

GAG Seminar

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Shellability of Kohnert posets

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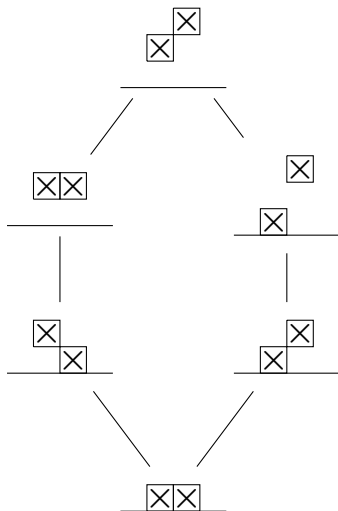
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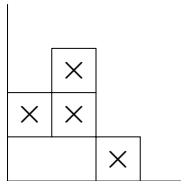
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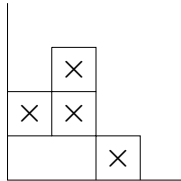
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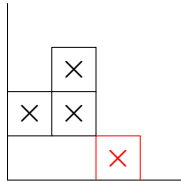
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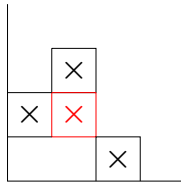
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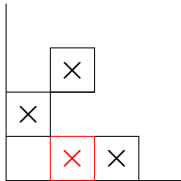
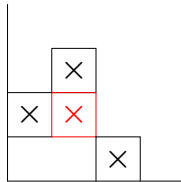
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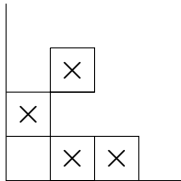
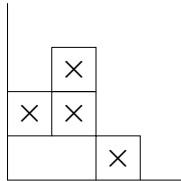
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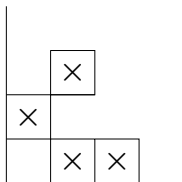
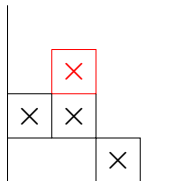
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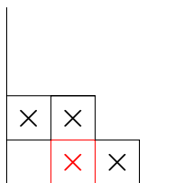
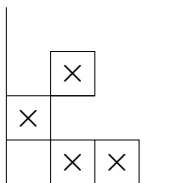
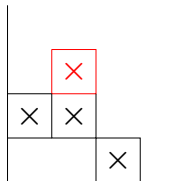
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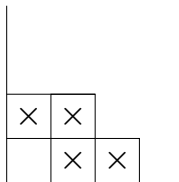
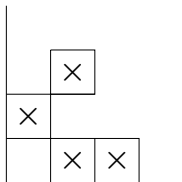
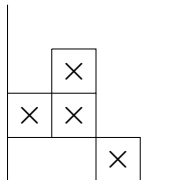
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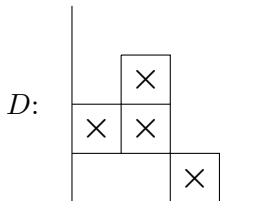
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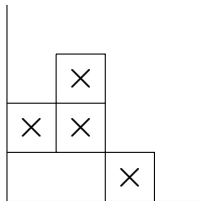


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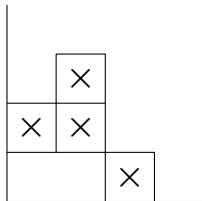
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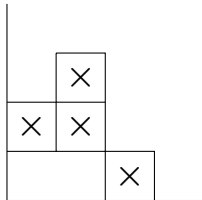
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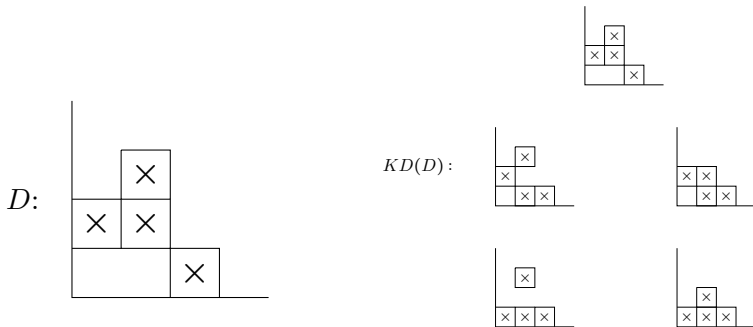


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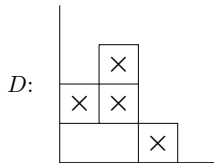
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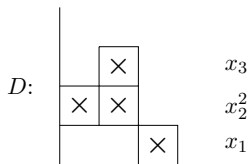
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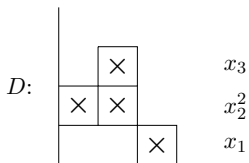


