

# When orientability makes a difference?

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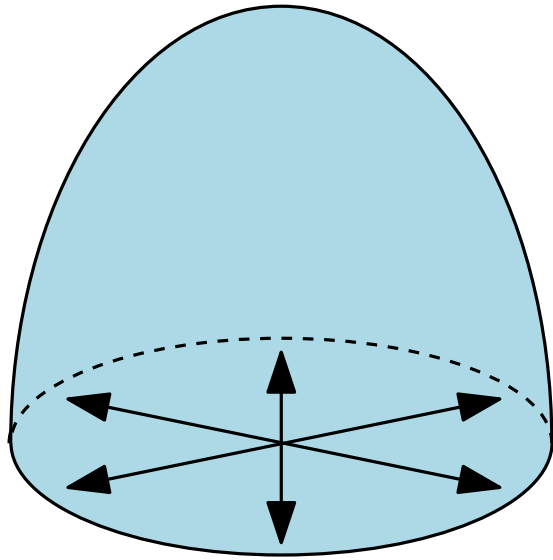
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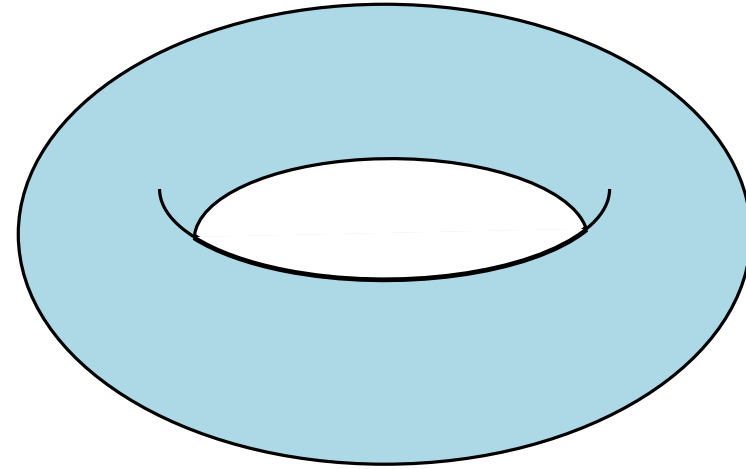
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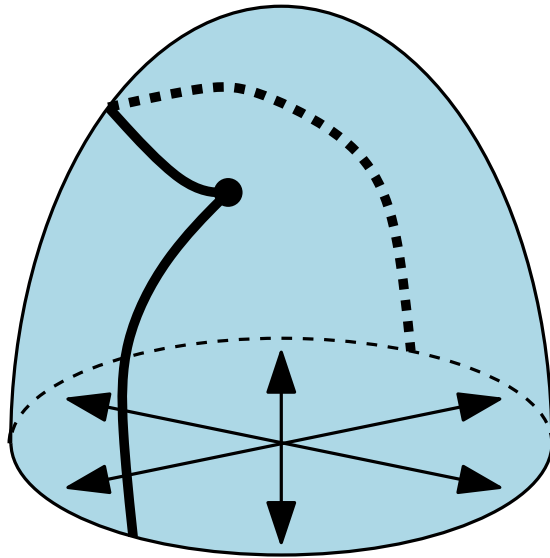
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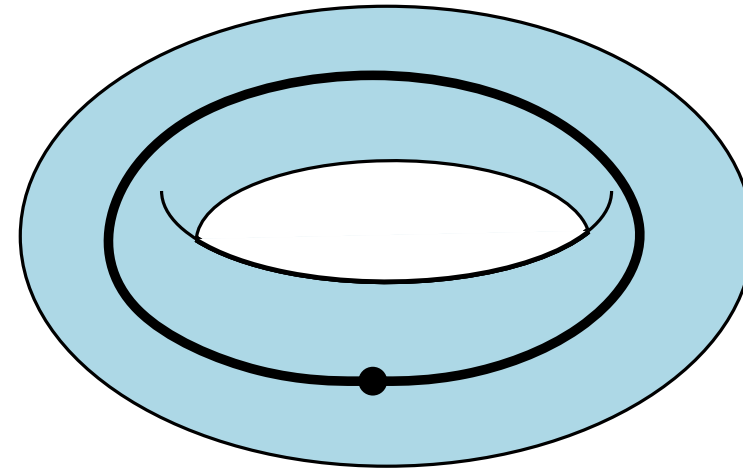
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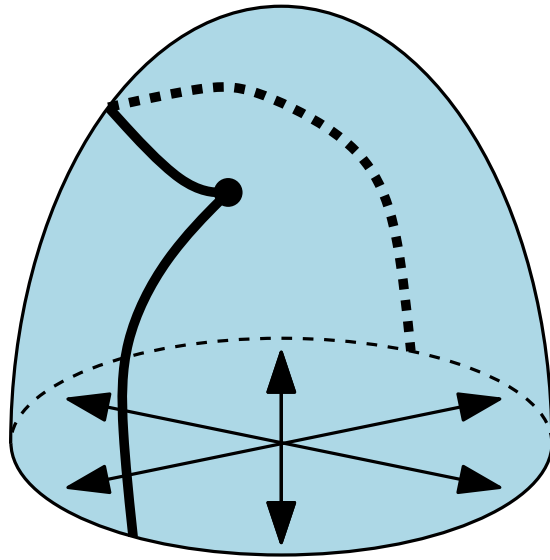
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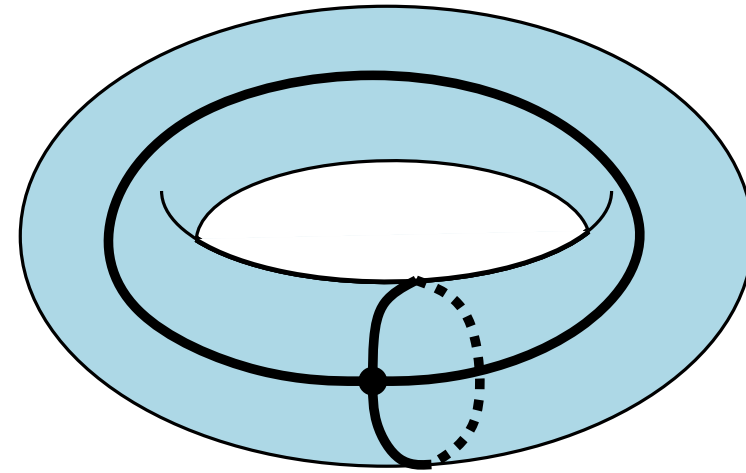
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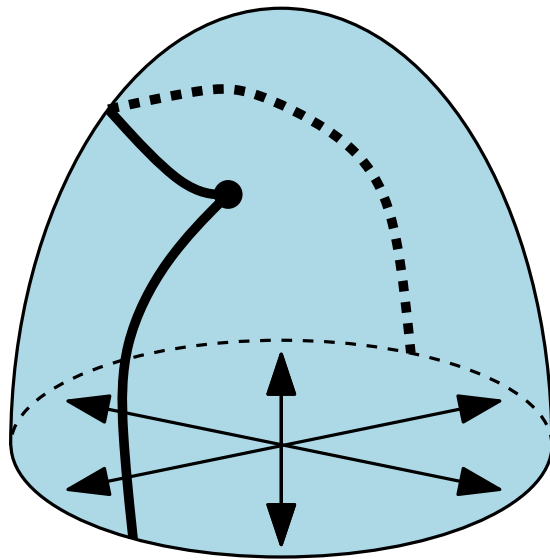
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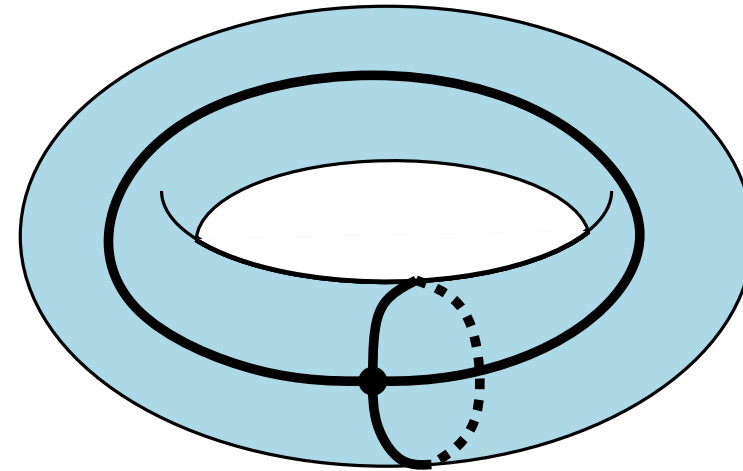
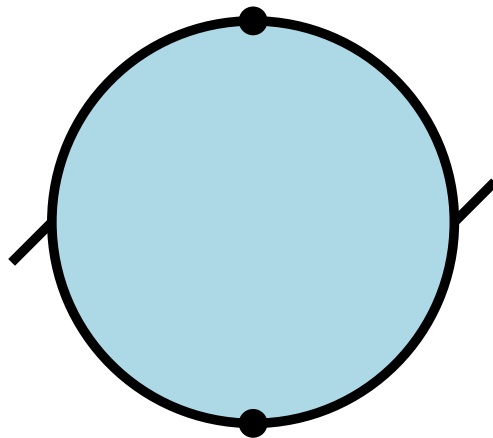
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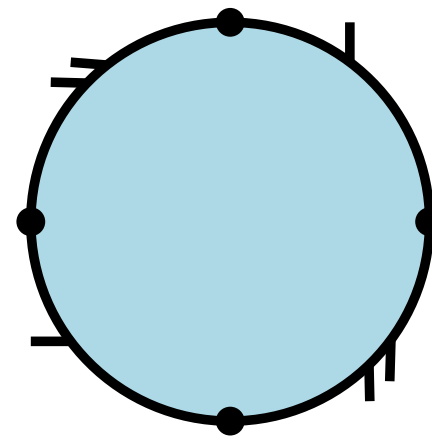
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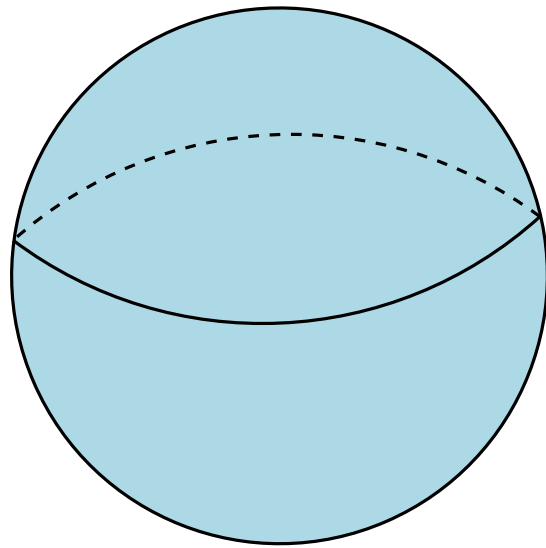
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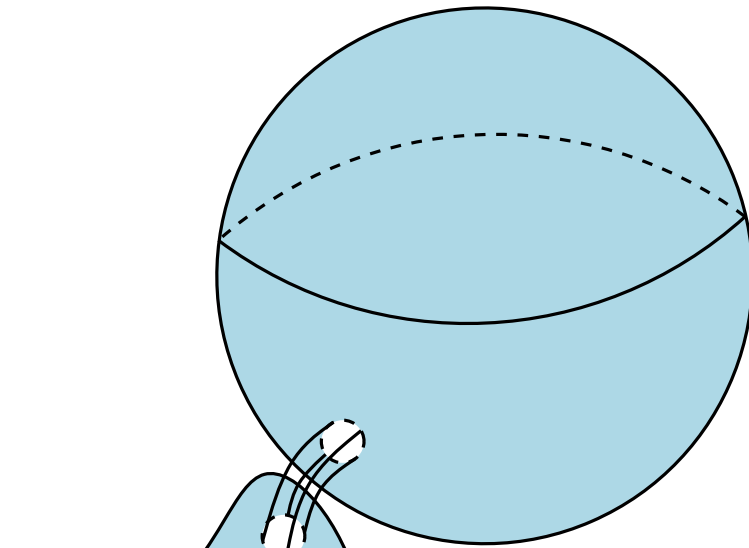
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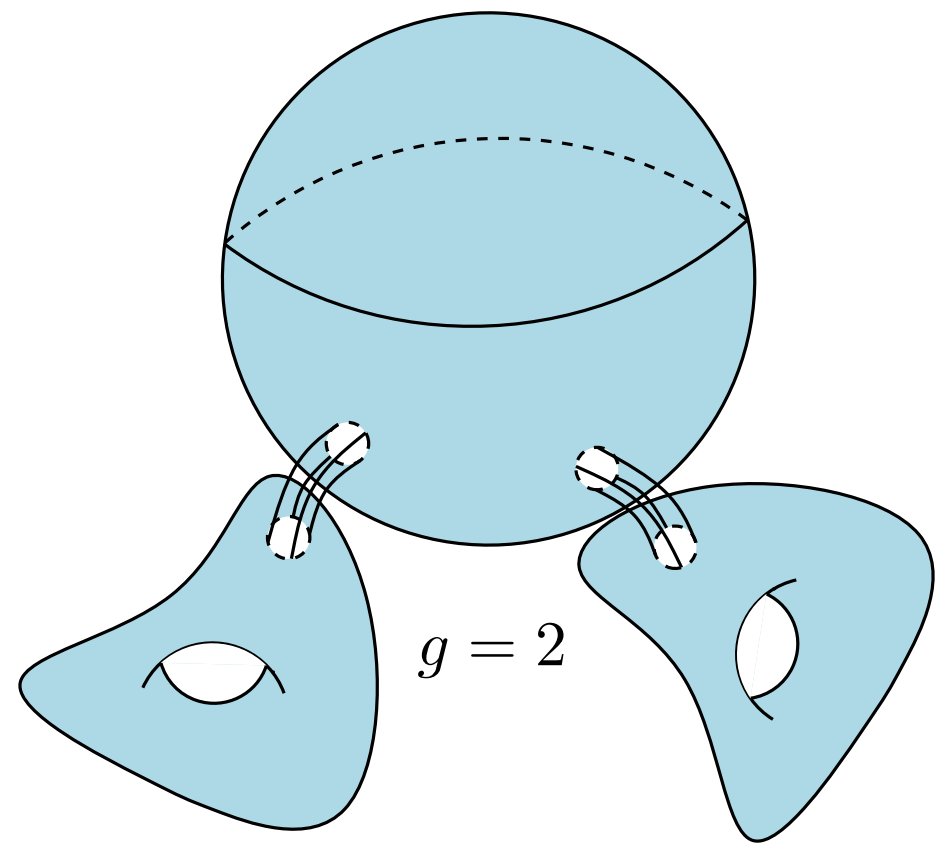
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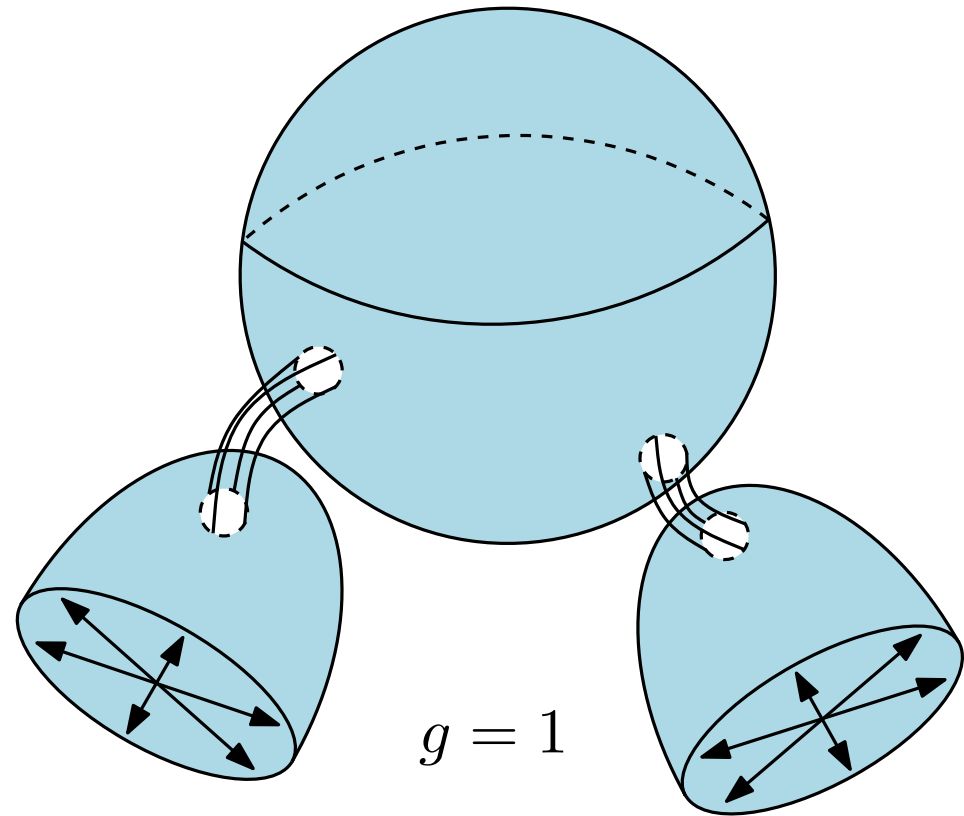
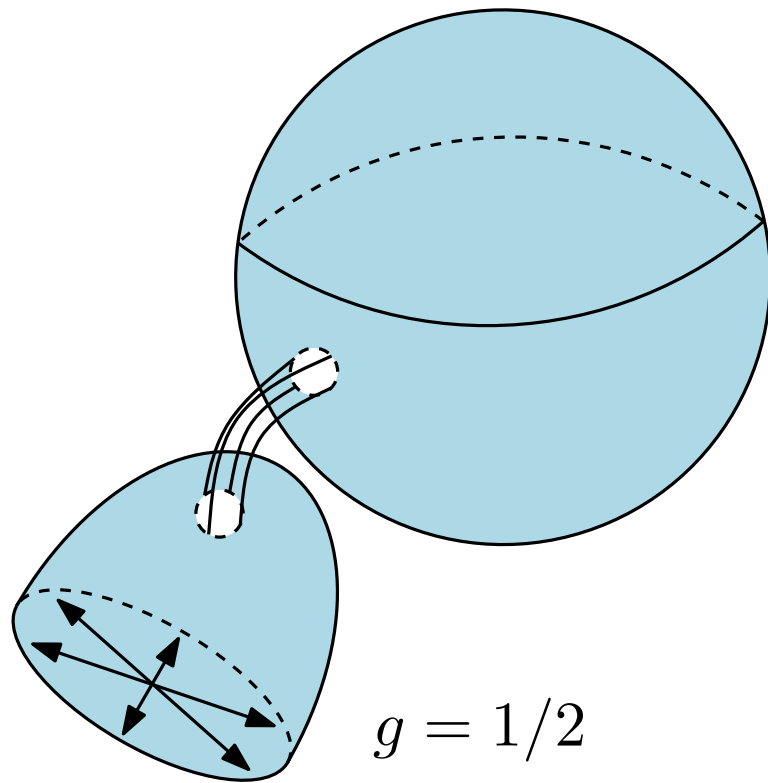


