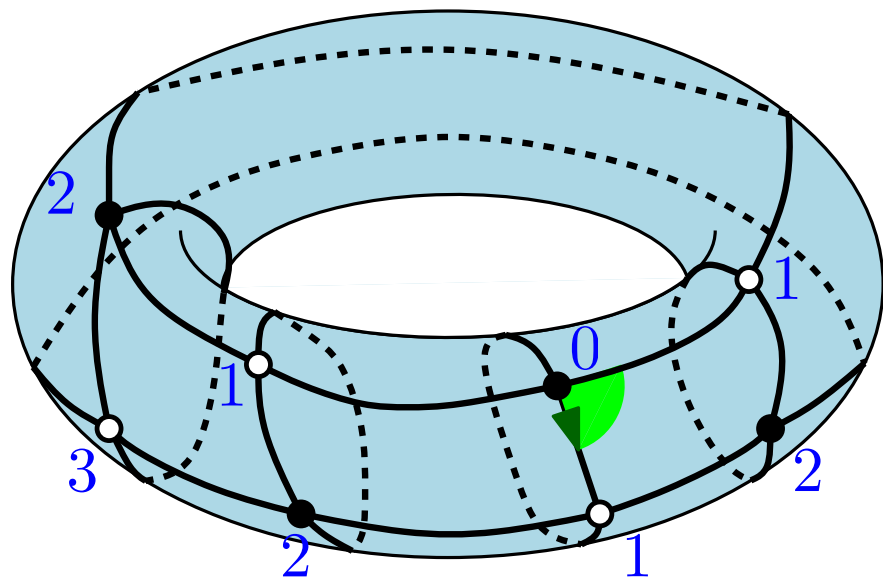


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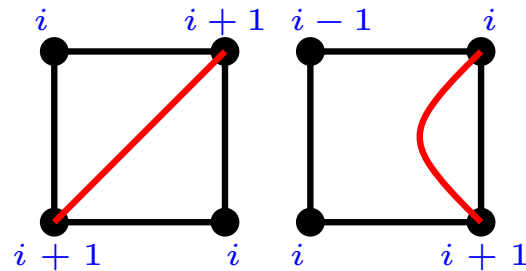
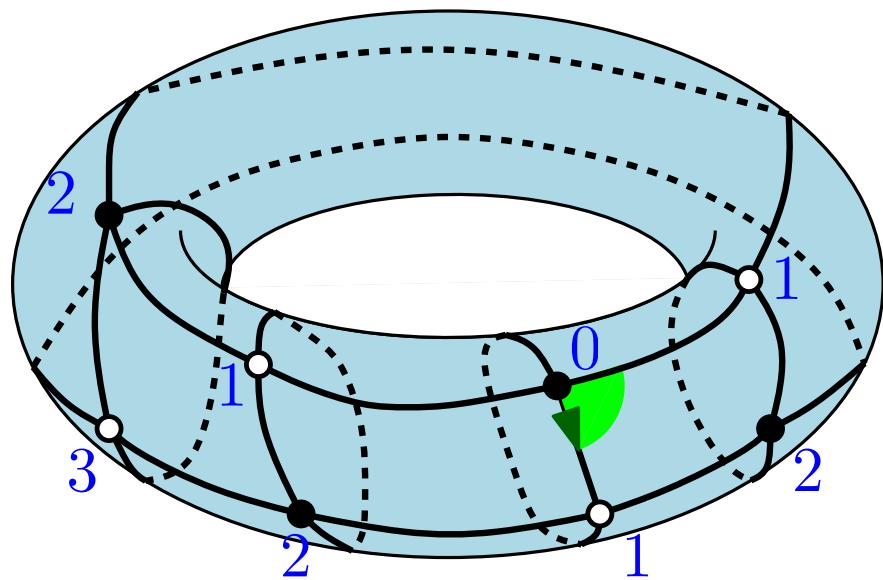


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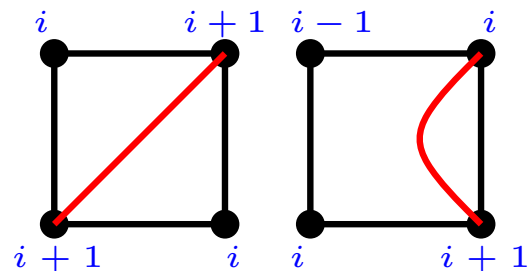
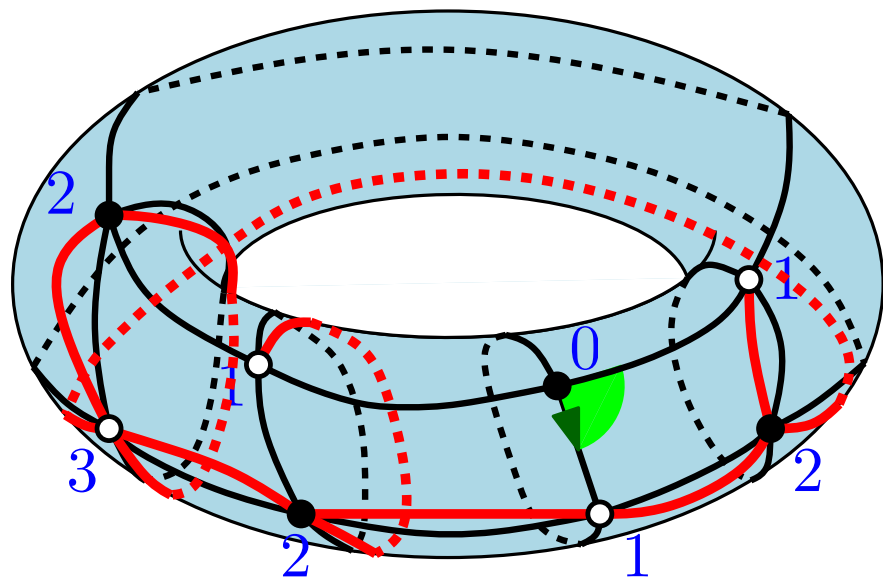


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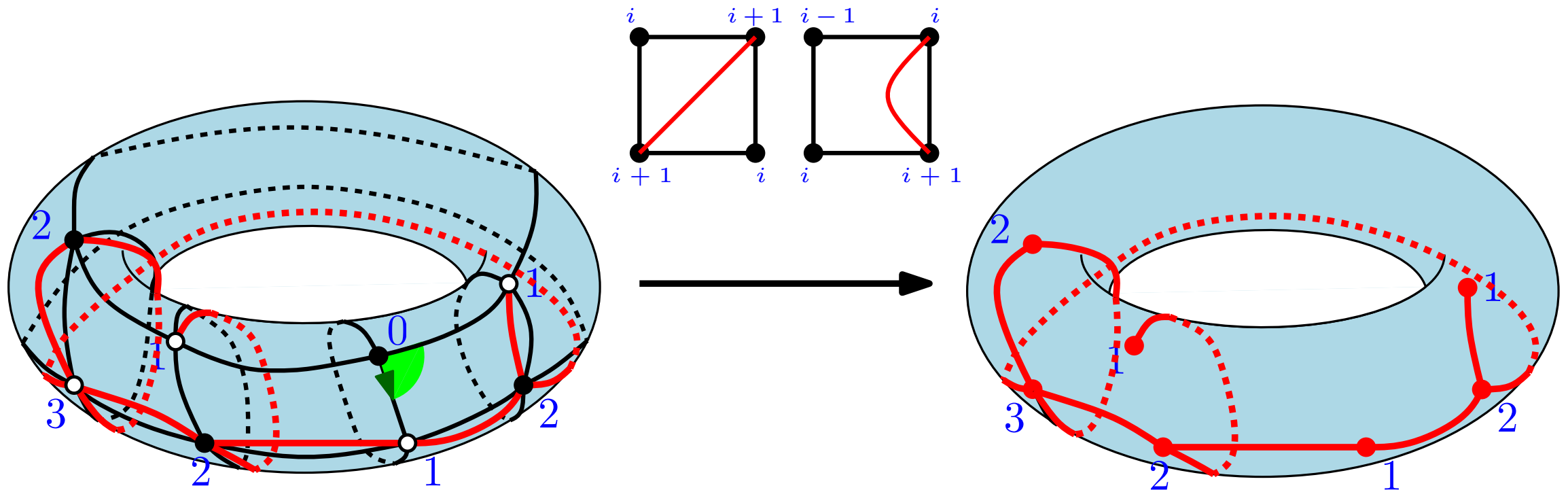


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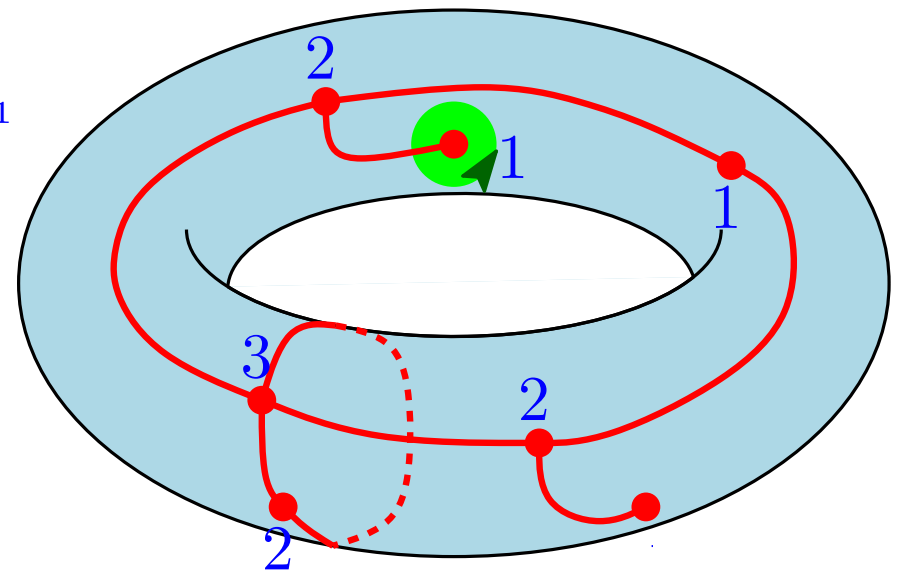
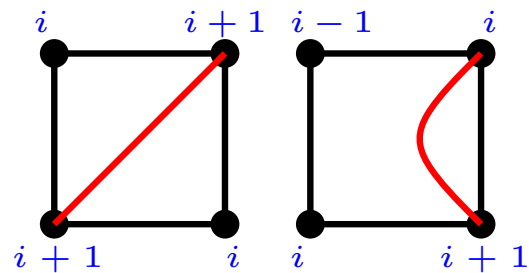
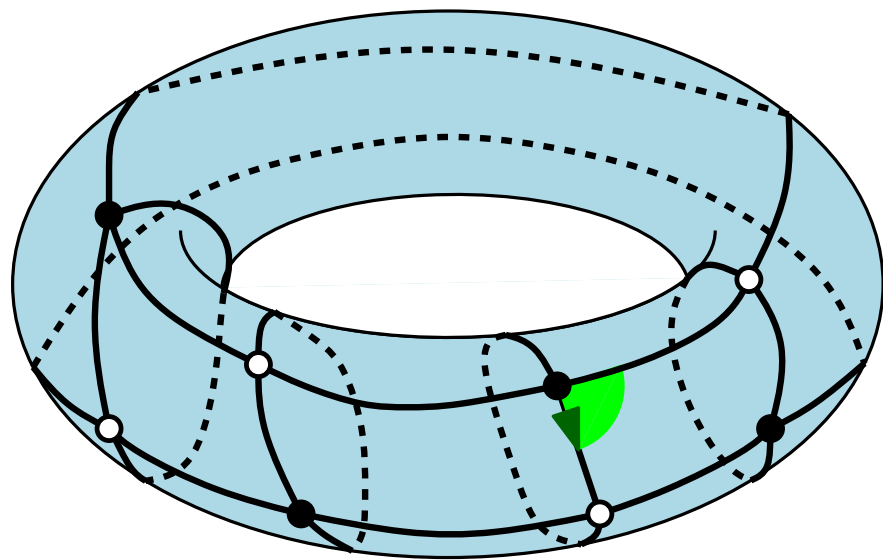


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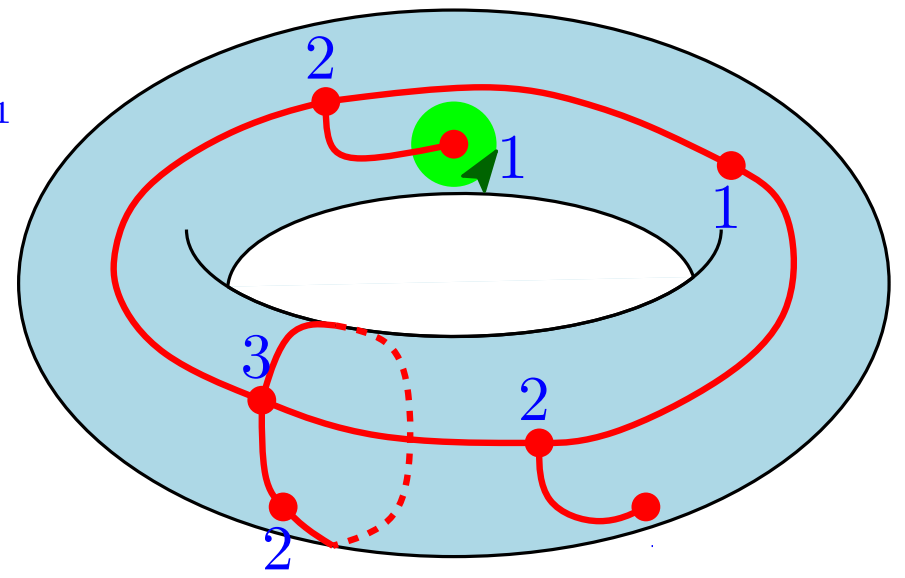
