

The matching polytope has exponential extension complexity

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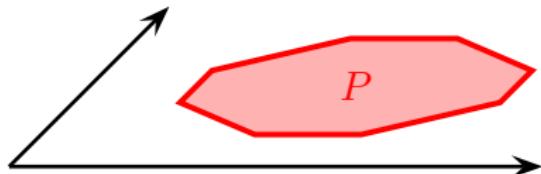


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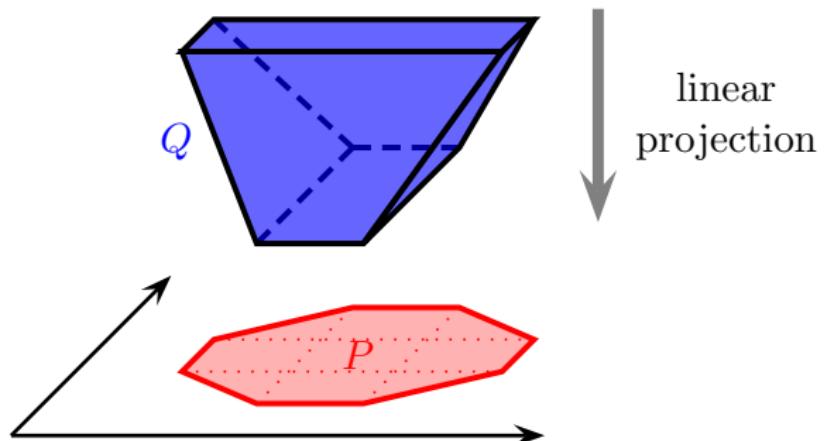
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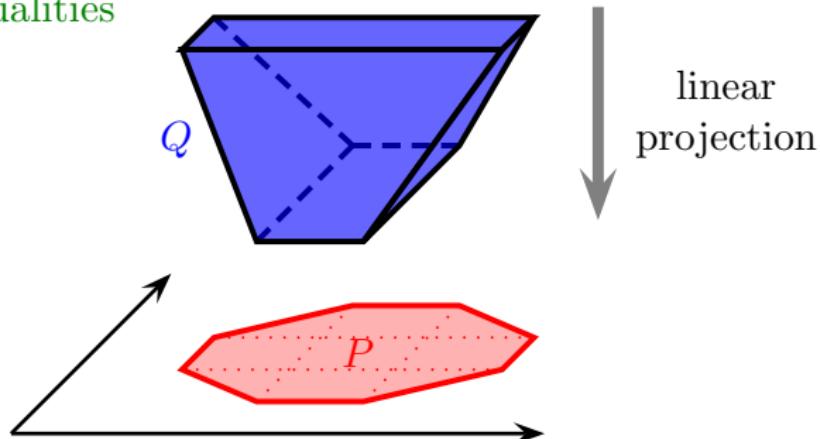
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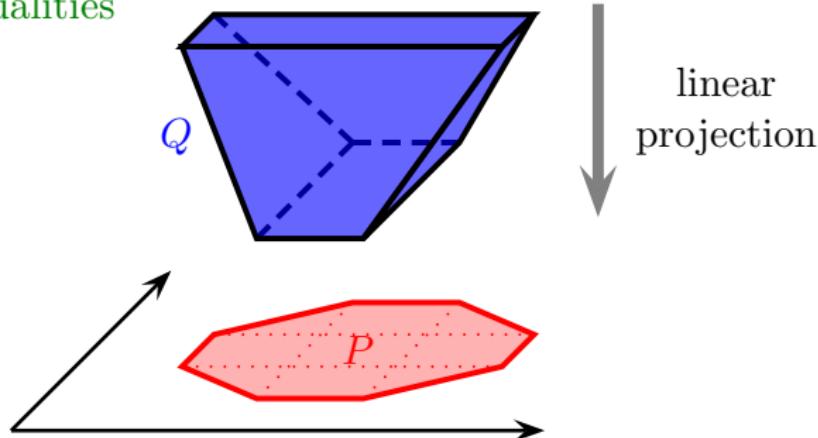
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- Extension complexity:

$$\text{xc}(P) := \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \# \text{facets of } Q \mid \begin{array}{l} Q \text{ polyhedron} \\ p \text{ linear map} \\ p(Q) = P \end{array} \end{array} \right\}$$

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Here: When is the extension complexity **super polynomial**?

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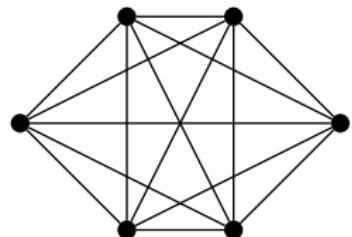
Only **NP**-hard polytopes!!

What about poly-time problems?

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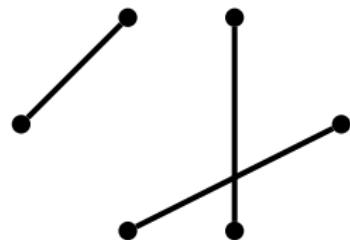
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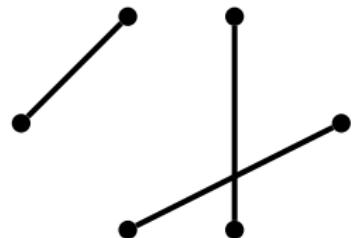


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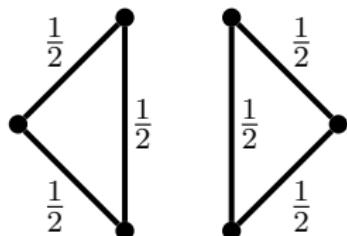


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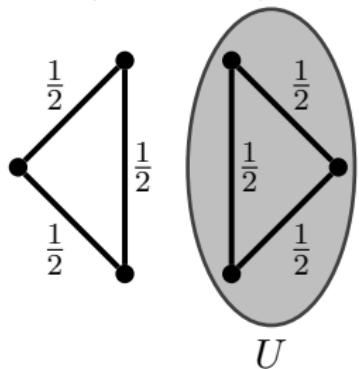


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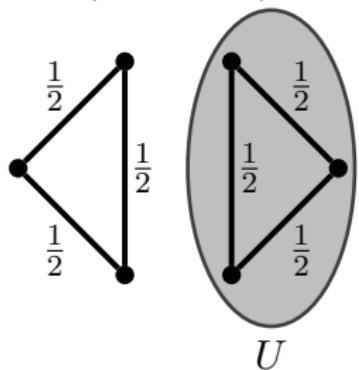
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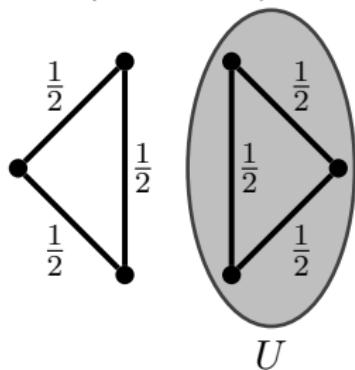
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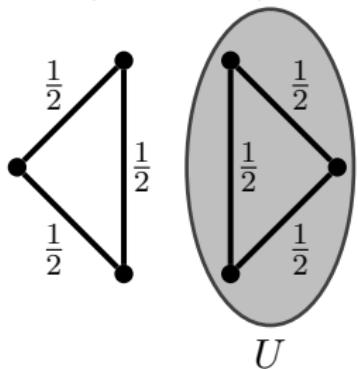
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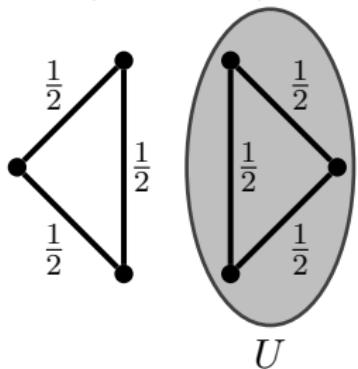
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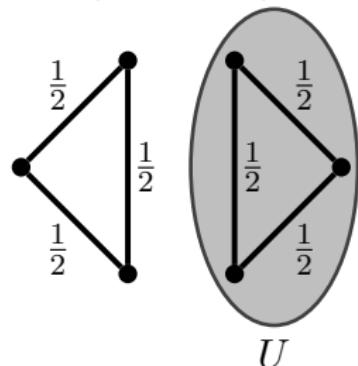
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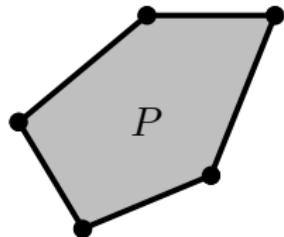
Theorem (R.13)

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- ▶ Previously known: $\text{xc}(P) \geq \Omega(n^2)$

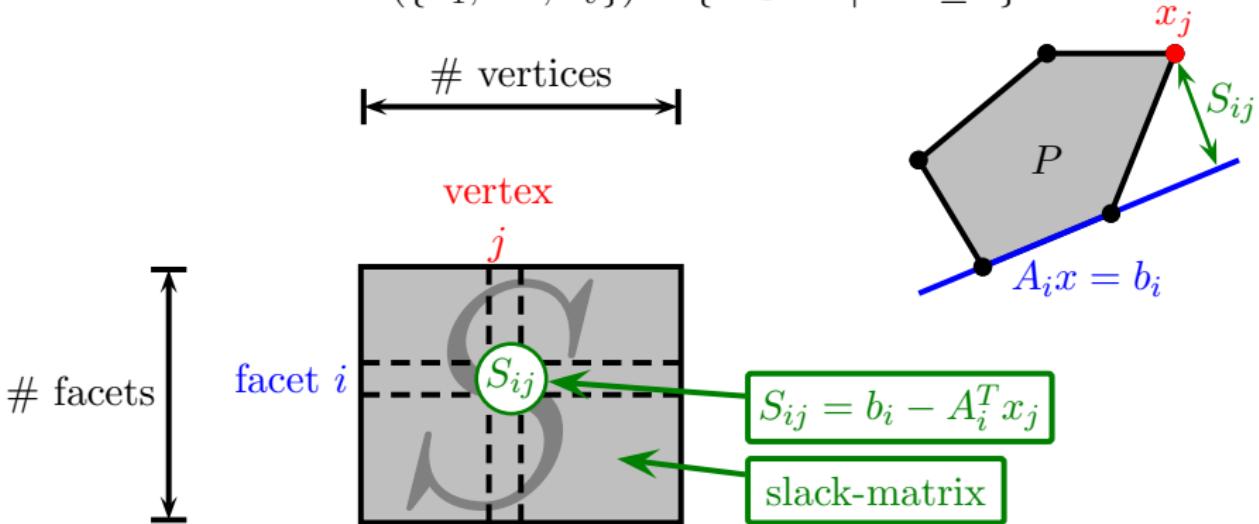
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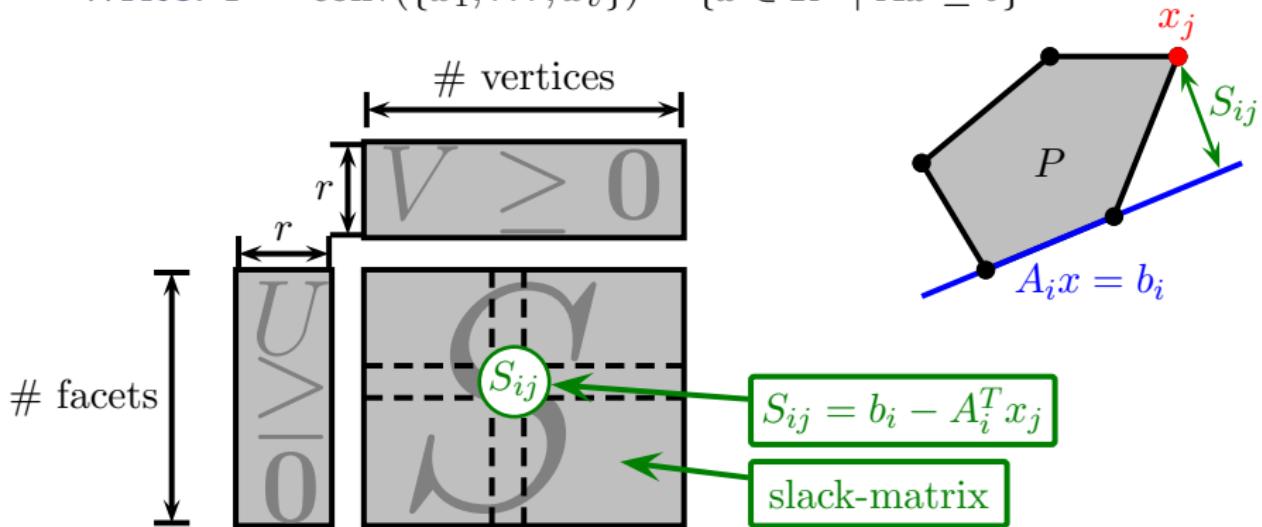
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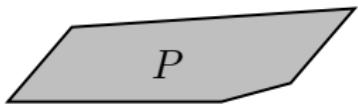
Non-negative rank:

$$\text{rk}_+(S) = \min\{r \mid \exists U \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{f \times r}, V \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{r \times v} : S = UV\}$$

