

# Unifying lattices through hourglass plabic graphs

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# Outline

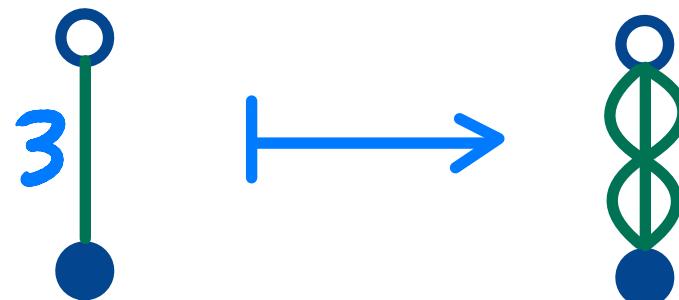
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- Hourglass plabic graphs
- ASM, PP, Tamari examples
- Pockets

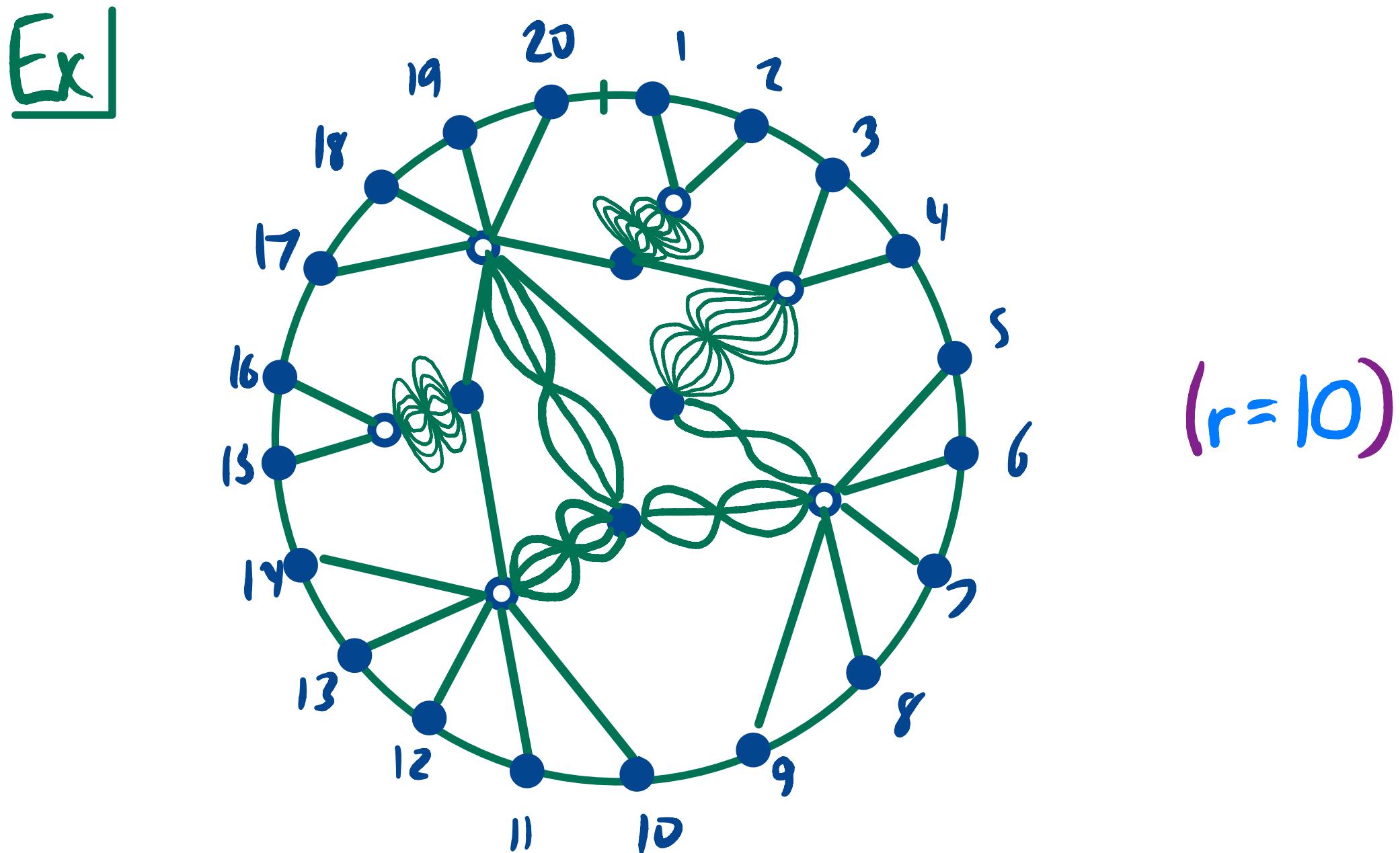
# Hourglass plabic graphs

**Df**] An  $r$ -hourglass plabic graph ( $r$ -HPG) is a planar bipartite graph embedded in a disk with edge weights in  $[r]$  which sum to  $r$  around internal vertices, and boundary vertices have degree 1.

An edge with weight  $m$  is drawn as an  $m$ -hourglass:



# Hourglass plabic graphs

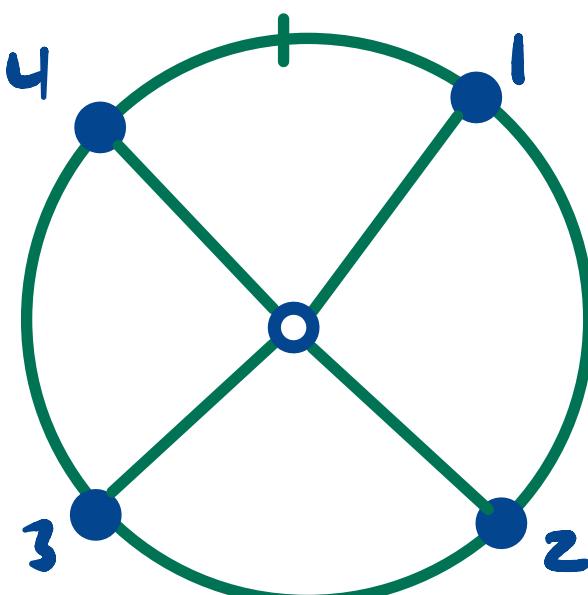


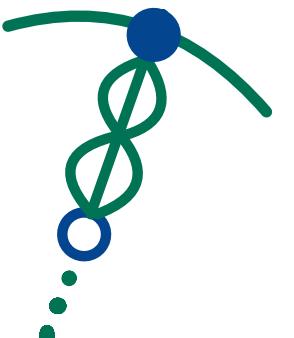
# Hourglass plabic graphs

Q | Why?

A | • Encodes morphisms in  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Upal}_r}(\mathbb{V}_q^{\otimes n}, \mathbb{C}(q))$

e.g.


$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{14} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} & x_{24} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} & x_{34} \\ x_{41} & x_{42} & x_{43} & x_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\mathbb{V}_{q=1} = \mathbb{C}^4)$$

• Here   $\longleftrightarrow \Lambda_q^3 \mathbb{V}_q$  in domain.

• Effective calculation, e.g. link invariants

# Hourglass plabic graphs

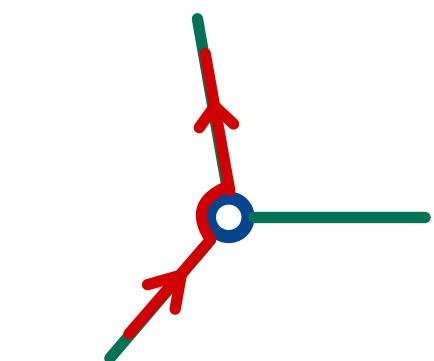
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A2] Connects amazing combinatorial examples!

Today: ASMs, PP's, Tamari

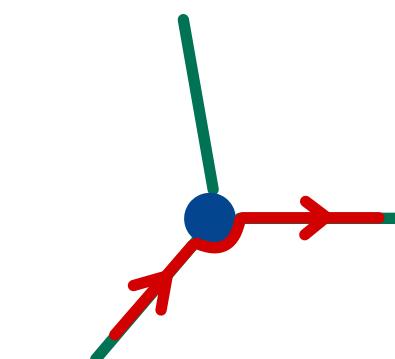
# Trip permutations

Recall Postnikov '06 introduced plabic graphs  
and their trip permutation:

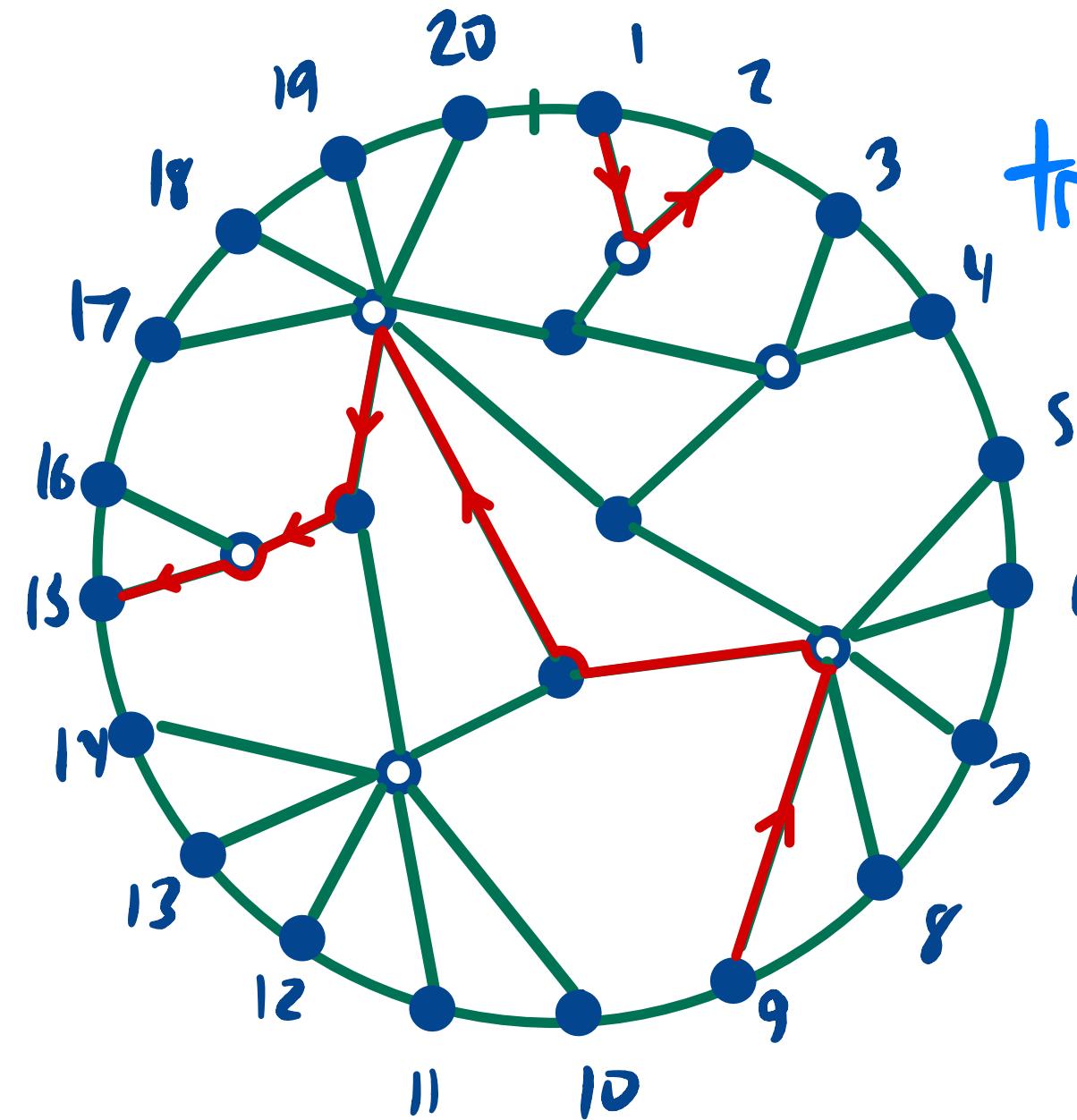


Ex

left at white



right at block

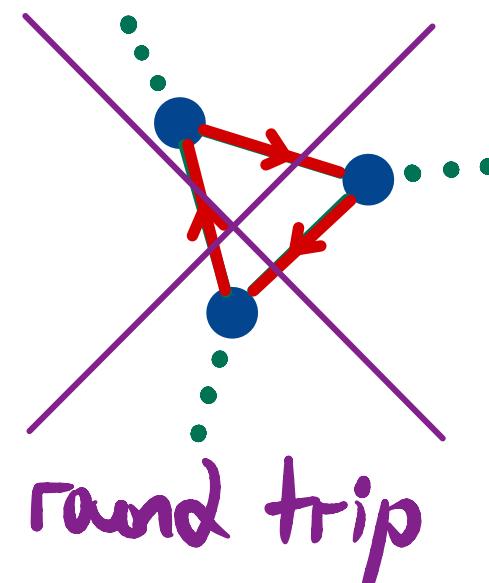


$$\text{trip} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 15 & 16 \\ 3 & 4 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 14 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \end{pmatrix}$$

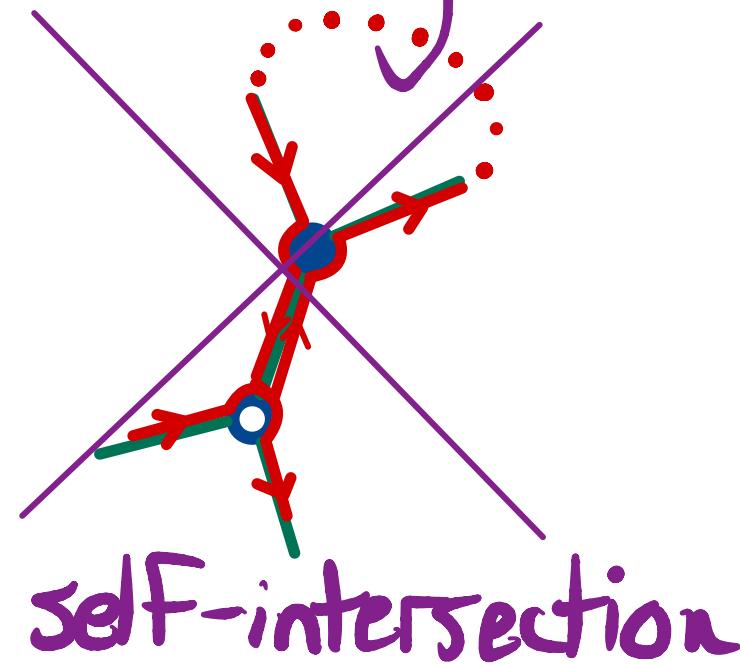
# Trip permutations

Thm/Def (Postnikov '06) A (leafless, connected, fixed-point free) plabic graph is reduced if it has

