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Automorphism Groups of the Gómez Graphs

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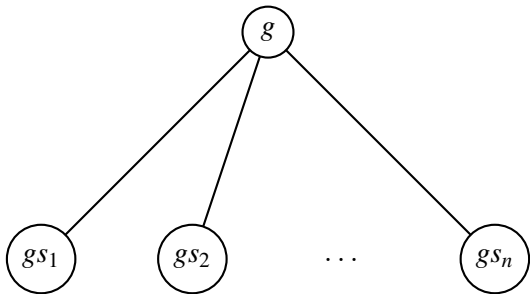
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Quick Preliminary - What is a Cayley Graph?



Take a group G and a set S , define a graph $\Gamma(G, S)$ such that $V(\Gamma) = G$ and the neighbours of any $g \in V(G)$ are gs for each $s \in S$.





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- We know for exactly which parameters these are Cayley, the argument essentially relies on determining their automorphism groups.

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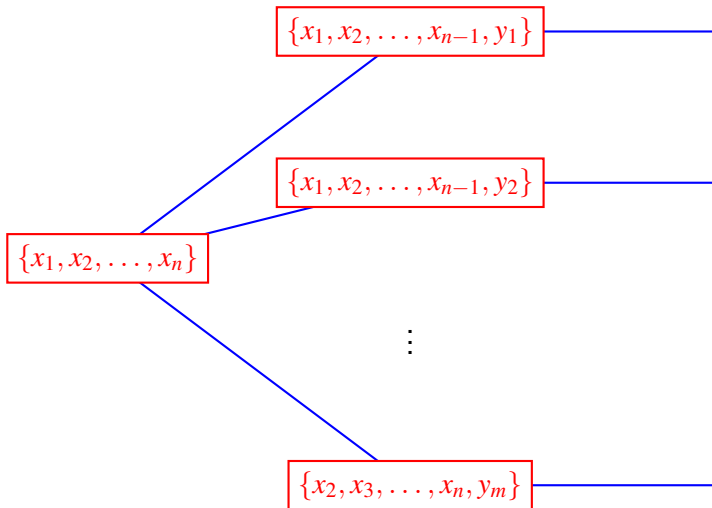
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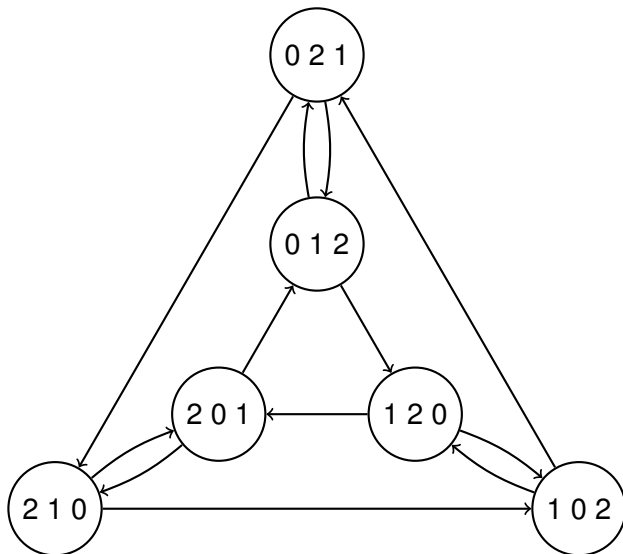
$\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ -subgraph



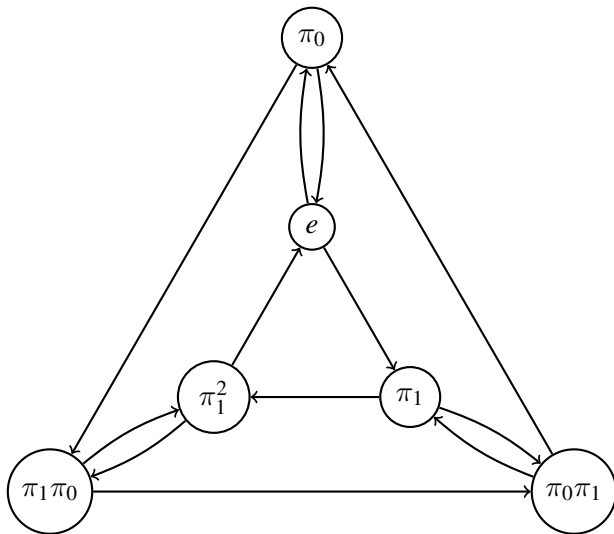
Rules for $k = 3, n = 2k + 1 = 7$.

n		
0	$ x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7$	$\rightarrow x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7x_1$
1	$x_1 x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7$	$\rightarrow x_1x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7x_2$
2	$x_1x_2 x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7$	$\rightarrow x_2x_1x_4x_5x_6x_7x_3$
3	$x_1x_2x_3 x_4x_5x_6x_7$	$\rightarrow x_2x_3x_1x_5x_6x_7x_4$

Example, $k = 1$



Example continued, $k = 1$ as a Cayley graph



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Hence, we can use automorphisms from the regular subset of $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ to create an automorphism ϕ' with the property $\phi'(e) = e$ and $\phi'(\pi_i) \neq \pi_i$ for at least one i .

