

Canonization of Linear Codes

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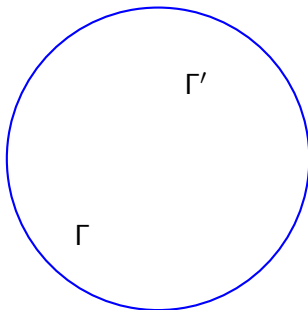
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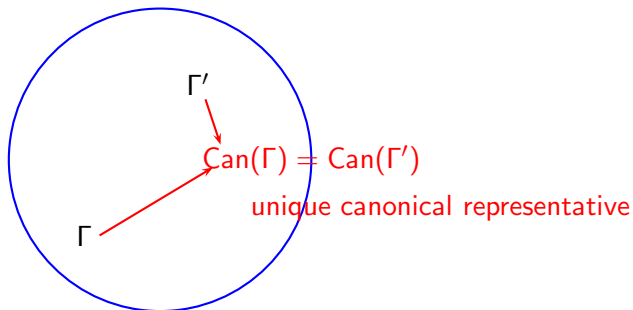
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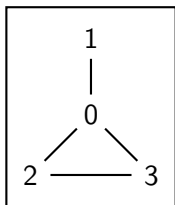
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The partition and refinement idea



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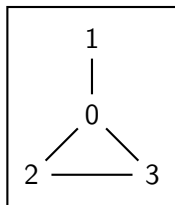
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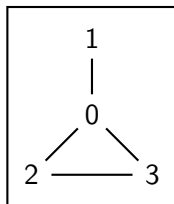


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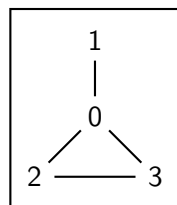
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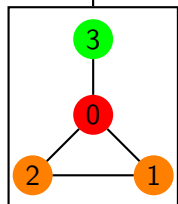
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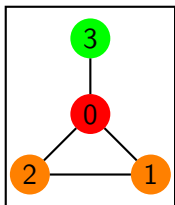
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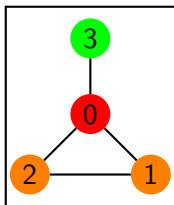
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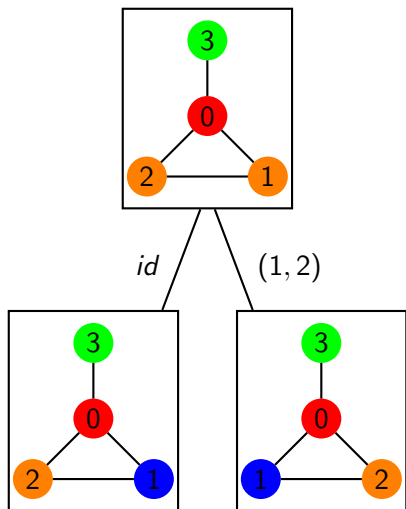
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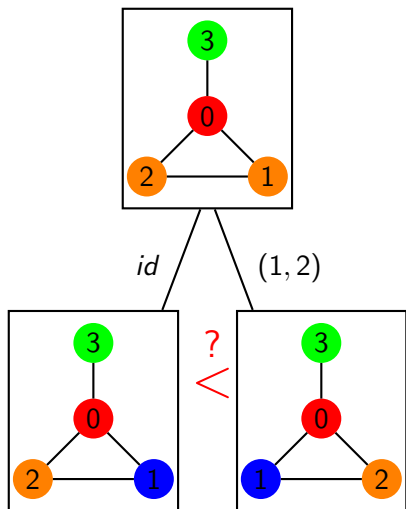


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Investigate all possibilities to color one vertex in this block with a new color and to give it the smallest label.

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The comparison of the leaf nodes yields “=”:

- $(1, 3)$ and $(1, 2)(1, 3)$ map the graph to its canonical representative
- $(1, 3)^{-1}(1, 2)(1, 3)$ is the only automorphism

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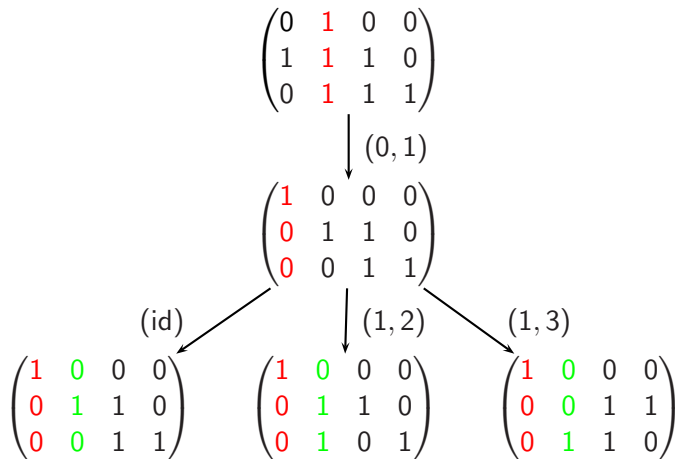
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Further Refinements:

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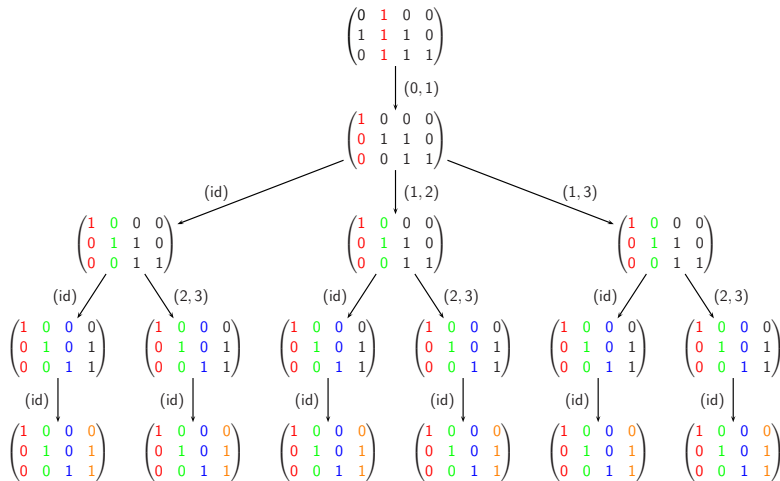
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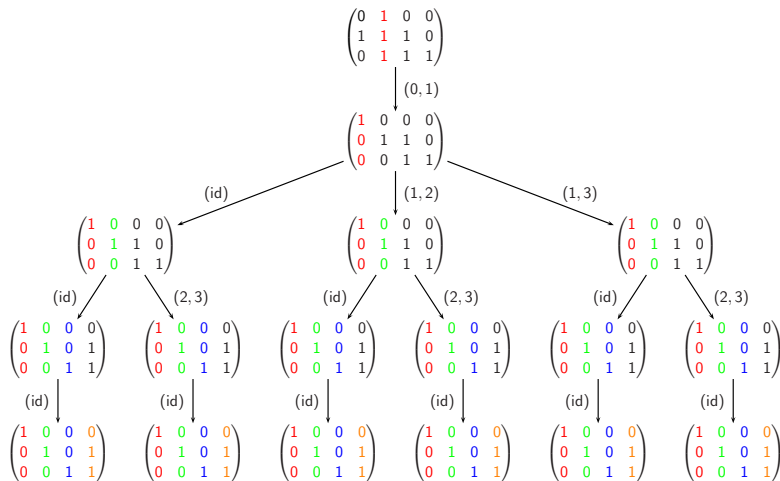
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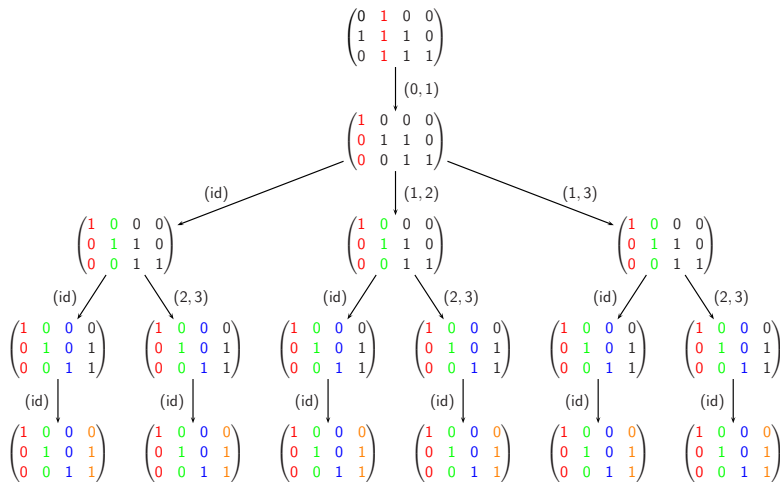
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Canonical representative:

A minimal (including images of the invariants) leaf node of the pruned tree.

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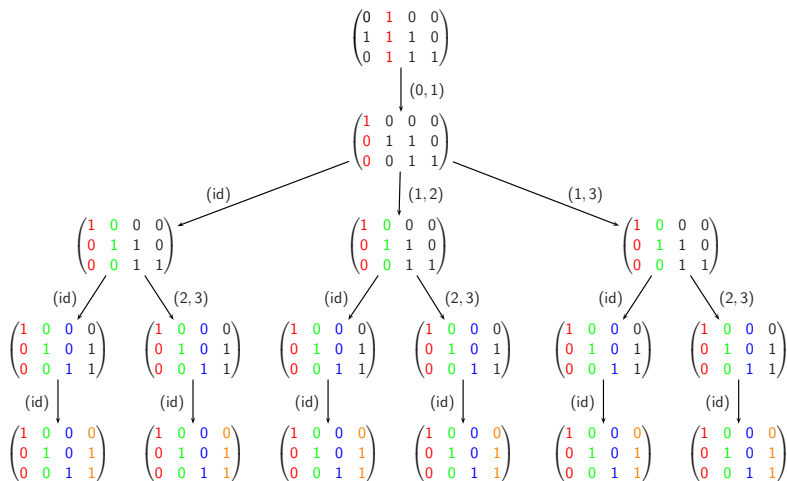


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$(\text{root} \rightarrow \text{equal leaf node})^{-1} \cdot (\text{root} \rightarrow \text{leaf node})$

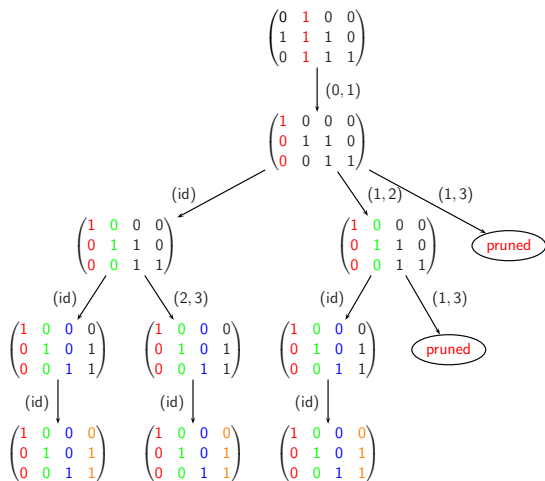
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