

# The dual of the type $B$ permutohedron as a Tchebyshev triangulation

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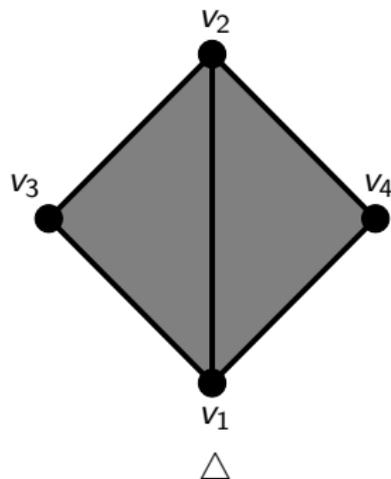
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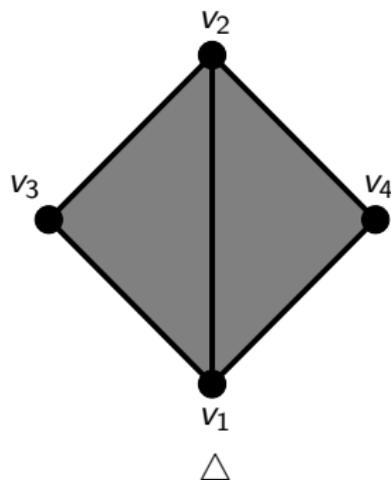
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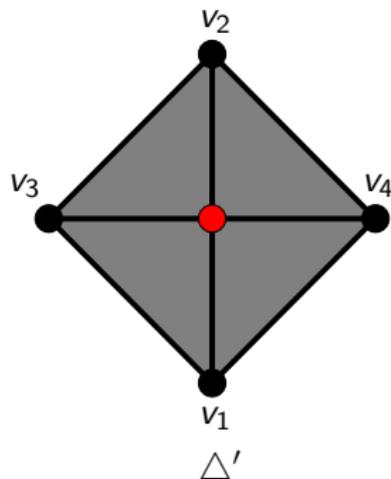
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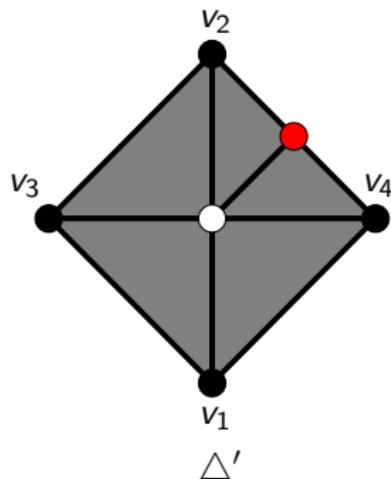
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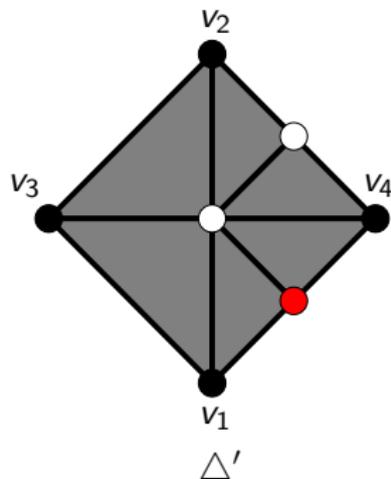
