

# Chordal graphs with bounded tree-width

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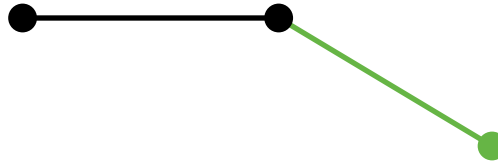
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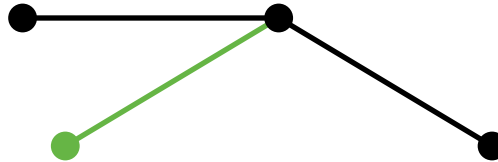
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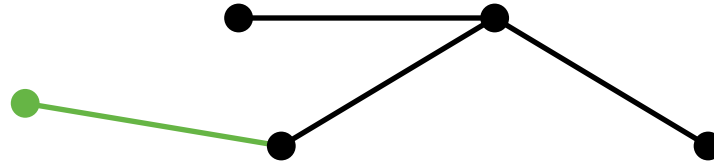
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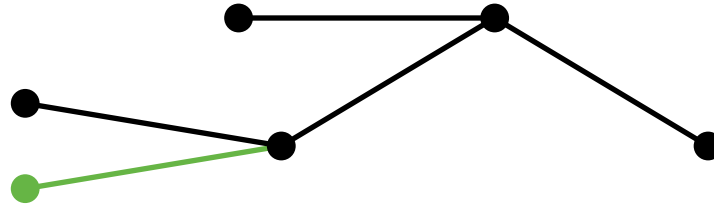
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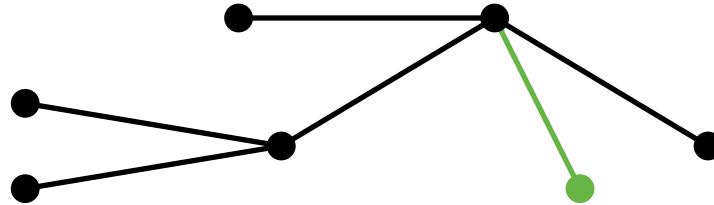




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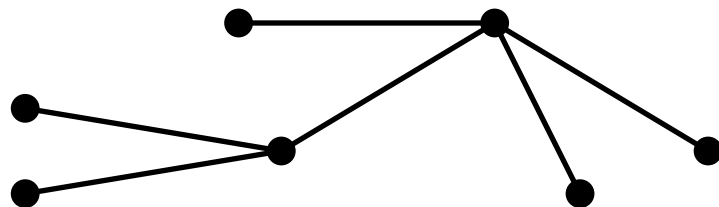
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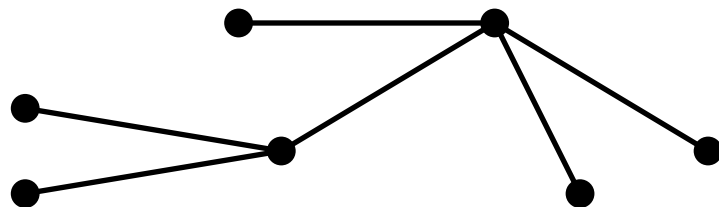


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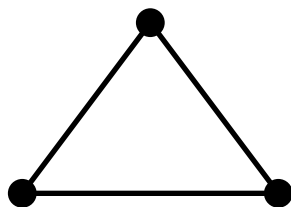
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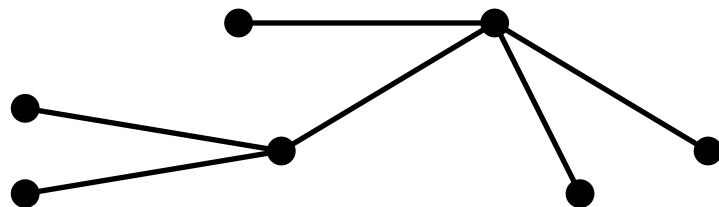
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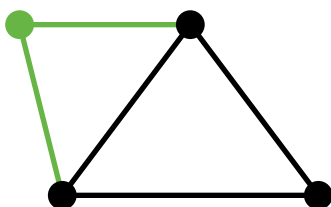
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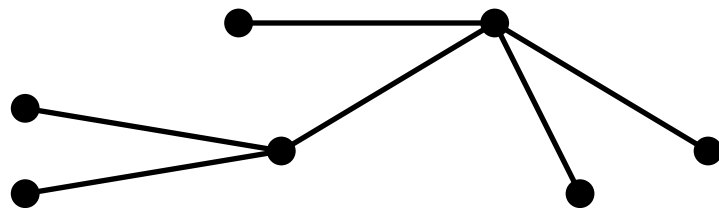
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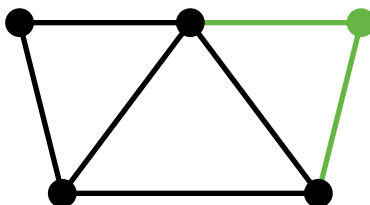
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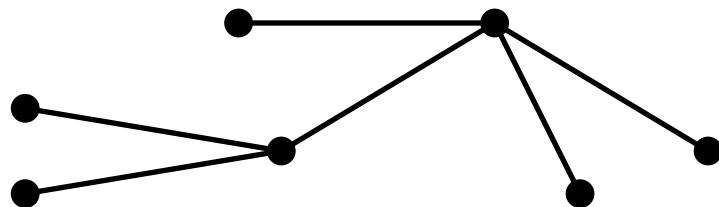
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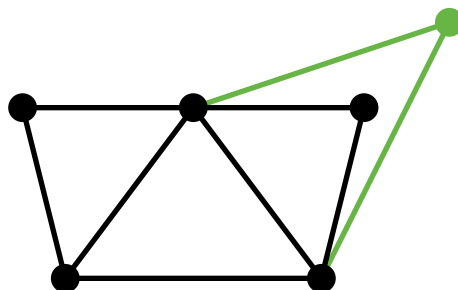
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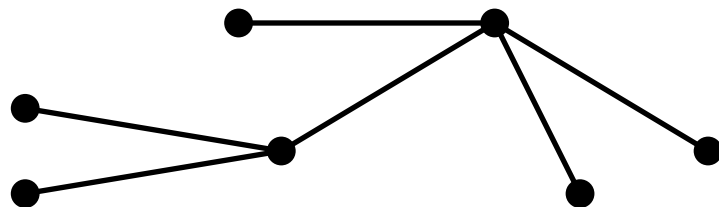
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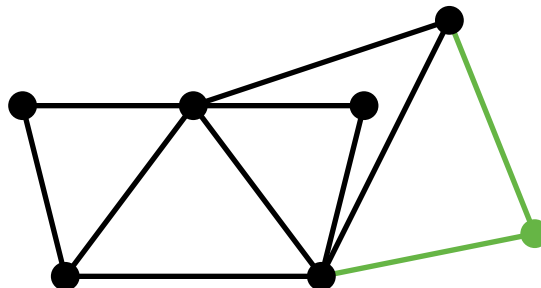
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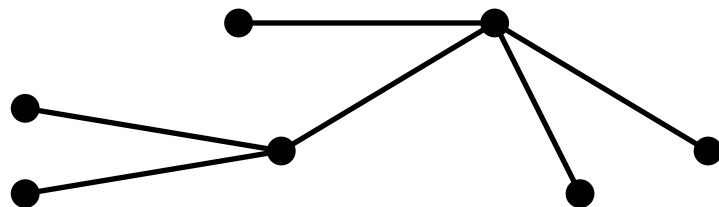
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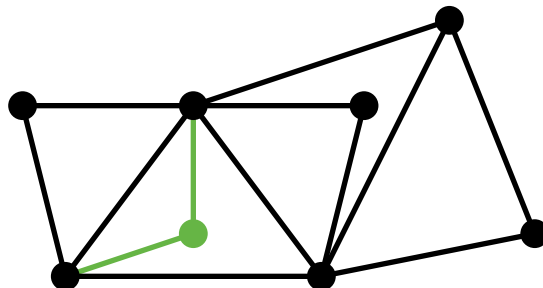
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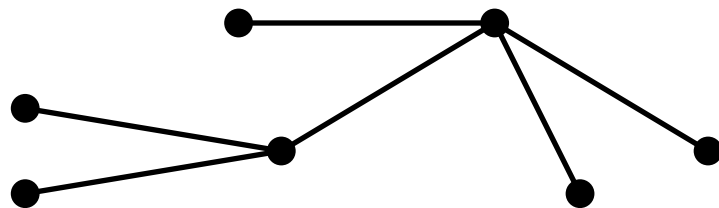




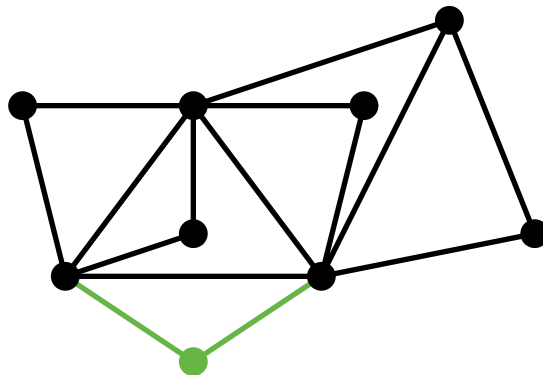
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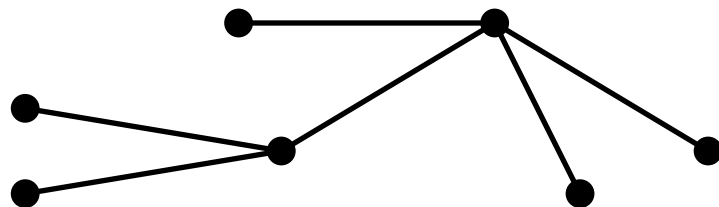
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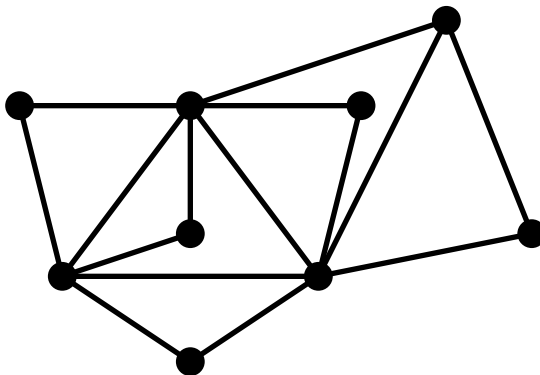
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**Theorem** ([Beineke, Pippert, '69])

