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# Neighbor-Locating Colorings in Graphs

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$G = (V, E)$  connected graph

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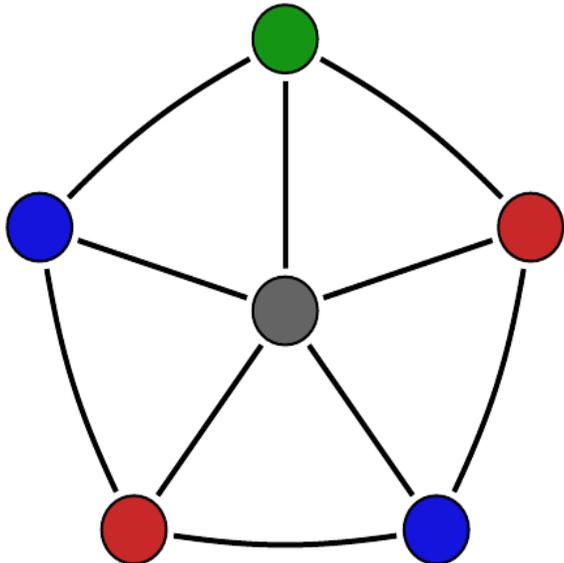
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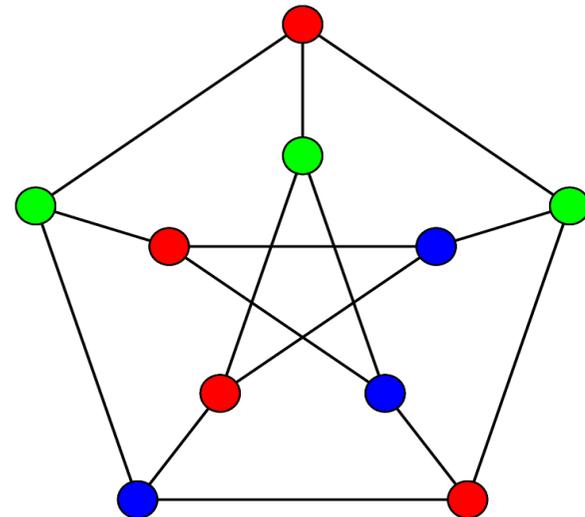