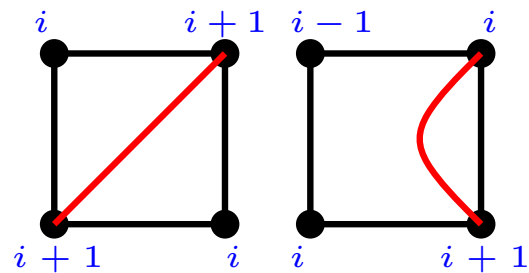
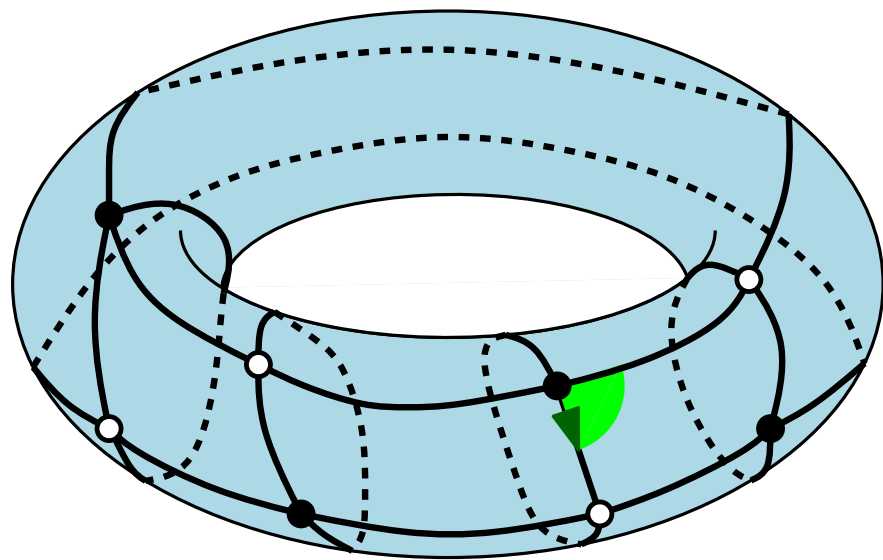


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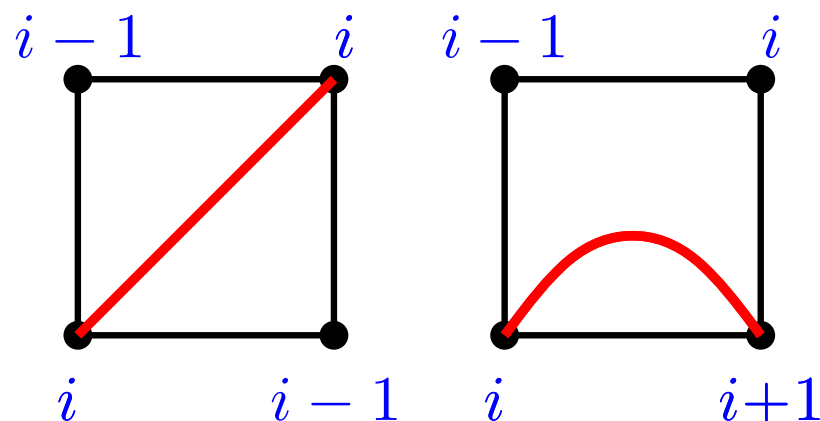
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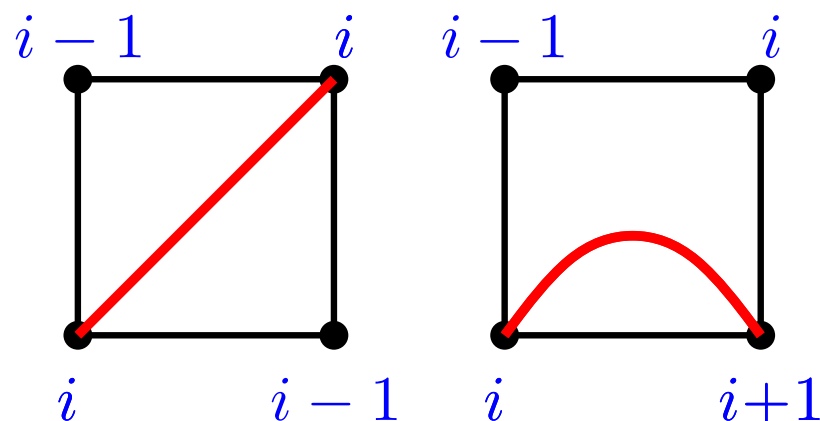
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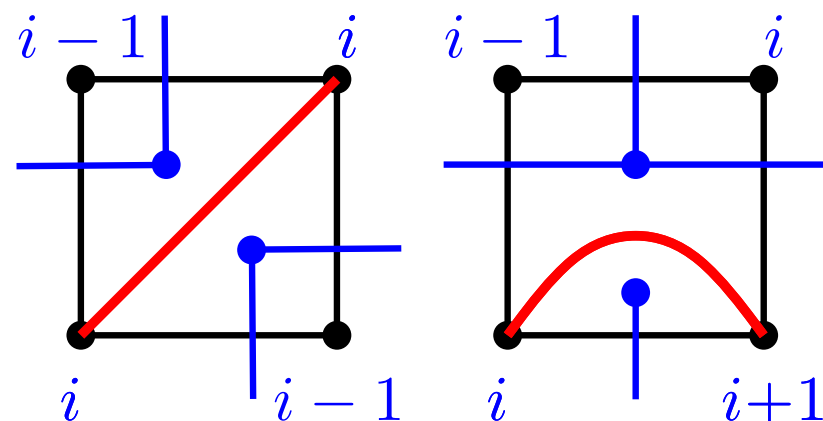
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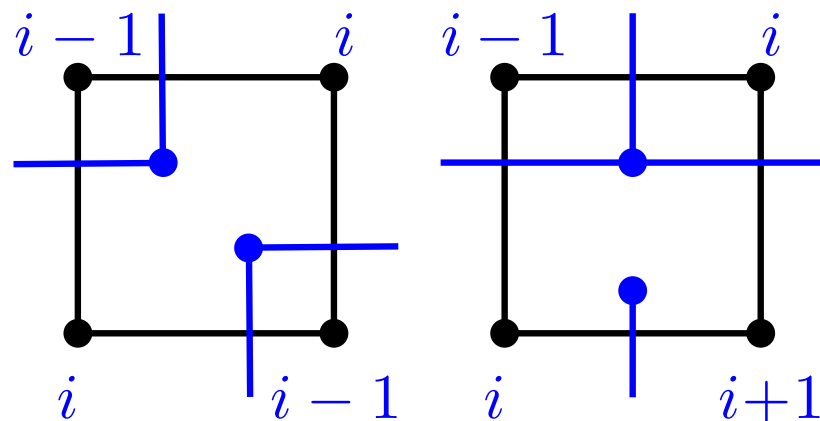
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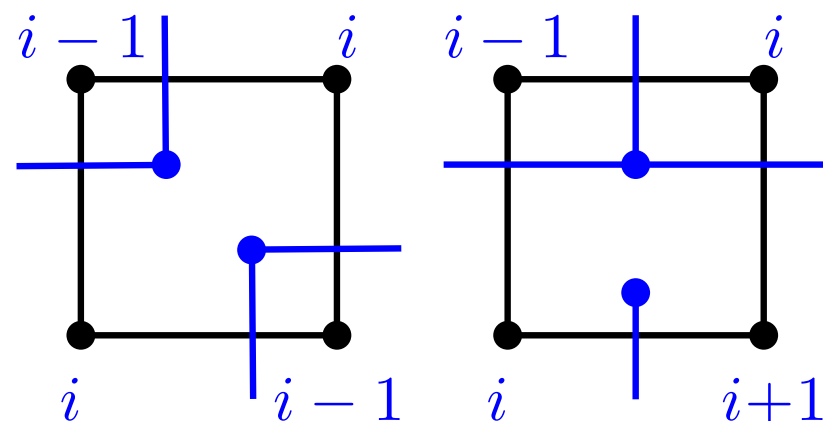
