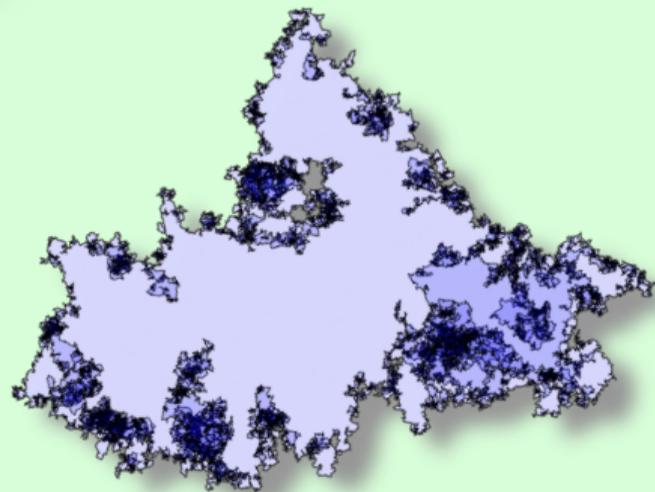
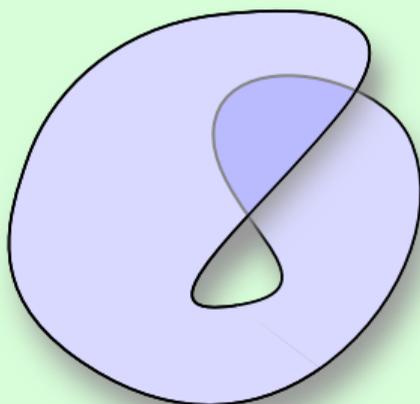
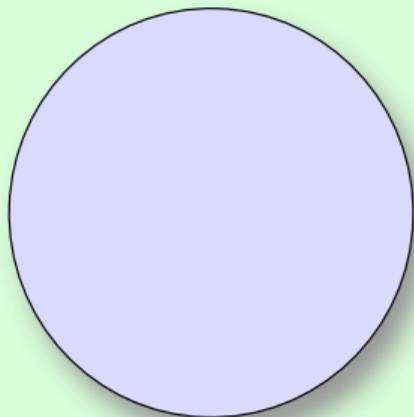


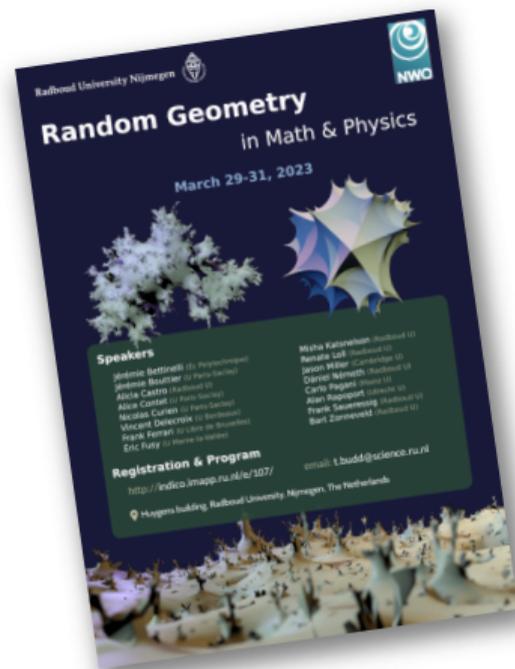
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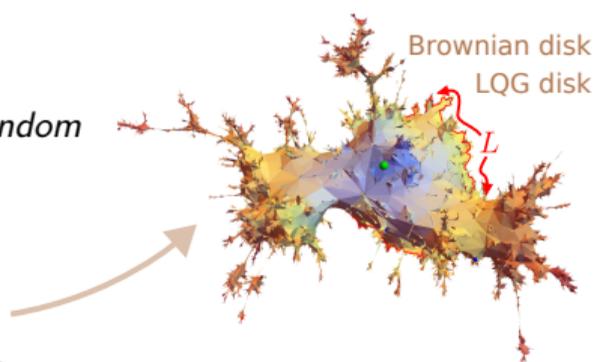
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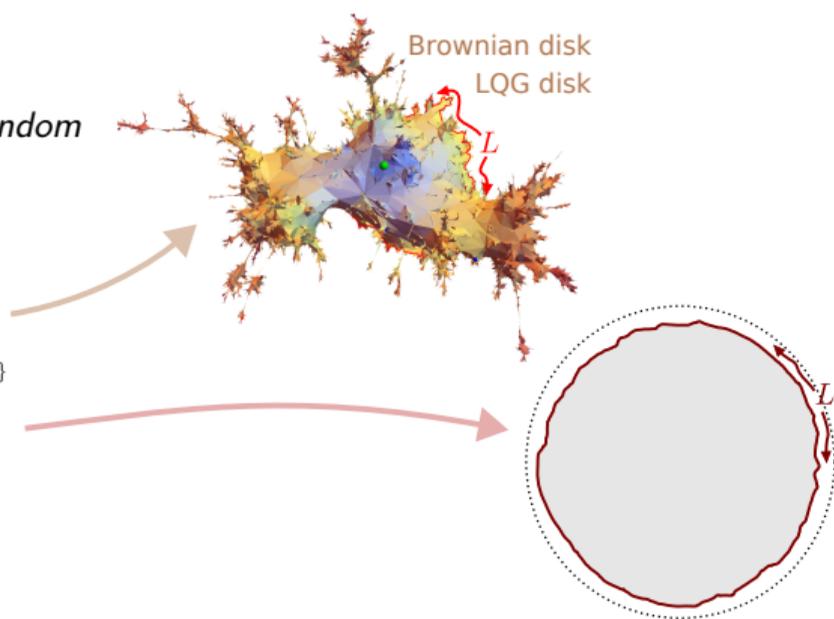
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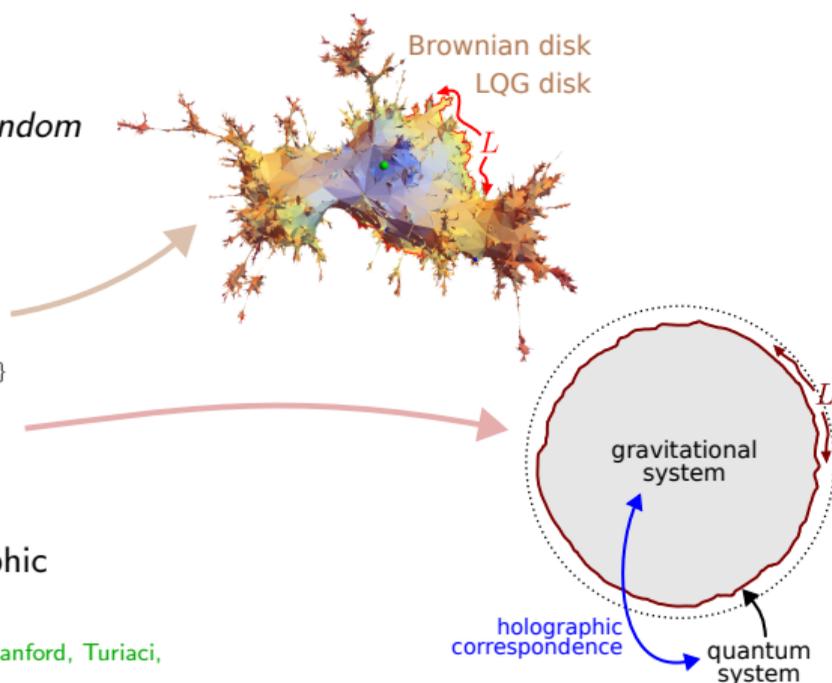
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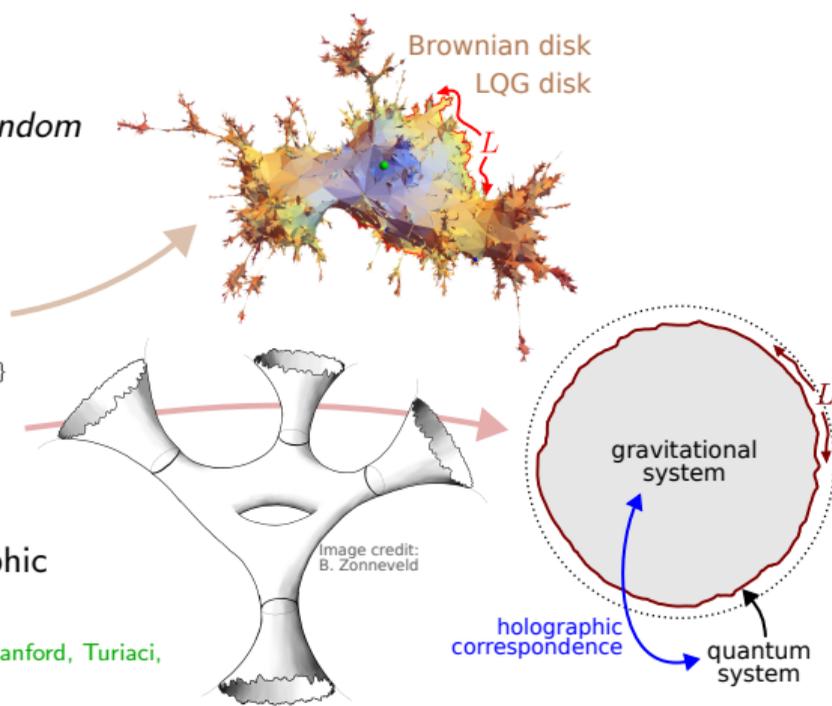
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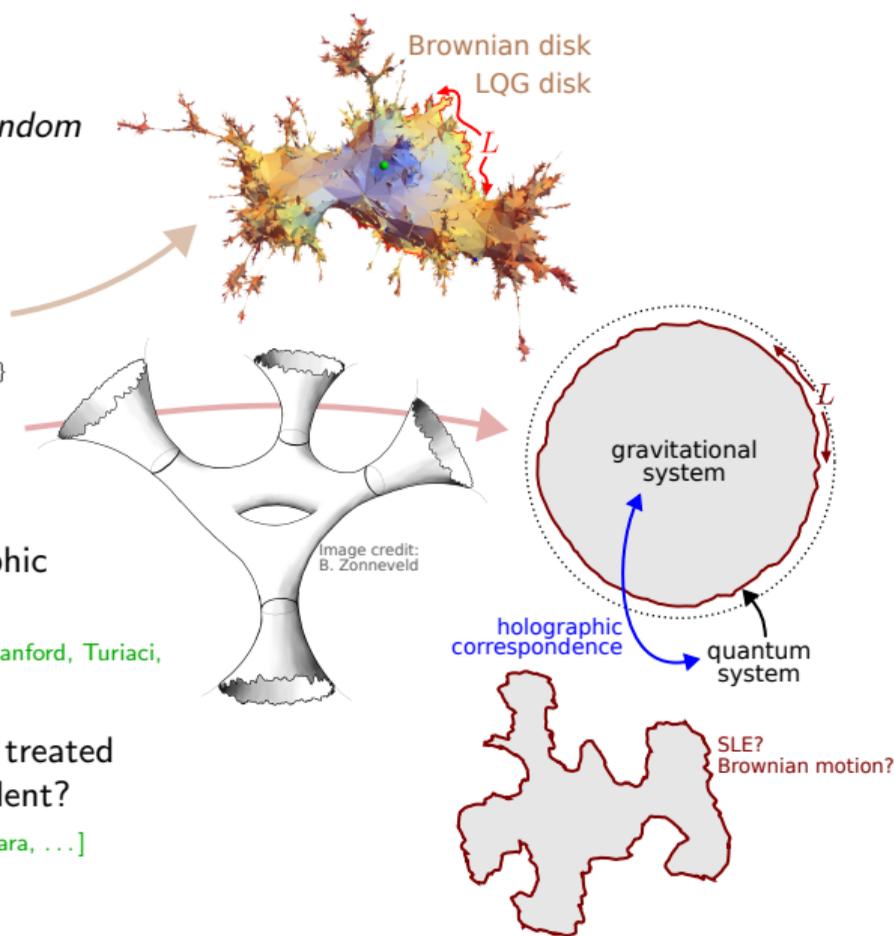
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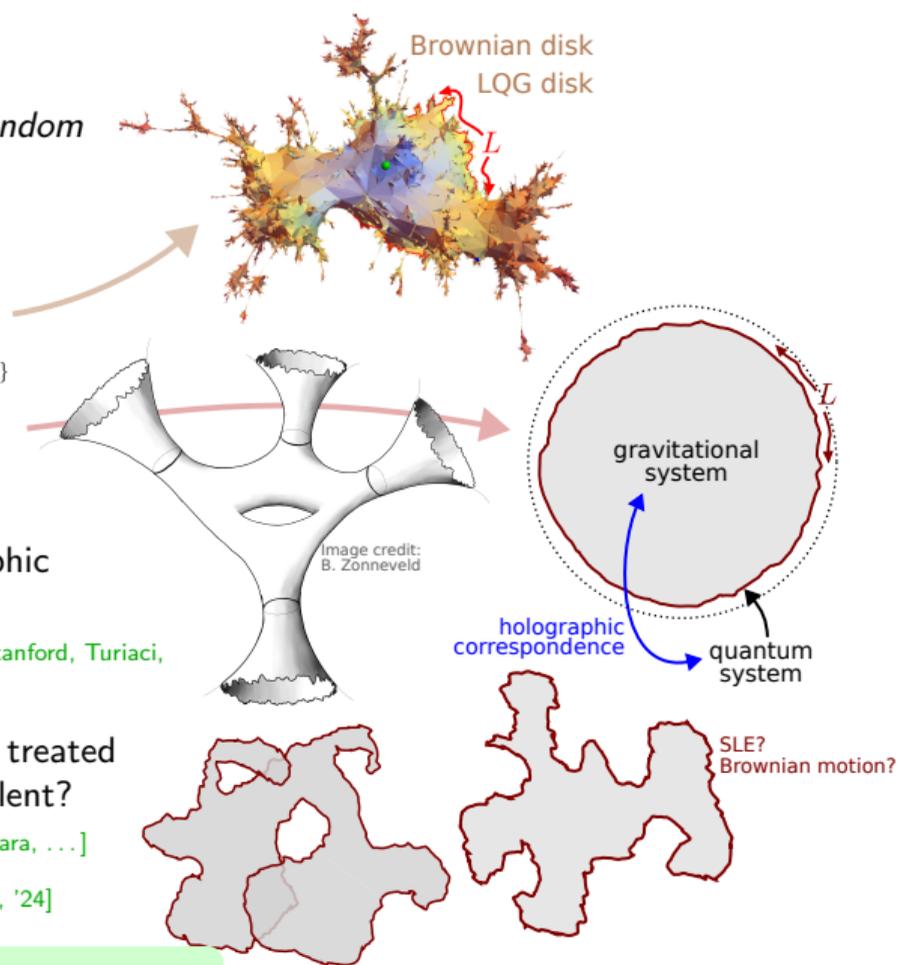
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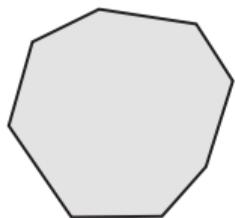
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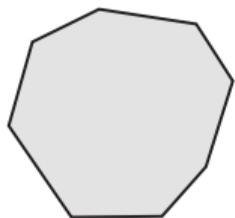
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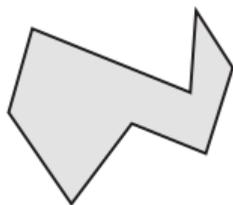


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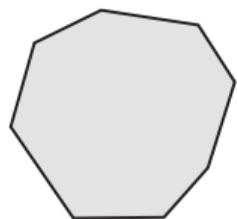
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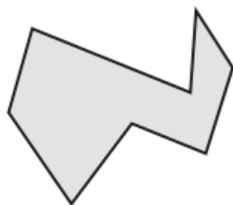
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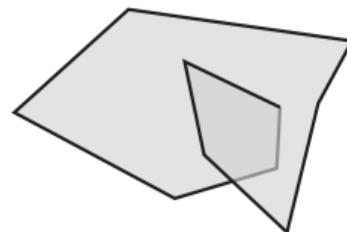
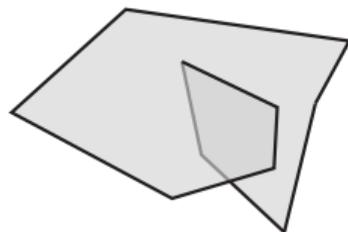
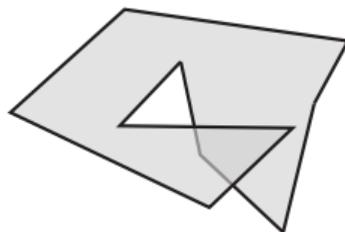
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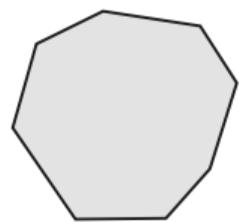
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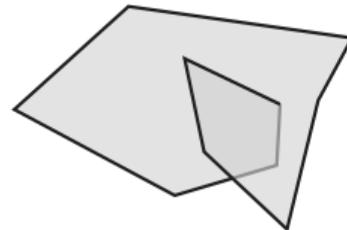
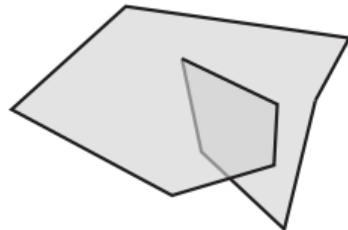
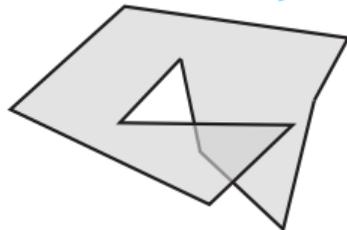
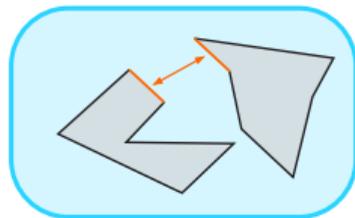
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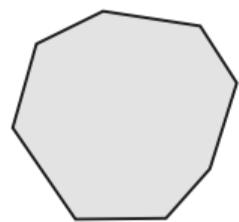
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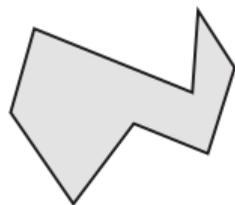
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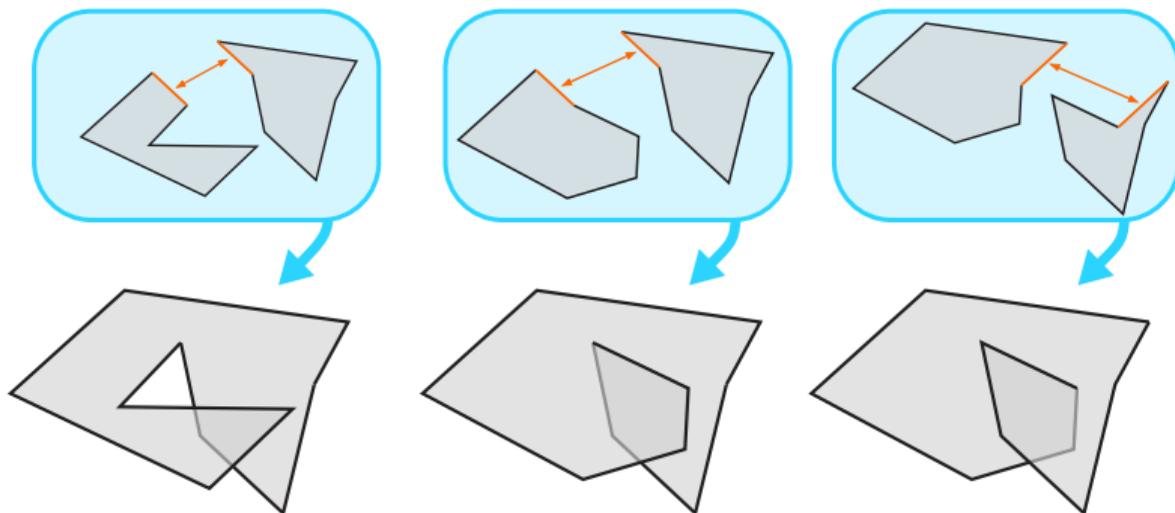
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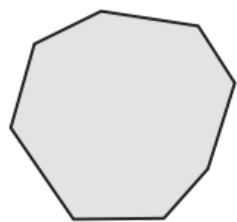
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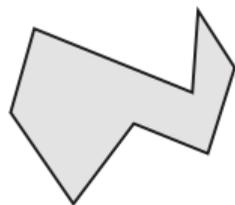
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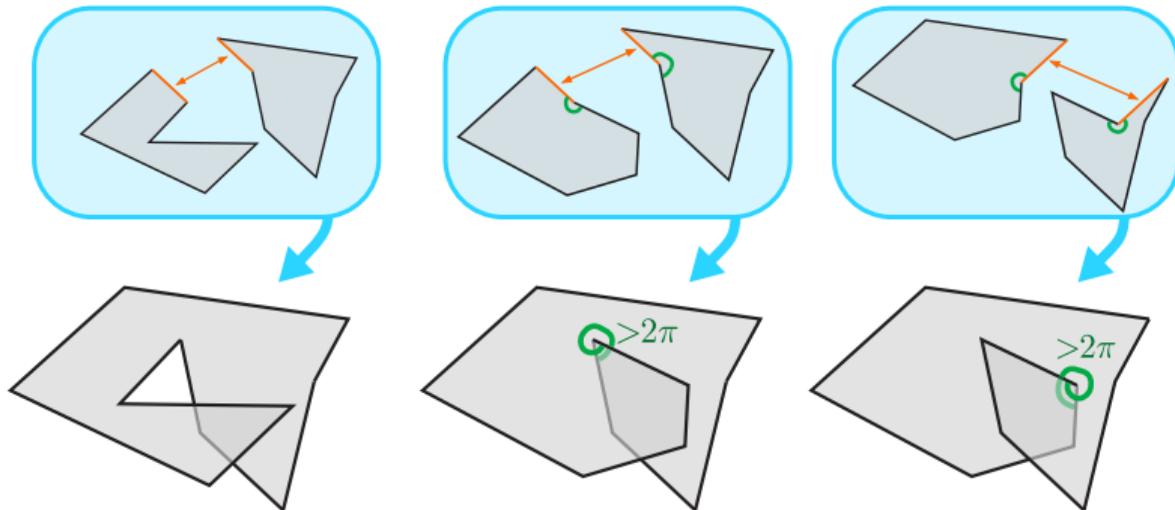
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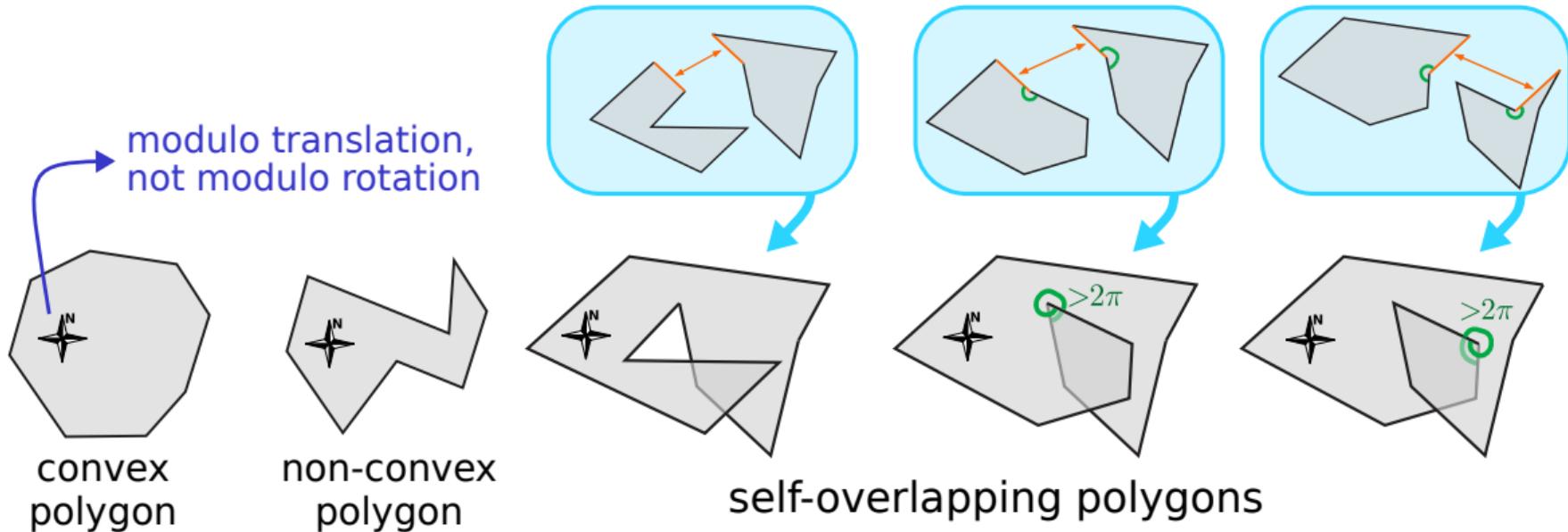
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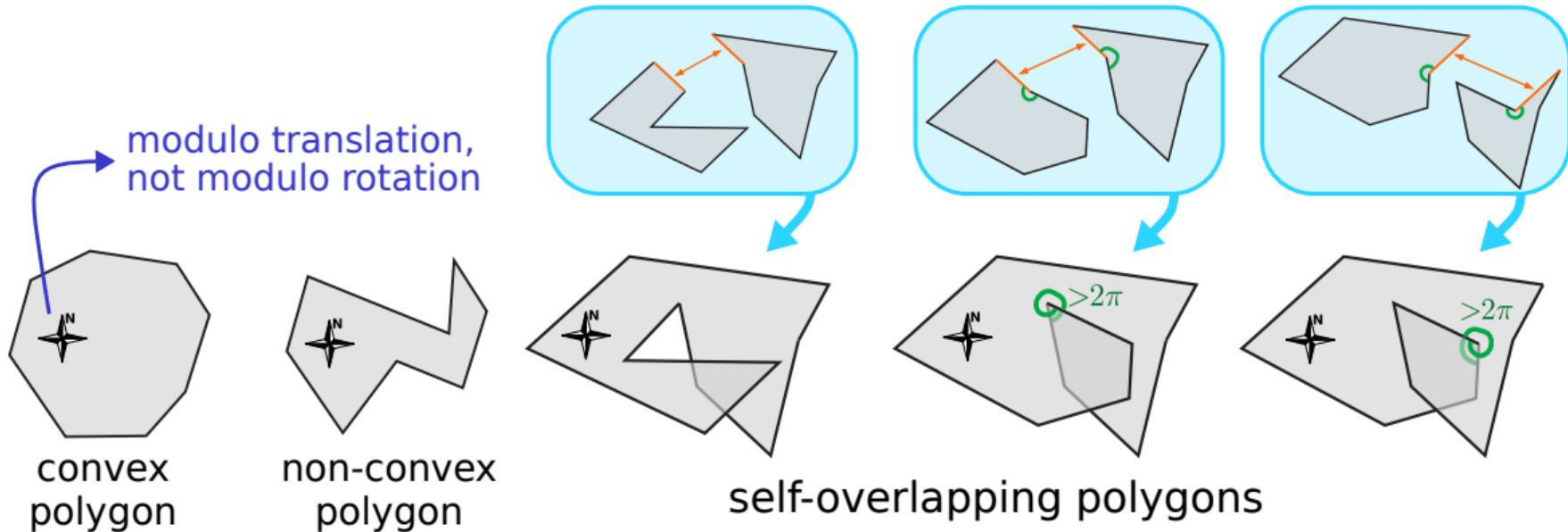
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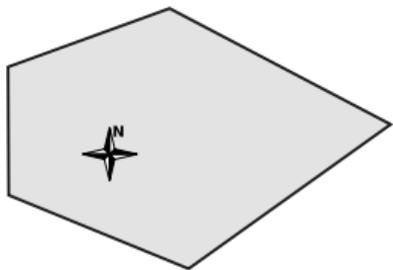
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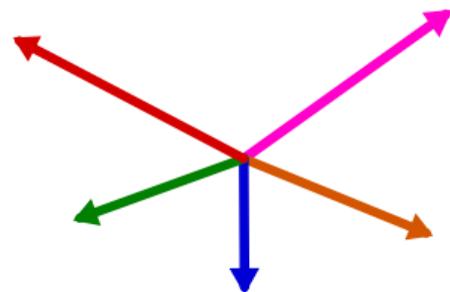
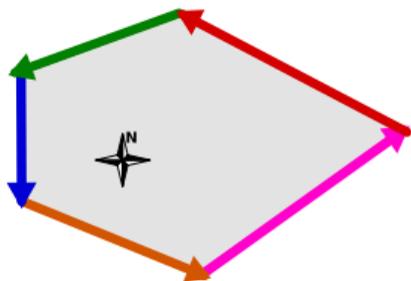


