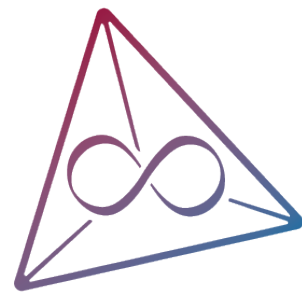


Computation and Physics in Algebraic Geometry

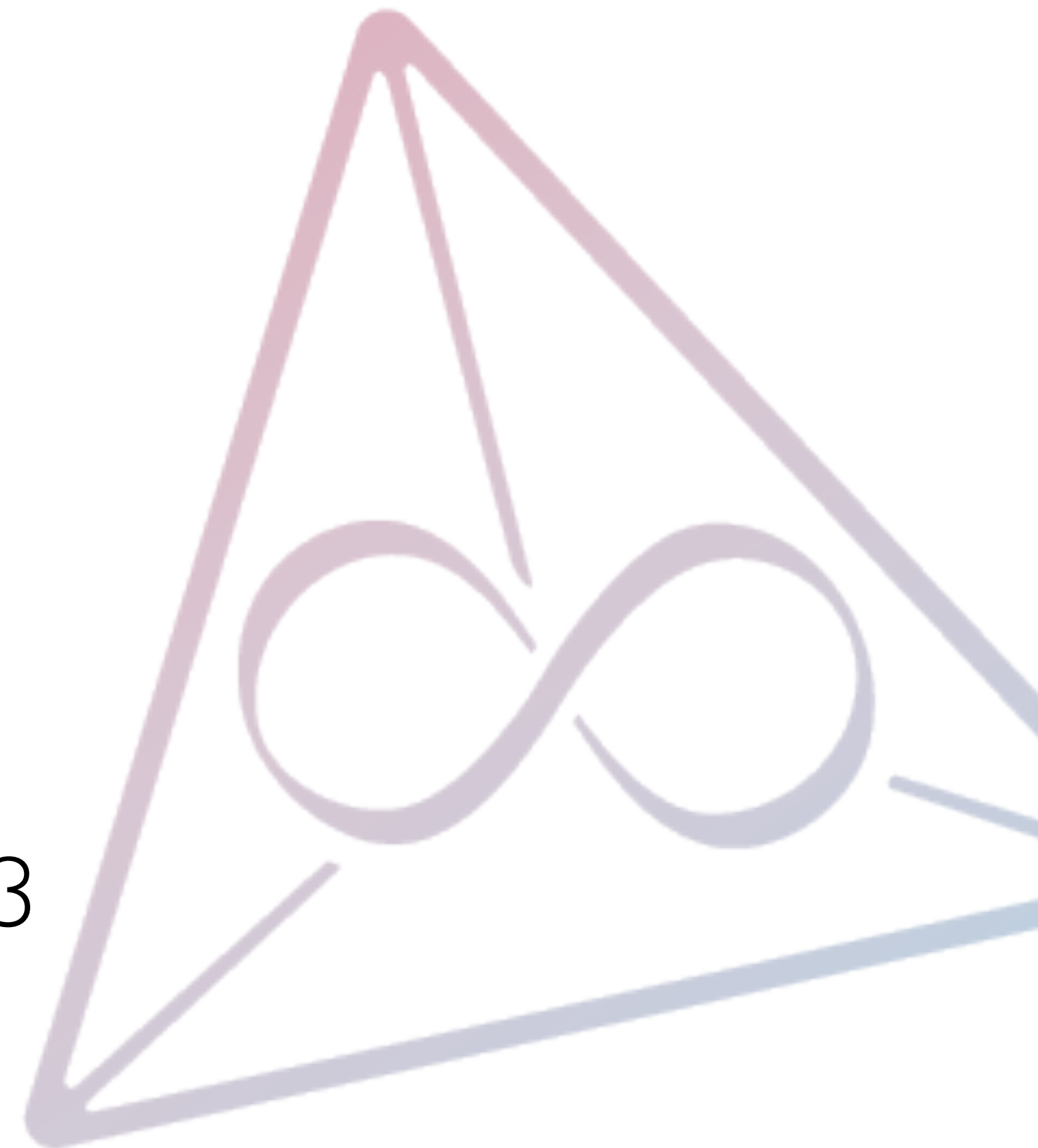
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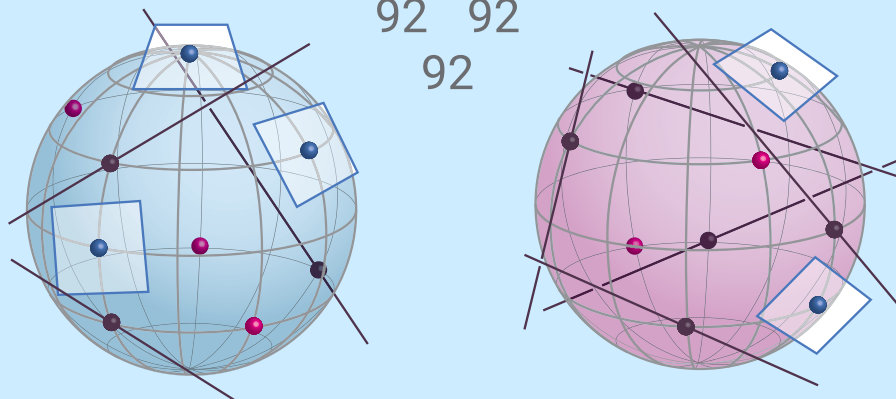
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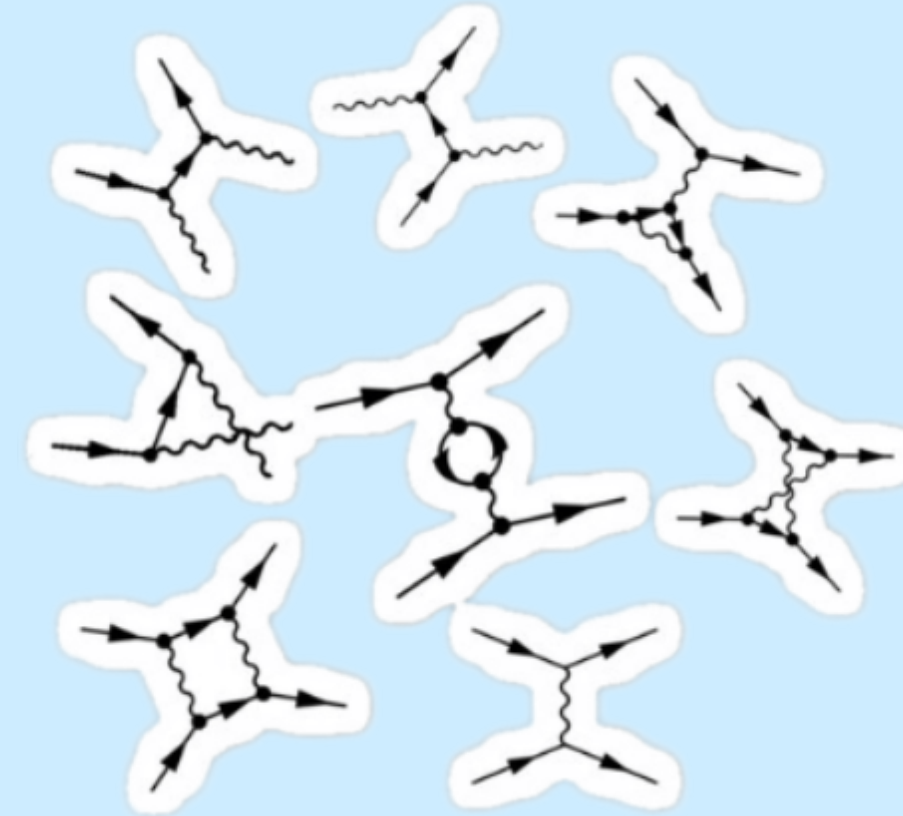
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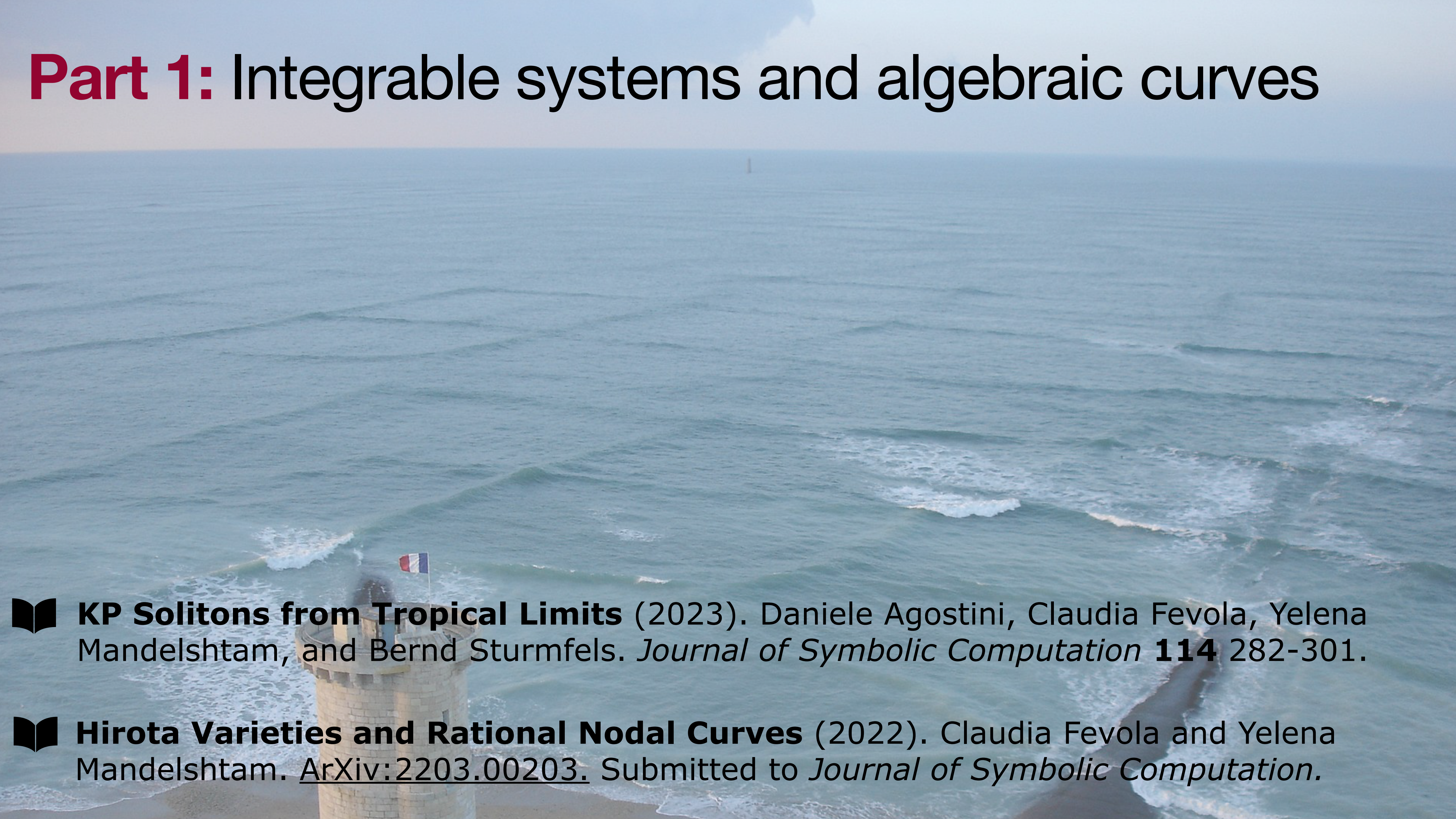
