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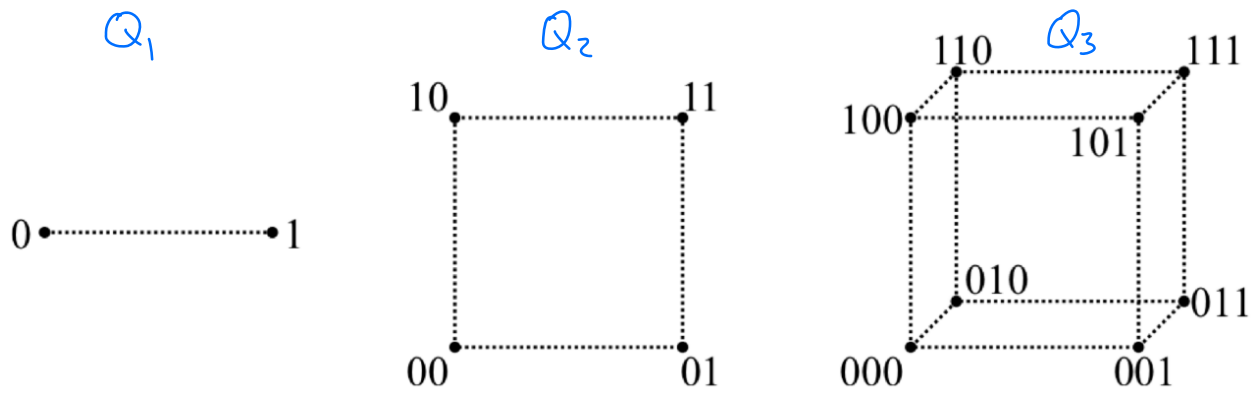


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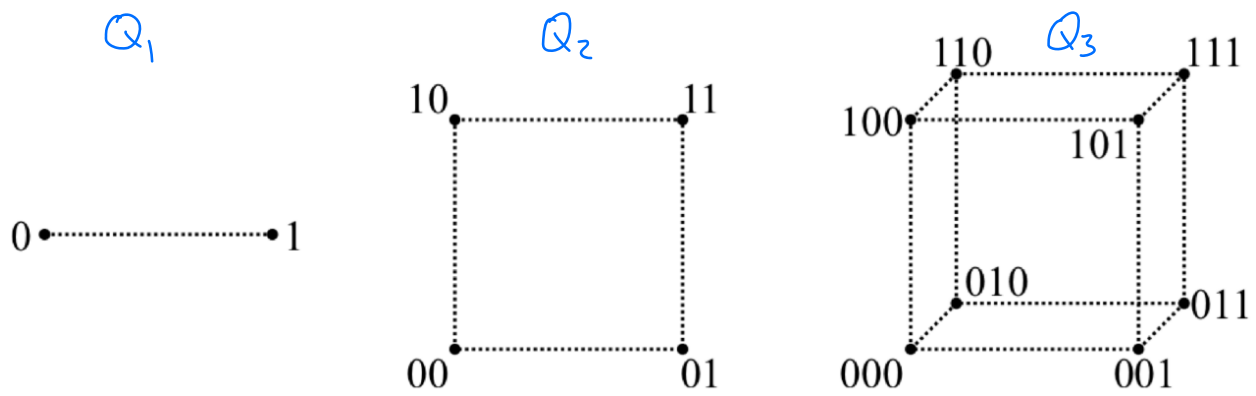


