

# Counting lattice walks by winding angle

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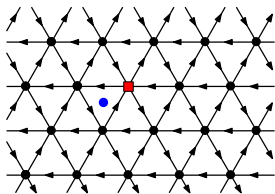
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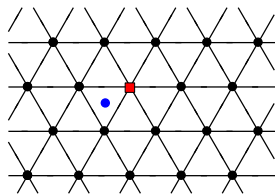
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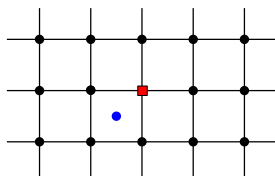
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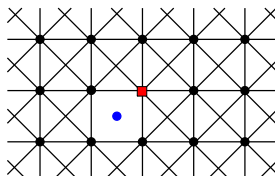
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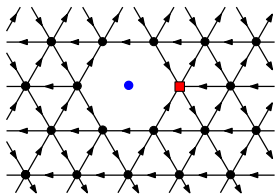


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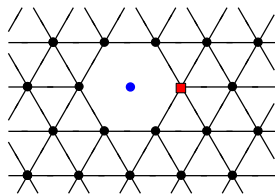
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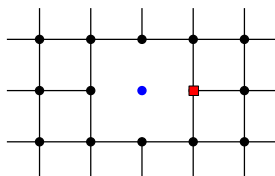
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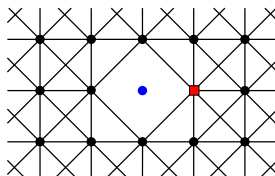
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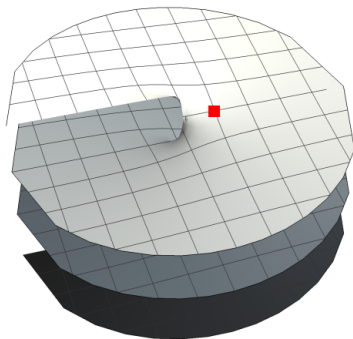
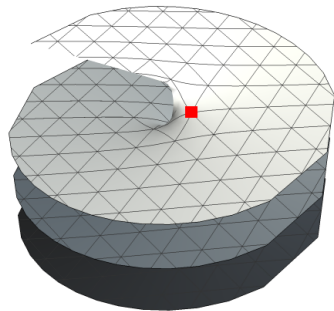
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**Left:** Cell-centred triangular lattice

**Right:** Vertex-centred square lattice

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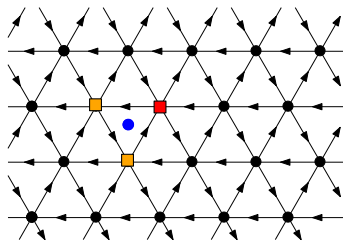
All results are in terms of the series:

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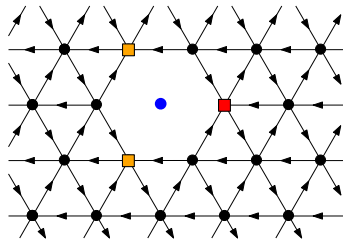
Related to Jacobi Theta function  $\vartheta(z, \tau) \equiv \vartheta_{11}(z, \tau)$  by

$$\vartheta^{(k)}(z, \tau) \equiv \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^k \vartheta(z, \tau) = e^{\frac{(\pi\tau - 2z)i}{2}} i^k T_k(e^{2iz}, e^{2i\pi\tau}).$$

# PREVIEW: KREWERAS ALMOST-EXCURSIONS



Cell-centred Kreweras lattice



Vertex-centred Kreweras lattice

On each lattice: count walks  $\blacksquare \rightarrow (\blacksquare \text{ or } \blacksquare)$ . Walks with length  $n$  and winding angle  $\frac{2\pi k}{3}$  contribute  $t^n s^k$ .

**Cell-centred:**  $E(t, s) = 1 + st + (s^2 + s^{-1})t^2 + \dots$

**Vertex-centred:**  $\tilde{E}(t, s) = 1 + (s^{-1} + 4 + s)t^3 + \dots$



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Let  $q(t) \equiv q = t^3 + 15t^6 + 279t^9 + \dots$  satisfy

$$t = q^{1/3} \frac{T_1(1, q^3)}{4T_0(q, q^3) + 6T_1(q, q^3)}.$$

The gf for **cell-centred** Kreweras-lattice almost-excursions is:


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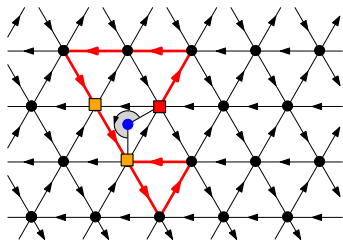
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# TALK OUTLINE

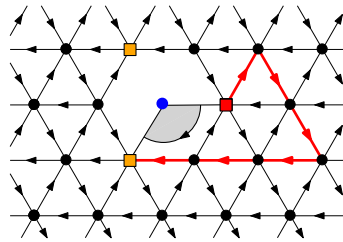
**Focus:** Kreweras lattice (for parts 1 to 4).

