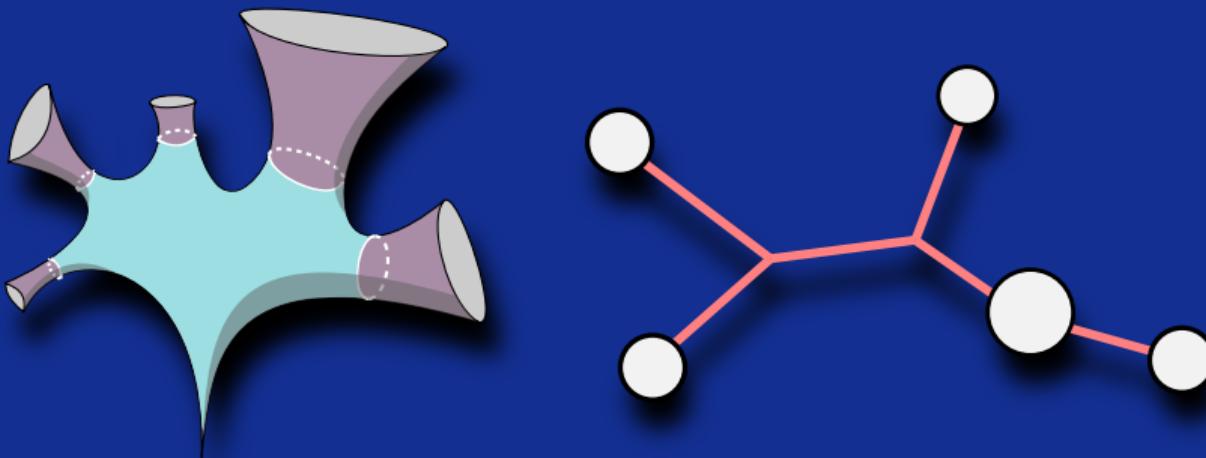


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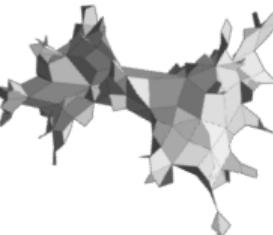
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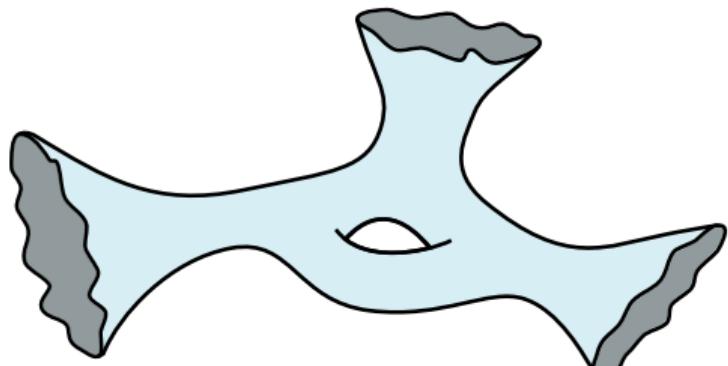
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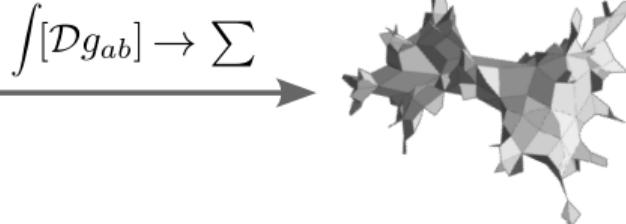
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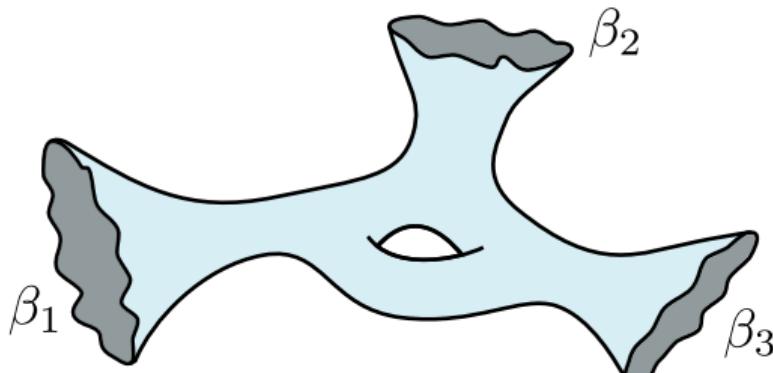
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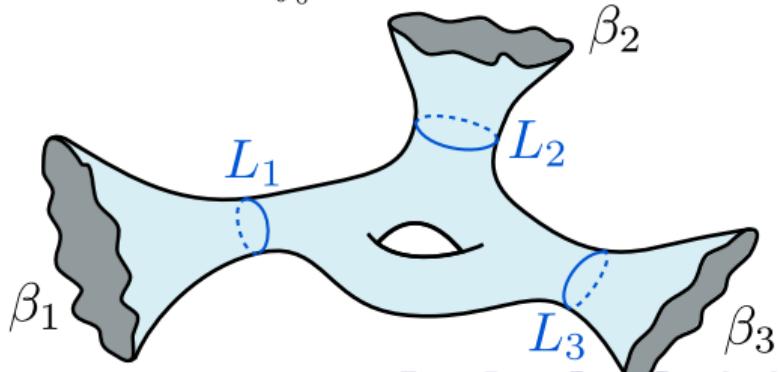
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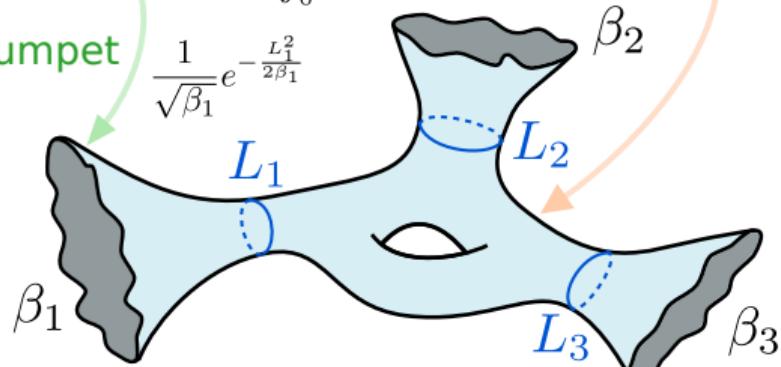
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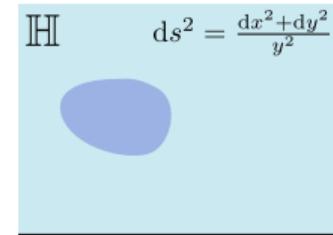
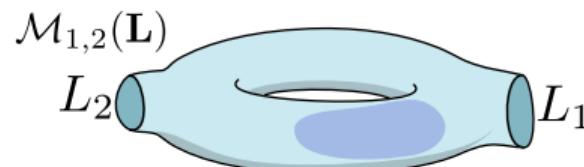
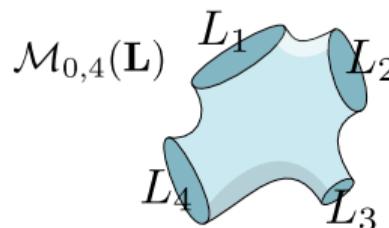


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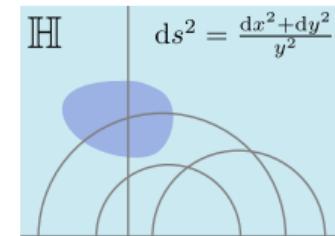
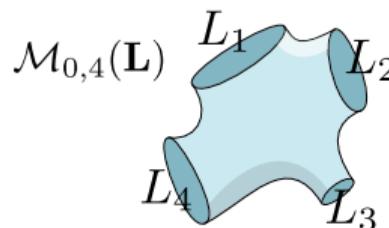


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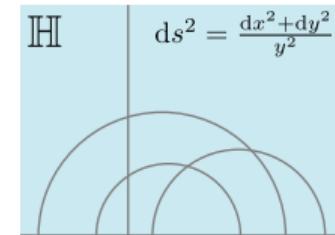
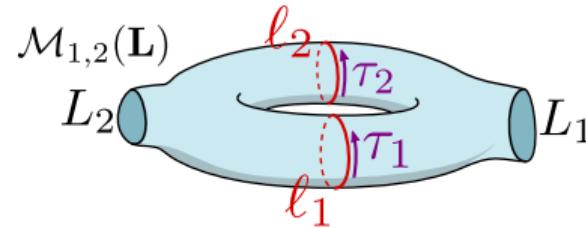
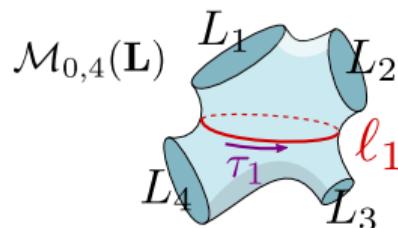


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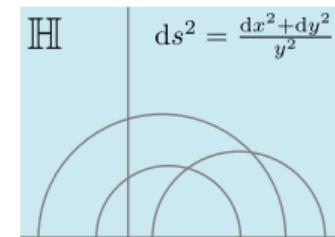
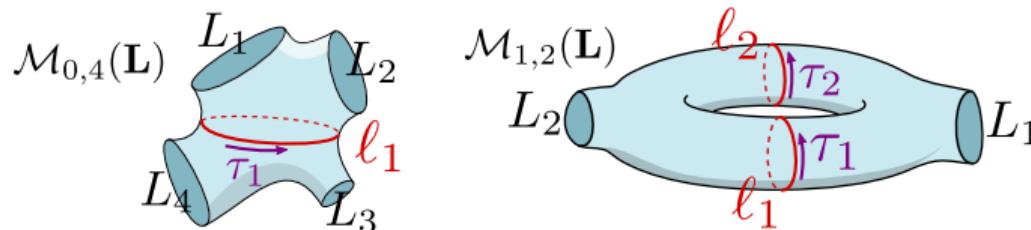
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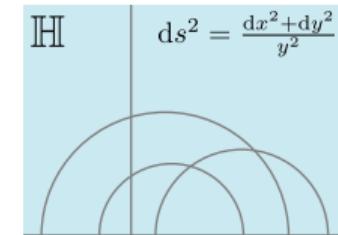
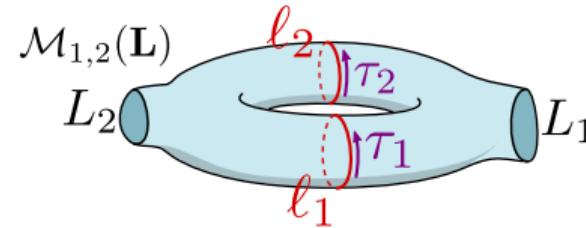
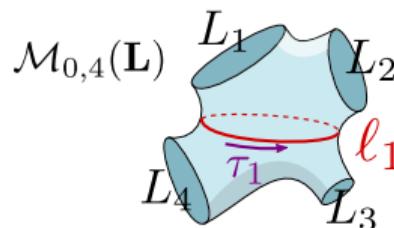
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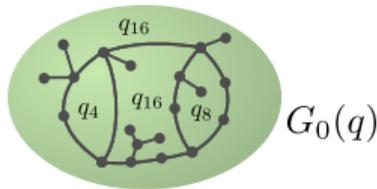
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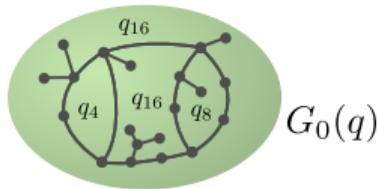


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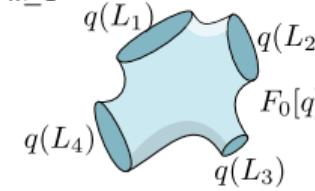
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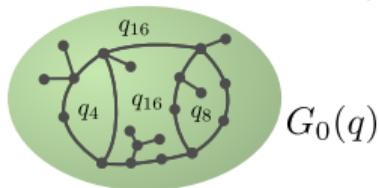
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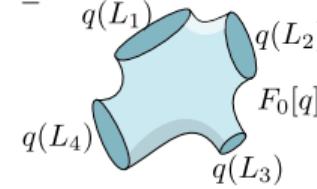
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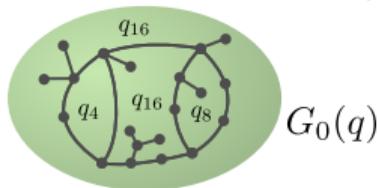
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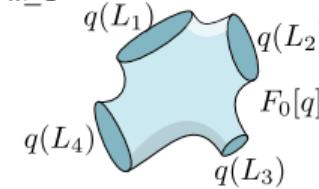
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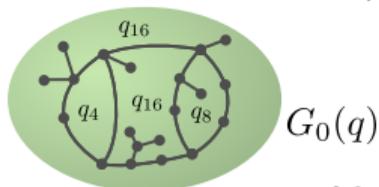
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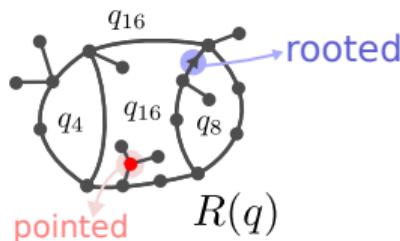
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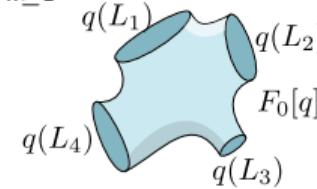
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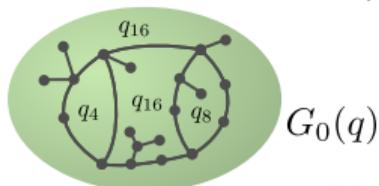
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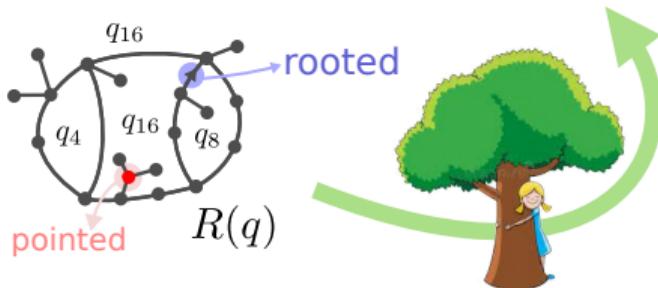
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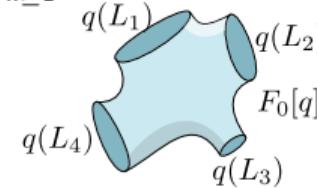
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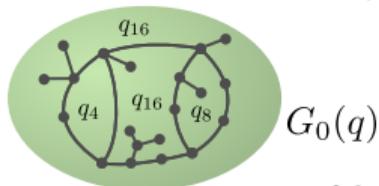
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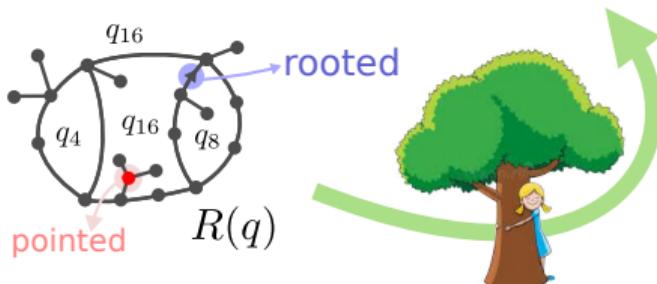
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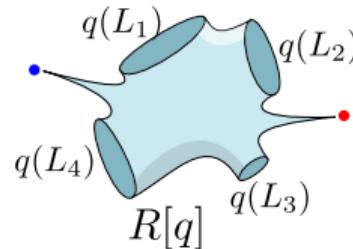
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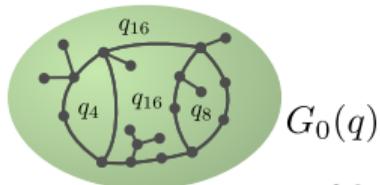
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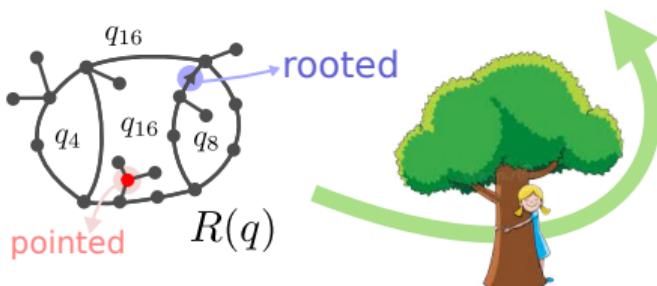
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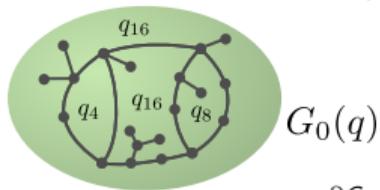
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Bipartite maps on surfaces

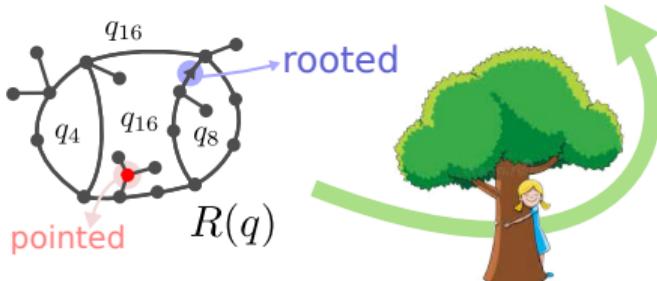
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Hyperbolic surfaces