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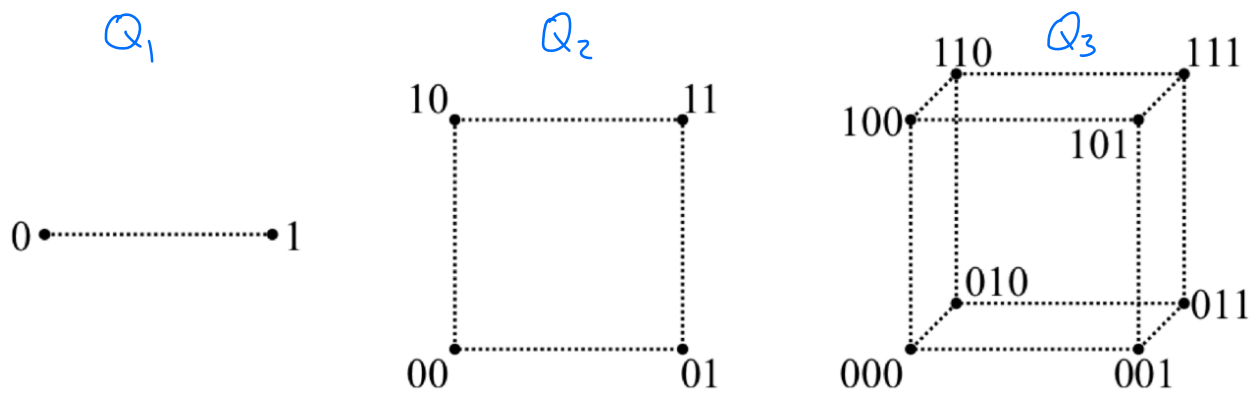
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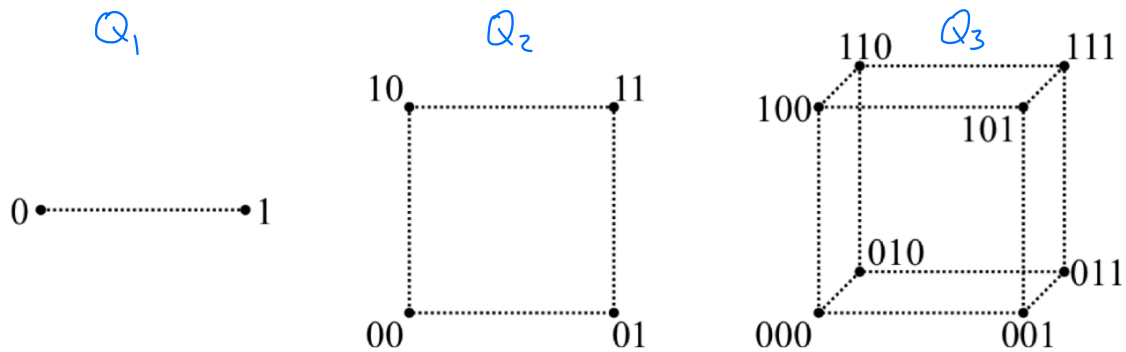
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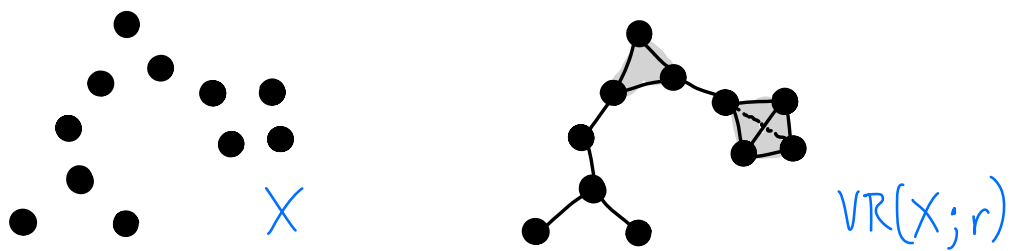
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- Connections with
  - quantitative topology (filling radius)
  - combinatorial topology (Borsuk-Ulam theorems)
  - geometric group theory (Bestvina-Brady Morse theory)
  - geometric topology (thick-thin decompositions)
  - geometric measure theory (optimal transport)

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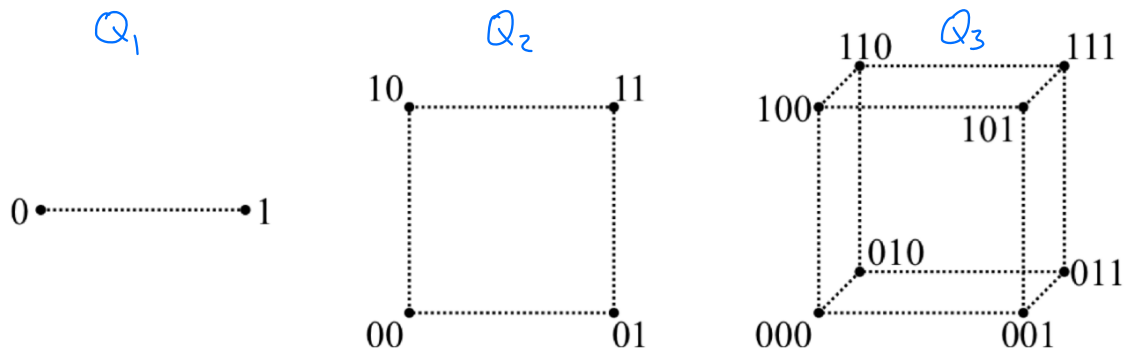


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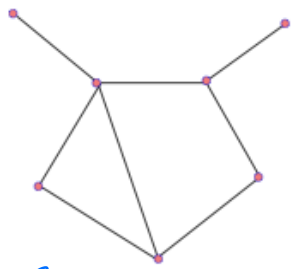


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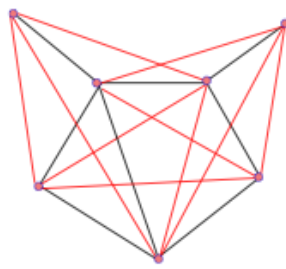


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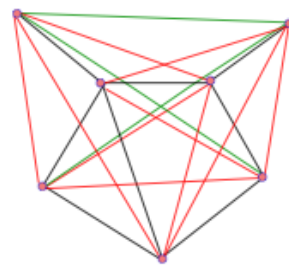
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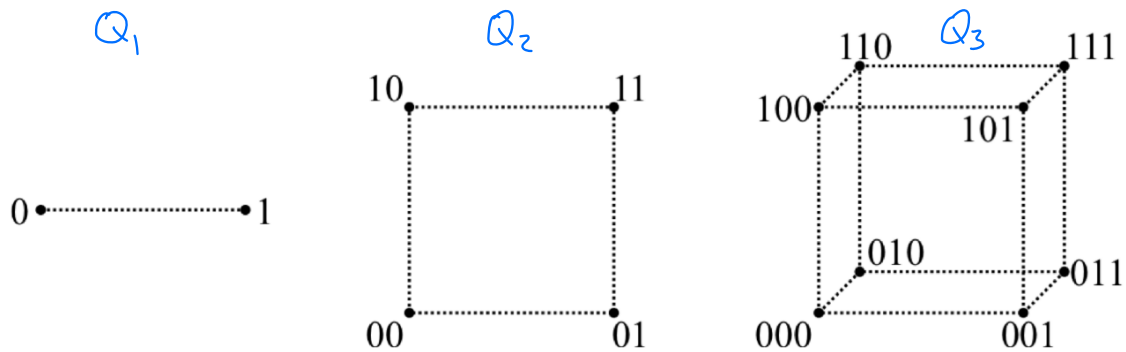