- **Part 1:** Decomposition of lattice  $\rightarrow$  functional equations
- **Part 2:** Solving the functional equations (with theta functions!)
- **Part 3:** Corollaries: walks restricted to cones
  - **New result:** Excursions with step set  avoiding a quadrant
- **Part 4:** Analysing the solution
  - Algebraicity results using modular forms
  - Asymptotic results
- **Part 5:** Square, triangular and king lattices
- **Part 6:** Final comments and open problems

# Part 1: Functional equations for Kreweras walks by winding angle



Cell-centred Kreweras lattice

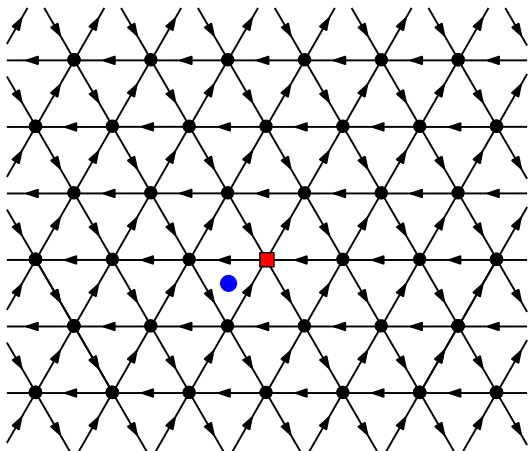


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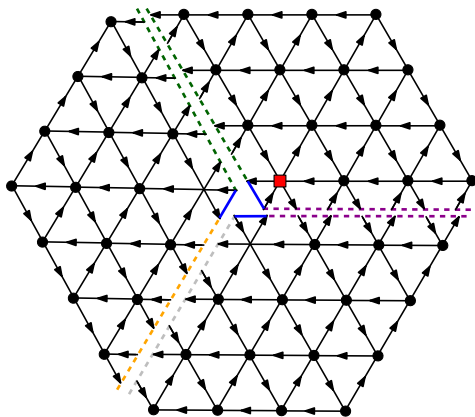
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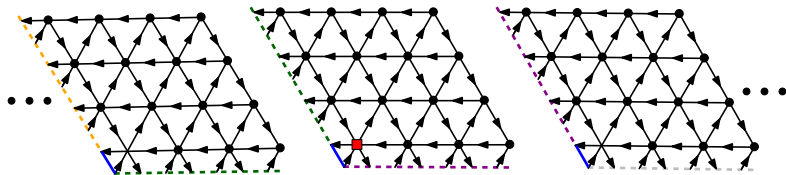
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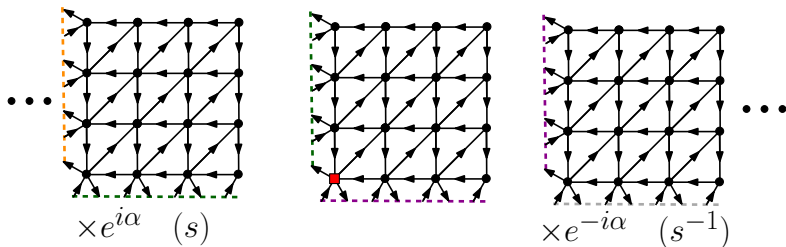
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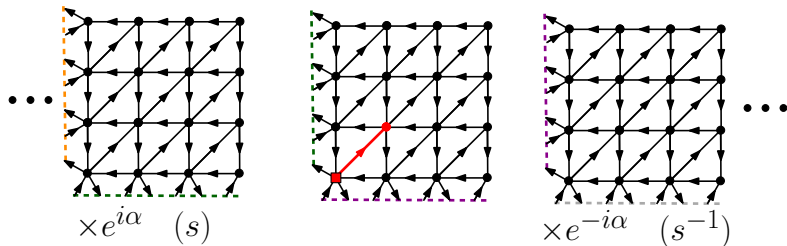