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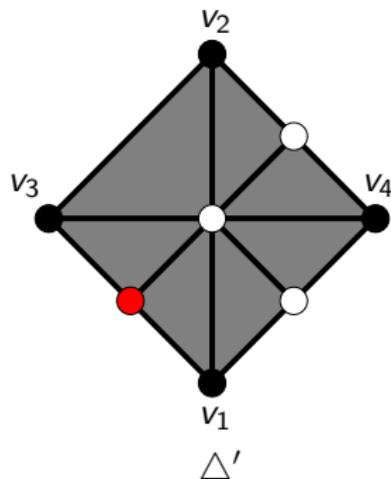
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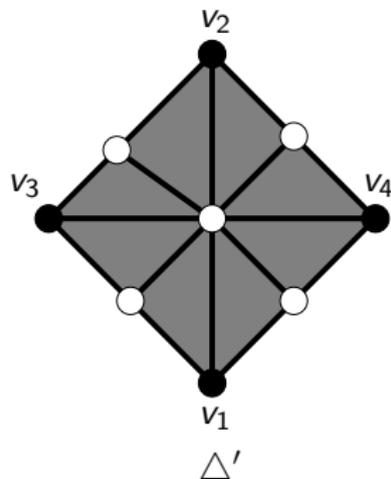
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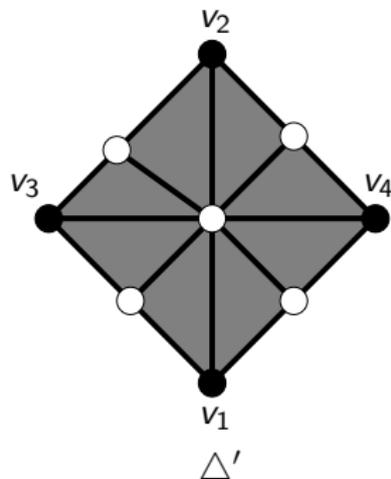
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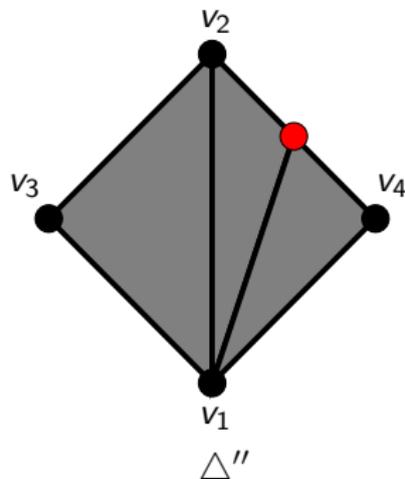
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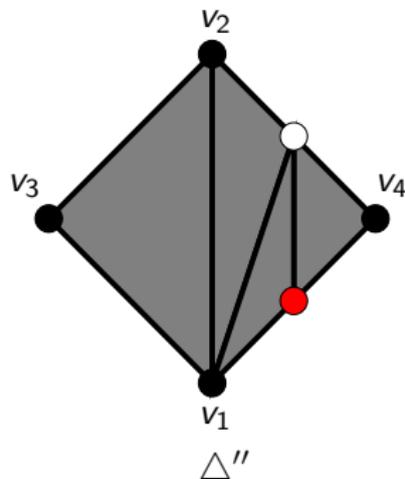
