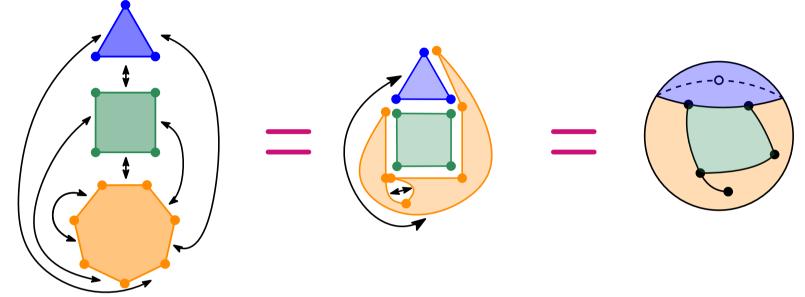
Maps: at the interface between combinatorics and probability

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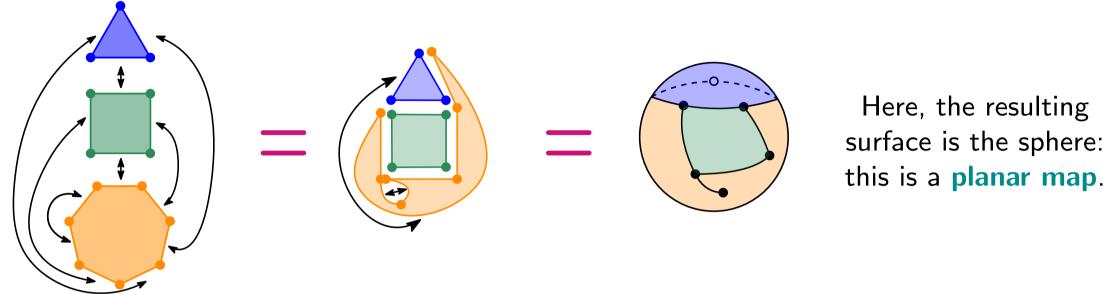


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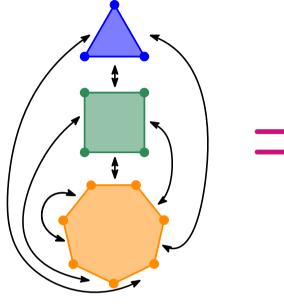
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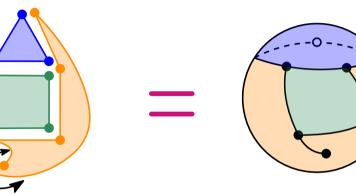


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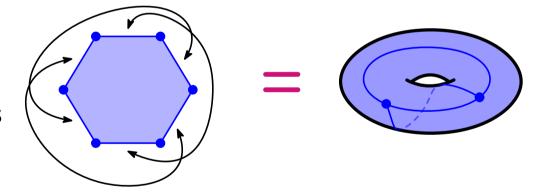
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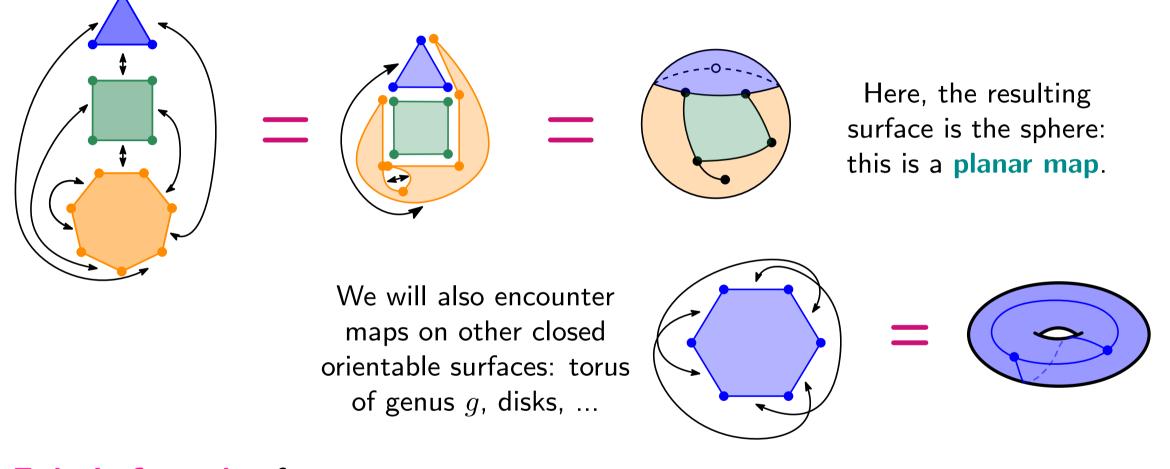


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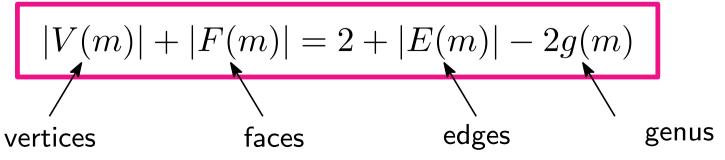
We will also encounter maps on other closed orientable surfaces: torus of genus g, disks, ...



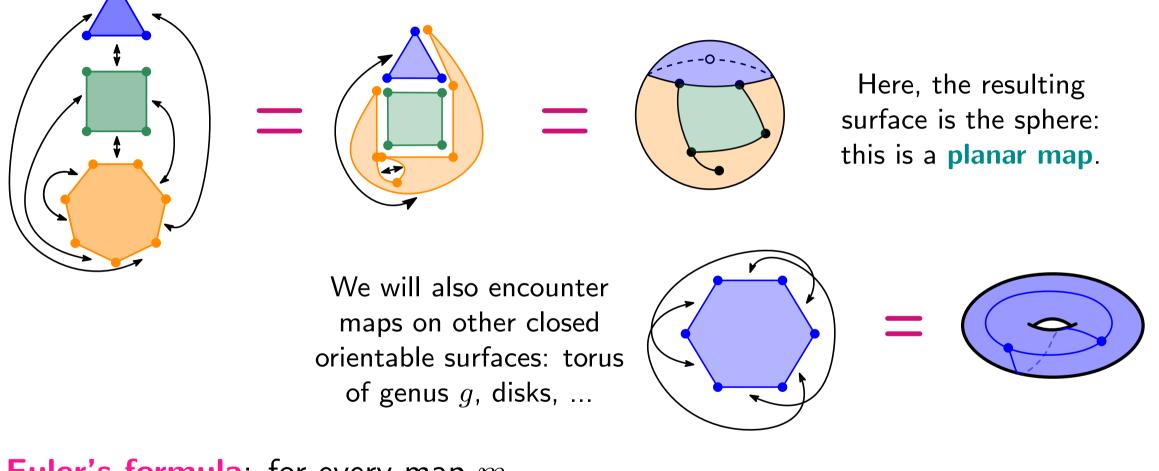
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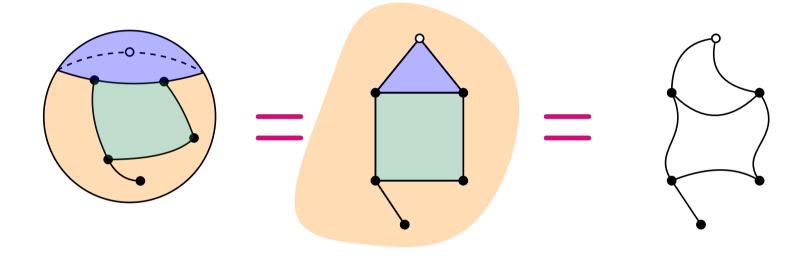


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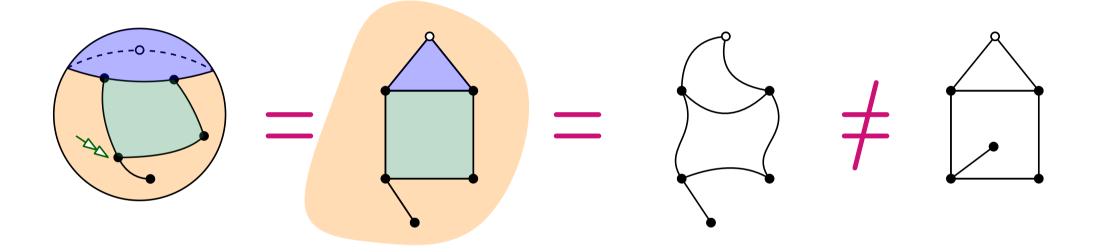
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If all the polygons have p sides, the map is called a **p-angulation** 3-angulation = **triangulation**, 4-angulation = **quadrangulation**

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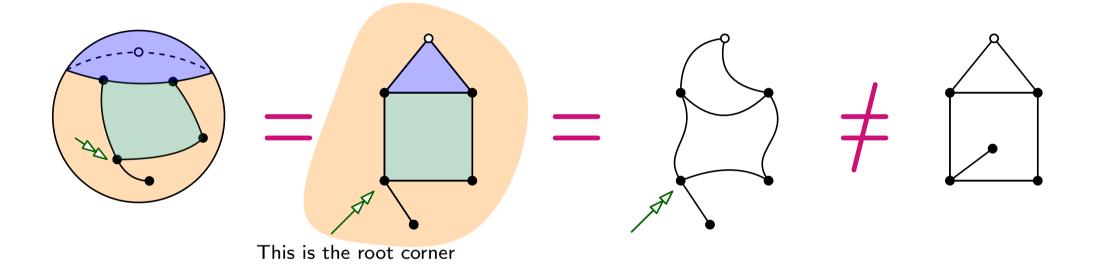


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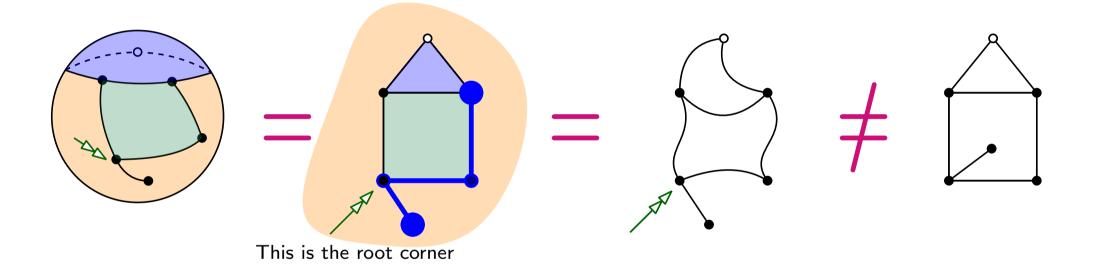
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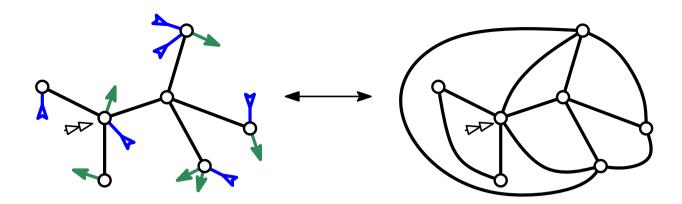


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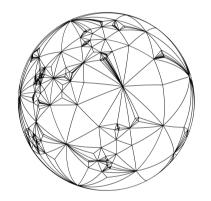
A map M defines a discrete **metric space**:

- points: set of vertices of M = V(M).
- distance: graph distance = d_{gr} .

