

Ribbon Operators in 2D Topologically Ordered Spin Systems

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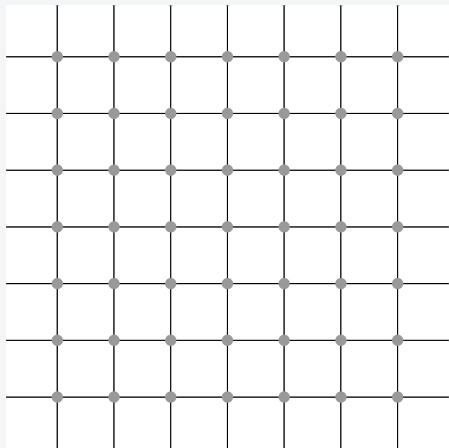
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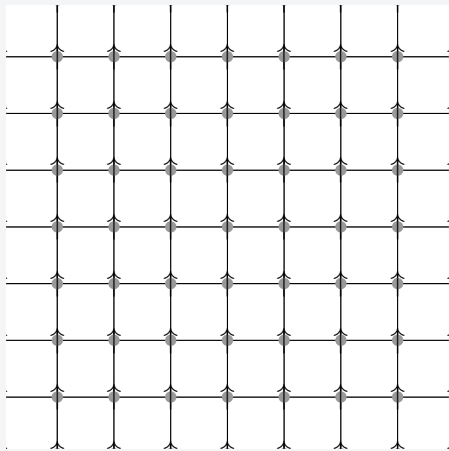


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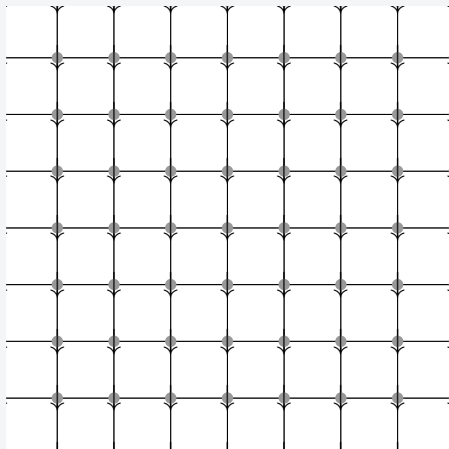
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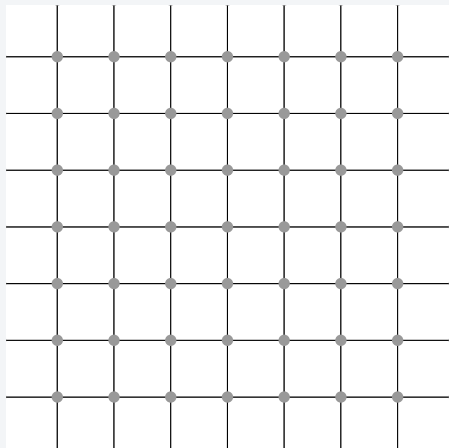
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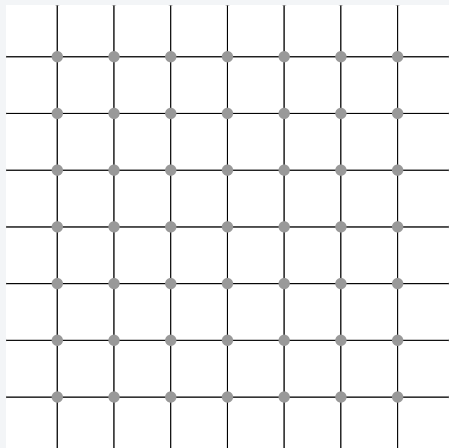
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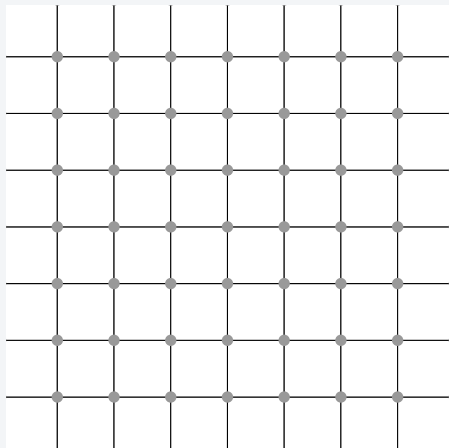
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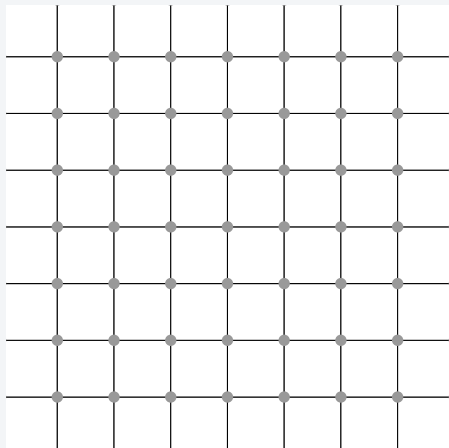