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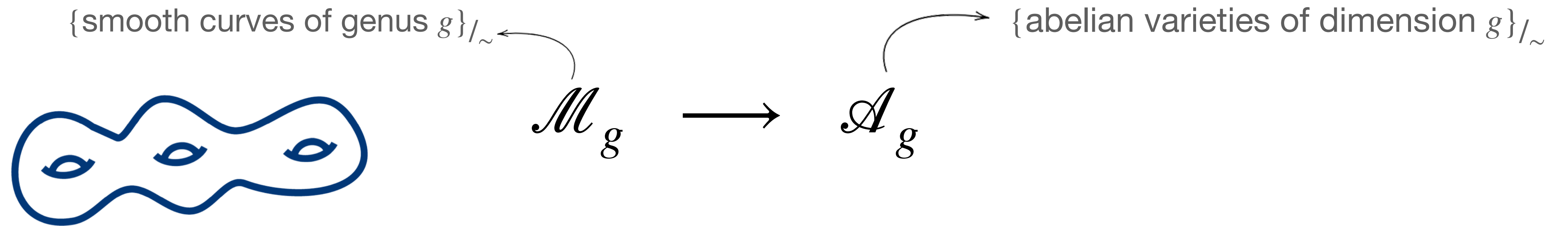
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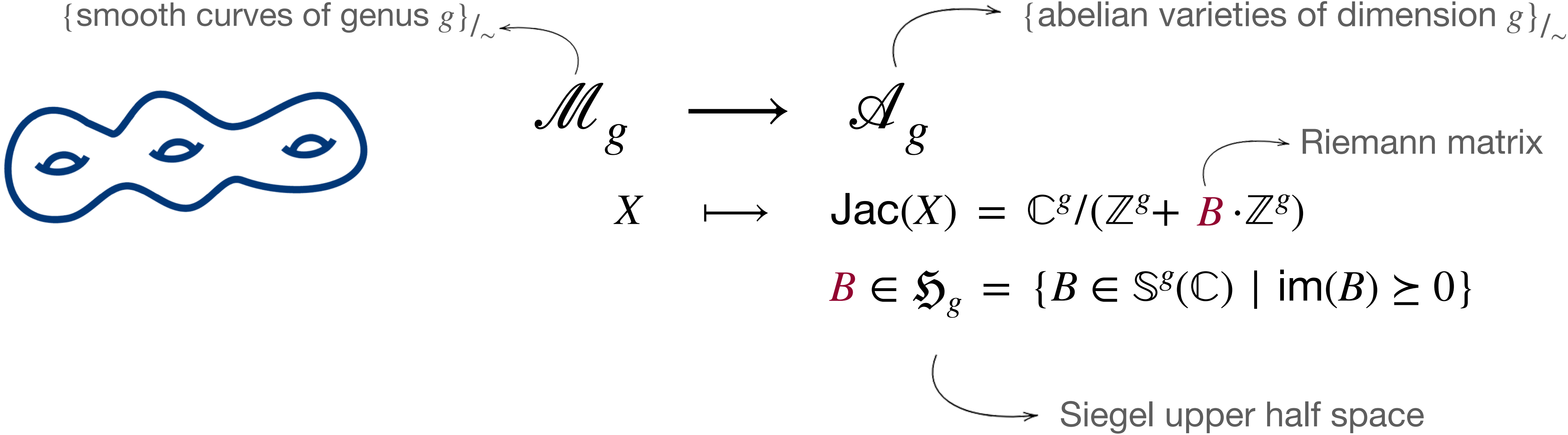
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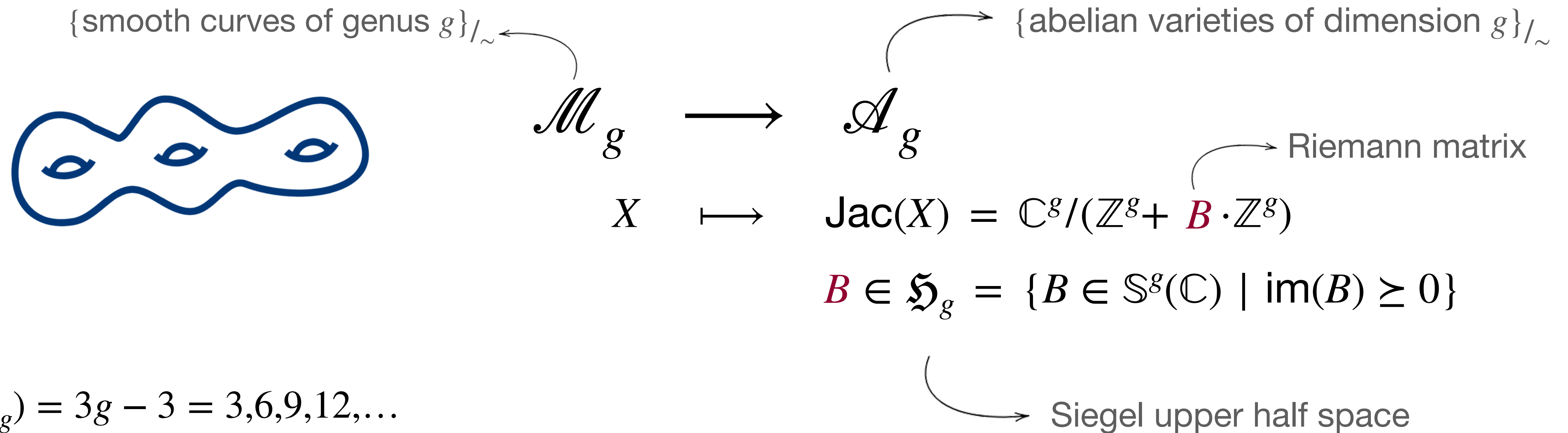
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$$p(x, y, t) = 2\partial_x^2 \log \theta(\mathbf{u}x + \mathbf{v}y + \mathbf{w}t + \mathbf{d} \mid B)$$

