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A classification of special  
matchings in lower Bruhat intervals

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or **Coxeter generators** of  $S_n$

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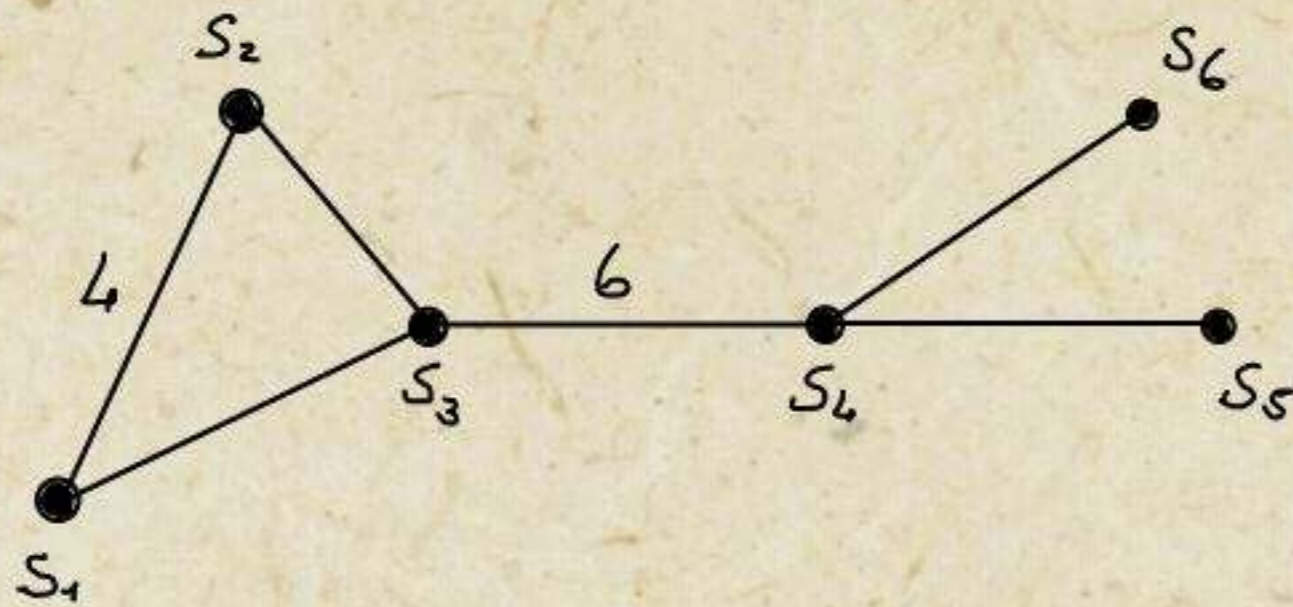
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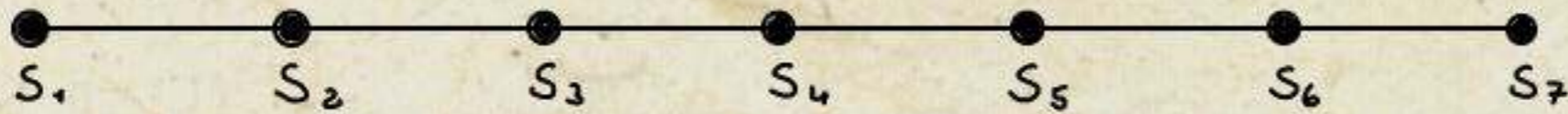
- $s^2 = 1$

- $(st)^{m_{s,t}} = 1$       some  $s, t \in S$        $m_{s,t} > 2$

# Coxeter graph



# Coxeter graph of $S_8$



is its Dynkin diagram

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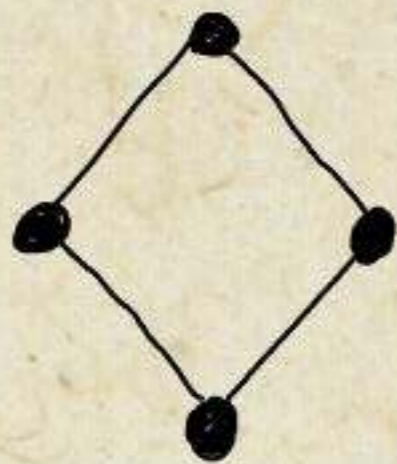
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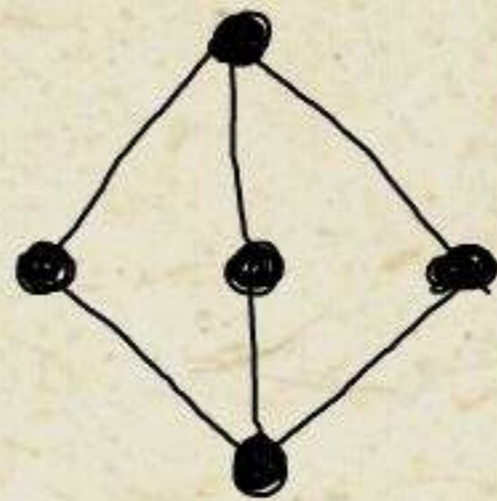
- $W$  is graded by  $\ell$
- $w$  &  $ws$  differ in length by 1  
and are always comparable.



Bruhat intervals are Eulerian  
and in particular Bruhat intervals  
of rank 2 are necessarily



(we never have



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A geometric interpretation of R-polys  
Schubert varieties over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$$R_{u,v}(q) = |\overline{\Sigma}_u \cap \overline{\Sigma}_v|$$

Number of points in the  
Richardson variety

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Many applications

IC of Schubert varieties

Decomposition of Verma modules

Sonnet bimodules

Representations of Hecke algebras

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A combinatorial interpretation  
of KL-polynomials

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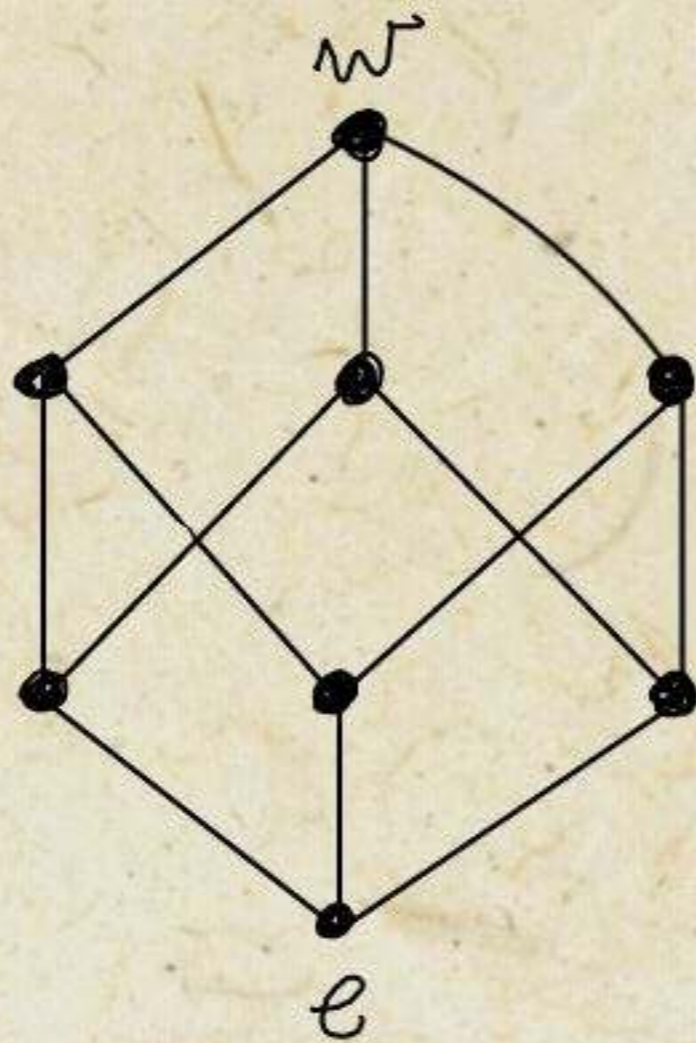
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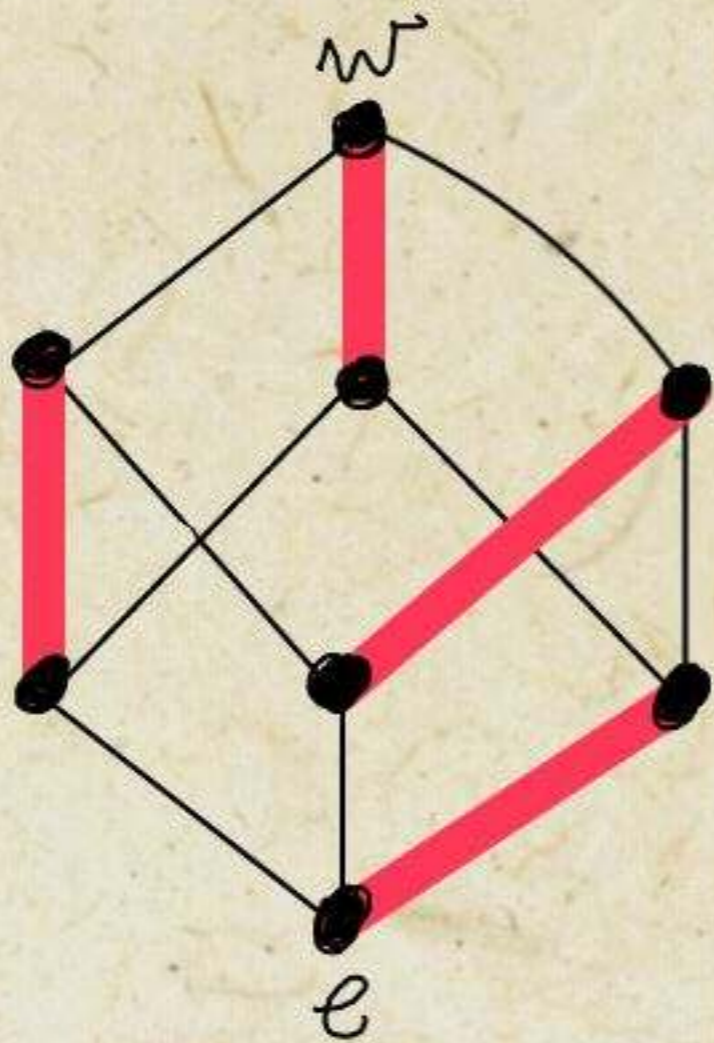
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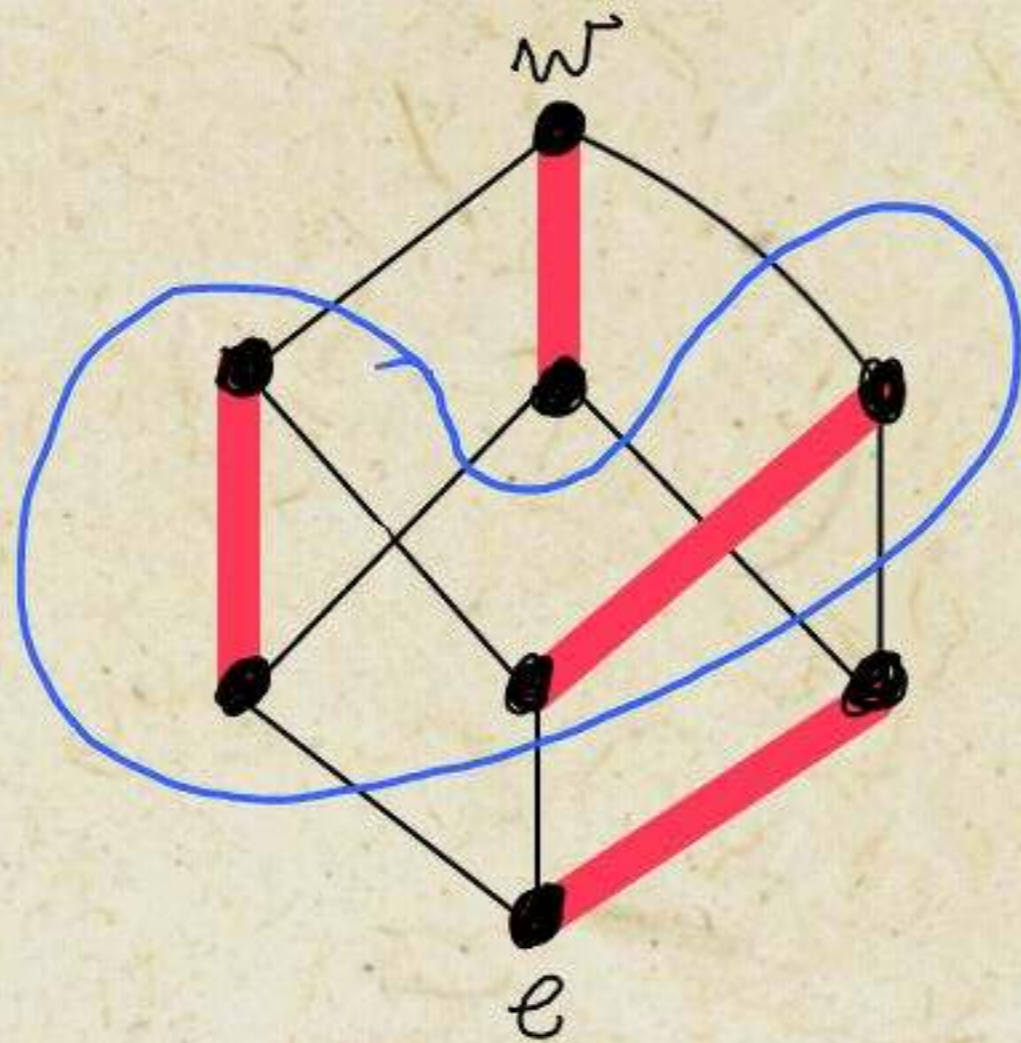
$M$  is a map  
 $M: [e, w] \rightarrow [e, w]:$


