Closure Diagrams for Nilpotent Orbits of Exceptional Groups

G: simple, connected, complex exceptional group
$\mathcal{O}$: a nilpotent orbit of G on Lie(G);
$\mathcal{N}(G)$: the (finite) set of nilpotent orbits;
$G^\vee$: the dual group;
$d : \mathcal{N}(G) \to \mathcal{N}(G^\vee)$: order-reversing duality of nilpotent orbits;

Further terminology is explained below. Each page has a graph of the partially ordered set $\mathcal{N}(G)$:

Nodes:
Each node corresponds to a nilpotent orbit $\mathcal{O}$
Dark Blue: $\mathcal{O}$ is even ($\Rightarrow$ special)
Light Blue: $\mathcal{O}$ is special, but not even
white: $\mathcal{O}$ is not special
red border: $d(\mathcal{O})$ is even

Edges:
Edges are closure relations: $\mathcal{O}_2 \in \overline{\mathcal{O}_1}$
green edge: $\mathcal{O}_1, \mathcal{O}_2$ are in the same special piece

Further information and terminology:

$\mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{N}(G)$ is *special* if $\mathcal{O} = d(\mathcal{O}^\vee)$ for some $\mathcal{O}^\vee \in \mathcal{N}(G^\vee)$;
$\mathcal{N}_s(G)$: the special orbits; d is a bijection between $\mathcal{N}_s(G)$ and $\mathcal{N}_s(G^\vee)$;
the *special piece* of $\mathcal{O}$ is the set of orbits $\mathcal{O}'$ satisfying $d(\mathcal{O}) = d(\mathcal{O}')$; this consists of a single special orbit $\mathcal{O}_s$, together with non-special orbits in the closure of $\mathcal{O}_s$, but not in the closure of any smaller special orbit
$A(\mathcal{O}) = \mathrm{Cent}_G(X)/\mathrm{Cent}_G(X)^0$ $(X \in \mathcal{O})$;
$\overline{A}(\mathcal{O})$ (for $\mathcal{O}$ special): Lusztig's canonical quotient of $A(\mathcal{O})$ (cf. [7]), $\overline{A}(\mathcal{O}) \simeq \overline{A}(d(\mathcal{O}))$;
the last line of each node is: $\overline{A}(\mathcal{O})$ (if $\mathcal{O}$ is special), followed by $(A(\mathcal{O}), A(d(\mathcal{O}))$.

D: distinguished (intersects no proper Levi)
R: rigid (not induced)
bi-R: birationally rigid (not birationally induced, i.e. the corresponding moment map is birational, cf. [4]);
q-D: quasi-distinguished ([10]): a unipotent element u is *quasi-distinguished* if there is a semisimple element t so that $tu = ut$ and u is distinguished in the centralizer of t. Quasi-distinguished implies distinguished (take $t = 1$), and implies that the reductive part of the centralizer of u is a torus.

Some implications which are known:

- distinguished $\Rightarrow$ even $\Rightarrow$ special (cf. [6, Theorem 8.2.3])
- even $\Rightarrow$ birationally induced from (the 0-orbit on) a proper Levi ([1, Lemma 27.8])

- quasi-distinguished $\Rightarrow$ even *except* for two cases in E_8 (case-by-case)

Nota Bene: I am taking the pictures in [12] as being authoritative. These are reproduced in [5]; however there are some mistakes in the latter. Earlier references for E_6, E_7 and E_8 are [8] and [9]. These pictures also have a few errors. The pictures are determined by the Green functions, which are computed in [3]. Also see [2], [6], and [11].

There are two versions of the E_8 pictures; which one you use depends on whether you are less than 50 years old or not.

