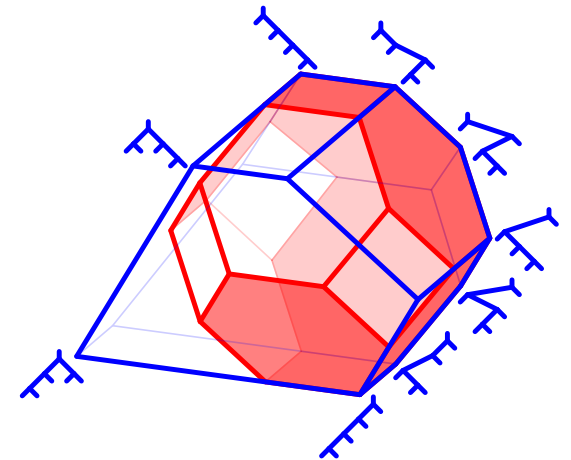
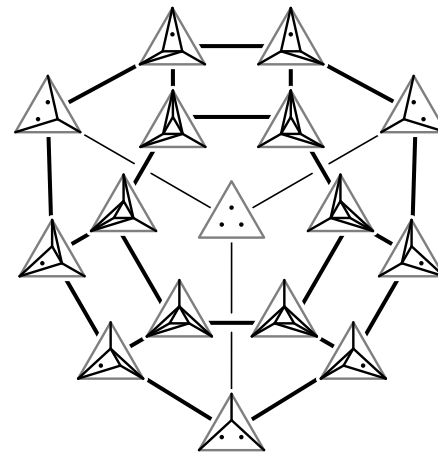
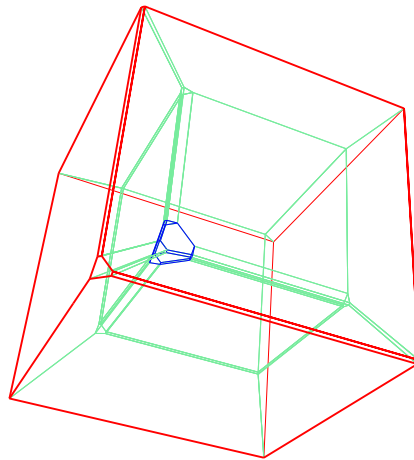
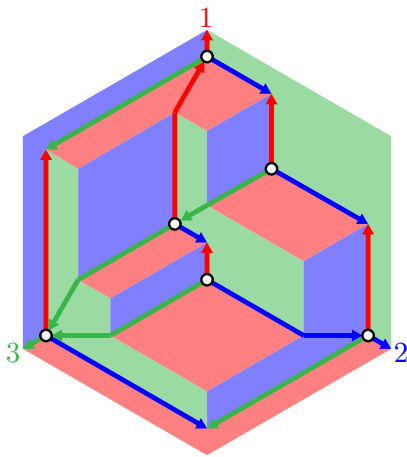


# MPRI 2-38-1. Algorithms and combinatorics for geometric graphs



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# PLANAR & GEOMETRIC GRAPHS GRAPHS

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Planar graphs are very special:

- combinatorially (few edges, Euler relation, 4-colorable, ...),
- algorithmically (use planar structure to design more efficient algorithms).

The course focusses on three aspects:

## 1. Graphs drawn in the plane

- basics (combinatorial representations, topology, duality, Euler's formula),
- embeddings (Tutte barycentric theorem, Schnyder woods),
- algorithms (planarity testing, efficient algorithms for planar graphs)
- crossing numbers for graphs (topological and geometrical versions)

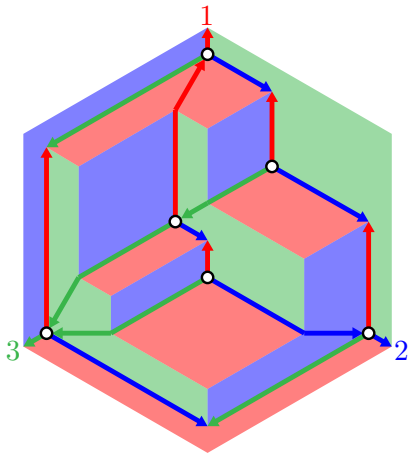
## 2. Graphs on surfaces (AdM)

## 3. Polytopes and triangulations (VP)

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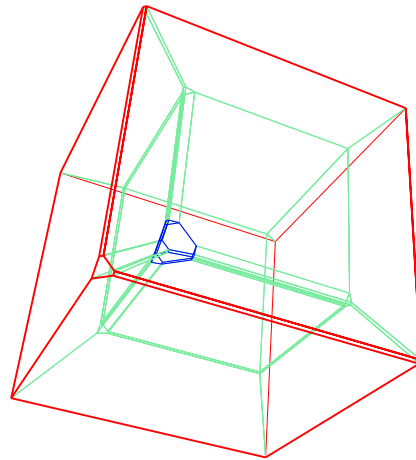
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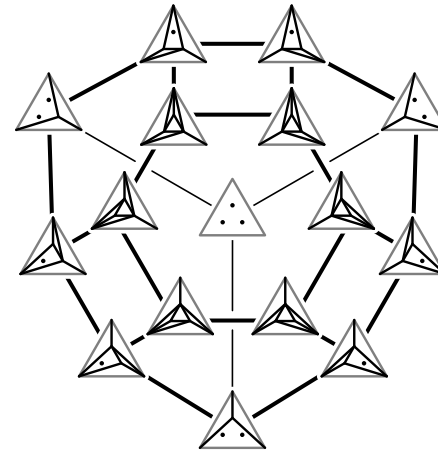
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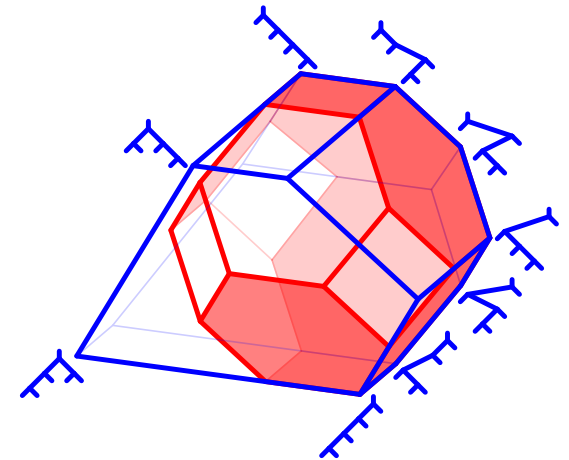
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Triangulations  
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Exercice sheet on October 29th, to be sent by November 19th.  
Final exam (???) on November 26th.

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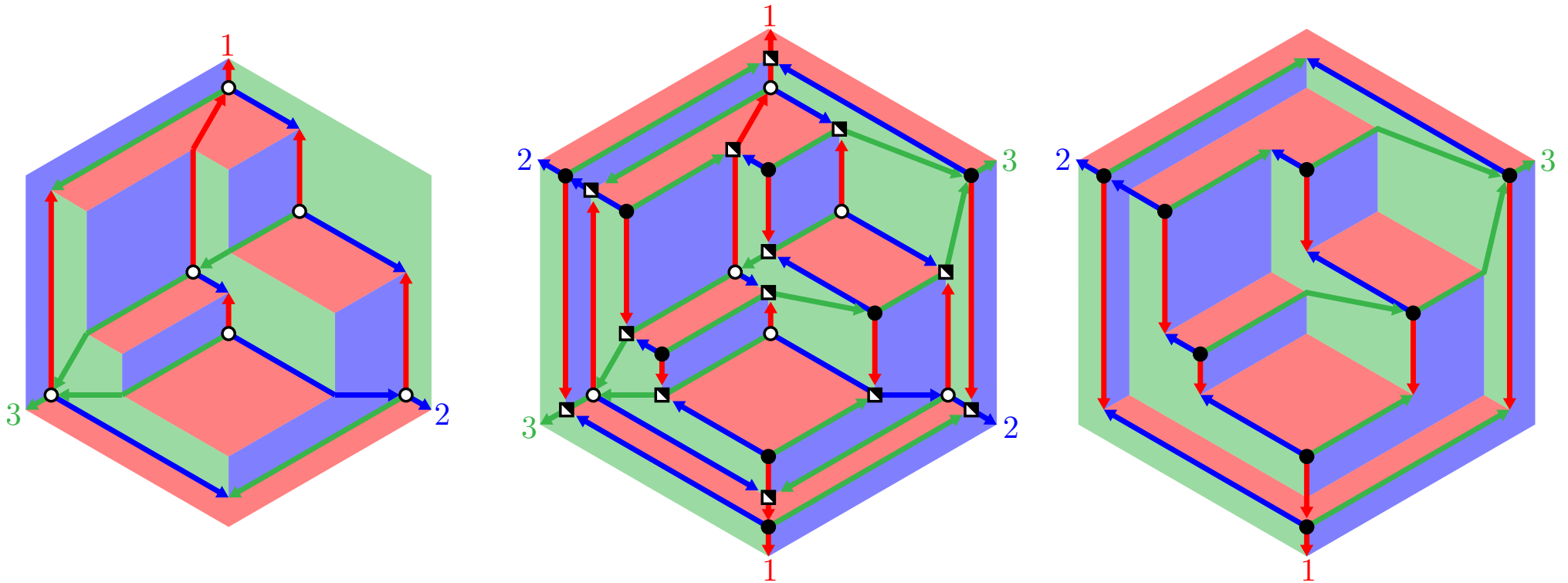
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# Schnyder woods and applications



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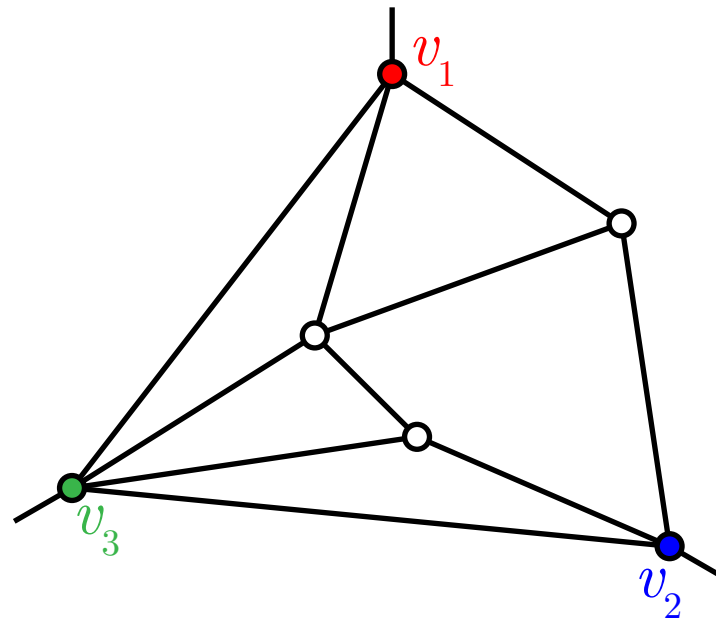
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# SCHNYDER LABELINGS AND WOODS

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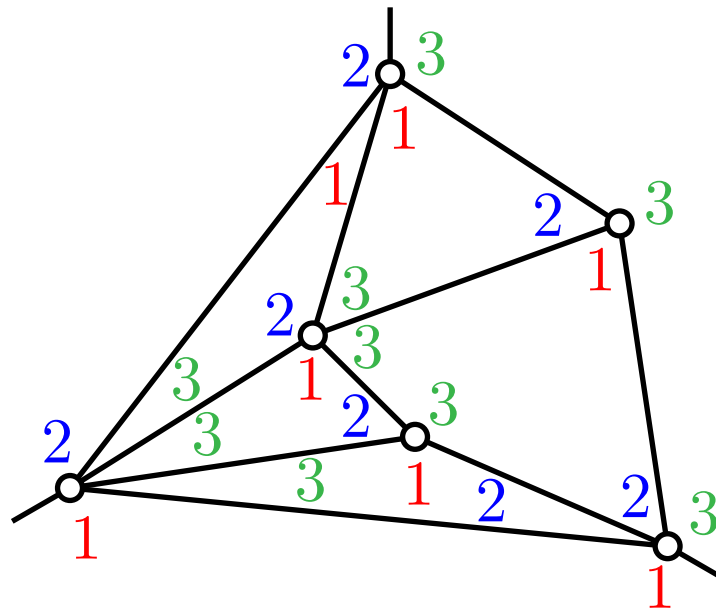
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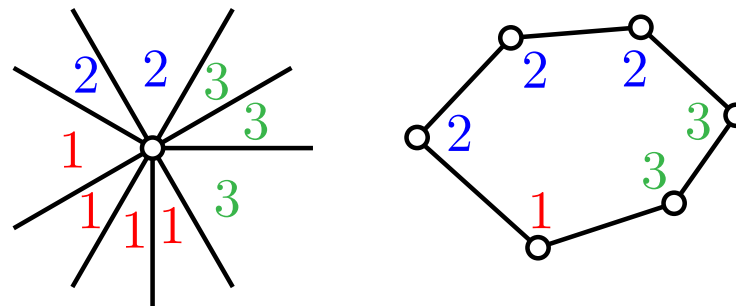
$M$  = planar map with three distinguished vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  clockwise on the outer face where a half edge is pending in the outer face.

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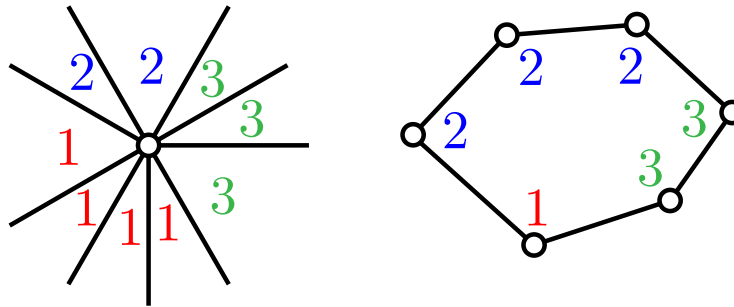




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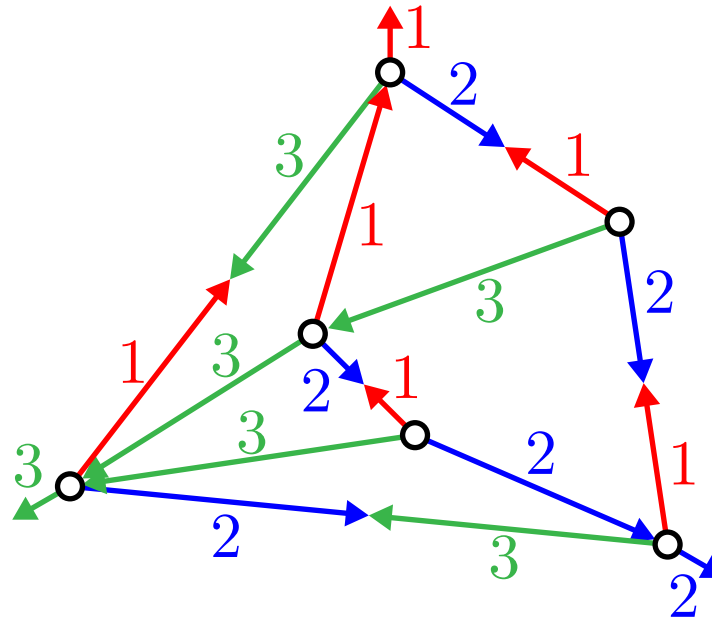
**LEM.** The three labels  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  appear among the four angles surrounding any edge.

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



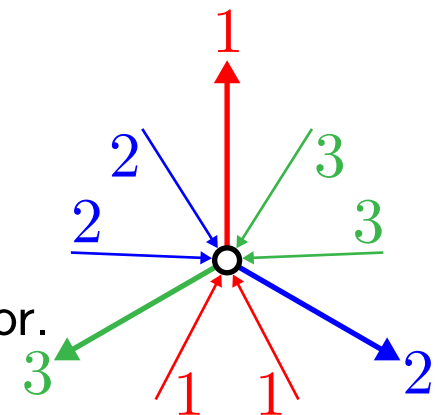
**DEF.** Schnyder wood on  $M =$  (bi-)orientation and (bi-)coloration of the edges of  $M$  with  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  st:

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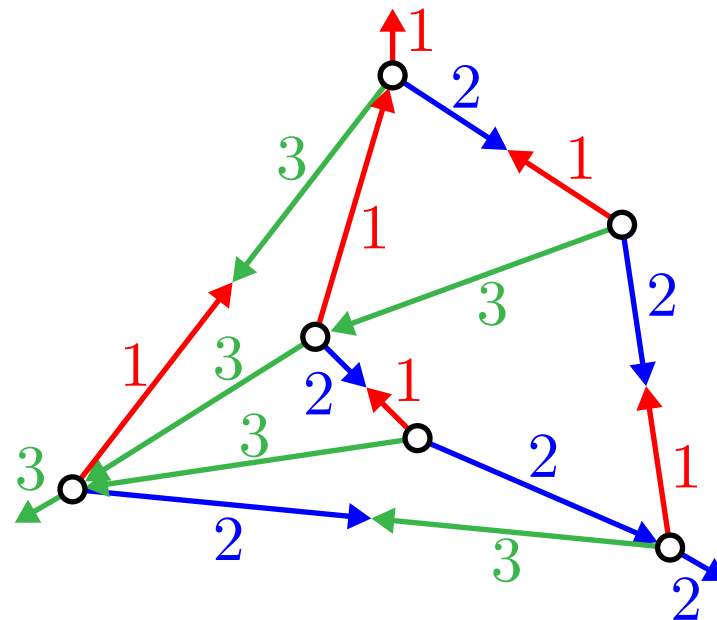
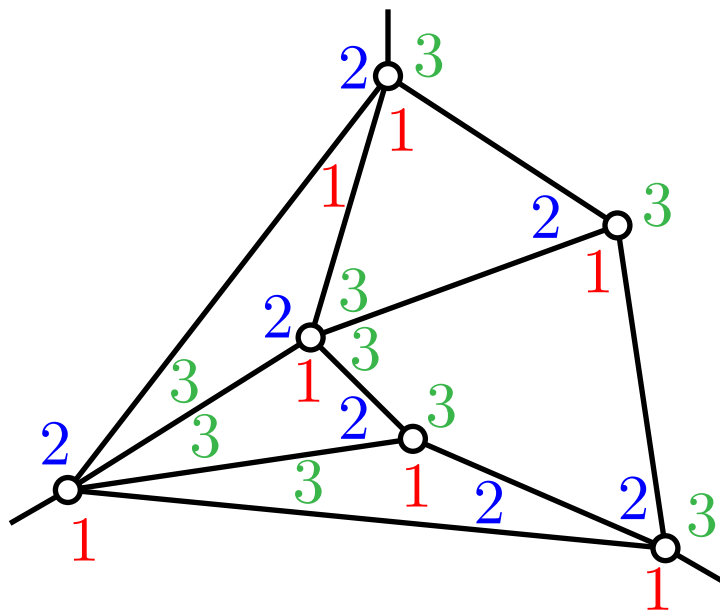
(W1) the half-edge at  $v_i$  is directed outwards and colored  $i$ ,

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

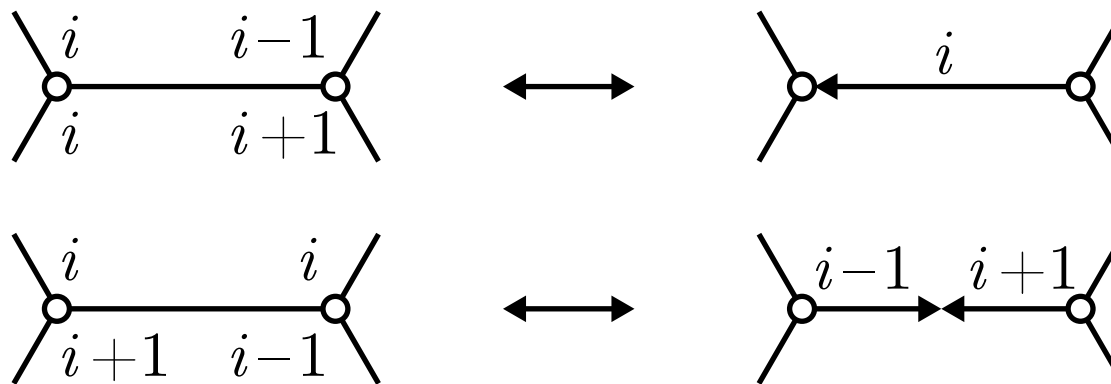
(W3) no interior face whose boundary is a directed cycle in one color.



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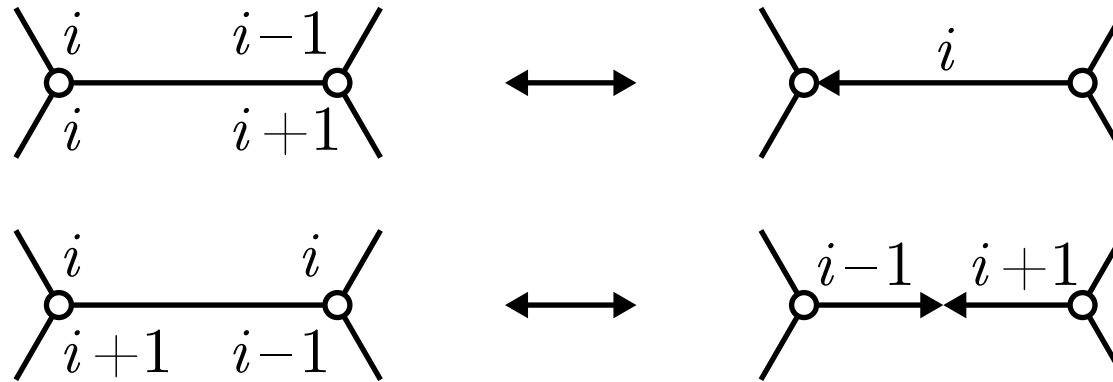
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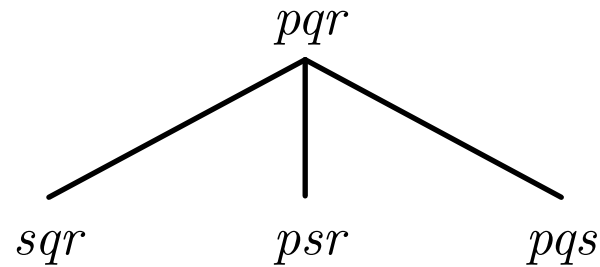
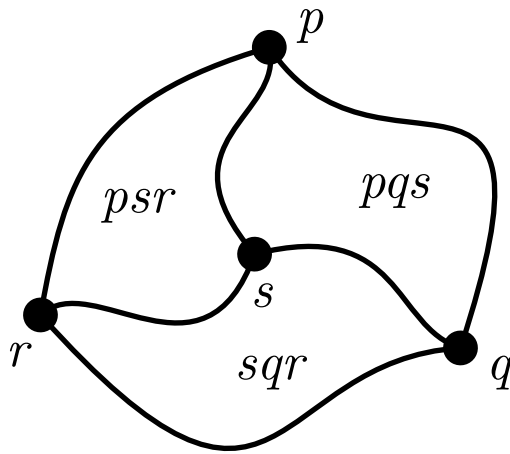
remarks:

- 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.

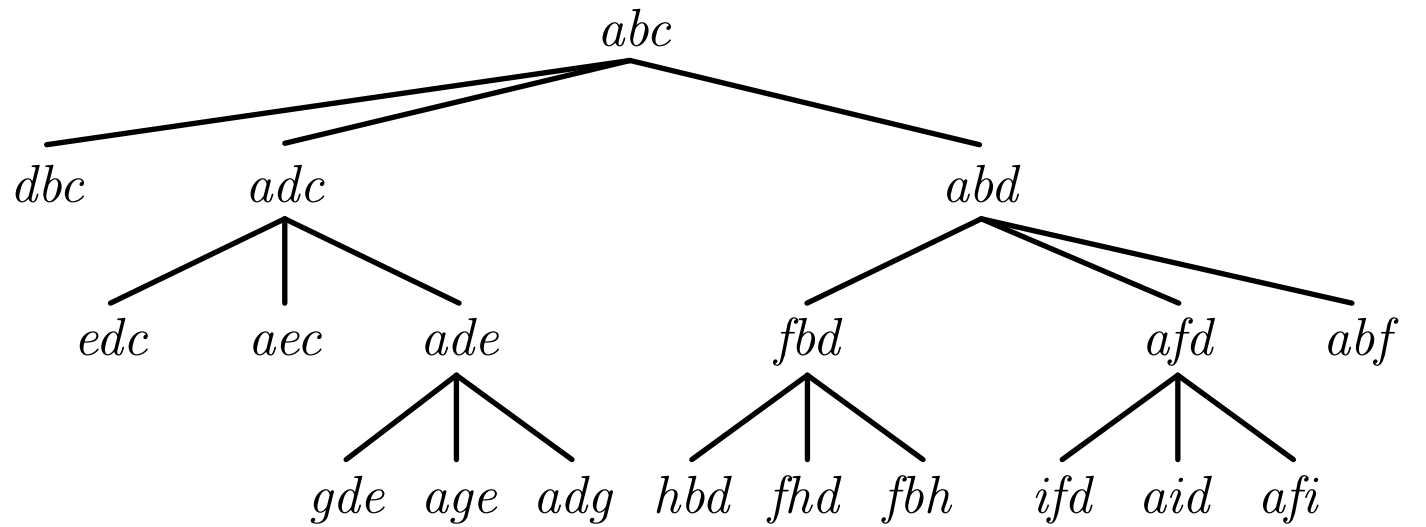
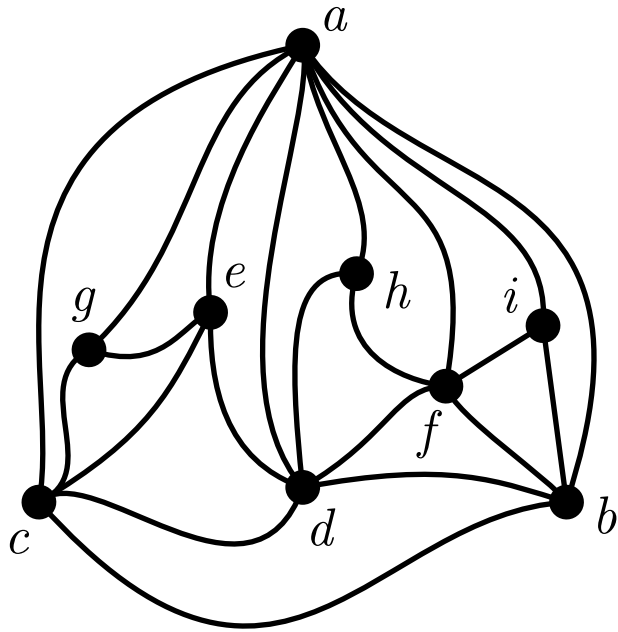
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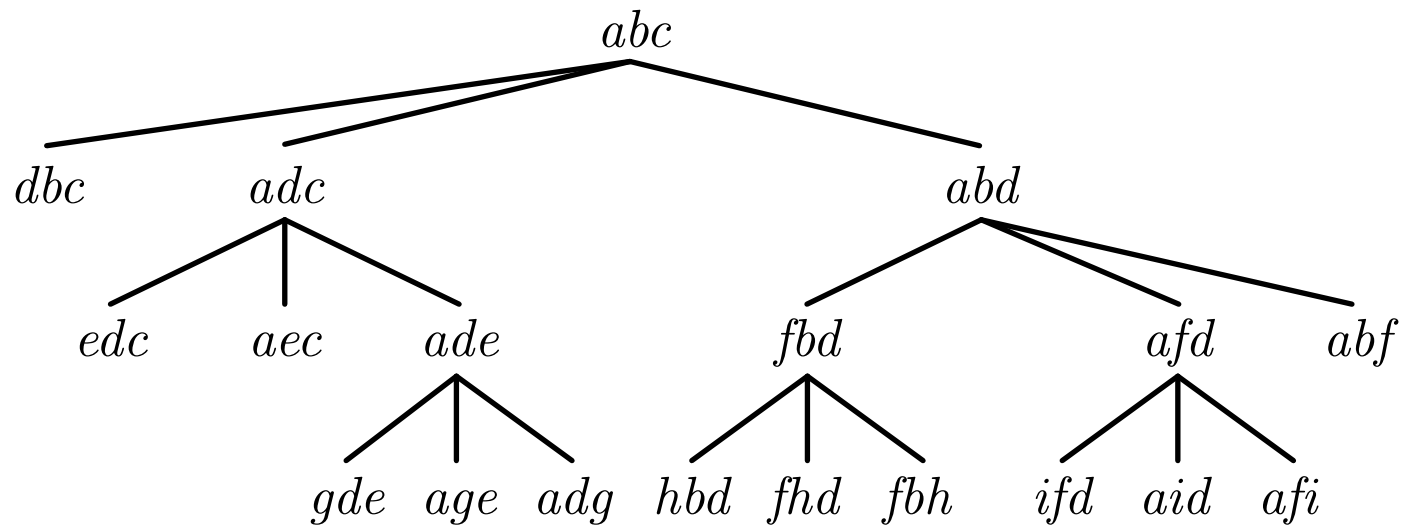
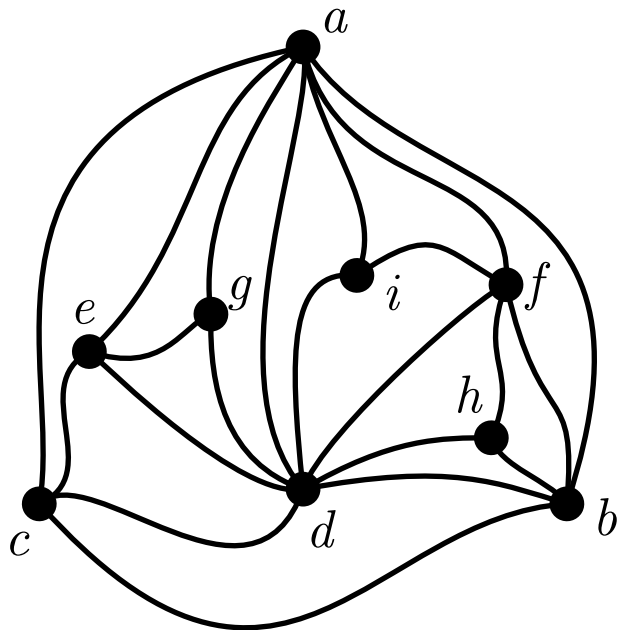
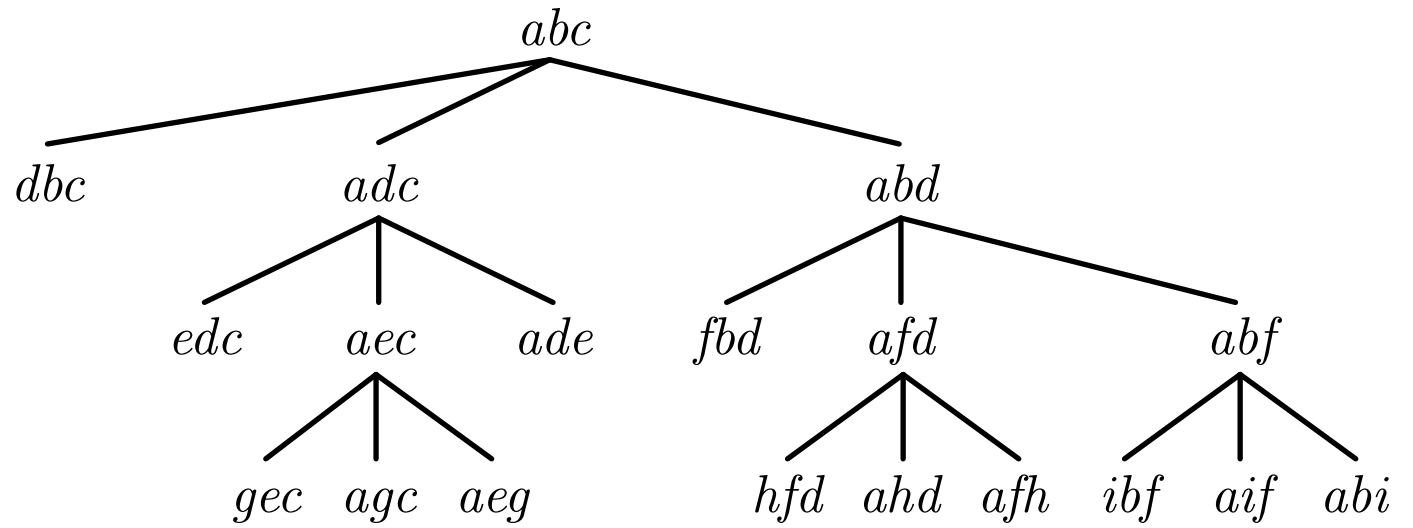
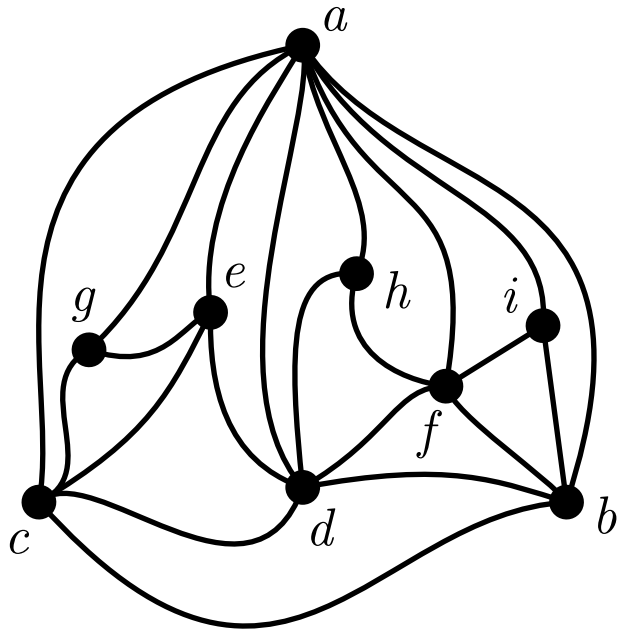
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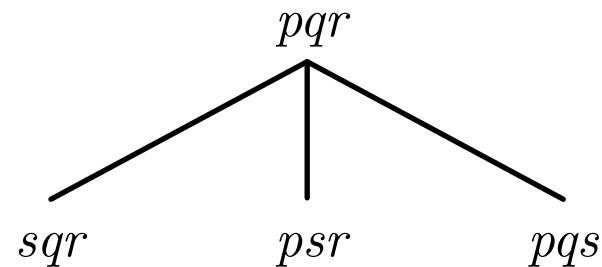
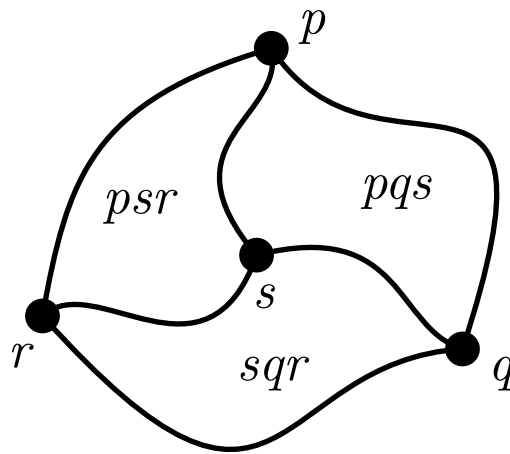
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**QU.** Numbers of vertices, edges and faces of a stacked triangulation?