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$\forall u$

&  $M^2 = id$

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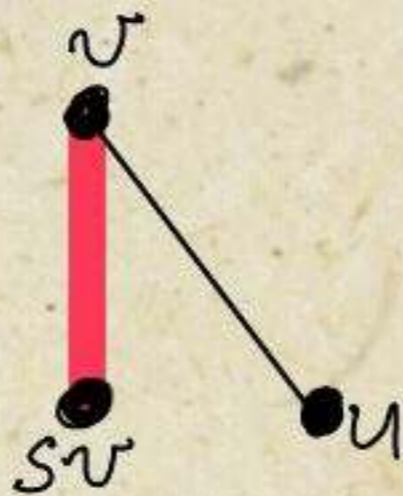


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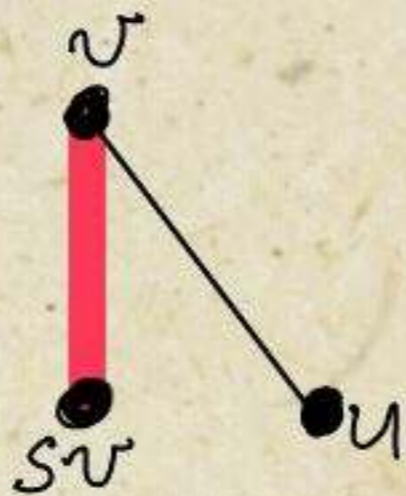
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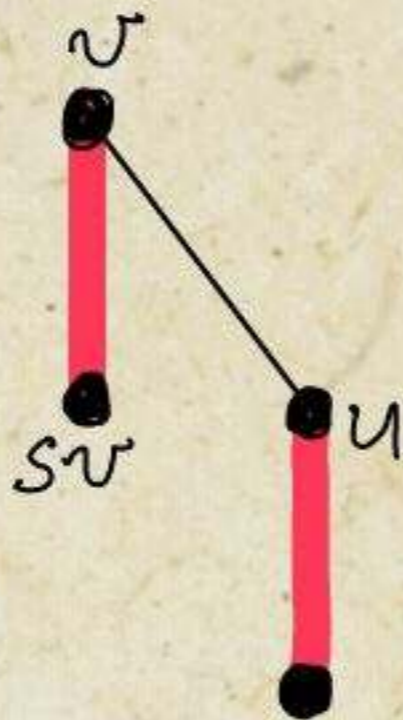
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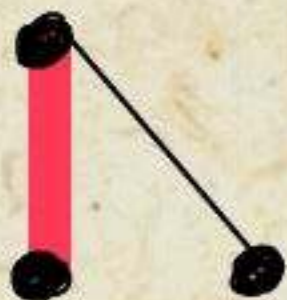
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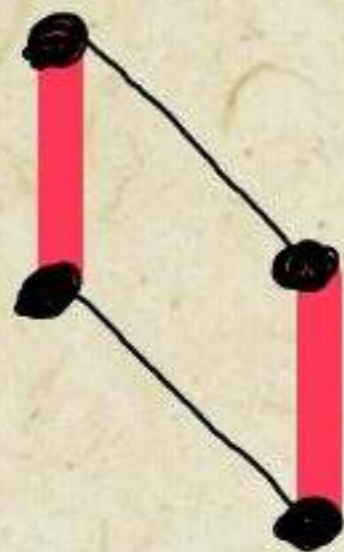
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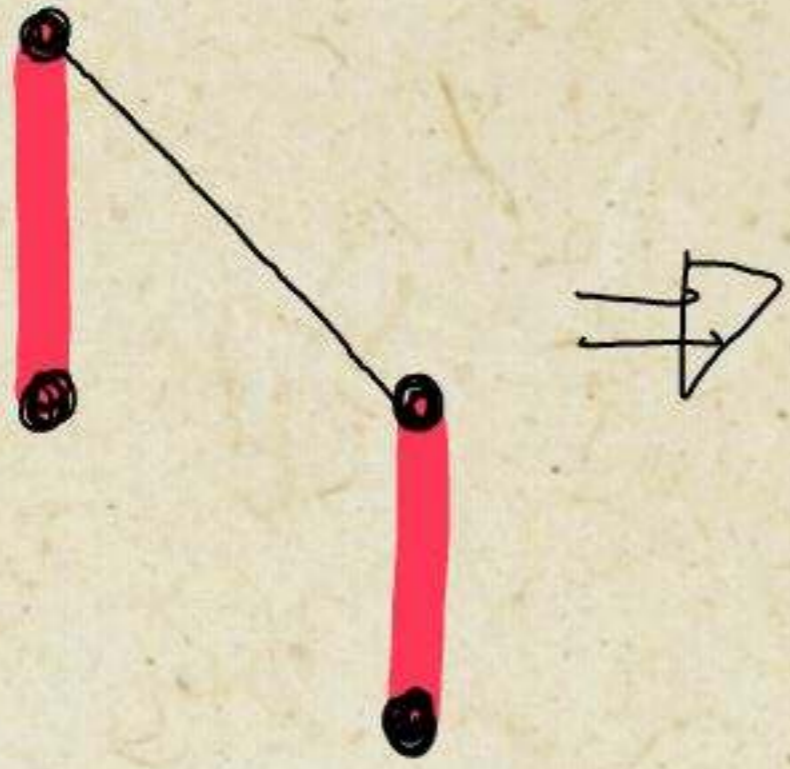
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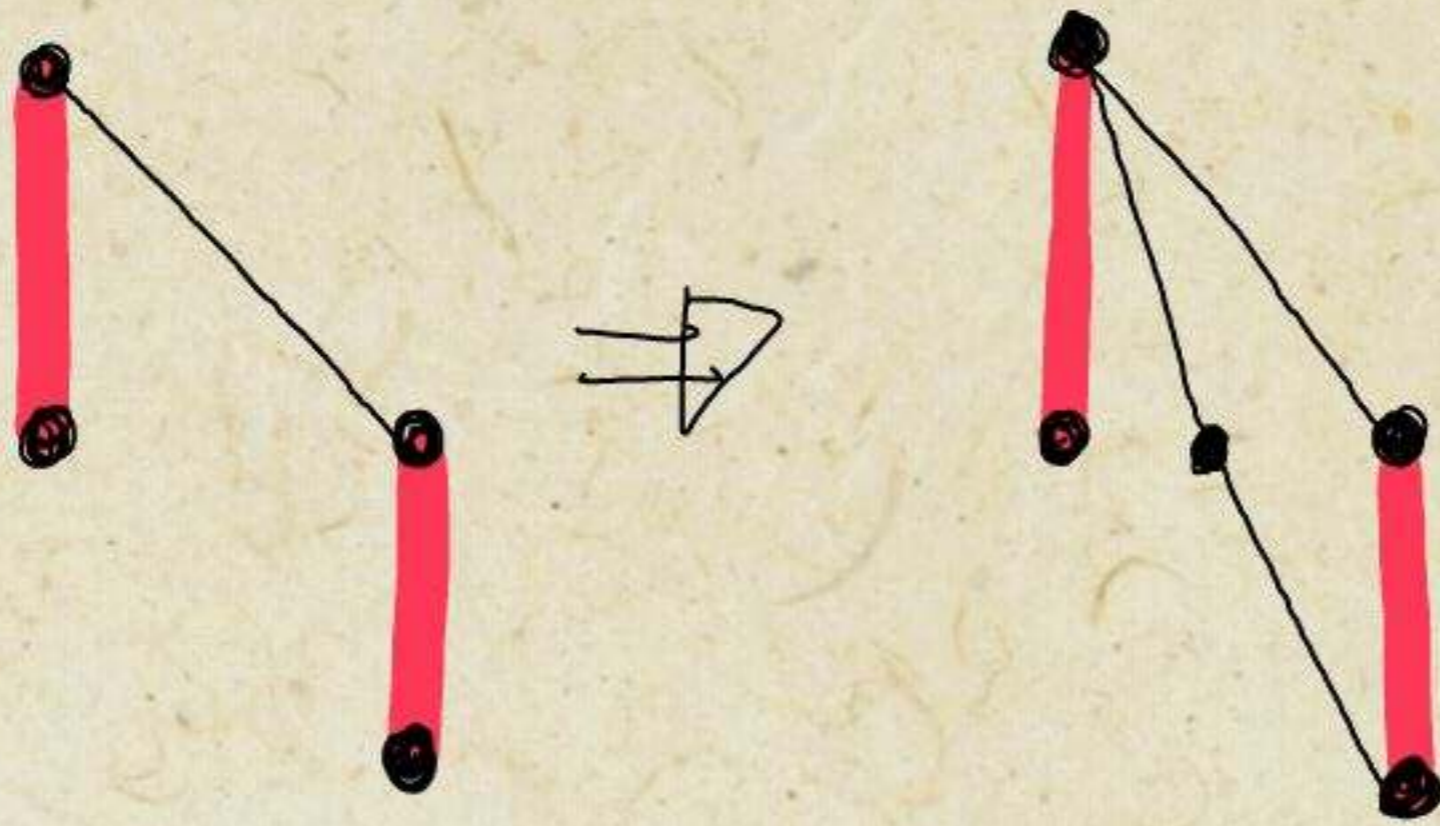
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and in any case we have a **N**