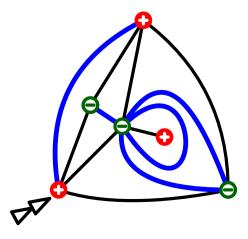
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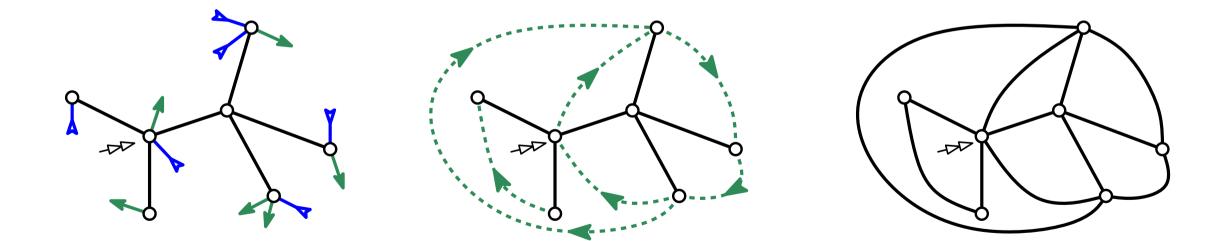
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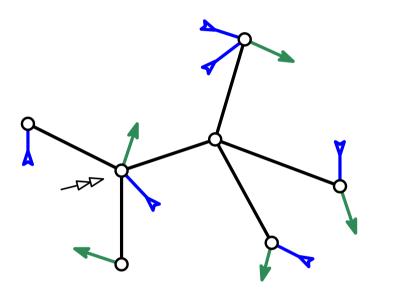
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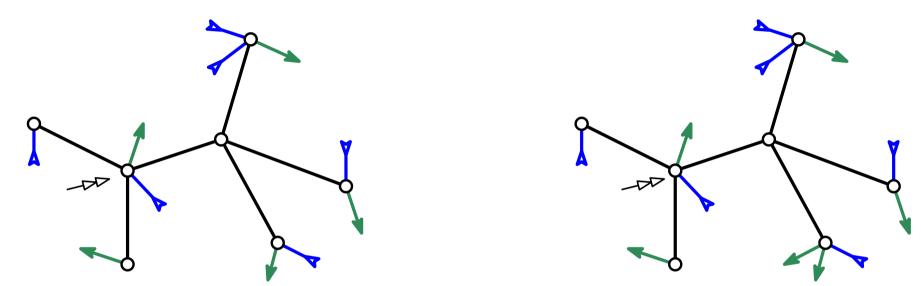
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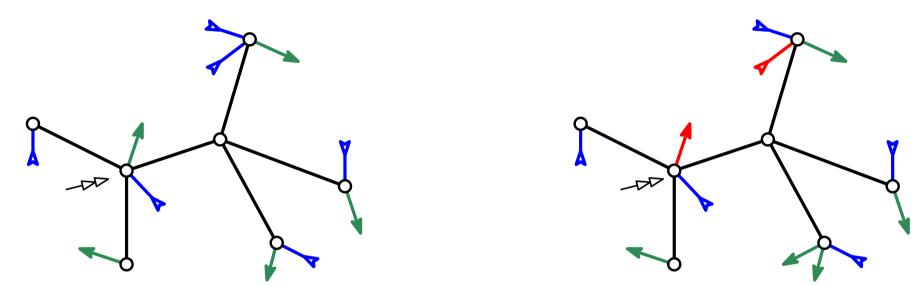
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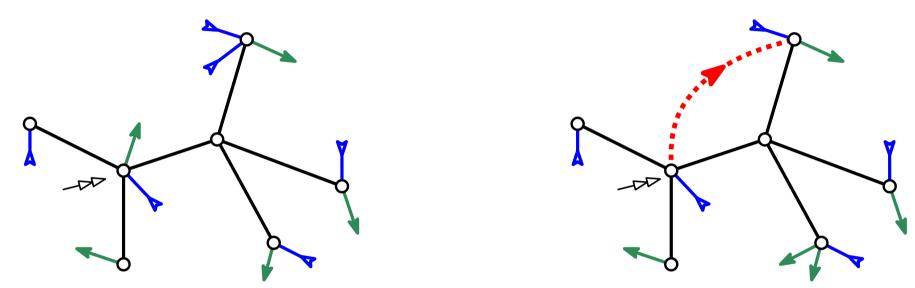
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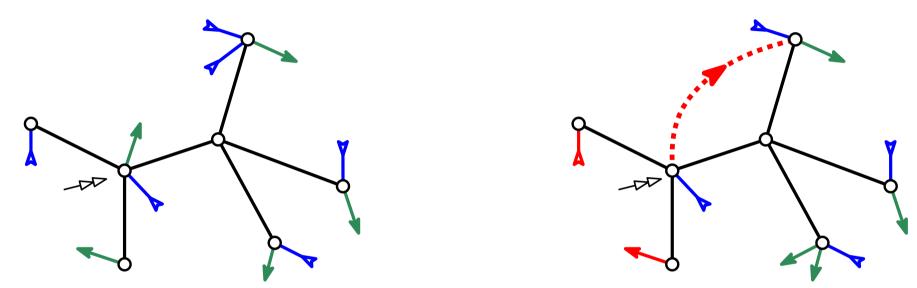
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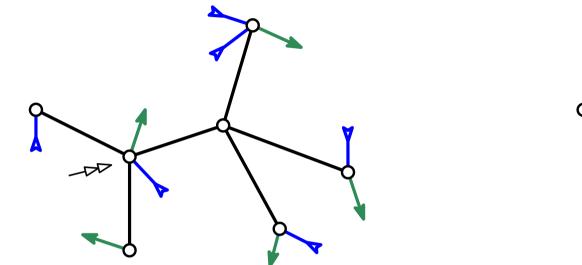
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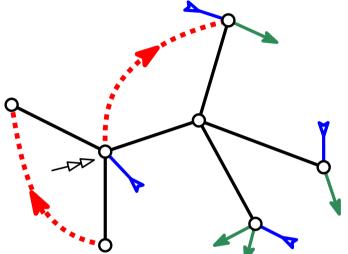


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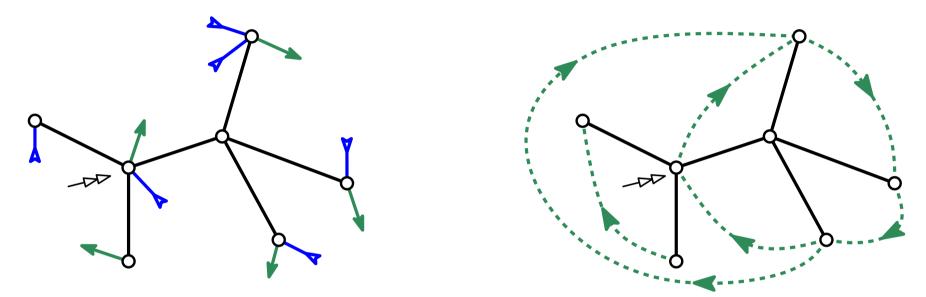


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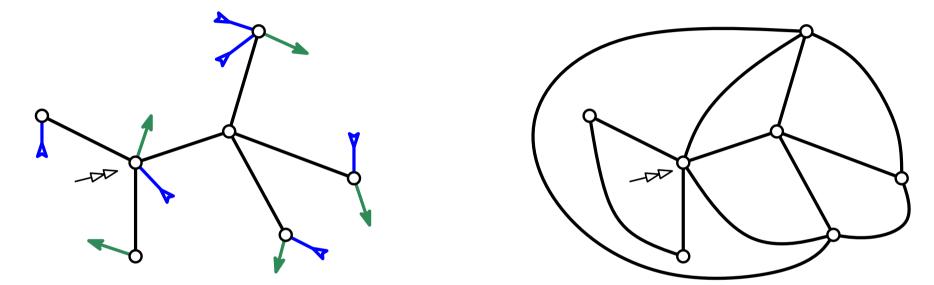


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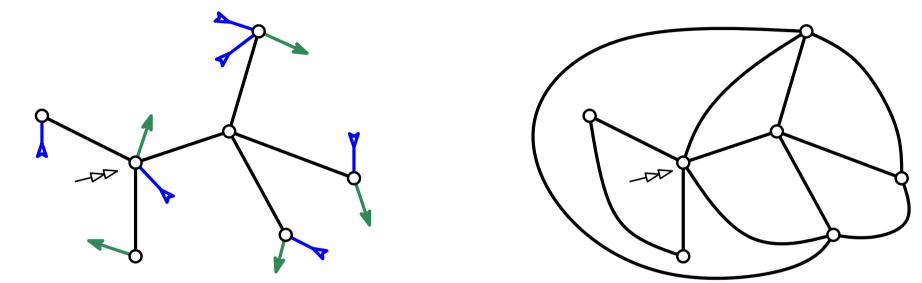
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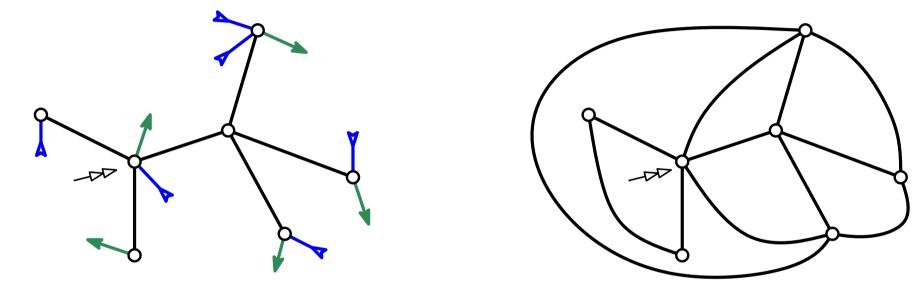
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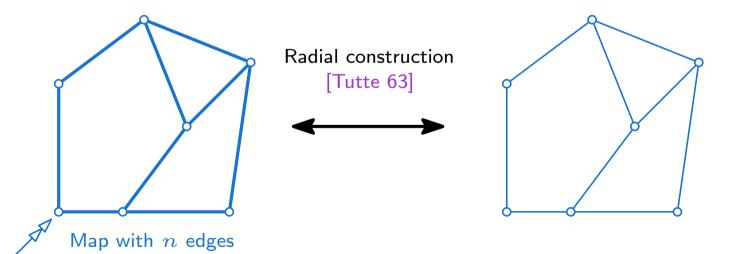
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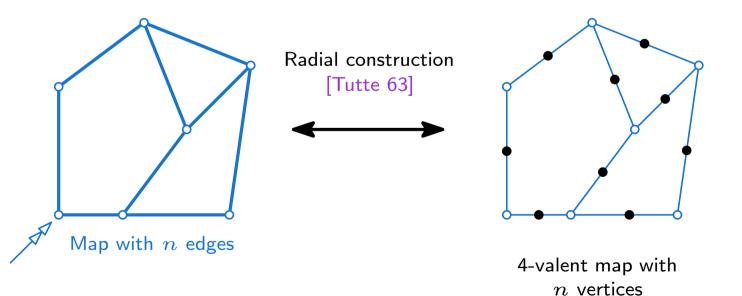
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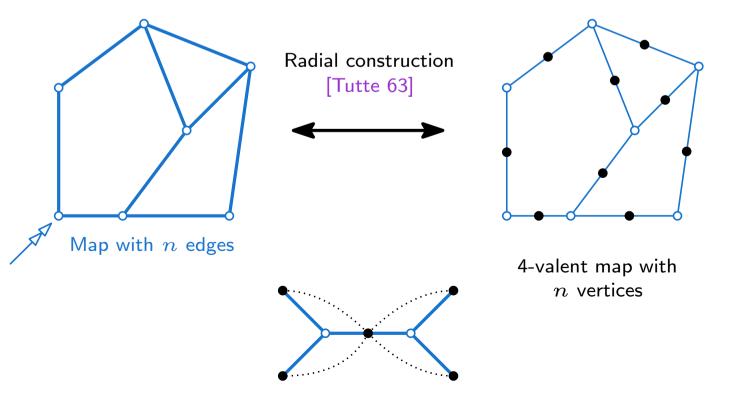
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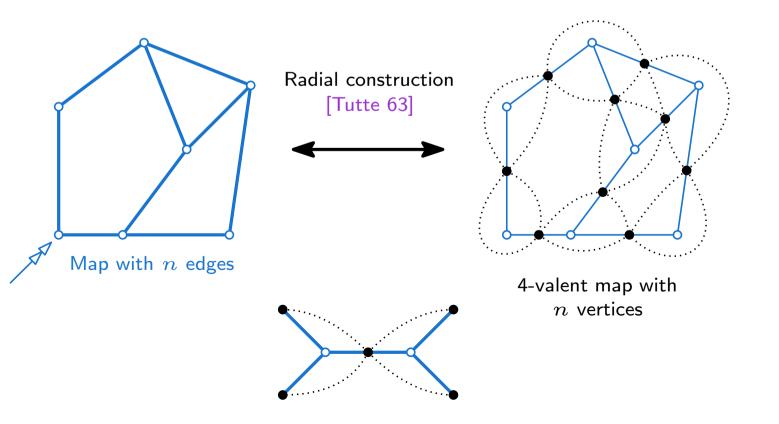
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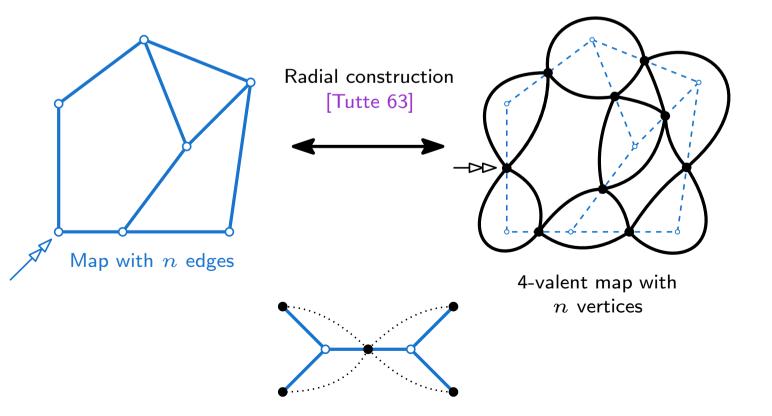
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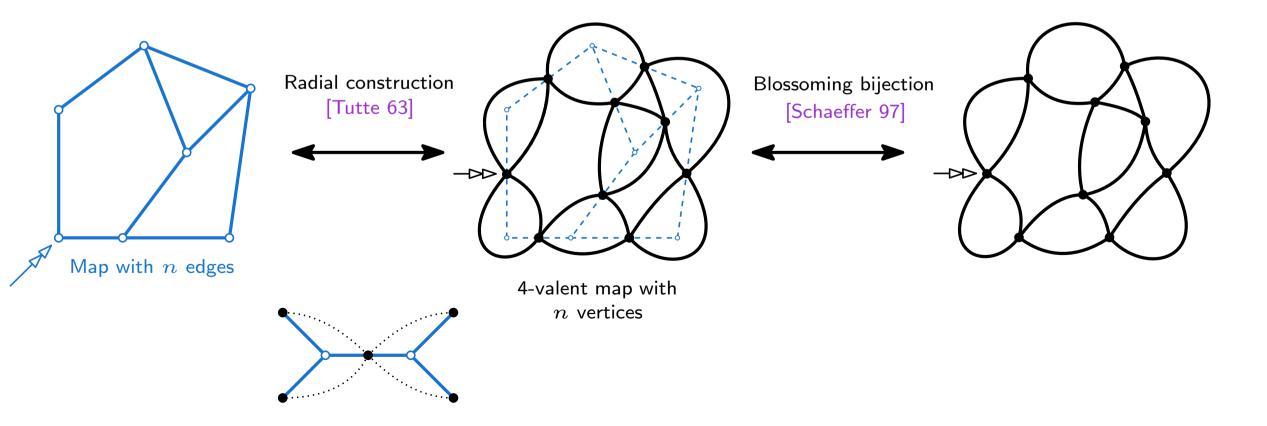
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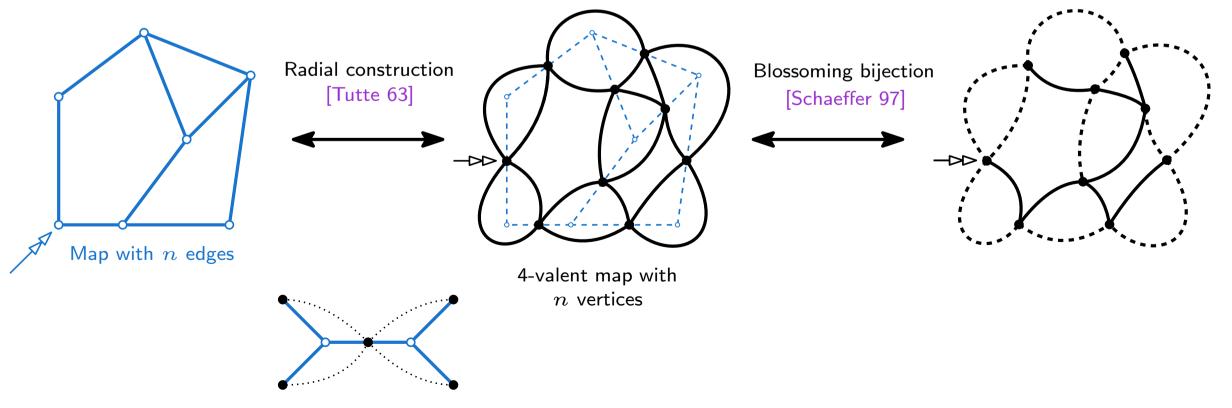
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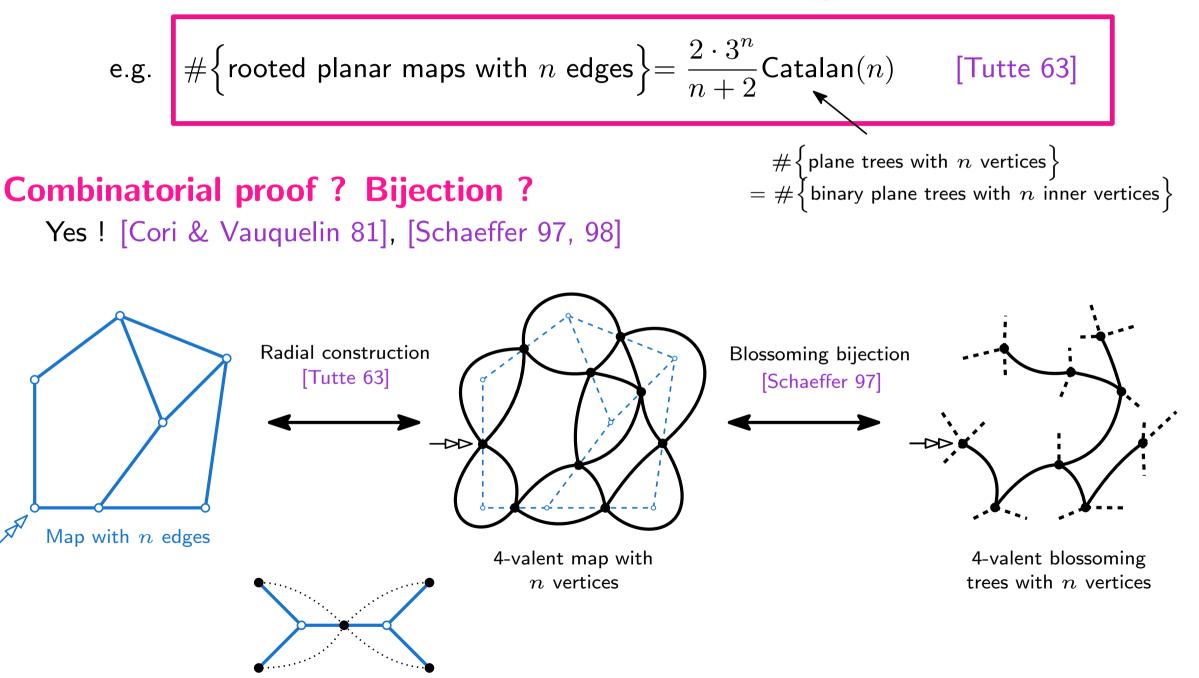


