

# NON-COMMUTATIVE SYMMETRIC FUNCTIONS I: A ZOO OF HOPF ALGEBRAS

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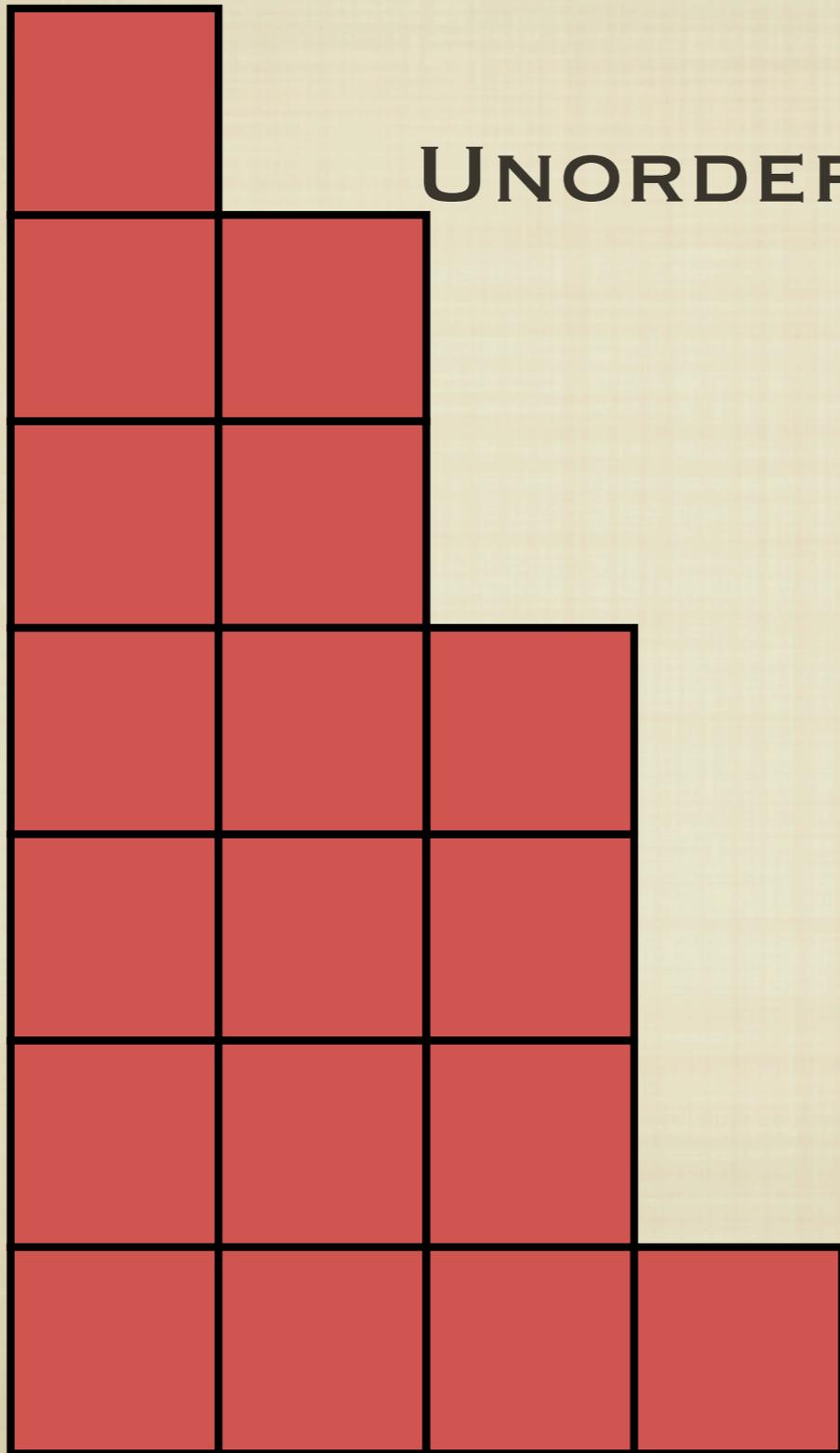
I will present an overview of what Combinatorial Hopf Algebras (CHAs) are about by introducing definitions and examples. I will try to show how examples of CHAs are related to each other and where they can appear in the literature before they are recognized as CHAs. I will also give some examples where these objects appear in other areas of mathematics.

