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PRESENTS

THE HESSIAN AS A LATTÈS MAP

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$$E: G(X, Y, Z) = 0.$$

The *Hessian of E* is the (possibly singular) cubic

$$\text{Hess}(E): \det(\mathcal{H}(G)) = 0.$$

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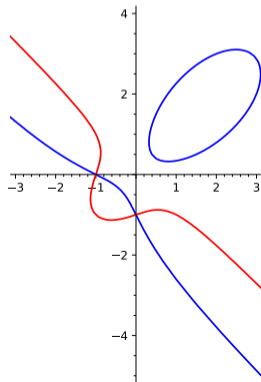
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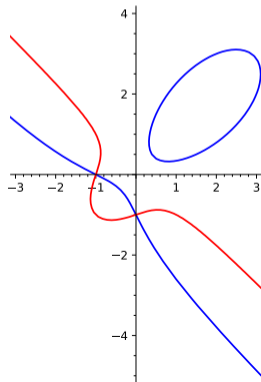
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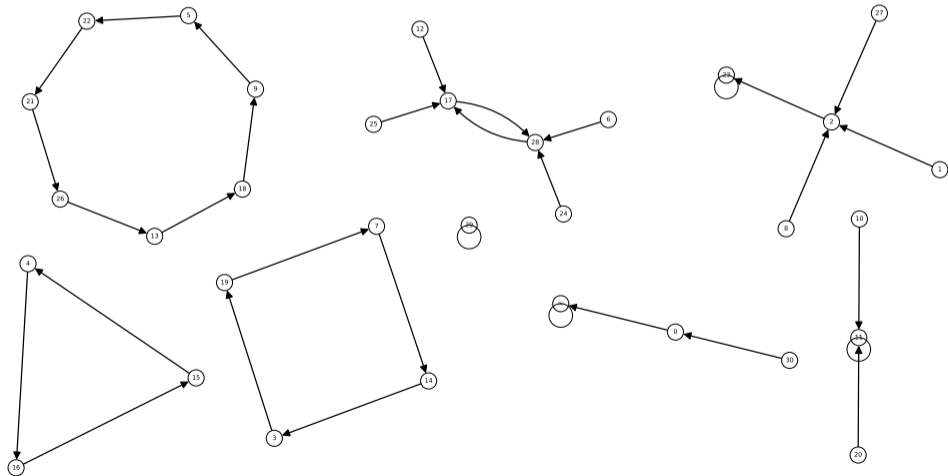
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For $\mathbb{k} = \mathbb{F}_{31} \dots$



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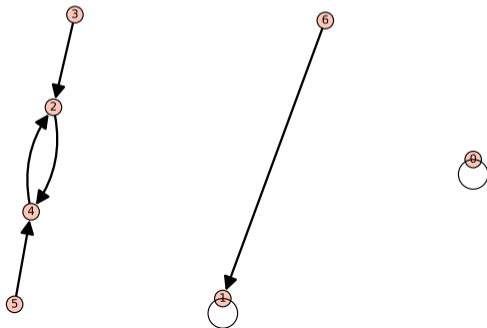
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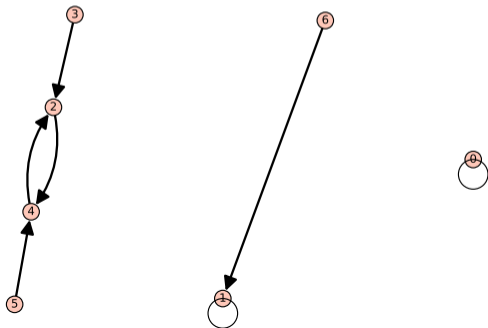
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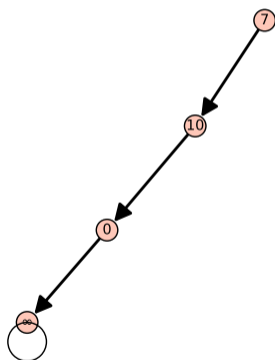
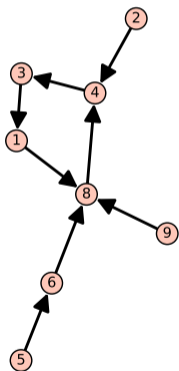
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When $\phi(\alpha)$ is not defined, we set $\phi(\alpha) = \infty$.



