

The lattice of subgraphs

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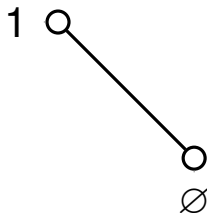
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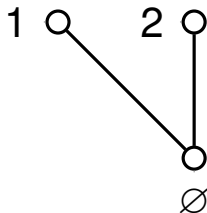
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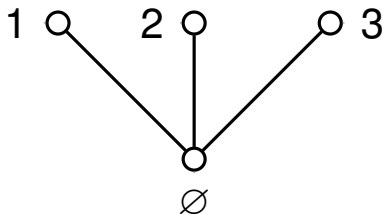
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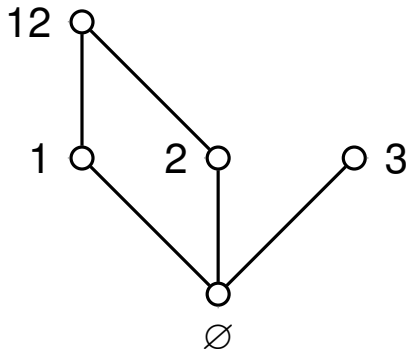
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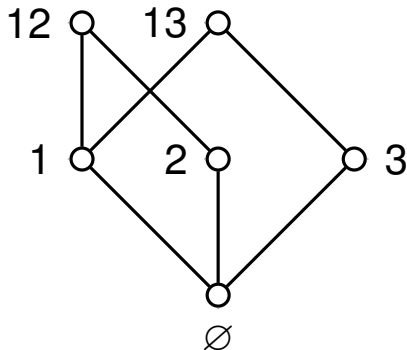
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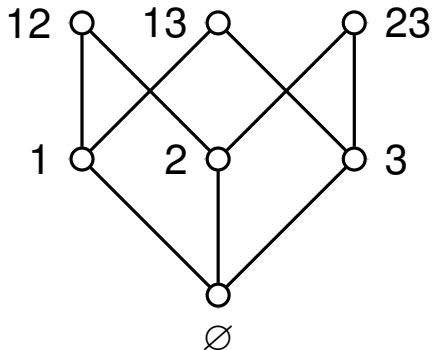
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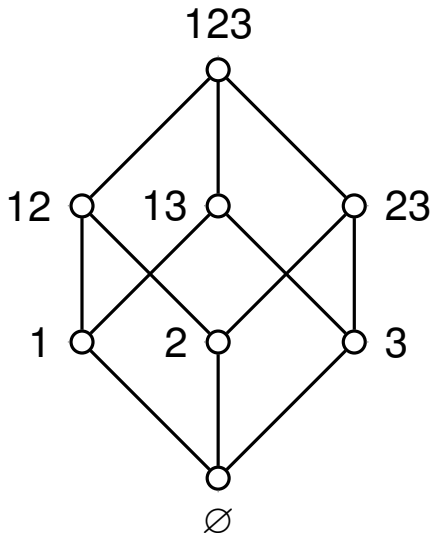
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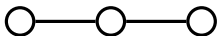
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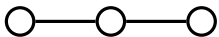
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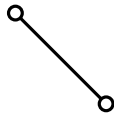
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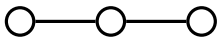
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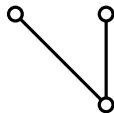
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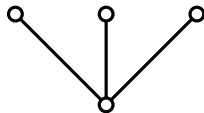
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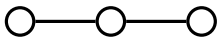
