

A bijection for rooted maps on general surfaces

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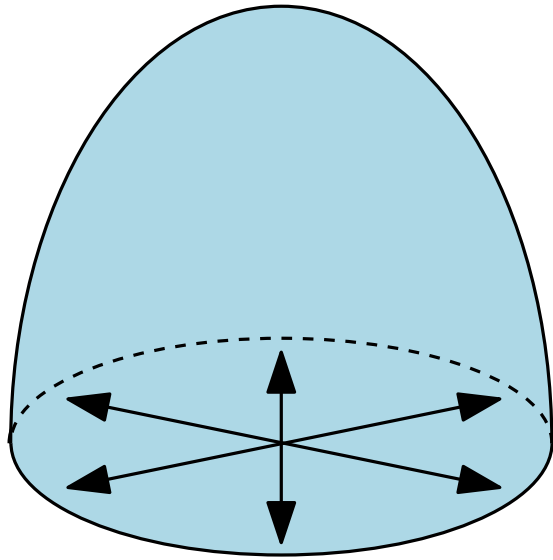
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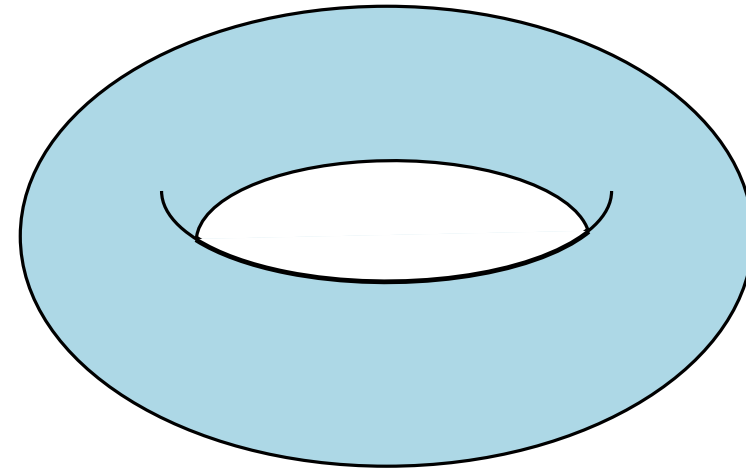
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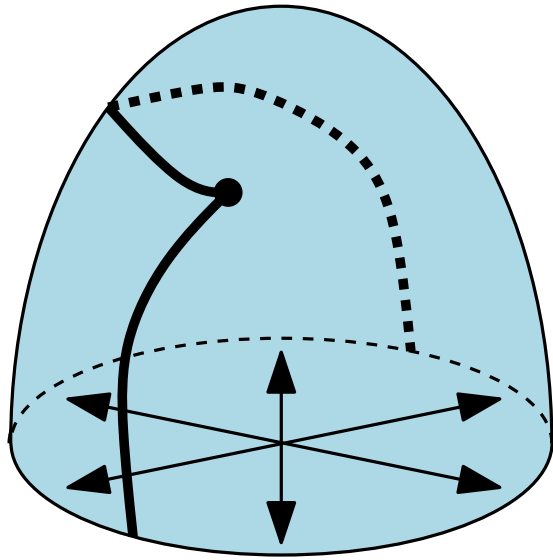
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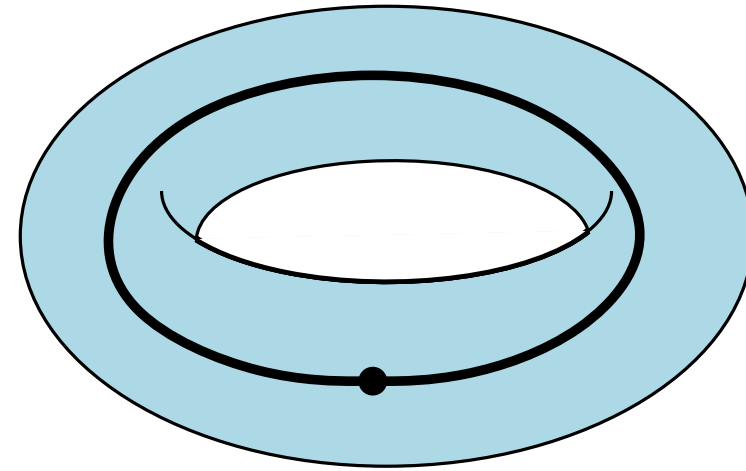
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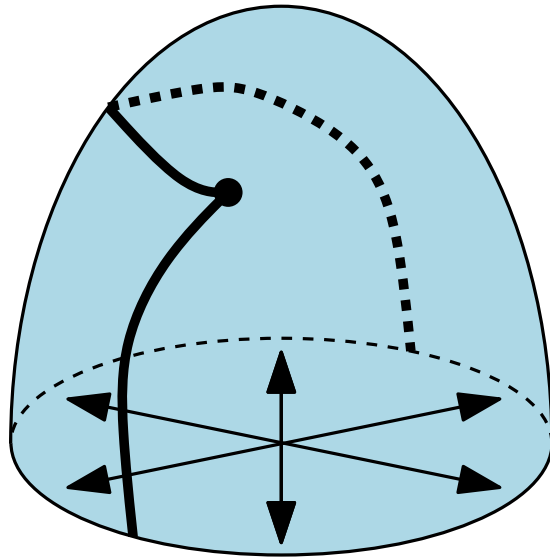
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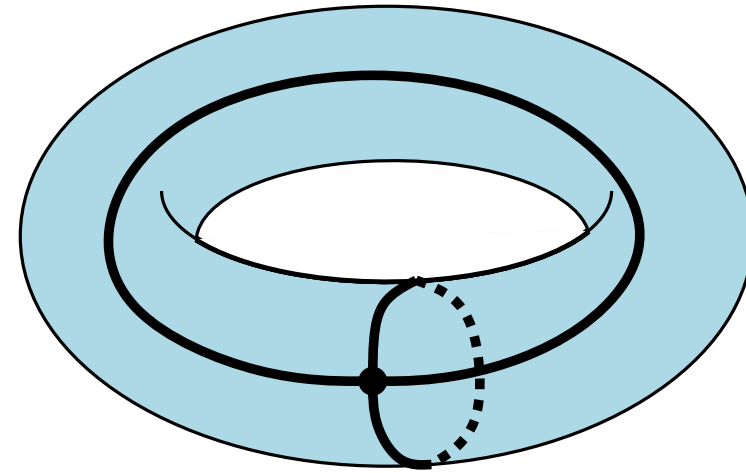
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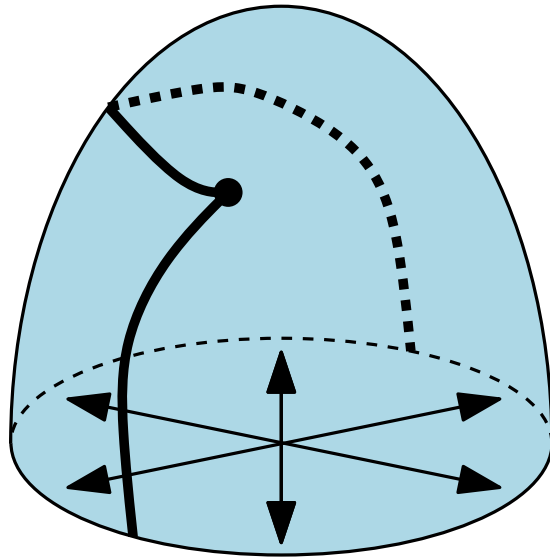
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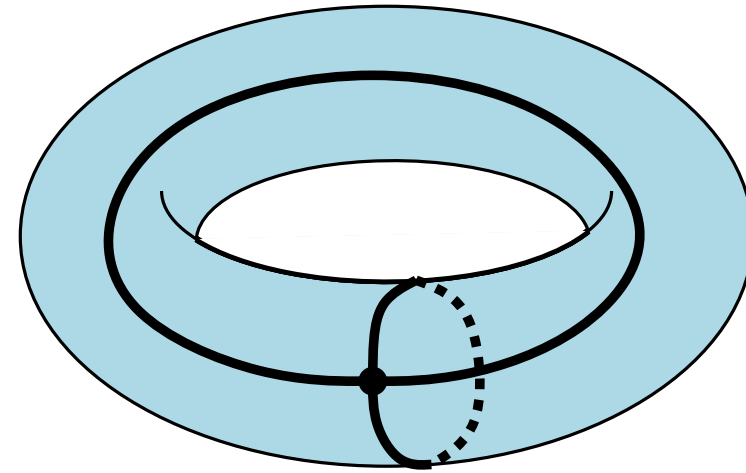
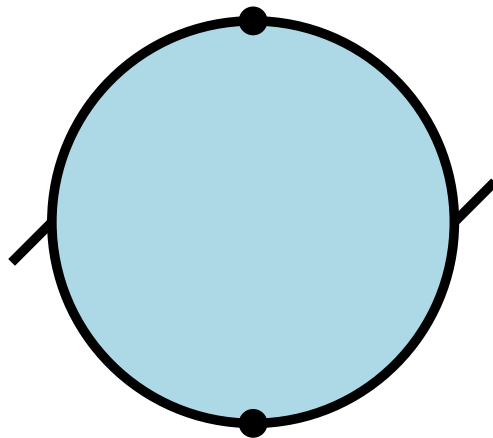
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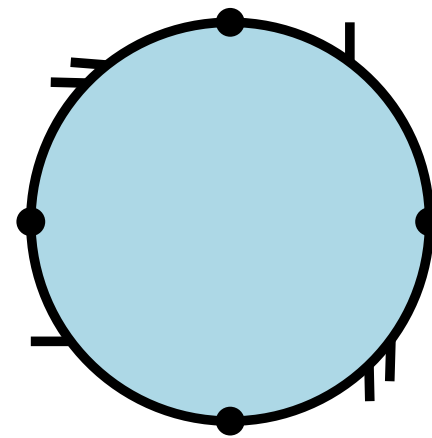
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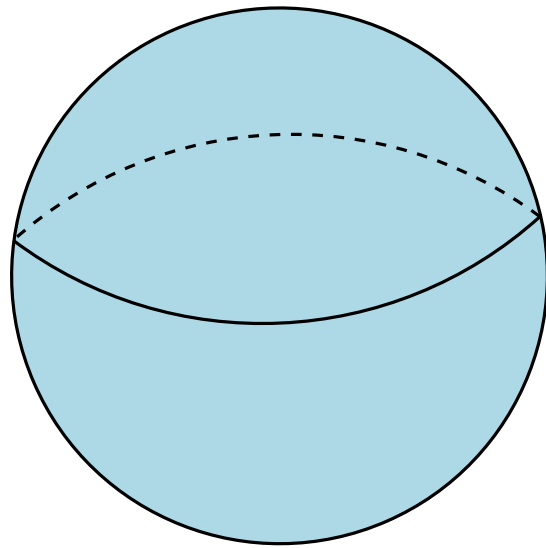
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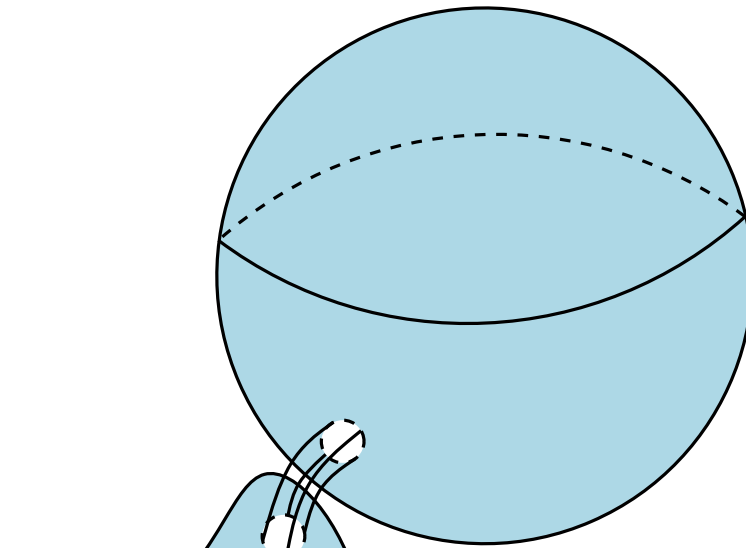
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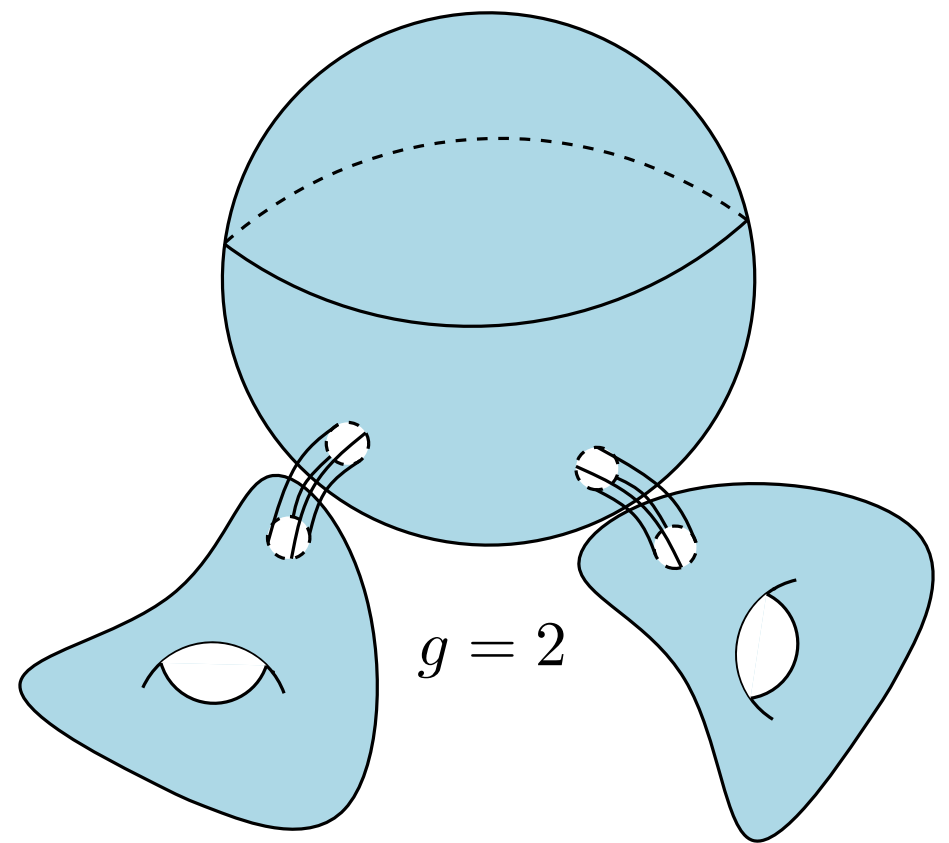
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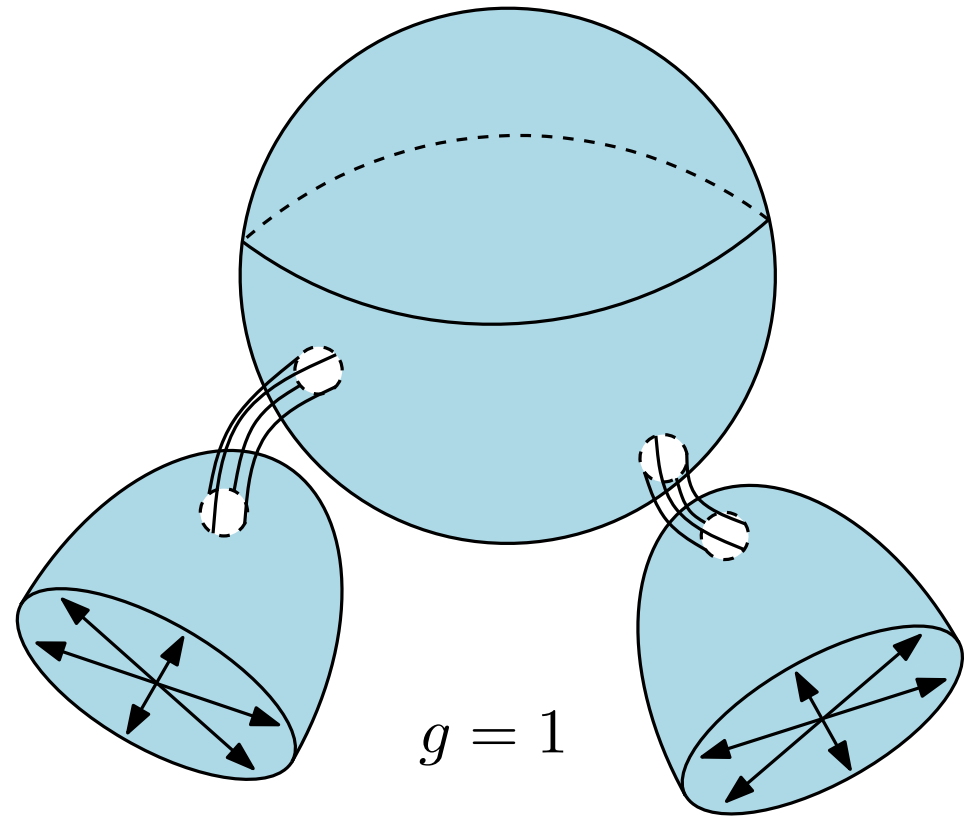
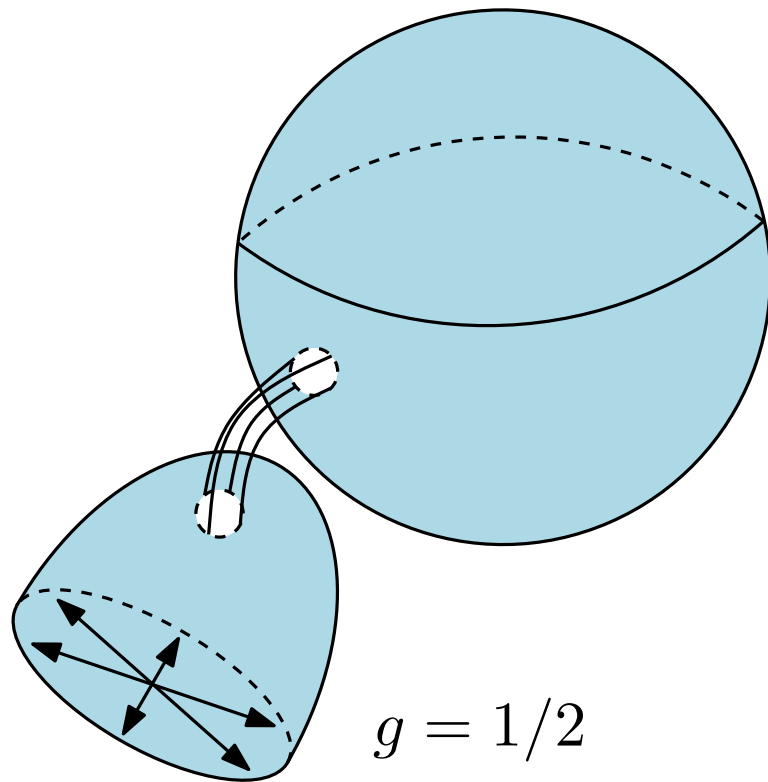


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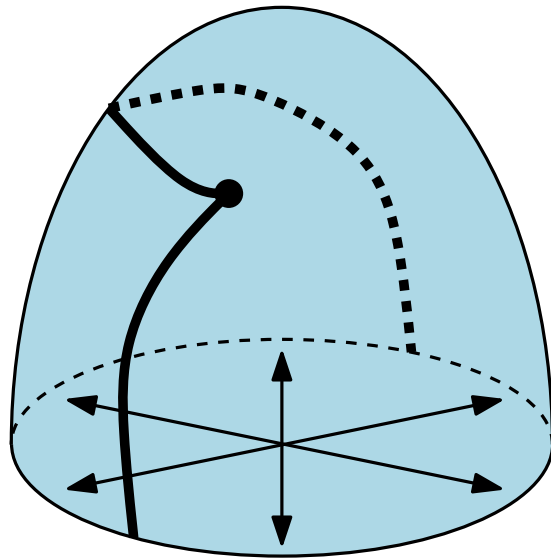
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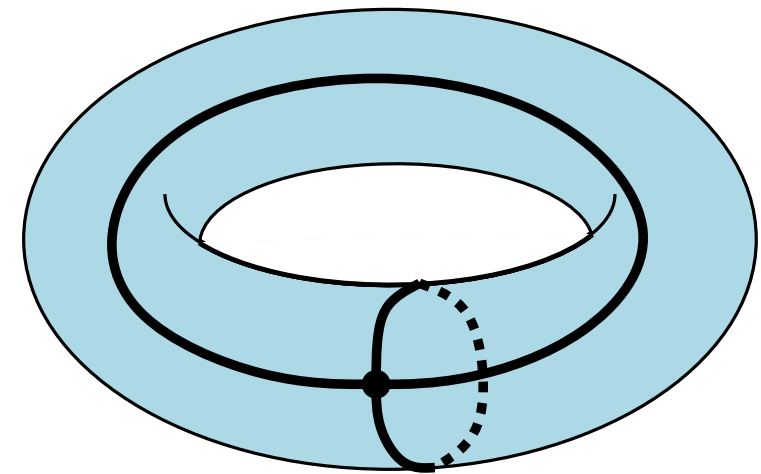
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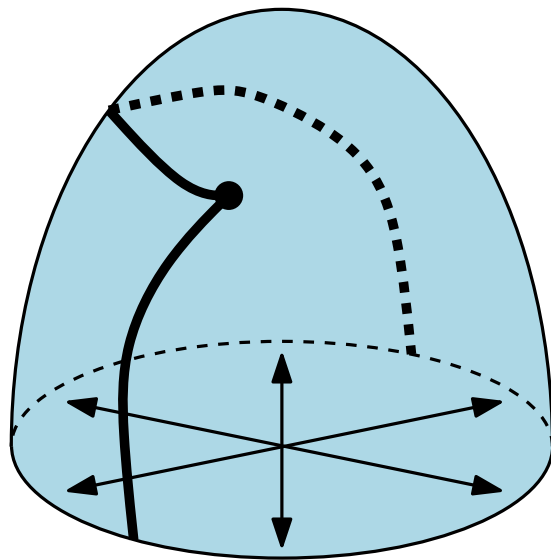
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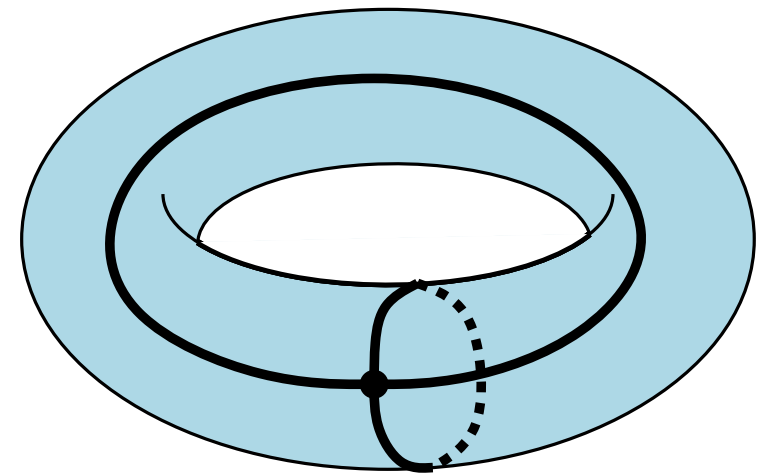
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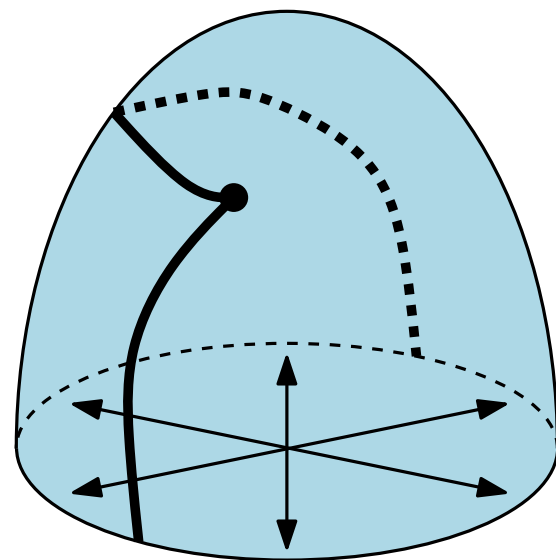
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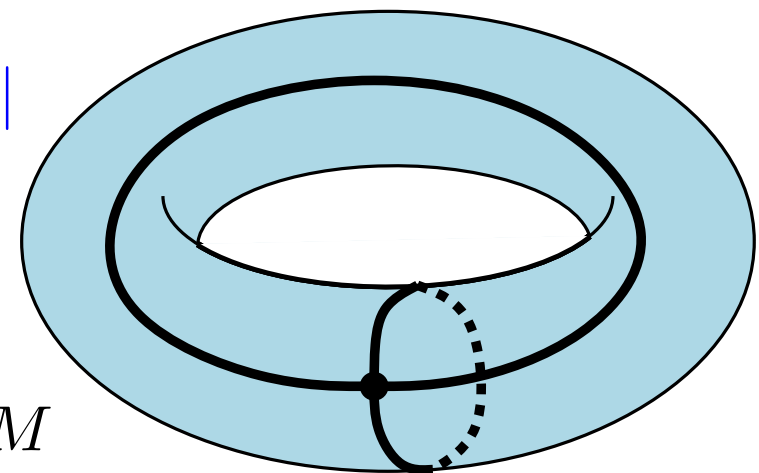
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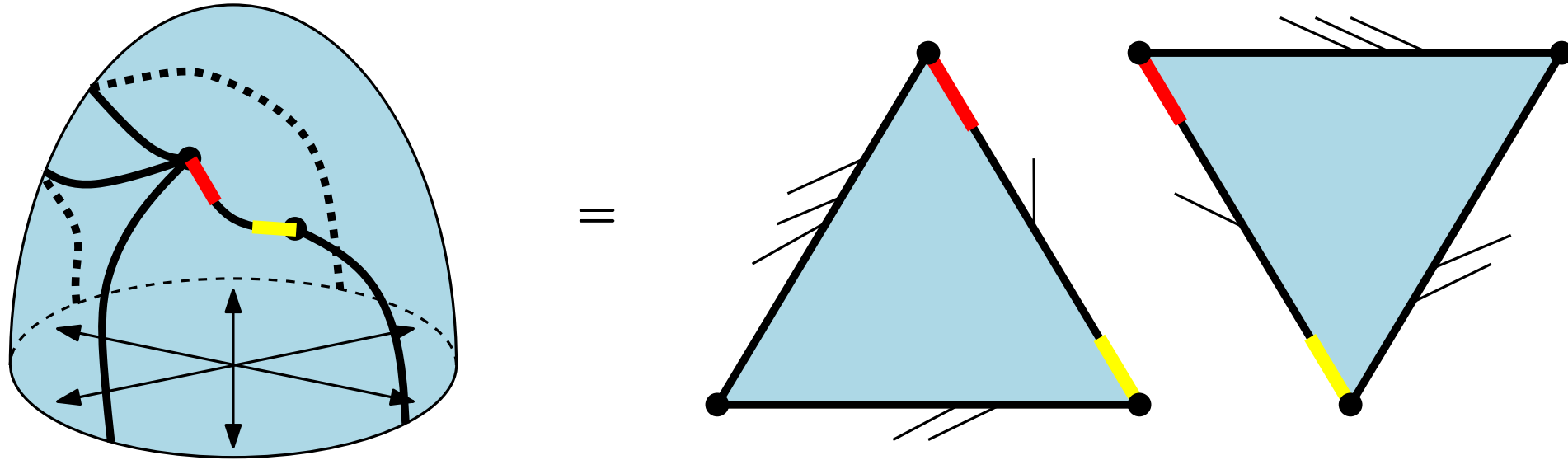
vertices of M