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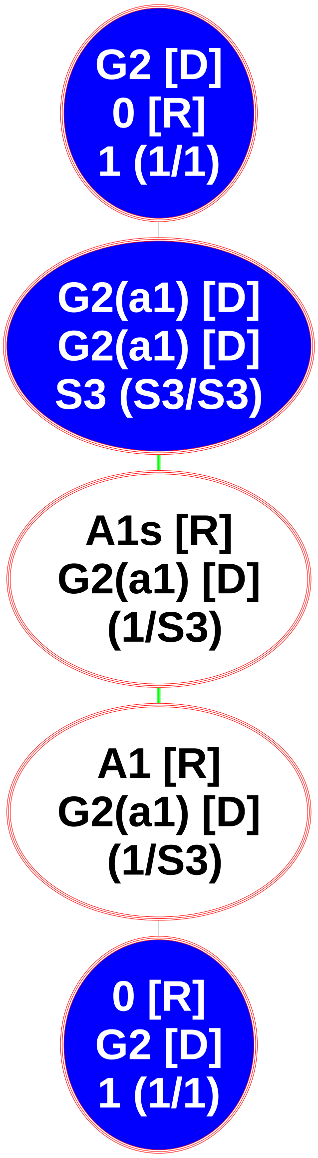
G_2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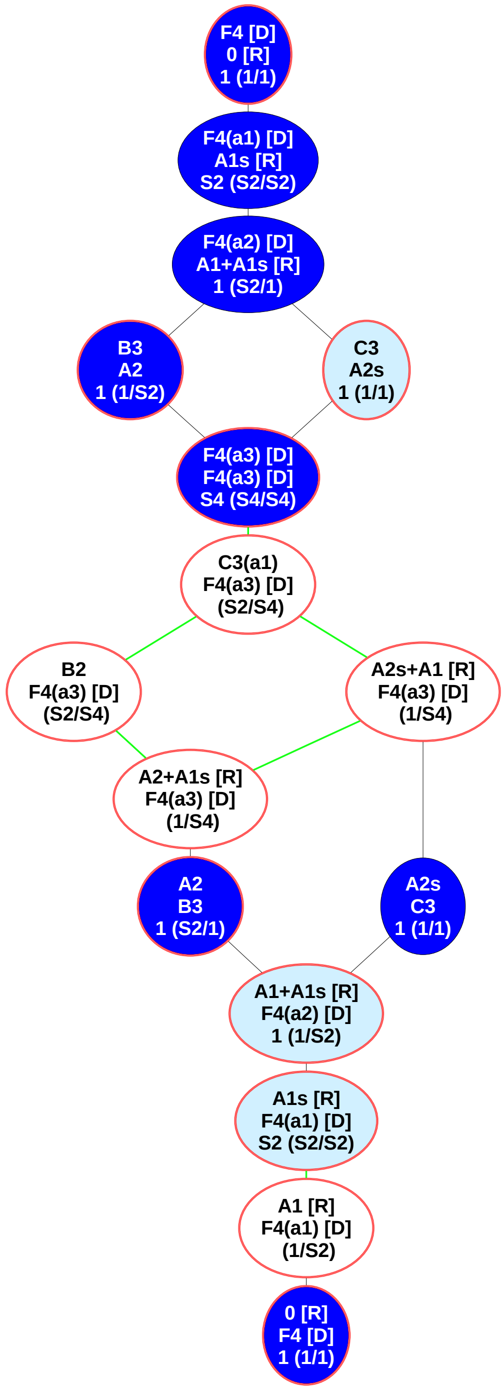
