

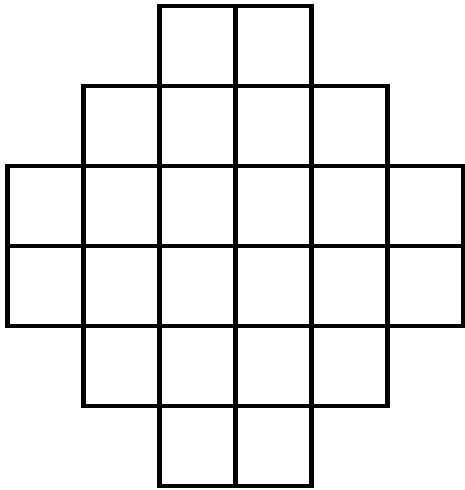
# Matchings graphs for Gale- Robinson sequences (featuring Somos-4 and Somos-5)

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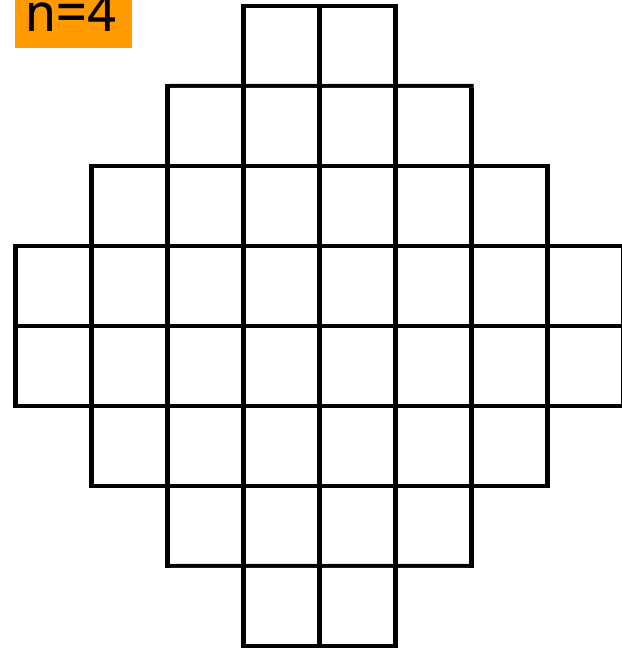
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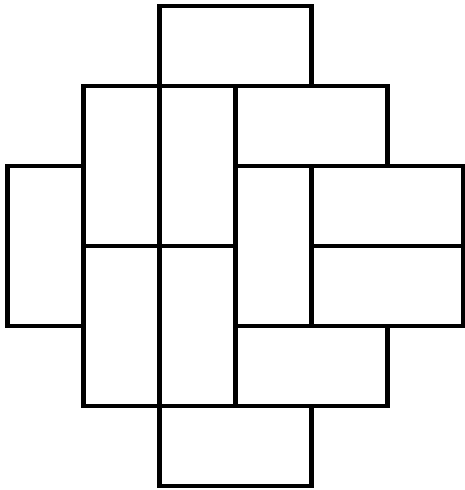
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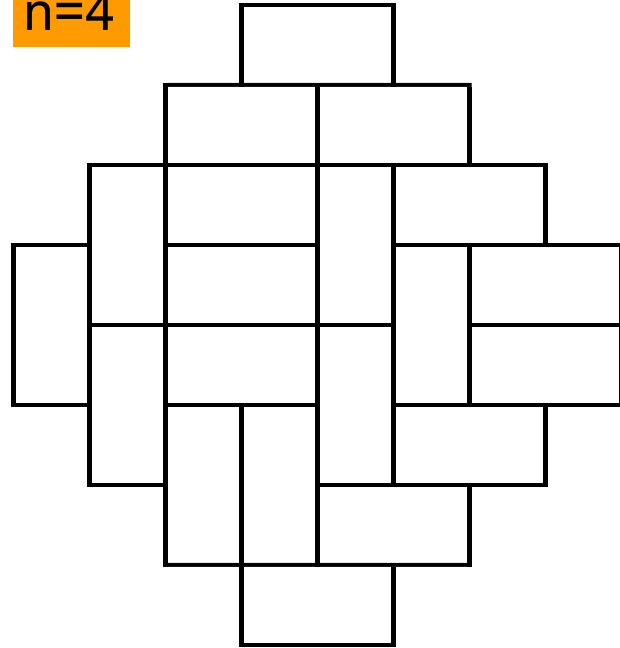
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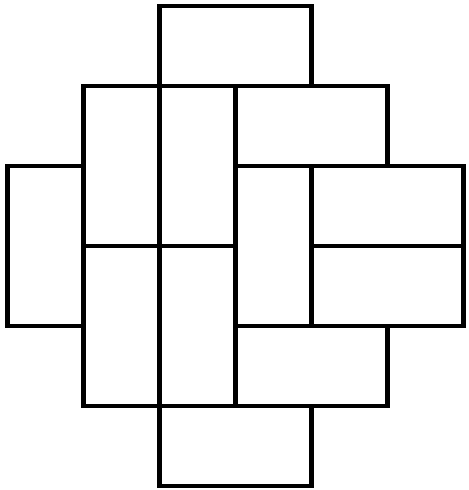
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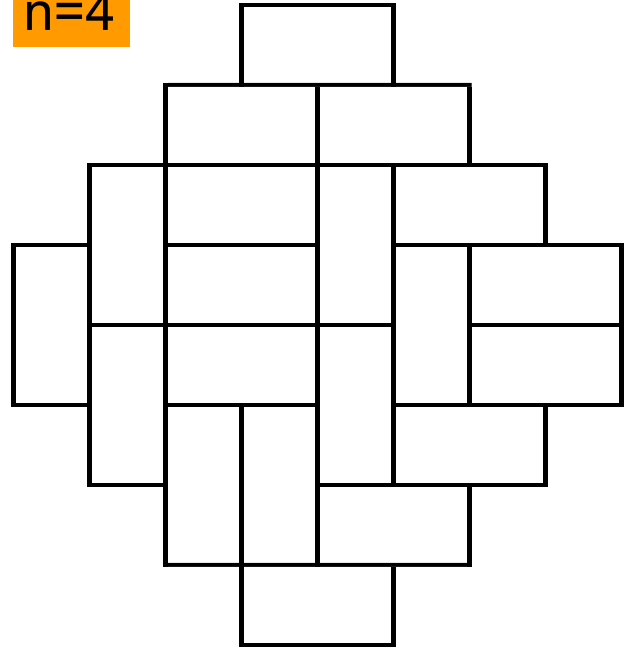


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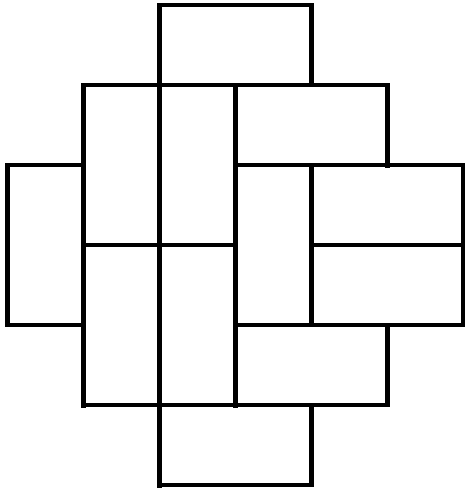
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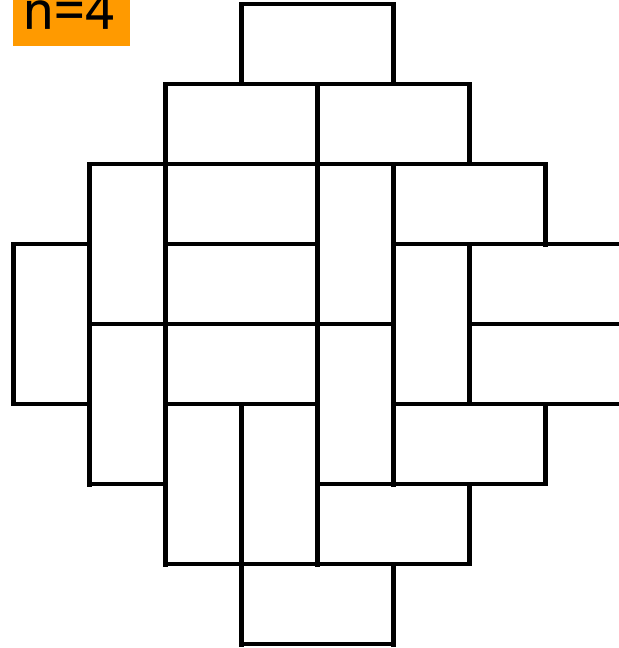
$$2^{10}$$

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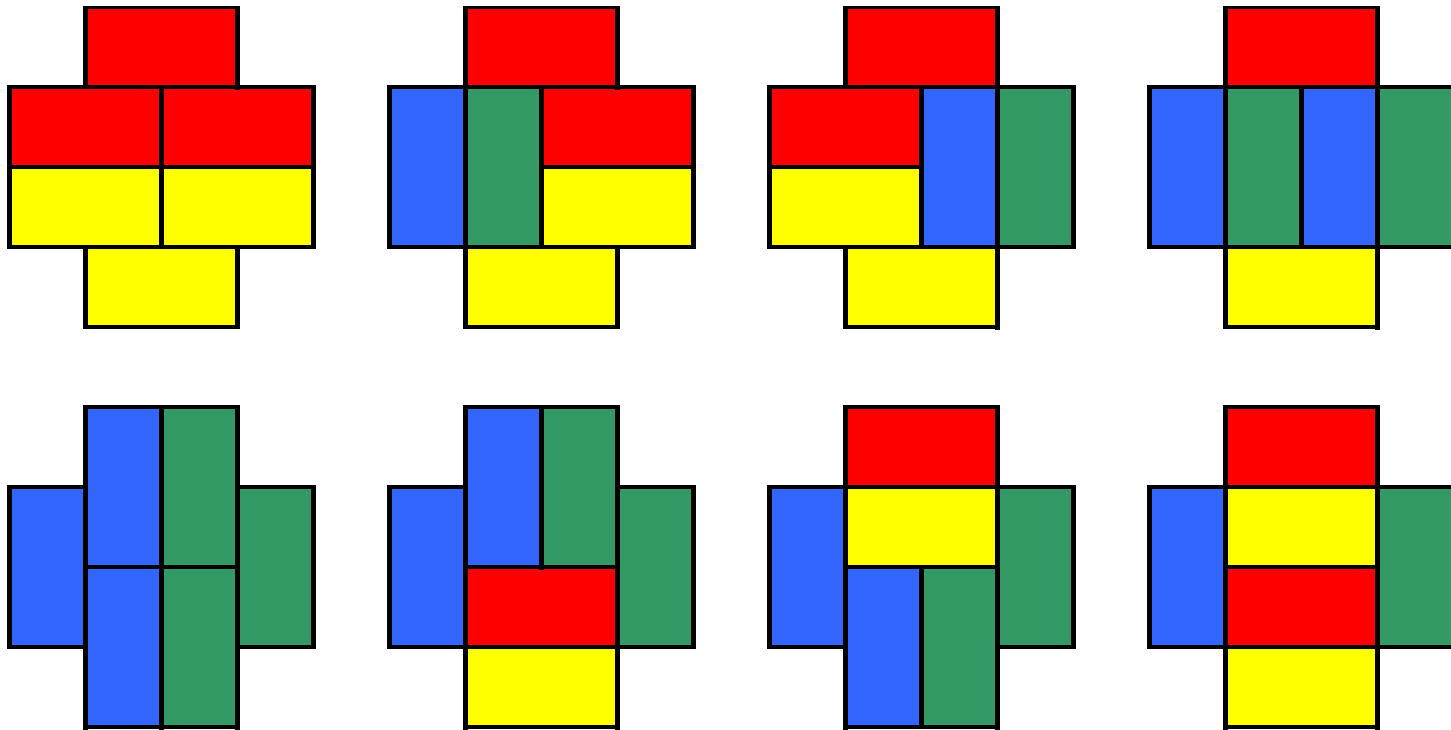
Gale-Robinson sequence