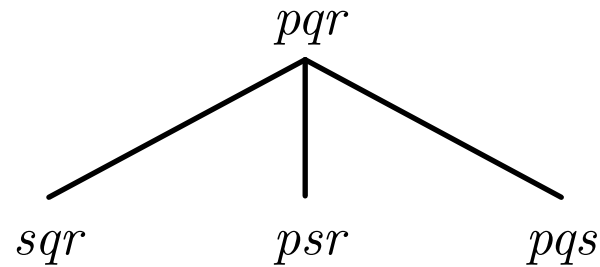
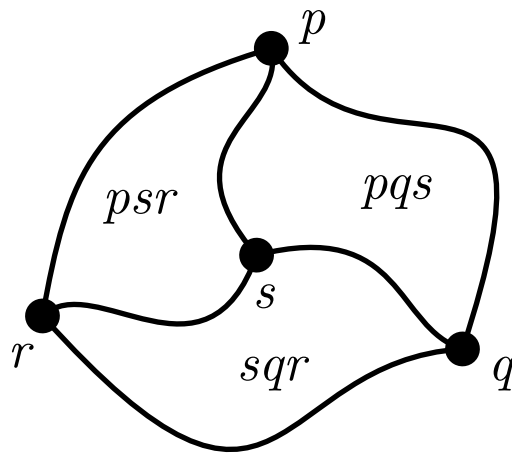
- in terms of the number of stacking operations,
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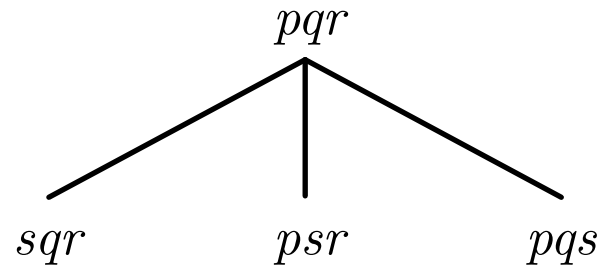
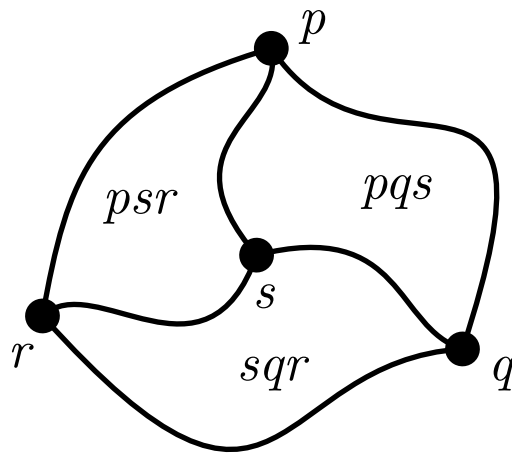
**REM.** In a stacked triangulation obtained after  $n$  stacking operations, and with construction tree  $C$ ,

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

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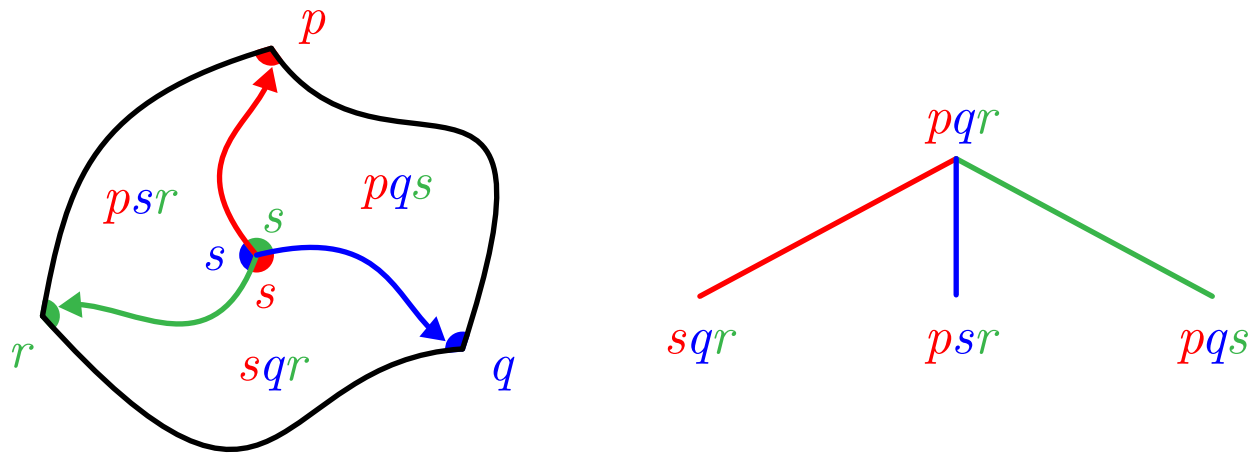


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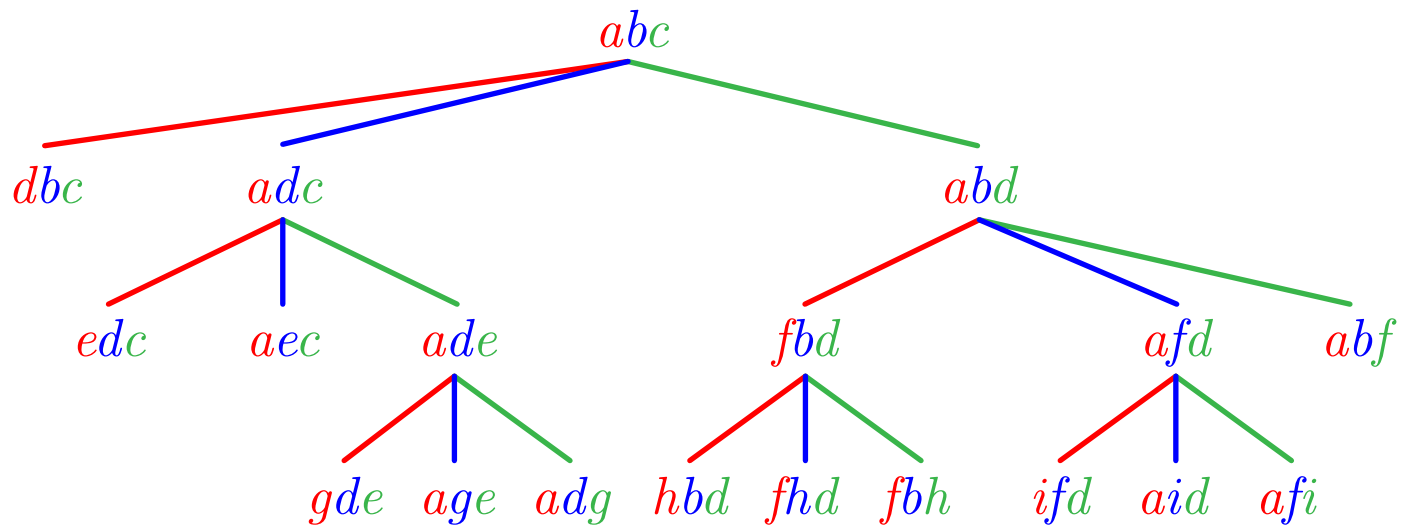
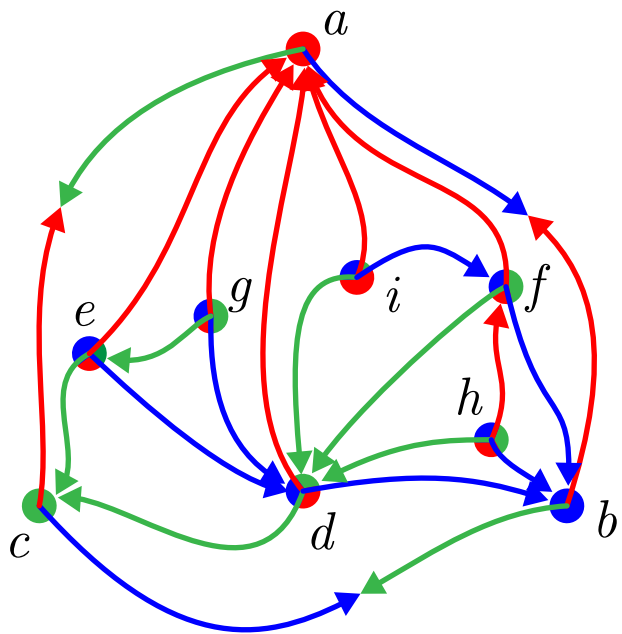
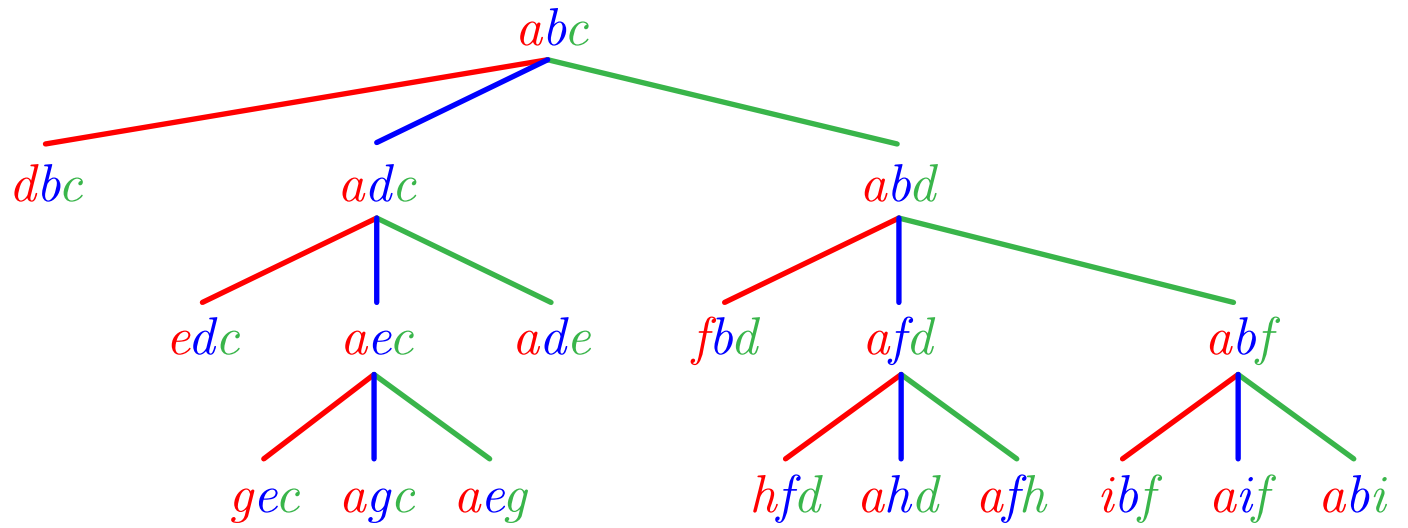
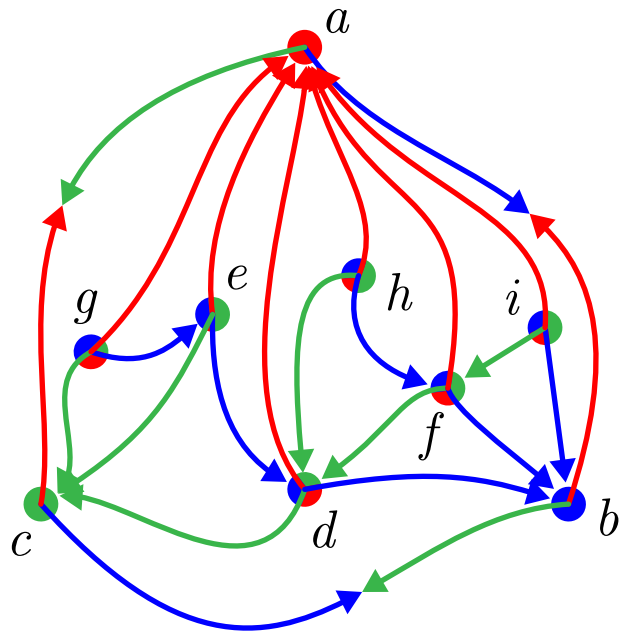
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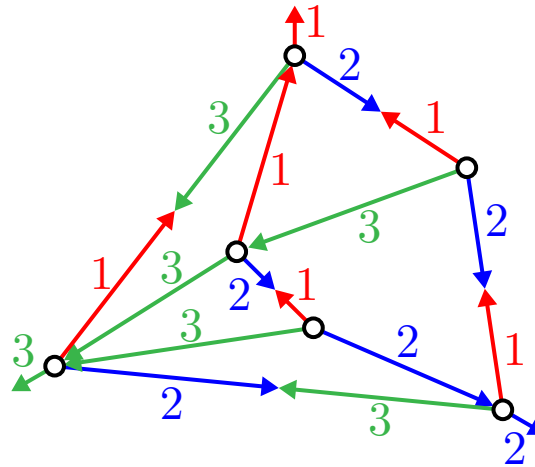
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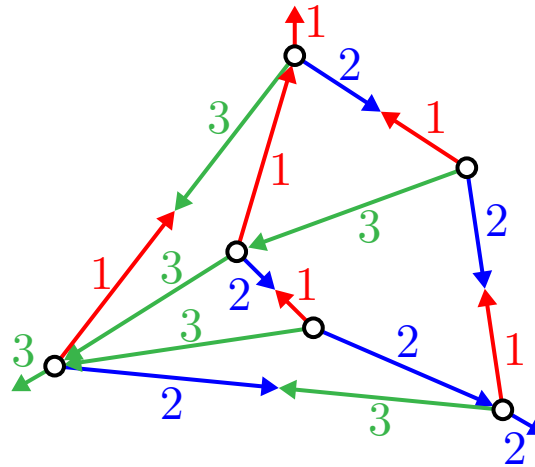
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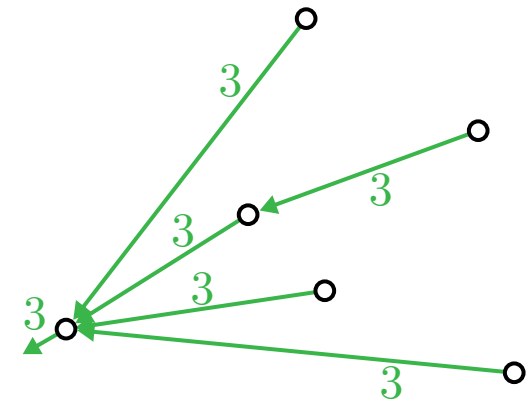
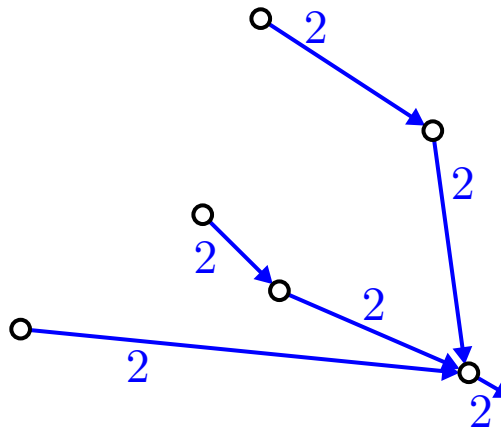
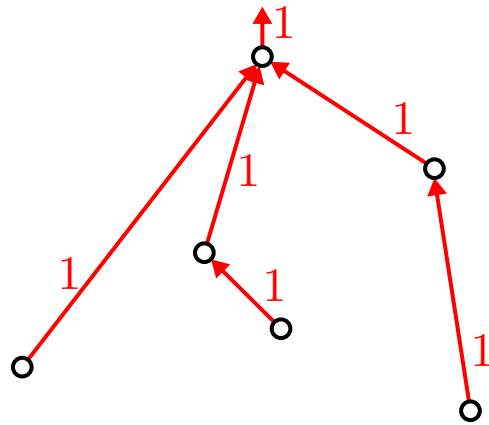


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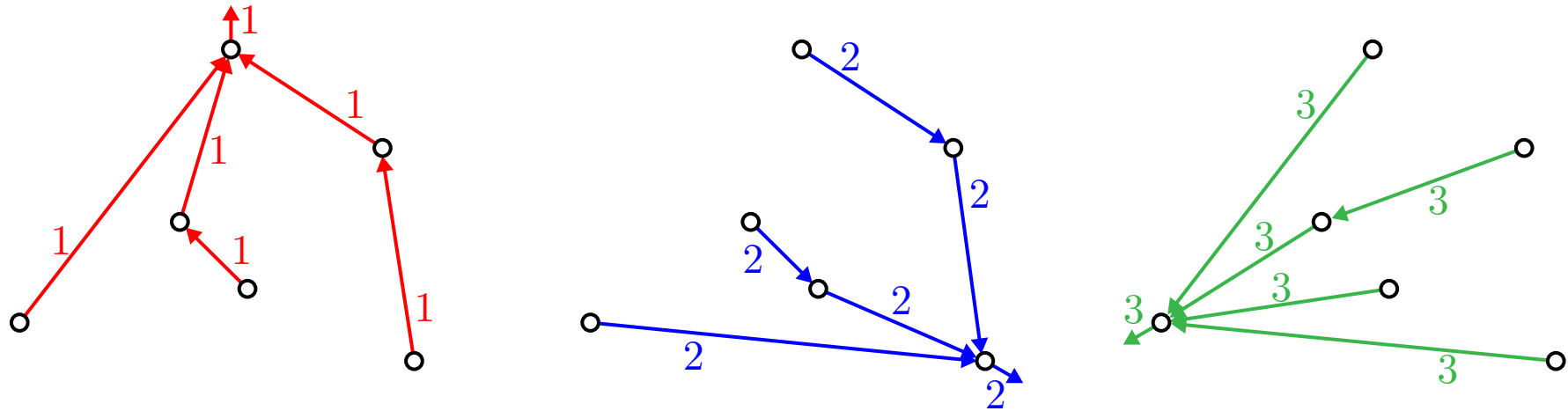
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PROP.  $T_i$  is a directed tree rooted at  $v_i$ .

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:

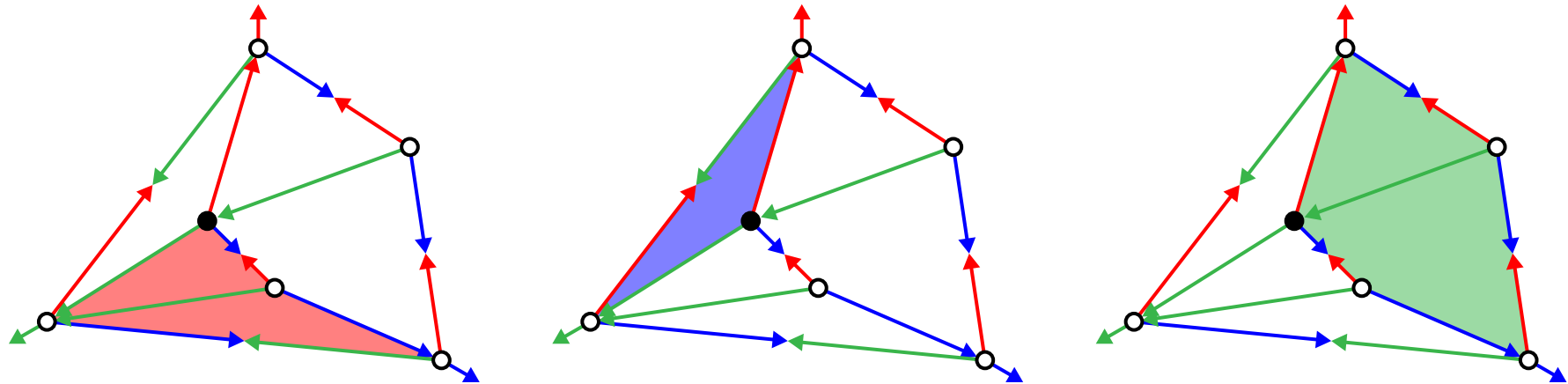
- $Z$  bounds a single face  $F$  (otherwise, it has a chord or contains a vertex...),
- if  $Z$  is clockwise, no angle of  $F$  has label  $i + 1$ .



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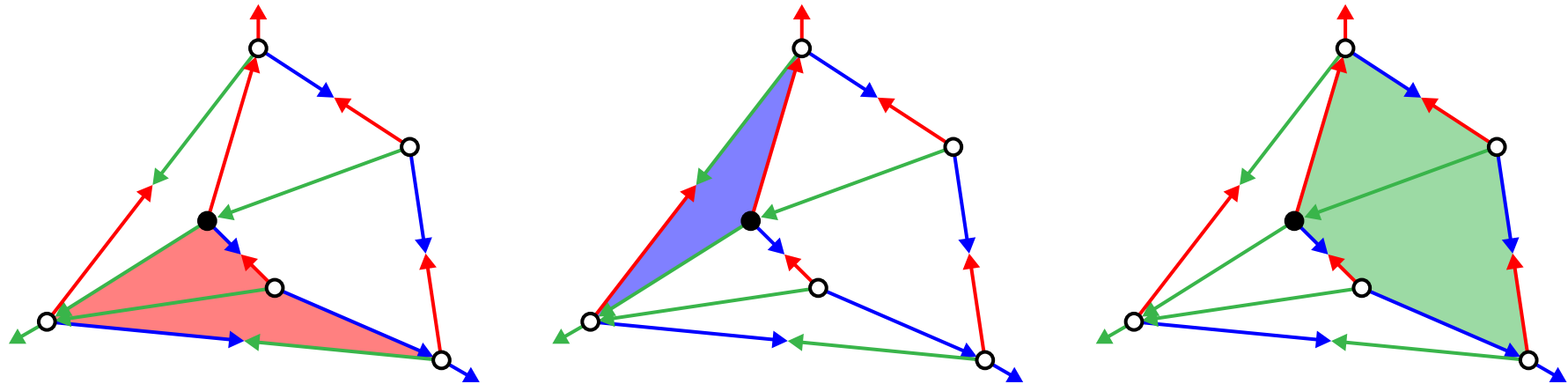
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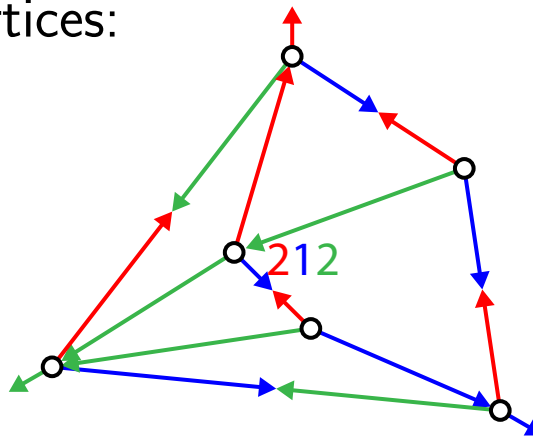
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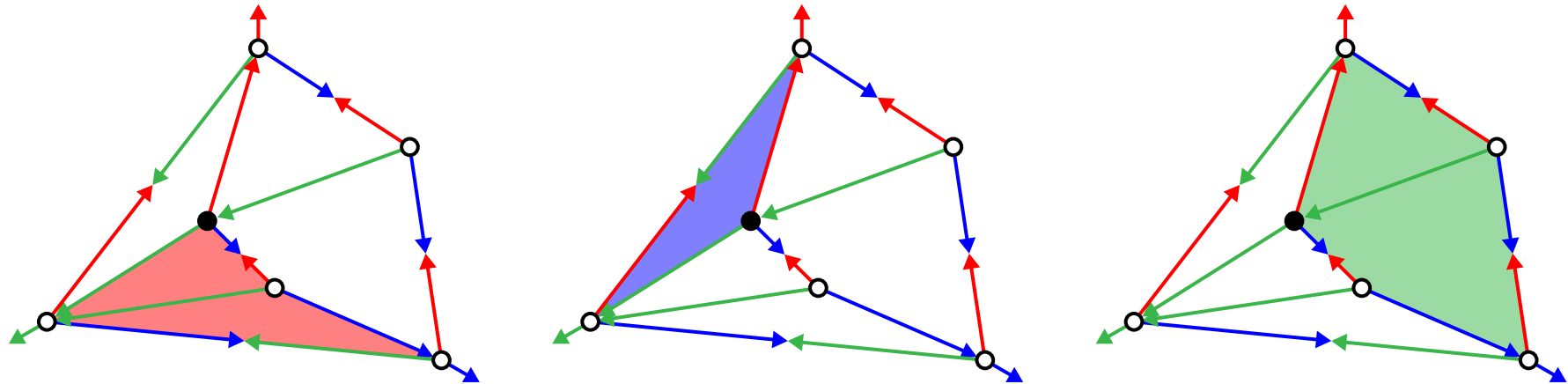
QU. Compute  $r_1 r_2 r_3$  for all vertices:



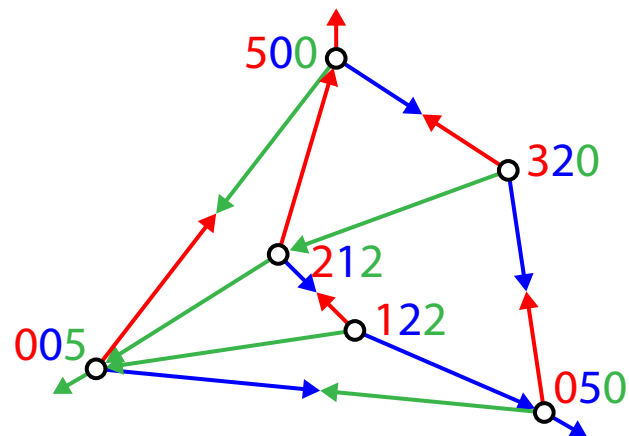
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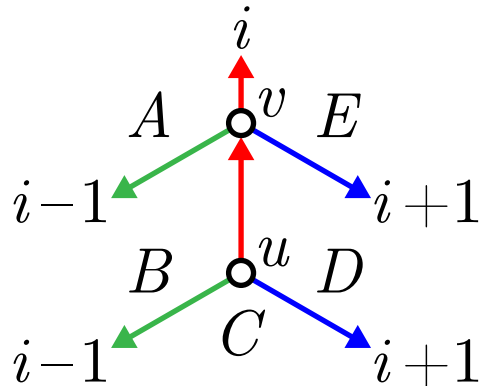
**PROP.**  $u, v$  = two adjacent vertices in the map  $M$ . Then:

(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

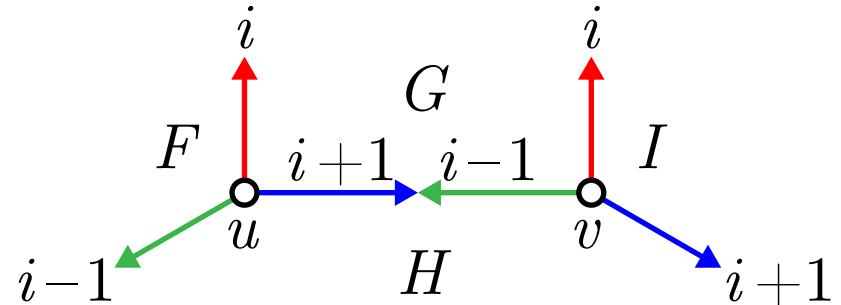
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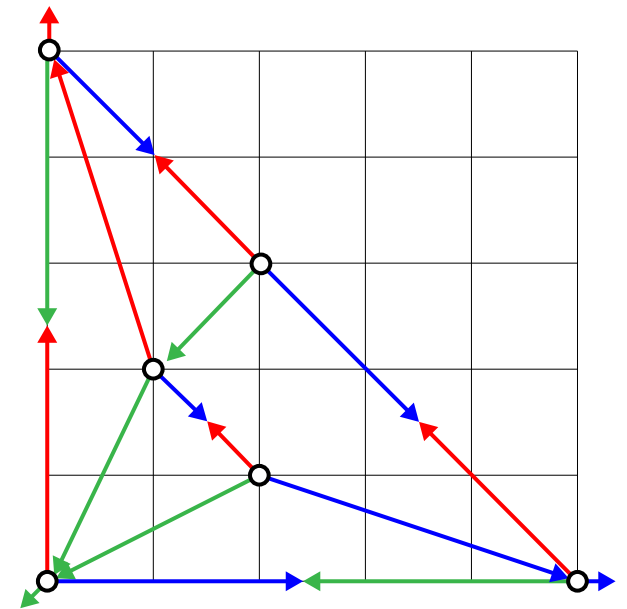
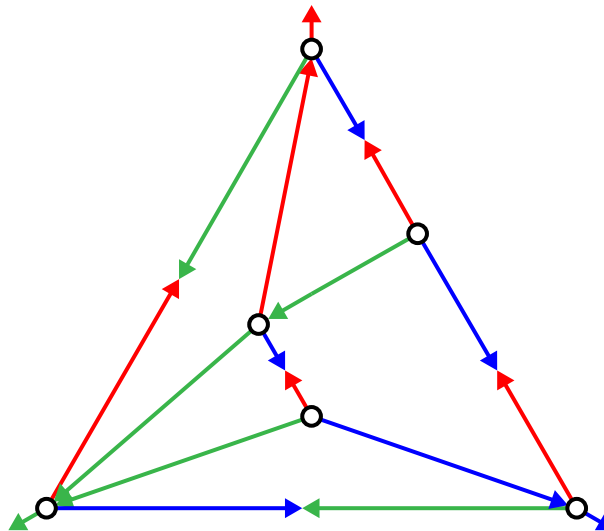
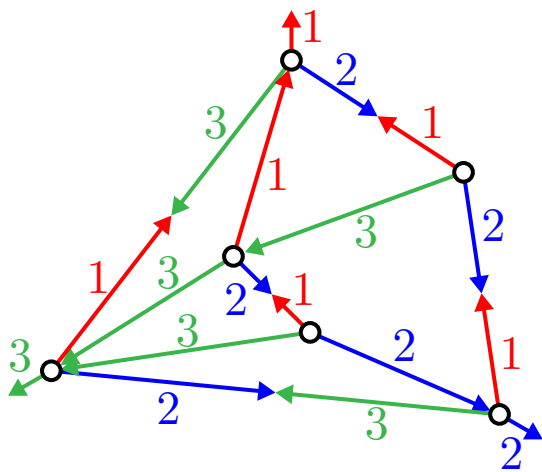
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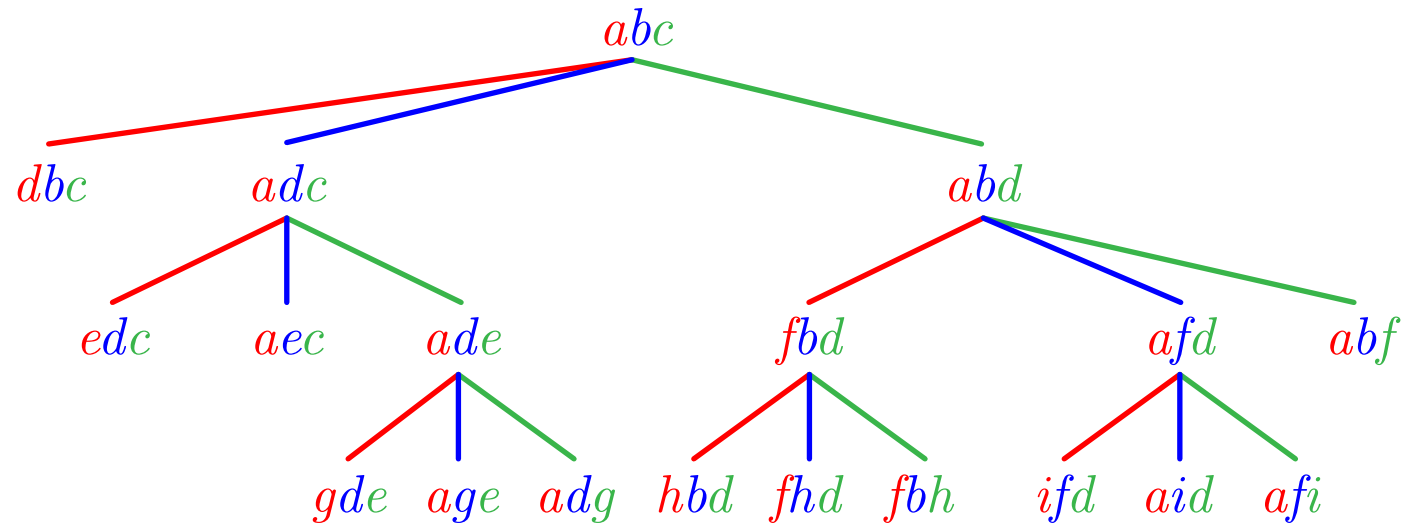
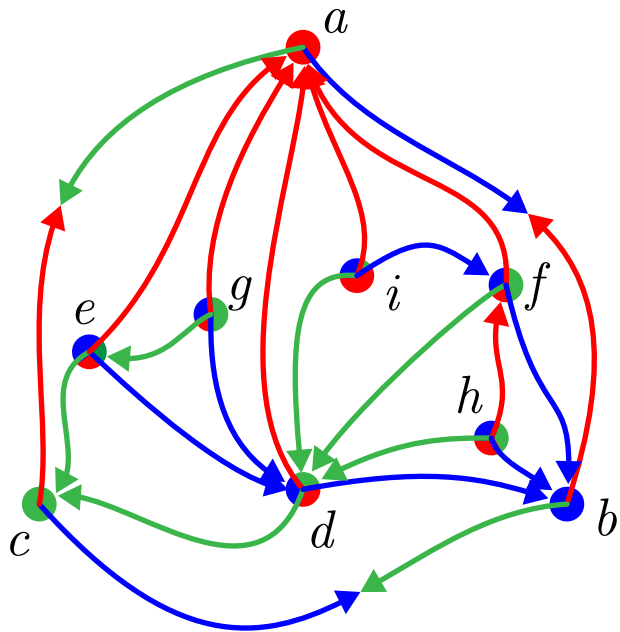
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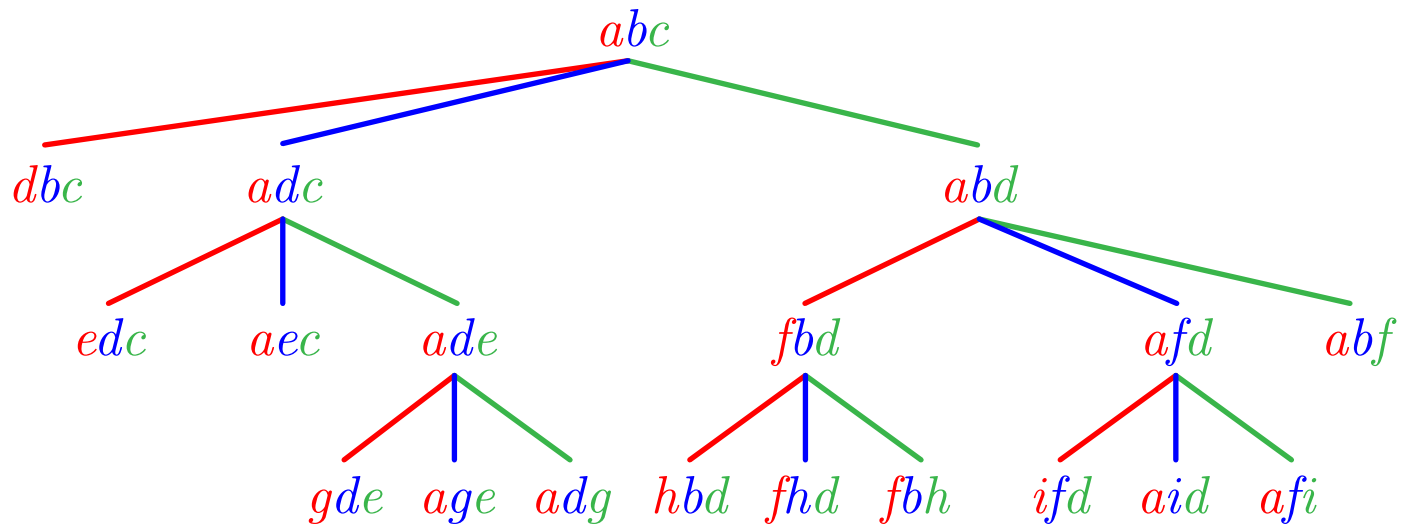
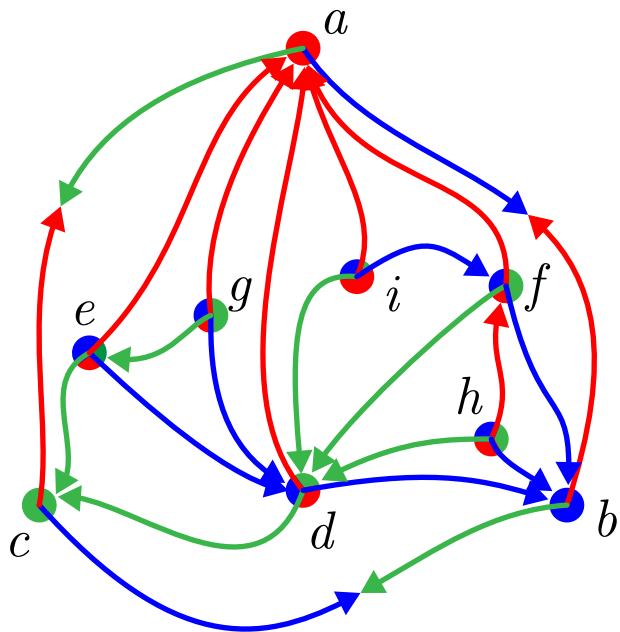


QU. Describe on the construction tree  $C$  of a stacked triangulation:

- 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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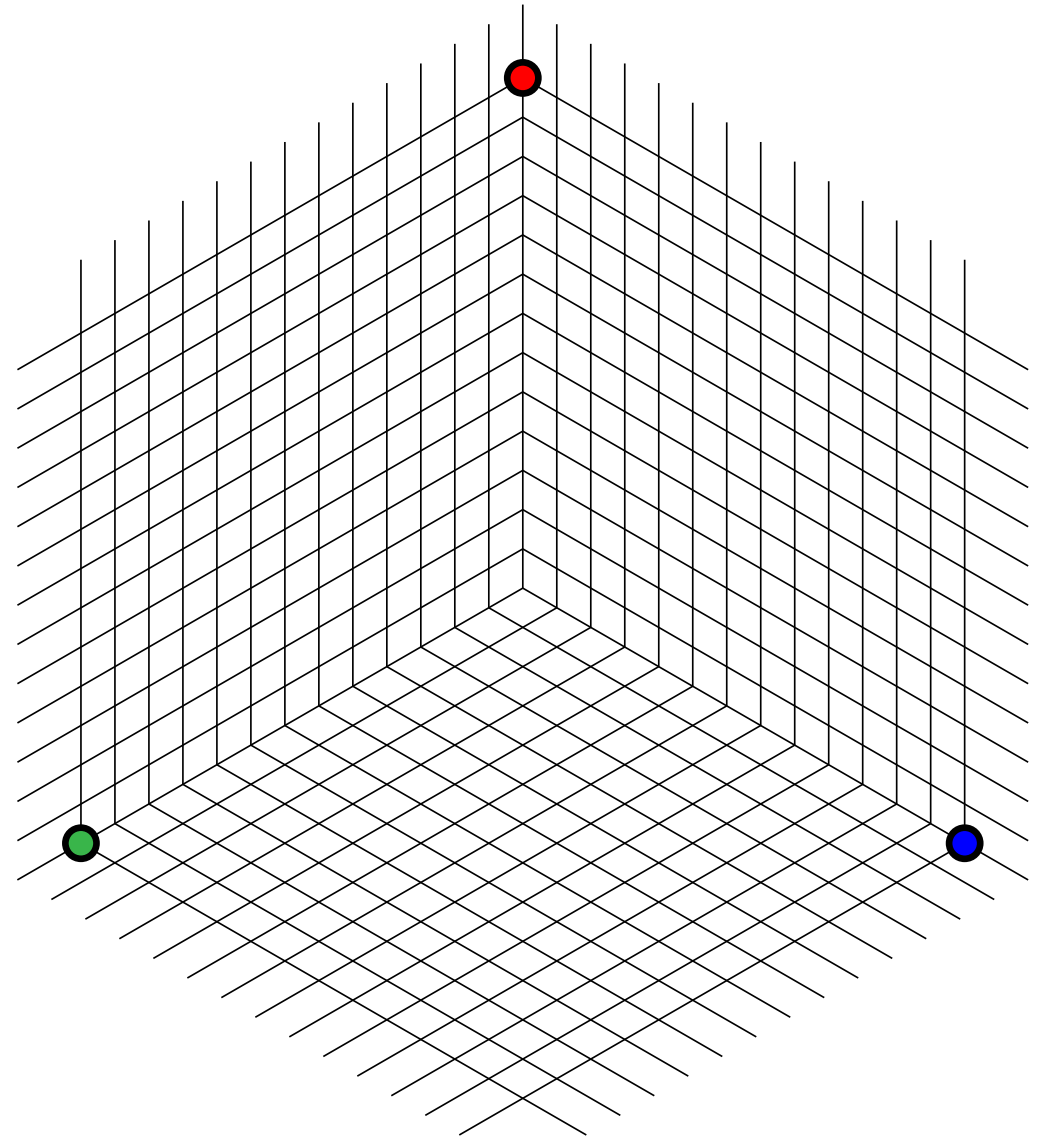
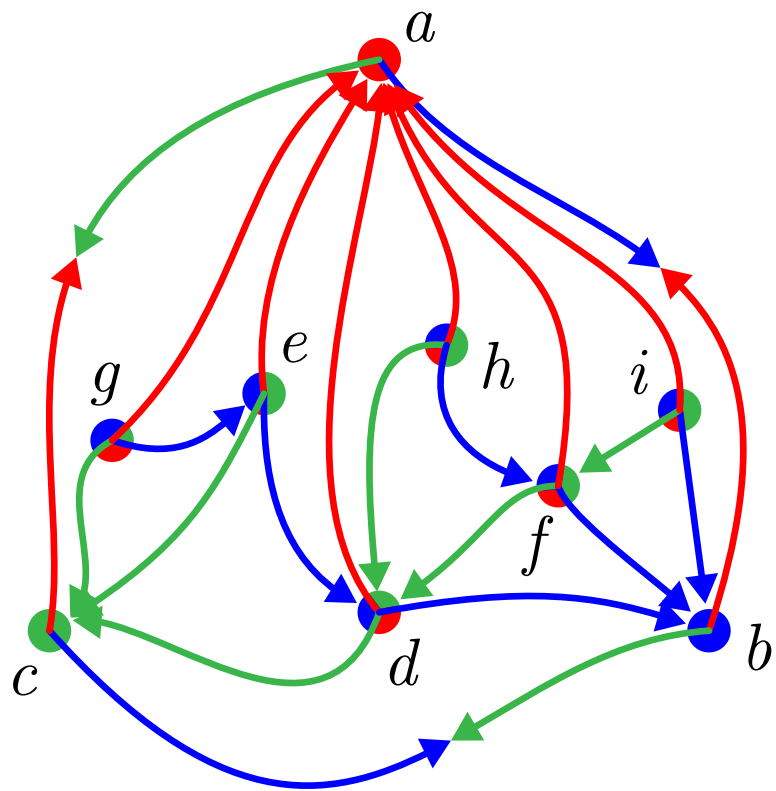


**PROP.** The tree  $T_i$  is obtained by contracting all edges colored  $i - 1$  and  $i + 1$  in  $C$

**PROP.** Assume  $v$  is inserted in triangle  $t$ , and let  $\gamma$  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  $\gamma$  that are not in  $\gamma$ .

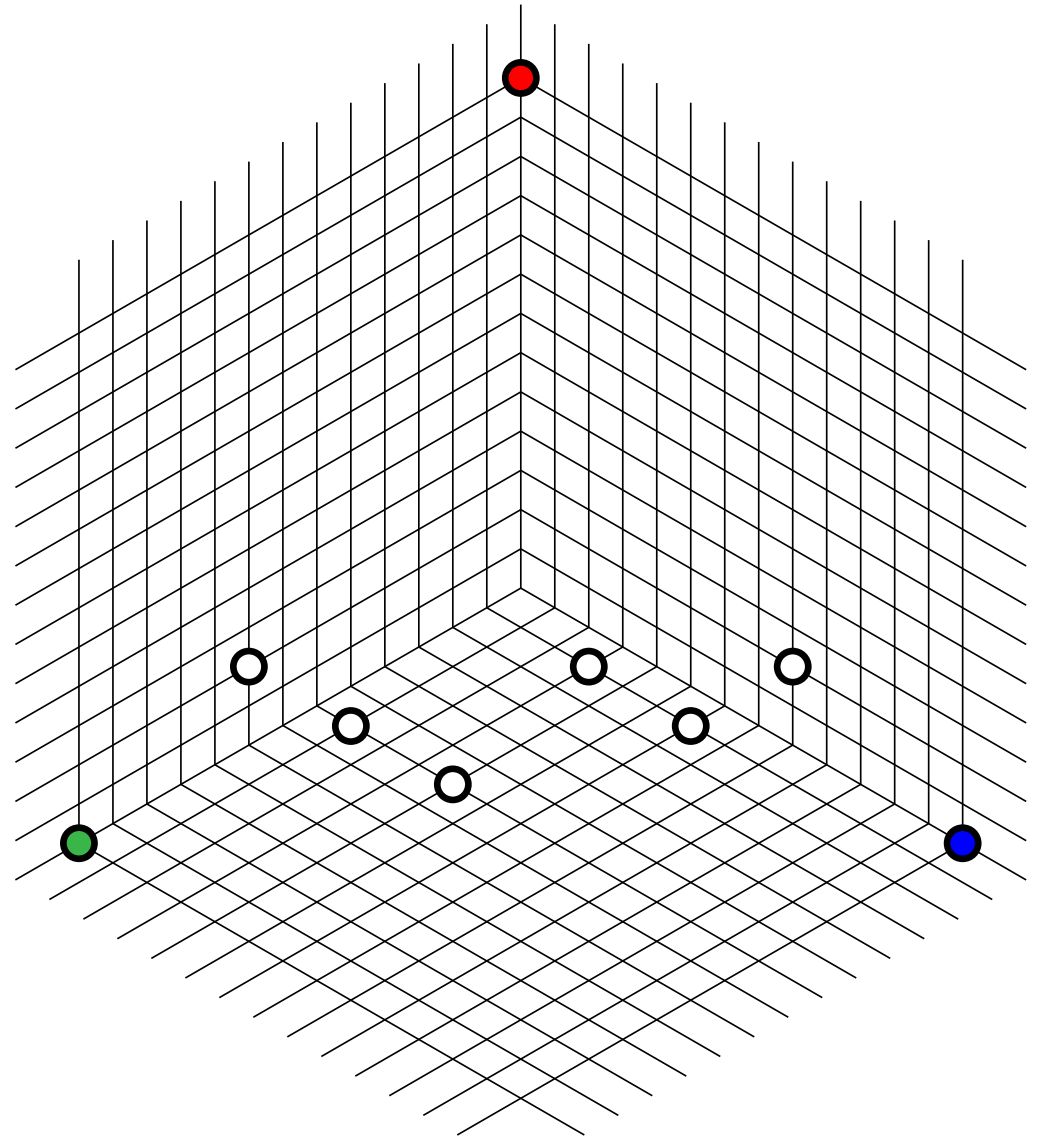
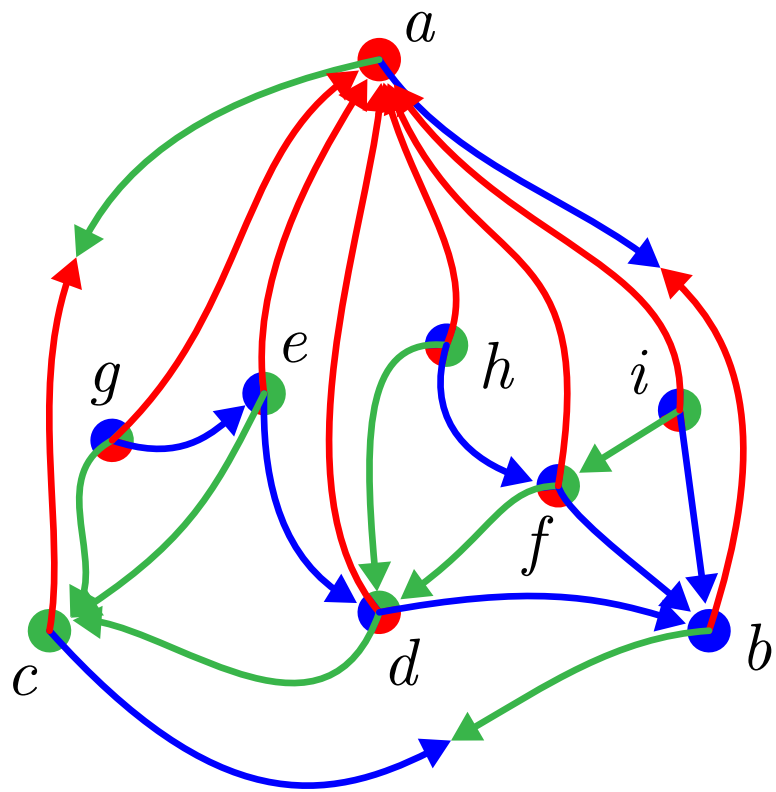
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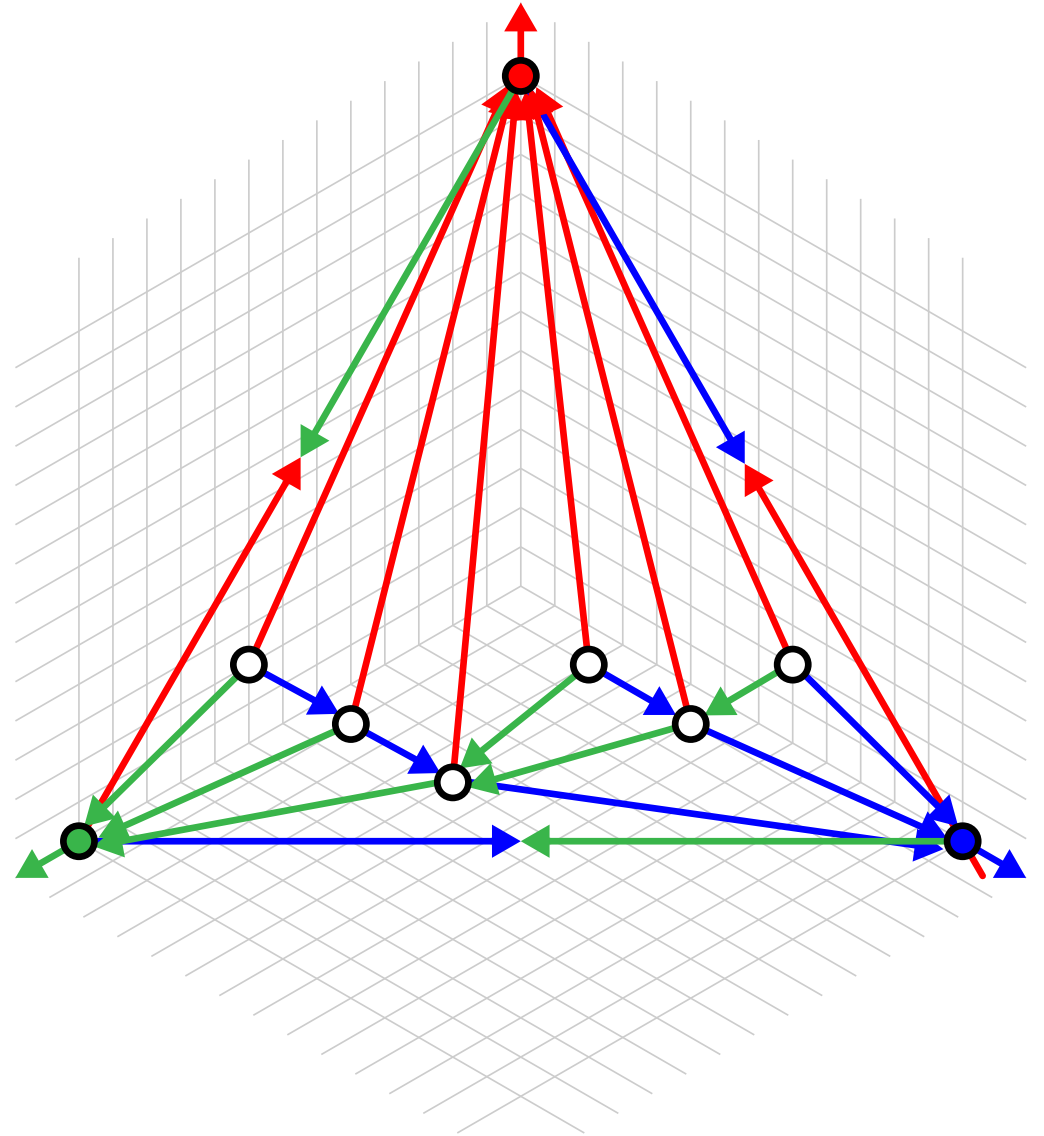
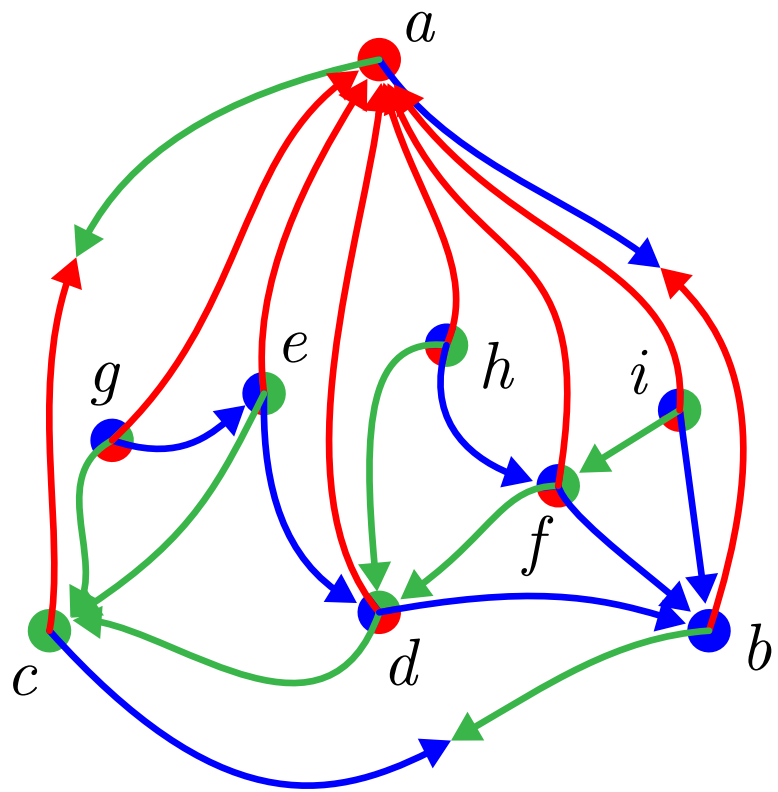




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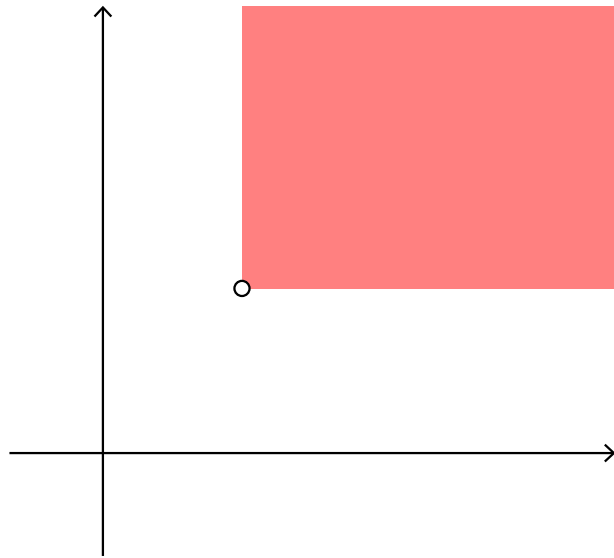
# GEODESIC MAPS ON ORTHOGONAL SURFACES

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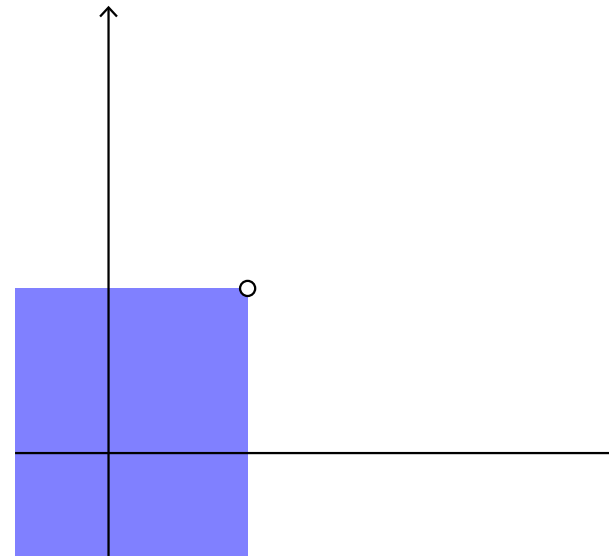
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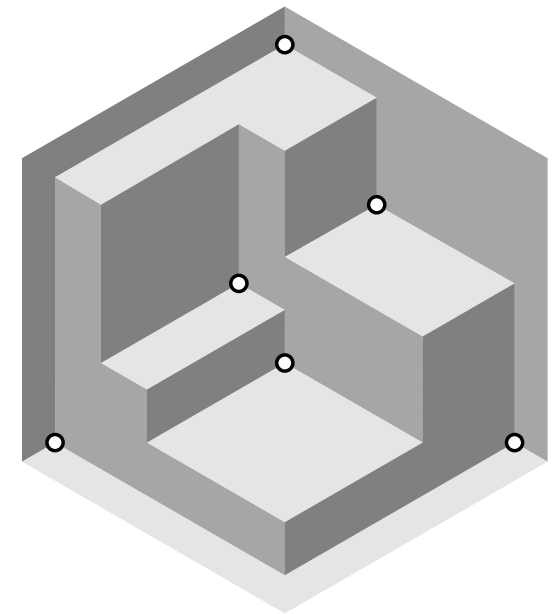
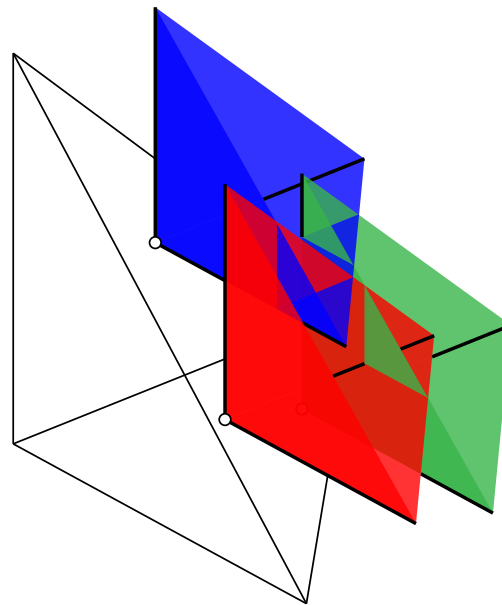
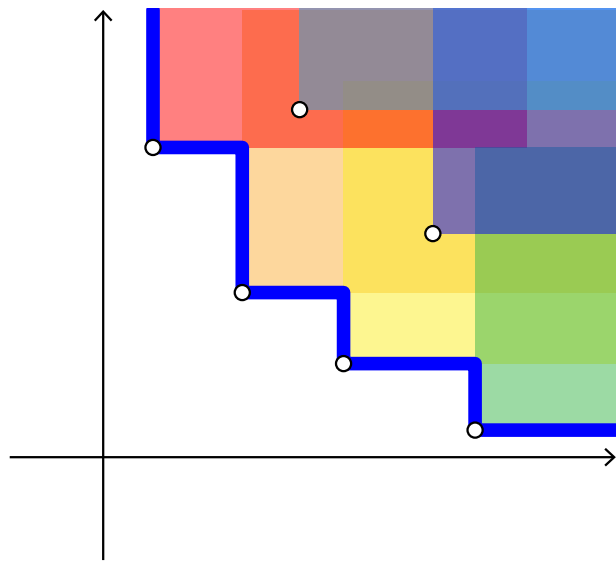
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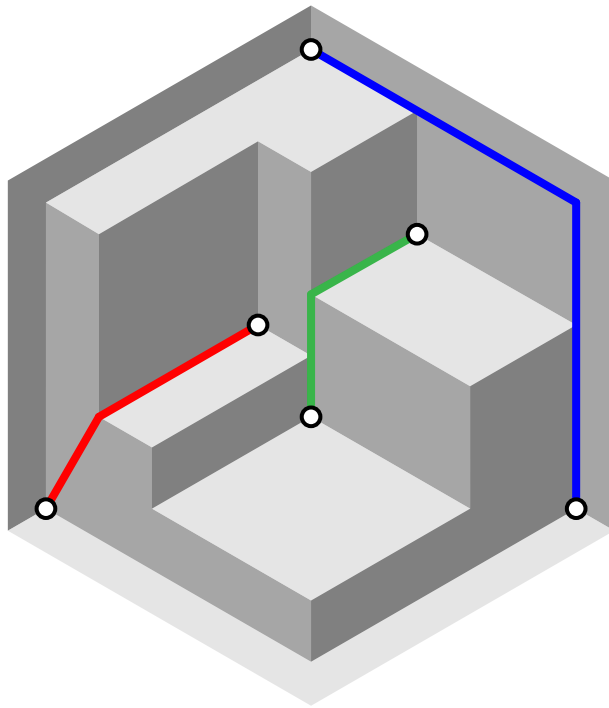
orthogonal surface  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{V}}$  = boundary of  $\langle \mathbf{V} \rangle$

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

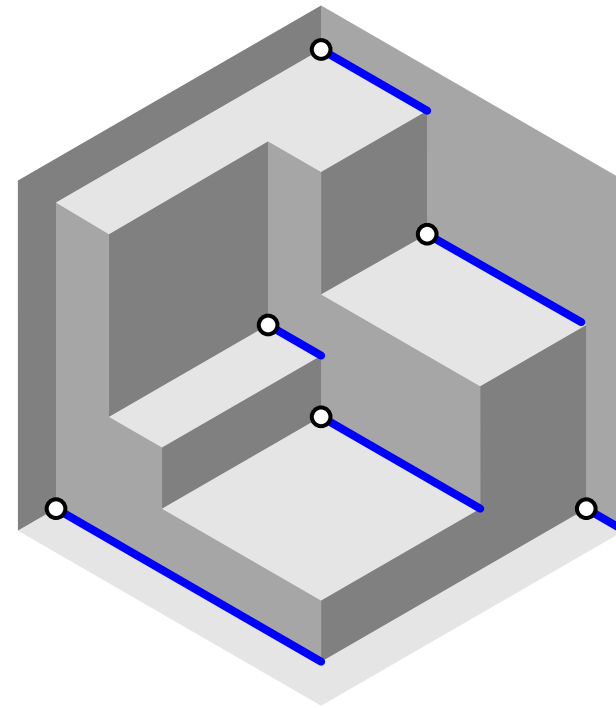
# ELBOW GEODESICS AND COORDINATE ARCS

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

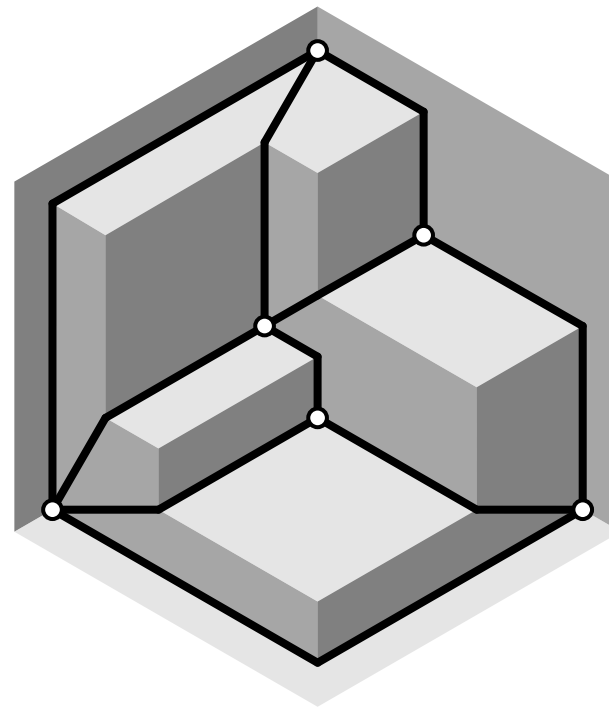
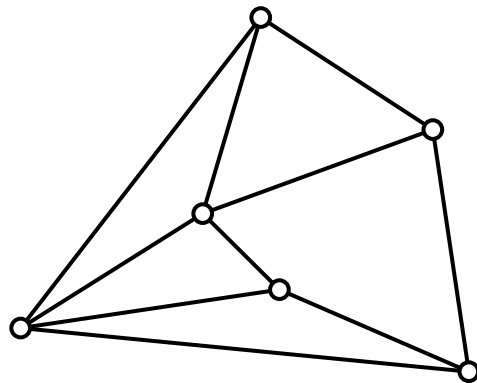


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# GEODESIC EMBEDDING

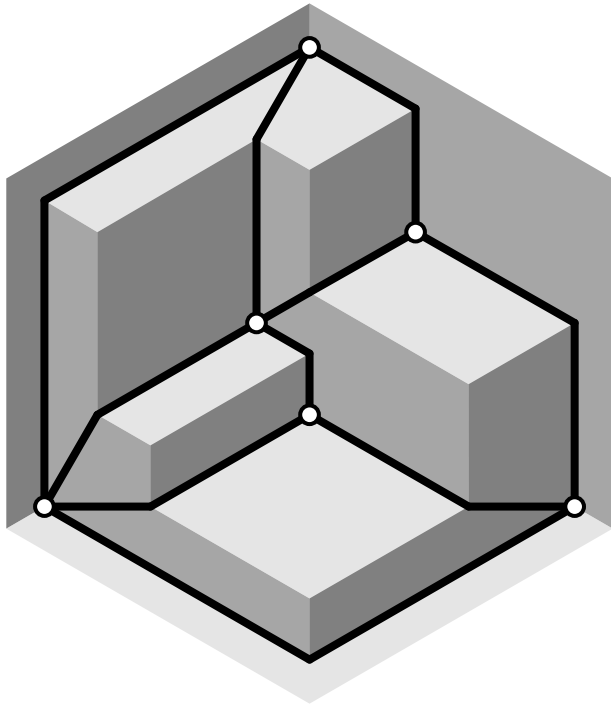
**DEF.** geodesic embedding of a map  $M$  on a surface  $\mathcal{S}_V =$  drawing of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{S}_V$  st:

- (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.



