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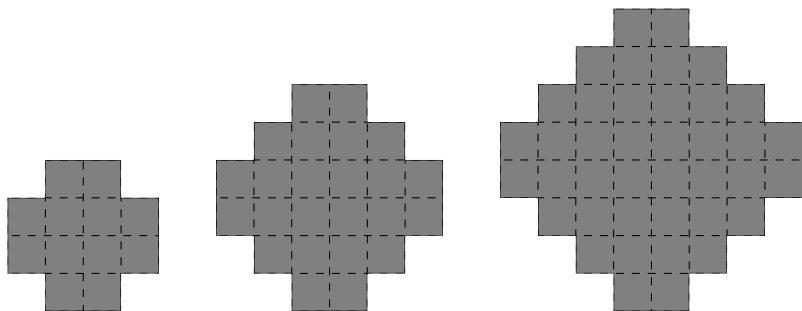
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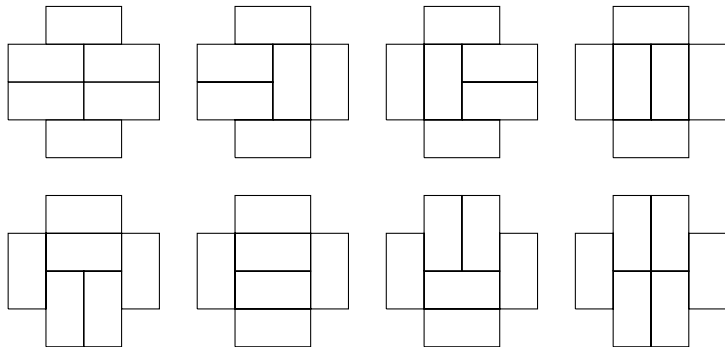


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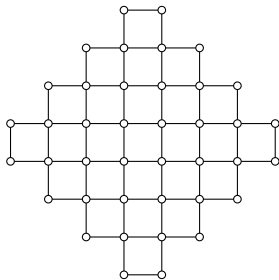
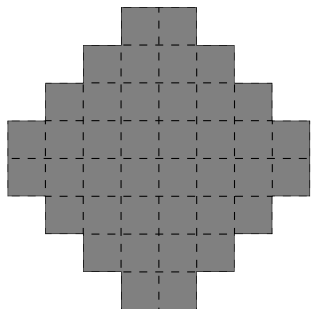
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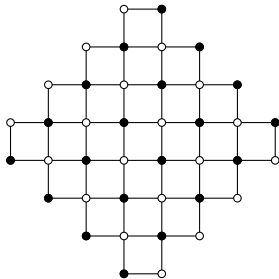
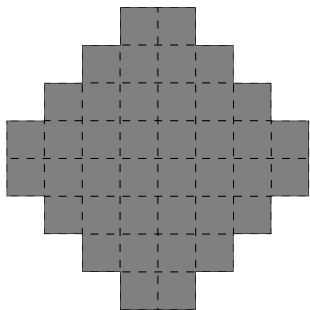


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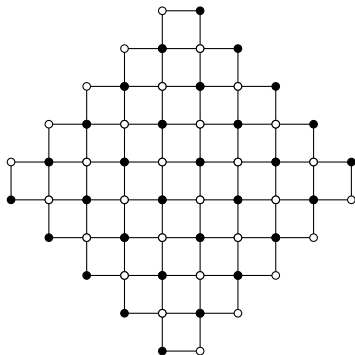


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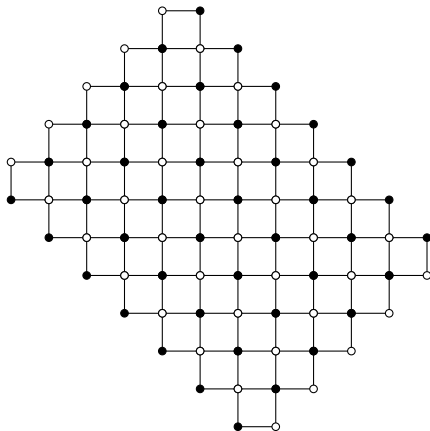
diamond of order 5