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Taking the hint from the paper of Gómez that G is n -reachable, we consider counting paths of length n starting from each vertex π_i and ending at e , as any automorphism of G must give a bijection between these sets of paths for a pair of vertices π_i, π_j .

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n	3	5	7	9	11
π_0					
π_1					
π_2					
π_3					
π_4					
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The Search for These Paths



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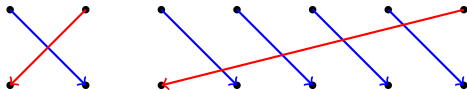
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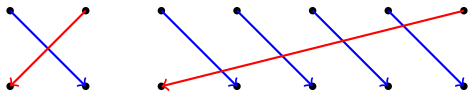


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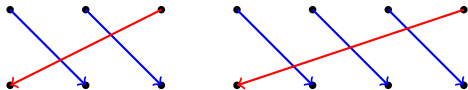


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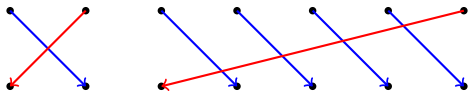


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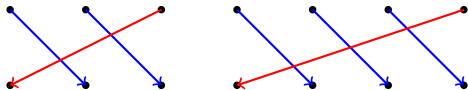


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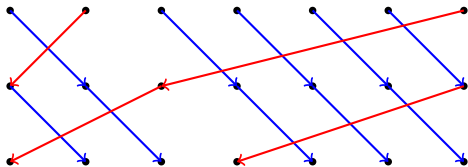
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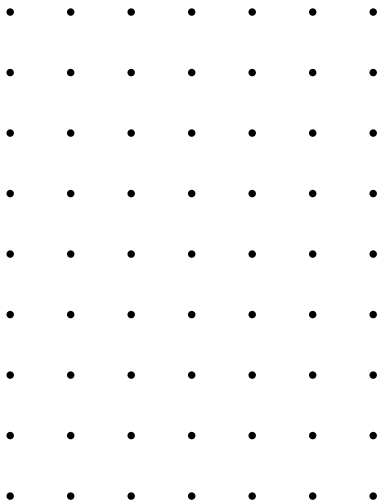
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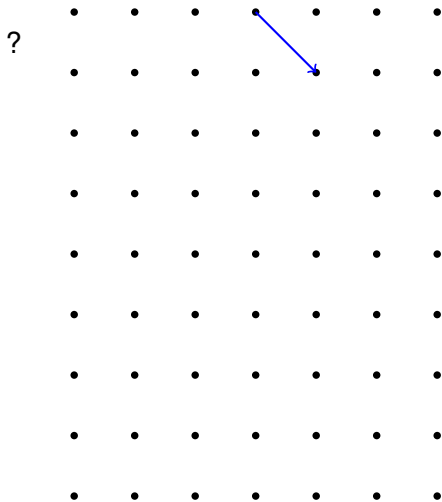
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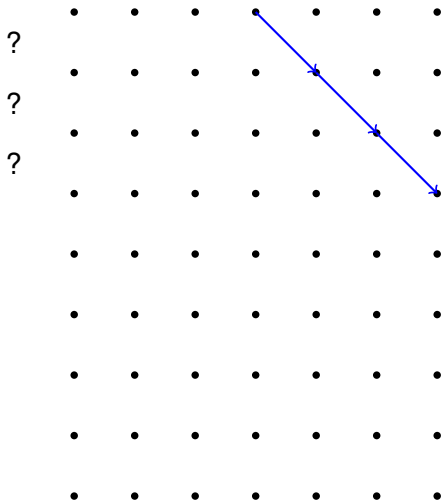
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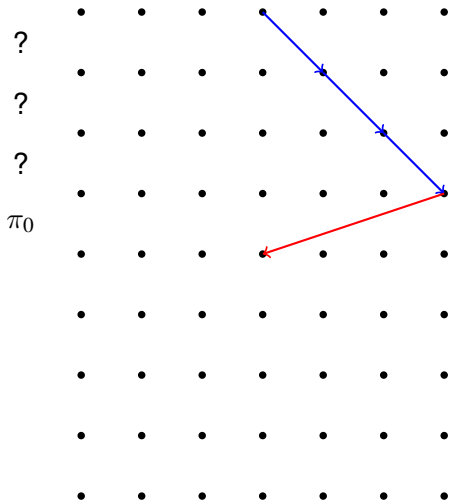
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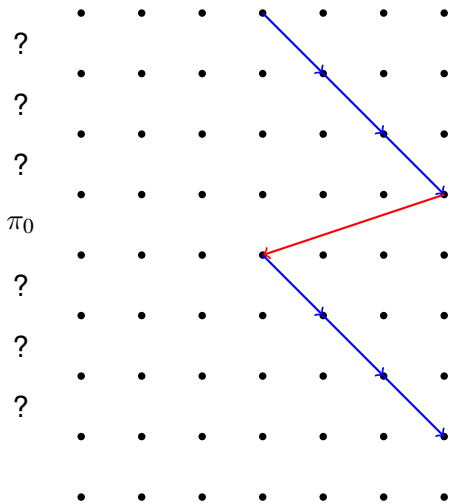
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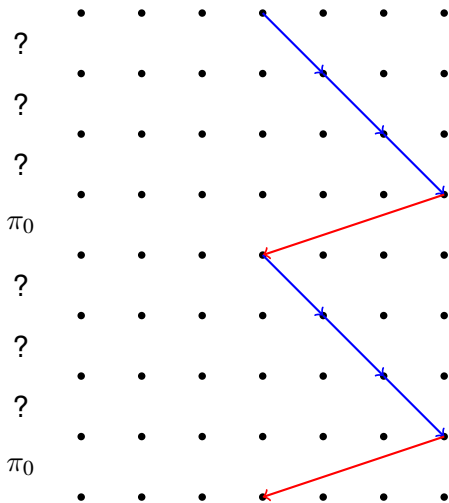
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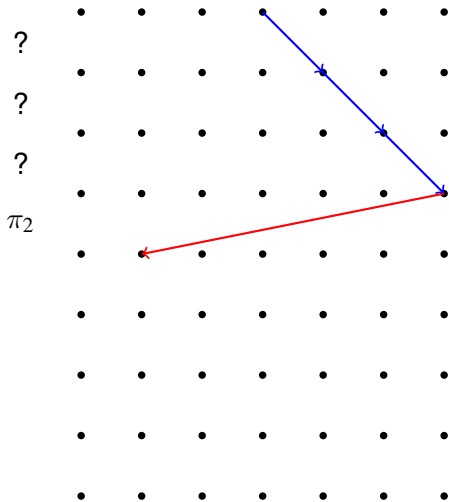
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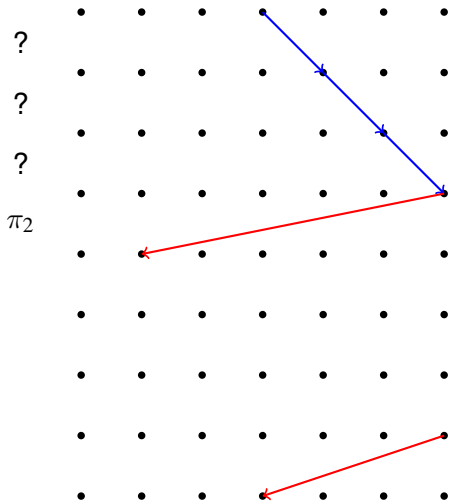
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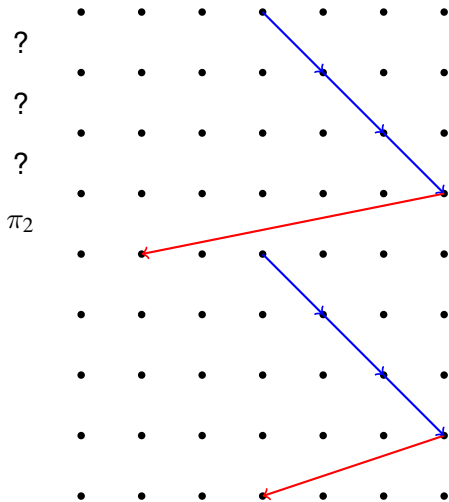