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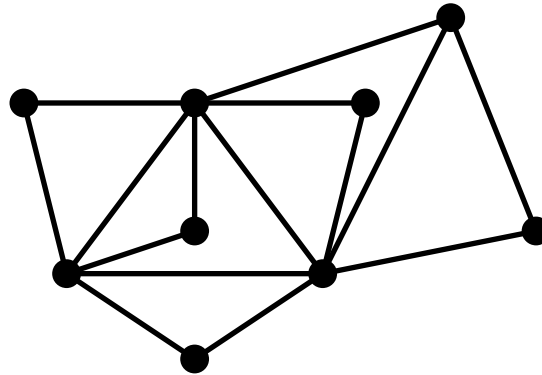
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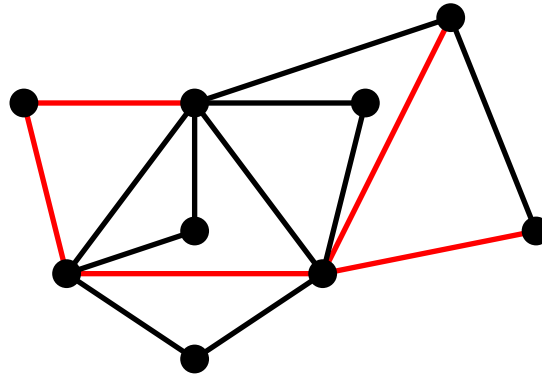
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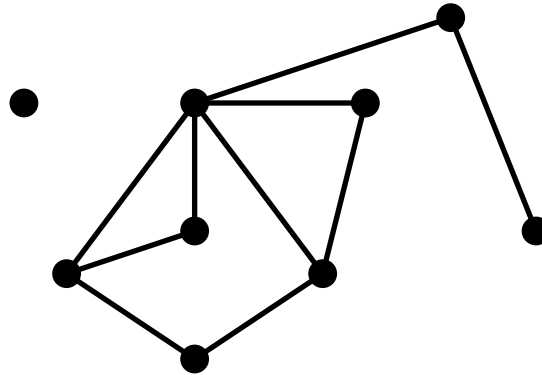
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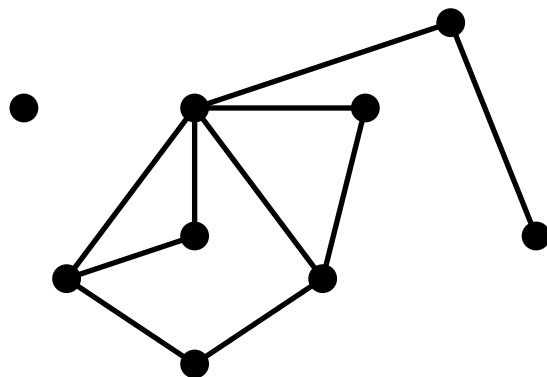
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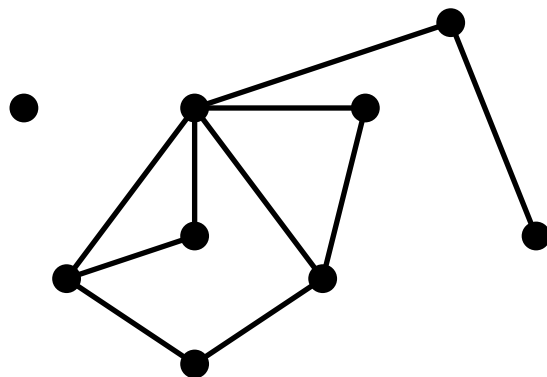
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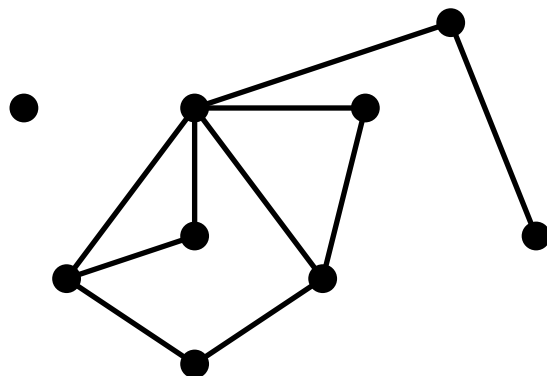
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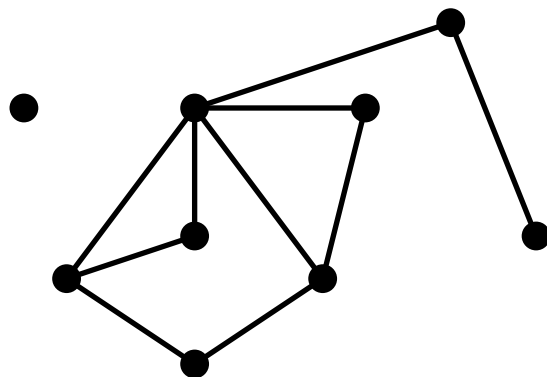
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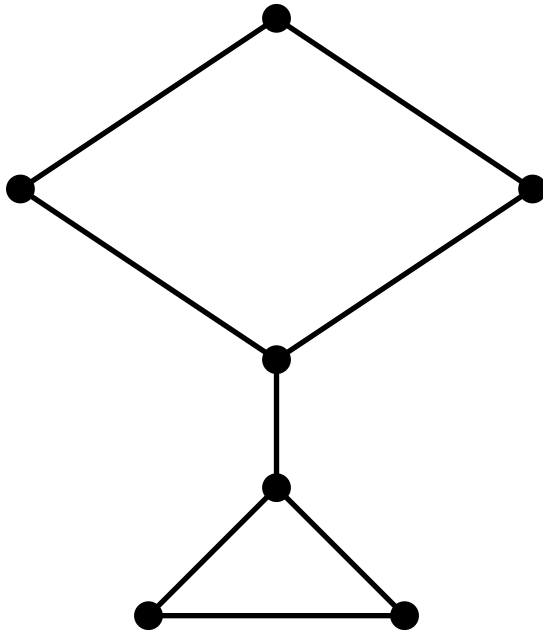
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[Baste, Noy, Sau '18]

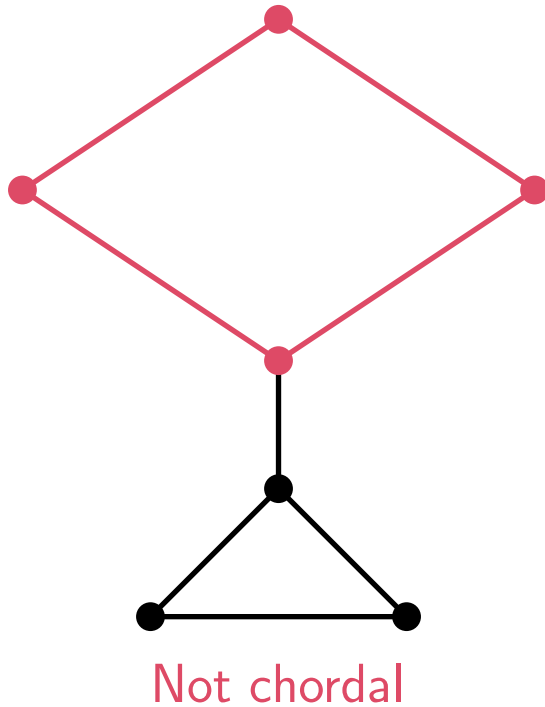
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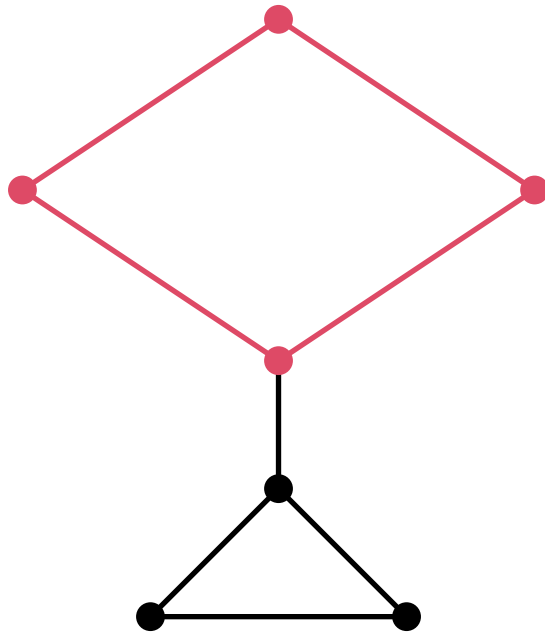
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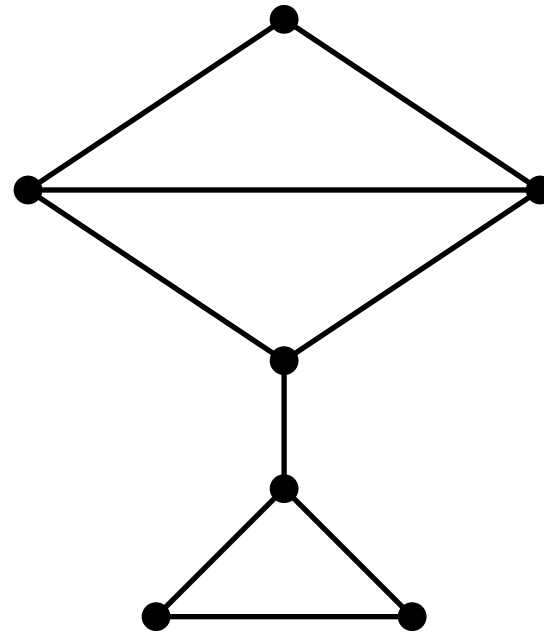


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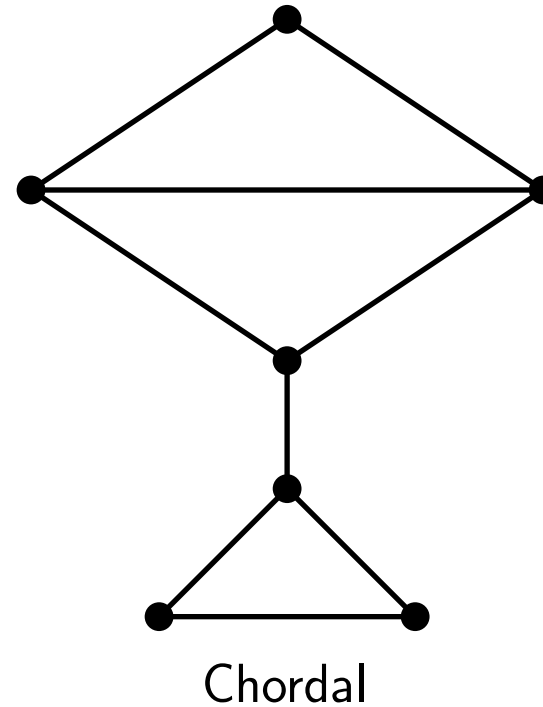
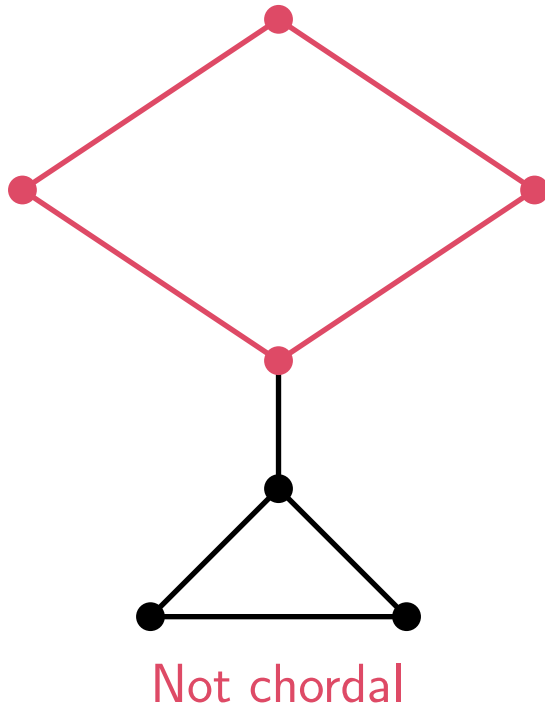
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**Theorem.** ([Dirac '61])

A graph is chordal iff every minimal separator is a clique.

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For  $i \in [t]$ , let  $X_i$  be the number of  $i$ -cliques in a uniform random graph in  $\mathcal{G}_{t,k,n}$ .

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There exist constants  $\alpha, \gamma \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\frac{|X_i - \mathbb{E}X_i|}{\sqrt{\mathbb{V}X_i}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1), \quad \text{with } \mathbb{E}X_i \sim \alpha n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{V}X_i \sim \sigma n.$$