$$T(n)T(n-k) = T(n-i)T(n-j) + T(n-x)T(n-y)$$

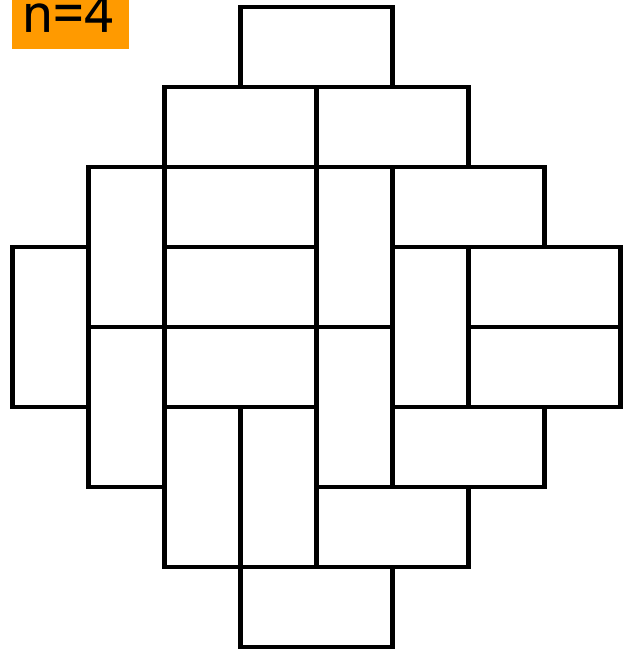


# Kuo condensation for Aztec diamonds

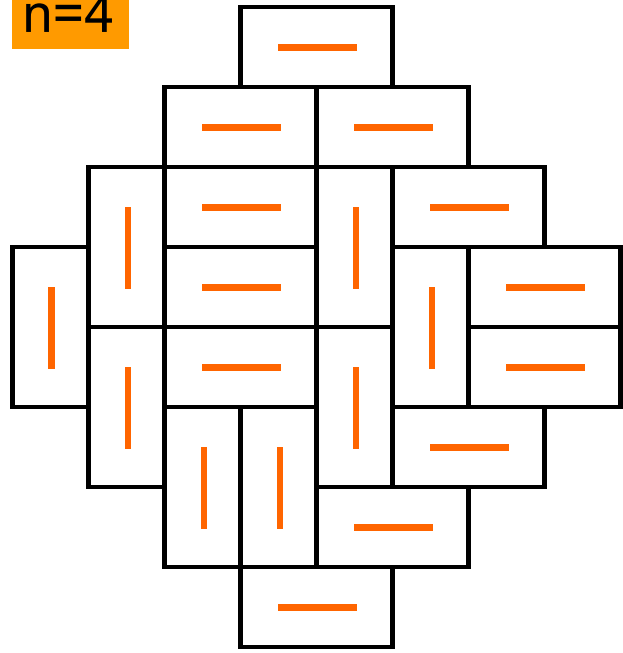
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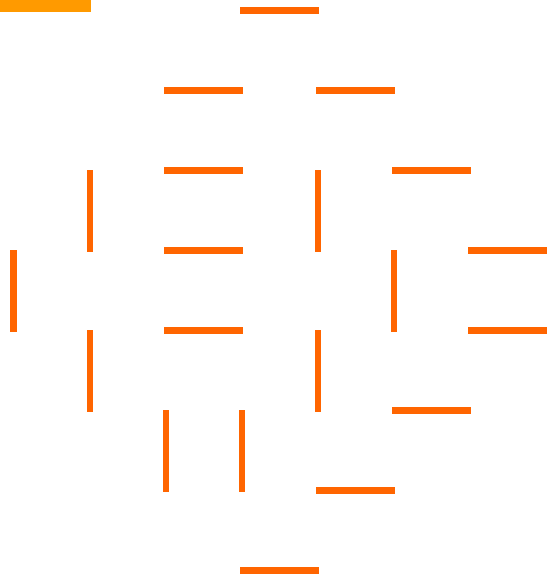
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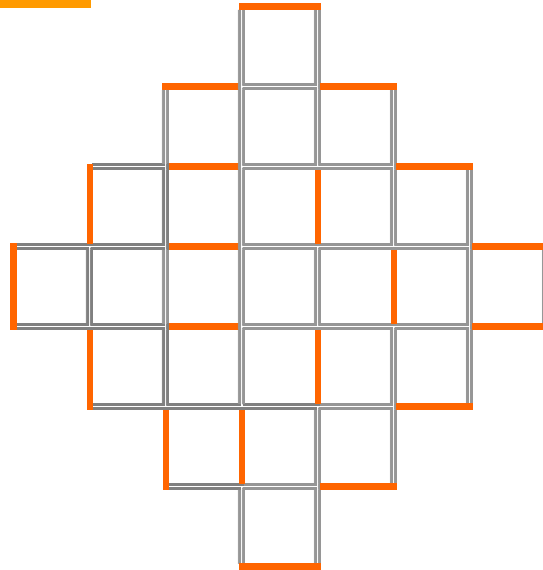
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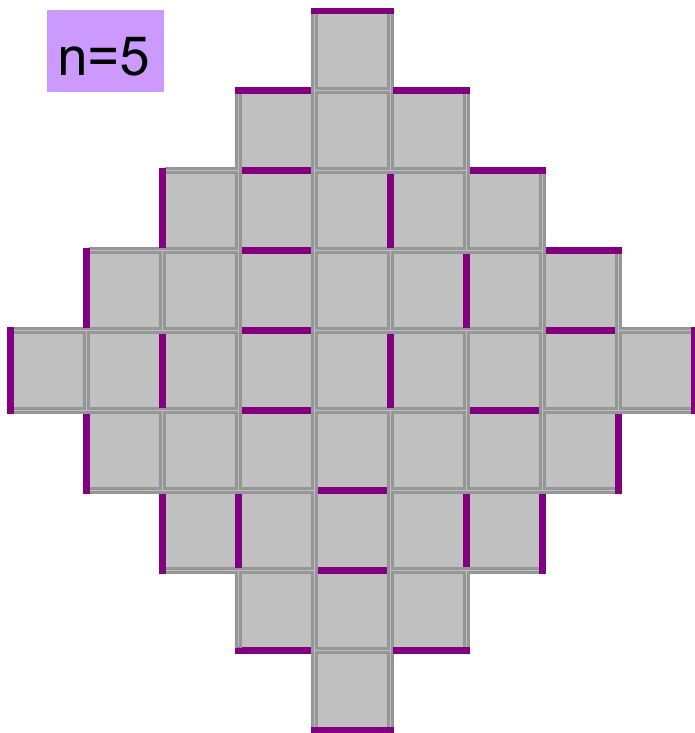
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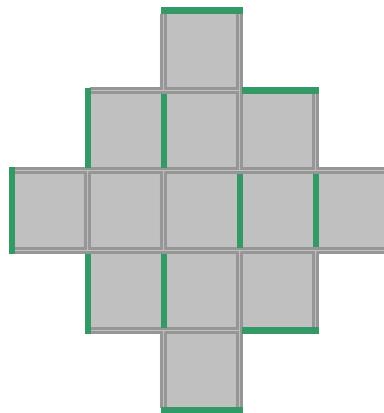


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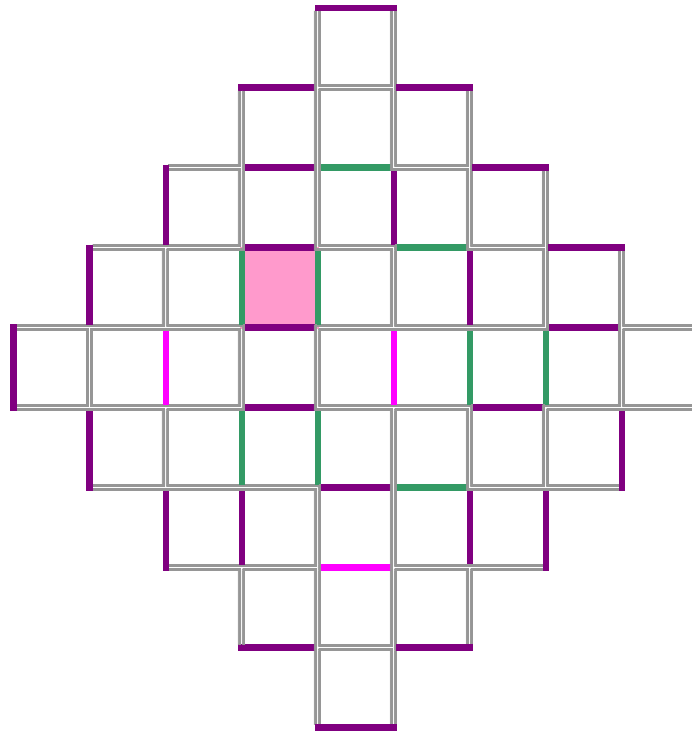


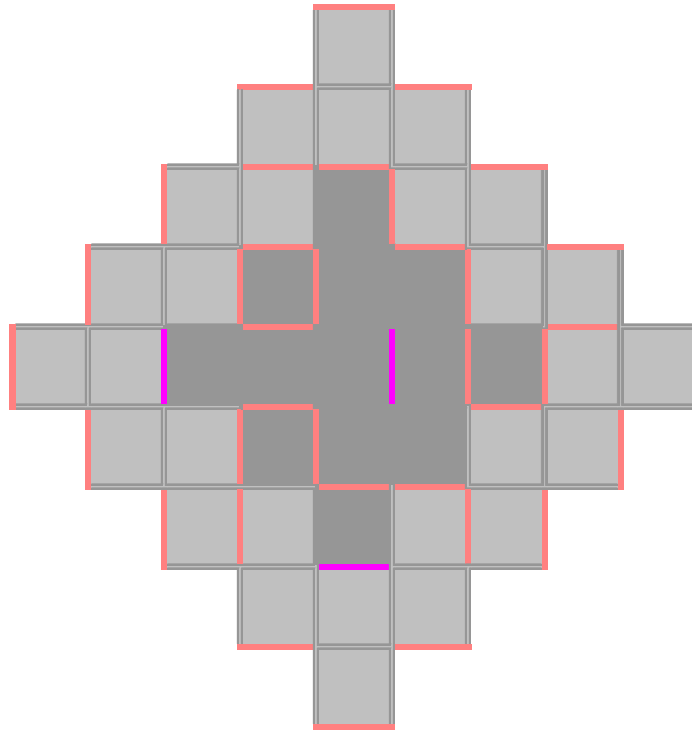
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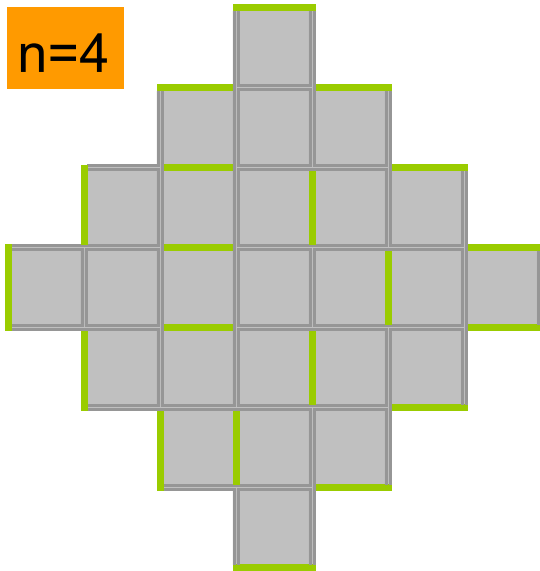
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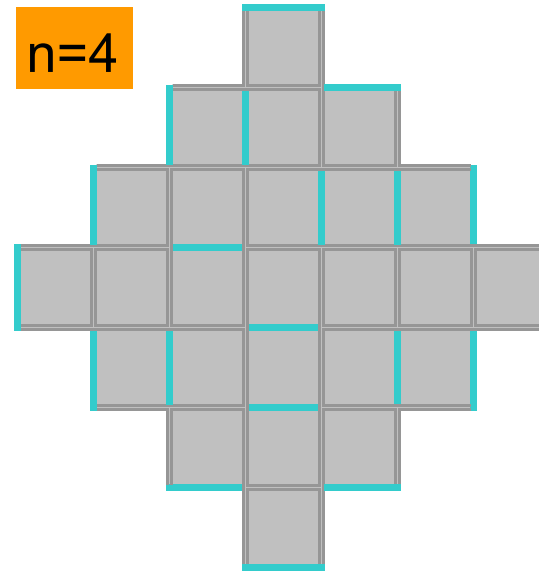