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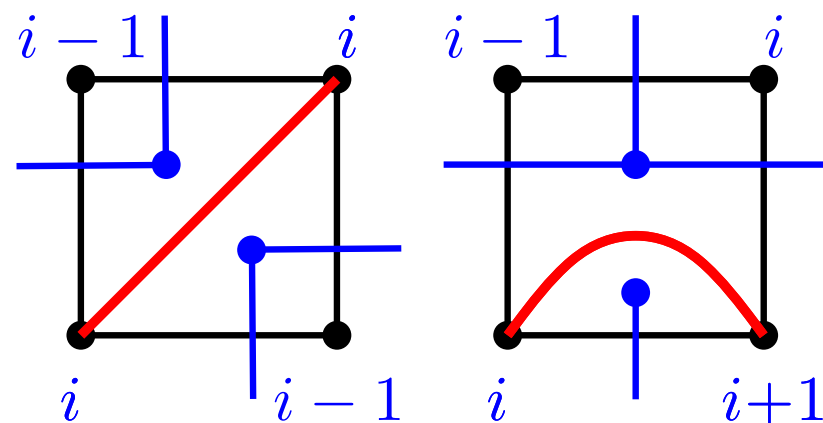
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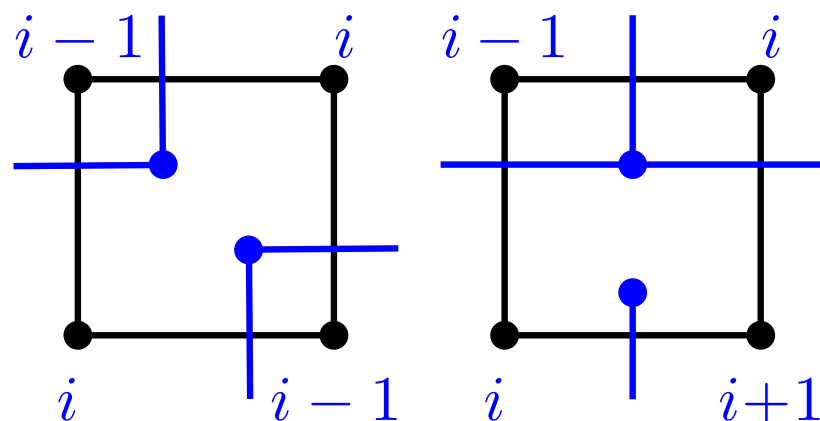
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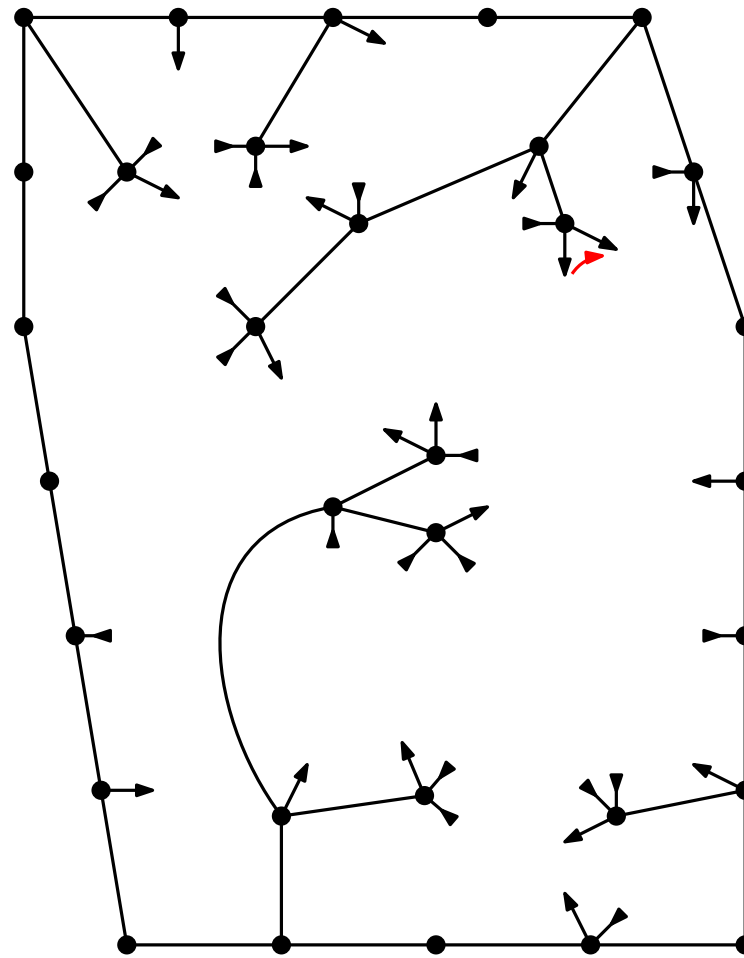
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- In the planar case the crucial idea was to use the set of **Eulerian** orientations and rely on the fact that it is a lattice. In positive genus: **Eulerian maps**  $\neq$  **Bicolorable maps** (Bicolorable maps = dual to bipartite maps)
- The set of bicolorable orientations (of a fixed graph) is a lattice [Propp '93]. [Lepoutre '17] used it to extend