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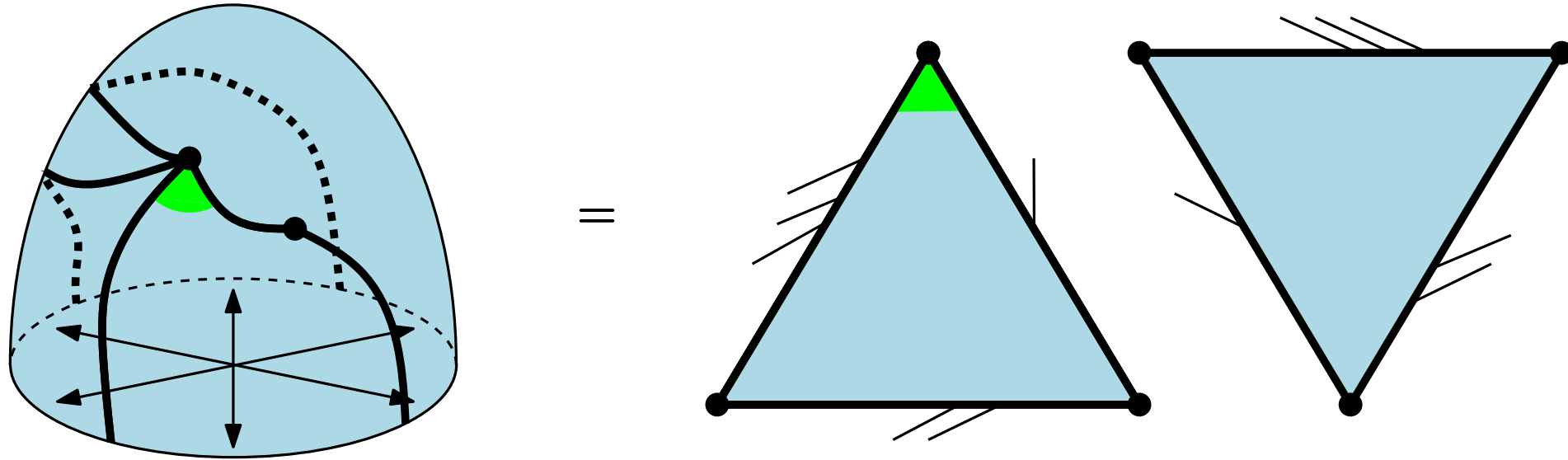
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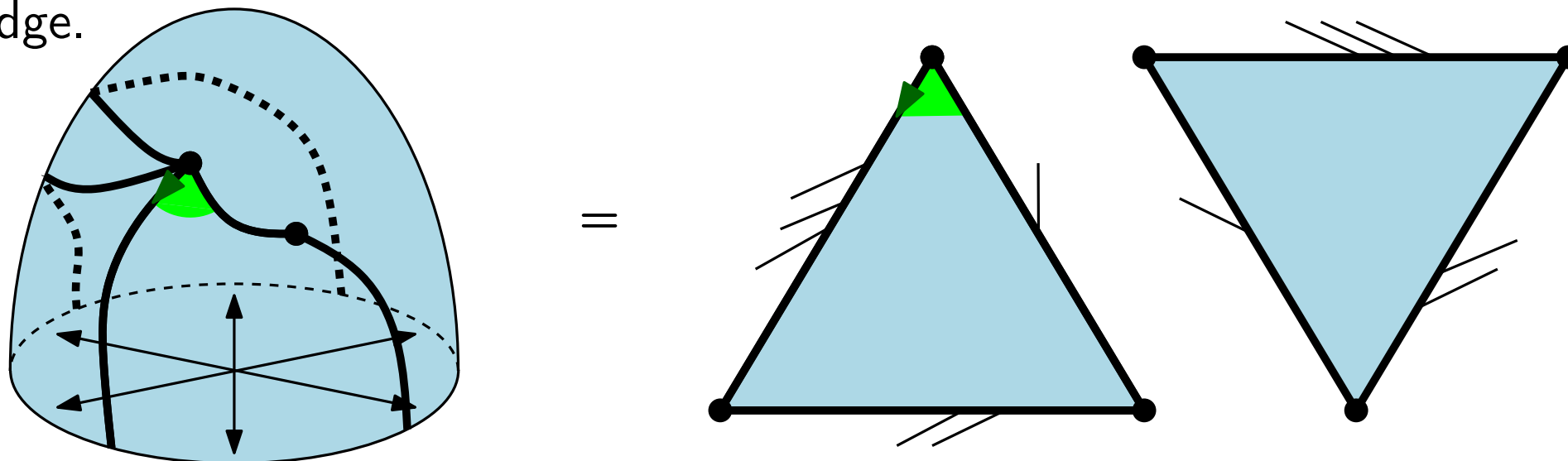
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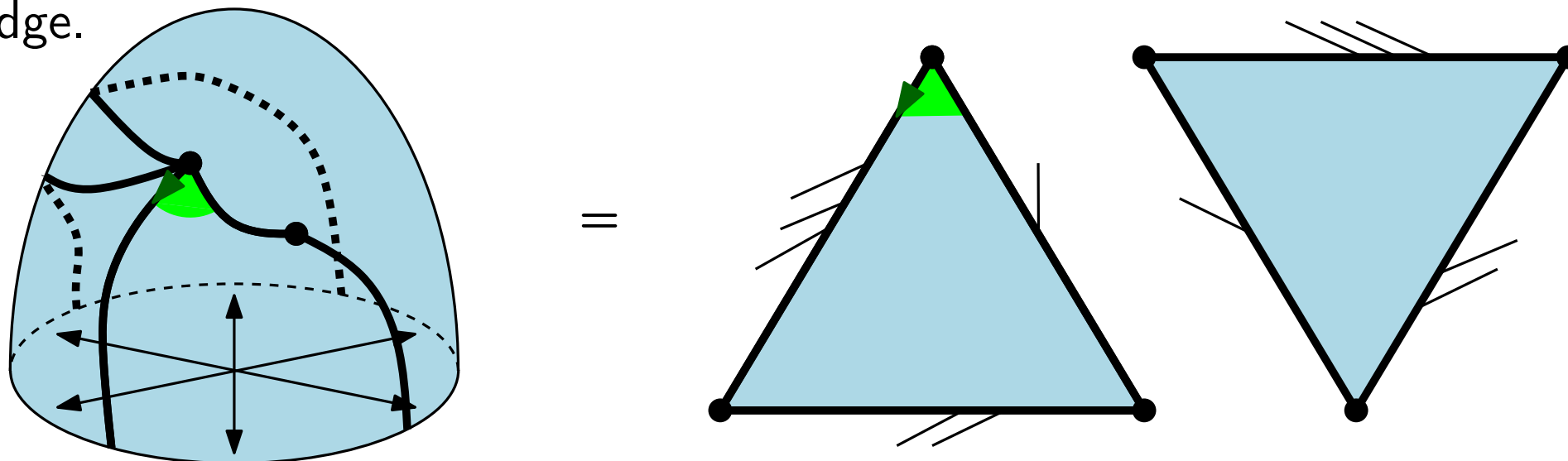
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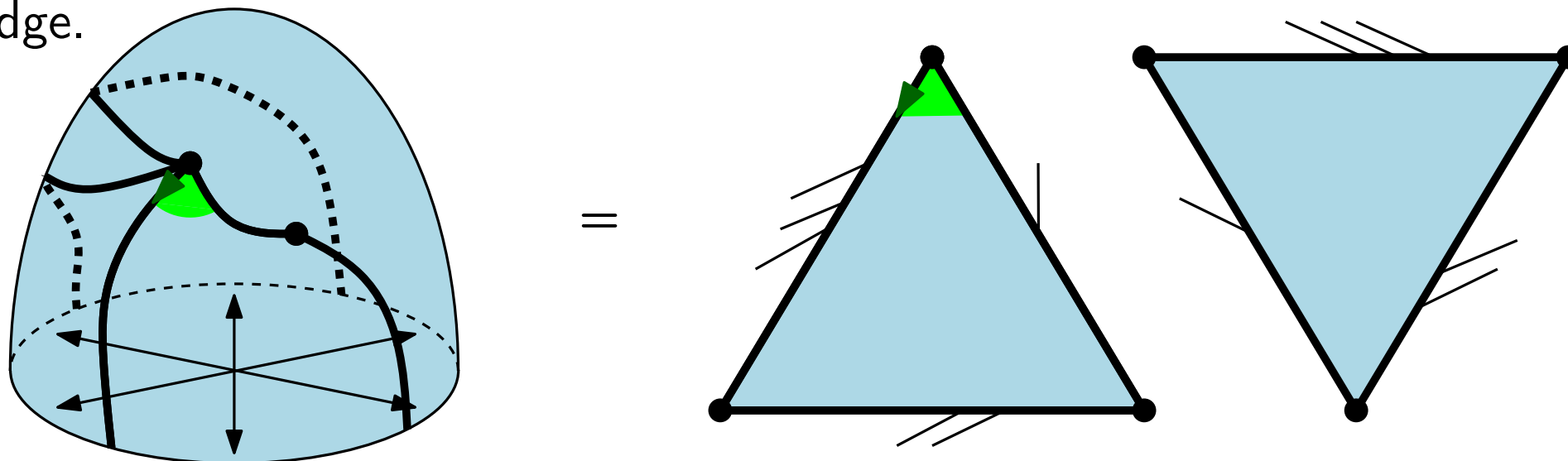
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Remark:

Tutte noticed that maps are much simpler to enumerate, when **rooted**, because of the lack of symmetry. From now on, all maps will be **rooted**!

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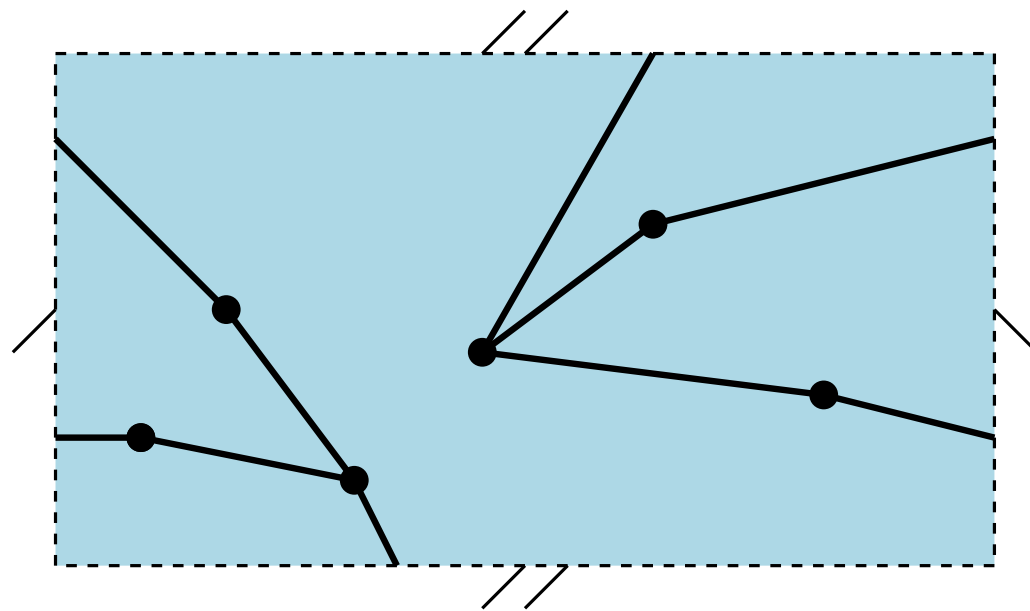
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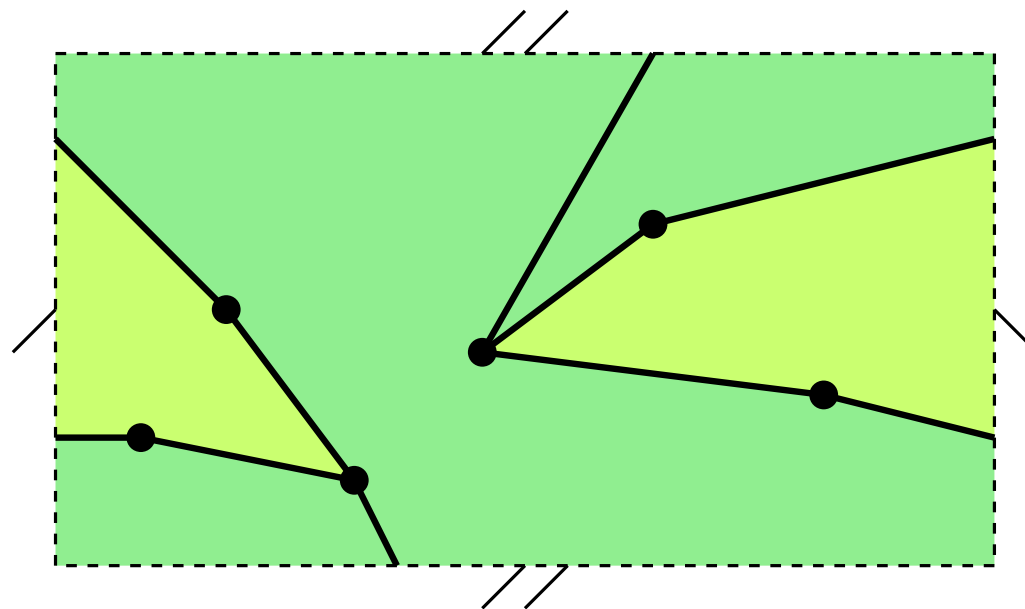
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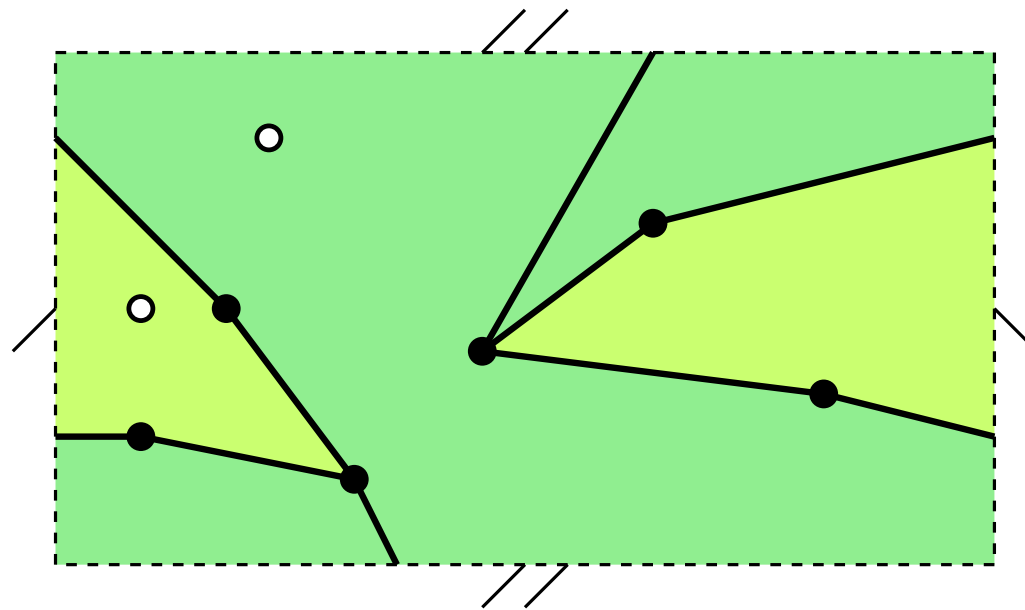
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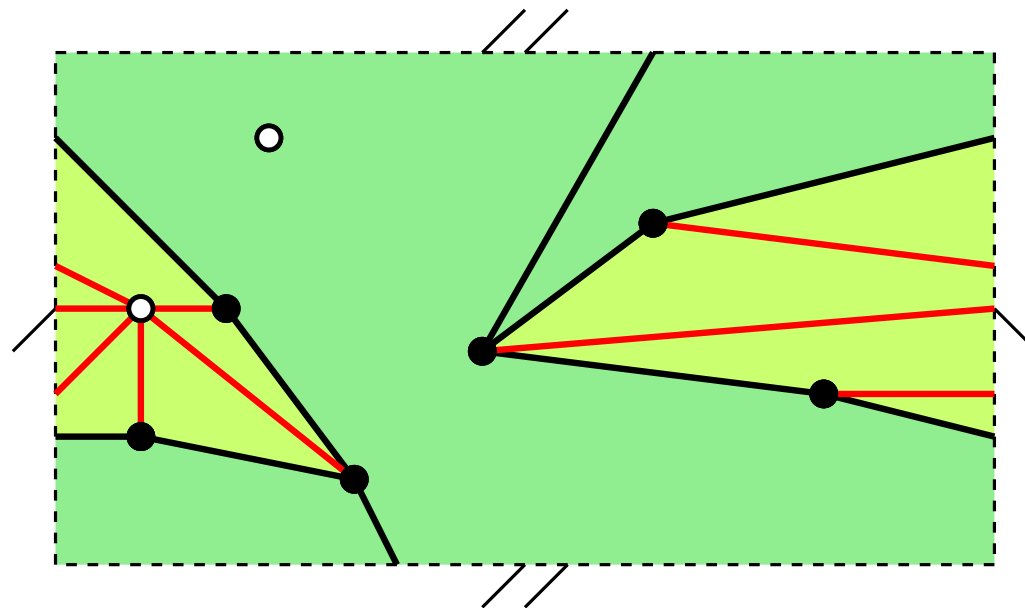
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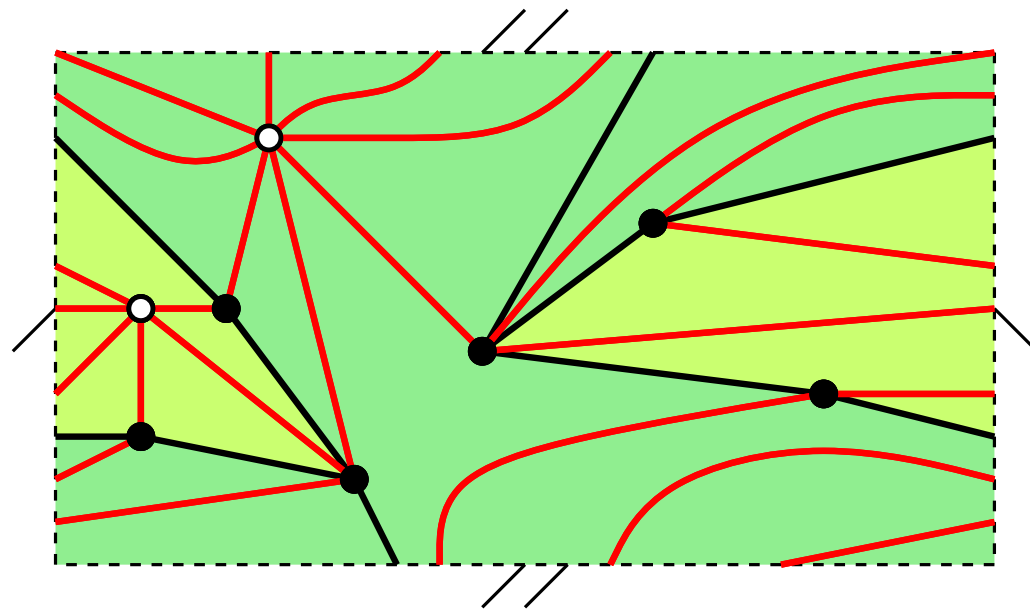
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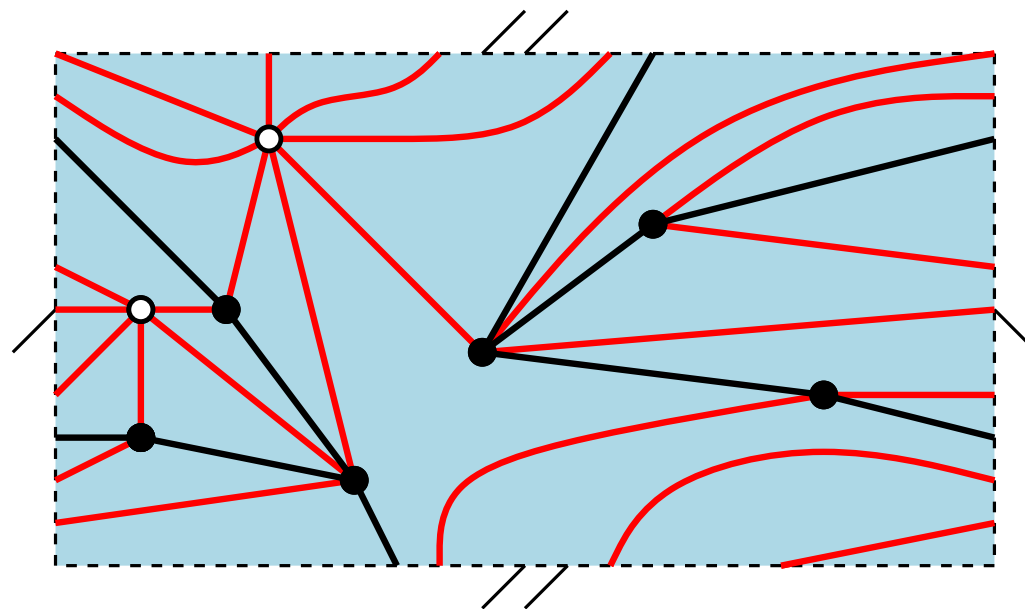
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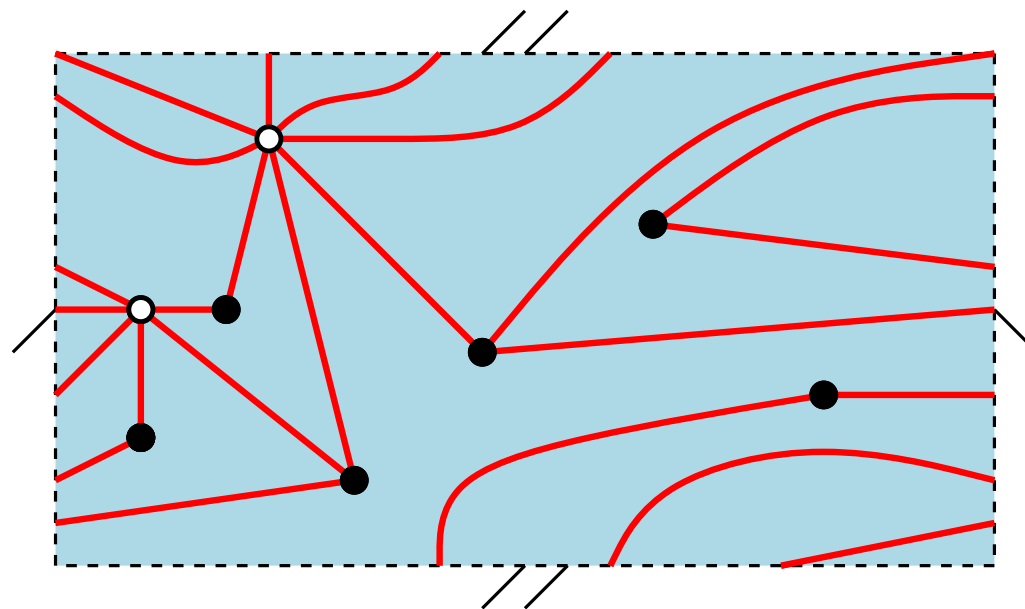
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II. Bijections for bipartite quadrangulations