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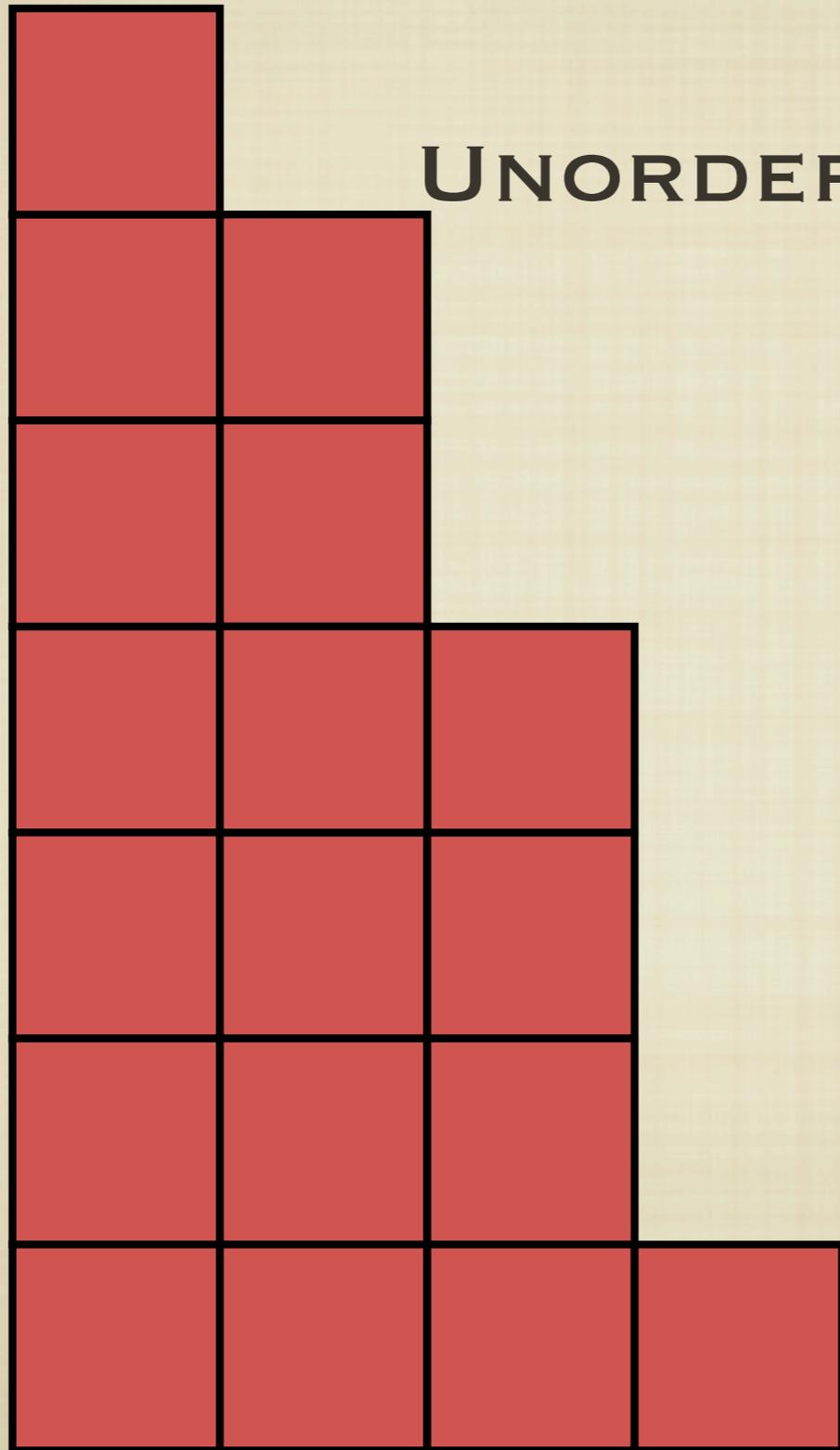
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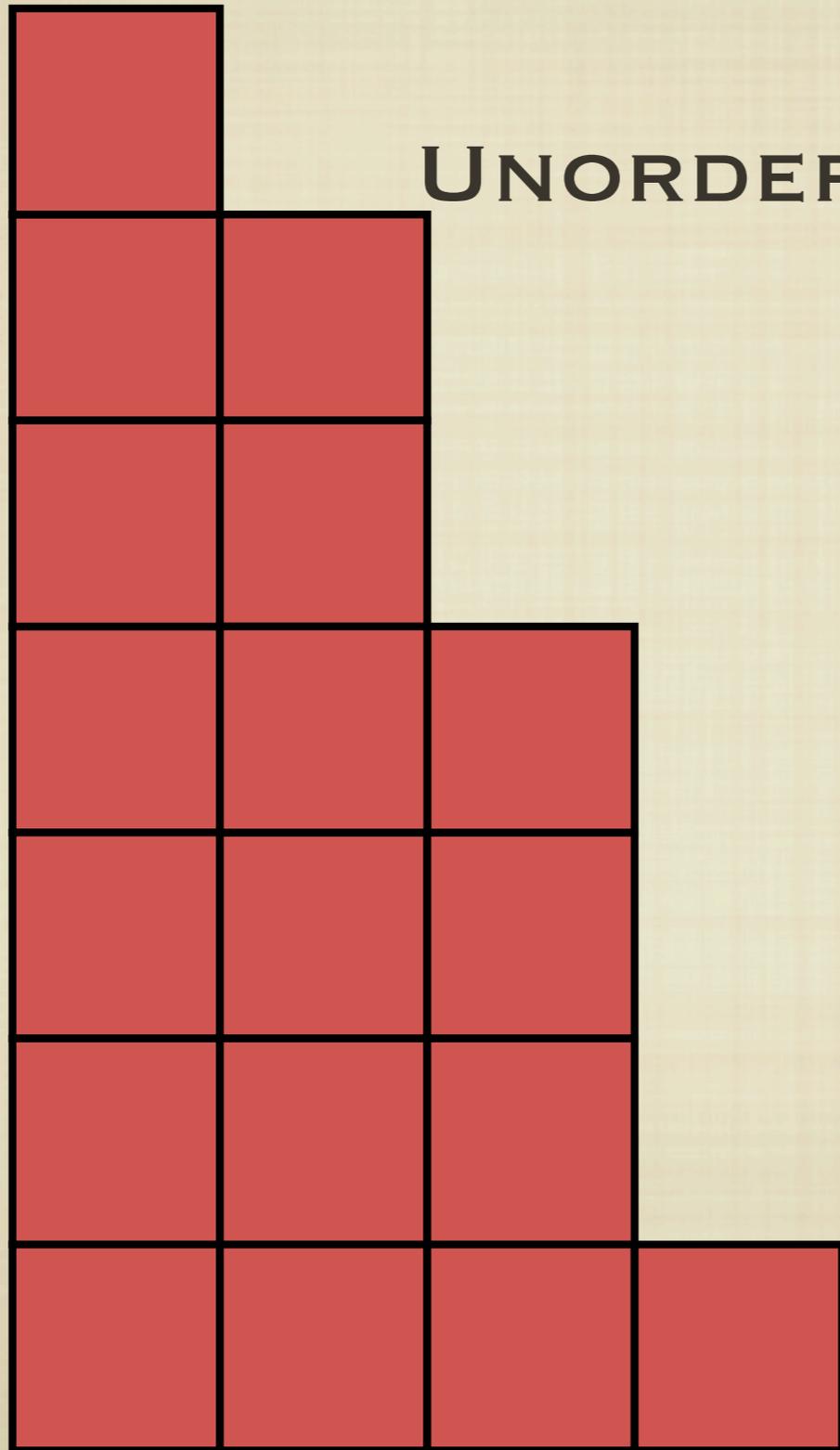
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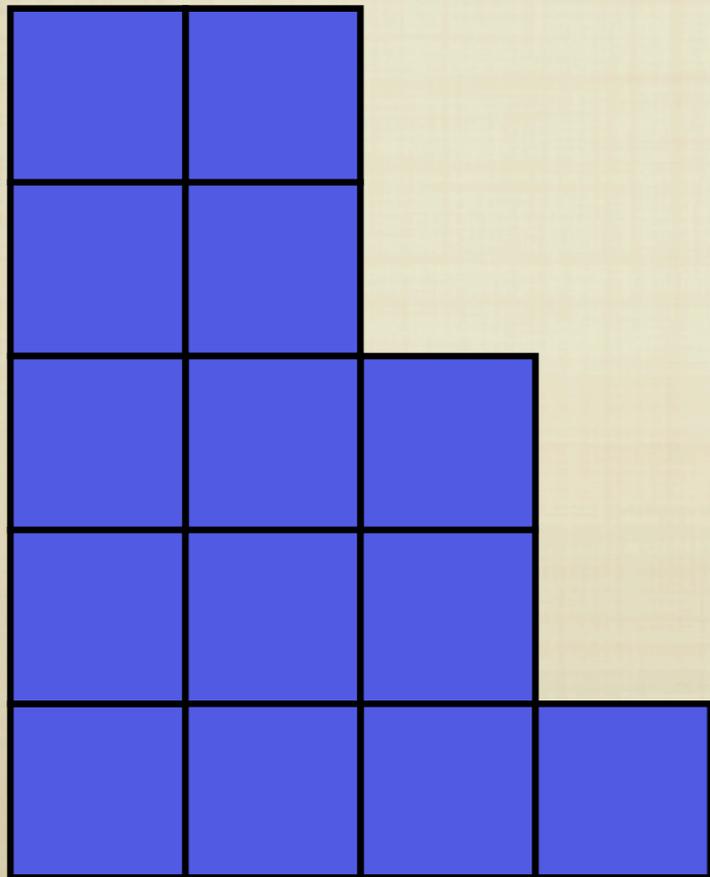
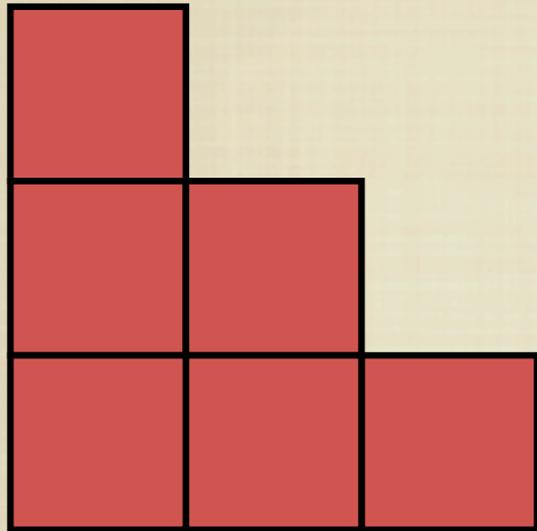
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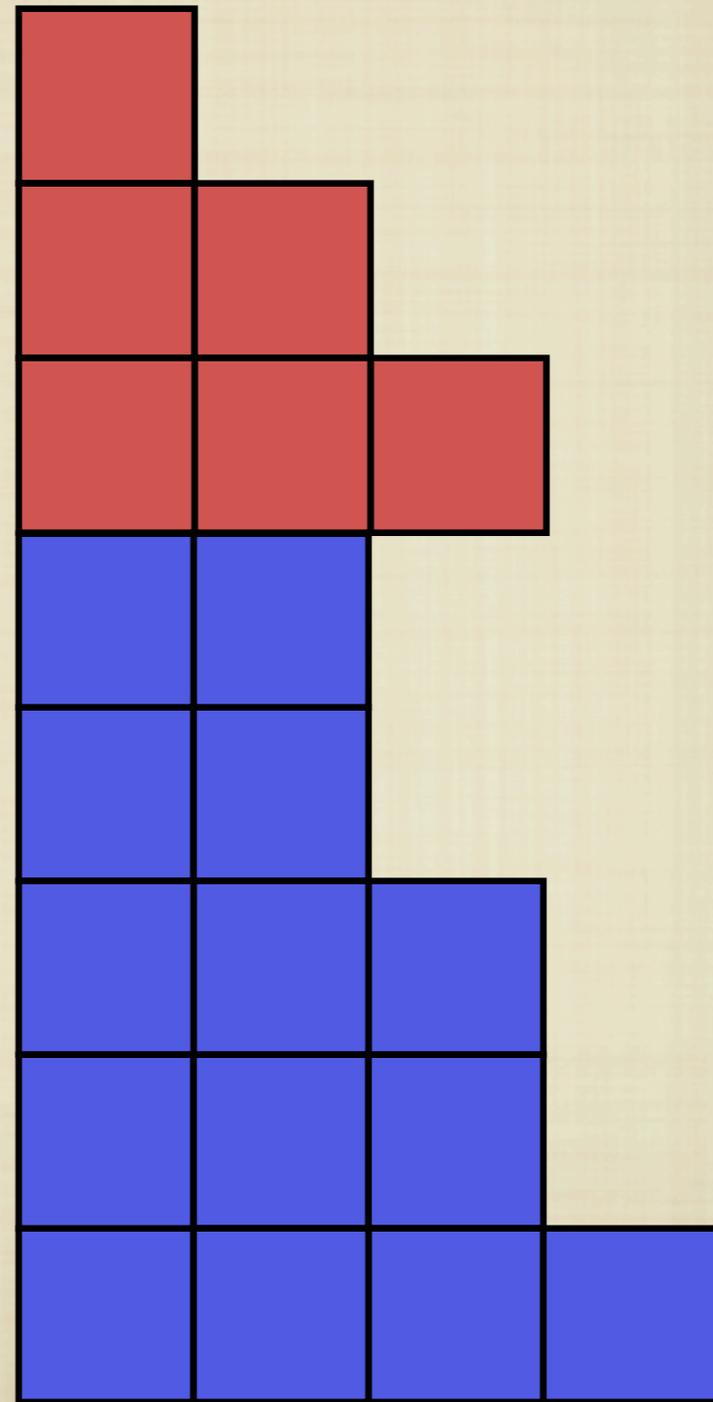
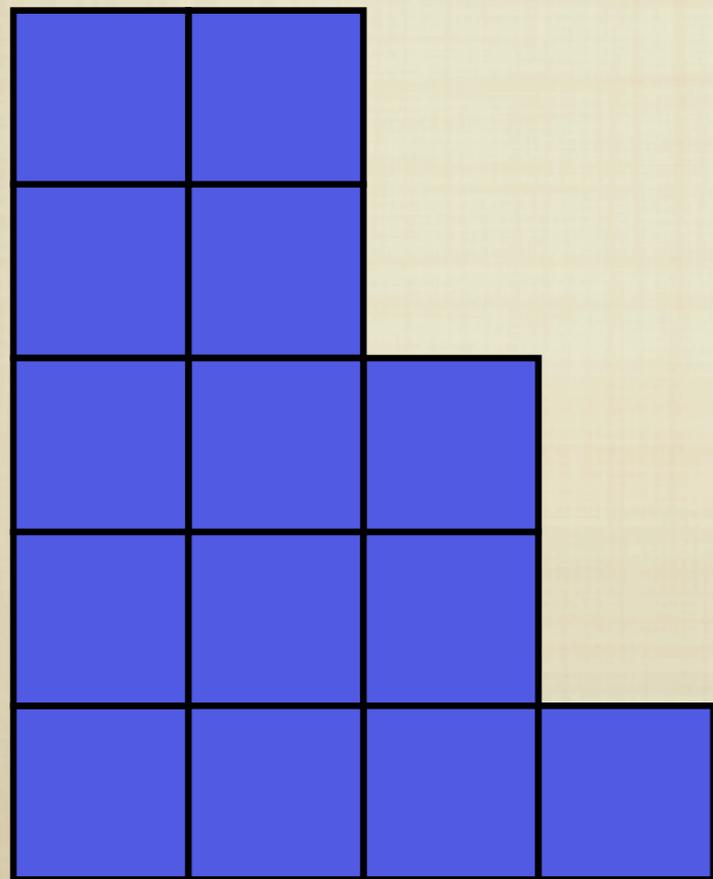
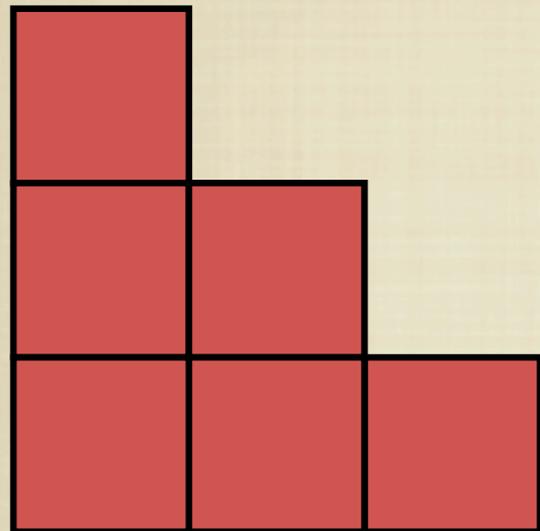
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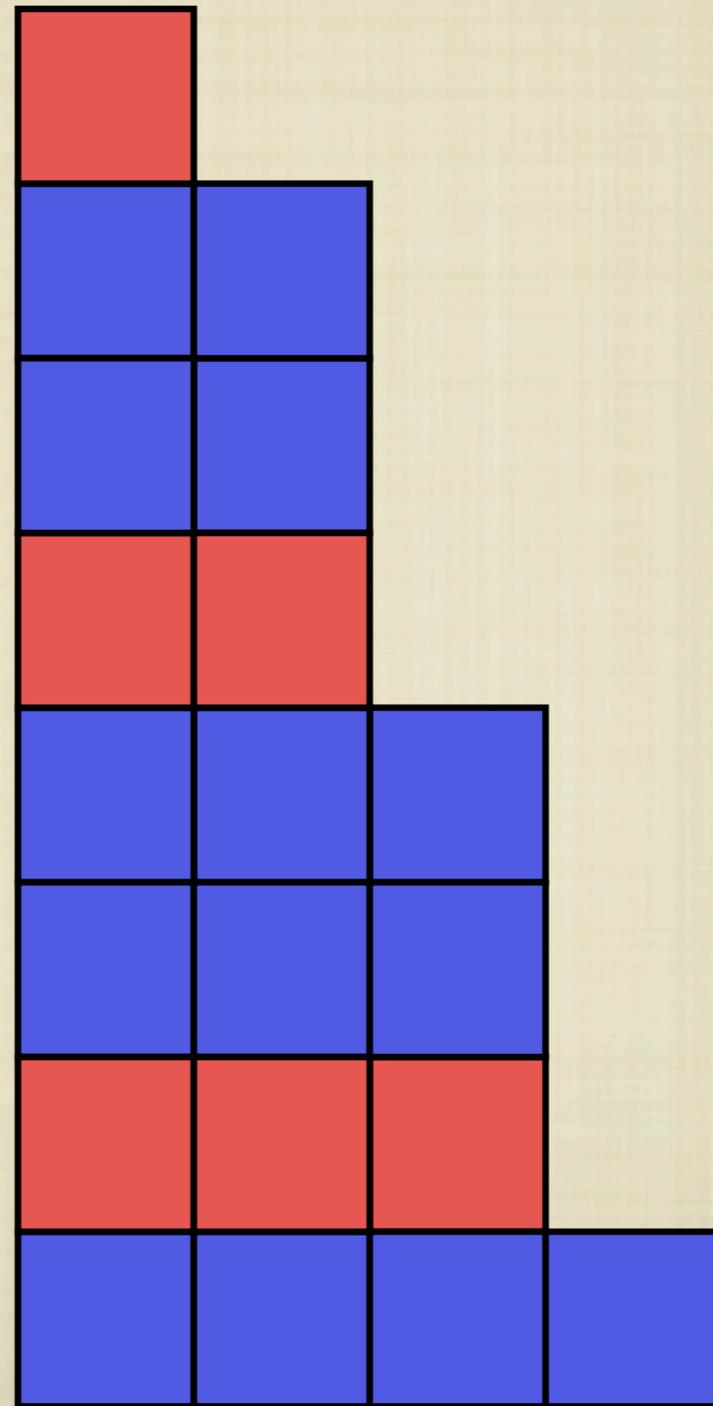
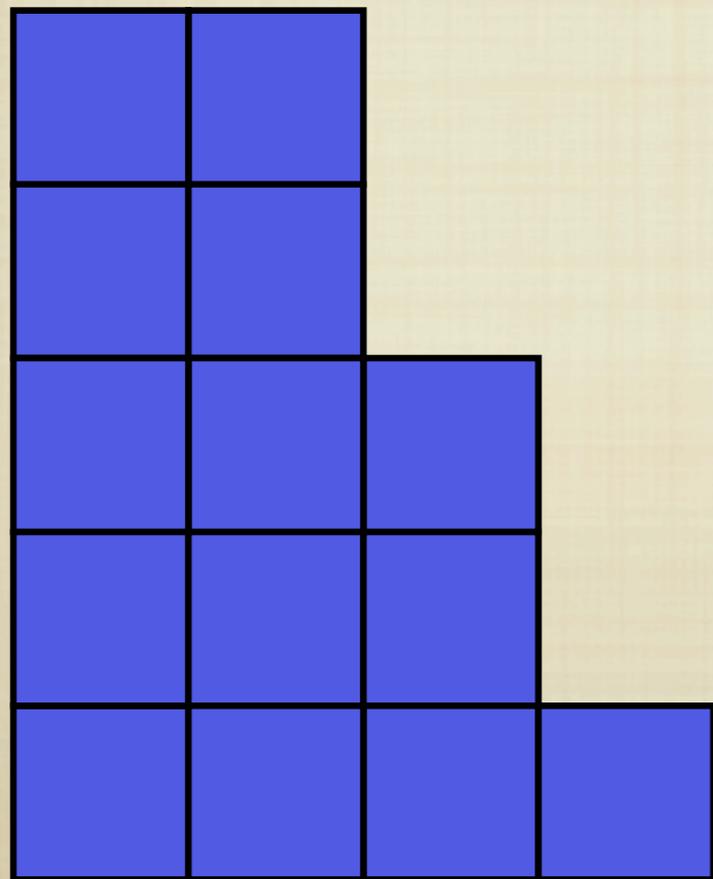
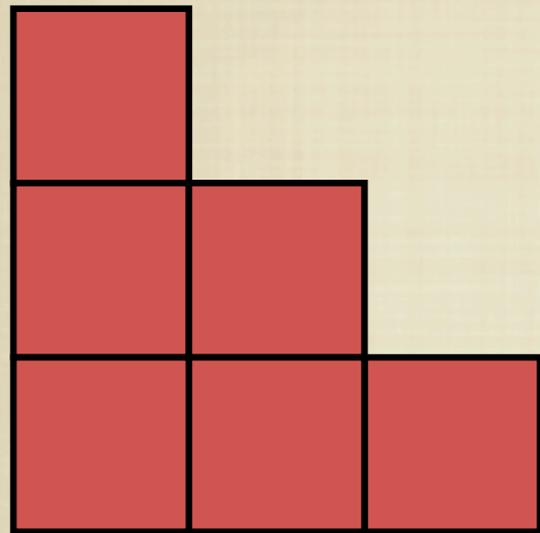
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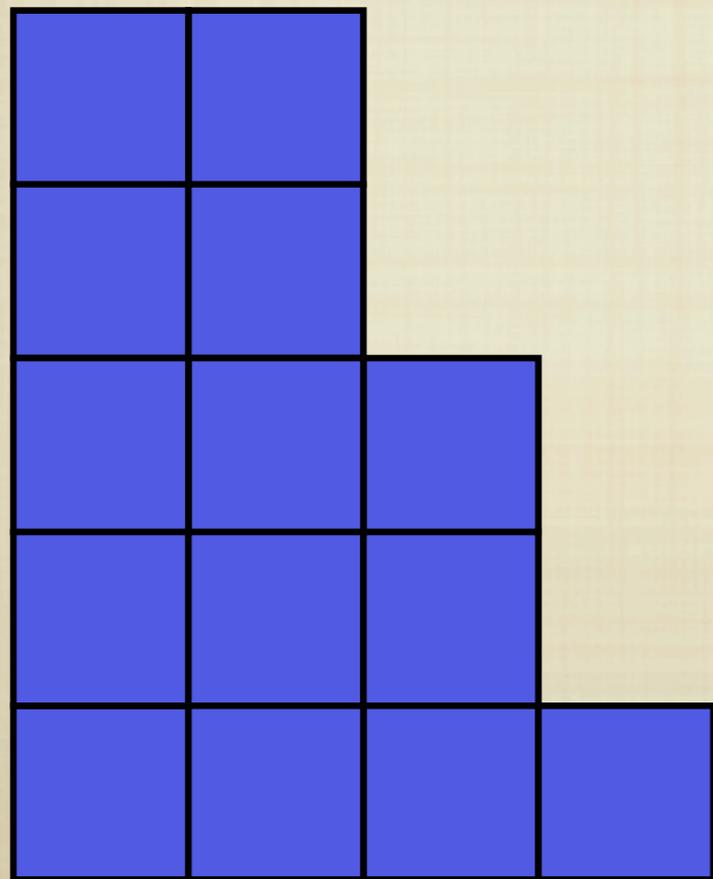
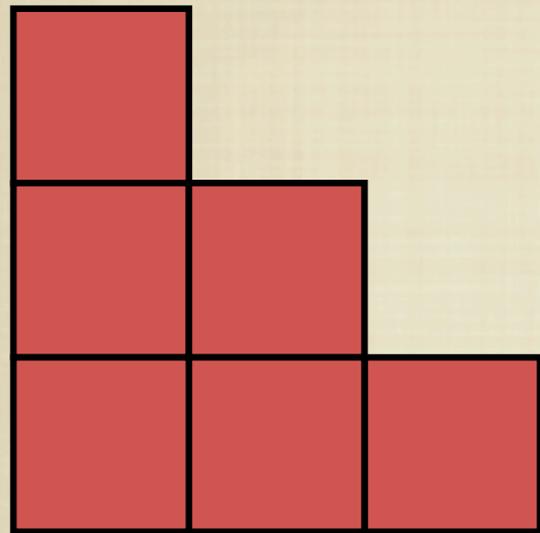
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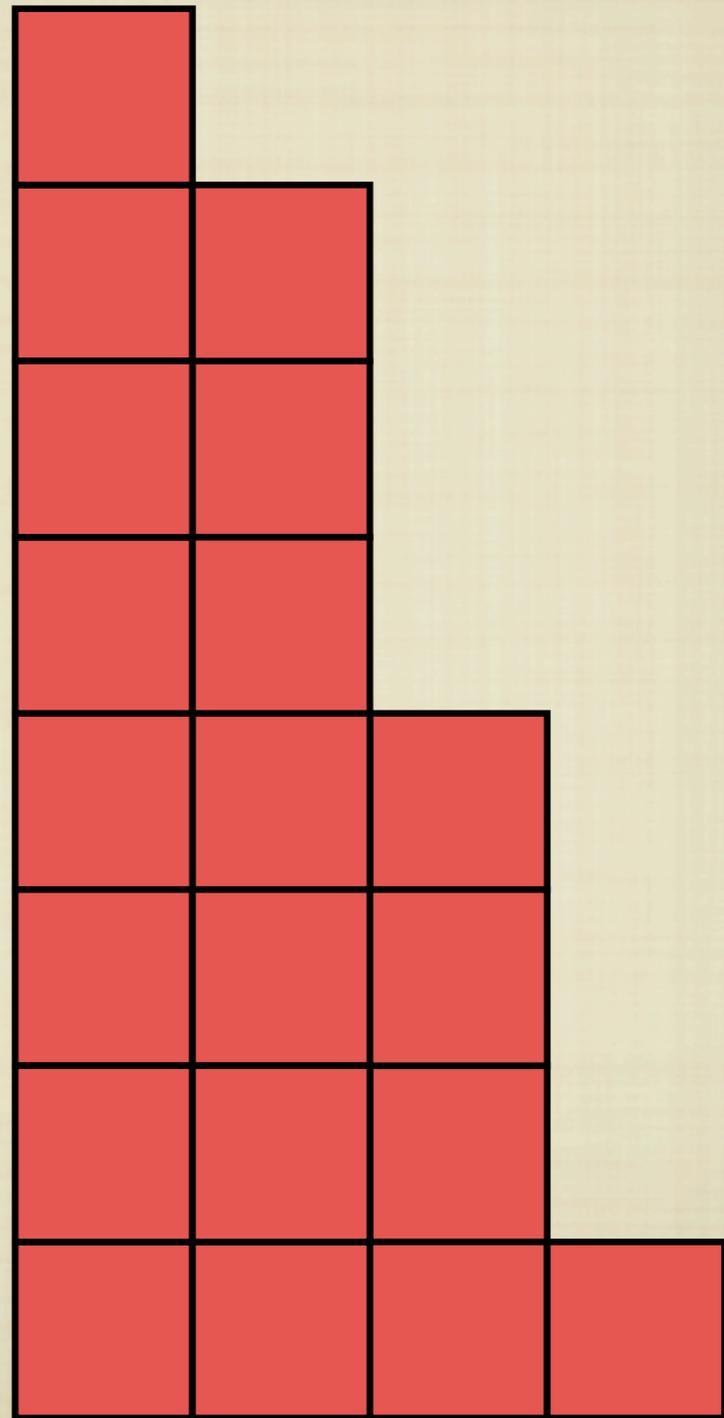
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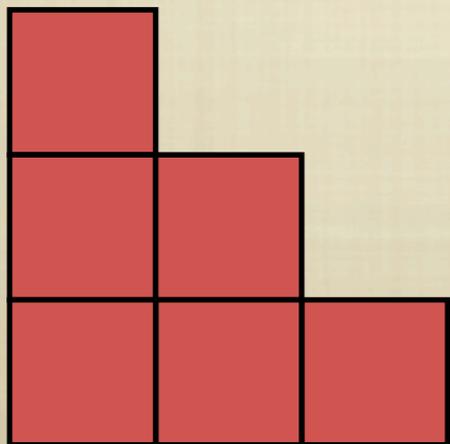
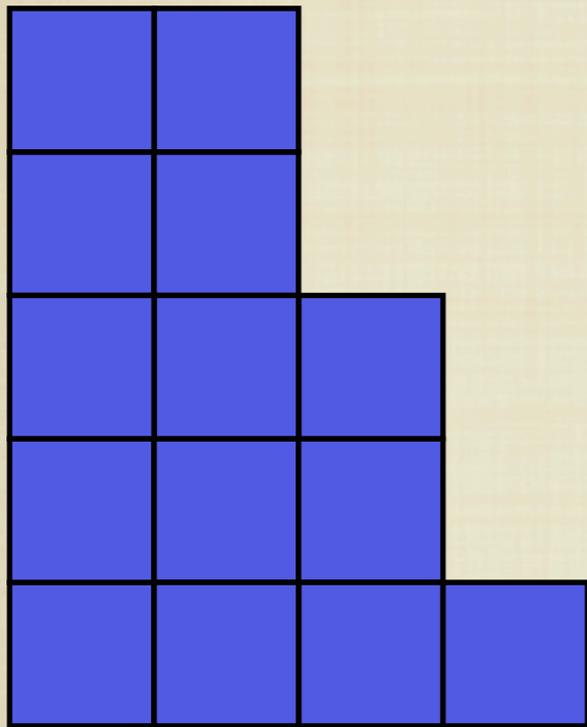