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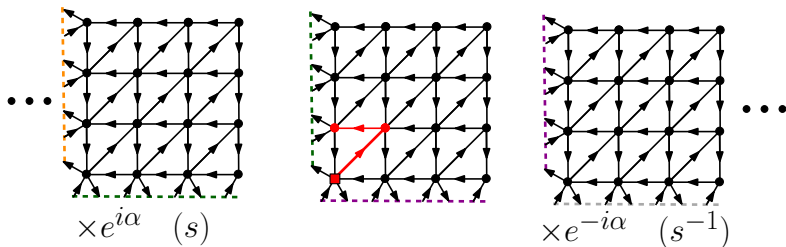
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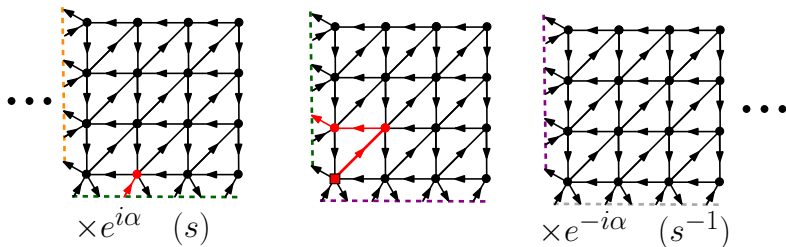
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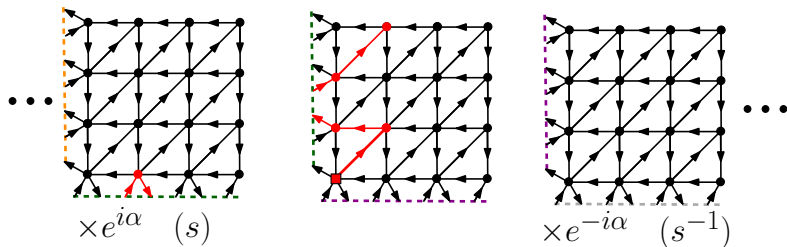
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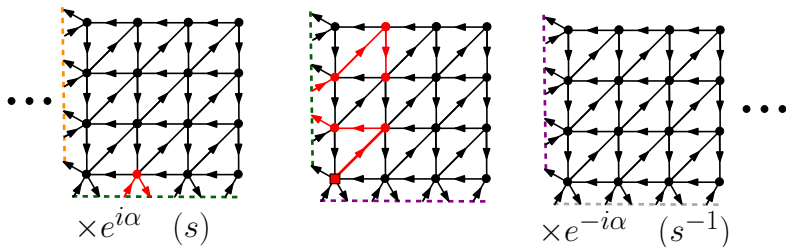
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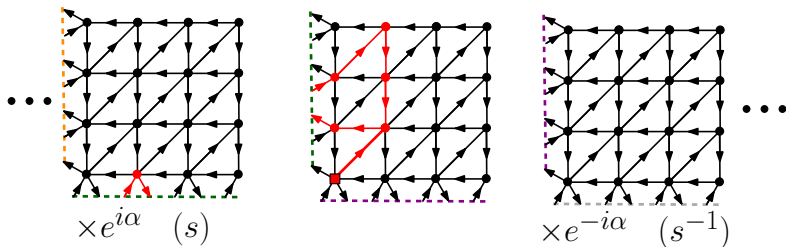
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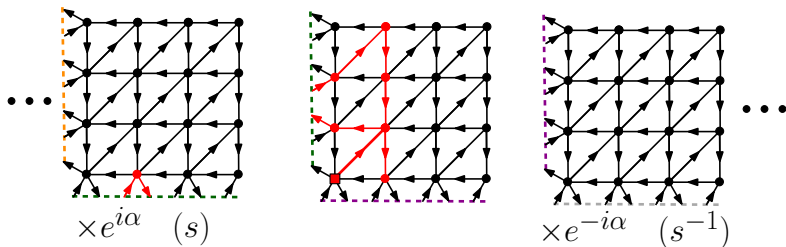
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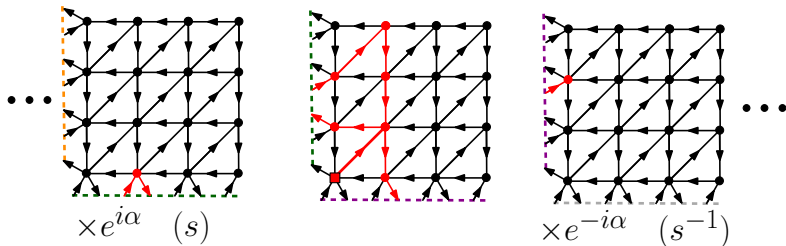
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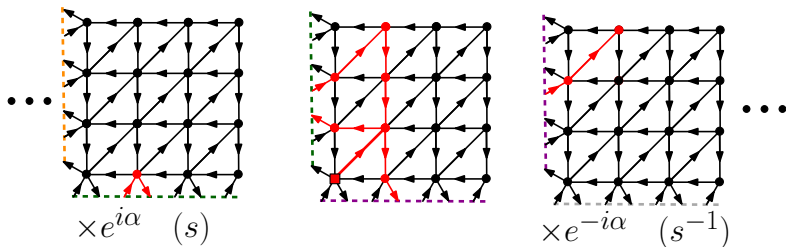
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# FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

**Recursion** → **functional equation**: separate by *type* of final step.

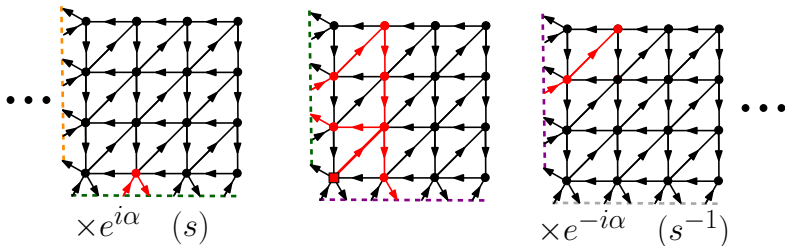
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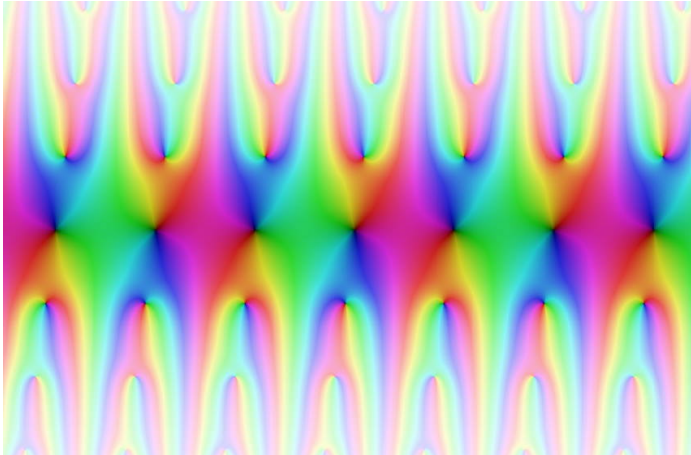
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## Part 2: Solution (using theta functions)



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Parameterisation involves the Jacobi theta function  $\vartheta(z, \tau)$ .

