

Computation with Atoms

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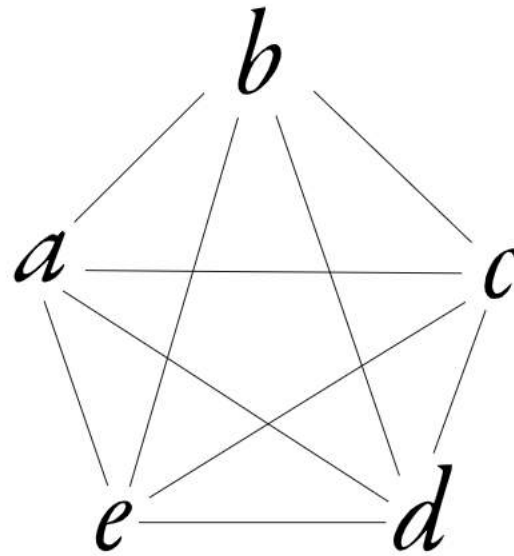
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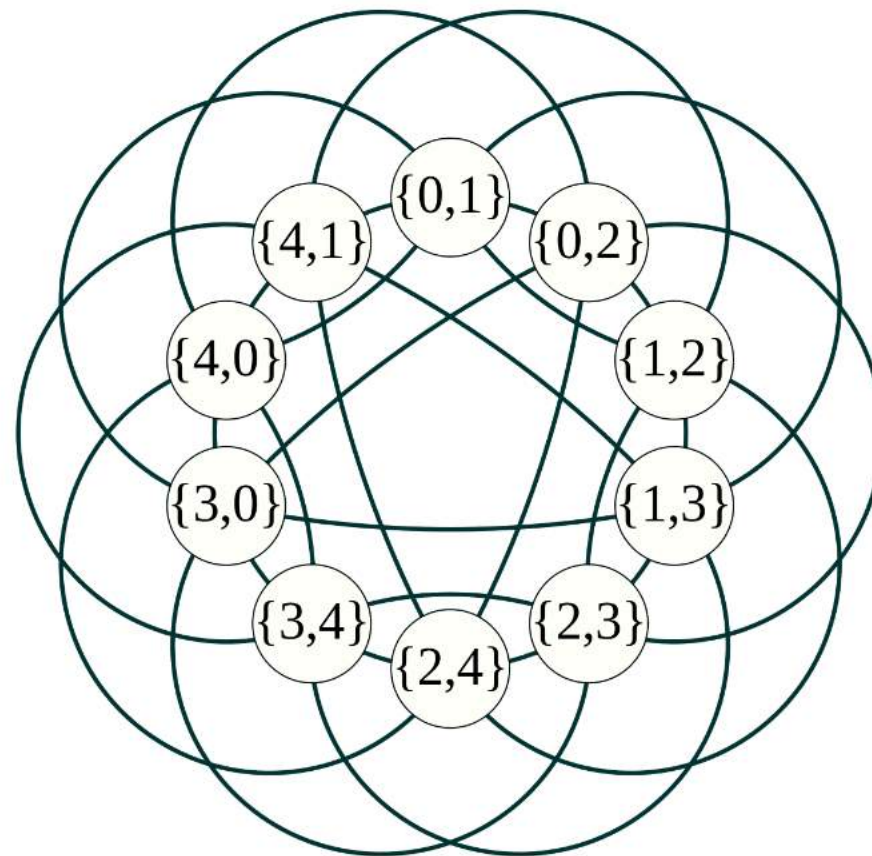
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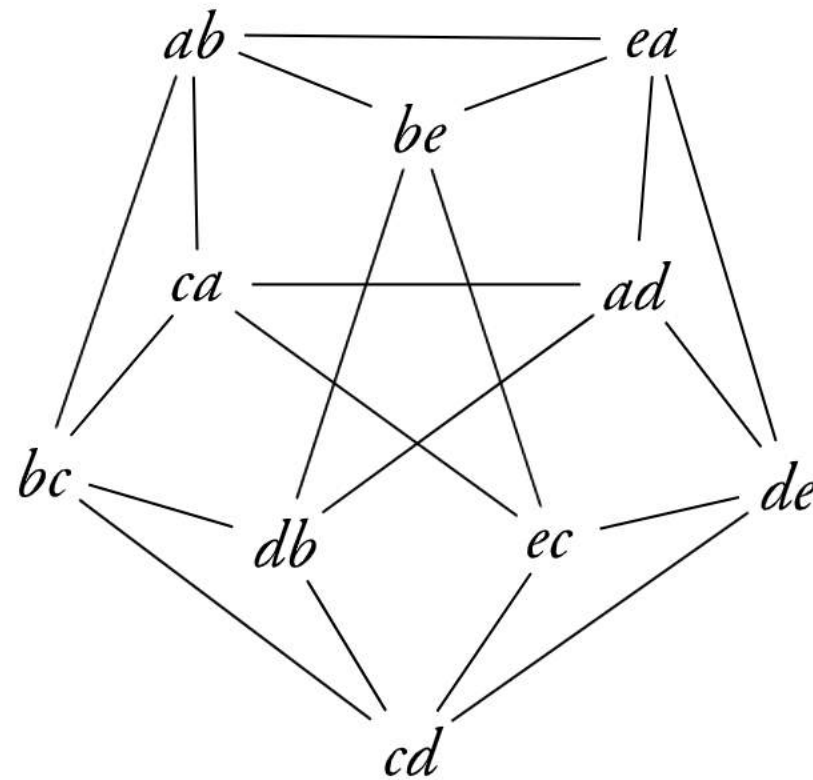
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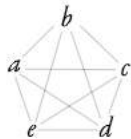


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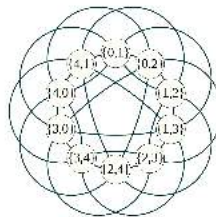
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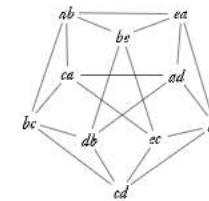
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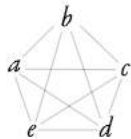


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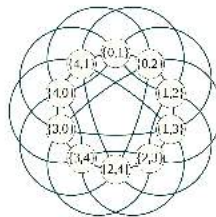
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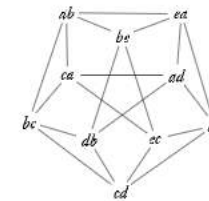
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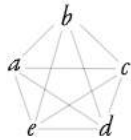
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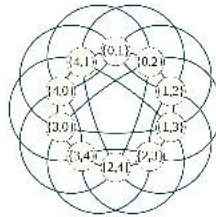
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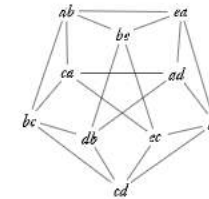
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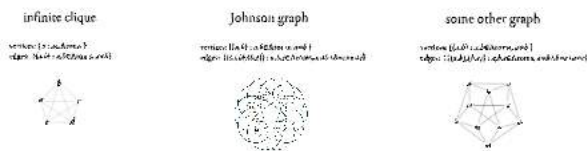
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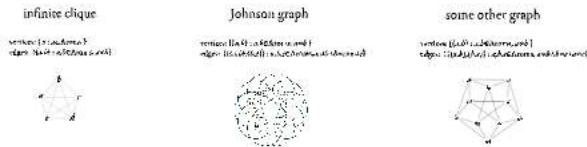
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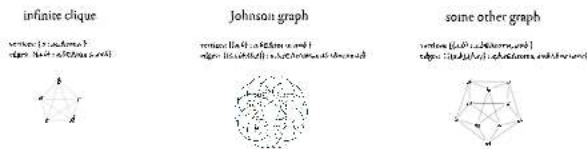
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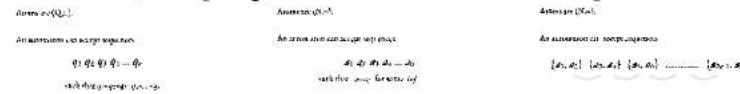
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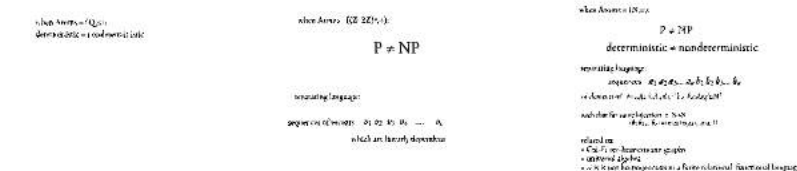
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Computation with Atoms

