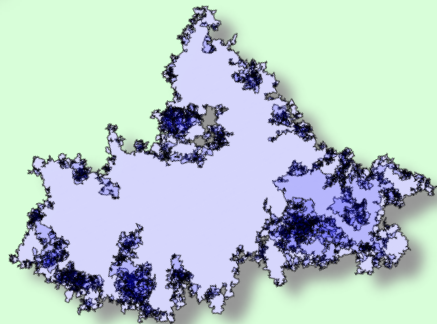
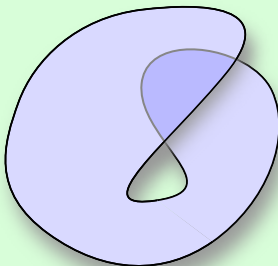
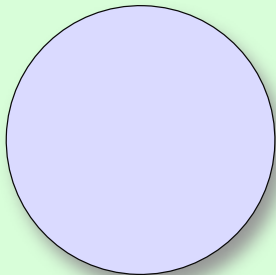


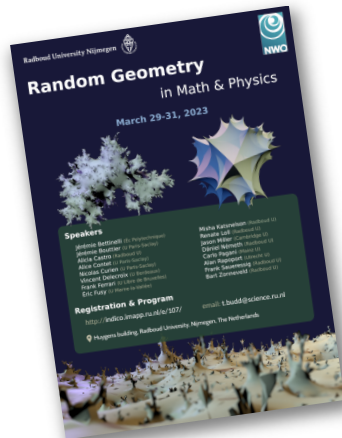
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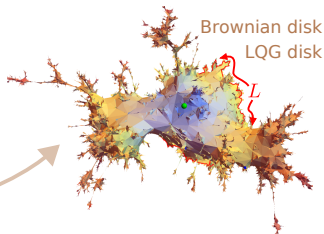
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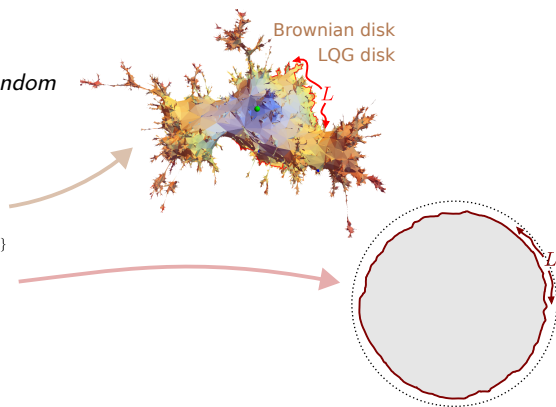
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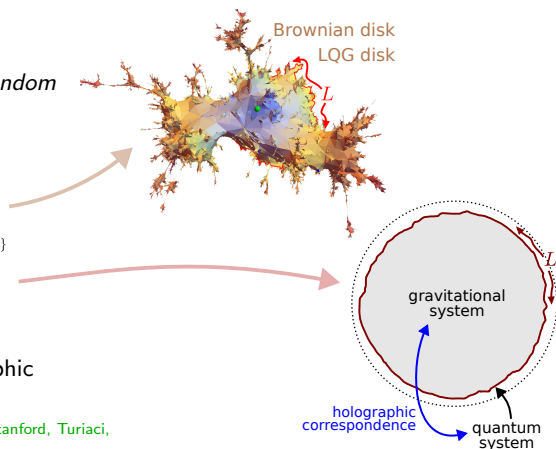
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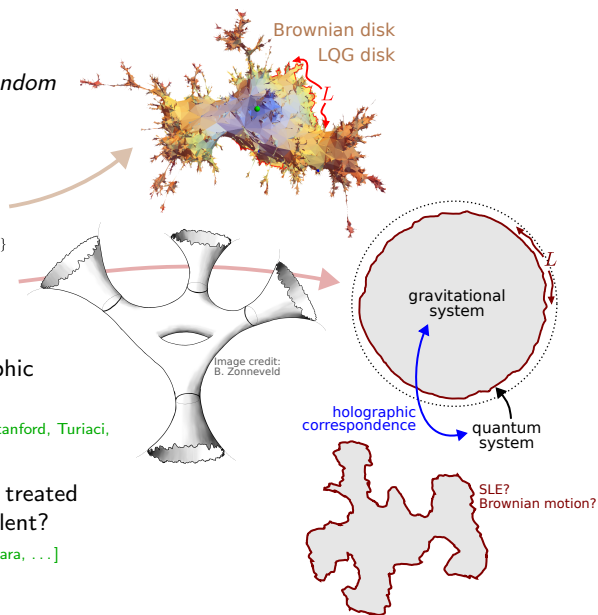
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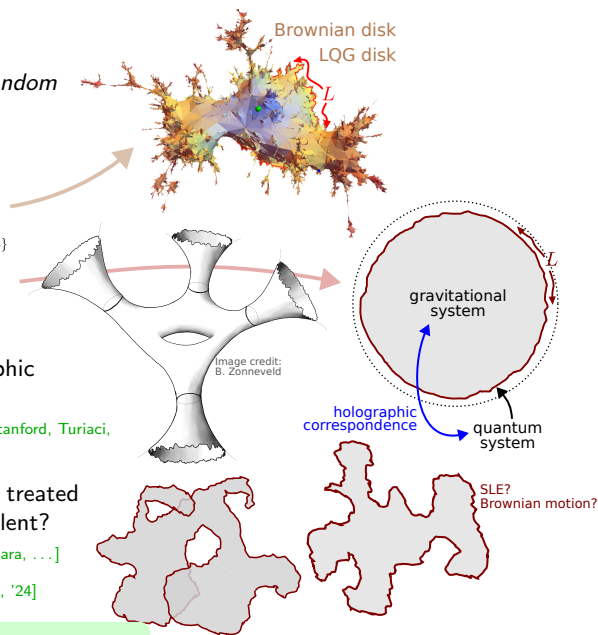
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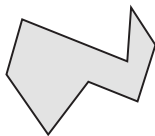
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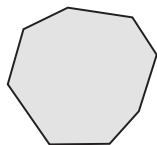
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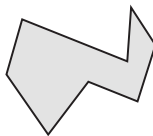
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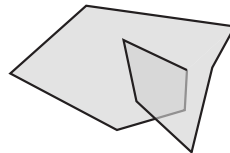
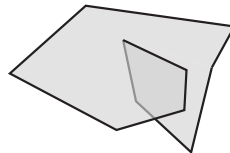
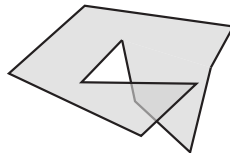
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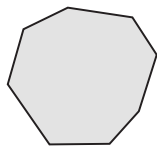
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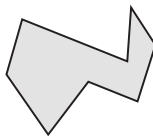
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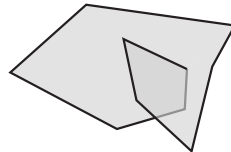
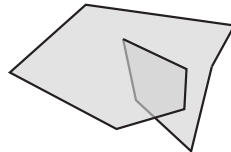
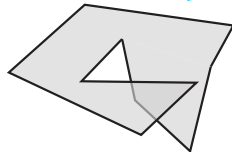
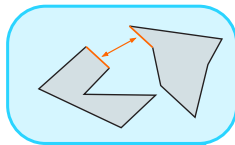
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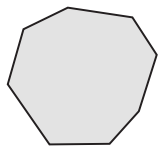


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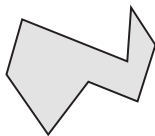


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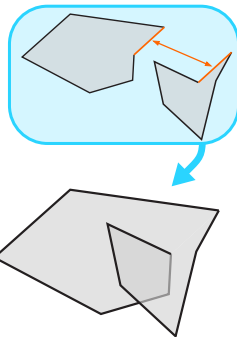
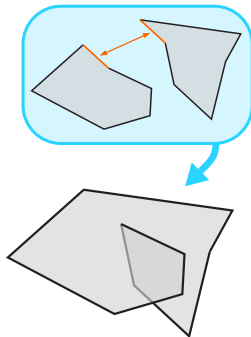
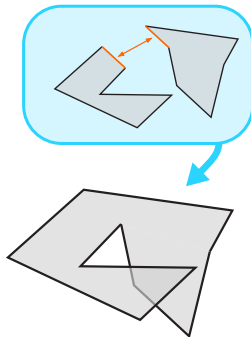
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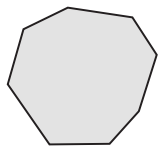
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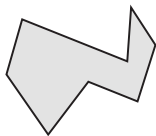
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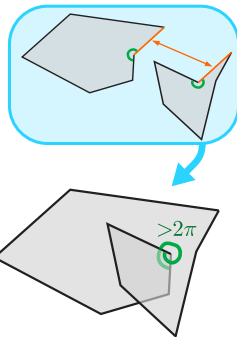
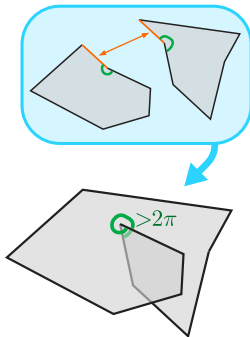
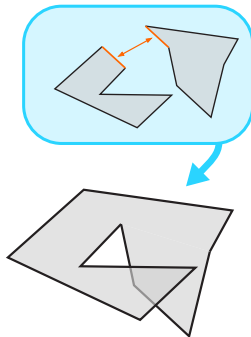
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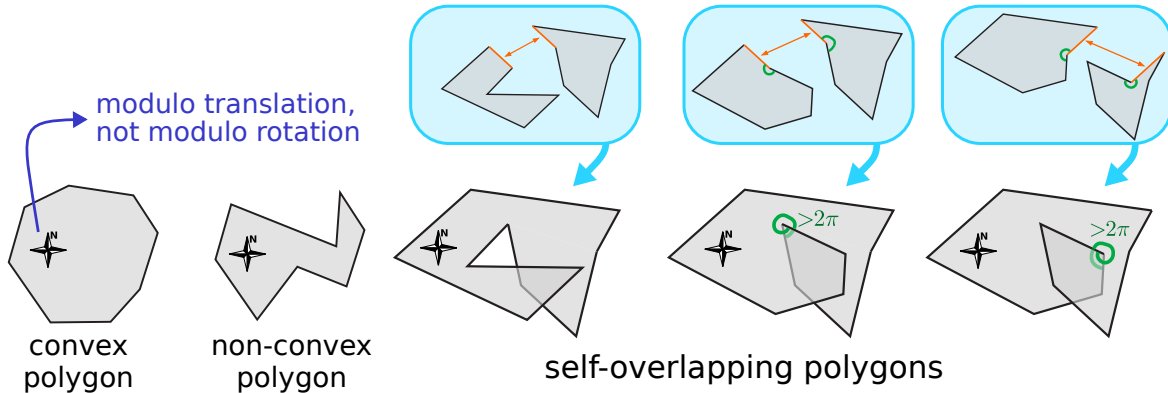
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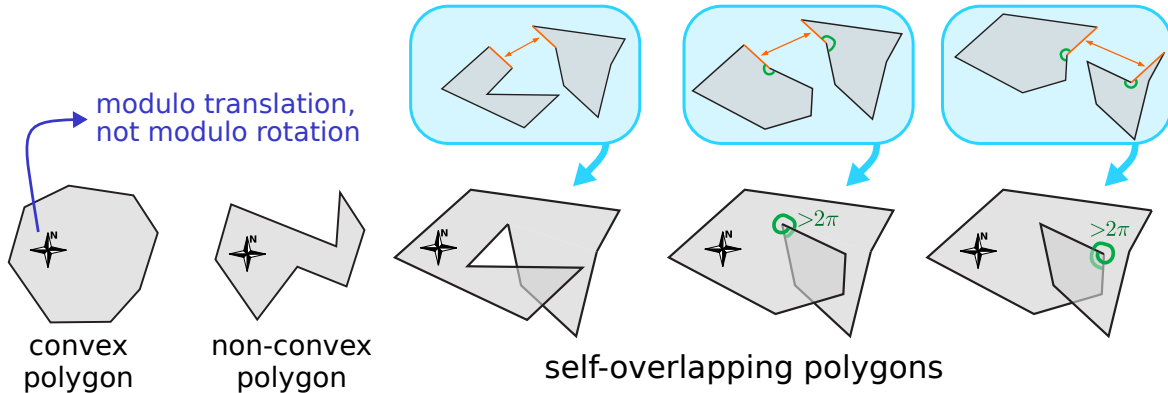
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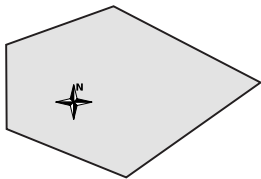
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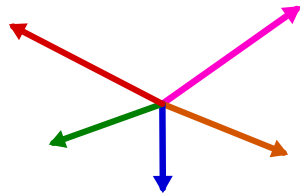
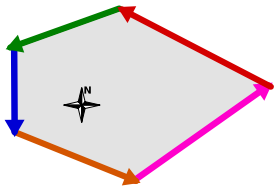