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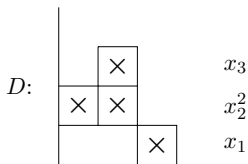
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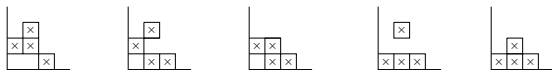
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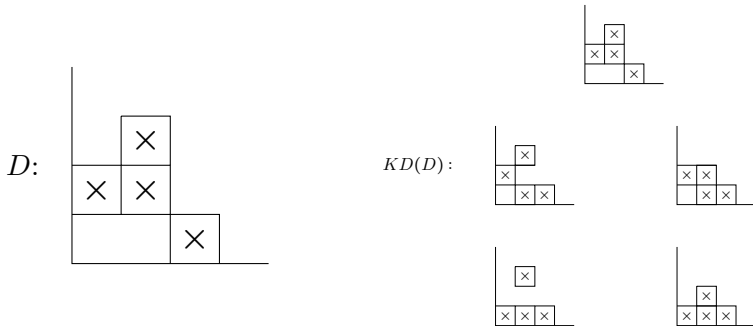


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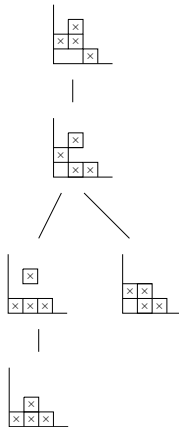
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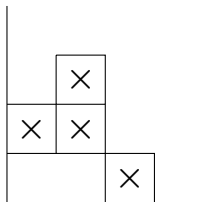
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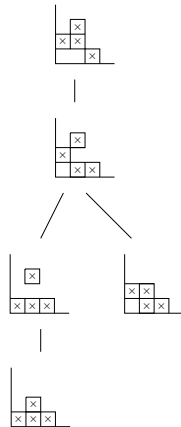


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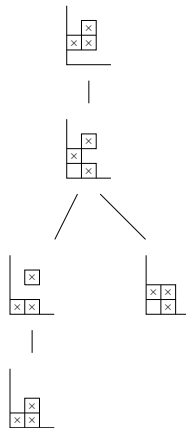


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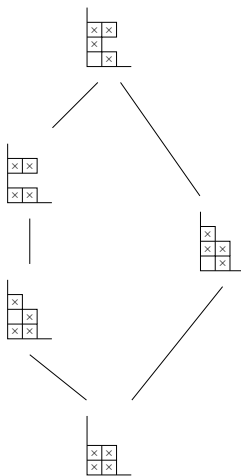
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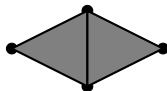
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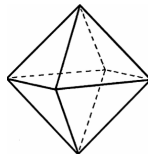
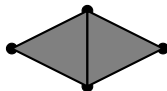


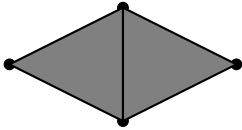
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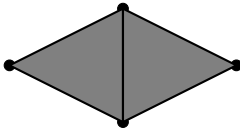
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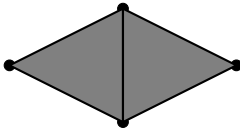
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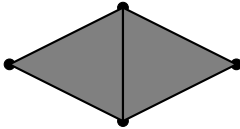




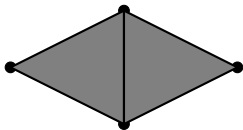
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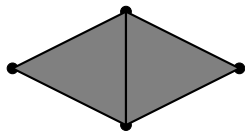


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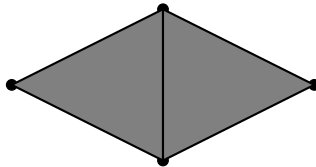
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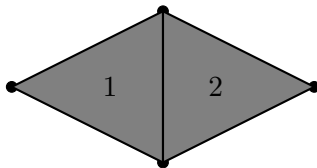
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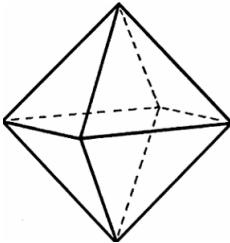
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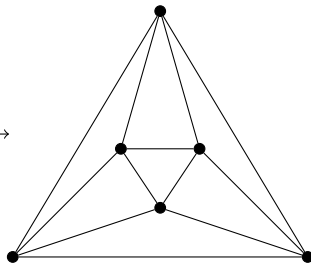
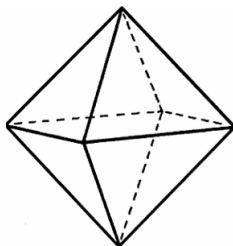
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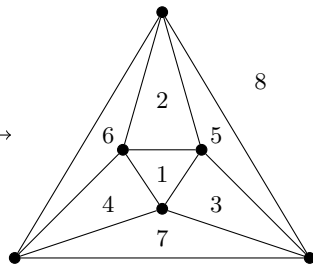
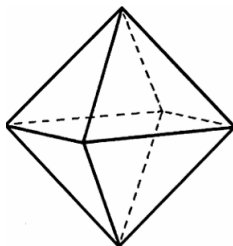
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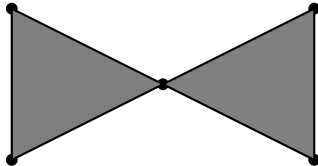