**So far:** Similar to elliptic approaches to quadrant models [Bernardi, Bousquet-Mélou, Fayolle, Iasnogorodski, Kurkova, Malyshev, Raschel, Trotignon]

# JACOBI THETA FUNCTION $\vartheta(z, \tau)$

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**Useful facts (for fixed  $\tau$ ):**

- $\vartheta(z + \pi, \tau) = -\vartheta(z, \tau)$
- $\vartheta(z + \pi\tau, \tau) = -e^{-2iz - i\pi\tau} \vartheta(z, \tau)$

# PARAMETERISATION OF $K(x, y) = 0$ USING $\vartheta(z, \tau)$

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$$\vartheta(z, \tau) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^n e^{\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}\right)^2 i\pi\tau + (2n+1)iz}$$

**Useful facts (for fixed  $\tau$ ):**

- $\vartheta(z + \pi, \tau) = -\vartheta(z, \tau)$
- $\vartheta(z + \pi\tau, \tau) = -e^{-2iz - i\pi\tau} \vartheta(z, \tau)$

**Parameterisation:** The curve

$$K(x, y) := 1 - txy - t/y - t/x = 0$$

is parameterised by

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where  $\tau$  is determined by  $t = e^{-\frac{\pi\tau i}{3}} \frac{\vartheta'(0, 3\tau)}{4i\vartheta(\pi\tau, 3\tau) + 6\vartheta'(\pi\tau, 3\tau)}$ .



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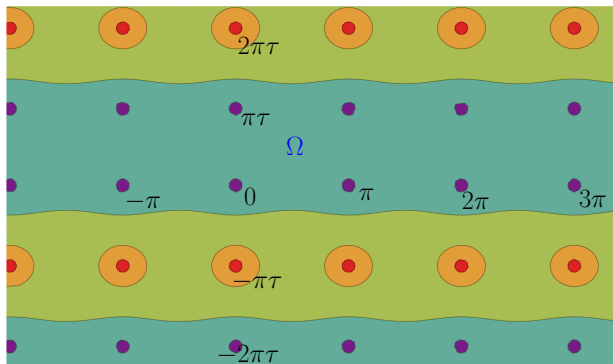
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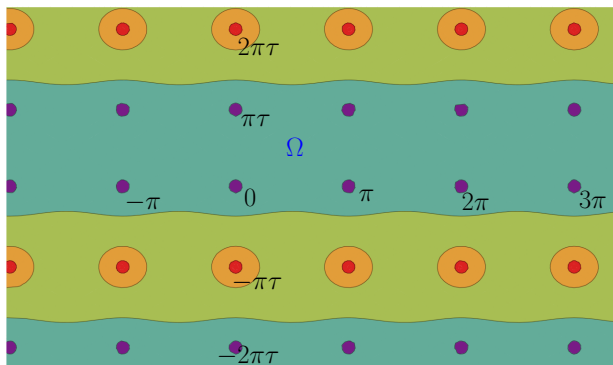
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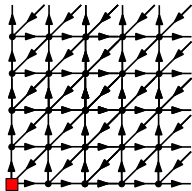
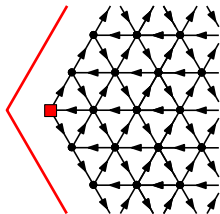
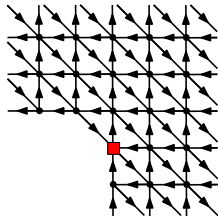
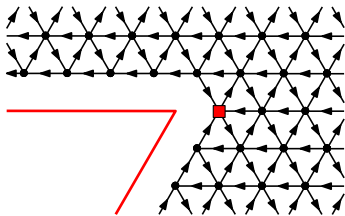
Let  $q(t) \equiv q = t^3 + 15t^6 + 279t^9 + \dots$  satisfy

$$t = q^{1/3} \frac{T_1(1, q^3)}{4T_0(q, q^3) + 6T_1(q, q^3)}.$$

The gf for **cell-centred** Kreweras-lattice almost-excursions is:

$$E(t, s) = \frac{s}{(1 - s^3)t} \left( s - q^{-1/3} \frac{T_1(q^2, q^3)}{T_1(1, q^3)} - q^{-1/3} \frac{T_0(q, q^3)T_1(sq^{-2/3}, q)}{T_1(1, q^3)T_0(sq^{-2/3}, q)} \right).$$

