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1.1 Matroid construction

1.1.1 Theory

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- $I$ contains the empty set
- If $X$ is a set in $I$, then each subset of $X$ is in $I$
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See the Wikipedia article on matroids for more theory and examples. Matroids can be obtained from many types of mathematical structures, and Sage supports a number of them.

There are two main entry points to Sage’s matroid functionality. The object `matroids` contains a number of constructors for well-known matroids. The function `Matroid()` allows you to define your own matroids from a variety of sources. We briefly introduce both below; follow the links for more comprehensive documentation.

Each matroid object in Sage comes with a number of built-in operations. An overview can be found in the documentation of the abstract matroid class.

1.1.2 Built-in matroids

For built-in matroids, do the following:

- Within a Sage session, type `matroids`. (Do not press “Enter”, and do not forget the final period “.”)
- Hit “tab”.

You will see a list of methods which will construct matroids. For example:

```
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(4)
sage: M.is_connected()
True
```

or:

```
sage: U36 = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: U36.equals(U36.dual())
True
```
A number of special matroids are collected under a named_matroids submenu. To see which, type matroids. named_matroids.<tab> as above:

```
sage: F7 = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: len(F7.nonspanning_circuits())
7
```

### 1.1.3 Constructing matroids

To define your own matroid, use the function `Matroid()`. This function attempts to interpret its arguments to create an appropriate matroid. The input arguments are documented in detail below.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: A = Matrix(GF(2), 
               [[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1],
                [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
                [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1]])
sage: M = Matroid(A)
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
True
sage: M = Matroid(graphs.PetersenGraph())
sage: M.rank()
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```

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### 1.1.4 Methods

`sage.matroids.constructor.Matroid(*args, **kwds)`

Construct a matroid.

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**INPUT:**

- `groundset` – If provided, the groundset of the matroid. If not provided, the function attempts to determine a groundset from the data.
- `bases` – The list of bases (maximal independent sets) of the matroid.
- `independent_sets` – The list of independent sets of the matroid.
- `circuits` – The list of circuits of the matroid.
- `graph` – A graph, whose edges form the elements of the matroid.
- `matrix` – A matrix representation of the matroid.
- `reduced_matrix` – A reduced representation of the matroid: if `reduced_matrix = A` then the matroid is represented by $[I \ A]$ where $I$ is an appropriately sized identity matrix.
- `rank_function` – A function that computes the rank of each subset. Can only be provided together with a groundset.
- `circuit_closures` – Either a list of tuples $(k, C)$ with $C$ the closure of a circuit, and $k$ the rank of $C$, or a dictionary $D$ with $D[k]$ the set of closures of rank-$k$ circuits.
- `matroid` – An object that is already a matroid. Useful only with the `regular` option.

Up to two unnamed arguments are allowed.

- One unnamed argument, no named arguments other than `regular` – the input should be either a graph, or a matrix, or a list of independent sets containing all bases, or a matroid.
- Two unnamed arguments: the first is the groundset, the second a graph, or a matrix, or a list of independent sets containing all bases, or a matroid.
- One unnamed argument, at least one named argument: the unnamed argument is the groundset, the named argument is as above (but must be different from `groundset`).

The examples section details how each of the input types deals with explicit or implicit groundset arguments.

**OPTIONS:**

- `regular` – (default: `False`) boolean. If `True`, output a `RegularMatroid` instance such that, if the input defines a valid regular matroid, then the output represents this matroid. Note that this option can be combined with any type of input.
- `ring` – any ring. If provided, and the input is a `matrix` or `reduced_matrix`, output will be a linear matroid over the ring or field `ring`.
- `field` – any field. Same as `ring`, but only fields are allowed.
- `check` – (default: `True`) boolean. If `True` and `regular` is true, the output is checked to make sure it is a valid regular matroid.
Warning: Except for regular matroids, the input is not checked for validity. If your data does not correspond to an actual matroid, the behavior of the methods is undefined and may cause strange errors. To ensure you have a matroid, run `M.is_valid()`.

Note: The `Matroid()` method will return instances of type `BasisMatroid`, `CircuitClosuresMatroid`, `LinearMatroid`, `BinaryMatroid`, `TernaryMatroid`, `QuaternaryMatroid`, `RegularMatroid`, or `RankMatroid`. To import these classes (and other useful functions) directly into Sage’s main namespace, type:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See `sage.matroids.advanced`.

EXAMPLES:

Note that in these examples we will often use the fact that strings are iterable in these examples. So we type ‘abcd’ to denote the list ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'].

1. List of bases:

All of the following inputs are allowed, and equivalent:

```
sage: M1 = Matroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M2 = Matroid(bases=['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M3 = Matroid(['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M4 = Matroid('abcd', ['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M5 = Matroid('abcd', bases=[['a', 'b'], ['a', 'c'], ['a', 'd'], ['b', 'c'], ['b', 'd'], ['c', 'd']])
sage: M1 == M2
True
sage: M1 == M3
True
sage: M1 == M4
True
sage: M1 == M5
True
```

We do not check if the provided input forms an actual matroid:

```
sage: M1 = Matroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'cd'])
sage: M1.full_rank()
2
sage: M1.is_valid()
False
```

Bases may be repeated:

```
sage: M1 = Matroid(['ab', 'ac'])
sage: M2 = Matroid(['ab', 'ac', 'ab'])
sage: M1 == M2
True
```

2. List of independent sets:
We only require that the list of independent sets contains each basis of the matroid; omissions of smaller independent sets and repetitions are allowed:

```python
sage: M1 = Matroid(bases=['ab', 'ac'])
```

```python
sage: M2 = Matroid(independent_sets=['a', 'ab', 'b', 'ab', 'a', 'b', 'ac'])
```

```python
sage: M1 == M2
True
```

A matroid specified by a list of circuits gets converted to a `BasisMatroid` internally:

```python
sage: M = Matroid(groundset='abcd', circuits=['abc', 'abd', 'acd', 'bcd'])
```

```python
sage: type(M)
<type 'sage.matroids.basis_matroid.BasisMatroid'>
```

Strange things can happen if the input does not satisfy the circuit axioms, and these are not always caught by the `is_valid()` method. So always check whether your input makes sense!

```python
sage: M = Matroid('abcd', circuits=['ab', 'acd'])
```

```python
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

```python
sage: [sorted(C) for C in M.circuits()]
[['a']]
```

4. Graph:

Sage has great support for graphs, see `sage.graphs.graph`.

```python
sage: G = graphs.PetersenGraph()
sage: Matroid(G)
Regular matroid of rank 9 on 15 elements with 2000 bases
```

Note: if a groundset is specified, we assume it is in the same order as `G.edge_iterator()` provides:

```python
sage: G = Graph([(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 2), (1, 2)], multiedges=True)
sage: M = Matroid('abcd', G)
sage: M.rank(['b', 'c'])
1
```

If no groundset is provided, we attempt to use the edge labels:

```python
sage: G = Graph([(0, 1, 'a'), (0, 2, 'b'), (1, 2, 'c')])
sage: M = Matroid(G)
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c']
```
If no edge labels are present and the graph is simple, we use the tuples \((i, j)\) of endpoints. If that fails, we simply use a list \([0..m-1]\)

```
sage: G = Graph([(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2)])
sage: M = Matroid(G)
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2)]
sage: G = Graph([(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 2), (1, 2)], multiedges=True)
sage: M = Matroid(G)
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3]
```

When the `graph` keyword is used, a variety of inputs can be converted to a graph automatically. The following uses a graph6 string (see the `Graph` method’s documentation):

```
sage: Matroid(graph=':I`AKa0s`clGb~')
Regular matroid of rank 9 on 17 elements with 4004 bases
```

However, this method is no more clever than `Graph()`:

```
sage: Matroid(graph=41/2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
 ... 
ValueError: input does not seem to represent a graph.
```

5. Matrix:

The basic input is a Sage matrix:

```
sage: A = Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0],
                ....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1],
                ....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1]])
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=A)
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
```

Various shortcuts are possible:

```
sage: M1 = Matroid(matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0],
                       ....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1],
                       ....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1]], ring=GF(2))
sage: M2 = Matroid(reduced_matrix=[[1, 1, 0],
                                ....: [1, 0, 1],
                                ....: [0, 1, 1]], ring=GF(2))
sage: M3 = Matroid(groundset=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
                ....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
                ....: ring=GF(2))
sage: A = Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]])
sage: M4 = Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], A)
sage: M1 == M2
True
sage: M1 == M3
True
sage: M1 == M4
True
```

However, with unnamed arguments the input has to be a `Matrix` instance, or the function will try to interpret it as a set of bases:
If the groundset size equals number of rows plus number of columns, an identity matrix is prepended. Otherwise the groundset size must equal the number of columns:

```python
sage: A = Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]])
sage: M = Matroid([0, 1, 2], A)
sage: N = Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], A)
sage: M.rank()
2
sage: N.rank()
3
```

We automatically create an optimized subclass, if available:

```python
sage: Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
....: field=GF(2))
Binary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements, type (2, 7)
sage: Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
....: field=GF(3))
Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements, type 0-
sage: Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
....: field=GF(4, 'x'))
Quaternary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements
sage: Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
....: field=GF(2), regular=True)
Regular matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements with 16 bases
```

Otherwise the generic LinearMatroid class is used:

```python
sage: Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5],
....: matrix=[[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]],
....: field=GF(83))
Linear matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements represented over the Finite Field of size 83
```

An integer matrix is automatically converted to a matrix over $\mathbb{Q}$. If you really want integers, you can specify the ring explicitly:

```python
sage: A = Matrix([[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, -1]])
sage: A.base_ring()
Integer Ring
sage: M = Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], A)
sage: M.base_ring()
Rational Field
sage: M = Matroid([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5], A, ring=ZZ)
sage: M.base_ring()
Integer Ring
```

6. Rank function:

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Any function mapping subsets to integers can be used as input:

```
sage: def f(X):
    ....:     return min(len(X), 2)
    ....:
sage: M = Matroid('abcd', rank_function=f)
sage: M
Matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(2, 4))
True
```

### 7. Circuit closures:

This is often a really concise way to specify a matroid. The usual way is a dictionary of lists:

```
sage: M = Matroid(circuit_closures={3: ['edfg', 'acdg', 'bcfg',
    ....:     'cefh', 'afgh', 'abce', 'abdf', 'bgeh', 'bcdf', 'adeh'],
    ....:     4: ['abcdefgh']})
sage: M.equals(matroids.named_matroids.P8())
True
```

You can also input tuples \((k, X)\) where \(X\) is the closure of a circuit, and \(k\) the rank of \(X\):

```
sage: M = Matroid(circuit_closures=\{(2, 'abd'), (3, 'abcdef'),
    ....:     (2, 'bce')\})
sage: M.equals(matroids.named_matroids.Q6())
True
```

### 8. Matroid:

Most of the time, the matroid itself is returned:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = Matroid(M)
sage: N
is M
True
```

But it can be useful with the `regular` option:

```
sage: M = Matroid(circuit_closures={2: ['adb', 'bec', 'cfa',
    ....:     'def'], 3: ['abcdef']})
sage: N = Matroid(M, regular=True)
sage: N
Regular matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements with 16 bases
sage: Matrix(N)
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]
```

The `regular` option:

```
sage: M = Matroid(reduced_matrix=[[1, 1, 0],
    ....:     [1, 0, 1],
    ....:     [0, 1, 1]], regular=True)
sage: M
Regular matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements with 16 bases
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
```
By default we check if the resulting matroid is actually regular. To increase speed, this check can be skipped:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = Matroid(M, regular=True)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  
ValueError: input does not correspond to a valid regular matroid.
sage: N = Matroid(M, regular=True, check=False)
sage: N
Regular matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 32 bases
sage: N.is_valid()
False
```

Sometimes the output is regular, but represents a different matroid from the one you intended:

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(3), 
  
  sage: N = Matroid(Matrix(GF(3), 
  ....:                   
  sage: N.is_valid()
  True
  sage: N.is_isomorphic(M)
  False
```

### 1.2 The abstract Matroid class

Matroids are combinatorial structures that capture the abstract properties of (linear/algebraic/...) dependence. See the Wikipedia article on matroids for theory and examples. In Sage, various types of matroids are supported: `BasisMatroid`, `CircuitClosuresMatroid`, `LinearMatroid` (and some specialized subclasses), `RankMatroid`. To construct them, use the function `Matroid()`.

All these classes share a common interface, which includes the following methods (organized by category). Note that most subclasses (notably `LinearMatroids`) will implement additional functionality (e.g. linear extensions).

- **Ground set**
  - `groundset()`
  - `size()`

- **Rank, bases, circuits, closure**
  - `rank()`
  - `full_rank()`
  - `basis()`
  - `max_independent()`
  - `circuit()`
  - `fundamental_circuit()`
  - `closure()`
  - `augment()`
  - `corank()`
- full_corank()
- cobasis()
- max_coindependent()
- cocircuit()
- fundamental_cocircuit()
- coclosure()
- is_independent()
- is_dependent()
- is_basis()
- is_circuit()
- is_closed()
- is_coindependent()
- is_codependent()
- is_cobasis()
- is_cocircuit()
- is_coclosed()

• Verification
  - is_valid()

• Enumeration
  - circuits()
  - nonspanning_circuits()
  - cocircuits()
  - noncospanning_cocircuits()
  - circuit_closures()
  - nonspanning_circuit_closures()
  - bases()
  - independent_r_sets()
  - nonbases()
  - dependent_r_sets()
  - flats()
  - coflats()
  - hyperplanes()
  - f_vector()
  - broken_circuits()
  - no_broken_circuits_sets()

• Comparison
- \texttt{is_isomorphic()}
- \texttt{equals()}
- \texttt{is_isomorphism()}

- **Minors, duality, truncation**
  - \texttt{minor()}
  - \texttt{contract()}
  - \texttt{delete()}
  - \texttt{dual()}
  - \texttt{truncation()}
  - \texttt{has_minor()}
  - \texttt{has_line_minor()}

- **Extension**
  - \texttt{extension()}
  - \texttt{coextension()}
  - \texttt{modular_cut()}
  - \texttt{linear_subclasses()}
  - \texttt{extensions()}
  - \texttt{coextensions()}

- **Connectivity, simplicity**
  - \texttt{loops()}
  - \texttt{coloops()}
  - \texttt{simplify()}
  - \texttt{cosimplify()}
  - \texttt{is_simple()}
  - \texttt{is_cosimple()}
  - \texttt{components()}
  - \texttt{is_connected()}
  - \texttt{is_3connected()}
  - \texttt{is_4connected()}
  - \texttt{is_kconnected()}
  - \texttt{connectivity()}

- **Representation**
  - \texttt{binary_matroid()}
  - \texttt{is_binary()}
  - \texttt{ternary_matroid()}
  - \texttt{is_ternary()}

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  - is_max_weight_independent_generic()
  - intersection()
  - intersection_unweighted()

• Invariants
  - tutte_polynomial()
  - flat_cover()

• Visualization
  - show()
  - plot()

• Construction
  - union()

• Misc
  - broken_circuit_complex()
  - chow_ring()
  - matroid_polytope()
  - independence_matroid_polytope()
  - orlik_solomon_algebra()

In addition to these, all methods provided by SageObject are available, notably save() and rename().

1.2.1 Advanced usage

Many methods (such as M.rank()) have a companion method whose name starts with an underscore (such as M._rank()). The method with the underscore does not do any checks on its input. For instance, it may assume of its input that

• It is a subset of the groundset. The interface is compatible with Python’s frozenset type.

• It is a list of things, supports iteration, and recursively these rules apply to its members.

Using the underscored version could improve the speed of code a little, but will generate more cryptic error messages when presented with wrong input. In some instances, no error might occur and a nonsensical answer returned.

A subclass should always override the underscored method, if available, and as a rule leave the regular method alone.

These underscored methods are not documented in the reference manual. To see them, within Sage you can create a matroid M and type M._<tab>. Then M._rank? followed by <tab> will bring up the documentation string of the _rank() method.
1.2.2 Creating new Matroid subclasses

Many mathematical objects give rise to matroids, and not all are available through the provided code. For incidental use, the `RankMatroid` subclass may suffice. If you regularly use matroids based on a new data type, you can write a subclass of `Matroid`. You only need to override the `__init__`, `_rank()` and `groundset()` methods to get a fully working class.

**EXAMPLES:**

In a partition matroid, a subset is independent if it has at most one element from each partition. The following is a very basic implementation, in which the partition is specified as a list of lists:

```python
sage: import sage.matroids.matroid
sage: class PartitionMatroid(sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid):
    ....:     def __init__(self, partition):
    ....:         self.partition = partition
    ....:         E = set()
    ....:         for P in partition:
    ....:             E.update(P)
    ....:         self.E = frozenset(E)
    ....:     def groundset(self):
    ....:         return self.E
    ....:     def _rank(self, X):
    ....:         X2 = set(X)
    ....:         used_indices = set()
    ....:         rk = 0
    ....:         while len(X2) > 0:
    ....:             e = X2.pop()
    ....:             for i in range(len(self.partition)):
    ....:                 if e in self.partition[i]:
    ....:                     if i not in used_indices:
    ....:                         used_indices.add(i)
    ....:                         rk = rk + 1
    ....:             break
    ....:     def __repr__(self):
    ....:         return str(self)

sage: M = PartitionMatroid([[1, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7]])
sage: M.full_rank()
3
sage: M.tutte_polynomial(var('x'), var('y'))
x^2*y^2 + 2*x*y^3 + y^4 + x^3 + 3*x^2*y + 3*x*y^2 + y^3
```

**Note:** The abstract base class has no idea about the data used to represent the matroid. Hence some methods need to be customized to function properly.

Necessary:
- `def __init__(self, ...)`
- `def groundset(self)`
- `def _rank(self, X)`

Representation:
- `def __repr__(self)`

Comparison:
- `def __hash__(self)`

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In Cythonized classes, use \_richcmp\_() instead of \_eq\_(), \_ne\_().

Copying, loading, saving:

```python
- def \_copy\_(self)
- def \_deepcopy\_(self, memo={})
- def \_reduce\_(self)
```

See, for instance, \texttt{rank\_matroid} or \texttt{circuit\_closures\_matroid} for sample implementations of these.

\textbf{Note:} The example provided does not check its input at all. You may want to make sure the input data are not corrupt.

### 1.2.3 Some examples

**EXAMPLES:**

\textbf{Construction:}

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(QQ, 
[[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
....: [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1]])
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
sage: M.rank([0, 1, 2])
3
sage: M.rank([0, 1, 5])
2
```

\textbf{Minors:}

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(QQ, 
[[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
....: [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1]])
sage: sorted(N.groundset())
[0, 1, 5, 6]
sage: N.full_rank()
2
```

\textbf{Testing. Note that the abstract base class does not support pickling:}

```python
sage: M = sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid()
sage: TestSuite(M).run(skip="_test_pickling")
```

### 1.2.4 REFERENCES

- \[BC1977\]
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AUTHORS:

- Michael Welsh (2013-04-03): Changed flats() to use SetSystem
- Michael Welsh (2013-04-01): Added is_3connected(), using naive algorithm
- Rudi Pendavingh, Stefan van Zwam (2013-04-01): initial version

1.2.5 Methods

```python
class sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid:
    Bases: sage.structure.sage_object.SageObject

    The abstract matroid class, from which all matroids are derived. Do not use this class directly!
    To implement a subclass, the least you should do is implement the __init__(), _rank() and
groundset() methods. See the source of rank_matroid.py for a bare-bones example of this.

    EXAMPLES:
    In a partition matroid, a subset is independent if it has at most one element from each partition. The following
    is a very basic implementation, in which the partition is specified as a list of lists:
```

```python
def __init__(self, partition):
    self.partition = partition
    E = set()
    for P in partition:
        E.update(P)
        self.E = frozenset(E)
def groundset(self):
    return self.E
def _rank(self, X):
    X2 = set(X)
    used_indices = set()
    rk = 0
    while len(X2) > 0:
        e = X2.pop()
        for i in range(len(self.partition[i])):
            if e in self.partition[i]:
```

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sage: M = PartitionMatroid([[1, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7]])
sage: M.full_rank()
3
sage: M.tutte_polynomial(var('x'), var('y'))
x^2*y^2 + 2*x*y^3 + y^4 + x^3 + 3*x^2*y + 3*x*y^2 + y^3

Note: The abstract base class has no idea about the data used to represent the matroid. Hence some methods need to be customized to function properly.

Necessary:

• def __init__(self, ...)
  • def groundset(self)
  • def _rank(self, X)

Representation:

• def __repr__(self)

Comparison:

• def __hash__(self)
  • def __eq__(self, other)
  • def __ne__(self, other)

In Cythonized classes, use __richcmp__() instead of __eq__(), __ne__().

Copying, loading, saving:

• def __copy__(self)
  • def __deepcopy__(self, memo={})
  • def __reduce__(self)

See, for instance, rank_matroid.py or circuit_closures_matroid.pyx for sample implementations of these.

Note: Many methods (such as M.rank()) have a companion method whose name starts with an underscore (such as M._rank()). The method with the underscore does not do any checks on its input. For instance, it may assume of its input that

• Any input that should be a subset of the groundset, is one. The interface is compatible with Python’s frozenset type.
  • Any input that should be a list of things, supports iteration, and recursively these rules apply to its members.

Using the underscored version could improve the speed of code a little, but will generate more cryptic error messages when presented with wrong input. In some instances, no error might occur and a nonsensical answer returned.
A subclass should always override the underscored method, if available, and as a rule leave the regular method alone.

**augment** \((X, Y=None)\)

Return a maximal subset \(I\) of \(Y - X\) such that \(r(X + I) = r(X) + r(I)\).

**INPUT:**

- \(X\) – A subset of `self.groundset()`.
- \(Y\) – A subset of `self.groundset()`. If \(Y\) is `None`, the full groundset is used.

**OUTPUT:**

A subset of \(Y - X\).

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.augment(['a'], ['e', 'f', 'g', 'h']))
['e', 'g', 'h']
sage: sorted(M.augment(['a']))
['b', 'c', 'e']
sage: sorted(M.augment(['x']))
Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
sage: sorted(M.augment(['a'], ['x']))
Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValueError: input Y is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**bases()**

Return the list of bases of the matroid.

A *basis* is a maximal independent set.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all bases of the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 4)
sage: sorted([sorted(X) for X in M.bases()])
[[0, 1], [0, 2], [0, 3], [1, 2], [1, 3], [2, 3]]
```

**ALGORITHM:**

Test all subsets of the groundset of cardinality `self.full_rank()`.

**See also:**

- `M.independent_r_sets()`

**basis()**

Return an arbitrary basis of the matroid.

A *basis* is an inclusionwise maximal independent set.

**Note:** The output of this method can change in between calls.
OUTPUT:
Set of elements.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: B = M.basis()
True
sage: len(B)
3
sage: M.rank(B)
3
sage: M.full_rank()
3
```

**binary_matroid** *(randomized_tests=1, verify=True)*

Return a binary matroid representing `self`, if such a representation exists.

**INPUT:**

- `randomized_tests` – (default: 1) an integer; the number of times a certain necessary condition for being binary is tested, using randomization
- `verify` – (default: True), a Boolean; if True, any output will be a binary matroid representing `self`; if False, any output will represent `self` if and only if the matroid is binary

**OUTPUT:**

Either a BinaryMatroid, or None

**ALGORITHM:**

First, compare the binary matroids local to two random bases. If these matroids are not isomorphic, return None. This test is performed `randomized_tests` times. Next, if `verify` is True, test if a binary matroid local to some basis is isomorphic to `self`.

**See also:**

`M.local_binary_matroid()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.binary_matroid()
Fano: Binary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type (3, 0)
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.binary_matroid() is None
True
```

**broken_circuit_complex** *(ordering=None)*

Return the broken circuit complex of `self`.

The broken circuit complex of a matroid with a total ordering `<` on the ground set is obtained from the NBC sets under subset inclusion.

**INPUT:**

- `ordering` – a total ordering of the groundset given as a list

**OUTPUT:**

A simplicial complex of the NBC sets under inclusion.
EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(circuits=[[1,2,3], [3,4,5], [1,2,4,5]])
sage: M.broken_circuit_complex()
Simplicial complex with vertex set (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
and facets {{1, 3, 4}, {1, 3, 5}, {1, 2, 5}, {1, 2, 4}}
sage: M.broken_circuit_complex([5,4,3,2,1])
Simplicial complex with vertex set (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
and facets {{1, 4, 5}, {2, 3, 5}, {1, 3, 5}, {2, 4, 5}}
```

`broken_circuits(ordering=None)`

Return the list of broken circuits of `self`.

Let $M$ be a matroid with ground set $E$, and let $<$ be a total ordering on $E$. A broken circuit for $M$ means a subset $B$ of $E$ such that there exists a $u \in E$ for which $B \cup \{u\}$ is a circuit of $M$ and $u < b$ for all $b \in B$.

**INPUT:**

• `ordering` – a total ordering of the groundset given as a list

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = Matroid(circuits=[[1,2,3], [3,4,5], [1,2,4,5]])
sage: M.broken_circuits()
frozenset({frozenset({2, 3}), frozenset({4, 5}), frozenset({2, 4, 5})})
sage: M.broken_circuits([5,4,3,2,1])
frozenset({frozenset({1, 2}), frozenset({3, 4}), frozenset({1, 2, 4})})
sage: M = Matroid(circuits=[[1,2,3], [1,4,5], [2,3,4,5]])
sage: M.broken_circuits([5,4,3,2,1])
frozenset({frozenset({1, 2}), frozenset({1, 4}), frozenset({2, 3, 4})})
```

`chordality()`

Return the minimal $k$ such that the matroid $M$ is $k$-chordal.

See also:

`M.is_chordal()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2,4)
sage: M.chordality()
4
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.chordality()
5
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.chordality()
4
```

`chow_ring(R=None)`

Return the Chow ring of `self` over $R$.

Let $M$ be a matroid and $R$ be a commutative ring. The Chow ring of $M$ is the quotient ring

$$A^*(M)_R := R[x_{F_1}, \ldots, x_{F_k}]/(Q_M + L_M),$$

where

• $F_1, \ldots, F_k$ are the non-empty proper flats of $M$,
\( Q_M \) is the ideal generated by all \( x_{F_i} x_{F_j} \) where \( F_i \) and \( F_j \) are incomparable elements in the lattice of flats, and

\( L_M \) is the ideal generated by all linear forms

\[
\sum_{i_1 \in F} x_{F_i} - \sum_{i_2 \in F} x_{F_i}
\]

for all \( i_1 \neq i_2 \in E \).

INPUT:

- \( R \) – (default: \( \mathbb{Z} \)) the base ring

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(2)
sage: A = M.chow_ring()
sage: A
Chow ring of Wheel(2): Regular matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements
with 5 bases over Integer Ring
sage: A.gens()
(A23, A23, A23)
sage: A23 = A.gen(0)
sage: A23*A23
0
```

We construct a more interesting example using the Fano matroid:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: A = M.chow_ring(QQ)
sage: A
Chow ring of Fano: Binary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements,
type (3, 0) over Rational Field
```

Next we get the non-trivial generators and do some computations:

```
sage: G = A.gens()[6:]
sage: Ag, Aabf, Aace, Aadg, Abcd, Abeg, Acfg, Adef = G
sage: Ag*A23
2*Adef^2
sage: Ag*Abeg
-Adef^2
sage: matrix([[x * y for x in G for y in G])
[2*Adef^2 0 0 -Adef^2 0 -Adef^2 -Adef^2 0]
[0 Adef^2 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[0 0 Adef^2 0 0 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 Adef^2 0 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 Adef^2 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 0 Adef^2 0 0]
[0 0 0 0 0 0 Adef^2]
[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Adef^2]
```

REFERENCES:

- [FY2004]
- [AHK2015]

\texttt{circuit} (\( X=\texttt{None} \))

Return a circuit.
A *circuit* of a matroid is an inclusionwise minimal dependent subset.

**INPUT:**

- X – A subset of `self.groundset()`, or None. In the latter case, a circuit contained in the full groundset is returned.

**OUTPUT:**

Set of elements.

- If X is not None, the output is a circuit contained in X if such a circuit exists. Otherwise an error is raised.
- If X is None, the output is a circuit contained in `self.groundset()` if such a circuit exists. Otherwise an error is raised.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.circuit(['a', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']))
['c', 'd', 'e', 'f']
sage: sorted(M.circuit(['a', 'c', 'd']))
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: no circuit in independent set.
sage: M.circuit(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
sage: sorted(M.circuit())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

**circuit_closures()**

Return the list of closures of circuits of the matroid.

A *circuit closure* is a closed set containing a circuit.

**OUTPUT:**

A dictionary containing the circuit closures of the matroid, indexed by their ranks.

**See also:**

`M.circuit()`, `M.closure()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: CC = M.circuit_closures()
sage: len(CC[2])
7
sage: len(CC[3])
1
sage: len(CC[1])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... KeyError: 1
sage: [sorted(X) for X in CC[3]]
[["a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f", "g"]]
```

**circuits()**

Return the list of circuits of the matroid.
OUTPUT:
An iterable containing all circuits.

See also:
M.circuit()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.circuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'f'],
 ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'g'],
 ['a', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'],
 ['b', 'd', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'g'],
 ['c', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'f']]```

closure (X)
Return the closure of a set X.

A set is closed if adding any extra element to it will increase the rank of the set. The closure of a set is the smallest closed set containing it.

INPUT:

• X – A subset of self.groundset().

OUTPUT:
Set of elements containing X.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.closure(set(['a', 'b', 'c'])))
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
sage: M.closure(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

cobasis()
Return an arbitrary cobasis of the matroid.

A cobasis is the complement of a basis. A cobasis is a basis of the dual matroid.

Note: Output can change between calls.

OUTPUT:
A set of elements.

See also:
M.dual(), M.full_rank()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: B = M.cobasis()
sage: M.is_cobasis(B)```
**cocircuit** *(\text{X}=\text{None})*

Return a cocircuit.

A **cocircuit** is an inclusionwise minimal subset that is dependent in the dual matroid.

**INPUT:**

- \text{X} – (default: \text{None}) a subset of \text{self.groundset()}.  

**OUTPUT:**

A set of elements.

- If \text{X} is not \text{None}, the output is a cocircuit contained in \text{X} if such a cocircuit exists. Otherwise an error is raised.
- If \text{X} is \text{None}, the output is a cocircuit contained in \text{self.groundset()} if such a cocircuit exists. Otherwise an error is raised.

**See also:**

\text{M.dual()} , \text{M.circuit()}  

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.cocircuit(['a', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']))
['c', 'd', 'e', 'f']
sage: sorted(M.cocircuit(['a', 'c', 'd']))
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: no cocircuit in coindependent set.
sage: M.cocircuit(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
sage: sorted(M.cocircuit())
['e', 'f', 'g', 'h']
```

**cocircuits()**

Return the list of cocircuits of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all cocircuits.

**See also:**

\text{M.cocircuit()}  

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.cocircuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'],
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'],
```
coclosure \( (X) \)

Return the coclosure of a set \( X \).

A set is **coclosed** if it is closed in the dual matroid. The **coclosure** of \( X \) is the smallest coclosed set containing \( X \).

**INPUT:**

*\( X \) – A subset of self.groundset().

**OUTPUT:**

A set of elements containing \( X \).

**See also:**

\( M.dual() \), \( M.closure() \)

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.coclosure(set(['a', 'b', 'c'])))
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

```
sage: M.coclosure(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
...  
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

coeXtension \( (element=None, subsets=None) \)

Return a coextension of the matroid.

A **coextension** of \( M \) by an element \( e \) is a matroid \( M' \) such that \( M'/e = M \). The element \( element \) is placed such that it lies in the coclosure of each set in \( subsets \), and otherwise as freely as possible.

This is the dual method of \( M.extension() \). See the documentation there for more details.