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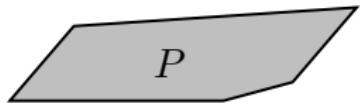
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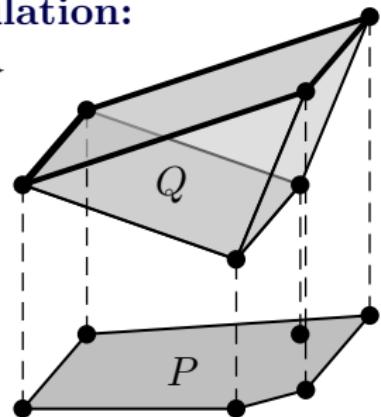
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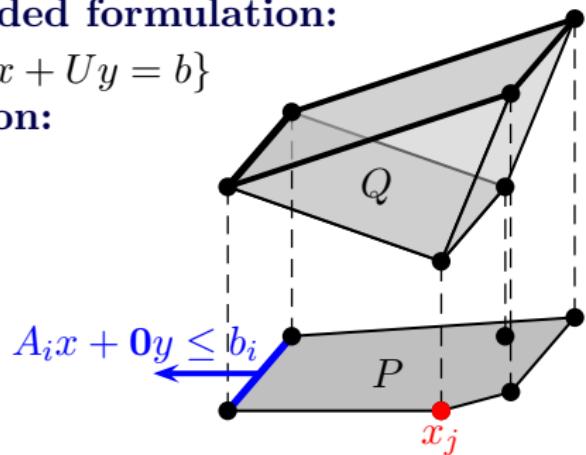
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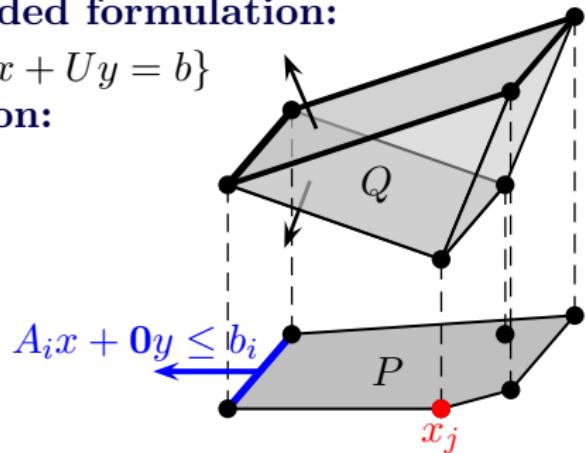
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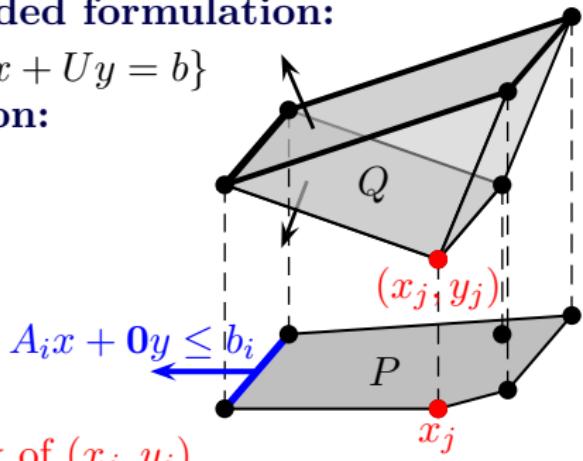
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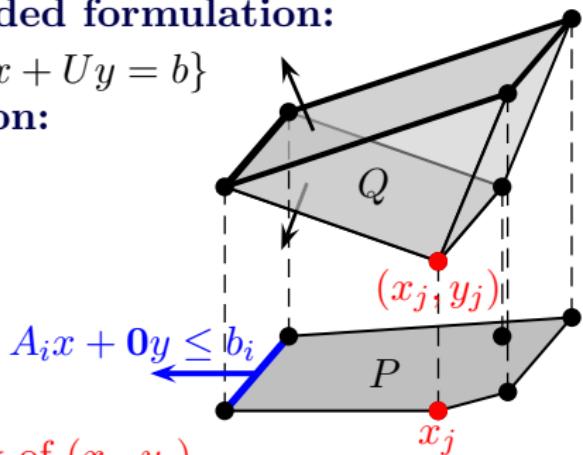
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V

0	0	2	1	0
0	2	2	0	3

U

3	2
1	1
0	2
0	0
2	0

S

0	4	10	3	5
0	2	4	1	3
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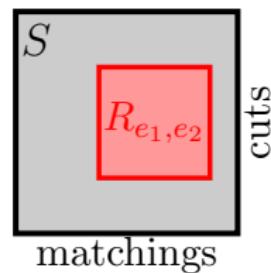
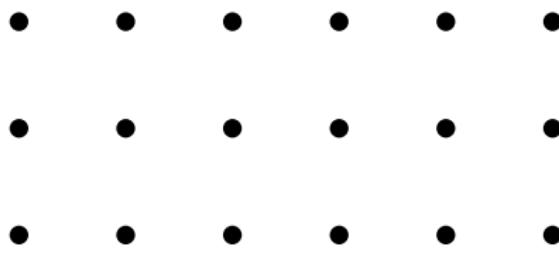
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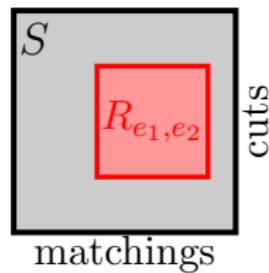
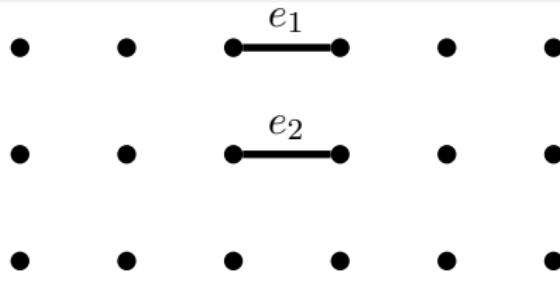


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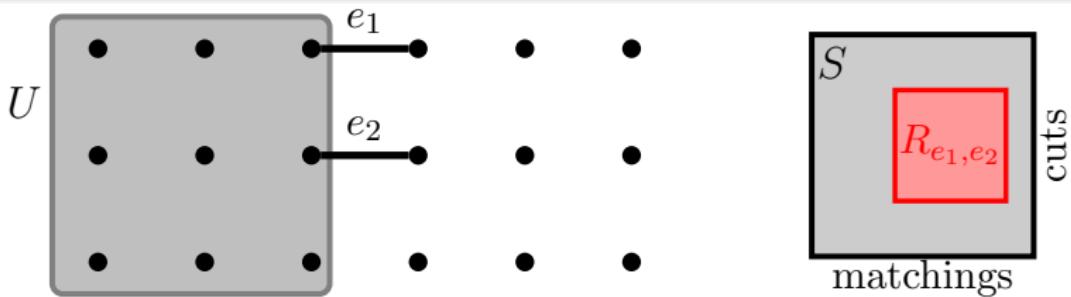
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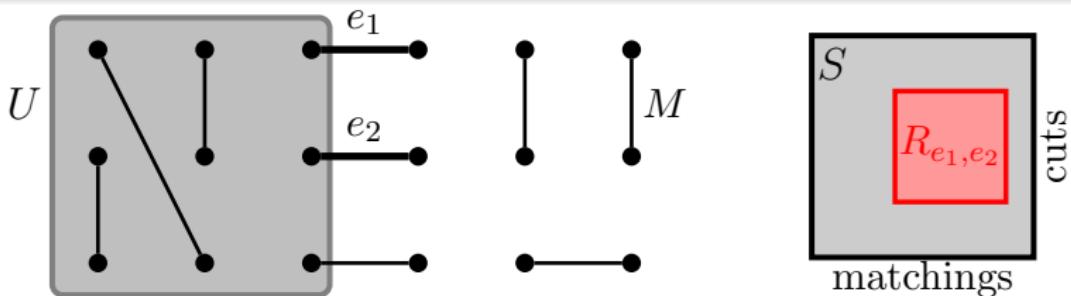
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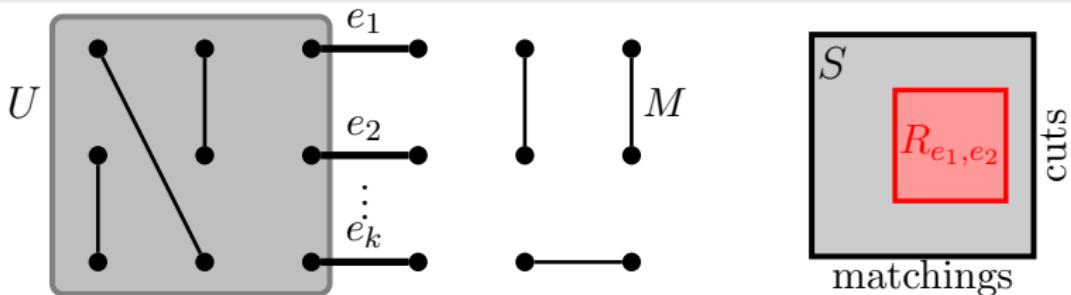
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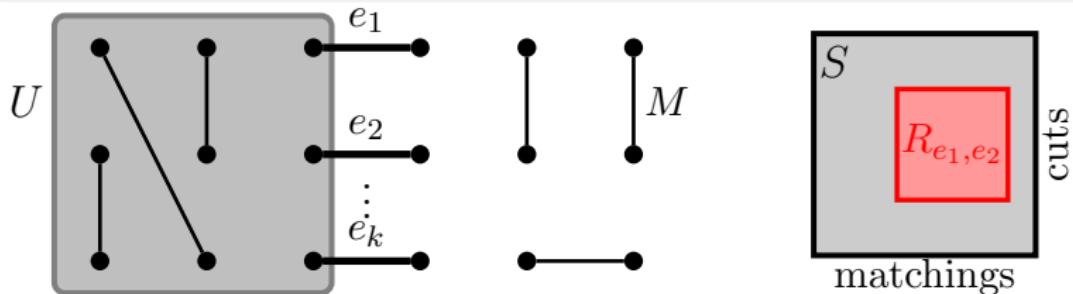
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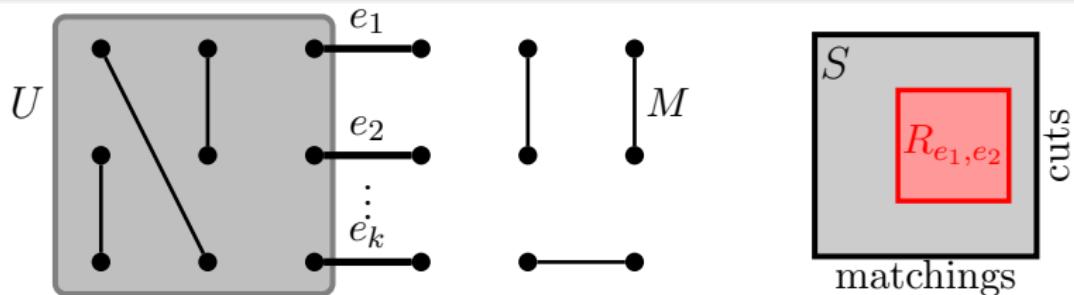
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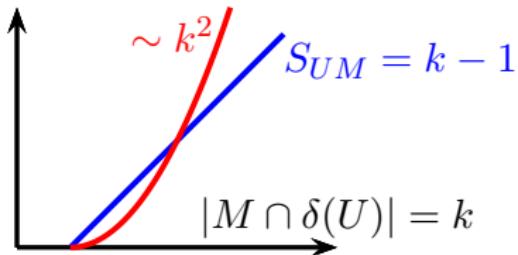
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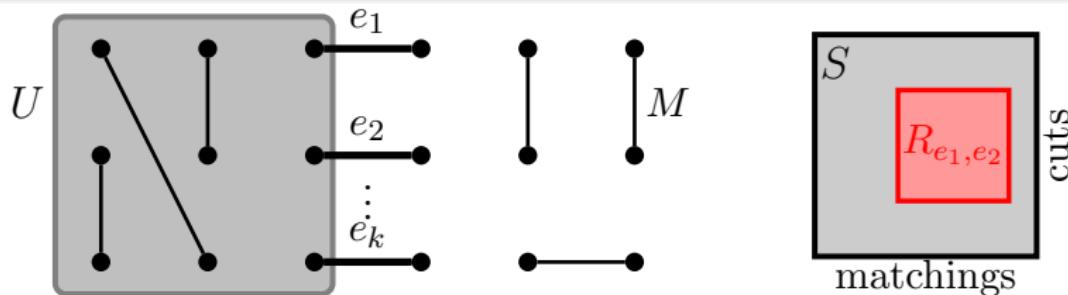


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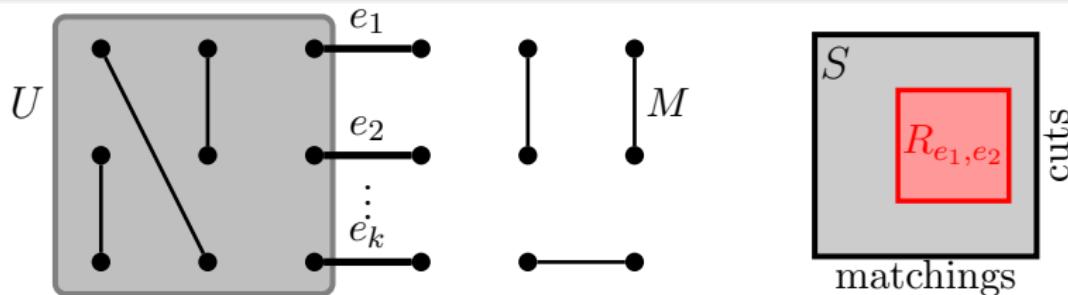
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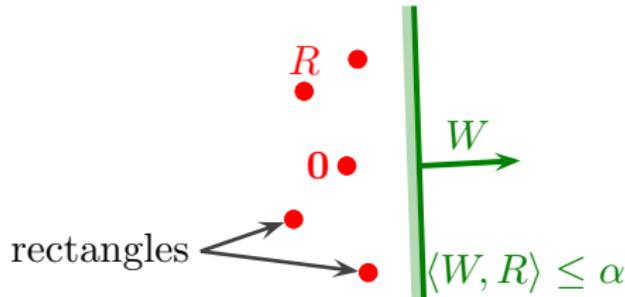
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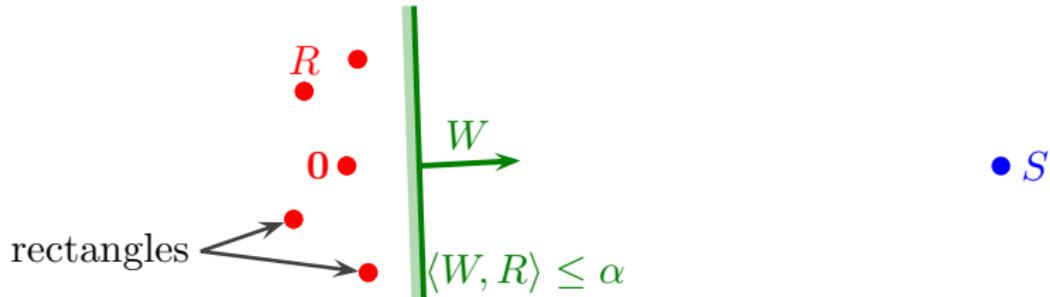