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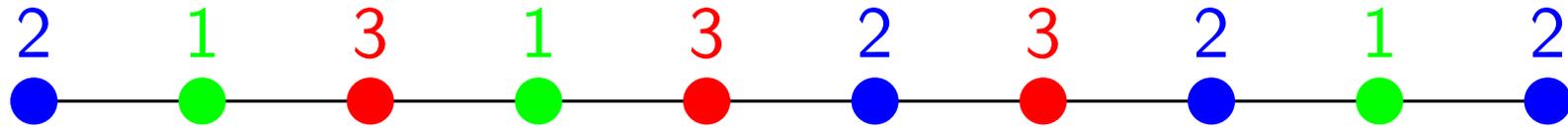
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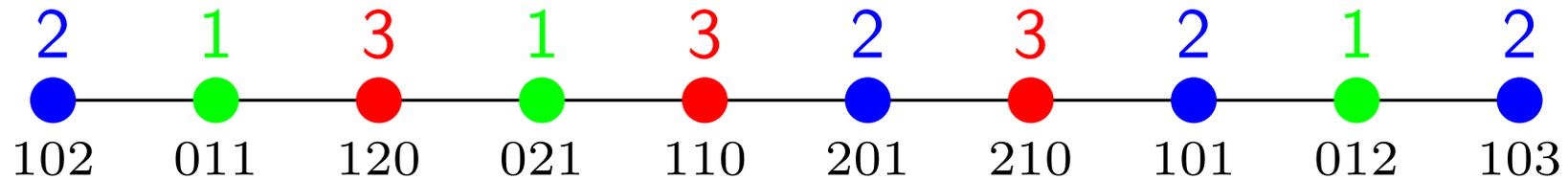
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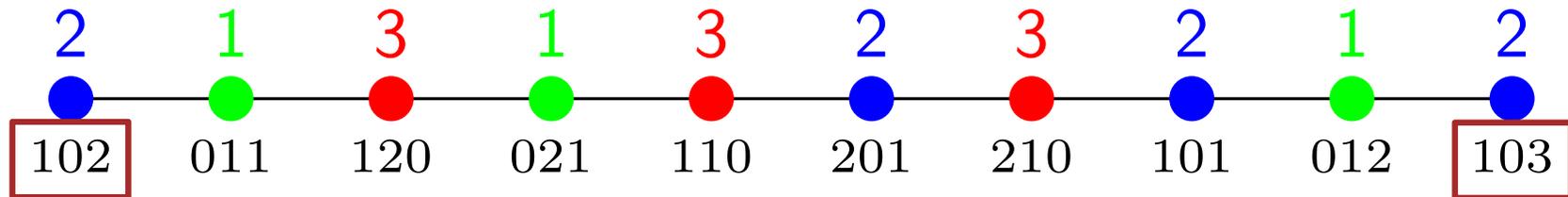
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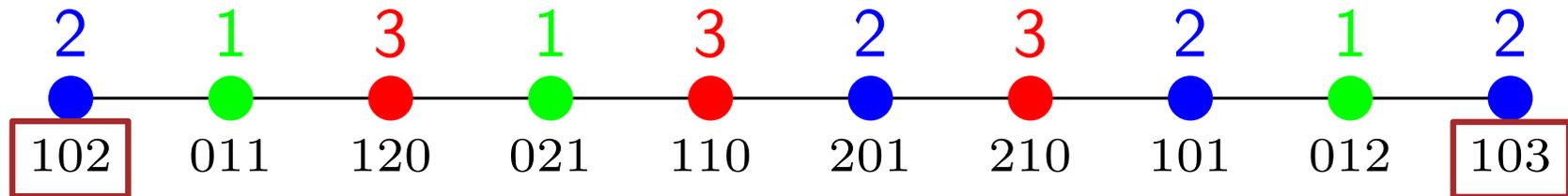
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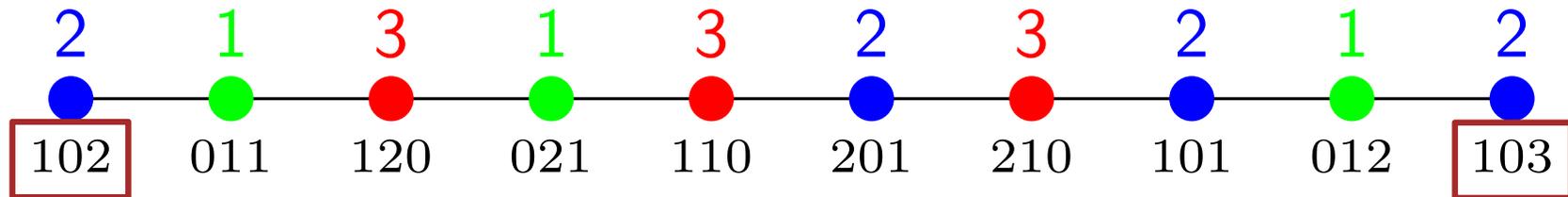