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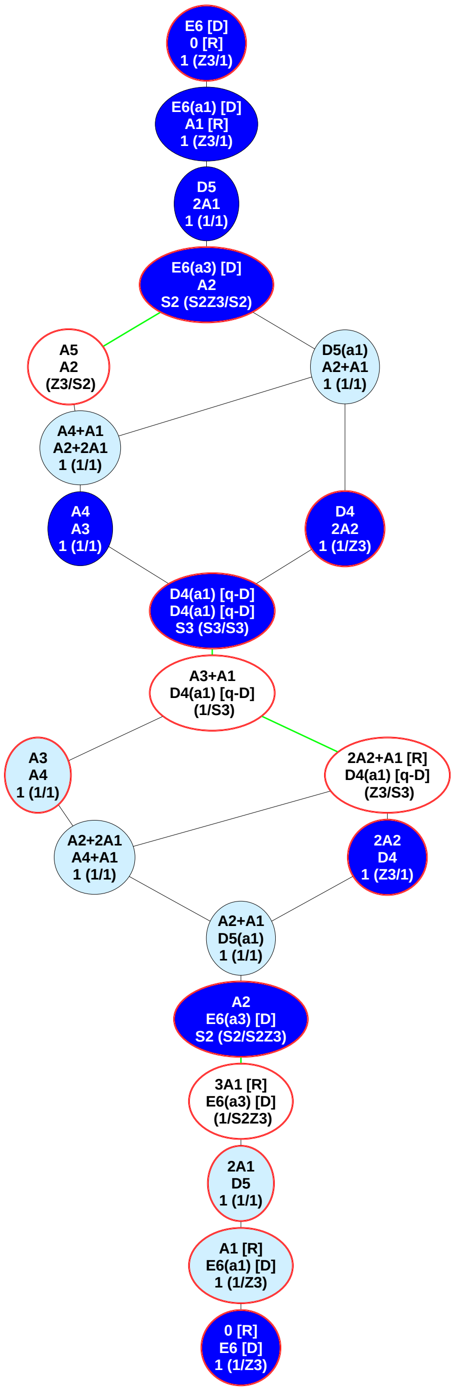
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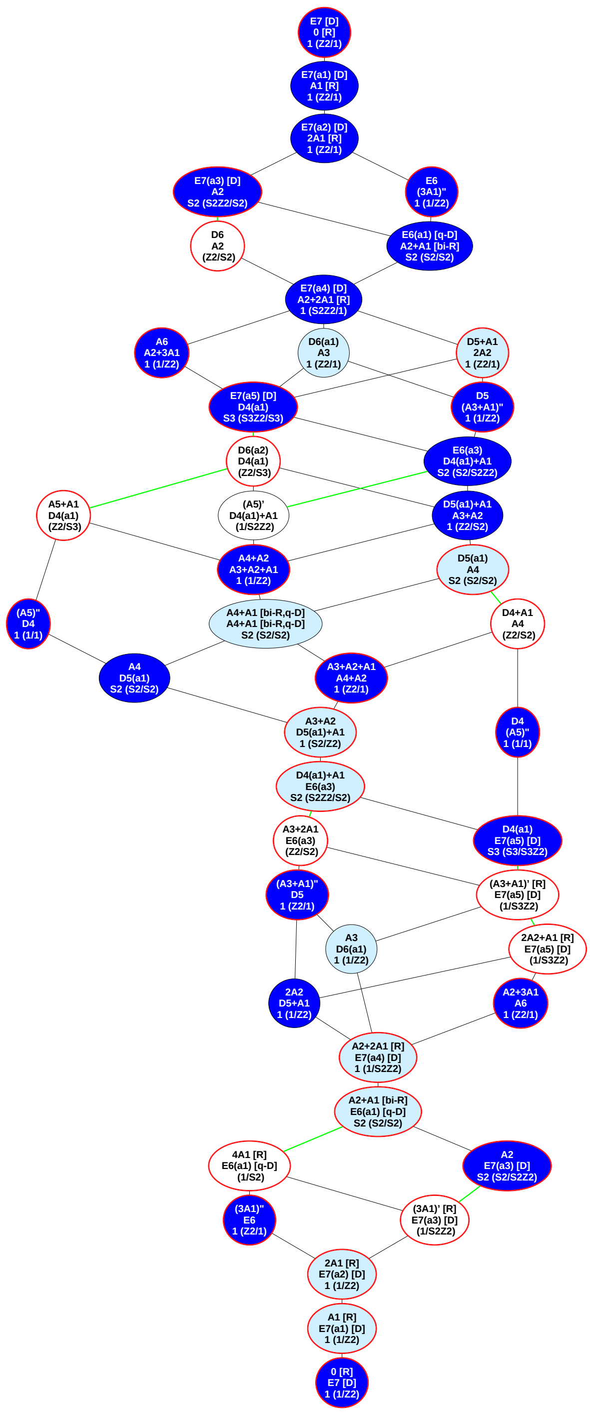