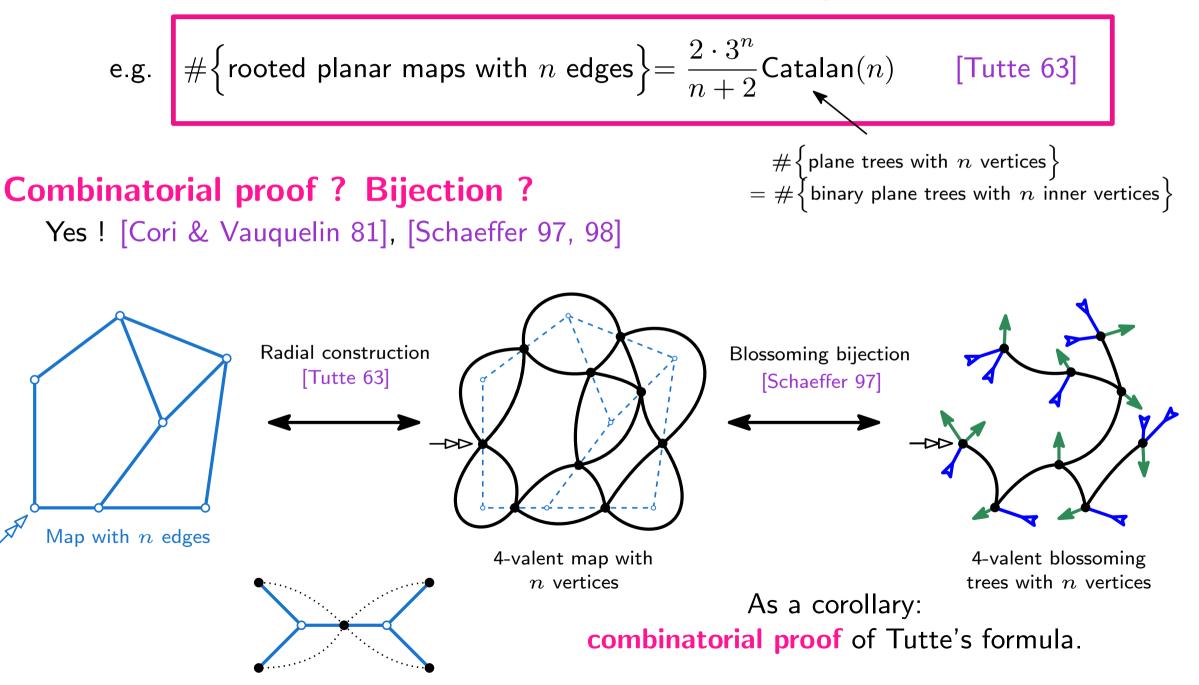
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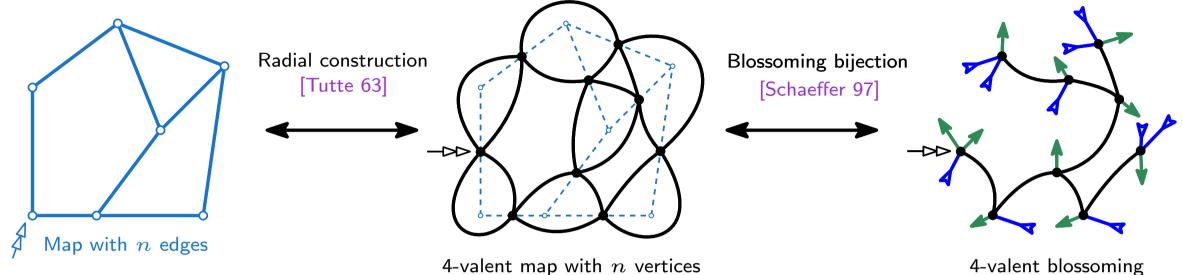
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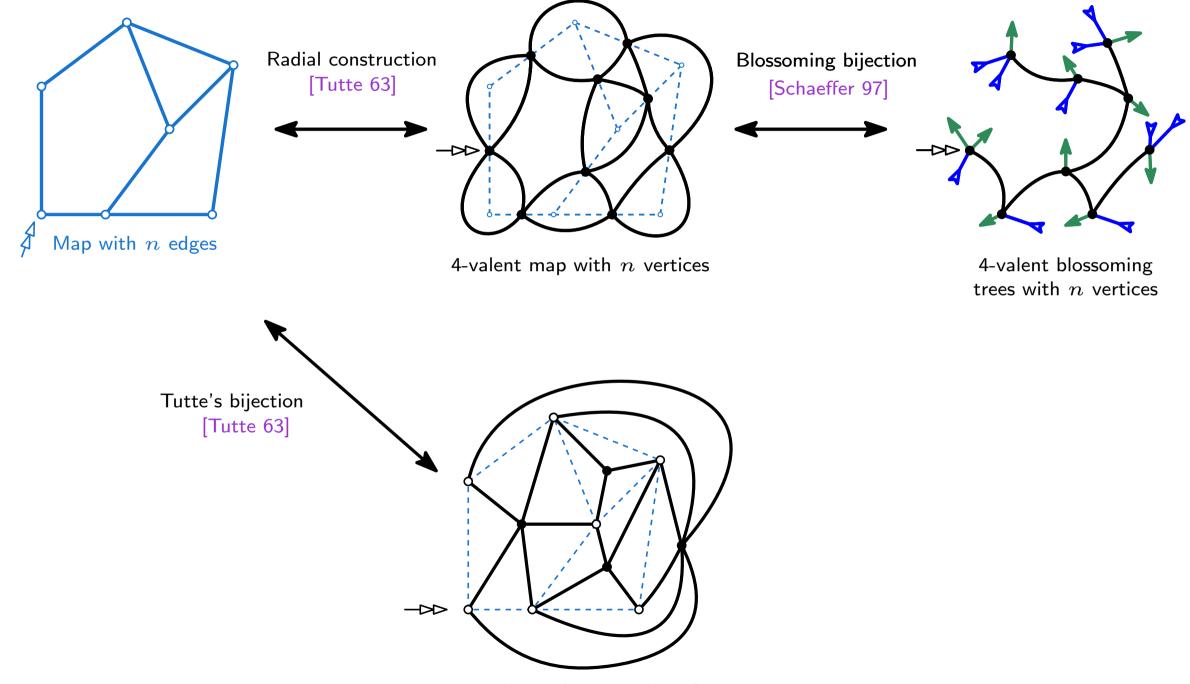