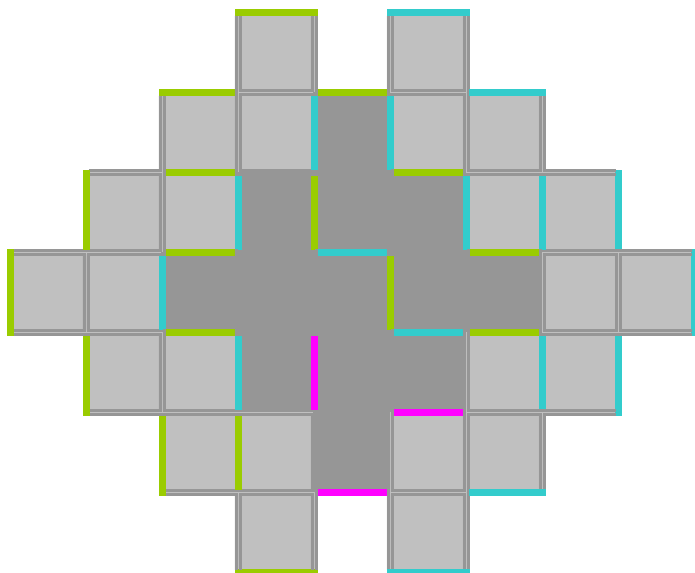


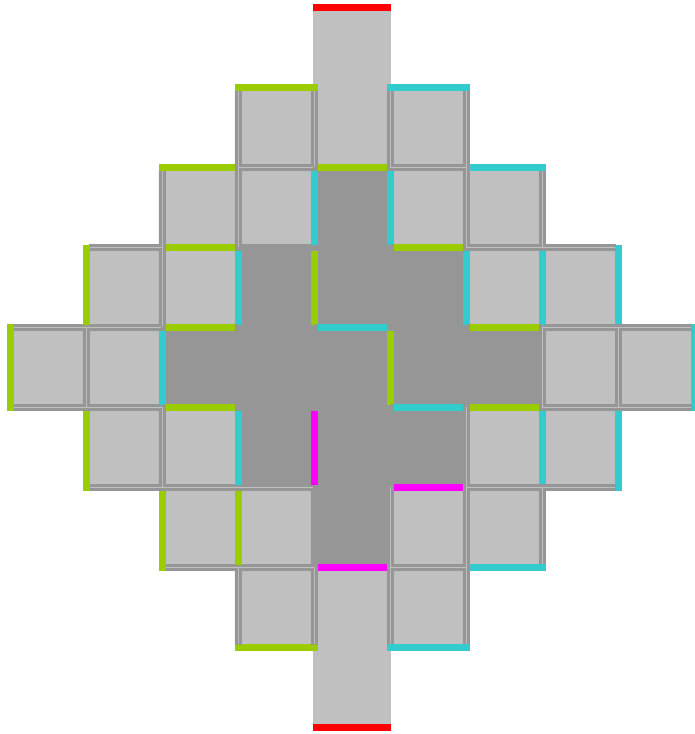
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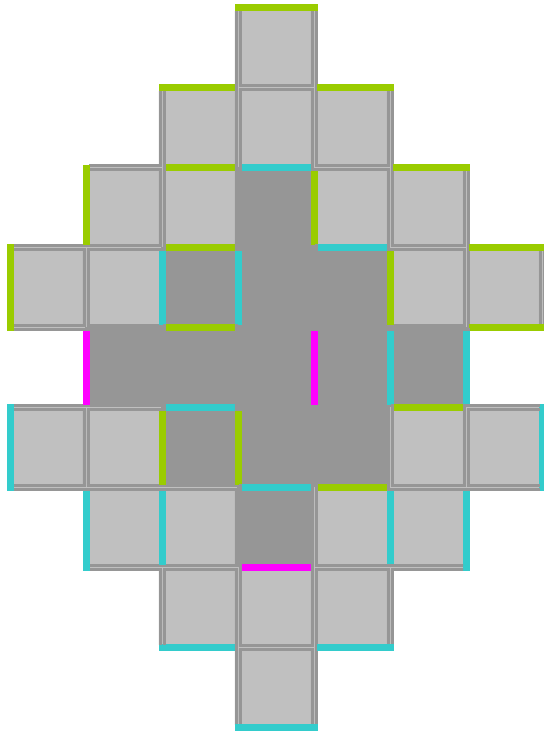


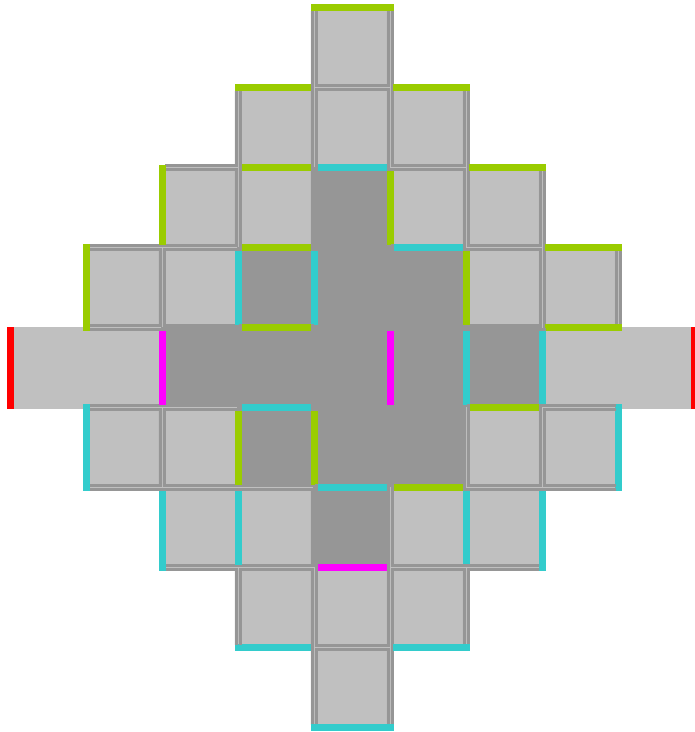
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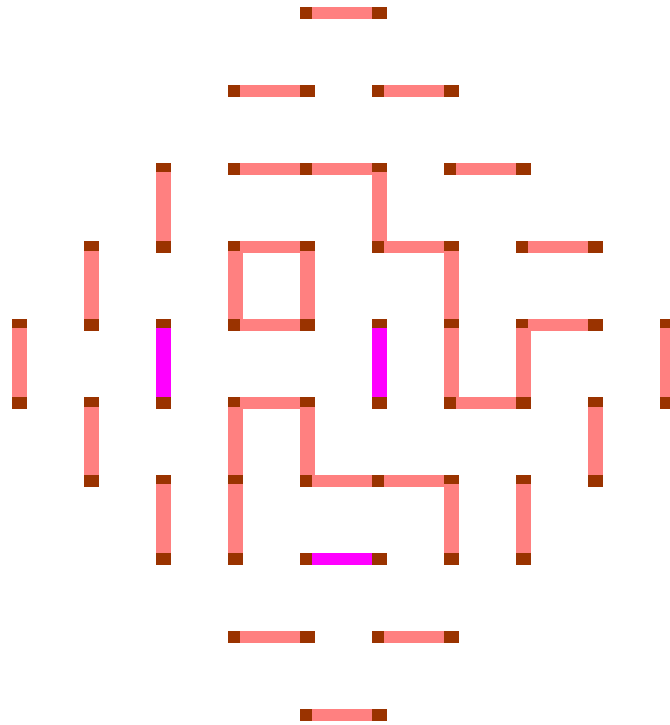