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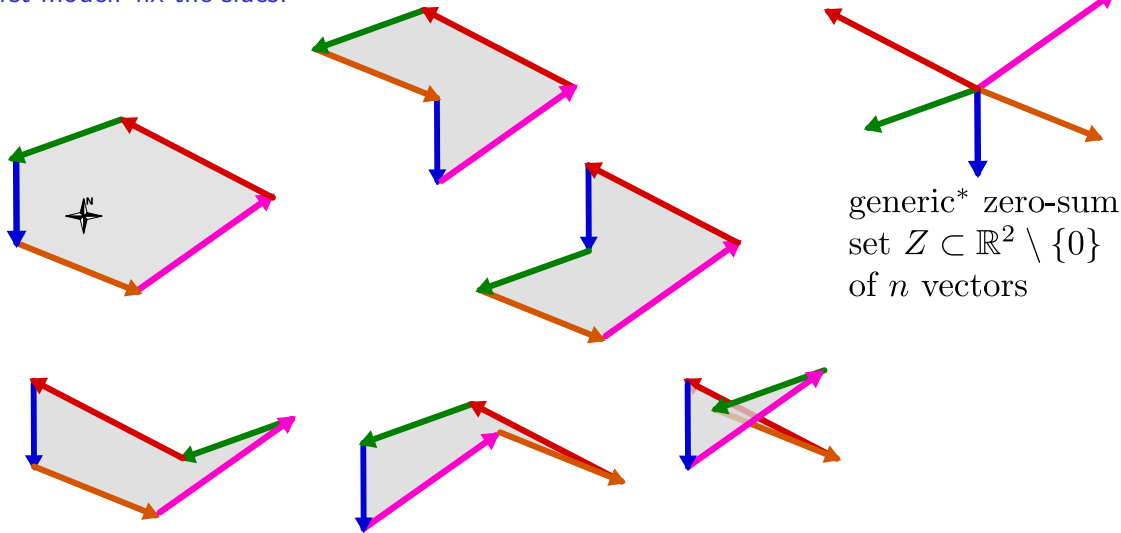
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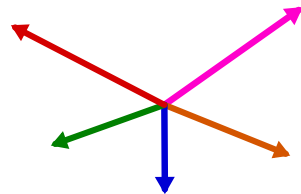
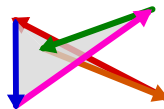
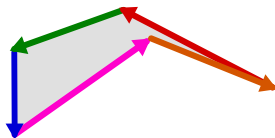
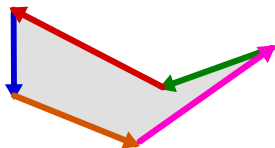
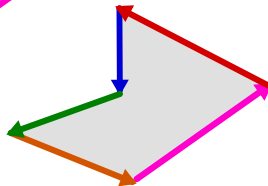
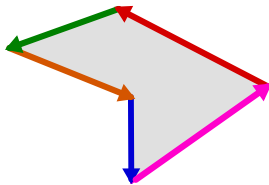
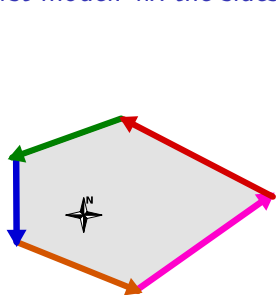
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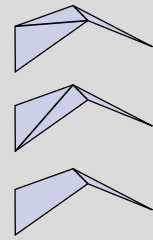
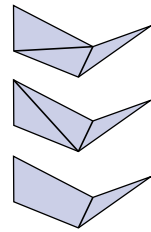
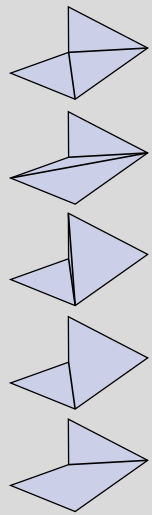
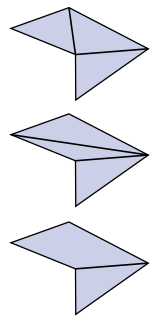
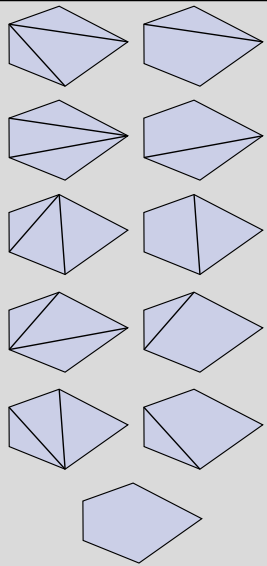
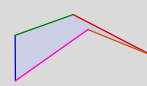
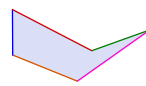
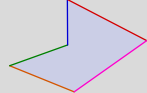
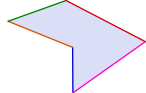
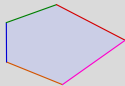


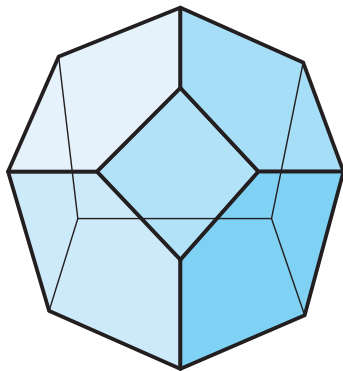
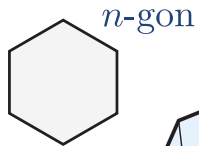
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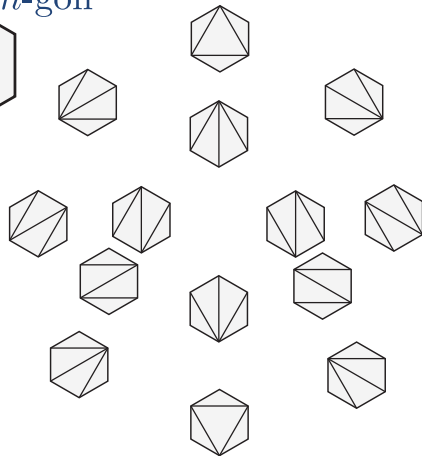
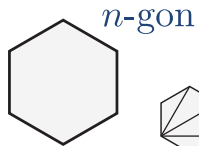
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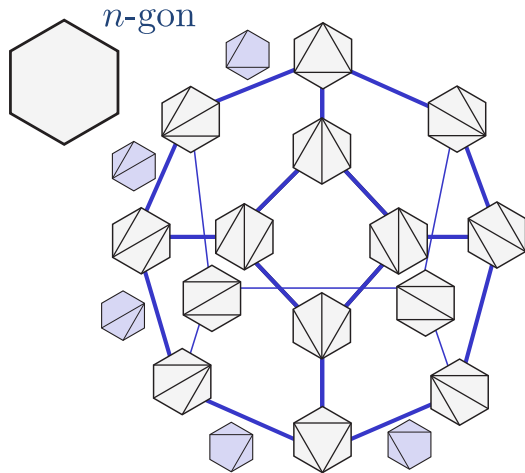




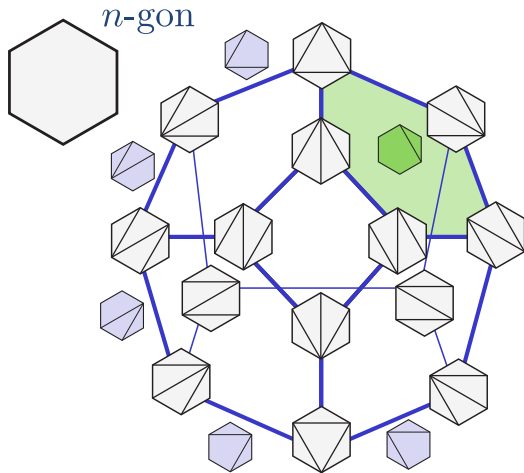
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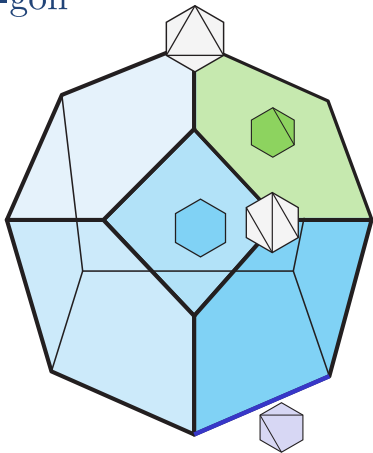
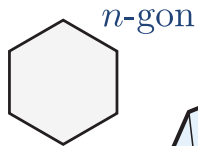
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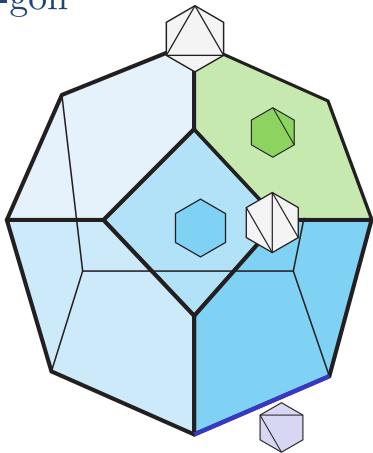
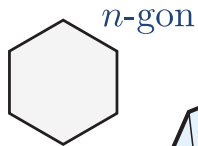


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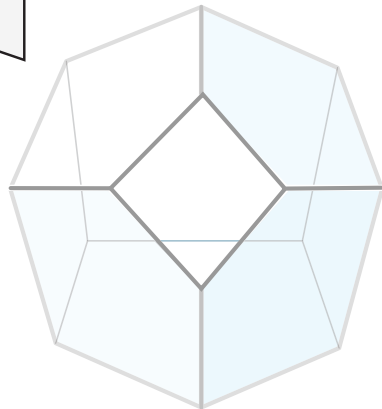


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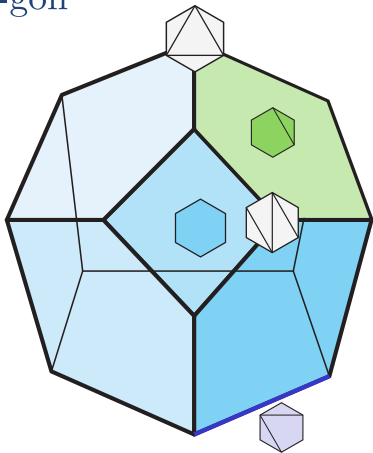
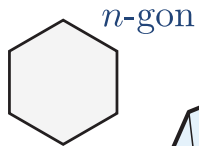
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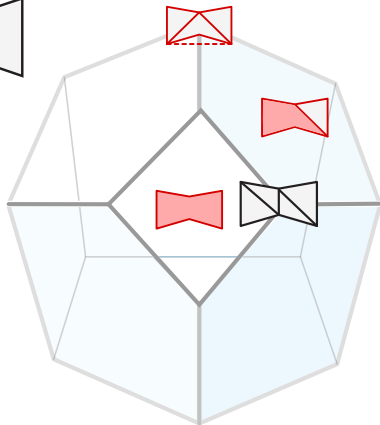
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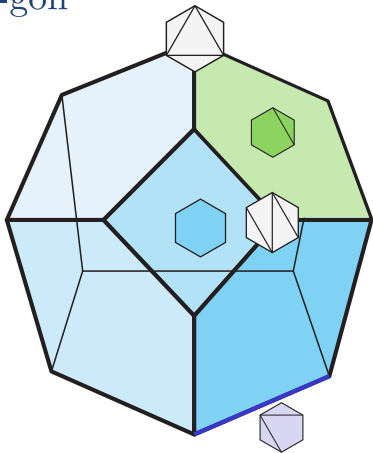
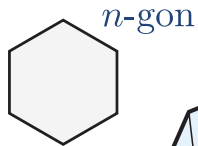


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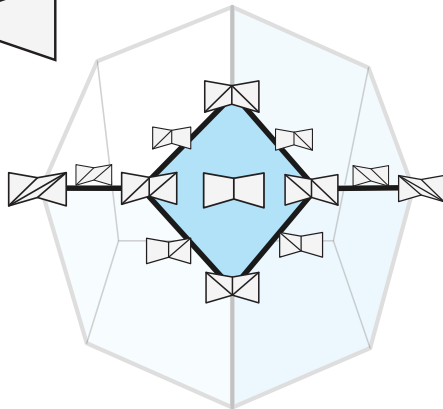


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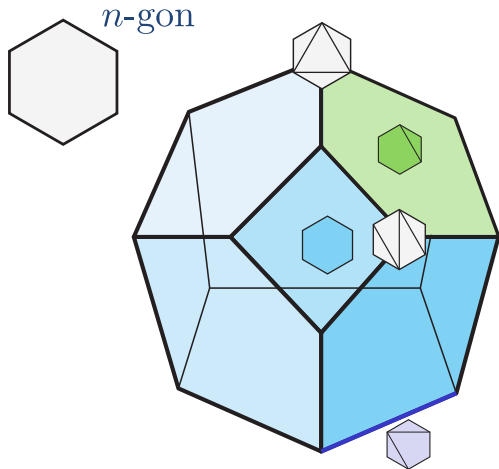




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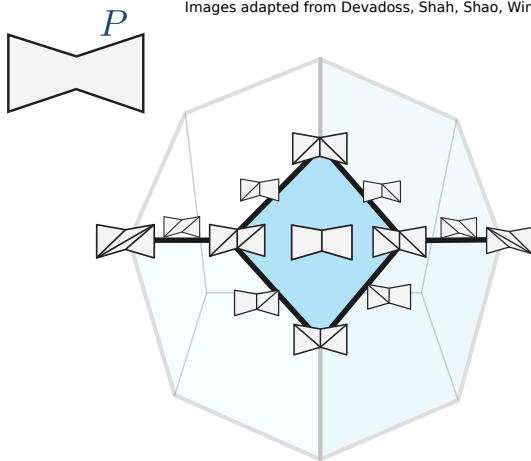


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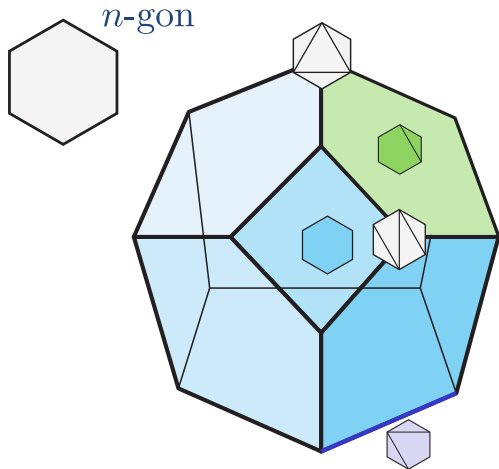


