

# Open arc diagrams and plane walks

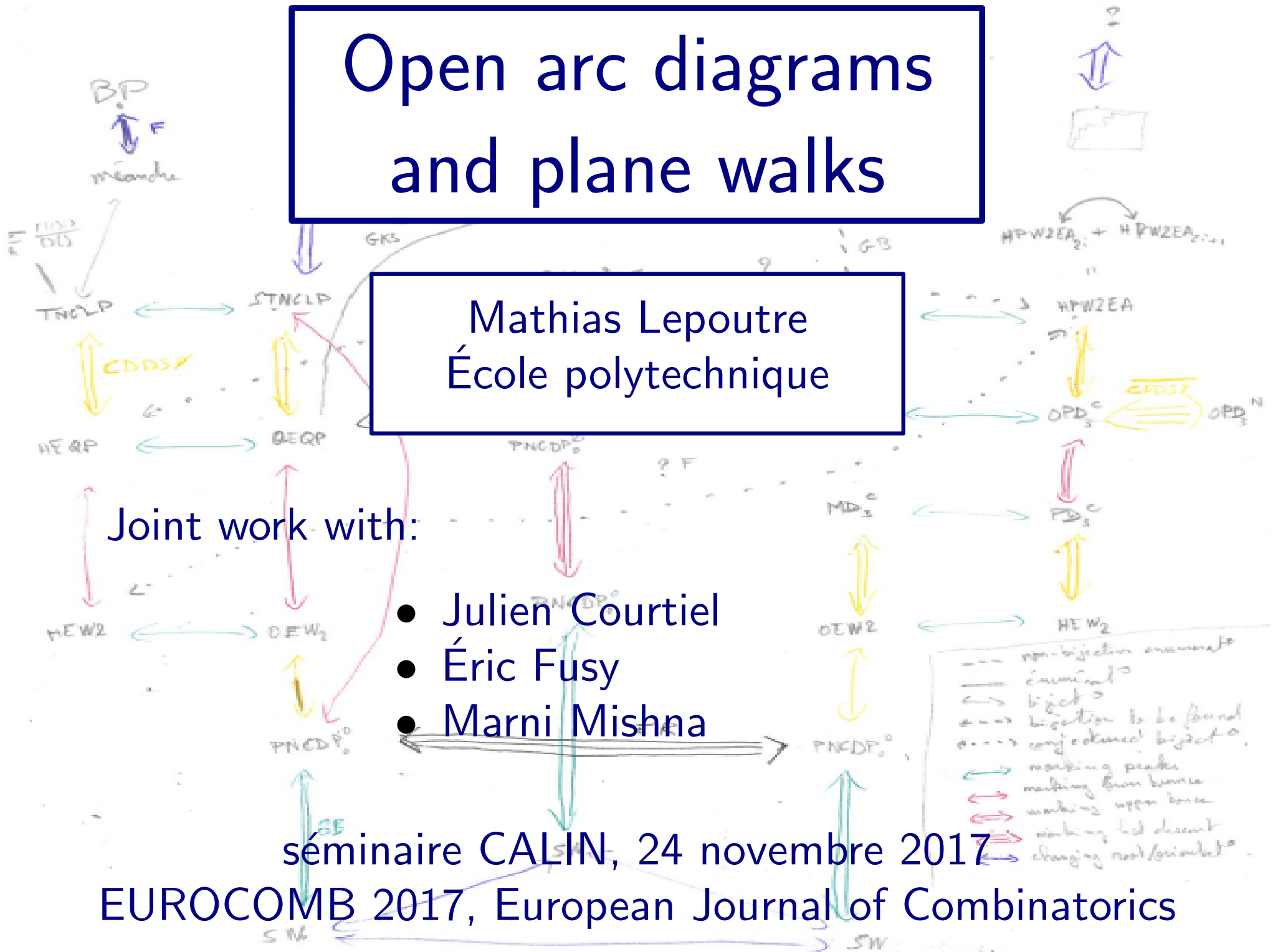
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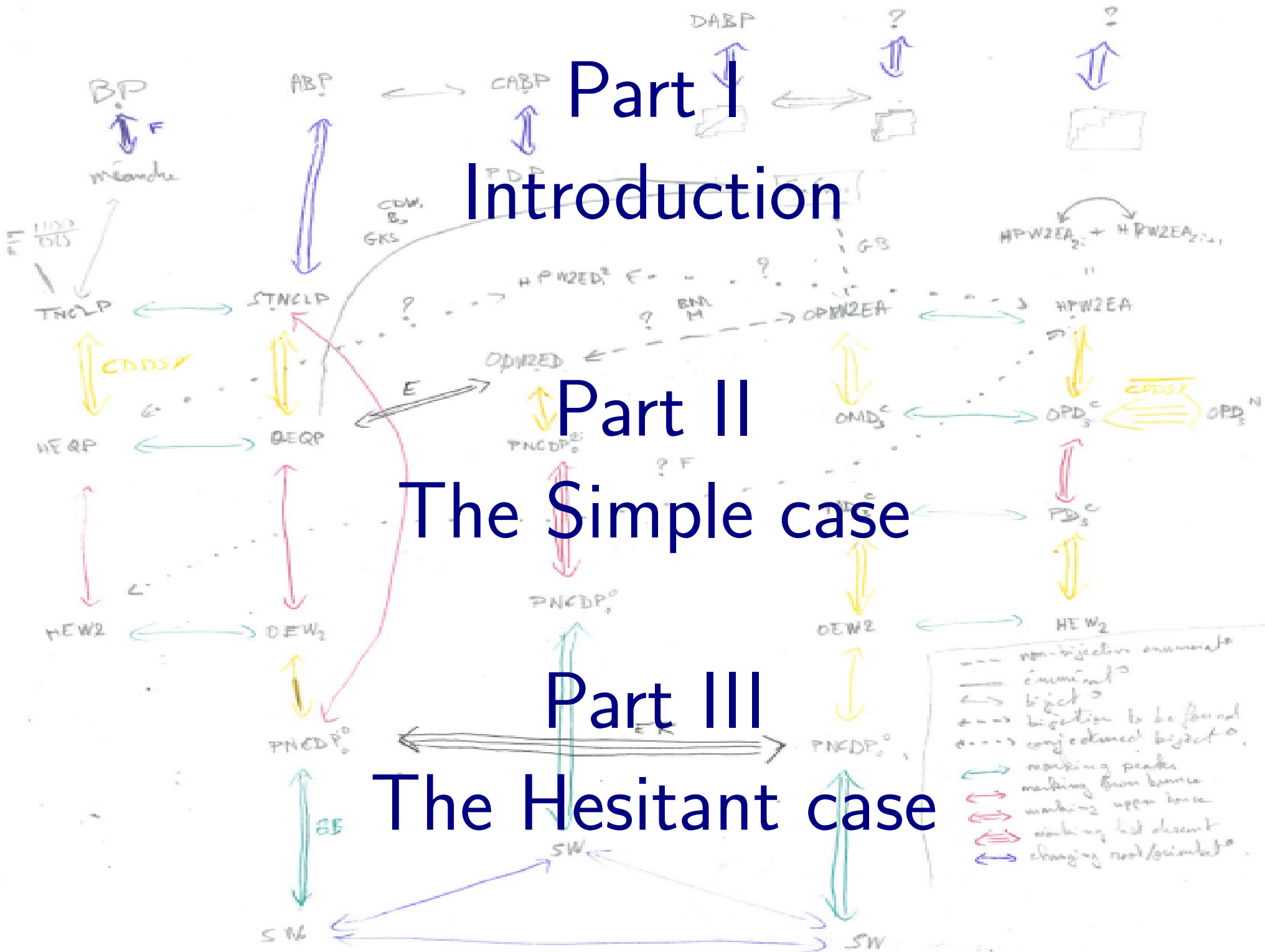
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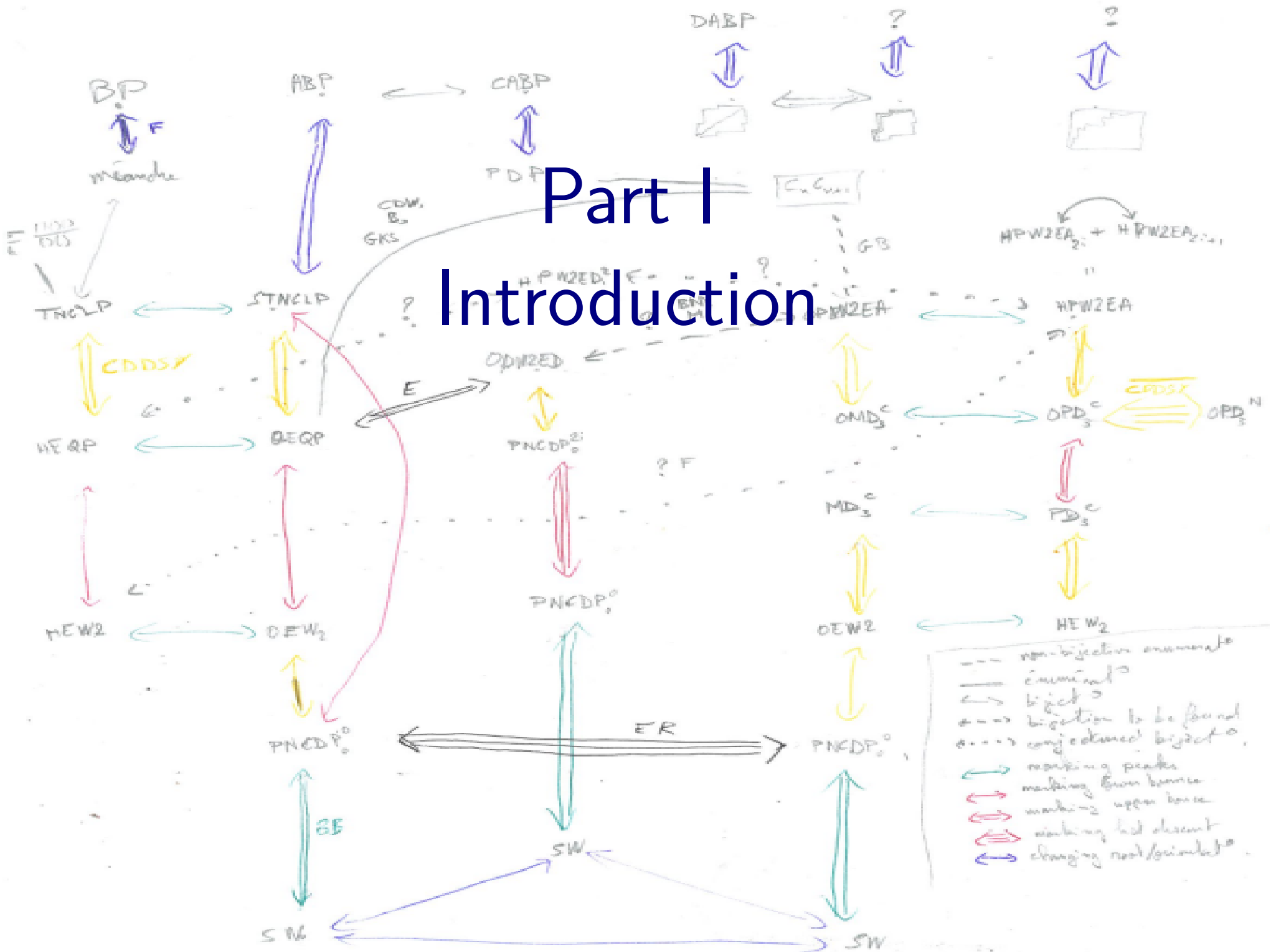
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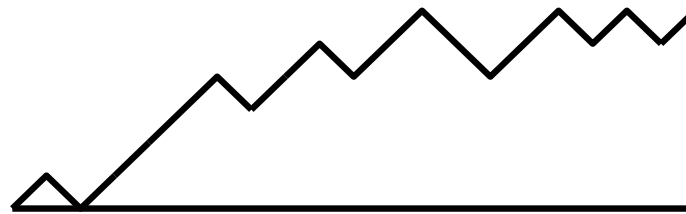