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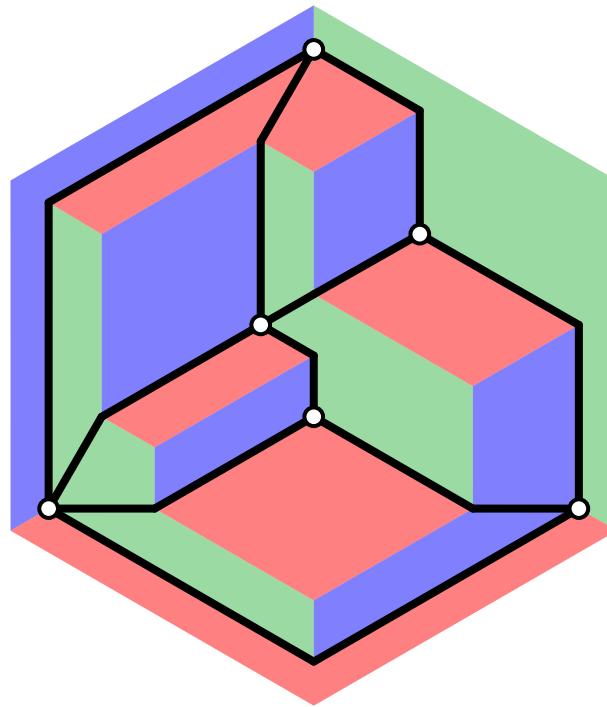
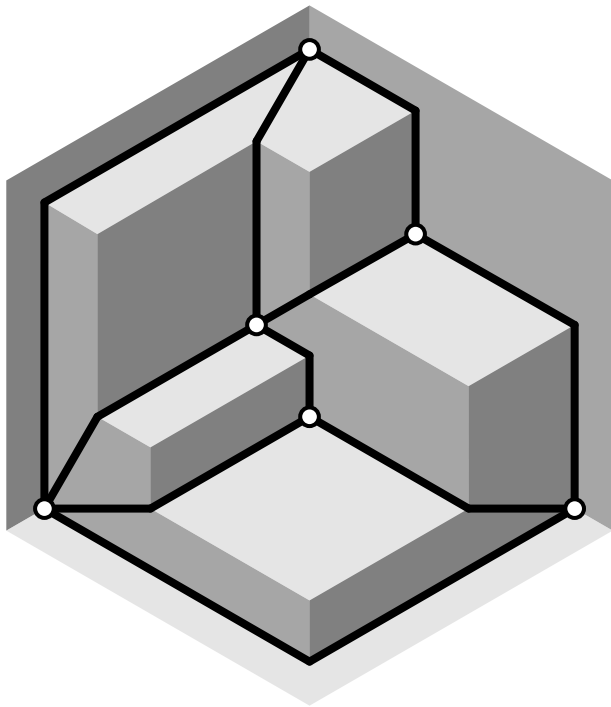
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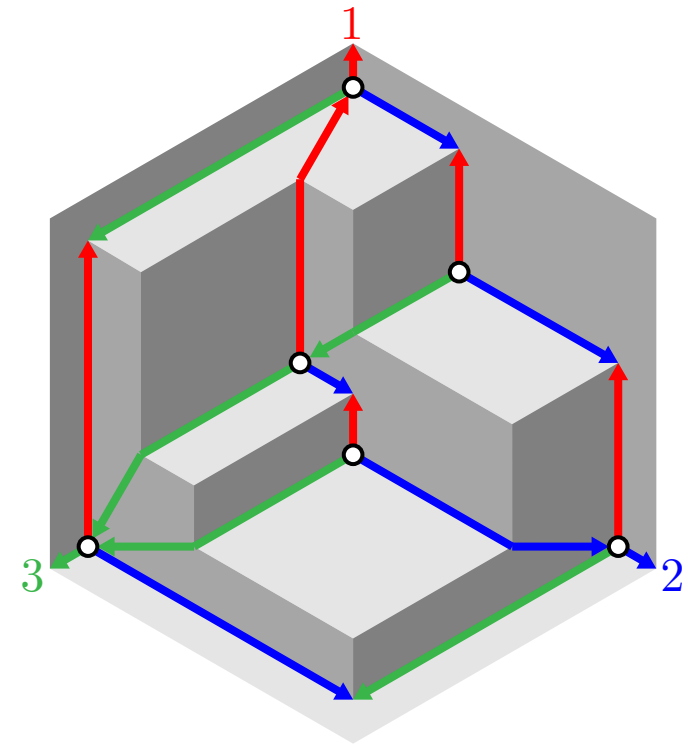
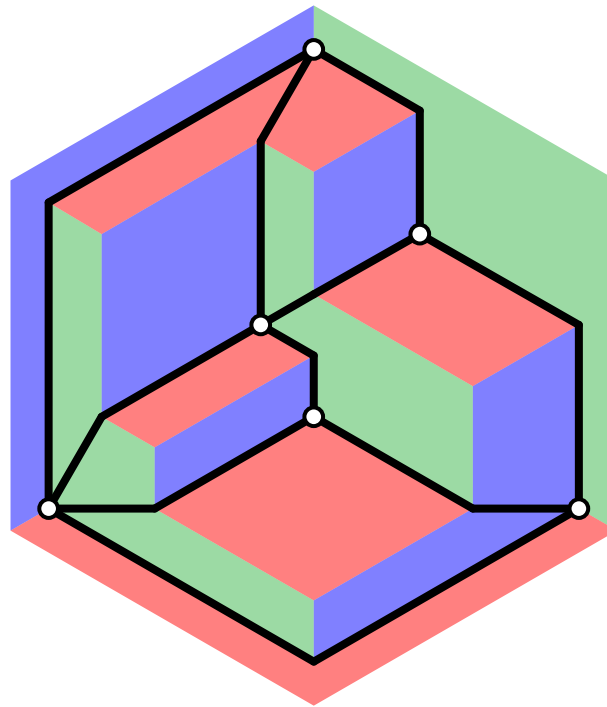
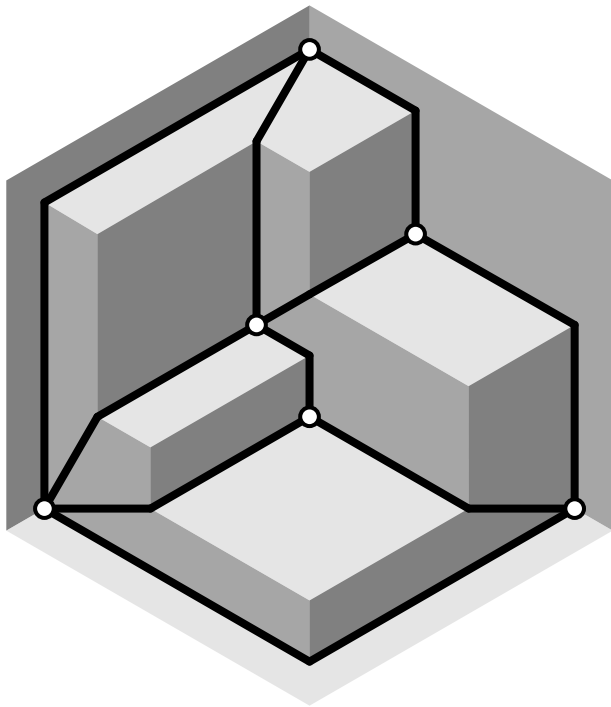


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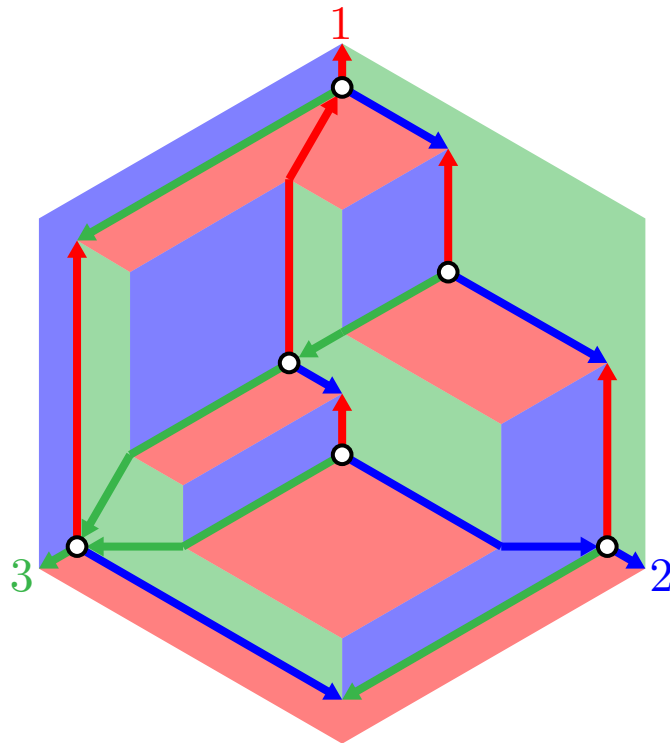


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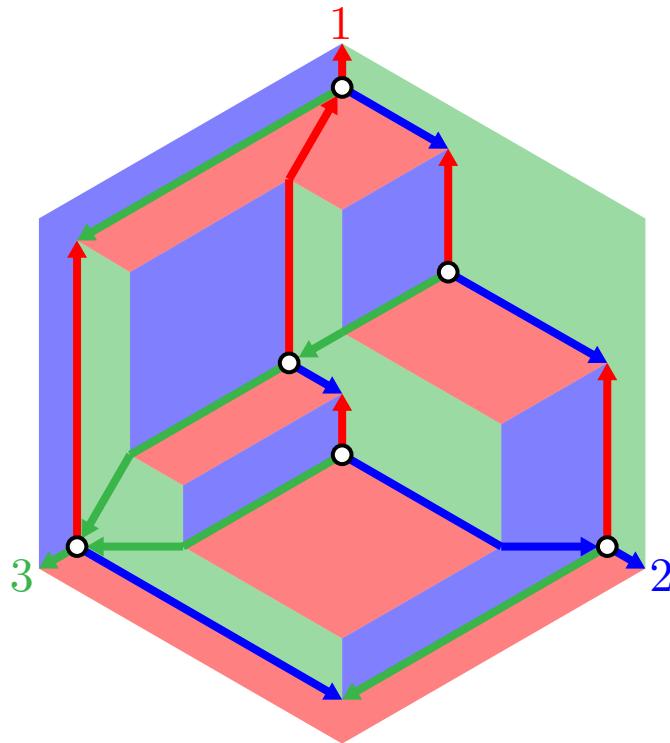


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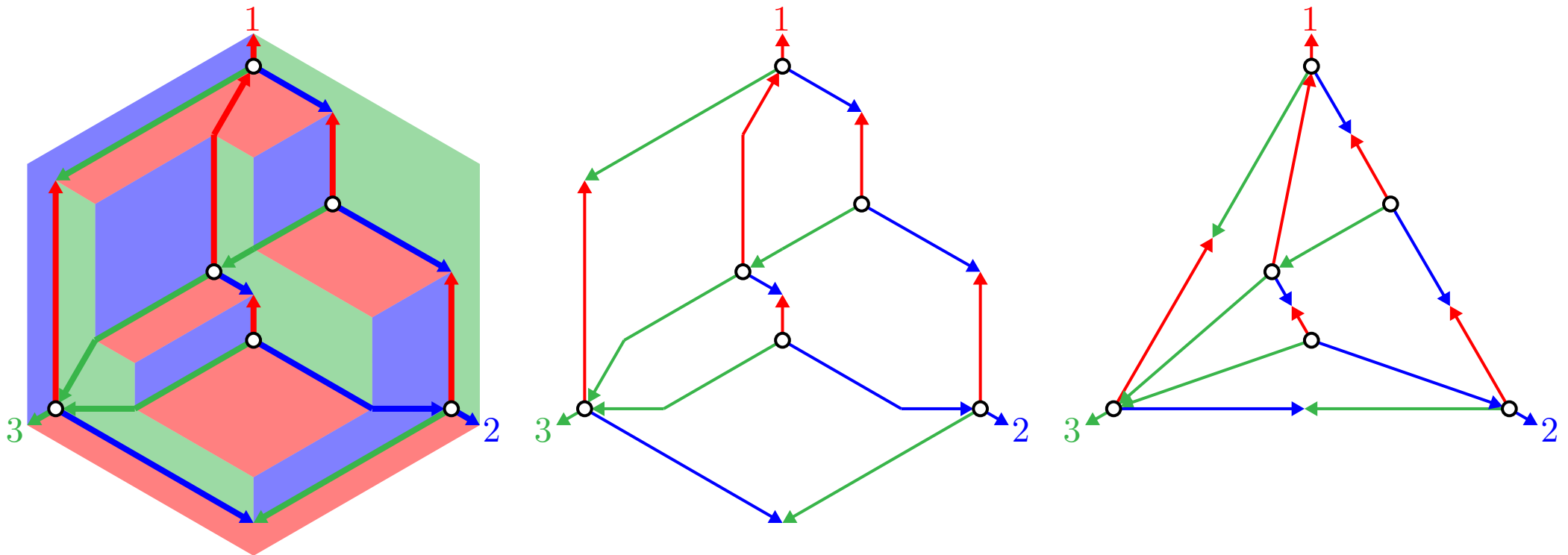
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**THM.** Given a Schnyder wood  $W$  on a planar map  $M$ , the region vectors of the vertices of  $M$  with respect to  $W$  form an axial antichain  $\mathcal{V}$  inducing a geodesic embedding of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{V}}$ .

# 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

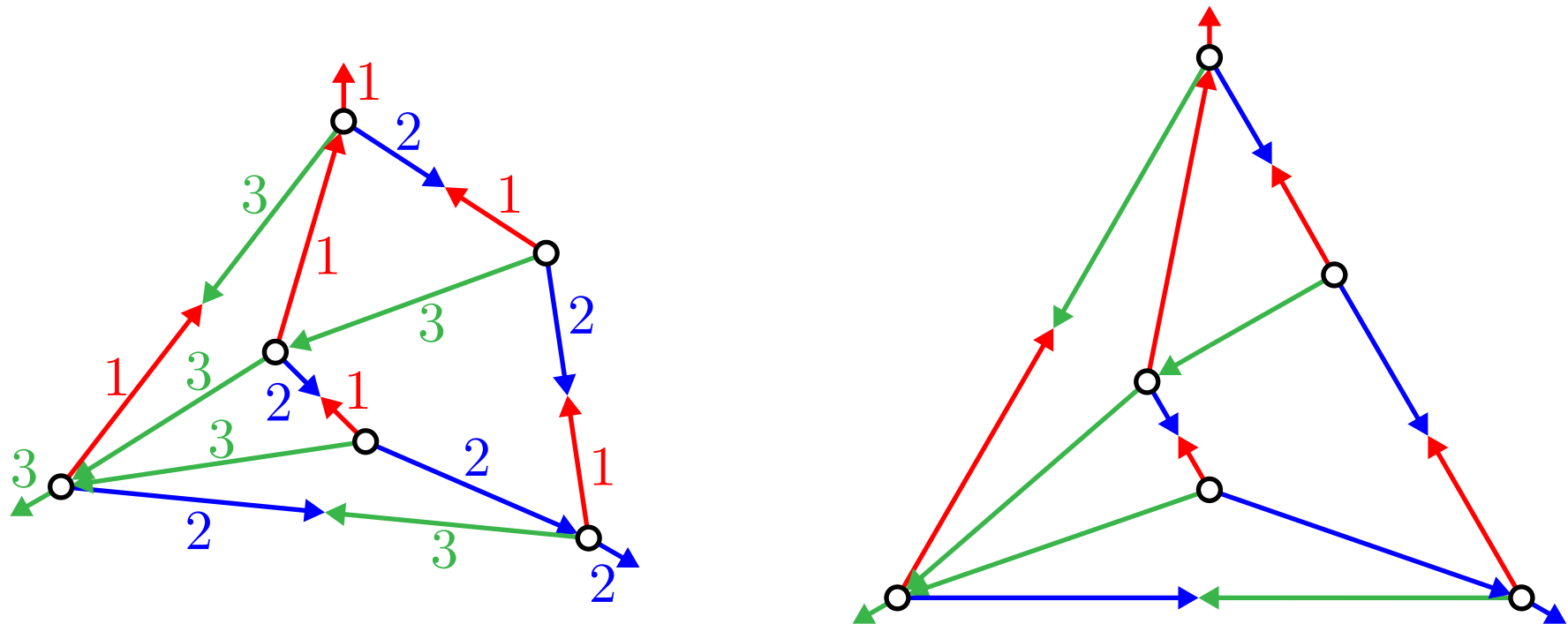
$M$  = planar map with  $f$  faces (including the unbounded one),  
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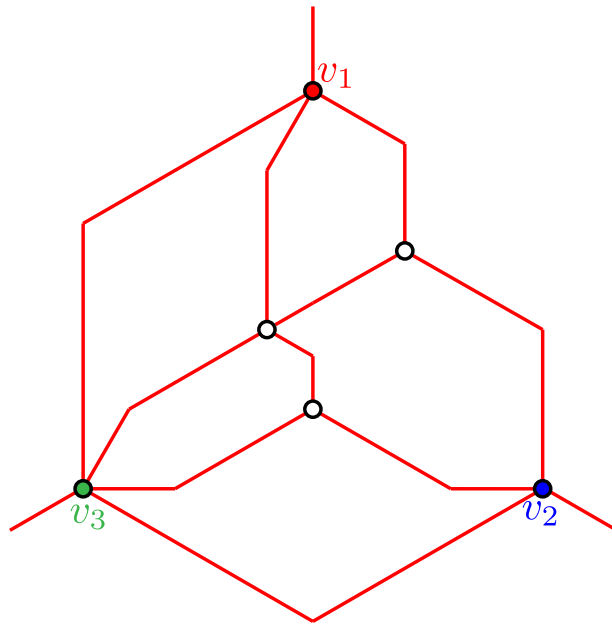
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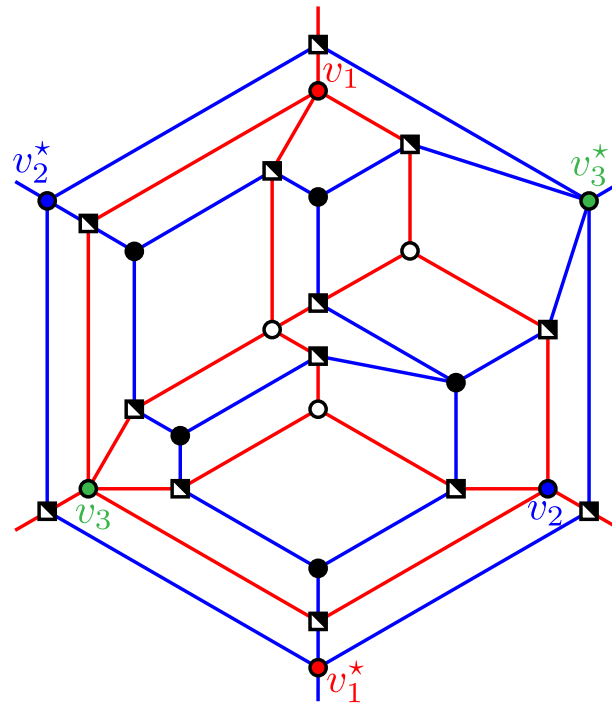
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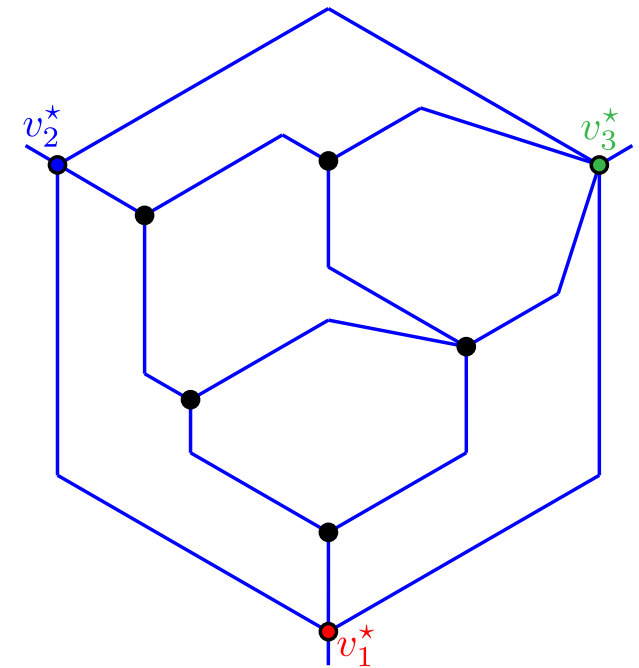
# PRIMAL-DUAL MAP



$M$



$\tilde{M}$



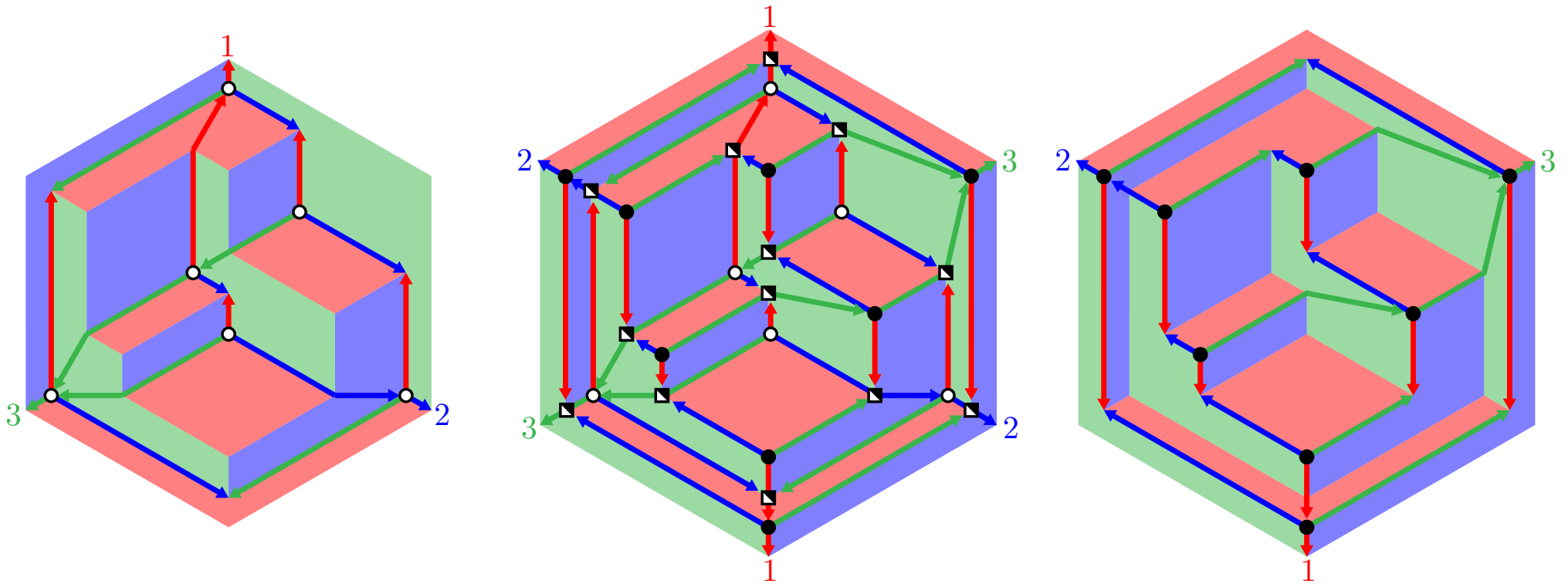
$M^*$

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

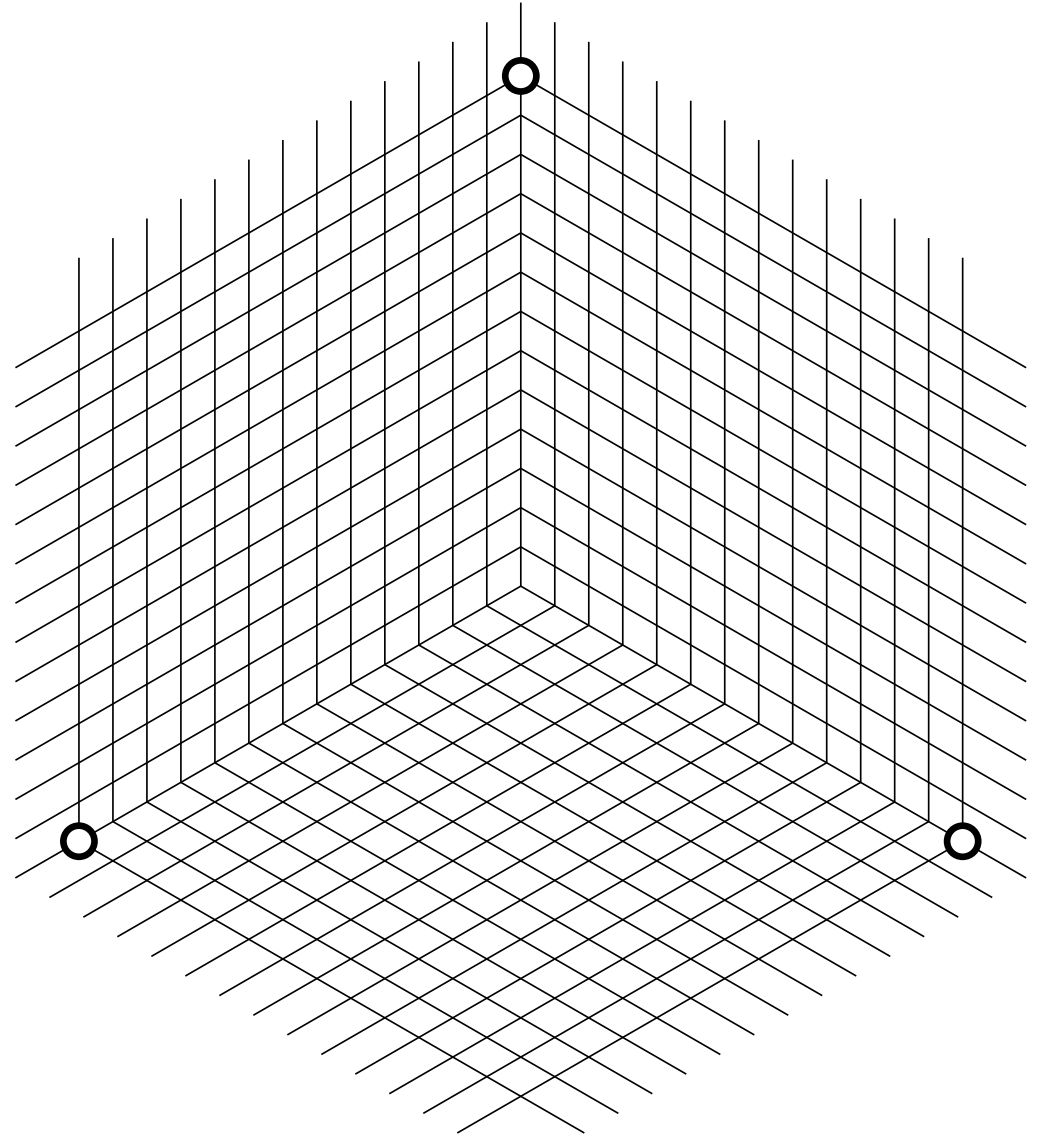
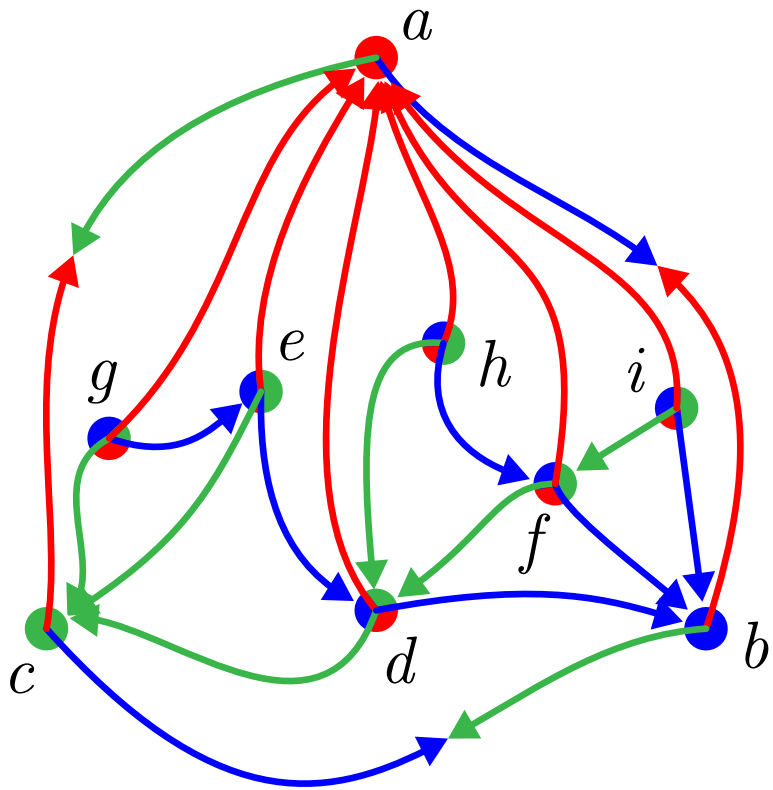


**THM.** Reversing the orientation, the same orthogonal surface admits a geodesic embedding of the map  $M$ , of its suspended dual map  $M^*$ , and of its primal-dual map  $\tilde{M}$ .