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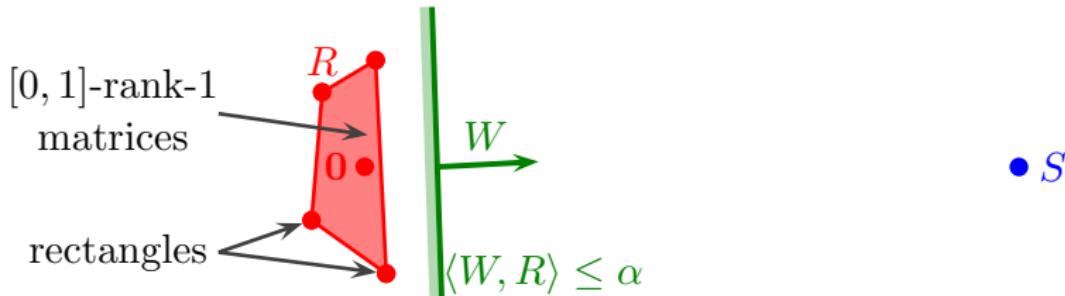
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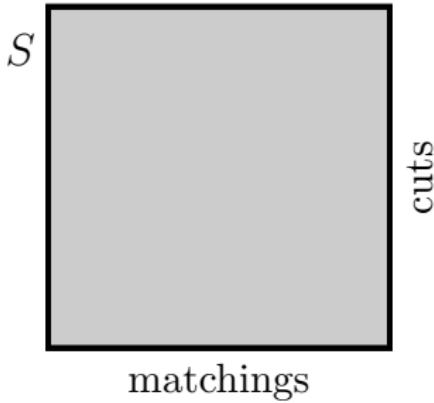
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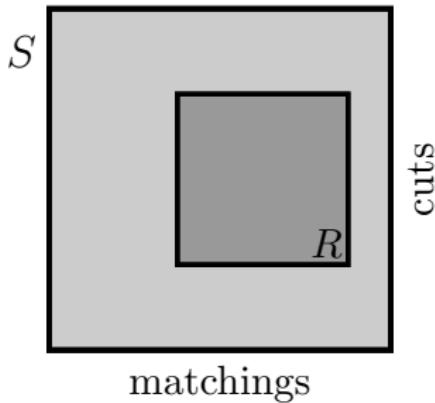


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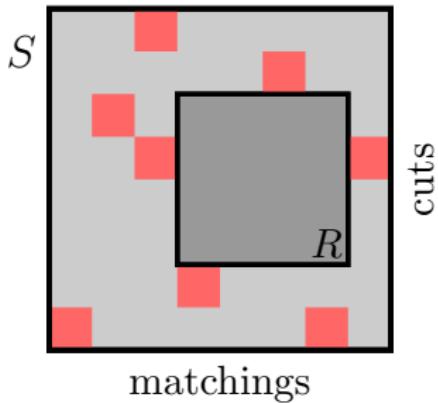


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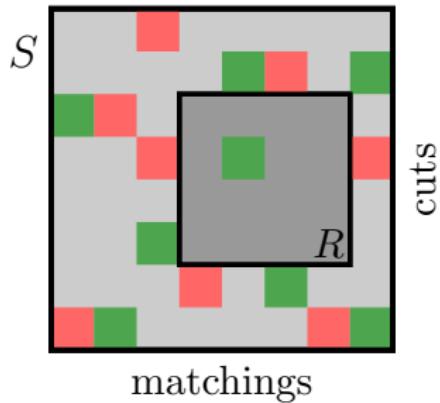


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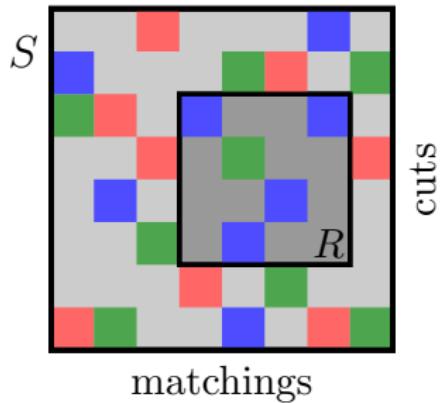


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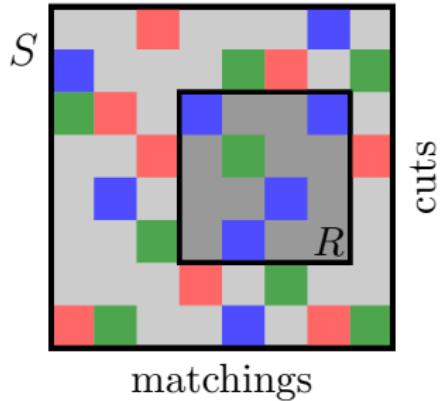


