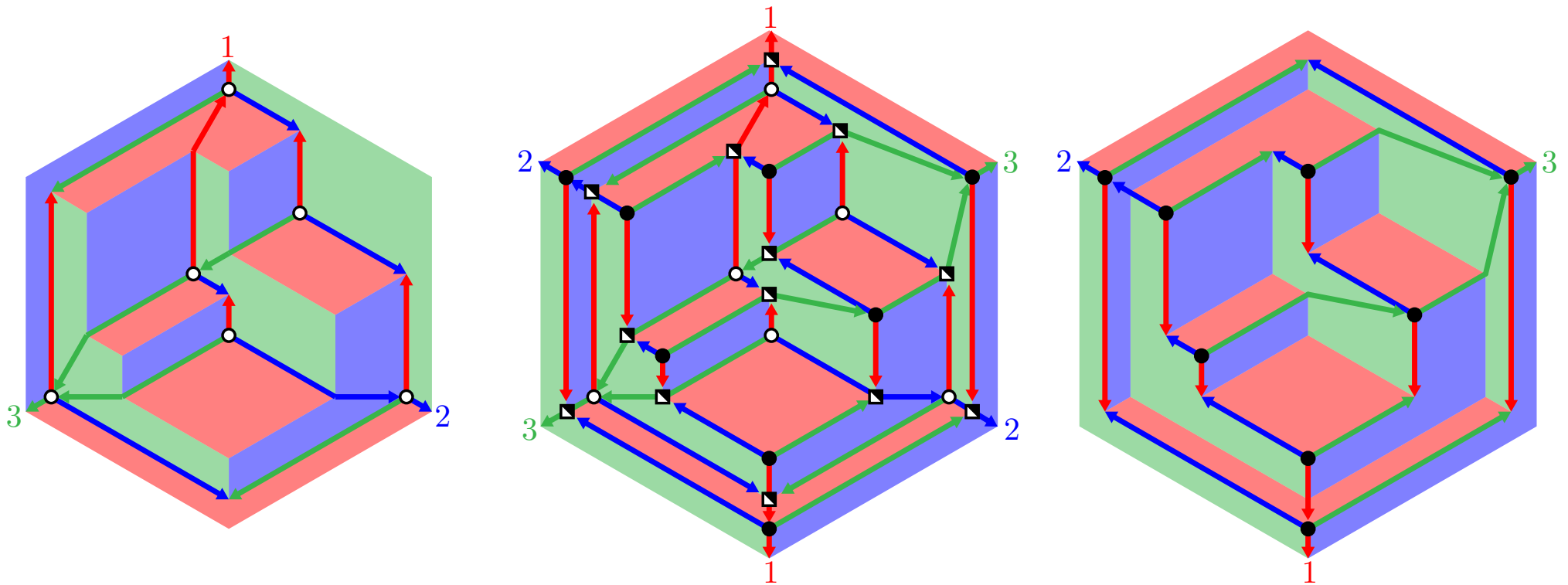


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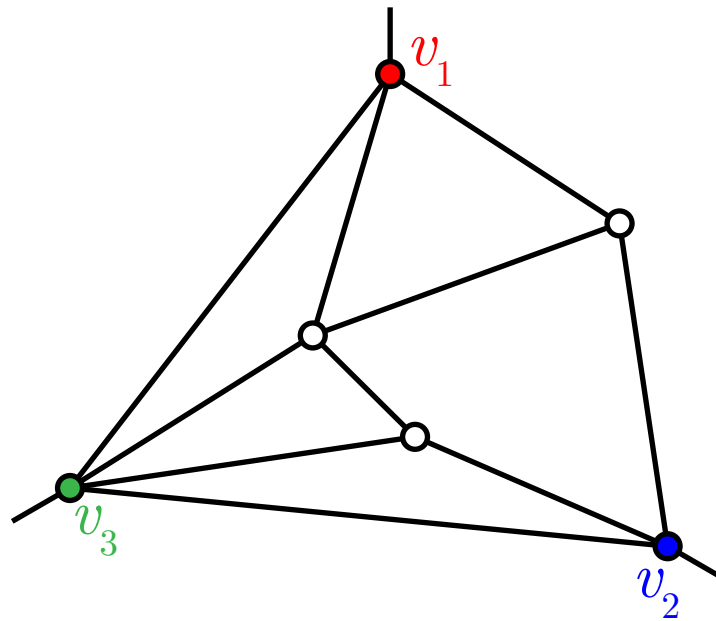
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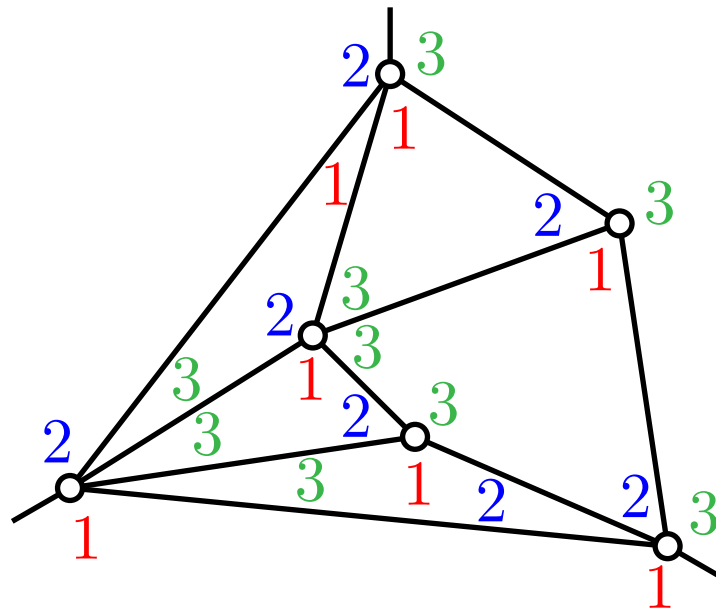
SCHNYDER LABELINGS AND WOODS

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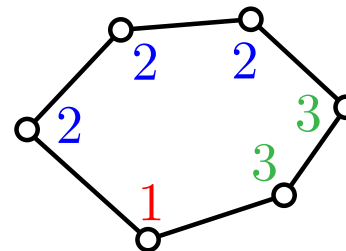
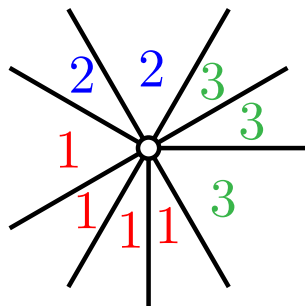
M = planar map with three distinguished vertices v_1 , v_2 , v_3 clockwise on the outer face where a half edge is pending in the outer face.

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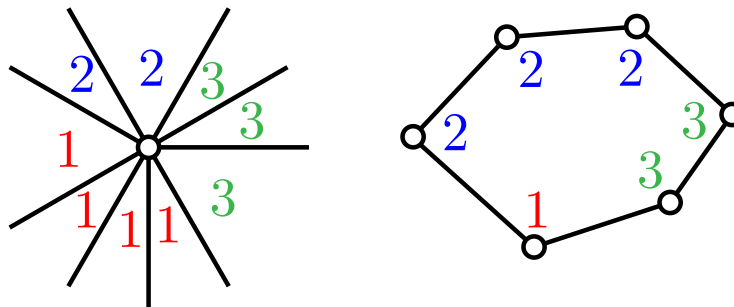
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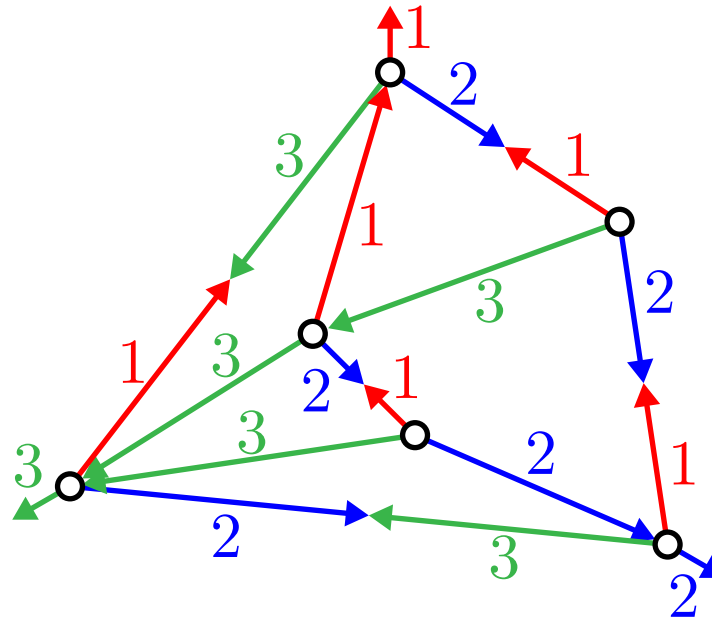
LEM. The three labels $\{1, 2, 3\}$ appear among the four angles surrounding any edge.

proof: Count the number of adjacent angles (same vertex and adjacent faces, or adjacent vertices and same face) with distinct labels. There are:

- 3 around each vertex,
- 3 around each face,
- 2 at each half-edge.

Since $3|V| + 3|F| = 3|E| + 6$ by Euler relation, there are also 3 for each edge.

SCHNYDER WOOD



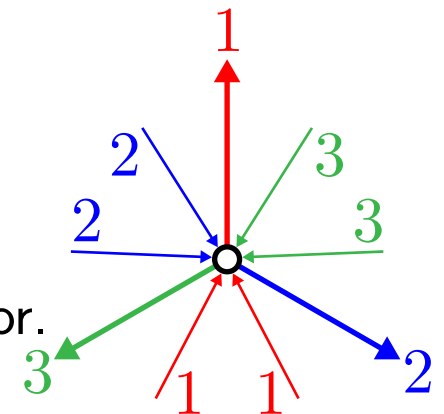
DEF. Schnyder wood on $M =$ (bi-)orientation and (bi-)coloration of the edges of M with $\{1, 2, 3\}$ st:

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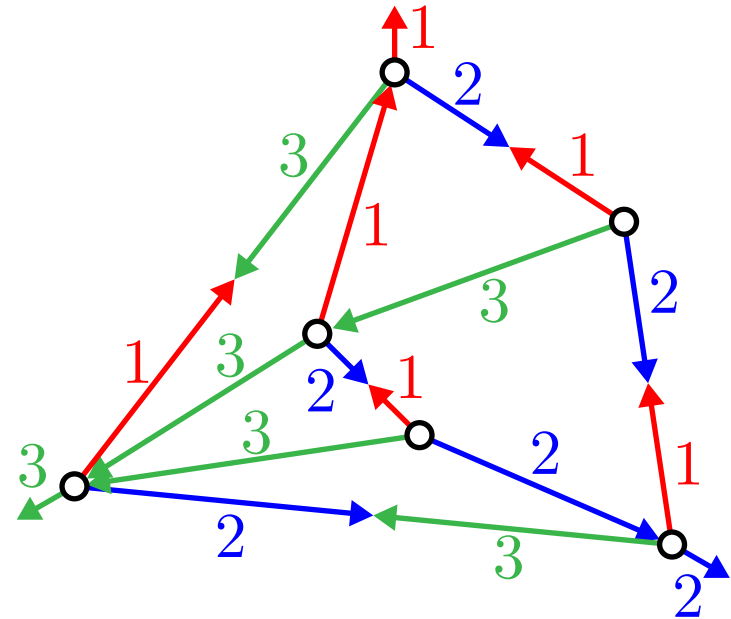
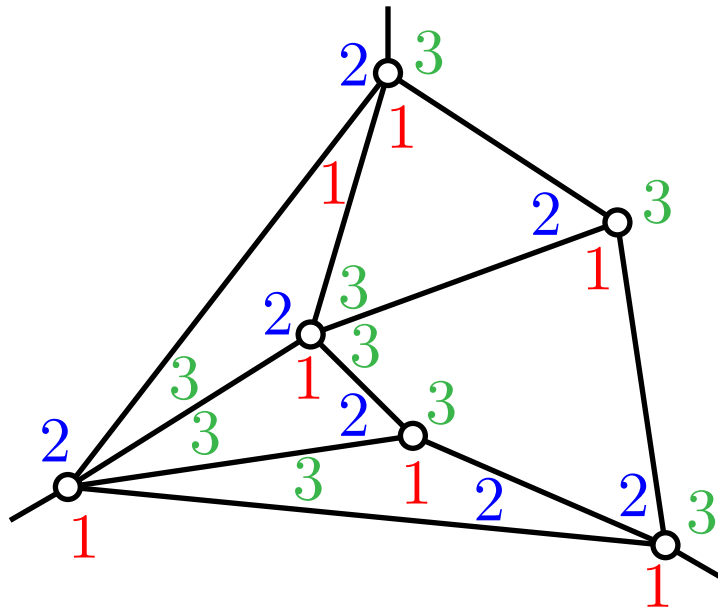
(W1) the half-edge at v_i is directed outwards and colored i ,

(W2) each vertex v has outdegree one in each label,

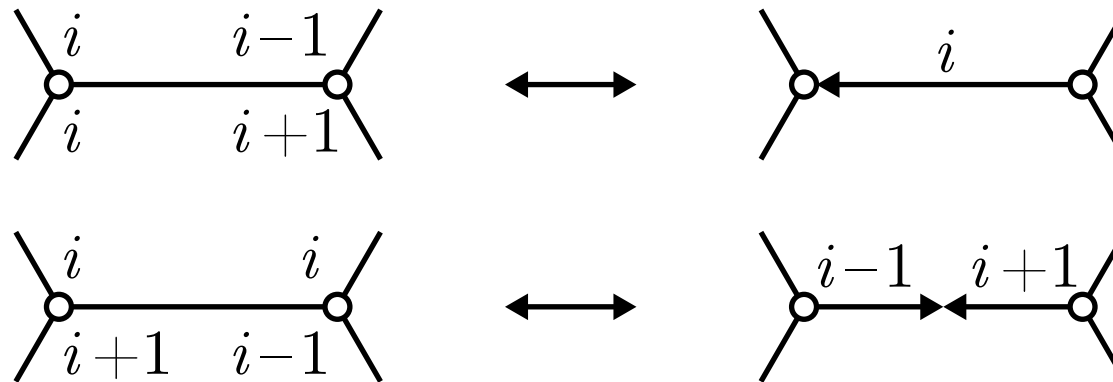
(W3) no interior face whose boundary is a directed cycle in one color.



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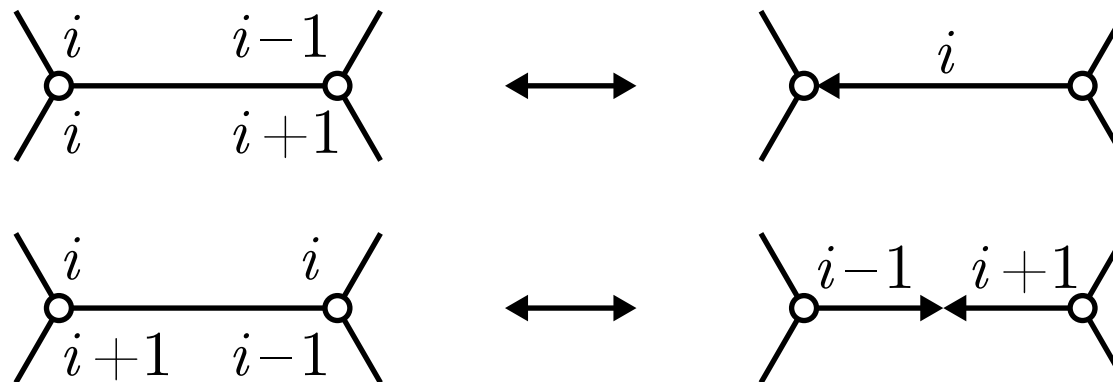
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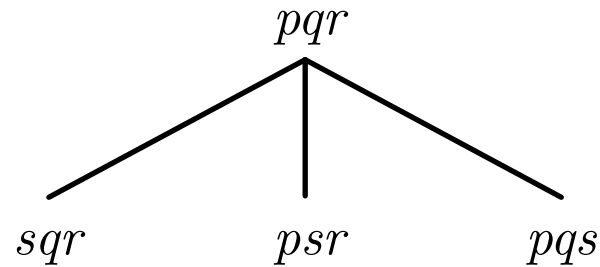
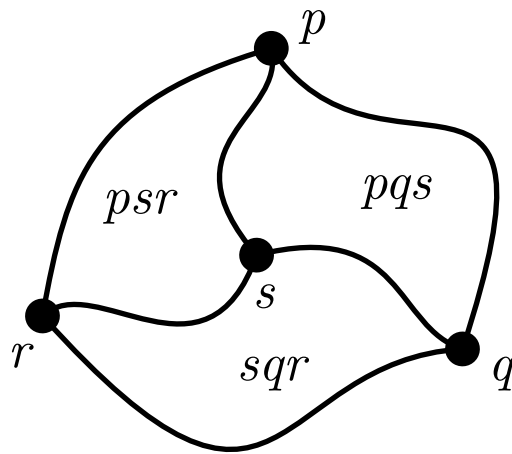
remarks:

- Only two possible situations by the local rules around vertices, edges and faces.
- If M is triangulated, the second situation cannot occur except on the external face, so that there is no internal bioriented edge.

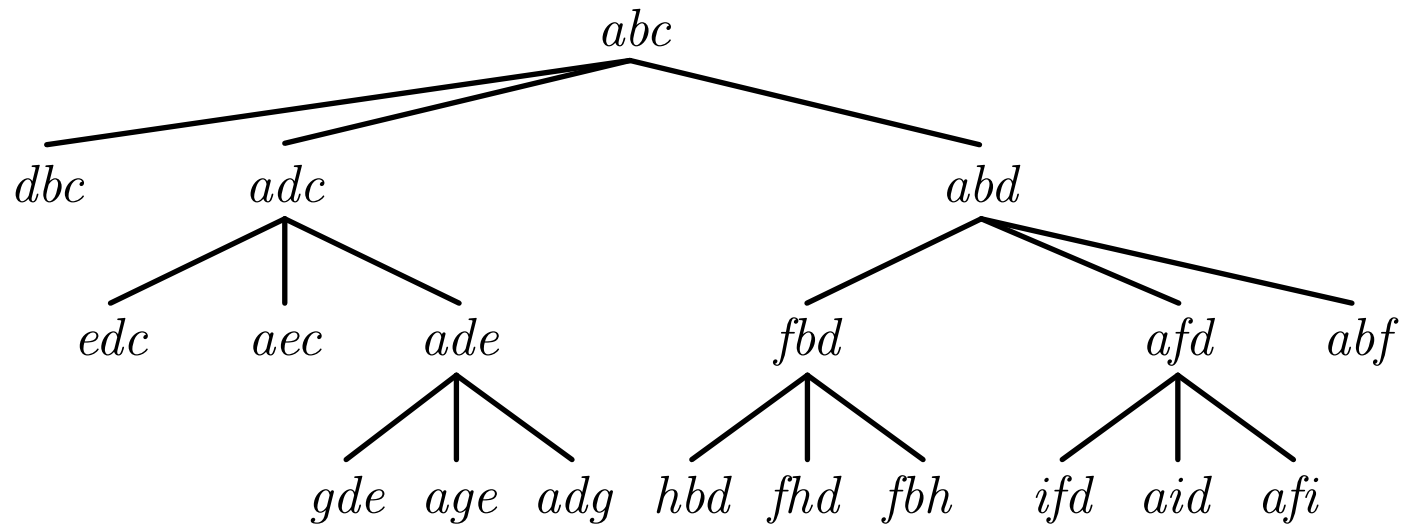
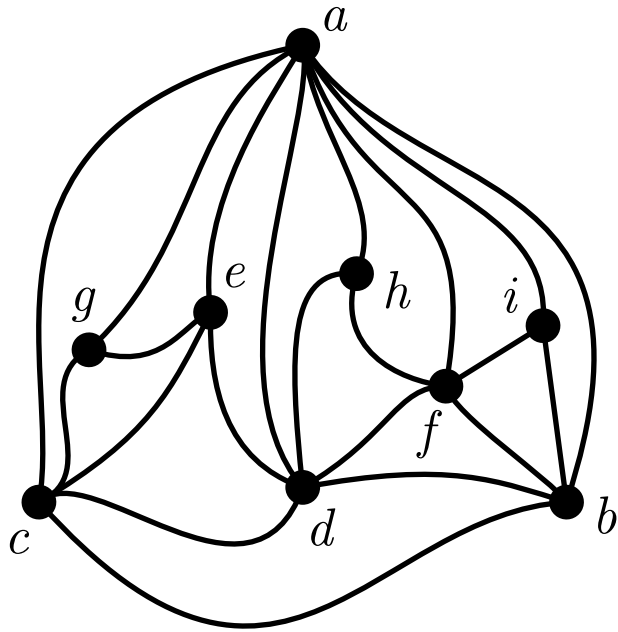
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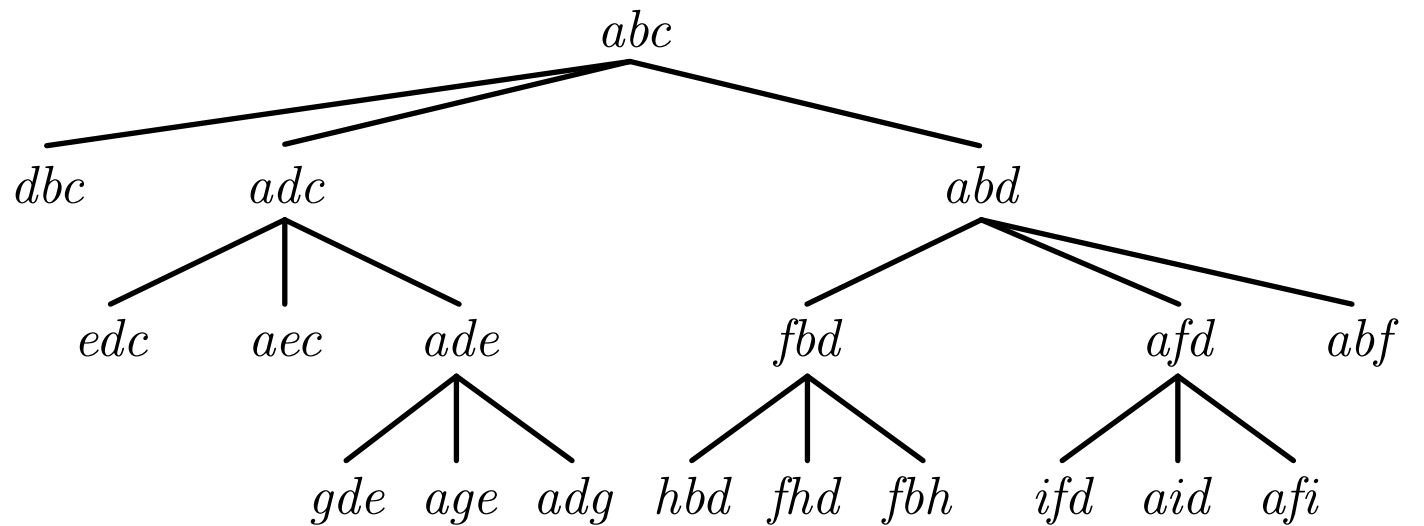
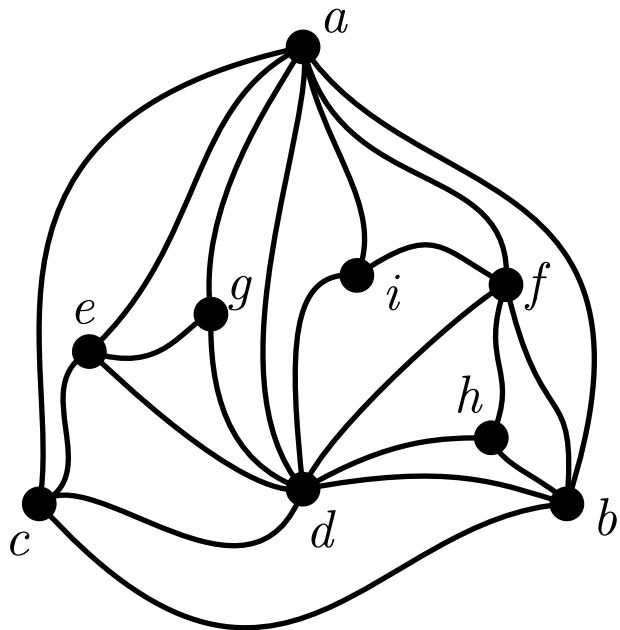
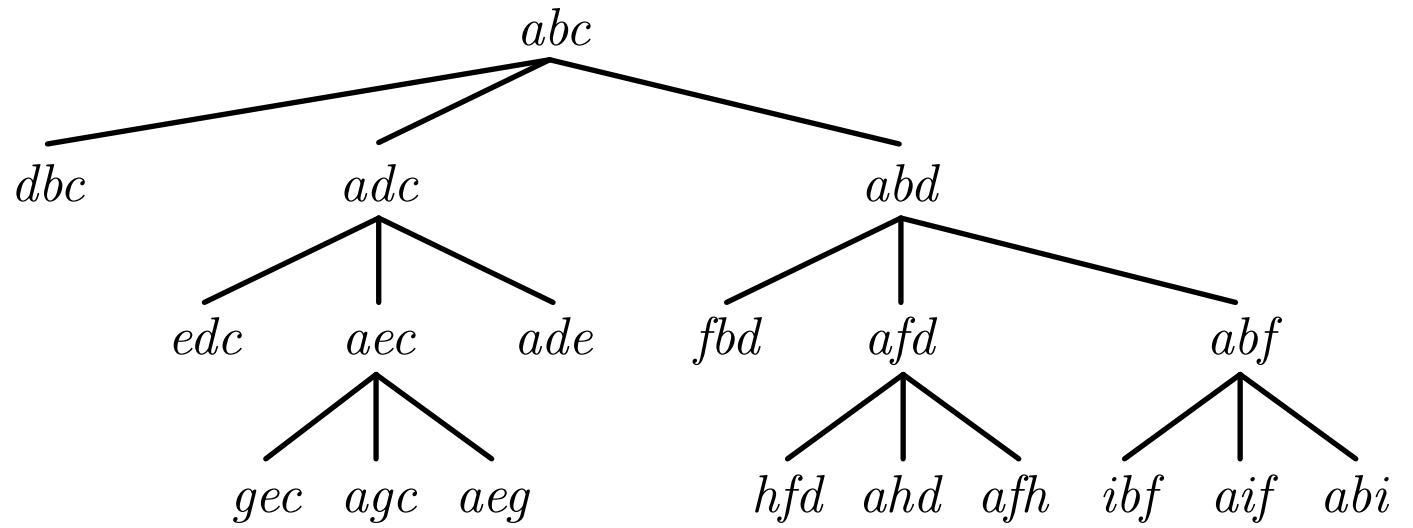
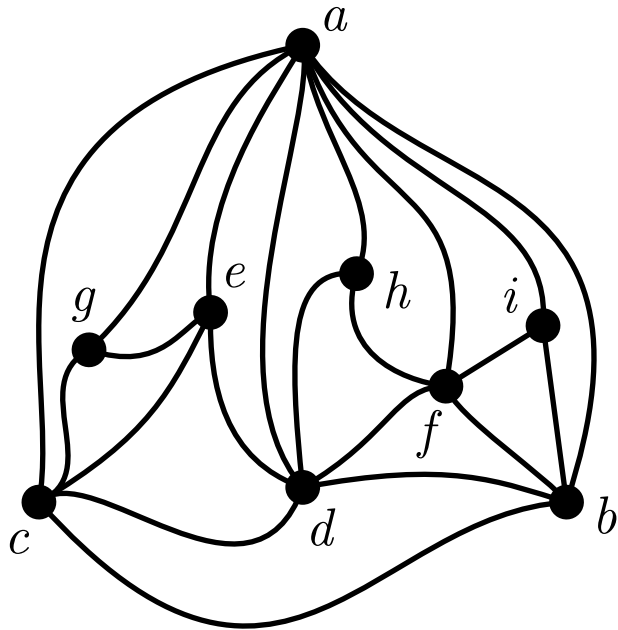
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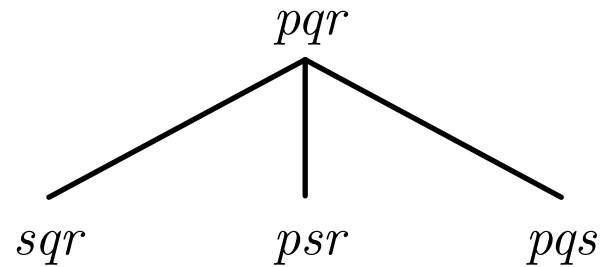
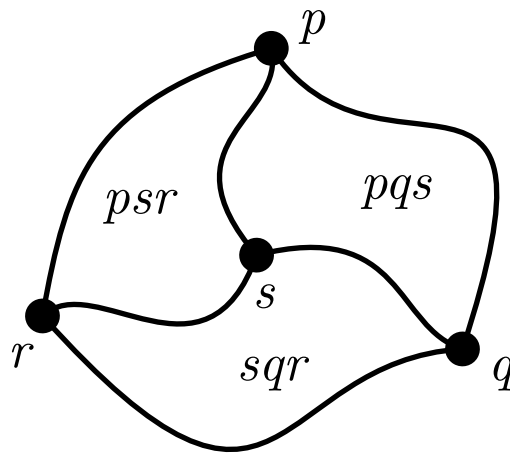
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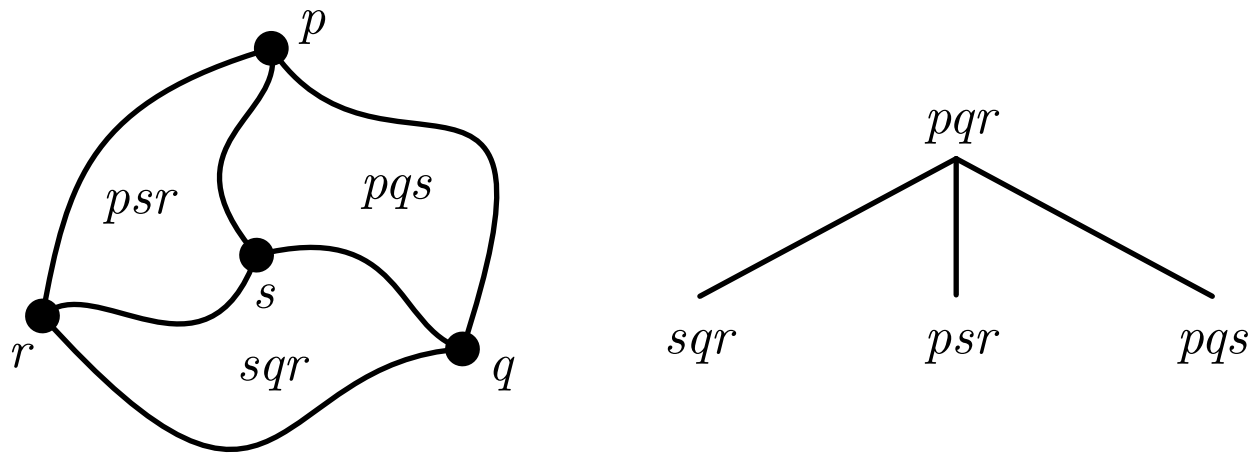
QU. Numbers of vertices, edges and faces of a stacked triangulation?

- in terms of the number of stacking operations,
- in terms of the construction tree.

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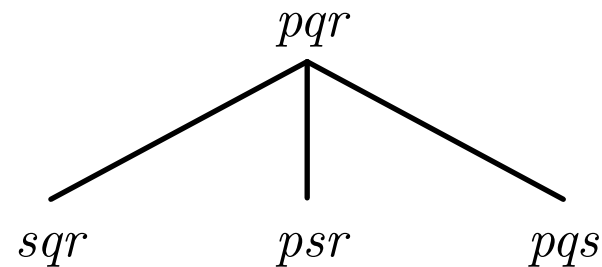
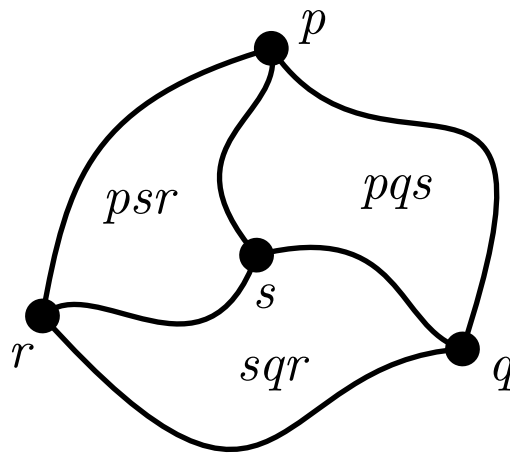
REM. In a stacked triangulation obtained after n stacking operations, and with construction tree C ,

- number of vertices = $3 + n = 3 +$ number interior nodes in C ,
- number of edges = $3(n + 1) = 3 +$ number edges in C ,
- number of faces = $2n + 1 =$ number of leaves of C .