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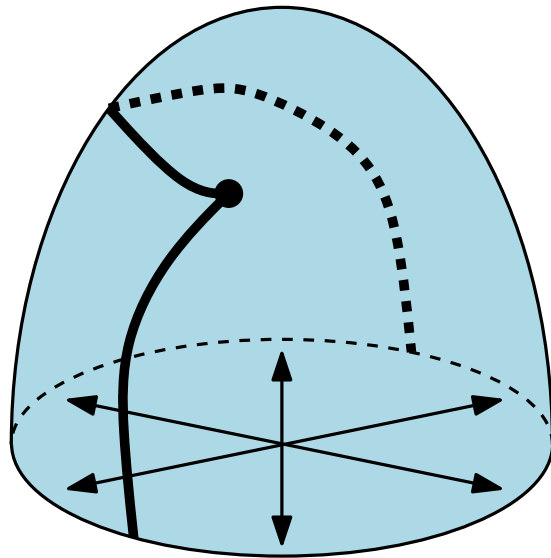
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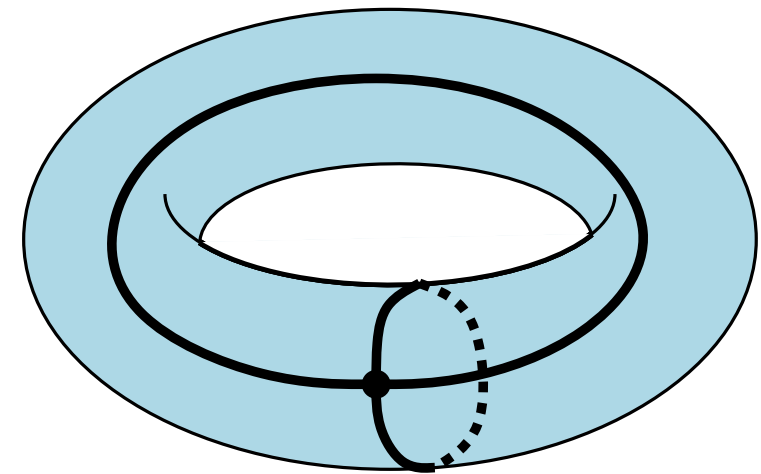
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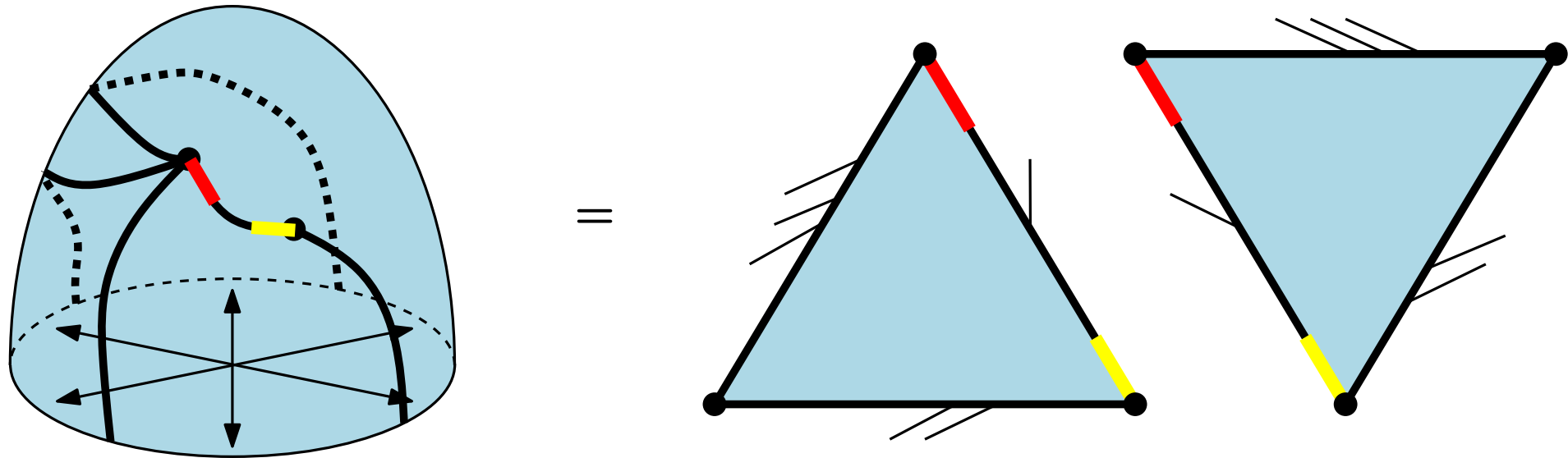
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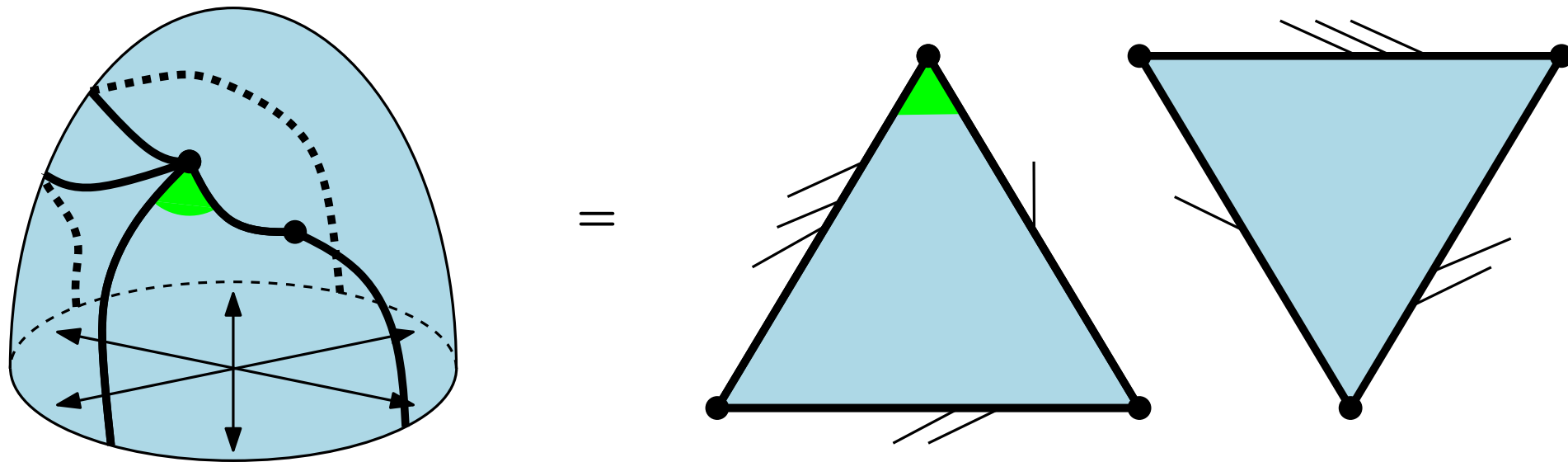
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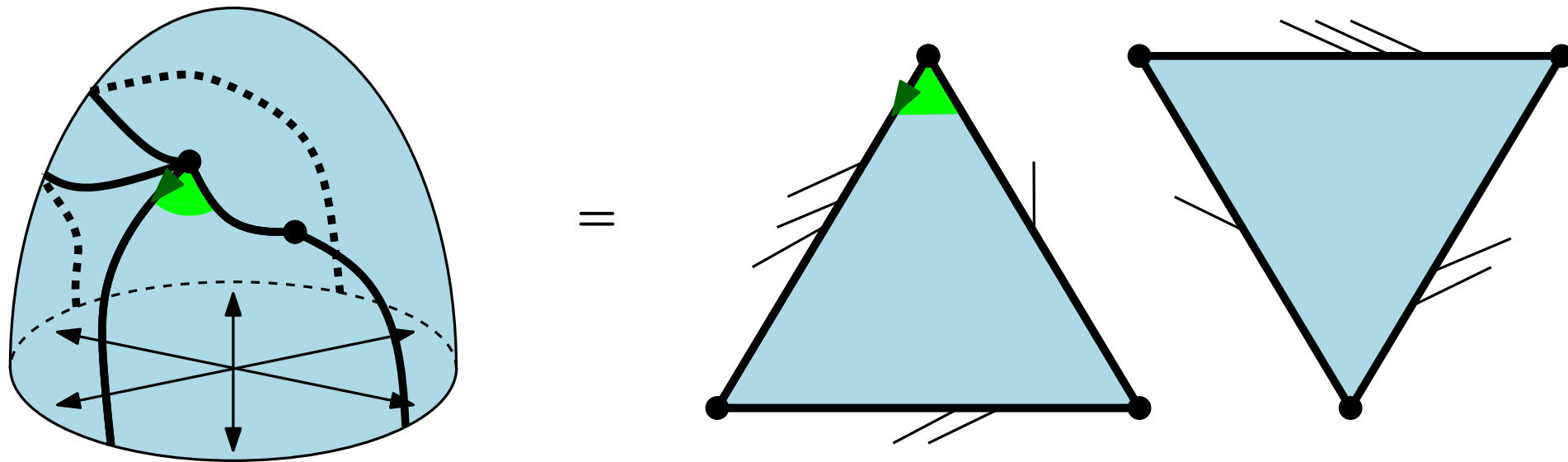
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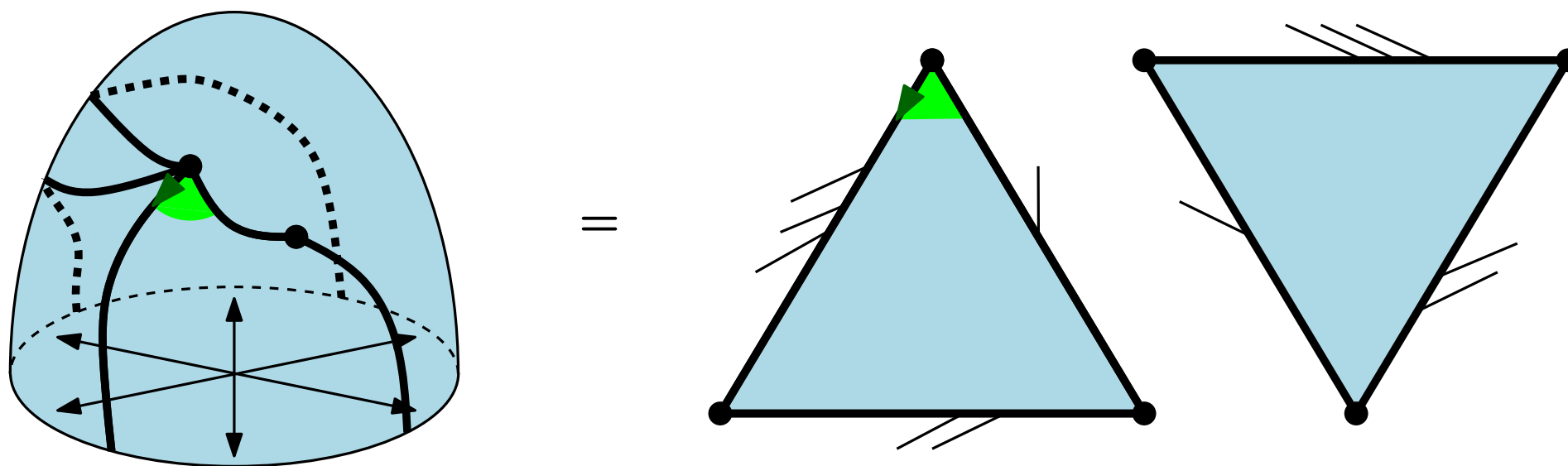
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## Remark:

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**!



## II. Enumeration of maps

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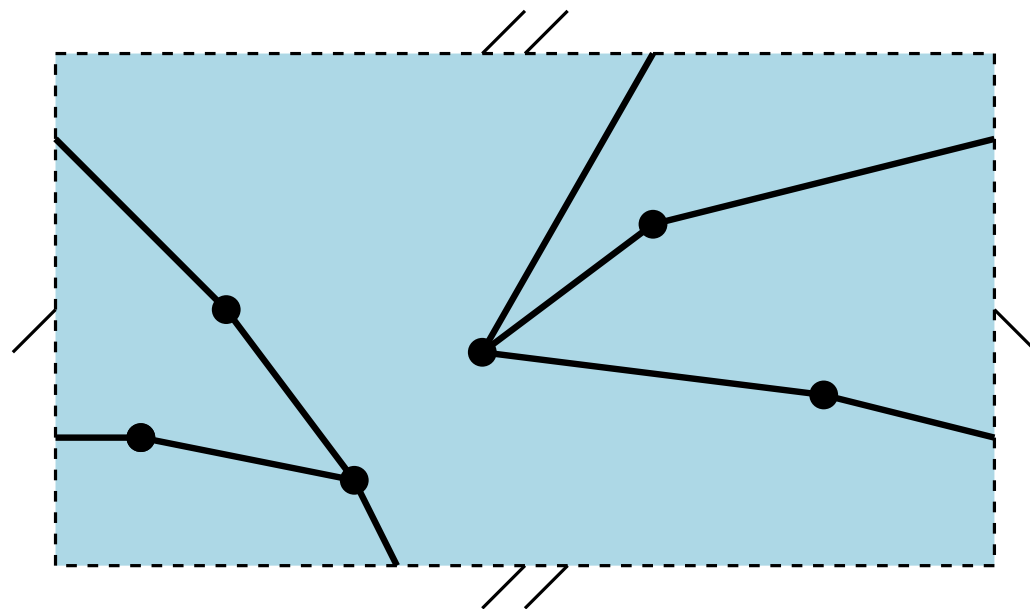
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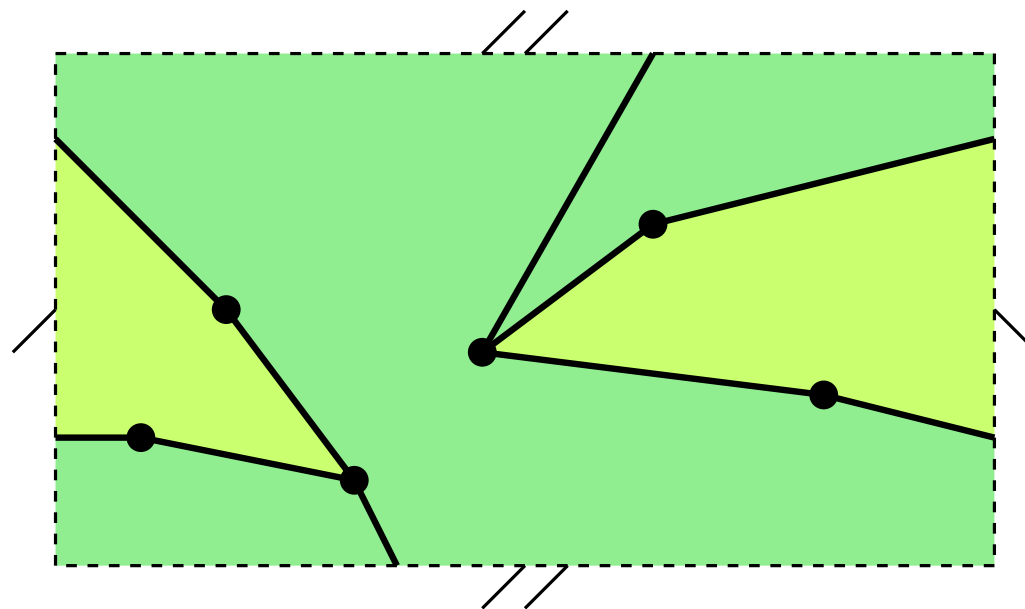
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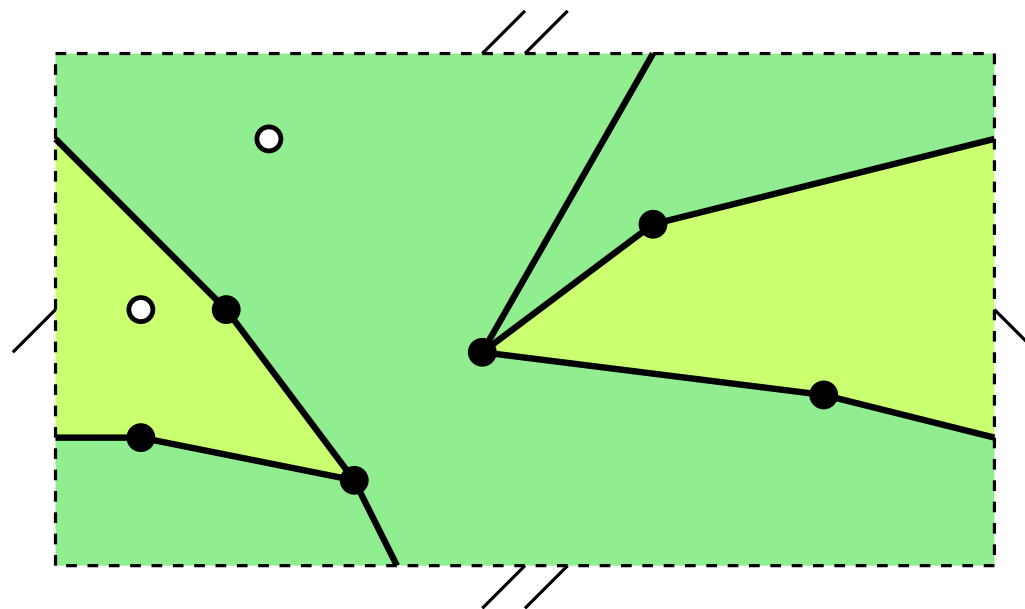
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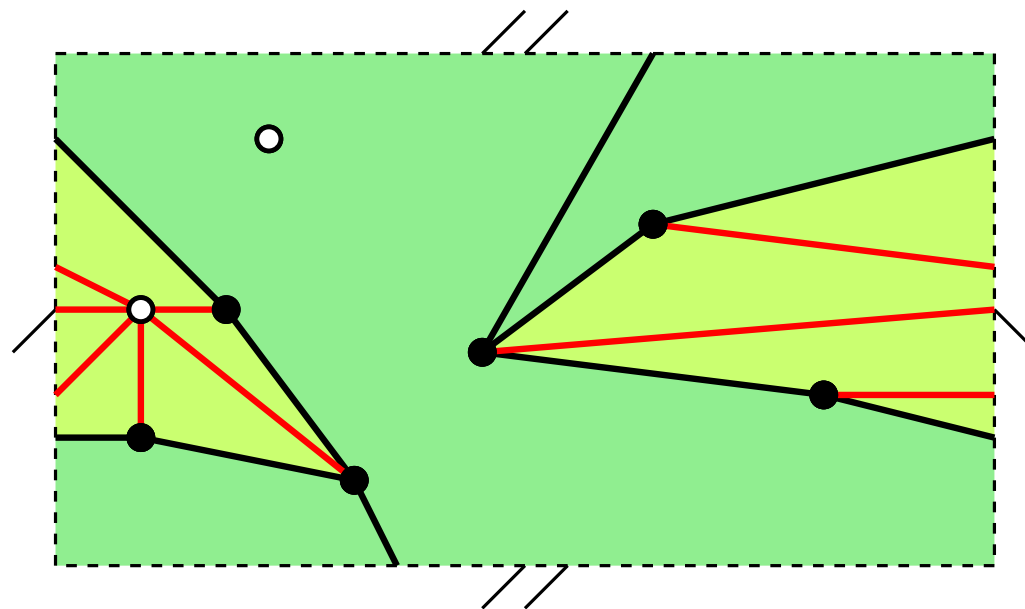
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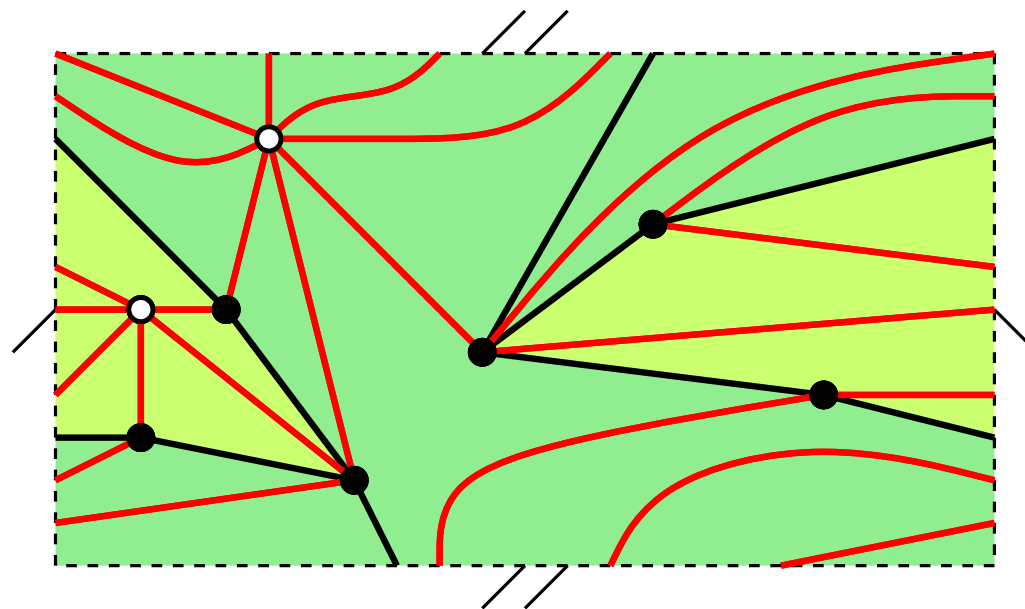
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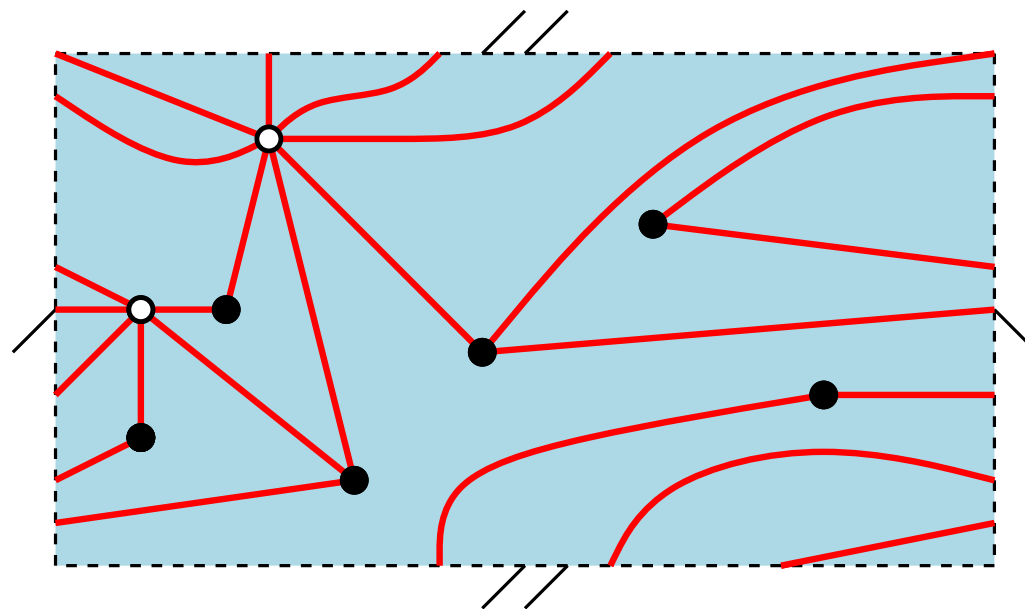
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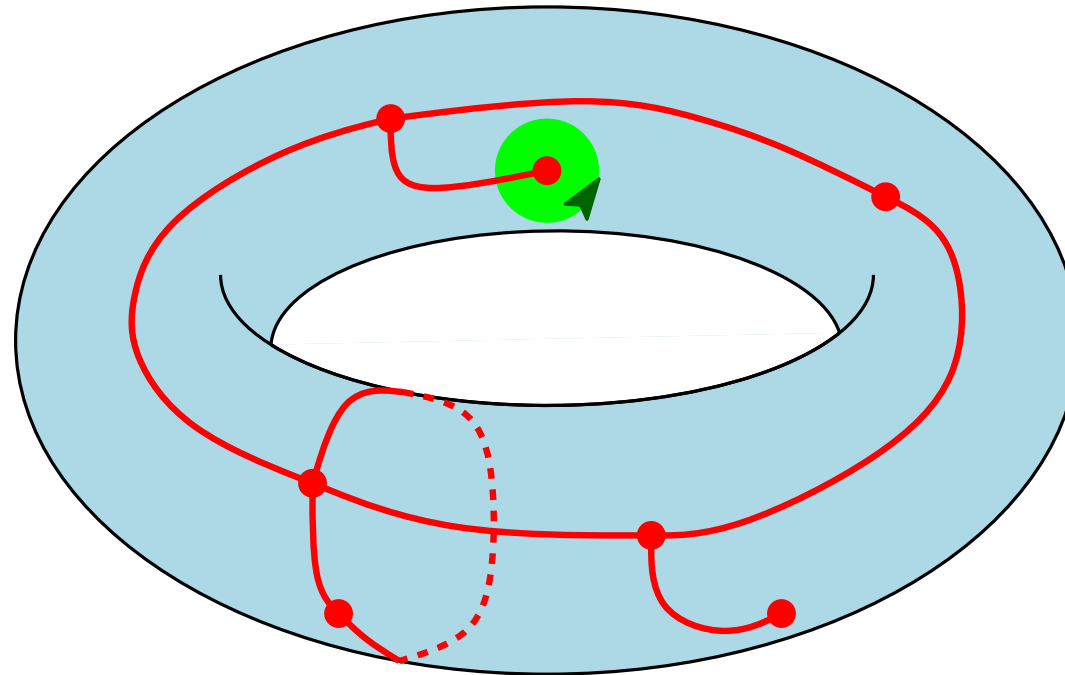
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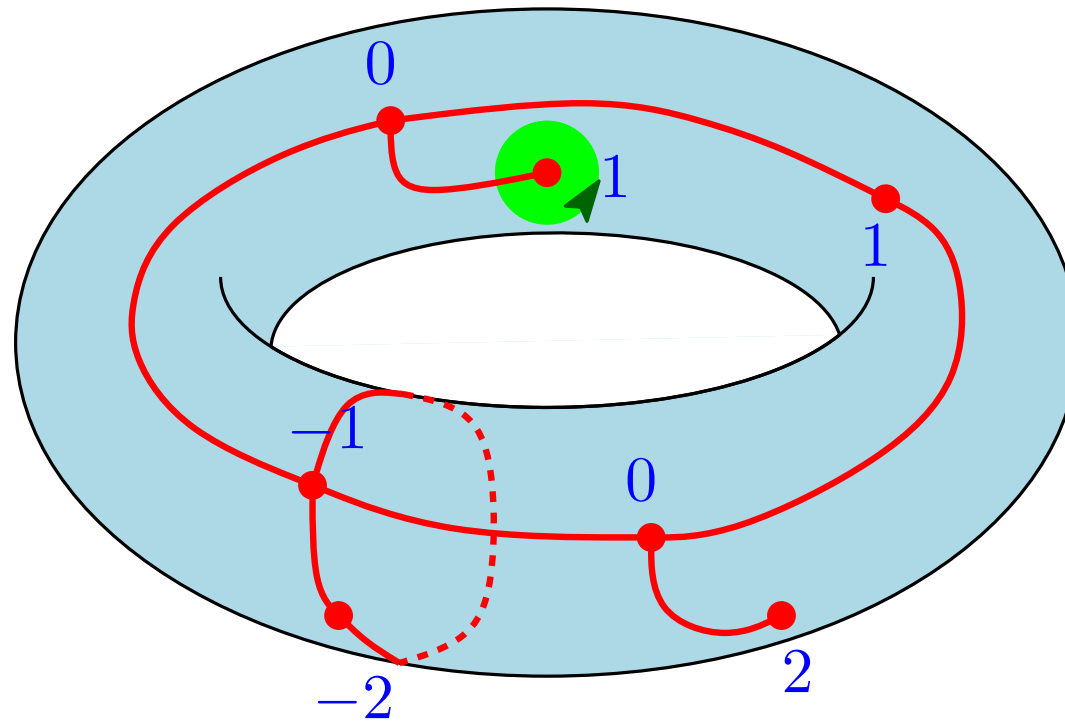
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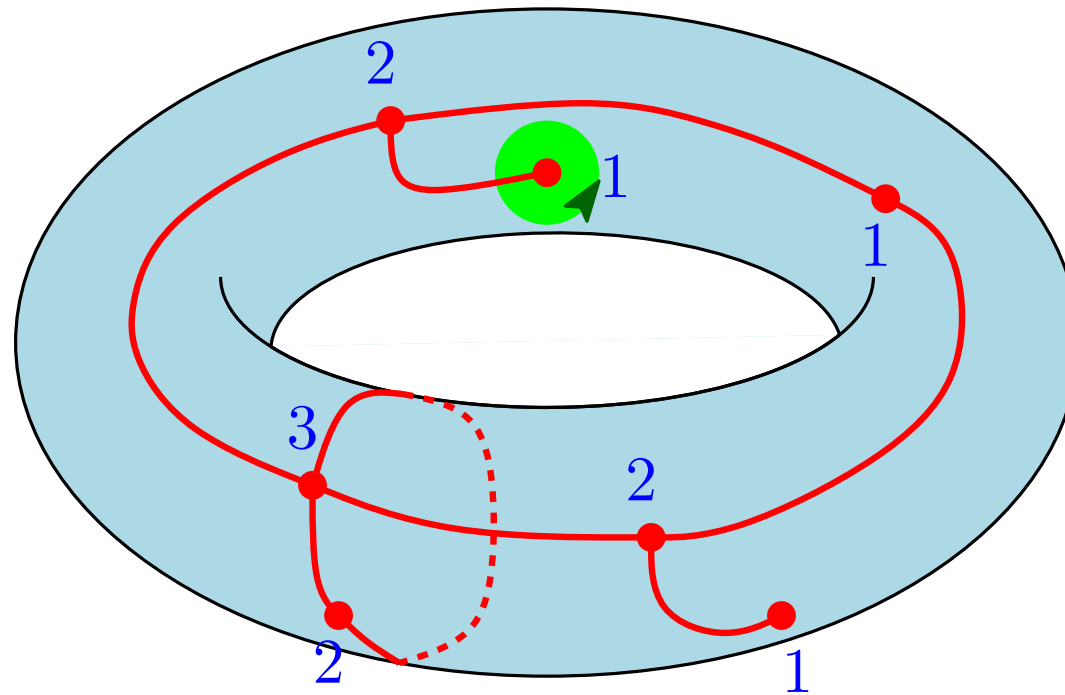
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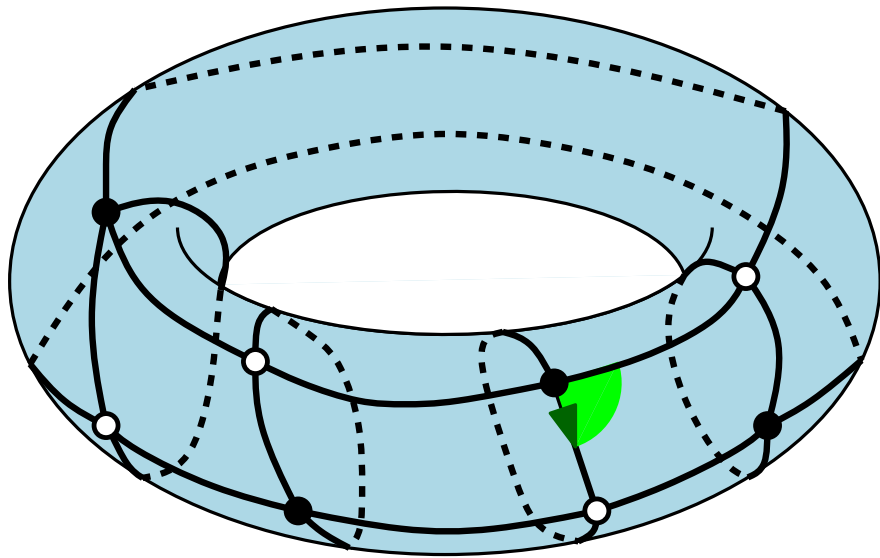
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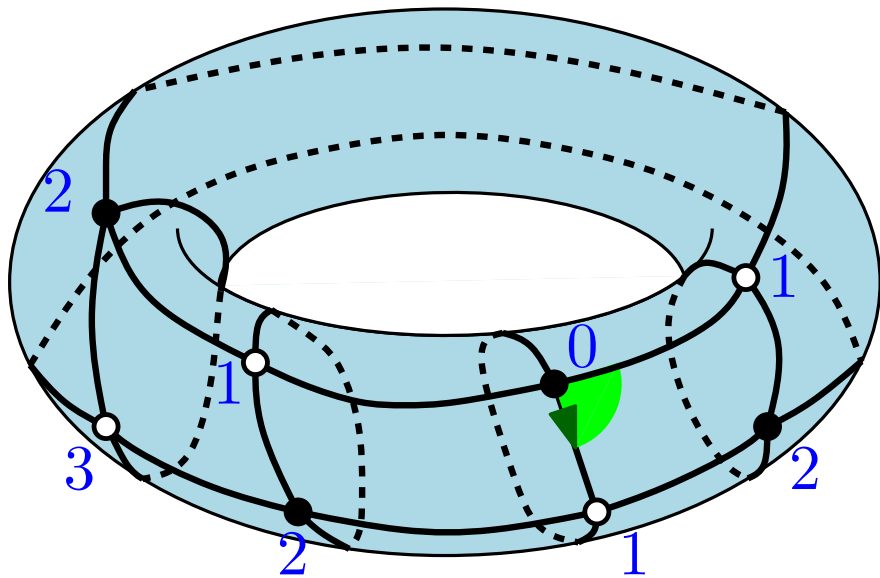