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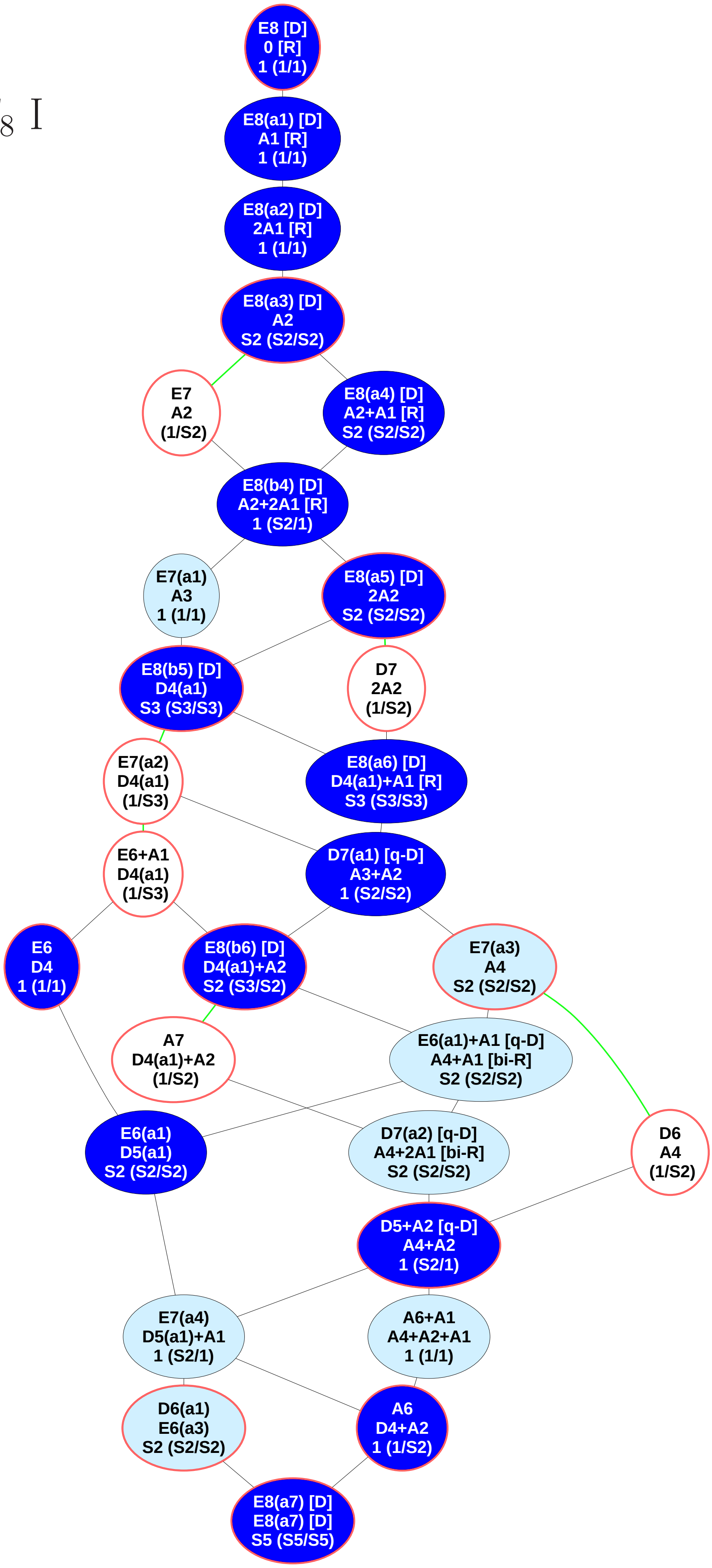
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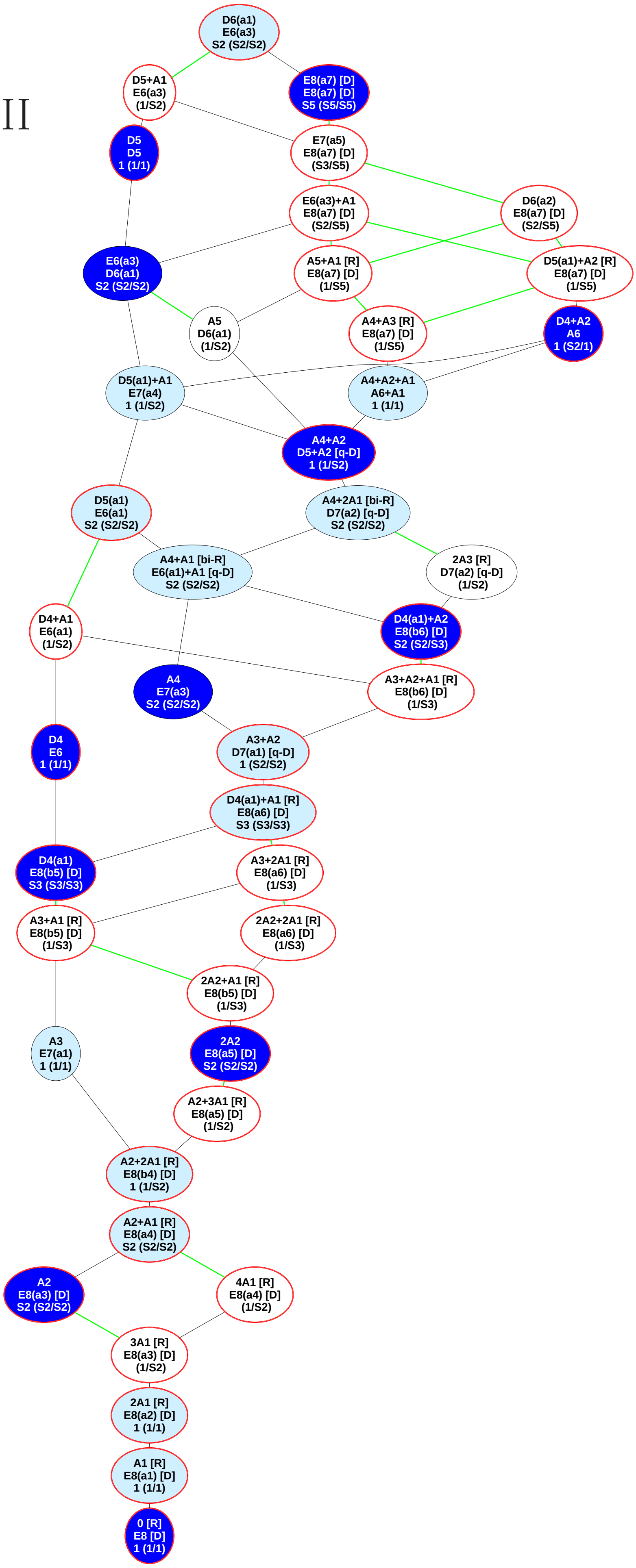
