

# Multiscale Transforms for Signals on Graphs: Methods and Applications

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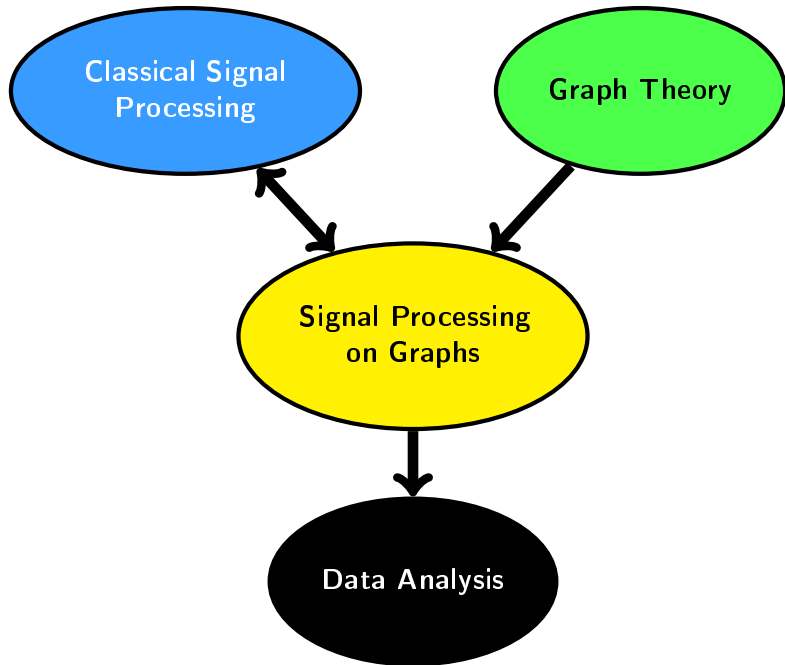
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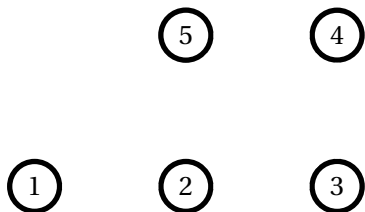
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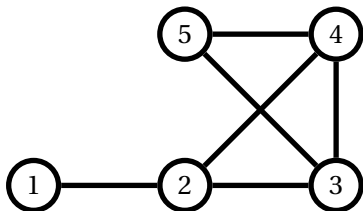
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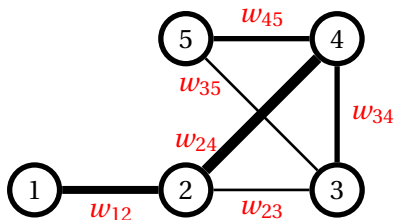
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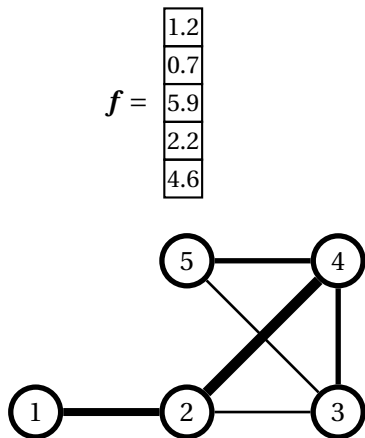
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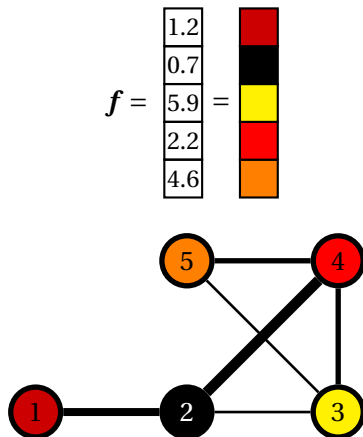
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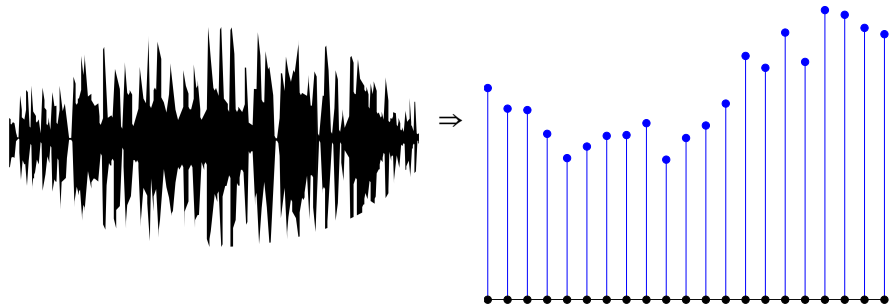
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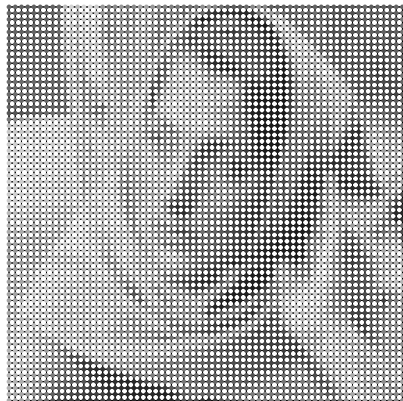
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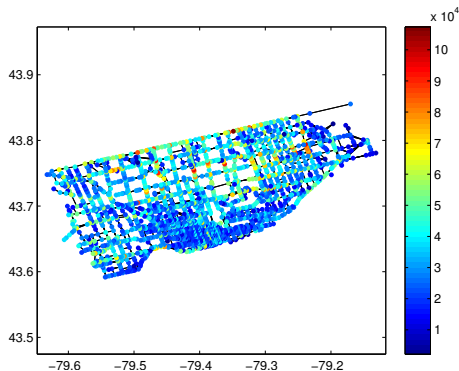
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Traffic volume (Toronto):



# Our Assumptions

We assume that the graph is

- **connected.**
- **undirected.**  $w_{ij} = w_{ji}$ , and thus  $W$  is *symmetric*.

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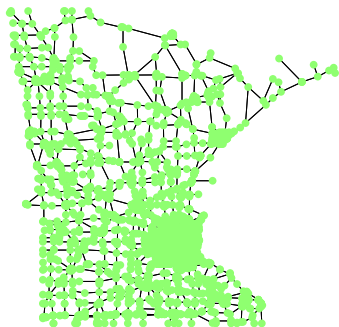
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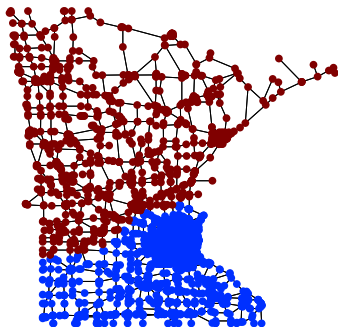


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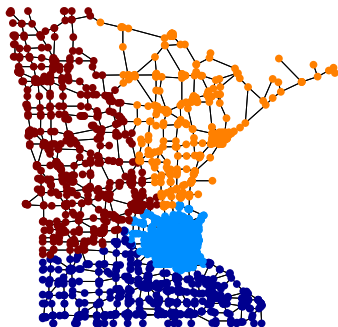
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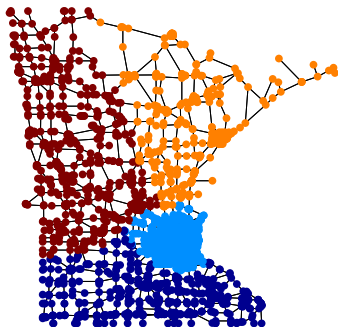
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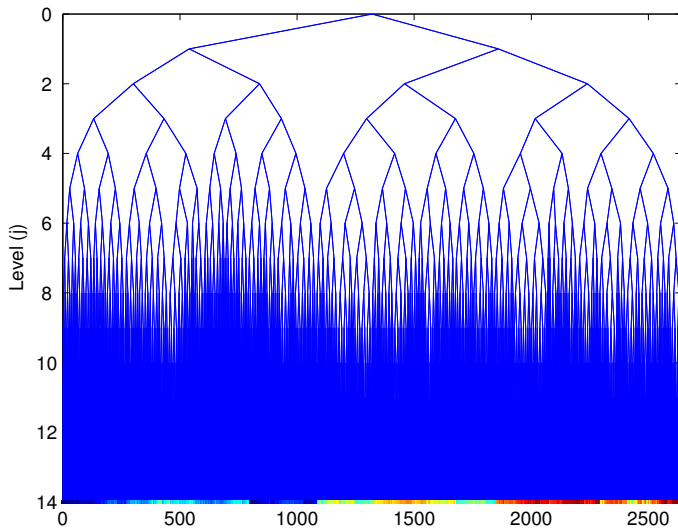
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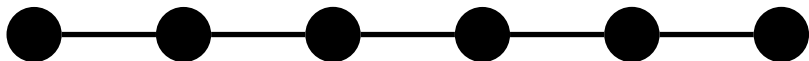
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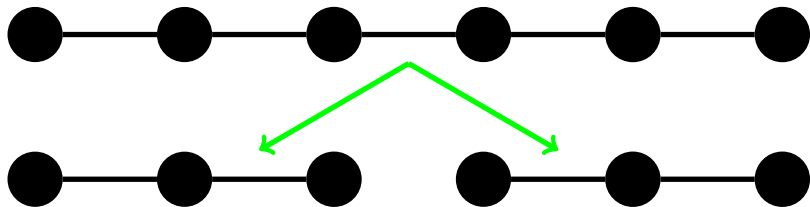