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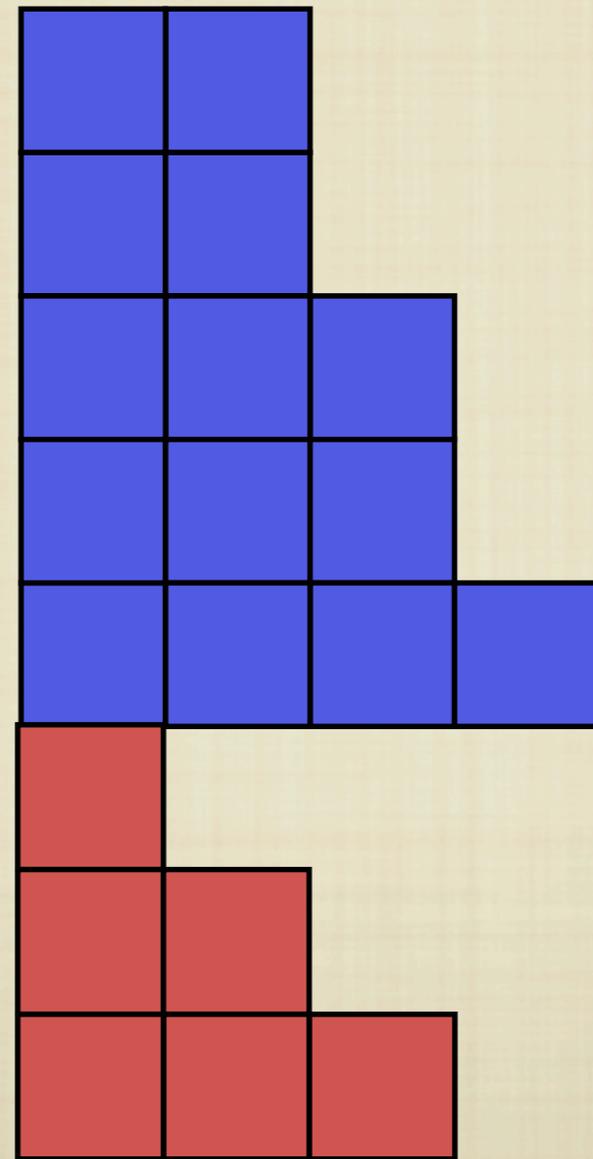
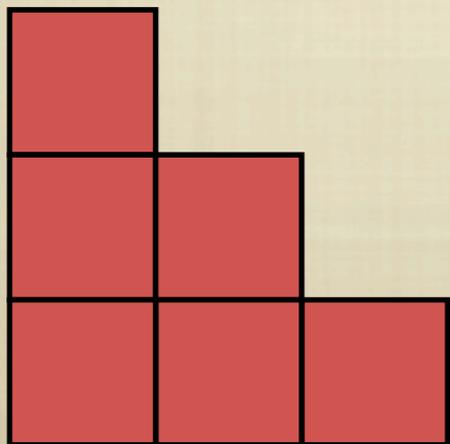
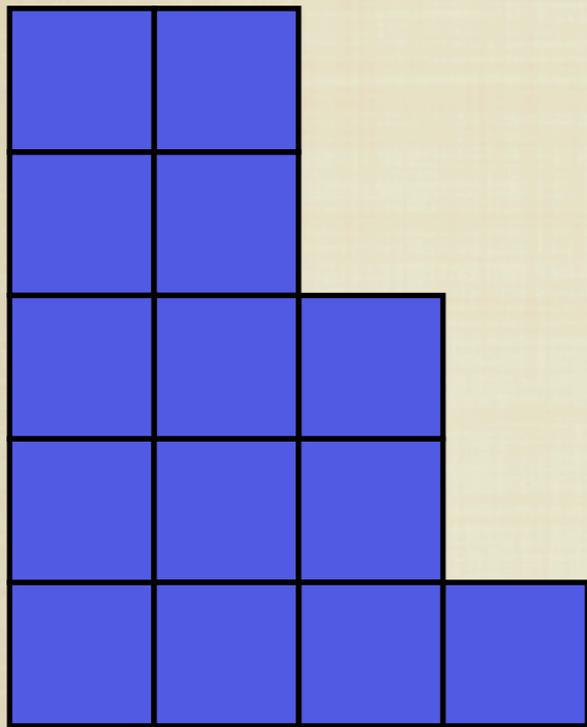
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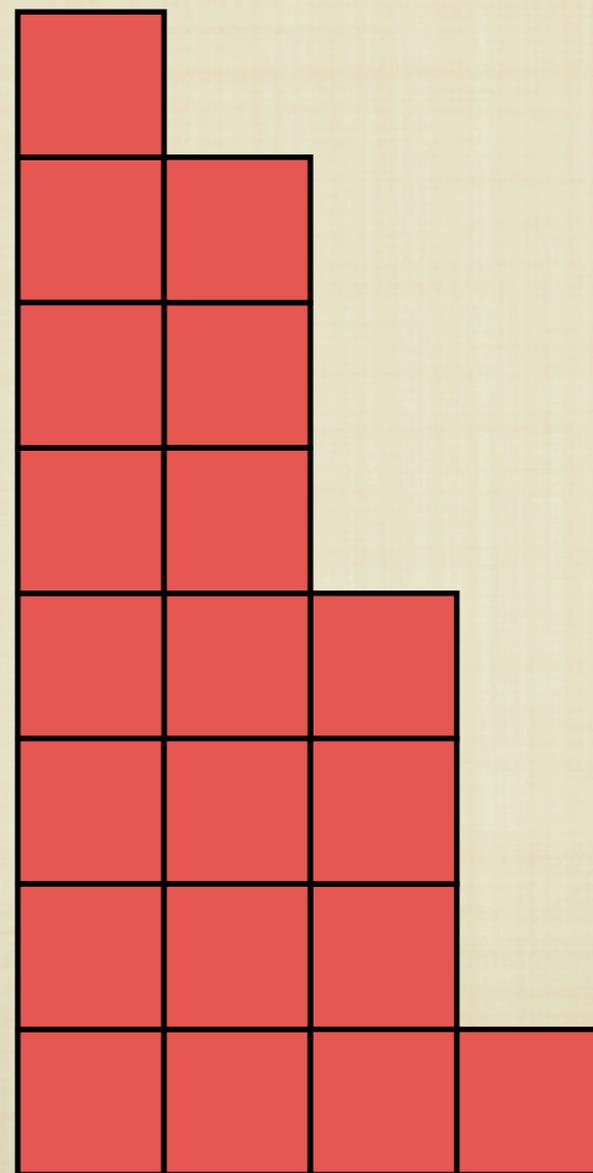
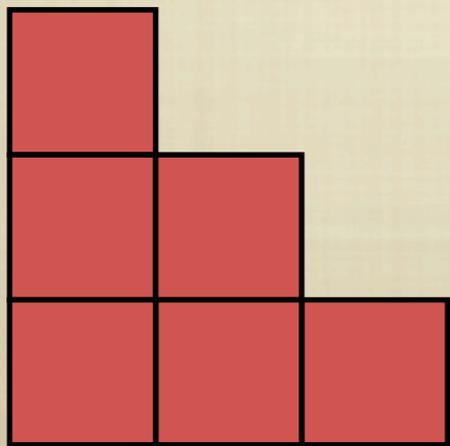
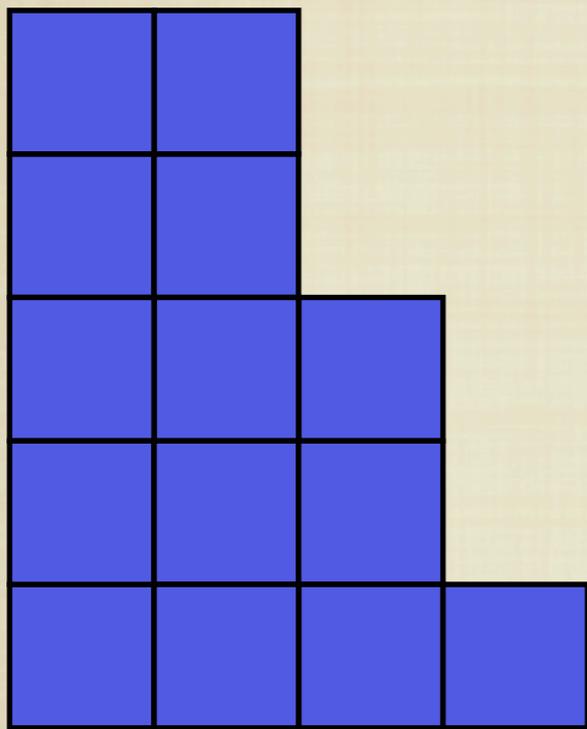
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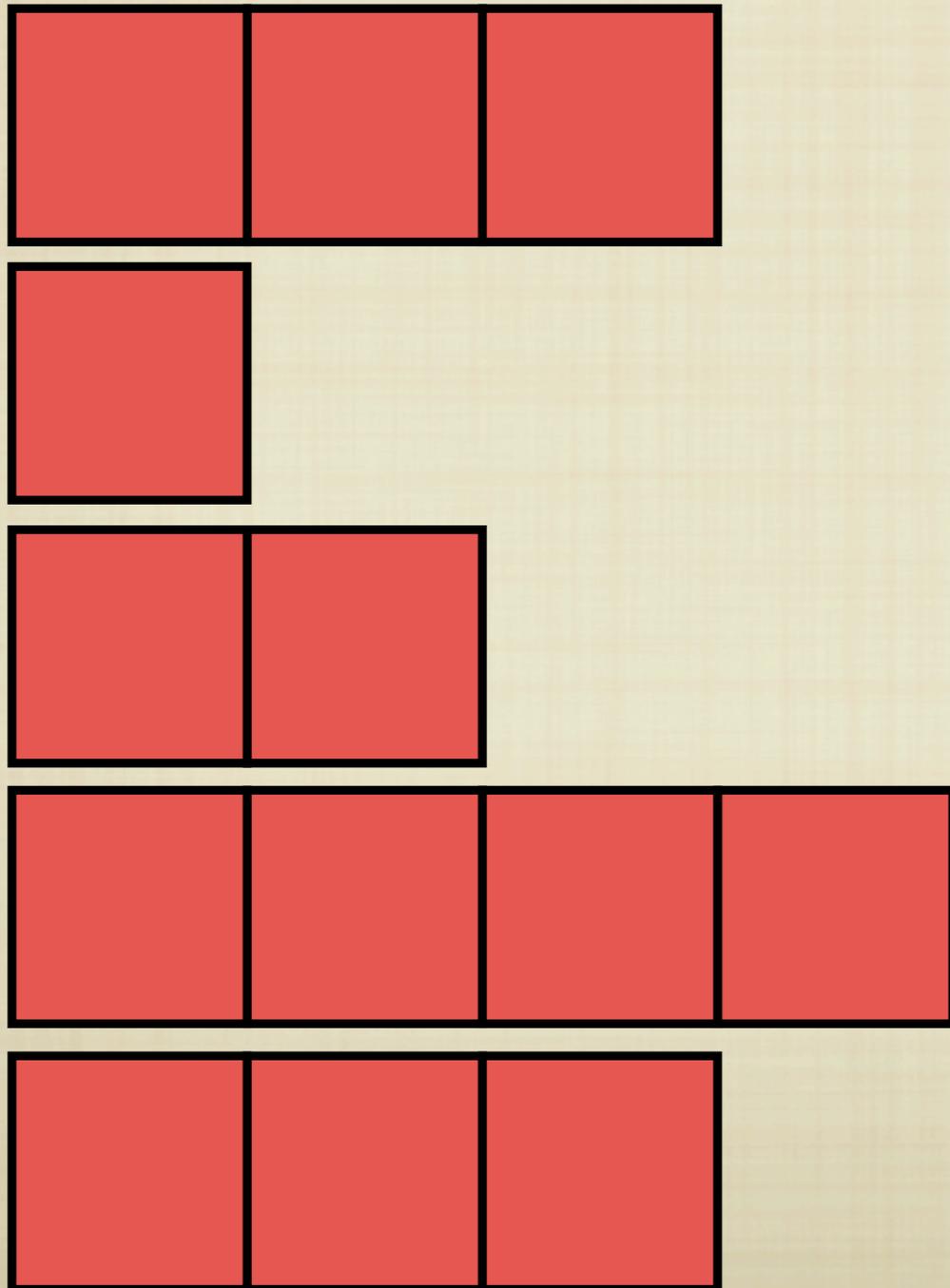
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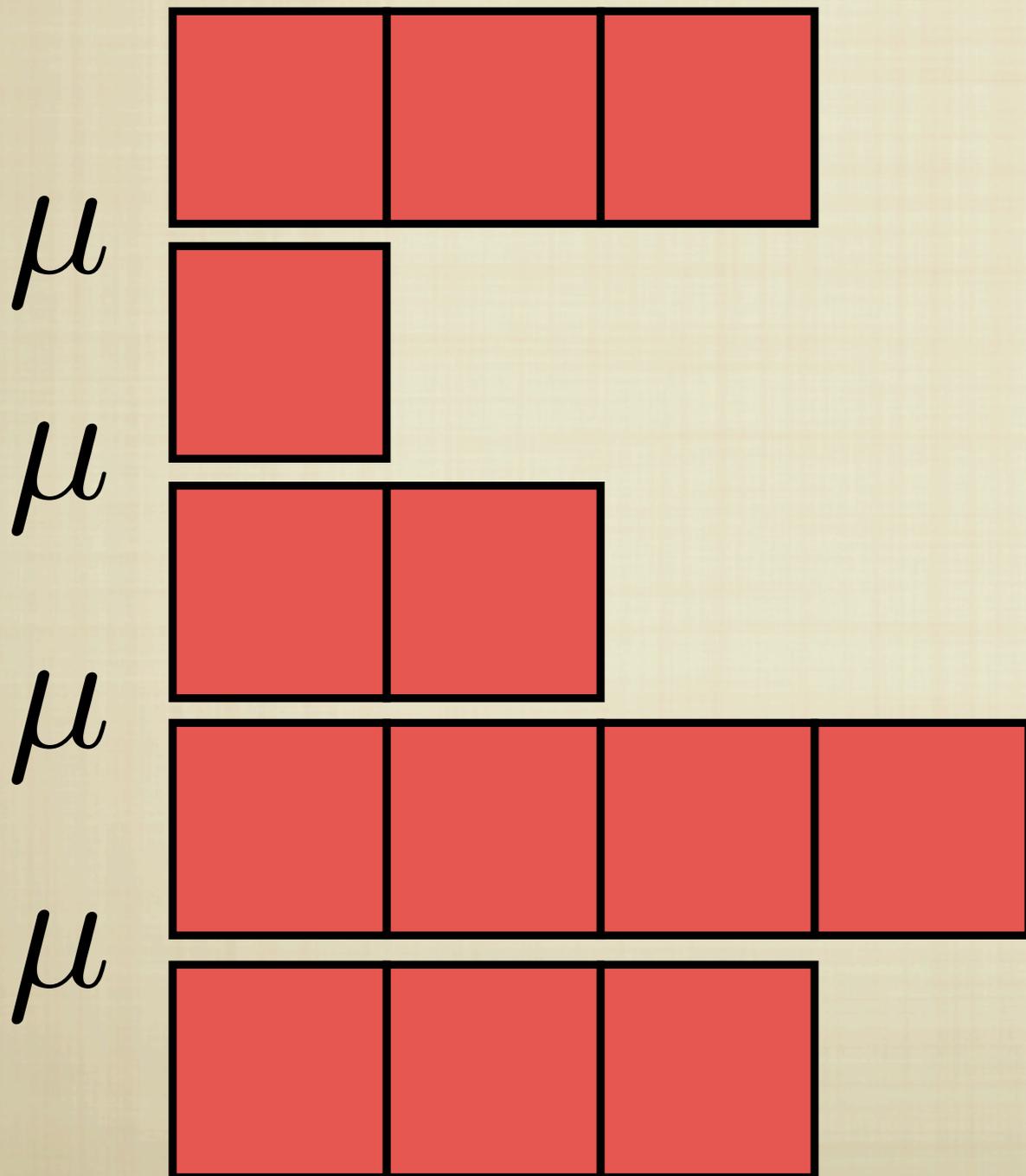
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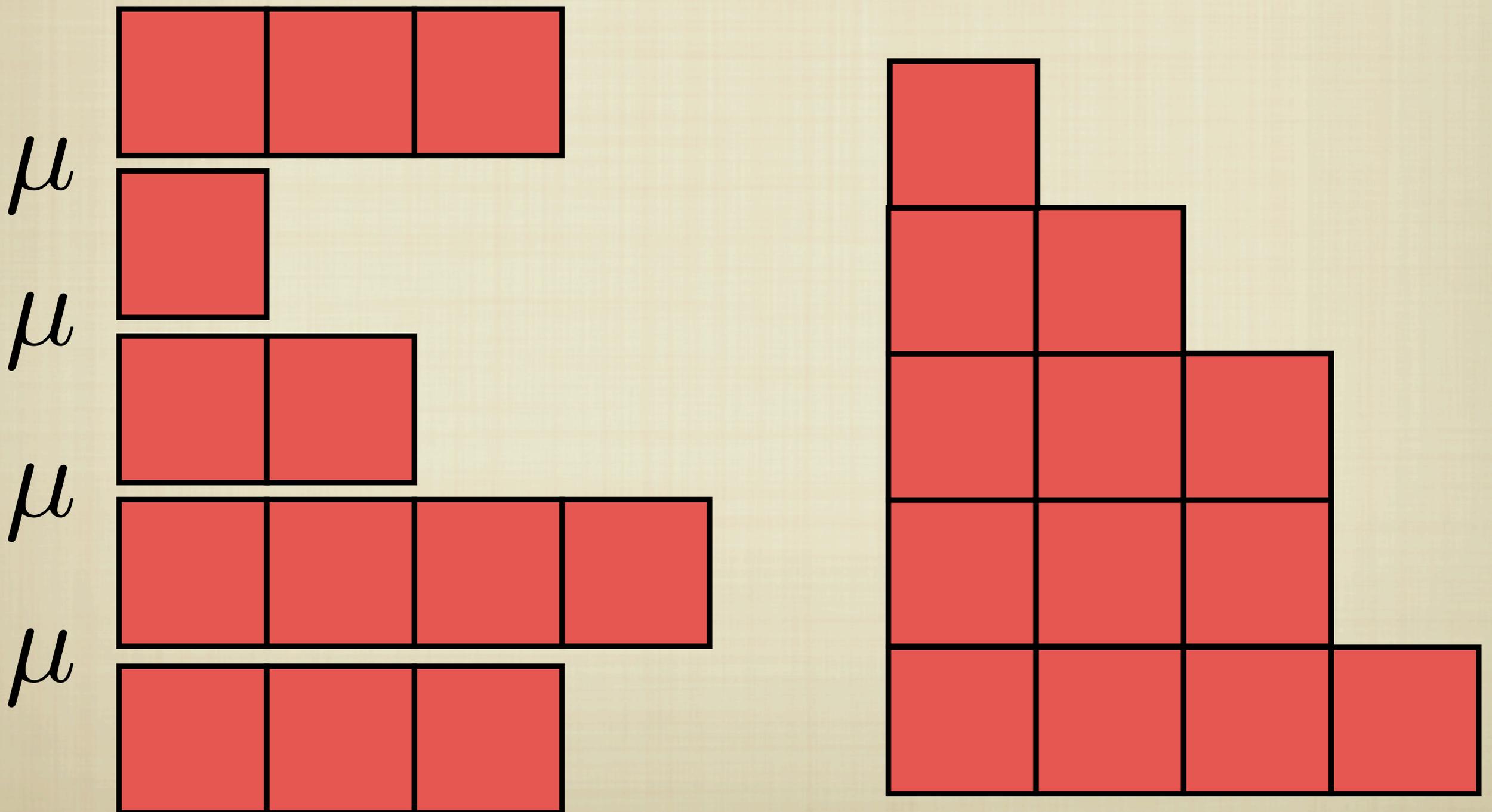
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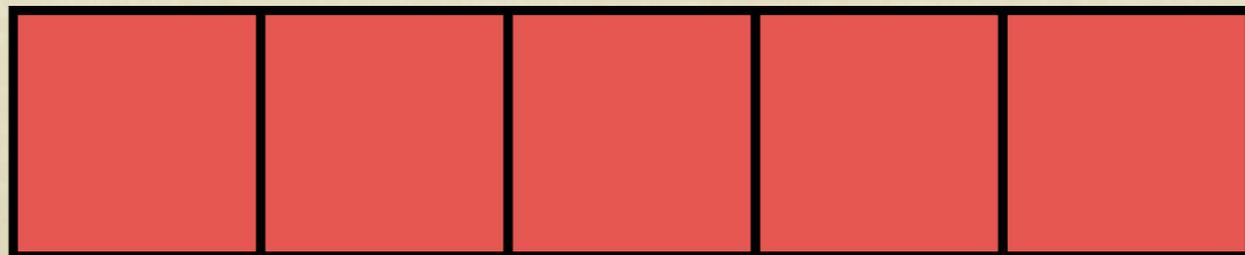
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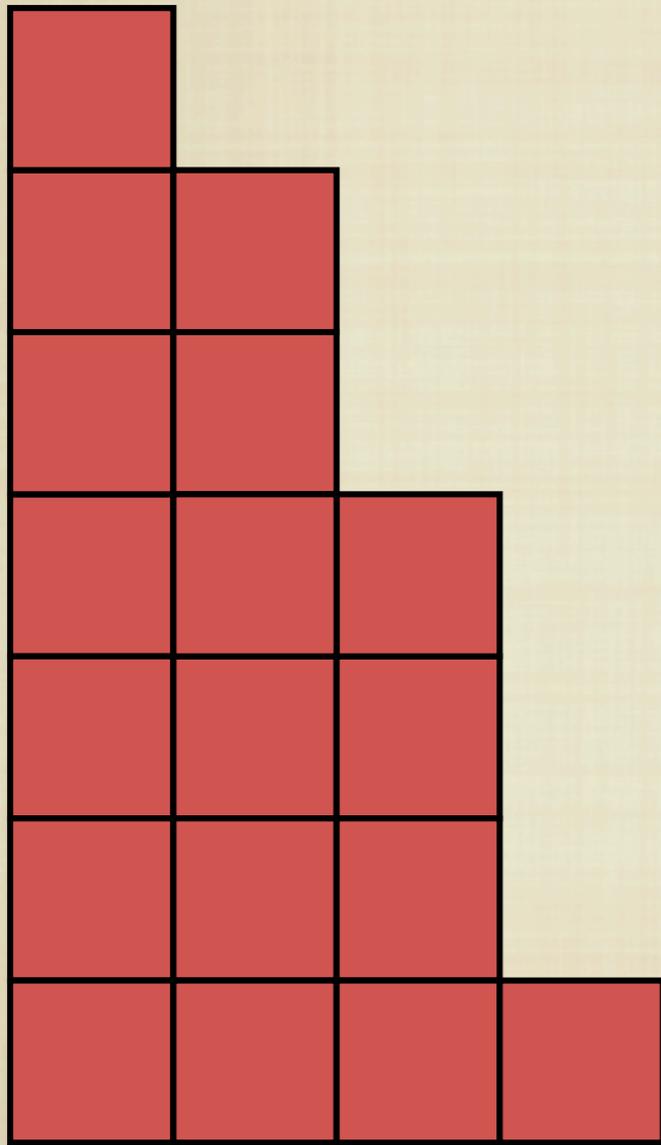
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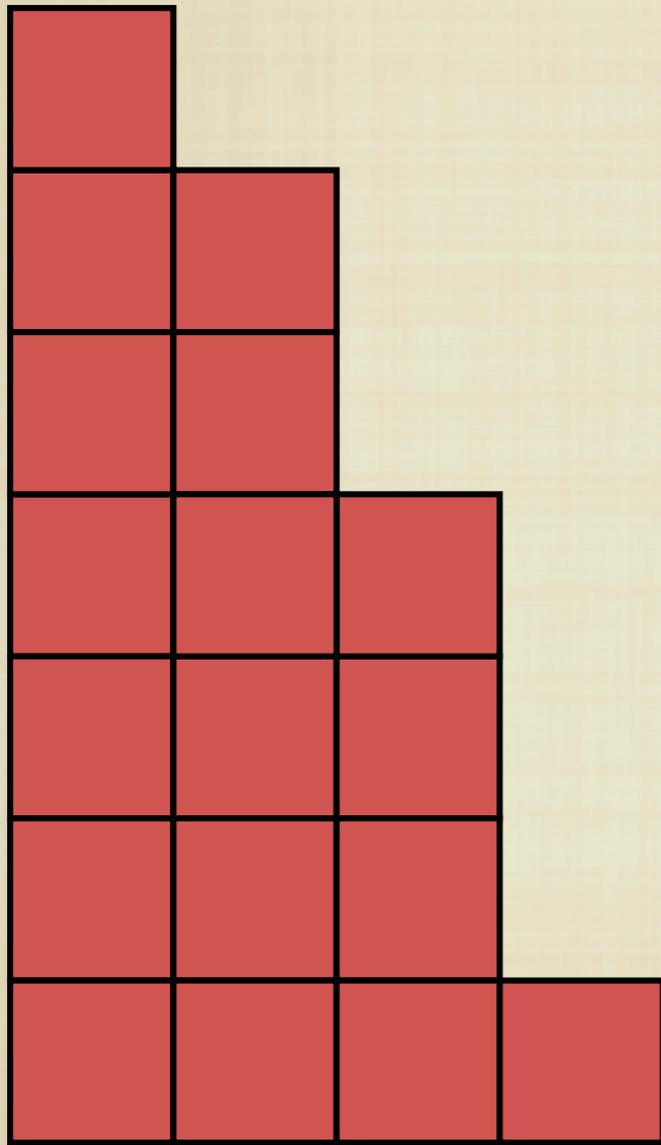


