

# Topology – week 8

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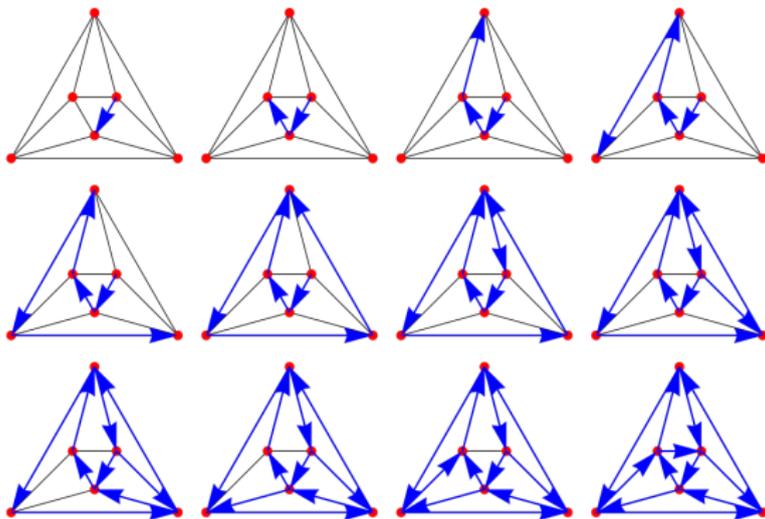
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**Warning** Eulerian graphs do not need to be connected because they may have vertices of degree 0!

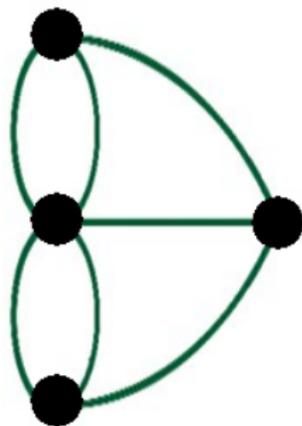
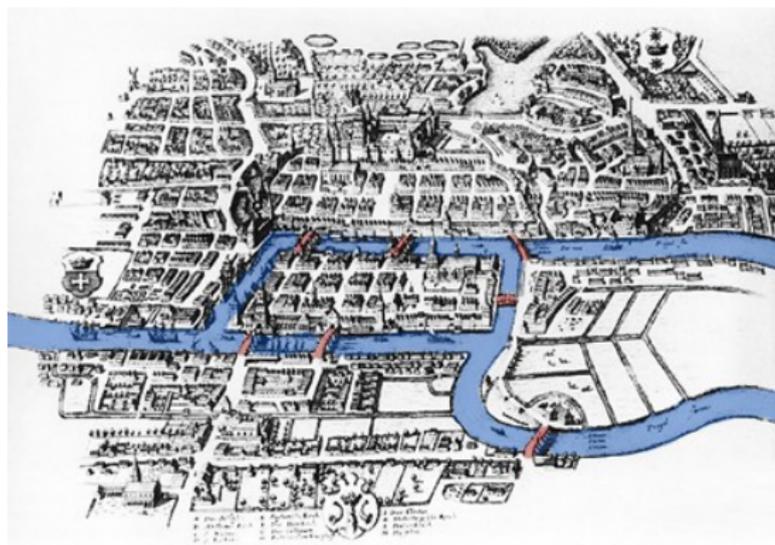
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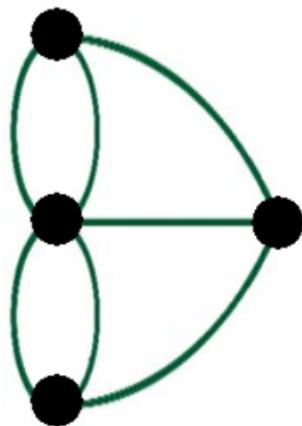
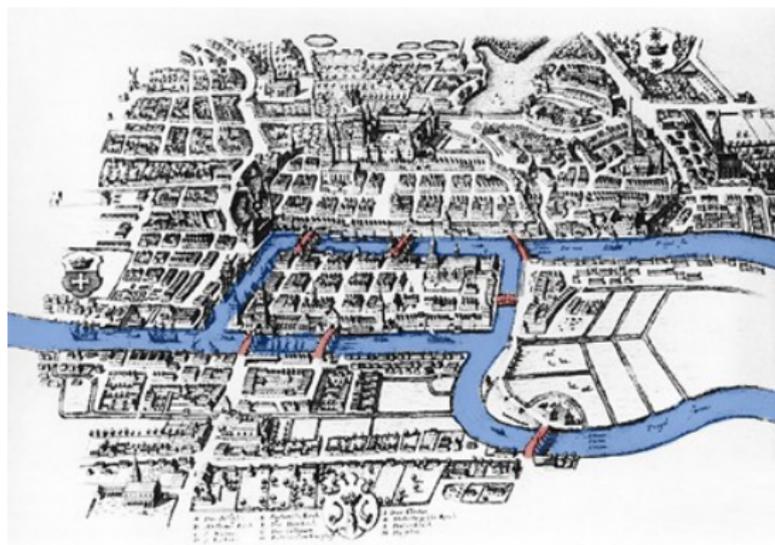
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In answering this question Euler laid the foundations of graph theory

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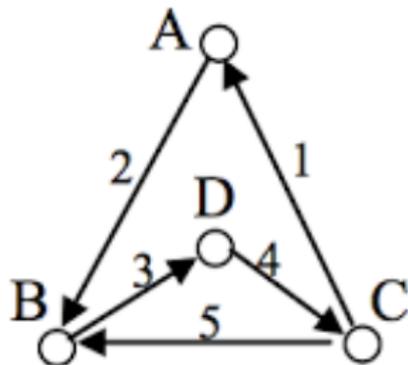
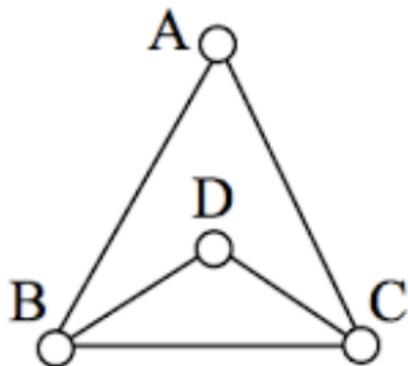
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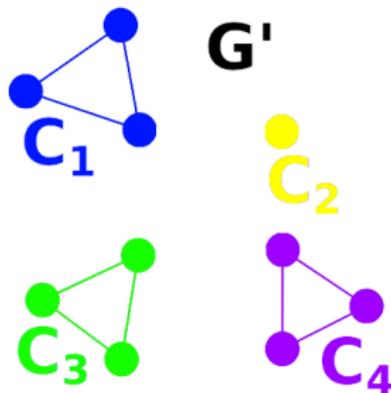
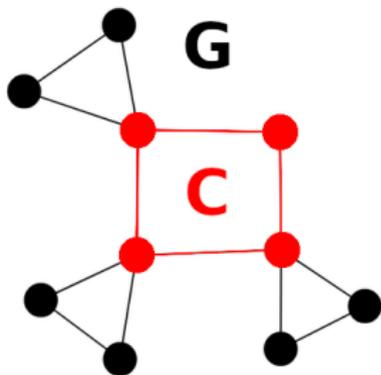
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So we can argue by induction on the number of edges (the base case has no edges and is thus clear), and inductively we can assume that the connected components of  $G'$  have Euler circuits  $C_1, \dots, C_n$

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We piece  $C$  and  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  together into an Euler cycle: we walk along  $C$  and whenever we hit a vertex of  $C_i$  we take a detour over  $C_i$



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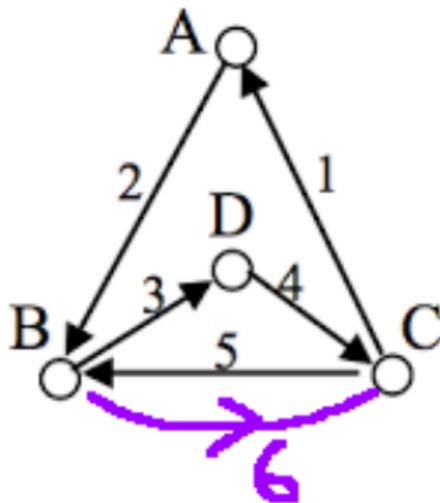
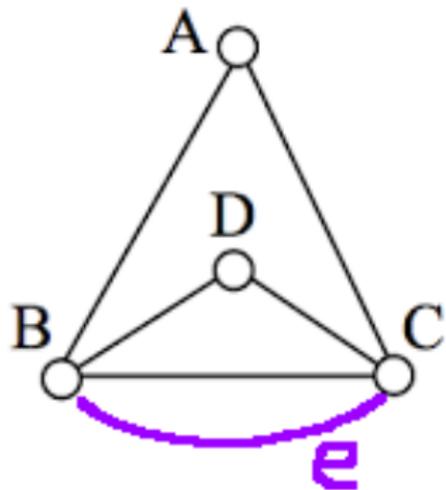
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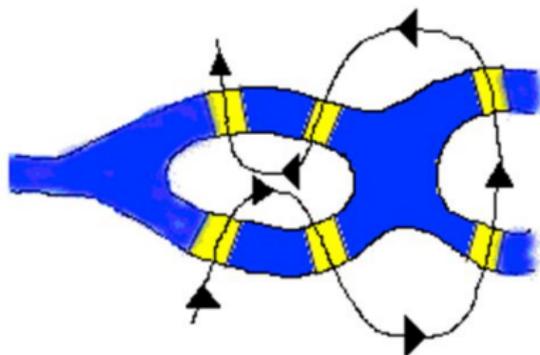
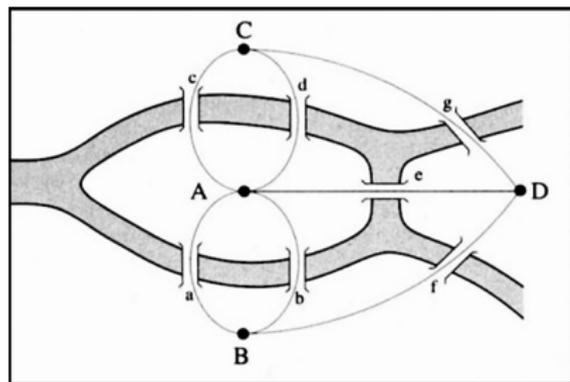
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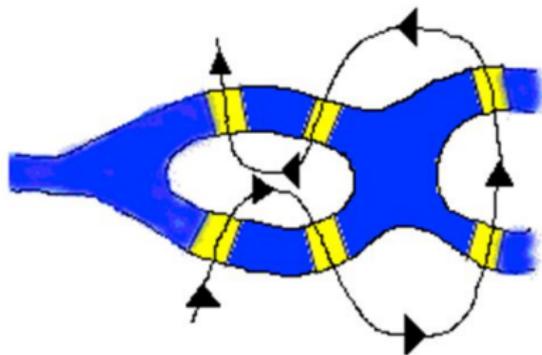
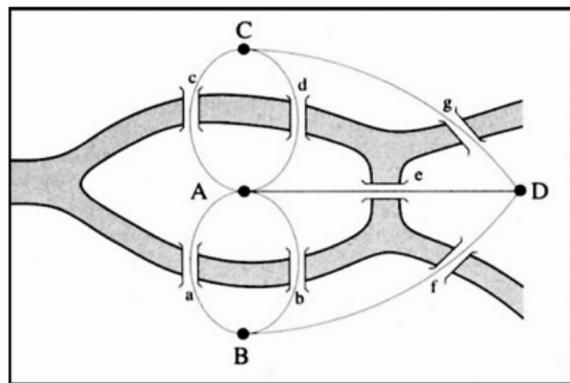


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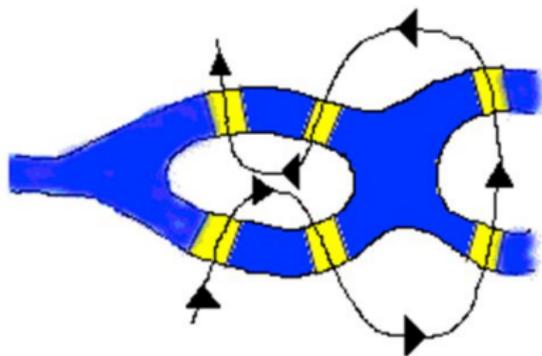
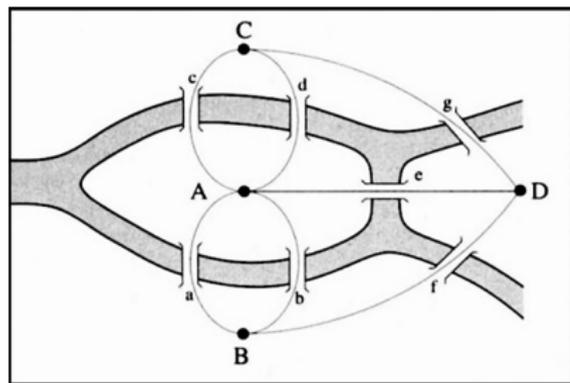
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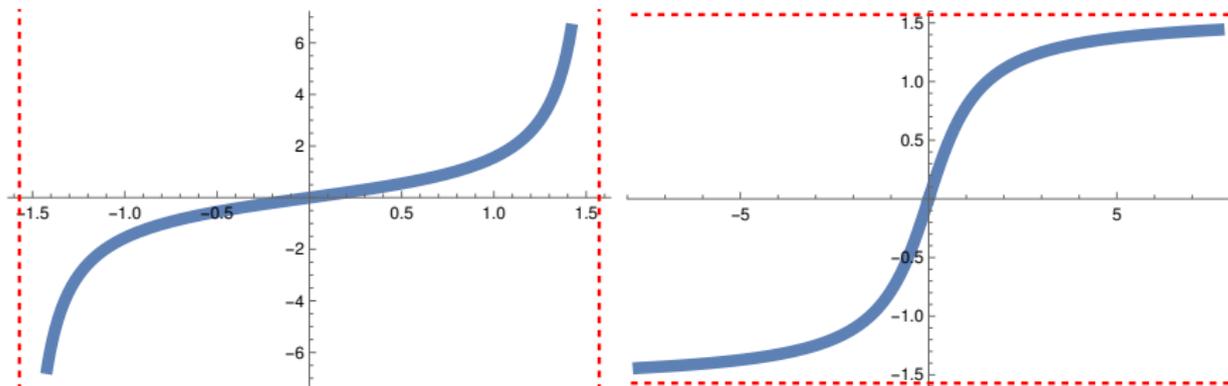
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**Proof** It is enough to show that  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cong \mathbb{R}$

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Homeomorphisms are given by  $f(x) = \tan(x)$  and  $g(x) = \tan^{-1}(x)$



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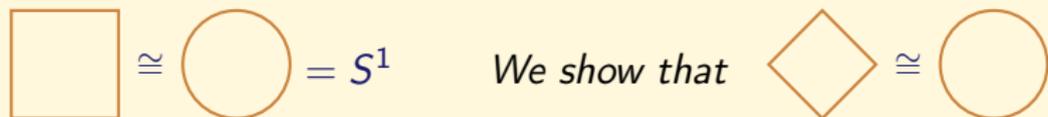
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For free we see that the square and disk are homeomorphic:

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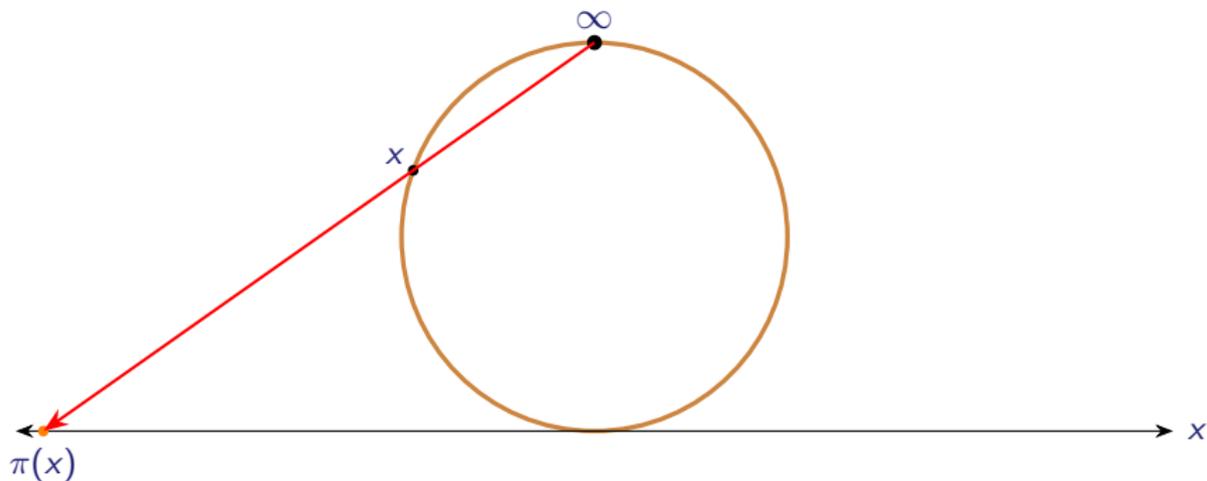
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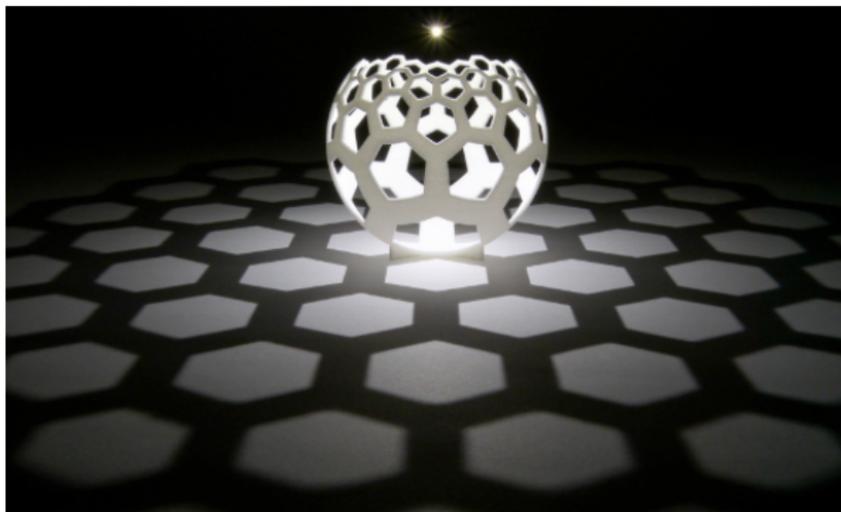
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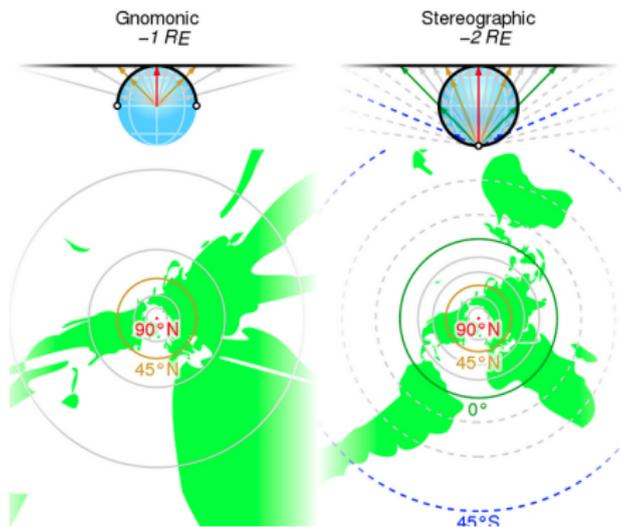
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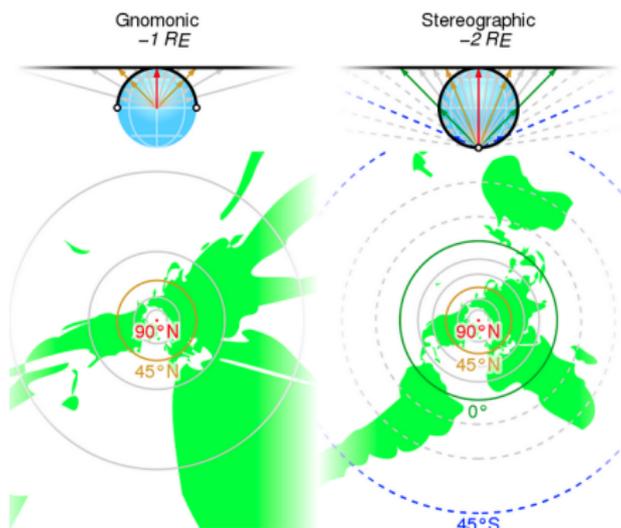
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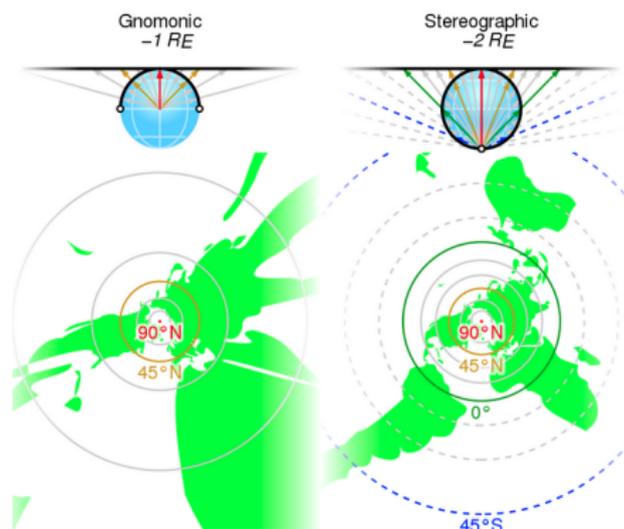


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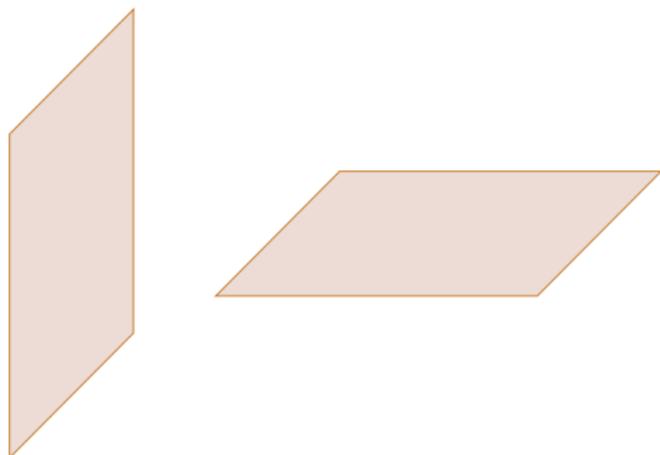
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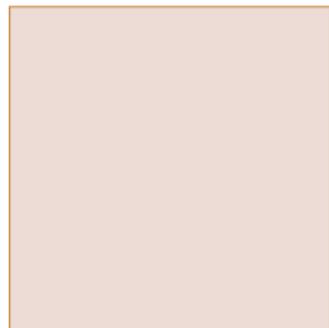
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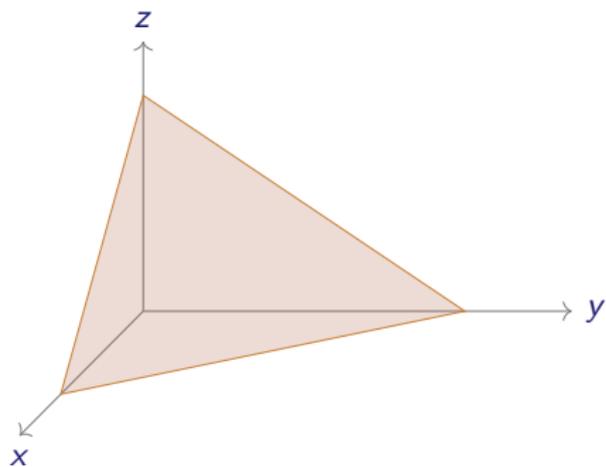
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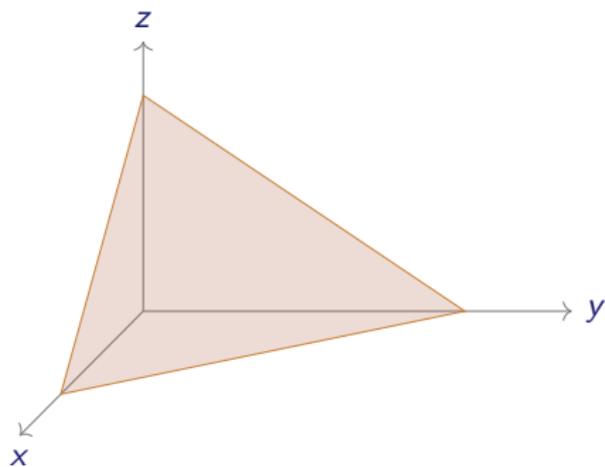


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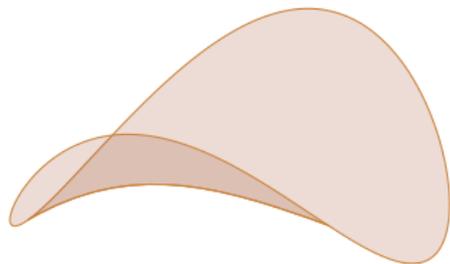


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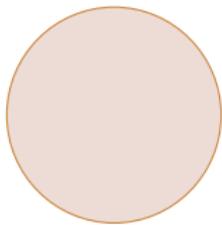
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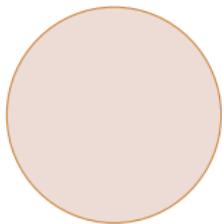


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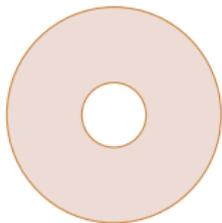


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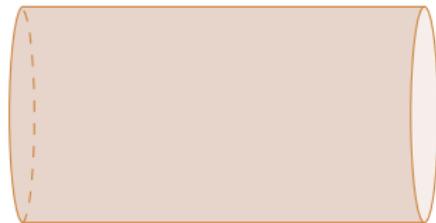
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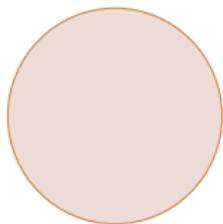
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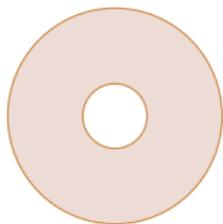
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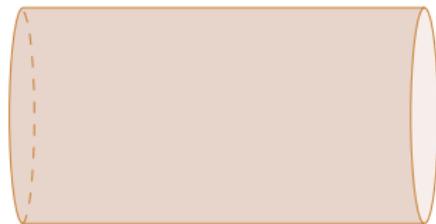
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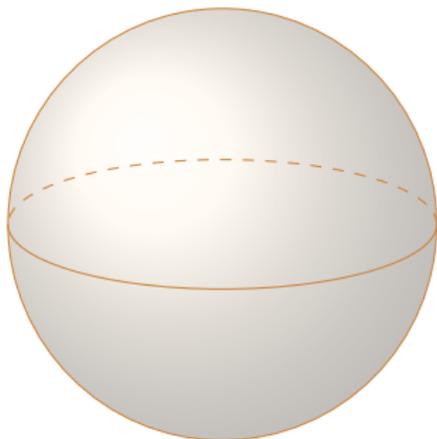


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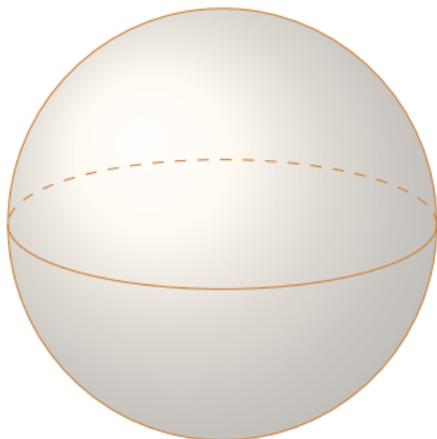
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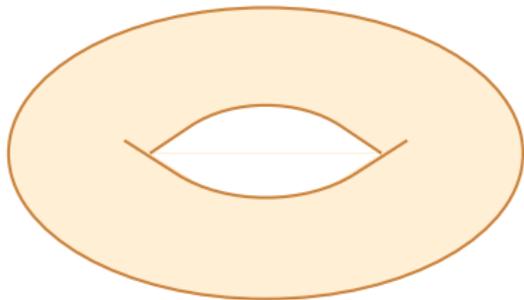


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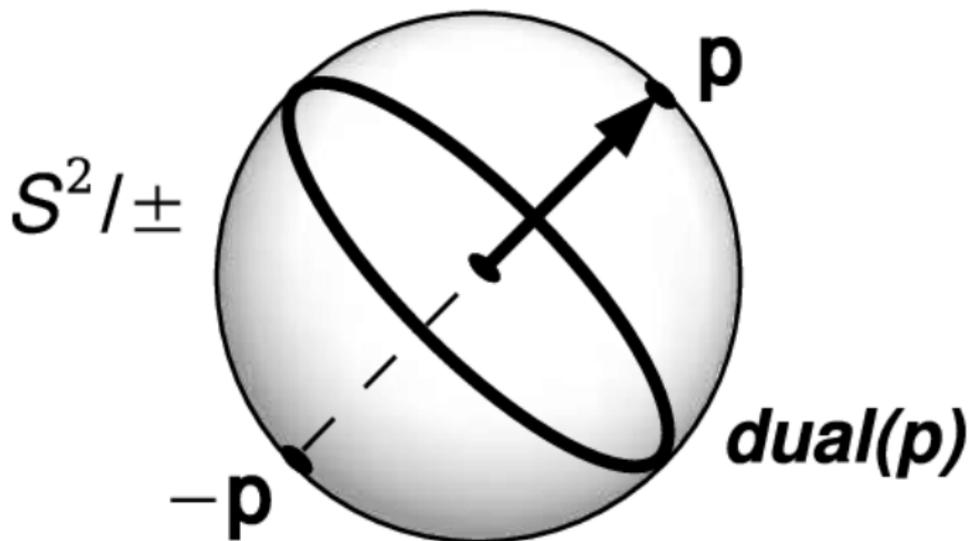
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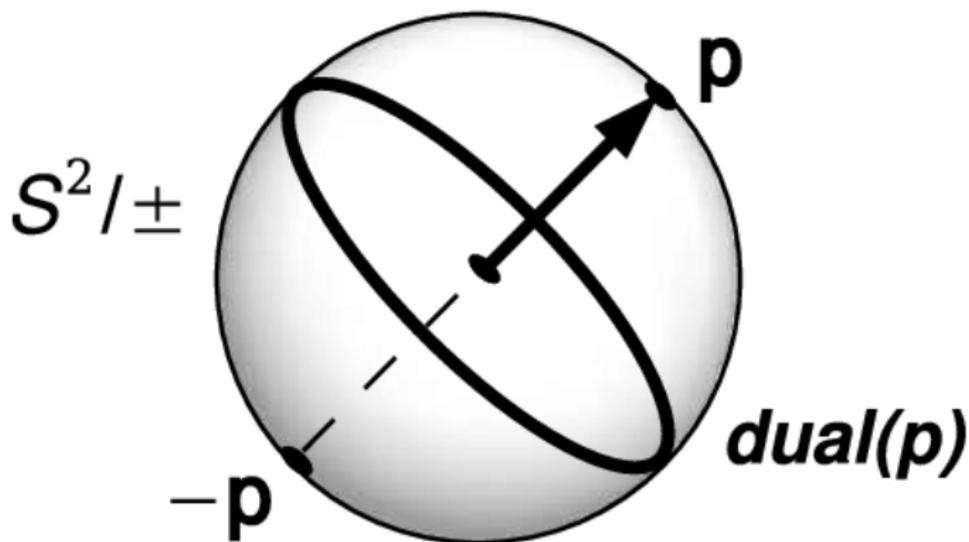
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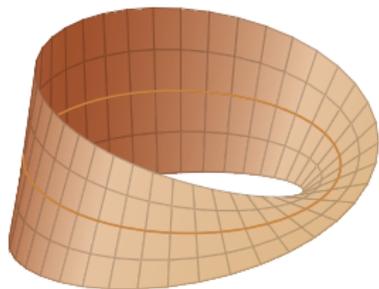
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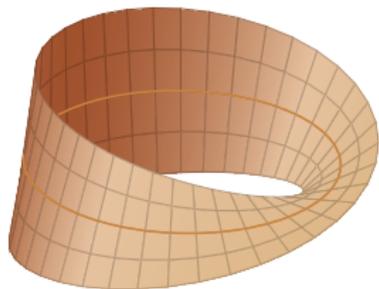
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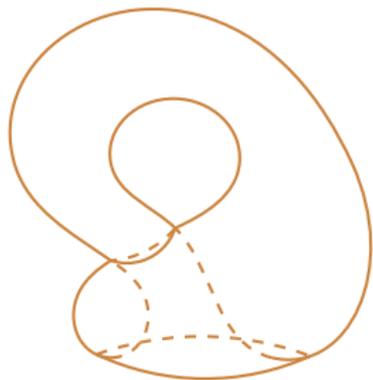


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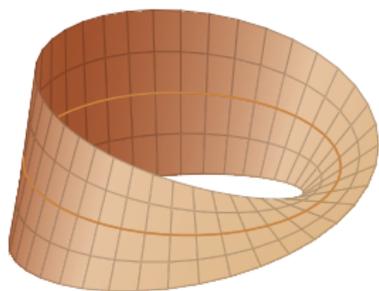


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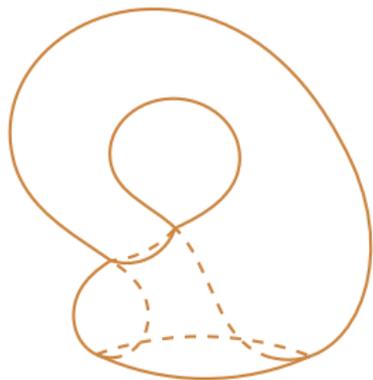


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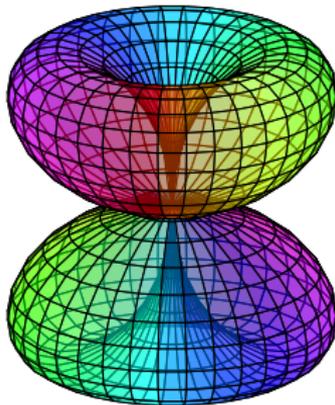
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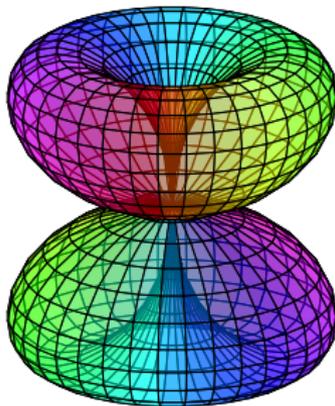
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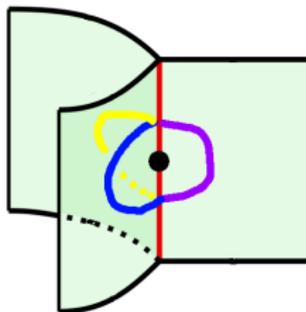