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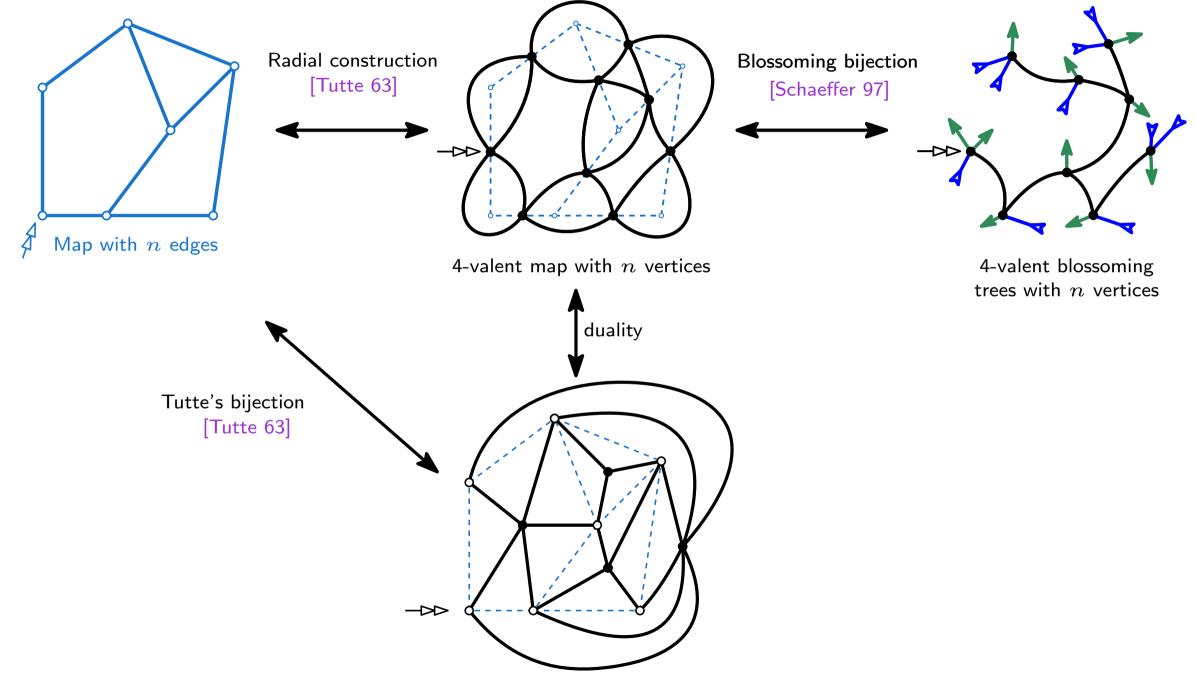
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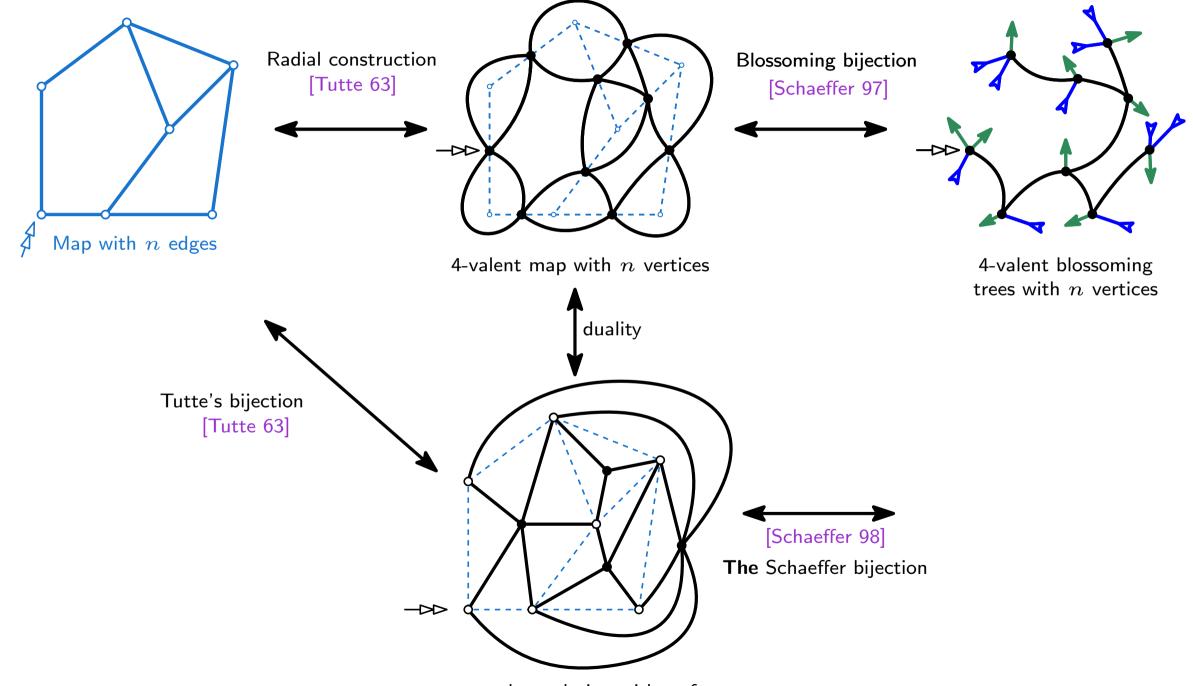


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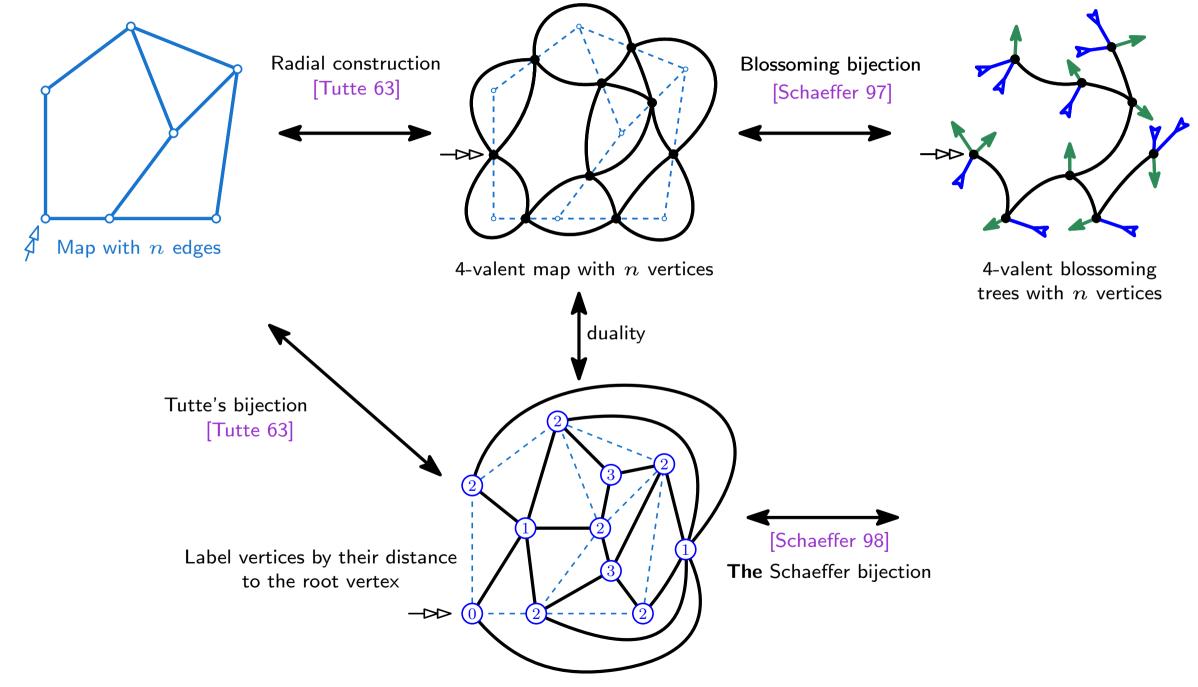
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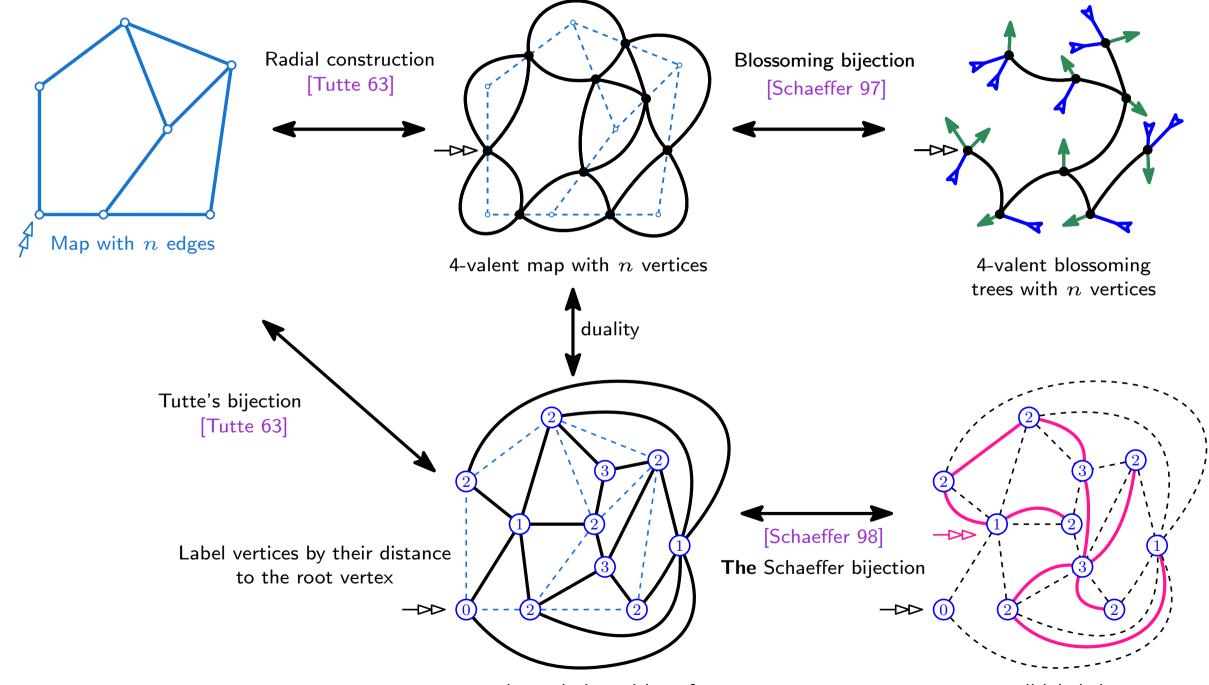
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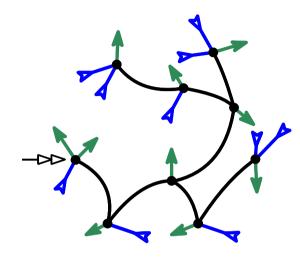


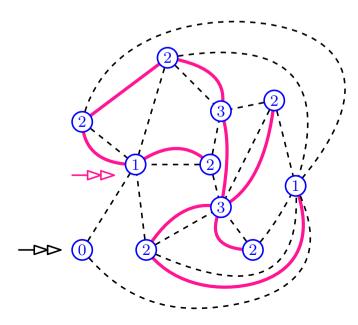
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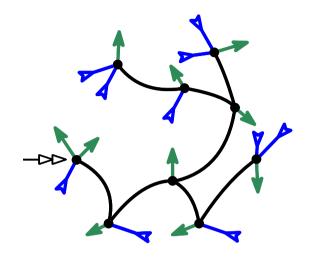


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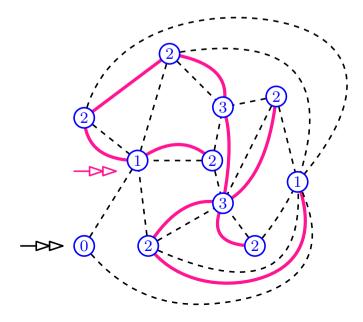


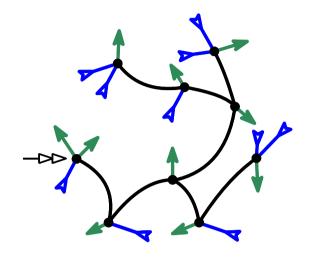


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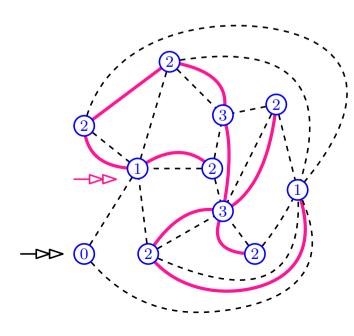
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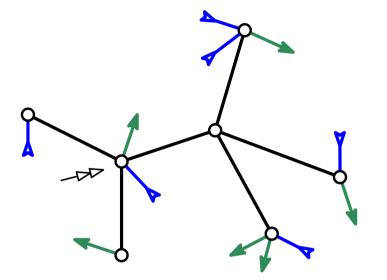


