

# Permutahedron and Associahedron

Combinatorics and geometry

## Permutations

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## Permutations

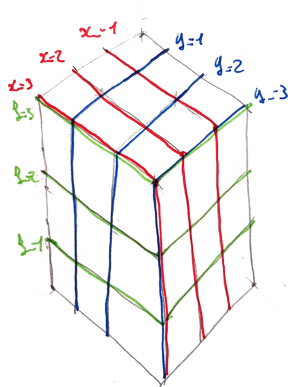
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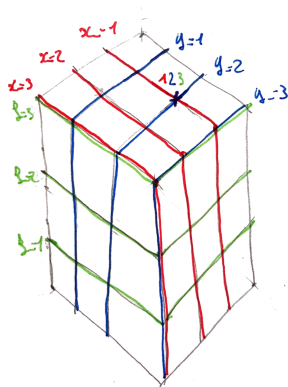
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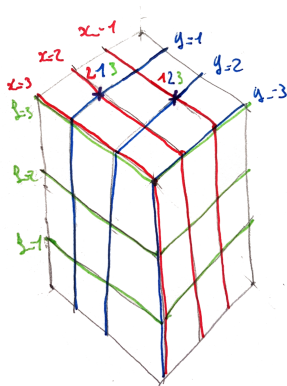
As vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^n$

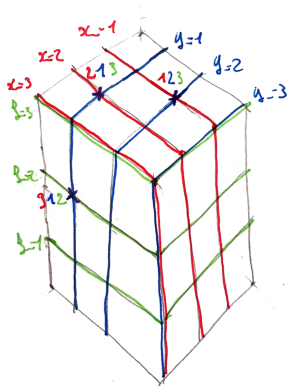
123  $\rightarrow (1, 2, 3)$

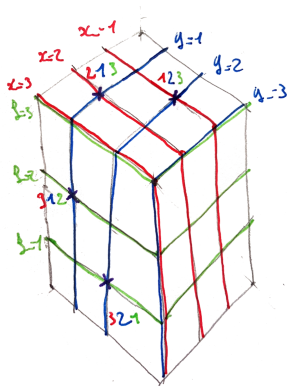


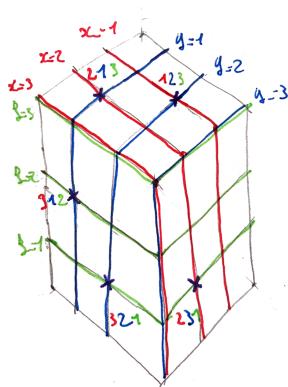


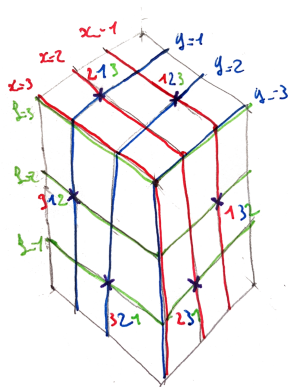


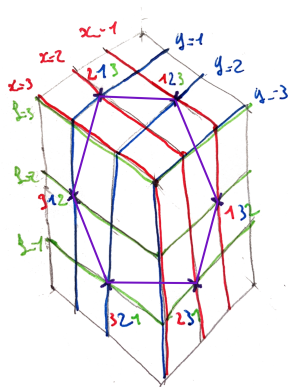


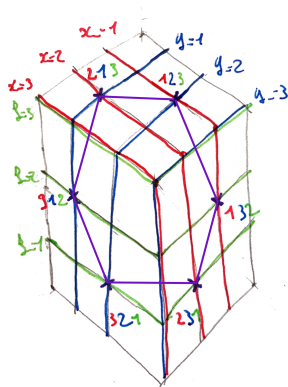












$$x + y + z = 6$$



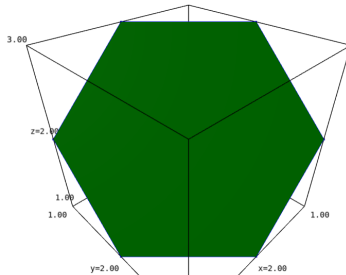
## Using SageMath

```
Entrée [1]: P = Polyhedron(list(Permutations(3)))  
P
```

Out[1]: A 2-dimensional polyhedron in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  defined as the convex hull of 6 vertices (use the `.plot()` method to plot)

```
Entrée [2]: P.plot()
```

Out[2]:



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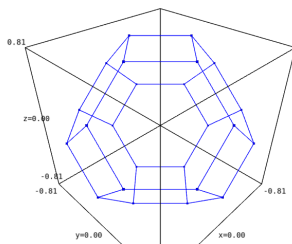
## For size 4

```
Entrée [3]: P = Polyhedron(list(Permutations(4)))  
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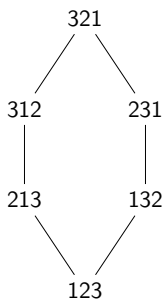
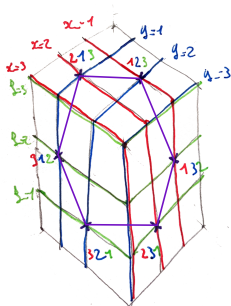
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Entrée [4]: P.plot()
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Out[4]:

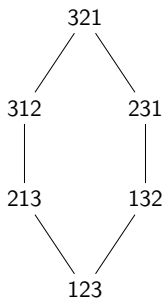
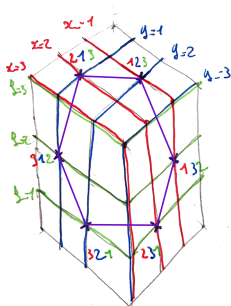


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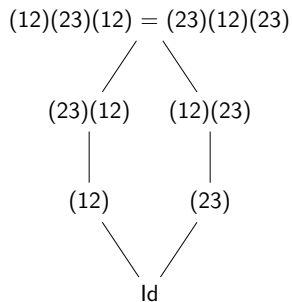
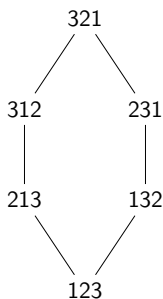
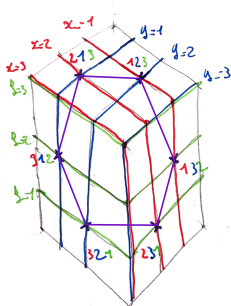


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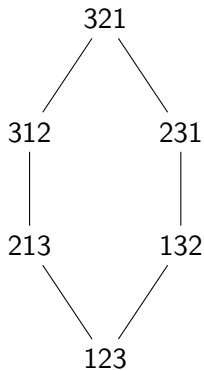
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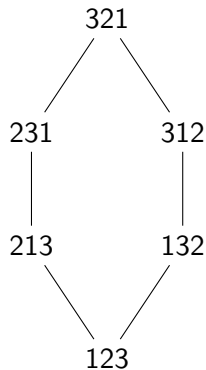


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## The left and right weak orders

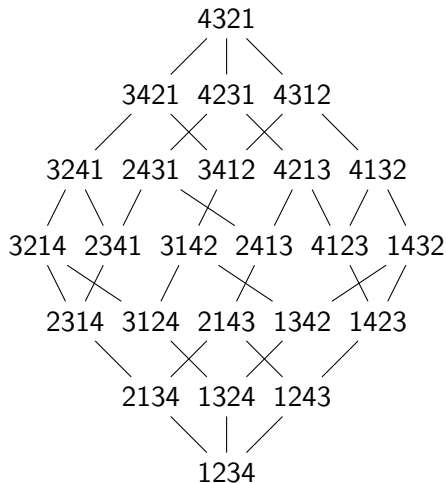
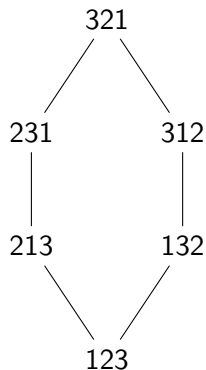


left weak order

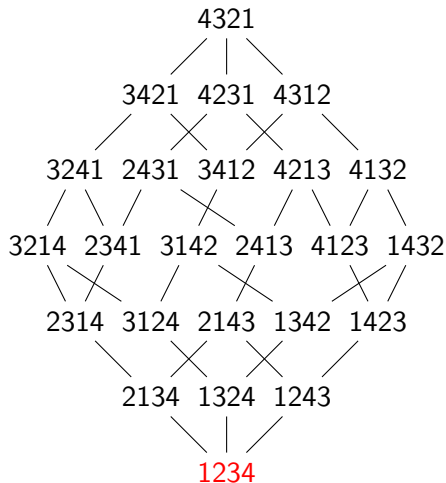
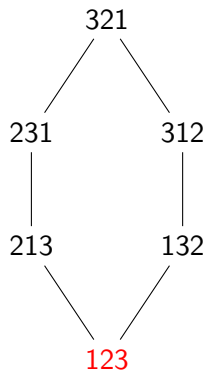


