

Well-partial orders, equivariant Gröbner Bases, and applications

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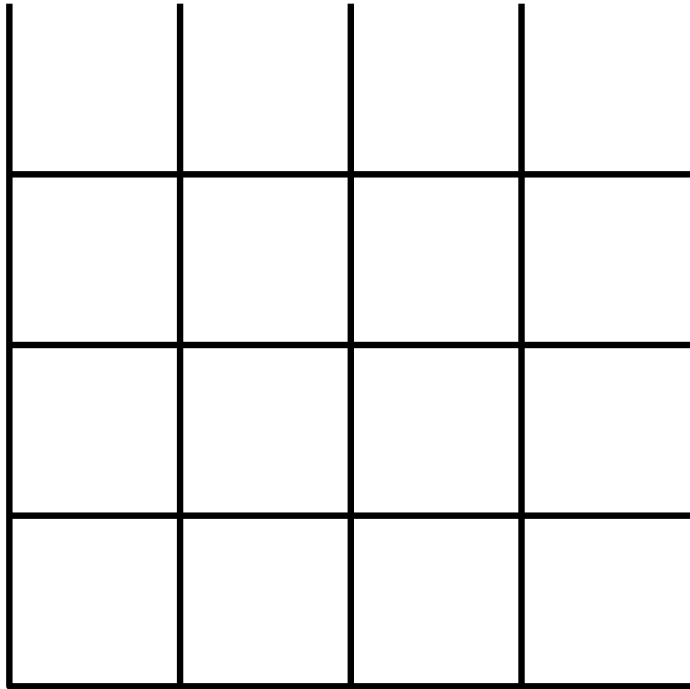
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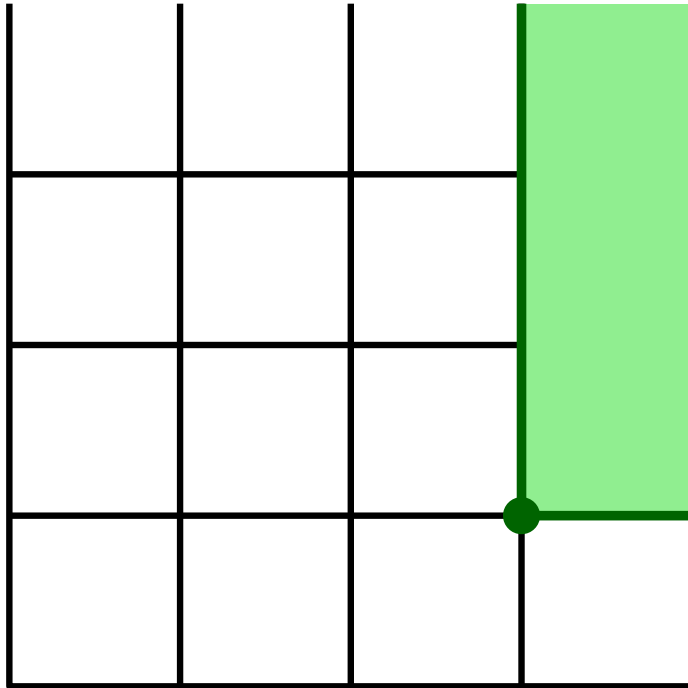
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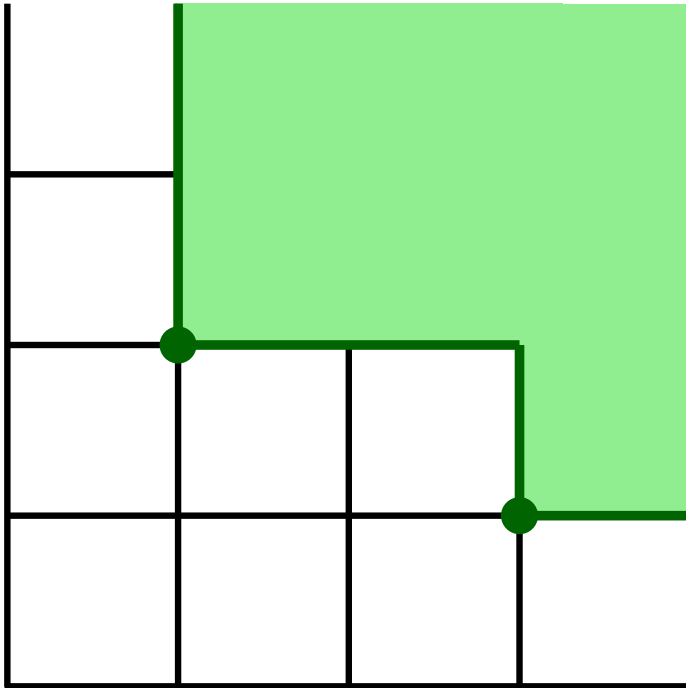