**INPUT:**

*\( element \) – (default: None) the label of the new element. If not specified, a new label will be generated automatically.

*\( subsets \) – (default: None) a set of subsets of the matroid. The coextension should be such that the new element is in the cospan of each of these. If not specified, the element is assumed to be in the cospan of the full groundset.

**OUTPUT:**

A matroid.

**See also:**

\( M.dual() \), \( M.coextensions() \), \( M.modular_cut() \), \( M.extension() \), \( M.linear_subclasses() \), sage.matroids.extension

**EXAMPLES:**

Add an element in general position:

```
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: N = M.coextension()
```
sage: N.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(4, 7))
True

Add one inside the span of a specified hyperplane:

sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: H = [frozenset([0, 1])]
sage: N = M.coextension(6, H)
sage: N
Matroid of rank 4 on 7 elements with 34 bases
sage: [sorted(C) for C in N.cocircuits() if len(C) == 3]
[[0, 1, 6]]

Put an element in series with another:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = M.coextension('z', ['c'])
sage: N.corank('cz')
1

coextensions(element=None, coline_length=None, subsets=None)
Return an iterable set of single-element coextensions of the matroid.

A coextension of a matroid \( M \) by element \( e \) is a matroid \( M' \) such that \( M'/e = M \). By default, this method returns an iterable containing all coextensions, but it can be restricted in two ways. If \( \text{coline\_length} \) is specified, the output is restricted to those matroids not containing a line minor of length \( k \) greater than \( \text{coline\_length} \). If \( \text{subsets} \) is specified, then the output is restricted to those matroids for which the new element lies in the coclosure of each member of \( \text{subsets} \).

This method is dual to \( M\text{.extensions()} \).

INPUT:

• element – (optional) the name of the newly added element in each coextension.
• coline_length – (optional) a natural number. If given, restricts the output to coextensions that do not contain a \( U_{k-2,k} \) minor where \( k > \text{coline\_length} \).
• subsets – (optional) a collection of subsets of the ground set. If given, restricts the output to extensions where the new element is contained in all cohyperplanes that contain an element of \( \text{subsets} \).

OUTPUT:

An iterable containing matroids.

Note: The coextension by a coloop will always occur. The extension by a loop will never occur.

See also:

\( M\text{.coextension()}, M\text{.modular\_cut()}, M\text{.linear\_subclasses()}, sage\text{.matroids}\text{.extension}, M\text{.extensions()}, M\text{.dual()} \)

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P8()
sage: len(list(M.coextensions()))
1705
sage: len(list(M.coextensions(coline_length=4)))
41

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```sage
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h']
sage: len(list(M.coextensions(subsets=[{'a', 'b'}], coline_length=4)))
5
```

coflats ($r$)

Returns the collection of coflats of the matroid of specified corank.

A coflat is a coclosed set.

**INPUT:**

- $r$ – a nonnegative integer.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all coflats of corank $r$.

**See also:**

* M.coclosure()

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Q6()
sage: sorted([sorted(F) for F in M.coflats(2)])
[['a', 'b'], ['a', 'c'], ['a', 'd', 'f'], ['a', 'e'], ['b', 'c'],
 ['b', 'd'], ['b', 'e'], ['b', 'f'], ['c', 'd'], ['c', 'e', 'f'],
 ['d', 'e']]
```

coloops ()

Returns the set of coloops of the matroid.

A coloop is an element $u$ of the groundset such that the one-element set $\{u\}$ is a cocircuit. In other words, a coloop is a loop of the dual of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

A set of elements.

**See also:**

* M.dual(), M.loops()

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().dual()
sage: M.coloops()
frozenset()
sage: (M \ {'a', 'b'}).coloops()
frozenset({'f'})
```

components ()

Returns a list of the components of the matroid.

A component is an inclusionwise maximal connected subset of the matroid. A subset is connected if the matroid resulting from deleting the complement of that subset is connected.

**OUTPUT:**

A list of subsets.

**See also:**
connectivity \( (S, T = \text{None}) \)

Evaluate the connectivity function of the matroid.

If the input is a single subset \( S \) of the groundset \( E \), then the output is \( r(S) + r(E \setminus S) - r(E) \).

If the input are disjoint subsets \( S, T \) of the groundset, then the output is

\[
\min \{ r(X) + r(Y) - r(E) \mid X \subseteq S, Y \subseteq T, X, Y \text{ a partition of } E \}.
\]

**INPUT:**
- \( S \) – a subset of the ground set
- \( T \) – (optional) a subset of the ground set disjoint from \( S \)

**OUTPUT:**
An integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss()
sage: M.connectivity('ab')
2
sage: M.connectivity('ab', 'cd')
2
```
One can use a single element, rather than a set:

```
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: M.contract(1) == M.contract([1])
True
sage: M / 1
Regular matroid of rank 2 on 5 elements with 8 bases
```

Note that one can iterate over strings:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M / 'abc'
Binary matroid of rank 0 on 4 elements, type (0, 0)
```

The following is therefore ambiguous. Sage will contract the single element:

```
sage: M = Matroid(groundset=['a', 'b', 'c', 'abc'],
....: bases=[['a', 'b', 'c'], ['a', 'b', 'abc']])
sage: sorted((M / 'abc').groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c']
```

**corank** *(X=None)*

Return the corank of X, or the corank of the groundset if X is None.

The corank of a set X is the rank of X in the dual matroid.

If X is None, the corank of the groundset is returned.

INPUT:

• X – (default: None) a subset of the groundset.

OUTPUT:

Integer.

See also:

*M.dual (), M.rank ()*

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.corank()
4
sage: M.corank('cdeg')
3
sage: M.rank(['a', 'b', 'x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: input is not a subset of the groundset.
```
cosimplify()  
Return the cosimplification of the matroid.  

A matroid is *cosimple* if it contains no cocircuits of length 1 or 2. The *cosimplification* of a matroid is obtained by contracting all coloops (cocircuits of length 1) and contracting all but one element from each series class (a coclosed set of rank 1, that is, each pair in it forms a cocircuit of length 2).  

OUTPUT:  
A matroid.  

See also:  
M.is_cosimple(), M.coloops(), M.cocircuit(), M.simplify()  

EXAMPLES:  

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().dual().delete('a')
sage: M.cosimplify().size()
3
```

delete(X)  
Delete elements.  

If $e$ is an element, then the matroid $M \setminus e$ is a matroid on groundset $E(M) - e$. A set $X$ is independent in $M \setminus e$ if and only if $X$ is independent in $M$. We say that $M \setminus e$ is the matroid obtained from $M$ by deleting $e$.  

When deleting a set, the elements of that set are deleted one by one. It can be shown that the resulting matroid does not depend on the order of the deletions.  

Sage supports the shortcut notation $M \setminus X$ for $M.delete(X)$.  

INPUT:  
• $X$ – Either a single element of the groundset, or a collection of elements.  

OUTPUT:  
The matroid obtained by deleting the element(s) in $X$.  

See also:  
M.contract(), M.minor()  

EXAMPLES:  

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
sage: M.delete(['a', 'c'])
Binary matroid of rank 3 on 5 elements, type (1, 6)
sage: M.delete(['a']) == M.delete(['a'])
True
```

One can use a single element, rather than a set:  

```
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: M.delete(1) == M.delete([1])
True
sage: M \ 1
Regular matroid of rank 3 on 5 elements with 8 bases
```
Note that one can iterate over strings:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M \ 'abc'
Binary matroid of rank 3 on 4 elements, type (0, 5)
```

The following is therefore ambiguous. Sage will delete the single element:

```python
sage: M = Matroid(groundset=['a', 'b', 'c', 'abc'],
....: bases=[['a', 'b', 'c'], ['a', 'b', 'abc']])
sage: sorted((M \ 'abc').groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c']
```

**dependent_r_sets** *(r)*

Return the list of dependent subsets of fixed size.

**INPUT:**

• *r* – a nonnegative integer.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all dependent subsets of size *r*.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.dependent_r_sets(3)
[]
sage: sorted([sorted(X) for X in
....: matroids.named_matroids.Vamos().dependent_r_sets(4)])
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], ['a', 'b', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'b', 'g', 'h'],
['c', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['e', 'f', 'g', 'h']]
```

**ALGORITHM:**

Test all subsets of the groundset of cardinality *r*

**dual** *(*)

Return the dual of the matroid.

Let *M* be a matroid with ground set *E*. If *B* is the set of bases of *M*, then the set \( \{ E - b : b \in B \} \) is the set of bases of another matroid, the **dual** of *M*.

**Note:** This function wraps *self* in a **DualMatroid** object. For more efficiency, subclasses that can, should override this method.

**OUTPUT:**

The dual matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: N = M.dual()
sage: N.rank()
6
sage: N
Dual of 'Pappus: Matroid of rank 3 on 9 elements with
circuit-closures
```
equals \( (\text{other}) \)

Test for matroid equality.

Two matroids \( M \) and \( N \) are **equal** if they have the same groundset and a subset \( X \) is independent in \( M \) if and only if it is independent in \( N \).

**INPUT:**

- \( \text{other} \) – A matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**Note:** This method tests abstract matroid equality. The \( == \) operator takes a more restricted view: \( M \) \( == \) \( N \) returns **True** only if

1. the internal representations are of the same type,
2. those representations are equivalent (for an appropriate meaning of “equivalent” in that class), and
3. \( M \).equals(\( N \)).

**EXAMPLES:**

A **BinaryMatroid** and **BasisMatroid** use different representations of the matroid internally, so \( == \) yields **False**, even if the matroids are equal:

```sage
def from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M
Fano: Binary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type (3, 0)
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(M)
sage: M2 = Matroid(groundset='abcdefg', reduced_matrix=[
    ....: [0, 1, 1, 1], [1, 0, 1, 1], [1, 1, 0, 1]
], field=GF(2))
sage: M.equals(M1)
True
sage: M.equals(M2)
True
sage: M == M1
False
sage: M == M2
True
```

**LinearMatroid** instances \( M \) and \( N \) satisfy \( M \) \( == \) \( N \) if the representations are equivalent up to row operations and column scaling:

```sage
def M1 = LinearMatroid(groundset='abcd', matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
    ....: [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 2]]))
sage: M2 = LinearMatroid(groundset='abcd', matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
    ....: [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 3]]))
sage: M3 = LinearMatroid(groundset='abcd', matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
    ....: [[2, 6, 1, 0], [6, 1, 0, 1]]))
sage: M1.equals(M2)
```

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extension (element=None, subsets=None)
Return an extension of the matroid.

An extension of \( M \) by an element \( e \) is a matroid \( M' \) such that \( M' \setminus e = M \). The element element is placed such that it lies in the closure of each set in subsets, and otherwise as freely as possible. More precisely, the extension is defined by the modular cut generated by the sets in subsets.

INPUT:

• element – (default: None) the label of the new element. If not specified, a new label will be generated automatically.
• subsets – (default: None) a set of subsets of the matroid. The extension should be such that the new element is in the span of each of these. If not specified, the element is assumed to be in the span of the full groundset.

OUTPUT:
A matroid.

Note: Internally, sage uses the notion of a linear subclass for matroid extension. If subsets already consists of a linear subclass (i.e. the set of hyperplanes of a modular cut) then the faster method \( M._extension() \) can be used.

See also:
\( M.extensions() \), \( M.modular_cut() \), \( M.coextension() \), \( M.linear_subclasses() \), \( sage.matroids.extension \)

EXAMPLES:
First we add an element in general position:

```
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: N = M.extension(6)
sage: N.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(3, 7))
True
```

Next we add one inside the span of a specified hyperplane:

```
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: H = [frozenset([0, 1])]
sage: N = M.extension(6, H)
sage: N
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 34 bases
sage: [sorted(C) for C in N.circuits() if len(C) == 3]
[[0, 1, 6]]
```

Putting an element in parallel with another:
```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = M.extension('z', ['c'])
sage: N.rank('cz')
1
```

**extensions (element=None, line_length=None, subsets=None)**

Return an iterable set of single-element extensions of the matroid.

An extension of a matroid $M$ by element $e$ is a matroid $M'$ such that $M' \setminus e = M$. By default, this method returns an iterable containing all extensions, but it can be restricted in two ways. If `line_length` is specified, the output is restricted to those matroids not containing a line minor of length $k$ greater than `line_length`. If `subsets` is specified, then the output is restricted to those matroids for which the new element lies in the closure of each member of `subsets`.

**INPUT:**

- `element` – (optional) the name of the newly added element in each extension.
- `line_length`– (optional) a natural number. If given, restricts the output to extensions that do not contain a $U_{2,k}$ minor where $k > \text{line_length}$.
- `subsets`– (optional) a collection of subsets of the ground set. If given, restricts the output to extensions where the new element is contained in all hyperplanes that contain an element of `subsets`.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing matroids.

**Note:** The extension by a loop will always occur. The extension by a coloop will never occur.

**See also:**

`M.extension()`, `M.modular_cut()`, `M.linear_subclasses()`, `sage.matroids.extension`, `M.coextensions()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P8()
sage: len(list(M.extensions()))
1705
sage: len(list(M.extensions(line_length=4)))
41
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h']
sage: len(list(M.extensions(subsets=[{'a', 'b'}], line_length=4)))
5
```

**f_vector()**

Return the $f$-vector of the matroid.

The $f$-vector is a vector $(f_0, \ldots, f_r)$, where $f_i$ is the number of flats of rank $i$, and $r$ is the rank of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

List of integers.

**EXAMPLES:**

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sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss()
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 11, 20, 1]

flat_cover()  
Return a minimum-size cover of the nonbases by non-spanning flats.  
A nonbasis is a subset that has the size of a basis, yet is dependent. A flat is a closed set.  

See also:  
M.nonbases(), M.flats()  

EXAMPLES:

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: setprint(M.flat_cover())
[{'a', 'b', 'f'}, {'a', 'c', 'e'}, {'a', 'd', 'g'},
 {'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'b', 'e', 'g'}, {'c', 'f', 'g'},
 {'d', 'e', 'f'}]

flats(r)  
Return the collection of flats of the matroid of specified rank.  
A flat is a closed set.  

INPUT:  
* r – A natural number.  

OUTPUT:  
An iterable containing all flats of rank r.  

See also:  
M.closure()  

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted([sorted(F) for F in M.flats(2)])
[['a', 'b', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'g'],
 ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g'],
 ['d', 'e', 'f']]

full_corank()  
Return the corank of the matroid.  
The corank of the matroid equals the rank of the dual matroid. It is given by M.size() – M.full_rank().  

OUTPUT:  
Integer.  

See also:  
M.dual(), M.full_rank()  

EXAMPLES:
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.full_corank()
4

def full_rank():
    Return the rank of the matroid.
    The rank of the matroid is the size of the largest independent subset of the groundset.

OUTPUT:
Integer.

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.full_rank()
4
sage: M.dual().full_rank()
4

def fundamental_circuit(B, e):
    Return the \( B \)-fundamental circuit using \( e \).
    If \( B \) is a basis, and \( e \) an element not in \( B \), then the \( B \)-fundamental circuit using \( e \) is the unique matroid circuit contained in \( B \cup e \).

INPUT:

• \( B \) – a basis of the matroid.
• \( e \) – an element not in \( B \).

OUTPUT:
A set of elements.

See also:
\( M \).circuit(), \( M \).basis()

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.fundamental_circuit('defg', 'c'))
['c', 'd', 'e', 'f']

def fundamental_cocircuit(B, e):
    Return the \( B \)-fundamental cocircuit using \( e \).
    If \( B \) is a basis, and \( e \) an element of \( B \), then the \( B \)-fundamental cocircuit using \( e \) is the unique matroid cocircuit that intersects \( B \) only in \( e \).
    This is equal to \( M \).dual().fundamental_circuit(\( M \).groundset().difference(B), \( e \)).

INPUT:

• \( B \) – a basis of the matroid.
• \( e \) – an element of \( B \).

OUTPUT:
A set of elements.
See also:

\texttt{M.cocircuit()}, \texttt{M.basis()}, \texttt{M.fundamental_circuit()}

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.fundamental_cocircuit('abch', 'c'))
['c', 'd', 'e', 'f']
```

\textbf{groundset()}

Return the groundset of the matroid.

The groundset is the set of elements that comprise the matroid.

\textbf{OUTPUT:}

A set.

\textbf{Note:} Subclasses should implement this method. The return type should be frozenset or any type with compatible interface.

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

```python
sage: M = sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid()
sage: M.groundset()
Traceback (most recent call last):
... 
NotImplementedError: subclasses need to implement this.
```

\textbf{has_line_minor}(k, hyperlines=None, certificate=False)

Test if the matroid has a $U_{2,k}$-minor.

The matroid $U_{2,k}$ is a matroid on $k$ elements in which every subset of at most 2 elements is independent, and every subset of more than two elements is dependent.

The optional argument \texttt{hyperlines} restricts the search space: this method returns \texttt{True} if $si(M/F)$ is isomorphic to $U_{2,l}$ with $l \geq k$ for some $F$ in \texttt{hyperlines}, and \texttt{False} otherwise.

\textbf{INPUT:}

- \texttt{k} – the length of the line minor
- \texttt{hyperlines} – (default: None) a set of flats of codimension 2. Defaults to the set of all flats of codimension 2.
- \texttt{certificate} – (default: False) if \texttt{True} returns \texttt{(True, F)}, where \texttt{F} is a flat and \texttt{self.minor(contractions=F)} has a $U_{2,k}$ restriction or \texttt{(False, None)}.

\textbf{OUTPUT:}

Boolean or tuple.

\textbf{See also:}

\texttt{Matroid.has_minor()}

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.has_line_minor(4)
True
```

```python
sage: M.has_line_minor(5)
False
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=4, hyperlines=[['a', 'b', 'c']])
False
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=4, hyperlines=[['a', 'b', 'c'],
......: ['a', 'b', 'd']])
True
sage: M.has_line_minor(4, certificate=True)
(True, frozenset({'a', 'b', 'd'}))
sage: M.has_line_minor(5, certificate=True)
(False, None)
sage: M.has_line_minor(4, certificate=True)
(True, frozenset({'a', 'b', 'd'}))
```

`has_minor(N, certificate=False)`

Check if self has a minor isomorphic to N, and optionally return frozensets X and Y so that N is isomorphic to self.minor(X, Y).

INPUT:

- N – An instance of a Matroid object,
- certificate – Boolean (Default: False) If True, returns True, (X, Y, dic) where N is isomorphic to self.minor(X, Y), and dic is an isomorphism between N and self.minor(X, Y).

OUTPUT:

boolean or tuple.

See also:

`M.minor(), M.is_isomorphic()`

Todo

This important method can (and should) be optimized considerably. See [Hli2006] p.1219 for hints to that end.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Whirl(3)
sage: matroids.named_matroids.Fano().has_minor(M)
False
sage: matroids.named_matroids.NonFano().has_minor(M)
True
sage: matroids.named_matroids.NonFano().has_minor(M, certificate=True)
(True, (frozenset(), frozenset(), {'a': 'a', 'b': 'b', 'c': 'c', 'd': 'd', 'e': 'e', 'f': 'f', 'g': 'g'}))
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.has_minor(M, True)
(True,
 (frozenset(),
 frozenset(),
 {'a': 'a', 'b': 'b', 'c': 'c', 'd': 'd', 'e': 'e', 'f': 'f', 'g': 'g'}))
```

`hyperplanes()`

Return the set of hyperplanes of the matroid.
A hyperplane is a flat of rank \texttt{self.full_rank()} - 1. A flat is a closed set.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all hyperplanes of the matroid.

**See also:**

\texttt{M.flats()}

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
M = matroids.Uniform(2, 3)
sage: sorted([sorted(F) for F in M.hyperplanes()])
[[0], [1], [2]]
```

\texttt{independence_matroid_polytope()}

Return the independence matroid polytope of \texttt{self}.

This is defined as the convex hull of the vertices

\[
\sum_{I} e_i
\]

over all independent sets \(I\) of the matroid. Here \(e_i\) are the standard basis vectors of \(\mathbb{R}^n\). An arbitrary labelling of the groundset by 0, \ldots, \(n - 1\) is chosen.

**See also:**

\texttt{matroid_polytope()}

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
M = matroids.Whirl(4)
sage: M.independence_matroid_polytope()
A 8-dimensional polyhedron in ZZ^8 defined as the convex hull of 135 vertices
```

```sage
M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.independence_matroid_polytope()
A 7-dimensional polyhedron in ZZ^7 defined as the convex hull of 58 vertices
```

**REFERENCE:**

[DLHK2007]

\texttt{independent_r_sets}(r)

Return the list of size-\(r\) independent subsets of the matroid.

**INPUT:**

*\(r\) – a nonnegative integer.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all independent subsets of the matroid of cardinality \(r\).

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: M.independent_r_sets(4)
[]
sage: sorted(sorted(M.independent_r_sets(3))[0])['a', 'c', 'e']
```
ALGORITHM:
Test all subsets of the groundset of cardinality \( r \)

See also:

\( M \text{. independent_sets()} \) \( M \text{. bases()} \)

**independent_sets()**
Return the list of independent subsets of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**
An iterable containing all independent subsets of the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: I = M.independent_sets()
sage: len(I)
121
```

See also:

\( M \text{. independent_r_sets()} \)

**intersection (other, weights=None)**
Return a maximum-weight common independent set.

A common independent set of matroids \( M \) and \( N \) with the same groundset \( E \) is a subset of \( E \) that is independent both in \( M \) and \( N \). The weight of a subset \( S \) is \( \sum(\text{weights}(e) \text{ for } e \text{ in } S) \).

**INPUT:**

- `other` – a second matroid with the same groundset as this matroid.
- `weights` – (default: None) a dictionary which specifies a weight for each element of the common groundset. Defaults to the all-1 weight function.

**OUTPUT:**
A subset of the groundset.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.T12()
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedTernaryGolayCode()
sage: w = {'a':30, 'b':10, 'c':11, 'd':20, 'e':70, 'f':21, 'g':90,
....:     'h':12, 'i':80, 'j':13, 'k':40, 'l':21}
sage: Y = M.intersection(N, w)
sage: sorted(Y)
['a', 'd', 'e', 'g', 'i', 'k']
sage: sum([w[y] for y in Y])
330
```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = matroids.Uniform(4, 7)
sage: M.intersection(N)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...  
ValueError: matroid intersection requires equal groundsets.
```

**intersection_unweighted (other)**
Return a maximum-cardinality common independent set.

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A common independent set of matroids $M$ and $N$ with the same groundset $E$ is a subset of $E$ that is independent both in $M$ and $N$.

INPUT:

- `other` — a second matroid with the same groundset as this matroid.

OUTPUT:

A subset of the groundset.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.T12()
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedTernaryGolayCode()
sage: len(M.intersection_unweighted(N))
6
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = matroids.Uniform(4, 7)
sage: M.intersection_unweighted(N)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...)
ValueError: matroid intersection requires equal groundsets.
```

**is_3connected** *(certificate=False, algorithm=None, separation=False)*

Return True if the matroid is 3-connected, False otherwise. It can optionally return a separator as a witness.

A $k$-separation in a matroid is a partition $(X, Y)$ of the groundset with $|X| \geq k, |Y| \geq k$ and $r(X) + r(Y) - r(M) < k$. A matroid is $k$-connected if it has no $l$-separations for $l < k$.

INPUT:

- `certificate` — (default: False) a boolean; if True, then return True, None if the matroid is 3-connected, False, $X$ otherwise, where $X$ is a $<3$-separation
- `algorithm` — (default: None); specify which algorithm to compute 3-connectivity:
  - None — The most appropriate algorithm is chosen automatically.
  - "bridges" — Bixby and Cunningham’s algorithm, based on bridges [BC1977]. Note that this cannot return a separator.
  - "intersection" — An algorithm based on matroid intersection.
  - "shifting" — An algorithm based on the shifting algorithm [Raj1987].

OUTPUT:

boolean, or a tuple (boolean, frozenset)

See also:

`M.is_connected()` `M.is_4connected()` `M.is_kconnected()`

**ALGORITHM:**

- Bridges based: The 3-connectivity algorithm from [BC1977] which runs in $O((r(E))^2|E|)$ time.
- Matroid intersection based: Evaluates the connectivity between $O(|E|^2)$ pairs of disjoint sets $S, T$ with $|S| = |T| = 2$.
- Shifting algorithm: The shifting algorithm from [Raj1987] which runs in $O((r(E))^2|E|)$ time.

EXAMPLES:
is_4connected (certificate=False, algorithm=None)

Return True if the matroid is 4-connected, False otherwise. It can optionally return a separator as a witness.

INPUT:

- certificate – (default: False) a boolean; if True, then return True, None if the matroid is 4-connected, and False, \( X \) otherwise, where \( X \) is a \(<4\)-separation
- algorithm – (default: None); specify which algorithm to compute 4-connectivity:
  - None – The most appropriate algorithm is chosen automatically.
  - "intersection" – an algorithm based on matroid intersection, equivalent to calling is_kconnected(4,certificate).
  - "shifting" – an algorithm based on the shifting algorithm [Raj1987].

OUTPUT:

boolean, or a tuple (boolean, frozenset)

See also:

M.is_connected() M.is_3connected() M.is_kconnected()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 6)
sage: B, X = M.is_4connected(True)
sage: (B, M.connectivity(X)<=3)
(False, True)
sage: matroids.Uniform(4, 8).is_4connected()
True
sage: M = Matroid(field=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1],
    ....:          [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1],
    ....:          [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1]],
```
sage: M.is_4connected() == M.is_4connected(algorithm="shifting")
True
sage: M.is_4connected() == M.is_4connected(algorithm="intersection")
True

**is_basis**(X)
Check if a subset is a basis of the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- X – A subset of *self.groundset()*.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_basis('abc')
False
sage: M.is_basis('abce')
True
sage: M.is_basis('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_binary**(*randomized_tests=1*)
Decide if *self* is a binary matroid.

**INPUT:**

- randomized_tests – (default: 1) an integer; the number of times a certain necessary condition for being binary is tested, using randomization

**OUTPUT:**

A Boolean.

**ALGORITHM:**

First, compare the binary matroids local to two random bases. If these matroids are not isomorphic, return False. This test is performed randomized_tests times. Next, test if a binary matroid local to some basis is isomorphic to *self*.

**See also:**

* M.binary_matroid()

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N.is_binary()
True
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.is_binary()
False
```

**is_chordal**(*k1=4, k2=None, certificate=False*)
Return if a matroid is \([k_1, k_2]\)-chordal.
A matroid $M$ is $[k_1, k_2]$-chordal if every circuit of length $\ell$ with $k_1 \leq \ell \leq k_2$ has a chord. We say $M$ is $k$-chordal if $k_1 = k$ and $k_2 = \infty$. We call $M$ chordal if it is 4-chordal.

**INPUT:**
- $k_1$ – (optional) the integer $k_1$
- $k_2$ – (optional) the integer $k_2$; if not specified, then this method returns if self is $k_1$-chordal
- certificate – (default: False) boolean; if True return True, C, where C is a non $k_1 k_2$ circuit

**Output:**
- boolean or tuple

**See also:**
*M.chordality()

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2,4)
sage: [M.is_chordal(i) for i in range(4, 8)]
[True, True, True, True]
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: [M.is_chordal(i) for i in range(4, 8)]
[False, True, True, True]
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N2()
sage: [M.is_chordal(i) for i in range(4, 10)]
[False, False, False, False, True, True]
sage: M.is_chordal(4, 5)
False
sage: M.is_chordal(4, 5, certificate=True)
(False, frozenset({'a', 'b', 'e', 'f', 'g'}))
```

**is_circuit(X)**
Test if a subset is a circuit of the matroid.

A circuit is an inclusionwise minimal dependent subset.

**INPUT:**
- $X$ – A subset of self.groundset().

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_circuit('abc')
False
sage: M.is_circuit('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_circuit('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_circuit_chordal(C, certificate=False)**
Check if the circuit $C$ has a chord.
A circuit $C$ in a matroid $M$ has a chord $x \in E$ if there exists sets $A, B$ such that $C = A \sqcup B$ and $A + x$ and $B + x$ are circuits.

**INPUT:**
- $C$ – a circuit
- certificate – (default: False) a boolean, if True return True, $(x, Ax, Bx)$, where $x$ is a chord and $Ax$ and $Bx$ are circuits whose union is the elements of $C$ together with $x$, if False return False, None

**OUTPUT:**
- boolean or tuple

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.is_circuit_chordal(['b','c','d'])
False
sage: M.is_circuit_chordal(['b','c','d'], certificate=True)
(False, None)
sage: M.is_circuit_chordal(['a','b','d','e'])
True
sage: M.is_circuit_chordal(['a','b','d','e'], certificate=True)
(True, ('c', frozenset({'b', 'c', 'd'}), frozenset({'a', 'c', 'e'})))
```

### is_closed($X$)

Test if a subset is a closed set of the matroid.

A set is closed if adding any element to it will increase the rank of the set.

**INPUT:**
- $X$ – A subset of `self.groundset()`.

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**See also:**
- `M.closure()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_closed('abc')
False
sage: M.is_closed('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_closed('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

### is_cobasis($X$)

Check if a subset is a cobasis of the matroid.

A cobasis is the complement of a basis. It is a basis of the dual matroid.

**INPUT:**
- $X$ – A subset of `self.groundset()`.
OUTPUT:
Boolean.

See also:
\( M.dual() \), \( M.is_basis() \)

EXAMPLES:
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_cobasis('abc')
False
sage: M.is_cobasis('abce')
True
sage: M.is_cobasis('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

\textbf{is\_cocircuit} (\( X \))

Test if a subset is a cocircuit of the matroid.

A \textit{cocircuit} is an inclusionwise minimal subset that is dependent in the dual matroid.

INPUT:

\( X \) – A subset of \texttt{self.groundset} ()

OUTPUT:
Boolean.

See also:
\( M.dual() \), \( M.is\_circuit() \)

EXAMPLES:
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_cocircuit('abc')
False
sage: M.is_cocircuit('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_cocircuit('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

\textbf{is\_coclosed} (\( X \))

Test if a subset is a coclosed set of the matroid.

A set is \textit{coclosed} if it is a closed set of the dual matroid.

INPUT:

\( X \) – A subset of \texttt{self.groundset} ()

OUTPUT:
Boolean.

See also:
\( M.dual() \), \( M.is\_closed() \)
EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_coclosed('abc')
False
sage: M.is_coclosed('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_coclosed('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
 ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_coclosed**

Check if a subset is coclosed in the matroid.

A set is **coclosed** if it is closed in the dual of the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- `X` – A subset of `self.groundset()`.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

`M.dual()`, `M.is_dependent()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_coclosed('abc')
False
sage: M.is_coclosed('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_coclosed('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
 ... ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_coindependent**

Check if a subset is coindependent in the matroid.

A set is **coindependent** if it is independent in the dual matroid.

**INPUT:**

- `X` – A subset of `self.groundset()`.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

`M.dual()`, `M.is_independent()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_coindependent('abc')
True
sage: M.is_coindendent('abcd')
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False

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M.is_coindependent('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
\end{verbatim}

**is_connected** (*certificate=False*)

Test if the matroid is connected.

A *separation* in a matroid is a partition \((X, Y)\) of the groundset with \(X, Y\) nonempty and \(r(X) + r(Y) = r(X \cup Y)\). A matroid is *connected* if it has no separations.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

\(M\).components(), \(M\).is_3connected()

**EXAMPLES:**

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M = Matroid(ring=QQ, matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0],
....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1]])
sage: M.is_connected()
False
sage: matroids.named_matroids.Pappus().is_connected()
True
\end{verbatim}

**is_cosimple** ()

Test if the matroid is cosimple.

A matroid is *cosimple* if it contains no cocircuits of length 1 or 2.

Dual method of \(M\).is_simple().