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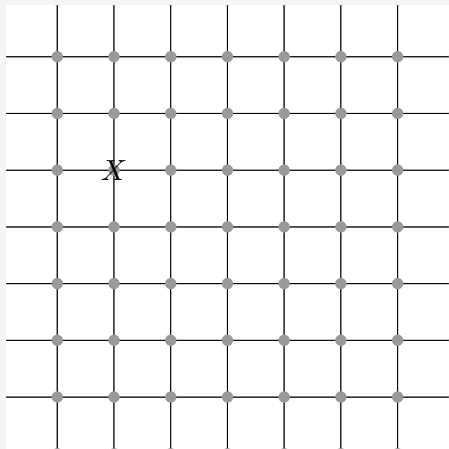
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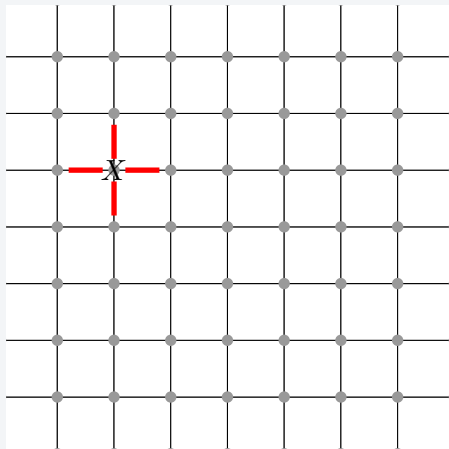
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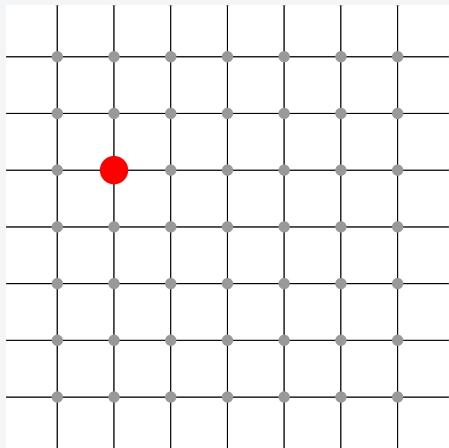
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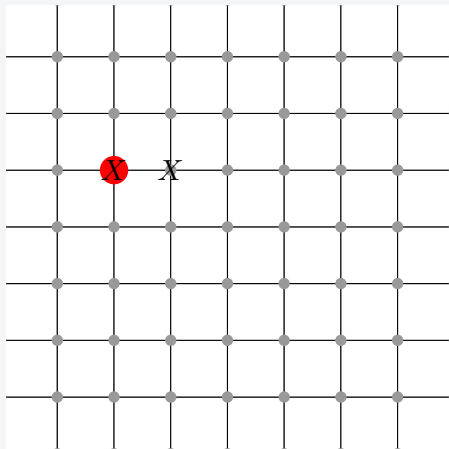
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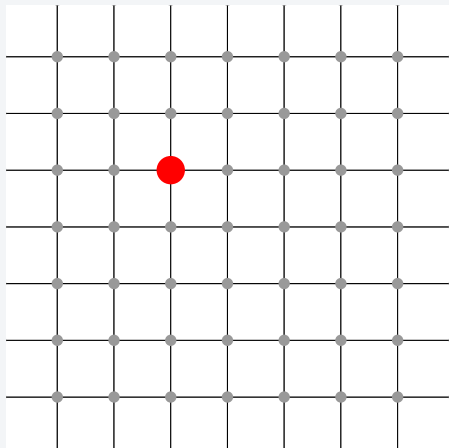
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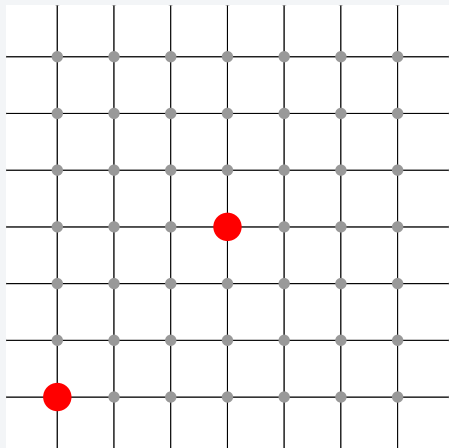
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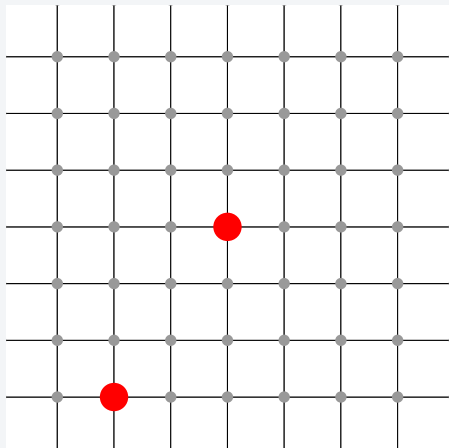