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includes work with Bojańczyk, Klin, Kopczyński, Lasota, Ochremiak,...

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e.g. $\{a: a \in \text{Atoms}, a \neq b\}; b \in \text{Atoms}\}$

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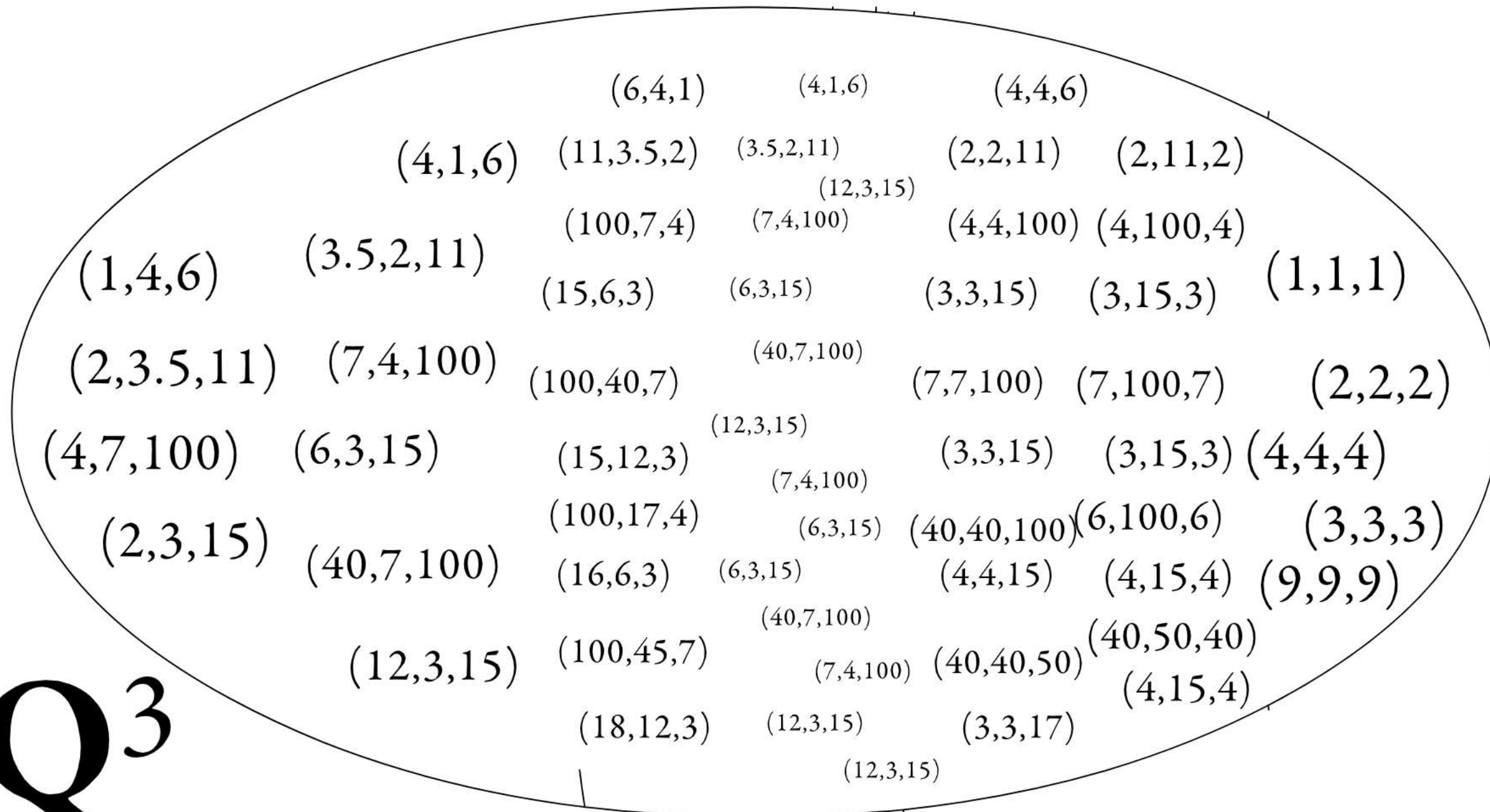
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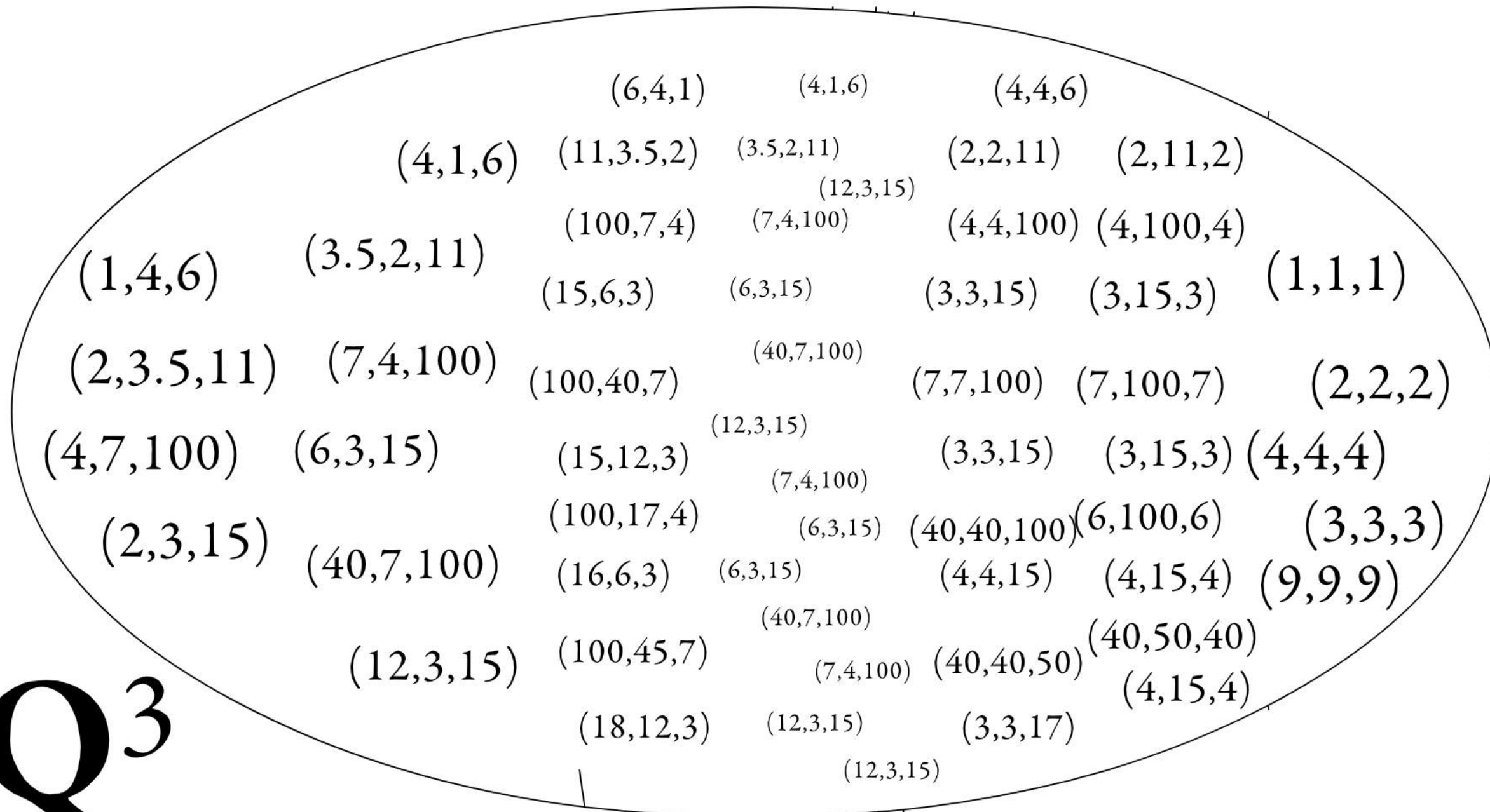
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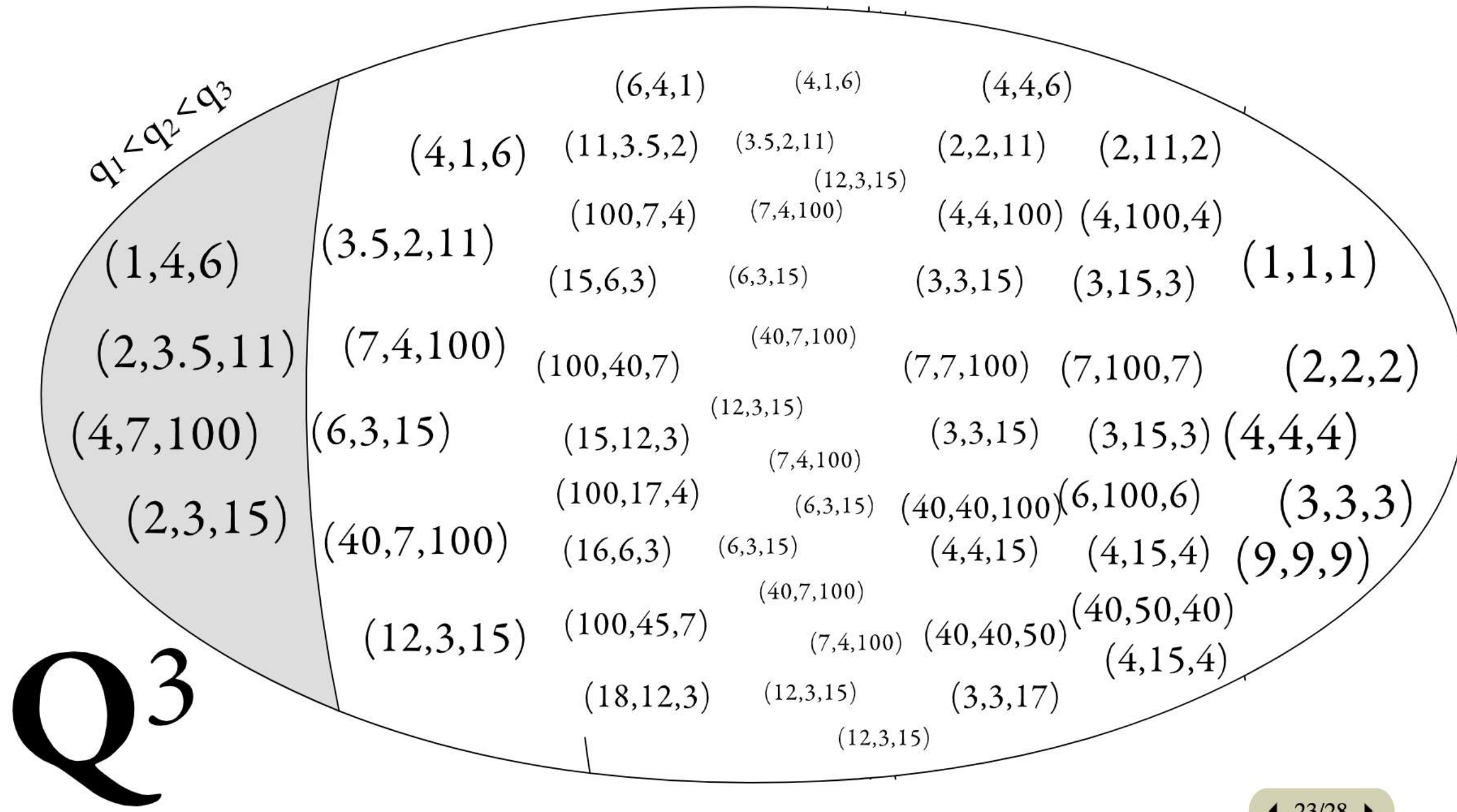
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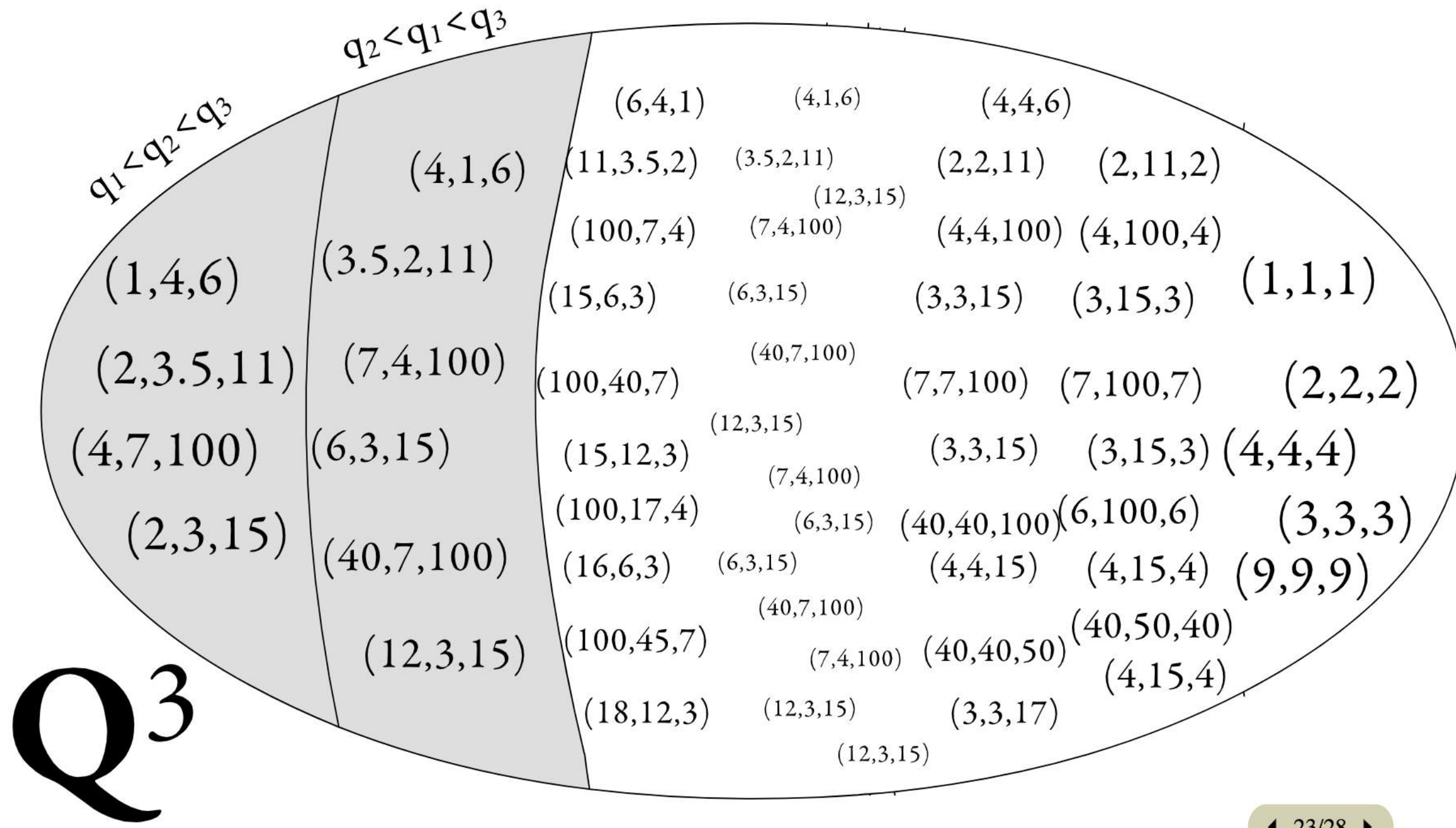
