

Möbius Functions of Posets V: GCD Matrices

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Theorem (Wilf, 1968)

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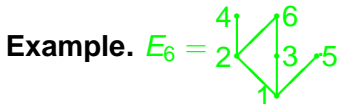
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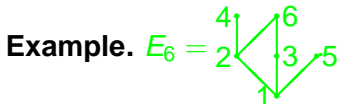
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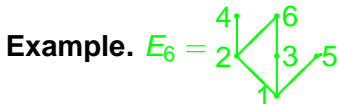
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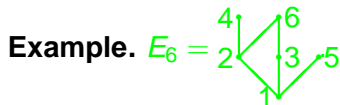
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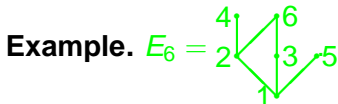
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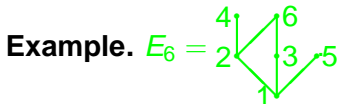
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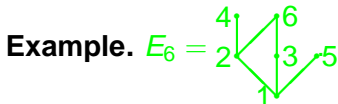
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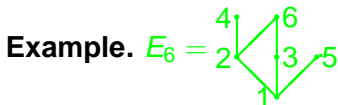
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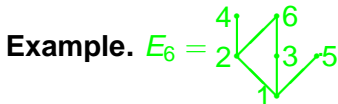
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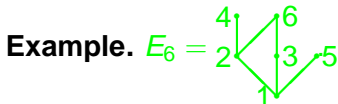
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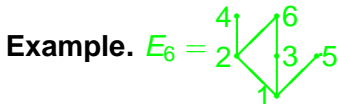
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