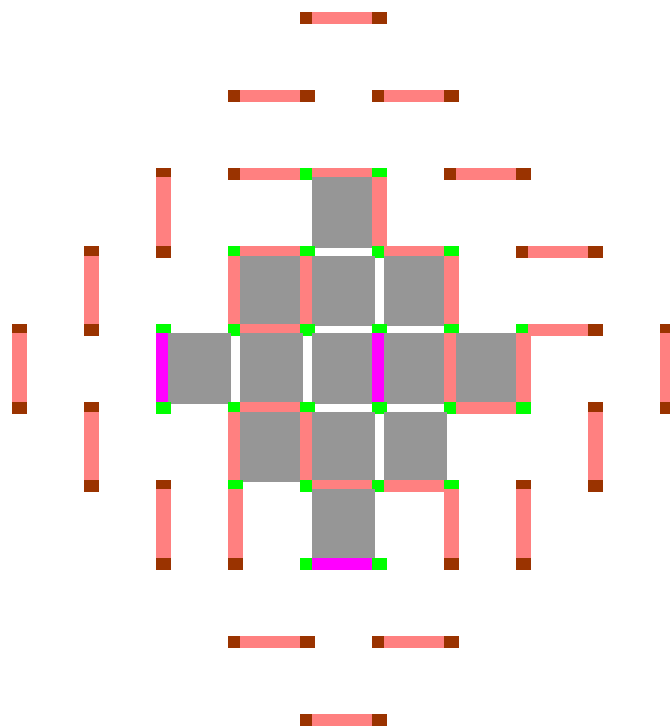


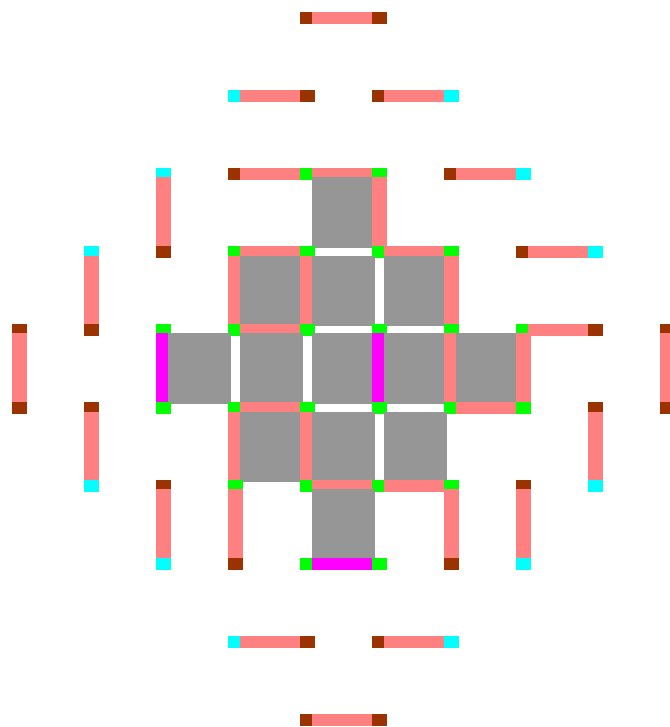




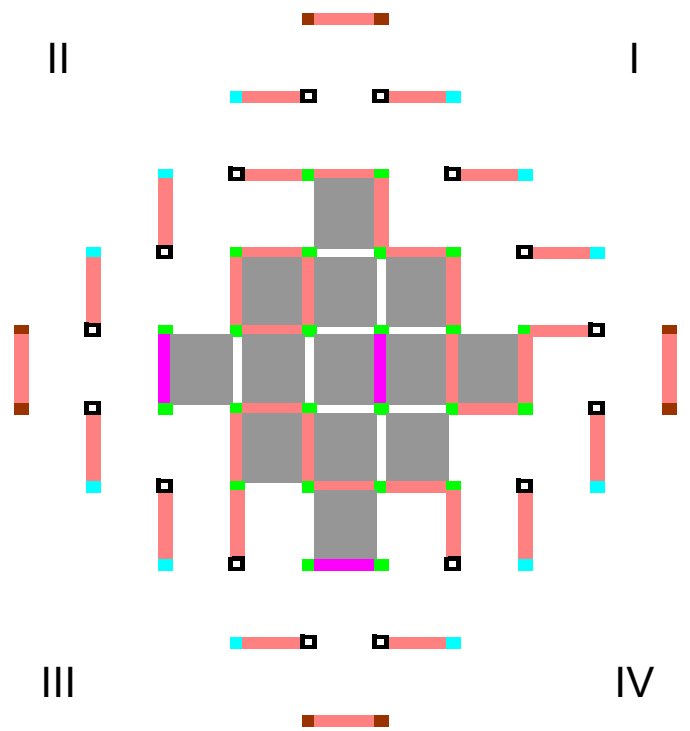


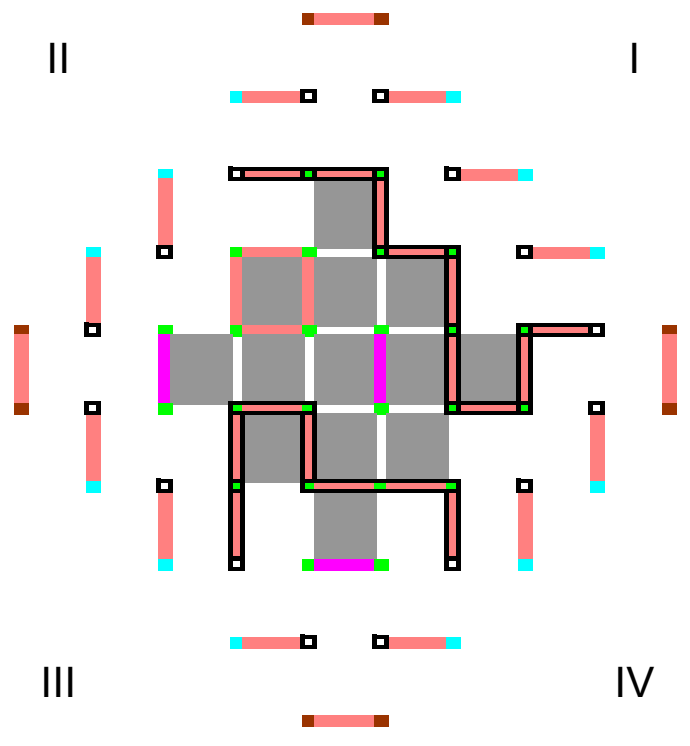


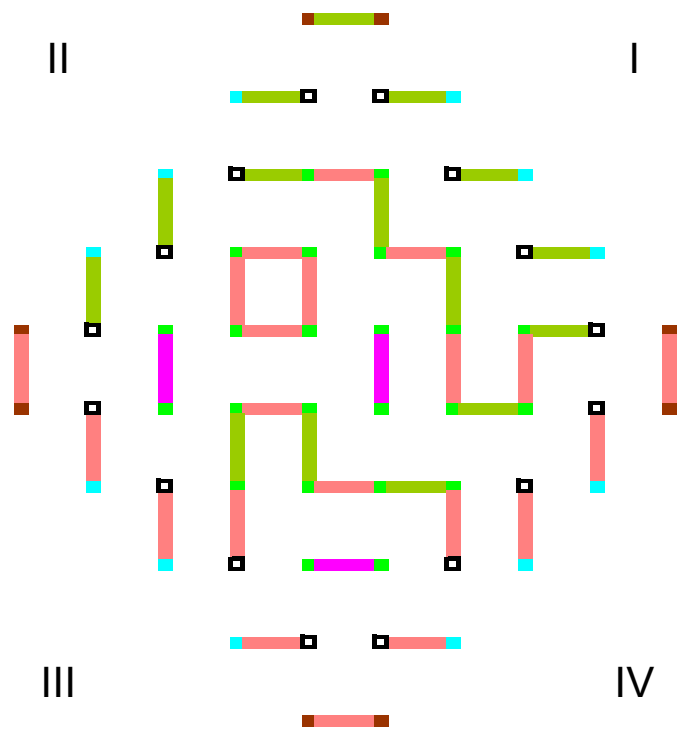


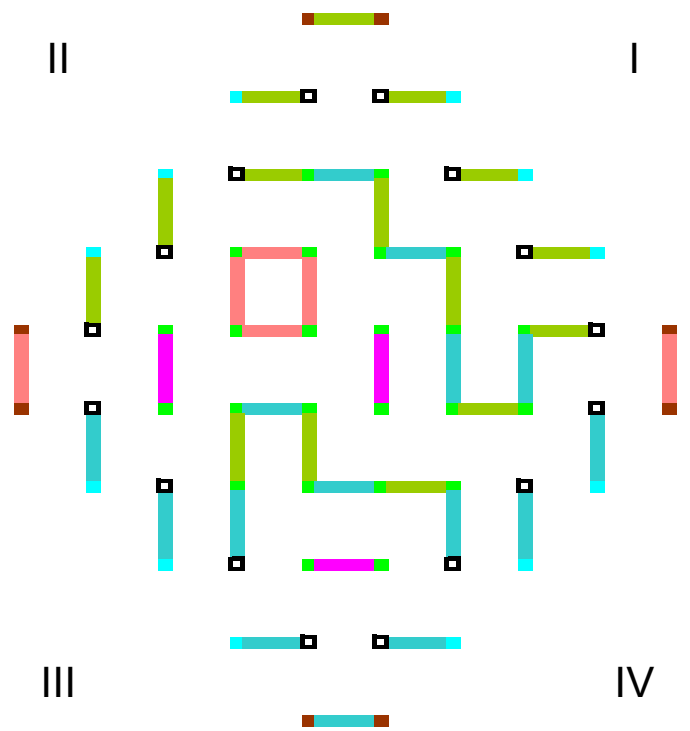


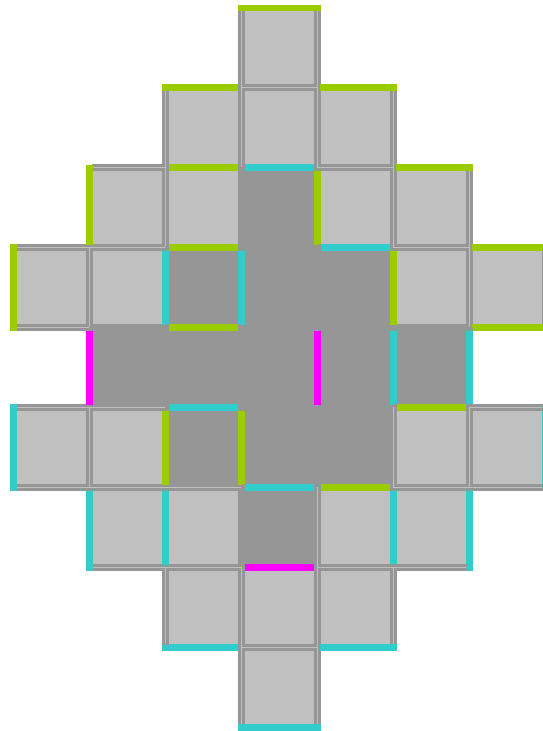


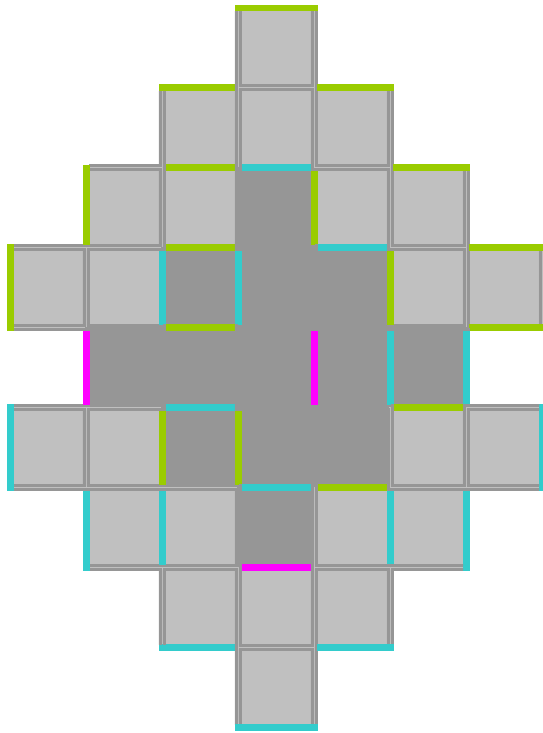




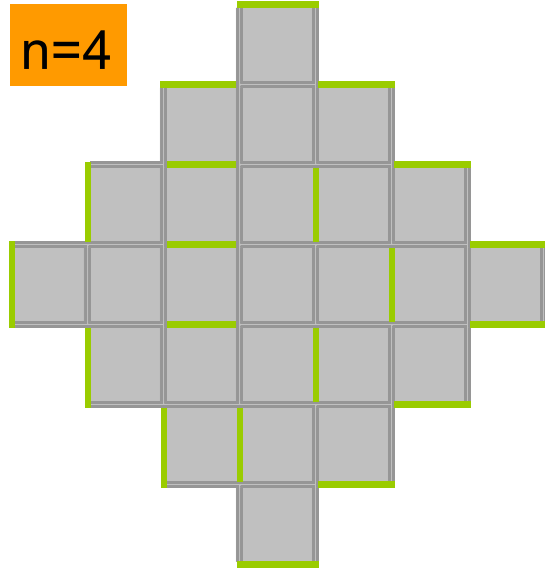




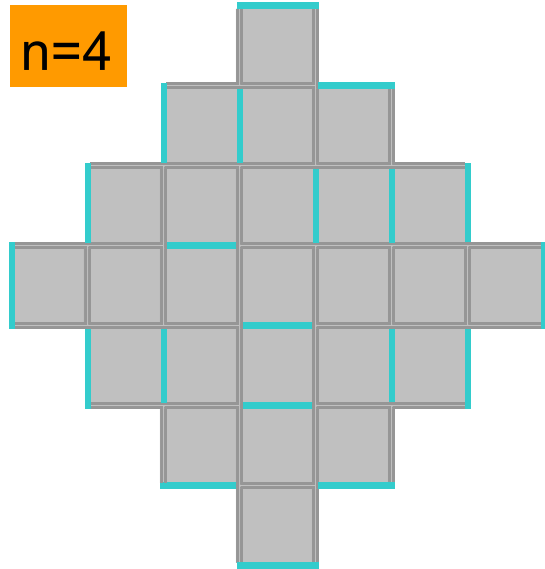




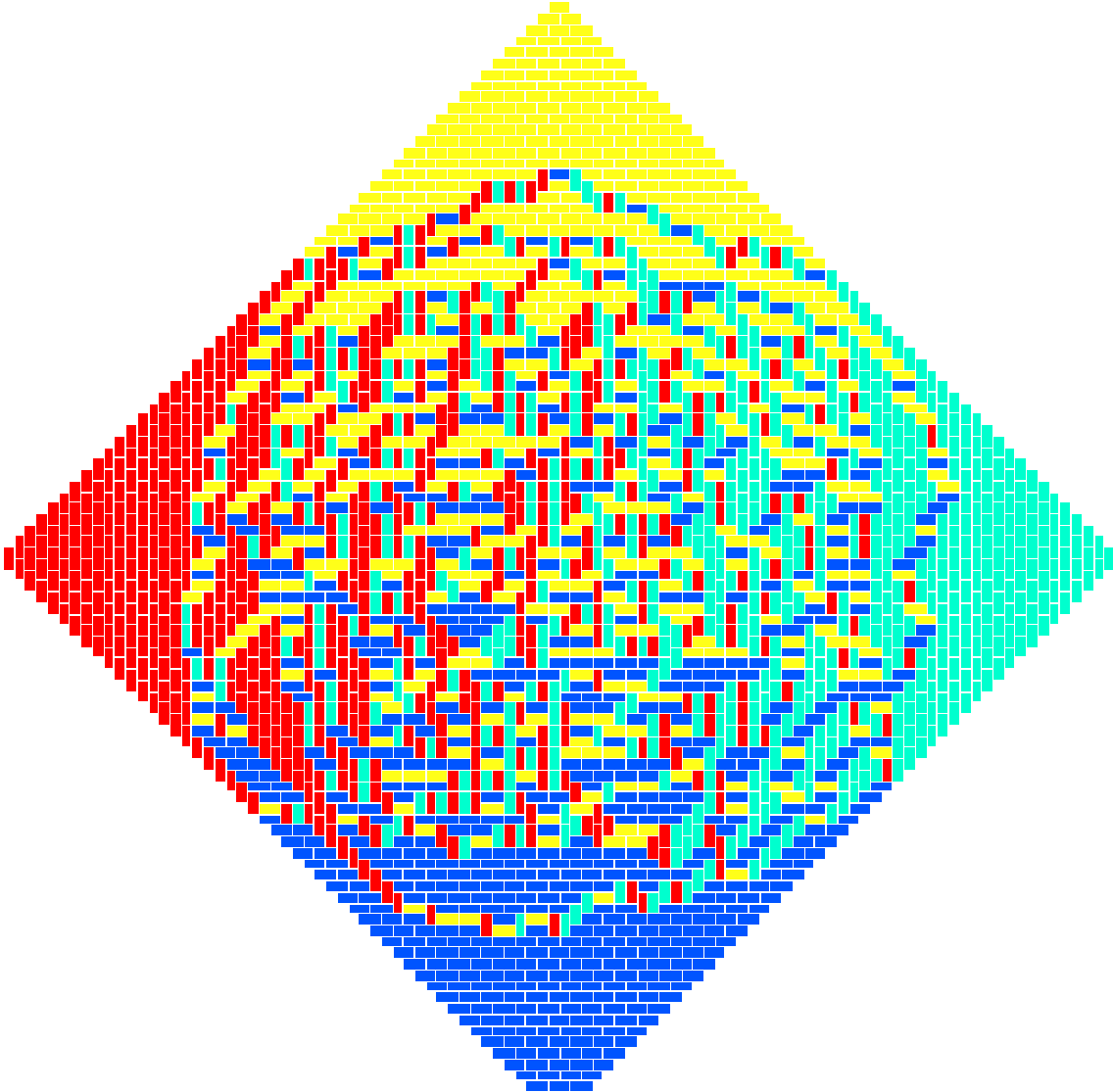
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Click [here](#) for a more rigorous definition of the Aztec diamond. If we take a random tiling from the set of all tilings of the Aztec diamond, we get the following:



<http://www.math.wisc.edu/~propp/tiling/www/intro.html>

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/SomosSequence.html>

$$a_n = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} a_{n-j} a_{n-(k-j)}}{a_{n-k}},$$



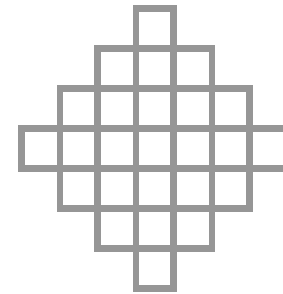
The Somos sequences are a set of related symmetrical [recurrence relations](#) which, surprisingly, always give integers. The Somos sequence of order  $k$  is defined by

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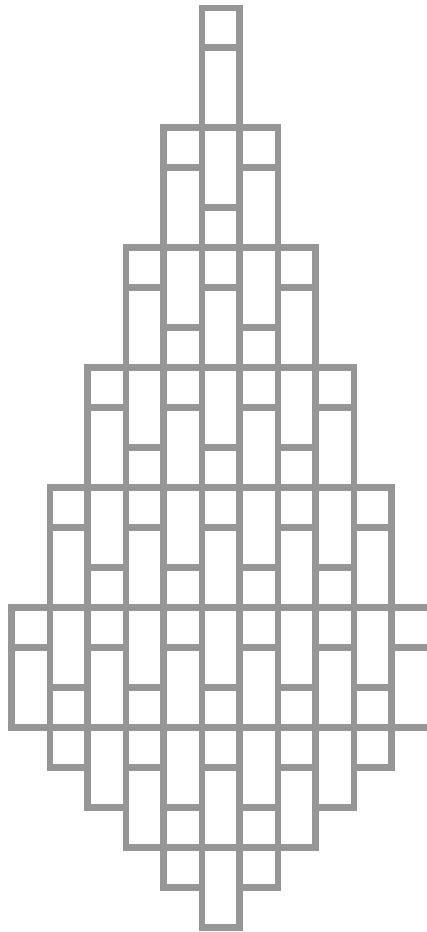
where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the [floor function](#) and  $a_j = 1$  for  $j = 0, \dots, k-1$ . The 2- and 3-Somos sequences consist entirely of 1s. The  $k$ -Somos sequences for  $k = 4, 5, 6,$  and  $7$  are giving 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 7, 23, 59, 314, 1529, ... (Sloane's [A006720](#)), 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 11, 37, 83, 274, 1217, ... (Sloane's [A006721](#)), 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5, 9, 23, 75, 421, 1103, ... (Sloane's [A006722](#)), 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5, 9, 17, 41, 137, 769, ... (Sloane's [A006723](#)). Gale (1991) gives simple proofs of the integer-only property of the 4-Somos and 5-Somos sequences. Hickerson proved 6-Somos generates only integers using computer algebra, and empirical evidence suggests 7-Somos is also integer-only.

