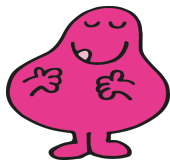


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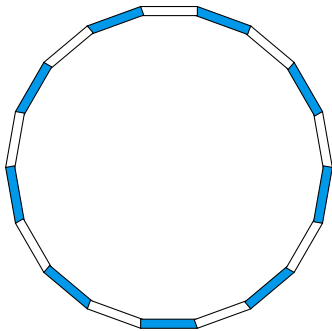
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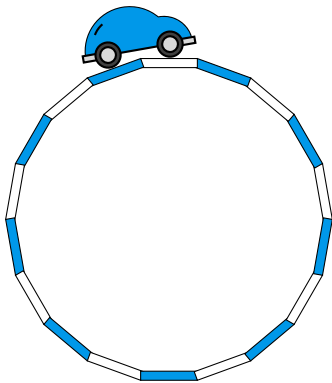
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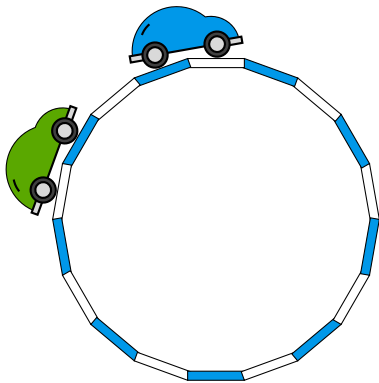
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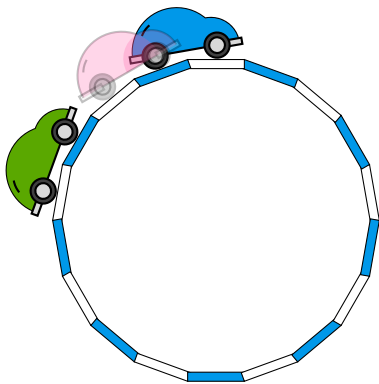
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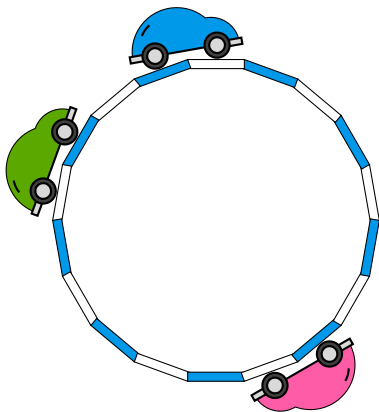
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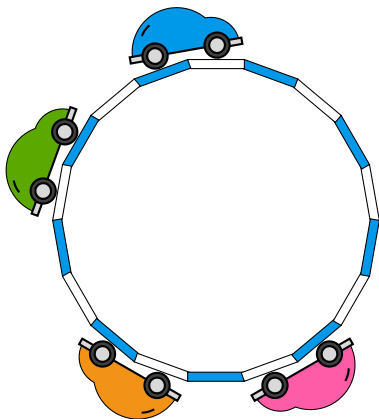
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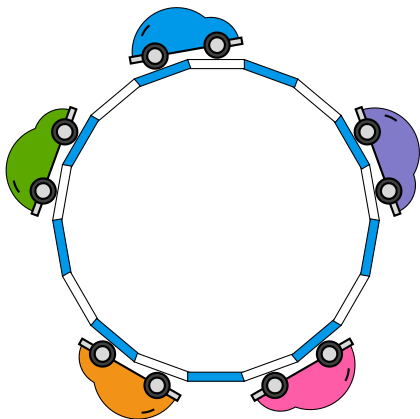
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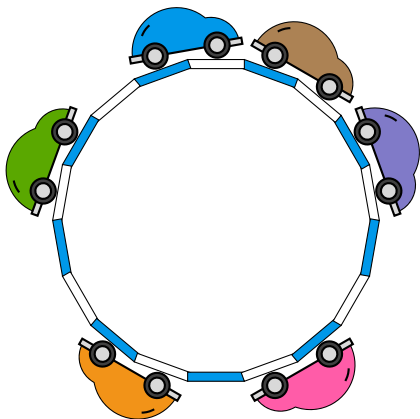


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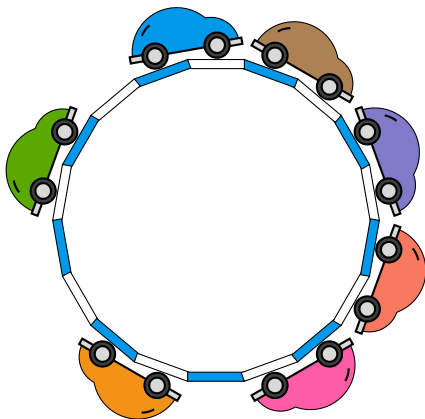




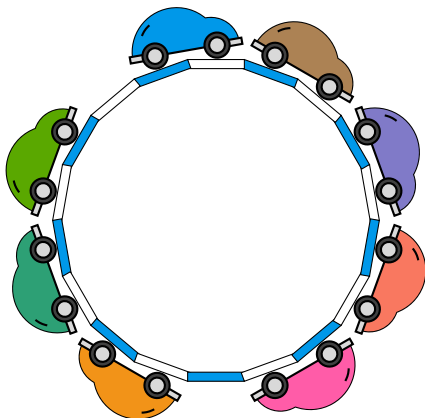
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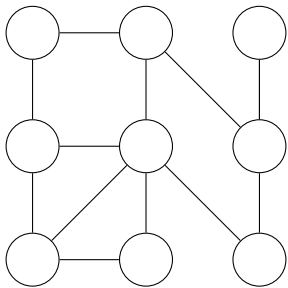
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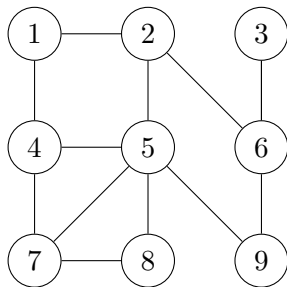
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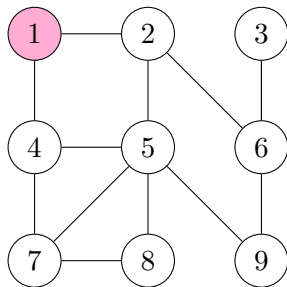


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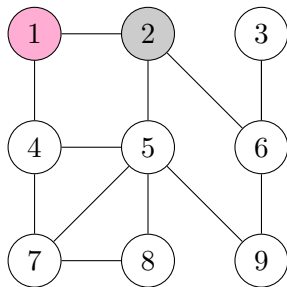




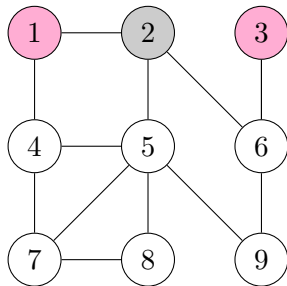
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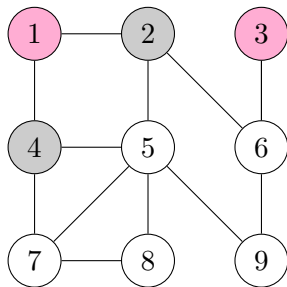
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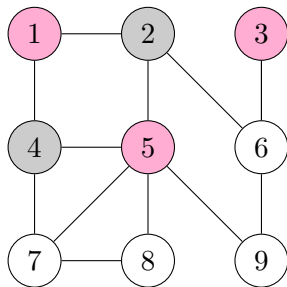
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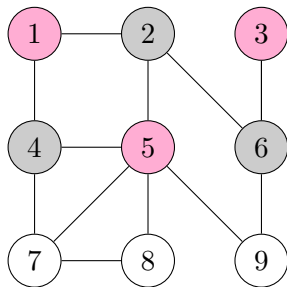
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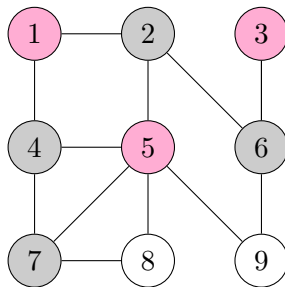
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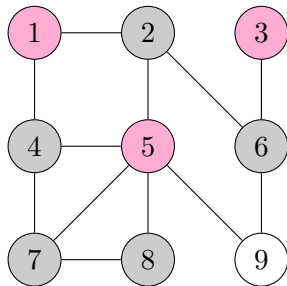
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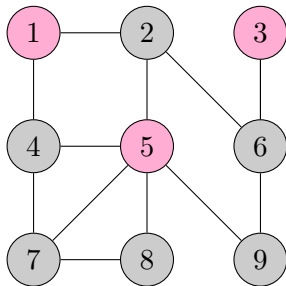