$VR(G; 2)$



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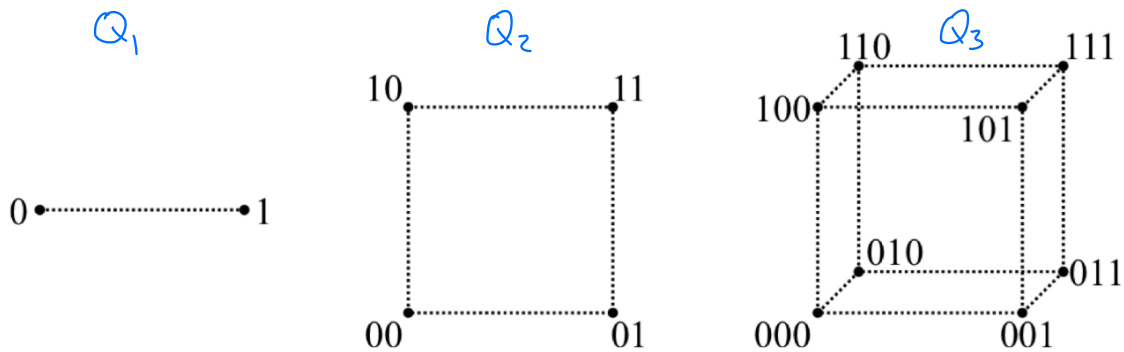


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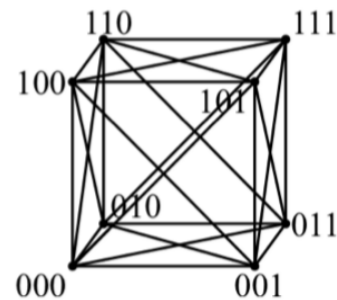


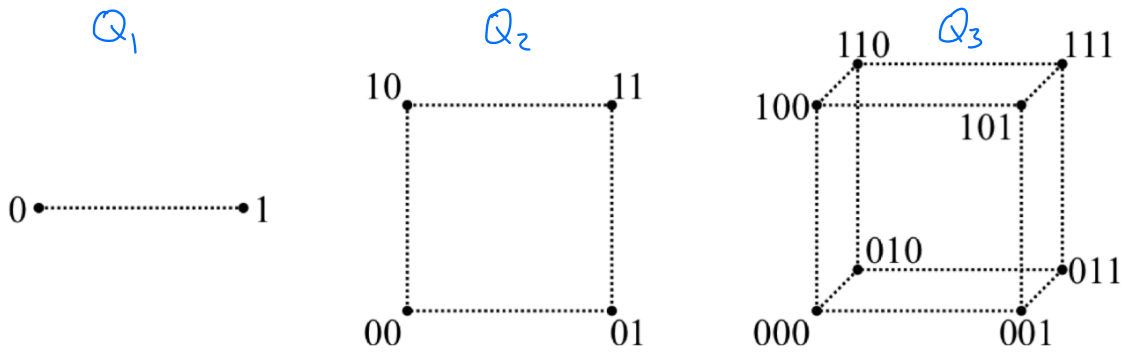
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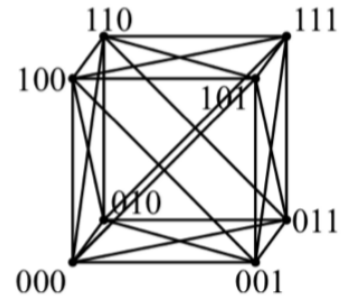
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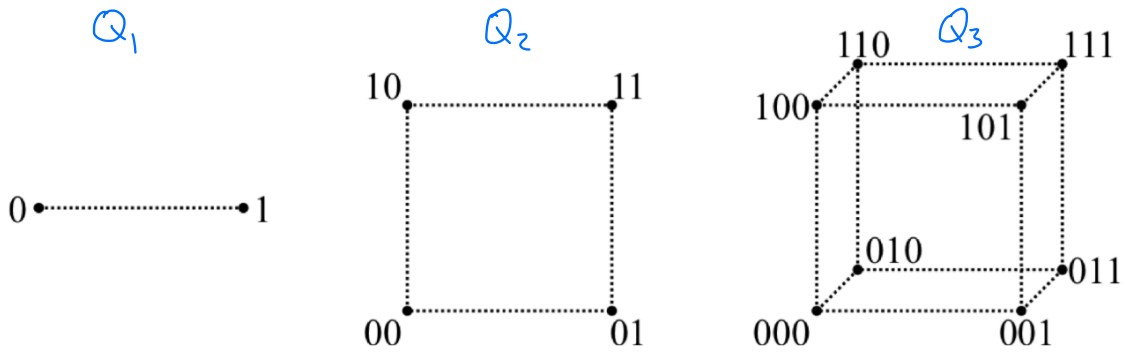