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

\(M\).is_simple(), \(M\).coloops(), \(M\).cocircuit(), \(M\).cosimplify()

**EXAMPLES:**

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().dual()
sage: M.is_cosimple()
True
sage: N = M \ 'a'
sage: N.is_cosimple()
False
\end{verbatim}

**is_dependent** \((X)\)

Check if a subset \(X\) is dependent in the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- \(X\) – A subset of \(self\).groundset()

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.
EXAMPLES:

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_dependent('abc')
False
sage: M.is_dependent('abcd')
True
sage: M.is_dependent('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_independent**(X)
Check if a subset X is independent in the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- X – A subset of self.groundset().

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_independent('abc')
True
sage: M.is_independent('abcd')
False
sage: M.is_independent('abcx')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: input X is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**is_isomorphic**(other, certificate=False)
Test matroid isomorphism.

Two matroids M and N are isomorphic if there is a bijection f from the groundset of M to the groundset of N such that a subset X is independent in M if and only if f(X) is independent in N.

**INPUT:**

- other – A matroid,
  - optional parameter certificate – Boolean.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean, and, if certificate = True, a dictionary or None.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M1 = matroids.Wheel(3)
sage: M2 = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: M1.is_isomorphic(M2)
True
sage: M1.is_isomorphic(M2, certificate=True)
(True, {0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: 5, 5: 4})
sage: G3 = graphs.CompleteGraph(4)
sage: M1.is_isomorphic(G3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
```
TypeError: can only test for isomorphism between matroids.

```python
sage: M1 = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M2 = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M1.is_isomorphic(M2)
False
sage: M1.is_isomorphic(M2, certificate=True)
(False, None)
```

### is_isomorphism(other, morphism)
Test if a provided morphism induces a matroid isomorphism.

A **morphism** is a map from the groundset of `self` to the groundset of `other`.

**INPUT:**

- `other` – A matroid.
- `morphism` – A map. Can be, for instance, a dictionary, function, or permutation.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

`M.is_isomorphism()`

**Note:** If you know the input is valid, consider using the faster method `self._is_isomorphism`.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonPappus()
sage: N.is_isomorphism(M, {e:e for e in M.groundset()})
False
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano() \ ['g']
sage: N = matroids.Wheel(3)
sage: morphism = {'a':0, 'b':1, 'c': 2, 'd':4, 'e':5, 'f':3}
sage: M.is_isomorphism(N, morphism)
True

A morphism can be specified as a dictionary (above), a permutation, a function, and many other types of maps:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: P = PermutationGroup([(sage: M.is_isomorphism(M, P) True
```

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There is extensive checking for inappropriate input:

```python
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: M.is_isomorphism(graphs.CompleteGraph(4), lambda x:x)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  
TypeError: can only test for isomorphism between matroids.
```

```python
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
sage: M.is_isomorphism(M, {0: 1, 1: 2, 2: 3})
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  
ValueError: domain of morphism does not contain groundset of this matroid.
```

```python
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
sage: M.is_isomorphism(M, {0: 1, 1: 1, 2: 1, 3: 1, 4: 1, 5: 1})
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  
ValueError: range of morphism does not contain groundset of other matroid.
```

```python
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(3)
sage: N = Matroid(bases=['ab', 'ac', 'bc'])
sage: f = [0, 1, 2]
sage: g = {'a': 0, 'b': 1, 'c': 2}
sage: N.is_isomorphism(M, f)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  
ValueError: the morphism argument does not seem to be an isomorphism.
```

```python
sage: N.is_isomorphism(M, g)
True
```

**is_k_closed** *(k)*

Return if self is a k-closed matroid.

We say a matroid is k-closed if all k-closed subsets are closed in $M$.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: PR = RootSystem(['A',4]).root_lattice().positive_roots()
sage: m = matrix([x.to_vector() for x in PR]).transpose()
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: M.is_k_closed(3)
True
sage: M.is_k_closed(4)
True
```

```python
sage: PR = RootSystem(['D',4]).root_lattice().positive_roots()
```
\begin{verbatim}
sage: m = matrix([x.to_vector() for x in PR]).transpose()
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: M.is_k_closed(3)
False
sage: M.is_k_closed(4)
True
\end{verbatim}

**is_kconnected** (*k*, *certificate*=False)
Return True if the matroid is *k*-connected, False otherwise. It can optionally return a separator as a witness.

**INPUT:**

- *k* – an integer greater or equal to 1.
- *certificate* – (default: False) a boolean; if True, then return True, None if the matroid is *k*-connected, and False, X otherwise, where X is a \(< k\)-separation

**OUTPUT:**
boolean, or a tuple (boolean, frozenset)

**See also:**
M.is_connected() M.is_3connected() M.is_4connected()

**ALGORITHM:**
Apply linking algorithm to find small separator.

**EXAMPLES:**

\begin{verbatim}
sage: matroids.Uniform(2, 3).is_kconnected(3)
True
sage: M = Matroid(ring=QQ, matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0],
....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1]])
sage: M.is_kconnected(3)
False
sage: N = Matroid(circuit_closures={2: ['abc', 'cdef'],
....: 3: ['abcdef']},
....: groundset='abcdef')
sage: N.is_kconnected(3)
False
sage: matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss().is_kconnected(3)
True
sage: matroids.AG(5,2).is_kconnected(4)
True
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R6()
False
sage: B, X = M.is_kconnected(3,True)
sage: M.connectivity(X)<3
True
\end{verbatim}

**is_max_weight_coindependent_generic** (*X*=None, *weights*=None)
Test if only one cobasis of the subset *X* has maximal weight.

The **weight** of a subset *S* is \(\text{sum}(\text{weights}(e) \text{ for } e \text{ in } S)\).

**INPUT:**
• \(X\) – (default: the ground set of \(self\)) a subset of \(self.groundset()\) (given as a list, tuple or set).

• \(weights\) – a dictionary or function mapping the elements of \(X\) to nonnegative weights.

OUTPUT:

Boolean.

ALGORITHM:

The greedy algorithm. If a weight function is given, then sort the elements of \(X\) by increasing weight, and otherwise use the ordering in which \(X\) lists its elements. Then greedily select elements if they are coindependent of all that was selected before. If an element is not coindependent of the previously selected elements, then we check if it is coindependent with the previously selected elements with higher weight.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic()
False
sage: def wt(x):
....:     return x
....:
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 8)
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights=wt)
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights={x: x for x in M.groundset()})
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic()
False
sage: M=matroids.Uniform(2,5)
sage: wt={0: 1, 1: 1, 2: 1, 3: 2, 4: 2}
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights=wt)
True
sage: M.dual().is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights=wt)
True
```

Here is an example from [GriRei2014] (Example 7.56 in v3):

```python
sage: A = Matrix(QQ, [[ 1, 1, 0, 0],
....: [-1, 0, 1, 1],
....: [ 0, -1, -1, -1]])
```

```python
sage: M = Matroid(A)
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic()
False
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights={0: 1, 1: 3, 2: 3, 3: 2})
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights={0: 1, 1: 3, 2: 2, 3: 2})
False
sage: M.is_max_weight_coindependent_generic(weights={0: 2, 1: 3, 2: 1, 3: 1})
False
```

\texttt{is\_max\_weight\_independent\_generic}(X=\texttt{None}, \texttt{weights}=\texttt{None})

Test if only one basis of the subset \(X\) has maximal weight.

The weight of a subset \(S\) is \(\text{sum(weights(e) for e in S)}\).
INPUT:

- \(X\) – (default: the ground set of \(self\)) a subset of \(self.groundset()\) (given as a list, tuple or set).
- \(weights\) – a dictionary or function mapping the elements of \(X\) to nonnegative weights.

OUTPUT:

Boolean.

ALGORITHM:

The greedy algorithm. If a weight function is given, then sort the elements of \(X\) by decreasing weight, and otherwise use the ordering in which \(X\) lists its elements. Then greedily select elements if they are independent of all that was selected before. If an element is not independent of the previously selected elements, then we check if it is independent with the previously selected elements with higher weight.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic()
False
sage: def wt(x):
....:     return x
....:
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 8)
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic(weights=wt)
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic(weights={x: x for x in M.groundset()})
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic()
False
```

Here is an example from [GriRei2014] (Example 7.56 in v3):

```python
sage: A = Matrix(QQ, [[ 1, 1, 0, 0],
....:                   [-1, 0, 1, 1],
....:                   [ 0, -1, -1, -1]])
sage: M = Matroid(A)
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic()
False
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic(weights={0: 1, 1: 3, 2: 3, 3: 2})
True
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic(weights={0: 1, 1: 3, 2: 2, 3: 2})
False
sage: M.is_max_weight_independent_generic(weights={0: 2, 1: 3, 2: 1, 3: 1})
True
```

\texttt{is\_simple()} \texttt{is\_simple}()

Test if the matroid is simple.

A matroid is \textit{simple} if it contains no circuits of length 1 or 2.

OUTPUT:

Boolean.

See also:

\texttt{M.is\_cosimple()}, \texttt{M.loops()}, \texttt{M.circuit()}, \texttt{M.simplify()}

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EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.is_simple()
True
sage: N = M / 'a'
sage: N.is_simple()
False
```

**is_subset_k_closed**(*X*, *k*)

Test if *X* is a *k*-closed set of the matroid.

A set *S* is *k*-closed if the closure of any *k* element subsets is contained in *S*.

**INPUT:**

- *X* – a subset of self.groundset()
- *k* – a positive integer

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

*M.k_closure()*

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: m = matrix([[1,2,5,2], [0,2,1,0]])
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({1,3}, 2)
False
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({0,1}, 1)
False
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({1,2}, 1)
True
sage: Q = RootSystem(['D',4]).root_lattice()
sage: m = matrix([x.to_vector() for x in Q.positive_roots()])
sage: m = m.transpose(); m
[1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1]
[0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2]
[0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1]
[0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1]
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({0,2,3,11}, 3)
True
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({0,2,3,11}, 4)
False
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({0,1}, 4)
False
sage: M.is_subset_k_closed({0,1,4}, 4)
True
```

**is_ternary** *(randomized_tests=1)*

Decide if self is a ternary matroid.

**INPUT:**

- *randomized_tests* (default: 1) – an integer, default 1

**OUTPUT:**

Whether or not *self* is a ternary matroid.
**randomized_tests** – (default: 1) an integer; the number of times a certain necessary condition for being ternary is tested, using randomization

**OUTPUT:**
A Boolean.

**ALGORITHM:**
First, compare the ternary matroids local to two random bases. If these matroids are not isomorphic, return False. This test is performed \texttt{randomized_tests} times. Next, test if a ternary matroid local to some basis is isomorphic to \texttt{self}.

**See also:**
\texttt{M.ternary_matroid()}

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N.is_ternary()
False
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.is_ternary()
True
```

**is_valid**
Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.

The default implementation checks the (disproportionately slow) rank axioms. If \( r \) is the rank function of a matroid, we check, for all pairs \( X, Y \) of subsets,

\[
\begin{align*}
& \bullet 0 \leq r(X) \leq |X| \\
& \bullet \text{If } X \subseteq Y \text{ then } r(X) \leq r(Y) \\
& \bullet r(X \cup Y) + r(X \cap Y) \leq r(X) + r(Y)
\end{align*}
\]

Certain subclasses may check other axioms instead.

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

The following is the ‘Escher matroid’ by Brylawski and Kelly. See Example 1.5.5 in [Oxl2011]

```python
sage: M = Matroid(circuit_closures={2: [[1, 2, 3], [1, 4, 5]], ....: 3: [[1, 2, 3, 4, 5], [1, 2, 3, 6, 7], [1, 4, 5, 6, 7]])
sage: M.is_valid()
False
```

**isomorphism** \((other)\)
Return a matroid isomorphism.

Two matroids \( M \) and \( N \) are isomorphic if there is a bijection \( f \) from the groundset of \( M \) to the groundset of \( N \) such that a subset \( X \) is independent in \( M \) if and only if \( f(X) \) is independent in \( N \). This method returns one isomorphism \( f \) from self to other, if such an isomorphism exists.
INPUT:

• other – A matroid.

OUTPUT:

A dictionary, or None.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M1 = matroids.Wheel(3)
sage: M2 = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: morphism = M1.isomorphism(M2)
sage: M1.is_isomorphism(M2, morphism)
True
sage: G3 = graphs.CompleteGraph(4)
sage: M1.isomorphism(G3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...TypeError: can only give isomorphism between matroids.
sage: M1 = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M2 = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M1.isomorphism(M2) is not None
False
```

**k_closure** *(X, k)*

Return the *k*-closure of *X*.

A subset *S* of the groundset is *k*-closed if the closure of any subset *T* of *S* satisfying |*T*| ≤ *k* is contained in *S*. The *k*-closure of a set *X* is the smallest *k*-closed set containing *X*.

INPUT:

• *X* – a subset of self.groundset()

• *k* – a positive integer

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: m = matrix([[1,2,5,2], [0,2,1,0]])
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: sorted(M.k_closure({1,3}, 2))
[0, 1, 2, 3]
sage: sorted(M.k_closure({0,1}, 1))
[0, 1, 3]
sage: sorted(M.k_closure({1,2}, 1))
[1, 2]
sage: Q = RootSystem(['D',4]).root_lattice()
sage: m = matrix([x.to_vector() for x in Q.positive_roots()])
sage: m = m.transpose(); m
[[1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2]
 [0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1]
 [0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1]
 [0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1]]
sage: M = Matroid(m)
sage: sorted(M.k_closure({0,2,3,11}, 3))
[0, 2, 3, 11]
sage: sorted(M.k_closure({0,2,3,11}, 4))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]
```
lattice_of_flats()  
Return the lattice of flats of the matroid.

EXAMPLES:

    sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()  
sage: M.lattice_of_flats()  
Finite lattice containing 16 elements

linear_subclasses(line_length=None, subsets=None)  
Return an iterable set of linear subclasses of the matroid.

A linear subclass is a set of hyperplanes (i.e., closed sets of rank \( r(M) - 1 \)) with the following property:

- If \( H_1 \) and \( H_2 \) are members, and \( r(H_1 \cap H_2) = r(M) - 2 \), then any hyperplane \( H_3 \) containing \( H_1 \cap H_2 \) is a member too.

A linear subclass is the set of hyperplanes of a modular cut and uniquely determines the modular cut. Hence the collection of linear subclasses is in 1-to-1 correspondence with the collection of single-element extensions of a matroid. See [Oxl2011], section 7.2.

INPUT:

- **line_length** – (default: None) a natural number. If given, restricts the output to modular cuts that generate an extension by \( e \) that does not contain a minor \( N \) isomorphic to \( U_{2,k} \), where \( k > \) line_length, and such that \( e \in E(N) \).

- **subsets** – (default: None) a collection of subsets of the ground set. If given, restricts the output to linear subclasses such that each hyperplane contains an element of subsets.

OUTPUT:

An iterable collection of linear subclasses.

**Note:** The line_length argument only checks for lines using the new element of the corresponding extension. It is still possible that a long line exists by contracting the new element!

See also:

M.flats(), M.modular_cut(), M.extension(), sage.matroids.extension

EXAMPLES:

    sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()  
sage: len(list(M.linear_subclasses()))  
16  
sage: len(list(M.linear_subclasses(line_length=3)))  
8  
sage: len(list(M.linear_subclasses(subsets=[{'a', 'b'}])))  
5

The following matroid has an extension by element \( e \) such that contracting \( e \) creates a 6-point line, but no 6-point line minor uses \( e \). Consequently, this method returns the modular cut, but the M.extensions() method doesn’t return the corresponding extension:
\textbf{link} (\(S, T\))

Given disjoint subsets \(S\) and \(T\), return a connector \(I\) and a separation \(X\), which are optimal dual solutions in Tutte's Linking Theorem:

\[
\max \{ r_N(S) + r_N(T) - r(N) \mid N = M/I \setminus J, E(N) = S \cup T \} = \\
\min \{ r_M(X) + r_M(Y) - r_M(E) \mid X \subseteq S, Y \subseteq T, E = X \cup Y, X \cap Y = \emptyset \}.
\]

Here \(M\) denotes this matroid.

**INPUT:**
- \(S\) – a subset of the ground set
- \(T\) – a subset of the ground set disjoint from \(S\)

**OUTPUT:**
A tuple \((I, X)\) containing a frozenset \(I\) and a frozenset \(X\).

**ALGORITHM:**
Compute a maximum-cardinality common independent set \(I\) of \(M/S \setminus T\) and \(M \setminus S/T\).

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss()
sage: S = set('ab')
sage: T = set('cd')
sage: I, X = M.link(S, T)
sage: M.connectivity(X)
2
sage: J = M.groundset()-(S|T|I)
sage: N = M/I\J
sage: N.connectivity(S)
2
```

\textbf{loops}()

Return the set of loops of the matroid.

A \textit{loop} is an element \(u\) of the groundset such that the one-element set \(\{u\}\) is dependent.

**OUTPUT:**
A set of elements.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.loops()
frozenset()
sage: (M / ['a', 'b']).loops()
frozenset({'f'})
```

\textbf{matroid_polytope}()

Return the matroid polytope of \textit{self}. 

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This is defined as the convex hull of the vertices

\[ e_B = \sum_{i \in B} e_i \]

over all bases \( B \) of the matroid. Here \( e_i \) are the standard basis vectors of \( \mathbb{R}^n \). An arbitrary labelling of the groundset by \( 0, \ldots, n - 1 \) is chosen.

See also:

\texttt{independence_matroid_polytope()}

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.Whirl(4)
sage: P = M.matroid_polytope(); P
A 7-dimensional polyhedron in ZZ^8 defined as the convex hull of 46 vertices
```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.matroid_polytope()
A 6-dimensional polyhedron in ZZ^7 defined as the convex hull of 29 vertices
```

**REFERENCE:**

• [DLHK2007]

\texttt{max_coindependent}(X)

Compute a maximal coindependent subset of \( X \).

A set is \textit{coindependent} if it is independent in the dual matroid. A set is coindependent if and only if the complement is \textit{spanning} (i.e. contains a basis of the matroid).

**INPUT:**

\*\( X \) – A subset of \texttt{self.groundset()}.  

**OUTPUT:**

A subset of \( X \).

**See also:**

\texttt{M.dual()}, \texttt{M.max_independent()}

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.max_coindependent(['a', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']))
['a', 'e', 'd', 'f']
sage: M.max_coindependent(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValueError: input is not a subset of the groundset.
```

\texttt{max_independent}(X)

Compute a maximal independent subset of \( X \).

**INPUT:**

\*\( X \) – A subset of \texttt{self.groundset()}.  

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Subset of $X$.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: sorted(M.max_independent(['a', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']))
['a', 'd', 'e', 'f']
sage: M.max_independent(['x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
    ValueError: input is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**max_weight_coindependent** ($X=\text{None}$, $weights=\text{None}$)

Return a maximum-weight coindependent set contained in $X$.

The **weight** of a subset $S$ is $\sum (weights(e) \text{ for } e \in S)$.

**INPUT:**

* $X$ – (default: None) an iterable with a subset of self.groundset()

* $weights$ – a dictionary or function mapping the elements of $X$ to nonnegative weights.

**OUTPUT:**

A subset of $X$.

**ALGORITHM:**

The greedy algorithm. If a weight function is given, then sort the elements of $X$ by decreasing weight, and otherwise use the ordering in which $X$ lists its elements. Then greedily select elements if they are coindependent of all that was selected before.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: X = M.max_weight_coindependent()
sage: M.is_cobasis(X)
True
sage: wt = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 2, 'd': 1/2, 'e': 1, 'f': 2,
       ....:    'g': 2}
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_coindependent(weights=wt))
{'b', 'c', 'f', 'g'}
sage: def wt(x):
....:    return x
....:
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 8)
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_coindependent(weights=wt))
{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_coindependent())
{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
sage: M.max_weight_coindependent(X=[], weights={})
frozenset()
```

**max_weight_independent** ($X=\text{None}$, $weights=\text{None}$)

Return a maximum-weight independent set contained in a subset.

The **weight** of a subset $S$ is $\sum (weights(e) \text{ for } e \in S)$.
INPUT:

• \(X\) – (default: None) an iterable with a subset of \(\text{self.groundset}()\).
• weights – a dictionary or function mapping the elements of \(X\) to nonnegative weights.

OUTPUT:

A subset of \(X\).

ALGORITHM:

The greedy algorithm. If a weight function is given, then sort the elements of \(X\) by decreasing weight, and otherwise use the ordering in which \(X\) lists its elements. Then greedily select elements if they are independent of all that was selected before.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: X = M.max_weight_independent()
sage: M.is_basis(X)
True

sage: wt = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 2, 'd': 1/2, 'e': 1,
        ....: 'f': 2, 'g': 2}
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_independent(weights=wt))
{'b', 'f', 'g'}
sage: def wt(x):
    ....: return x
    ....:
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 8)
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_independent(weights=wt))
{6, 7}
sage: setprint(M.max_weight_independent())
{0, 1}
sage: M.max_weight_coindependent(X=[], weights={})
frozenset()
```

\textbf{minor} (\texttt{contractions=}None, \texttt{deletions=}None)

Return the minor of \texttt{self} obtained by contracting, respectively deleting, the element(s) of \texttt{contractions} and \texttt{deletions}.

A \textit{minor} of a matroid is a matroid obtained by repeatedly removing elements in one of two ways: either \texttt{contract} or \texttt{delete} them. It can be shown that the final matroid does not depend on the order in which elements are removed.

INPUT:

• \texttt{contractions} – (default: None) an element or set of elements to be contracted.
• \texttt{deletions} – (default: None) an element or set of elements to be deleted.

OUTPUT:

A matroid.

\textbf{Note:} The output is either of the same type as \texttt{self}, or an instance of \texttt{MinorMatroid}.

See also:

\texttt{M.contract()}, \texttt{M.delete()}
EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(4)
sage: N = M.minor(contractions=[7], deletions=[0])
sage: N.is_isomorphic(matroids.Wheel(3))
True
```

The sets of contractions and deletions need not be independent, respectively coindependent:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.rank('abf')
2
sage: M.minor(contractions='abf')
Binary matroid of rank 1 on 4 elements, type (1, 0)
```

However, they need to be subsets of the groundset, and disjoint:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.minor('abc', 'defg')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input contractions is not a subset of the groundset.
sage: M.minor('efg', [1, 2, 3])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input deletions is not a subset of the groundset.
sage: M.minor('ade', 'efg')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: contraction and deletion sets are not disjoint.
```

**Warning:** There can be ambiguity if elements of the groundset are themselves iterable, and their elements are in the groundset. The main example of this is when an element is a string. See the documentation of the methods `contract()` and `delete()` for an example of this.

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### modular_cut (subsets)

Compute the modular cut generated by subsets.

A modular cut is a collection $C$ of flats such that

- If $F \in C$ and $F'$ is a flat containing $F$, then $F' \in C$
- If $F_1, F_2 \in C$ form a modular pair of flats, then $F_1 \cap F_2 \in C$. 

A flat is a closed set, a modular pair is a pair $F_1, F_2$ of flats with $r(F_1) + r(F_2) = r(F_1 \cup F_2) + r(F_1 \cap F_2)$, where $r$ is the rank function of the matroid.

The modular cut generated by subsets is the smallest modular cut $C$ for which closure$(S)$ in $C$ for all $S$ in subsets.

There is a one-to-one correspondence between the modular cuts of a matroid and the single-element extensions of the matroid. See [Oxl2011] Section 7.2 for more information.

Note: Sage uses linear subclasses, rather than modular cuts, internally for matroid extension. A linear subclass is the set of hyperplanes (flats of rank $r(M) - 1$) of a modular cut. It determines the modular cut uniquely (see [Oxl2011] Section 7.2).

INPUT:

*subsets – A collection of subsets of the groundset.

OUTPUT:

A collection of subsets.

See also:

$M$.flats(), $M$.linear_subclasses(), $M$.extension()

EXAMPLES:

Any extension of the Vamos matroid where the new point is placed on the lines through elements $\{a, b\}$ and through $\{c, d\}$ is an extension by a loop:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: frozenset(() in M.modular_cut(['ab', 'cd'])
True
```

In any extension of the matroid $S_8 \setminus h$, a point on the lines through $\{c, g\}$ and $\{a, e\}$ also is on the line through $\{b, f\}$:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8()
sage: N = M \ 'h'
sage: frozenset('bf') in N.modular_cut(['cg', 'ae'])
True
```

The modular cut of the full groundset is equal to just the groundset:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()  
sage: M.modular_cut([M.groundset()]).difference(
    ....:     [frozenset(M.groundset())])
set()
```

no_broken_circuits_sets(ordering=None)

Return the no broken circuits (NBC) sets of self.

An NBC set is a subset $A$ of the ground set under some total ordering $<$ such that $A$ contains no broken circuit.

INPUT:

*ordering – a total ordering of the groundset given as a list

EXAMPLES:
nonbases()  
Return the list of nonbases of the matroid.

A nonbasis is a set with cardinality self.full_rank() that is not a basis.

OUTPUT:  
An iterable containing the nonbases of the matroid.

See also:  
M.basis()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 4)
sage: list(M.nonbases())
[]
sage: [sorted(X) for X in matroids.named_matroids.P6().nonbases()]
[['a', 'b', 'c']]
```

ALGORITHM:  
Test all subsets of the groundset of cardinality self.full_rank()

noncospanning_cocircuits()  
Return the list of noncospanning cocircuits of the matroid.

A noncospanning cocircuit is a cocircuit whose corank is strictly smaller than the corank of the matroid.

OUTPUT:  
An iterable containing all nonspanning circuits.

See also:  
M.cocircuit(), M.corank()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().dual()
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.noncospanning_cocircuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'g'],
 ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'f']]
```

nonspanning_circuit_closures()  
Return the list of closures of nonspanning circuits of the matroid.

A nonspanning circuit closure is a closed set containing a nonspanning circuit.
A dictionary containing the nonspanning circuit closures of the matroid, indexed by their ranks.

See also:

\texttt{M.nonspanning\_circuits()}, \texttt{M.closure()}

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: CC = M.nonspanning\_circuit\_closures()
sage: len(CC[2])
7
sage: len(CC[3])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
KeyError: 3
\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
nonspanning\_circuits()
Return the list of nonspanning circuits of the matroid.

A nonspanning circuit is a circuit whose rank is strictly smaller than the rank of the matroid.

OUTPUT:
An iterable containing all nonspanning circuits.

See also:
\texttt{M.circuit()}, \texttt{M.rank()}

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.nonspanning\_circuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'g'],
 ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g'],
 ['d', 'e', 'f']]\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
orlik\_solomon\_algebra(R, ordering=\texttt{None})
Return the Orlik-Solomon algebra of self.

\textbf{INPUT:}

- \texttt{R} – the base ring
- \texttt{ordering} – (optional) an ordering of the ground set

See also:

OrlikSolomonAlgebra

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

\begin{verbatim}
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 4)
sage: OS = M.orlik\_solomon\_algebra(QQ)
sage: OS
Orlik-Solomon algebra of U(3, 4): Matroid of rank 3 on 4 elements
with circuit-closures
(3: ((0, 1, 2, 3)))\end{verbatim}

\begin{verbatim}
partition()
Returns a minimum number of disjoint independent sets that covers the groundset.
\end{verbatim}
OUTPUT:

A list of disjoint independent sets that covers the groundset.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Block_9_4()
sage: P = M.partition()
sage: all(map(M.is_independent, P))
True
sage: set.union(*P)==M.groundset()
True
sage: sum(map(len, P))==len(M.groundset())
True
sage: Matroid(matrix([])).partition()
[]
```

ALGORITHM:

Reduce partition to a matroid intersection between a matroid sum and a partition matroid. It’s known the direct method doesn’t gain much advantage over matroid intersection. [Cun1986]

plot (B=None, lineorders=None, pos_method=None, pos_dict=None, save_pos=False)

Return geometric representation as a sage graphics object.

INPUT:

• B – (optional) a list containing a basis. If internal point placement is used, these elements will be placed as vertices of a triangle.

• lineorders – (optional) A list of lists where each of the inner lists specify ground set elements in a certain order which will be used to draw the corresponding line in geometric representation (if it exists).

• pos_method – An integer specifying positioning method.
  – 0: default positioning
  – 1: use pos_dict if it is not None
  – 2: Force directed (Not yet implemented).

• pos_dict: A dictionary mapping ground set elements to their (x,y) positions.

• save_pos: A boolean indicating that point placements (either internal or user provided) and line orders (if provided) will be cached in the matroid (M._cached_info) and can be used for reproducing the geometric representation during the same session

OUTPUT:

A sage graphics object of type <class 'sage.plot.graphics.Graphics'> that corresponds to the geometric representation of the matroid

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M=matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: G=M.plot()
sage: type(G)
<class 'sage.plot.graphics.Graphics'>
sage: G.show()
```

rank (X=None)

Return the rank of X.
The rank of a subset $X$ is the size of the largest independent set contained in $X$.

If $X$ is None, the rank of the groundset is returned.

**INPUT:**

- $X$ – (default: None) a subset of the groundset

**OUTPUT:**

Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.rank()
3
sage: M.rank(['a', 'b', 'f'])
2
sage: M.rank(['a', 'b', 'x'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: input is not a subset of the groundset.
```

**show** ($B$=None, lineorders=None, pos_method=None, pos_dict=None, save_pos=False, lims=None)

Show the geometric representation of the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- $B$ – (optional) a list containing elements of the groundset not in any particular order. If internal point placement is used, these elements will be placed as vertices of a triangle.

- lineorders – (optional) A list of lists where each of the inner lists specify ground set elements in a certain order which will be used to draw the corresponding line in geometric representation (if it exists).

- pos_method – An integer specifying positioning method
  - 0: default positioning
  - 1: use pos_dict if it is not None
  - 2: Force directed (Not yet implemented).

- pos_dict – A dictionary mapping ground set elements to their (x,y) positions.

- save_pos – A boolean indicating that point placements (either internal or user provided) and line orders (if provided) will be cached in the matroid (M._cached_info) and can be used for reproducing the geometric representation during the same session

- lims – A list of 4 elements [xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax]

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.TernaryDowling3()
sage: M.show(B=['a','b','c'])
sage: M.show(B=['a','b','c'], lineorders=[[f, e, i]])
sage: pos = {'a':(0,0), 'b': (0,1), 'c':(1,0), 'd':(1,1), 'e':(1,-1), 'f':(-1,1), 'g':(-1,-1), 'h':(2,0), 'i':(0,2)}
sage: M.show(pos_method=1, pos_dict=pos, lims=[-3,3,-3,3])
```

**simplify**

Return the simplification of the matroid.

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A matroid is *simple* if it contains no circuits of length 1 or 2. The *simplification* of a matroid is obtained by deleting all loops (circuits of length 1) and deleting all but one element from each parallel class (a closed set of rank 1, that is, each pair in it forms a circuit of length 2).

**OUTPUT:**
A matroid.

**See also:**

*M.is_simple(), M.loops(), M.circuit(), M.cosimplify()*

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().contract('a')
sage: M.size() - M.simplify().size()
3
```

### size()
Return the size of the groundset.

**OUTPUT:**

Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M.size()
8
```

### ternary_matroid(*randomized_tests=1, verify=True*)
Return a ternary matroid representing *self*, if such a representation exists.

**INPUT:**

- *randomized_tests* – (default: 1) an integer; the number of times a certain necessary condition for being ternary is tested, using randomization
- *verify* – (default: True), a Boolean; if True, any output will be a ternary matroid representing *self*; if False, any output will represent *self* if and only if the matroid is ternary

**OUTPUT:**

Either a *TernaryMatroid*, or None

**ALGORITHM:**

First, compare the ternary matroids local to two random bases. If these matroids are not isomorphic, return None. This test is performed *randomized_tests* times. Next, if *verify* is True, test if a ternary matroid local to some basis is isomorphic to *self*.

**See also:**

*M._local_ternary_matroid()*

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()  
sage: M.ternary_matroid() is None  
True  
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()  
sage: N.ternary_matroid()  
NonFano: Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type 0-
```
truncation()
Return a rank-1 truncation of the matroid.