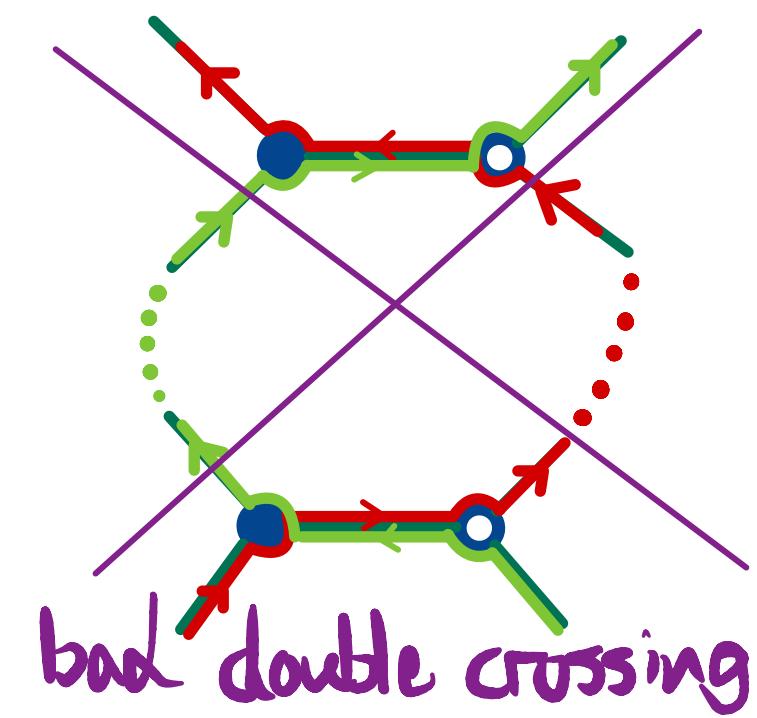
- 1] no round trips
- 2] no essential self-intersections
- 3] no bad double crossings



round trip



self-intersection

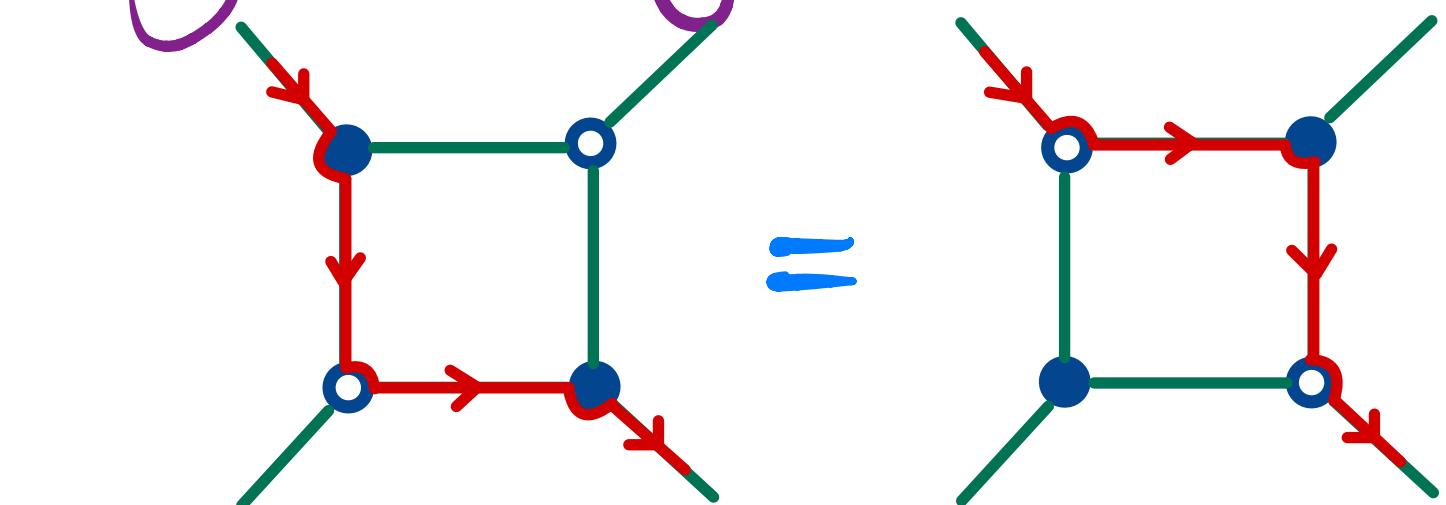


bad double crossing

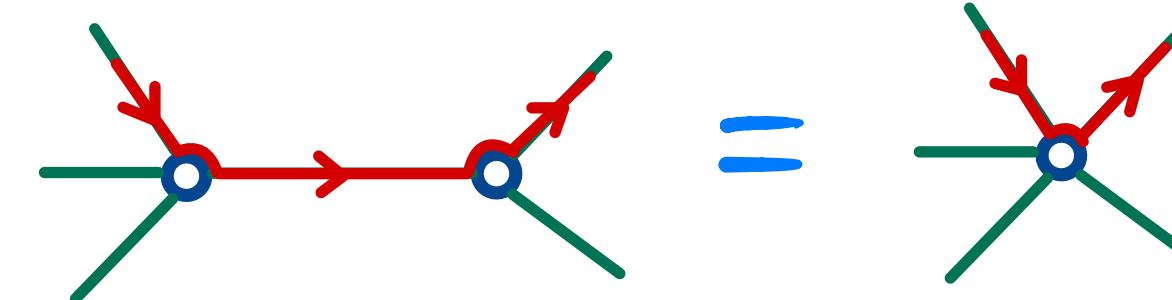
# Trip permutations

Thm (Postnikov '06) Two such plabic graphs have the same trip if and only if they are related by moves:

M1 Square move:



M2 Edge contraction:

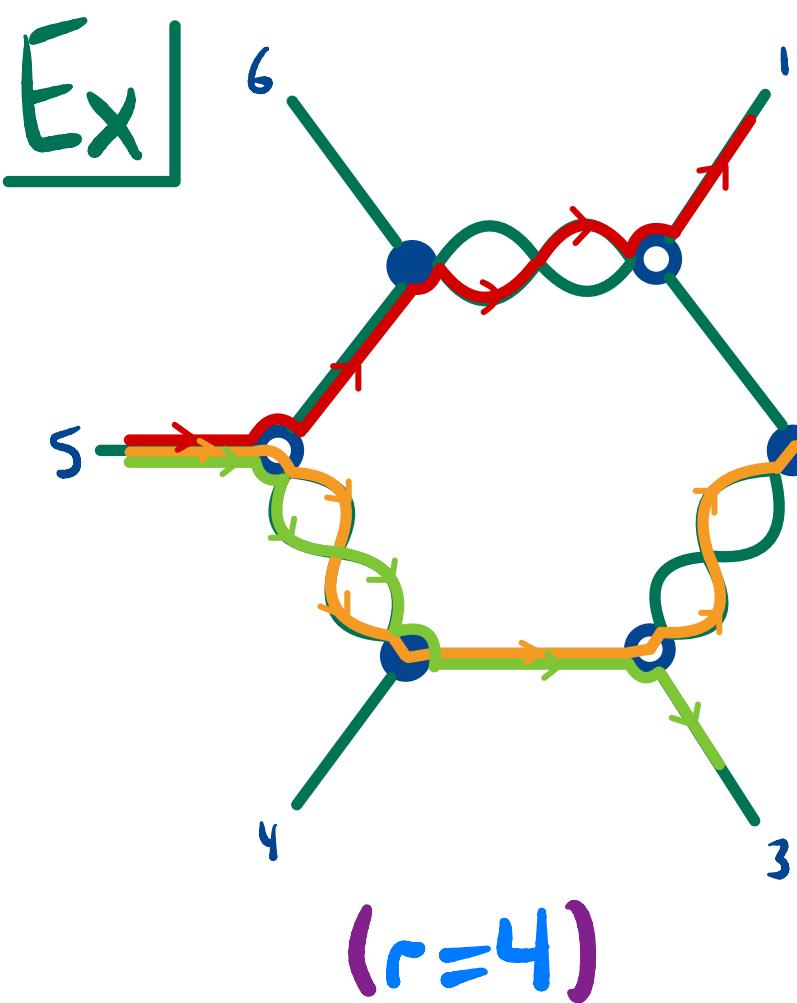


M3 Vertex removal:



# Trip permutations

Def (GPPSS '23+) An  $r$ -hourglass plabic graph has trip permutations  $\text{trip}_1, \dots, \text{trip}_{r-1}$  where  $\text{trip}_i$  takes the  $i$ th left at white and  $i$ th right at black:

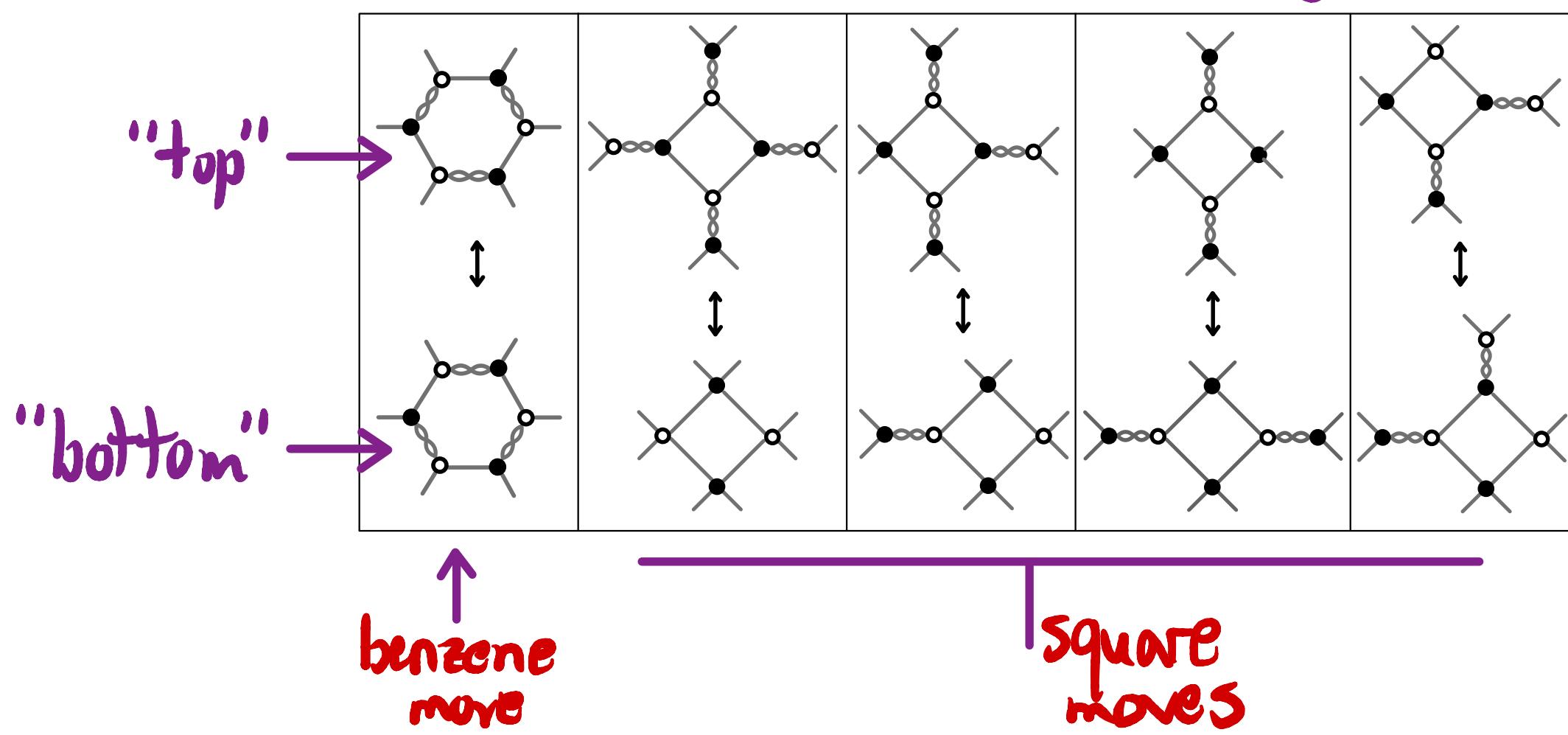


$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow = \text{trip}_1 = (135)(642) \\ &\rightarrow = \text{trip}_2 = (14)(25)(36) \\ &\rightarrow = \text{trip}_3 = (531)(246) \end{aligned}$$

Note  
 $\text{trip}_i = \text{trip}_{r-i}^{-1}$ !

$\approx 4$  moves

Thm (GPPSS '23+) Two contracted, fully reduced  
4-hourglass plabic graphs have the same  
 $\text{trip}_1, \text{trip}_2, \text{trip}_3$  if and only if they are related by

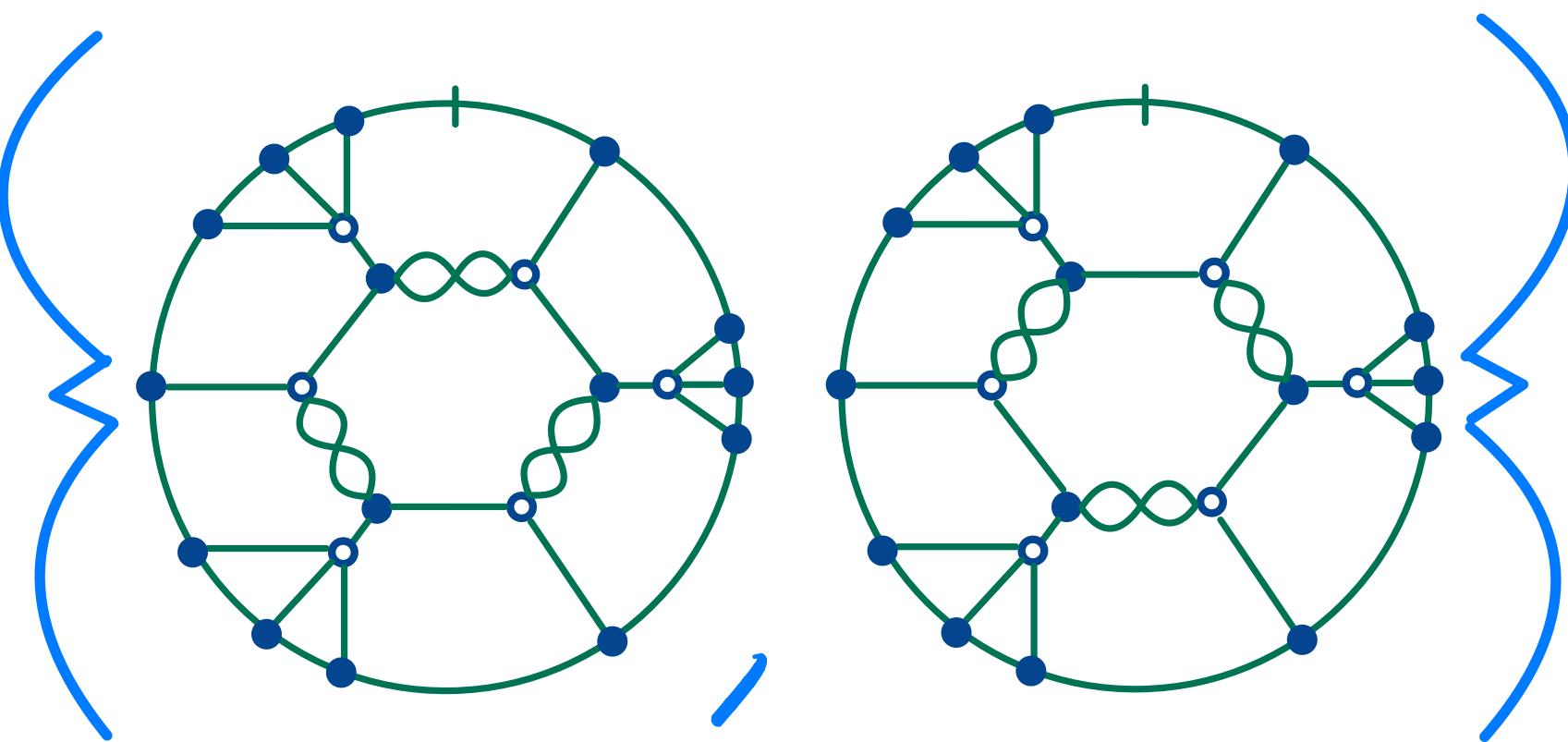


$\approx 4$  moves

Thm (GPPSS '23+) There is a bijection  
between  $\text{SYT}(4 \times \square)$  and such move-classes.  
It sends  $\text{prom};(T)$  to  $\text{trip};(G)$ .