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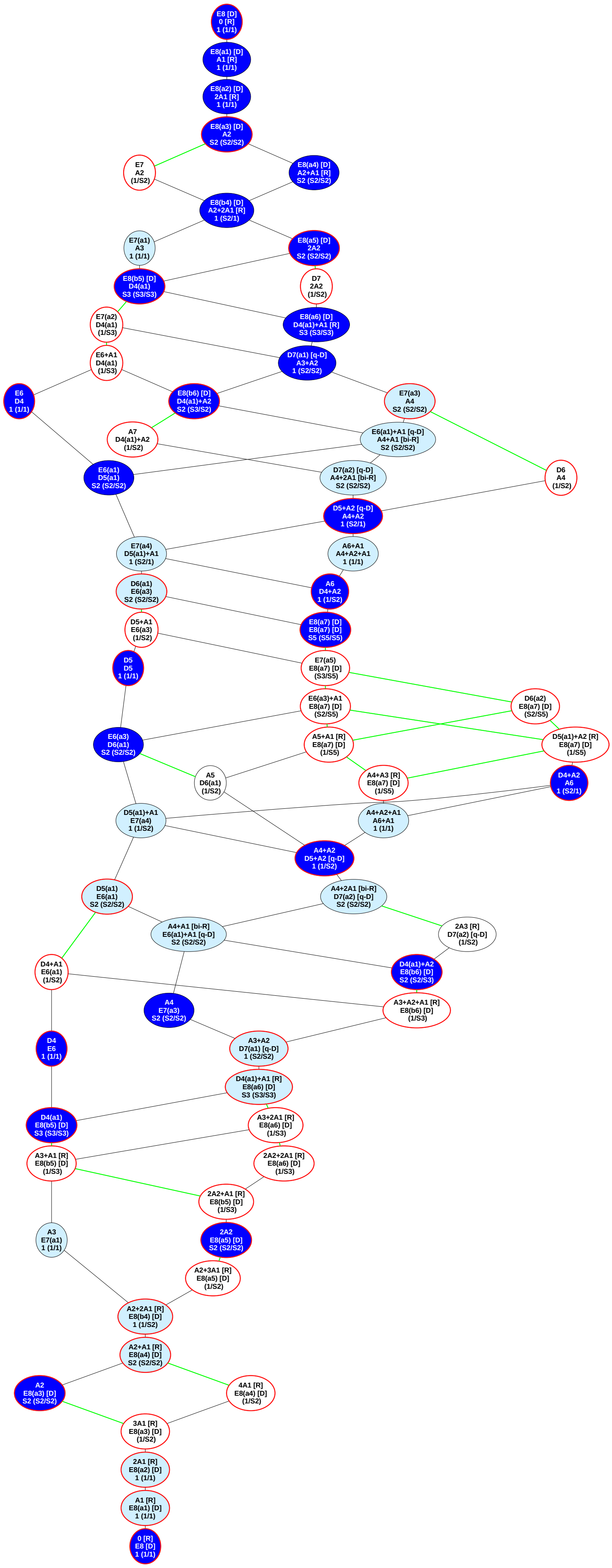

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