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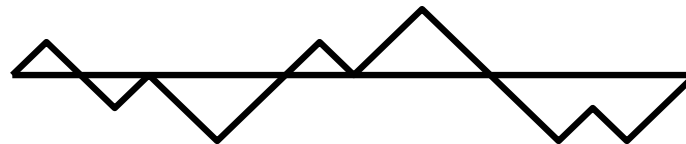


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bridge



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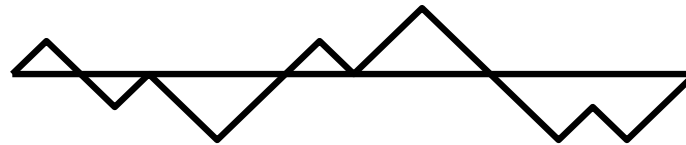
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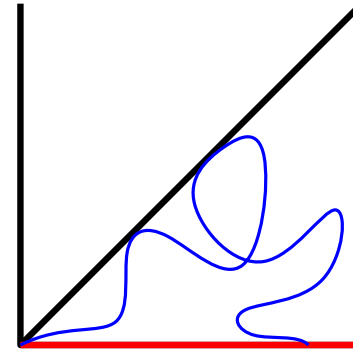


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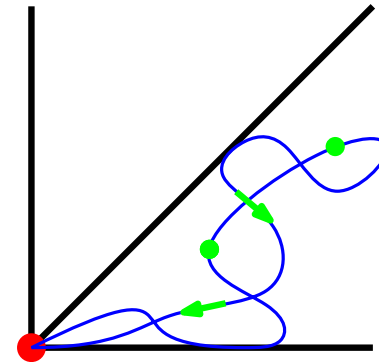


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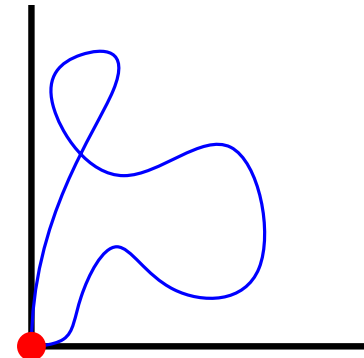
Axis-walk in the octant



Excursion in the octant with marking

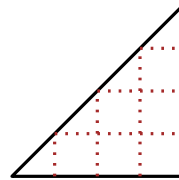
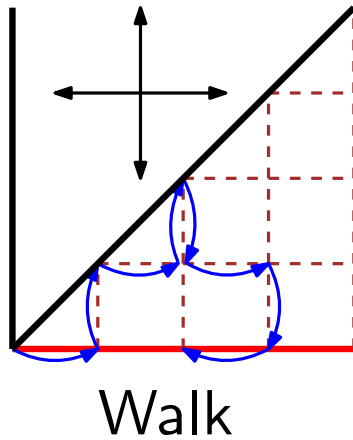


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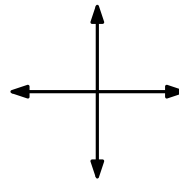


# Walks, Tableaux, Diagrams

## The Simple case



Walk in the (2-dimensional)  
octant



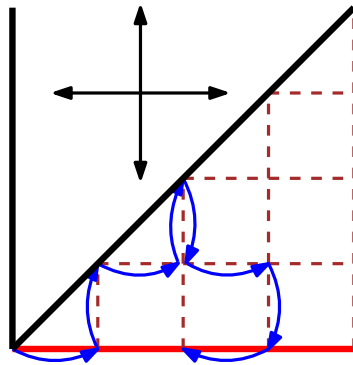
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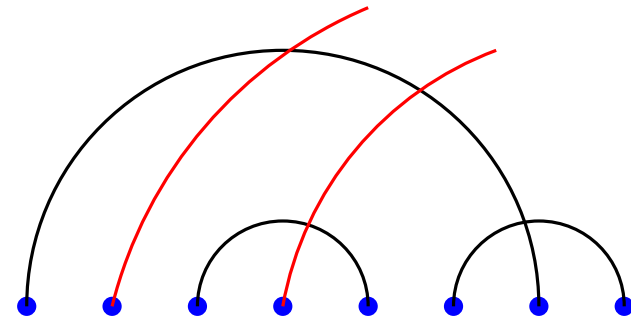
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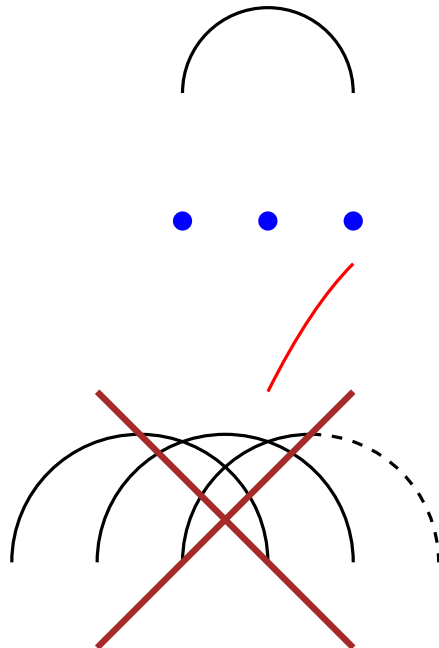
## The Simple case



Walk



Diagram



matching diagram

of length  $n$

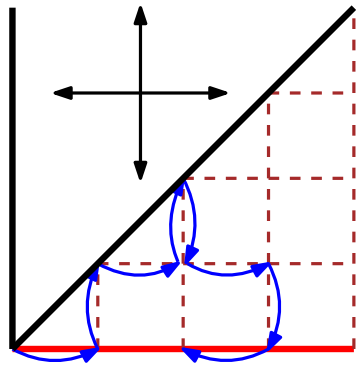
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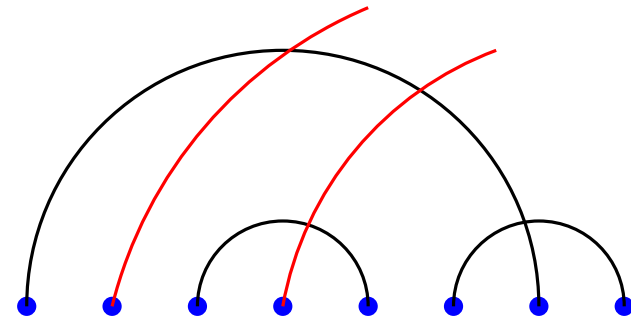


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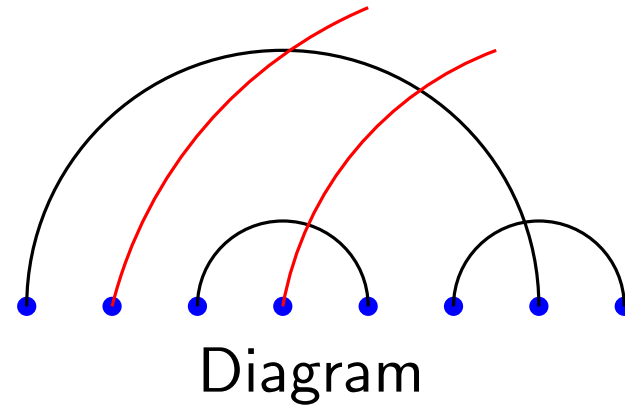
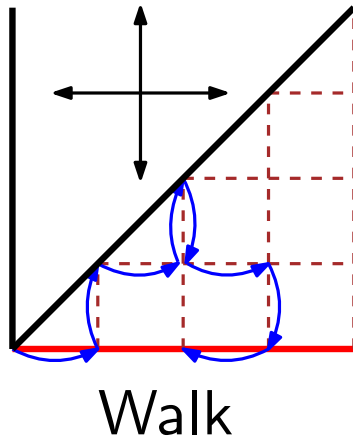


