

On the Turán number of ordered forests

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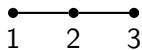
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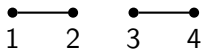
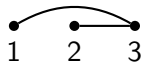
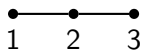
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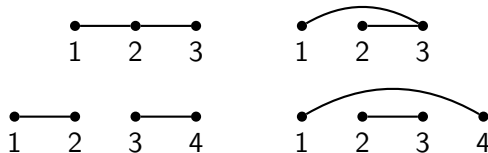
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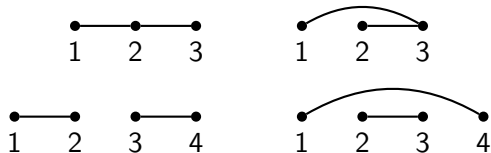
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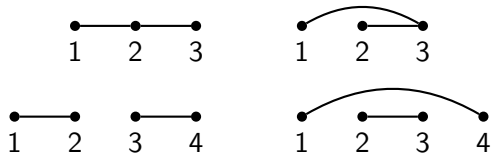
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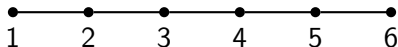
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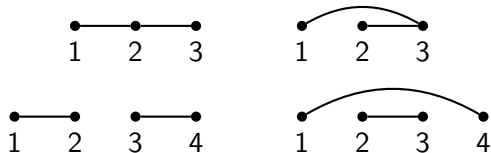
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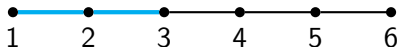
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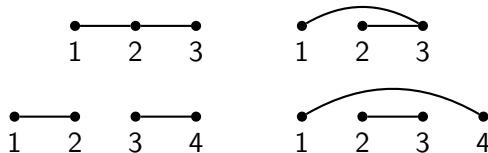
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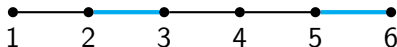
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The **Ramsey problem** for ordered graphs was recently studied by Balko–Cibulka–Kráľ–Kynčl and Conlon–Fox–Lee–Sudakov.

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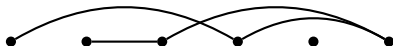
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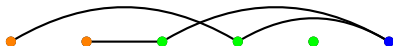


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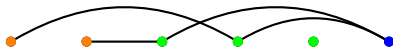


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Theorem (K-Tardos-Tomon-Weidert)

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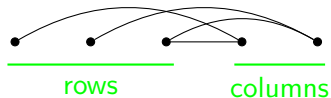
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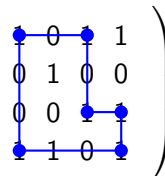
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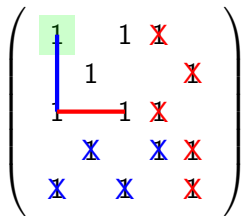
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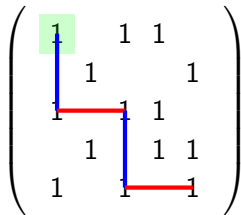
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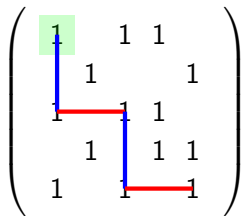
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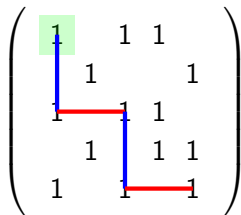
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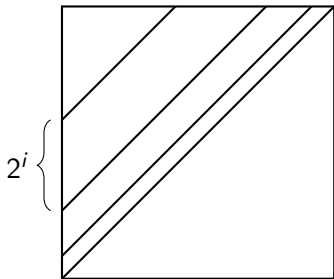
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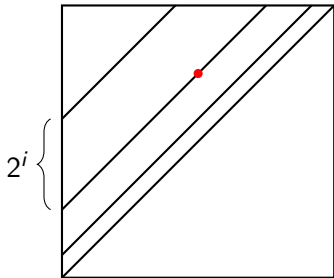
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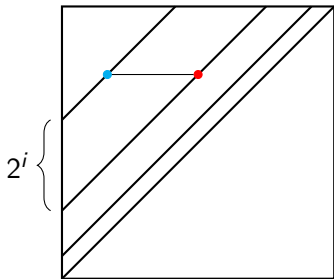
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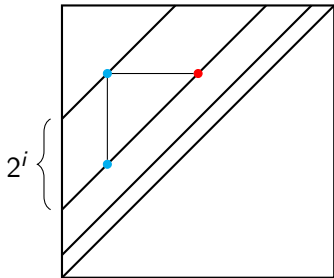
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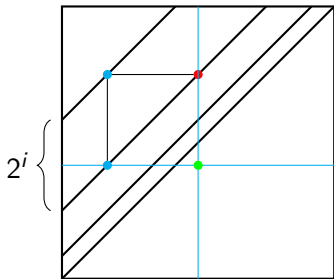
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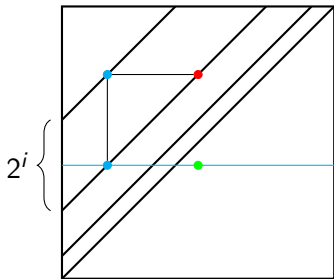
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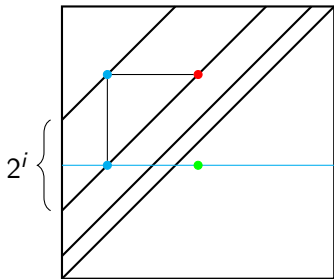
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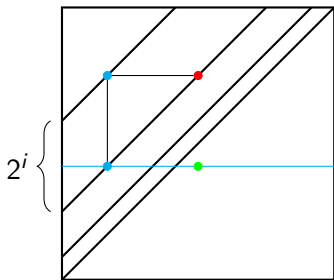
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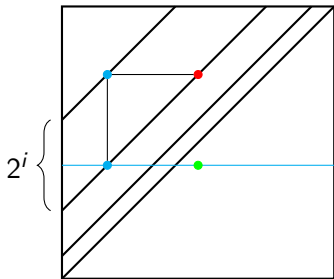