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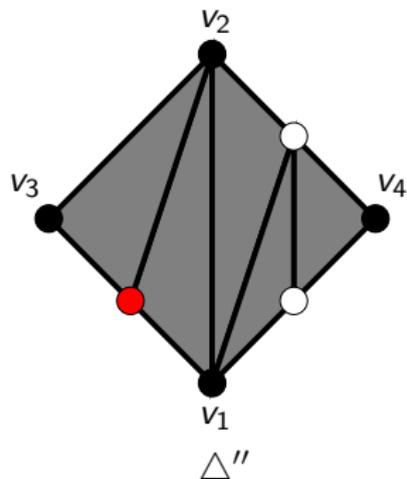
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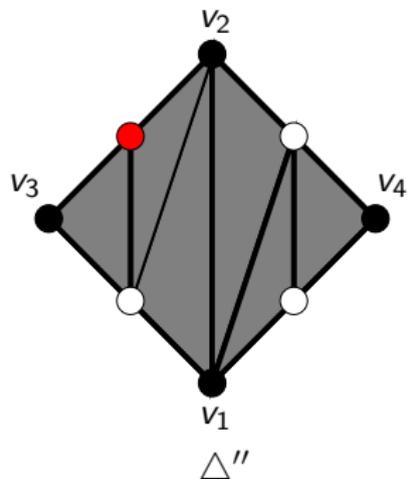
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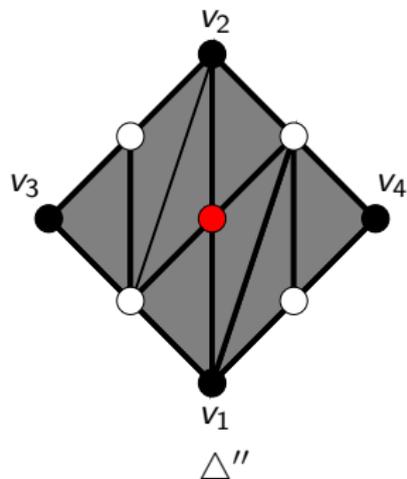
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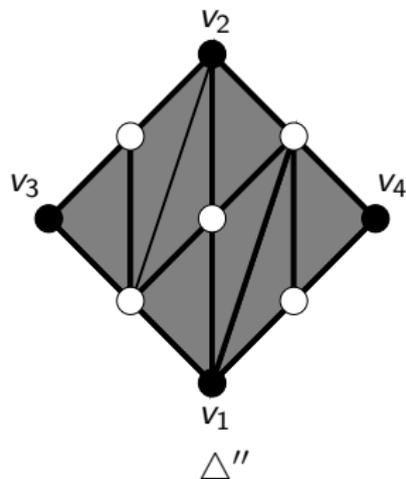
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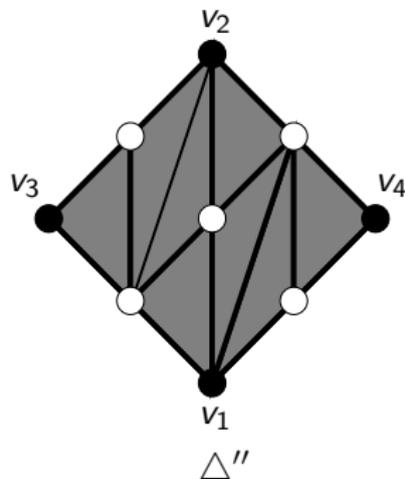
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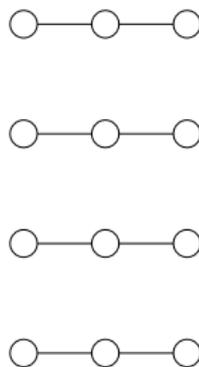