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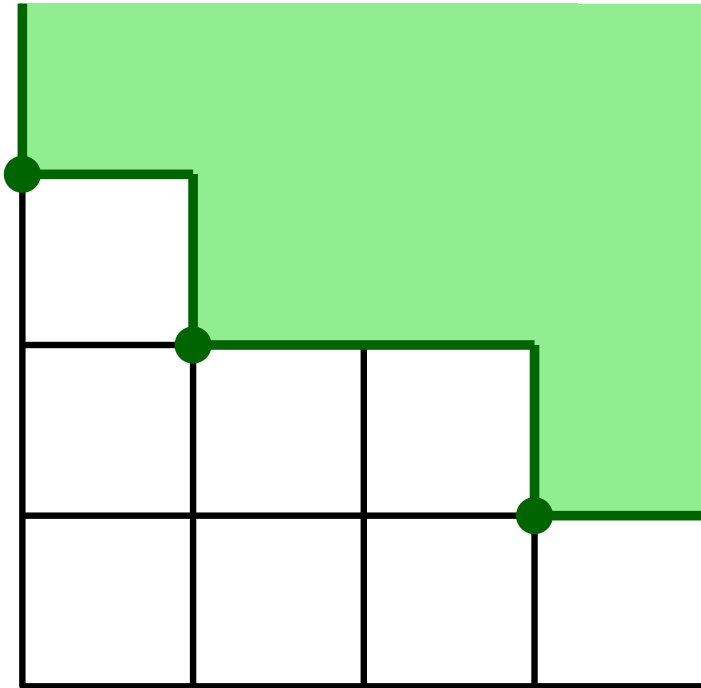
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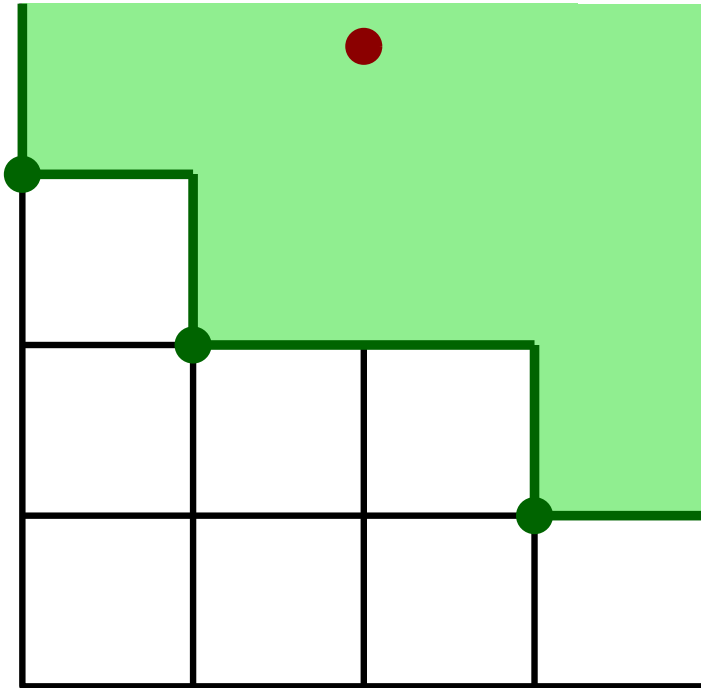
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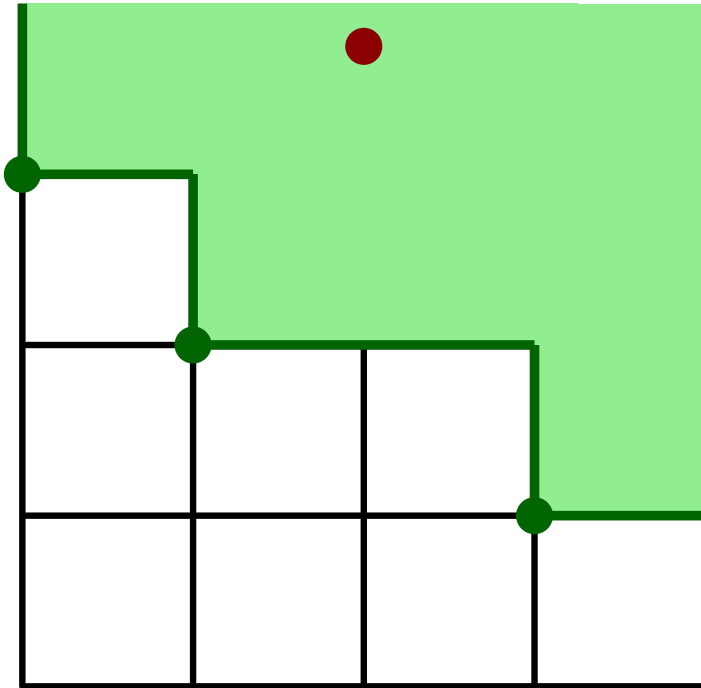
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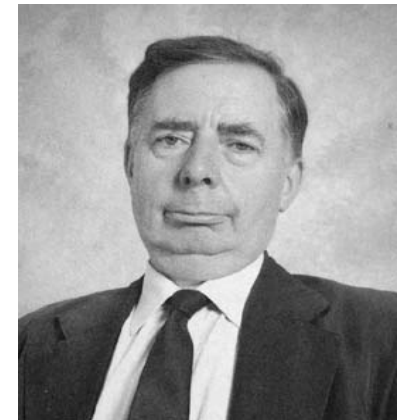