Ex

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 6 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 10 \\ \hline 4 & 7 & 11 \\ \hline 8 & 9 & 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



## PP lattice

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Prop] (GPPSS '23+) Let  $a, b, c \geq 1$  with  $a \geq c$ .

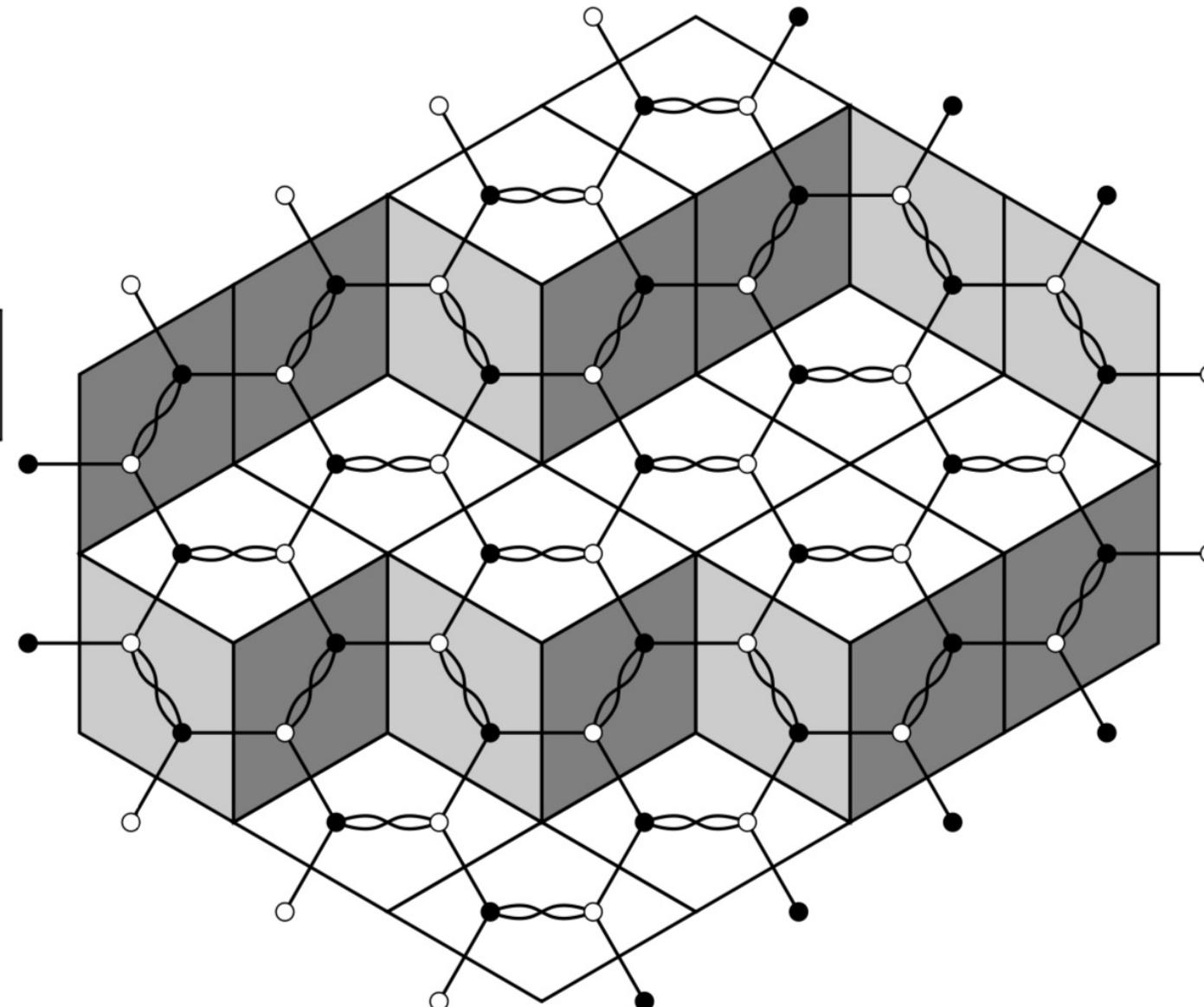
The  $r=4$  mae-equivalence class associated to the (oscillating) tableau with lattice word  
 $l = |^a \bar{y}^b z^c \bar{x}^{a-c} \bar{z}^{c-a+b} \bar{x}^c$  is in bijection with plane partitions in an  $a \times b \times c$  box.

# PP lattice

Ex

|   |    |   |    |   |    |   |    |
|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| 1 | 18 | 2 | 17 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 15 |
| 6 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 10 |   |    |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| 5 | 13 |
| 4 | 14 |



Note

- $\text{trip}_1$  does not see benzene moves (no square moves)
- $\text{trip}_2$  does
- Poset: bottom < top

# ASM lattice

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Prop (GPPSS '23+) Let  $n \geq 1$ .

The  $r=4$  mae-equivalence class associated to the tableau with lattice word

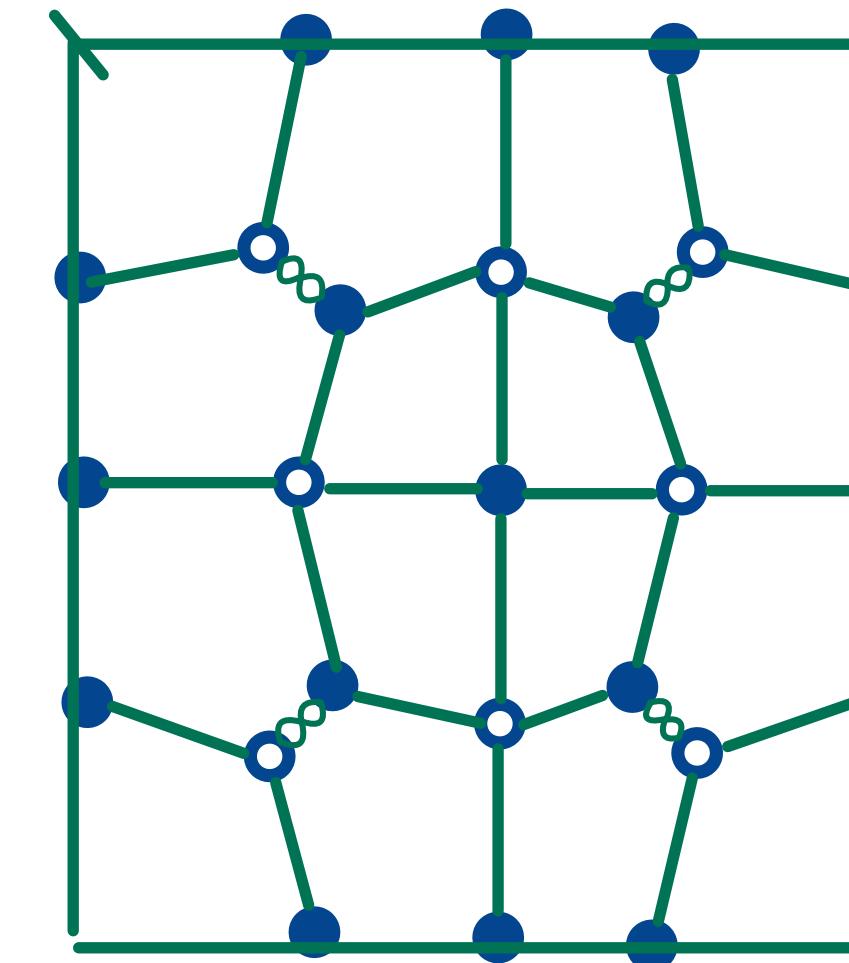
$l = 1^n 2^n 3^n 4^n$  is in bijection with  
 $n \times n$  alternating sign matrices.

# ASM lattice

Ex

|    |    |    |
|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10 | 11 | 12 |

class  
of



ASM:

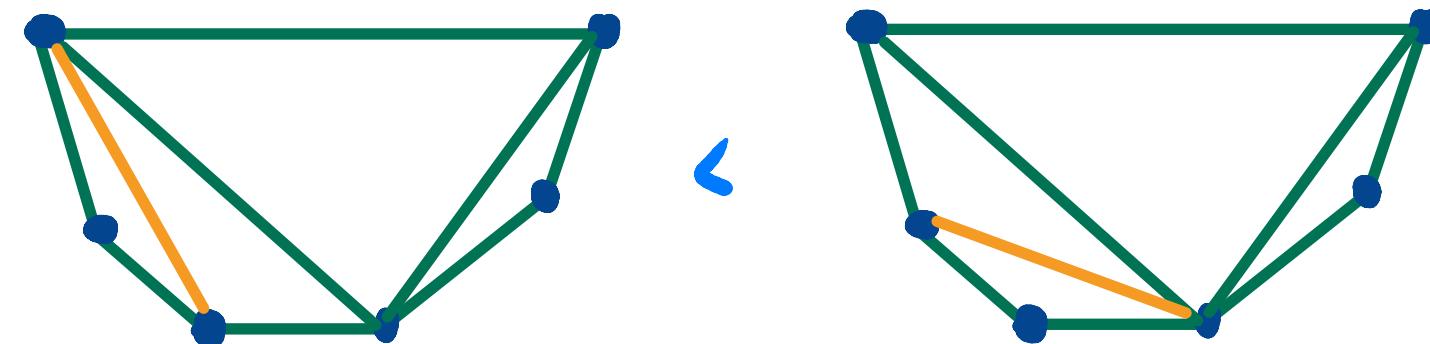
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Note

- $\text{trip}_2$  does not see square moves (no benzene moves)
  - $\text{trip}_1$  does
  - Poset: increase by  $\begin{smallmatrix} -1 & \\ & 1 \end{smallmatrix}$

# Tamari lattice

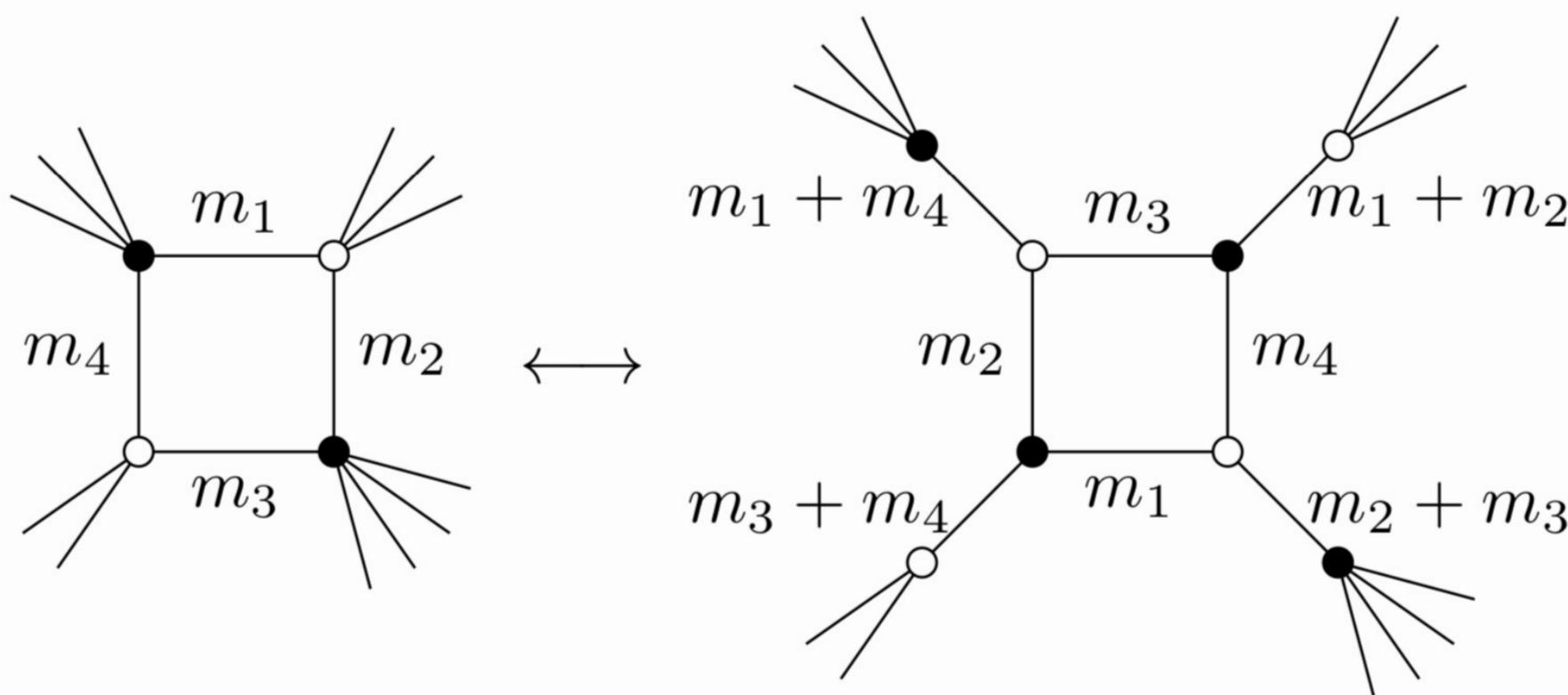
Recall The Tamari lattice is the set of triangulations of an  $n$ -gon, with covering relations given by flips that increase the slope of the diagonal:



# General square moves

Def (See Cautis-Kamnitzer-Morrison '14,  
Fraser-Lam-Le '19, Fraser '23)

The r-HPG square move is:



## Fraser 2-column webs

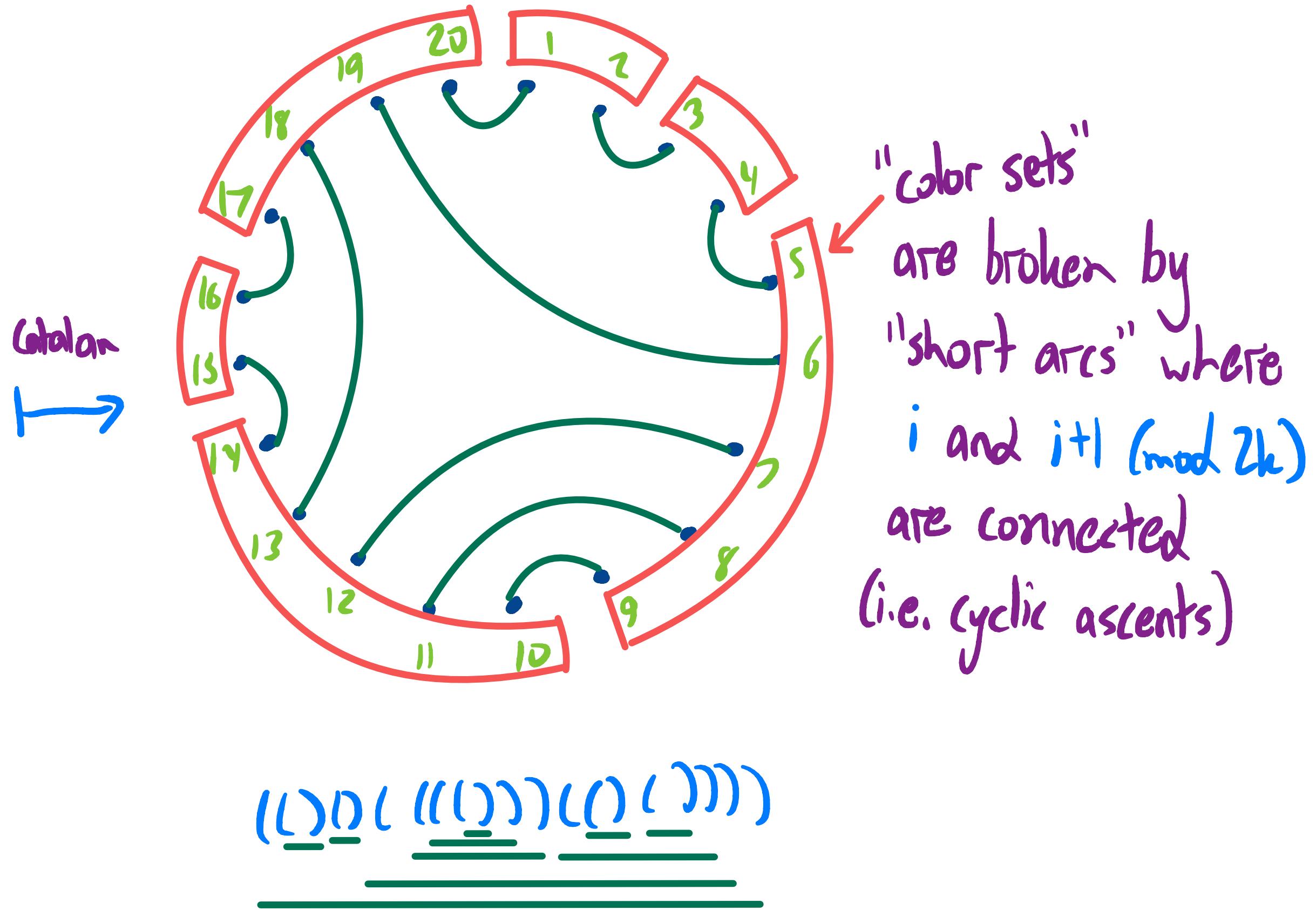
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- Fraser '23 constructed a web basis (up to square moves) indexed by  $SYT(r \times 2)$ .