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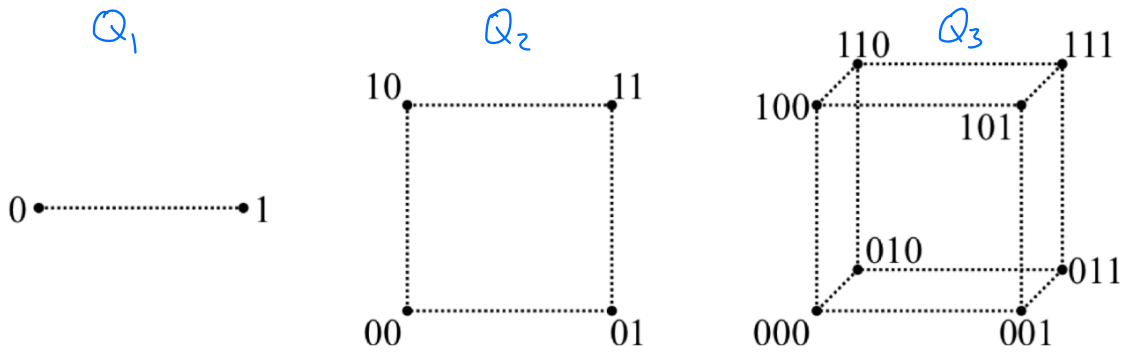
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↑

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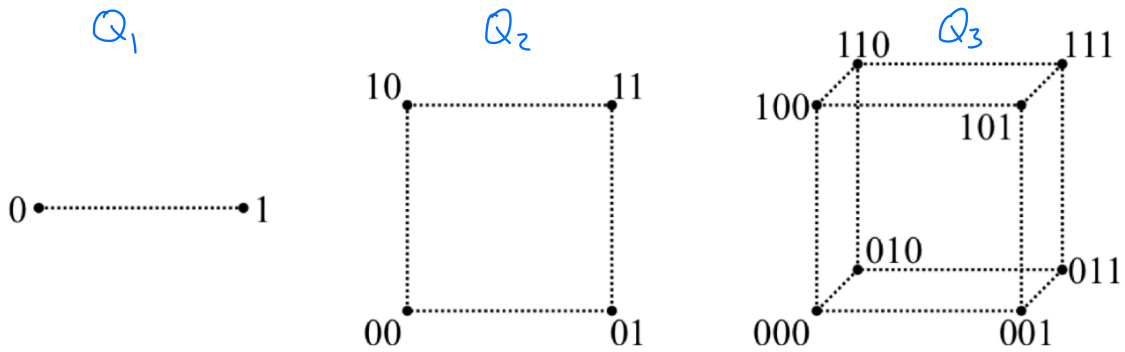
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4-dim'l skeleton of  
 $n$ -cube polytope is  
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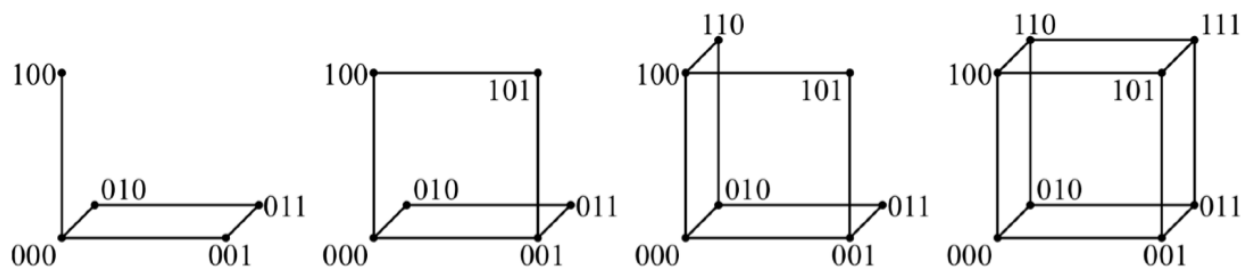
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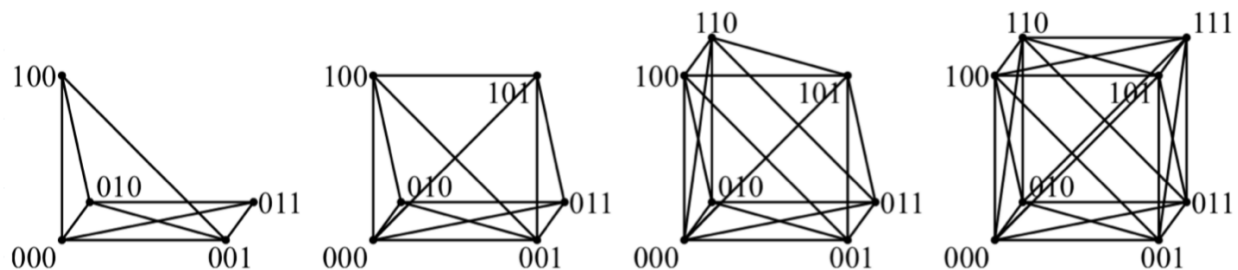
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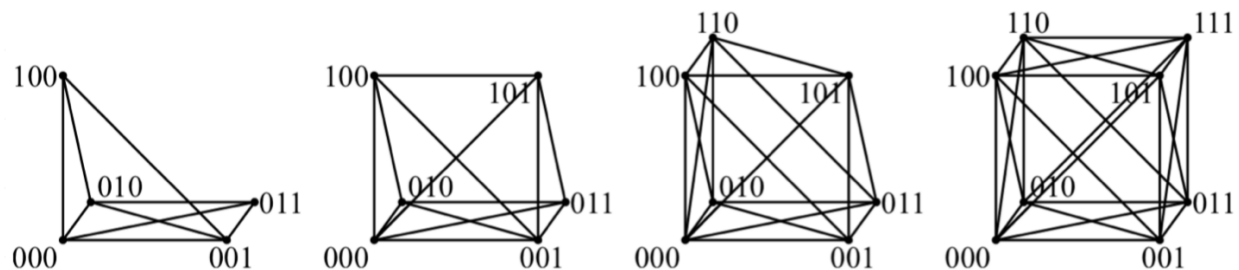
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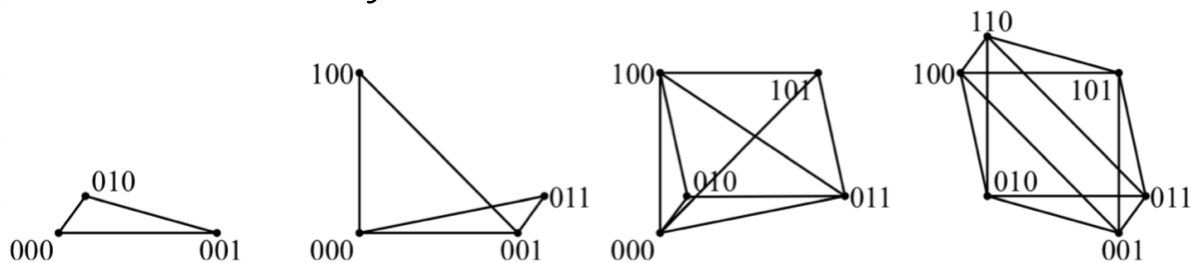