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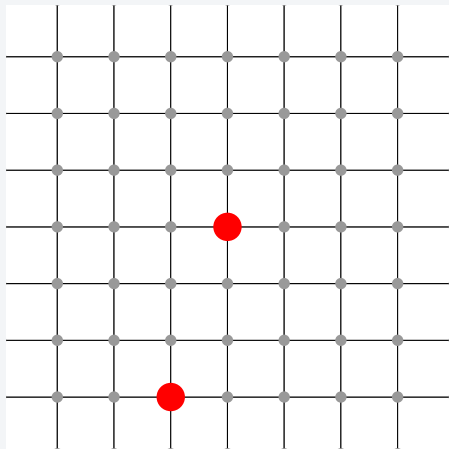
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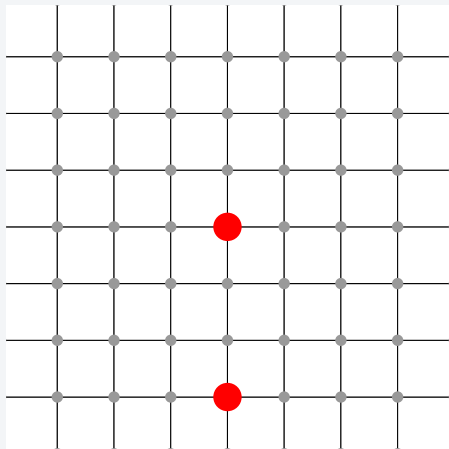
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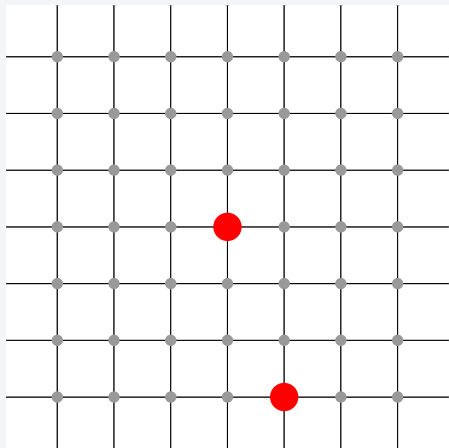
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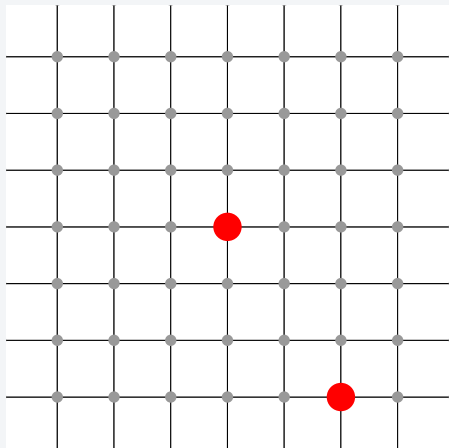
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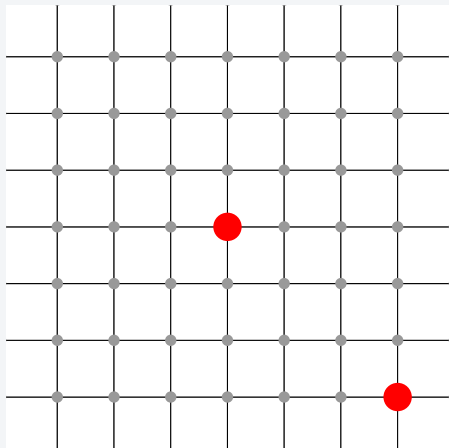
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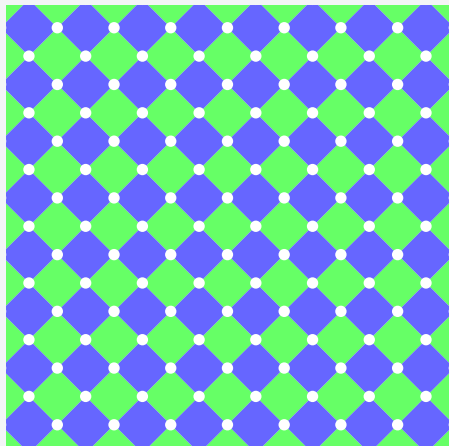
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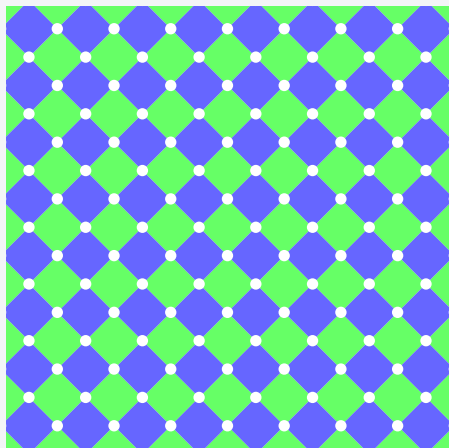