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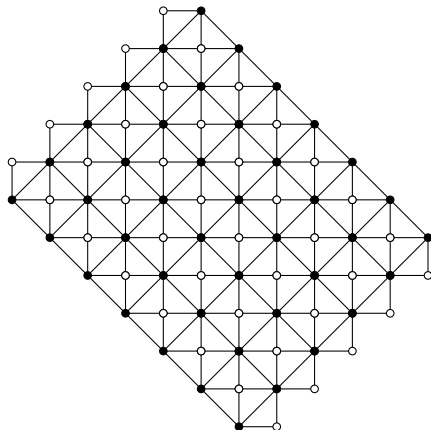
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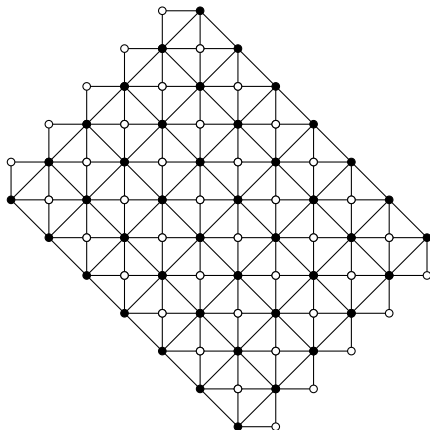
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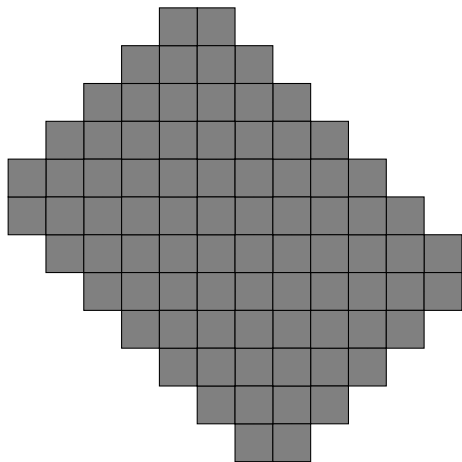


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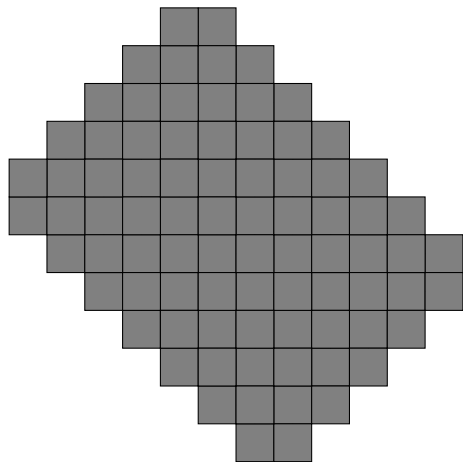


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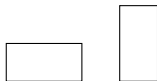
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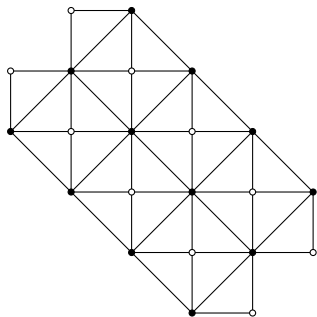


$2mn + m + n - \frac{|m-n|}{2}$  dominos

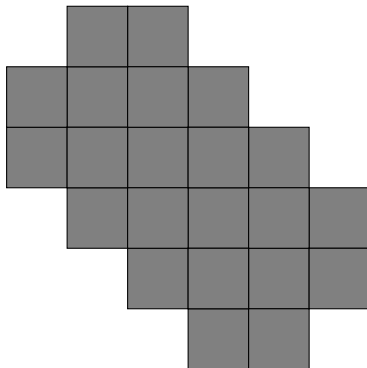
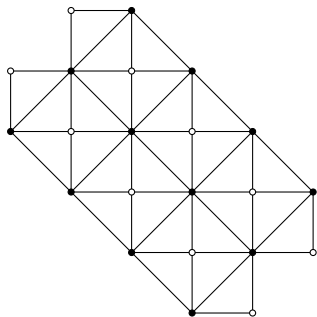
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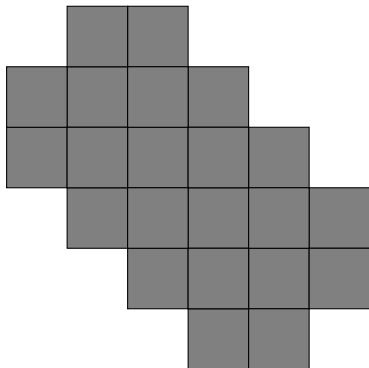
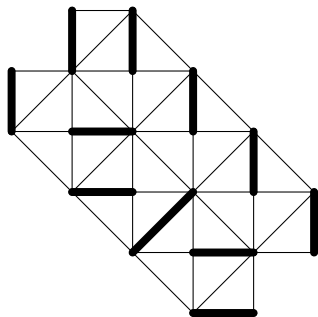


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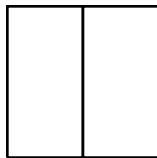


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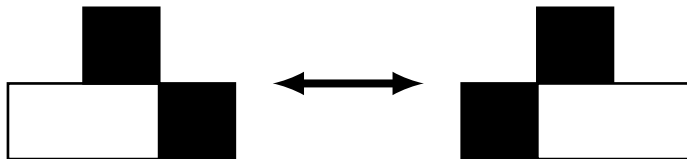
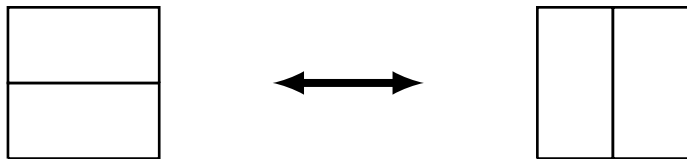