Let $M$ be a matroid of rank $r$. The truncation of $M$ is the matroid obtained by declaring all subsets of size $r$ dependent. It can be obtained by adding an element freely to the span of the matroid and then contracting that element.

OUTPUT:
A matroid.

See also:
$M$.extension(), $M$.contract()

EXAMPLES:

```sage
M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
N = M.truncation()
N.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(2, 7))
```

```
True
```

tutte_polynomial (x=None, y=None)
Return the Tutte polynomial of the matroid.

The Tutte polynomial of a matroid is the polynomial

$$T(x, y) = \sum_{A \subseteq E} (x - 1)^{r(E) - r(A)}(y - 1)^{r^*(E) - r^*(E\setminus A)},$$

where $E$ is the groundset of the matroid, $r$ is the rank function, and $r^*$ is the corank function. Tutte defined his polynomial differently:

$$T(x, y) = \sum_B x^i(B)y^e(B),$$

where the sum ranges over all bases of the matroid, $i(B)$ is the number of internally active elements of $B$, and $e(B)$ is the number of externally active elements of $B$.

INPUT:

• $x$ – (optional) a variable or numerical argument.
• $y$ – (optional) a variable or numerical argument.

OUTPUT:

The Tutte-polynomial $T(x, y)$, where $x$ and $y$ are substituted with any values provided as input.

Todo

Make implementation more efficient, e.g. generalizing the approach from trac ticket #1314 from graphs to matroids.

EXAMPLES:

```sage
M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
M.tutte_polynomial()
y^4 + x^3 + 3*y^3 + 4*x^2 + 7*x*y + 6*y^2 + 3*x + 3*y

M.tutte_polynomial(1, 1) == M.bases_count()
```

True
ALGORITHM:

Enumerate the bases and compute the internal and external activities for each $B$.

$\text{union}(\text{matroids})$

Return the matroid union with another matroid or a list of matroids.

Let $(M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_k)$ be a list of matroids where each $M_i$ has ground set $E_i$. The matroid union $M$ of $(M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_k)$ has ground set $E = \bigcup E_i$. Moreover, a set $I \subseteq E$ is independent in $M$ if and only if the restriction of $I$ to $E_i$ is independent in $M_i$ for every $i$.

INPUT:

$\bullet$ matroids - a matroid or a list of matroids

OUTPUT:

An instance of MatroidUnion.

EXAMPLES:

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = M.union(matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()); N
Matroid of rank 6 on 7 elements as matroid union of
Binary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type (3, 0)
Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type 0-
```
2.1 Catalog of matroids

A module containing constructors for several common matroids.

A list of all matroids in this module is available via tab completion. Let <tab> indicate pressing the tab key. So begin by typing `matroids.<tab>` to see the various constructions available. Many special matroids can be accessed from the submenu `matroids.named_matroids.<tab>`.

To create a custom matroid using a variety of inputs, see the function `Matroid()`.

- **Parametrized matroid constructors**
  - `matroids.AG`
  - `matroids.CompleteGraphic`
  - `matroids.PG`
  - `matroids.Uniform`
  - `matroids.Wheel`
  - `matroids.Whirl`

- **Named matroids** (`matroids.named_matroids.<tab>`) 
  - `matroids.named_matroids.AG23minus`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.AG32prime`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.Block_9_4`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.Block_10_5`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.D16`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedBinaryGolayCode`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedTernaryGolayCode`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.F8`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.Fano`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.J`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.K33dual`
  - `matroids.named_matroids.L8`
This module contains implementations for many of the functions accessible through `matroids` and `matroids.named_matroids`. (Type those lines in Sage and hit `tab` for a list).

The docstrings include educational information about each named matroid with the hopes that this class can be used as a reference. However, for a more comprehensive list of properties we refer to the appendix of [Oxl2011].
Todo

Add optional argument `groundset` to each method so users can customize the groundset of the matroid. We probably want some means of relabeling to accomplish that.

Add option to specify the field for represented matroids.

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2.2.1 Functions

`sage.matroids.catalog.AG(n, q, x=None)`

Return the affine geometry of dimension $n$ over the finite field of order $q$.

**INPUT:**

• $n$ – a positive integer. The dimension of the projective space. This is one less than the rank of the resulting matroid.
• $q$ – a positive integer that is a prime power. The order of the finite field.
• $x$ – (default: `None`) a string. The name of the generator of a non-prime field, used for non-prime fields. If not supplied, 'x' is used.

**OUTPUT:**

A linear matroid whose elements are the points of $AG(n, q)$.

The affine geometry can be obtained from the projective geometry by removing a hyperplane.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.AG(2, 3) 
True
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.AG23minus())
True
sage: matroids.AG(5, 4, 'z').size() == ((4 ^ 6 - 1) / (4 - 1) - 
....: (4 ^ 5 - 1)/(4 - 1))
True
sage: M = matroids.AG(4, 2); M
AG(4, 2): Binary matroid of rank 5 on 16 elements, type (5, 0)
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.AG23minus()`

Return the ternary affine plane minus a point.

This is a sixth-roots-of-unity matroid, and an excluded minor for the class of near-regular matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 653.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.AG23minus() 
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.AG32prime()`

Return the matroid $AG(3, 2)'$, represented as circuit closures.

The matroid $AG(3, 2)'$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is a smallest non-representable matroid. It is the unique relaxation of $AG(3, 2)$. See [Oxl2011], p. 646.
EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.AG32prime(); M
AG(3, 2)': Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
 {3: [['c', 'd', 'e', 'h'], ['b', 'e', 'g', 'h'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'],
     ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g', 'h'],
     ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e', 'g'],
     ['a', 'b', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'h'], ['a', 'e', 'f', 'h'],
     ['a', 'b', 'd', 'g'], ['b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'],
     ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e', 'g'],
     ['b', 'e', 'g', 'h']},
4: [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h']]
sage: M.contract('c').is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
True
sage: setprint(M.noncospanning_cocircuits())
[['b', 'd', 'f', 'h'], ['a', 'd', 'g', 'h'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'h'],
 ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'],
 ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g', 'h'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'],
 ['a', 'b', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'h'], ['a', 'e', 'f', 'h'],
 ['b', 'e', 'g', 'h']]
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

**sage.matroids.catalog.BetsyRoss()**

Return the Betsy Ross matroid, represented by circuit closures.

An extremal golden-mean matroid. That is, if $M$ is simple, rank 3, has the Betsy Ross matroid as a restriction and is a Golden Mean matroid, then $M$ is the Betsy Ross matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss()
```

```python
sage: len(M.circuit_closures()[2])
10
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

**sage.matroids.catalog.Block_10_5()**

Return the paving matroid whose non-spanning circuits form the blocks of a $3 - (10, 5, 3)$ design.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Block_10_5()
```

```python
sage: BD = BlockDesign(M.groundset(), M.nonspanning_circuits())
```

```python
sage: BD.is_t_design(return_parameters=True)
(True, (3, 10, 5, 3))
```

**sage.matroids.catalog.Block_9_4()**

Return the paving matroid whose non-spanning circuits form the blocks of a $2 - (9, 4, 3)$ design.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Block_9_4()
```

```python
sage: BD = BlockDesign(M.groundset(), M.nonspanning_circuits())
```

```python
sage: BD.is_t_design(return_parameters=True)
(True, (2, 9, 4, 3))
```
sage.matroids.catalog.CompleteGraphic($n$)
Return the cycle matroid of the complete graph on $n$ vertices.

INPUT:

• $n$ – an integer, the number of vertices of the underlying complete graph.

OUTPUT:

The regular matroid associated with the $n$-vertex complete graph. This matroid has rank $n - 1$.

The maximum-sized regular matroid of rank $n$ is $M(K_n)$.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
tage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(5); M
M(K5): Regular matroid of rank 4 on 10 elements with 125 bases
sage: M.has_minor(matroids.Uniform(2, 4))
False
sage: simplify(M.contract(randrange(0, ....: 10))).is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
sage: setprint(M.closure([0, 2, 4, 5]))
{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7}
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.D16()
Return the matroid $D_{16}$.

Let $M$ be a 4-connected binary matroid and $N$ an internally 4-connected proper minor of $M$ with at least 7 elements. Then some element of $M$ can be deleted or contracted preserving an $N$-minor, unless $M$ is $D_{16}$. See [CMO2012].

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.D16()
sage: M
D16: Binary matroid of rank 8 on 16 elements, type (0, 0)
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.ExtendedBinaryGolayCode()
Return the matroid of the extended binary Golay code.

See GolayCode documentation for more on this code.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedBinaryGolayCode()
sage: C = LinearCode(M.representation())
sage: C.is_permutation_equivalent(codes.GolayCode(GF(2))) # long time
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.ExtendedTernaryGolayCode()
Return the matroid of the extended ternary Golay code.

See GolayCode
EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.ExtendedTernaryGolayCode()
sage: C = LinearCode(M.representation())
sage: C.is_permutation_equivalent(codes.GolayCode(GF(3))) # long time
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

```
sage: sage.matroids.catalog.F8()
Return the matroid $F_8$, represented as circuit closures.

The matroid $F_8$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is a smallest non-representable matroid. See [Oxl2011], p. 647.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.F8(); M
F8: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'c', 'd', 'e', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'd', 'e'},
     {'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'}, {'c', 'f', 'g', 'h'}, {'a', 'c', 'd', 'f'},
     {'b', 'c', 'e', 'f'}, {'a', 'c', 'e', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'f', 'g'},
     {'a', 'b', 'c', 'h'}, {'a', 'e', 'f', 'h'}, {'a', 'd', 'g', 'h'}},
4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}
sage: D = get_nonisomorphic_matroids([M.contract(i)
     ....: for i in M.groundset()])
sage: len(D)
3
sage: [N.is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano()) for N in D]
[...True...]  
sage: [N.is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()) for N in D]
[...True...]
sage: M.is_valid() # long time
True
```

```
sage: sage.matroids.catalog.Fano()
Return the Fano matroid, represented over $GF(2)$.

The Fano matroid, or Fano plane, or $F_7$, is a 7-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has characteristic two. It is also the projective plane of order two, i.e. $PG(2, 2)$. See [Oxl2011], p. 643.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano(); M
Fano: Binary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type (3, 0)
sage: setprint(sorted(M.nonspanning_circuits()))
[{'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'a', 'c', 'e'}, {'d', 'e', 'f'}, {'a', 'b', 'f'},
    {'c', 'f', 'g'}, {'b', 'e', 'g'}, {'a', 'd', 'g'}]
sage: M.delete(M.groundset_list()[randrange(0,
     ....: 7)]).is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
```

```
sage: sage.matroids.catalog.J()
Return the matroid $J$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $J$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least three elements. See [Oxl2011], p. 650.
```
EXEMPLARY:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.J(); M
J: Ternary matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements, type 0-
sage: setprint(M.truncation().nonbases())
[{'a', 'c', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'f'}, {'a', 'd', 'h'}]
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: M.has_minor(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
False
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.K33dual(); M
M*(K3, 3): Regular matroid of rank 4 on 9 elements with 81 bases
sage: any([N.is_3connected() for N in M.linear_extensions(simple=True)])
False
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.L8(); M
L8: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'b', 'd', 'f', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f', 'g'},
   {'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'}, {'a', 'c', 'e', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'f', 'g'},
   {'a', 'b', 'c', 'h'}, {'a', 'e', 'f', 'h'}},
  4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}
sage: M.equals(M.dual())
True
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
N1: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'b', 'd', 'f', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f', 'g'},
   {'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'}, {'a', 'c', 'e', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'f', 'g'},
   {'a', 'b', 'c', 'h'}, {'a', 'e', 'f', 'h'}},
  4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}
```

sage.matroids.catalog.K33dual()  
Return the matroid $M^*(K_{3,3})$, represented over the regular partial field.

The matroid $M^*(K_{3,3})$ is a 9-element matroid of rank-4. It is an excluded minor for the class of graphic matroids. It is the graft matroid of the 4-wheel with every vertex except the hub being coloured. See [Oxl2011], p. 652.

EXEMPLARY:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.K33dual(); M
M*(K3, 3): Regular matroid of rank 4 on 9 elements with 81 bases
sage: any([N.is_3connected() for N in M.linear_extensions(simple=True)])
False
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.L8()  
Return the matroid $L_8$, represented as circuit closures.

The matroid $L_8$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is representable over all fields with at least five elements. It is a cube, yet it is not a tipless spike. See [Oxl2011], p. 648.

EXEMPLARY:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.L8(); M
L8: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'b', 'd', 'f', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f', 'g'},
   {'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'}, {'a', 'c', 'e', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'f', 'g'},
   {'a', 'b', 'c', 'h'}, {'a', 'e', 'f', 'h'}},
  4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}
sage: M.equals(M.dual())
True
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.N1()  
Return the matroid $N_1$, represented over $F_3$.

$N_1$ is an excluded minor for the dyadic matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 554.

EXEMPLARY:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.is_field_isomorphic(M.dual())
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sage.matroids.catalog.N2()

Return the matroid $N_2$, represented over $F_3$.

$N_2$ is an excluded minor for the dyadic matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 554.

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N2()
sage: M.is_field_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True

sage.matroids.catalog.NonFano()

Return the non-Fano matroid, represented over $GF(3)$

The non-Fano matroid, or $F_{-7}$, is a 7-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has characteristic other than two. It is the unique relaxation of $F_7$. See [Oxl2011], p. 643.

EXAMPLES:

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano(); M
NonFano: Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type 0-
sage: setprint(M.nonbases())
[['b', 'c', 'd'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'f'], ['c', 'f', 'g'],
 ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['a', 'd', 'g']]
sage: M.delete('f').is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
sage: M.delete('g').is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
False

sage.matroids.catalog.NonPappus()

Return the non-Pappus matroid.

The non-Pappus matroid is a 9-element matroid of rank-3. It is not representable over any commutative field. It is the unique relaxation of the Pappus matroid. See [Oxl2011], p. 655.

EXAMPLES:

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonPappus(); M
NonPappus: Matroid of rank 3 on 9 elements with circuit-closures
2: {['a', 'b', 'c'], ['a', 'f', 'h'], ['c', 'e', 'g'],
    ['b', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'h'], ['b', 'd', 'i'],
    ['a', 'e', 'i'], ['g', 'h', 'i']},
3: {['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i']}
sage: setprint(M.nonspanning_circuits())
[['a', 'b', 'c'], ['a', 'f', 'h'], ['c', 'e', 'g'], ['b', 'f', 'g'],
 ['c', 'd', 'h'], ['b', 'd', 'i'], ['a', 'e', 'i'], ['g', 'h', 'i']]
sage: M.is_dependent(['d', 'e', 'f'])
False
sage: M.is_valid() # long time
True
sage.matroids.catalog.NonVamos()

Return the non-Vamos matroid.

The non-Vamos matroid, or $V_8^+$ is an 8-element matroid of rank 4. It is a tightening of the Vamos matroid. It is representable over some field. See [Oxl2011], p. 72, 84.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonVamos(); M
NonVamos: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
  3: {('a', 'b', 'g', 'h'), ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd'), ('e', 'f', 'g', 'h'),
      ('c', 'd', 'e', 'f'), ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd'), ('c', 'd', 'g', 'h')},
  4: {('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h')}

sage: setprint(M.nonbases())
[{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}, {'a', 'b', 'g', 'h'},
  {'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}, {'c', 'd', 'g', 'h'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}]

sage: M.is_dependent(['c', 'd', 'g', 'h'])
True
sage: M.is_valid()   # long time
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.NotP8()

Return the matroid NotP8.

This is a matroid that is not $P_8$, found on page 512 of [Oxl1992] (the first edition).

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P8()
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NotP8()
sage: M.is_isomorphic(N)
False
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.O7()

Return the matroid $O_7$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $O_7$ is a 7-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least three elements. It is obtained by freely adding a point to any line of $M(K_4)$. See [Oxl2011], p. 644

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.O7(); M
O7: Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type 0+

sage: M.delete('e').is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
sage: M.tutte_polynomial()
y^4 + x^3 + x*y^2 + 3*y^3 + 4*x^2 + 5*x*y + 5*y^2 + 4*x + 4*y
```

sage.matroids.catalog.P6()

Return the matroid $P_6$, represented as circuit closures.

The matroid $P_6$ is a 6-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least five elements. It is the unique relaxation of $Q_6$. It is an excluded minor for the class of quaternary matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 641.

EXAMPLES:
```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P6(); M
P6: Matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements with circuit-closures
{2: {{'a', 'b', 'c'}}, 3: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}}}
sage: len(set(M.nonspanning_circuits()).difference(M.nonbases())) == 0
True
sage: Matroid(matrix=random_matrix(GF(4, 'a'), ncols=5,
....: nrows=5)).has_minor(M)
False
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.P7()`

Return the matroid \( P_7 \), represented over \( GF(3) \).

The matroid \( P_7 \) is a 7-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least 3 elements. It is one of two ternary 3-spikes, with the other being \( F_7^- \). See [Oxl2011], p. 644.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P7(); M
P7: Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements, type 1+
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 7, 11, 1]
sage: M.has_minor(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
False
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.P8()`

Return the matroid \( P_8 \), represented over \( GF(3) \).

The matroid \( P_8 \) is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is uniquely representable over all fields of characteristic other than two. It is an excluded minor for all fields of characteristic two with four or more elements. See [Oxl2011], p. 650.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P8(); M
P8: Ternary matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements, type 2+
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: Matroid(matrix=random_matrix(GF(4, 'a'), ncols=5,
....: nrows=5)).has_minor(M)
False
sage: M.bicycle_dimension()
2
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.P8pp()`

Return the matroid \( P_8^{\le} \), represented as circuit closures.

The matroid \( P_8^{\le} \) is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It can be obtained from \( P_8 \) by relaxing the unique pair of disjoint circuit-hyperplanes. It is an excluded minor for \( GF(4) \)-representability. It is representable over all fields with at least five elements. See [Oxl2011], p. 651.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P8pp(); M
P8': Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
```
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: len(get_nonisomorphic_matroids([M.contract(i)
....: for i in M.groundset()]))
1
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True

sage.matroids.catalog.P9()
Return the matroid $P_9$.
This is the matroid referred to as $P_9$ by Oxley in his paper “The binary matroids with no 4-wheel minor”

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.P9()
sage: M
P9: Binary matroid of rank 4 on 9 elements, type (1, 1)
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

sage.matroids.catalog.PG(n, q, x=None)
Return the projective geometry of dimension $n$ over the finite field of order $q$.

INPUT:

- $n$ – a positive integer. The dimension of the projective space. This is one less than the rank of the resulting matroid.
- $q$ – a positive integer that is a prime power. The order of the finite field.
- $x$ – (default: None) a string. The name of the generator of a non-prime field, used for non-prime fields. If not supplied, ‘$x$’ is used.

OUTPUT:

A linear matroid whose elements are the points of $PG(n, q)$.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.PG(2, 2)
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
True
sage: matroids.PG(5, 4, 'z').size() == (4^6 - 1) / (4 - 1)
True
sage: M = matroids.PG(4, 7); M
PG(4, 7): Linear matroid of rank 5 on 2801 elements represented over the Finite Field of size 7
```

sage.matroids.catalog.Pappus()
Return the Pappus matroid.

The Pappus matroid is a 9-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field either has 4 elements or more than 7 elements. It is an excluded minor for the class of GF(5)-representable matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 655.

EXAMPLES:
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus(); M
Pappus: Matroid of rank 3 on 9 elements with circuit-closures
{(2): \{\{'a', 'b', 'c\'}, \{'a', 'f', 'h\'}, \{'c', 'e', 'g\'},
\{'b', 'f', 'g\'}, \{'c', 'd', 'h\'}, \{'d', 'e', 'f\'},
\{'a', 'e', 'i\'}, \{'b', 'd', 'i\'}, \{'g', 'h', 'i\}\},
(3): \{\{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i\}\}}

sage: setprint(M.nonspanning_circuits())
[\{'a', 'b', 'c\'}, \{'a', 'f', 'h\'}, \{'c', 'e', 'g\'}, \{'b', 'f', 'g\'},
\{'c', 'd', 'h\'}, \{'b', 'd', 'i\'}, \{'a', 'e', 'i\'}, \{'d', 'e', 'f\'},
\{'g', 'h', 'i\}\}

sage: M.is_dependent(['d', 'e', 'f'])
True

sage: M.is_valid()
# long time
True

sage.matroids.catalog.Q10()
Return the matroid \(Q_{10}\), represented over \(\mathbb{F}_4\).

\(Q_{10}\) is a 10-element, rank-5, self-dual matroid. It is representable over \(\mathbb{F}_3\) and \(\mathbb{F}_4\), and hence is a sixth-roots-of-unity matroid. \(Q_{10}\) is a splitter for the class of sixth-root-of-unity matroids.

EXAMPLES:

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Q10()
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True

sage: M.is_valid()
True

Check the splitter property. By Seymour’s Theorem, and using self-duality, we only need to check that all 3-connected single-element extensions have an excluded minor for sixth-roots-of-unity. The only excluded minors that are quaternary are \(U_{2,5}, U_{3,5}, F_7, F_7^*\). As it happens, it suffices to check for \(U_{2,5}\):

sage: S = matroids.named_matroids.Q10().linear_extensions(simple=True)
sage: [M for M in S if not M.has_line_minor(5)]
[]

sage.matroids.catalog.Q6()
Return the matroid \(Q_6\), represented over \(GF(4)\).

The matroid \(Q_6\) is a 6-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least four elements. It is the unique relaxation of the rank-3 whirl. See [Oxl2011], p. 641.

EXAMPLES:

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Q6(); M
Q6: Quaternary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements

sage: setprint(M.hyperplanes())
[\{'a', 'b', 'd\'}, \{'a', 'c\'}, \{'a', 'e\'}, \{'a', 'f\'}, \{'b', 'd', 'i\'},
\{'b', 'f\'}, \{'c', 'd\'}, \{'c', 'f\'}, \{'d', 'e\'}, \{'d', 'f\'},
\{'e', 'f\}\}

sage: M.nonspanning_circuits() == M.noncospanning_cocircuits()
False

sage.matroids.catalog.Q8()
Return the matroid \(Q_8\), represented as circuit closures.

The matroid \(Q_8\) is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is a smallest non-representable matroid. See [Oxl2011], p. 647.
EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Q8(); M
Q8: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
(3: {{'c', 'd', 'e', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'd', 'e'},
     {'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'}, {'c', 'f', 'g', 'h'}, {'a', 'c', 'd', 'f'},
     {'b', 'c', 'e', 'f'}, {'a', 'b', 'f', 'g'}, {'a', 'b', 'c', 'h'},
     {'a', 'e', 'f', 'h'}, {'a', 'd', 'g', 'h'}},
4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}})
sage: setprint(M.flats(3))

['a', 'b', 'c', 'h'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'f', 'g'],
['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'c', 'g'],
['a', 'd', 'g', 'h'], ['a', 'e', 'f', 'h'], ['a', 'e', 'g'],
['b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'], ['b', 'd', 'f'],
['b', 'd', 'h'], ['b', 'e', 'g'], ['b', 'e', 'h'], ['b', 'f', 'h'],
['b', 'g', 'h'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'h'], ['c', 'e', 'g'],
['c', 'f', 'g', 'h'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'f', 'h'],
['e', 'g', 'h'])
sage: M.is_valid() # long time
True
```

```python
sage.matroids.catalog.R10()

Return the matroid $R_{10}$, represented over the regular partial field.

The matroid $R_{10}$ is a 10-element regular matroid of rank-5. It is the unique splitter for the class of regular matroids. It is the graft matroid of $K_{3,3}$, in which every vertex is coloured. See [Oxl2011], p. 656.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10(); M
R10: Regular matroid of rank 5 on 10 elements with 162 bases
sage: cct = []
sage: for i in M.circuits():
    ....: cct.append(len(i))
    ....: Set(cct)
[4, 6]
sage: M.equals(M.dual())
False
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

Check the splitter property:

```python
sage: matroids.named_matroids.R10().linear_extensions(simple=True)
[]
```

```python
sage.matroids.catalog.R12()

Return the matroid $R_{12}$, represented over the regular partial field.

The matroid $R_{12}$ is a 12-element regular matroid of rank-6. It induces a 3-separation in its 3-connected majors within the class of regular matroids. An excluded minor for the class of graphic or cographic matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 657.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: matroids.named_matroids.R12().linear_extensions(simple=True)
[]
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R12(); M
R12: Regular matroid of rank 6 on 12 elements with 441 bases
sage: M.equals(M.dual())
False
sage: M.is_isomorphic(M.dual())
True
sage: M.is_valid()
True

 sage.matroids.catalog.R6()
Return the matroid $R_6$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $R_6$ is a 6-element matroid of rank-3. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has at least three elements. It is isomorphic to the 2-sum of two copies of $U_{2,4}$. See [Oxl2011], p. 642.

EXAMPLES:

 sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R6(); M
R6: Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements, type 2+
 sage: M.equals(M.dual())
True
 sage: M.is_connected()
True
 sage: M.is_3connected()
False

 sage.matroids.catalog.R8()
Return the matroid $R_8$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $R_8$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is representable over a field if and only if the characteristic of that field is not two. It is the real affine cube. See [Oxl2011], p. 646.

EXAMPLES:

 sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R8(); M
R8: Ternary matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements, type 0+
 sage: M.contract(M.groundset_list()[randrange(0,.....: 8)]).is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.NonFano())
True
 sage: M.equals(M.dual())
True
 sage: M.has_minor(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
False

 sage.matroids.catalog.R9A()
Return the matroid $R_9^A$.

The matroid $R_9^A$ is not representable over any field, yet none of the cross-ratios in its Tuttegroup equal 1. It is one of the 4 matroids on at most 9 elements with this property, the others being $R_9^B$, $R_9^B$ and $R_9^B^*$.

EXAMPLES:

 sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R9A()
 sage: M.is_valid() # long time
True

 sage.matroids.catalog.R9B()
Return the matroid $R_9^B$. 

The matroid $R_9^B$ is not representable over any field, yet none of the cross-ratios in its Tuttegroup equal 1. It is one of the 4 matroids on at most 9 elements with this property, the others being $R_9^{B*}$, $R_9^A$ and $R_9^{A*}$.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R9B()
sage: M.is_valid() # long time
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.S8()`

Return the matroid $S_8$, represented over $GF(2)$.

The matroid $S_8$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has characteristic two. It is the unique deletion of a non-tip element from the binary 4-spike. See [Oxl2011], p. 648.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8(); M
S8: Binary matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements, type (2, 0)
sage: M.contract('d').is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
True
sage: M.delete('d').is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.Fano().dual())
False
sage: M.is_graphic()
False
sage: D = get_nonisomorphic_matroids(list(matroids.named_matroids.Fano().linear_coextensions(cosimple=True)))
[...True...]
sage: len(D)
2
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.T12()`

Return the matroid $T_{12}$.

The edges of the Petersen graph can be labeled by the 4-circuits of $T_{12}$ so that two edges are adjacent if and only if the corresponding 4-circuits overlap in exactly two elements. Relaxing a circuit-hyperplane yields an excluded minor for the class of matroids that are either binary or ternary. See [Oxl2011], p. 658.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.T12()
sage: M
T12: Binary matroid of rank 6 on 12 elements, type (2, None)
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.T8()`

Return the matroid $T_8$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $T_8$ is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It is representable over a field if and only if that field has characteristic three. It is an excluded minor for the dyadic matroids. See [Oxl2011], p. 649.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.T8(); M
T8: Ternary matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements, type [0-2.2. Documentation for the matroids in the catalog 85
sage: M.truncation().is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(3, 8))
True
sage: M.contract('e').is_isomorphic(matroids.named_matroids.P7())
True
sage: M.has_minor(matroids.Uniform(3, 8))
False

`sage.matroids.catalog.TernaryDowling3()`

Return the matroid $Q_3(GF(3)^\times mes)$, represented over $GF(3)$.

The matroid $Q_3(GF(3)^\times mes)$ is a 9-element matroid of rank-3. It is the rank-3 ternary Dowling geometry. It is representable over a field if and only if that field does not have characteristic two. See [Oxl2011], p. 654.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.TernaryDowling3(); M
Q3(GF(3)x): Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 9 elements, type 0-
sage: len(list(M.linear_subclasses()))
72
sage: M.fundamental_cycle('abc', 'd')
{'a': 2, 'b': 1, 'd': 1}
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.Terrahawk()`

Return the Terrahawk matroid.

The Terrahawk is a binary matroid that is a sporadic exception in a chain theorem for internally 4-connected binary matroids. See [CMO2011].

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Terrahawk()
sage: M
Terrahawk: Binary matroid of rank 8 on 16 elements, type (0, 4)
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.TicTacToe()`

Return the TicTacToe matroid.

The dual of the TicTacToe matroid is not algebraic; it is unknown whether the TicTacToe matroid itself is algebraic. See [Hoc].

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.TicTacToe()
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.Uniform(r, n)`

Return the uniform matroid of rank $r$ on $n$ elements.

**INPUT:**

- $r$ – a nonnegative integer. The rank of the uniform matroid.
- $n$ – a nonnegative integer. The number of elements of the uniform matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

The uniform matroid $U_{r,n}$. 
All subsets of size \( r \) or less are independent; all larger subsets are dependent. Representable when the field is sufficiently large. The precise bound is the subject of the MDS conjecture from coding theory. See [Oxl2011], p. 660.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(2, 5); M
U(2, 5): Matroid of rank 2 on 5 elements with circuit-closures
{2: {{0, 1, 2, 3, 4}}}
sage: M.dual().is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(3, 5))
True
sage: setprint(M.hyperplanes())
[[0], [1], [2], [3], [4]]
sage: M.has_line_minor(6)
False
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

Check that bug trac ticket #15292 was fixed:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(4,4)
sage: len(M.circuit_closures())
0
```

```
sage.matroids.catalog.Vamos()

Return the Vamos matroid, represented as circuit closures.

The Vamos matroid, or Vamos cube, or \( V_8 \) is a 8-element matroid of rank-4. It violates Ingleton’s condition for representability over a division ring. It is not algebraic. See [Oxl2011], p. 649.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos(); M
Vamos: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'},
     {'a', 'b', 'g', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}},
  4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}
sage: setprint(M.nonbases())
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], ['a', 'b', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'b', 'g', 'h'],
  ['c', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['e', 'f', 'g', 'h']]
sage: M.is_dependent(['c', 'd', 'g', 'h'])
False
sage: M.is_valid()  # long time
True
```

```
sage.matroids.catalog.Wheel(n, field=None, ring=None)

Return the rank-\( n \) wheel.

**INPUT:**

- \( n \) – a positive integer. The rank of the desired matroid.
- \( \text{ring} \) – any ring. If provided, output will be a linear matroid over the ring or field \( \text{ring} \). If the ring is \( \mathbb{Z} \), then output will be a regular matroid.
- \( \text{field} \) – any field. Same as \( \text{ring} \), but only fields are allowed.

**OUTPUT:**
The rank-$n$ wheel matroid, represented as a regular matroid.

See [Oxl2011], p. 659.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(5); M
Wheel(5): Regular matroid of rank 5 on 10 elements with 121 bases
sage: M.tutte_polynomial()
x^5 + y^5 + 5*x^4 + 5*x^3*y + 5*x^2*y^2 + 5*x*y^3 + 5*y^4 + 10*x^3 + 15*x^2*y + 15*x*y^2 + 10*y^3 + 10*x^2 + 16*x*y + 10*y^2 + 4*x + 4*y
sage: M.is_valid()
True
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(3)
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
True
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Wheel(3,field=GF(3)))
True
sage: M = matroids.Wheel(3,field=GF(3)); M
Wheel(3): Ternary matroid of rank 3 on 6 elements, type 0+
```

`sage.matroids.catalog.Whirl(n)`

Return the rank-$n$ whirl.