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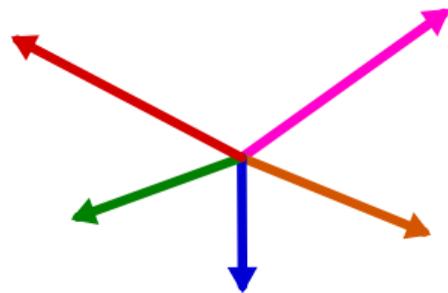
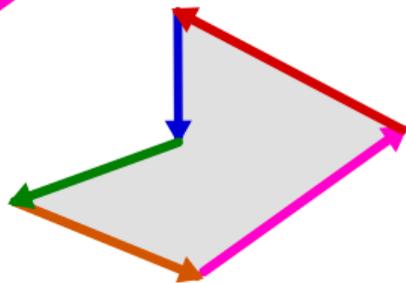
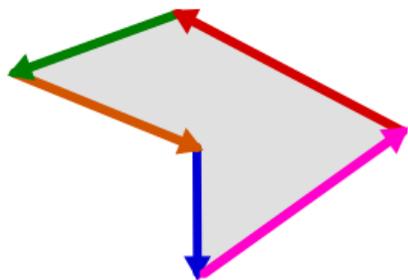
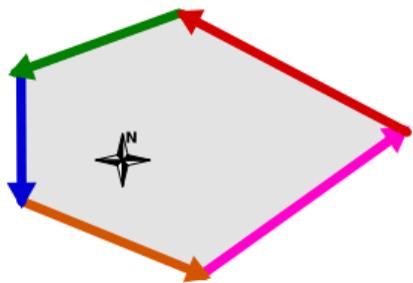
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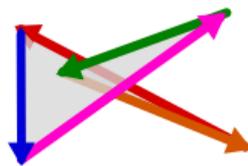
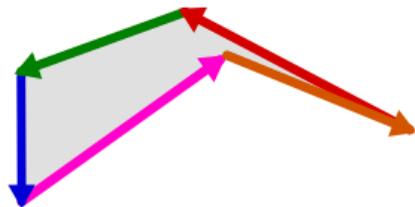
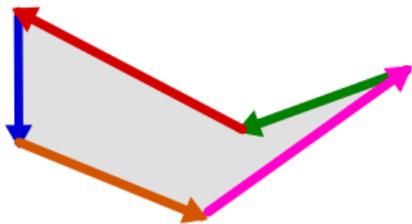
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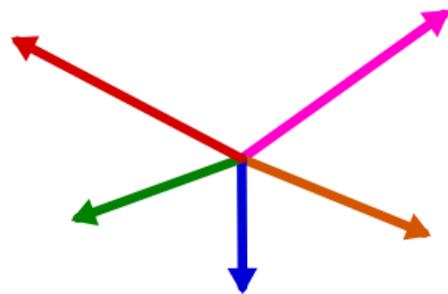
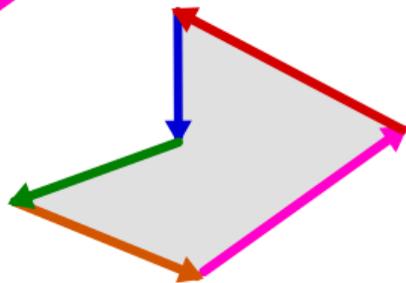
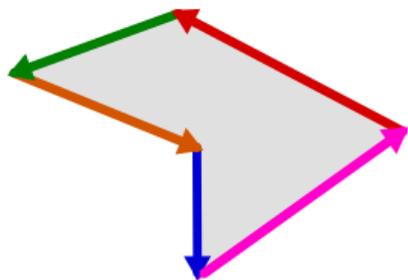
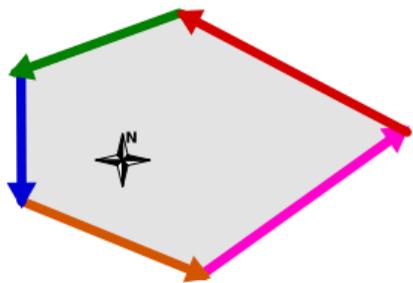


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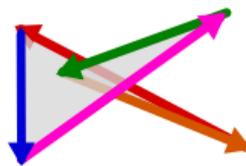
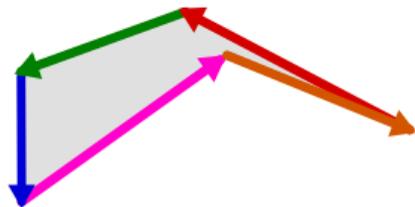
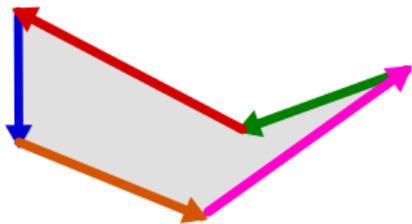


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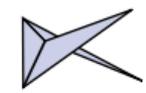
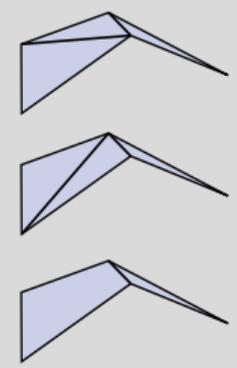
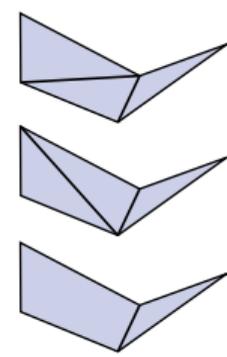
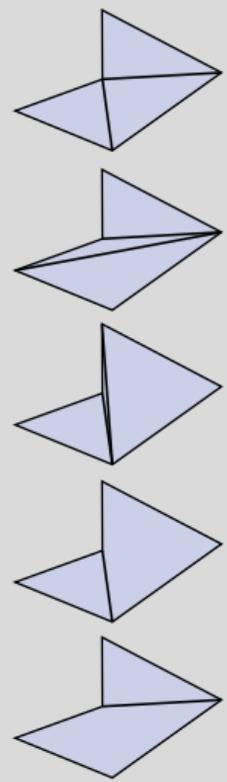
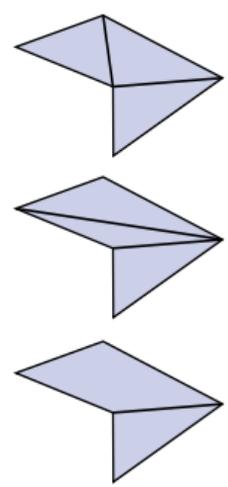
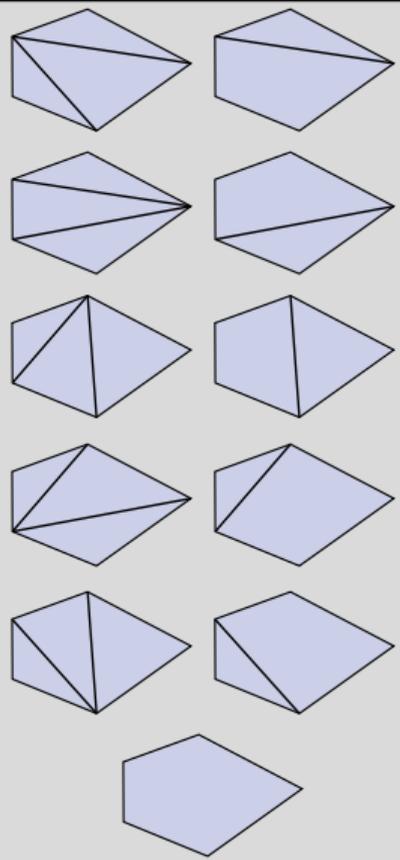
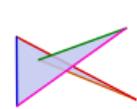
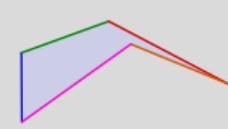
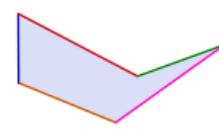
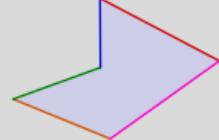
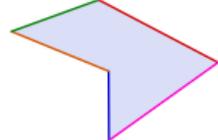
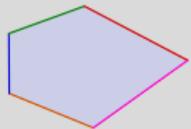


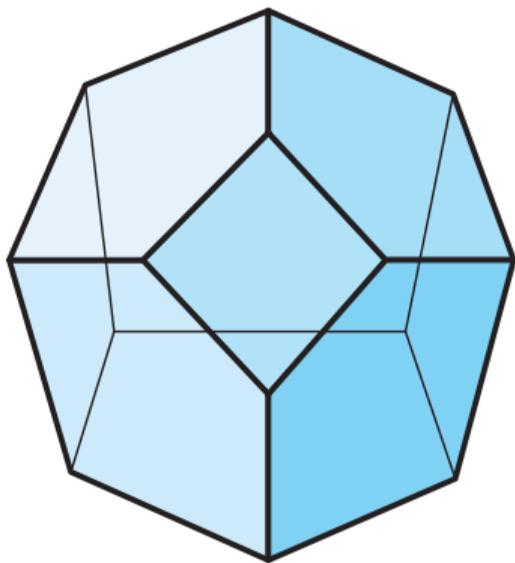
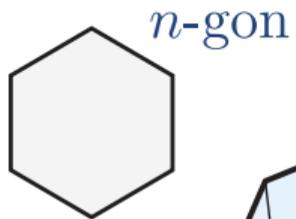
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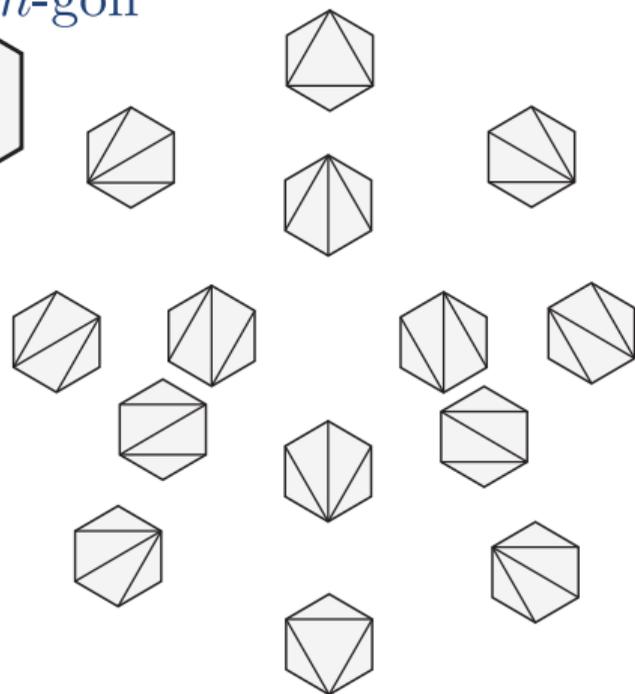
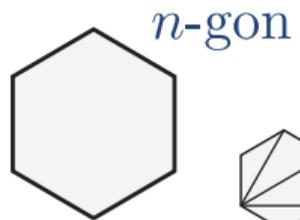
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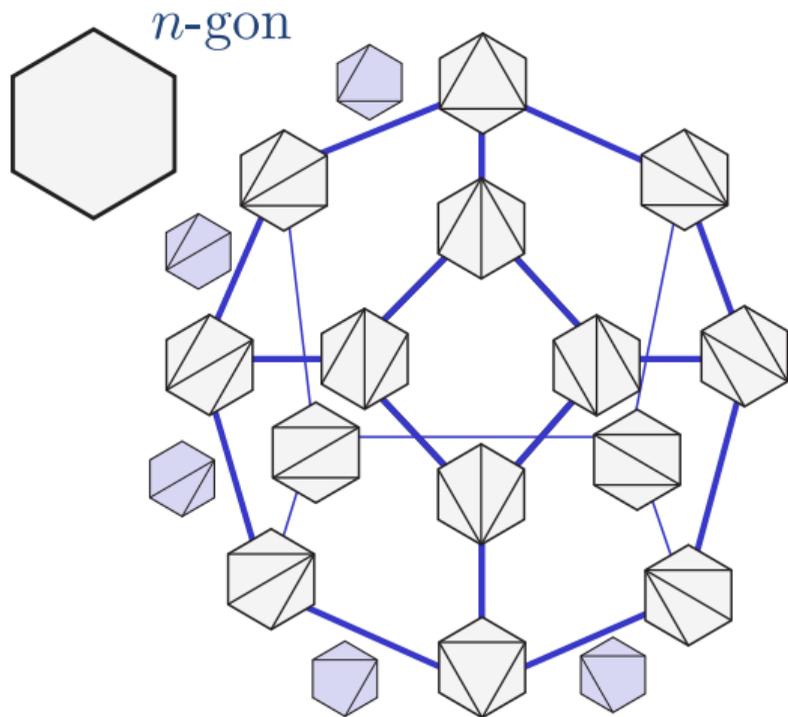




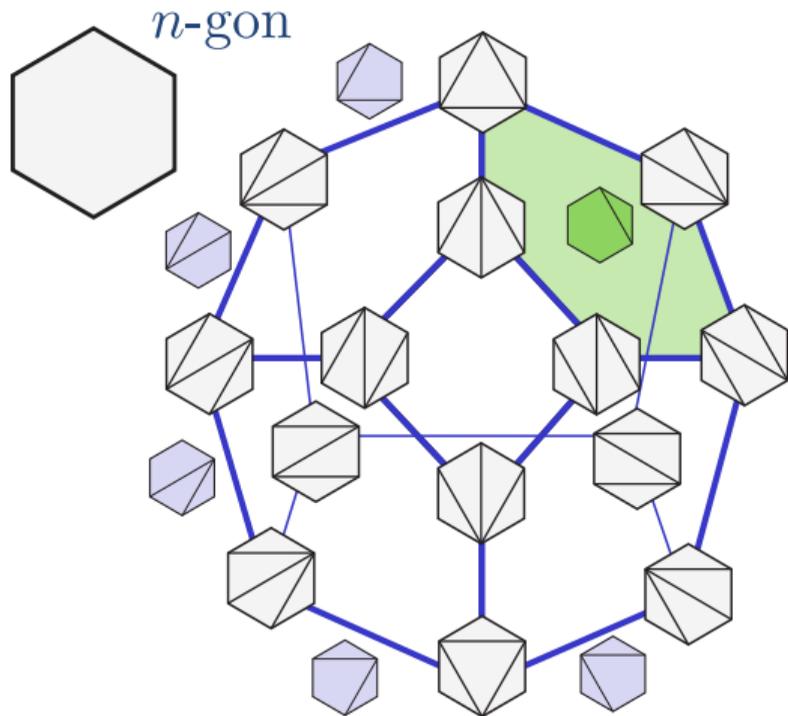
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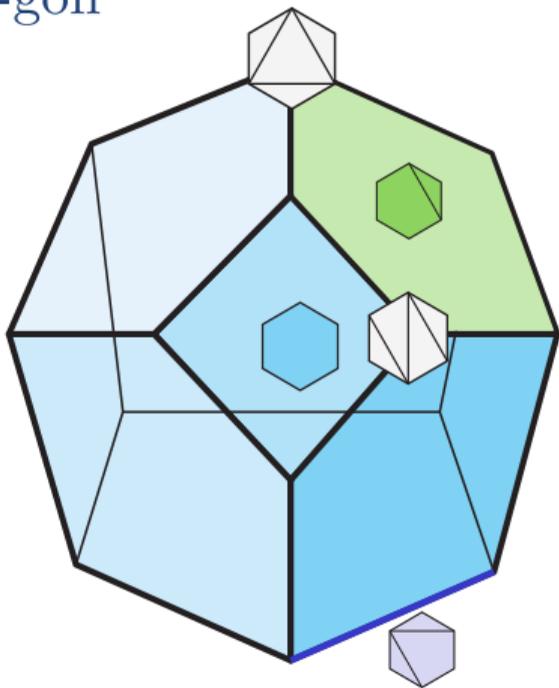
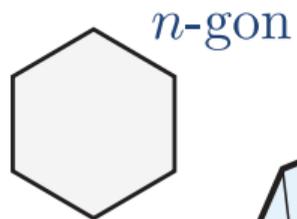
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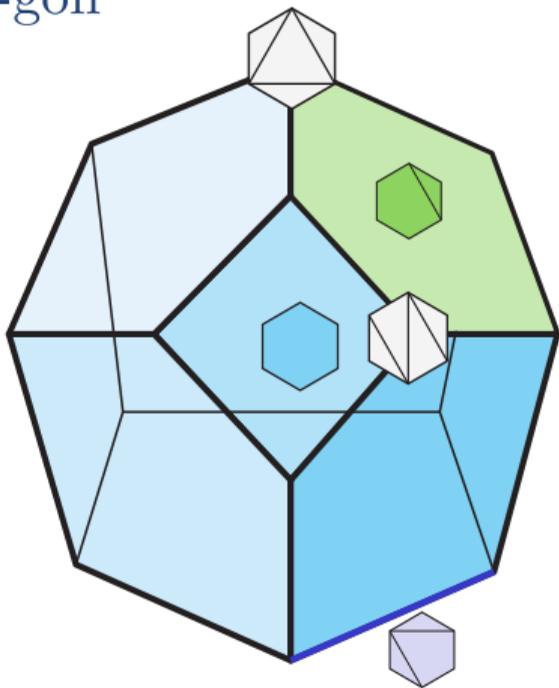
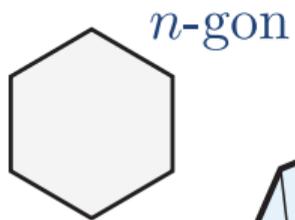


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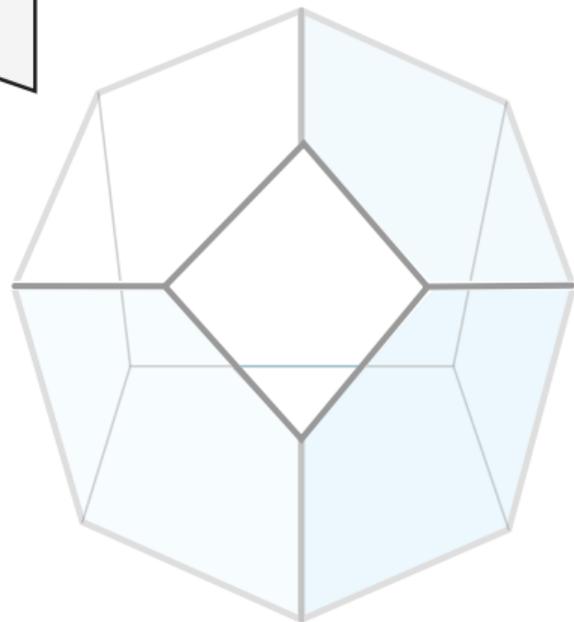


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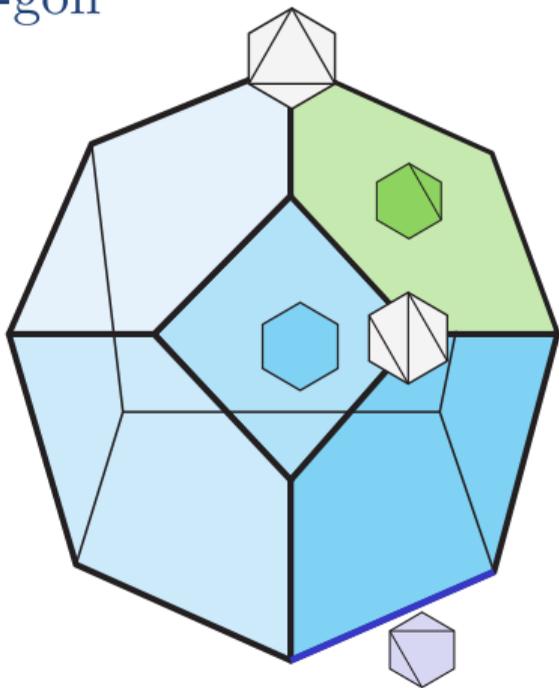
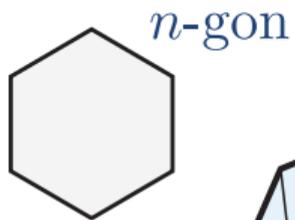
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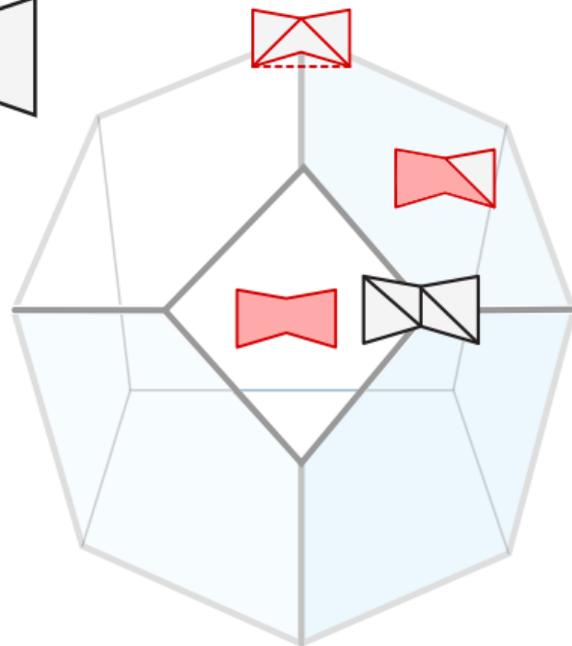


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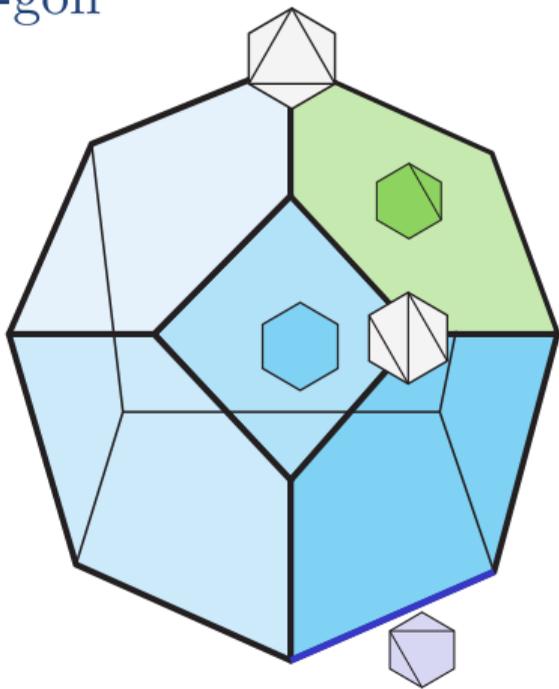
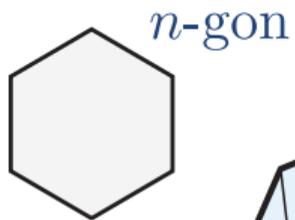