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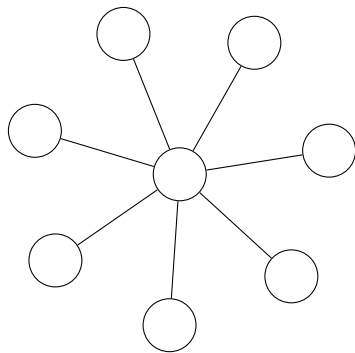




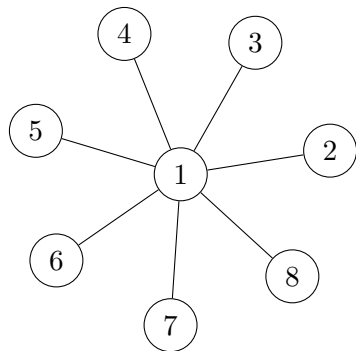
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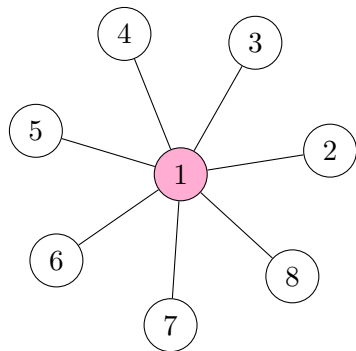
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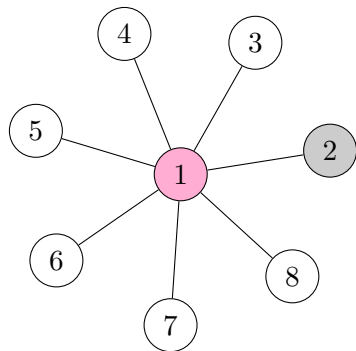
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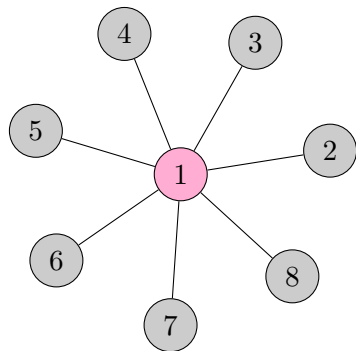
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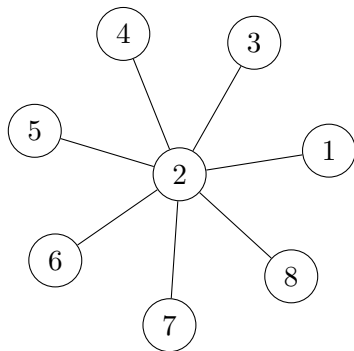
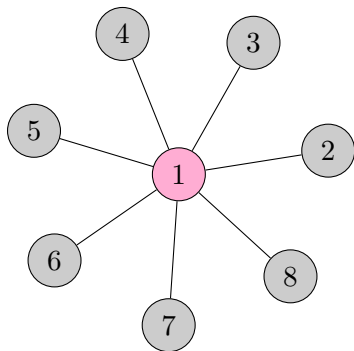
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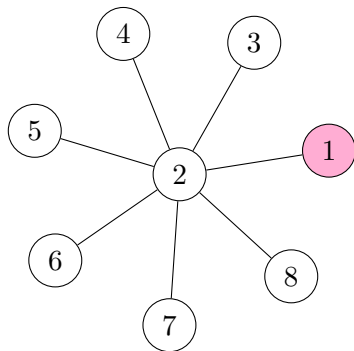
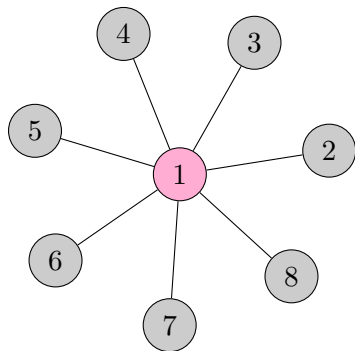
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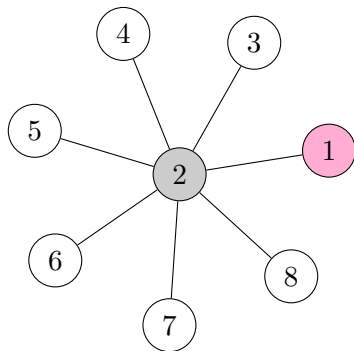
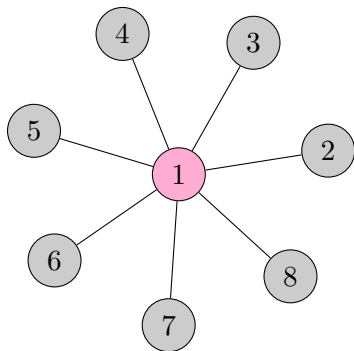


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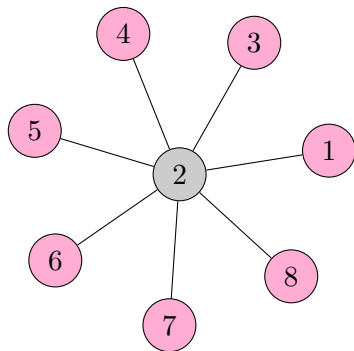
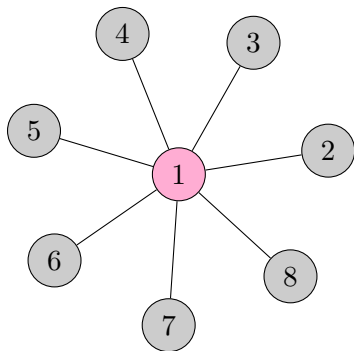




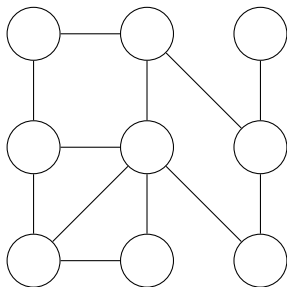
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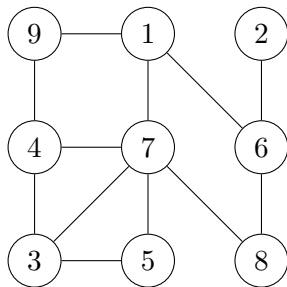
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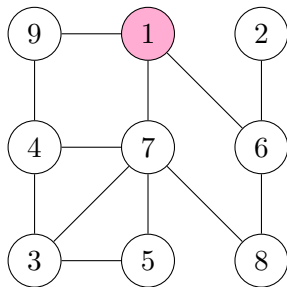
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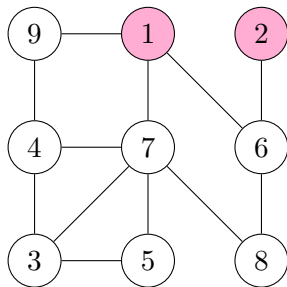
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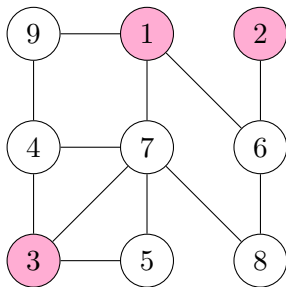
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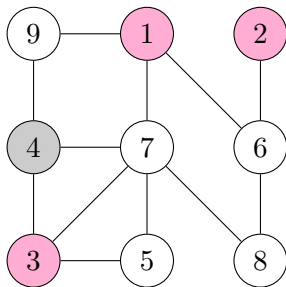
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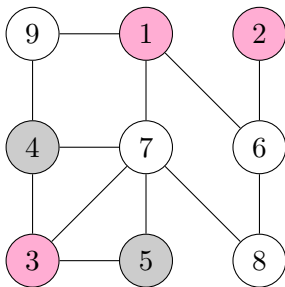


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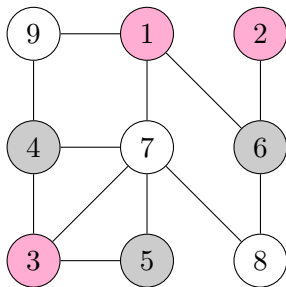