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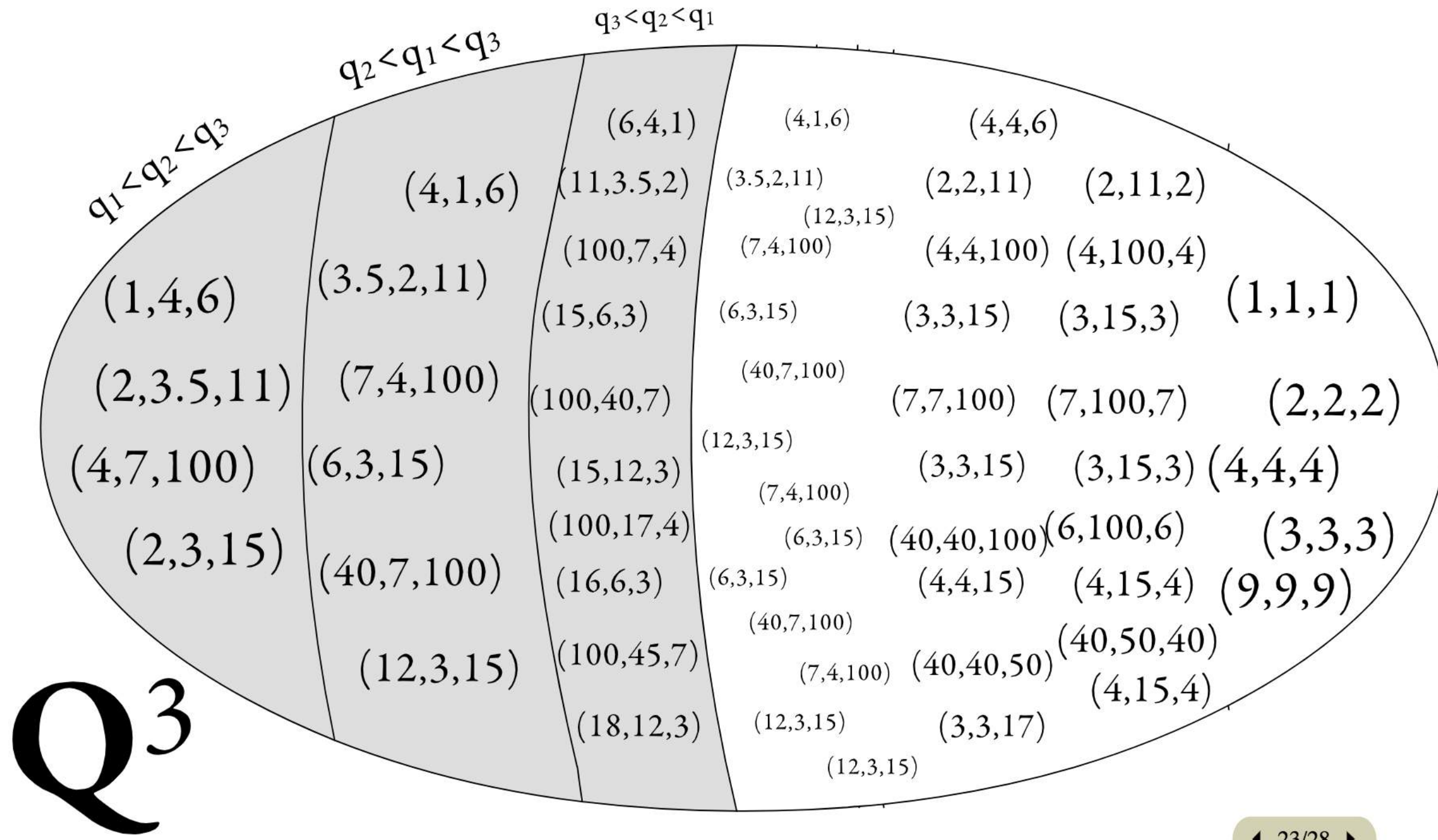
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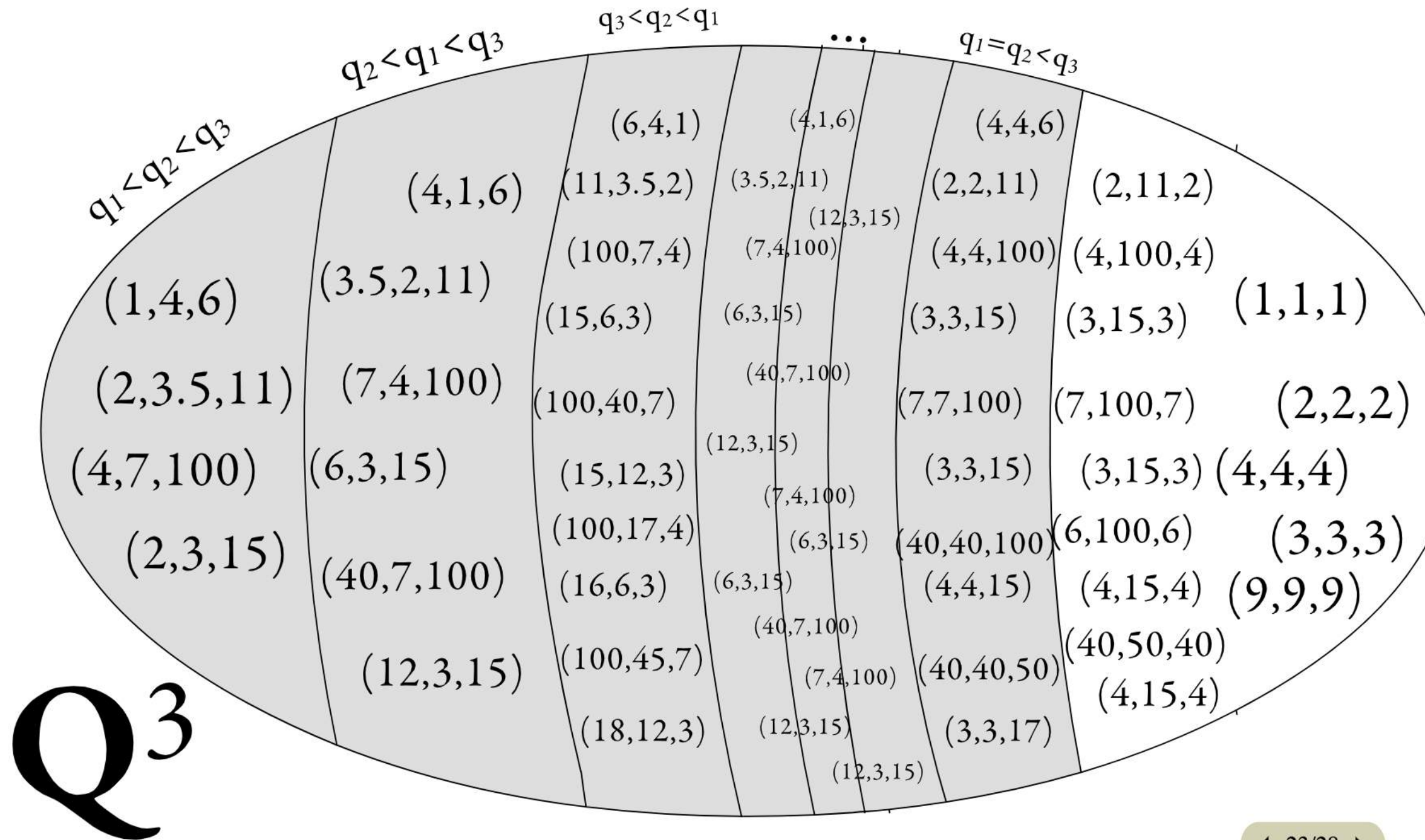
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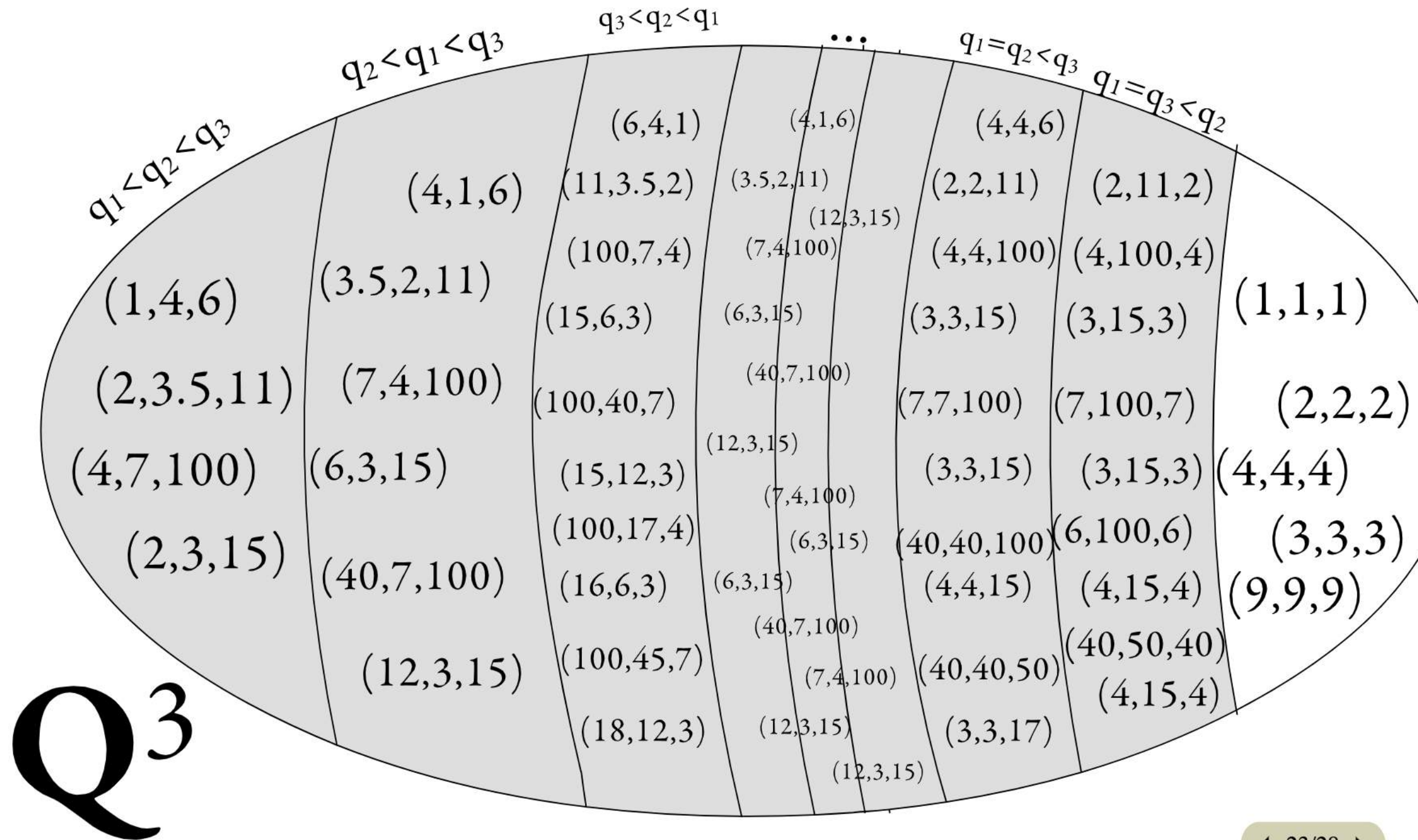
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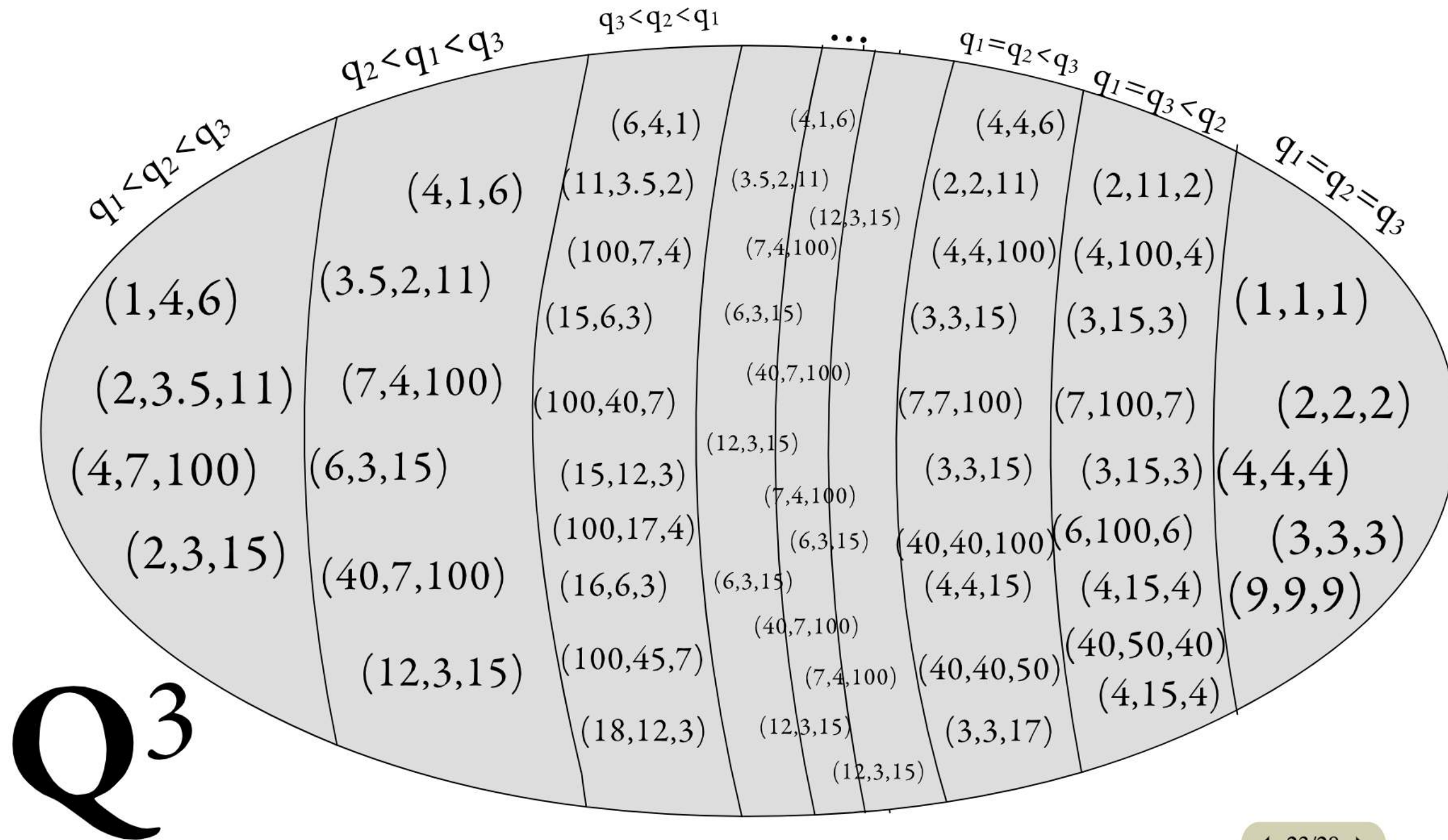
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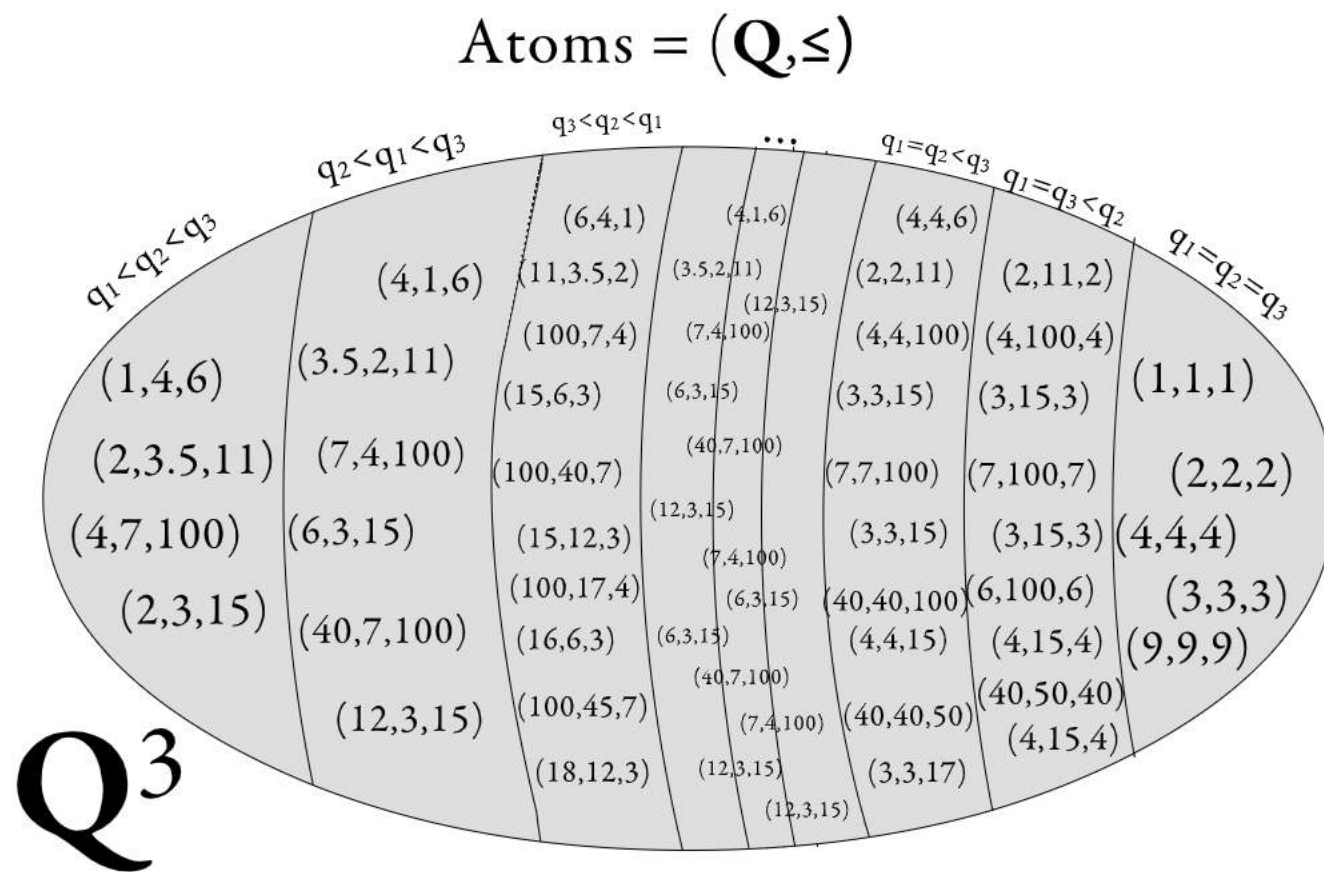
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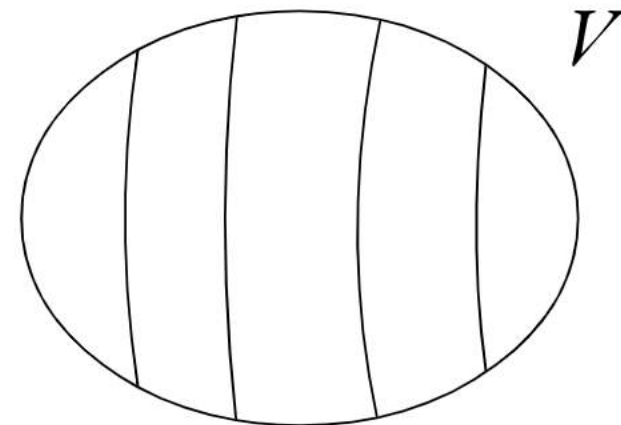
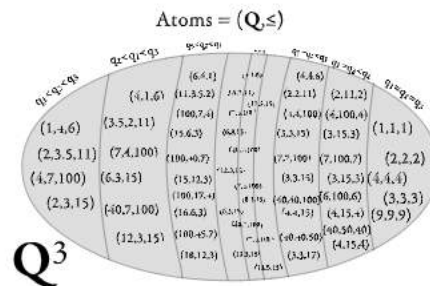