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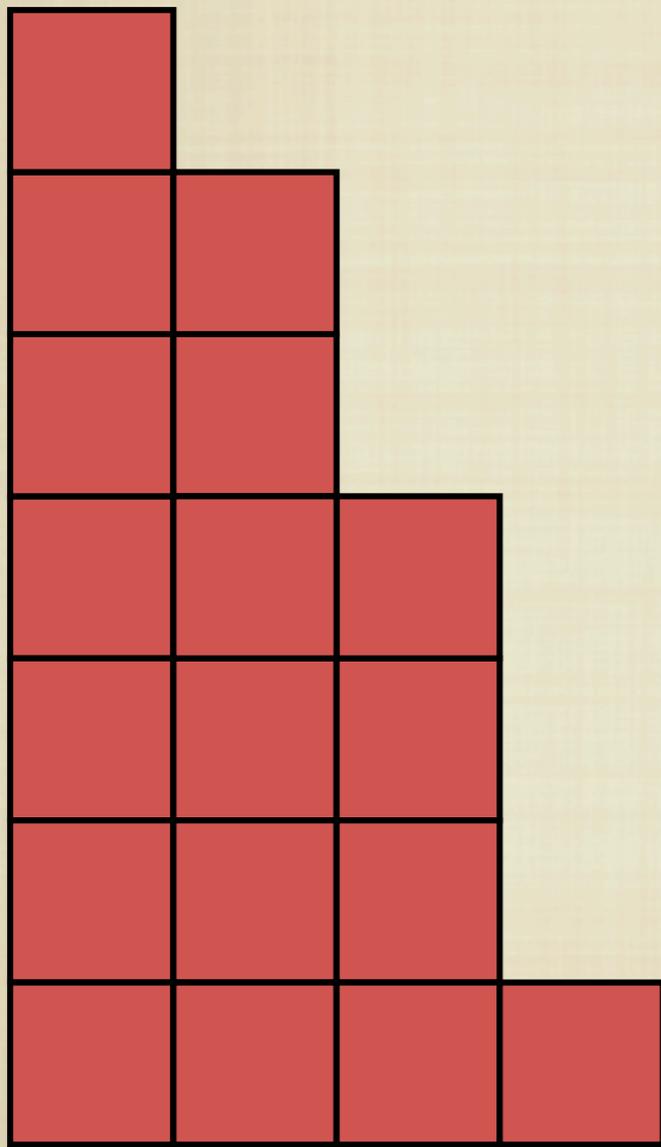


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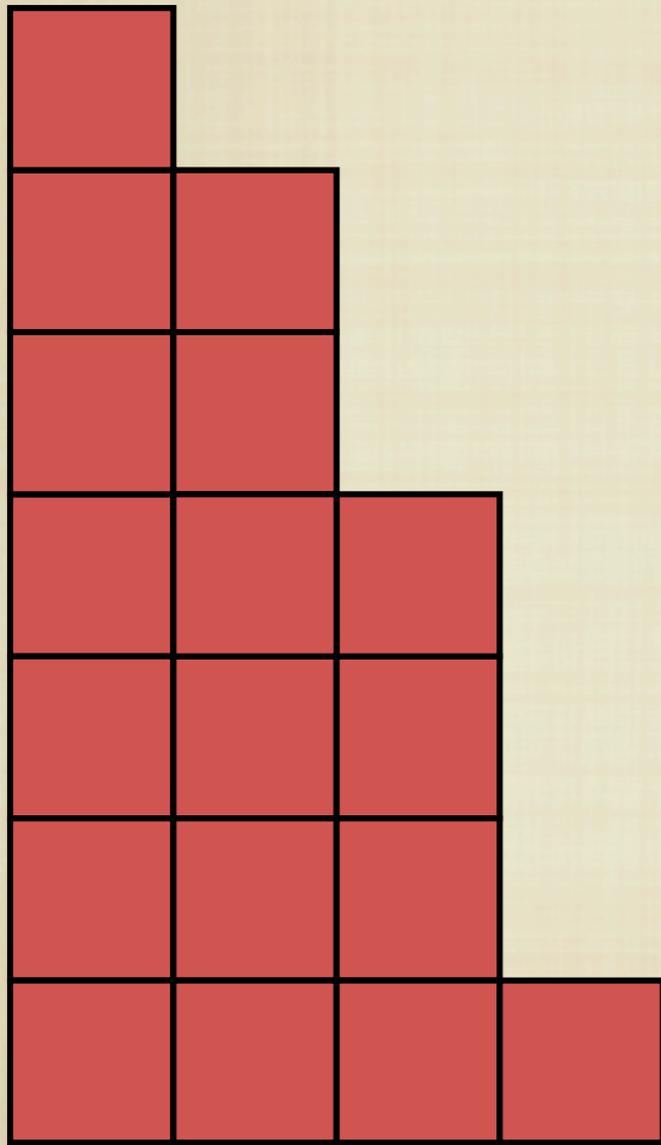


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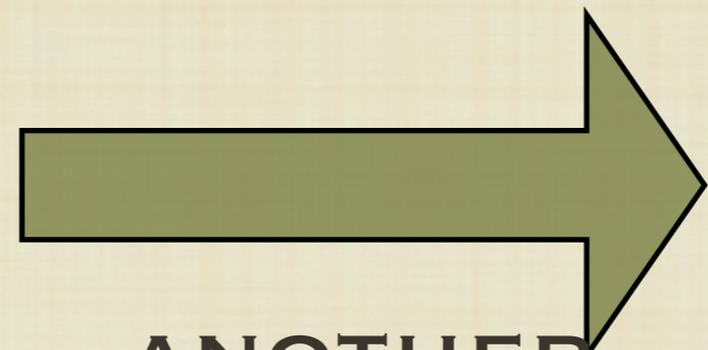
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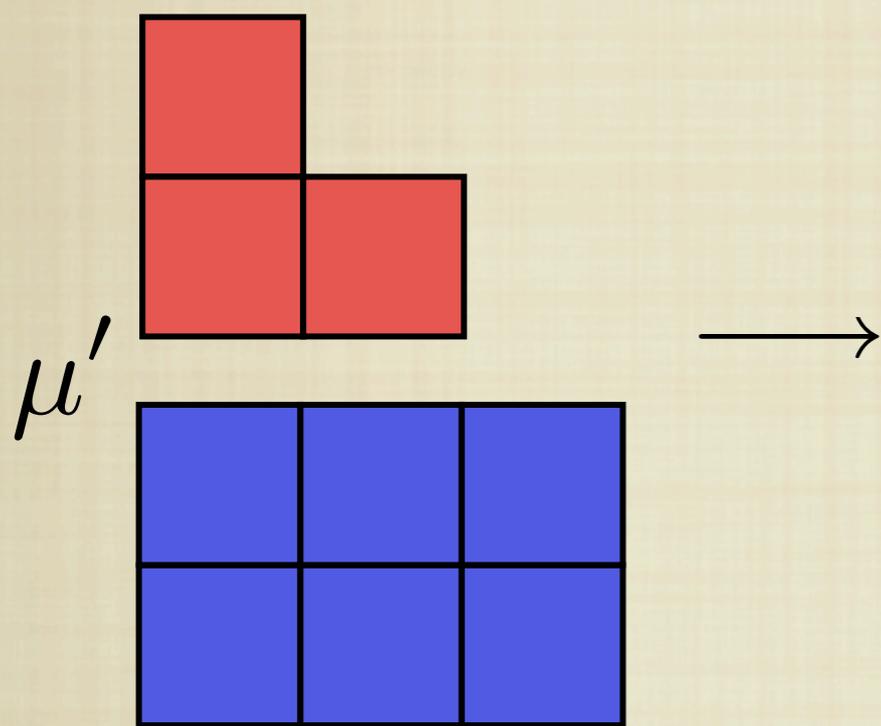