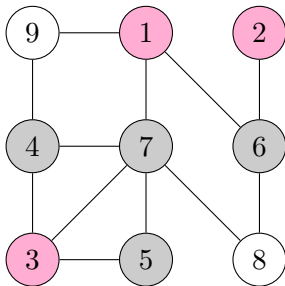
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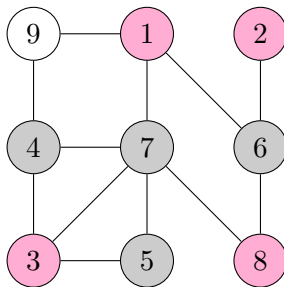
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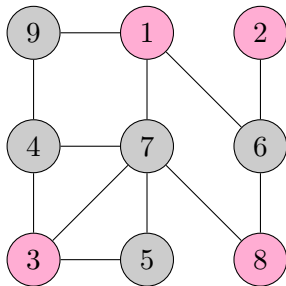
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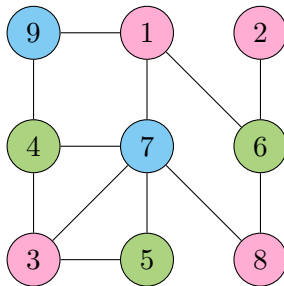
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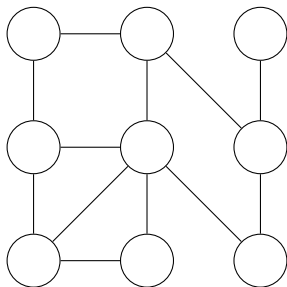
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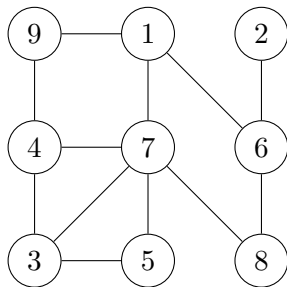
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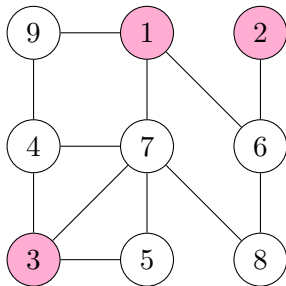
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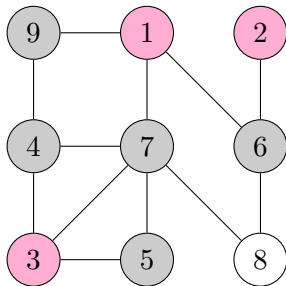


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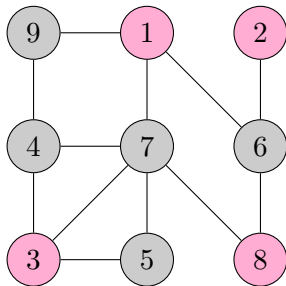




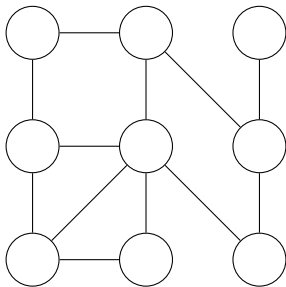
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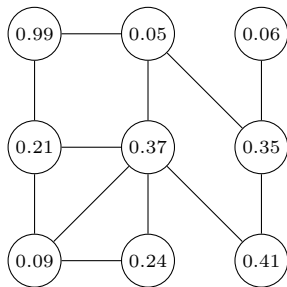
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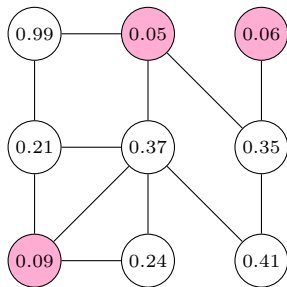
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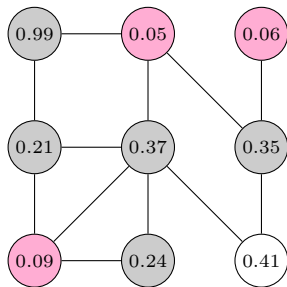
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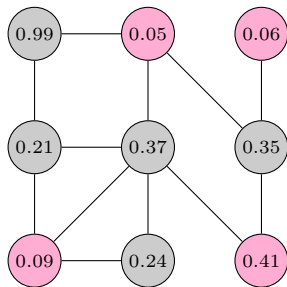
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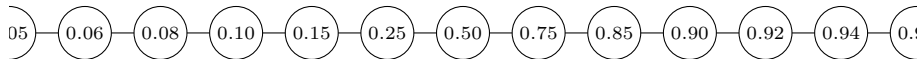
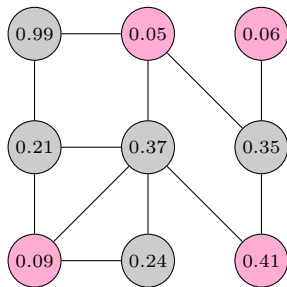
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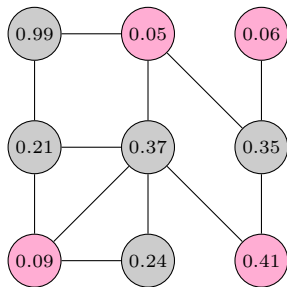


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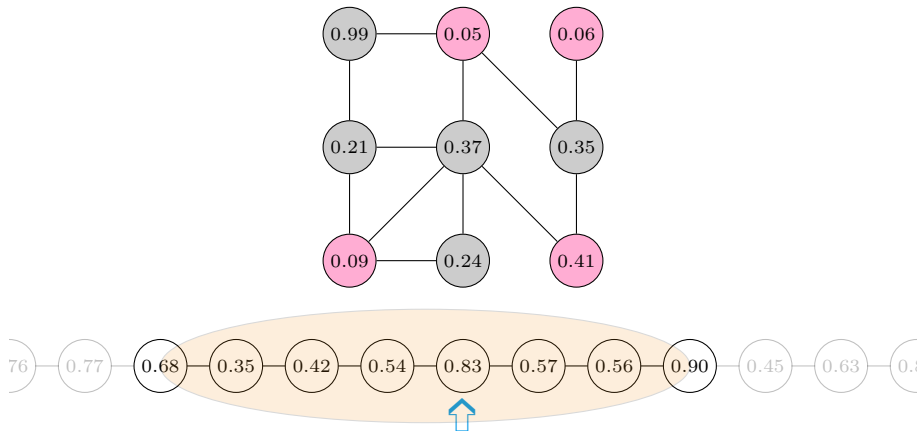