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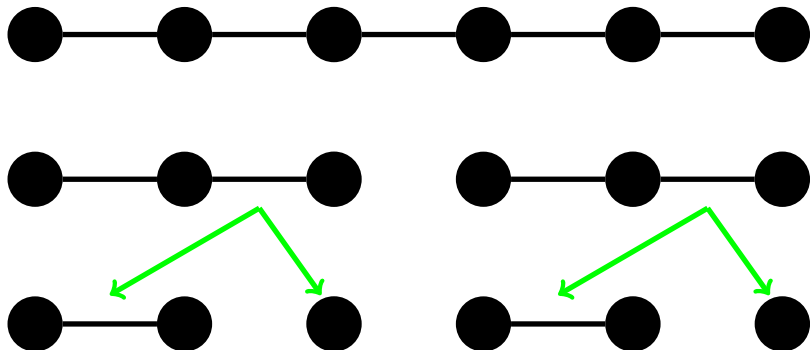
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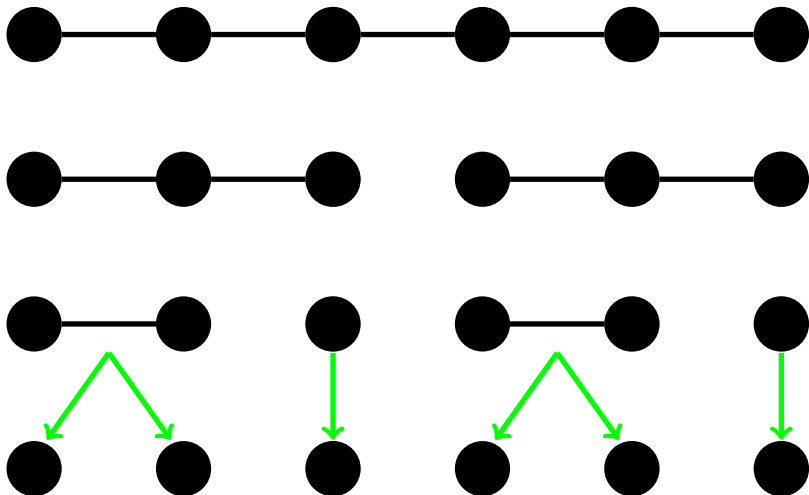
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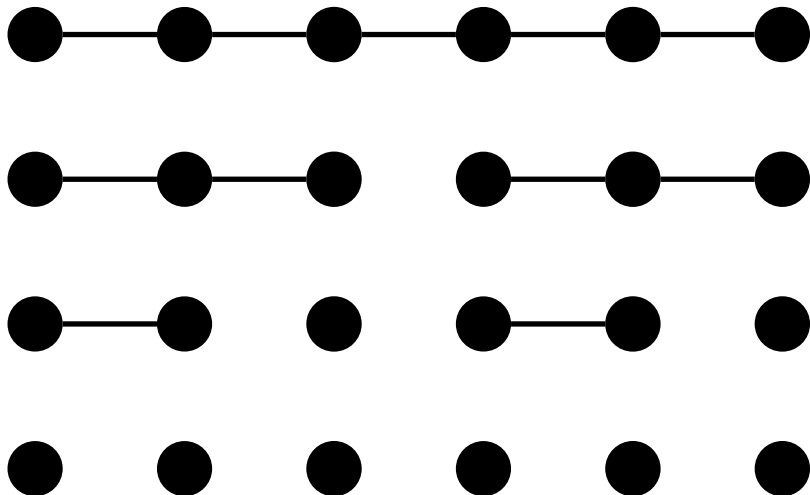
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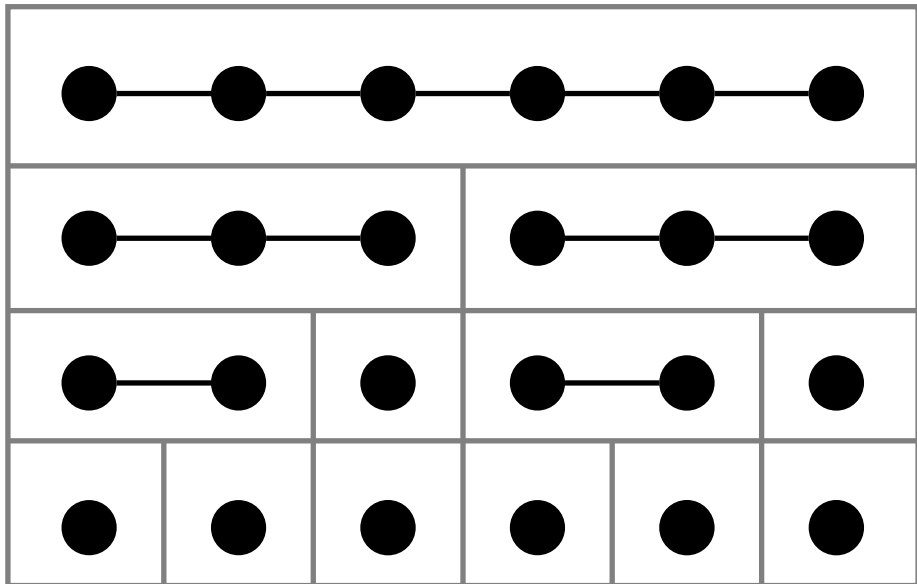
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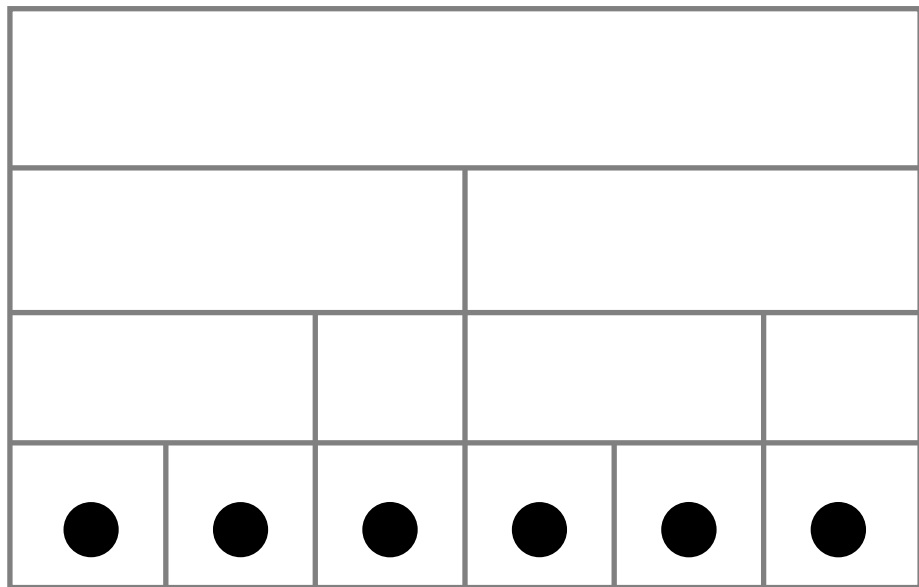