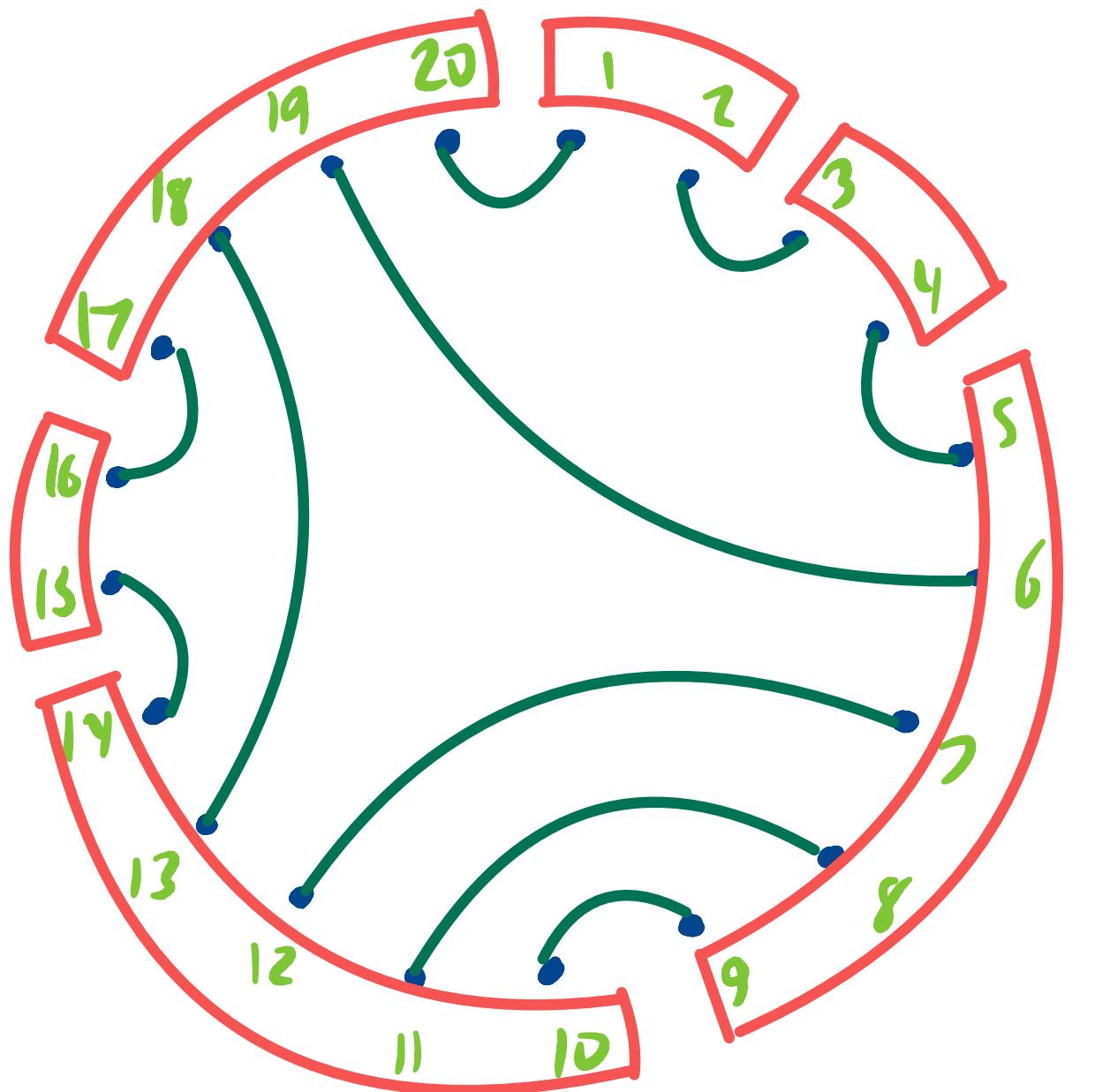
Thm (GPPSS '23+) Fraser's construction is a bijection between  $SYT(r \times 2)$  and square move equivalence classes of contracted, fully reduced  $r$ -HPG's with  $b$  internal black vertices and  $b+2$  internal white vertices. It sends  $\text{perm}_i(T)$  to  $\text{trip}_i(W)$ .

# Froese 2-column webs

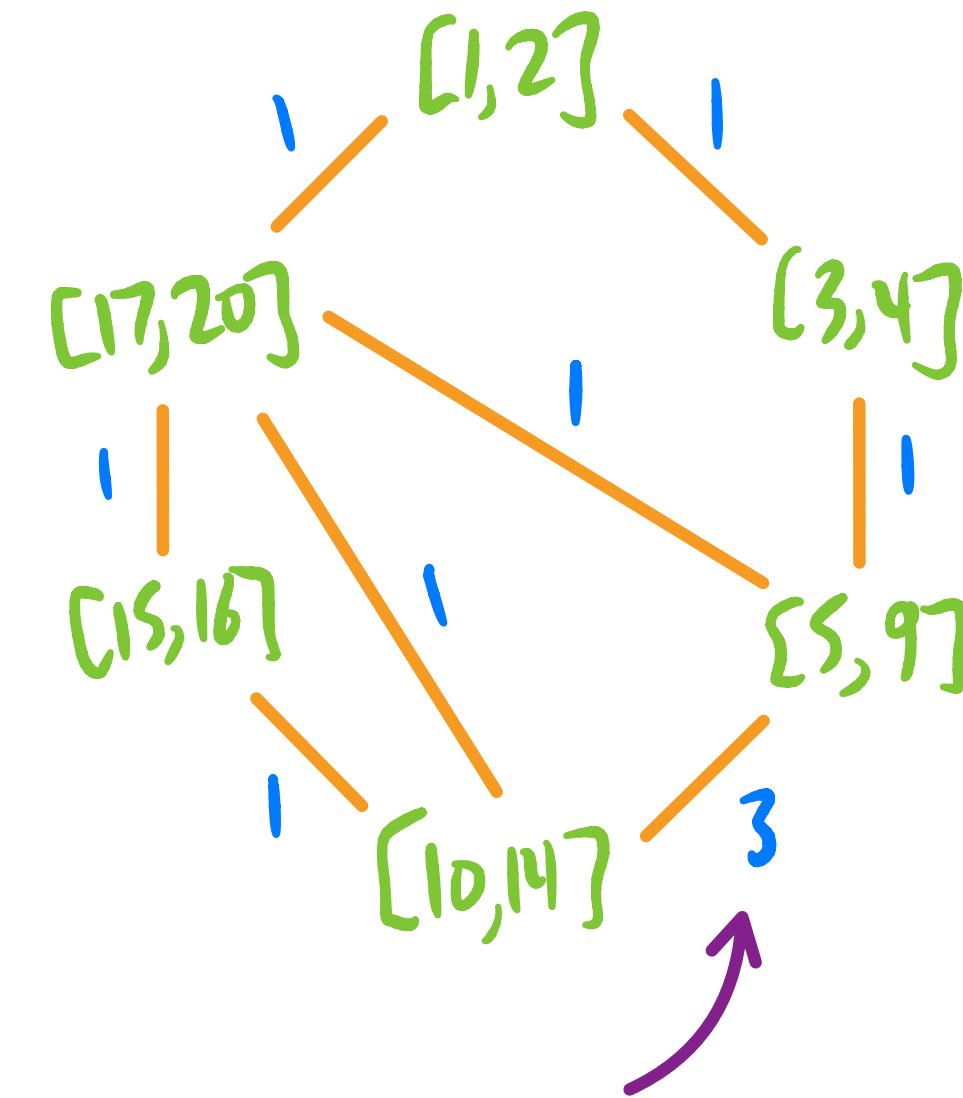
Ex  $T = \begin{matrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 4 & 10 \\ 6 & 11 \\ 7 & 12 \\ 8 & 15 \\ 9 & 17 \\ 13 & 18 \\ 14 & 19 \\ 16 & 20 \end{matrix}$



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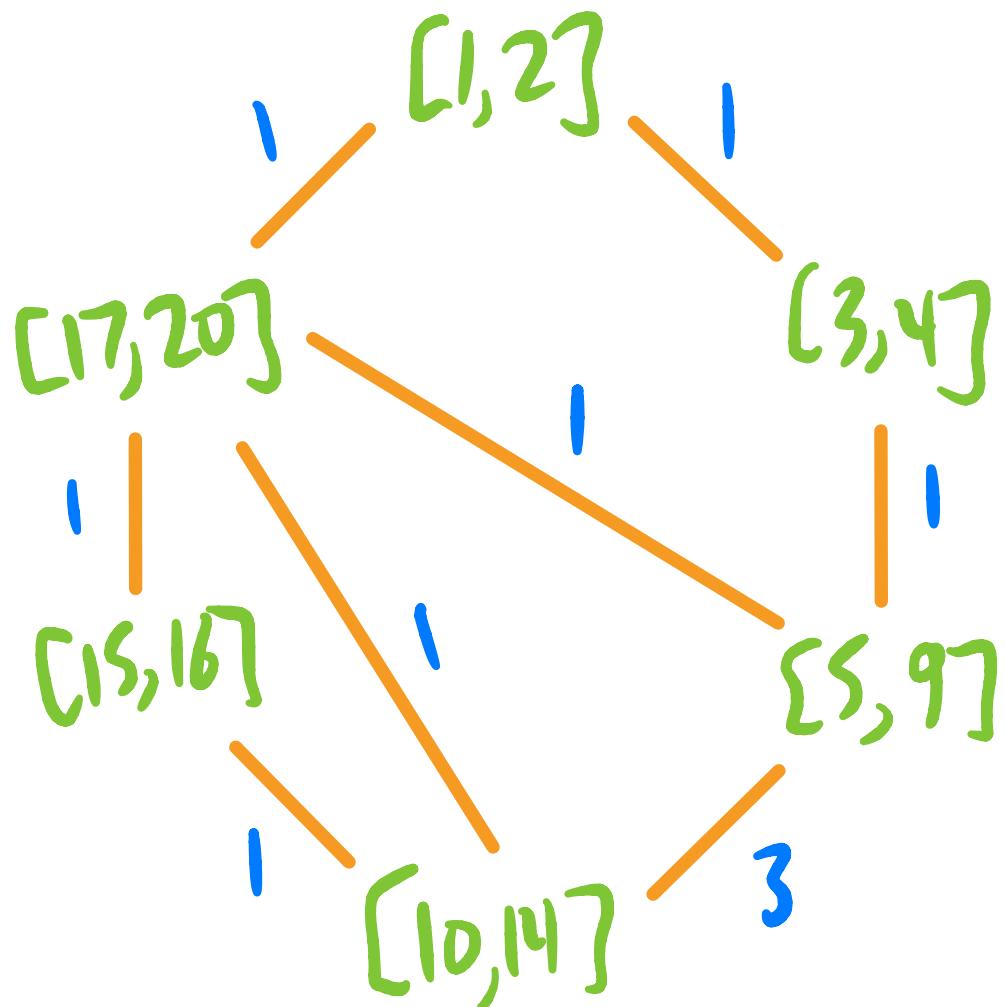


Make  
dissection

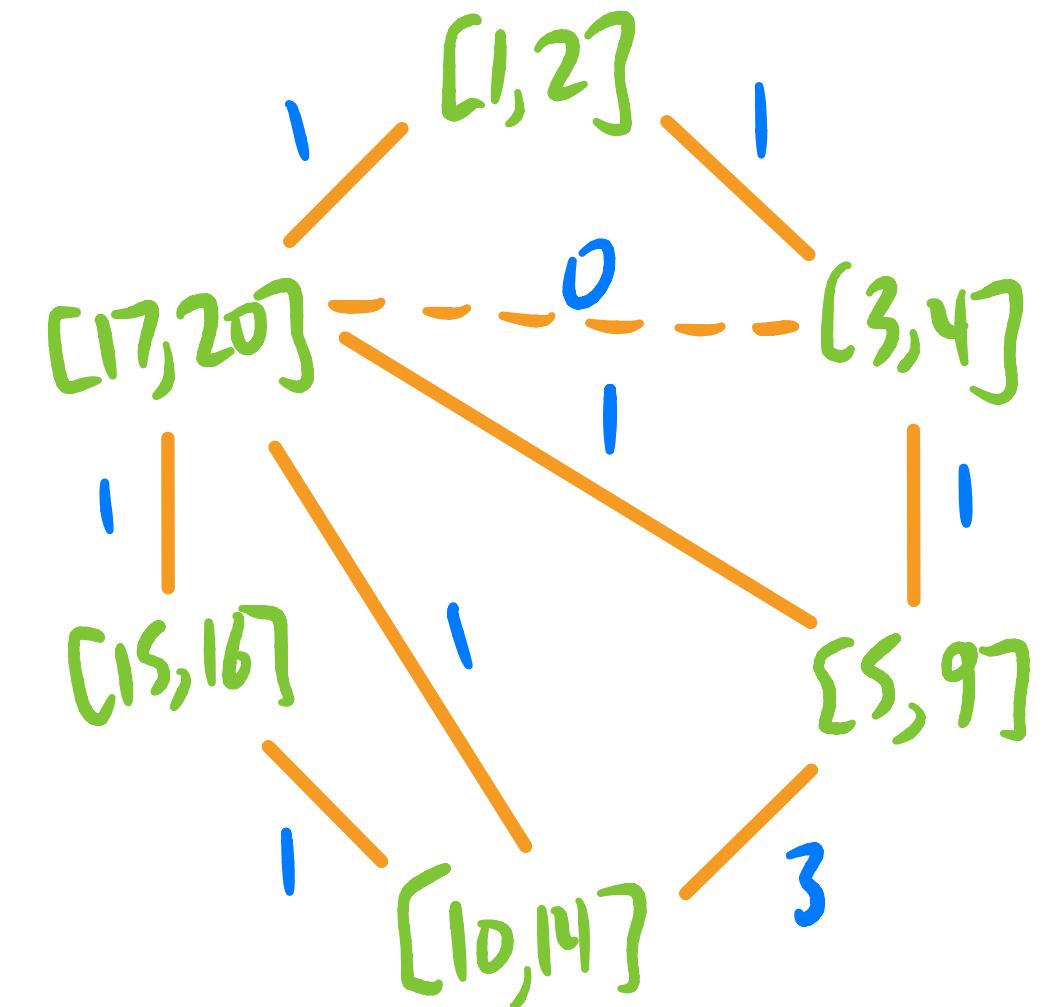


number of edges between  
[5, 9] and [10, 14]