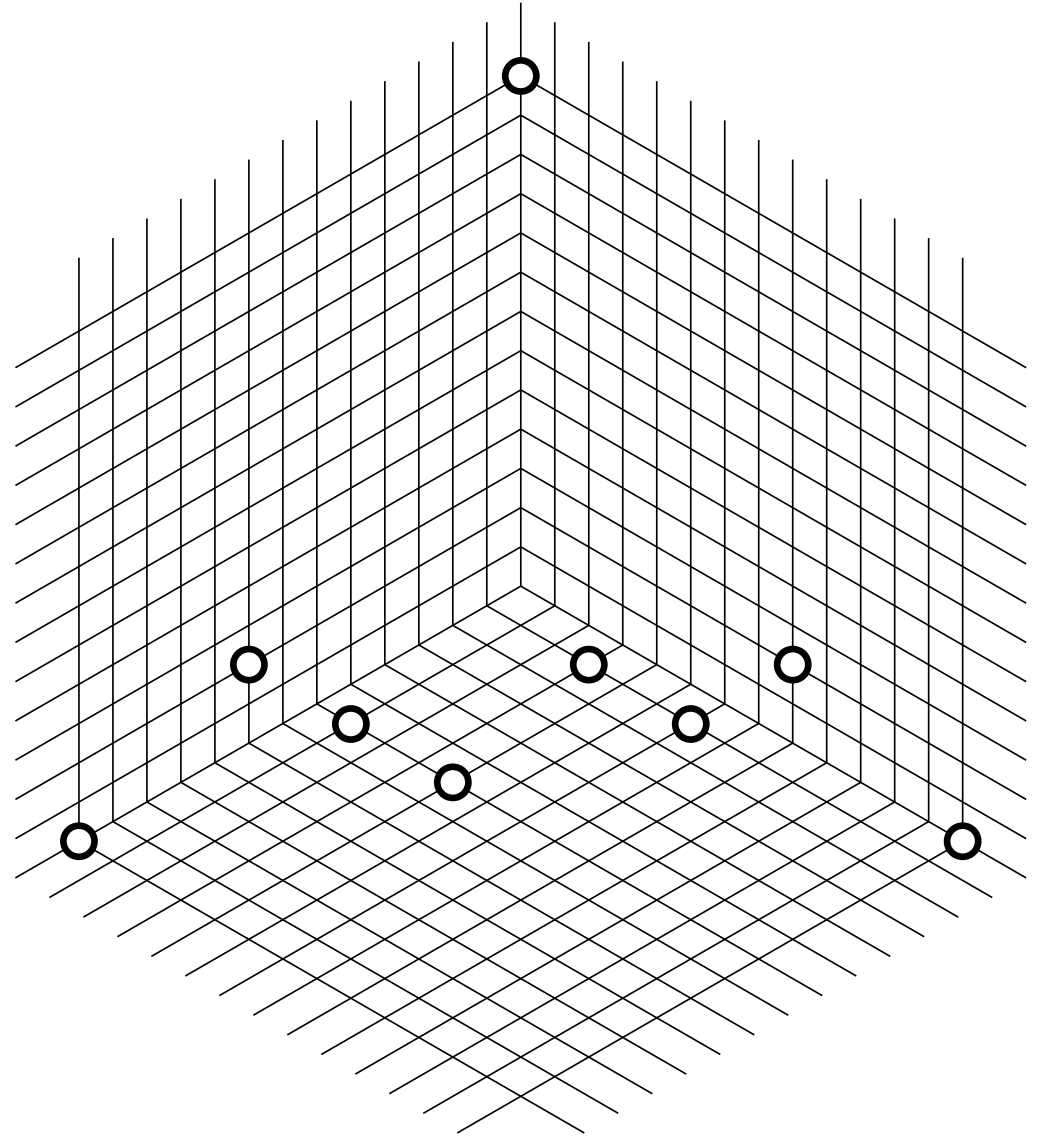
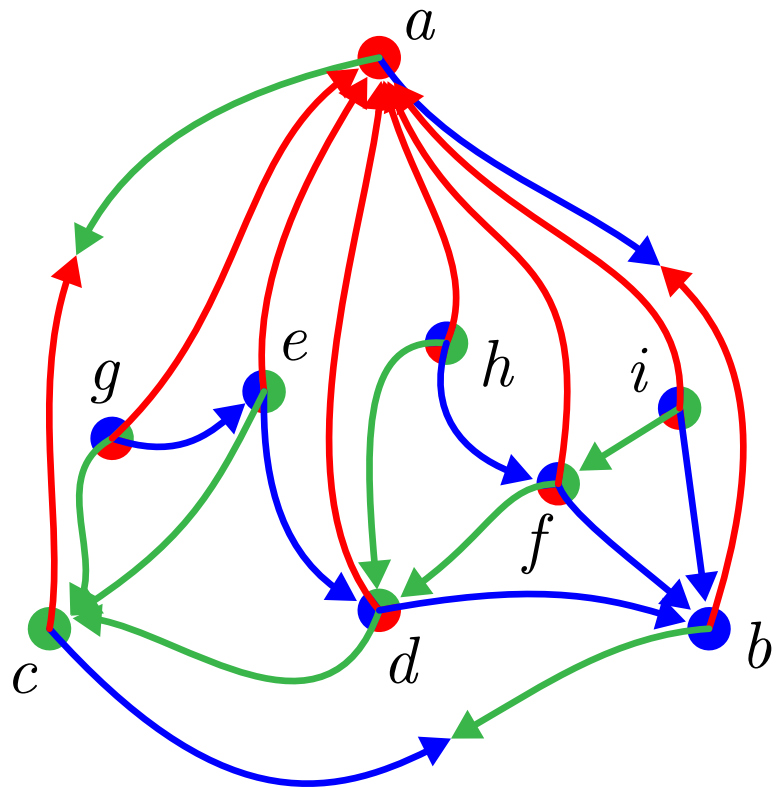
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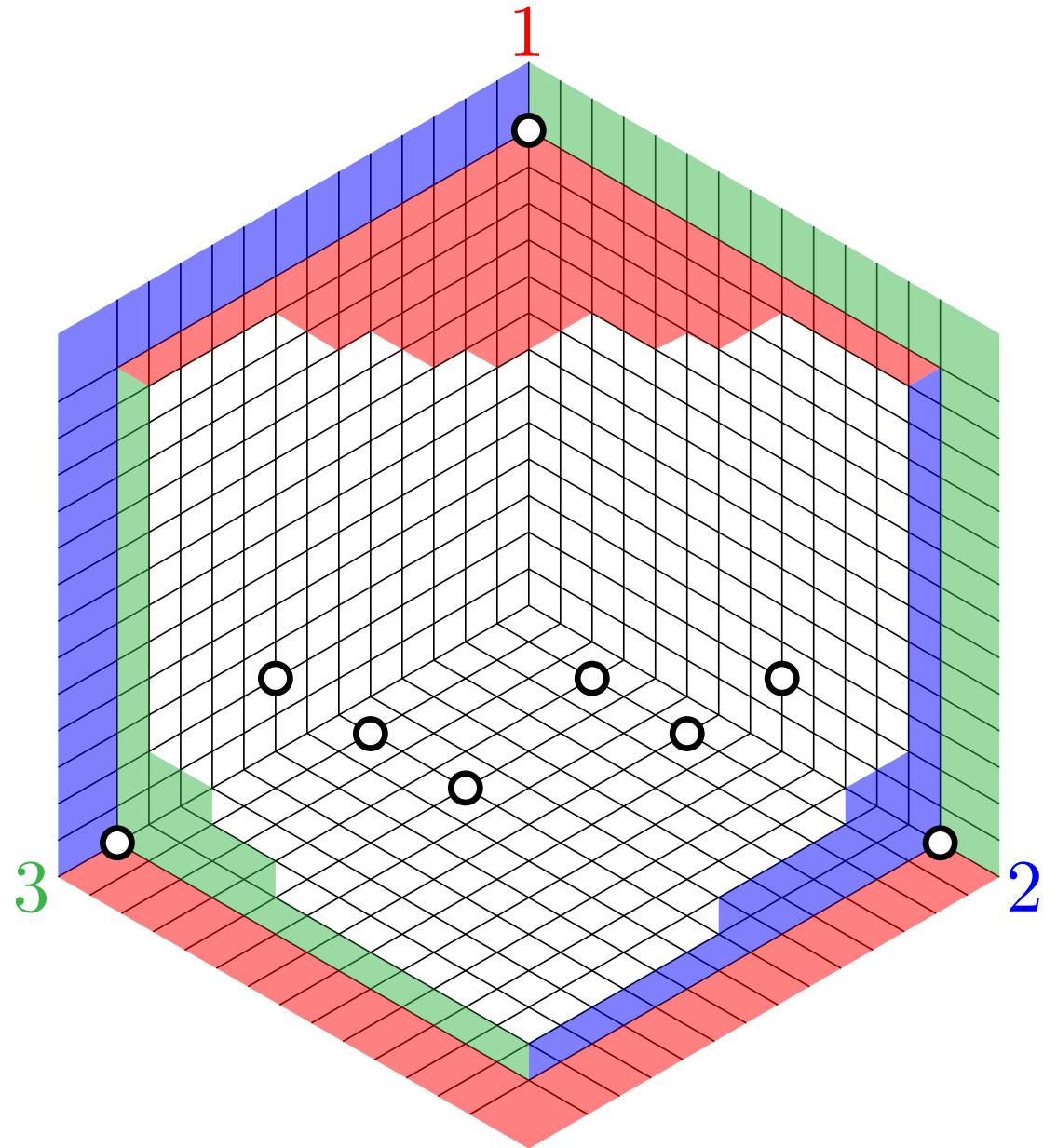
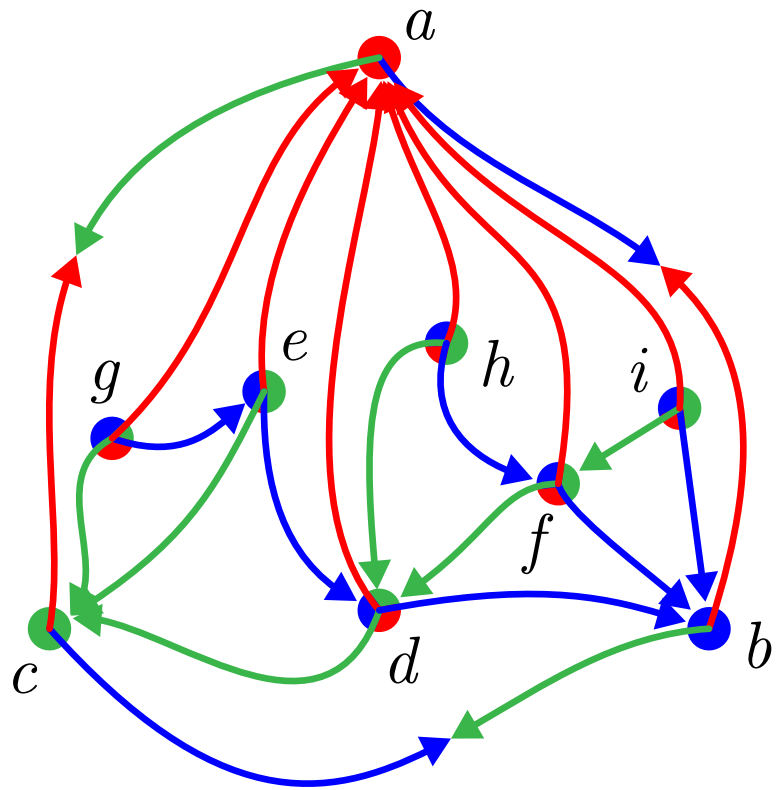


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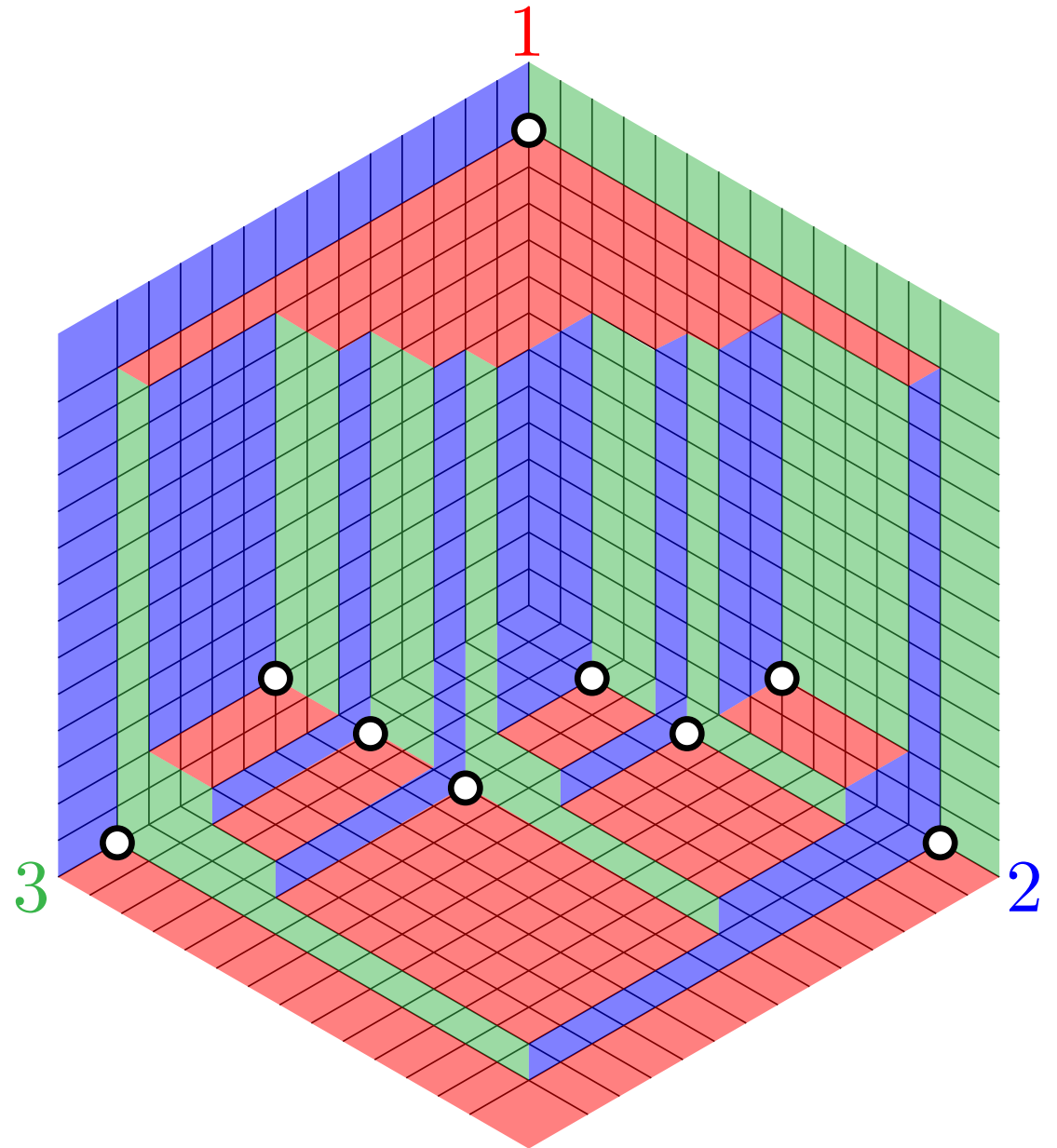
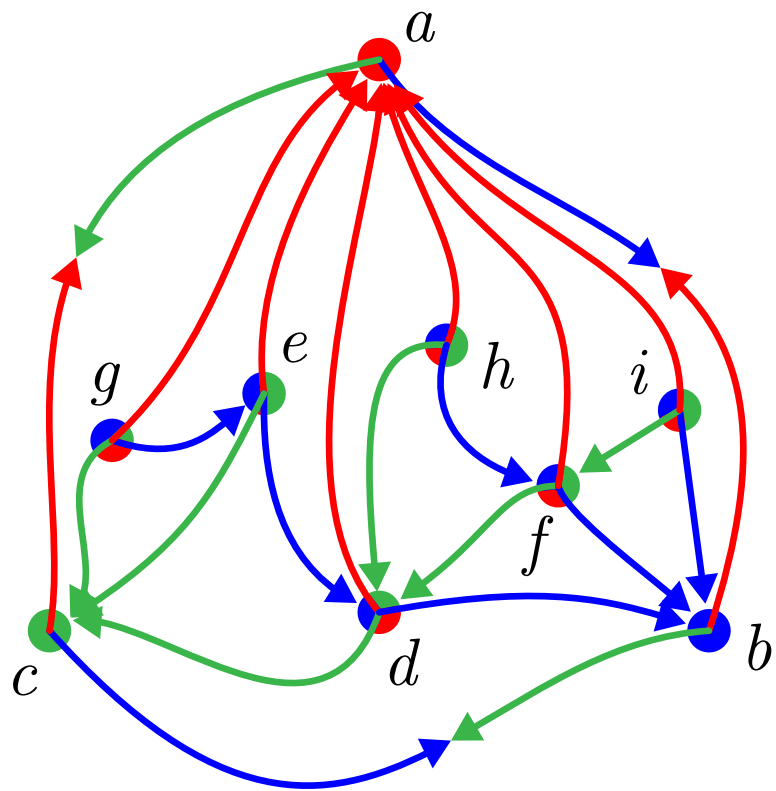
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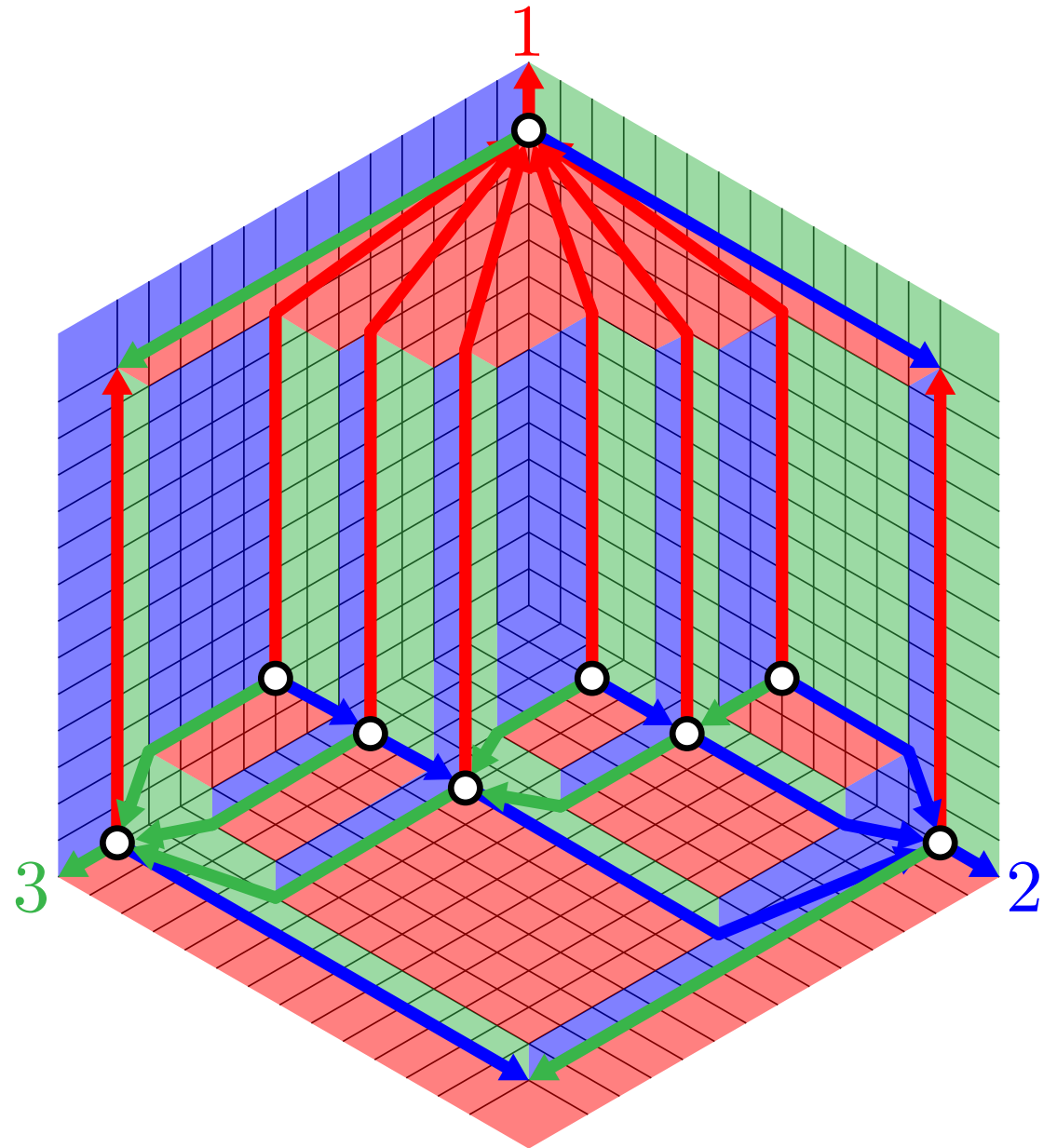
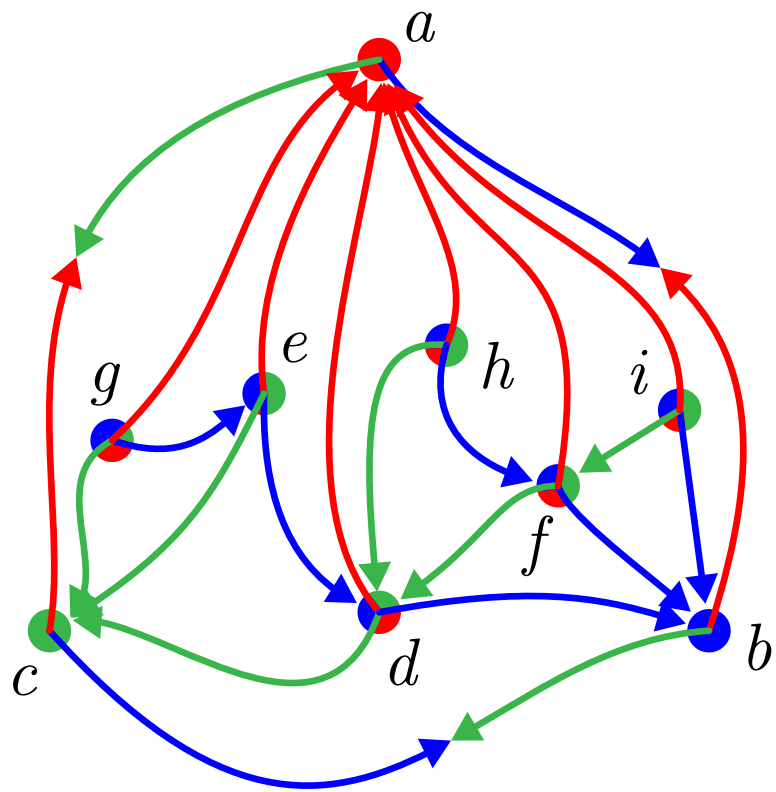
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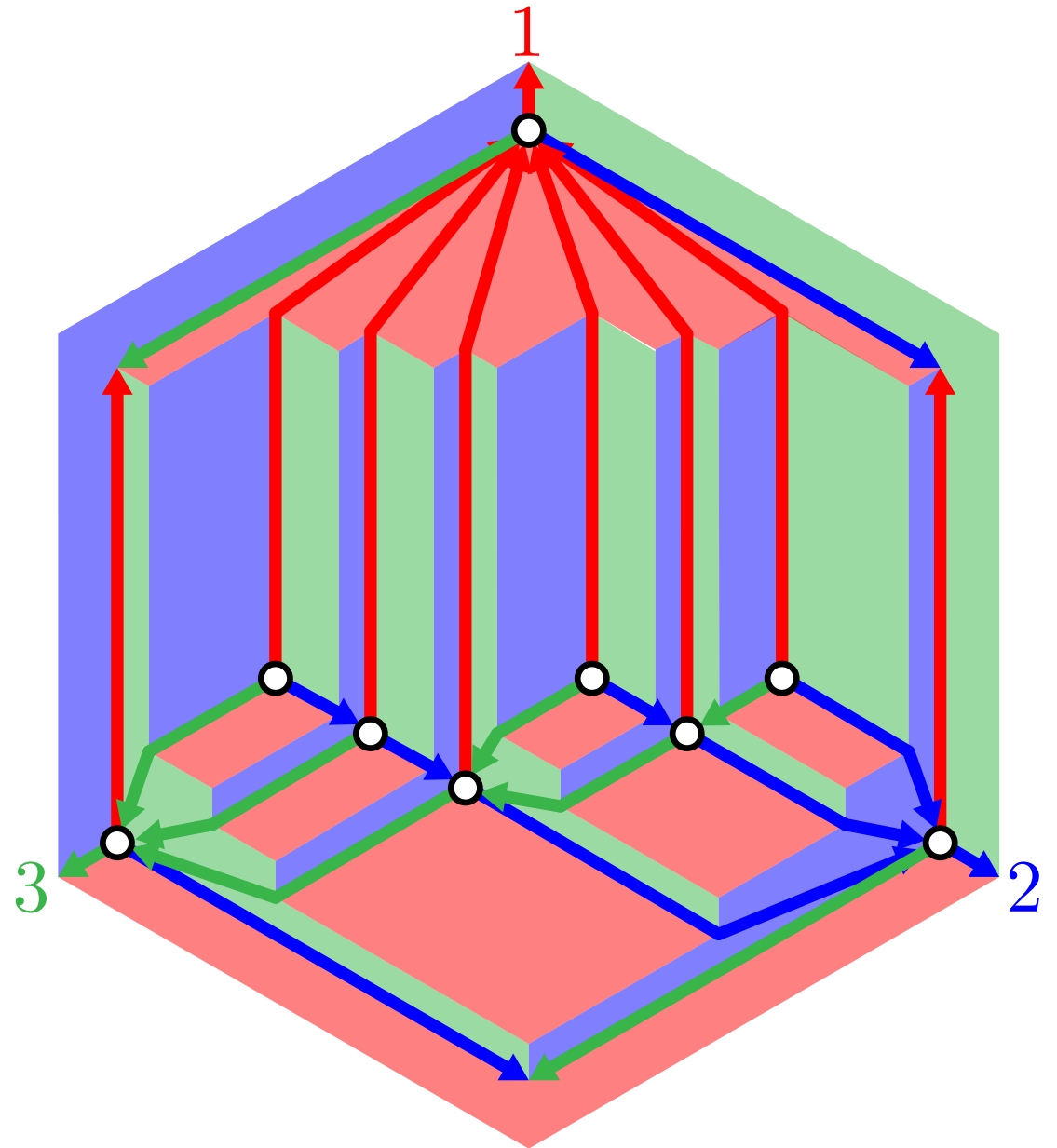
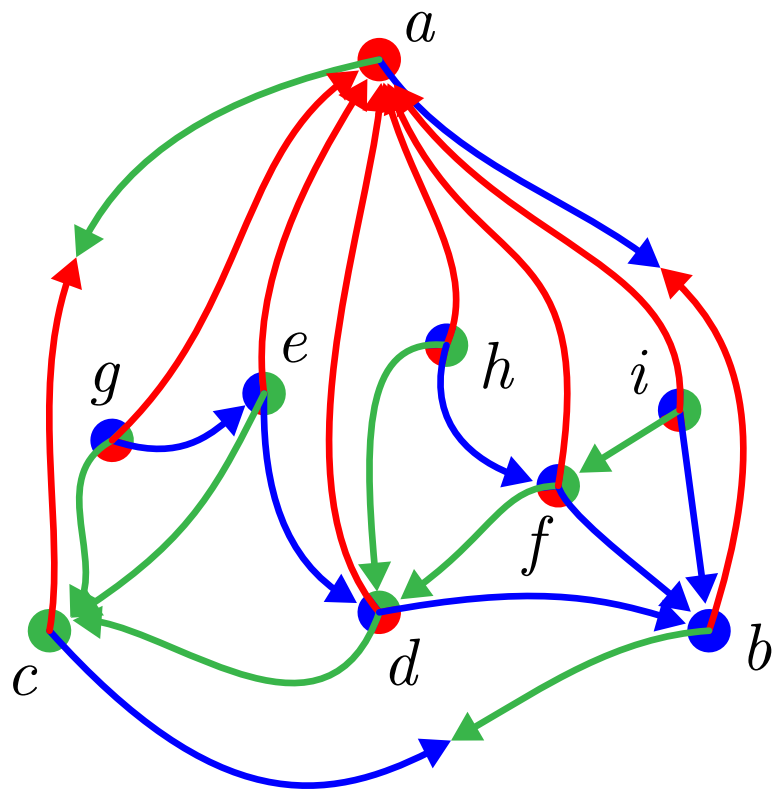
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# ALPHA-ORIENTATIONS

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## $\alpha$ -ORIENTATION

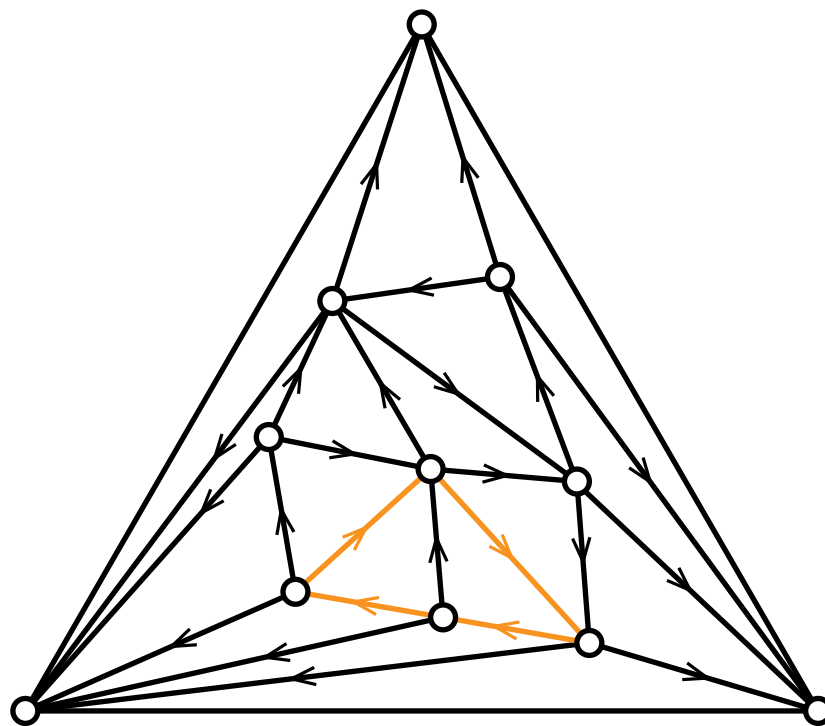
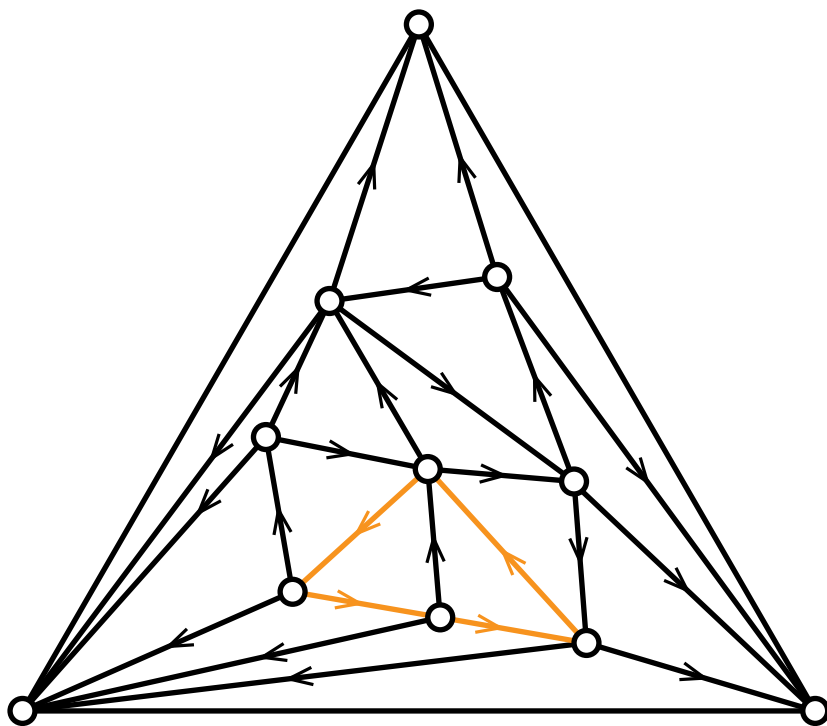
**DEF.**  $G = (V, E)$  a graph,  $\alpha : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

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

remark:  $\alpha$ -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  $\alpha$ -orientation yields another  $\alpha$ -orientation.