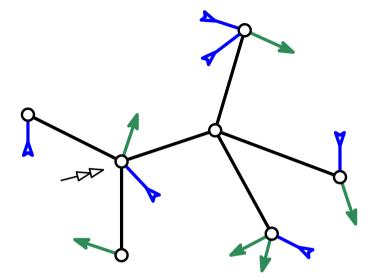
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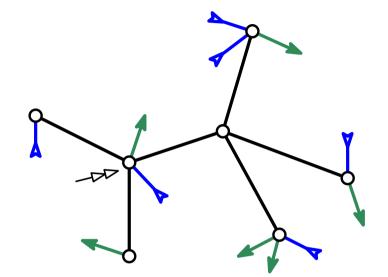
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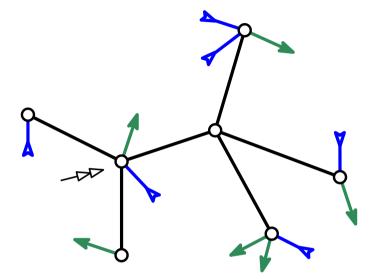
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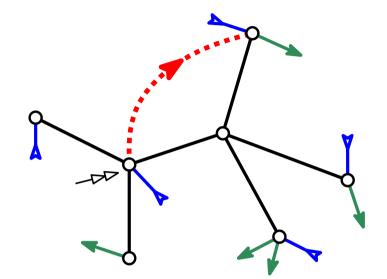
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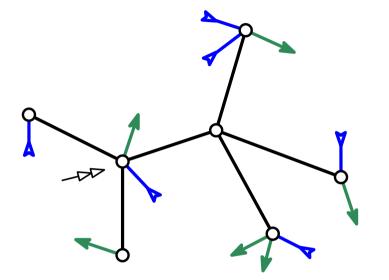


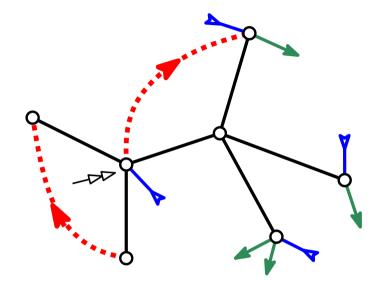


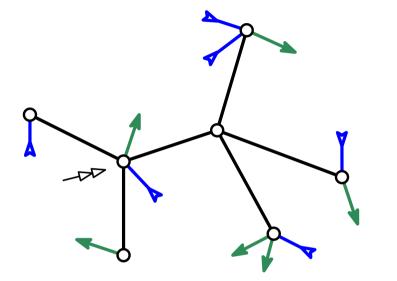


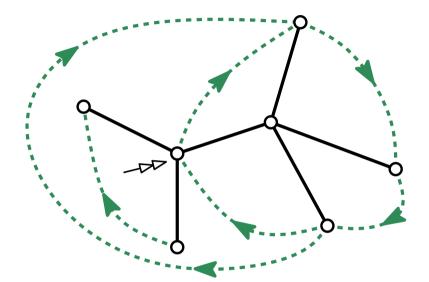


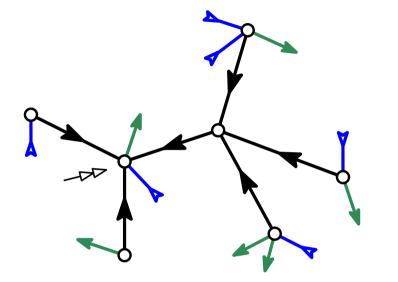


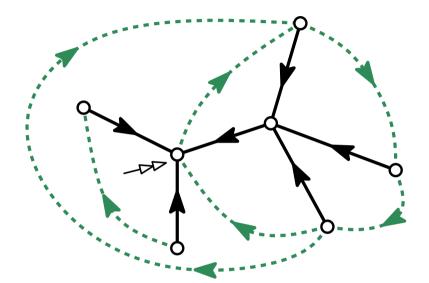




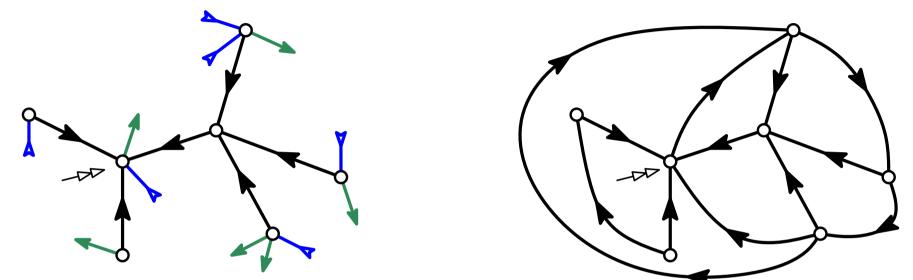






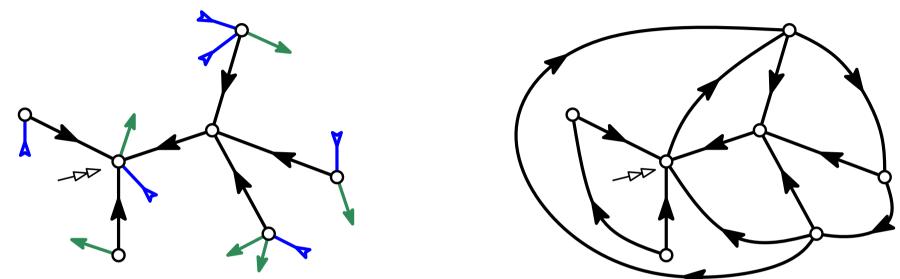


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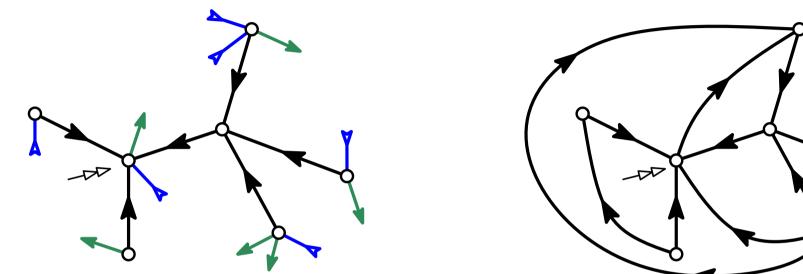
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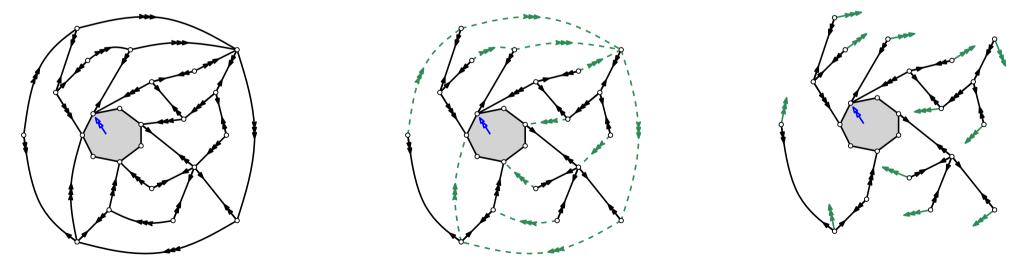
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Blossoming bijection for *d*-angulations of girth d with a boundary, [A., Poulalhon 15].

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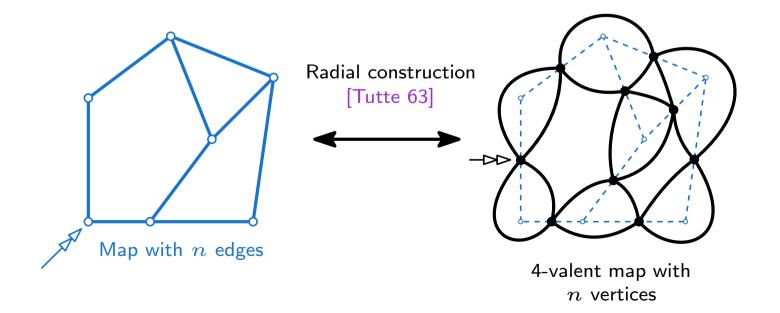
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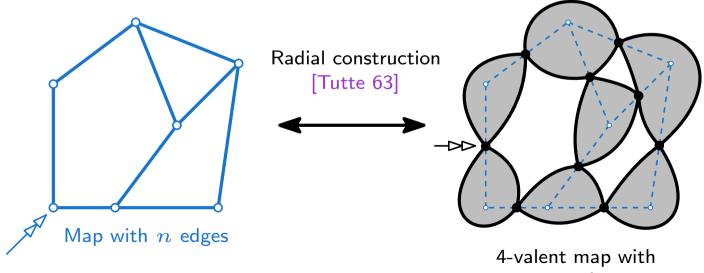
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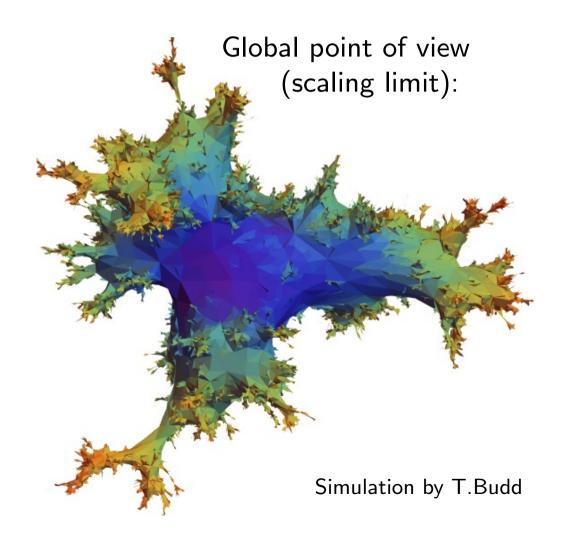
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Idea of proof: Same bijection but different proof for the analysis of the unicellular blossoming maps (gives also a simpler proof of the univariate case).

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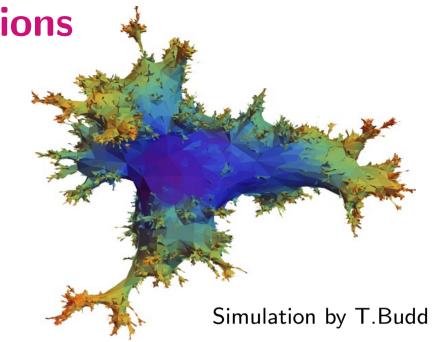


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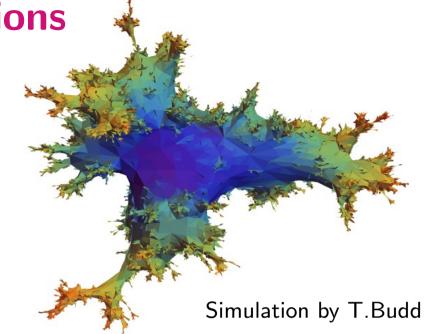
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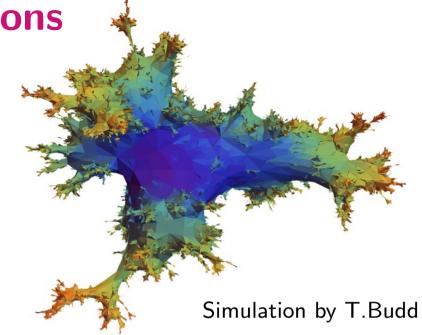
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Motivations:

- Natural random discretization of a continuous surface.
- Construction of a 2-dim. analogue of the Brownian motion: The Brownian Map [Miermont 13],[Le Gall 13].
- Link with Liouville Quantum Gravity, [Duplantier, Sheffield 11], [Duplantier, Miller, Sheffield 14], [Miller, Sheffield 16,16,17]



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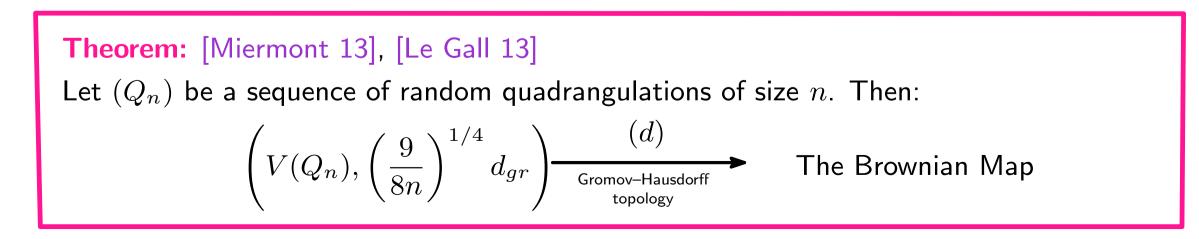
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ullet distance between two random points $\sim n^{1/4}$ + law of the distance [Chassaing-Schaeffer '04]