## Convex diagonalizations $\mathcal{K}_P$

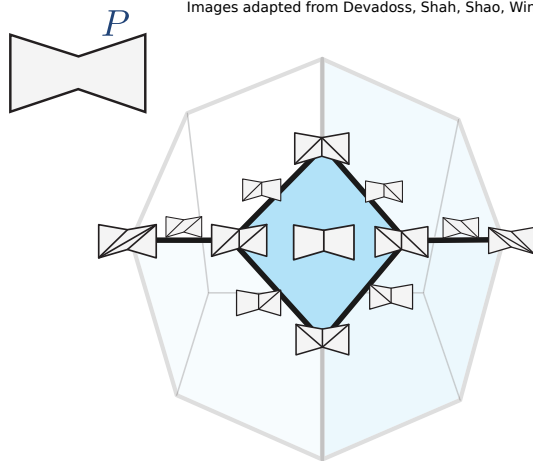
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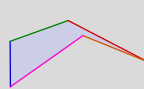
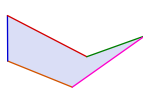
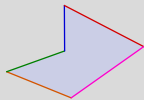
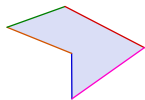
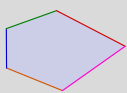
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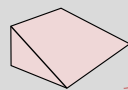
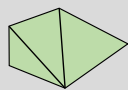
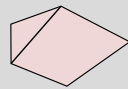
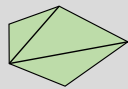
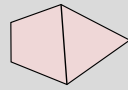
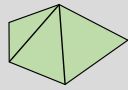
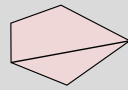
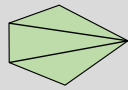
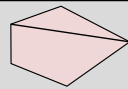
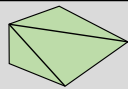
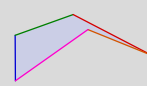
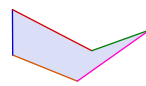
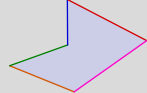
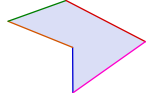
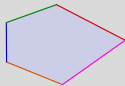


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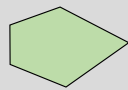
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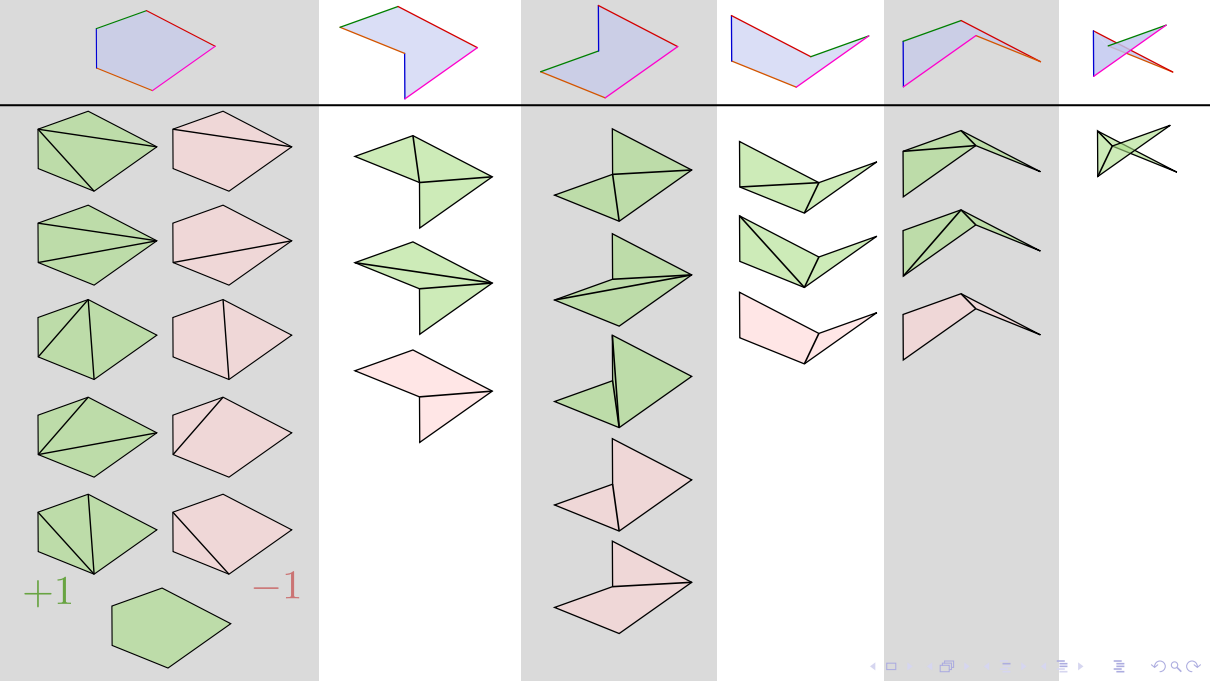




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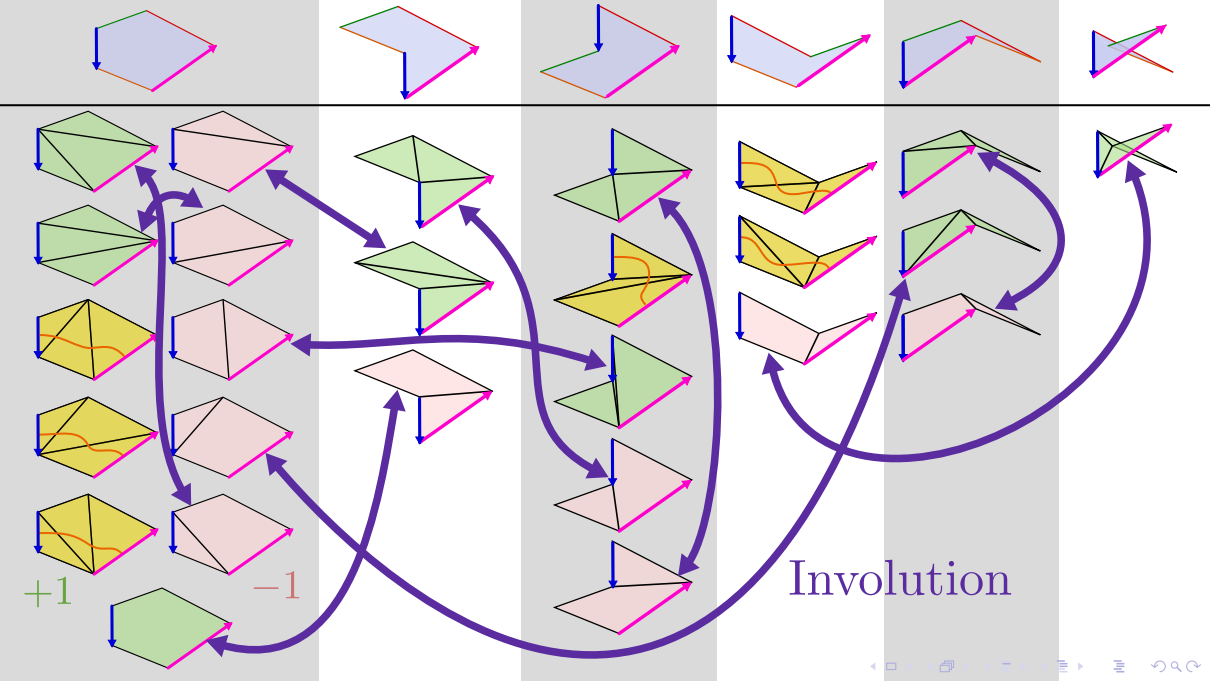




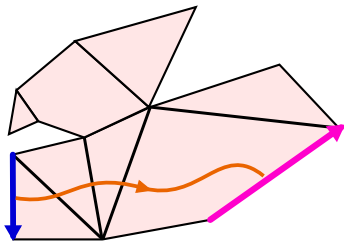
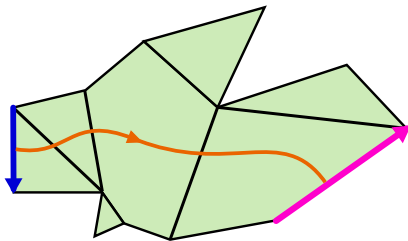


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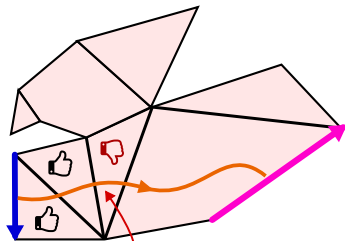
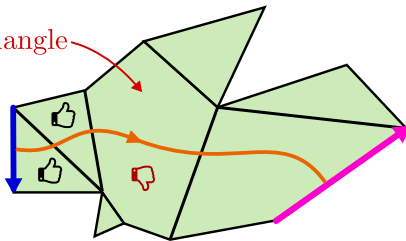


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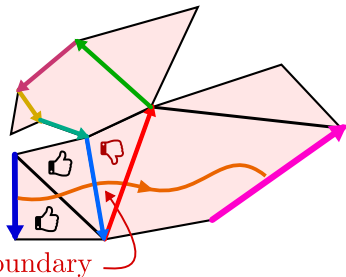
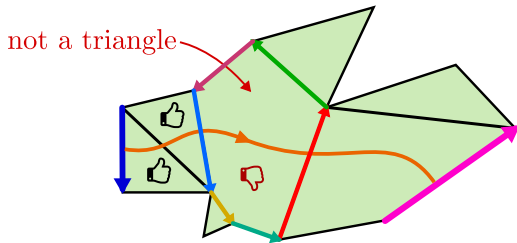
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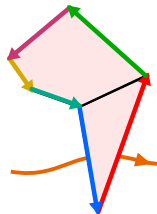
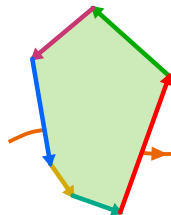
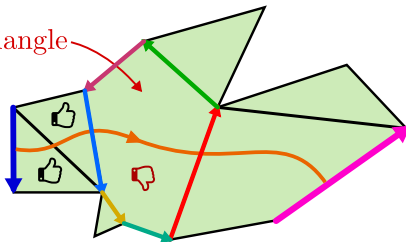
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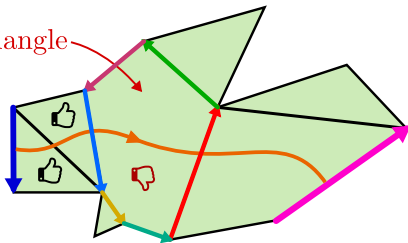
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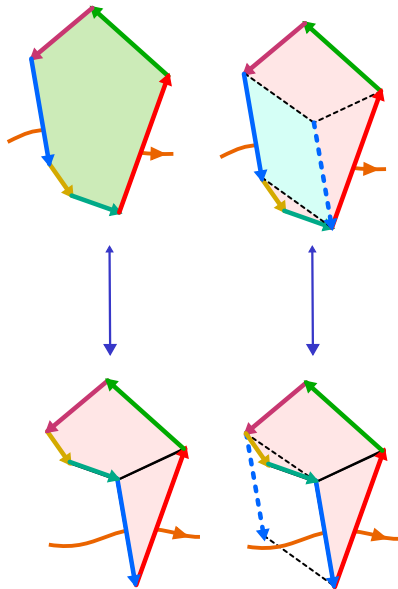
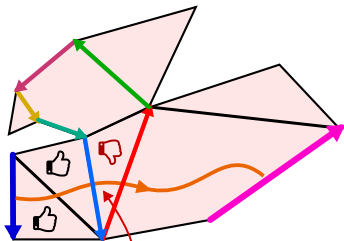
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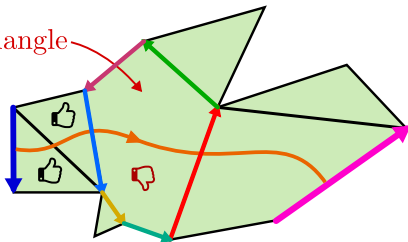


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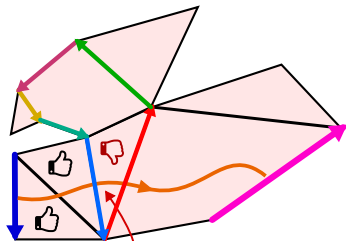


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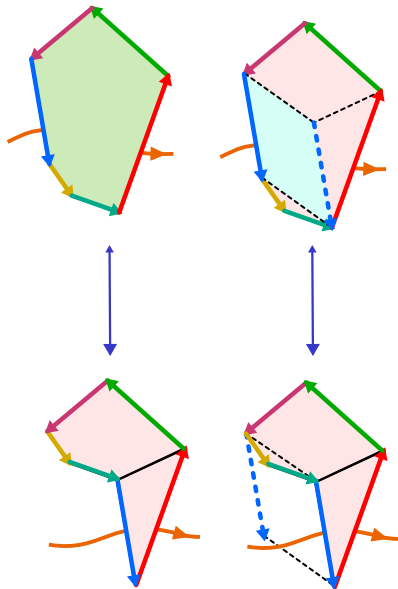
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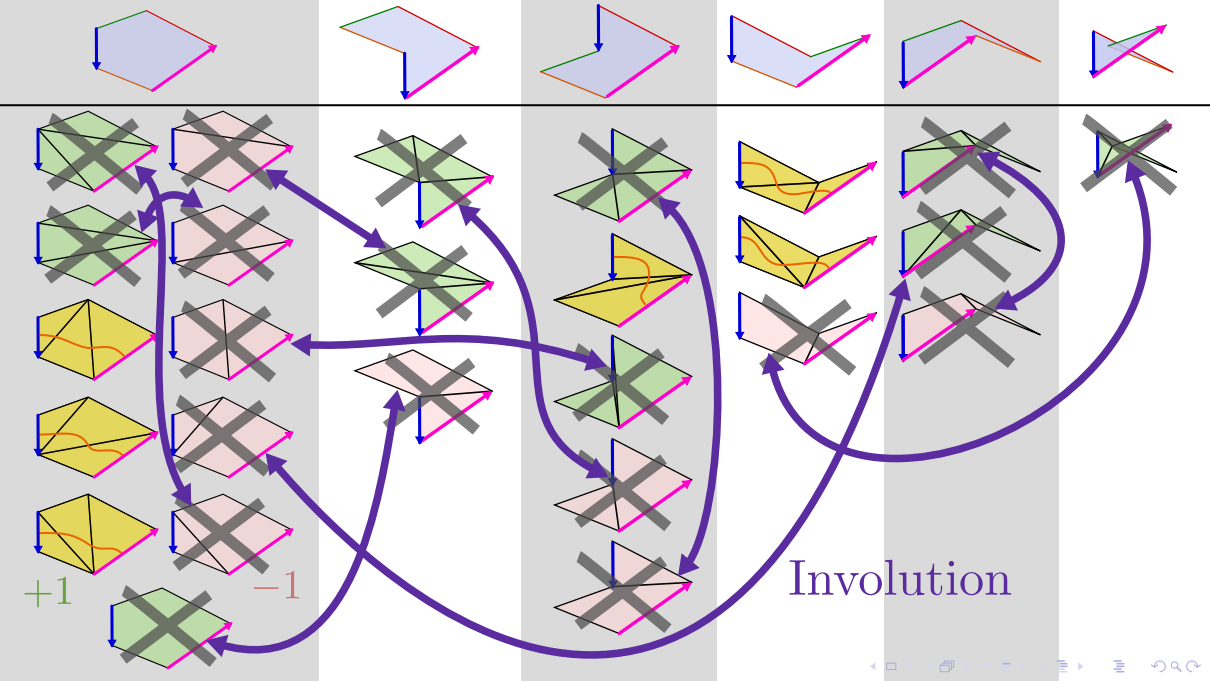