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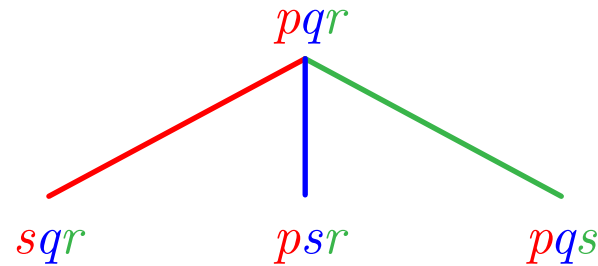
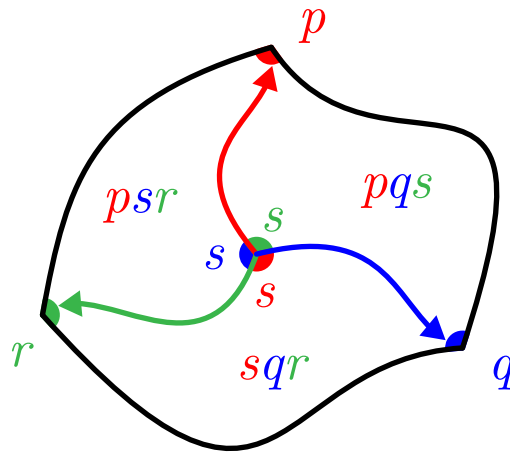


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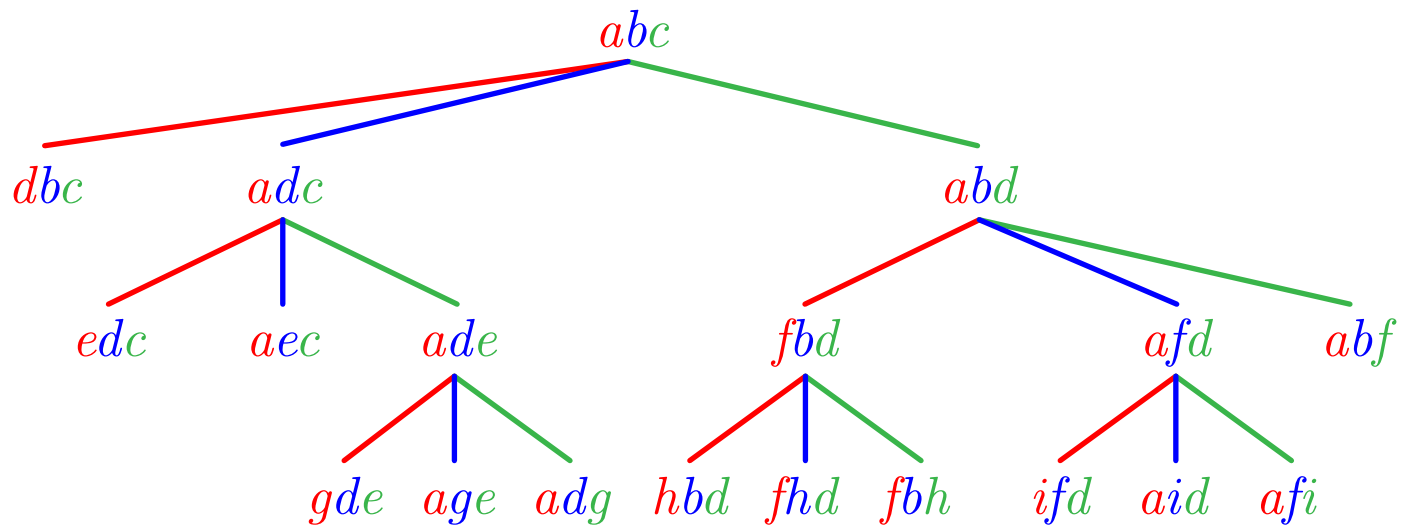
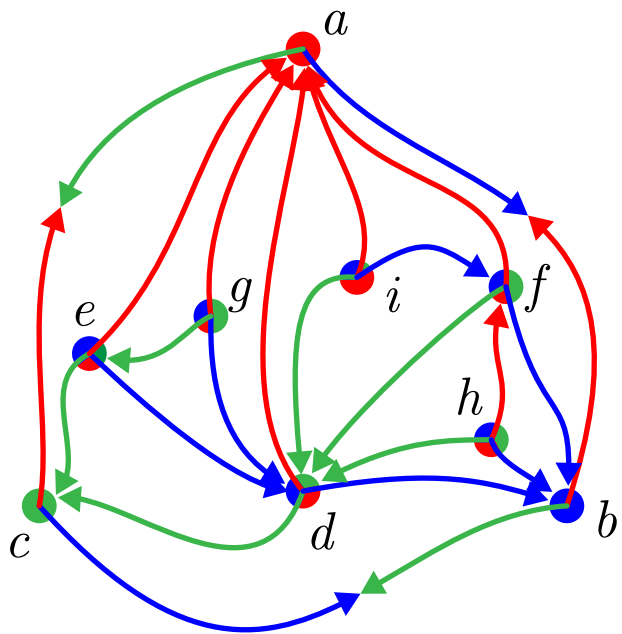
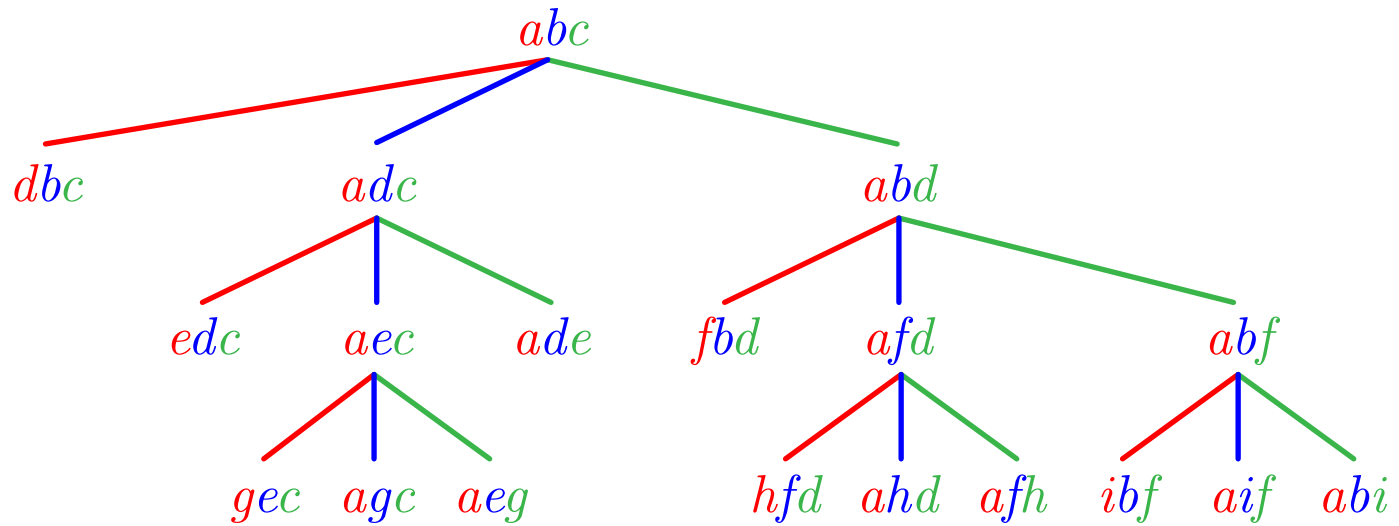
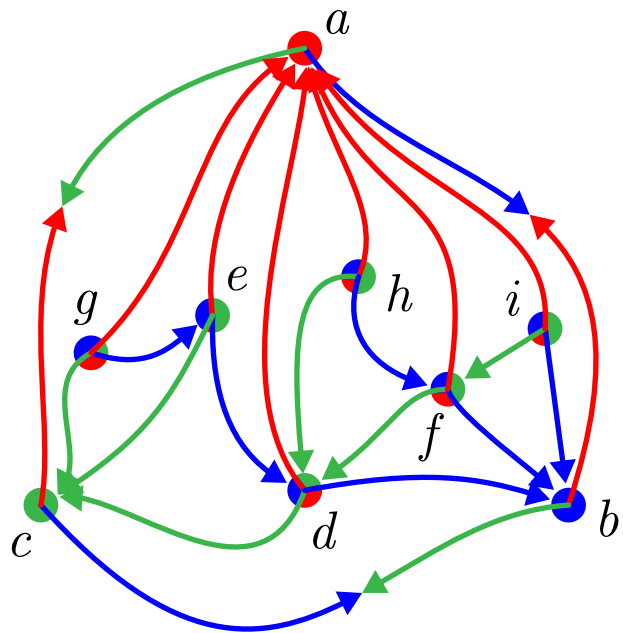
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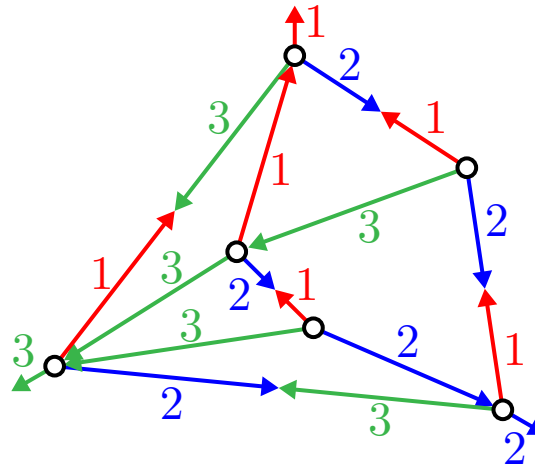
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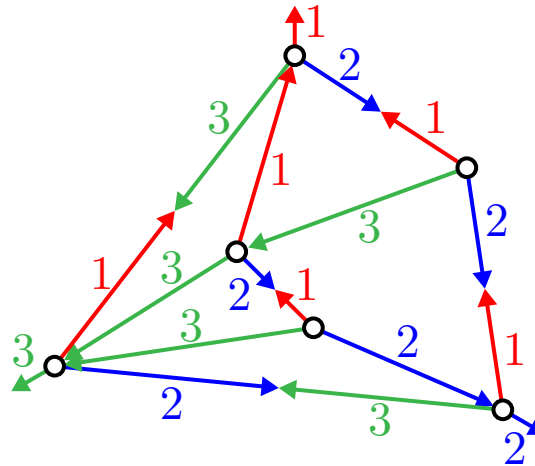
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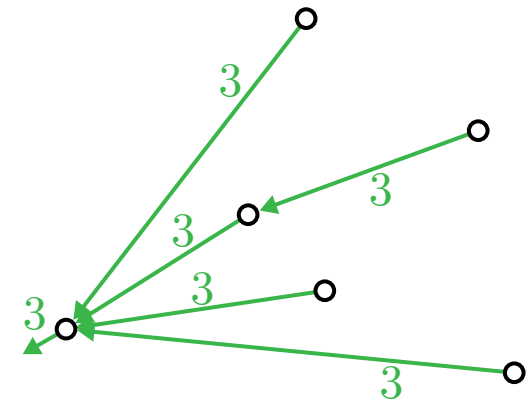
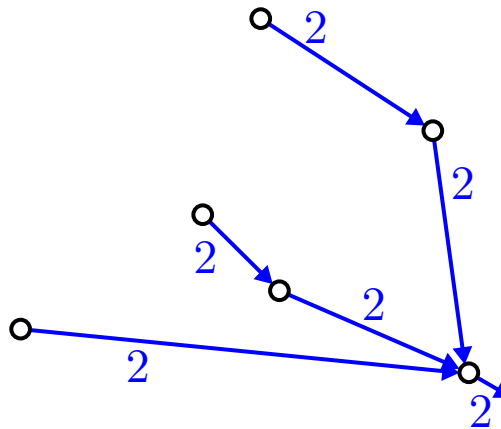
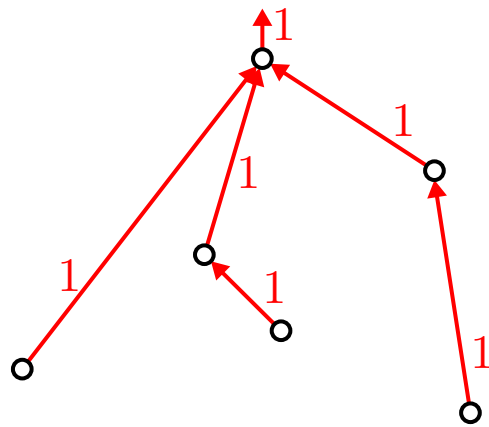


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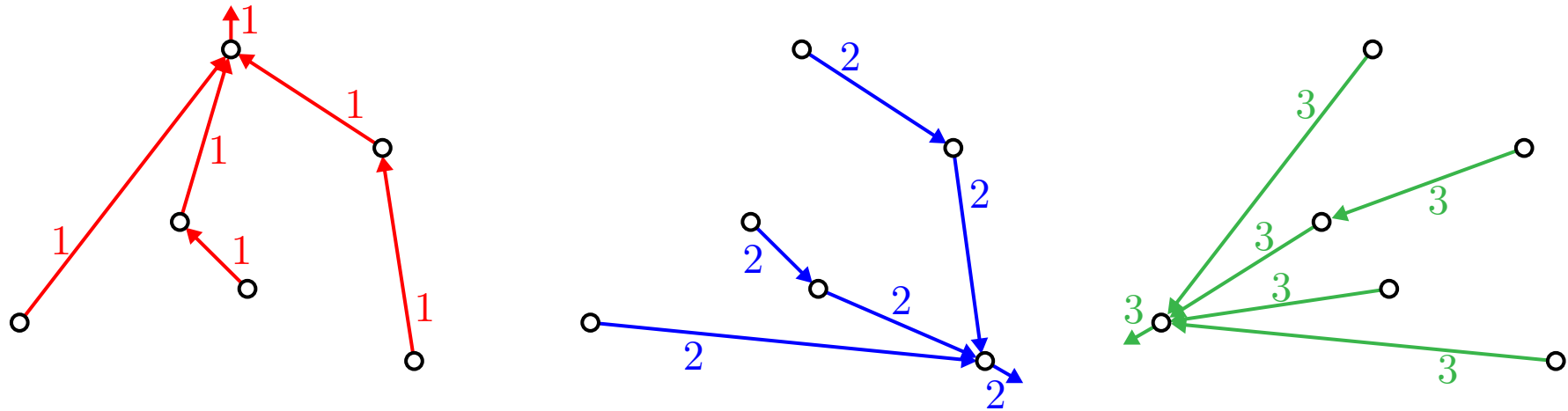
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PROP. T_i is a directed tree rooted at v_i .

proof ideas:

- All vertices except v_i have outdegree 1, so enough to prove acyclicity.
- In fact, $D_i = T_i \cup T_{i-1}^{\text{rev}} \cup T_{i+1}^{\text{rev}}$ is already acyclic if we ignore bidirected edges or paths.

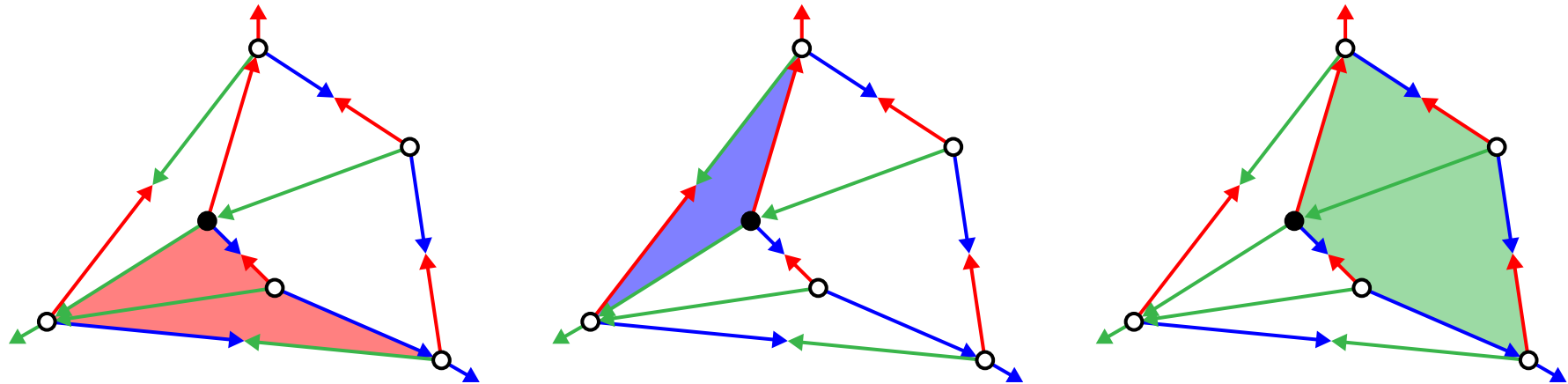
If Z is an area minimal cycle in D_i , then:

- Z bounds a single face F (otherwise, it has a chord or contains a vertex...),
- if Z is clockwise, no angle of F has label $i + 1$.

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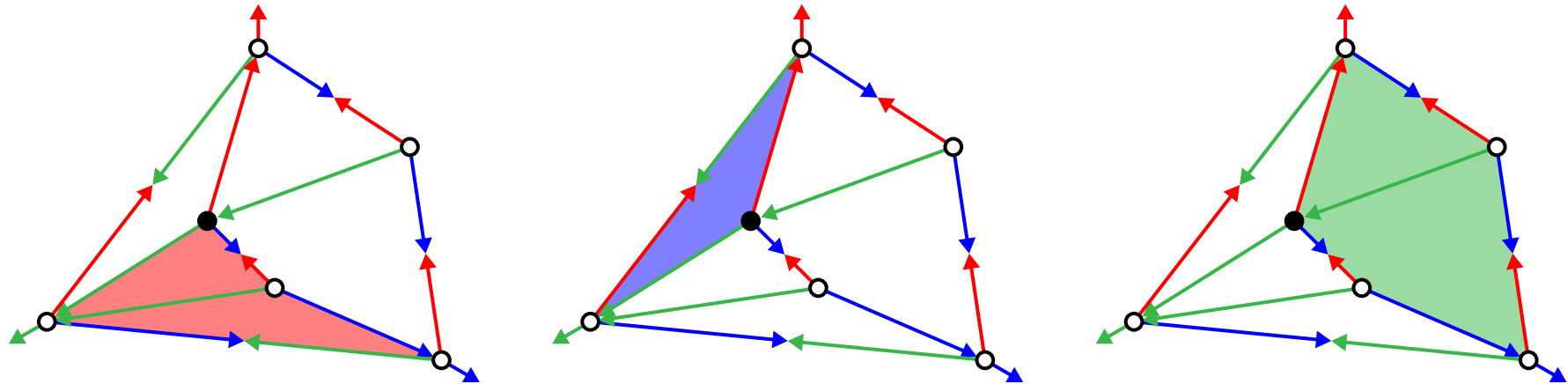
- $P_i(v)$ = directed path in T_i to the root v_i ,
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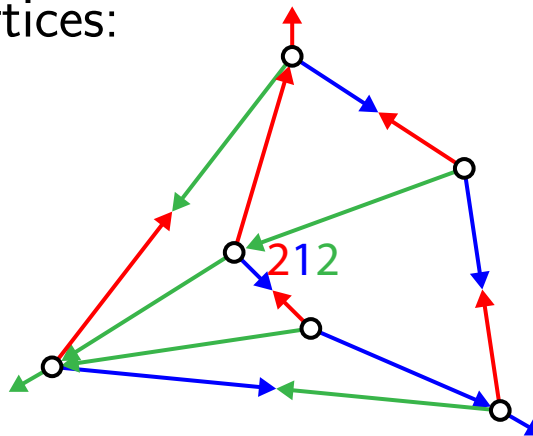
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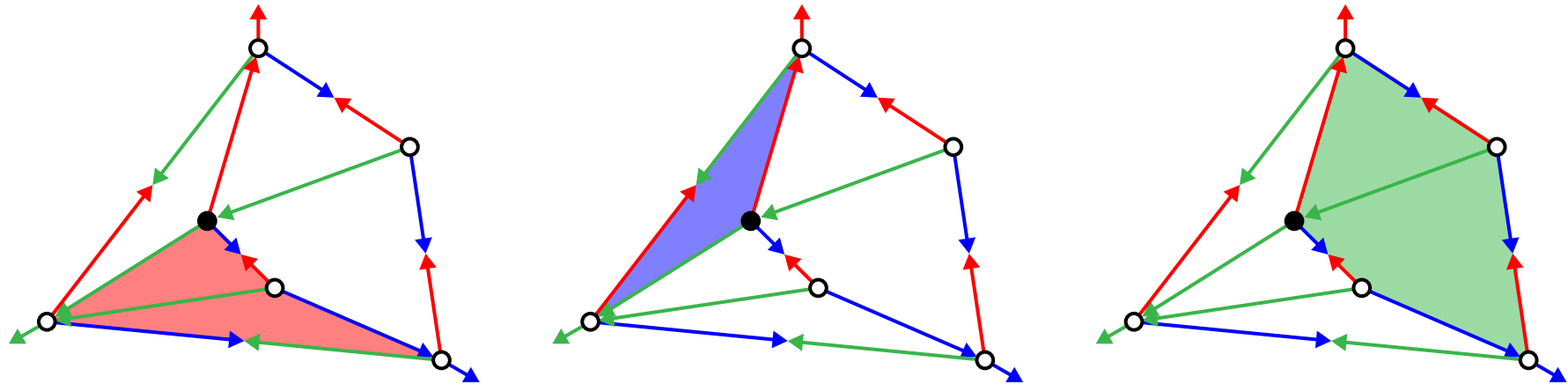
QU. Compute $r_1 r_2 r_3$ for all vertices:



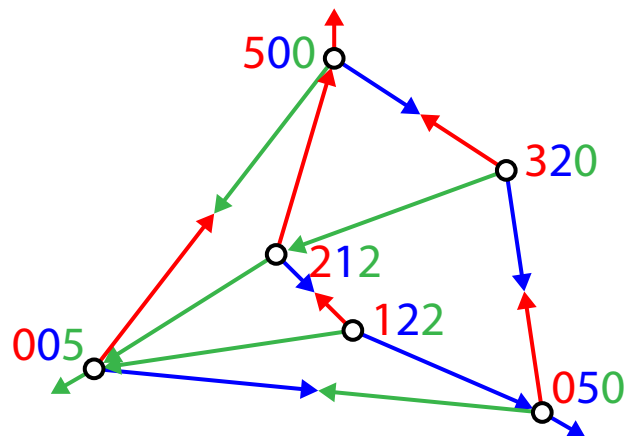
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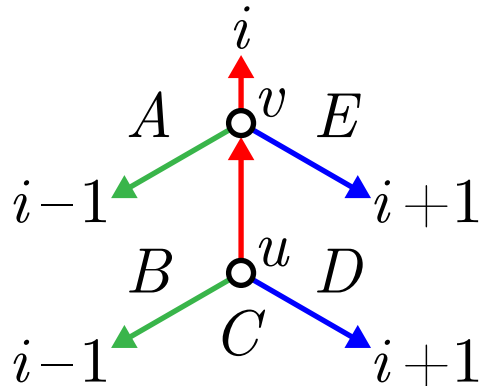
PROP. u, v = two adjacent vertices in the map M . Then:

(R1) if there is a unidirected edge colored i from u to v , then

$$R_i(u) \subsetneq R_i(v), \quad R_{i-1}(u) \supsetneq R_{i-1}(v), \quad \text{and} \quad R_{i+1}(u) \supsetneq R_{i+1}(v),$$

(R2) if there is a bidirected edge colored $i+1$ from u to v and $i-1$ from v to u , then

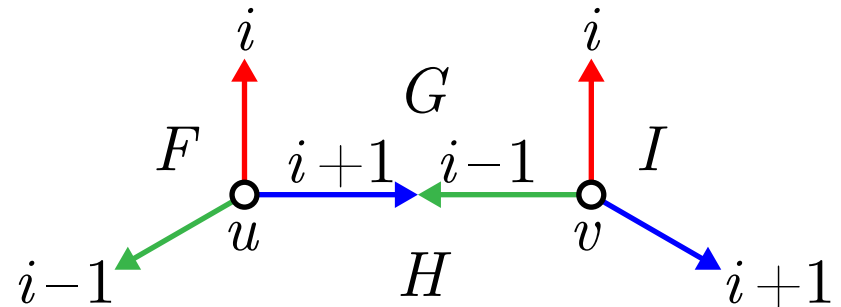
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$$R_{i+1}(u) = A \cup B \supsetneq A = R_{i+1}(v)$$



$$R_i(u) = H = R_i(v)$$

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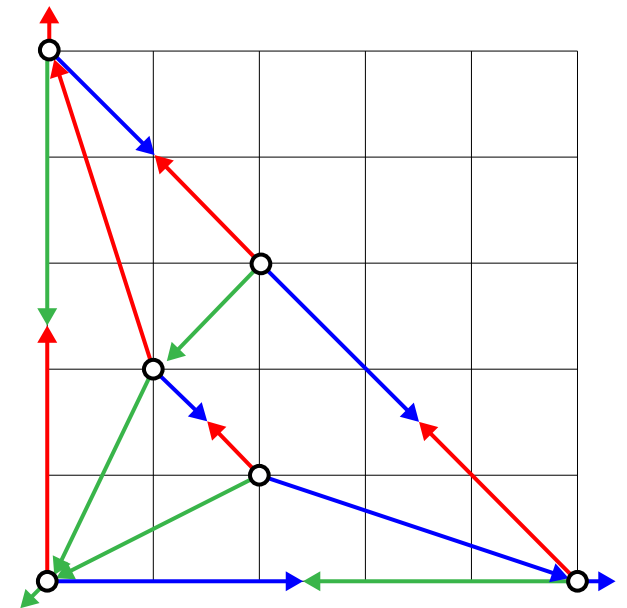
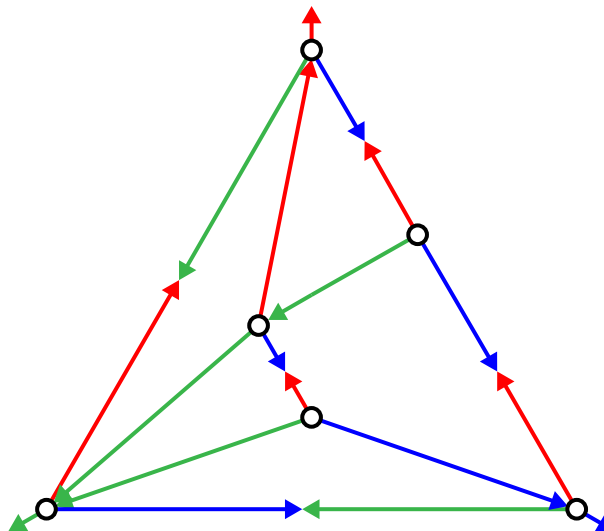
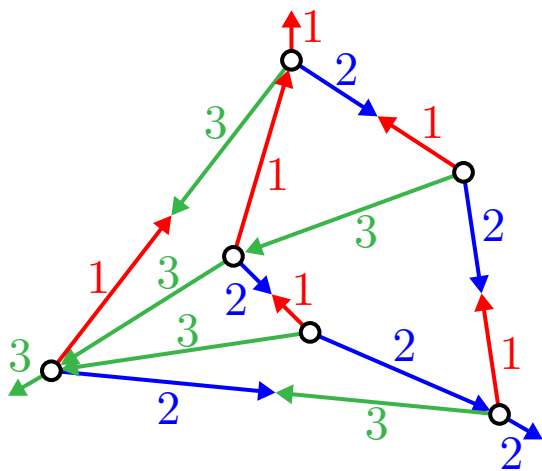
M = planar map with f faces (including the unbounded one),
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$\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3$ = three arbitrary non-colinear points in the plane.

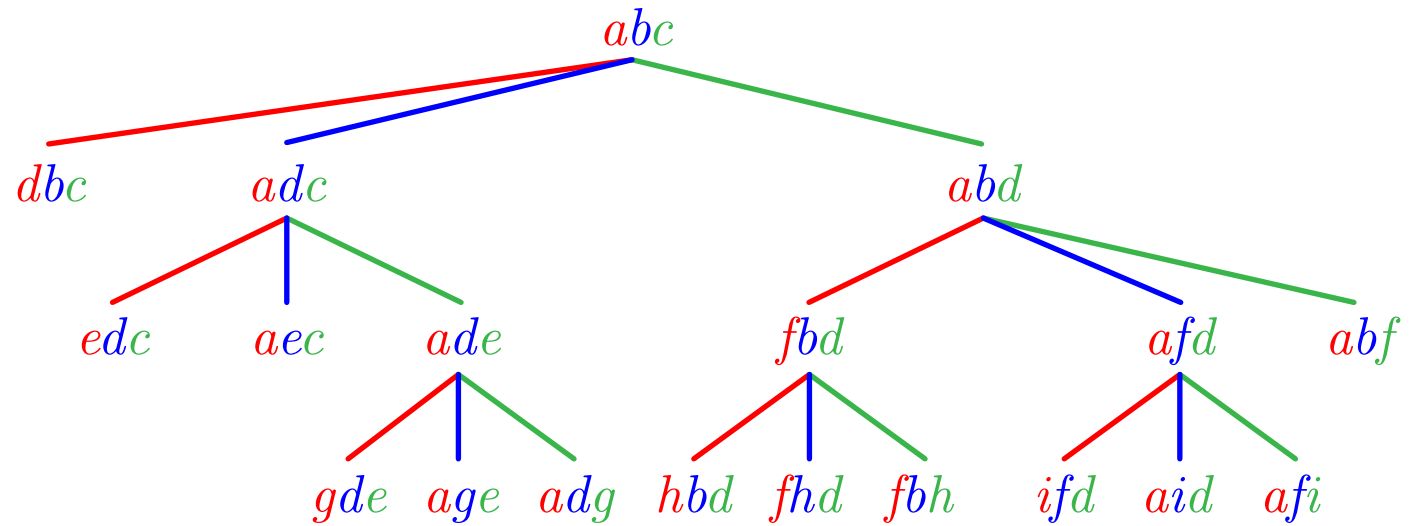
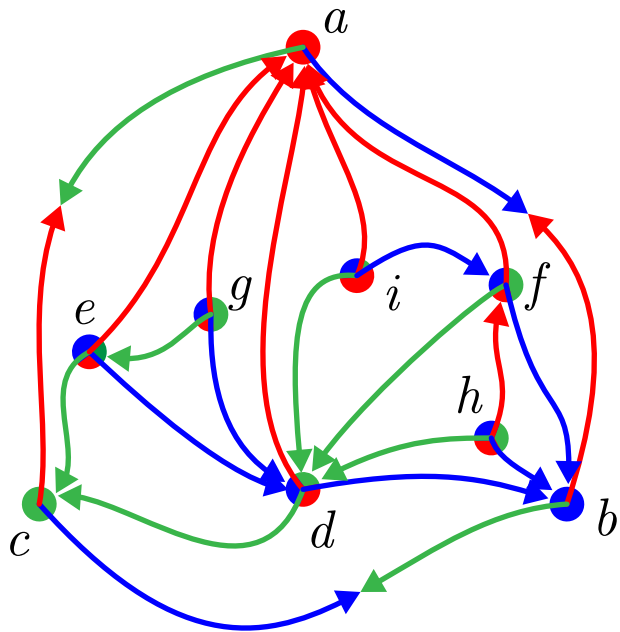
THM. The map

$$\mu : v \mapsto \frac{1}{f-1} (r_1(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_1 + r_2(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 + r_3(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_3)$$

defines a straightline embedding of M in the plane where all faces are convex.



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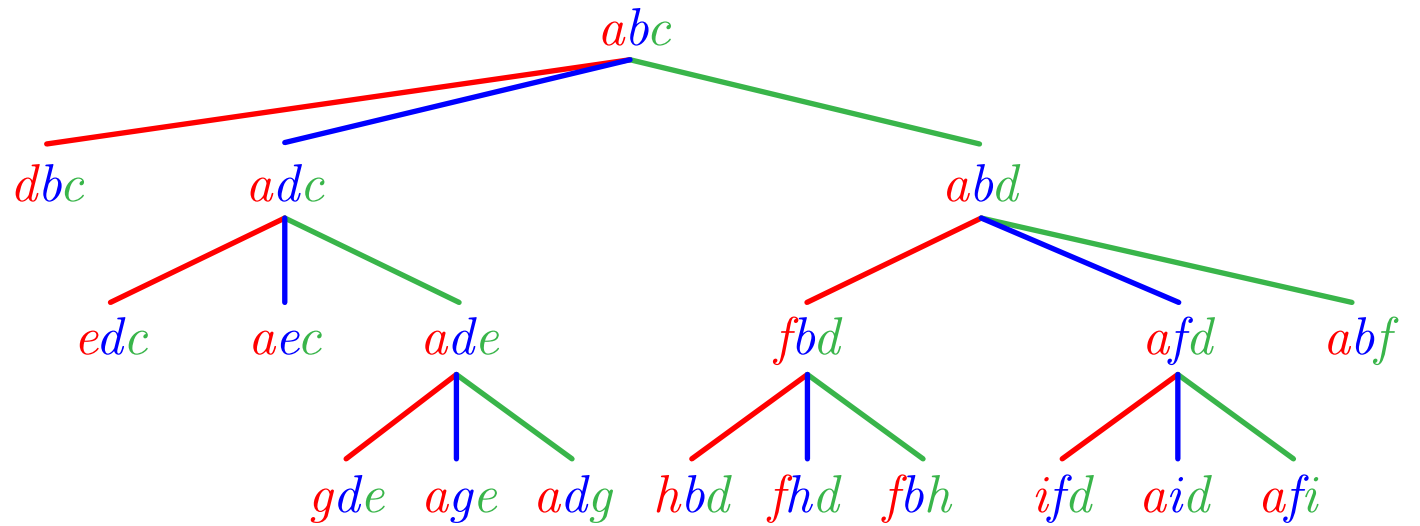
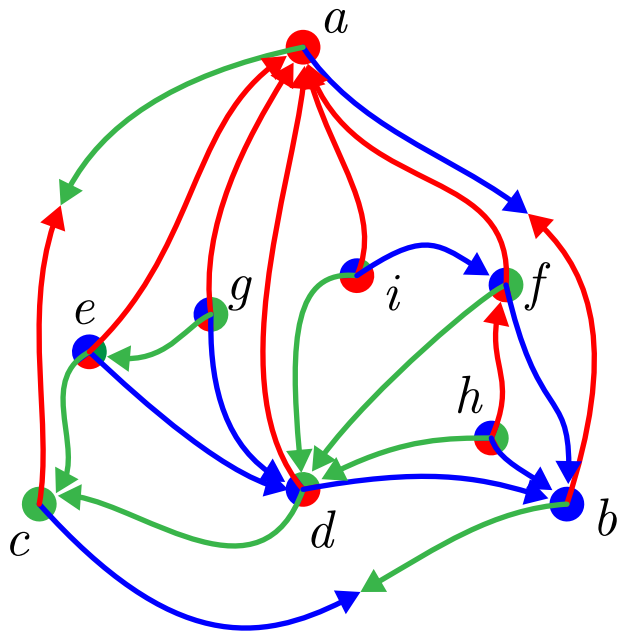


QU. Describe on the construction tree C of a stacked triangulation:

- the trees T_1 , T_2 and T_3 ,
- the sizes $r_1(v)$, $r_2(v)$ and $r_3(v)$ of the regions of a vertex v .