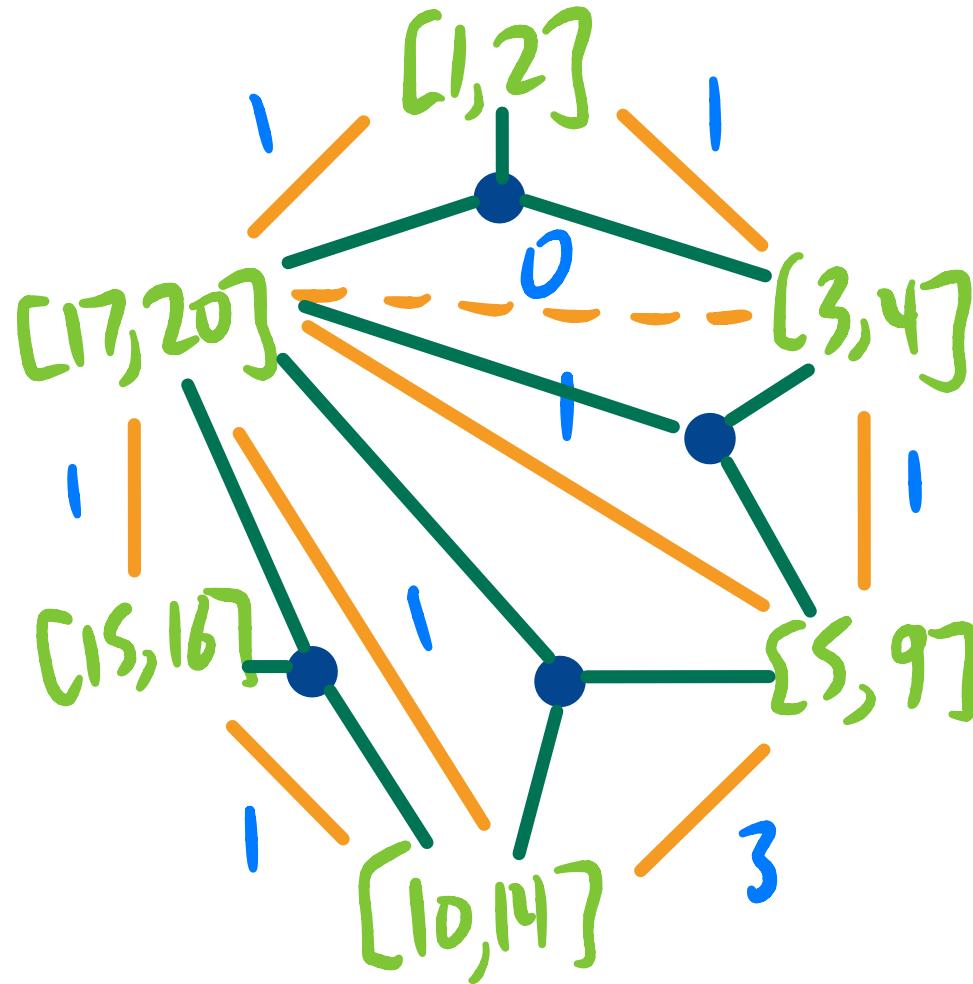
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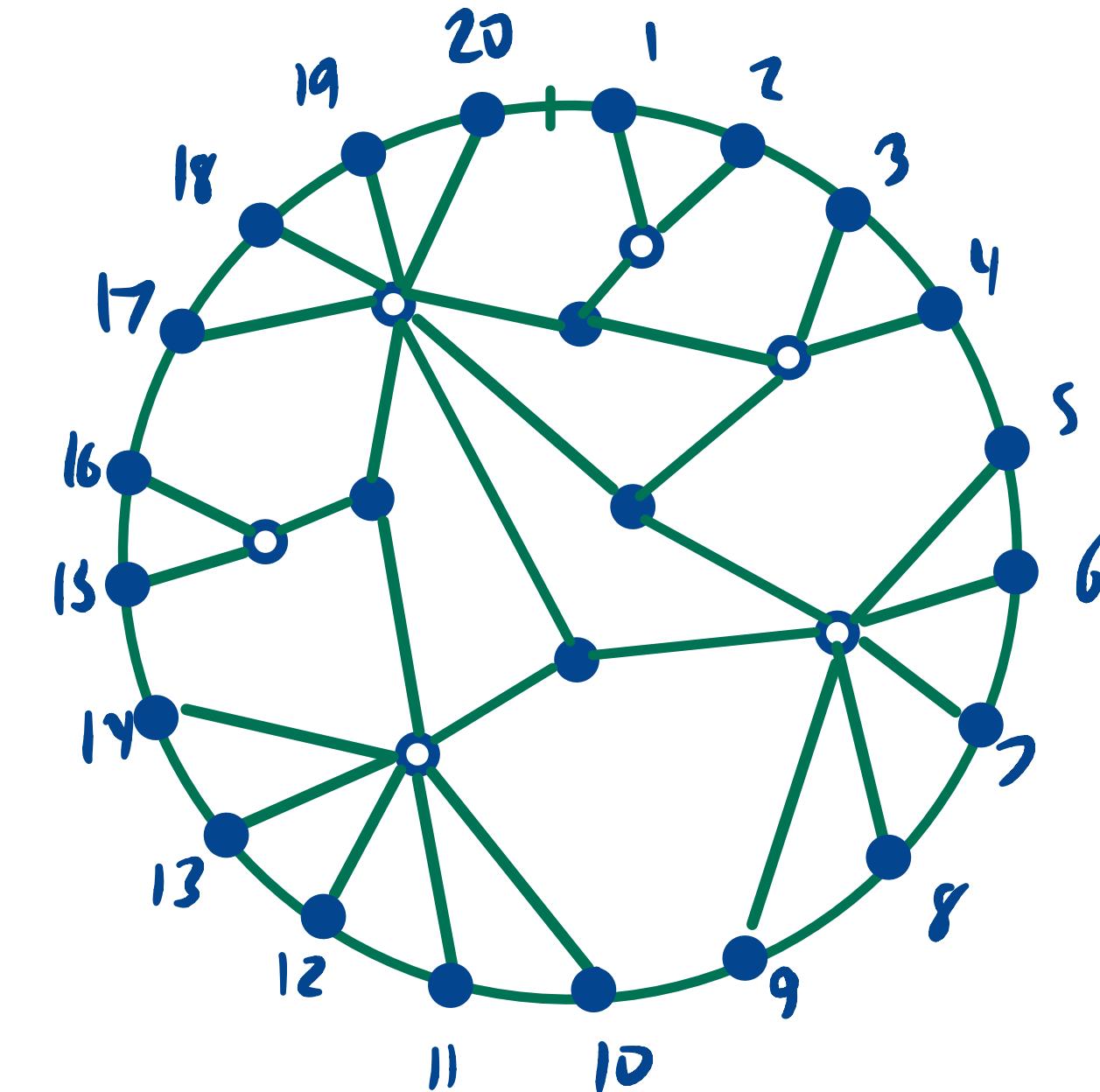
Make  
→  
triangulation  
(not unique,  
all related by  
"flips" though)



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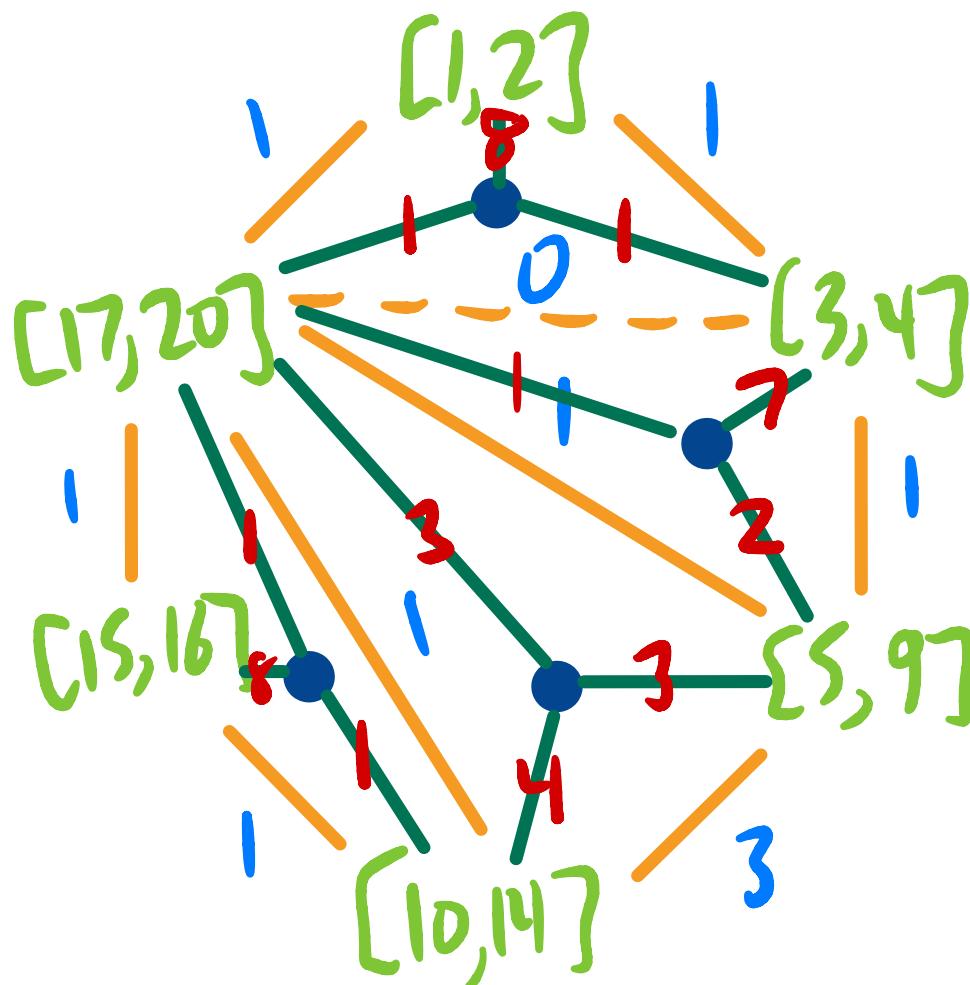


Make  
bipartite  
graph

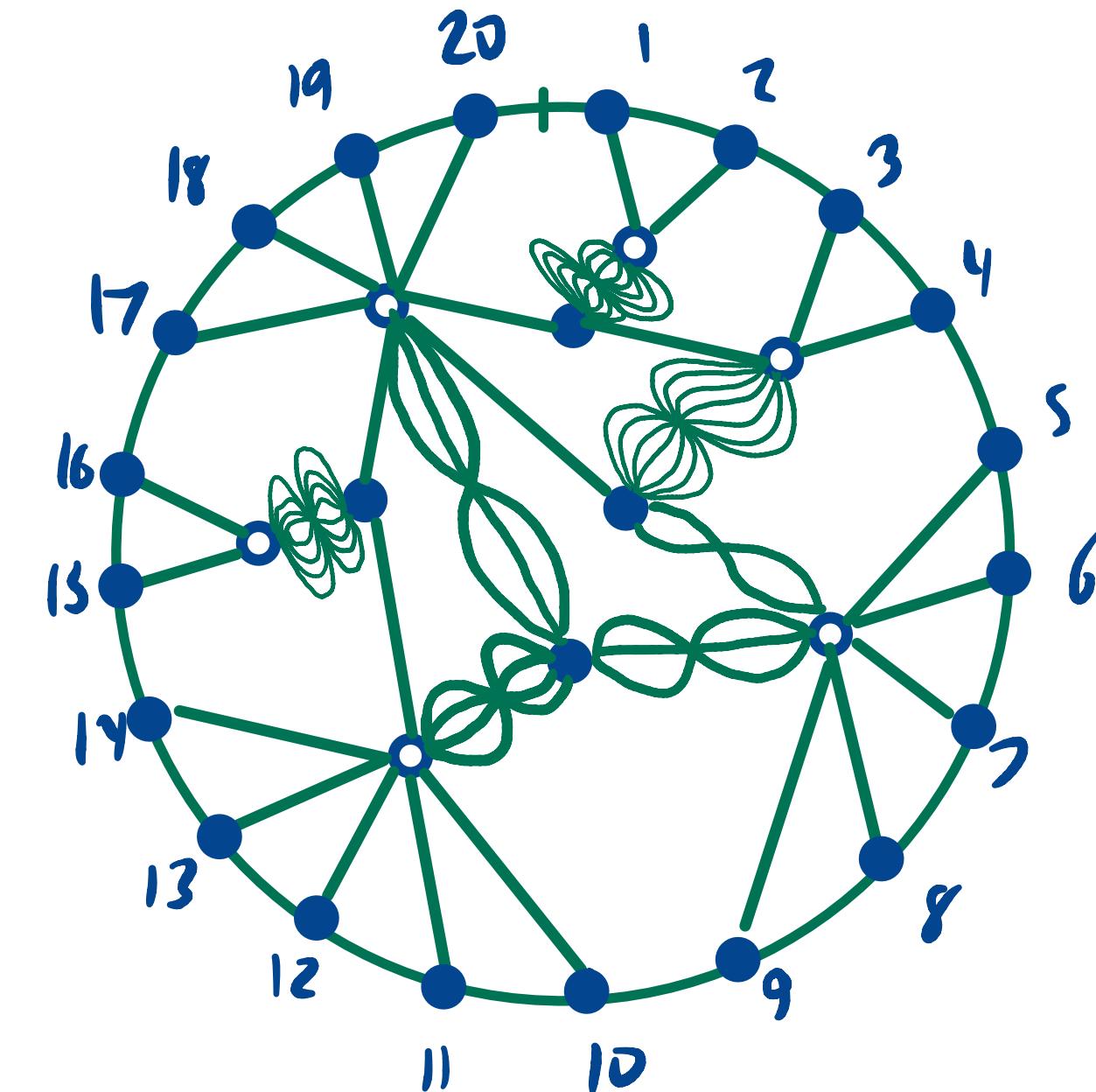


Expand intervals back out, connect  
them to unfilled vertices, which connect  
to internal block vertices from triangles

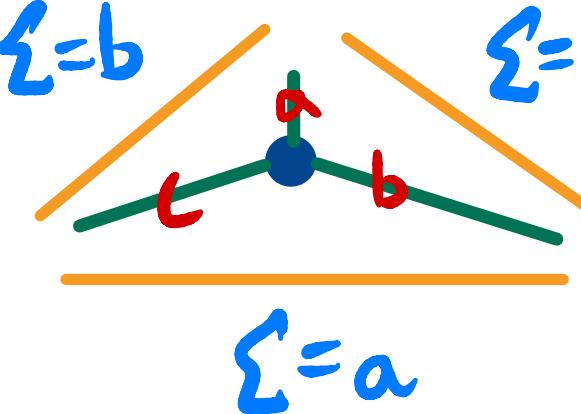
# Froser 2-column webs



Add  
→  
hourglass  
edges



Edge multiplicities:  $\Sigma=b$        $\Sigma=c$



## Froese 2-column webs

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Prop (GPPSS '23+) Let  $r \geq 1$ .

The mae-equivalence class associated to the tableau with lattice word  $L = 1122\cdots rr$  is in bijection with the Tamari lattice of triangulations of an  $r$ -gon.