## Part 3: Walks in cones

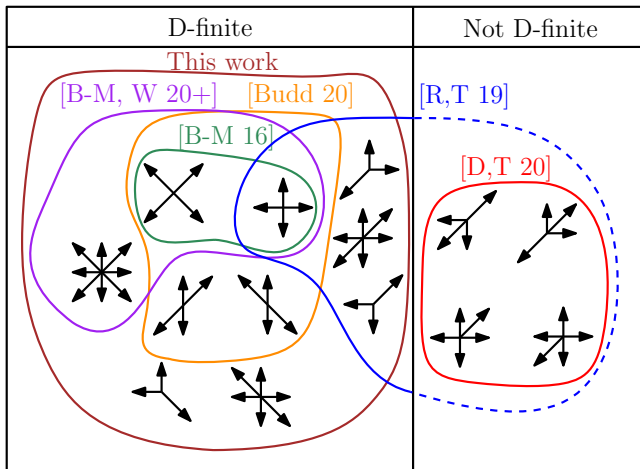




# WALKS IN CONES WITH SMALL STEPS

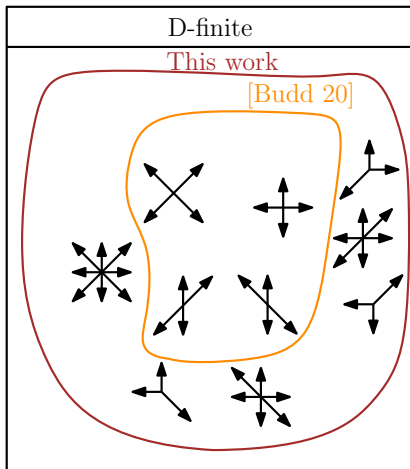
- **Quarter plane walks:** Completely classified into rational, algebraic, D-finite, D-algebraic cases.  
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- **Half plane walks:** Easy
- **Three quarter plane walks:** Active area of research (Previously) solved in 6-12 of the 74 non-trivial cases  
[Bousquet-Mélou 16], [Raschel-Trotignon 19], [Budd 20], [Bousquet-Mélou, Wallner 20+]
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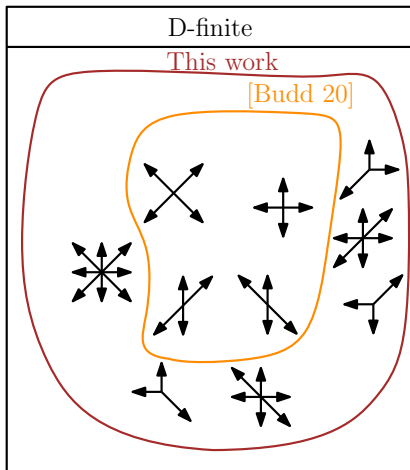
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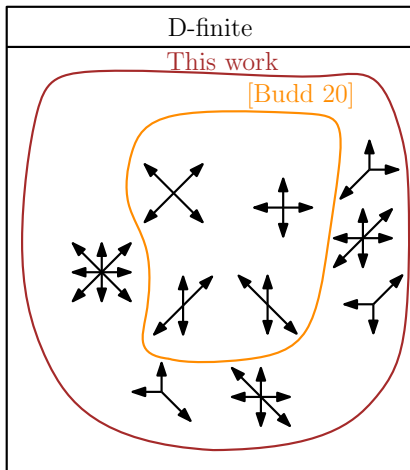
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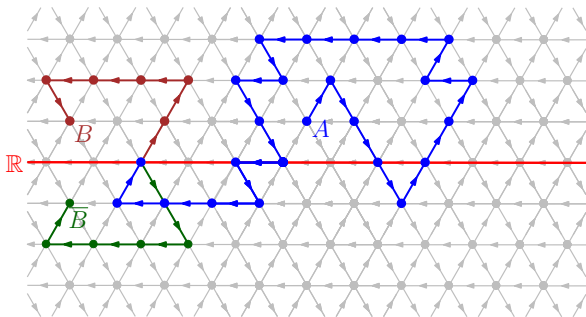
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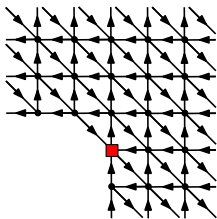


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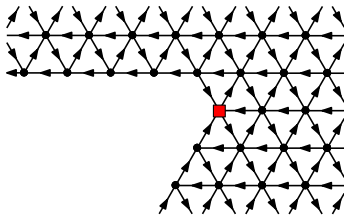
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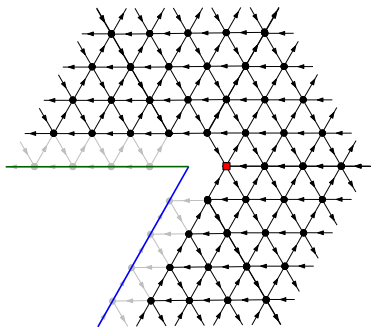
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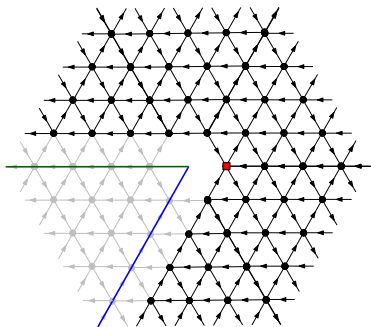




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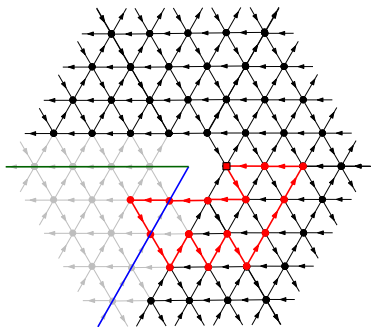
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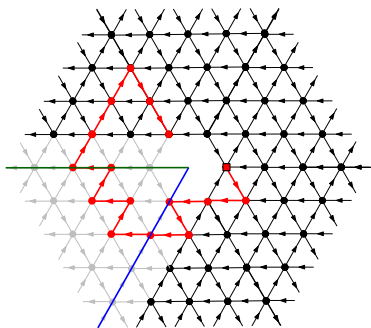
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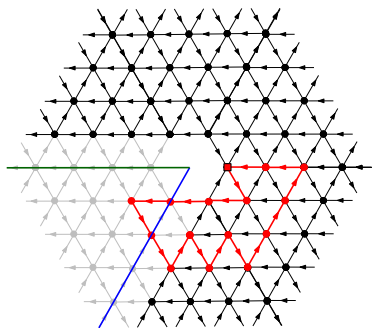
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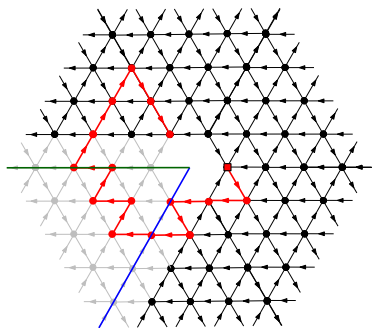
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# Part 4: Analysis of solutions



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From the exact solution we extract:

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$$4 \frac{(x-1)e^x + (x+1)e^{-x}}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2}.$$