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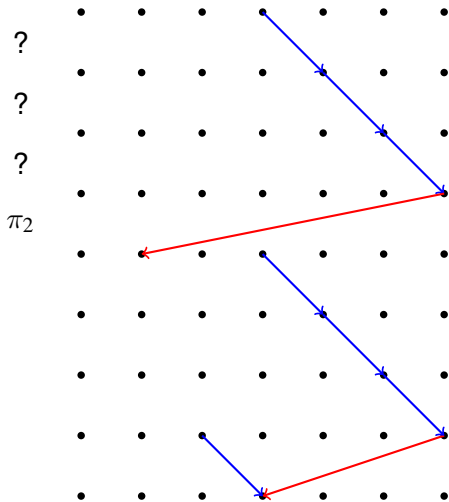
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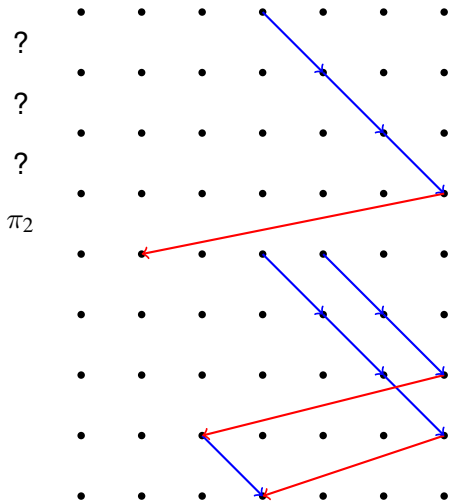
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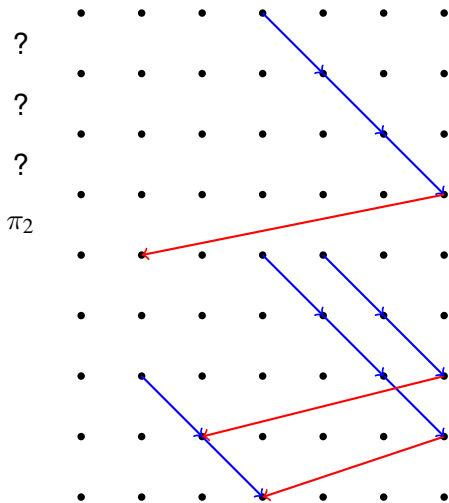
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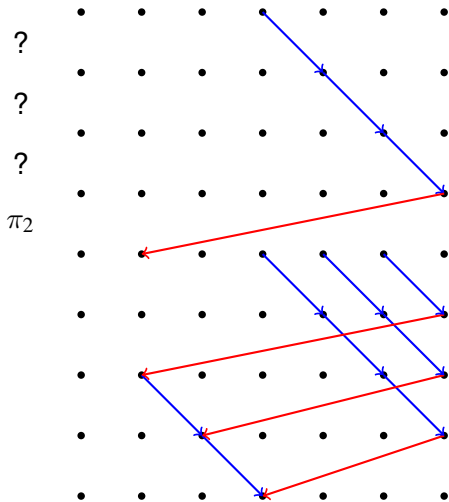
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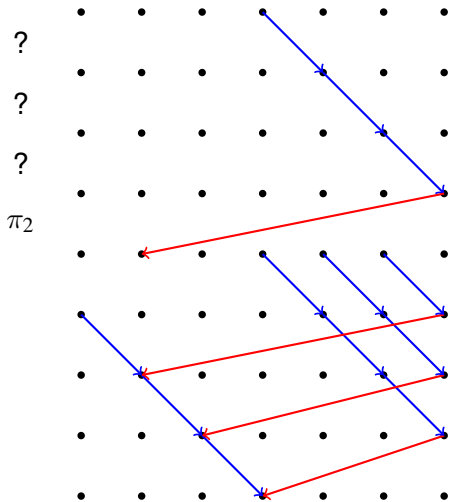
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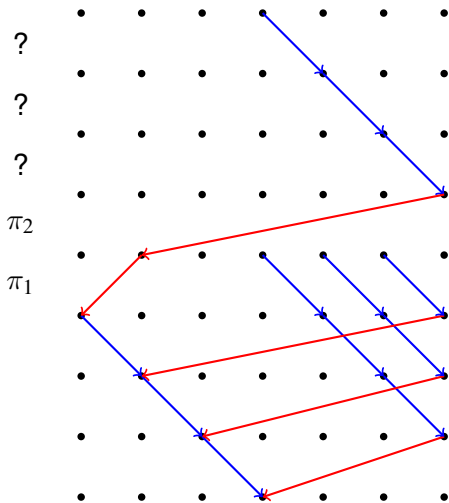
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How to Complete From Here?



We now continue much in the same vein. Following the same mode of thinking, we can prove the structure of all paths of length $n + 1$ from e back to itself, then complete the proof.

Subsequently, this can naturally be extended to an induction to settle the form of all automorphisms of the full Gómez graphs.

Thanks For Listening!