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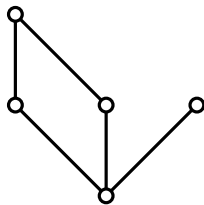
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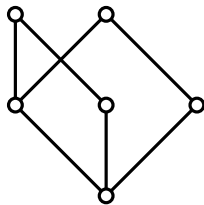
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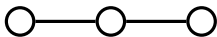
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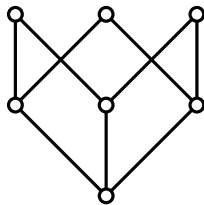
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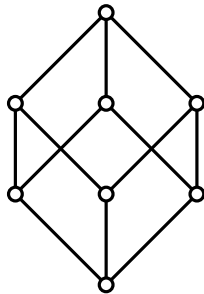
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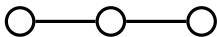
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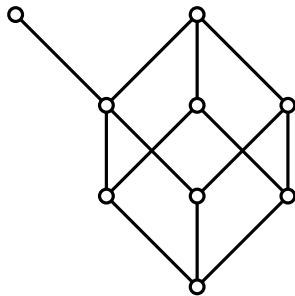
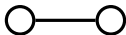
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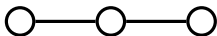
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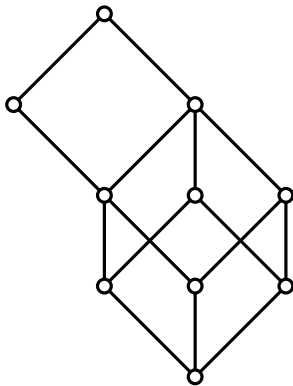
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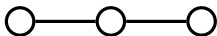
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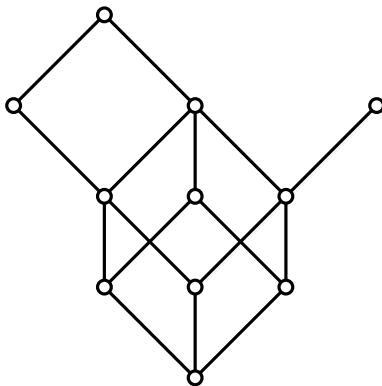
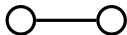
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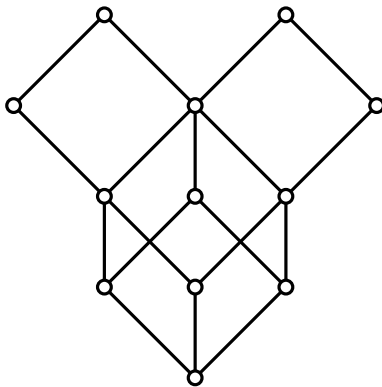
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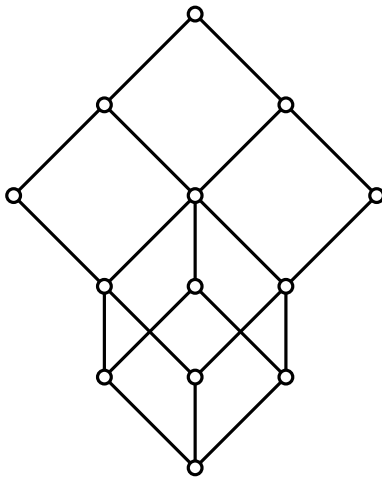
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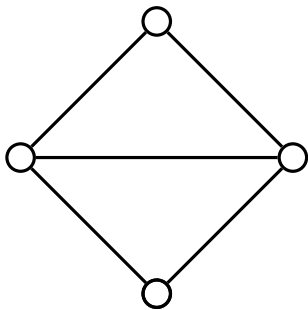