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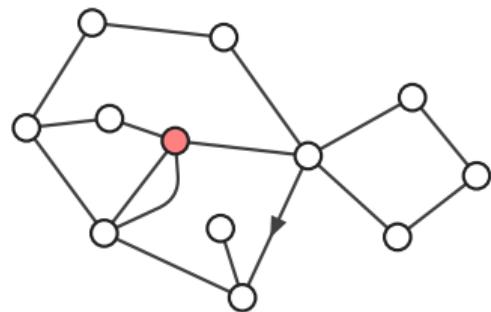
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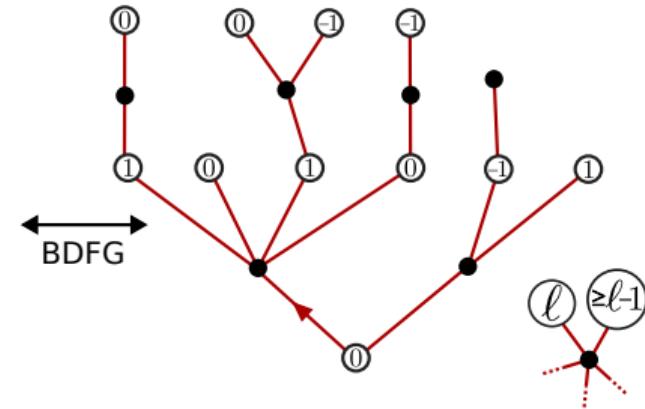
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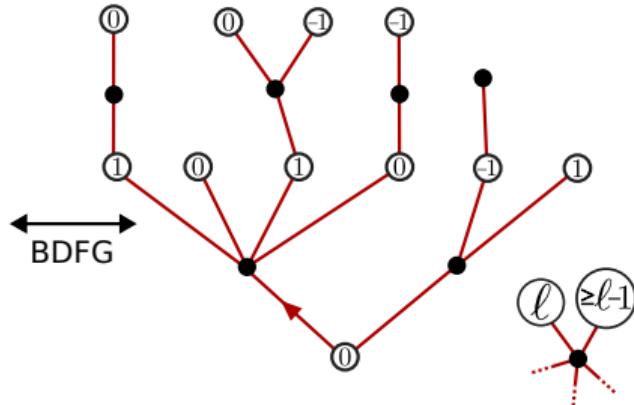
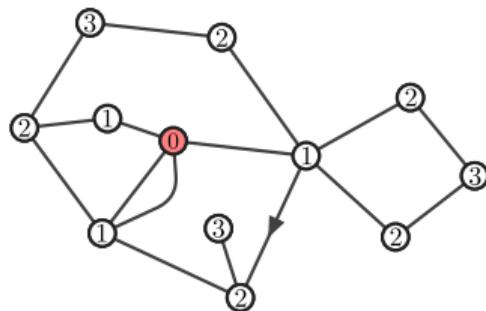


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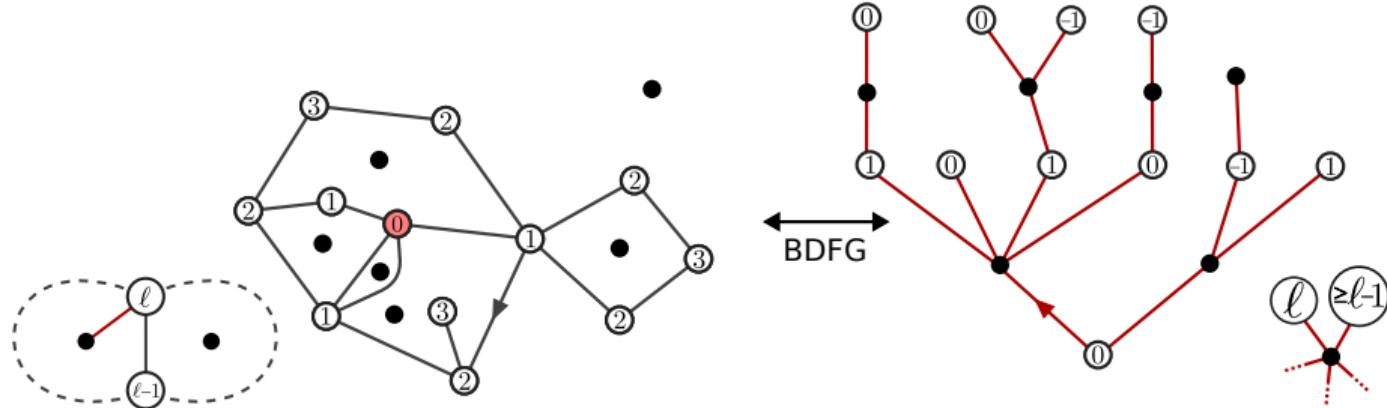
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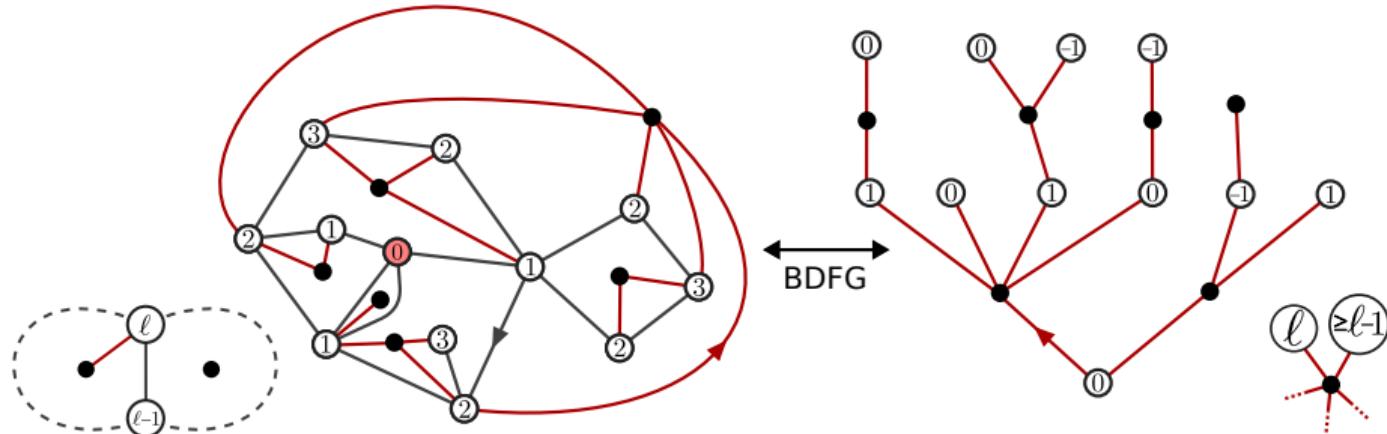
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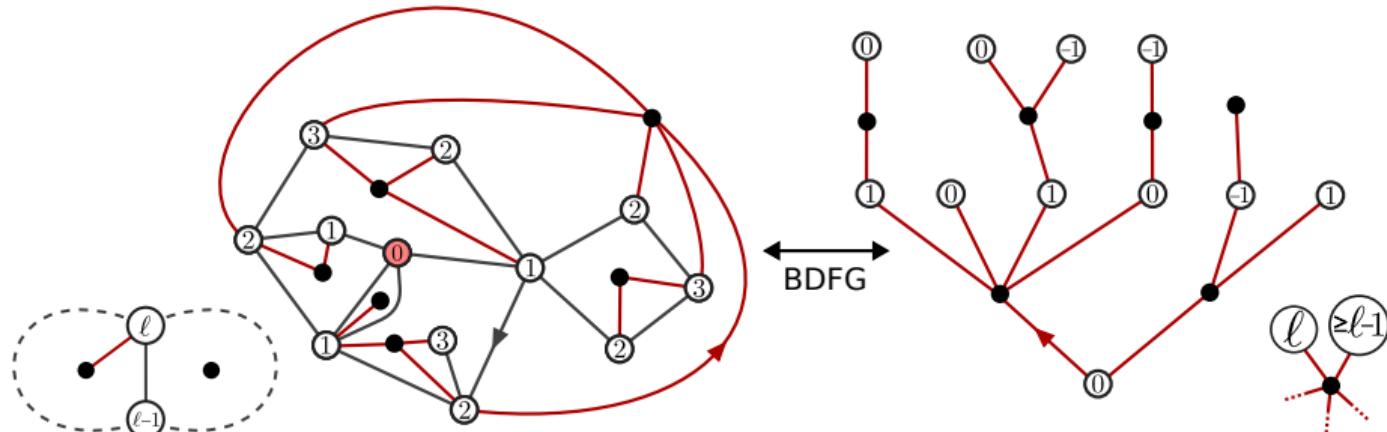
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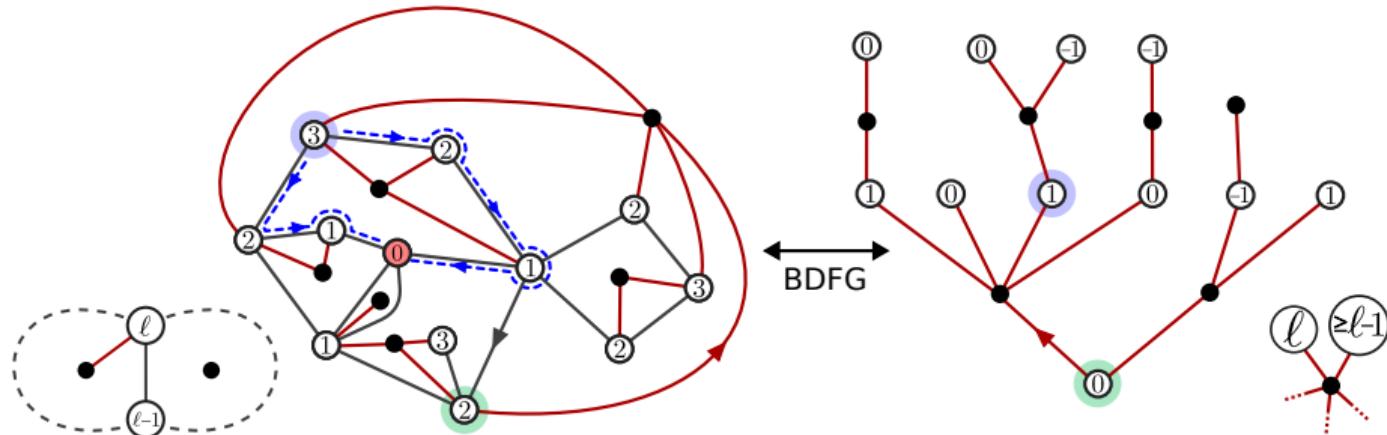


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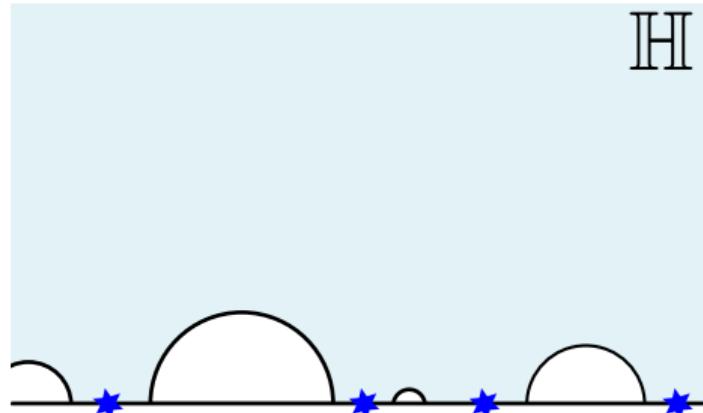
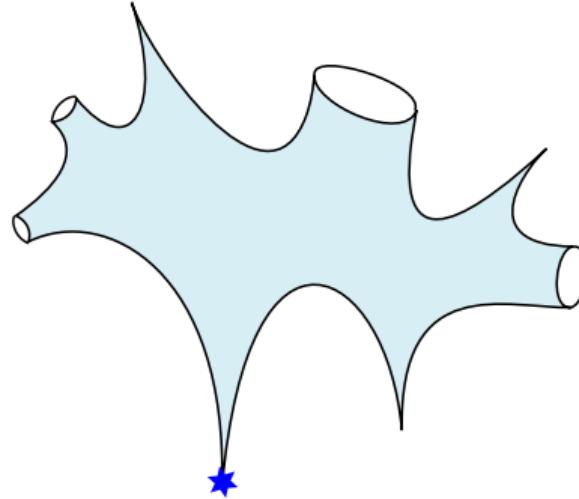
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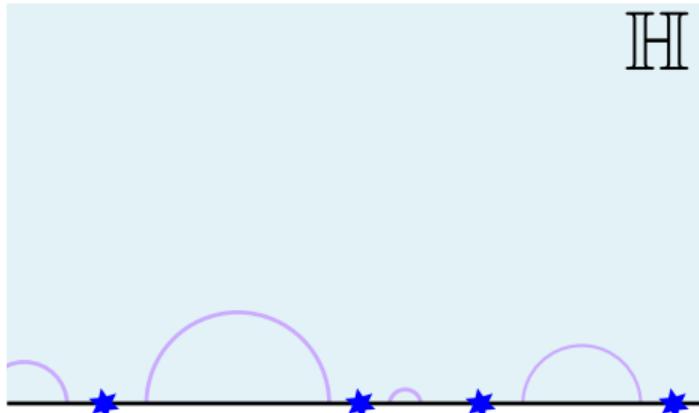
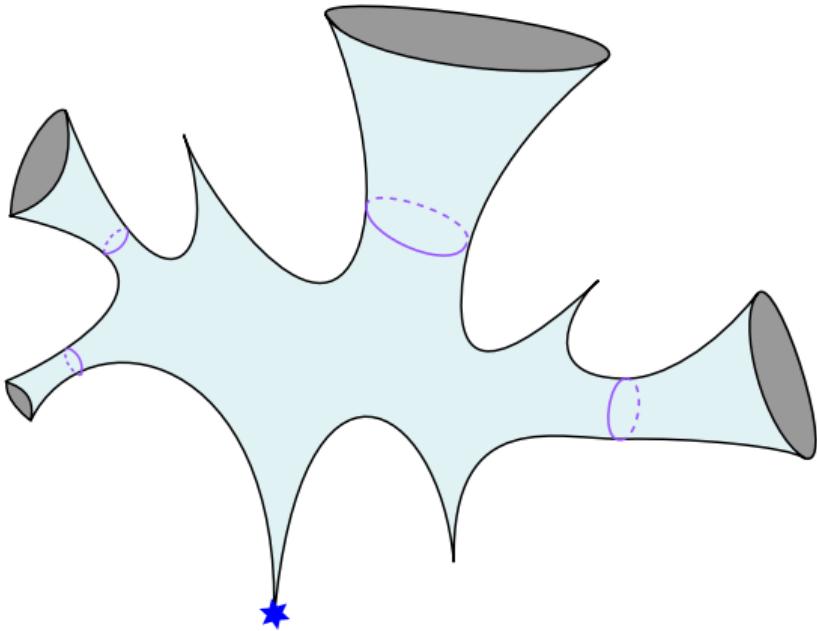
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► Vertex with k (left-most) geodesics of length $r > 0$ to origin \longleftrightarrow White vertex of degree k and label $r - r_{\text{root}}$.

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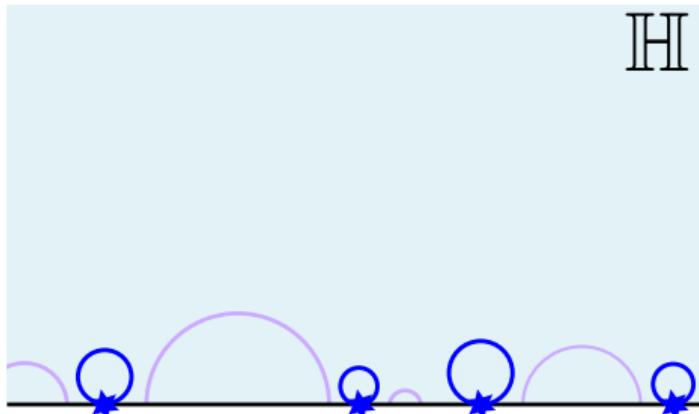
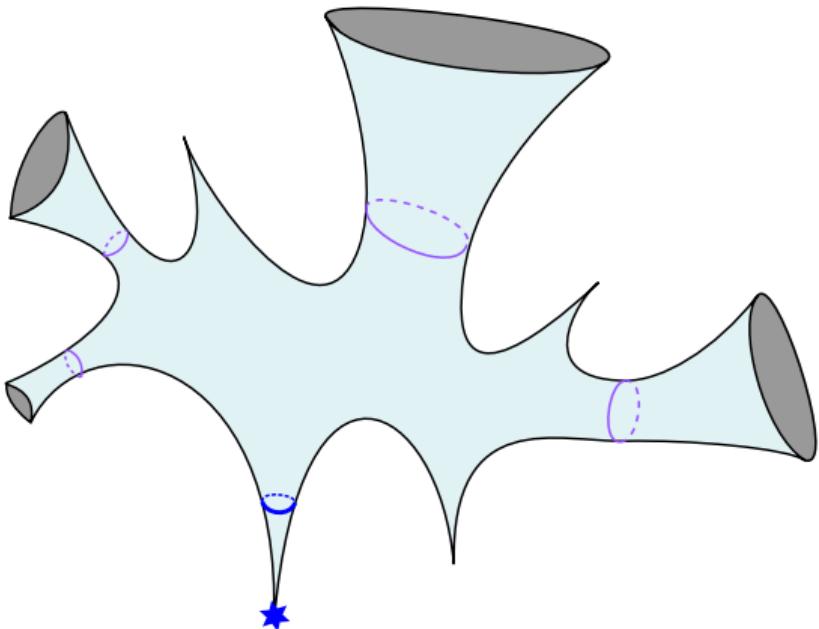