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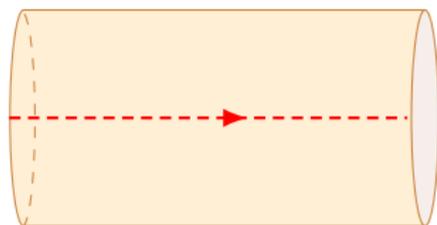
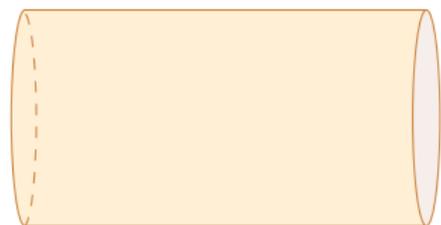
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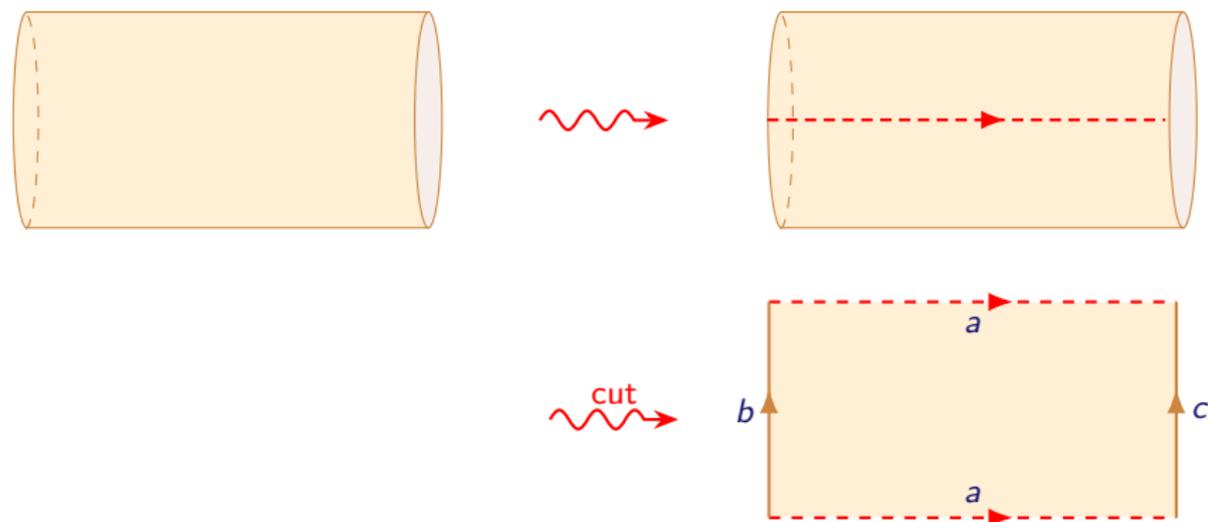
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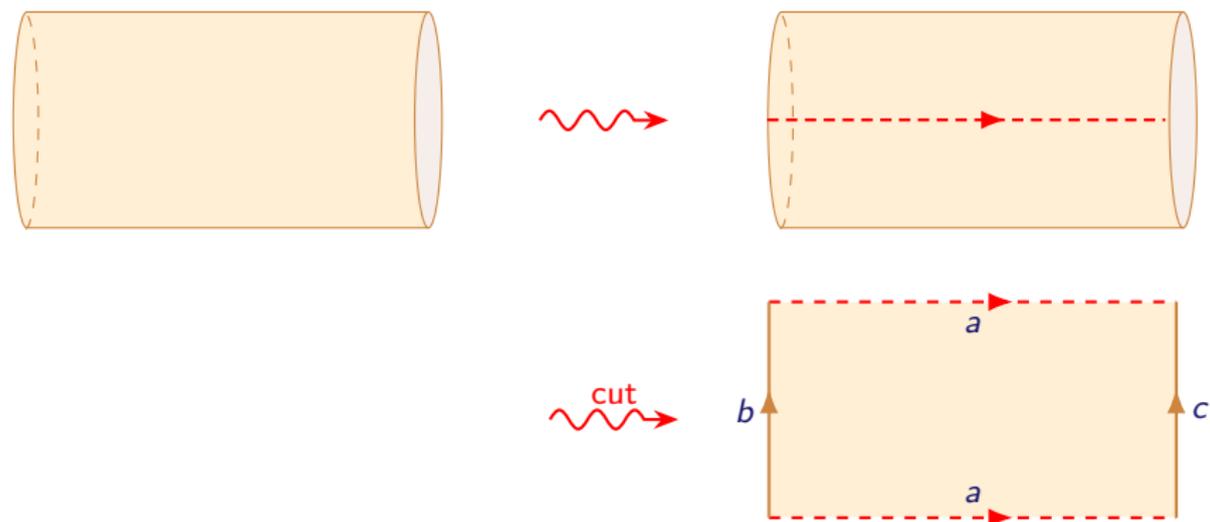


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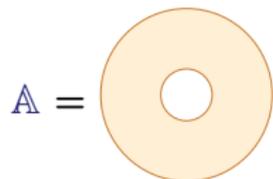


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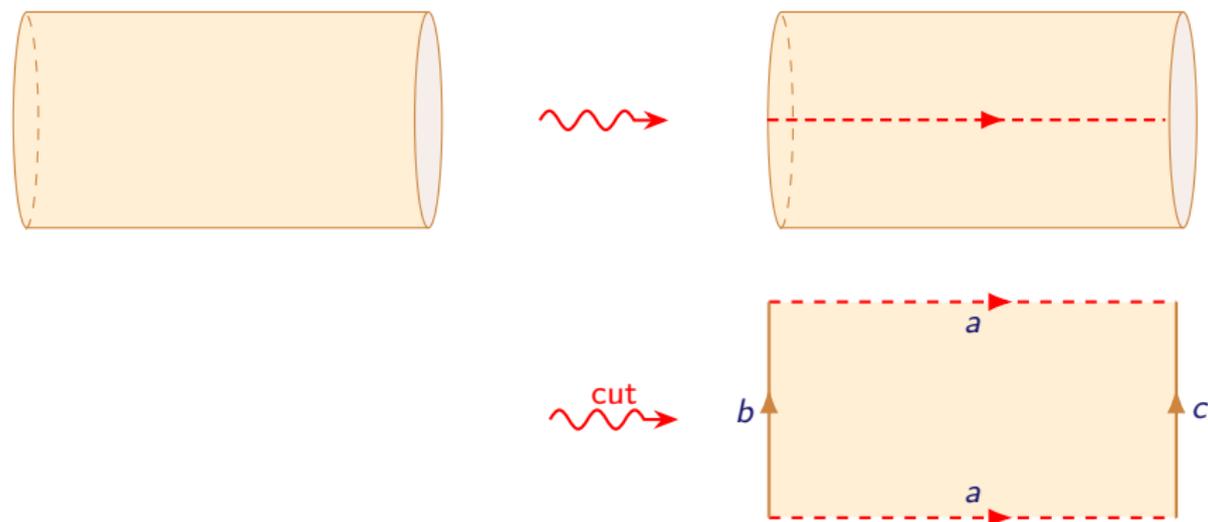
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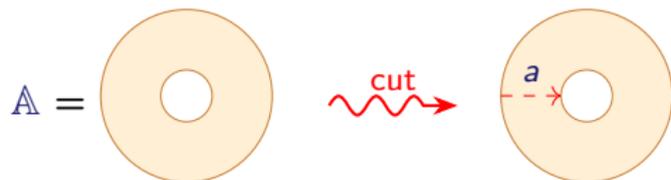
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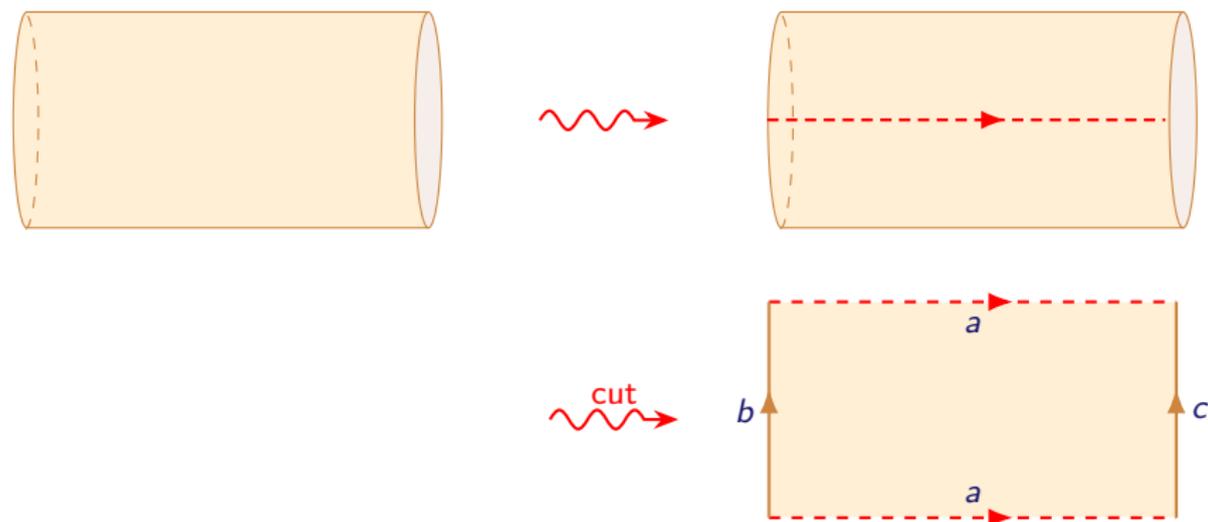
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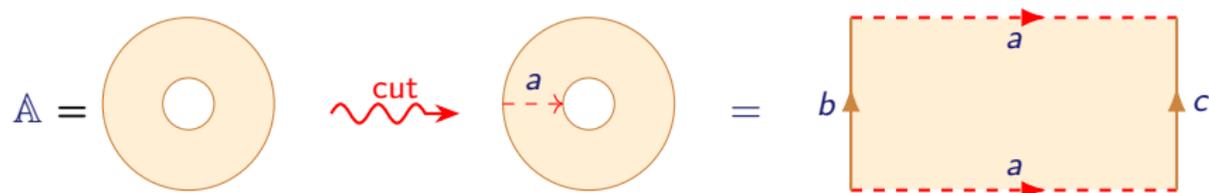
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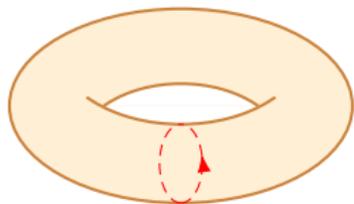
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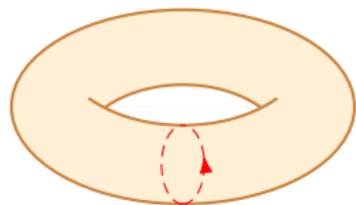
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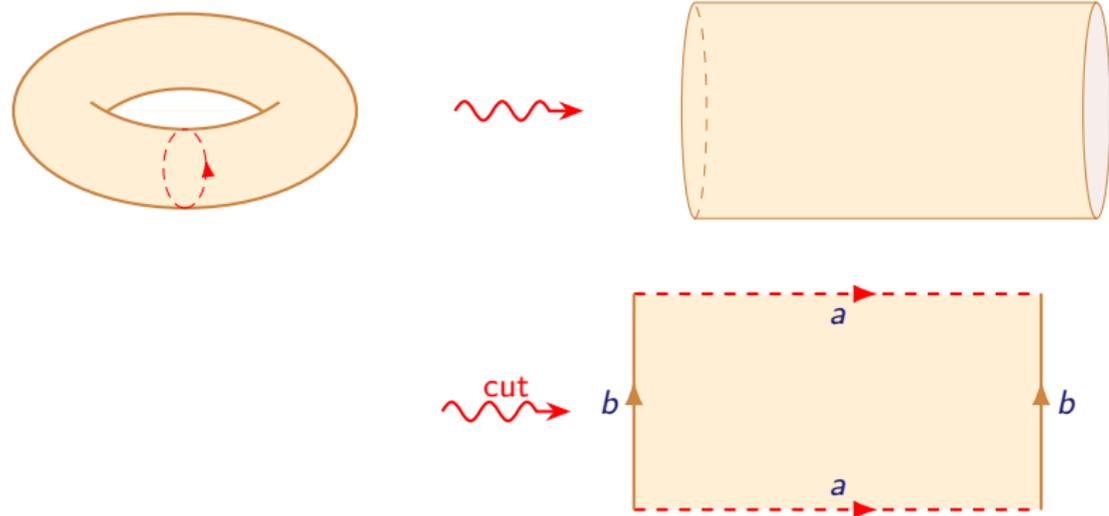
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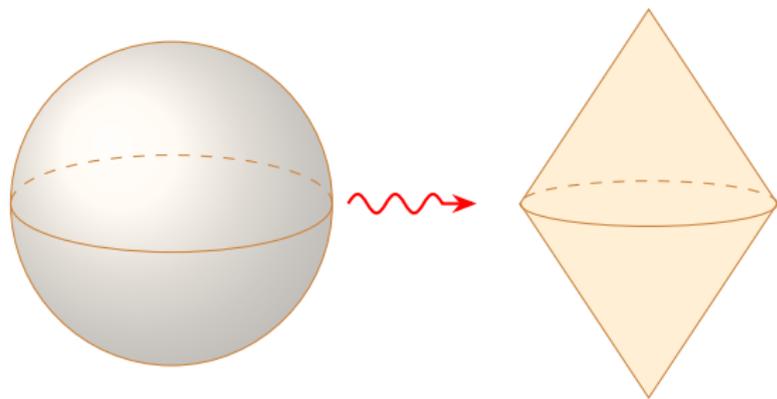


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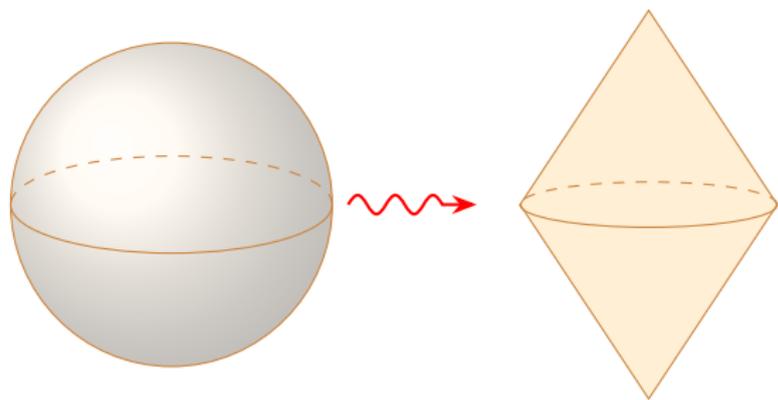