# Froese 2-column webs

Ex

$T =$

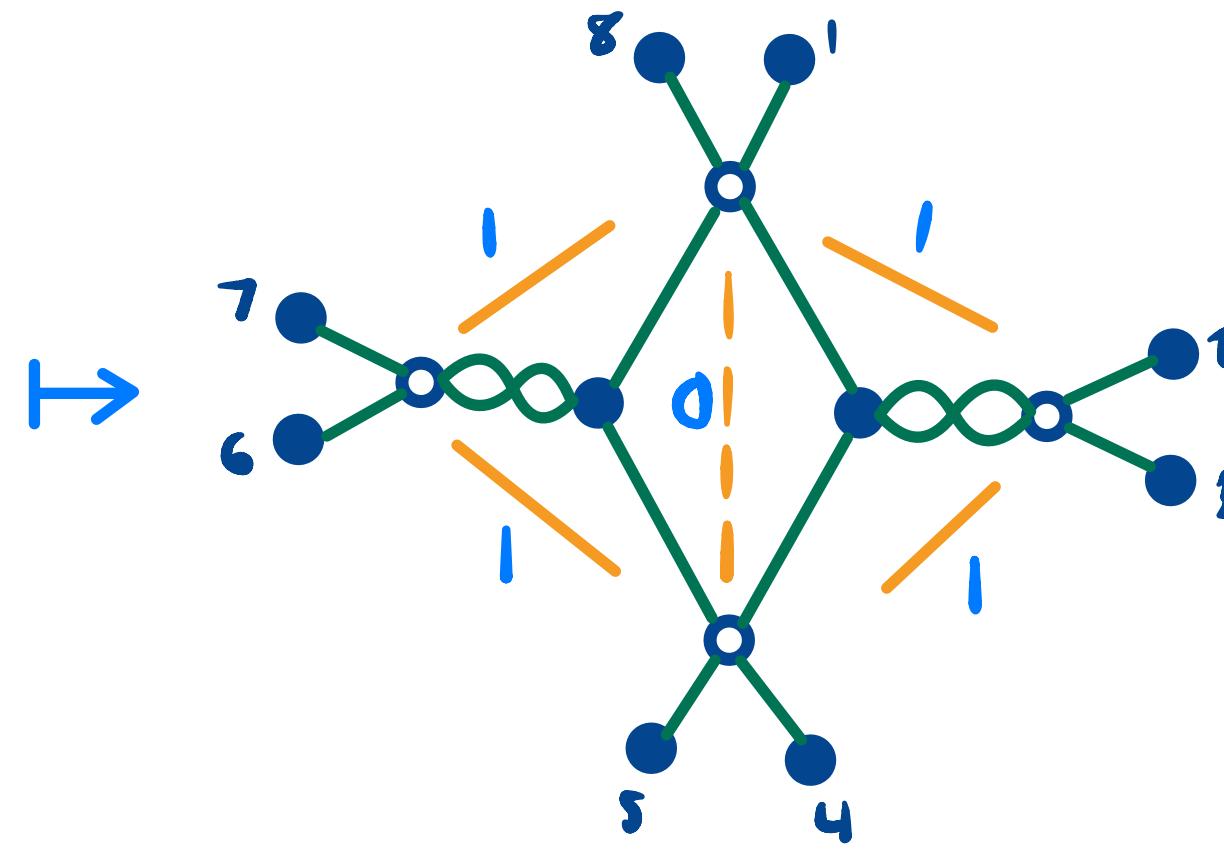
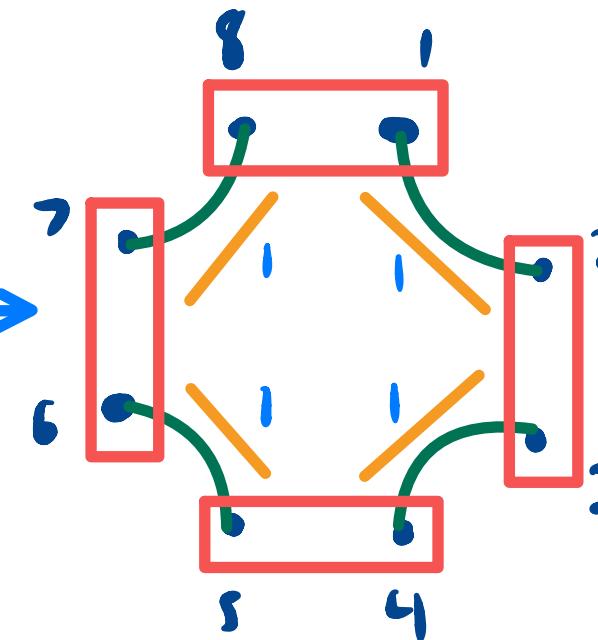
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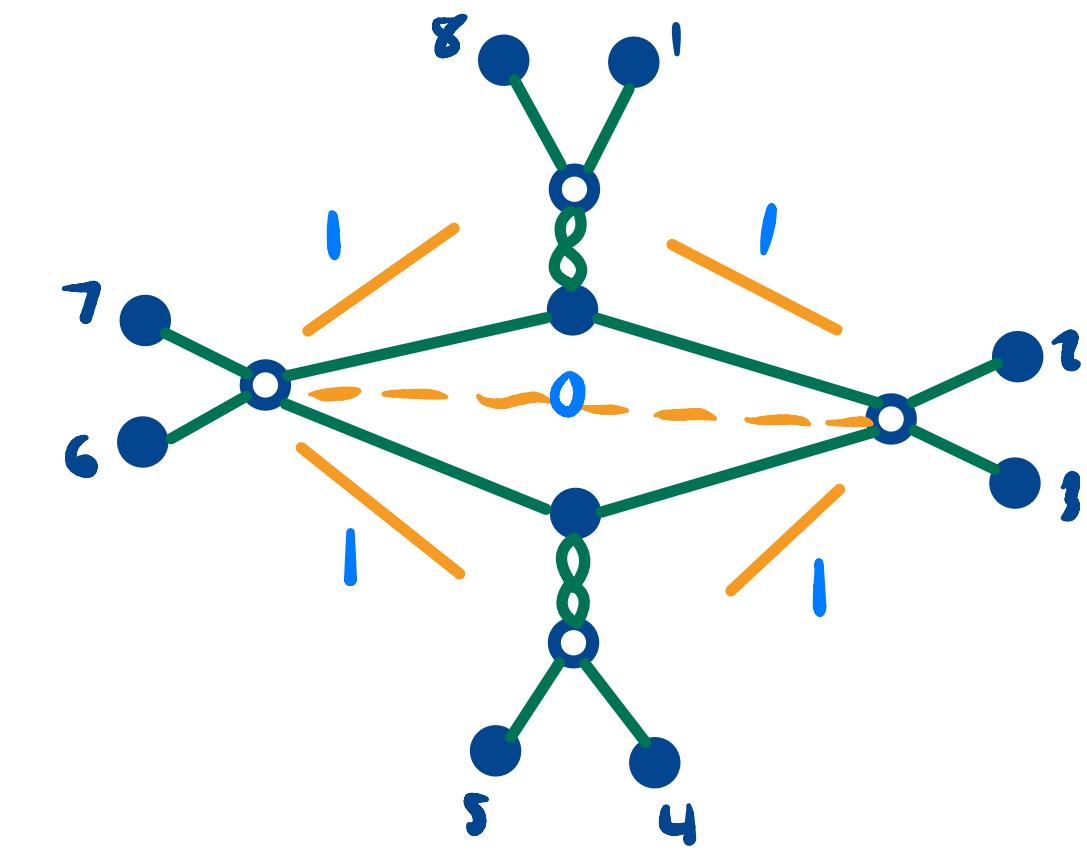
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$\mapsto ()(10)(\quad)$



or



# Pockets

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- Fontaine-Kannitzer-Kuperberg '13 embedded (dual)  $SL(3)$  basis webs inside the affine building.  
Related to geometric Satake correspondence.
- Following a suggestion of Kuperberg, ongoing work of GSS + Haikun Wu '24+ associates  $SL(4)$  basis classes with 3D "pockets".
- Beautiful connections to tilings of the Aztec diamond, crystals, and more.

# Affine Grassmannians

Def The affine Grassmannian of  $SL(r)^\vee$  is

$$AFFG_r = PGL_r(\mathbb{C}((t))) / PGL_r(\mathbb{C}[[t]]).$$

Fact There is a notion of distance  $d$  on  $AFFG_r$  with values that are dominant  $SL(r)$  weights:

$$\lambda = (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_r) \in \mathbb{Z}^r / \langle 1, \dots, 1 \rangle$$

# Affine Grassmannians

- Why? The double cosets

$$GL_r(\mathbb{C}[[t]]) \backslash GL_r(\mathbb{C}((t))) / GL_r(\mathbb{C}[[t]])$$

have canonical representatives

$$+^{\lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} +^{\lambda_1} & & & \\ & +^{\lambda_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & +^{\lambda_r} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Similarly for  $PGL_r$ .

- Use  $d(p, q) = \lambda \Leftrightarrow p^{-1}q \in H +^{\lambda} H$ .

e.g.  $d(p, p) = 0$

$$d(p, q) = d(gp, gq)$$

$$d(q, p) = -\text{rev}(d(p, q))$$

# Affine Buildings

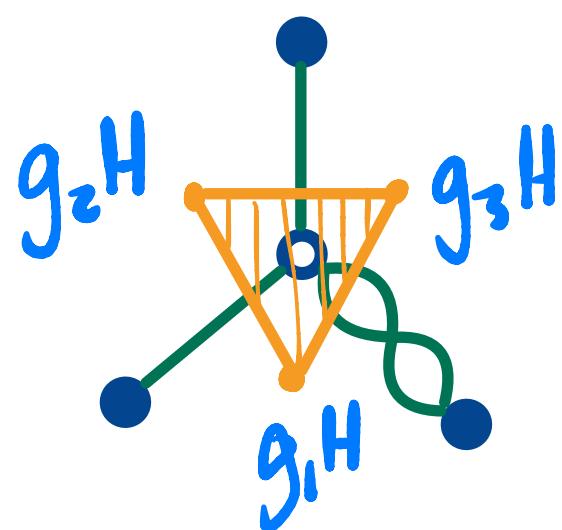
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- The fundamental weights of  $SL(r)$  are  $\omega_i = (1^i, 0^{r-i})$   
 $\omega_i^* = (0^{r-i}, -1^i) \equiv \omega_{r-i}$ .
- Corresponds to  $\Lambda^i V$  and  $\Lambda^i V^*$ .
- Essentially generates  $SL(r)$ -representation theory  
(e.g. Kostant envelope...)

# Affine Buildings

Def The affine building on  $\text{AffGr}_r$  is the simplicial complex  $\Delta_r$  whose vertices are the points of  $\text{AffGr}_r$  and whose simplices are collections of points all of whose distances are fundamental weights.

Ex

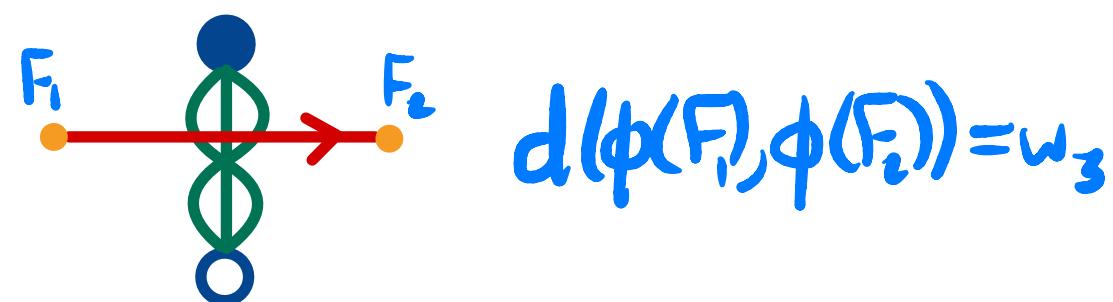


If  $d(g_1, g_2) = w_1$ ,  
 $d(g_2, g_3) = w_1$ ,    then  $\{g_1H, g_2H, g_3H\} \in \Delta_4$   
 $d(g_3, g_1) = w_2$

# Affine Buildings

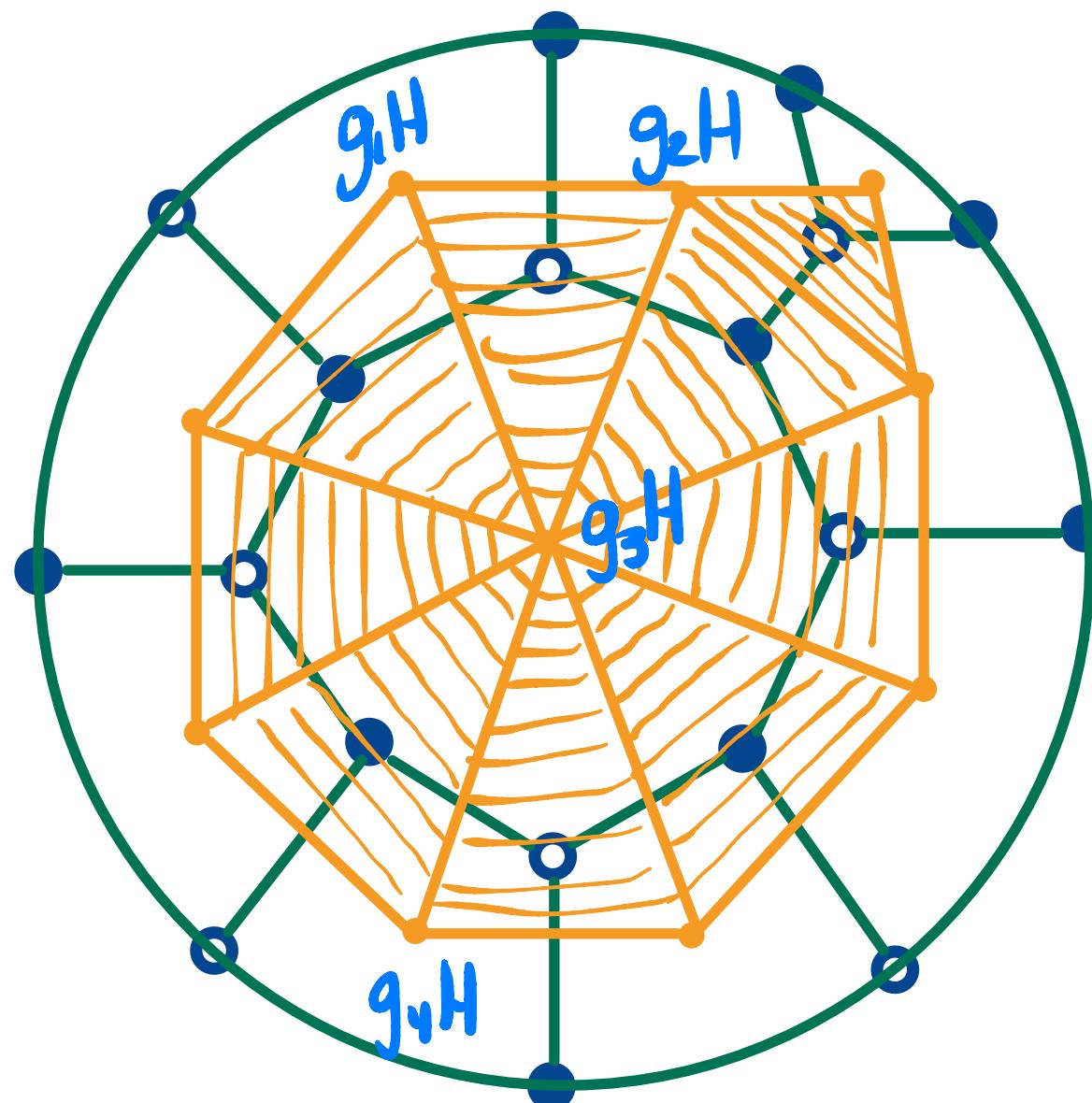
Thm (Fontaine-Kannitzer-Kuperberg '13)

The duals of non-elliptic  $SL(3)$  basis webs can be embedded in  $\Delta_3$ . For faces  $F_1, F_2$ , the distance between the corresponding vertices in  $\Delta$  is the geodesic distance in  $\Delta$  (or the embedding).