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for any $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{C}^g$.

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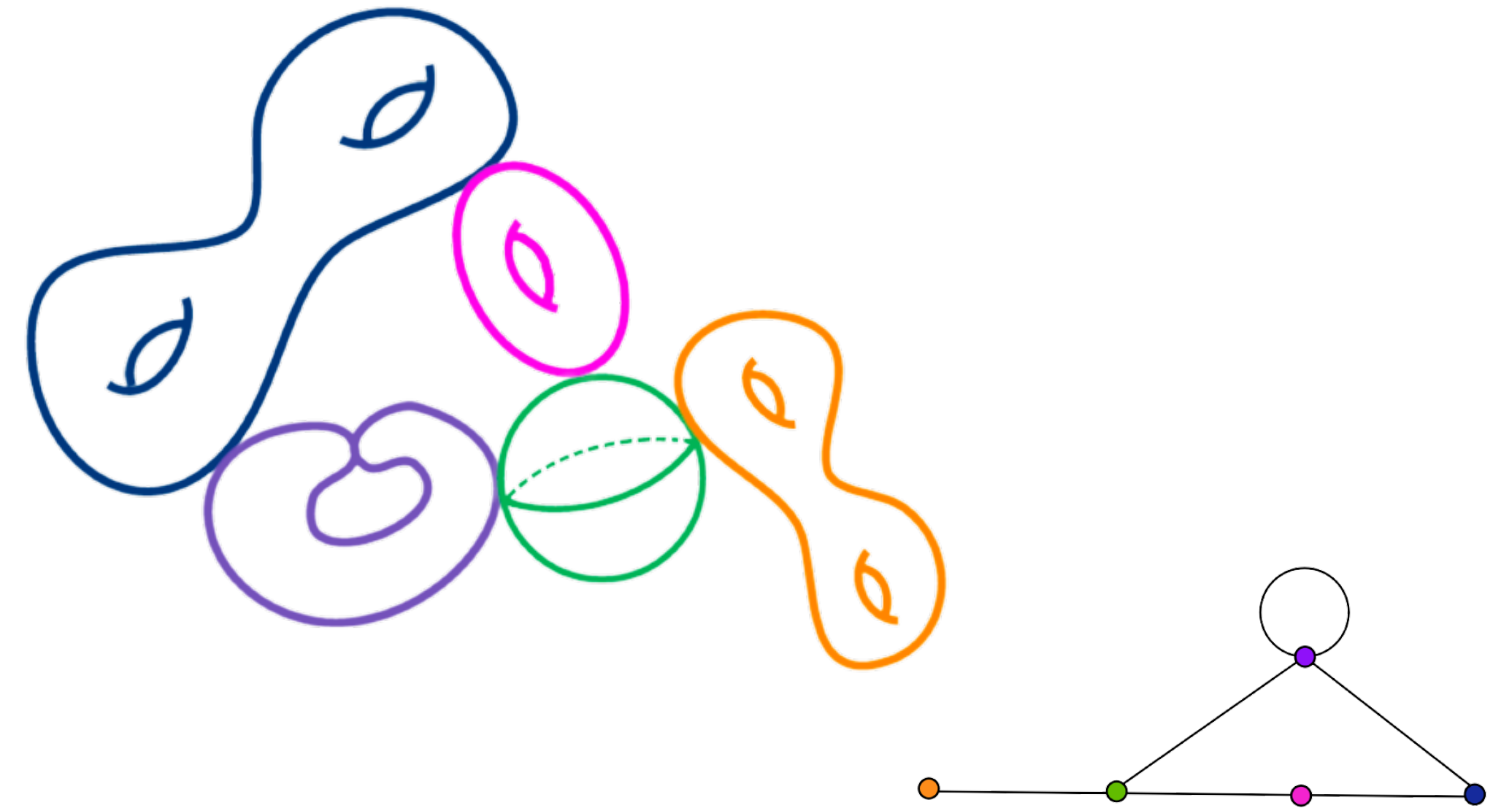
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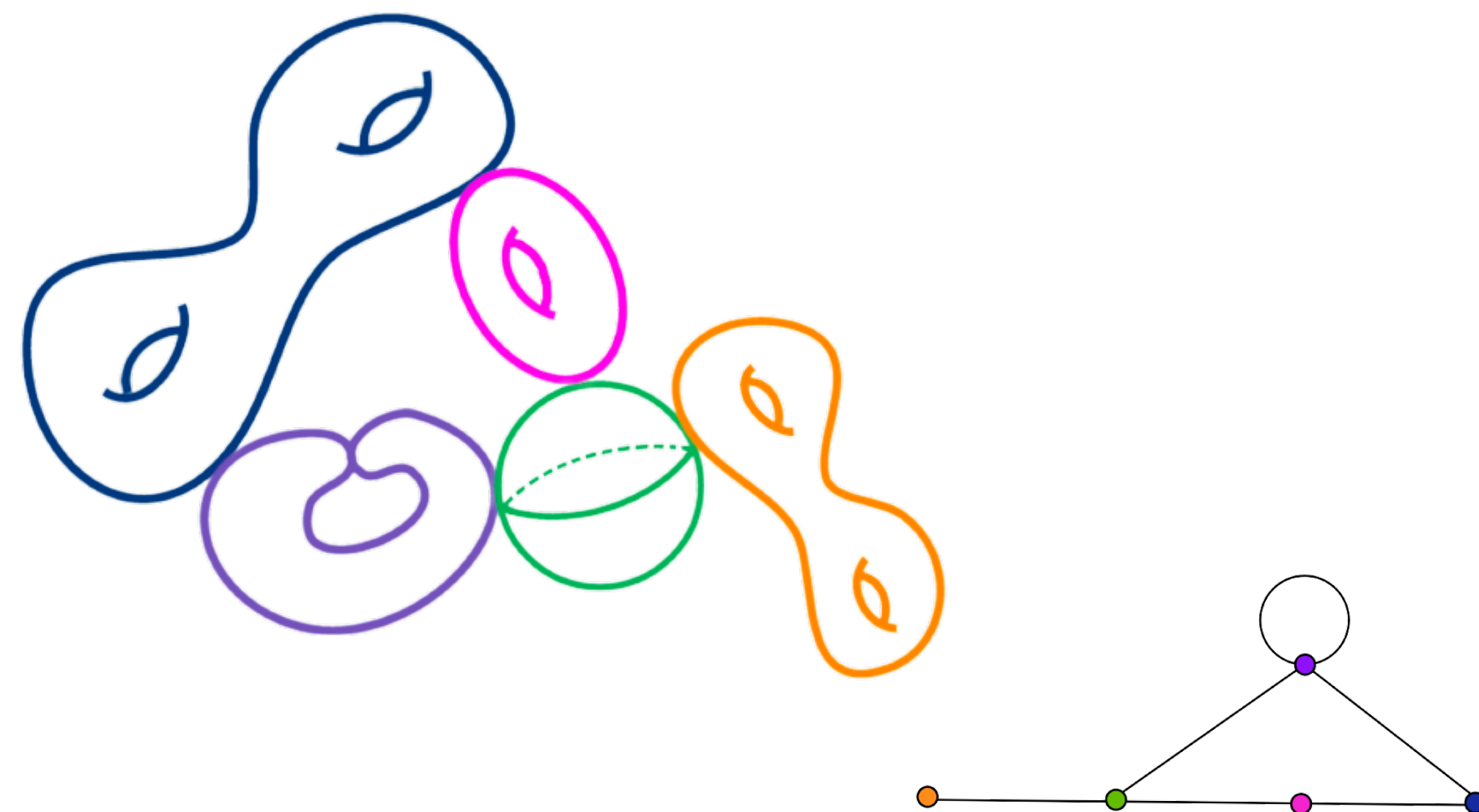
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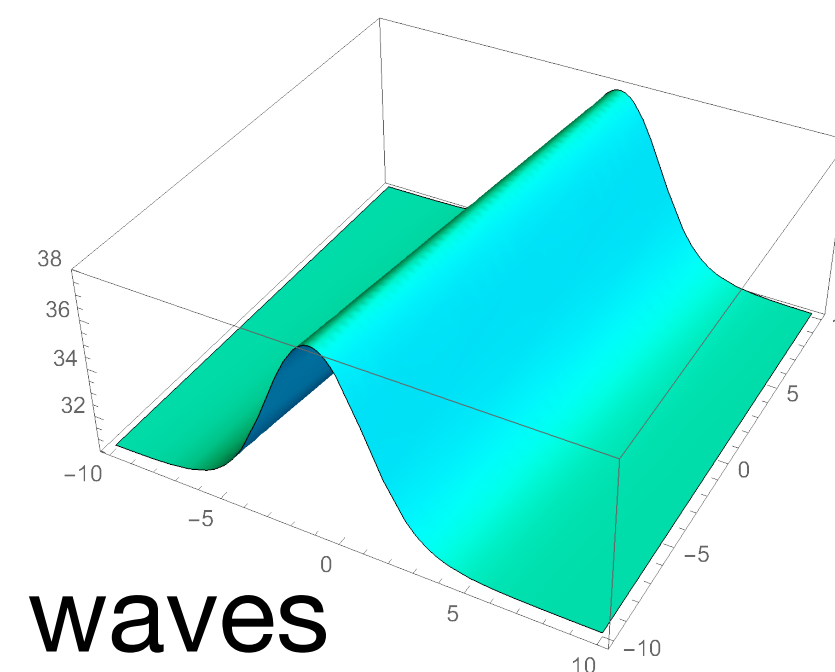
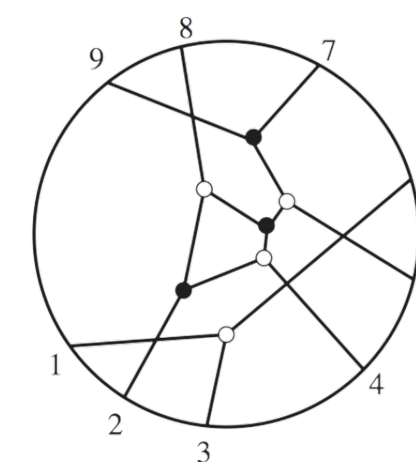
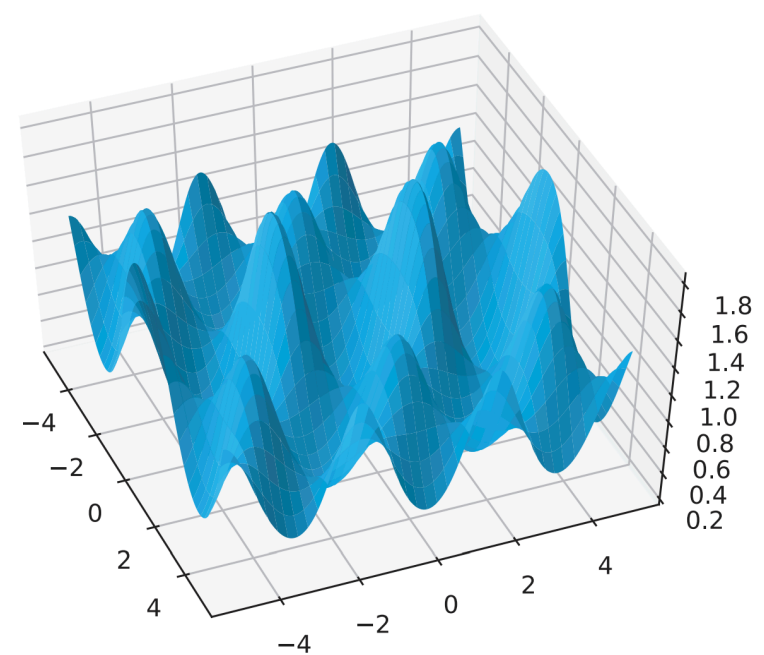
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Soliton waves

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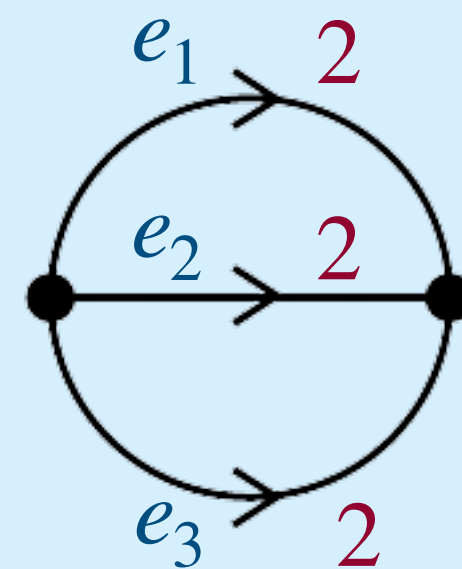
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Example Let $X = V(y^2 - f(x))$

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$$L := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2 \times 3}$$

