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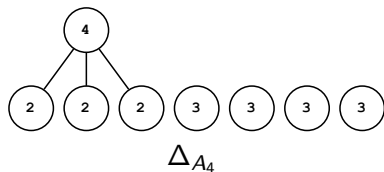
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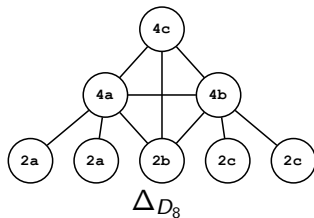
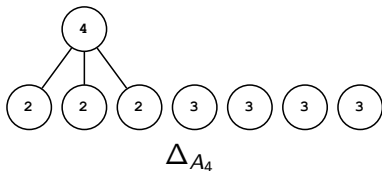
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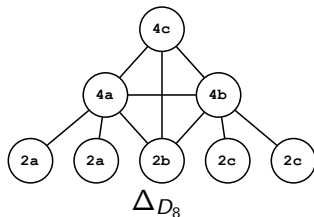
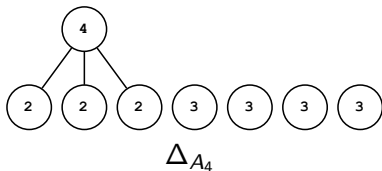
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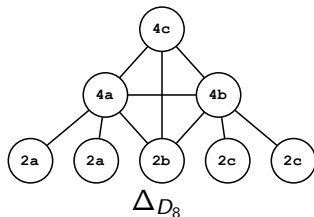
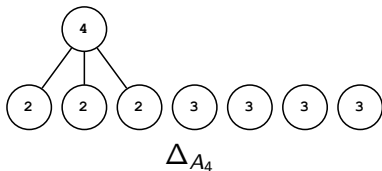
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The proofs of Shen, Herzog et al. and Ma all involved the **prime graph** or **Gruenberg-Kegel graph** of G . The vertices of this graph are the prime divisors of $|G|$, with $p_1 \sim p_2 \iff G$ has an element of order $p_1 p_2$.

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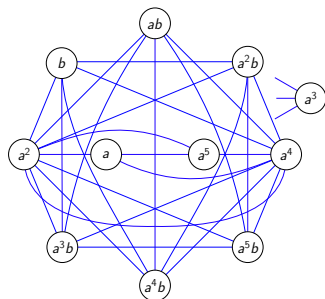
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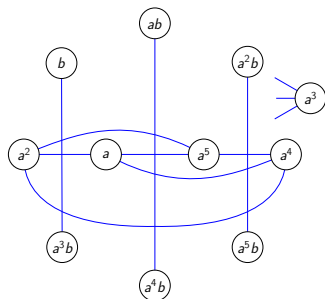


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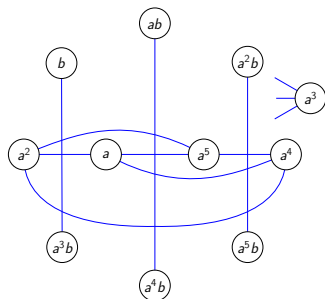


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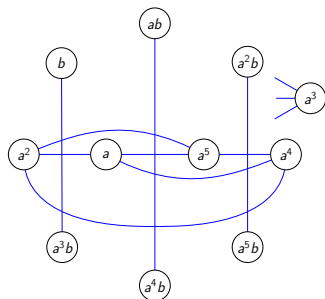


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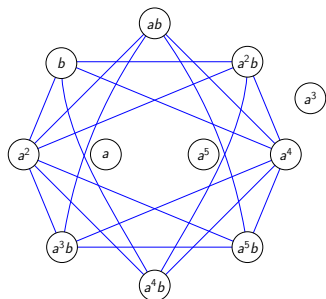
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