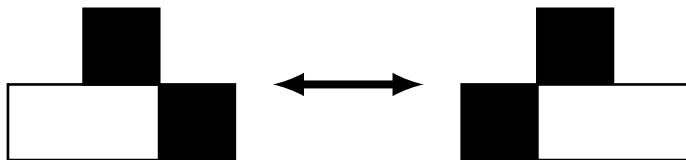
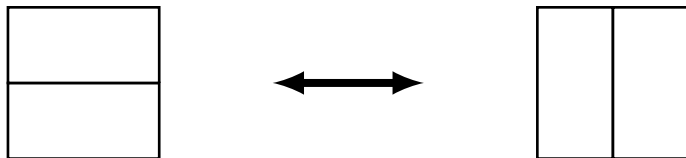
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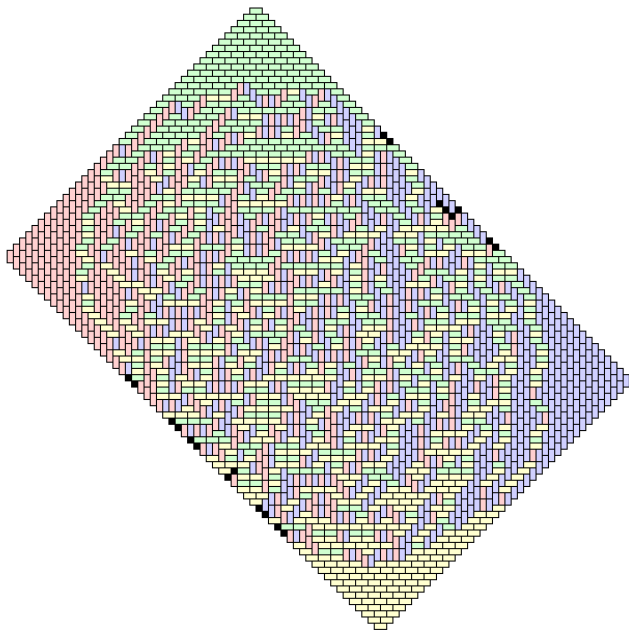
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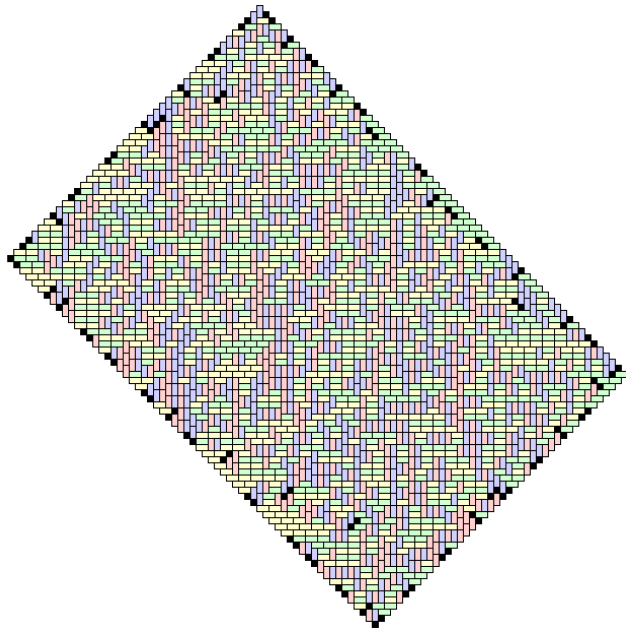
These local moves connects all tilings.

We can construct an ergodic Markov chain whose state space is the set of all tilings.

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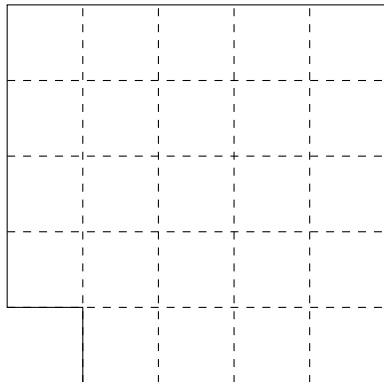
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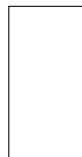
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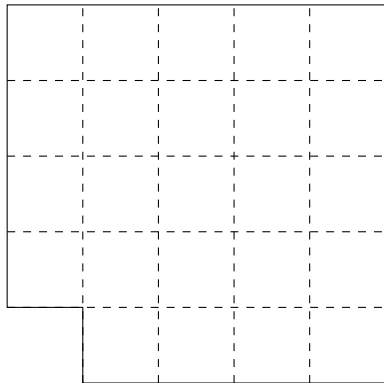


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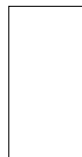