Schaeffer bijection to all **orientable surfaces**. Ideas still heavily rely on clockwise/counterclockwise circuits. New ideas:
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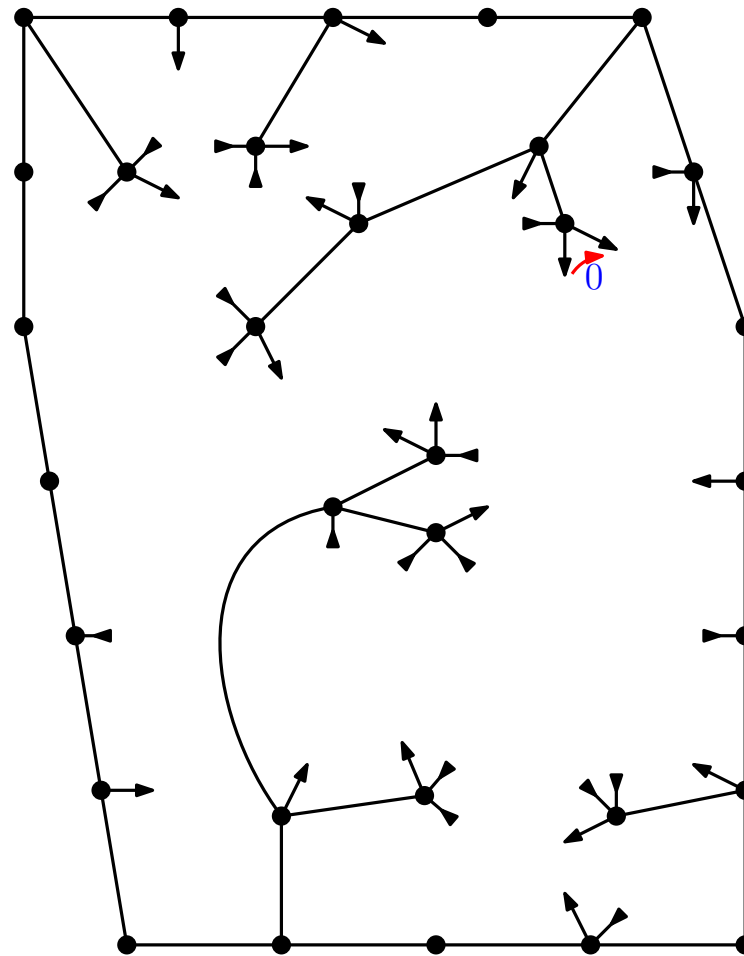
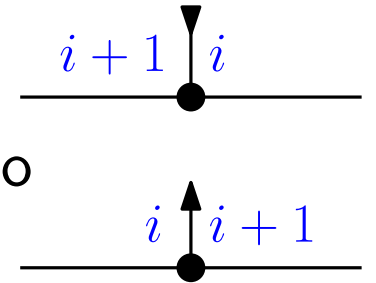
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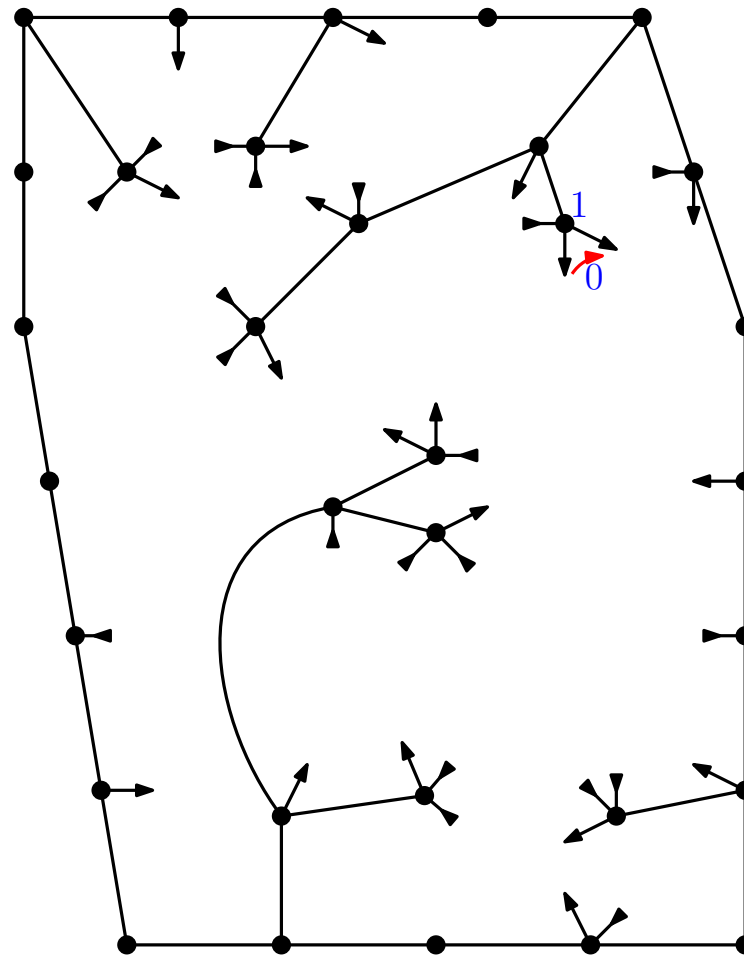
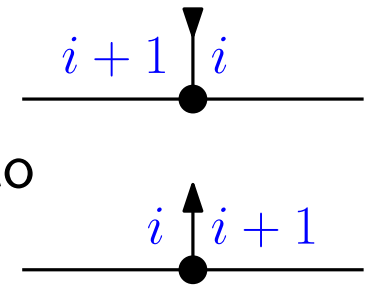
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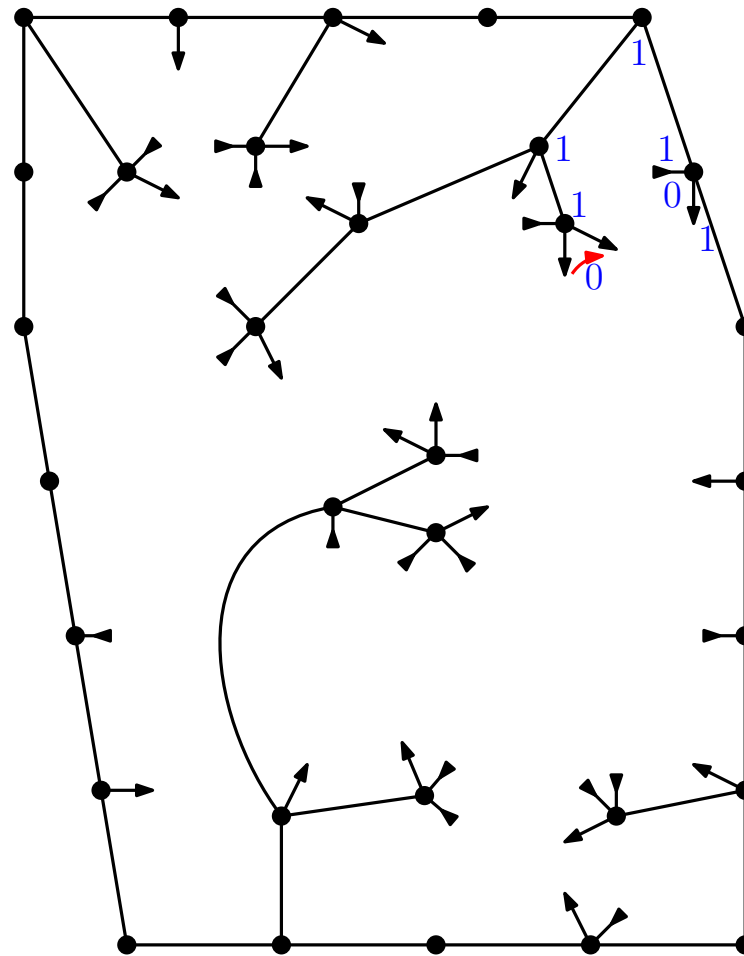
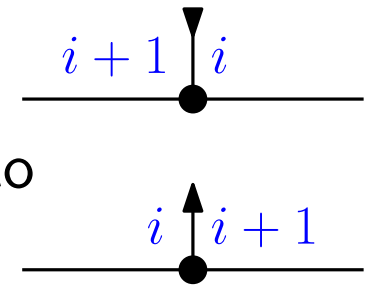
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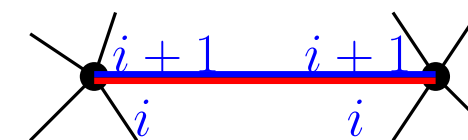