right weak order

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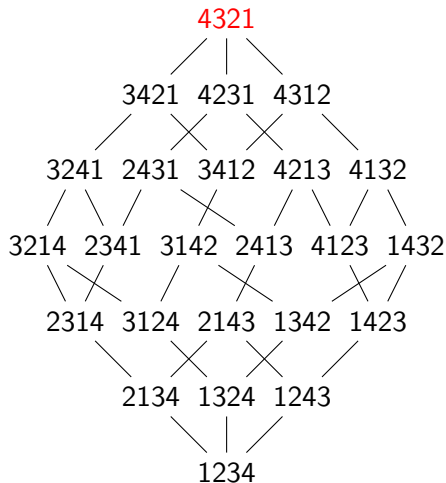
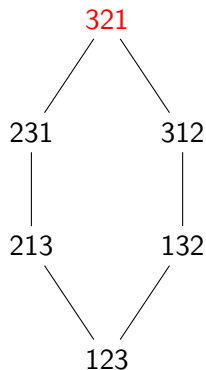


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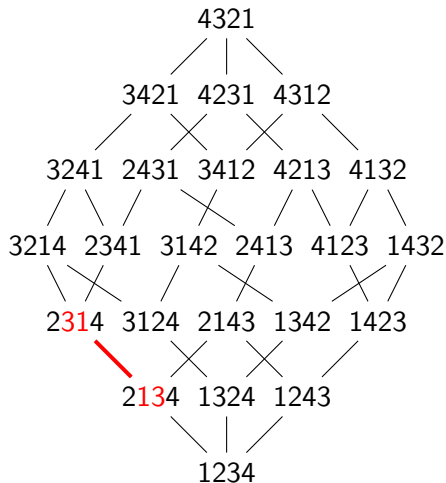
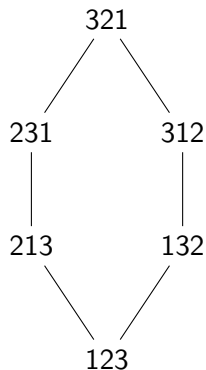




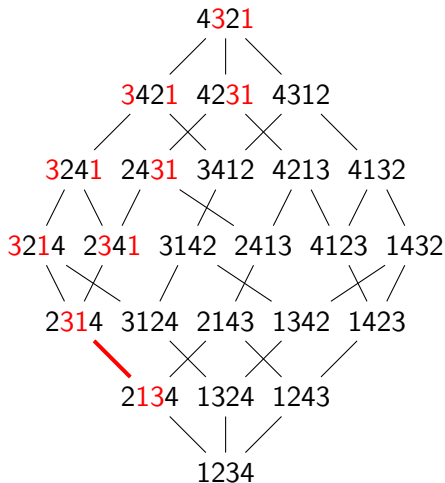
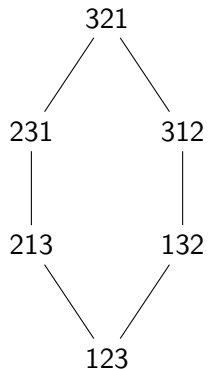
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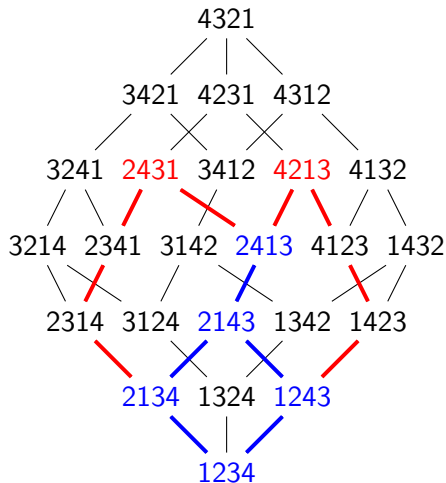
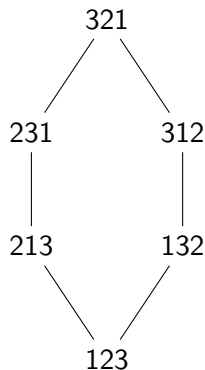
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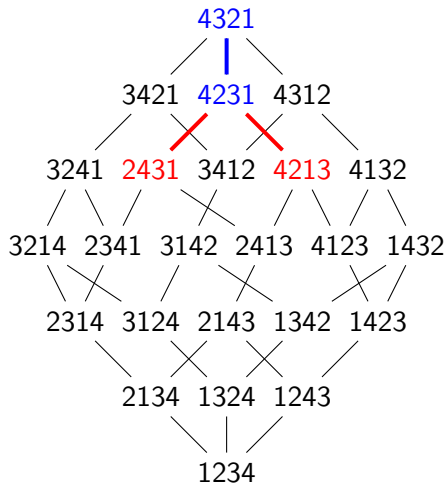
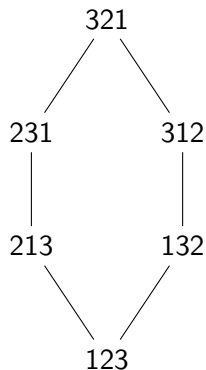
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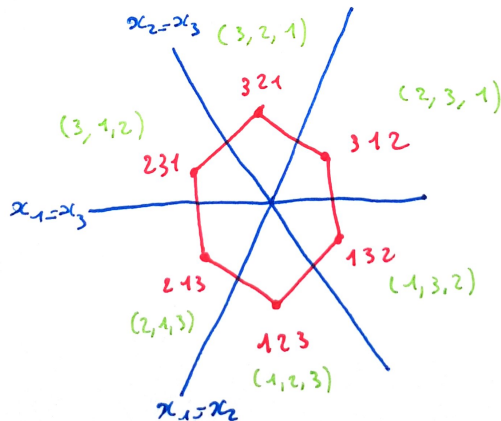
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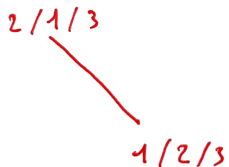
# As a reflection group



# Combinatorics of faces

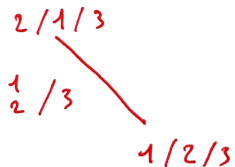
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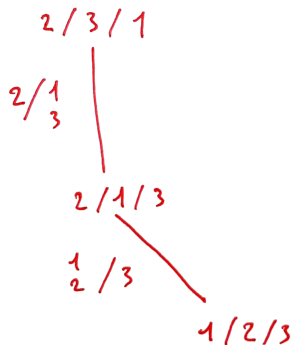




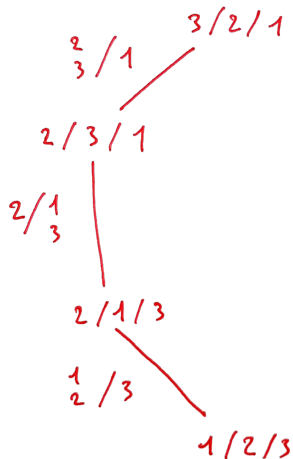
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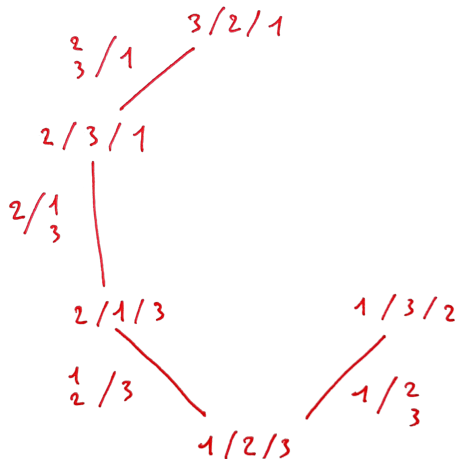