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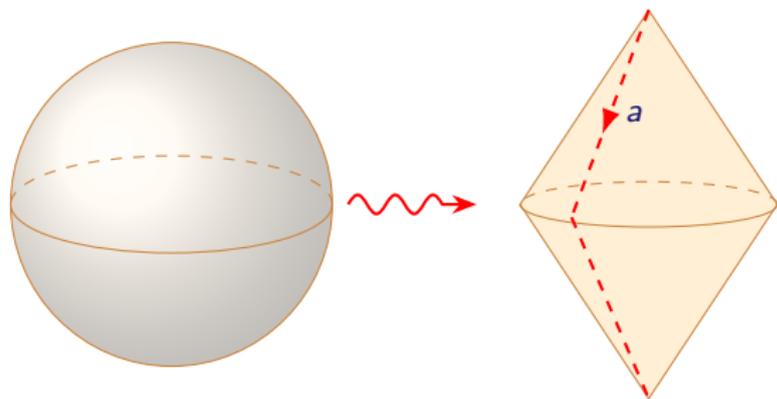
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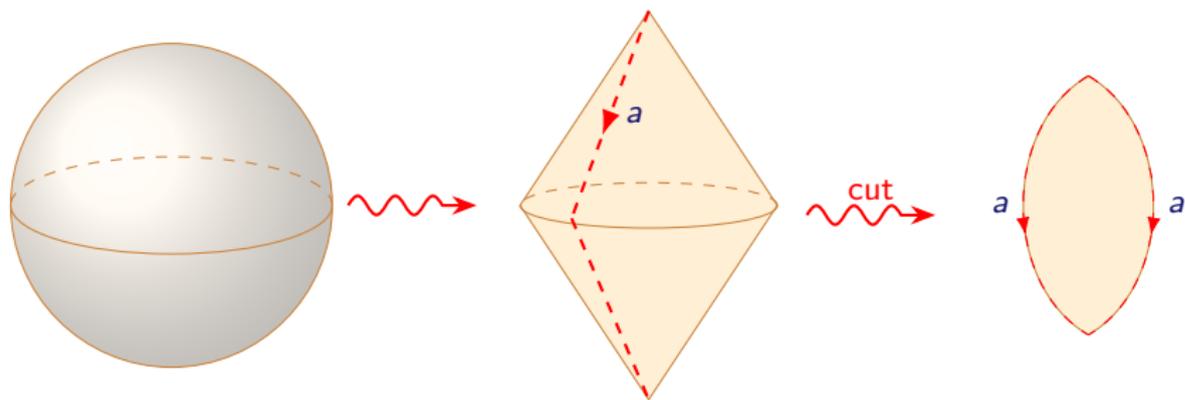
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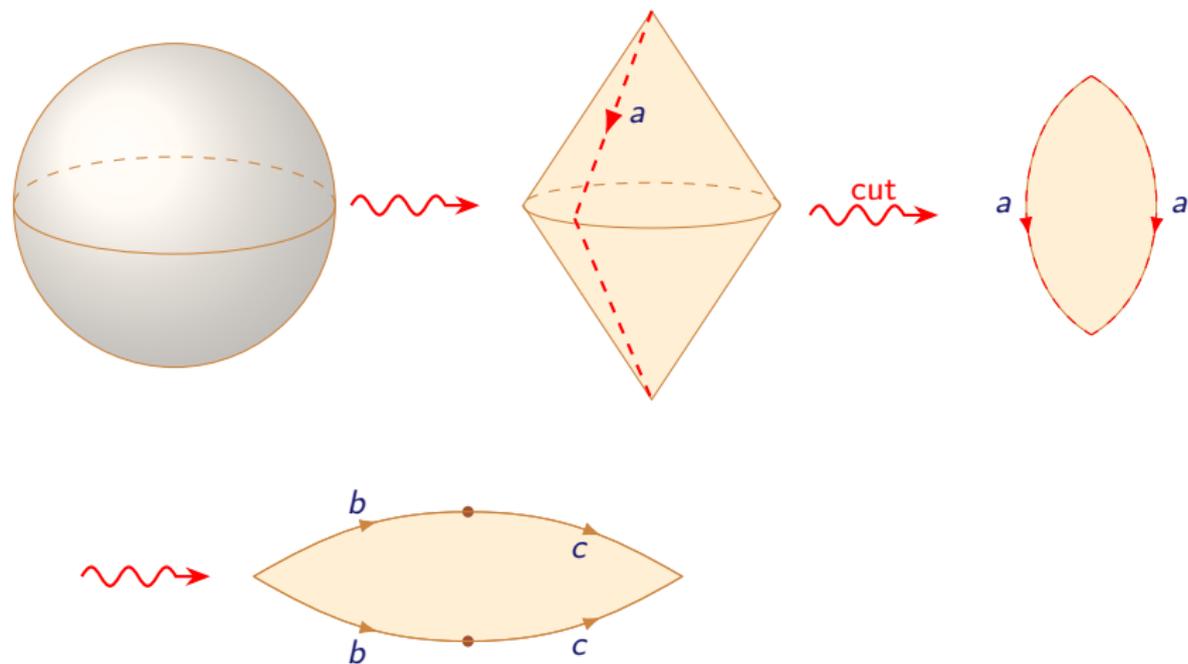
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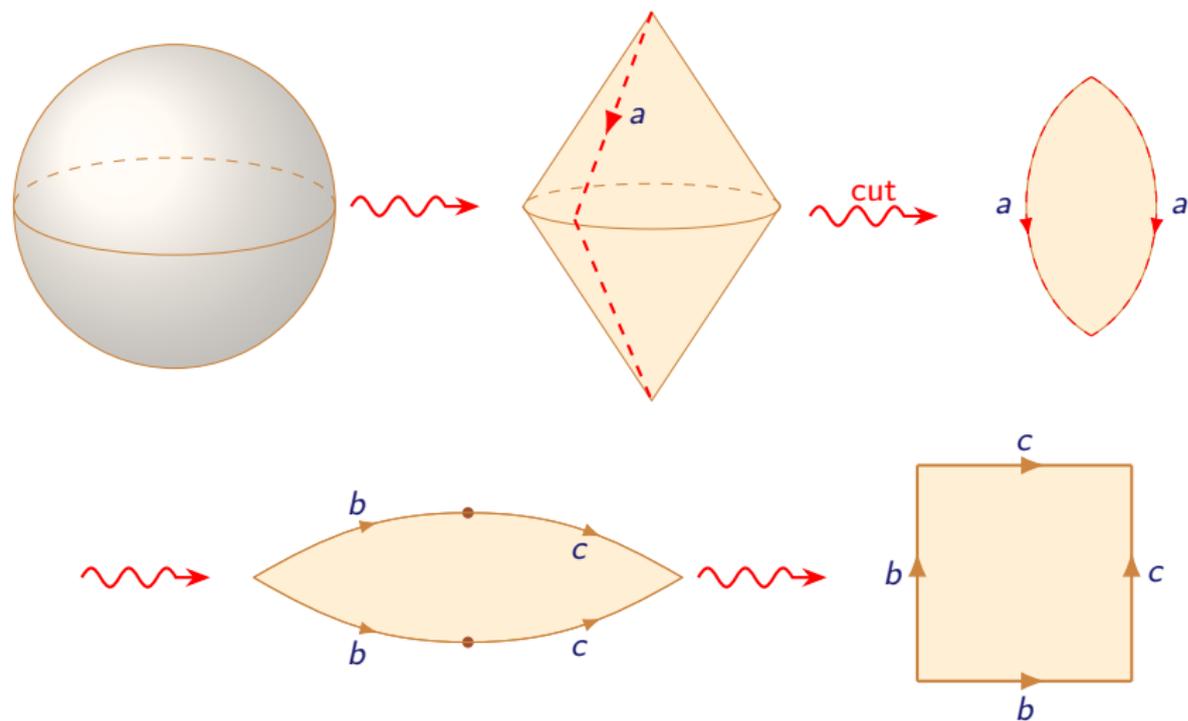
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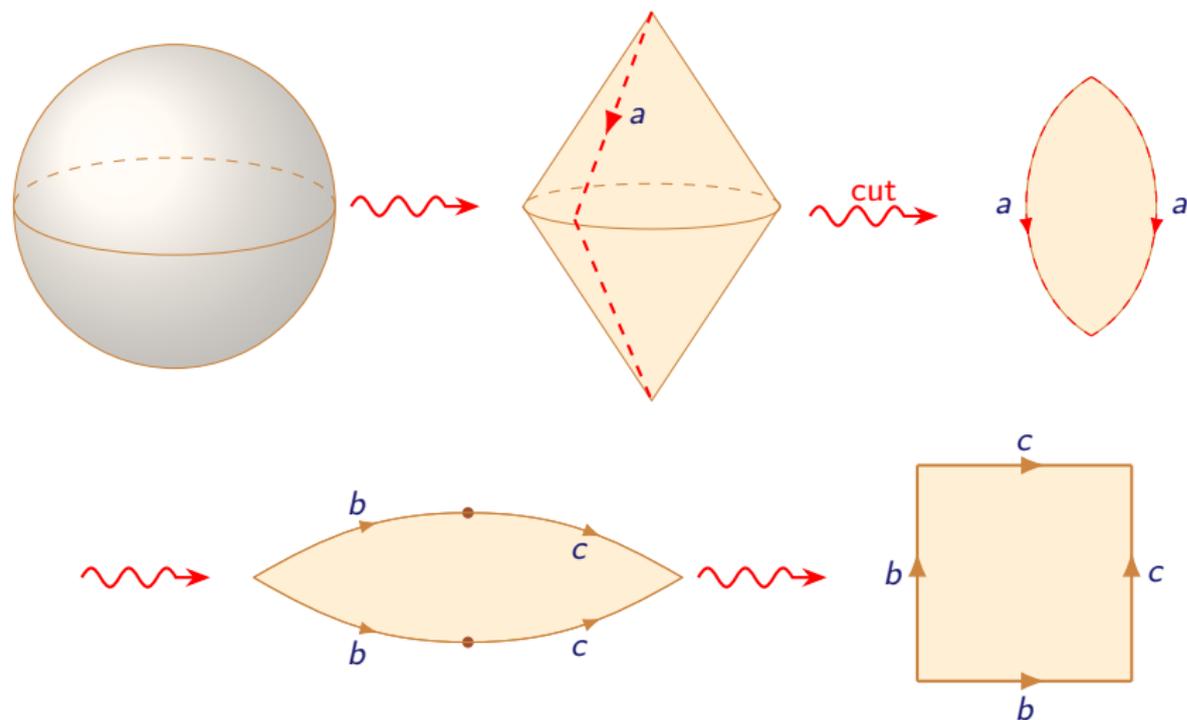
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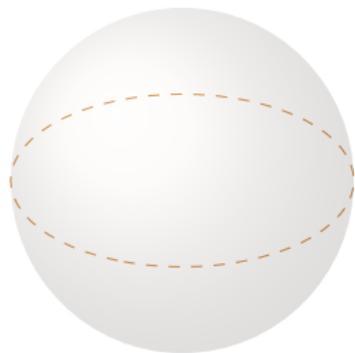


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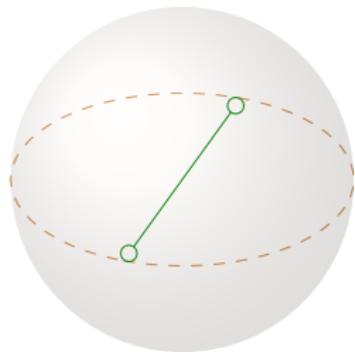


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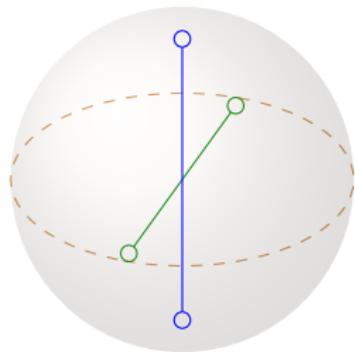
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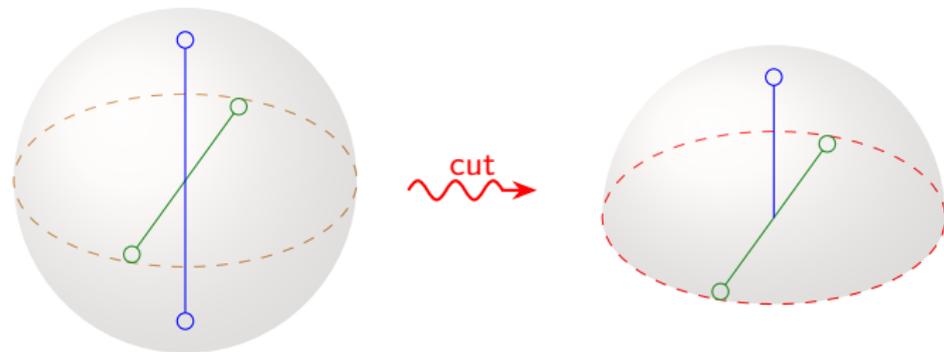
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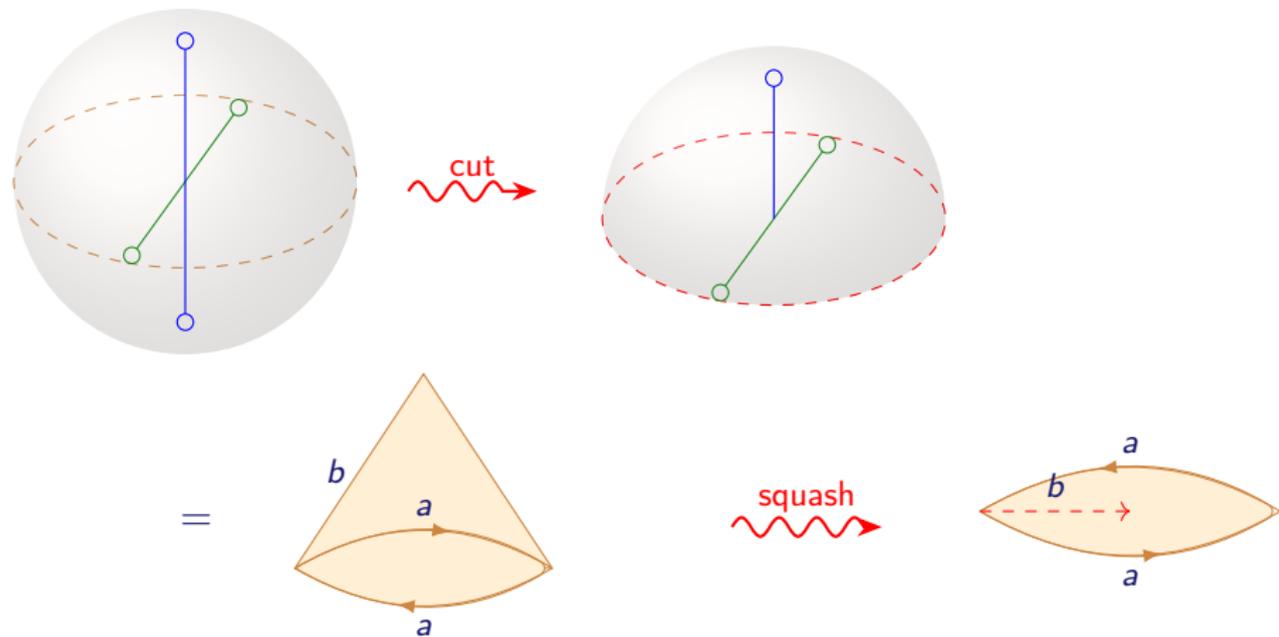
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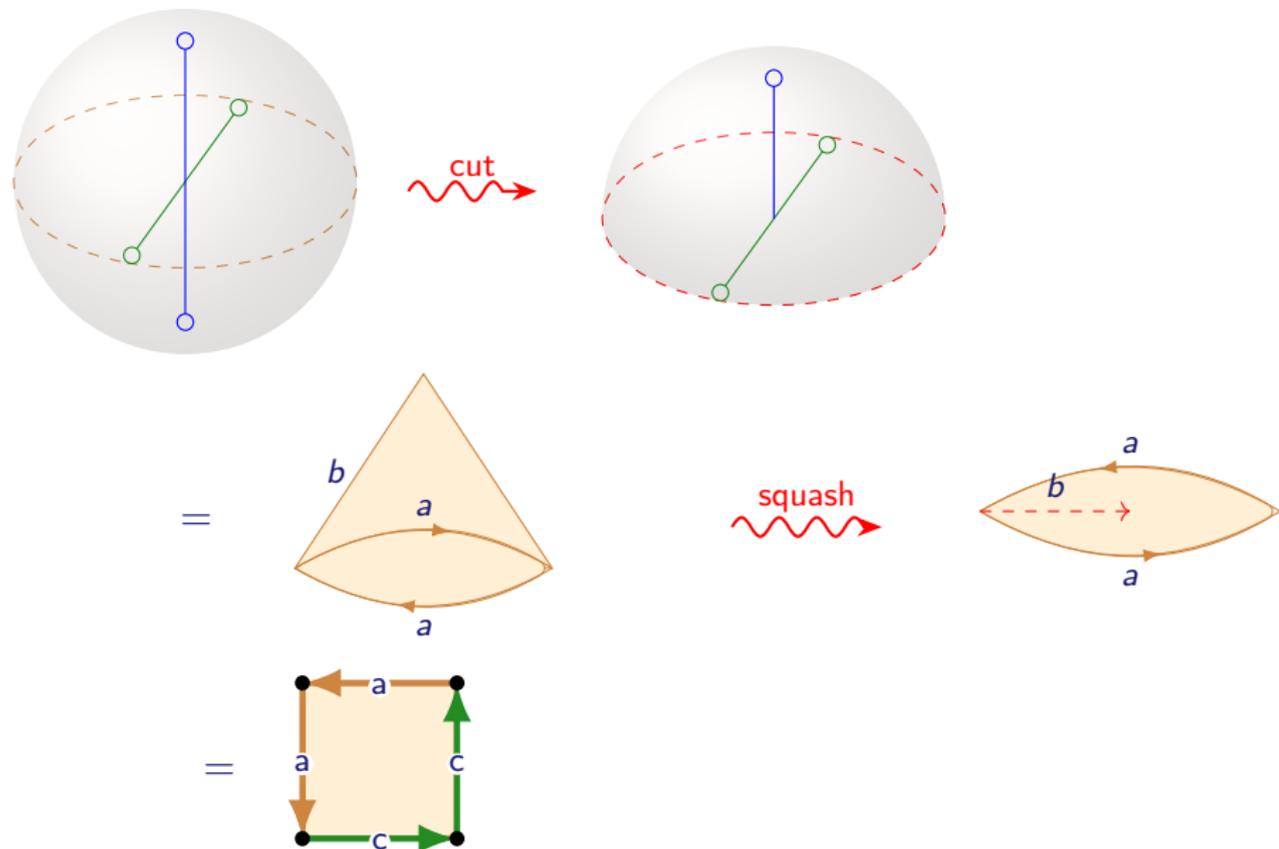
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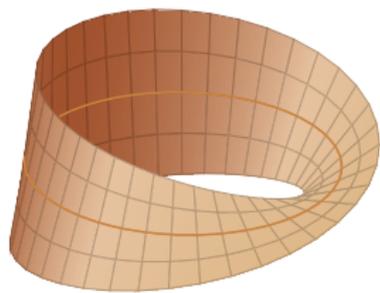
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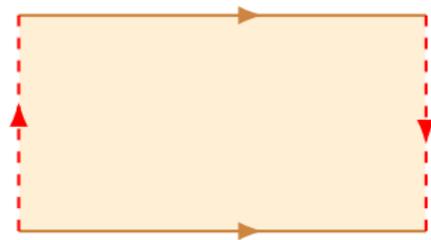
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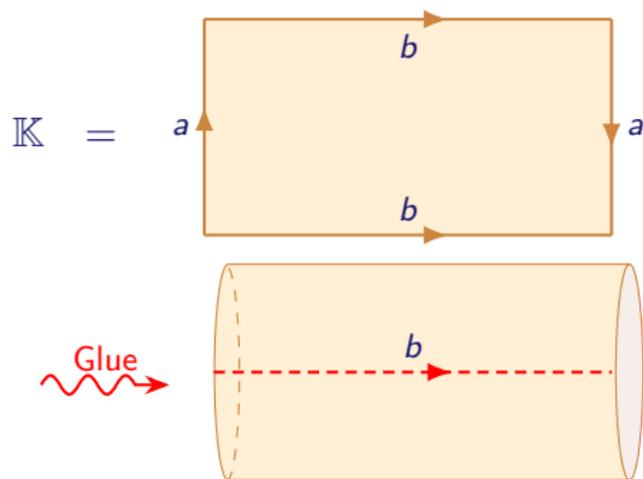


