

# The tropical bifurcation set of polynomial maps on a plane

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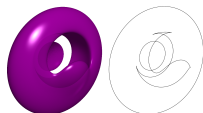
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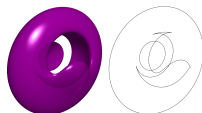
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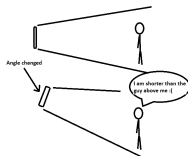
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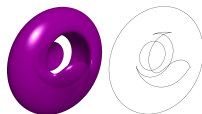
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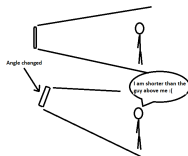
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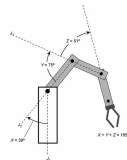


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Indeed, for some  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_8 \in \mathbb{Z}[\ell_1, \dots, \ell_4]$ , we get:

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Conjecture

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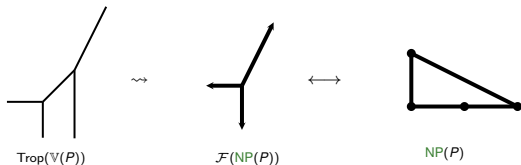
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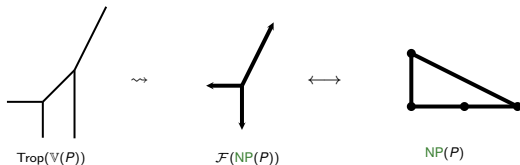
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  - determines the dual fan  $\mathcal{F}(\text{NP}(P))$  [Kapranov– 2000]
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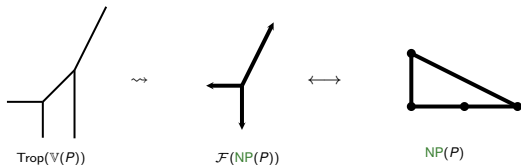
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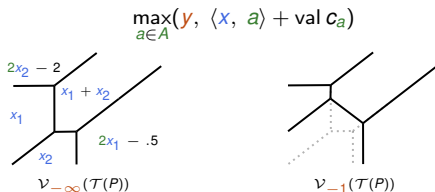
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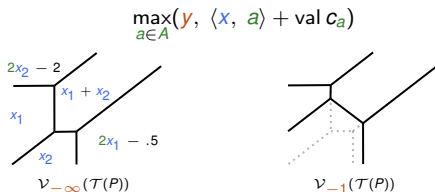