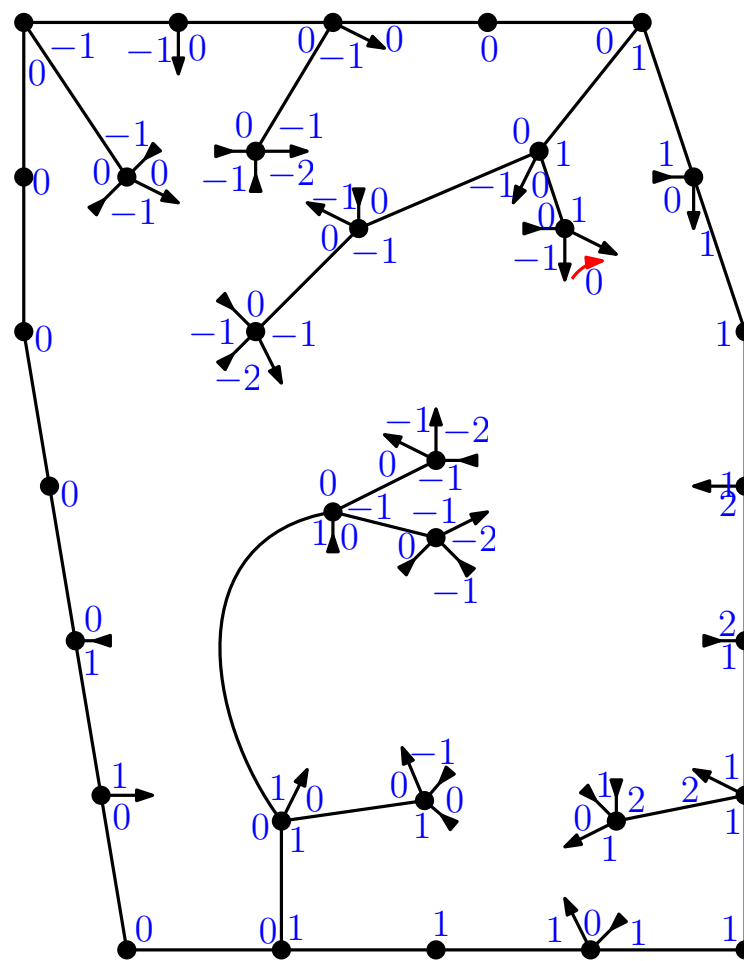
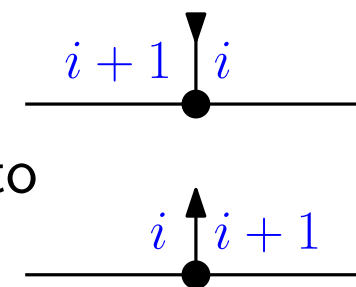
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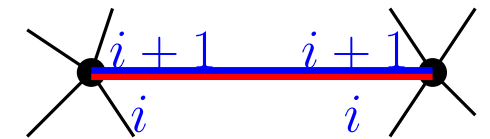
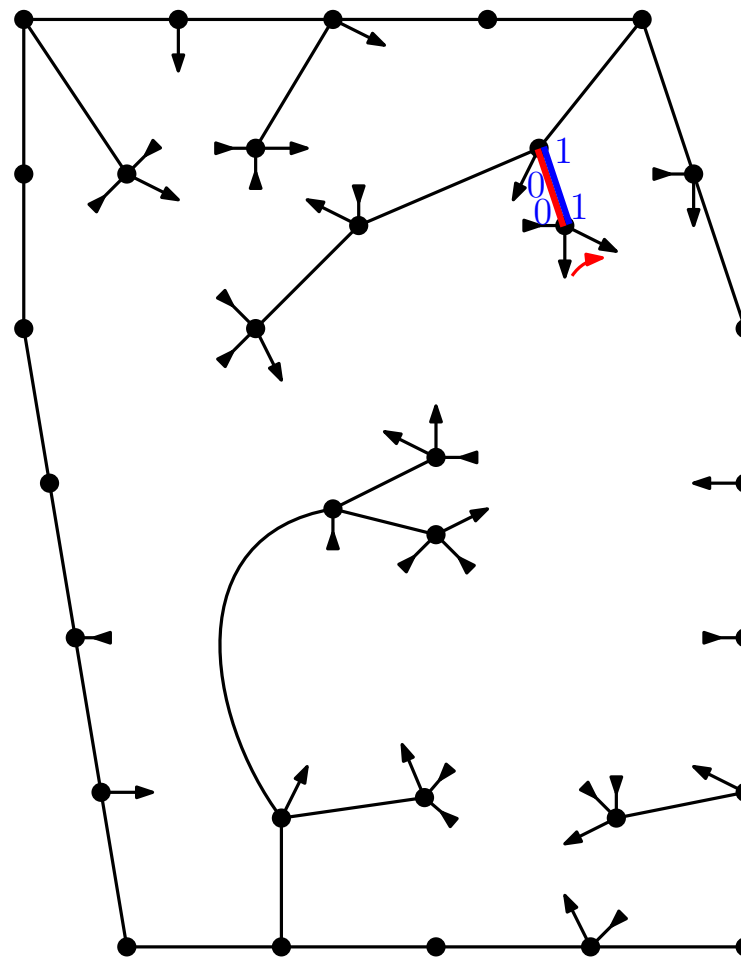
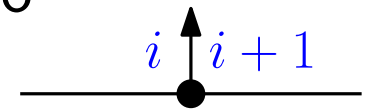
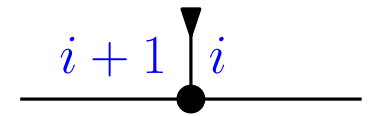
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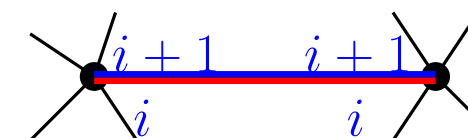
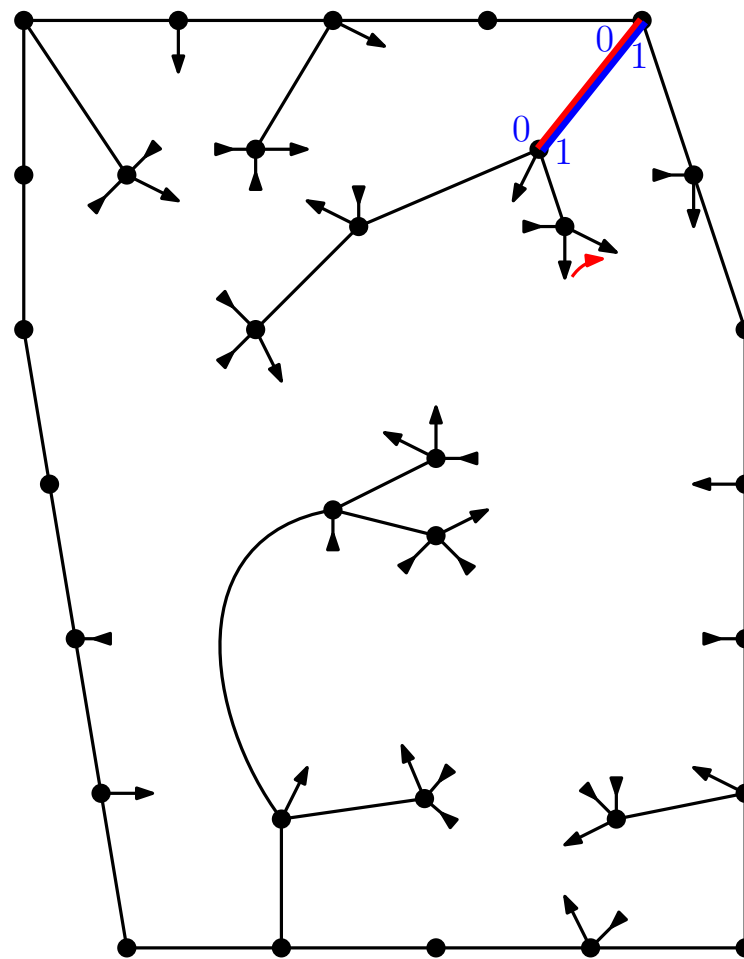
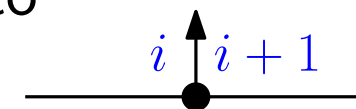
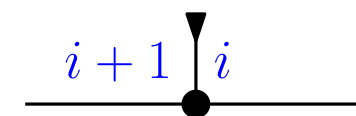
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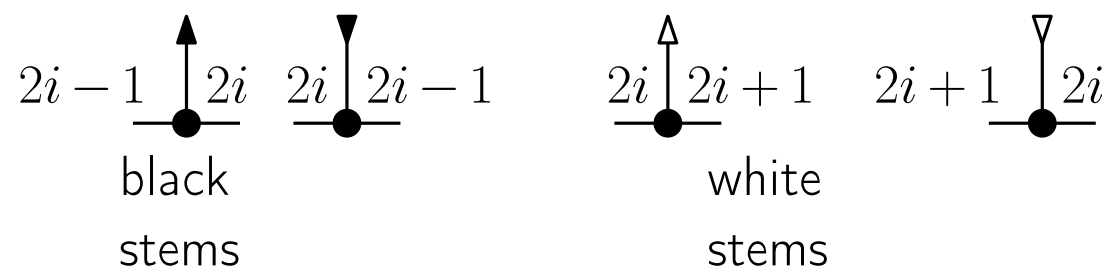
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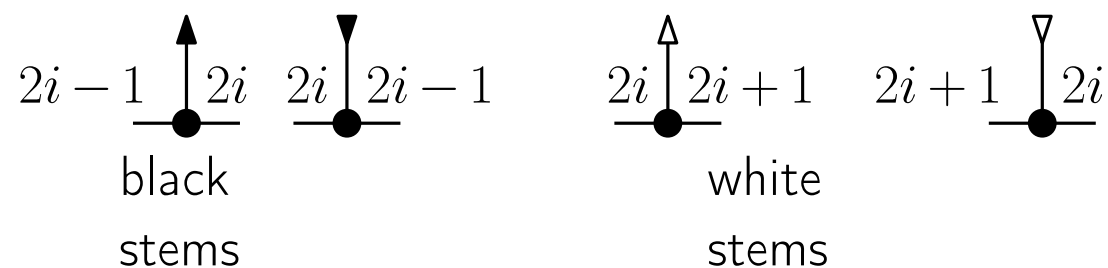