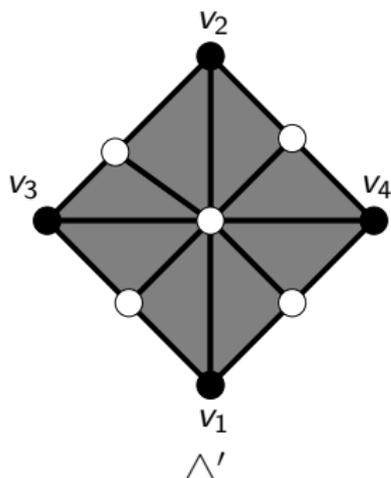
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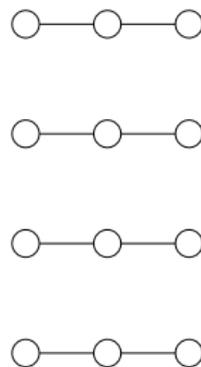
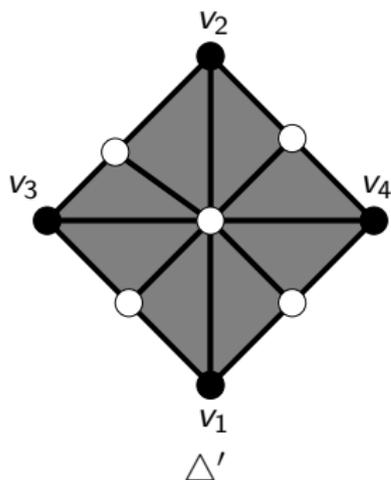
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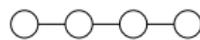
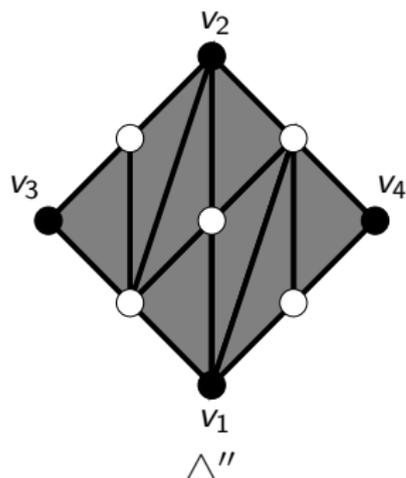
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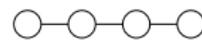
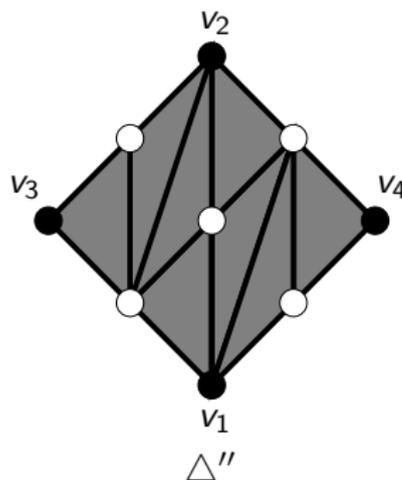
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For more information see the work of Ehrenborg and Readdy.