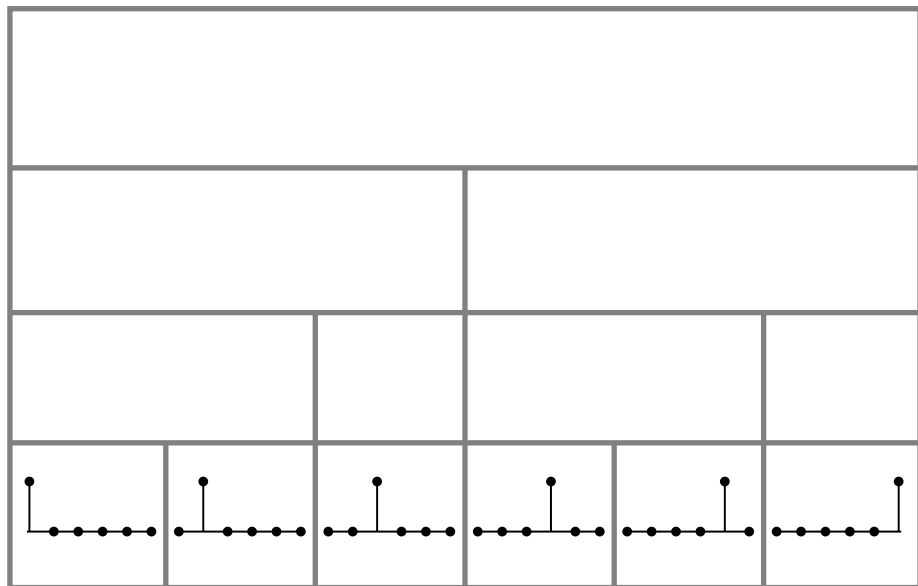
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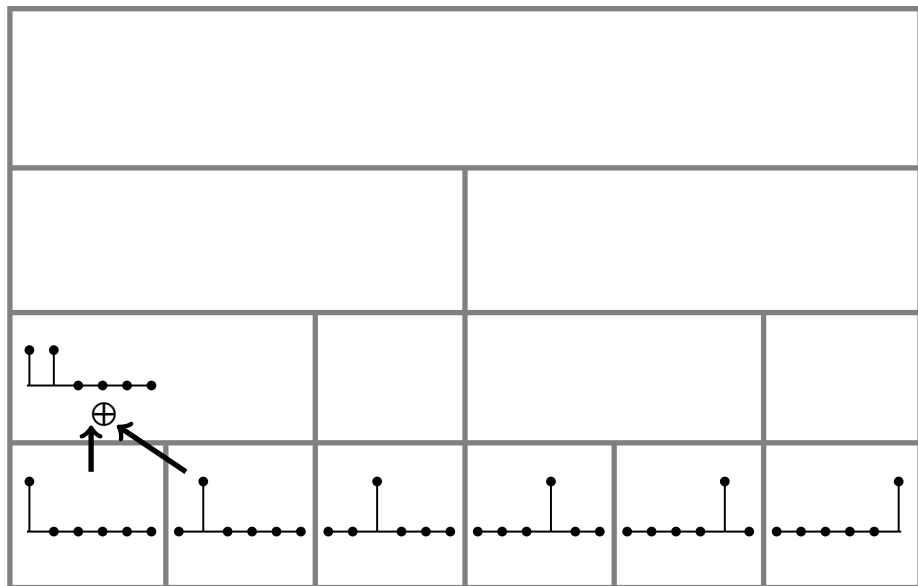
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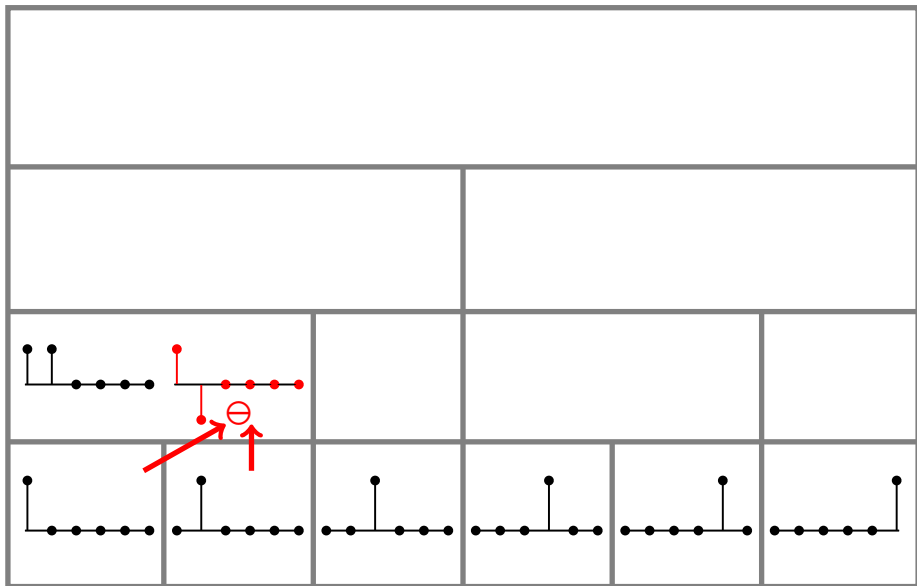
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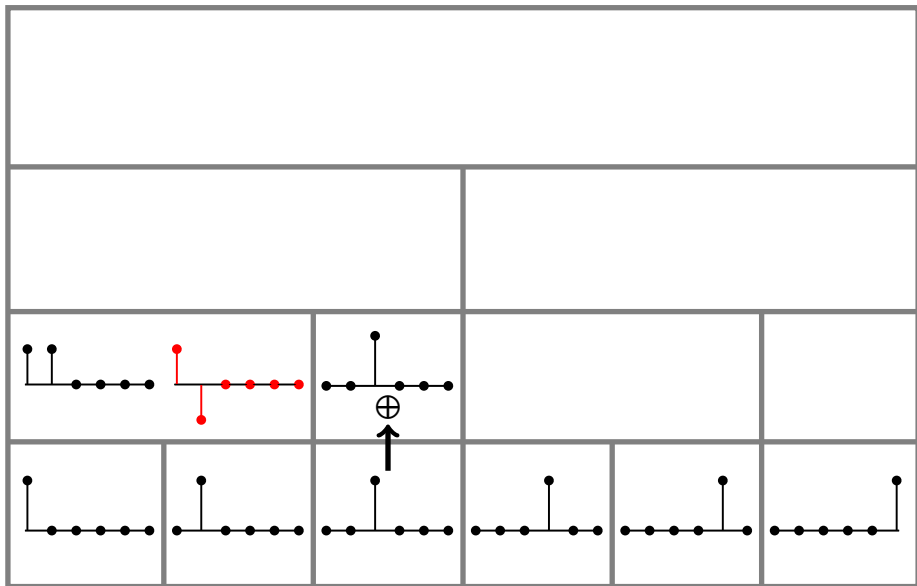
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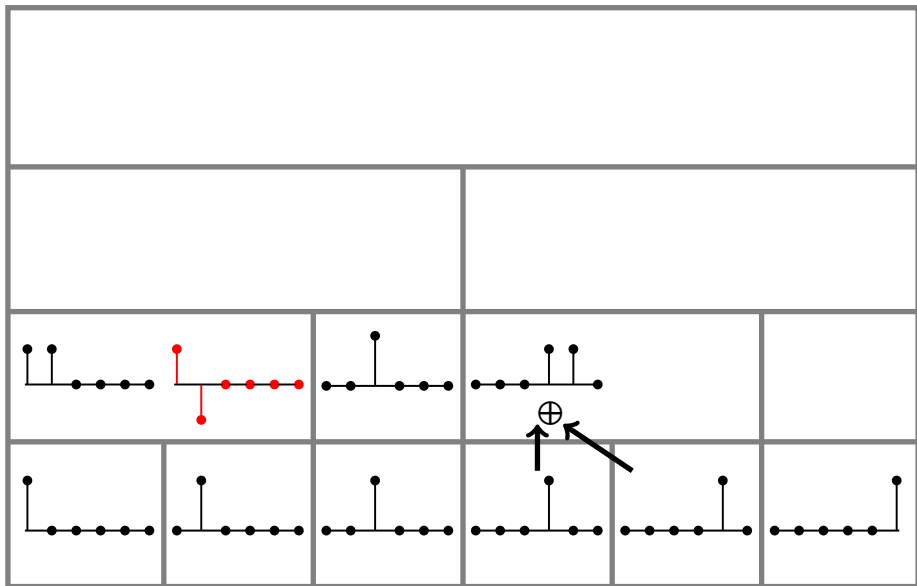
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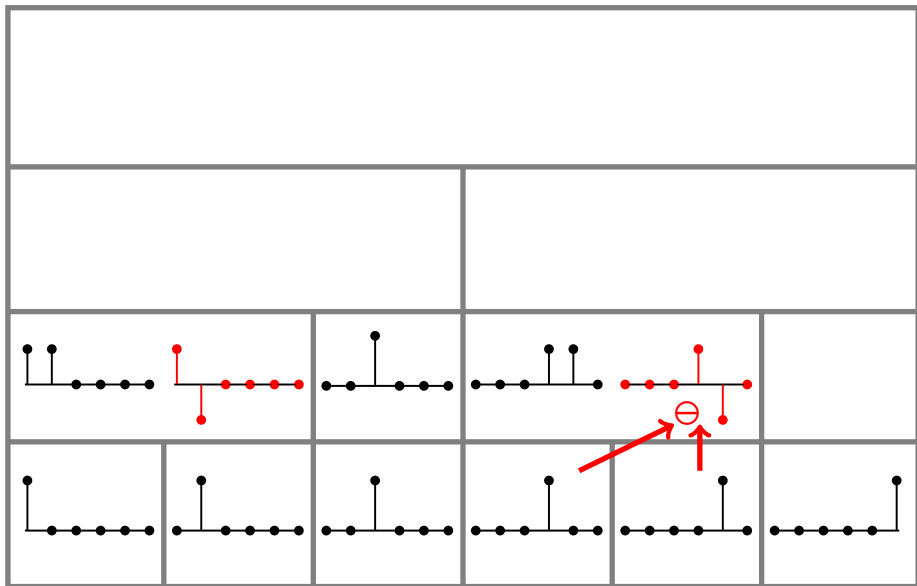
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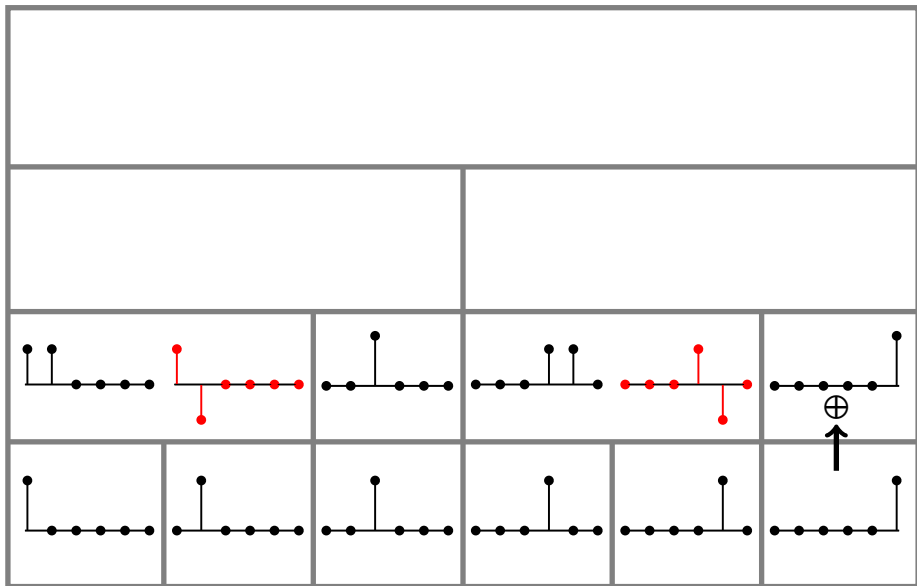
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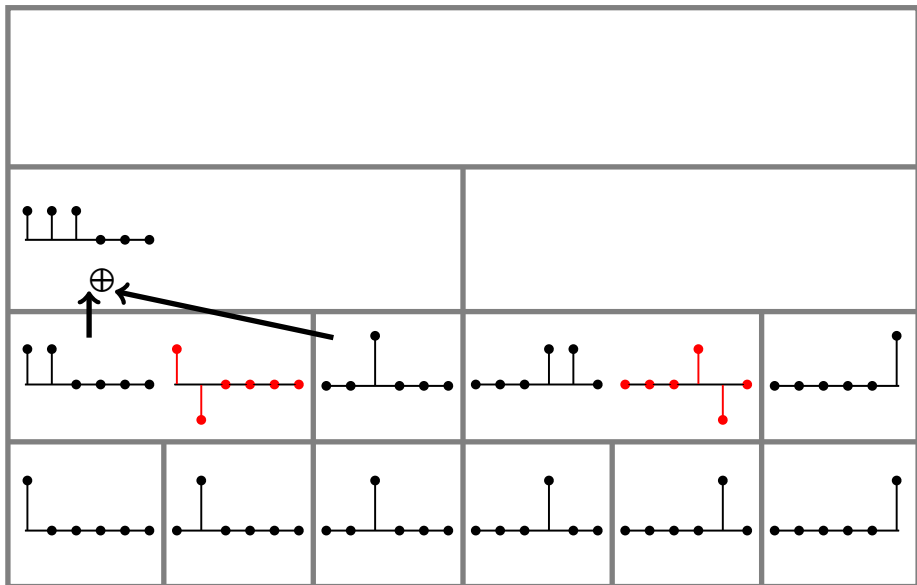