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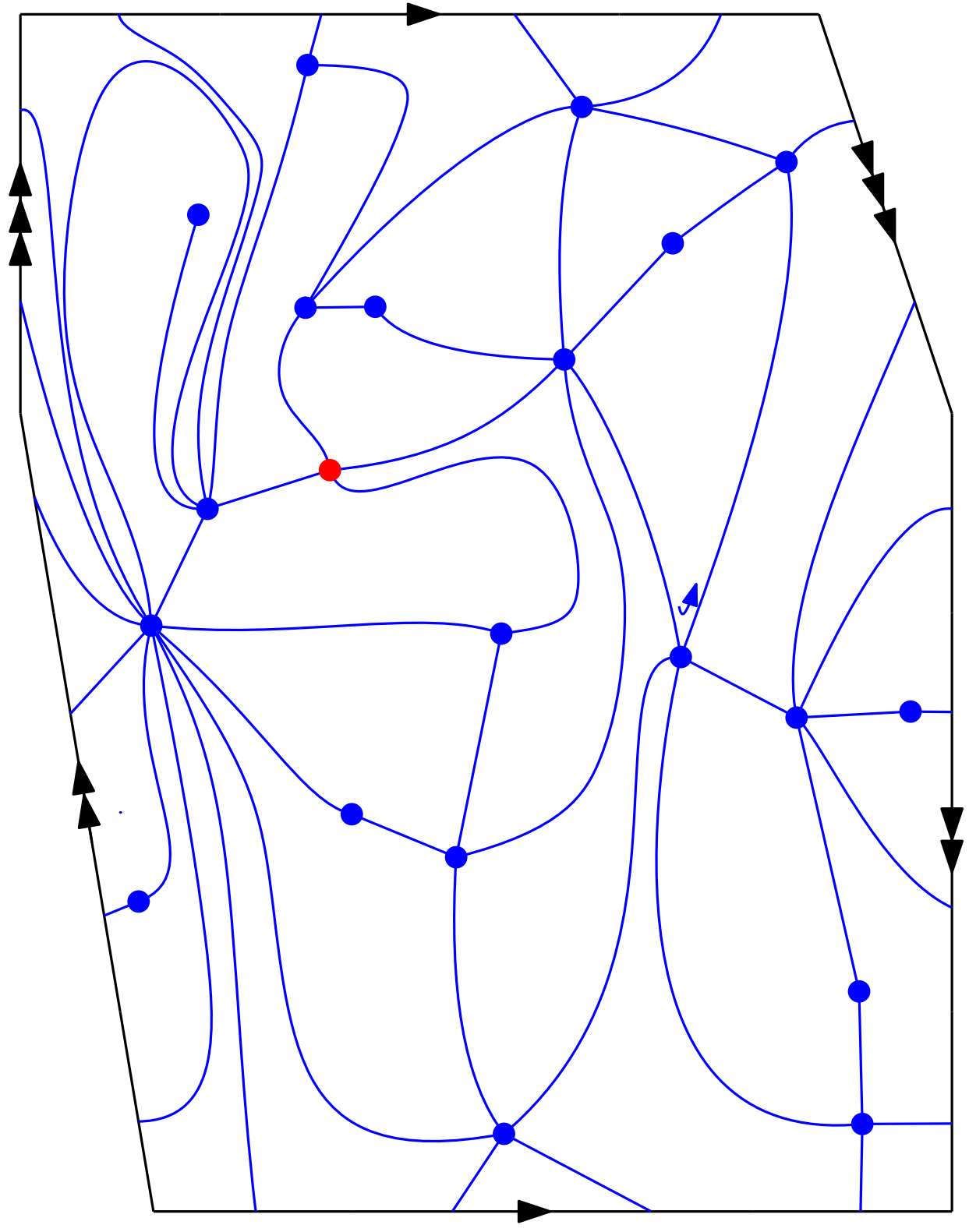
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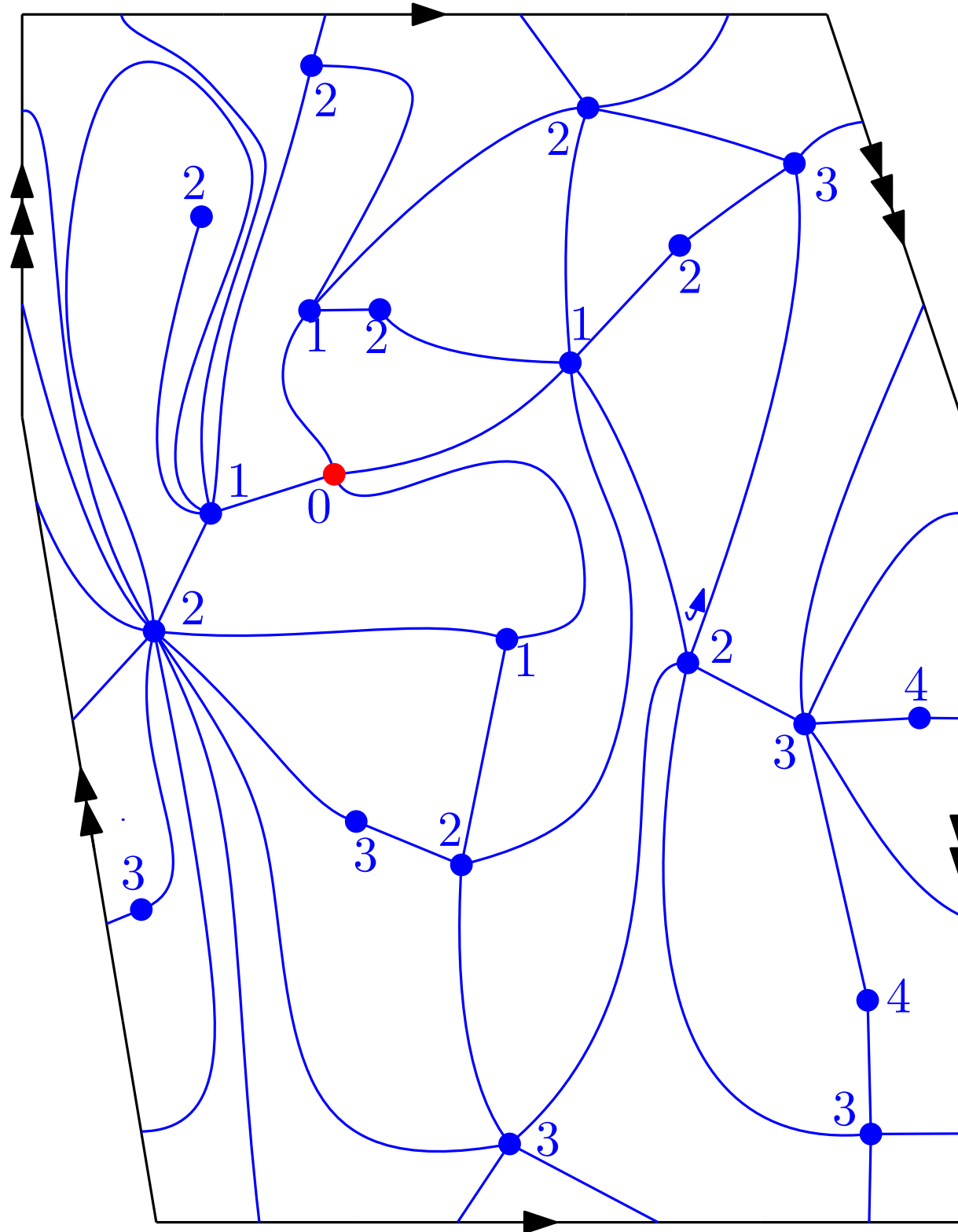


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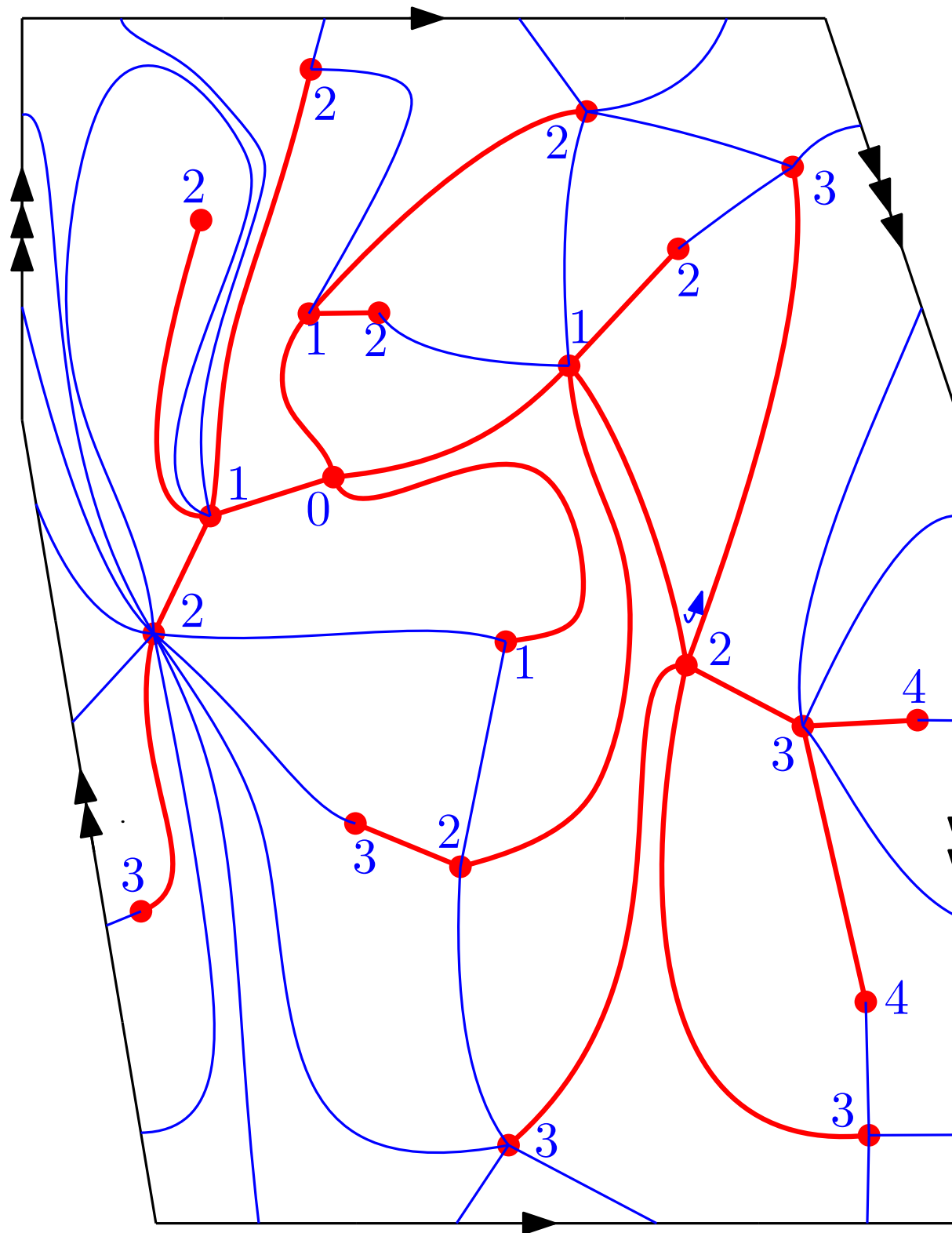


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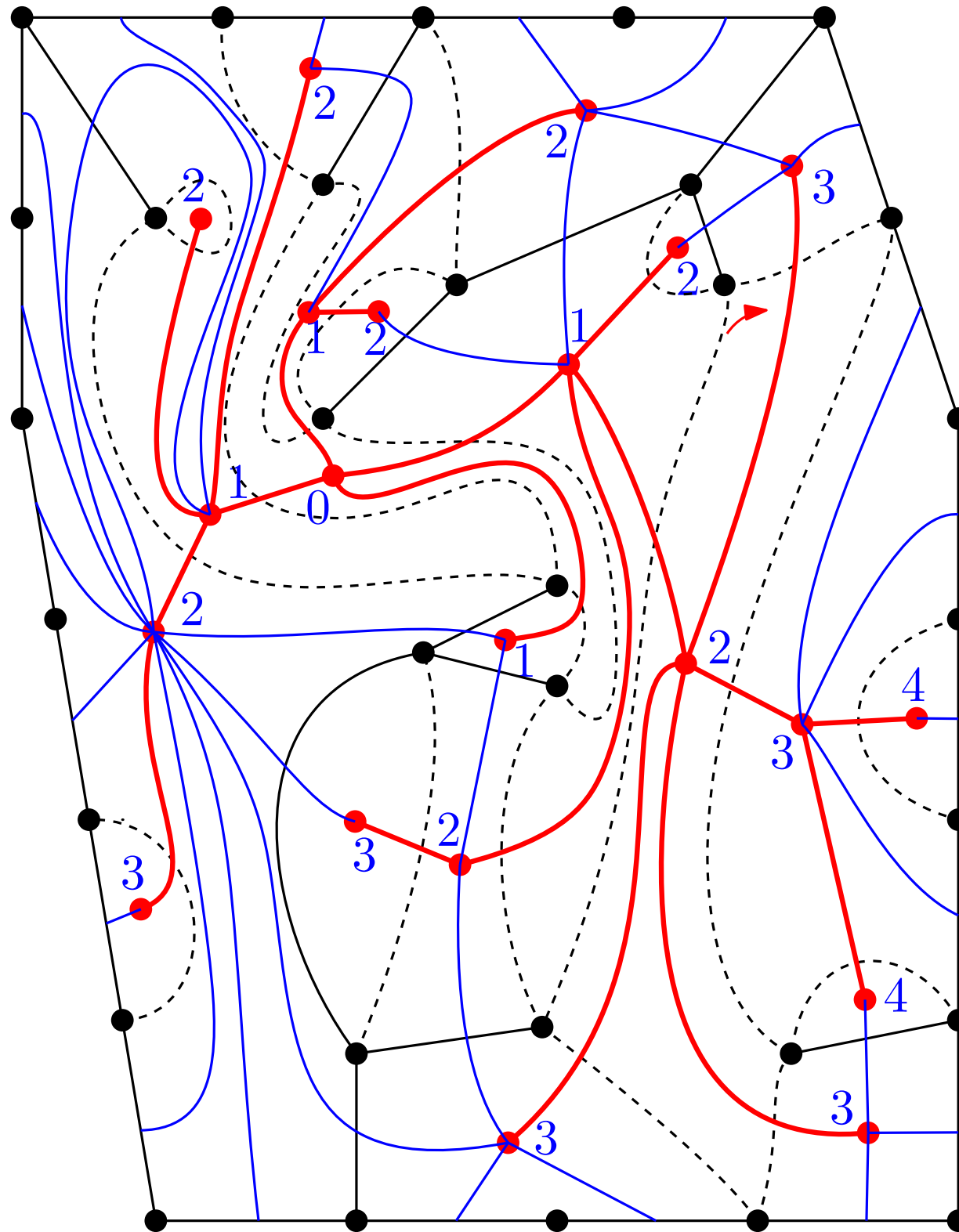
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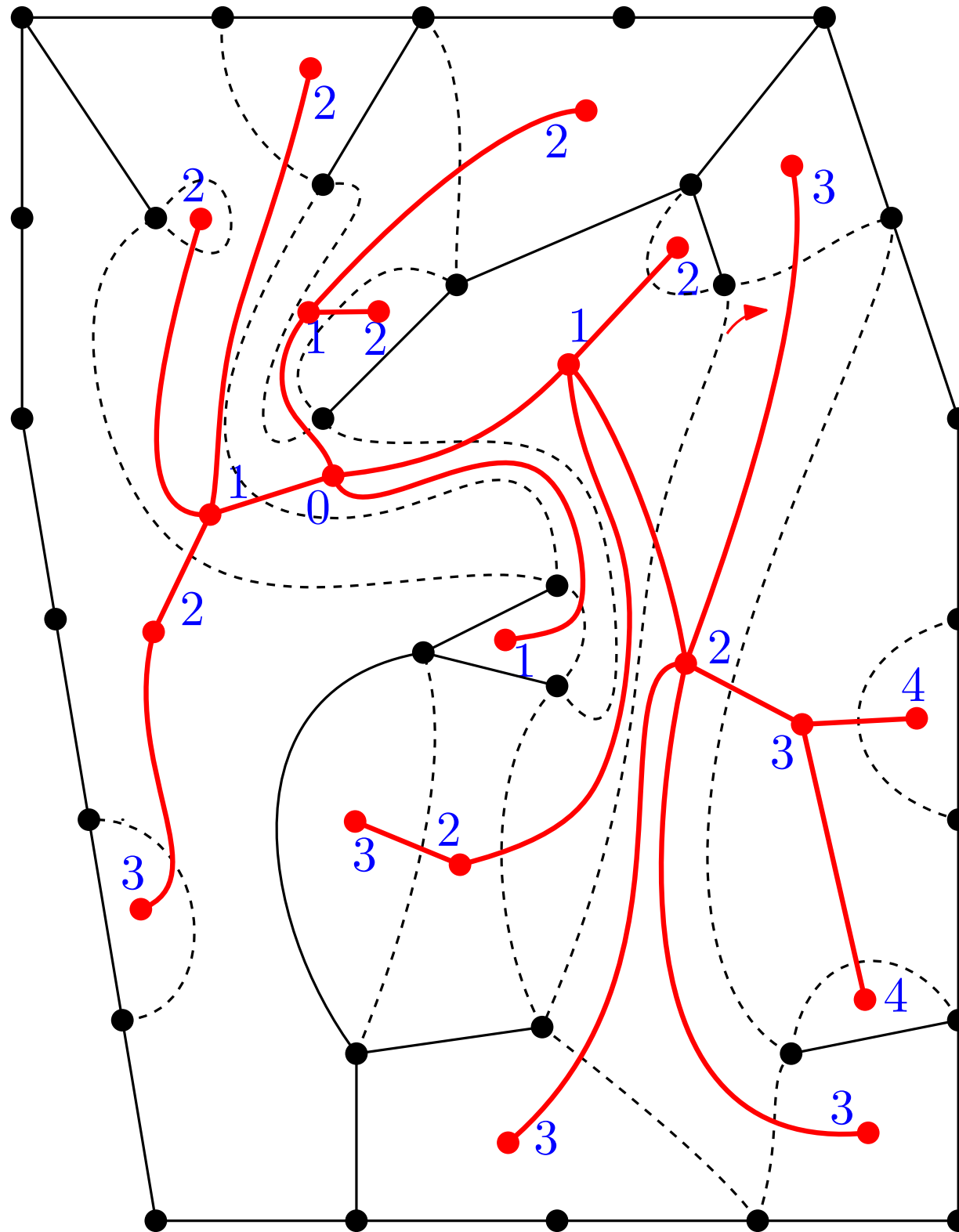
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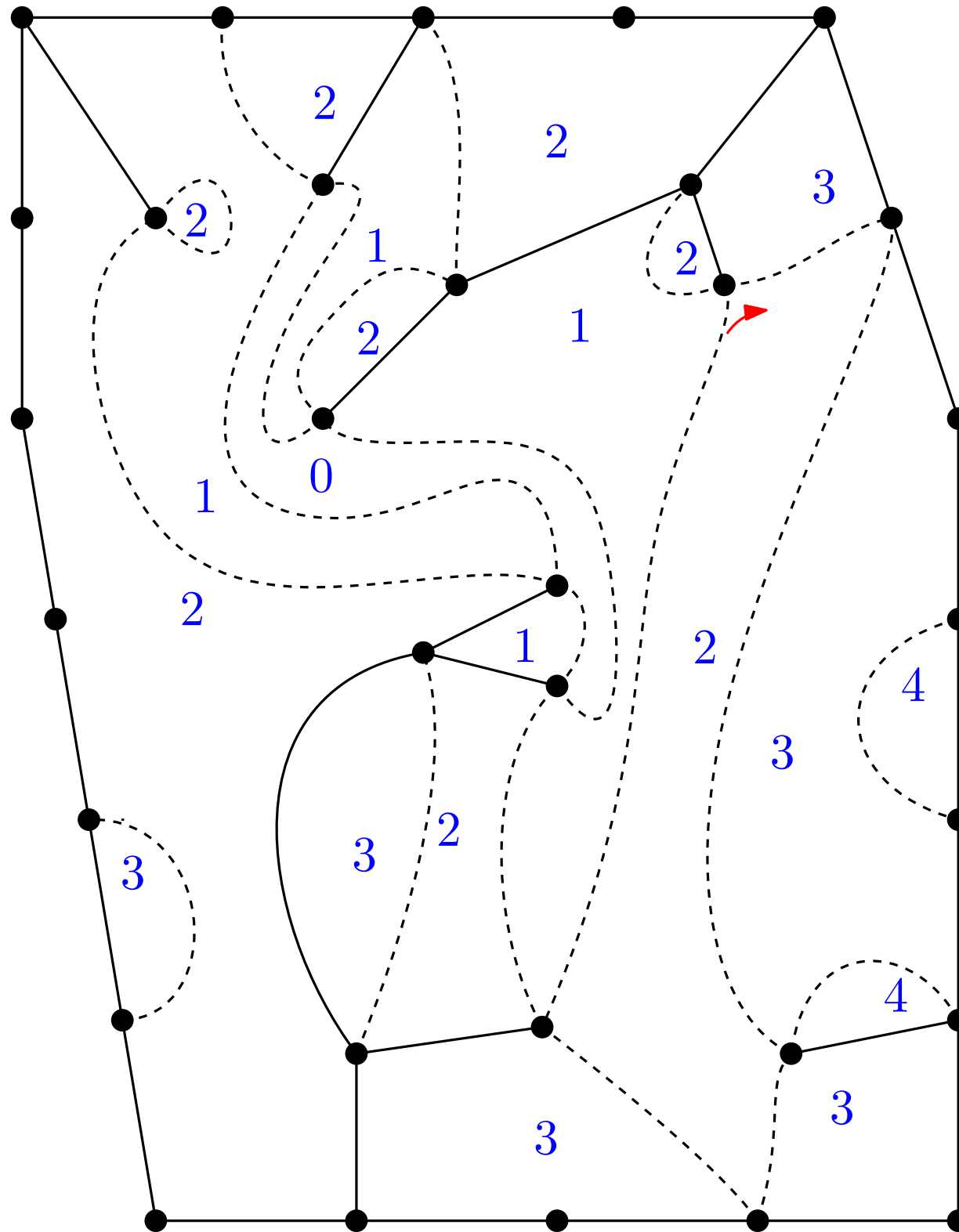
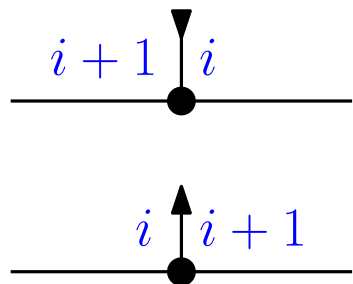