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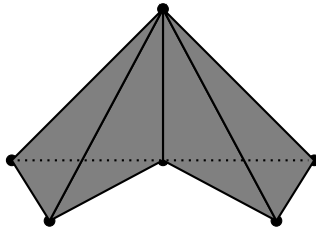


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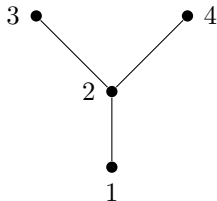
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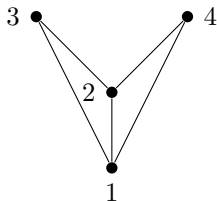
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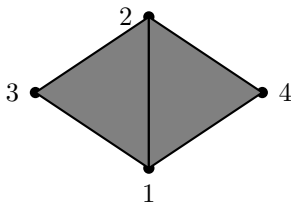
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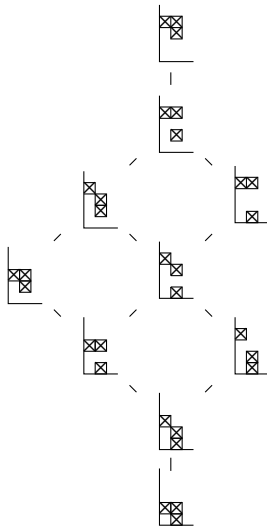


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Question: Can we characterize when Kohnert posets are shellable?





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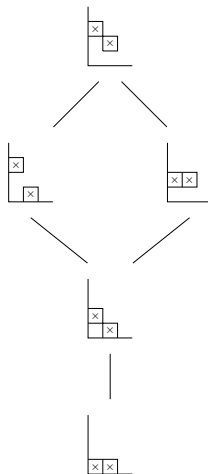
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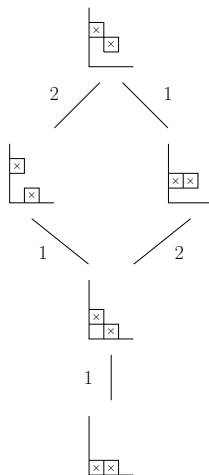
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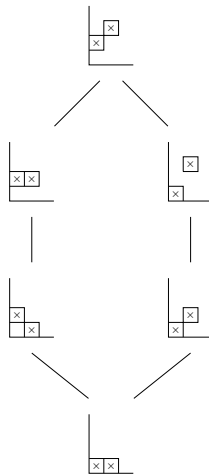
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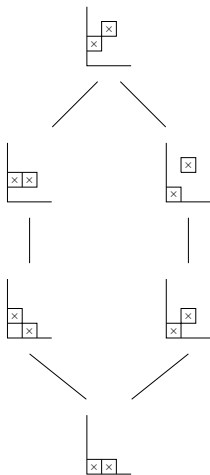
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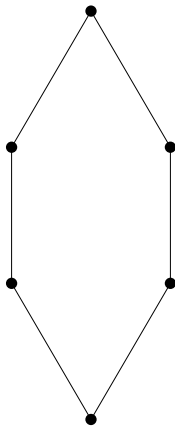
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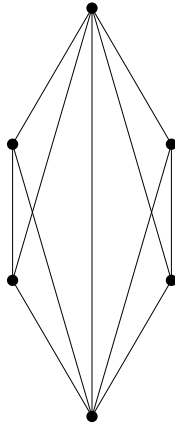
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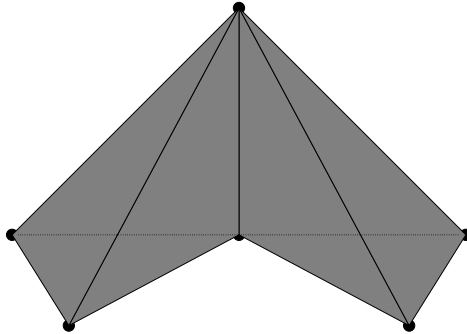
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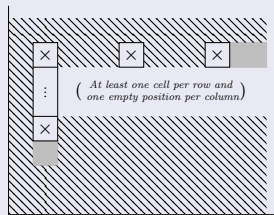
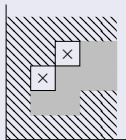
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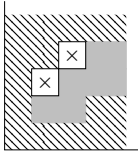