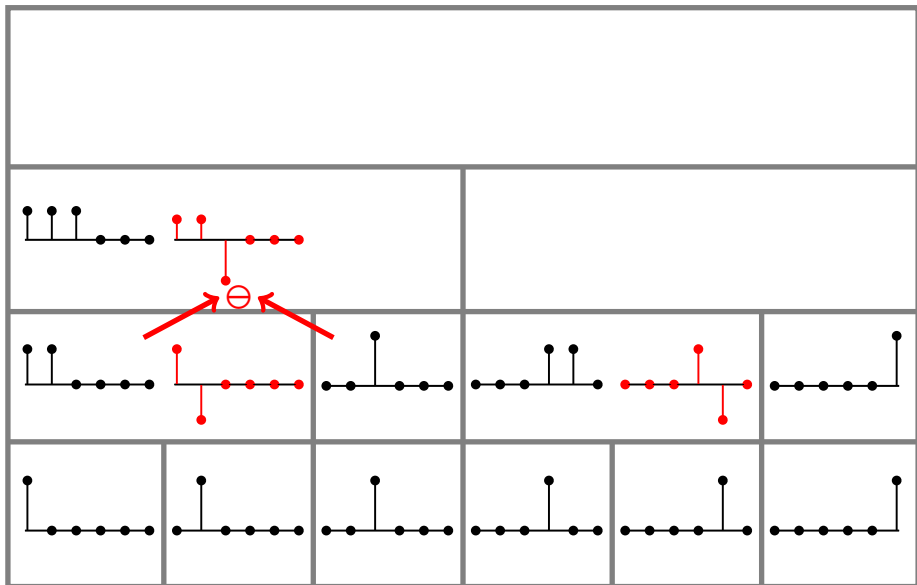
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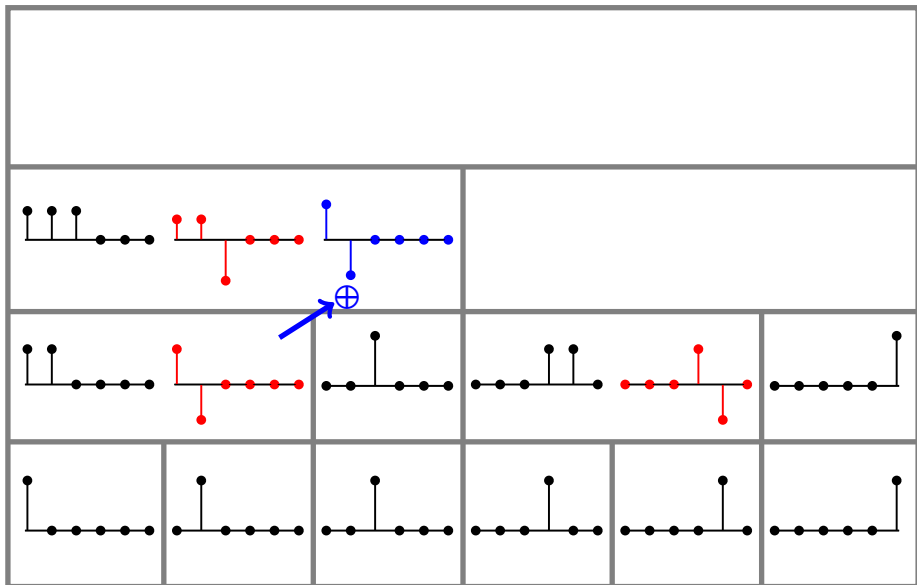
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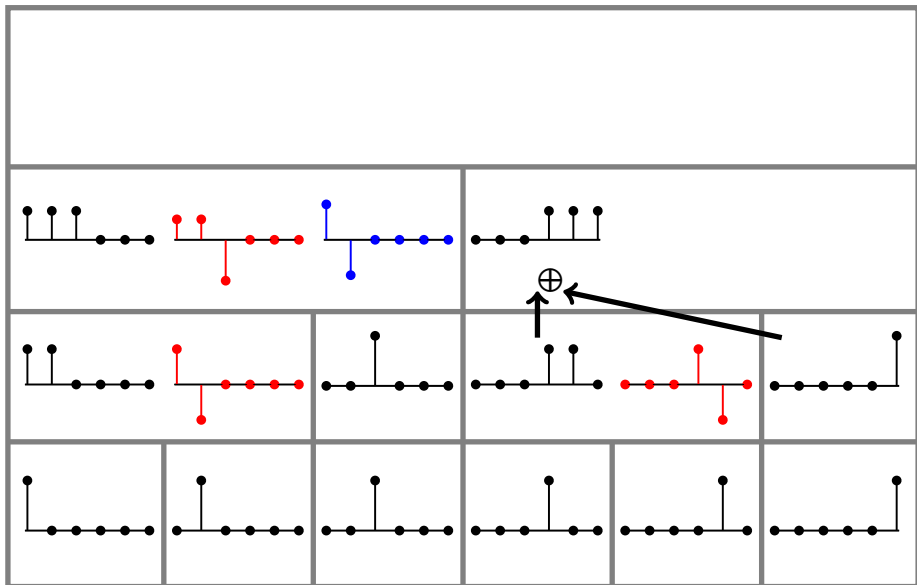
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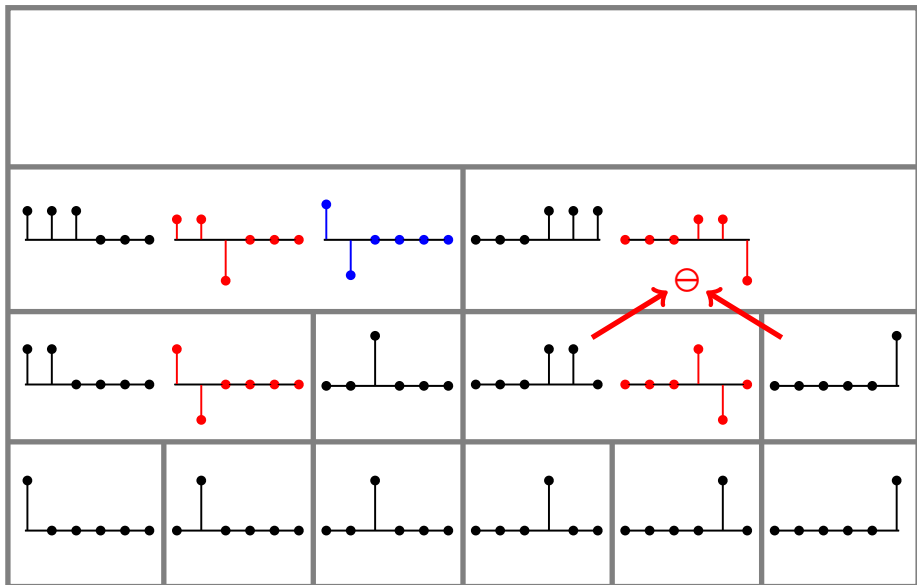
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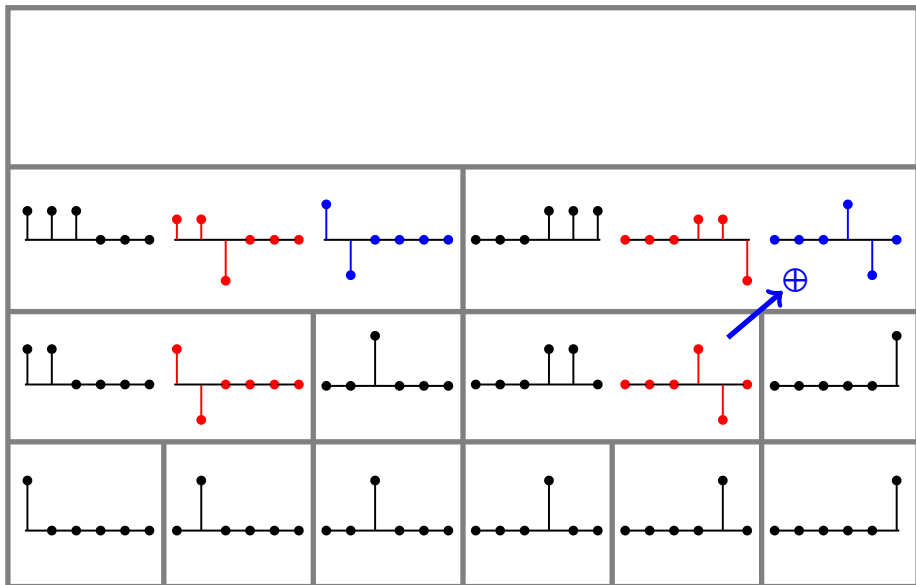
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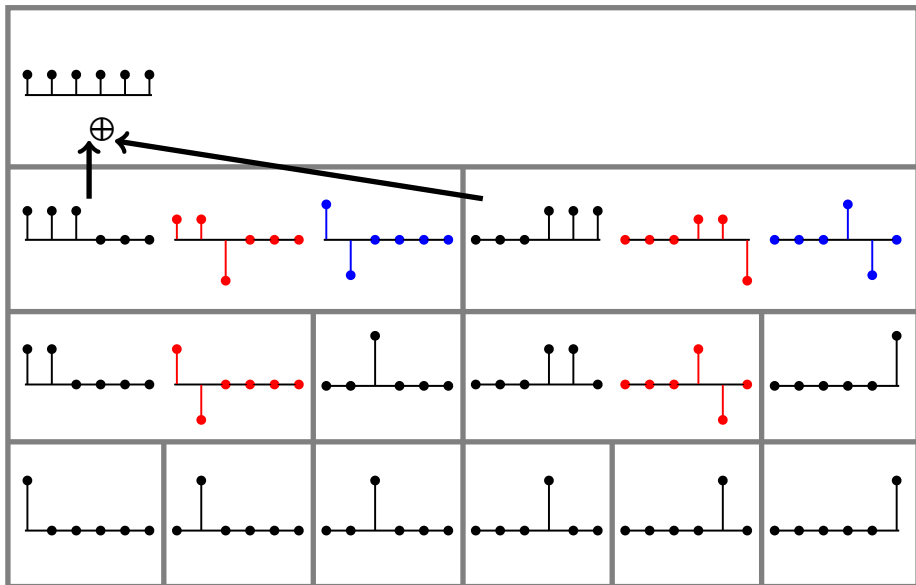
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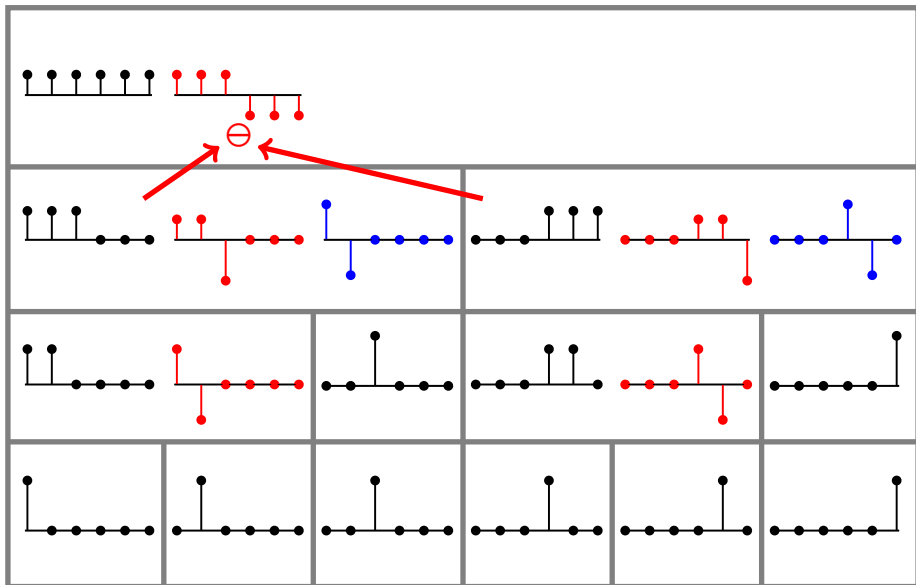
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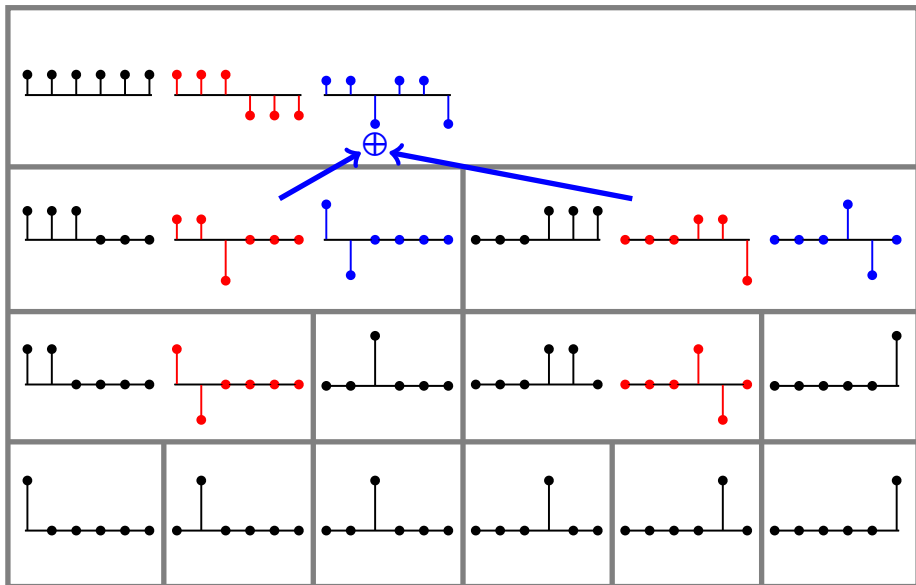