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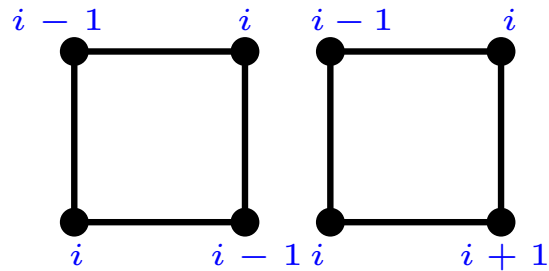
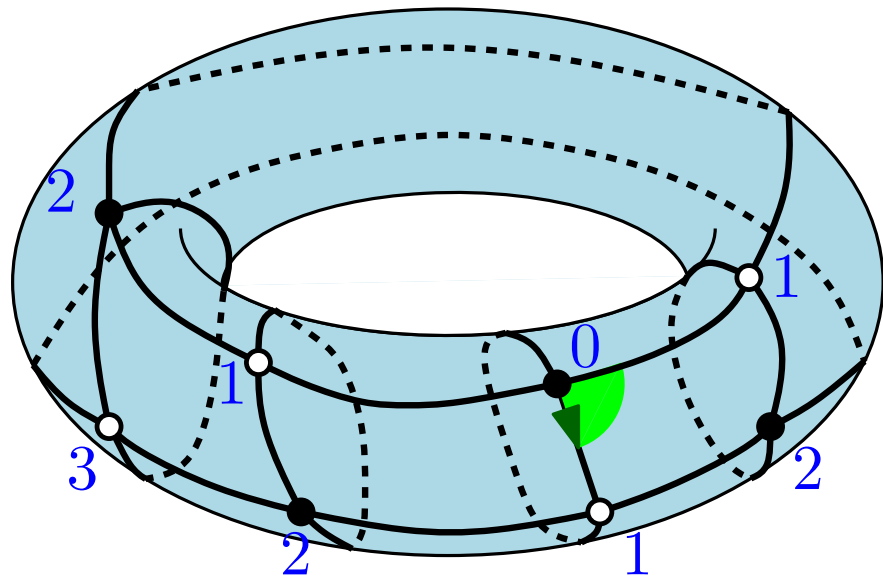


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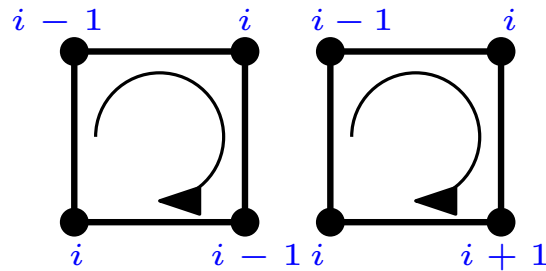
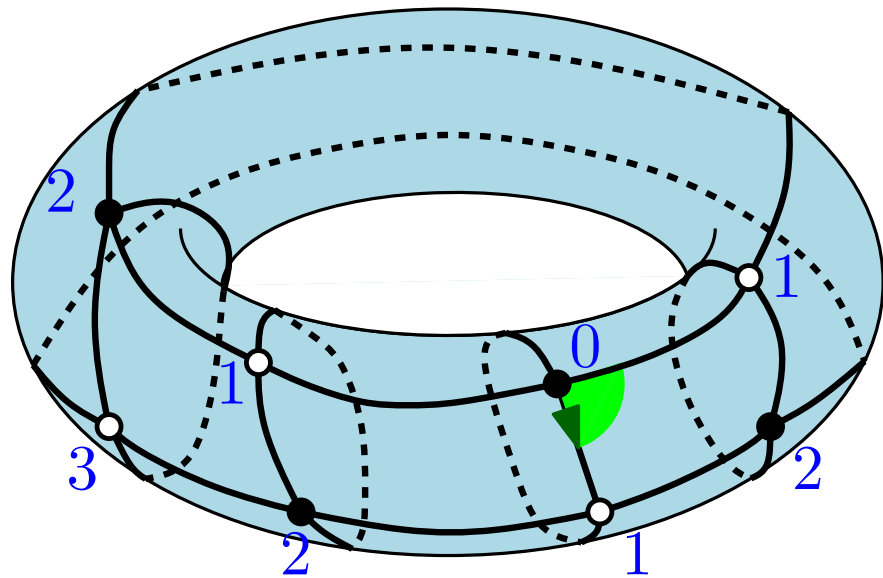


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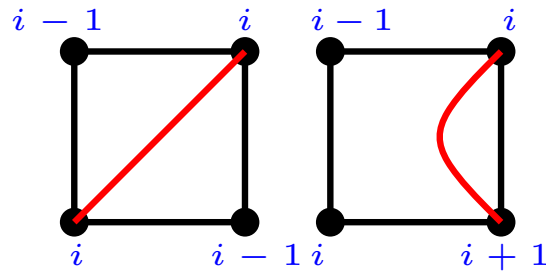
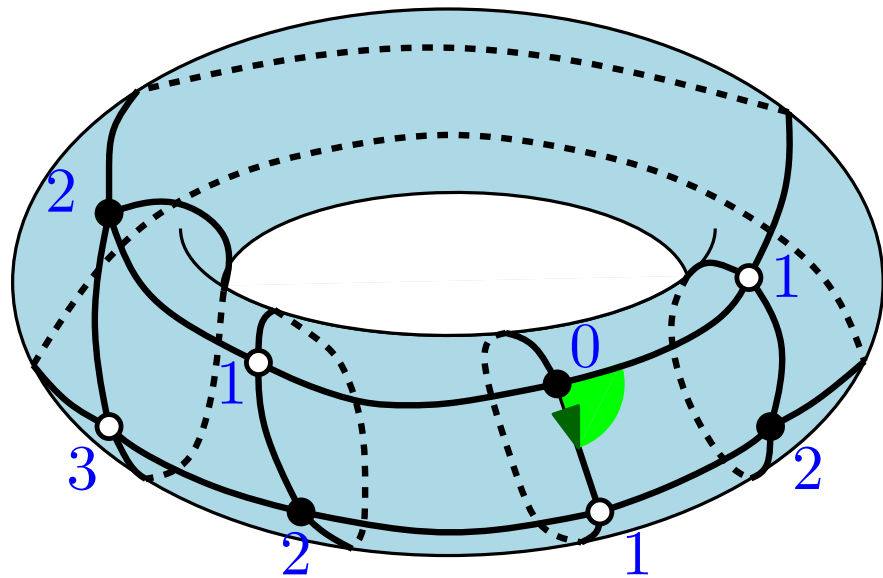


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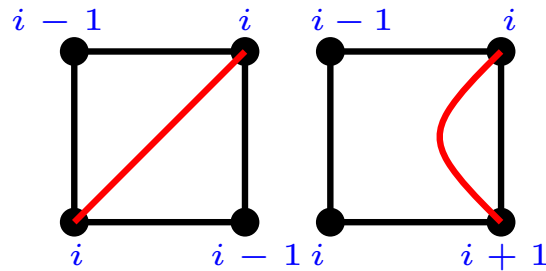
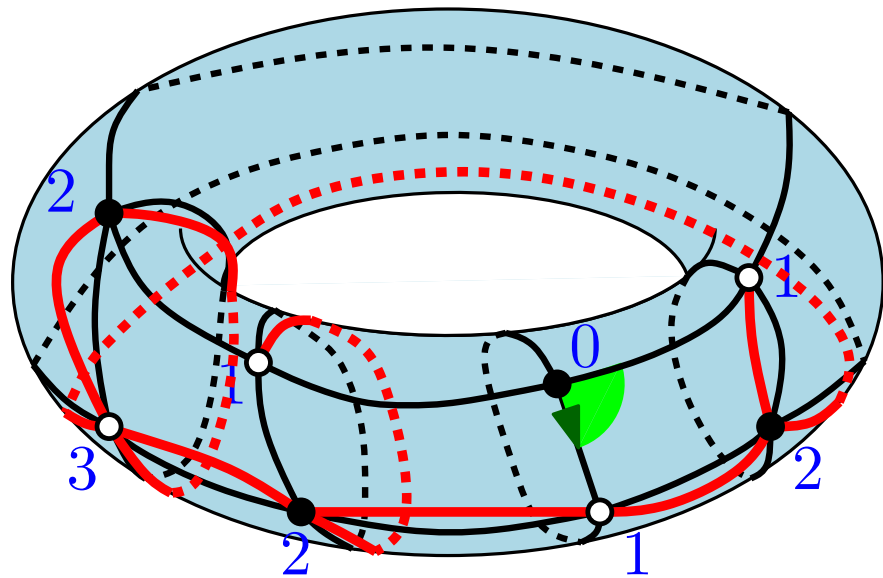


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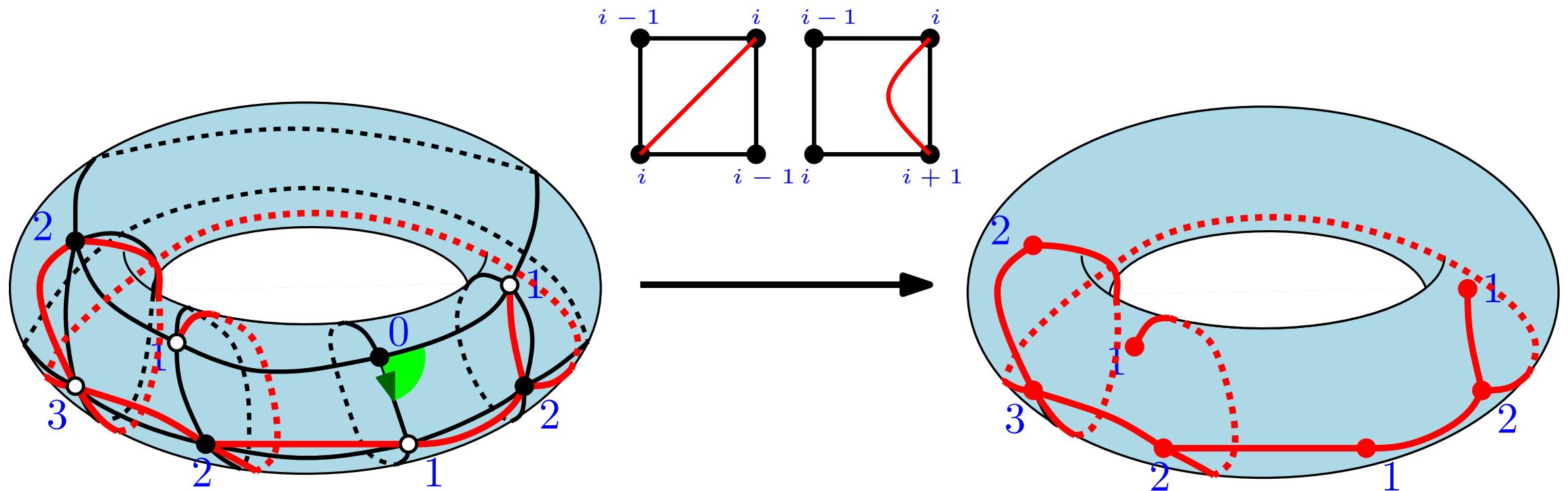


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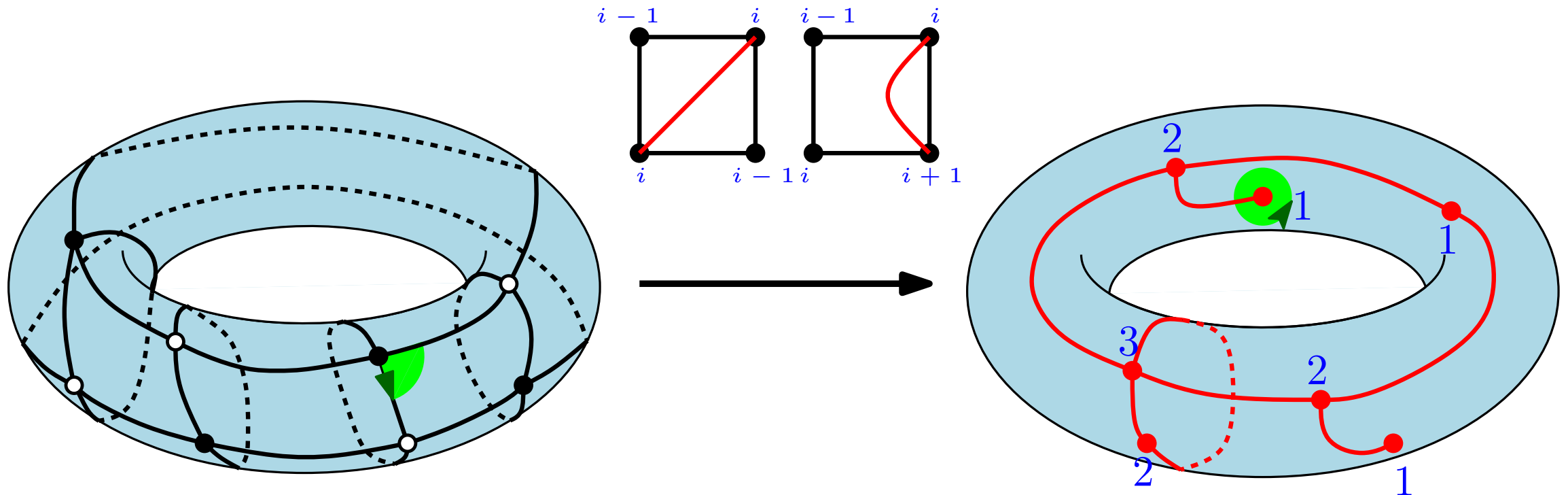


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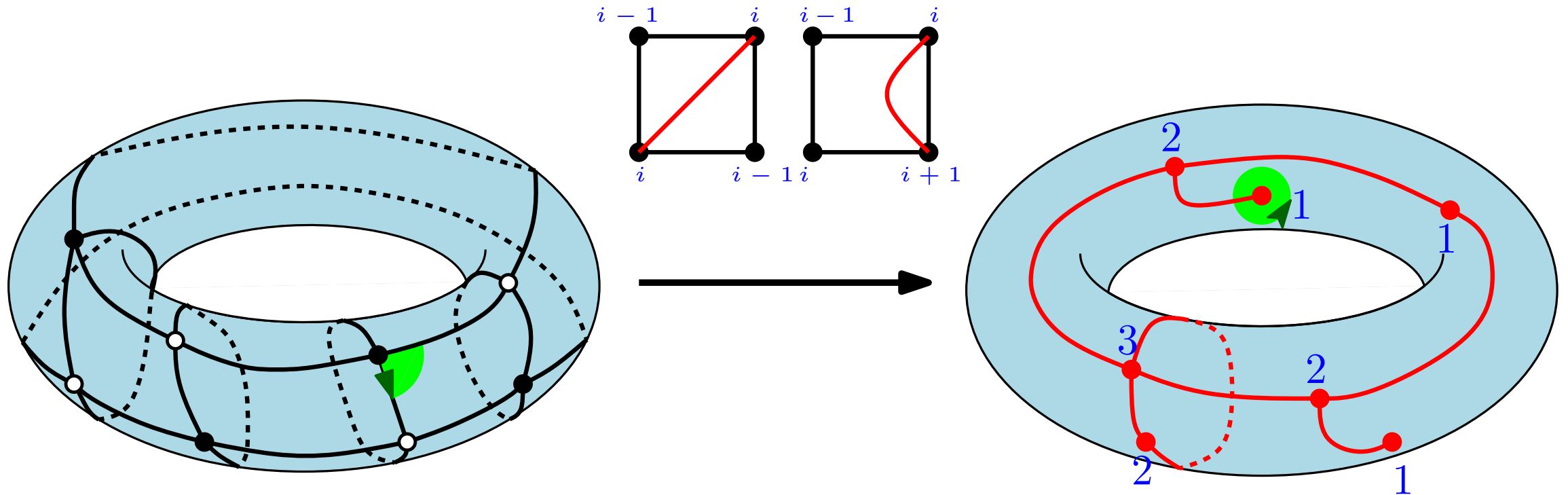