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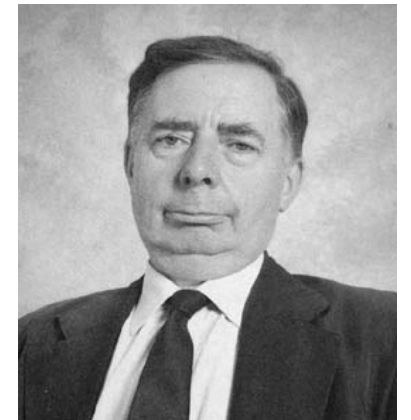
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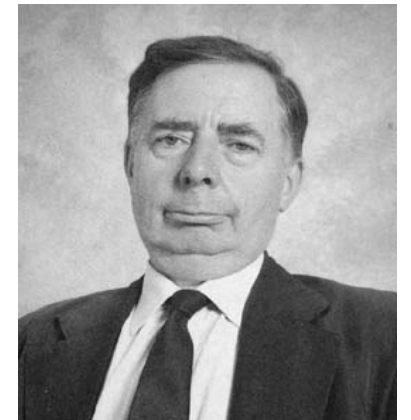
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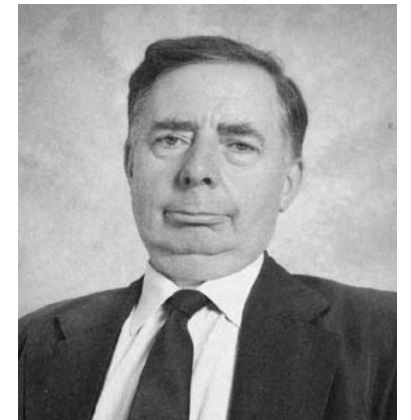
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smaller bad sequence! (e.g. $s_0 v_0 \leq v_2 \Rightarrow w_0 \leq w_2$)



