The Pivot Property for $Hom(\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathcal{H})$

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- $X \subset \mathfrak{A}^{\mathcal{V}}$ has the pivot property if for all $x, y \in X$ which differ at finitely many sites there exists a sequence of pivots starting from x and ending at y.

Question:

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a finite undirected graph. When does $X = Hom(\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathcal{H})$ have the pivot property?

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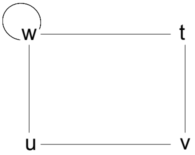

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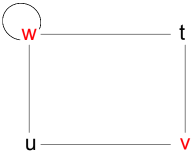

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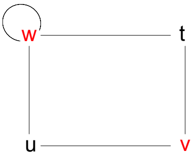

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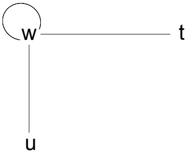

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- Very similar arguements work for the converse and infinite $\mathcal{G}$.

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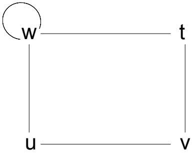

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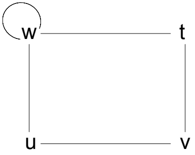

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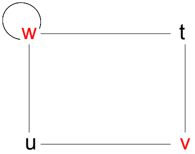

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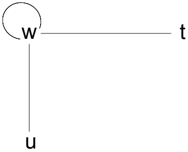

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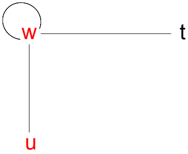

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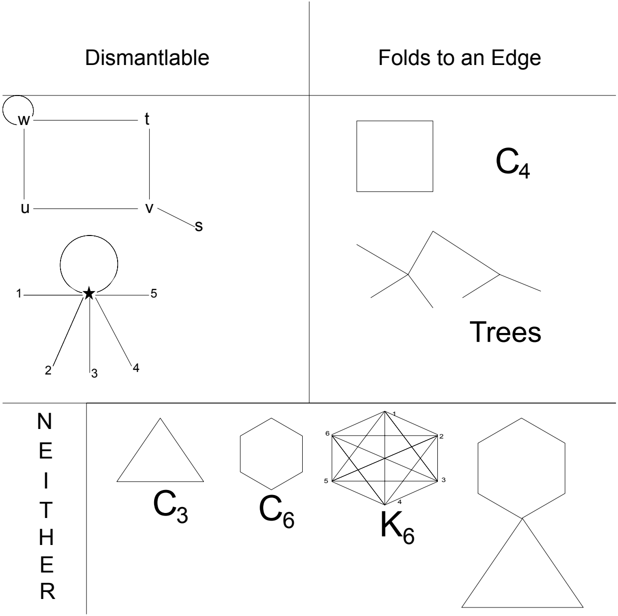
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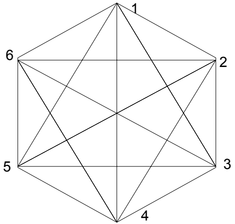

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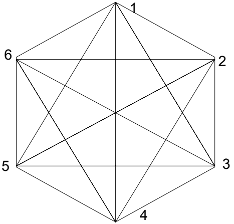

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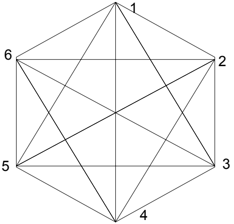

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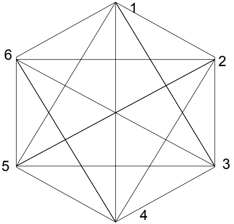

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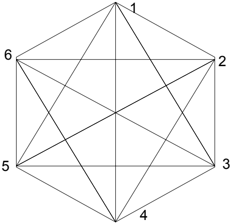

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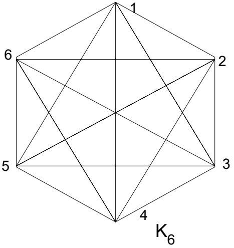

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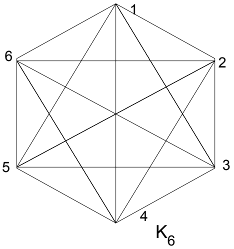

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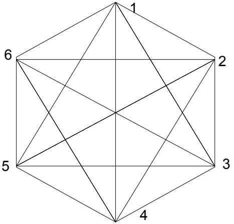