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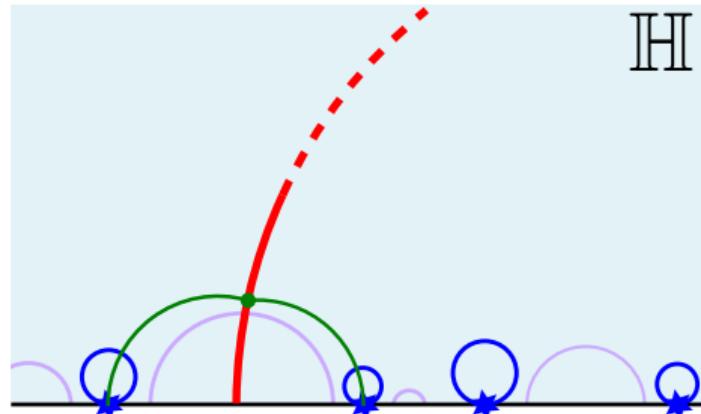
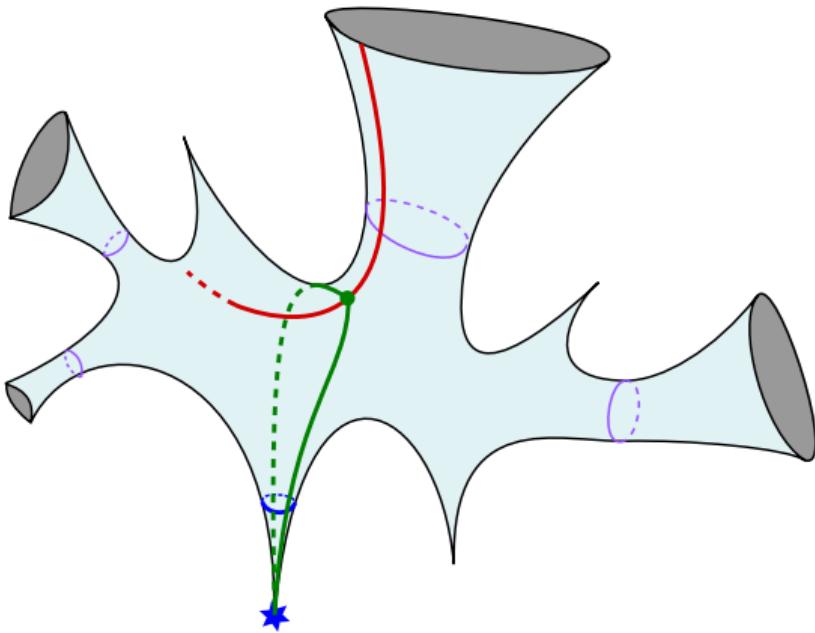
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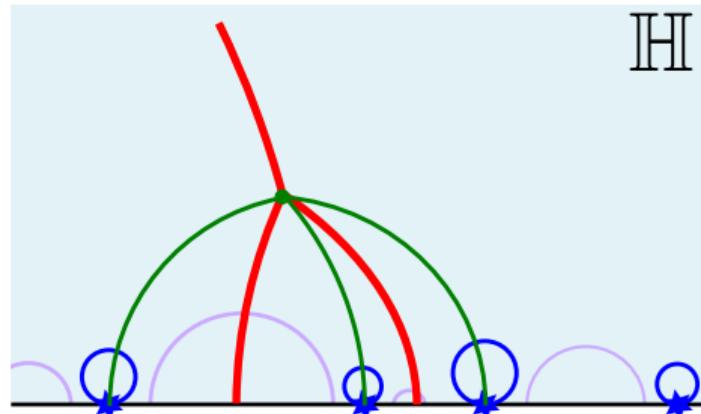
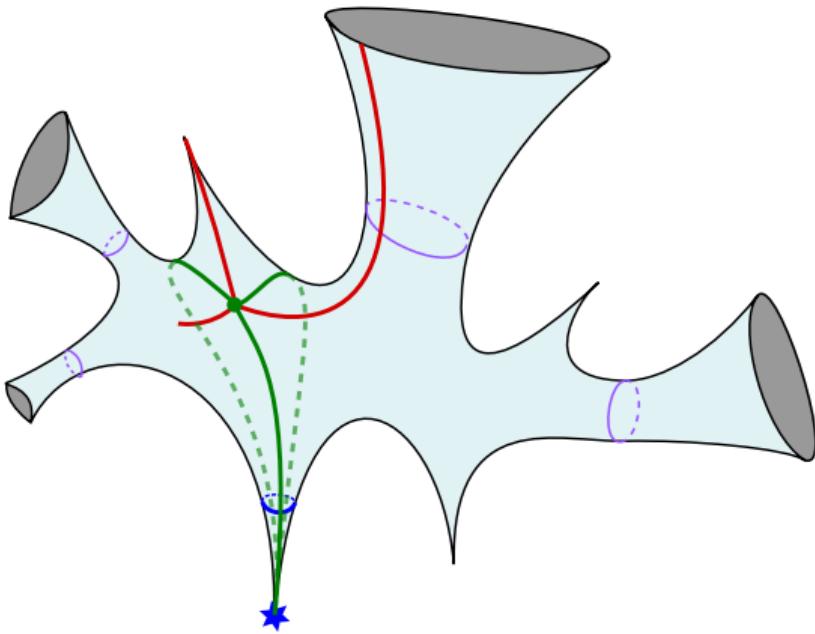
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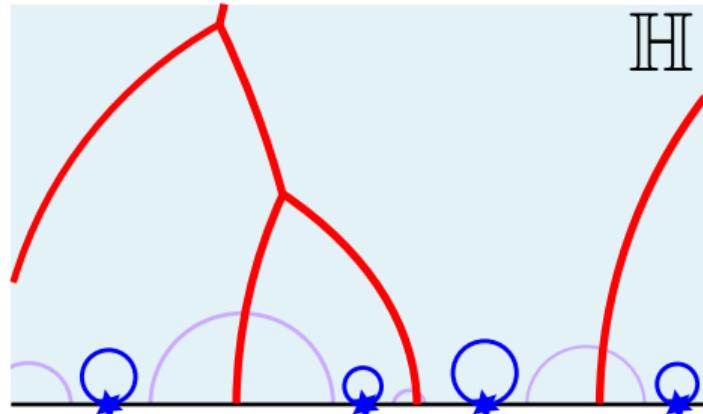
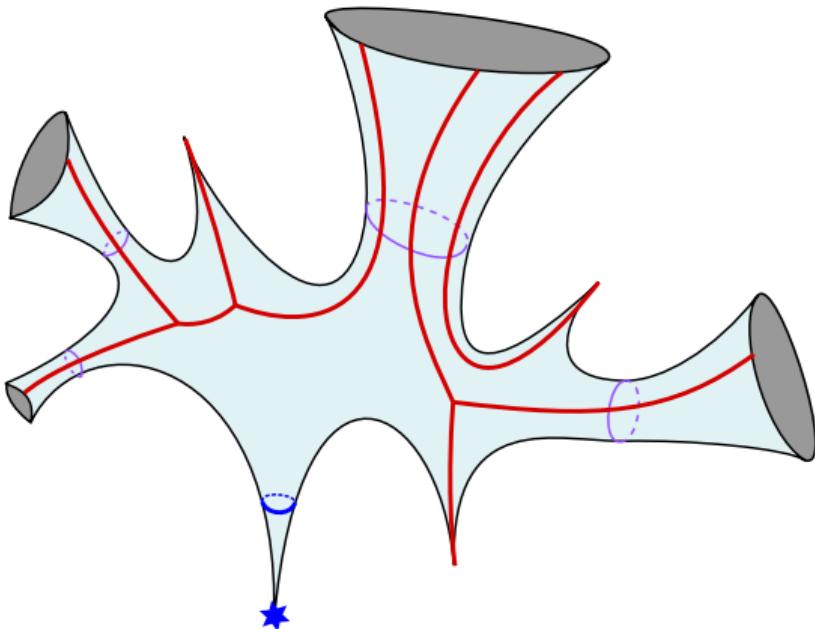
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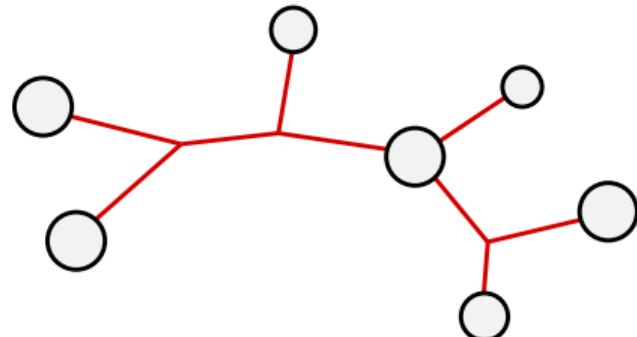
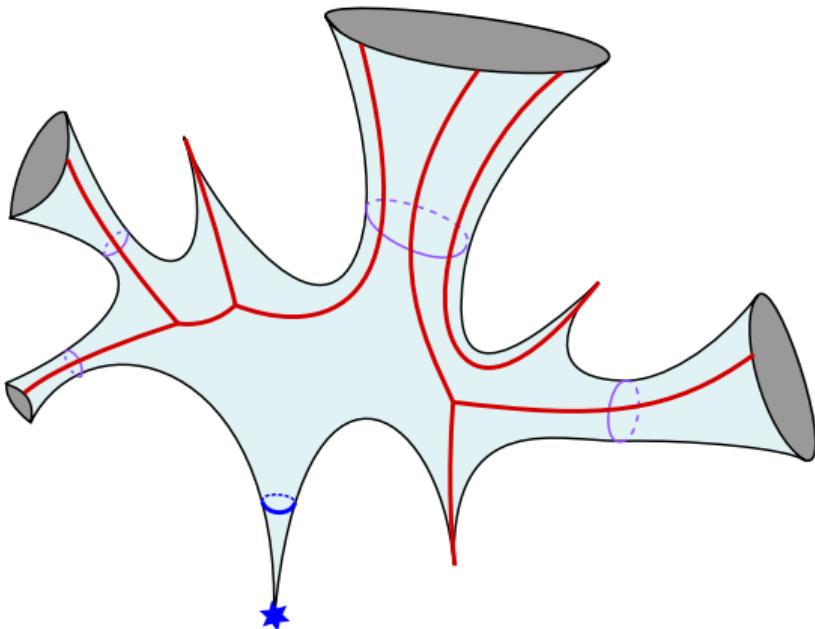
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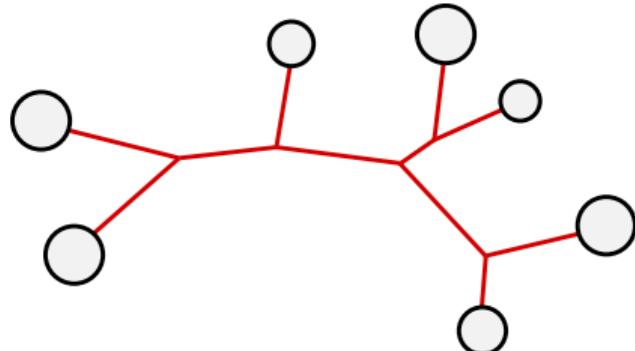
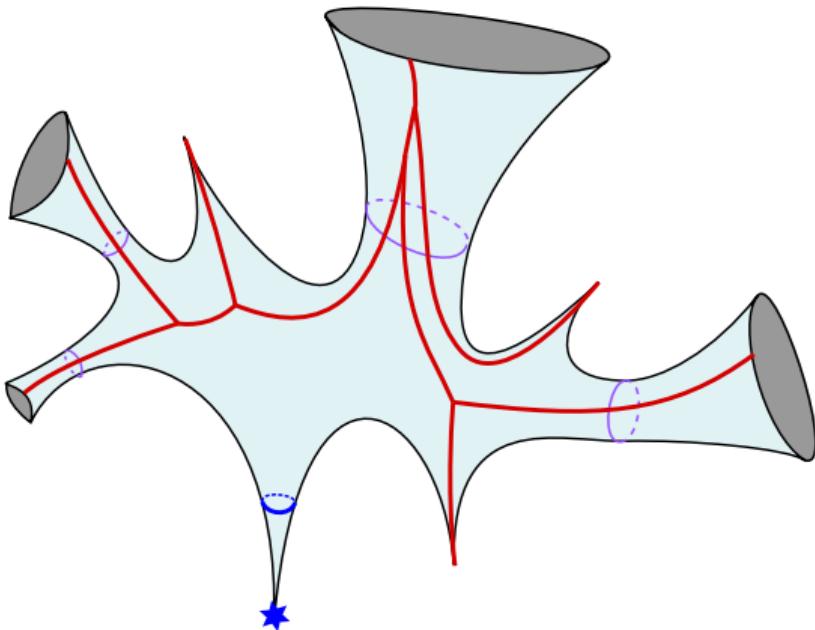
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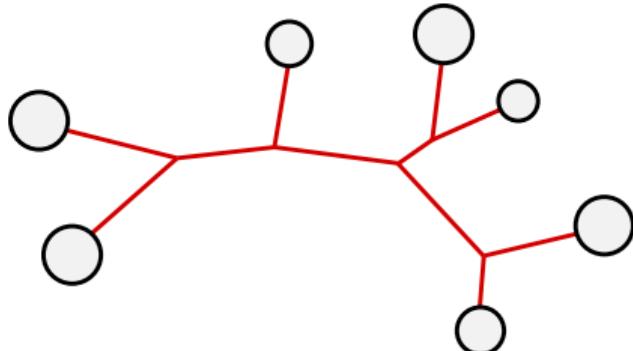
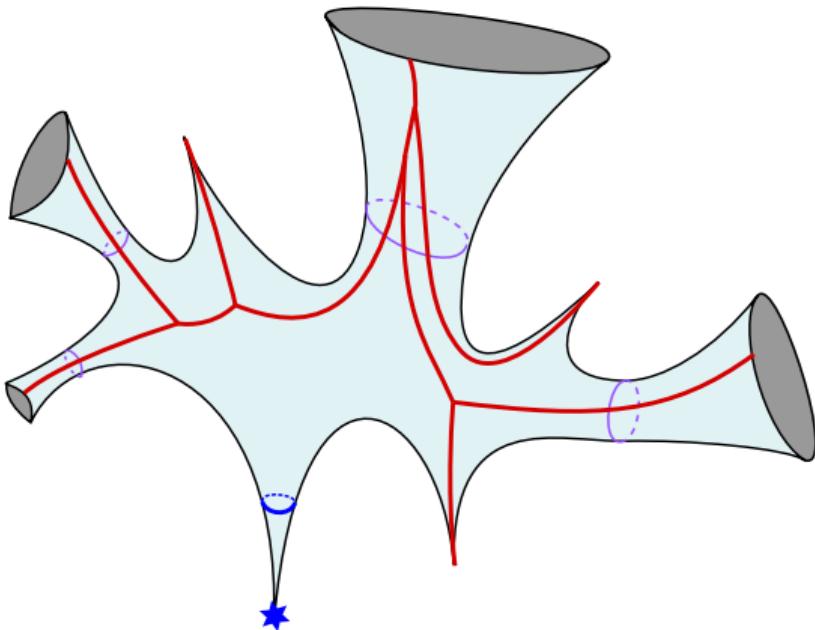
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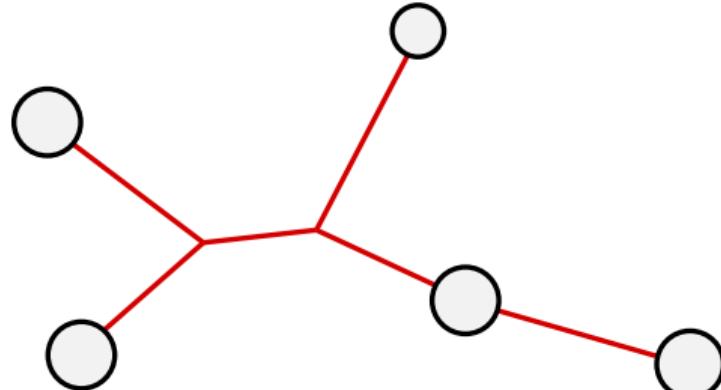
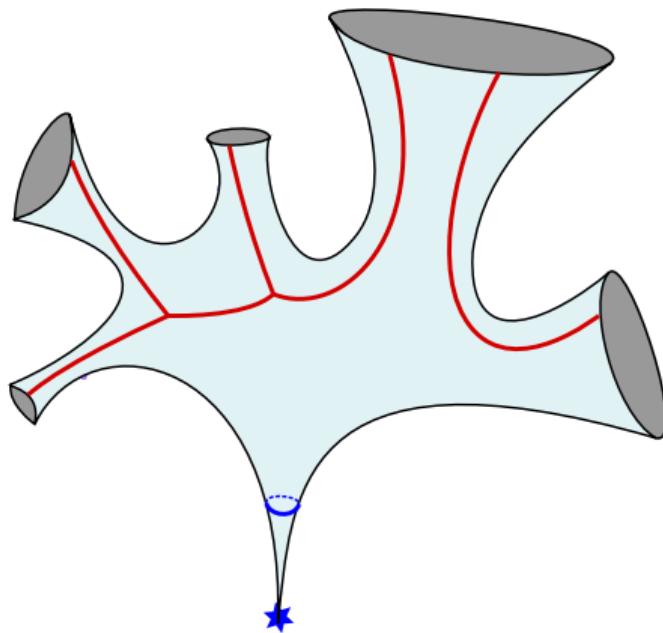
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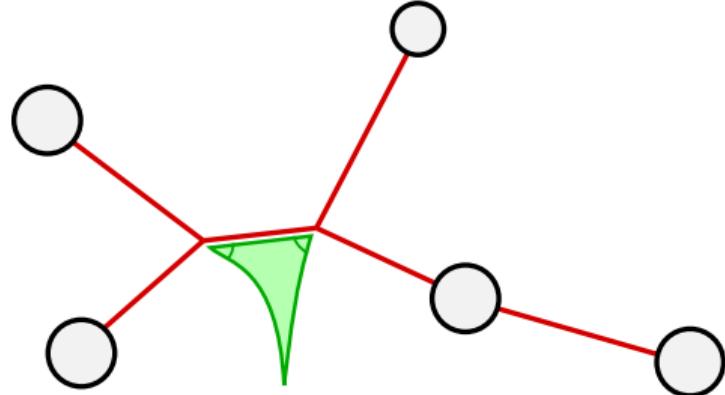
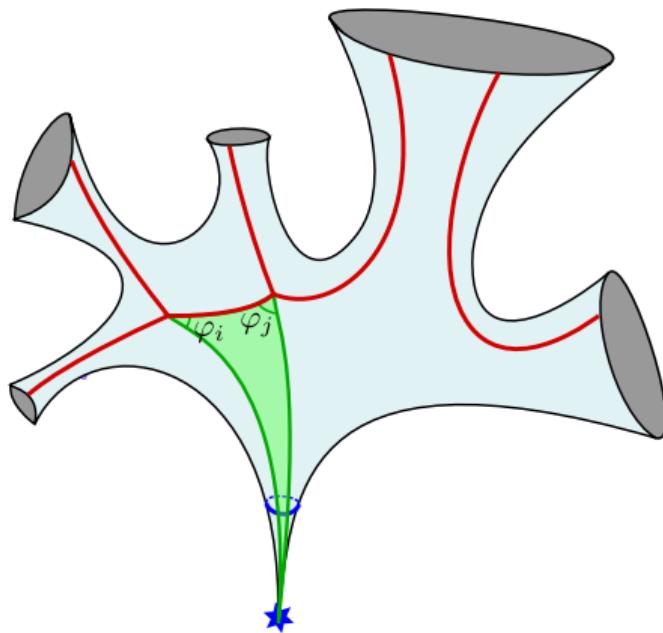
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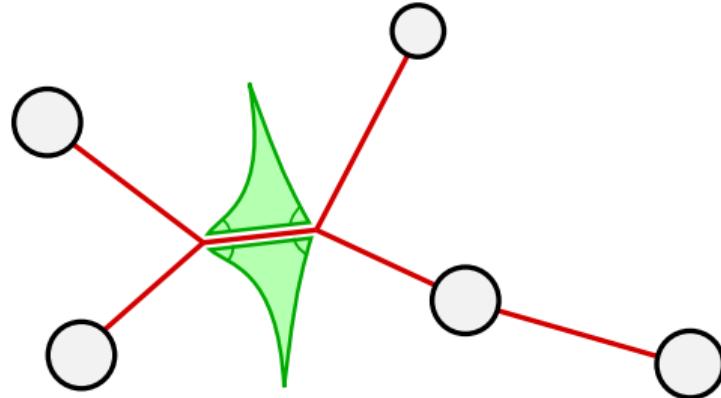
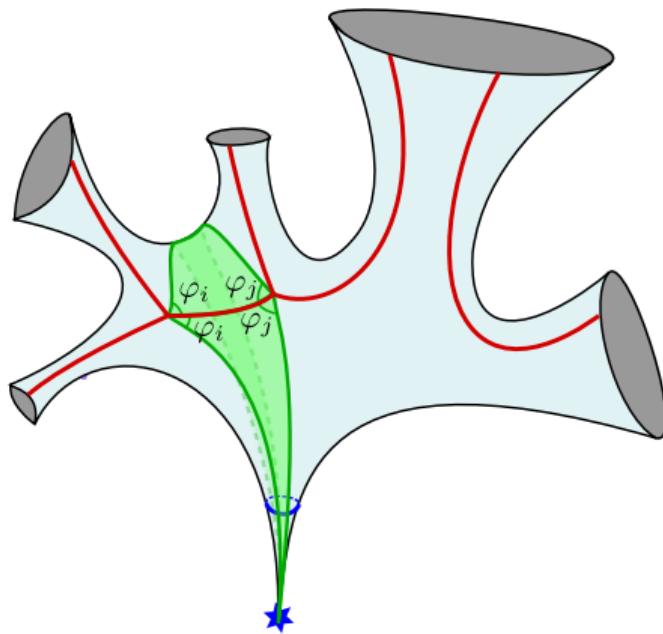
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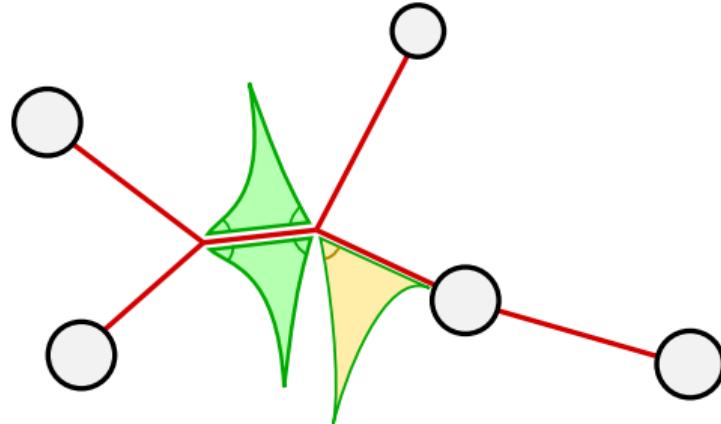
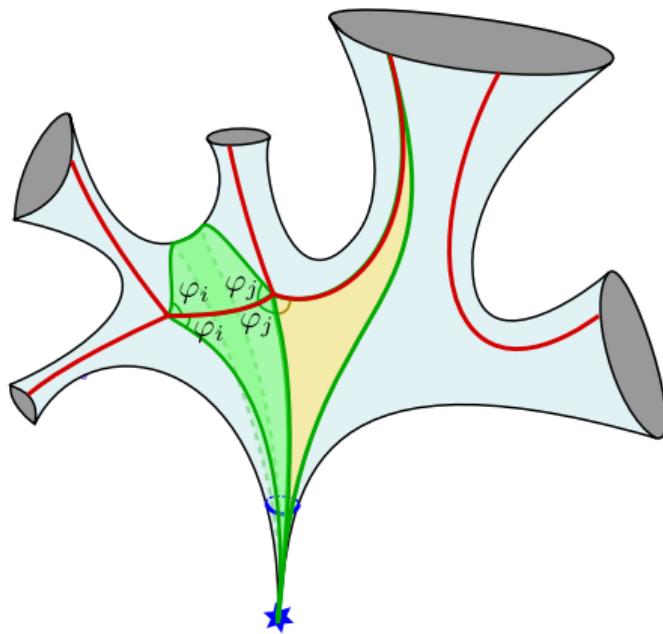
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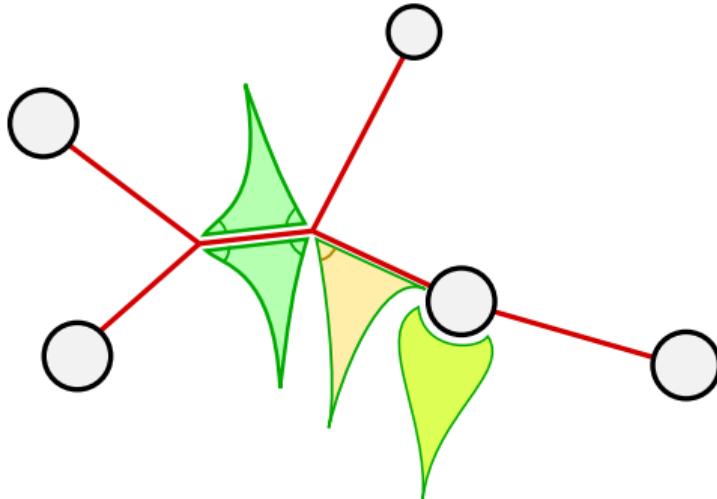
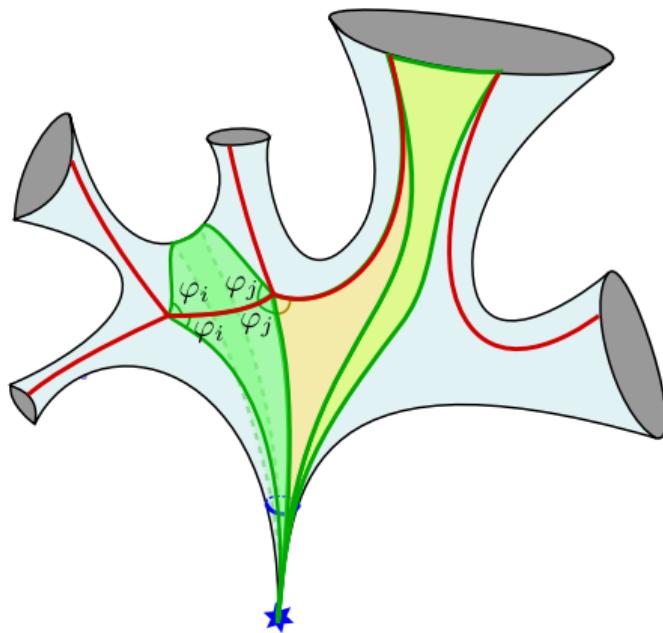
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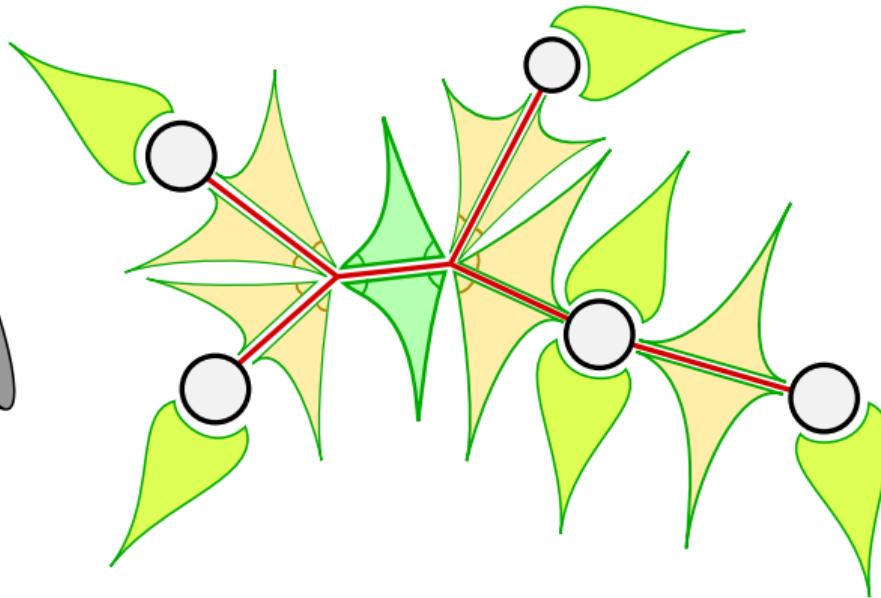
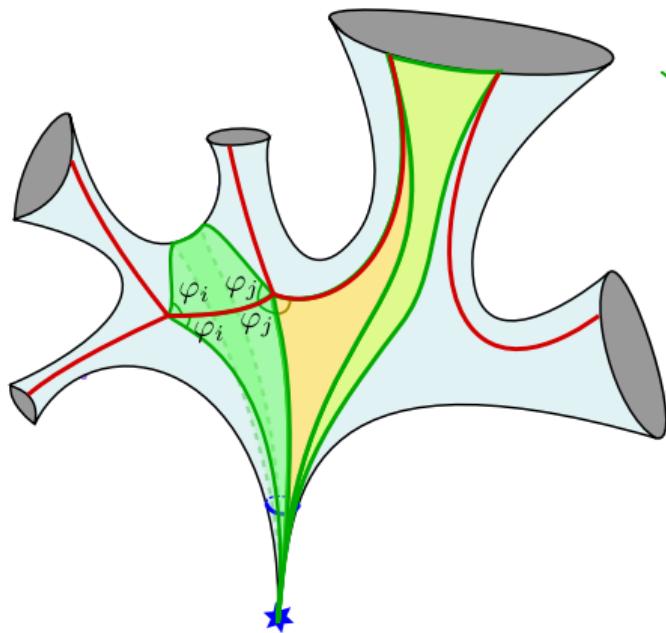
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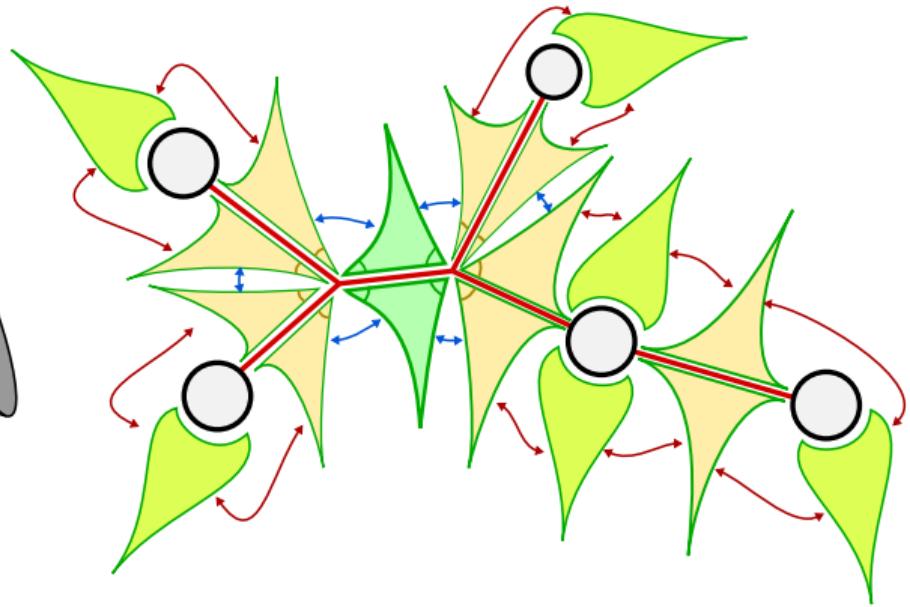
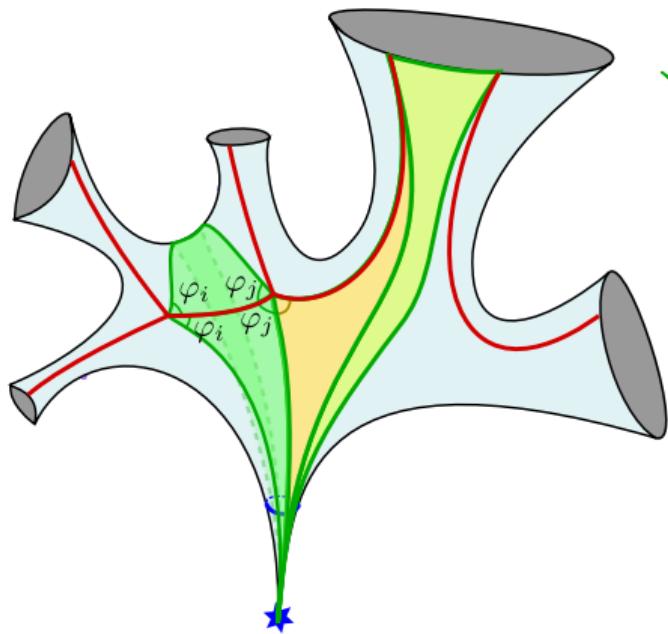
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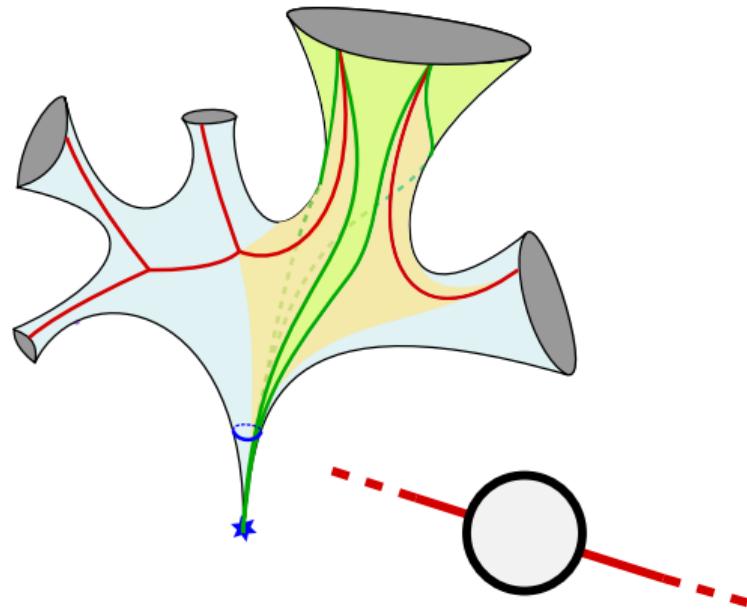
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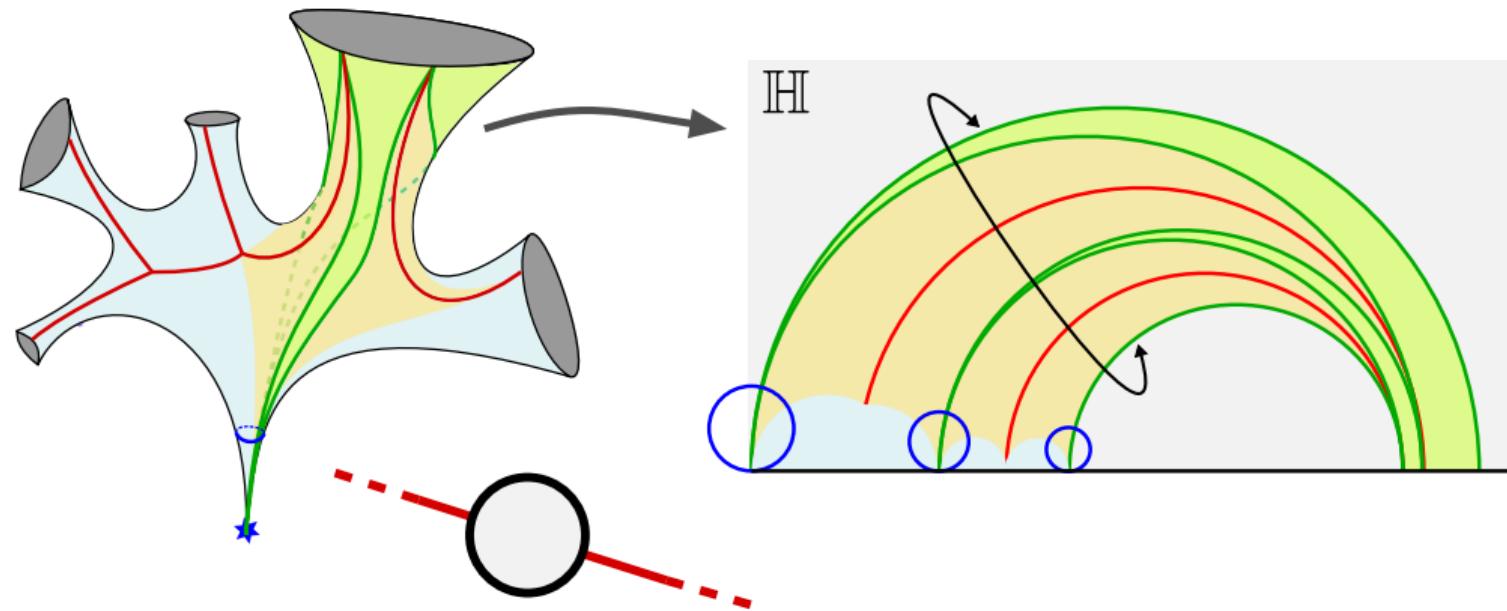