Diagram

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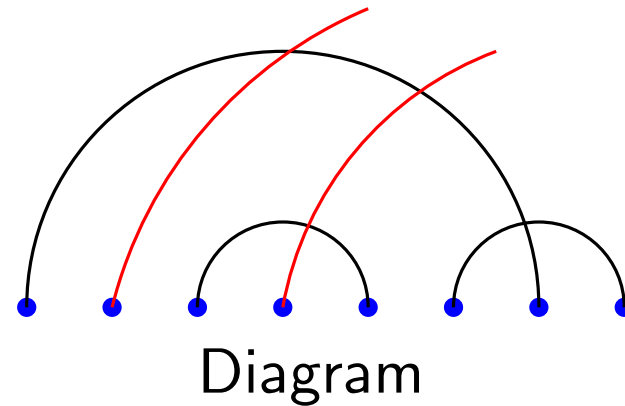
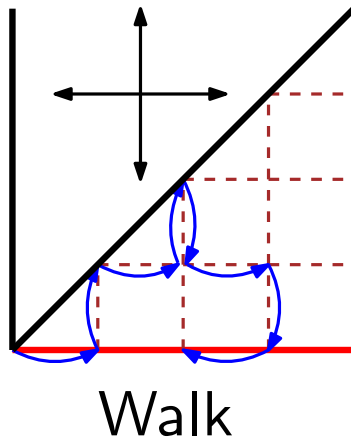


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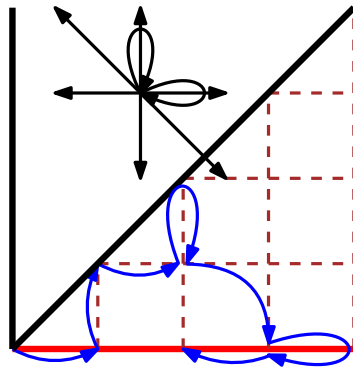


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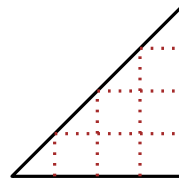
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- a more natural phrasing of problems
- new generating trees
- easily-removable open arcs

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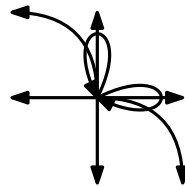
## The Hesitating case



Walk



Walk in the (2-dimensional)  
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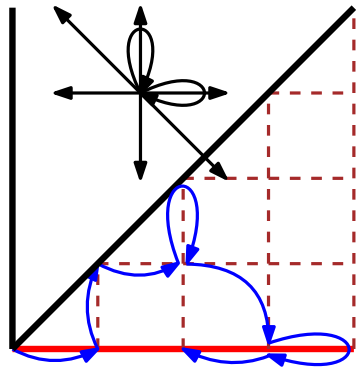
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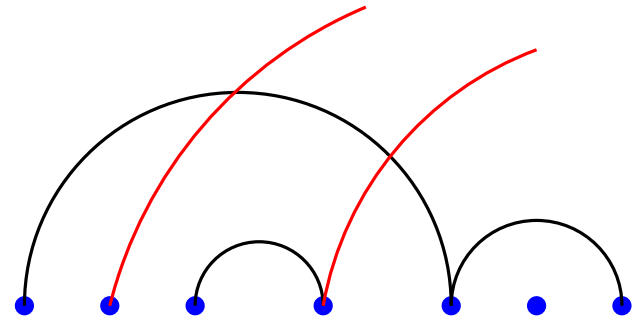
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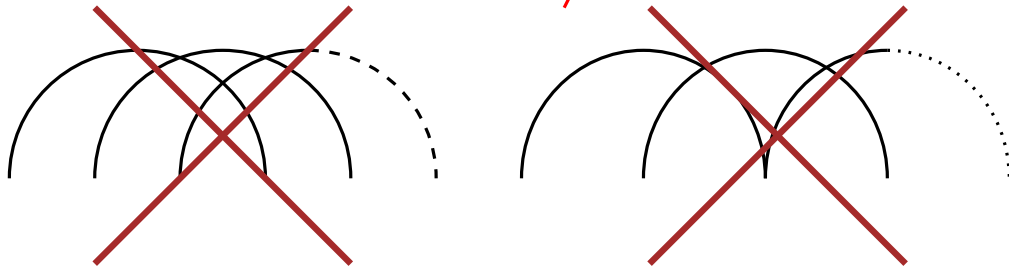
Diagram



partition diagram

of length  $n$

with  $i$  open arcs



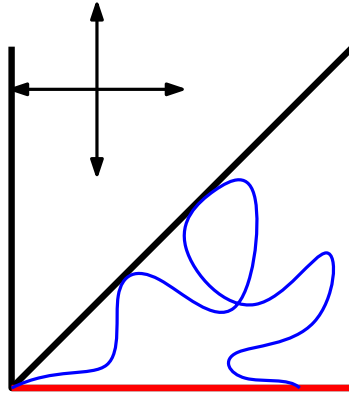
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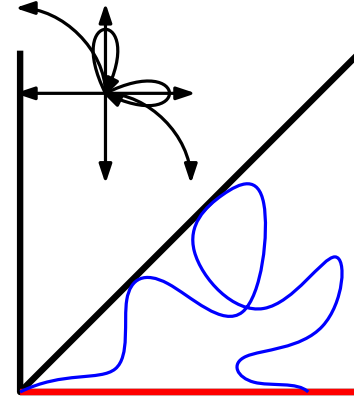
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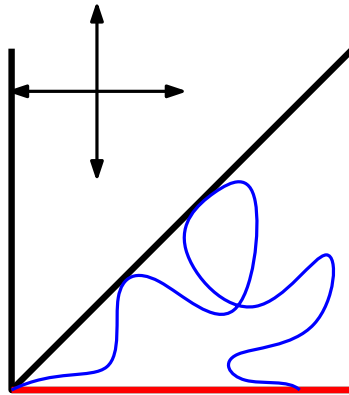
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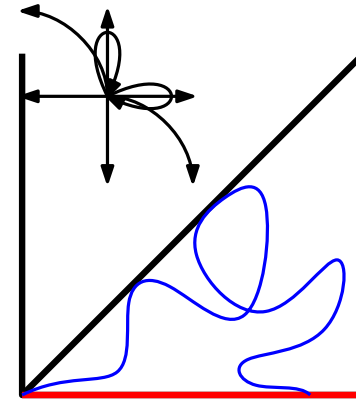
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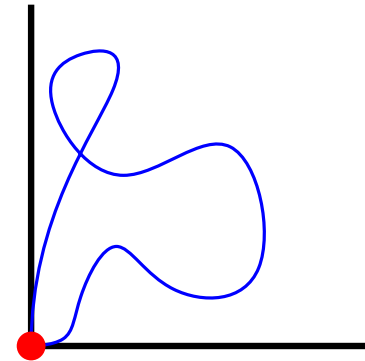
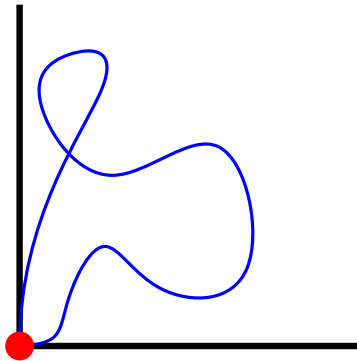
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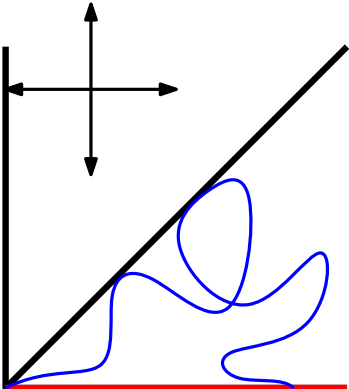
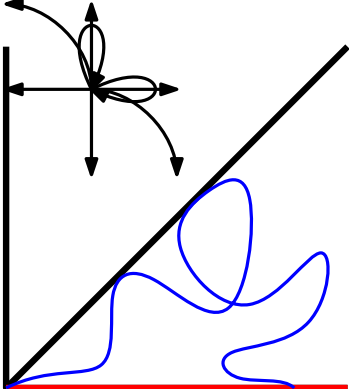
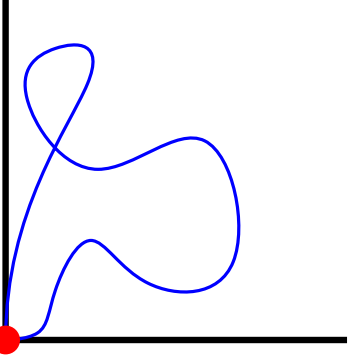
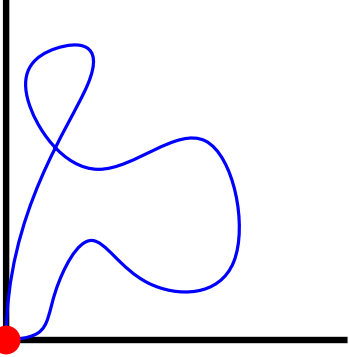