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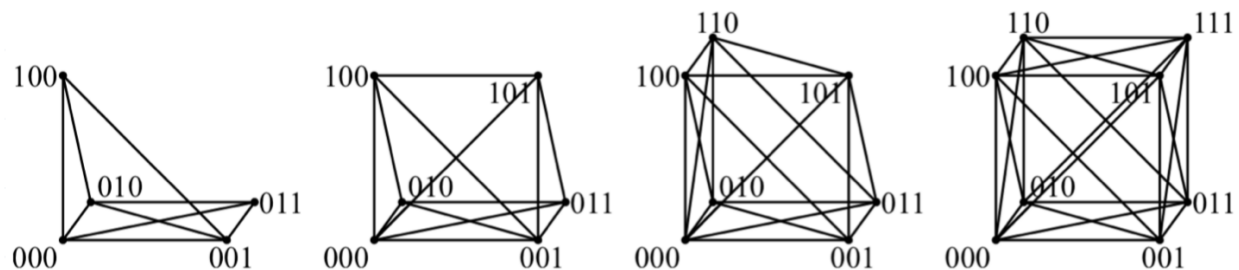


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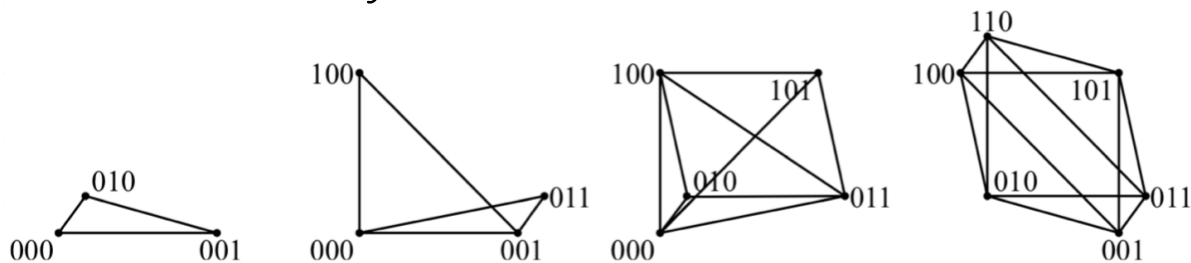


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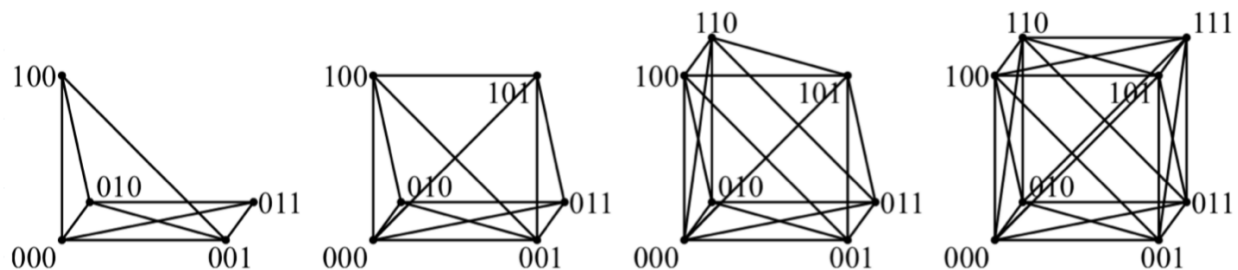