Labeled and well-labeled maps

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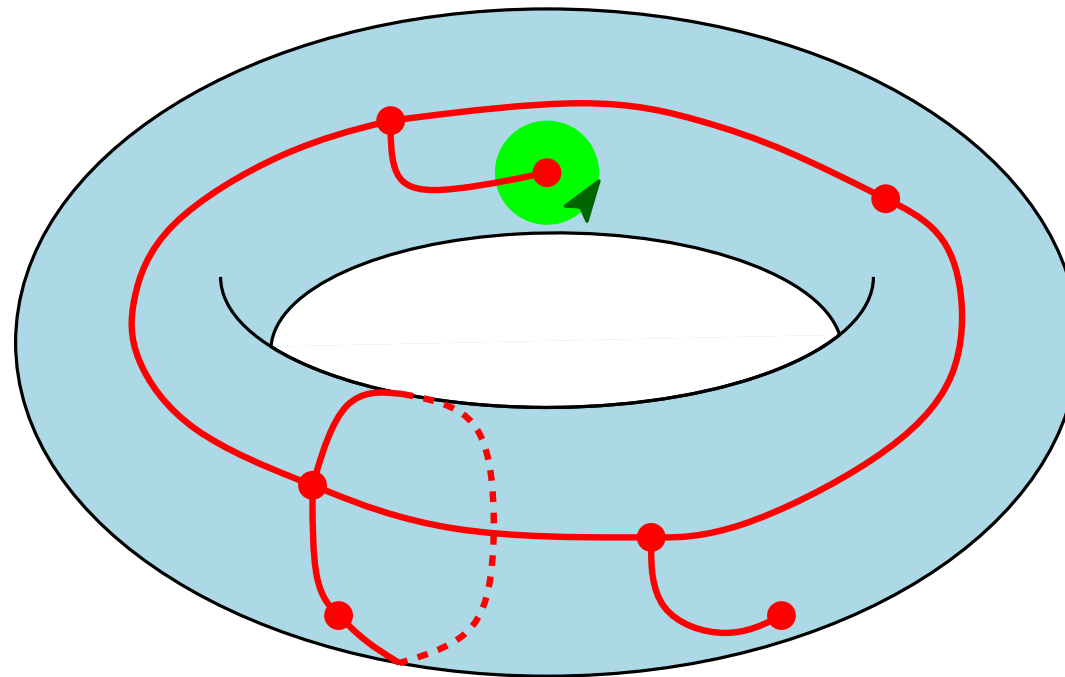
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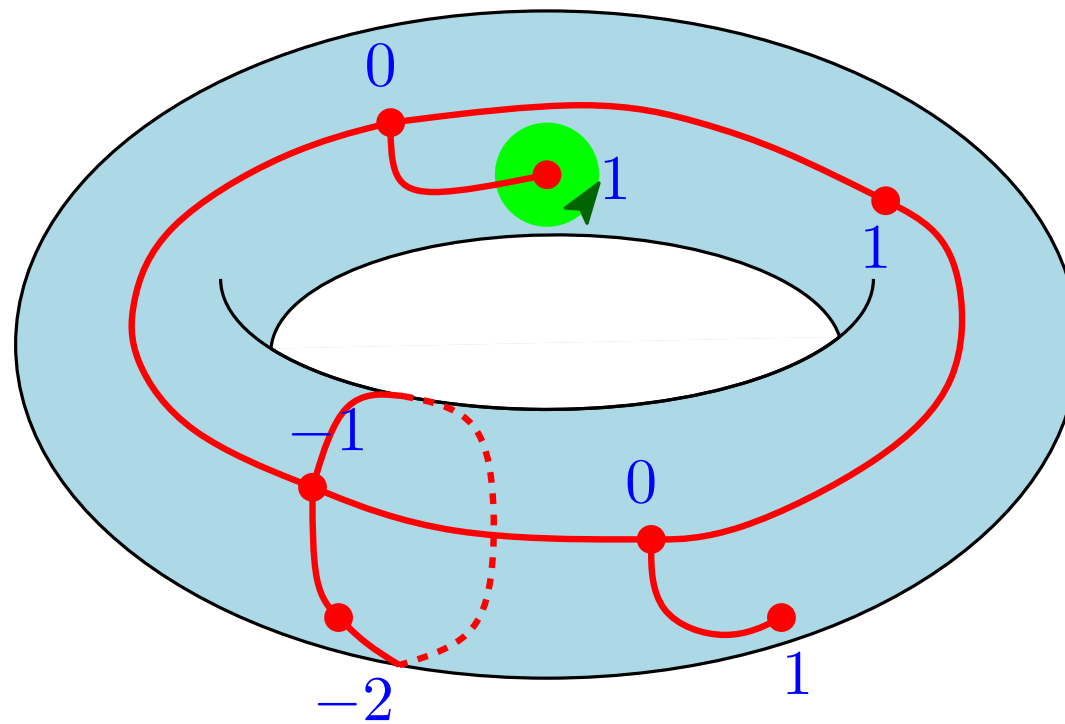
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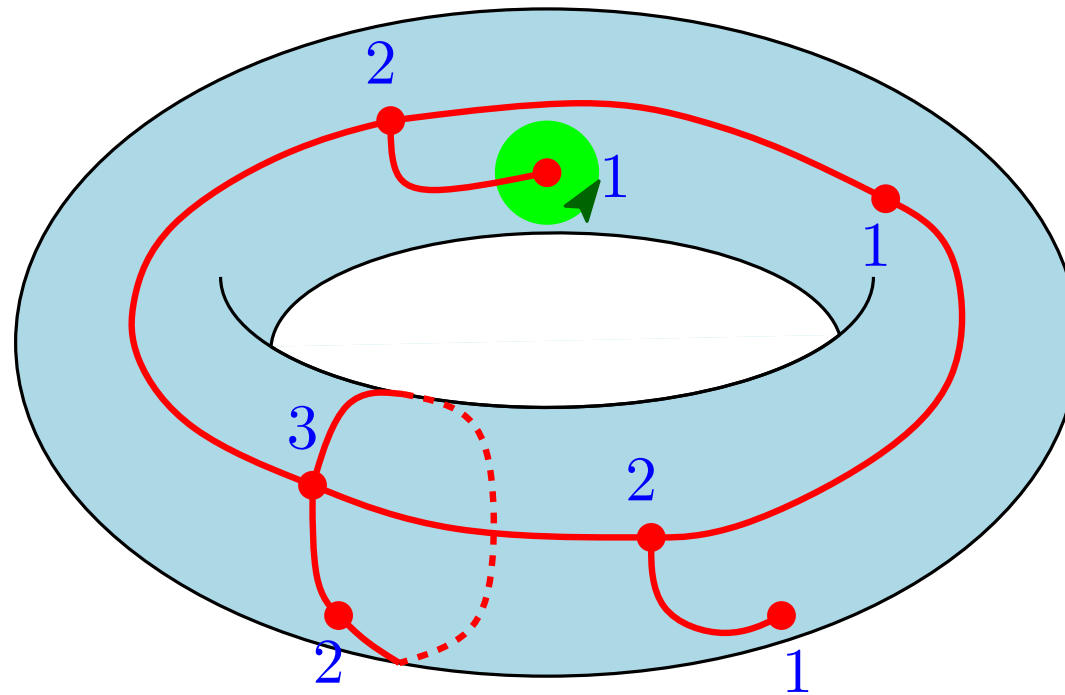
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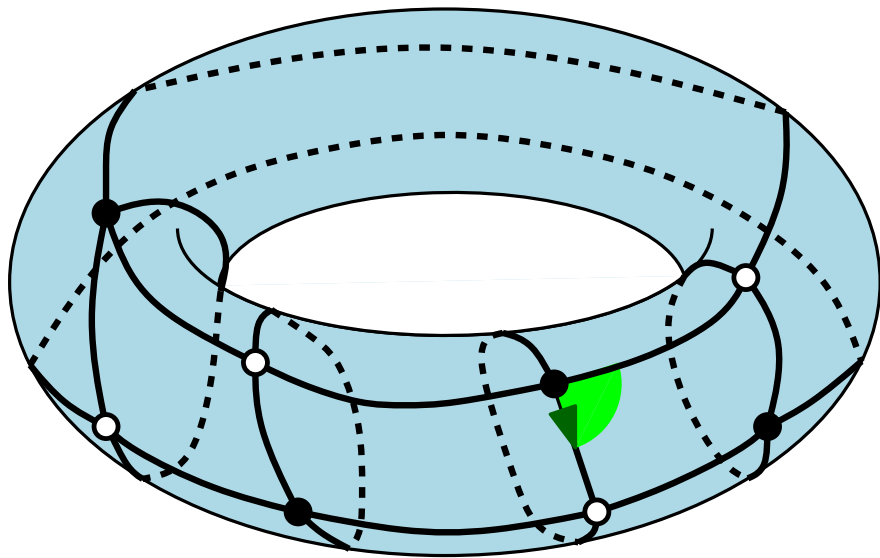
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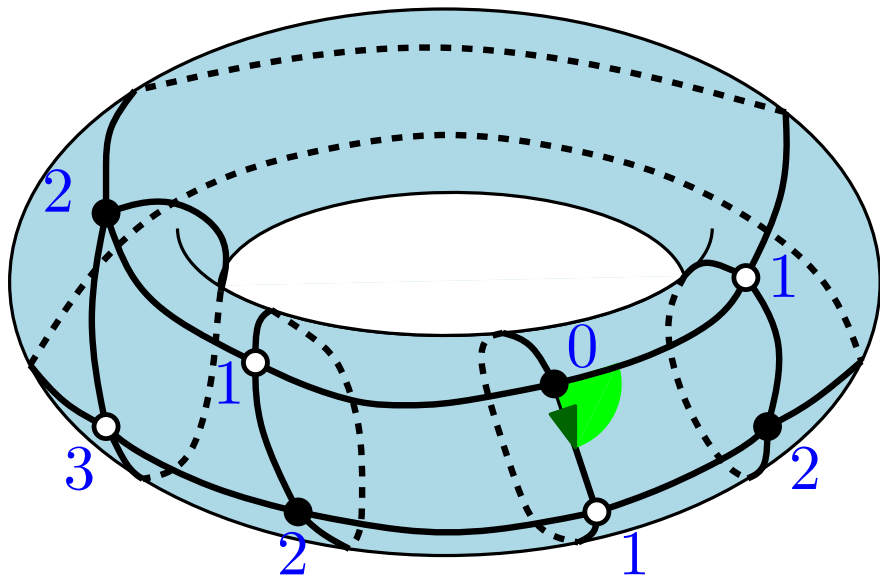


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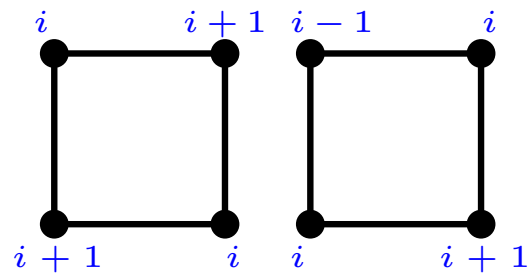
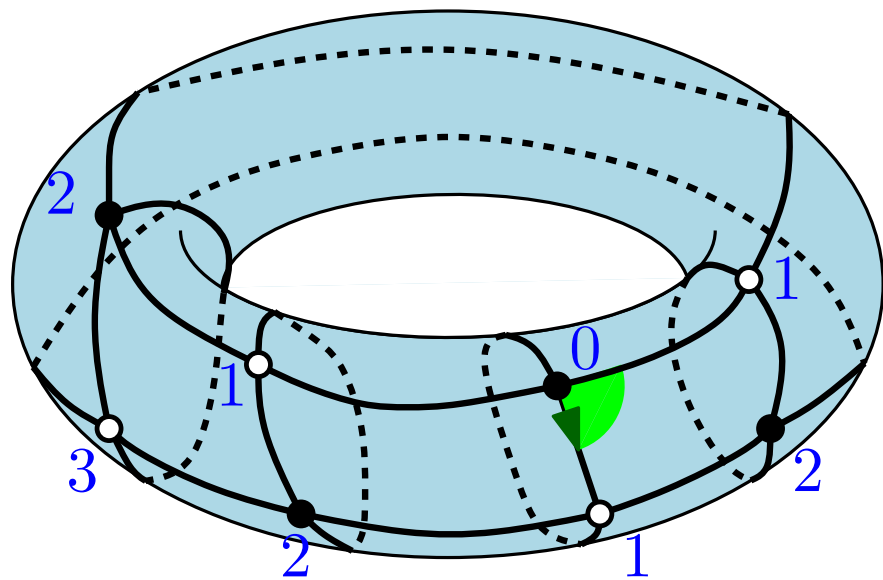


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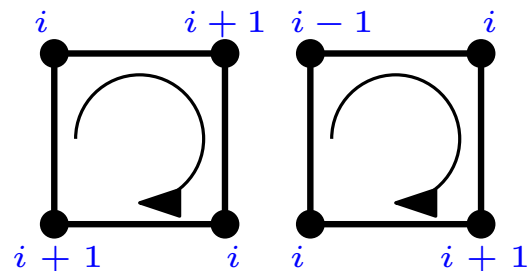
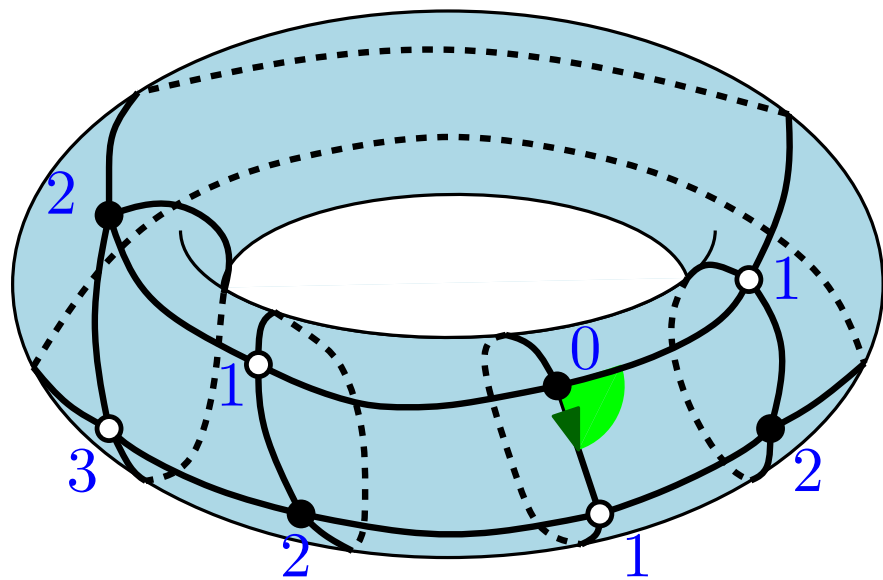


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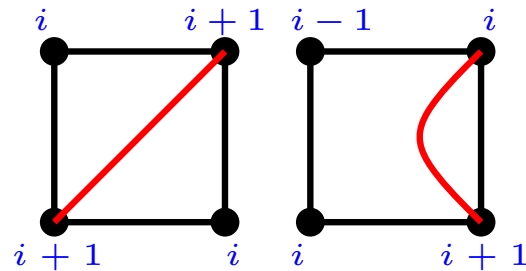
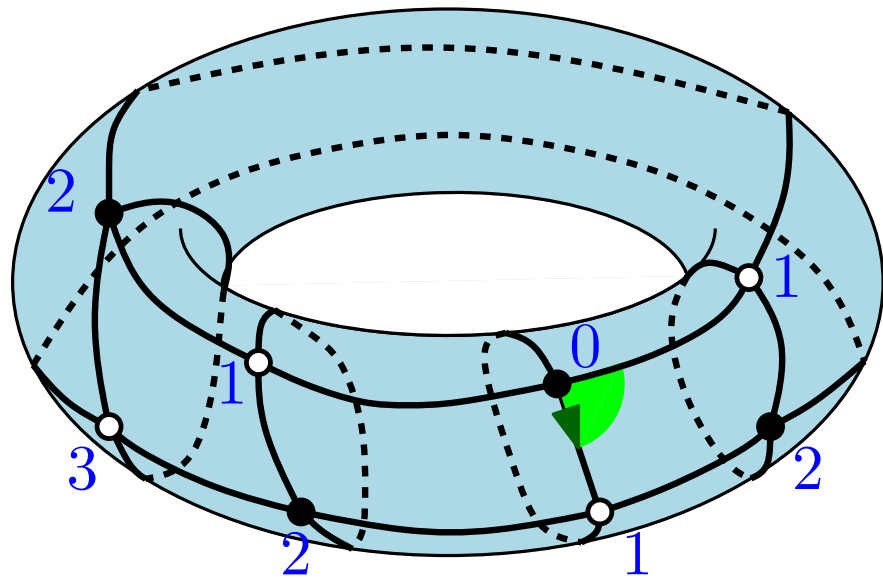


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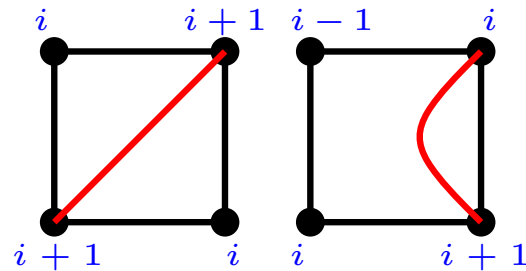
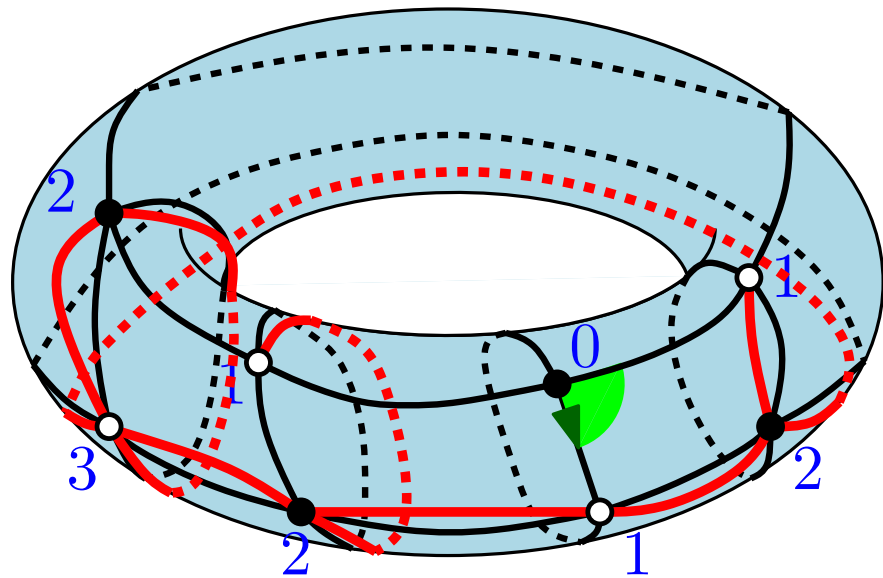


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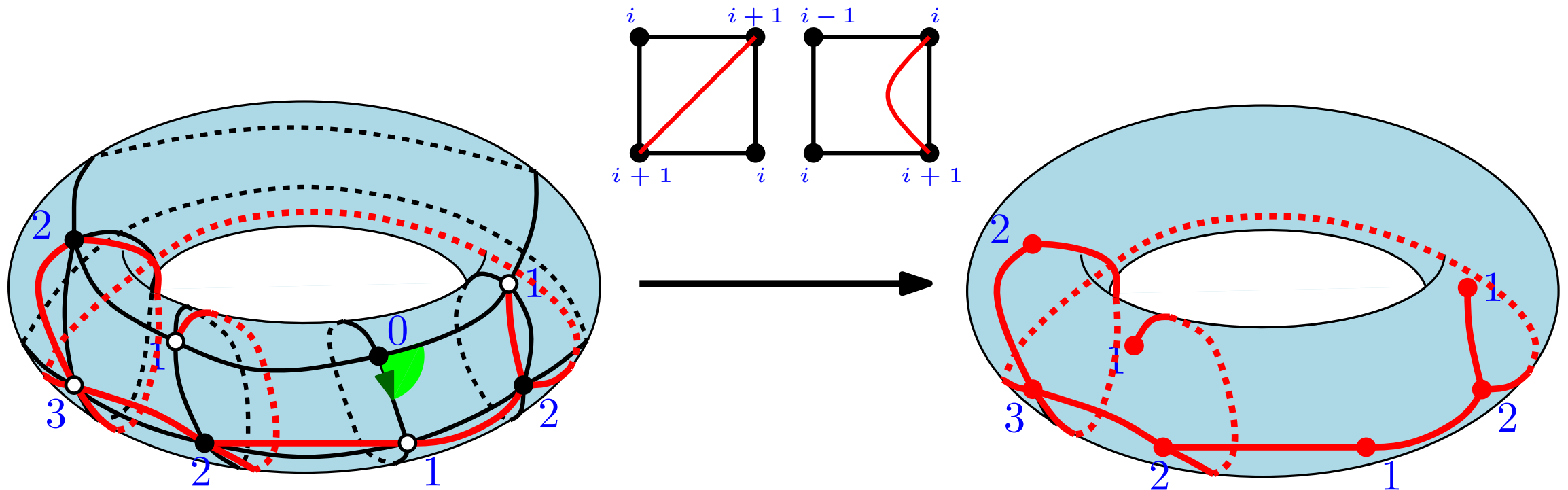