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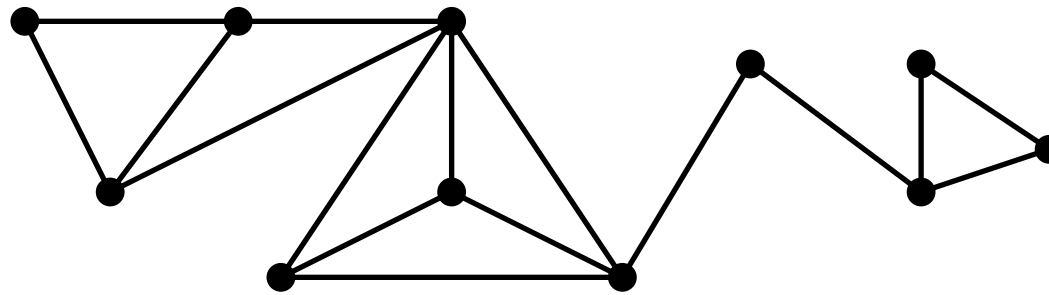
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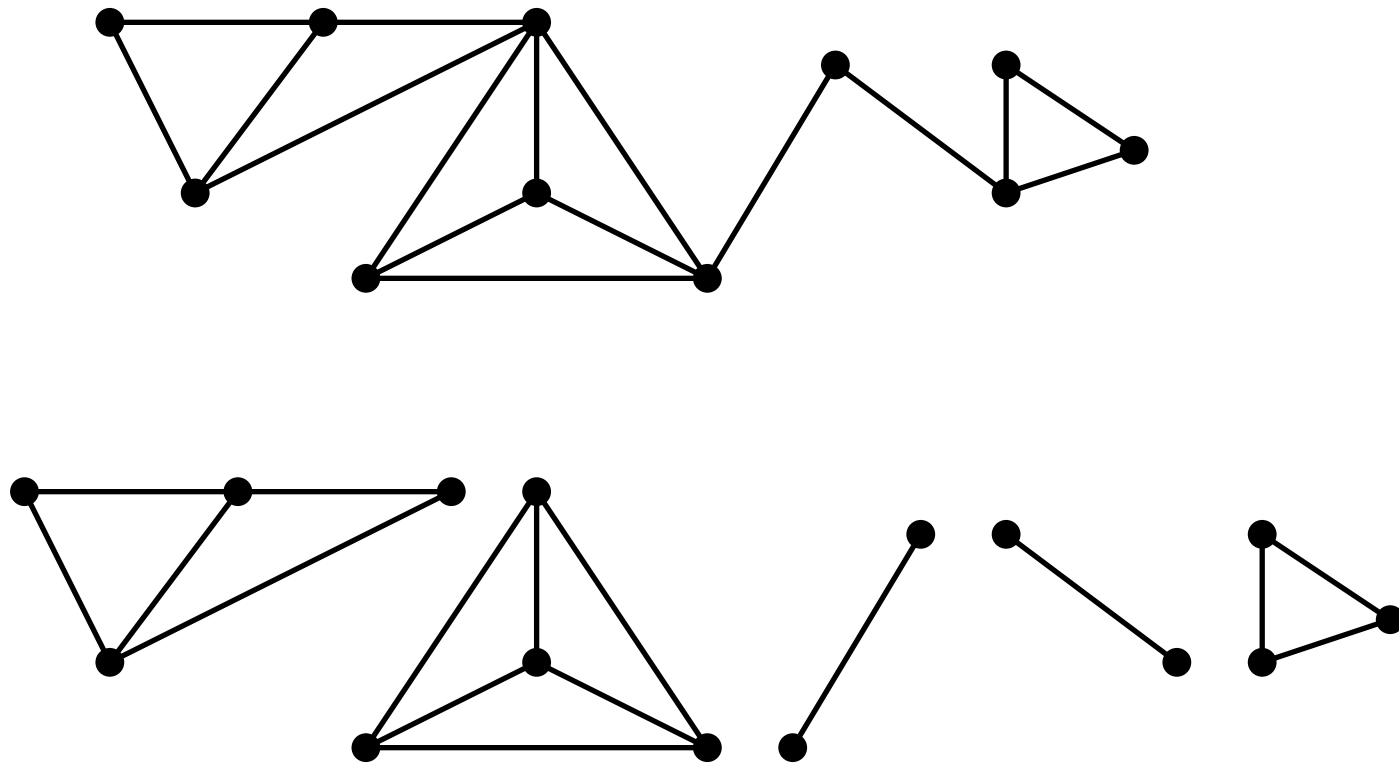
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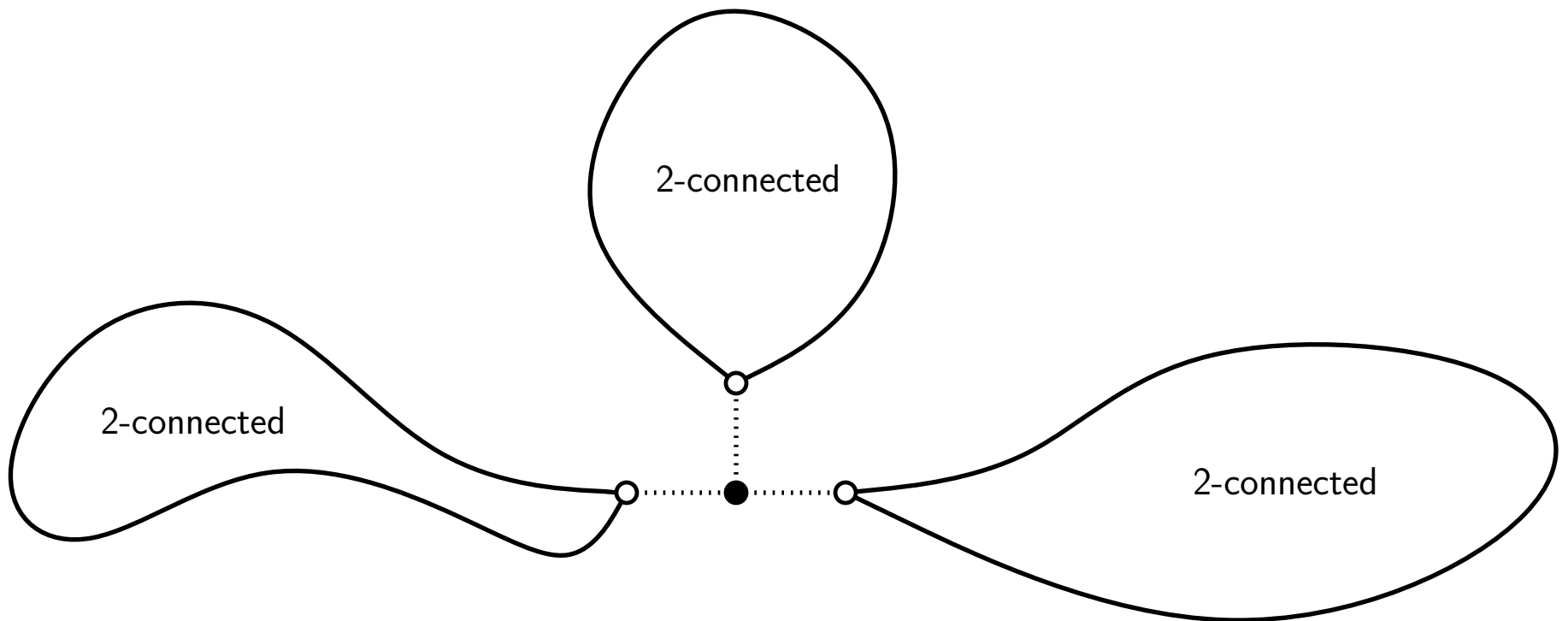
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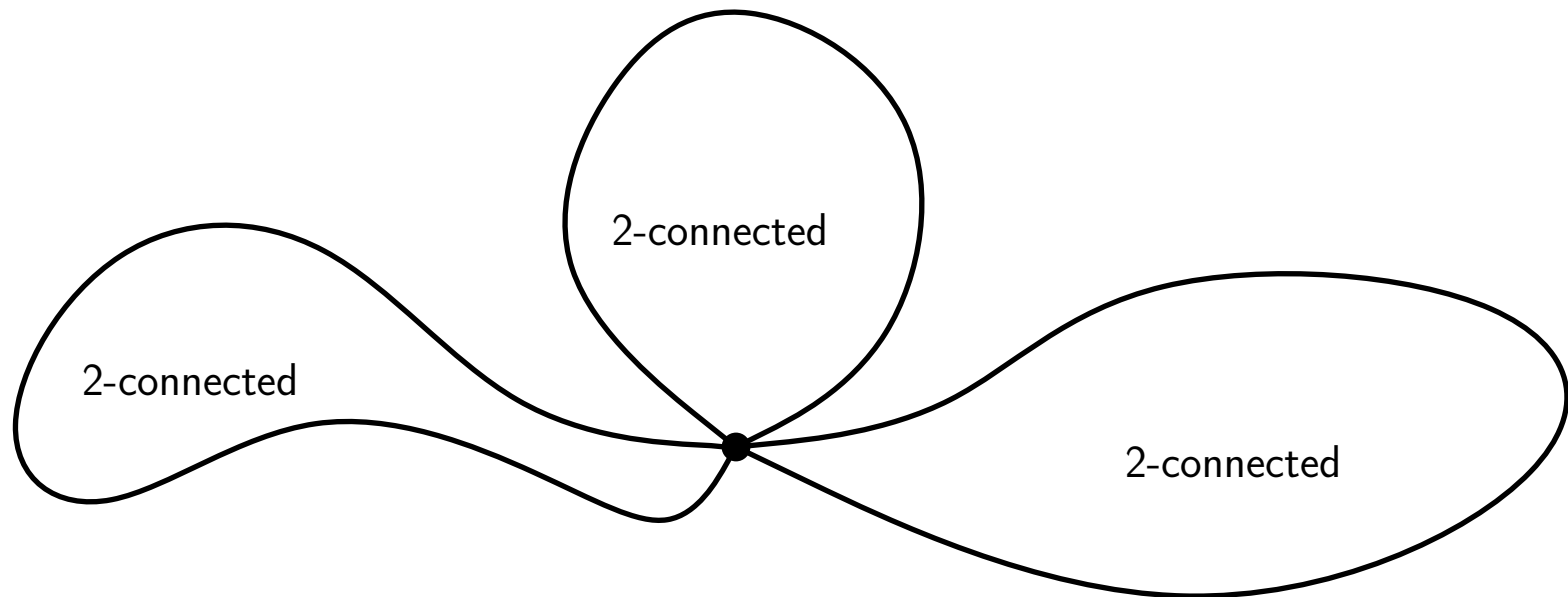


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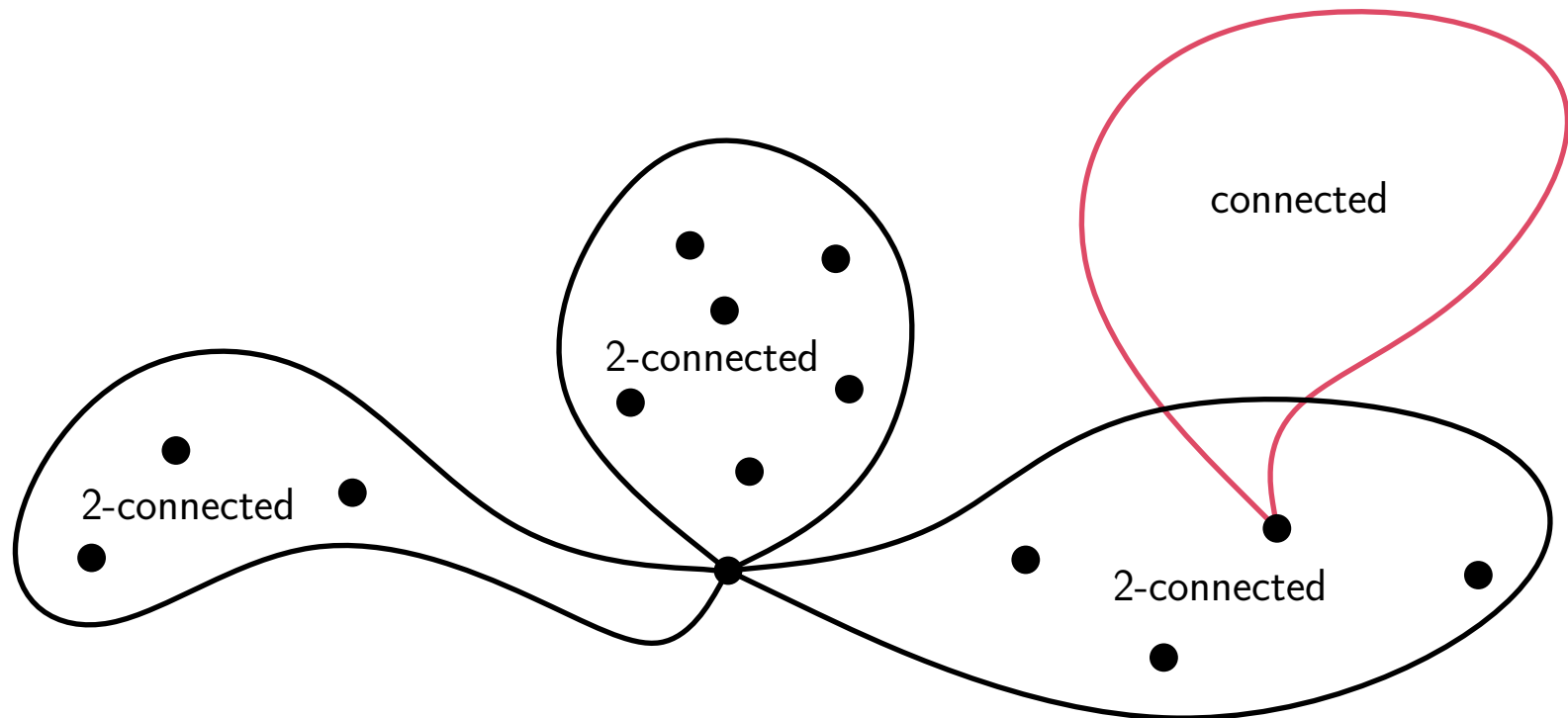


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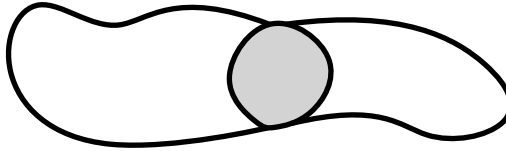
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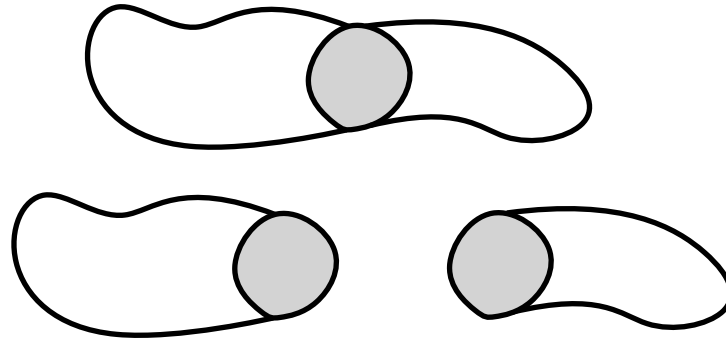
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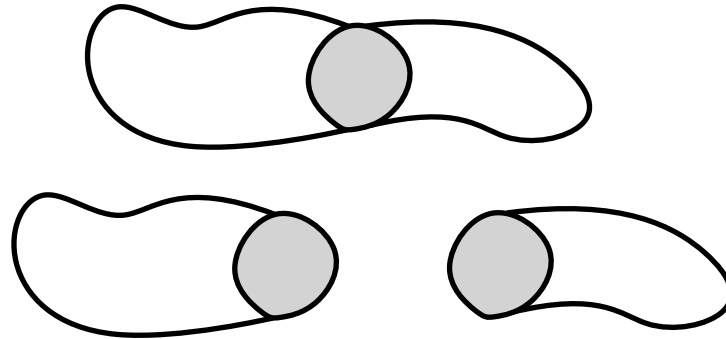
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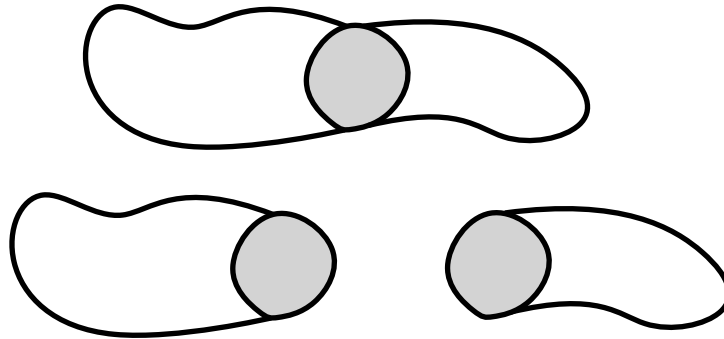