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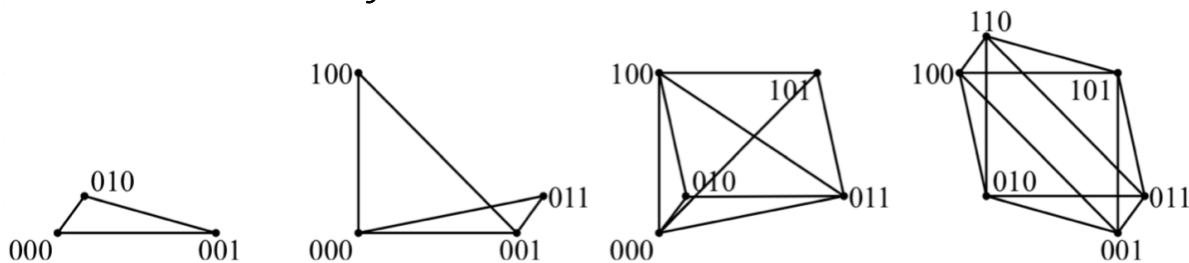


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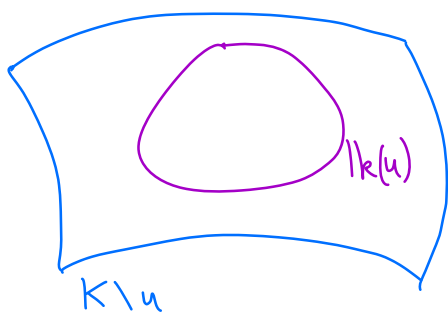
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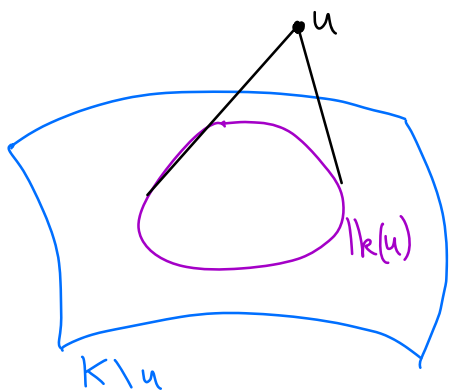
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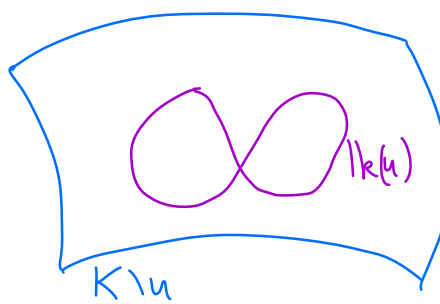
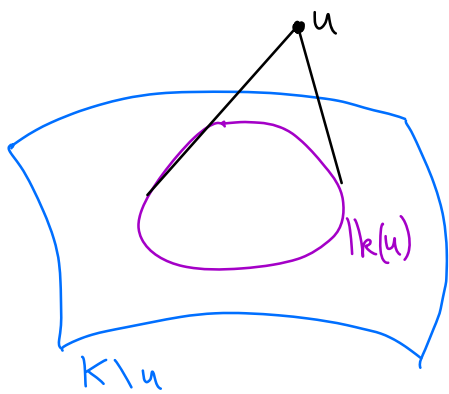
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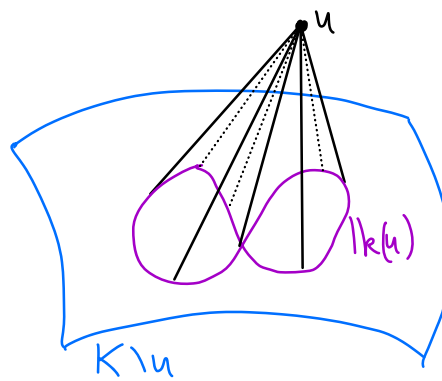
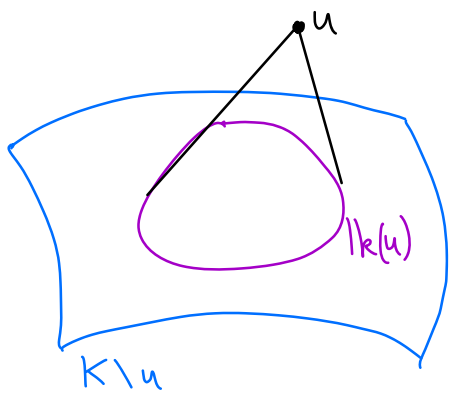
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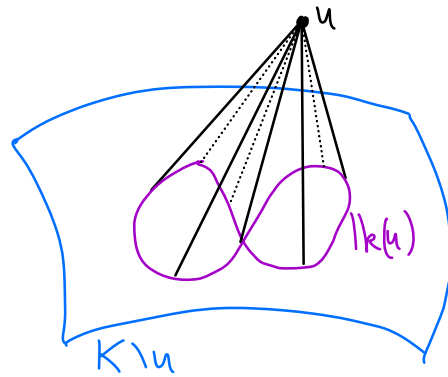
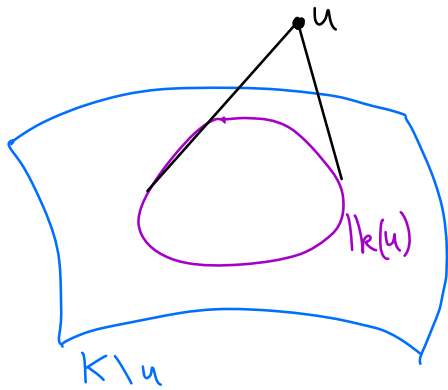
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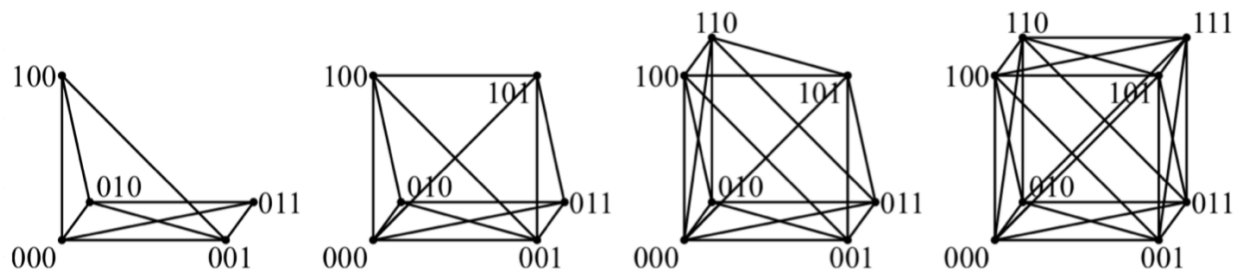