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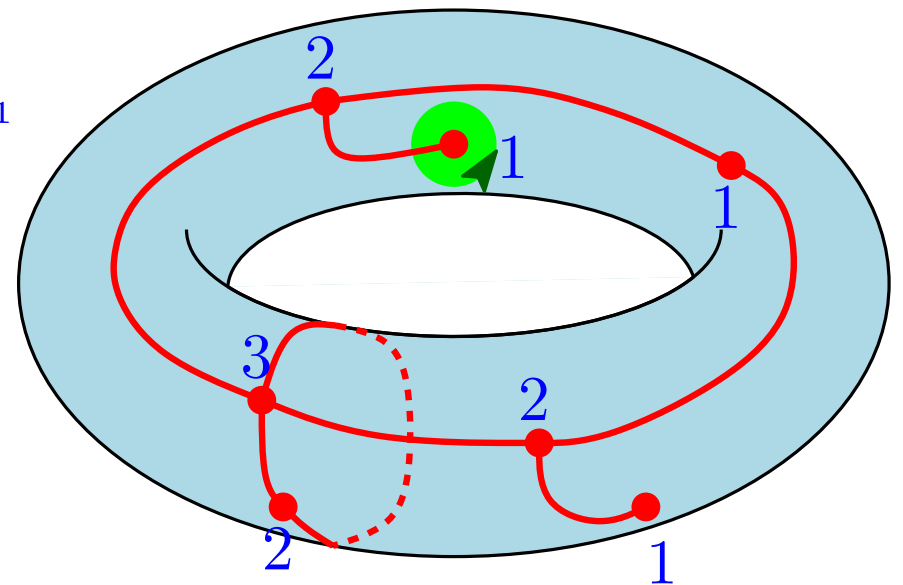
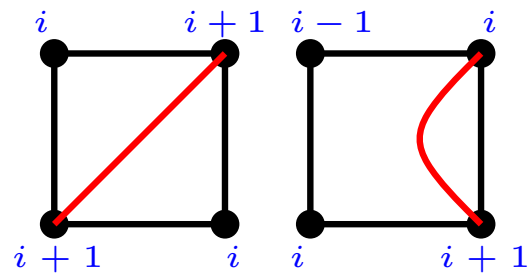
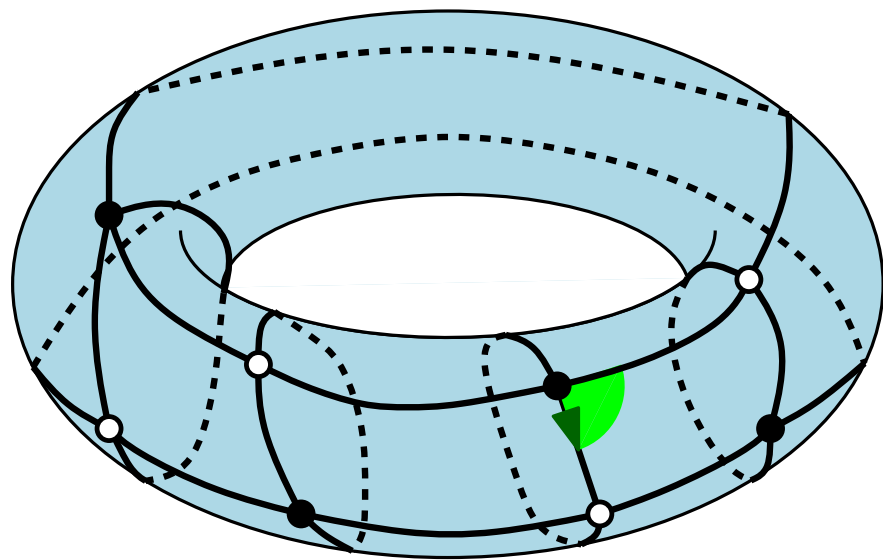


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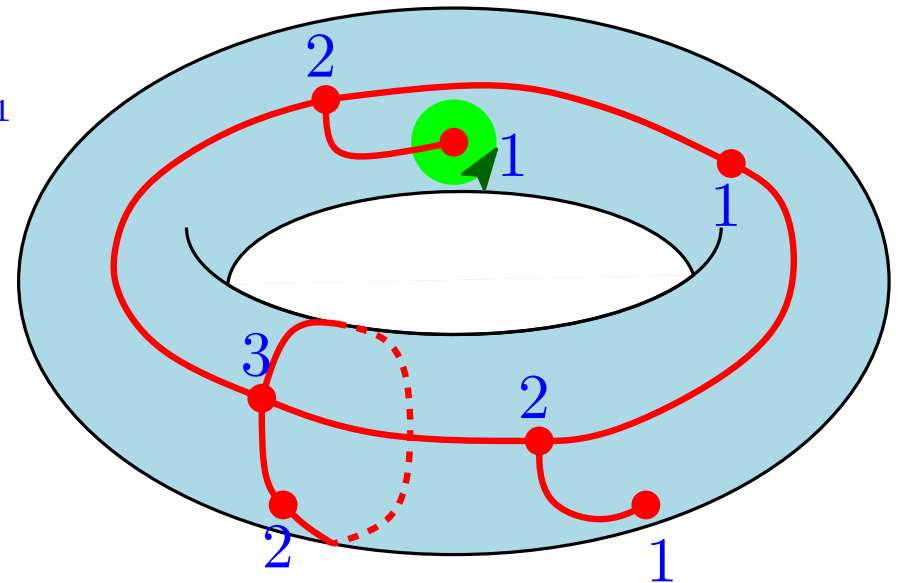
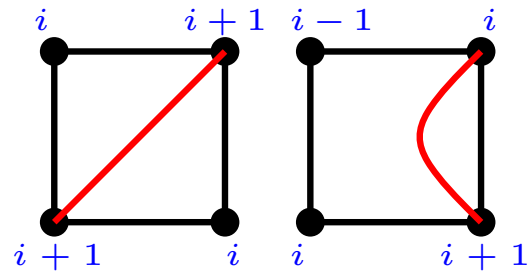
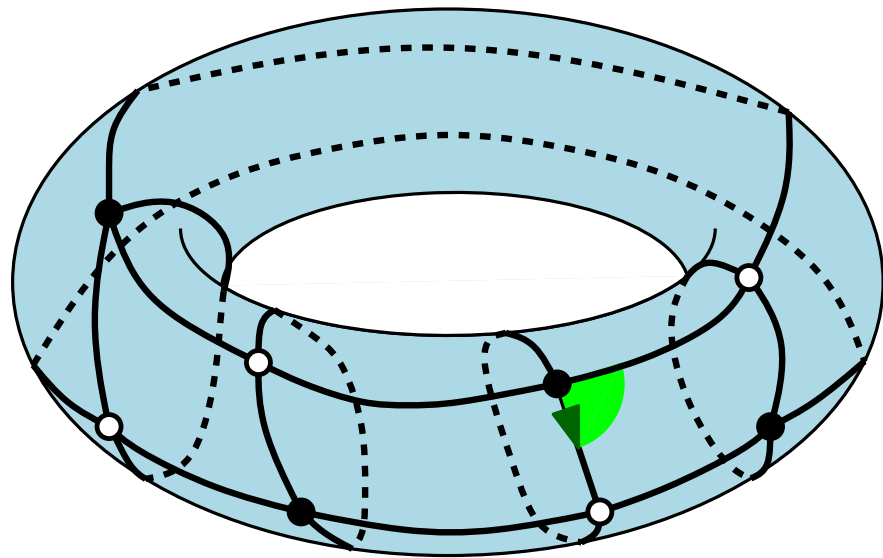


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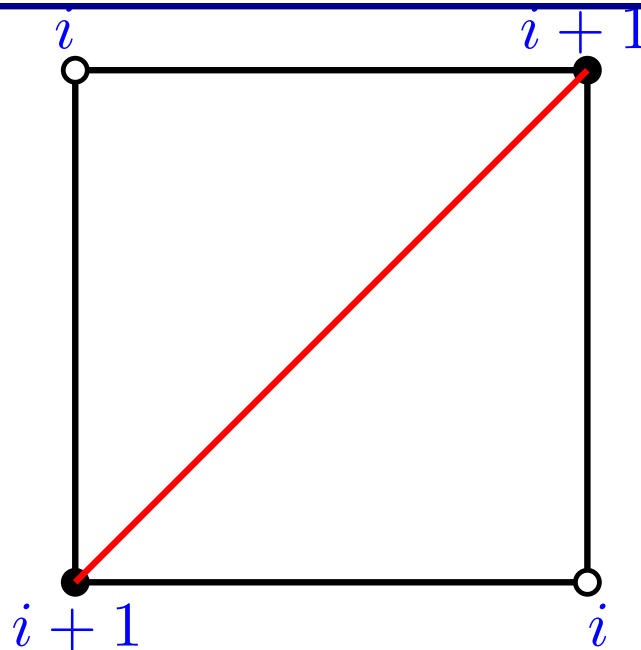
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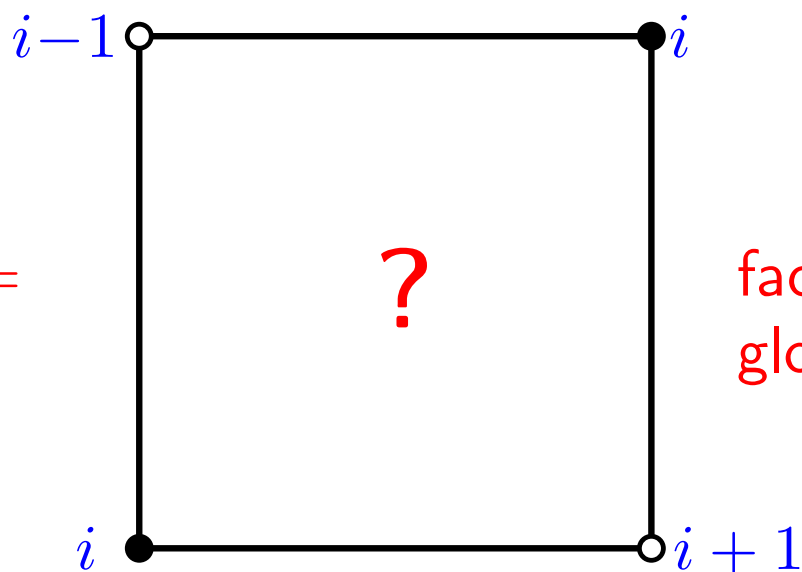
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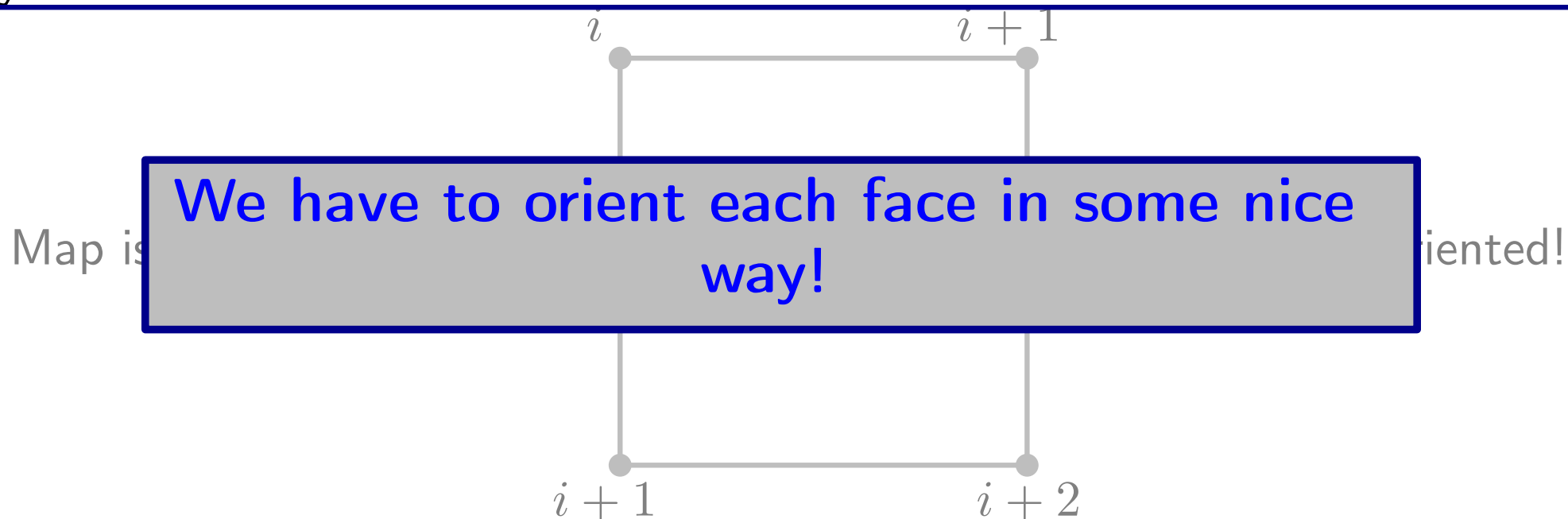
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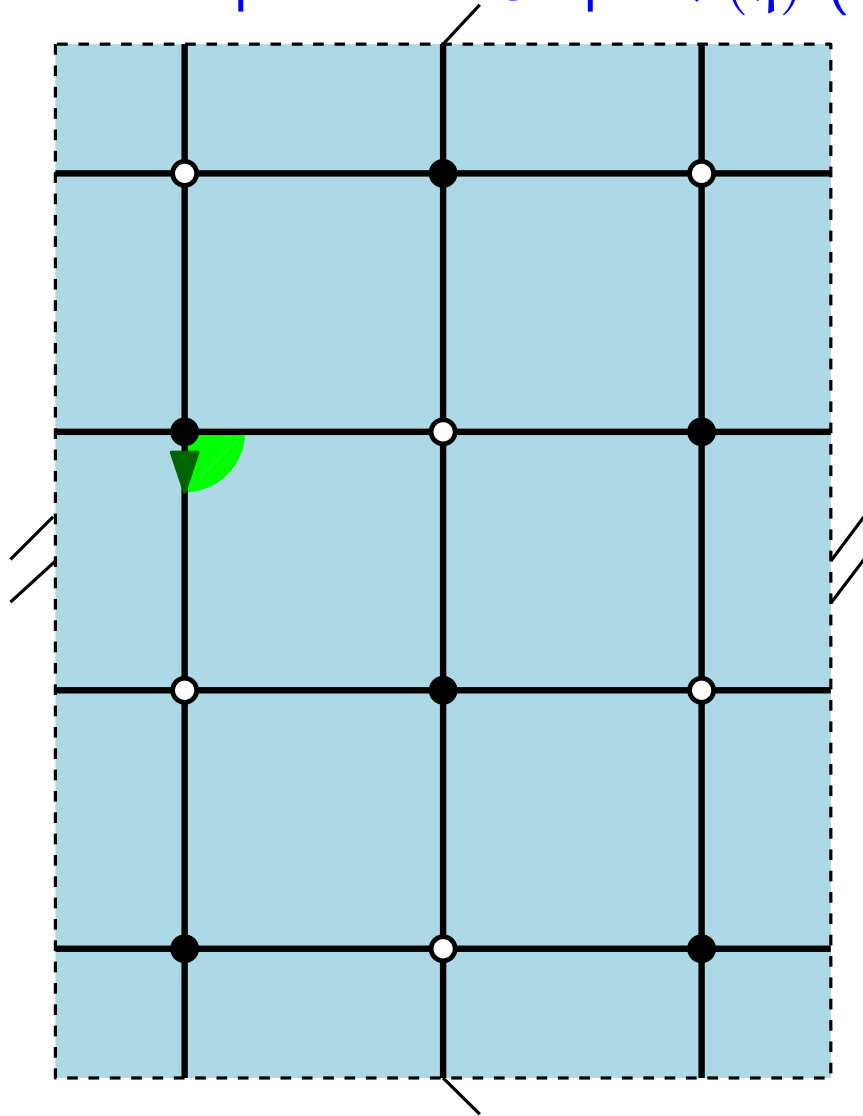
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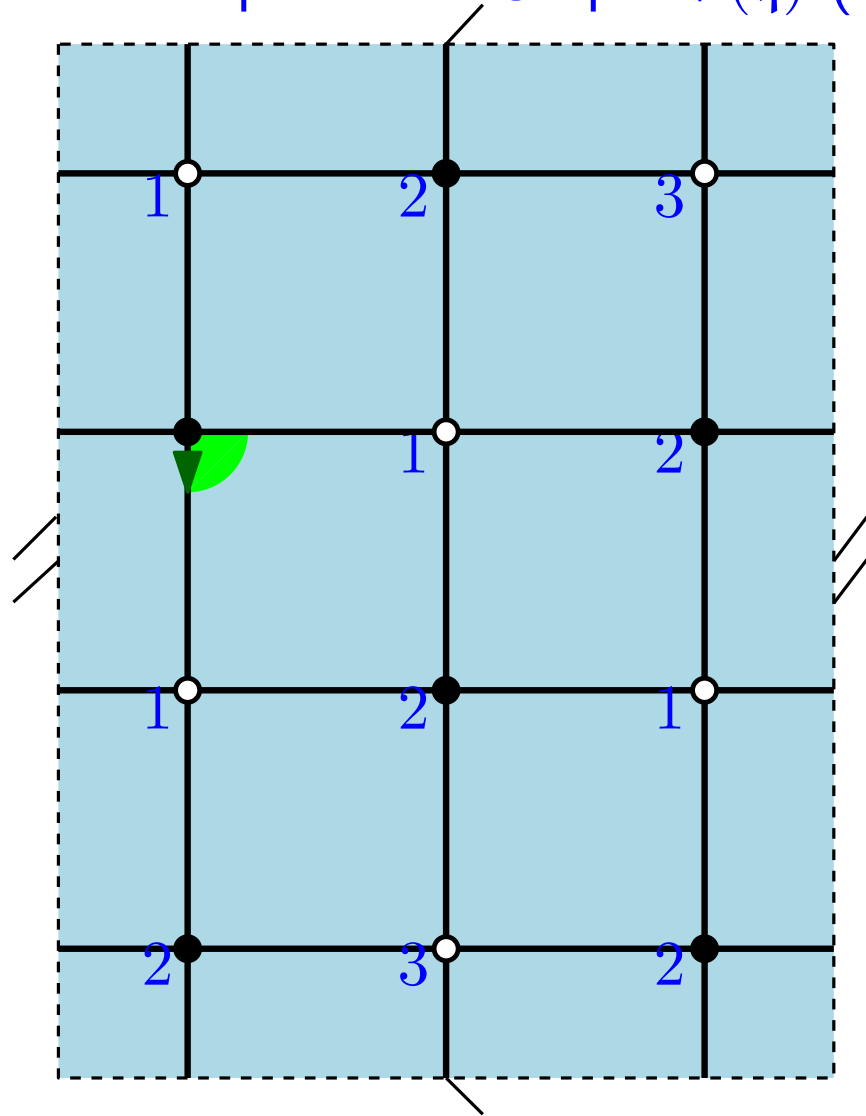
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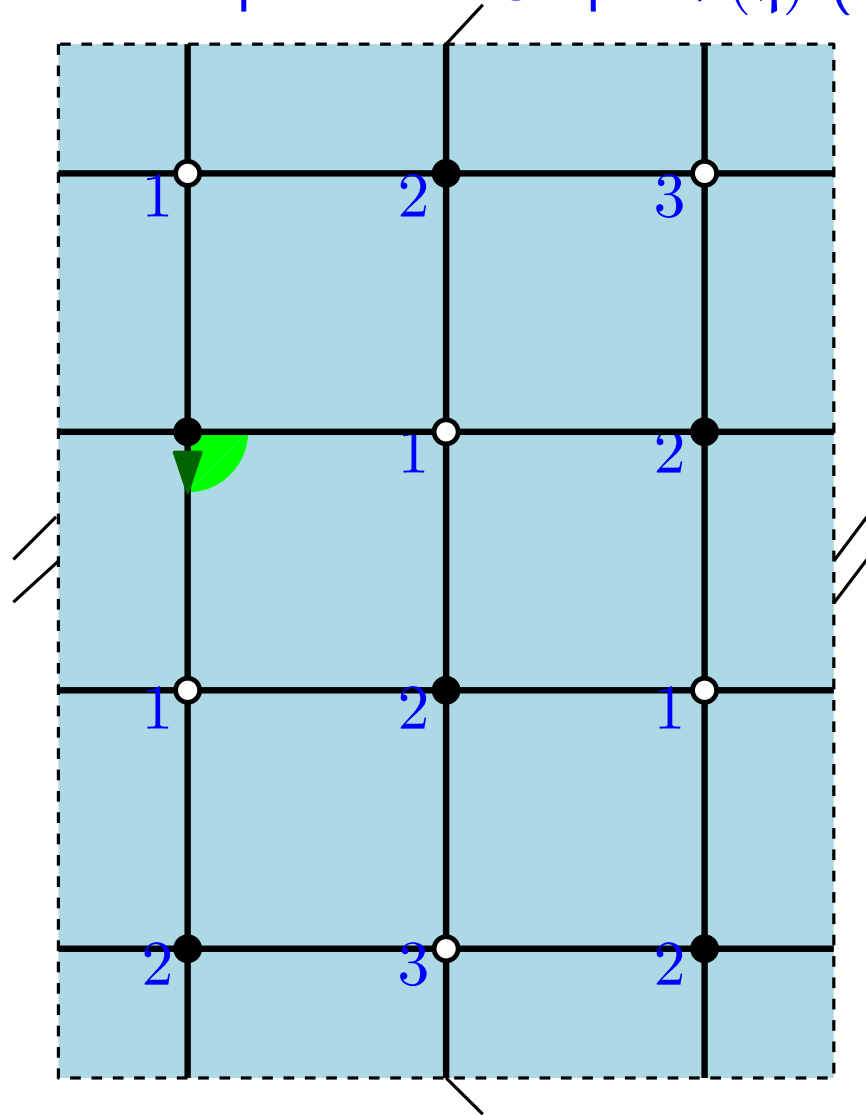
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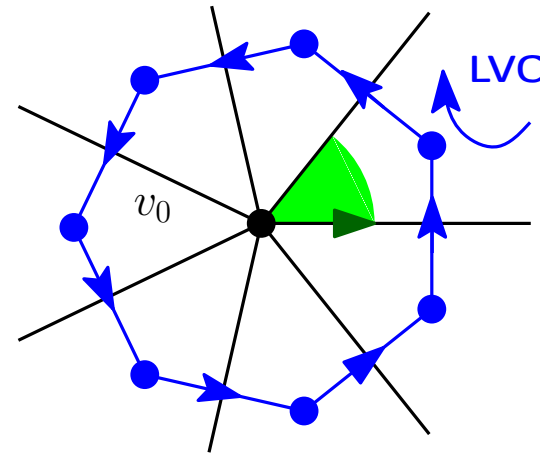