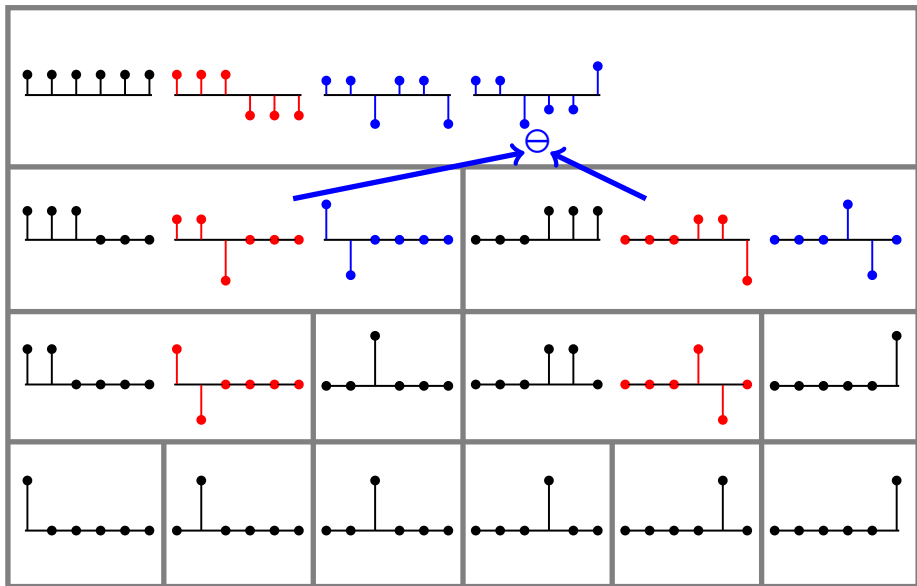
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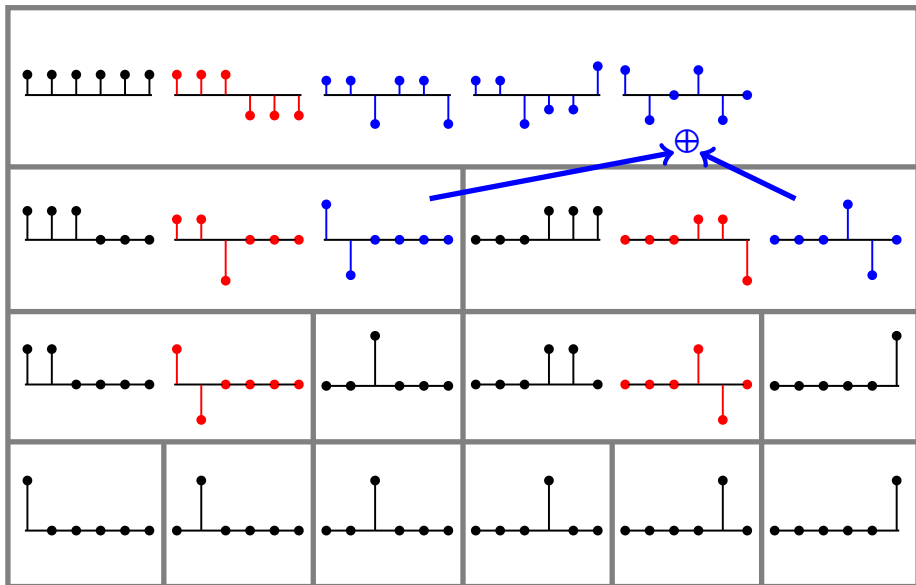
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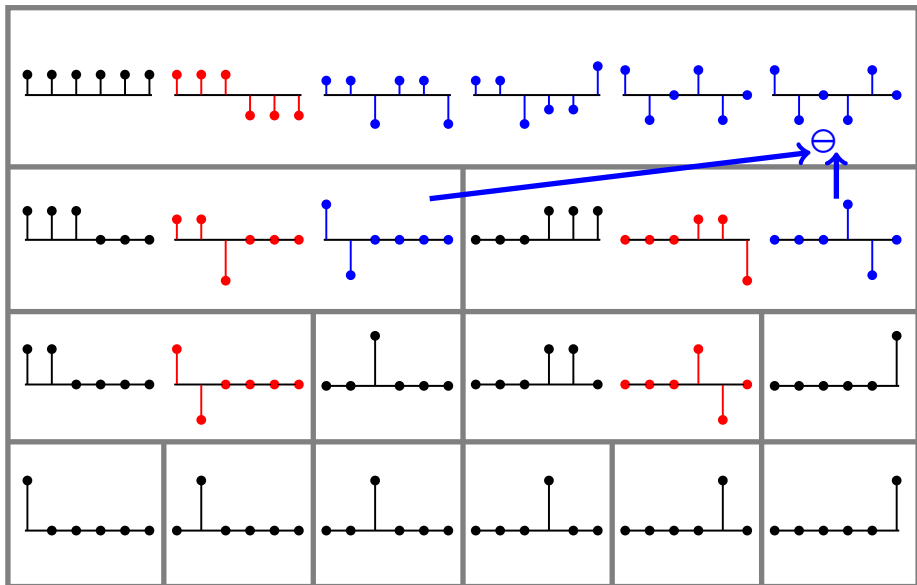
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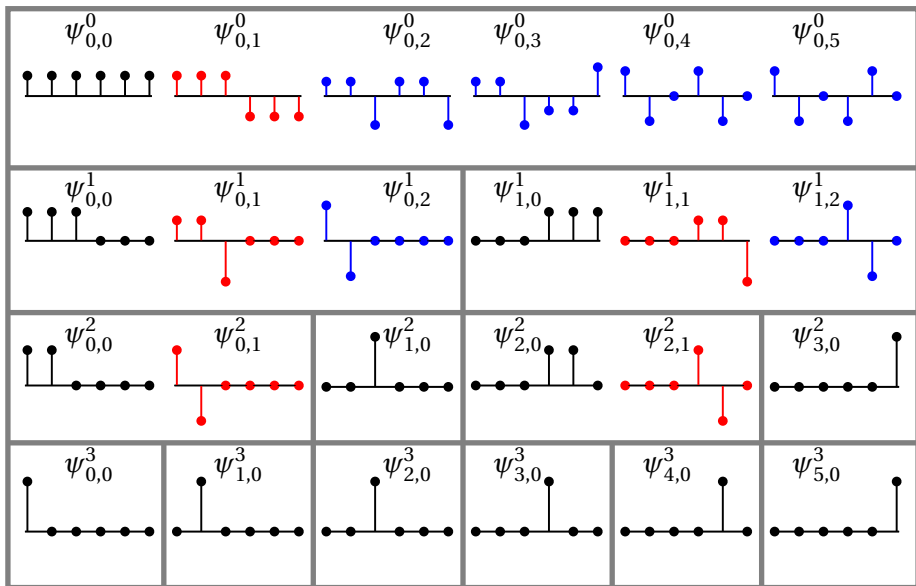
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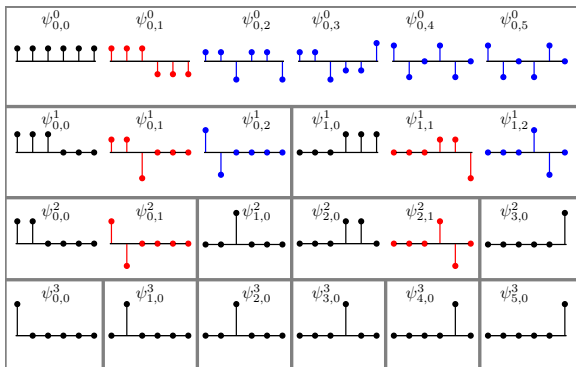
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We call this the *coarse-to-fine dictionary*.



Notation is  $\psi_{k,\ell}^j$ , where

- $j$  is the level
- $k$  denotes the region on level  $j$
- $\ell$  is the *tag*

We have 3 types of basis vectors:

- **scaling vectors** ( $\ell = 0$ )
- **Haar-like vectors** ( $\ell = 1$ )
- **Walsh-like vectors** ( $\ell \geq 2$ )

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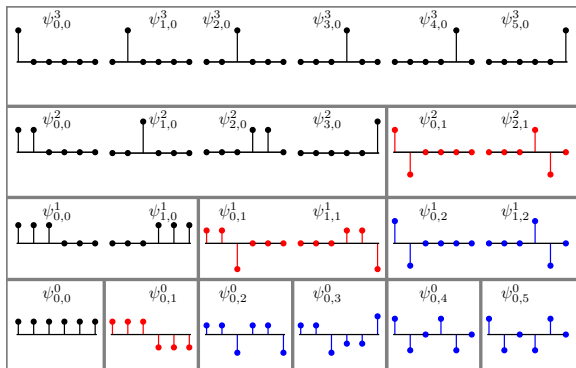
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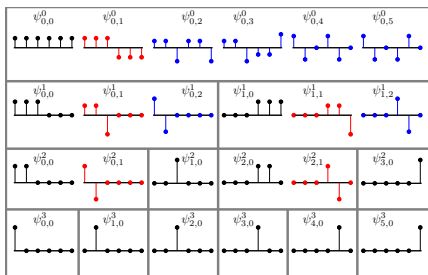
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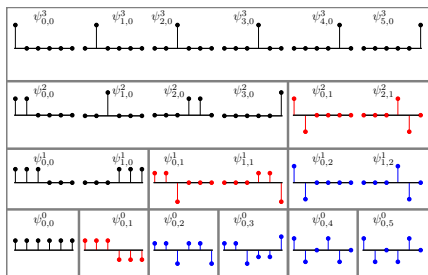
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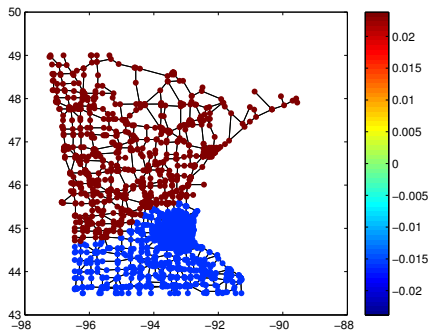
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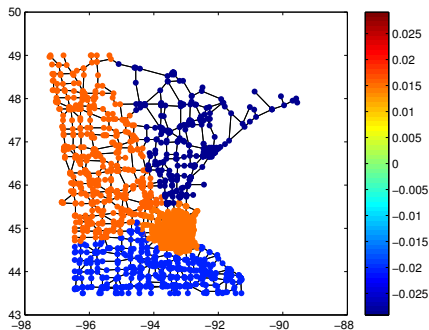
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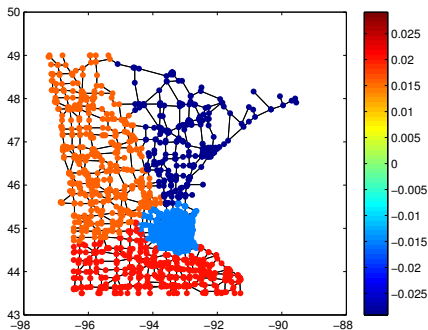