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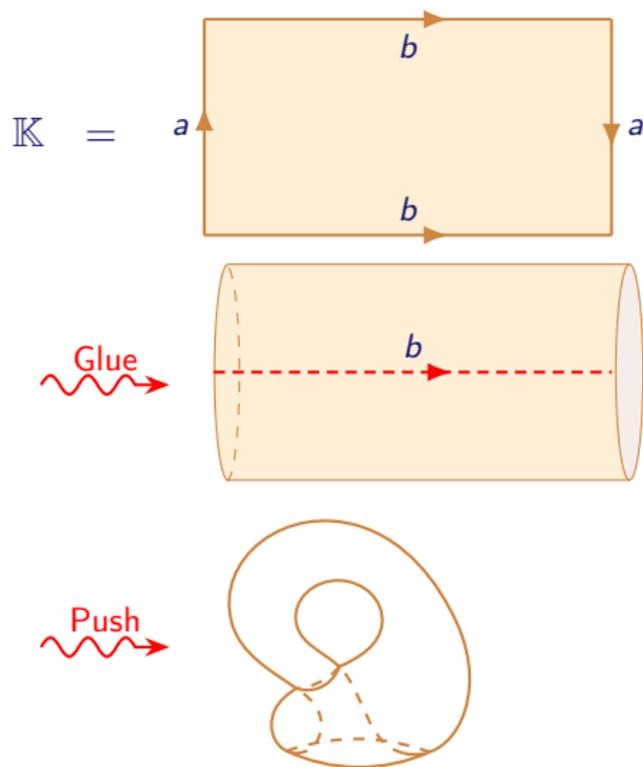
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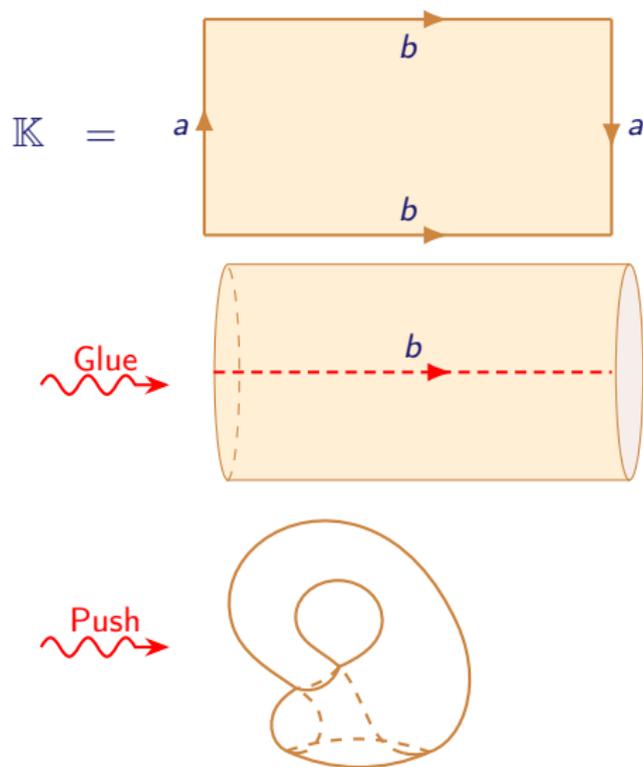
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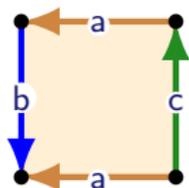
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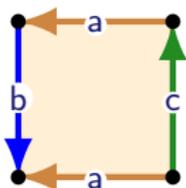


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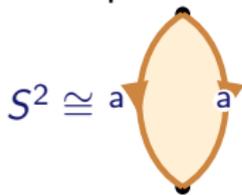
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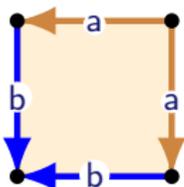
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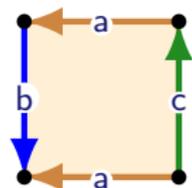


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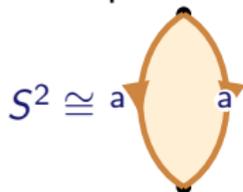
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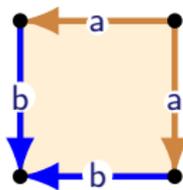
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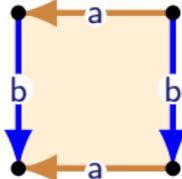


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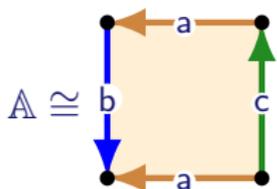
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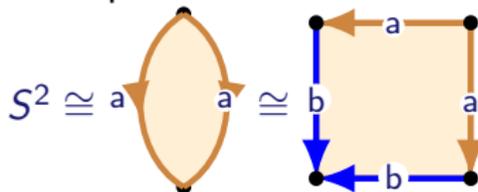
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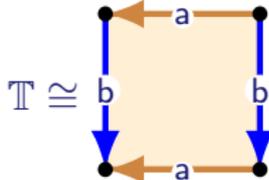
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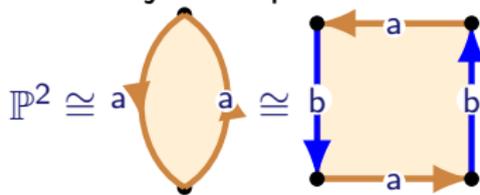
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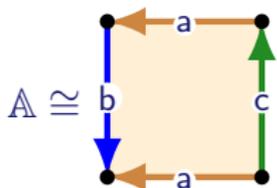
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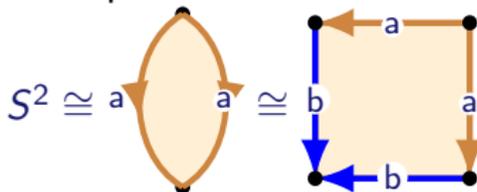
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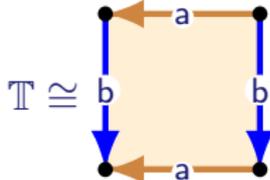
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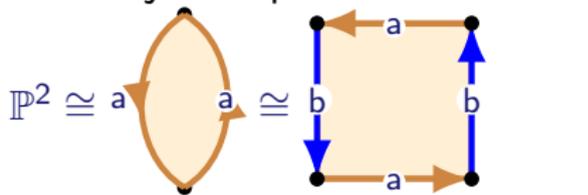
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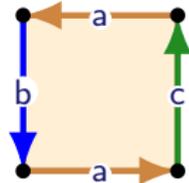
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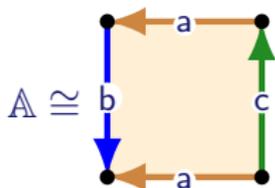
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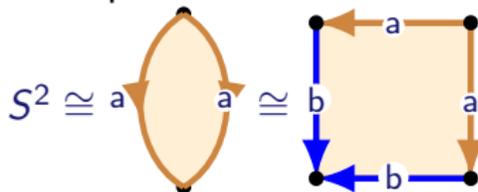
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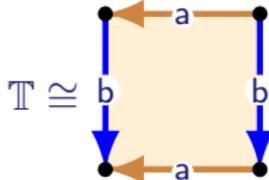
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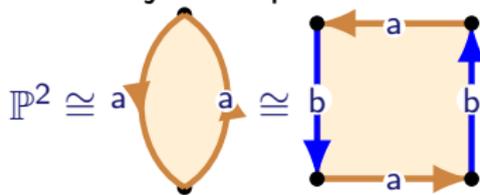
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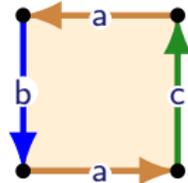
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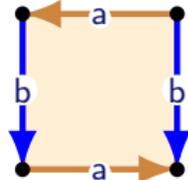
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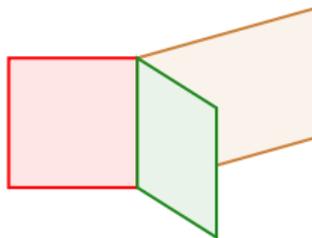


