# Ramsey numbers and monotone colorings

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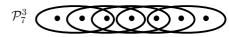




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for  $r \ge 3$ , where  $\mathsf{tow}_1(x) = x$  and  $\mathsf{tow}_h(x) = 2^{\mathsf{tow}_{h-1}(x)}$  for  $h \ge 2$ , and asked whether

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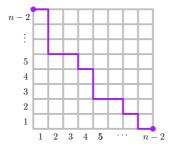
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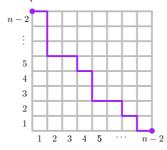
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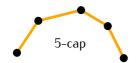




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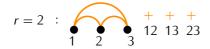
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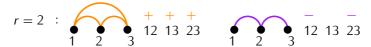
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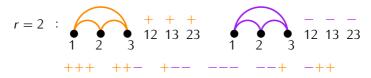
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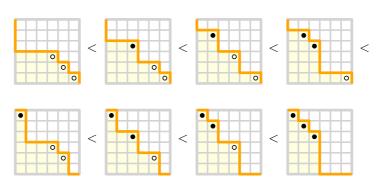
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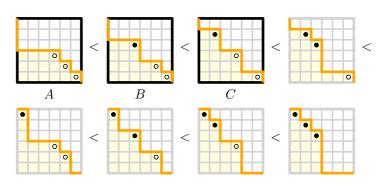
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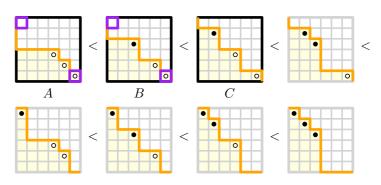
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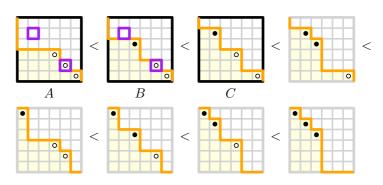
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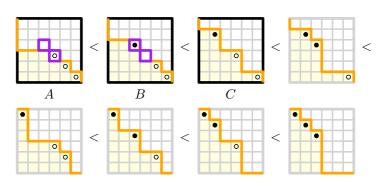
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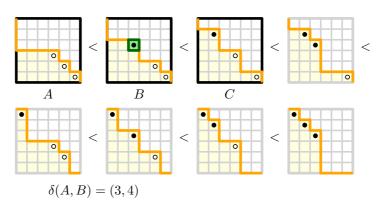
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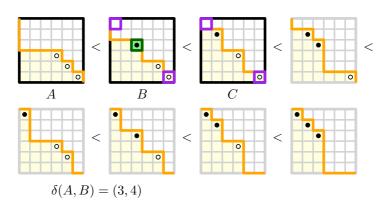
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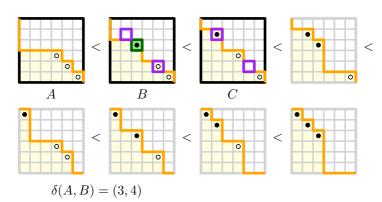
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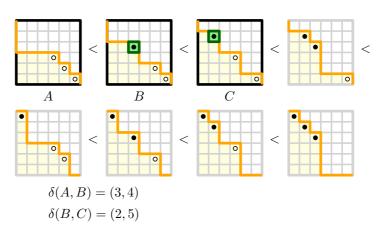
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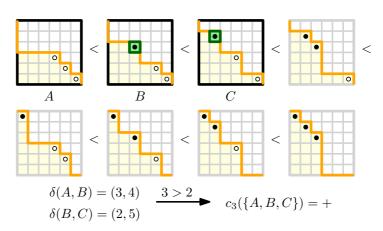
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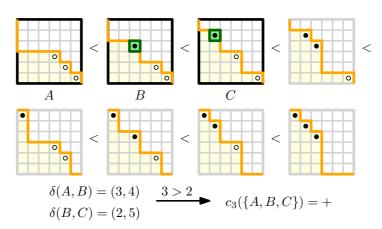
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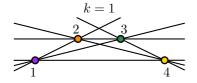
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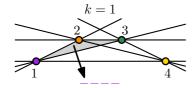
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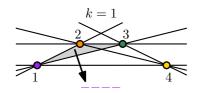
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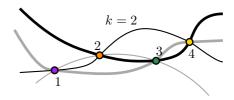


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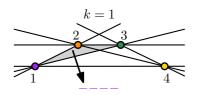


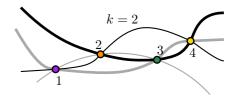
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