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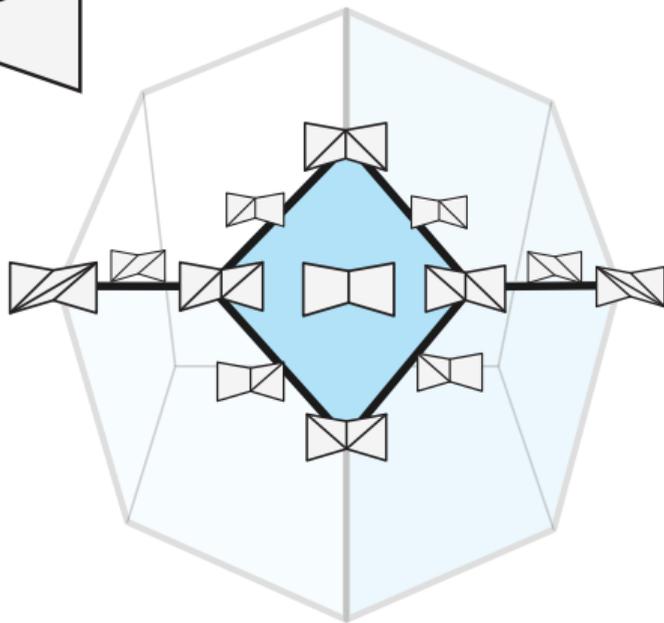
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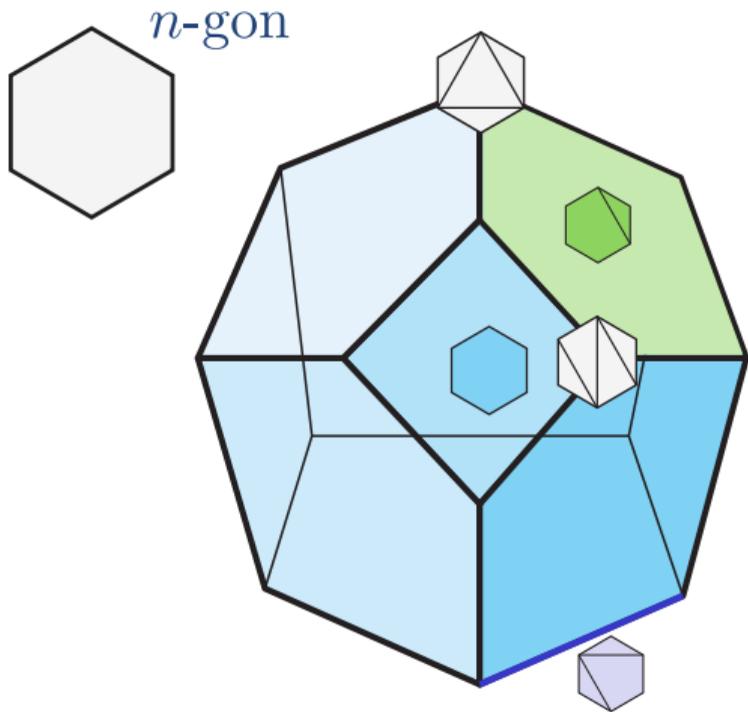
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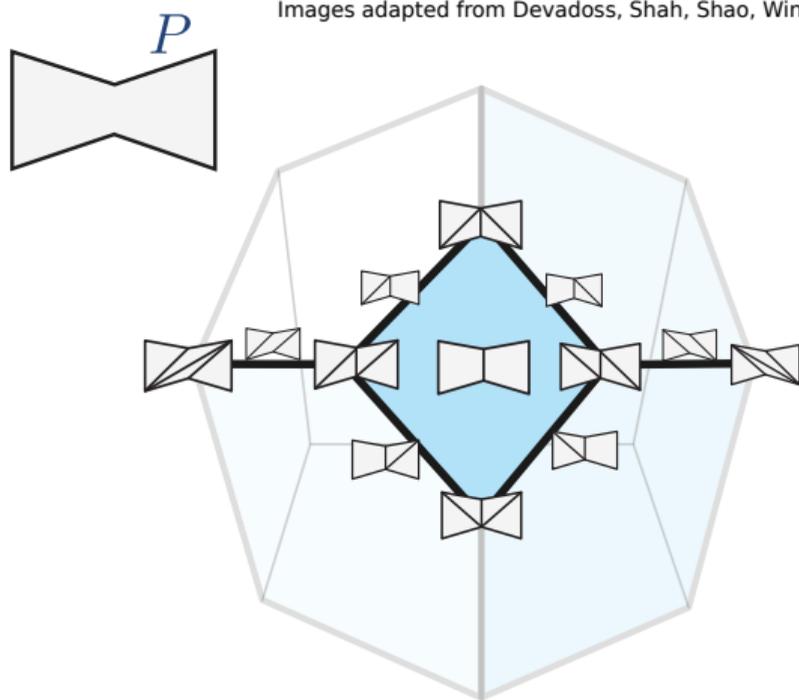
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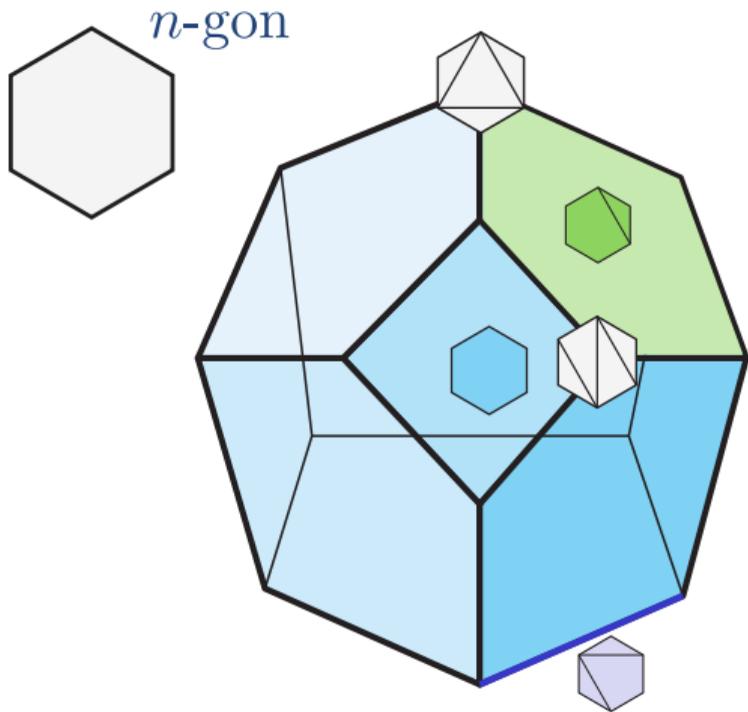
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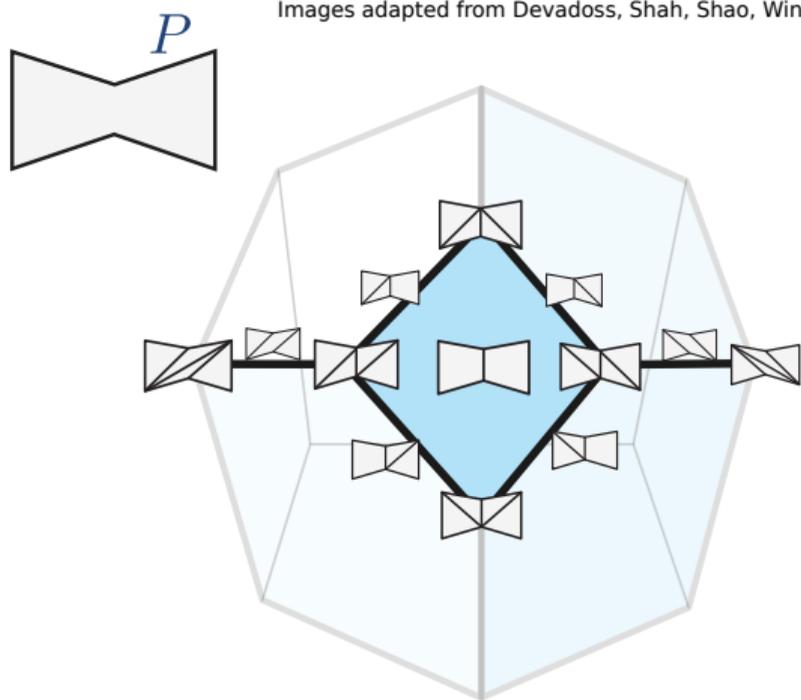
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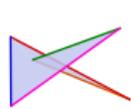
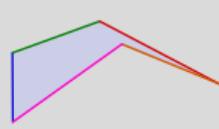
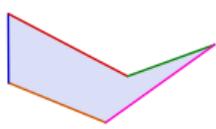
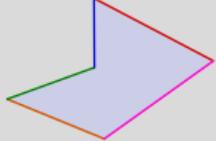
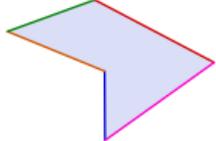
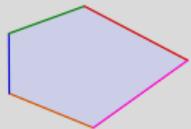
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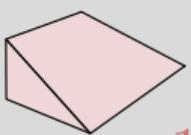
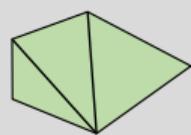
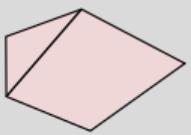
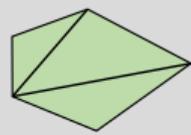
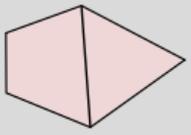
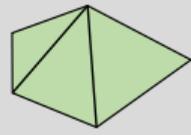
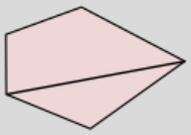
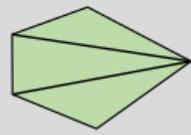
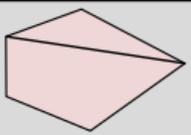
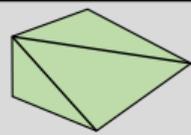
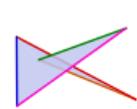
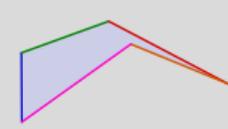
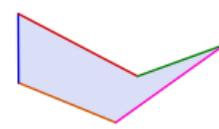
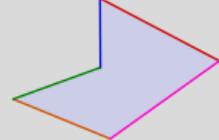
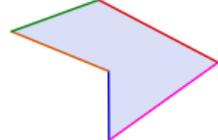
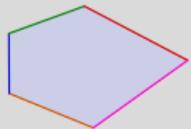


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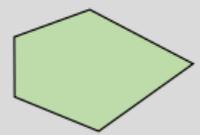
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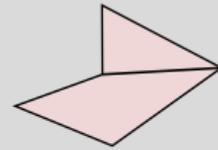
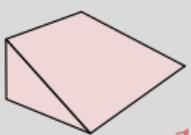
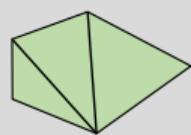
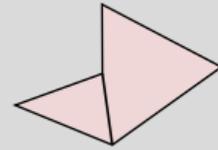
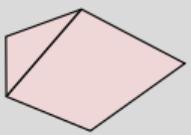
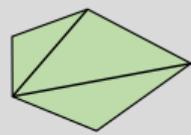
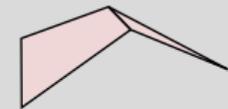
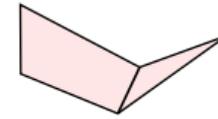
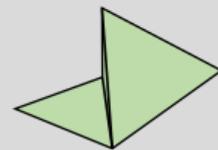
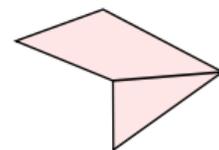
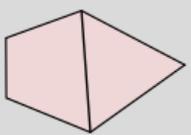
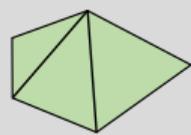
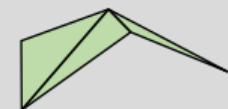
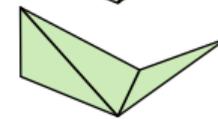
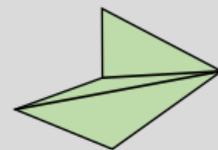
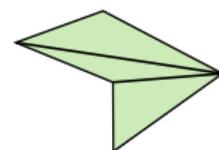
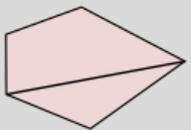
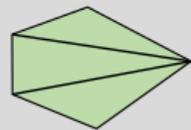
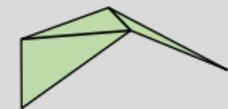
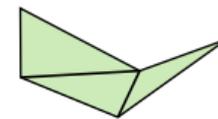
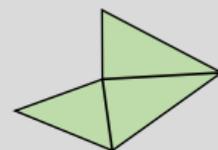
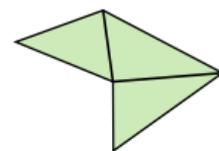
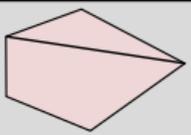
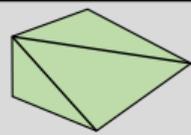
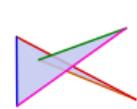
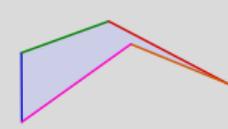
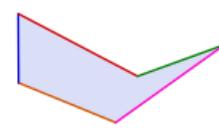
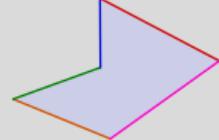
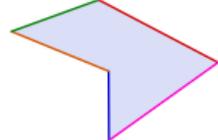
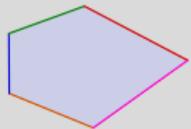




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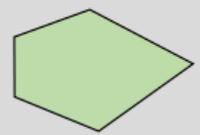
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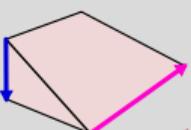
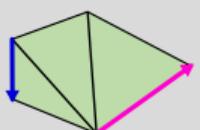
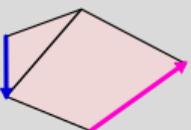
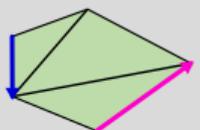
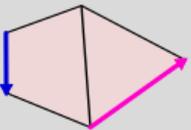
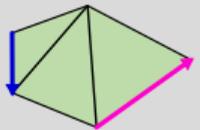
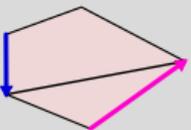
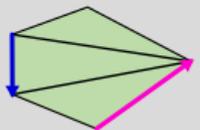
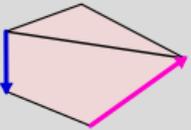
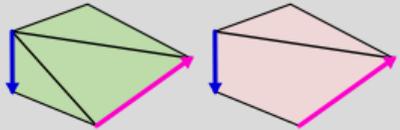
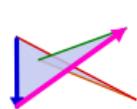
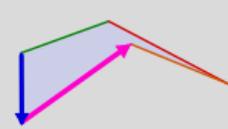
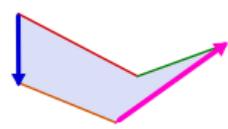
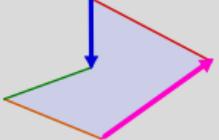
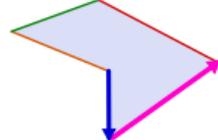
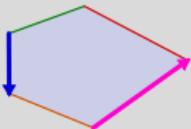




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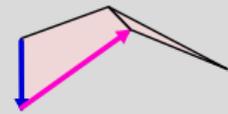
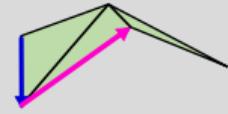
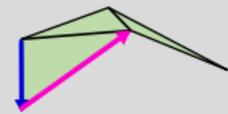
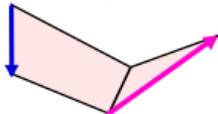
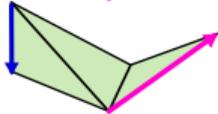
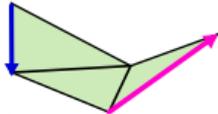
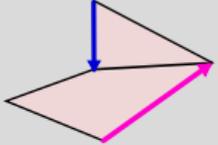
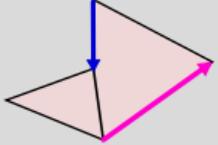
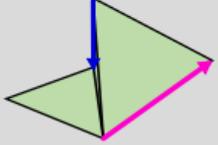
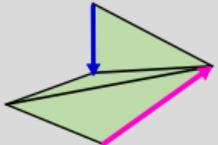
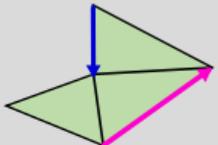
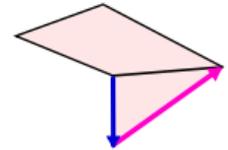
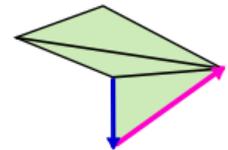
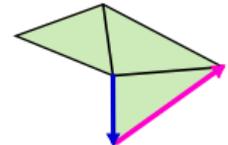
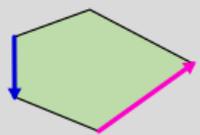
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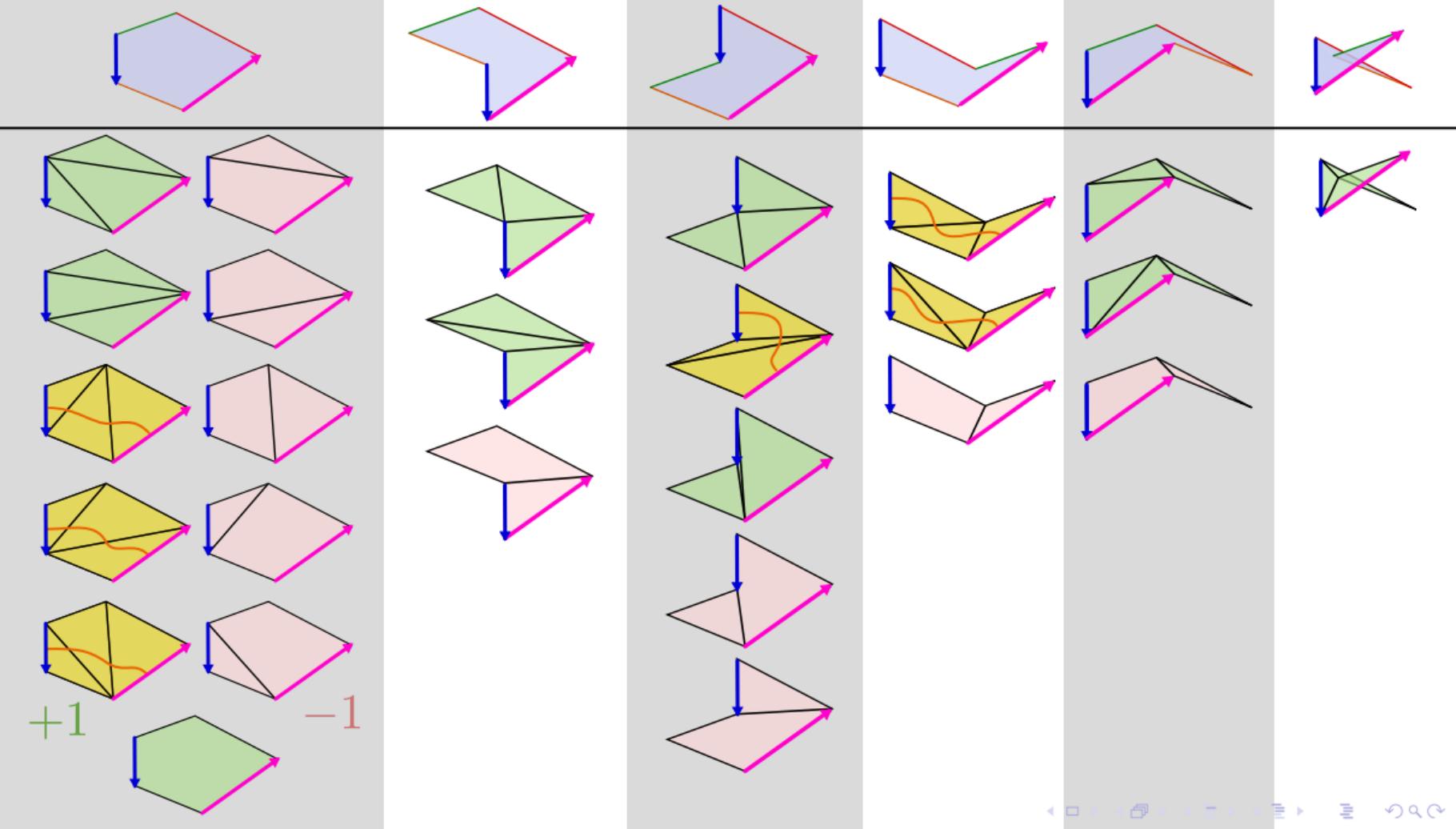


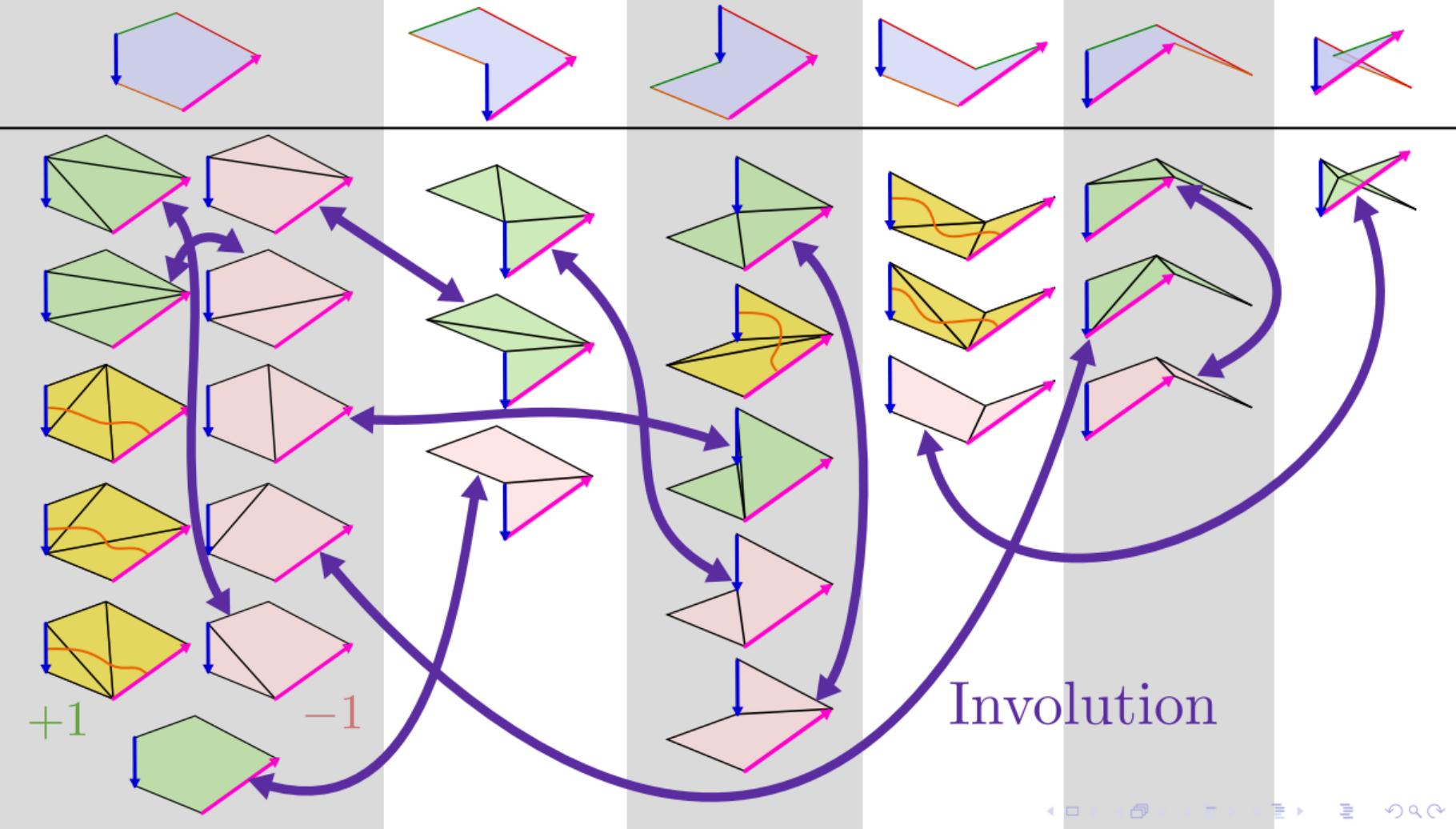


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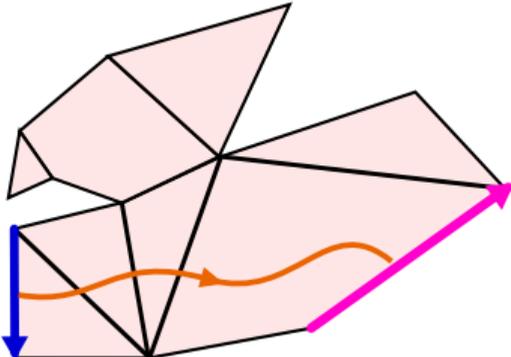
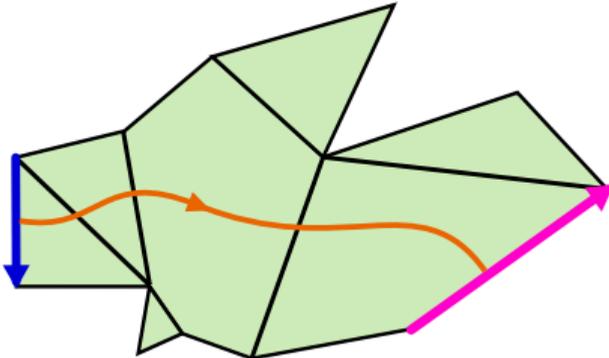
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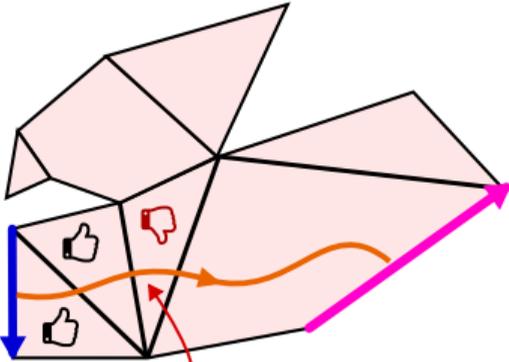
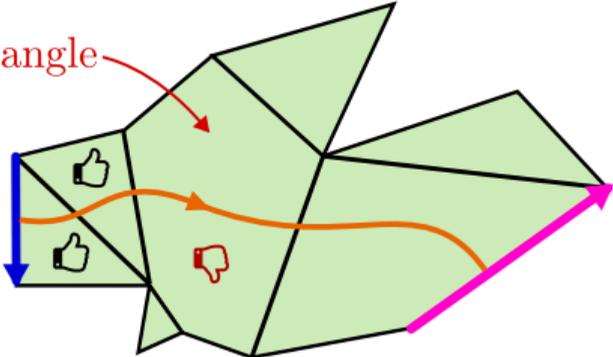


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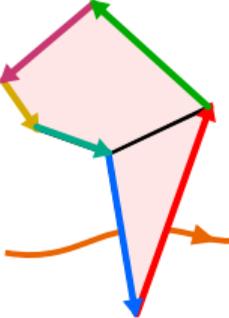
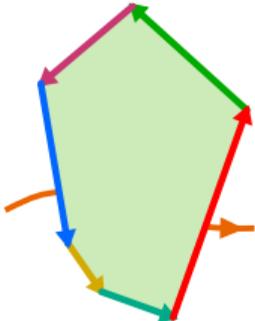
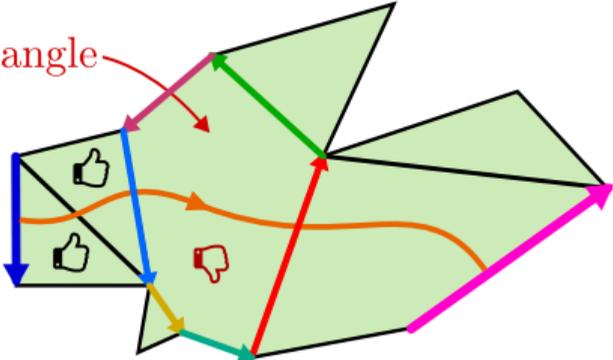
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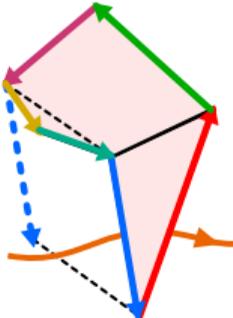
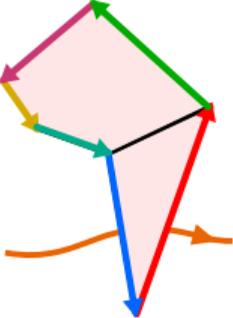
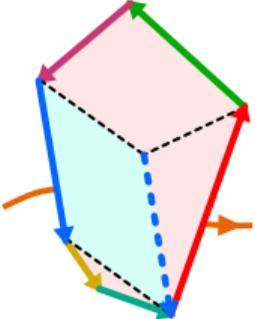
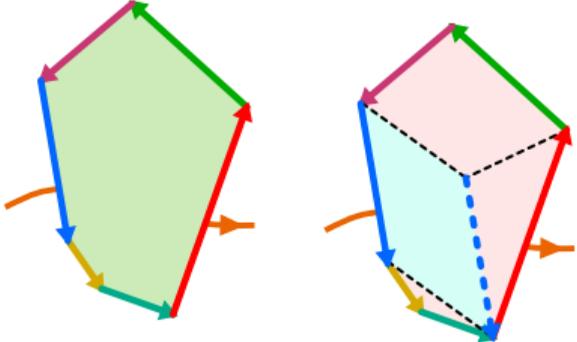
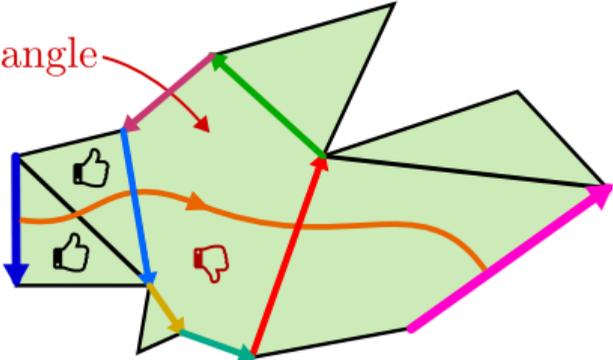
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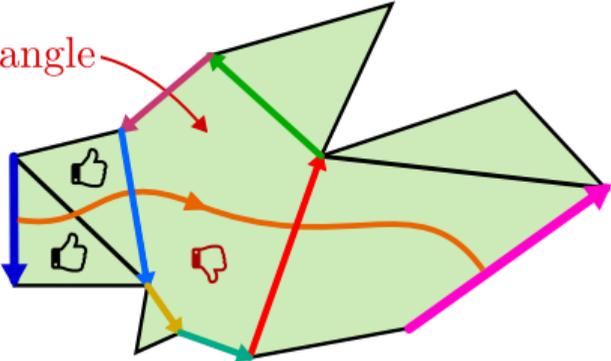
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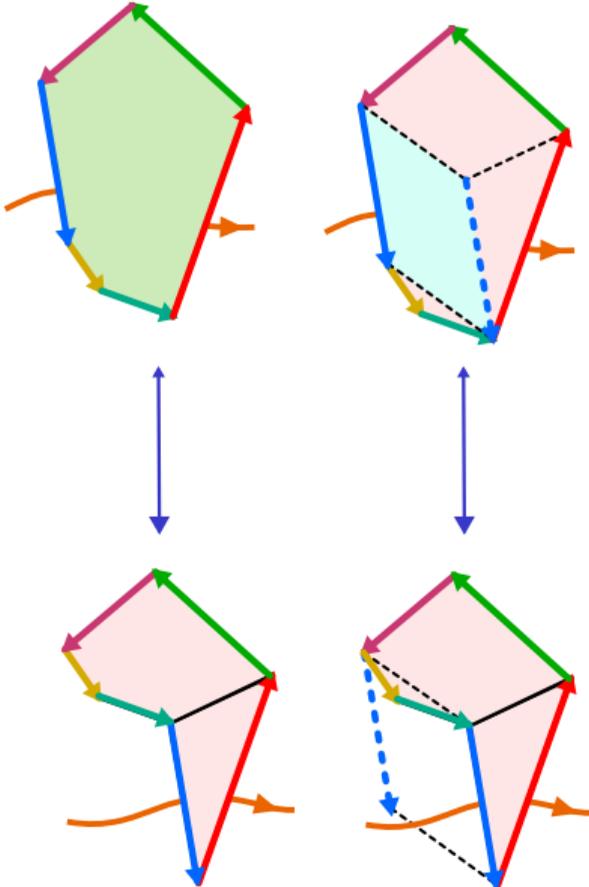
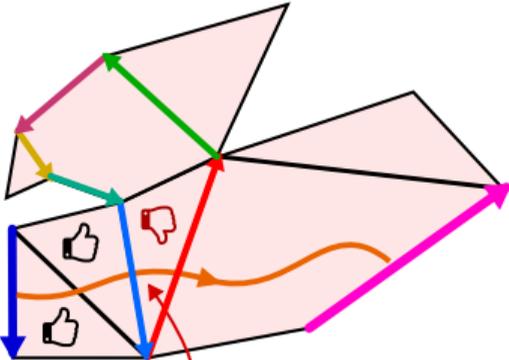
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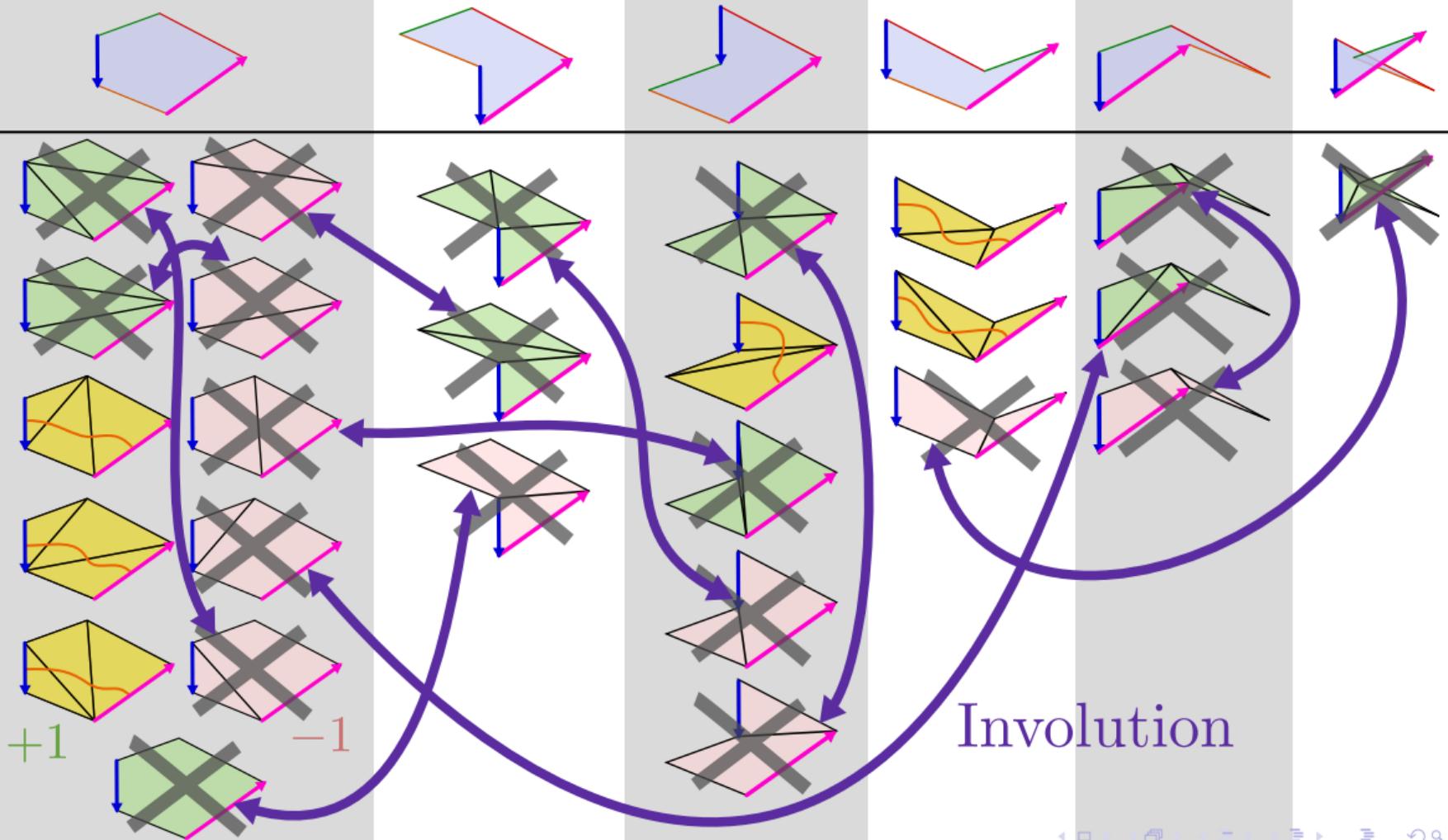