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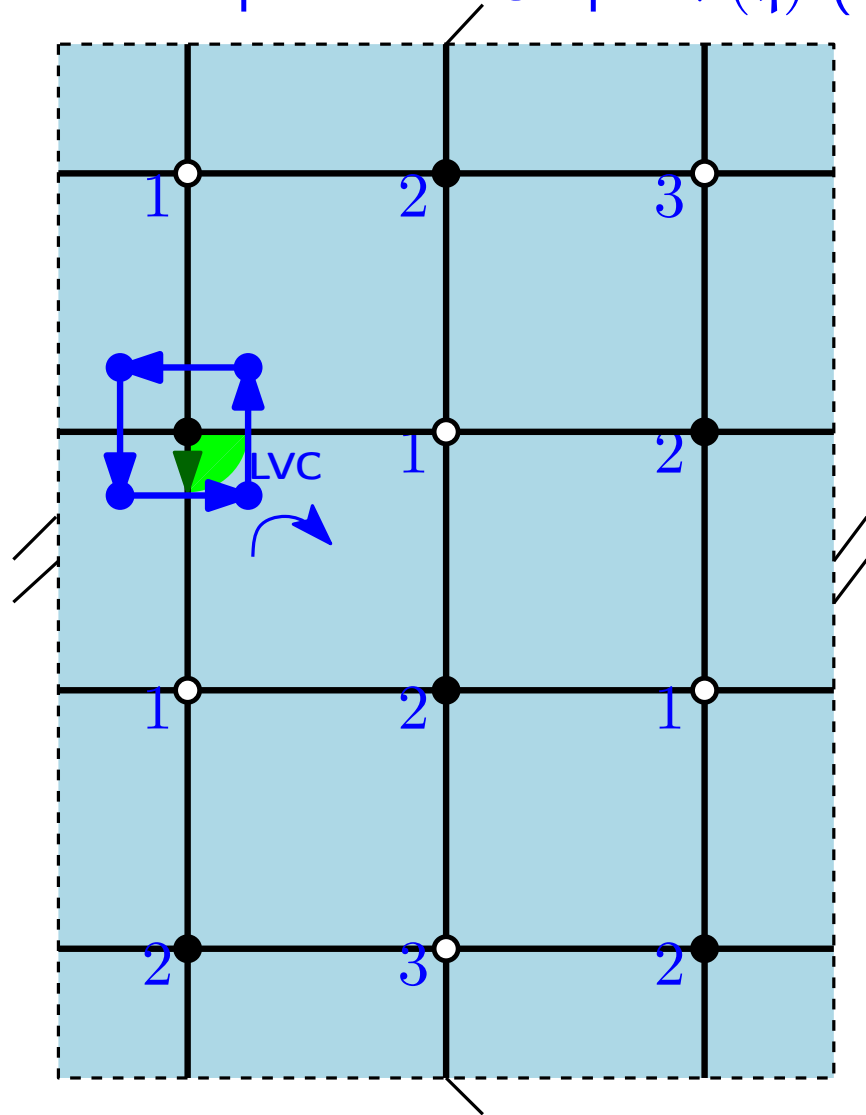


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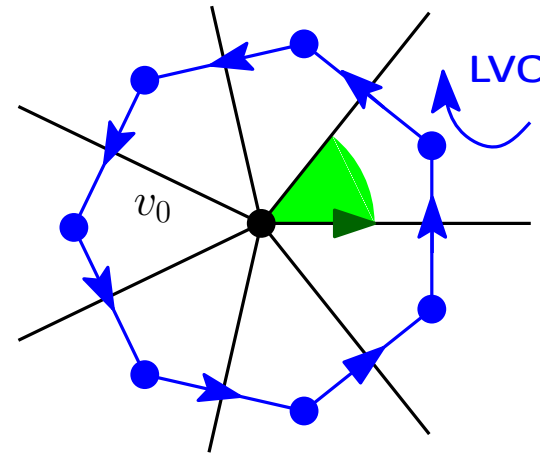


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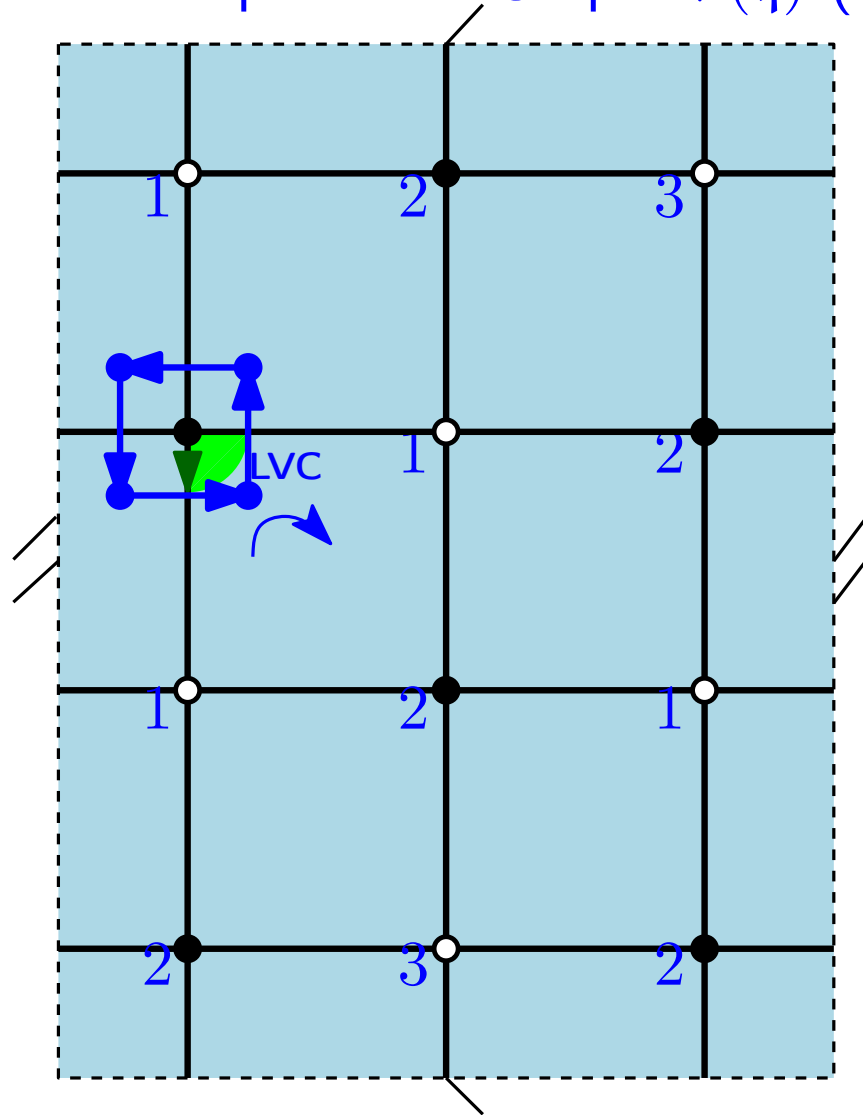


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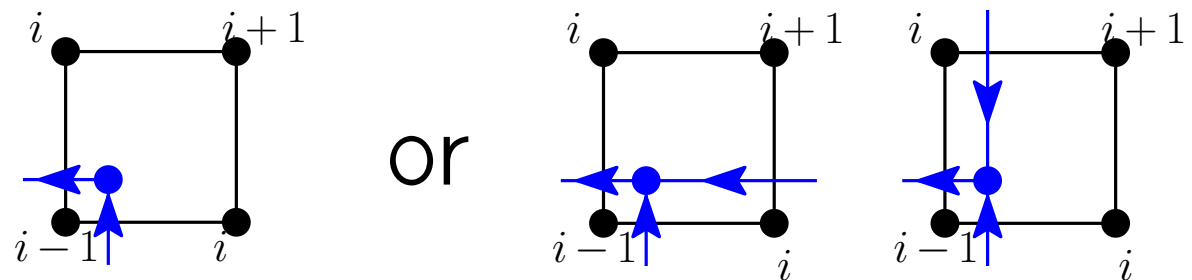
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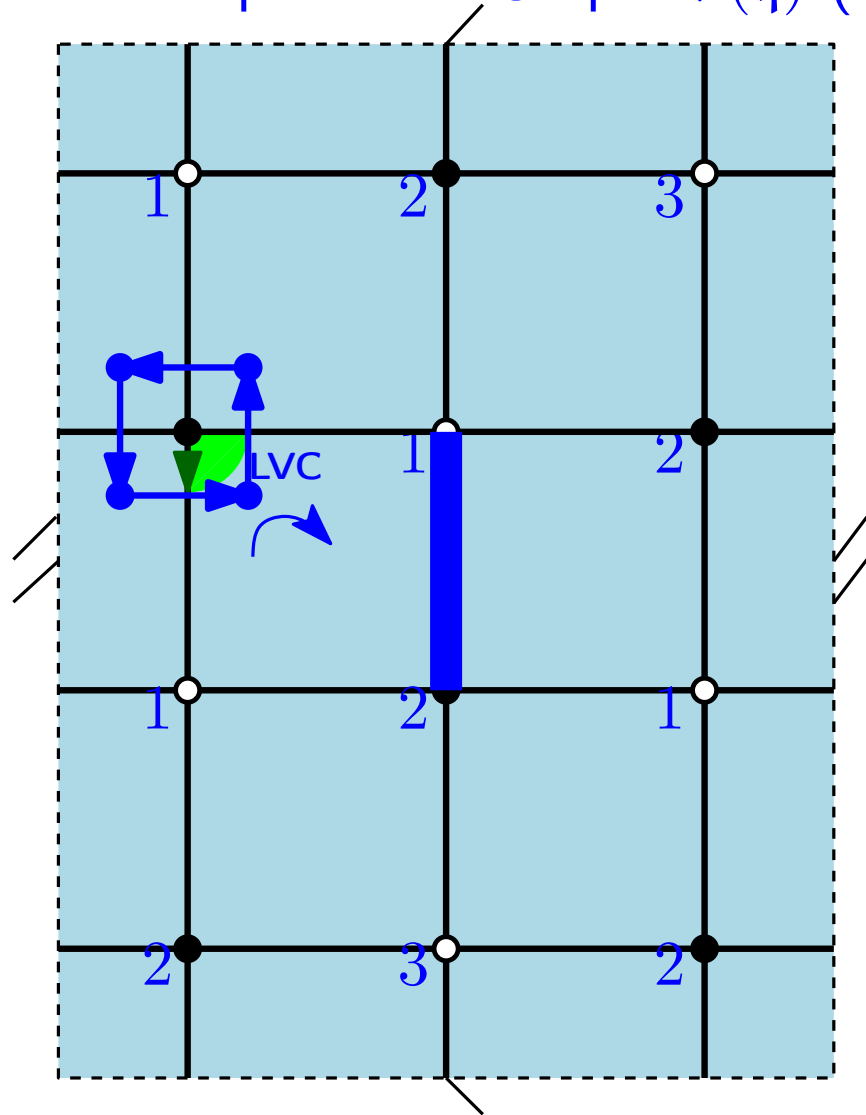
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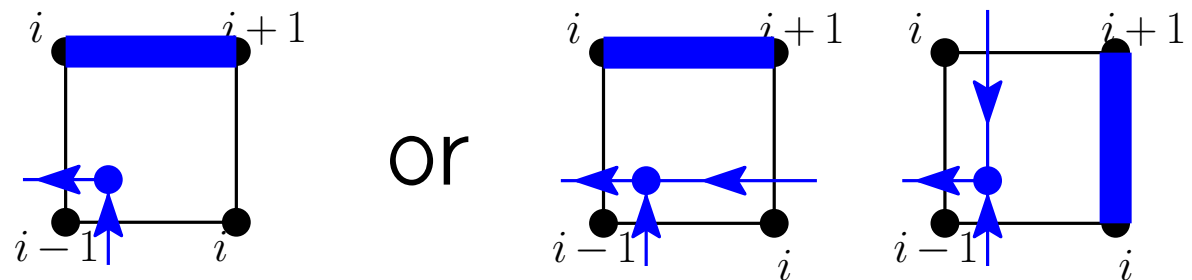
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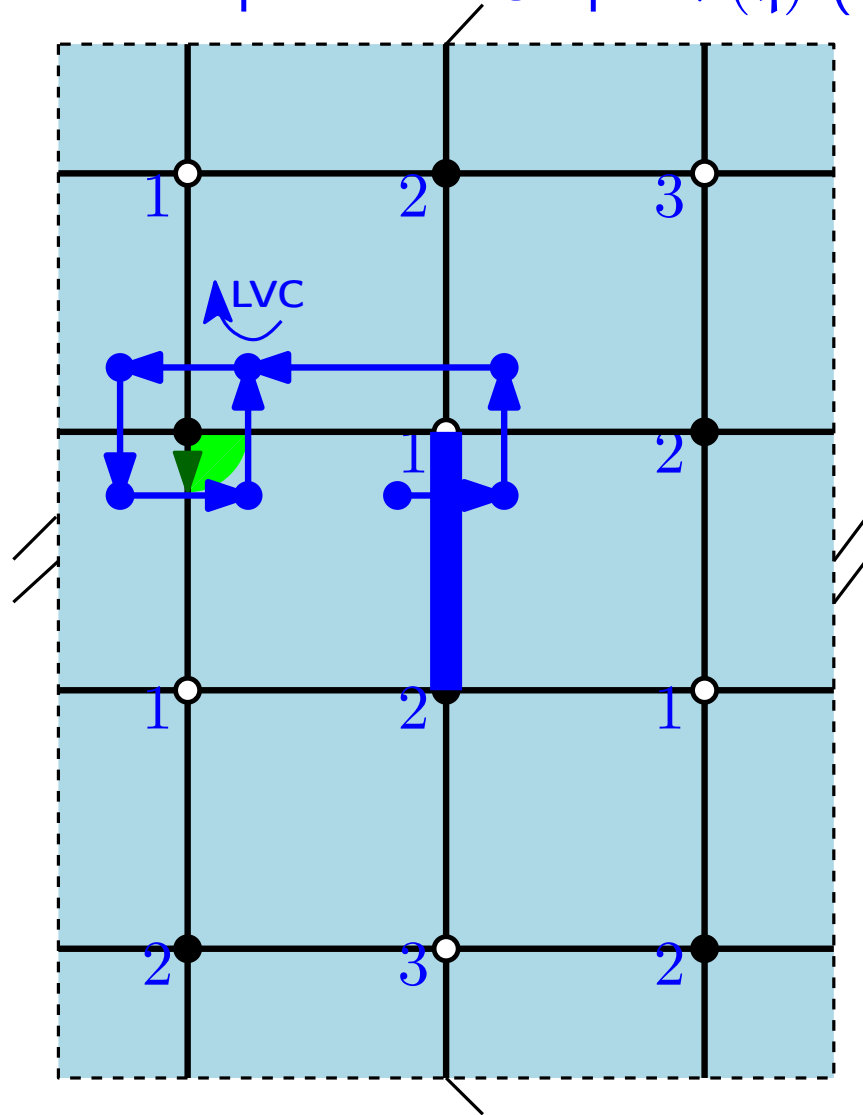
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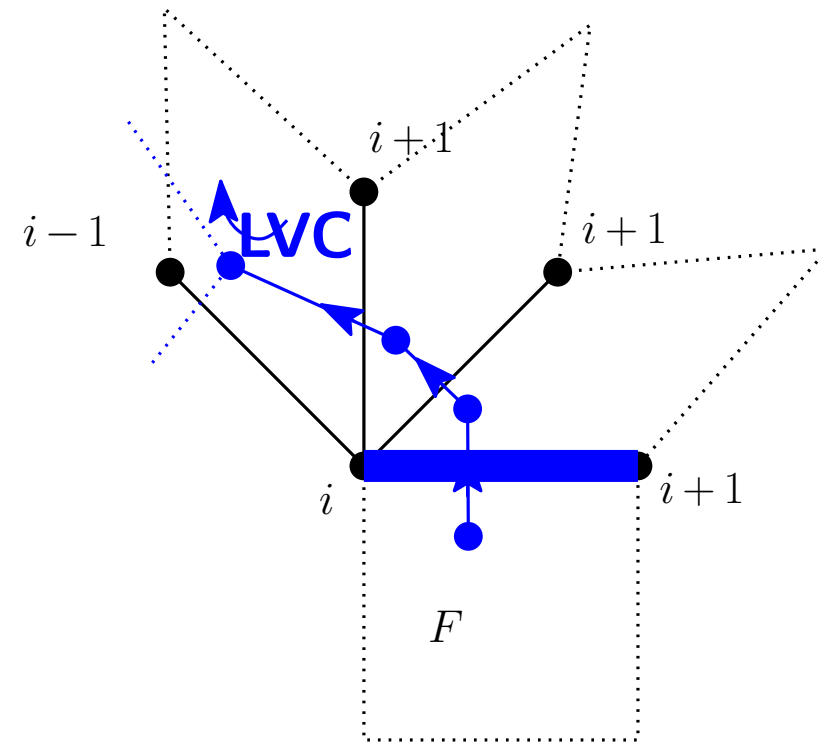


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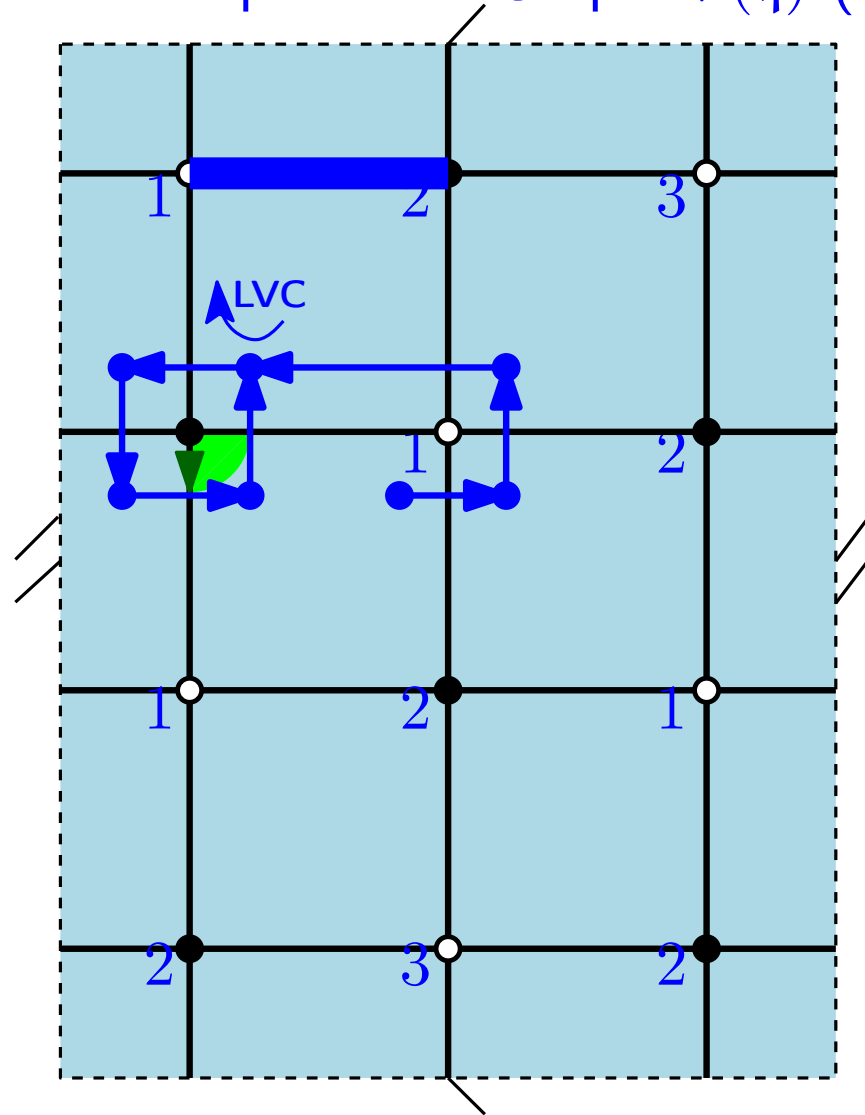