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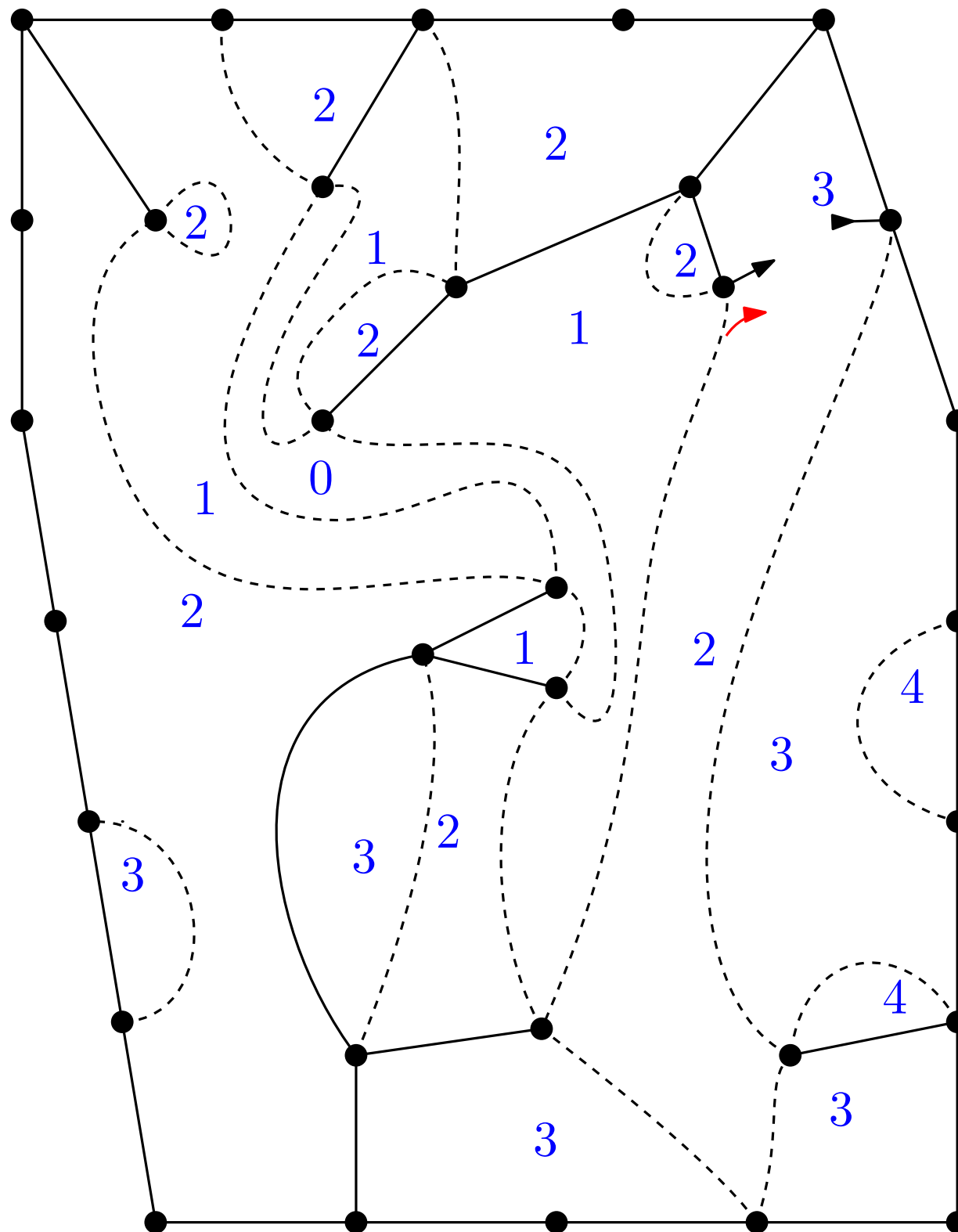
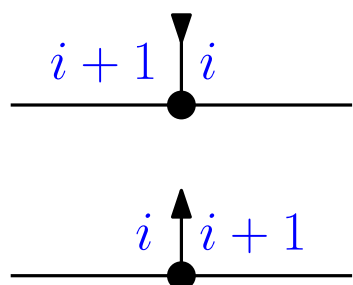
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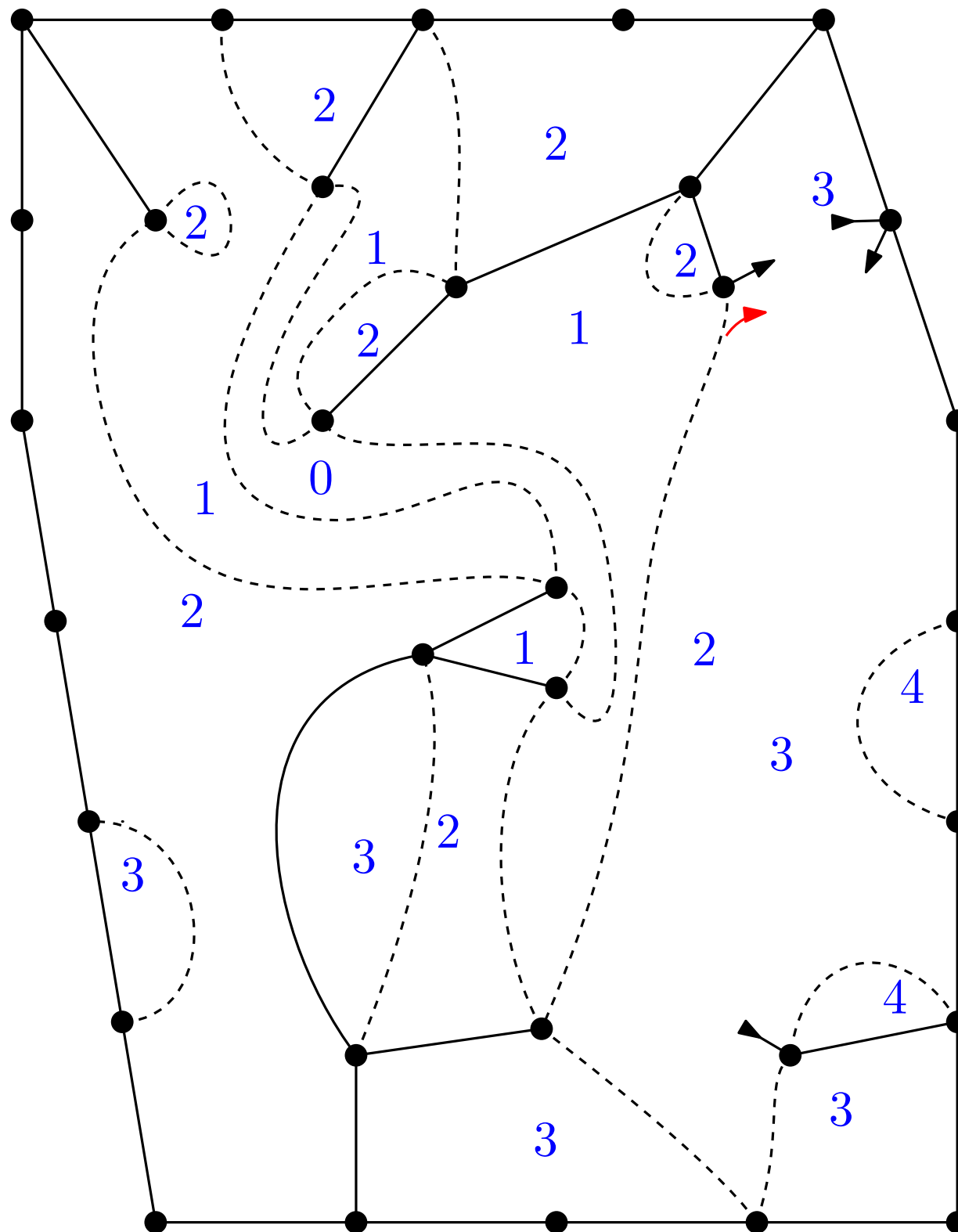
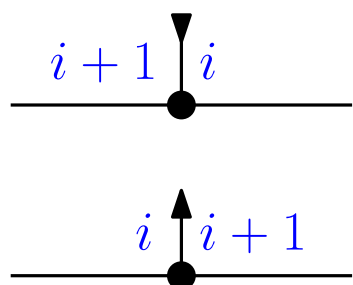
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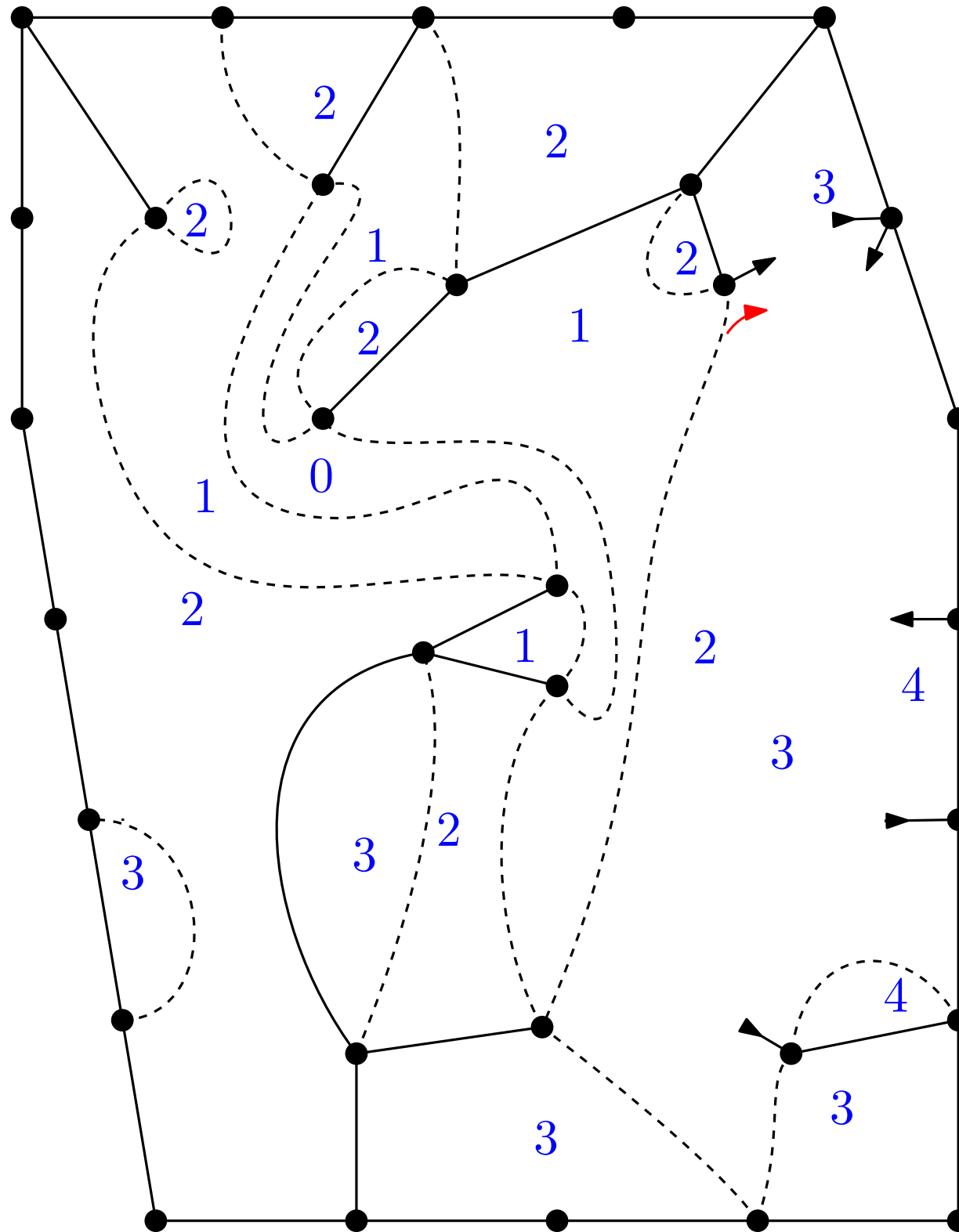
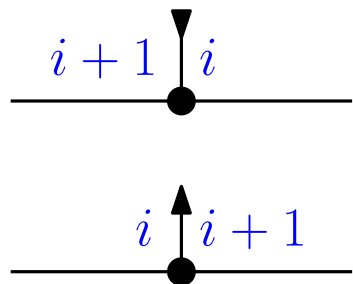
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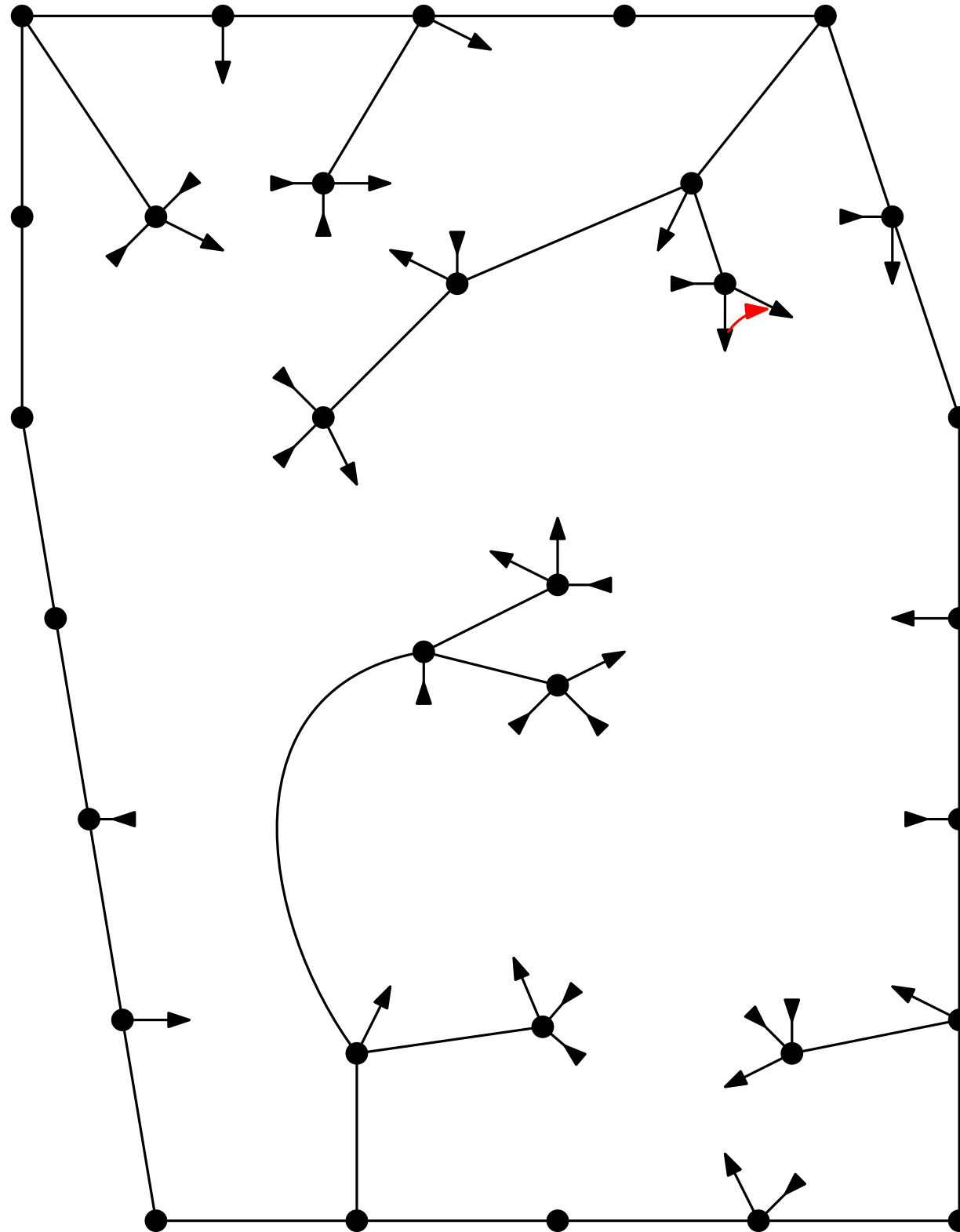
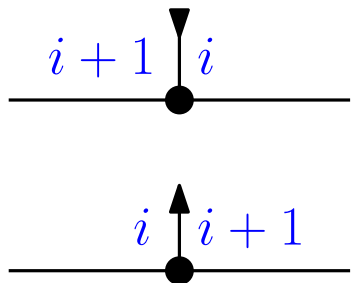
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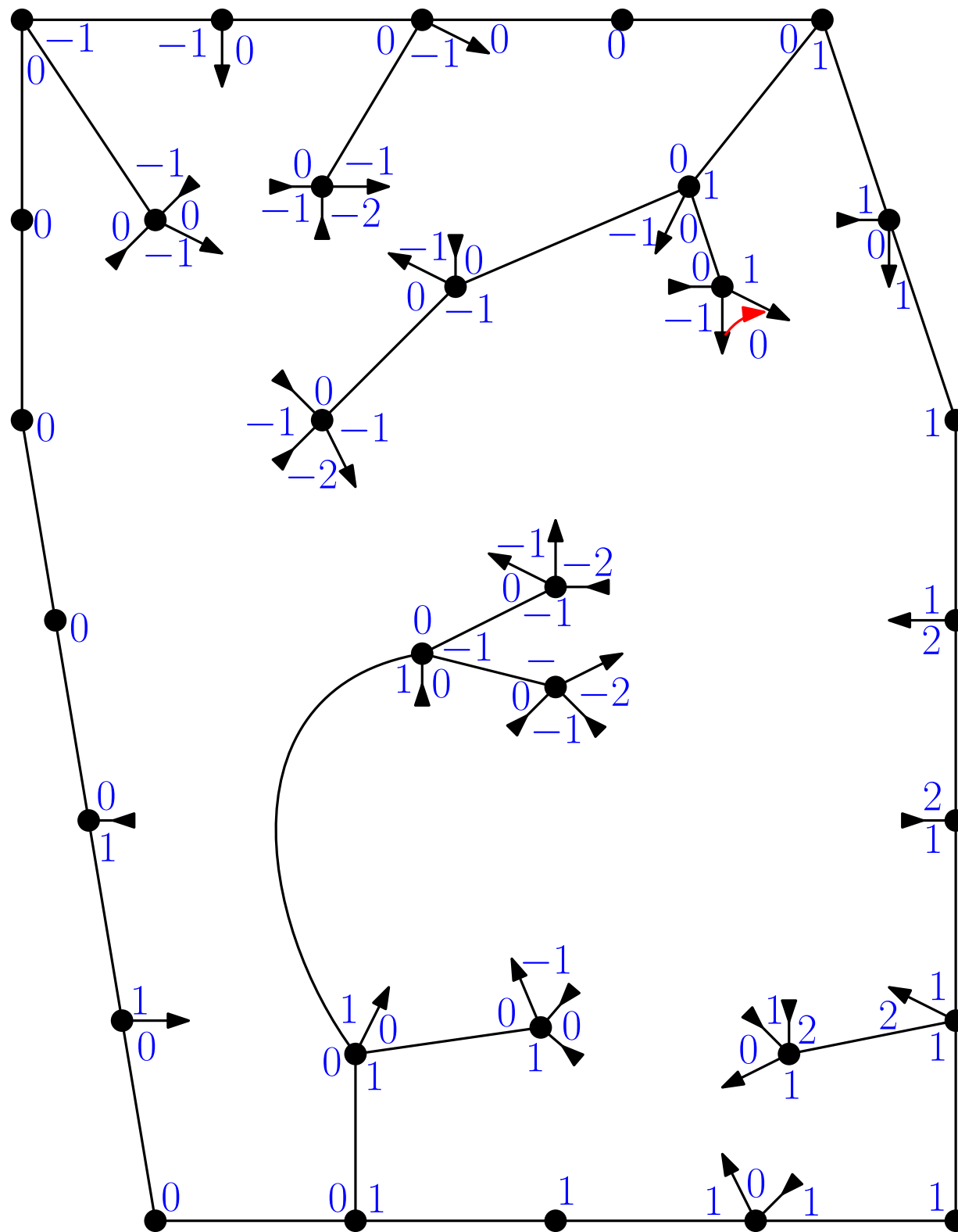
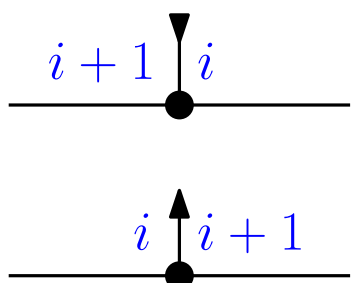
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$$a = \sqrt{(1 - 2(t_{\bullet} + t_{\circ}))^2 - 4t_{\bullet}t_{\circ}}.$$

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$$BQ_{\mathcal{S}}(x, y) = \frac{P_{\mathcal{S}}(t_{\bullet}, t_{\circ}, a)}{a^{4-5\chi(\mathcal{S})}}.$$

Moreover  $\deg_a(P_{\mathcal{S}}) = 0$  when  $\mathcal{S}$  is **orientable**.

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[D.–Lepoutre '20]  
(orientable case worked  
out by  
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THANK  
YOU!

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