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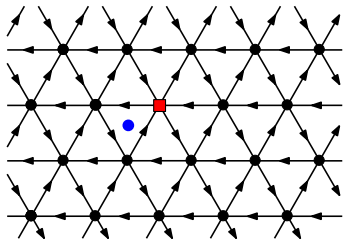
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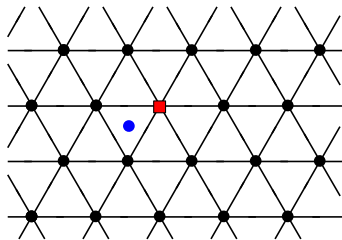
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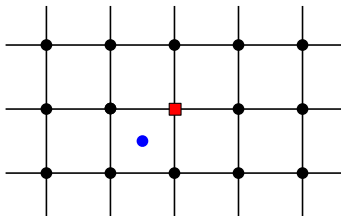
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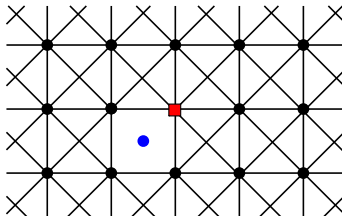
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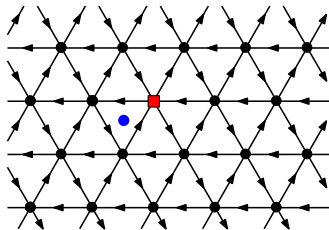
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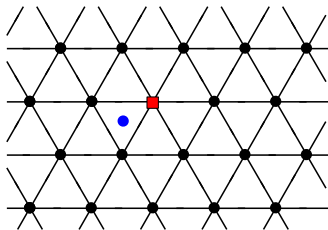
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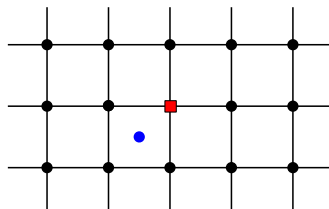
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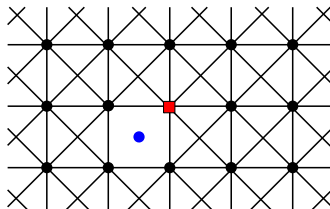
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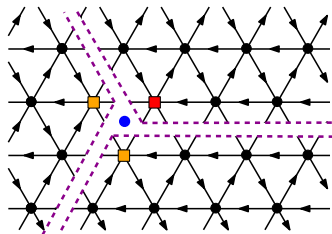
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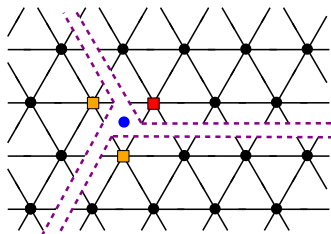
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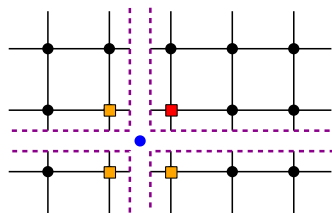
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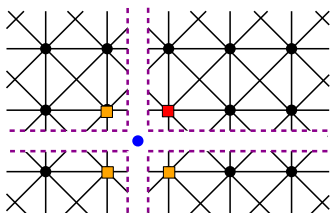
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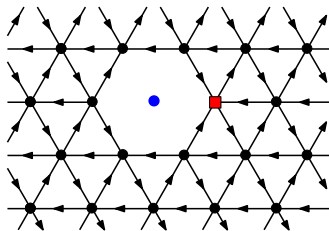
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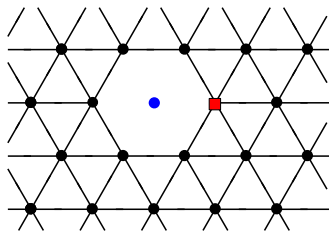
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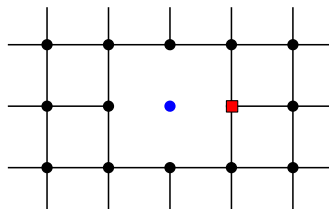
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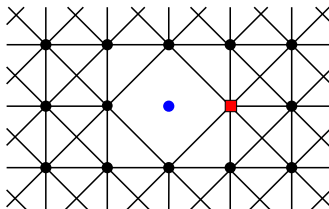
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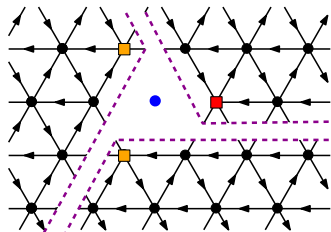
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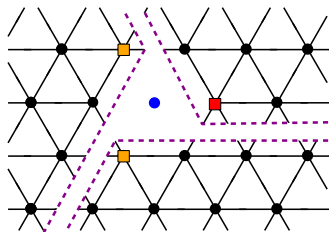
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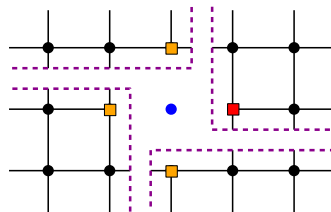
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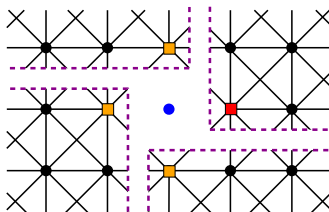
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# RECALL: KREWERAS ALMOST-EXCURSIONS

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Let  $q(t) \equiv q = t^3 + 15t^6 + 279t^9 + \dots$  satisfy