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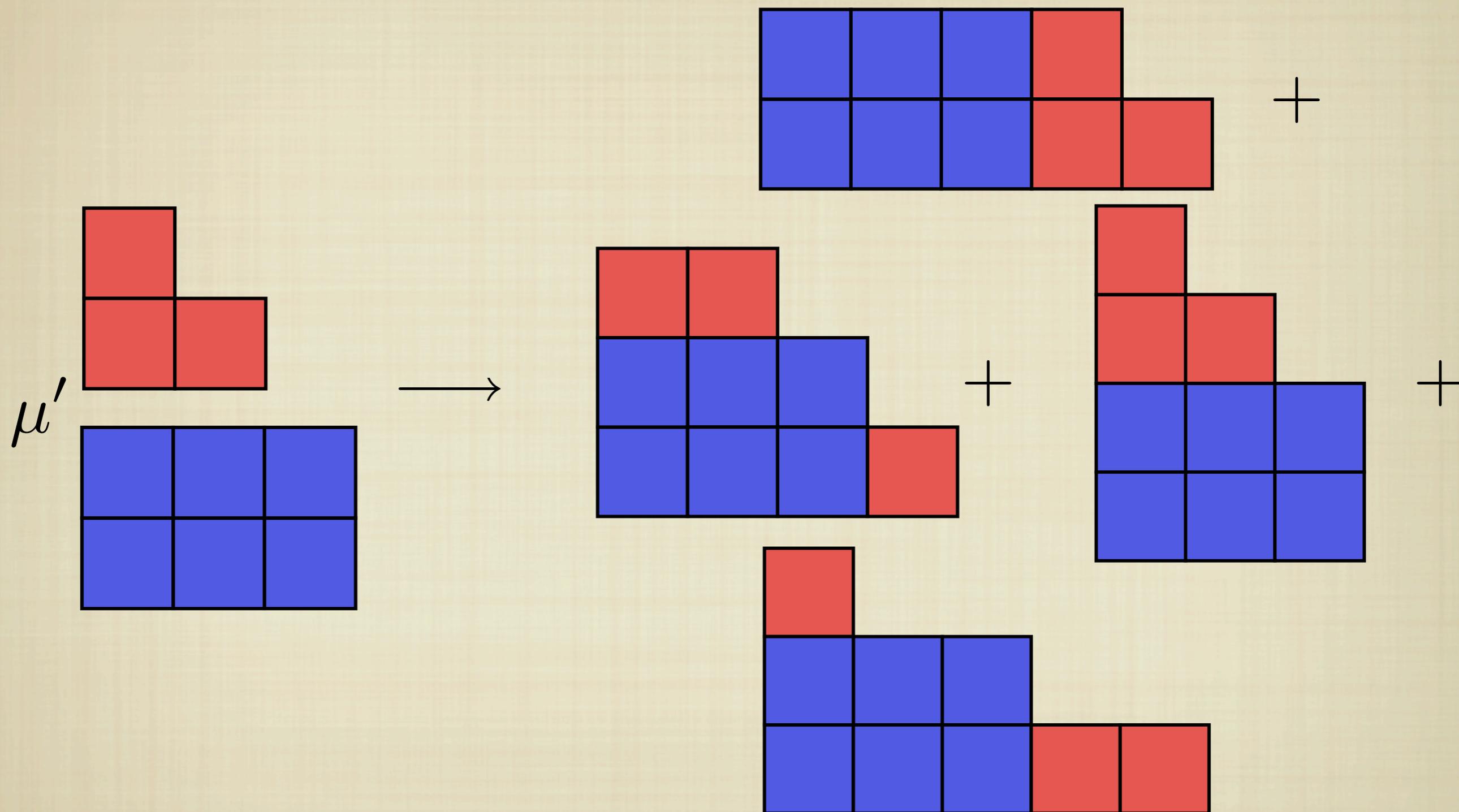
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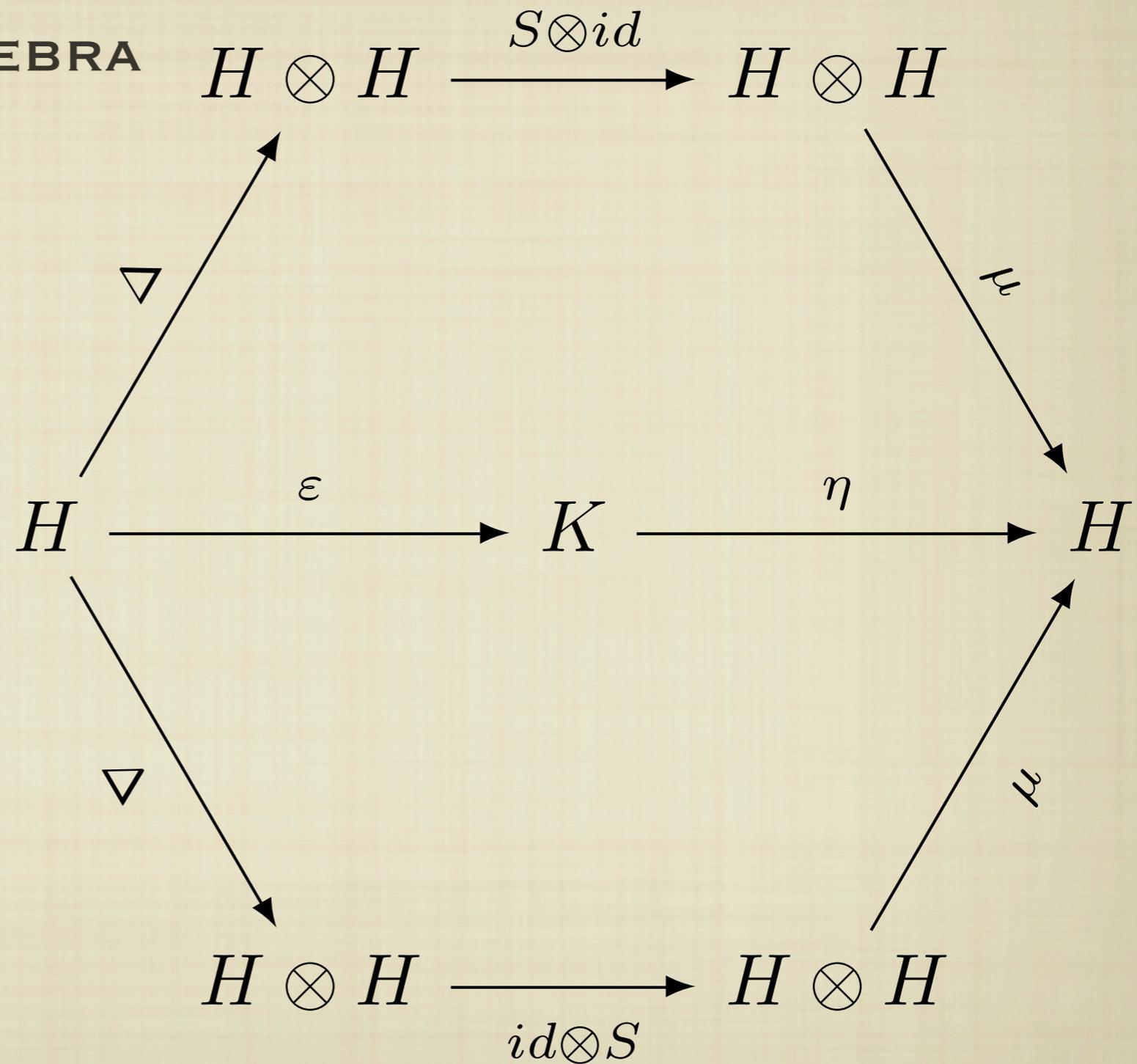
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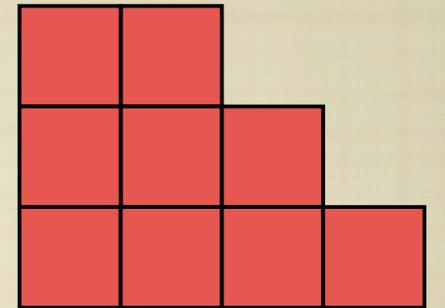
- THE GRADED KIND ASSOCIATED WITH COMBINATORIAL OBJECTS HAVE LOTS OF STRUCTURE
- THERE SEEMS TO BE JUST “ONE” GRADED COMBINATORIAL HOPF ALGEBRA FOR EACH TYPE OF COMBINATORIAL OBJECT
- MANY OF THE COMBINATORIAL OPERATIONS ARE REFLECTED IN THE ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURE

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- THERE IS “USUALLY” AN INTERNAL PRODUCT STRUCTURE AND ON SOME BASES OF SOME ALGEBRAS THIS IS HARD (BUT IMPORTANT) TO EXPLAIN
- AGUIAR-BERGERON-SOTTILE SAYS A COMBINATORIAL HOPF ALGEBRA IS A GRADED CONNECTED HOPF ALGEBRA WITH A MULTIPLICATIVE LINEAR FUNCTION.

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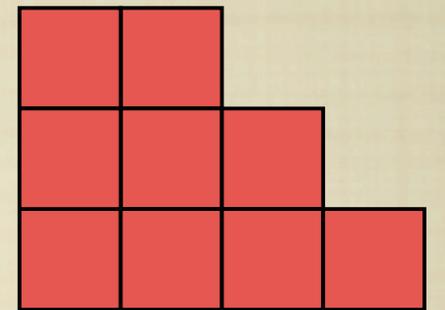


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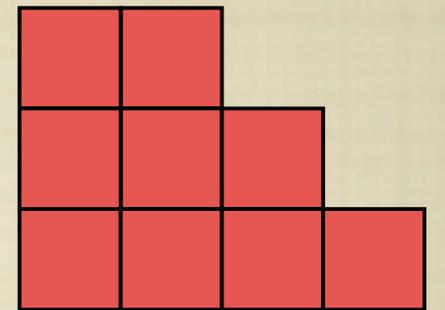
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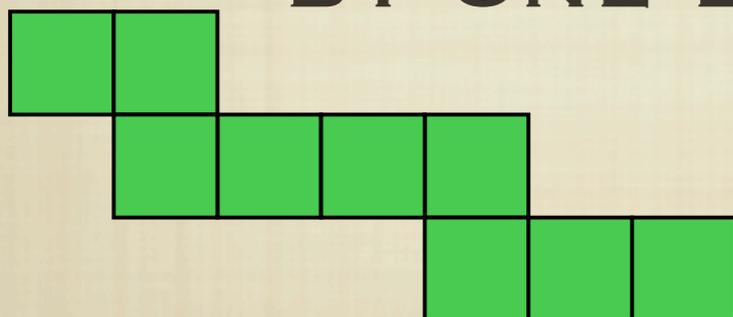
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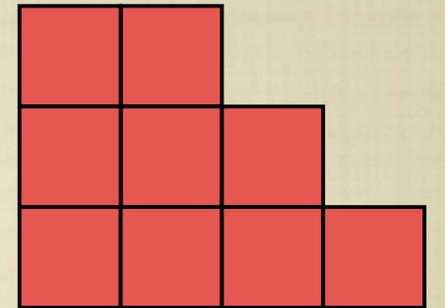
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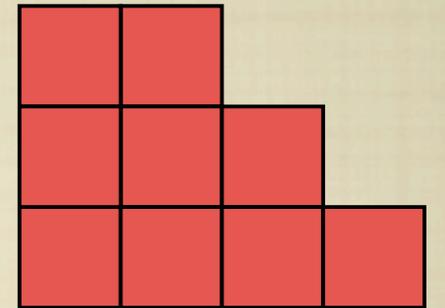
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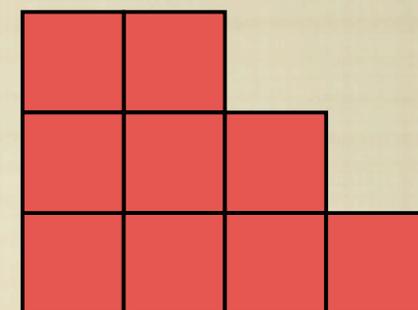


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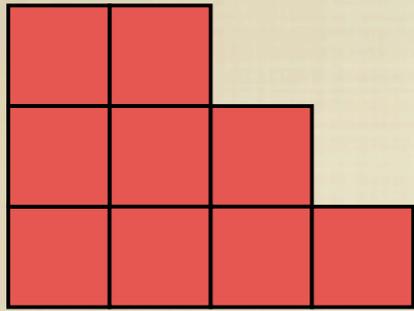


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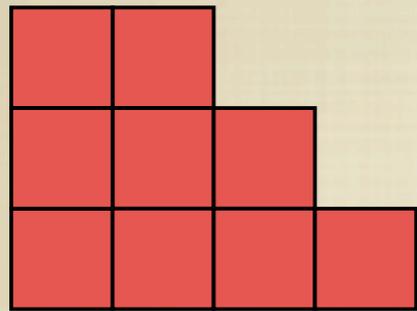


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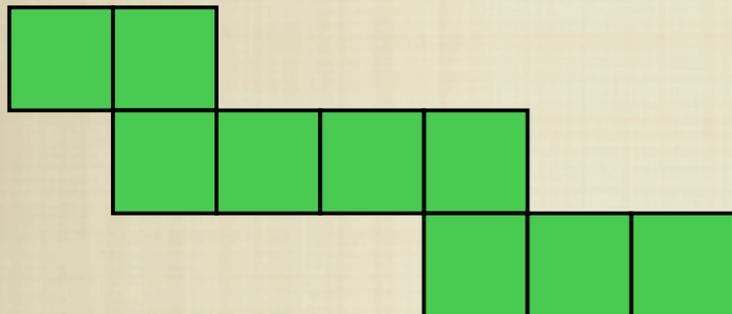
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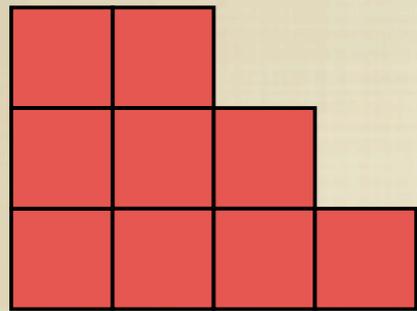
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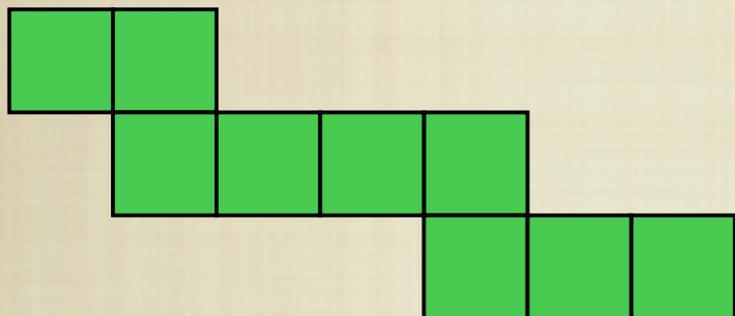
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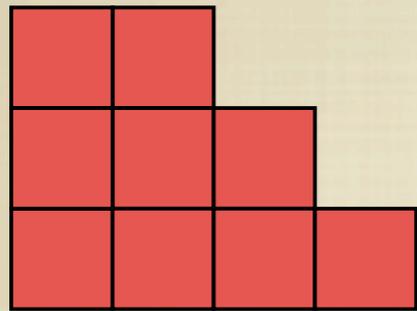