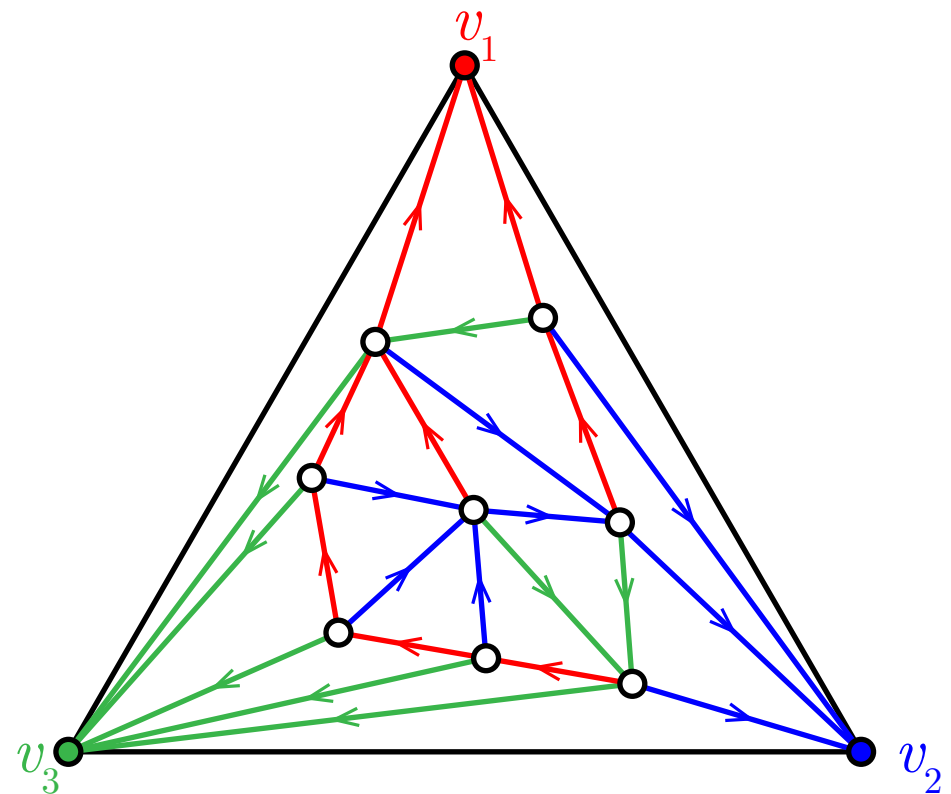
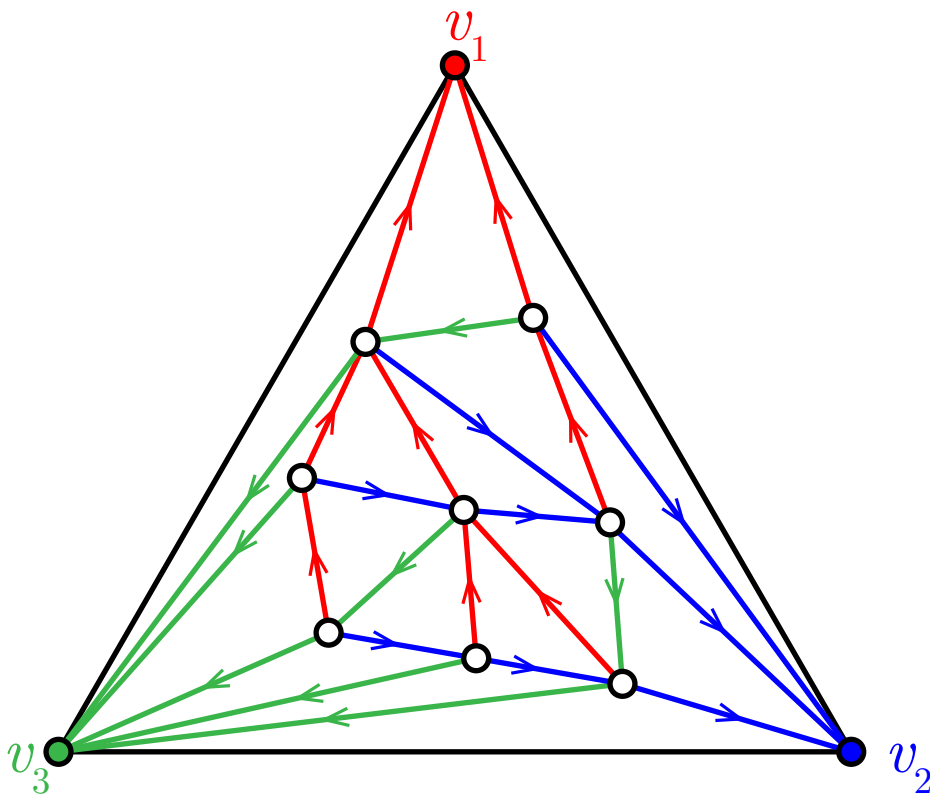




# 3-ORIENTATIONS IN TRIANGULATIONS

**DEF.**  $M$  = triangulated planar map with external vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , and edges  $e_1, e_2, e_3$   
3-orientation =  $\alpha$ -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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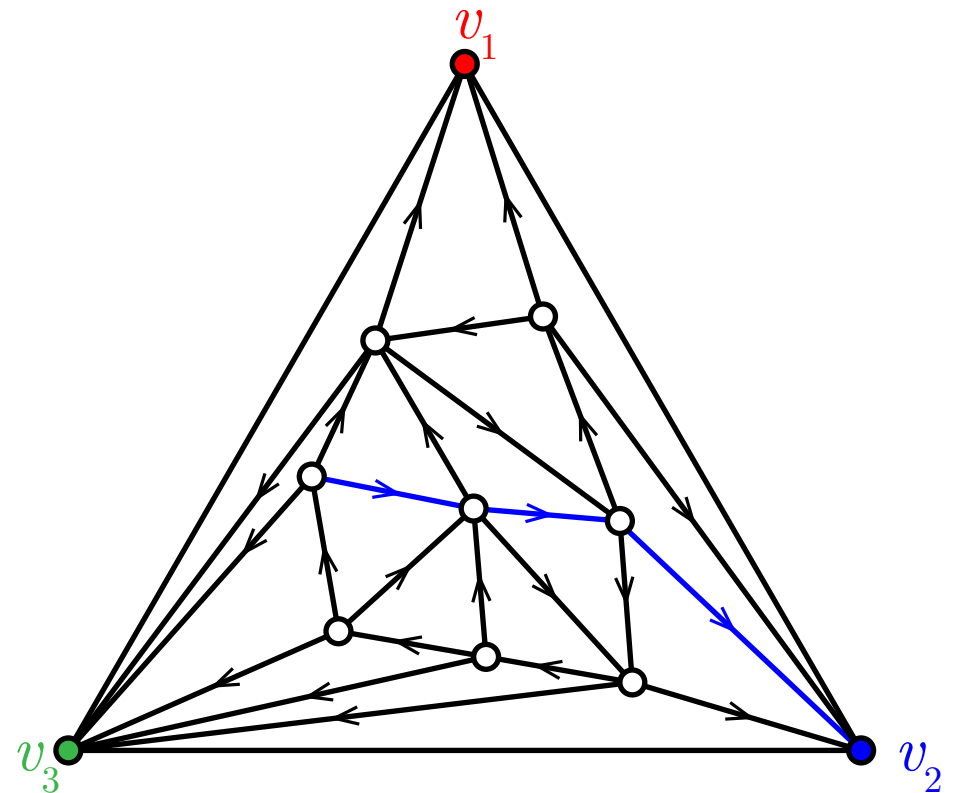
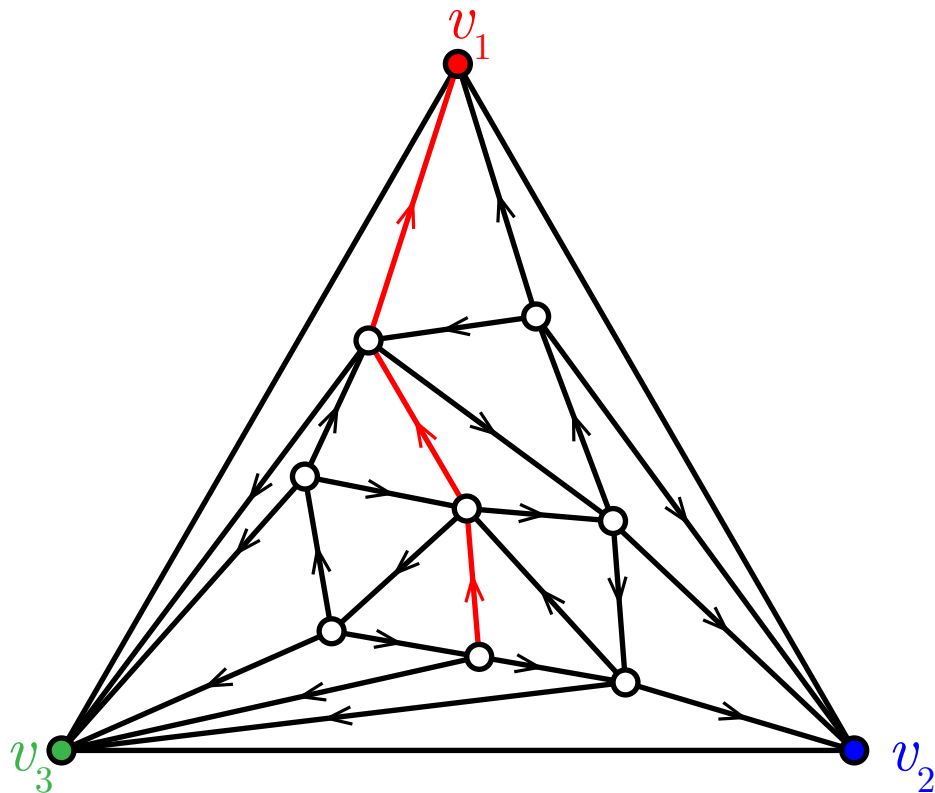


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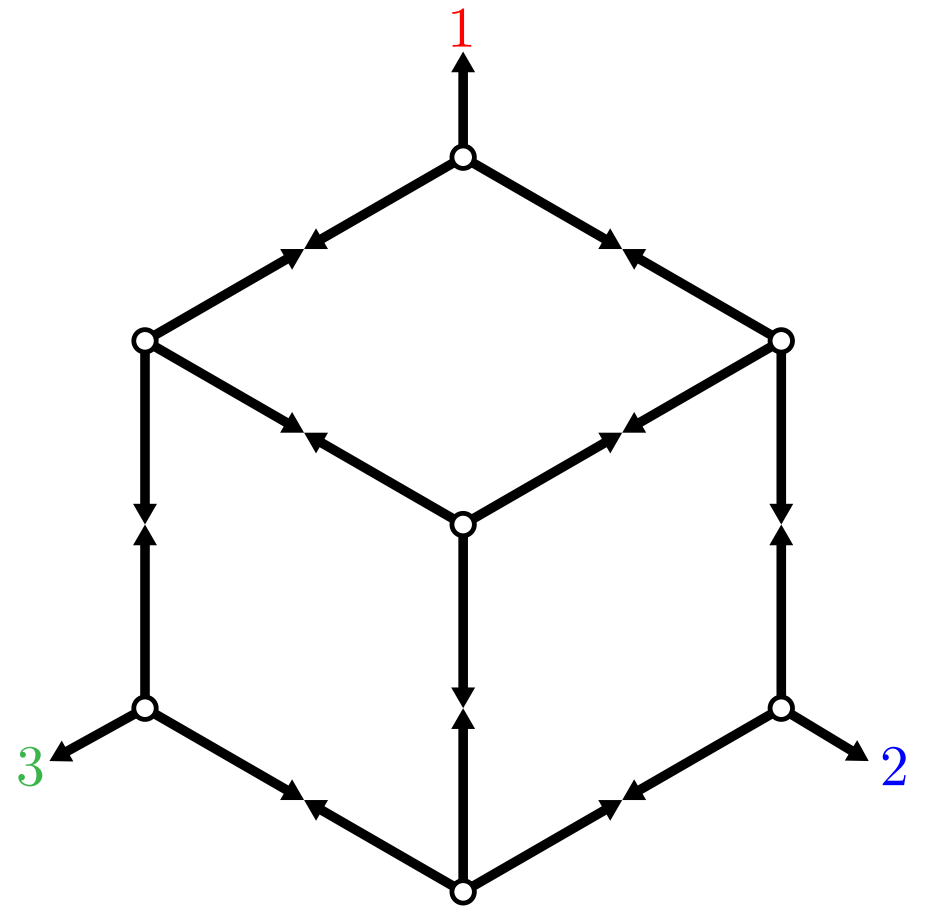
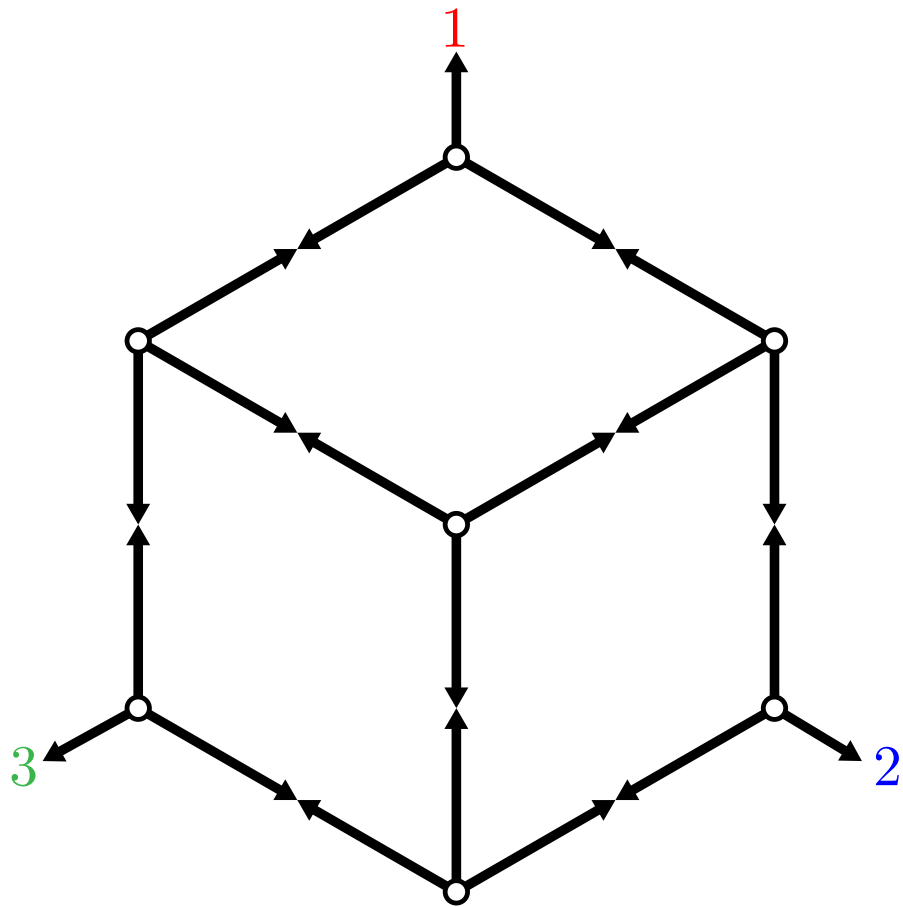
proof idea:

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



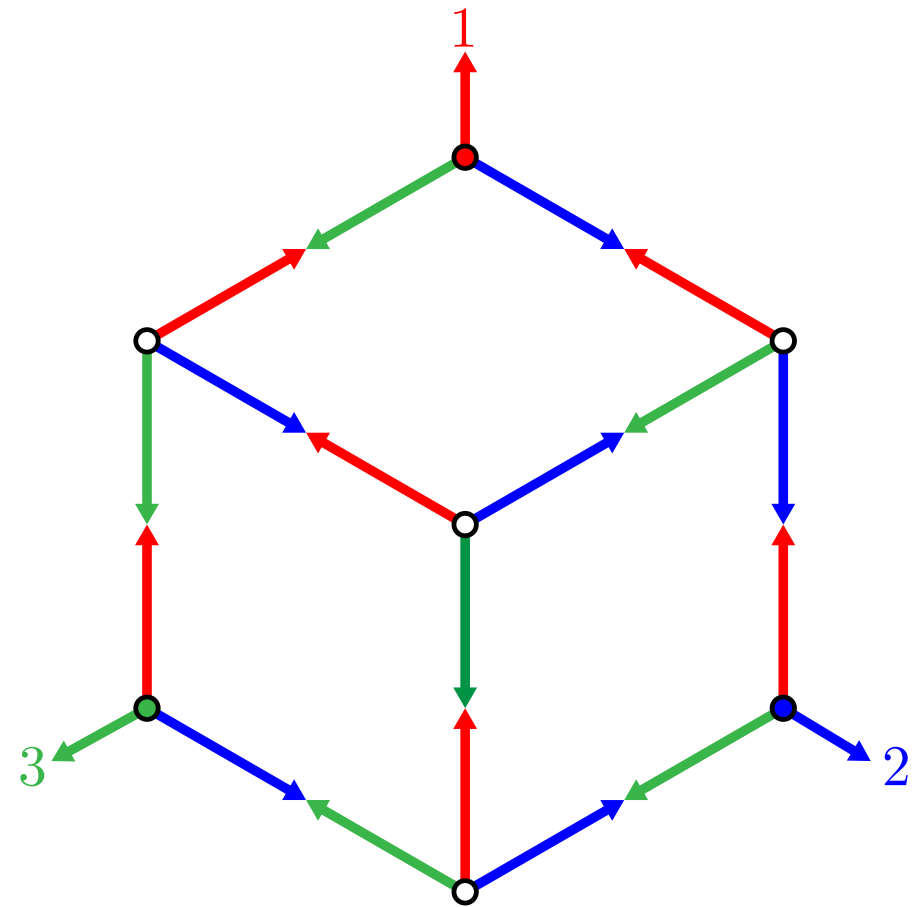
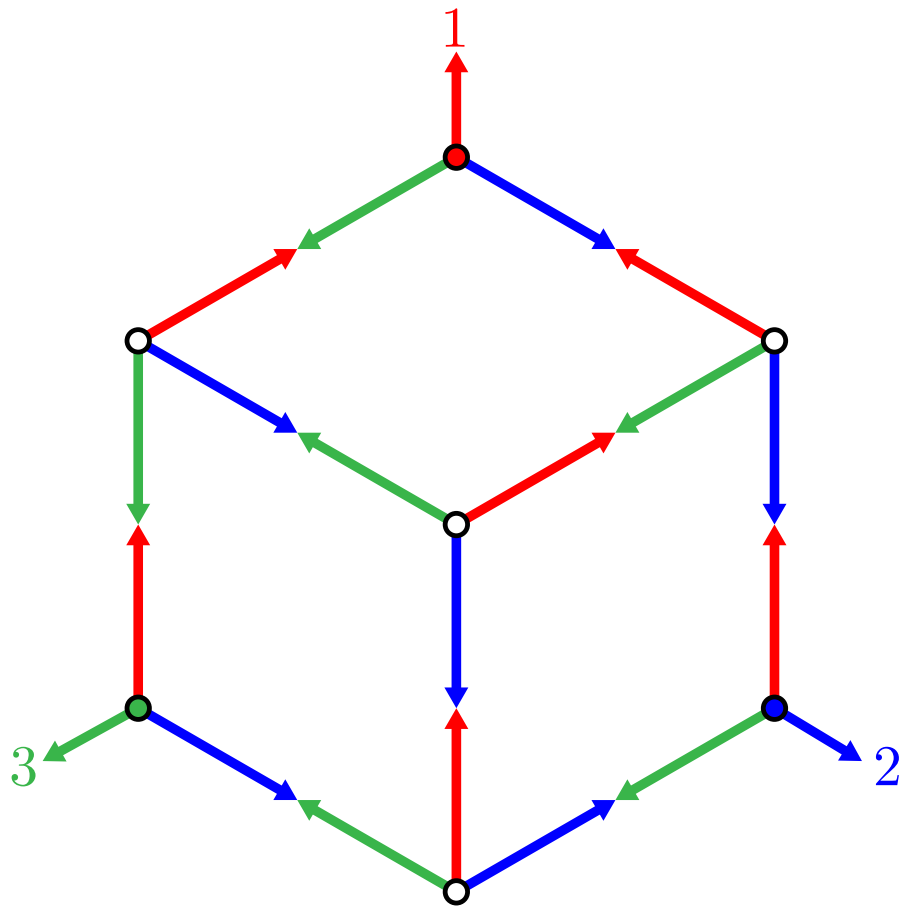
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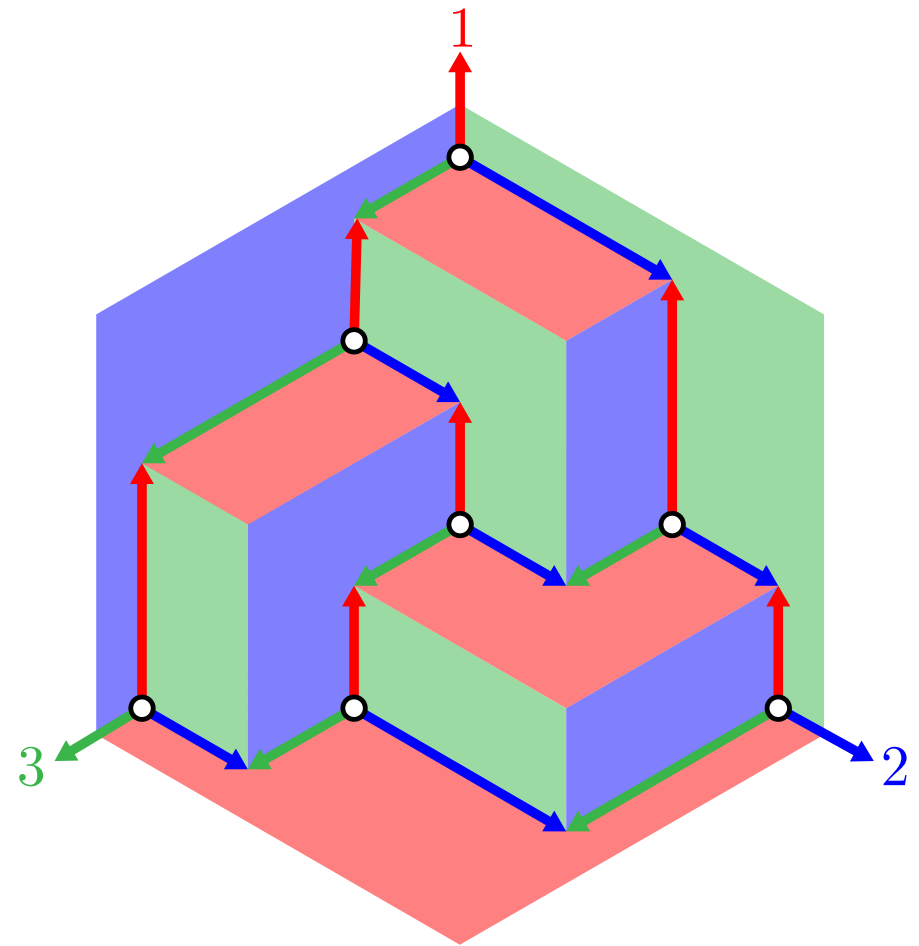
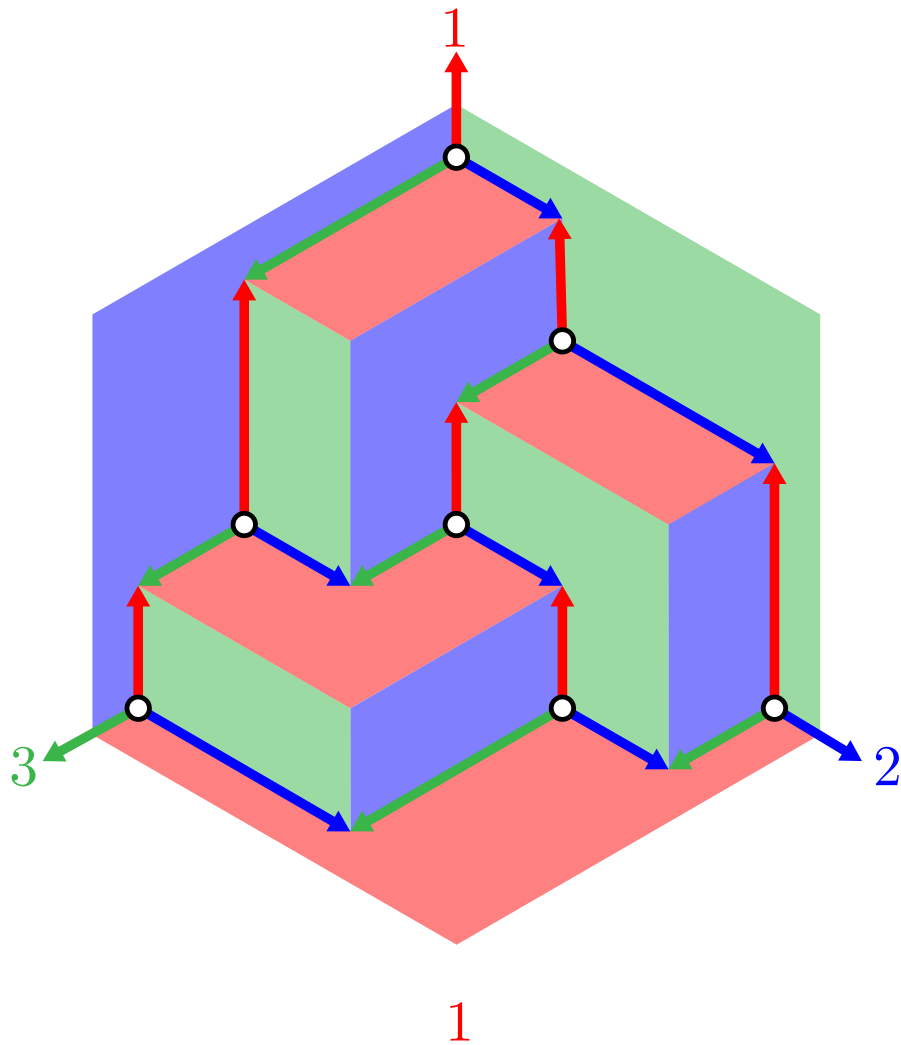
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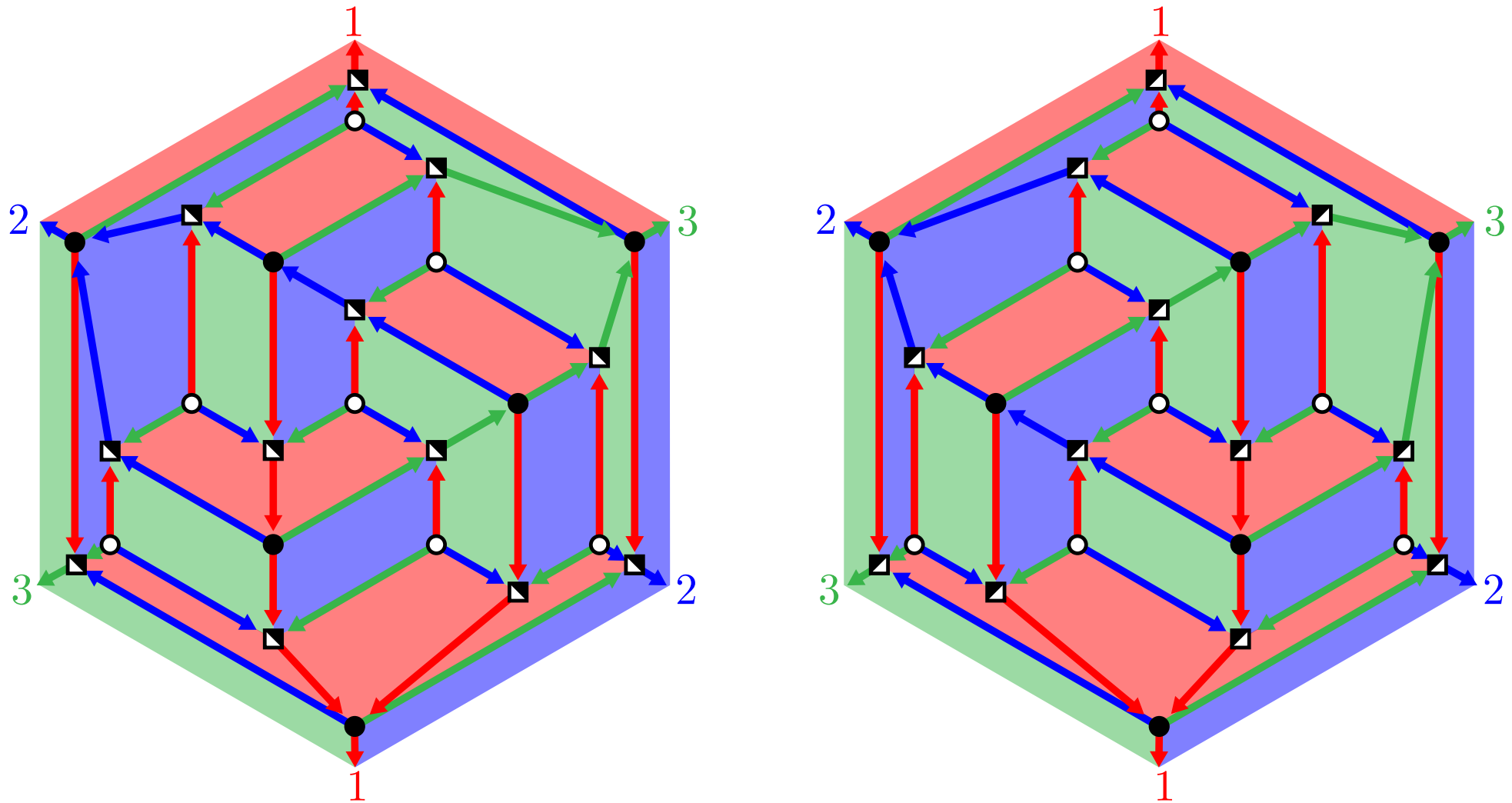
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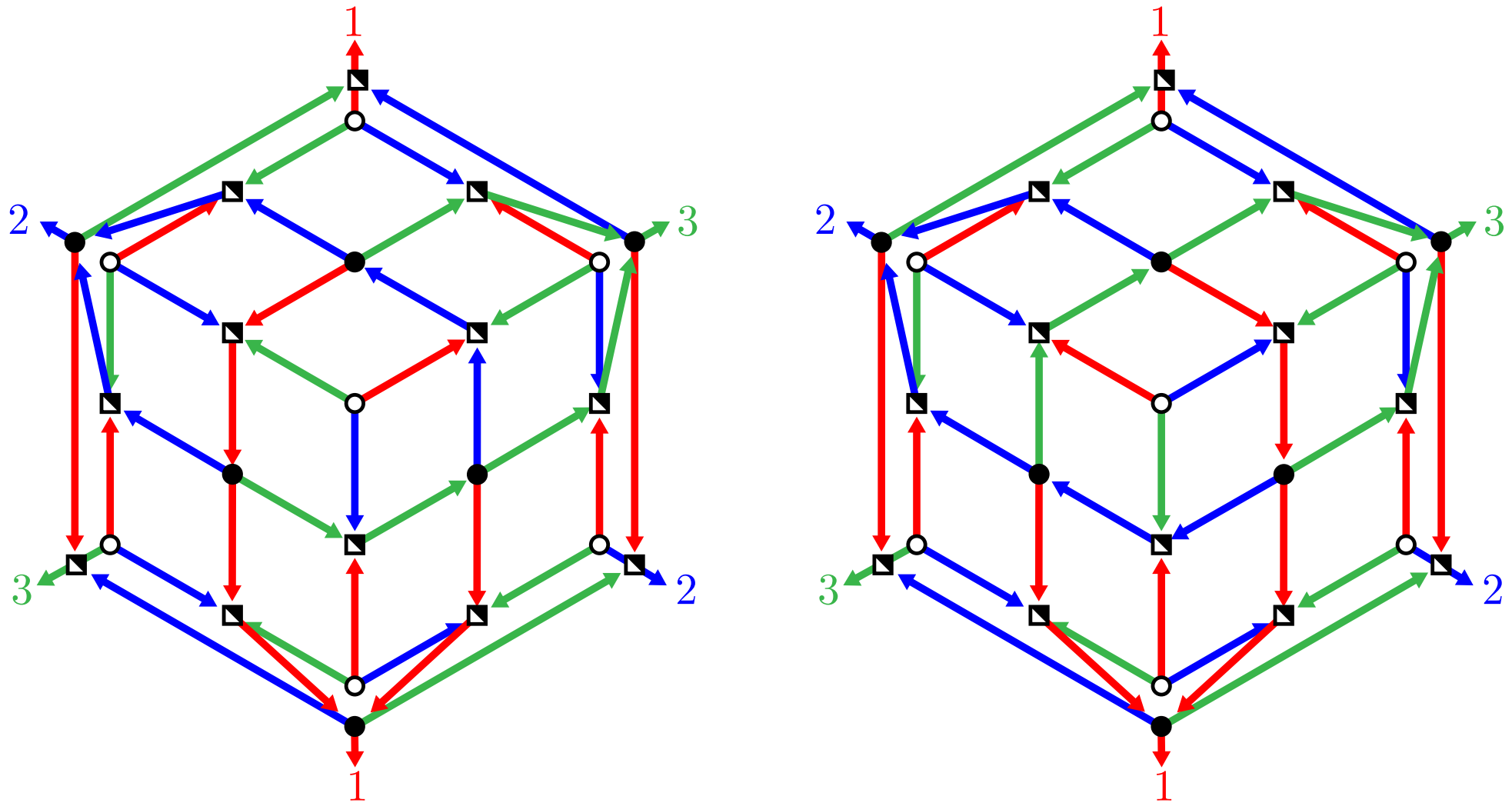
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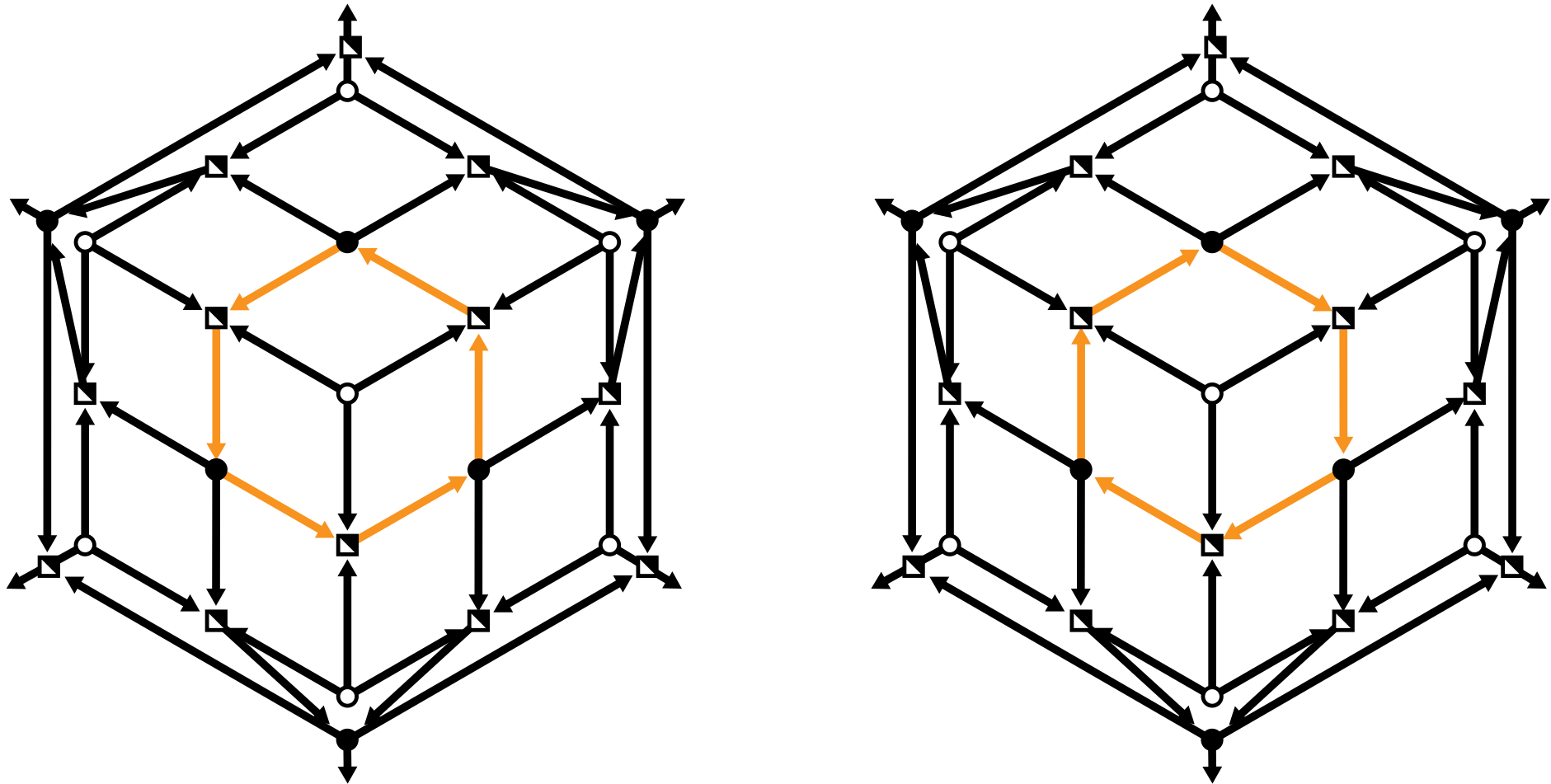
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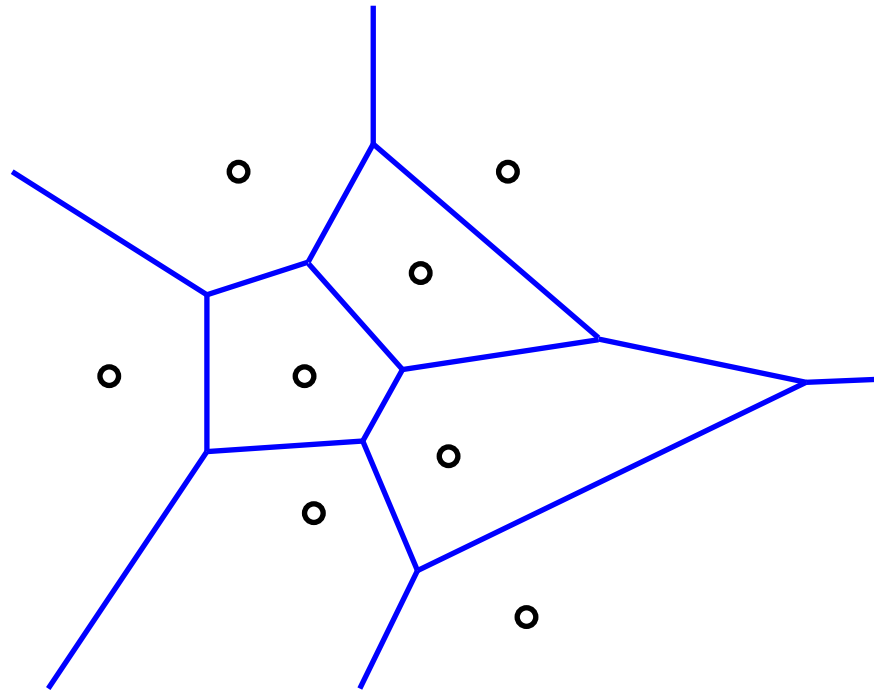
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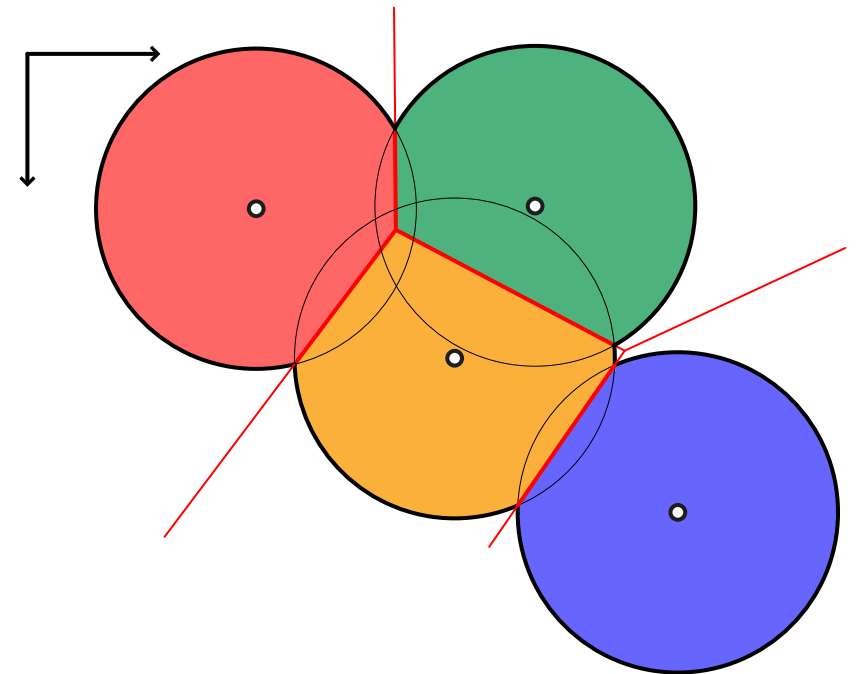
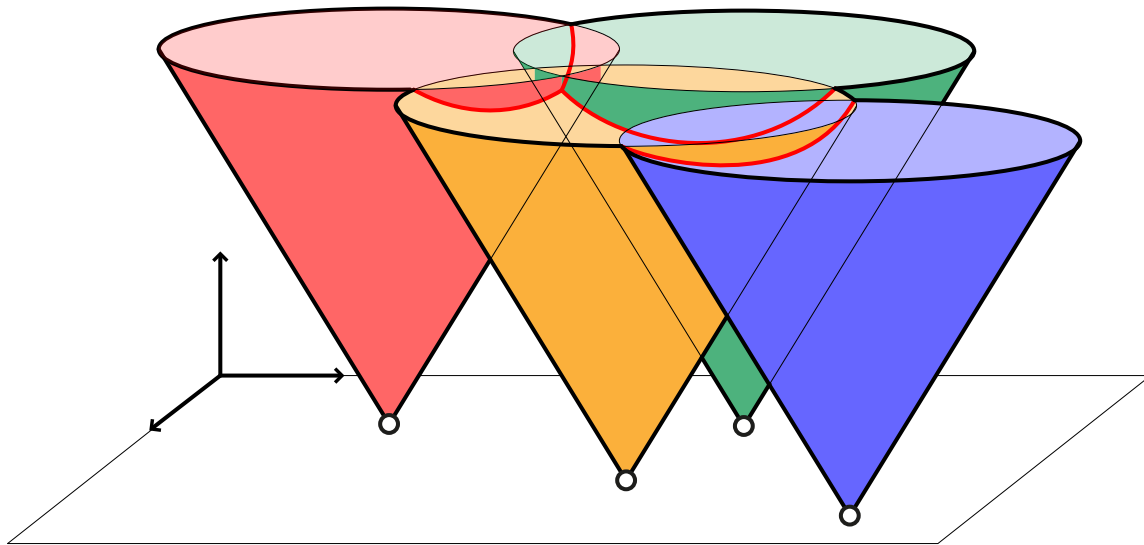