Draw the Schnyder embedding for p_1, p_2, p_3 being the vertices of an equilateral triangle.

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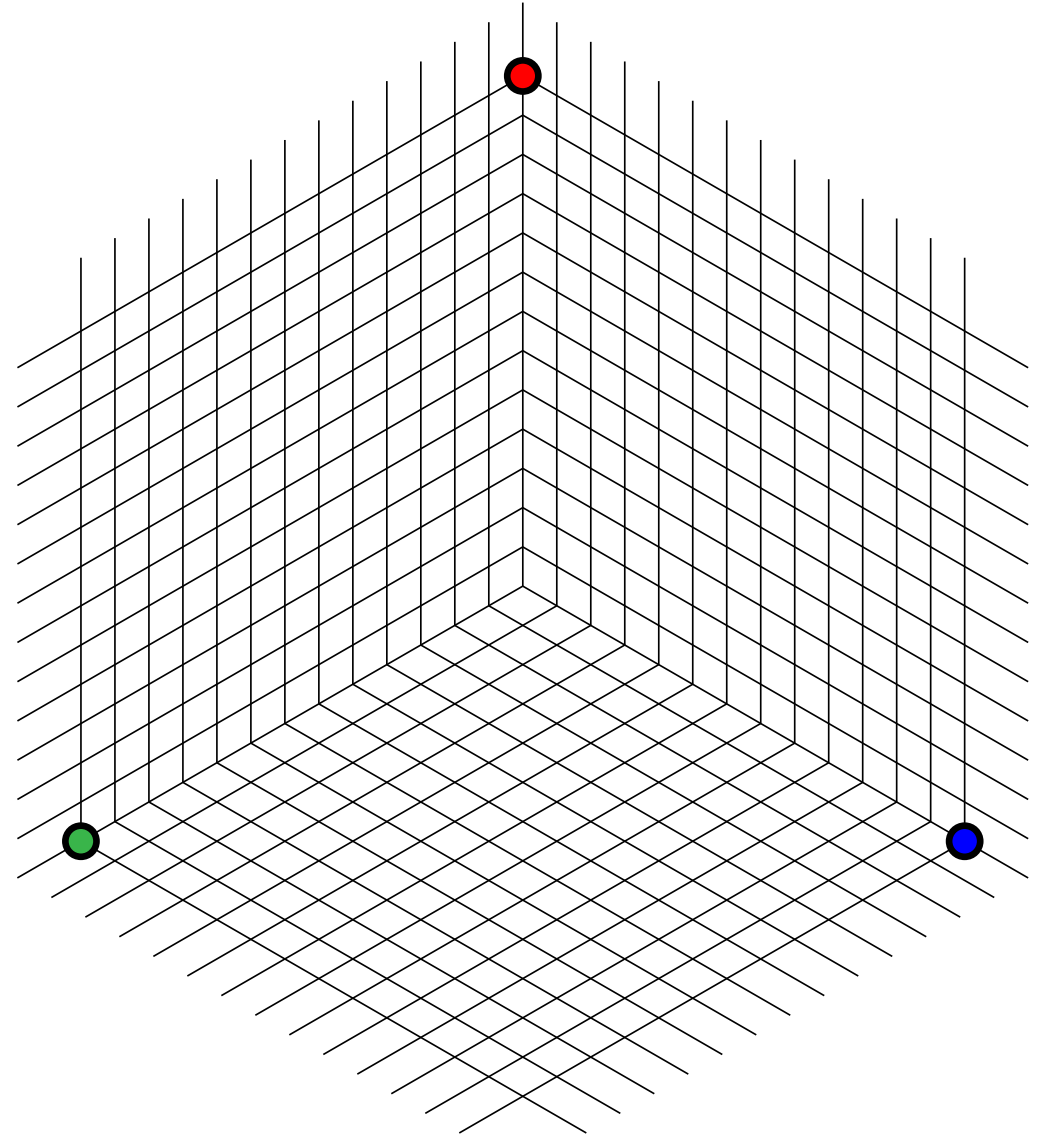
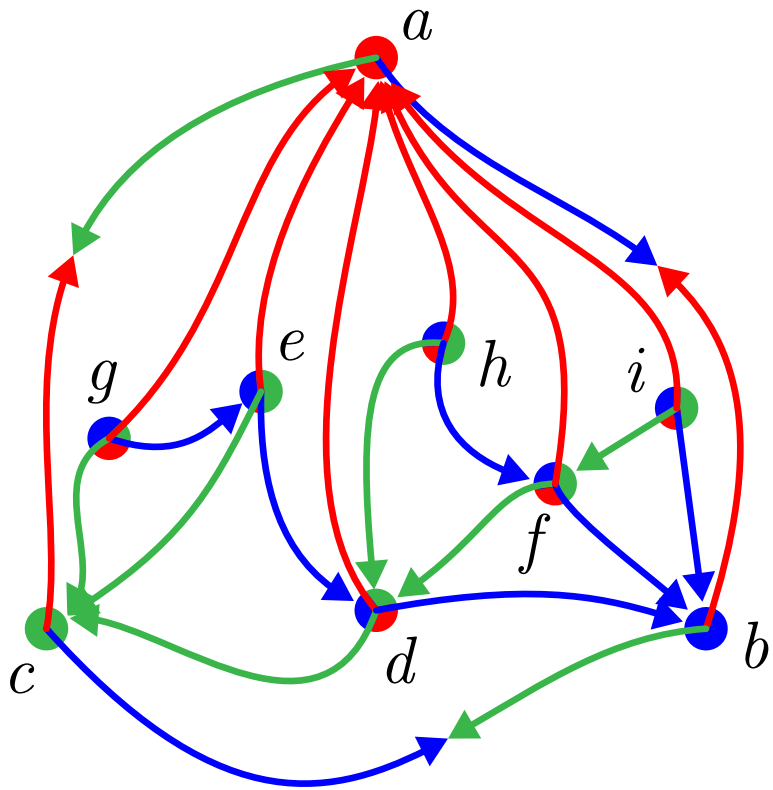


PROP. The tree T_i is obtained by contracting all edges colored $i - 1$ and $i + 1$ in C

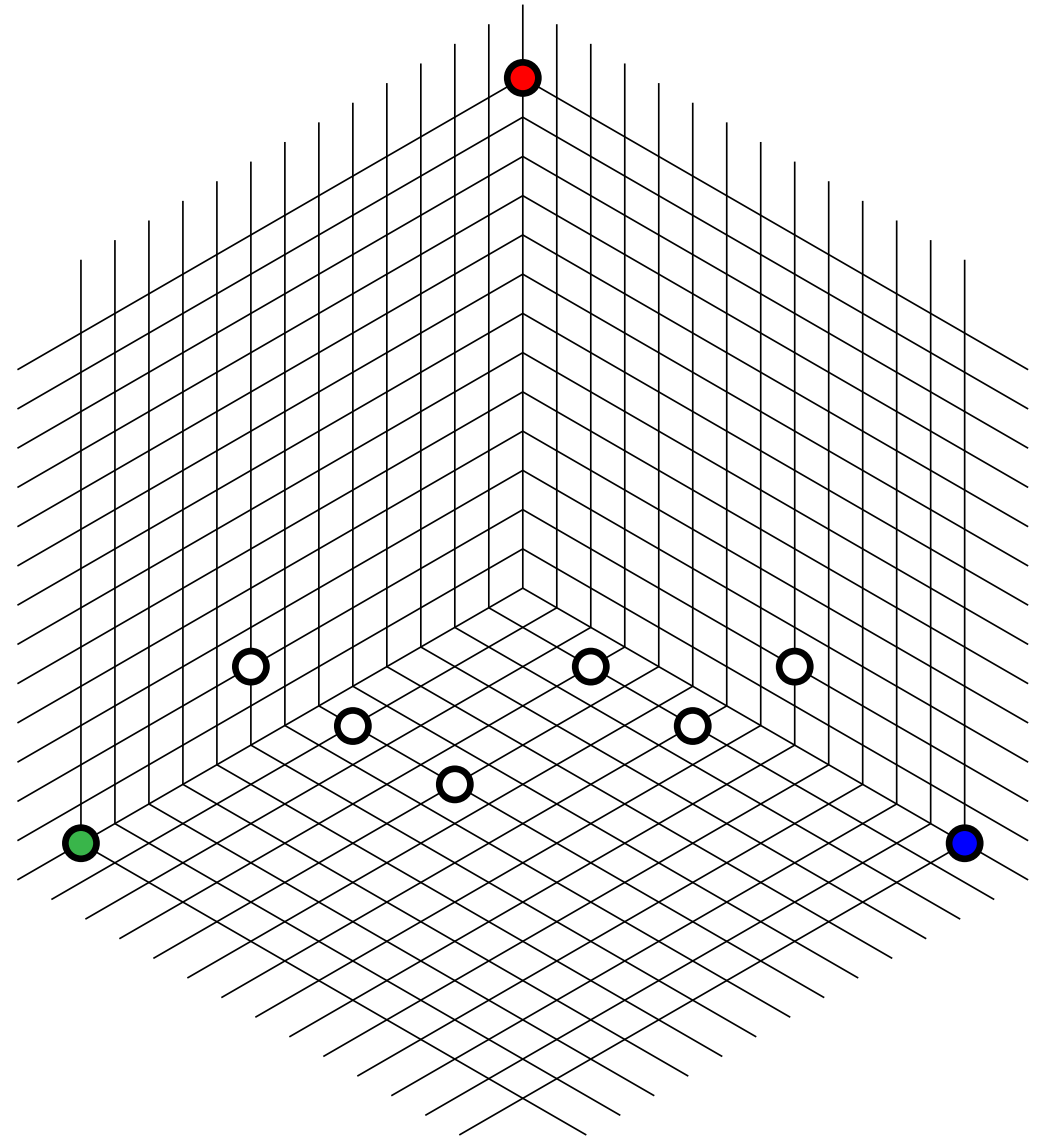
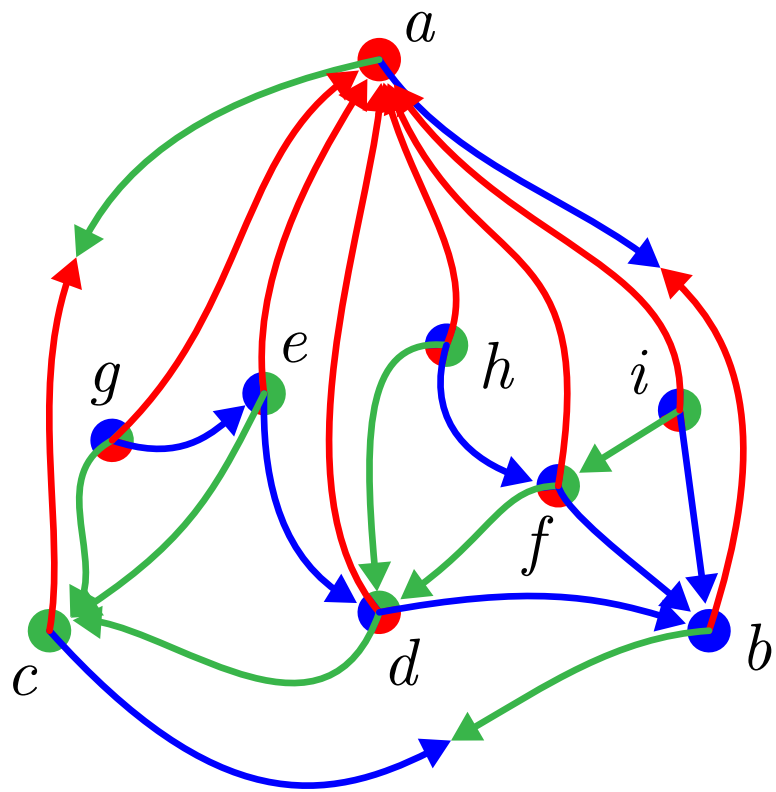
PROP. Assume v is inserted in triangle t , and let γ be the path from t to the root in C . The size $r_i(v)$ is obtained by summing the number of leaves of the subtrees of the blue children of the nodes of γ that are not in γ .

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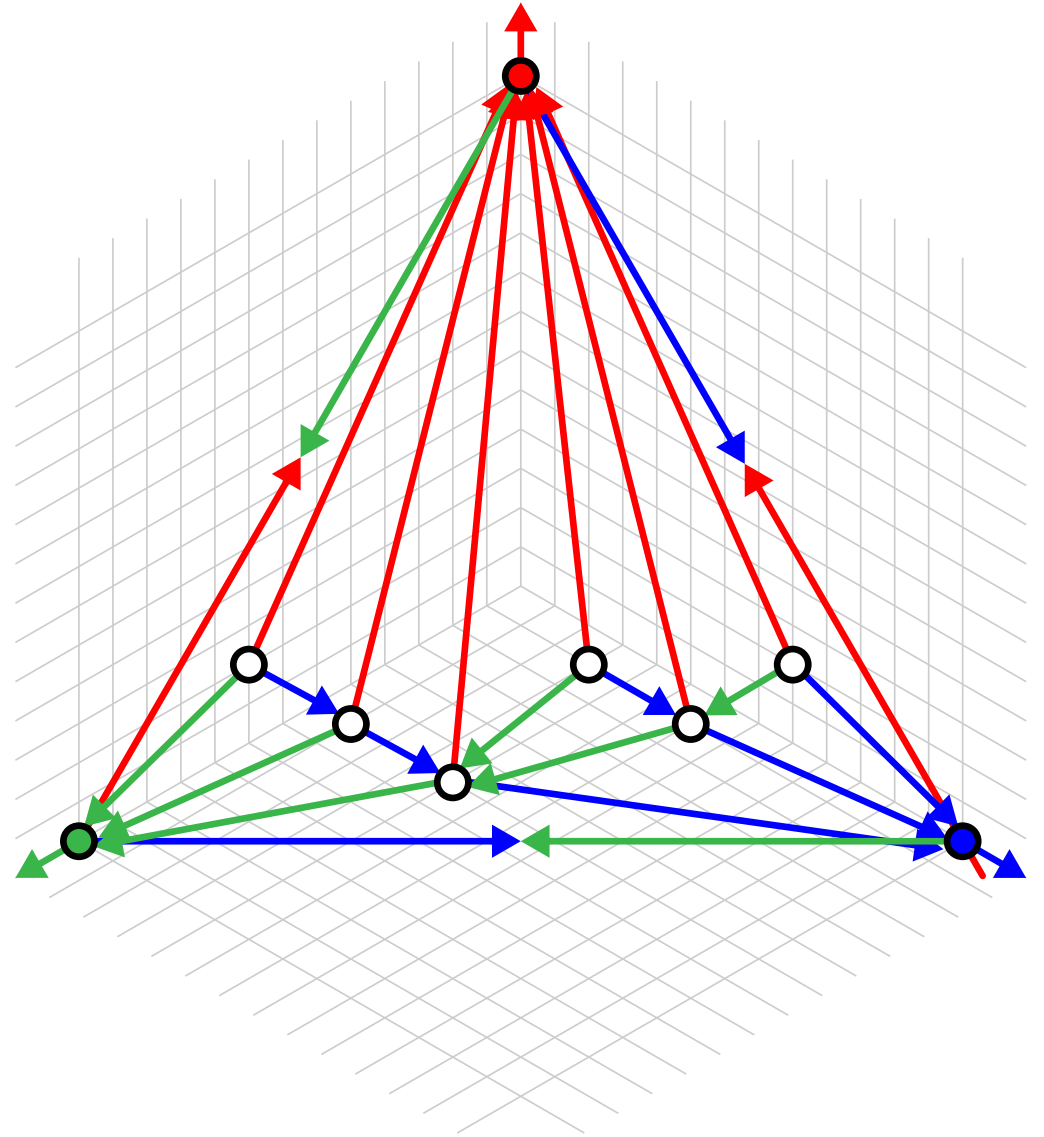
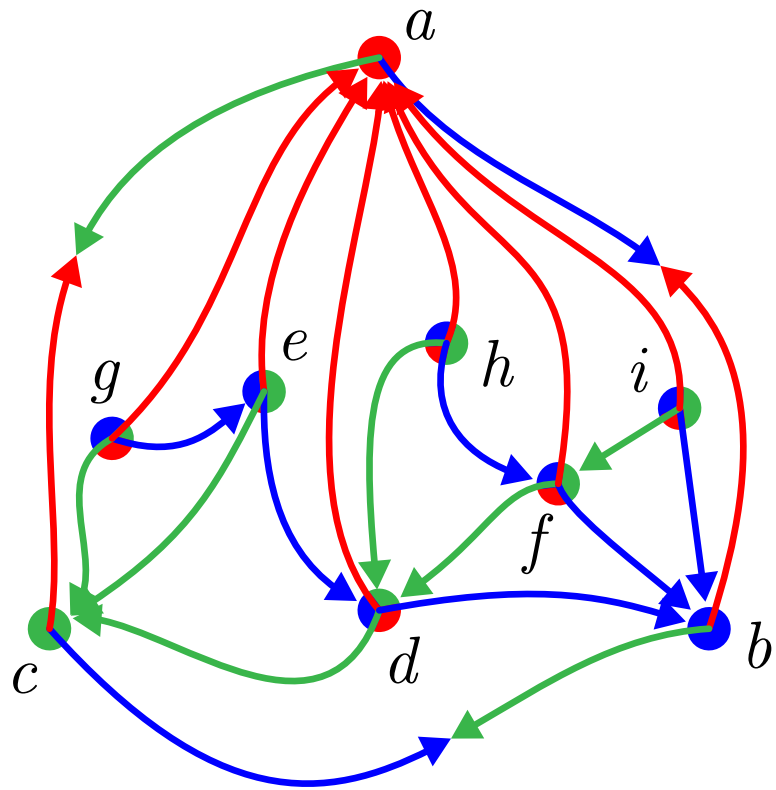
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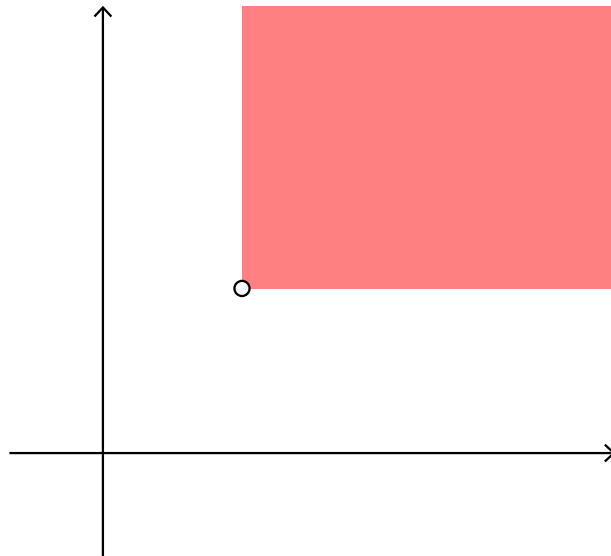


GEODESIC MAPS ON ORTHOGONAL SURFACES

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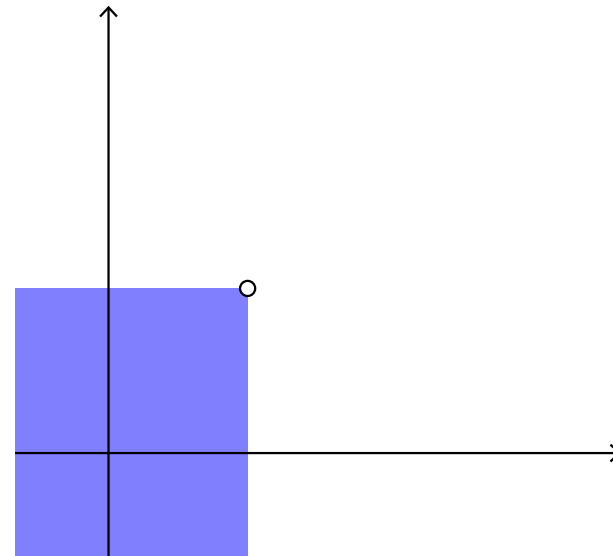
DEF. dominance order in $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{v} \iff u_i \leq v_i$ for all $i \in [3]$ (componentwise).

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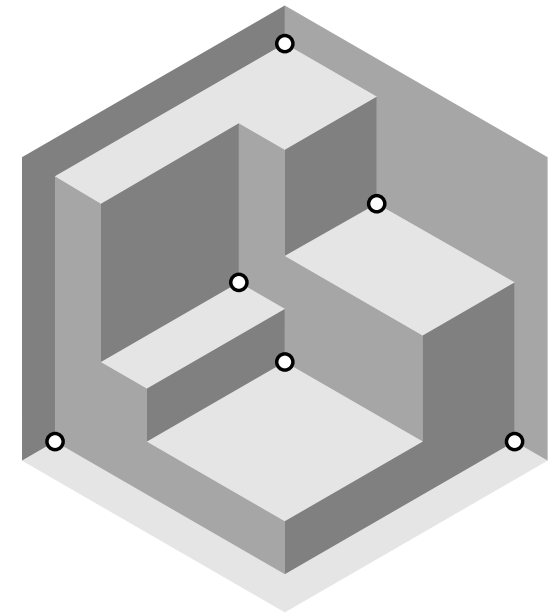
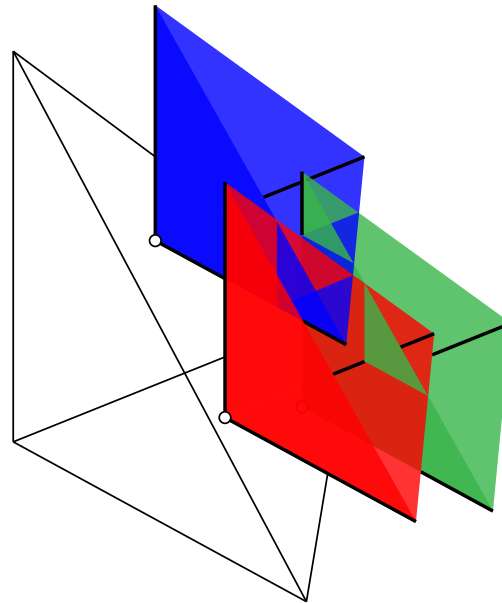
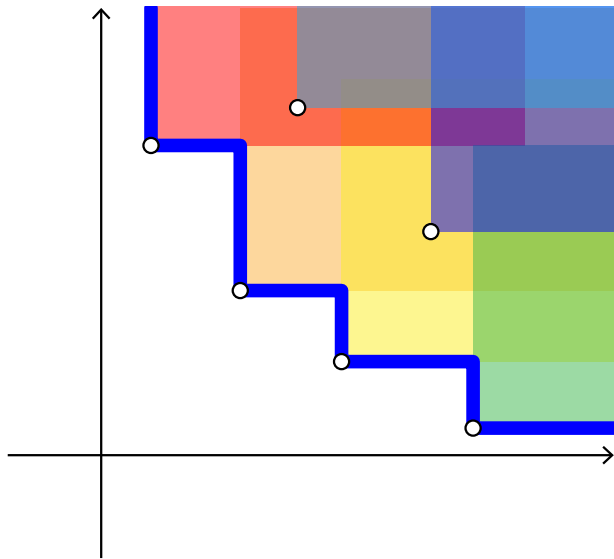
ORTHOGONAL SURFACE

DEF. dominance order in $\mathbb{R}^3 = \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{v} \iff u_i \leq v_i$ for all $i \in [3]$ (componentwise).

DEF. cone dominating $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 $\Delta_{\mathbf{y}} = \{ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{y} \leq \mathbf{z} \}$

cone dominated by $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{y} \}$

DEF. $\langle \mathbf{V} \rangle = \{ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{v} \leq \mathbf{z} \text{ for some } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V} \} = \bigcup_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbf{V}} \Delta_{\mathbf{v}}$.



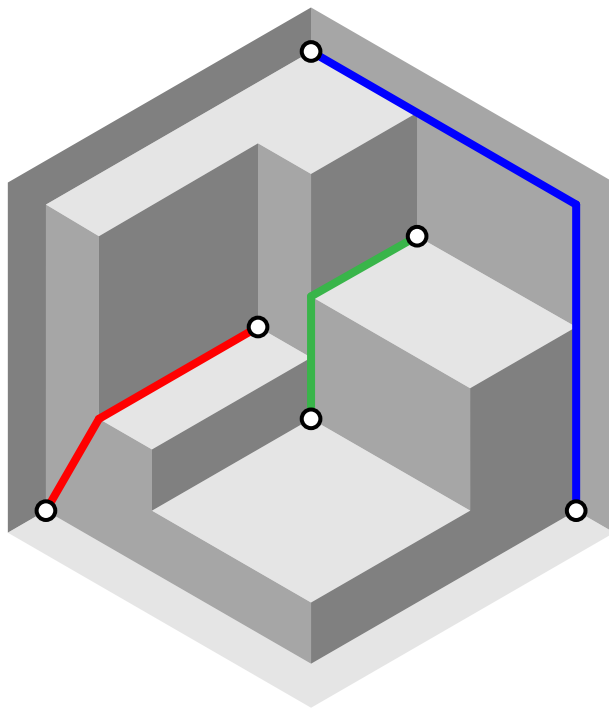
orthogonal surface $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{V}} = \text{boundary of } \langle \mathbf{V} \rangle$

(assume now that $\mathbf{V} = \text{antichain}$)

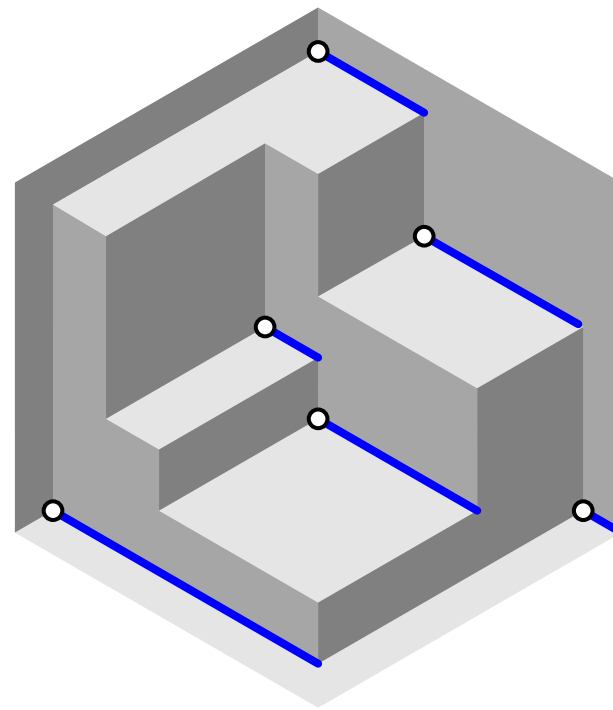
ELBOW GEODESICS AND COORDINATE ARCS

DEF. On an orthogonal surface \mathcal{S}_V , define

- elbow geodesic = union of the segments from $u, v \in V$ to $u \vee v = [\max(u_i, v_i)]_{i \in [n]}$,
- coordinate arcs = (not always bounded) segments from $v \in V$ in an axis direction.



elbow geodesics

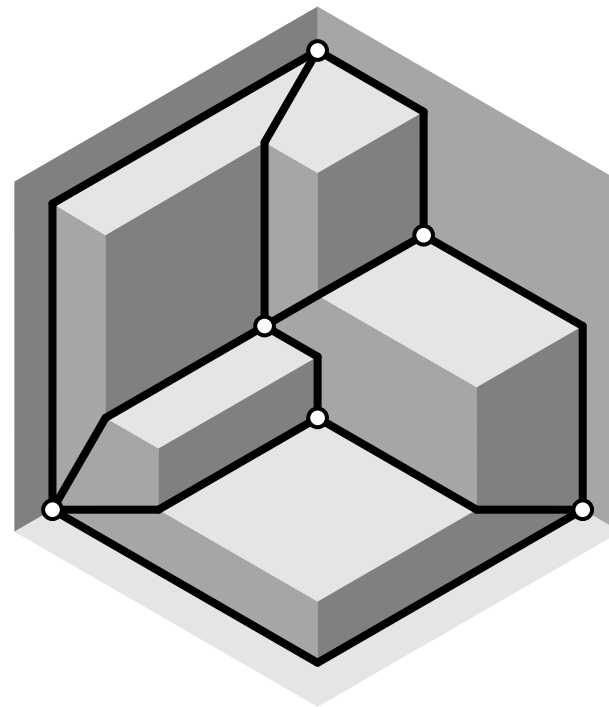
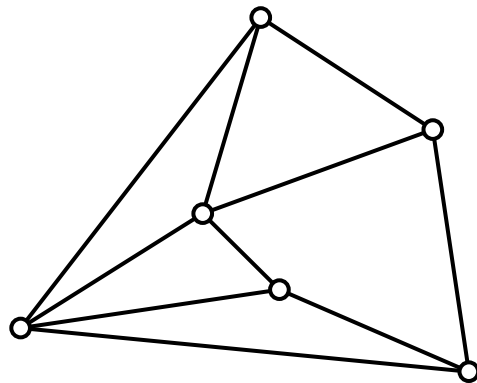


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GEODESIC EMBEDDING

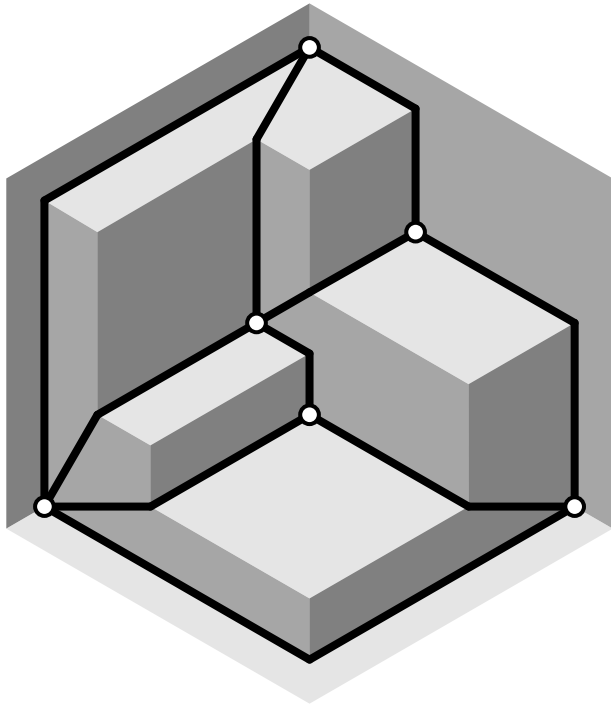
DEF. geodesic embedding of a map M on a surface $\mathcal{S}_V =$ drawing of M on \mathcal{S}_V st:

- (G1) there is a bijection between the points of V and the vertices of M ,
- (G2) every edge of M is an elbow geodesic in \mathcal{S}_V and every bounded coordinate arc is part of an edge of M ,
- (G3) the drawing is crossing-free.