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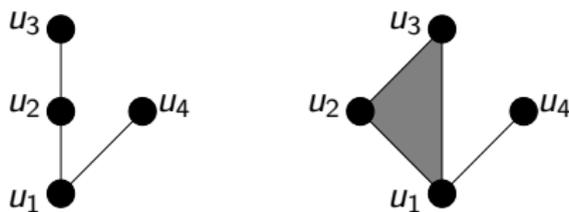
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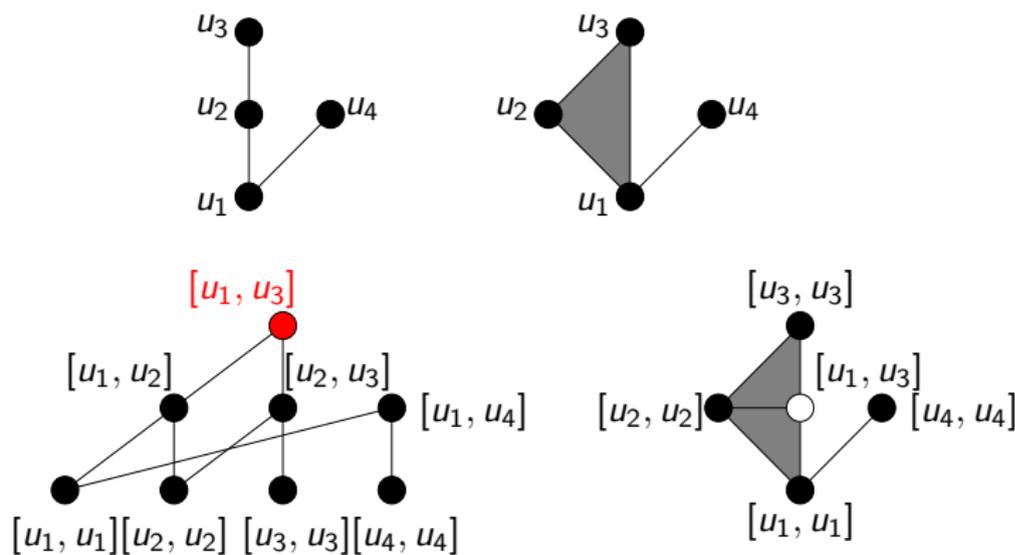
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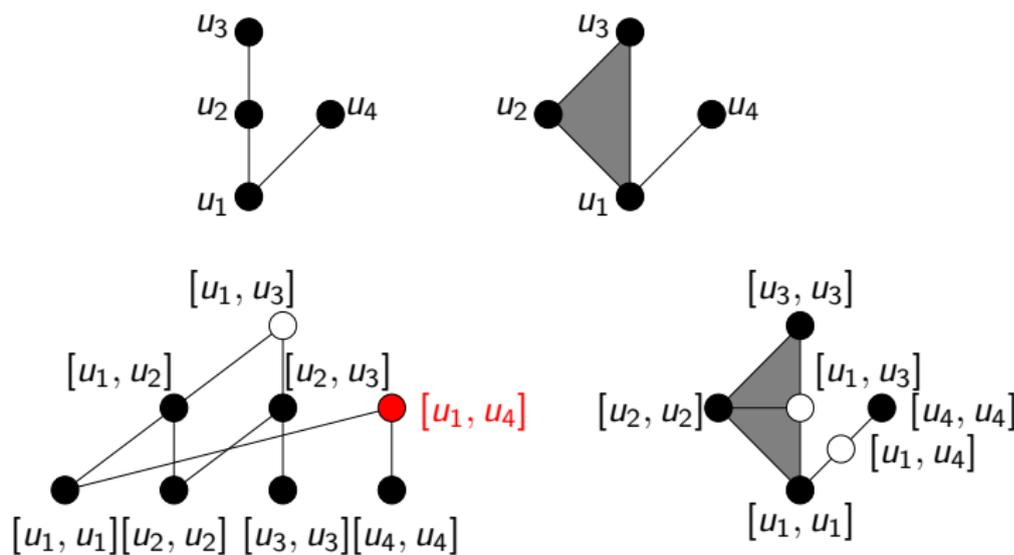
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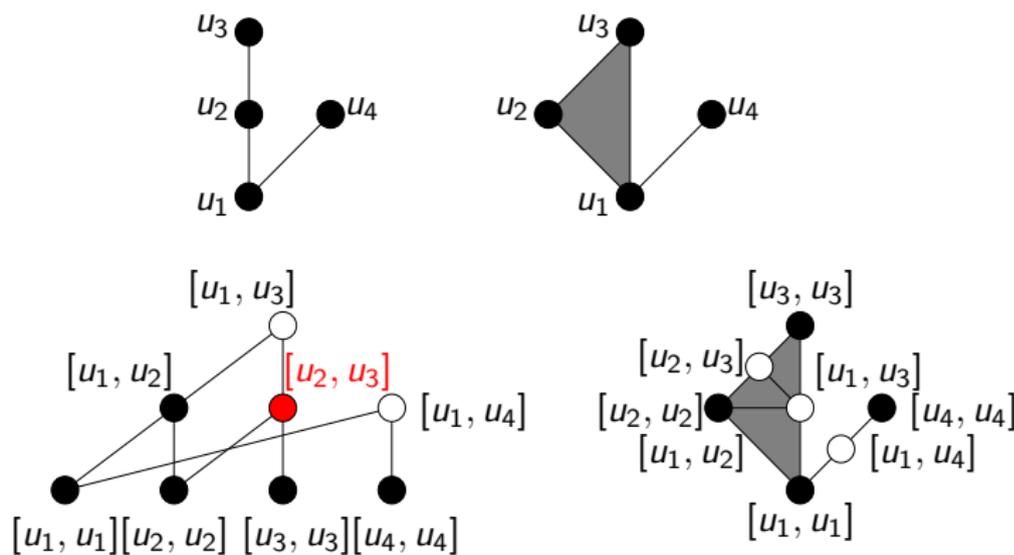
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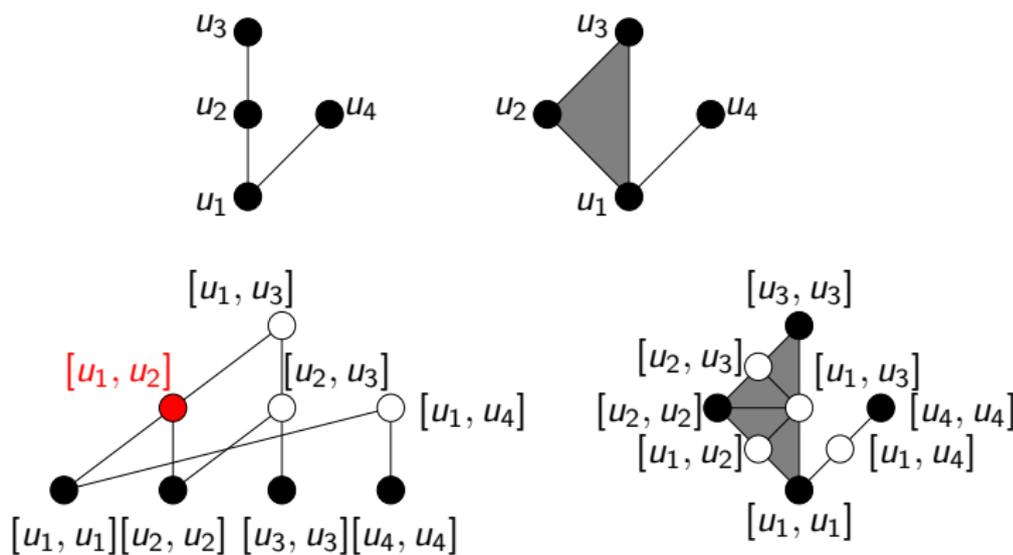