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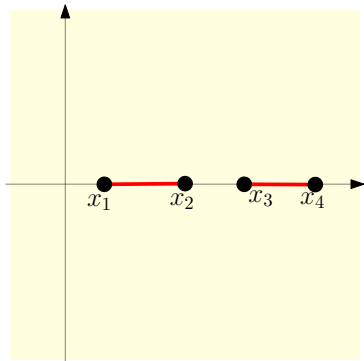


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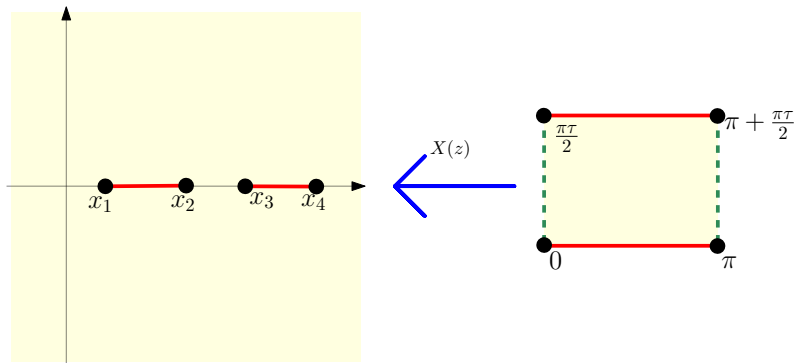


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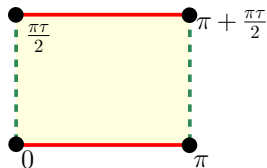
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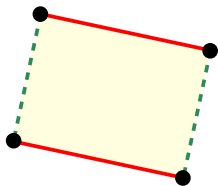
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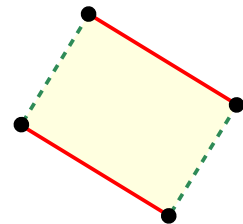
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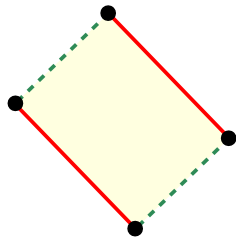
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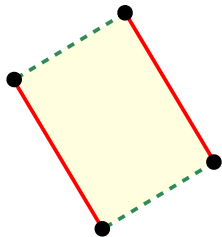
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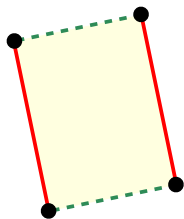
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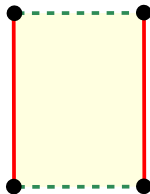


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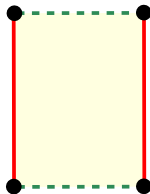




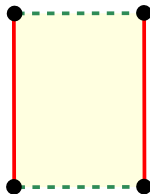
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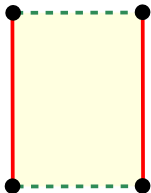
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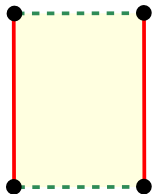
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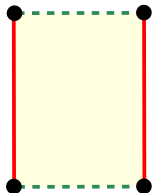
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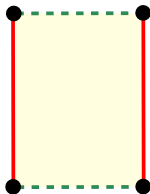
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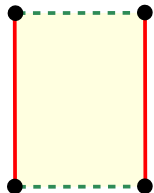
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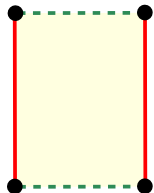


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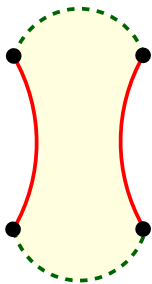




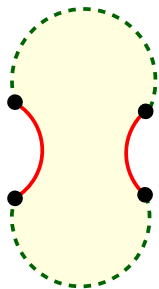
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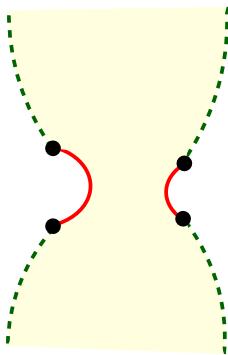
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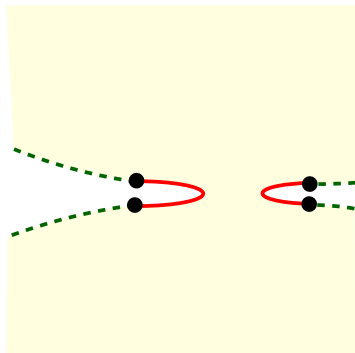
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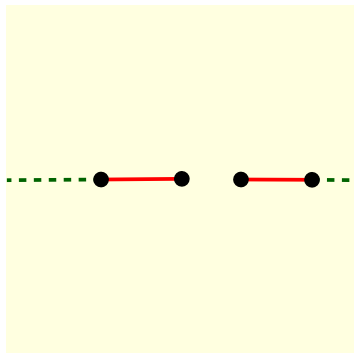
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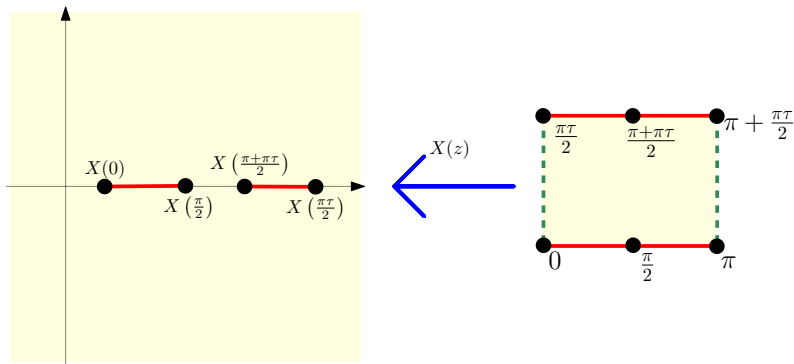
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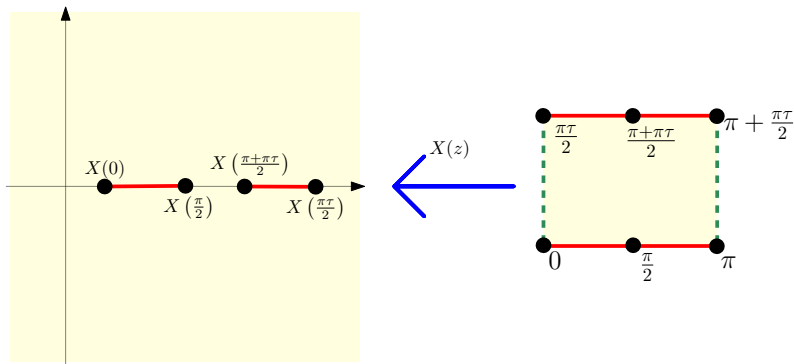
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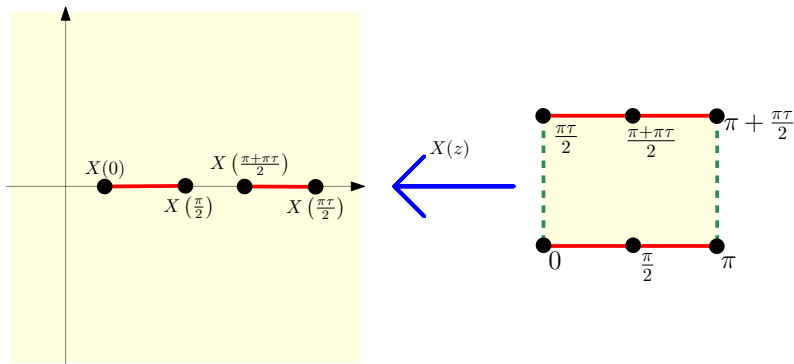