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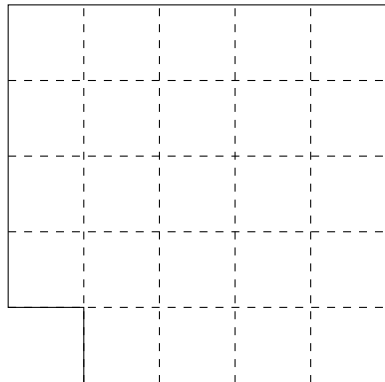
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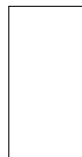
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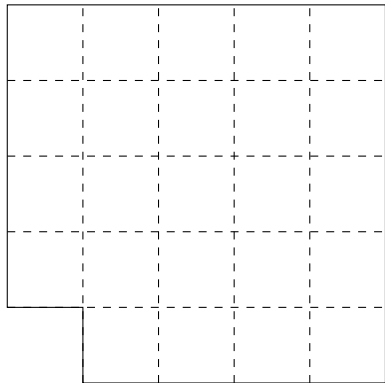
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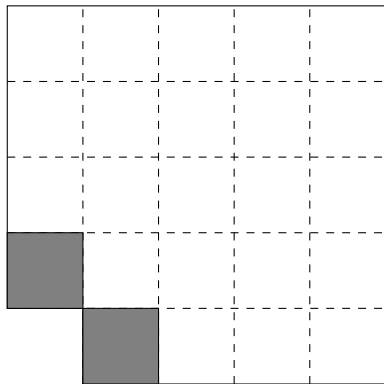
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$$192 = \frac{1}{9} \prod_{\substack{(i,j) \in \{0,1,2\}^2 \\ (i,j) \neq (0,0)}} \left( 4 - 2 \cos \frac{j\pi}{3} - 2 \cos \frac{k\pi}{3} \right)$$

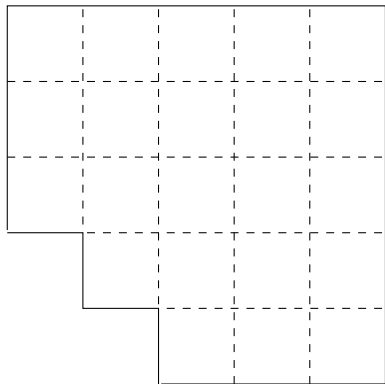
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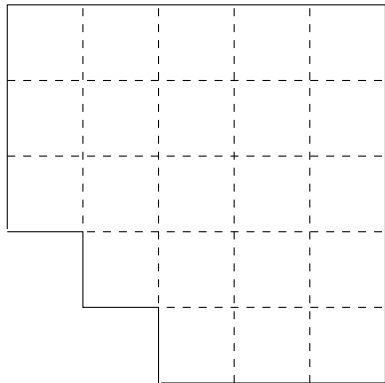
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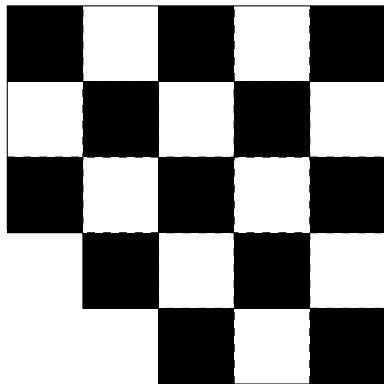
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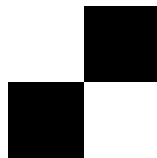
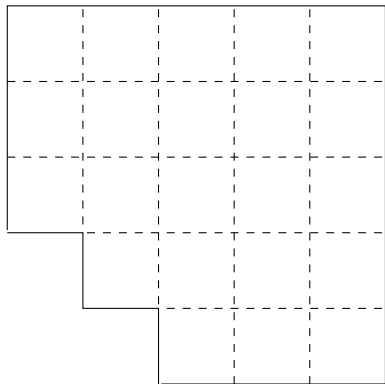
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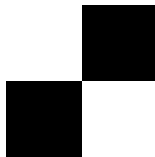
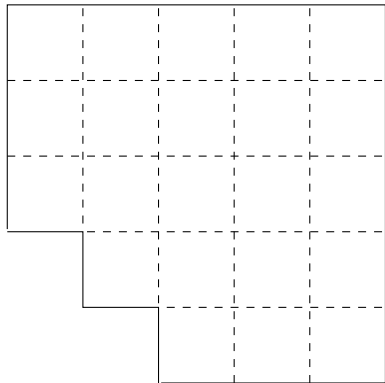