• cvgence of normalized quadrangulations + properties of the limit [Marckert-Mokkadem '06], [Le Gall '07], [Le Gall, Paulin '08] [Miermont '08]

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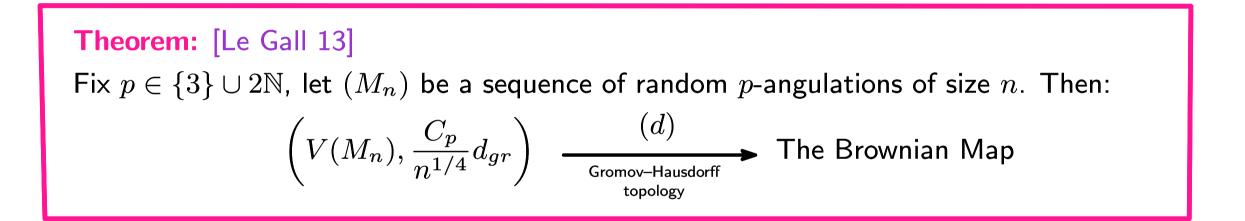
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Le Gall's magic trick:

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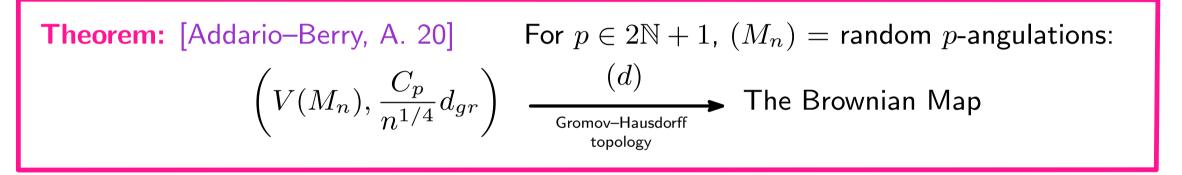
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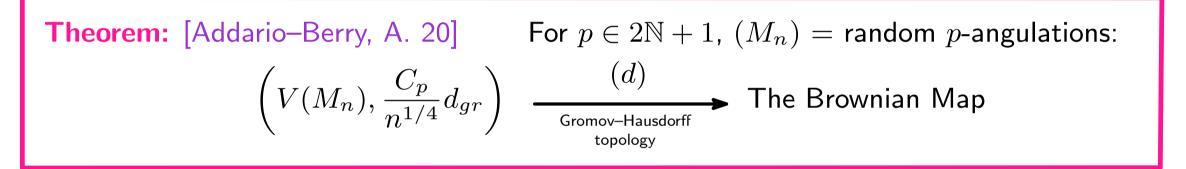
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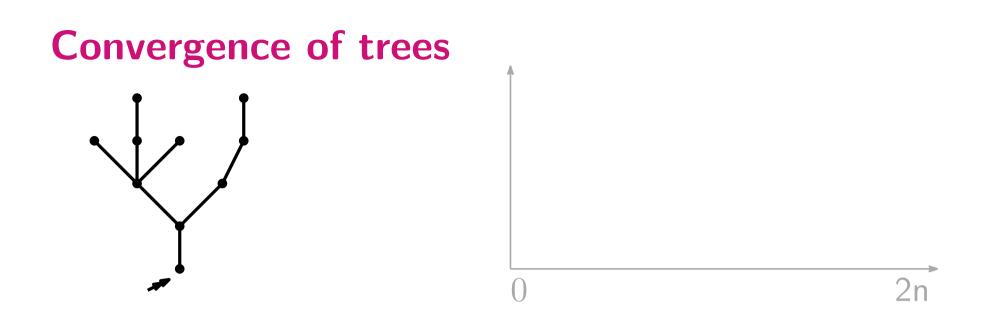
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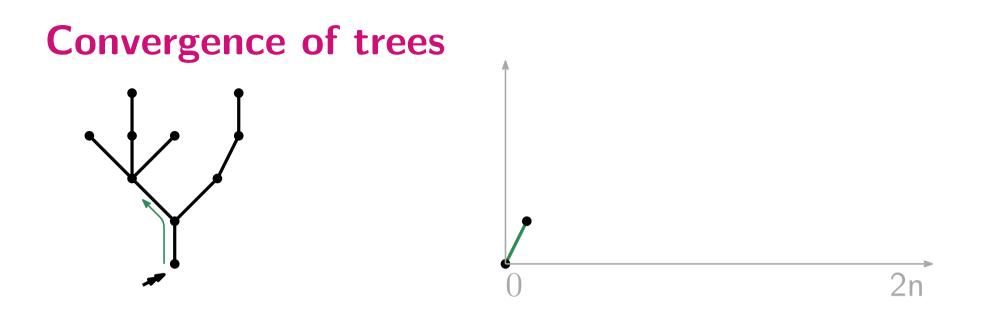


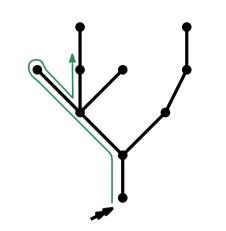
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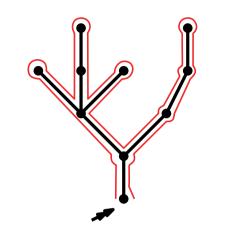
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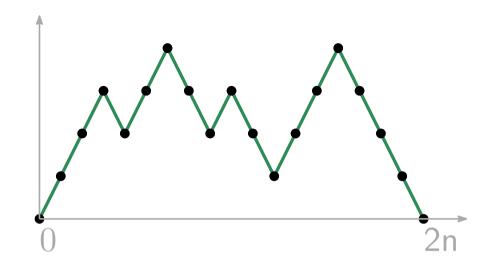