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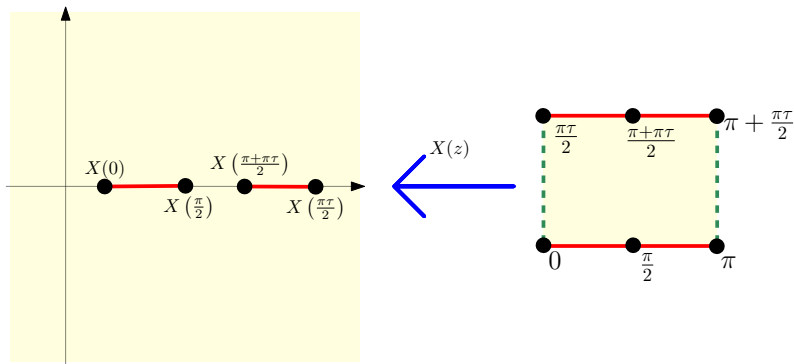
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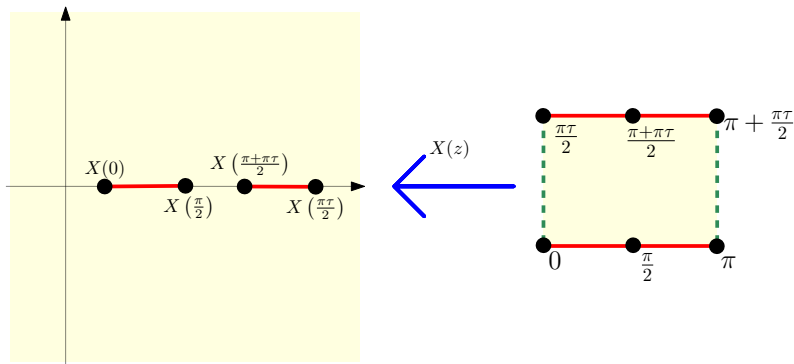
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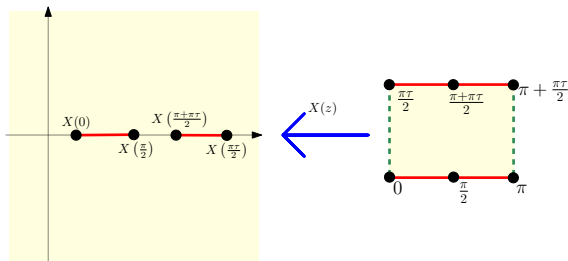


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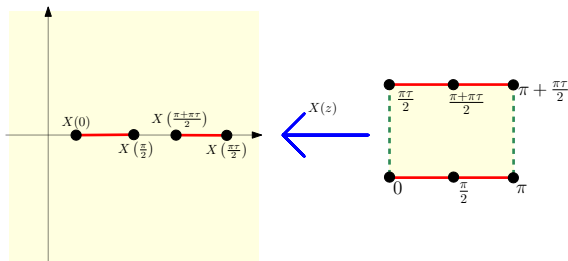
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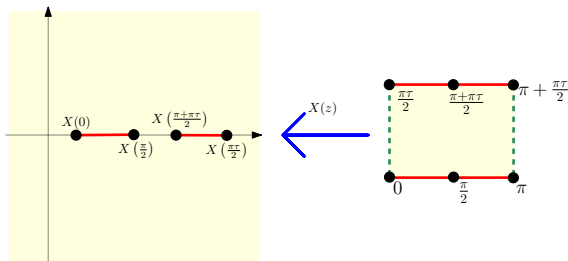
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