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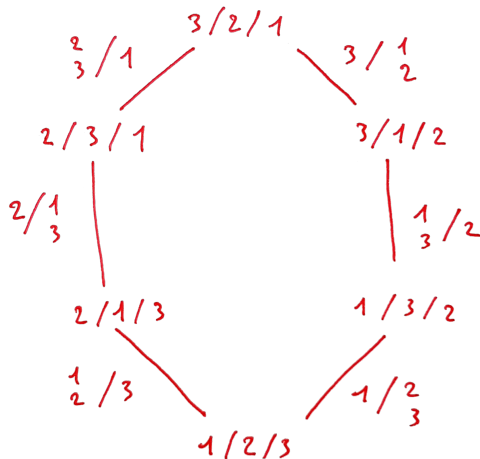


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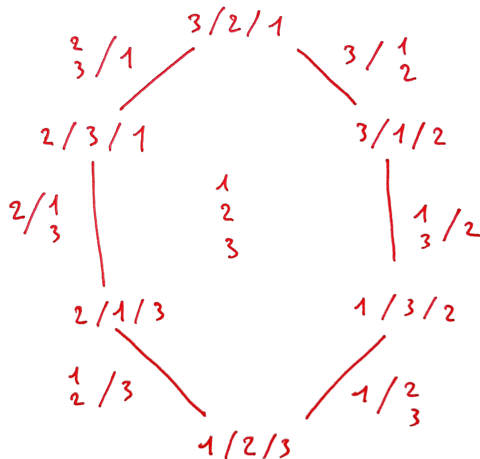




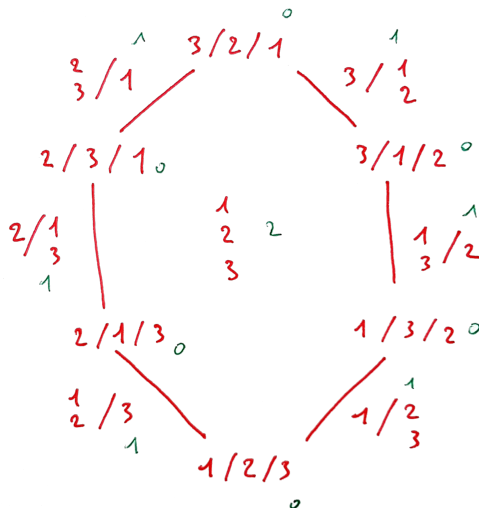
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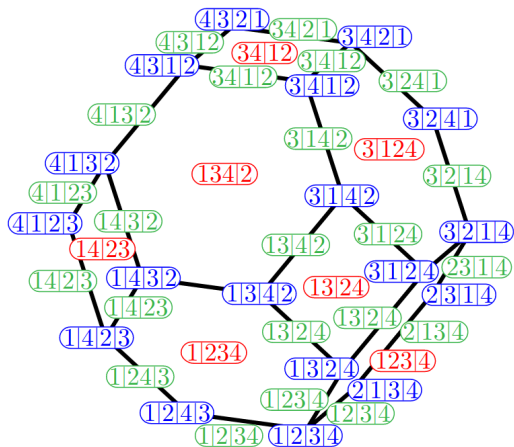


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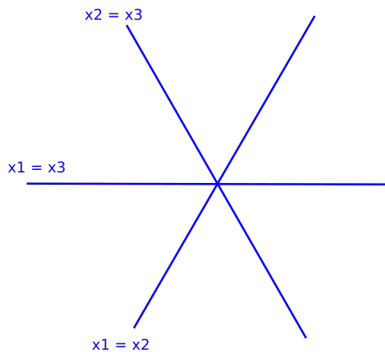


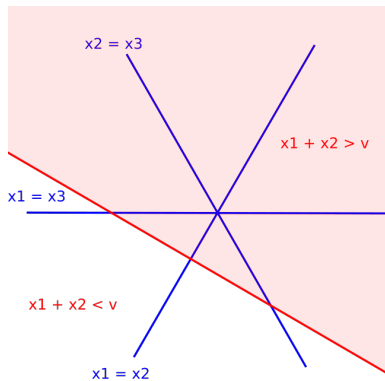
$$d = n - \#parts$$

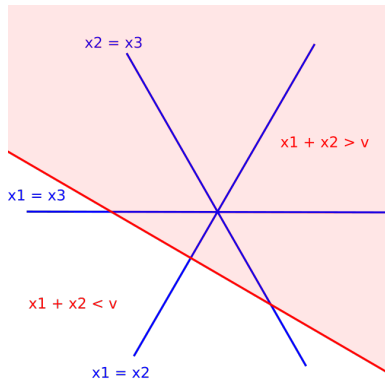




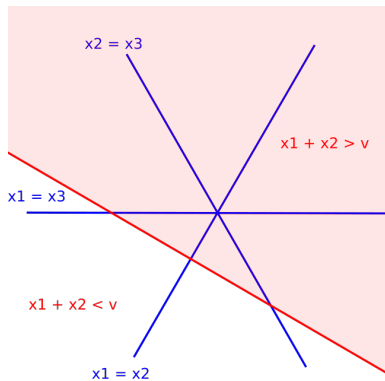
(image from V. Pilaud's talk "The Associahedron and its friends")



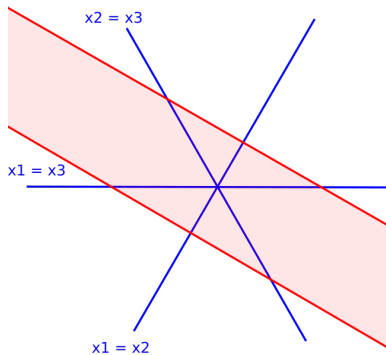




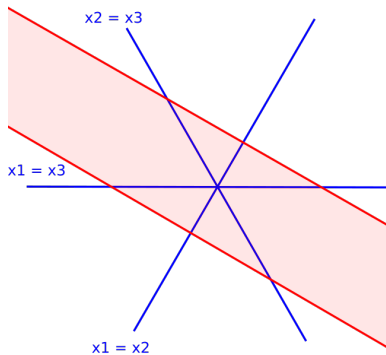
$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 6$$



$$x_1 + x_2 = 6 - x_3$$

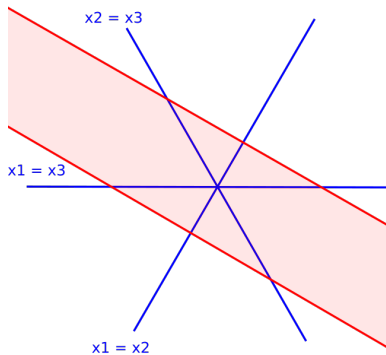


$$3 \leq x_1 + x_2 \leq 5$$



$$x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$$

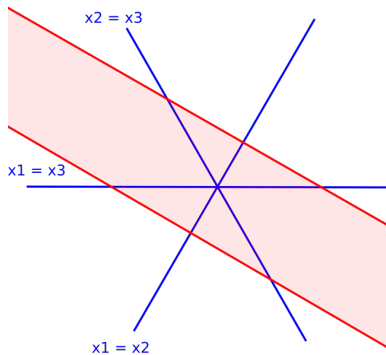
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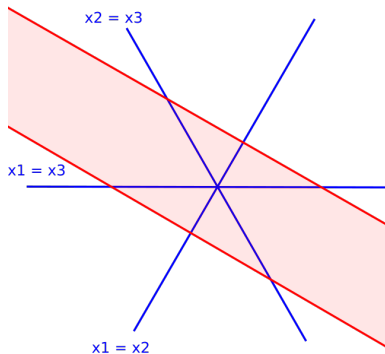
$$x_3 \geq 1$$





$$12|3 \quad x_1 + x_2 \geq 3$$