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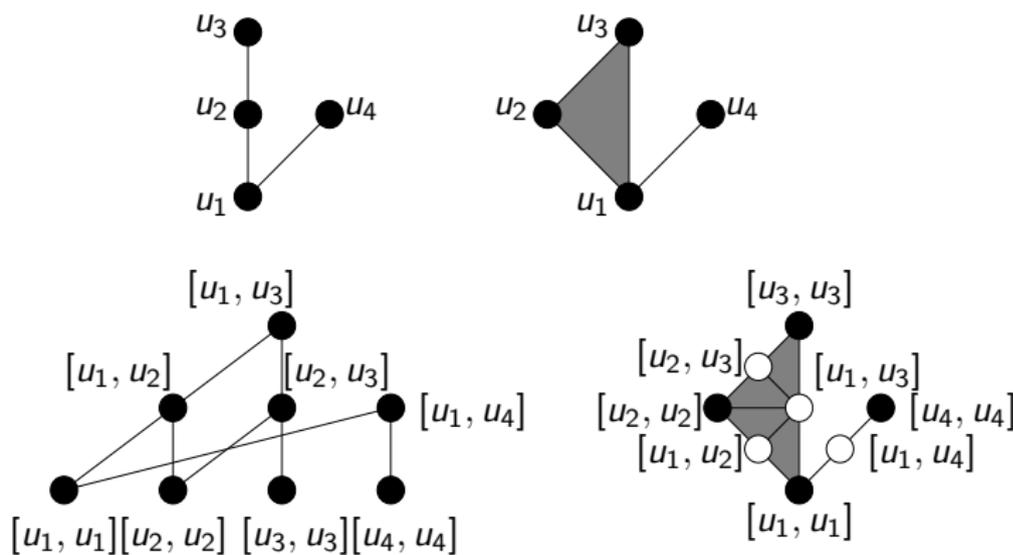
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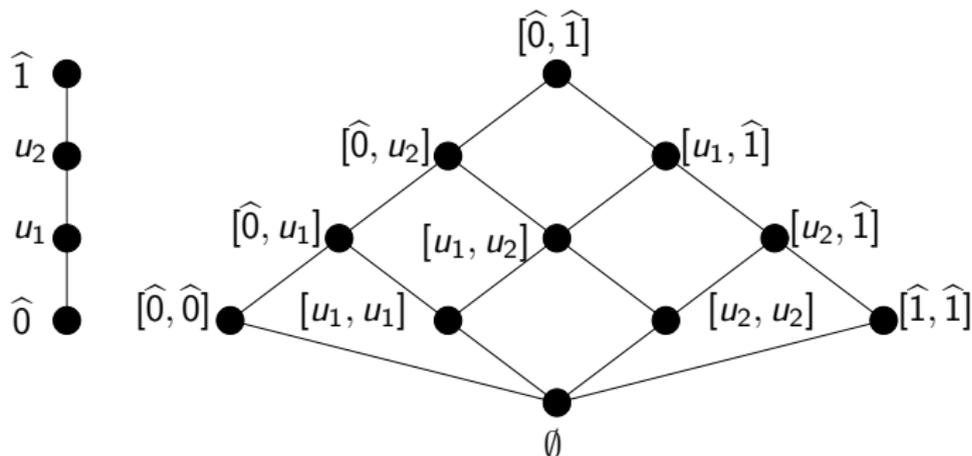
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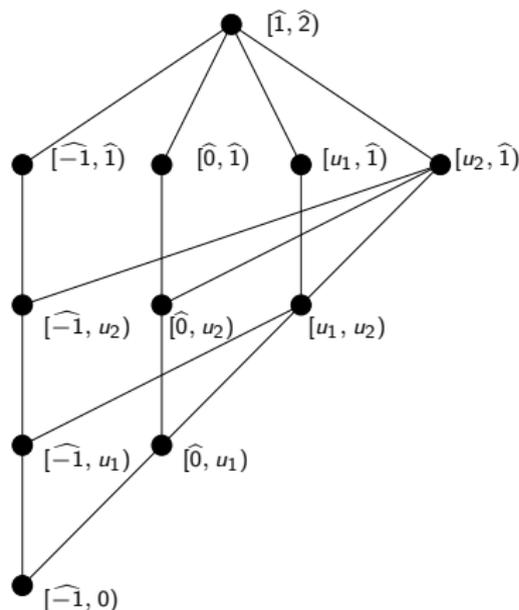
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The dual of the type  $A$  permutohedron is the order complex of a Boolean algebra.

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Each facet of the  $n$ -dimensional type  $B$  permutohedron