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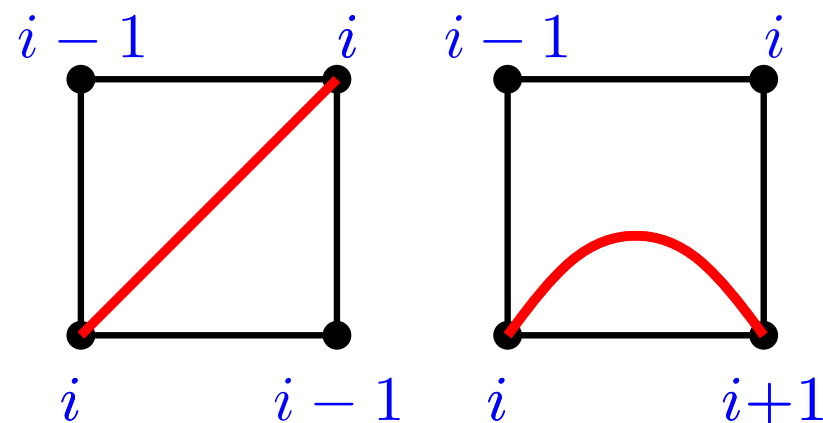
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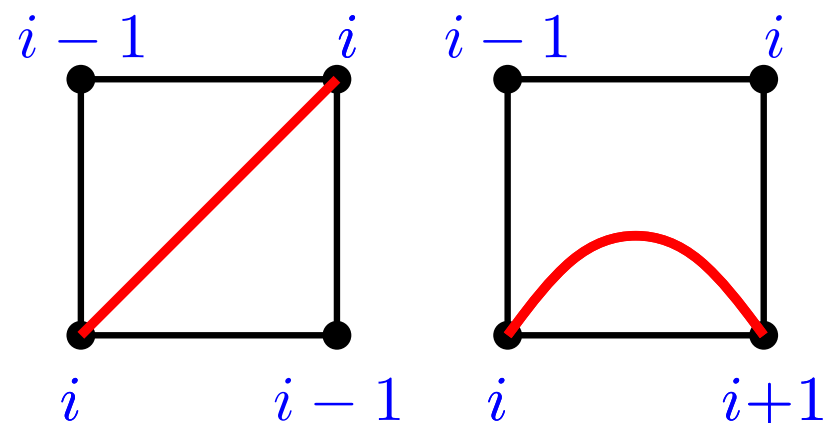
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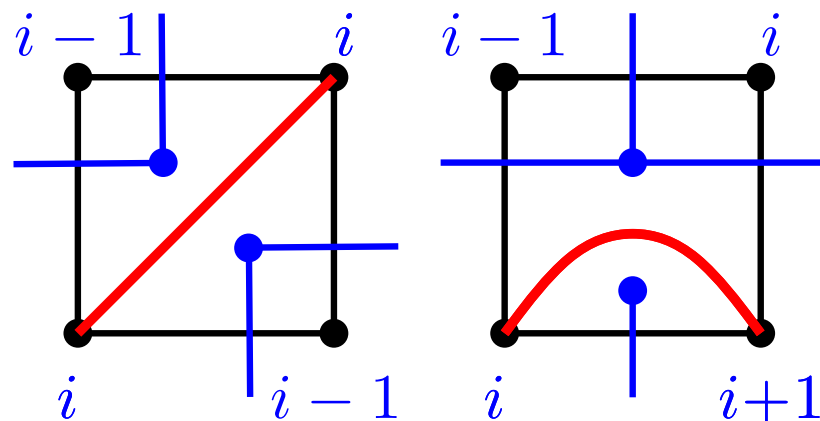
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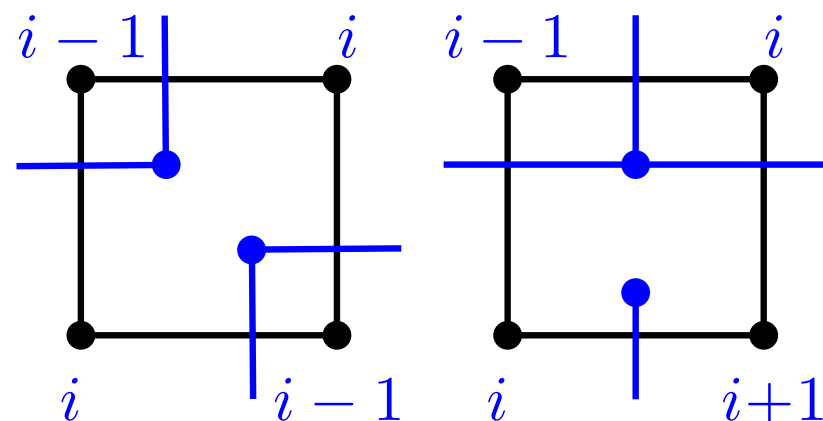
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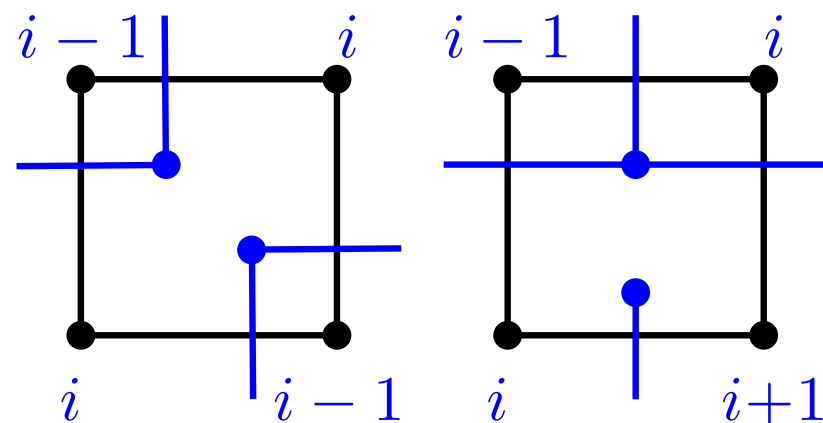
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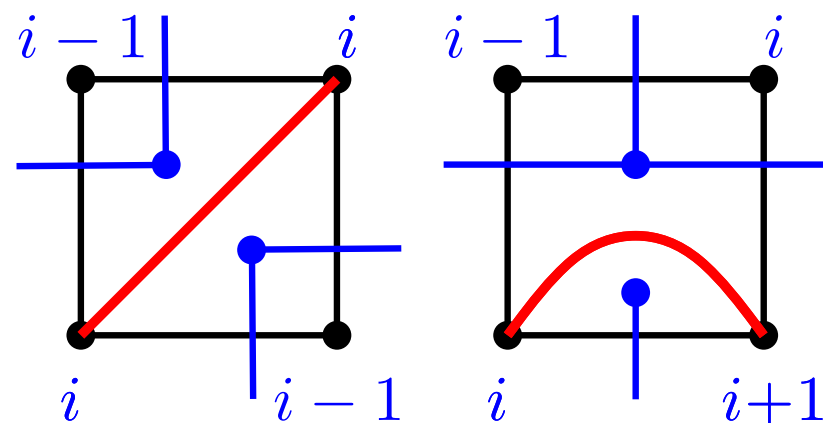
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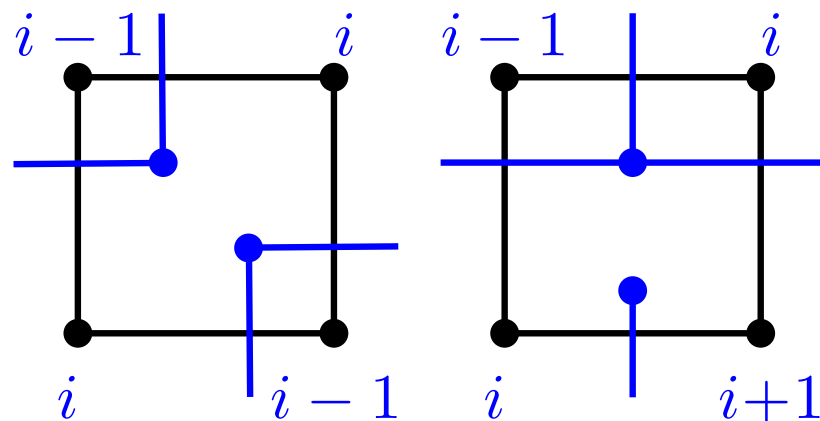
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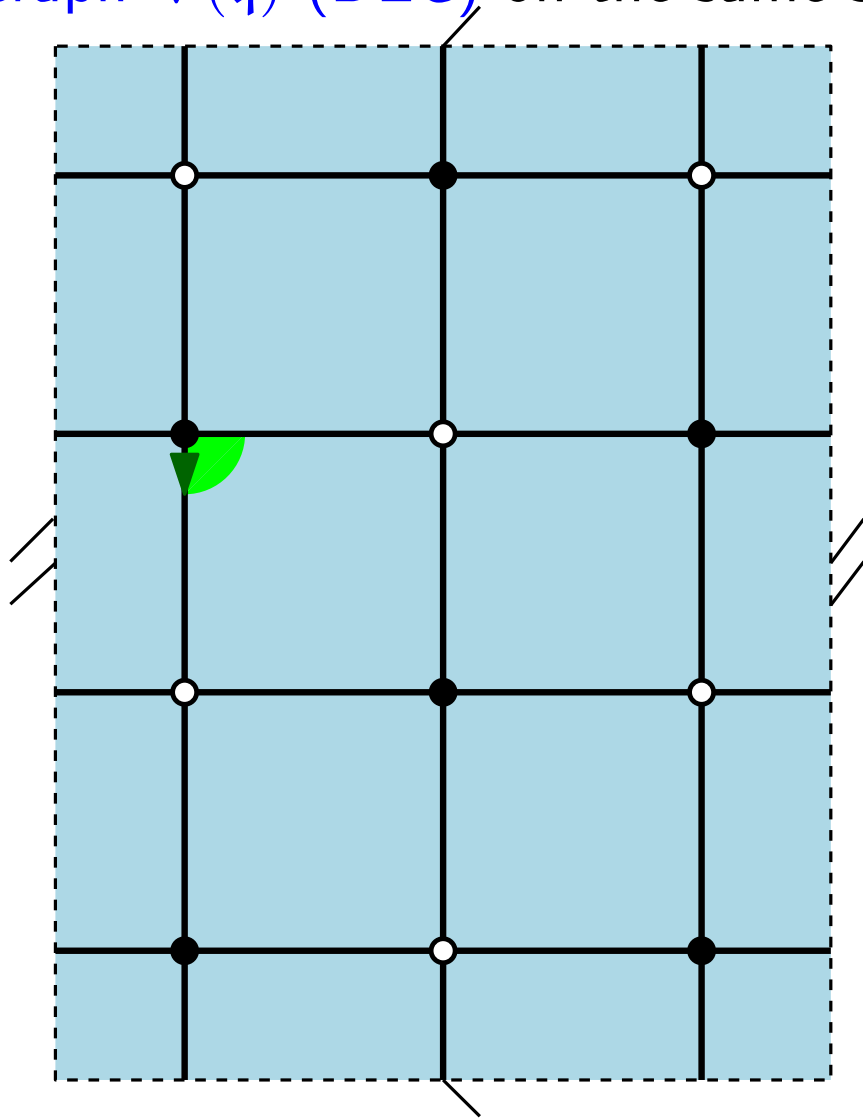
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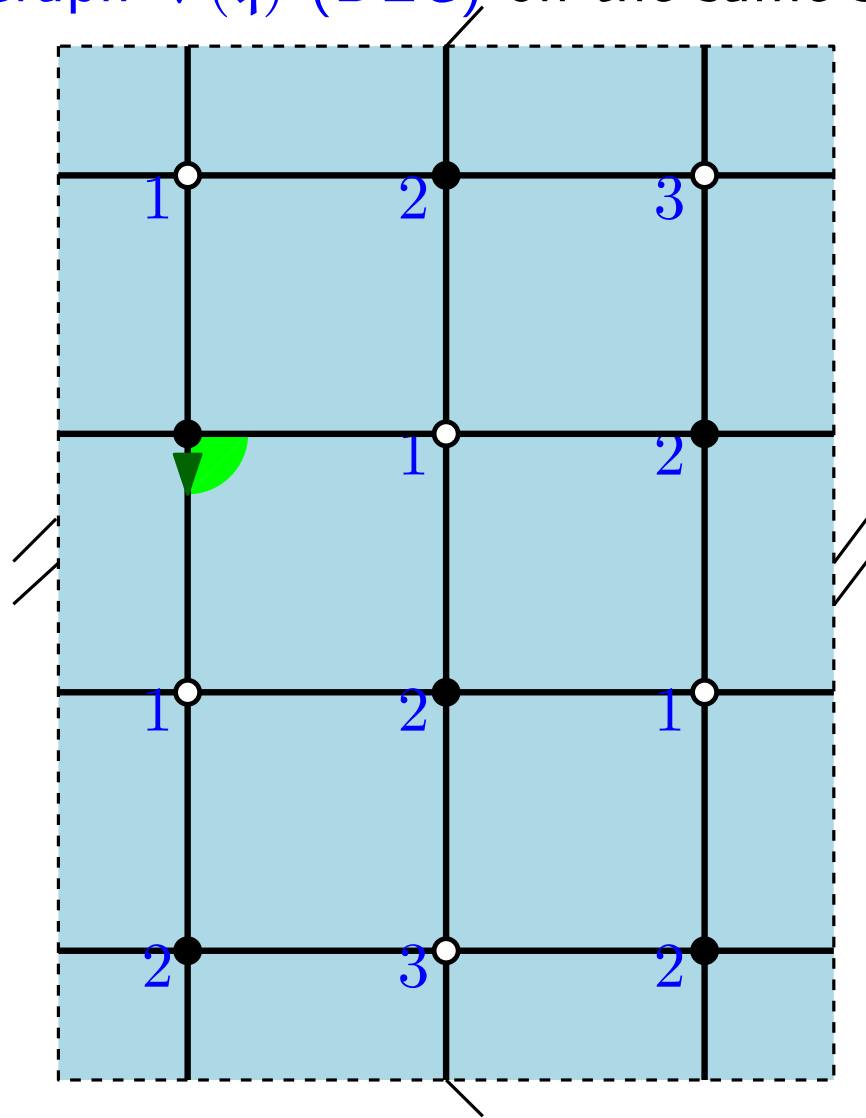
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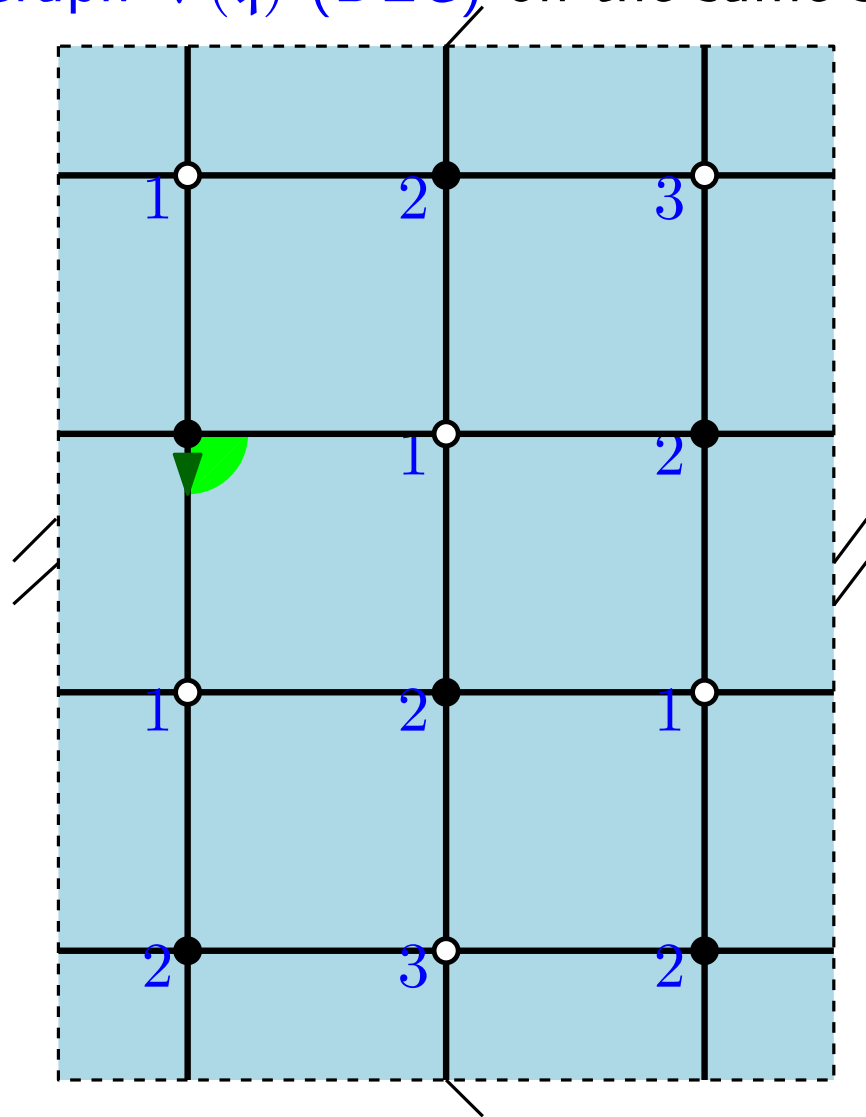
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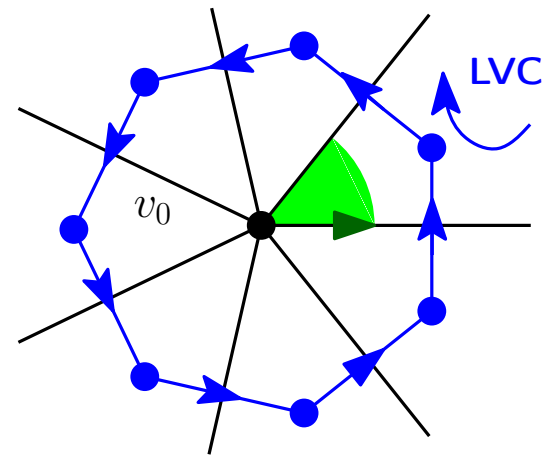


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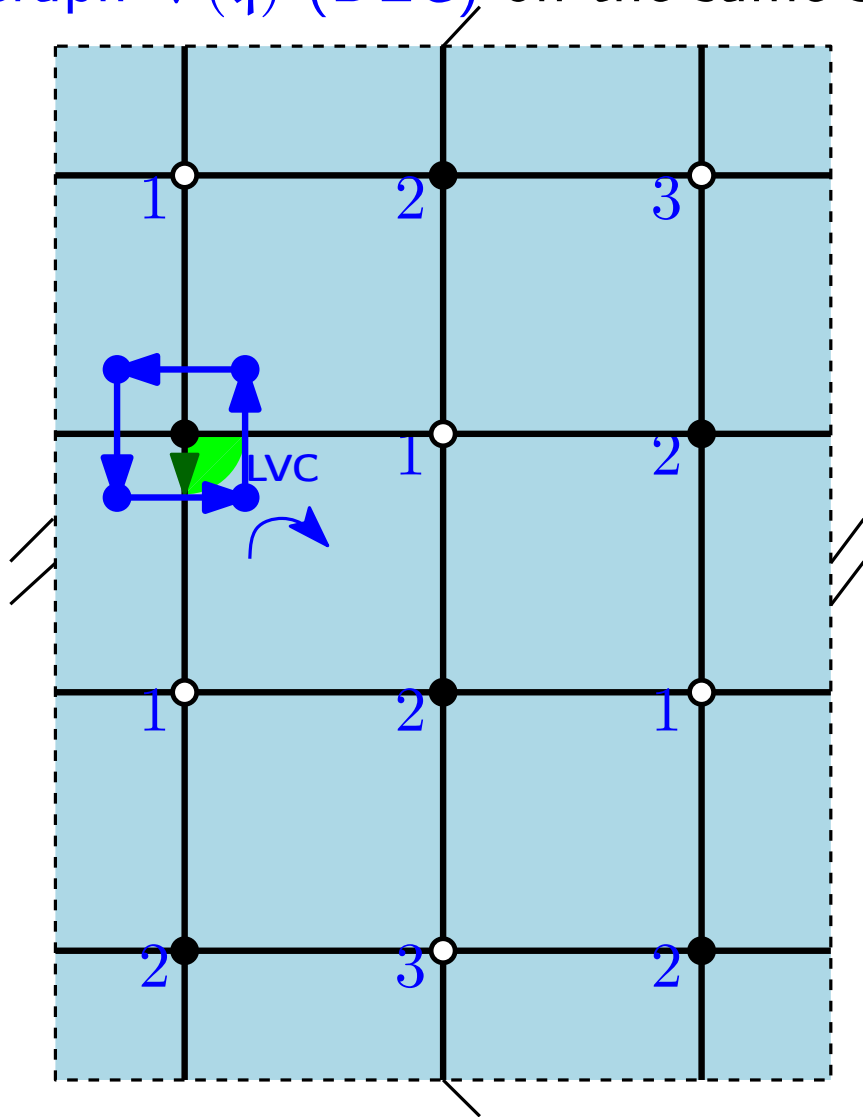


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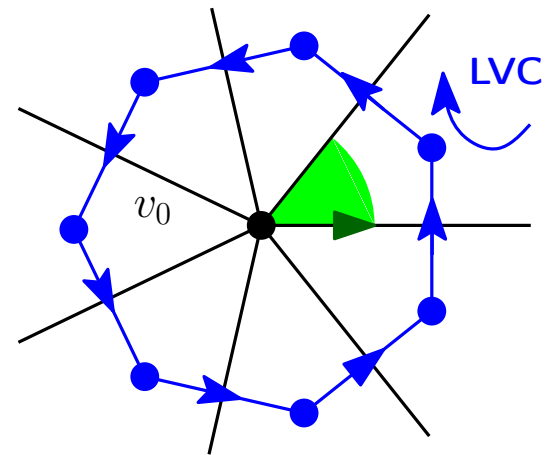


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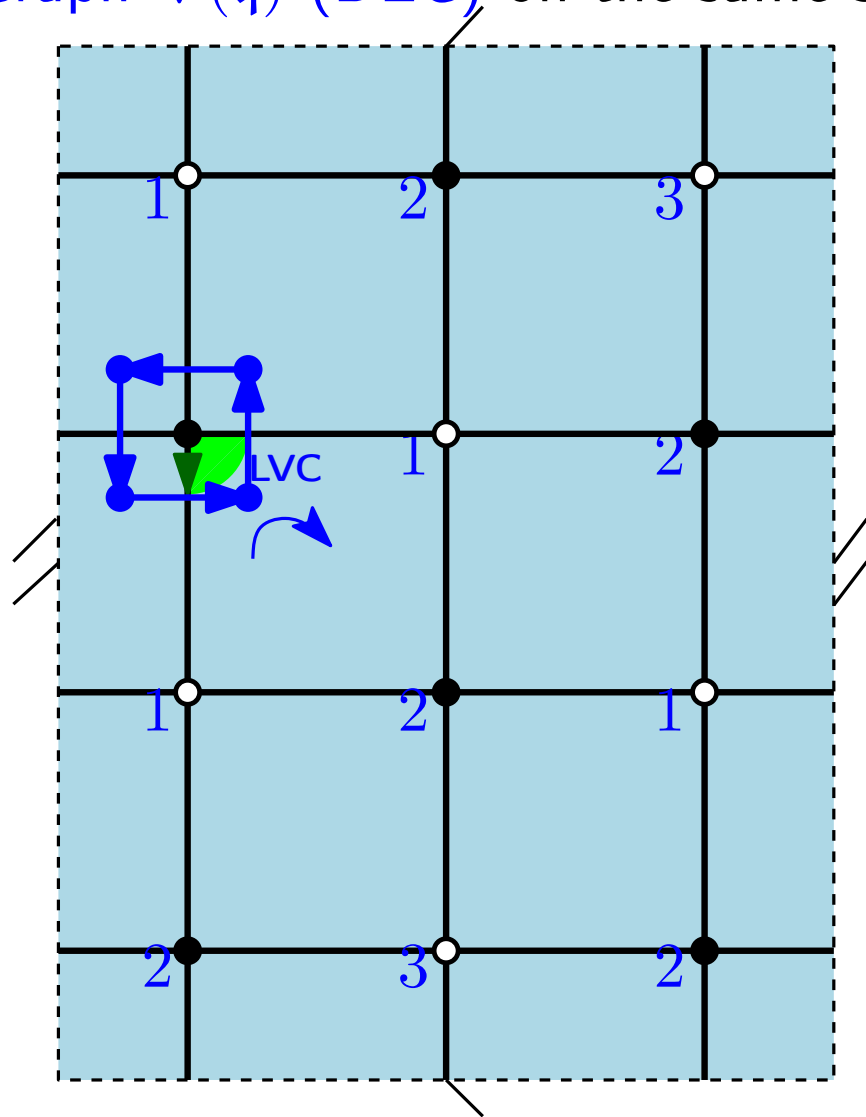