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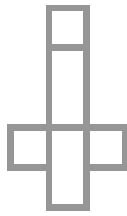


$$T(n)T(n-4) = T(n-1)T(n-3) + T(n-2)T(n-2)$$

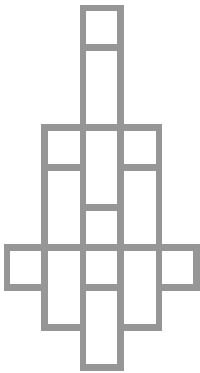




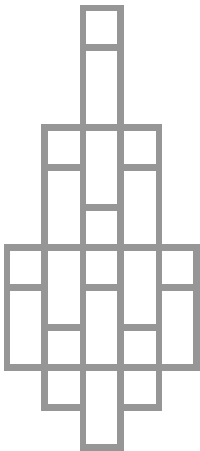


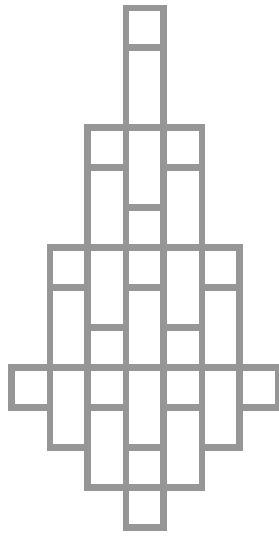


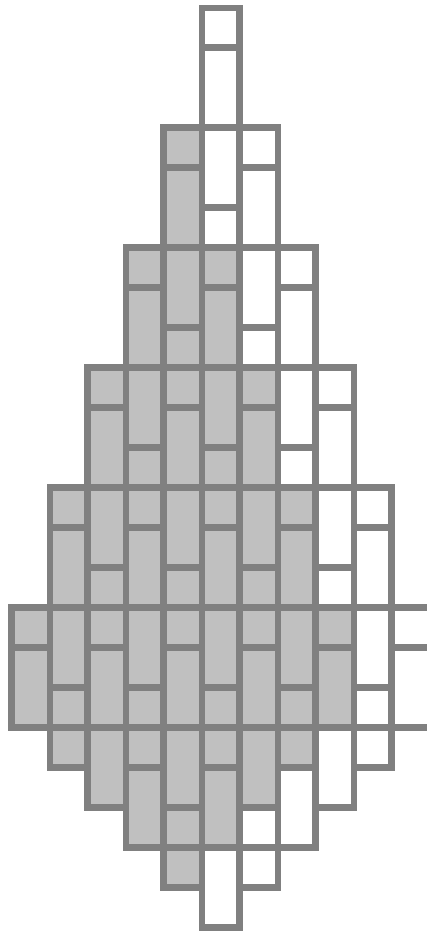


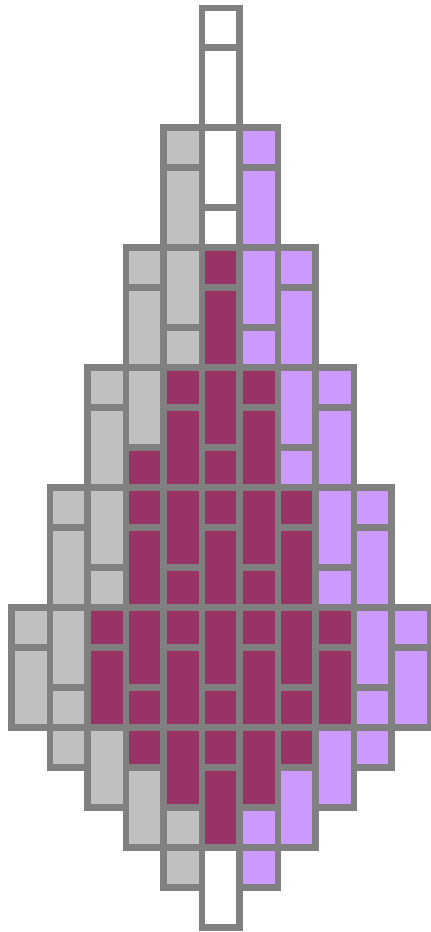


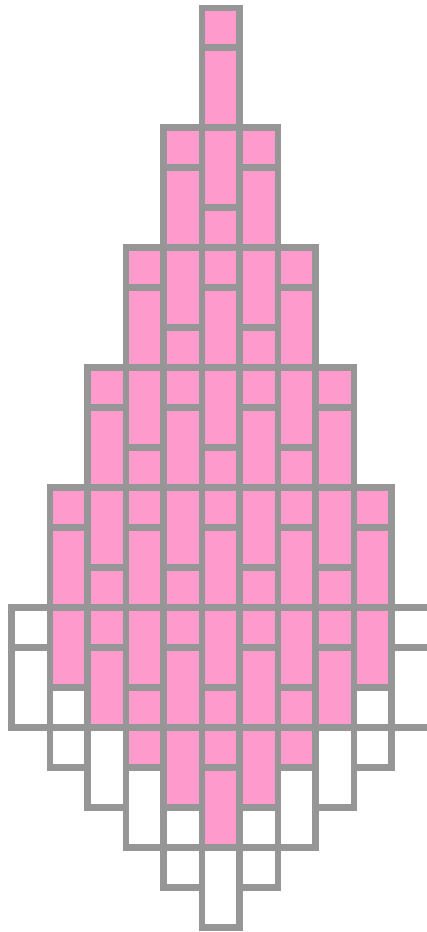


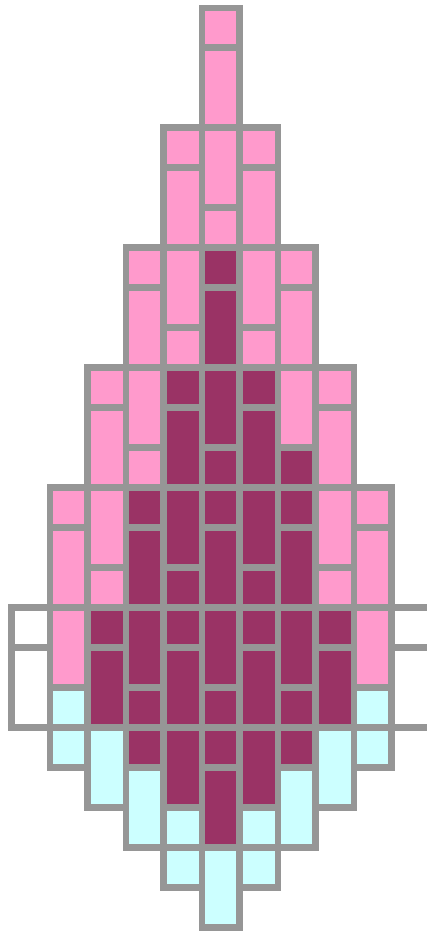


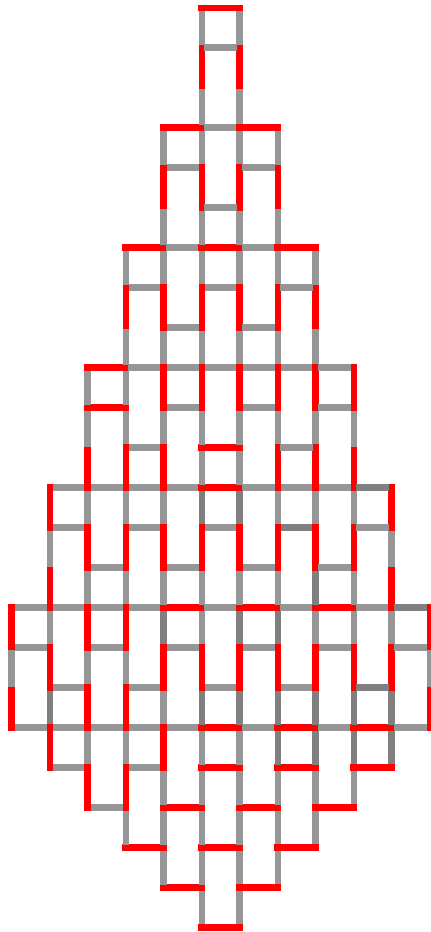


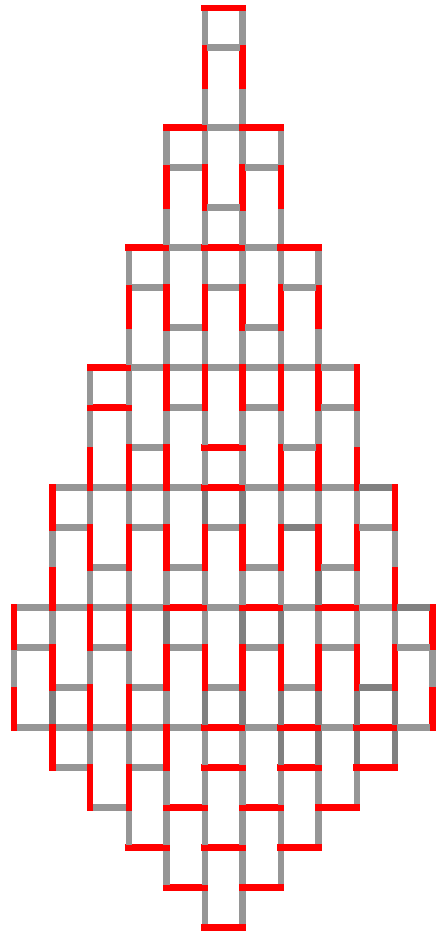




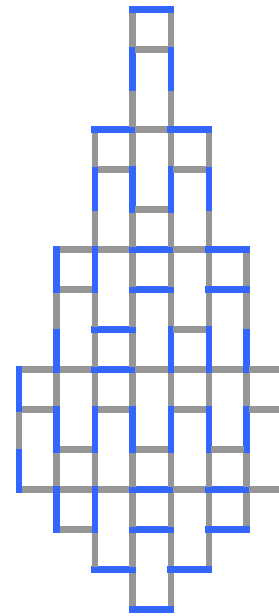
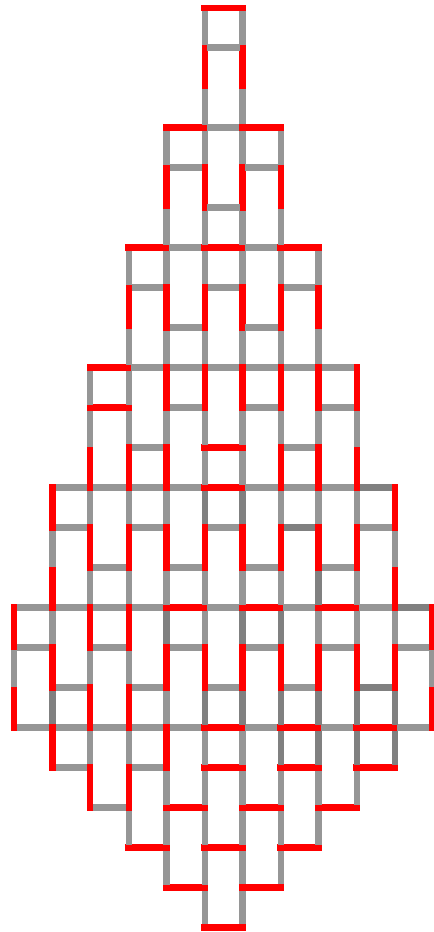