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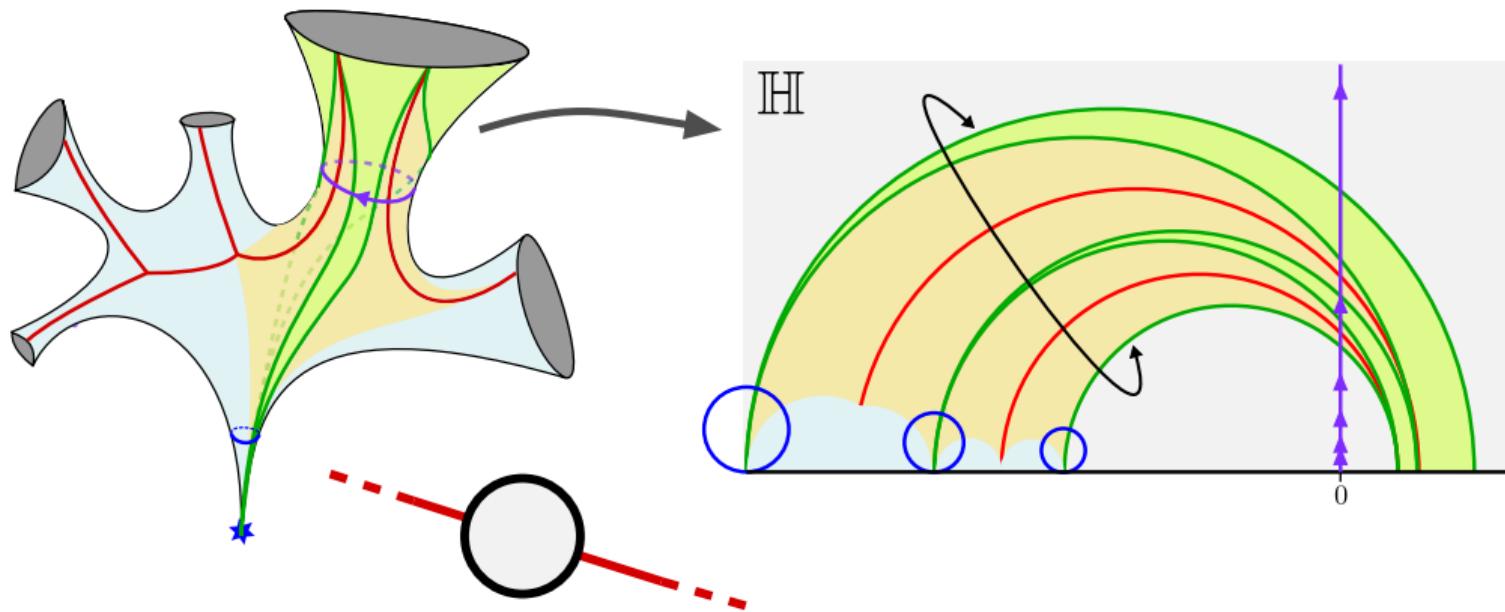