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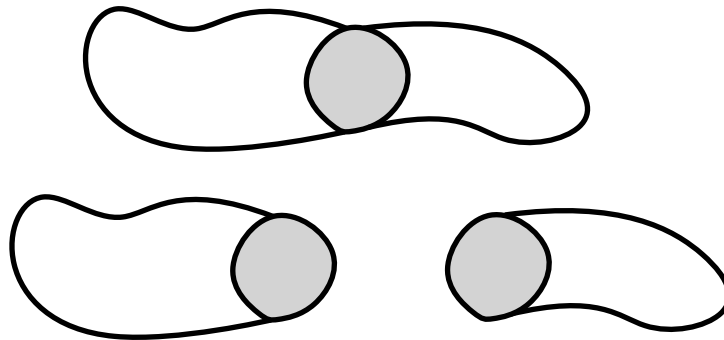


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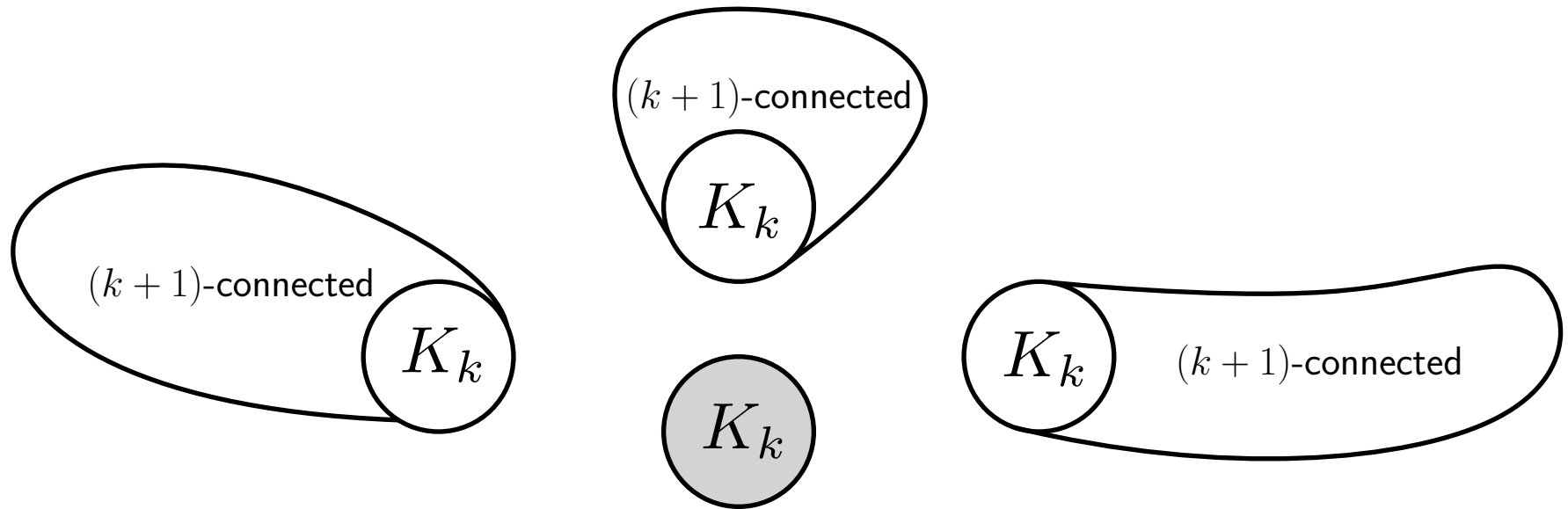


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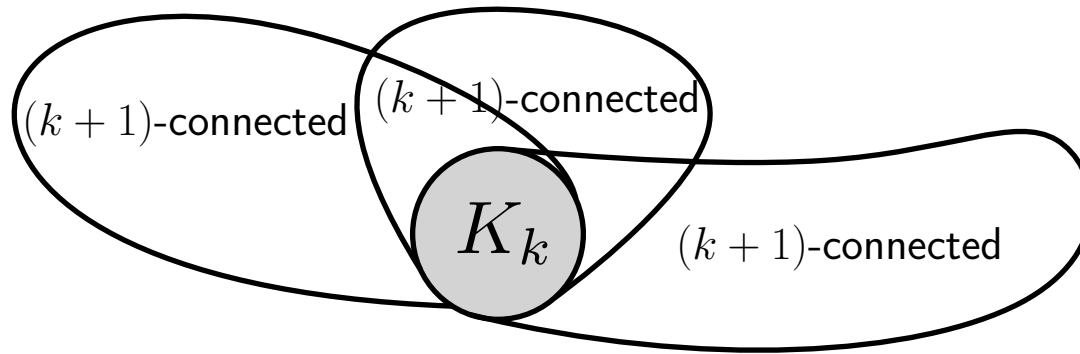
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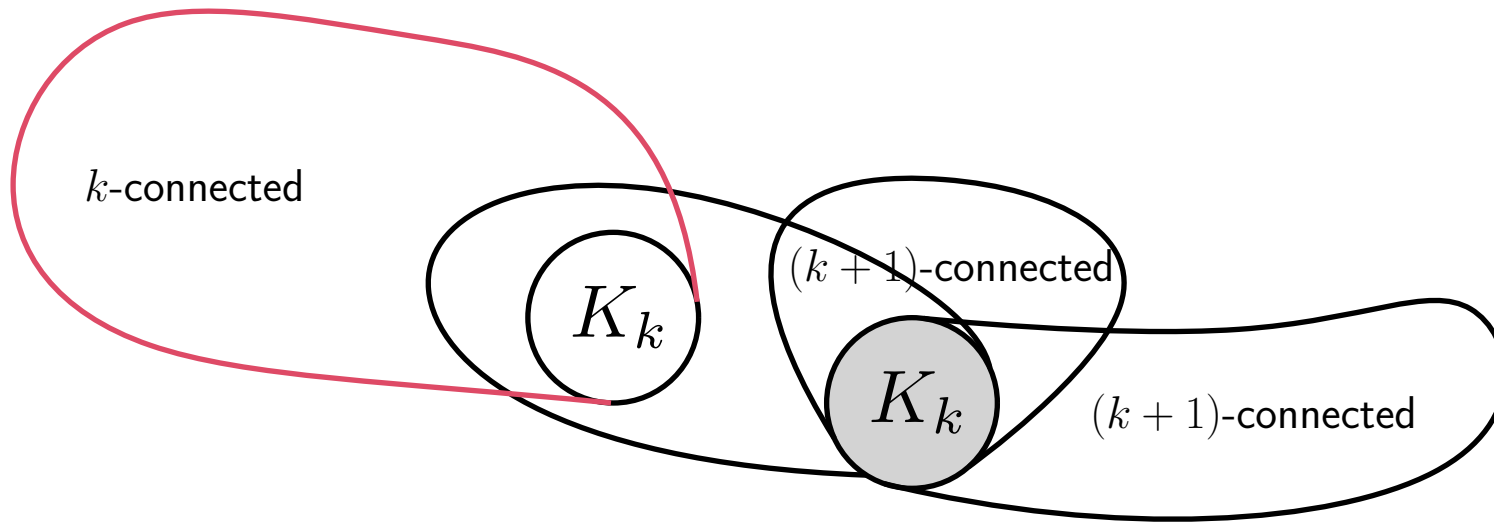
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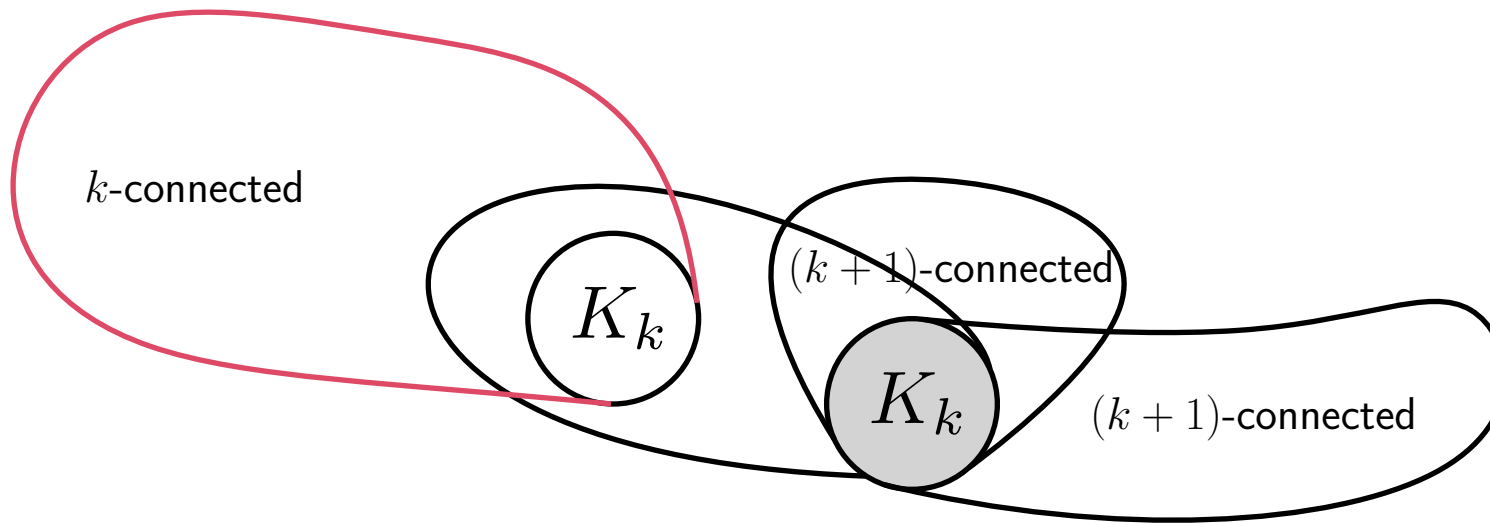
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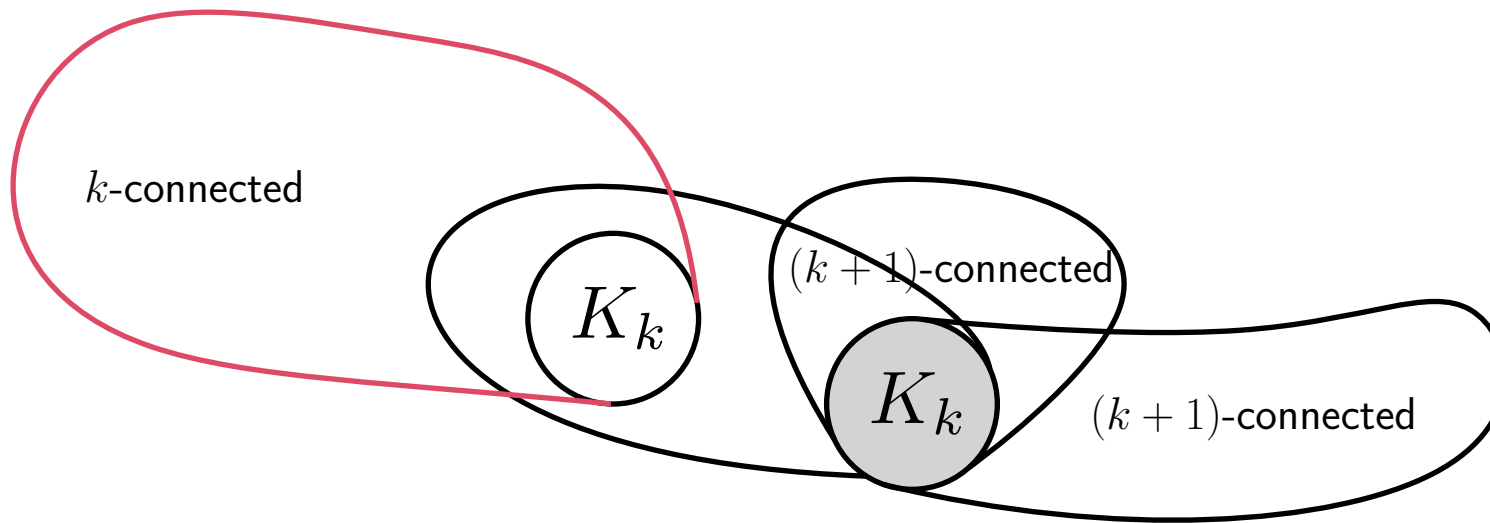