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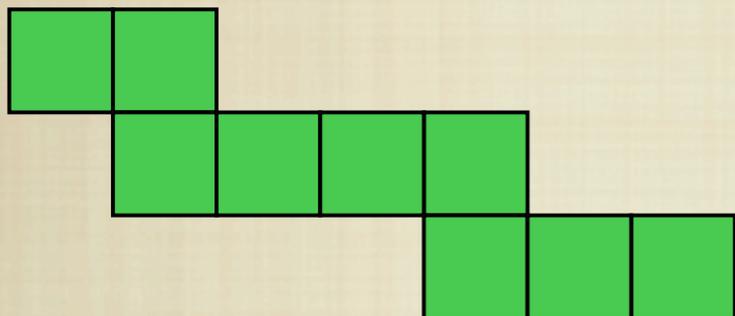
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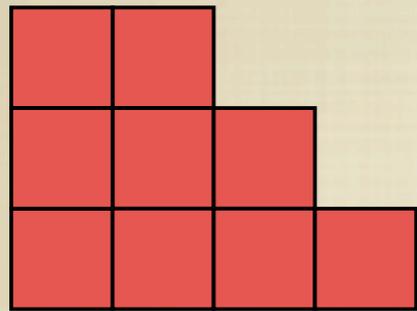
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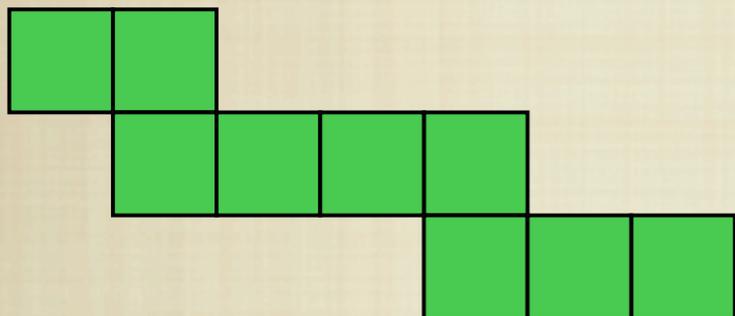
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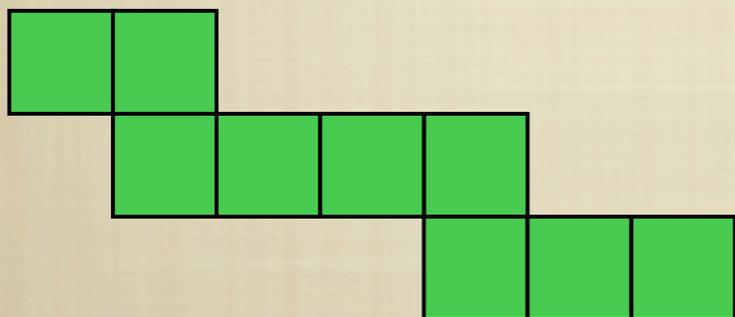


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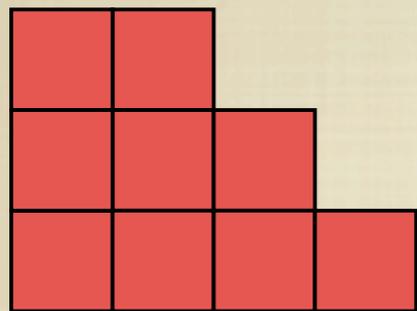
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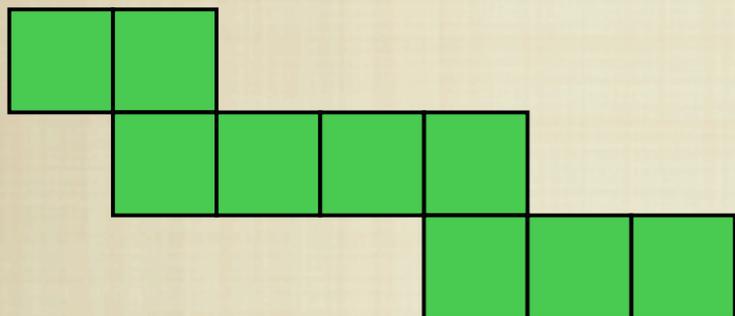
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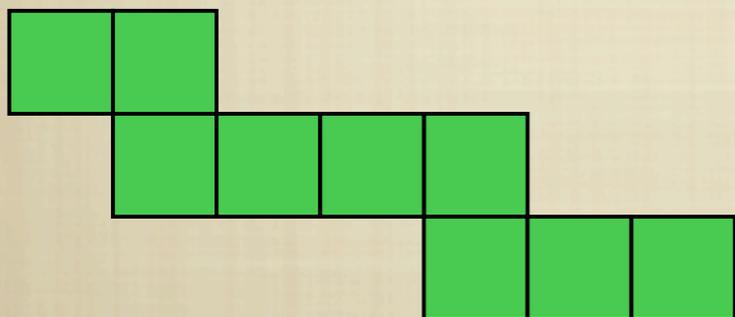


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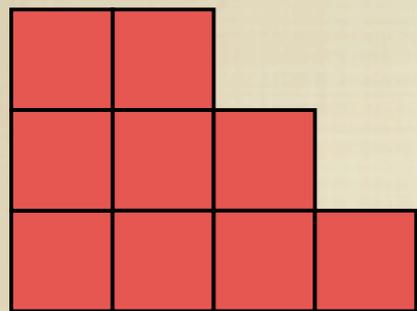


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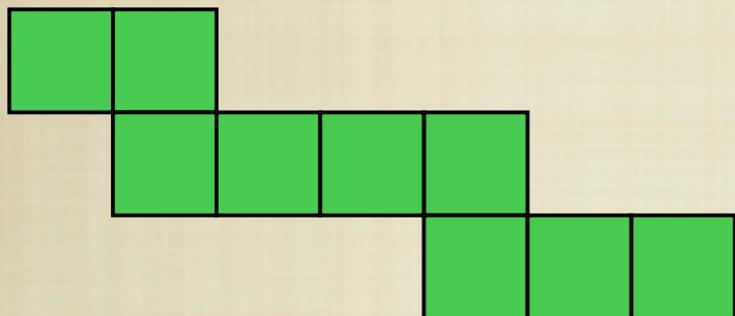
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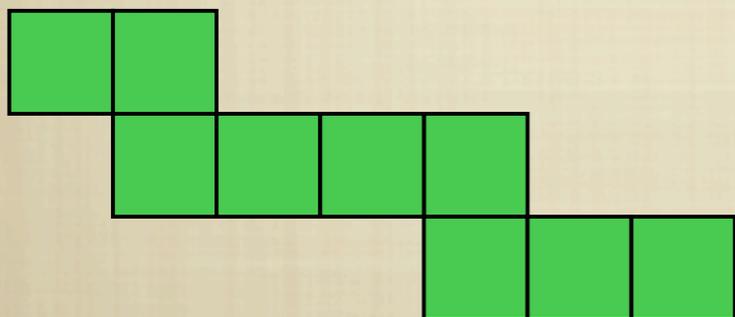


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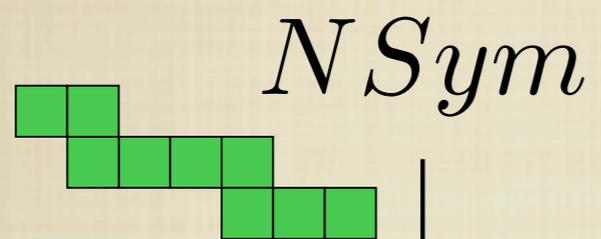
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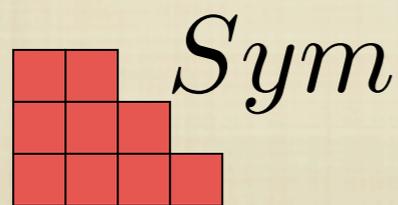
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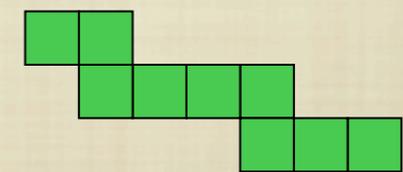


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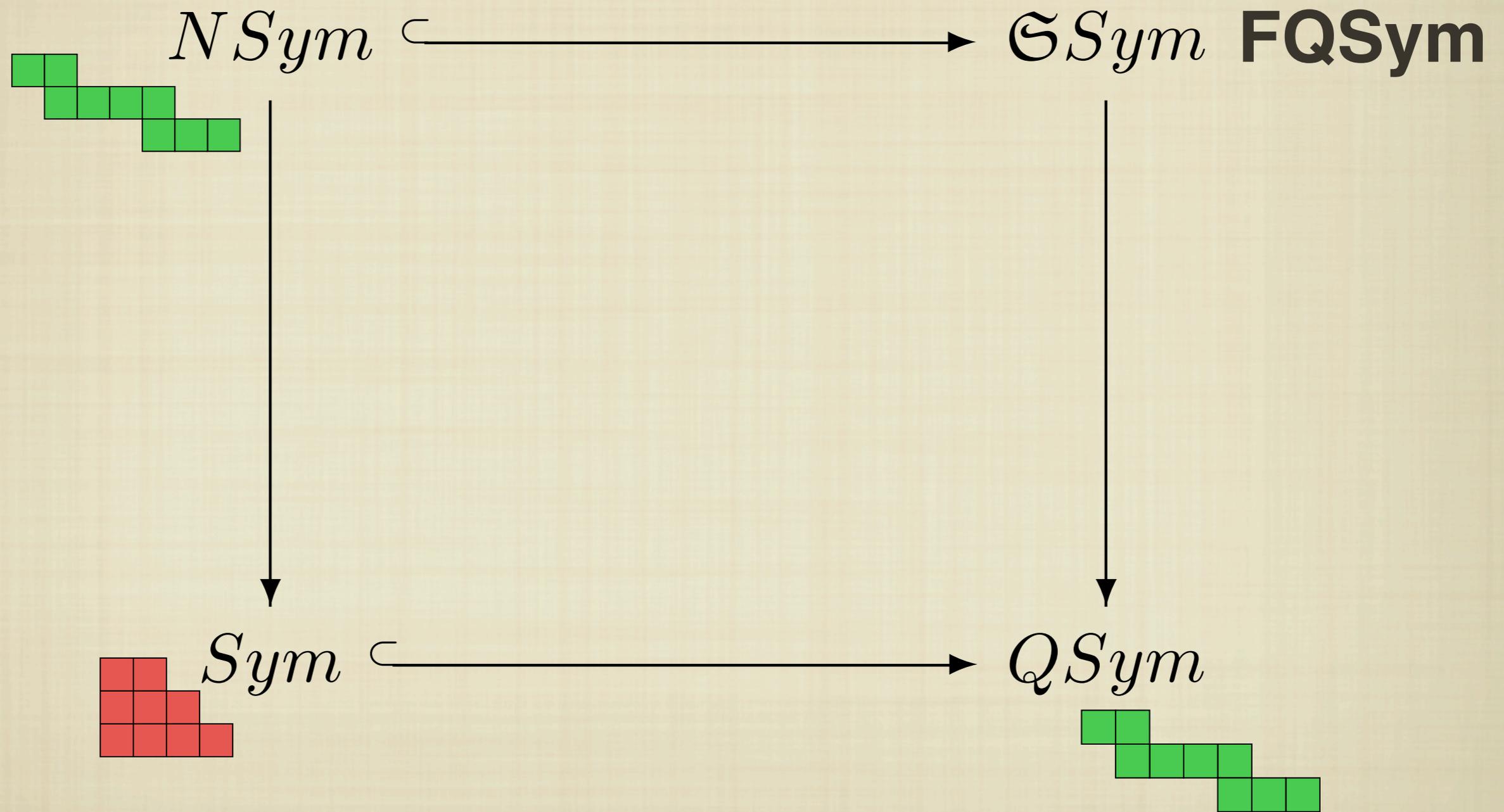


