

Representations of polynomials, algorithms and lower bounds

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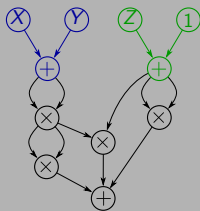
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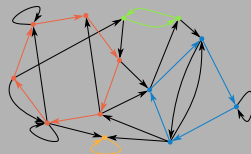
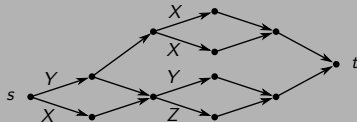
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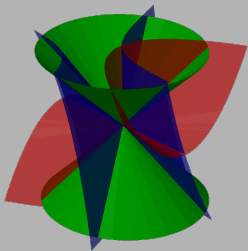
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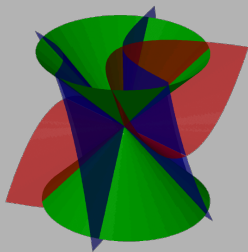


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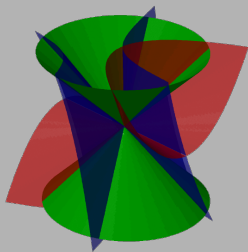
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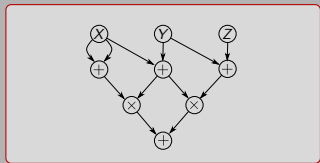
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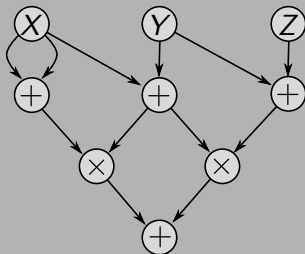
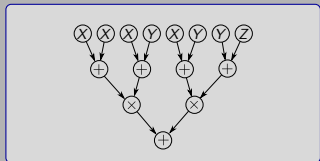
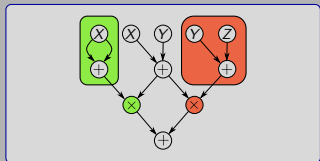
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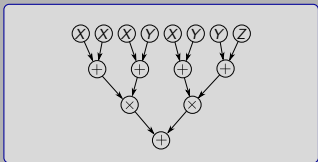
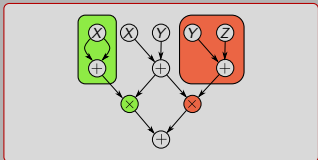
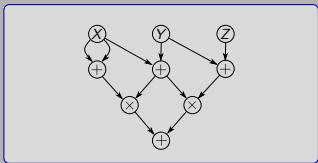
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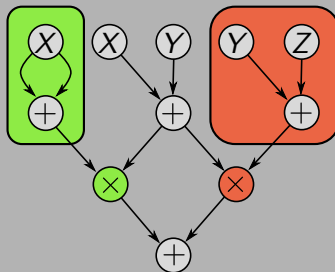
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Size 6
Inputs 3

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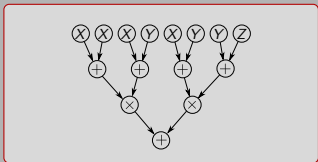
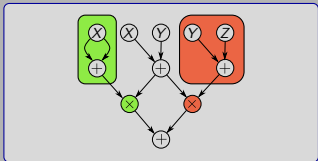
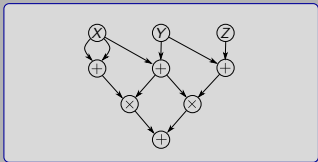
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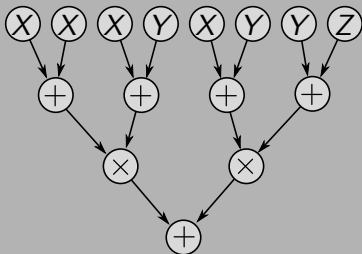
Weakly-skew circuit