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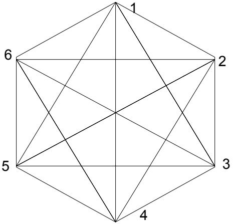

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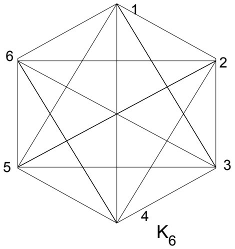

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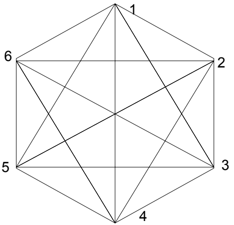

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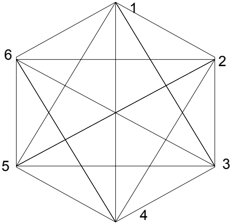

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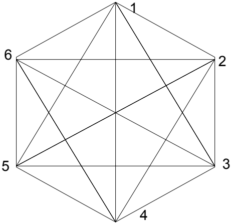

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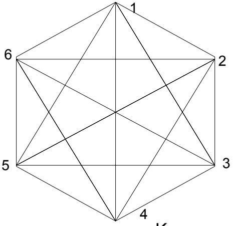

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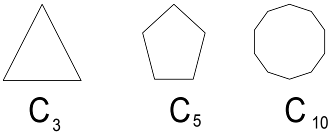

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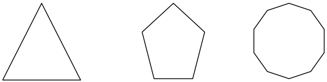

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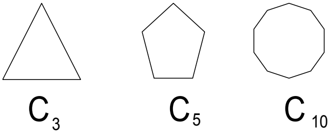

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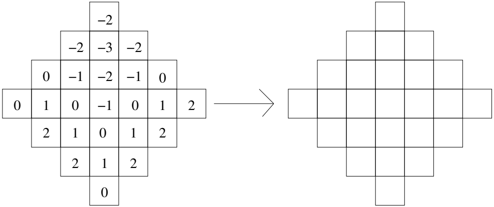

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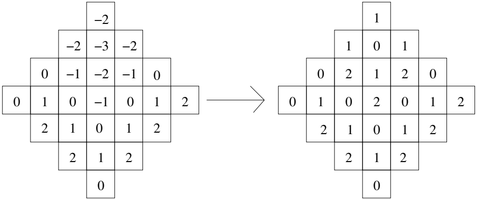

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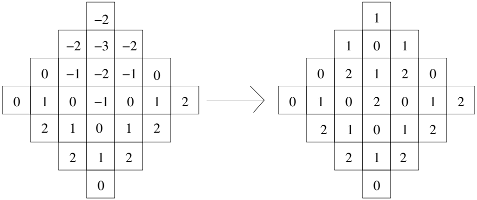

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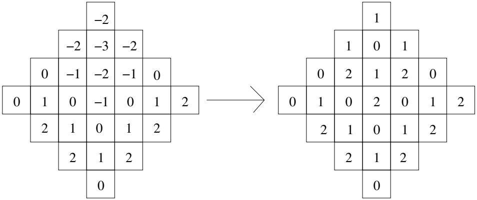

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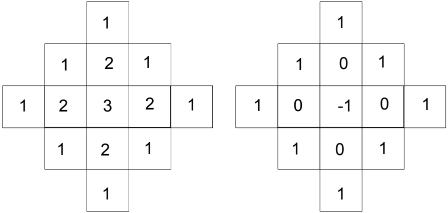

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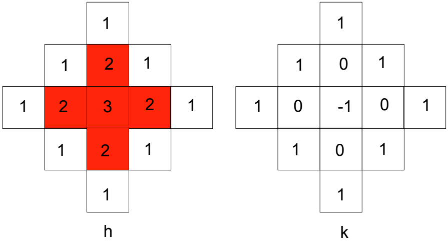

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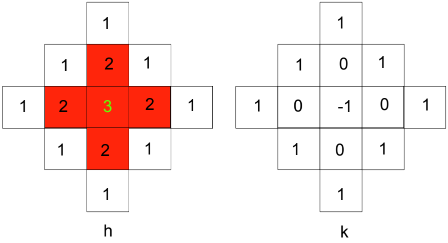

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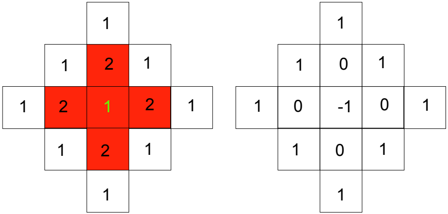