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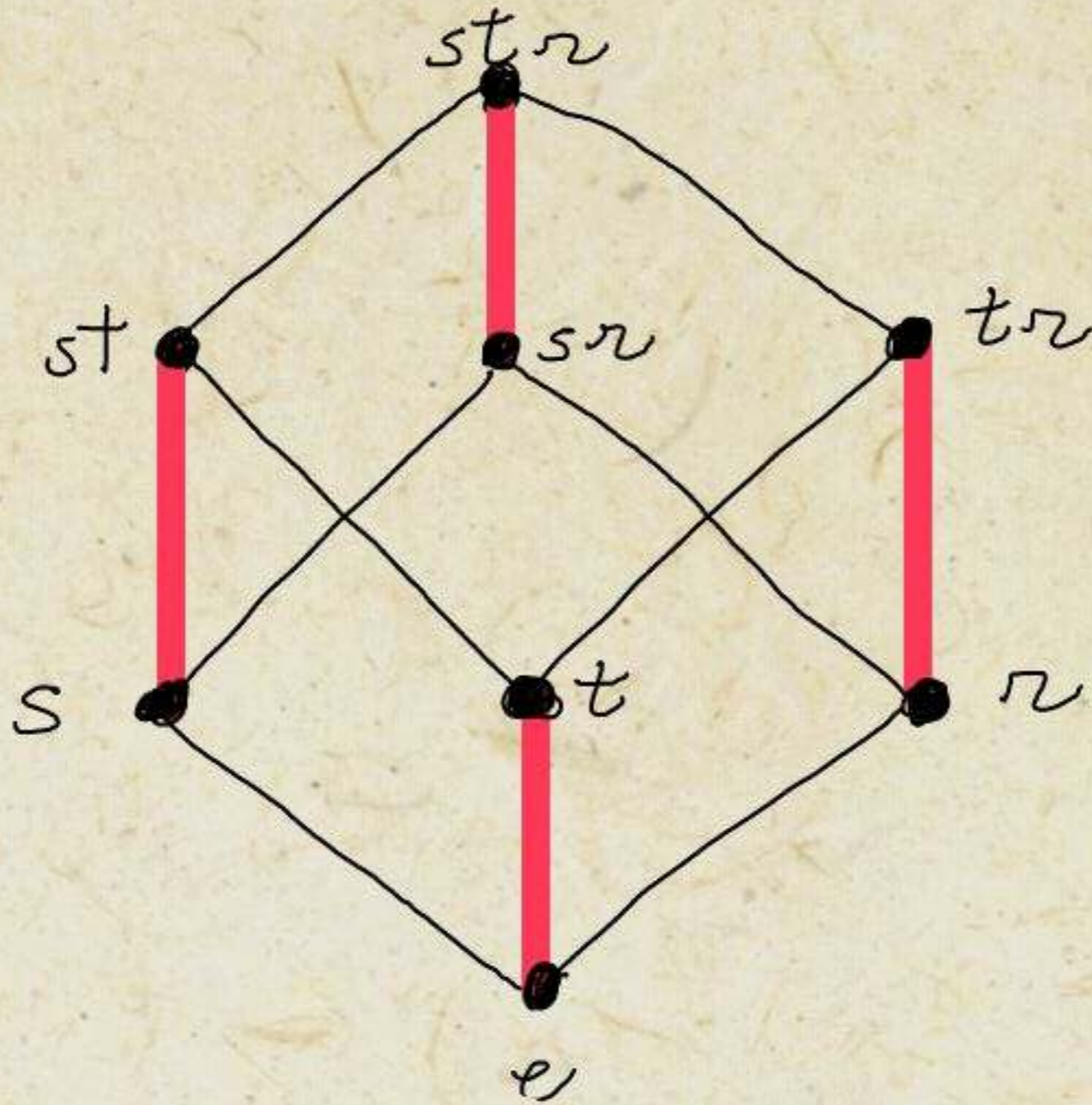
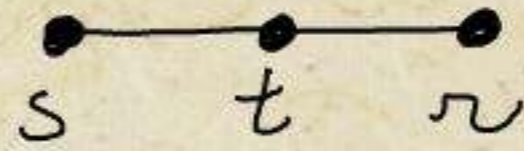
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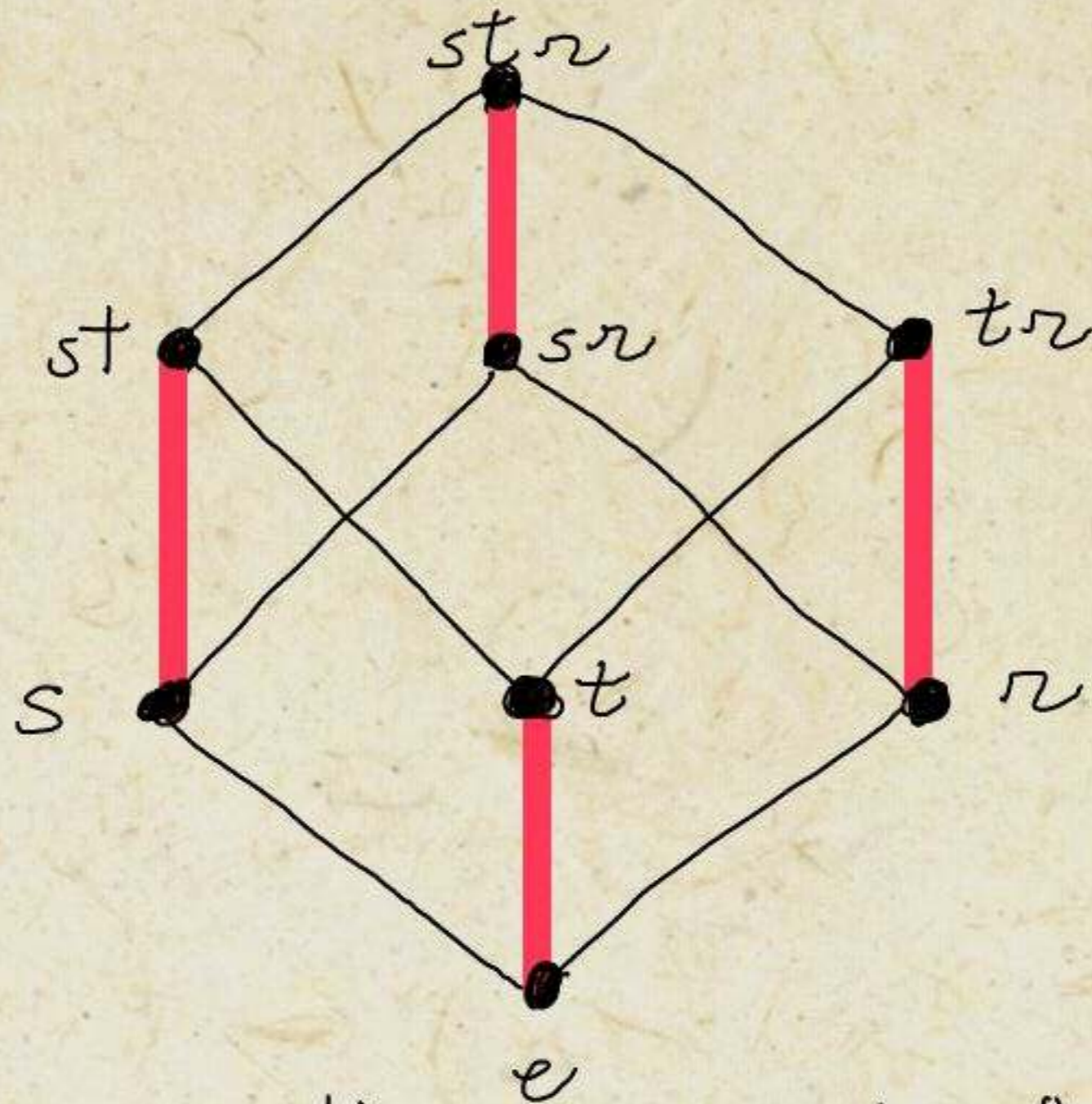
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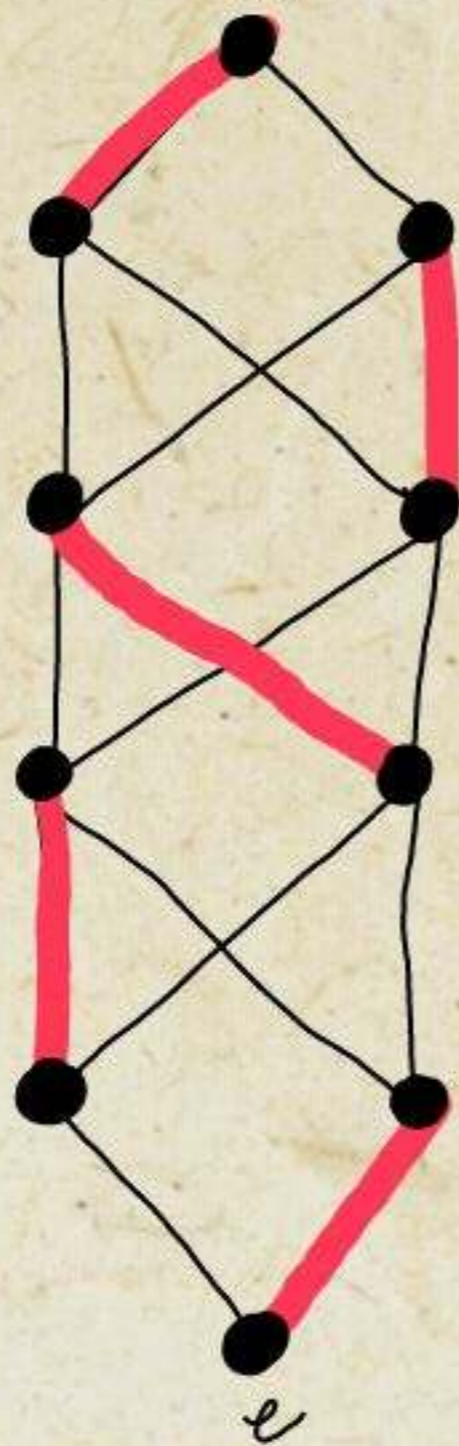
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Multiplication  $e$  by  $t$  "in the middle"