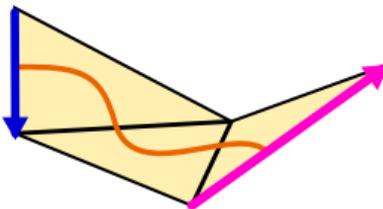
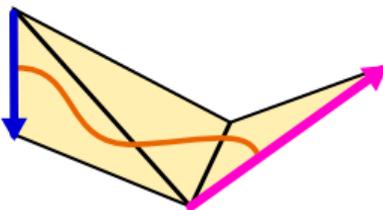
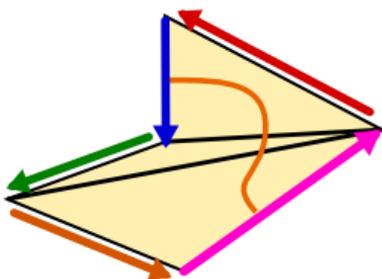
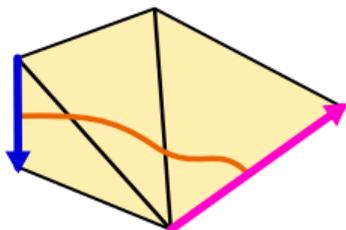
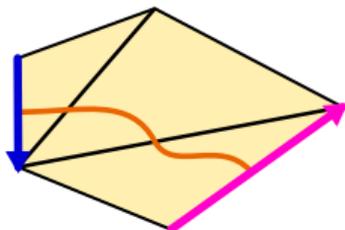
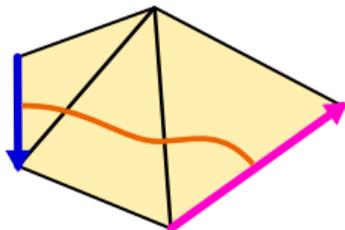
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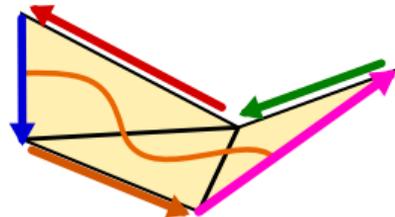
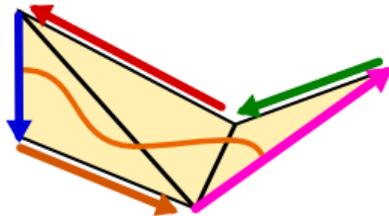
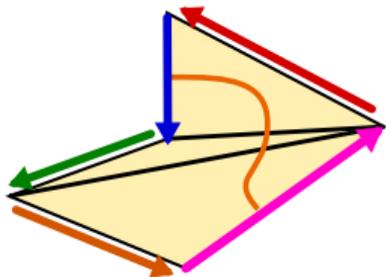
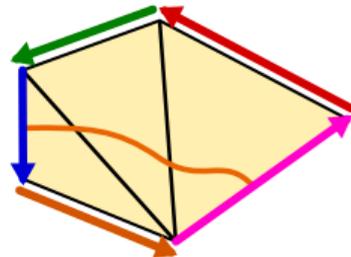
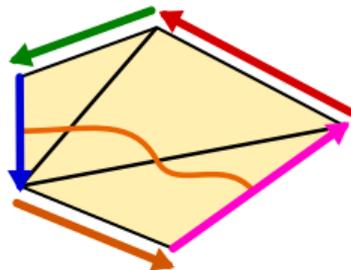
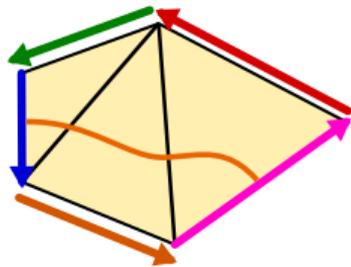
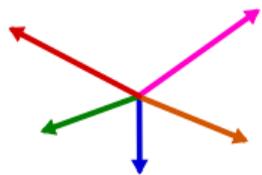


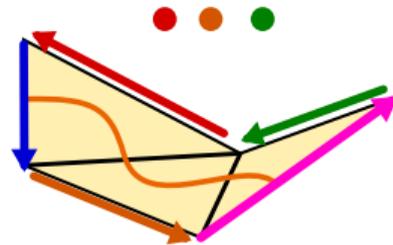
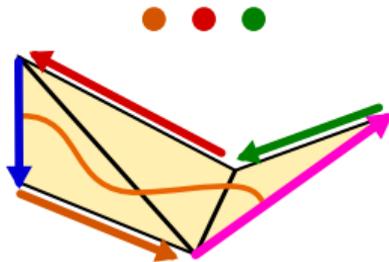
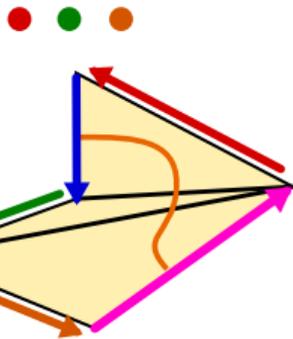
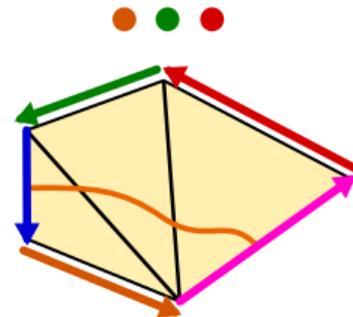
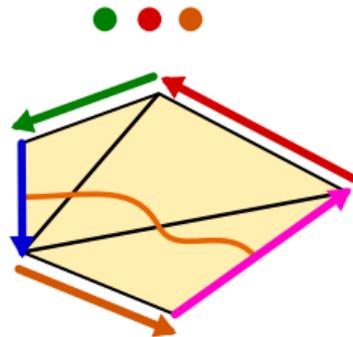
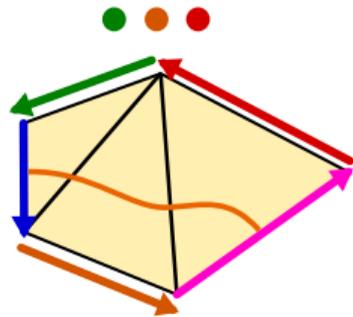
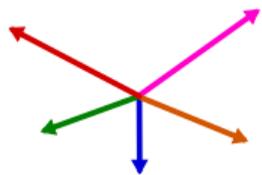
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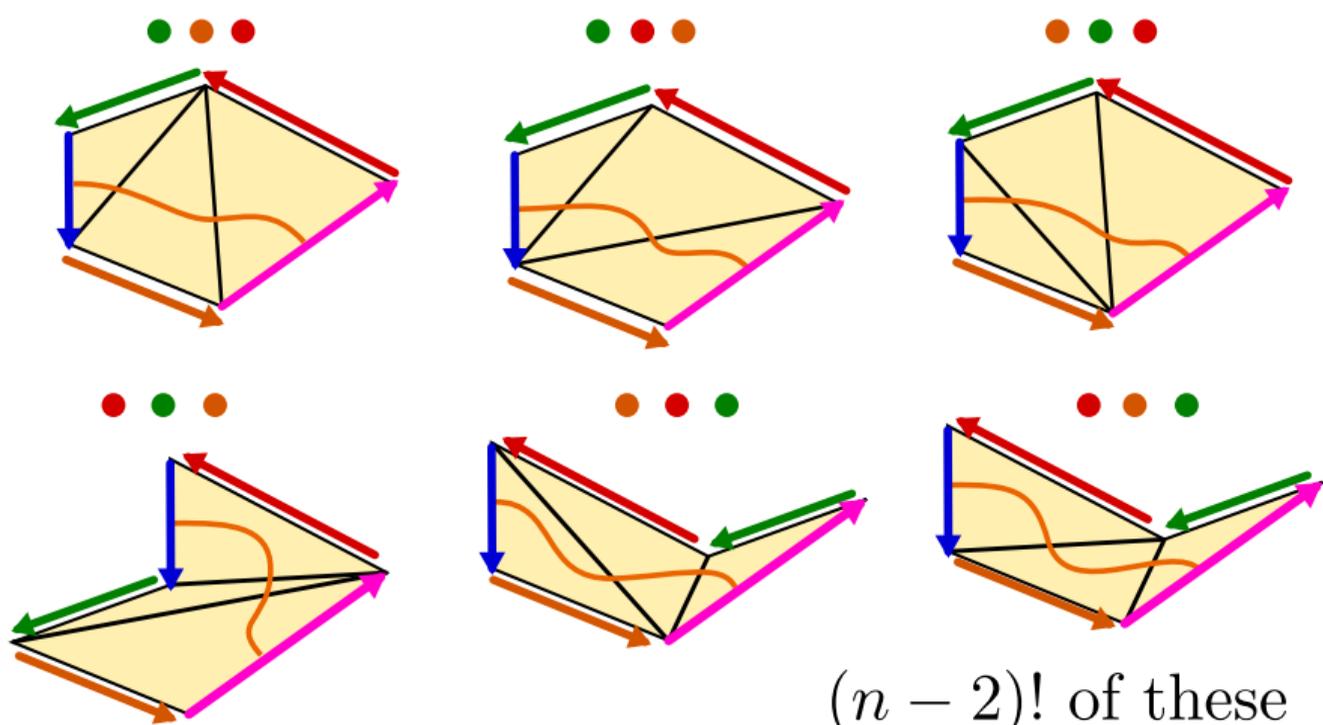
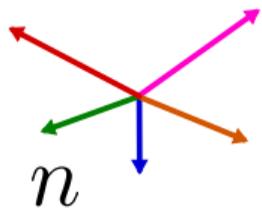


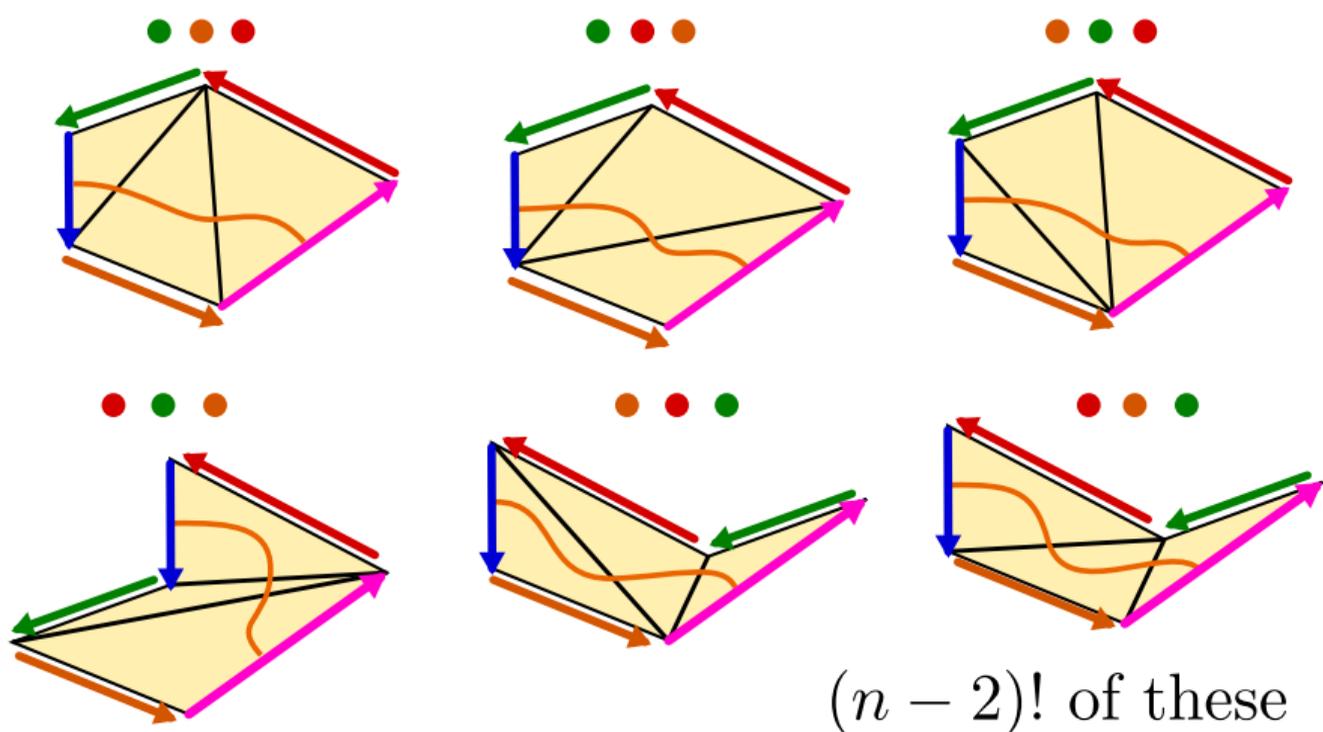
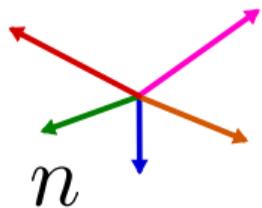










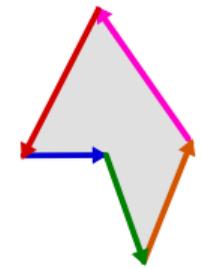
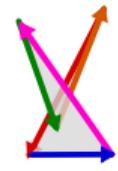
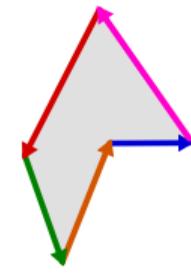
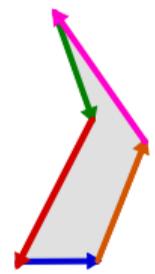
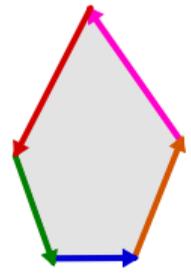
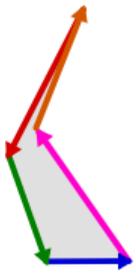
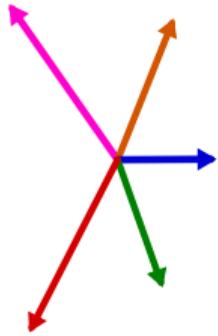


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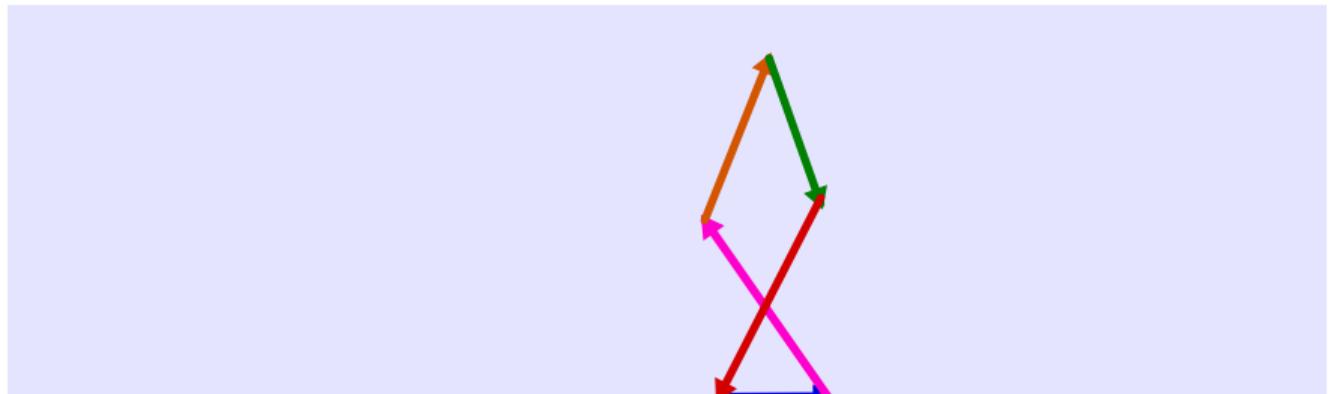
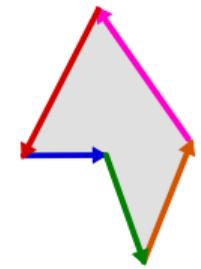
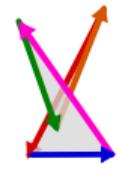
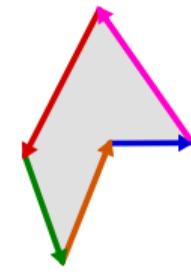
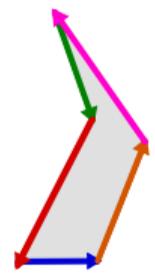
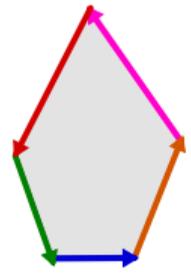
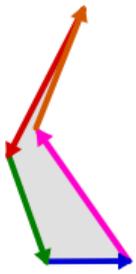
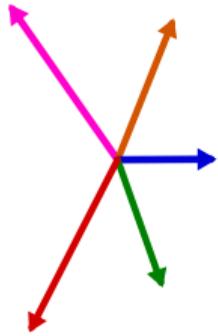
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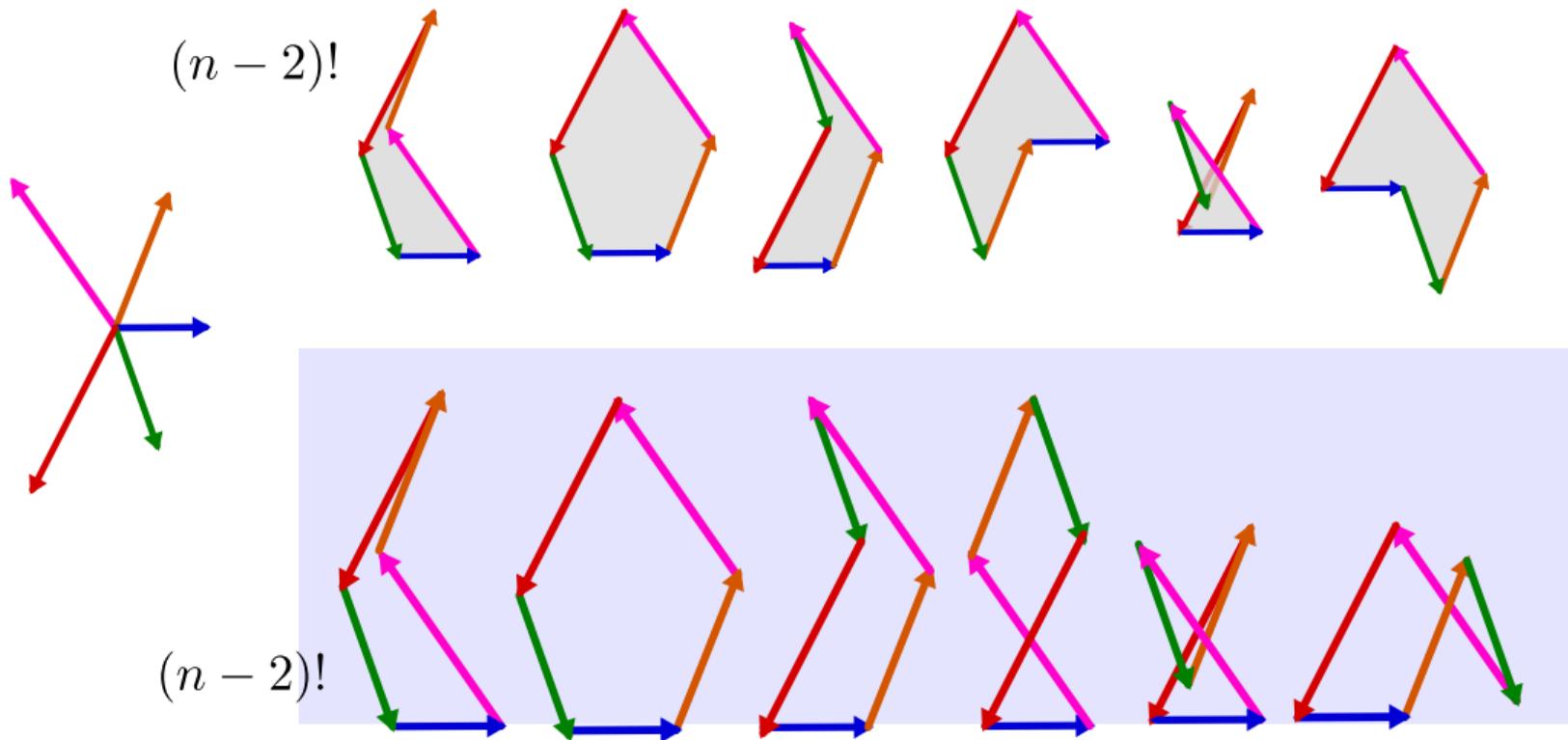
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(In particular, all angles distinct!)