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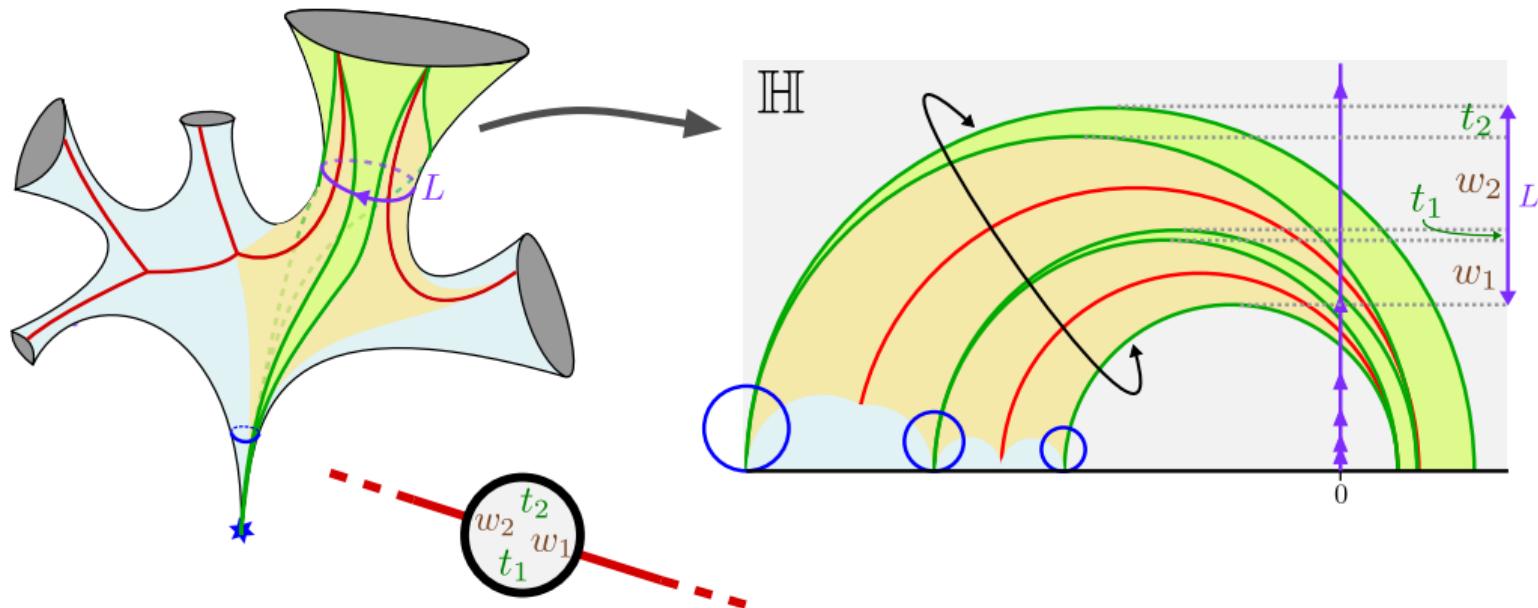
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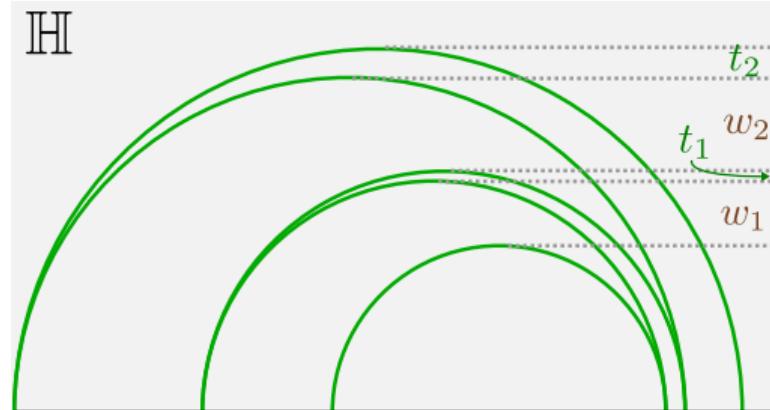
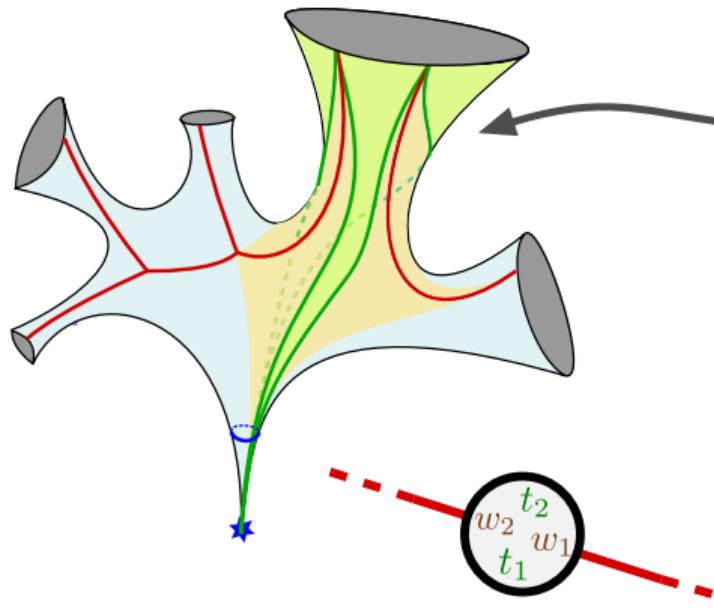
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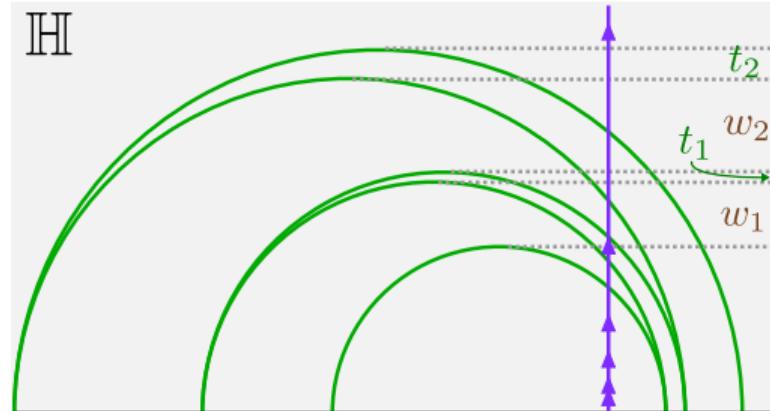
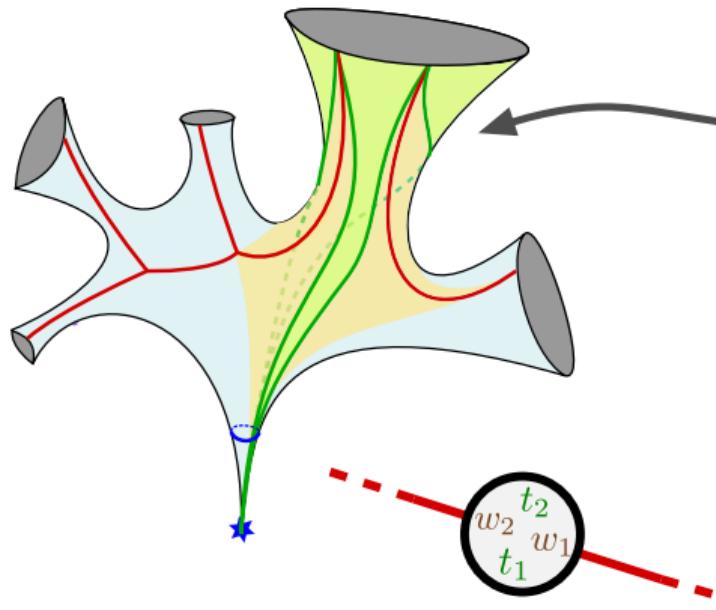
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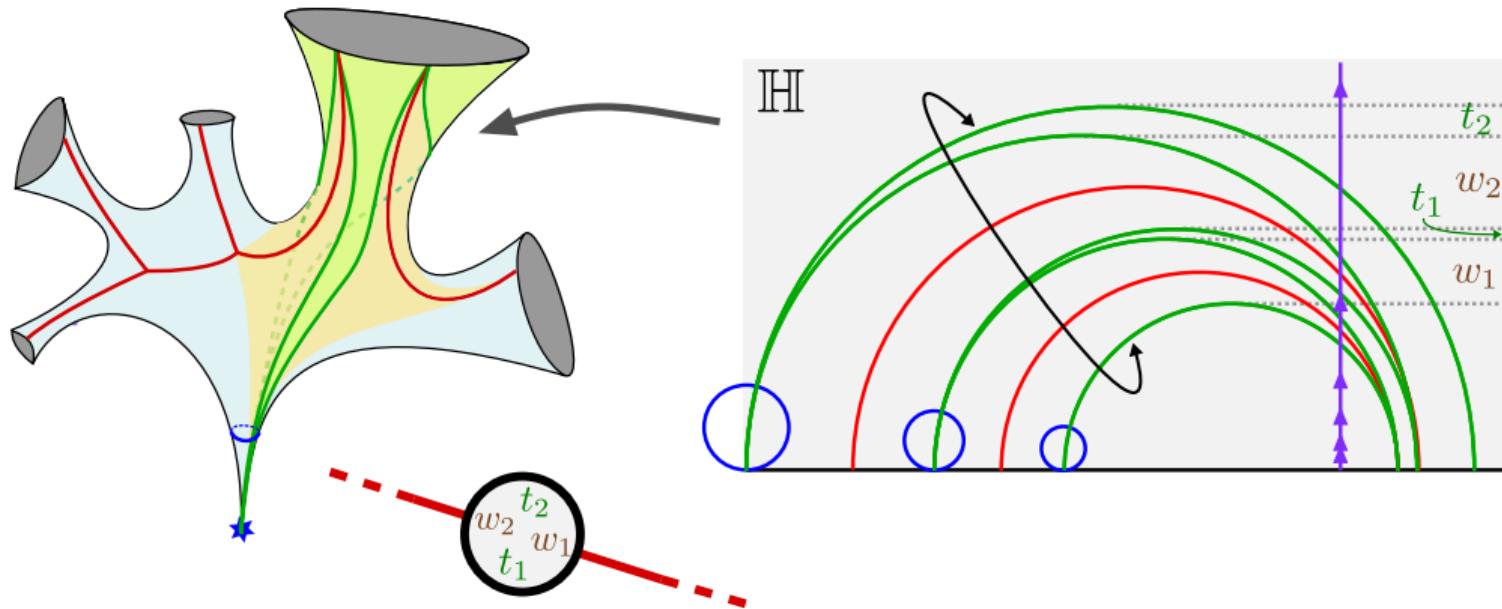
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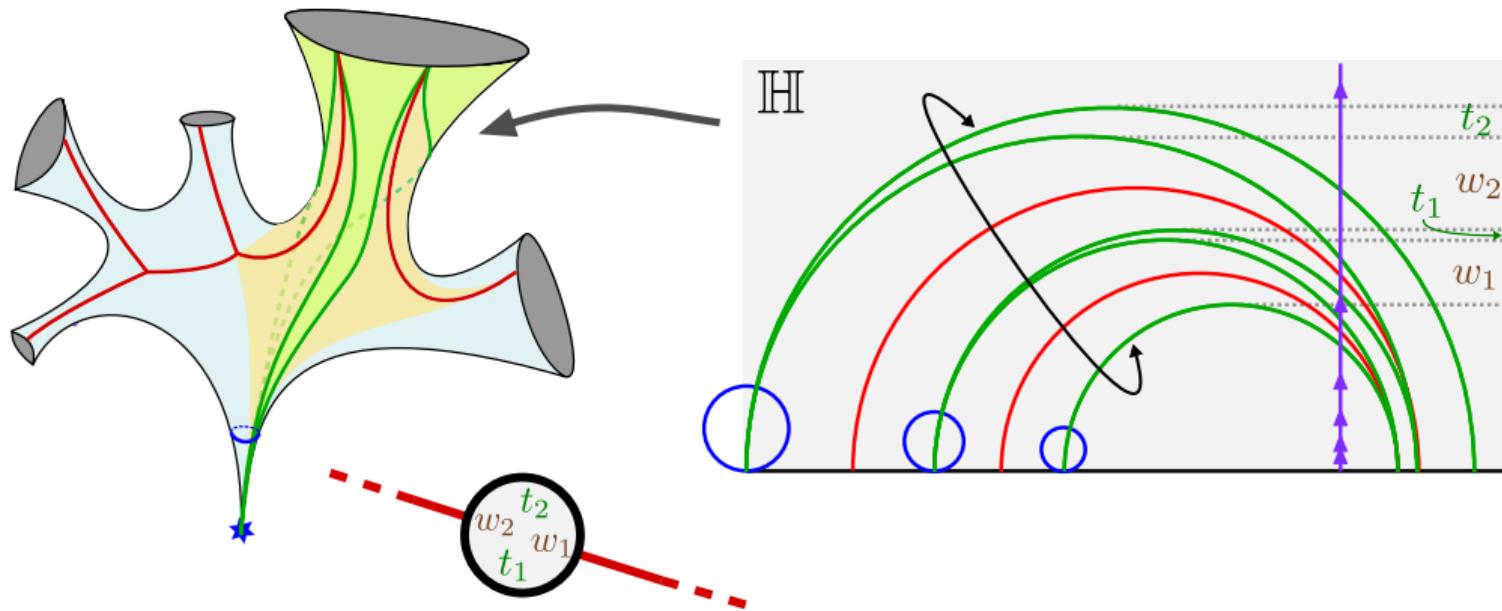
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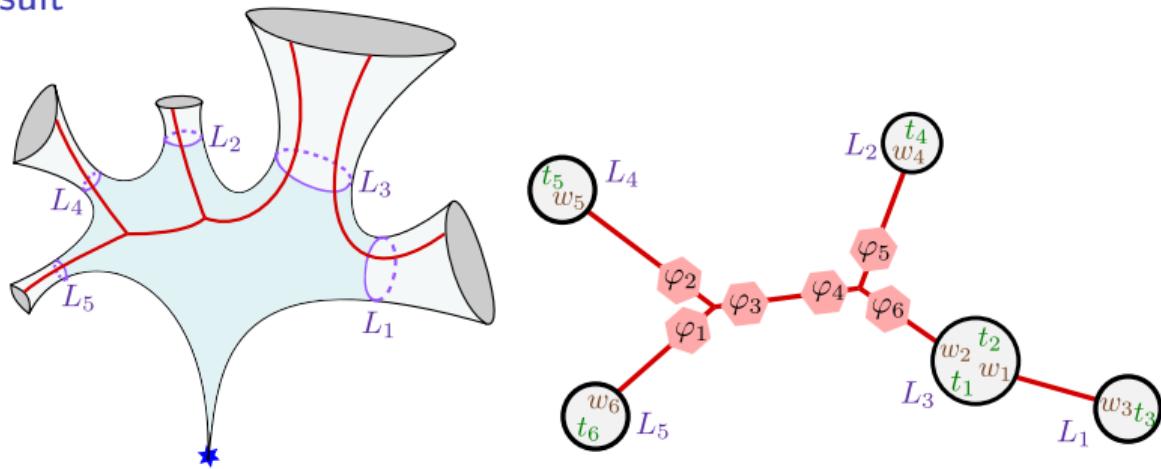
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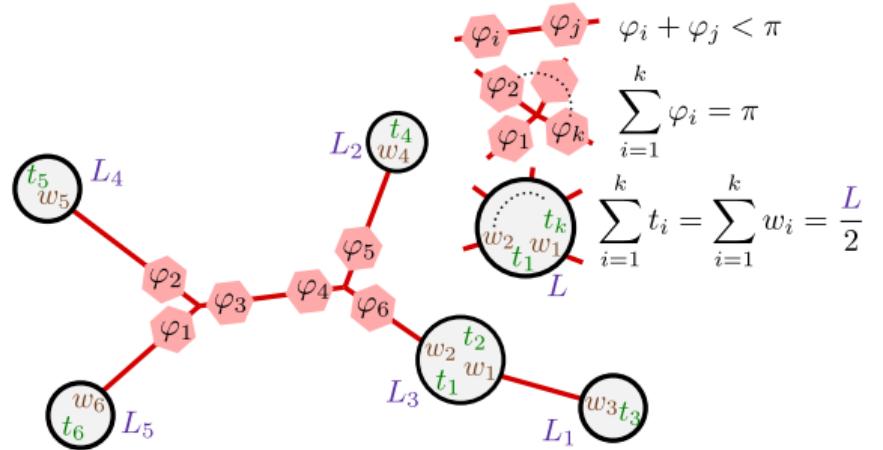
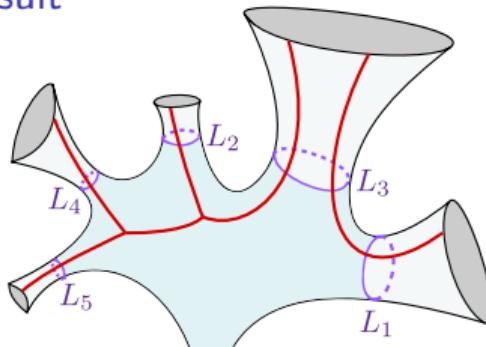