is uniquely labeled with a pair of sets  $(K^+, K^-)$  where  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  is are subsets of  $[1, n]$ , satisfying  $K^+ \subseteq [1, n] - K^-$  and  $K^+$  and  $K^-$  cannot be both empty. For a set of valid labels

$$\{(K_1^+, K_1^-), (K_2^+, K_2^-), \dots, (K_m^+, K_m^-)\}$$

the intersection of the corresponding set of facets is a nonempty face of  $\text{Perm}(B_n)$  if and only if

$$K_1^+ \subseteq K_2^+ \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_m^+ \subseteq [1, n] - K_m^- \subseteq [1, n] - K_{m-1}^- \subseteq \dots \subseteq [1, n] - K_1^-$$

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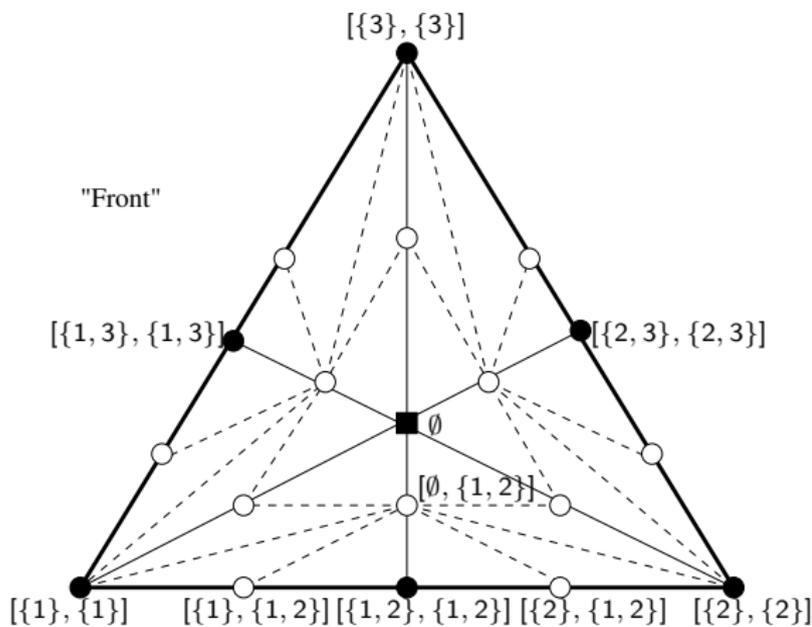
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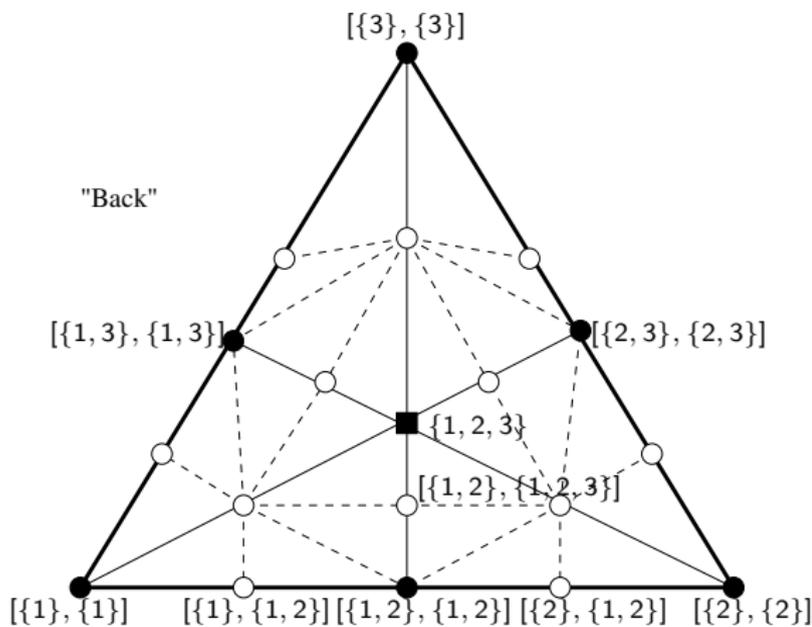
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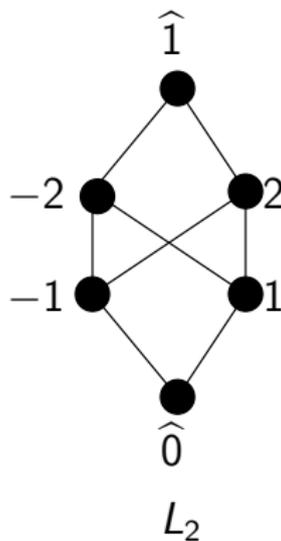
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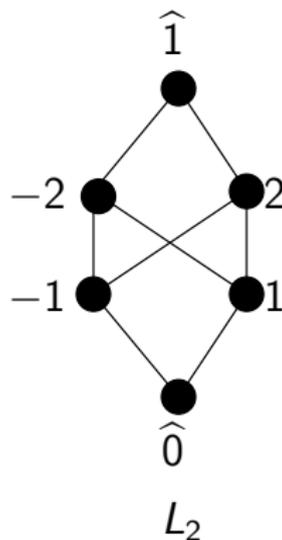
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