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Formula

Size 7

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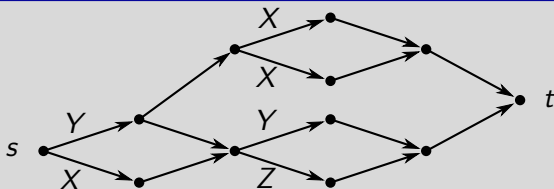
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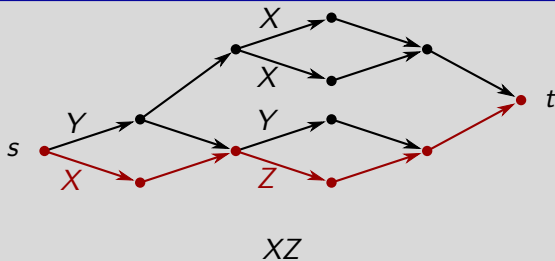
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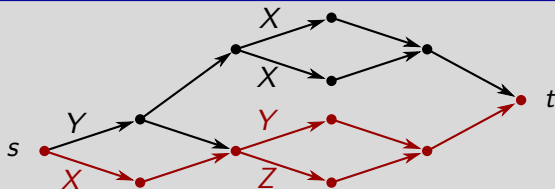
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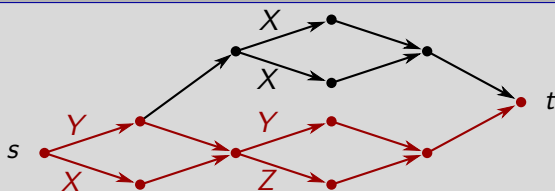
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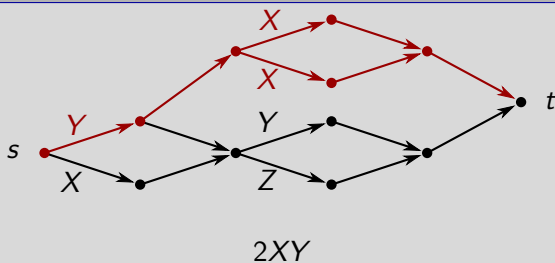
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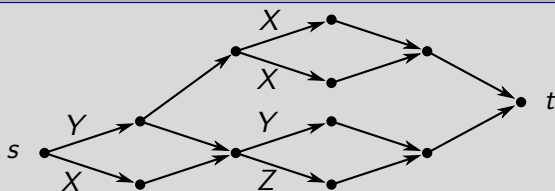
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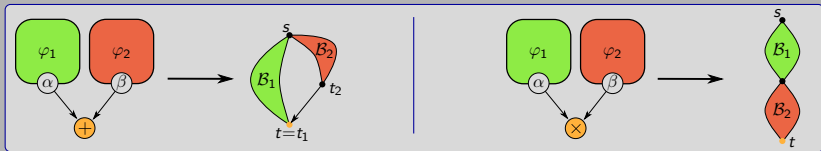
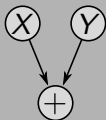