INPUT:

• $n$ – a positive integer. The rank of the desired matroid.

OUTPUT:

The rank-$n$ whirl matroid, represented as a ternary matroid.

The whirl is the unique relaxation of the wheel. See [Oxl2011], p. 659.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.Whirl(5); M
Whirl(5): Ternary matroid of rank 5 on 10 elements, type 0-
sage: M.is_valid()
True
sage: M.tutte_polynomial()
x^5 + y^5 + 5*x^4 + 5*x^3*y + 5*x^2*y^2 + 5*x*y^3 + 5*y^4 + 10*x^3 + 15*x^2*y + 15*x*y^2 + 10*y^3 + 10*x^2 + 15*x*y + 10*y^2 + 5*x + 5*y
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Wheel(5))
False
sage: M = matroids.Whirl(3)
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(4))
False
```

Todo

Optional arguments `ring` and `x`, such that the resulting matroid is represented over `ring` by a reduced matrix like $[-1 0 x] [1 -1 0] [0 1 -1]$
3.1 Basis matroids

In a matroid, a basis is an inclusionwise maximal independent set. The common cardinality of all bases is the rank of the matroid. Matroids are uniquely determined by their set of bases.

This module defines the class \texttt{BasisMatroid}, which internally represents a matroid as a set of bases. It is a subclass of \texttt{BasisExchangeMatroid}, and as such it inherits all method from that class and from the class \texttt{Matroid}. Additionally, it provides the following methods:

- \texttt{is\_distinguished()}
- \texttt{relabel()}

3.1.1 Construction

A \texttt{BasisMatroid} can be created from another matroid, from a list of bases, or from a list of nonbases. For a full description of allowed inputs, see below. It is recommended to use the \texttt{Matroid()} function for easy construction of a \texttt{BasisMatroid}. For direct access to the \texttt{BasisMatroid} constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M2 = Matroid(['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M1 == M2
True
```

See also \texttt{sage.matroids.advanced}.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M2 = Matroid(['ab', 'ac', 'ad', 'bc', 'bd', 'cd'])
sage: M1 == M2
True
```

3.1.2 Implementation

The set of bases is compactly stored in a bitset which takes $O(\binom{N}{R})$ bits of space, where $N$ is the cardinality of the groundset and $R$ is the rank. \texttt{BasisMatroid} inherits the matroid oracle from its parent class \texttt{BasisExchangeMatroid}, by providing the elementary functions for exploring the base exchange graph. In addition, \texttt{BasisMatroid} has methods for constructing minors, duals, single-element extensions, for testing matroid isomorphism and minor inclusion.

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- Rudi Pendavingh, Stefan van Zwam (2013-04-01): initial version
class sage.matroids.basis_matroid.BasisMatroid

Bases: sage.matroids.basis_exchange_matroid.BasisExchangeMatroid

Create general matroid, stored as a set of bases.

INPUT:

• M (optional) – a matroid.
• groundset (optional) – any iterable set.
• bases (optional) – a set of subsets of groundset.
• nonbases (optional) – a set of subsets of groundset.
• rank (optional) – a natural number

EXAMPLES:

The empty matroid:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = BasisMatroid()
sage: M.groundset()  # frozenset()
sage: M.full_rank()  # 0
```

Create a BasisMatroid instance out of any other matroid:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: F = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M = BasisMatroid(F)
sage: F.groundset() == M.groundset()  # True
sage: len(set(F.bases()).difference(M.bases()))  # 0
```

It is possible to provide either bases or nonbases:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(groundset='abc', bases=['ab', 'ac'])
sage: M2 = BasisMatroid(groundset='abc', nonbases=['bc'])
sage: M1 == M2  # True
```

Providing only groundset and rank creates a uniform matroid:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(matroids.Uniform(2, 5))
sage: M2 = BasisMatroid(groundset=range(5), rank=2)
sage: M1 == M2  # True
```

We do not check if the provided input forms an actual matroid:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = BasisMatroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'cd'])
sage: M1.full_rank()  # 90
```
sage: M1.is_valid()
False

**bases()**

Return the list of bases of the matroid.

A *basis* is a maximal independent set.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all bases of the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.Fano().bases())
sage: M
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 28 bases
sage: len(M.bases())
28
```

**bases_count()**

Return the number of bases of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.Fano().bases())
sage: M
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 28 bases
sage: M.bases_count()
28
```

**dual()**

Return the dual of the matroid.

Let $M$ be a matroid with ground set $E$. If $B$ is the set of bases of $M$, then the set \{ $E - b : b \in B$ \} is the set of bases of another matroid, the *dual* of $M$.

**OUTPUT:**

The dual matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.Pappus().bases())
sage: M.dual()
Matroid of rank 6 on 9 elements with 75 bases
```

**ALGORITHM:**

A BasisMatroid on $n$ elements and of rank $r$ is stored as a bitvector of length $\binom{n}{r}$. The $i$-th bit in this vector indicates that the $i$-th $r$-set in the lexicographic enumeration of $r$-subsets of the groundset is a basis. Reversing this bitvector yields a bitvector that indicates whether the complement of an $(n - r)$-set is a basis, i.e. gives the bitvector of the bases of the dual.

**is_distinguished($e$)**

Return whether $e$ is a ‘distinguished’ element of the groundset.
The set of distinguished elements is an isomorphism invariant. Each matroid has at least one distinguished element. The typical application of this method is the execution of an orderly algorithm for generating all matroids up to isomorphism in a minor-closed class, by successively enumerating the single-element extensions and coextensions of the matroids generated so far.

**INPUT:**
- \(e\) – an element of the ground set

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**See also:**
- \(M\text{.extensions()}\), \(M\text{.linear_subclasses()}\), \(sage\text{.matroids}\text{.extension}\)

**EXAMPLES:**
```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = BasisMatroid(matroids.named_matroids.N1())
sage: sorted([e for e in M.groundset() if M.is_distinguished(e)])
['c', 'g', 'h', 'j']
```

**nonbases()**
Return the list of nonbases of the matroid.

A nonbasis is a set with cardinality \(\text{self.full_rank()}\) that is not a basis.

**OUTPUT:**
An iterable containing the nonbases of the matroid.

**See also:**
- \(Matroid\text{.basis()}\)

**EXAMPLES:**
```python
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.Fano().bases())
sage: M
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 28 bases
sage: len(M.nonbases())
7
```

**relabel \(l\)**
Return an isomorphic matroid with relabeled groundset.

The output is obtained by relabeling each element \(e\) by \(l[e]\), where \(l\) is a given injective map. If \(e\) not in \(l\) then the identity map is assumed.

**INPUT:**
- \(l\) – a python object such that \(l[e]\) is the new label of \(e\).

**OUTPUT:**
A matroid.

**Todo**
Write abstract RelabeledMatroid class, and add relabel() method to the main Matroid class, together with _relabel() method that can be replaced by subclasses. Use the code from is_isomorphism() in relabel() to deal with a variety of input methods for the relabeling.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = BasisMatroid(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
sage: N = M.relabel({'g':'x'})
sage: sorted(N.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'x']
```

**truncation()**

Return a rank-1 truncation of the matroid.

Let $M$ be a matroid of rank $r$. The truncation of $M$ is the matroid obtained by declaring all subsets of size $r$ dependent. It can be obtained by adding an element freely to the span of the matroid and then contracting that element.

**OUTPUT:**

A matroid.

See also:

$M$.extension(), $M$.contract()

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.N2().bases())
sage: M.truncation()
Matroid of rank 5 on 12 elements with 702 bases
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 12, 66, 190, 258, 99, 1]
sage: M.truncation().f_vector()
[1, 12, 66, 190, 258, 1]
```

### 3.2 Circuit closures matroids

Matroids are characterized by a list of all tuples $(C, k)$, where $C$ is the closure of a circuit, and $k$ the rank of $C$. The CircuitClosuresMatroid class implements matroids using this information as data.

#### 3.2.1 Construction

A CircuitClosuresMatroid can be created from another matroid or from a list of circuit-closures. For a full description of allowed inputs, see below. It is recommended to use the Matroid() function for a more flexible construction of a CircuitClosuresMatroid. For direct access to the CircuitClosuresMatroid constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.N2().bases())
sage: M.truncation()
Matroid of rank 5 on 12 elements with 702 bases
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 12, 66, 190, 258, 99, 1]
sage: M.truncation().f_vector()
[1, 12, 66, 190, 258, 1]
```
```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M1 = CircuitClosuresMatroid(groundset='abcdef',
.....: circuit_closures={2: ['abc', 'ade'], 3: ['abcdef']})
sage: M2 = Matroid(circuit_closures={2: ['abc', 'ade'], 3: ['abcdef']})
sage: M3 = Matroid(circuit_closures={(2, 'abc'),
.....: (3, 'abcdef'), (2, 'ade')})
sage: M1 == M2
True
sage: M1 == M3
True
```

Note that the class does not implement custom minor and dual operations:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = CircuitClosuresMatroid(groundset='abcdef',
.....: circuit_closures={2: ['abc', 'ade'], 3: ['abcdef']})
sage: isinstance(M.contract('a'), MinorMatroid)
True
sage: isinstance(M.dual(), DualMatroid)
True
```

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class sage.matroids.circuit_closures_matroid.CircuitClosuresMatroid
   Bases: sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid

   A general matroid $M$ is characterized by its rank $r(M)$ and the set of pairs
   
   $(k, \{ \text{closure } (C) : C \text{ is a circuit of } M, r(C) = k \})$ for $k = 0, \ldots, r(M) - 1$

   As each independent set of size $k$ is in at most one closure $C$ of rank $k$, and each closure $C$ of rank $k$ contains
   at least $k + 1$ independent sets of size $k$, there are at most $\binom{n}{k} / (k + 1)$ such closures-of-circuits of rank $k$. Each closure $C$ takes $O(n)$ bits to store, giving an upper bound of $O(2^n)$ on the space complexity of the entire matroid.

   A subset $X$ of the ground set is independent if and only if
   
   $|X \cap \text{closure } C| \leq k$ for all circuits $C$ of $M$ with $r(C) = k$.

   So determining whether a set is independent takes time proportional to the space complexity of the matroid.

   INPUT:

   - $M$ – (default: None) an arbitrary matroid.
   - $\text{groundset}$ – (default: None) the groundset of a matroid.
   - $\text{circuit_closures}$ – (default: None) the collection of circuit closures of a matroid, presented as a
dictionary whose keys are ranks, and whose values are sets of circuit closures of the specified rank.

   OUTPUT:

   - If the input is a matroid $M$, return a CircuitClosuresMatroid instance representing $M$.
   - Otherwise, return a CircuitClosuresMatroid instance based on groundset and circuit_closures.
Note: For a more flexible means of input, use the Matroid() function.

EXAMPLES:

```python
circuit_closures()
```

Return the list of closures of circuits of the matroid.

A circuit closure is a closed set containing a circuit.

OUTPUT:

A dictionary containing the circuit closures of the matroid, indexed by their ranks.

See also:

Matroid.circuit(), Matroid.closure()

EXAMPLES:

```python
circuit_closures()
```

```python
full_rank()
```

Return the rank of the matroid.

The rank of the matroid is the size of the largest independent subset of the groundset.

OUTPUT:

Integer.

EXAMPLES:
groundset()

Return the groundset of the matroid.

The groundset is the set of elements that comprise the matroid.

OUTPUT:
A set.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus()
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i']
```

## 3.3 Linear matroids

When $A$ is an $r$ times $E$ matrix, the linear matroid $M[A]$ has ground set $E$ and, for independent sets, all $F$ subset of $E$ such that the columns of $M[A]$ indexed by $F$ are linearly independent.

### 3.3.1 Construction

The recommended way to create a linear matroid is by using the `Matroid()` function, with a representation matrix $A$ as input. This function will intelligently choose one of the dedicated classes `BinaryMatroid`, `TernaryMatroid`, `QuaternaryMatroid`, `RegularMatroid` when appropriate. However, invoking the classes directly is possible too. To get access to them, type:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`. In both cases, it is possible to provide a reduced matrix $B$, to create the matroid induced by $A = [IB]$:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: A = Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1],
                      [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
                      [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: B = Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 0, 0, 1],
                      [0, 1, 1, 1],
                      [0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: M1 = Matroid(A)
sage: M2 = LinearMatroid(A)
sage: M3 = BinaryMatroid(A)
sage: M4 = Matroid(reduced_matrix=B)
sage: M5 = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix=B)
sage: isinstance(M1, BinaryMatroid)
True
sage: M1.equals(M2)
True
sage: M1.equals(M3)
True
sage: M1 == M4
True
sage: M1.is_field_isomorphic(M5)
True
```
sage: M2 == M3  # comparing LinearMatroid and BinaryMatroid always yields False
False

### 3.3.2 Class methods

The `LinearMatroid` class and its derivatives inherit all methods from the `Matroid` and `BasisExchangeMatroid` classes. See the documentation for these classes for an overview. In addition, the following methods are available:

- **LinearMatroid**
  - `base_ring()`
  - `characteristic()`
  - `representation()`
  - `representation_vectors()`
  - `is_field_equivalent()`
  - `is_field_isomorphism()`
  - `has_field_minor()`
  - `fundamental_cycle()`
  - `fundamental_cocycle()`
  - `cross_ratios()`
  - `cross_ratio()`
  - `linear_extension()`
  - `linear_coextension()`
  - `linear_extension_chains()`
  - `linear_coextension_cochains()`
  - `linear_extensions()`
  - `linear_coextensions()`

- **BinaryMatroid** has all of the `LinearMatroid` ones, and
  - `bicycle_dimension()`
  - `brown_invariant()`
  - `is_graphic()`

- **TernaryMatroid** has all of the `LinearMatroid` ones, and
  - `bicycle_dimension()`
  - `character()`

- **QuaternaryMatroid** has all of the `LinearMatroid` ones, and
  - `bicycle_dimension()`

- **RegularMatroid** has all of the `LinearMatroid` ones, and
  - `is_graphic()`

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class sage.matroids.linear_matroid.BinaryMatroid
Bases: sage.matroids.linear_matroid.LinearMatroid

Binary matroids.

A binary matroid is a linear matroid represented over the finite field with two elements. See LinearMatroid for a definition.

The simplest way to create a BinaryMatroid is by giving only a matrix \( A \). Then, the groundset defaults to \( \text{range}(A.n_cols()) \). Any iterable object \( E \) can be given as a groundset. If \( E \) is a list, then \( E[i] \) will label the \( i \)-th column of \( A \). Another possibility is to specify a reduced matrix \( B \), to create the matroid induced by \( A = [I \ B] \).

INPUT:

* matrix -- (default: None) a matrix whose column vectors represent the matroid.
* reduced_matrix -- (default: None) a matrix \( B \) such that \( [I \ B] \) represents the matroid, where \( I \) is an identity matrix with the same number of rows as \( B \). Only one of matrix and reduced_matrix should be provided.
* groundset -- (default: None) an iterable containing the element labels. When provided, must have the correct number of elements: the number of columns of matrix or the number of rows plus the number of columns of reduced_matrix.
* ring -- (default: None) ignored.
* keep_initial_representation -- (default: True) decides whether or not an internal copy of the input matrix should be preserved. This can help to see the structure of the matroid (e.g. in the case of graphic matroids), and makes it easier to look at extensions. However, the input matrix may have redundant rows, and sometimes it is desirable to store only a row-reduced copy.
* basis -- (default: None) When provided, this is an ordered subset of groundset, such that the submatrix of matrix indexed by basis is an identity matrix. In this case, no row reduction takes place in the initialization phase.

OUTPUT:

A BinaryMatroid instance based on the data above.

Note: An indirect way to generate a binary matroid is through the Matroid() function. This is usually the preferred way, since it automatically chooses between BinaryMatroid and other classes. For direct access to the BinaryMatroid constructor, run:

```sage
from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

EXAMPLES:

```sage
A = Matrix(GF(2), 2, 4, [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 1]])
M = Matroid(A)
M
```

Binary matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements, type (0, 6)

```sage
sorted(M.groundset())
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3]
sage: Matrix(M)
[1 0 1 1]
[0 1 1 1]
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=A, groundset='abcd')
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
sage: B = Matrix(GF(2), 2, 2, [[1, 1], [1, 1]])
sage: N = Matroid(reduced_matrix=B, groundset='abcd')
sage: M == N
True
```

`base_ring()`  
Return the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case \( \mathbb{F}_2 \).

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 2
```

`bicycle_dimension()`  
Return the bicycle dimension of the binary matroid.

The *bicycle dimension* of a linear subspace \( V \) is \( \dim(V \cap V^\perp) \). The bicycle dimension of a matroid equals the bicycle dimension of its cocycle-space, and is an invariant for binary matroids. See [Pen2012], [GR2001] for more information.

**OUTPUT:**
Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.bicycle_dimension()
3
```

`binary_matroid(randomized_tests=1, verify=True)`  
Return a binary matroid representing `self`.

**INPUT:**
- `randomized_tests` – Ignored.
- `verify` – Ignored

**OUTPUT:**
A binary matroid.

**ALGORITHM:**
`self` is a binary matroid, so just return `self`.

**See also:**
`M.binary_matroid()`

**EXAMPLES:**

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brown_invariant()  
Return the value of Brown’s invariant for the binary matroid.

For a binary space $V$, consider the sum $B(V) := \sum_{v \in V} i^{|v|}$, where $|v|$ denotes the number of nonzero entries of a binary vector $v$. The value of the Tutte Polynomial in the point $(-i, i)$ can be expressed in terms of $B(V)$, see [Pen2012]. If $|v|$ equals 2 modulo 4 for some $v \in V \cap V^\perp$, then $B(V) = 0$. In this case, Brown’s invariant is not defined. Otherwise, $B(V) = \sqrt{2^k} \exp(\sigma \pi i/4)$ for some integers $k, \sigma$. In that case, $k$ equals the bycycle dimension of $V$, and Brown’s invariant for $V$ is defined as $\sigma$ modulo 8.

The Brown invariant of a binary matroid equals the Brown invariant of its cocycle-space.

OUTPUT:
Integer.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.brown_invariant()
0
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(2), 3, 8, 
....: [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0],
....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0]])
sage: M.brown_invariant() is None
True
```

characteristic()  
Return the characteristic of the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case 2.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.characteristic()
2
```

is_binary(randomized_tests=1)  
Decide if self is a binary matroid.

INPUT:
*randomized_tests – Ignored.

OUTPUT:
A Boolean.

ALGORITHM:
self is a binary matroid, so just return True.

See also:
M.is_binary()

EXAMPLES:
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N.is_binary()
True

**is_graphic()**
Test if the binary matroid is graphic.

A matroid is *graphic* if there exists a graph whose edge set equals the groundset of the matroid, such that a subset of elements of the matroid is independent if and only if the corresponding subgraph is acyclic.

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: R10 = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(2), reduced_matrix=R10.representation(
....:     reduced=True, labels=False))
sage: M.is_graphic()
False
sage: K5 = matroids.CompleteGraphic(5)
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(2), reduced_matrix=K5.representation(
....:     reduced=True, labels=False))
sage: M.is_graphic()
True
sage: M.dual().is_graphic()
False
```

**ALGORITHM:**
In a recent paper, Geelen and Gerards [GG2012] reduced the problem to testing if a system of linear equations has a solution. While not the fastest method, and not necessarily constructive (in the presence of 2-separations especially), it is easy to implement.

**is_valid()**
Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.

Since this is a linear matroid over the field $\mathbb{F}_2$, this is always the case.

**OUTPUT:**
True.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(2), [[]])
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

**class** `sage.matroids.linear_matroid.LinearMatroid`

Linear matroids.

When $A$ is an $r \times E$ matrix, the linear matroid $M[A]$ has ground set $E$ and set of independent sets

$$I(A) = \{ F \subseteq E : \text{the columns of } A \text{ indexed by } F \text{ are linearly independent } \}$$

The simplest way to create a LinearMatroid is by giving only a matrix $A$. Then, the groundset defaults to `range(A.ncols())`. Any iterable object $E$ can be given as a groundset. If $E$ is a list, then $E[i]$ will label
the i-th column of A. Another possibility is to specify a reduced matrix B, to create the matroid induced by
A = [IB].

INPUT:

• matrix – (default: None) a matrix whose column vectors represent the matroid.
• reduced_matrix – (default: None) a matrix B such that [I B] represents the matroid, where I is
an identity matrix with the same number of rows as B. Only one of matrix and reduced_matrix
should be provided.
• groundset – (default: None) an iterable containing the element labels. When provided, must have the
correct number of elements: the number of columns of matrix or the number of rows plus the number
of columns of reduced_matrix.
• ring – (default: None) the desired base ring of the matrix. If the base ring is different, an attempt will be
made to create a new matrix with the correct base ring.
• keep_initial_representation – (default: True) decides whether or not an internal copy of
the input matrix should be preserved. This can help to see the structure of the matroid (e.g. in the case of
graphic matroids), and makes it easier to look at extensions. However, the input matrix may have redundant
rows, and sometimes it is desirable to store only a row-reduced copy.

OUTPUT:

A LinearMatroid instance based on the data above.

Note: The recommended way to generate a linear matroid is through the Matroid() function. It will au-
tomatically choose more optimized classes when present (currently BinaryMatroid, TernaryMatroid,
QuaternaryMatroid, RegularMatroid). For direct access to the LinearMatroid constructor, run:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: A = Matrix(GF(3), 2, 4, [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 2]])
sage: M = LinearMatroid(A)
sage: M
Linear matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements represented over the Finite
Field of size 3
[[0, 1, 2, 3]
[1 0 1 1]
[0 1 1 2]
sage: M = LinearMatroid(A, 'abcd')
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
sage: B = Matrix(GF(3), 2, 2, [[1, 1], [1, 2]])
sage: N = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix=B, groundset='abcd')
sage: M == N
True
```

```
base_ring()

Return the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid.

EXAMPLES:
```

```python
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=Matrix(GF(5), [[1, 0, 1, 1, 1], ....: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]]))
sage: M.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 5
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=Matrix(GF(5), [[1, 0, 1, 1, 1], ....: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]]))
sage: M.characteristic()
5
```

**cross_ratio(F, a, b, c, d)**

Return the cross ratio of the four ordered points a, b, c, d after contracting a flat F of codimension 2.

Consider the following matrix with columns labeled by \{a, b, c, d\}.

```
  1 0 1 1
  0 1 x 1
```

The cross ratio of the ordered tuple (a, b, c, d) equals x. This method looks at such minors where F is a flat to be contracted, and all remaining elements other than a, b, c, d are deleted.

**INPUT:**
- F – A flat of codimension 2
- a, b, c, d – elements of the groundset

**OUTPUT:**

The cross ratio of the four points on the line obtained by contracting F.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1], ....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 4], ....: [0, 0, 1, 3, 2, 6]]))
sage: M.cross_ratio([0], 1, 2, 3, 5)
4
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(7), matrix=[[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: M.cross_ratio(set(), 0, 1, 2, 3)
Traceback (most recent call last):...
ValueError: points a, b, c, d do not form a 4-point line in M/F
```

**cross_ratios(hyperlines=None)**

Return the set of cross ratios that occur in this linear matroid.

Consider the following matrix with columns labeled by \{a, b, c, d\}.

```
  1 0 1 1
  0 1 x 1
```

The cross ratio of the ordered tuple (a, b, c, d) equals x. The set of all cross ratios of a matroid is the set of cross ratios of all such minors.

**INPUT:**

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• hyperlines – (optional) a set of flats of the matroid, of rank \( r - 2 \), where \( r \) is the rank of the matroid. If not given, then hyperlines defaults to all such flats.

OUTPUT:
A list of all cross ratios of this linearly represented matroid that occur in rank-2 minors that arise by contracting a flat \( F \) in hyperlines (so by default, those are all cross ratios).

See also:

\[ M.\text{cross}\_\text{ratio}() \]

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1], ....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 4], ....: [0, 0, 1, 3, 2, 5]]))
sage: sorted(M.cross_ratios())
[2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(5)
sage: M.cross_ratios()
set()
```

dual()

Return the dual of the matroid.

Let \( M \) be a matroid with ground set \( E \). If \( B \) is the set of bases of \( M \), then the set \( \{ E - b : b \in B \} \) is the set of bases of another matroid, the **dual of** \( M \).

If the matroid is represented by \([I_1 \; A]\), then the dual is represented by \([-A^T \; I_2]\) for appropriately sized identity matrices \( I_1, I_2 \).

OUTPUT:
The dual matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: A = Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 1, 0, 1], ....: [1, 0, 1, 1], ....: [0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: B = - A.transpose()
sage: Matroid(reduced_matrix=A).dual() == Matroid( ....: reduced_matrix=B, ....: groundset=[3, 4, 5, 6, 0, 1, 2])
True
```

fundamental_cocycle(\(B, e\))

Return the fundamental cycle, relative to \( B \), containing element \( e \).

This is the **fundamental cocircuit** together with an appropriate signing from the field, such that \( Av = 0 \), where \( A \) is a representation matrix of the dual, and \( v \) the vector corresponding to the output.

INPUT:
- \( B \) – a basis of the matroid
- \( e \) – an element of the basis

OUTPUT:
A dictionary mapping elements of \( \text{M.fundamental_cocircuit}(B, e) \) to elements of the ring.

See also:
**M.fundamental_cocircuit()**

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 4]]))
sage: v = M.fundamental_cocycle([0, 1], 0)
[1, 1, 1]
sage: frozenset(v.keys()) == M.fundamental_cocircuit([0, 1], 0)
True
```

**fundamental_cycle(B, e)**

Return the fundamental cycle, relative to B, containing element e.

This is the fundamental circuit together with an appropriate signing from the field, such that \(A\nu = 0\), where \(A\) is the representation matrix, and \(\nu\) the vector corresponding to the output.

**INPUT:**

- B – a basis of the matroid
- e – an element outside the basis

**OUTPUT:**

A dictionary mapping elements of M.fundamental_circuit(B, e) to elements of the ring.

**See also:**

M.fundamental_circuit()

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 4]]))
sage: v = M.fundamental_cycle([0, 1], 3)
[6, 3, 1]
sage: frozenset(v.keys()) == M.fundamental_circuit([0, 1], 3)
True
```

**has_field_minor(N)**

Check if self has a minor field isomorphic to N.

**INPUT:**

- N – A matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

M.minor(), M.is_field_isomorphic()

**Todo**

This important method can (and should) be optimized considerably. See [Hli2006] p.1219 for hints to that end.

**EXAMPLES:**
```python
sage: M = matroids.Whirl(3)
sage: matroids.named_matroids.Fano().has_field_minor(M)
False
sage: matroids.named_matroids.NonFano().has_field_minor(M)
True
```

**has_line_minor** (*k*, **hyperlines**=*None*, **certificate**=*False*)

Test if the matroid has a $U_{2,k}$-minor.

The matroid $U_{2,k}$ is a matroid on $k$ elements in which every subset of at most 2 elements is independent, and every subset of more than two elements is dependent.

The optional argument **hyperlines** restricts the search space: this method returns `True` if $si(M/F)$ is isomorphic to $U_{2,l}$ with $l \geq k$ for some $F$ in **hyperlines**, and `False` otherwise.

**INPUT:**

- **k** – the length of the line minor
- **hyperlines** – (default: None) a set of flats of codimension 2. Defaults to the set of all flats of codimension 2.
- **certificate** (default: False): If True returns `True`, $F$, where $F$ is a flat and self.minor(contractions=$F$) has a $U_{2,k}$ restriction or `False`, `None`.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean or tuple.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.has_line_minor(4)
True
sage: M.has_line_minor(5)
False
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=4, hyperlines=['a', 'b', 'c'])
False
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=4, hyperlines=['a', 'b', 'c'],
....: ['a', 'b', 'd'])
True
sage: M.has_line_minor(4, certificate=True)
(True, frozenset({'a', 'b', 'd'}))
```

**is_field_equivalent** (**other**)

Test for matroid representation equality.

Two linear matroids $M$ and $N$ with representation matrices $A$ and $B$ are field equivalent if they have the same groundset, and the identity map between the groundsets is an isomorphism between the representations $A$ and $B$. That is, one can be turned into the other using only row operations and column scaling.

**INPUT:**

- **other** – A matroid.

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

See also:

\( M.equals() \), \( M.is_field_isomorphism() \), \( M.is_field_isomorphic() \)

**EXAMPLES:**

A `BinaryMatroid` and `LinearMatroid` use different representations of the matroid internally, so `==` yields `False`, even if the matroids are equal:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M1 = LinearMatroid(Matrix(M), groundset=M.groundset_list())
sage: M2 = Matroid(groundset='abcdefg',
                reduced_matrix=[[0, 1, 1, 1],
                                [1, 0, 1, 1],
                                [1, 1, 0, 1]],
                field=GF(2))
sage: M.equals(M1)
True
sage: M.equals(M2)
True
sage: M.is_field_equivalent(M1)
True
sage: M.is_field_equivalent(M2)
True
sage: M == M1
False
sage: M == M2
True
```

`LinearMatroid` instances \( M \) and \( N \) satisfy \( M == N \) if the representations are equivalent up to row operations and column scaling:

```
sage: M1 = Matroid(groundset='abcd',
                matrix=Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 2]]))
sage: M2 = Matroid(groundset='abcd',
                matrix=Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 3]]))
sage: M3 = Matroid(groundset='abcd',
                matrix=Matrix(GF(7), [[2, 6, 1, 0], [6, 1, 0, 1]]))
sage: M1.equals(M2)
True
sage: M1.equals(M3)
True
sage: M1 == M2
False
sage: M1 == M3
True
sage: M1.is_field_equivalent(M2)
False
sage: M1.is_field_equivalent(M3)
True
sage: M1.is_field_equivalent(M1)
True
```

`is_field_isomorphic(other)`

Test isomorphism between matroid representations.

Two represented matroids are `field isomorphic` if there is a bijection between their groundsets that induces a field equivalence between their representation matrices: the matrices are equal up to row operations and
column scaling. This implies that the matroids are isomorphic, but the converse is false: two isomorphic matroids can be represented by matrices that are not field equivalent.

**INPUT:**

- `other` – A matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

`M.is_isomorphic()`, `M.is_field_isomorphism()`, `M.is_field_equivalent()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M1 = matroids.Wheel(3)
sage: M2 = matroids.CompleteGraphic(4)
sage: M1.is_field_isomorphic(M2)
True
sage: M3 = Matroid(bases=M1.bases())
sage: M1.is_field_isomorphic(M3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
... AttributeError: 'sage.matroids.basis_matroid.BasisMatroid' object has no attribute 'base_ring'
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M4 = BinaryMatroid(Matrix(M1))
sage: M5 = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix=Matrix(GF(2), [[-1, 0, 1],
... [1, -1, 0], [0, 1, -1]]))
sage: M4.is_field_isomorphic(M5)
True
sage: M1 = Matroid(groundset=[0, 1, 2, 3], matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
... [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 2, 1]]))
sage: M2 = Matroid(groundset=[0, 1, 2, 3], matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
... [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 2, 1]]))
sage: M1.is_field_isomorphic(M2)
True
sage: M1.is_field_equivalent(M2)
False
```

**is_field_isomorphism**(other, morphism)

Test if a provided morphism induces a bijection between represented matroids.

Two represented matroids are field isomorphic if the bijection `morphism` between them induces a field equivalence between their representation matrices: the matrices are equal up to row operations and column scaling. This implies that the matroids are isomorphic, but the converse is false: two isomorphic matroids can be represented by matrices that are not field equivalent.