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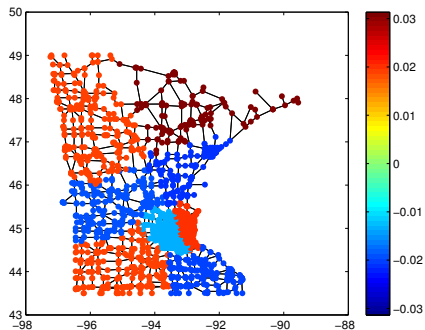
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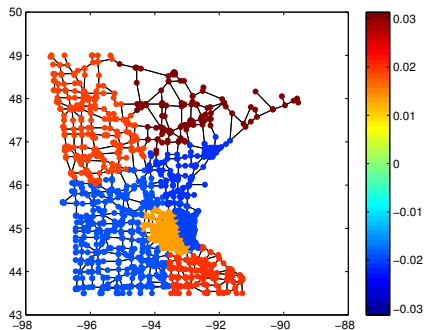
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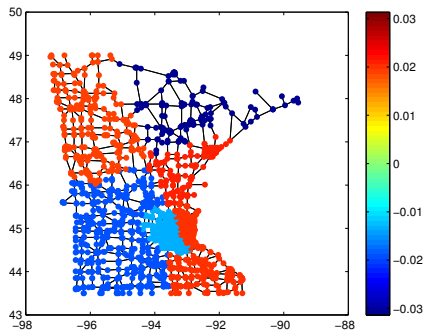
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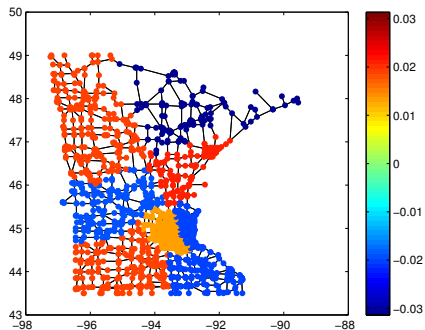
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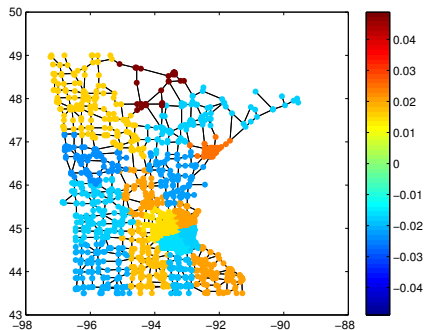
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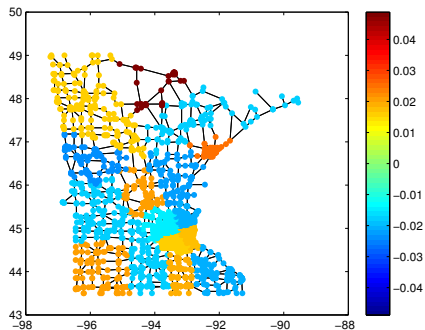
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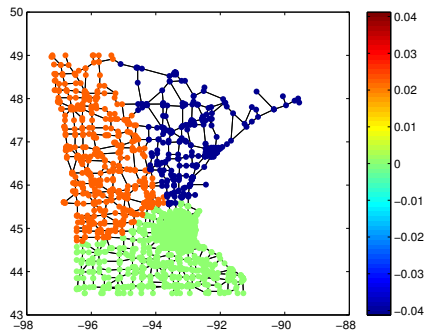
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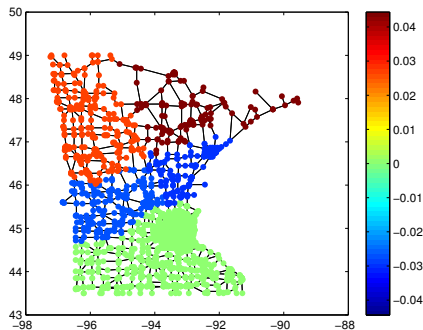




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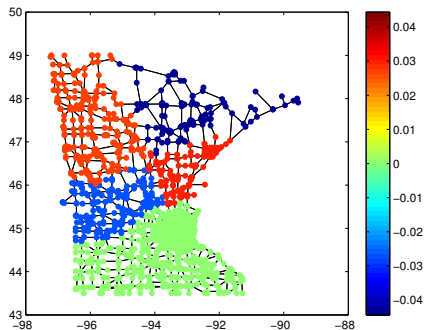
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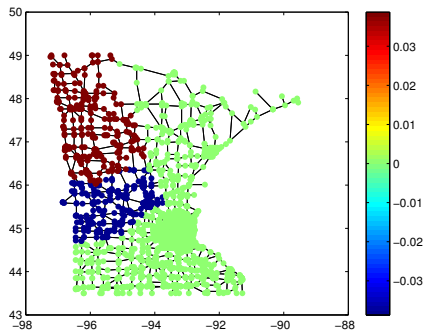
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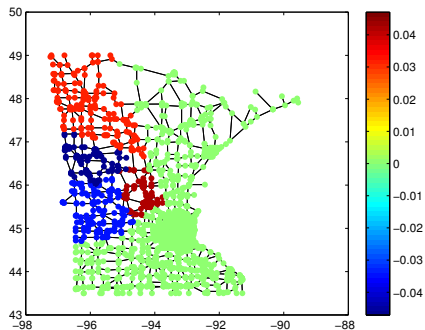
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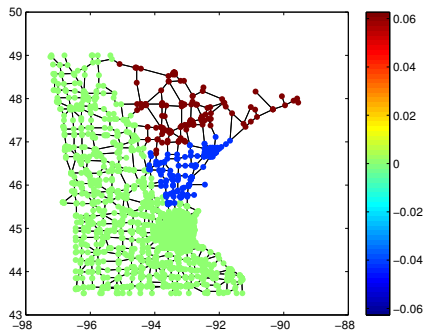
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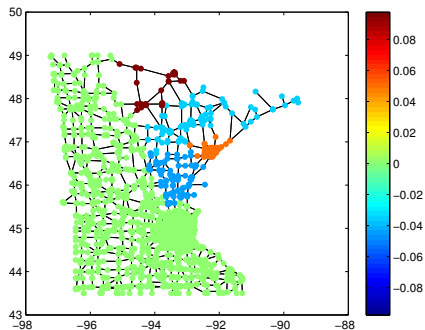
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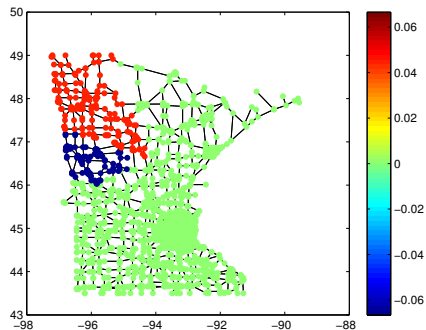
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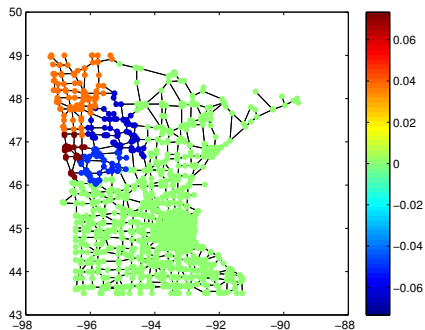
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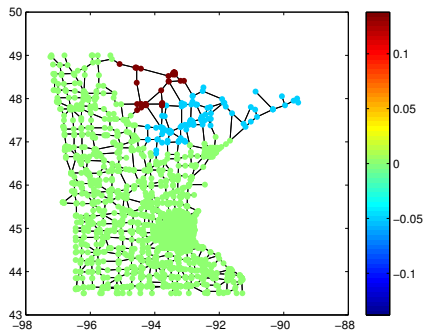




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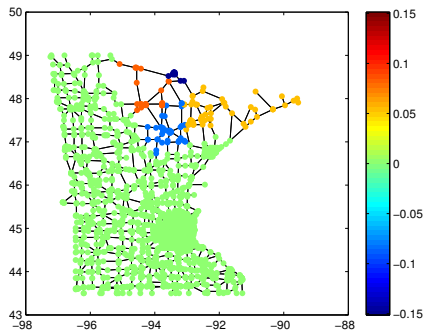
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## Observations

- When performed on an unweighted dyadic path graph (partitioned dyadically), the GHWT corresponds exactly to the Haar-Walsh wavelet packet transform
- The generalized Haar basis is a choosable basis from the fine-to-coarse dictionary
- Given a recursive partitioning with  $O(\log N)$  levels, the computational cost of the GHWT is  $O(N \log N)$

	$N$	$j_{\max}$	GHWT Run Time
MN Road Network	2,636	14	0.11 s
Facebook Dataset	4,039	26	0.62 s
Brain Mesh Dataset	127,083	20	4.29 s

(Experiments performed using MATLAB on a personal laptop.)

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- Coifman and Wickerhauser (1992) developed the best-basis algorithm as a means of selecting the basis from a dictionary of wavelet packets that is “best” for approximation/compression.
- We generalize this approach, developing and implementing an algorithm for selecting the basis from the dictionary of GHWT bases that is “best” for approximation and compression.
- We require an appropriate cost functional  $\mathcal{J}$ . For example:

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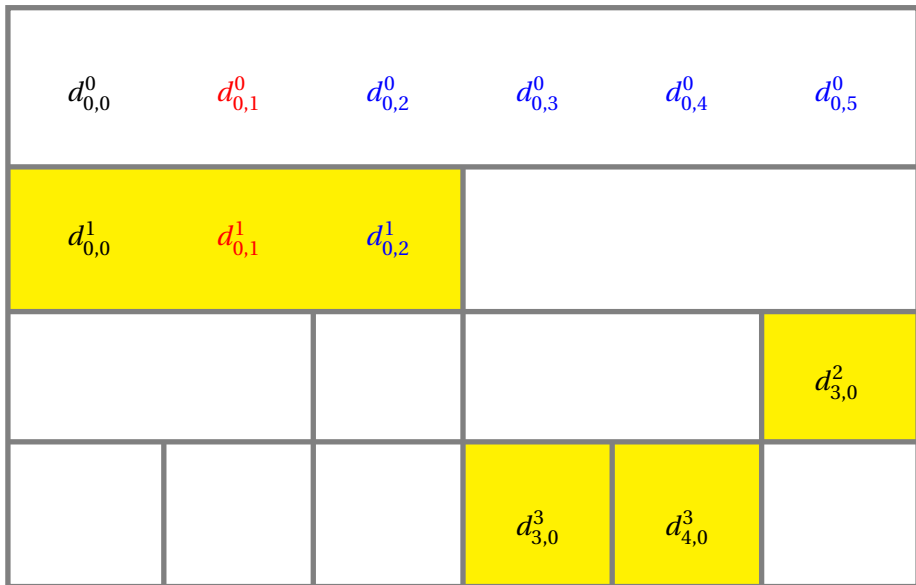
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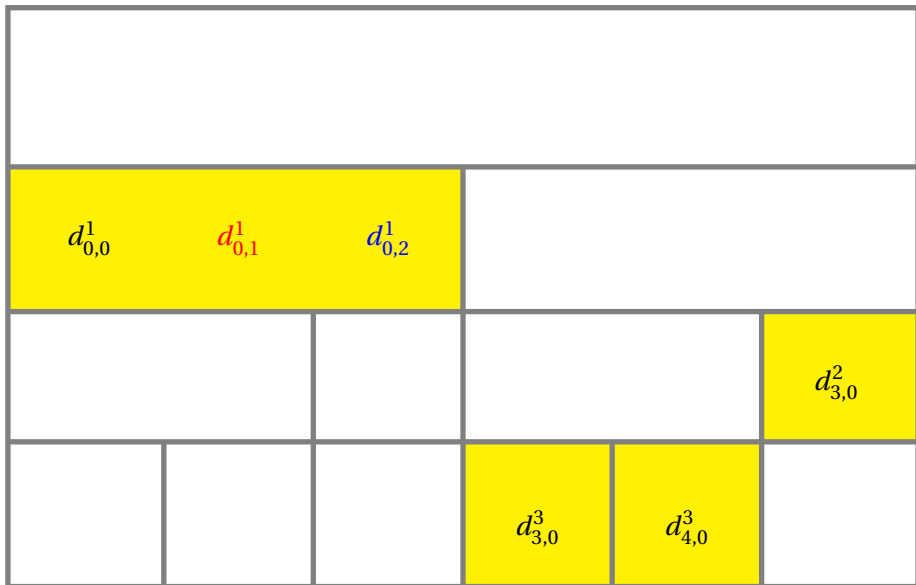
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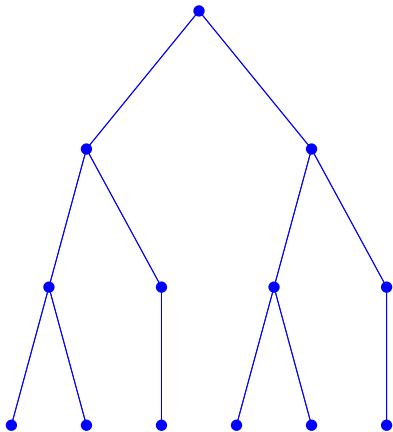
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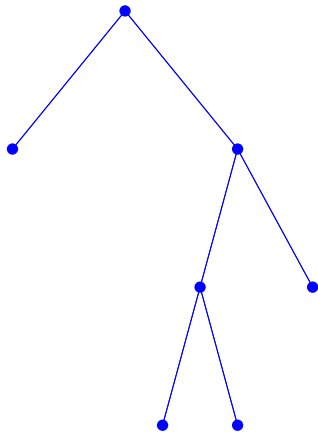
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# Comparison to Decision Trees



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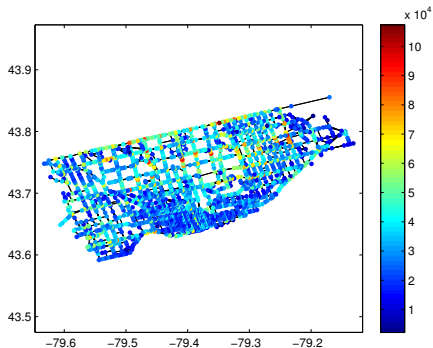
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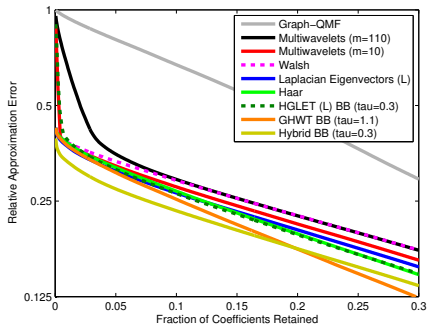
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# Experimental Result: Approximation



(a) 24 hour traffic volume data on the Toronto road network



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# Motivation

There are many examples of data in matrix format:

- Images
- Ratings/Reviews
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  - Columns  $\rightarrow$  movies
  - $A(i, j) \rightarrow$  user  $i$ 's rating of movie  $j$  on a 1-5 scale
- Spatiotemporal data
  - Rows  $\rightarrow$  sensors
  - Columns  $\rightarrow$  times
  - $A(i, j) \rightarrow$  sensor  $i$ 's temperature reading at time  $j$

By utilizing graph-based techniques, we can discover and exploit underlying structure in the data for a variety of tasks.

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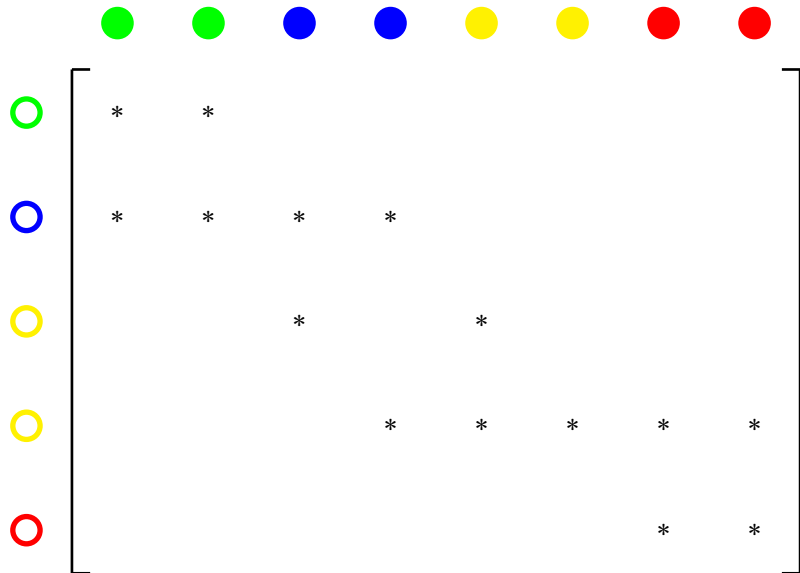
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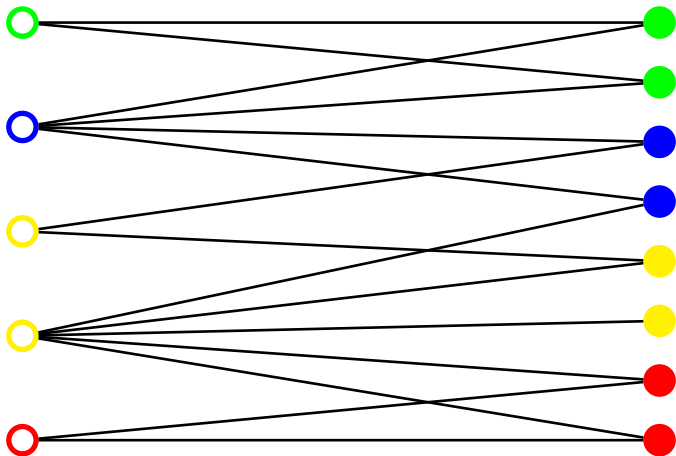
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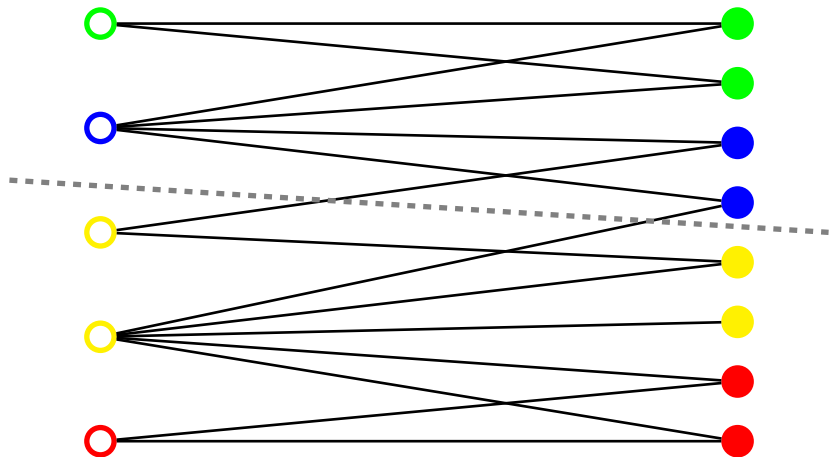
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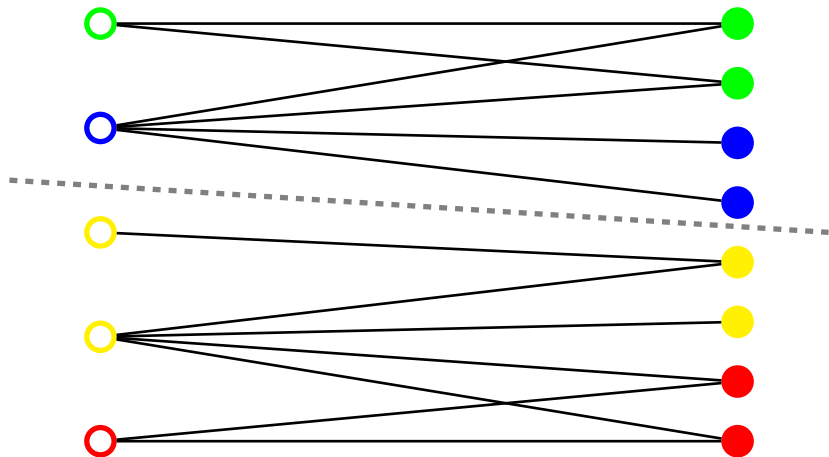


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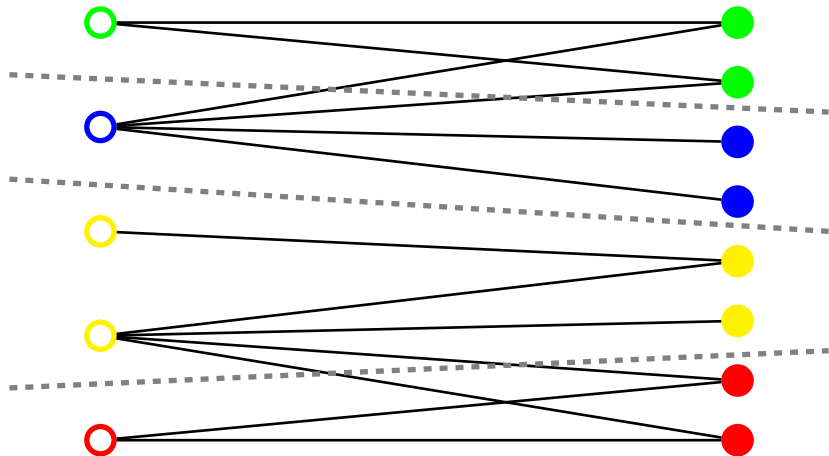