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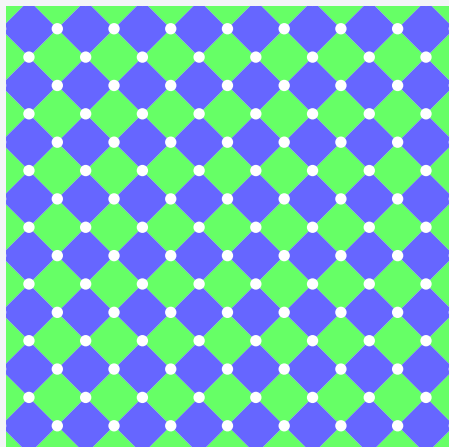
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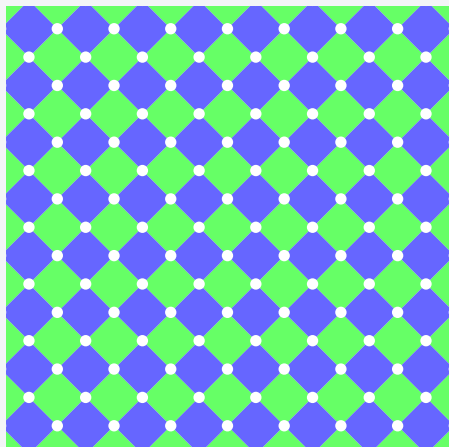
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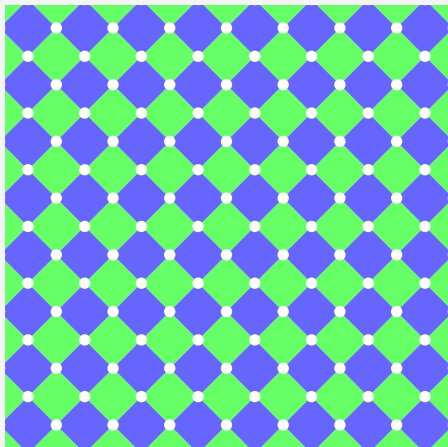
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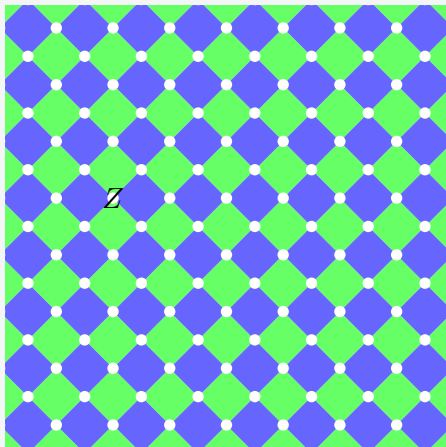
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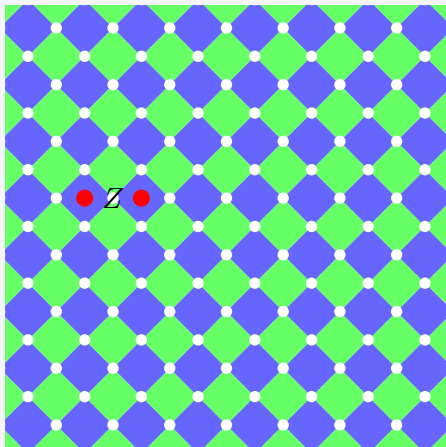
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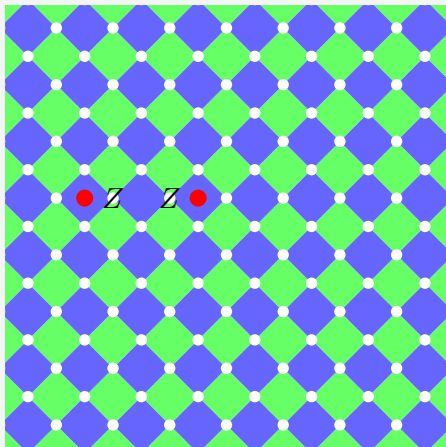
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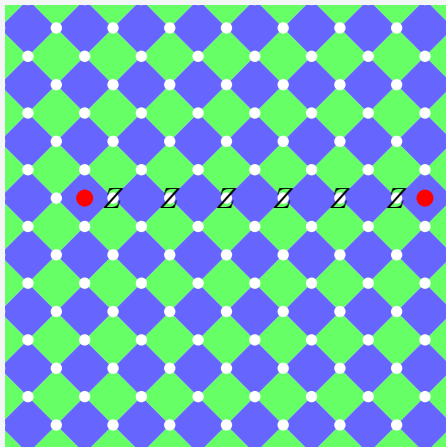