SOME GENERAL (OBVIOUS) REMARKS

Example: $\phi(x) = \frac{(x+1)^3}{x^2}$ on \mathbb{F}_{11}



- Each connected component of the graph has at most one cycle (exactly 1 if \mathbb{k} is finite).
- The indegree of each vertex is at most the maximum between the degree of the numerator and the degree of the denominator of $\phi(x)$.
- The outdegree of each vertex is (at least) 1.

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The *ramification index* of ϕ at P is:

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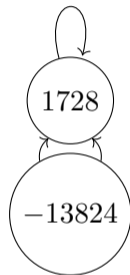
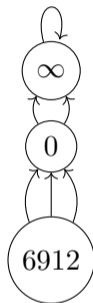
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Conclusion: to check if a map is Lattès, we only need to inspect its *post-critical portrait*, i.e. the points of the form $\phi^{(n)}(P)$, where P is critical.

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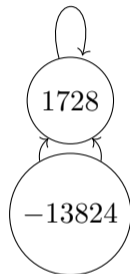
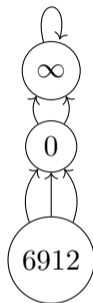
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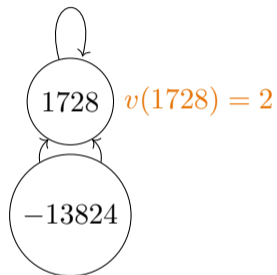
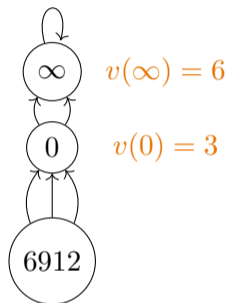
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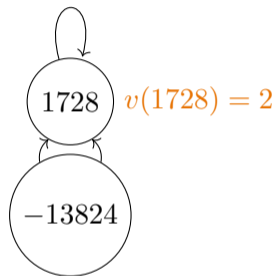
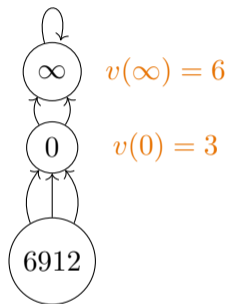
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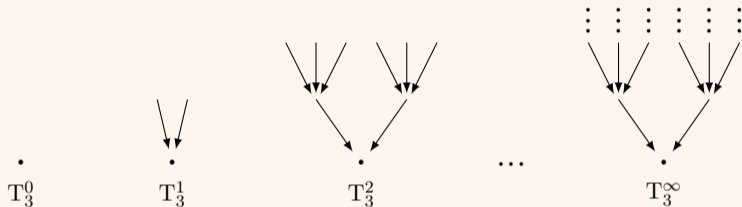
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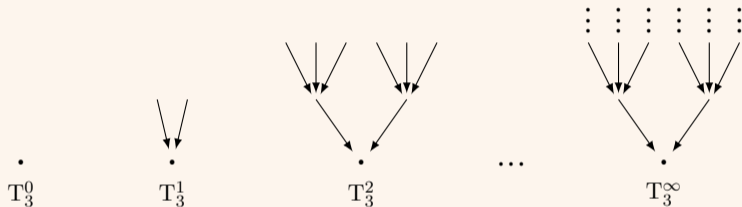


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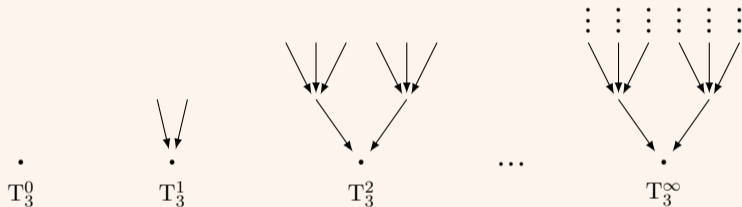