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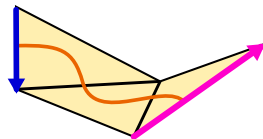
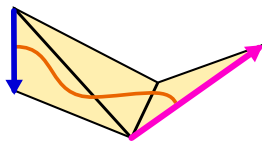
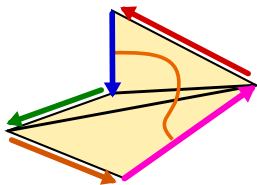
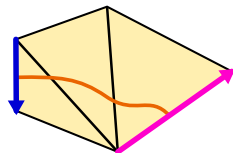
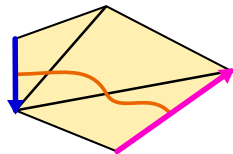
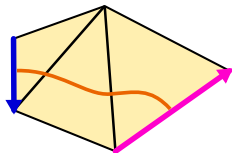


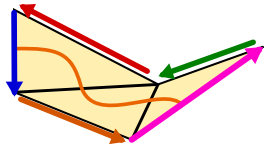
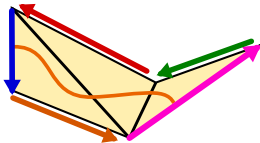
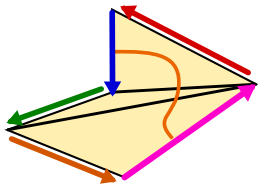
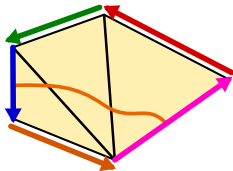
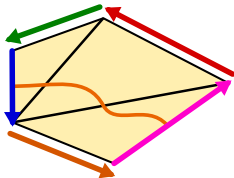
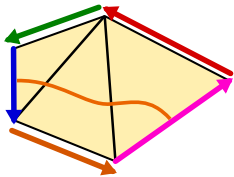
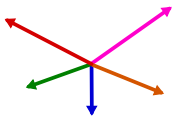
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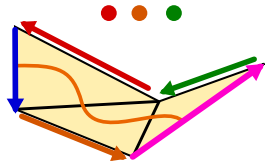
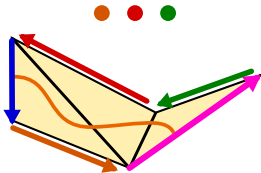
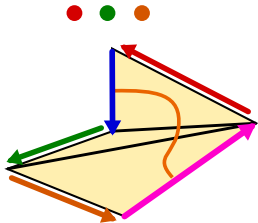
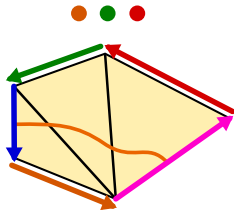
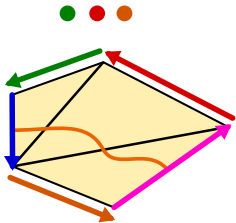
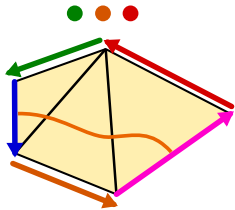
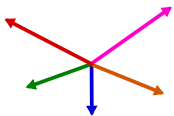


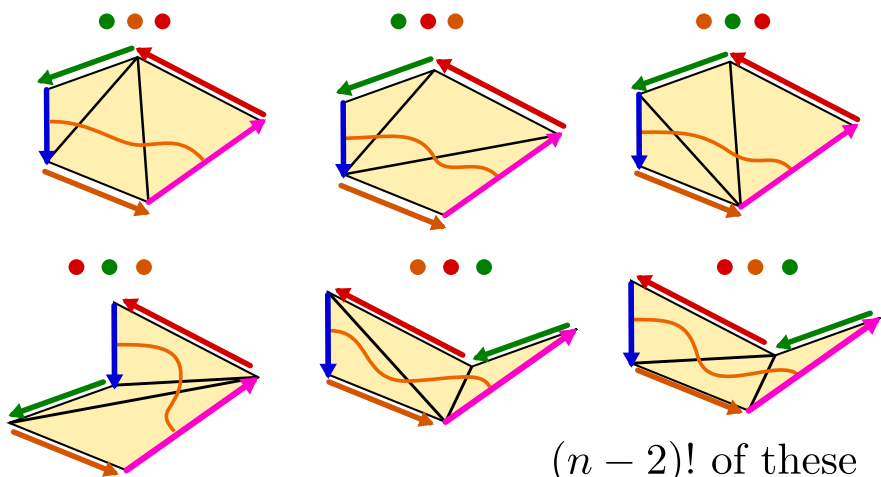
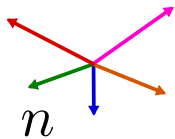


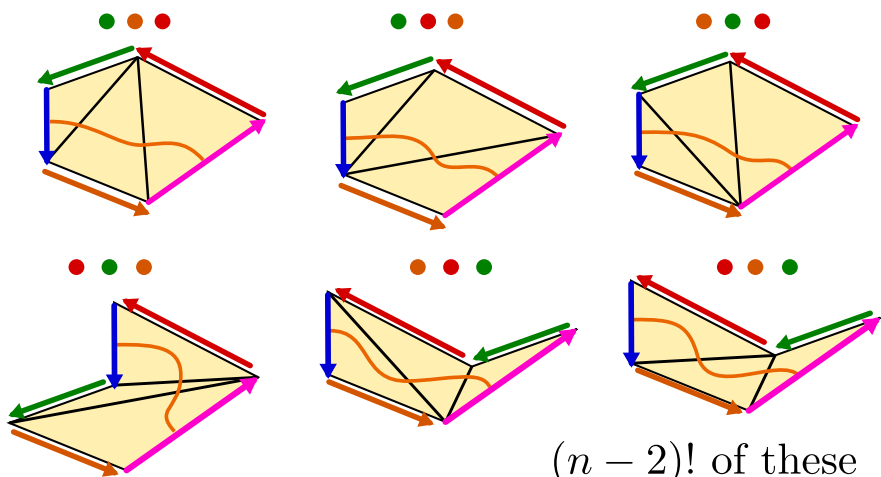
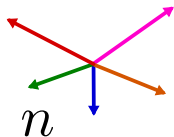












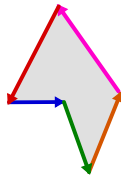
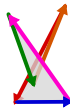
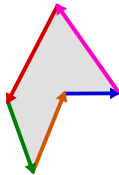
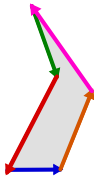
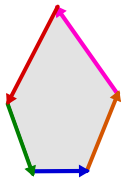
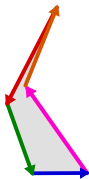
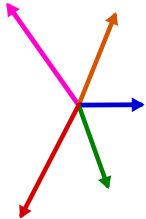
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Theorem (TB, '24+)

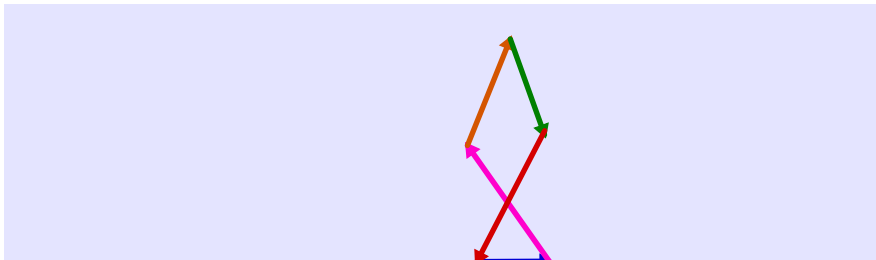
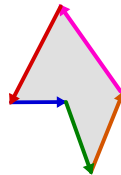
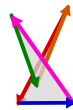
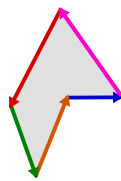
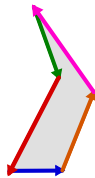
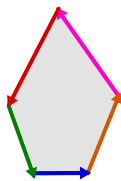
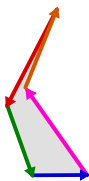
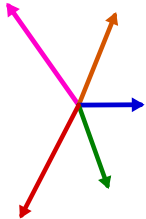
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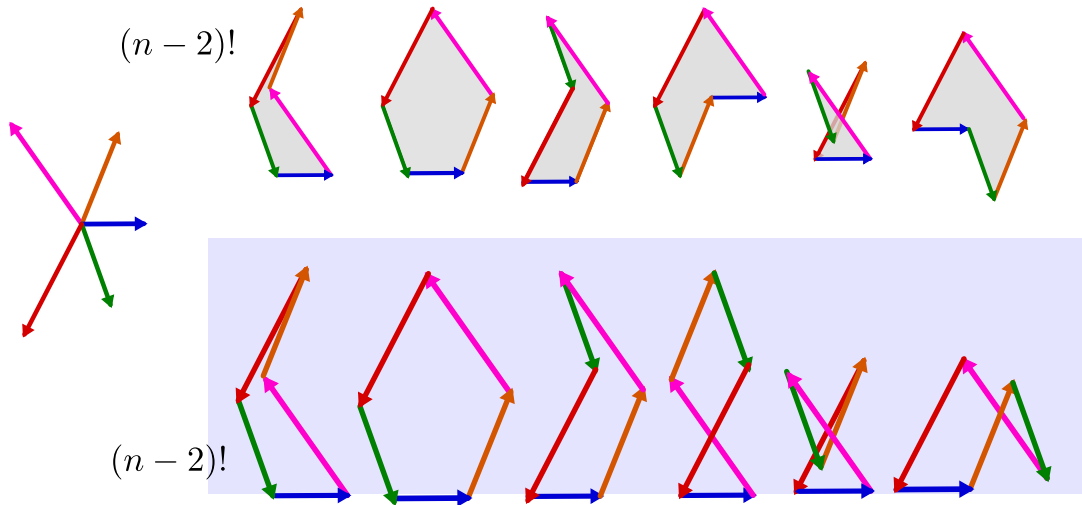
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(In particular, all angles distinct!)

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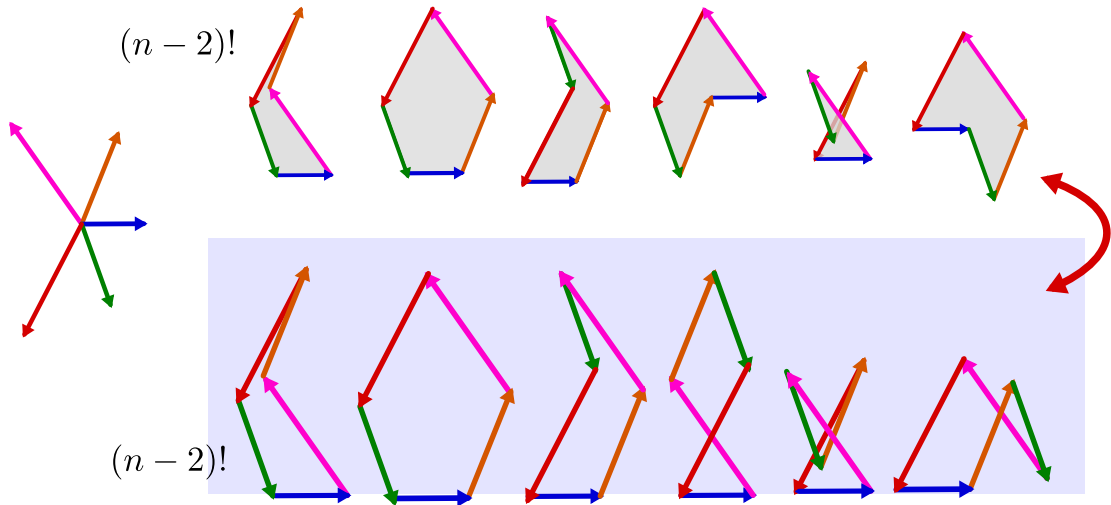


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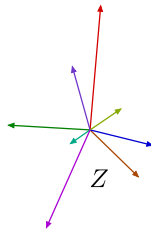
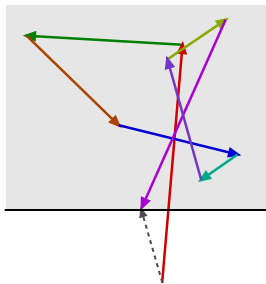


Theorem (TB, '24+)

*If  $Z$  is generic, there is an explicit bijection between flat disks and excursions in the half-plane.*