Excursion in the quarter-plane





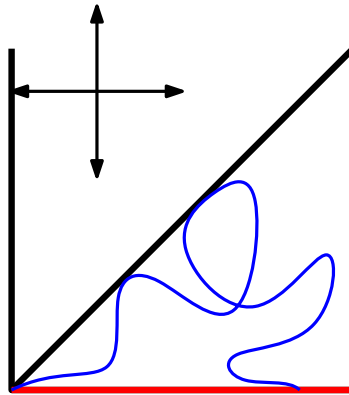
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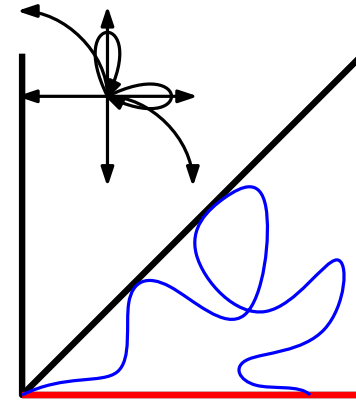
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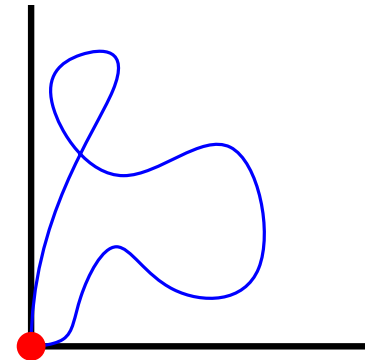
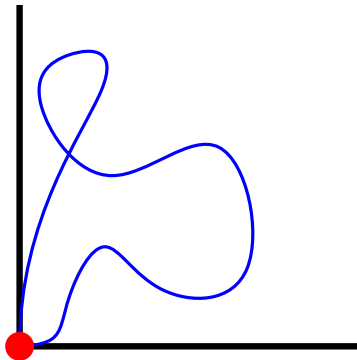
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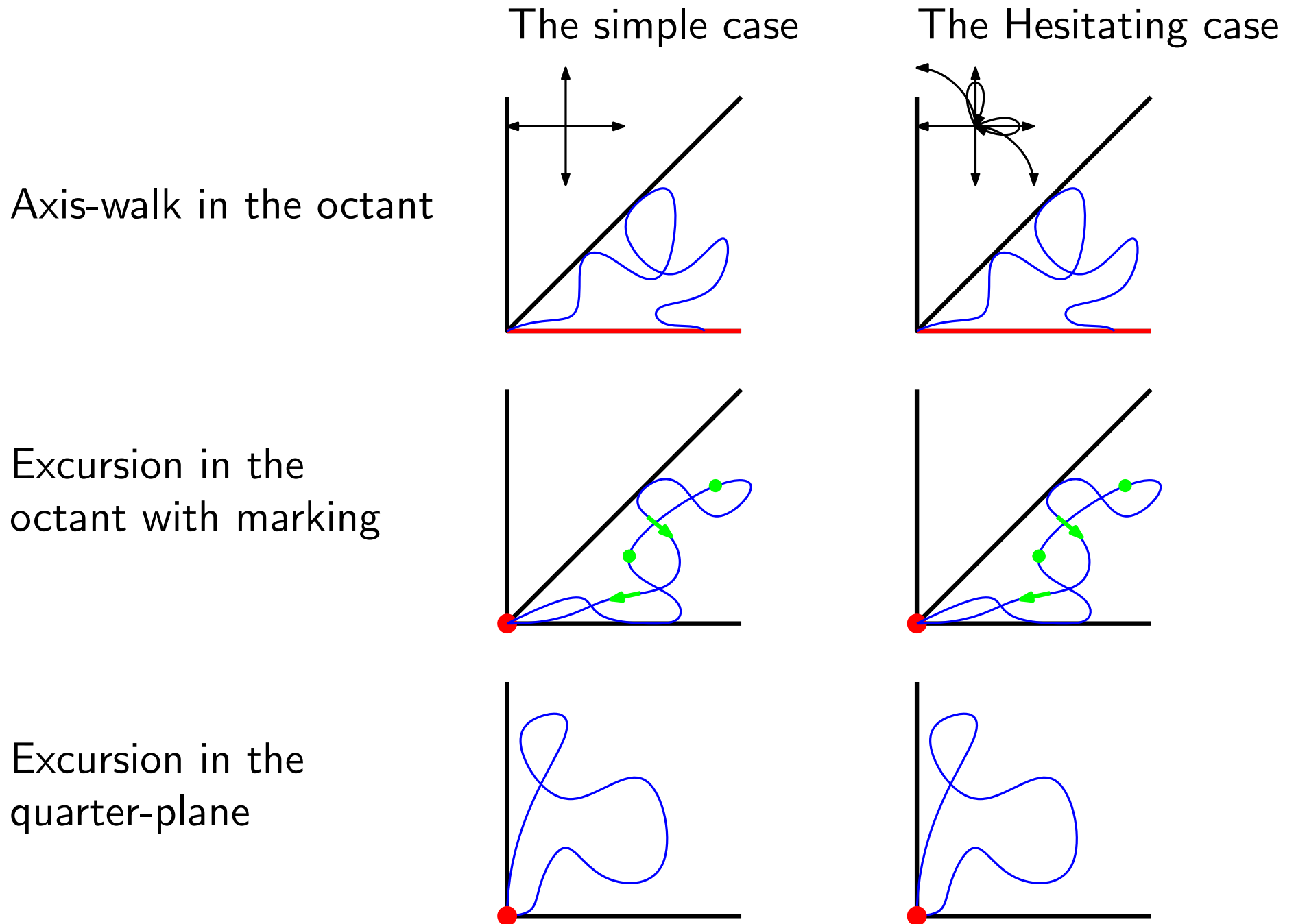
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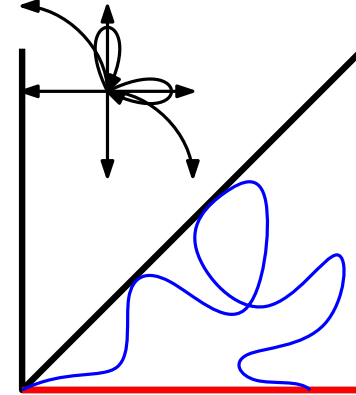
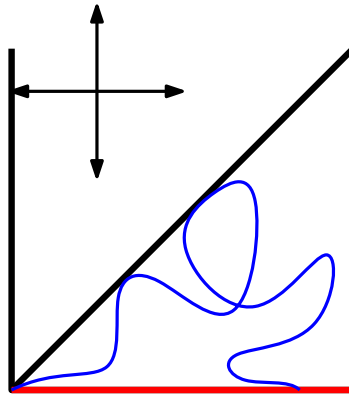