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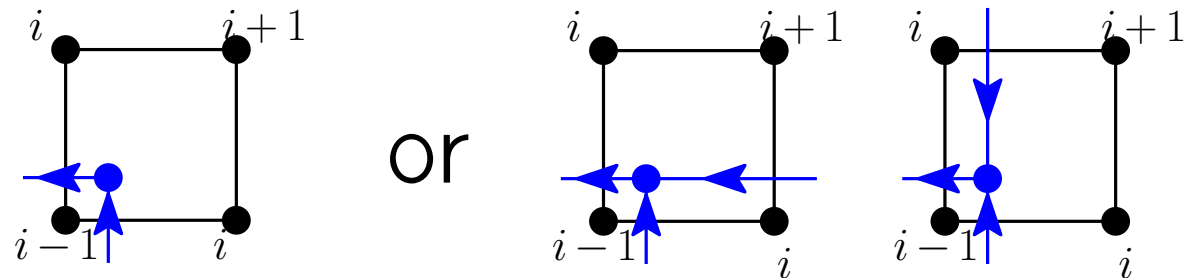
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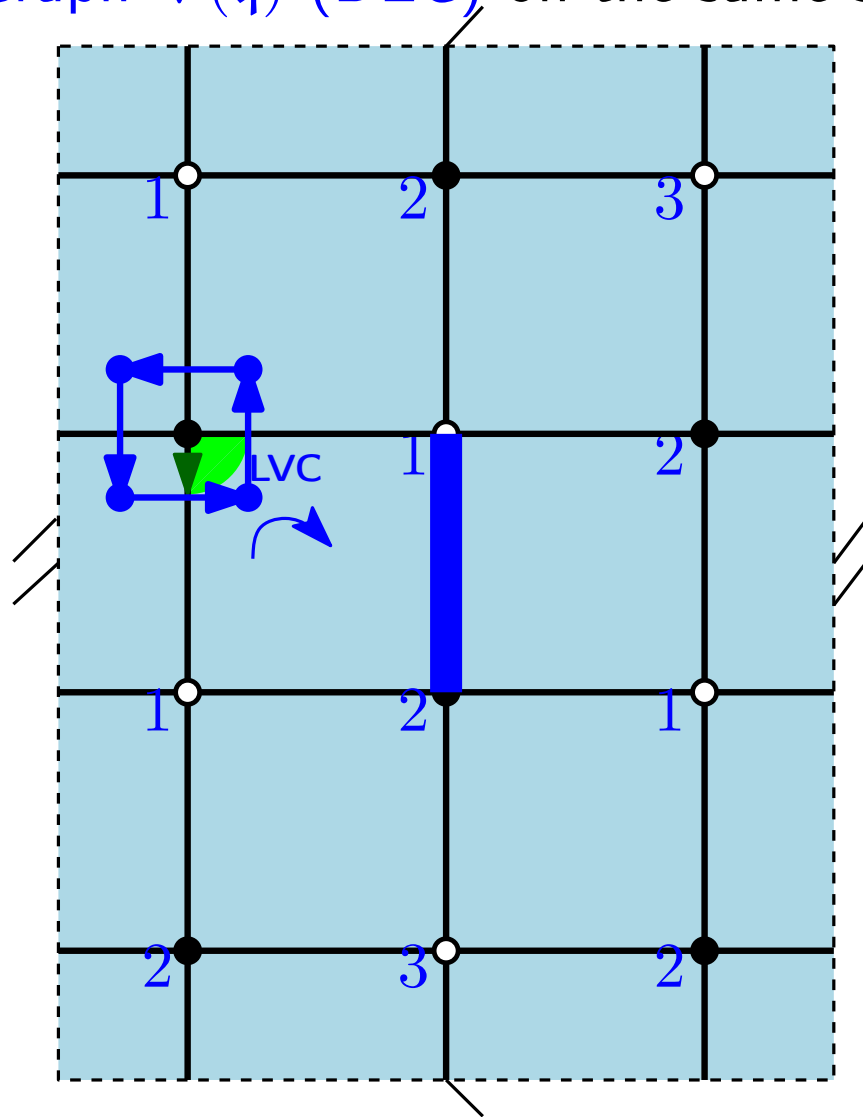
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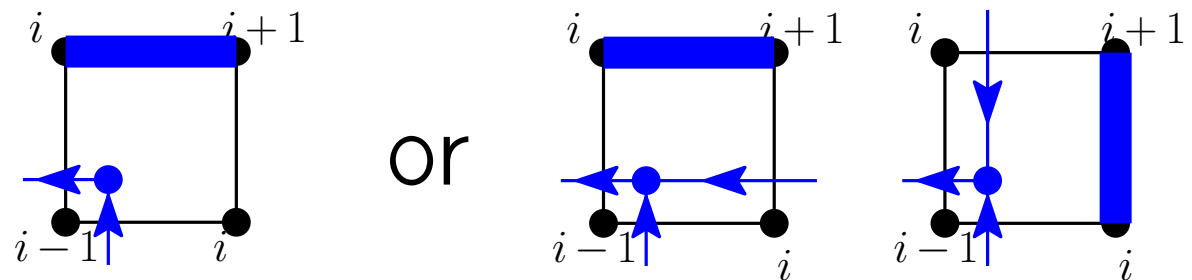
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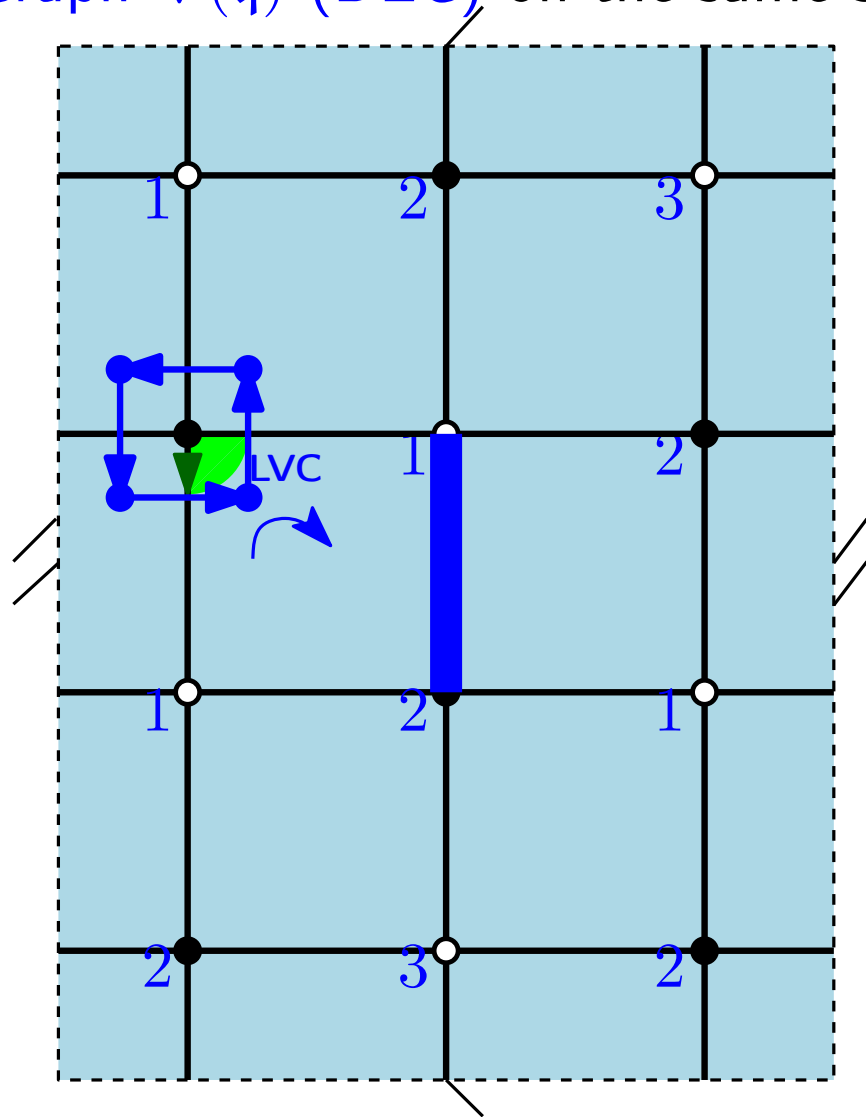
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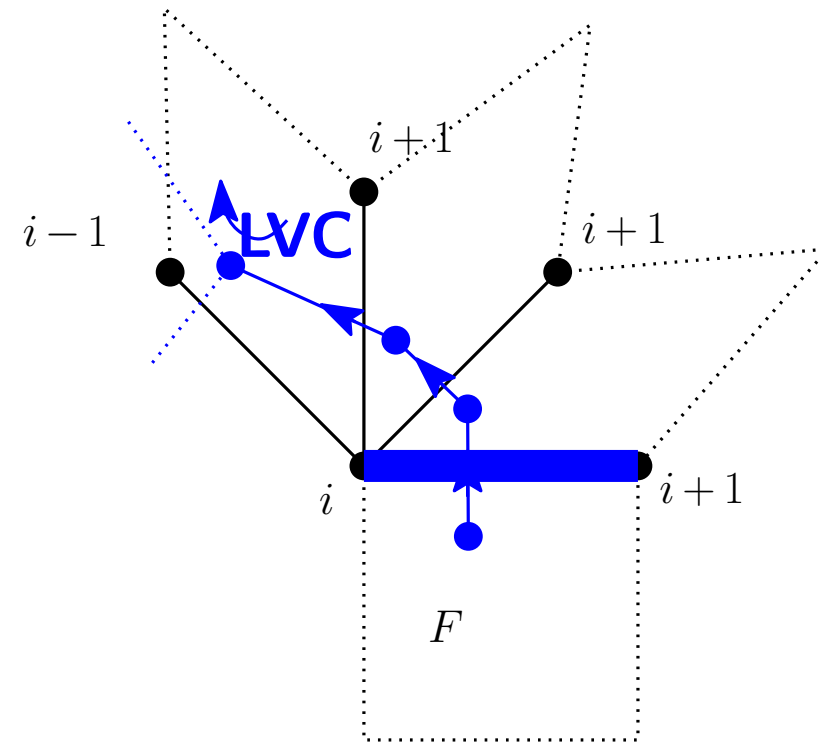


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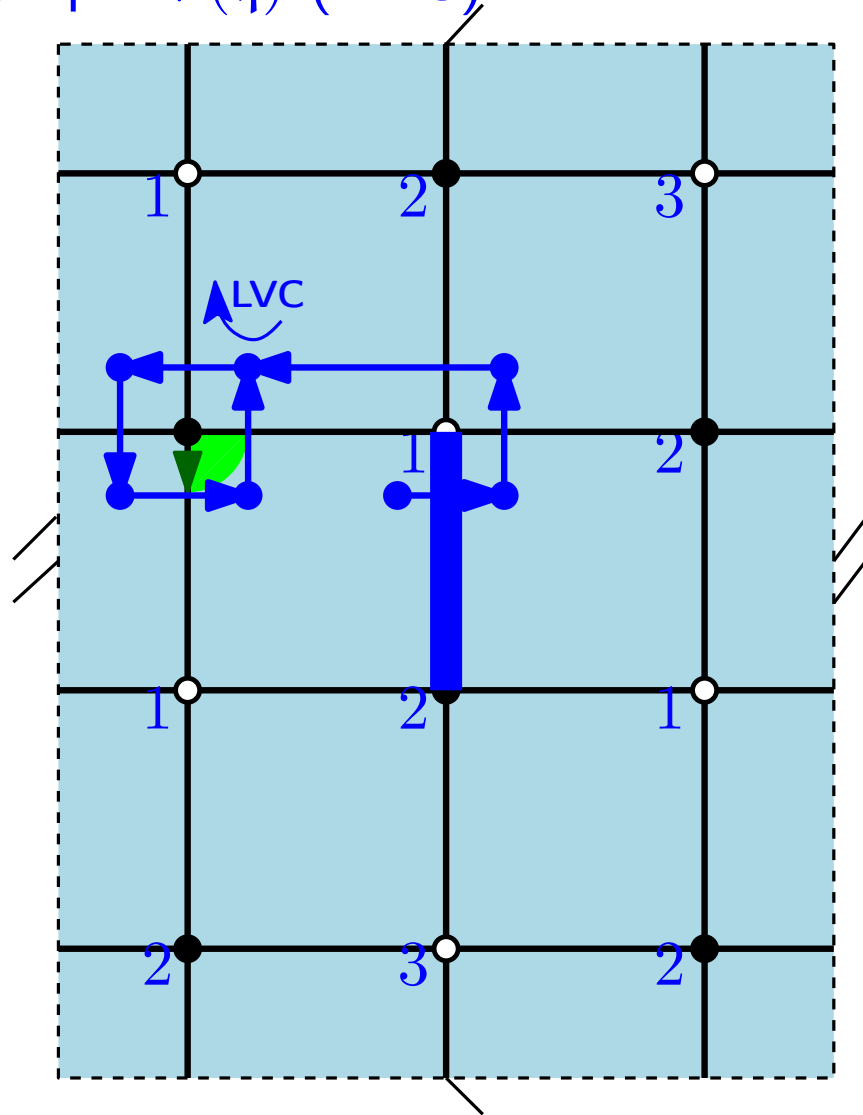


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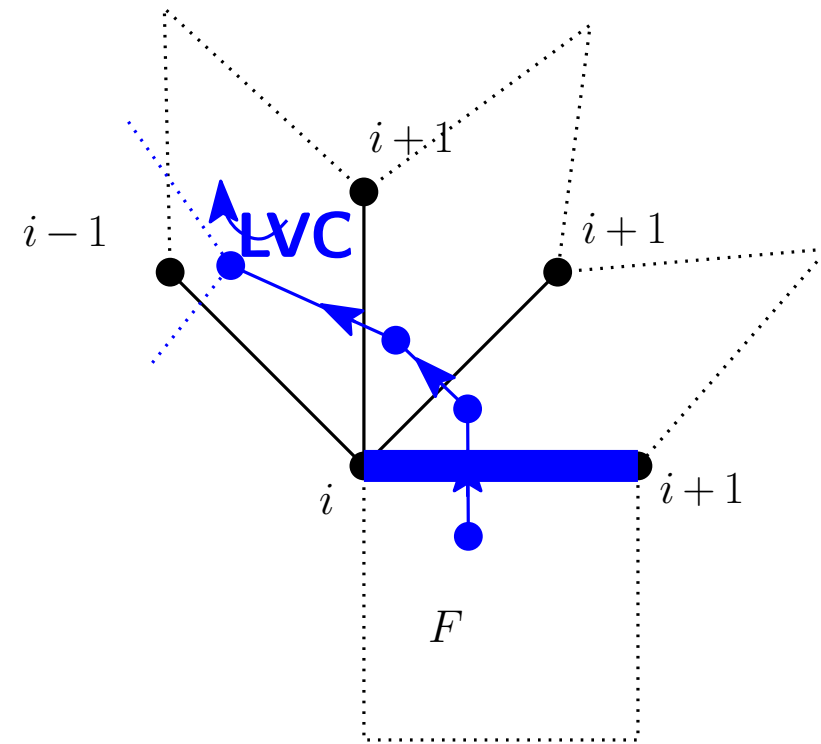


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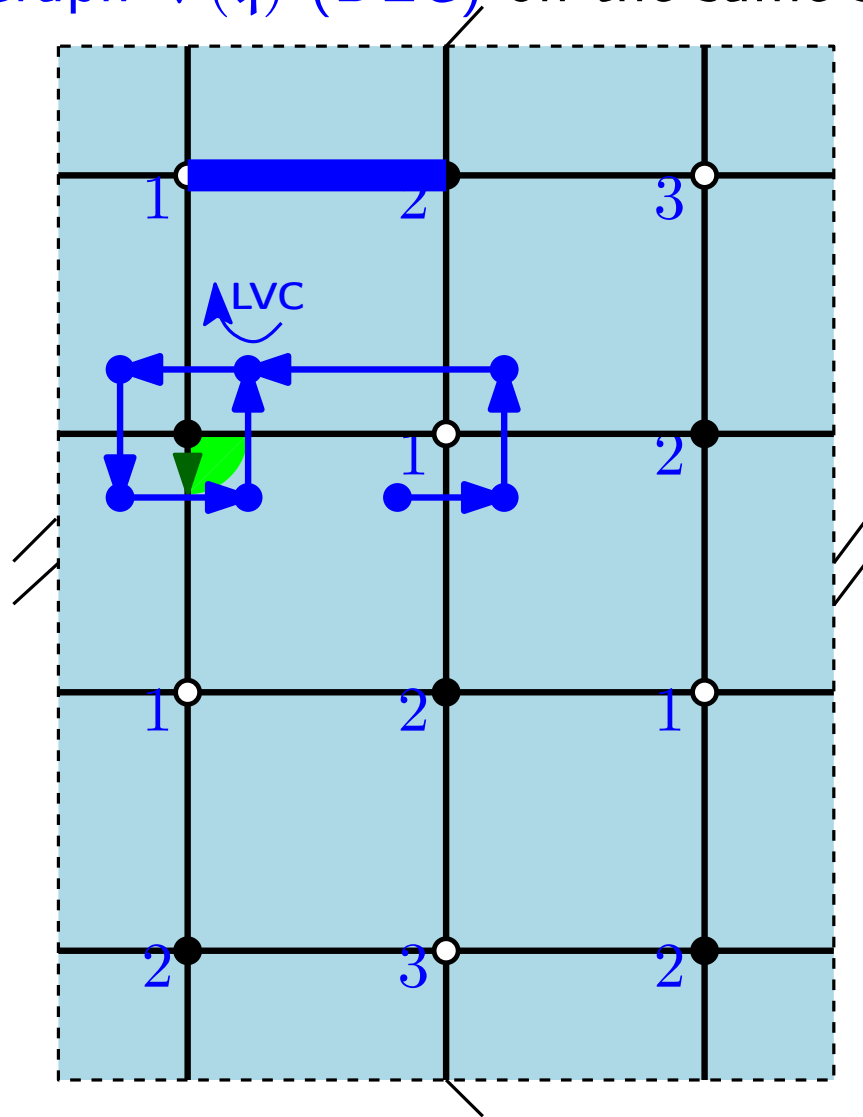


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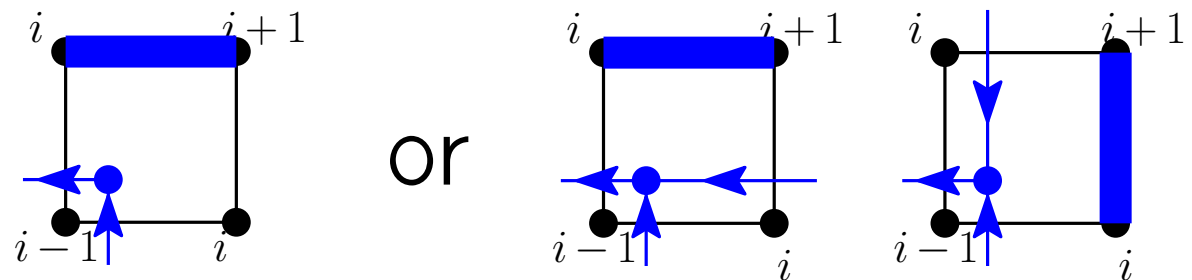
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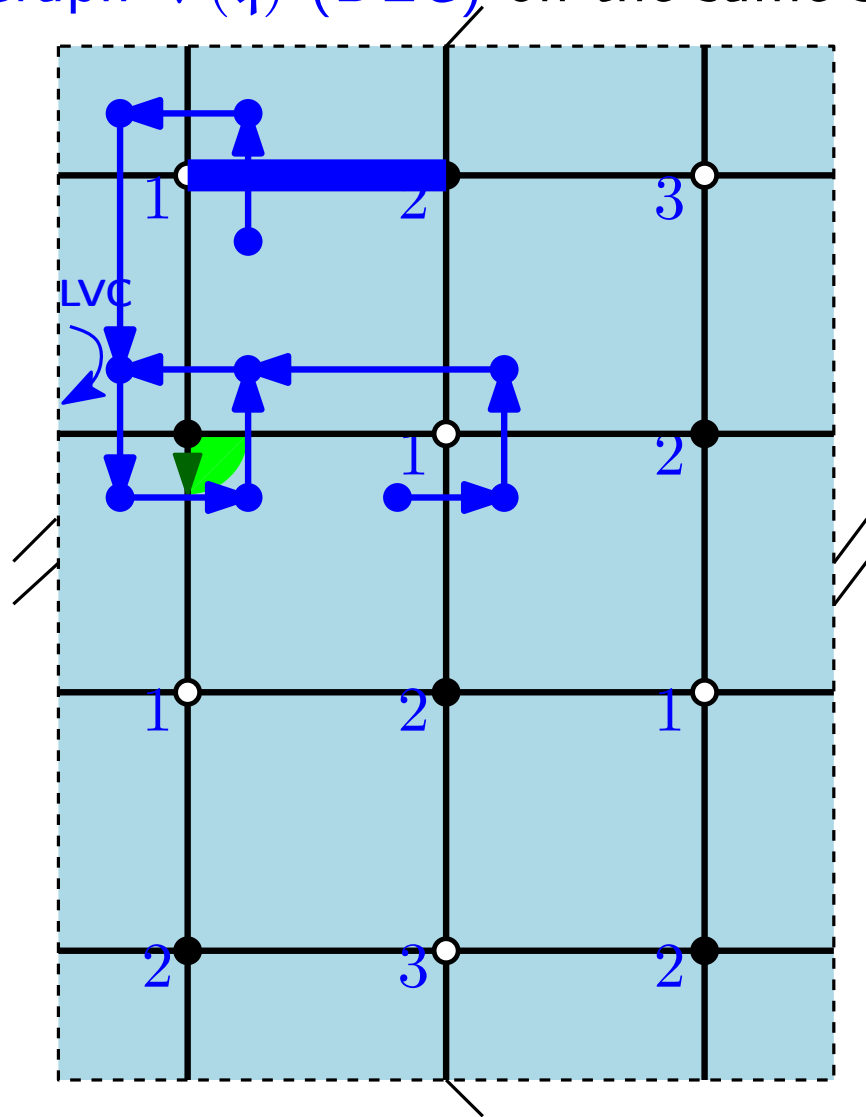
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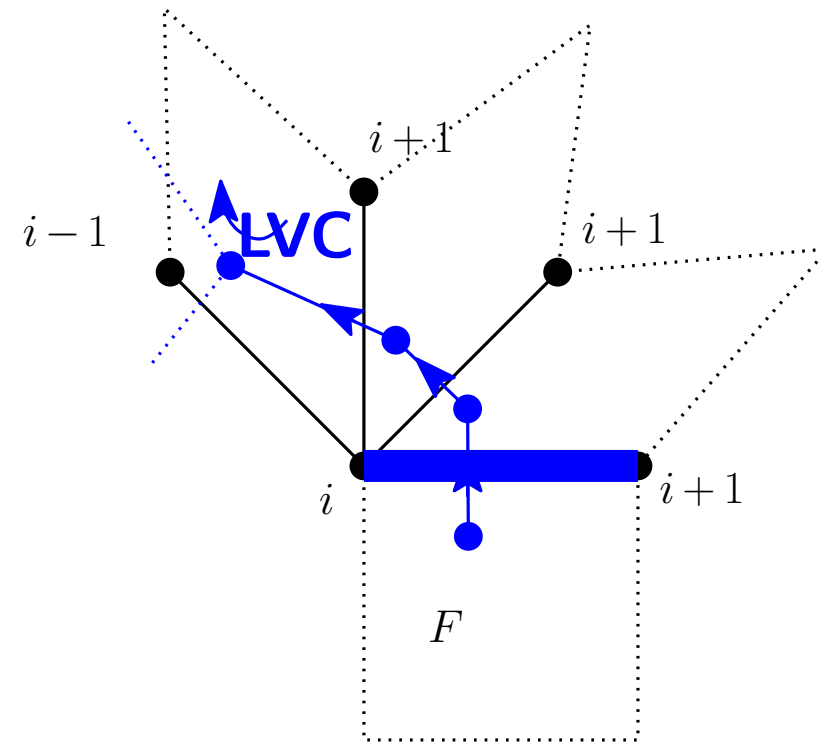


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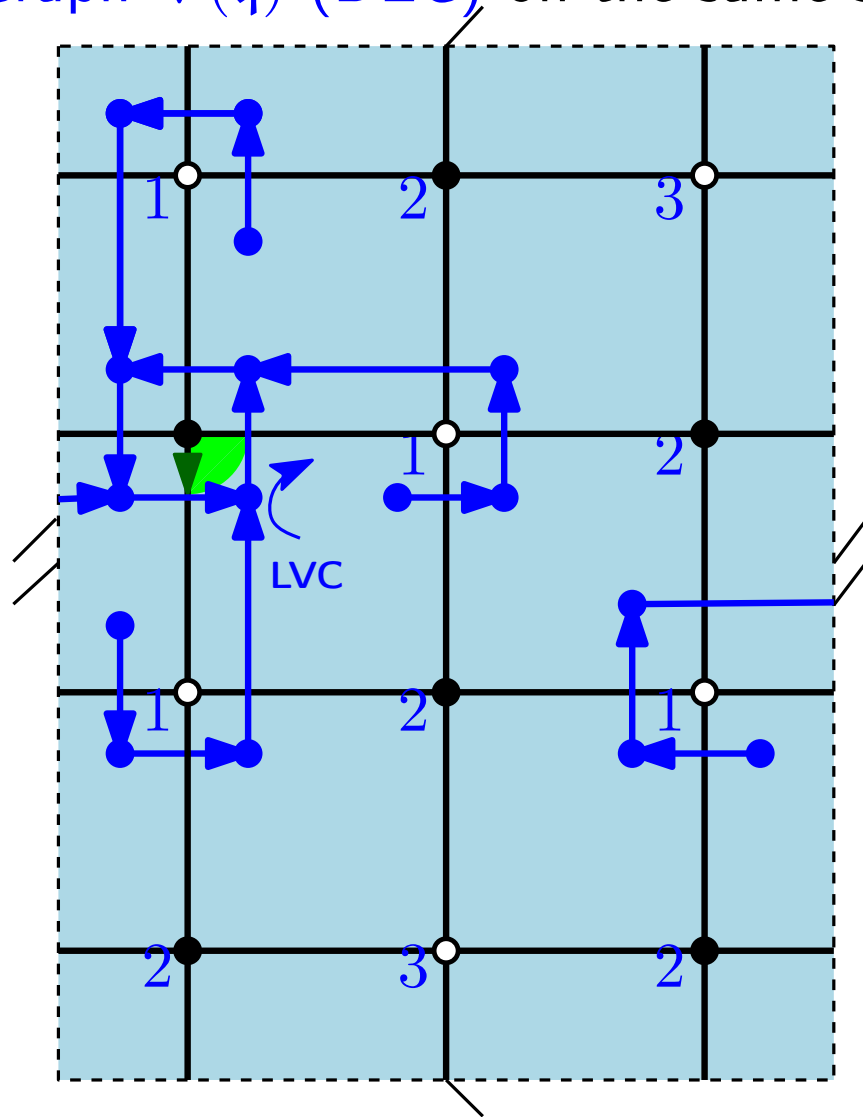
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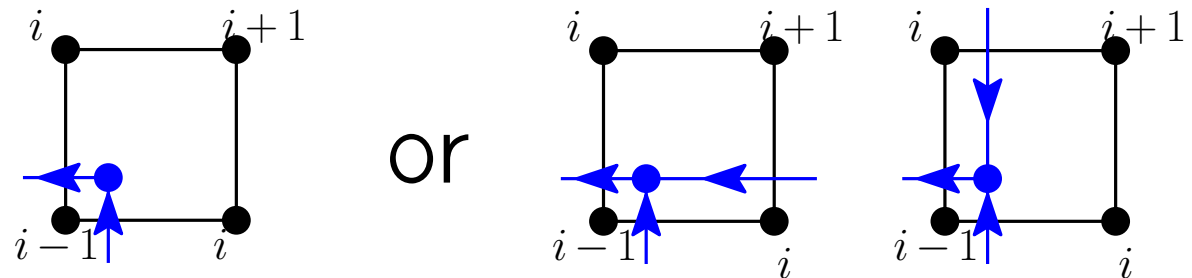
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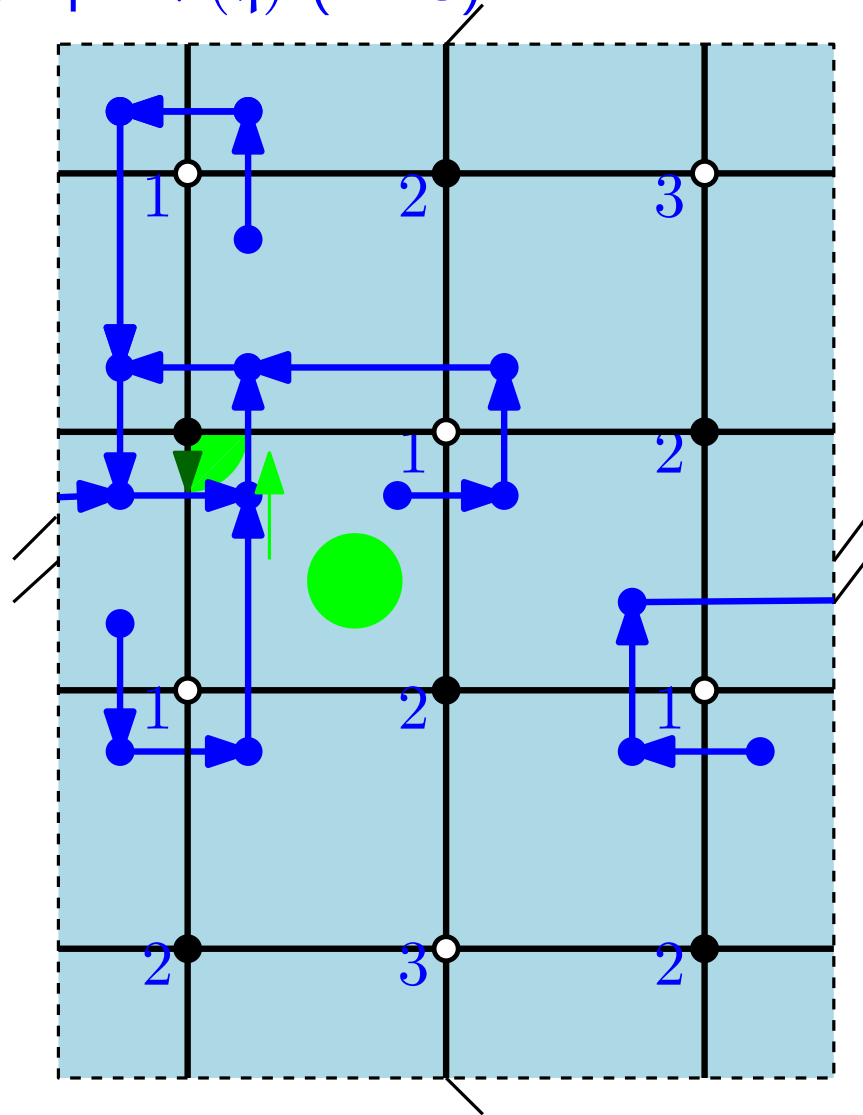
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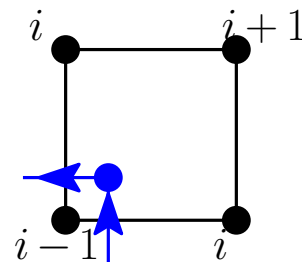
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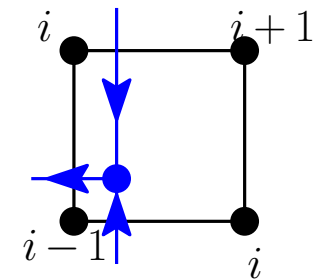
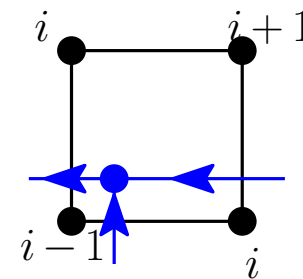