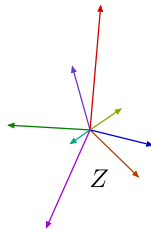
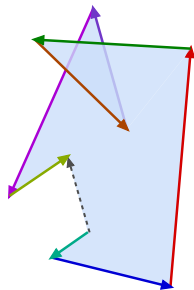
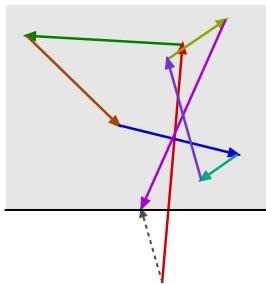
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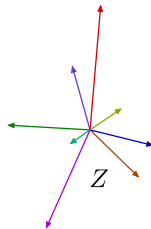
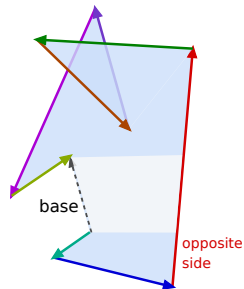
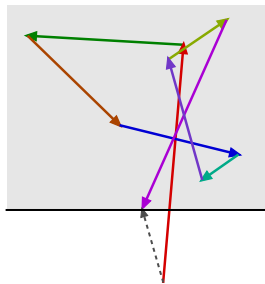
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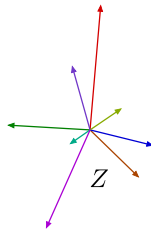
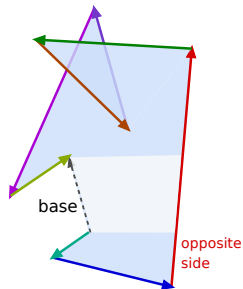
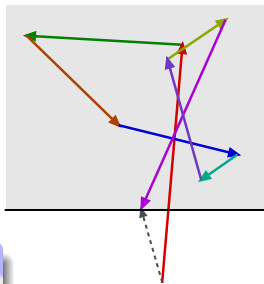
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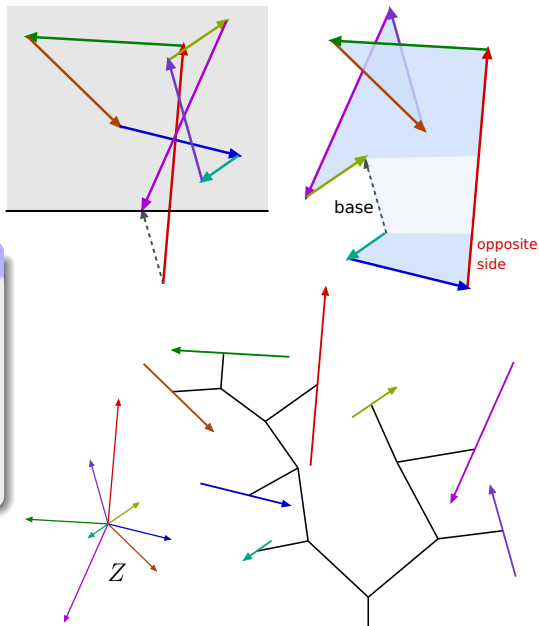


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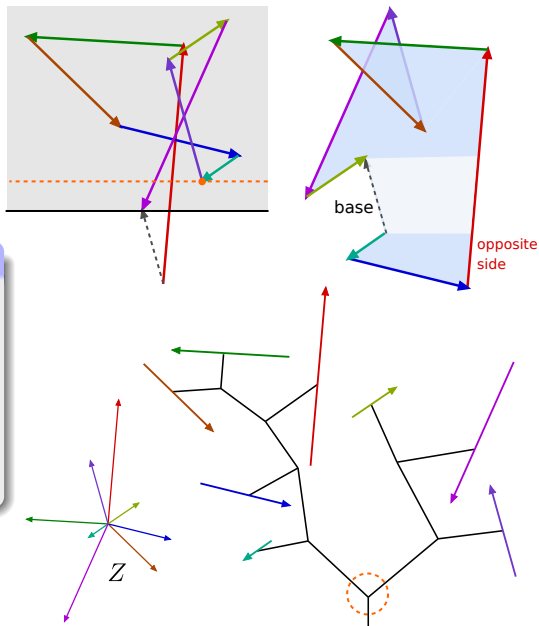
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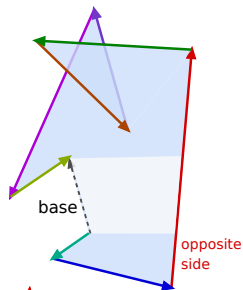
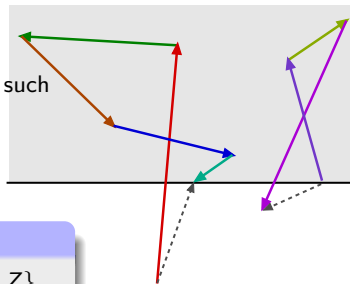
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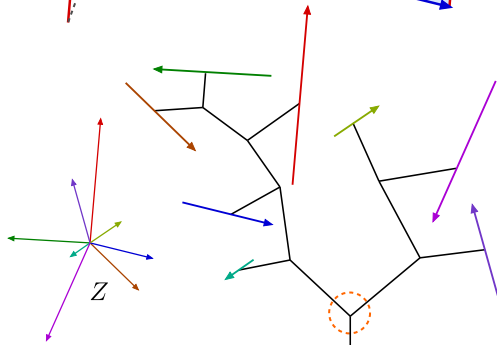
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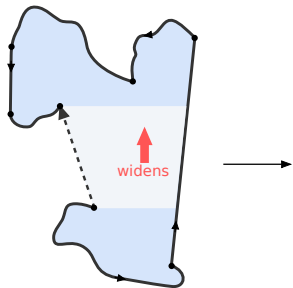
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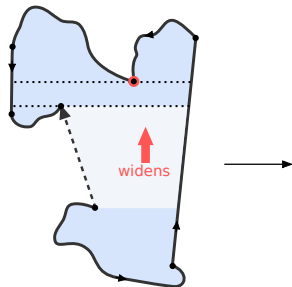




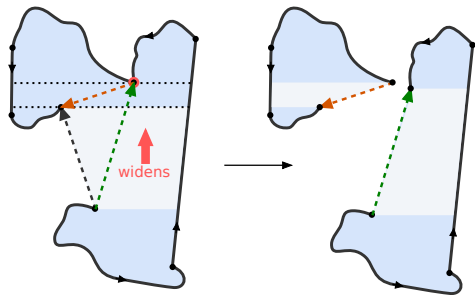
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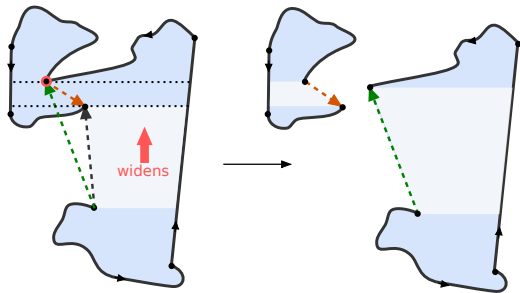
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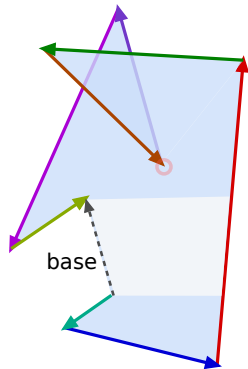
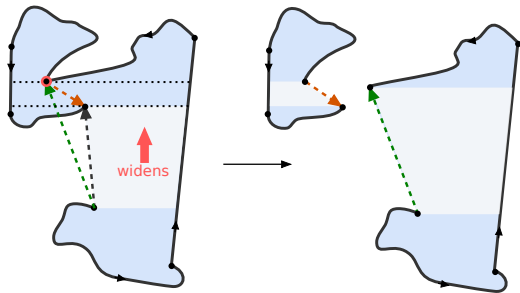
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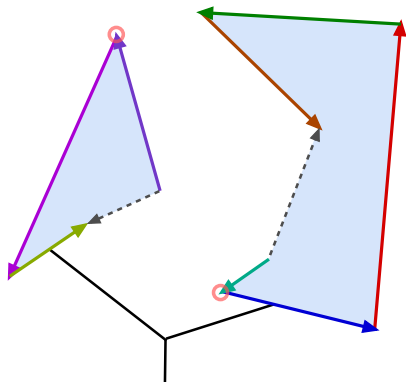
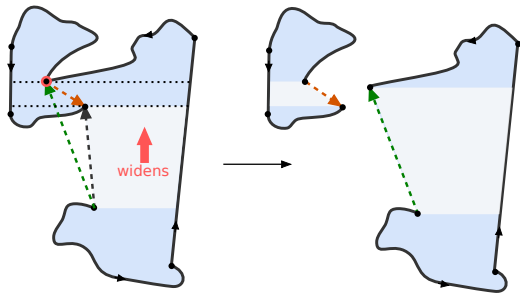
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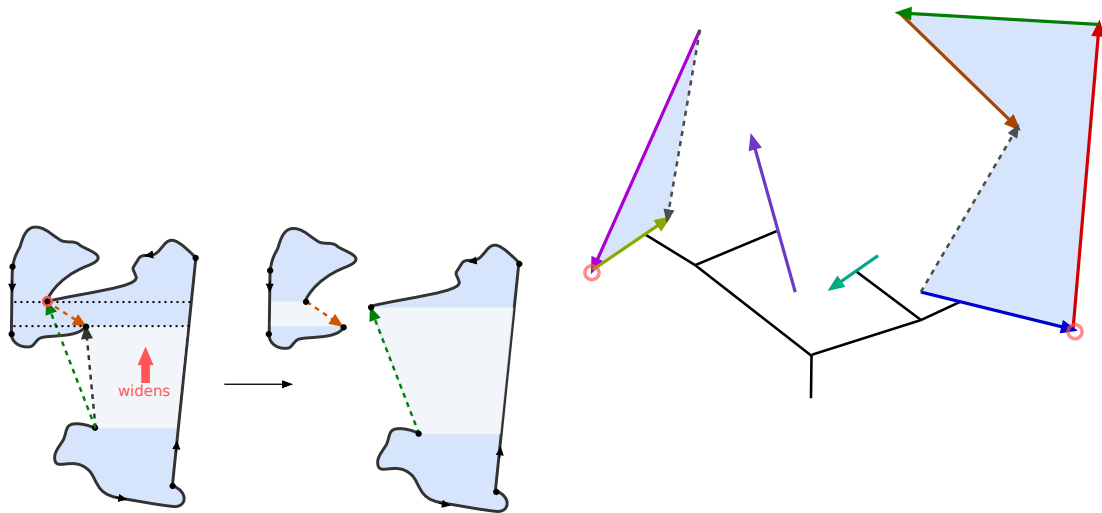
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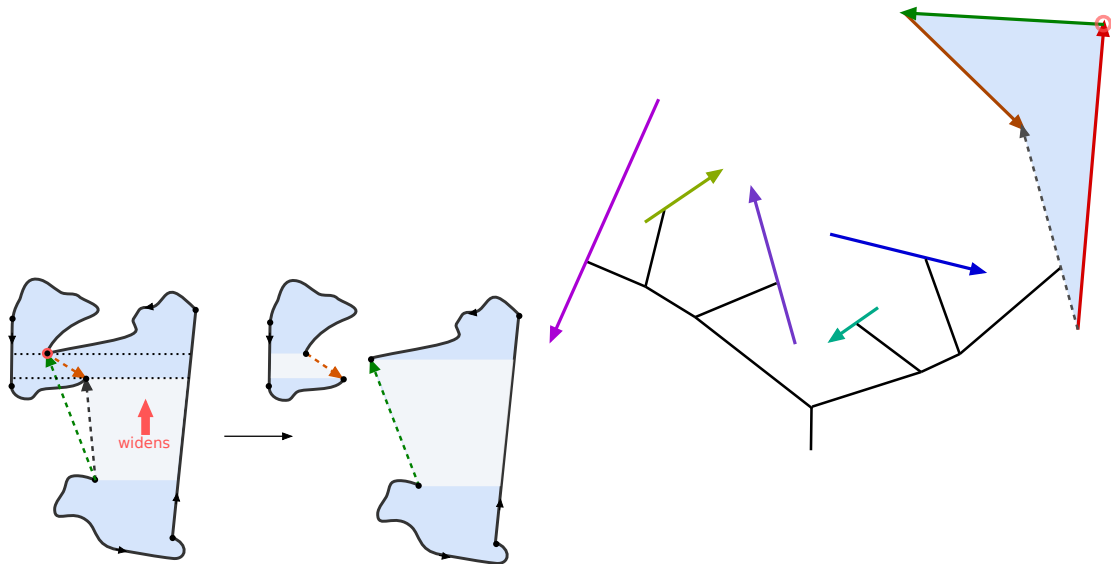
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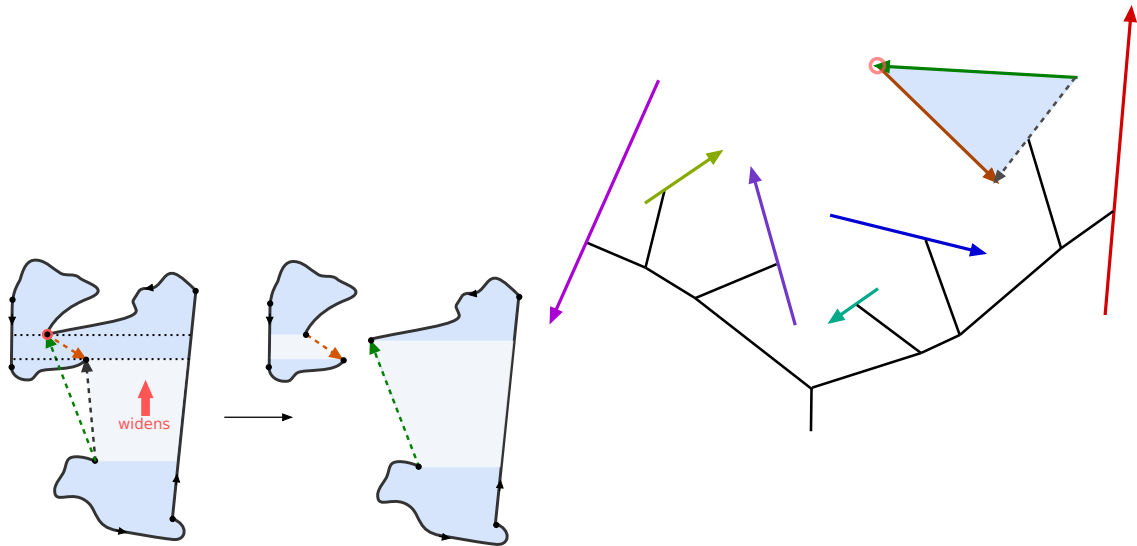