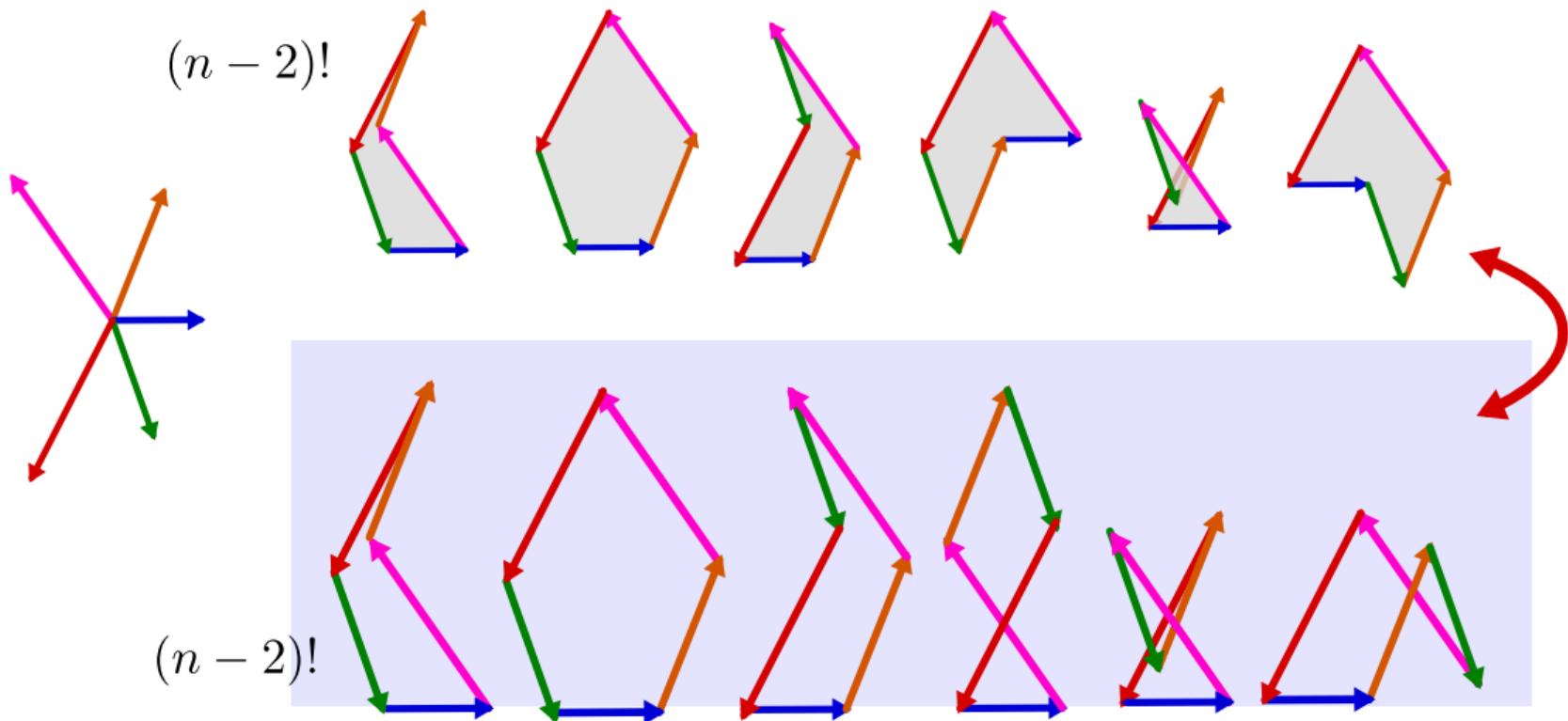
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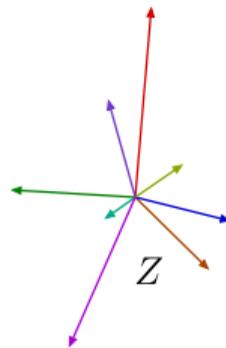
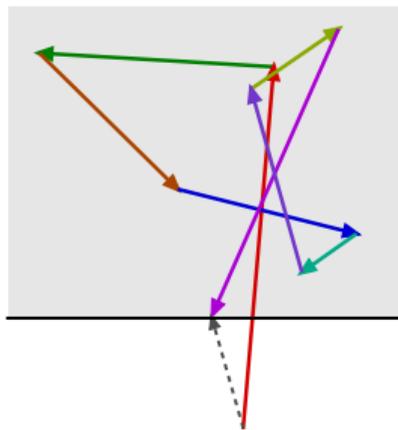


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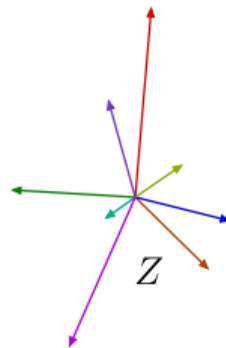
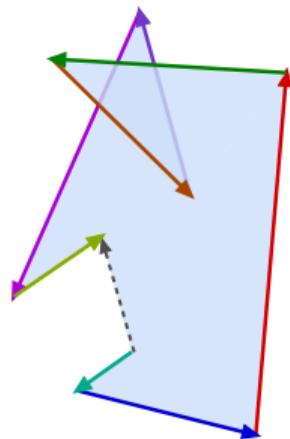
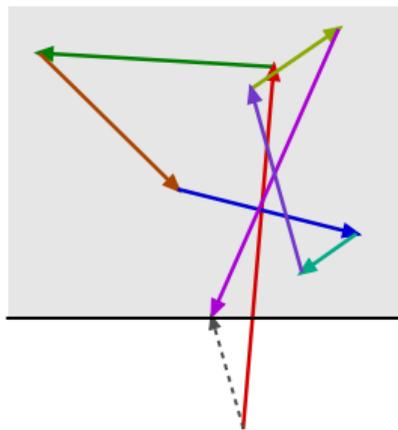
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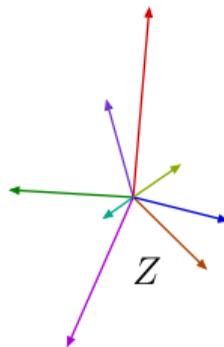
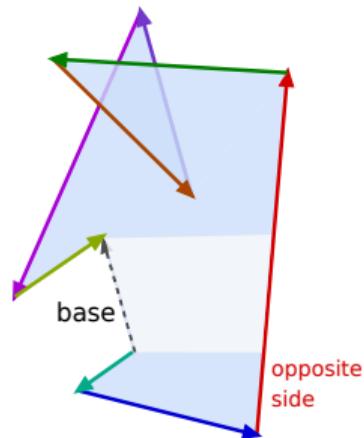
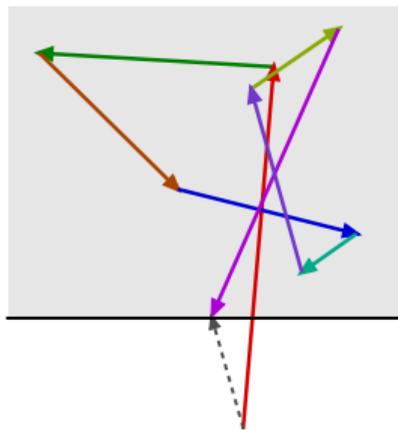
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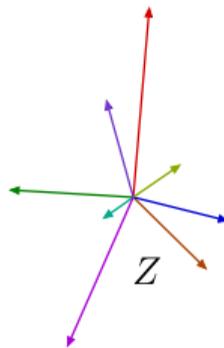
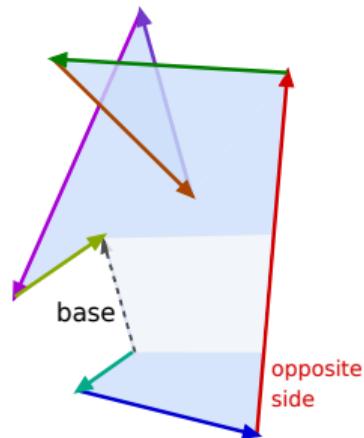
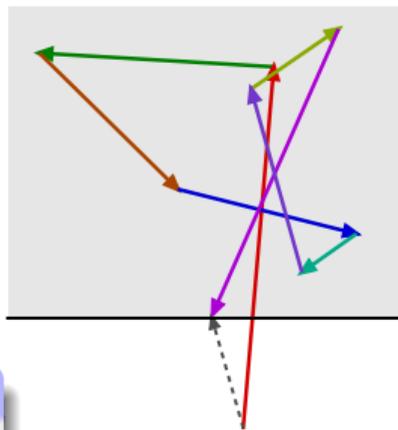
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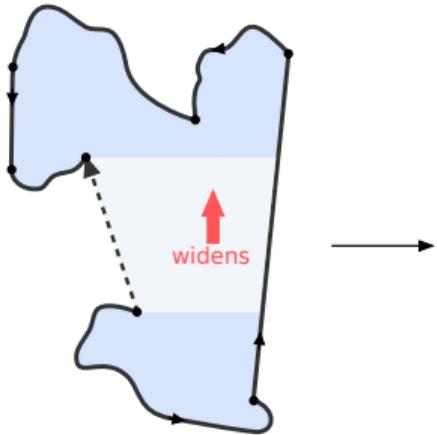
If Z is generic*,

$$\{ \text{excursions with increments } Z \}$$
$$\updownarrow$$
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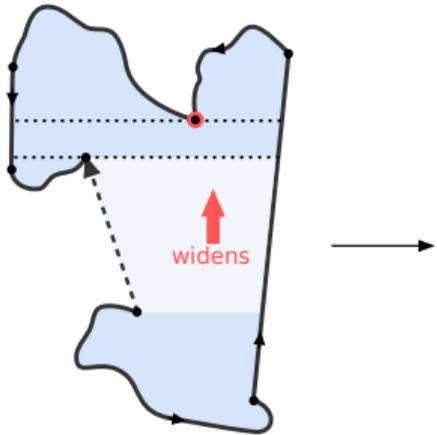
*as before, but also no proper subset of Z has horizontal sum



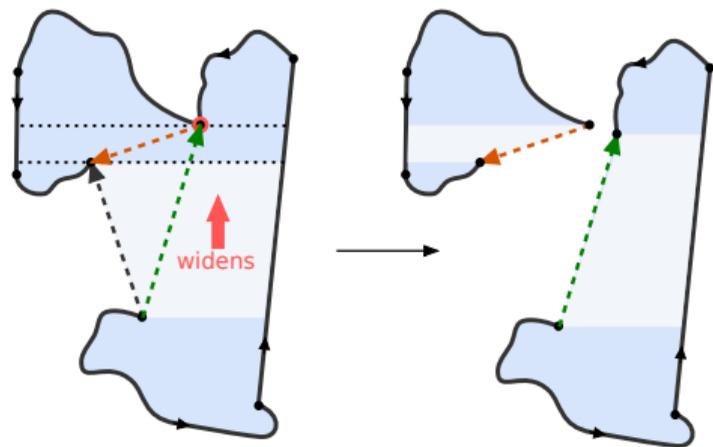
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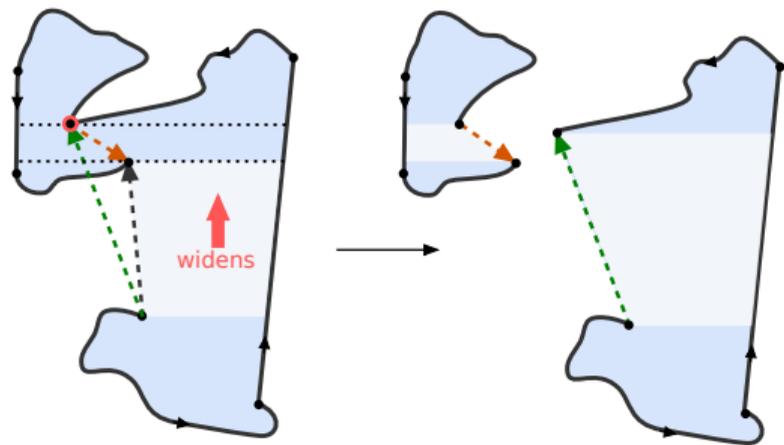
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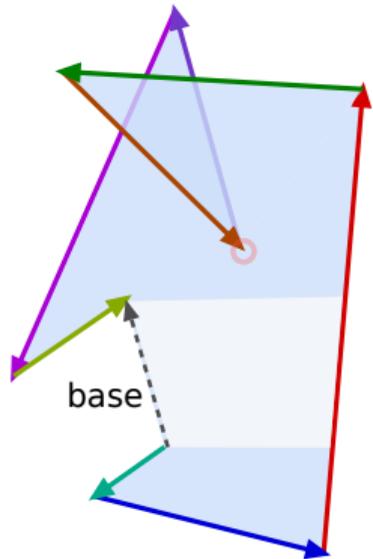
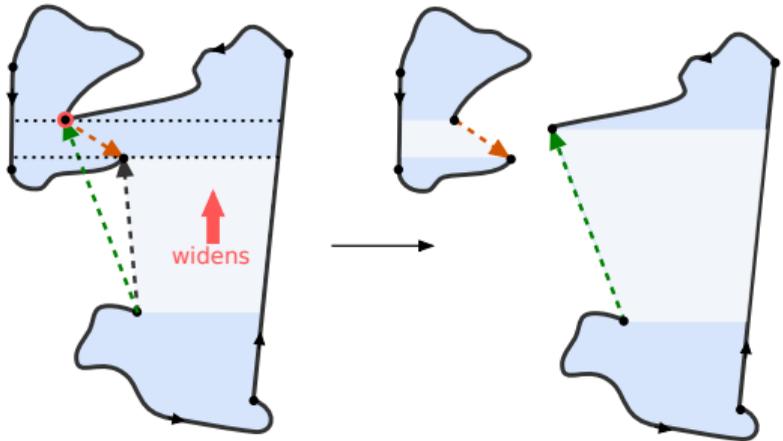
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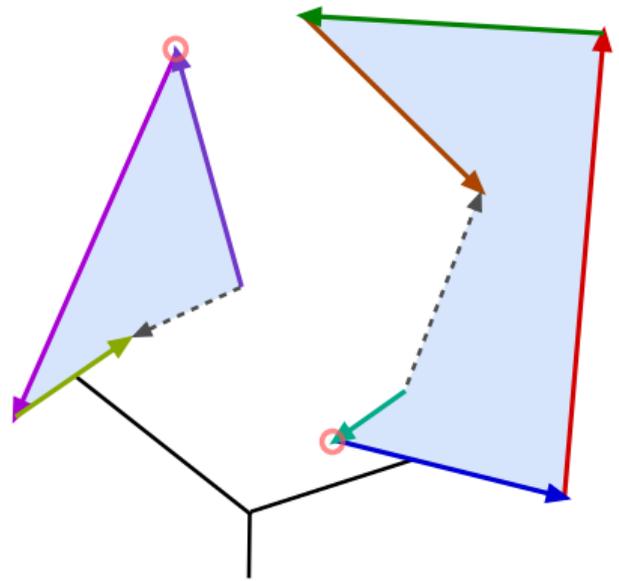
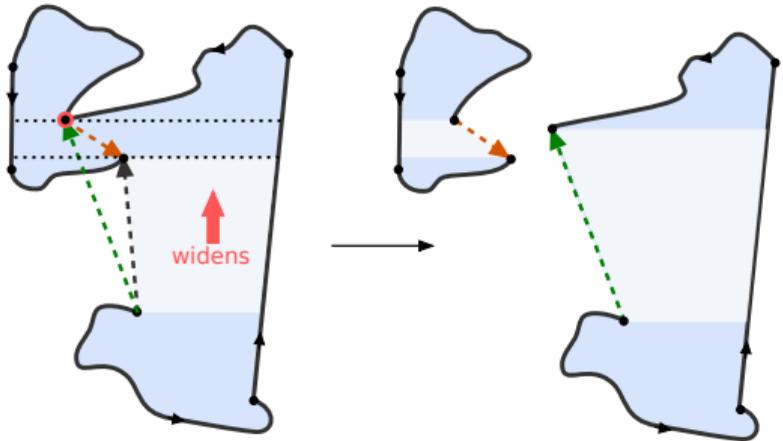
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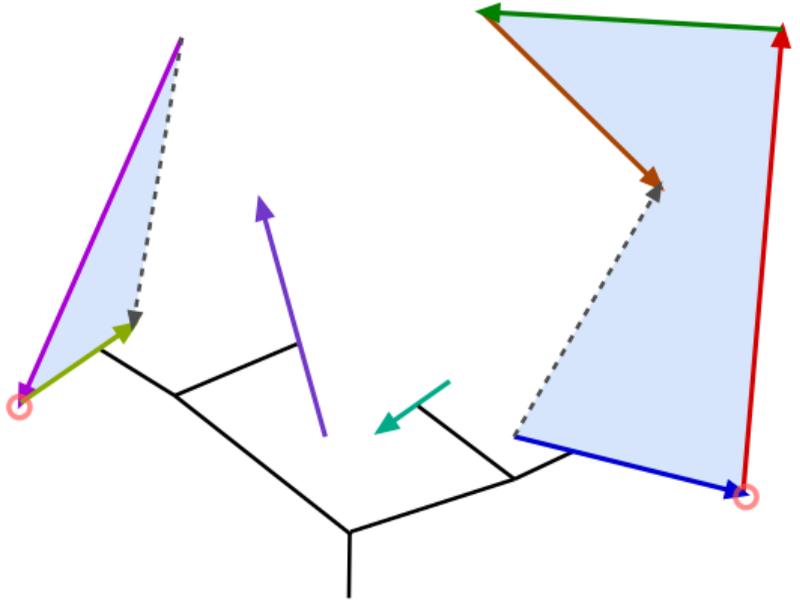
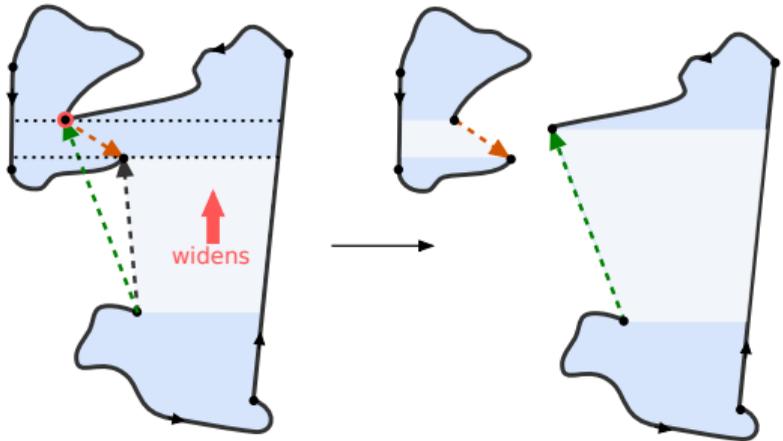
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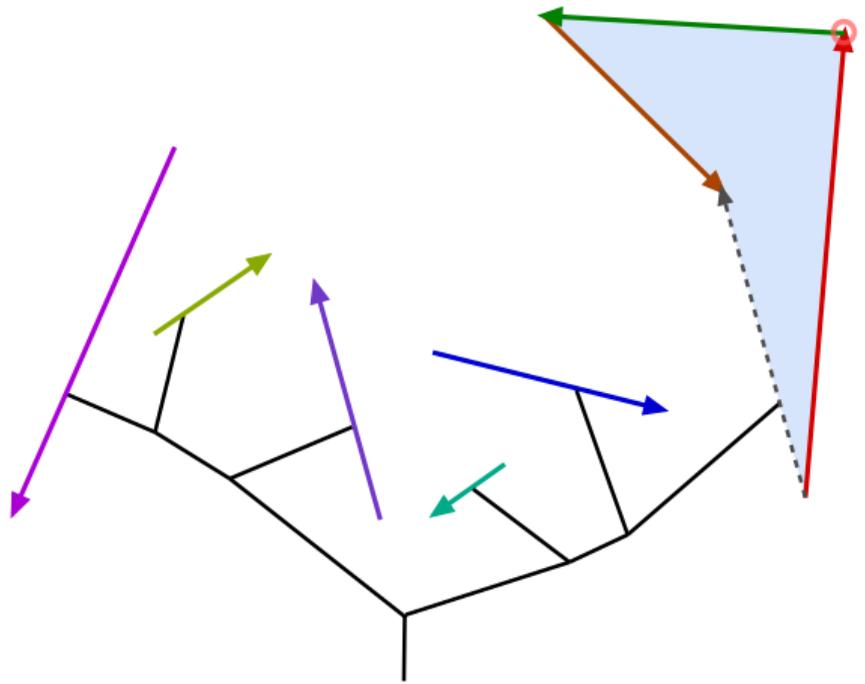
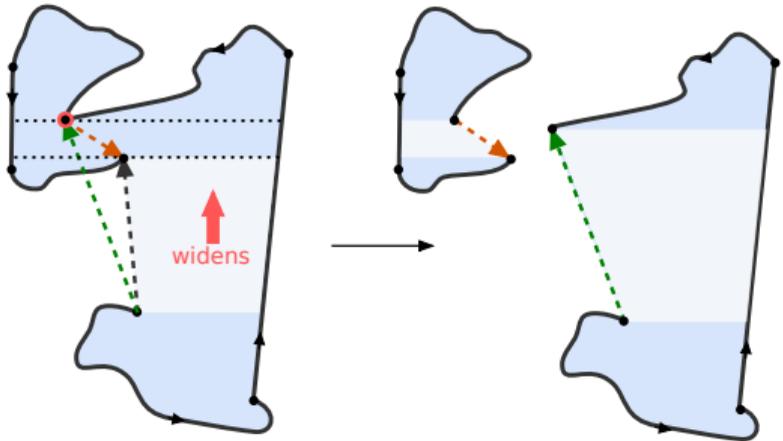
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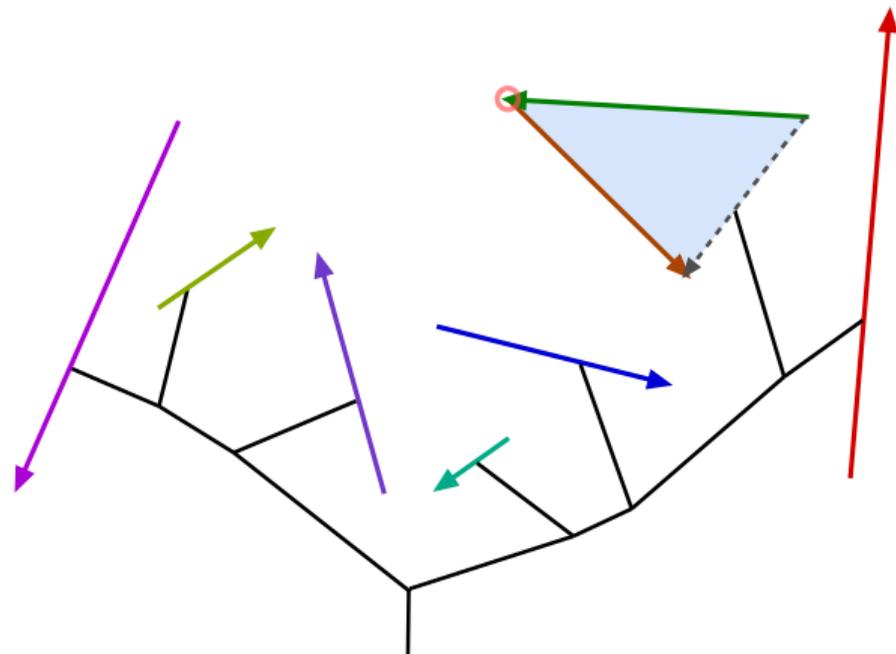
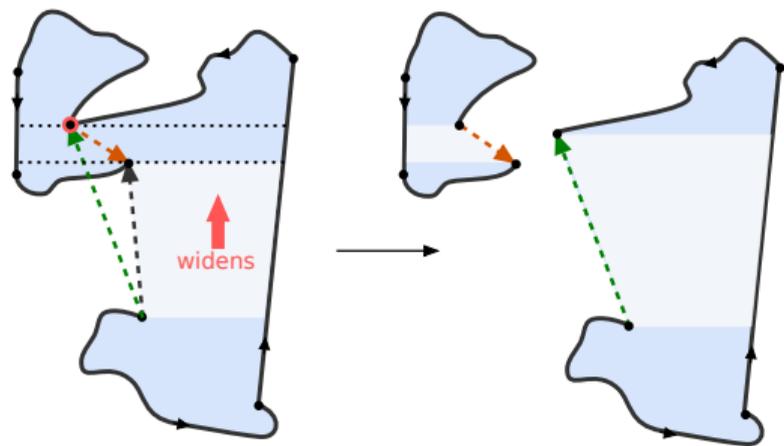
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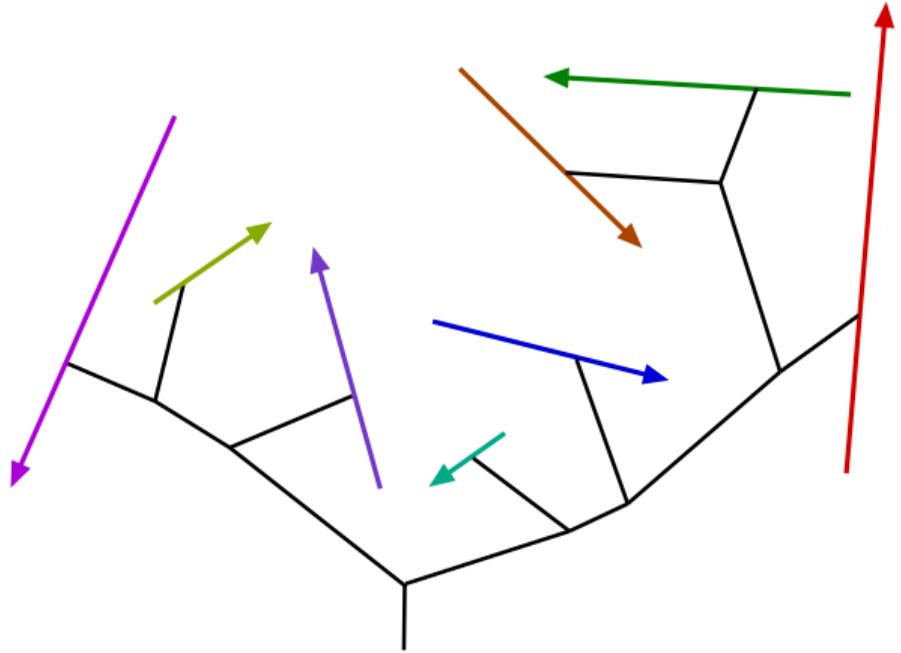
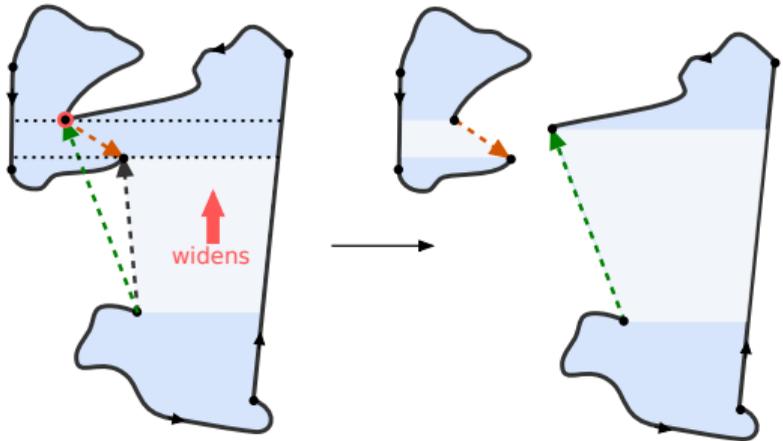
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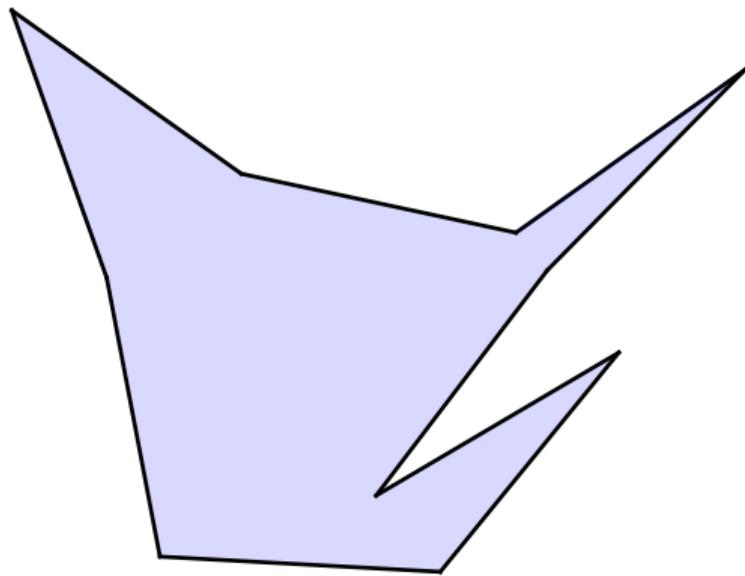
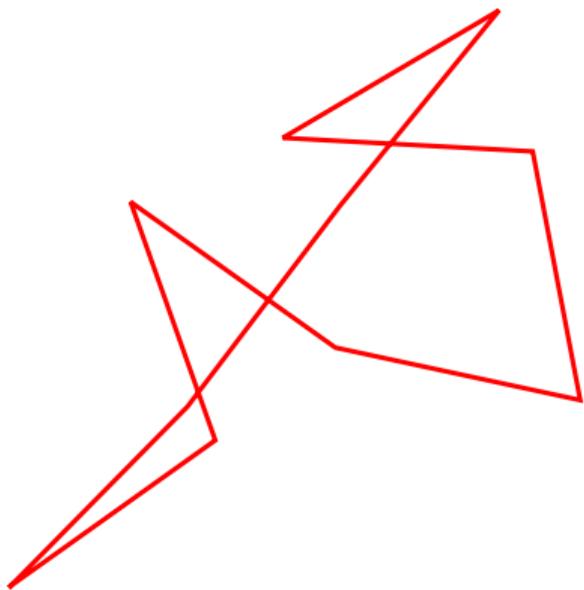


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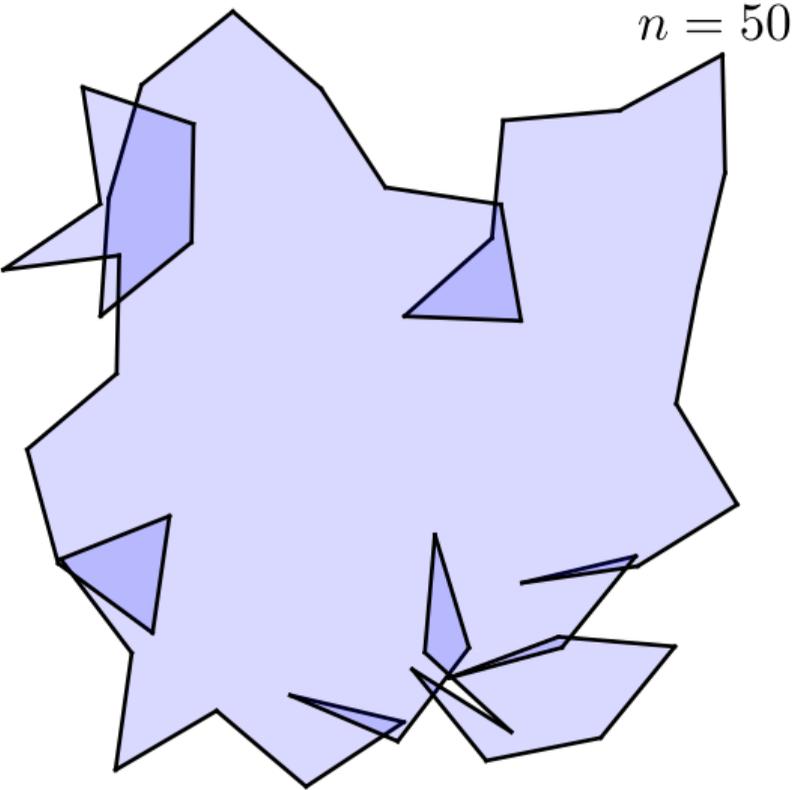
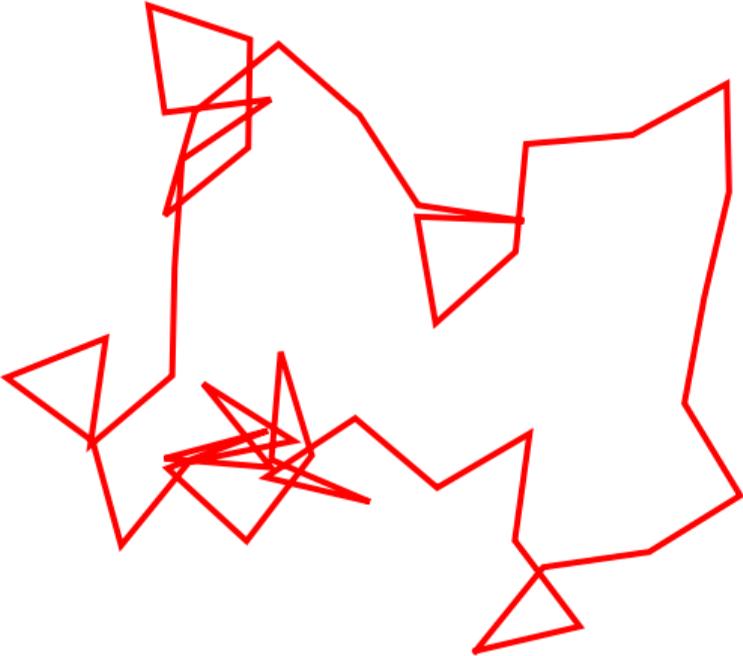