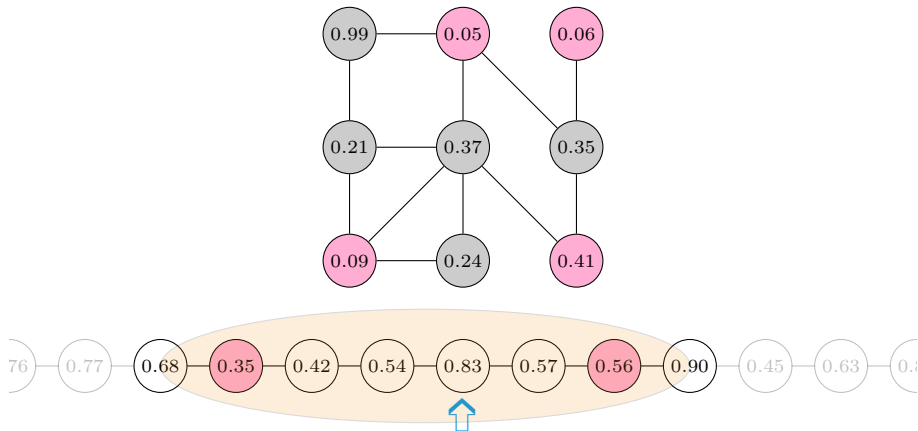
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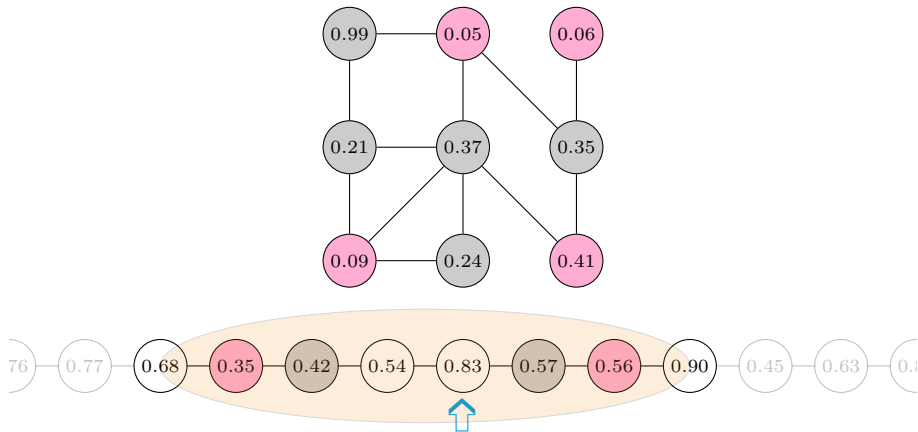
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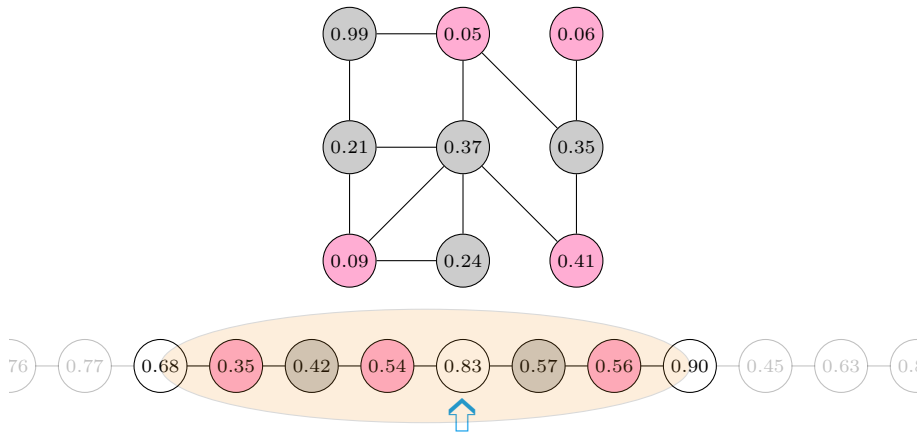
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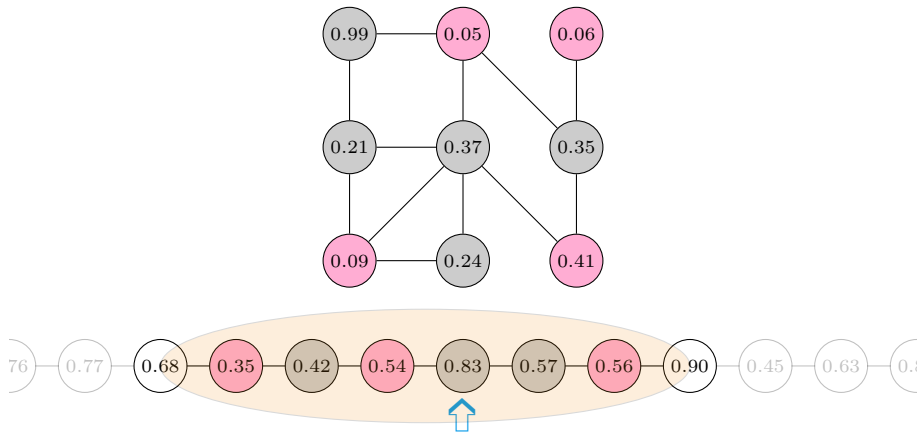
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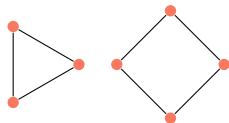
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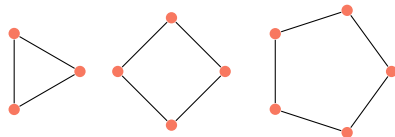
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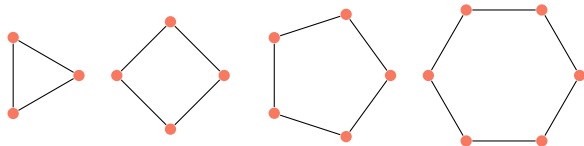