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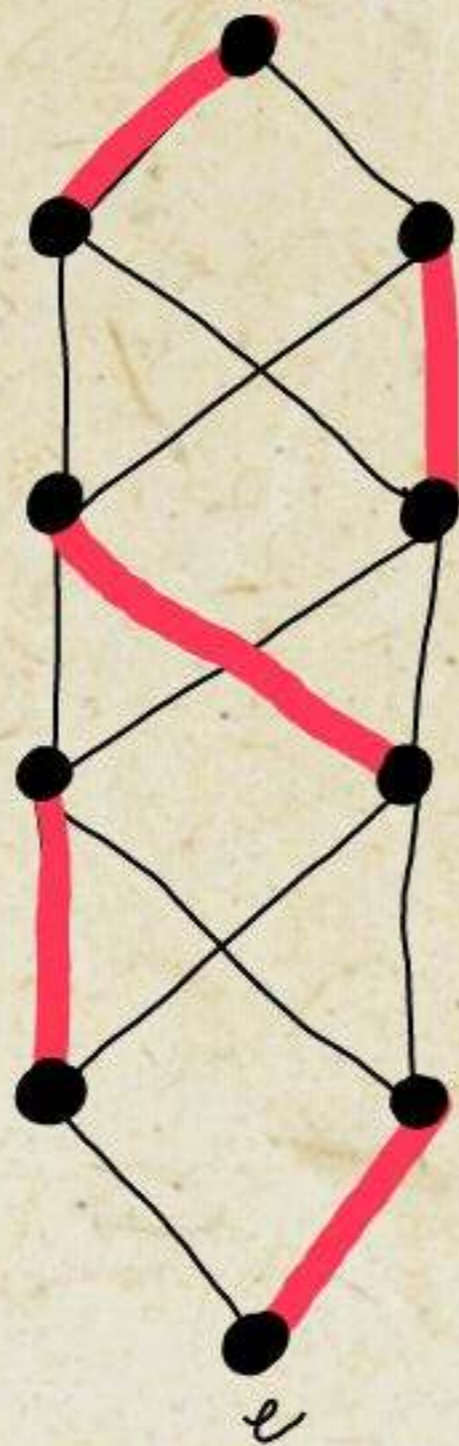


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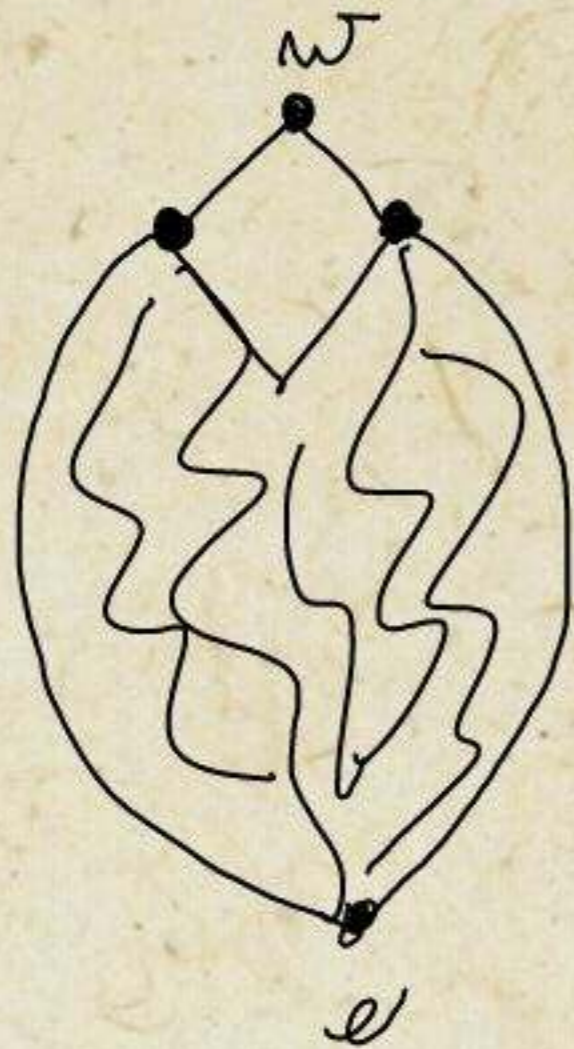
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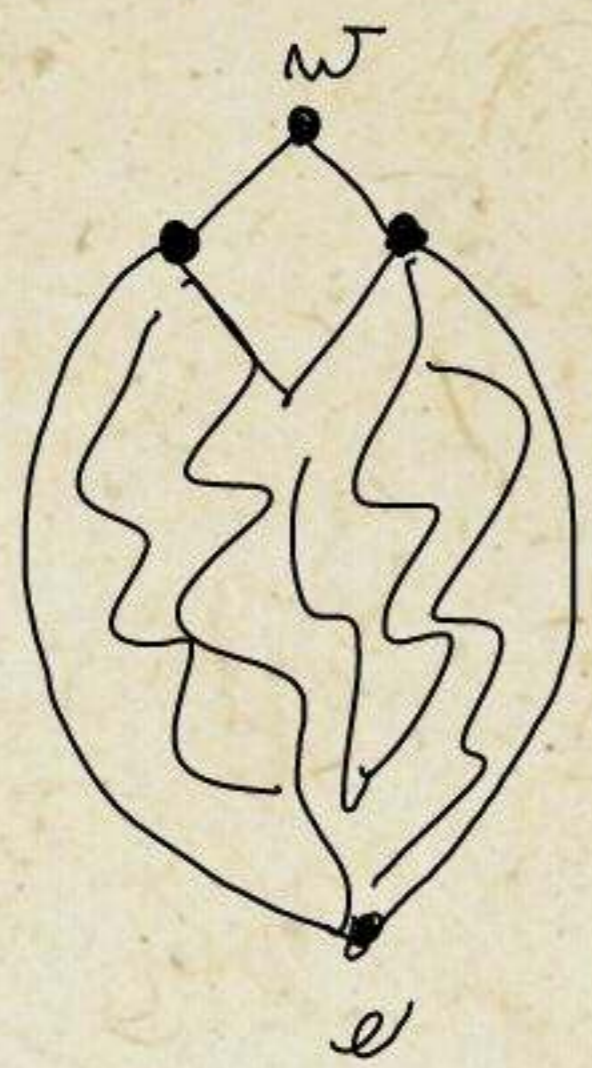
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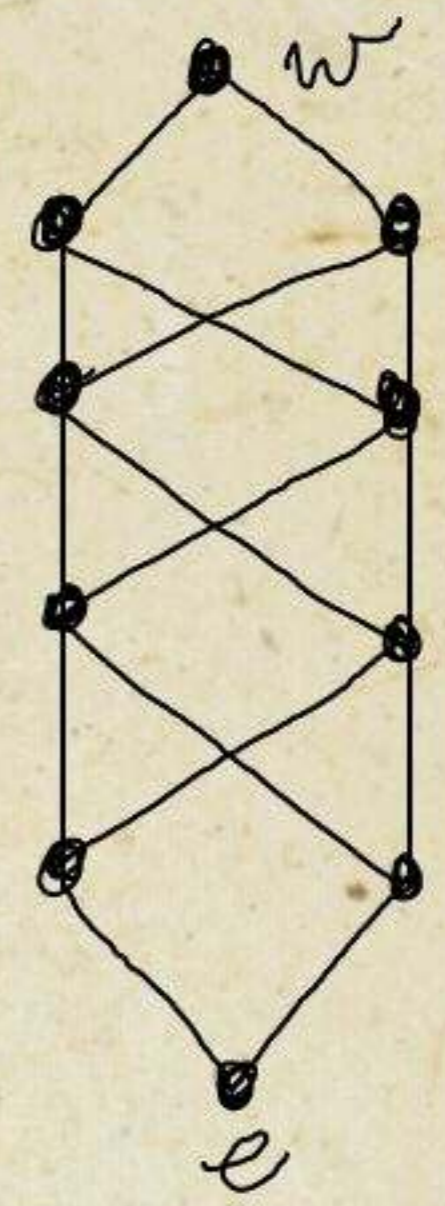
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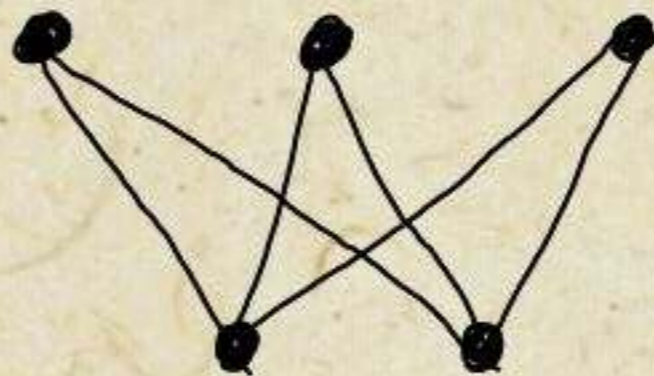
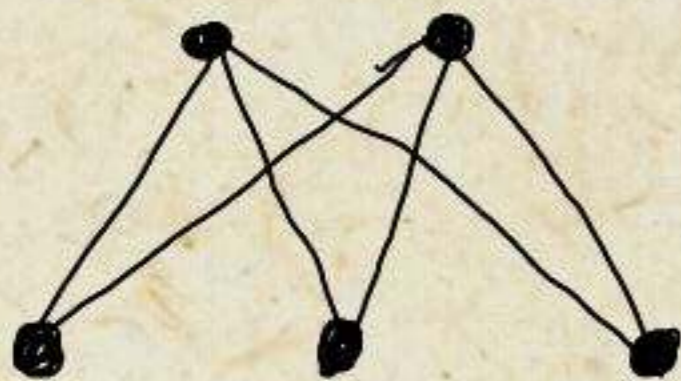


(classical)

$K_{3,2}$  - avoidance

A Bruhst interval never shows

$K_{3,2}$



(new)