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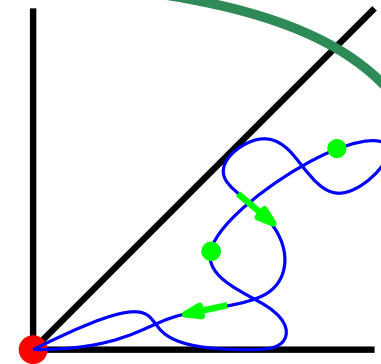
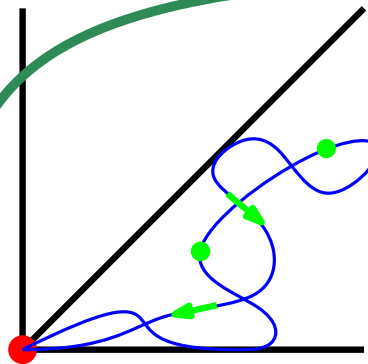
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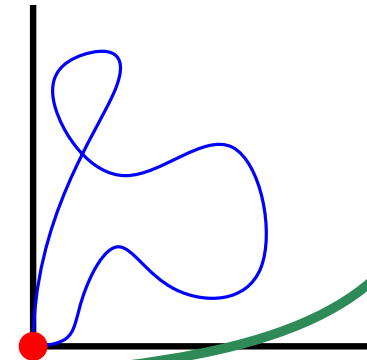
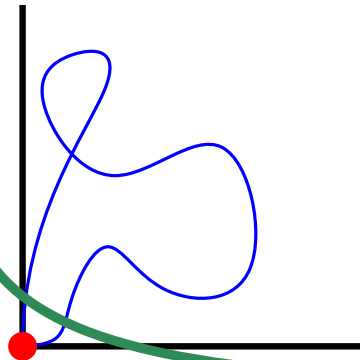
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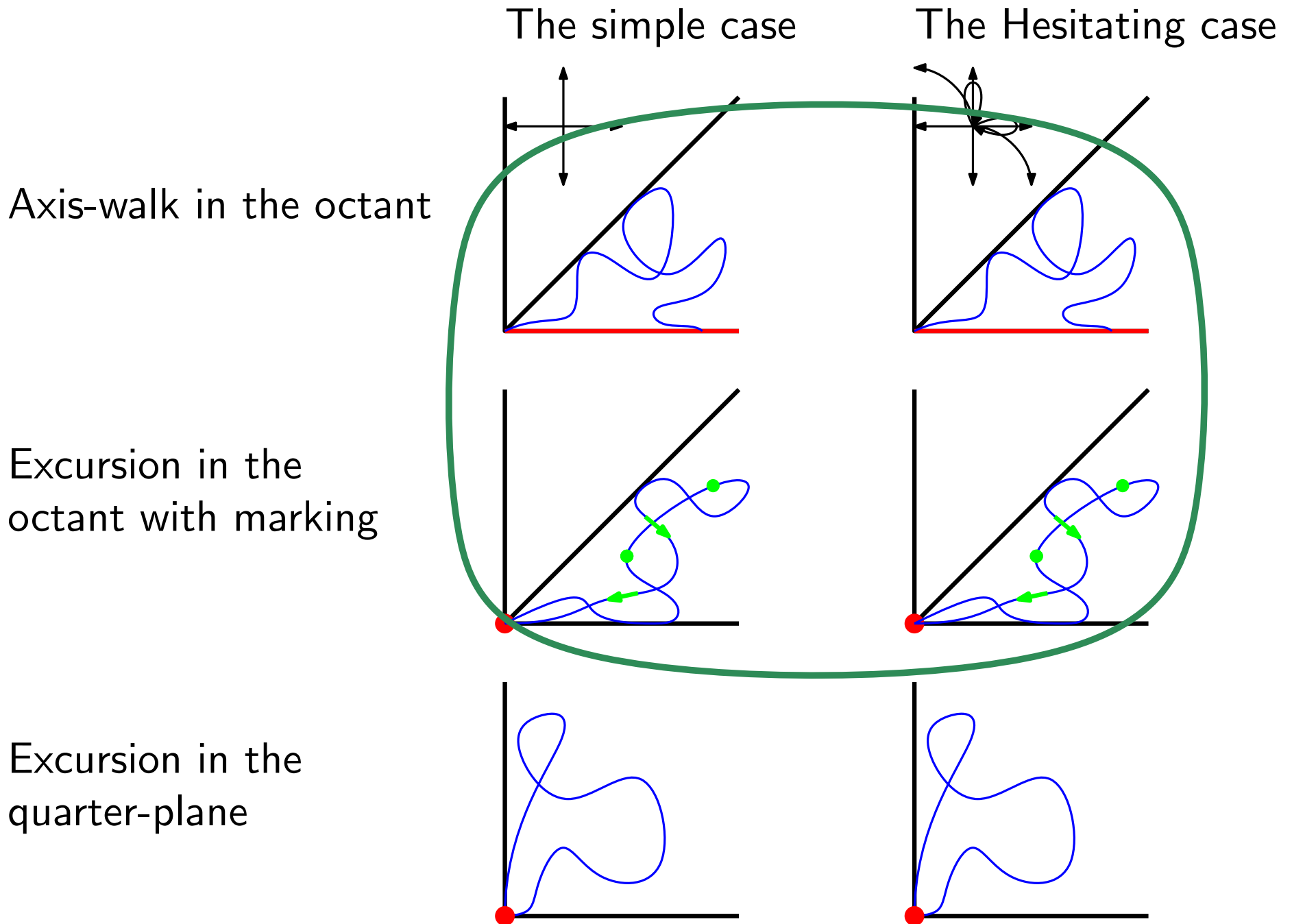
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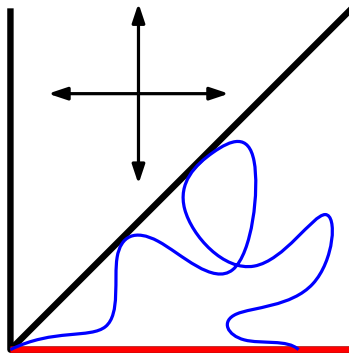
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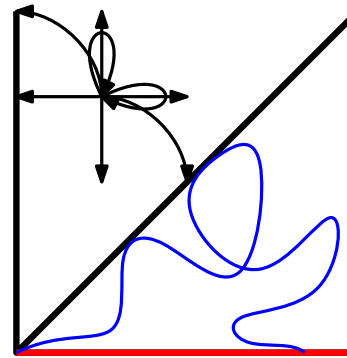
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Remove the open arcs in order to get marked excursions in the octant

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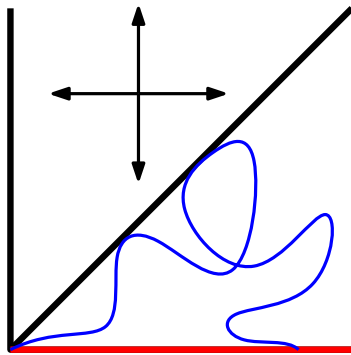
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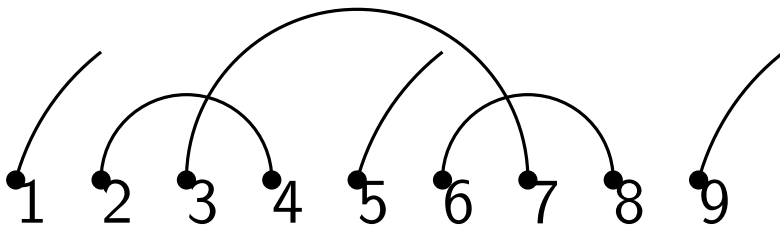
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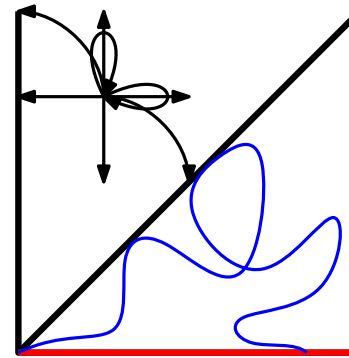
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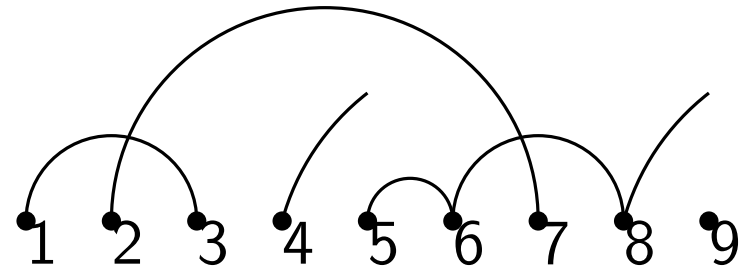
Open matching diagram without 3-crossing



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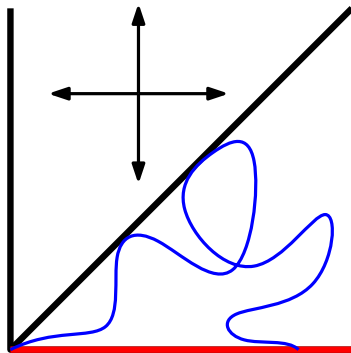
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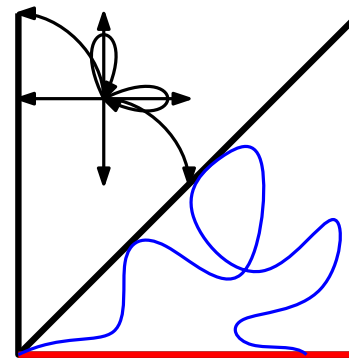
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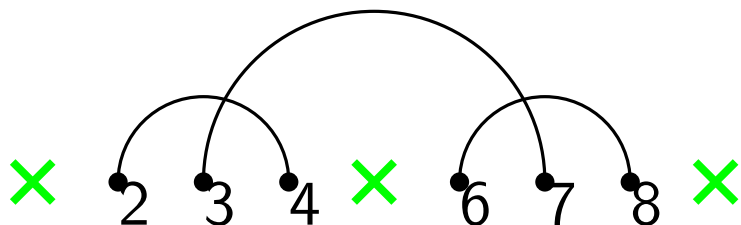
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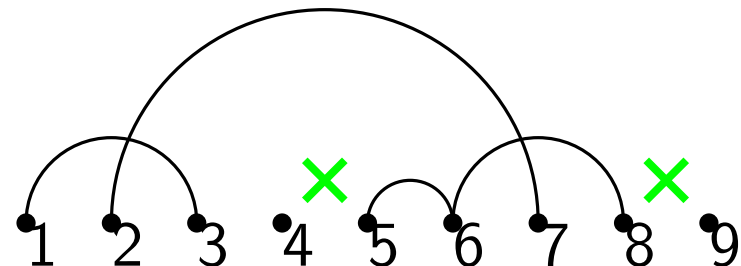
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Matching diagram without 3-crossing, with marking



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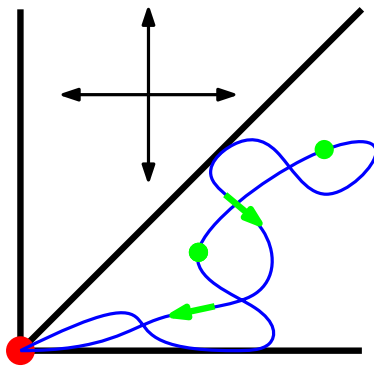