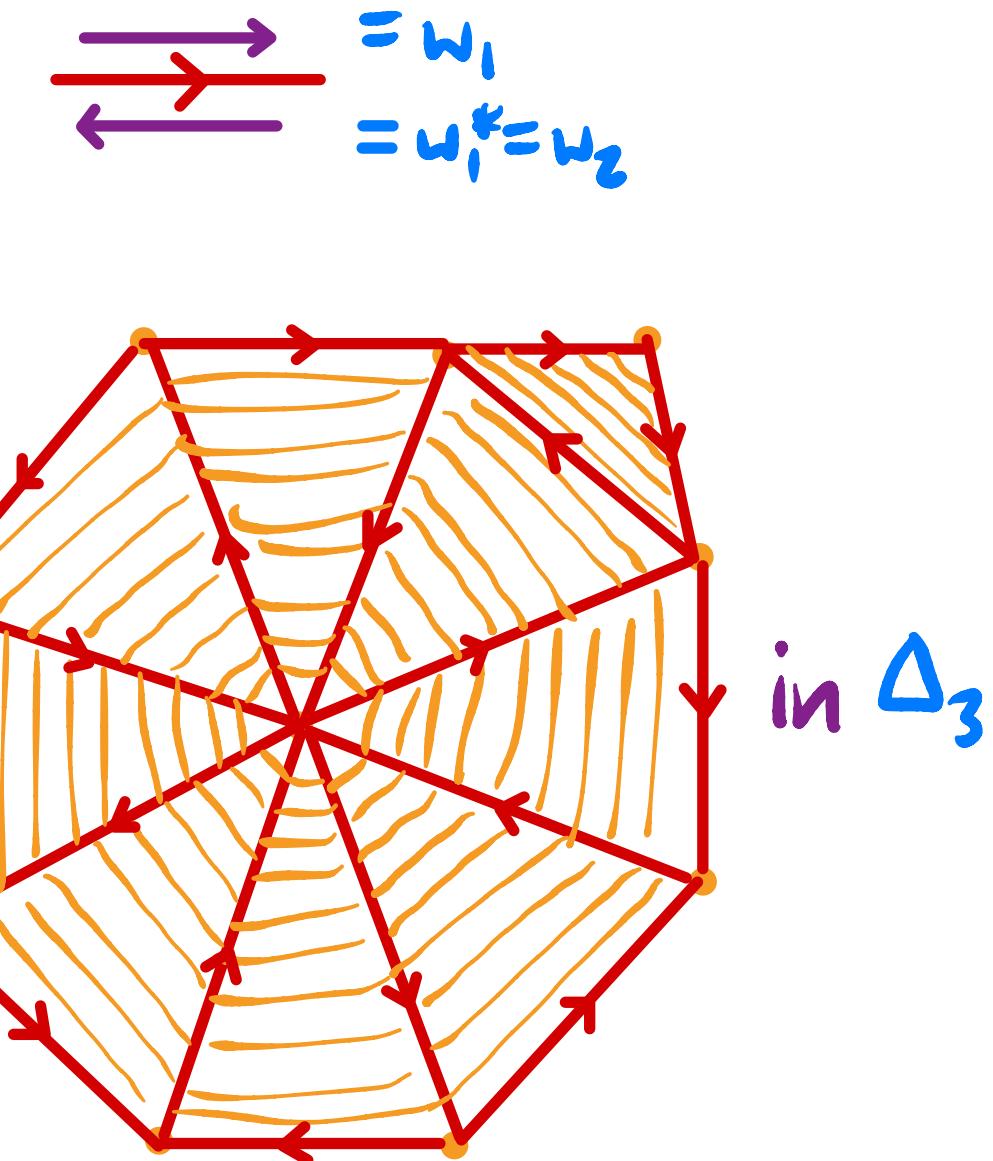


# Affine Buildings

Ex There exist  $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4, \dots$  s.t.

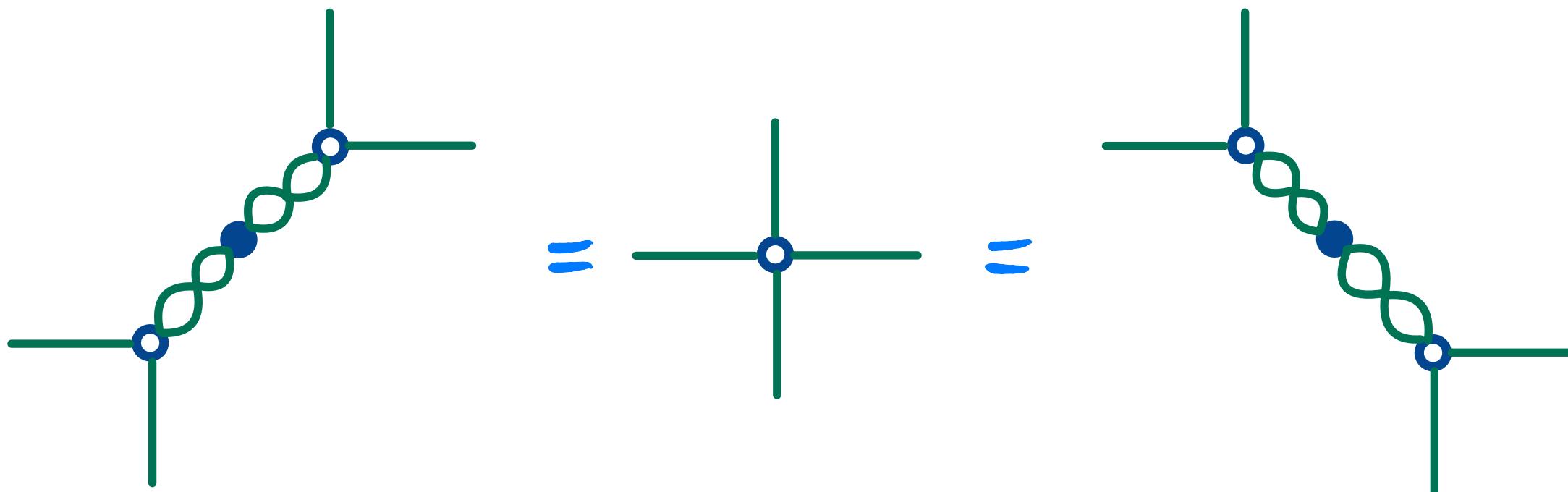


$$\begin{aligned}
 d(g_1, g_2) &= w_1 \\
 d(g_2, g_3) &= w_1 \\
 &\vdots \\
 d(g_4, g_1) &= 2w_1
 \end{aligned}$$



# Pockets

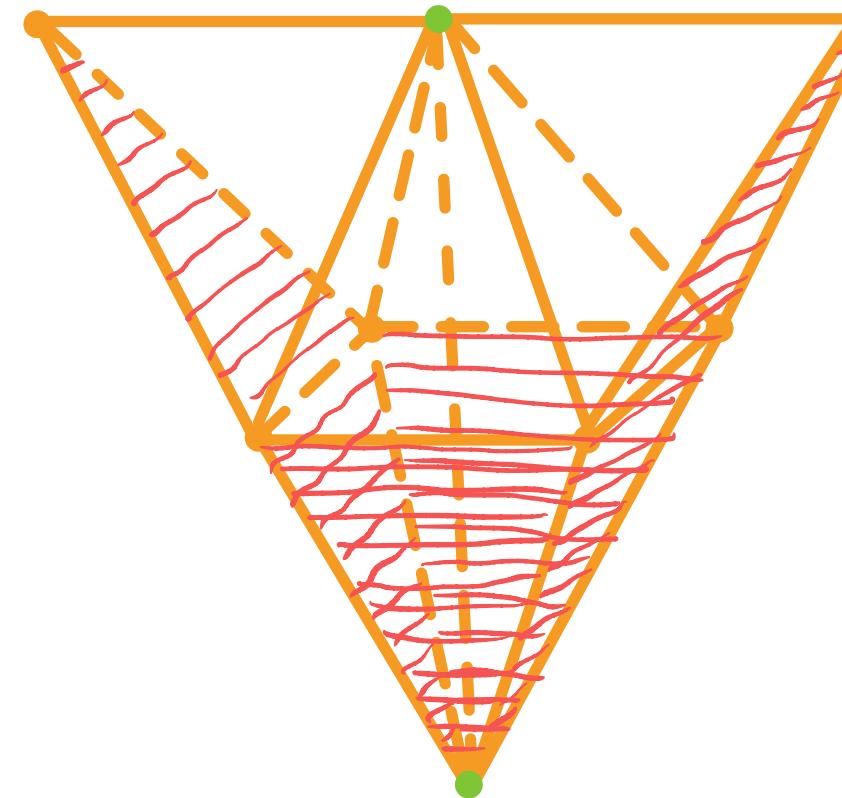
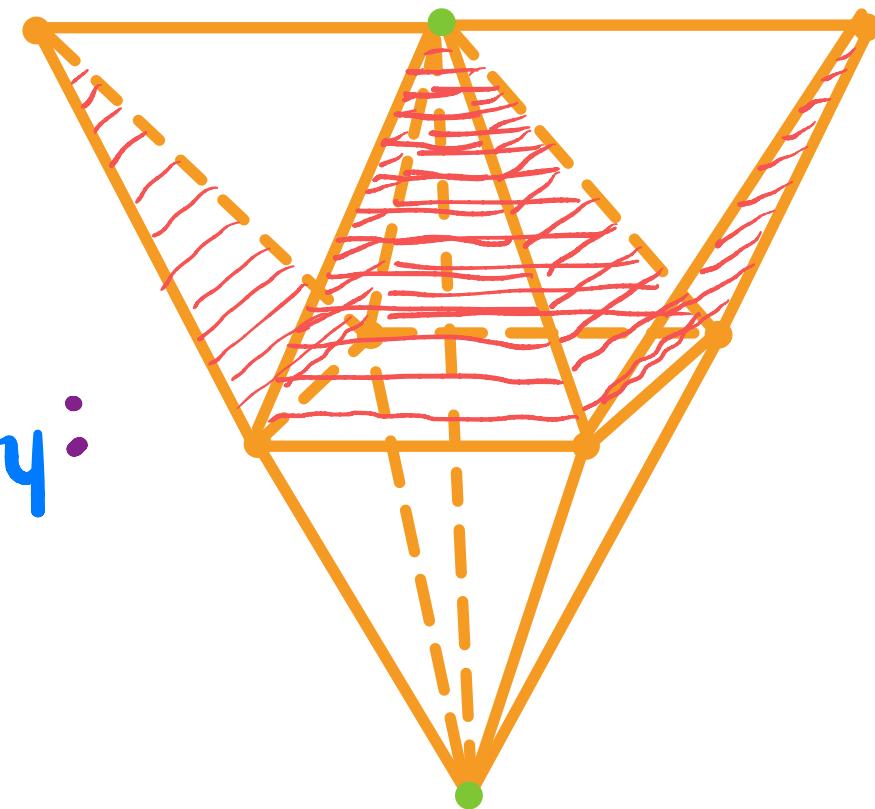
- We (GSS+Wu) show there is a 3D analogue for the  $\text{SL}(4)$  web equivalence classes: pockets in  $\Delta_4$ .
- Requires expanding sources/sinks via  $I=H$  moves:



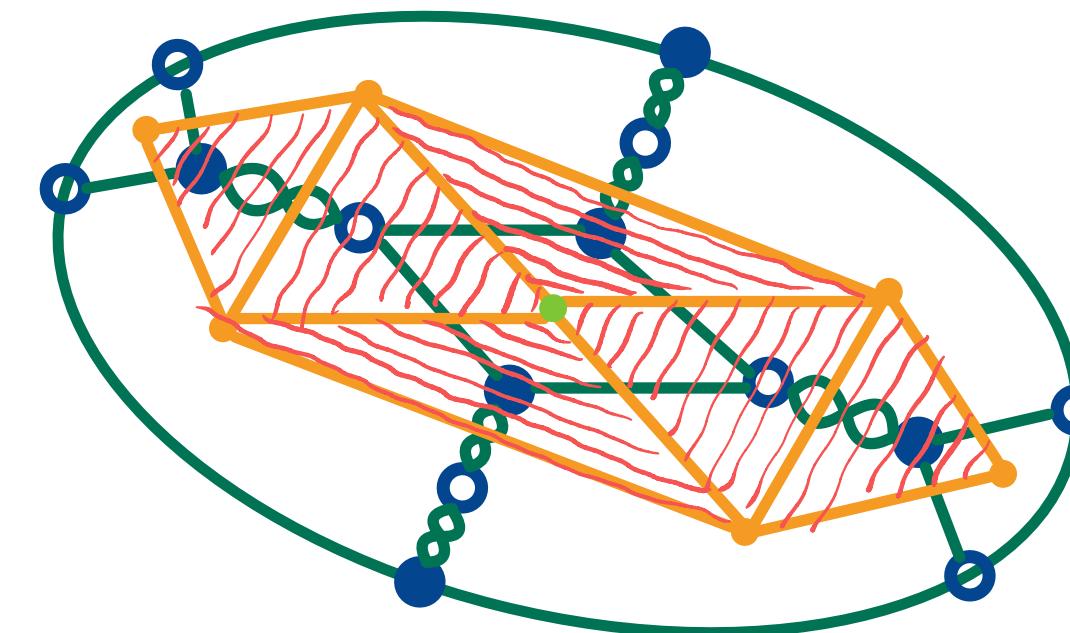
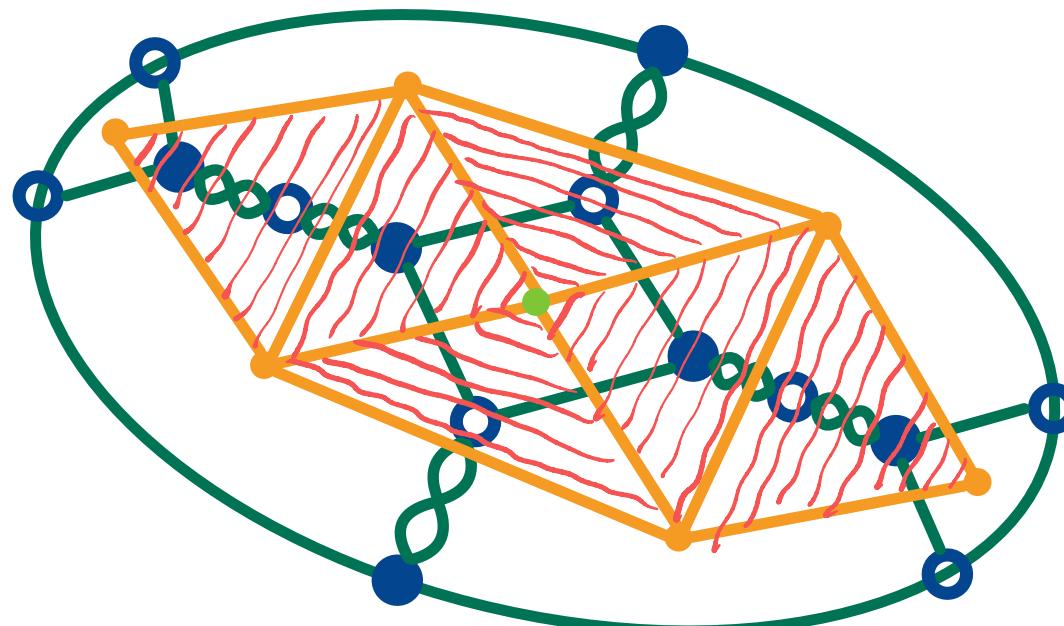
# Pockets

Ex

In  $\Delta_4$ :



