

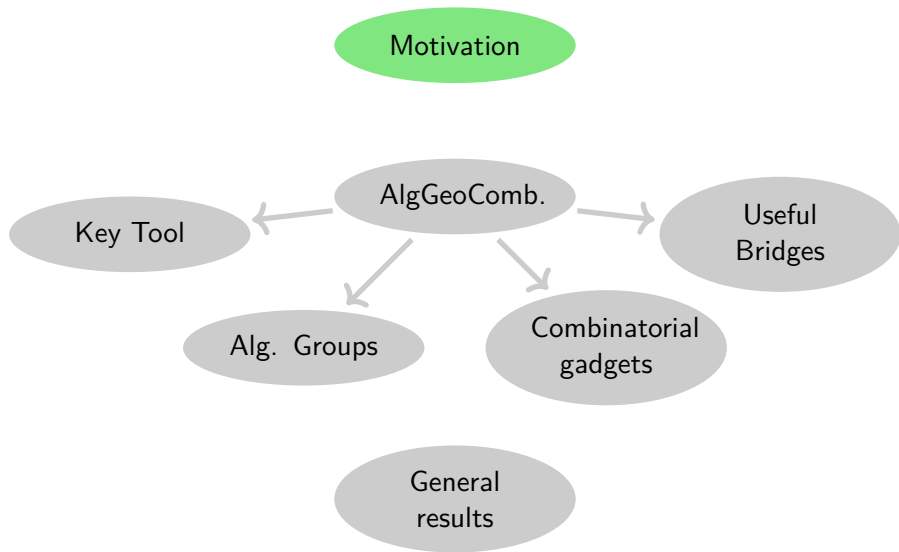
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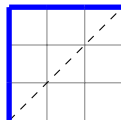
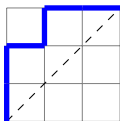
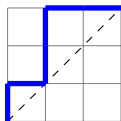
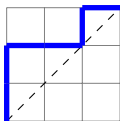
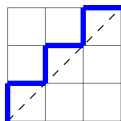
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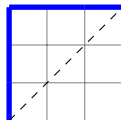
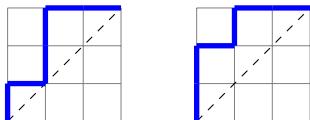
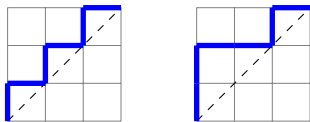


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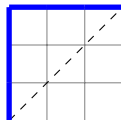
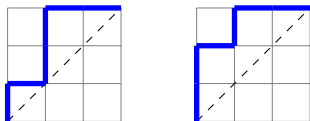
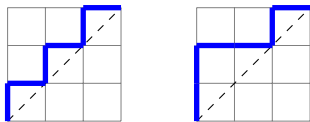
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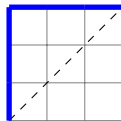
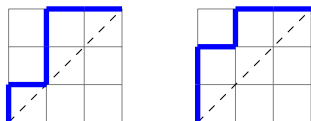
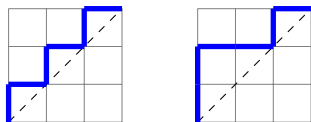