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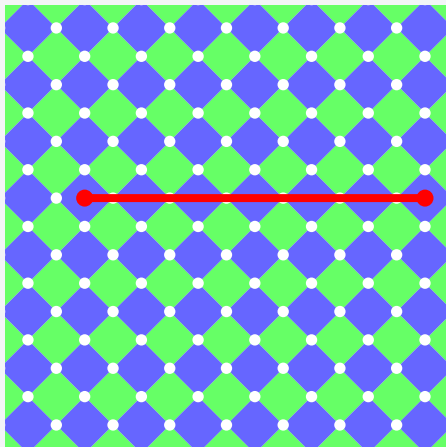
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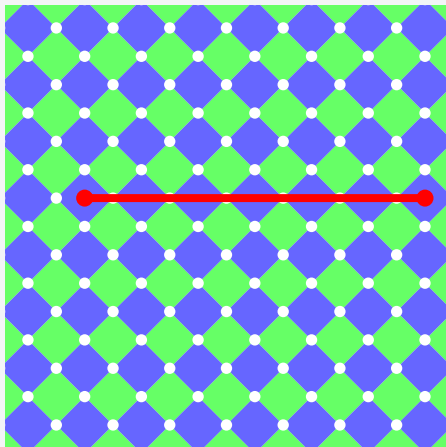
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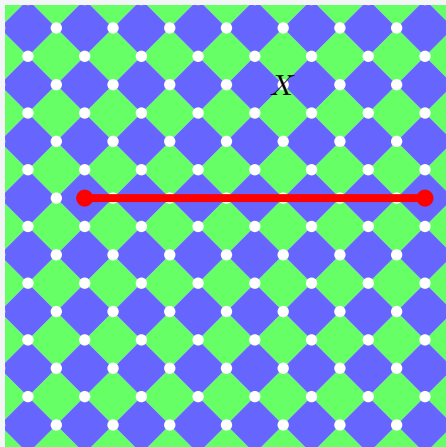
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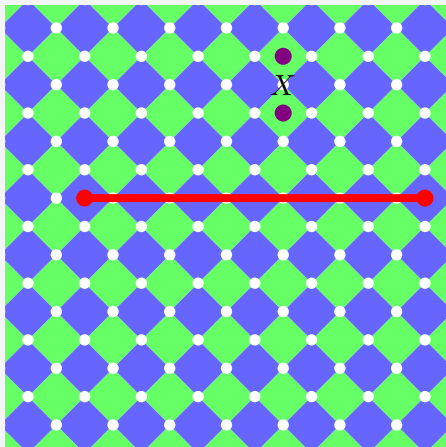
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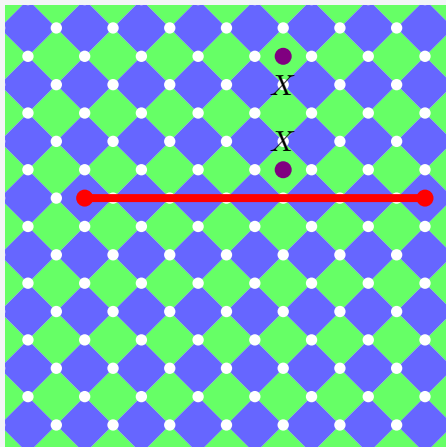
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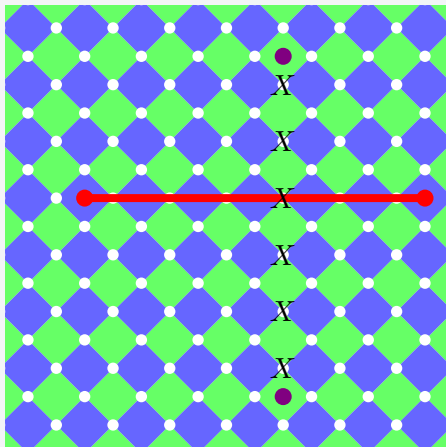
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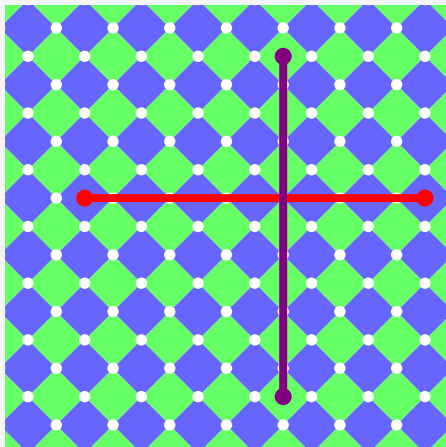