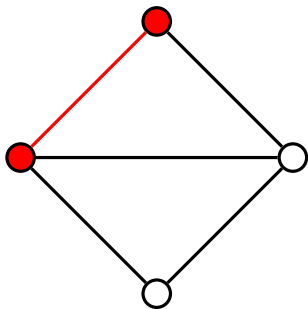
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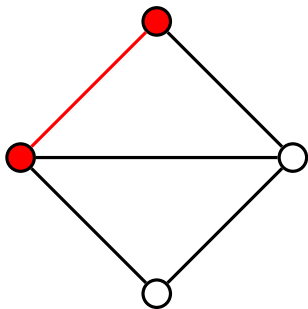
Let $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ be a graph. The set of all subgraphs of G , ordered by inclusion, is a bounded distributive lattice, where

$$\begin{aligned}\langle V_1, E_1 \rangle \vee \langle V_2, E_2 \rangle &= \langle V_1 \cup V_2, E_1 \cup E_2 \rangle \\ \langle V_1, E_1 \rangle \wedge \langle V_2, E_2 \rangle &= \langle V_1 \cap V_2, E_1 \cap E_2 \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

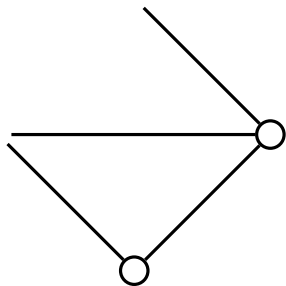
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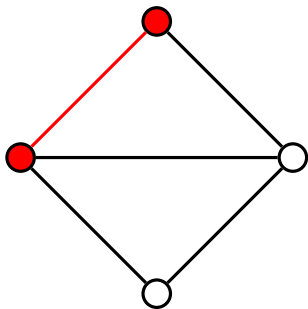




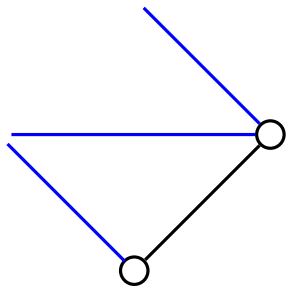


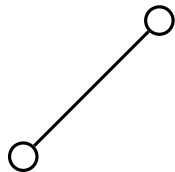
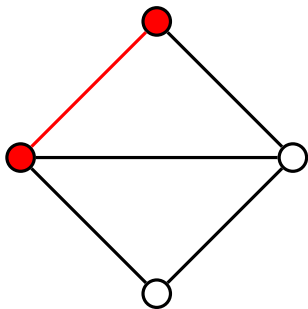
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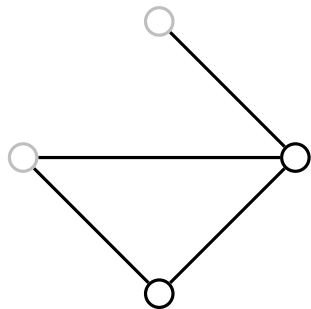
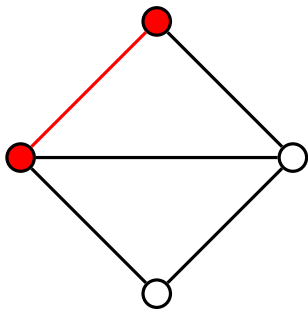


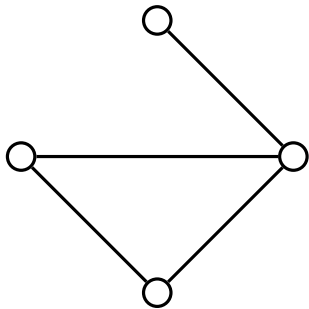
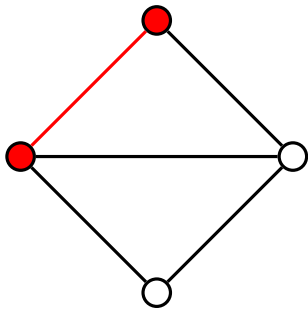


