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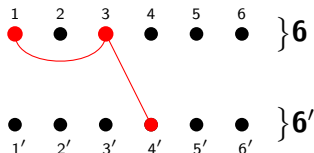
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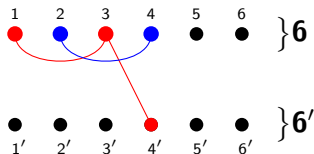
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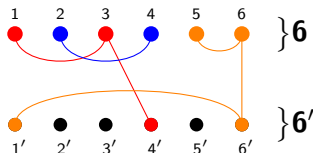


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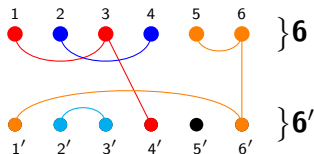
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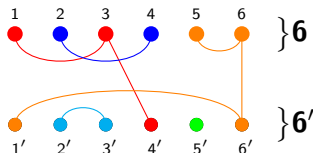


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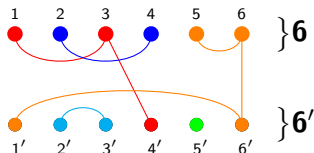


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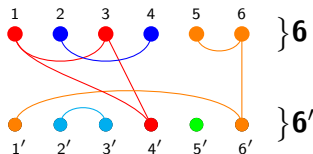


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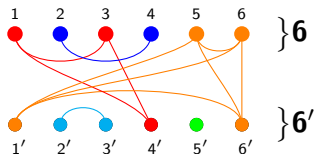


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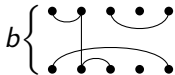
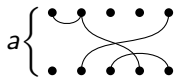
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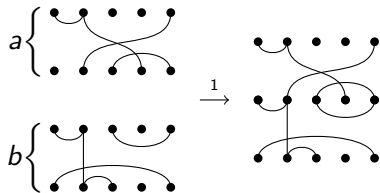
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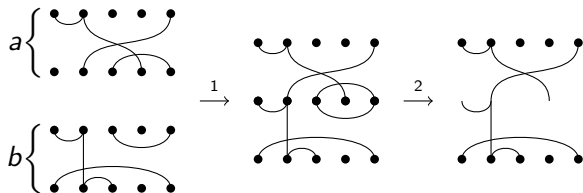
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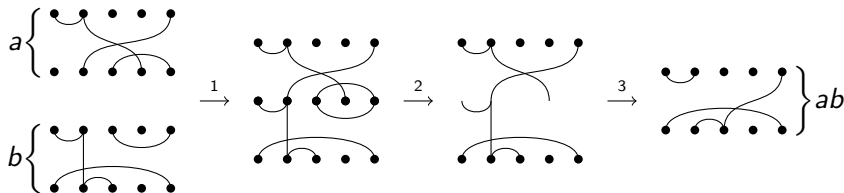
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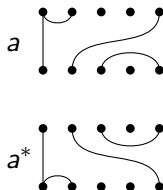
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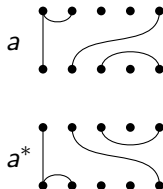


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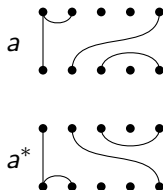
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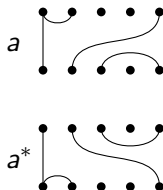
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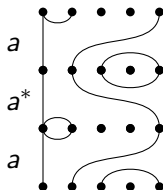


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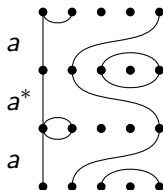


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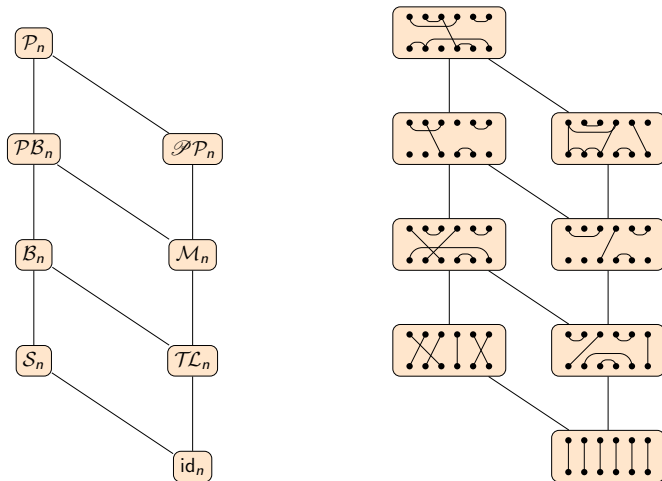
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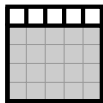
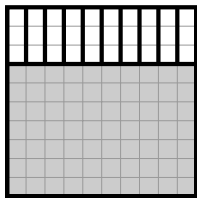
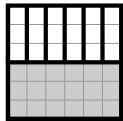
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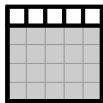
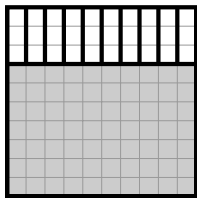
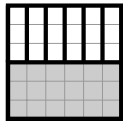
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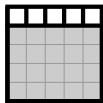
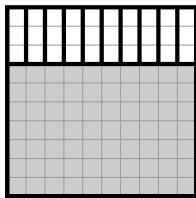
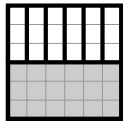