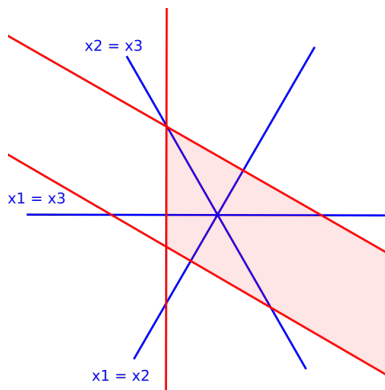
$$3|12 \quad x_3 \geq 1$$



$$J \subseteq [n] \rightarrow \sum_{j \in J} x_j \geq \binom{|J| + 1}{2}$$

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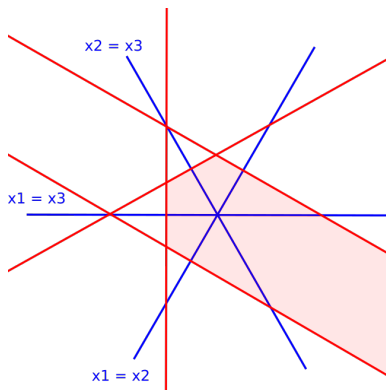


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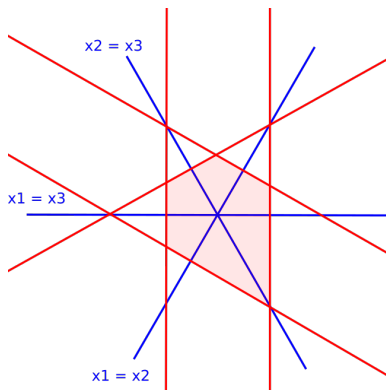
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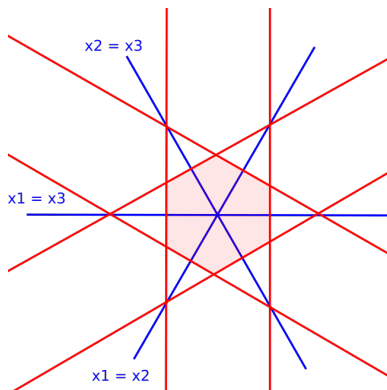
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## From the weak order to the Tamari lattice

We define a *surjection* from permutations to *binary trees* which gives us a new lattice.

## Binary search tree insertion

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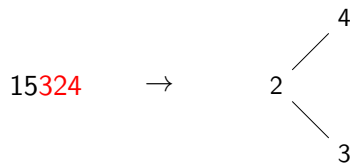
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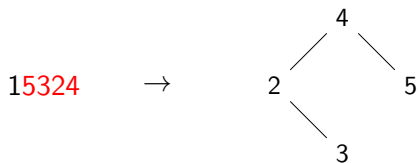
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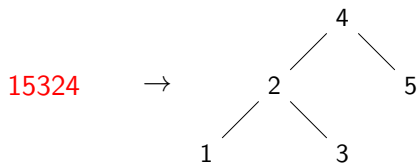
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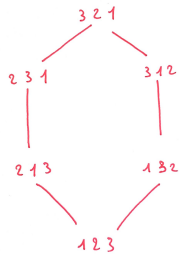


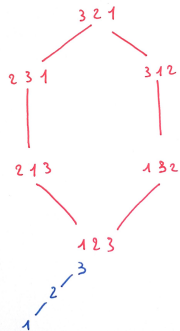
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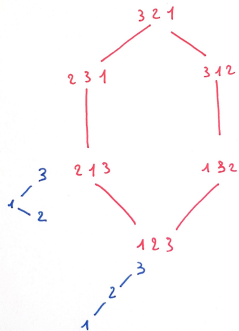