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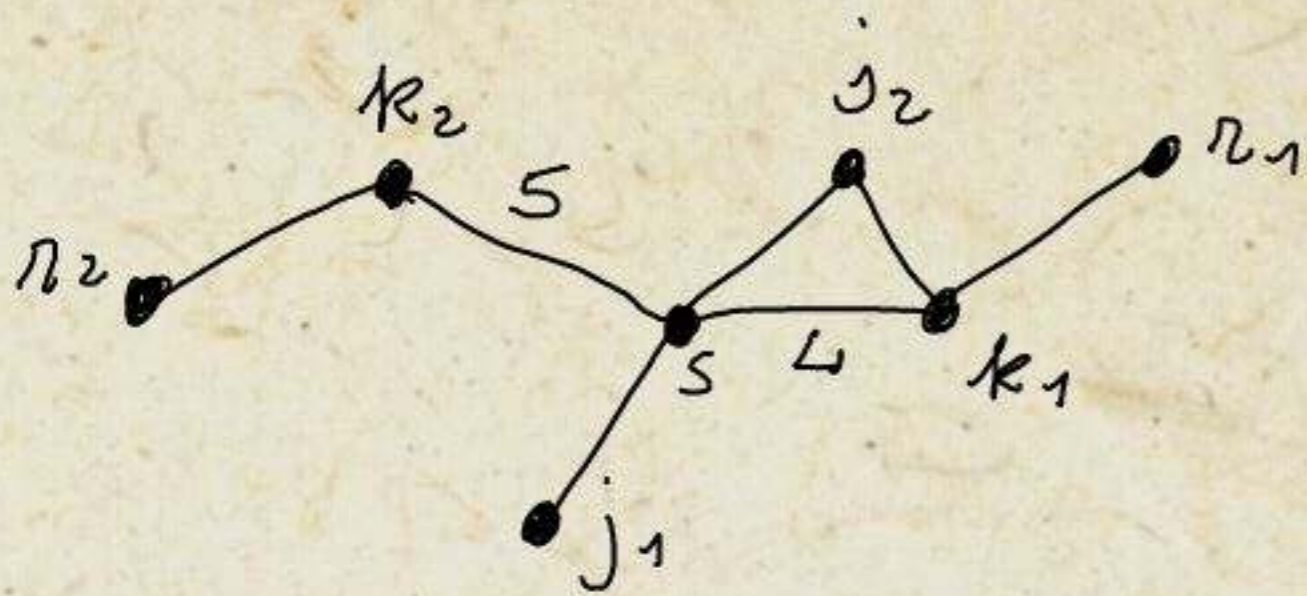
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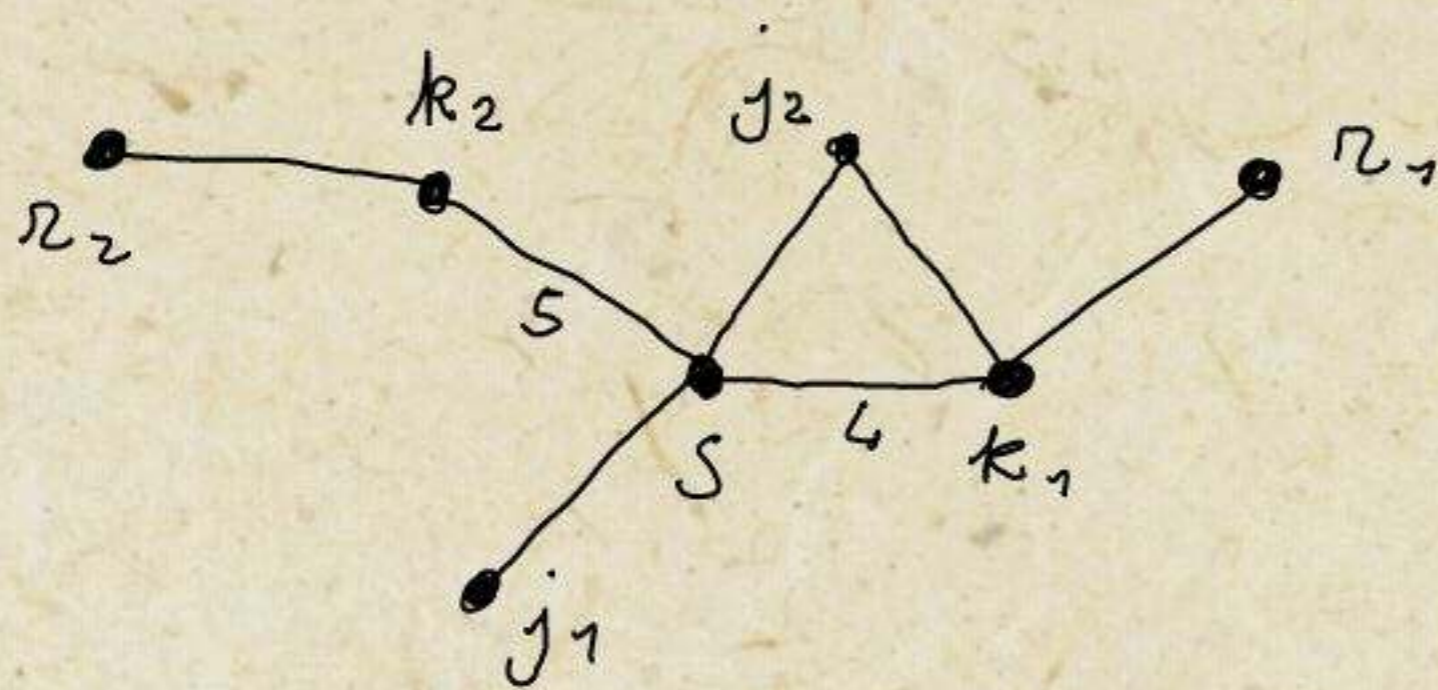
①  $w^k \in W_J$

②  $M$  is multiplication matching only if  $|H| = 1$

③ for  $\alpha \in H$       $\alpha \leq (w^k)^H$  then  $M \lambda_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha M$