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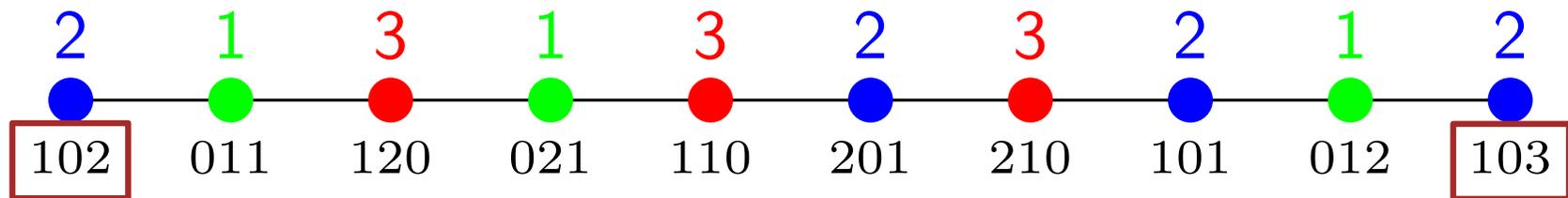
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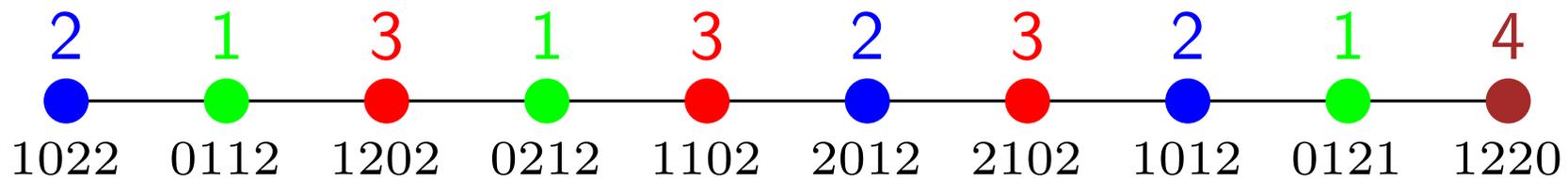
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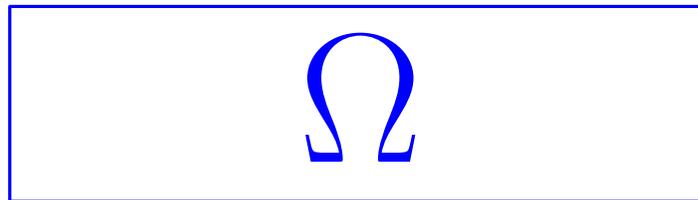
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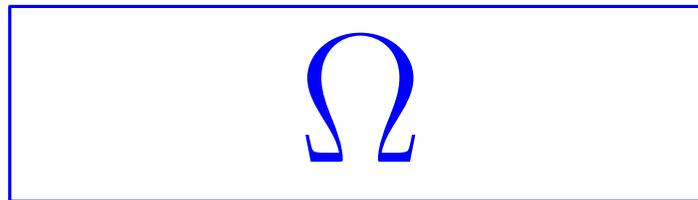