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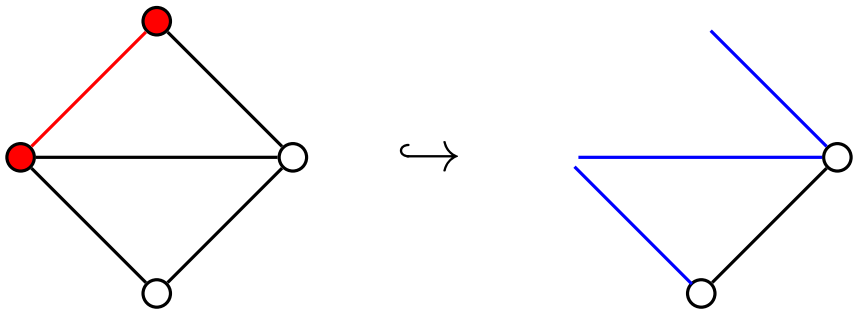
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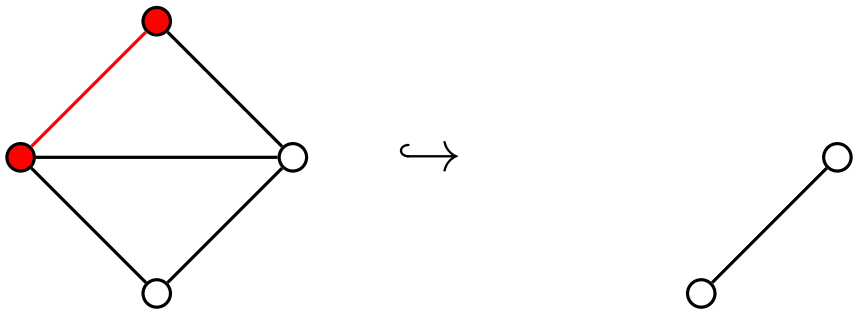
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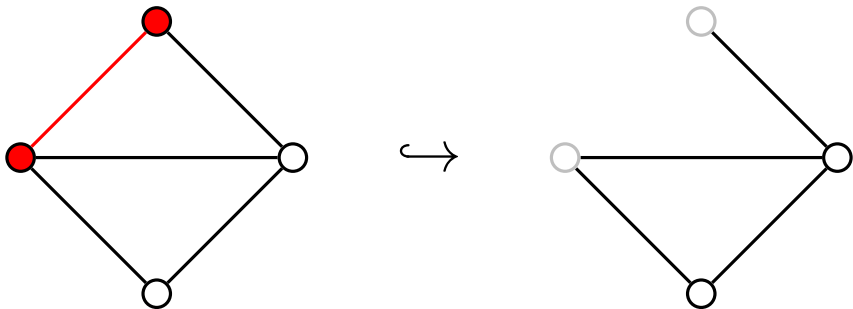
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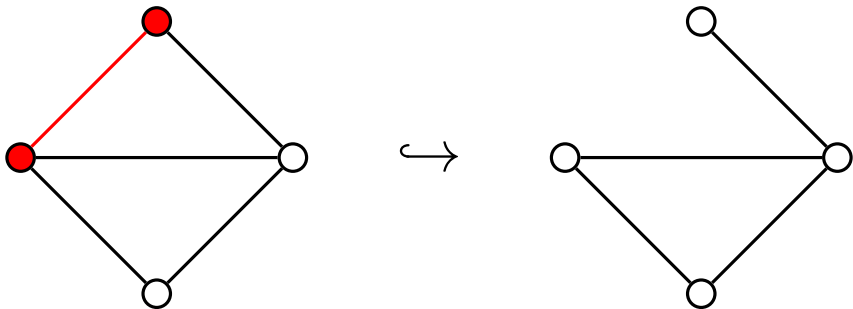
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Let \mathbf{A} be a double p-algebra. The following are equivalent:

- 1 \mathbf{A} is regular;
- 2 every prime ideal of \mathbf{A} is minimal or maximal;
- 3 for all $a, b \in A$, if $\neg a = \neg b$ and $\sim a = \sim b$, then $a = b$;
- 4 \mathbf{A} is distributive and $\sim a \wedge a \leq \neg b \wedge b$, for all $a, b \in A$.

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Let \mathbf{L} be a finite lattice. The following are equivalent.