GEODESIC EMBEDDINGS VS SCHNYDER WOODS

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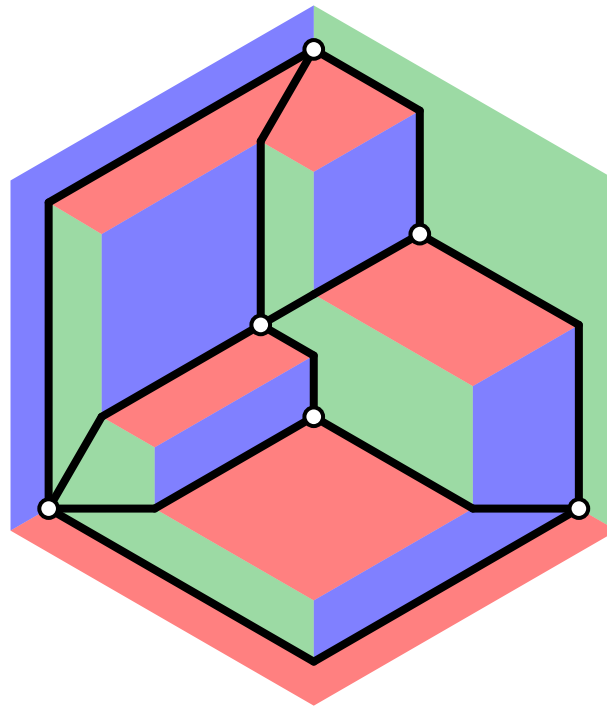
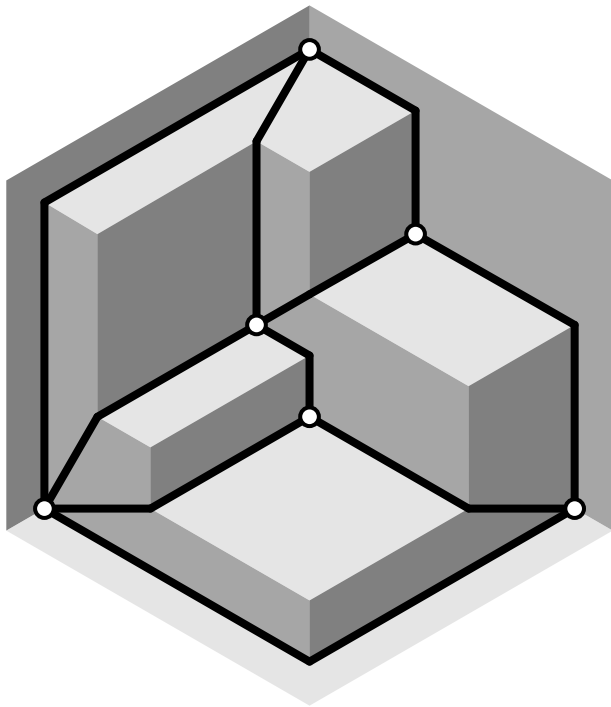


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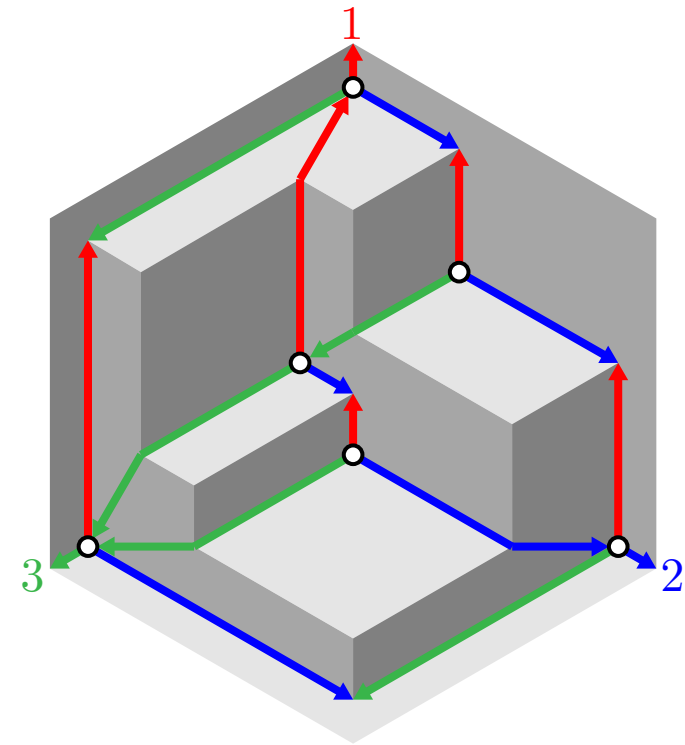
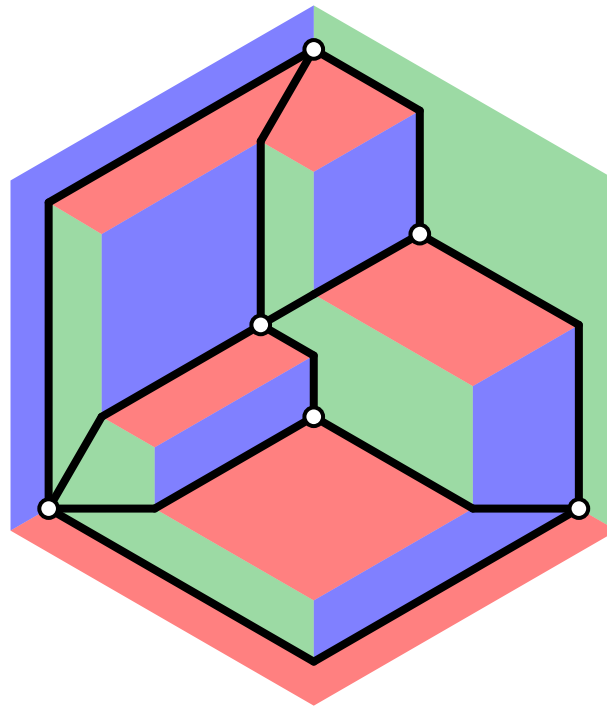
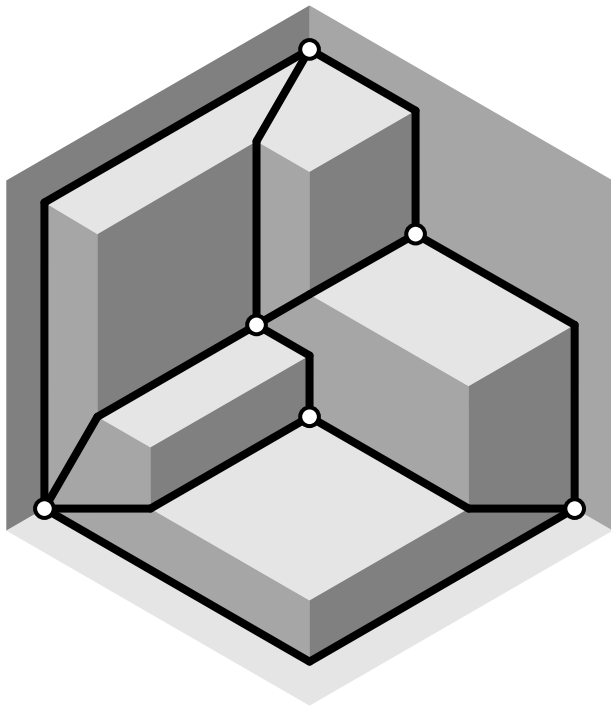


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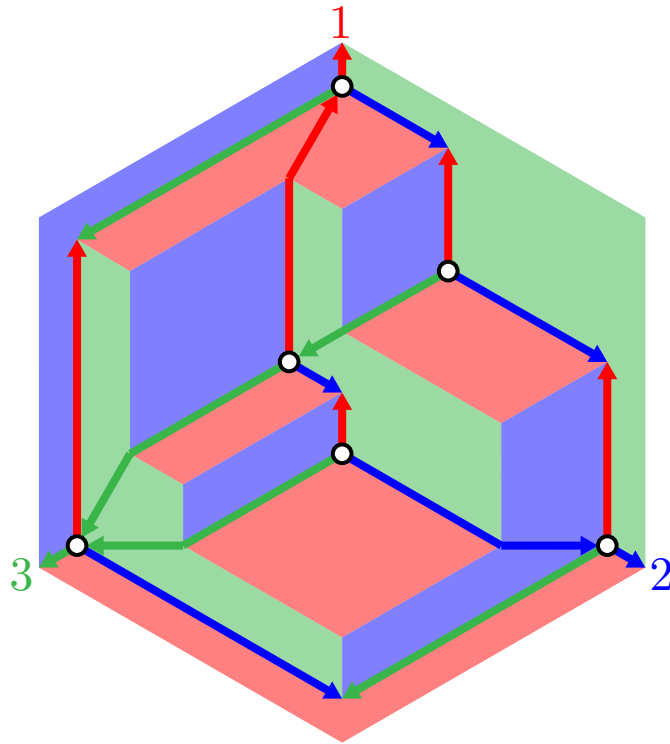


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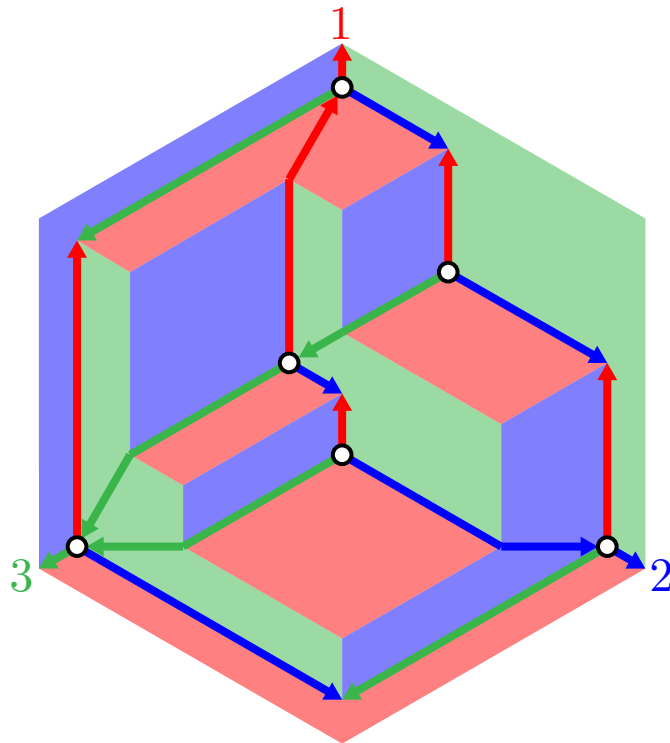


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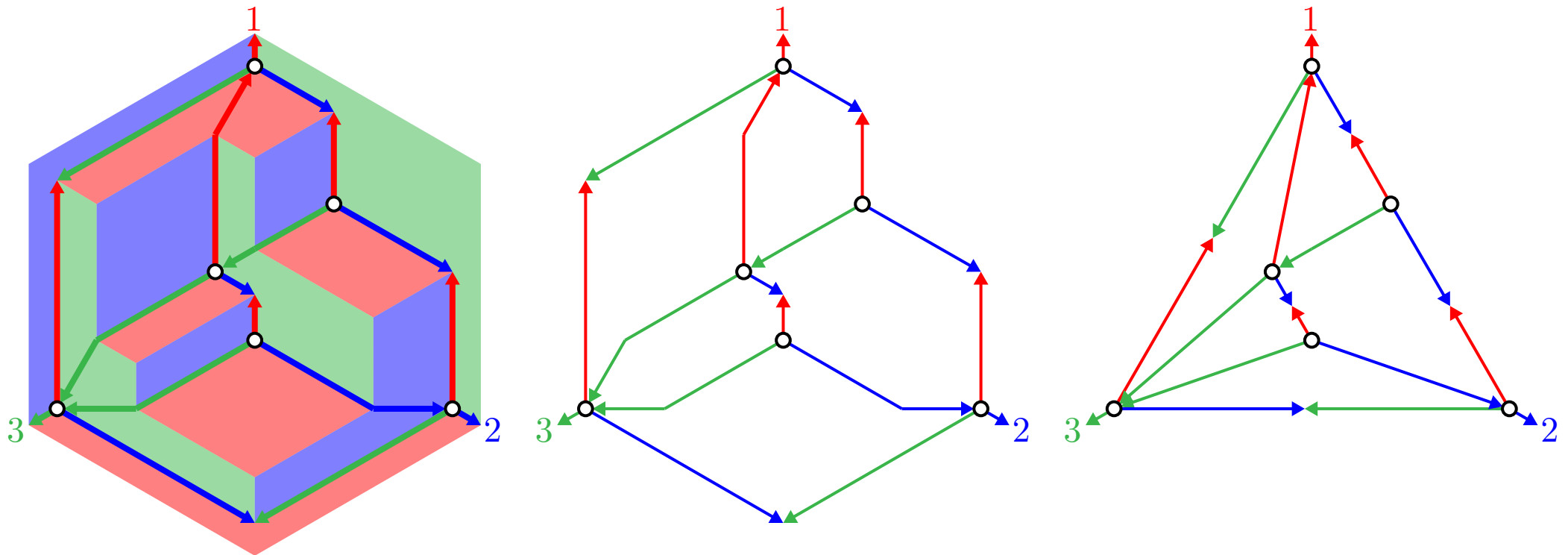
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THM. Given a Schnyder wood W on a planar map M , the region vectors of the vertices of M with respect to W form an axial antichain \mathcal{V} inducing a geodesic embedding of M on $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{V}}$.

FROM GEODESIC EMBEDDINGS TO SCHNYDER EMBEDDINGS

THM. The projection of the geodesic embedding onto the plane $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = f - 1$ gives a planar drawing of M whose edges are bended segments. Replacing them by straight segments preserves the non-crossing-freeness.



proof idea: when straightening the geodesic embedding, the elbow geodesic joining u and v is controlled by $\nabla_{u \vee v}$.

SCHNYDER EMBEDDING

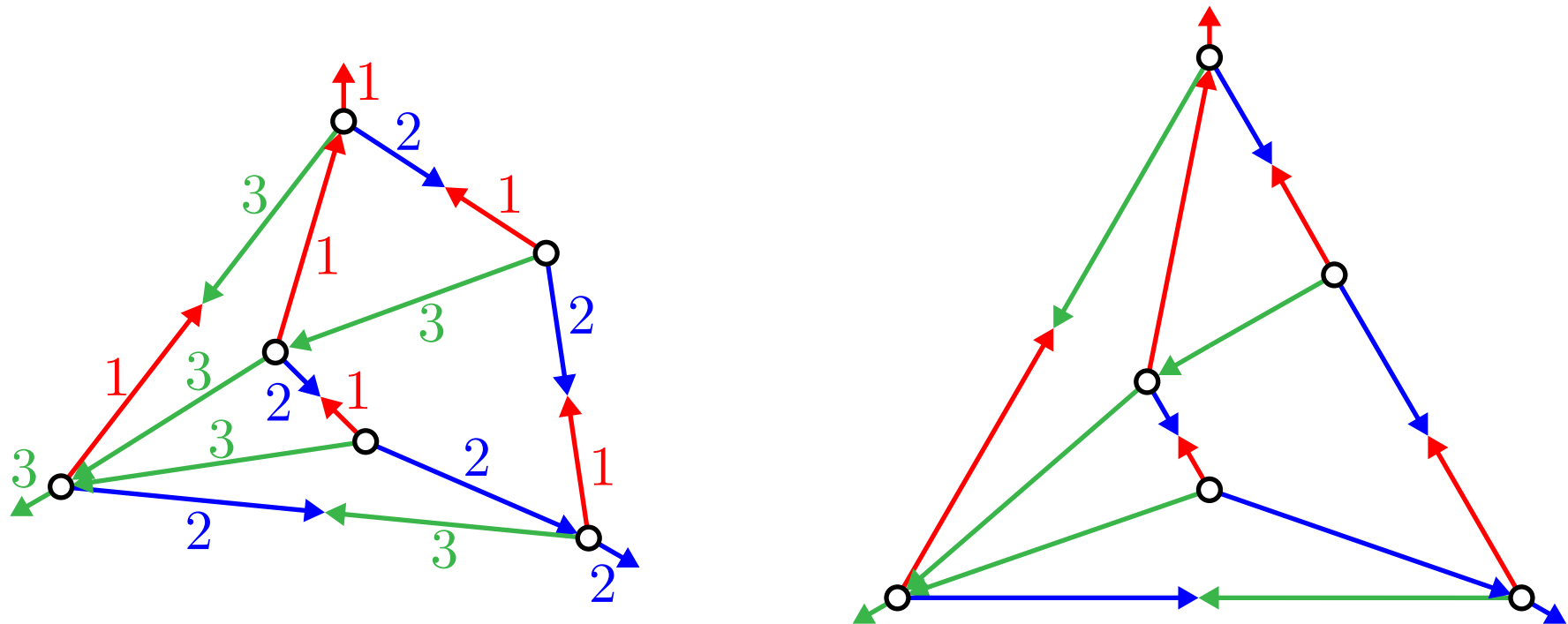
M = planar map with f faces (including the unbounded one),
endowed with a Schnyder wood.

$\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3$ = three arbitrary non-colinear points in the plane.

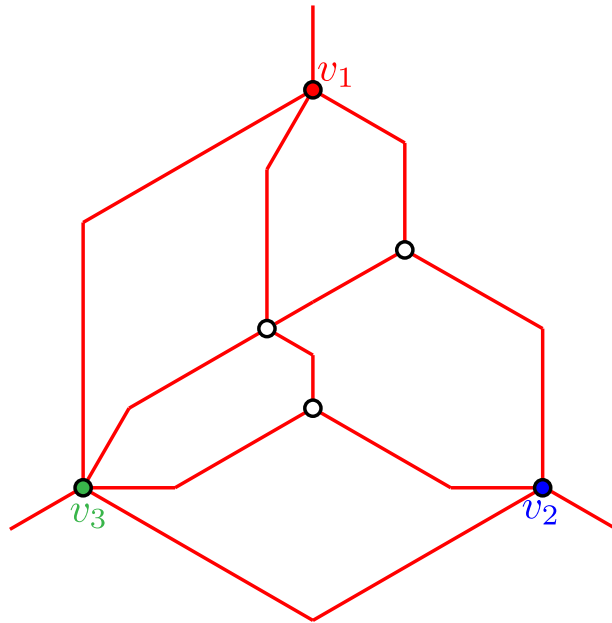
THM. The map

$$\mu : v \mapsto \frac{1}{f-1} (r_1(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_1 + r_2(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_2 + r_3(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}_3)$$

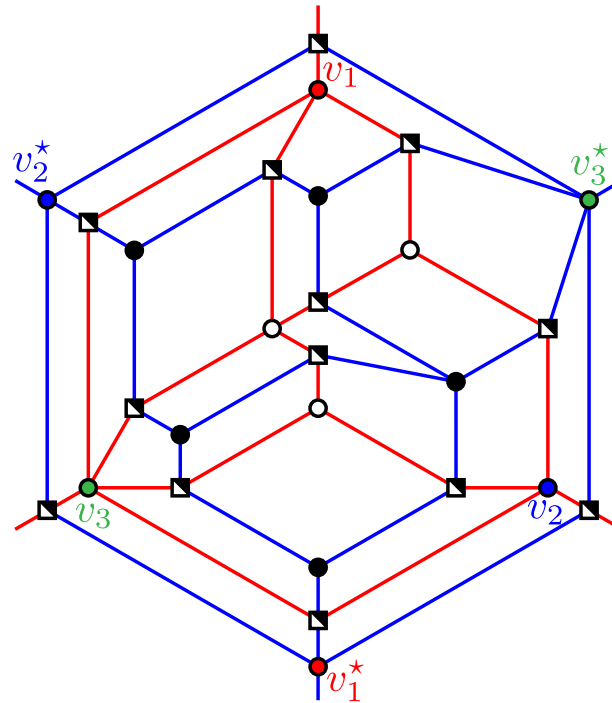
defines a straightline embedding of M in the plane where all faces are convex.



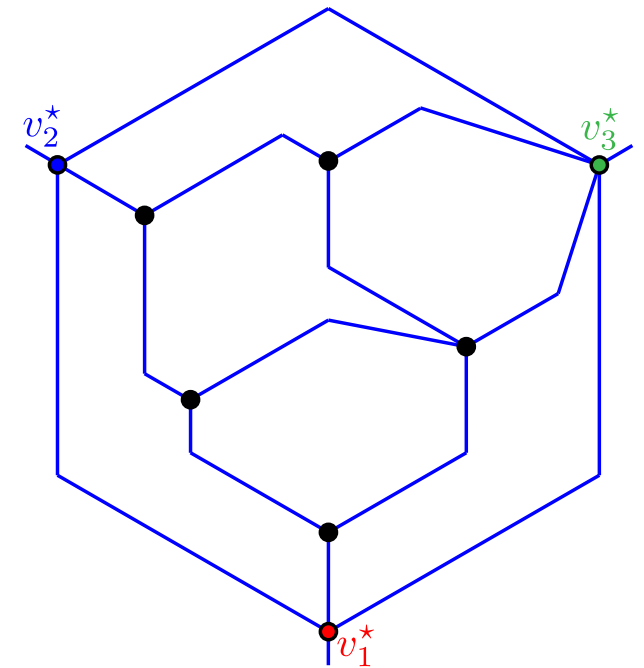
PRIMAL-DUAL MAP



M



\tilde{M}



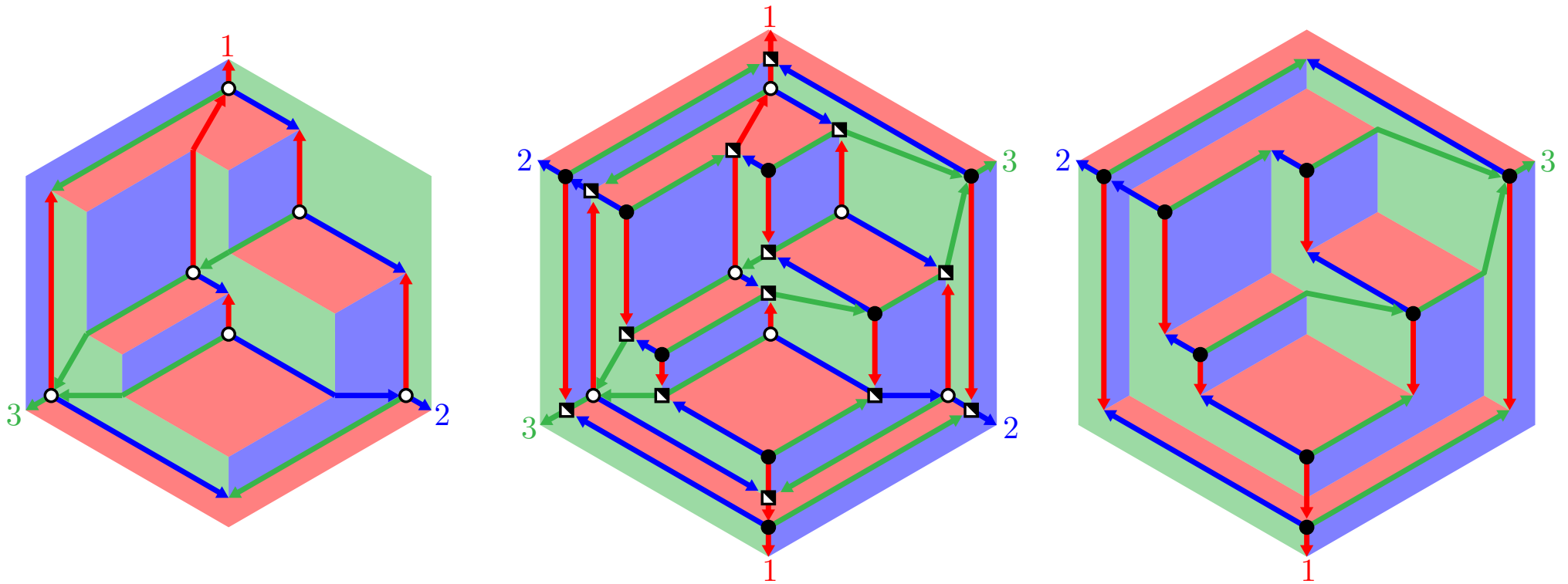
M^*

DEF. dual map of M = exchange vertices \longleftrightarrow faces.

suspended dual map M^* = dual map of M where the vertex corresponding to the external face is split into three vertices.

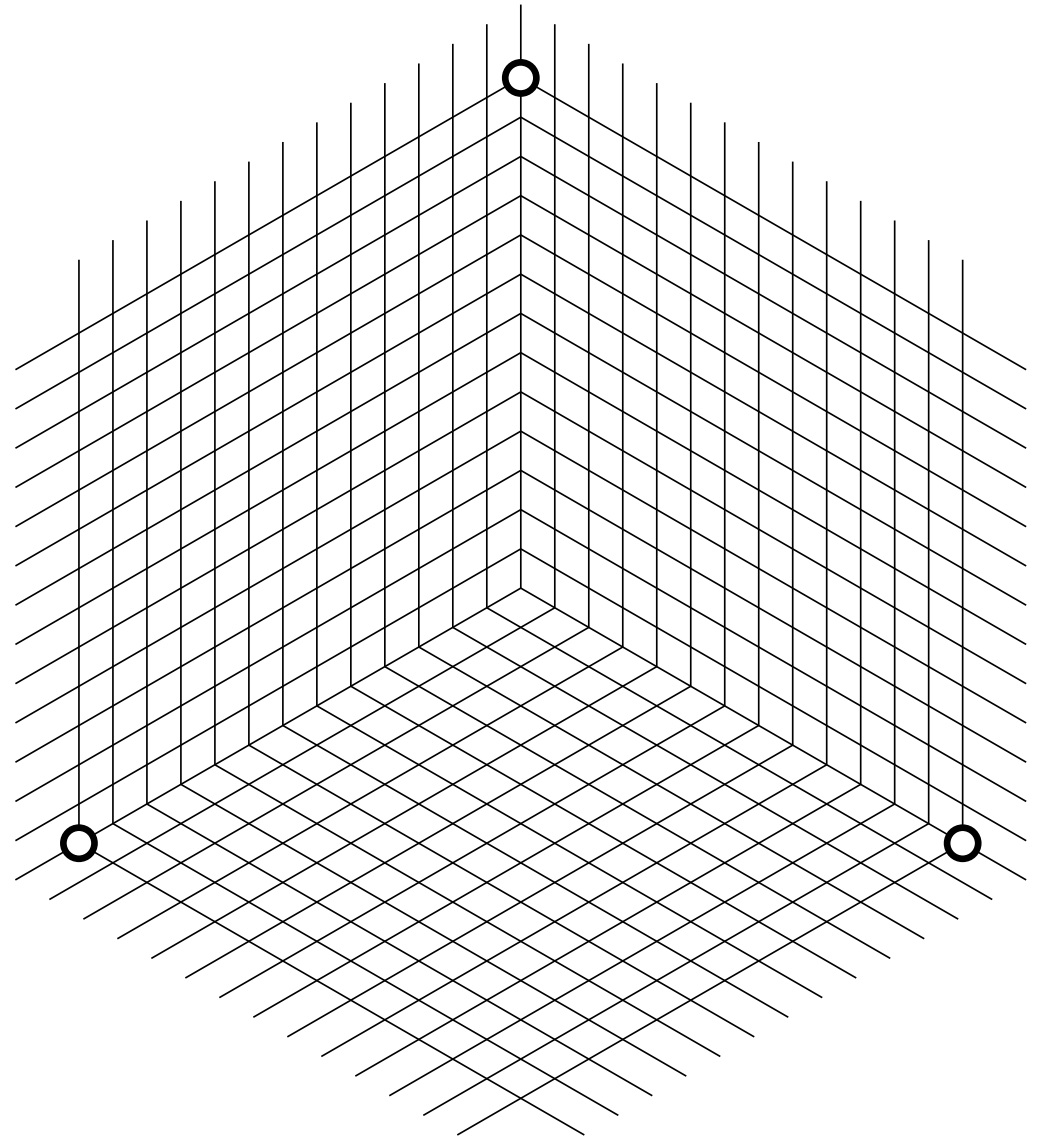
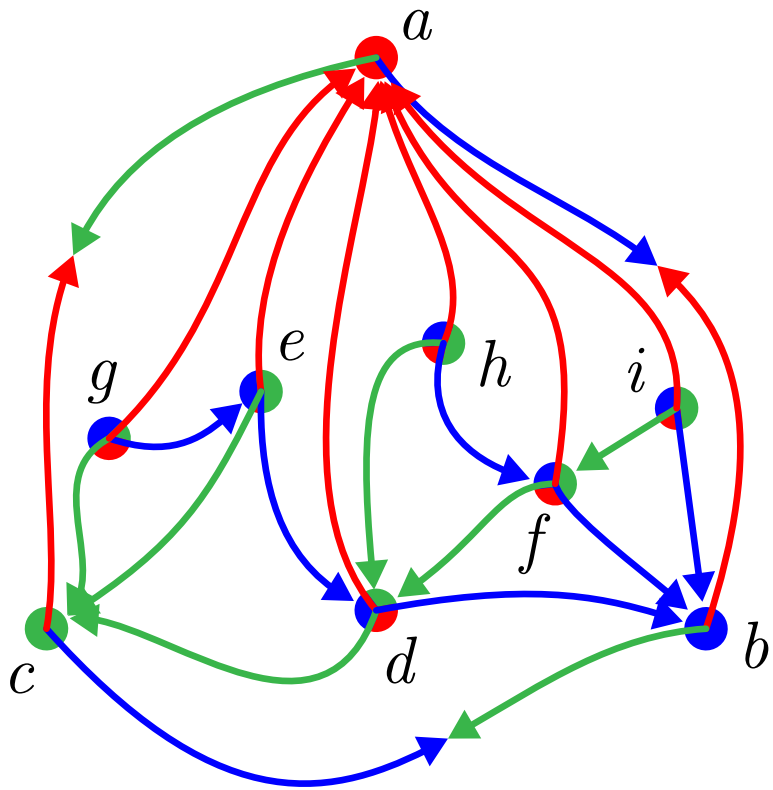
primal-dual map \tilde{M} = superimposition of the map M and its suspended dual map M^* with additional vertices at the edge intersections.

PRIMAL-DUAL GEODESIC EMBEDDING

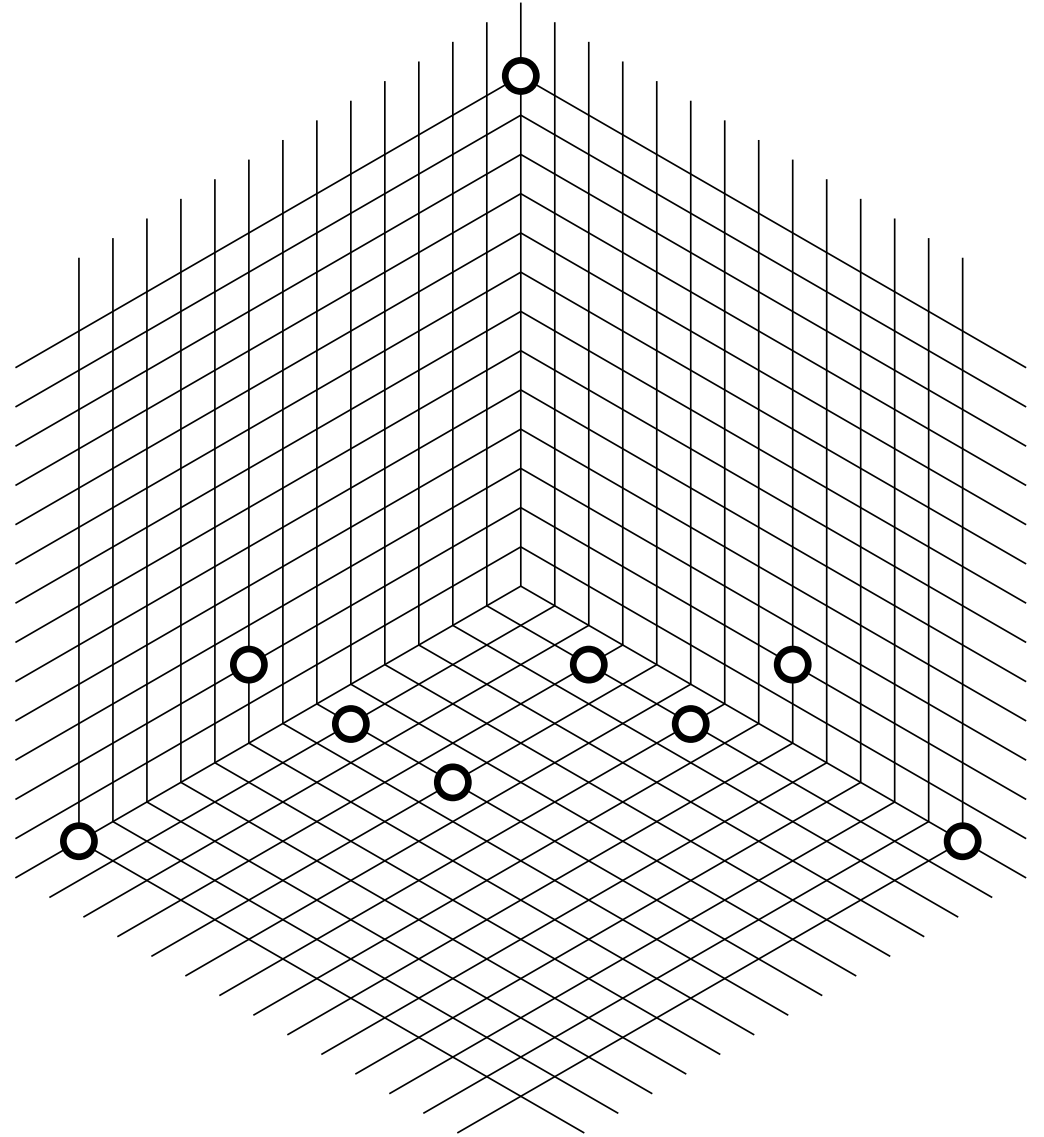
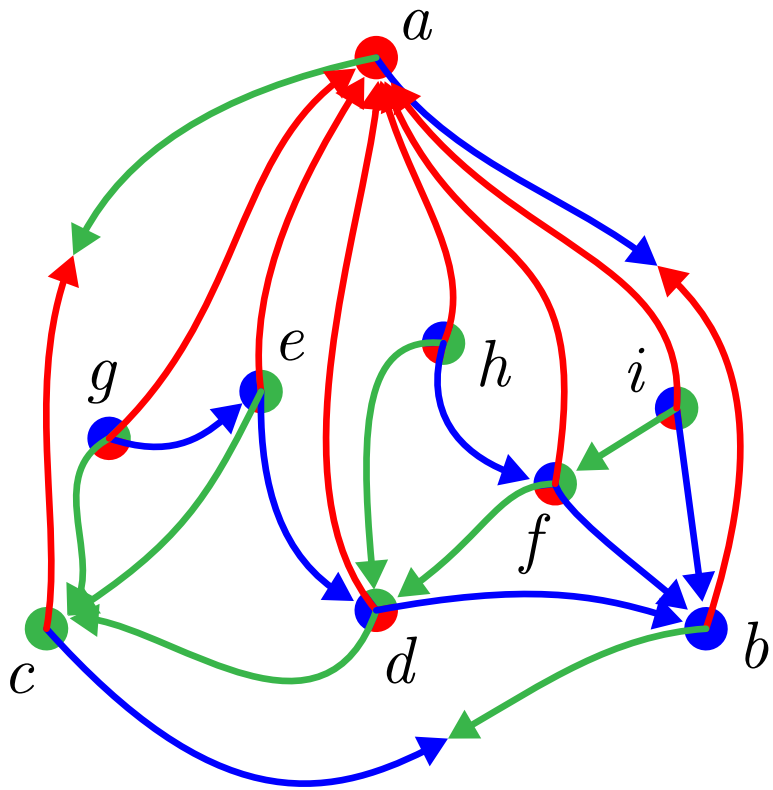


THM. Reversing the orientation, the same orthogonal surface admits a geodesic embedding of the map M , of its suspended dual map M^* , and of its primal-dual map \tilde{M} .