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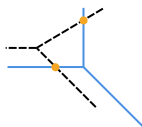
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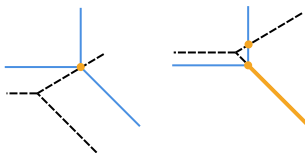
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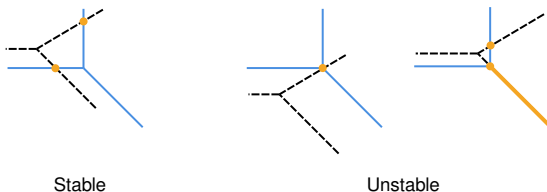
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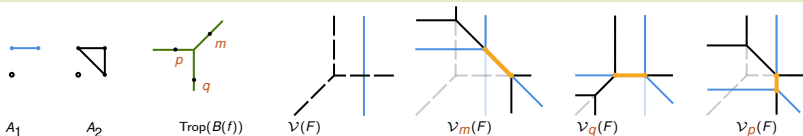
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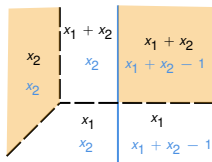
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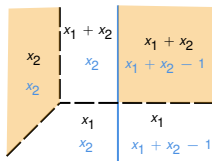
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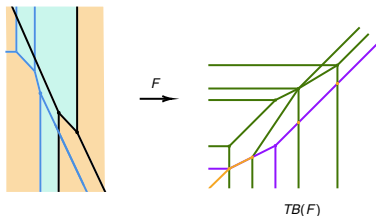
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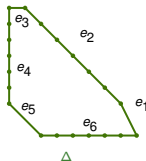
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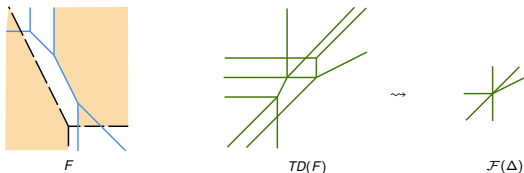
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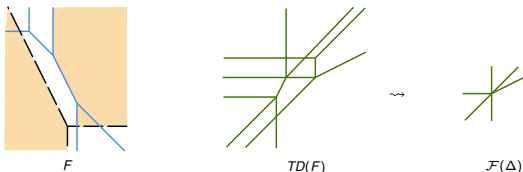
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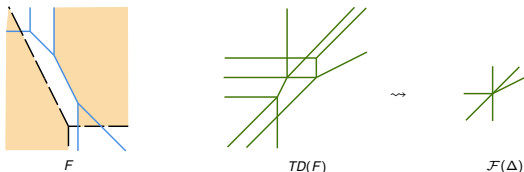
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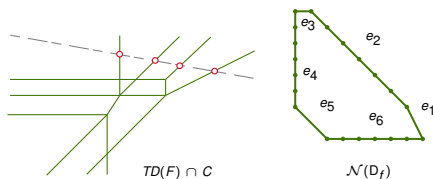
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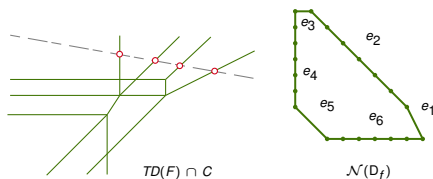
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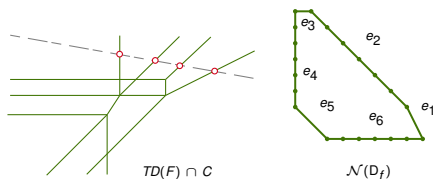
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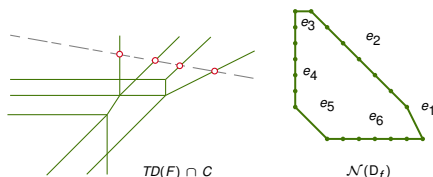
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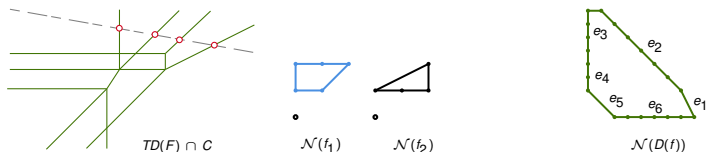
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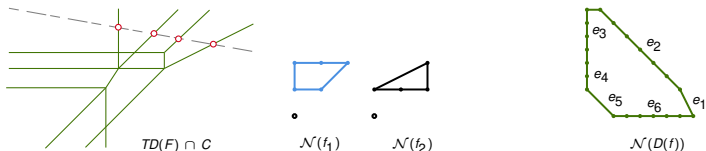


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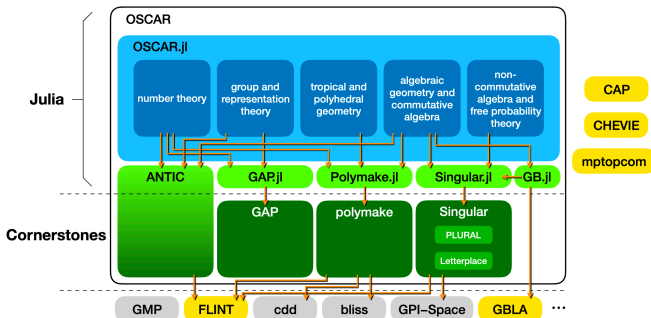
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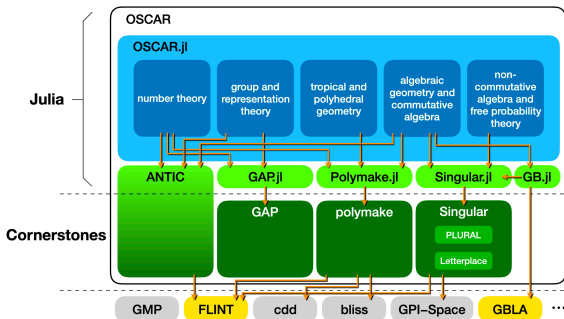
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