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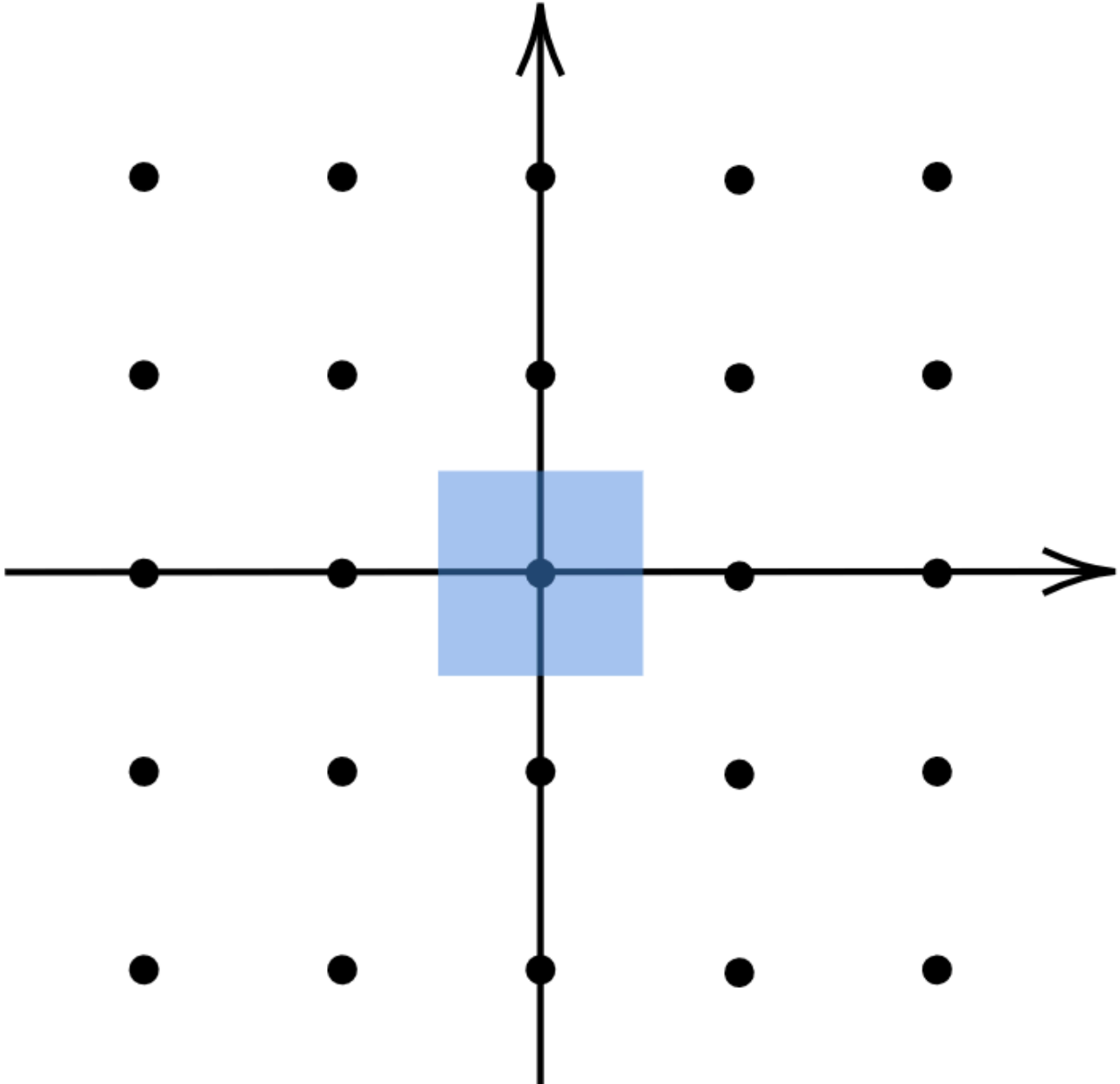
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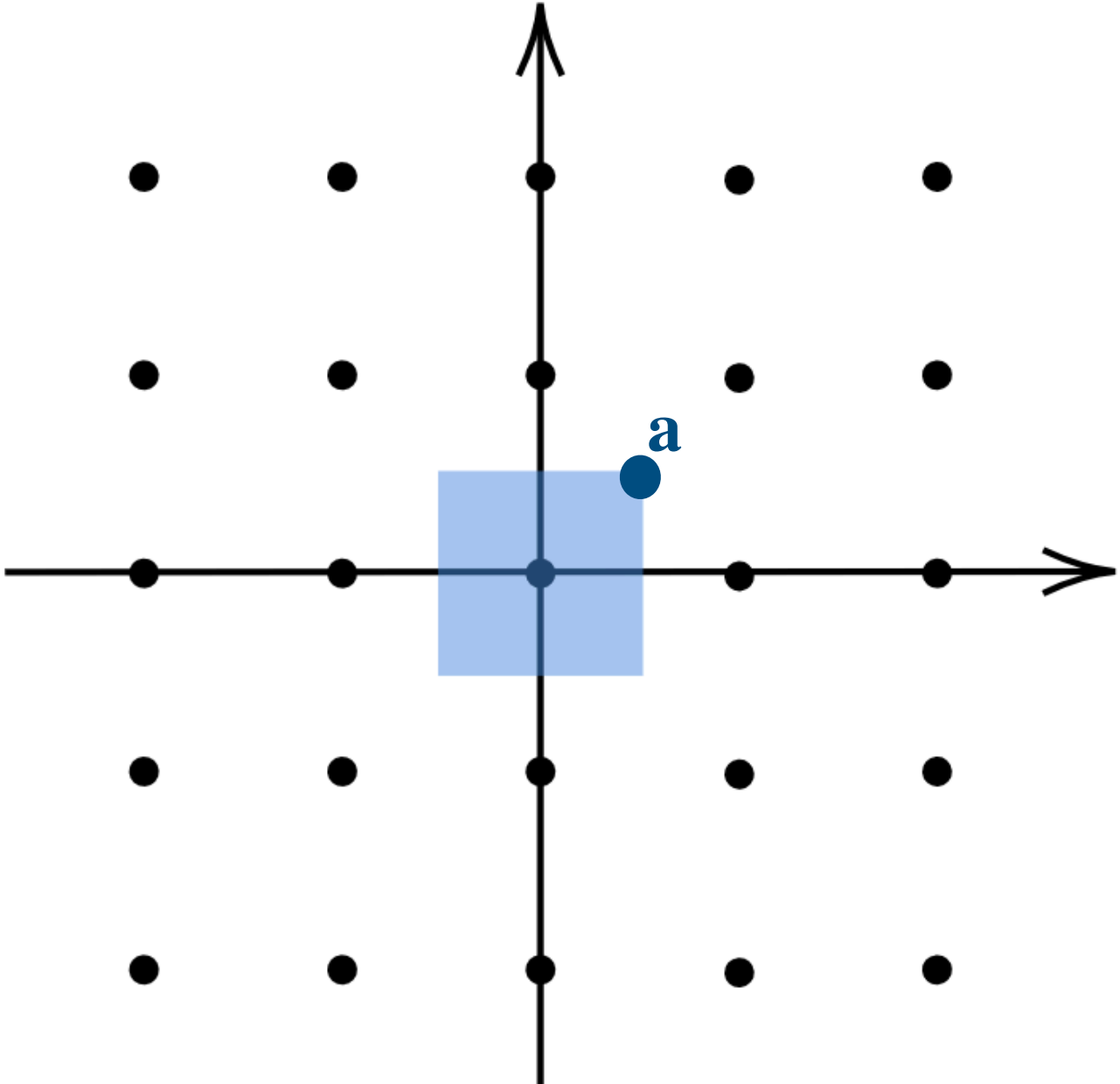
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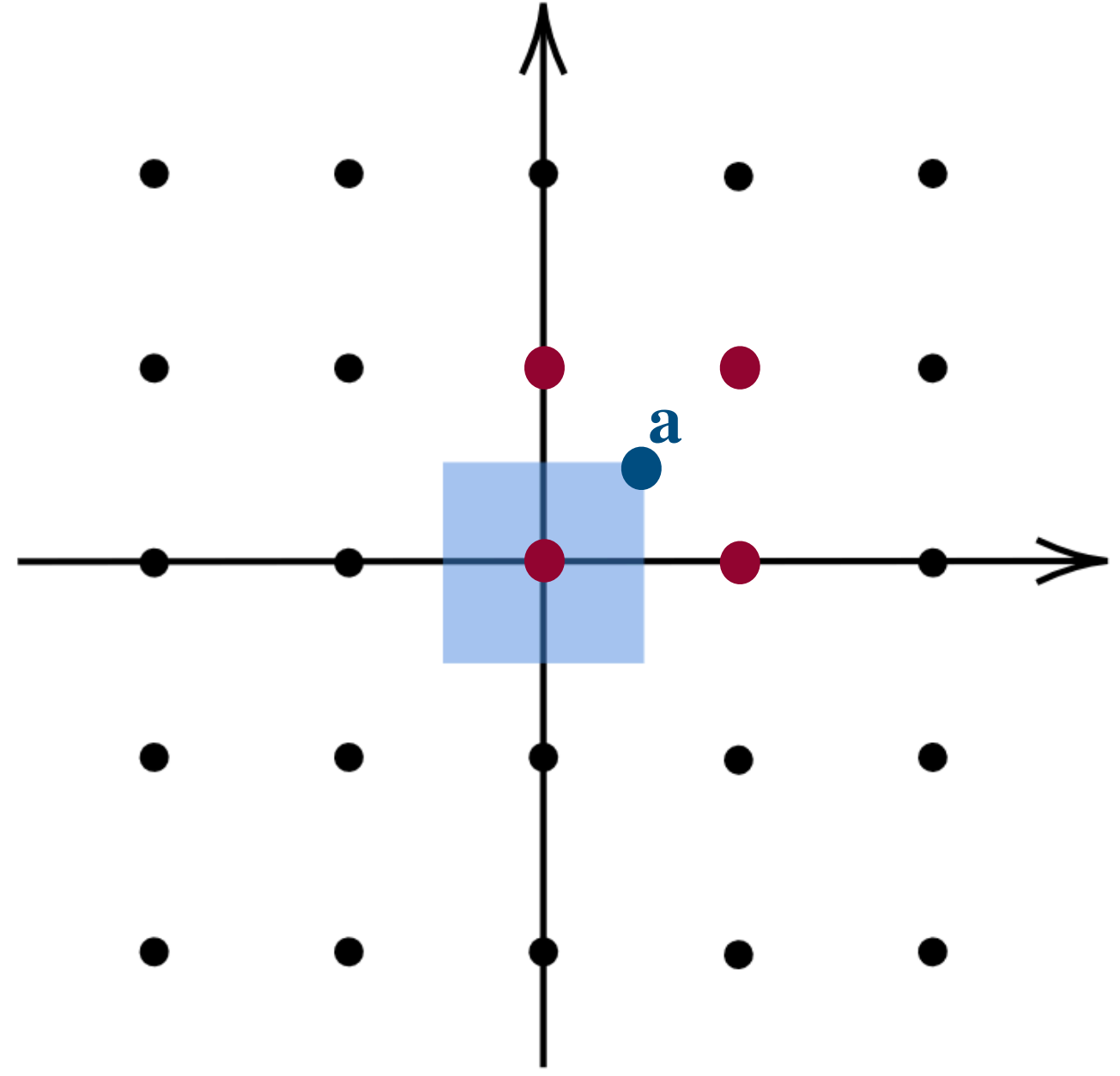