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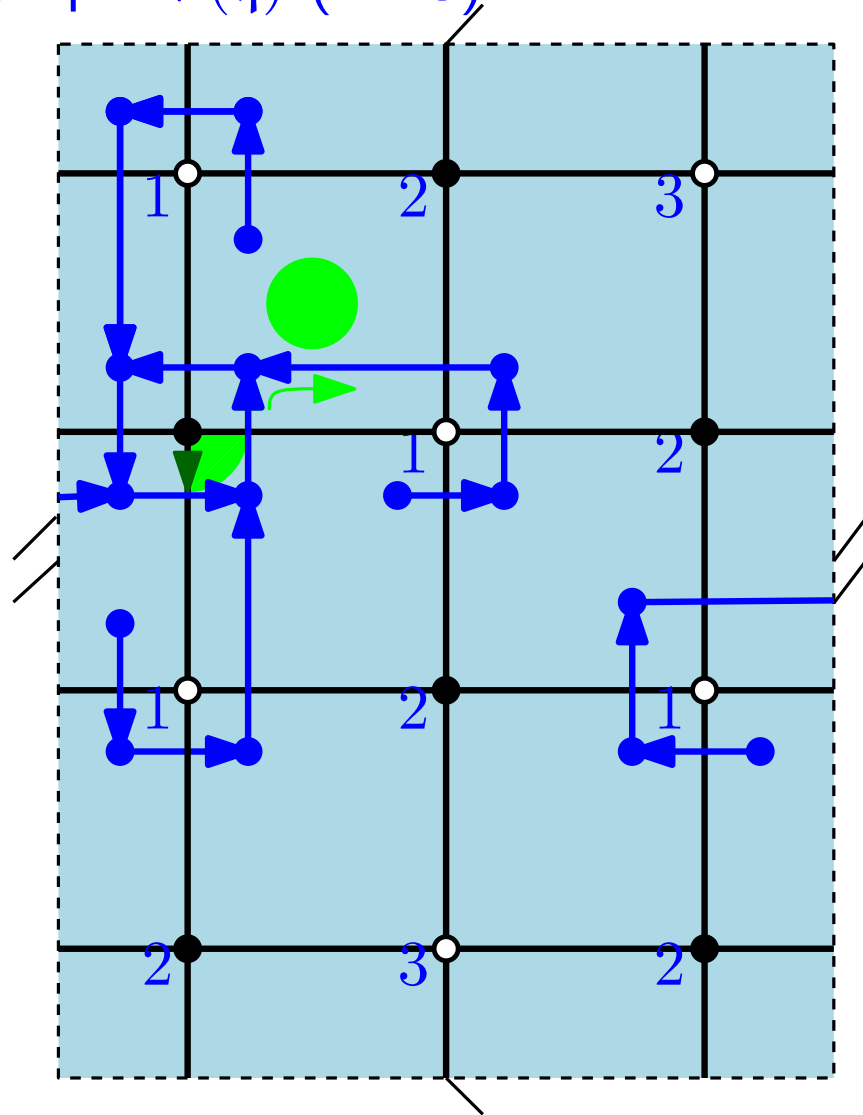


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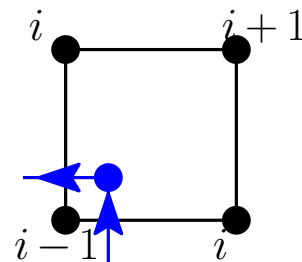
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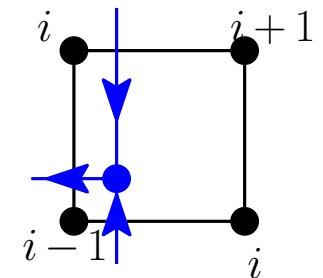
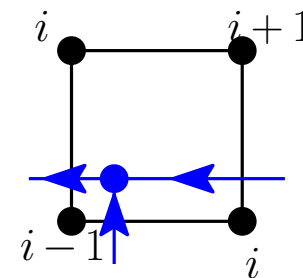


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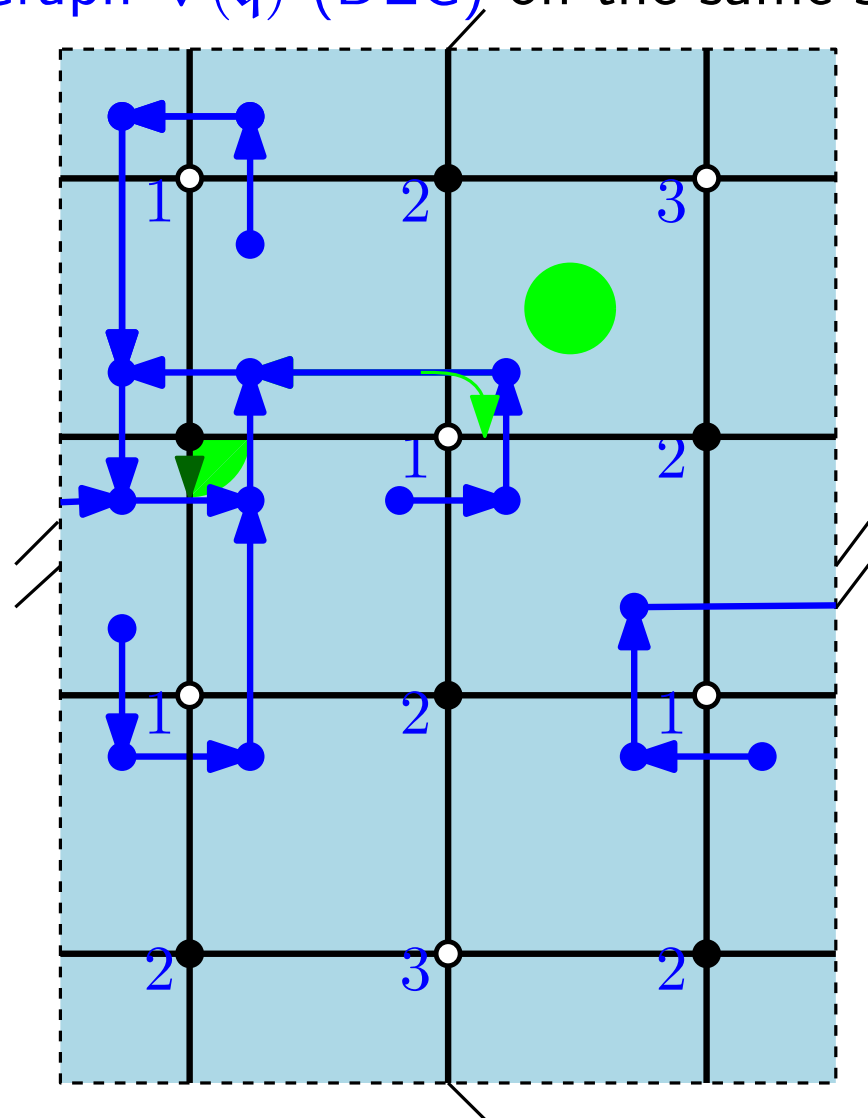


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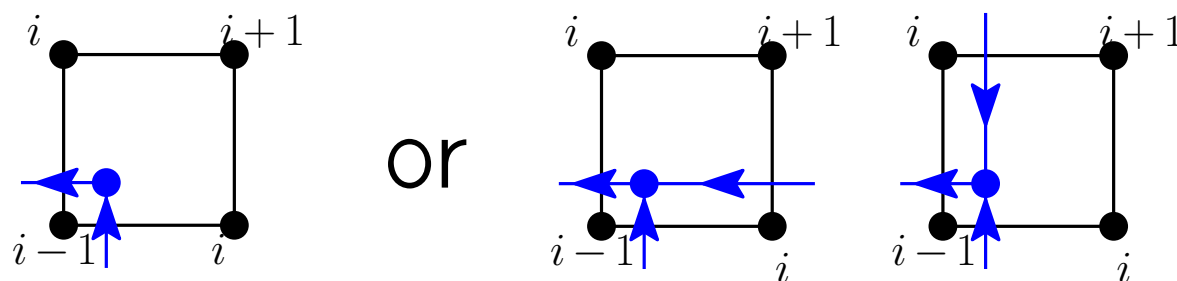
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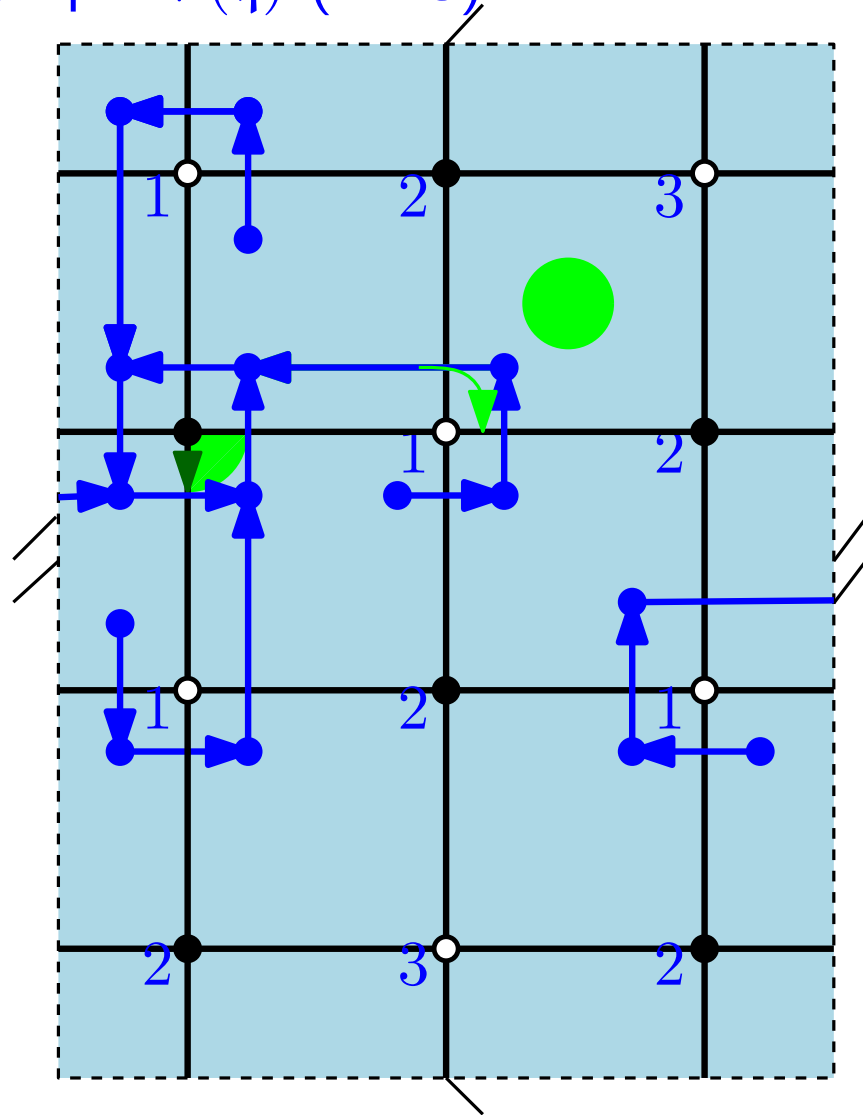
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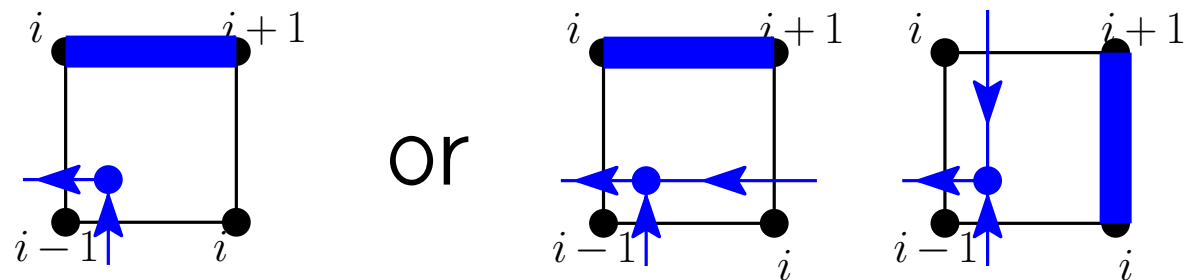
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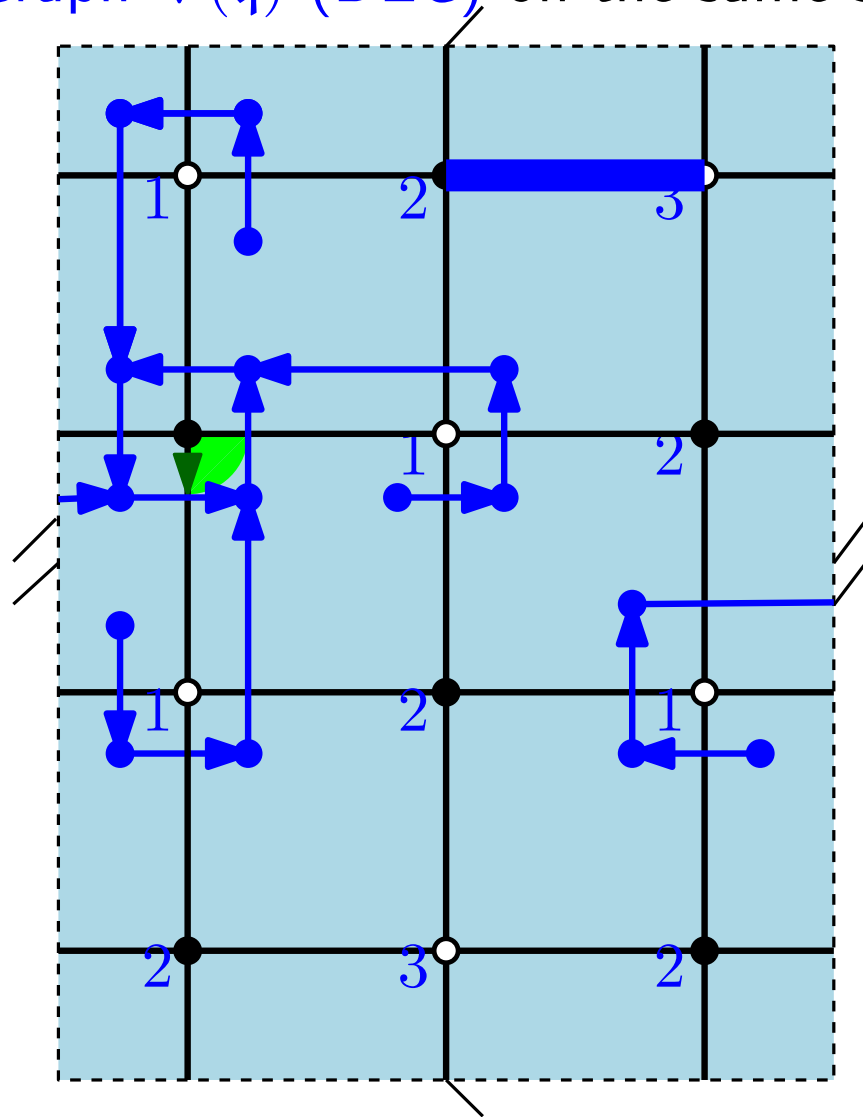
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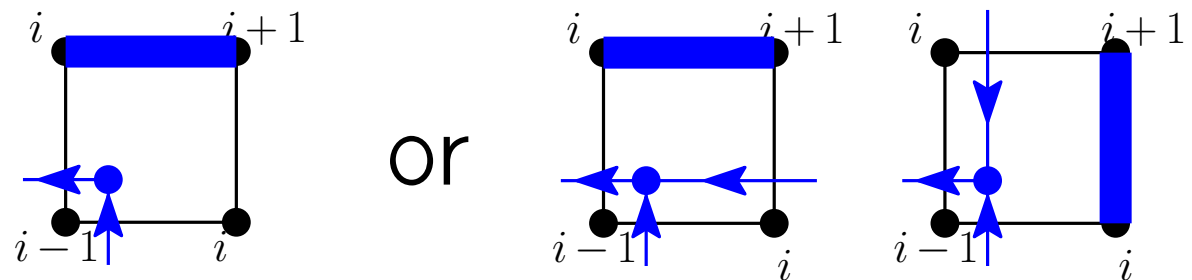
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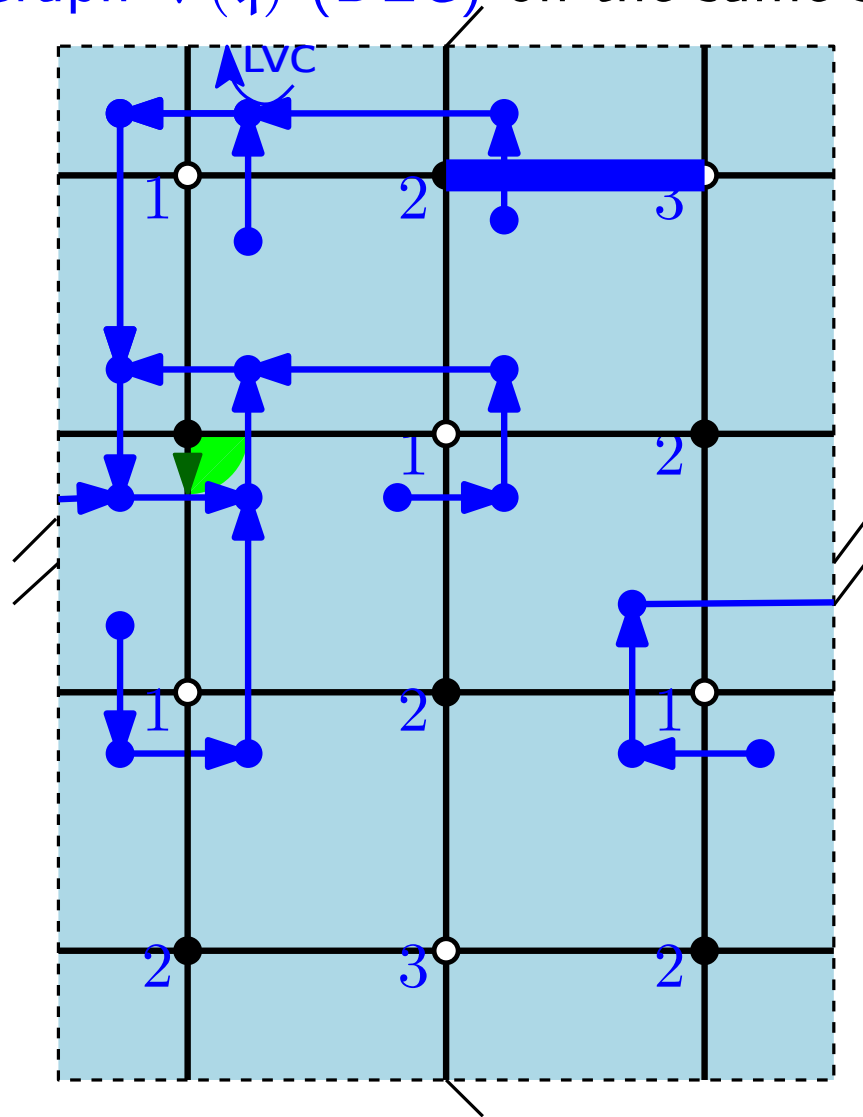
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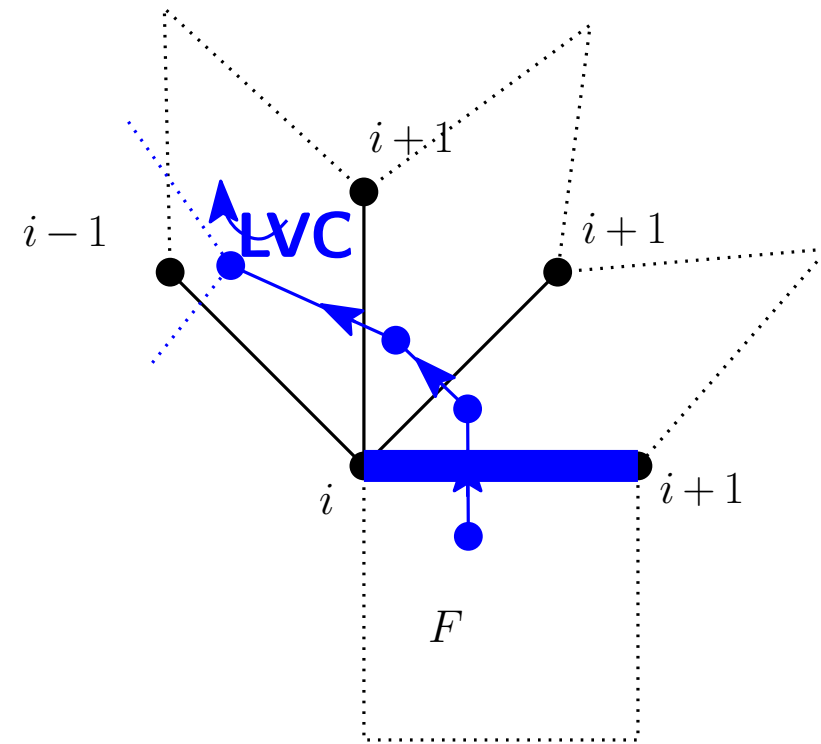