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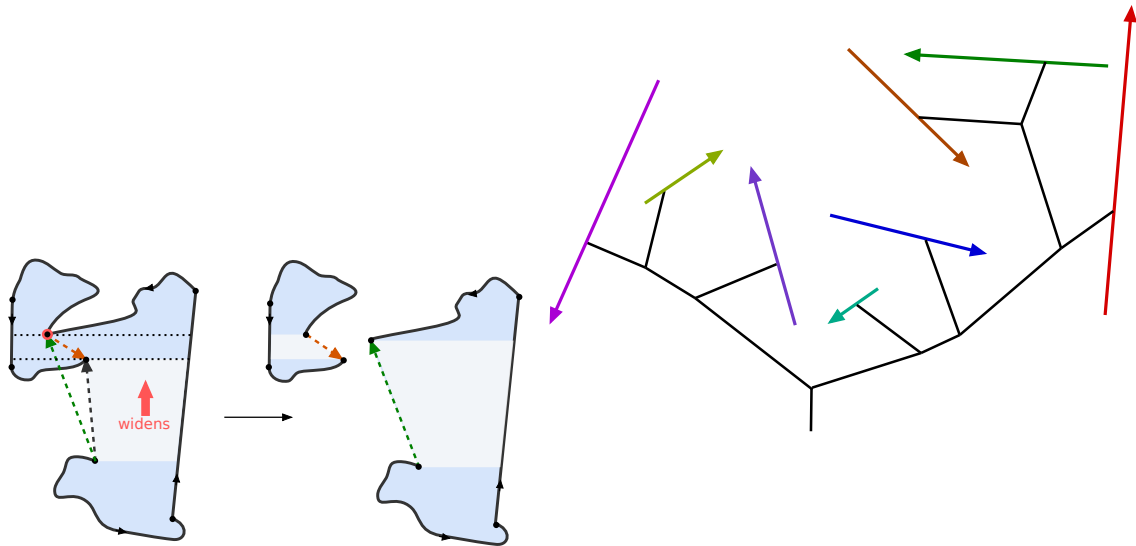




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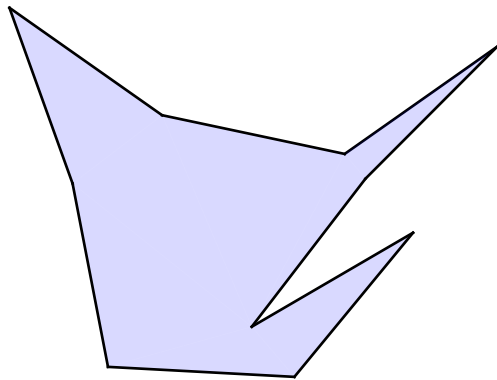
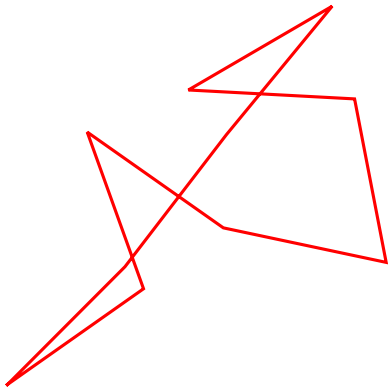


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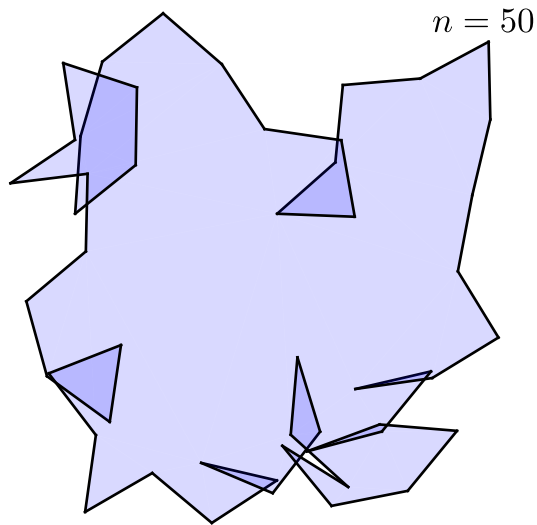
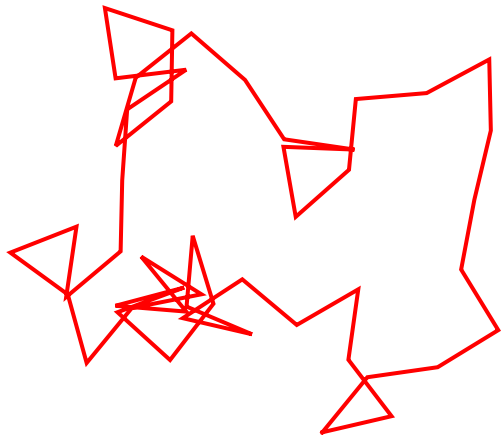


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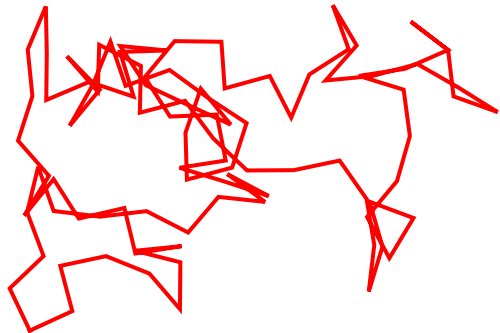
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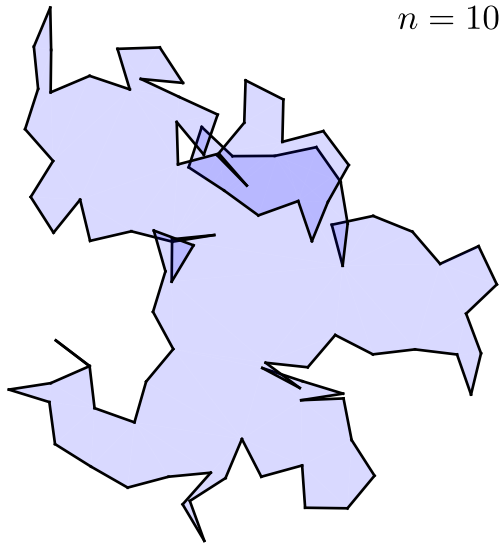
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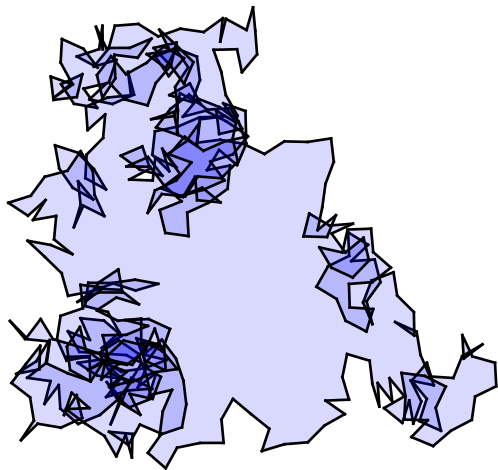