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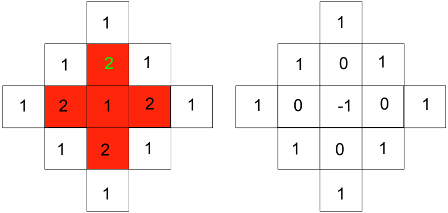

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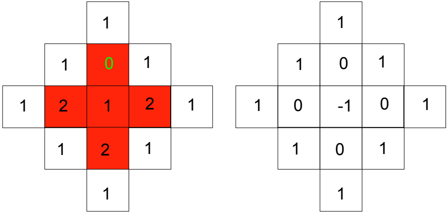

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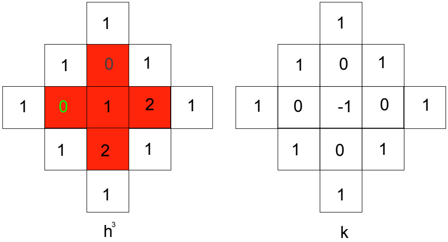

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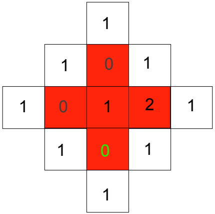

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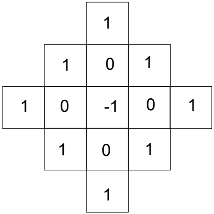

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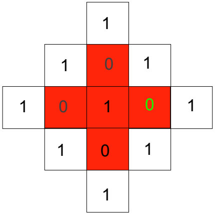

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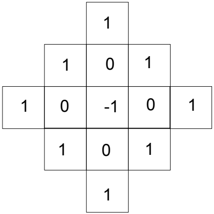

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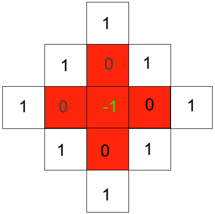

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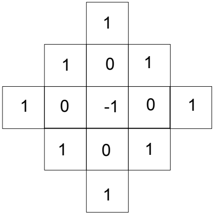

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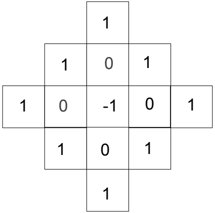

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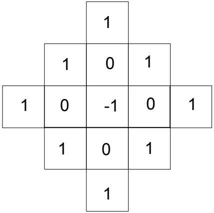

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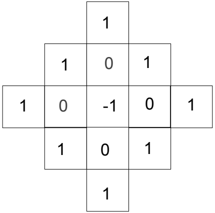

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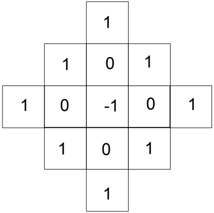

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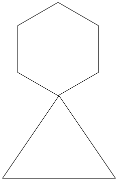

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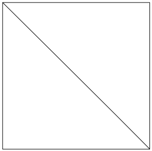

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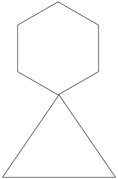

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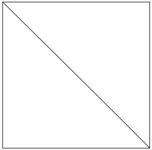

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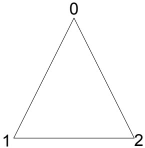

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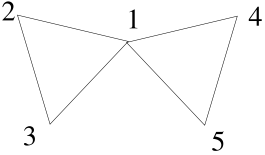

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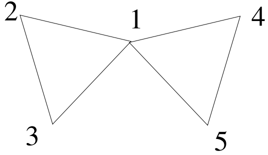

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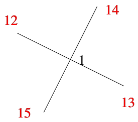

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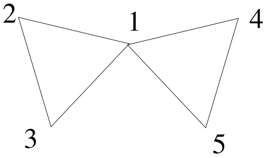

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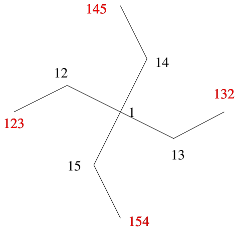

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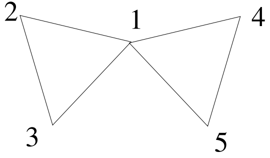