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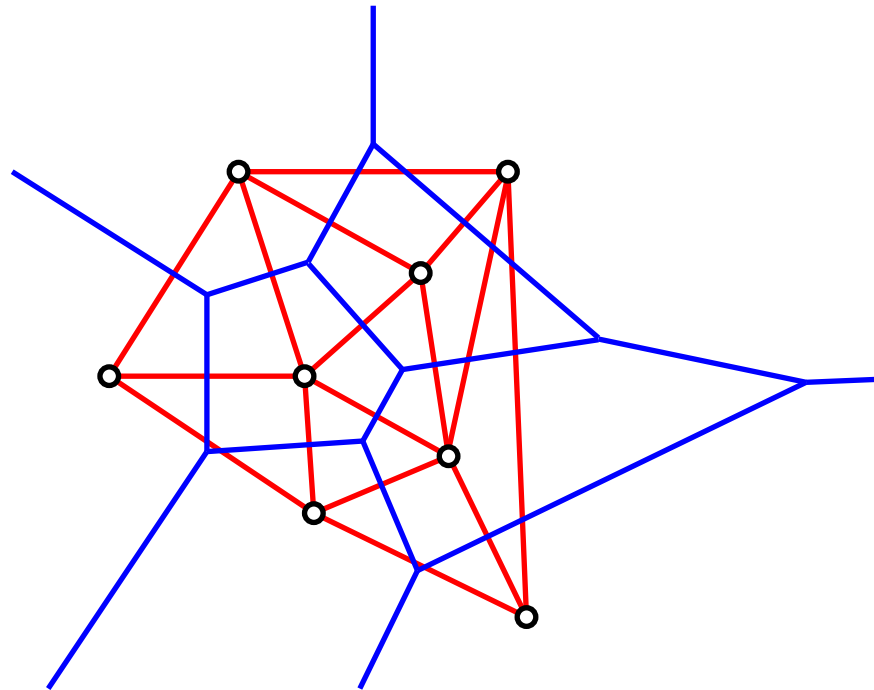


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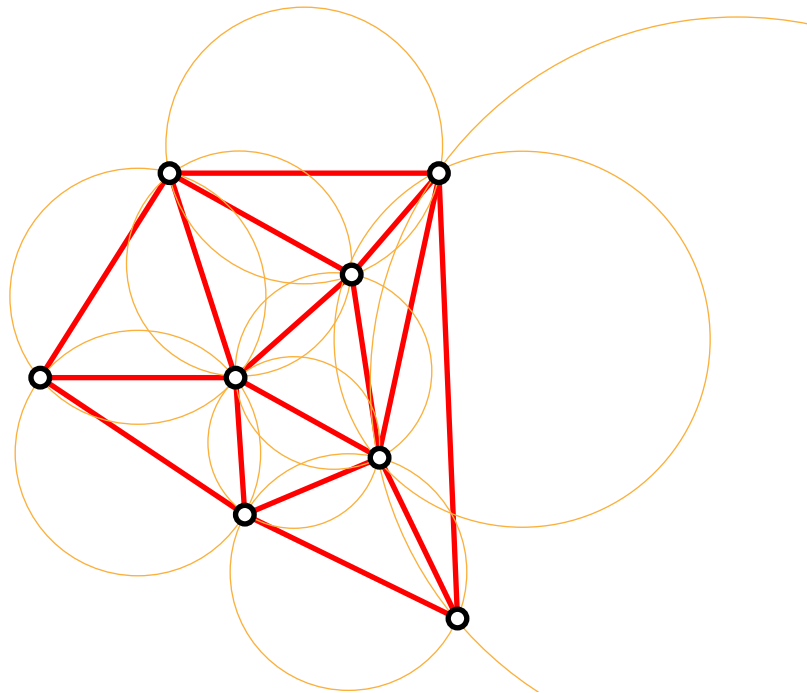
**DEF.** Delaunay complex  $\text{Del}(\mathbf{P}) =$  intersection complex of  $\text{Vor}(\mathbf{P})$

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

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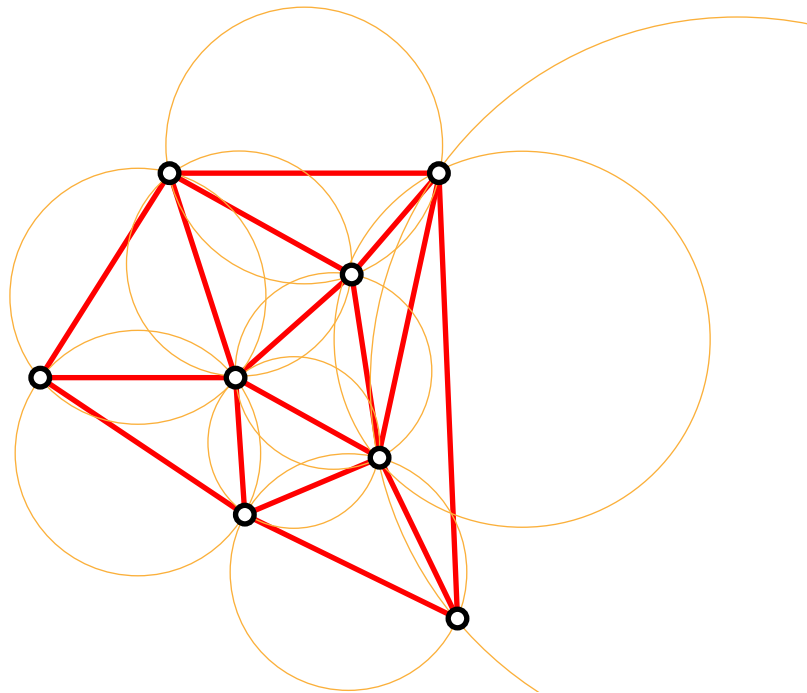


proof idea: consider the circle centered at the intersection of the Voronoi regions and passing through the Voronoi sites.

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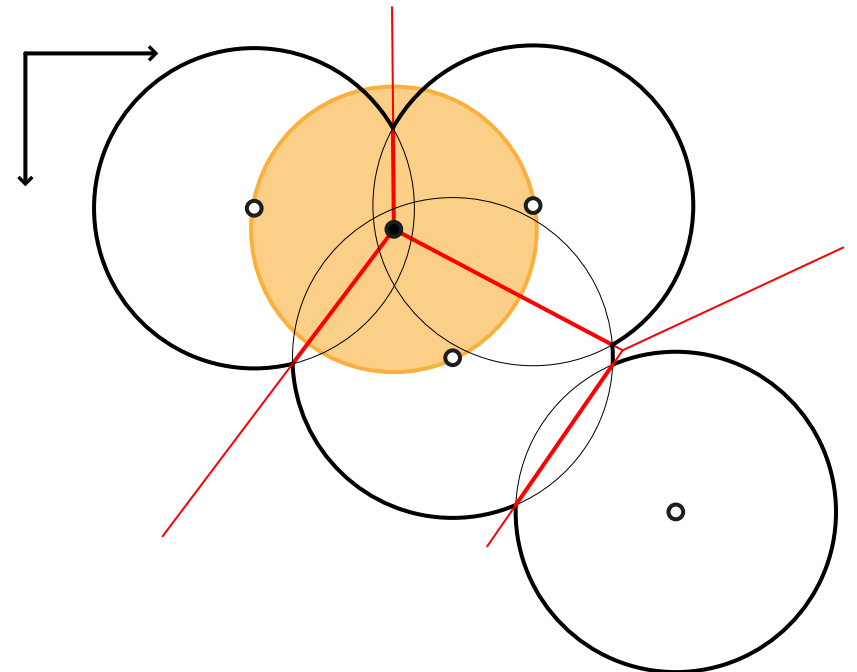
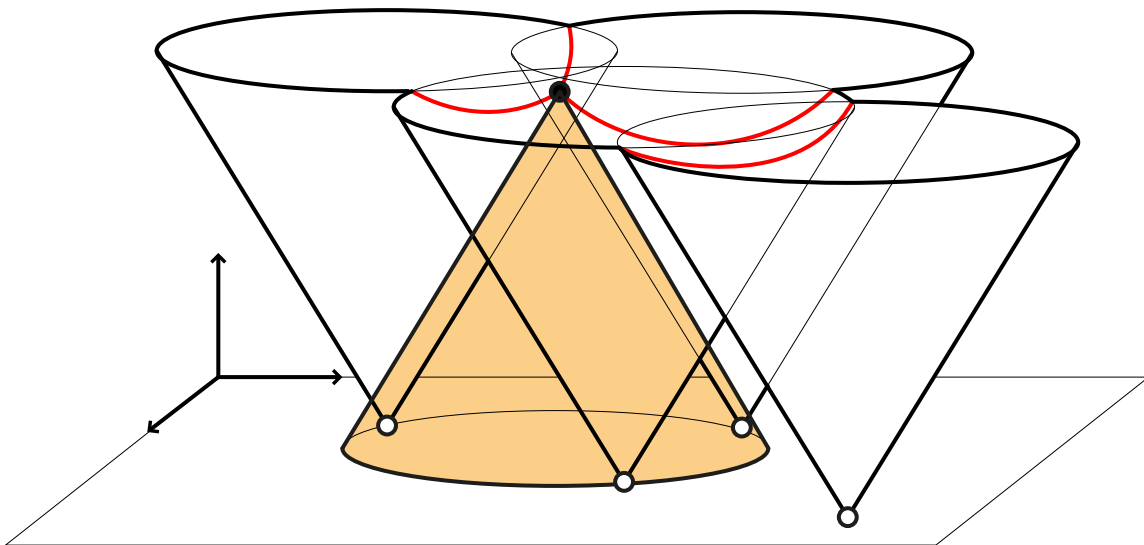


**CORO.** In two adjacent triangles of a Delaunay triangulation, the sum of the two opposite angles is at most  $\pi$ .

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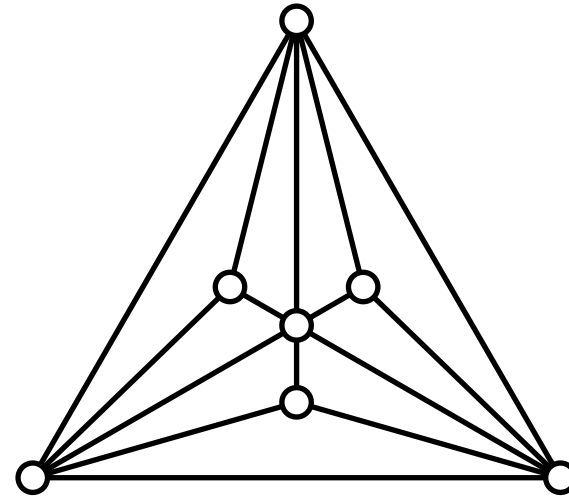
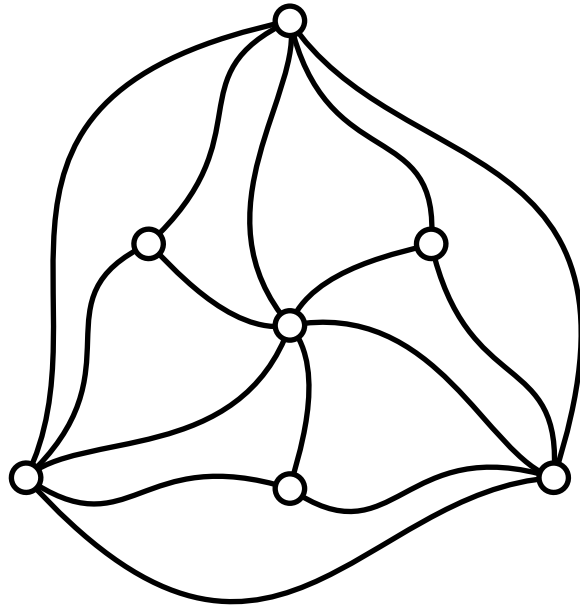
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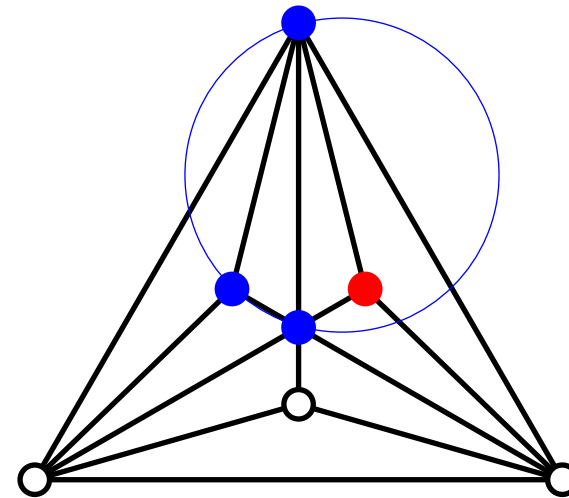
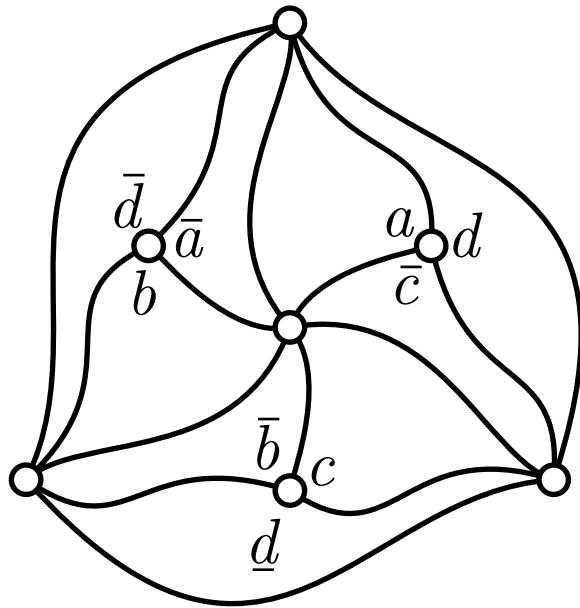
QU. Consider the stacked triangulation



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

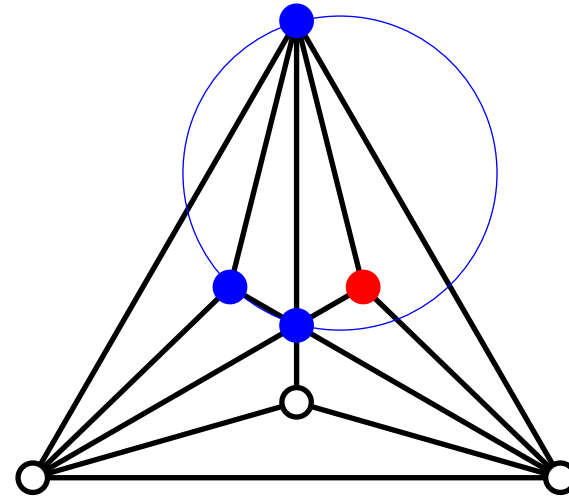
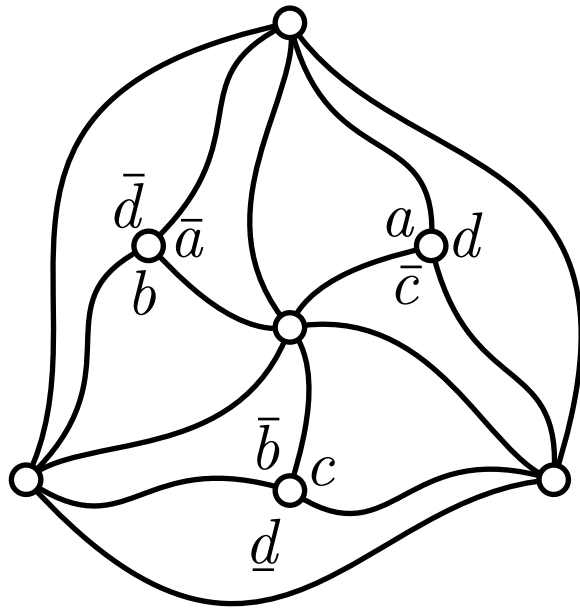
$$a + \bar{a} < \pi, \quad b + \bar{b} < \pi, \quad c + \bar{c} < \pi,$$

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

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

## EXM: STACKED TRIANGULATIONS

REM. The stacked triangulation



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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  $Q$ .

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

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

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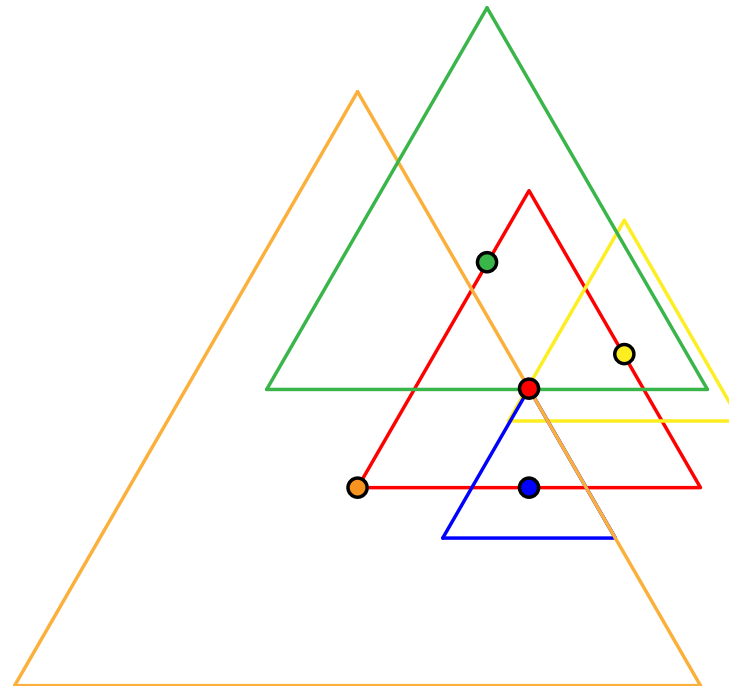
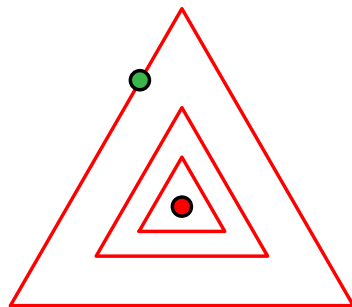
# TRIANGULAR DISTANCE

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  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{H} =$

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

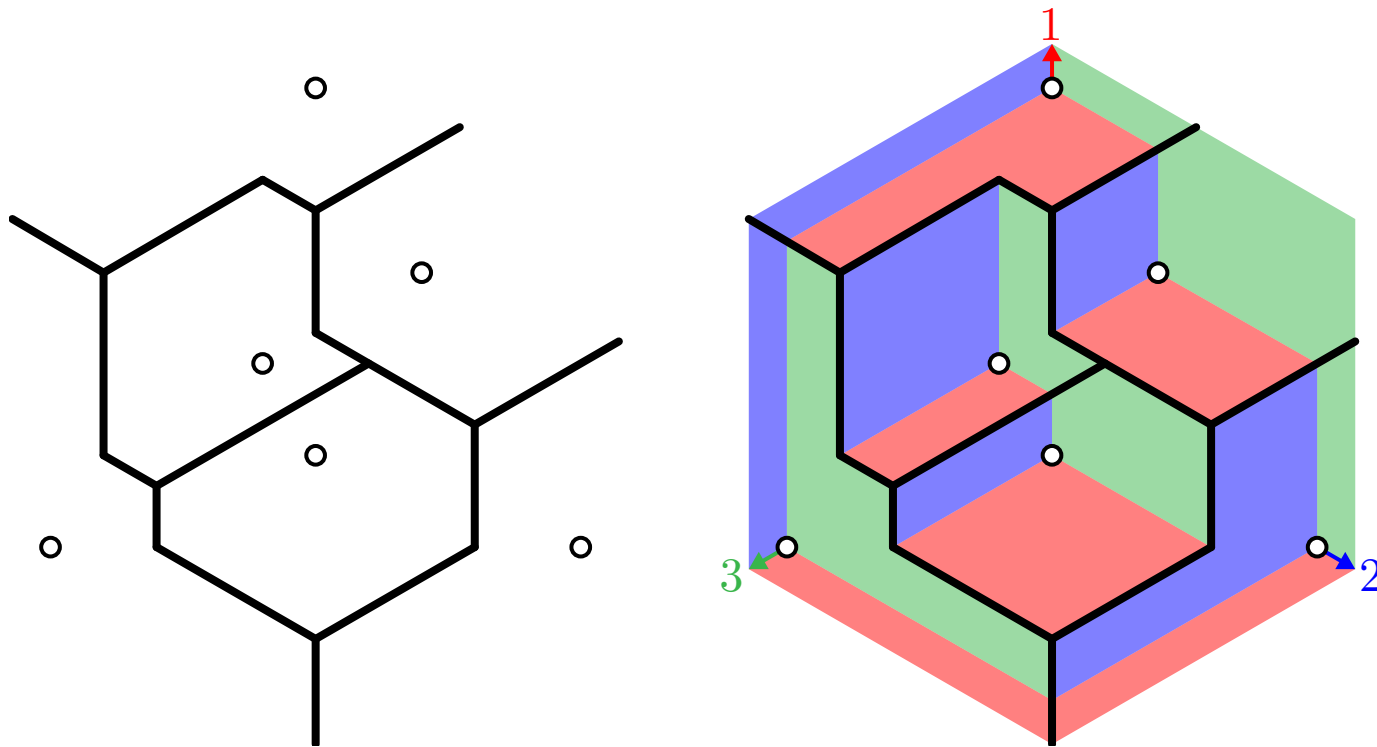
remark: intuitively,  $\text{TD}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is obtained by dilating a standard equilateral triangle  $\Delta$  centered at  $\mathbf{y}$  until it reaches  $\mathbf{x}$ .



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  $M$ .



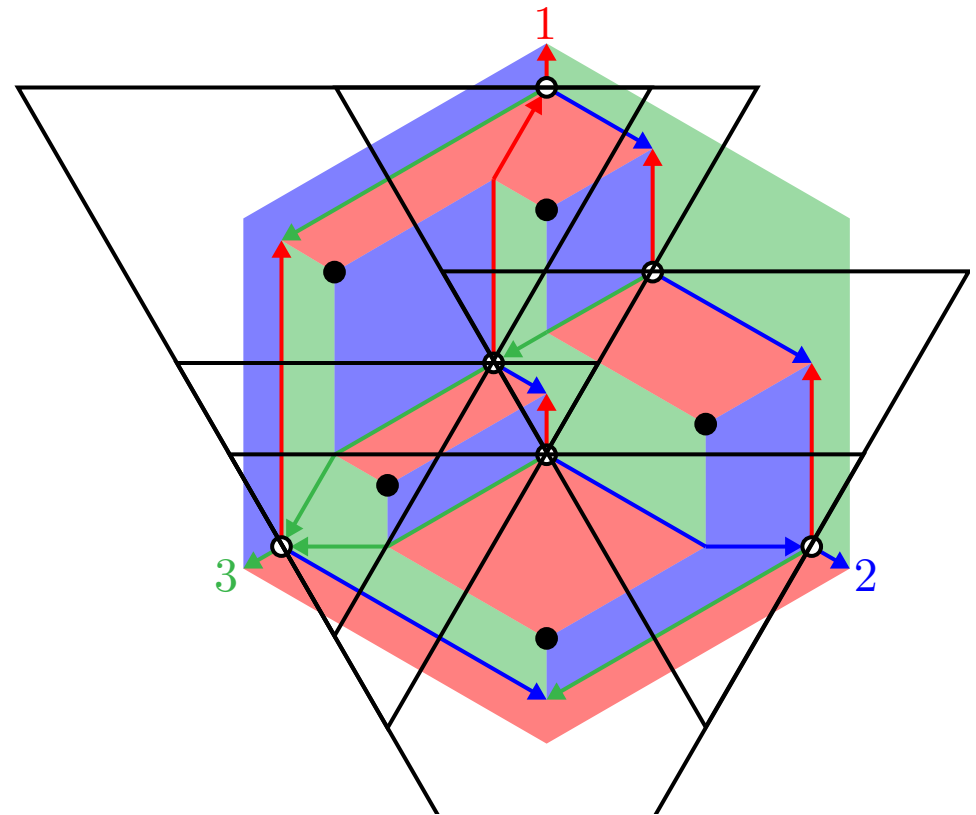
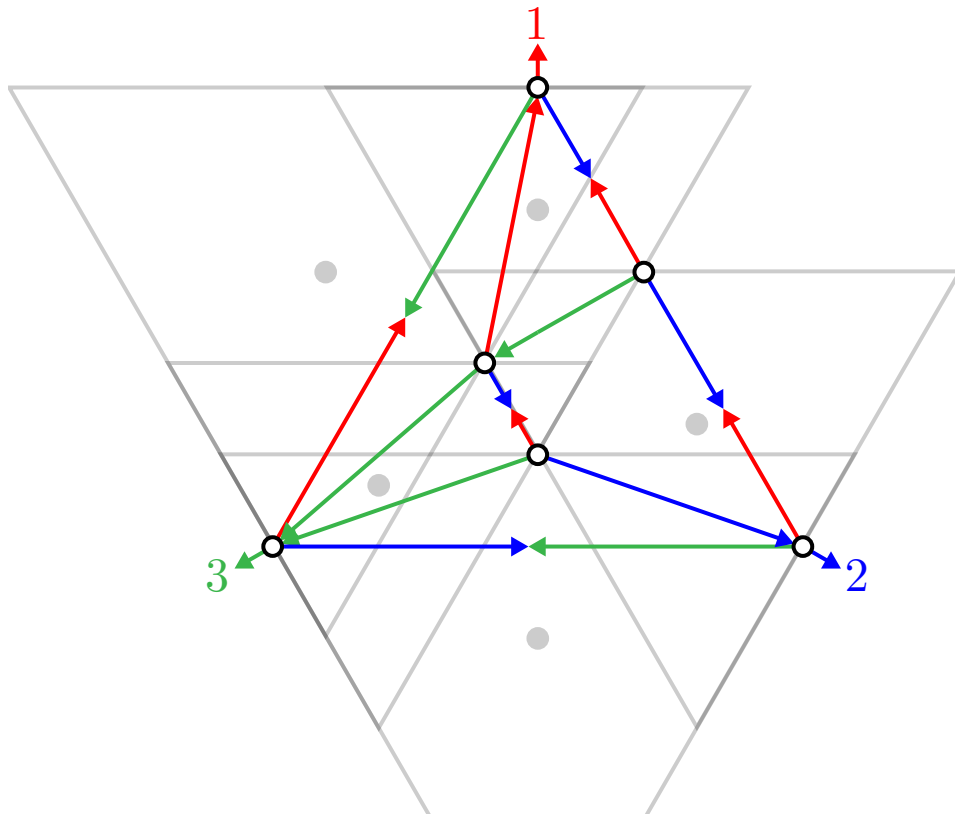
**CORO.** Any 3-connected planar graph admits a TD-Delaunay realization.