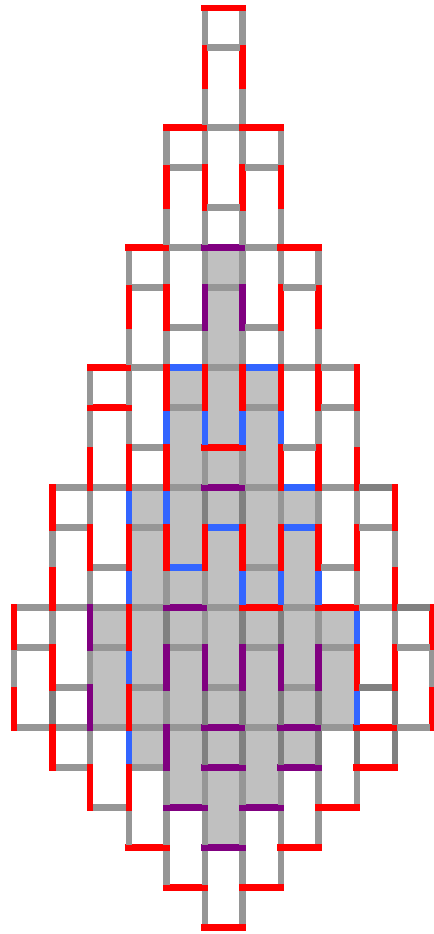


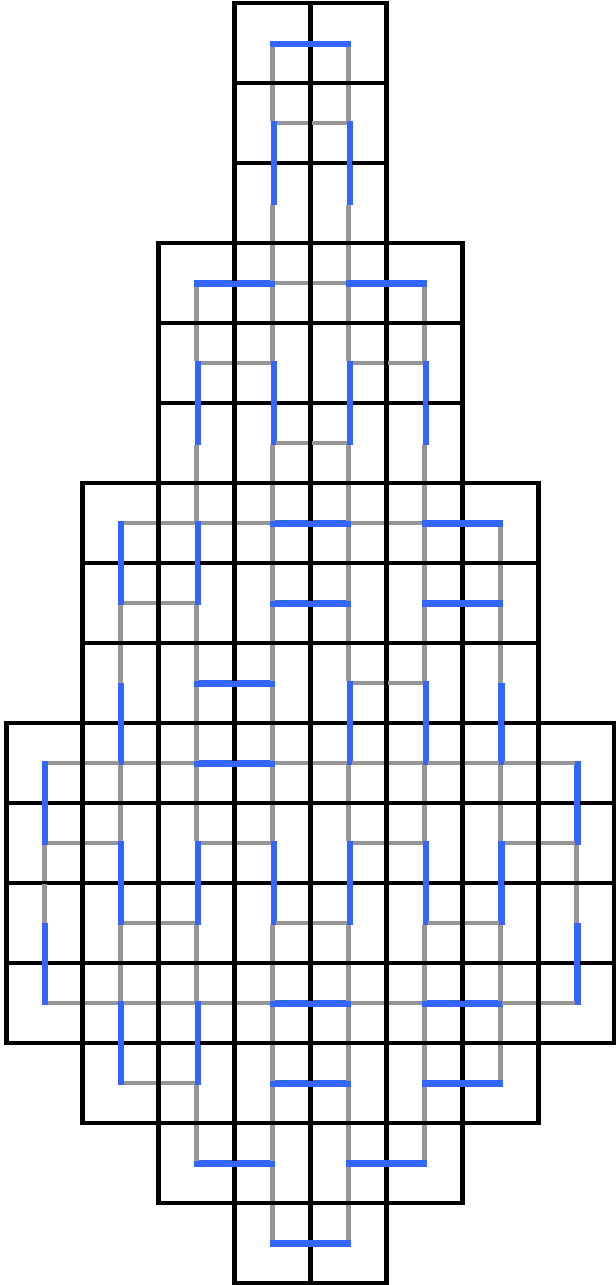


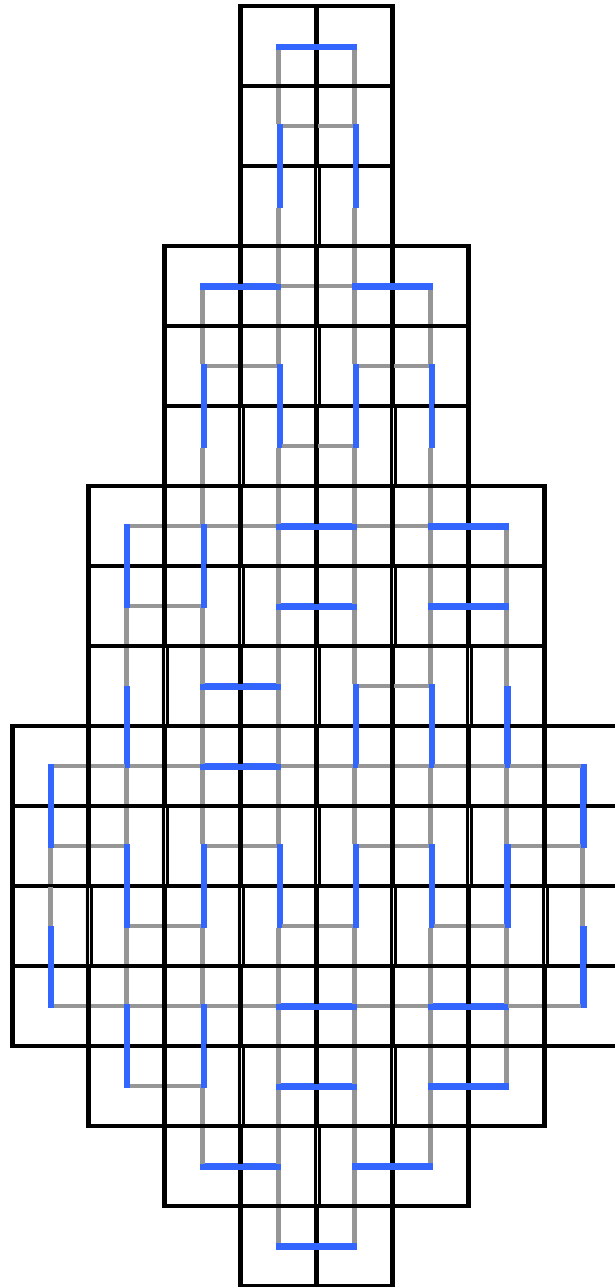


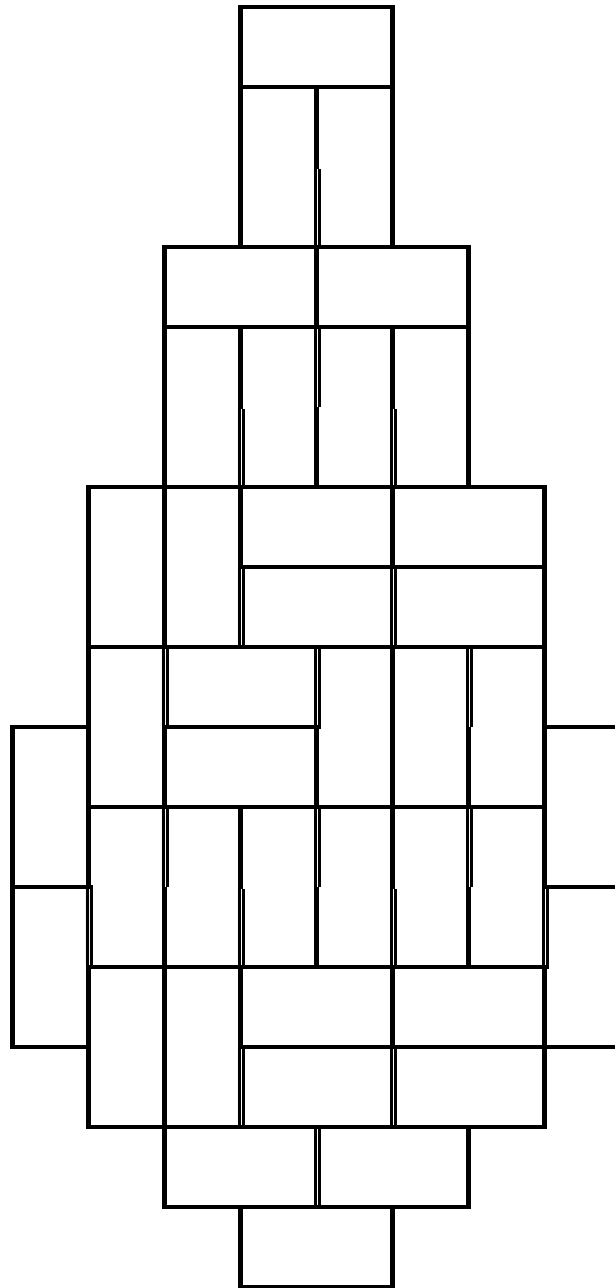


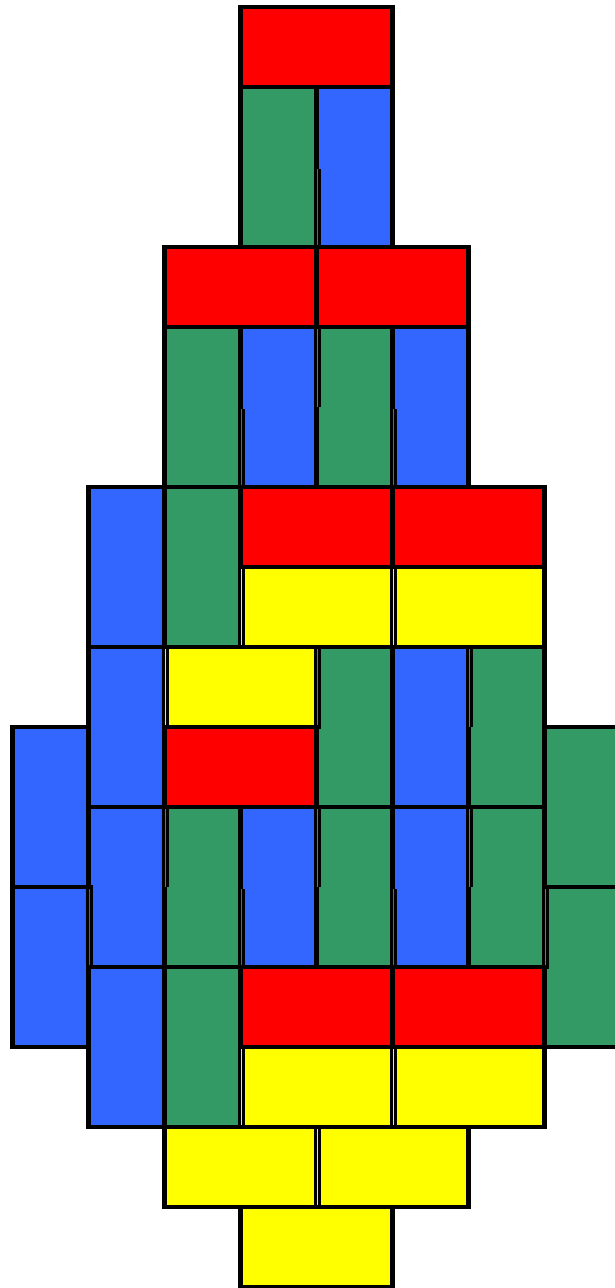


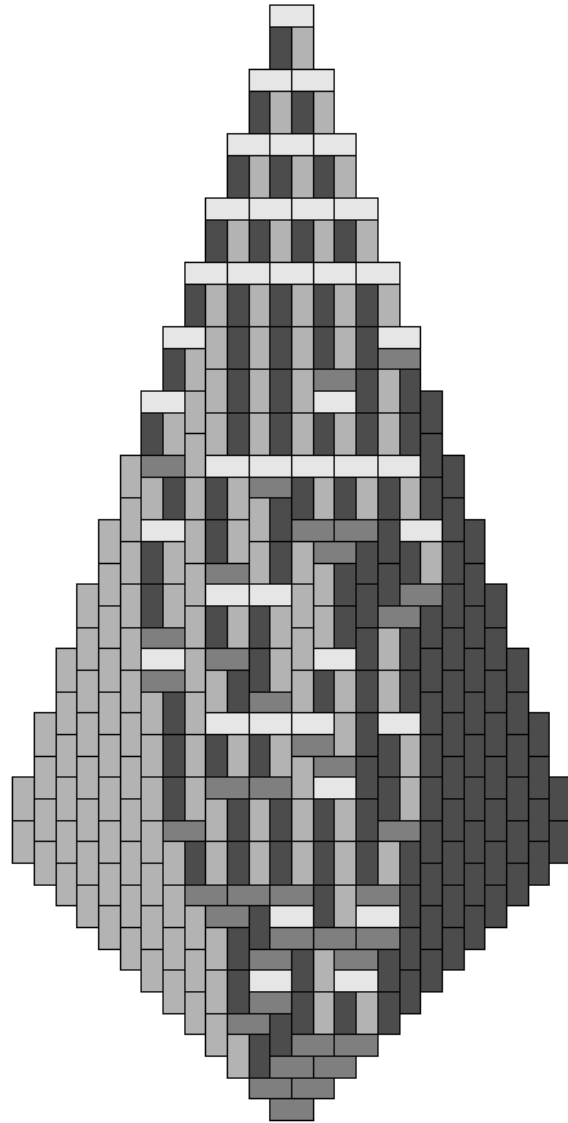


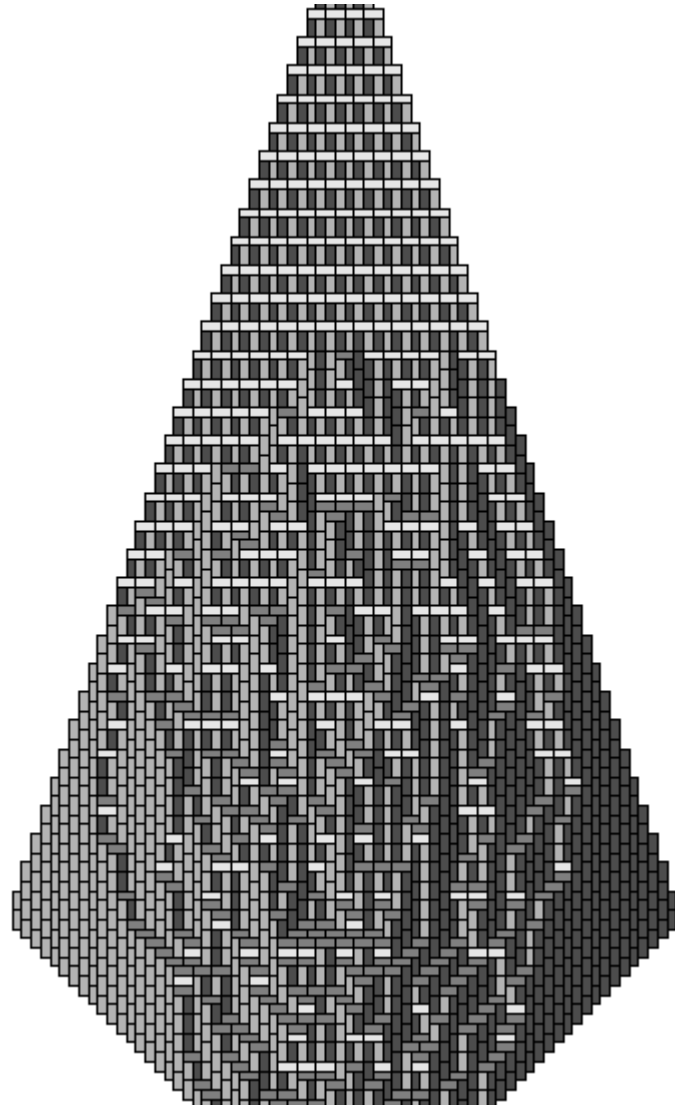




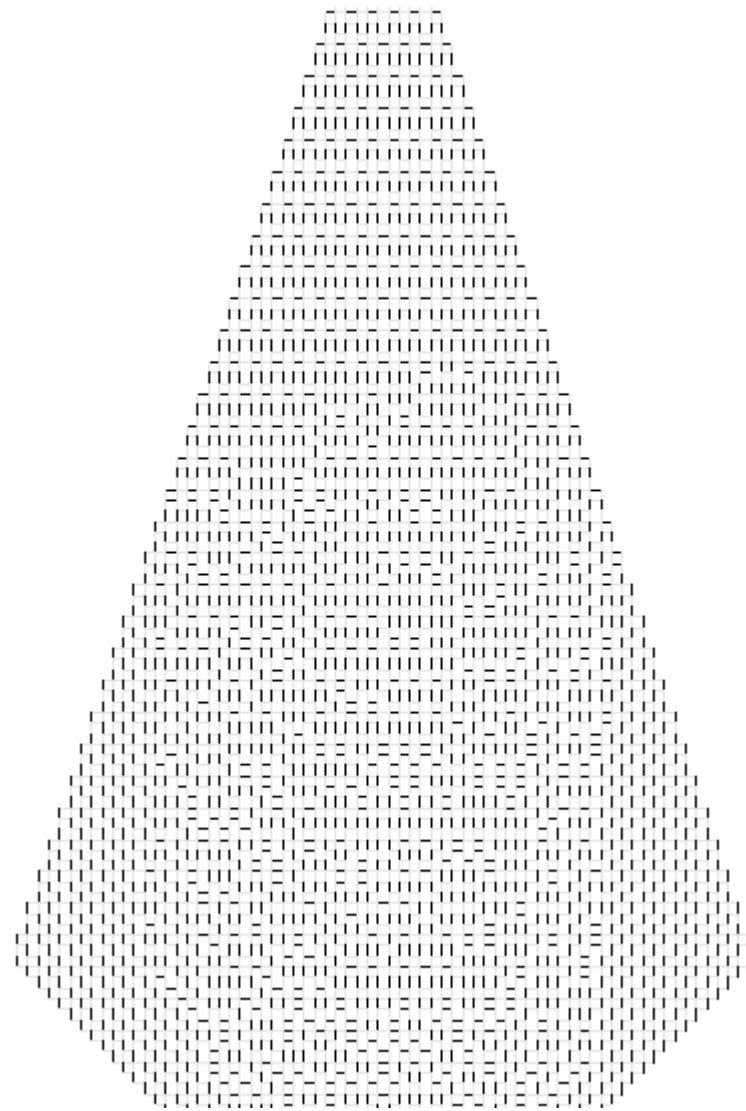














$$B_{ijkl}(n, a, b) =$$

$$a + b - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{j-n-1+ax+by}{i} \right\rfloor - 4$$

$$B_{ijkl} ( n , a , b ) =$$

$$a + b - 2 \left[ \frac{j-n-1+ax+by}{i} \right] - 4$$

$$n=30$$

$$i=2$$

$$j=5$$

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$$j=5$$

$$x=3$$

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$$y=4$$