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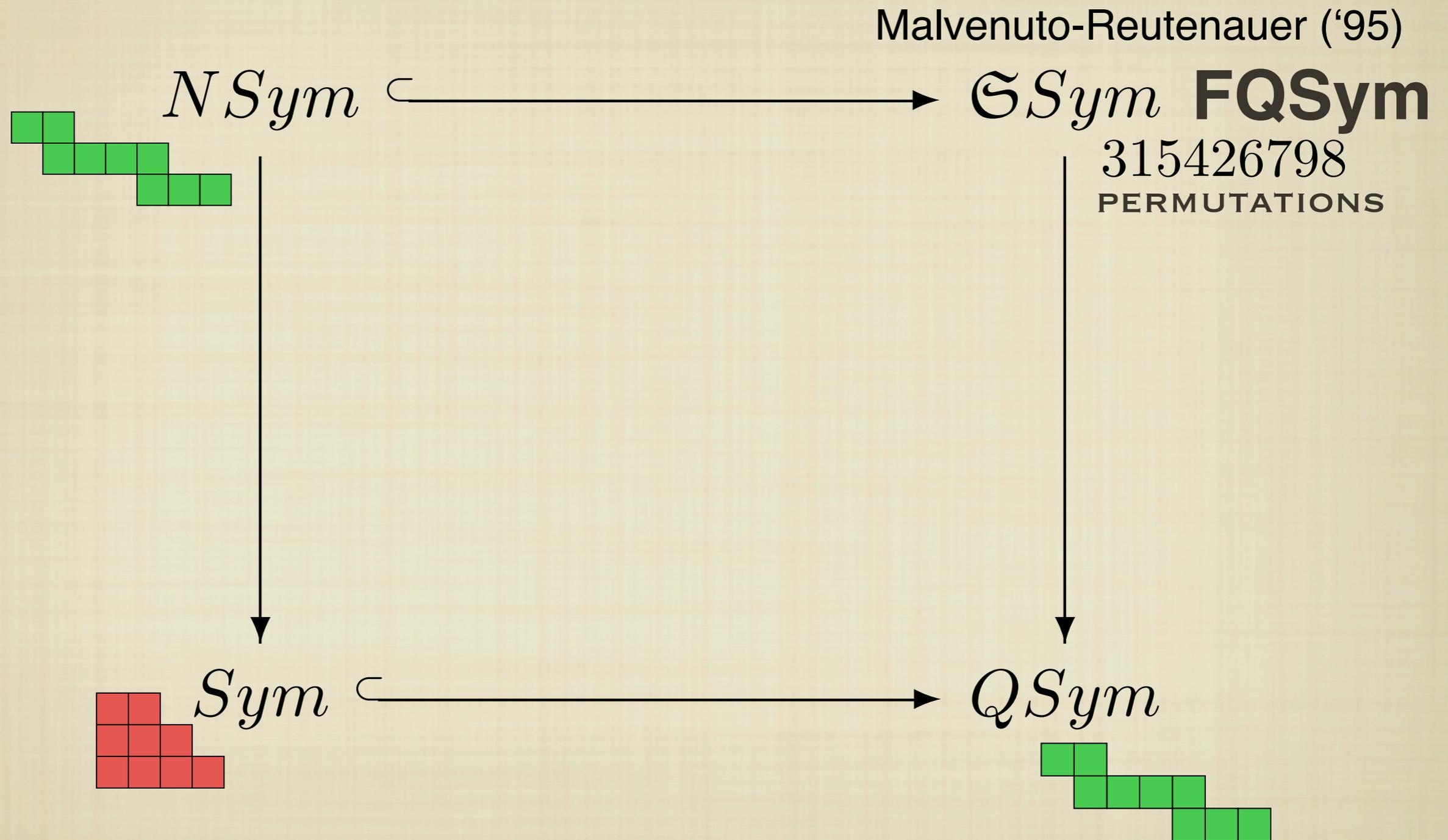
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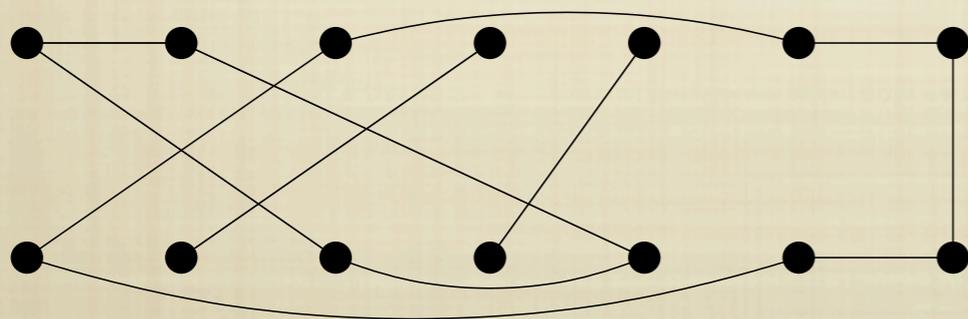
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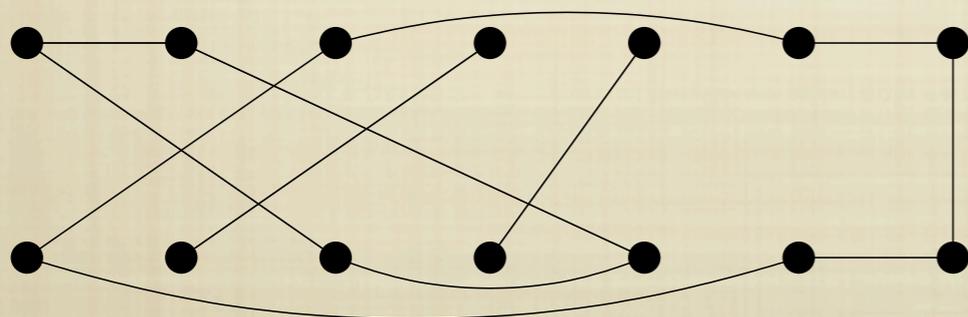
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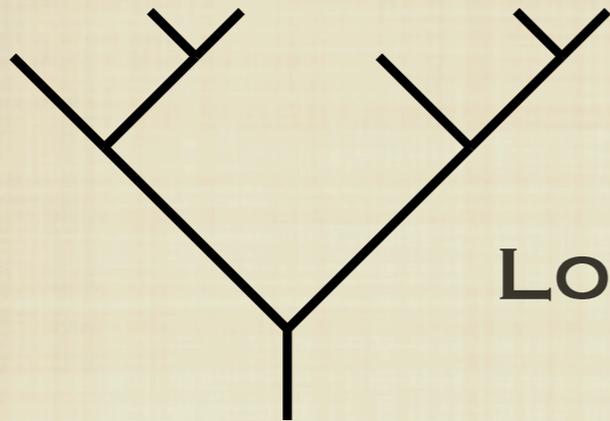
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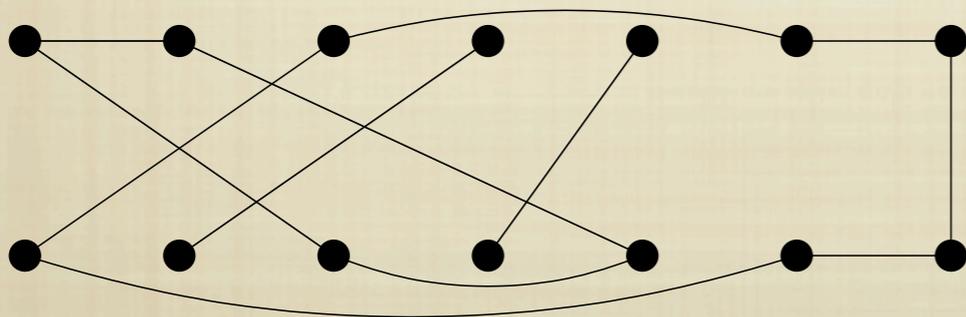
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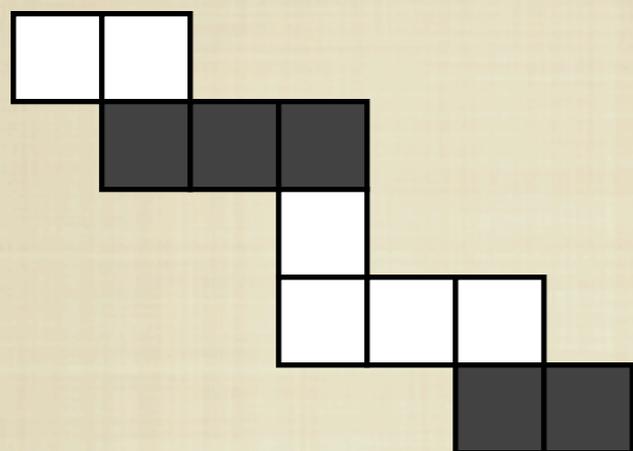
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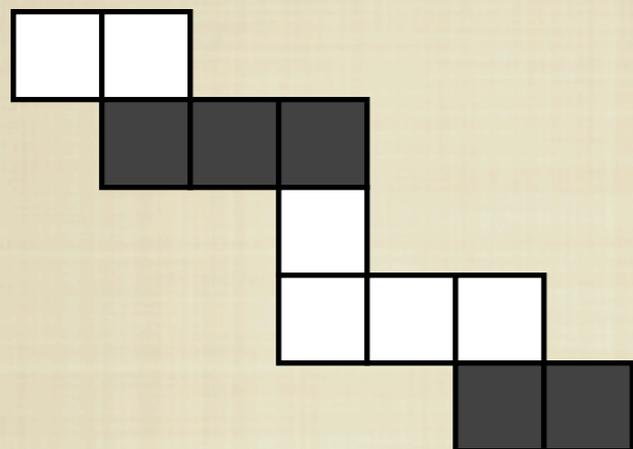
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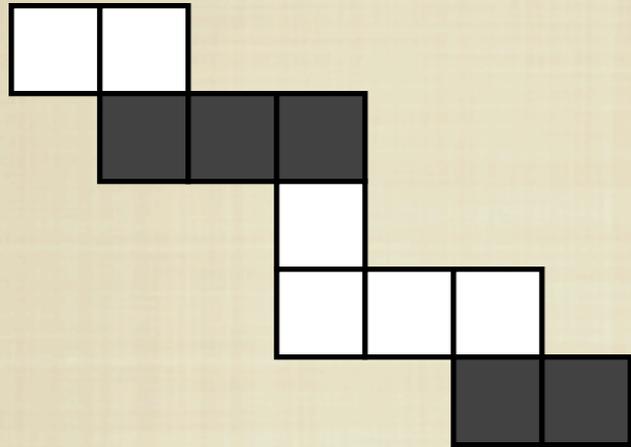
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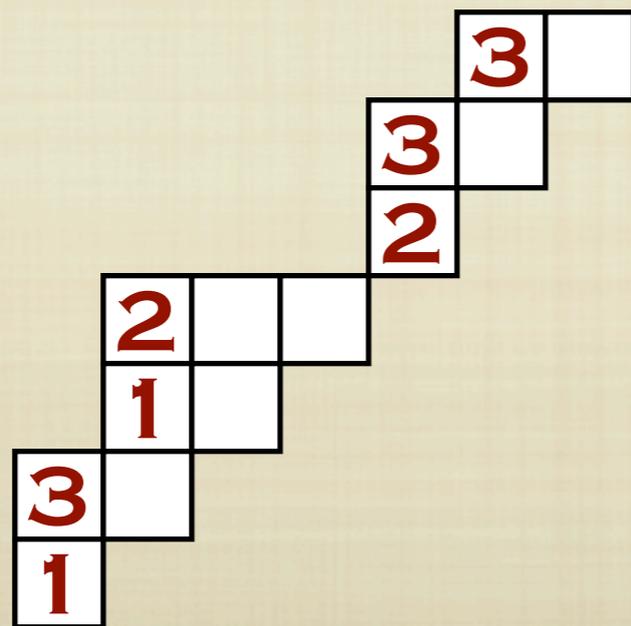
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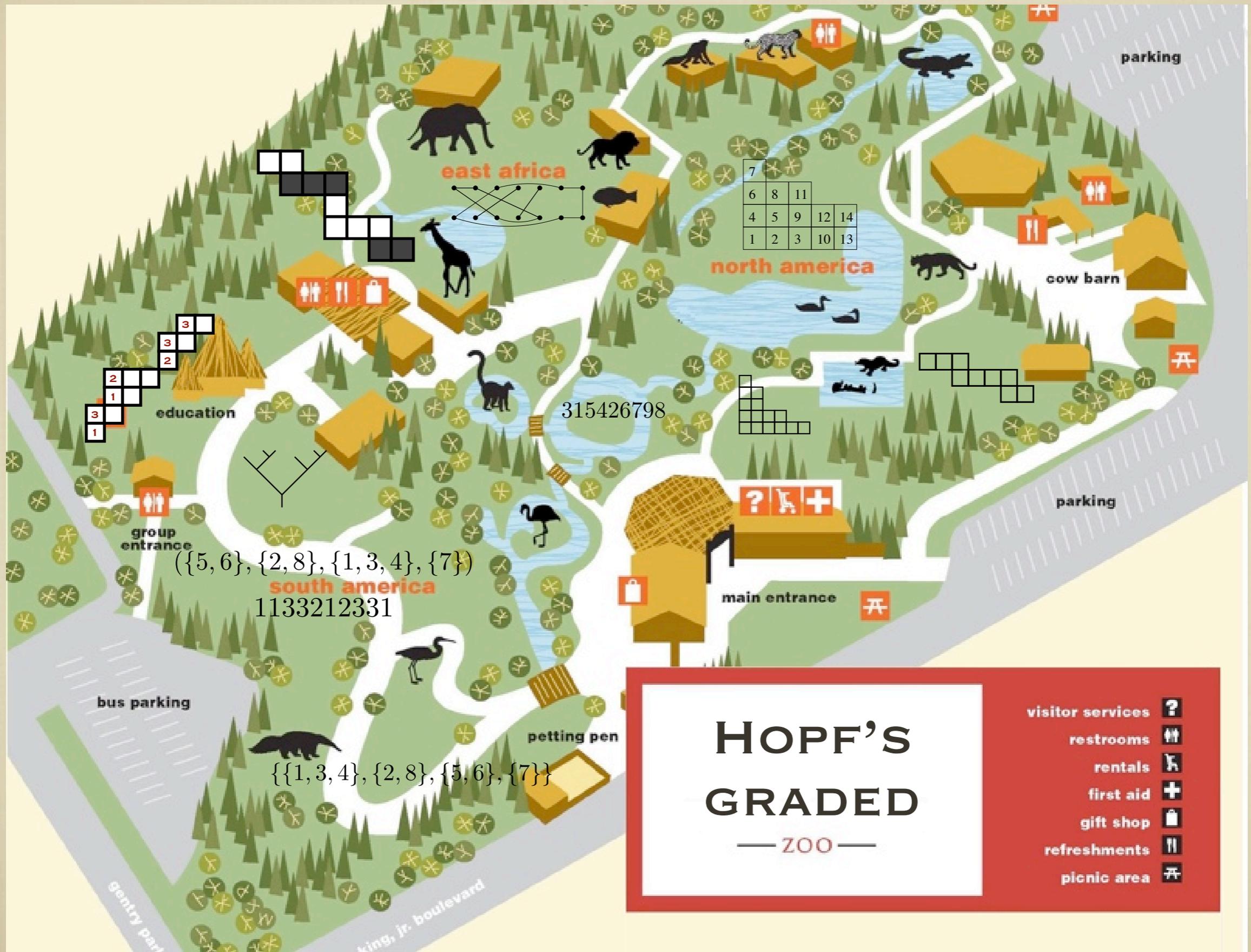
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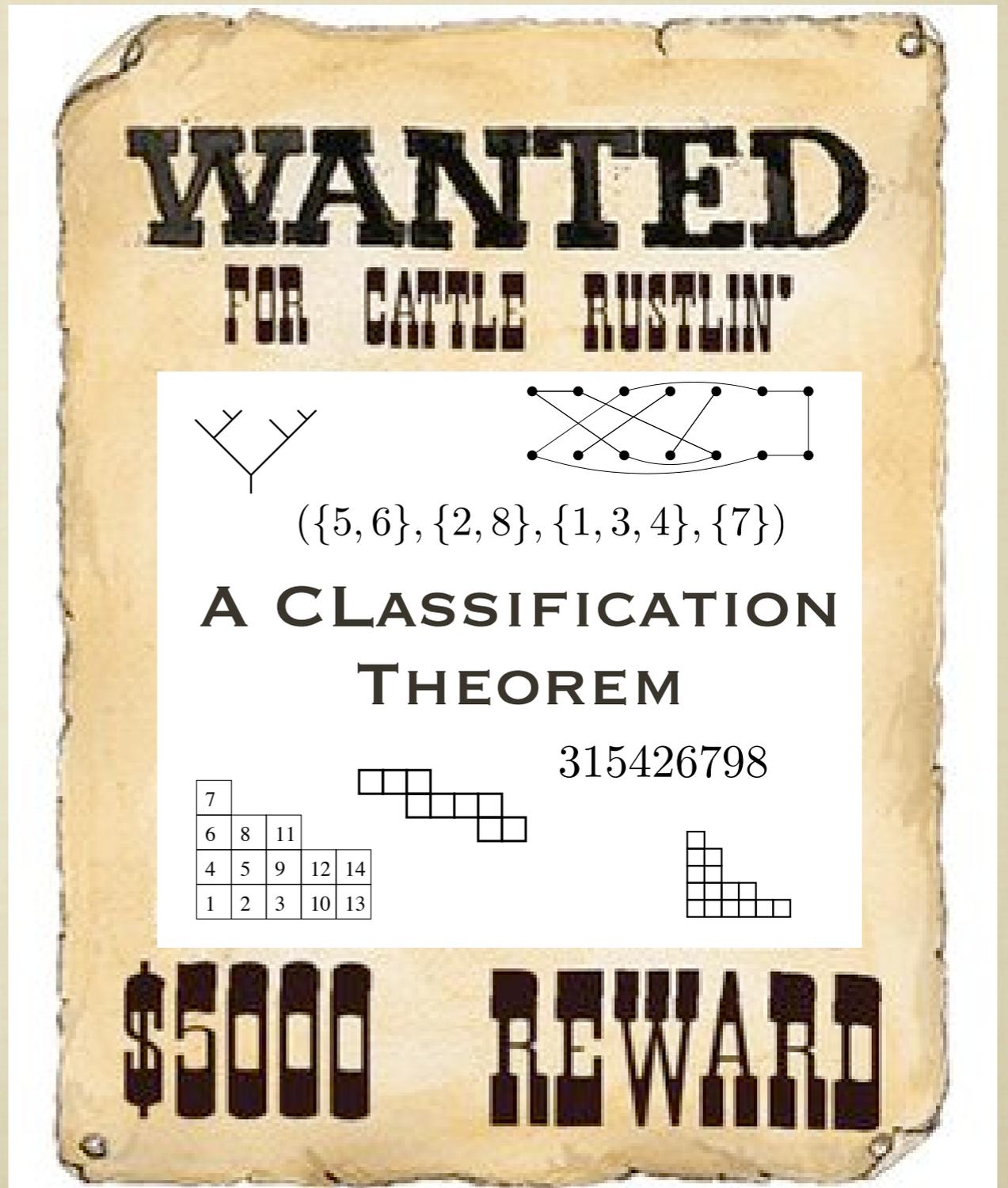


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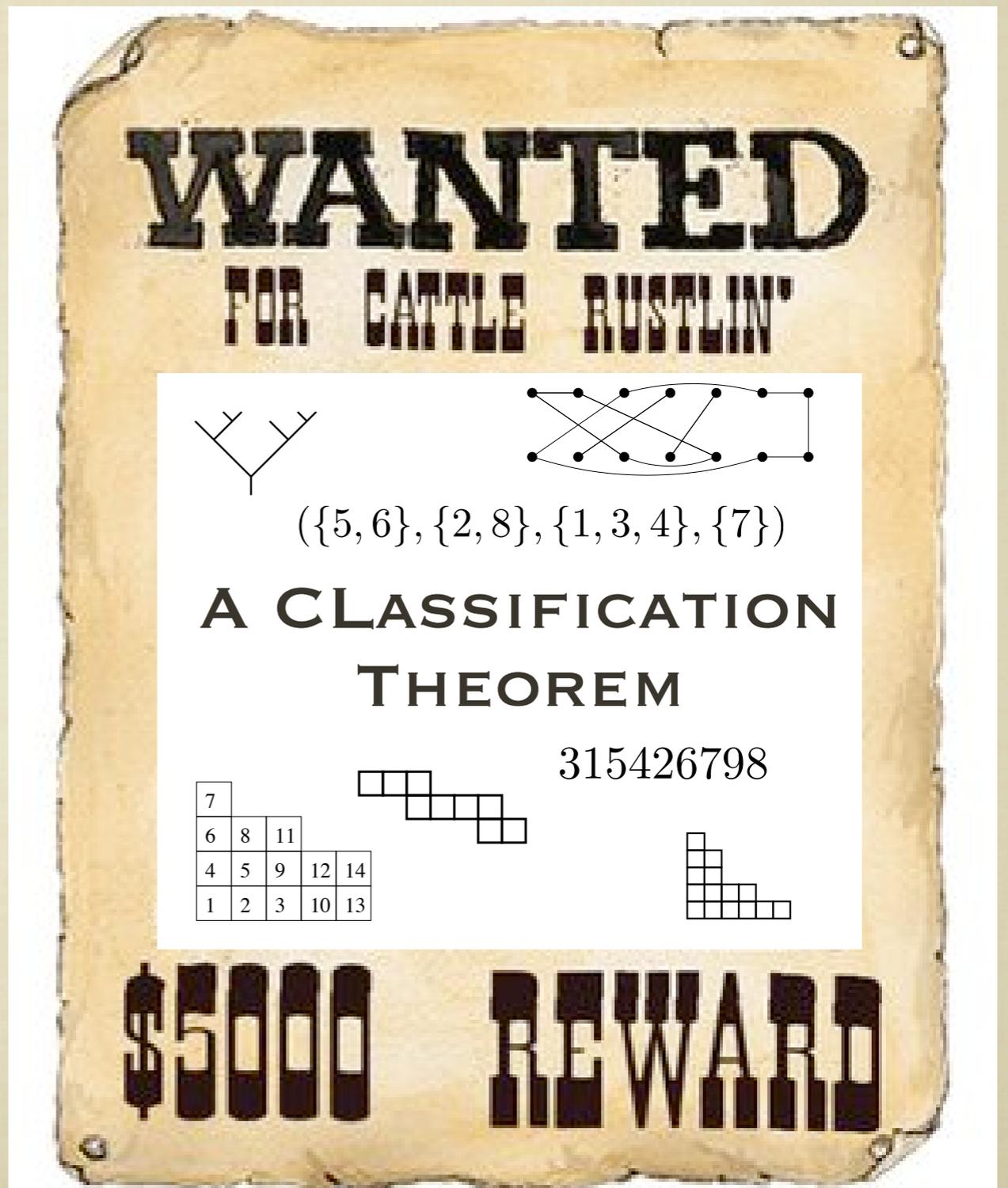
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# ANOTHER TYPE OF NON-COMMUTATIVE SYMMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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$$\sigma(x_i) = x_{\sigma(i)}$$