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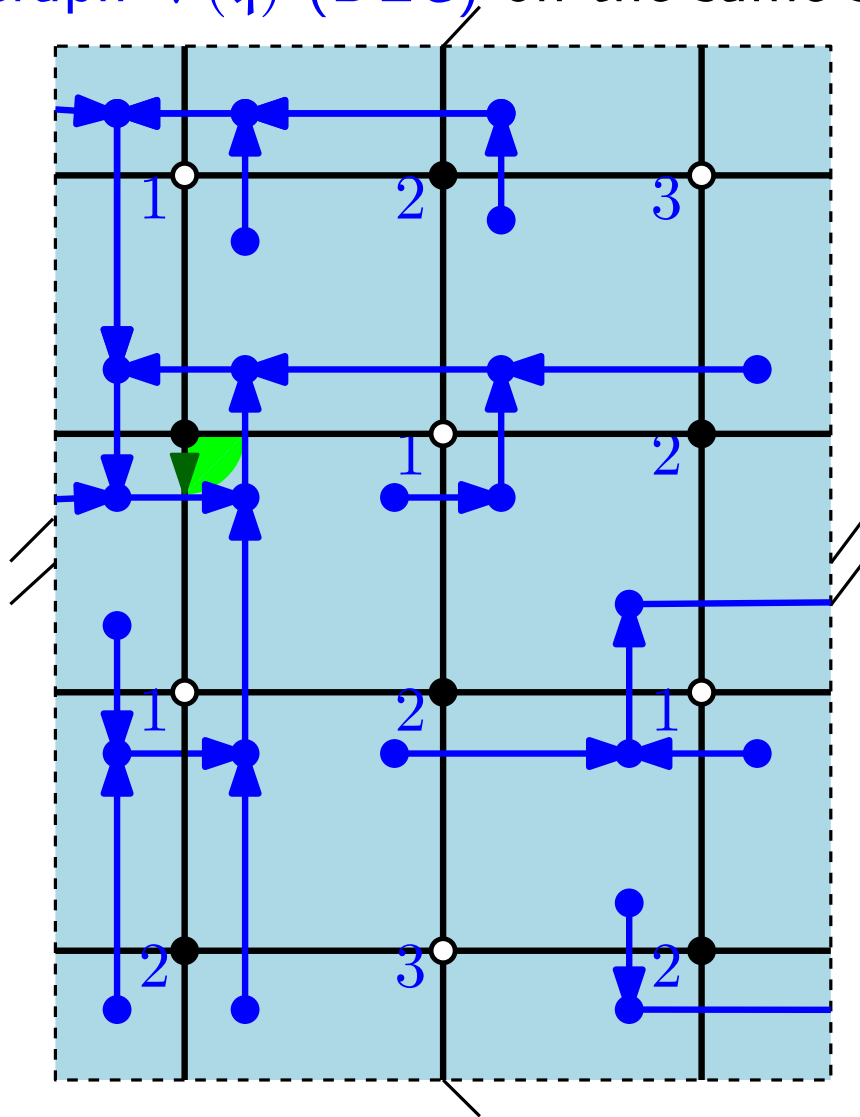


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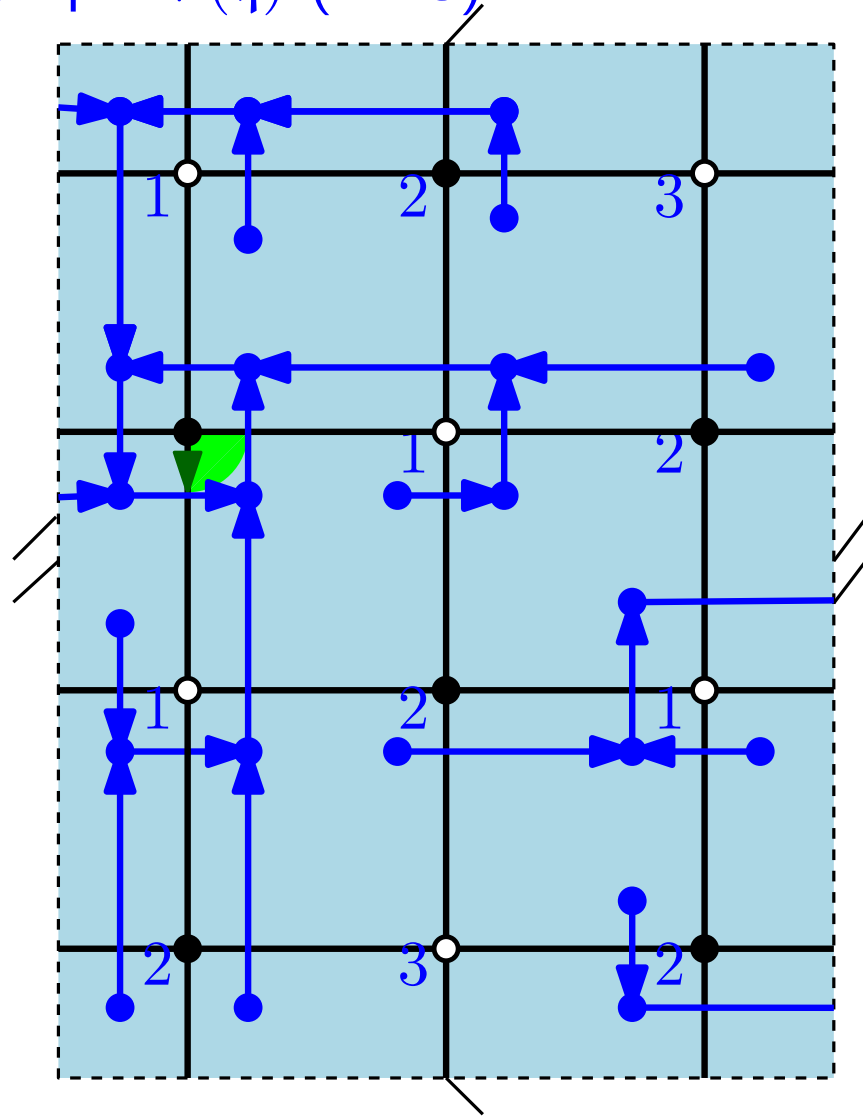
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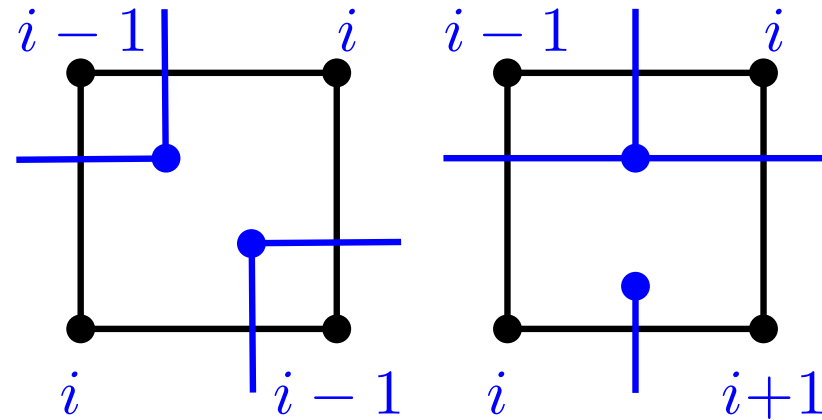
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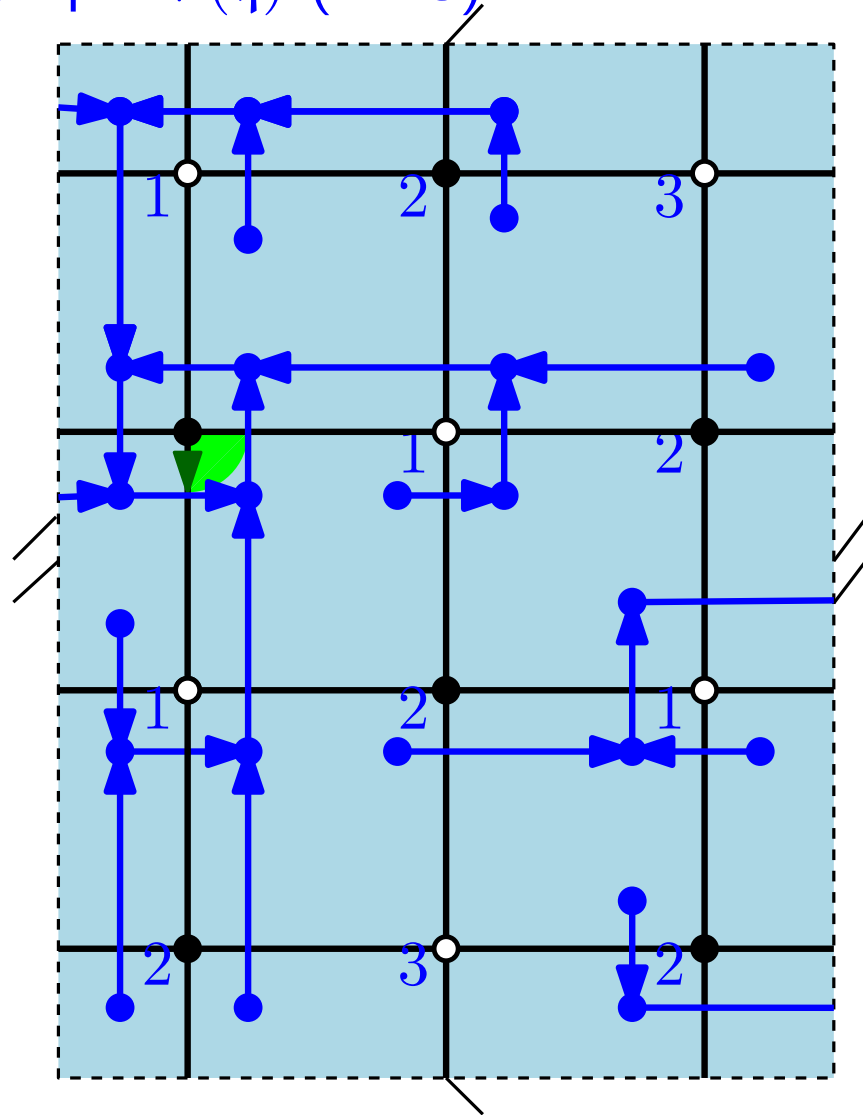
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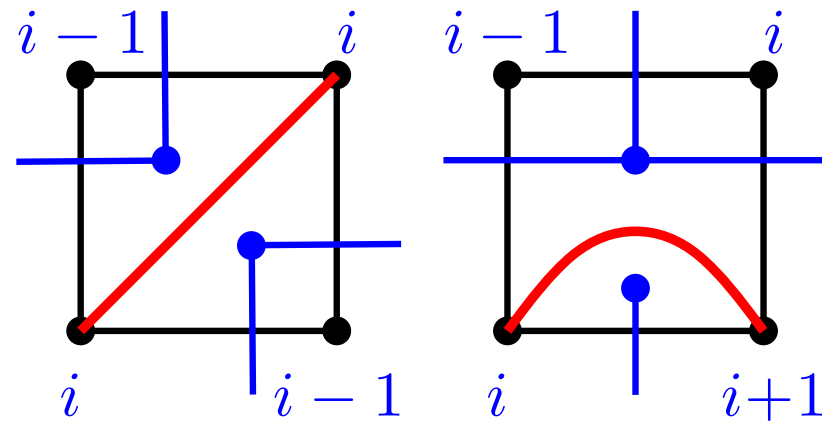
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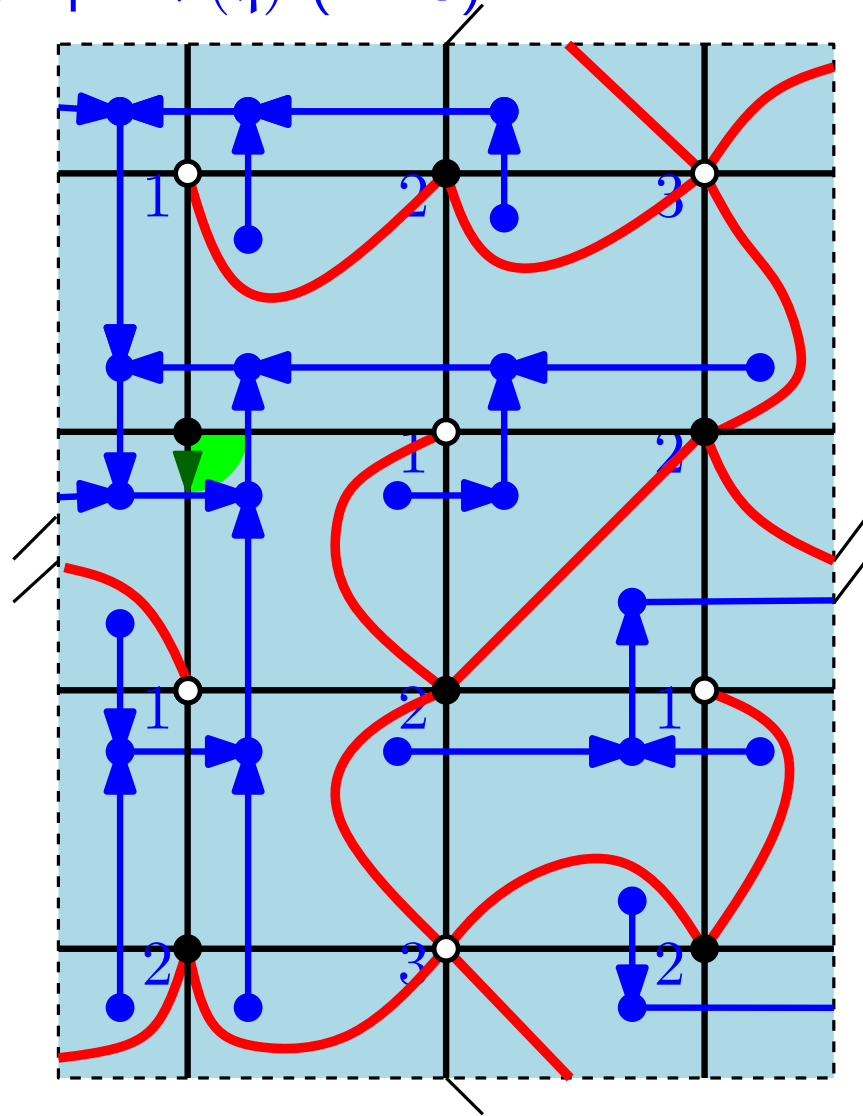
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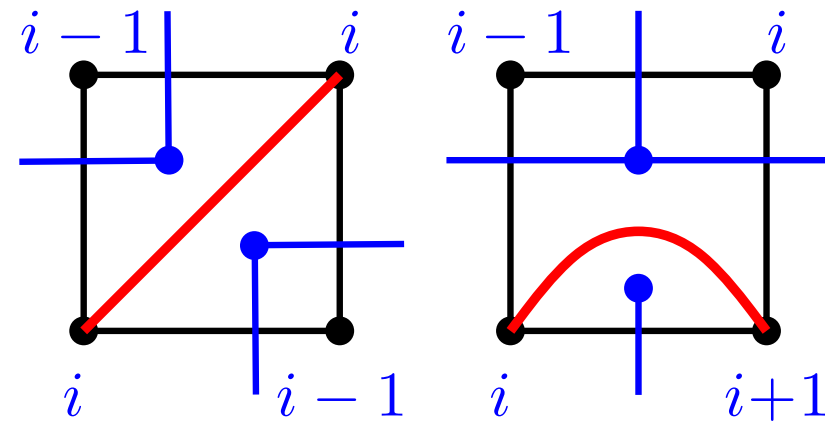
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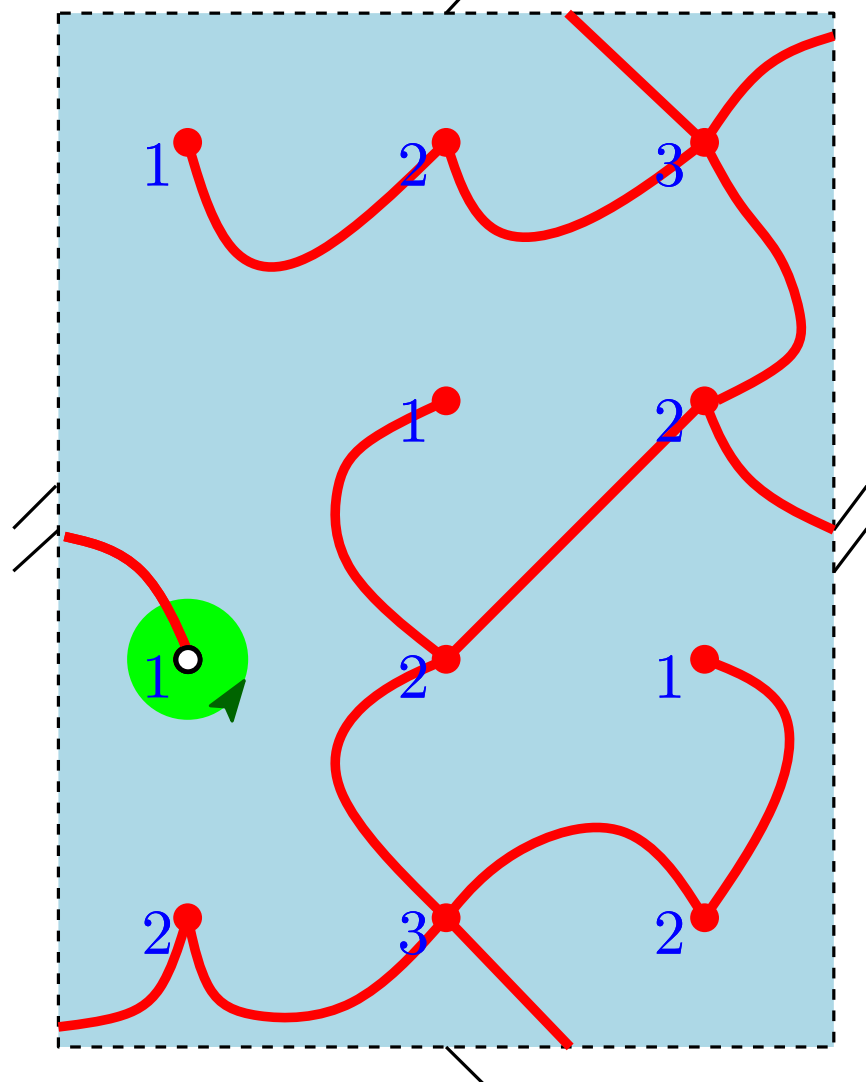
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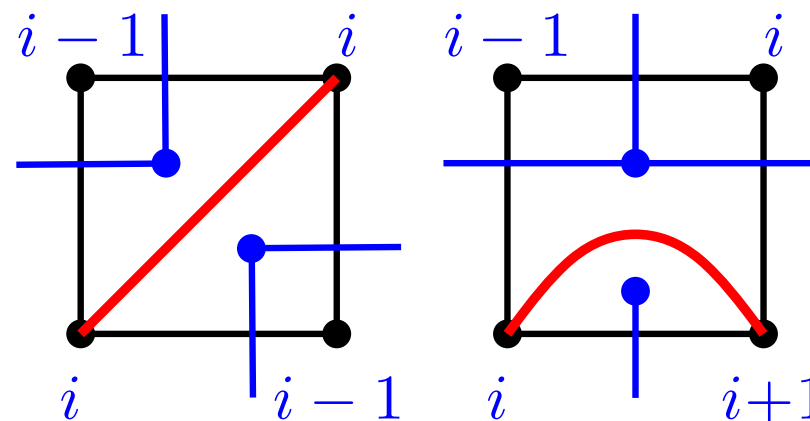
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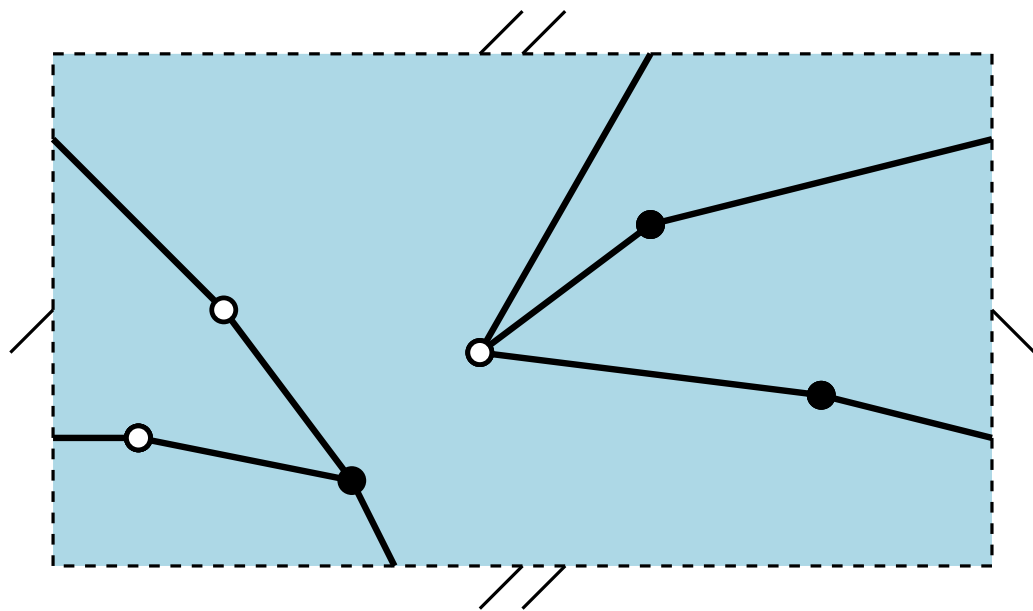
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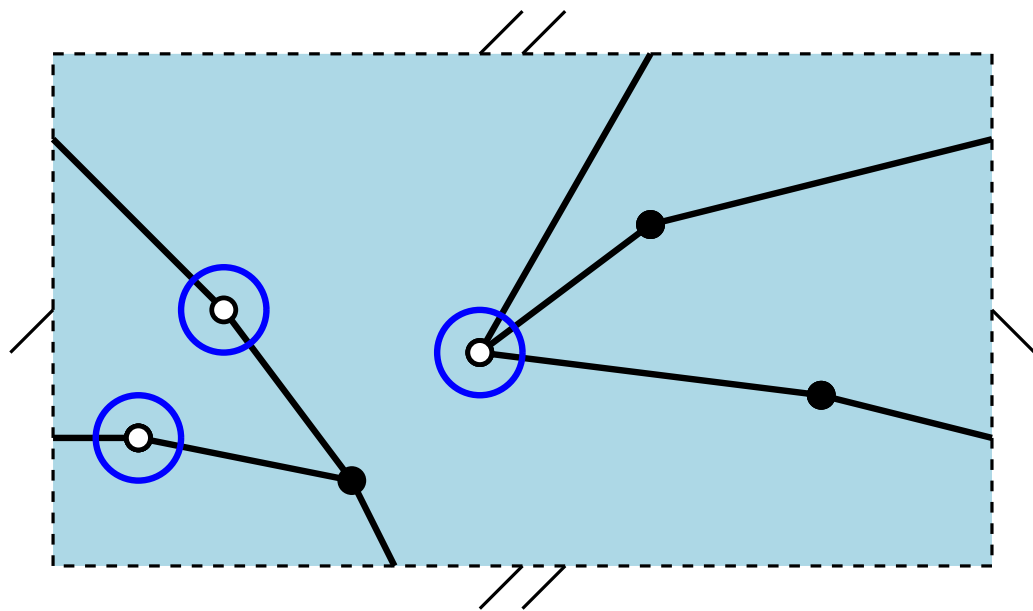
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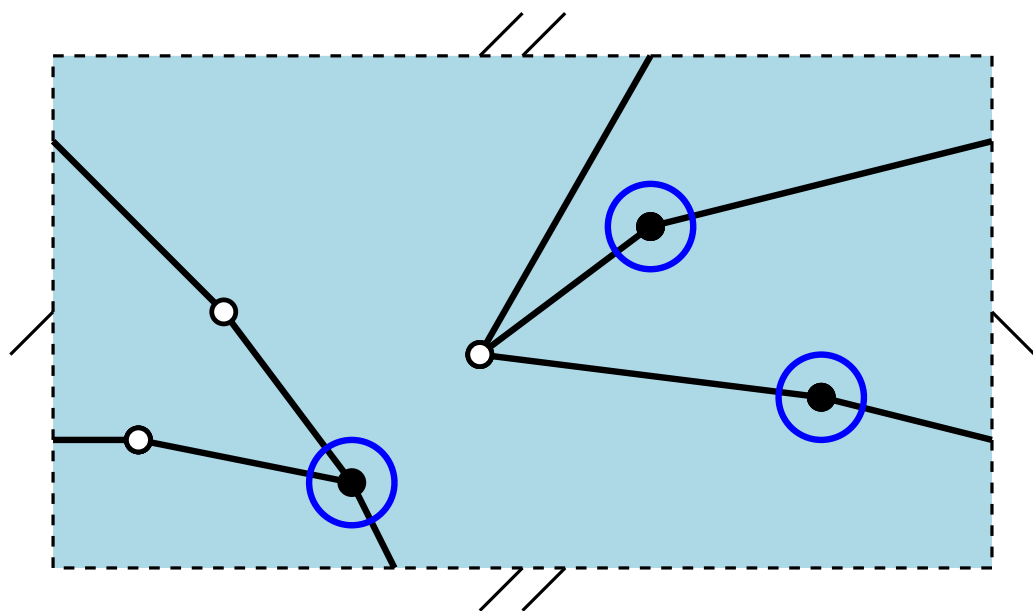
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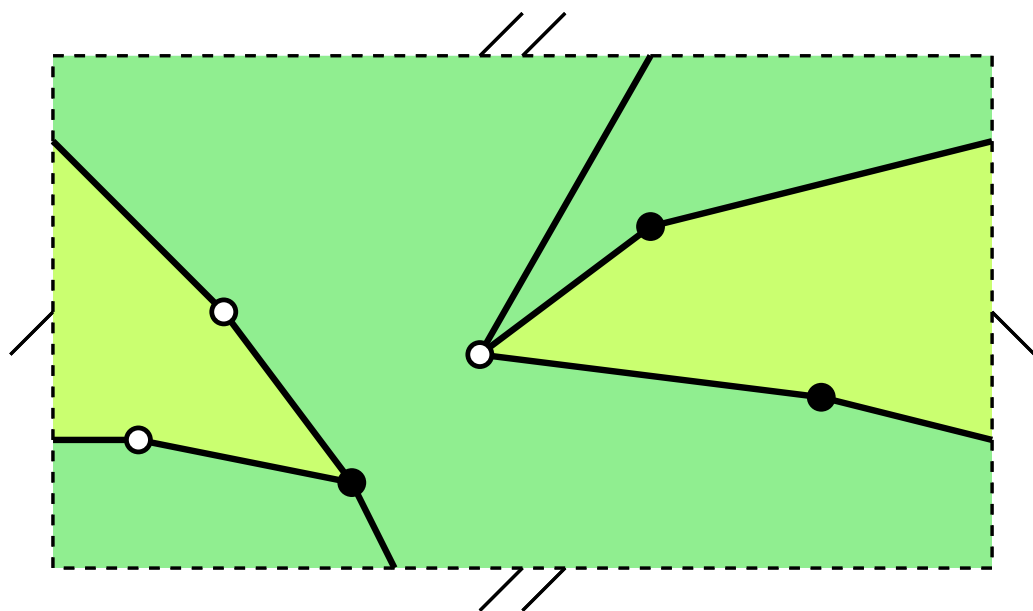
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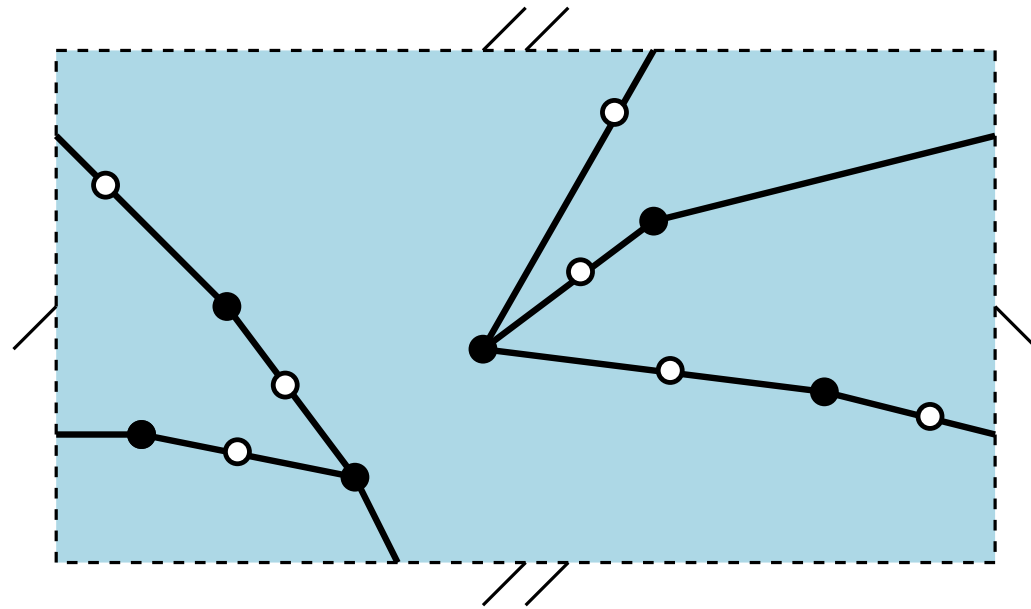
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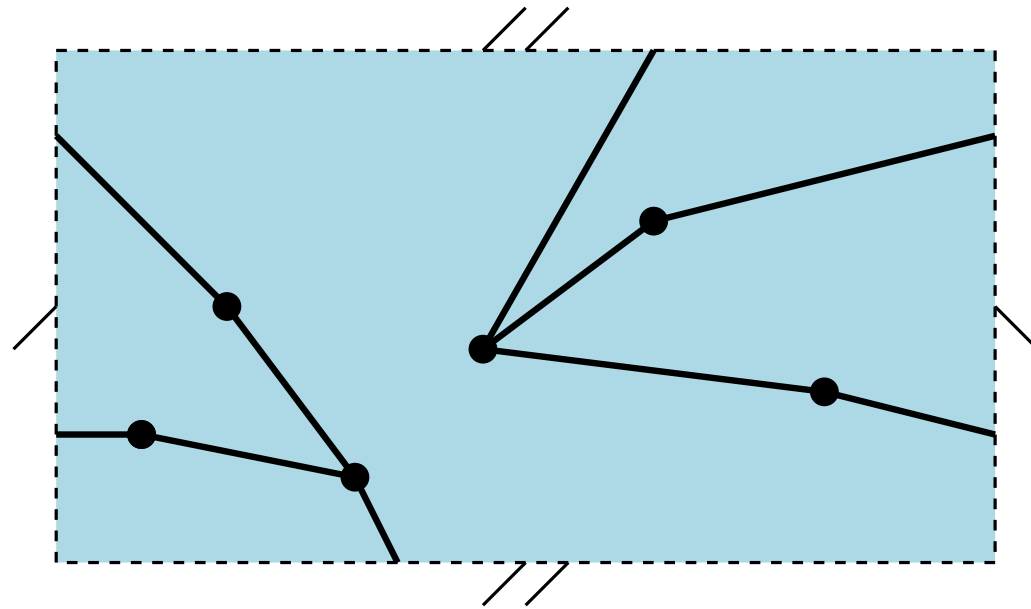
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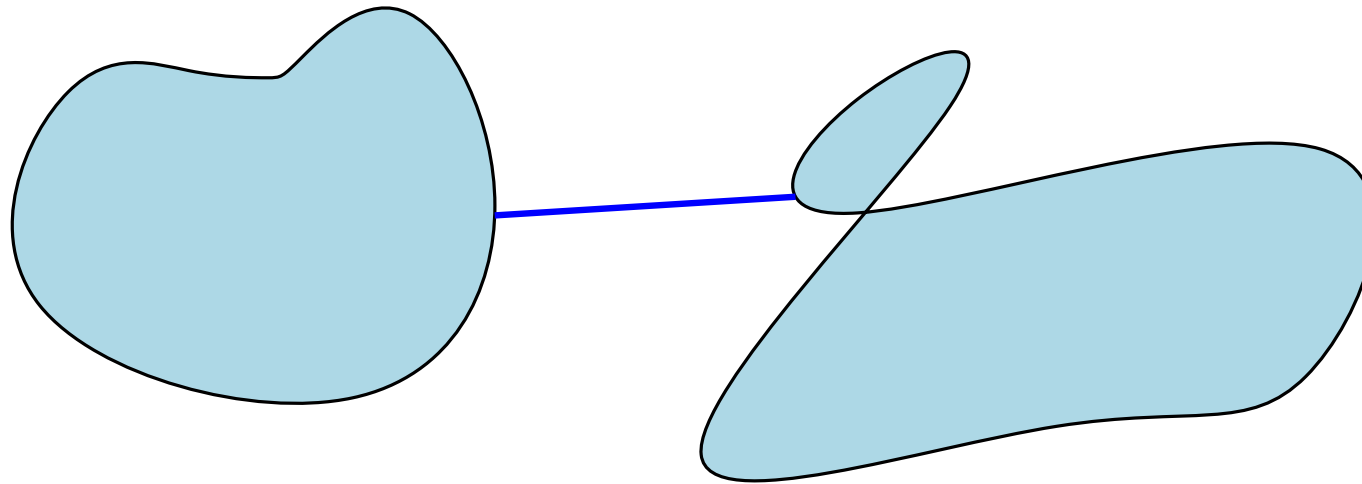
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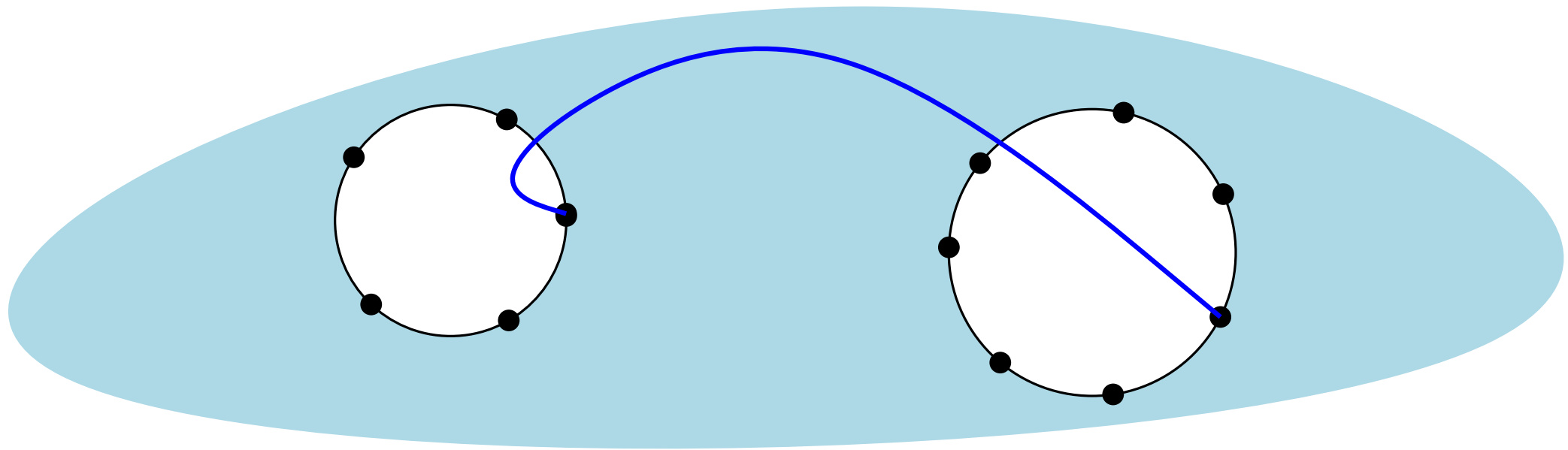