**INPUT:**

- `other` – A matroid.

- `morphism` – A map from the groundset of `self` to the groundset of `other`. See documentation of the `M.is_isomorphism()` method for more on what is accepted as input.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean.

**See also:**

...
M.is_isomorphism(), M.is_field_equivalent(), M.is_field_isomorphic()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.is_field_isomorphism(M, {e:e for e in M.groundset()})
False

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano() \ ['g']
sage: N = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix=Matrix(GF(2),
.....:     [[-1, 0, 1], [1, -1, 0], [0, 1, -1]]))
sage: morphism = {'a':0, 'b':1, 'c': 2, 'd':4, 'e':5, 'f':3}
sage: M.is_field_isomorphism(N, morphism)
True

sage: M1 = Matroid(groundset=[0, 1, 2, 3], matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
.....:     [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 2, 1]]))
sage: M2 = Matroid(groundset=[0, 1, 2, 3], matrix=Matrix(GF(7),
.....:     [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 2, 1]]))
sage: mf1 = {0:0, 1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
sage: mf2 = {0:0, 1:1, 2:3, 3:2}
```

**is_valid()**
Test if the data represent an actual matroid.

Since this matroid is linear, we test the representation matrix.

**OUTPUT:**

- True if the matrix is over a field.
- True if the matrix is over a ring and all cross ratios are invertible.
- False otherwise.

**Note:** This function does NOT test if the cross ratios are contained in the appropriate set of fundamentals. To that end, use M.cross_ratios().issubset(F) where F is the set of fundamentals.

**See also:**
M.cross_ratios()

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(ring=QQ, reduced_matrix=Matrix(ZZ,
.....:     [[1, 0, 1, 1], [1, 1, 0], [0, 1, 1]]))
```

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sage: M.is_valid()
False

**linear_coextension** *(element, cochain=\texttt{None}, row=\texttt{None})*

Return a linear coextension of this matroid.

A *linear coextension* of the represented matroid $M$ by element $e$ is a matroid represented by

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
A & 0 \\
-c & 1
\end{bmatrix},
$$

where $A$ is a representation matrix of $M$, $c$ is a new row, and the last column is labeled by $e$.

This is the dual method of $M.linear_extension()$.

**INPUT:**

- `element` – the name of the new element.
- `row` – (default: `None`) a row to be appended to `self.representation()`.
- `cochain` – (default: `None`) a dictionary that maps elements of the ground set to elements of the base ring.

**OUTPUT:**

A linear matroid $N = M([A0; -c1])$, where $A$ is a matrix such that the current matroid is $M[A]$, and $c$ is either given by `row` (relative to `self.representation()`) or has nonzero entries given by `cochain`.

**Note:** The minus sign is to ensure this method commutes with dualizing. See the last example.

**See also:**

$M.coextension()$, $M.linear_extension()$, $M.dual()$

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0],
....: [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0],
....: [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1],
....: [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]])

sage: M.linear_coextension(6, {0:1, 5: 1}).representation()
[1 1 0 1 0 0 0]
[1 0 1 0 1 0 0]
[0 1 1 0 0 1 0]
[0 0 0 1 1 1 0]
[1 0 0 0 0 1 1]

sage: M.linear_coextension(6, row=[0,1,1,1,0,1]).representation()
[1 1 0 1 0 0 0]
[1 0 1 0 1 0 0]
[0 1 1 0 0 1 0]
[0 0 0 1 1 1 0]
[0 1 1 1 0 1 1]
```

Coextending commutes with dualizing:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: chain = {'a': 1, 'b': -1, 'f': 1}
sage: M1 = M.linear_coextension('x', chain)
```
### linear_coextension_cochains

Create a list of cochains that determine the single-element coextensions of this linear matroid representation.

A cochain is a dictionary, mapping elements from the groundset to elements of the base ring. If $A$ represents the current matroid, then the coextension is given by $N = M([A0; -c1])$, with the entries of $c$ given by the cochain. Note that the matroid does not change when row operations are carried out on $A$.

**INPUT:**
- $F$ – (default: self.groundset()) a subset of the groundset.
- `cosimple` – (default: False) a boolean variable.
- `fundamentals` – (default: None) a set elements of the base ring.

**OUTPUT:**
A list of cochains, so each single-element coextension of this linear matroid representation is given by one of these cochains.

If one or more of the above inputs is given, the list is restricted to chains
- so that the support of each cochain lies in $F$, if given
- so that the cochain does not generate a series extension or coloop, if `cosimple = True`
- so that in the coextension generated by this cochain, the cross ratios are restricted to `fundamentals`, if given.

**See also:**
- `M.linear_coextension()`, `M.linear_coextensions()`, `M.cross_ratios()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(reduced_matrix=Matrix(GF(2),
       ....:    [[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]])
sage: len(M.linear_coextension_cochains())
8
sage: len(M.linear_coextension_cochains(F=[0, 1]))
4
sage: len(M.linear_coextension_cochains(F=[0, 1], cosimple=True))
0
sage: M.linear_coextension_cochains(F=[3, 4, 5], cosimple=True)
[{{3: 1, 4: 1, 5: 1}}]
```

### linear_coextensions

Create a list of linear matroids represented by corank-preserving single-element coextensions of this linear matroid representation.

**INPUT:**
- `element` – (default: None) the name of the new element of the groundset.
• **F** – (default: None) a subset of the ground set.
• **cosimple** – (default: False) a boolean variable.
• **fundamentals** – (default: None) a set elements of the base ring.

**OUTPUT:**

A list of linear matroids represented by corank-preserving single-element coextensions of this linear matroid representation. In particular, the coextension by a loop is not generated.

If one or more of the above inputs is given, the list is restricted to coextensions

• so that the new element lies in the cospan of F, if given.
• so that the new element is no coloop and is not in series with another element, if cosimple = True.
• so that in the representation of the coextension, the cross ratios are restricted to fundamentals, if given. Note that it is assumed that the cross ratios of the input matroid already satisfy this condition.

**See also:**

*M.linear_coextension()*,  
*M.linear_coextension_cochains()*,  
*M.cross_ratios()*

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(2),  
....: reduced_matrix=[[[-1, 0, 1], [1, -1, 0], [0, 1, -1]])
len(M.linear_coextensions())
8
sage: S = M.linear_coextensions(cosimple=True)
sage: S
[Binary matroid of rank 4 on 7 elements, type (3, 7)]
sage: F7 = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: S[0].is_field_isomorphic(F7.dual())
True
sage: S = M.linear_coextensions(cosimple=True,  
....: fundamentals=[1, -1, 1/2, 2])
sage: len(S)
7
sage: NF7 = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: any(N.is_isomorphic(NF7.dual()) for N in S)
True
sage: len(M.linear_coextensions(cosimple=True,  
....: fundamentals=[1, -1, 1/2, 2],  
....: F=[3, 4]))
1
```

**linear_extension** *(element, chain=None, col=None)*

Return a linear extension of this matroid.

A linear extension of the represented matroid M by element e is a matroid represented by $[A \ b]$, where A is a representation matrix of M and b is a new column labeled by e.

**INPUT:**

• **element** – the name of the new element.
• **col** – (default: None) a column to be appended to self.representation(). Can be any iterable.
• **chain** – (default: None) a dictionary that maps elements of the ground set to elements of the base ring.

**OUTPUT:**

A linear matroid \( N = M([A \ b]) \), where \( A \) is a matrix such that the current matroid is \( M[A] \), and \( b \) is either given by \( \text{col} \) or is a weighted combination of columns of \( A \), the weights being given by \( \text{chain} \).

See also:

\( \text{M.extension()} \).

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
M = Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0],
...: [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0],
...: [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1],
...: [0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: M.linear_extension(6, {0:1, 5: 1}).representation()
[1 1 0 1 0 0 1]
[1 0 1 0 1 0 1]
[0 1 1 0 0 1 1]
[0 0 0 1 1 1 1]
sage: M.linear_extension(6, col=[0, 1, 1, 1]).representation()
[1 1 0 1 0 0 0]
[1 0 1 0 1 0 1]
[0 1 1 0 0 1 1]
[0 0 0 1 1 1 1]
```

**linear_extension_chains** (\( F=None, \text{simple}=False, \text{fundamentals}=None \))

Create a list of chains that determine the single-element extensions of this linear matroid representation.

A *chain* is a dictionary, mapping elements from the groundset to elements of the base ring, indicating a linear combination of columns to form the new column. Think of chains as vectors, only independent of representation.

**INPUT:**

• \( F \) – (default: \( \text{self.groundset()} \)) a subset of the groundset.

• \( \text{simple} \) – (default: False) a boolean variable.

• \( \text{fundamentals} \) – (default: None) a set elements of the base ring.

**OUTPUT:**

A list of chains, so each single-element extension of this linear matroid representation is given by one of these chains.

If one or more of the above inputs is given, the list is restricted to chains

• so that the support of each chain lies in \( F \), if given

• so that the chain does not generate a parallel extension or loop, if \( \text{simple} = \text{True} \)

• so that in the extension generated by this chain, the cross ratios are restricted to \( \text{fundamentals} \), if given.

See also:

\( \text{M.linear_extension()}, \text{M.linear_extensions()}, \text{M.cross_ratios()} \)

**EXAMPLES:**

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sage: M = Matroid(reduced_matrix=Matrix(GF(2),
....: [[1, 1, 0], [1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1]]))
sage: len(M.linear_extension_chains())
8
sage: len(M.linear_extension_chains(F=[0, 1]))
4
sage: len(M.linear_extension_chains(F=[0, 1], simple=True))
0
sage: M.linear_extension_chains(F=[0, 1, 2], simple=True)
[{0: 1, 1: 1, 2: 1}]

linear_extensions (element=None, F=None, simple=False, fundamentals=None)

Create a list of linear matroids represented by rank-preserving single-element extensions of this linear
matroid representation.

INPUT:

• element – (default: None) the name of the new element of the groundset.
• F – (default: None) a subset of the ground set.
• simple – (default: False) a boolean variable.
• fundamentals – (default: None) a set elements of the base ring.

OUTPUT:

A list of linear matroids represented by rank-preserving single-element extensions of this linear matroid
representation. In particular, the extension by a coloop is not generated.

If one or more of the above inputs is given, the list is restricted to matroids

• so that the new element is spanned by F, if given
• so that the new element is not a loop or in a parallel pair, if simple=True
• so that in the representation of the extension, the cross ratios are restricted to fundamentals, if
given. Note that it is assumed that the cross ratios of the input matroid already satisfy this condition.

See also:

M.linear_extension(), M.linear_extension_chains(), M.cross_ratios()
representation \((B=None,\ reduced=False,\ labels=None,\ order=None,\ lift_map=None)\)

Return a matrix representing the matroid.

Let \(M\) be a matroid on \(n\) elements with rank \(r\). Let \(E\) be an ordering of the groundset, as output by \(M\).groundset_list(). A representation of the matroid is an \(rimesn\) matrix with the following property. Consider column \(i\) to be labeled by \(E[i]\), and denote by \(A[F]\) the submatrix formed by the columns labeled by the subset \(F \subseteq E\). Then for all \(F \subseteq E\), the columns of \(A[F]\) are linearly independent if and only if \(F\) is an independent set in the matroid.

A reduced representation is a matrix \(D\) such that \([I\ D]\) is a representation of the matroid, where \(I\) is an \(rimesr\) identity matrix. In this case, the rows of \(D\) are considered to be labeled by the first \(r\) elements of the list \(E\), and the columns by the remaining \(n - r\) elements.

INPUT:

- \(B\) – (default: None) a subset of elements. When provided, the representation is such that a basis \(B'\) that maximally intersects \(B\) is an identity matrix.
- \(\text{reduced}\) – (default: False) when True, return a reduced matrix \(D\) (so \([I\ D]\) is a representation of the matroid). Otherwise return a full representation matrix.
- \(\text{labels}\) – (default: None) when True, return additionally a list of column labels (if \(\text{reduced}=\text{False}\) or a list of row labels and a list of column labels (if \(\text{reduced}=\text{True}\)). The default setting, None, will not return the labels for a full matrix, but will return the labels for a reduced matrix.
- \(\text{order}\) – (default: None) an ordering of the groundset elements. If provided, the columns (and, in case of a reduced representation, rows) will be presented in the given order.
- \(\text{lift_map}\) – (default: None) a dictionary containing the cross ratios of the representing matrix in it’s domain. If provided, the representation will be transformed by mapping its cross ratios according to \(\text{lift_map}\).

OUTPUT:

- \(A\) – a full or reduced representation matrix of \(self\); or
- \((A, E)\) – a full representation matrix \(A\) and a list \(E\) of column labels; or
- \((A, R, C)\) – a reduced representation matrix and a list \(R\) of row labels and a list \(C\) of column labels.

If \(B==\text{None}\) and \(\text{reduced}\==\text{False}\) and \(\text{order}\==\text{None}\) then this method will always output the same matrix (except when \(M._\text{forget}()\) is called): either the matrix used as input to create the matroid, or a matrix in which the \text{lexicographically least basis} corresponds to an identity. If only \(\text{order}\) is not \(\text{None}\), the columns of this matrix will be permuted accordingly.

If a \(\text{lift_map}\) is provided, then the resulting matrix will be lifted using the method \(\text{lift_cross_ratios}()\) See the docstring of this method for further details.

\textbf{Note:} A shortcut for \(M\).representation() is \(\text{Matrix}(M)\).
EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.representation()
[1 0 0 0 1 1 1]
[0 1 0 1 0 1 1]
[0 0 1 1 1 0 1]
sage: Matrix(M) == M.representation()
True
sage: M.representation(labels=True)
([1 0 0 0 1 1 1]
 [0 1 0 1 0 1 1]
 [0 0 1 1 1 0 1], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g'])
sage: M.representation(B='efg')
[1 1 0 1 1 0 0]
[1 0 1 1 0 1 0]
[1 1 1 0 0 0 1]
sage: M.representation(B='efg', order='efgabcd')
[1 0 0 1 1 0 1]
[0 1 0 1 0 1 1]
[0 0 1 1 1 0 1]
sage: M.representation(B='abc', reduced=True)
([0 1 1 1]
 [1 0 1 1]
 [1 1 0 1], ['a', 'b', 'c'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'])
sage: M.representation(B='efg', reduced=True, labels=False, order='gfeabcd')
[1 1 1 0]
[1 0 1 1]
[1 1 0 1]
```

`representation_vectors()`

Return a dictionary that associates a column vector with each element of the matroid.

See also:

`M.representation()`

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: E = M.groundset_list()
sage: [M.representation_vectors()[e] for e in E]
[(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)]
```

class `sage.matroids.linear_matroid.QuaternaryMatroid`

Bases: `sage.matroids.linear_matroid.LinearMatroid`

Quaternary matroids.

A quaternary matroid is a linear matroid represented over the finite field with four elements. See `LinearMatroid` for a definition.

The simplest way to create a `QuaternaryMatroid` is by giving only a matrix $\mathbf{A}$. Then, the groundset defaults to `range(A.ncols())`. Any iterable object $E$ can be given as a groundset. If $E$ is a list, then $E[i]$ will
label the $i$-th column of $A$. Another possibility is to specify a ‘reduced’ matrix $B$, to create the matroid induced by $A = [I \ B]$.

INPUT:

- `matrix` – (default: None) a matrix whose column vectors represent the matroid.
- `reduced_matrix` – (default: None) a matrix $B$ such that $[I \ B]$ represents the matroid, where $I$ is an identity matrix with the same number of rows as $B$. Only one of `matrix` and `reduced_matrix` should be provided.
- `groundset` – (default: None) an iterable containing the element labels. When provided, must have the correct number of elements: the number of columns of `matrix` or the number of rows plus the number of columns of `reduced_matrix`.
- `ring` – (default: None) must be a copy of $F_4$.
- `keep_initial_representation` – (default: True) boolean. Decides whether or not an internal copy of the input matrix should be preserved. This can help to see the structure of the matroid (e.g. in the case of graphic matroids), and makes it easier to look at extensions. However, the input matrix may have redundant rows, and sometimes it is desirable to store only a row-reduced copy.
- `basis` – (default: None) When provided, this is an ordered subset of `groundset`, such that the submatrix of `matrix` indexed by `basis` is an identity matrix. In this case, no row reduction takes place in the initialization phase.

OUTPUT:

A `QuaternaryMatroid` instance based on the data above.

**Note:** The recommended way to generate a quaternary matroid is through the `Matroid()` function. This is usually the preferred way, since it automatically chooses between `QuaternaryMatroid` and other classes. For direct access to the `QuaternaryMatroid` constructor, run:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: GF4 = GF(4, 'x')
sage: x = GF4.gens()[0]
sage: A = Matrix(GF4, 2, 4, [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, x]])
sage: M = Matroid(A)
sage: M
Quaternary matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements

sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3]
sage: Matrix(M)
[1 0 1 1]
[0 1 1 x]
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=A, groundset='abcd')
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
sage: GF4p = GF(4, 'y')
sage: y = GF4p.gens()[0]
sage: B = Matrix(GF4p, 2, 2, [[1, 1], [1, y]])
sage: N = Matroid(reduced_matrix=B, groundset='abcd')
sage: M == N
False
```

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**base_ring()**

Return the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case \( F_4 \).

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(4, 'y'), reduced_matrix=[[1, 0, 1],
......: [0, 1, 1]])
sage: M.base_ring()
Finite Field in y of size 2^2
```

**bicycle_dimension()**

Return the bicycle dimension of the quaternary matroid.

The bicycle dimension of a linear subspace \( V \) is \( \dim(V \cap V^\perp) \). We use the inner product \( <v, w> = v_1w_1^* + ... + v_nw_n^* \), where \( w_i^* \) is obtained from \( w_i \) by applying the unique nontrivial field automorphism of \( F_4 \).

The bicycle dimension of a matroid equals the bicycle dimension of its rowspace, and is a matroid invariant. See [Pen2012].

**OUTPUT:**

Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Q10()
sage: M.bicycle_dimension()
0
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of the base ring of the matroid, in this case 2.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(4, 'y'), reduced_matrix=[[1, 0, 1],
......: [0, 1, 1]])
sage: M.characteristic()
2
```

**is_valid()**

Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.

Since this is a linear matroid over the field \( F_4 \), this is always the case.

**OUTPUT:**

True.

**EXAMPLES:**

```
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(4, 'x'), [[]]))
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

**class** `sage.matroids.linear_matroid.RegularMatroid`

**Bases:** `sage.matroids.linear_matroid.LinearMatroid`

Regular matroids.

A regular matroid is a linear matroid represented over the integers by a totally unimodular matrix.
The simplest way to create a `RegularMatroid` is by giving only a matrix $A$. Then, the groundset defaults to \(\text{range}(A.\text{ncols}())\). Any iterable object $E$ can be given as a groundset. If $E$ is a list, then $E[i]$ will label the $i$-th column of $A$. Another possibility is to specify a ‘reduced’ matrix $B$, to create the matroid induced by $A = [IB]$.

**INPUT:**

- `matrix` – (default: None) a matrix whose column vectors represent the matroid.
- `reduced_matrix` – (default: None) a matrix $B$ such that $[I \ B]$ represents the matroid, where $I$ is an identity matrix with the same number of rows as $B$. Only one of `matrix` and `reduced_matrix` should be provided.
- `groundset` – (default: None) an iterable containing the element labels. When provided, must have the correct number of elements: the number of columns of `matrix` or the number of rows plus the number of columns of `reduced_matrix`.
- `ring` – (default: None) ignored.
- `keep_initial_representation` – (default: True) boolean. Decides whether or not an internal copy of the input matrix should be preserved. This can help to see the structure of the matroid (e.g. in the case of graphic matroids), and makes it easier to look at extensions. However, the input matrix may have redundant rows, and sometimes it is desirable to store only a row-reduced copy.
- `basis` – (default: None) when provided, this is an ordered subset of `groundset`, such that the submatrix of `matrix` indexed by `basis` is an identity matrix. In this case, no row reduction takes place in the initialization phase.

**OUTPUT:**

A `RegularMatroid` instance based on the data above.

**Note:** The recommended way to generate a regular matroid is through the `Matroid()` function. This is usually the preferred way, since it automatically chooses between `RegularMatroid` and other classes. Moreover, it will test whether the input actually yields a regular matroid, unlike this class. For direct access to the `RegularMatroid` constructor, run:

```sage
from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

**Warning:** No checks are performed to ensure the input data form an actual regular matroid! If not, the behavior is unpredictable, and the internal representation can get corrupted. If in doubt, run `self.is_valid()` to ensure the data are as desired.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
A = Matrix(ZZ, 2, 4, [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: M = Matroid(A, regular=True)
sage: M
Regular matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements with 5 bases
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3]
sage: Matrix(M)
[1 0 1 1]
[0 1 1 1]
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=A, groundset='abcd', regular=True)
```

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base_ring()

Return the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case $\mathbb{Z}$.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M.base_ring()
Integer Ring
```

bases_count()

Count the number of bases.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(5)
sage: M.bases_count()
125
```

ALGORITHM:

Since the matroid is regular, we use Kirchhoff’s Matrix-Tree Theorem. See also Wikipedia article Kirchhoff’s_theorem.

binary_matroid(randomized_tests=1, verify=True)

Return a binary matroid representing self.

INPUT:

• randomized_tests – Ignored.
• verify – Ignored

OUTPUT:

A binary matroid.

ALGORITHM:

self is a regular matroid, so just cast self to a BinaryMatroid.

See also:

M.binary_matroid()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: N.binary_matroid()
Binary matroid of rank 5 on 10 elements, type (1, None)
```

c characteristic()

Return the characteristic of the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case 0.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M.characteristic()
0
```
**has_line_minor** *(k, hyperlines=None, certificate=False)*

Test if the matroid has a $U_{2,k}$-minor.

The matroid $U_{2,k}$ is a matroid on $k$ elements in which every subset of at most 2 elements is independent, and every subset of more than two elements is dependent.

The optional argument hyperlines restricts the search space: this method returns True if $si(M/F)$ is isomorphic to $U_{2,l}$ with $l \geq k$ for some $F$ in hyperlines, and False otherwise.

**INPUT:**

- **k** – the length of the line minor
- **hyperlines** – (default: None) a set of flats of codimension 2. Defaults to the set of all flats of codimension 2.
- **certificate** (default: False); If True returns True, F, where F is a flat and self.
  minor(contractions=F) has a $U_{2,k}$ restriction or False, None.

**OUTPUT:**

Boolean or tuple.

**See also:**

*Matroid.has_minor()*

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M.has_line_minor(4)
False
sage: M.has_line_minor(4, certificate=True)
(False, None)
sage: M.has_line_minor(3)
True
sage: M.has_line_minor(3, certificate=True)
(True, frozenset({‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’, ‘g’}))
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=3, hyperlines=[[‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’], ...
.....: [‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’]])
True
sage: M.has_line_minor(k=3, hyperlines=[[‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’], ...
.....: [‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’]], certificate=True)
(True, frozenset({‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’}))
```

**is_binary** *(randomized_tests=1)*

Decide if self is a binary matroid.

**INPUT:**

- **randomized_tests** – Ignored.

**OUTPUT:**

A Boolean.

**ALGORITHM:**

self is a regular matroid, so just return True.

**See also:**

* M.is_binary()

**EXAMPLES:**

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is_graphic()

Test if the regular matroid is graphic.

A matroid is graphic if there exists a graph whose edge set equals the groundset of the matroid, such that a subset of elements of the matroid is independent if and only if the corresponding subgraph is acyclic.

OUTPUT:

Boolean.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M.is_graphic()
False
sage: M = matroids.CompleteGraphic(5)
sage: M.is_graphic()
True
sage: M.dual().is_graphic()
False
```

ALGORITHM:

In a recent paper, Geelen and Gerards [GG2012] reduced the problem to testing if a system of linear equations has a solution. While not the fastest method, and not necessarily constructive (in the presence of 2-separations especially), it is easy to implement.

is_ternary(randomized_tests=1)

Decide if self is a ternary matroid.

INPUT:

• randomized_tests – Ignored.

OUTPUT:

A Boolean.

ALGORITHM:

self is a regular matroid, so just return True.

See also:

M.is_ternary()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: N.is_ternary()
True
```

is_valid()

Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.

Since this is a regular matroid, this function tests if the representation matrix is totally unimodular, i.e. if all square submatrices have determinant in \{-1, 0, 1\}.

OUTPUT:
Boolean.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(ZZ, [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1],
....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1]],
....: regular=True, check=False)
```

```python
sage: M.is_valid()
False
```

```python
sage: M = Matroid(graphs.PetersenGraph())
```

```python
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

```python
ternary_matroid(randomized_tests=1, verify=True)
```

Return a ternary matroid representing self.

INPUT:

• `randomized_tests` – Ignored.
• `verify` – Ignored

OUTPUT:

A ternary matroid.

ALGORITHM:

self is a regular matroid, so just cast self to a TernaryMatroid.

See also:

`M.ternary_matroid()`

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
```

```python
sage: N.ternary_matroid()
```

A ternary matroid is a linear matroid represented over the finite field with three elements. See `LinearMatroid` for a definition.

The simplest way to create a `TernaryMatroid` is by giving only a matrix \( A \). Then, the groundset defaults to \( \text{range}(\text{A.ncols}) \). Any iterable object \( E \) can be given as a groundset. If \( E \) is a list, then \( E[i] \) will label the \( i \)-th column of \( A \). Another possibility is to specify a ‘reduced’ matrix \( B \), to create the matroid induced by \( A = [I B] \).

INPUT:

• `matrix` – (default: None) a matrix whose column vectors represent the matroid.
• `reduced_matrix` – (default: None) a matrix \( B \) such that \( [I B] \) represents the matroid, where \( I \) is an identity matrix with the same number of rows as \( B \). Only one of `matrix` and `reduced_matrix` should be provided.
• **groundset** – (default: None) an iterable containing the element labels. When provided, must have the correct number of elements: the number of columns of `matrix` or the number of rows plus the number of columns of `reduced_matrix`.

• **ring** – (default: None) ignored.

• **keep_initial_representation** – (default: True) boolean. Decides whether or not an internal copy of the input matrix should be preserved. This can help to see the structure of the matroid (e.g. in the case of graphic matroids), and makes it easier to look at extensions. However, the input matrix may have redundant rows, and sometimes it is desirable to store only a row-reduced copy.

• **basis** – (default: None) when provided, this is an ordered subset of `groundset`, such that the submatrix of `matrix` indexed by `basis` is an identity matrix. In this case, no row reduction takes place in the initialization phase.

**OUTPUT:**

A `TernaryMatroid` instance based on the data above.

**Note:** The recommended way to generate a ternary matroid is through the `Matroid()` function. This is usually the preferred way, since it automatically chooses between `TernaryMatroid` and other classes. For direct access to the `TernaryMatroid` constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: A = Matrix(GF(3), 2, 4, [[1, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 1]])
sage: M = Matroid(A)
sage: M
Ternary matroid of rank 2 on 4 elements, type 0-
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
[0, 1, 2, 3]
sage: Matrix(M)
[1 0 1 1]
[0 1 1 1]
sage: M = Matroid(matrix=A, groundset='abcd')
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
sage: B = Matrix(GF(2), 2, 2, [[1, 1], [1, 1]])
sage: N = Matroid(ring=GF(3), reduced_matrix=B, groundset='abcd')
sage: M == N
True
```

**base_ring()**

Return the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case $\mathbb{F}_3$.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 3
```

**bicycle_dimension()**

Return the bicycle dimension of the ternary matroid.

The bicycle dimension of a linear subspace $V$ is $\dim(V \cap V^\perp)$. The bicycle dimension of a matroid equals the bicycle dimension of its rowspace, and is a matroid invariant. See [Pen2012].
OUTPUT:
Integer.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.bicycle_dimension()
0
```

code

```python
character()  
Return the character of the ternary matroid. 

For a linear subspace \(V\) over \(GF(3)\) with orthogonal basis
\(q_1, \ldots, q_k\) the character equals the product of
\(|q_i|\) modulo 3, where the product ranges over the
\(i\) such that \(|q_i|\) is not divisible by 3. The character does
not depend on the choice of the orthogonal basis. The character of a ternary matroid equals the character
of its cocycle-space, and is an invariant for ternary matroids. See [Pen2012].

OUTPUT:
Integer.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.character()  
2
```

characteristic()  
Return the characteristic of the base ring of the matrix representing the matroid, in this case 3.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: M.characteristic()  
3
```

is_ternary(randomized_tests=1)  
Decide if self is a binary matroid.

INPUT:

• randomized_tests — Ignored.

OUTPUT:

A Boolean.

ALGORITHM:

self is a ternary matroid, so just return True.

See also:

M.is_ternary()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.is_ternary()  
True
```
is_valid()
Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.
Since this is a linear matroid over the field $F_3$, this is always the case.

OUTPUT:
True.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(3), [[]]))
sage: M.is_valid()
True
```

ternary_matroid(randomized_tests=1, verify=True)
Return a ternary matroid representing self.

INPUT:

- randomized_tests – Ignored.
- verify – Ignored

OUTPUT:
A binary matroid.

ALGORITHM:
self is a ternary matroid, so just return self.

See also:
M.ternary_matroid()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: N = matroids.named_matroids.NonFano()
sage: N.ternary_matroid() is N
True
```

### 3.4 Rank function matroids

The easiest way to define arbitrary matroids in Sage might be through the class `RankMatroid`. All that is required is a groundset and a function that computes the rank for each given subset.

Of course, since the rank function is used as black box, matroids so defined cannot take advantage of any extra structure your class might have, and rely on default implementations. Besides this, matroids in this class can’t be saved.

#### 3.4.1 Constructions

Any function can be used, but no checks are performed, so be careful.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: def f(X):
....:     return min(len(X), 3)
....:
sage: M = Matroid(groundset=range(6), rank_function=f)
```

```python
sage: M.is_valid()
True
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(3, 6))
True

sage: def g(X):
    ....:     if len(X) >= 3:
    ....:         return 1
    ....:     else:
    ....:         return 0
    ....:
sage: N = Matroid(groundset='abc', rank_function=g)
sage: N.is_valid()
False
```

See below for more. It is recommended to use the `Matroid()` function for easy construction of a `RankMatroid`. For direct access to the `RankMatroid` constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

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### 3.4.2 Methods

**class** `sage.matroids.rank_matroid.RankMatroid`(`groundset`, `rank_function`)

**Bases:** `sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid`

Matroid specified by its rank function.

**INPUT:**

- `groundset` – the groundset of a matroid.
- `rank_function` – a function mapping subsets of `groundset` to nonnegative integers.

**OUTPUT:**

A matroid on `groundset` whose rank function equals `rank_function`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: def f(X):
    ....:     return min(len(X), 3)
    ....:
sage: M = RankMatroid(groundset=range(6), rank_function=f)
sage: M.is_valid()
True
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(3, 6))
True
```

**groundset**()

Return the groundset of `self`.