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1. Calculate values of  $B(n,a,b)$

for  $a, b \geq 0$

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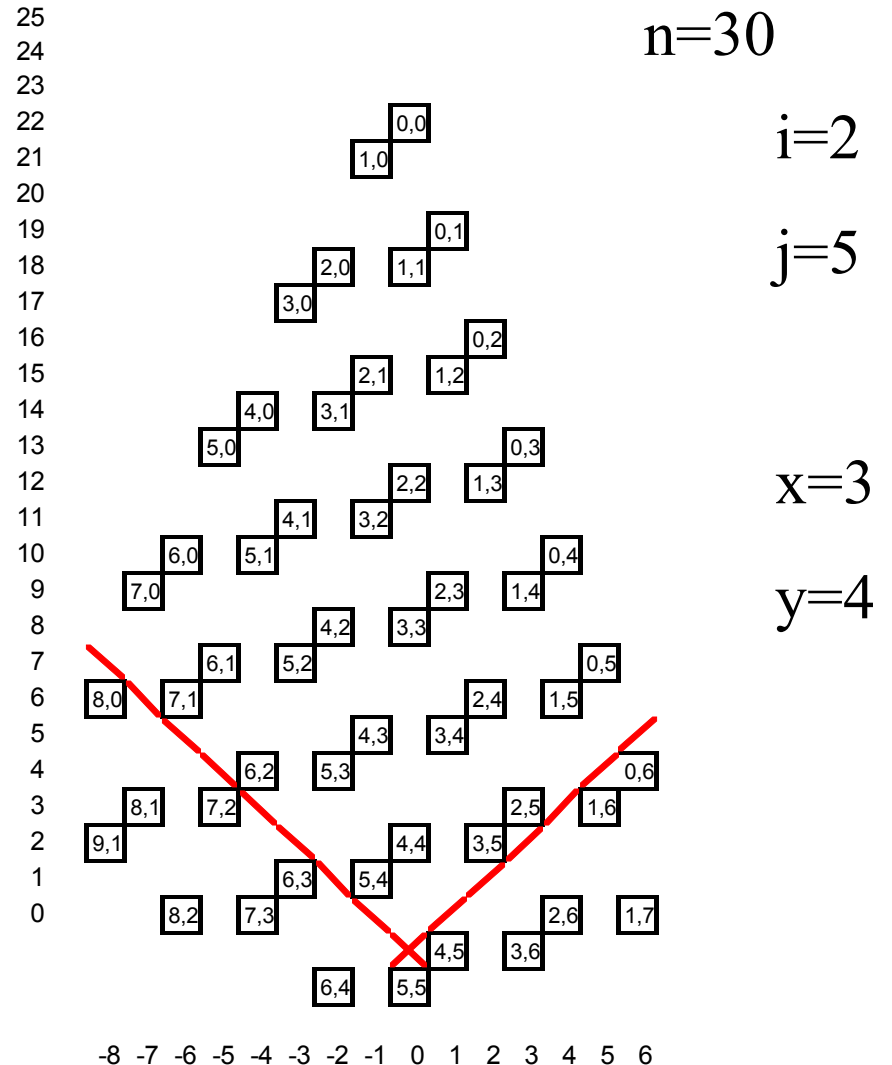
$$y=4$$

$$B_{ijkl} ( n , a , b ) = a + b - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{j-n-1+ax+by}{i} \right\rfloor - 4$$

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2. Put a box in column  $(b-a)$  and row  $B(n,a,b)$



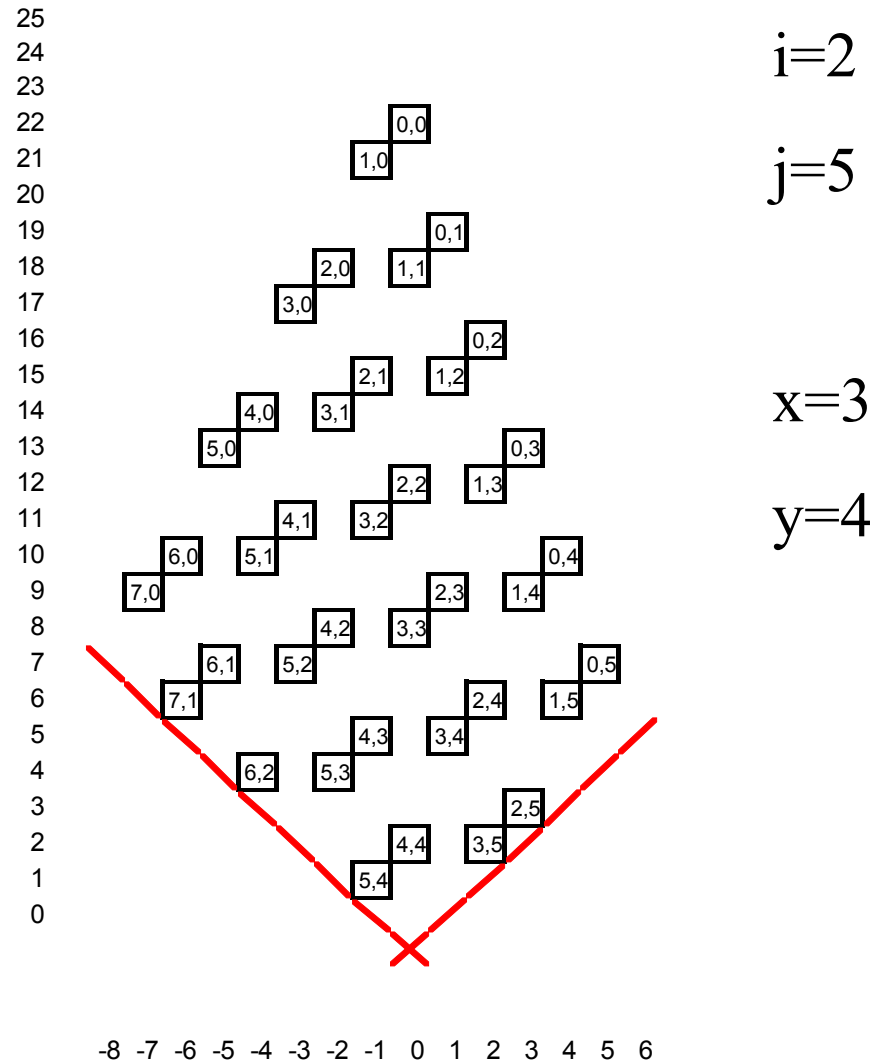
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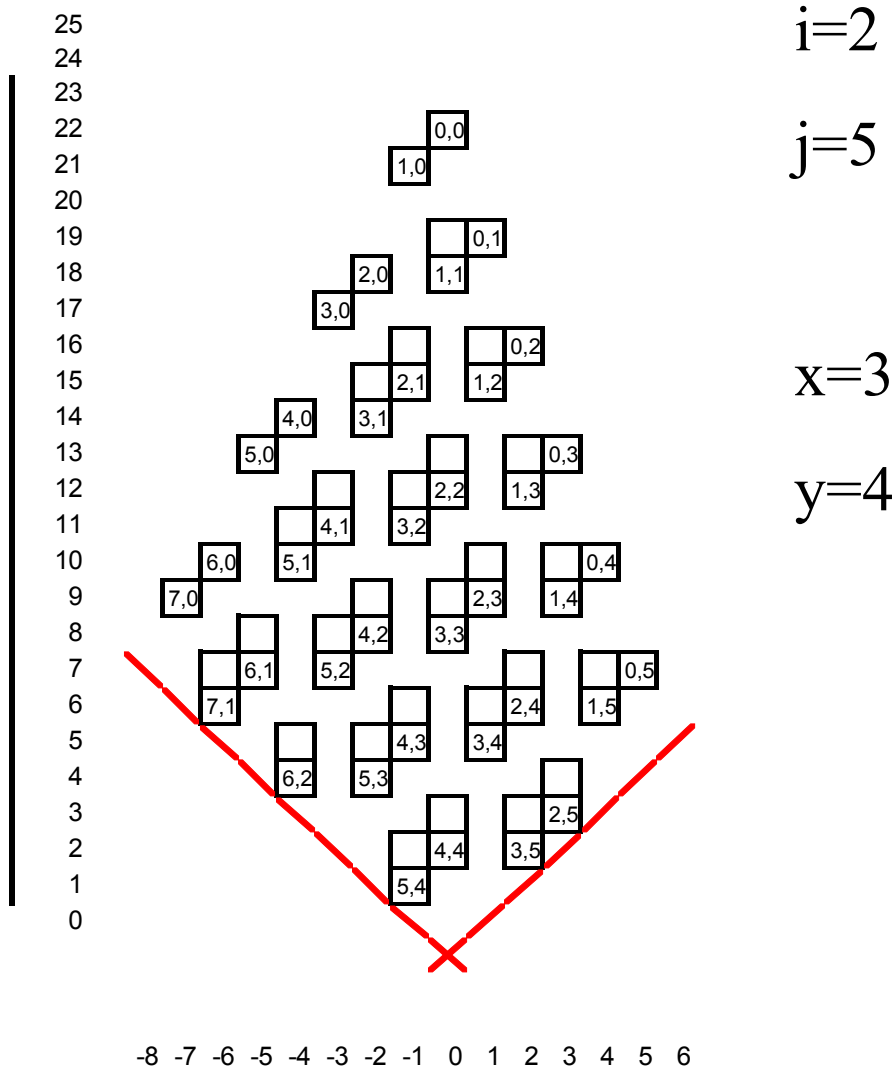
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3. Keep those boxes for which  $B(n,a,b) \geq |b-a|$