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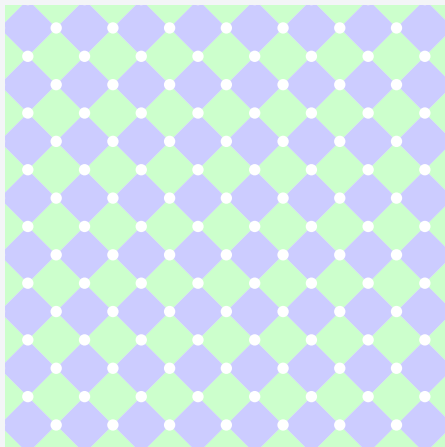
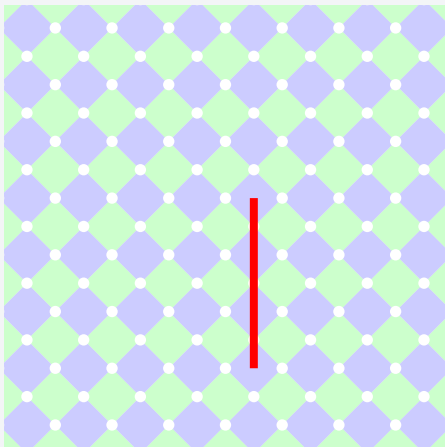
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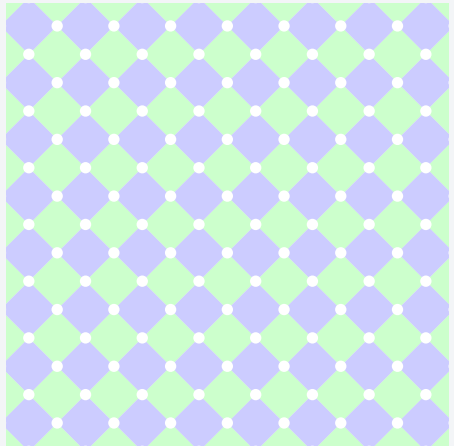
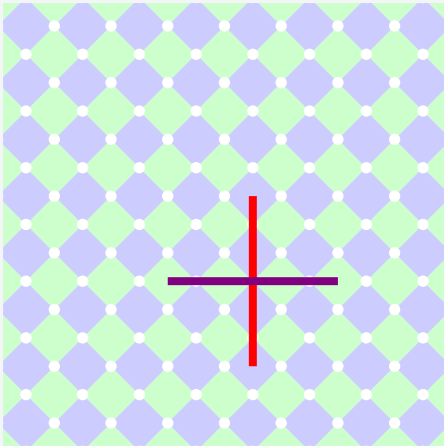


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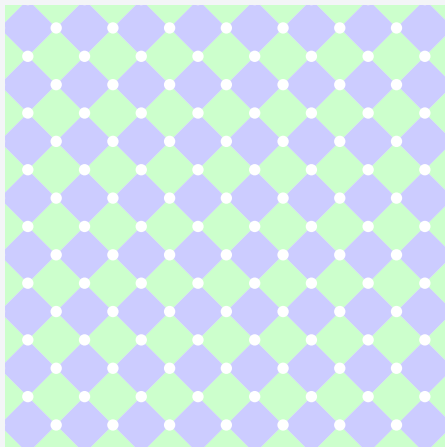
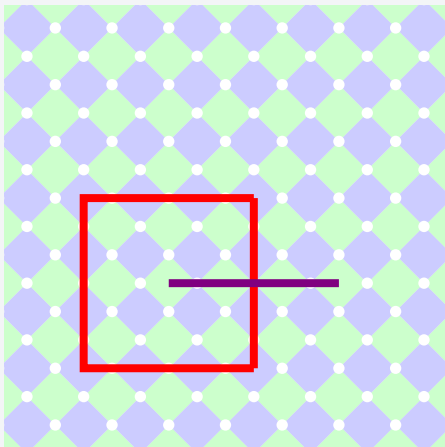
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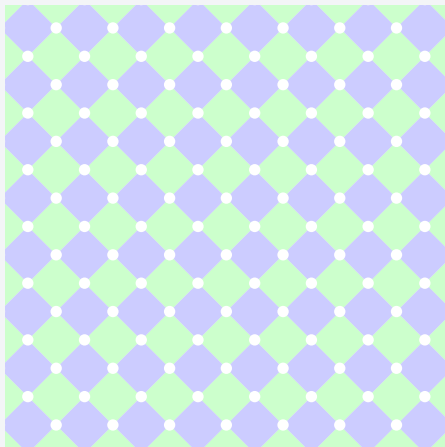
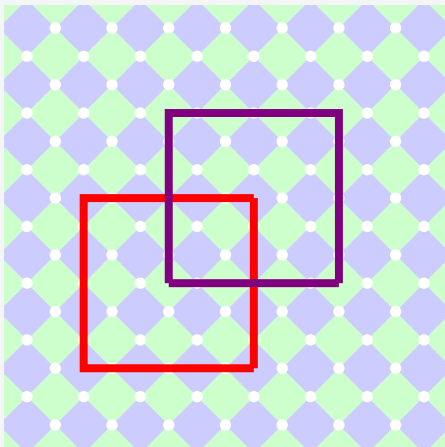
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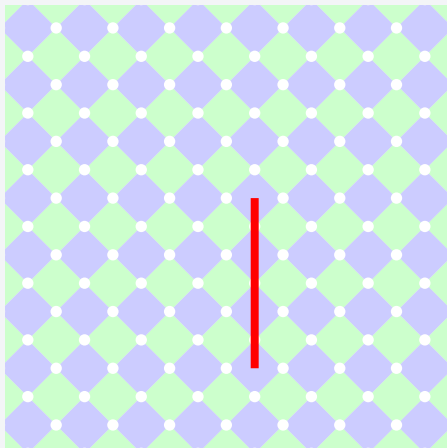
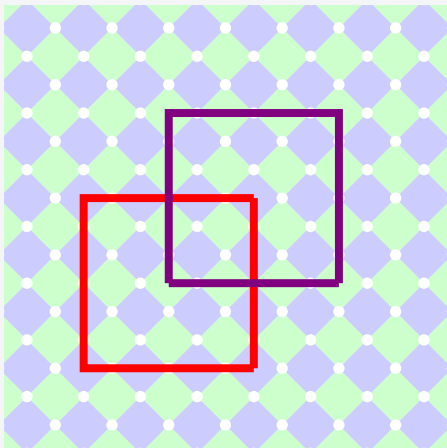