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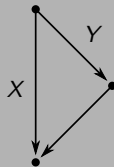
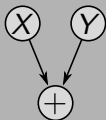
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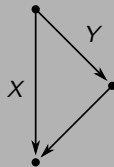
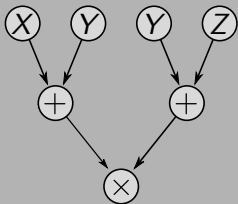
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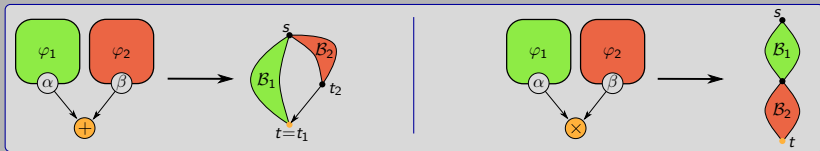
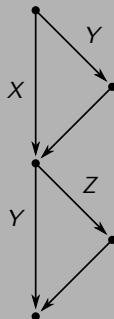
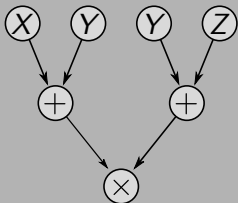
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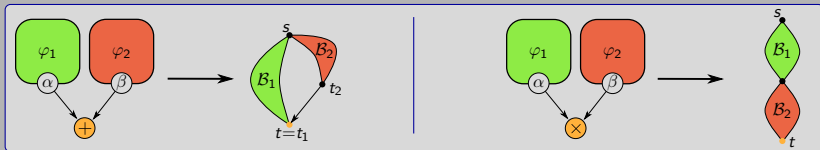
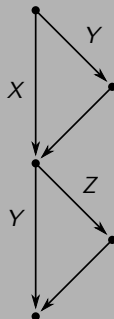
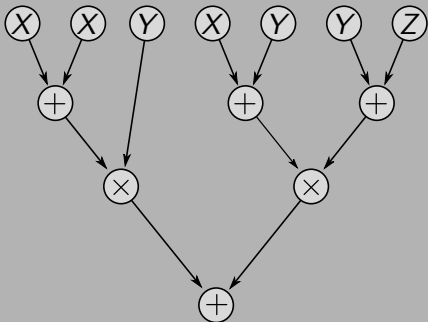
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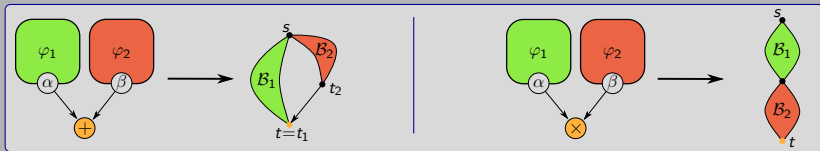
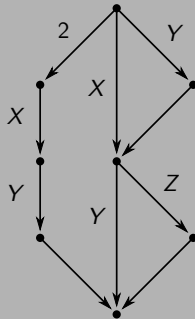
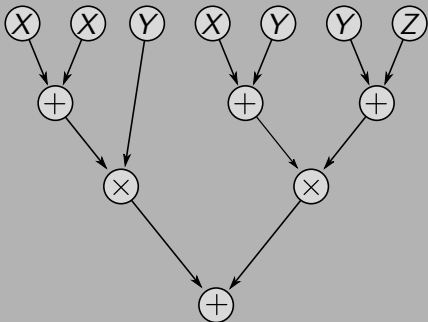
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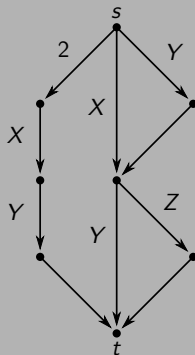
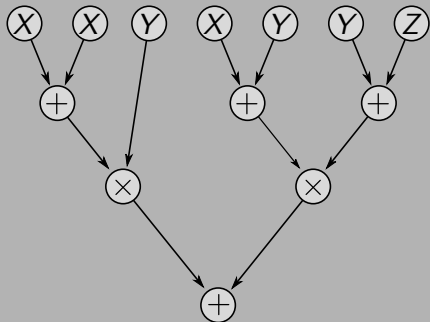
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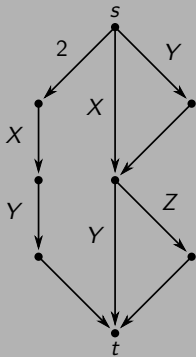
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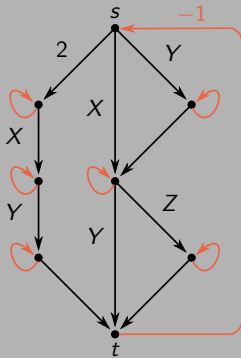
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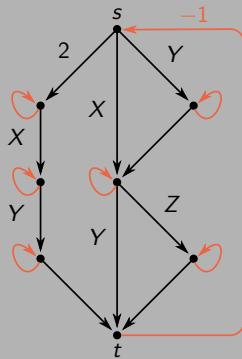
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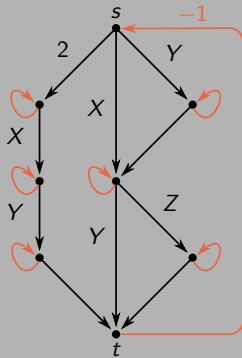