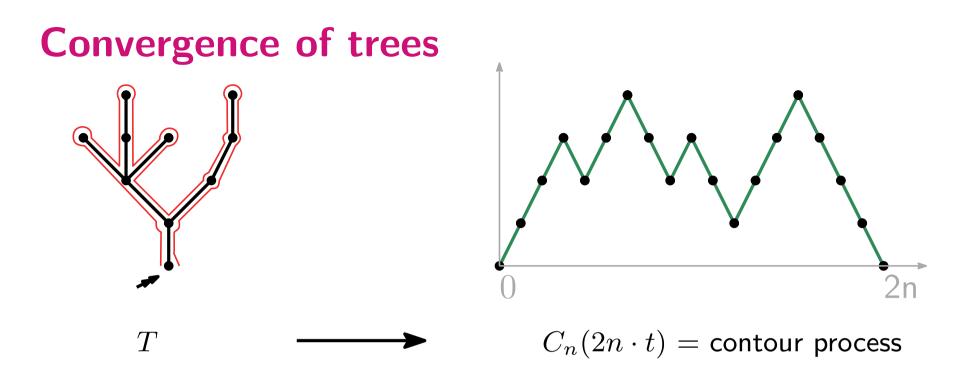


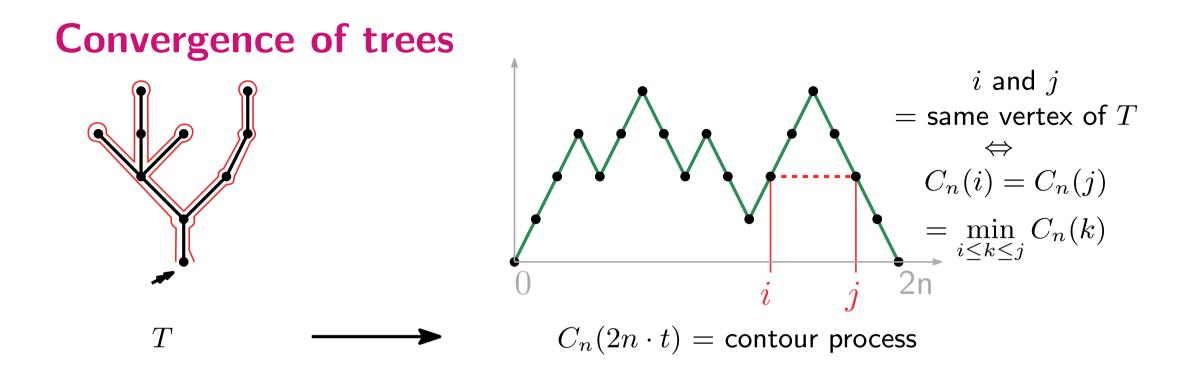


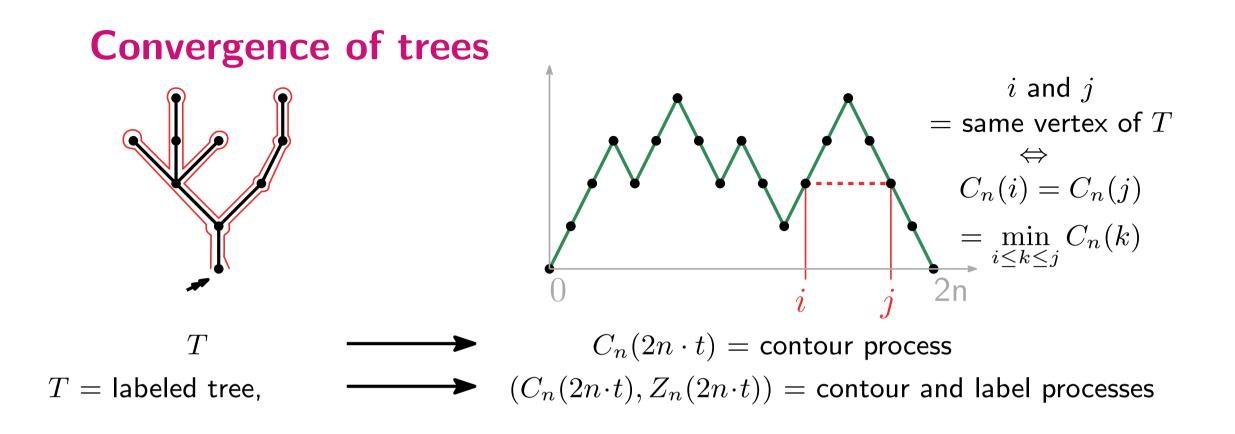


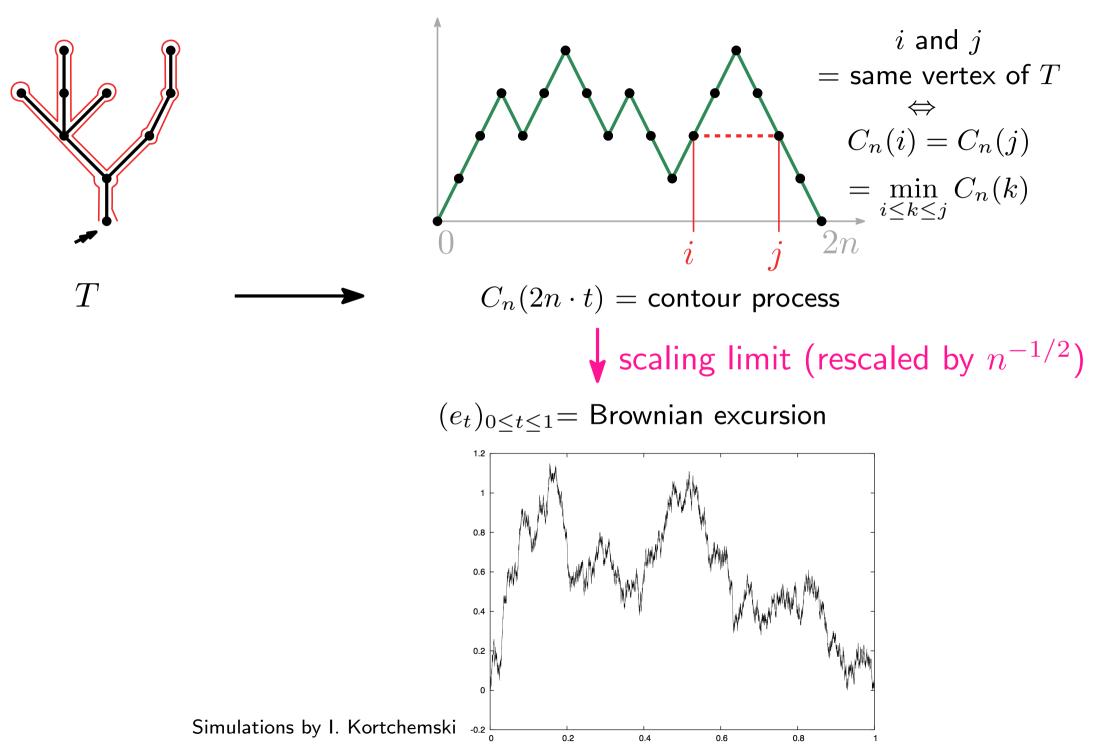


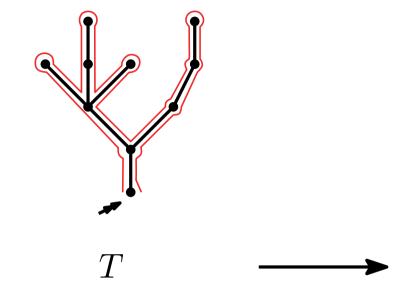






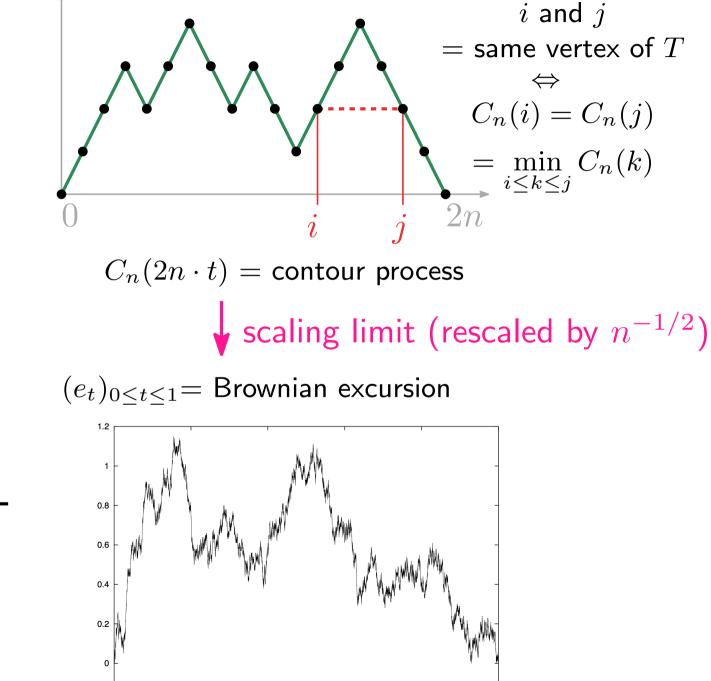






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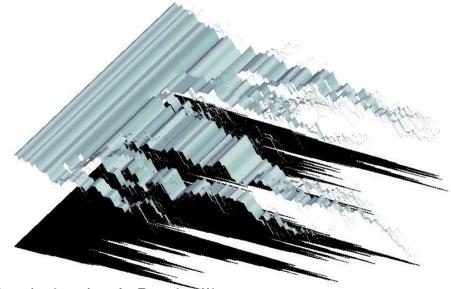
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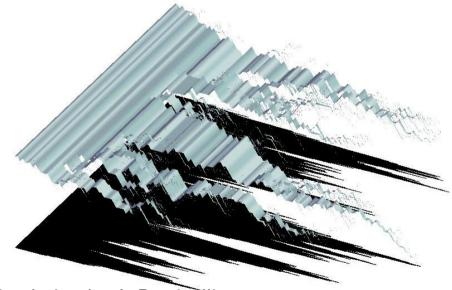
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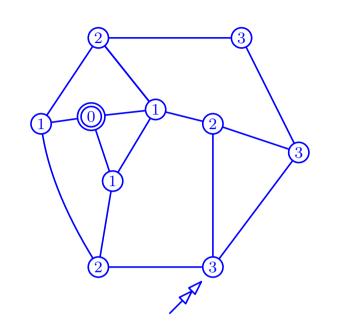
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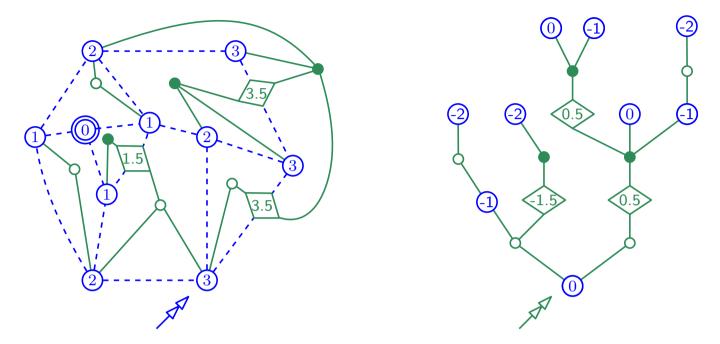


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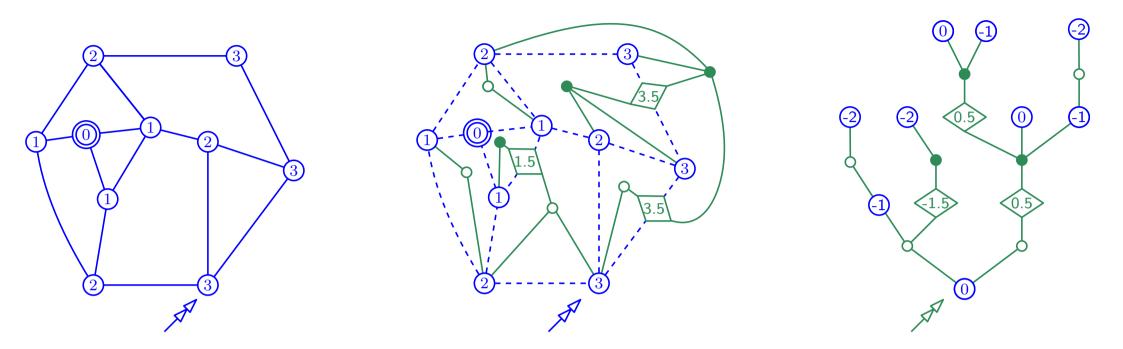


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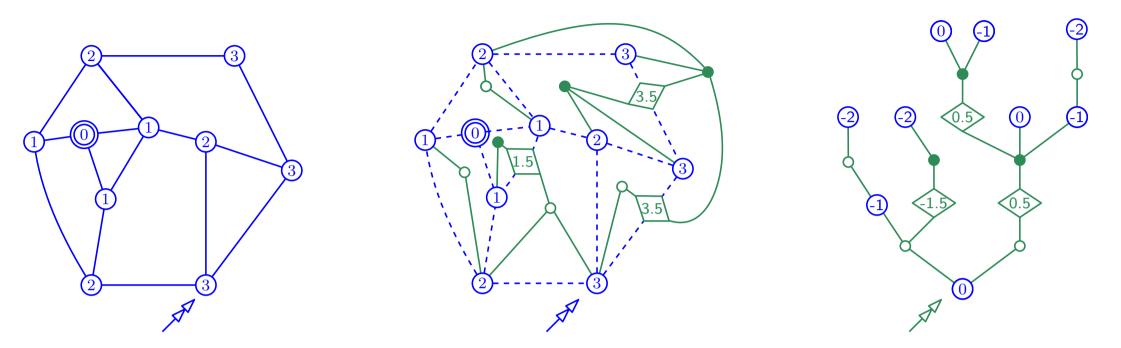
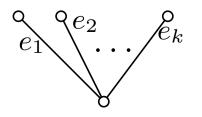


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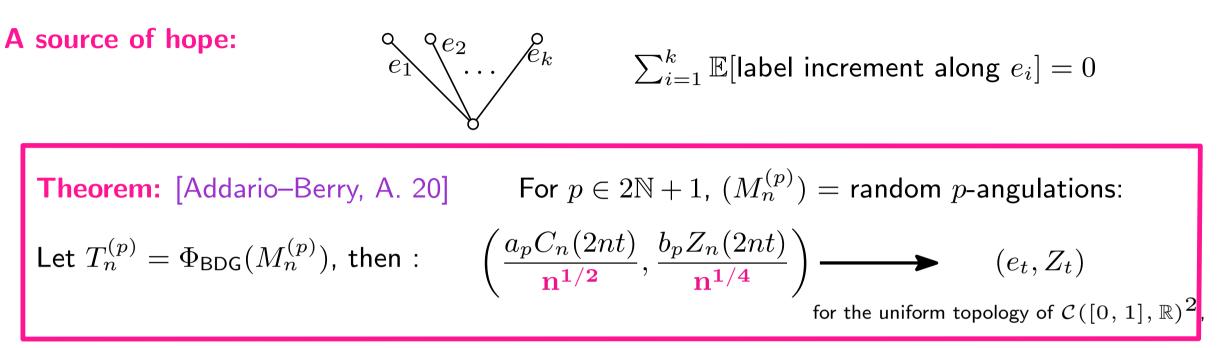
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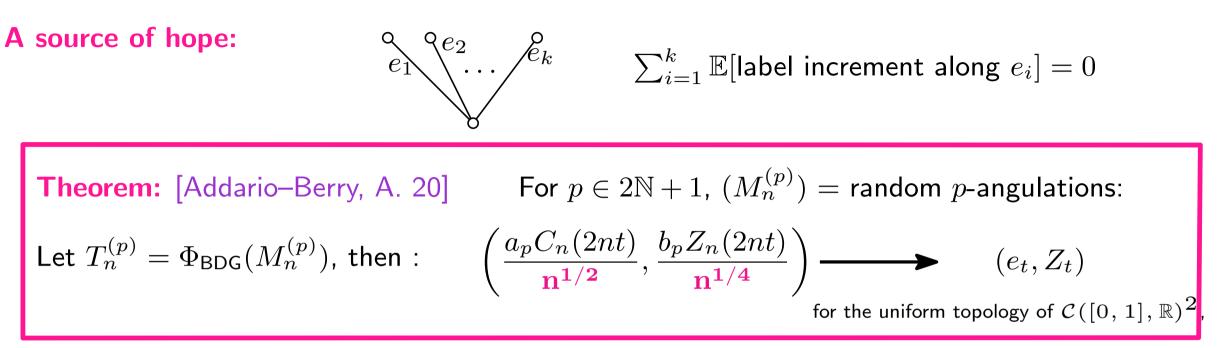
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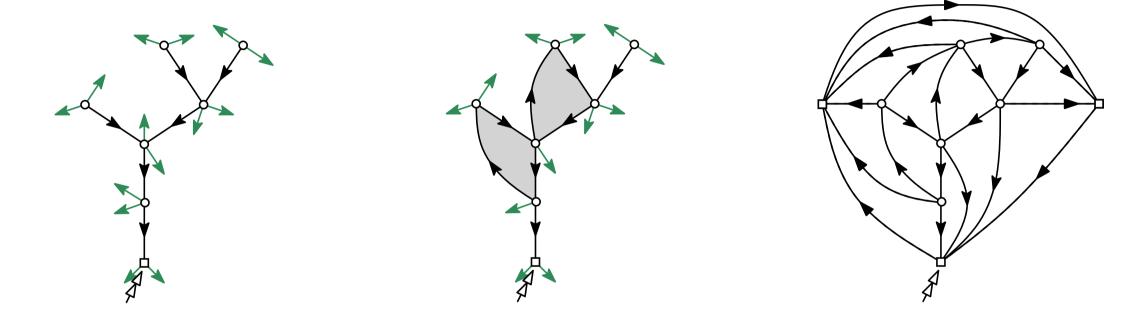
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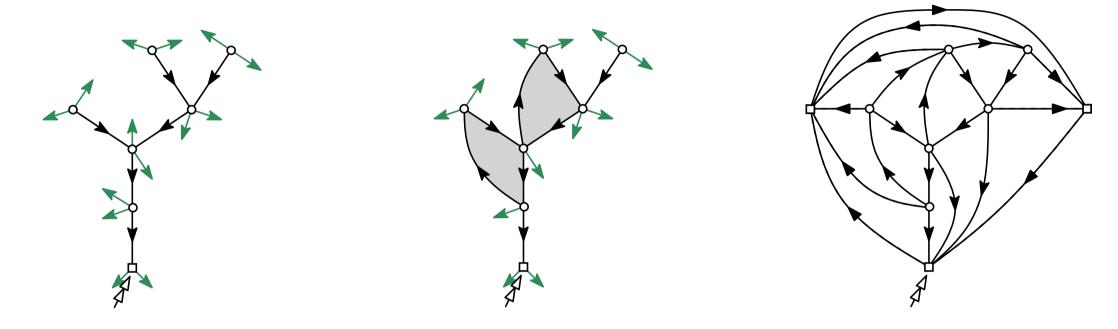
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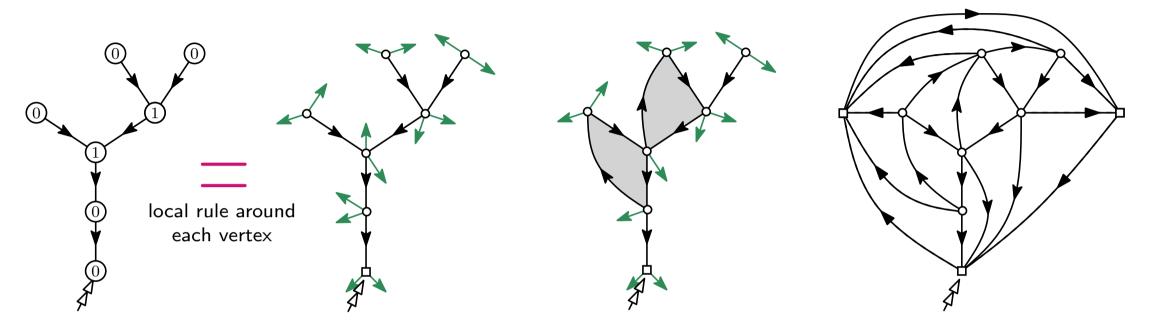