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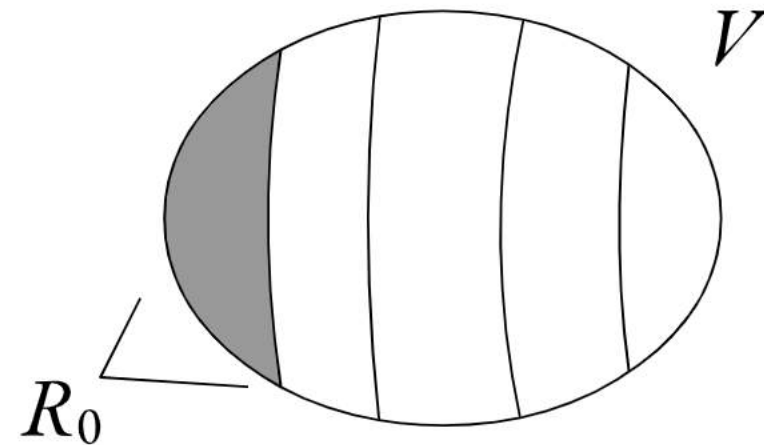
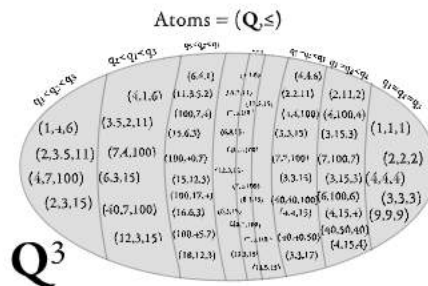
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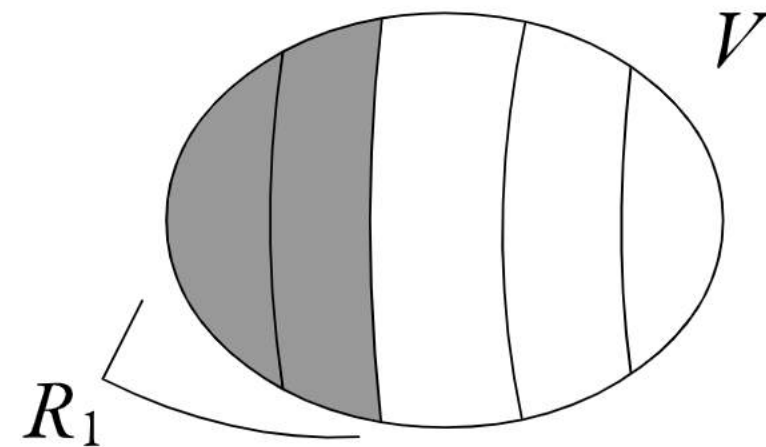
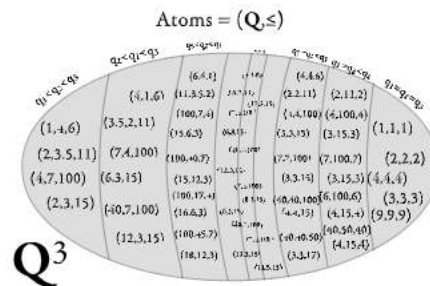
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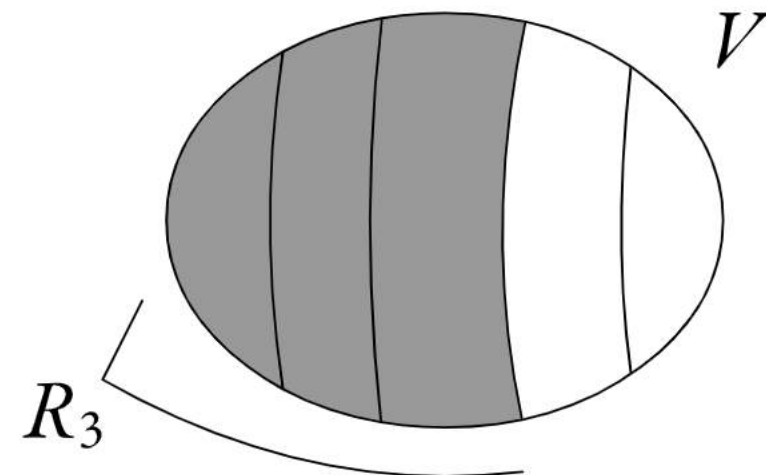
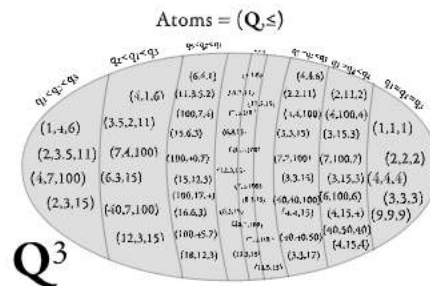
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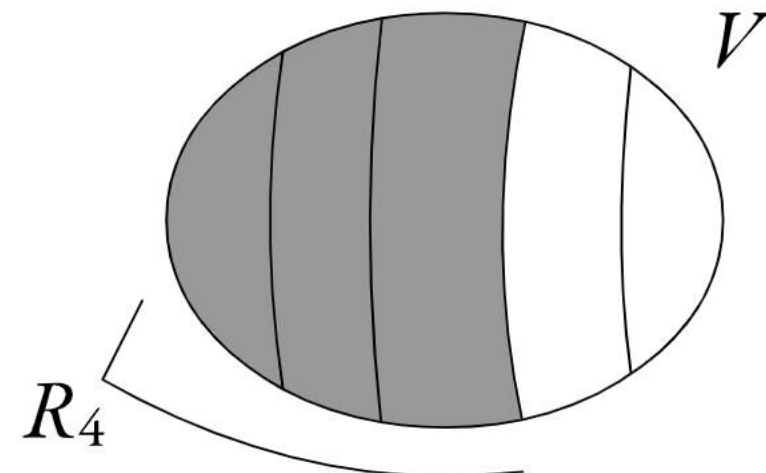
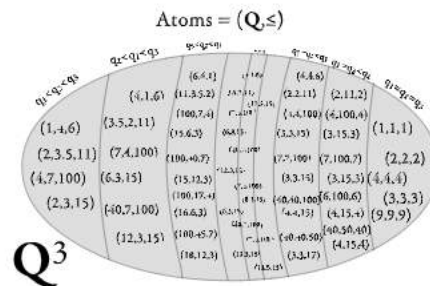
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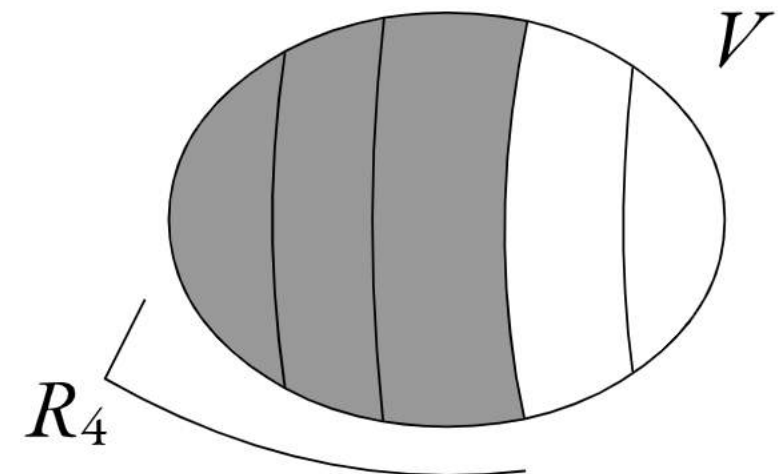