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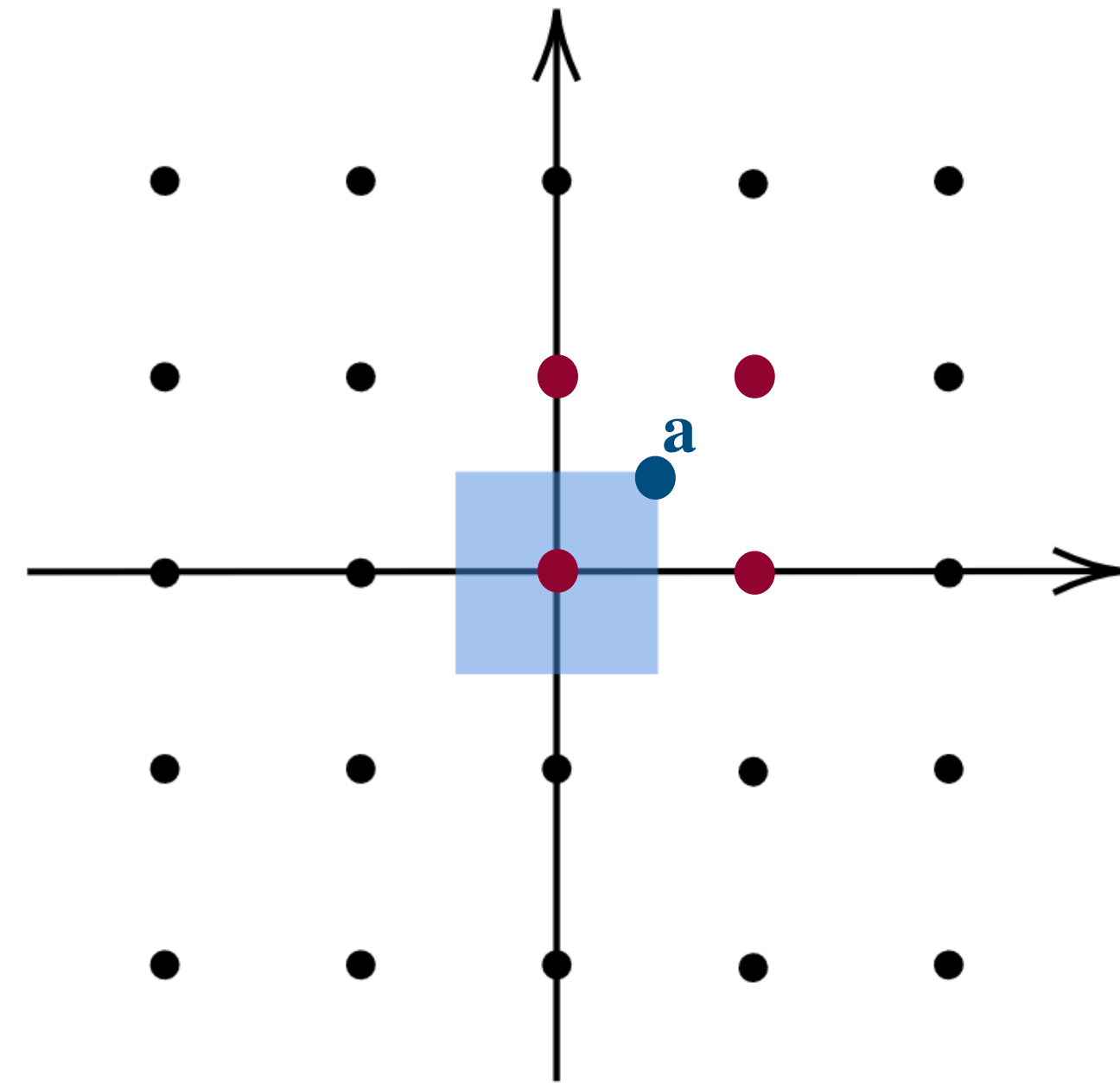


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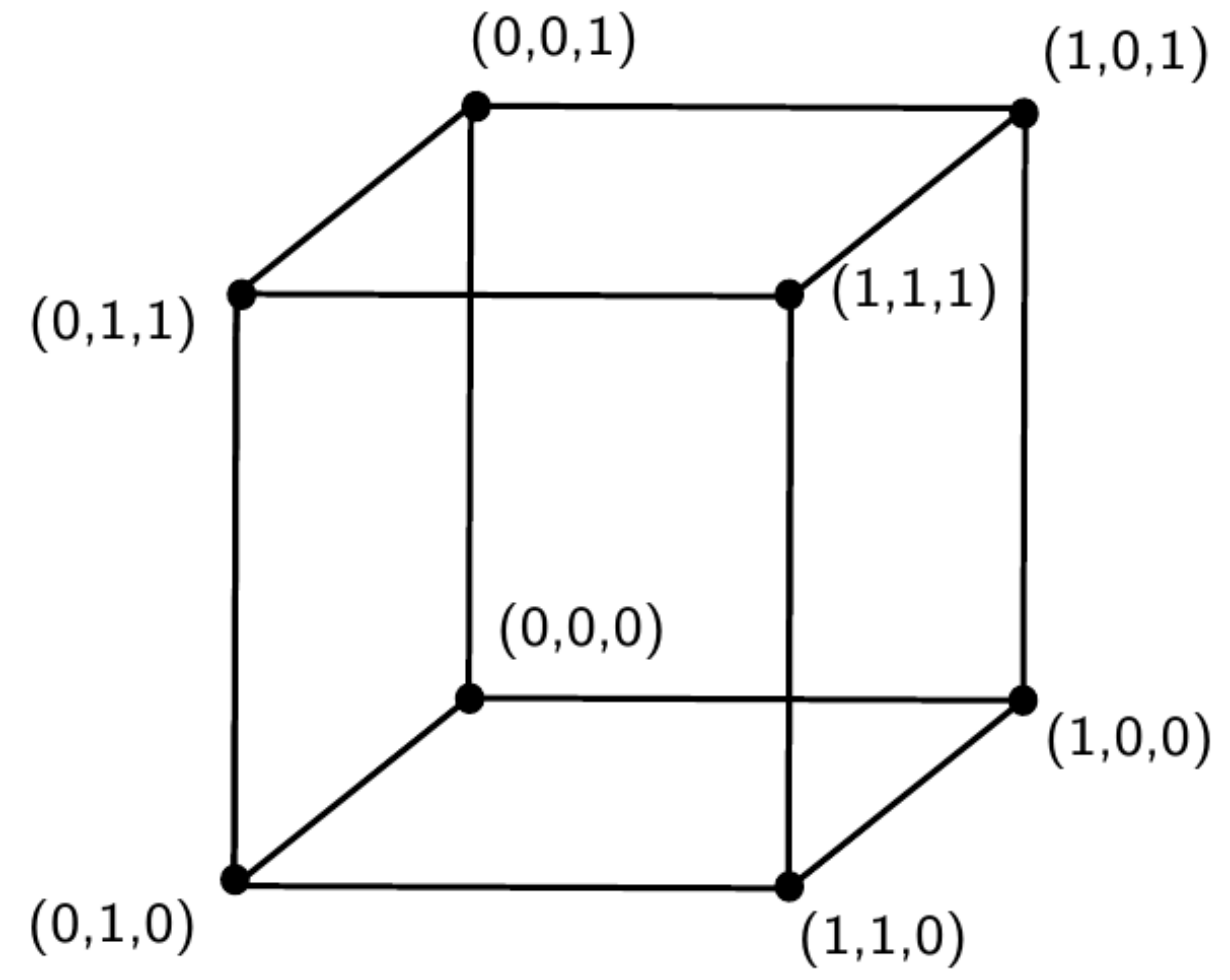
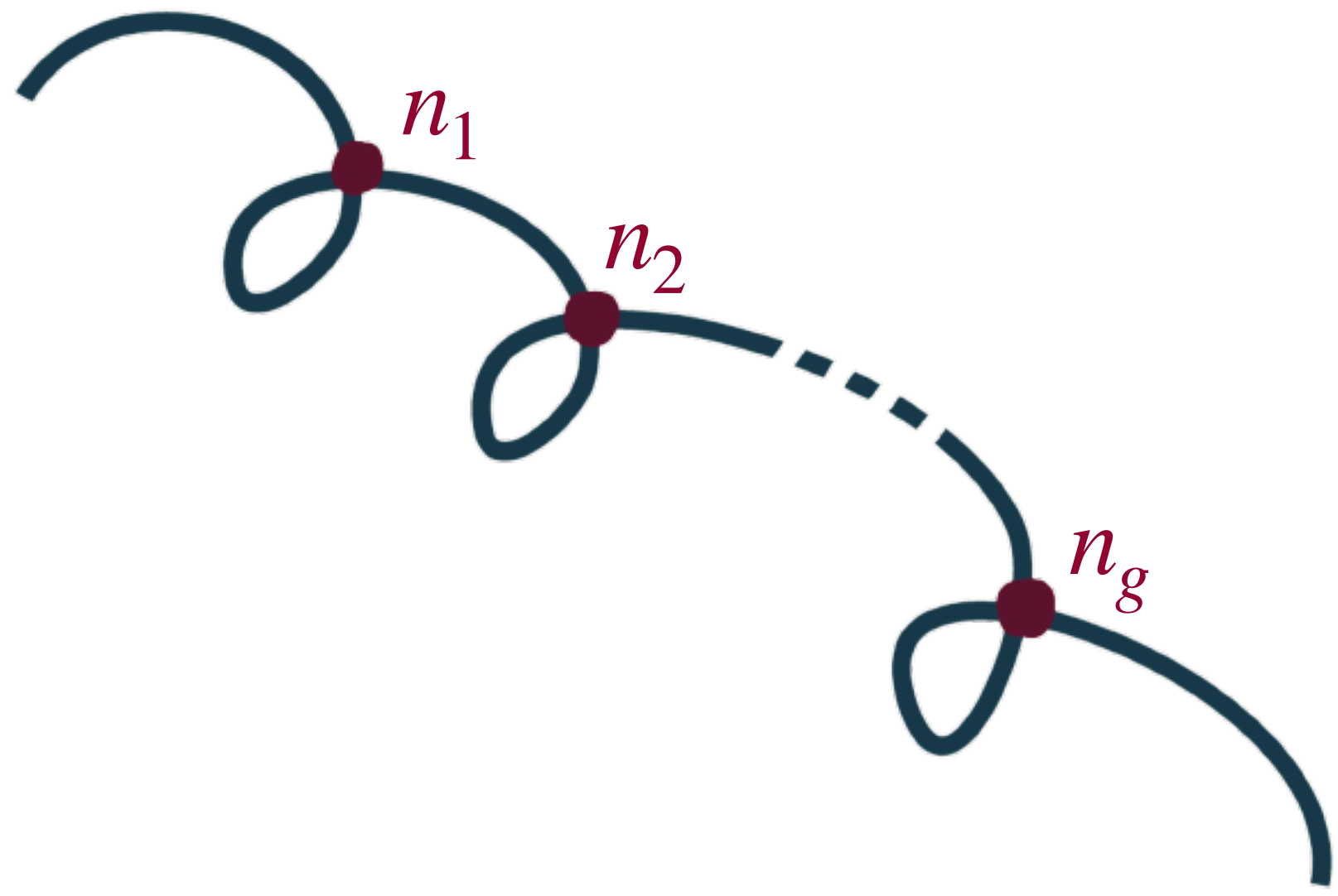
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Remark: Studying $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{C}}^I$ provides a new approach to the Schottky problem for nodal curves



Combinatorial Schottky problem



Part 2: Particle physics and very affine varieties

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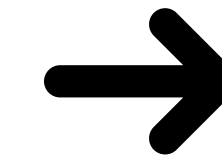
Feynman integrals: $\ell = 1$, $f =$ Graph polynomial

 **Appendix:** Feynman integrals for mathematicians

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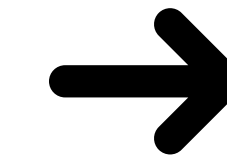
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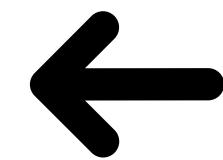


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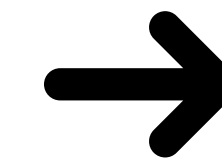
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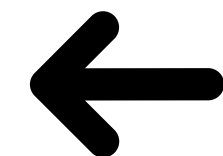


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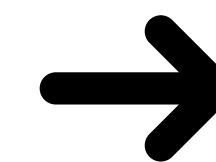


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GKZ systems



Matsubara-Heo, Chestnov, ...