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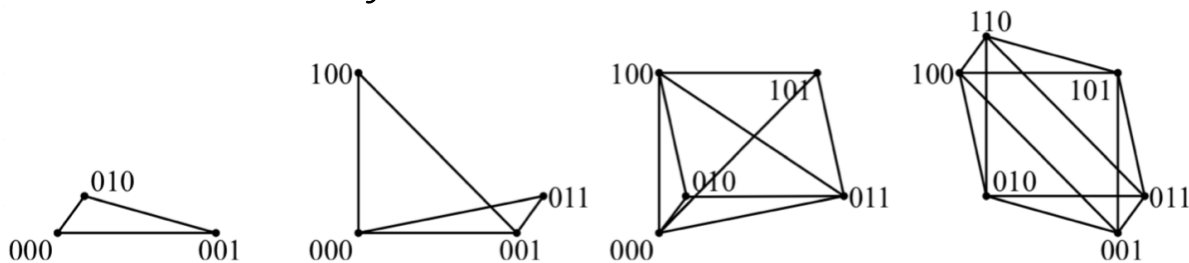


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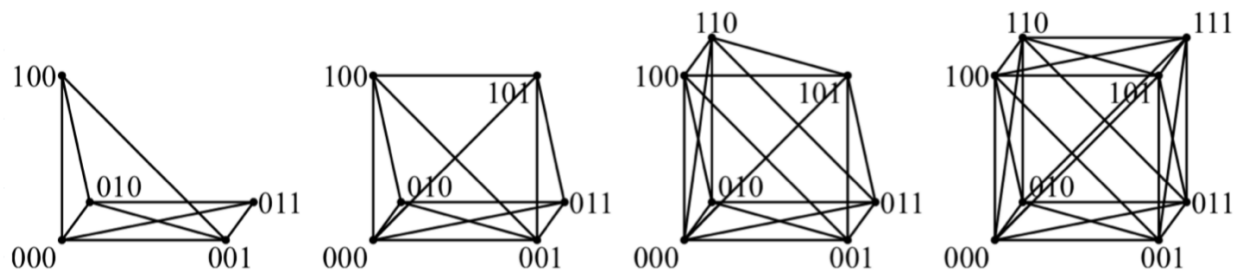
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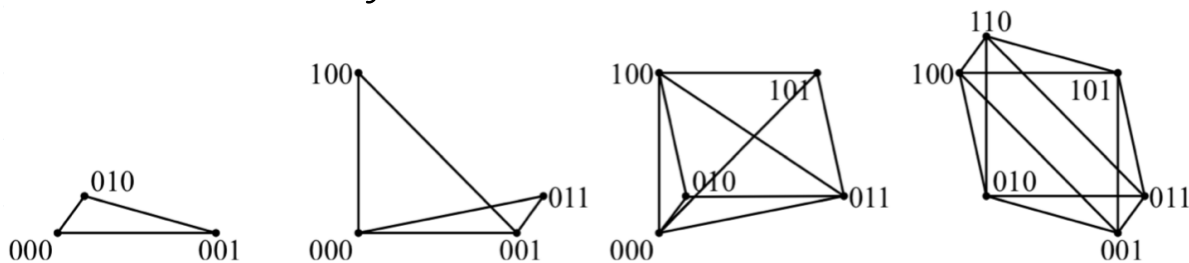
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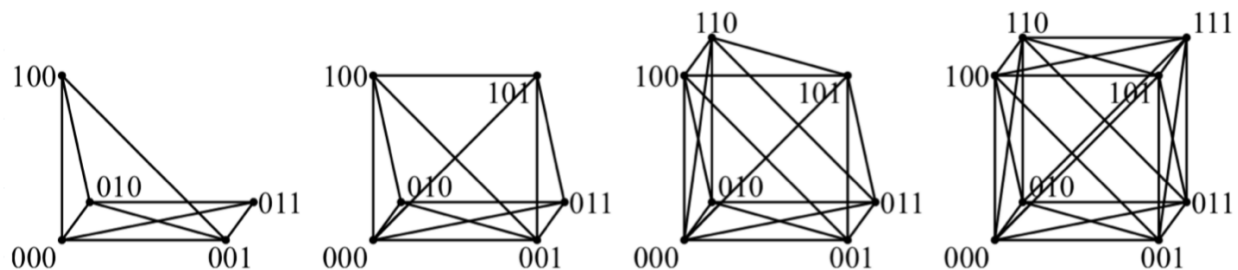