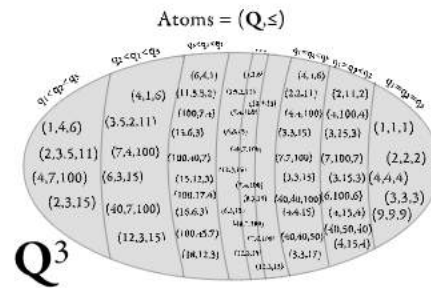
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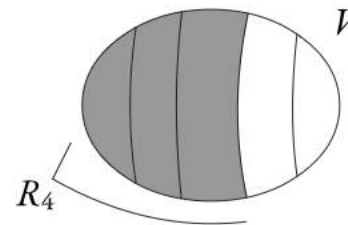
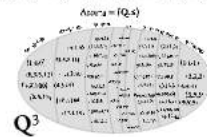
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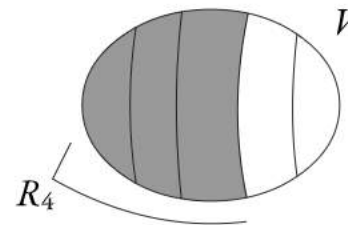
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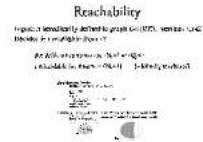
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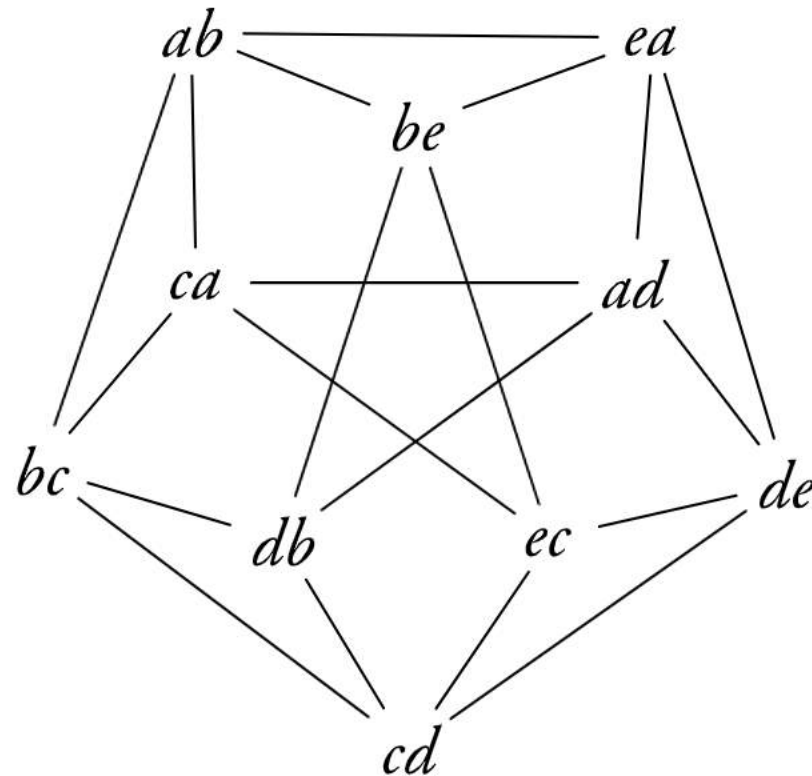
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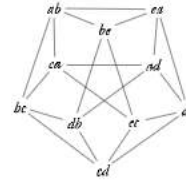
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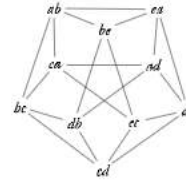