4. Except for the top box in each column, each box is the bottom half of a pair of squares.

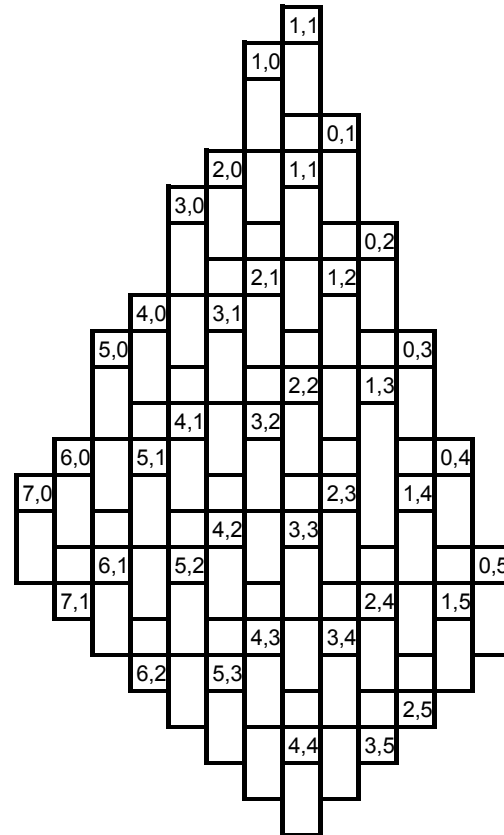




4. Except for the top box in each column, each box is the bottom half of a pair of squares

5. Fill up the remaining space in each column with 'hexagons'

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$i=2$

$j=5$

$x=3$

$y=4$

-7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

$$B_{ijkl}(n, a, b) = a + b - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{j-n-1+ax+by}{i} \right\rfloor - 4$$

$$B(n-x, a-1, b) = B(n, a, b) - 1$$

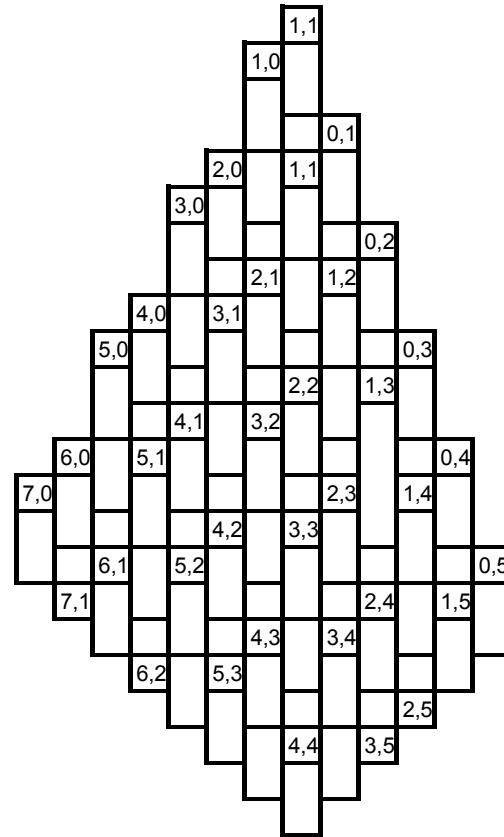
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$$B(n-i, a, b) = B(n, a, b) - 2$$

$$B(n-j, a-1, b-1) = B(n, a, b)$$

$$B(n-k, a-1, b-1) = B(n, a, b) - 2$$

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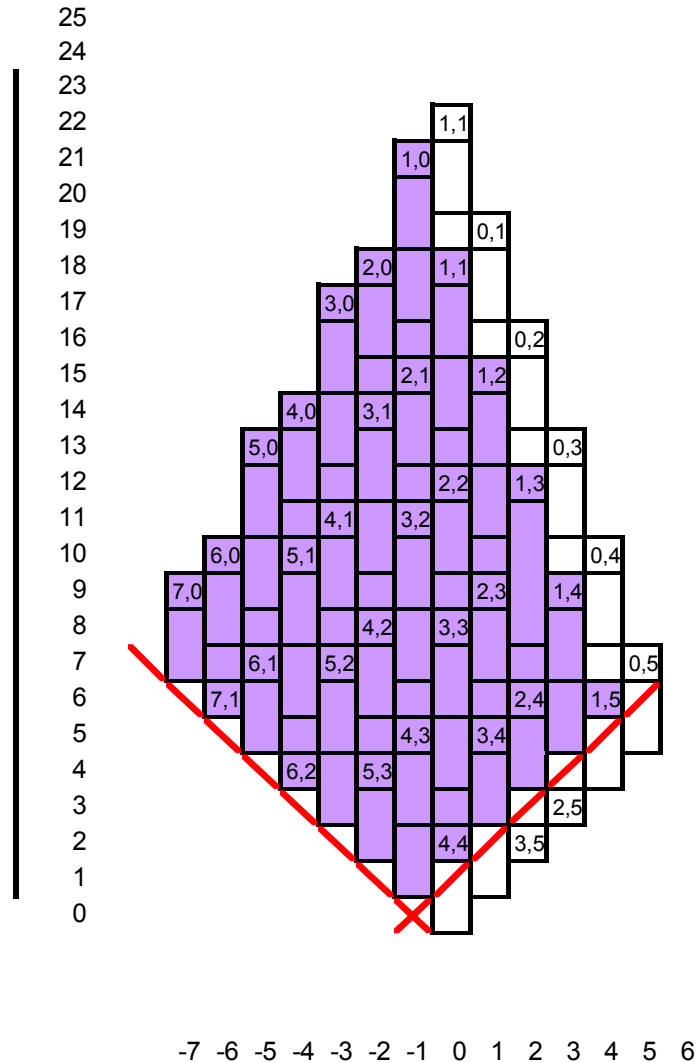
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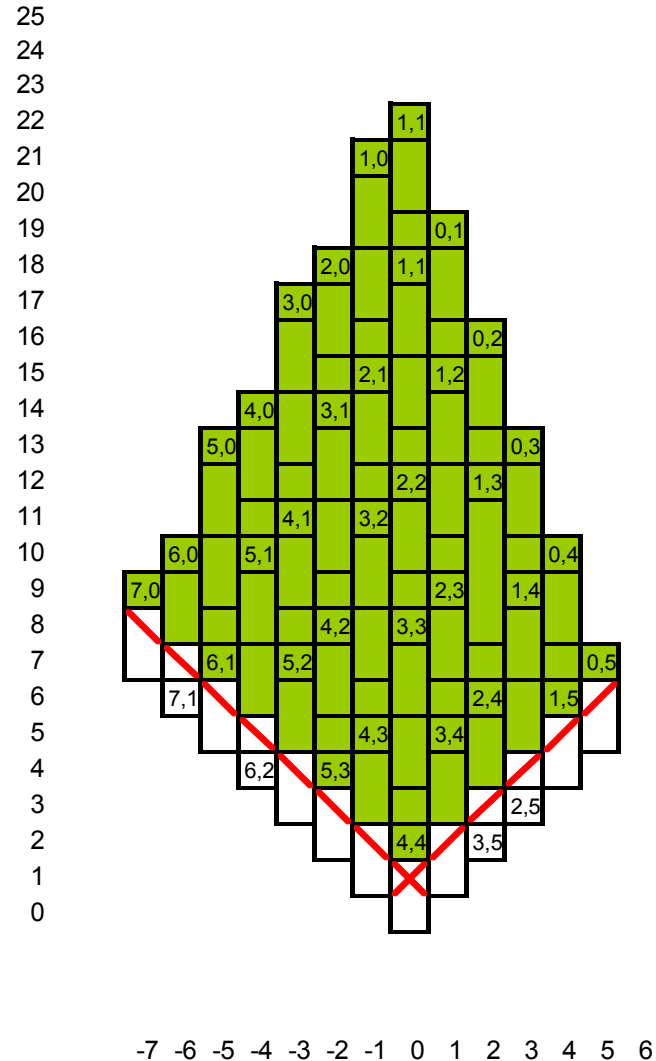
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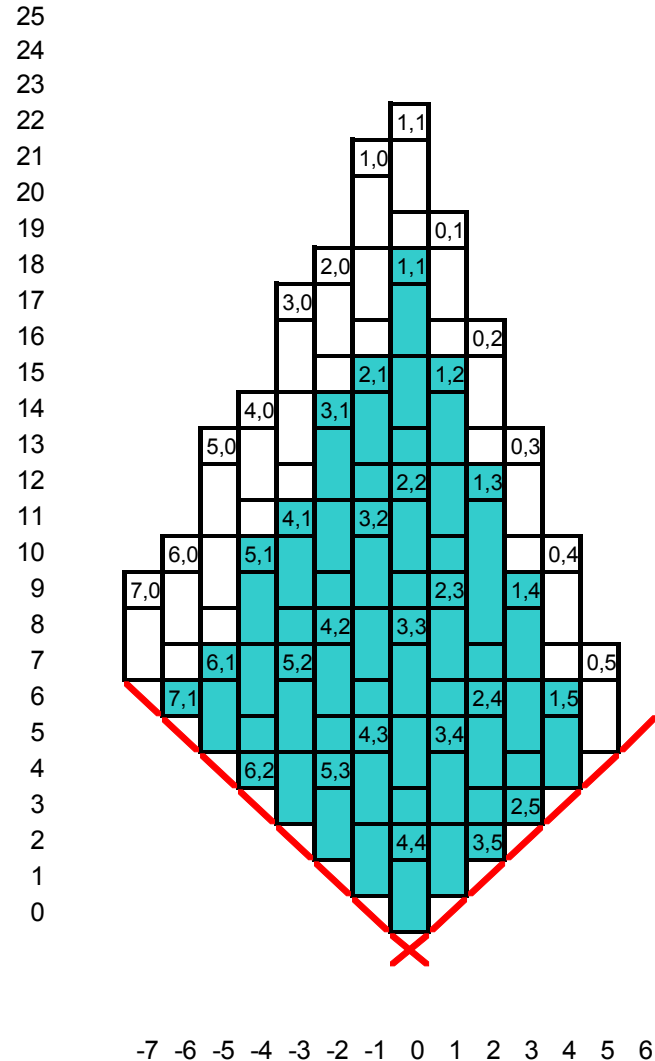
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$$B(n-x,a-1,b) = B(n,a,b)-1$$

$$B(n-y,a,b-1) = B(n,a,b)-1$$

$$B(n-i,a,b) = B(n,a,b)-2$$

$$B(n-j,a-1,b-1) = B(n,a,b)$$

$$B(n-k,a-1,b-1) = B(n,a,b)-2$$