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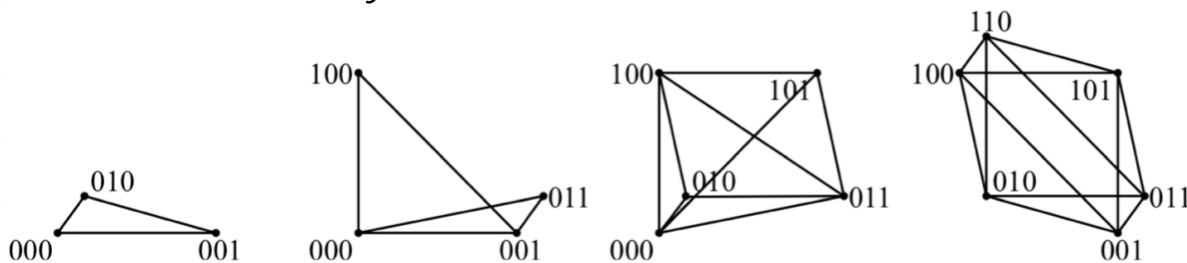
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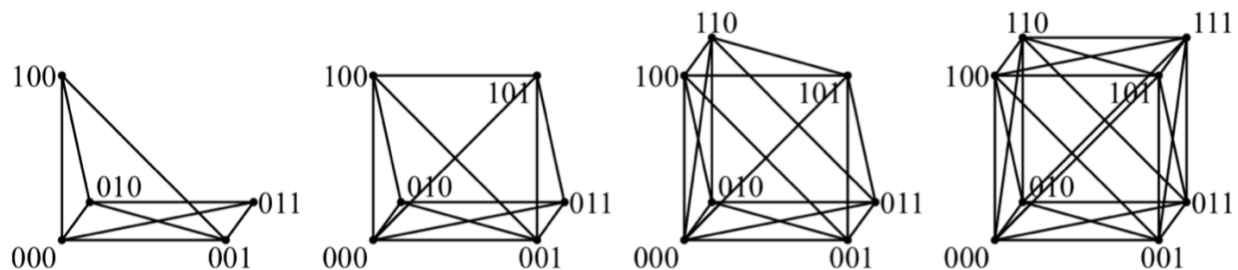
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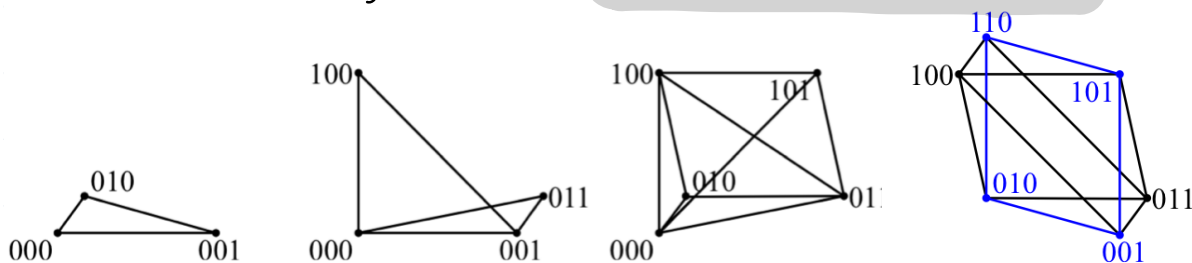


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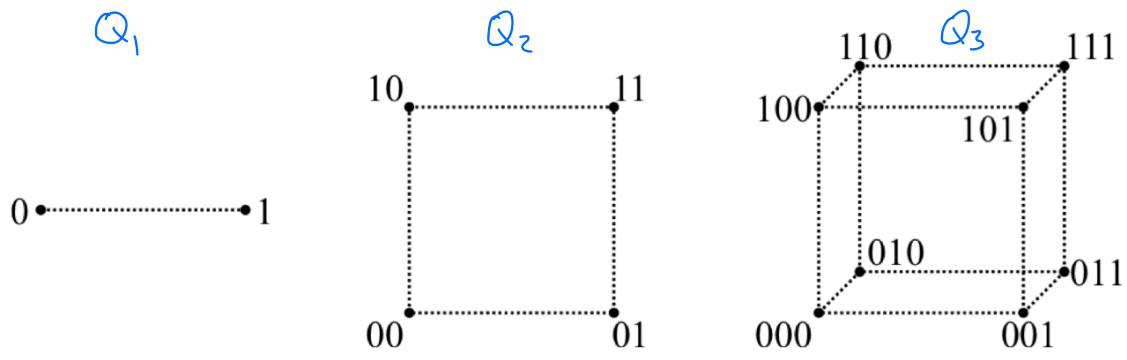
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