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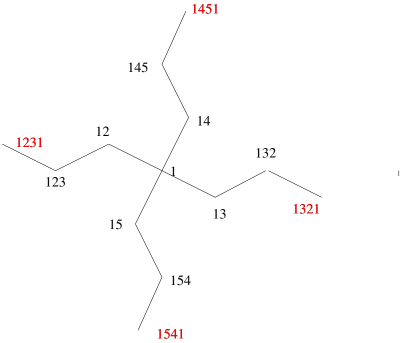

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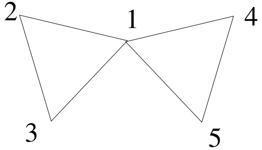

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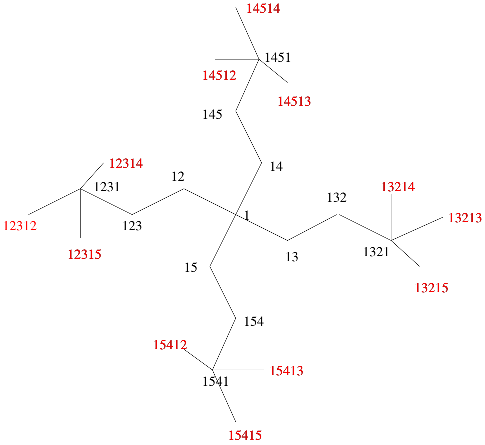

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Four-cycle free graphs

This can be used to prove

Theorem (Chandgotia '14)

If $\mathcal{H}$ is a four-cycle free graph then Hom$(\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathcal{H})$ has the pivot property.

Are there homomorphism spaces which do not have the pivot property?

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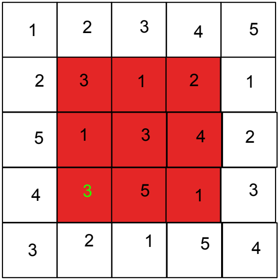

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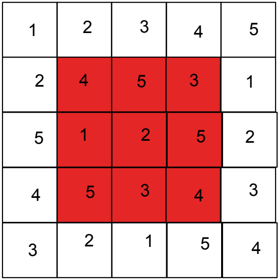

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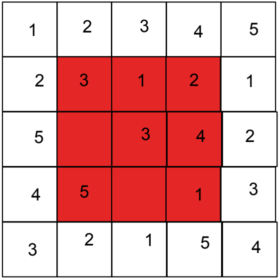

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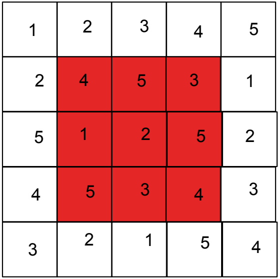

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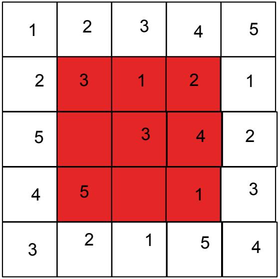

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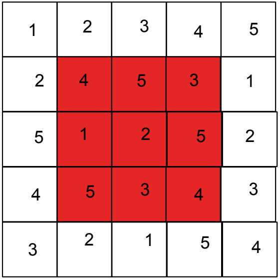

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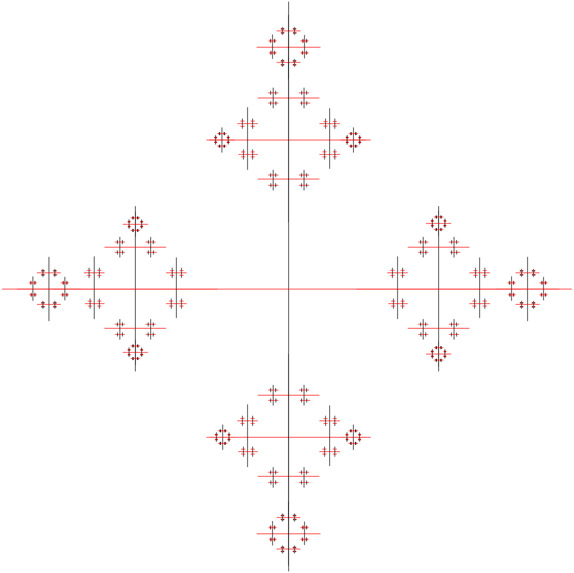
Question: When does $Hom(\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathcal{H})$ have the generalised pivot property?



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