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Computing Euler characteristics

Theorem (Huh): $|\chi(X)|$ equals the number of critical points of

$$L = \log(f^s x^\nu) = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} s_j \log f_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i \log x_i$$

for general s, ν .

Solving rational function equations using Homotopy Continuation.jl

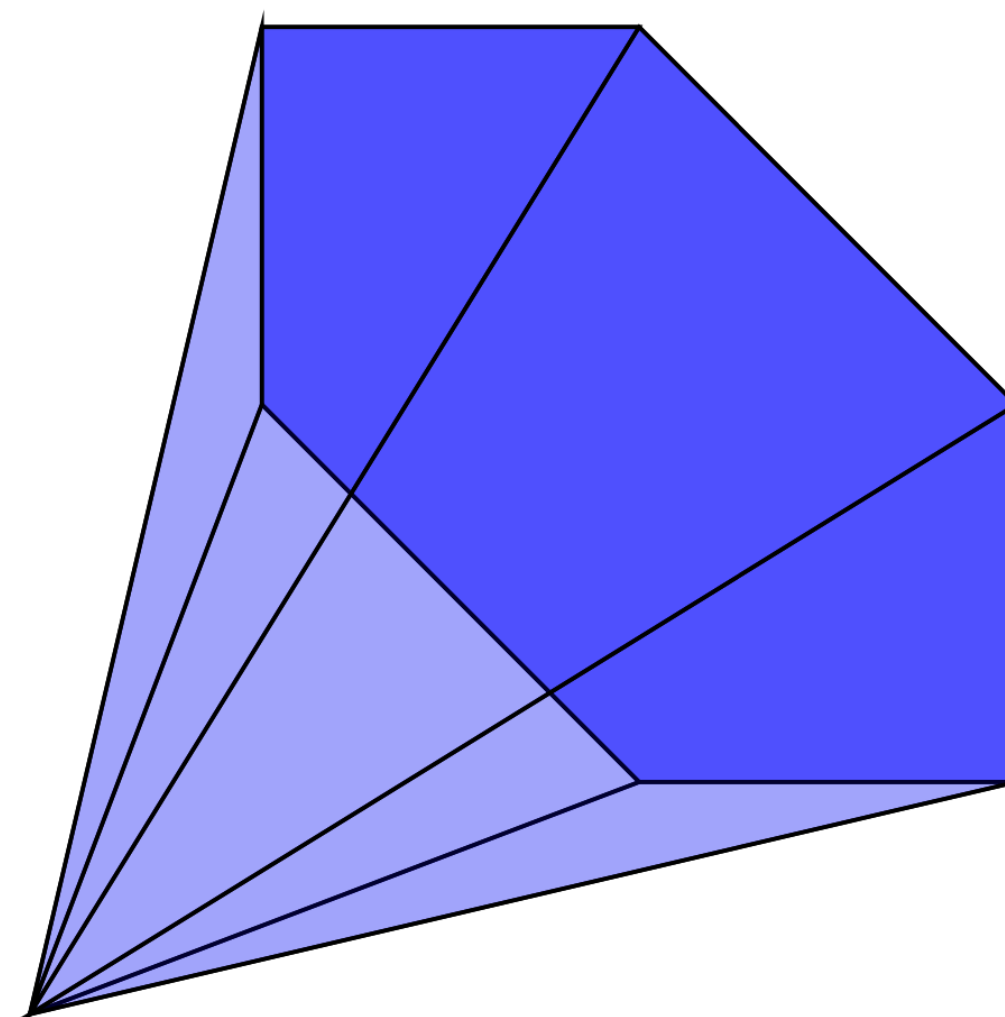
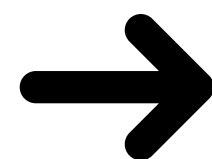
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f = -x*y^2 + 2*x*y^3 + 3*x^2*y - x^2*y^3 - 2*x^3*y + 3*x^3*y^2
L = s*log(f) + v[1]*log(x) + v[2]*log(y)
F = System(differentiate(L, [x;y]), parameters = [s;v])
monodromy_solve(F)
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f = -x*y^2 + 2*x*y^3 + 3*x^2*y - x^2*y^3 - 2*x^3*y + 3*x^3*y^2
L = s*log(f) + v[1]*log(x) + v[2]*log(y)
F = System(differentiate(L, [x;y]), parameters = [s;v])
monodromy_solve(F)
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For generic choices of the parameters:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{vol}(\text{Conv}(A)) = \chi(X) = 6$$

Example:

$$X = X(3,7) = \text{Gr}(3,7)^\circ / (\mathbb{C}^*)^7$$

Moduli space of 7 points in \mathbb{P}^2 in linearly general position

$$M_{3,7} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & x_5 & x_6 & x_7 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & y_5 & y_6 & y_7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$i \qquad j \qquad k$

$$\ell = \binom{7}{3} = 35, n = 6$$

$$\int_{\Gamma} \left(\prod_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq 7} p_{ijk}(x, y)^{s_{ijk} + a_{ijk}} x^{\nu_1 + b_1} y^{\nu_2 + b_2} \right) \frac{dx}{x} \wedge \frac{dy}{y}$$

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$$\chi(X(3,7)) = 1272$$

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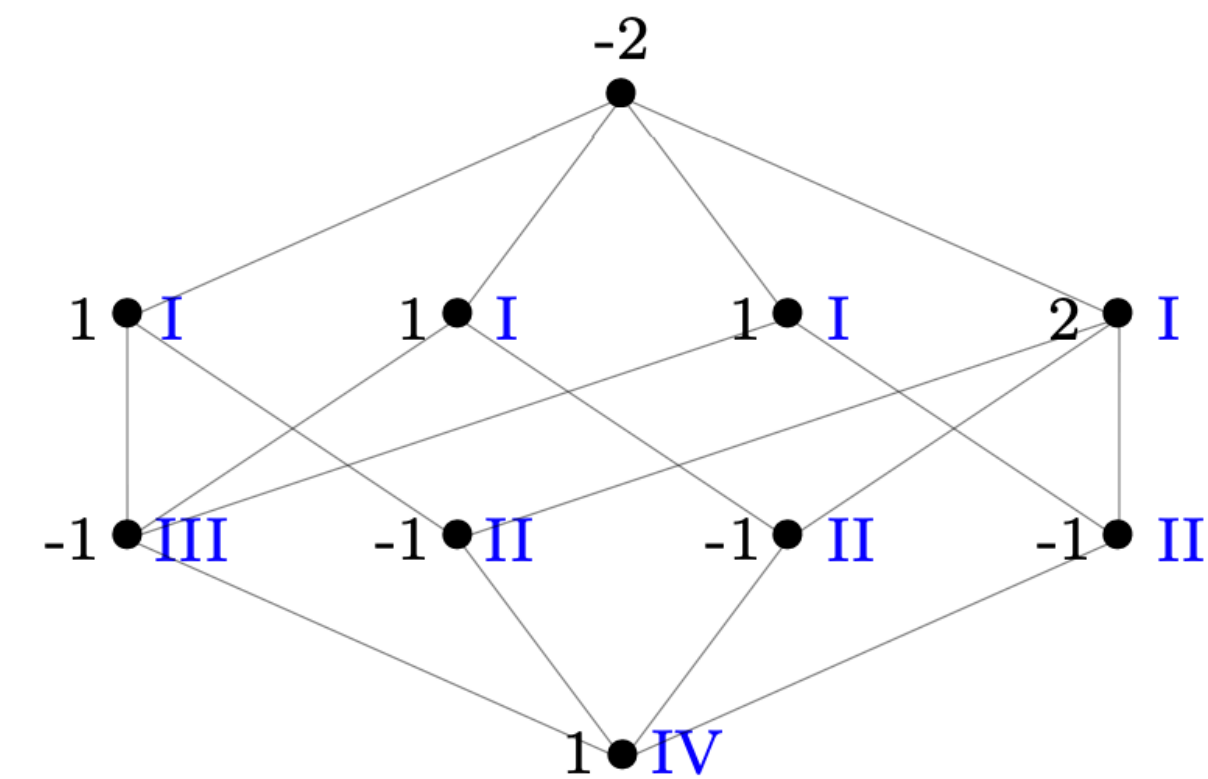
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True for $k = 2!$

For $k \geq 3$, $\pi_{k,m}$ is a **stratified** fibration:

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- Spectrahedra in **optimization**;
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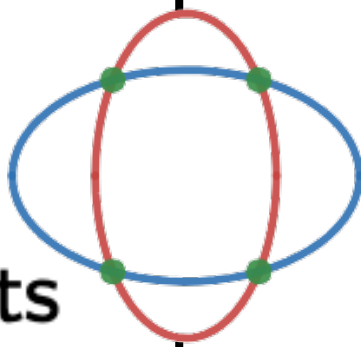
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Segre symbol	quadrics P, Q	variety in \mathbb{P}^2
$[1, 1, 1]$	$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2$ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$	four reduced points
$[2, 1]$	$2axy + y^2 + cz^2$ $2xy + z^2$	one double point, two others
$[3]$	$2axz + ay^2 + 2yz$ $2xz + y^2$	one triple point, one other
$[(1, 1), 1]$	$a(x^2 + y^2) + cz^2$ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$	two double points
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Theorem (F., Mandelshtam, Sturmfels):