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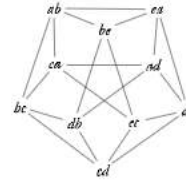
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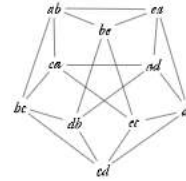
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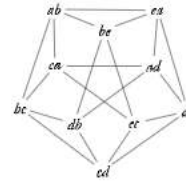
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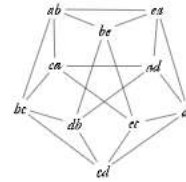
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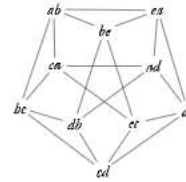
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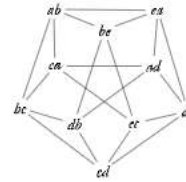
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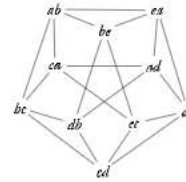
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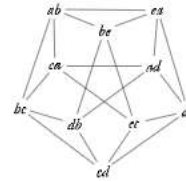
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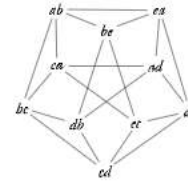
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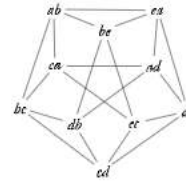
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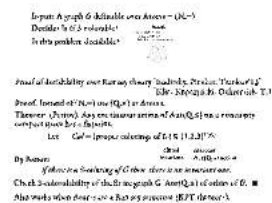
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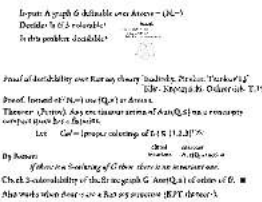
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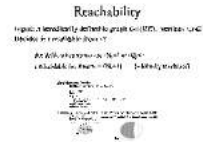