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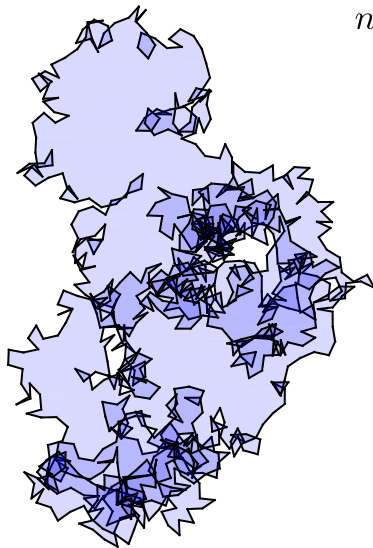
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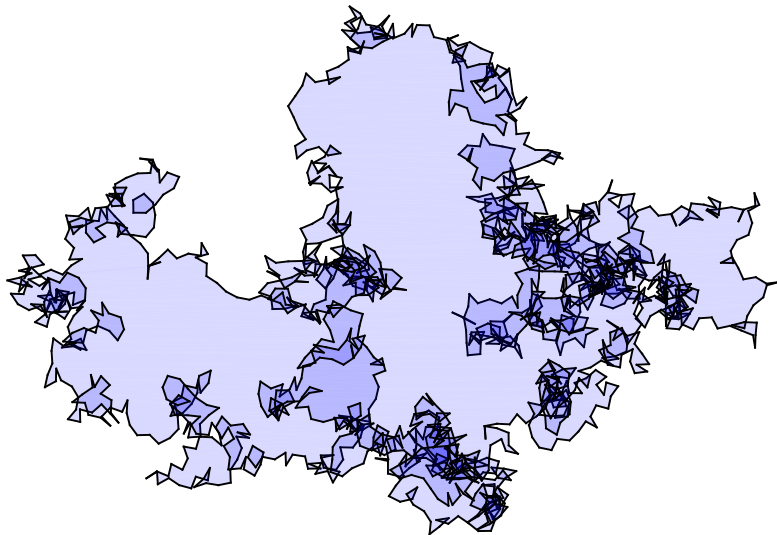
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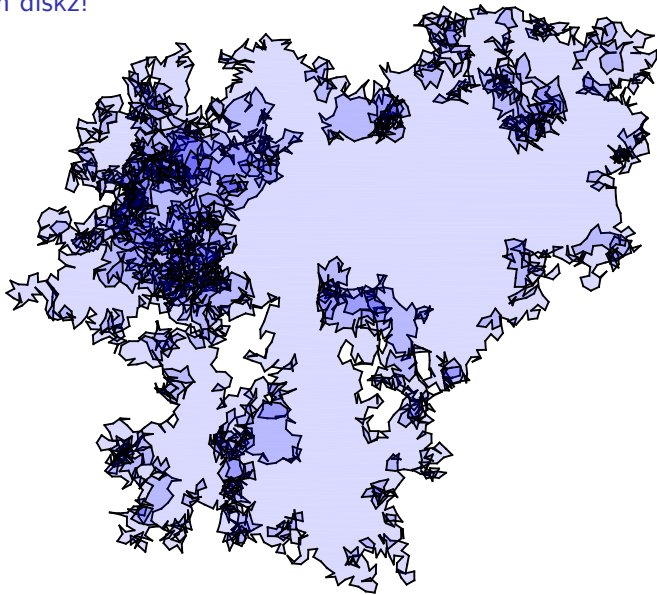
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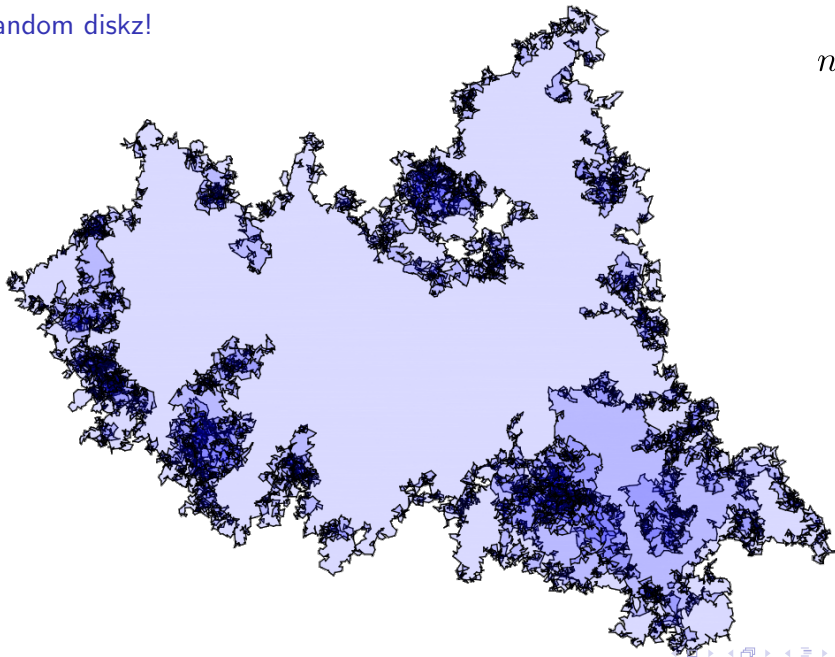
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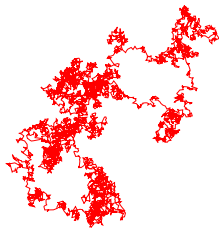
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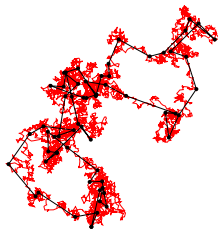
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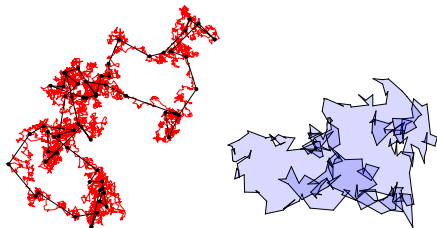
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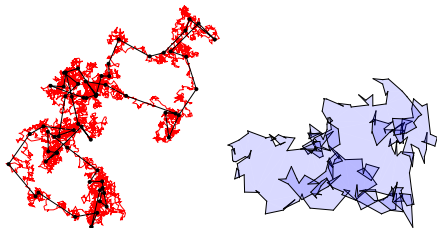
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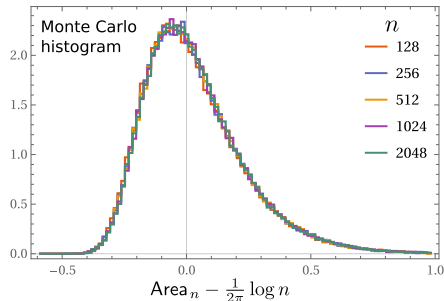
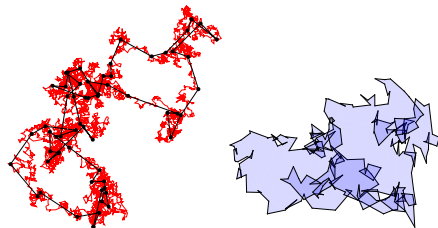
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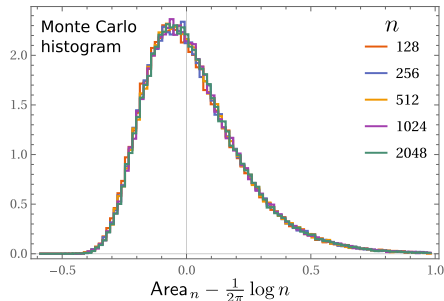
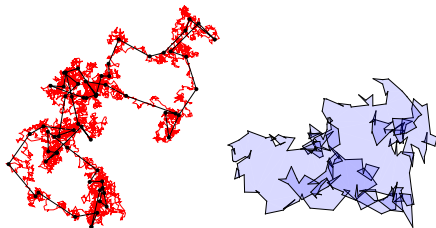
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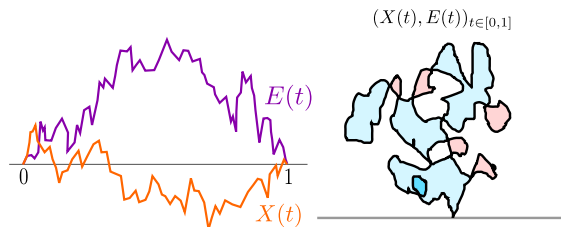
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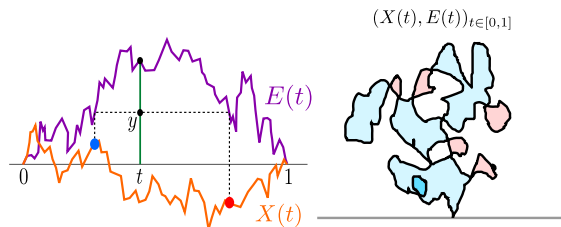
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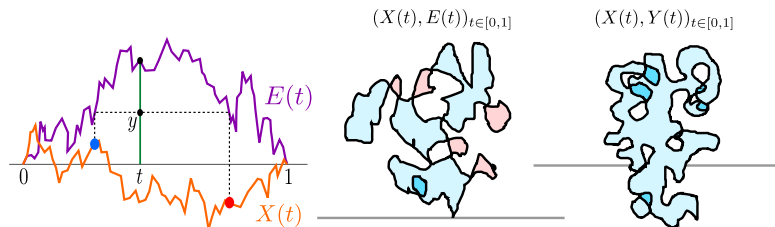
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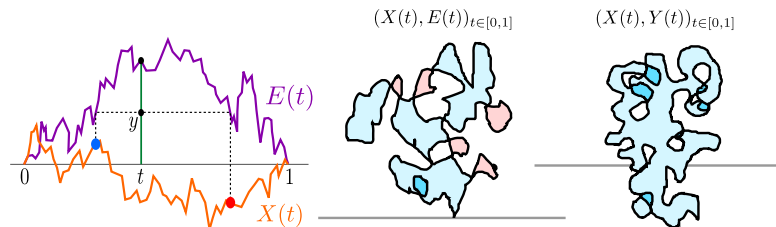
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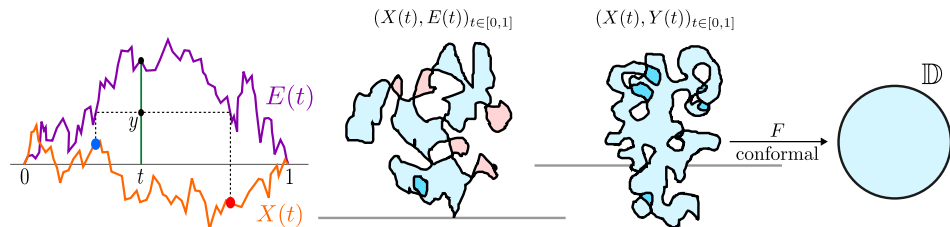
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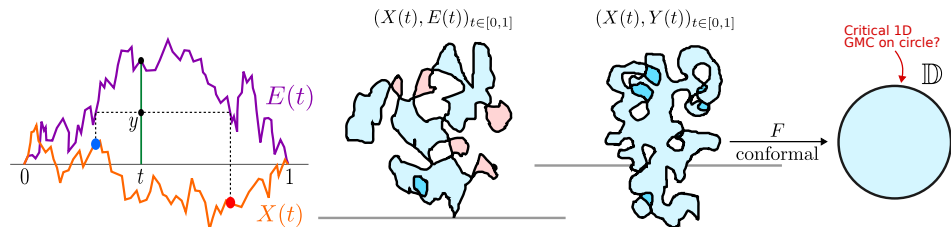
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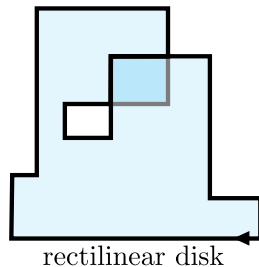
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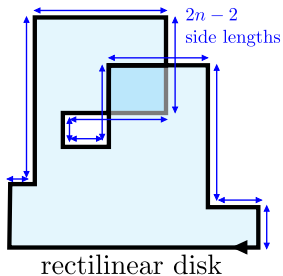
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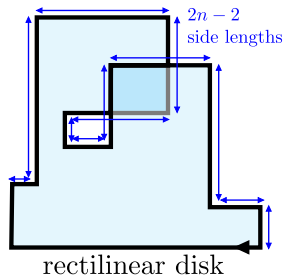
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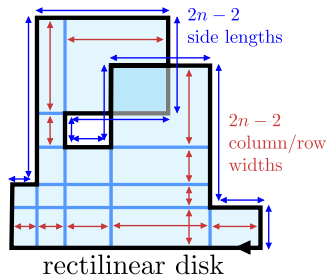
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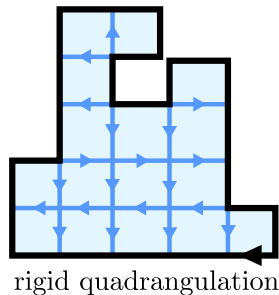
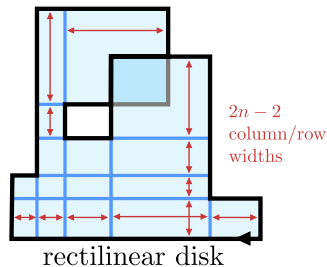
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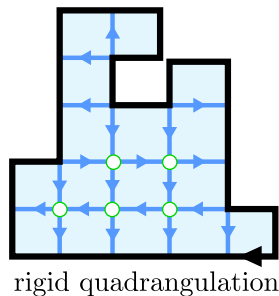
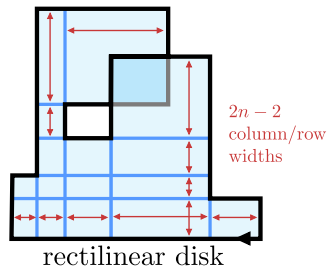
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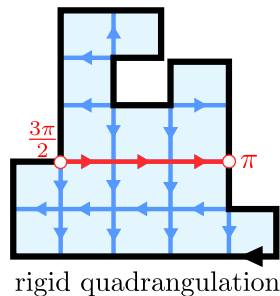
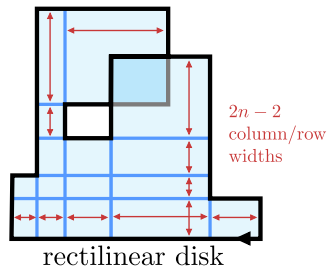
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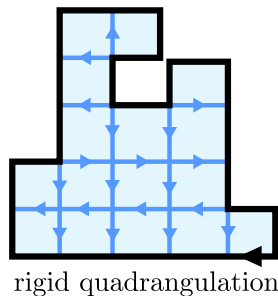
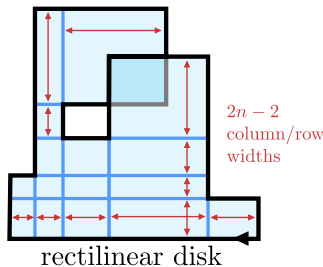
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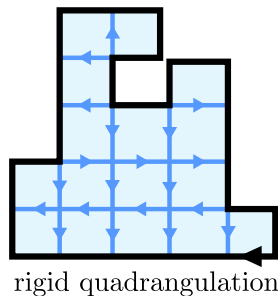
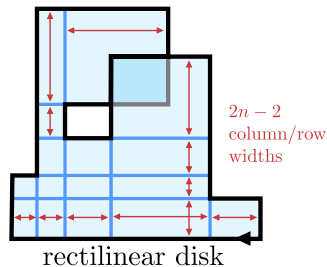
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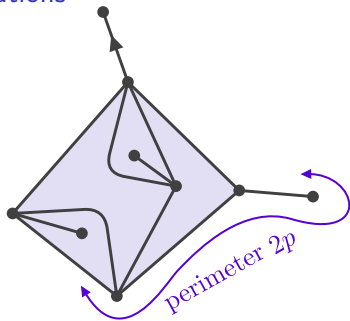
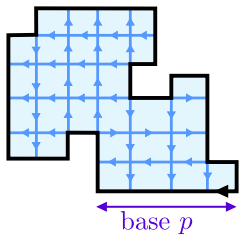
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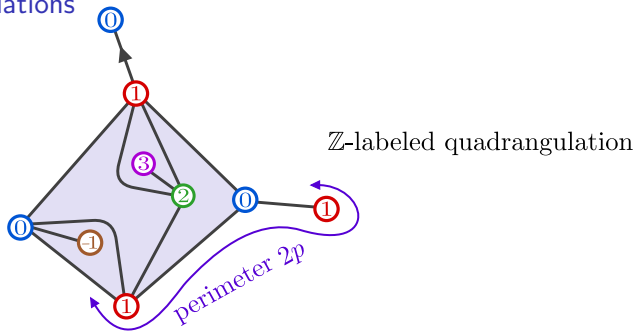
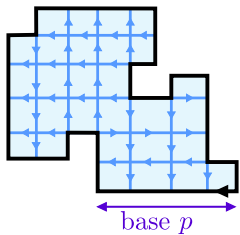


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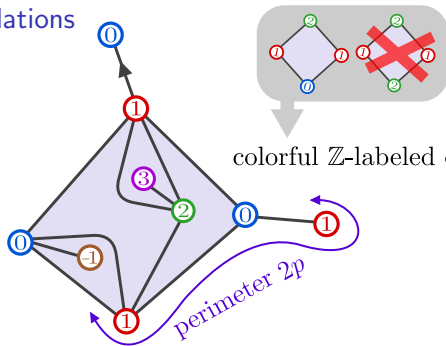
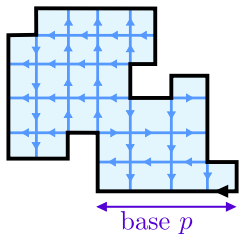
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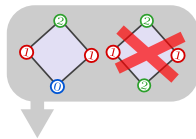


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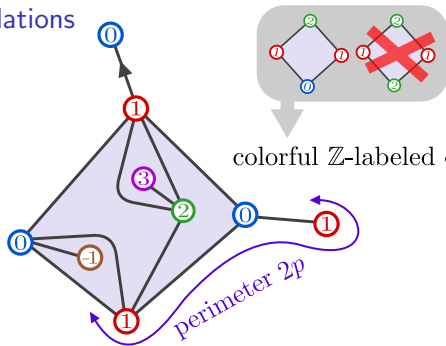
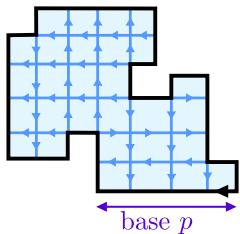


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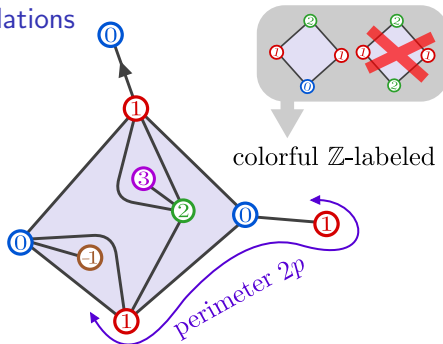
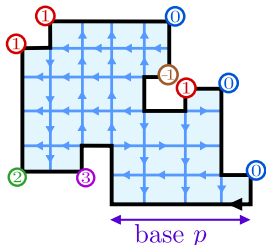
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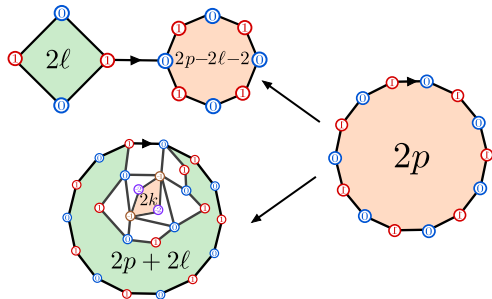
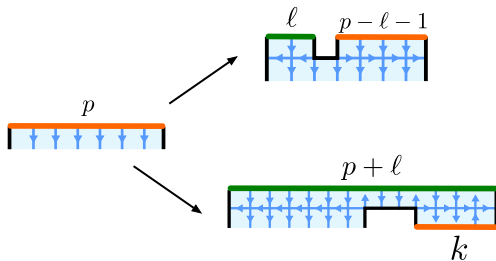
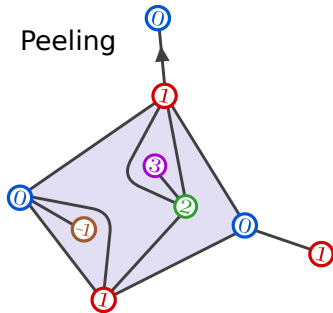
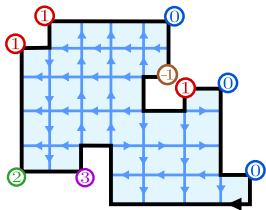
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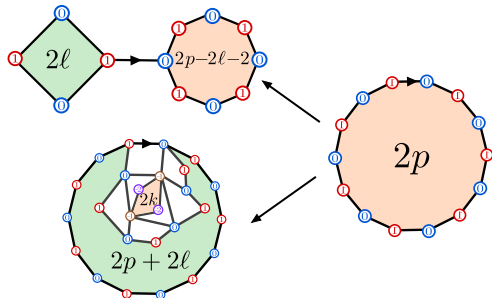
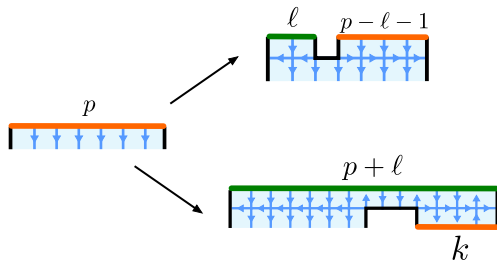
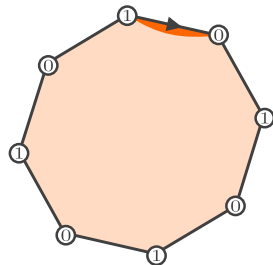
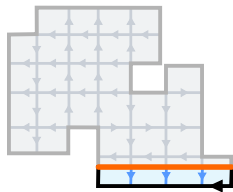