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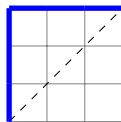
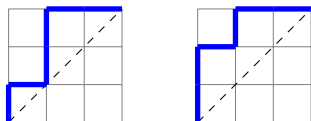
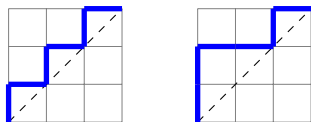
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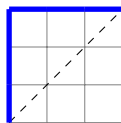
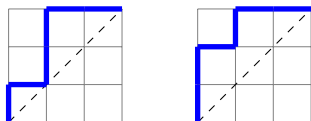
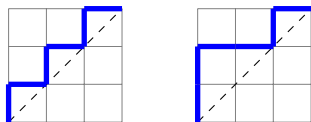
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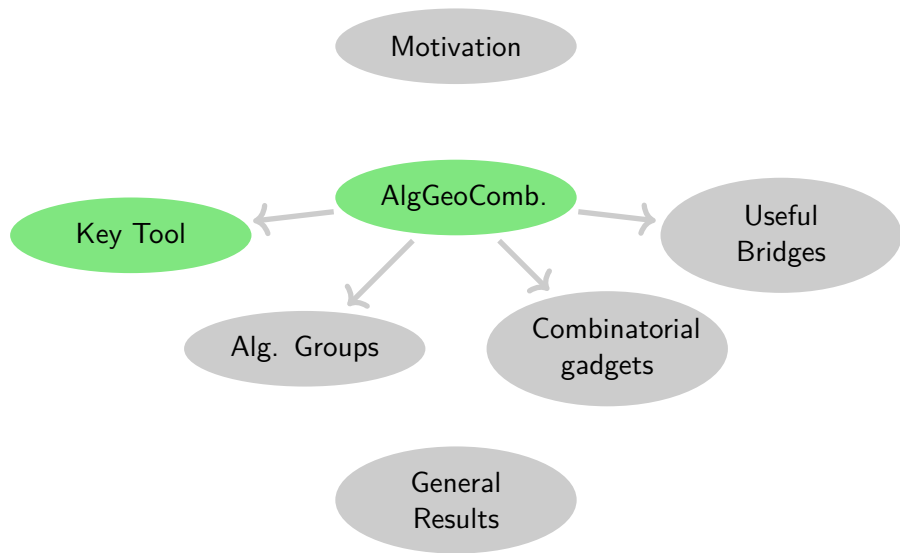
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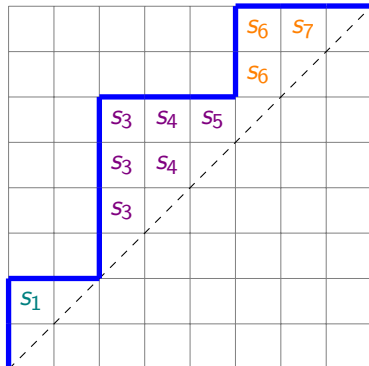