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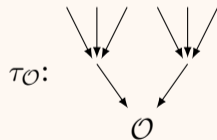
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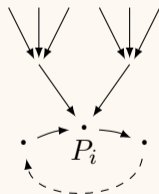
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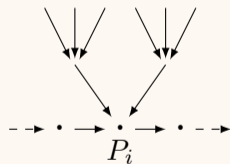
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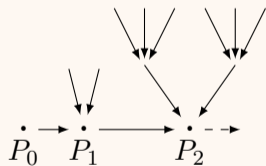
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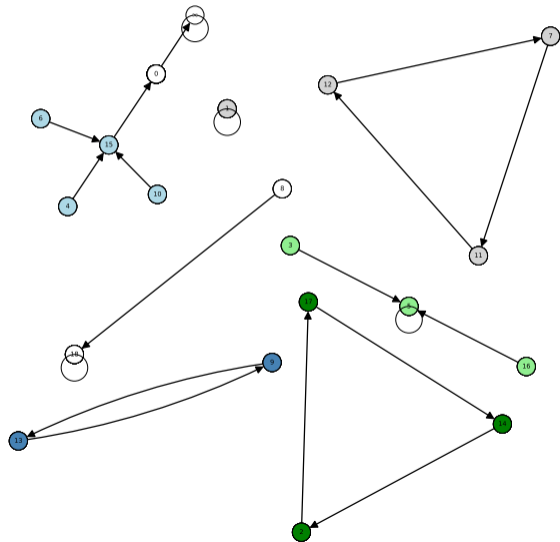
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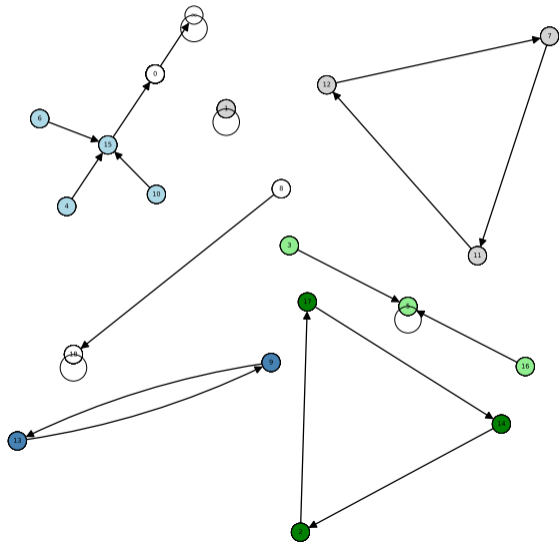
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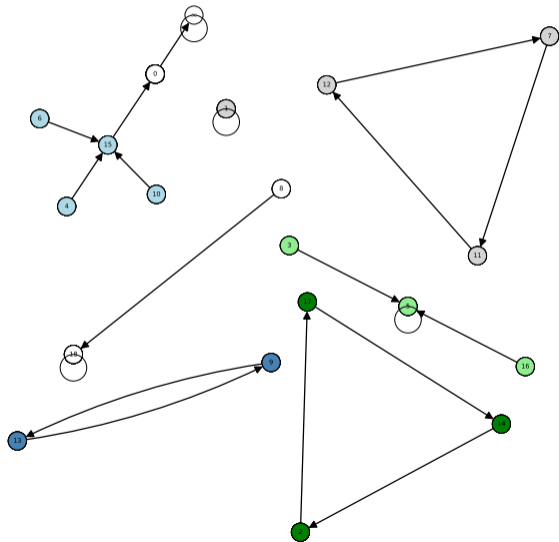
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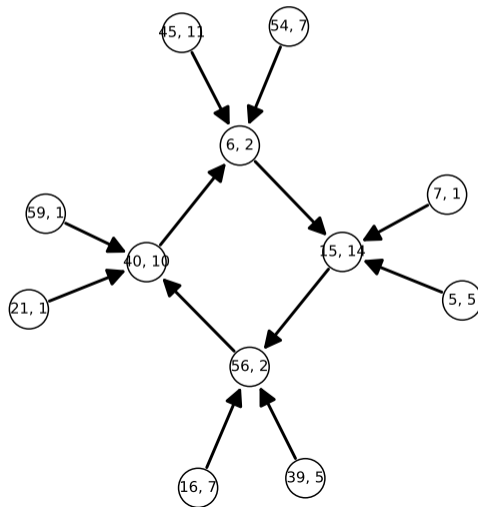
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LEAVES AND TRACES