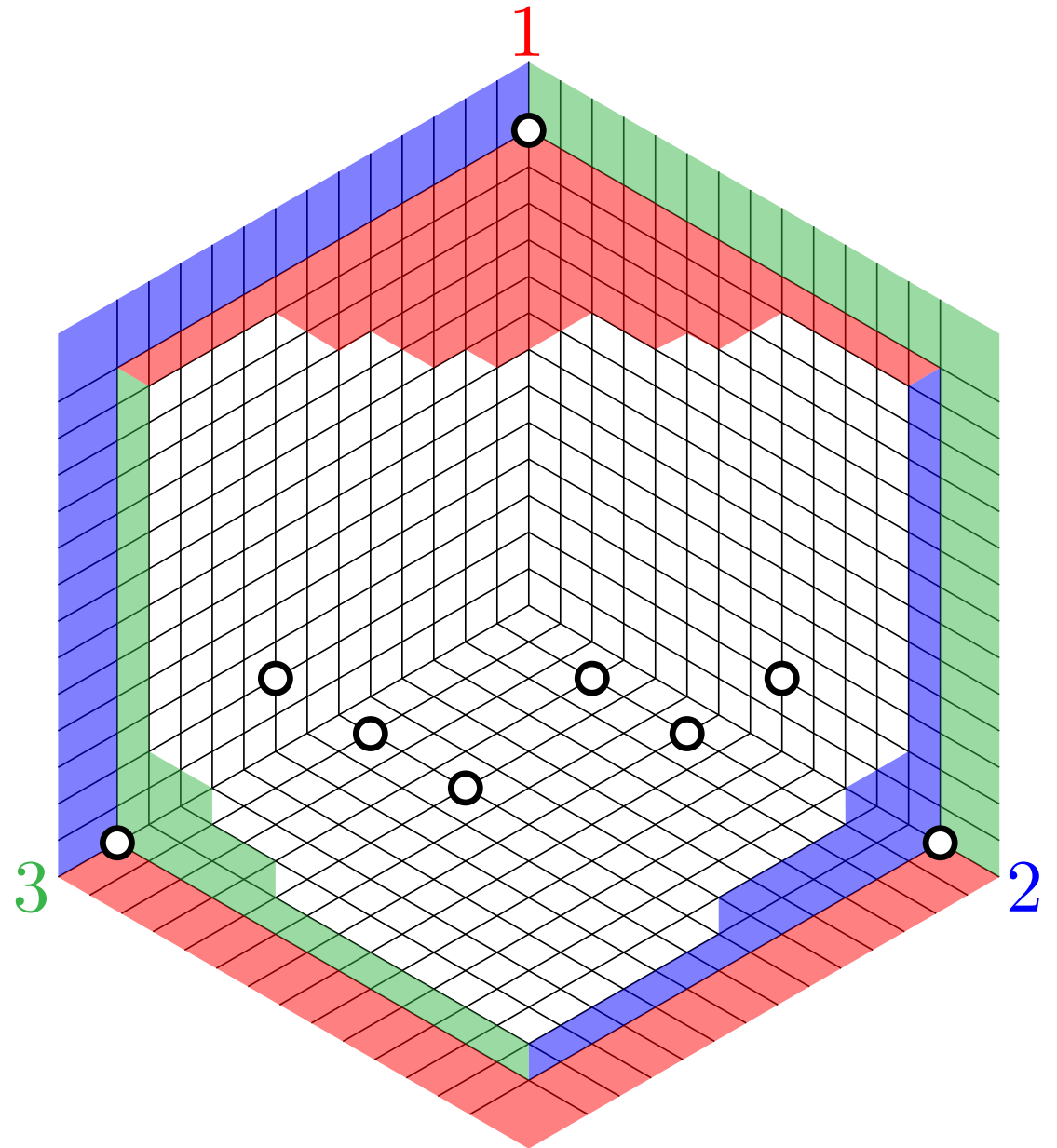
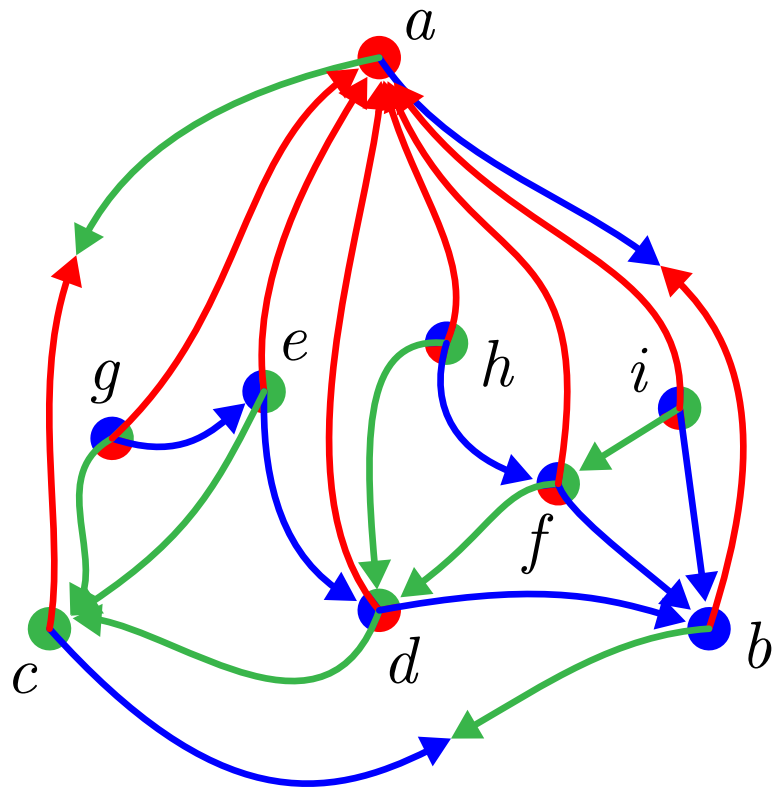
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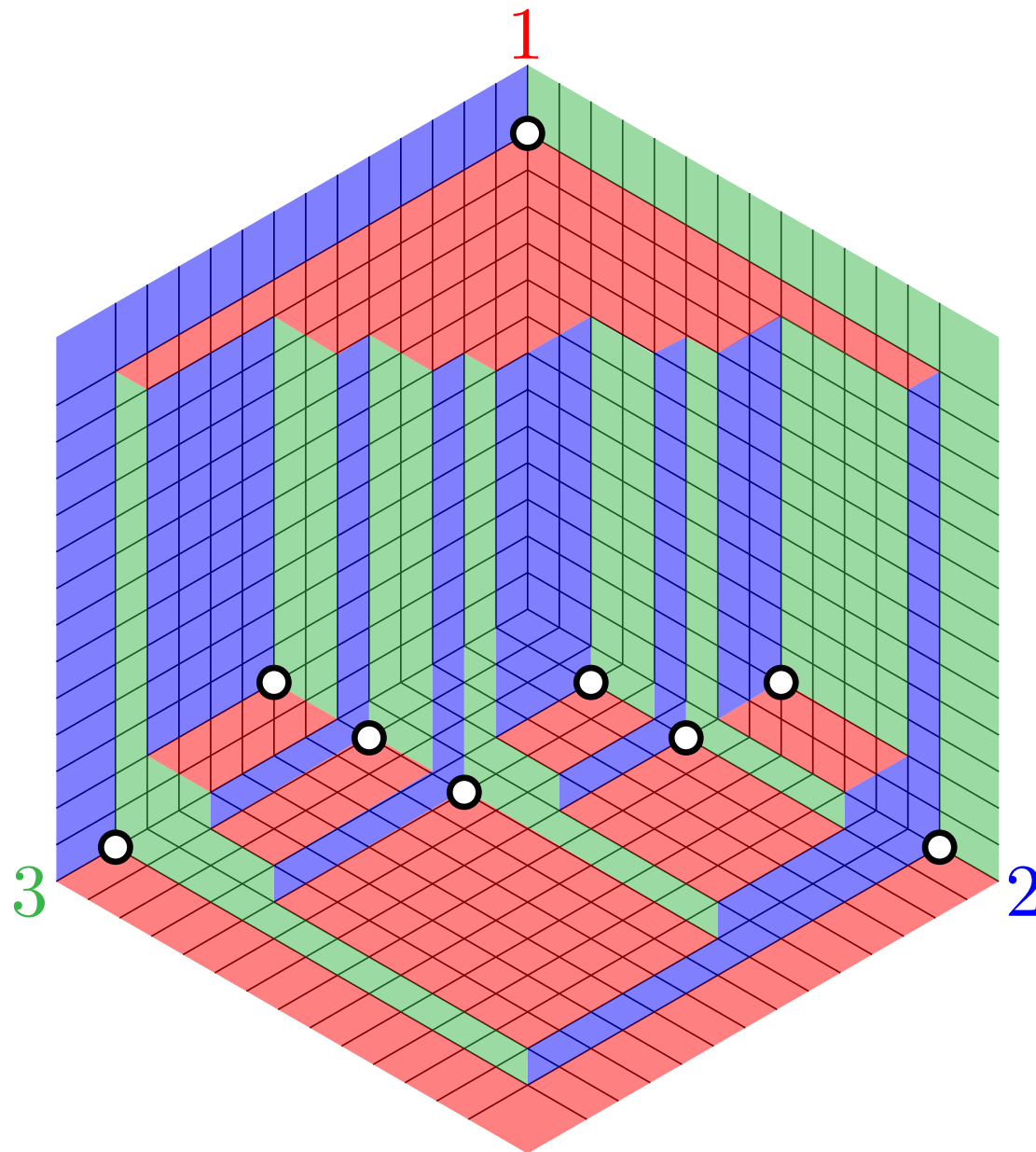
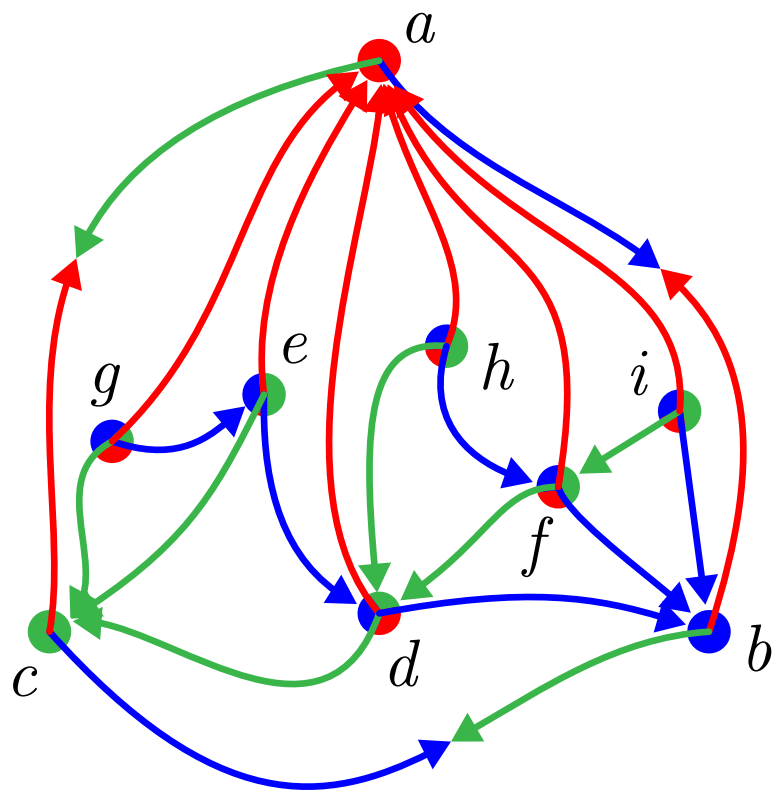
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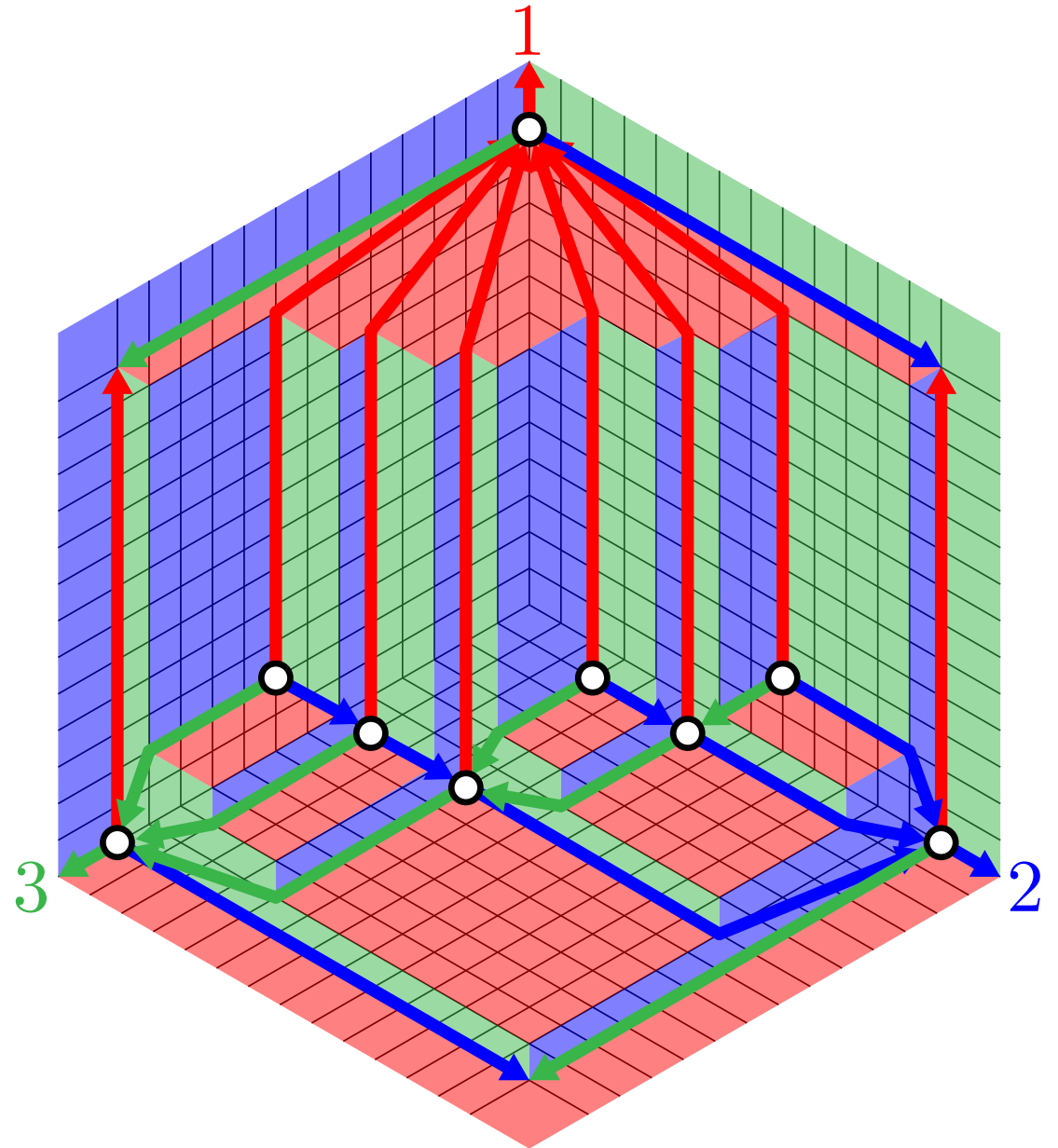
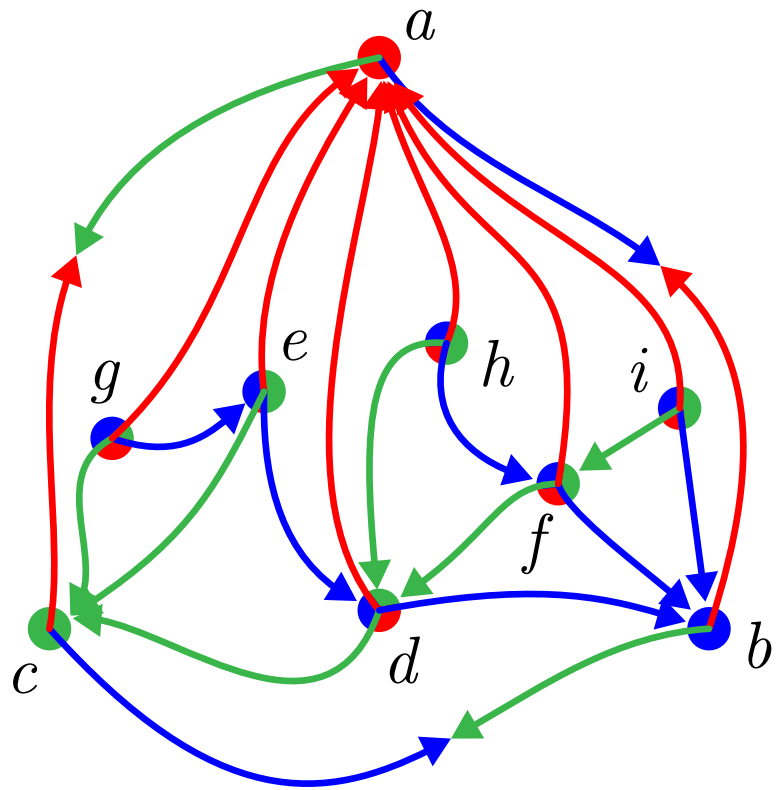
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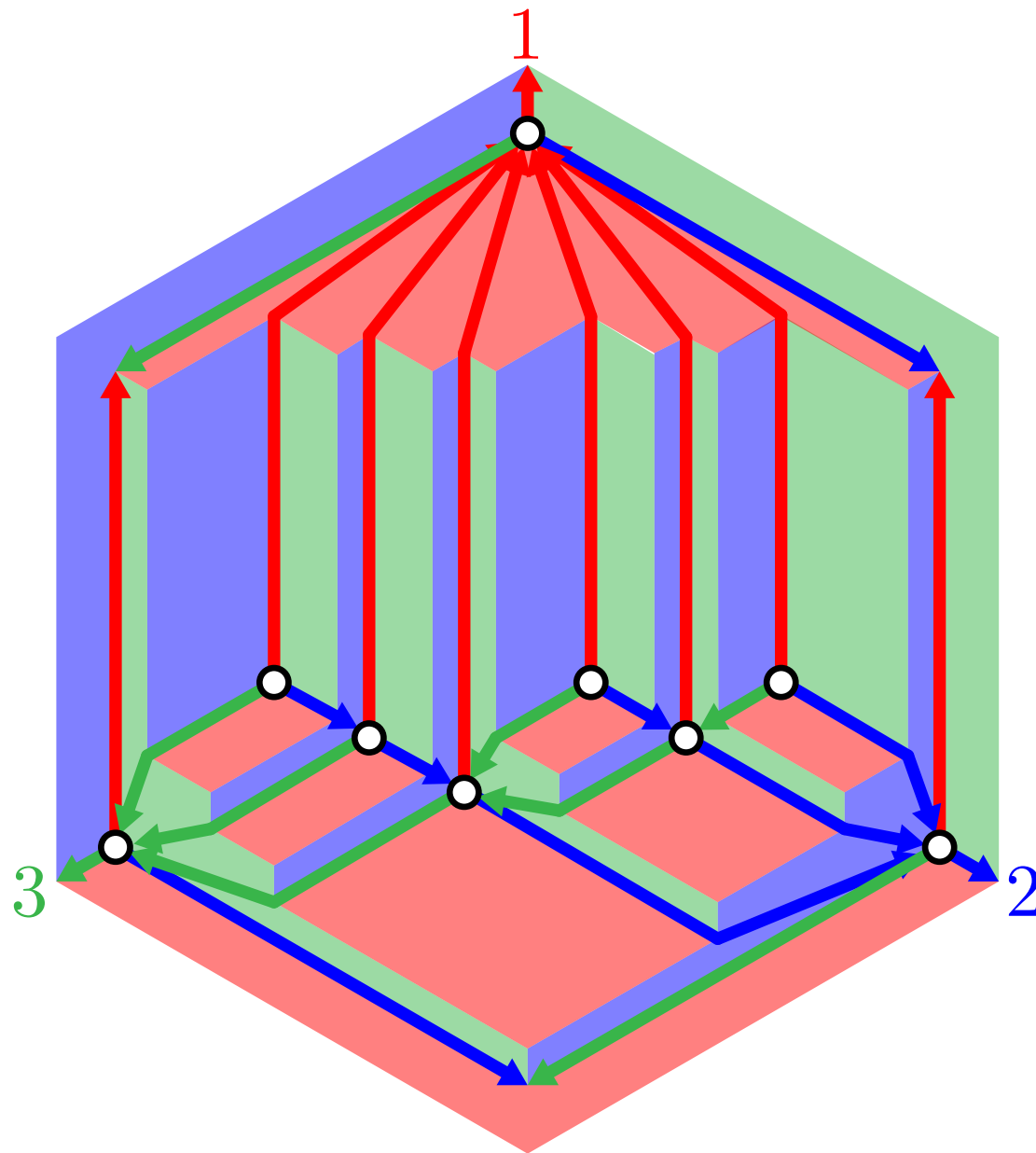
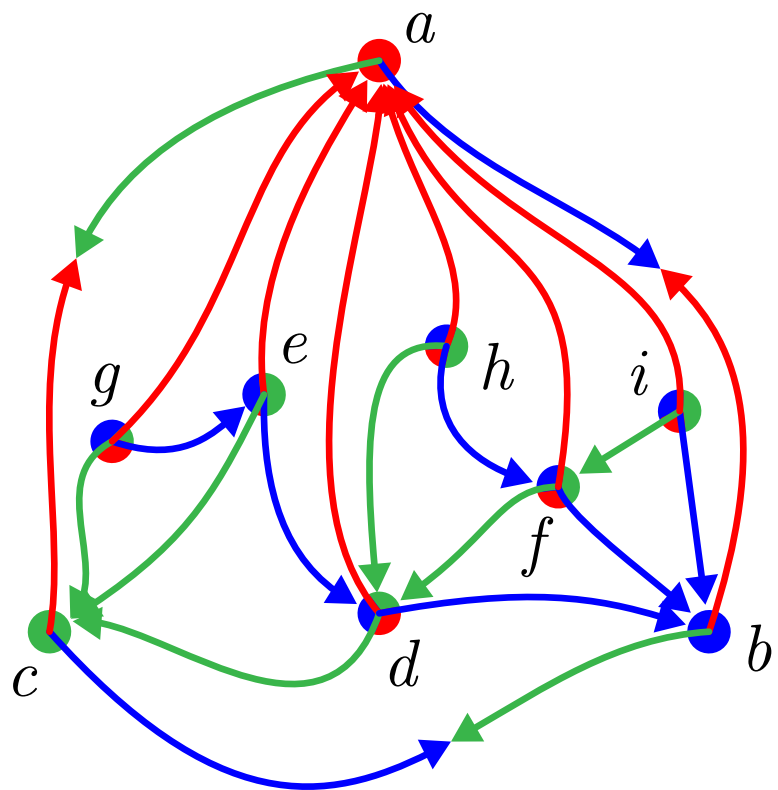
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ALPHA-ORIENTATIONS

α -ORIENTATION

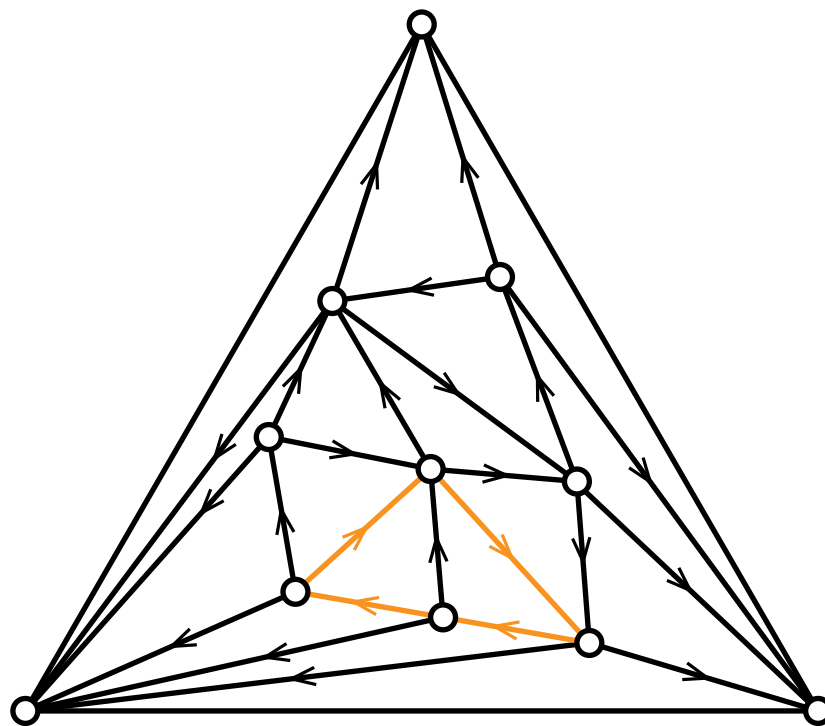
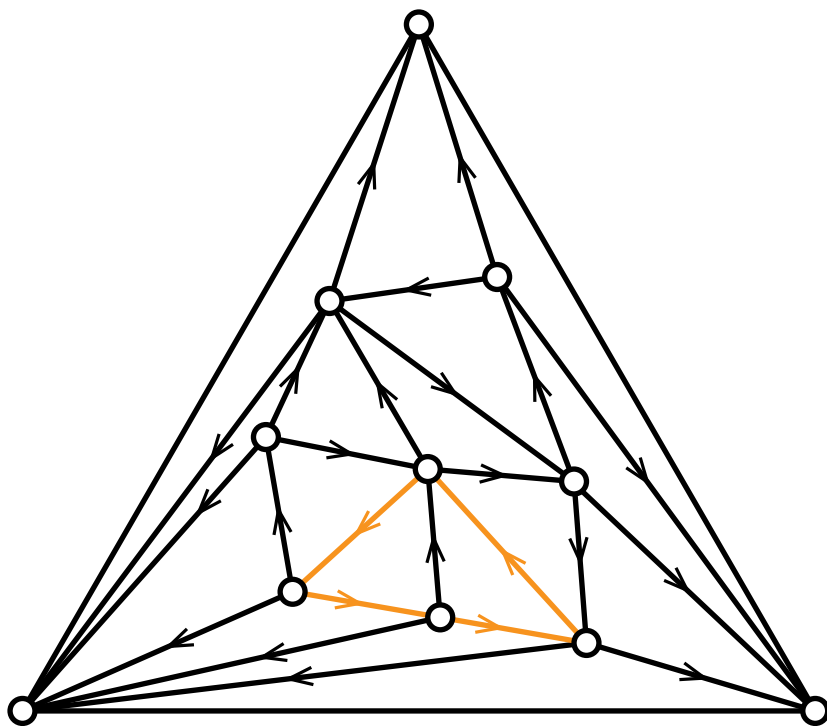
DEF. $G = (V, E)$ a graph, $\alpha : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

α -orientation = edge orientation of G such that any vertex v has $\alpha(v)$ outgoing edges.

remark: α -orientation do not always exists,

even when $\sum_{v \in V} \alpha(v) = |E|$ and $\alpha(v) \leq \deg(v)$ for all $v \in V$.

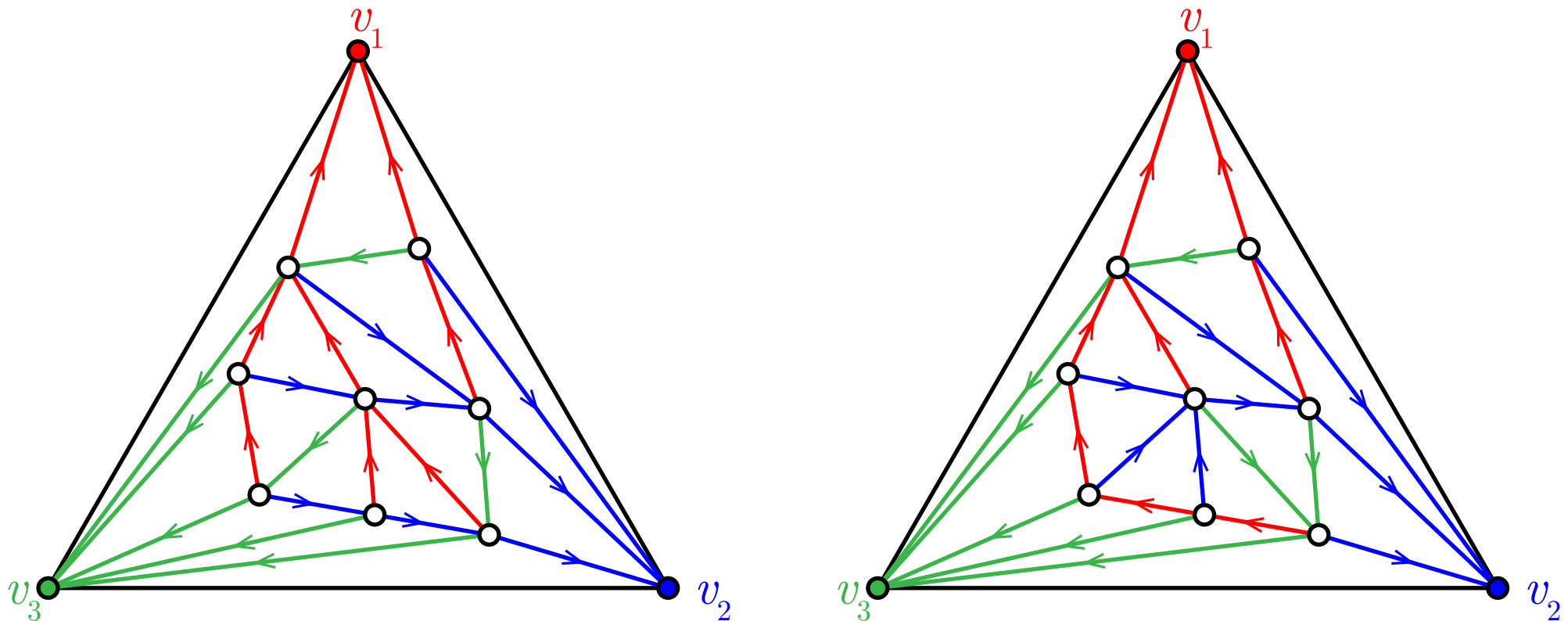
PROP. Reversing an oriented cycle in an α -orientation yields another α -orientation.



3-ORIENTATIONS IN TRIANGULATIONS

DEF. M = triangulated planar map with external vertices v_1, v_2, v_3 , and edges e_1, e_2, e_3
3-orientation = α -orientation of $M \setminus \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$,
where $\alpha(v) = 3$ except $\alpha(v_1) = \alpha(v_2) = \alpha(v_3) = 0$.

