

Lattice paths, linear algebra and combinatorics

Day 4

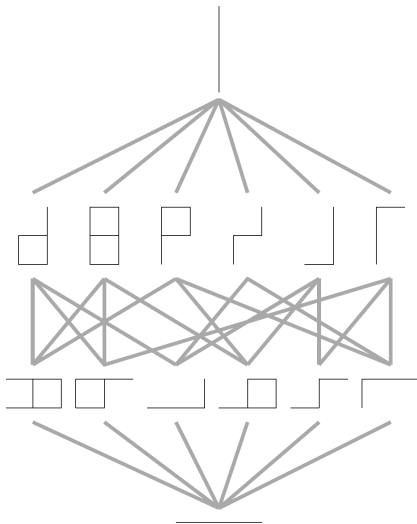
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Quotients of LPMs on $[3]$



A summary

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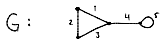
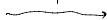
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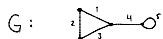
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Other examples: greedy algorithm; algebraic extensions; projective geometry; polytopes; etc.

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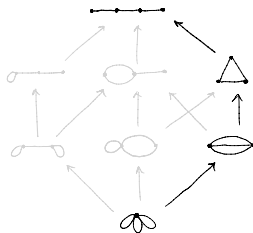
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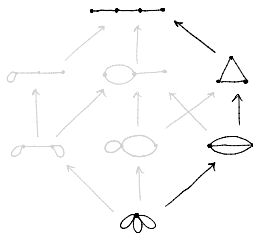
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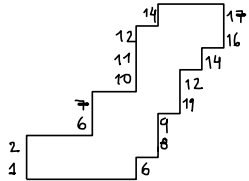
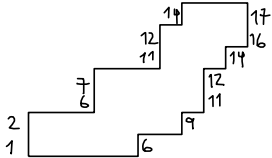
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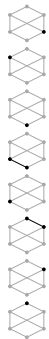
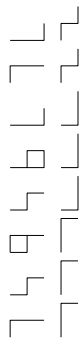
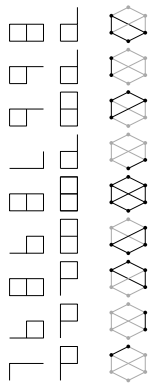
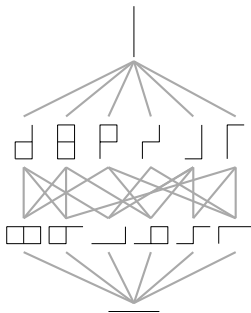


¿How does this property look in other families?

An example on [17]



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¡Muchas gracias!