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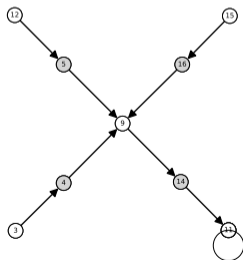
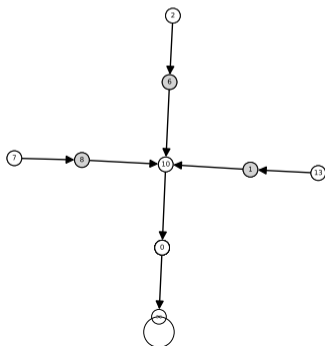


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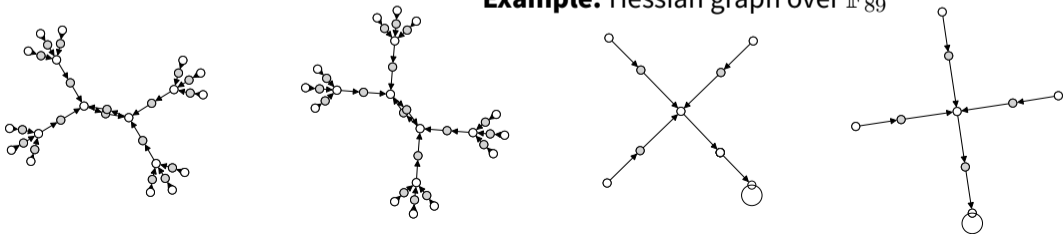
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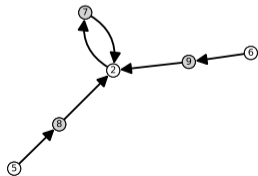
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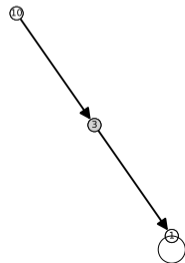
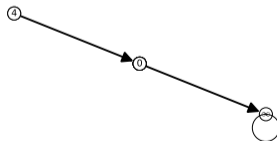
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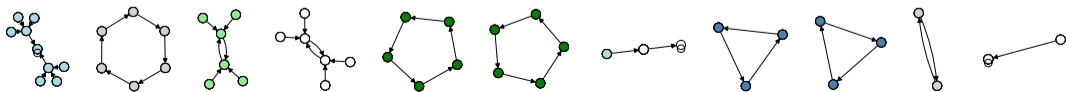