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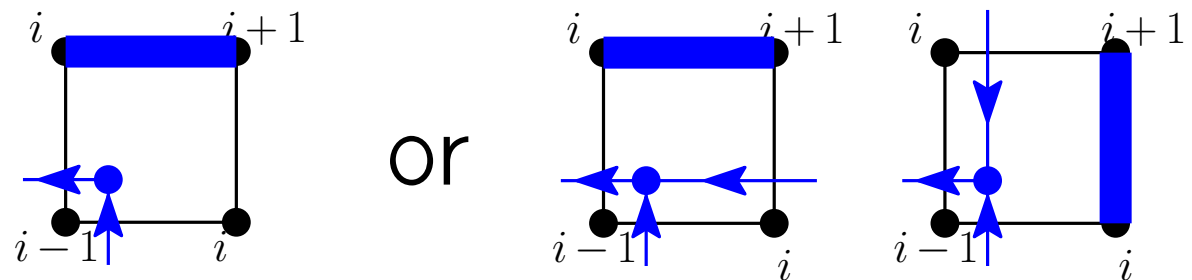
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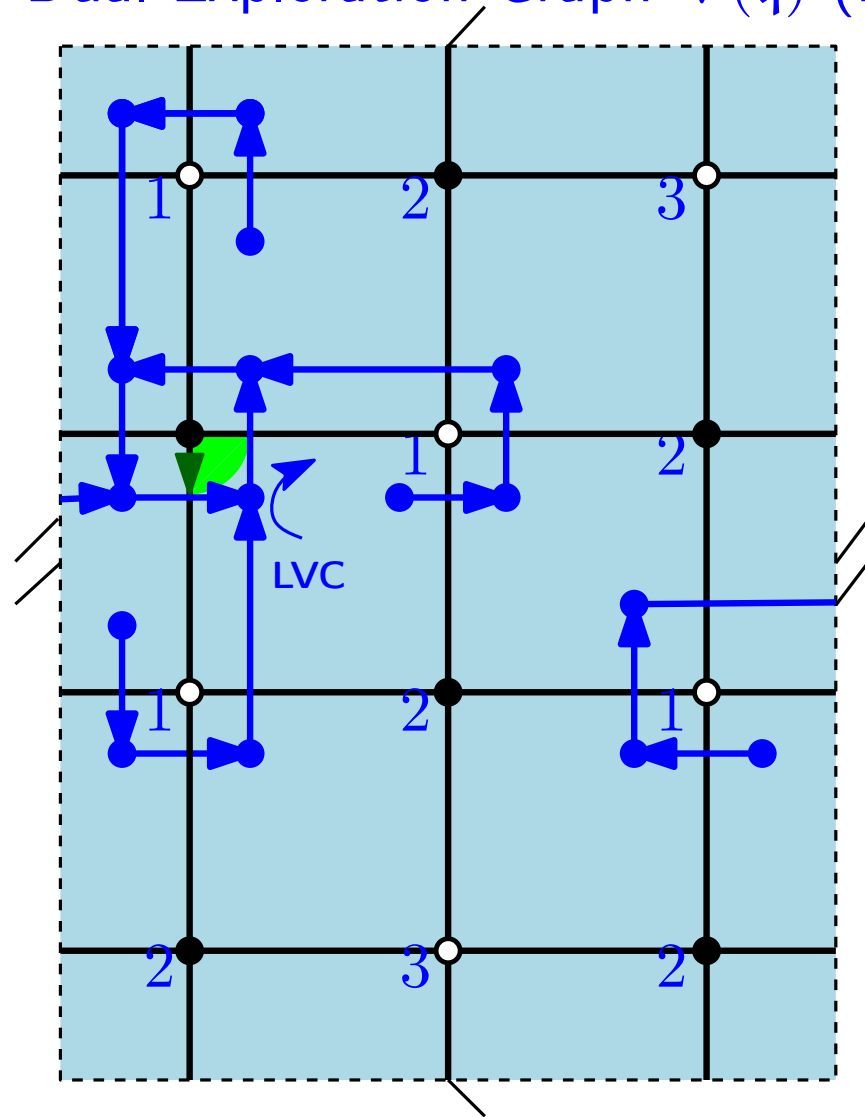
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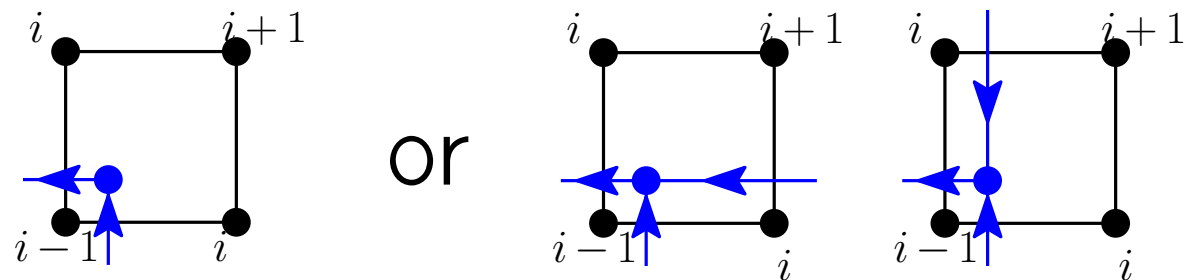
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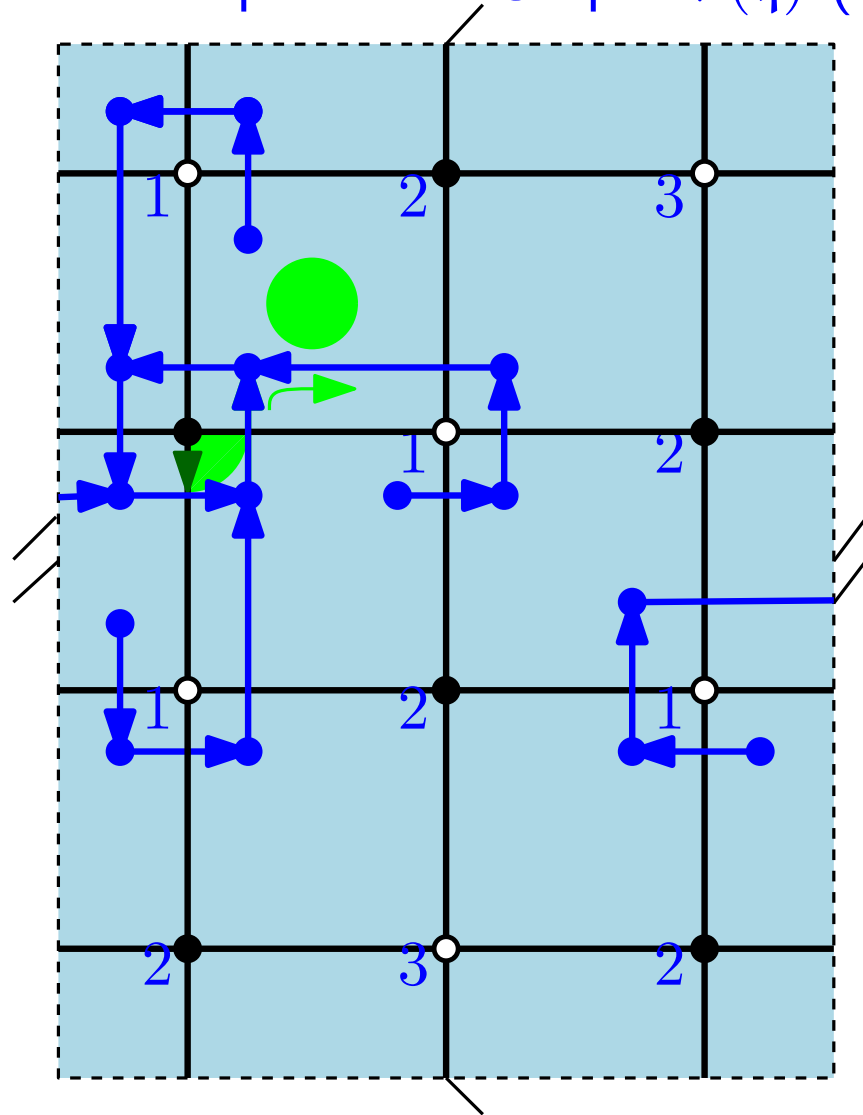
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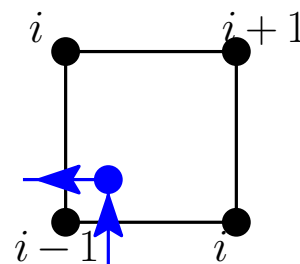
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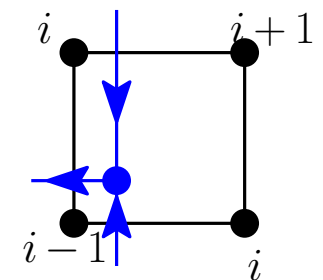
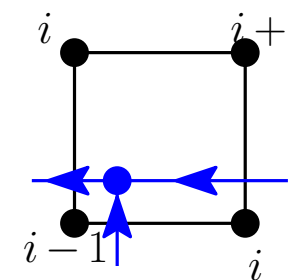


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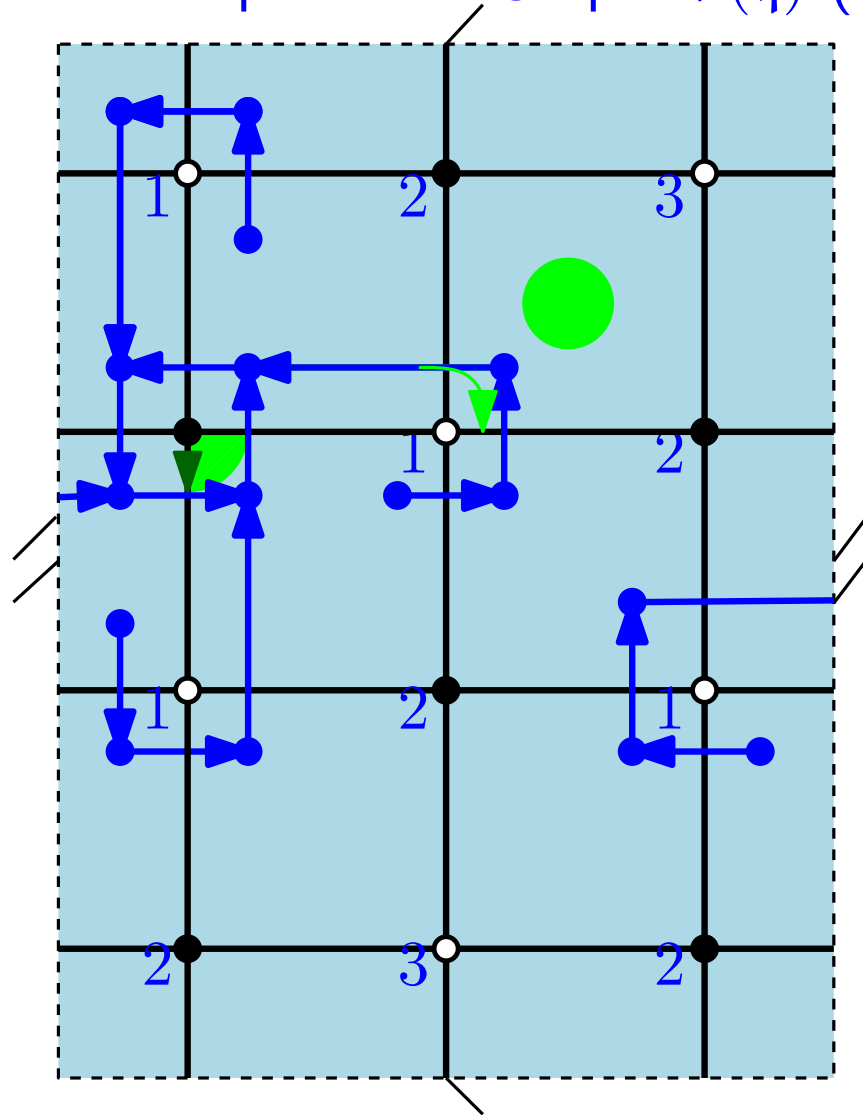


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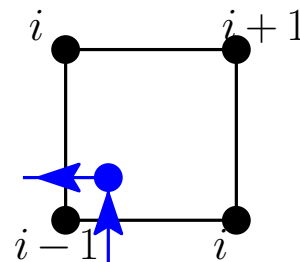
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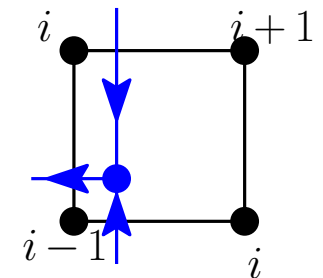
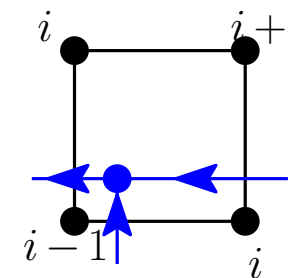


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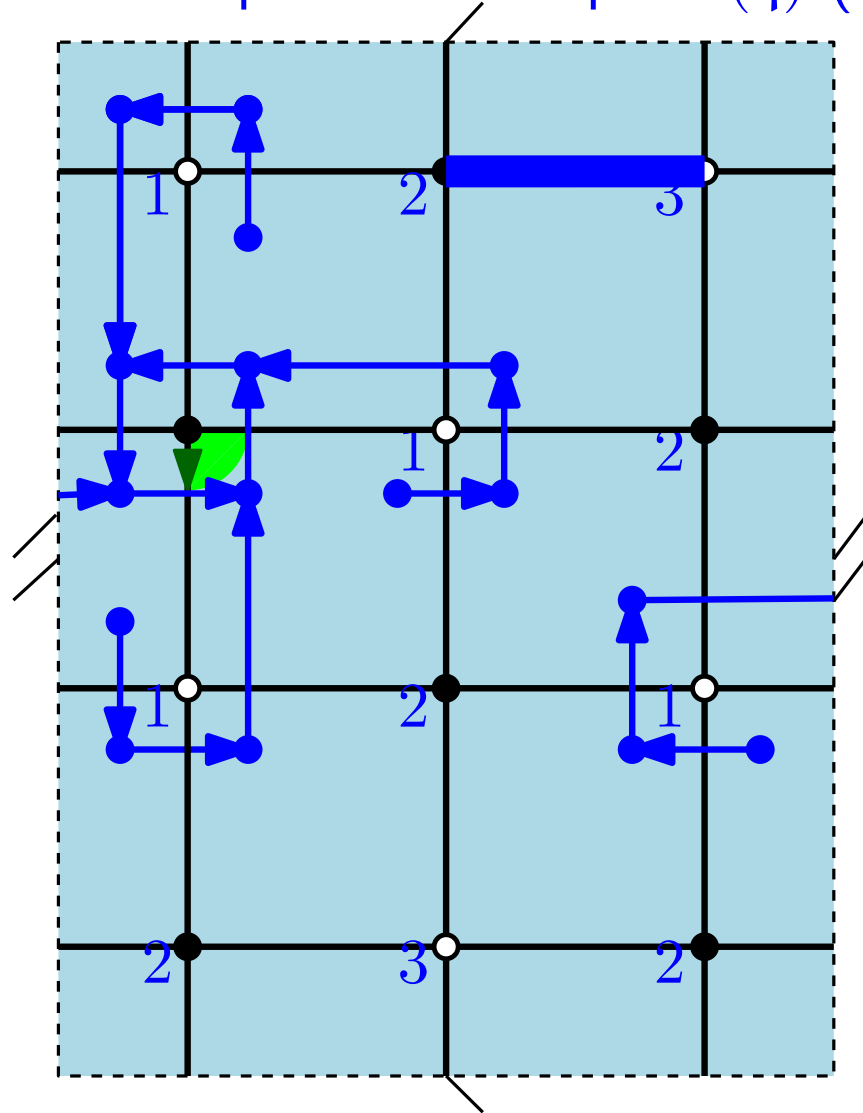


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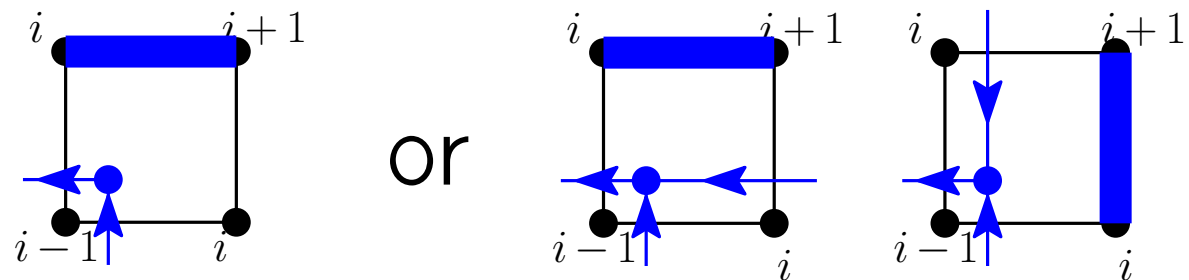
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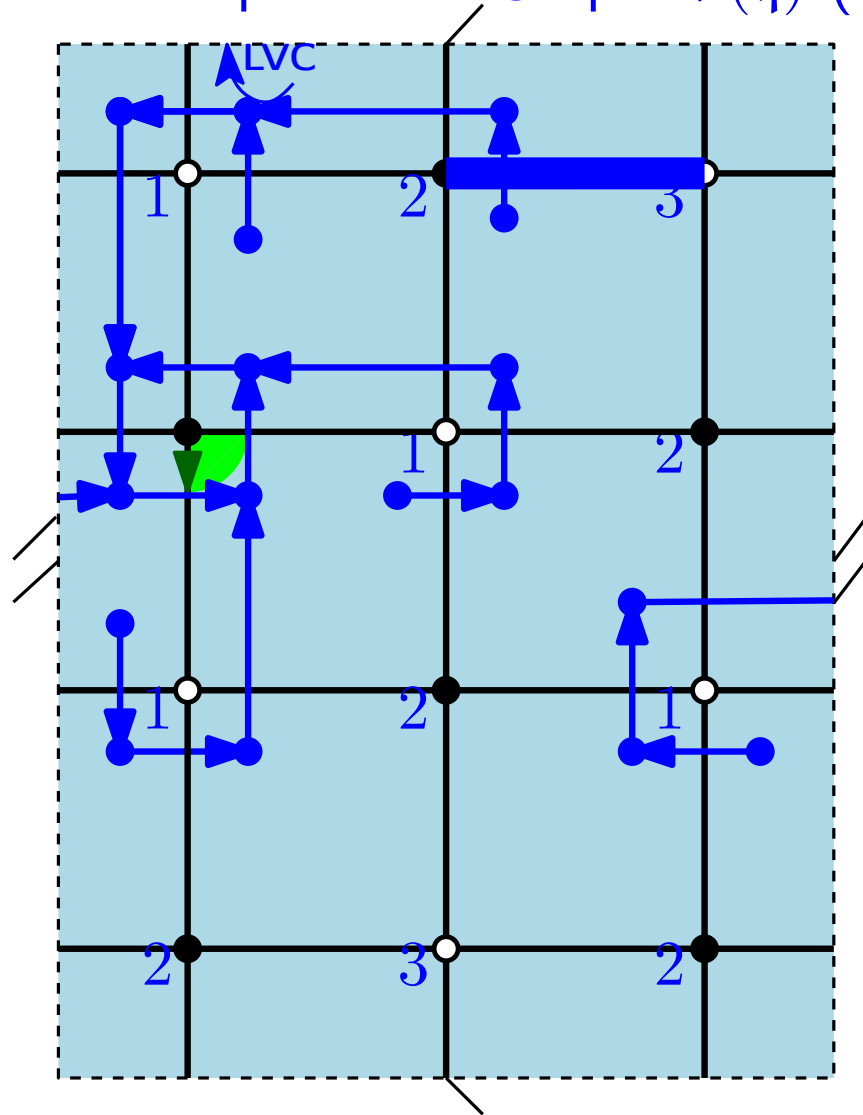
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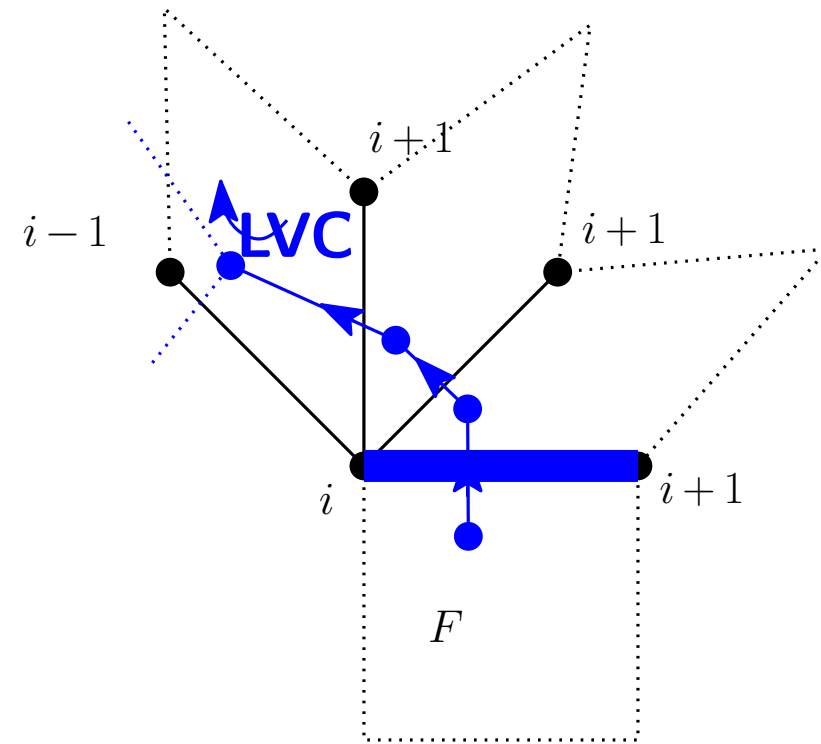


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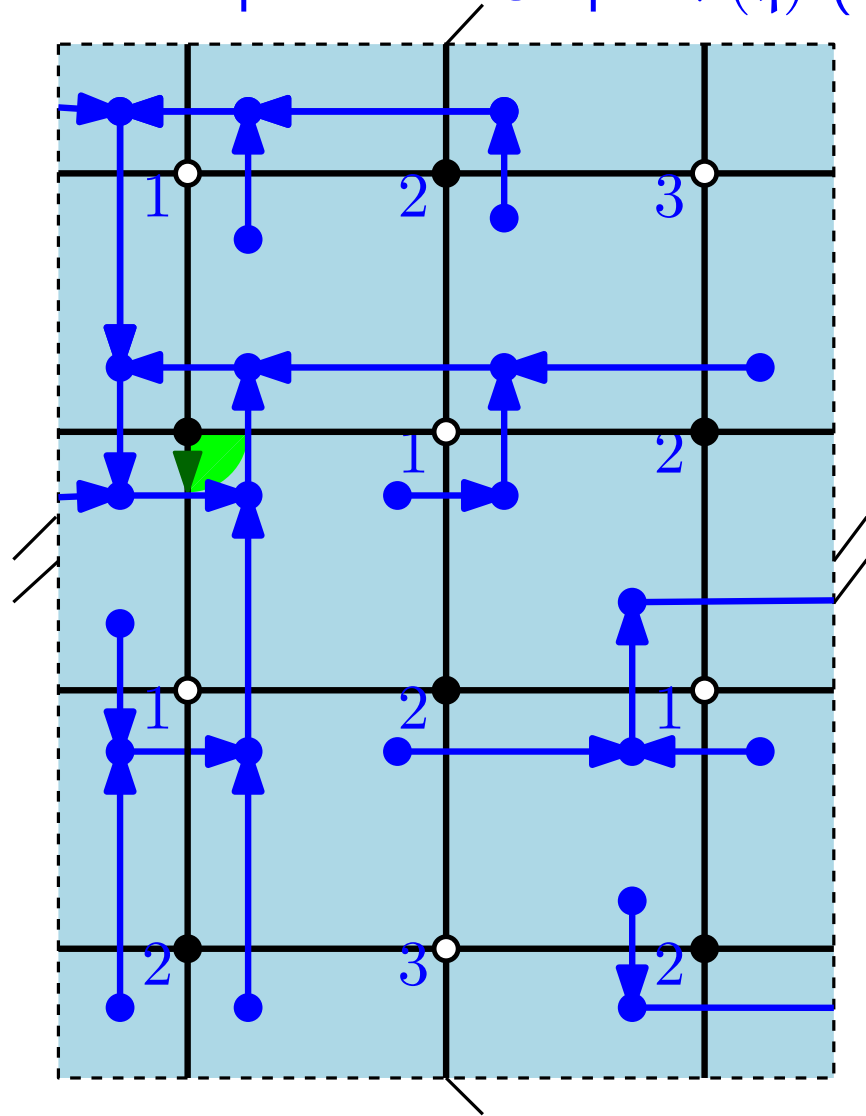