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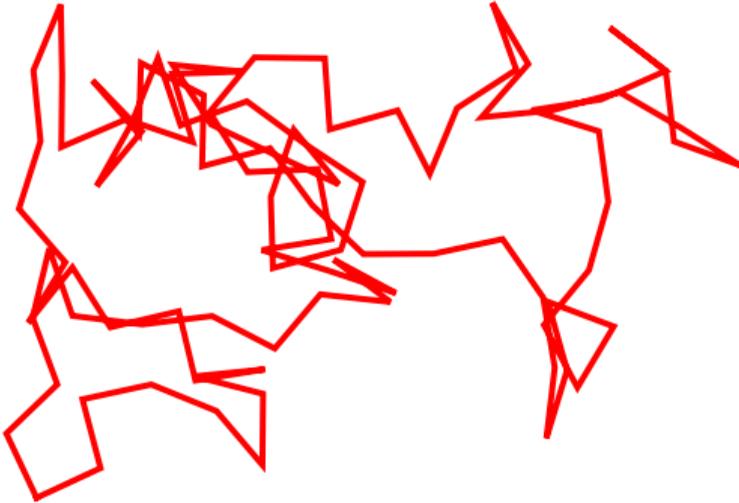
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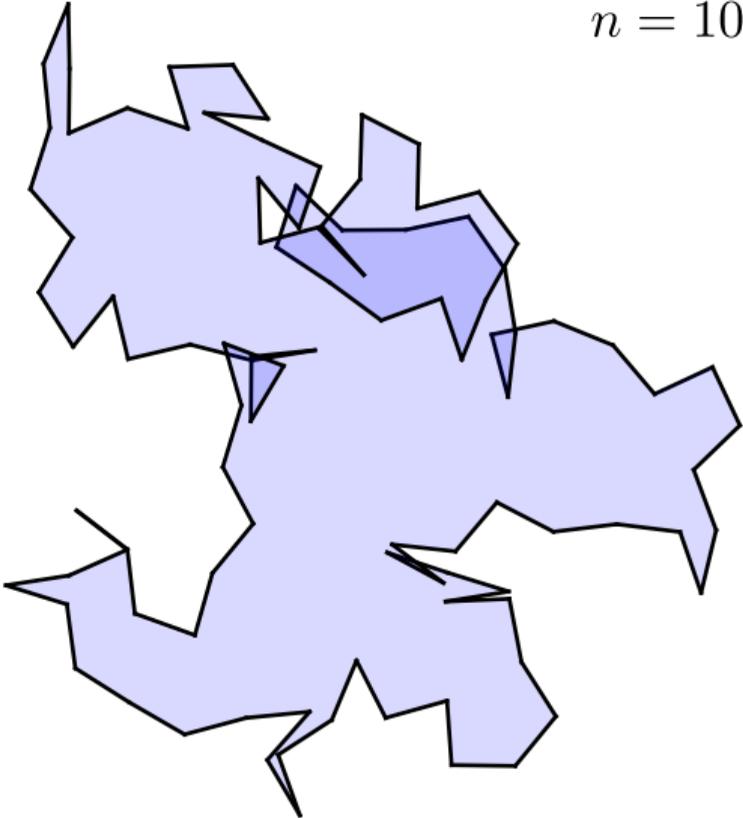
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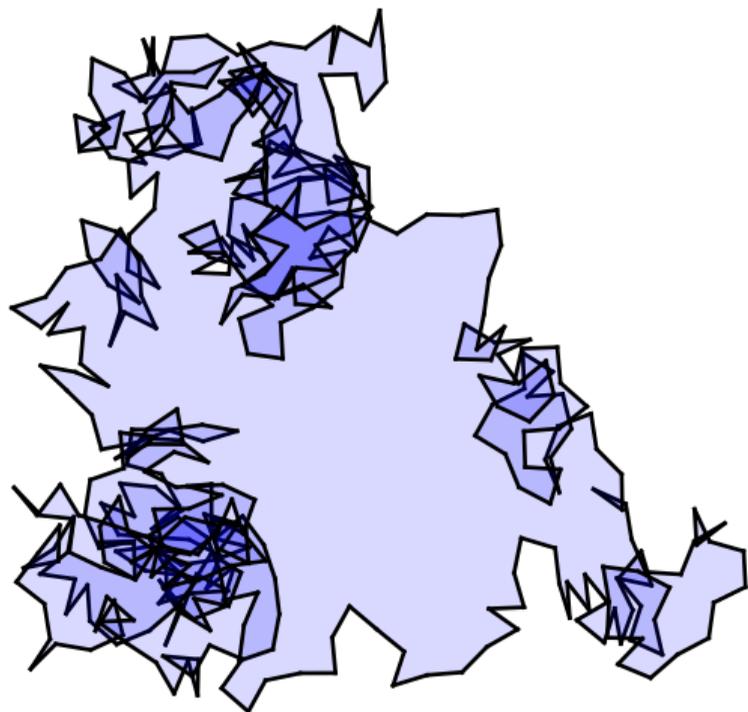