Let \mathcal{L} be a pencil of quadric with Segre symbol $\sigma = [\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r]$. Then

$$\text{mld}(\mathcal{L}) = r - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rml}d(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_{i=1}^r \sigma_{i1} + r - 3$$

$$n = 4$$

Segre symbol	(mld, rml)	quadrics P, Q	variety in \mathbb{P}^3
[1, 1, 1, 1]	(3, 5)	$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + du^2$ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2$	<i>elliptic curve</i>
[2, 1, 1]	(2, 4)	$2axy + y^2 + cz^2 + du^2$ $2xy + z^2 + u^2$	<i>nodal curve</i>
[(1,1), 1, 1]	(2, 3)	$a(x^2 + y^2) + cz^2 + du^2$ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2$	<i>two conics meet twice</i>
[3, 1]	(1, 3)	$2axz + ay^2 + 2yz + du^2$ $2xz + y^2 + u^2$	<i>cuspidal curve</i>
[2, 2]	(1, 3)	$2axy + y^2 + 2bzu + u^2$ $2xy + 2zu$	<i>twisted cubic with secant</i>
[(2, 1), 1]	(1, 2)	$2axy + y^2 + az^2 + du^2$ $2xy + z^2 + u^2$	<i>two tangent conics</i>
[4]	(0, 2)	$2axu + 2ayz + 2yu + z^2$ $2xu + 2yz$	<i>twisted cubic with tangent</i>
[2, (1, 1)]	(1, 2)	$2axy + y^2 + c(z^2 + u^2)$ $2xy + z^2 + u^2$	<i>conic meets two lines</i>
[(3, 1)]	(0, 1)	$2axz + ay^2 + 2yz + au^2$ $2xz + y^2 + u^2$	<i>conic and two lines concur</i>
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[(1, 1, 1), 1]	(1, 1)	$a(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + du^2$ $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2$	<i>double conic</i>