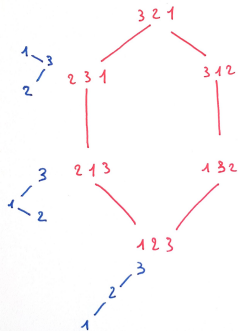
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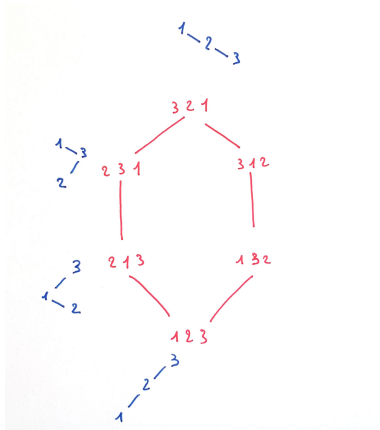


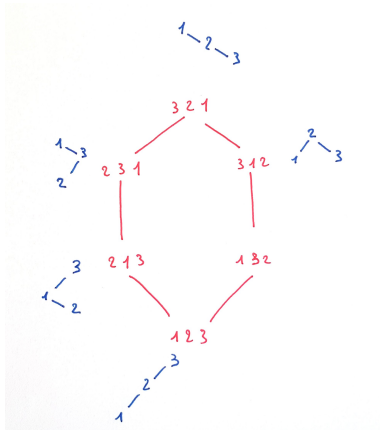


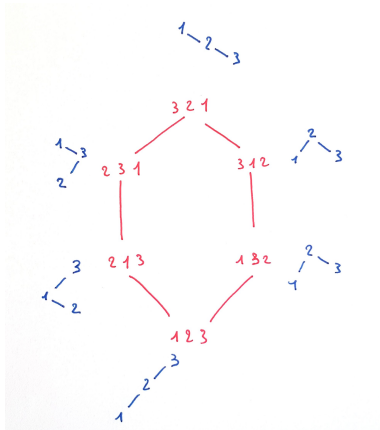


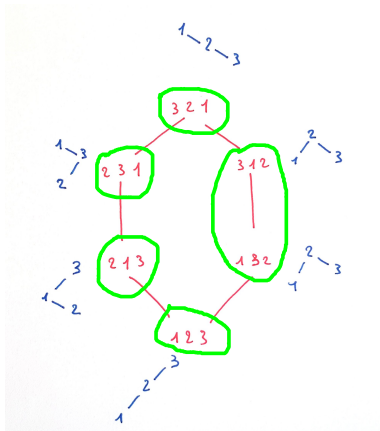


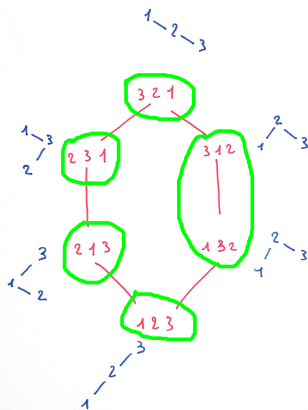




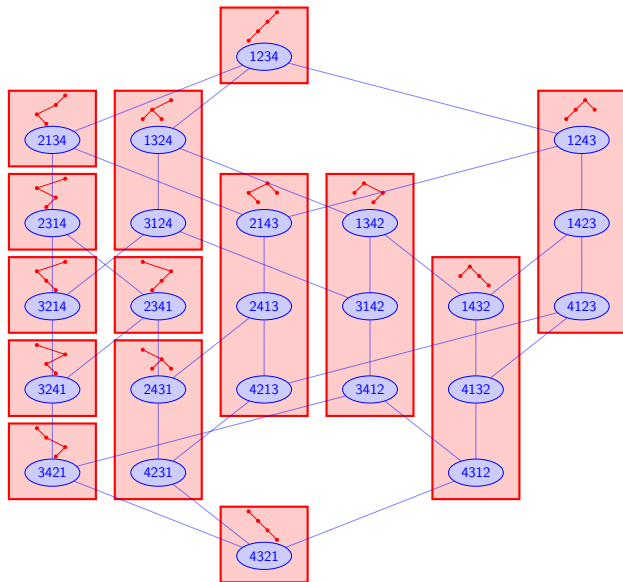








The **Tamari lattice** is a lattice on binary trees. It is a **quotient lattice** of the weak order.



## More about the Tamari lattice

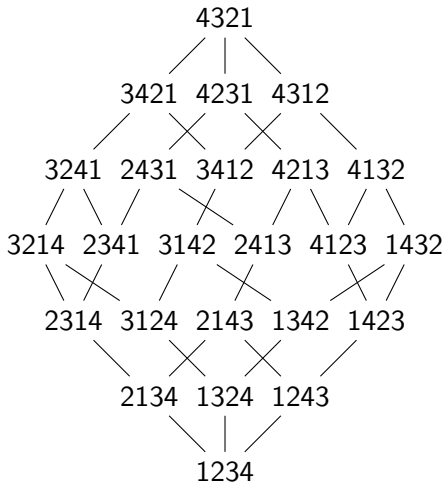
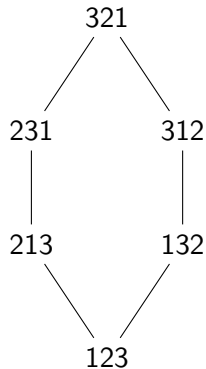
Binary trees are counted by the Catalan numbers

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

The Tamari lattice can be defined on **many** families of combinatorial objects, such as

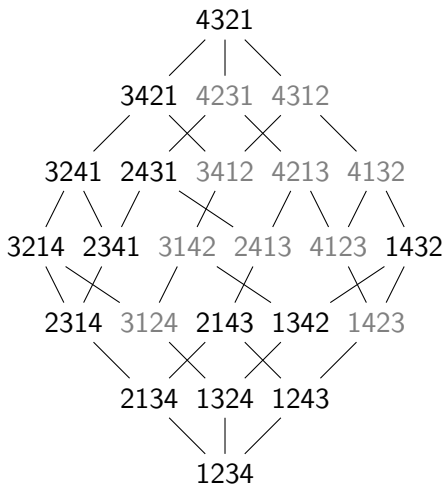
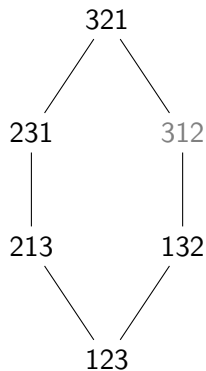
- ▶ Triangulations of regular polygons
- ▶ Dyck paths
- ▶ Ordered forests
- ▶ certain pattern avoiding permutations (312 avoiding and 231 avoiding)
- ▶ ways to parenthesize an expression (original definition of Tamari)
- ▶ ...