$\alpha \leq {}^H(\sigma w)$  then  $M \varphi_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha M$

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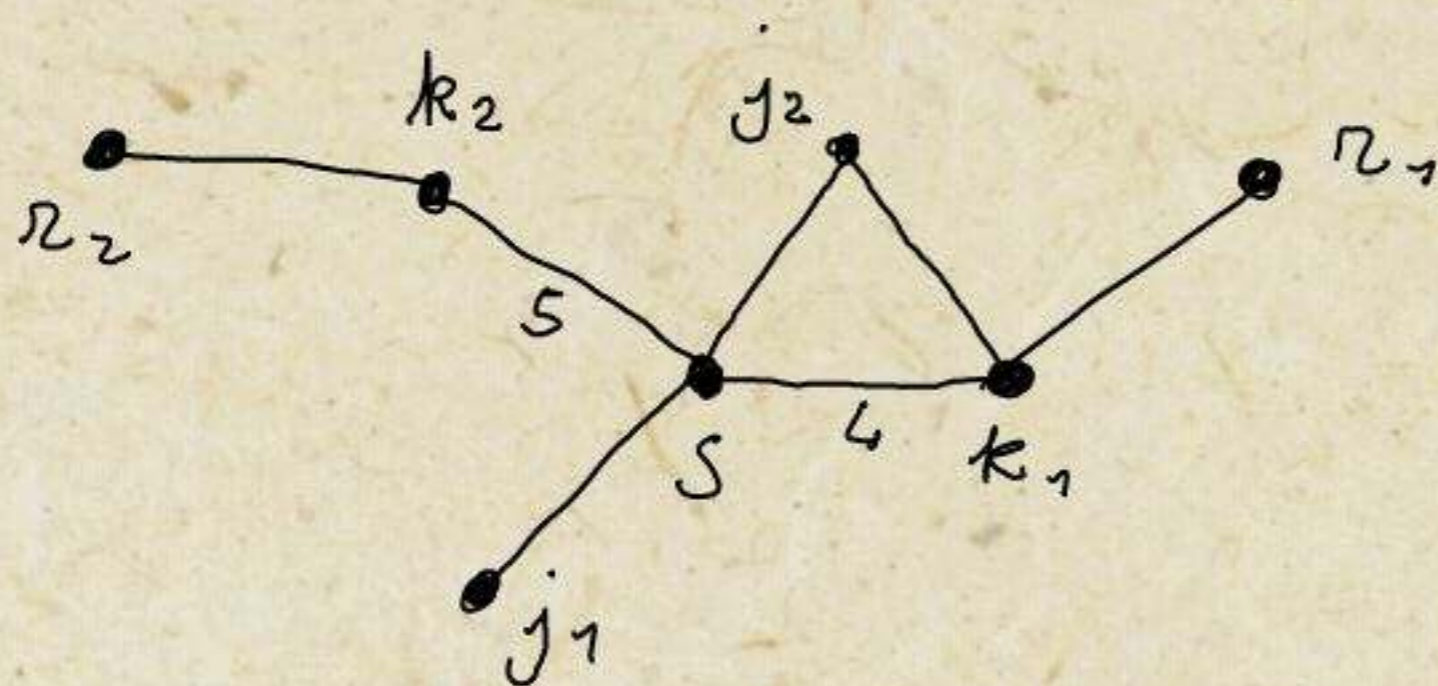
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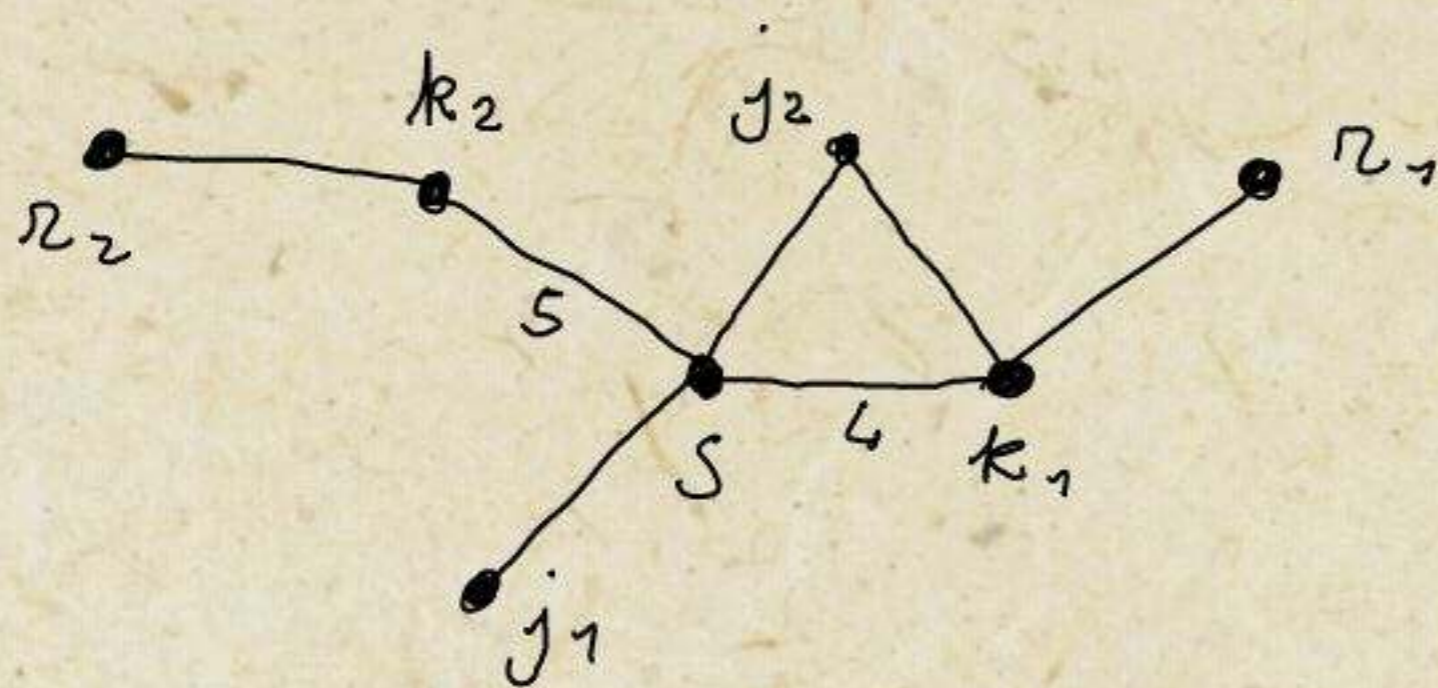
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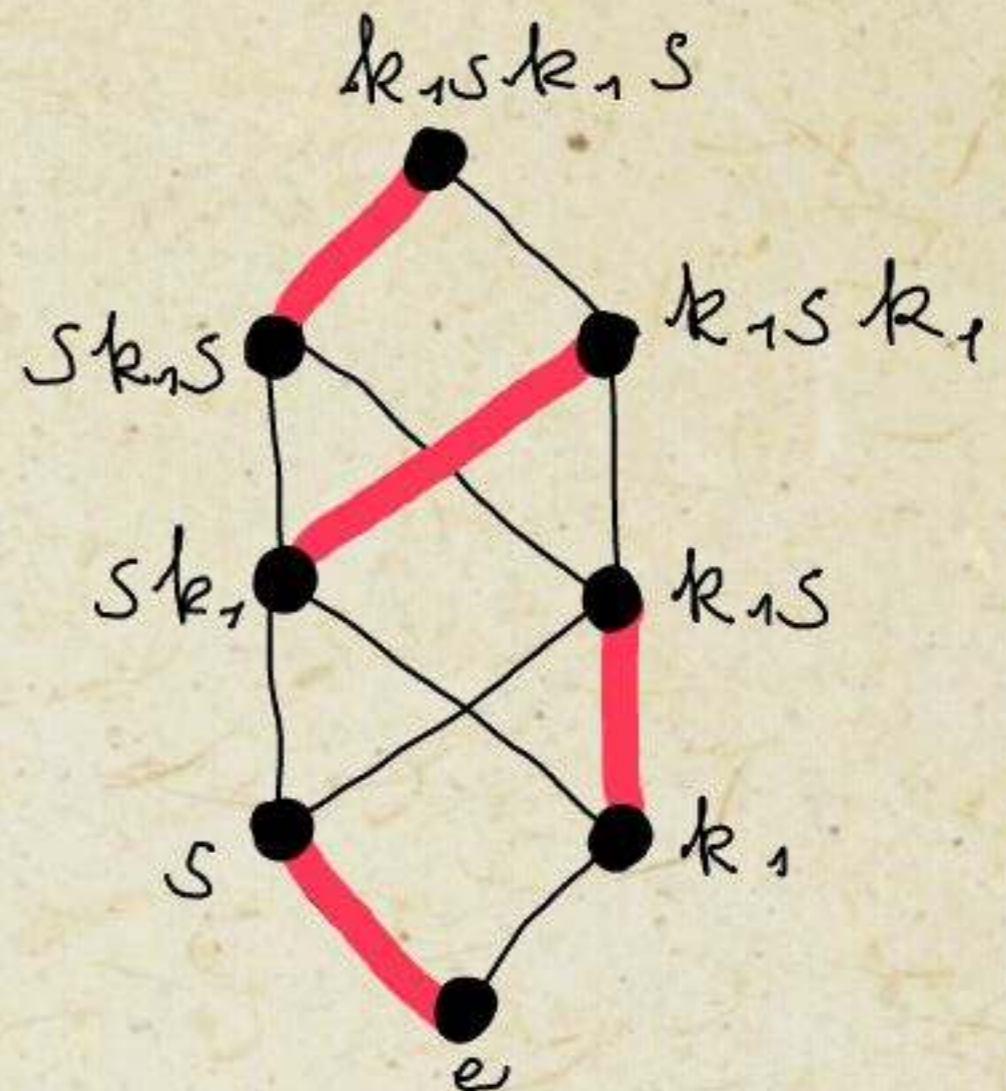
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Every  $u \leq w$  has a  $\Sigma$ -factorization &