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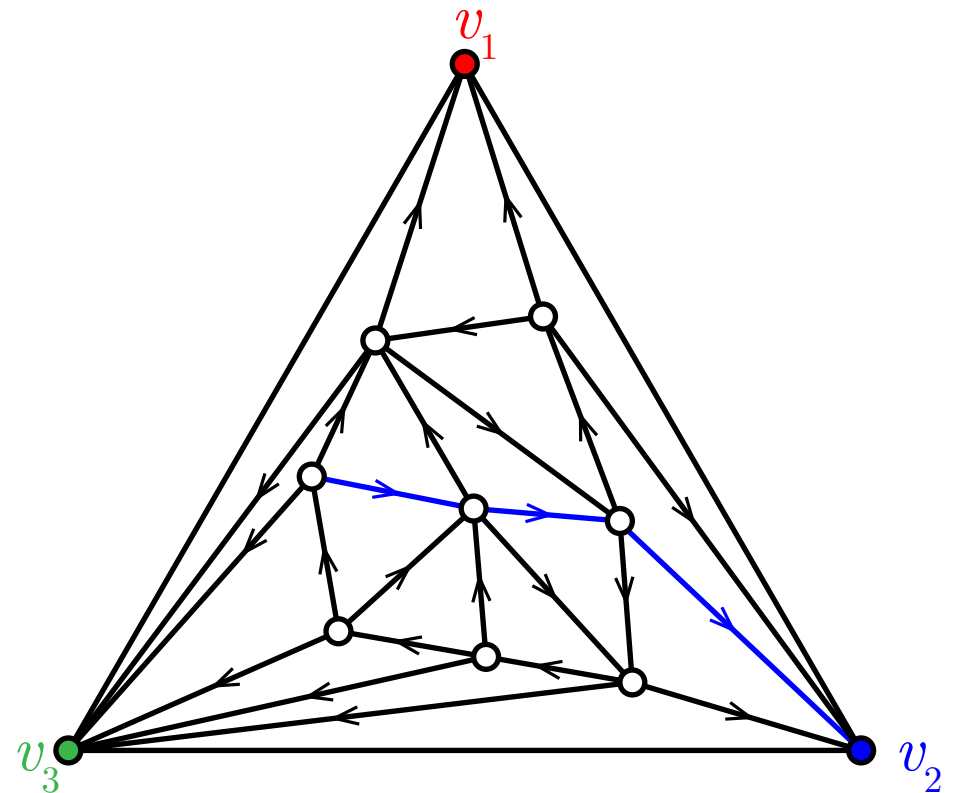
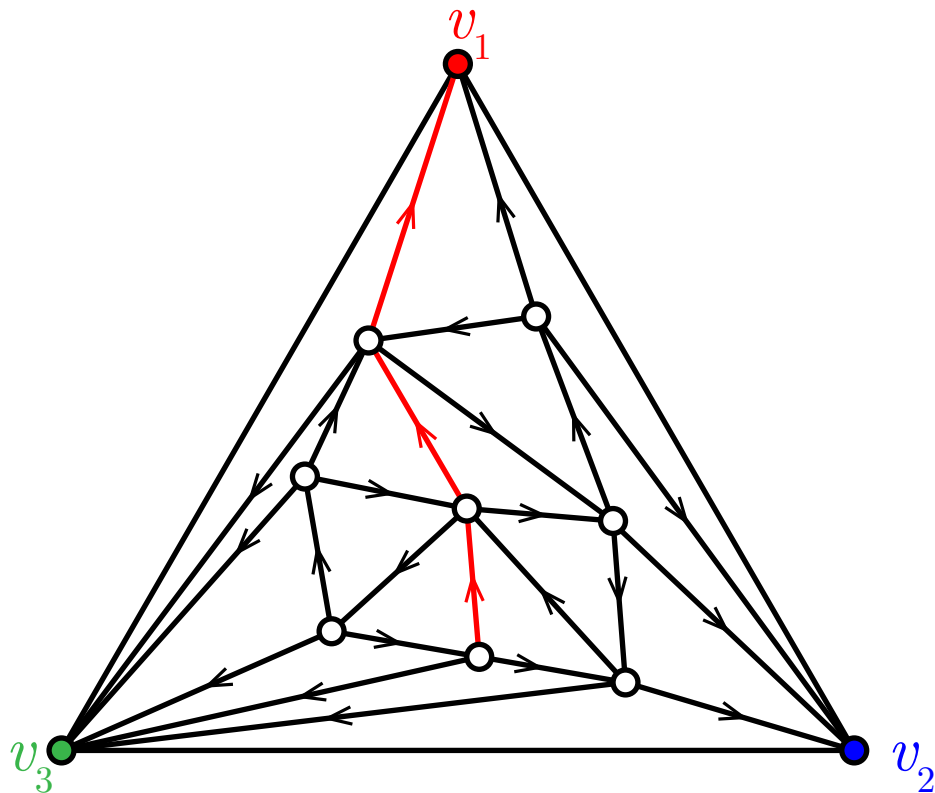


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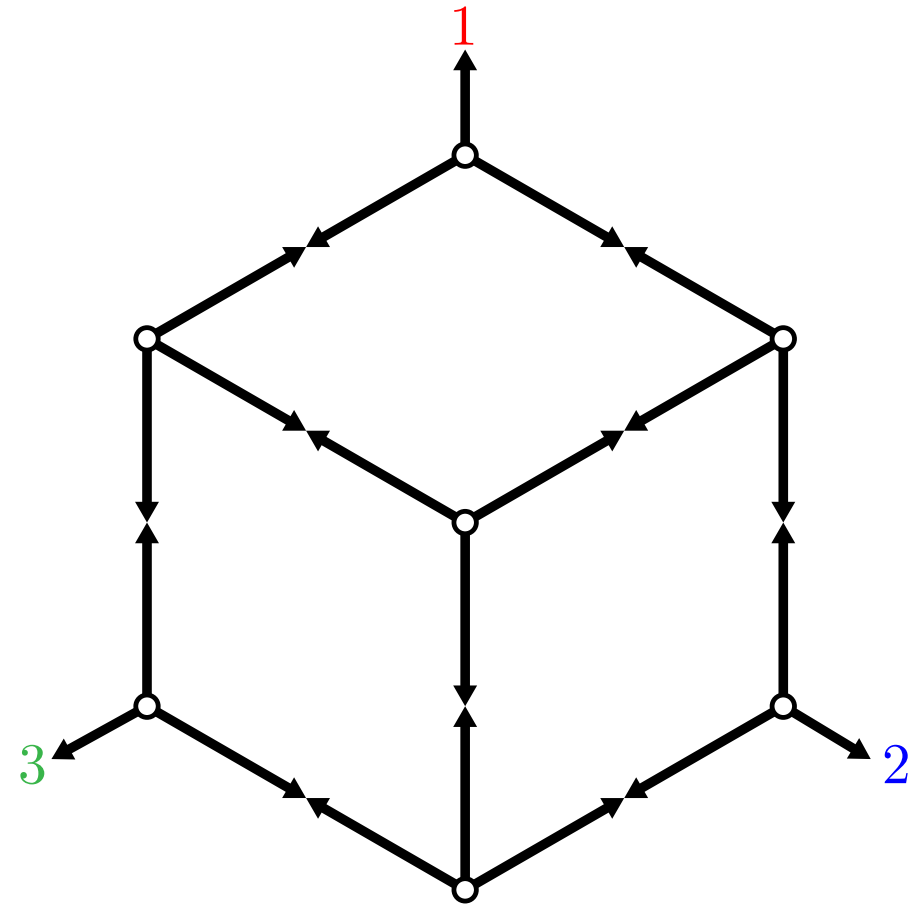
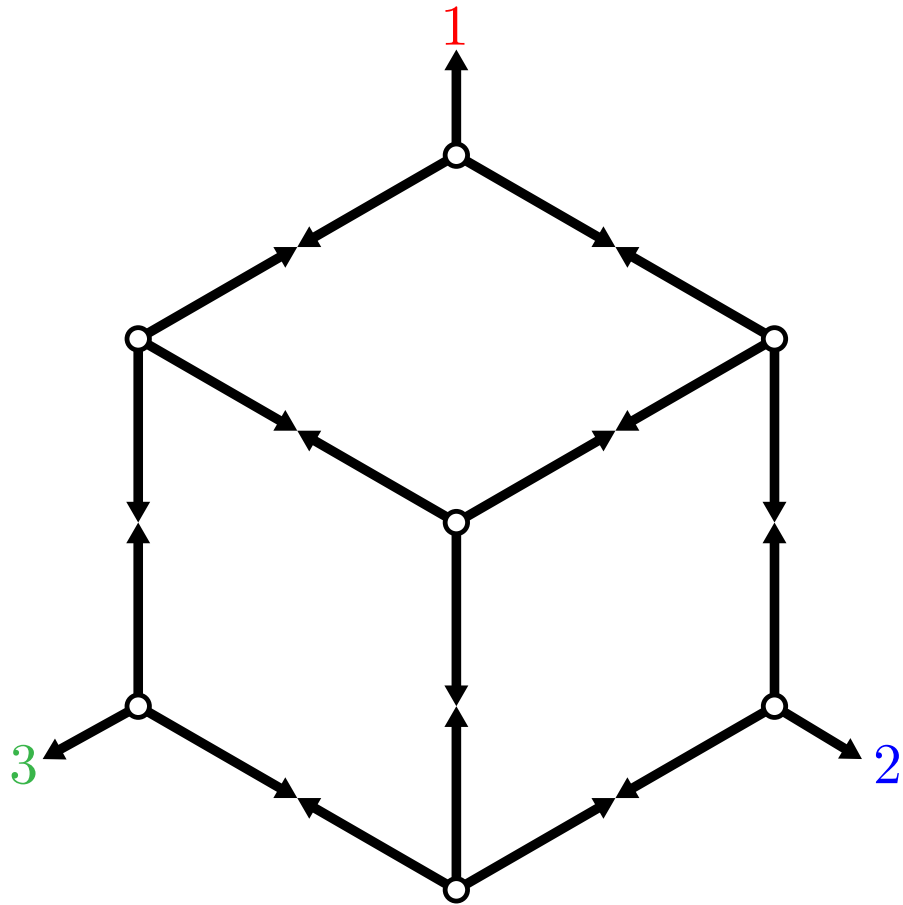
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- Conversely, consider the central paths in a 3-orientation and prove that they never self-intersect, nor intersect twice.

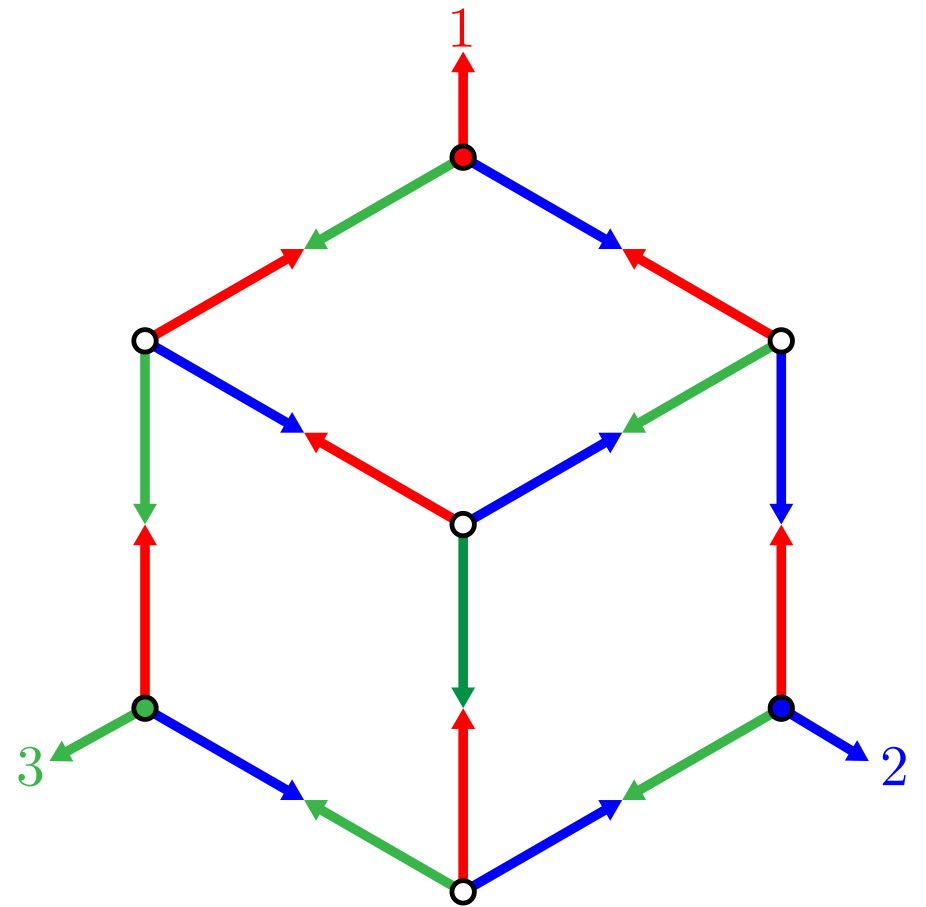
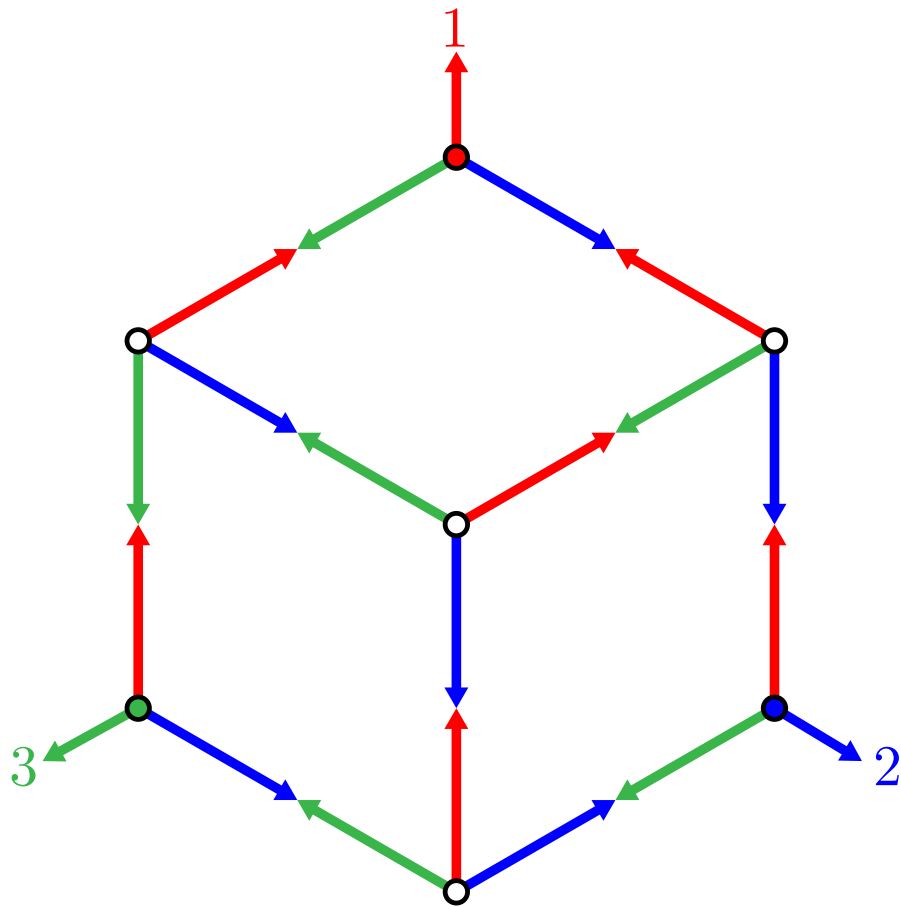


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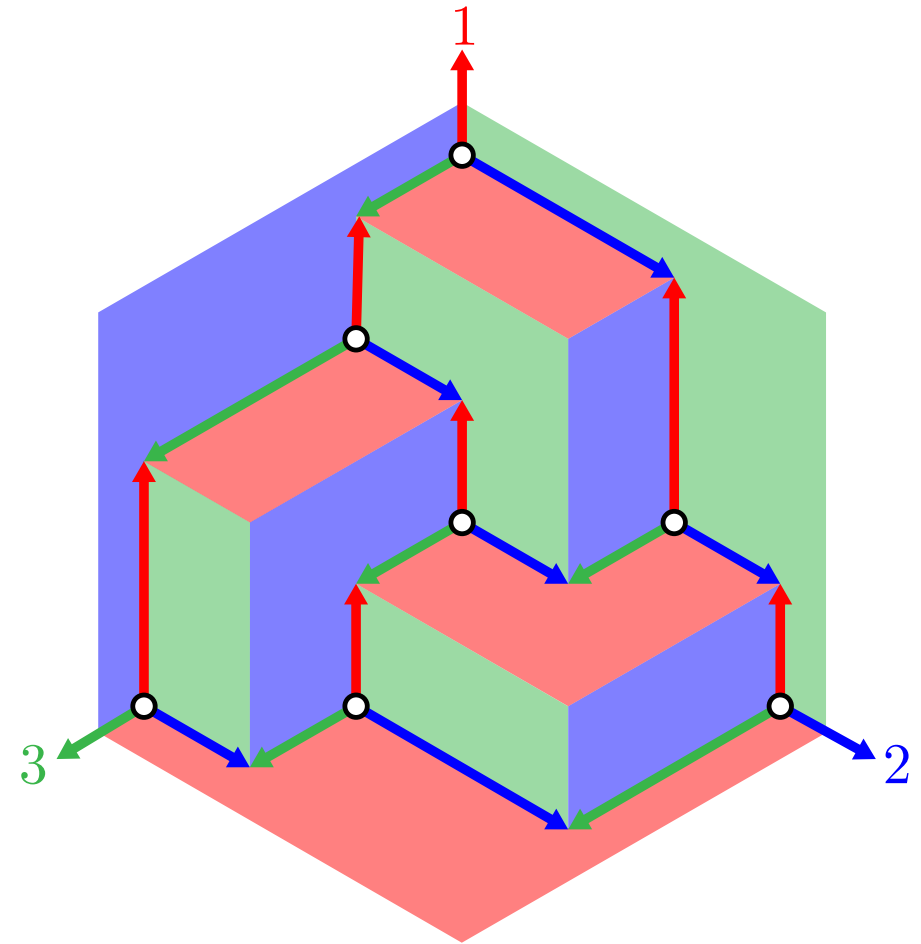
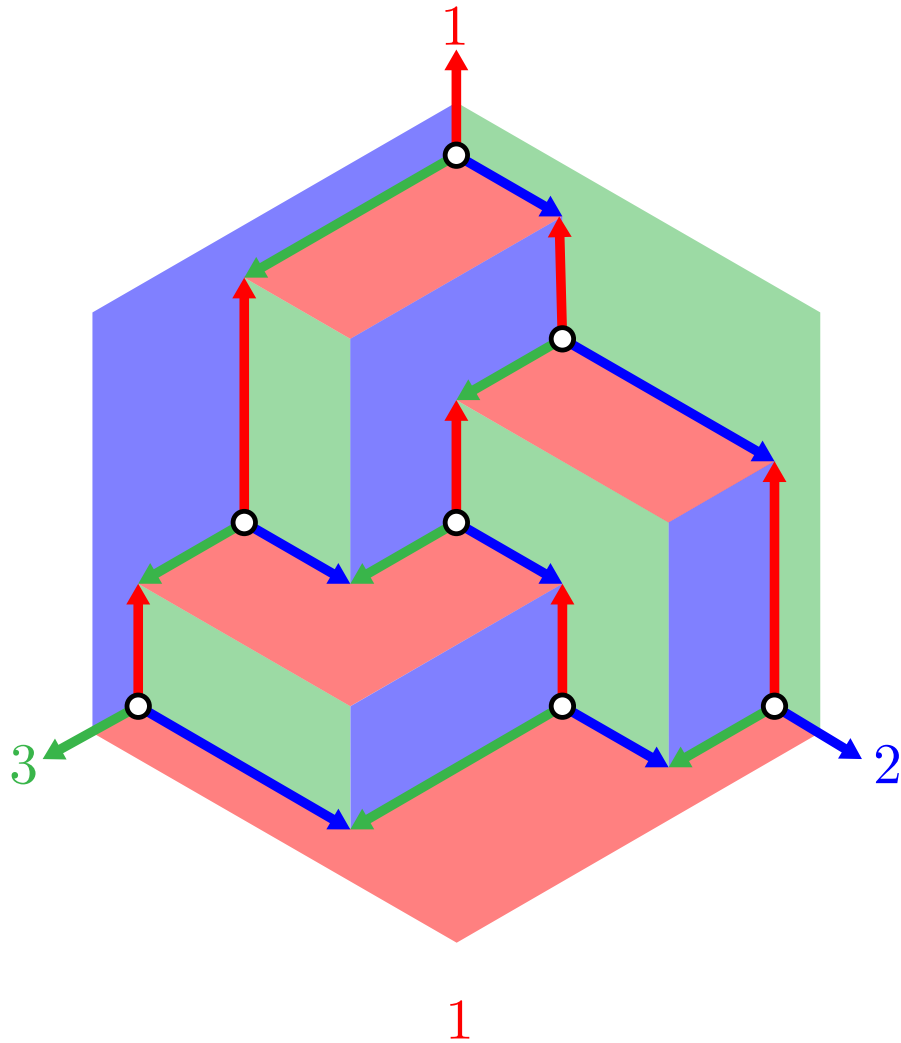
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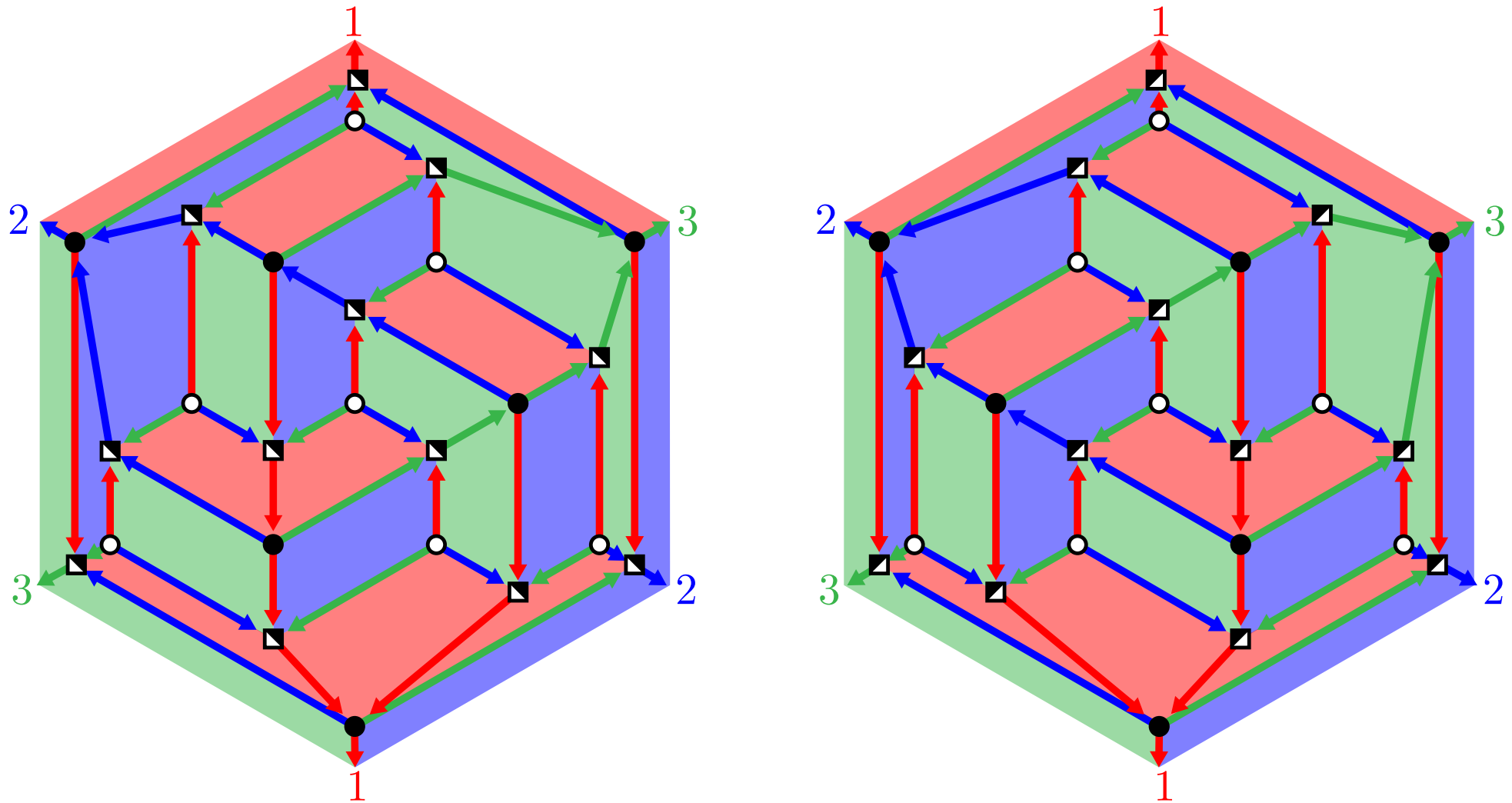
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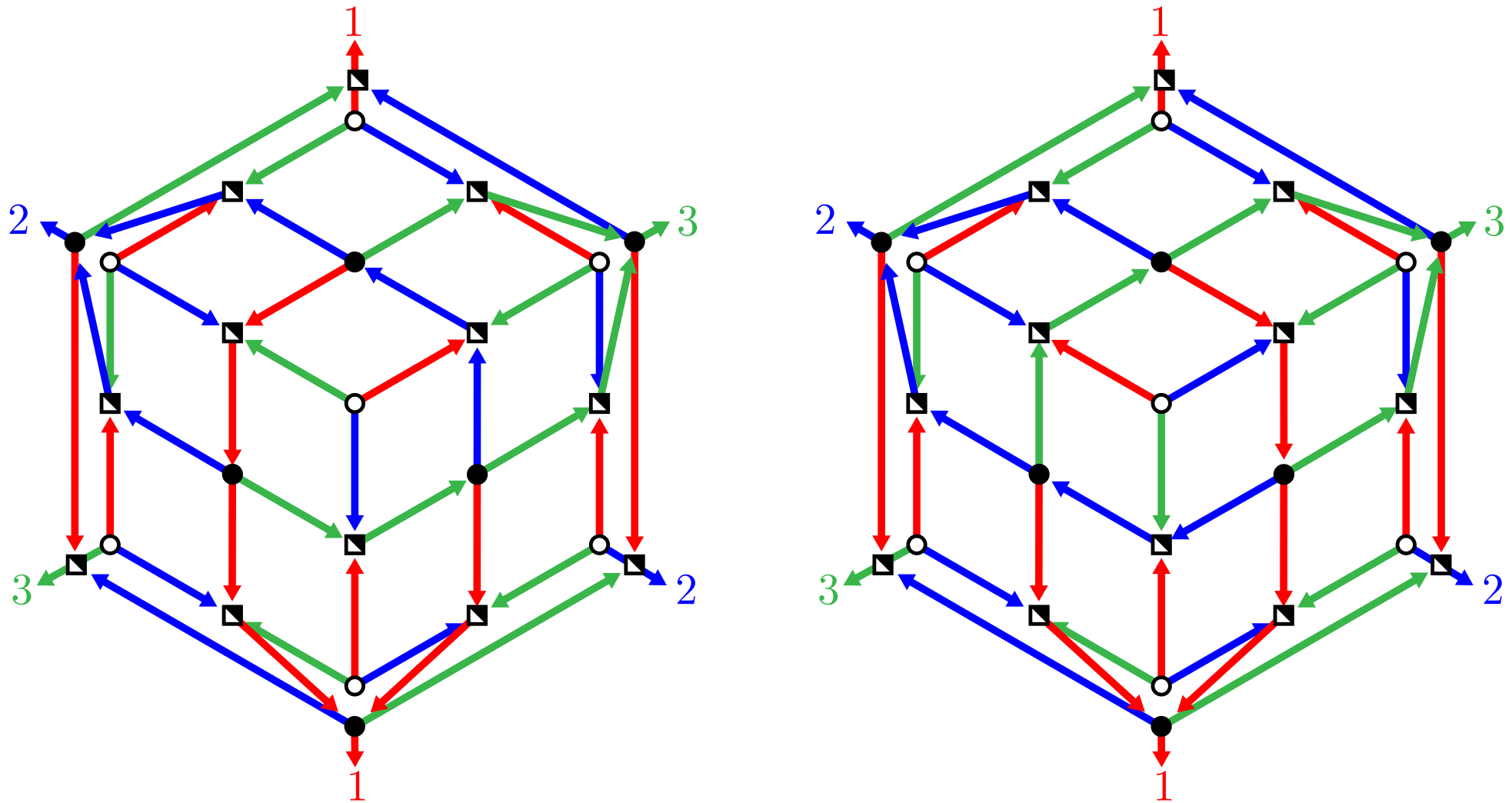
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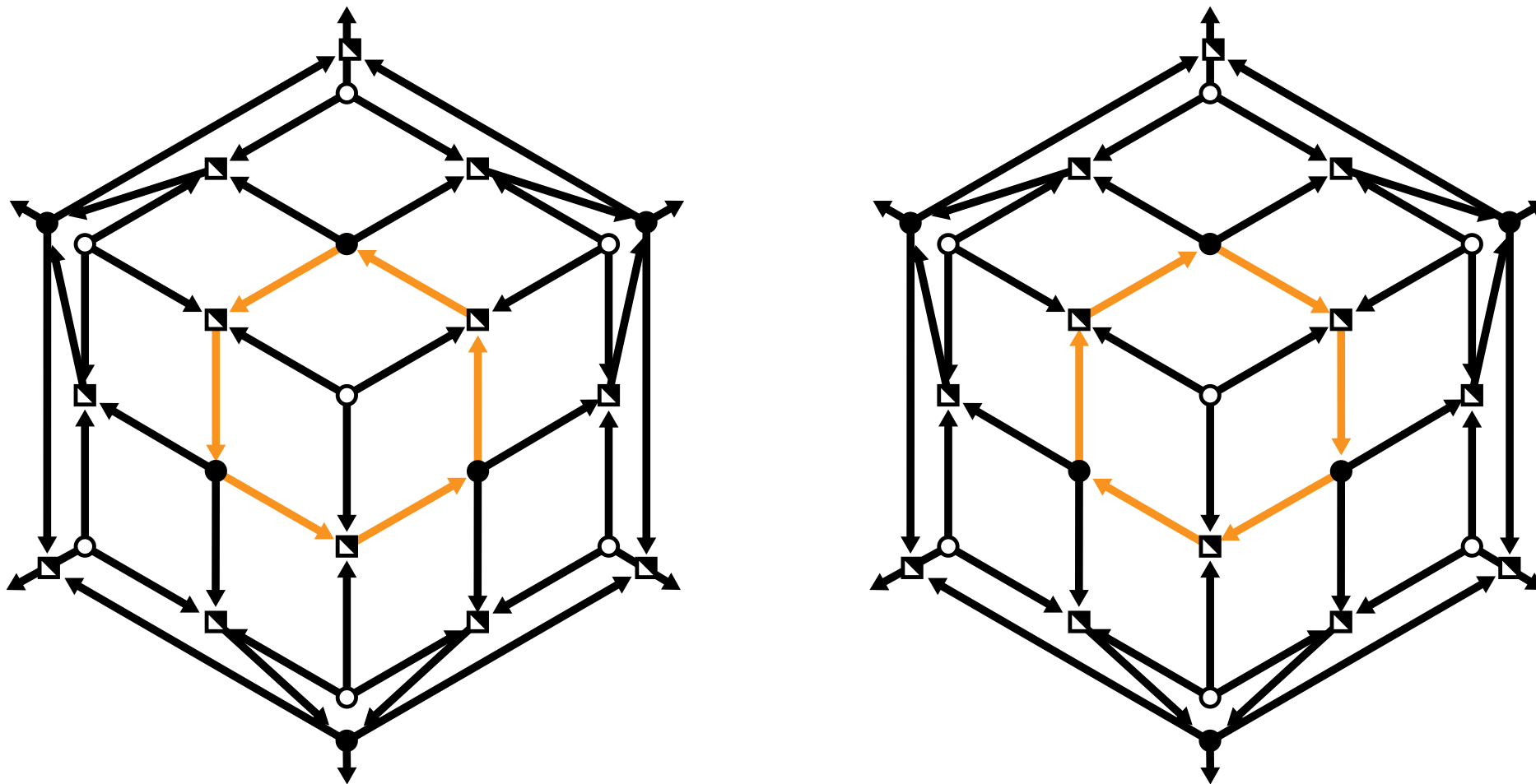
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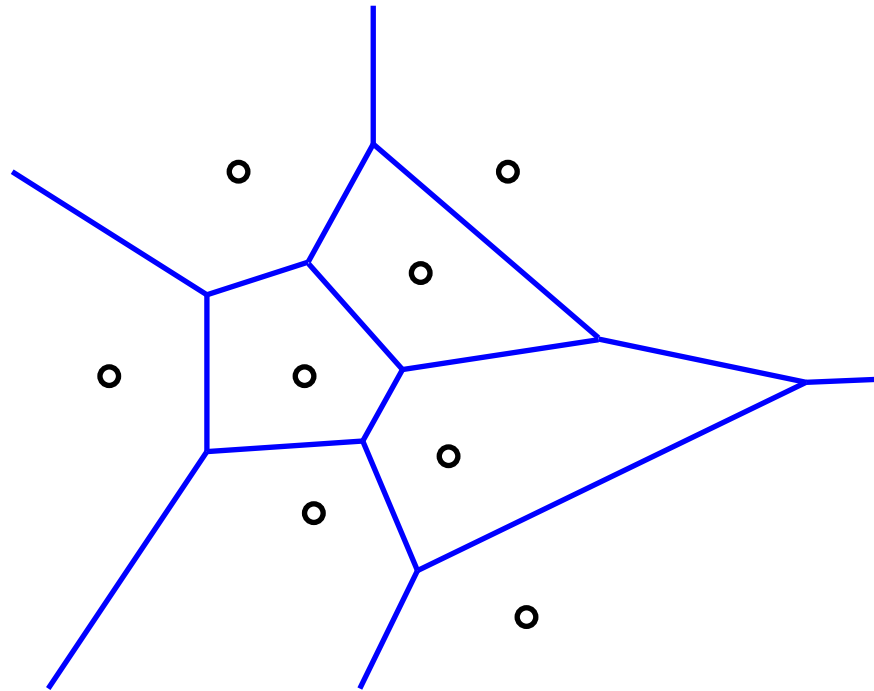
TD-DELAUNAY TRIANGULATIONS

VORONOI DIAGRAM

DEF. P = set of sites in \mathbb{R}^n .