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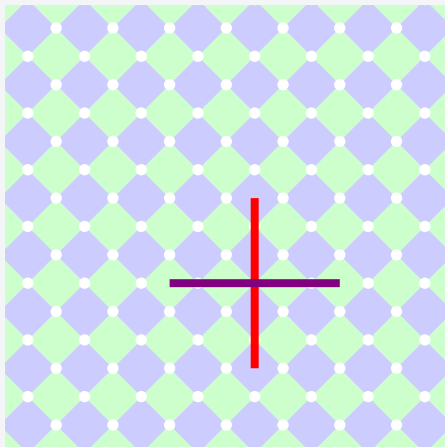
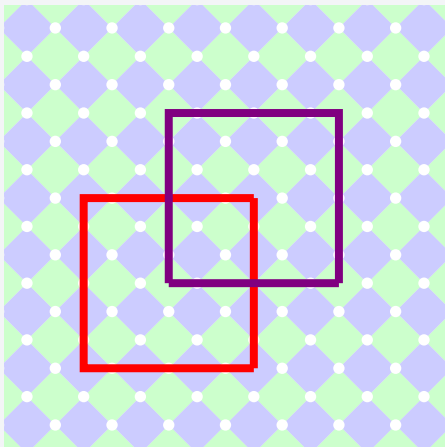
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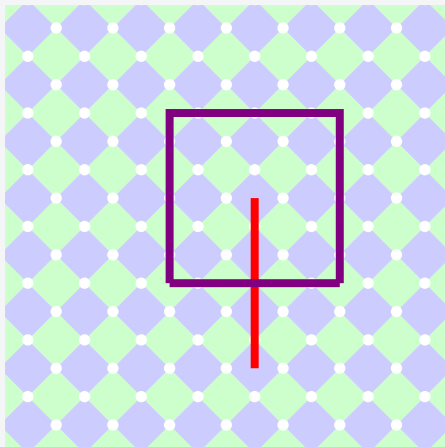
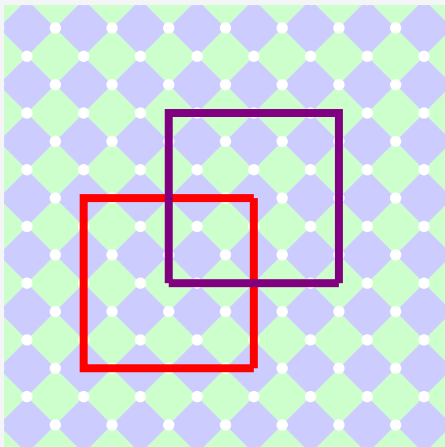
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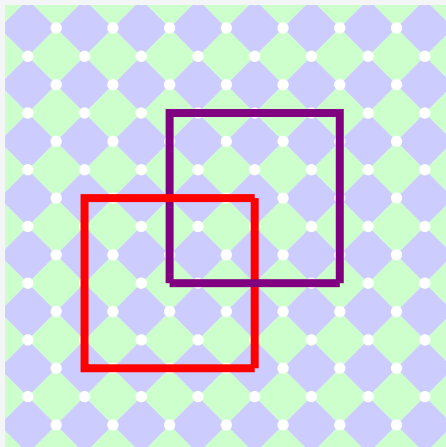
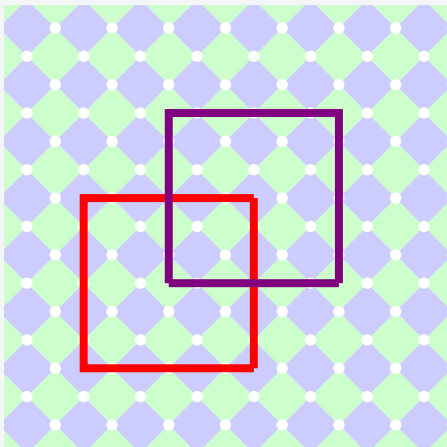
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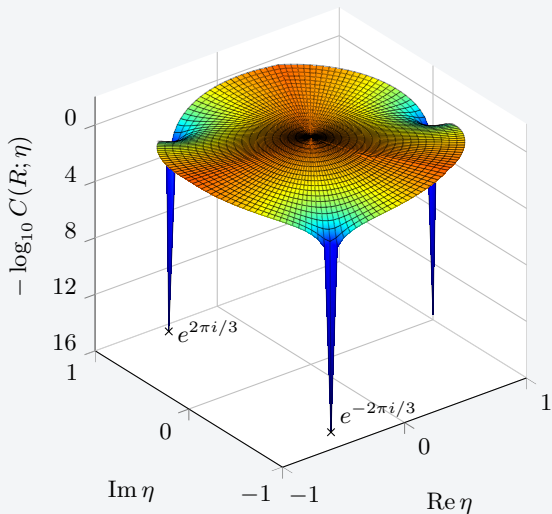
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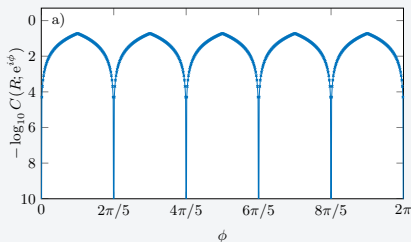
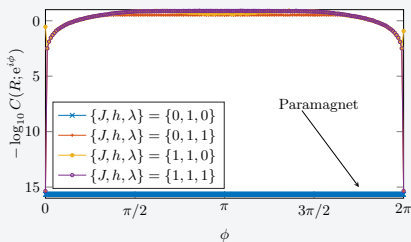
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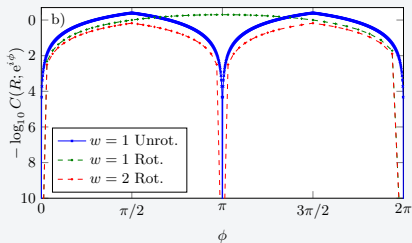
