

# On Automorphisms of Haar graphs of Abelian Groups

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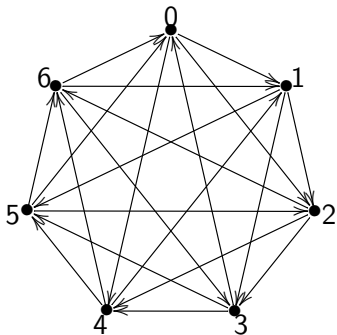


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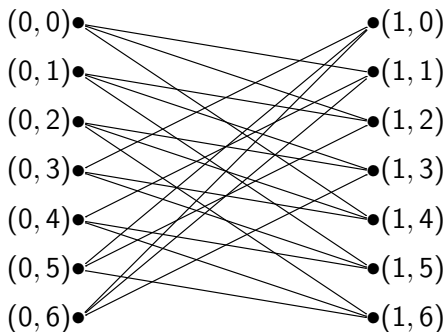
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**Figure:** The Heawood graph as  $\text{Haar}(\mathbb{Z}_7, \{1, 2, 4\})$

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