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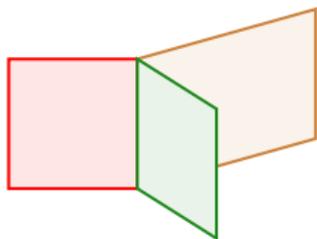
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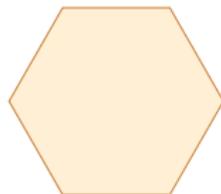
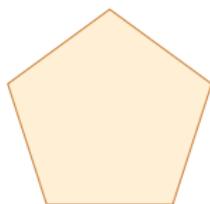
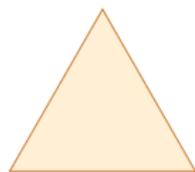
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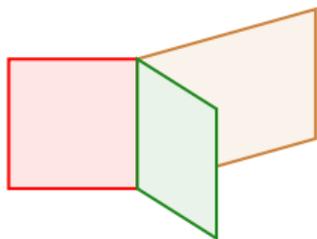
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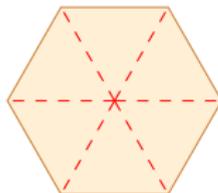
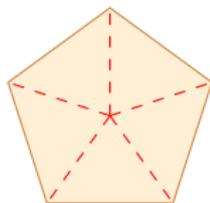
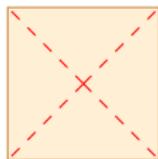
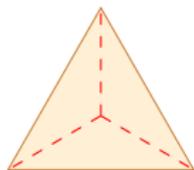
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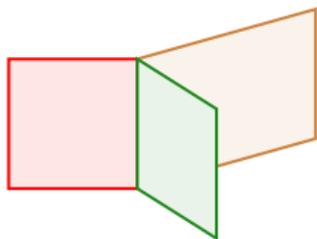
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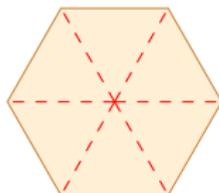
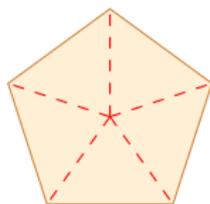
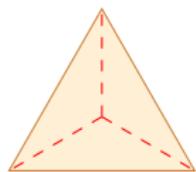
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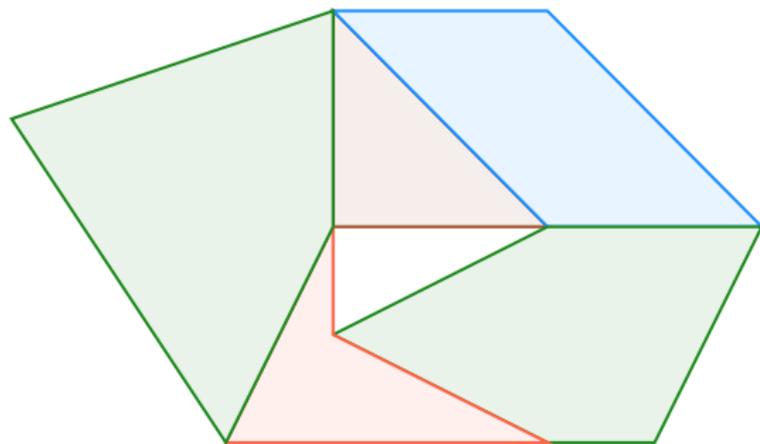
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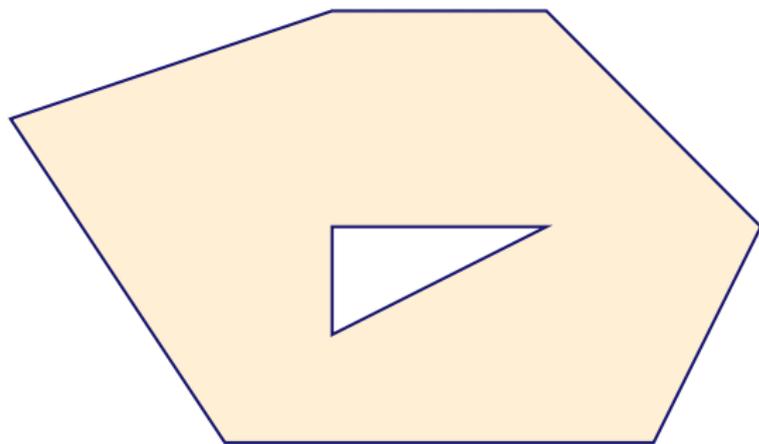
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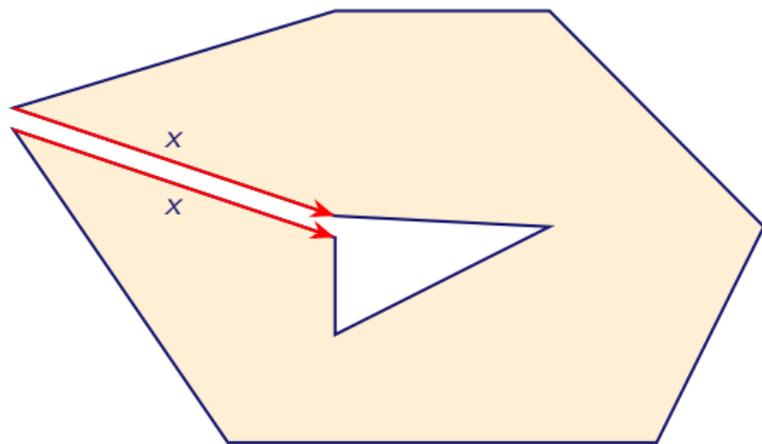
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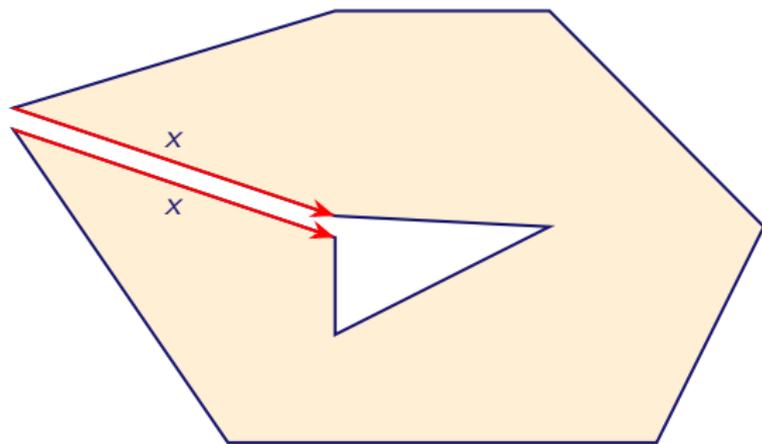
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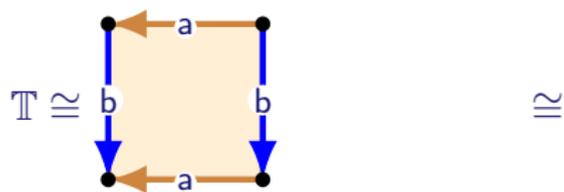
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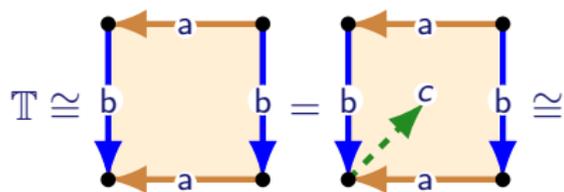
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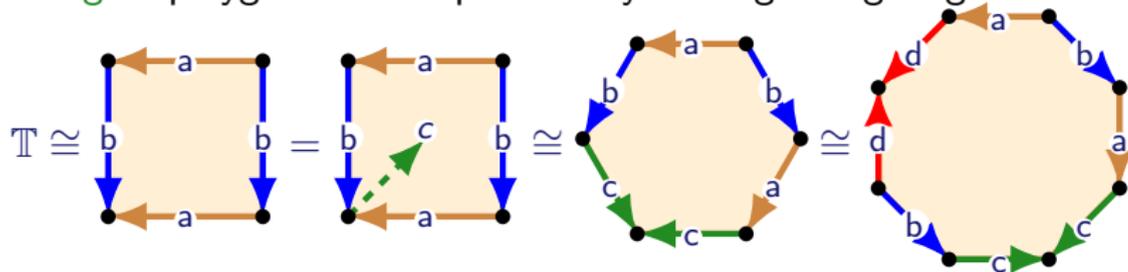
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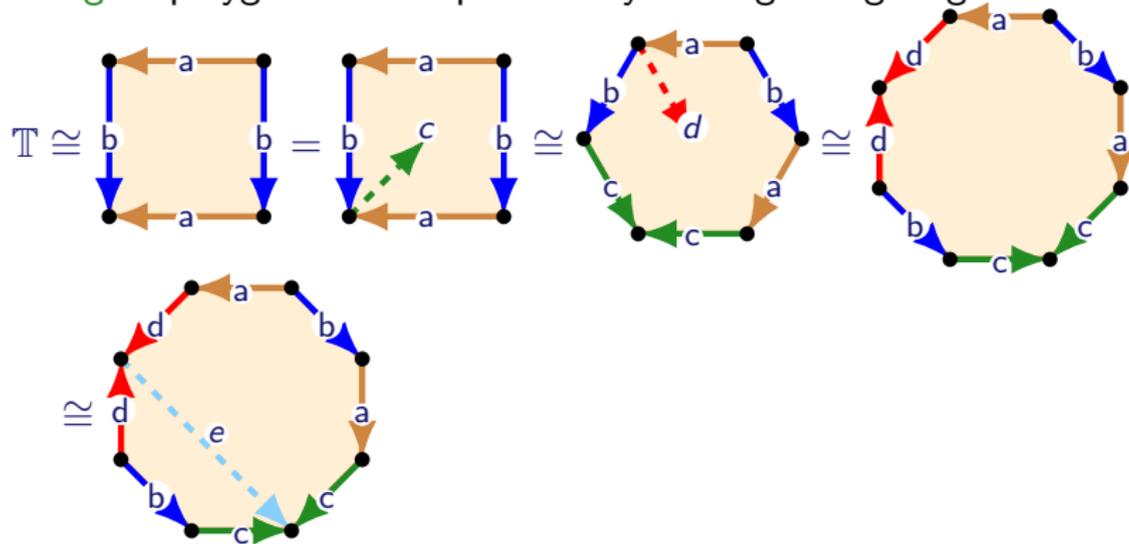
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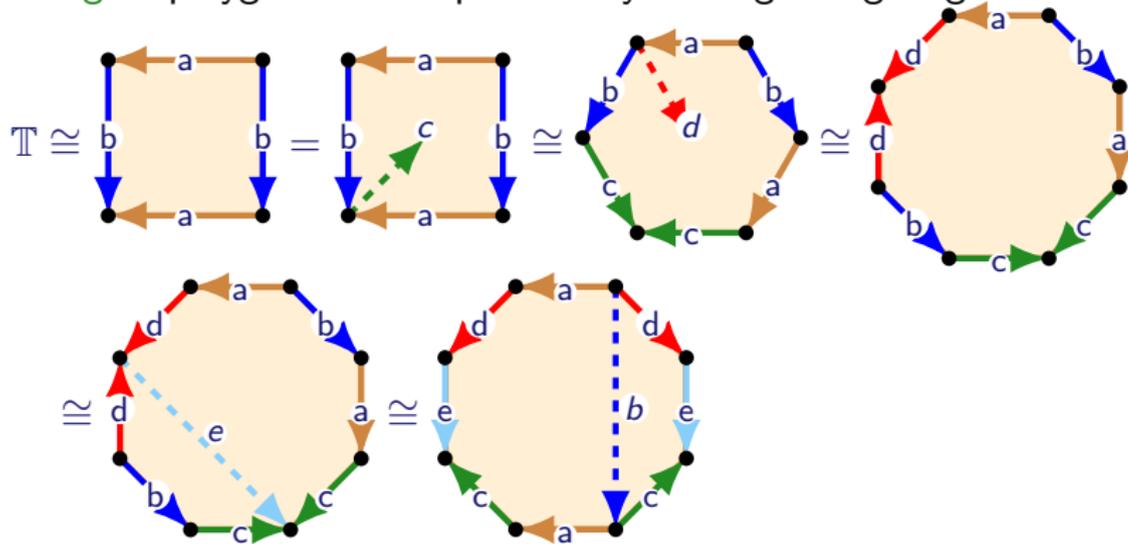
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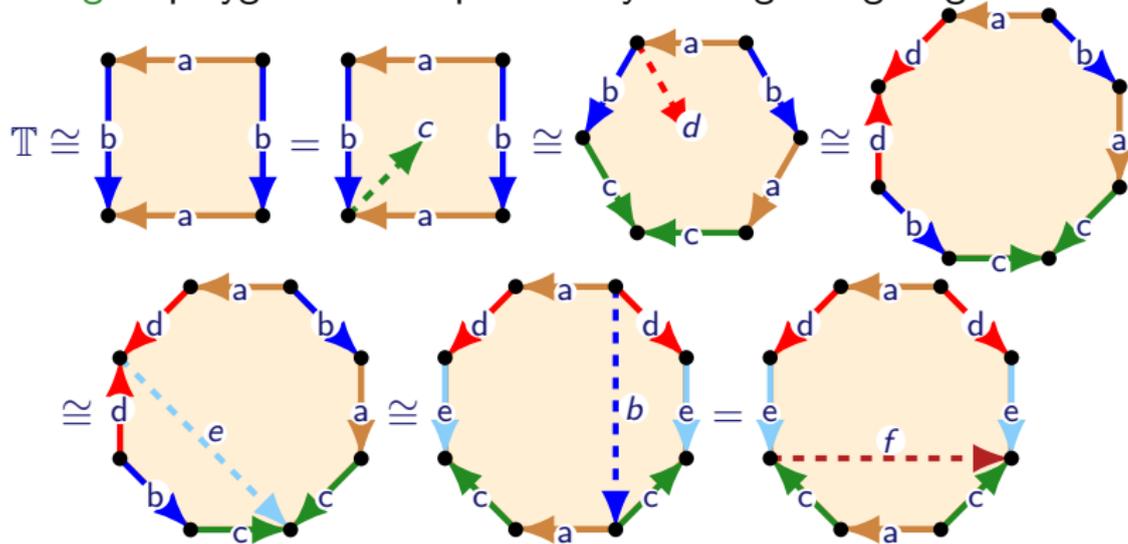
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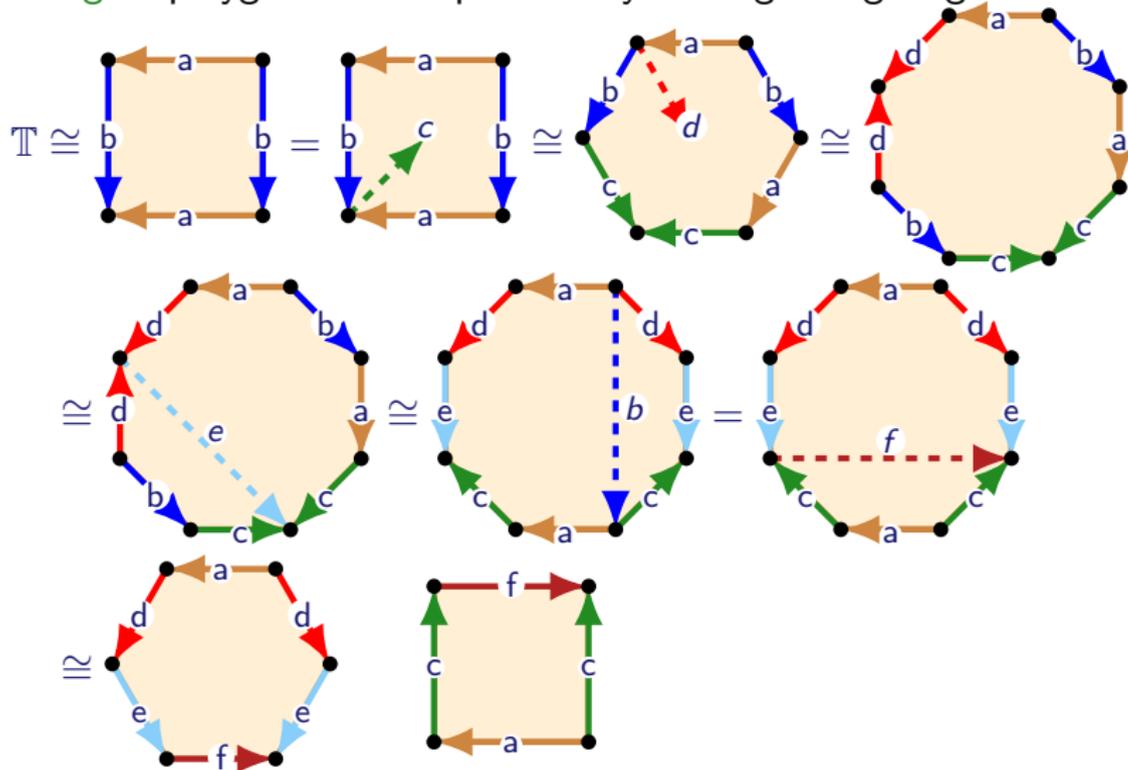
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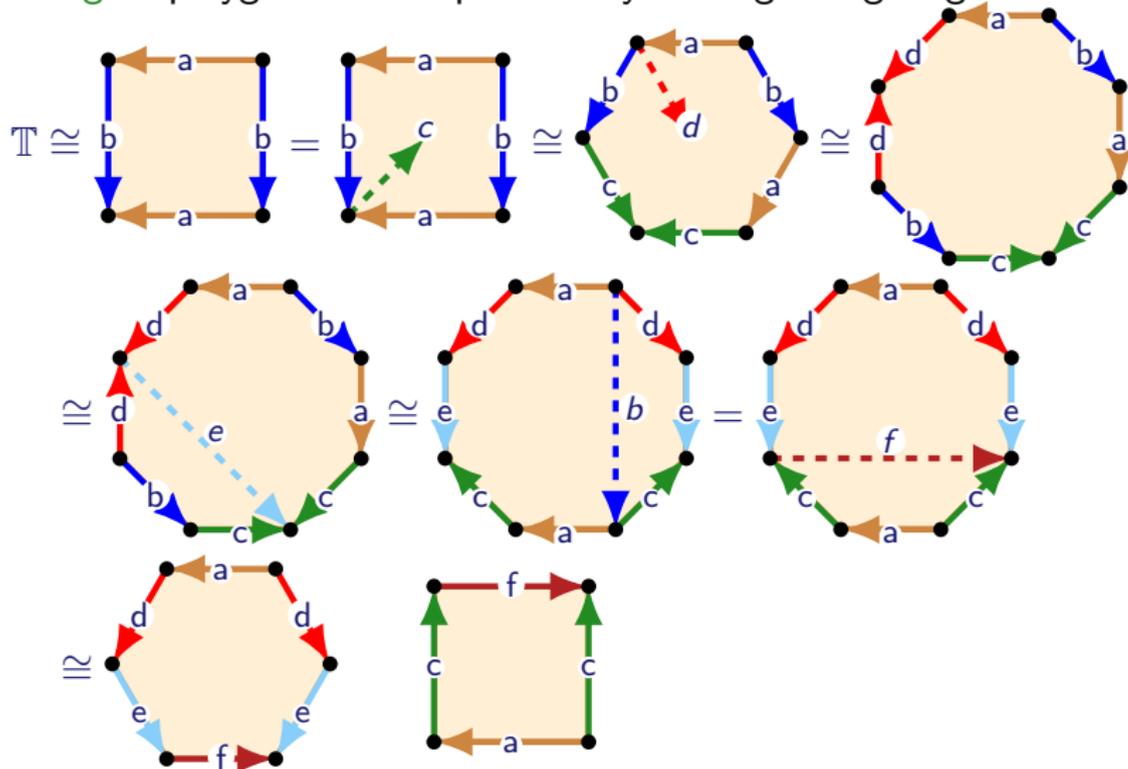
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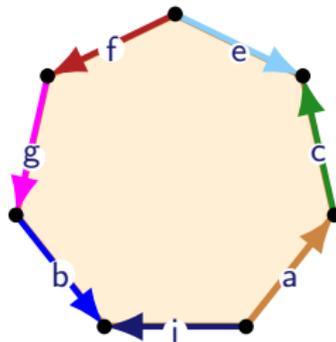
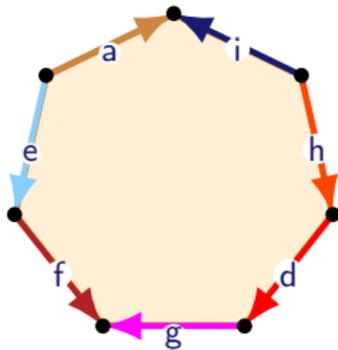
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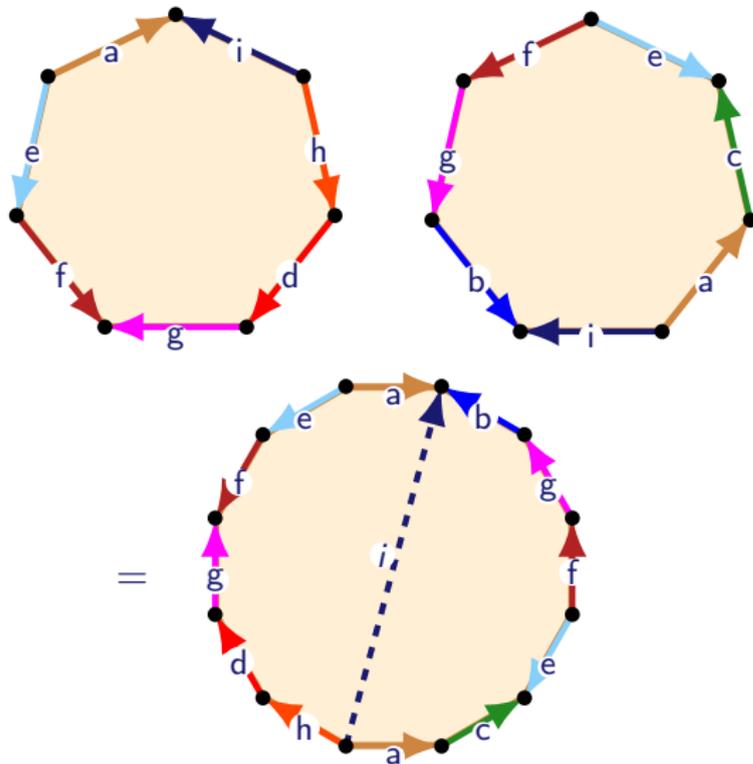
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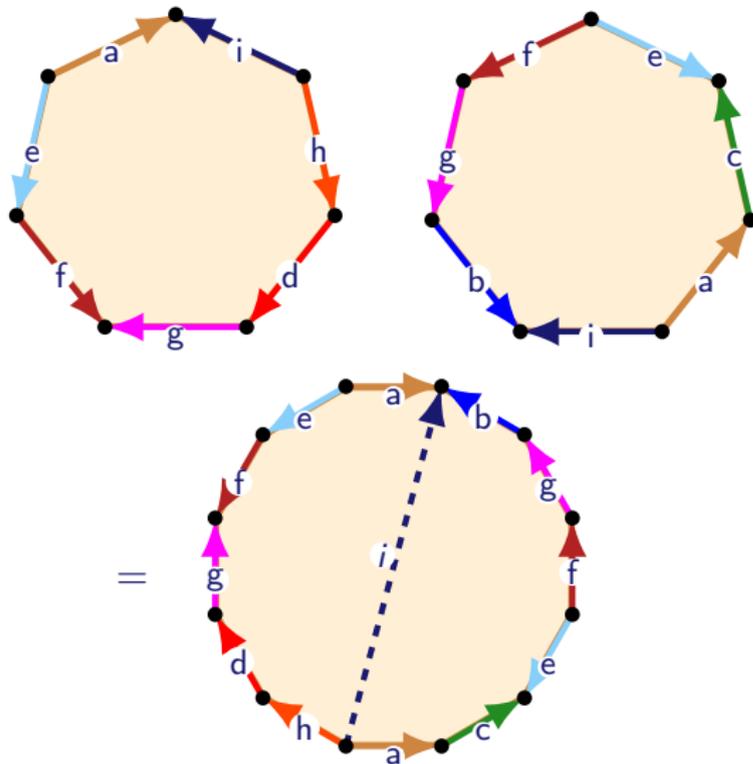
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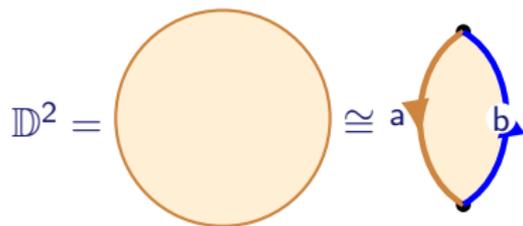
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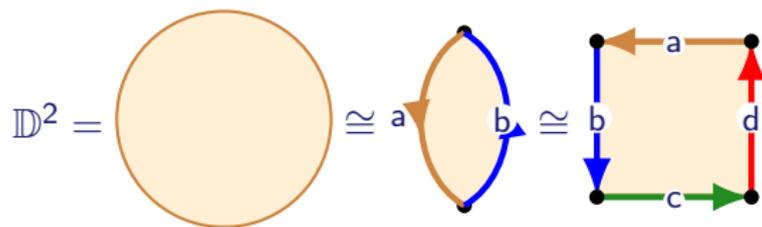
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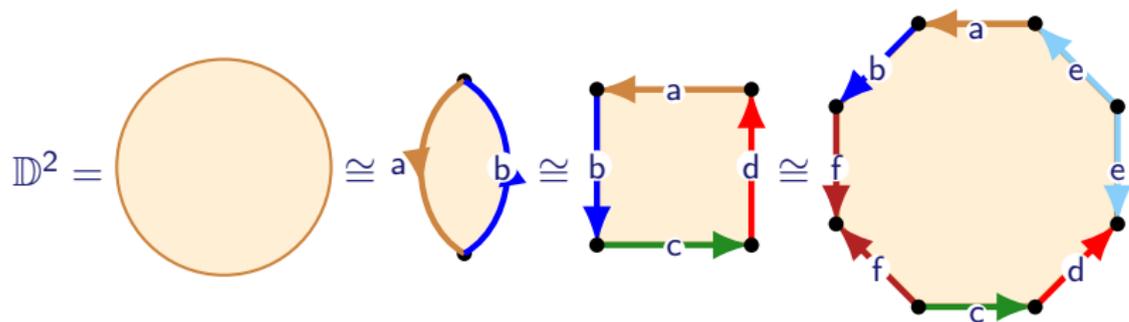
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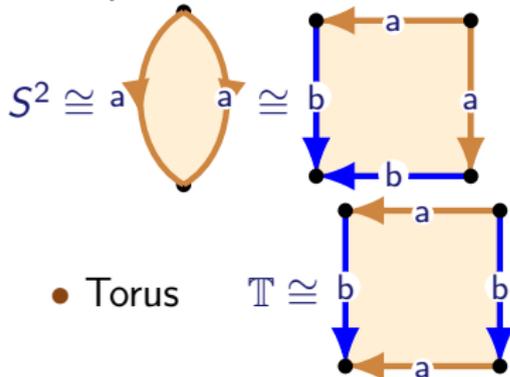
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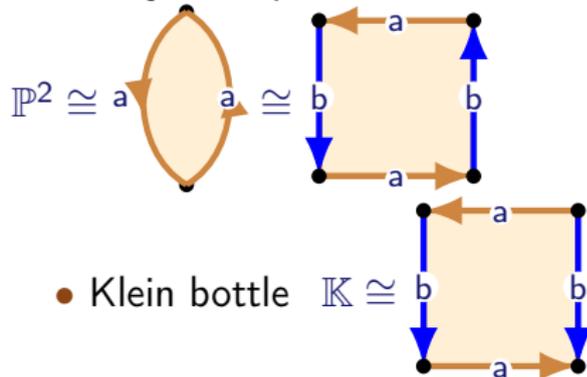