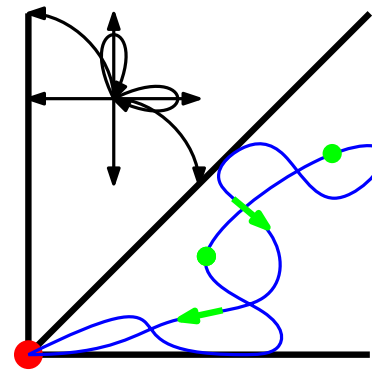
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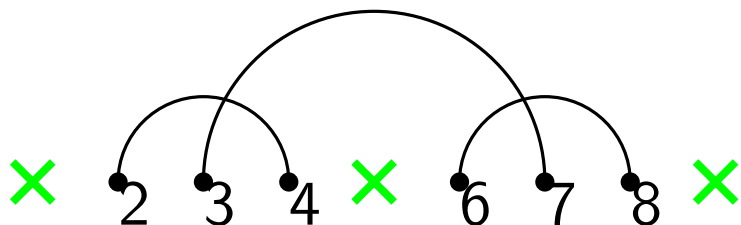
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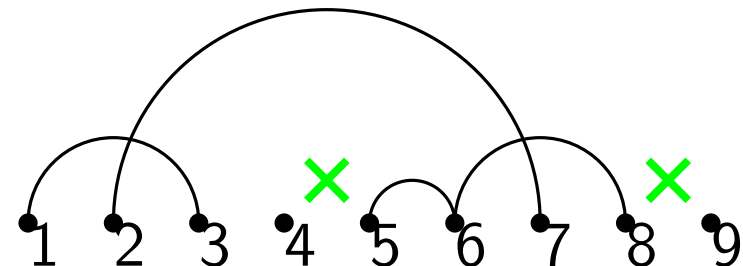
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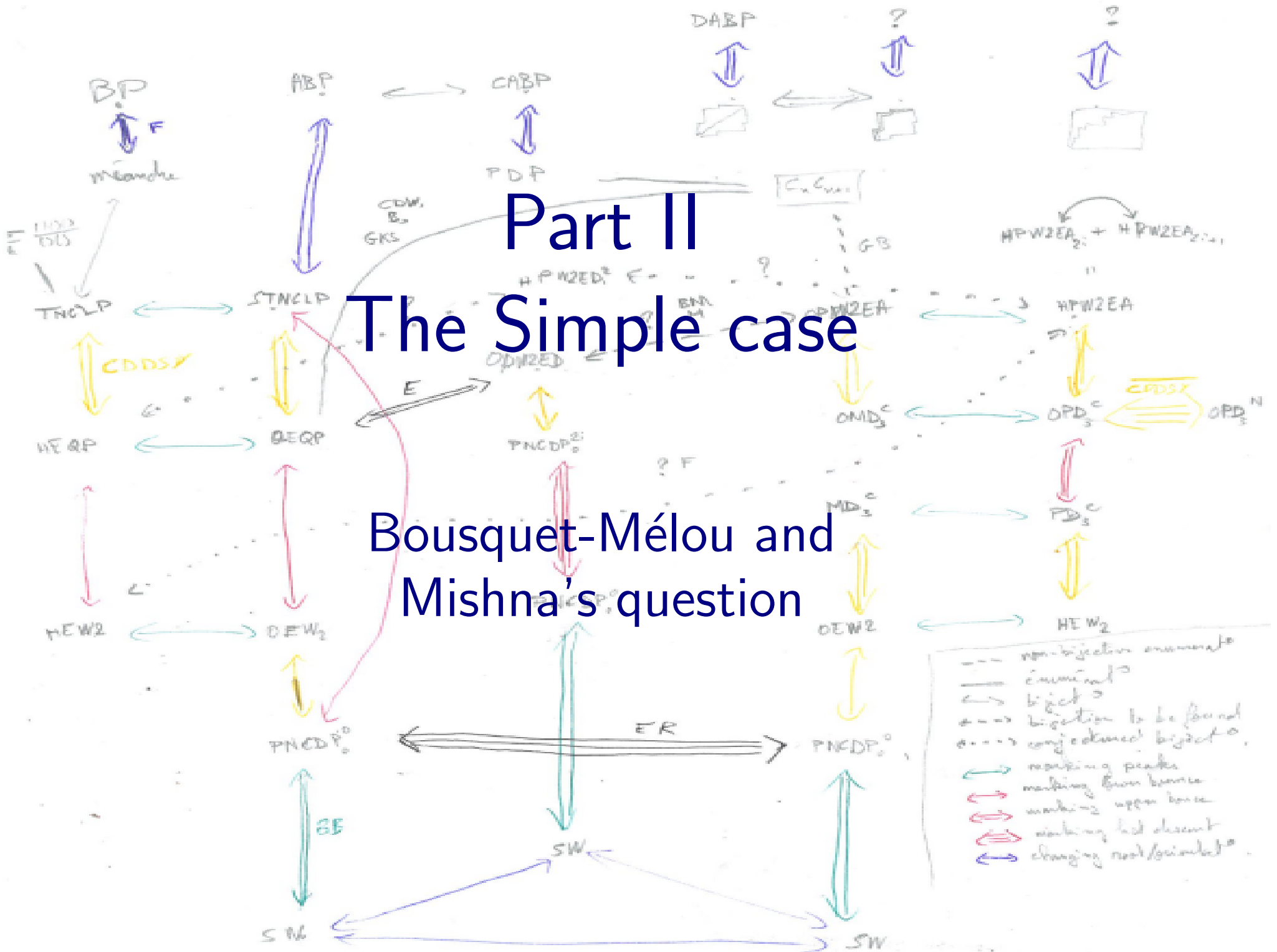
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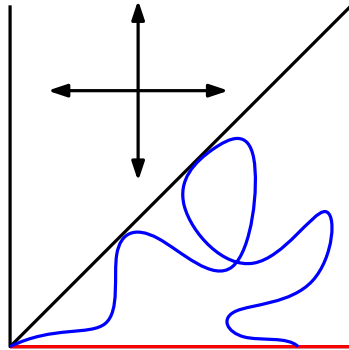
# Part II

## The Simple case

Bousquet-Mélou and Mishna's question



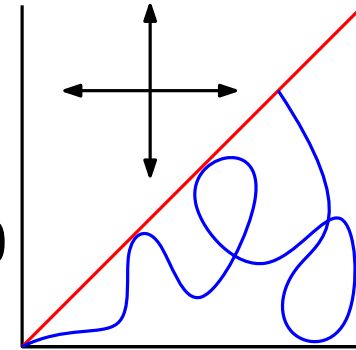
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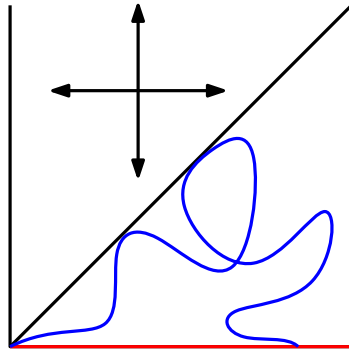
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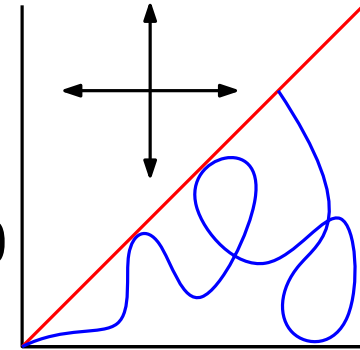
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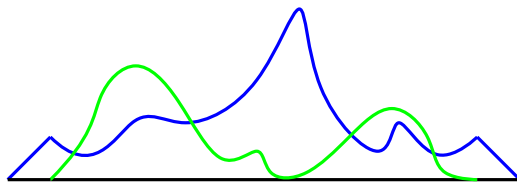
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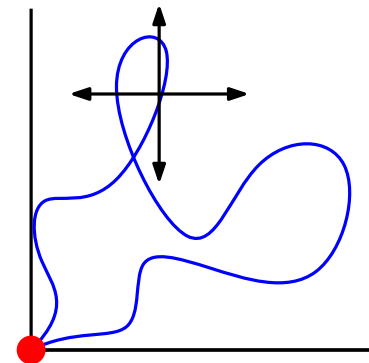
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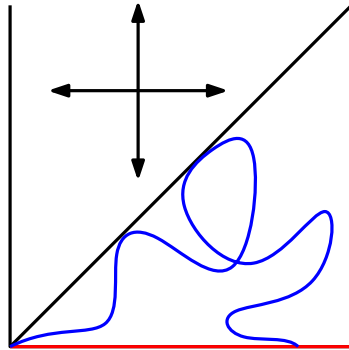
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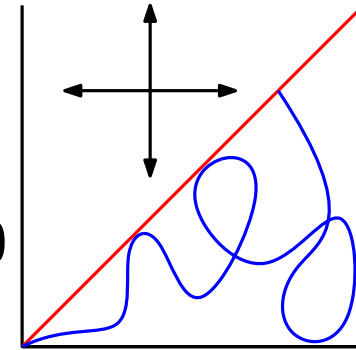
Cori et al. 1986  
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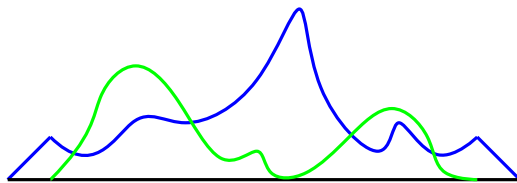
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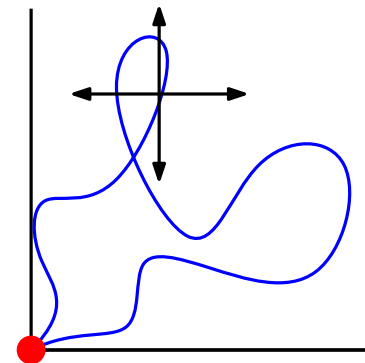
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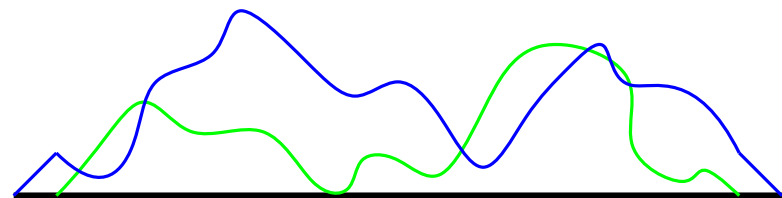
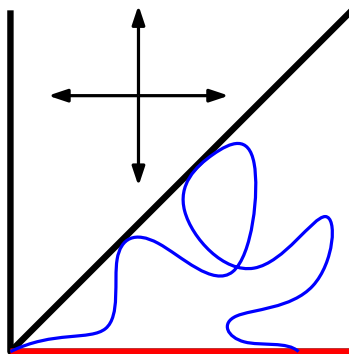
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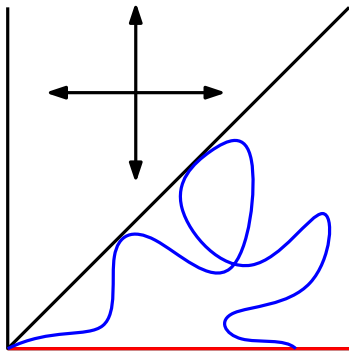
Objective :

- Build a bijection between Simple axis-walks in the octant of length  $2n$  and pairs of Dyck paths of half-lengths  $n$  and  $n + 1$ .