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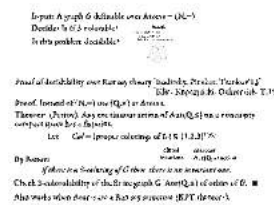
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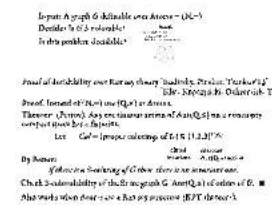
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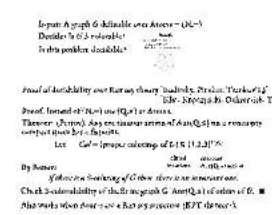
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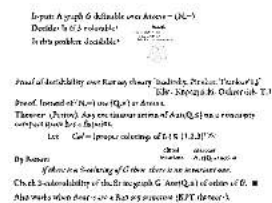
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Syntax

hdef ::= variable | parameter from Atoms

| { hdef : variable, ..., variable \in Atoms, first order formula }
in language of Atoms, with parameters

| hdef \cup hdef

Hereditarily definable sets have finite descriptions

e.g. $\{a : a \in \text{Atoms}, a \neq b\}; b \in \text{Atoms}$

→ can be input and processed by algorithms

equality of sets is decidable \Leftrightarrow the theory of Atoms is decidable

Hereditarily definable X

graphs

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History

1. In set theory, Fraïssé and Mostowski studied sets represented on top of an underlying set of countable or atoms. "Hereditarily definable sets" are a special case of those, and have finite types.
2. Gaifman and Pirri (2002) rediscovered Fraïssé's Mainardi sets in the context of atoms (\mathbb{N}, \leq), in the context of cover coding in accounts, and called them *general sets*.
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