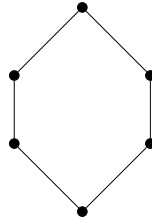
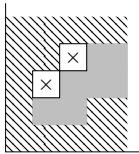
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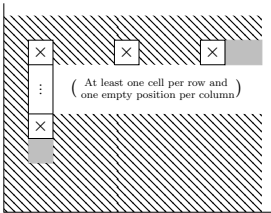
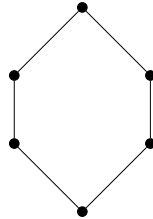
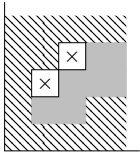
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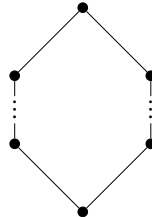
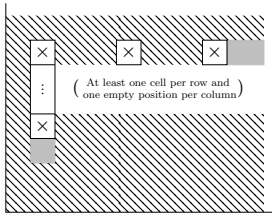
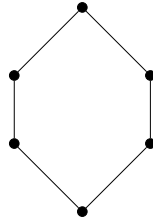
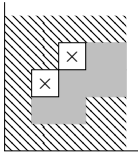
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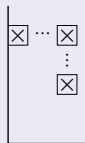






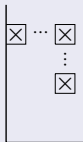
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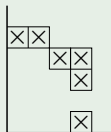
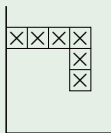


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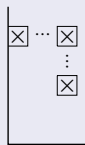


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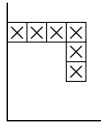
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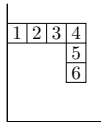
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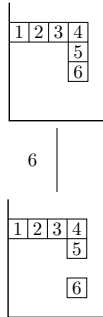


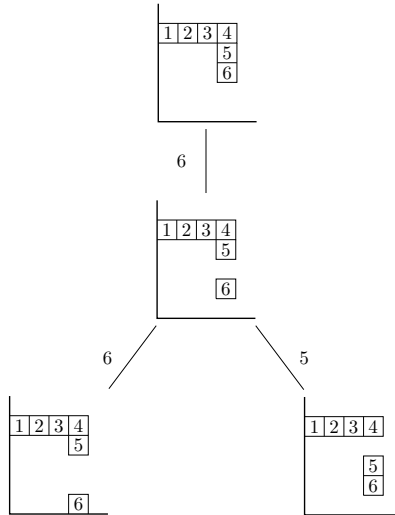
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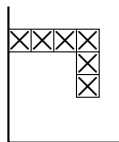
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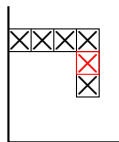


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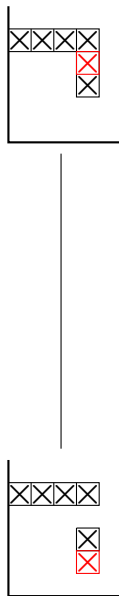
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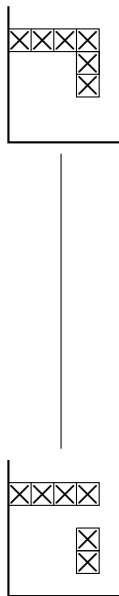


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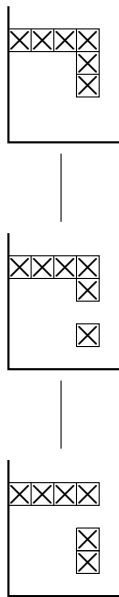


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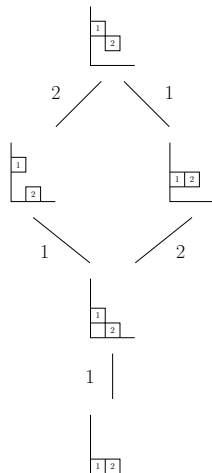
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Let D be a hook diagram and $I = [D_1, D_2]$ be an interval in $\mathcal{P}(D)$. If $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2$ are maximal chains in I , then the multiset of labels for \mathcal{C}_1 equals the multiset of labels for \mathcal{C}_2 .



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