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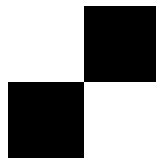
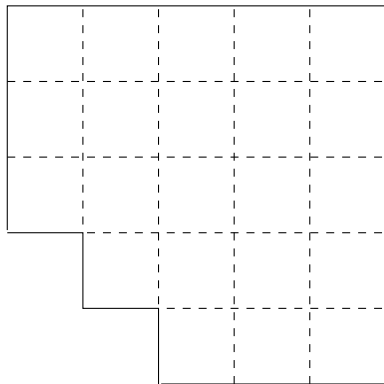
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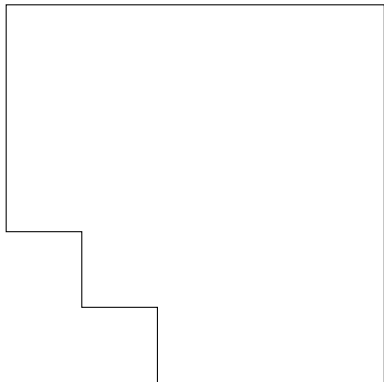


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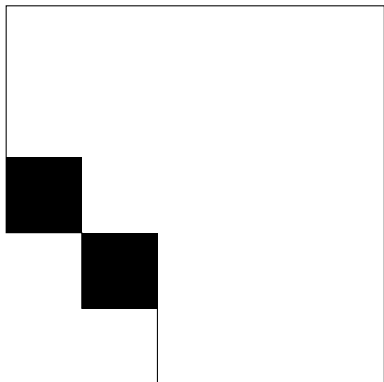
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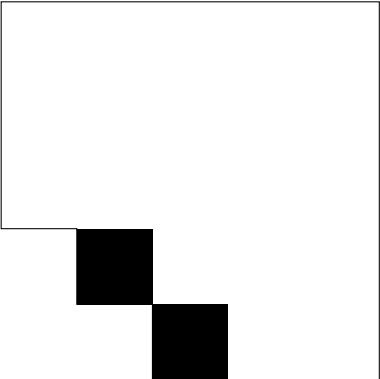
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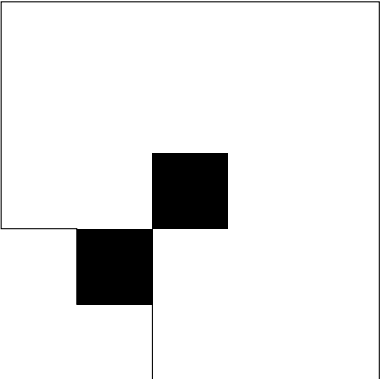


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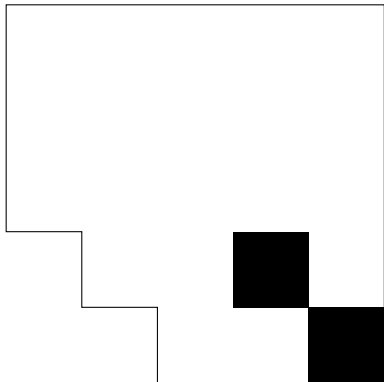
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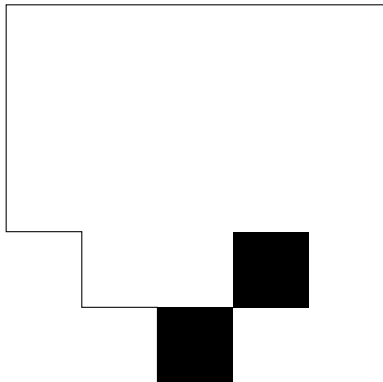
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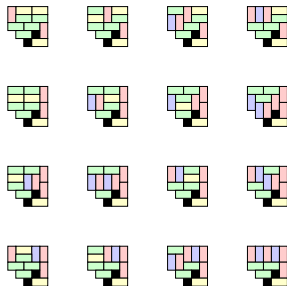
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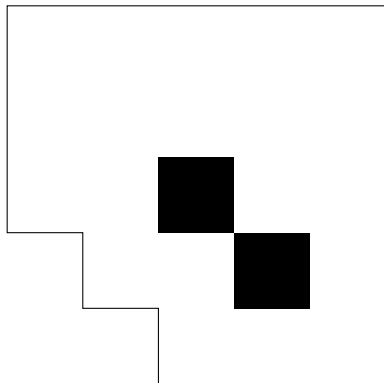
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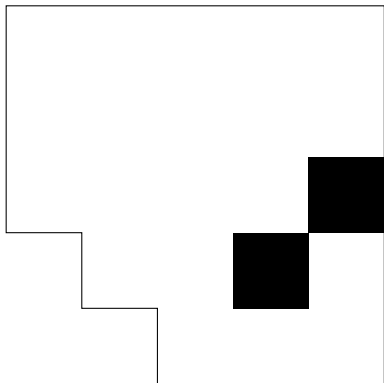
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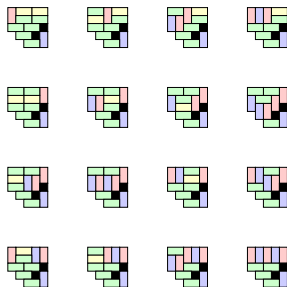
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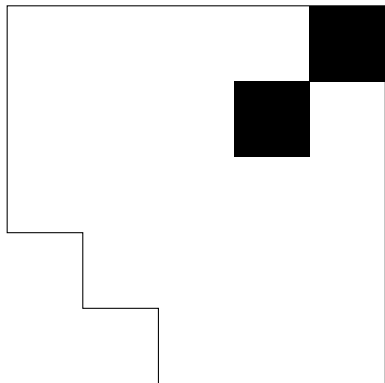
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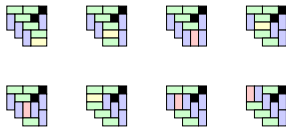
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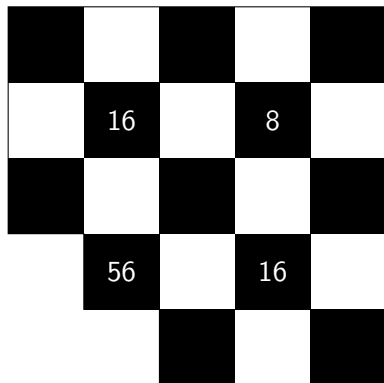
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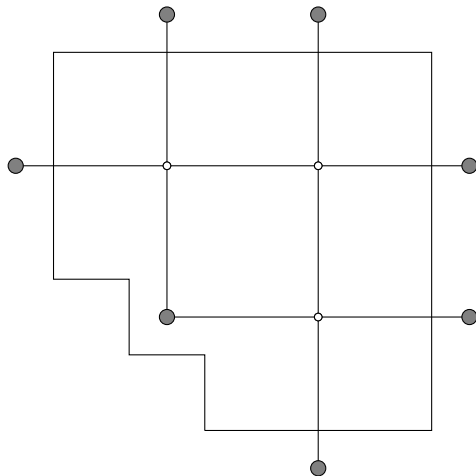