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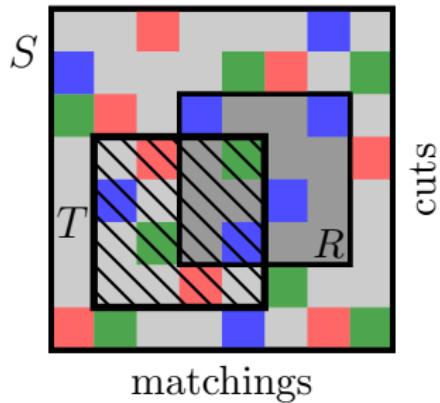
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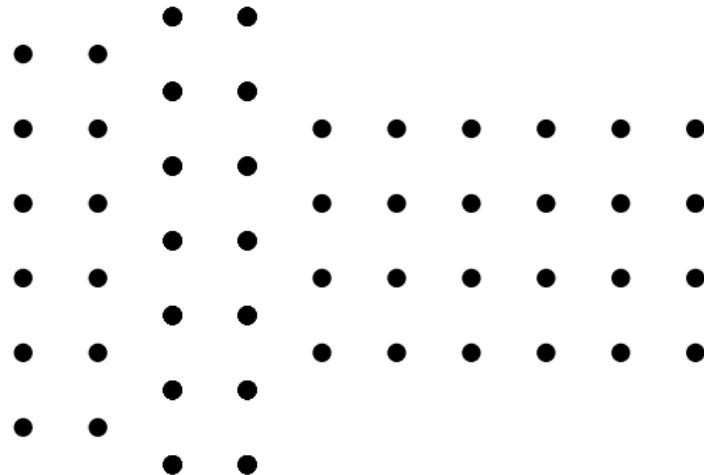
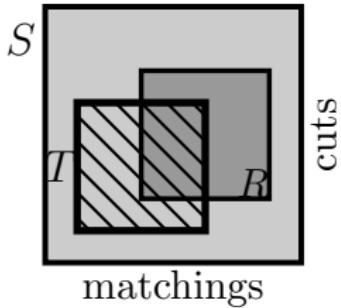
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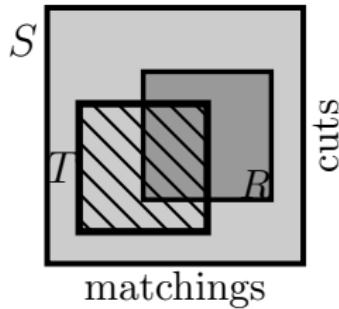
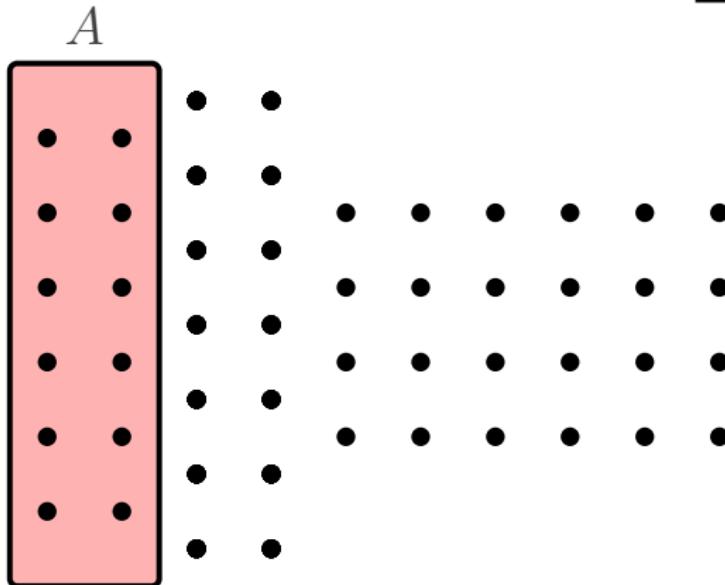
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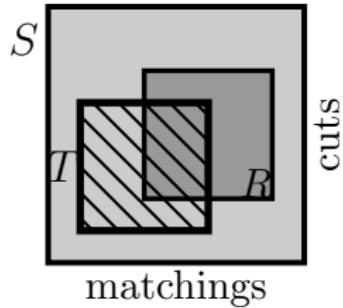
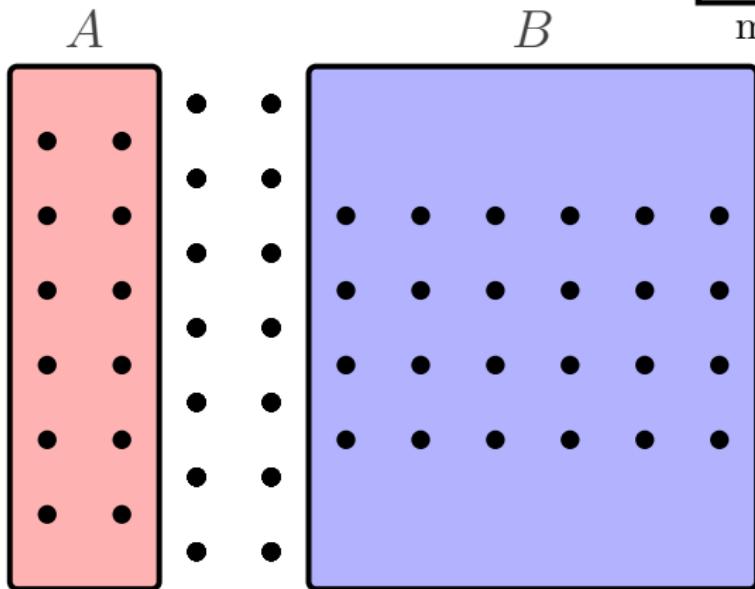
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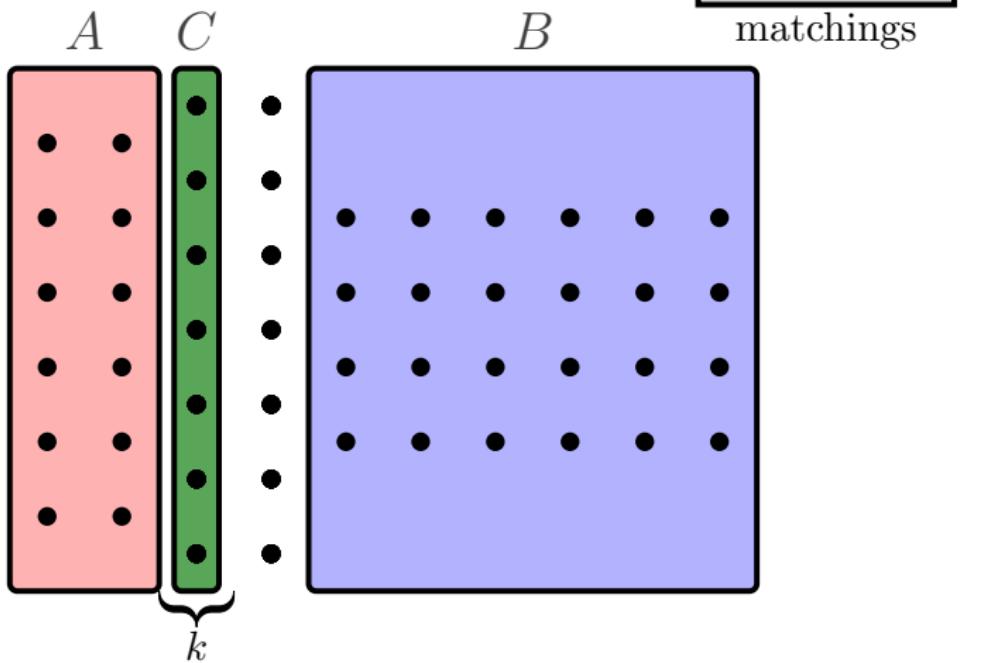
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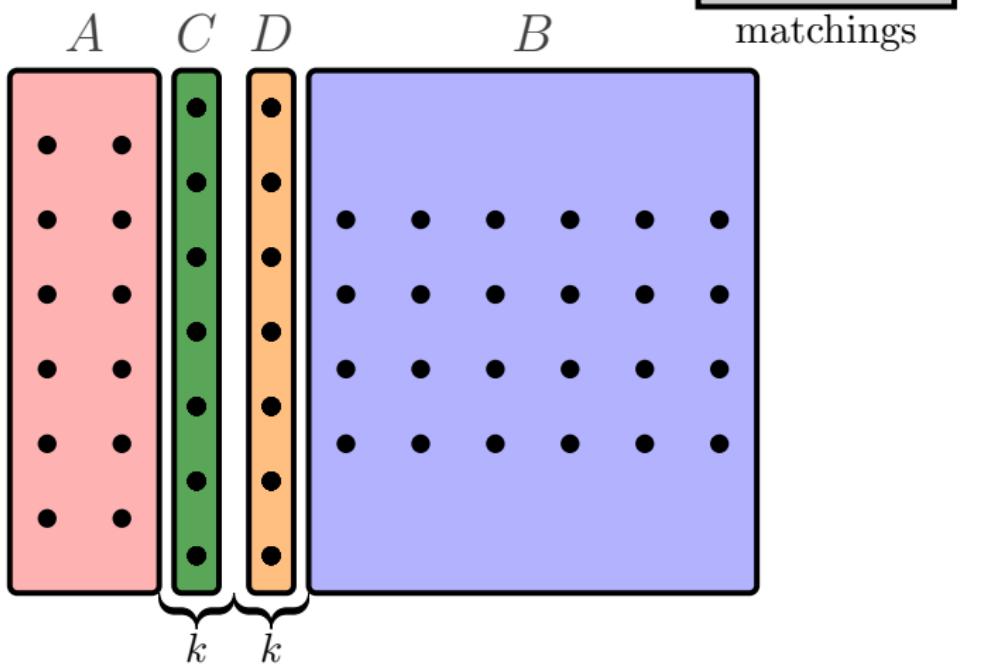
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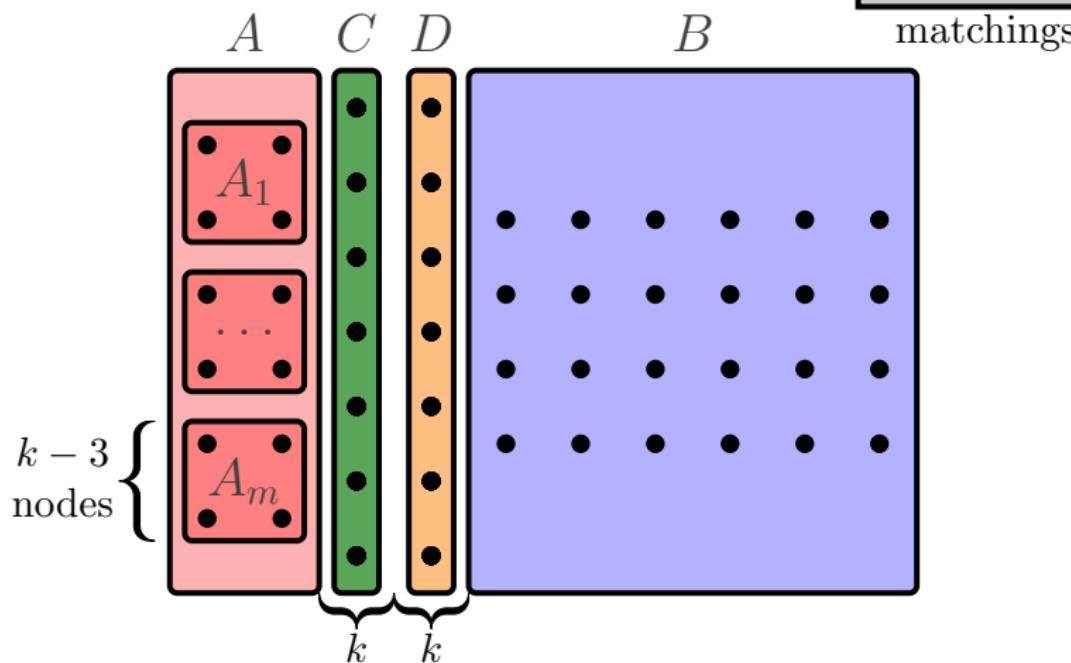
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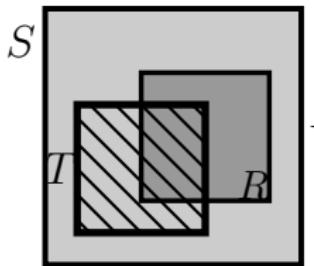
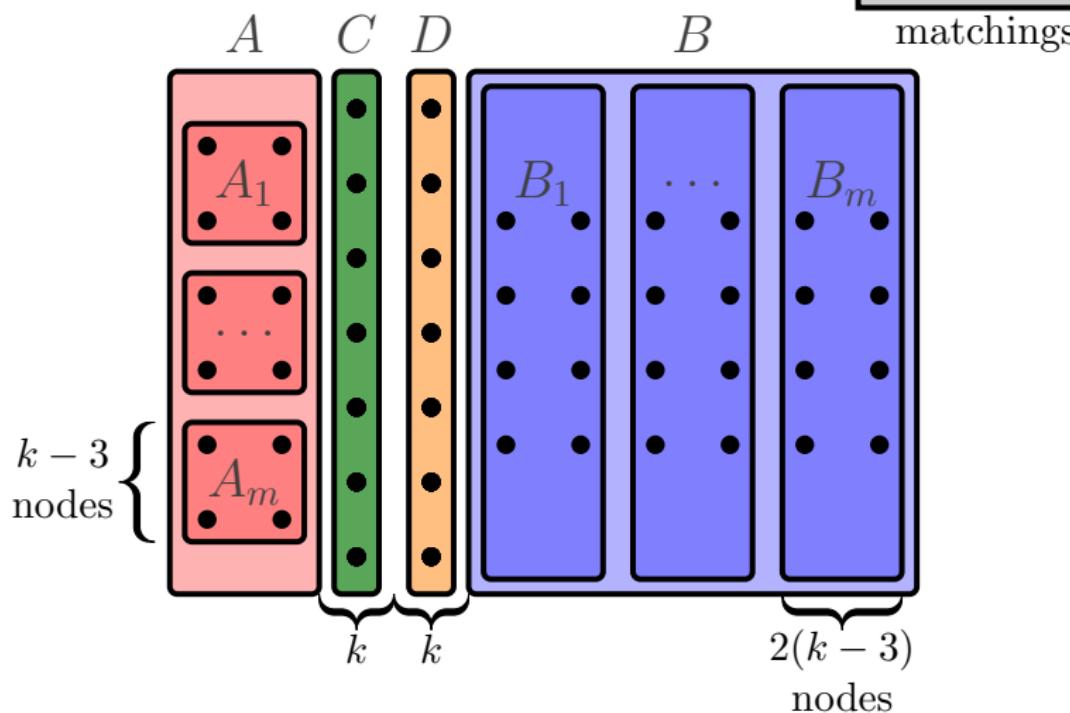
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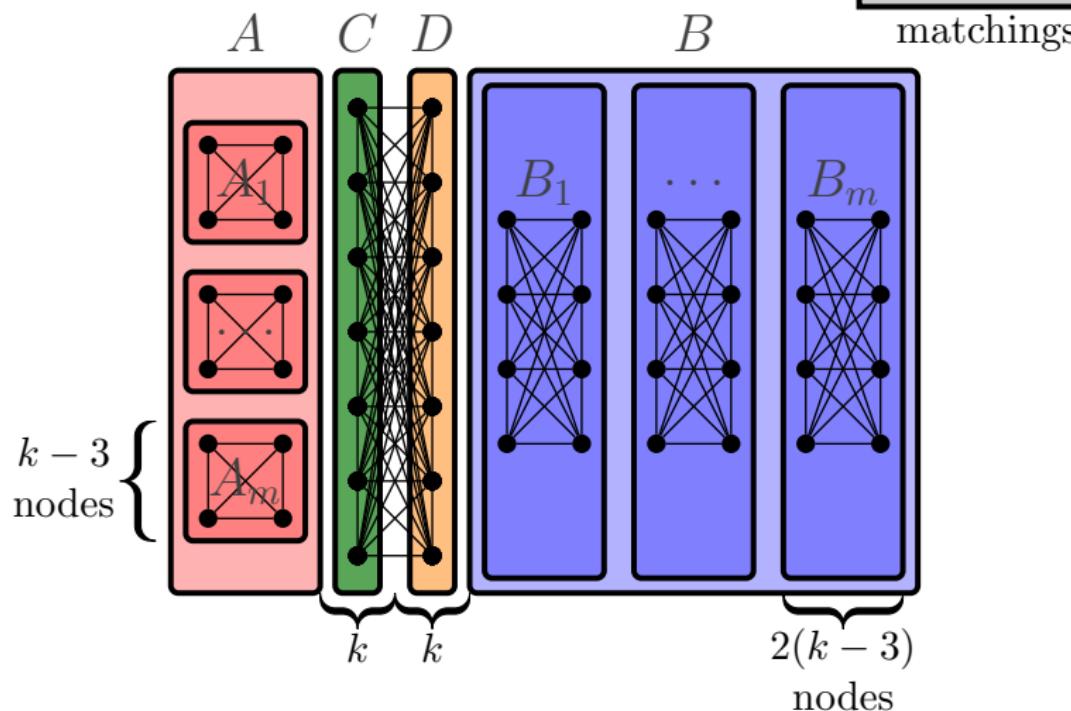
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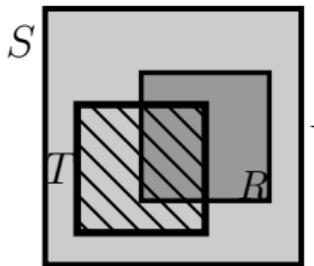
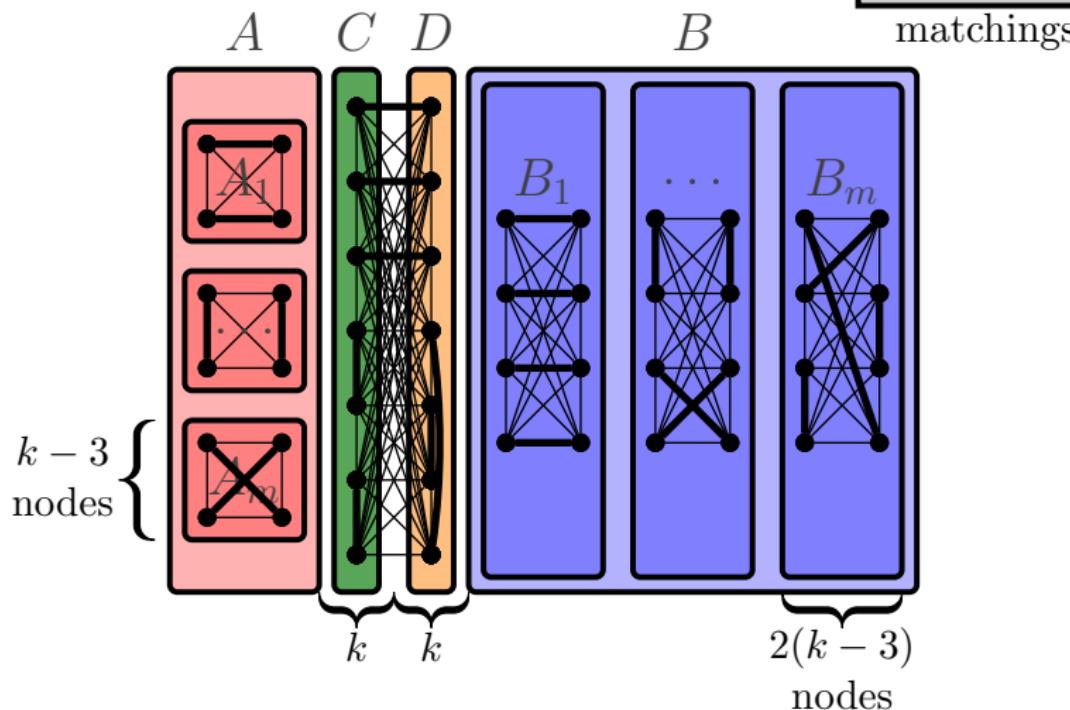
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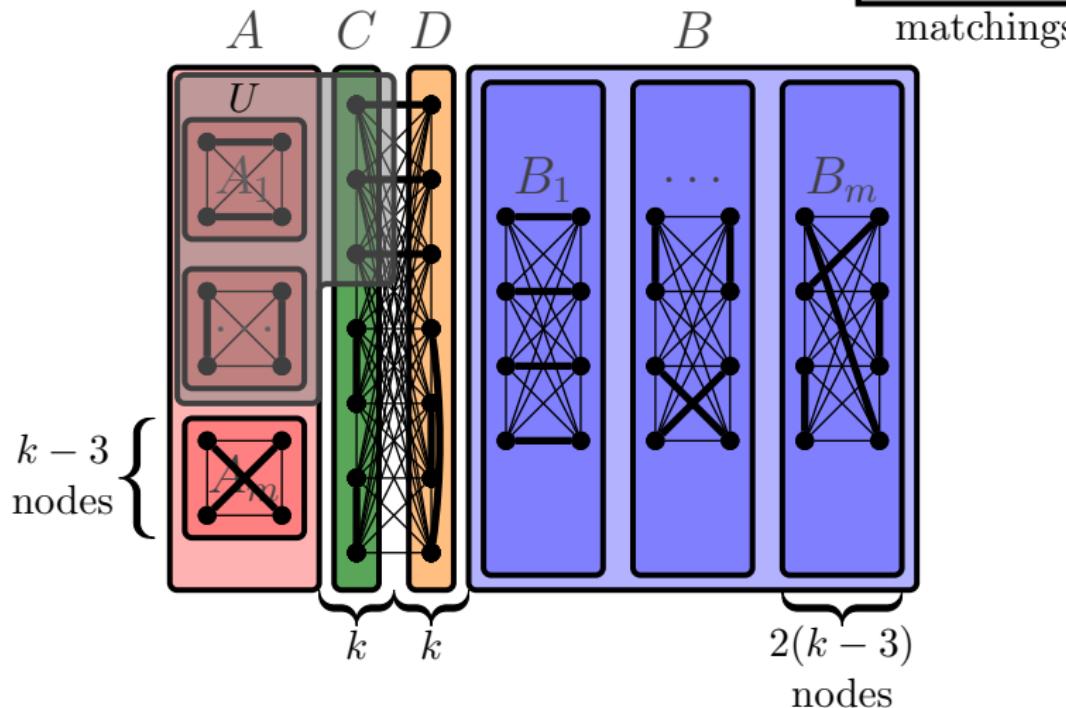