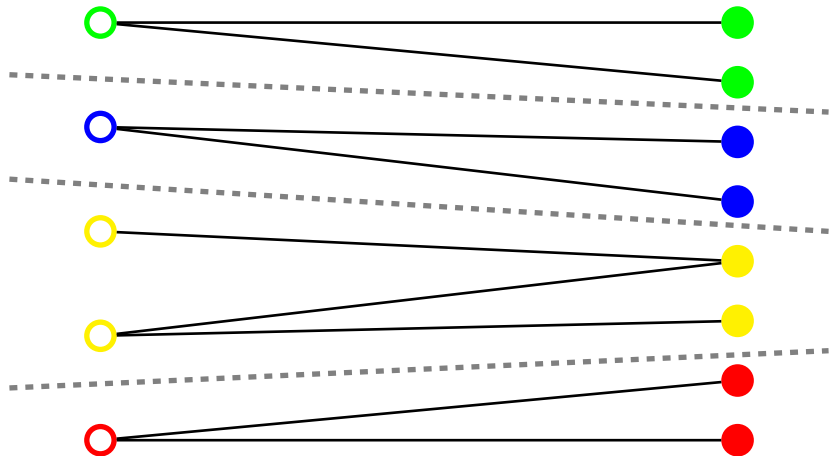
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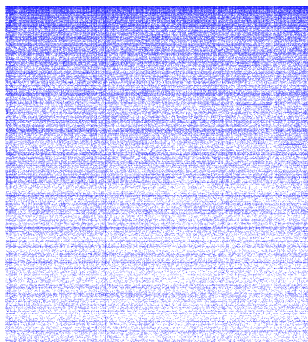


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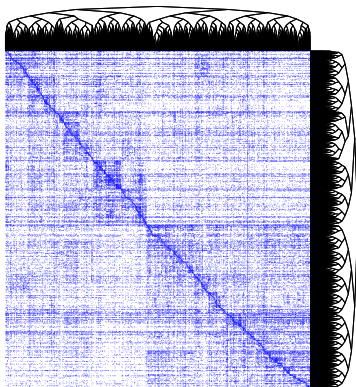
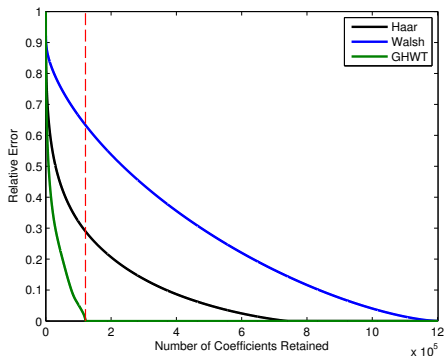


Figure: Science News database (reordered rows and columns).

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**Figure:** Haar basis vs. Walsh basis vs. GHWT best basis approximation results. The vertical line denotes the number of nonzero entries in the matrix (**10.1%**).

- Cost functional: 1-norm
  - Total number of orthonormal bases searched:  $> 10^{370}$
  - **62.3%** of the Haar coefficients and **100%** of the Walsh coefficients must be kept to achieve perfect reconstruction, compared to **10.1%** for the GHWT best basis
- ⇒ The Haar and Walsh bases could not efficiently capture the underlying structure of this Science News dataset under the current matrix partitioning strategy!

## Example 1

### Cost functional: 1-norm

The GHWT best basis is almost exactly the canonical basis, but the rows and columns that it combines provide insight.

### Combined Rows:

- “el” and “niño”
- “la” and “niña”
- “meteor” and “shower”

### Combined Columns:

- “Science Talent Search announces Finalists” and “Talent Search: Student Finalists’ Flair for science to be rewarded”

## Example 1

The **0.1-quasinorm** also combines the words

- “orbiting” and “extrasolar”
- “tornado,” “tornadoe,” and “meteorologist”

along with 8 pairs of documents, 1 group of three, and 1 group of four.

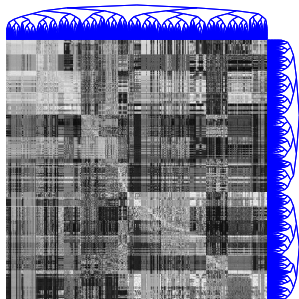
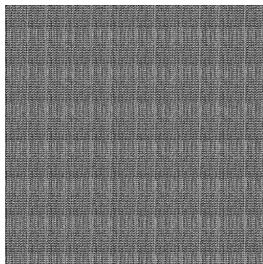
The **0.01-quasinorm** combines 1 additional pair of documents.

The **0.001-quasinorm** returns the canonical basis.



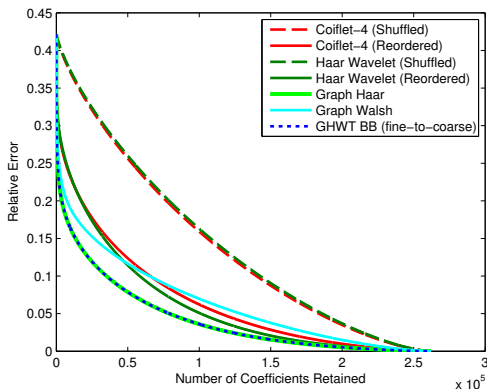
## Example 2

**Dataset:** the  $512 \times 512$  “Barbara” image with the rows and columns shuffled.



- **Left:** the original Barbara image
- **Middle:** the shuffled Barbara image
- **Right:** the shuffled image reordered according to the recursive partitioning

## Example 2

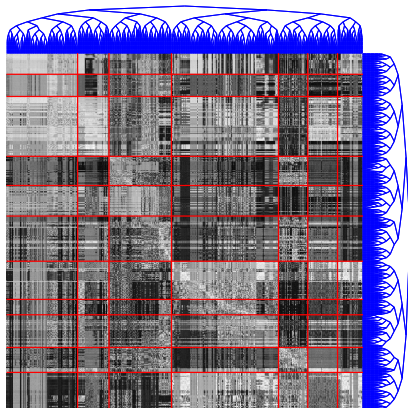


**Figure:** Approximation results. The “shuffled” and “reordered” results are for the cases that the shuffled image (middle figure on previous page) and reordered image (figure on the right) was analyzed, respectively.

- Cost functional: **1-norm**
- Total number of orthonormal bases searched:  $< 6.37 \times 10^{173}$
- The GHWT best basis nearly matches the Haar basis
- The GHWT best basis performs much better than the Coiflet and Haar bases, which are fixed and therefore cannot account for the geometry of the data

## Example 2

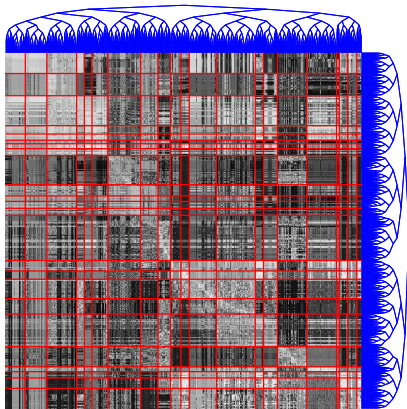
We can also use the GHWT and best basis algorithm to ascertain information about the spatial structure of the matrix data.



**Figure:** The coarse-to-fine row and column best bases for “Barbara” using the **0.5-quasinorm** as our cost functional.

## Example 2

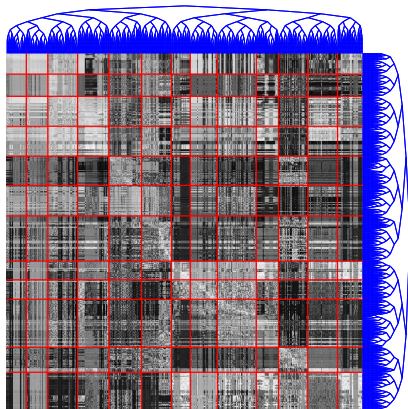
We can obtain different results by using a different cost functional.



**Figure:** The coarse-to-fine row and column best bases for “Barbara” using the **0.1-quasinorm** as our cost functional.

## Example 2

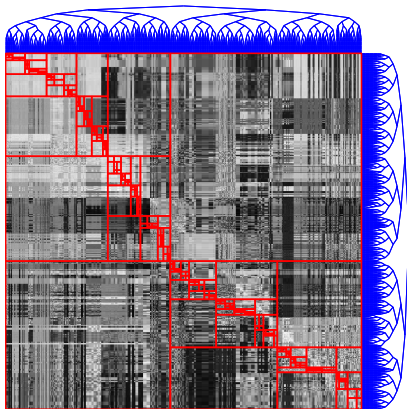
Another option is to not consider regions with fewer than  $N_{\min}$  nodes.



**Figure:** The coarse-to-fine row and column best bases for “Barbara” using the 0.1-quasinorm as our cost functional; regions with fewer than  $[N_R/20] = [N_C/20] = 26$  nodes were not considered in the best basis search.

## Example 2

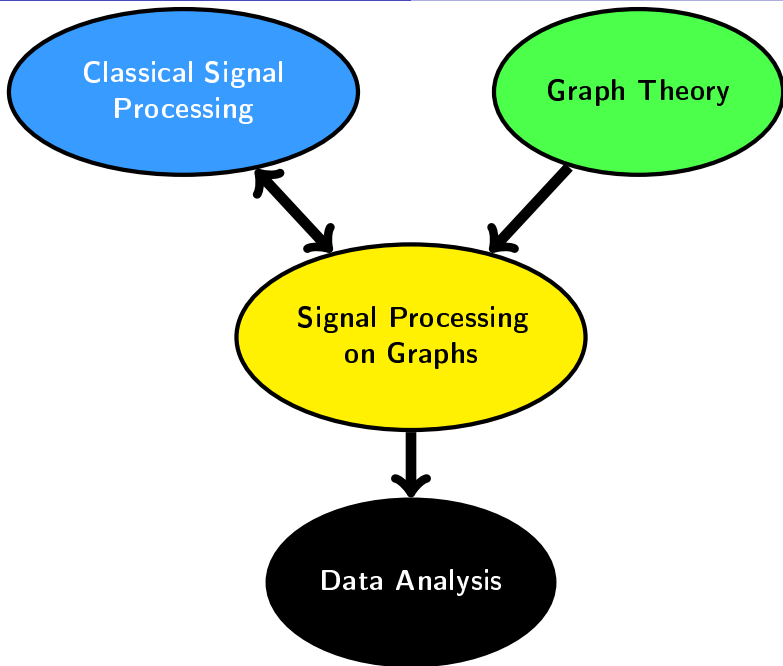
Future work: instead of searching for the tensor best basis, search among all combinations of row and column bases.



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- We have **developed**
  - the GHWT
  - the corresponding best basis algorithm
- We have **proven**
  - the best basis guarantee
- We have **demonstrated**
  - the effectiveness of the GHWT for approximation
  - using the GHWT for matrix data analysis
- In other work, we have
  - developed the HGLET (another overcomplete multiscale transform)
  - proven approximation bounds for the HGLET and GHWT
  - denoised signals on graphs with the HGLET and GHWT
  - used the HGLET to simultaneously segment, denoise, and compress classical 1-D signals





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