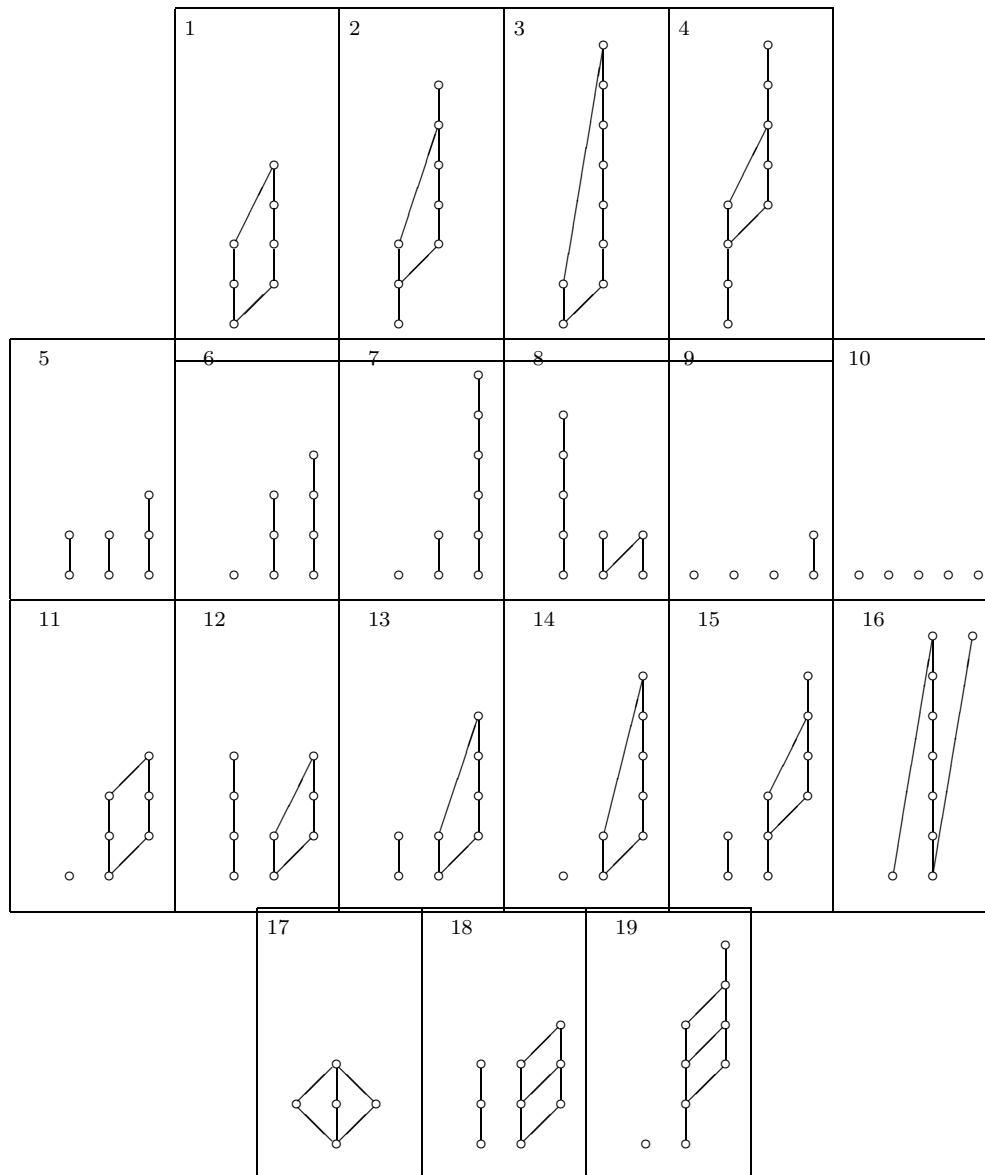


Classification of NP -critical posets

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We describe the finite posets with non-negative Tits form, all proper subsets of which have yet negative Tits form (abbreviated: NP -critical posets). In particular we prove the next statement.

Theorem. *Any NP -critical poset is (\min, \max) -isomorphic to a self-dual one, and every self-dual NP -critical poset is isomorphic to one from the following list:*



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