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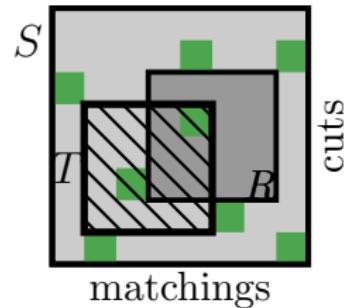
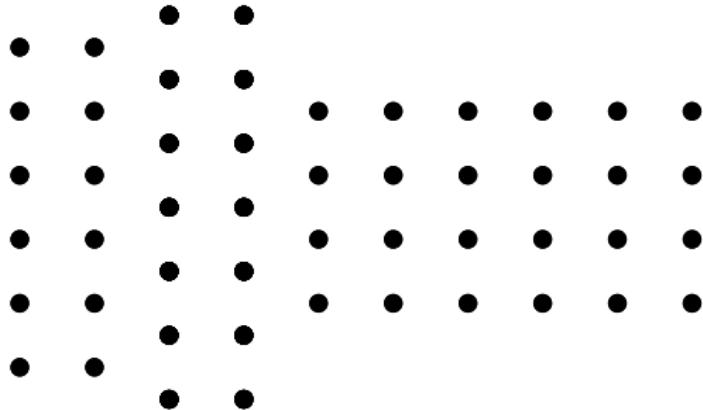
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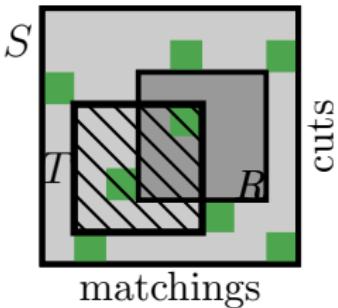
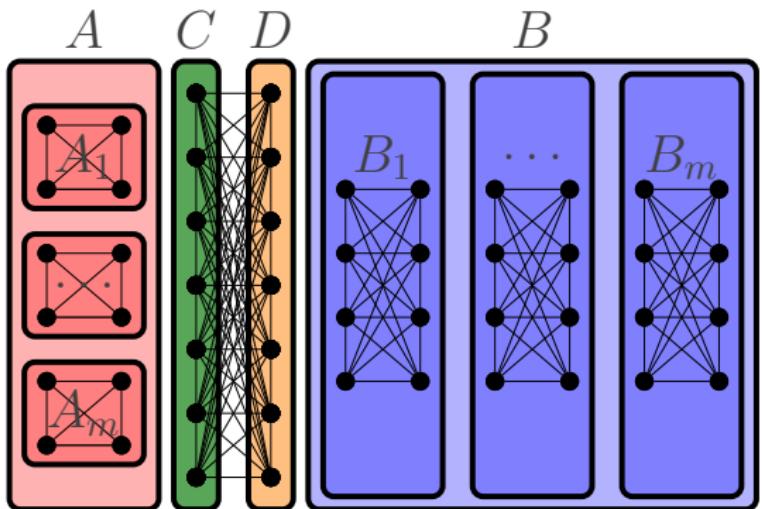
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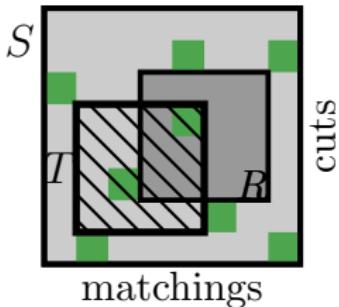
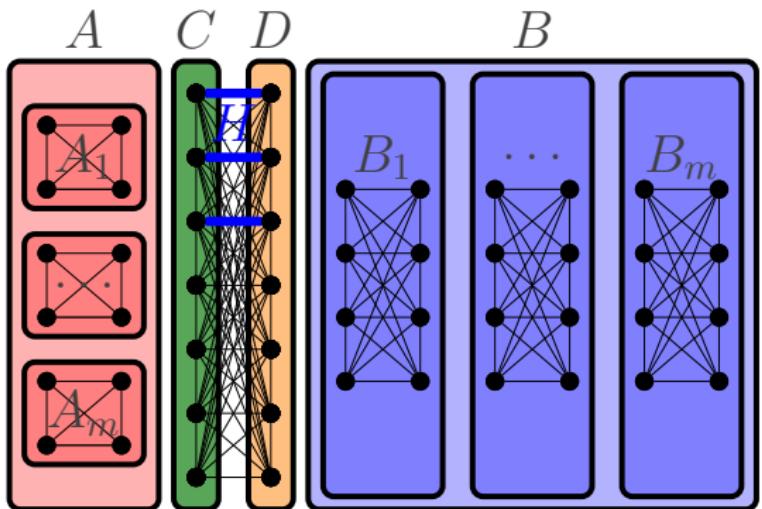


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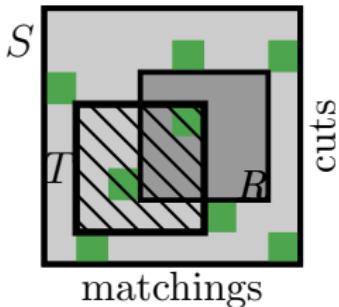
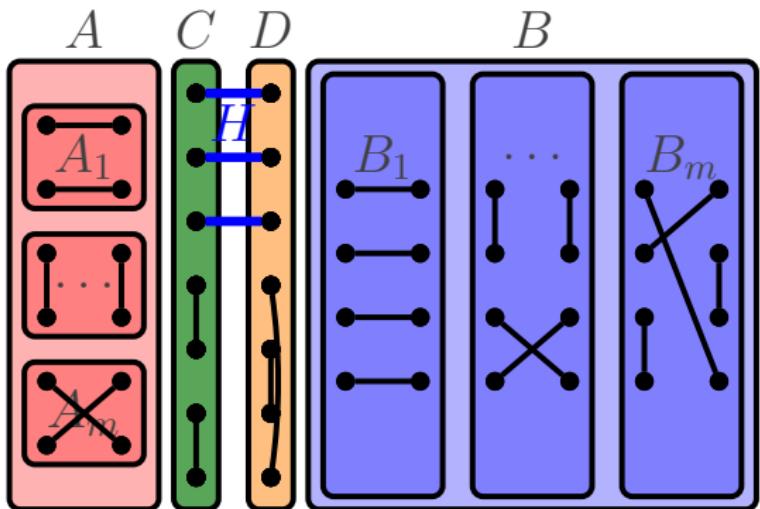


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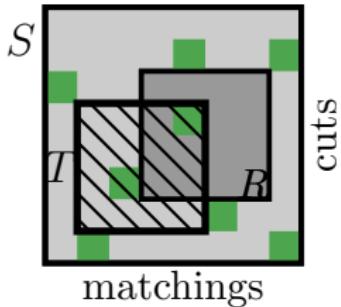
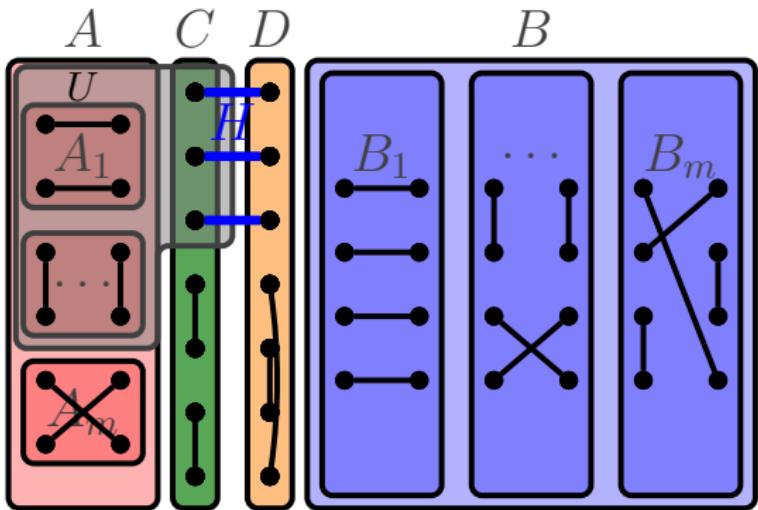


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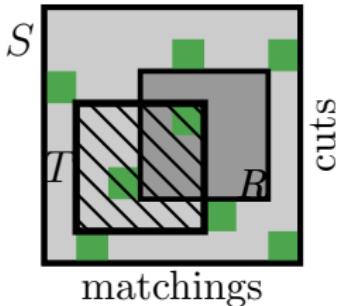
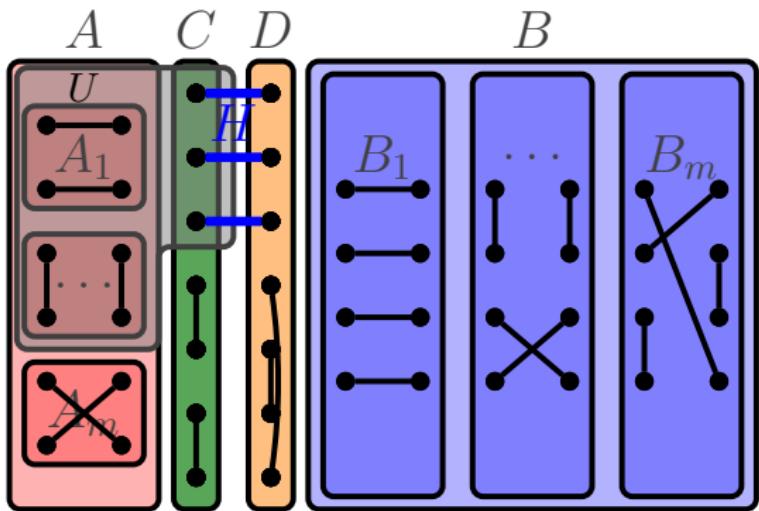


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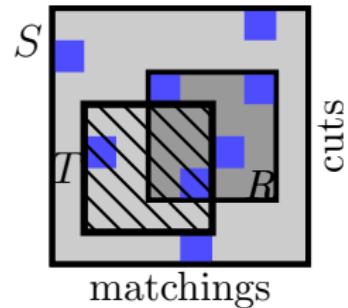
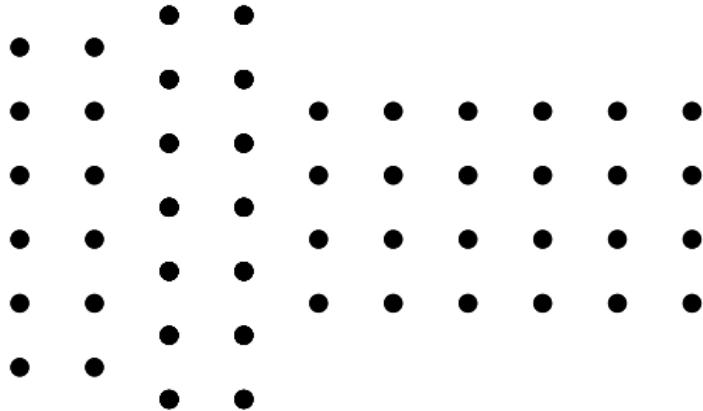


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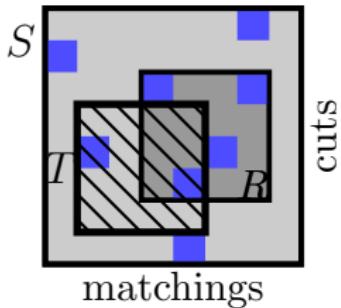
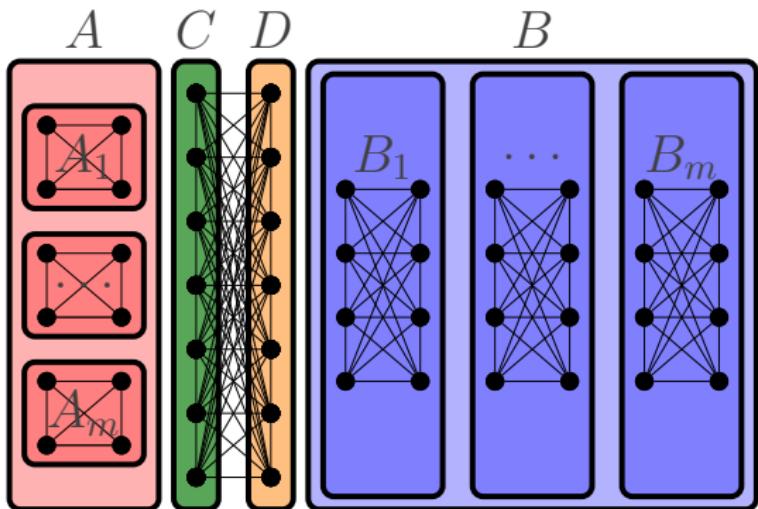
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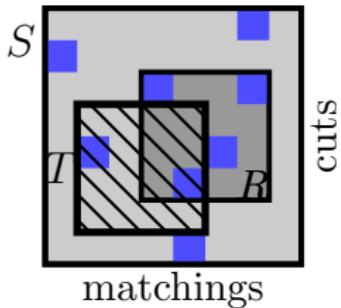
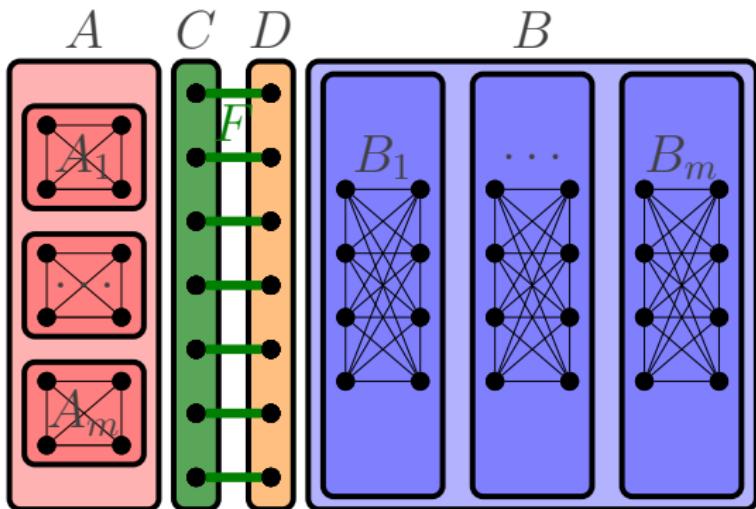
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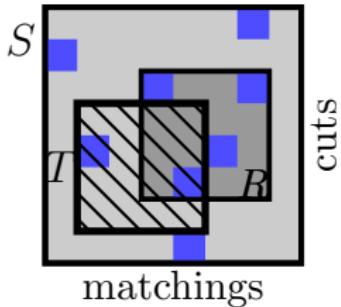
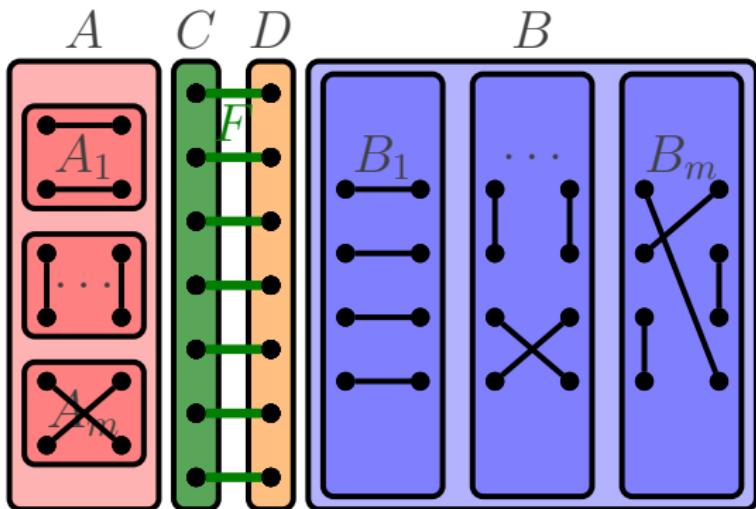


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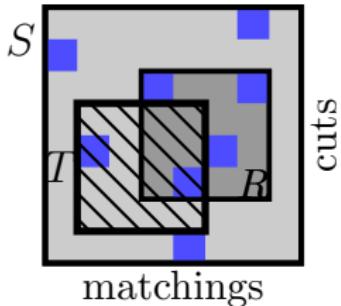
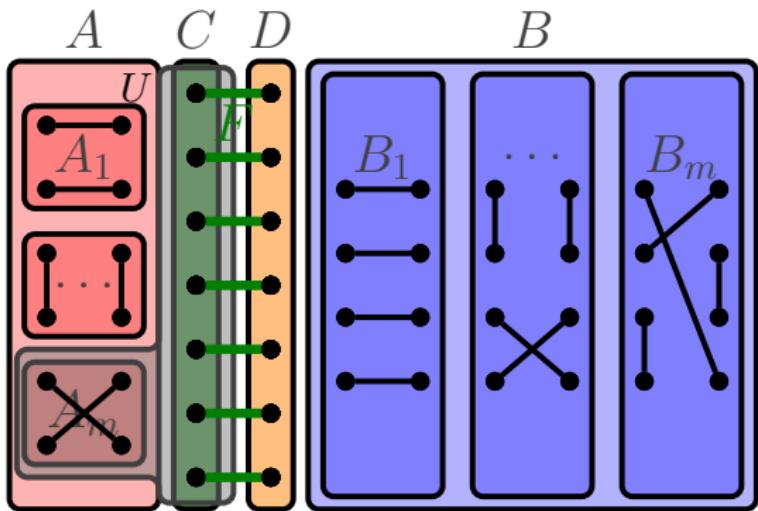