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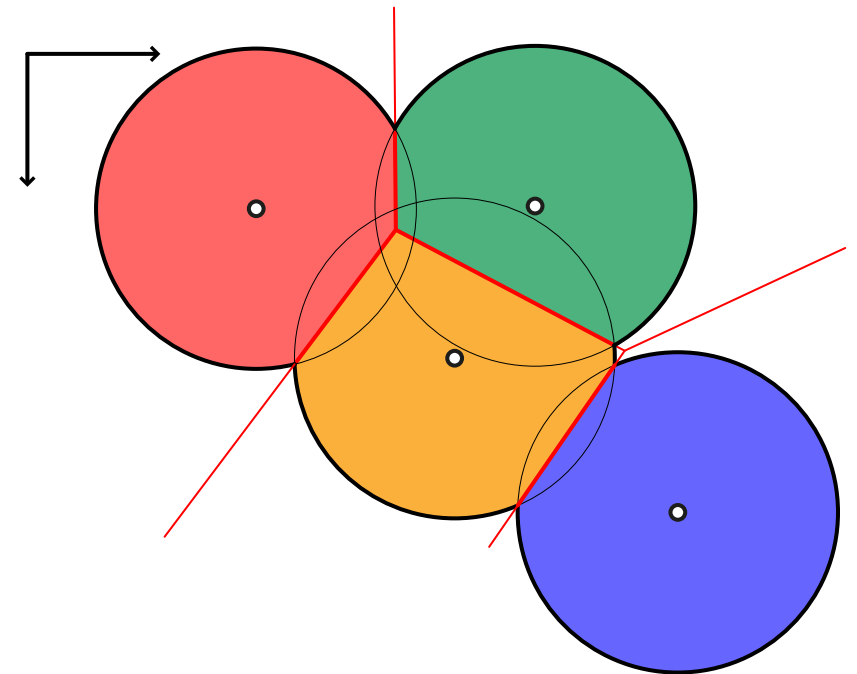
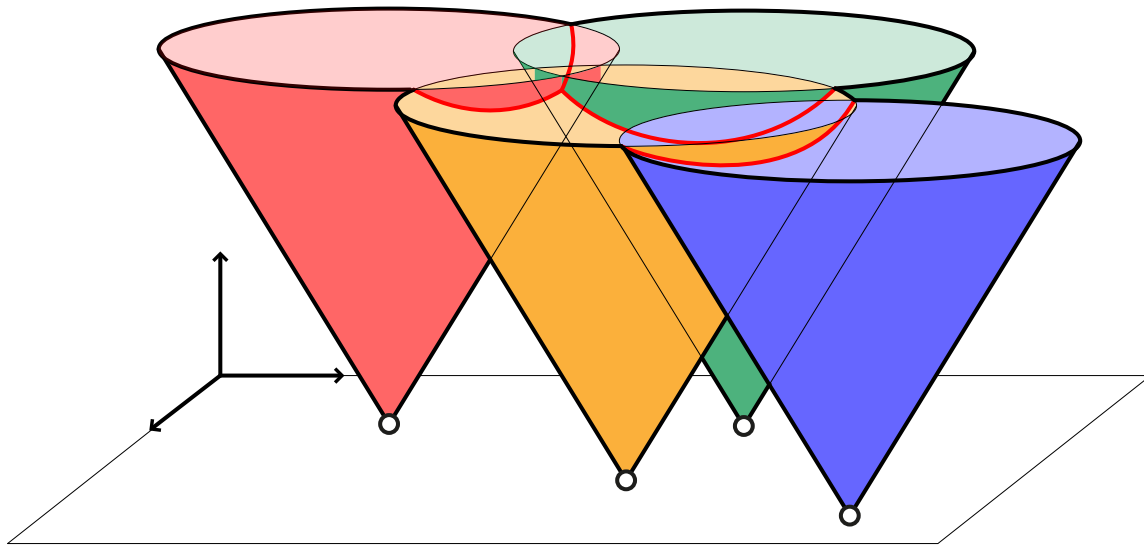


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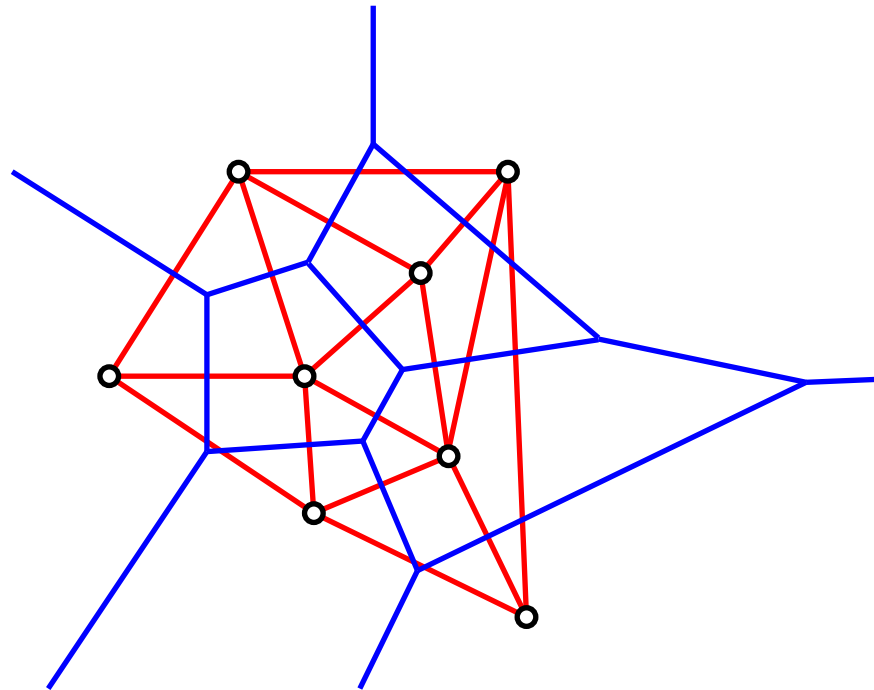


DELAUNAY COMPLEX

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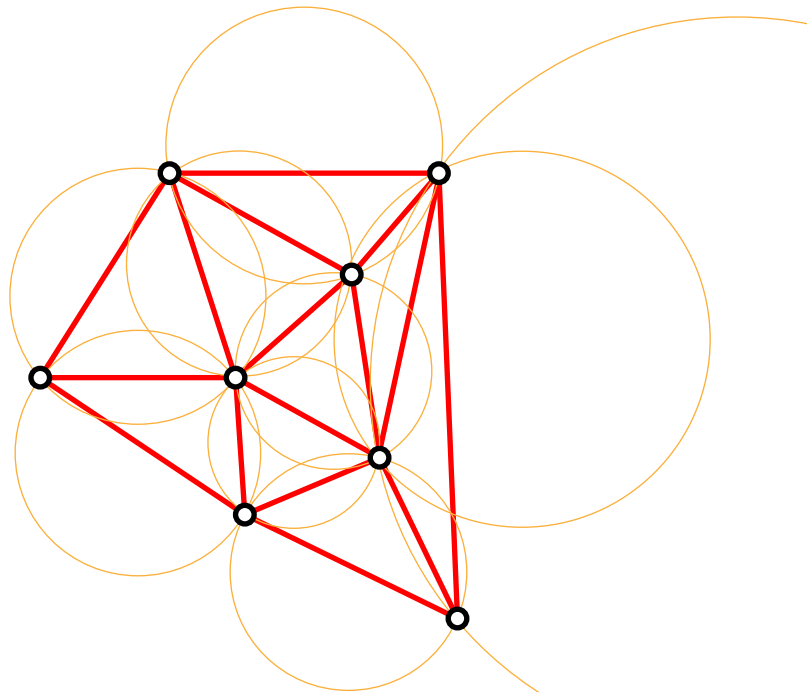
DEF. Delaunay complex $\text{Del}(\mathbf{P}) =$ intersection complex of $\text{Vor}(\mathbf{P})$

$$\text{Del}(\mathbf{P}) = \left\{ \text{conv}(\mathbf{X}) \mid \mathbf{X} \subseteq \mathbf{P} \text{ and } \bigcap_{p \in \mathbf{X}} \text{Vor}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}) \neq \emptyset \right\}.$$

EMPTY CIRCLES

PROP. For any three points p, q, r of P ,

- pq is an edge of $\text{Del}(P) \iff$ there is an empty circle passing through p and q ,
- pqr is a triangle of $\text{Del}(P) \iff$ the circumcircle of p, q, r is empty.

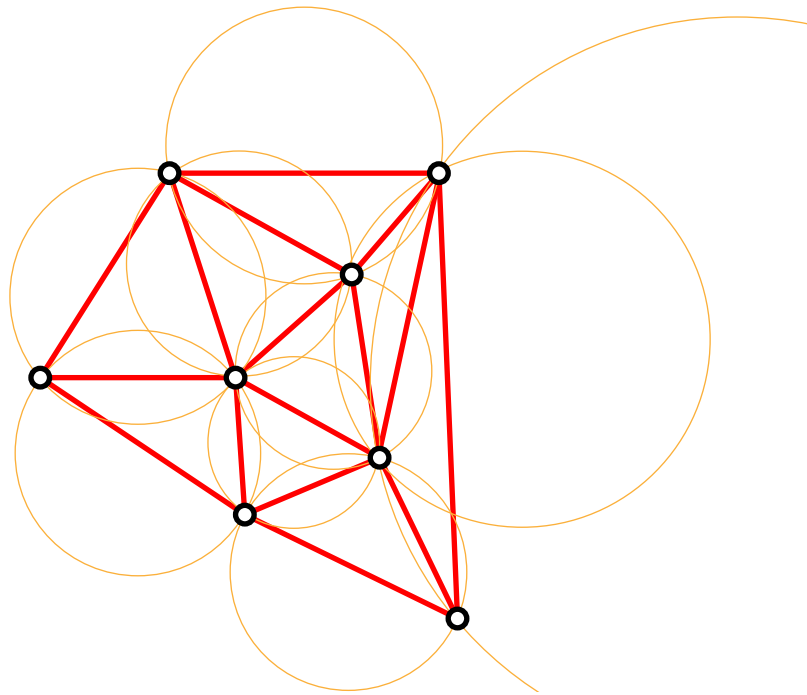


proof idea: consider the circle centered at the intersection of the Voronoi regions and passing through the Voronoi sites.

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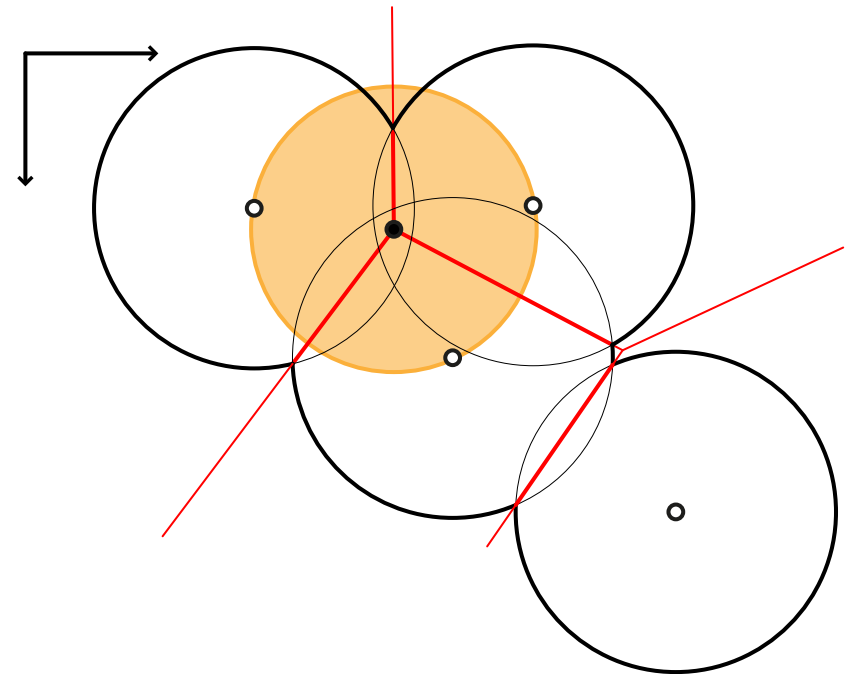
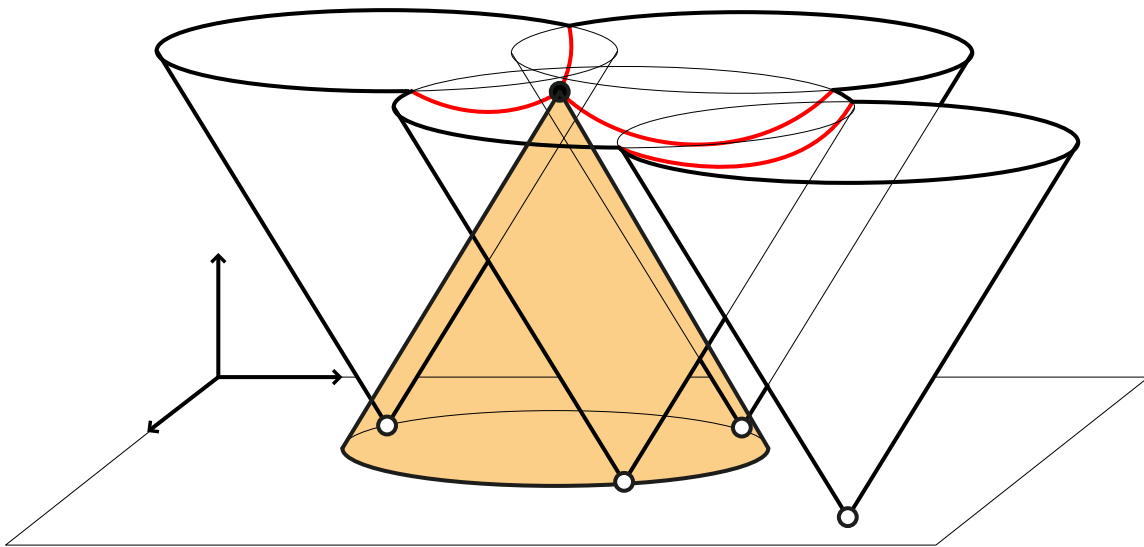


CORO. In two adjacent triangles of a Delaunay triangulation, the sum of the two opposite angles is at most π .

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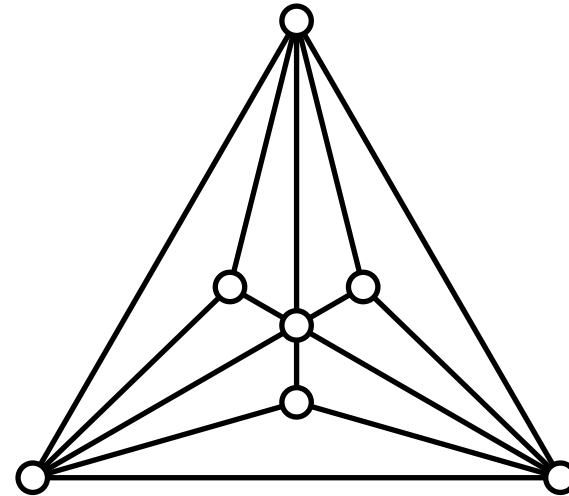
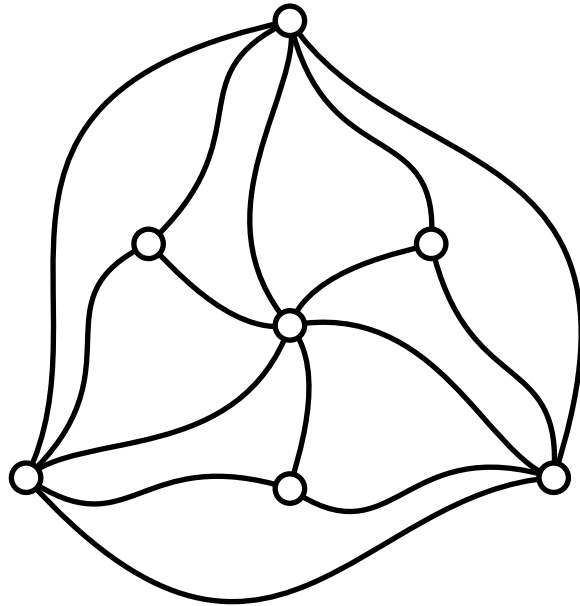
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EXM: STACKED TRIANGULATIONS

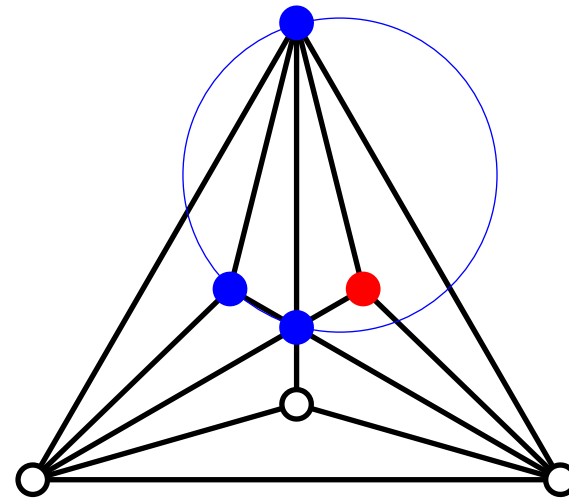
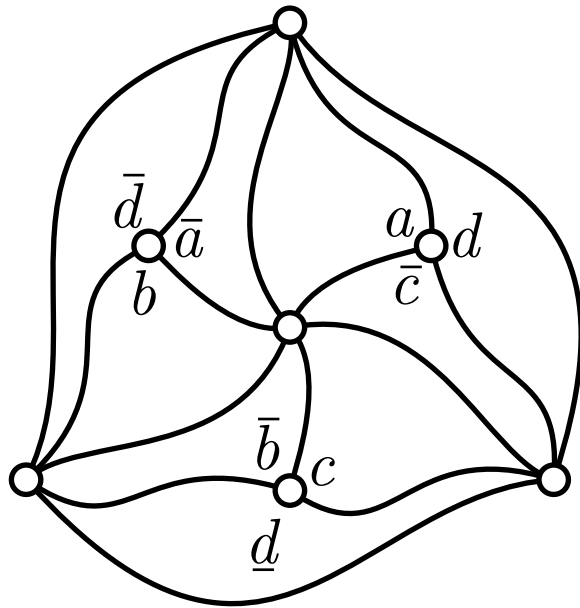
QU. Consider the stacked triangulation



Does this realization look Delaunay? Can you provide a Delaunay realization?

EXM: STACKED TRIANGULATIONS

REM. The stacked triangulation



has no Delaunay realization.

proof: In a Delaunay realization of this stacked triangulation, we would have

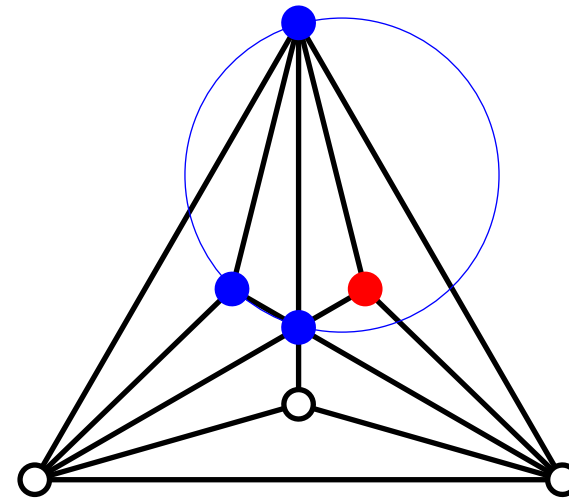
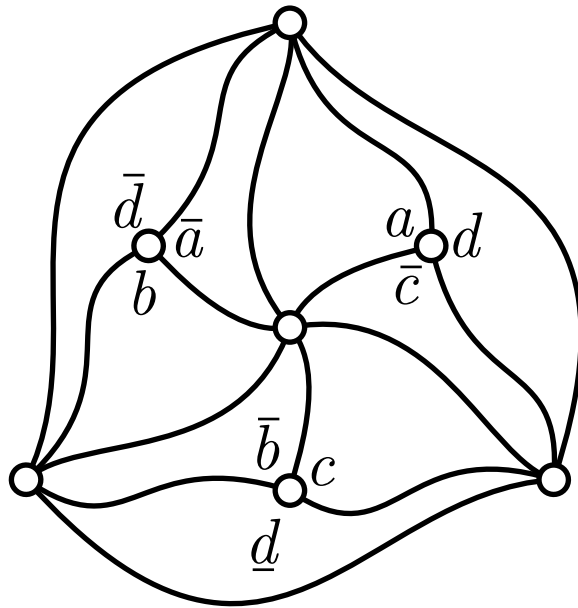
$$a + \bar{a} < \pi, \quad b + \bar{b} < \pi, \quad c + \bar{c} < \pi,$$

$$\text{and} \quad a + \bar{c} + d = \bar{a} + b + \bar{d} = \bar{b} + c + \underline{d} = 2\pi.$$

Thus $d + \bar{d} + \underline{d} > 3\pi$ and at least one of d , \bar{d} and \underline{d} is larger than π , a contradiction.

EXM: STACKED TRIANGULATIONS

REM. The stacked triangulation



has no Delaunay realization.

THM. A stacked triangulation admits a Delaunay realization if and only if its construction tree has no ternary node after deletion of all its leaves.

proof ideas:

- one direction follows from the example above,
- for the opposite direction, find an explicit construction (see Exercise 113 course notes).

QUASI-METRICS

DEF. quasi-metric on $Q =$ function $\delta : Q^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ st:

- separability: $\delta(p, q) = 0 \iff p = q,$
- triangular inequality: $\delta(p, q) + \delta(q, r) \geq \delta(p, r).$

DEF. $P \subseteq Q$ a set of sites of Q .

δ -Voronoi region $\text{Vor}_\delta(p, P) = \{r \in Q \mid \delta(p, r) \leq \delta(q, r) \text{ for all } q \in P\}.$

δ -Voronoi diagram $\text{Vor}_\delta(P) =$ partition of Q formed by $\text{Vor}_\delta(p, P)$ for $p \in P$.

DEF. δ -Delaunay complex $\text{Del}_\delta(P) =$ intersection complex of $\text{Vor}_\delta(P)$

$$\text{Del}_\delta(P) = \left\{ X \subseteq P \mid \bigcap_{p \in X} \text{Vor}_\delta(p, P) \neq \emptyset \right\} \subseteq 2^P.$$

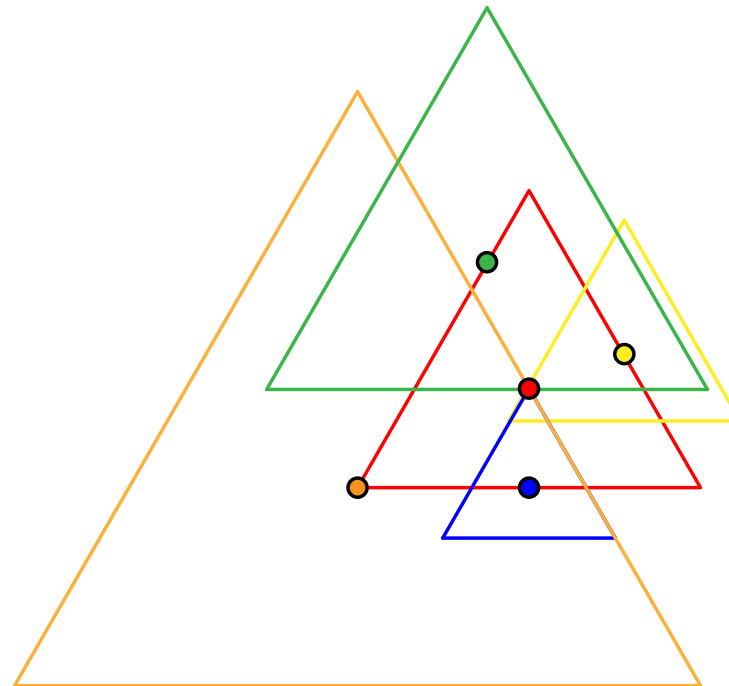
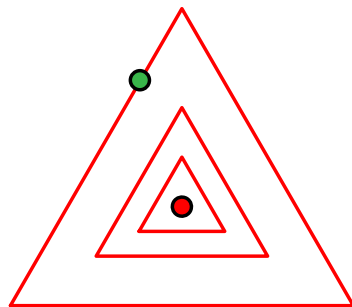
TRIANGULAR DISTANCE

Fix $c \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$, and consider the hyperplane $\mathbf{H} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = c \}$.
and its standard equilateral triangle $\Delta = \text{conv}(ce_1, ce_2, ce_3)$

DEF. triangular distance between $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{H} =$

$$\text{TD}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \min \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{y} + \lambda(\Delta - c\mathbf{1}/3) \}.$$

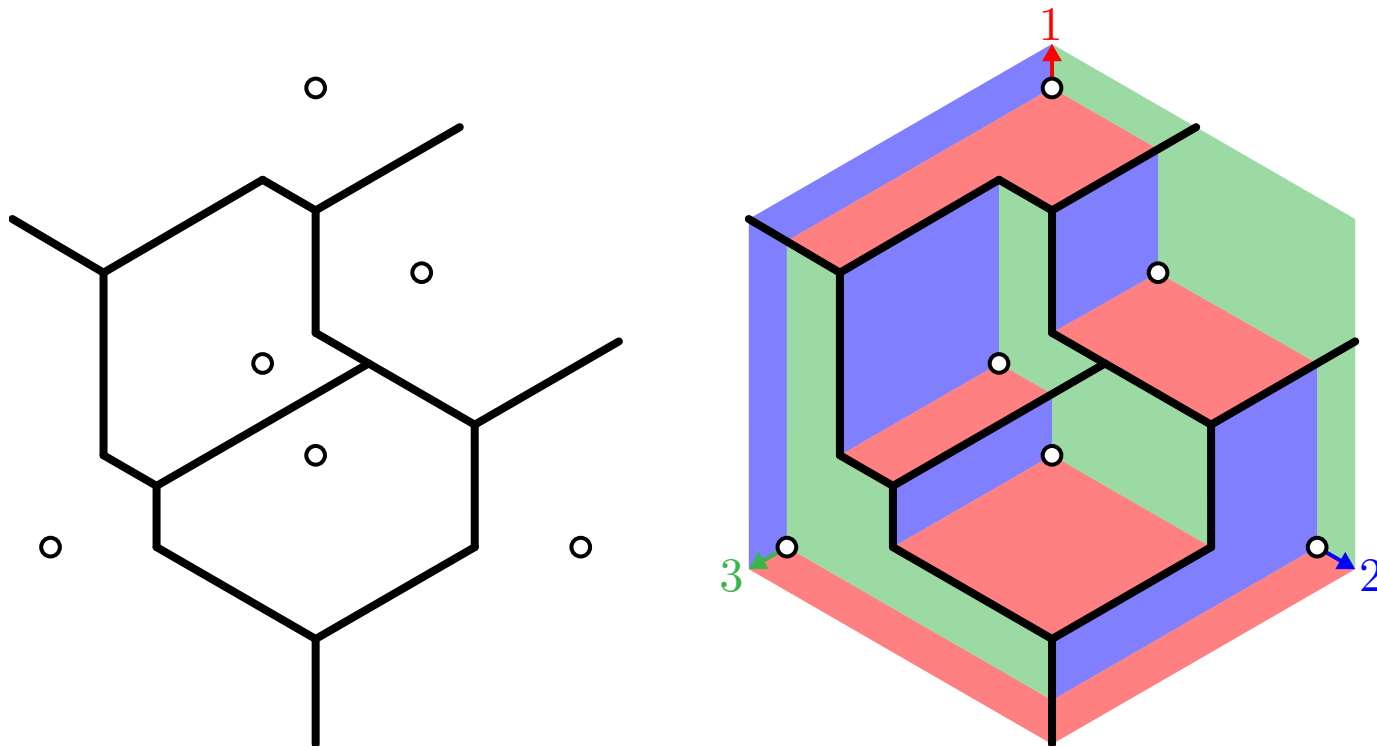
remark: intuitively, $\text{TD}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ is obtained by dilating a standard equilateral triangle Δ centered at \mathbf{y} until it reaches \mathbf{x} .



remark: TD is a quasi-distance, but is not symmetric.

GEODESIC EMBEDDINGS VS TD-DELAUNAY REALIZATIONS

PROP. Given a Schnyder wood W on a planar map M , the region vectors of the vertices of M with respect to W define a point-set whose TD-Delaunay triangulation is isomorphic to M .



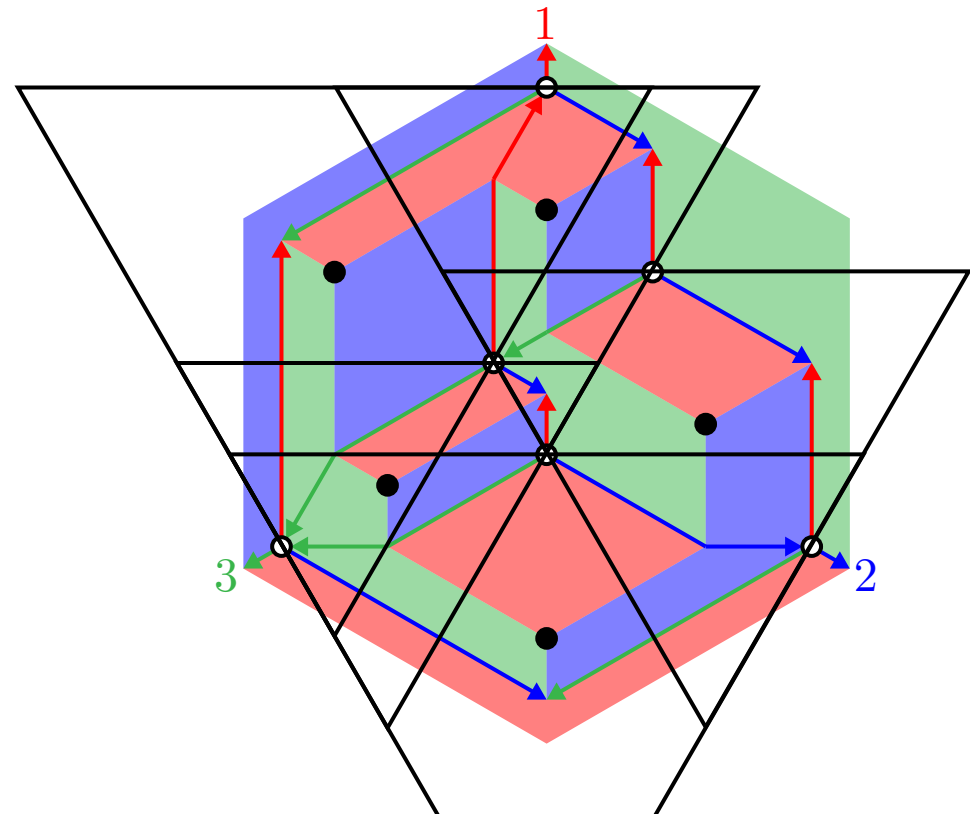
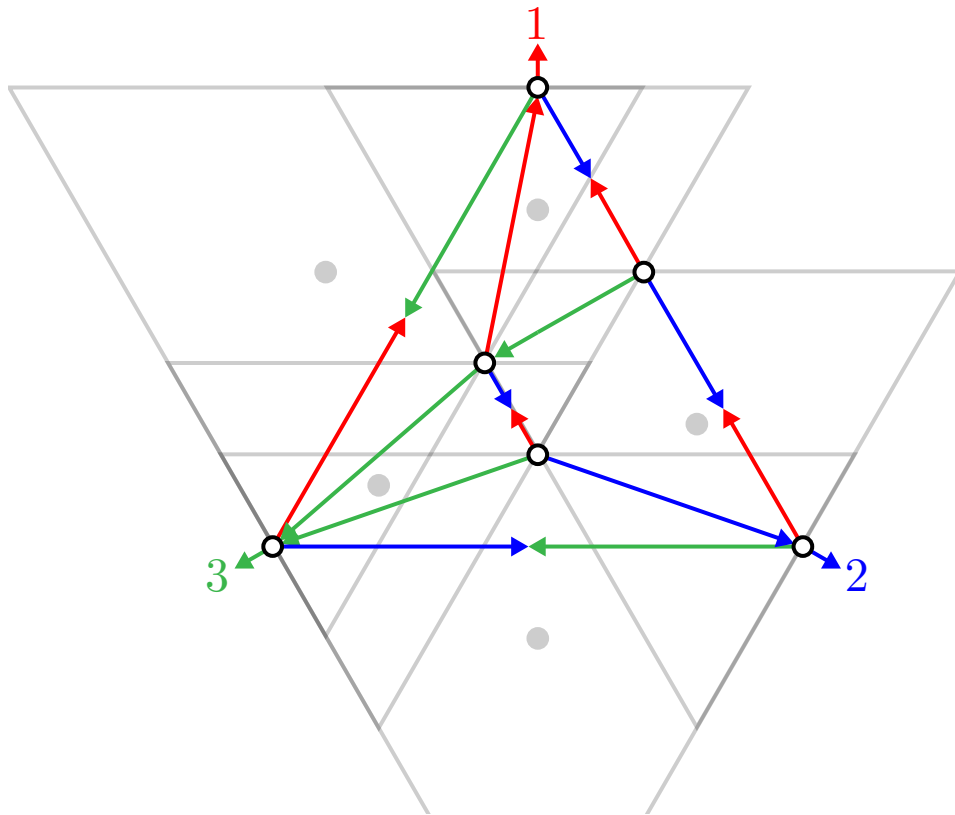
CORO. Any 3-connected planar graph admits a TD-Delaunay realization.