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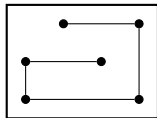
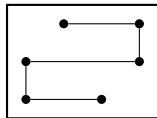
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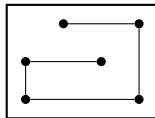
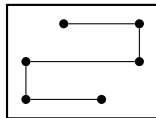


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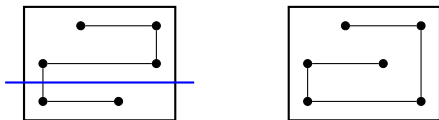
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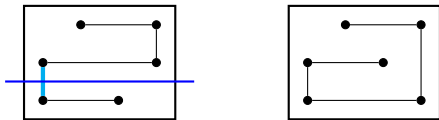
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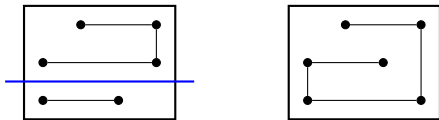
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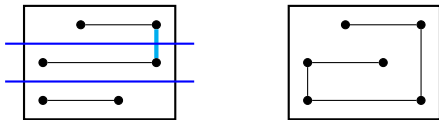
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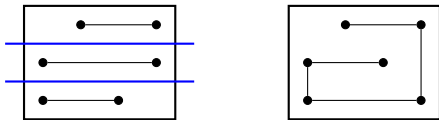
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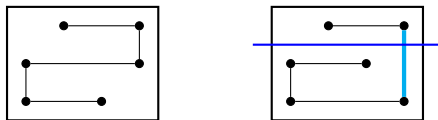
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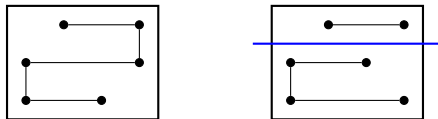
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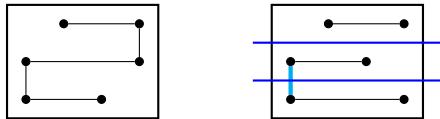
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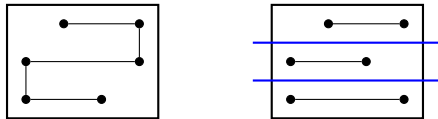
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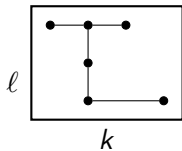
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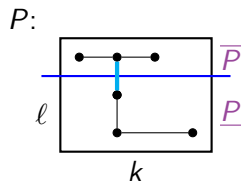
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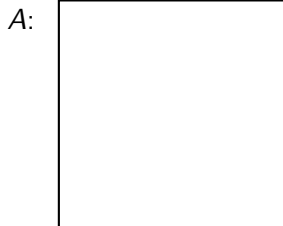
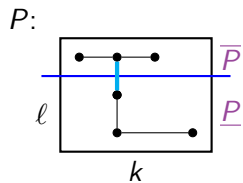
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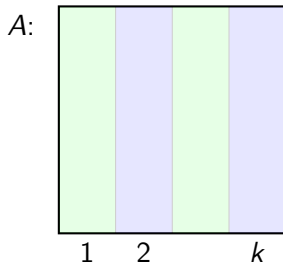
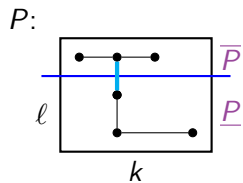
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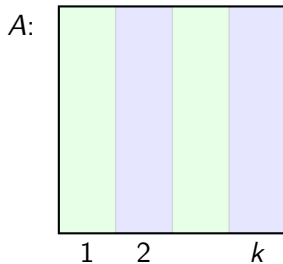
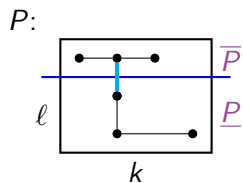
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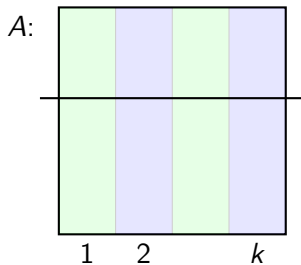
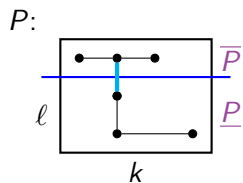