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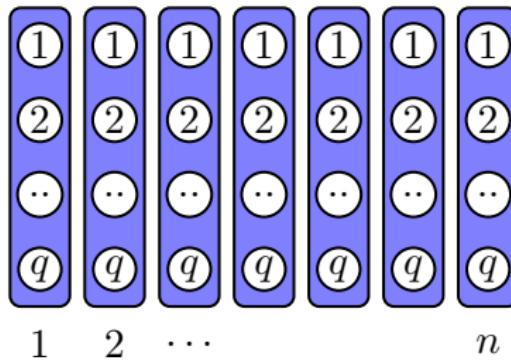
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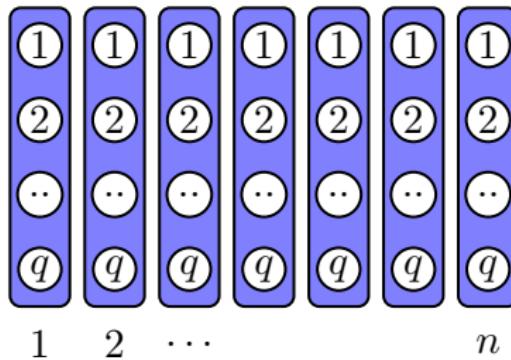
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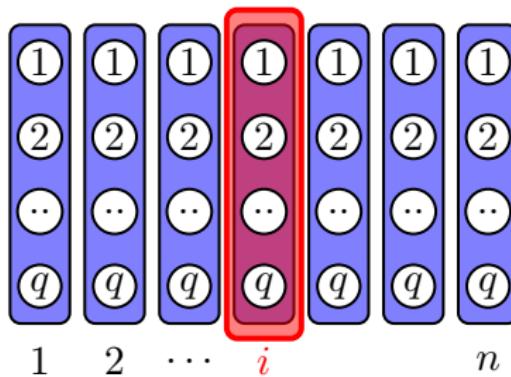
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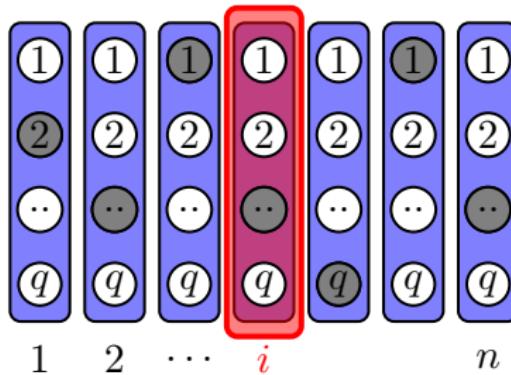
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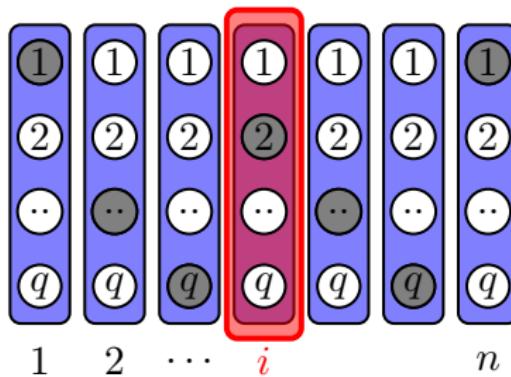
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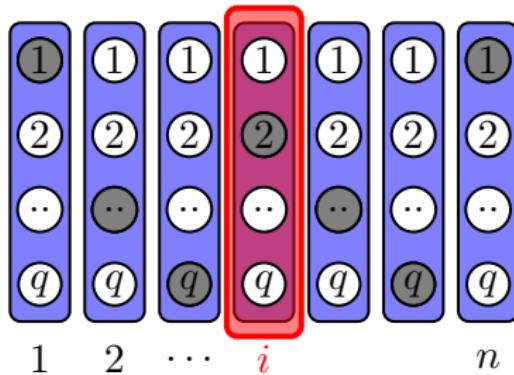


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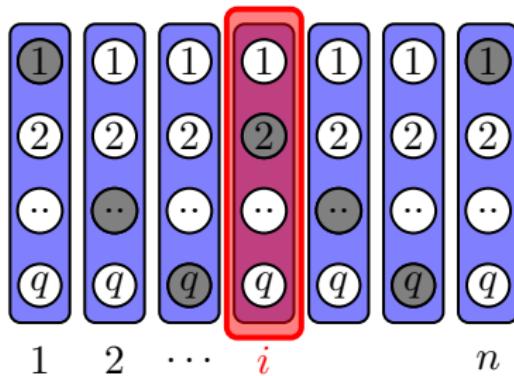