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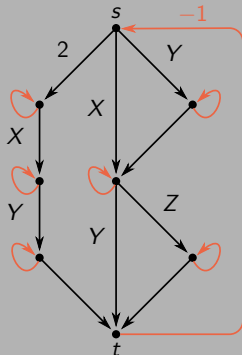
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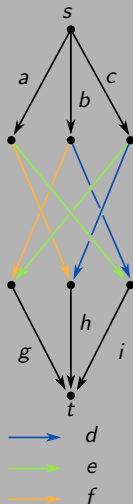
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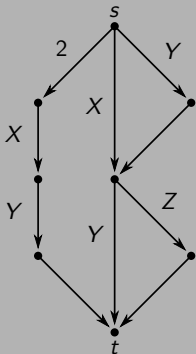
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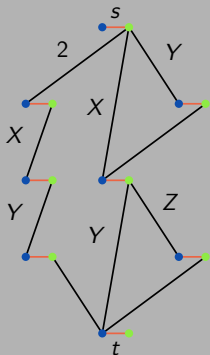
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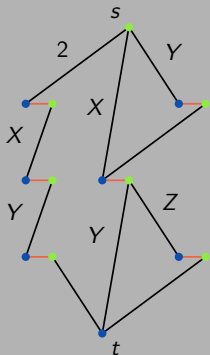
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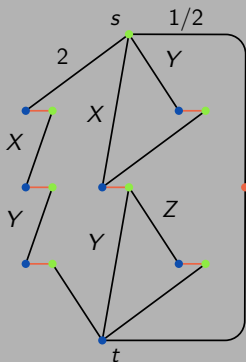
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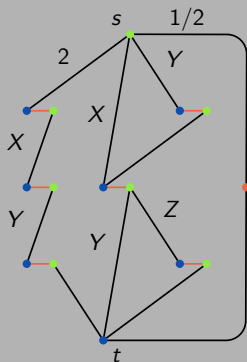
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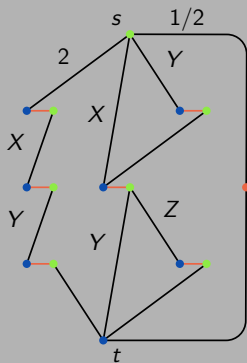


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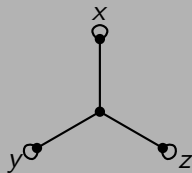
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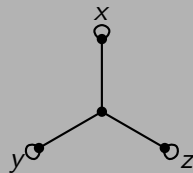
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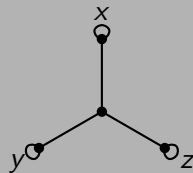


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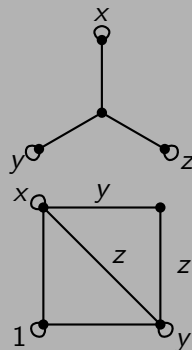
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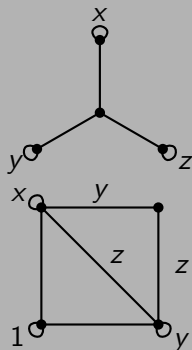
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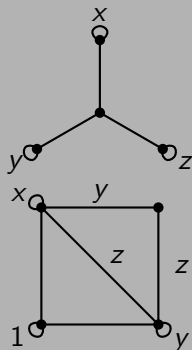
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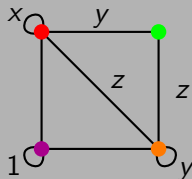
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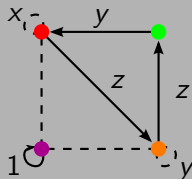
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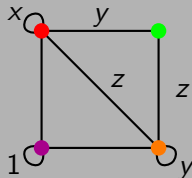
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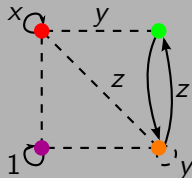
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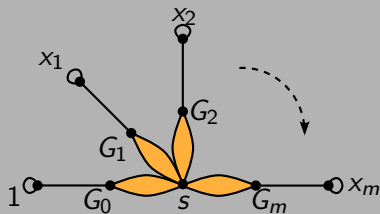
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