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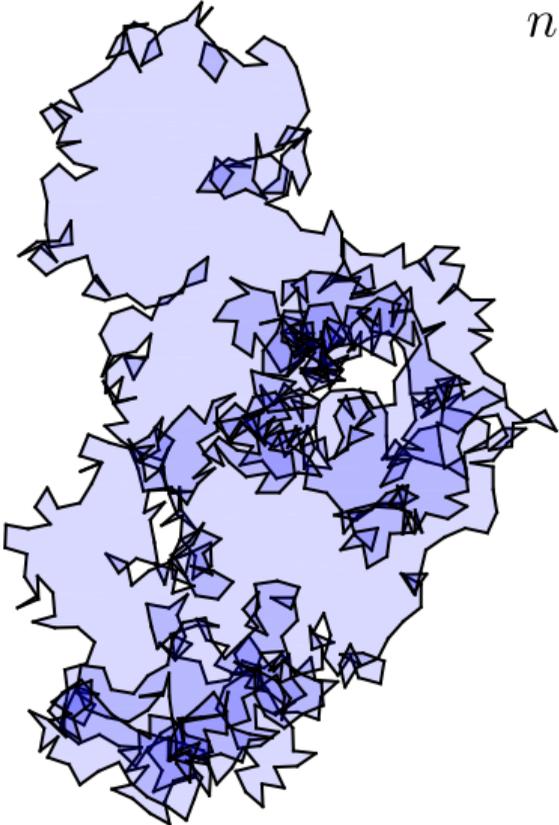
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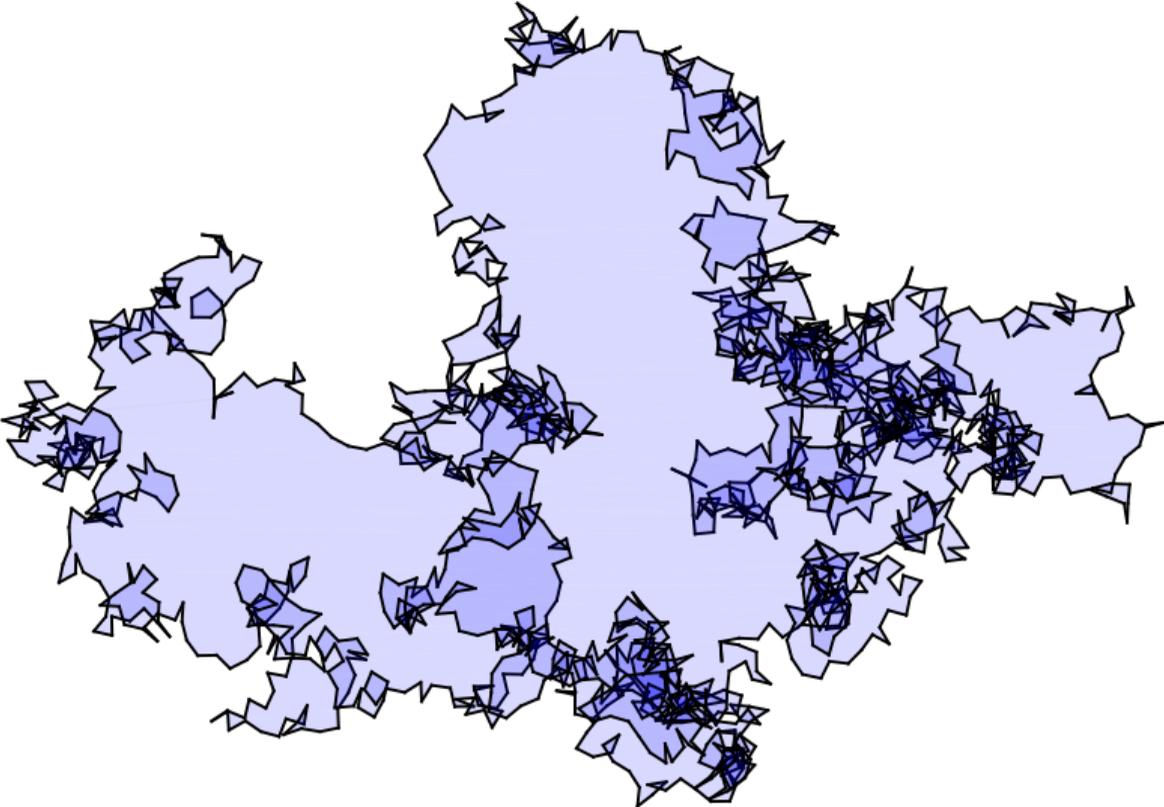
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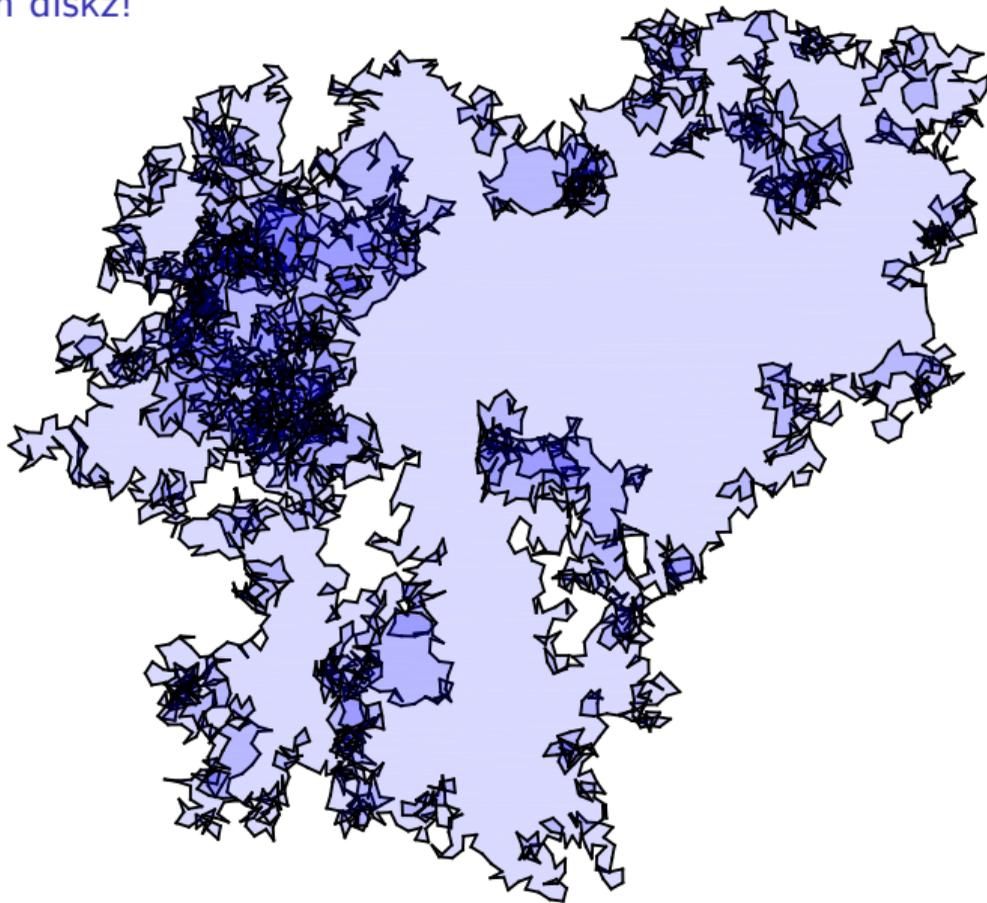
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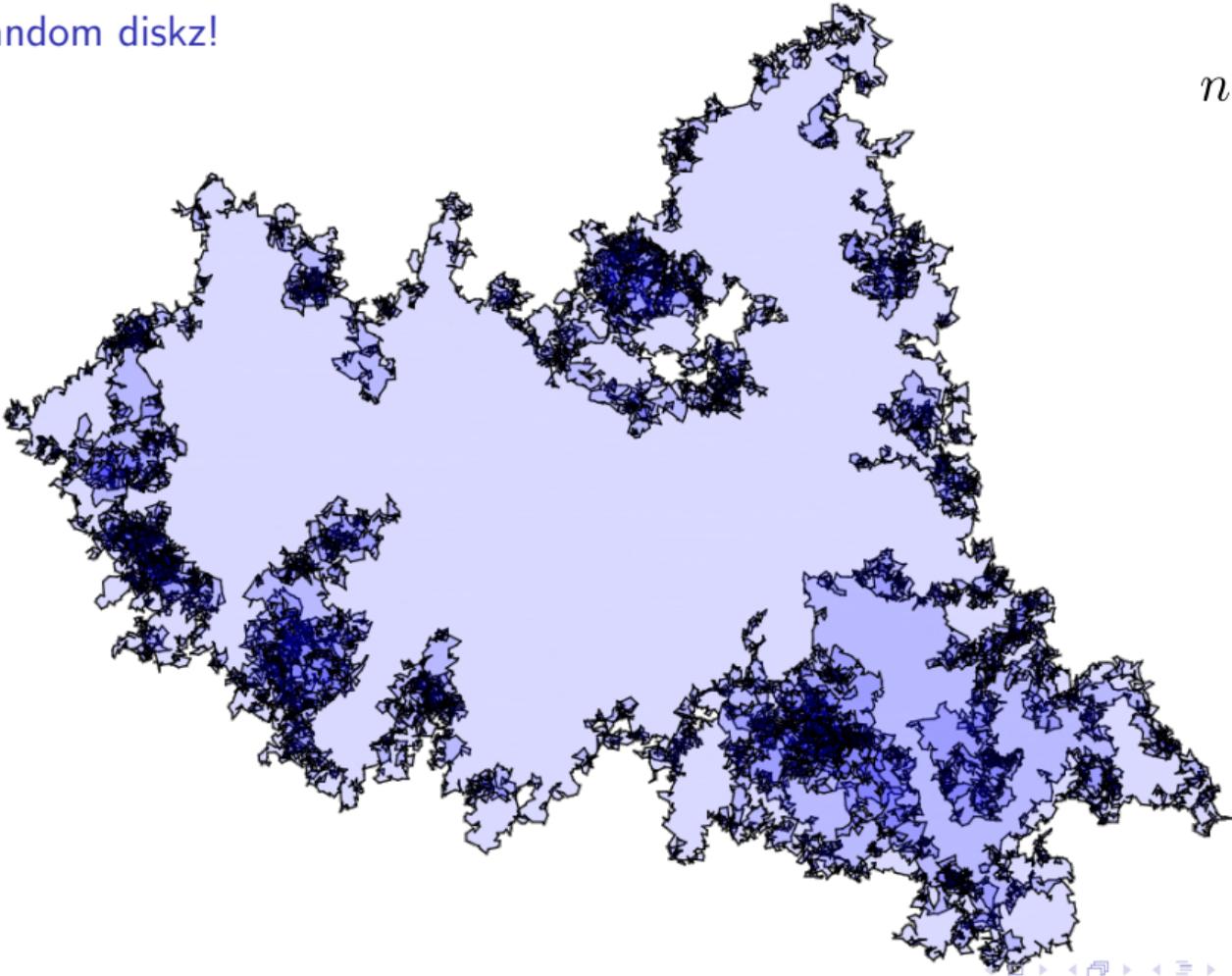
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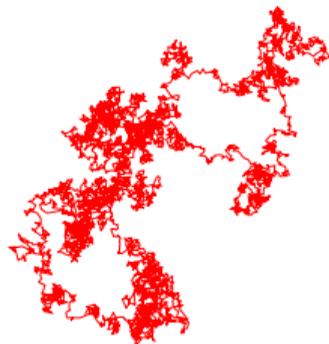
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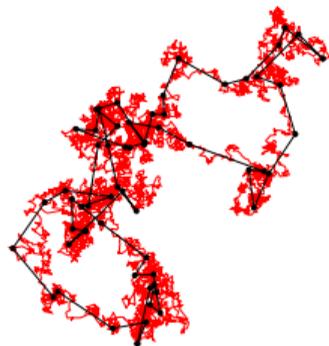
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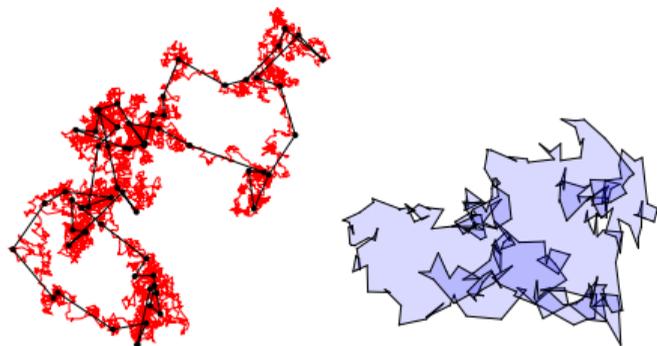
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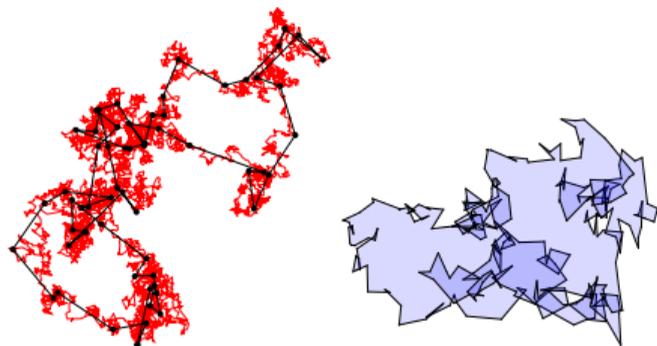
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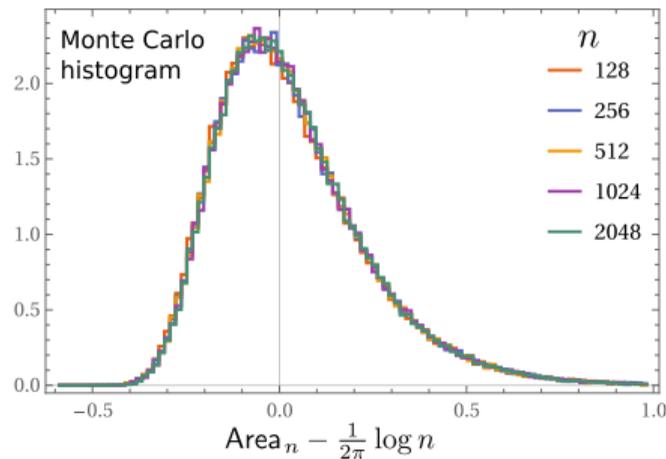
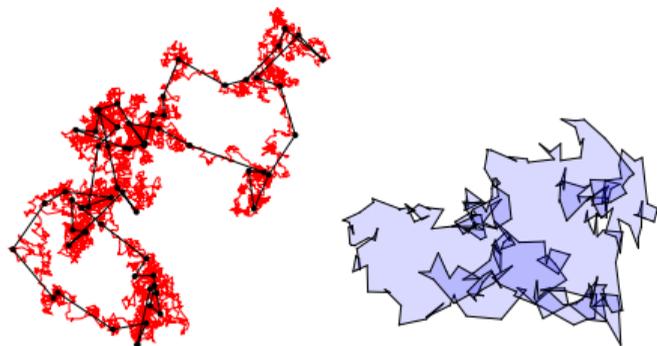
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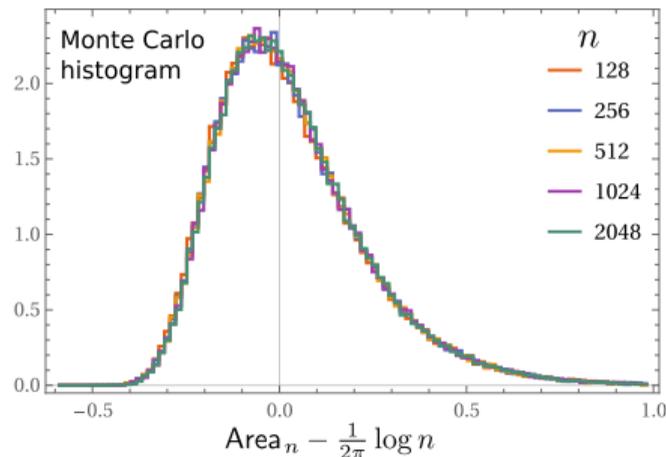
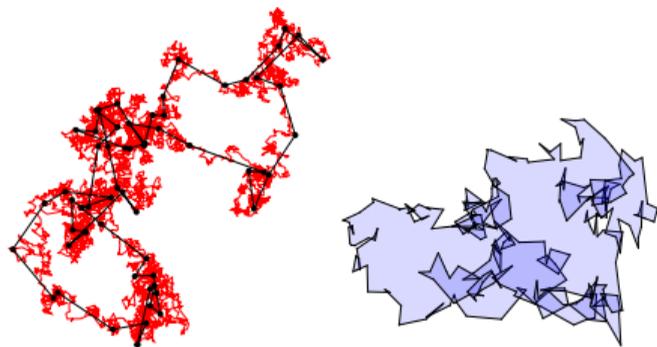
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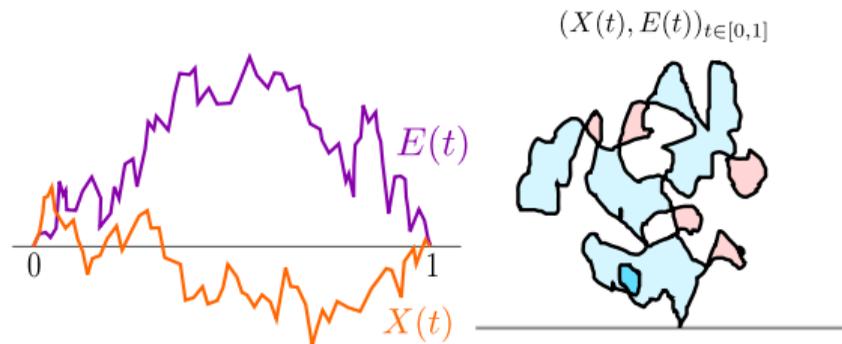
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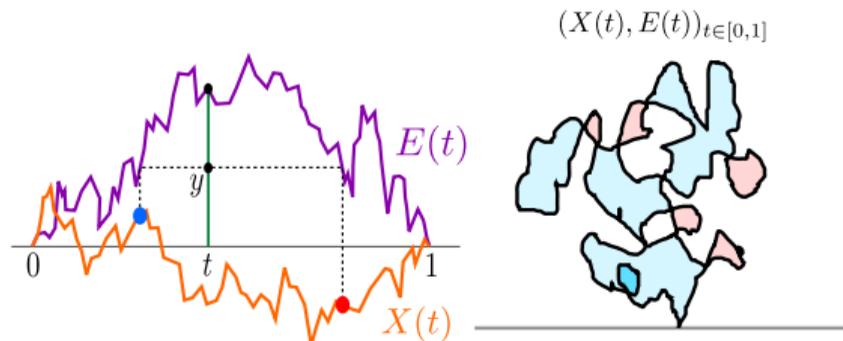
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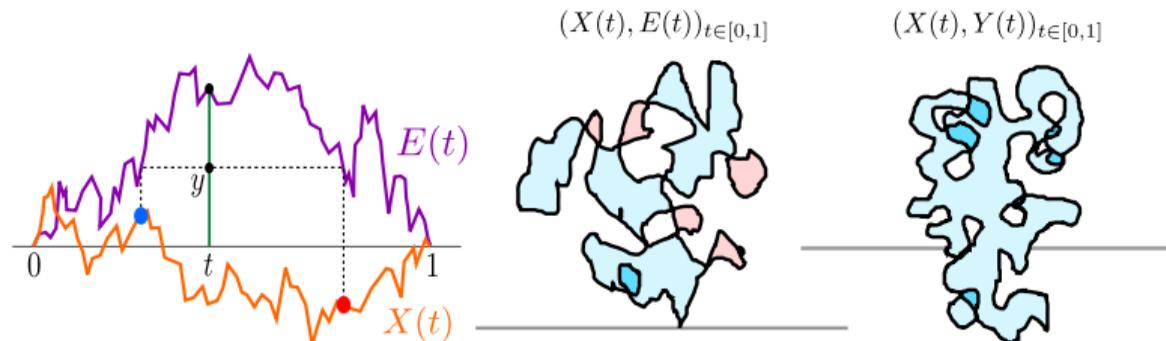
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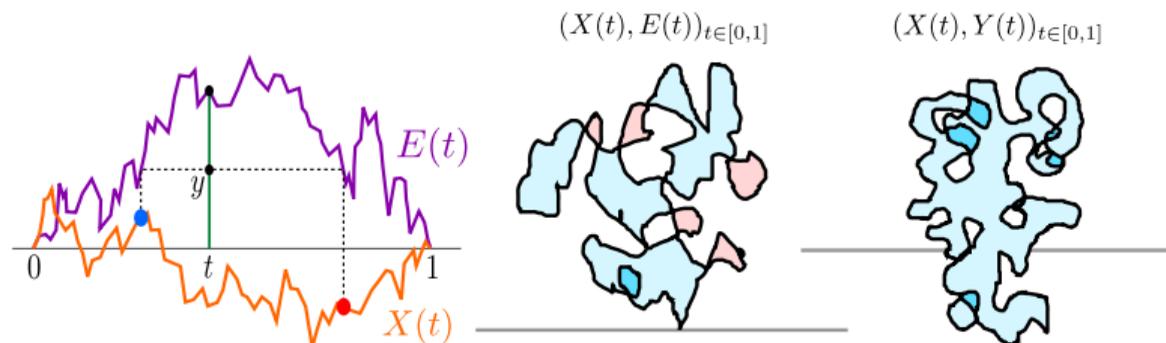
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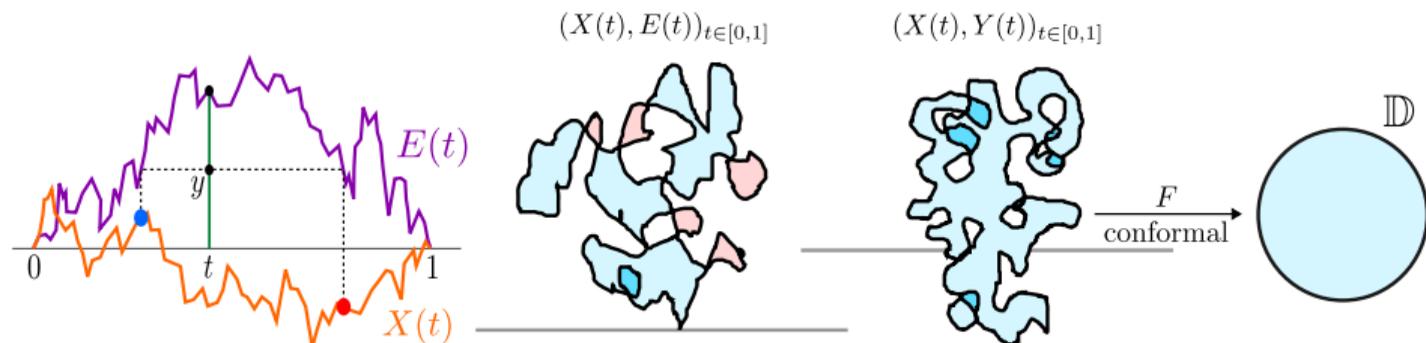
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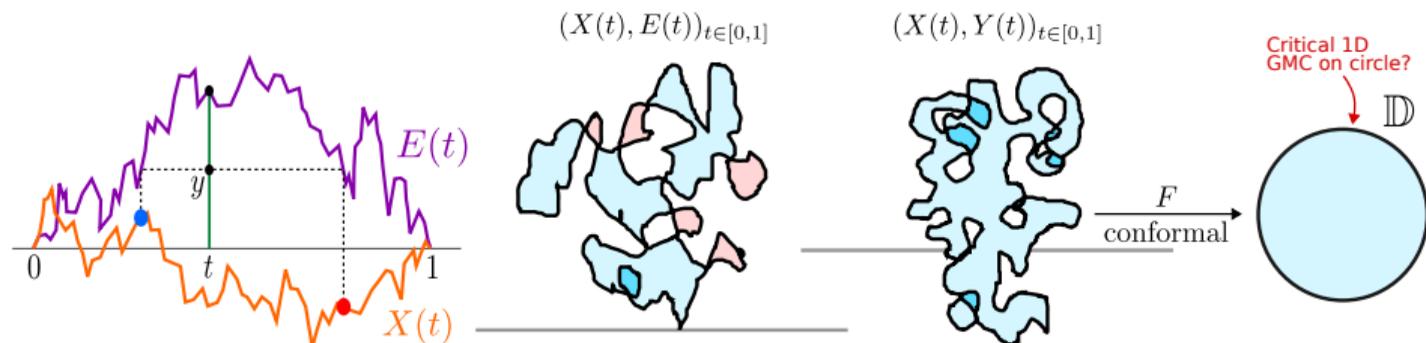
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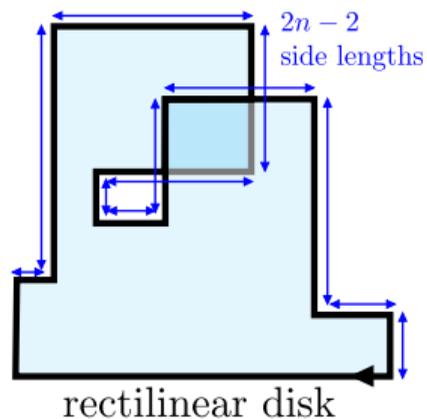
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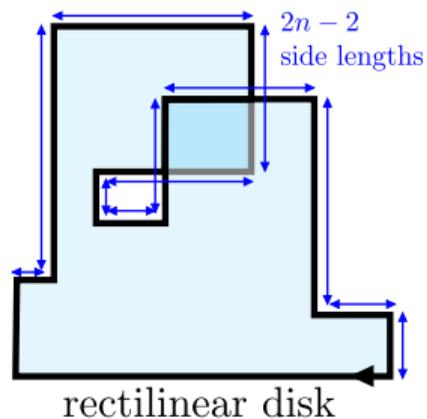
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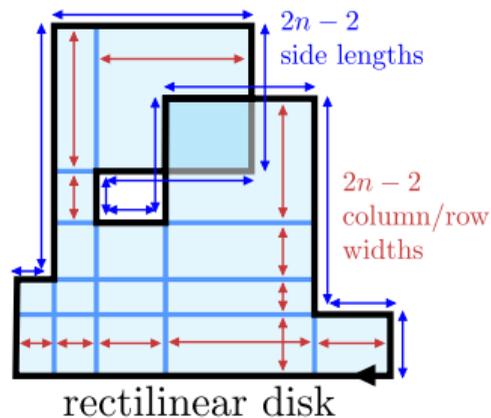
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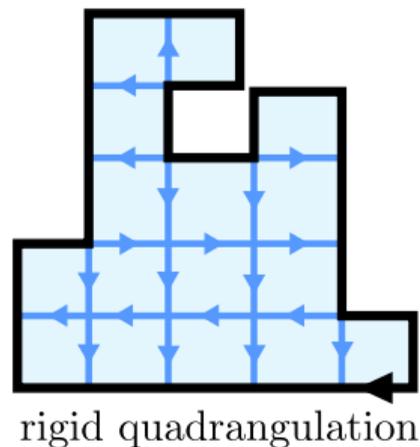
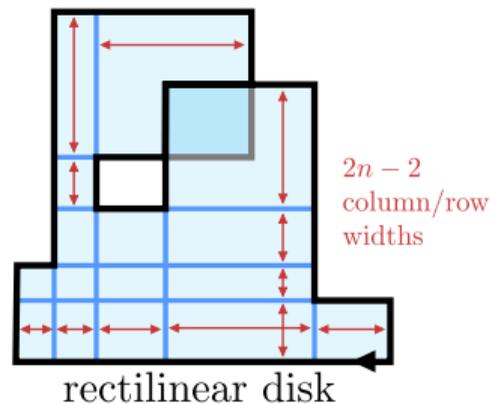
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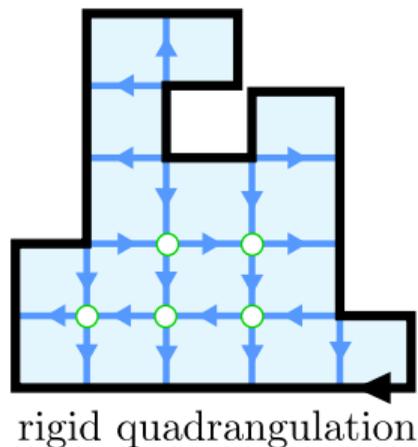
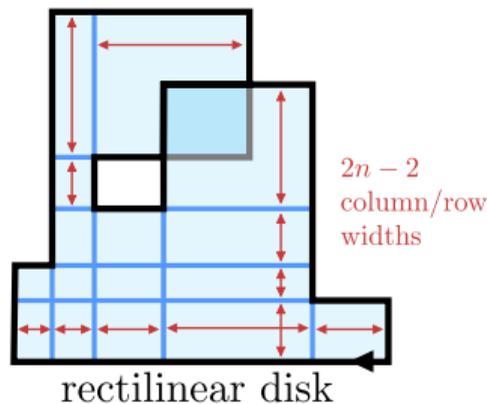
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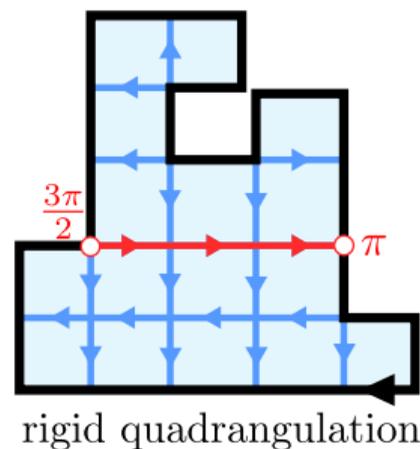
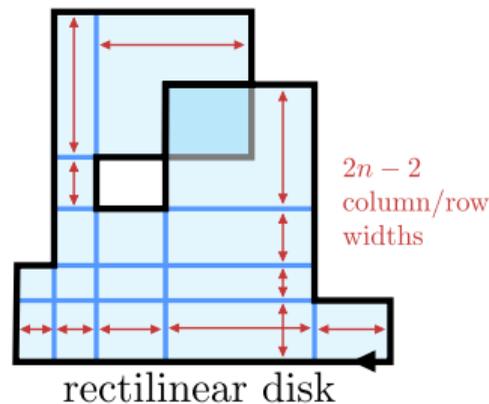
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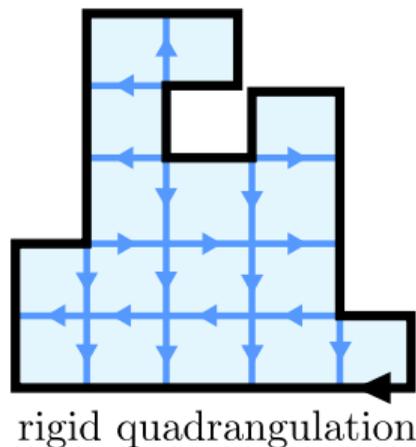
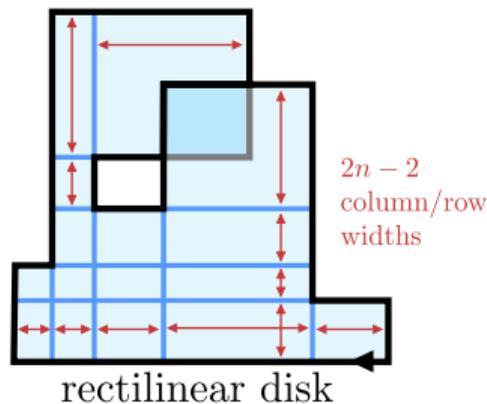
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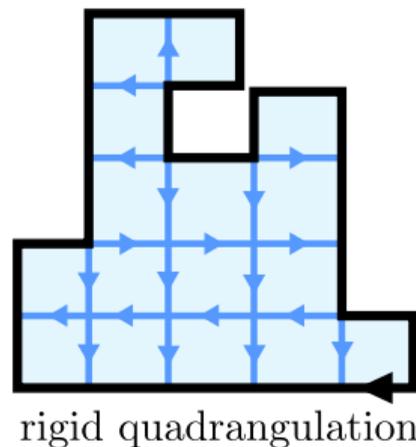
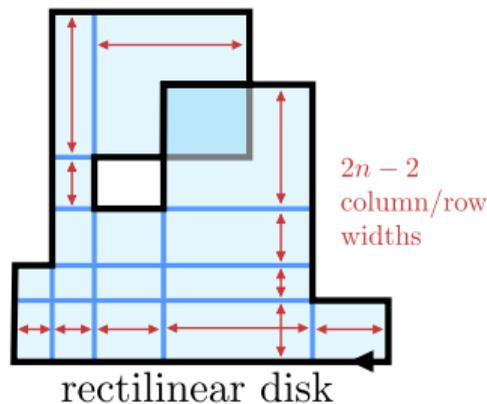
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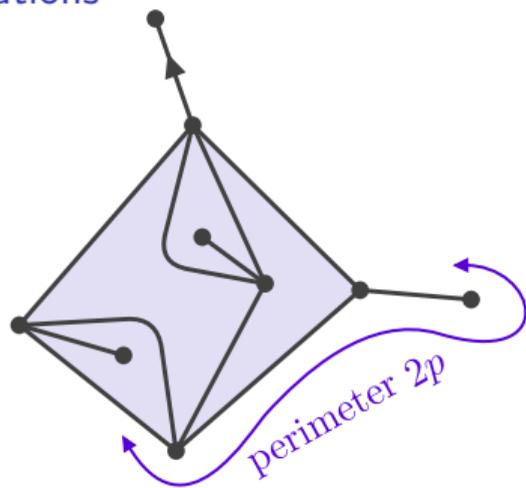
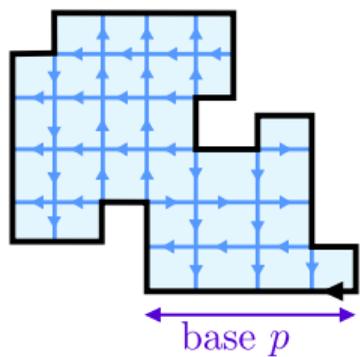
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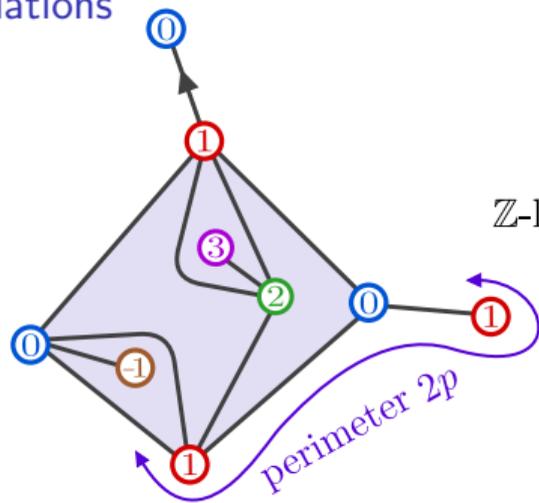
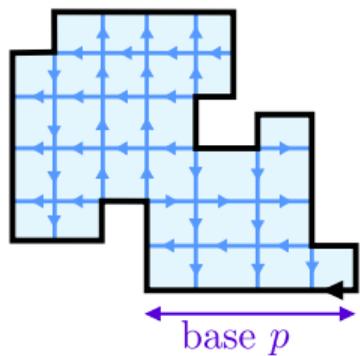
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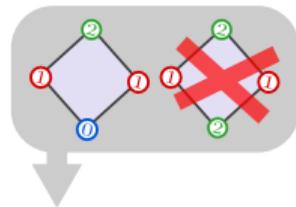
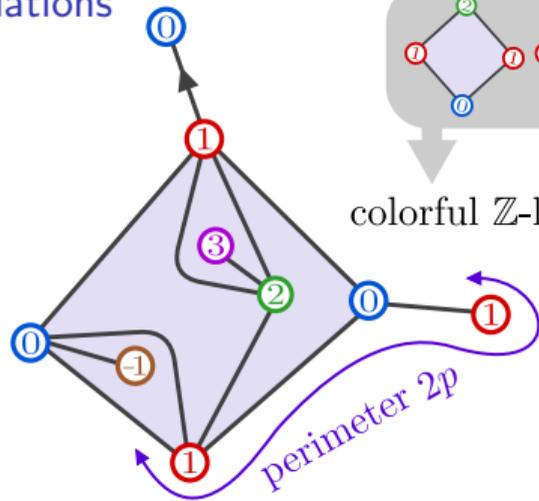
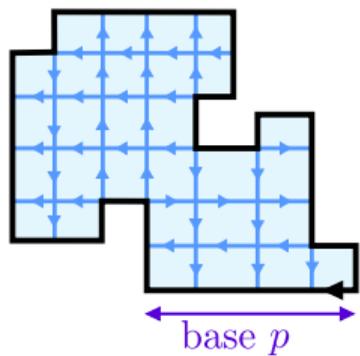
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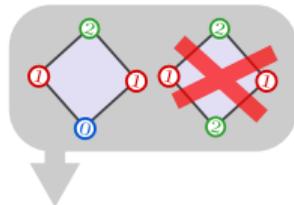
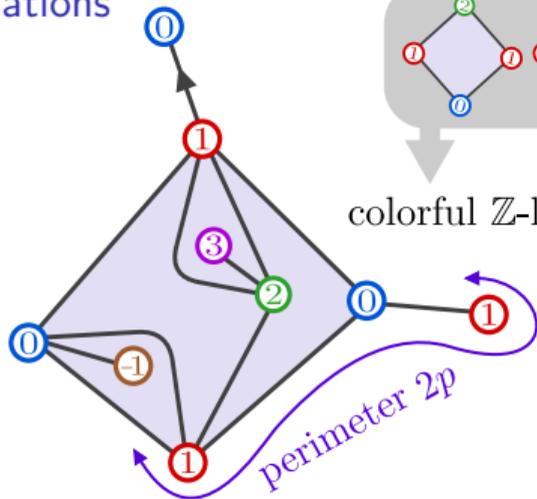
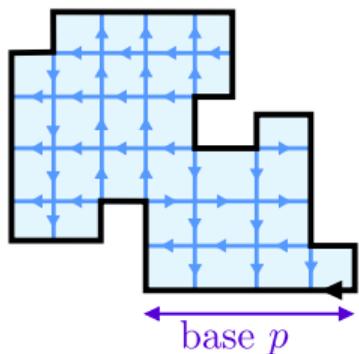
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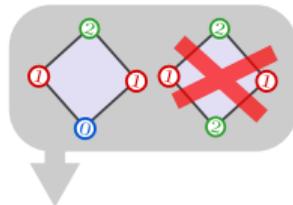
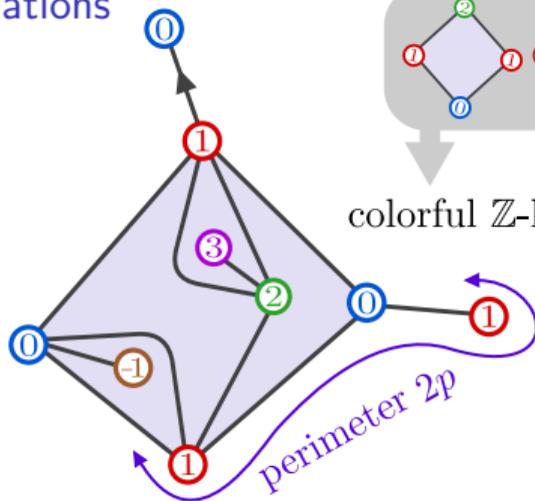
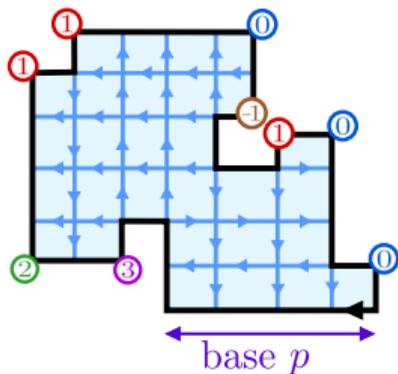
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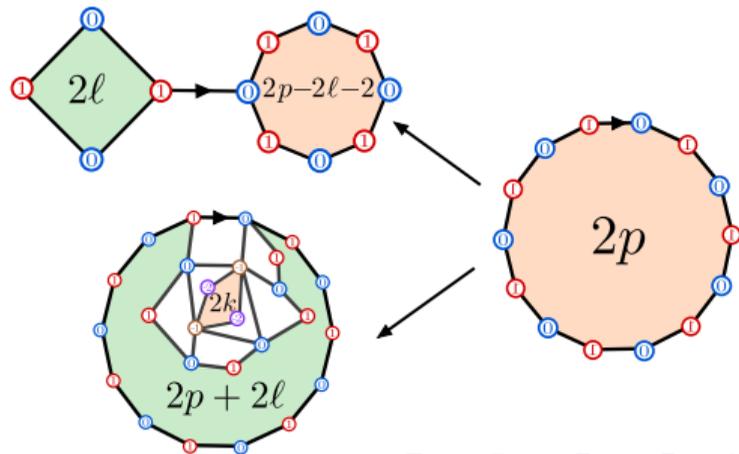
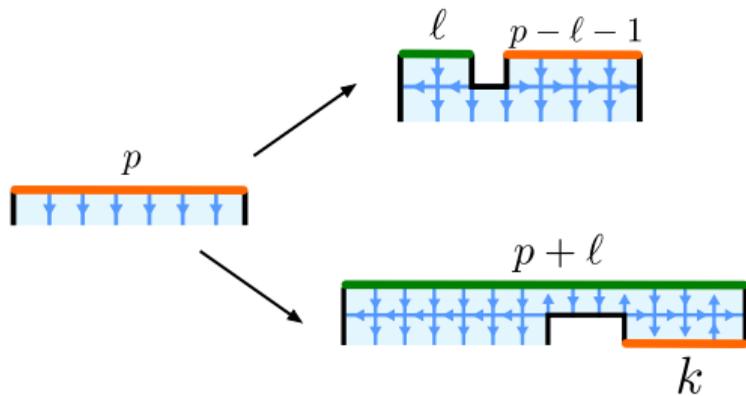
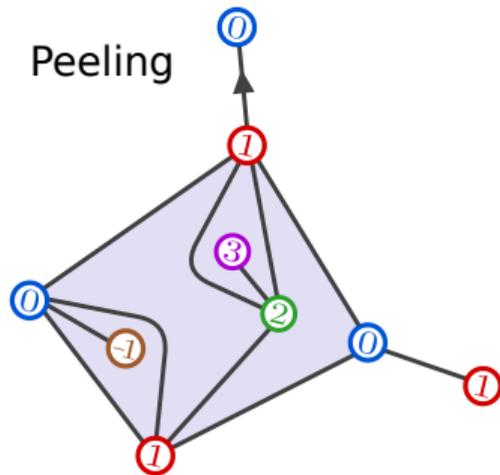
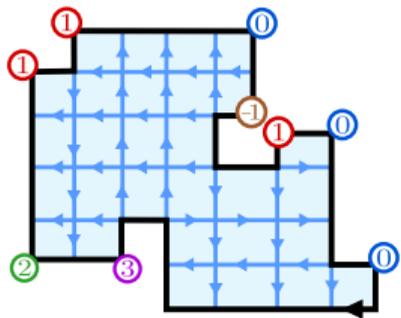
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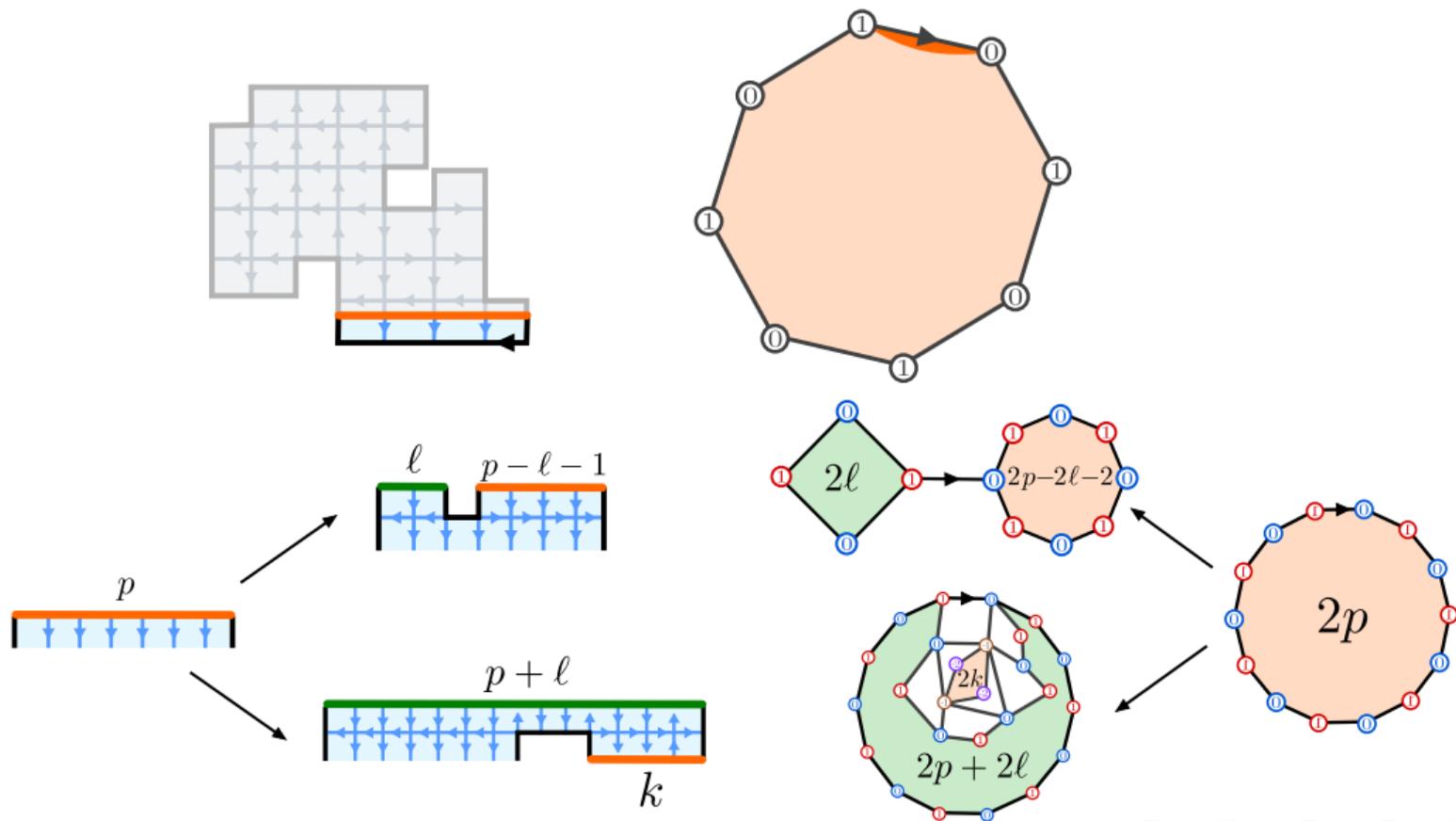