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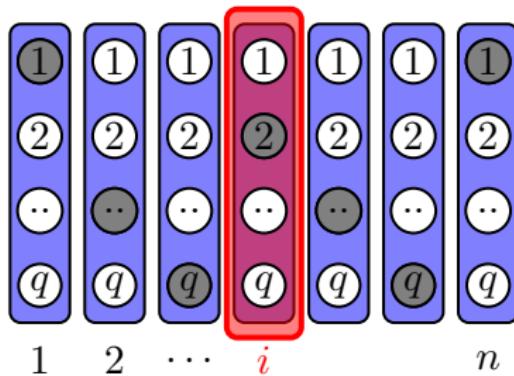
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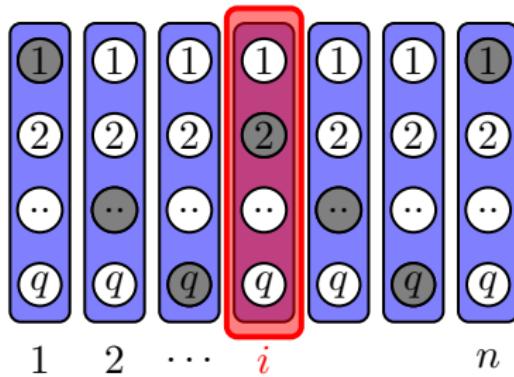
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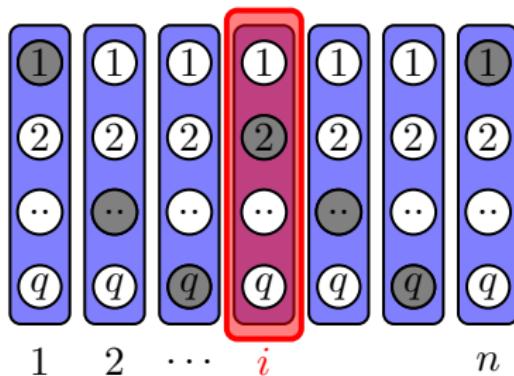
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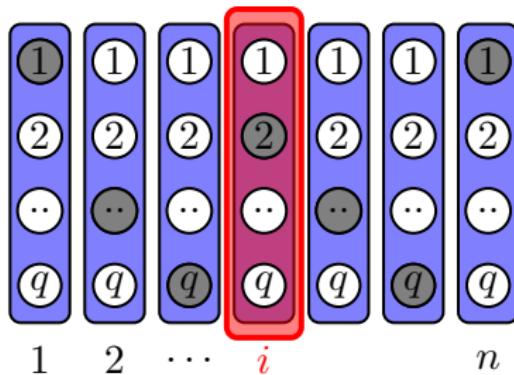
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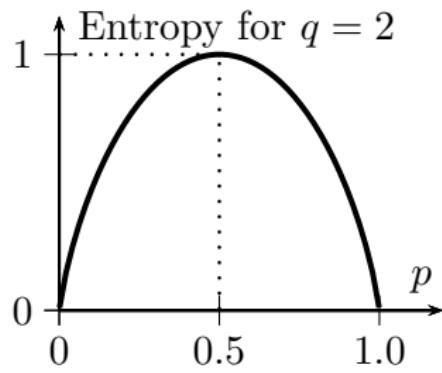
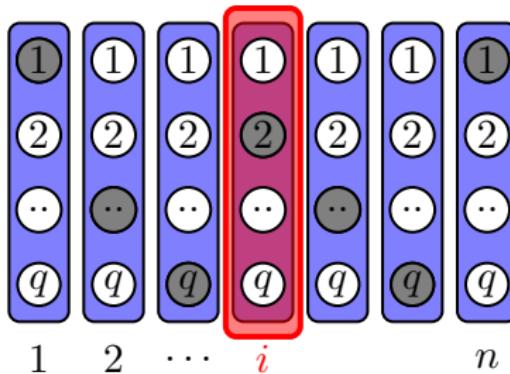
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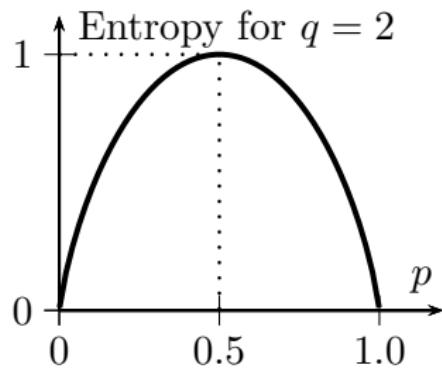
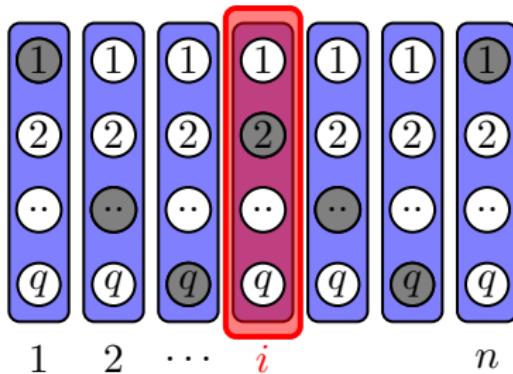
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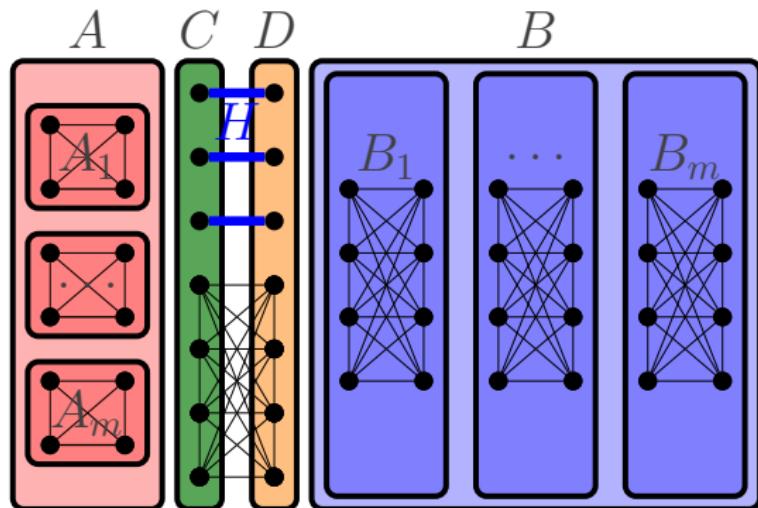
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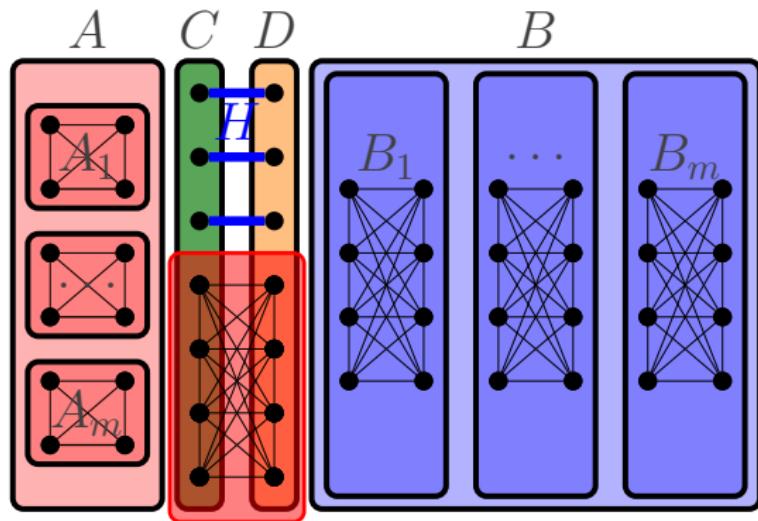
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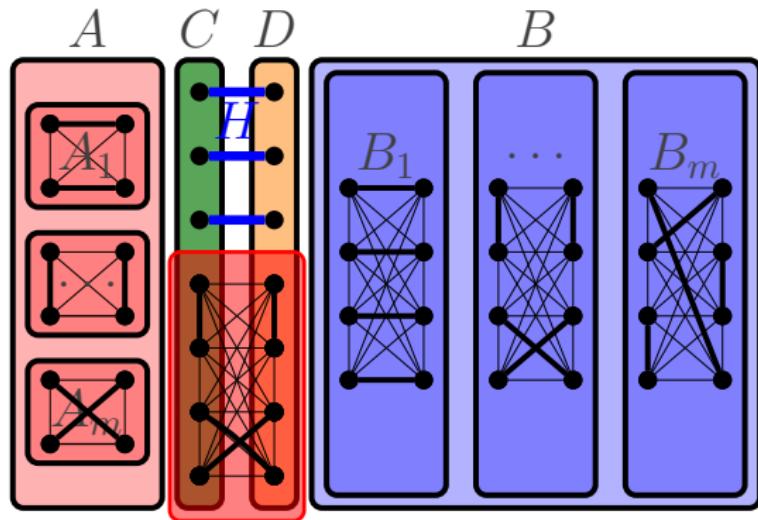
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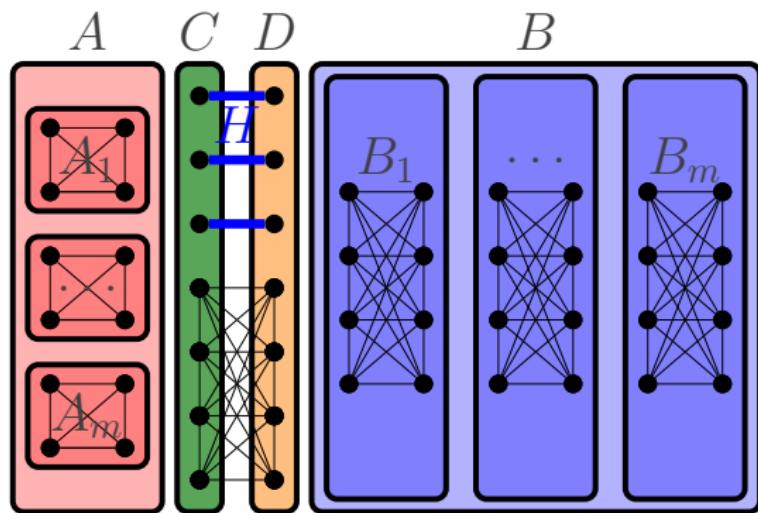
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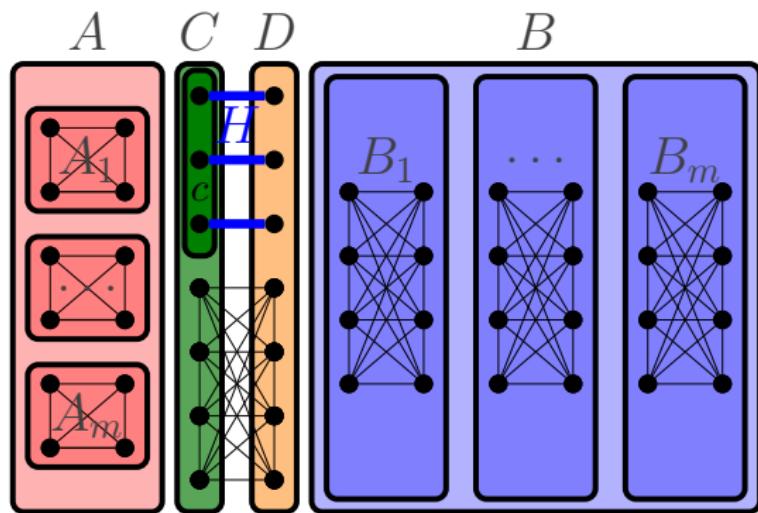
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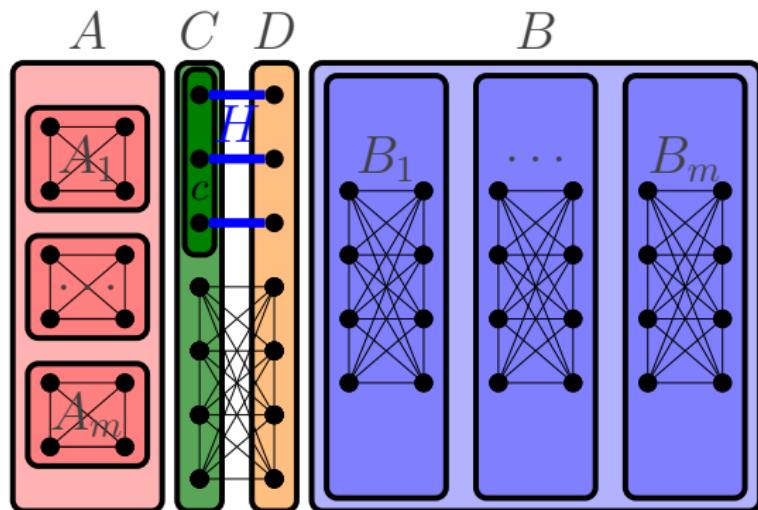
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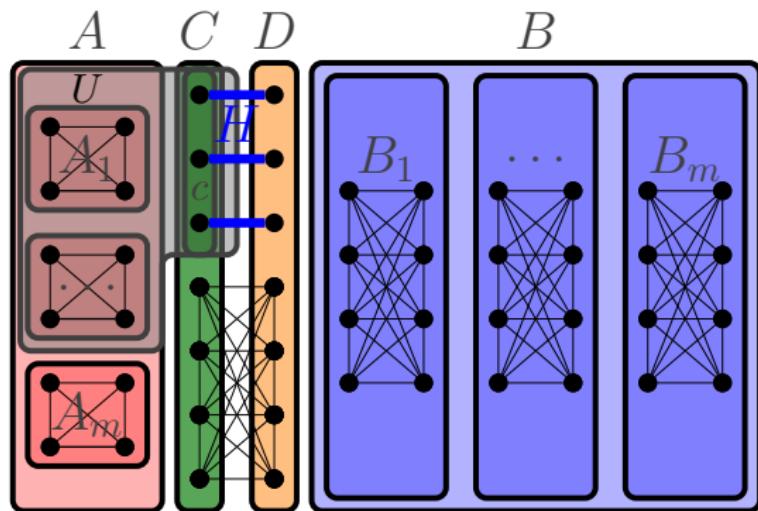
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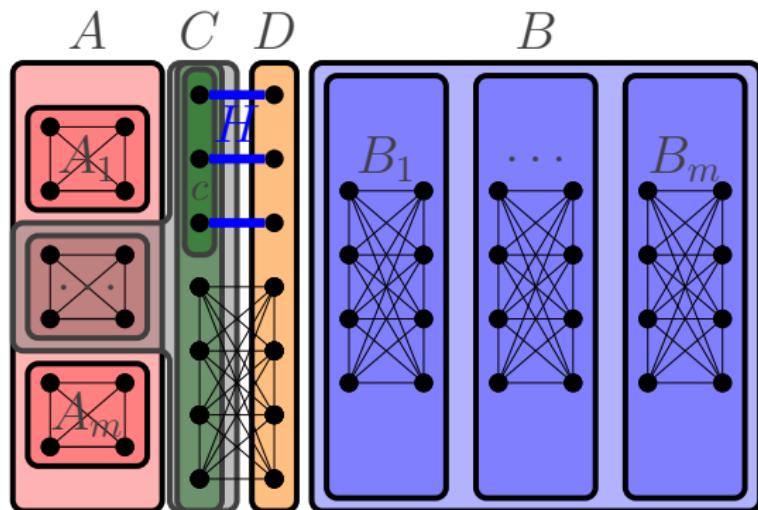
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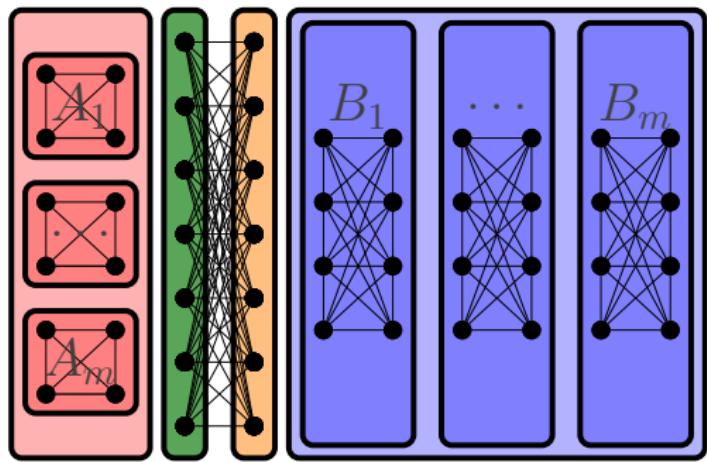
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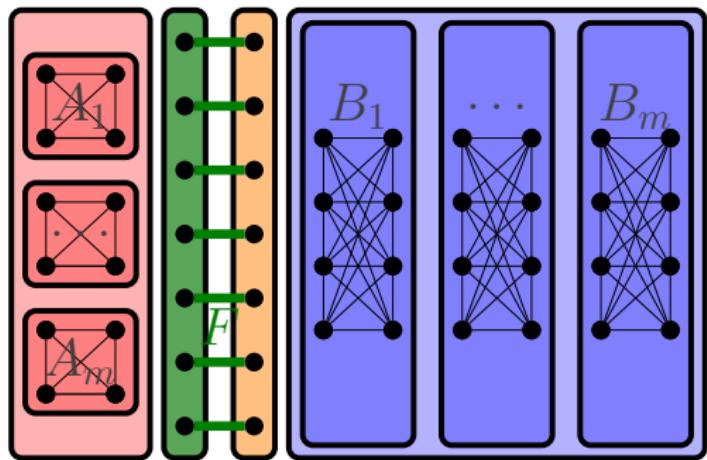
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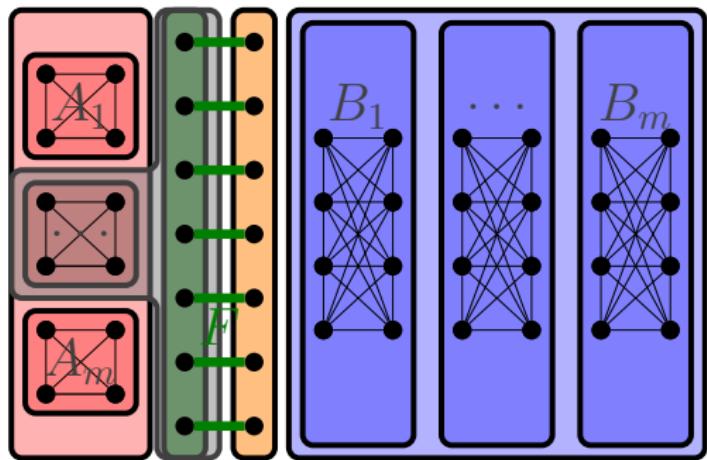
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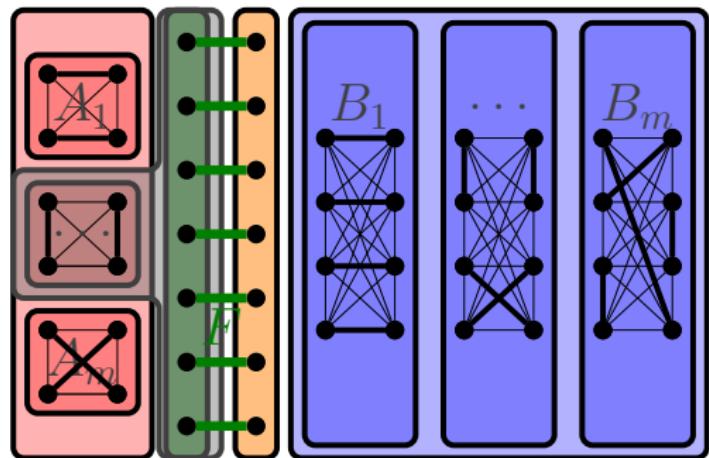
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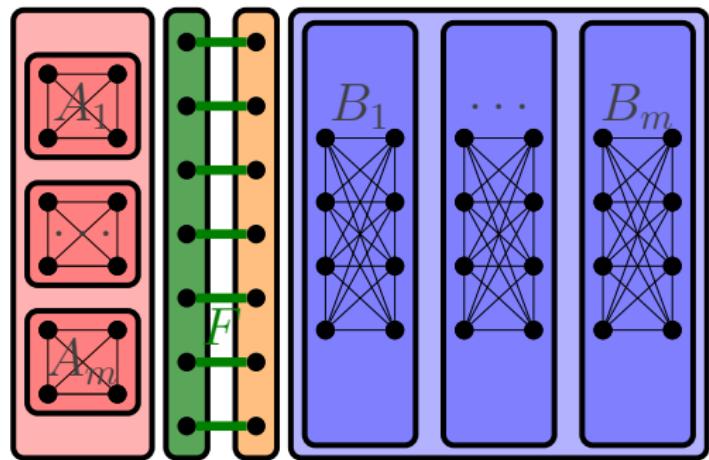
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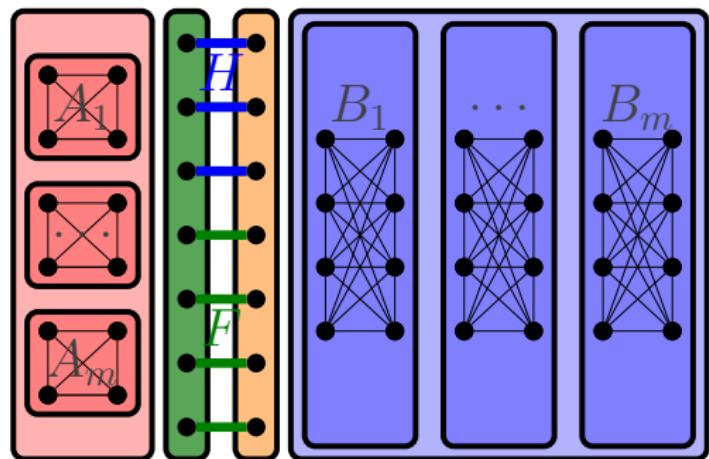


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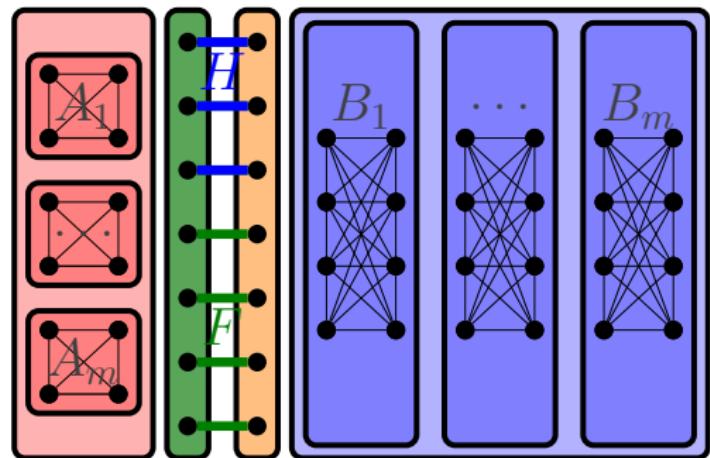


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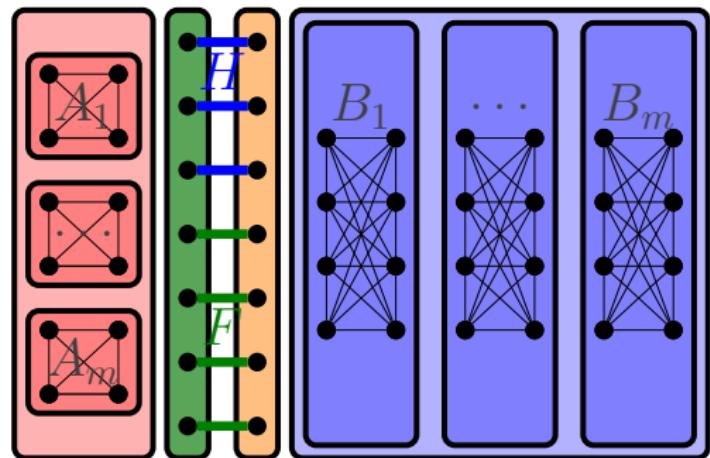