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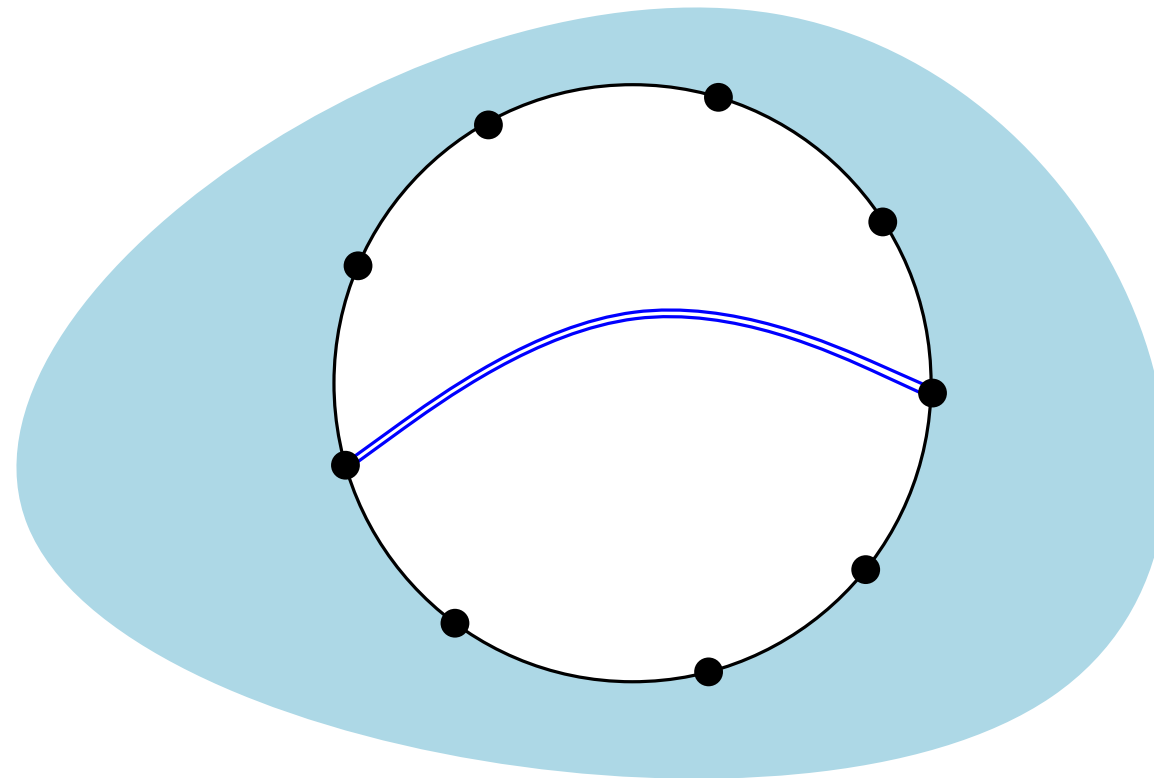


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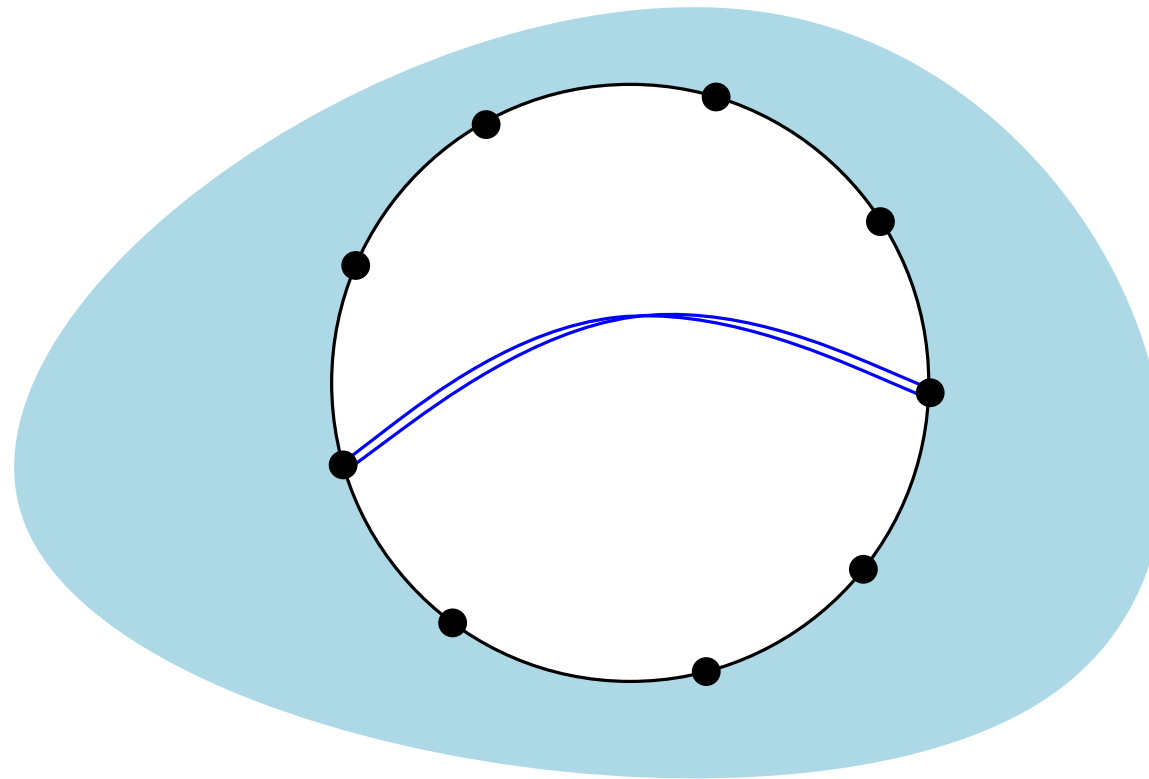


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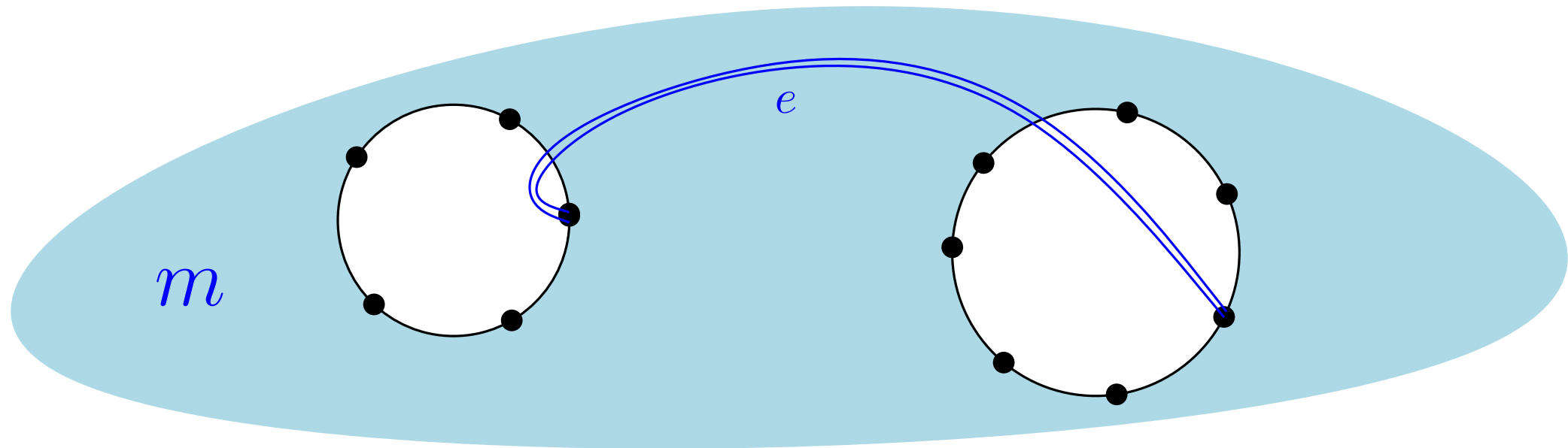
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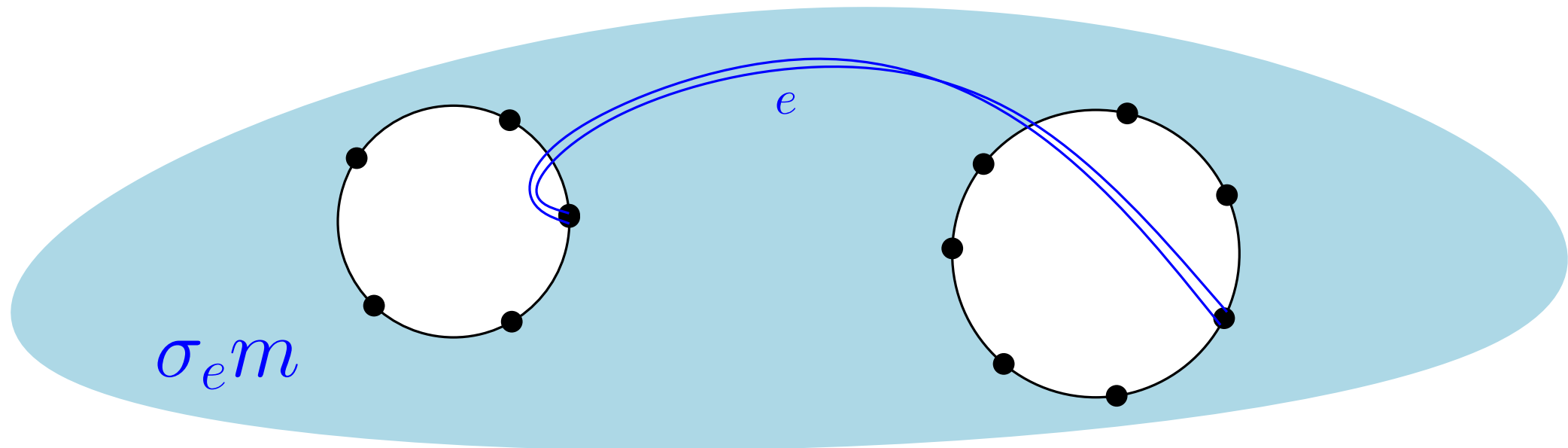
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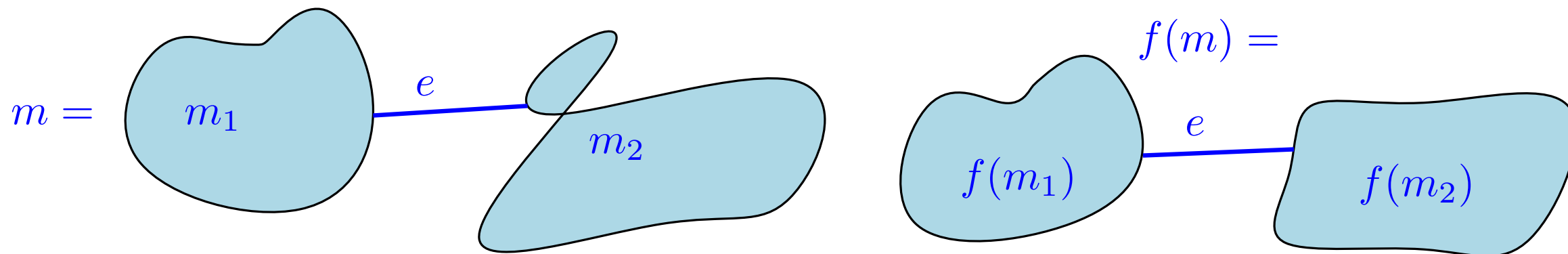
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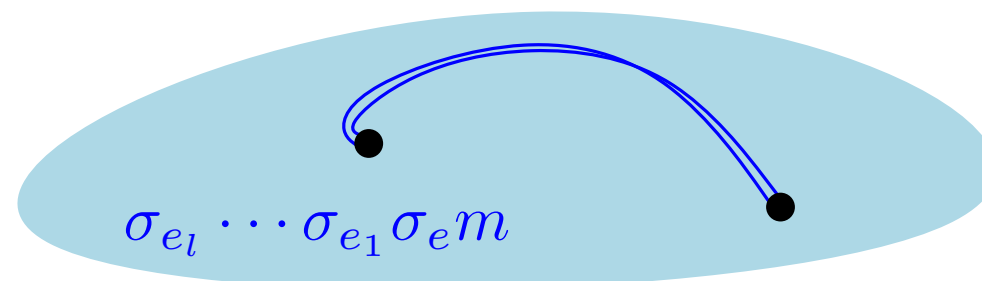
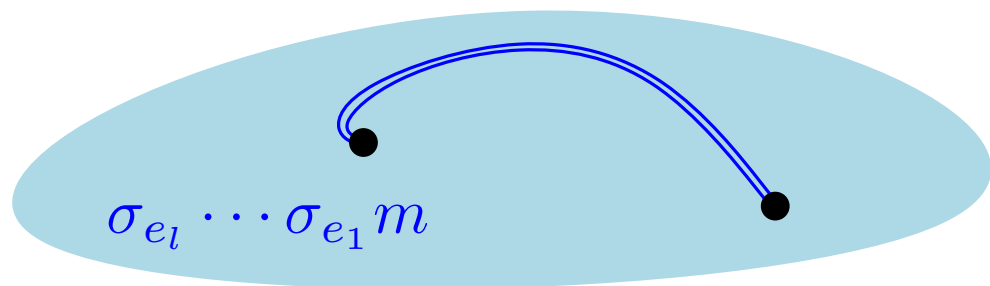
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**Question:**

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