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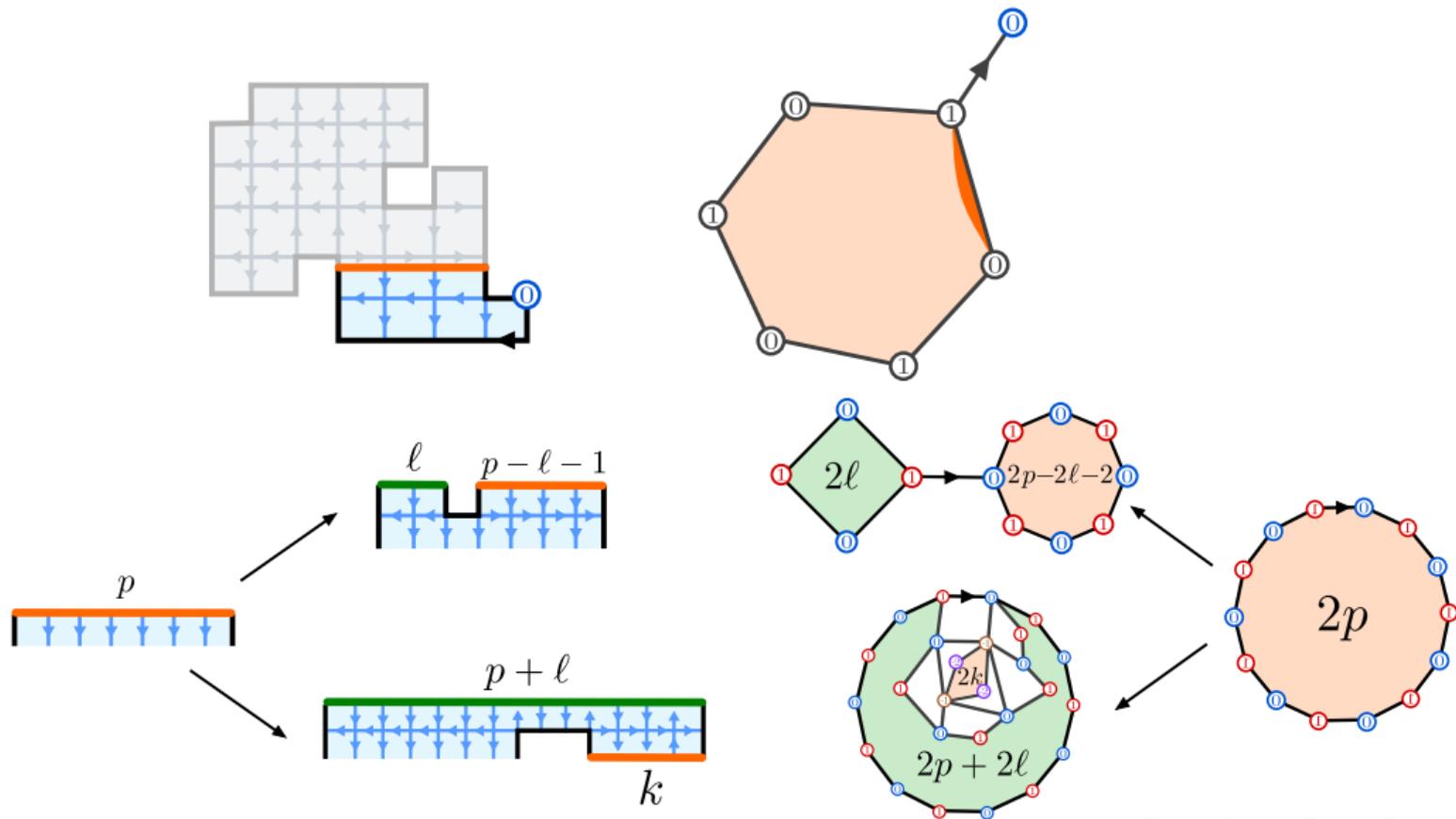
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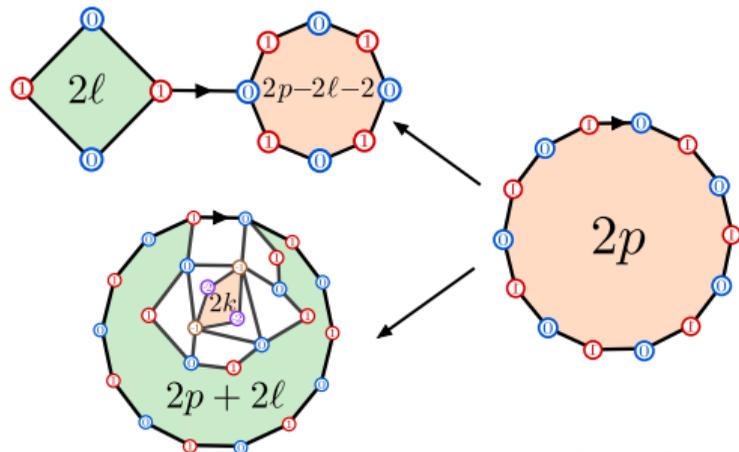
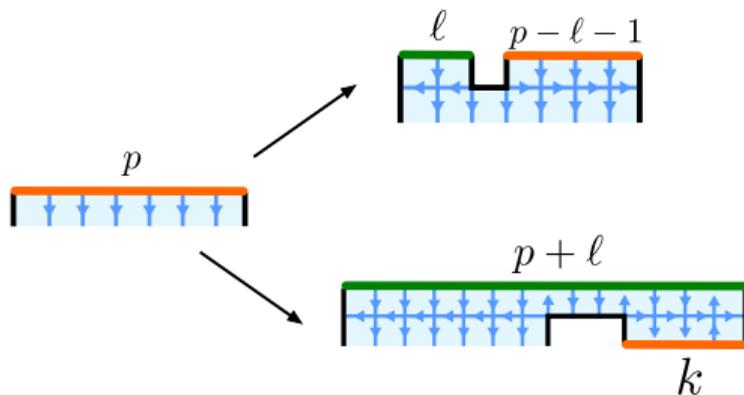
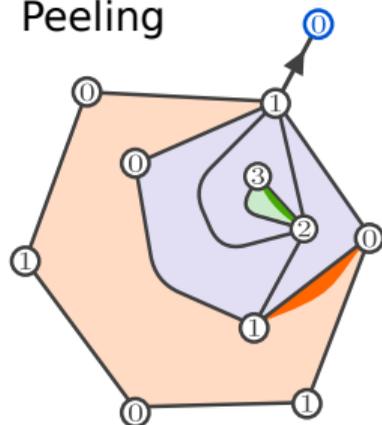
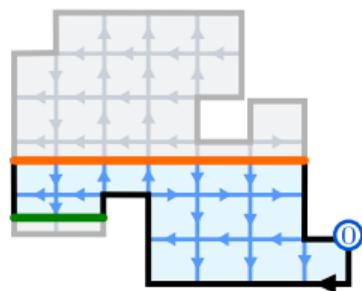
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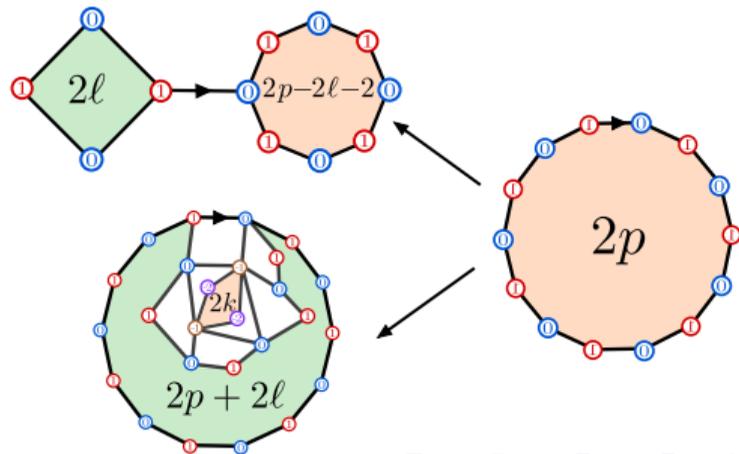
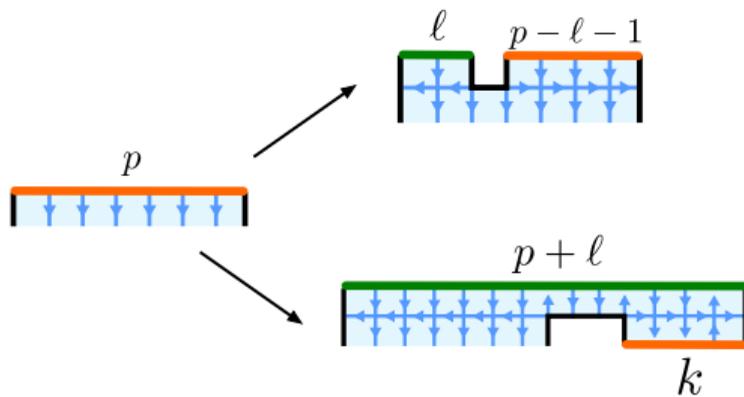
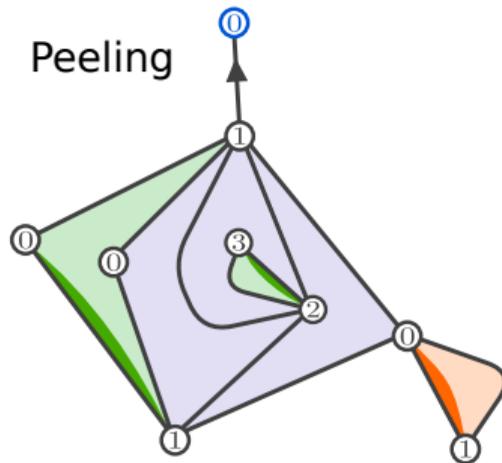
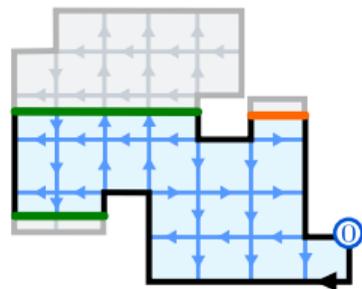
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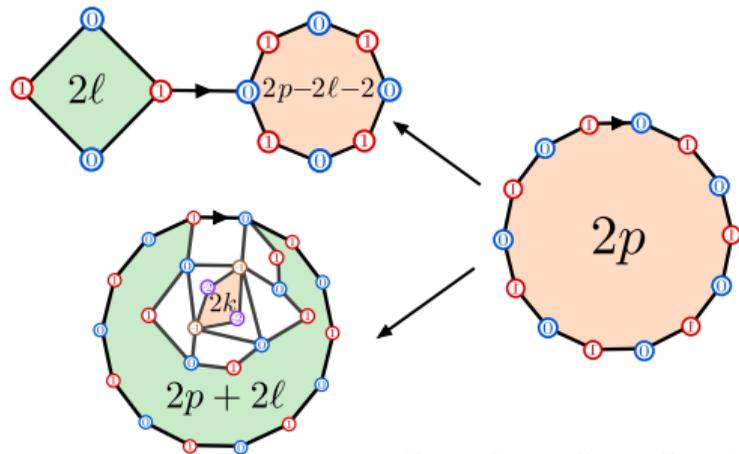
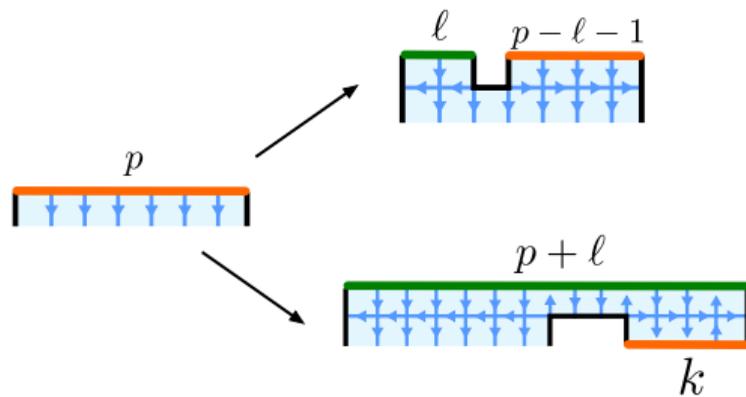
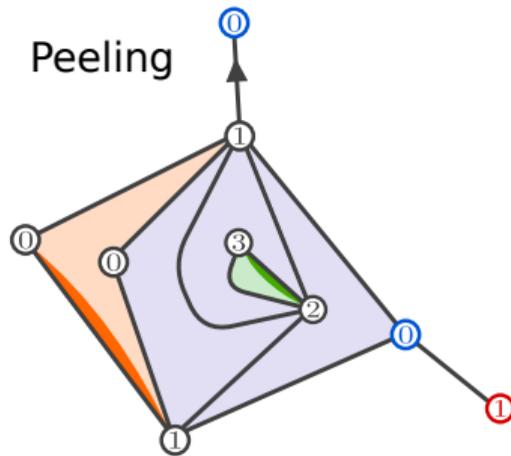
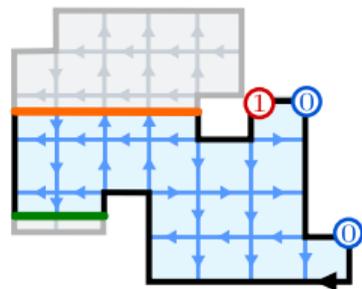


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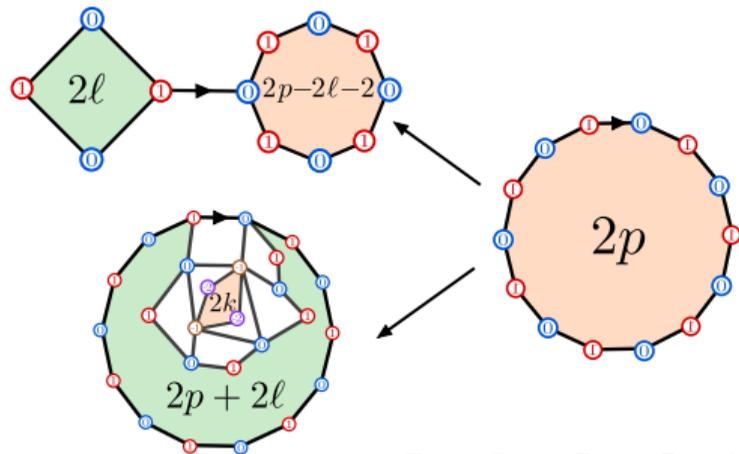
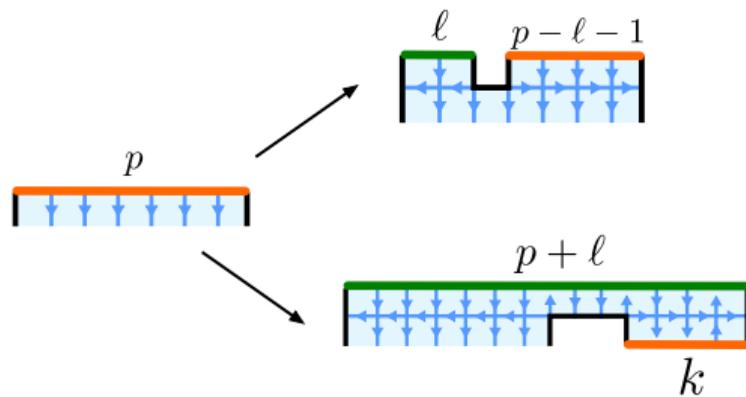
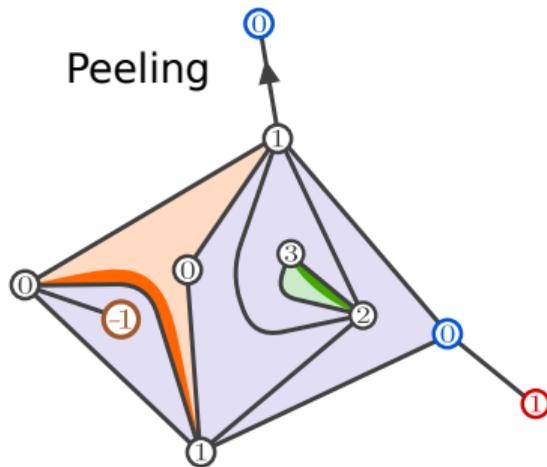
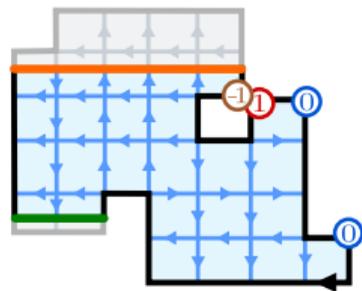


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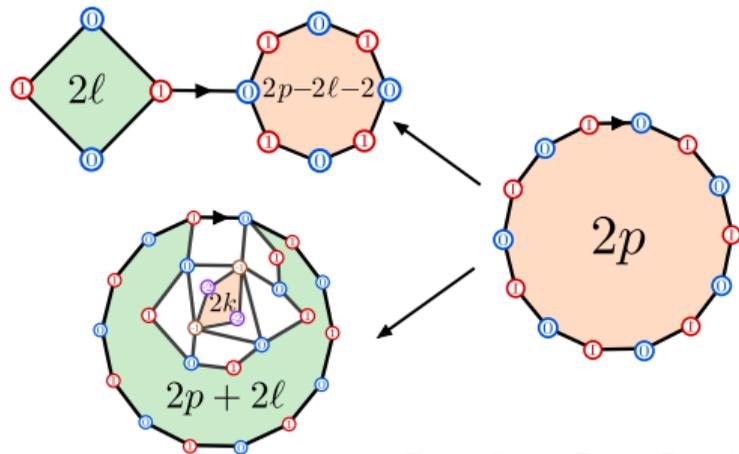
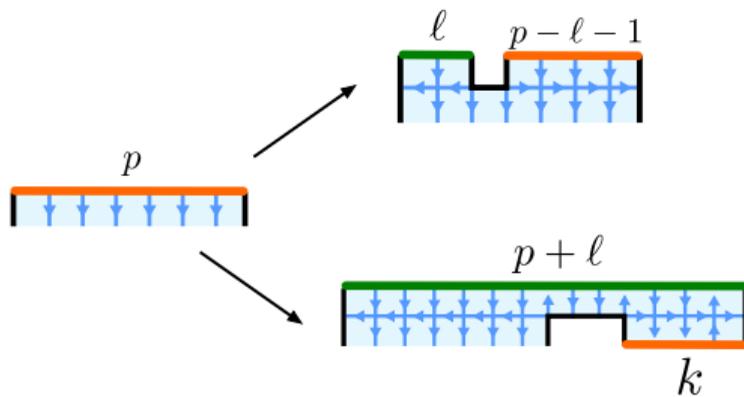
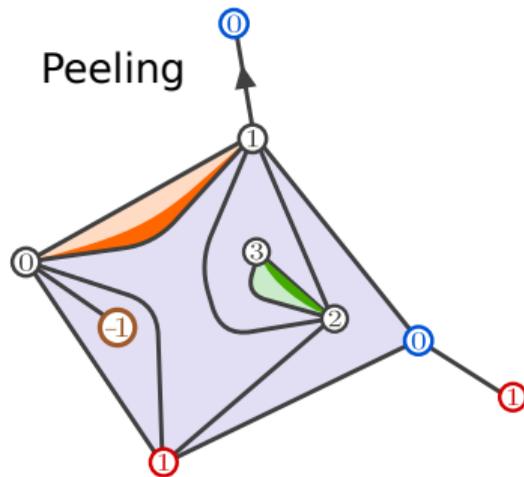
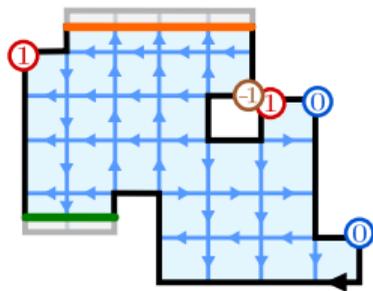


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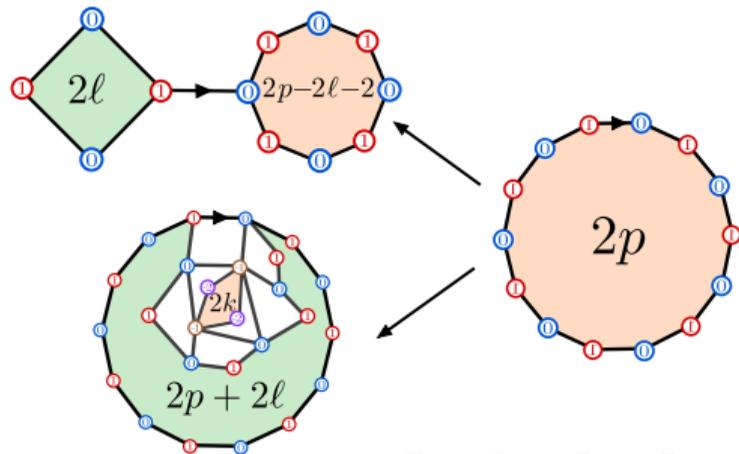
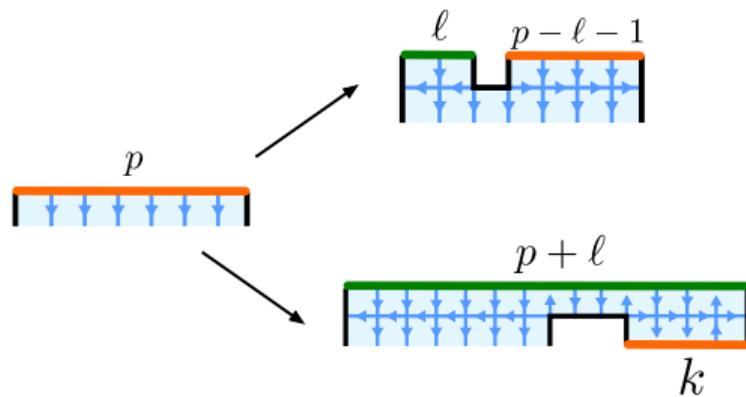
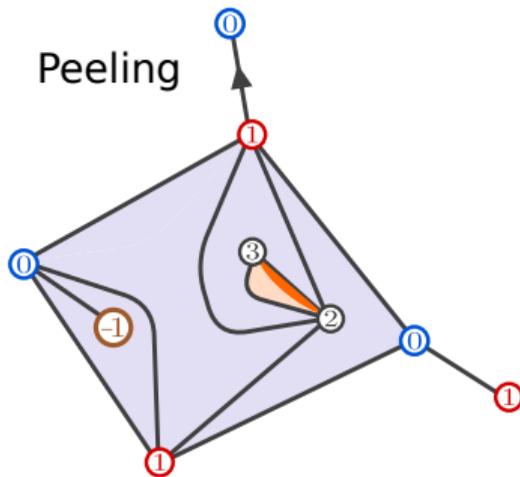
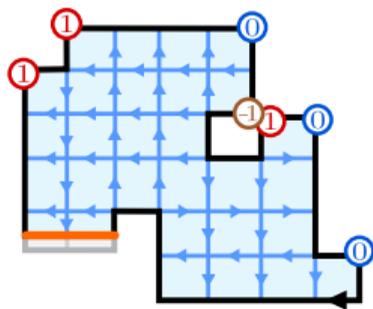


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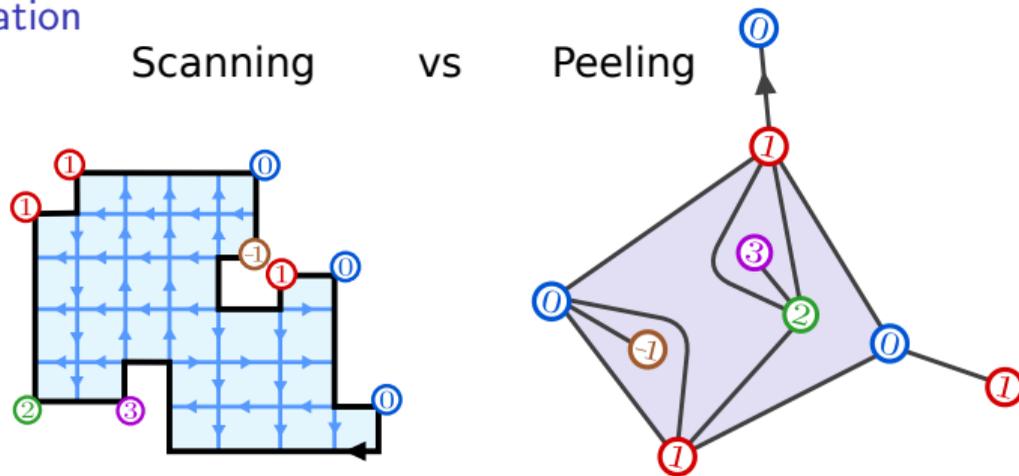
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- ▶ Many guises of these labeled quadrangulations: planar Eulerian orientations, \mathbb{Z} -labeled bipartite planar maps, special case of six-vertex model [Kostov, '00][Zinn-Justin, '00][Elvey Price, Guttmann, '17]
- ▶ Enumeration finally settled in

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

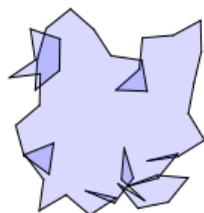
The generating function of perimeter- $2p$ colorful \mathbb{Z} -labeled quadrangulations is

$$Q^{(p)}(x) = \sum_{k \geq p} \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2k-p}{k} R(x)^{k+1}, \quad \text{when } \sum_{k \geq p} \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{2k}{k} R(x)^{k+1} = x.$$

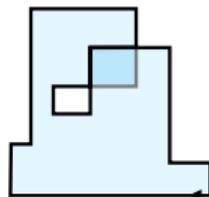
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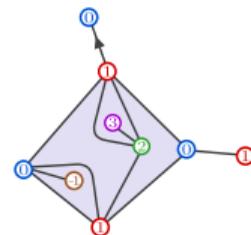
walks in half plane



polygonal flat disks



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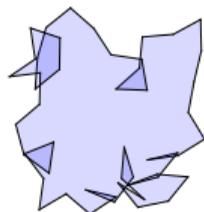


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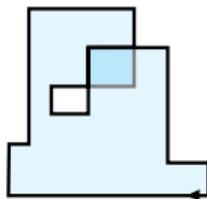
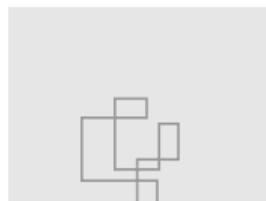
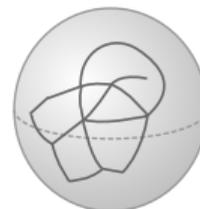
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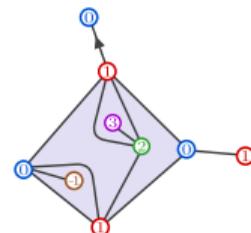
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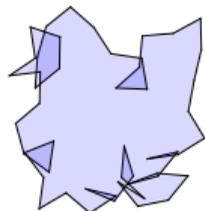


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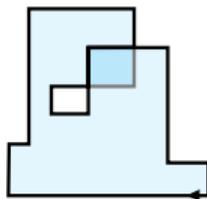
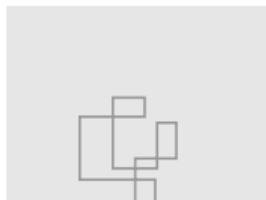
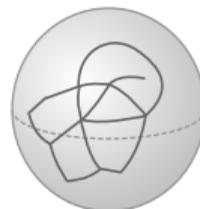
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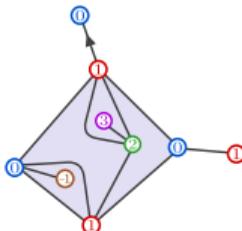
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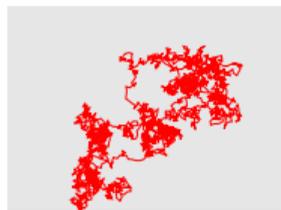


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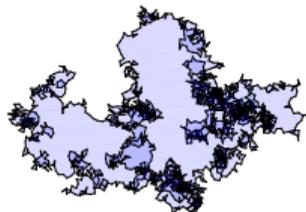


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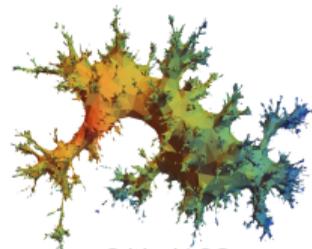
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Brownian half-plane excursion



Brownian flat disk?

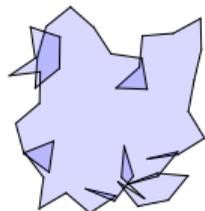


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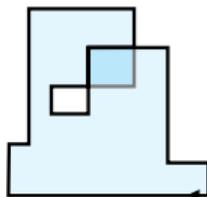
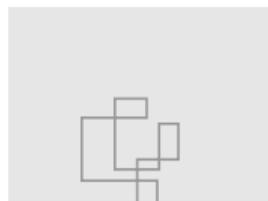
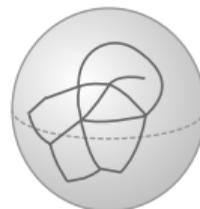
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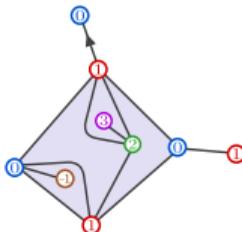
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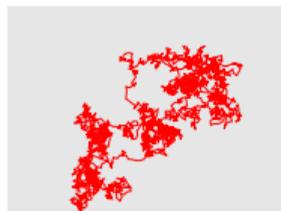


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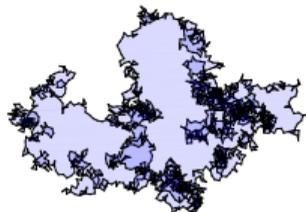


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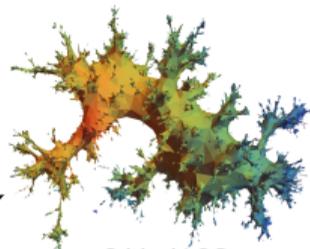
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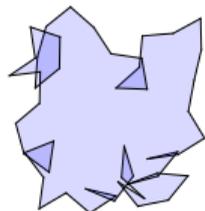
critical mating of trees

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

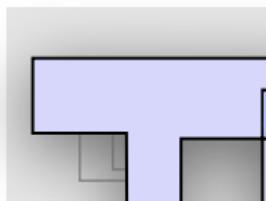
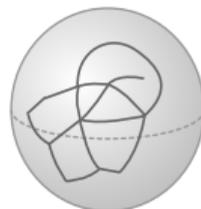
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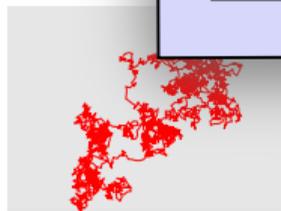
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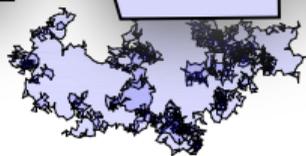
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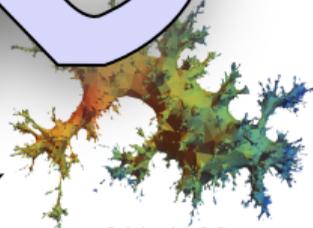
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