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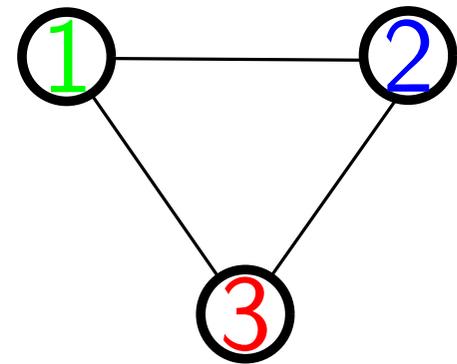
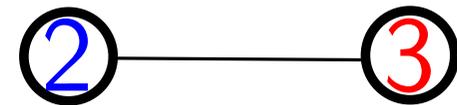
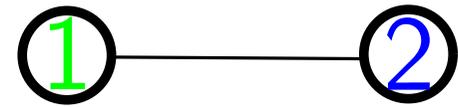
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 Then,  $G$  is a subgraph of  $G_k$  and  
 $k \cdot (k - 1) \cdot 2^{k-3} = m_k \leq m \leq M_k = k \cdot (k - 1) \cdot 2^{2k-5}$

$$\chi_{NL} = 3 \Rightarrow n \leq 3 \cdot (2^{3-1} - 1) = 9 \text{ [tightness]}$$