**EXAMPLES:**
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *  
sage: M = RankMatroid(range(6),  
.....:    rank_function=matroids.Uniform(3, 6).rank)  
sage: sorted(M.groundset())  
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
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ABSTRACT MATROID CLASSES

4.1 Dual matroids

4.1.1 Theory

Let $M$ be a matroid with ground set $E$. If $B$ is the set of bases of $M$, then the set $\{E - b : b \in B\}$ is the set of bases of another matroid, the dual of $M$.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: N = M.dual()
sage: M.is_basis('abc')
True
sage: N.is_basis('defg')
True
sage: M.dual().dual() == M
True
```

4.1.2 Implementation

The class `DualMatroid` wraps around a matroid instance to represent its dual. Only useful for classes that don’t have an explicit construction of the dual (such as `RankMatroid` and `CircuitClosuresMatroid`). It is also used as default implementation of the method `M.dual()`. For direct access to the `DualMatroid` constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`.

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```python
class sage.matroids.dual_matroid.DualMatroid(matroid)

Bases: sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid

Dual of a matroid.

For some matroid representations it can be computationally expensive to derive an explicit representation of the dual. This class wraps around any matroid to provide an abstract dual. It also serves as default implementation.
```
INPUT:

• `matroid` - a matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: Md = DualMatroid(M)  # indirect doctest
sage: Md.rank('abd') == M.corank('abd')
True
sage: Md
Dual of 'Vamos: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'},
     {'a', 'b', 'g', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}},
  4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}}'
```

`dual()`

Return the dual of the matroid.

Let $M$ be a matroid with ground set $E$. If $B$ is the set of bases of $M$, then the set \{ $E - b : b \in B$ \} is the set of bases of another matroid, the dual of $M$. Note that the dual of the dual of $M$ equals $M$, so if this is the `DualMatroid` instance wrapping $M$ then the returned matroid is $M$.

OUTPUT:

The dual matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus().dual()
sage: N = M.dual()
sage: N.rank()
3
sage: N
Pappus: Matroid of rank 3 on 9 elements with circuit-closures
{2: {{'a', 'b', 'c'}, {'a', 'f', 'h'}, {'c', 'e', 'g'},
     {'b', 'f', 'g'}, {'c', 'd', 'h'}, {'d', 'e', 'f'},
     {'a', 'e', 'i'}, {'b', 'd', 'i'}, {'g', 'h', 'i'}},
  3: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i'}}}
```

`groundset()`

Return the groundset of the matroid.

The groundset is the set of elements that comprise the matroid.

OUTPUT:

A set.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus().dual()
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i']
```
4.2 Minors of matroids

4.2.1 Theory

Let $M$ be a matroid with ground set $E$. There are two standard ways to remove an element from $E$ so that the result is again a matroid, deletion and contraction. Deletion is simply omitting the elements from a set $D$ from $E$ and keeping all remaining independent sets. This is denoted $M \setminus D$ (this also works in Sage). Contraction is the dual operation: $M / C \equiv (M.dual() \setminus C).dual()$.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M \ ['a', 'c'] == M.delete(['a', 'c'])
True
sage: M / 'a' == M.contract('a')
True
sage: M / 'c' \ 'ab' == M.minor(contractions='c', deletions='ab')
True
```

If a contraction set is not independent (or a deletion set not co-independent), this is taken care of:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.rank('abf')
2
sage: M / 'abf' == M / 'ab' \ 'f'
True
sage: M / 'abf' == M / 'af' \ 'b'
True
```

See also: $M.delete(), M.contract(), M.minor()$.

4.2.2 Implementation

The class `MinorMatroid` wraps around a matroid instance to represent a minor. Only useful for classes that don’t have an explicit construction of minors (such as `RankMatroid` and `CircuitClosuresMatroid`). It is also used as default implementation of the minor methods $M.minor(C, D), M.delete(D), M.contract(C)$. For direct access to the `DualMatroid` constructor, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`.

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4.2.3 Methods

```python
class sage.matroids.minor_matroid.MinorMatroid(matroid, contractions=None, deletions=None)
```

Bases: `sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid`

Minor of a matroid.

For some matroid representations it can be computationally expensive to derive an explicit representation of a minor. This class wraps around any matroid to provide an abstract minor. It also serves as default implementation.

Return a minor.

INPUT:

• matroid – a matroid.

• contractions – An object with Python’s frozenset interface containing a subset of self. groundset().

• deletions – An object with Python’s frozenset interface containing a subset of self. groundset().

OUTPUT:

A MinorMatroid instance representing matroid / contractions \ deletions.

**Warning:** This class does NOT do any checks. Besides the assumptions above, we assume the following:

• contractions is independent

• deletions is coindependent

• contractions and deletions are disjoint.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: N = MinorMatroid(matroid=M, contractions=set(['a'])),
    ....:     deletions=set())
sage: N._minor(contractions=set(), deletions=set(['b', 'c']))
M / {'a'} \ {'b', 'c'}, where M is Vamos: Matroid of rank 4 on 8 elements with circuit-closures
{3: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}}, {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}, {'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'},
    {'a', 'b', 'g', 'h'}, {'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}},
4: {{'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h'}}
```

groundset()

Return the groundset of the matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Pappus().contract(['c'])
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i']
```

### 4.3 Basis exchange matroids

*BasisExchangeMatroid* is an abstract class implementing default matroid functionality in terms of basis exchange. Several concrete matroid classes are subclasses of this. They have the following methods in addition to the ones provided by the parent class *Matroid*.

• **bases_count()**
4.3.1 Methods

class sage.matroids.basis_exchange_matroid.BasisExchangeMatroid
Bases: sage.matroids.matroid.Matroid

Class BasisExchangeMatroid is a virtual class that derives from Matroid. It implements each of the elementary matroid methods (rank(), max_independent(), circuit(), closure() etc.), essentially by crawling the base exchange graph of the matroid. This is the graph whose vertices are the bases of the matroid, two bases being adjacent in the graph if their symmetric difference has 2 members.

This base exchange graph is not stored as such, but should be provided implicitly by the child class in the form of two methods __is_exchange_pair(x, y) and __exchange(x, y), as well as an initial basis. At any moment, BasisExchangeMatroid keeps a current basis \( B \). The method __is_exchange_pair(x, y) should return a boolean indicating whether \( B - x + y \) is a basis. The method __exchange(x, y) is called when the current basis \( B \) is replaced by said \( B - x + y \). It is up to the child class to update its internal data structure to make information relative to the new basis more accessible. For instance, a linear matroid would perform a row reduction to make the column labeled by \( y \) a standard basis vector (and therefore the columns indexed by \( B - x + y \) would form an identity matrix).

Each of the elementary matroid methods has a straightforward greedy-type implementation in terms of these two methods. For example, given a subset \( F \) of the groundset, one can step to a basis \( B \) over the edges of the base exchange graph which has maximal intersection with \( F \), in each step increasing the intersection of the current \( B \) with \( F \). Then one computes the rank of \( F \) as the cardinality of the intersection of \( F \) and \( B \).

The following matroid classes can/will implement their oracle efficiently by deriving from BasisExchangeMatroid:

• **BasisMatroid:** keeps a list of all bases.
  - __is_exchange_pair(x, y) reduces to a query whether \( B - x + y \) is a basis.
  - __exchange(x, y) has no work to do.

• **LinearMatroid:** keeps a matrix representation \( A \) of the matroid so that \( A[B] = I \).
  - __is_exchange_pair(x, y) reduces to testing whether \( A[r, y] \) is nonzero, where \( A[r, x] = 1 \).
  - __exchange(x, y) should modify the matrix so that \( A[B - x + y] \) becomes \( I \), which means pivoting on \( A[r, y] \).

• **TransversalMatroid** (not yet implemented): If \( A \) is a set of subsets of \( E \), then \( I \) is independent if it is a system of distinct representatives of \( A \), i.e. if \( I \) is covered by a matching of an appropriate bipartite graph \( G \), with color classes \( A \) and \( E \) and an edge \((A_i, e)\) if \( e \) is in the subset \( A_i \). At any time you keep a maximum matching \( M \) of \( G \) covering the current basis \( B \).
  - __is_exchange_pair(x, y) checks for the existence of an \( M \)-alternating path \( P \) from \( y \) to \( x \).
  - __exchange(x, y) replaces \( M \) by the symmetric difference of \( M \) and \( E(P) \).

• **AlgebraicMatroid** (not yet implemented): keeps a list of polynomials in variables \( E - B + e \) for each variable \( e \) in \( B \).
  - __is_exchange_pair(x, y) checks whether the polynomial that relates \( y \) to \( E - B \) uses \( x \).
  - __exchange(x, y) make new list of polynomials by computing resultants.
All but the first of the above matroids are algebraic, and all implementations specializations of the algebraic one.

BasisExchangeMatroid internally renders subsets of the ground set as bitsets. It provides optimized methods for enumerating bases, nonbases, flats, circuits, etc.

**bases()**

Return the list of bases of the matroid.

A *basis* is a maximal independent set.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all bases of the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.bases_count()
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sage: len([B for B in M.bases()])
184
```

**bases_count()**

Return the number of bases of the matroid.

A *basis* is an inclusionwise maximal independent set.

**See also:**

*M.basis()*.  

**OUTPUT:**

Integer.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.bases_count()
184
```

**basis()**

Return an arbitrary basis of the matroid.

A *basis* is an inclusionwise maximal independent set.

**Note:** The output of this method can change in between calls. It reflects the internal state of the matroid. This state is updated by lots of methods, including the method *M._move_current_basis()*.

**OUTPUT:**

Set of elements.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted(M.basis())
['a', 'b', 'c']
sage: M.rank('cd')
2
sage: sorted(M.basis())
['a', 'c', 'd']
```
circuits()

Return the list of circuits of the matroid.

OUTPUT:

An iterable containing all circuits.

See also:

M.circuit()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(matroids.named_matroids.NonFano().bases())
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.circuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'e', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'f', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'], ['b', 'c', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['b', 'd', 'e', 'g'], ['b', 'd', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'g'], ['d', 'f', 'g'], ['e', 'f', 'g']]
```

cocircuits()

Return the list of cocircuits of the matroid.

OUTPUT:

An iterable containing all cocircuits.

See also:

Matroid.cocircuit()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(bases=matroids.named_matroids.NonFano().bases())
sage: sorted([sorted(C) for C in M.cocircuits()])
[['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'e', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'f', 'e'], ['a', 'b', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['a', 'c', 'd', 'f'], ['a', 'c', 'e'], ['a', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['a', 'd', 'g'], ['a', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'c', 'd'], ['b', 'c', 'e', 'f'], ['b', 'c', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['b', 'd', 'e', 'g'], ['b', 'd', 'f', 'g'], ['b', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'f'], ['c', 'd', 'e', 'g'], ['c', 'd', 'f', 'g'], ['c', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g'], ['d', 'e', 'g'], ['d', 'f', 'g'], ['e', 'f', 'g']]
```

coflats(r)

Return the collection of coflats of the matroid of specified corank.

A coflat is a coclosed set.

INPUT:

- \(r\) – A natural number.

OUTPUT:

An iterable containing all coflats of corank \(r\).

See also:

Matroid.coclosure()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8().dual()
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 8, 22, 14, 1]
sage: len(M.coflats(2))
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```

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8().dual()
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 8, 22, 14, 1]
sage: len(M.coclosure(2))
```
components()  
Return an iterable containing the components of the matroid.

A component is an inclusionwise maximal connected subset of the matroid. A subset is connected if the matroid resulting from deleting the complement of that subset is connected.

OUTPUT:
A list of subsets.

See also:
M.is_connected(), M.delete()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = Matroid(ring=QQ, matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0],
....: [0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1]])

sage: setprint(M.components())
{{0, 1, 3, 4}, {2, 5}}
```

dependent_r_sets(r)  
Return the list of dependent subsets of fixed size.

INPUT:

* r – a nonnegative integer.

OUTPUT:
An iterable containing all dependent subsets of size r.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()

sage: len(M.nonbases())
68

sage: [len(M.dependent_r_sets(r)) for r in range(M.full_rank() + 1)]
[0, 0, 0, 9, 68]
```

f_vector()  
Return the f-vector of the matroid.

The f-vector is a vector \( (f_0, \ldots, f_r) \), where \( f_i \) is the number of flats of rank \( i \), and \( r \) is the rank of the matroid.

OUTPUT:
List of integers.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8()

sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 8, 22, 14, 1]
```
flats \( (r) \)
Return the collection of flats of the matroid of specified rank.

A flat is a closed set.

INPUT:

* \( r \) – A natural number.

OUTPUT:

An iterable containing all flats of rank \( r \).

See also:

Matroid.closure()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.S8()
sage: M.f_vector()
[1, 8, 22, 14, 1]
sage: len(M.flats(2))
22
sage: len(M.flats(8))
0
sage: len(M.flats(4))
1
```

full_corank()
Return the corank of the matroid.

The corank of the matroid equals the rank of the dual matroid. It is given by \( M.\text{size}() - M.\text{full_rank}() \).

OUTPUT:

Integer.

See also:

M.dual(), M.full_rank()

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.full_corank()
4
sage: M.dual().full_corank()
3
```

full_rank()
Return the rank of the matroid.

The rank of the matroid is the size of the largest independent subset of the groundset.

OUTPUT:

Integer.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.full_rank()
3
```
sage: M.dual().full_rank()
4

**groundset()**

Return the groundset of the matroid.

The groundset is the set of elements that comprise the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**

A set.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: sorted(M.groundset())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
```

**groundset_list()**

Return a list of elements of the groundset of the matroid.

The order of the list does not change between calls.

**OUTPUT:**

A list.

**See also:**

`M.groundset()`

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: type(M.groundset())
<... 'frozenset'>
sage: type(M.groundset_list())
<... 'list'>
sage: sorted(M.groundset_list())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
sage: E = M.groundset_list()
sage: E.remove('a')
sage: sorted(M.groundset_list())
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
```

**independent_r_sets(r)**

Return the list of size-\(r\) independent subsets of the matroid.

**INPUT:**

- \(r\) – a nonnegative integer.

**OUTPUT:**

An iterable containing all independent subsets of the matroid of cardinality \(r\).

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: M.bases_count()
184
```
```
sage: [len(M.independent_sets(r)) for r in range(M.full_rank() + 1)]
[1, 10, 45, 120, 201, 184]
```

`independent_sets()`
Return the list of independent subsets of the matroid.

**OUTPUT:**
An iterable containing all independent subsets of the matroid.

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: I = M.independent_sets()
sage: len(I)
57
```

`is_valid()`
Test if the data obey the matroid axioms.

This method checks the basis axioms for the class. If \(B\) is the set of bases of a matroid \(M\), then

- \(B\) is nonempty
- if \(X\) and \(Y\) are in \(B\), and \(x\) is in \(X - Y\), then there is a \(y\) in \(Y - X\) such that \((X - x) + y\) is again a member of \(B\).

**OUTPUT:**
Boolean.

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = BasisMatroid(matroids.named_matroids.Fano())
sage: M.is_valid()
True
sage: M = Matroid(groundset='abcd', bases=['ab', 'cd'])
sage: M.is_valid()
False
```

`nonbases()`
Return the list of nonbases of the matroid.

A *nonbasis* is a set with cardinality `self.full_rank()` that is not a basis.

**OUTPUT:**
An iterable containing the nonbases of the matroid.

**See also:**
Matroid.basis()

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: binomial(M.size(), M.full_rank())-M.bases_count()
68
sage: len([B for B in M.nonbases()])
68
```
noncospanning_cocircuits()

Return the list of noncospanning cocircuits of the matroid.

A noncospanning cocircuit is a cocircuit whose corank is strictly smaller than the corank of the matroid.

OUTPUT:
An iterable containing all nonspanning circuits.

See also:
Matroid.cocircuit(), Matroid.corank()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: len(M.noncospanning_cocircuits())
23
```

nonspanning_circuits()

Return the list of nonspanning circuits of the matroid.

A nonspanning circuit is a circuit whose rank is strictly smaller than the rank of the matroid.

OUTPUT:
An iterable containing all nonspanning circuits.

See also:
Matroid.circuit(), Matroid.rank()

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.N1()
sage: len(M.nonspanning_circuits())
23
```
5.1 Advanced matroid functionality.

This module collects a number of advanced functions which are not directly available to the end user by default. To import them into the main namespace, type:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

This adds the following to the main namespace:

- **Matroid classes:**
  - `MinorMatroid`
  - `DualMatroid`
  - `RankMatroid`
  - `CircuitClosuresMatroid`
  - `BasisMatroid`
  - `LinearMatroid`
  - `RegularMatroid`
  - `BinaryMatroid`
  - `TernaryMatroid`
  - `QuaternaryMatroid`

Note that you can construct all of these through the `Matroid()` function, which is available on startup. Using the classes directly can sometimes be useful for faster code (e.g. if your code calls `Matroid()` frequently).

- **Other classes:**
  - `LinearSubclasses`
  - `MatroidExtensions`

Instances of these classes are returned by the methods `Matroid.linear_subclasses()` and `Matroid.extensions()`.

- **Useful functions:**
  - `setprint()`
  - `newlabel()`
5.2 Some useful functions for the matroid class.

For direct access to the methods `newlabel()`, `setprint()` and `get_nonisomorphic_matroids()`, type:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`.

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• Stefan van Zwam (2011-06-24): initial version

```python
sage.matroids.utilities.get_nonisomorphic_matroids(MSet)
```

Return non-isomorphic members of the matroids in set `MSet`.

For direct access to `get_nonisomorphic_matroids`, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

INPUT:
• `MSet` – an iterable whose members are matroids.

OUTPUT:
A list containing one representative of each isomorphism class of members of `MSet`.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: L = matroids.Uniform(3, 5).extensions()
sage: len(list(L))
32
sage: len(get_nonisomorphic_matroids(L))
5
```

```python
sage.matroids.utilities.lift_cross_ratios(A, lift_map=None)
```

Return a matrix which arises from the given matrix by lifting cross ratios.

INPUT:
• `A` – a matrix over a ring `source_ring`.

• `lift_map` – a python dictionary, mapping each cross ratio of `A` to some element of a target ring, and such that `lift_map[source_ring(1)] = target_ring(1)`.

OUTPUT:
• `Z` – a matrix over the ring `target_ring`. 
The intended use of this method is to create a (reduced) matrix representation of a matroid \( M \) over a ring \( \text{target} \_\text{ring} \), given a (reduced) matrix representation of \( A \) of \( M \) over a ring \( \text{source} \_\text{ring} \) and a map \( \text{lift} \_\text{map} \) from \( \text{source} \_\text{ring} \) to \( \text{target} \_\text{ring} \).

This method will create a unique candidate representation \( Z \), but will not verify if \( Z \) is indeed a representation of \( M \). However, this is guaranteed if the conditions of the lift theorem (see [PvZ2010]) hold for the lift map in combination with the matrix \( A \).

For a lift map \( f \) and a matrix \( A \) these conditions are as follows. First of all \( f : S \rightarrow T \), where \( S \) is a set of invertible elements of the source ring and \( T \) is a set of invertible elements of the target ring. The matrix \( A \) has entries from the source ring, and each cross ratio of \( A \) is contained in \( S \). Moreover:

- \( 1 \in S, 1 \in T \);
- for all \( x \in S \): \( f(x) = 1 \) if and only if \( x = 1 \);
- for all \( x, y \in S \): if \( x + y = 0 \) then \( f(x) + f(y) = 0 \);
- for all \( x, y \in S \): if \( x + y = 1 \) then \( f(x) + f(y) = 1 \);
- for all \( x, y, z \in S \): if \( xy = z \) then \( f(x)f(y) = f(z) \).

Any ring homomorphism \( h : P \rightarrow R \) induces a lift map from the set of units \( S \) of \( P \) to the set of units \( T \) of \( R \). There exist lift maps which do not arise in this manner. Several such maps can be created by the function \( \text{lift} \_\text{map}() \).

**See also:**

- \( \text{lift} \_\text{map}() \)

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import lift_cross_ratios, lift_map,
    →LinearMatroid
sage: R = GF(7)
sage: to_sixth_root_of_unity = lift_map('sru')
sage: A = Matrix(R, [[1, 0, 6, 1, 2], [6, 1, 0, 0, 1], [0, 6, 3, 6, 0]])
sage: A
[1 0 6 1 2]
[6 1 0 0 1]
[0 6 3 6 0]
sage: Z = lift_cross_ratios(A, to_sixth_root_of_unity)
sage: Z
[ 1 0 1 1 1]
[ 1 1 0 0 z]
[ 0 z - 1 1 -z + 1 0]
sage: M = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix = A)
sage: sorted(M.cross_ratios())
[3, 5]
sage: N = LinearMatroid(reduced_matrix = Z)
sage: sorted(N.cross_ratios())
[-z + 1, z]
sage: M.is_isomorphism(N, {e:e for e in M.groundset()})
True
```

sage.matroids.utilities.\texttt{lift}\_\texttt{map}(target)

Create a lift map, to be used for lifting the cross ratios of a matroid representation.

**See also:**

- \( \text{lift} \_\text{cross} \_\text{ratios}() \)

**INPUT:**

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• `target` – a string describing the target (partial) field.

OUTPUT:

• a dictionary

Depending on the value of `target`, the following lift maps will be created:

• "reg": a lift map from $\mathbb{F}_3$ to the regular partial field $(\mathbb{Z}, < -1 >)$.
• "sru": a lift map from $\mathbb{F}_7$ to the sixth-root-of-unity partial field $(\mathbb{Q}(z), < z >)$, where $z$ is a sixth root of unity. The map sends $3$ to $z$.
• "dyadic": a lift map from $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ to the dyadic partial field $(\mathbb{Q}, < -1, 2 >)$.
• "gm": a lift map from $\mathbb{F}_{19}$ to the golden mean partial field $(\mathbb{Q}(t), < -1, t >)$, where $t$ is a root of $t^2 - t - 1$. The map sends $5$ to $t$.

The example below shows that the latter map satisfies three necessary conditions stated in `lift_cross_ratios()`

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.utilities import lift_map
sage: lm = lift_map('gm')
sage: for x in lm:
    ....:     if (x == 1) is not (lm[x] == 1):
    ....:         print('not a proper lift map')
    ....:     for y in lm:
    ....:         if (x+y == 0) and not (lm[x]+lm[y] == 0):
    ....:             print('not a proper lift map')
    ....:         if (x+y == 1) and not (lm[x]+lm[y] == 1):
    ....:             print('not a proper lift map')
    ....:         for z in lm:
    ....:             if (x*y==z) and not (lm[x]*lm[y]==lm[z]):
    ....:                 print('not a proper lift map')
```

`sage.matroids.utilities.make_regular_matroid_from_matroid(matroid)`

Attempt to construct a regular representation of a matroid.

INPUT:

• `matroid` – a matroid.

OUTPUT:

Return a $(0, 1, -1)$-matrix over the integers such that, if the input is a regular matroid, then the output is a totally unimodular matrix representing that matroid.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.utilities import make_regular_matroid_from_matroid
sage: make_regular_matroid_from_matroid(matroids.CompleteGraphic(6)).is_isomorphic(matroids.CompleteGraphic(6))
True
```

`sage.matroids.utilities.newlabel(groundset)`

Create a new element label different from the labels in `groundset`.

INPUT:

• `groundset` – A set of objects.
OUTPUT:

A string not in the set groundset.

For direct access to newlabel, run:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

ALGORITHM:

1. Create a set of all one-character alphanumeric strings.
2. Remove the string representation of each existing element from this list.
3. If the list is nonempty, return any element.
4. Otherwise, return the concatenation of the strings of each existing element, preceded by ‘e’.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import newlabel
sage: S = set(['a', 42, 'b'])
sage: newlabel(S) in S
False
sage: S = set('abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789')
sage: t = newlabel(S)
sage: len(t)
63
sage: t[0]
'e'
```

```
sage.matroids.utilitiessanitize_contractions_deletions(matroid, contractions, deletions)
```

Return a fixed version of sets contractions and deletions.

INPUT:

• matroid – a Matroid instance.
• contractions – a subset of the groundset.
• deletions – a subset of the groundset.

OUTPUT:

An independent set $C$ and a coindependent set $D$ such that

$$\text{matroid} / \text{contractions} \setminus \text{deletions} = \text{matroid} / C \setminus D$$

Raise an error if either is not a subset of the groundset of matroid or if they are not disjoint.

This function is used by the Matroid.minor() method.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.utilities import setprint
sage: from sage.matroids.utilities import sanitize_contractions_deletions
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: setprint(sanitize_contractions_deletions(M, 'abc', 'defg'))[['a', 'b', 'c'], ['d', 'e', 'f', 'g']]
sage: setprint(sanitize_contractions_deletions(M, 'defg', 'abc'))[['d', 'e', 'g'], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'f']]
sage: setprint(sanitize_contractions_deletions(M, [1, 2, 3], 'efg'))
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

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sage.matroids.utilities.setprint(X)
Print nested data structures nicely.

Python’s data structures set and frozenset do not print nicely. This function can be used as replacement for print to overcome this. For direct access to setprint, run:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

**Note:** This function will be redundant when Sage moves to Python 3, since the default print will suffice then.

**INPUT:**

• X – Any Python object

**OUTPUT:**

None. However, the function prints a nice representation of X.

**EXAMPLES:**

Output looks much better:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: L = [{1, 2, 3}, {1, 2, 4}, {2, 3, 4}, {4, 1, 3}]
sage: print(L)
[set([1, 2, 3]), set([1, 2, 4]), set([2, 3, 4]), set([1, 3, 4])]
sage: setprint(L)
[{1, 2, 3}, {1, 2, 4}, {2, 3, 4}, {1, 3, 4}]
```

Note that for iterables, the effect can be undesirable:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano().delete('efg')
sage: M.bases()
Iterator over a system of subsets
sage: setprint(M.bases())
[{'a', 'b', 'c'}, {'a', 'c', 'd'}, {'a', 'b', 'd'}]
```

An exception was made for subclasses of sage.matroids.advanced

```
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: G = graphs.PetersenGraph()
sage: list(G)
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
sage: setprint(G)
Petersen graph: Graph on 10 vertices
```
sage.matroids.utilities.setprint_s(X, toplevel=False)
Create the string for use by setprint().

INPUT:
• X – any Python object
• toplevel – (default: False) indicates whether this is a recursion or not.

OUTPUT:
A string representation of the object, with nice notation for sets and frozensets.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.utilities import setprint_s
sage: L = [{1, 2, 3}, {1, 2, 4}, {2, 3, 4}, {4, 1, 3}]
sage: setprint_s(L)
'[{1, 2, 3}, {1, 2, 4}, {2, 3, 4}, {1, 3, 4}]'
```

The `toplevel` argument only affects strings, to mimic `print`’s behavior:

```python
sage: X = 'abcd'
sage: setprint_s(X)
''abcd''
sage: setprint_s(X, toplevel=True)
'abcd'
```

sage.matroids.utilities.spanning_forest(M)
Return a list of edges of a spanning forest of the bipartite graph defined by M

INPUT:
• M – a matrix defining a bipartite graph G. The vertices are the rows and columns, if M[i, j] is non-zero, then there is an edge between row i and column j.

OUTPUT:
A list of tuples \((r_i, c_i)\) representing edges between row \(r_i\) and column \(c_i\).

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: len(sage.matroids.utilities.spanning_forest(matrix([[1,1,1],[1,1,1],[1,1,1]])))
5
sage: len(sage.matroids.utilities.spanning_forest(matrix([[0,0,1],[0,1,0],[0,1,0]])))
3
```

sage.matroids.utilities.spanning_stars(M)
Returns the edges of a connected subgraph that is a union of all edges incident some subset of vertices.

INPUT:
• M – a matrix defining a bipartite graph G. The vertices are the rows and columns, if M[i, j] is non-zero, then there is an edge between row i and column 0.

OUTPUT:
A list of tuples \((row, column)\) in a spanning forest of the bipartite graph defined by M

EXAMPLES:
5.3 Iterators for linear subclasses

The classes below are iterators returned by the functions `M.linear_subclasses()` and `M.extensions()`. See the documentation of these methods for more detail. For direct access to these classes, run:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
```

See also `sage.matroids.advanced`.

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5.3.1 Methods

class sage.matroids.extension.CutNode
    Bases: object
    
    An internal class used for creating linear subclasses of a matroids in a depth-first manner.
    
    A linear subclass is a set of hyperplanes \( mc \) with the property that certain sets of hyperplanes must either be fully contained in \( mc \) or intersect \( mc \) in at most 1 element. The way we generate them is by a depth-first search. This class represents a node in the search tree.
    
    It contains the set of hyperplanes selected so far, as well as a collection of hyperplanes whose insertion has been explored elsewhere in the search tree.
    
    The class has methods for selecting a hyperplane to insert, for inserting hyperplanes and closing the set to become a linear subclass again, and for adding a hyperplane to the set of forbidden hyperplanes, and similarly closing that set.

class sage.matroids.extension.LinearSubclasses
    Bases: object
    
    An iterable set of linear subclasses of a matroid.
    
    Enumerate linear subclasses of a given matroid. A linear subclass is a collection of hyperplanes (flats of rank \( r - 1 \) where \( r \) is the rank of the matroid) with the property that no modular triple of hyperplanes has exactly two members in the linear subclass. A triple of hyperplanes in a matroid of rank \( r \) is modular if its intersection has rank \( r - 2 \).
    
    INPUT:
    
    • \( M \) – a matroid.
    • \( line_length \) – (default: None) an integer.
    • \( subsets \) – (default: None) a set of subsets of the groundset of \( M \).
    • \( splice \) – (default: None) a matroid \( N \) such that for some \( e \in E(N) \) and some \( f \in E(M) \), we have \( N \setminus e = M \setminus f \).
OUTPUT:

An enumerator for the linear subclasses of \( M \).

If `line_length` is not None, the enumeration is restricted to linear subclasses \( mc \) so containing at least one of each set of `line_length` hyperplanes which have a common intersection of rank \( r - 2 \).

If `subsets` is not None, the enumeration is restricted to linear subclasses \( mc \) containing all hyperplanes which fully contain some set from `subsets`.

If `splice` is not None, then the enumeration is restricted to linear subclasses \( mc \) such that if \( M' \) is the extension of \( M \) by \( e \) that arises from \( mc \), then \( M' \setminus f = N \).

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.extension import LinearSubclasses
sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: len([mc for mc in LinearSubclasses(M)])
83
sage: len([mc for mc in LinearSubclasses(M, line_length=5)])
22
sage: for mc in LinearSubclasses(M, subsets=[[0, 1], [2, 3], [4, 5]]):
....:     print(len(mc))
3
15
```

Note that this class is intended for runtime, internal use, so no loads/dumps mechanism was implemented.

```python
class sage.matroids.extension.LinearSubclassesIter
    Bases: object
    An iterator for a set of linear subclass.
    next ()
        x.next() -> the next value, or raise StopIteration

class sage.matroids.extension.MatroidExtensions
    Bases: sage.matroids.extension.LinearSubclasses
    An iterable set of single-element extensions of a given matroid.
```

INPUT:

- `M` – a matroid
- `e` – an element
- `line_length` (default: None) – an integer
- `subsets` (default: None) – a set of subsets of the groundset of \( M \)
- `splice` – a matroid \( N \) such that for some \( f \in E(M) \), we have \( N \setminus e = M \setminus f \).

OUTPUT:

An enumerator for the extensions of \( M \) to a matroid \( N \) so that \( N \setminus e = M \). If `line_length` is not None, the enumeration is restricted to extensions \( N \) without \( U(2, k) \)-minors, where \( k > line_length \).

If `subsets` is not None, the enumeration is restricted to extensions \( N \) of \( M \) by element \( e \) so that all hyperplanes of \( M \) which fully contain some set from `subsets`, will also span \( e \).

If `splice` is not None, then the enumeration is restricted to extensions \( M' \) such that \( M' \setminus f = N \), where \( E(M) \setminus E(N) = \{f\} \).

EXAMPLES:
```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *

sage: M = matroids.Uniform(3, 6)
sage: len([N for N in MatroidExtensions(M, 'x')])
83

sage: len([N for N in MatroidExtensions(M, 'x', line_length=5)])
22

sage: for N in MatroidExtensions(M, 'x', subsets=[[0, 1], [2, 3],
.....: [4, 5]]):
    print(N)
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 32 bases
Matroid of rank 3 on 7 elements with 20 bases

sage: M = BasisMatroid(matroids.named_matroids.BetsyRoss()); M
Matroid of rank 3 on 11 elements with 140 bases

sage: e = 'k'; f = 'h'; Me = M.delete(e); Mf=M.delete(f)
sage: for N in MatroidExtensions(Mf, f, splice=Me): print(N)
Matroid of rank 3 on 11 elements with 141 bases
Matroid of rank 3 on 11 elements with 140 bases

sage: for N in MatroidExtensions(Me, e, splice=Mf): print(N)
Matroid of rank 3 on 11 elements with 141 bases
Matroid of rank 3 on 11 elements with 140 bases
```

Note that this class is intended for runtime, internal use, so no loads/dumps mechanism was implemented.
6.1 Lean matrices

Internal data structures for the LinearMatroid class and some subclasses. Note that many of the methods are cdef, and therefore only available from Cython code.