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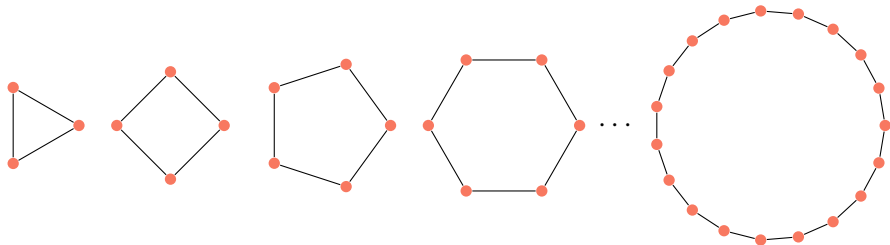
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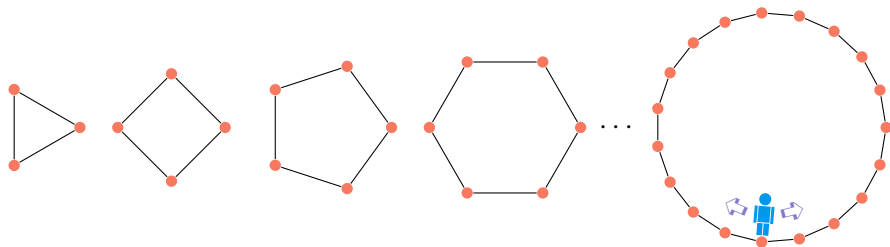
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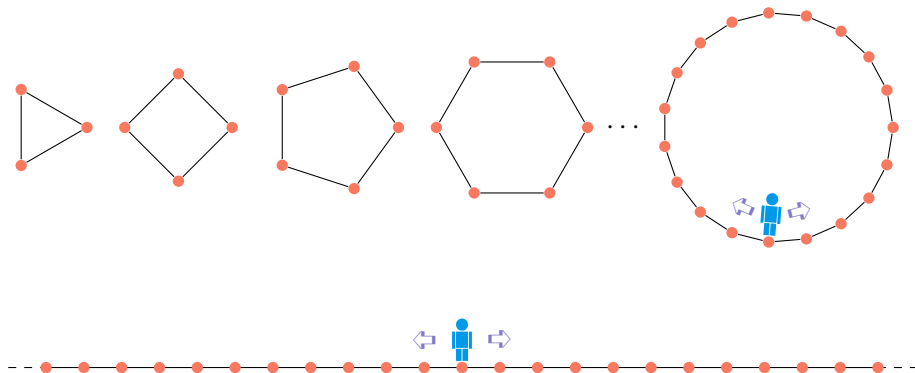
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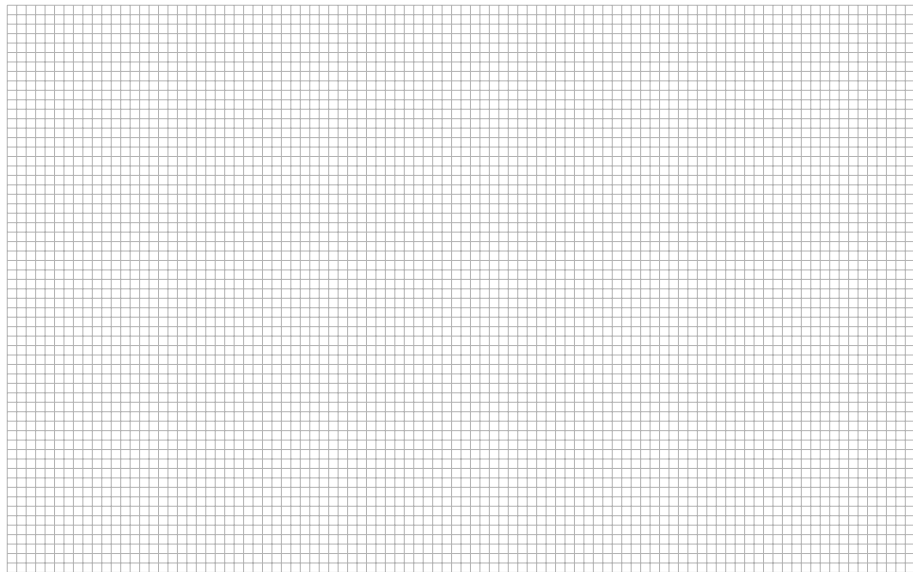
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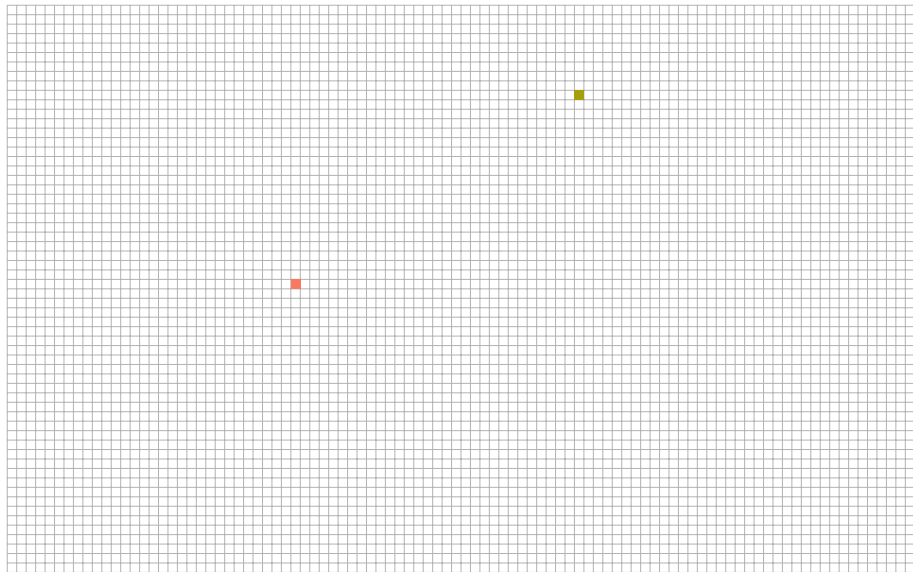
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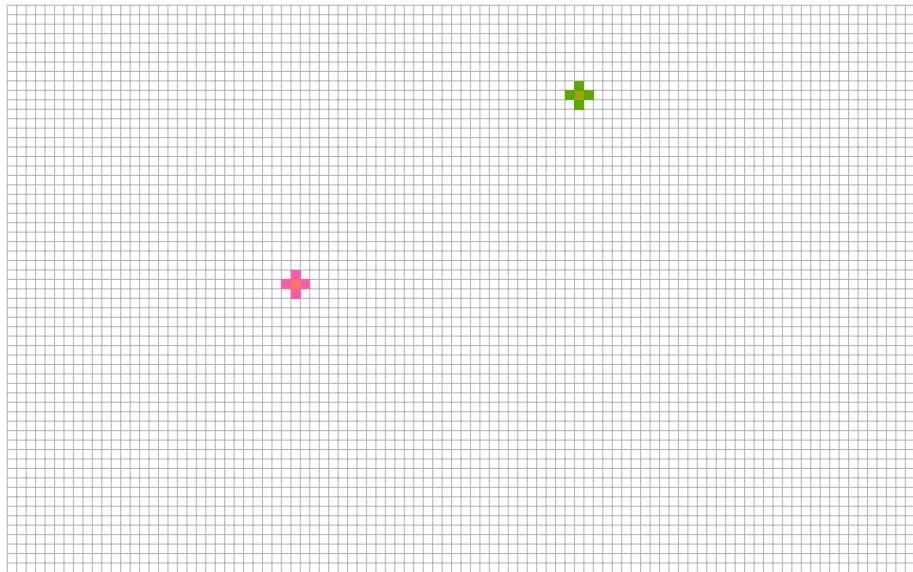