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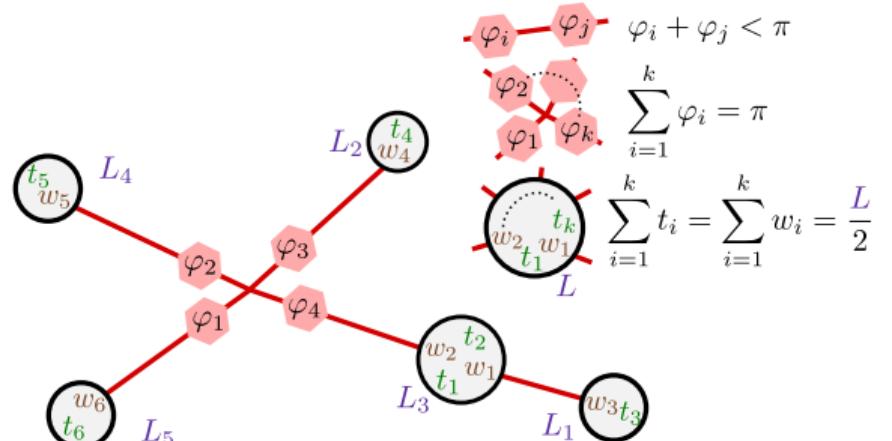
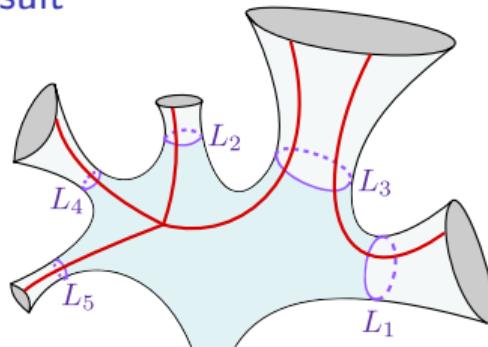
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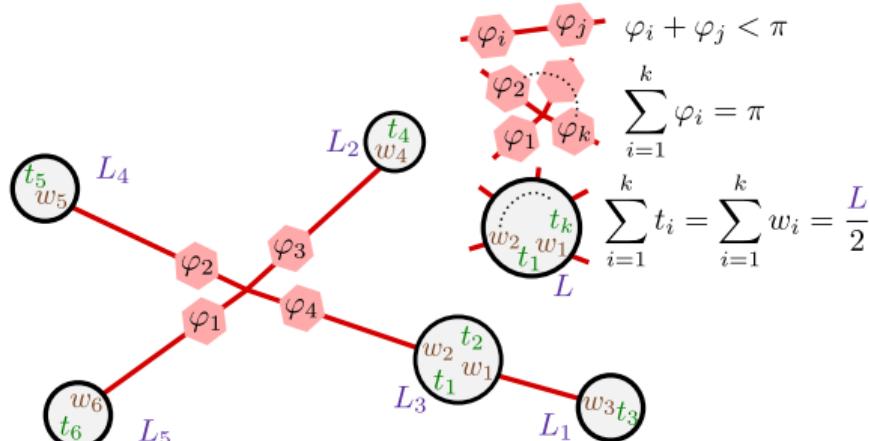
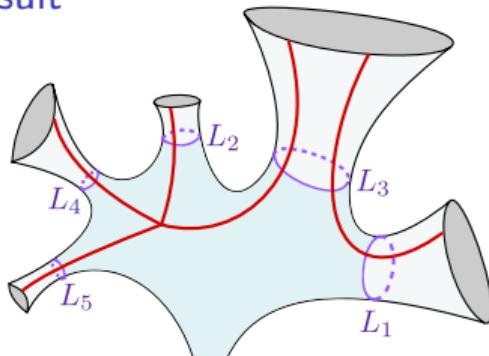
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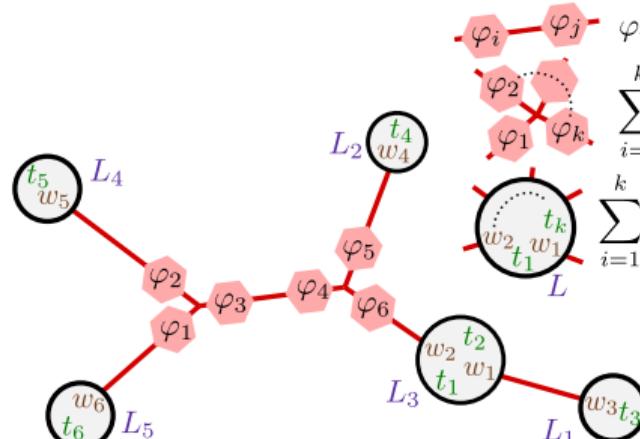
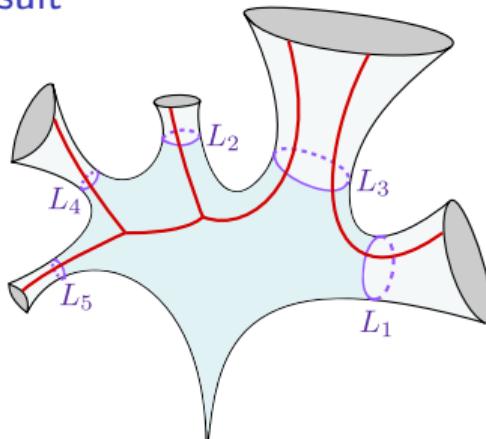
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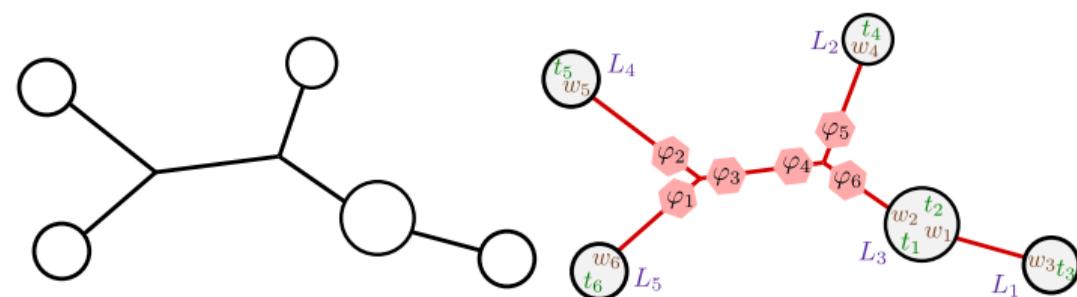
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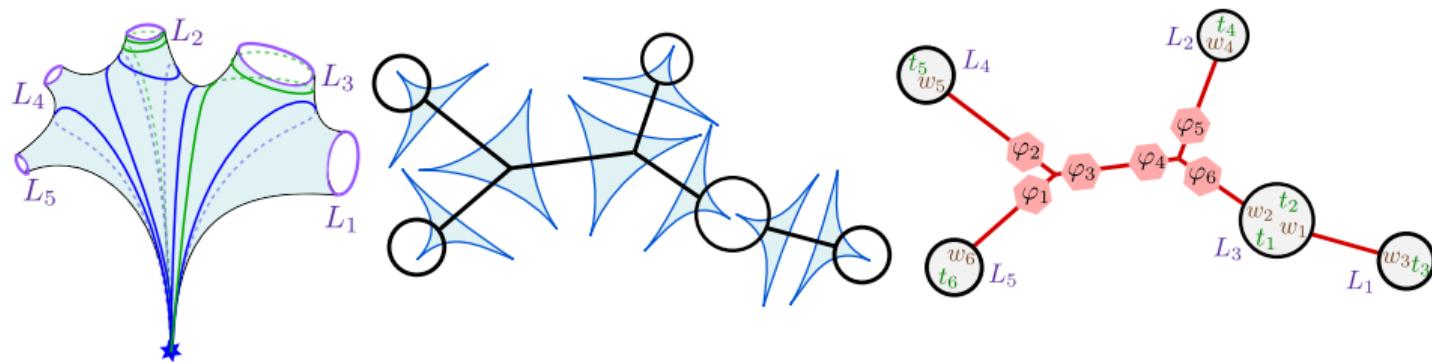
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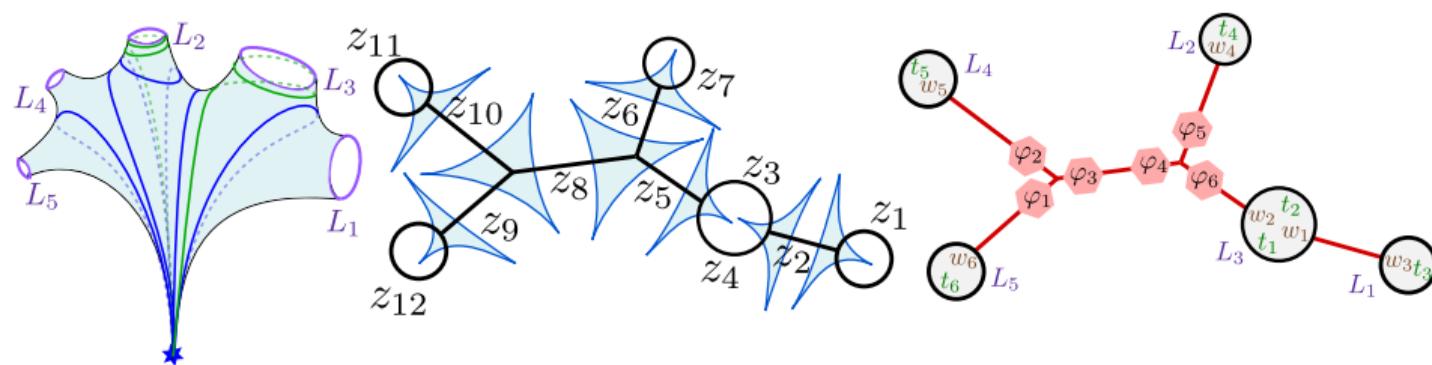
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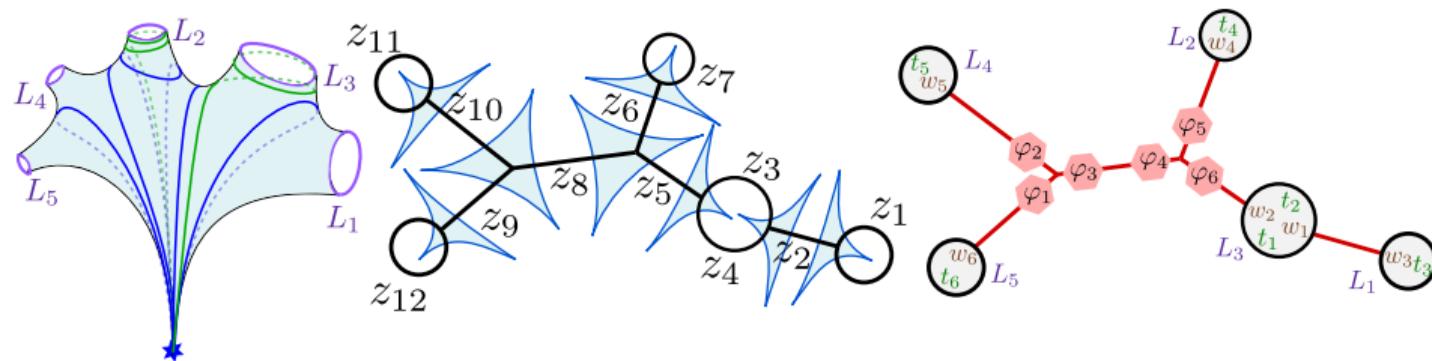
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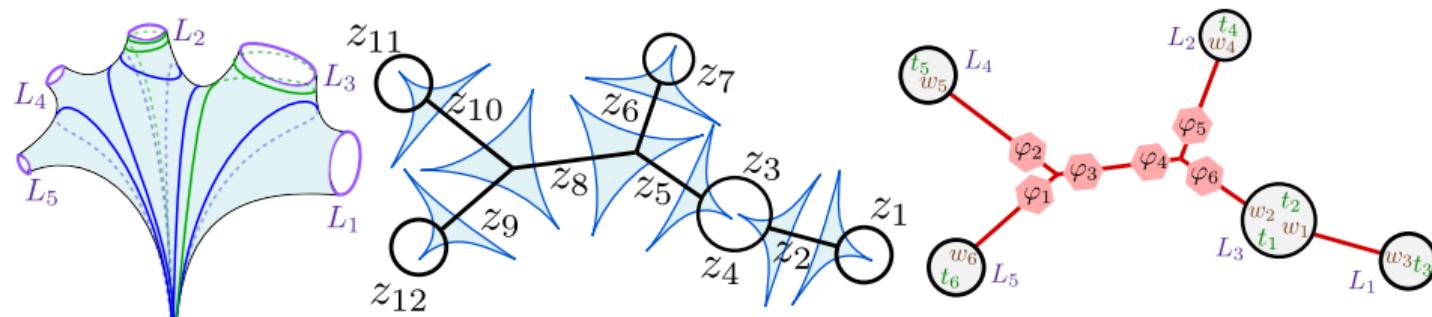
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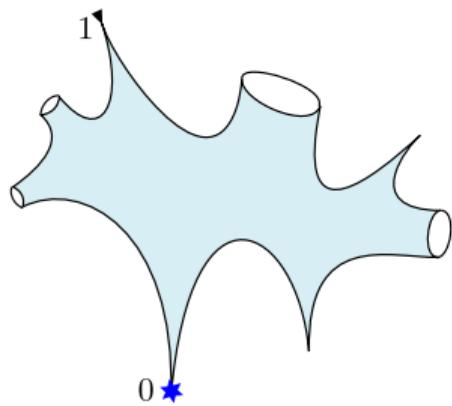