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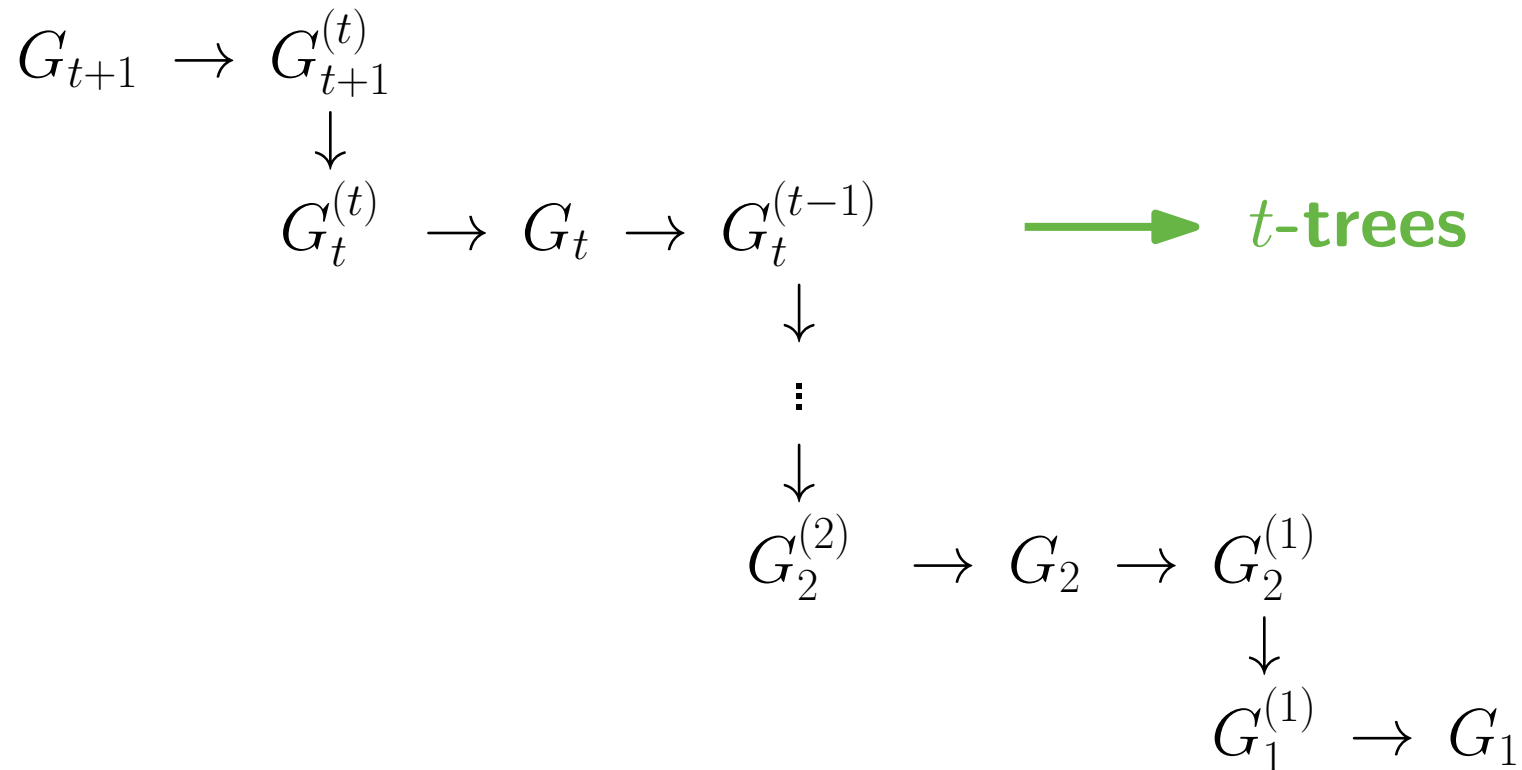
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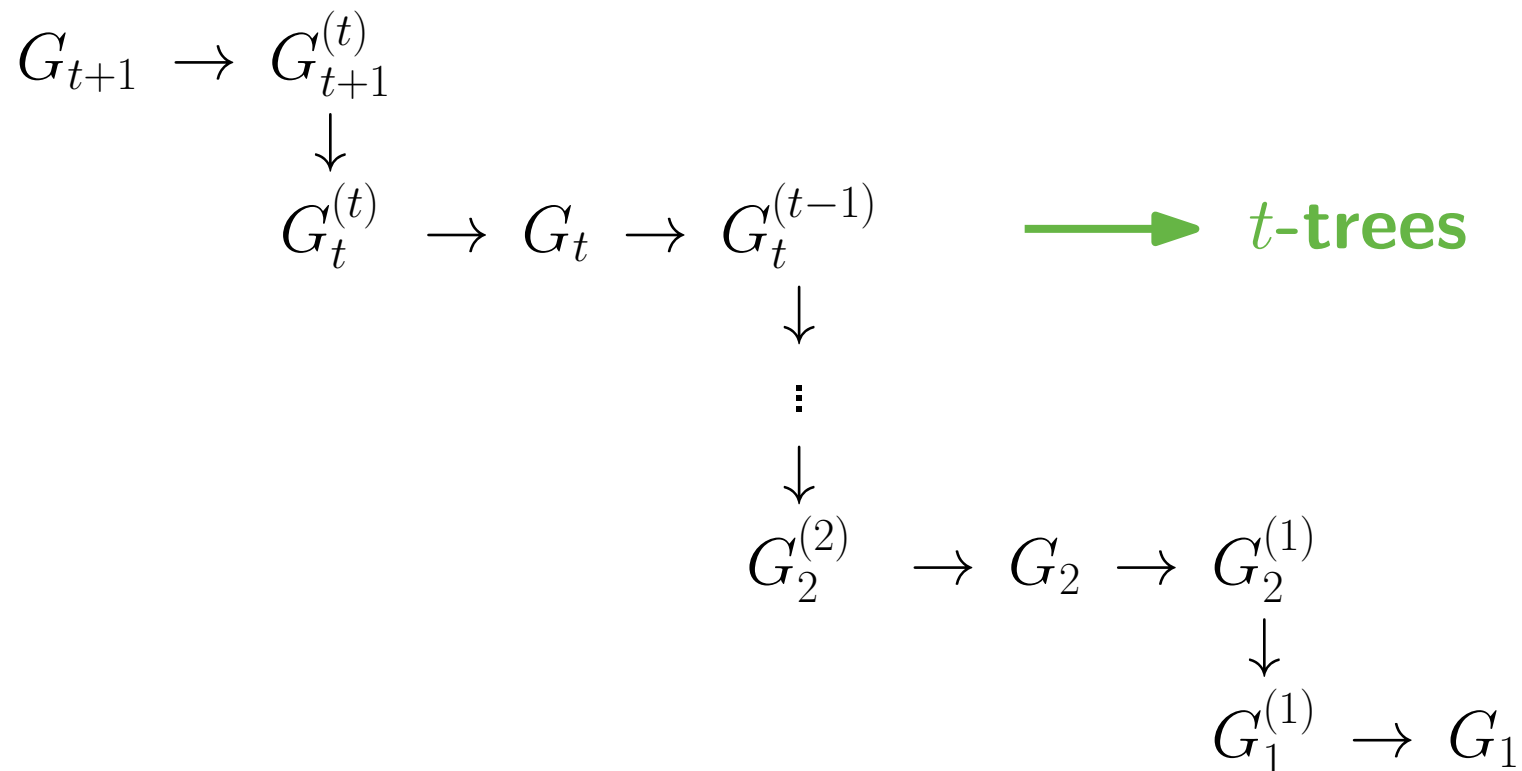