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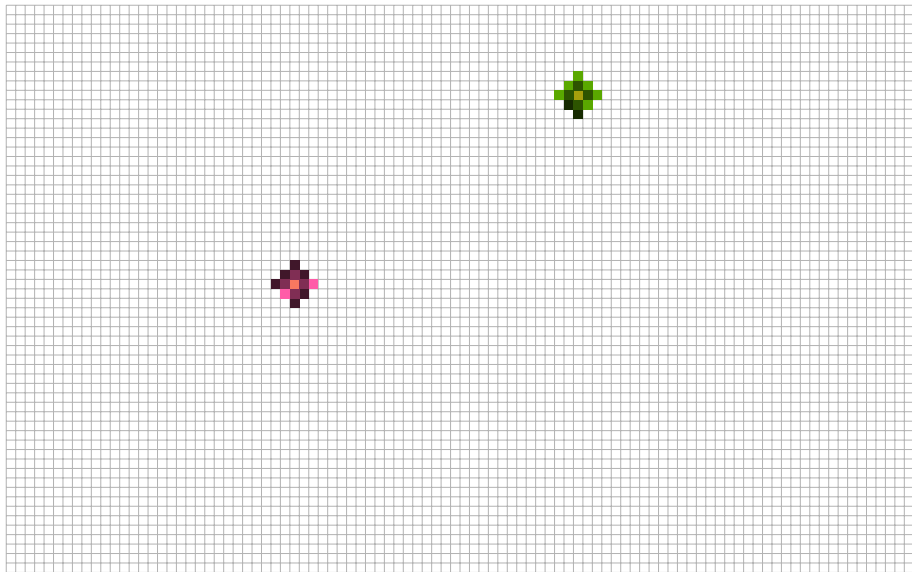
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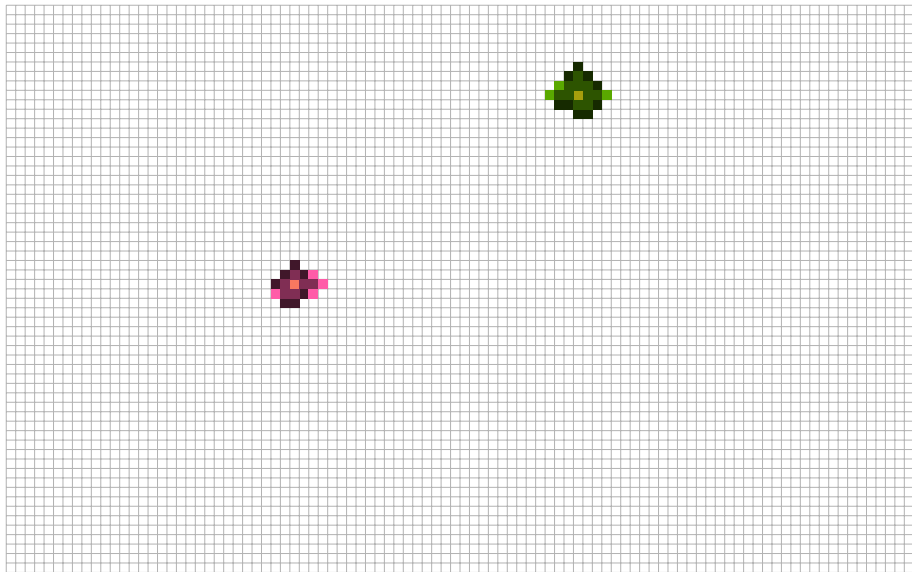
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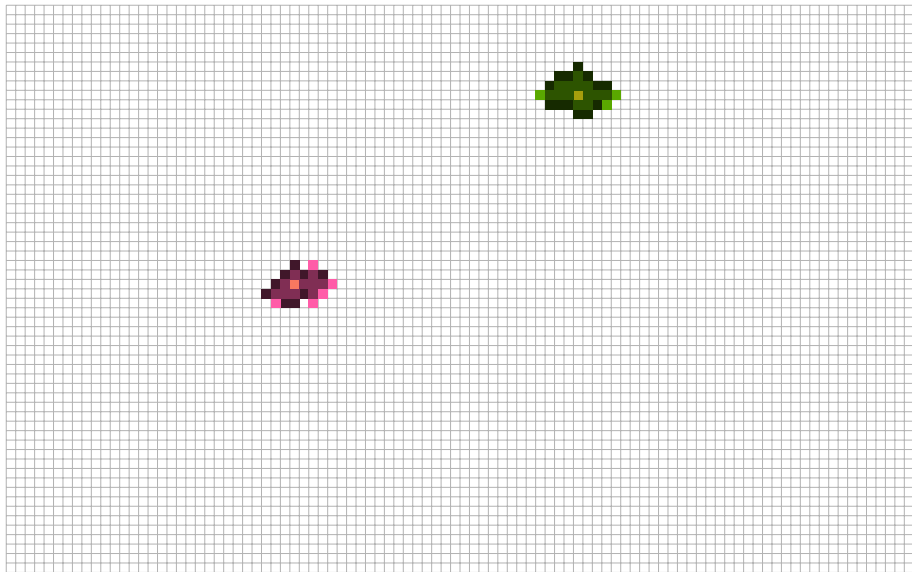
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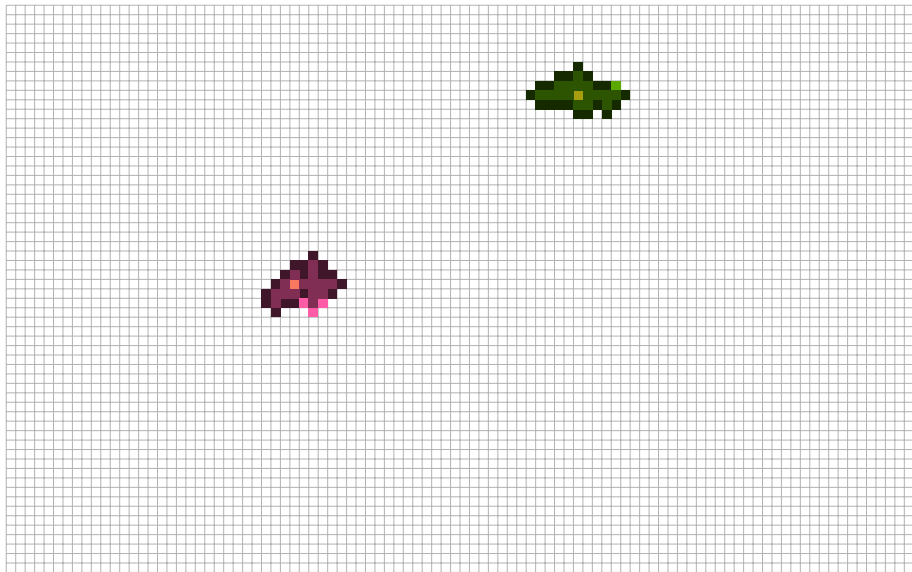
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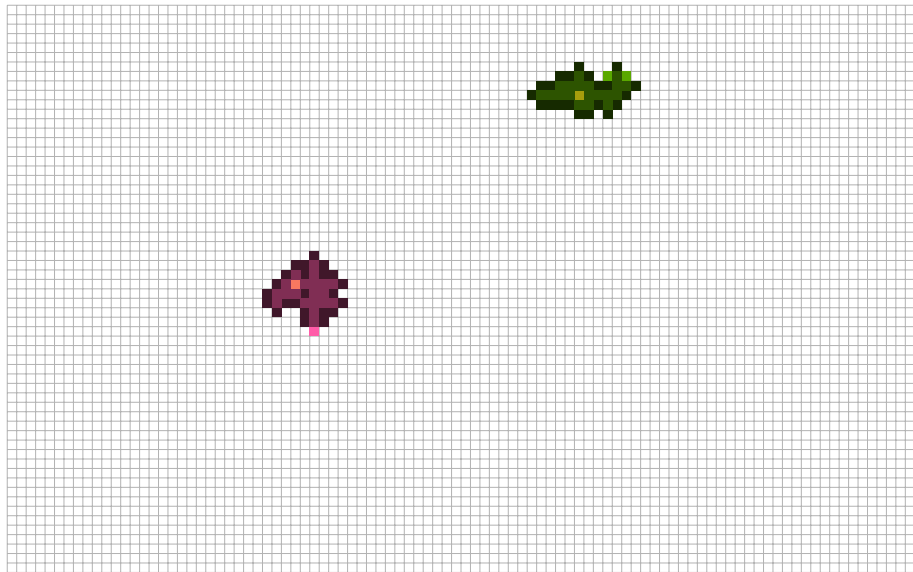
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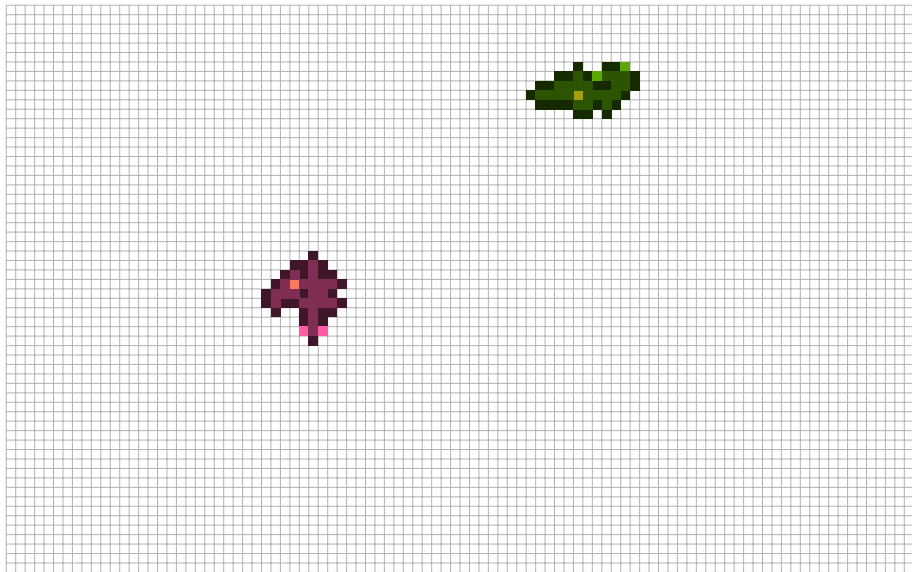