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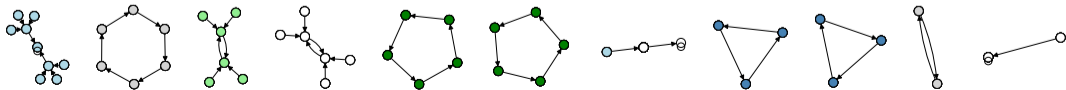
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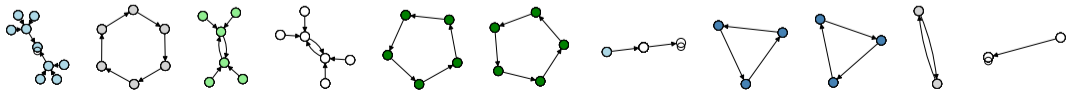
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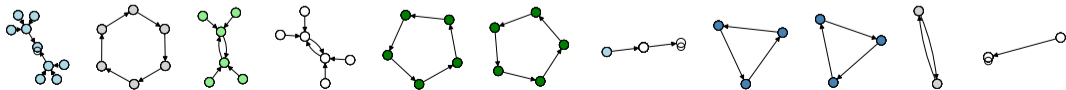
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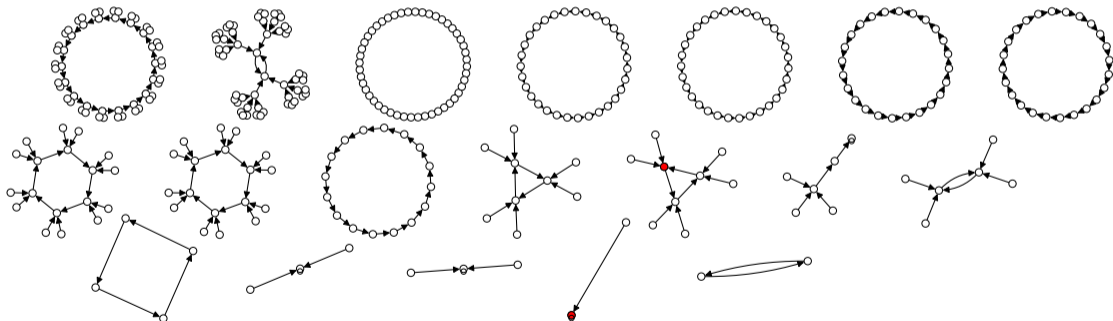
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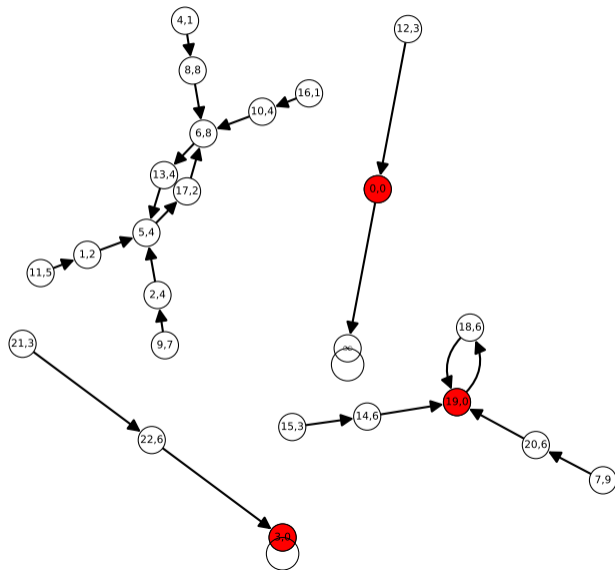
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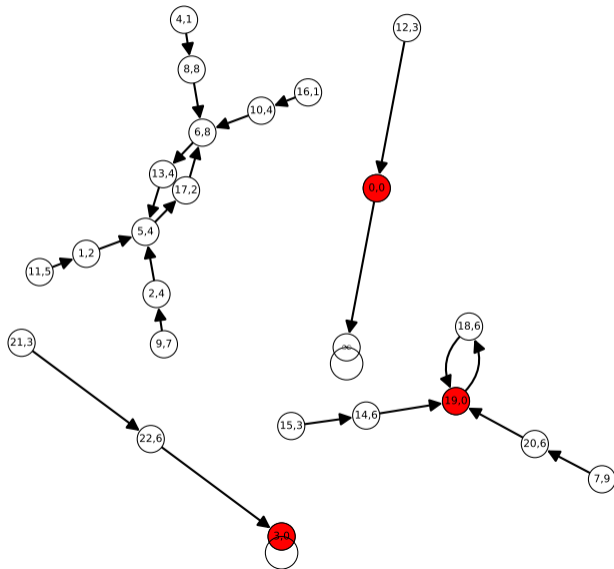