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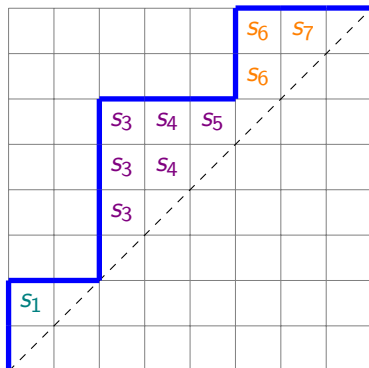
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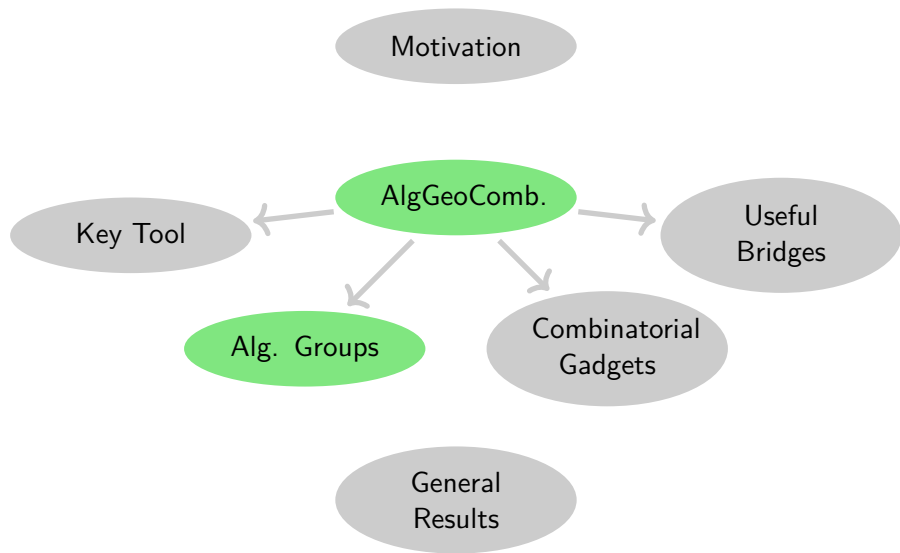
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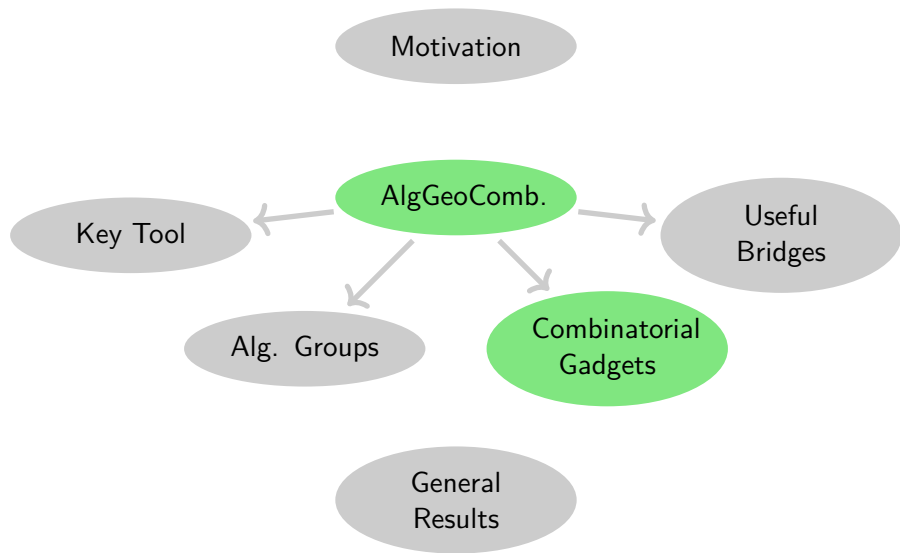
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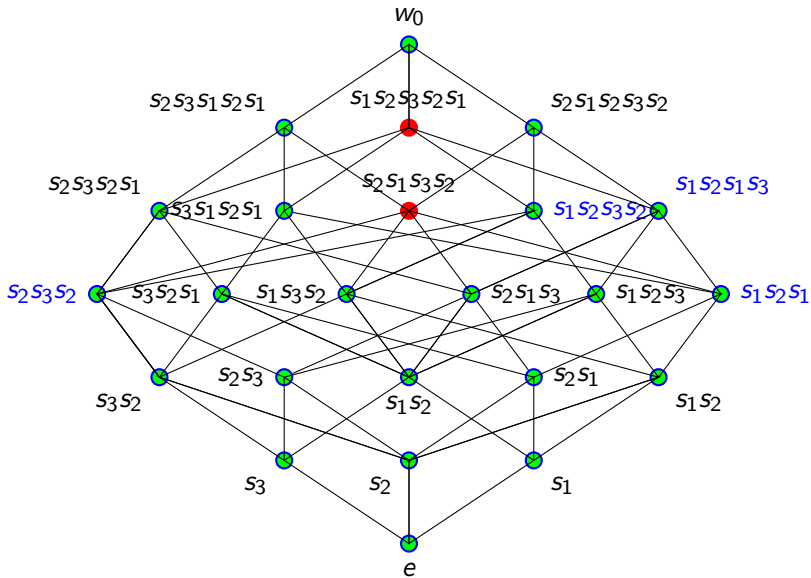
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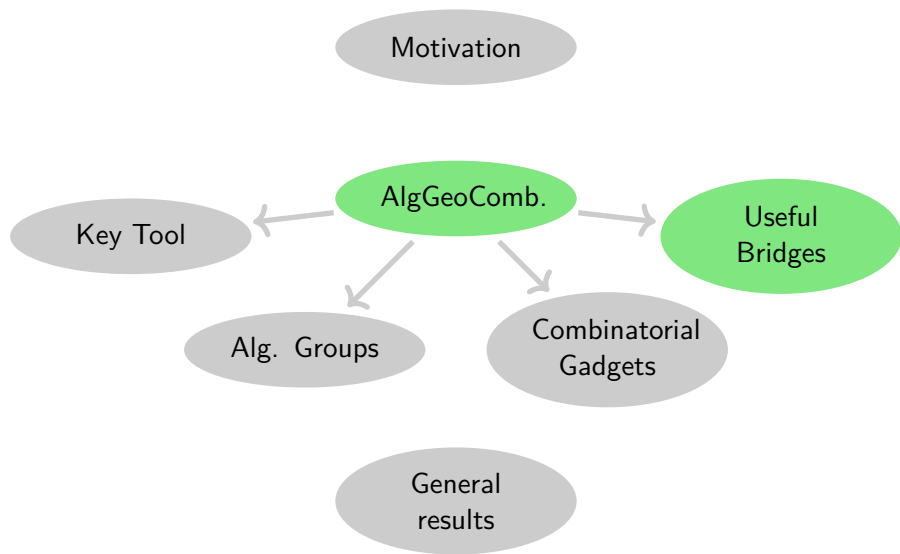
Theorem (Lakshmibai, Sandhya-1990)