[(2, 2)]	(0, 0)	$2axy + y^2 + 2azu + u^2$ $2xy + 2zu$	<i>double line and two lines</i>
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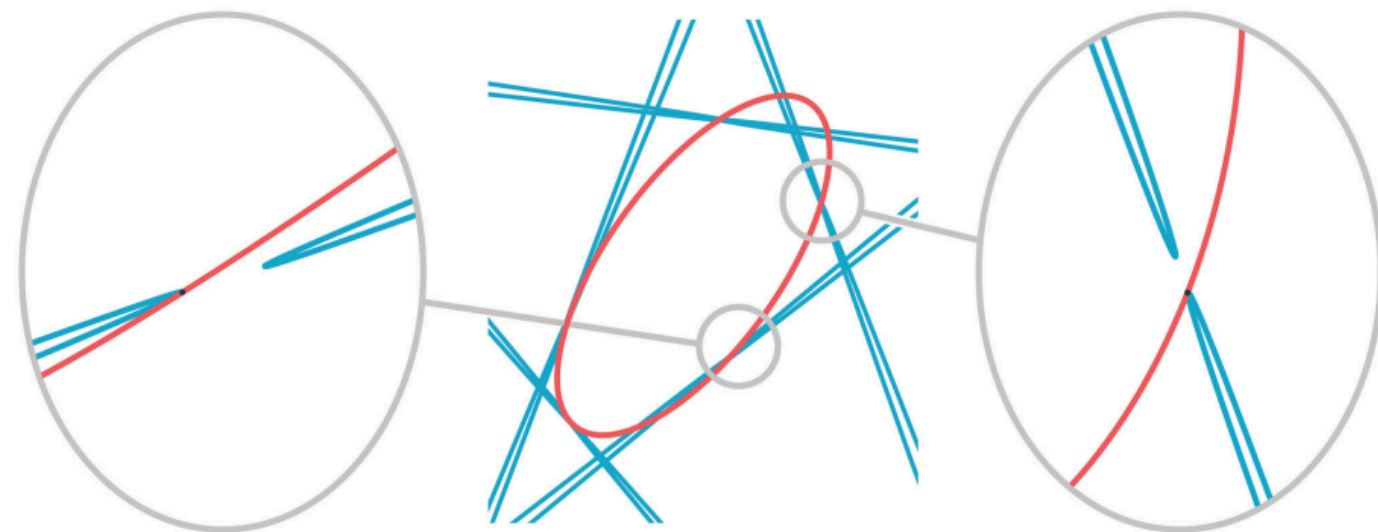
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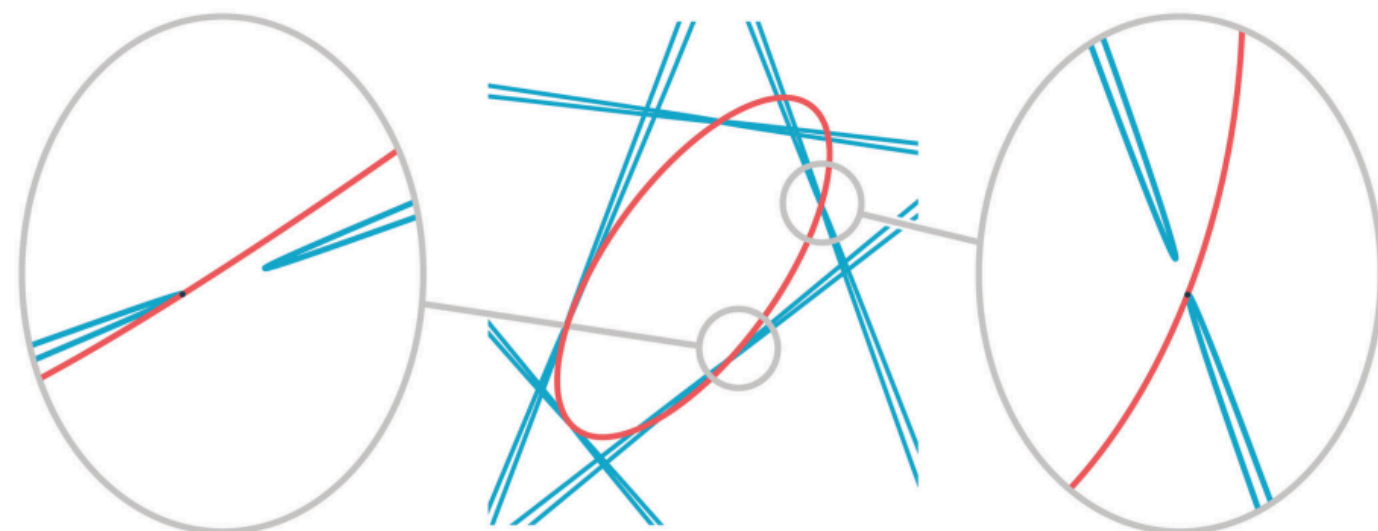
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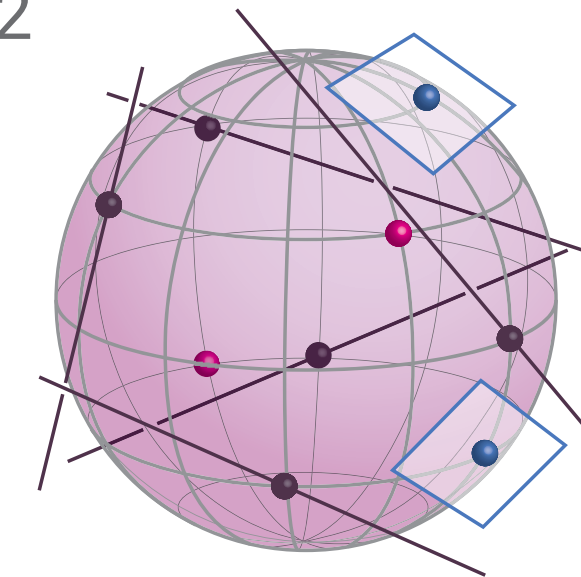
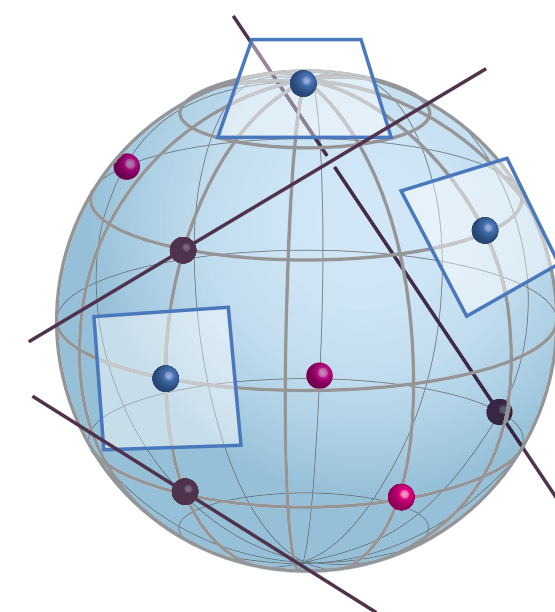
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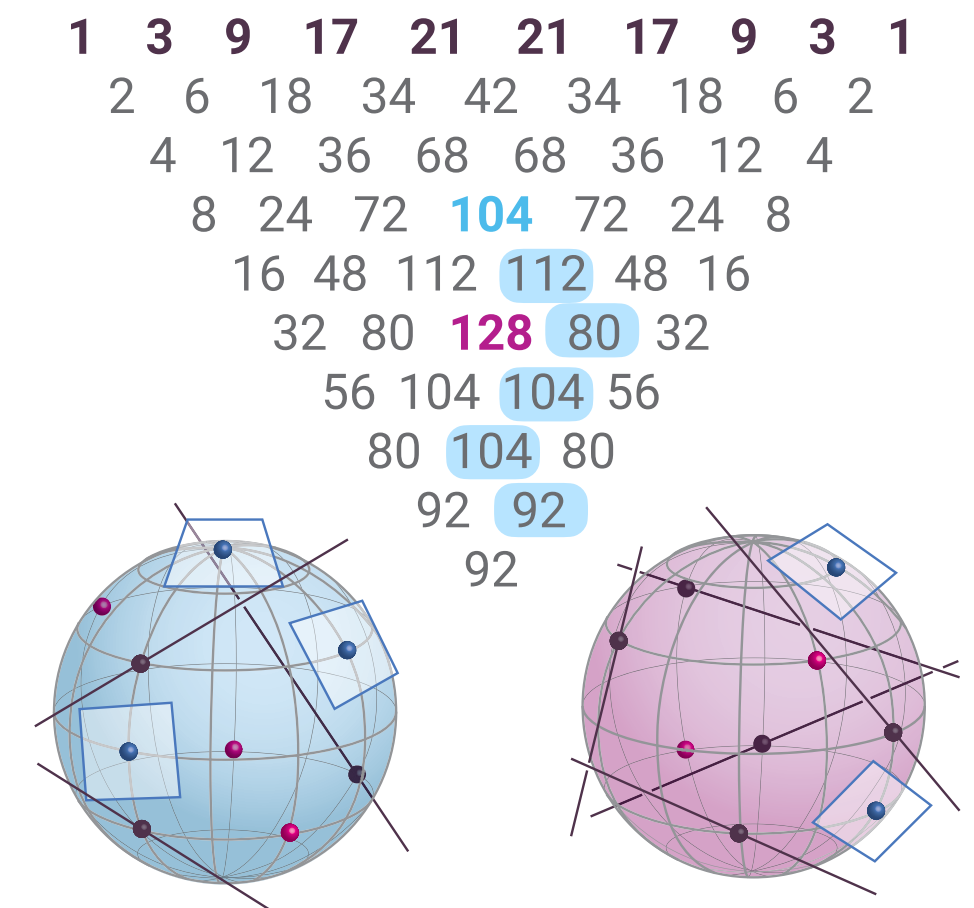
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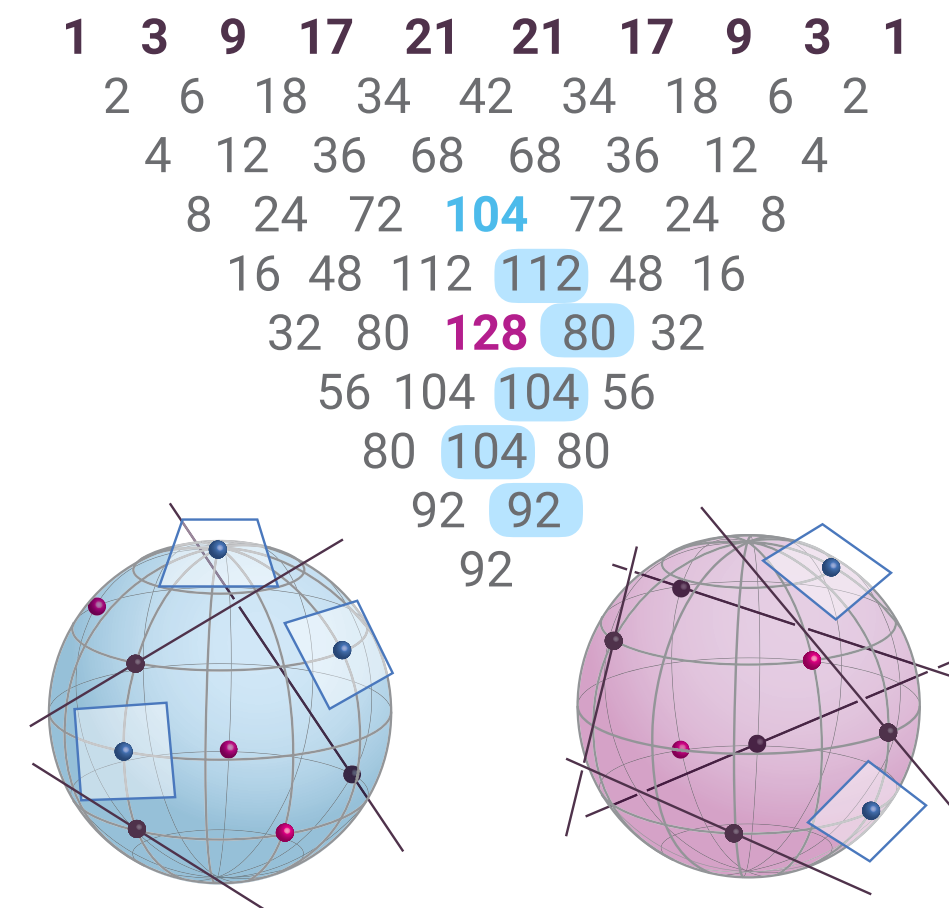
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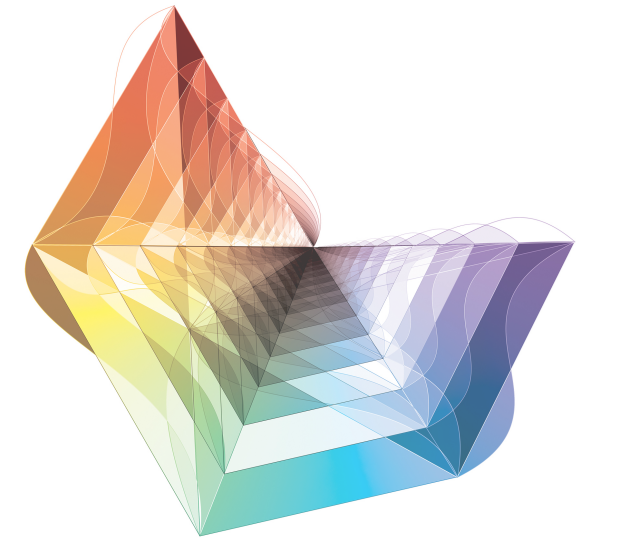
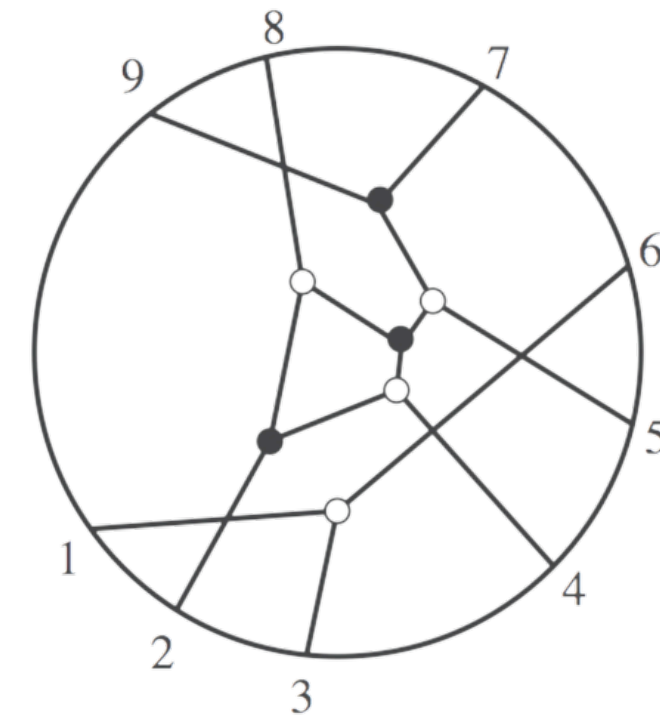
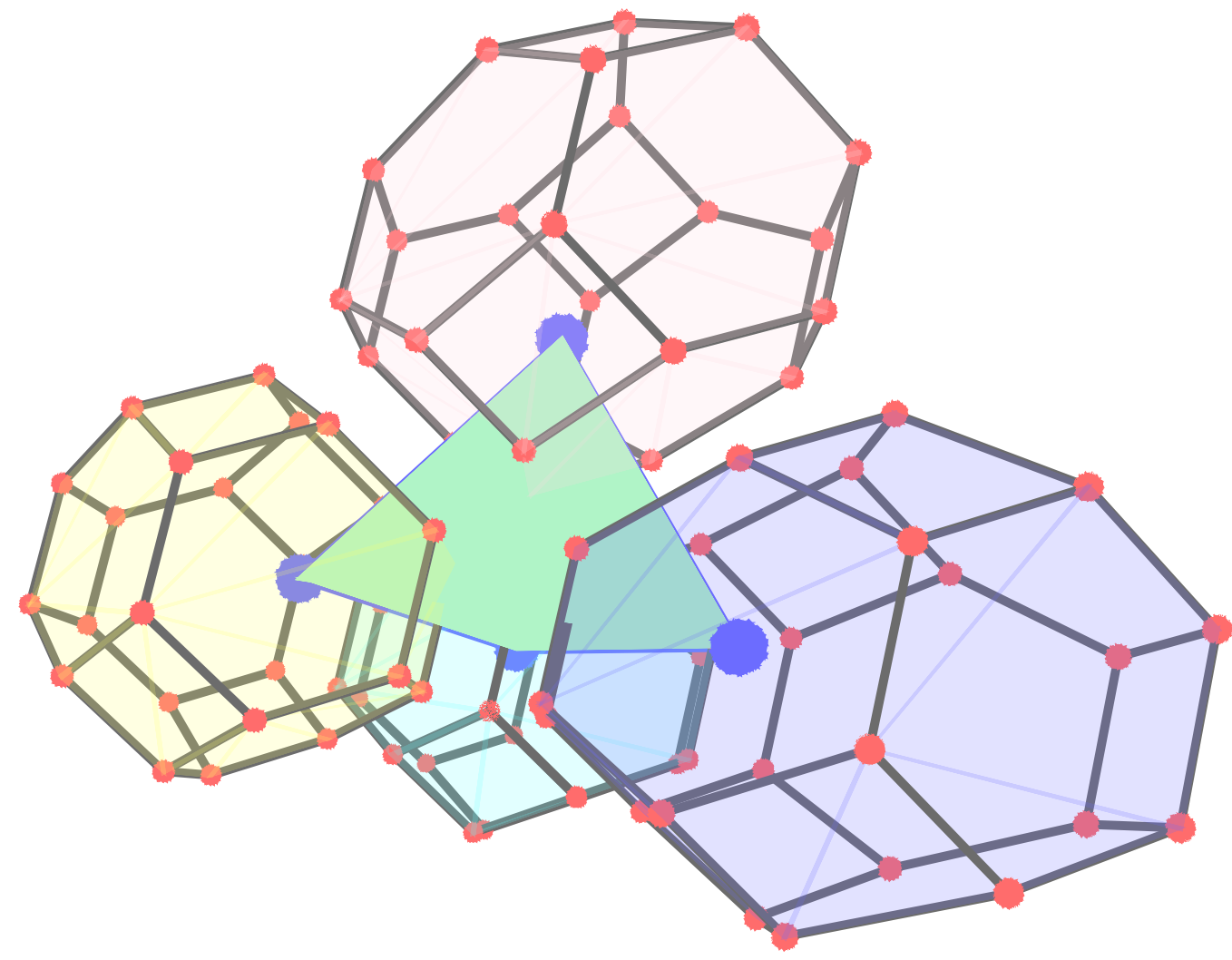
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Equations=System(vcat(Point_Conditions,  
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                    det(X)-D, Affine_Chart))  
  
C=certify(Equations,S)
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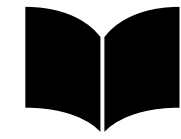
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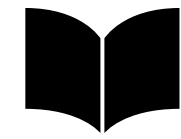
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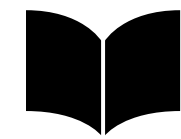


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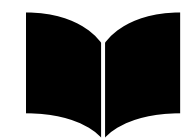


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