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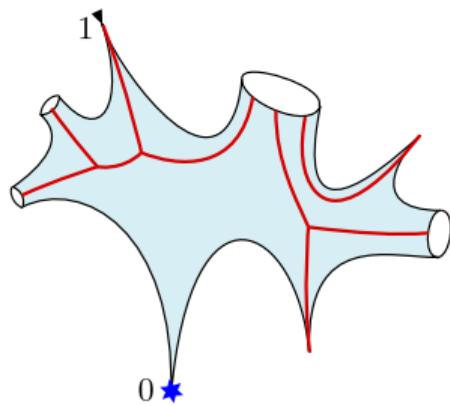
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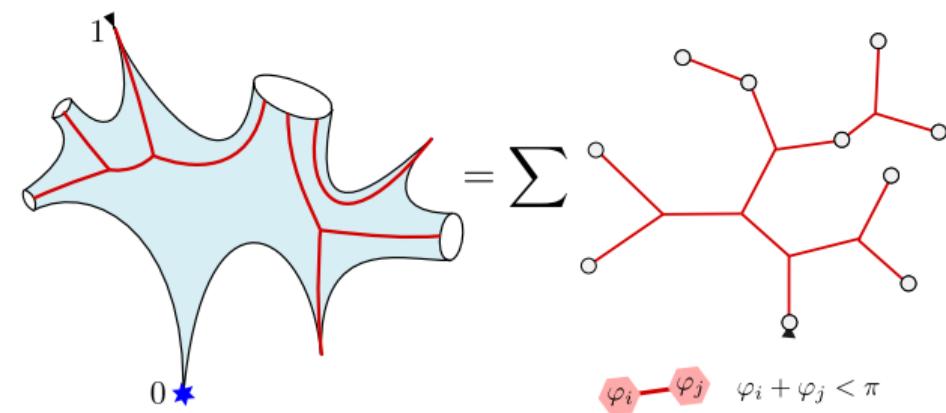
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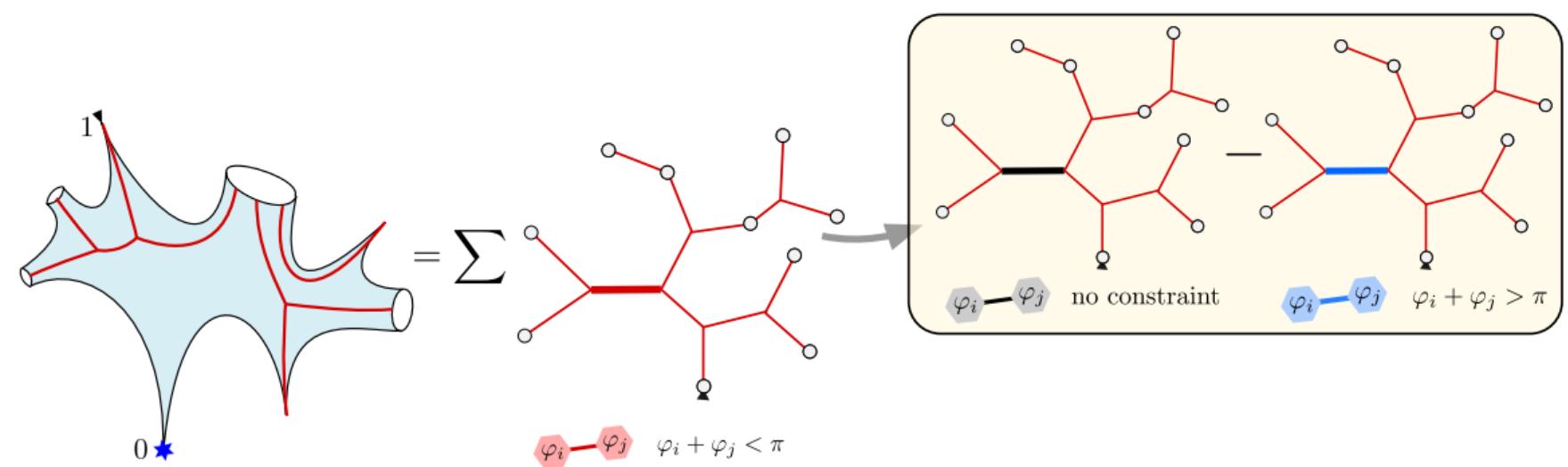
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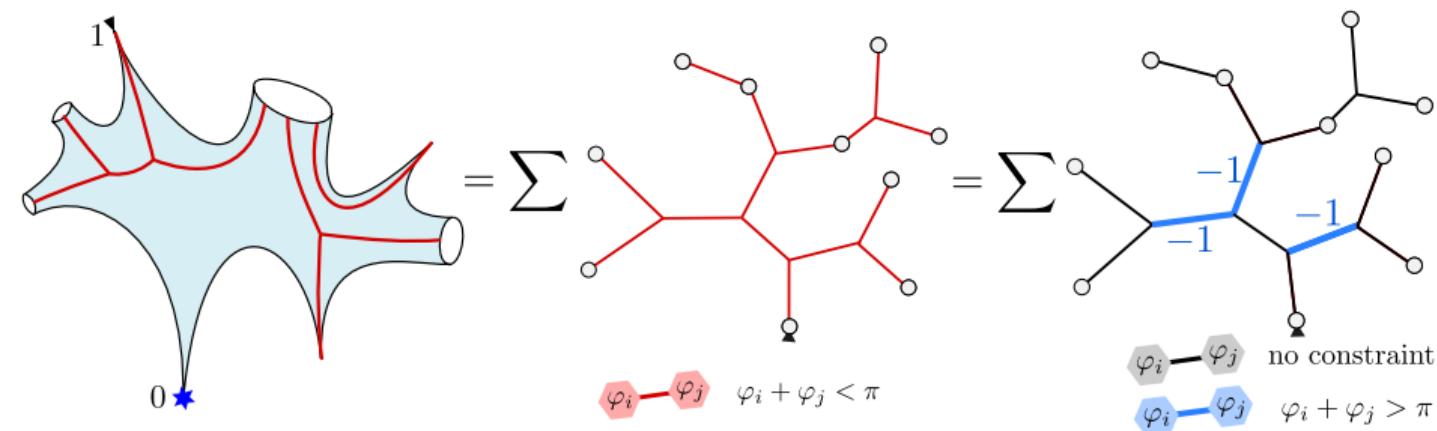
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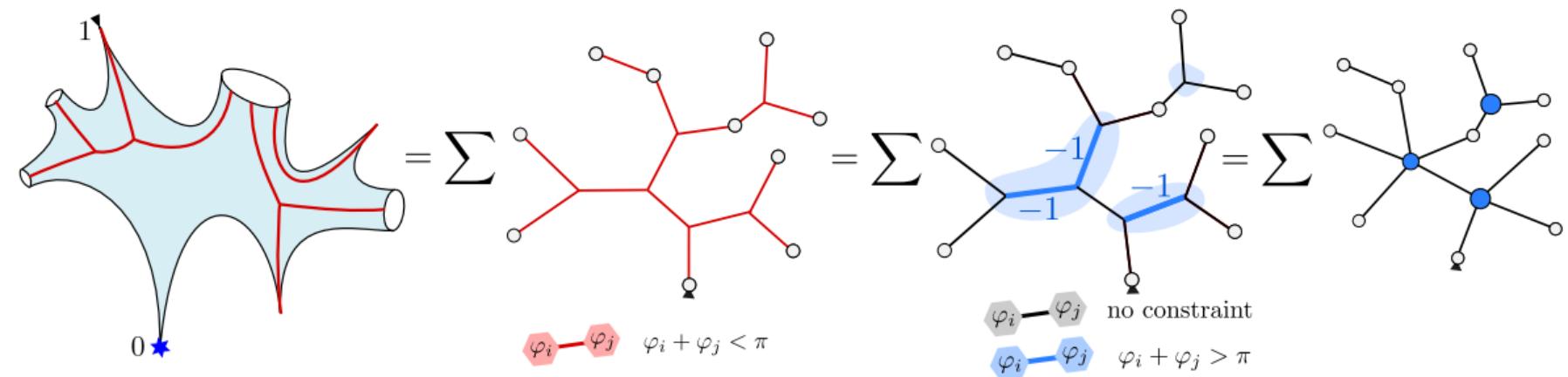
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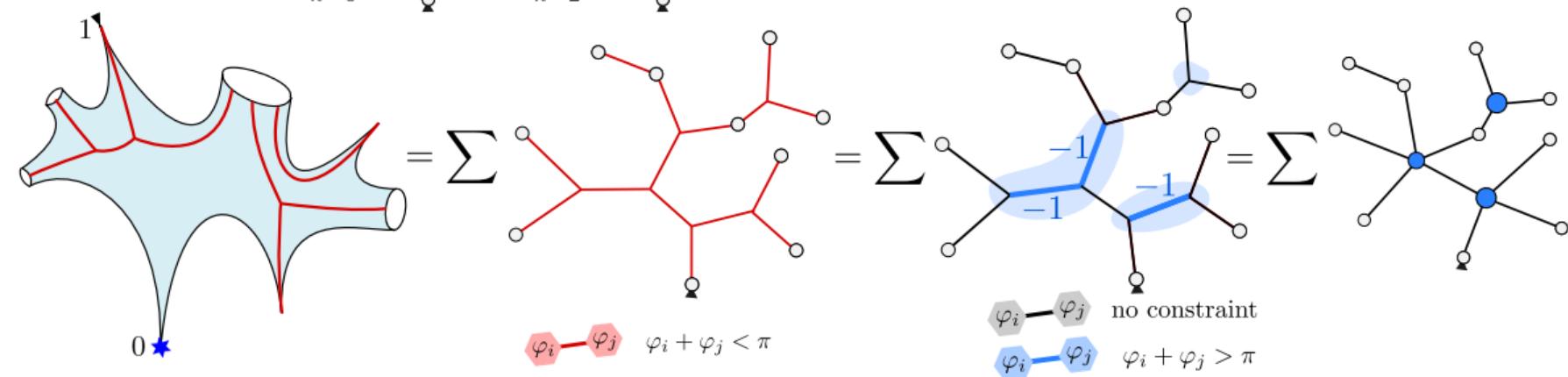
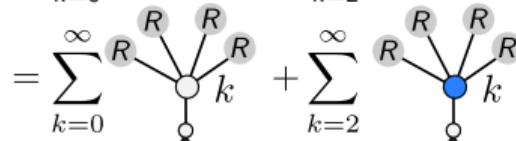
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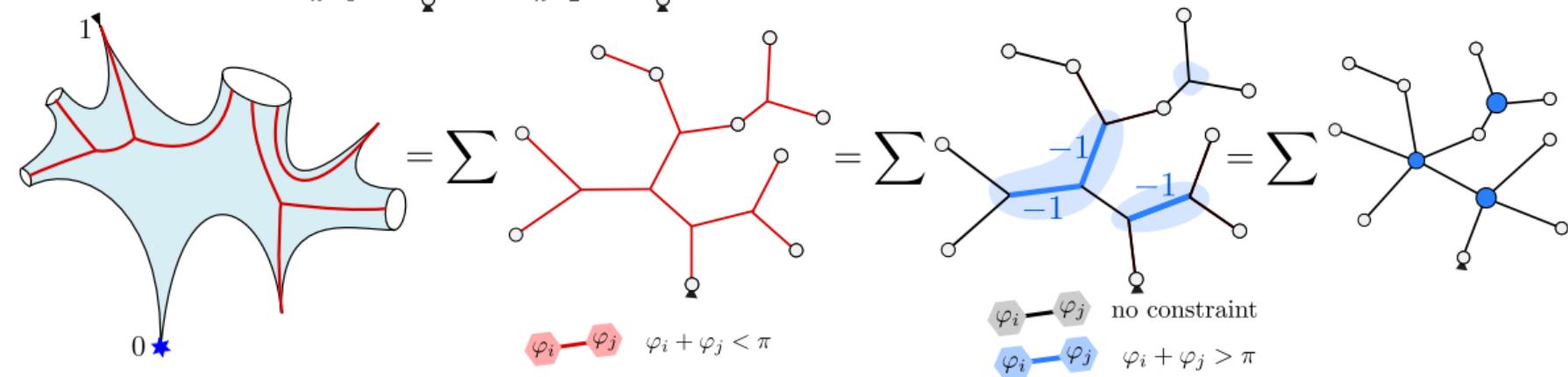
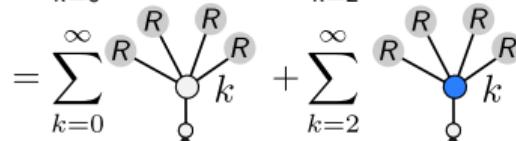
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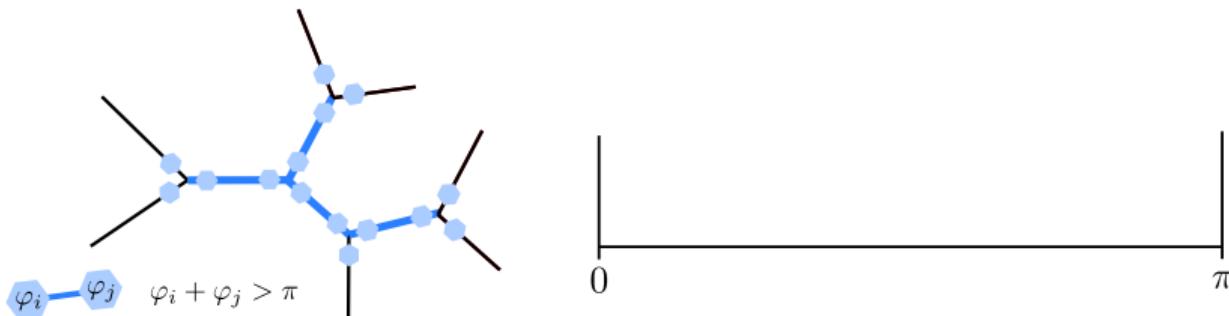
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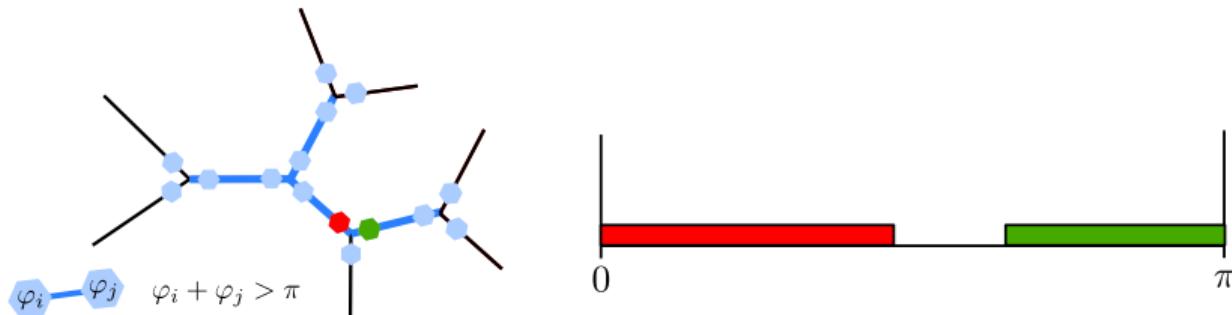
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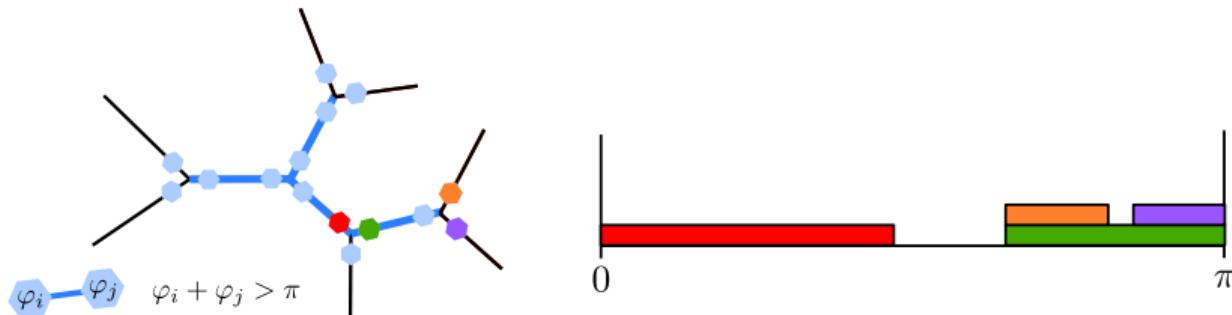
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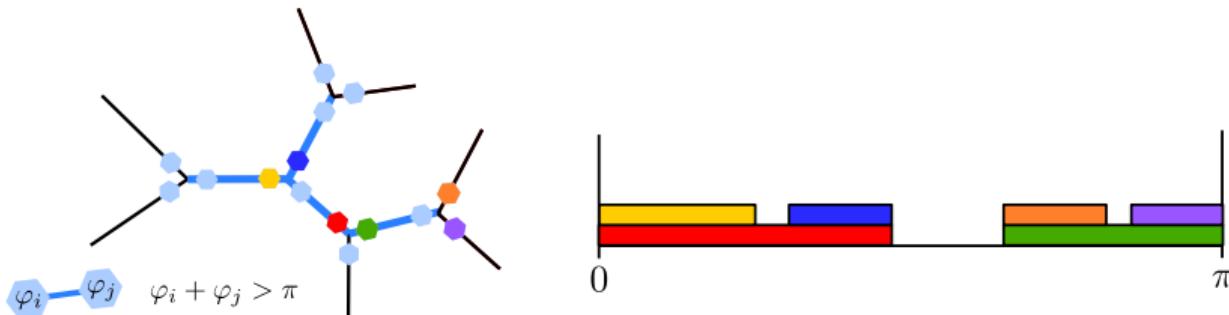
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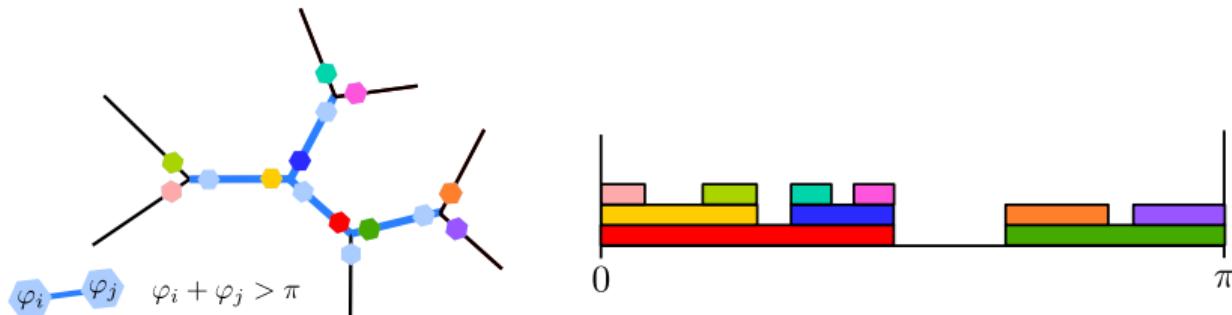
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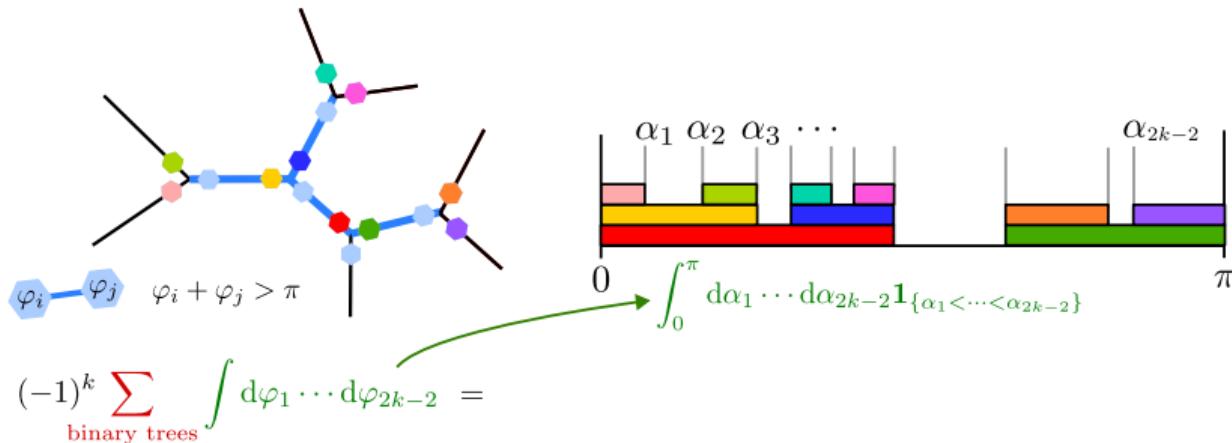
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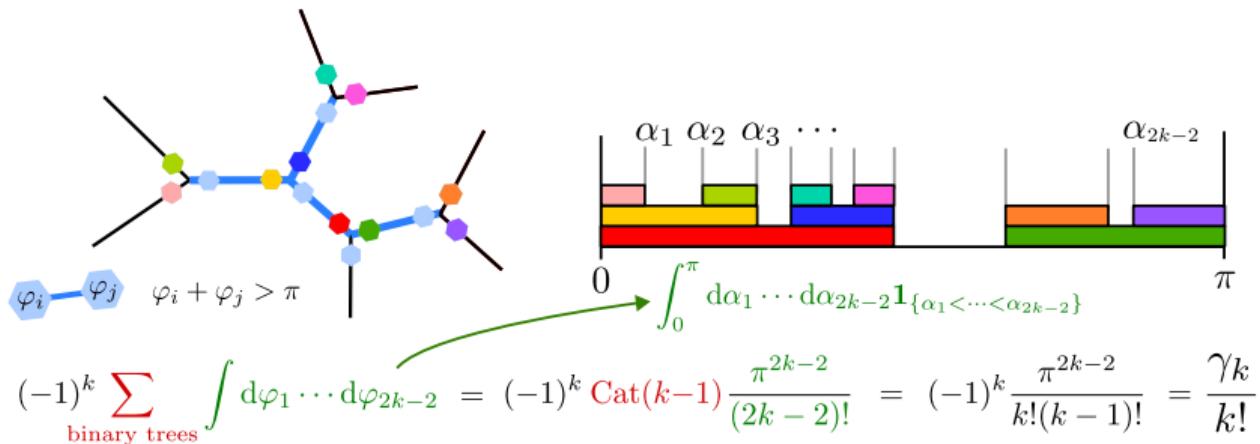
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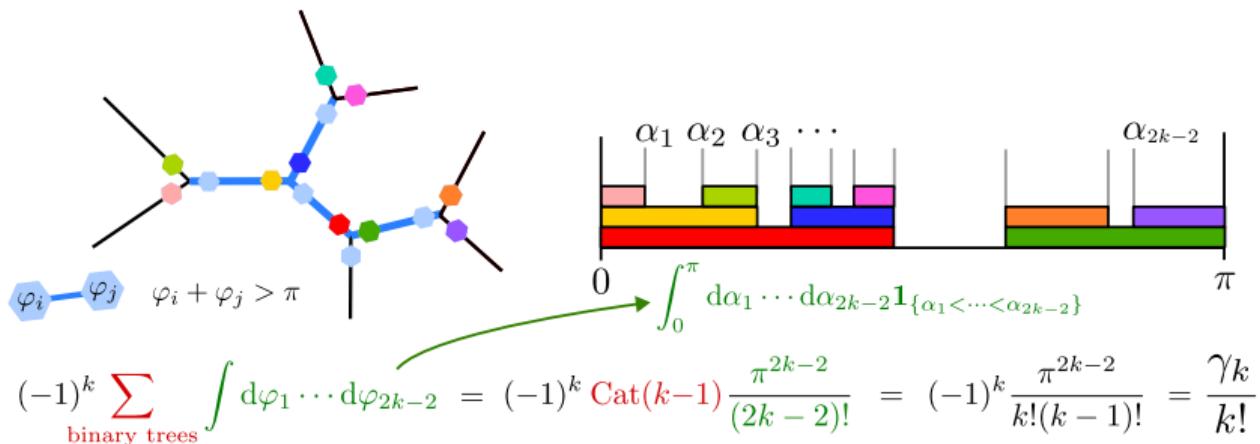
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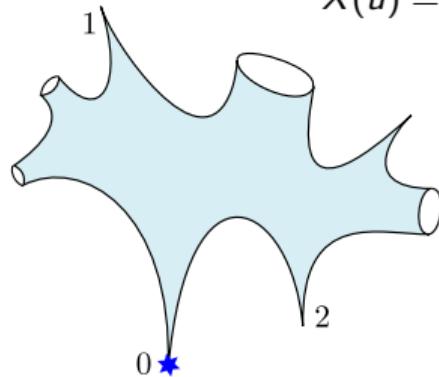
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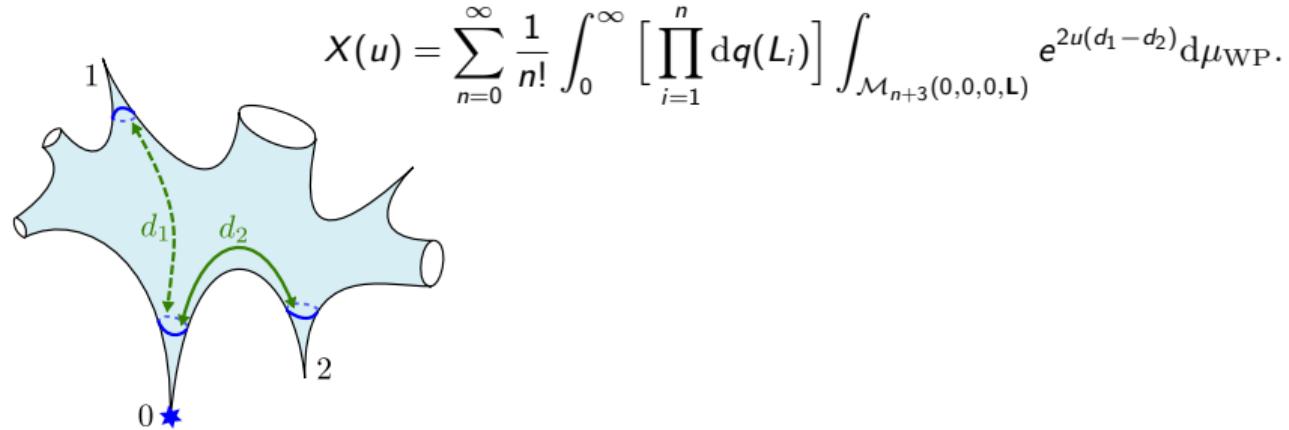
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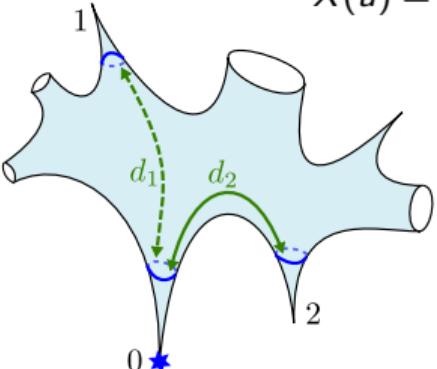
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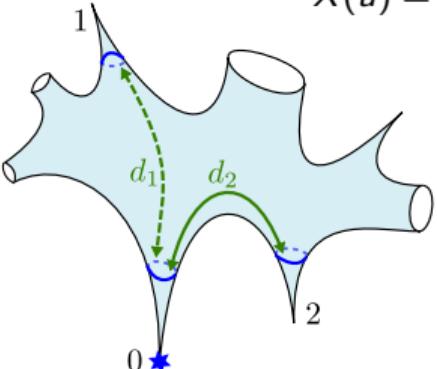
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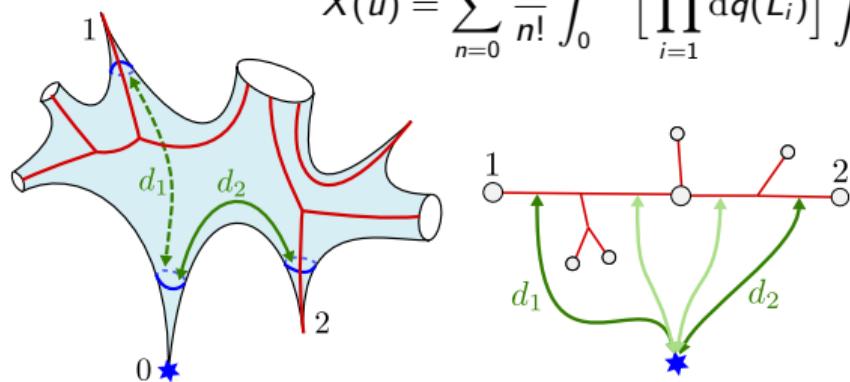
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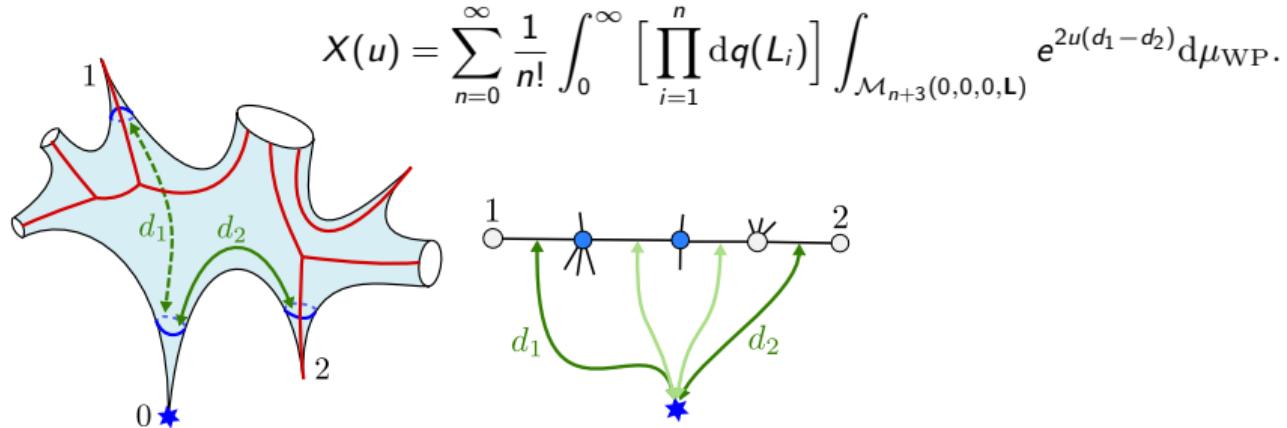