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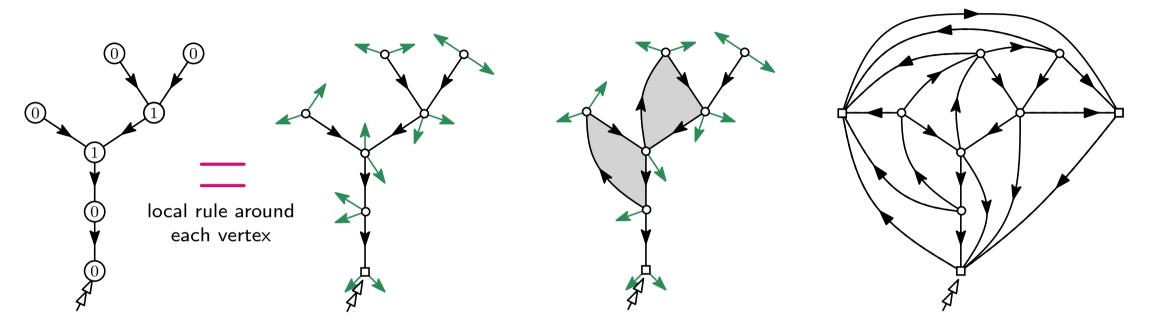
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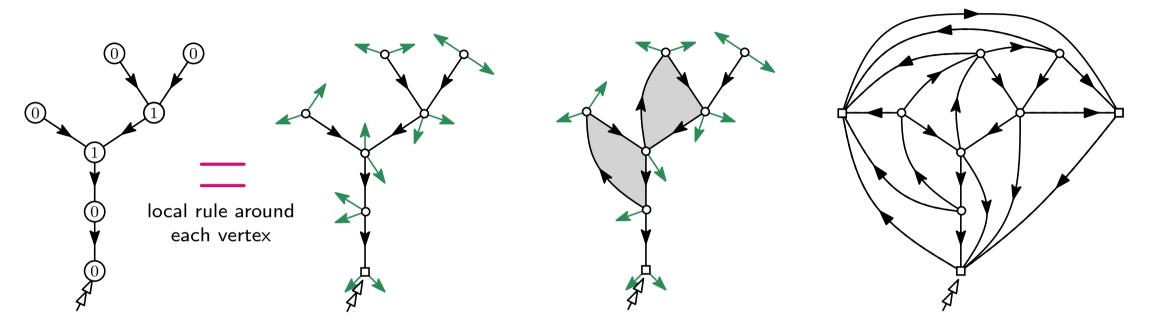
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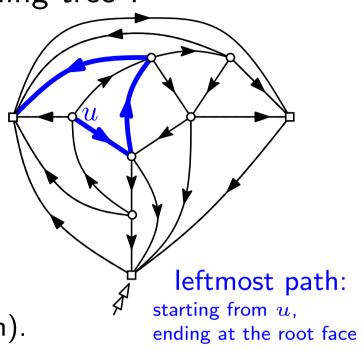
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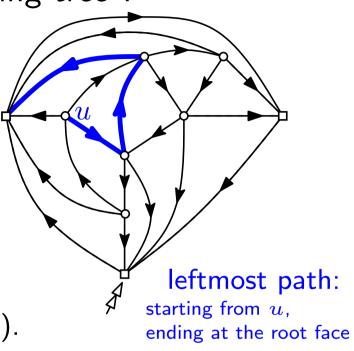
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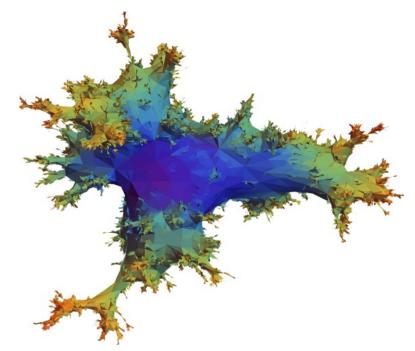
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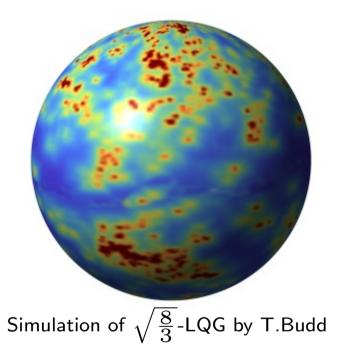
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Same ideas sucessfully applied to study simple maps [Bernardi, Collet, Fusy 14], simple triangulations on the torus [Beffara, Huynh, Lévêque 20], simple triangulations with a boundary [A., Holden, Sun 20]

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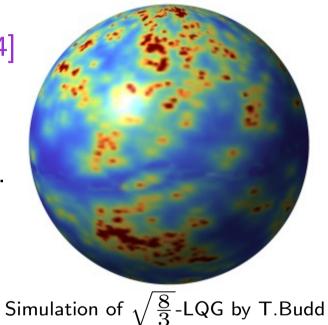
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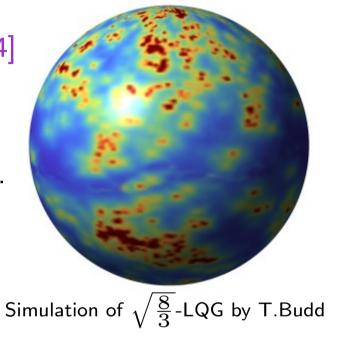


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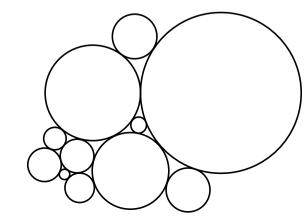


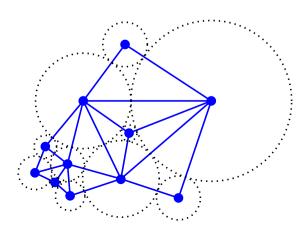
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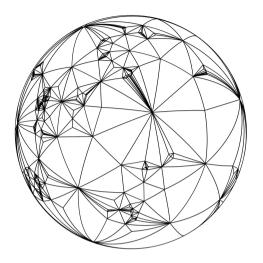
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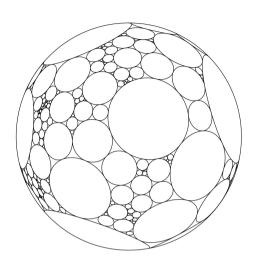
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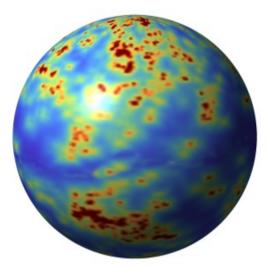
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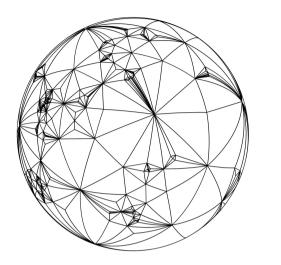


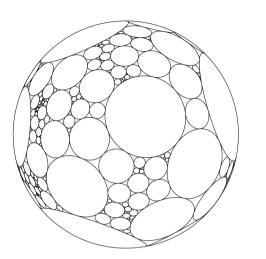
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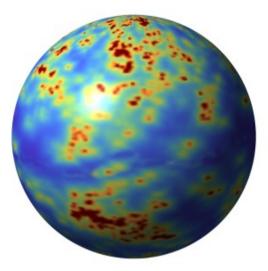
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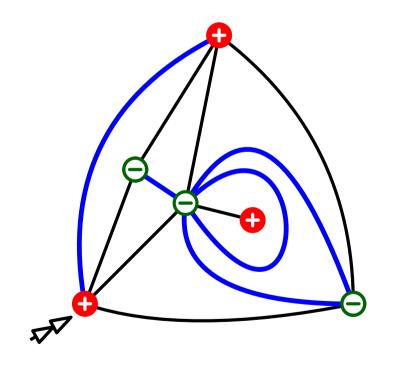
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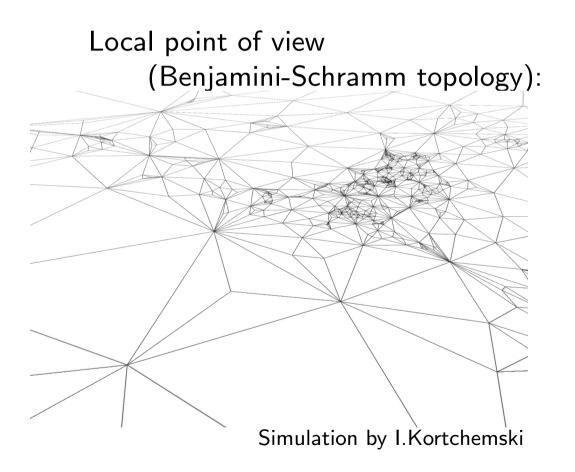
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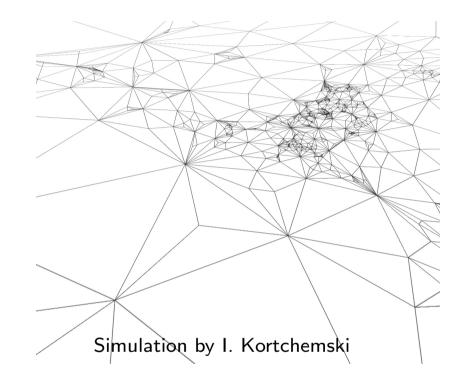
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The **local topology** (= **Benjamini–Schramm topology**) on finite maps is induced by the distance:

$$d_{loc}(m, m') = \frac{1}{1 + \max\{r \ge 0 : B_r(m) = B_r(m')\}}$$

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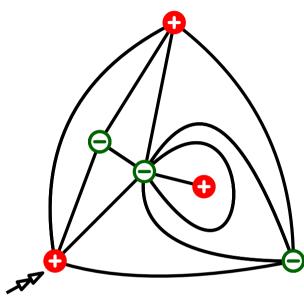
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(proved for quadrangulations [Krikun 05], simple triangulations [Angel 04])

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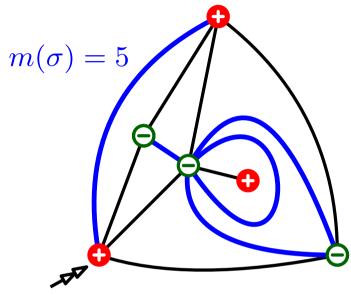
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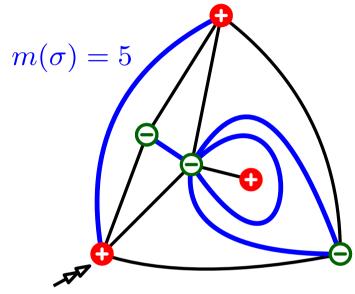
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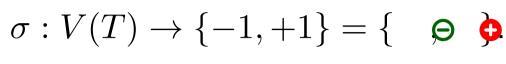
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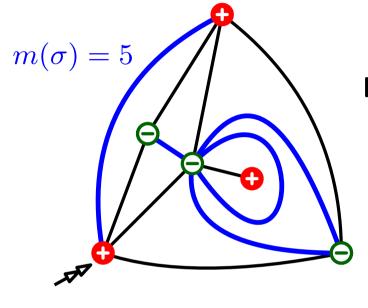
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See also [Boulatov – Kazakov 1987], [Bousquet-Melou – Schaeffer 03] and [Bouttier – Di Francesco – Guitter 04].

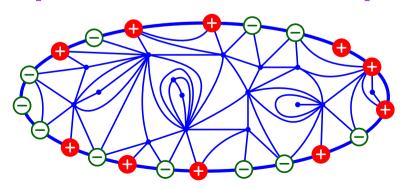
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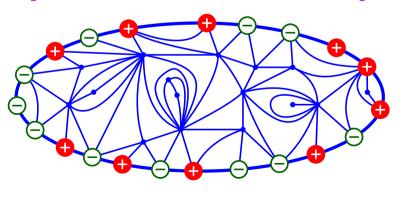
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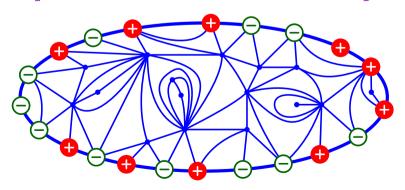
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Perspectives

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- Can we say anything about the growth volume of the ν -IIPT ?

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