Pocket of  
square+benzene+IH  
class of  
 $\bar{4}\bar{3}1,2\bar{3}\bar{3}\bar{2}\bar{4}\bar{3}3,4\bar{3}\bar{1}$

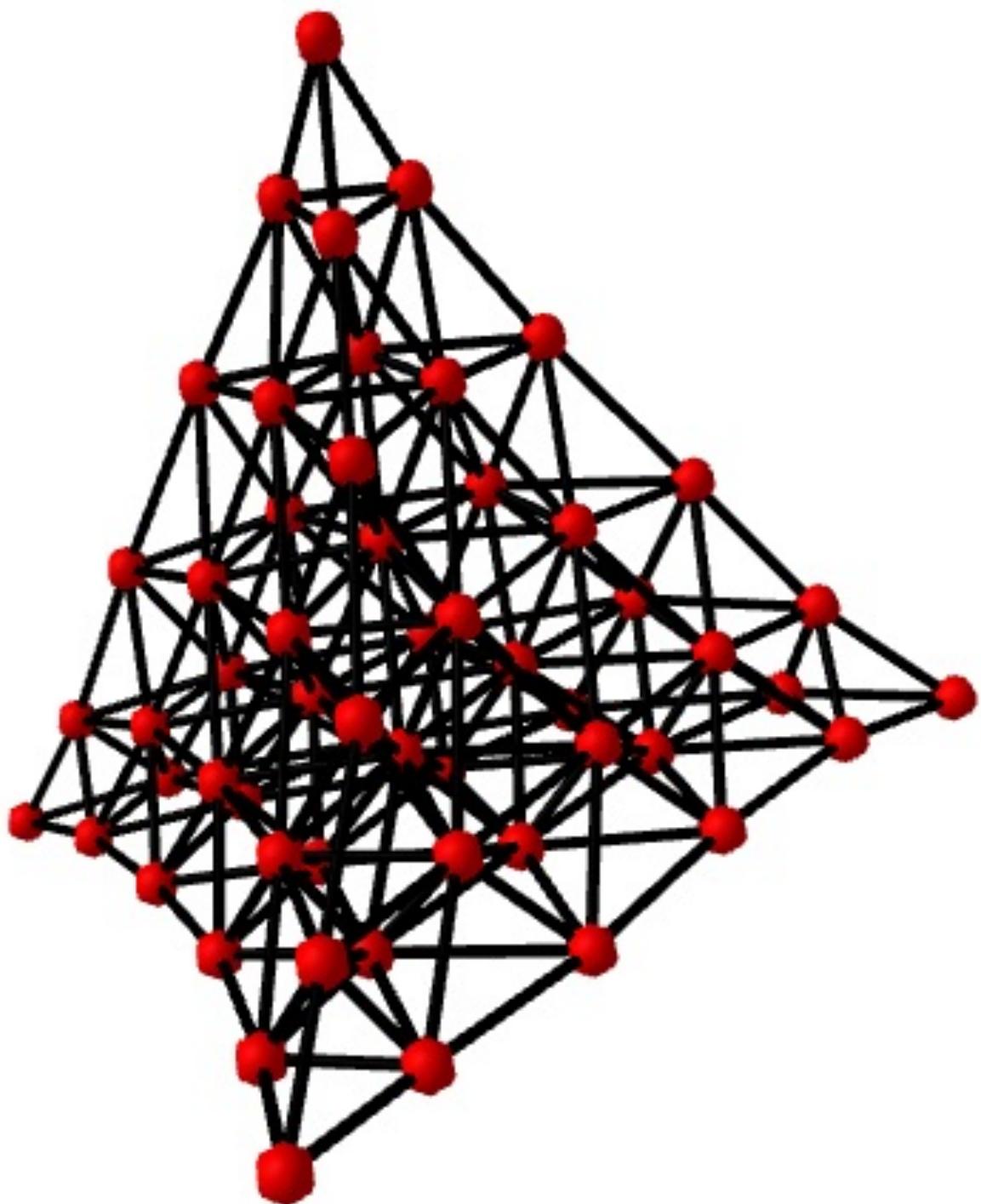


+6 more

# Pockets

Ex Product of  $5 \times 5$  ASM:

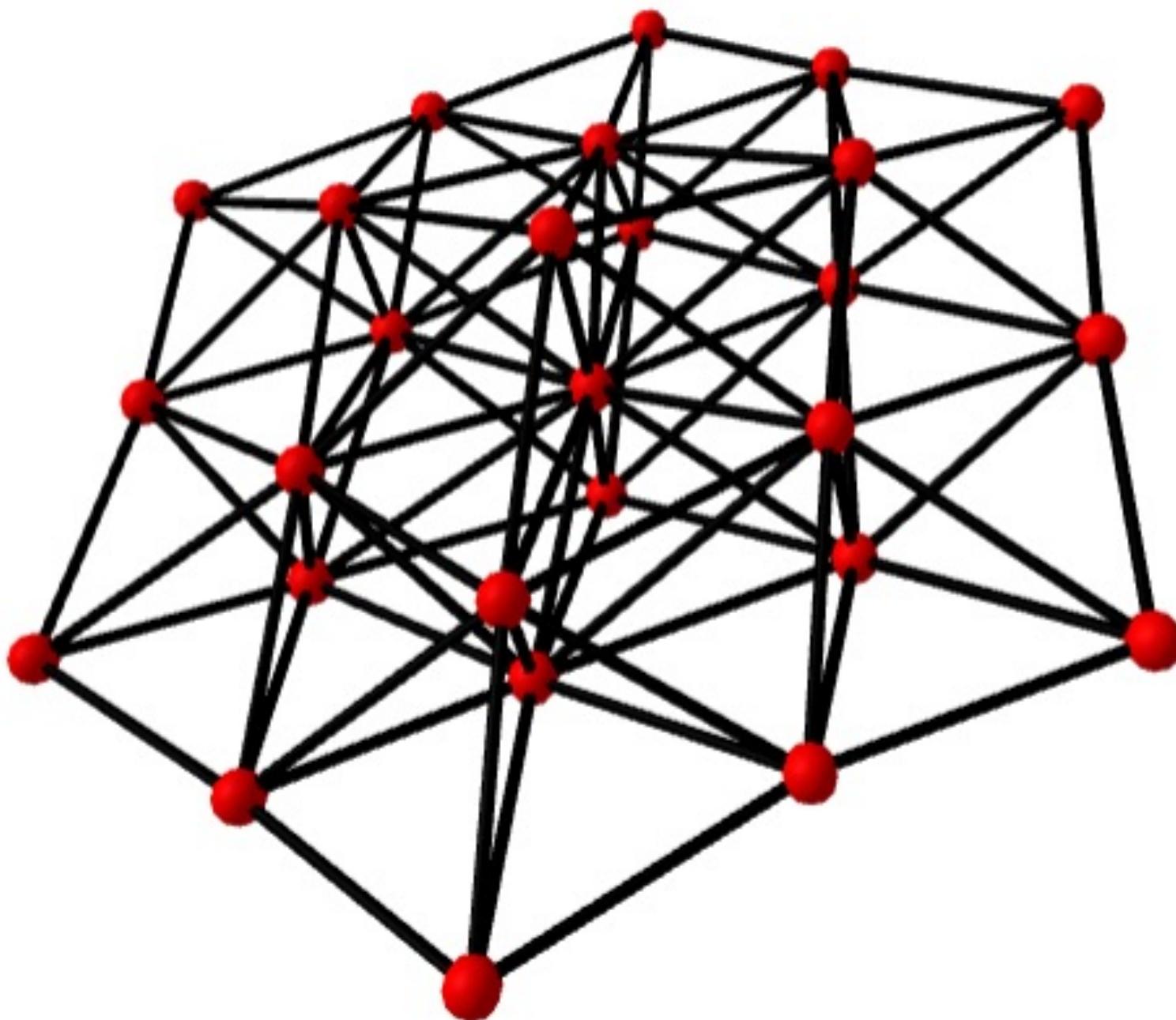
$$L = 1^s 2^s 3^s 4^s$$



Note Related to height functions, octahedral recurrence, tilings of the Aztec diamond, distributive lattices

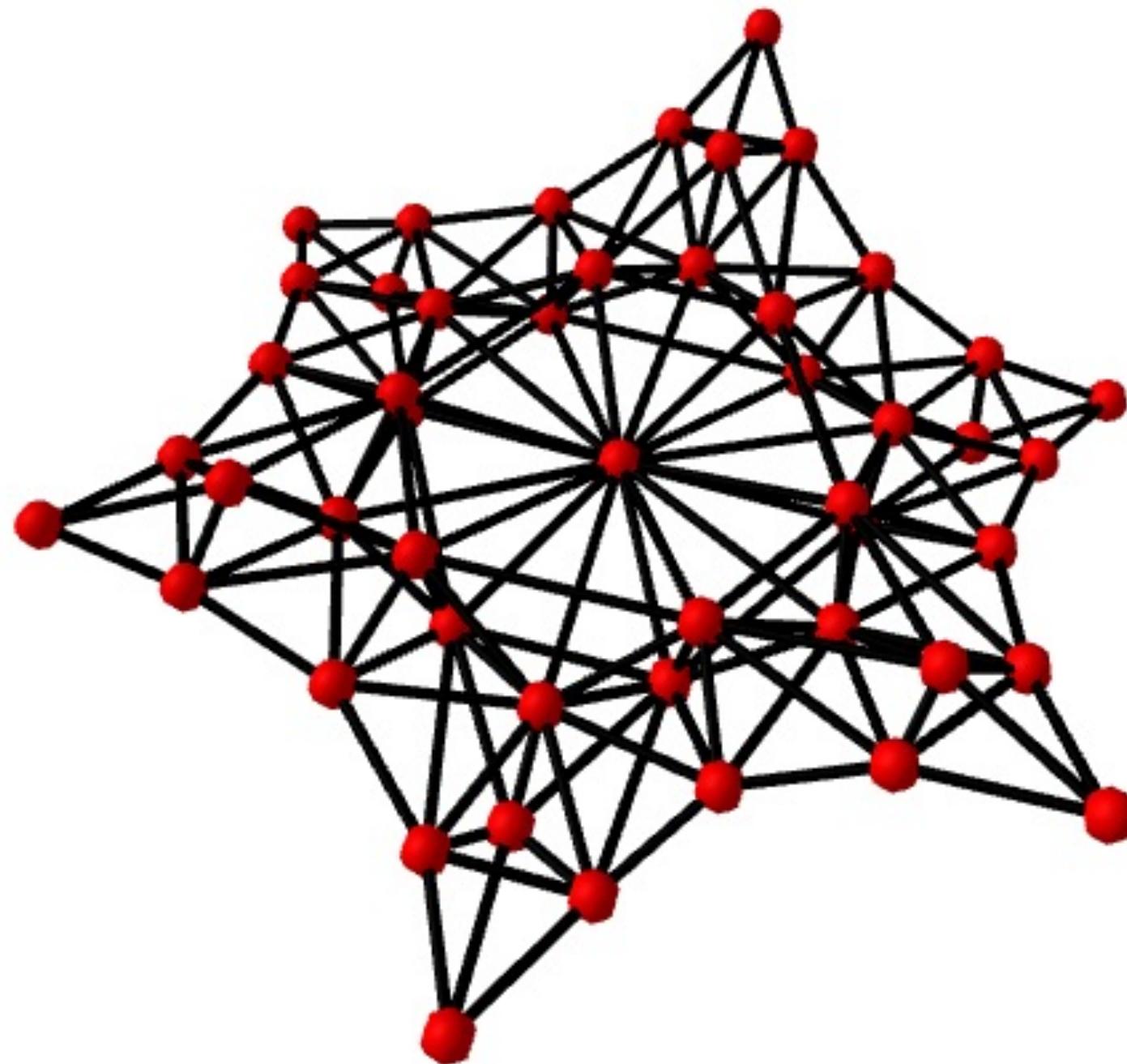
# Pockets

Ex | Product of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  PP:



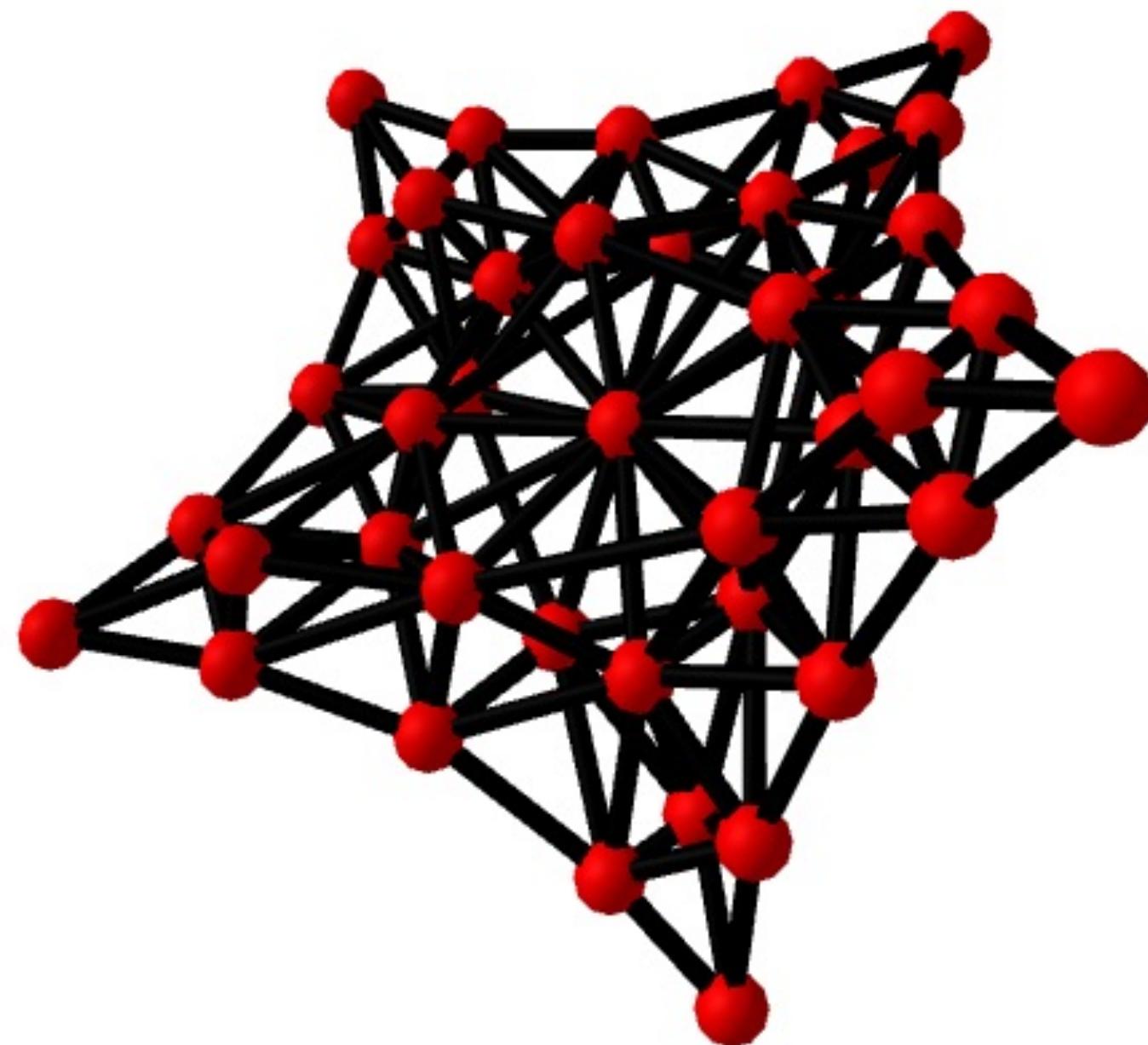
# Pockets

Ex] Pocket of a "chained hexagon":



# Pockets

Ex] Product of a "chained pentagon":



Note] Not realizable  
in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

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