- 1 \mathbf{L} is the underlying lattice of a regular double p -algebra.*
- 2 $\mathbf{L} \cong S(G)$ for some finite incidence structure G .*
- 3 $\mathbf{L} \cong \mathcal{P}(B) \times S(G)$ for some finite set B and incidence structure G .*

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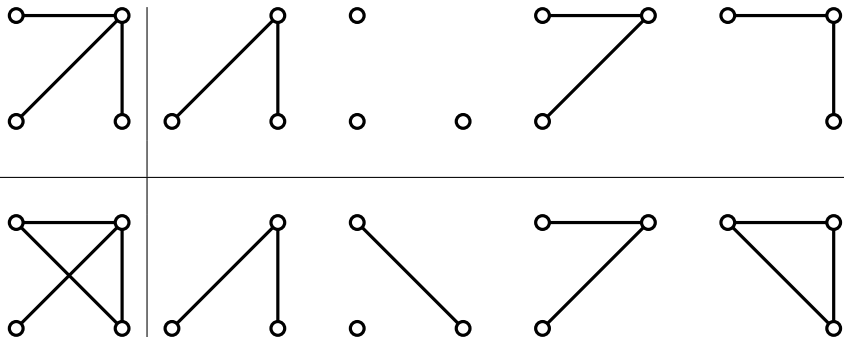
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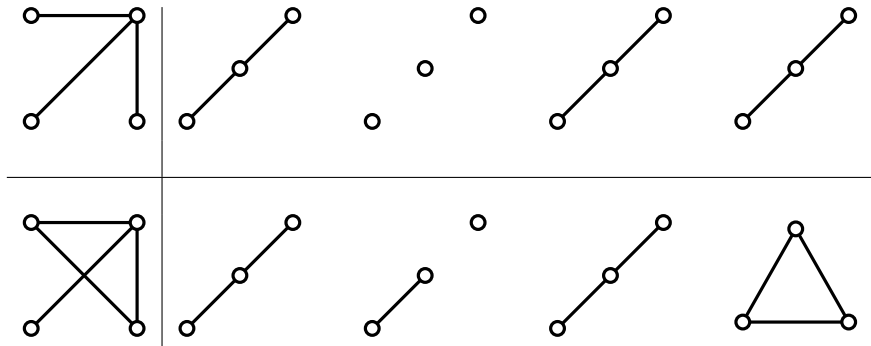
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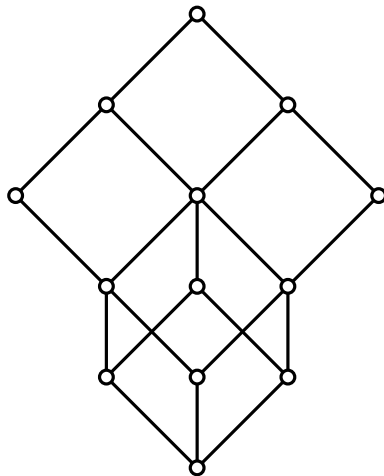
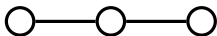
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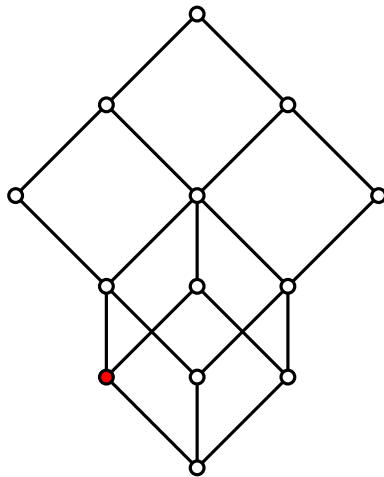
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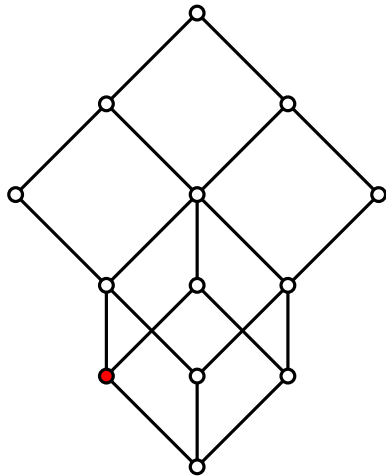
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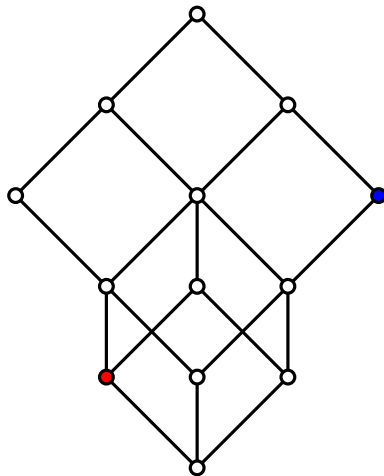
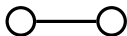
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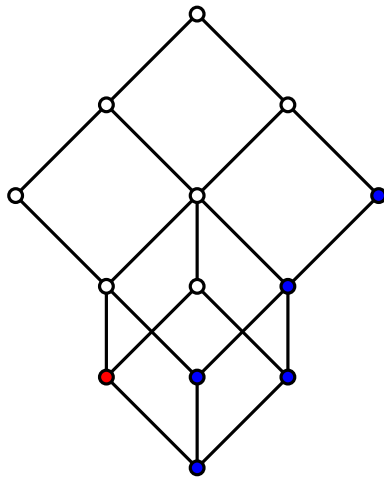
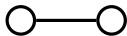