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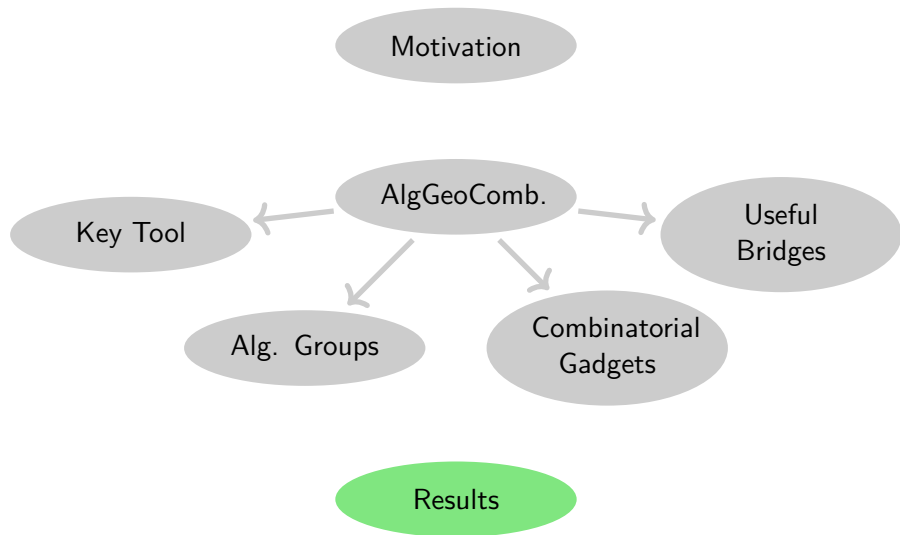
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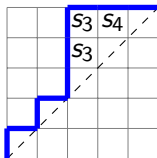
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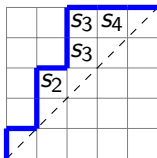
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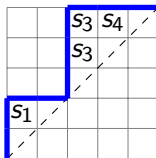
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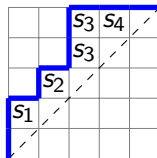
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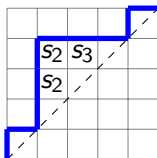
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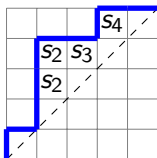
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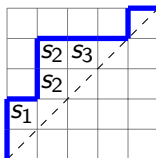
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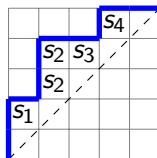
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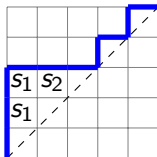
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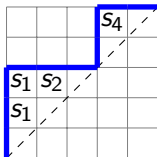
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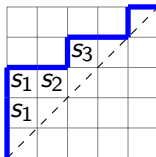
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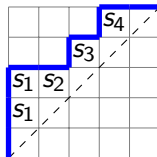
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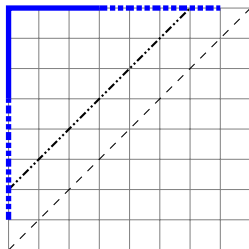
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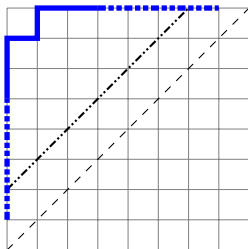
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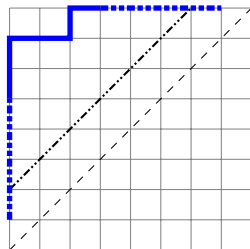
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Elbow



Dimple



Ledge

Thank You/Gracias/Obrigado 😊

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*“Stones on the road? I save every single one, and one day
I’ll build a castle.” Fernando Pessoa.*