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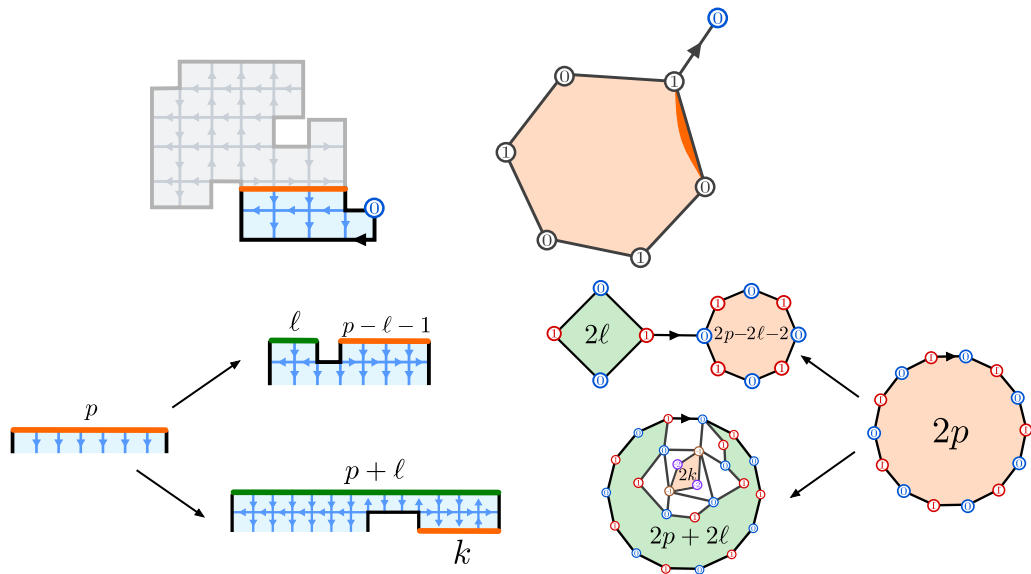


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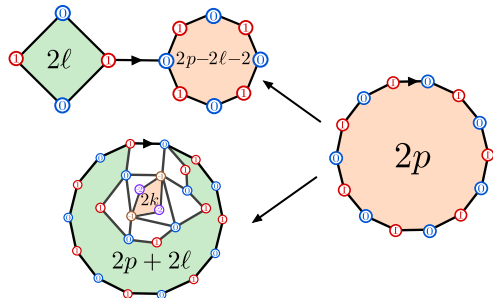
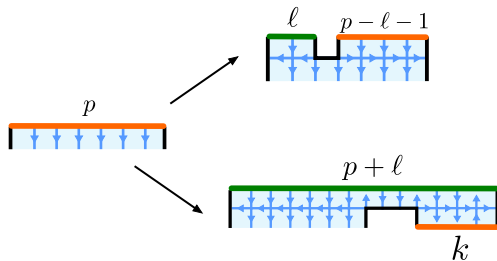
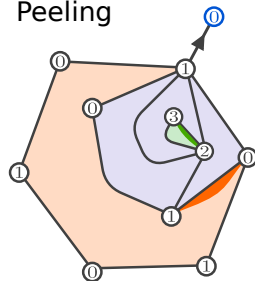
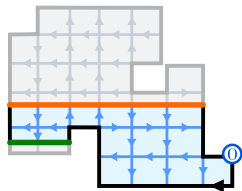


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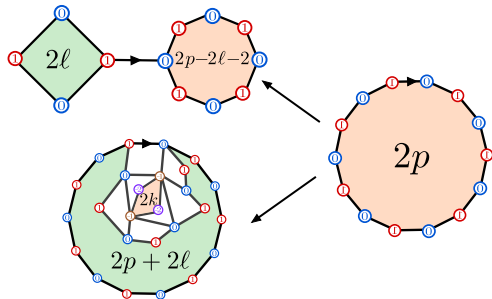
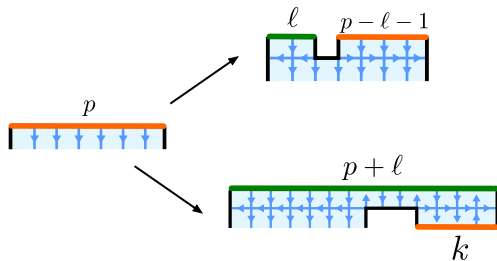
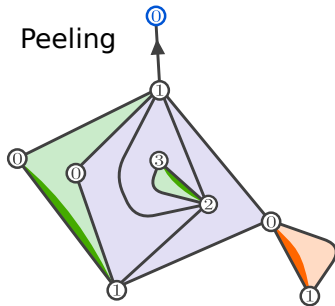
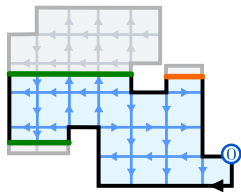


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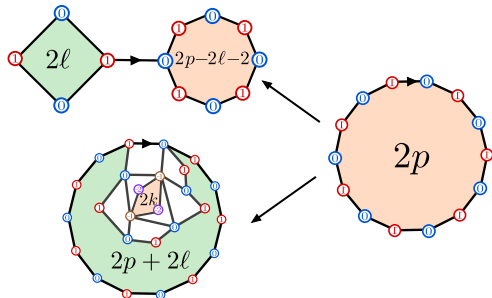
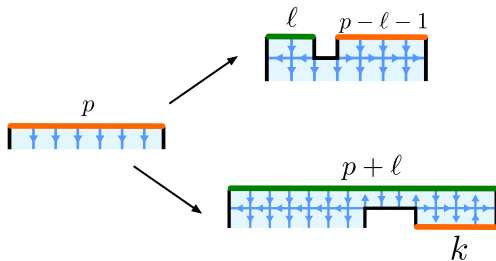
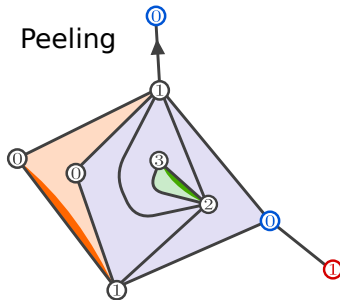
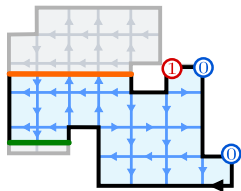


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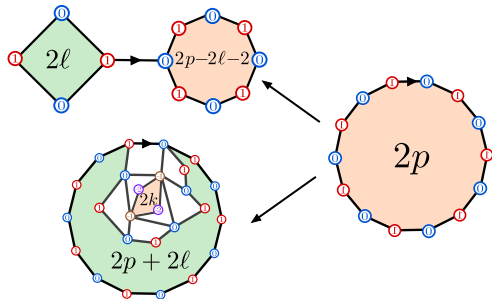
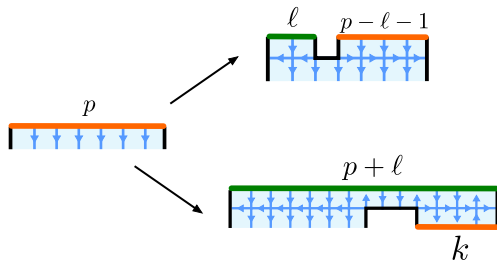
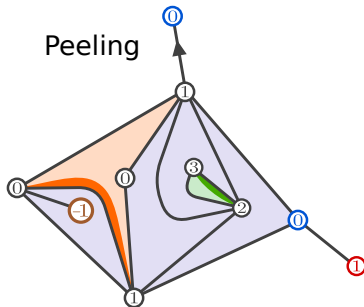
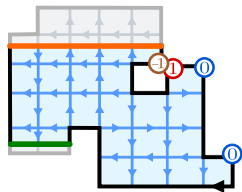


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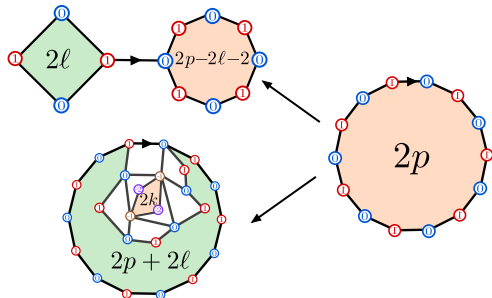
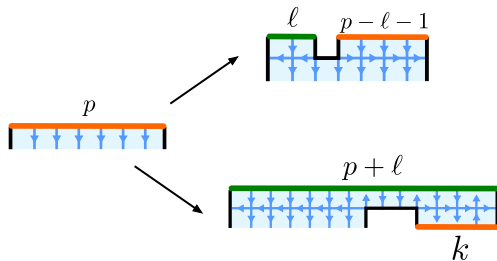
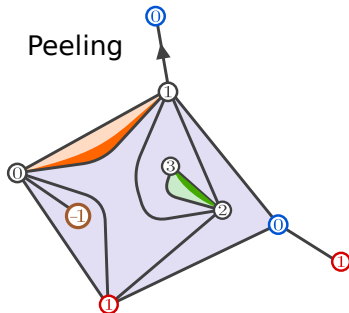
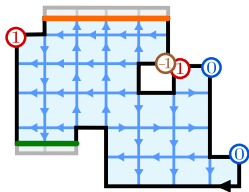


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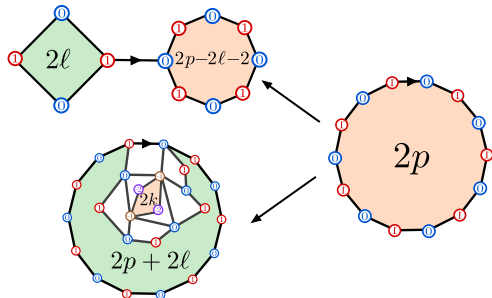
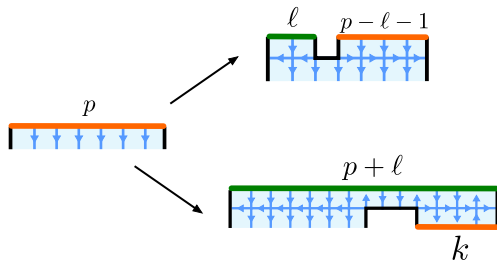
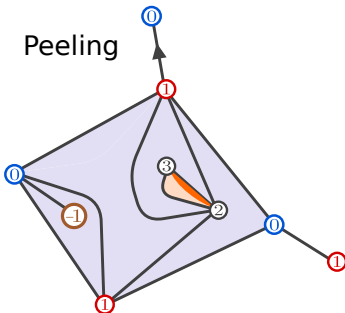
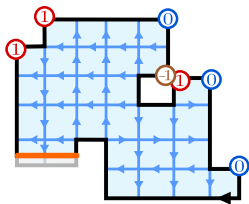


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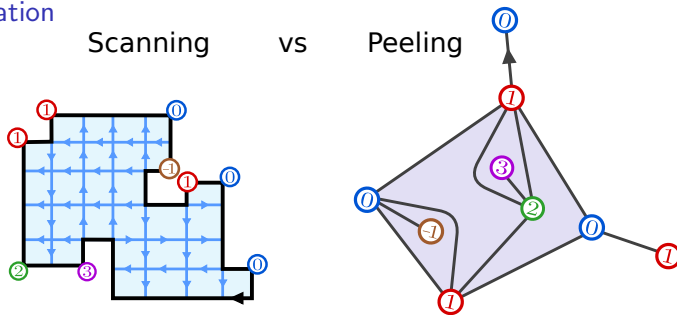
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- ▶ Enumeration finally settled in

**Theorem (Bousquet-Mélou, Elvey Price, '20)**

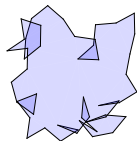
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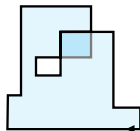
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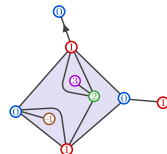
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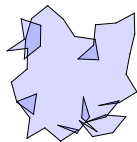


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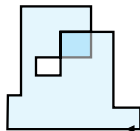
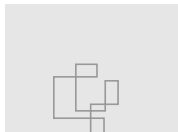
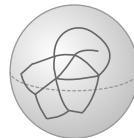
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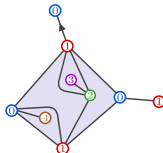
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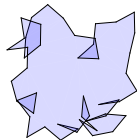
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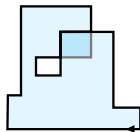
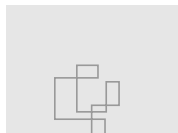
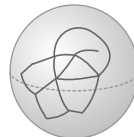
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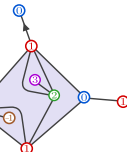
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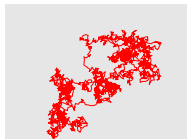


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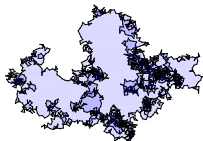


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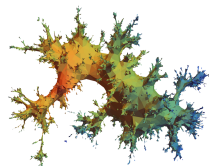
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Brownian half-plane excursion



Brownian flat disk?

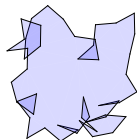


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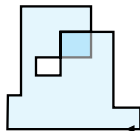
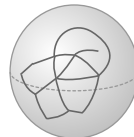
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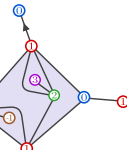
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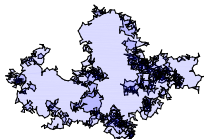


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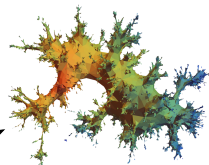
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*critical mating of trees*

[Aru, Holden, Powell, Sun, '21]

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