*NSym* FREE ALGEBRA GENERATED BY ONE ELEMENT AT EACH DEGREE

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# MONOMIAL $\longrightarrow$ SET PARTITION

FOR EACH MONOMIAL

$$x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_n}$$

ASSOCIATE A SET PARTITION

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) &= A \vdash [n] \\ r, s \in A_d &\text{ whenever } i_r = i_s \end{aligned}$$

$$m_A[X_n] = \sum_{\nabla(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) = A} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_n}$$

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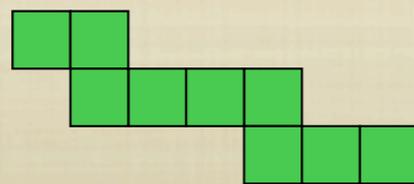
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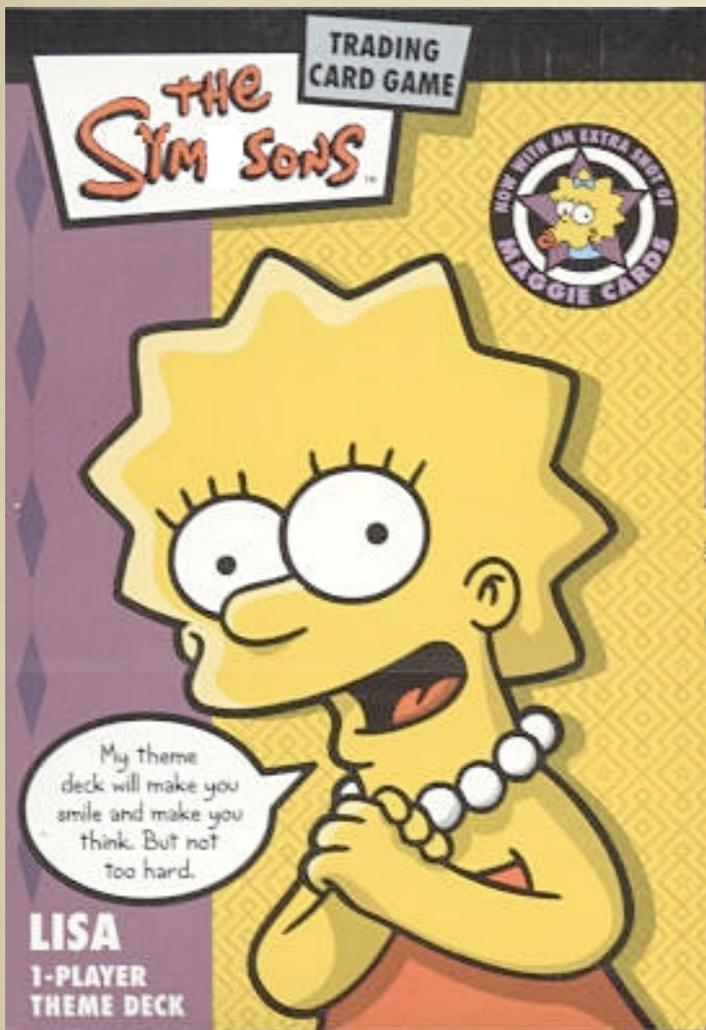
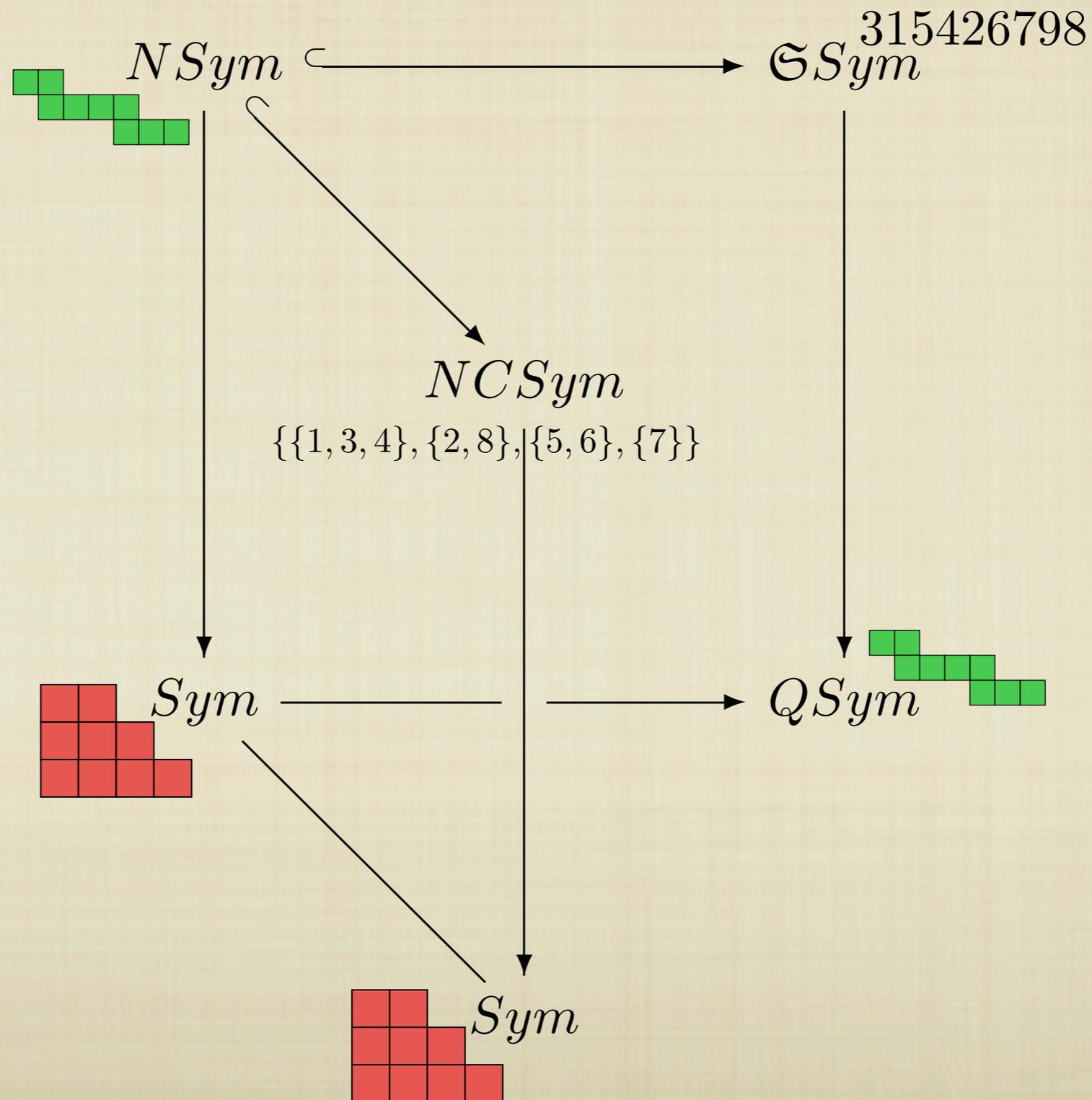
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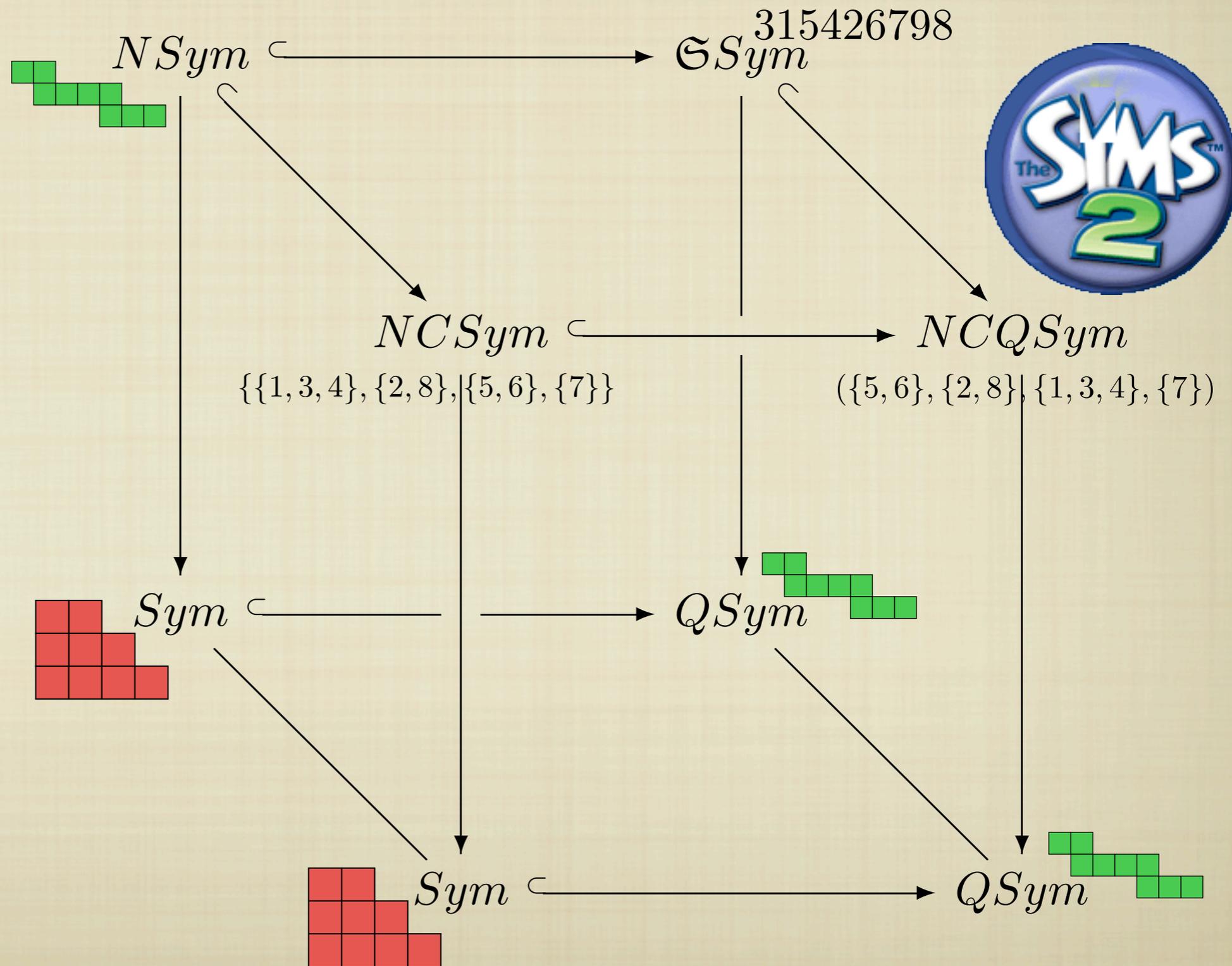
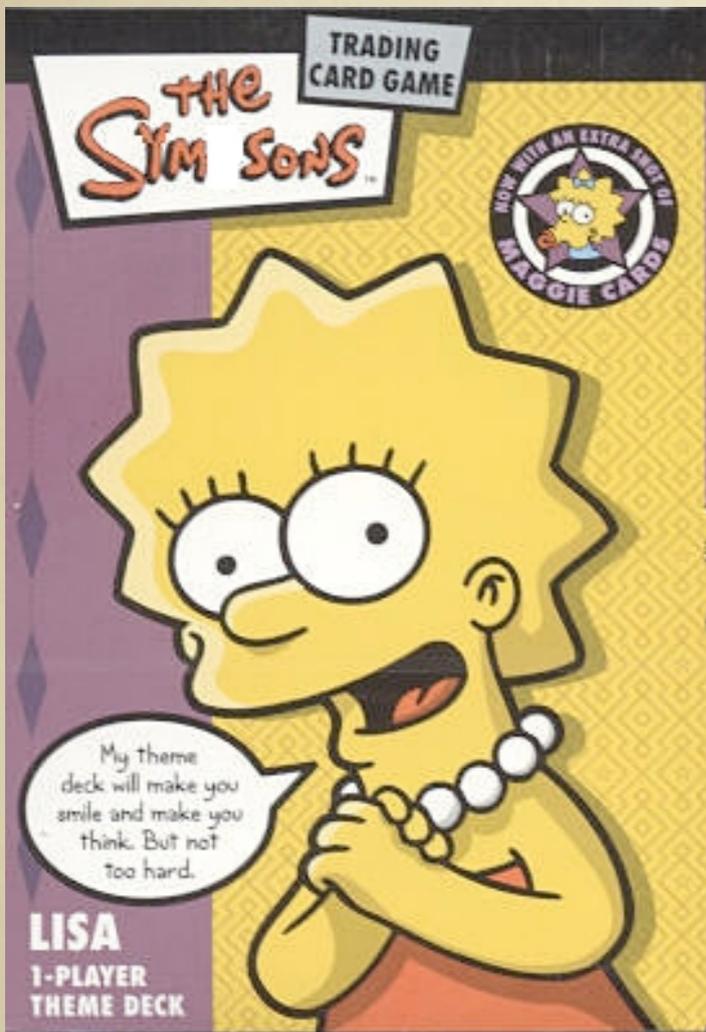
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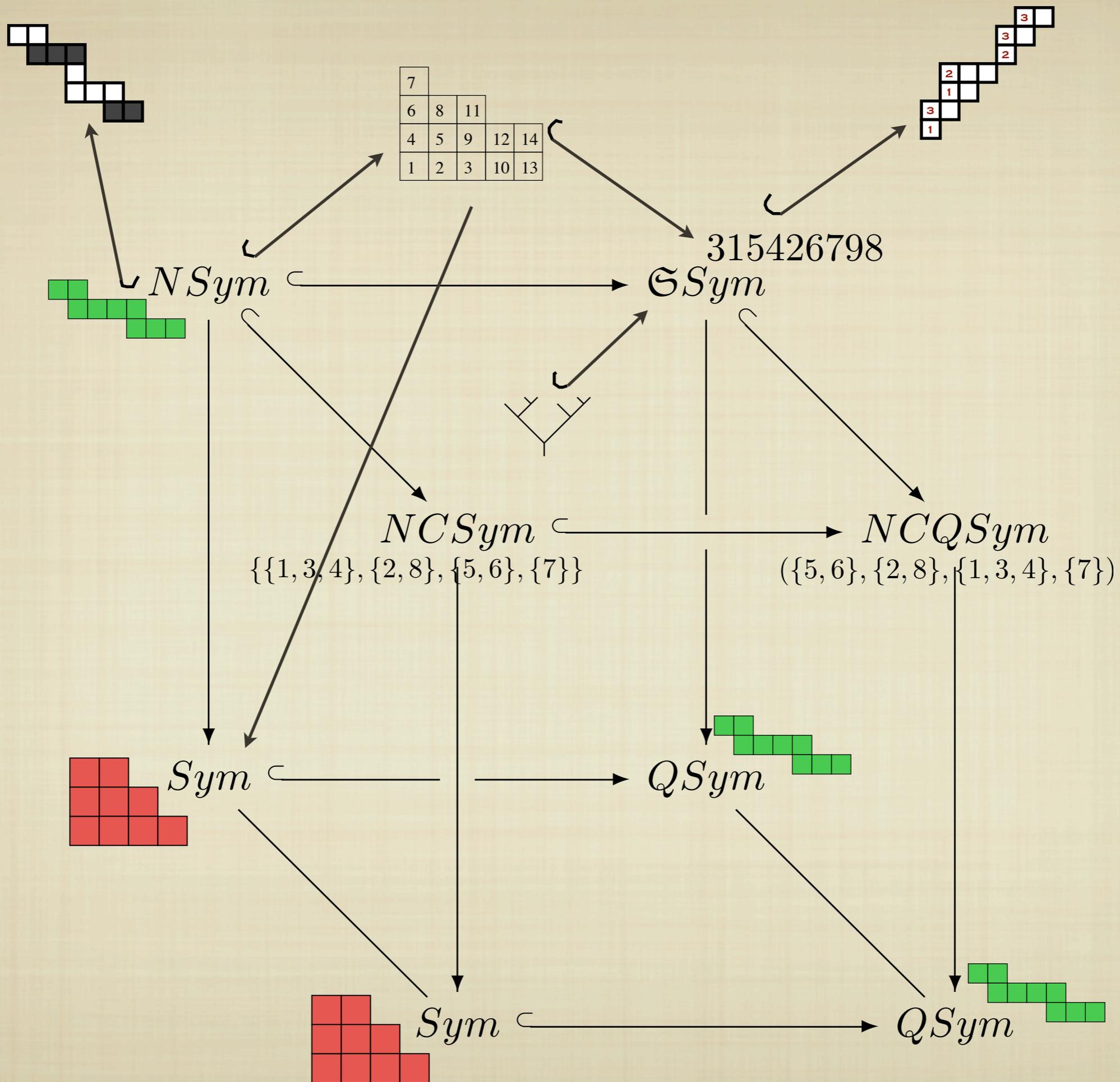
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