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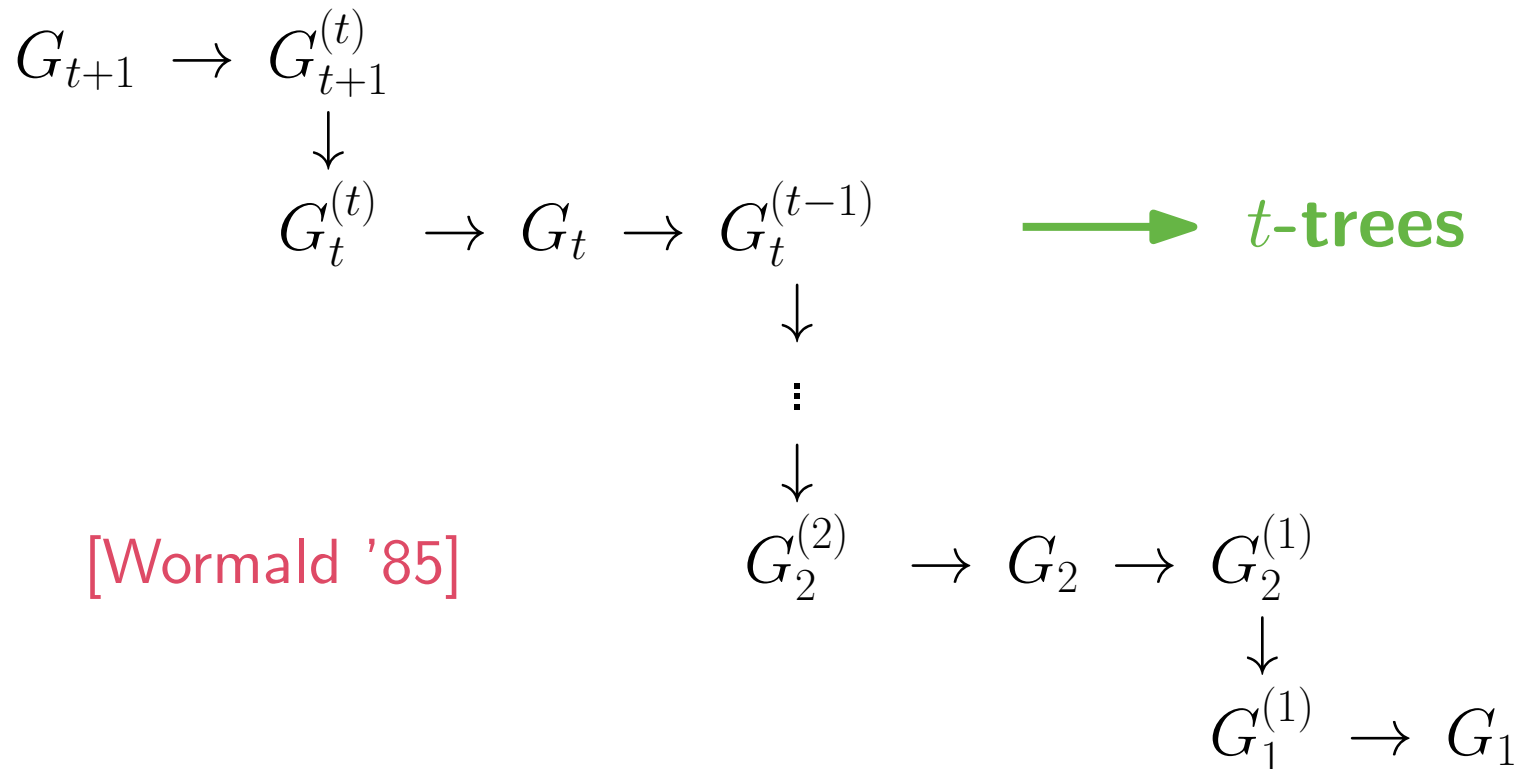
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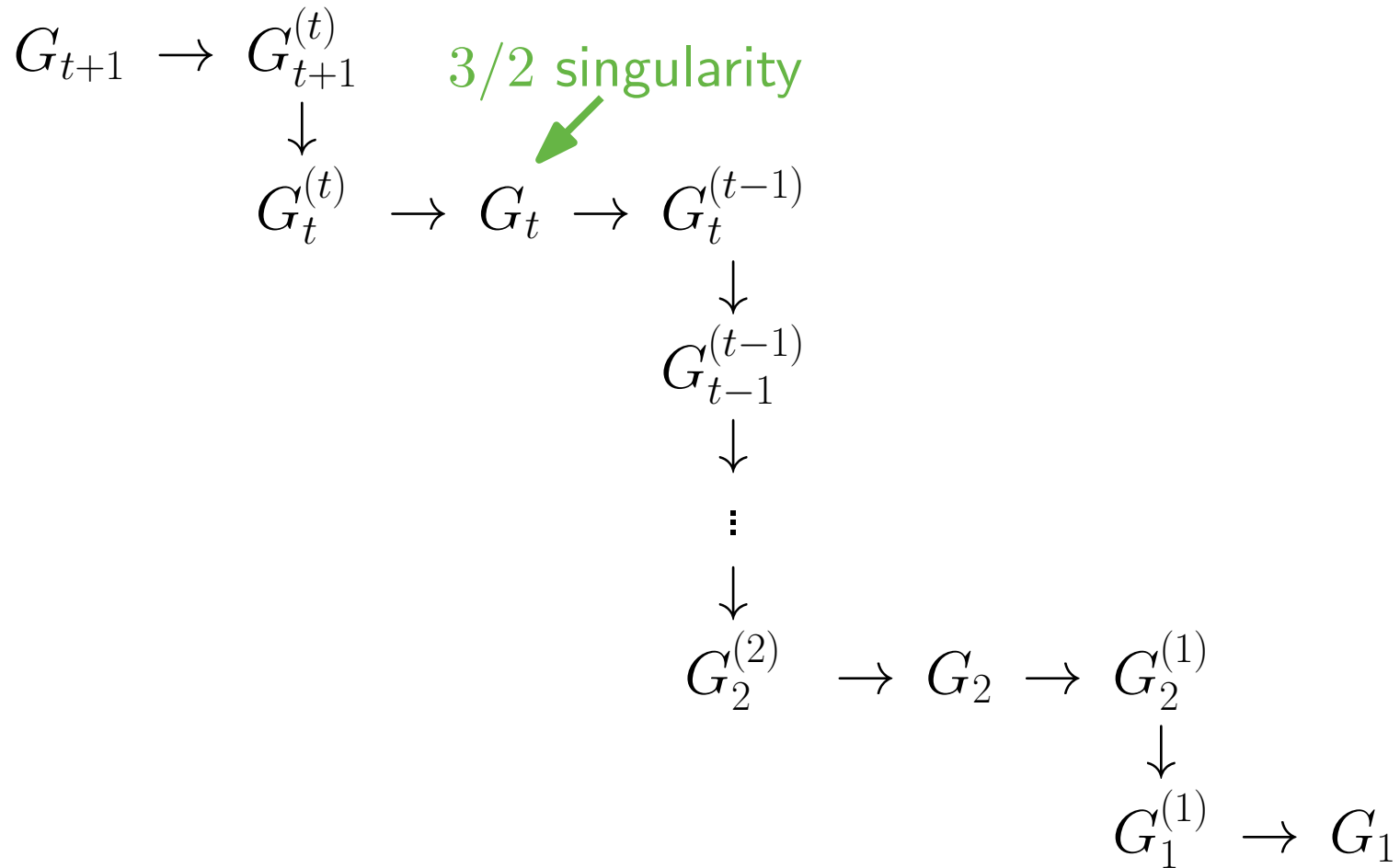
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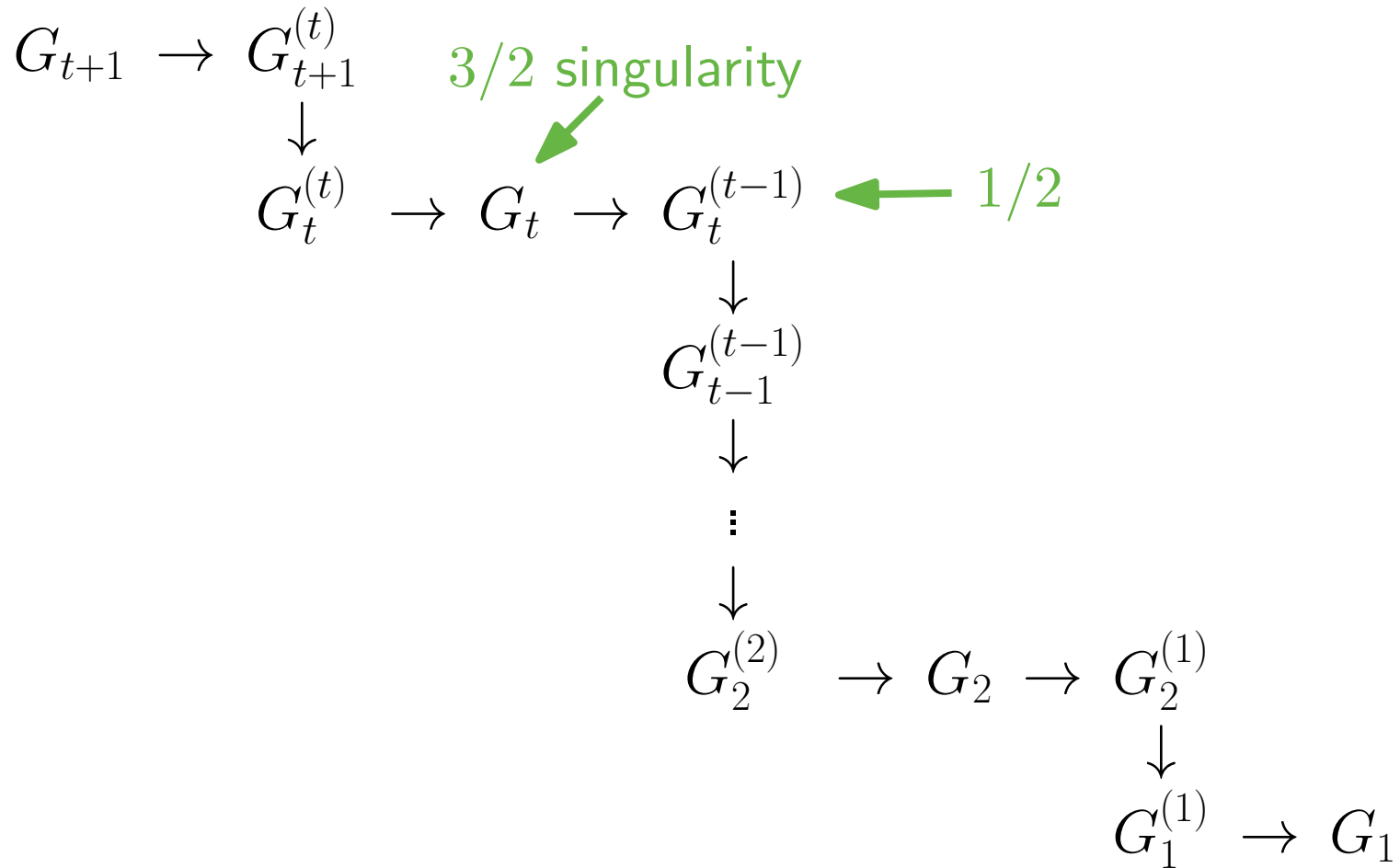
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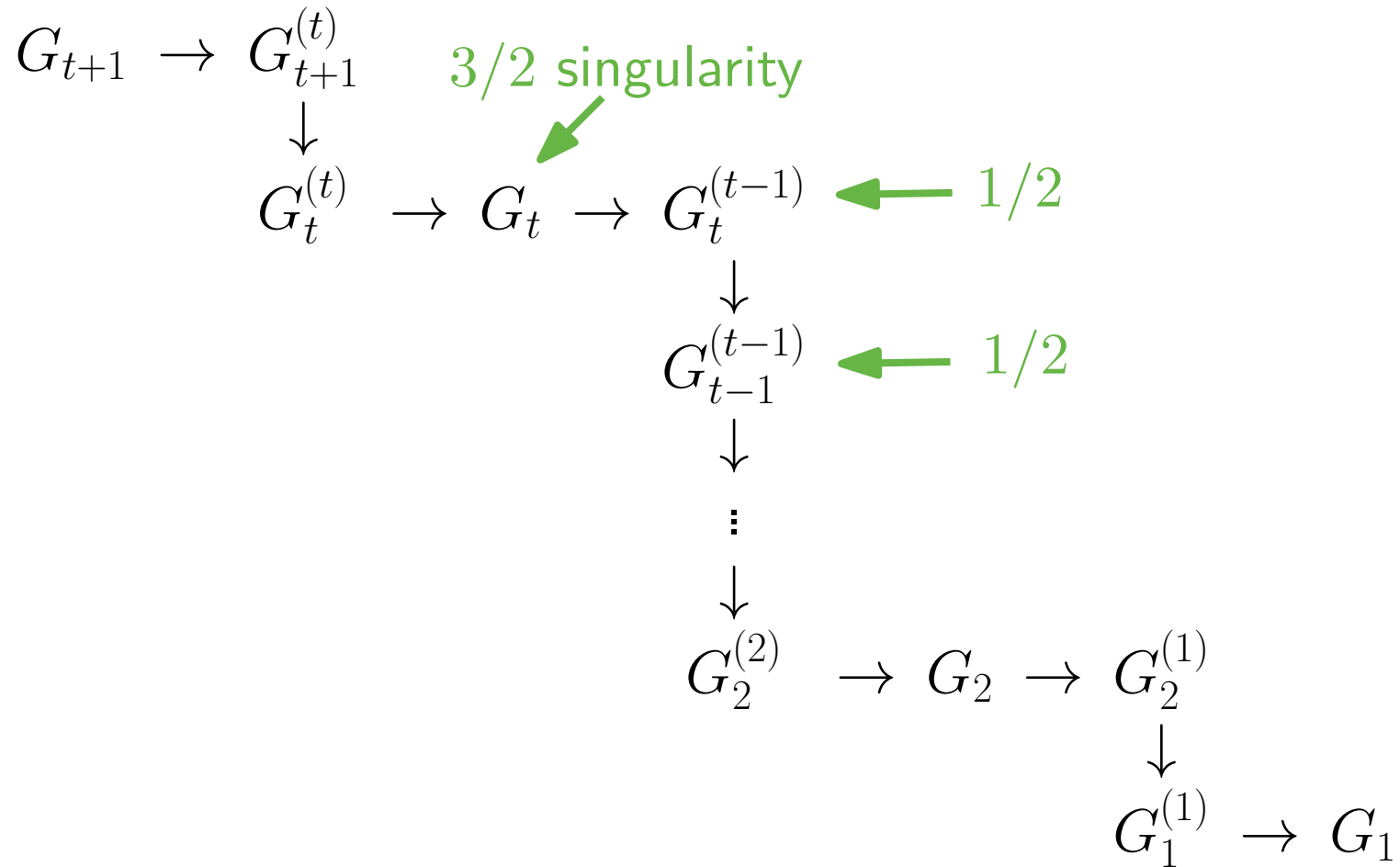
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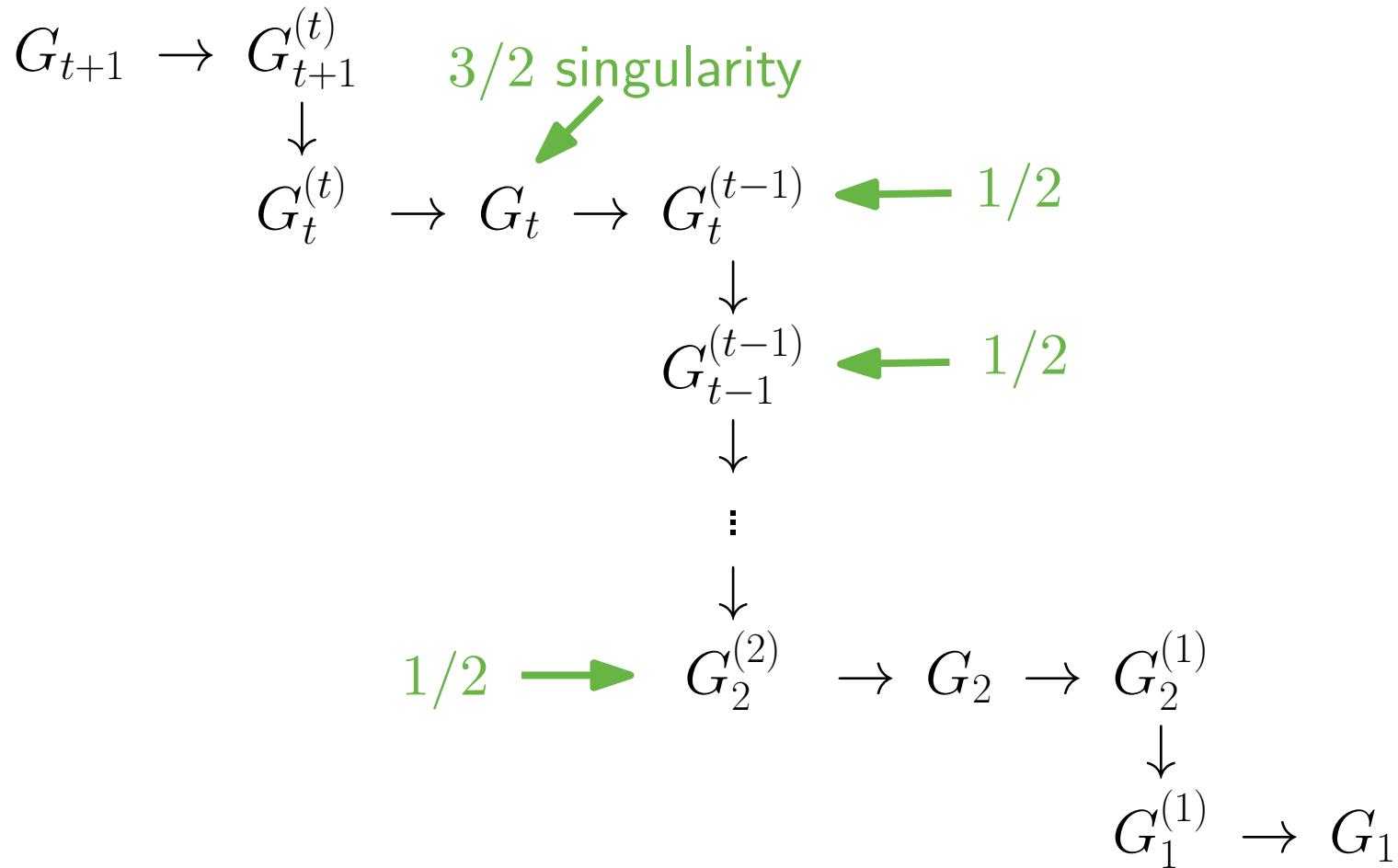
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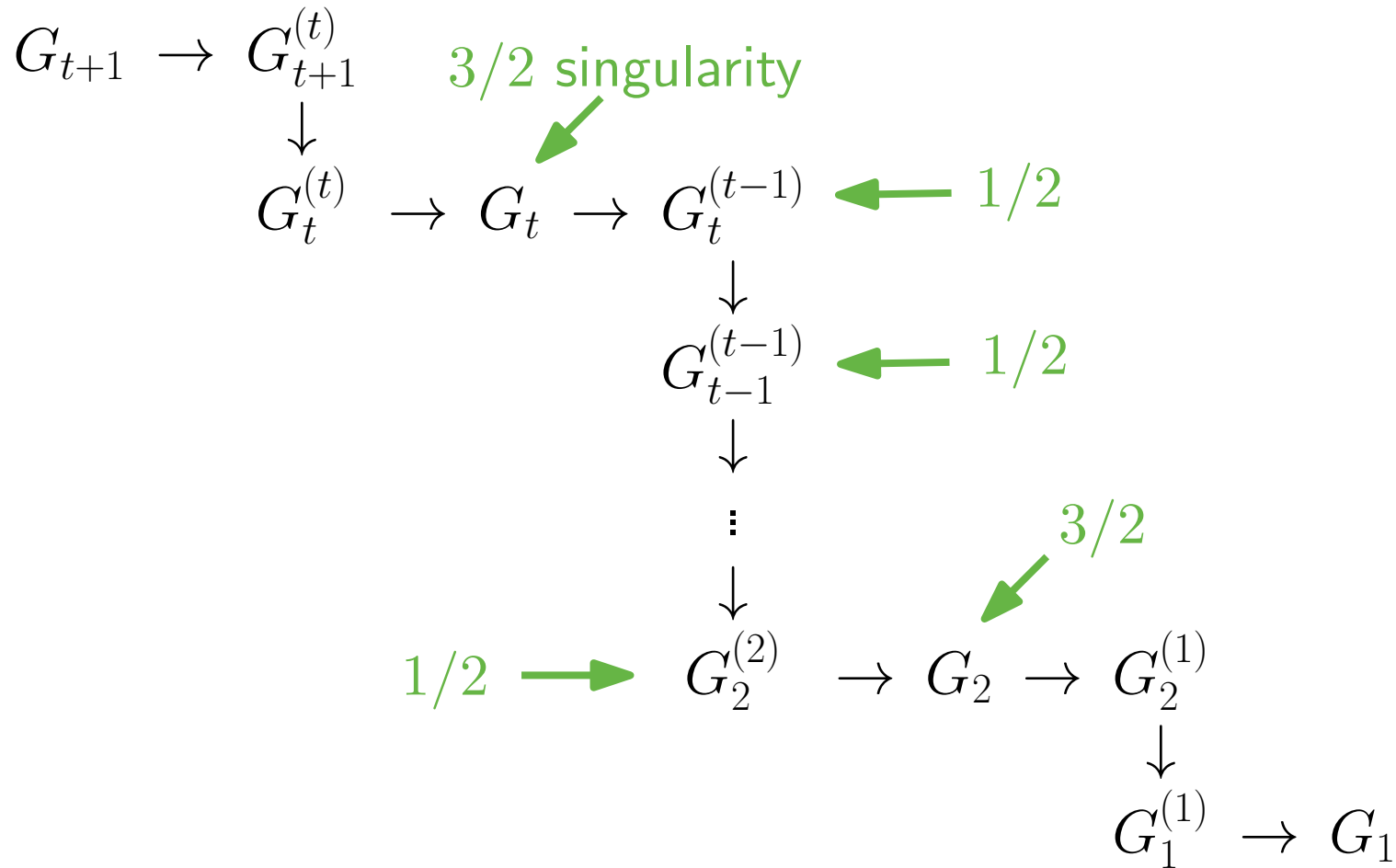
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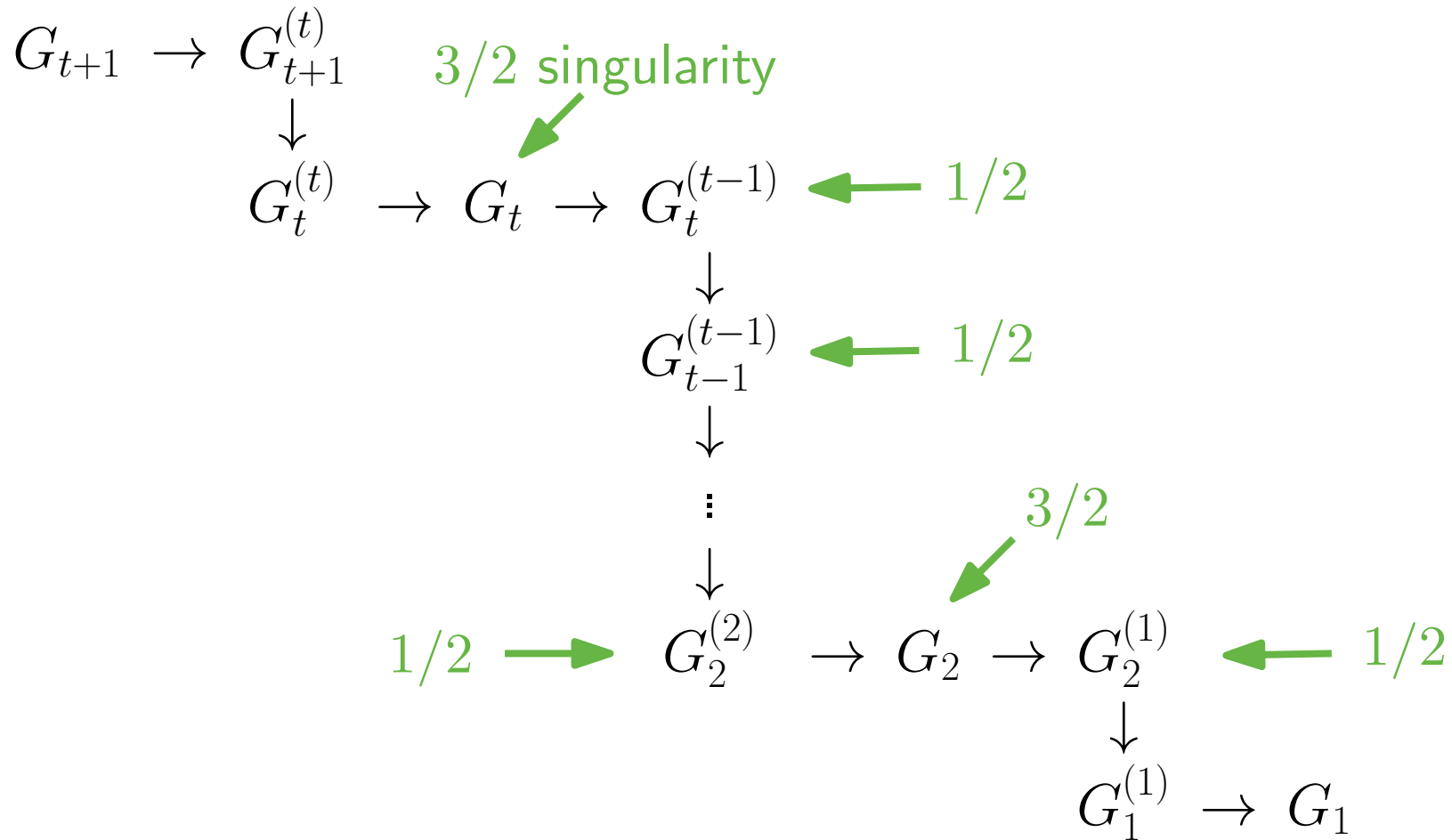
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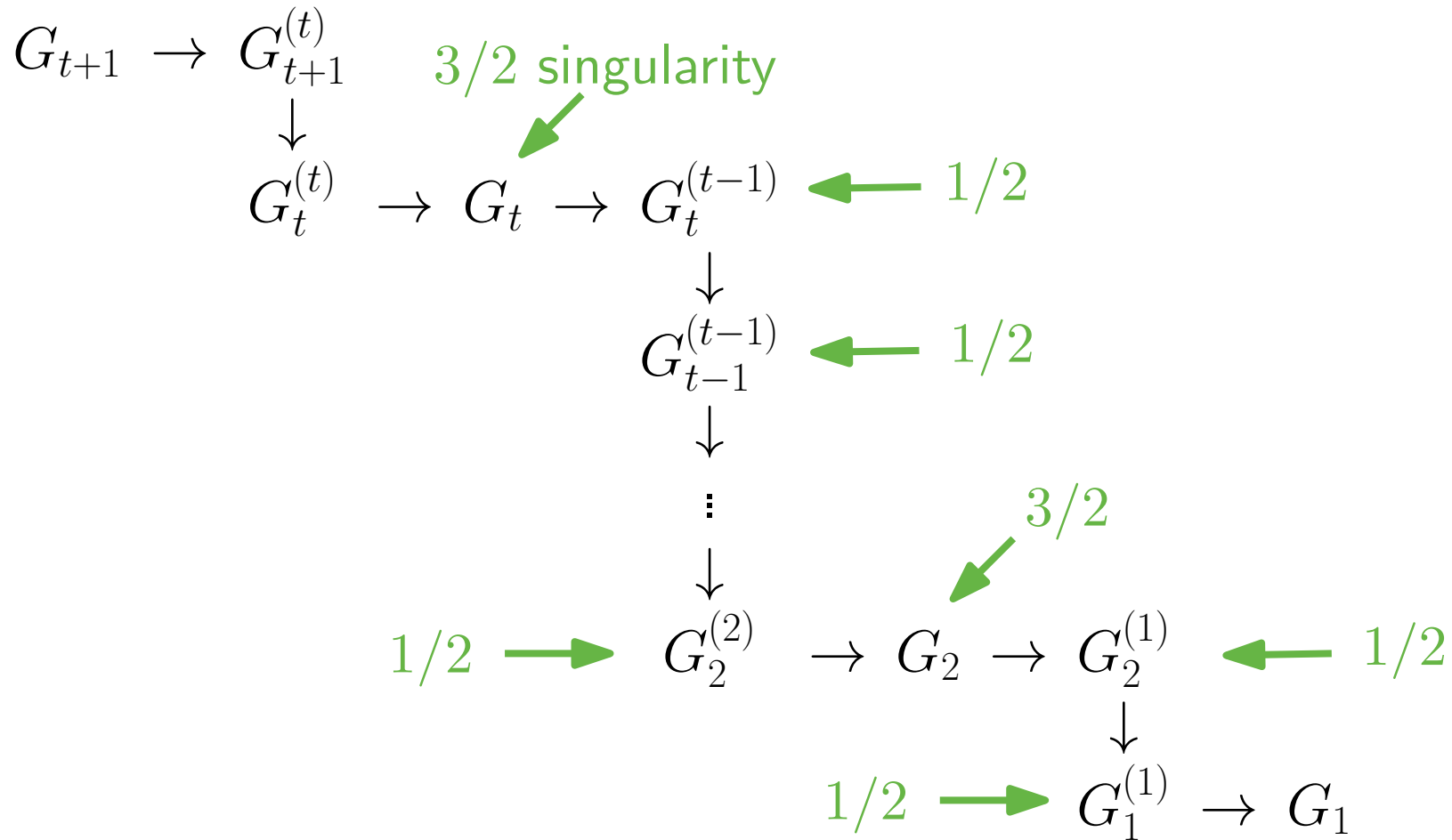
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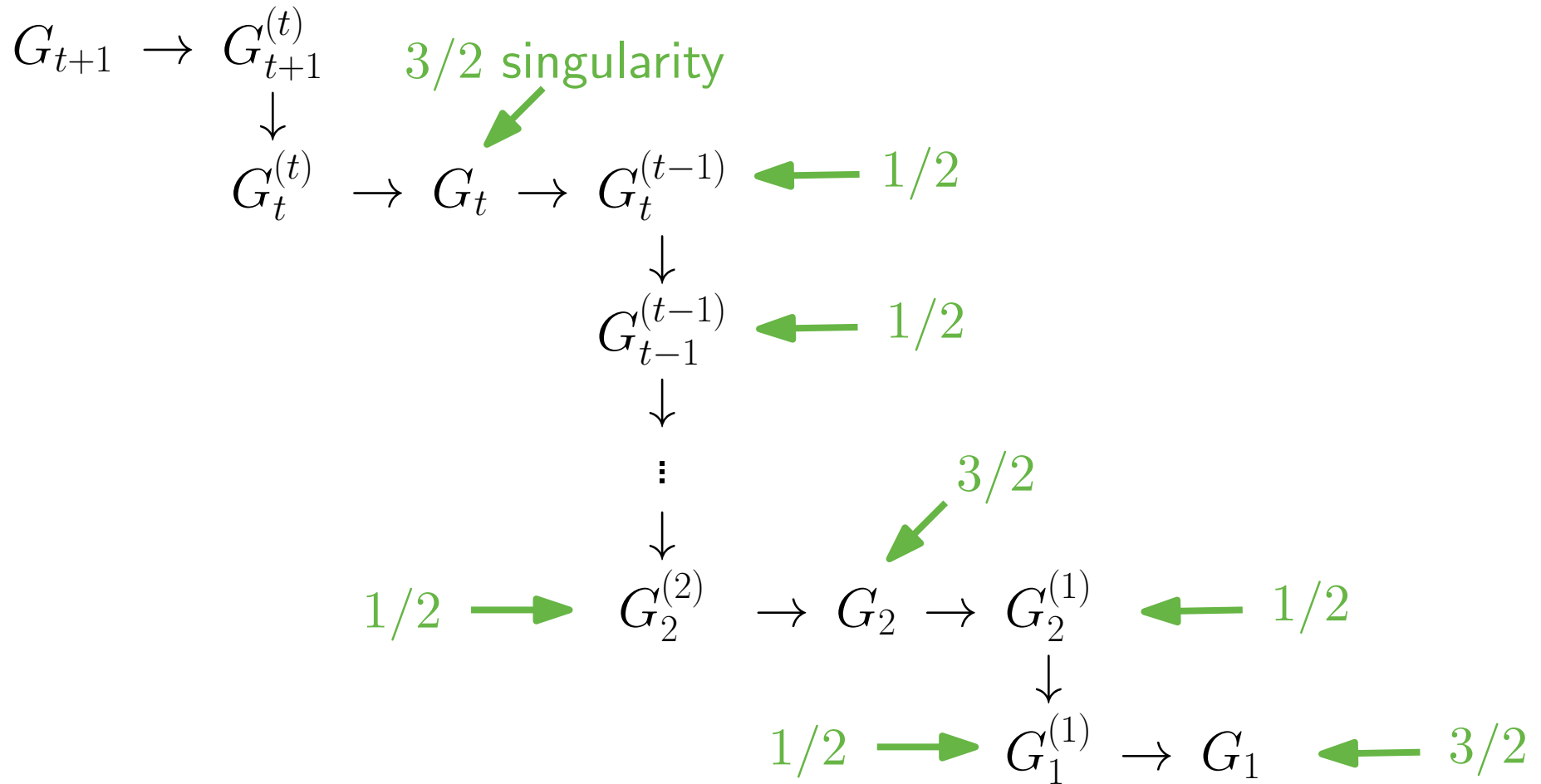