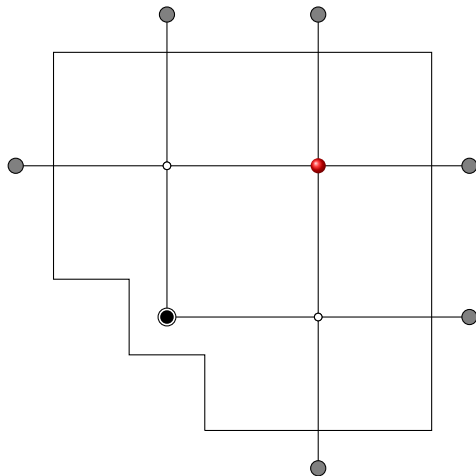
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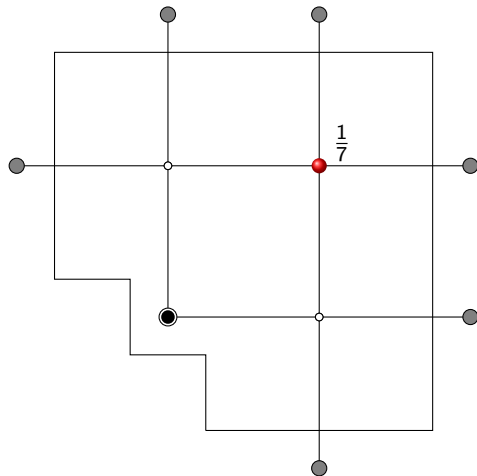
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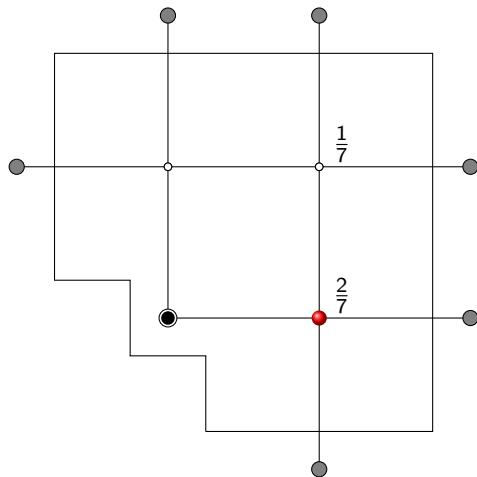
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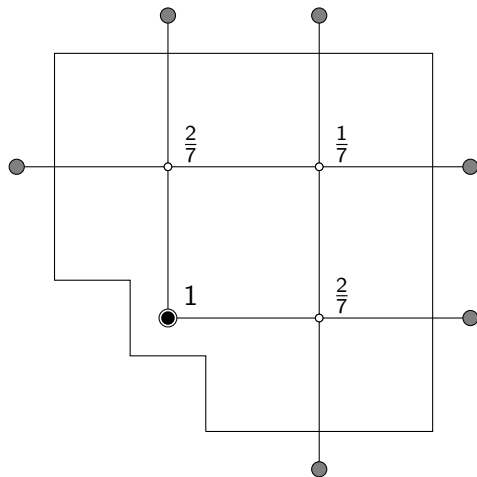
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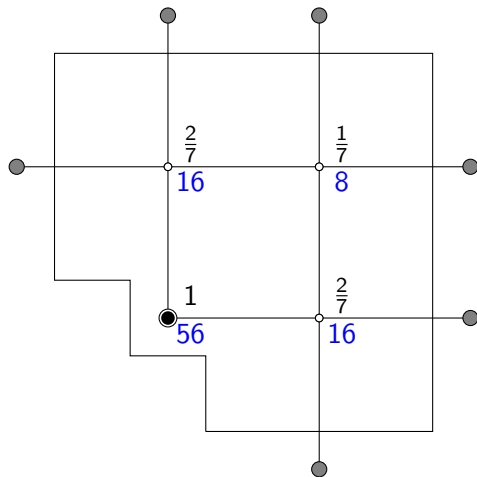
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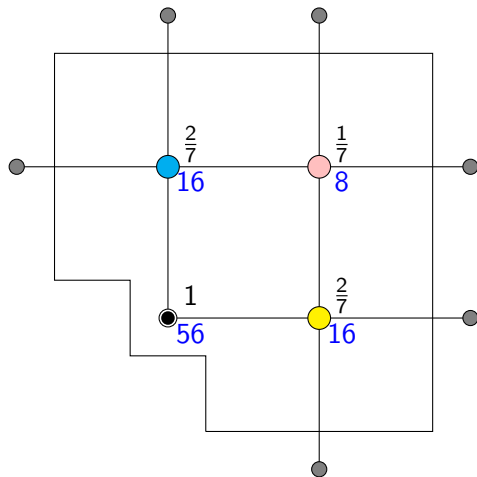
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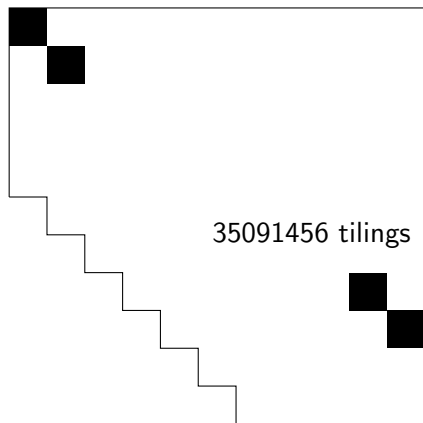