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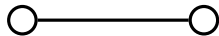
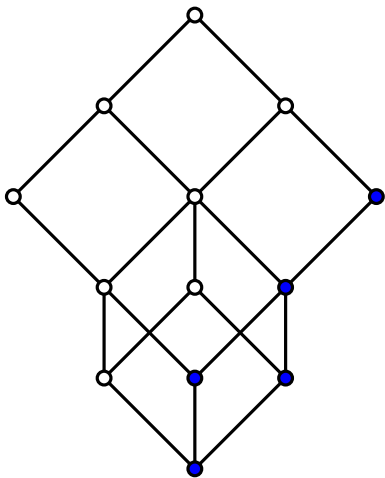
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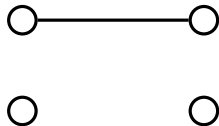
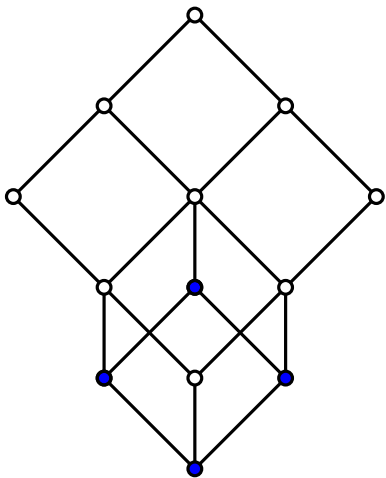
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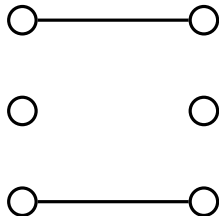
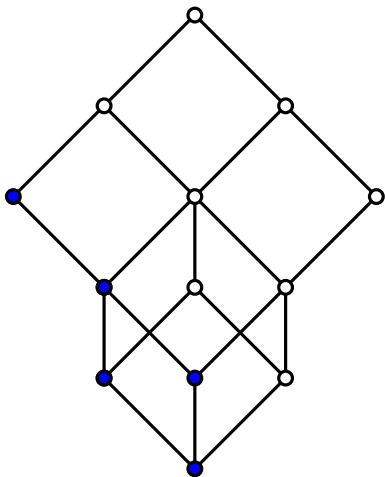
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- Let the deck of a lattice be the set of its minimal prime ideals and define reconstructions analogously.







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Lattice Reconstruction Problem

Let \mathcal{K} be the class of all lattices \mathbf{L} such that:

- 1 \mathbf{L} is a finite distributive lattice.
- 2 Every prime ideal of \mathbf{L} is minimal or maximal.
- 3 Every join-irreducible element of \mathbf{L} is either an atom or has exactly two atoms below it.

If two lattices in \mathcal{K} are reconstructions of each other, then are they isomorphic?

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