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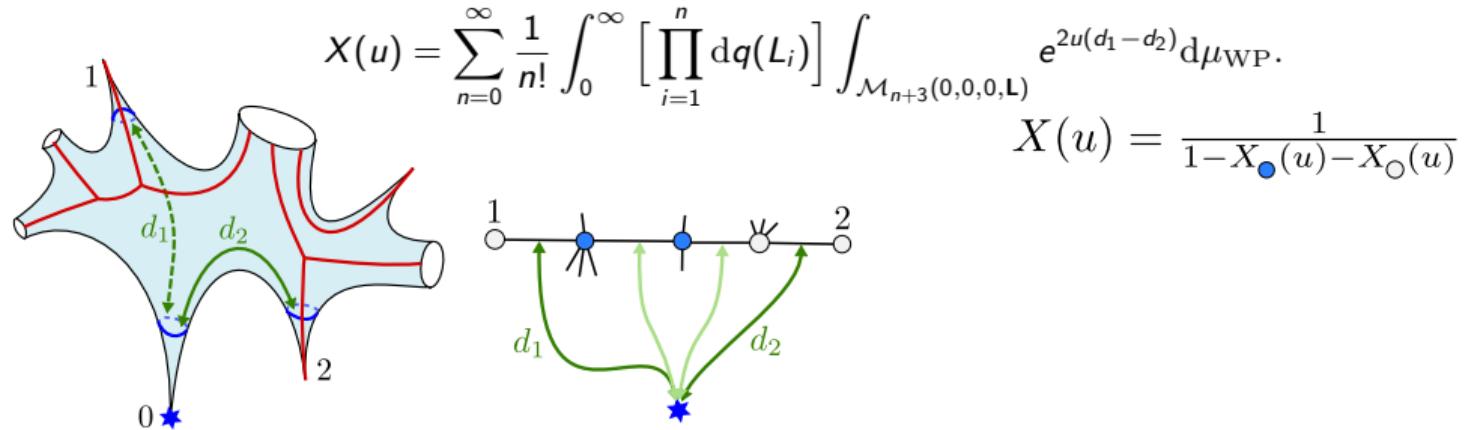


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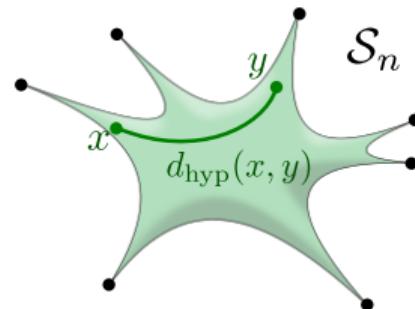
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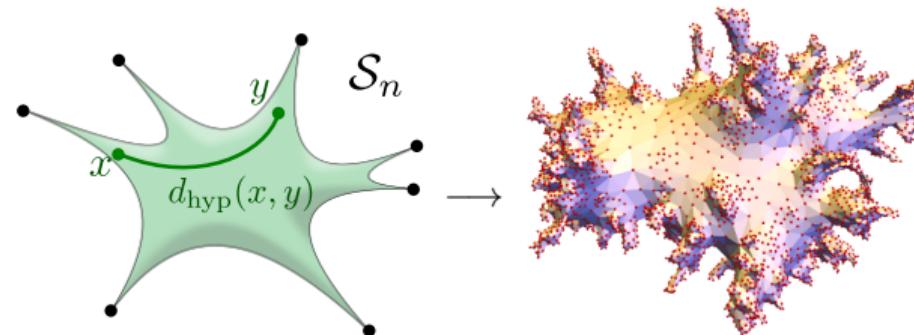
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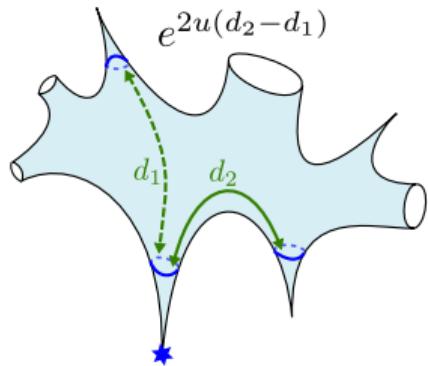
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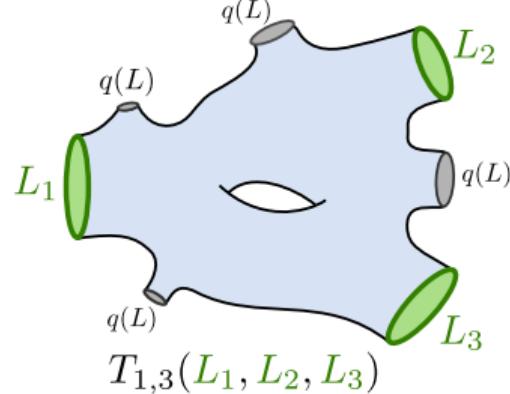
The invariants $\omega_{g,n}(z)$ of the curve $(x(u) = u^2, y(u))$ with initial condition $\omega_{0,2}(z) = (z_1 - z_2)^2$ and topological recursion

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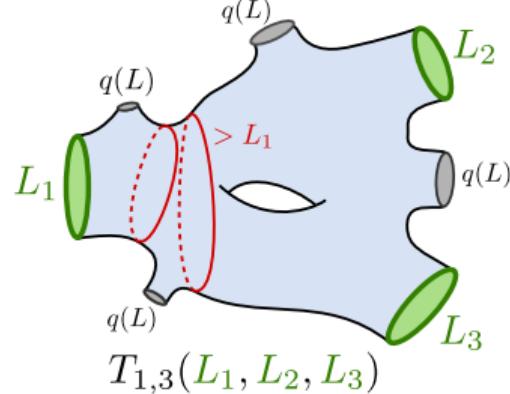
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