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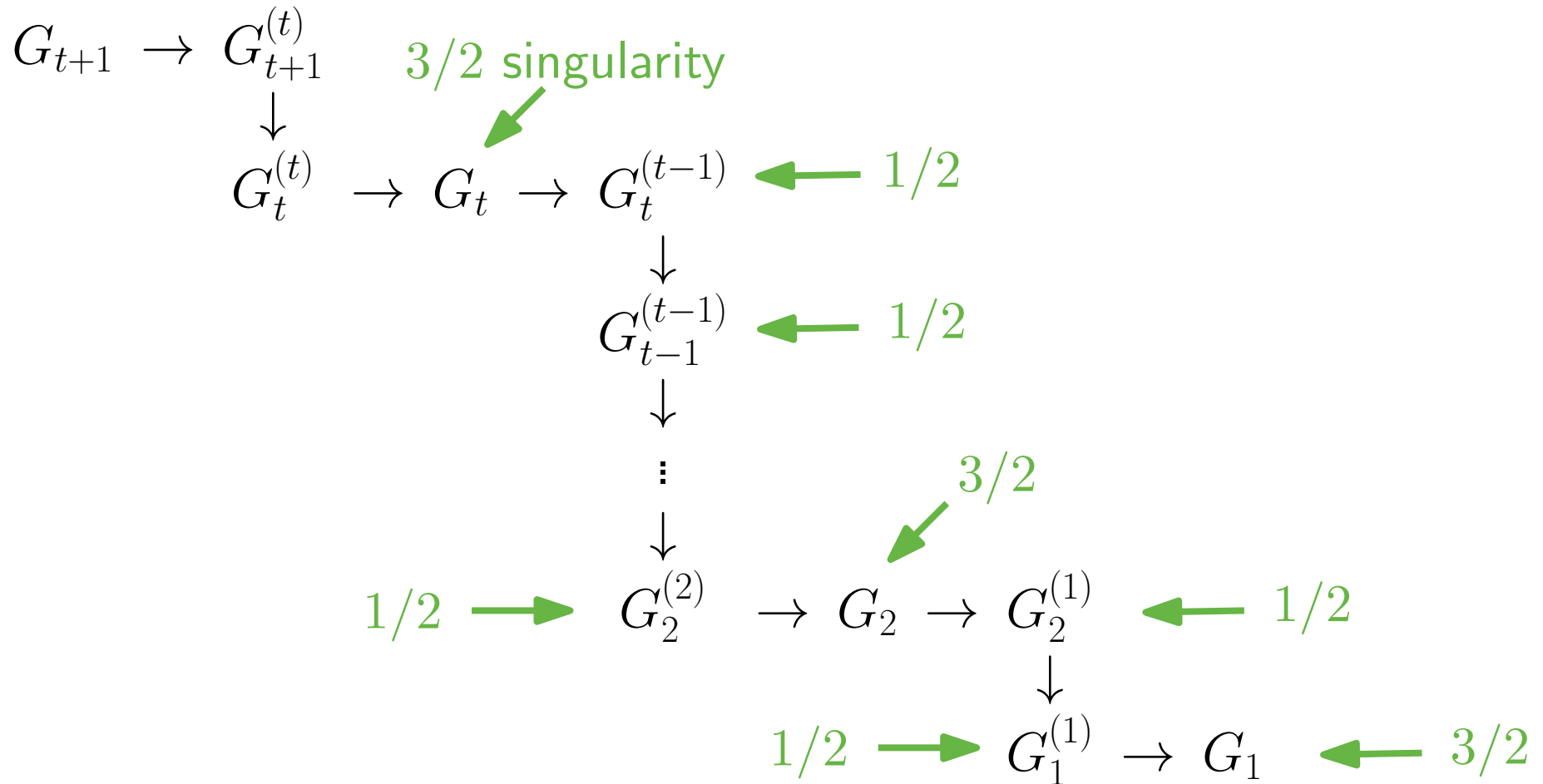