## 312 - avoiding permutations

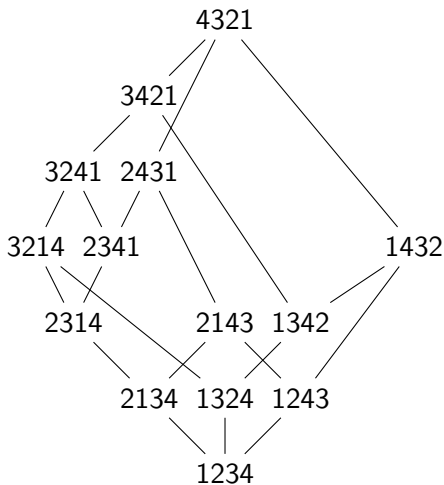
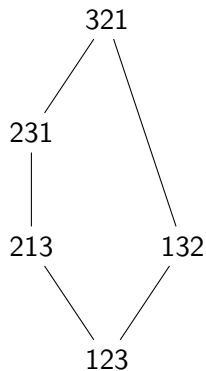




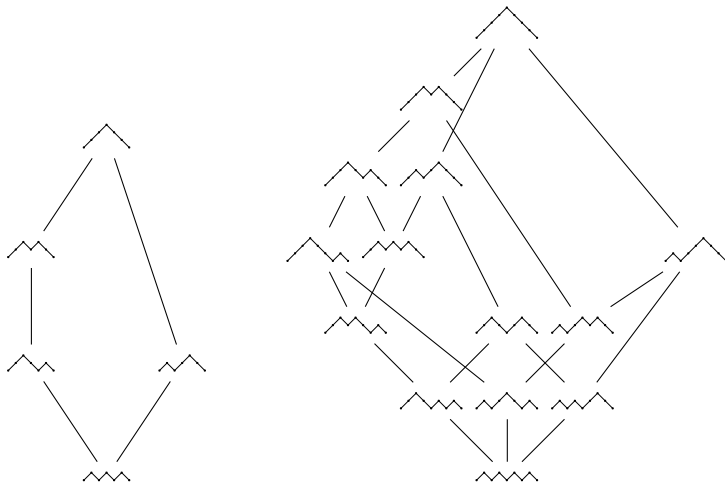
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## Dyck paths



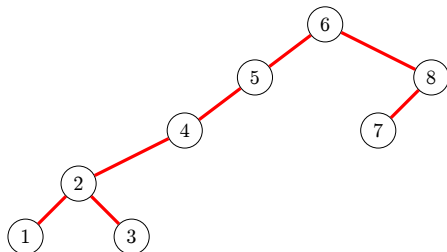
## The Associahedron – Stasheff polytope

### Different constructions

- ▶ Loday 2004
- ▶ Billera-Filliman-Sturmfels 1990
- ▶ Gelfand-Kapranov-Zelevinsky 1994
- ▶ Chapoton-Fomin-Zelevinsky 2002
- ▶ Hohlweg-Lange 2007
- ▶ Ceballos-Santos-Ziegler 2011
- ▶ Hohlweg-Lange-Thomas 2012

## Loday's Associahedron

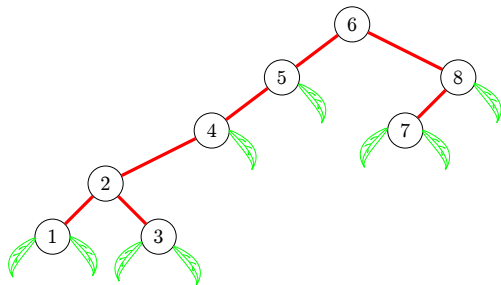
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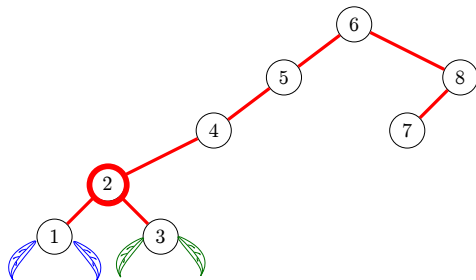


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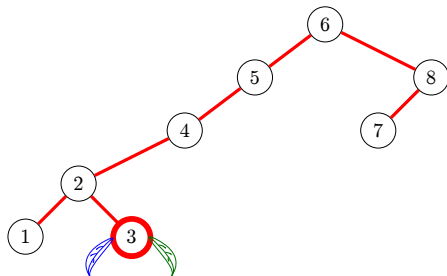


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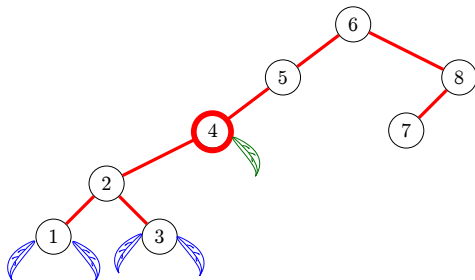
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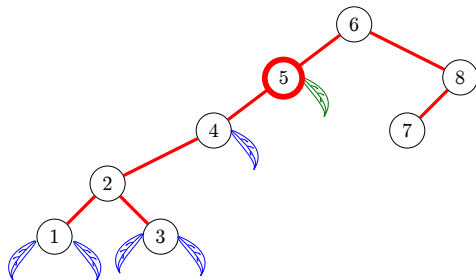
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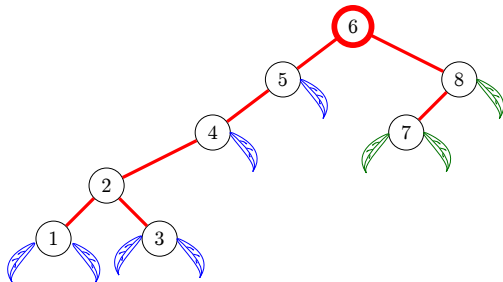
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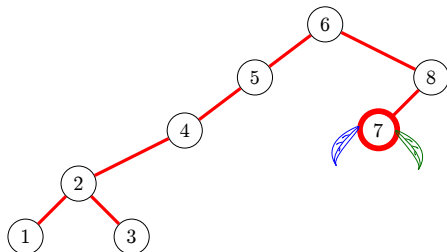