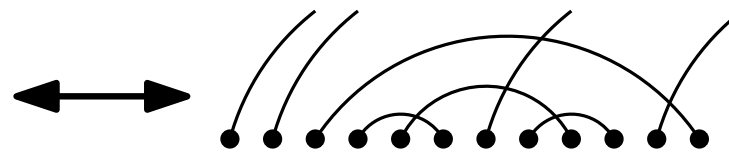


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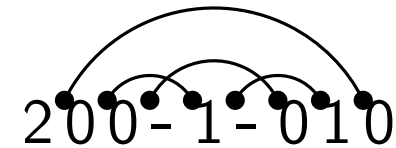
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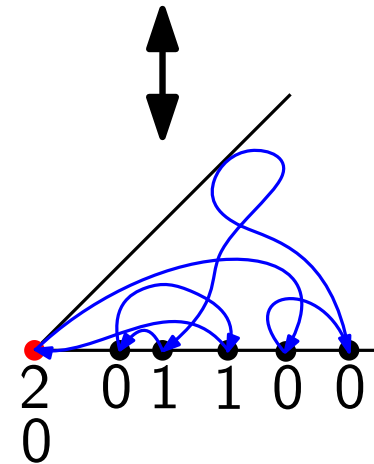
Open matching diagram with no 3-crossing of length  $2n$



Matching diagram without 3-crossing with weights on open intervals, of size  $2n$



size = length + weight



Simple excursion in the octant, with weights on the axis, of size  $2n$

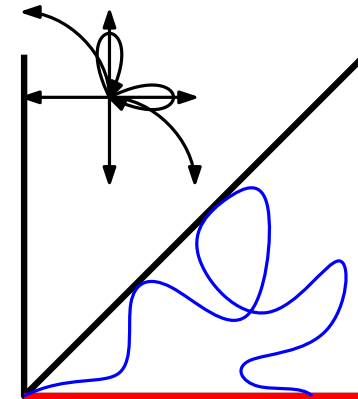
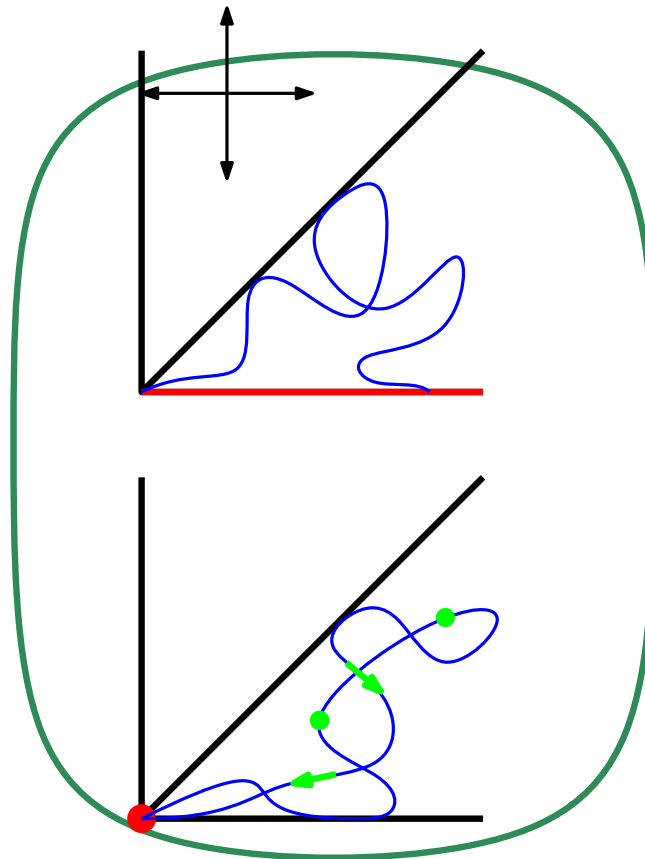


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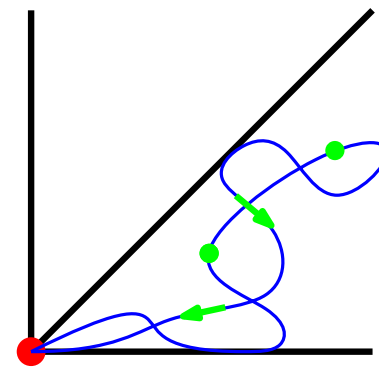
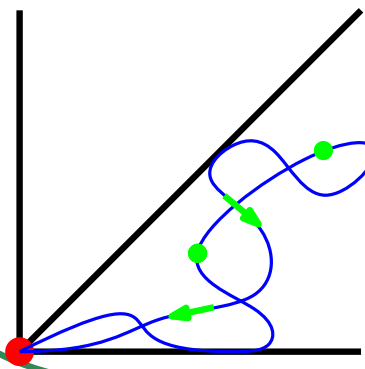
Simple case

Hesitating case

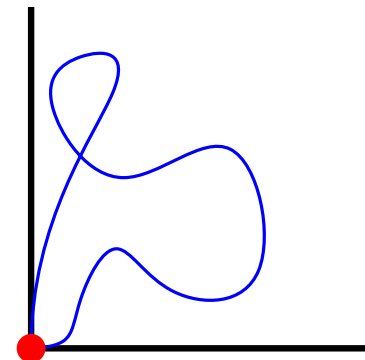
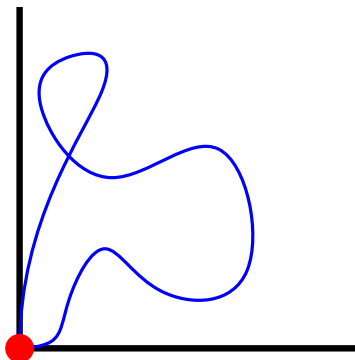
Axis-walk in the octant



Excursion in the octant with marking



Excursion in the quarter-plane

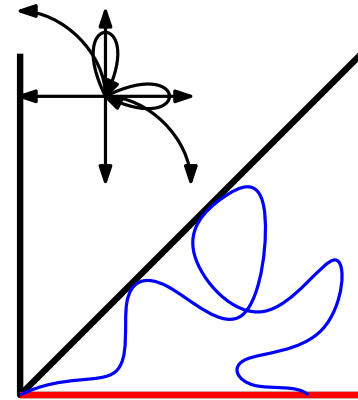
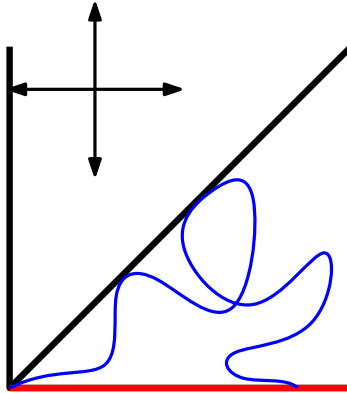


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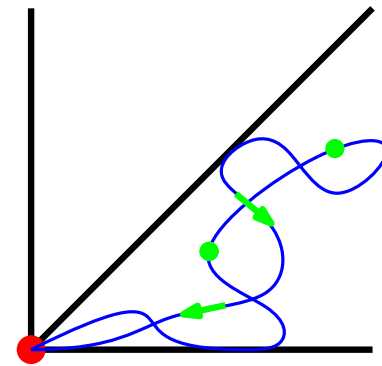
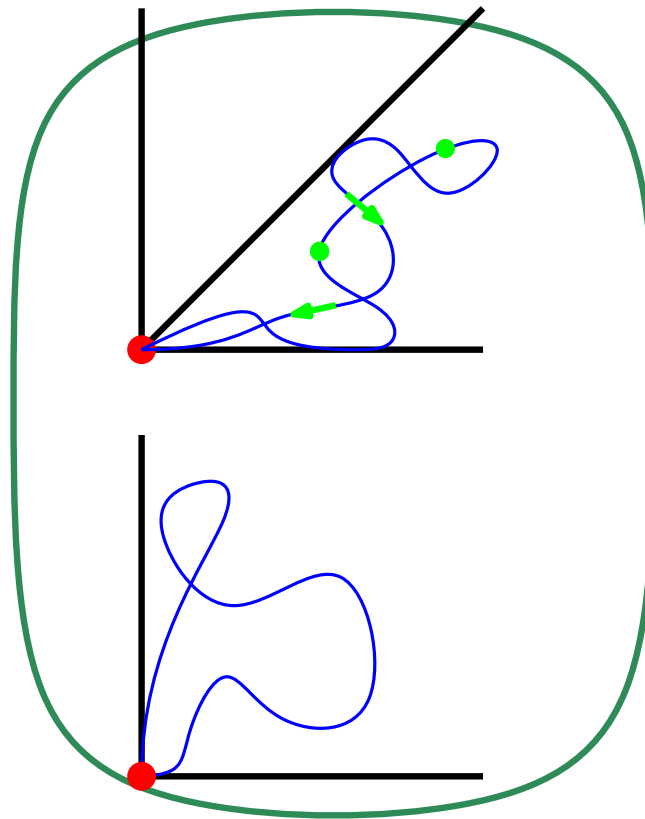
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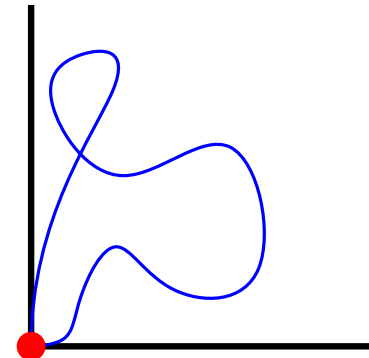
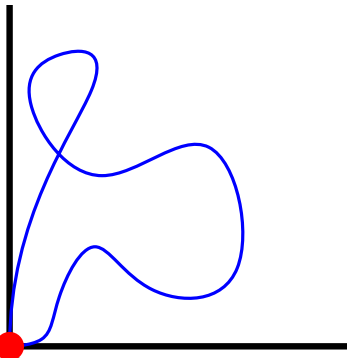
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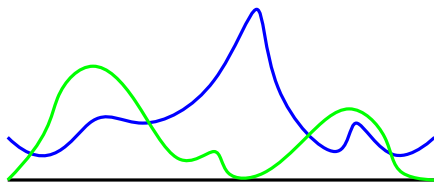
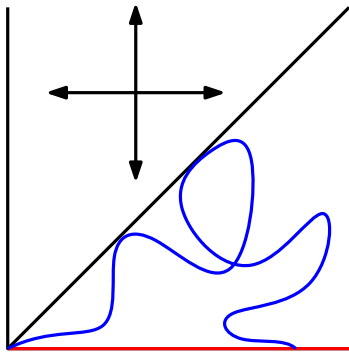