Warning: Intended for internal use by the LinearMatroid classes only. End users should work with Sage matrices instead. Methods that are used outside lean_matrix.pyx and have no equivalent in Sage’s Matrix have been flagged in the code, as well as where they are used, by # Not a Sage matrix operation or # Deprecated Sage matrix operation.

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class sage.matroids.lean_matrix.BinaryMatrix
    Bases: sage.matroids.lean_matrix.LeanMatrix

Binary matrix class. Entries are stored bit-packed into integers.

INPUT:

• m – Number of rows.
• n – Number of columns.
• M – (default: None) Matrix or BinaryMatrix instance. Assumption: dimensions of M are at most m by n.
• ring – (default: None) ignored.

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = BinaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(7), [[0, 0], [0, 0]]))
sage: B = BinaryMatrix(2, 2, ring=GF(5))
sage: C = BinaryMatrix(2, 2)
sage: A == B and A == C
True
```

base_ring()
    Return GF(2).

EXAMPLES:
```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = BinaryMatrix(4, 4)
sage: A.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 2
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of `self.base_ring()`.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = BinaryMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.characteristic()
2
```

### class `sage.matroids.lean_matrix.GenericMatrix`

**Bases:** `sage.matroids.lean_matrix.LeanMatrix`

Matrix over arbitrary Sage ring.

**INPUT:**

- `nrows` – number of rows
- `ncols` – number of columns
- `M` – (default: None) a Matrix or `GenericMatrix` of dimensions at most `m*n`.
- `ring` – (default: None) a Sage ring.

**Note:** This class is intended for internal use by the `LinearMatroid` class only. Hence it does not derive from `SageObject`. If `A` is a LeanMatrix instance, and you need access from other parts of Sage, use `Matrix(A)` instead.

If the constructor is fed a `GenericMatrix` instance, the `ring` argument is ignored. Otherwise, the matrix entries will be converted to the appropriate ring.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(5), matrix=[[1, 0, 1, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]])
# ← indirect doctest
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(2, 5))
True
```

**base_ring()**

Return the base ring of `self`.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import GenericMatrix
sage: A = GenericMatrix(3, 4, ring=GF(5))
sage: A.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 5
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of `self.base_ring()`.

**EXAMPLES:**
class sage.matroids.lean_matrix.IntegerMatrix

Matrix over the integers.

INPUT:

- \(nrows\) – number of rows
- \(ncols\) – number of columns
- \(M\) – (default: None) a Matrix or GenericMatrix of dimensions at most \(m\times n\).

Note: This class is intended for internal use by the LinearMatroid class only. Hence it does not derive from SageObject. If \(A\) is a LeanMatrix instance, and you need access from other parts of Sage, use \(\text{Matrix}(A)\) instead.

This class is mainly intended for use with the RegularMatroid class, so entries are assumed to be small integers. No overflow checking takes place!

EXAMPLES:

```
sage: M = Matroid(graphs.CompleteGraph(4).incidence_matrix(oriented=True),
....:   regular=True) # indirect doctest
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Wheel(3))
True
```

```
sage: A = IntegerMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.base_ring()
Integer Ring
```

```
sage: A = GenericMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.characteristic()
0
```

class sage.matroids.lean_matrix.LeanMatrix

Lean matrices

Sage’s matrix classes are powerful, versatile, and often very fast. However, their performance with regard to pivoting (pretty much the only task performed on them within the context of matroids) leaves something to be...
desired. The LeanMatrix classes provide the LinearMatroid classes with a custom, light-weight data structure to store and manipulate matrices.

This is the abstract base class. Most methods are not implemented; this is only to fix the interface.

**Note:** This class is intended for internal use by the LinearMatroid class only. Hence it does not derive from SageObject. If \( A \) is a LeanMatrix instance, and you need access from other parts of Sage, use \( \text{Matrix}(A) \) instead.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: M = Matroid(ring=GF(5), matrix=[[1, 0, 1, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 2, 3]]) # indirect doctest
sage: M.is_isomorphic(matroids.Uniform(2, 5))
True
```

```sage
base_ring()
```

Return the base ring.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import LeanMatrix
sage: A = LeanMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.base_ring()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... 
NotImplementedError: subclasses need to implement this.
```

```sage
class characteristic()
```

Return the characteristic of `self.base_ring()`.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import GenericMatrix
sage: A = GenericMatrix(3, 4, ring=GF(5))
sage: A.characteristic()
5
```

```sage
ncols()
```

Return the number of columns.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import LeanMatrix
sage: A = LeanMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.ncols()
4
```

```sage
nrows()
```

Return the number of rows.

**EXAMPLES:**

```sage
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import LeanMatrix
sage: A = LeanMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.nrows()
3
```
class sage.matroids.lean_matrix.QuaternaryMatrix

**Bases:** sage.matroids.lean_matrix.LeanMatrix

Matrices over GF(4).

**INPUT:**

• m – Number of rows
• n – Number of columns
• M – (default: None) A QuaternaryMatrix or LeanMatrix or (Sage) Matrix instance. If not given, new matrix will be filled with zeroes. Assumption: M has dimensions at most m times n.
• ring – (default: None) A copy of GF(4). Useful for specifying generator name.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(4, 'x'), [[0, 0], [0, 0]]))
sage: B = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 2, GenericMatrix(2, 2, ring=GF(4, 'x')))  
sage: C = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 2, ring=GF(4, 'x'))  
sage: A == B and A == C
True
```

**base_ring()**

Return copy of GF(4) with appropriate generator.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 2, ring=GF(4, 'f'))
sage: A.base_ring()
Finite Field in f of size 2^2
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of self.base_ring().

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = QuaternaryMatrix(200, 5000, ring=GF(4, 'x'))
sage: A.characteristic()
2
```

class sage.matroids.lean_matrix.TernaryMatrix

**Bases:** sage.matroids.lean_matrix.LeanMatrix

Ternary matrix class. Entries are stored bit-packed into integers.

**INPUT:**

• m – Number of rows.
• n – Number of columns.
• M – (default: None) Matrix or TernaryMatrix instance. Assumption: dimensions of M are at most m by n.
• ring – (default: None) ignored.

**EXAMPLES:**
```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = TernaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(7), [[0, 0], [0, 0]]))
sage: B = TernaryMatrix(2, 2, ring=GF(5))
sage: C = TernaryMatrix(2, 2)
sage: A == B and A == C
True
```

**base_ring()**

Return GF(3).

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = TernaryMatrix(3, 3)
sage: A.base_ring()
Finite Field of size 3
```

**characteristic()**

Return the characteristic of self.base_ring().

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = TernaryMatrix(3, 4)
sage: A.characteristic()
3
```

```python
sage.matroids.lean_matrix.generic_identity(n, ring)
```

Return a GenericMatrix instance containing the \( n \times n \) identity matrix over \( \text{ring} \).

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = generic_identity(2, QQ)
sage: Matrix(A)
[1 0]
[0 1]
```

### 6.2 Helper functions for plotting the geometric representation of matroids

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**Note:** This file provides functions that are called by `show()` and `plot()` methods of abstract matroids class. The basic idea is to first decide the placement of points in \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) and then draw lines in geometric representation through these points. Point placement procedures such as `addtripts`, `addnontripts` together produce \((x, y)\) tuples corresponding to ground set of the matroid in a dictionary. These methods provide simple but rigid point placement algorithm. Alternatively, one can build the point placement dictionary manually or via an optimization that gives aesthetically pleasing point placement (in some sense. This is not yet implemented). One can then use `createline` function to produce sequence of 100 points on a smooth curve containing the points in the specified line which intern uses `scipy.interpolate.splprep` and `scipy.interpolate.splev`. Then one can use sage’s graphics primitives `line`, `point`, `text` and `points` to produce graphics object containing points (ground
set elements) and lines (for a rank 3 matroid, these are flats of rank 2 of size greater than equal to 3) of the geometric representation of the matroid. Loops and parallel elements are added as per conventions in [Oxl2011] using function `addlp`. The priority order for point placement methods used inside plot() and show() is as follows:

1. User Specified points dictionary and lineorders
2. cached point placement dictionary and line orders (a list of ordered lists) in `M._cached_info` (a dictionary)
3. Internal point placement and orders deciding heuristics If a custom point placement and/or line orders is desired, then user can simply specify the custom points dictionary as:

   ```python
   M.cached_info = {'plot_positions':<dictionary_of_points>,
                    'plot_lineorders':<list_of_lists>}
   ```

### 6.2.1 REFERENCES


### EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: M1 = Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1], ....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0]])
sage: pos_dict = {0: (0, 0), 1: (2, 0), 2: (1, 2), 3: (1.5, 1.0), ....: 4: (0.5, 1.0), 5: (1.0, 0.0), 6: (1.0, 0.666666666666667), ....: 7: (3,3), 8: (4,0), 9: (-1,1), 10: (-2,-2)}
sage: M1._cached_info = {'plot_positions': pos_dict, 'plot_lineorders': None}
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.geomrep(M1, sp=True)
Graphics object consisting of 22 graphics primitives
```

```python
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.addlp(M, M1, L, P, ptsdict, G=None, limits=None)
```

Return a graphics object containing loops (in inset) and parallel elements of matroid.

**INPUT:**

- `M` – A matroid.
- `M1` – A simple matroid corresponding to `M`.
- `L` – List of elements in `M.groundset()` that are loops of matroid `M`.
- `P` – List of elements in `M.groundset()` not in `M.simplify.groundset()` or `L`.
- `ptsdict` – A dictionary containing elements in `M.groundset()` not necessarily containing elements of `L`.
- `G` – (optional) A sage graphics object to which loops and parallel elements of matroid `M` added.

**OUTPUT:**

A 2-tuple containing:

1. A sage graphics object containing loops and parallel elements of matroid `M`.
2. axes limits array.

**EXAMPLES:**
```python
from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
from sage.matroids import Matroid
from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint

M = Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1],
                                [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0],
                                [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0],
                                [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0]])

M1, L, P = matroids_plot_helpers.slp(M)
G, lims = matroids_plot_helpers.addlp(M, M1, L, P, {0: (0, 0)})
G.show(axes=False)
```

**Note:** This method does NOT do any checks.

```python
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.addnontripts(tripts_labels, nontripts_labels, ptsdict)
```

Return modified ptsdict with additional keys and values corresponding to nontripts.

**INPUT:**

- **tripts** – A list of 3 ground set elements that are to be placed on vertices of the triangle.
- **ptsdict** – A dictionary (at least) containing ground set elements in tripts as keys and their (x,y) position as values.
- **nontripts** – A list of ground set elements whose corresponding points are to be placed inside the triangle.

**OUTPUT:**

A dictionary containing ground set elements in tripts as keys and their (x,y) position as values along with all keys and respective values in ptsdict.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: ptsdict={'a':(0,0), 'b':(1,2), 'c':(2,0)}

sage: ptsdict_1 = matroids_plot_helpers.addnontripts(['a','b','c'],
                                                 ['d','e','f'], ptsdict)

sage: setprint(ptsdict_1)
{'a': [0, 0], 'b': [1, 2], 'c': [0, 2], 'd': [0.6666666666666666, 1.0],
 'e': [0.8888888888888889, 1.3333333333333333],
 'f': [0.5185185185185185, 0.5555555555555556]}
```

**Note:** This method does NOT do any checks.

```python
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.createline(ptsdict, ll, lineorders2=None)
```

Return ordered lists of co-ordinates of points to be traversed to draw a 2D line.

**INPUT:**

- **ptsdict** – A dictionary containing keys and their (x,y) position as values.
- **ll** – A list of keys in ptsdict through which a line is to be drawn.
• `lineorders2` – (optional) A list of ordered lists of keys in `ptsdict` such that if `ll` is setwise same as any of these then points corresponding to values of the keys will be traversed in that order thus overriding internal order deciding heuristic.

**OUTPUT:**
A tuple containing 4 elements in this order:

1. Ordered list of x-coordinates of values of keys in `ll` specified in `ptsdict`.
2. Ordered list of y-coordinates of values of keys in `ll` specified in `ptsdict`.
3. Ordered list of interpolated x-coordinates of points through which a line can be drawn.
4. Ordered list of interpolated y-coordinates of points through which a line can be drawn.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: ptsdict={'a':(1,3),'b':(2,1),'c':(4,5),'d':(5,2)}

sage: x,y,x_i,y_i=matroids_plot_helpers.createline(ptsdict,
....: ['a','b','c','d'])

sage: [len(x), len(y), len(x_i), len(y_i)]
[4, 4, 100, 100]

sage: G = line(zip(x_i, y_i),color='black',thickness=3,zorder=1)

sage: G+=points(zip(x, y), color='black', size=300,zorder=2)

sage: G.show()

sage: x,y,x_i,y_i=matroids_plot_helpers.createline(ptsdict,
....: ['b','a','c','d'],
....: ['p','q','r','s'])

sage: [len(x), len(y), len(x_i), len(y_i)]
[4, 4, 100, 100]

sage: G = line(zip(x_i, y_i),color='black',thickness=3,zorder=1)

sage: G+=points(zip(x, y), color='black', size=300,zorder=2)

sage: G.show()
```

**Note:** This method does NOT do any checks.

```python
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.geomrep(M1, B1=None, lineorders1=None, pd=None, sp=False)
```

Return a sage graphics object containing geometric representation of matroid M1.

**INPUT:**

• `M1` – A matroid.

• `B1` – (optional) A list of elements in `M1.groundset()` that correspond to a basis of `M1` and will be placed as vertices of the triangle in the geometric representation of `M1`.

• `lineorders1` – (optional) A list of ordered lists of elements of `M1.groundset()` such that if a line in geometric representation is setwise same as any of these then points contained will be traversed in that order thus overriding internal order deciding heuristic.

• `pd` - (optional) A dictionary mapping ground set elements to their (x,y) positions.

• `sp` – (optional) If True, a positioning dictionary and line orders will be placed in `M._cached_info`.

**OUTPUT:**
A sage graphics object of type `<class 'sage.plot.graphics.Graphics'>` that corresponds to the geometric representation of the matroid.
EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: M=matroids.named_matroids.P7()
sage: G=matroids_plot_helpers.geomrep(M)
sage: G.show(xmin=-2, xmax=3, ymin=-2, ymax=3)
sage: M=matroids.named_matroids.P7()
sage: G=matroids_plot_helpers.geomrep(M,lineorders1=[['f','e','d']])
sage: G.show(xmin=-2, xmax=3, ymin=-2, ymax=3)
```

Note: This method does NOT do any checks.

```python
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.it(M, B1, nB1, lps)
```

Return points on and off the triangle and lines to be drawn for a rank 3 matroid.

**INPUT:**

- M – A matroid.
- B1 – A list of groundset elements of M that corresponds to a basis of matroid M.
- nB1 – A list of elements in the ground set of M that corresponds to M.simplify.groundset() \ B1.
- lps– A list of elements in the ground set of matroid M that are loops.

**OUTPUT:**

A tuple containing 4 elements in this order:

1. A dictionary containing 2-tuple (x,y) co-ordinates with M.simplify.groundset() elements that can be placed on the sides of the triangle as keys.
2. A list of 3 lists of elements of M.simplify.groundset() that can be placed on the 3 sides of the triangle.
3. A list of elements of M.simplify.groundset() that can be placed inside the triangle in the geometric representation.
4. A list of lists of elements of M.simplify.groundset() that correspond to lines in the geometric representation other than the sides of the triangle.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers as mph
sage: M=Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1,0],
....: [0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1,0],
....: [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1,0]])
sage: N=M.simplify()
sage: B1=list(N.basis())
sage: nB1=list(set(M.simplify().groundset())-set(B1))
sage: pts,trilines,nontripts,curvedlines=mph.it(M,
....: B1,nB1,M.loops())
sage: print(pts)
{1: (1.0, 0.0), 2: (1.5, 1.0), 3: (0.5, 1.0), 4: (0, 0), 5: (1, 2),
 6: (2, 0)}
sage: print(trilines)
[[3, 4, 5], [2, 5, 6], [1, 4, 6]]
sage: print(nontripts)
[0]
sage: print(curvedlines)
```
sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.line_hasorder(l, lordrs=None)
Determine if an order is specified for a line

**INPUT:**
- l – A line specified as a list of ground set elements.
- lordrs – (optional) A list of lists each specifying an order on a subset of ground set elements that may or may not correspond to a line in geometric representation.

**OUTPUT:**
A tuple containing 2 elements in this order:
1. A boolean indicating whether there is any list in lordrs that is setwise equal to l.
2. A list specifying an order on set(l) if 1. is True, otherwise an empty list.

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.line_hasorder(['a','b','c','d'], 
                                    [['a','c','d','b'],['p','q','r']])
(True, ['a', 'c', 'd', 'b'])
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.line_hasorder(['a','b','c','d'], 
                                    [['p','q','r'],
                                     ['l','m','n','o']])
(False, [])
```

**Note:** This method does NOT do any checks.

sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.lineorders_union(lineorders1, lineorders2)
Return a list of ordered lists of ground set elements that corresponds to union of two sets of ordered lists of ground set elements in a sense.

**INPUT:**
- lineorders1 – A list of ordered lists specifying orders on subsets of ground set.
- lineorders2 – A list of ordered lists specifying orders subsets of ground set.

**OUTPUT:**
A list of ordered lists of ground set elements that are (setwise) in only one of lineorders1 or lineorders2 along with the ones in lineorder2 that are setwise equal to any list in lineorders1.

**EXAMPLES:**
```
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.lineorders_union([['a','b','c'],[['p','q','r'],['i','j','k','l']],[['r','p','q']],[['a','b','c','d'],[['p','q','r'],['1','m','n','o']]])
[['a', 'b', 'c'], ['p', 'q', 'r'], ['i', 'j', 'k', 'l']]
```

**Note:** This method does NOT do any checks.

sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.posdict_is_sane(M1, pos_dict)
Return a boolean establishing sanity of posdict wrt matroid M.
INPUT:

• \( M_1 \) – A matroid.
• \( \text{posdict} \) – A dictionary mapping ground set elements to (x,y) positions.

OUTPUT:

A boolean that is True if \( \text{posdict} \) indeed has all the required elements to plot the geometric elements, otherwise False.

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: M1=Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]],
........: 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0])
sage: pos_dict= {0: (0, 0), 1: (2, 0), 2: (1, 2), 3: (1.5, 1.0),
........: 4: (0.5, 1.0), 5: (1.0, 0.0), 6: (1.0, 0.6666666666666666)}
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.posdict_is_sane(M1,pos_dict)
True
sage: pos_dict= {1: (2, 0), 2: (1, 2), 3: (1.5, 1.0),
........: 4: (0.5, 1.0), 5: (1.0, 0.0), 6: (1.0, 0.6666666666666666)}
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.posdict_is_sane(M1,pos_dict)
False
```

Note: This method does NOT do any checks. \( M_1 \) is assumed to be a matroid and \( \text{posdict} \) is assumed to be a dictionary.

\[
sage\text{.matroids}\text{.matroids_plot_helpers}\.slp(M1, pos_dict=\text{None}, B=\text{None})
\]

Return simple matroid, loops and parallel elements of given matroid.

INPUT:

• \( M_1 \) – A matroid.
• \( \text{pos_dict} \) – (optional) A dictionary containing non loopy elements of \( M \) as keys and their (x,y) positions.\( \text{as keys. While simplifying the matroid, all except one element in a parallel class that is also specified in pos_dict will be retained.} \)
• \( B \) – (optional) A basis of \( M_1 \) that has been chosen for placement on vertices of triangle.

OUTPUT:

A tuple containing 3 elements in this order:

1. Simple matroid corresponding to \( M_1 \).
2. Loops of matroid \( M_1 \).
3. Elements that are in \( M_1.groundset() \) but not in ground set of 1 or in 2

EXAMPLES:

```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import setprint
sage: M1=Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]],
........: 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0])
```

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```python
sage: M1=Matroid(ring=GF(2), matrix=[[1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
...: [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0],
...: [0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
...: [0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]])
sage: posdict= {8: (0, 0), 1: (2, 0), 2: (1, 2), 3: (1.5, 1.0),
...: 4: (0.5, 1.0), 5: (1.0, 0.0), 6: (1.0, 0.6666666666666666)}
sage: [M,L,P]=matroids_plot_helpers.slp(M1,pos_dict=posdict)
sage: M.is_simple()
True
sage: setprint([L,P])
[[7], {0, 9, 10}]

Note: This method does NOT do any checks.
```

sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.tracklims(lims, x_i=[], y_i=[])
Return modified limits list.

INPUT:
- lims – A list with 4 elements [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]
- x_i – New x values to track
- y_i – New y values to track

OUTPUT:
A list with 4 elements [xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax]

EXAMPLES:
```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: matroids_plot_helpers.tracklims([0,5,-1,7], [1,2,3,6,-1],
...: [-1,2,3,6])
[-1, 6, -1, 7]
```

Note: This method does NOT do any checks.

sage.matroids.matroids_plot_helpers.trigrid(tripts)
Return a grid of 4 points inside given 3 points as a list.

INPUT:
- tripts – A list of 3 lists of the form [x,y] where x and y are the Cartesian co-ordinates of a point.

OUTPUT:
A list of lists containing 4 points in following order:
- 1.Barycenter of 3 input points.
- 2,3,4. Barycenters of 1. with 3 different 2-subsets of input points respectively.

EXAMPLES:
```python
sage: from sage.matroids import matroids_plot_helpers
sage: points=matroids_plot_helpers.trigrid([[2,1], [4,5], [5,2]])
```

6.2. Helper functions for plotting the geometric representation of matroids
A SetSystem is an enumerator of a collection of subsets of a given fixed and finite ground set. It offers the possibility to enumerate its contents. One is most likely to encounter these as output from some Matroid methods:

```
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Fano()
sage: M.circuits()
```

To access the sets in this structure, simply iterate over them. The simplest way must be:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.set_system import SetSystem
sage: S = SetSystem([1, 2, 3, 4], [[1, 2], [3, 4], [1, 2, 4]])
sage: T = list(S)
```

Or immediately use it to iterate:

```
sage: from sage.matroids.set_system import SetSystem
sage: S = SetSystem([1, 2, 3, 4], [[1, 2], [3, 4], [1, 2, 4]])
sage: [min(X) for X in S]
[1, 3, 1]
```

Note that this class is intended for runtime, so no loads/dumps mechanism was implemented.

**Warning:** The only guaranteed behavior of this class is that it is iterable. It is expected that M.circuits(), M.bases(), and so on will in the near future return actual iterators. All other methods (which are already hidden by default) are only for internal use by the Sage matroid code.

```python
is_connected()
```
Test if the SetSystem is connected.
A **SetSystem** is connected if there is no nonempty proper subset $X$ of the ground set so the each subset is either contained in $X$ or disjoint from $X$.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.set_system import SetSystem
sage: S = SetSystem([1, 2, 3, 4], [[1, 2], [3, 4], [1, 2, 4]])
sage: S.is_connected()
True
sage: S = SetSystem([1, 2, 3, 4], [[1, 2], [3, 4]])
False
sage: S = SetSystem([1], [])
True
```

```python
class sage.matroids.set_system.SetSystemIterator
    Bases: object
    Create an iterator for a SetSystem.
    Called internally when iterating over the contents of a SetSystem.
    **EXAMPLES:**
```

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.set_system import SetSystem
sage: S = SetSystem([1, 2, 3, 4], [[1, 2], [3, 4], [1, 2, 4]])
<type 'sage.matroids.set_system.SetSystemIterator'>
```

**next** ()

```
next() -> the next value, or raise StopIteration
```

### 6.4 Unpickling methods

Python saves objects by providing a pair $(f, \text{data})$ such that $f(\text{data})$ reconstructs the object. This module collects the loading (_unpickling_ in Python terminology) functions for Sage’s matroids.

**Note:** The reason this code was separated out from the classes was to make it play nice with lazy importing of the Matroid() and matroids keywords.

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```python
sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_basis_matroid(version, data)
    Unpickle a BasisMatroid.
```

*Pickling* is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the `load` and `save` commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**
- `version` – an integer, expected to be 0
- `data` – a tuple $(E, R, \text{name}, \text{BB})$ in which $E$ is the groundset of the matroid, $R$ is the rank, name is a custom name, and BB is the bitpacked list of bases, as pickled by Sage’s `bitset_pickle`.
OUTPUT:
A matroid.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *

sage: M = BasisMatroid(matroids.named_matroids.Vamos())

sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_binary_matrix(version, data)`

Reconstruct a `BinaryMatrix` object (internal Sage data structure).

**Warning:** Users should not call this method directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *

sage: A = BinaryMatrix(2, 5)

sage: A == loads(dumps(A))  # indirect doctest
True

sage: C = BinaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 1], [0, 1]]))

sage: C == loads(dumps(C))
True
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_binary_matroid(version, data)`

Unpickle a `BinaryMatroid`.

*Pickling* is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the `load` and `save` commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**

- `version` — an integer (currently 0).
- `data` — a tuple `(A, E, B, name)` where `A` is the representation matrix, `E` is the groundset of the matroid, `B` is the currently displayed basis, and `name` is a custom name.

**OUTPUT:**

A `BinaryMatroid` instance.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(2), [[1, 0, 0, 1], [0, 1, 0, 1], 
                                  ....: [0, 0, 1, 1]]))

sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True

sage: M.rename("U34")
```
sage: loads(dumps(M))
U34

sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_circuit_closures_matroid(\textit{version, data})

Unpickle a CircuitClosuresMatroid.

\textit{Pickling} is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the \texttt{load} and \texttt{save} commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

\textbf{INPUT:}

- \texttt{version} – an integer, expected to be 0
- \texttt{data} – a tuple \((E, CC, name)\) in which \(E\) is the groundset of the matroid, \(CC\) is the dictionary of circuit closures, and \(name\) is a custom name.

\textbf{OUTPUT:}

A matroid.

\textbf{Warning:} Users should never call this function directly.

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos()
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True

sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_dual_matroid(\textit{version, data})

Unpickle a DualMatroid.

\textit{Pickling} is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the \texttt{load} and \texttt{save} commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

\textbf{INPUT:}

- \texttt{version} – an integer, expected to be 0
- \texttt{data} – a tuple \((M, name)\) in which \(M\) is the internal matroid, and \(name\) is a custom name.

\textbf{OUTPUT:}

A matroid.

\textbf{Warning:} Users should not call this function directly. Instead, use load/save.

\textbf{EXAMPLES:}

sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos().dual()
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True

sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_generic_matrix(\textit{version, data})

Reconstruct a GenericMatrix object (internal Sage data structure).
**Warning:** Users should not call this method directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = GenericMatrix(2, 5, ring=QQ)
sage: A == loads(dumps(A))  # indirect doctest
True
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_integer_matrix(version, data)`
Reconstruct an `IntegerMatrix` object (internal Sage data structure).

**Warning:** Users should not call this method directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = IntegerMatrix(2, 5)
sage: A == loads(dumps(A))  # indirect doctest
True
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_linear_matroid(version, data)`
Unpickle a `LinearMatroid`.

Pickling is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the `load` and `save` commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**

- `version` – an integer (currently 0).
- `data` – a tuple `(A, E, reduced, name)` where `A` is the representation matrix, `E` is the groundset of the matroid, `reduced` is a boolean indicating whether `A` is a reduced matrix, and `name` is a custom name.

**OUTPUT:**

A `LinearMatroid` instance.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = Matroid(Matrix(GF(7), [[1, 0, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 0, 1, 2], ....: [0, 1, 1, 1, 3]]))
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True
sage: M.rename("U35")
sage: loads(dumps(M))
U35
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_minor_matroid(version, data)`
Unpickle a `MinorMatroid`.
Pickling is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the load and save commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**

- `version` – an integer, currently 0.
- `data` – a tuple `(M, C, D, name)`, where `M` is the original matroid of which the output is a minor, `C` is the set of contractions, `D` is the set of deletions, and `name` is a custom name.

**OUTPUT:**

A `MinorMatroid` instance.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.Vamos().minor('abc', 'g')
```

```python
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
```

```python
sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_quaternary_matrix(version, data)
```
Reconstruct a QuaternaryMatrix object (internal Sage data structure).

**Warning:** Users should not call this method directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 5, ring=GF(4, 'x'))
sage: A == loads(dumps(A))  # indirect doctest
```

```python
sage: C = QuaternaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(4, 'x'), [[1, 1], [0, 1]]))
sage: C == loads(dumps(C))
```

```python
sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_quaternary_matroid(version, data)
```
Unpickle a QuaternaryMatroid.

Pickling is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the load and save commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**

- `version` – an integer (currently 0).
- `data` – a tuple `(A, E, B, name)` where `A` is the representation matrix, `E` is the groundset of the matroid, `B` is the currently displayed basis, and `name` is a custom name.

**OUTPUT:**

A `TernaryMatroid` instance.
**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = QuaternaryMatroid(Matrix(GF(3), [[1, 0, 0, 1], [0, 1, 0, 1], ....: [0, 0, 1, 1]]))
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True
sage: M.rename("U34")
sage: loads(dumps(M))
U34
sage: M = QuaternaryMatroid(Matrix(GF(4, 'x'), [[1, 0, 1], ....: [1, 0, 1]]))
sage: loads(dumps(M)).representation()
[1 0 1]
[1 0 1]
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_regular_matroid(version, data)`

Unpickle a RegularMatroid.

*Pickling* is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the `load` and `save` commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

**INPUT:**

- `version` – an integer (currently 0).
- `data` – a tuple `(A, E, reduced, name)` where `A` is the representation matrix, `E` is the groundset of the matroid, `reduced` is a boolean indicating whether `A` is a reduced matrix, and `name` is a custom name.

**OUTPUT:**

A RegularMatroid instance.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

**EXAMPLES:**

```python
sage: M = matroids.named_matroids.R10()
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True
sage: M.rename("R_{10}")
sage: loads(dumps(M))
R_{10}
```

`sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_ternary_matrix(version, data)`

Reconstruct a TernaryMatrix object (internal Sage data structure).

**Warning:** Users should not call this method directly.

**EXAMPLES:**
sage: from sage.matroids.lean_matrix import *
sage: A = TernaryMatrix(2, 5)
sage: A == loads(dumps(A))  # indirect doctest
True
sage: C = TernaryMatrix(2, 2, Matrix(GF(3), [[1, 1], [0, 1]]))
sage: C == loads(dumps(C))
True

sage.matroids.unpickling.unpickle_ternary_matroid(version, data)

Unpickle a TernaryMatroid.

Pickling is Python’s term for the loading and saving of objects. Functions like these serve to reconstruct a saved object. This all happens transparently through the load and save commands, and you should never have to call this function directly.

INPUT:

• `version` – an integer (currently 0).
• `data` – a tuple `(A, E, B, name)` where `A` is the representation matrix, `E` is the groundset of the matroid, `B` is the currently displayed basis, and `name` is a custom name.

OUTPUT:

A TernaryMatroid instance.

**Warning:** Users should never call this function directly.

EXAMPLES:

sage: from sage.matroids.advanced import *
sage: M = TernaryMatroid(Matrix(GF(3), [[1, 0, 0, 1], [0, 1, 0, 1],
....: [0, 0, 1, 1]]))
sage: M == loads(dumps(M))  # indirect doctest
True
sage: M.rename("U34")
sage: loads(dumps(M))
U34
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