$$M_{\Sigma}(u) := a M(b) c$$

does not depend on the  $\Sigma$ -factorization.

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Now we know special matchings  
explicitly.

Why do they satisfy the recursion  
for  $R$ -polynomials?

Can assume  $[e, w]$  not dihedral

If  $M$  is a special matching then

$\exists$  a multiplication matching  $N$

$$M(w) \neq N(w)$$

$$MN(u) = NM(u) \quad \forall u \leq w$$

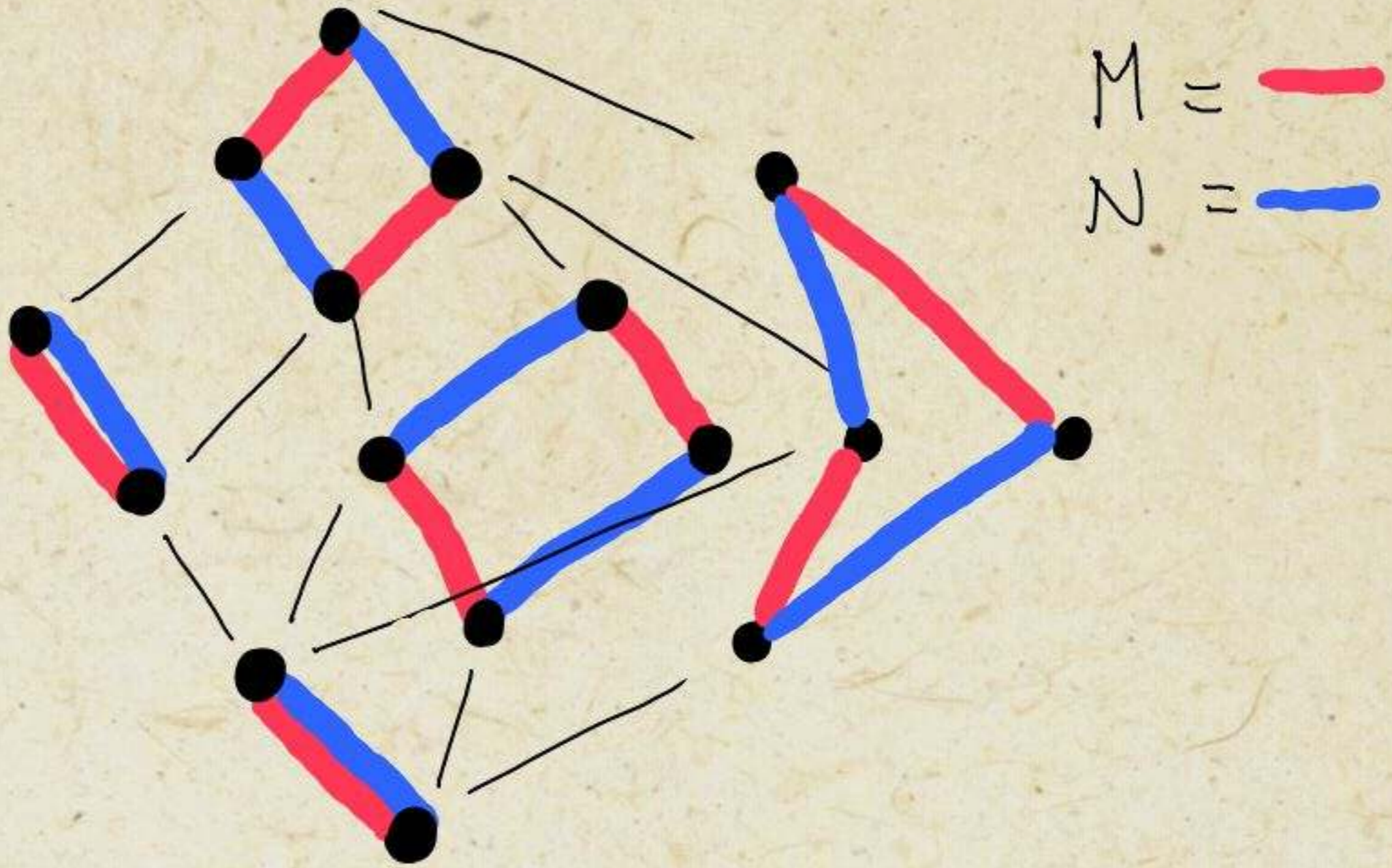
Can assume  $[e, w]$  not dihedral

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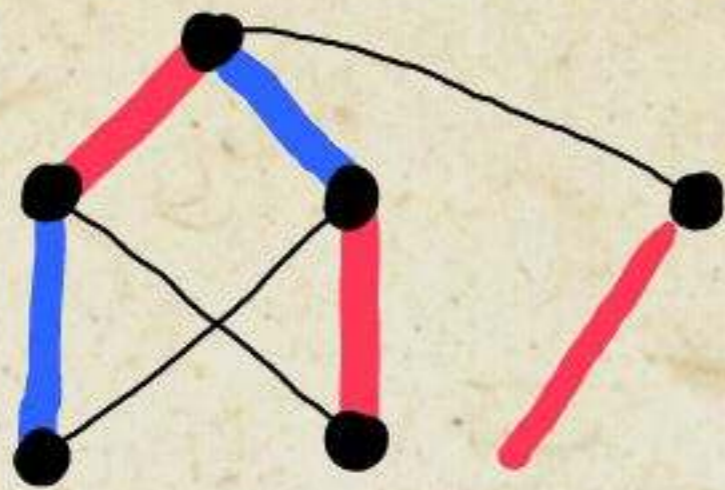
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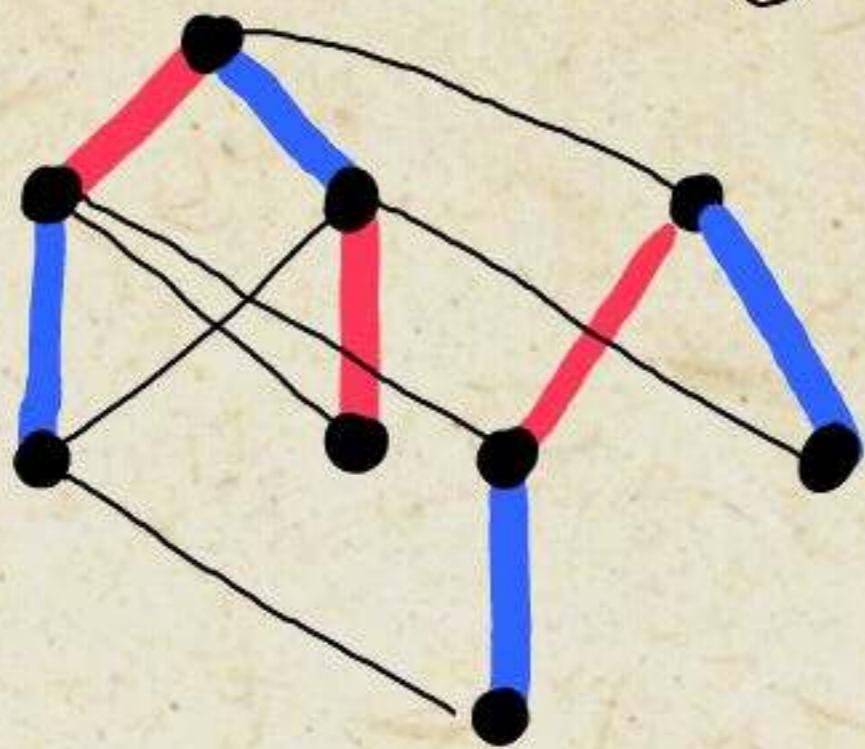
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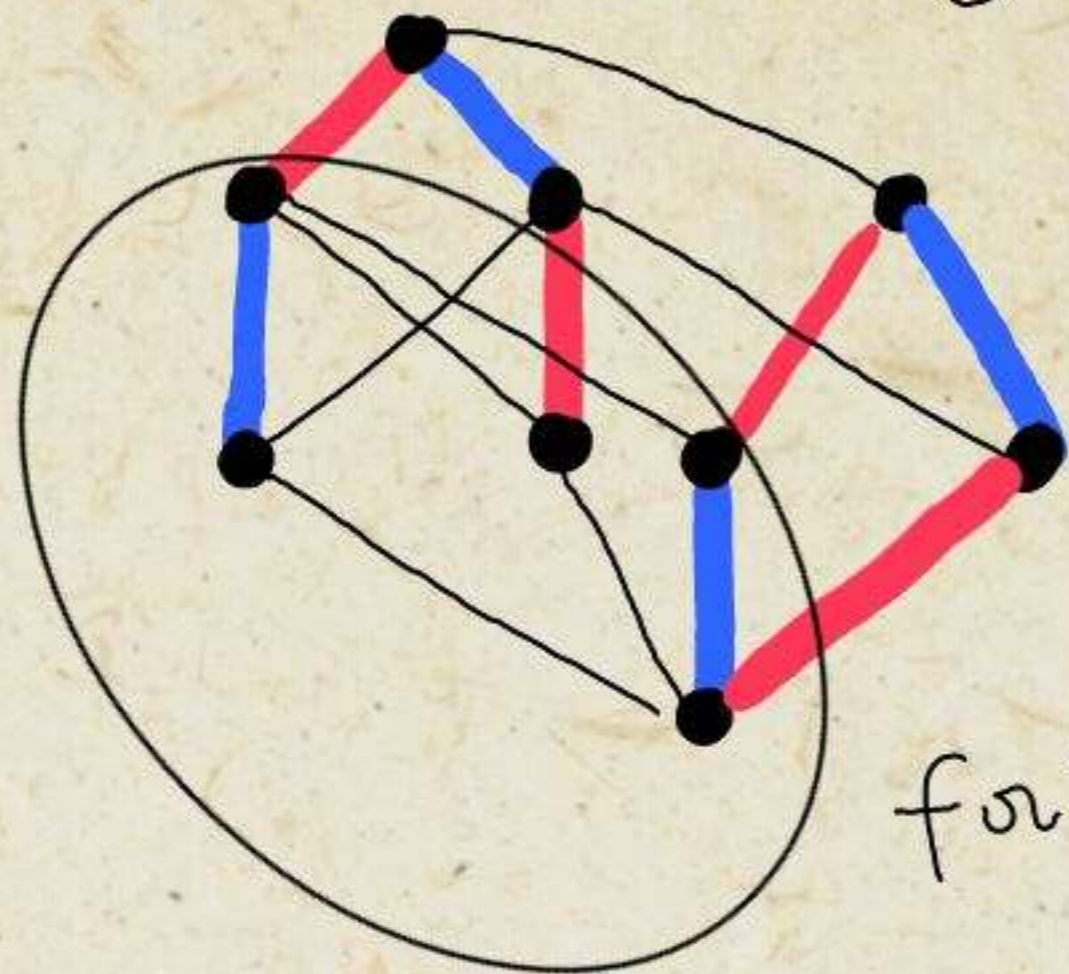
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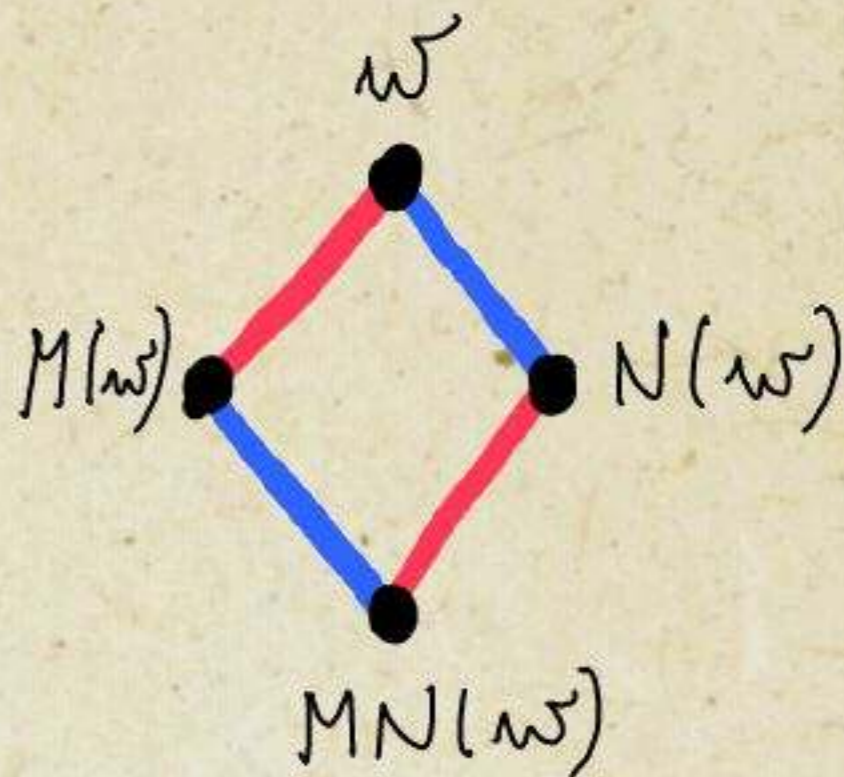
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By induction on  $l(w)$