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Cohen, Aschenbrenner/Hillar/Sullivan

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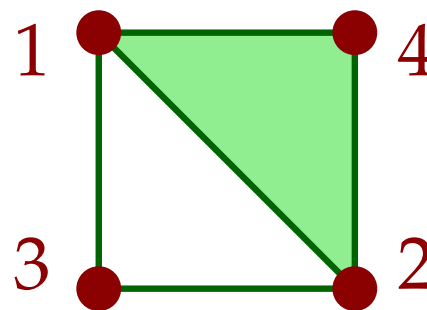


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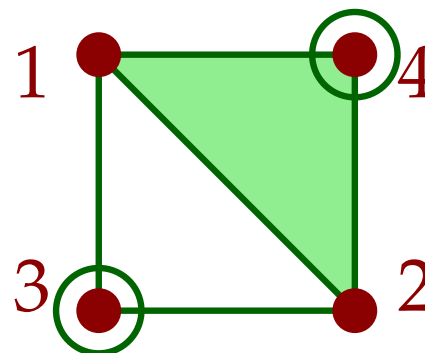


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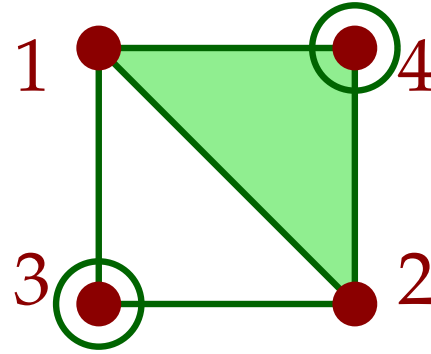


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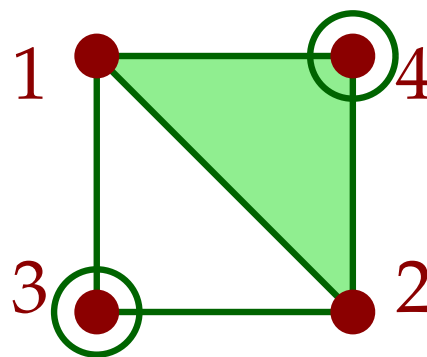


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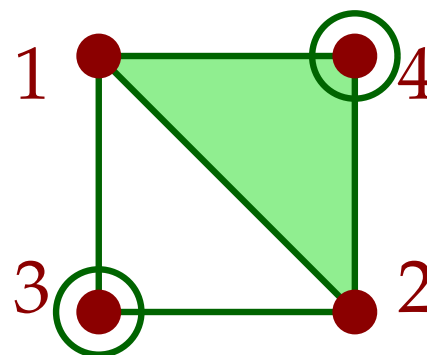
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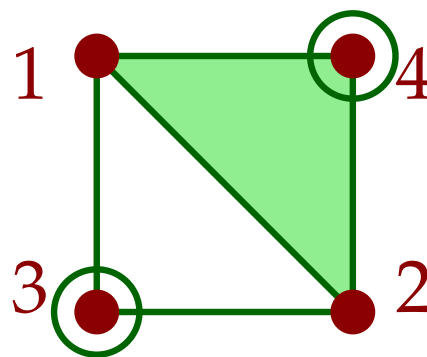
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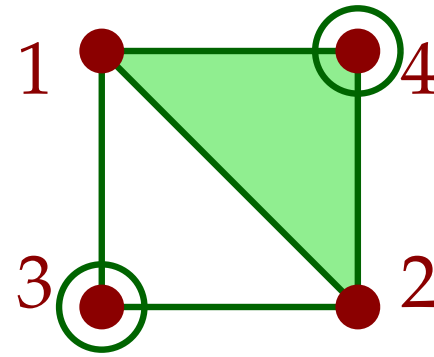
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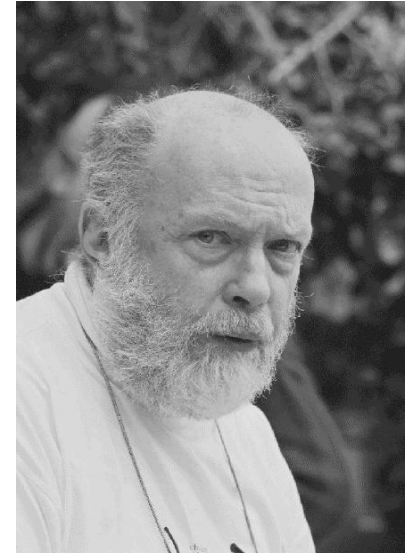
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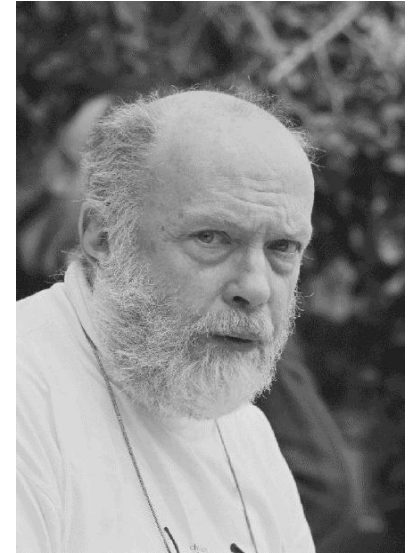
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