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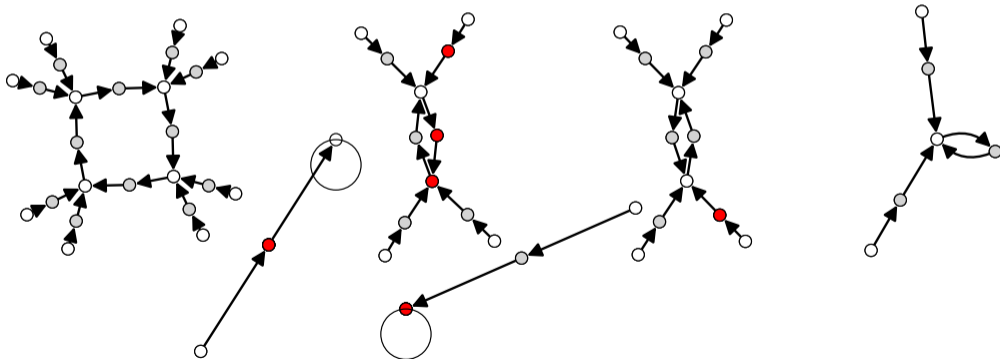
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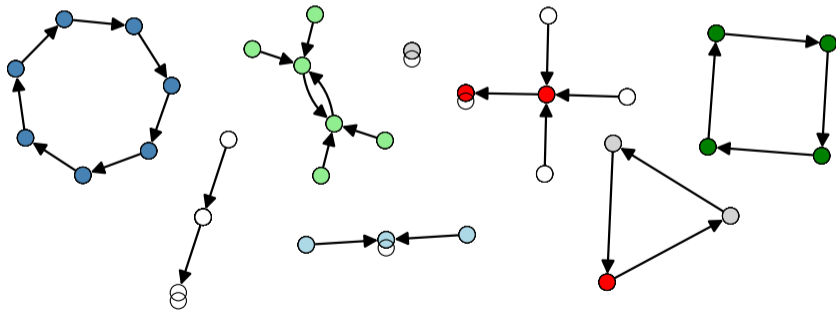


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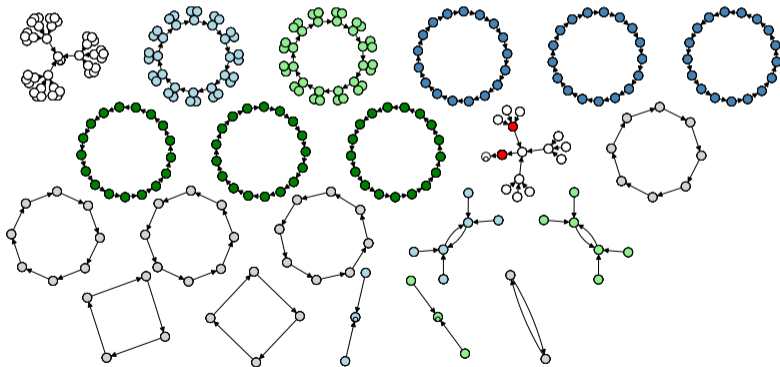


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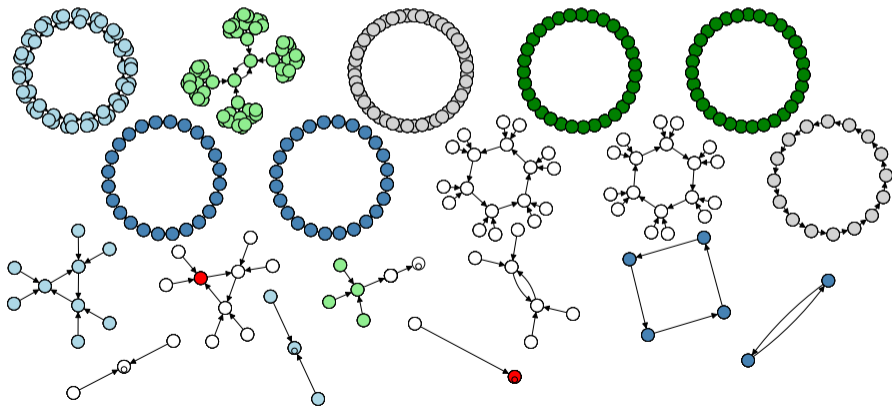


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Thank you for your attention!



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so that $\text{Hess} = g_{-4 \cdot 1728, -27}$.

PROPOSITION

The functional graphs corresponding to $g_{1,\ell}, g_{2,\ell}, \dots$ are isomorphic.