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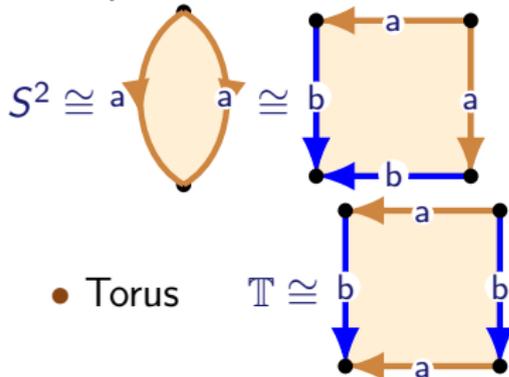


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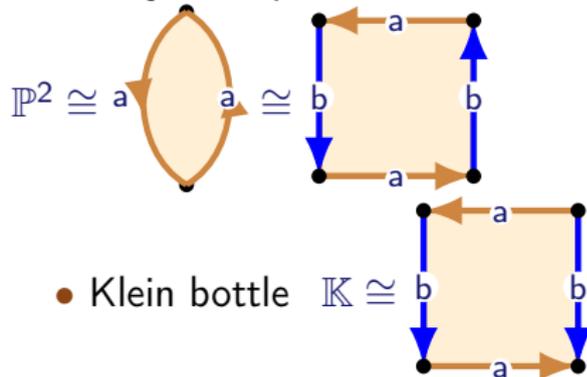


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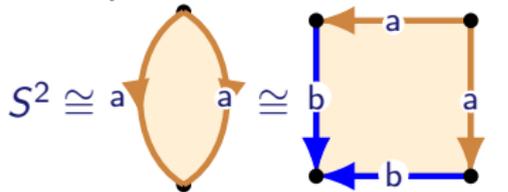
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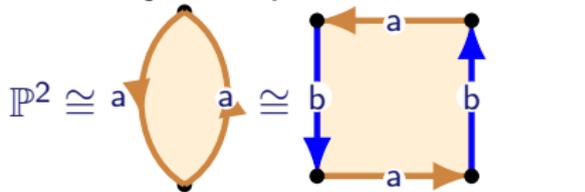
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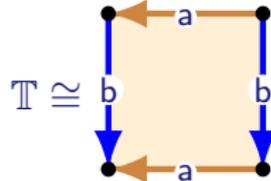
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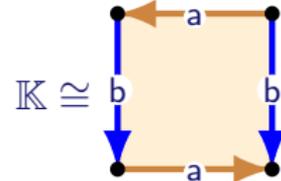
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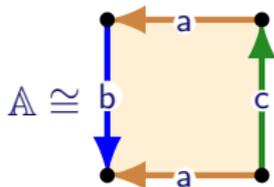


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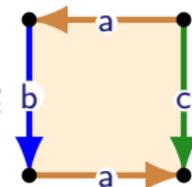


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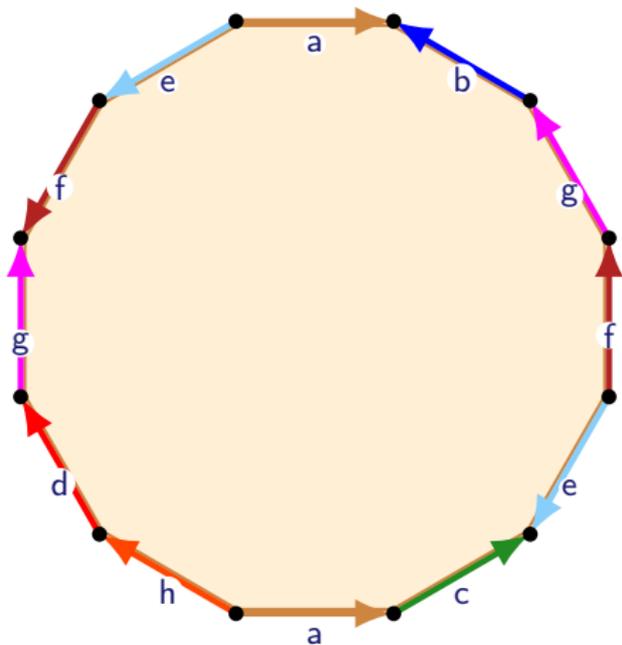


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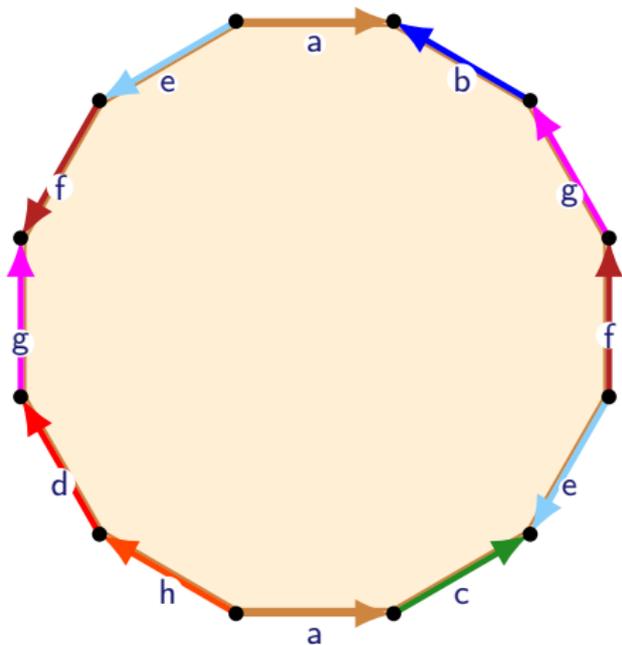
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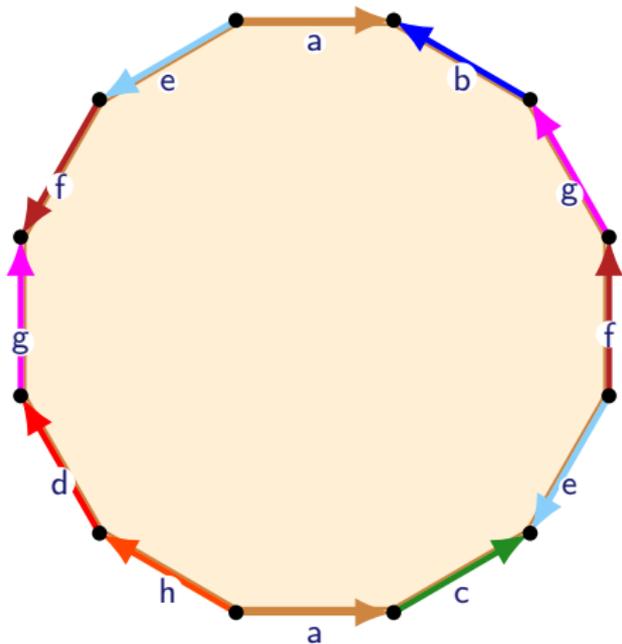
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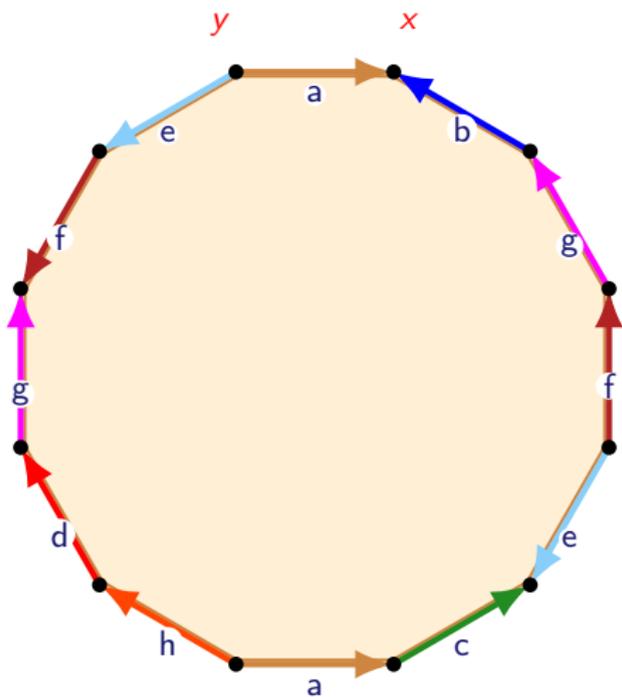
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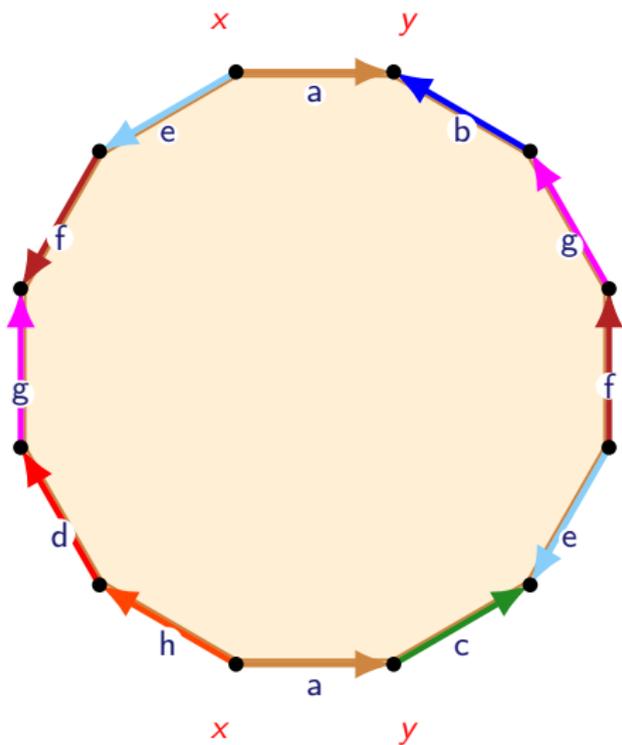
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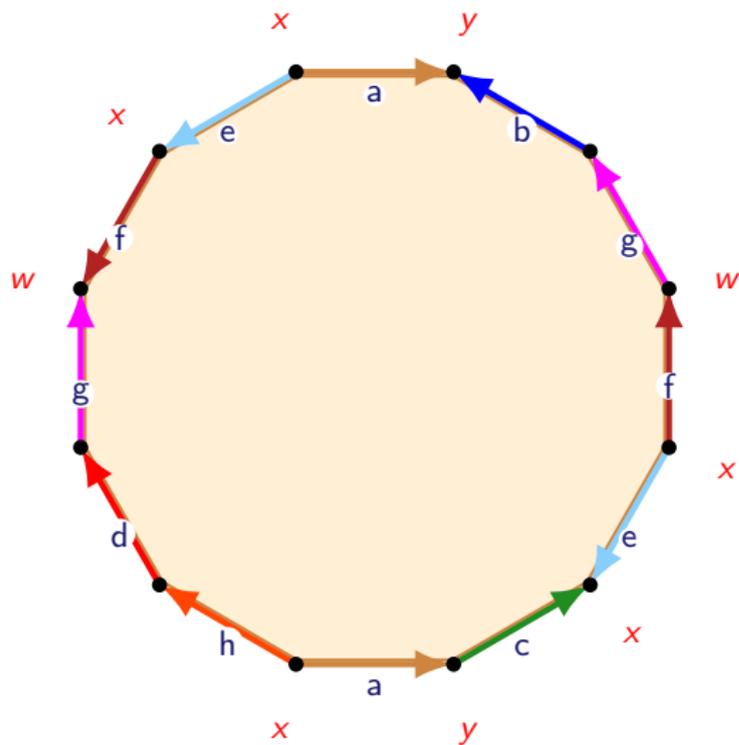
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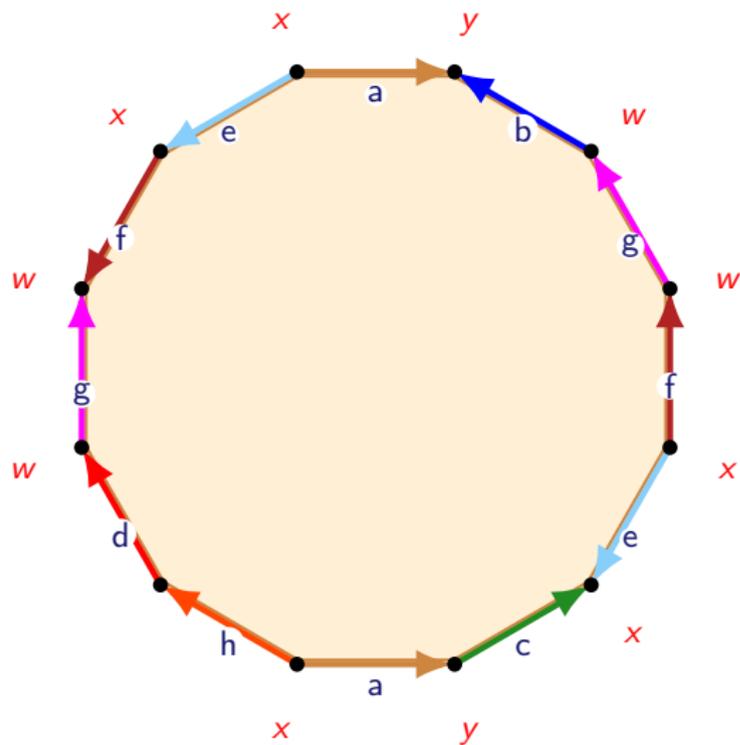
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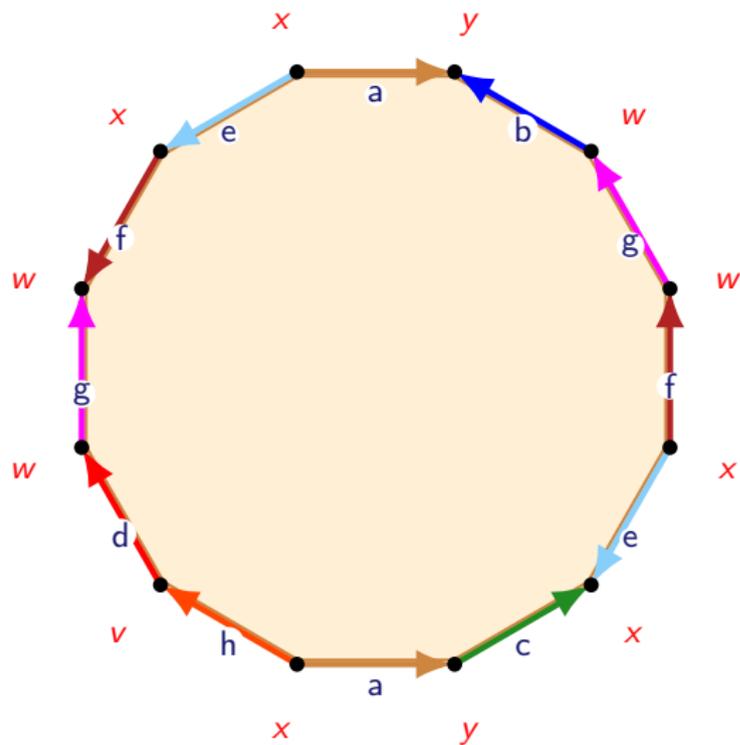
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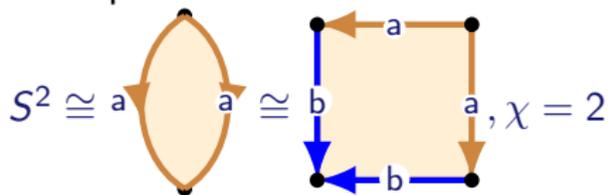
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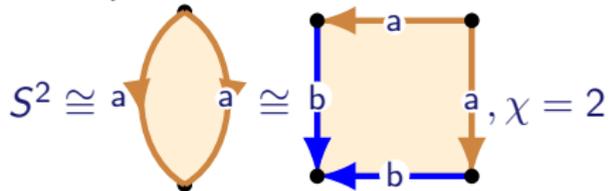
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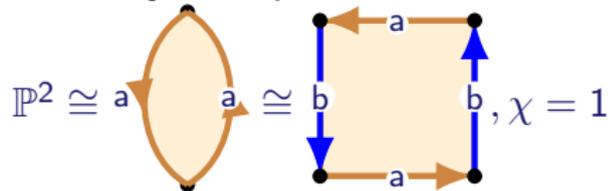