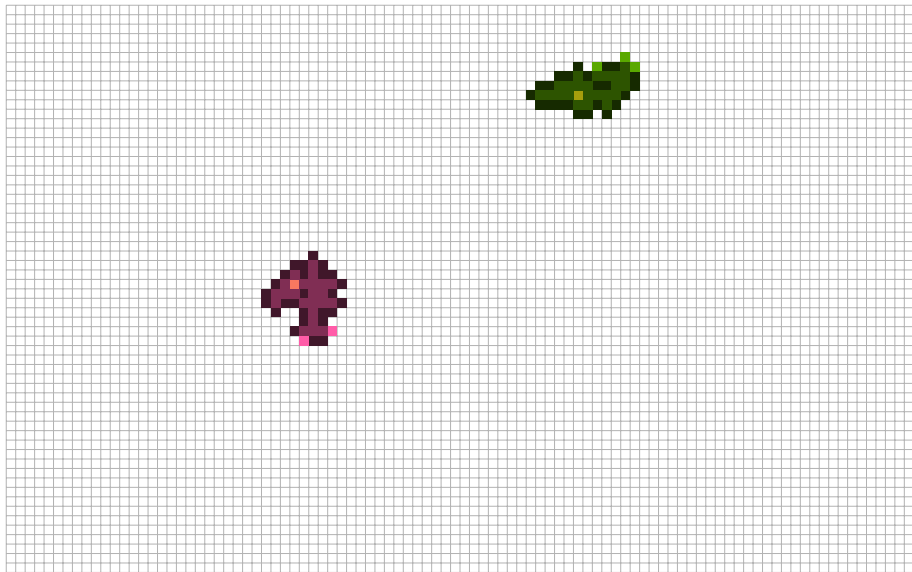
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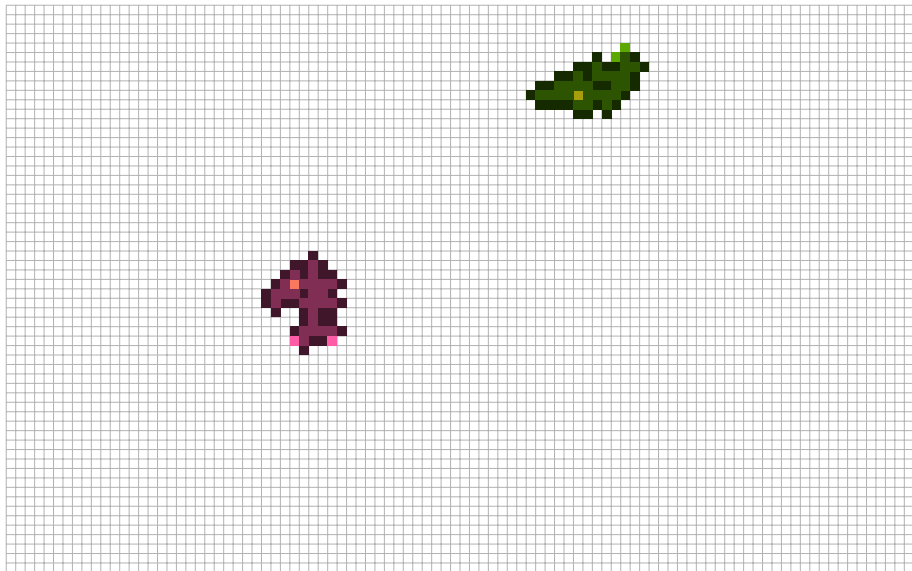
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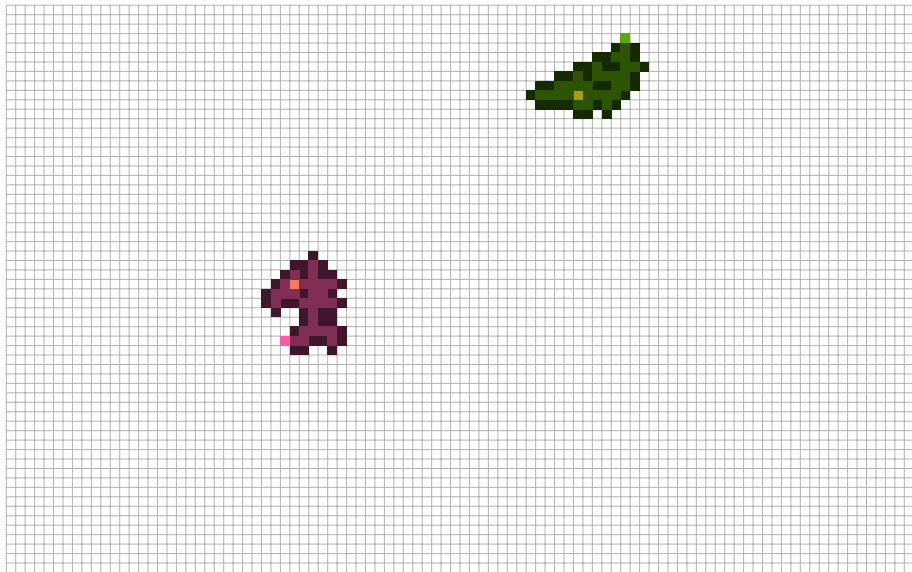
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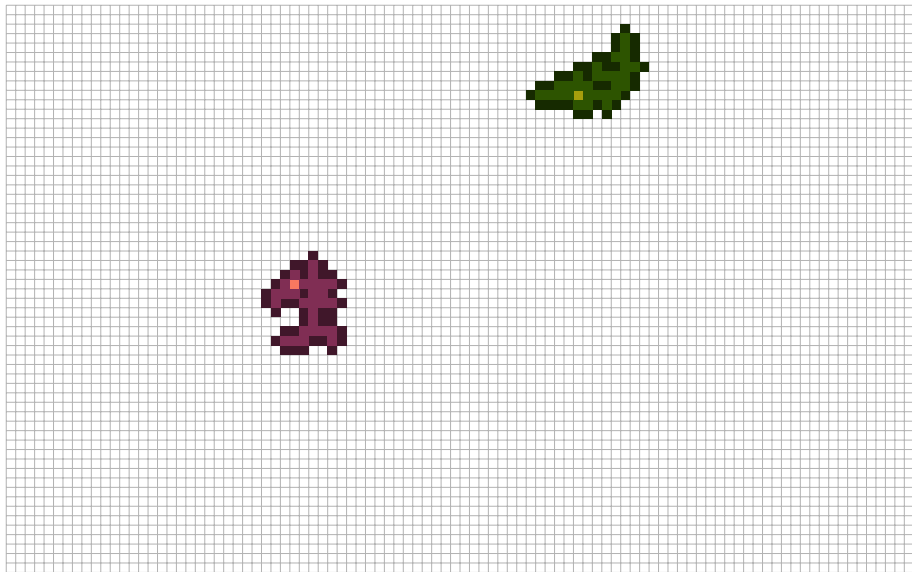
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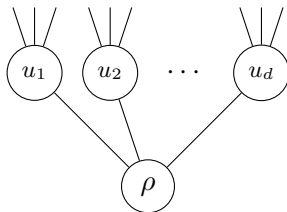
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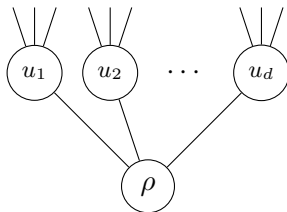
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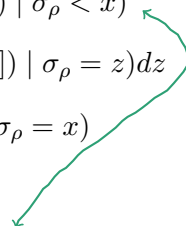
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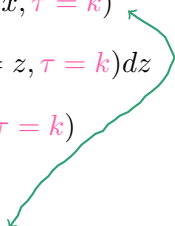
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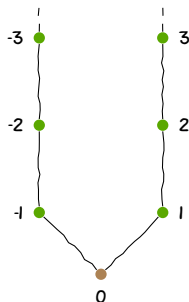
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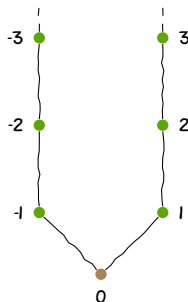