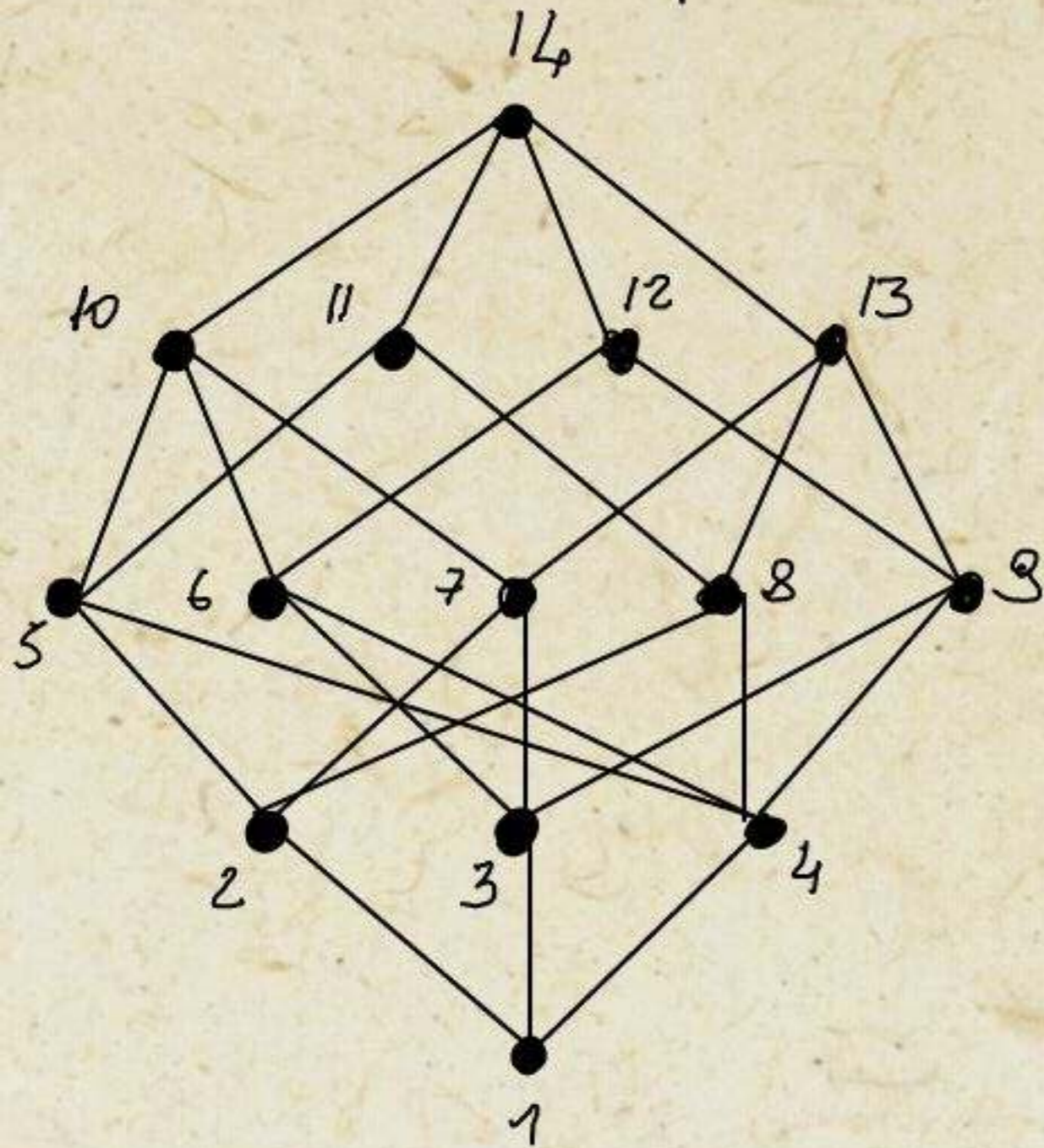
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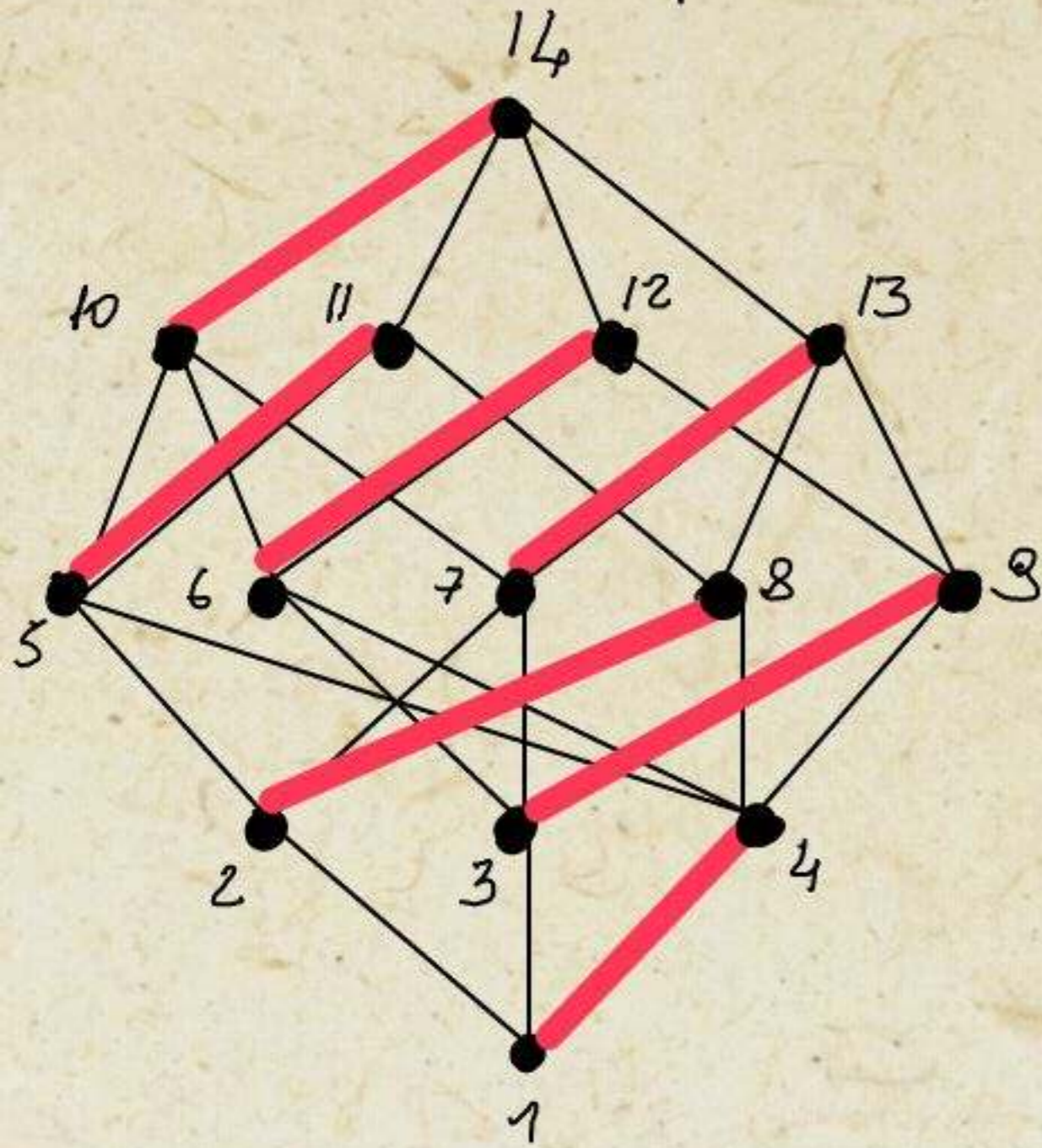
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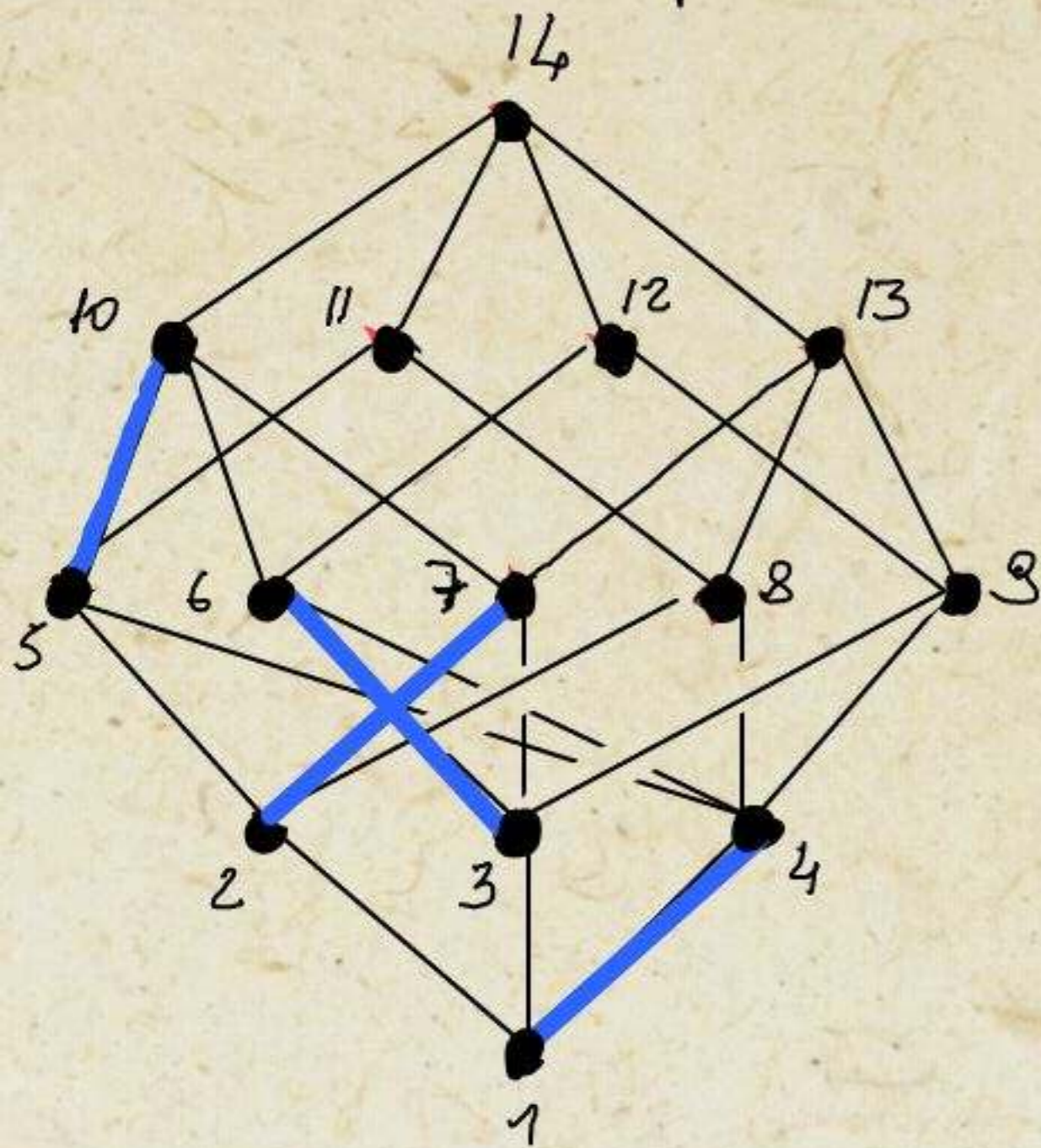


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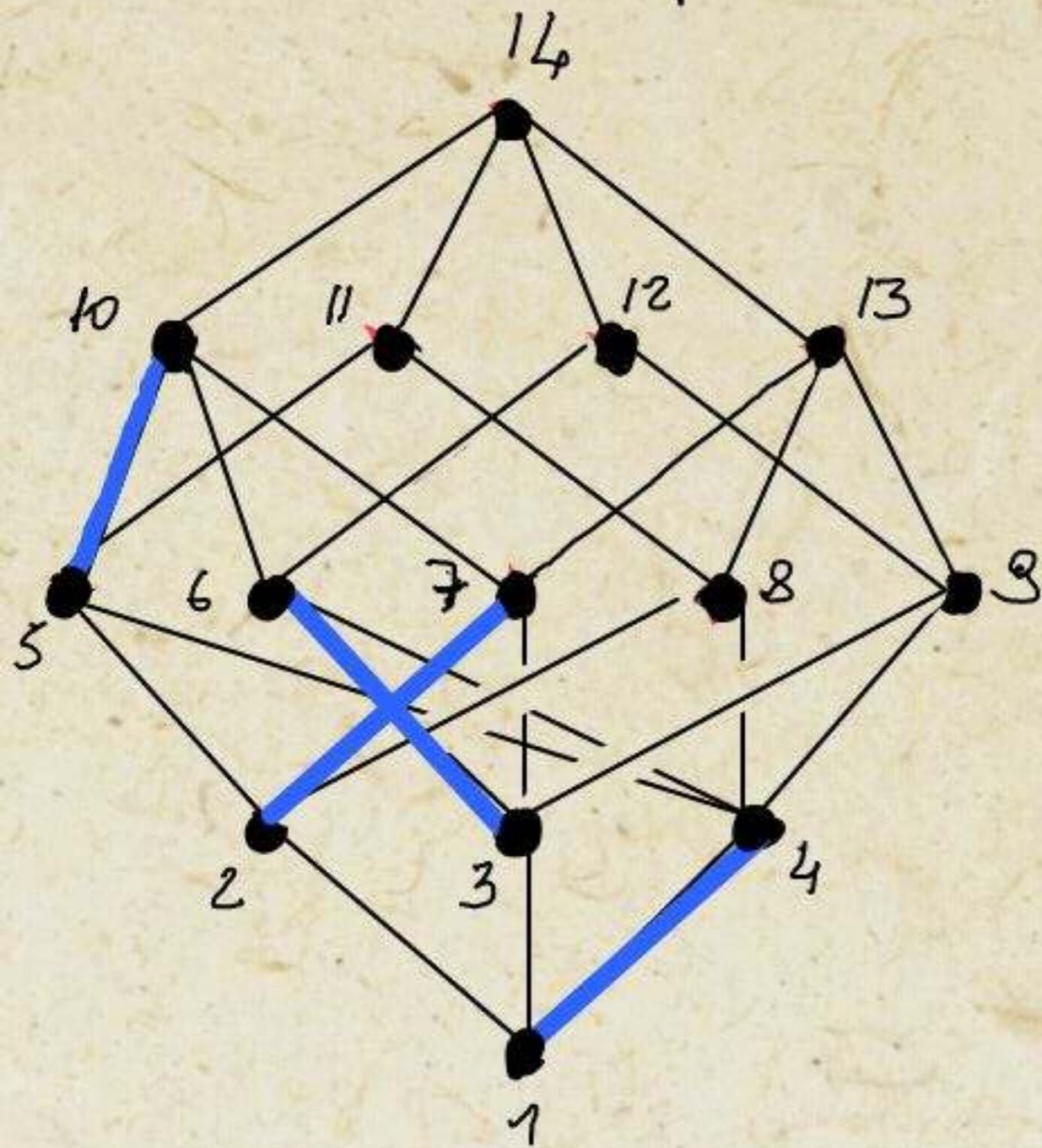


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