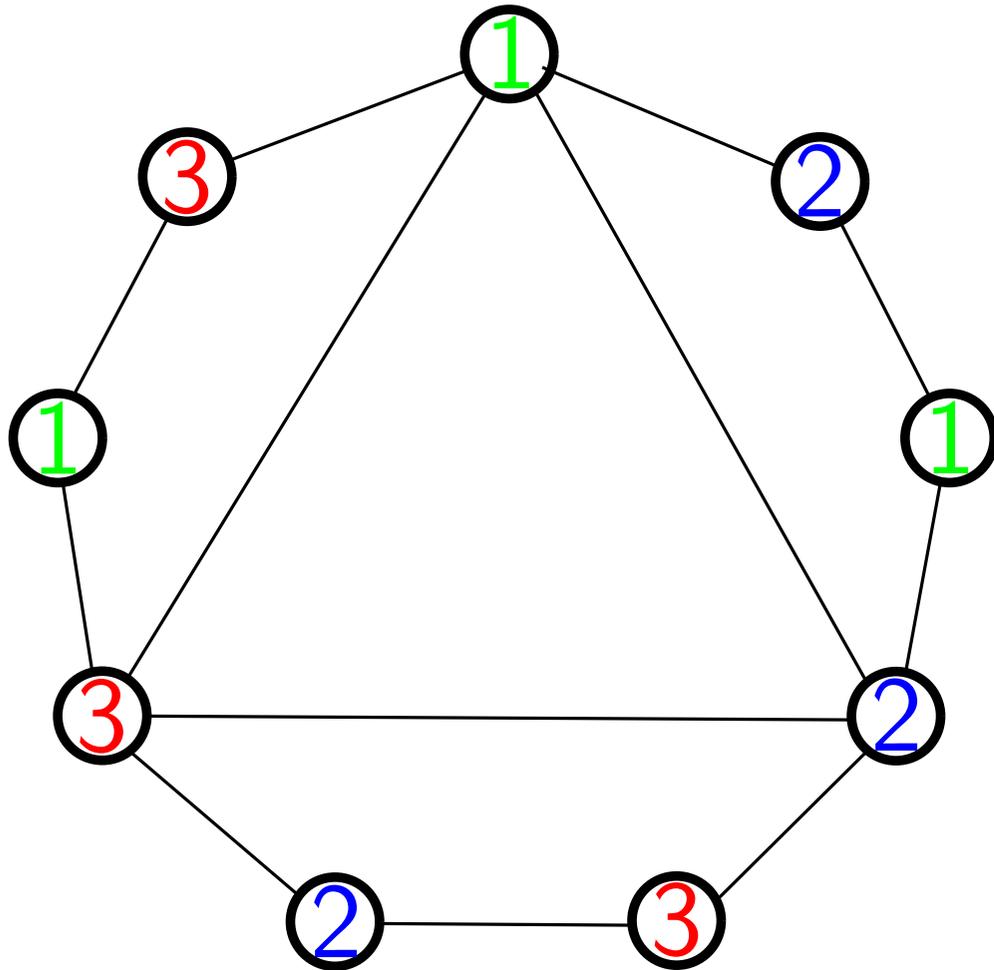
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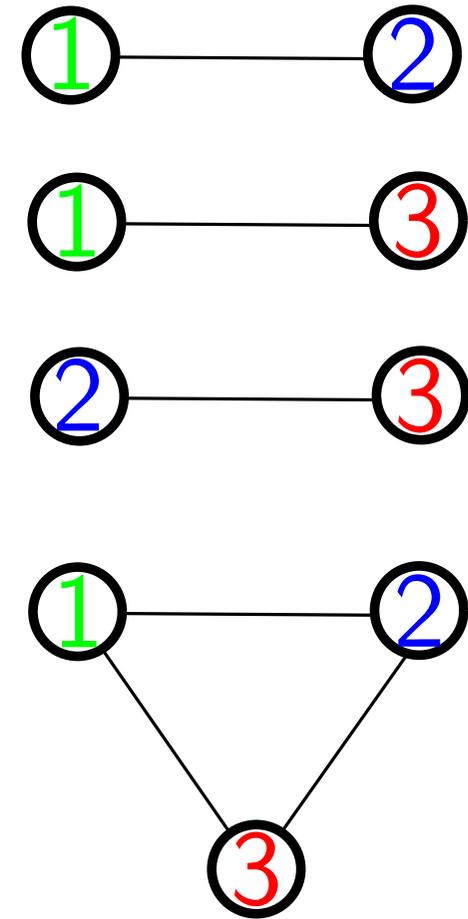
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$T$ , tree of order  $n$  and  $\chi_{NL}(T) = k$

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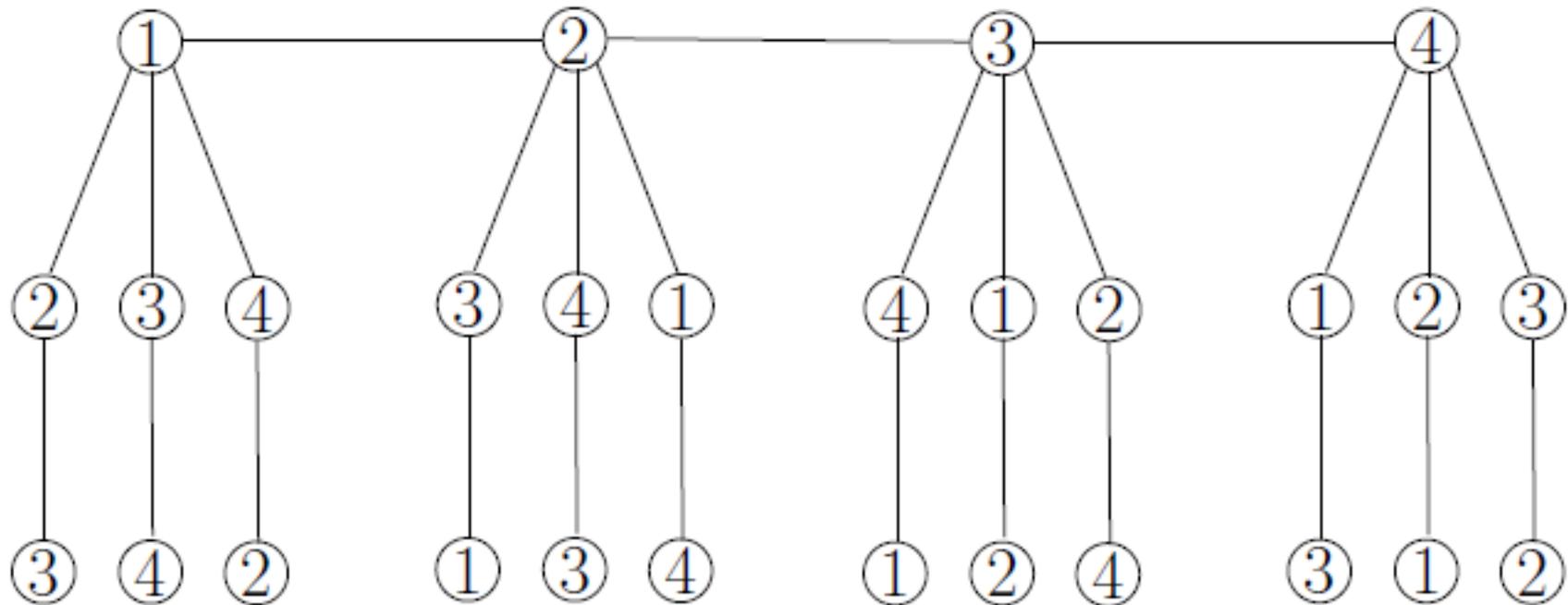
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