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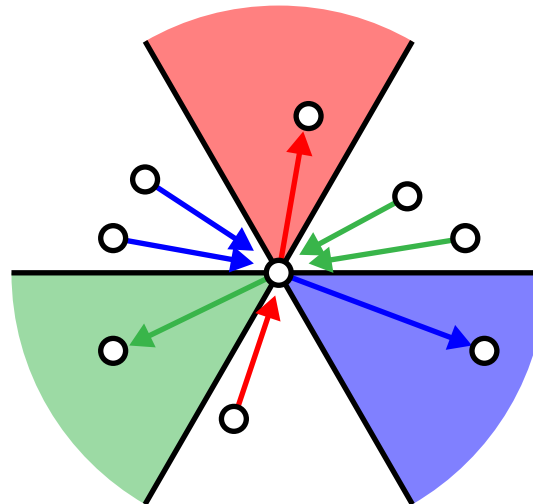
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**PROP.** In a TD-triangulation, the edges around a vertex look geometrically like



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



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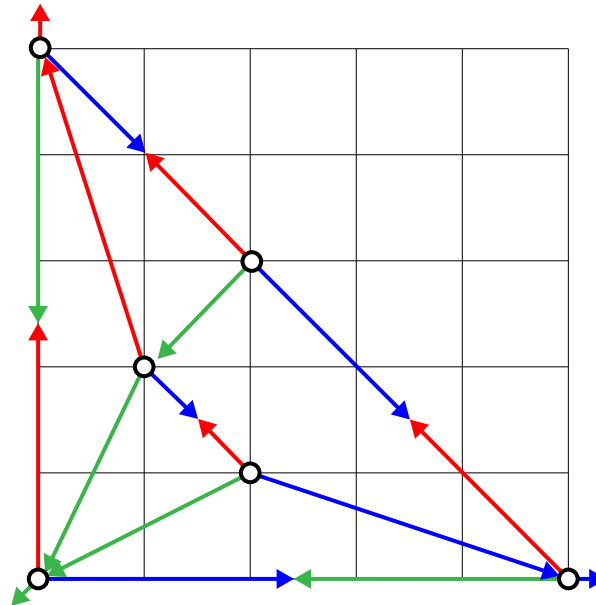
# EXISTENCE OF SCHNYDER WOODS

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**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:

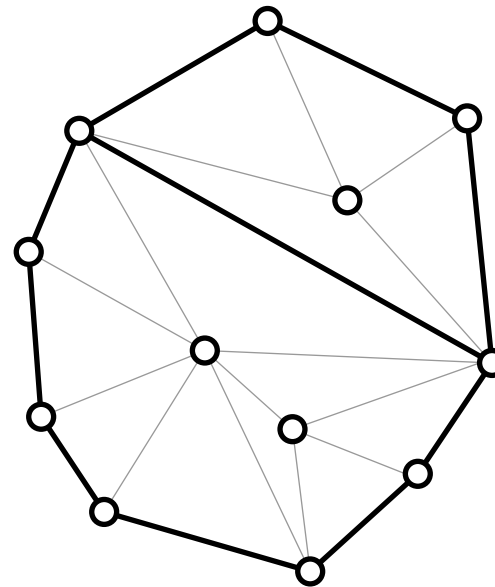
- $M_k$  is connected and its boundary is a simple cycle,
- $M_k$  is triangulated,
- $v_{k+1}$  is in the outer face of  $M_k$ .

**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:

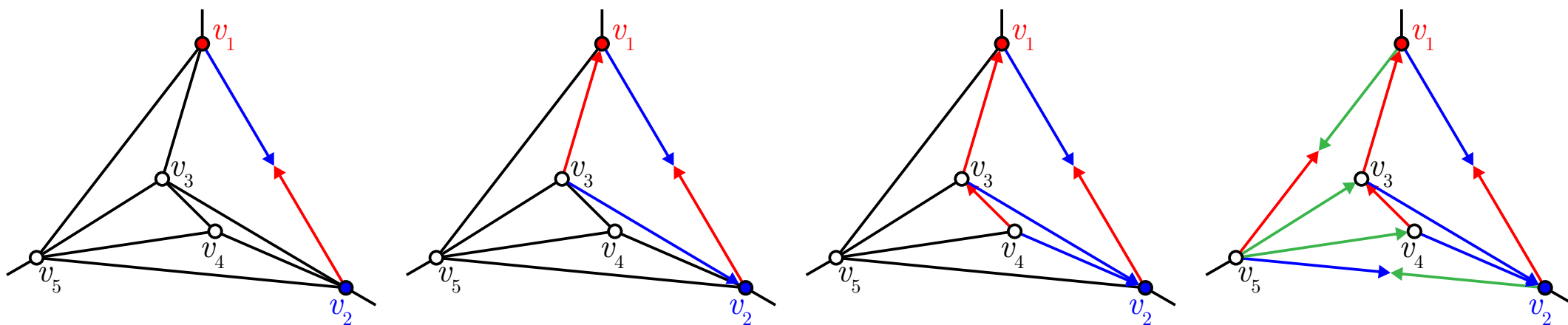
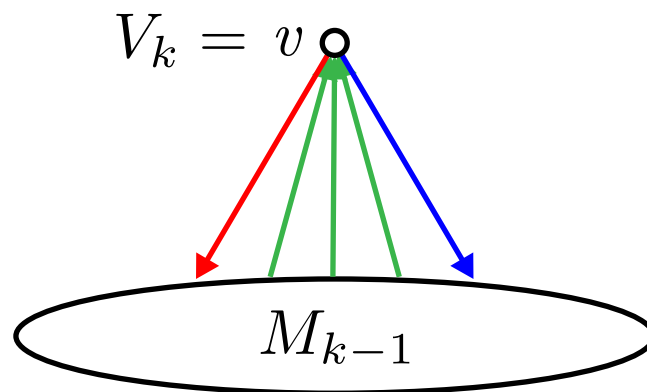
- either all vertices are valid,
- or there is a minimal length chord, separating at least a valid vertex.



# 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



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# THREE APPLICATIONS OF SCHNYDER WOODS

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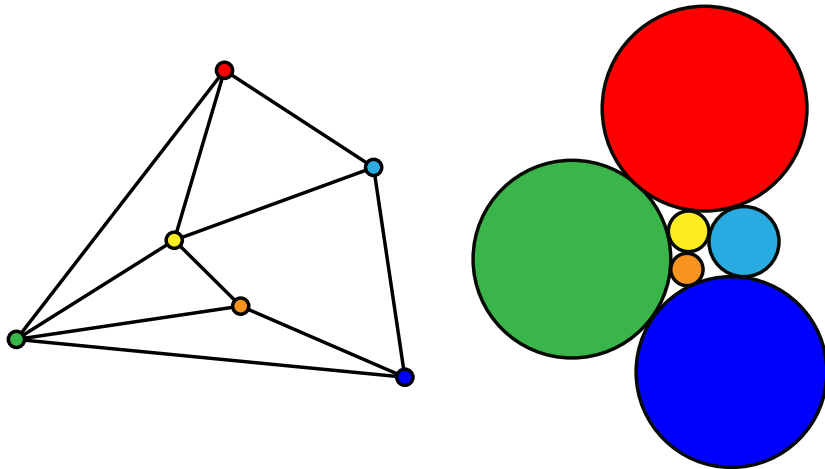
# CONTACT REPRESENTATIONS

**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  $G$ .



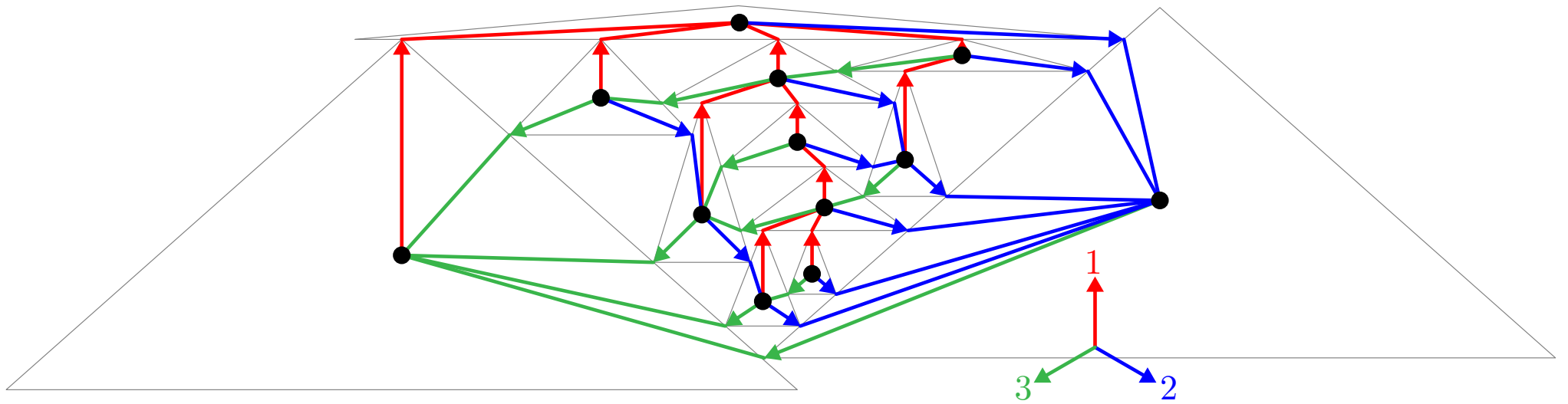
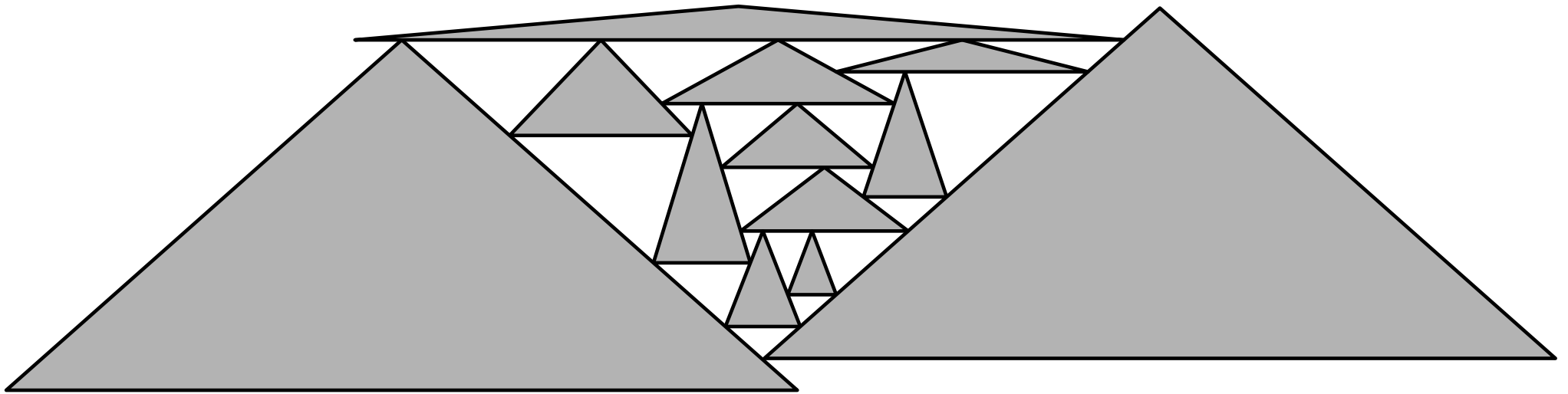
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**THM.** (Circle packing) Any planar simple graph has a circle contact representation.

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

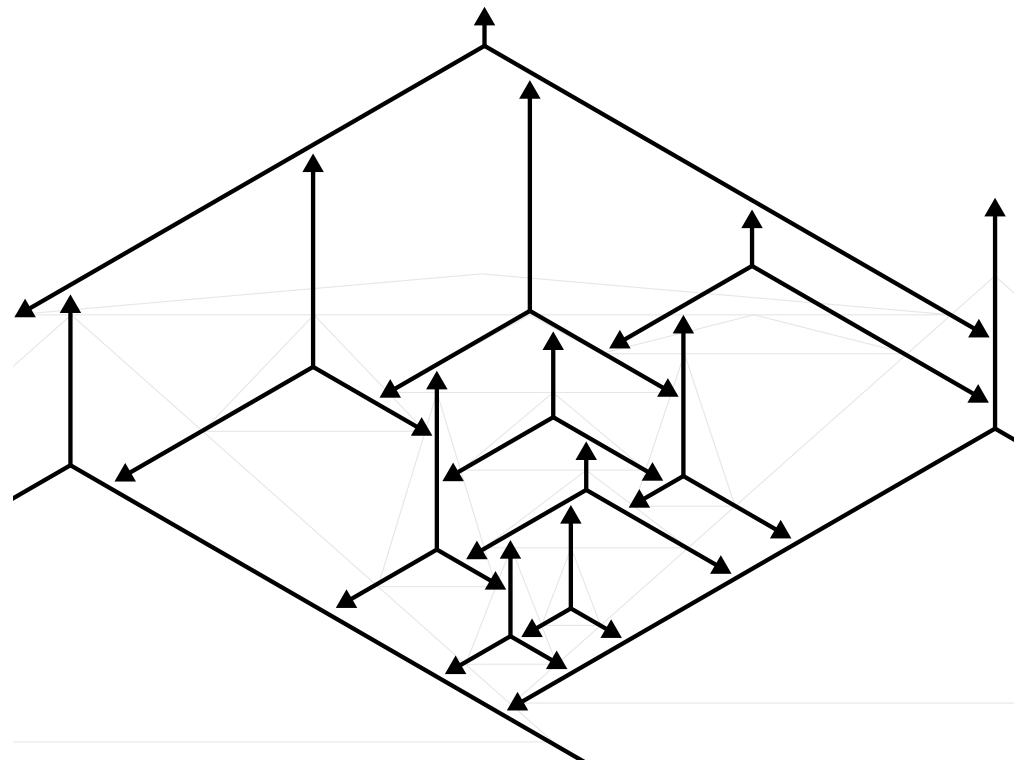
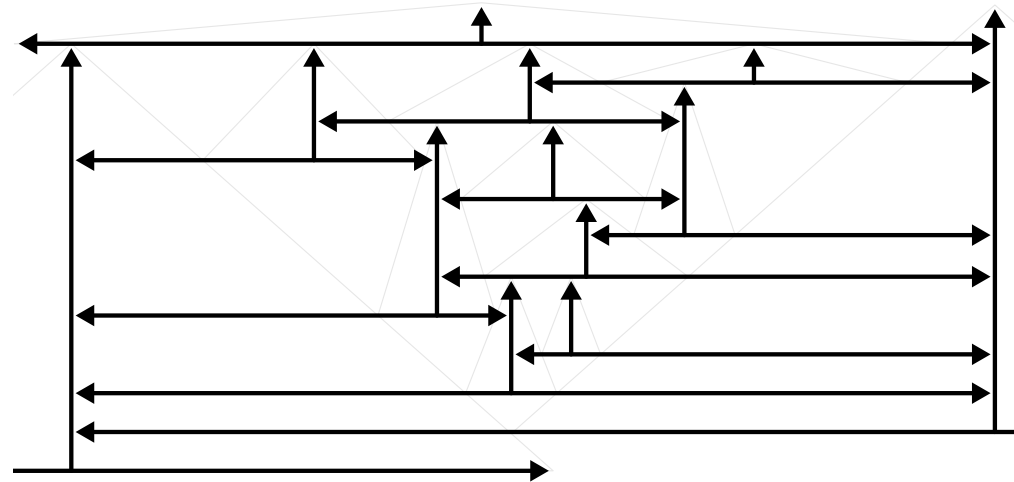
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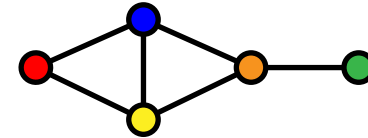
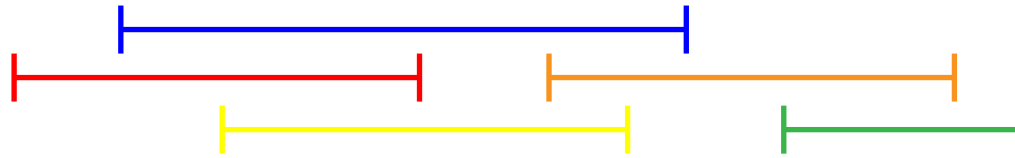
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# INTERVAL GRAPHS

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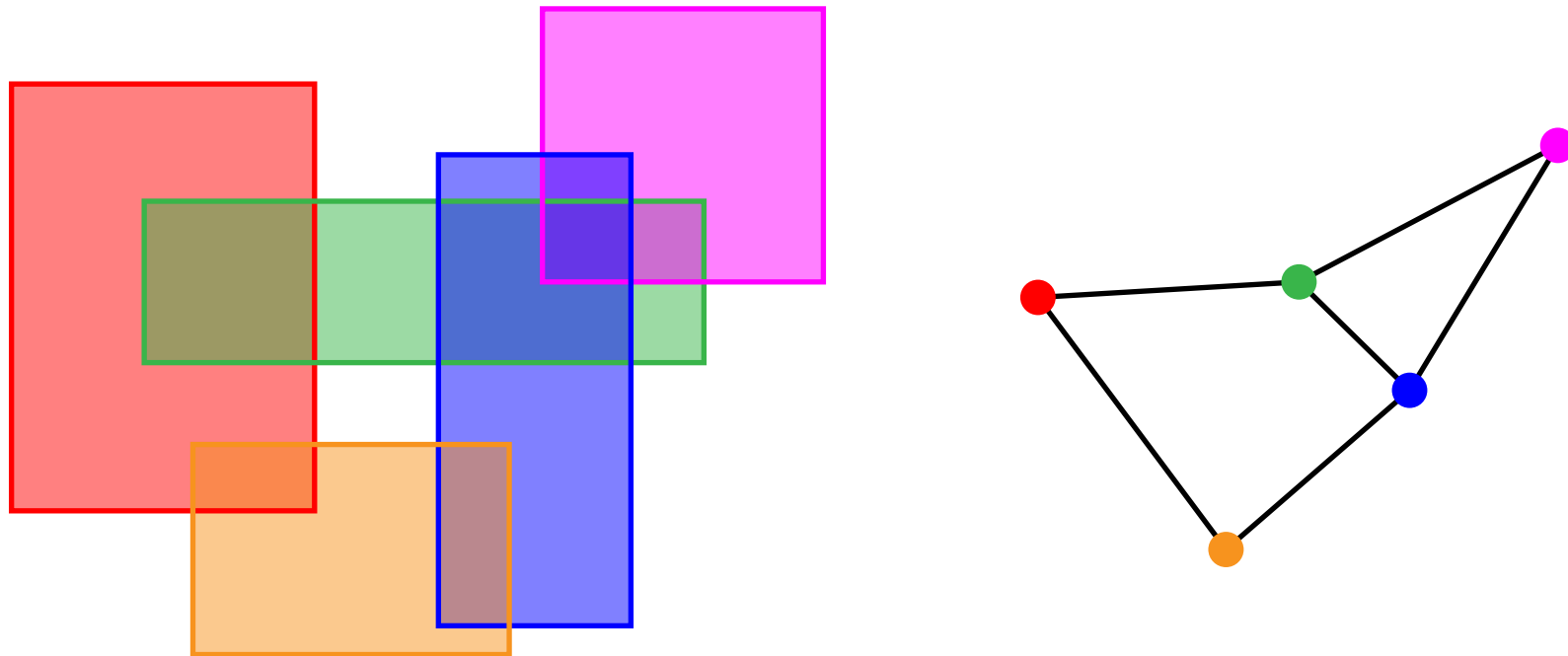


PROP. A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is an interval graph if and only if

- 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  $G$ .

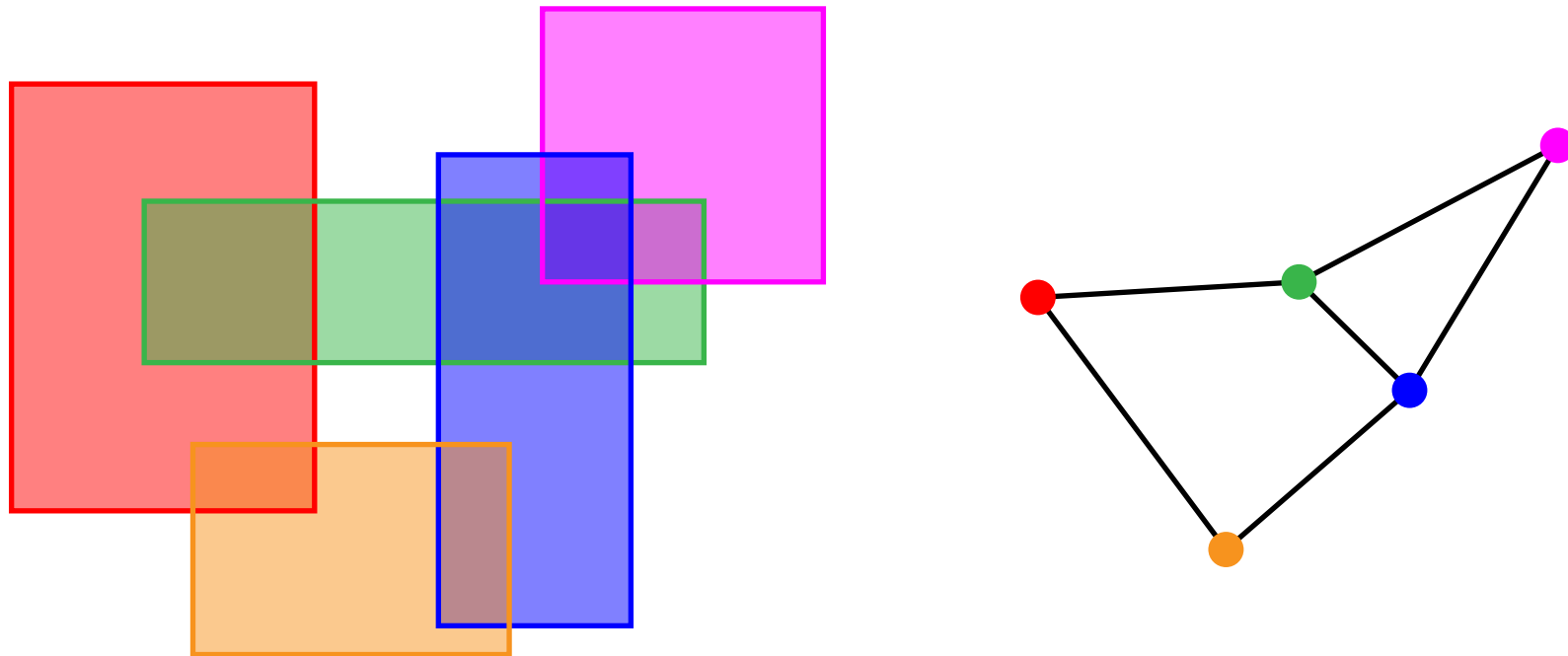


QU. What is the boxicity of

- a complete graph?
- a cycle of length at least 4?

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

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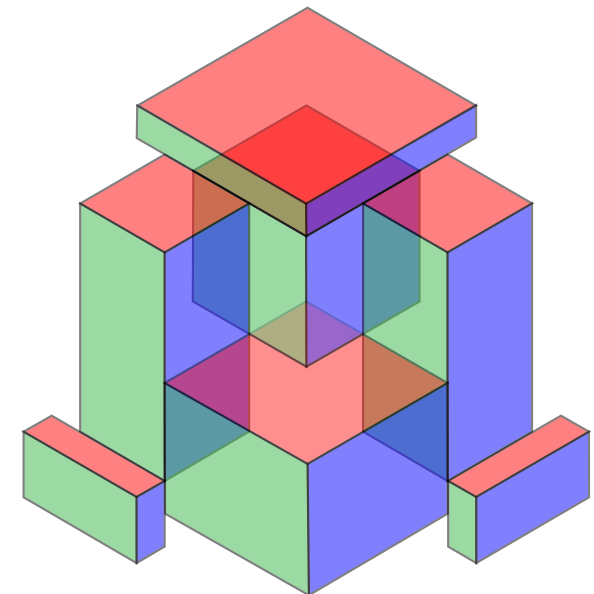
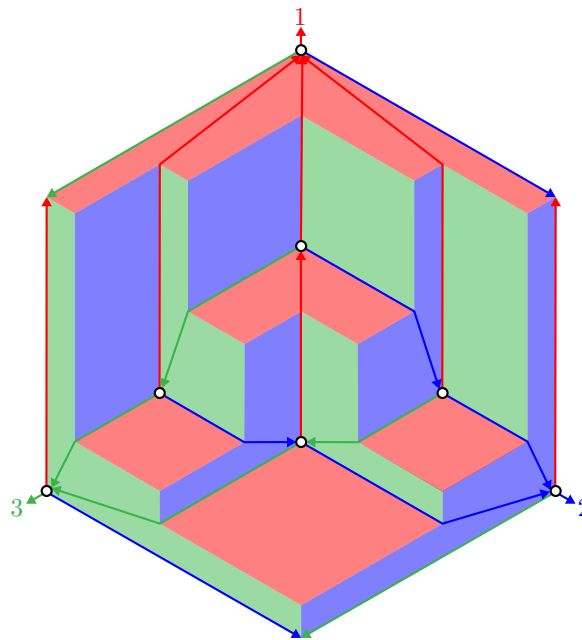
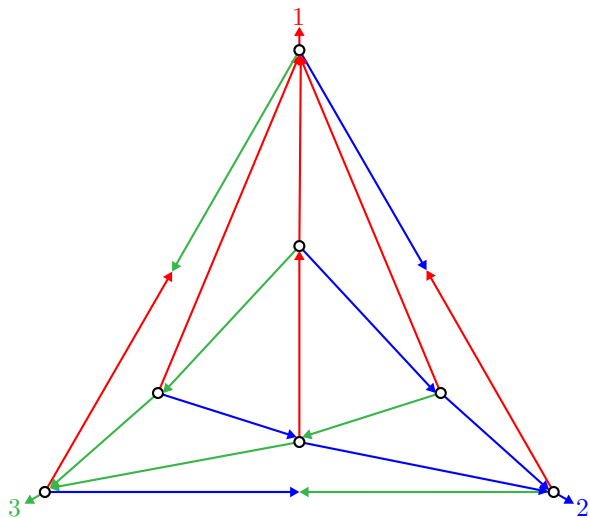
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**THM.** Any planar graph has boxicity 3.

remark: initially proved by Thomassen with a different method.

proof idea:

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



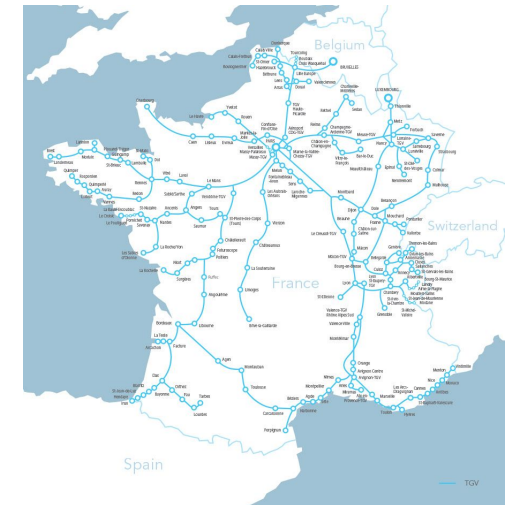
# GEOMETRIC SPANNERS

$G = (V, E)$  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  $u, v \in V$ .

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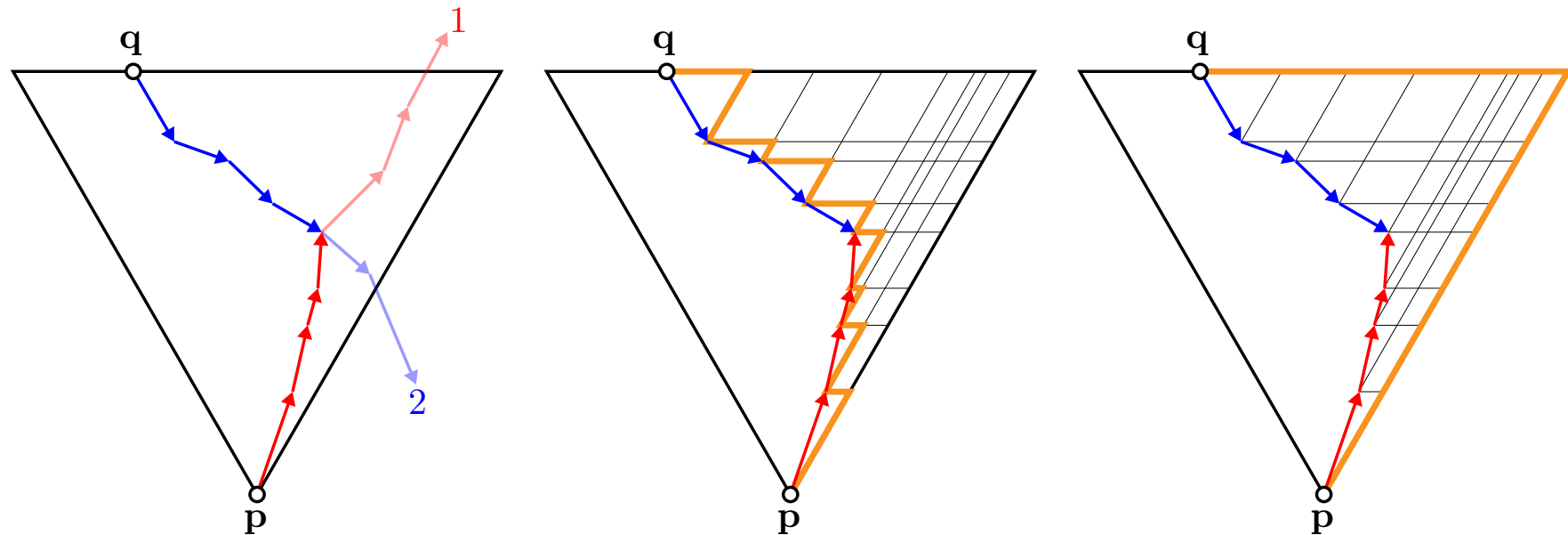
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proof idea: for the TD-triangulation

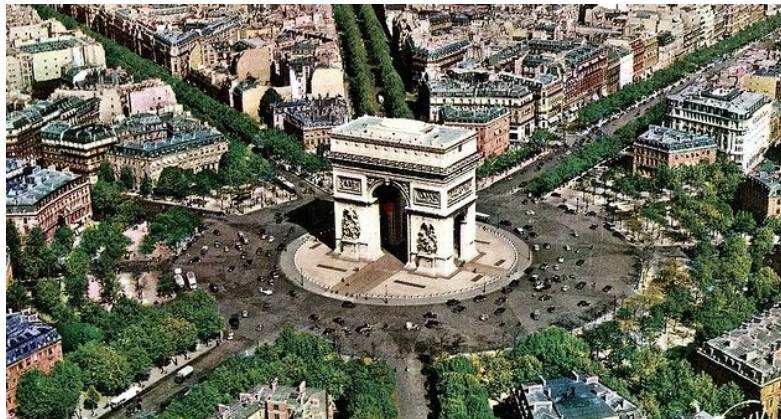


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# GEOMETRIC SPANNERS

**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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