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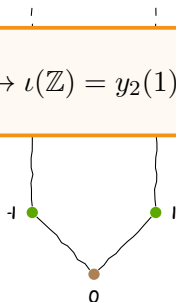
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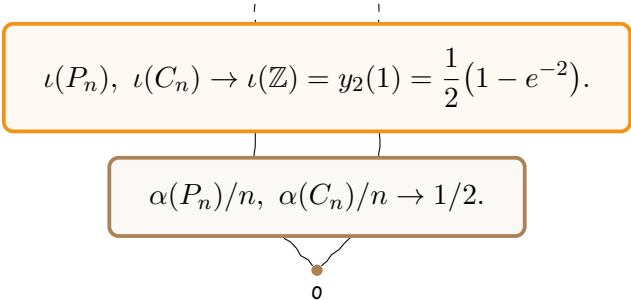
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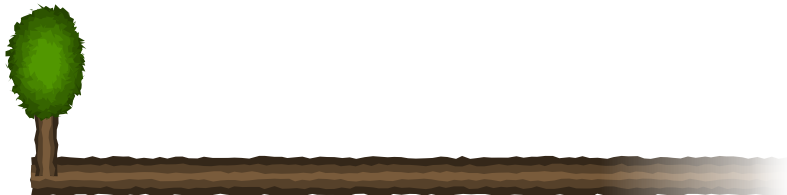
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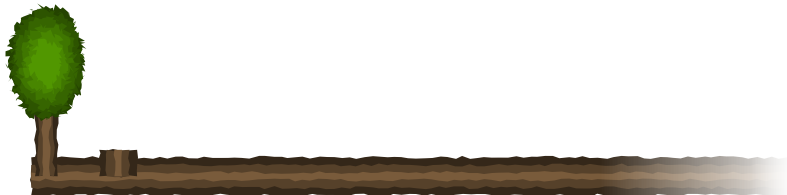
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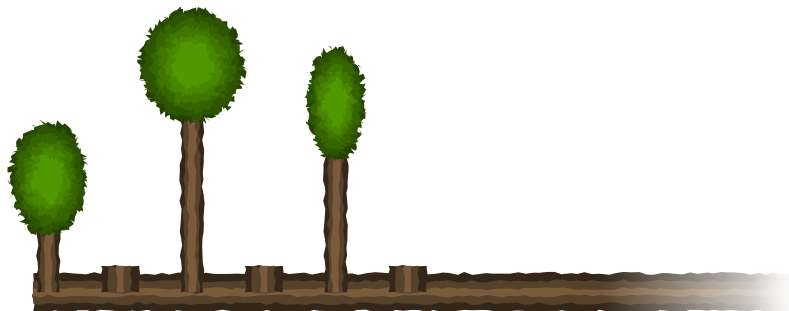
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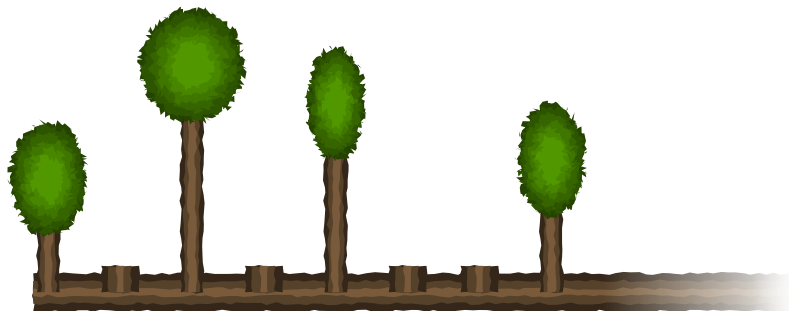
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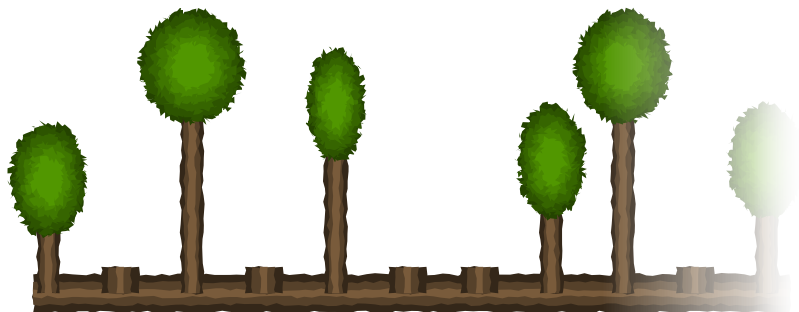
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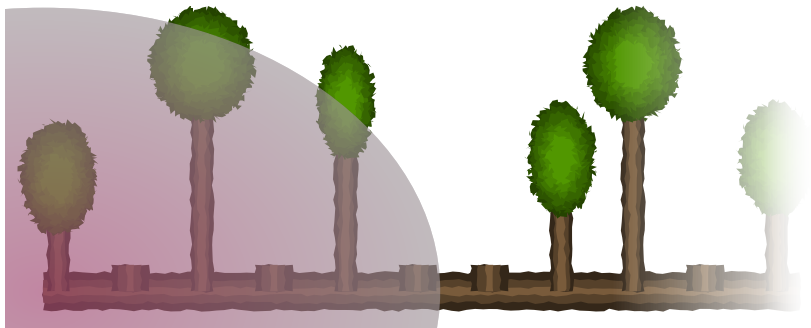
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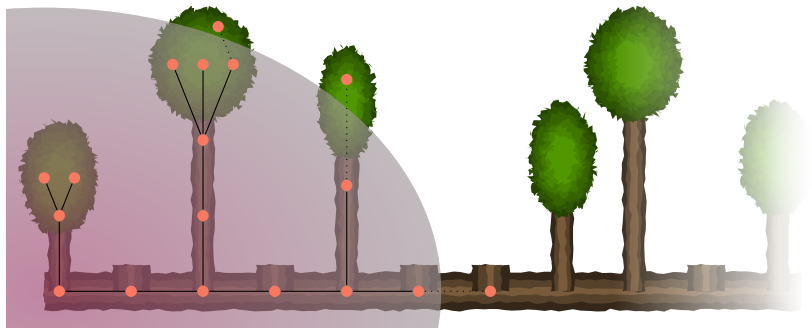
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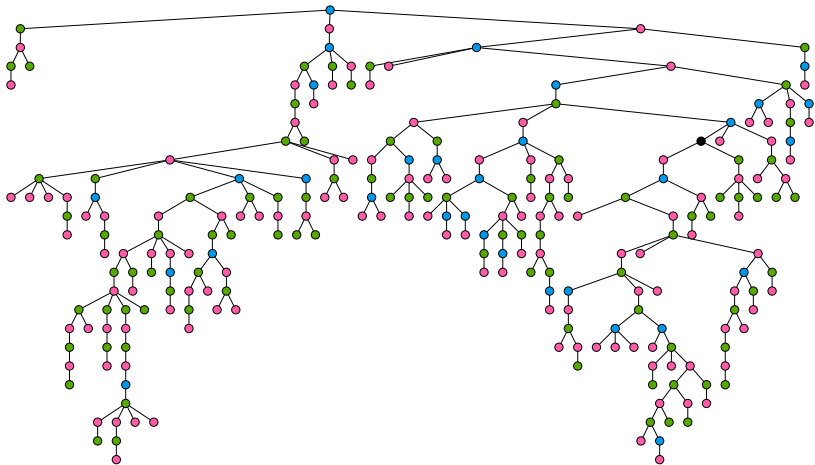
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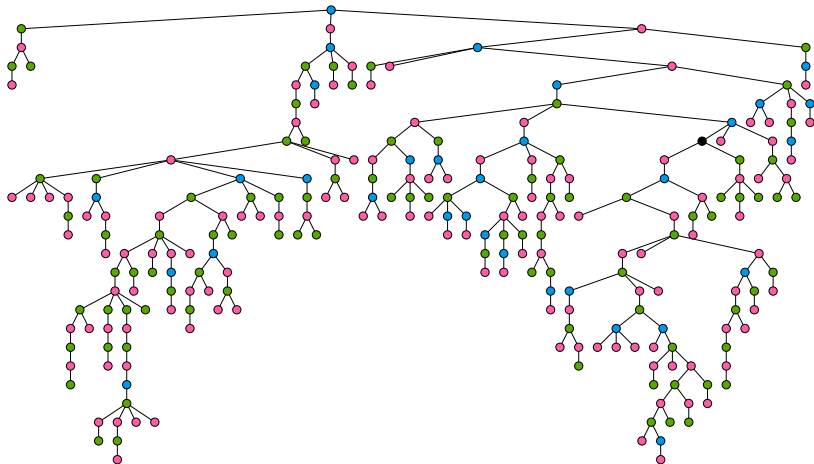
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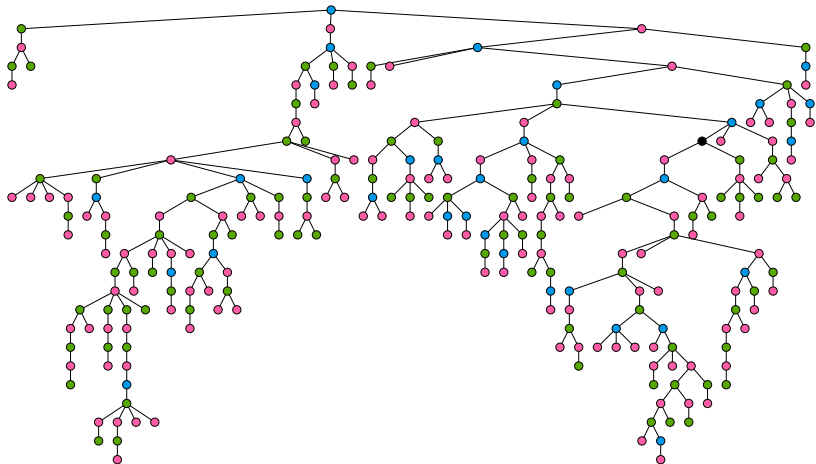


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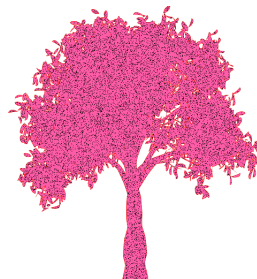


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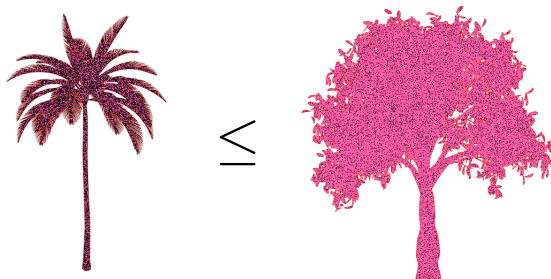


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# What's next?

- Graph sequences that are not locally tree-like
- Better/other local rules
- Other colours



# Thank You!