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Combinatorial Laplacian

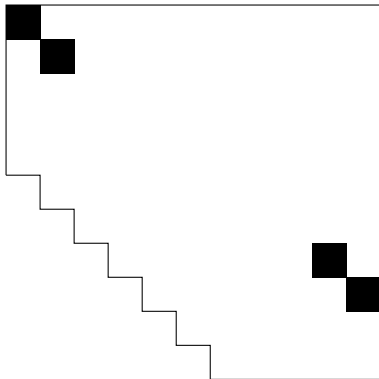
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# Enumerations of domino tilings with fixed impurities

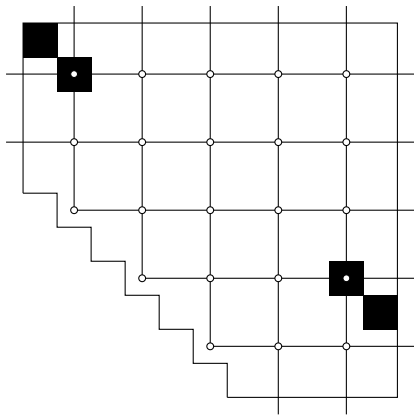




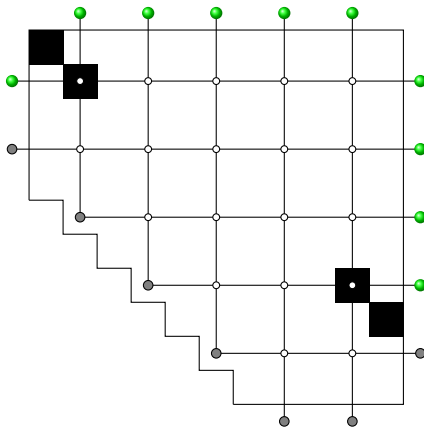
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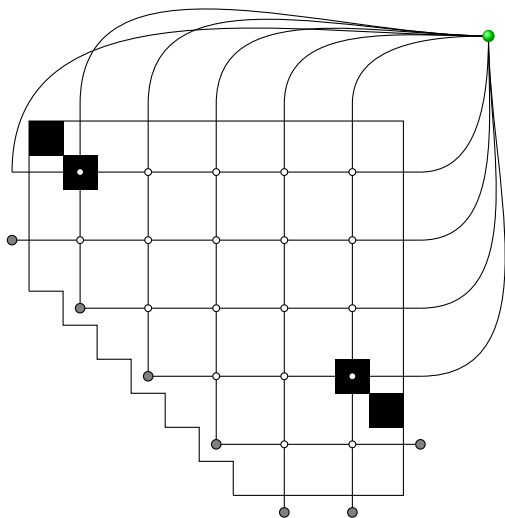