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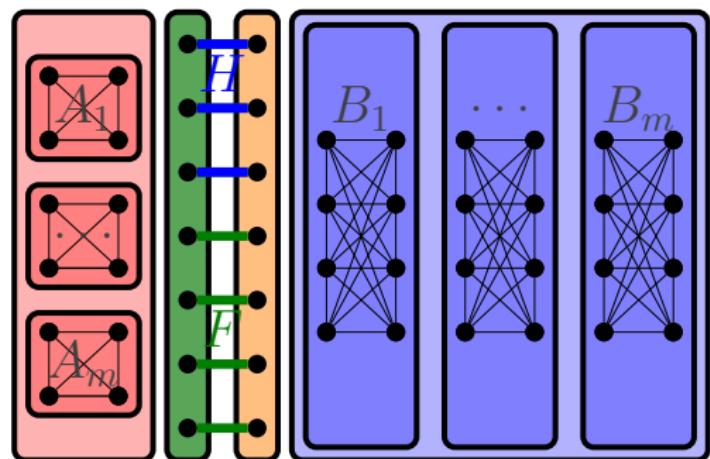
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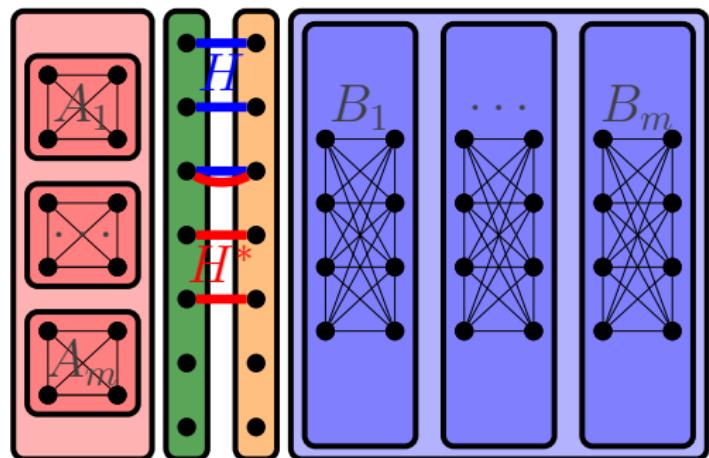
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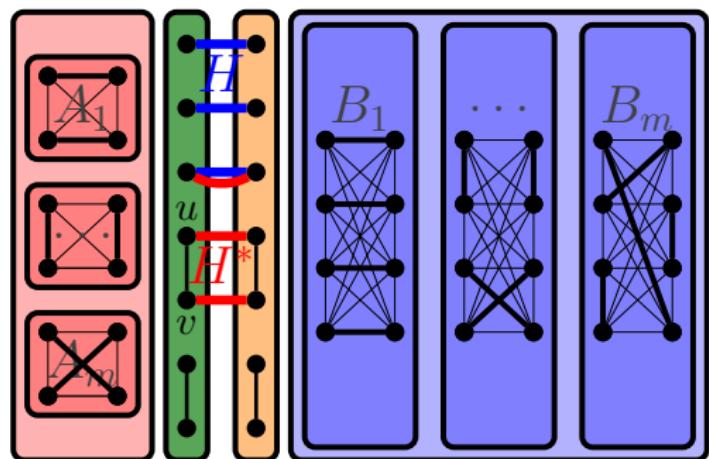
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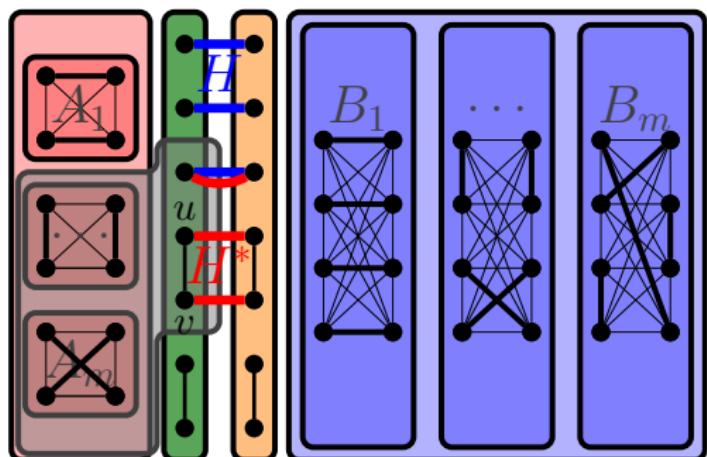
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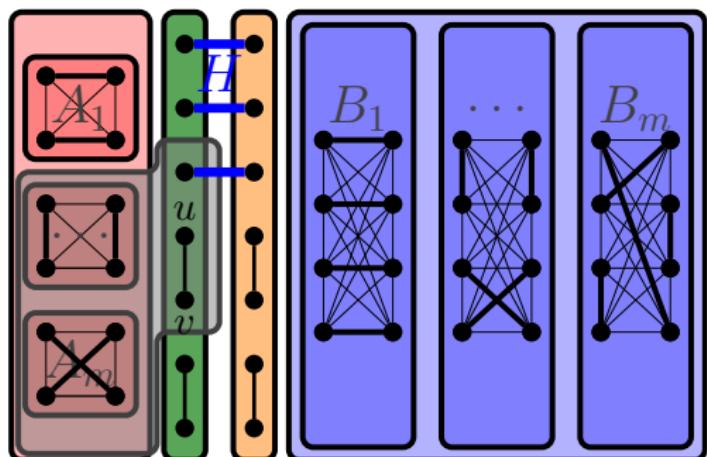
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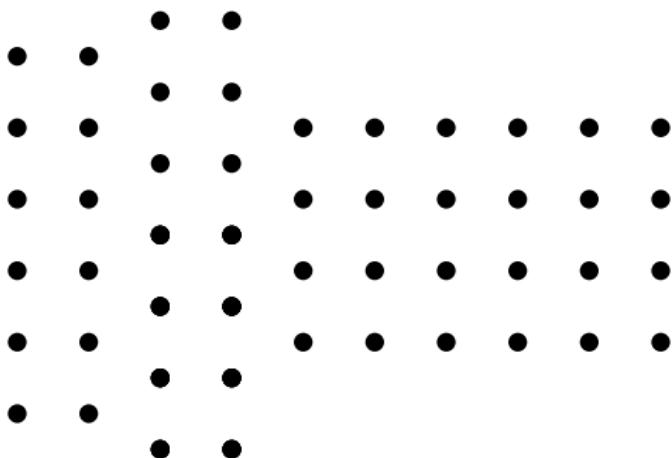
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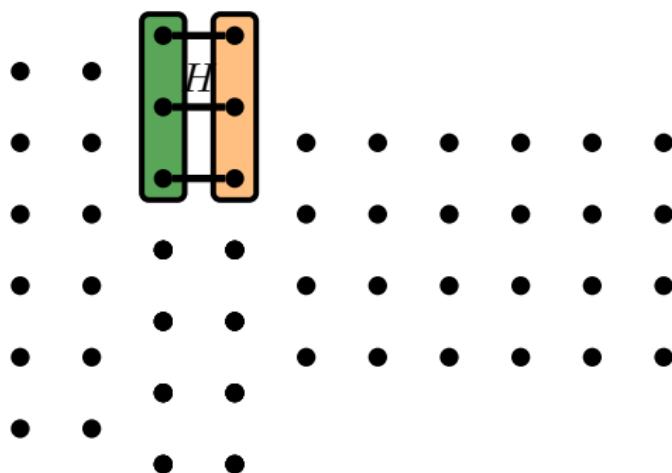


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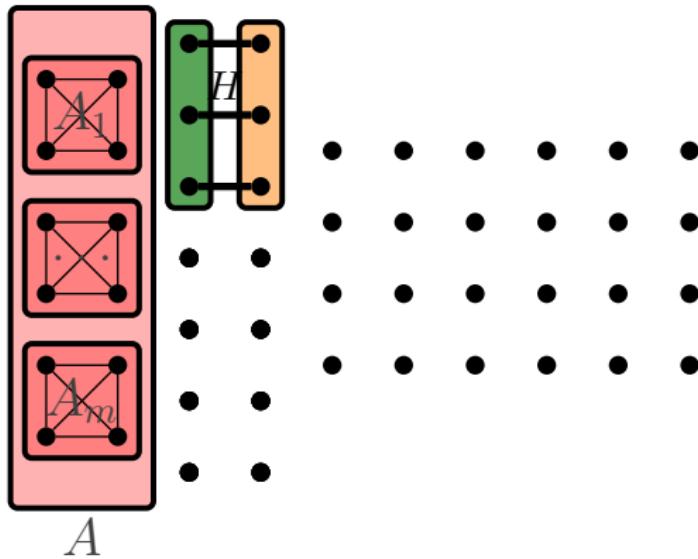


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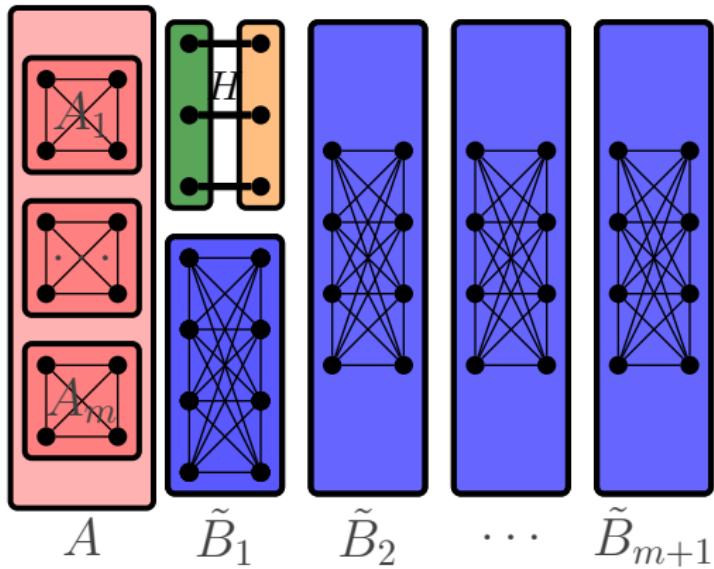


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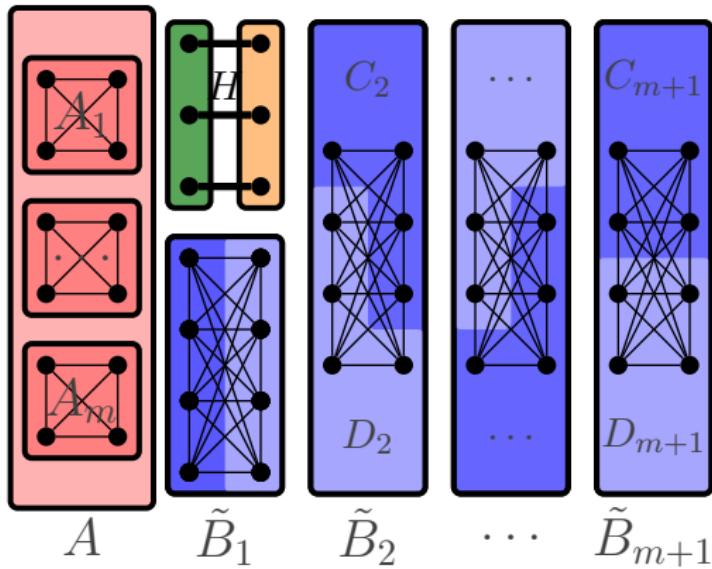


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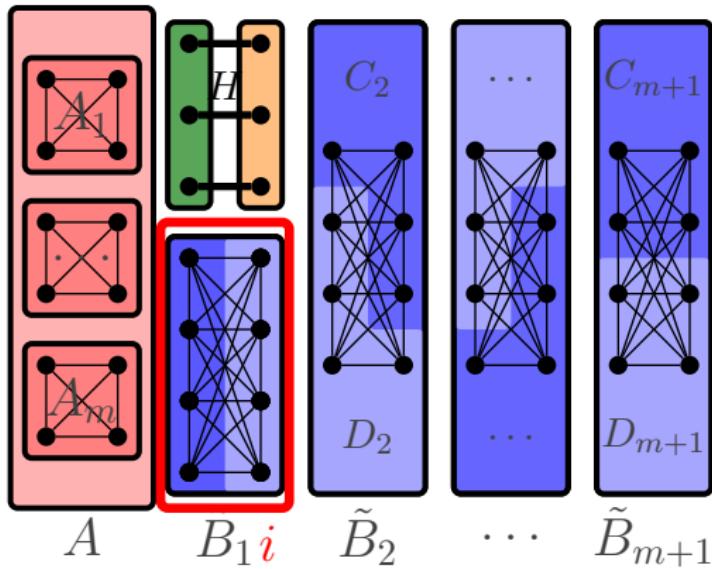


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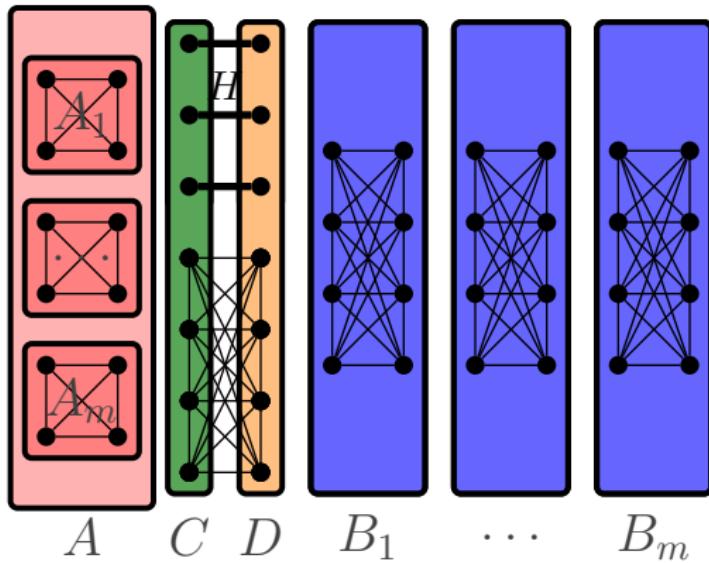


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