EMPTY REVERSED EQUILATERAL TRIANGLES

anti-standard equilateral triangle $\nabla = -\triangle$

PROP. For any points p, q of P and any $Q \subseteq P$,

- pq is an edge of $\text{Del}_{\text{TD}}(P) \iff$ there is an empty ∇ passing through p and q ,
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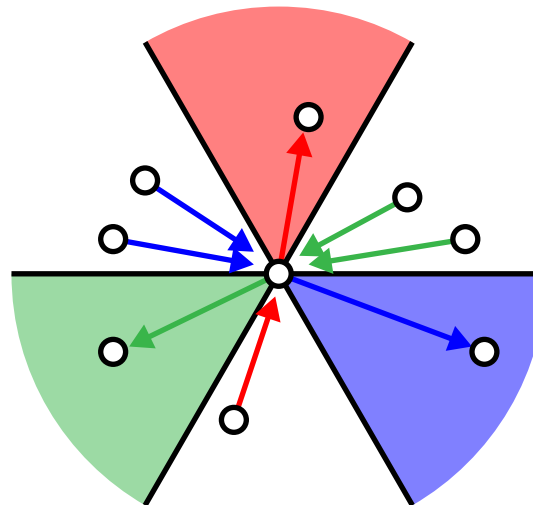
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PROP. In a TD-triangulation, the edges around a vertex look geometrically like



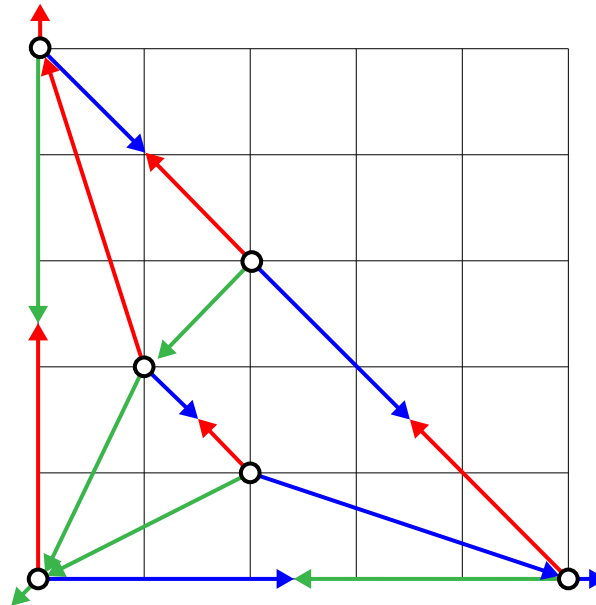
In particular, the paths $P_1(v)$, $B_1(v)$ and $G_1(v)$ stay in the red, blue and green angles.

EXISTENCE OF SCHNYDER WOODS

EXISTENCE

THM. Any 3-connected planar map admits a Schnyder wood.

CORO. Any 3-connected planar map with f faces admits a straight line embedding with vertices located on a $(f - 1) \times (f - 1)$ grid.



remark: Original proofs of Schnyder (for triangulations) and Felsner (for maps) based on edge contractions (difficult since contractions do not preserve 3-connectedness).

Here, proof for triangulations based on canonical orderings (a similar proof for arbitrary 3-connected planar maps is possible but more difficult).

CANONICAL ORDERING

M = triangulated planar map (except the external face)

DEF. canonical ordering of M = order on the vertices v_1, \dots, v_n such that for all $k \geq 3$, the submap M_k of M induced by $\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ satisfies:

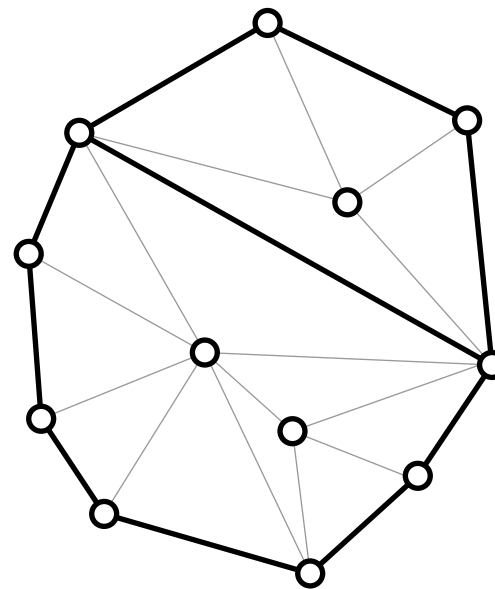
- M_k is connected and its boundary is a simple cycle,
- M_k is triangulated,
- v_{k+1} is in the outer face of M_k .

PROP. Any triangulated map admits a canonical ordering.

proof idea: start from M and delete a vertex on the outer face incident to only two other vertices of the outer face.

Such a vertex exists since:

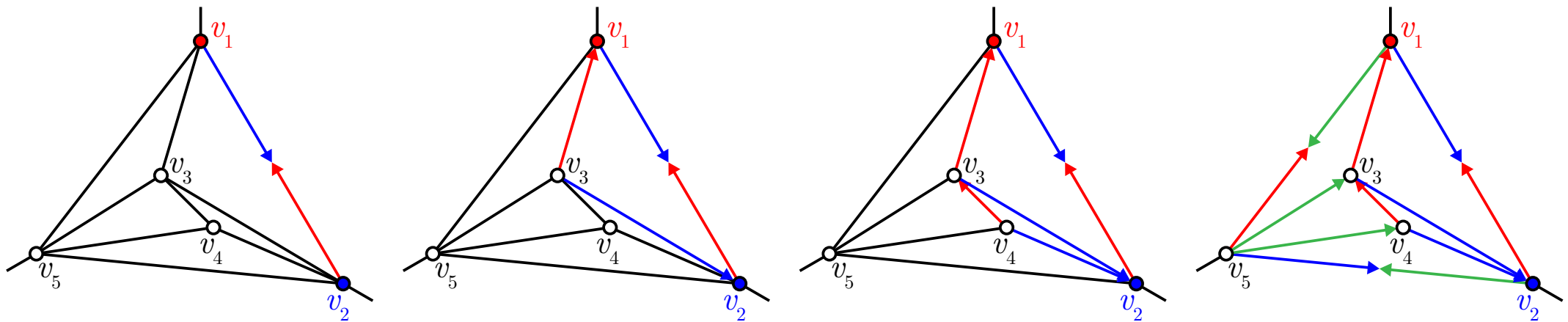
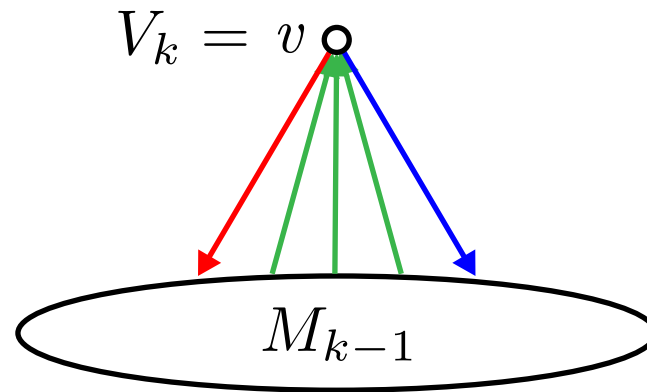
- either all vertices are valid,
- or there is a minimal length chord, separating at least a valid vertex.



EXISTENCE FROM A CANONICAL ORDERING

PROP. Any triangulated map admits a canonical ordering.

PROP. A canonical ordering defines a Schnyder woods, using the local rule



THREE APPLICATIONS OF SCHNYDER WOODS

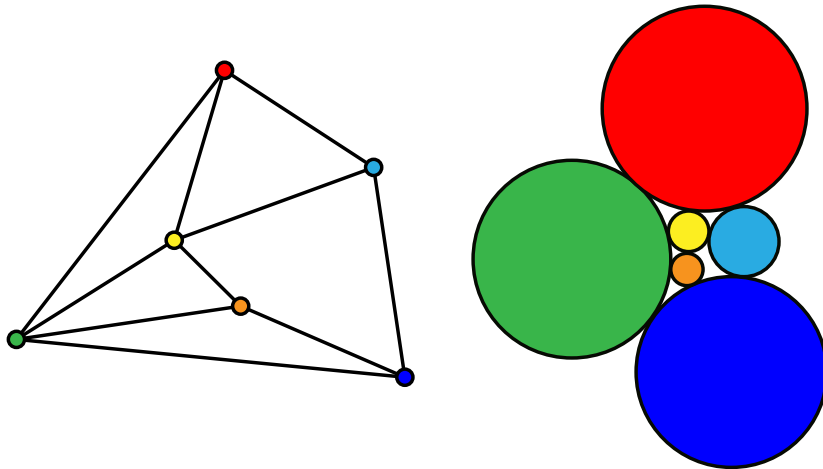
CONTACT REPRESENTATIONS

DEF. \mathcal{X} = set of compact bodies whose interiors are pairwise disjoint.

contact graph of \mathcal{X} = graph with

- vertices = bodies of \mathcal{X}
- edges = contacts between the bodies of \mathcal{X} .

contact representation of G = set \mathcal{X} whose contact graph is isomorphic to G .

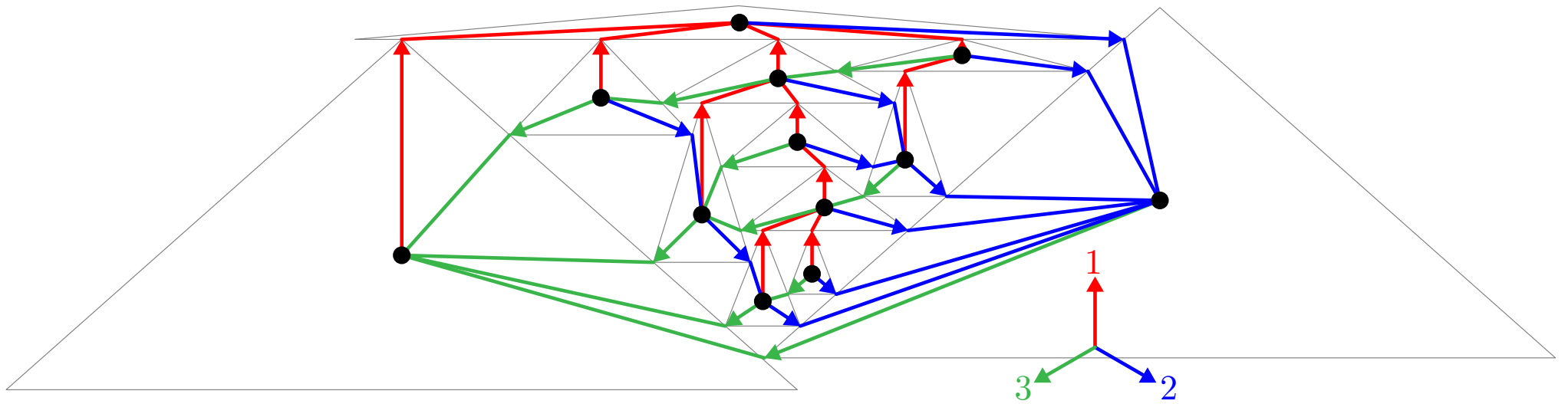
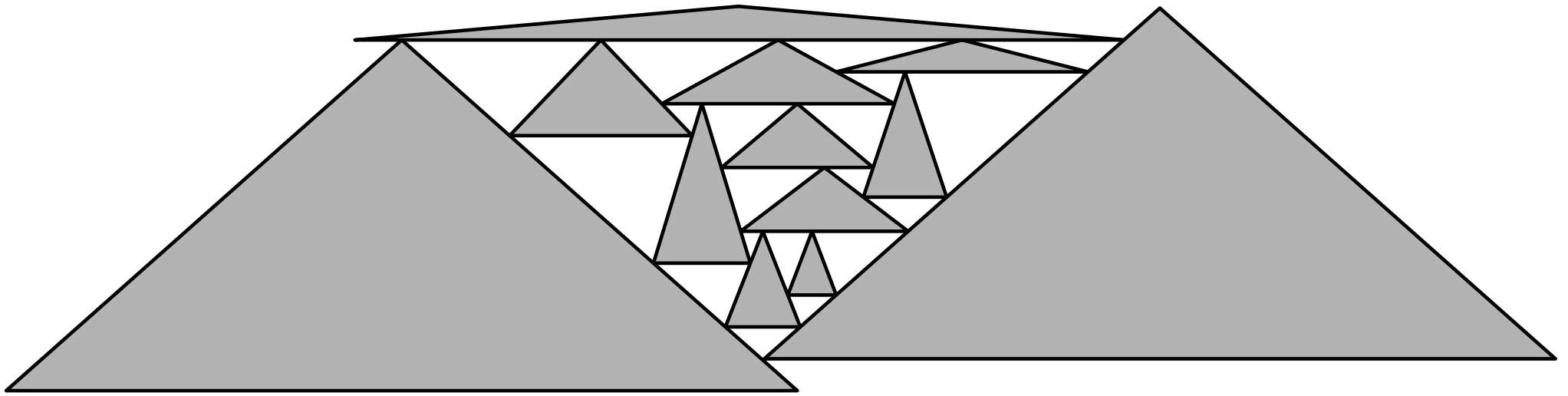


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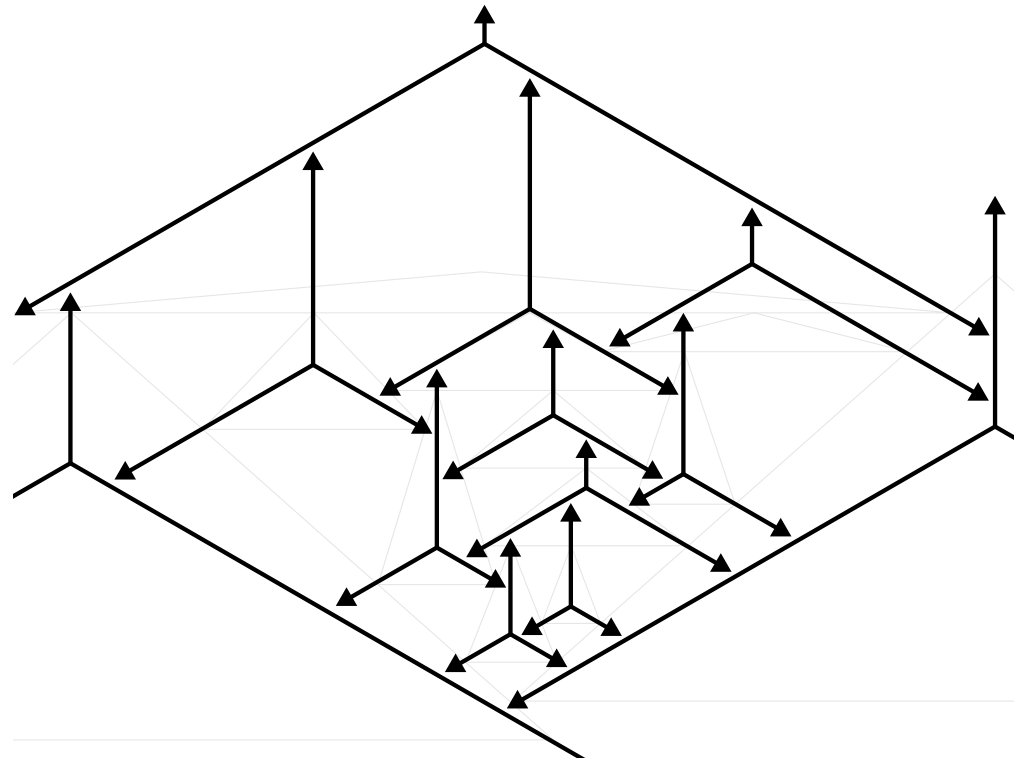
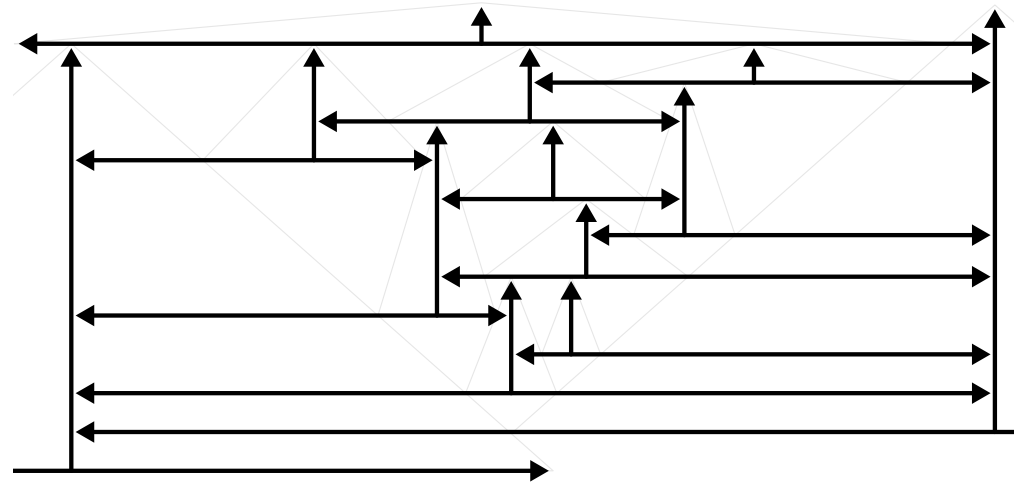
THM. (Circle packing) Any planar simple graph has a circle contact representation.

remark: in fact, the Koebe–Andreev–Thurston theorem says that this circle contact representation is unique up to Möbius transformations and reflections in lines.

TRIANGLE-CONTACT REPRESENTATIONS

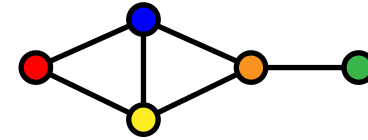
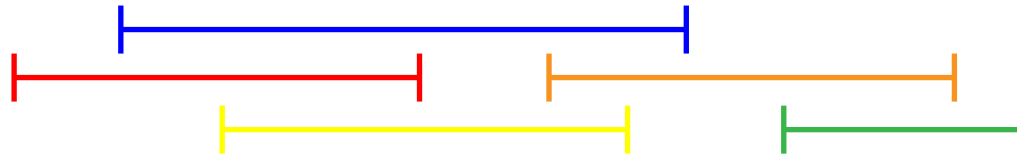


TRIANGLE-CONTACT REPRESENTATIONS



INTERVAL GRAPHS

DEF. interval graph = intersection graph of intervals.

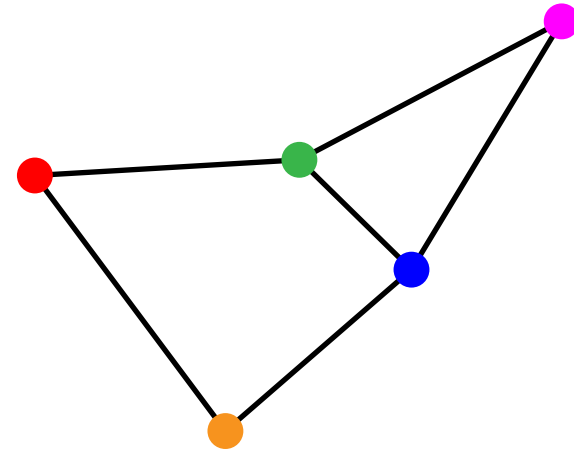
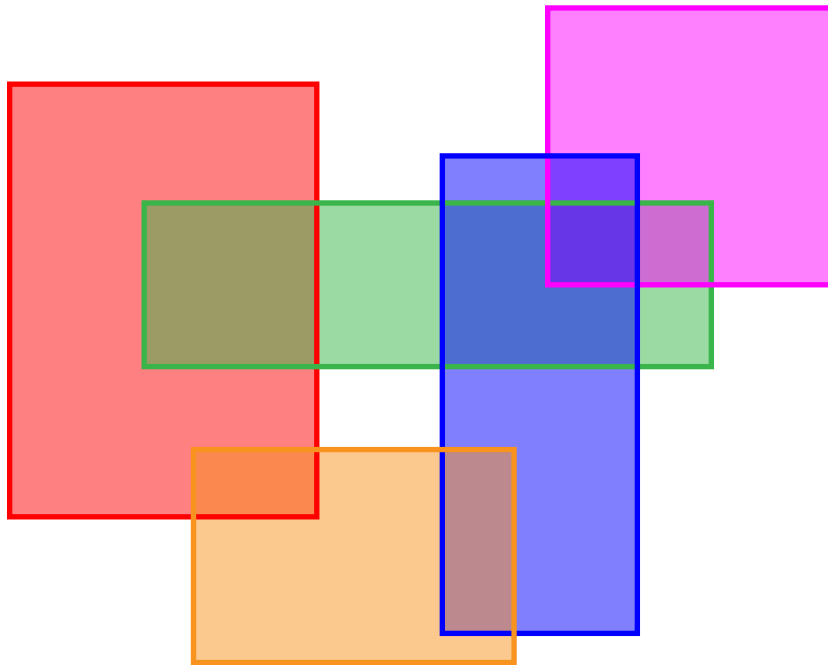


PROP. A graph $G = (V, E)$ is an interval graph if and only if

- all induced cycles are triangles,
- there is a partial order on V whose comparability graph is the complement of G .

BOXICITY

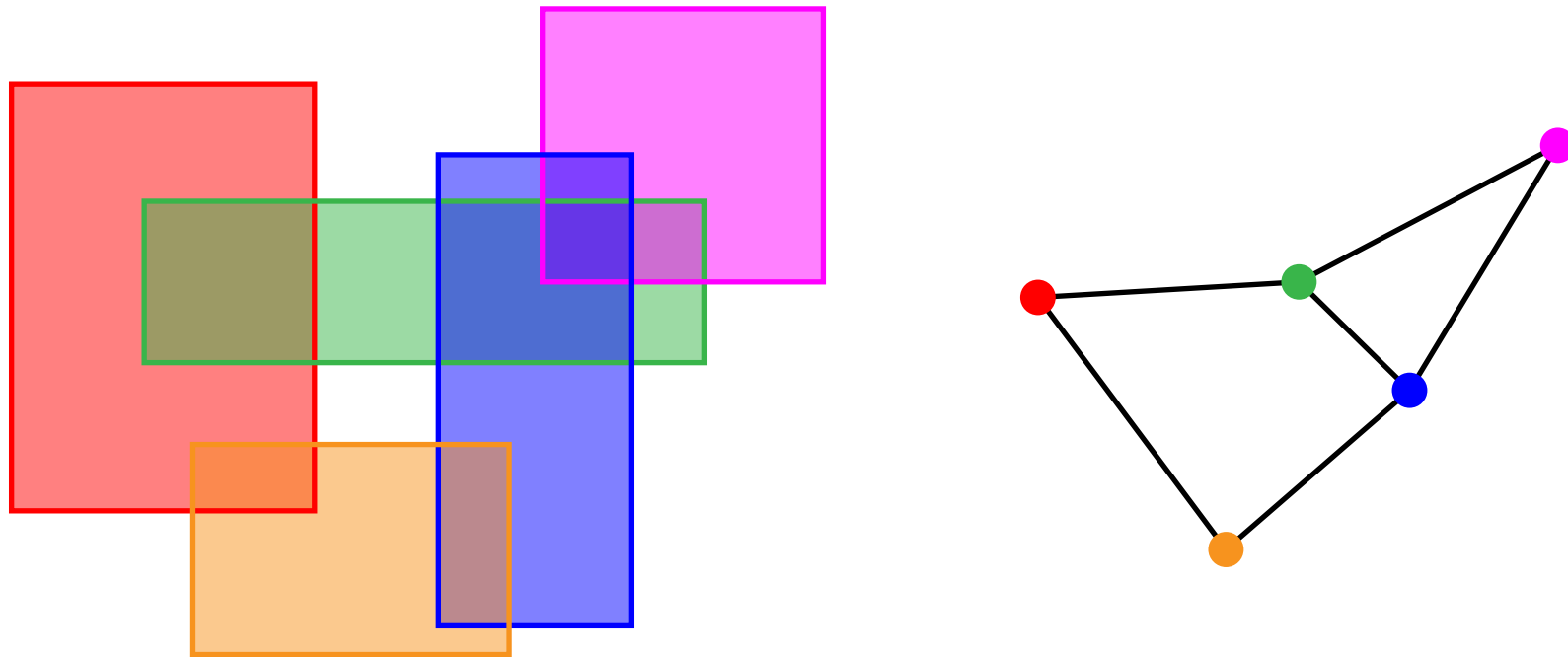
DEF. boxicity of G = smallest d such that there exists axis-parallel boxes in \mathbb{R}^d whose intersection graph is isomorphic to G .



- QU. What is the boxicity of
- a complete graph?
 - a cycle of length at least 4?

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PROP. The boxicity of $G = (V, E)$ is the smallest d such that there exists d interval graphs $G_1 = (V, E_1), \dots, G_d = (V, E_d)$ such that $E = E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_d$.

PROP. The boxicity of $G = (V, E)$ is at most $|V|/2$.

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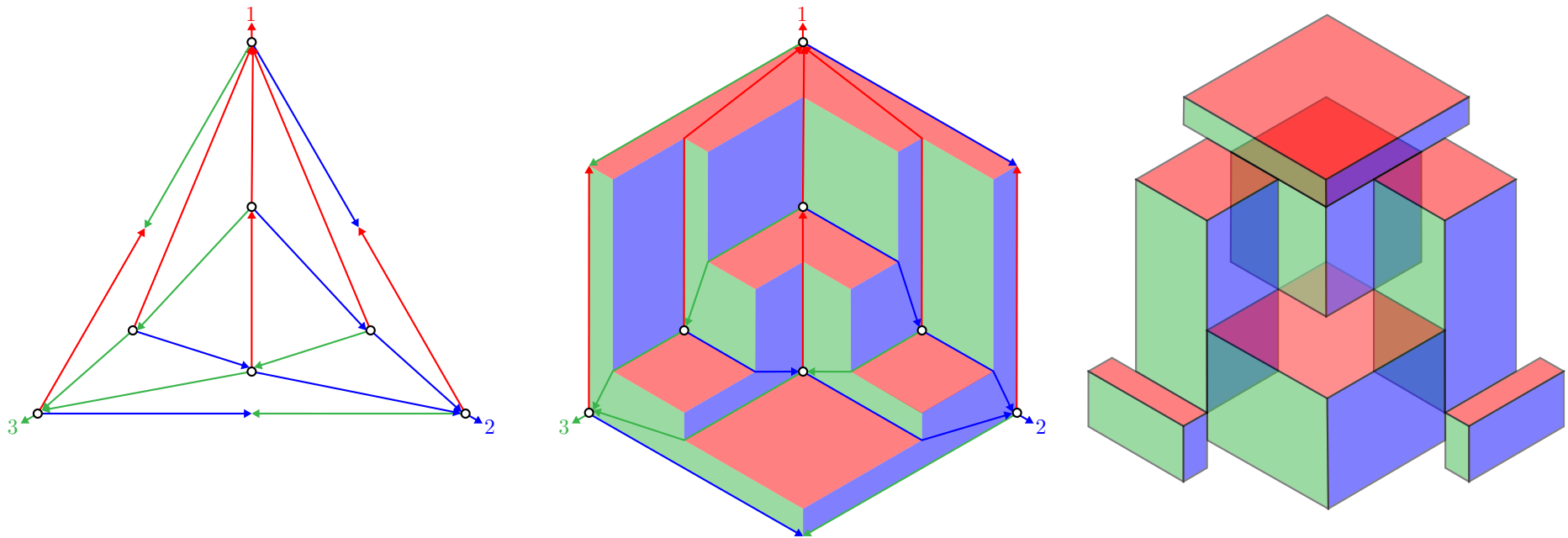
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THM. Any planar graph has boxicity 3.

remark: initially proved by Thomassen with a different method.

proof idea:

- enough to consider triangulations,
- use Schnyder woods and geodesic embeddings.



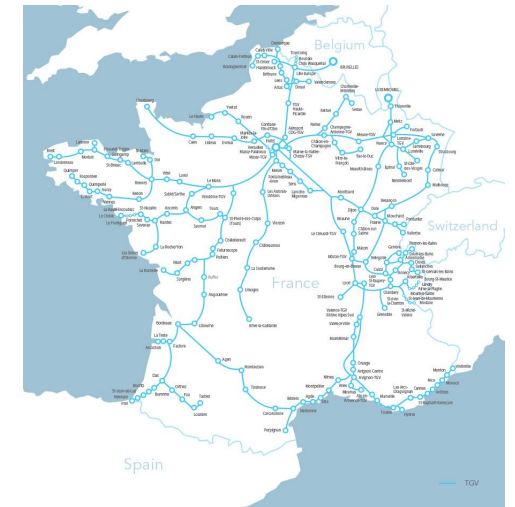
GEOMETRIC SPANNERS

$G = (V, E)$ graph weighted by $\omega : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

weight of a path $e_1, \dots, e_k = \sum_{i \in [k]} \omega(e_i)$.

$d_G(u, v)$ = minimum weight of a path between u and v in G .

exm: $G = (V, E)$ geometric graph and $\omega(u, v) = \|u - v\|$.



DEF. t -spanner of $G =$ subgraph H of G such that $d_H(u, v) \leq t \cdot d_G(u, v)$ for all $u, v \in V$.

stretch factor of $H =$ smallest factor t such that H is a t -spanner of G .

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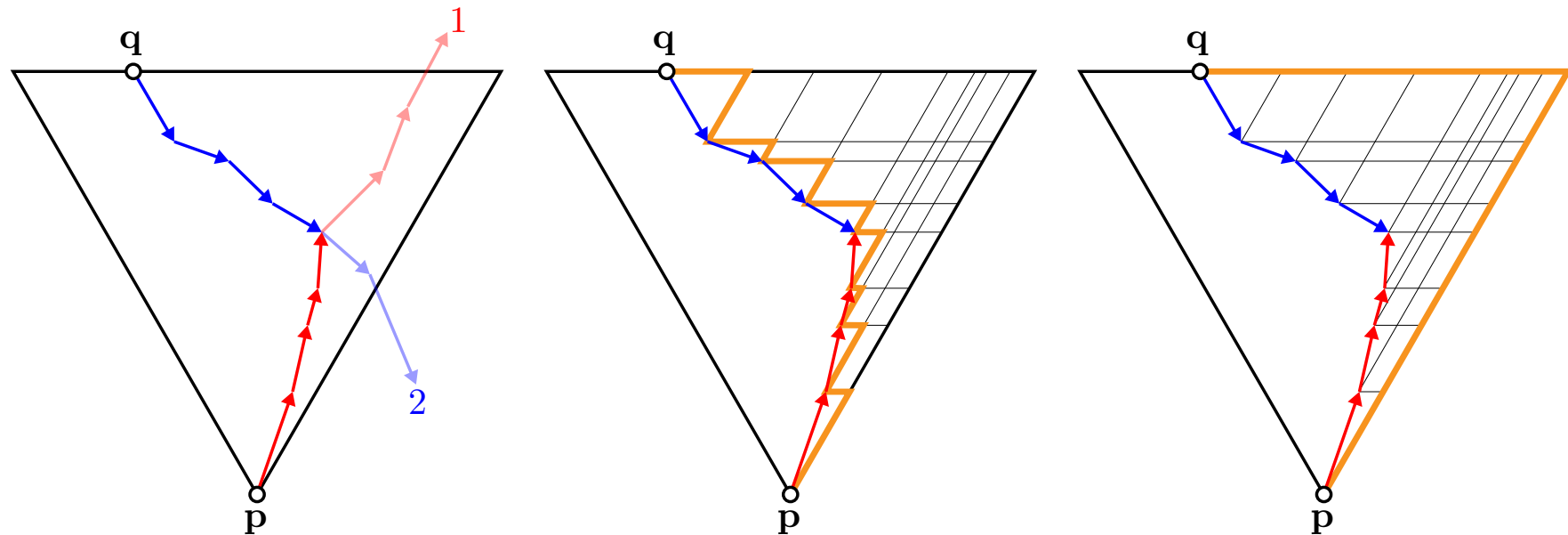
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proof idea: for the TD-triangulation



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DEF. For $i \in [3]$ and $p \in P$, denote by

- $\text{parent}_i(p) =$ target of the unique outgoing edge of $\text{Del}_{\text{TD}}(P)$ colored by i .
- $\text{children}_i(p) =$ all points $q \in P$ such that $p = \text{parent}_i(q)$.
- $\text{closest}_i(p) =$ point of $\text{children}_i(p)$ closest to p for the triangular distance.
- $\text{first}_i(p)$ and $\text{last}_i(p) =$ first and last points of $\text{children}_i(p)$ clockwise around p .

THM. (Bonichon, Gavoille, Hanusse, and Perkovic)

The subgraph of the TD-Delaunay triangulation $\text{Del}_{\text{TD}}(P)$ obtained by erasing at each vertex p all incoming arcs except the arcs $\text{first}_i(p)$, $\text{last}_i(p)$ and $\text{closest}_i(p)$ for $i \in [3]$ (if they exist) is a planar 6-spanner with degree at most 12.

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