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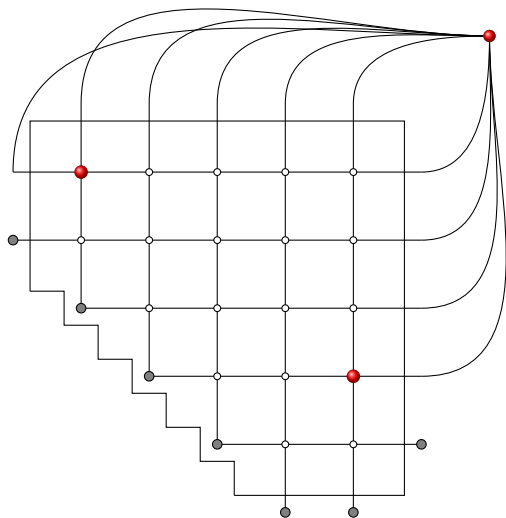
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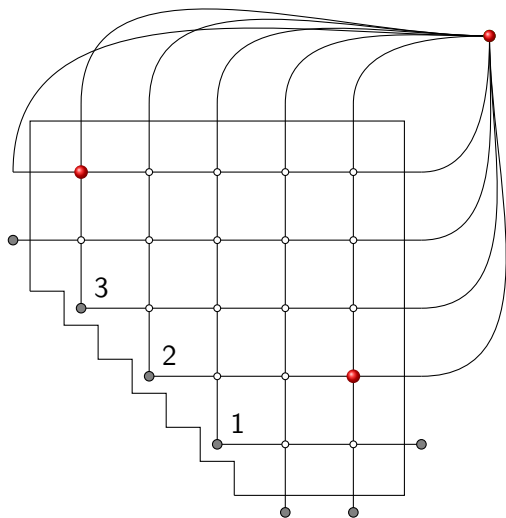
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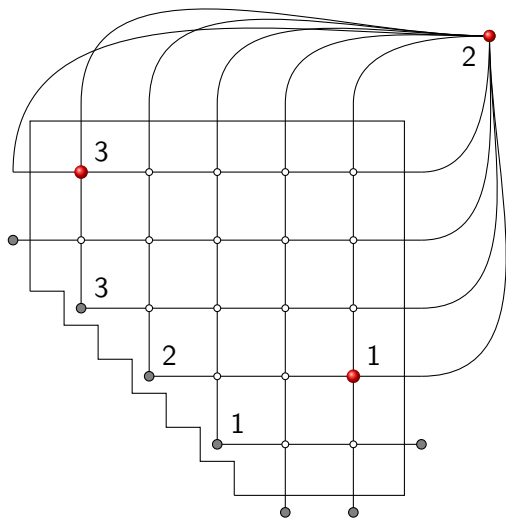
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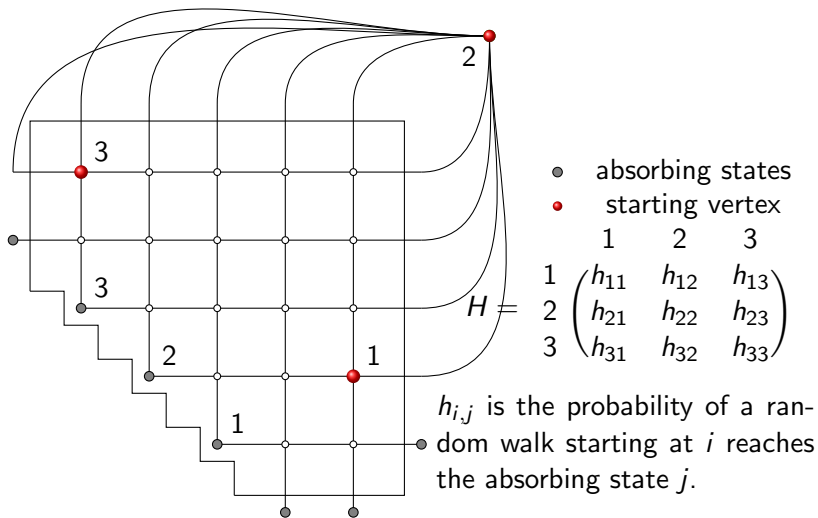
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## Combinatorial Laplacian

$$L = (l_{ij}), \quad l_{ij} = \begin{cases} \deg(i) & i = j \\ -\#\text{edges between } i \text{ and } j & i \neq j, \end{cases}$$

where  $i$ 's and  $j$ 's are non-absorbing states.

$$\det H \times \det L = 0.000451431 \cdots \times 77733826560 = 35091456 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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