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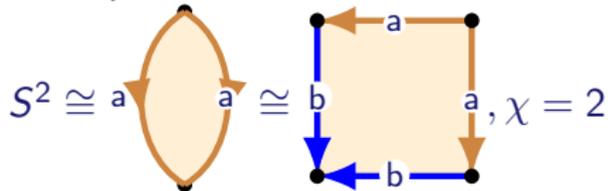


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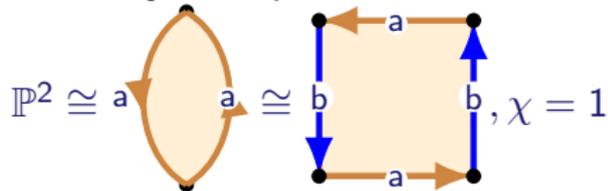


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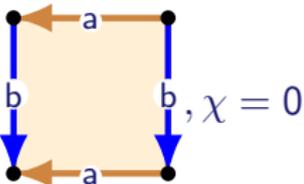
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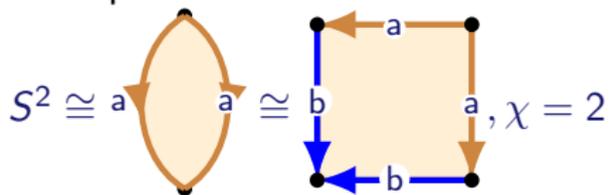


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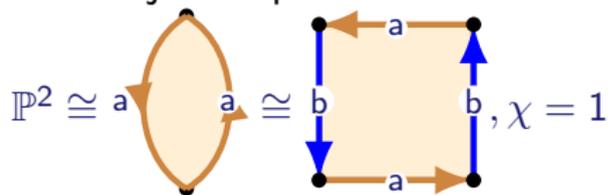


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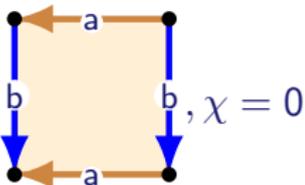
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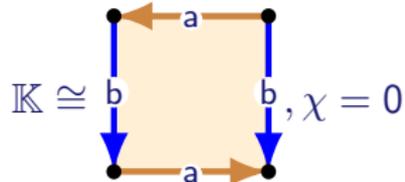
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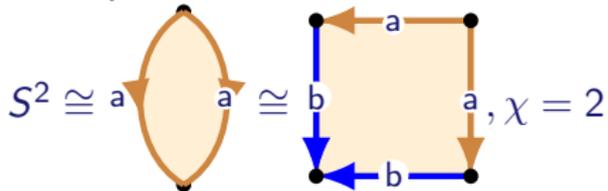


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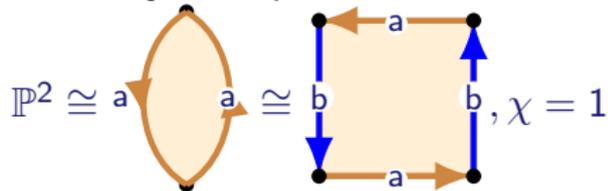


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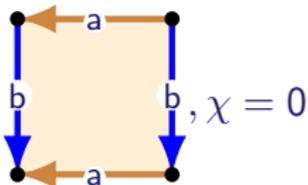
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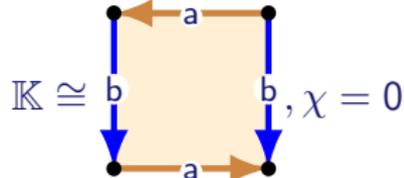
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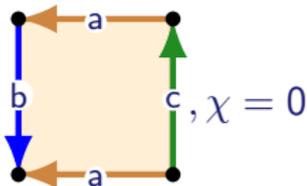
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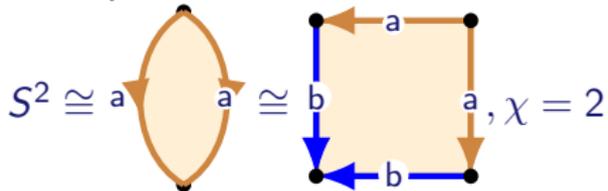


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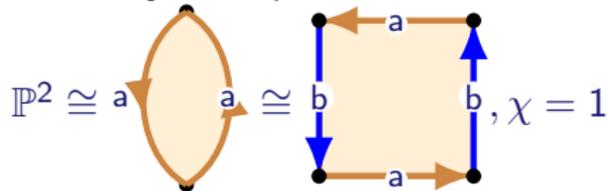


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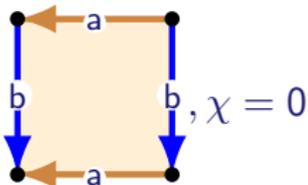
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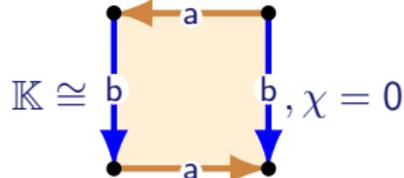
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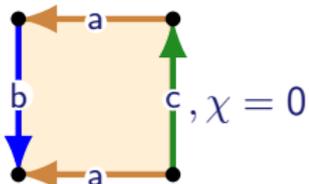
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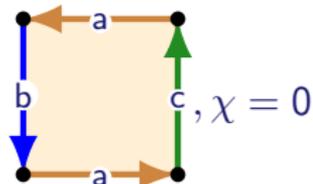
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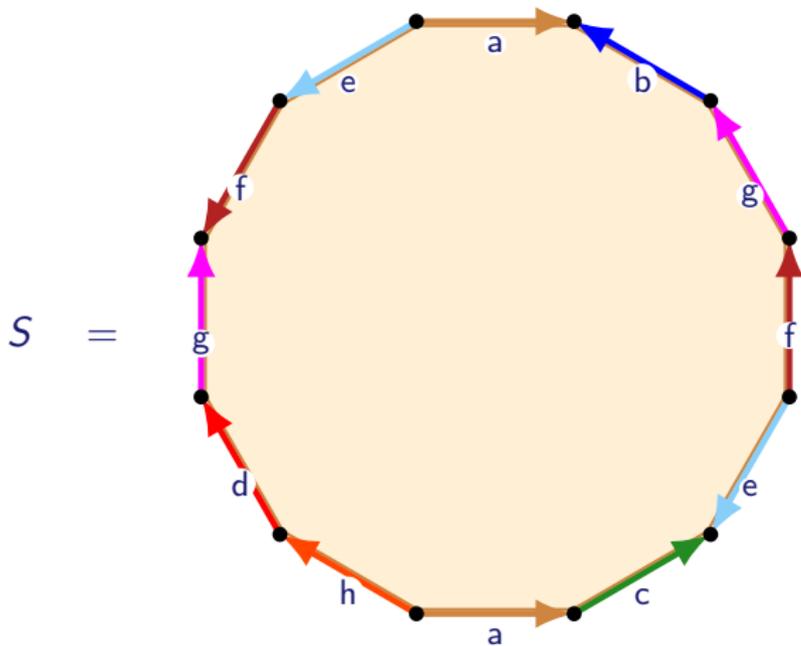


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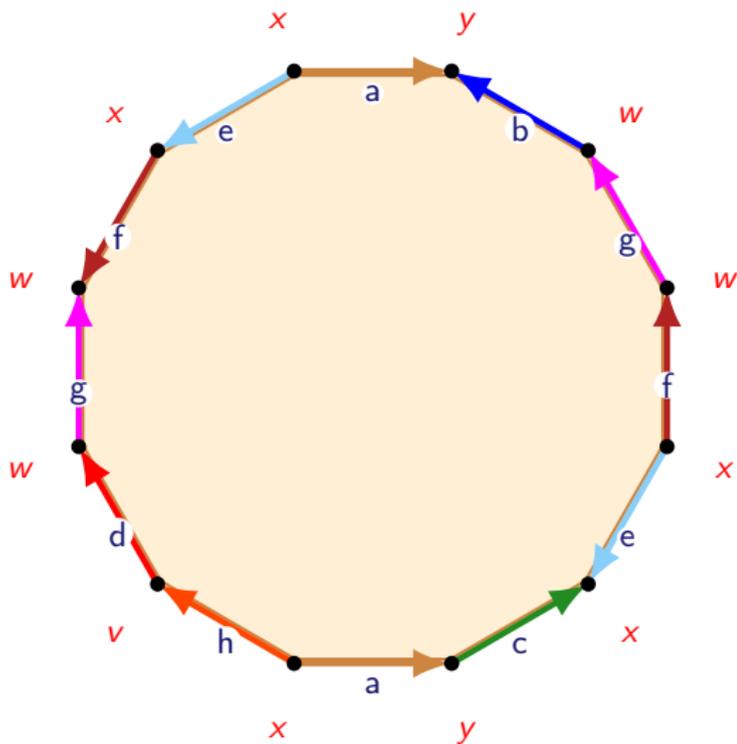
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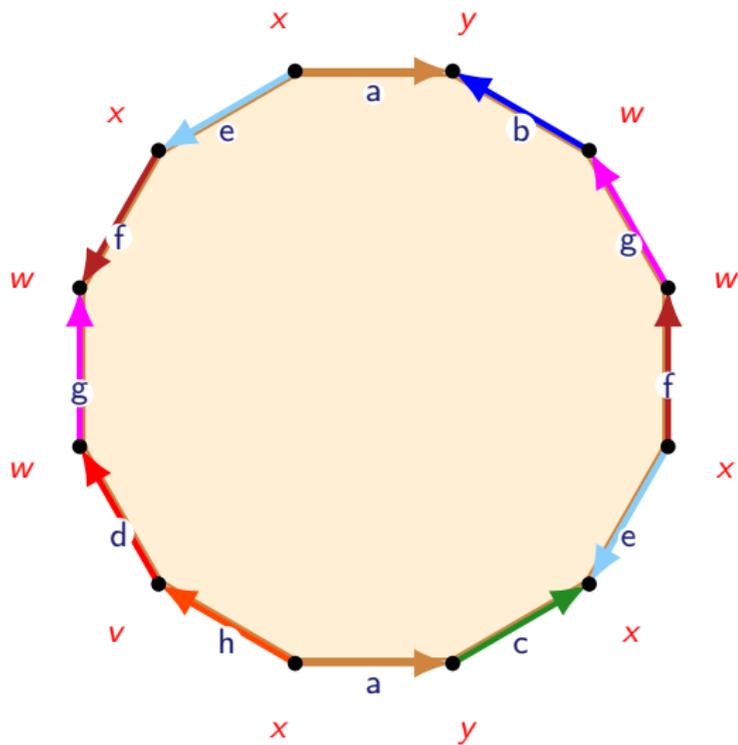
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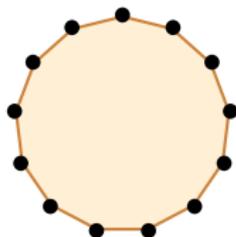
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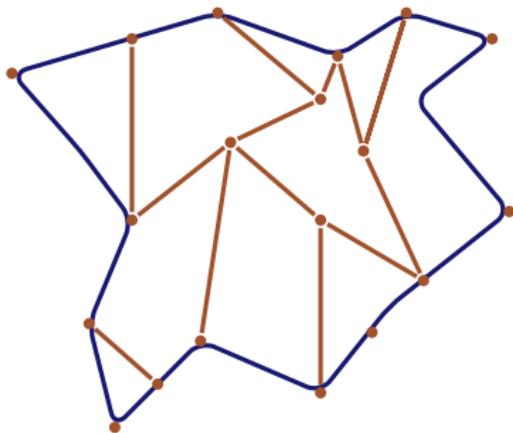
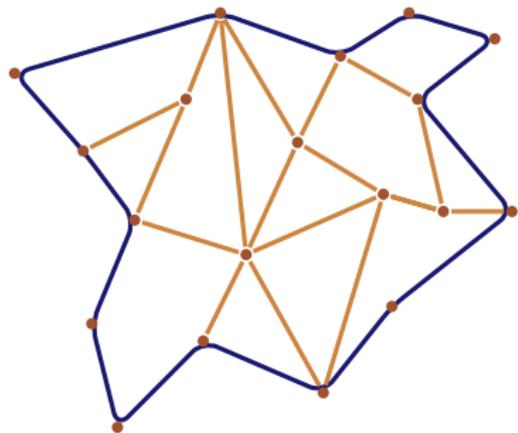
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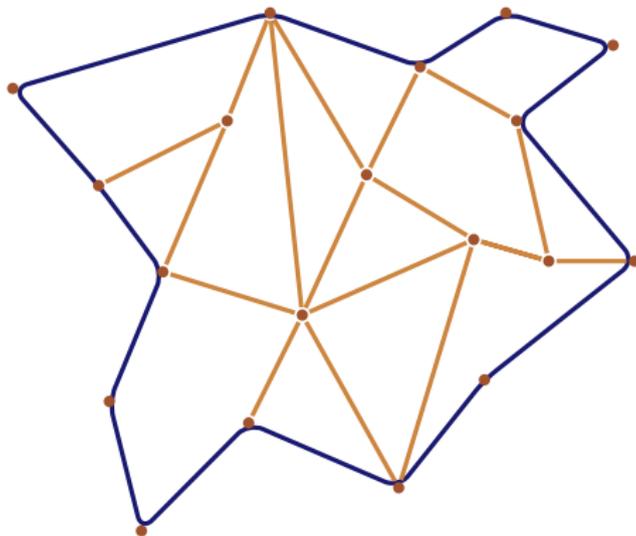


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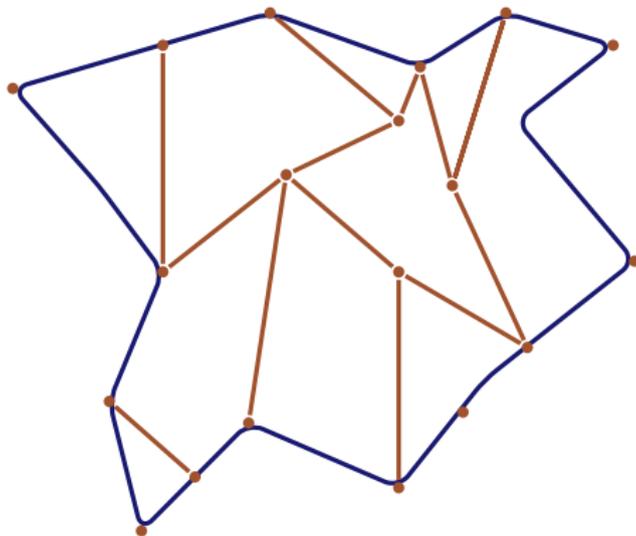


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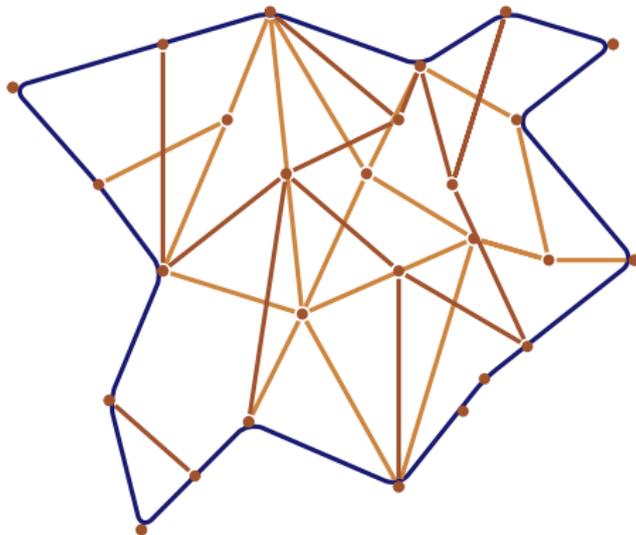


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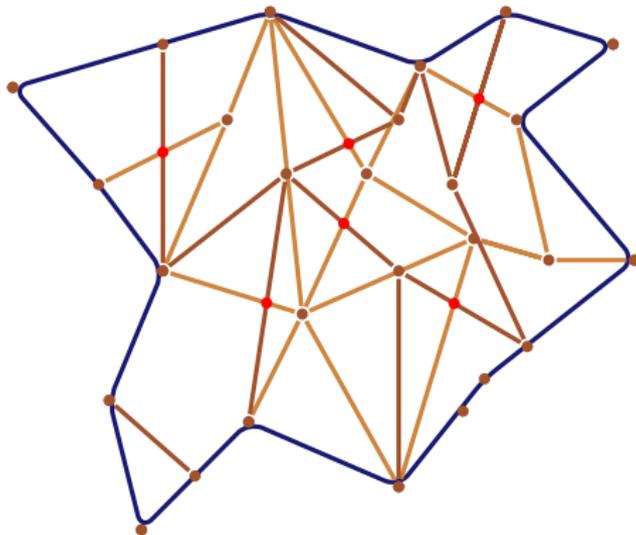


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**Exercise** Using what we know so far, deduce that the surfaces

$$S^2, \mathbb{A}, \mathbb{D}^2, \mathbb{K}, \mathbb{M}, \mathbb{P}^2$$

are pairwise non-homeomorphic (see Tutorial 9)