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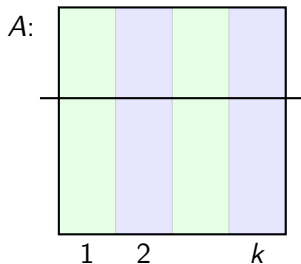
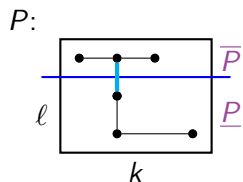
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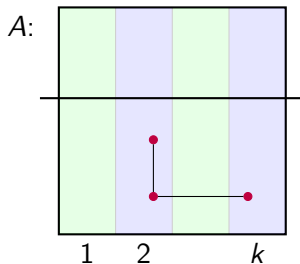
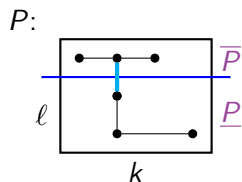
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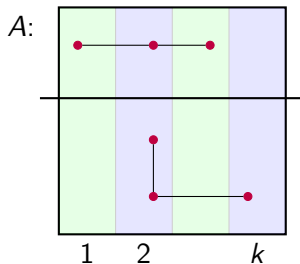
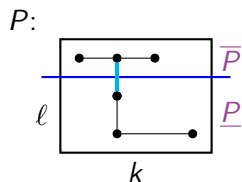
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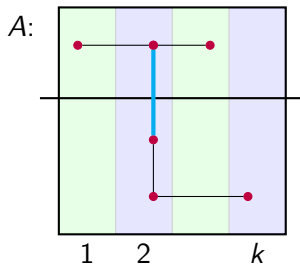
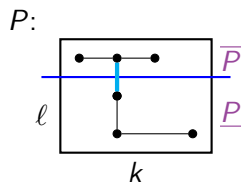
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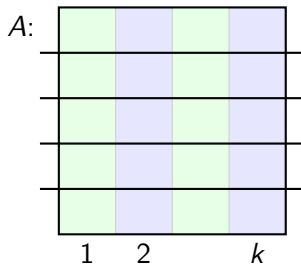
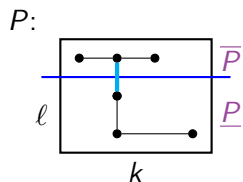
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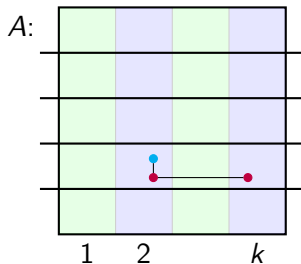
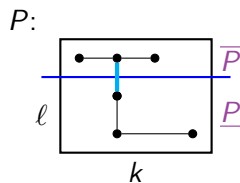
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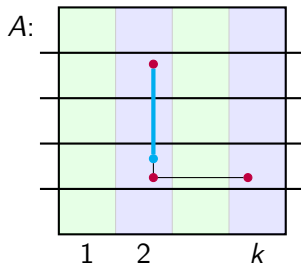
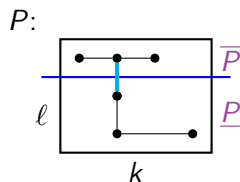
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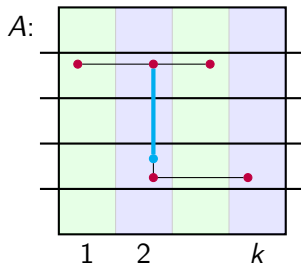
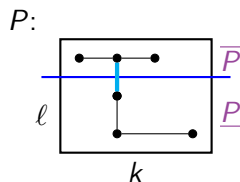
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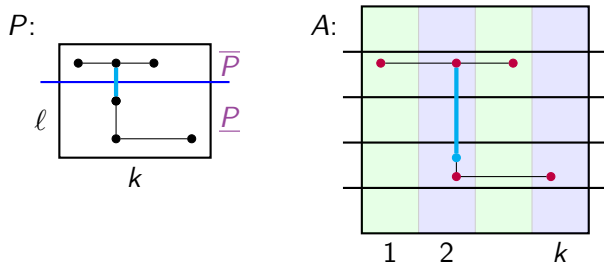
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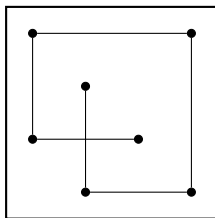
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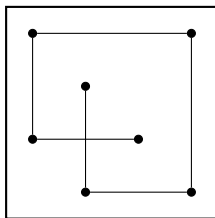


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