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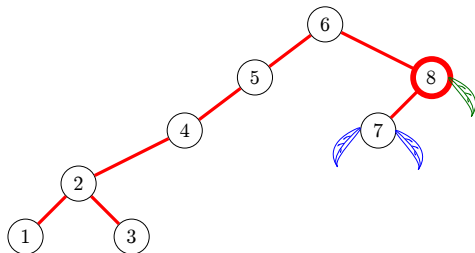
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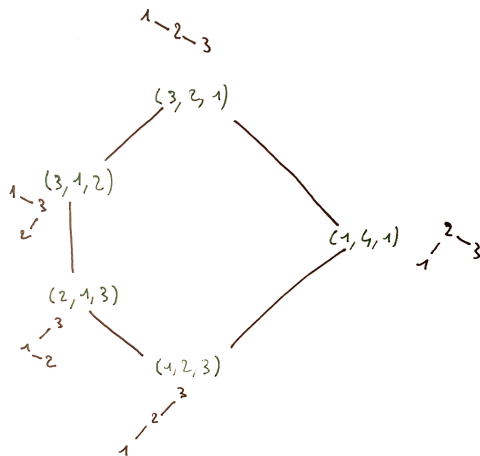
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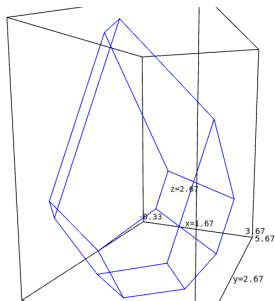
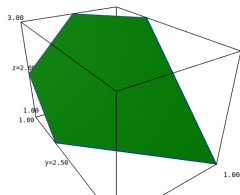
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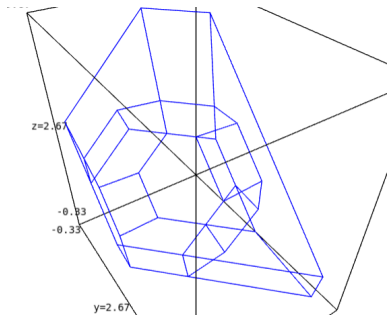


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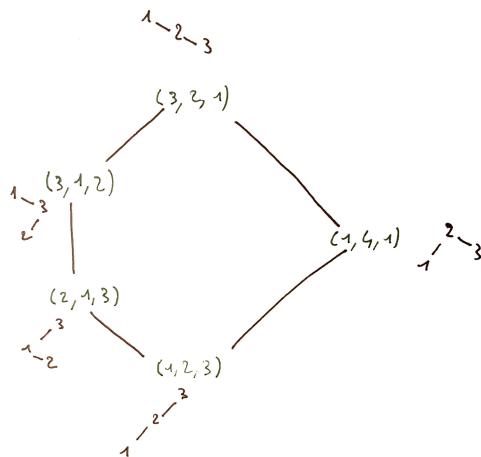




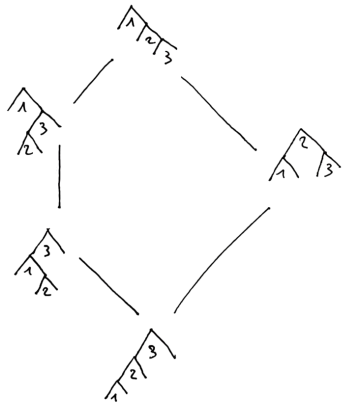




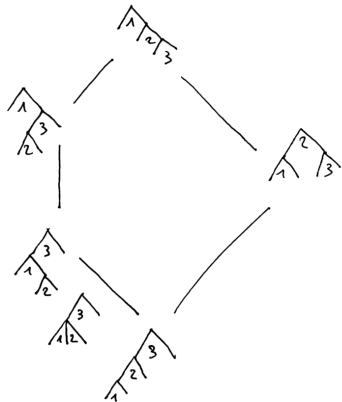
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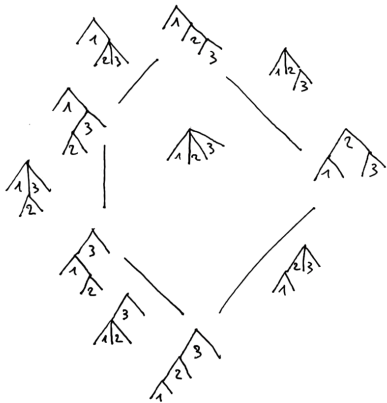
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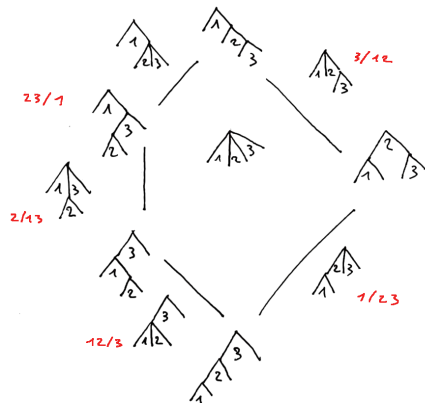
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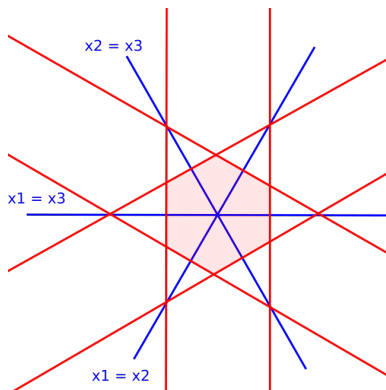


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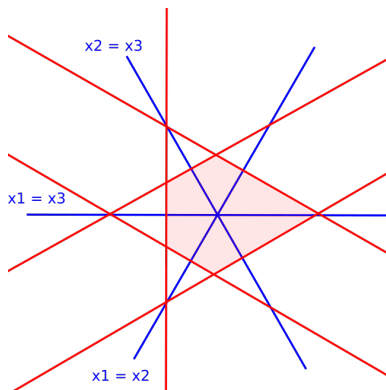
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$$13|2 \quad x_1 + x_3 \geq 3$$

$$1|23 \quad x_1 \geq 1$$



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