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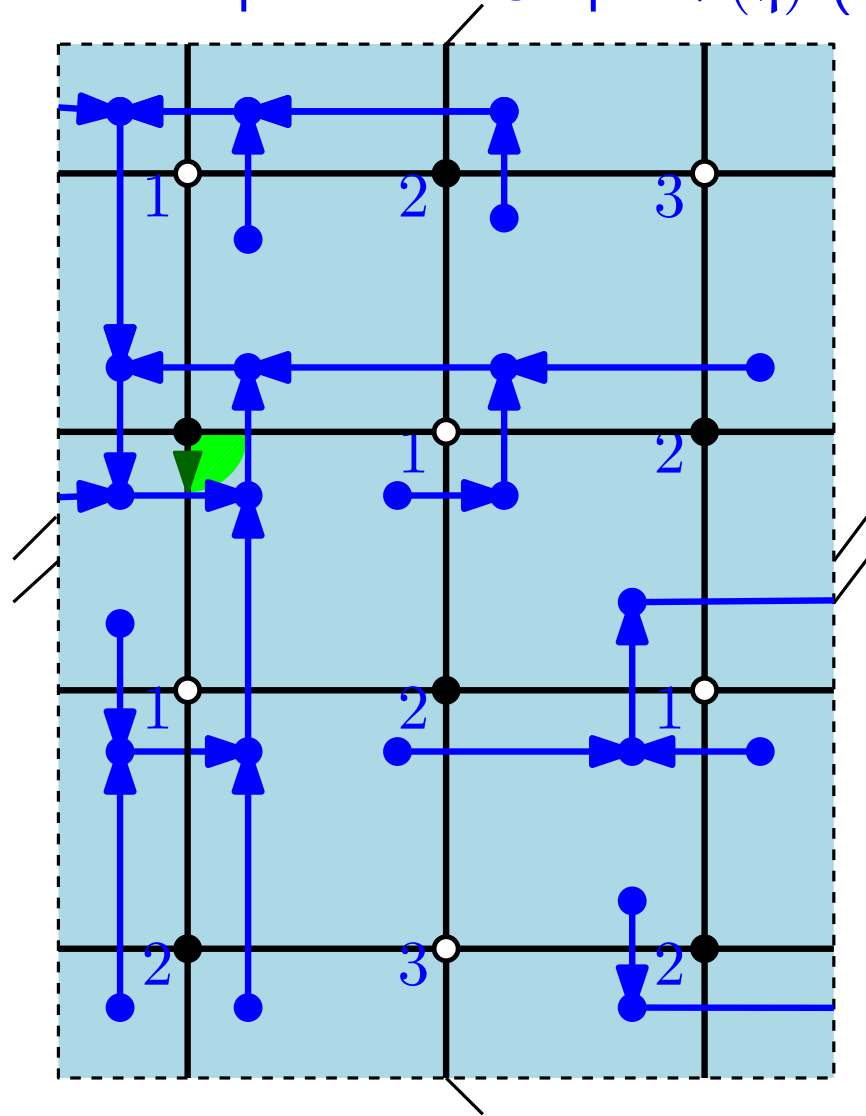
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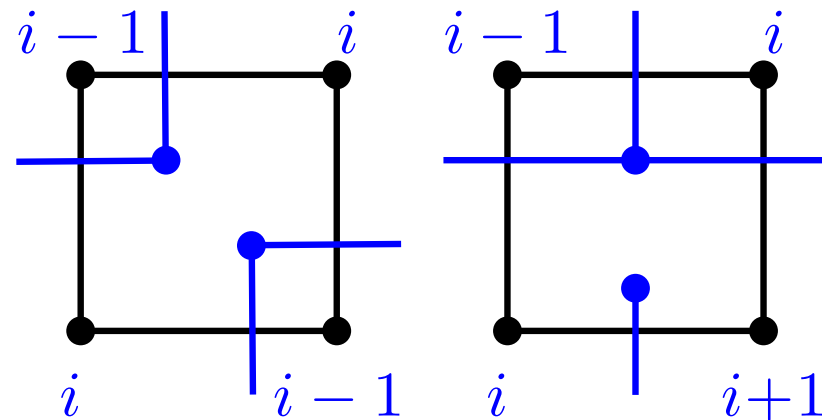
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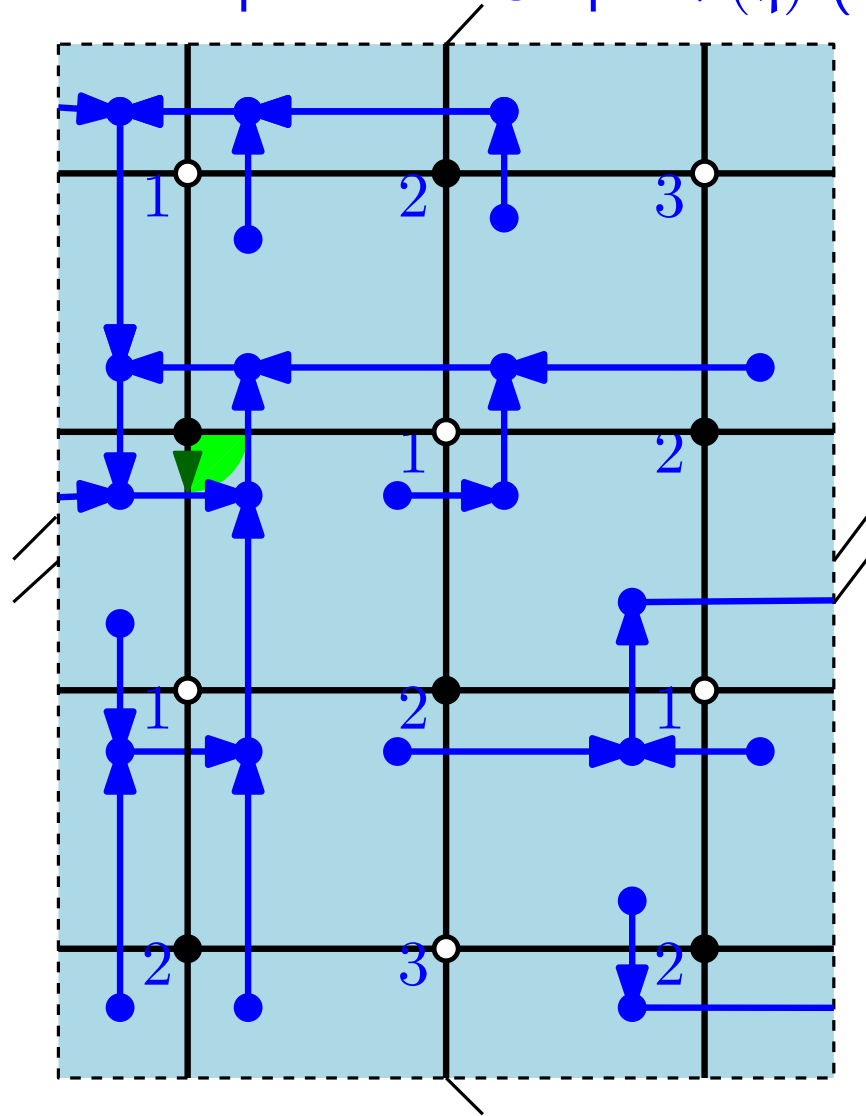
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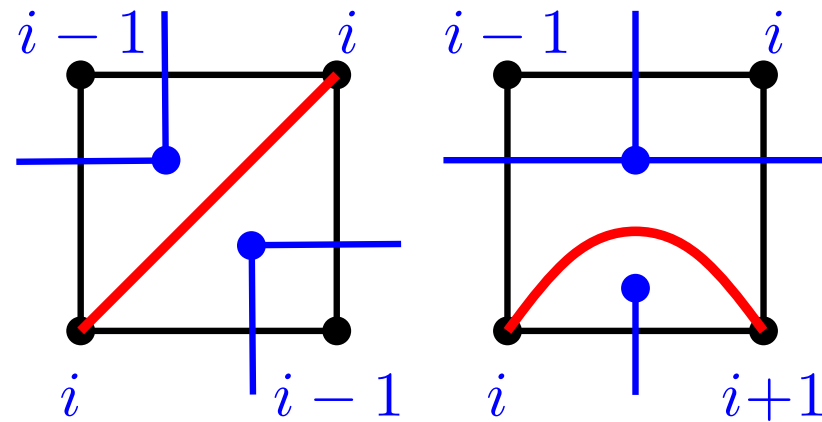
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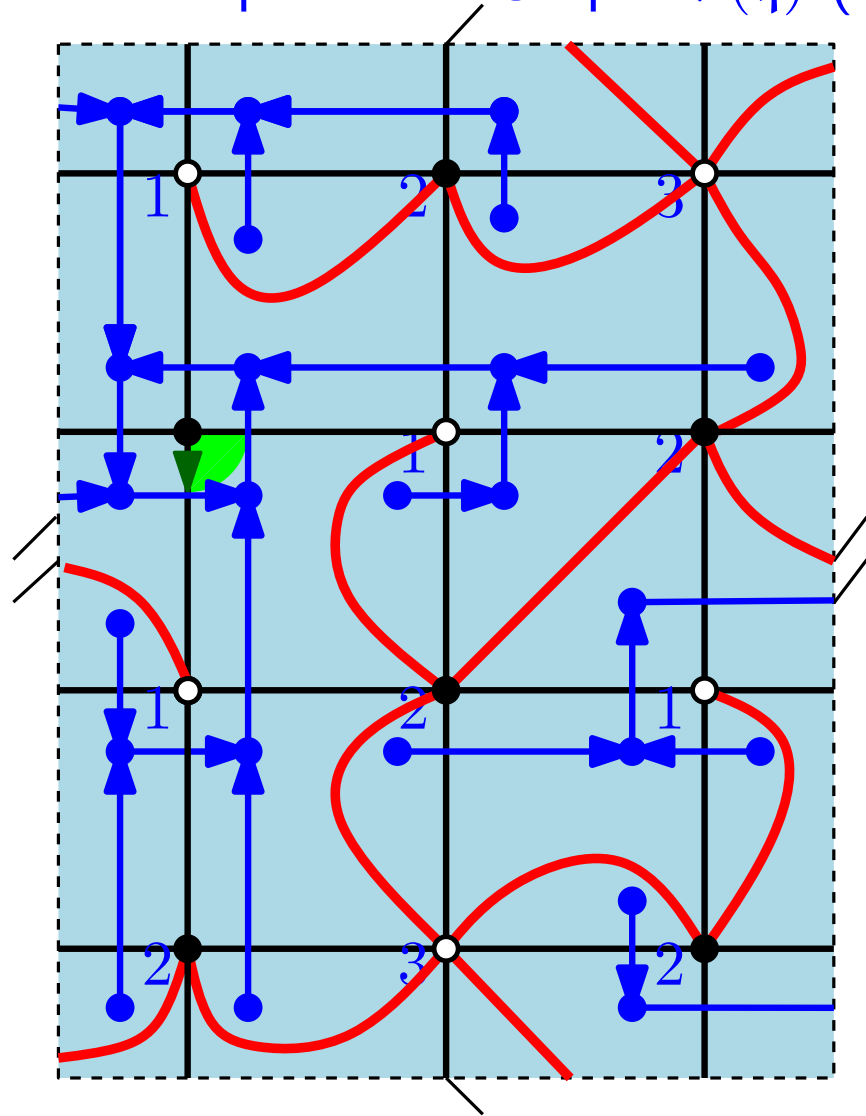
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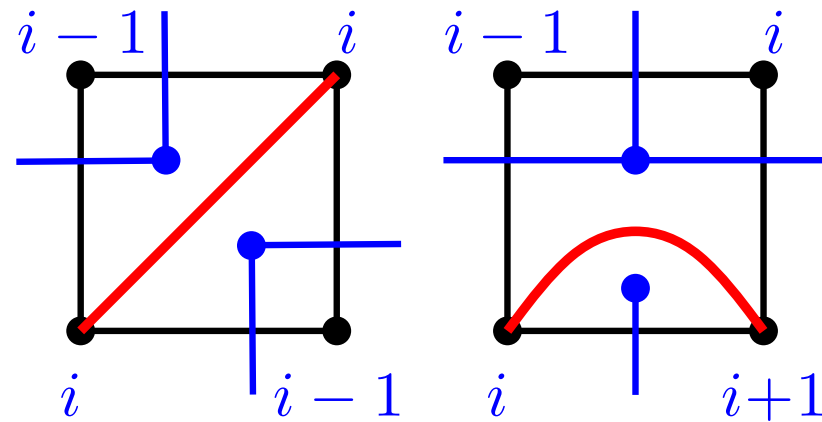
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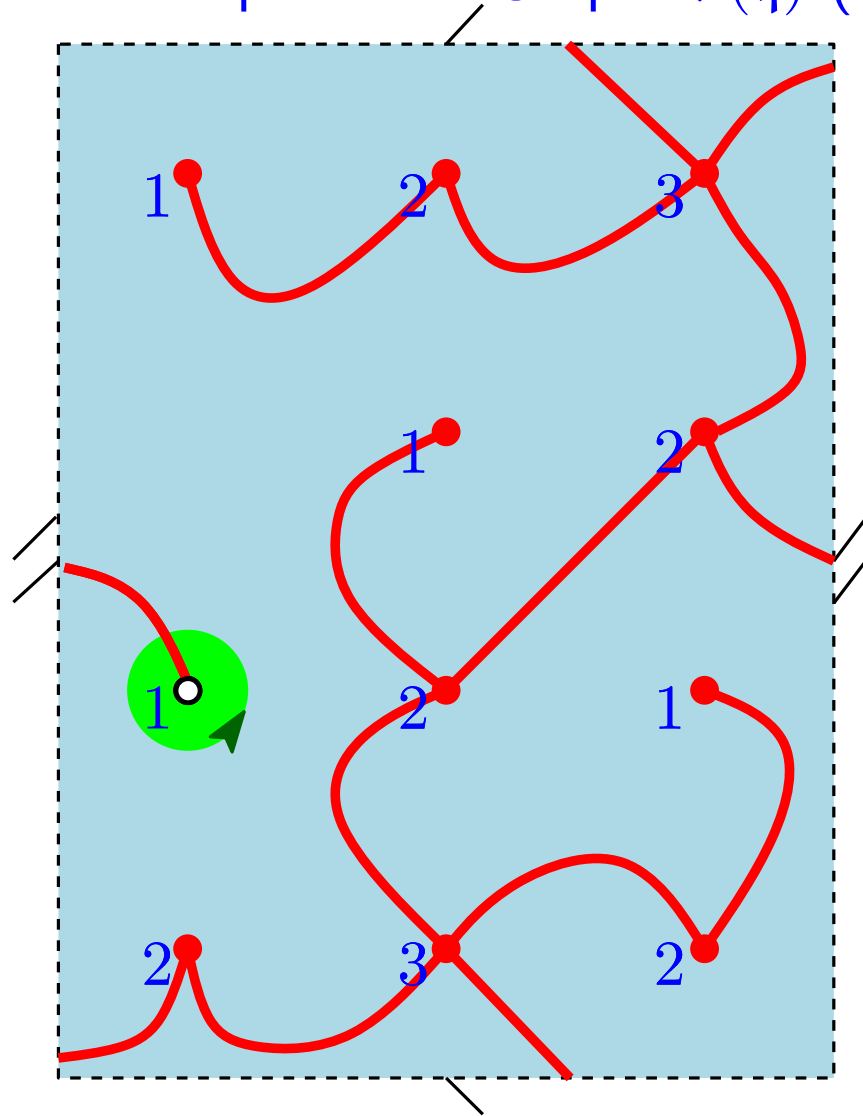
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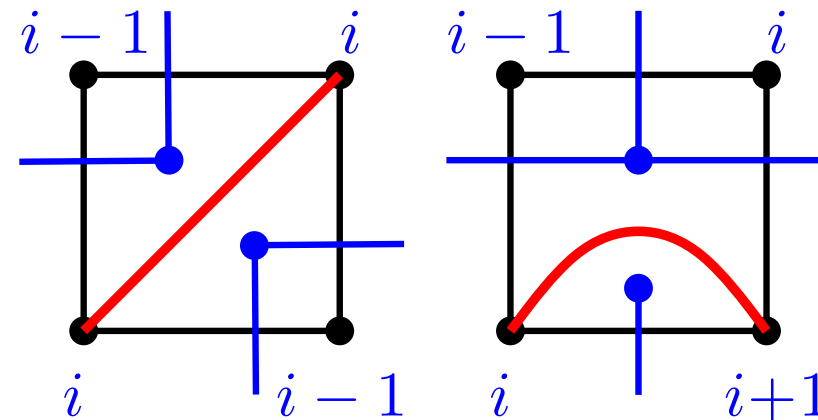
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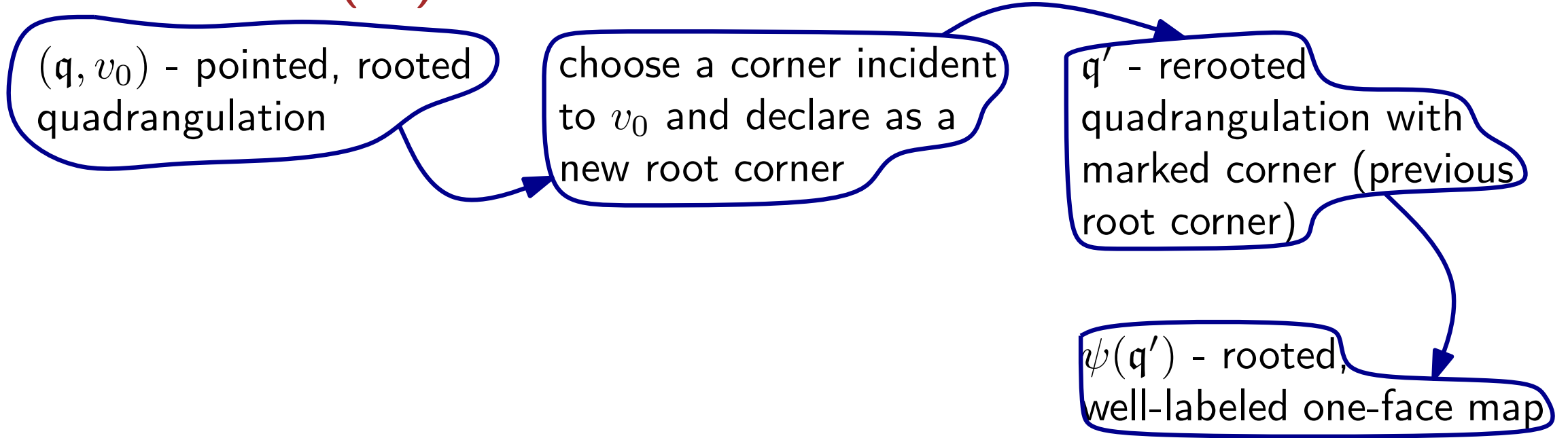
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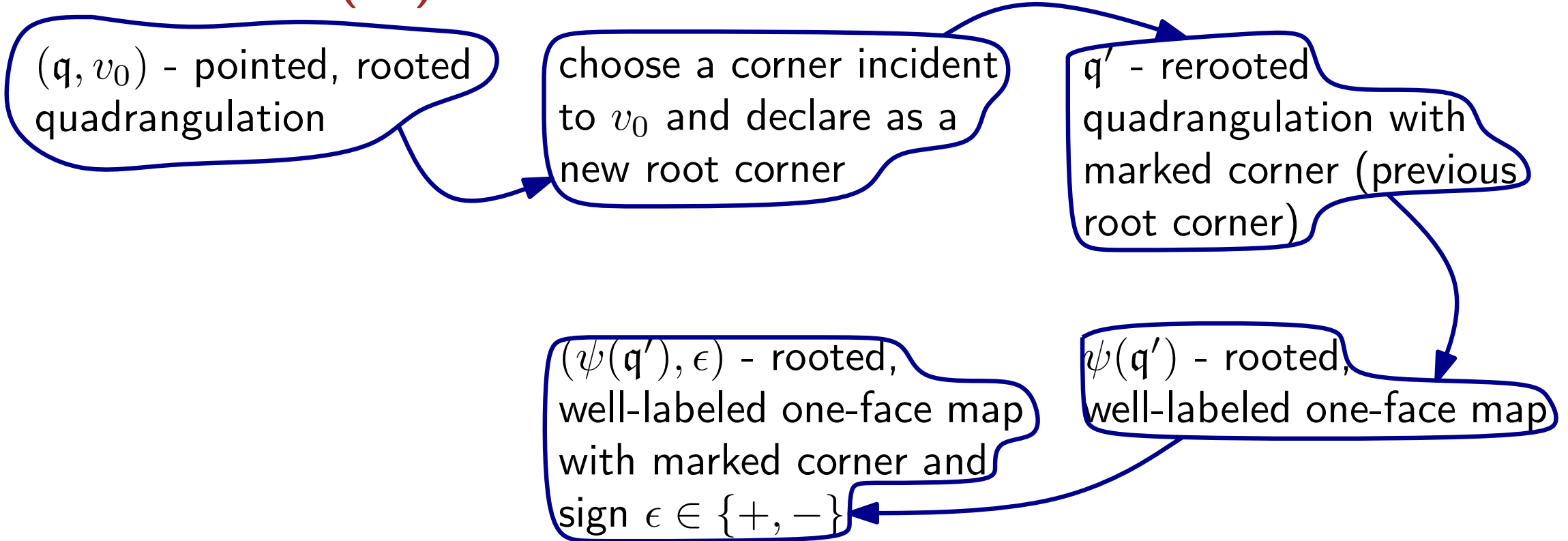
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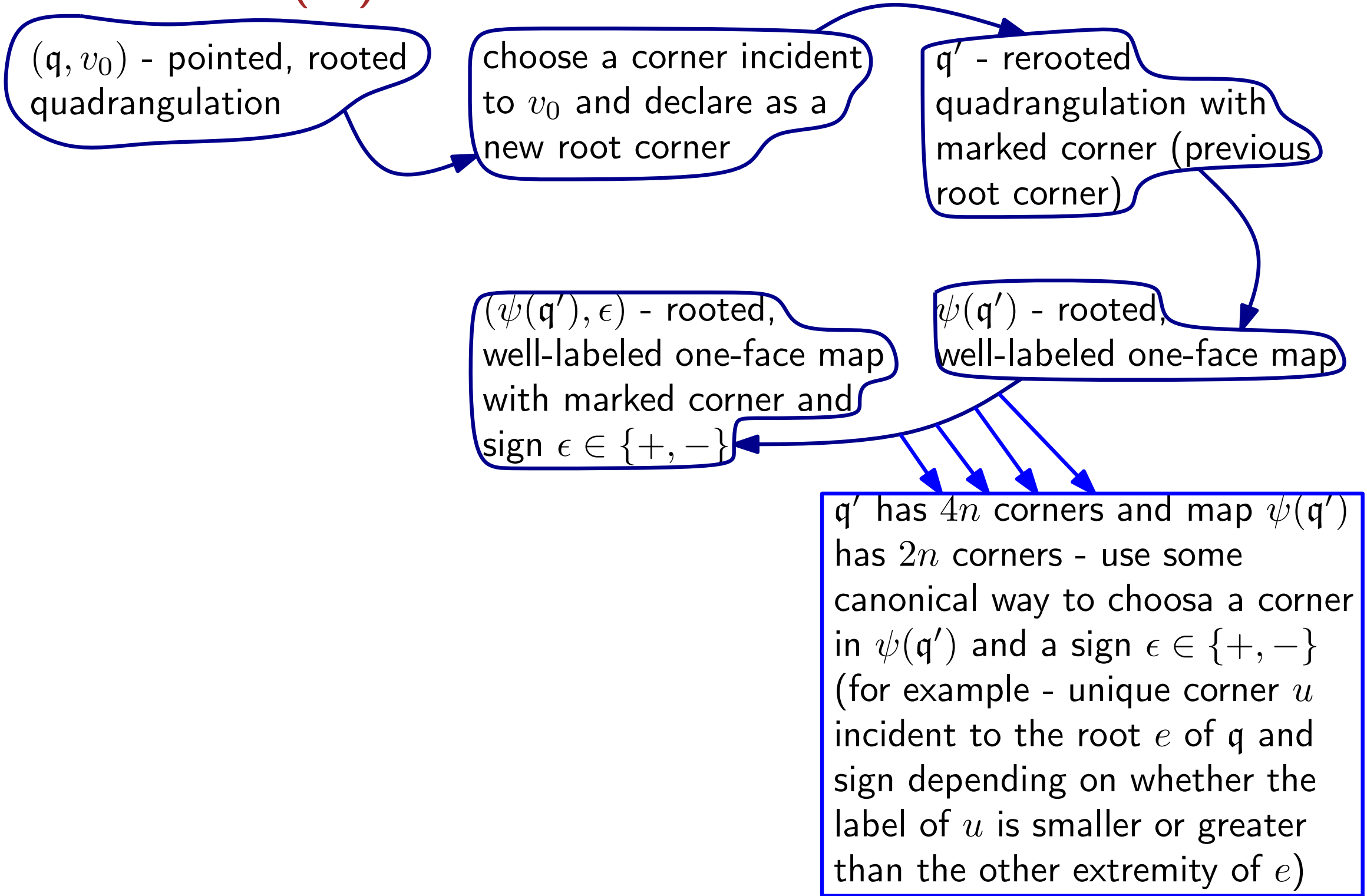
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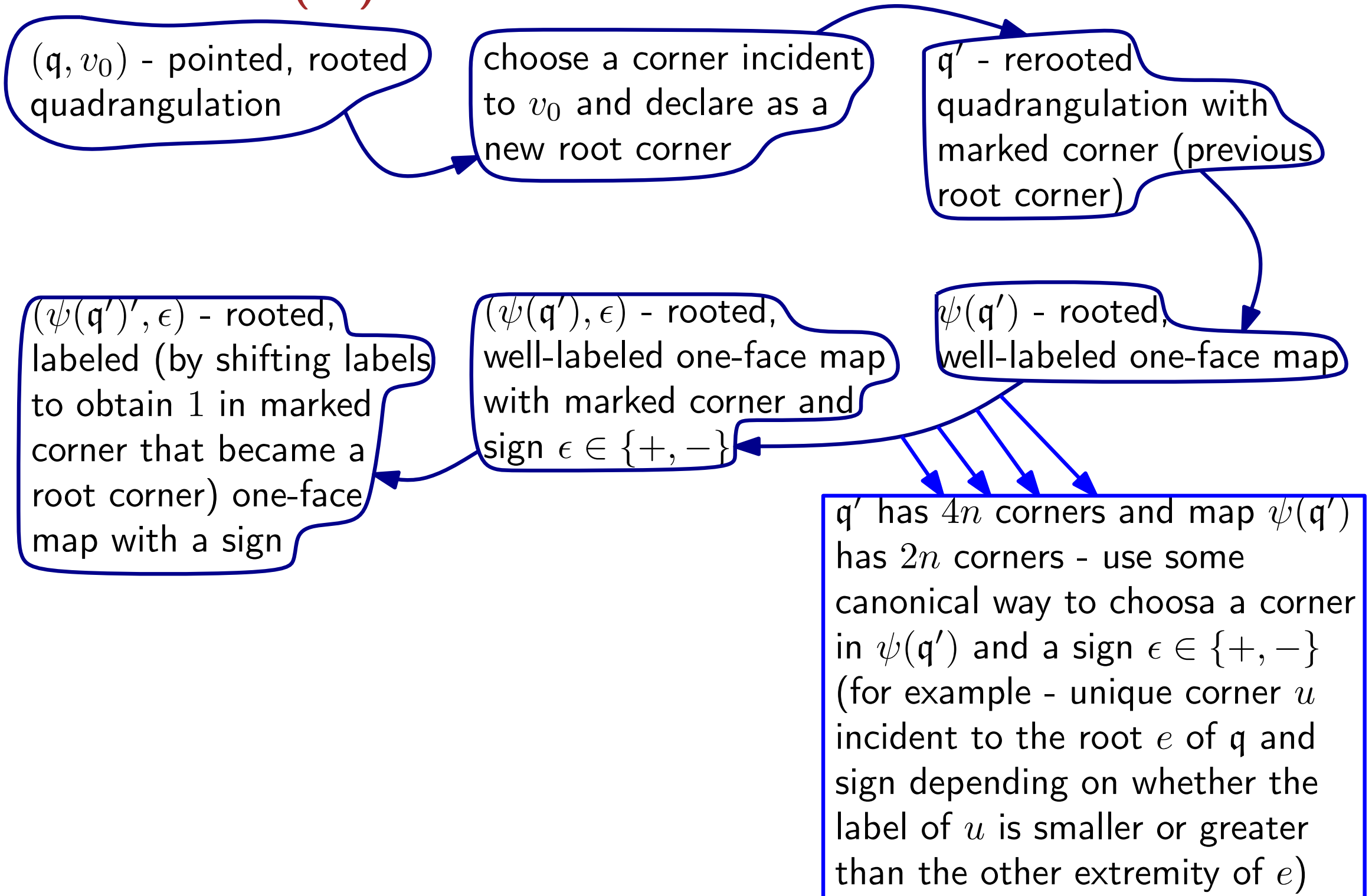
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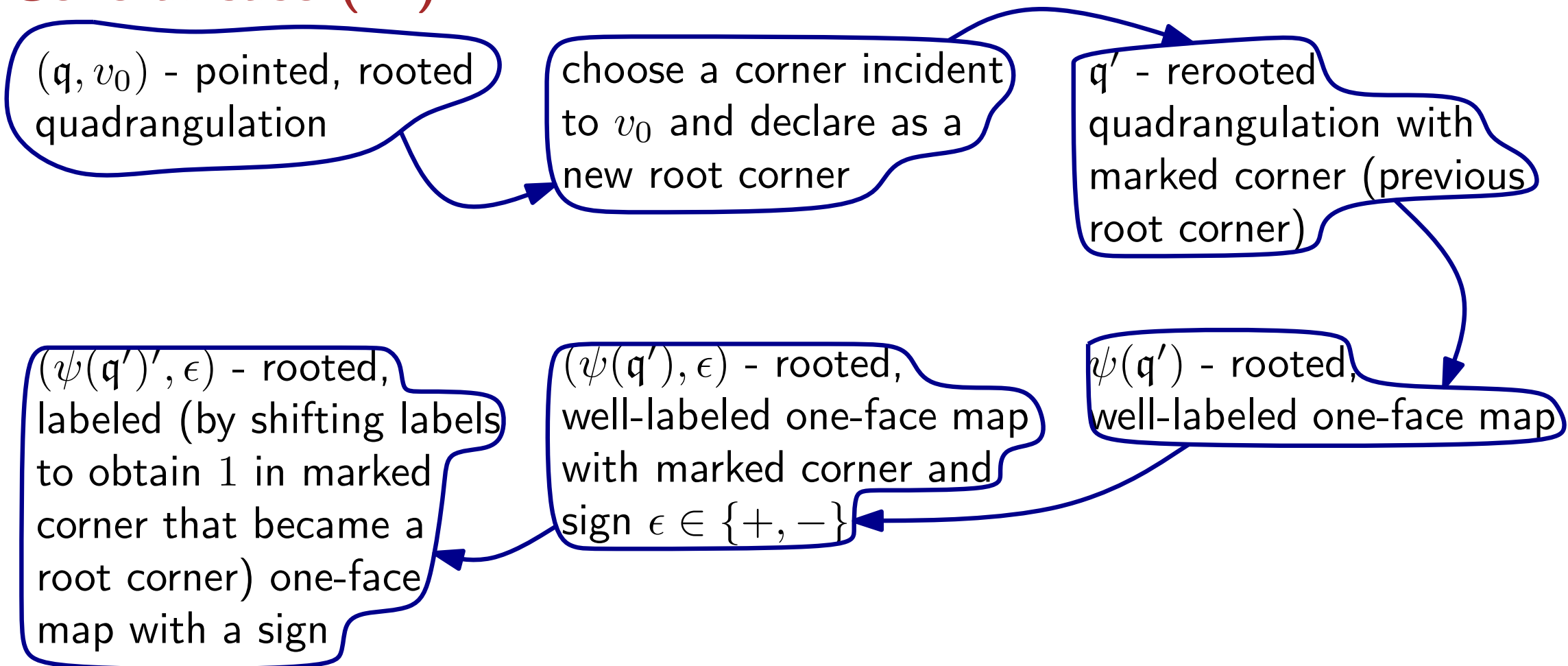
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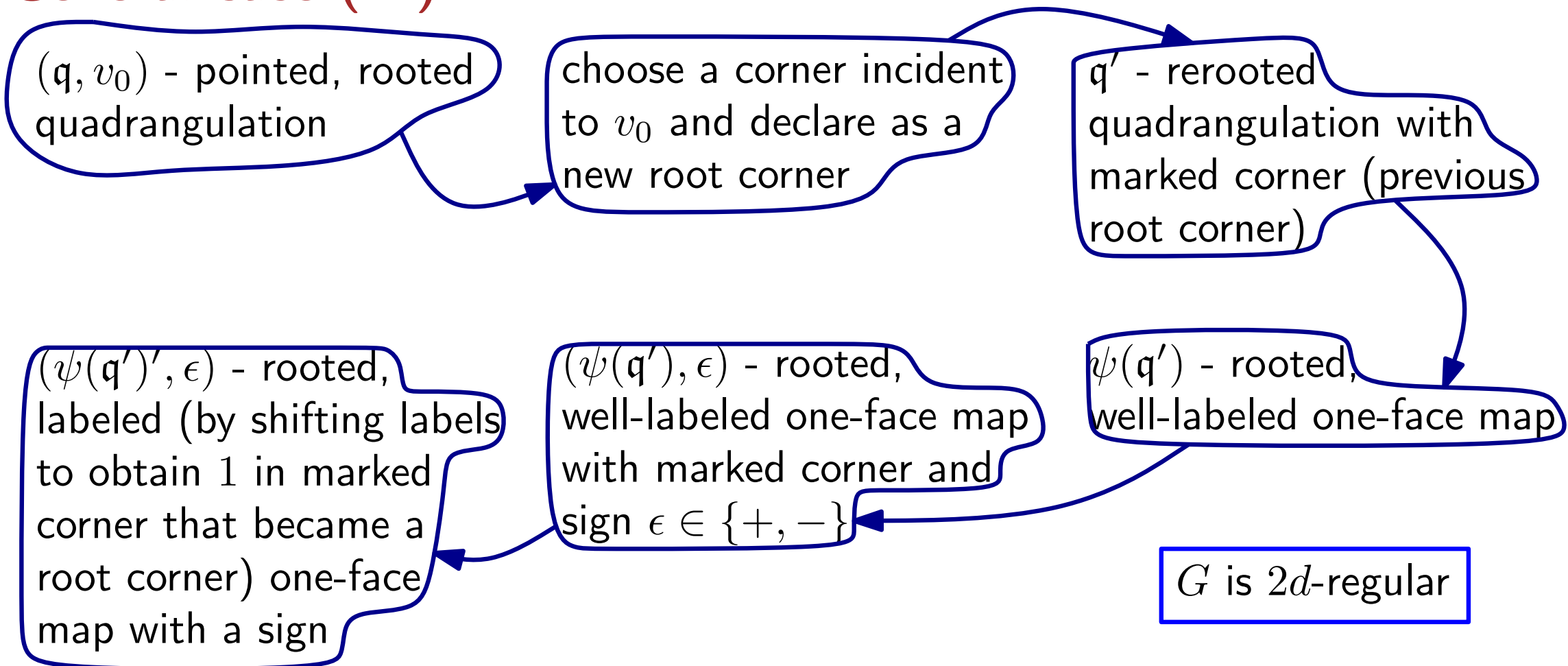
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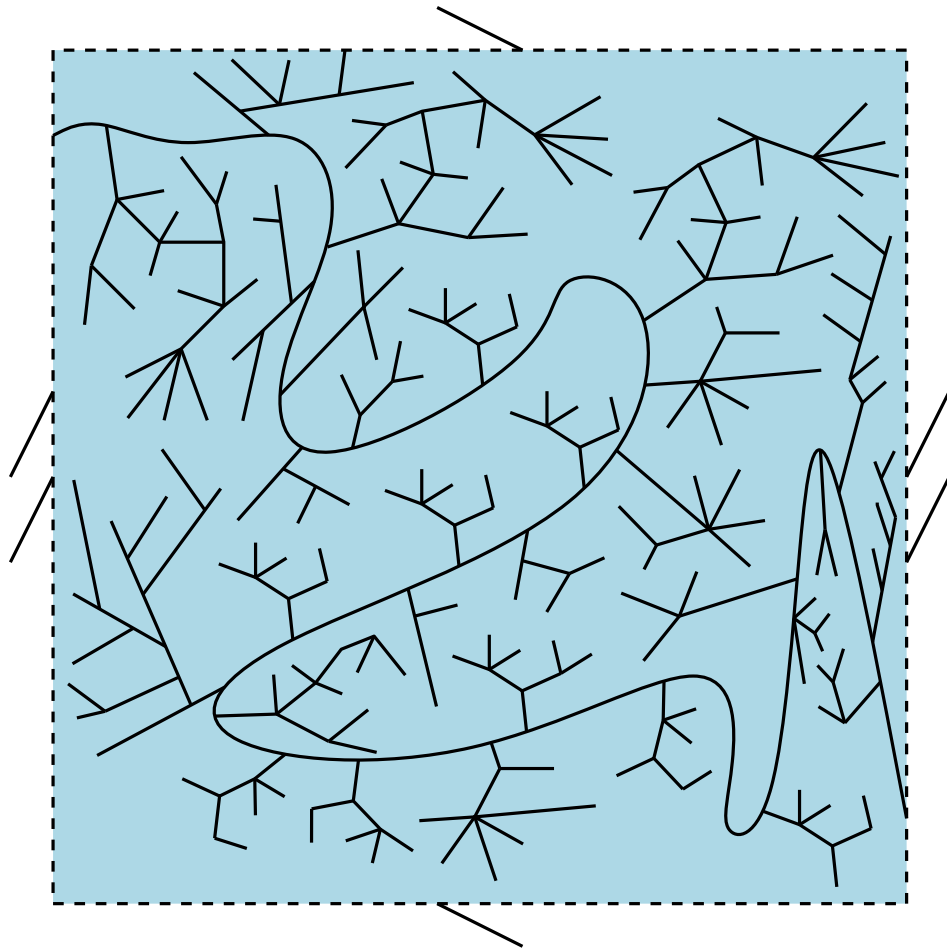
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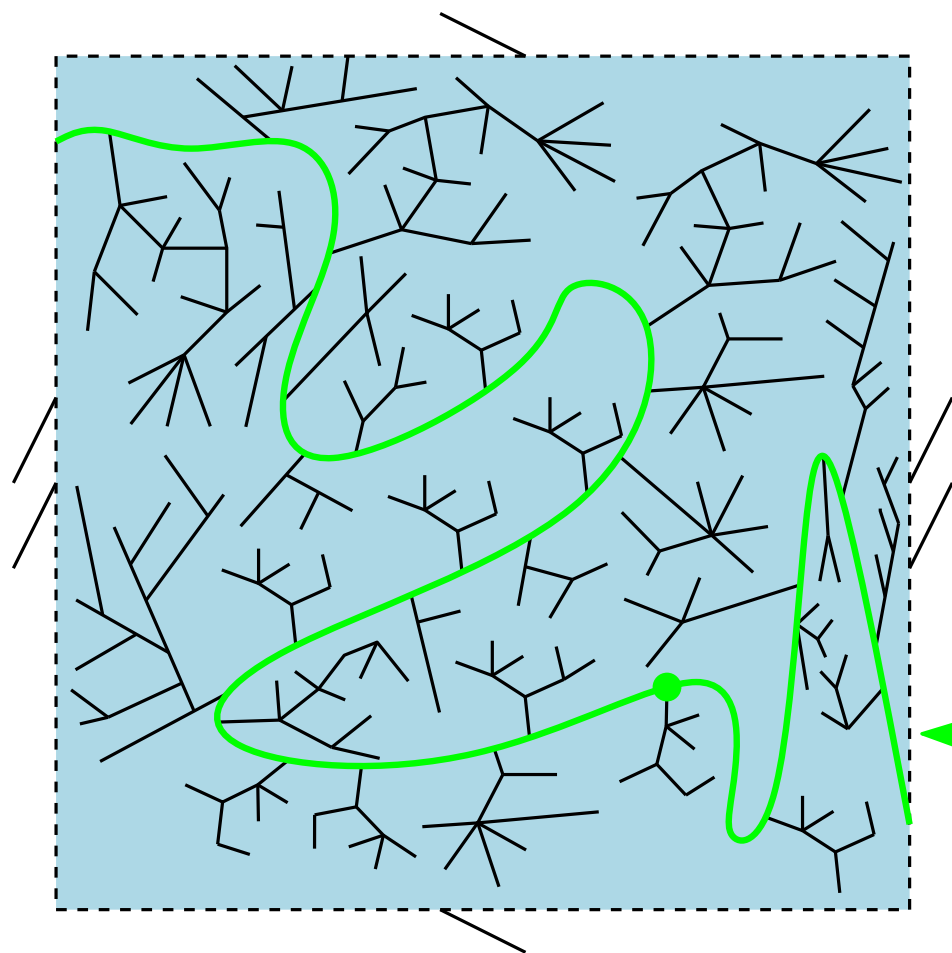