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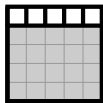
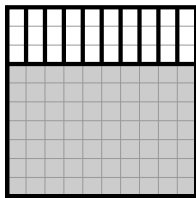
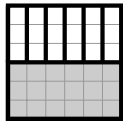
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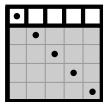
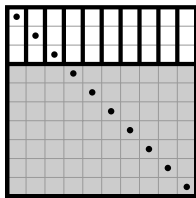
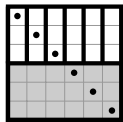
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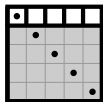
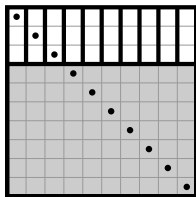
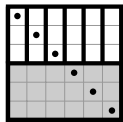
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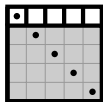
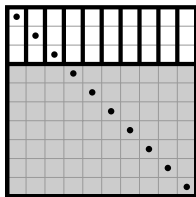
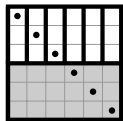
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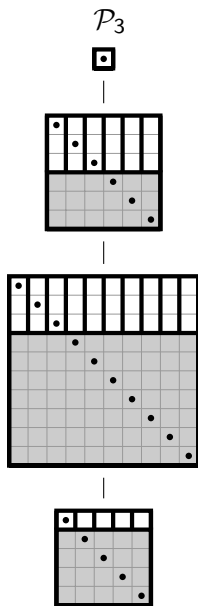
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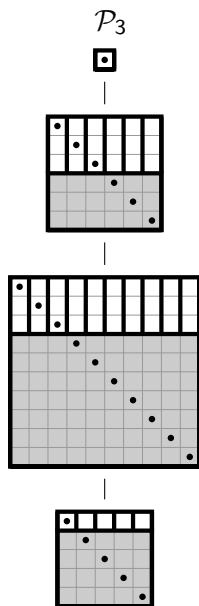
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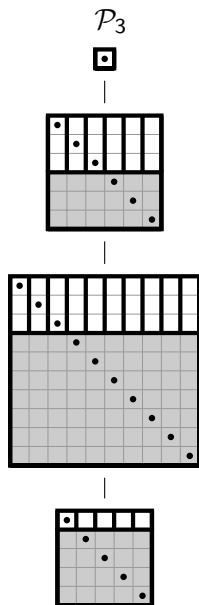
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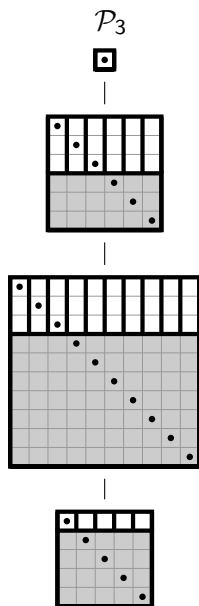
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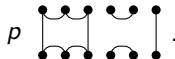
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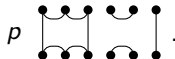
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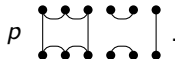
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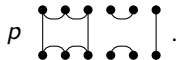
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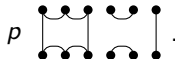
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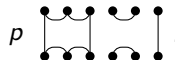
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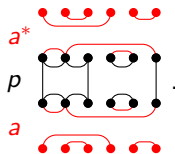
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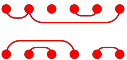
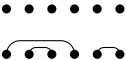
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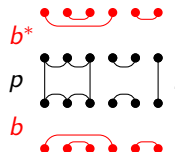
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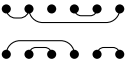

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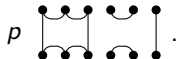
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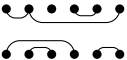
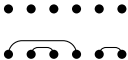
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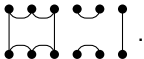
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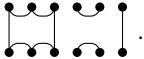
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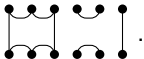
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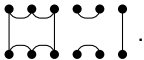
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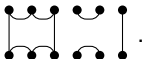
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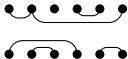
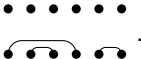
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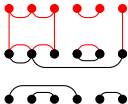
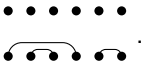
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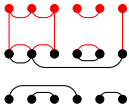
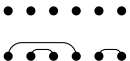
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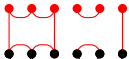

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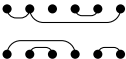
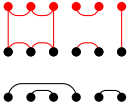
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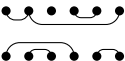
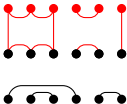
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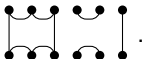
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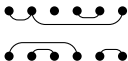
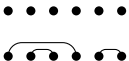
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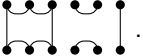
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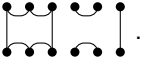
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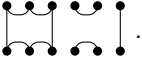
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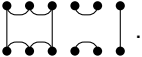

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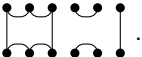
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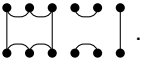
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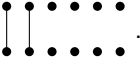
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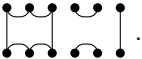
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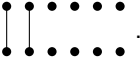
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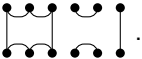
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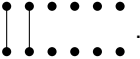
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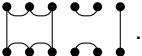
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Thanks for listening :-)

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- ▶ Transformation representations of diagram monoids
 - ▶ [arXiv:2411.14693](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.14693)