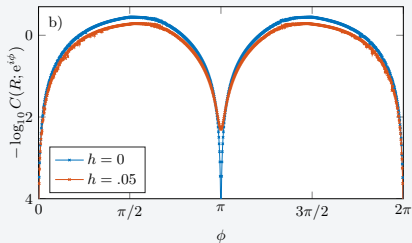
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Toric Code with Z Field

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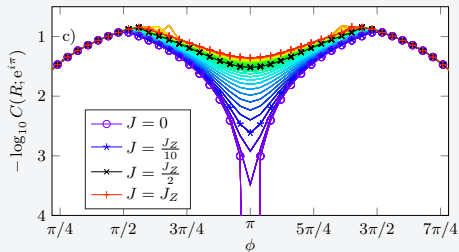
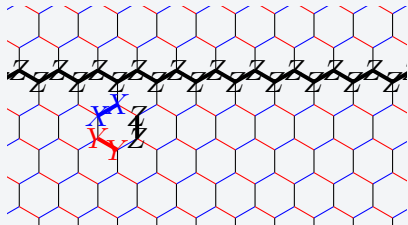
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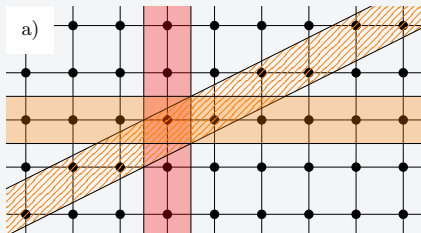
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- Can we prove anything about the method?
 - If we restrict to unitaries, we can prove ground state degeneracy using numerical output



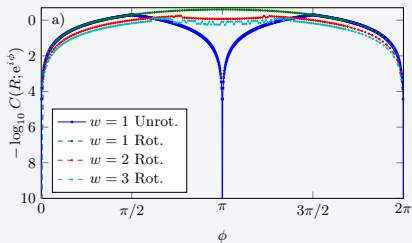
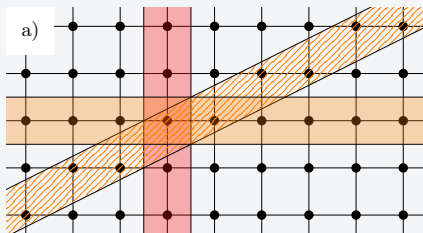
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