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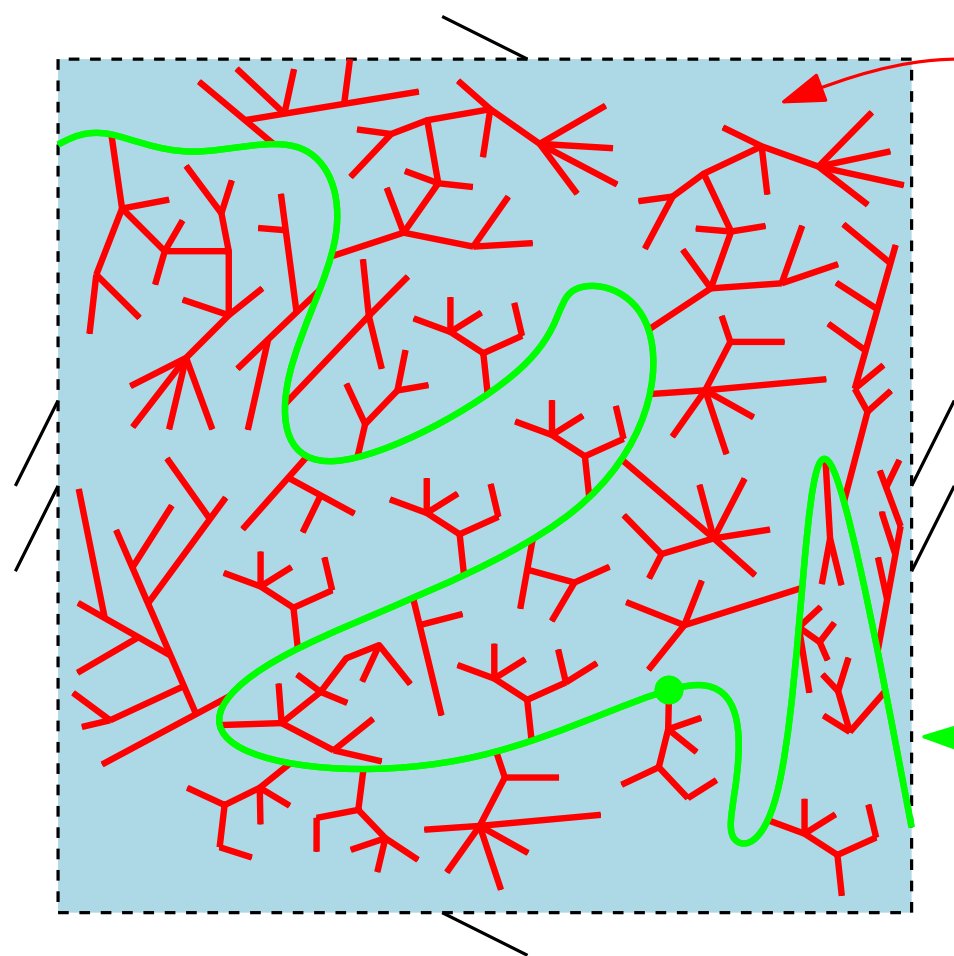
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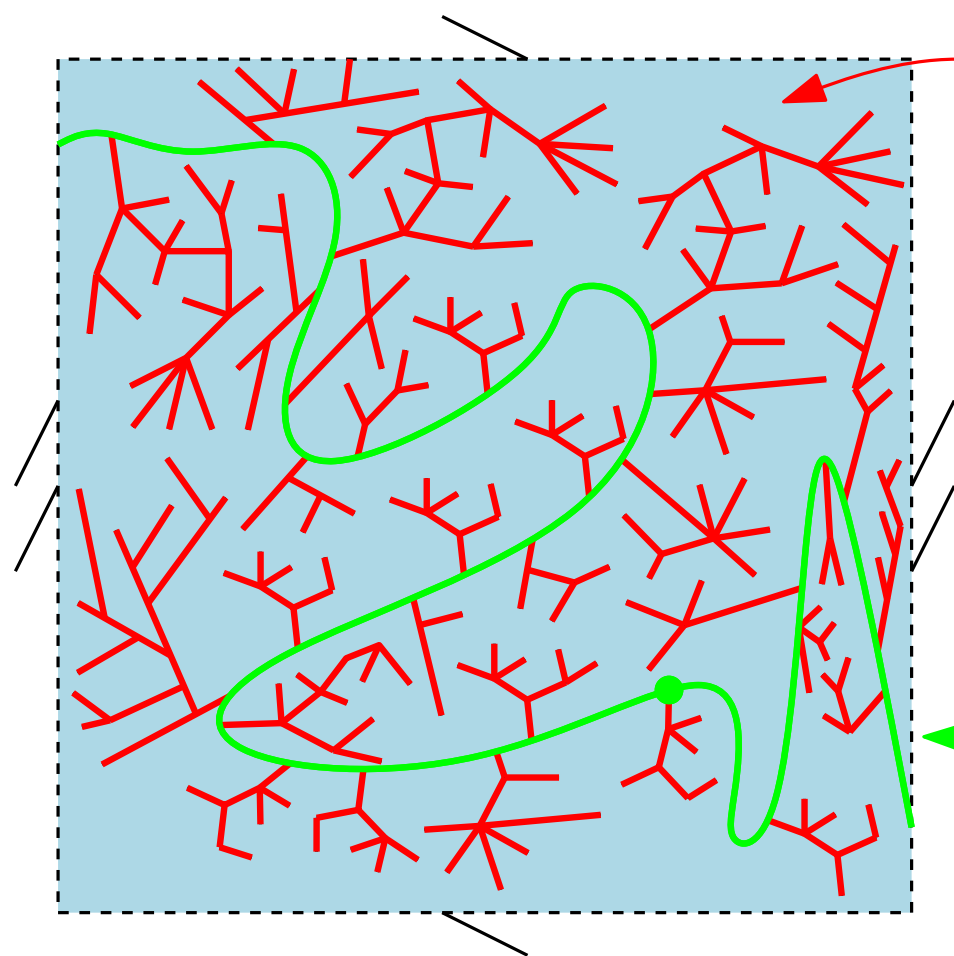
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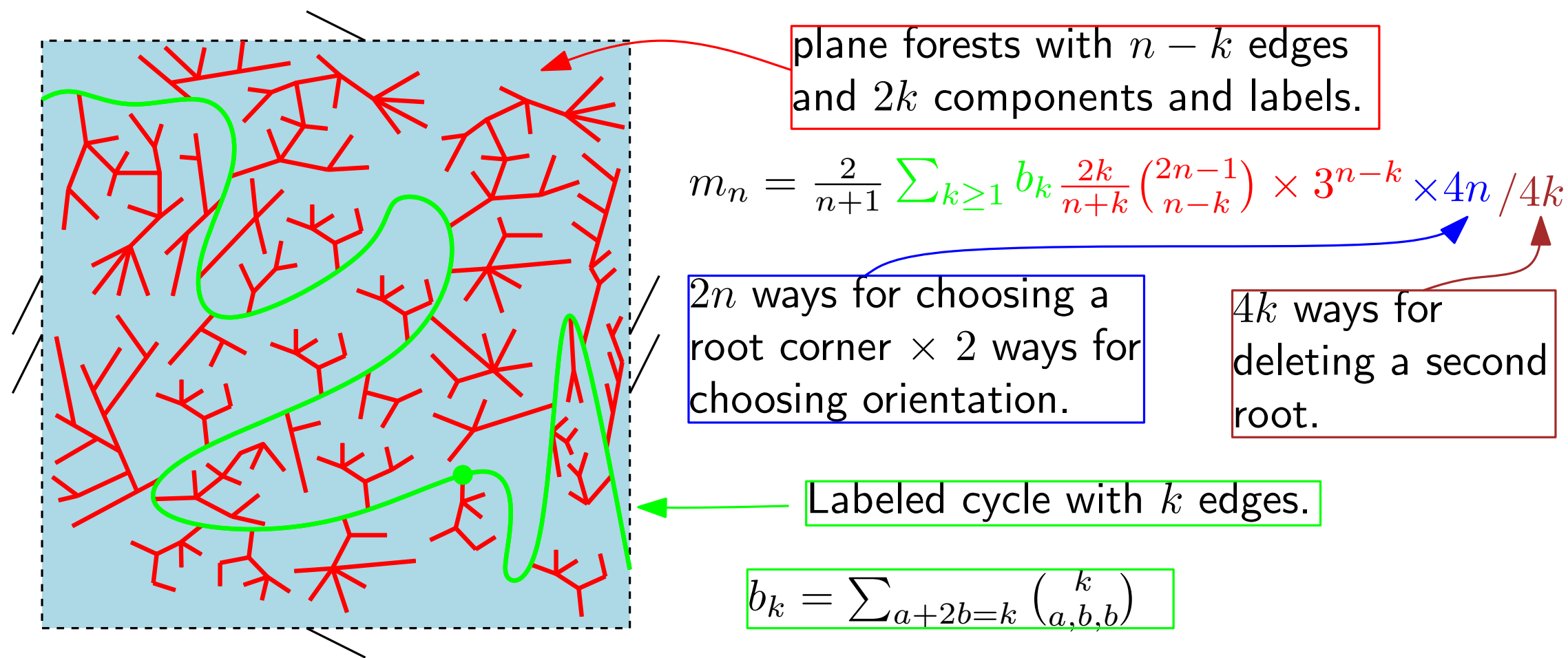
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