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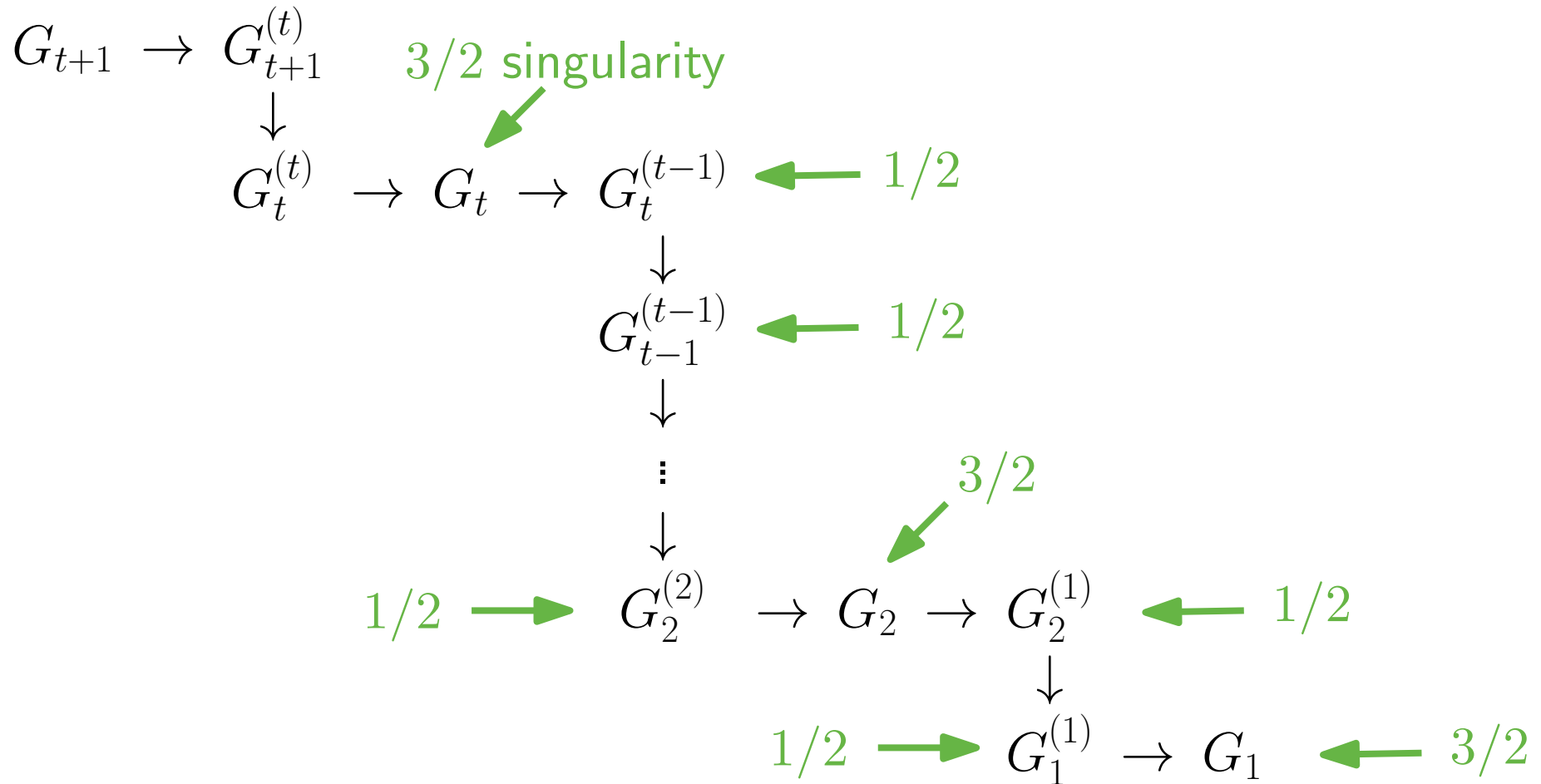


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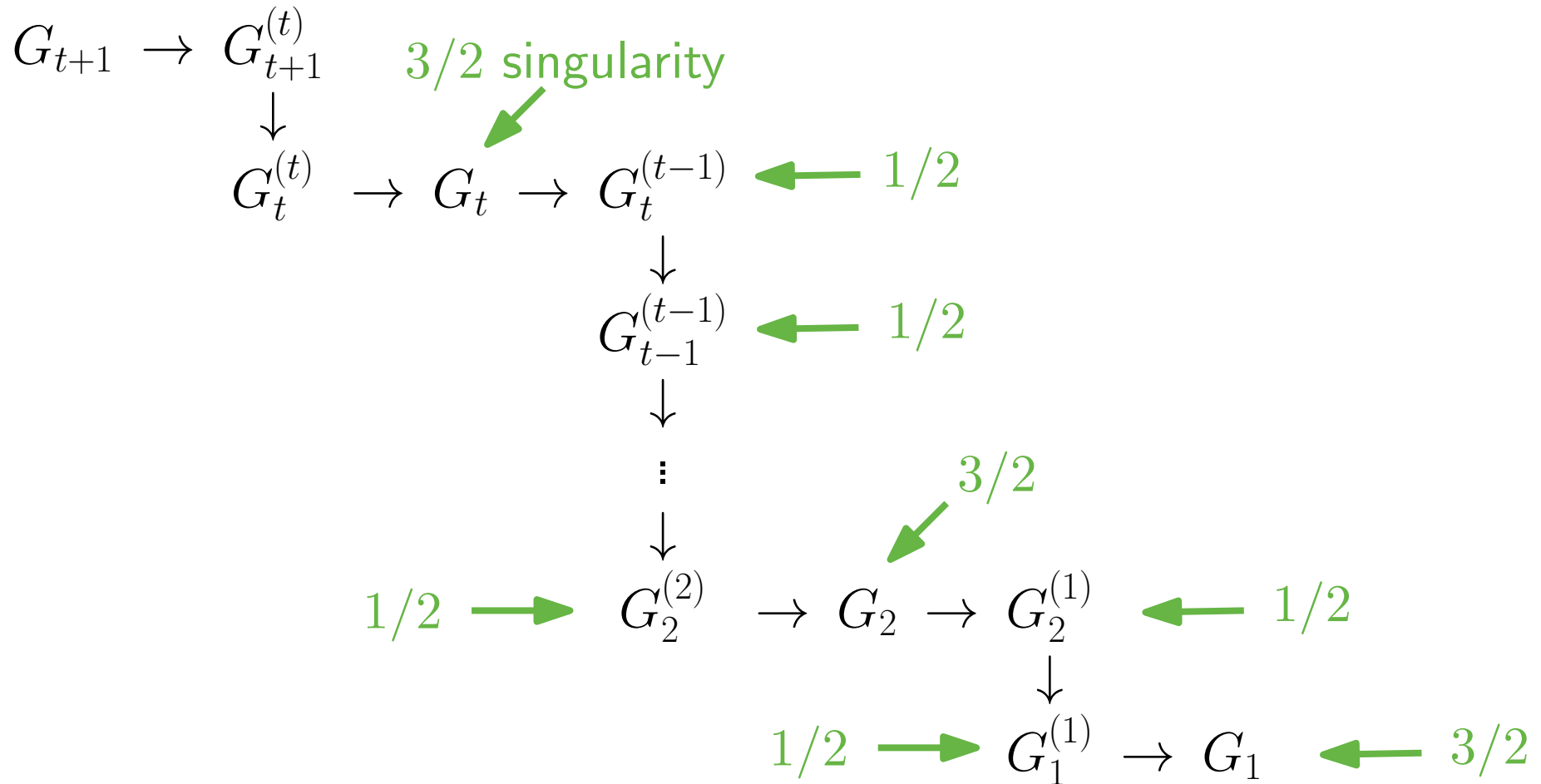
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**Theorem.** ([Bender, Richmond, Wormald '85])



Almost all chordal graphs are split.

Therefore, the number of chordal graphs grows like  $2^{n^2/4}$  and  $\rho_t \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

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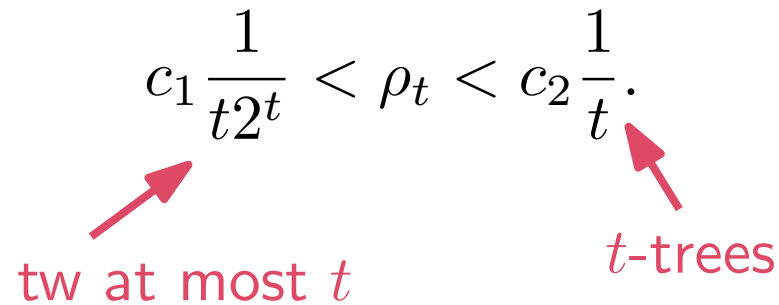
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2. What happens if we let  $t = t(n)$  grow with  $n$ ?

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Consider split graphs with a clique of size  $t$ . There are  $2^{(1+\varepsilon) \log n (n - (1+\varepsilon) \log n)}$  such graphs. This number grows faster than  $c^n n!$  for any  $c$ .

At which point between  $t = O(1)$  and  $t = \log n$  the class ceases to be small?