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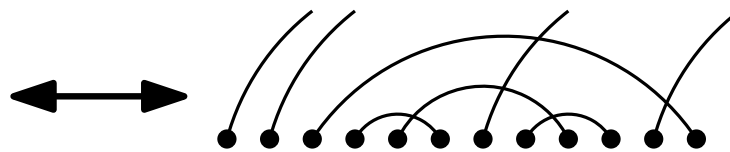
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Simple axis-walks in the octant of length  $2n$

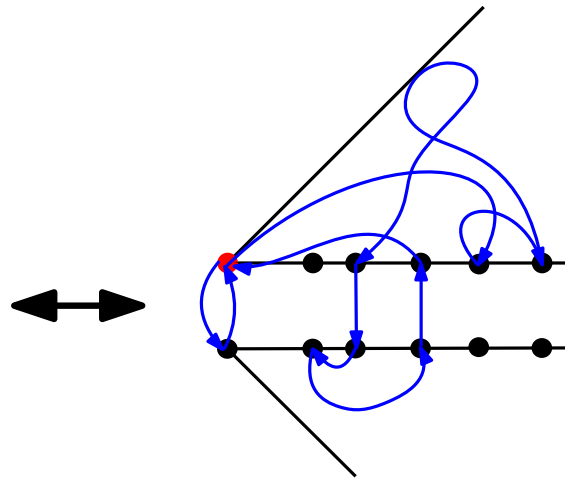
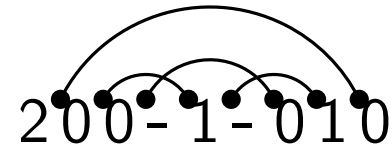


Pair of positive paths of length  $2n$  going from  $(1, 0)$  to  $(1, 0)$

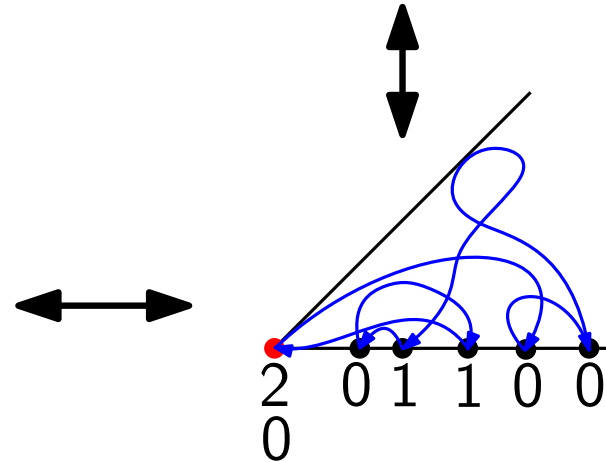
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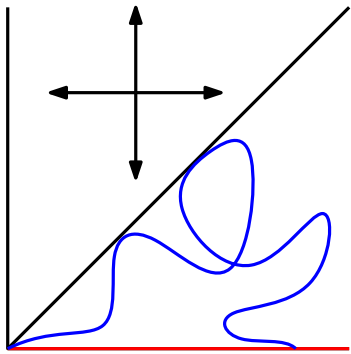
Simple inter-diagonals excursion of length  $2n$



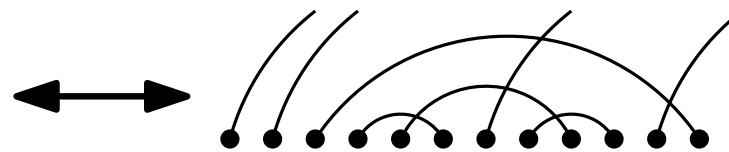
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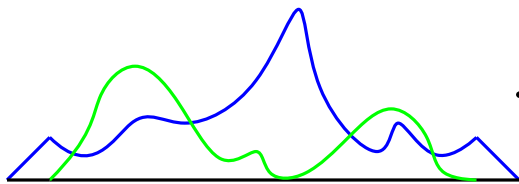
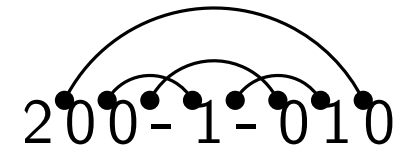
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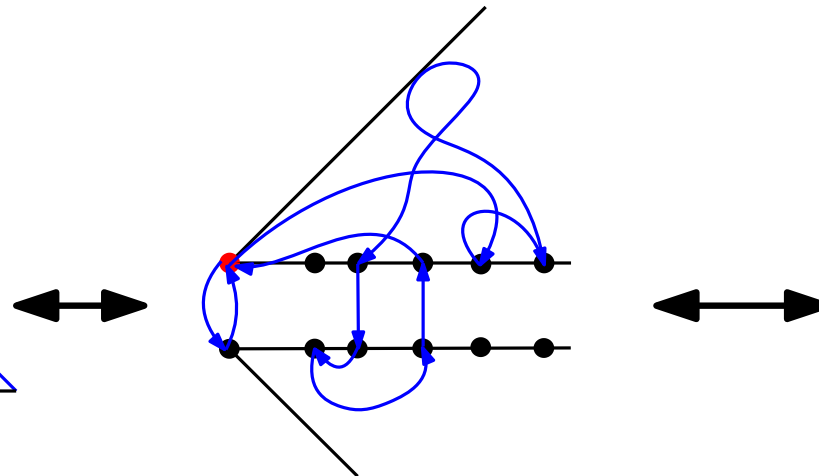
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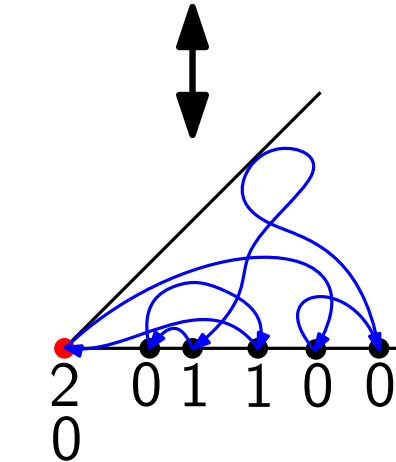
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Pair of Dyck paths of half-lengths  $(n, n + 1)$



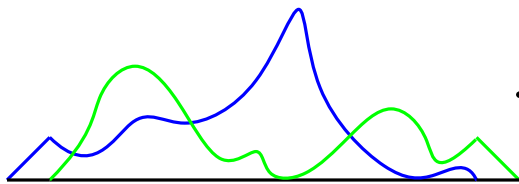
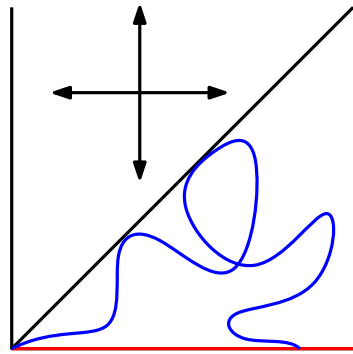
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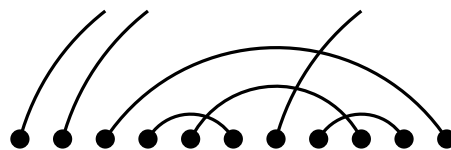
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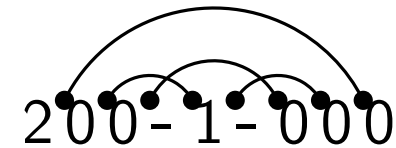
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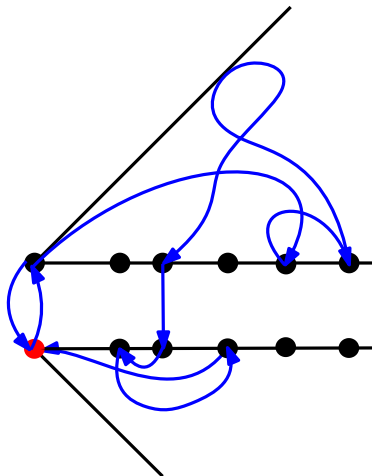
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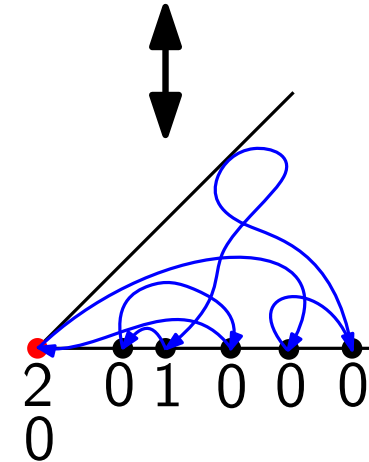
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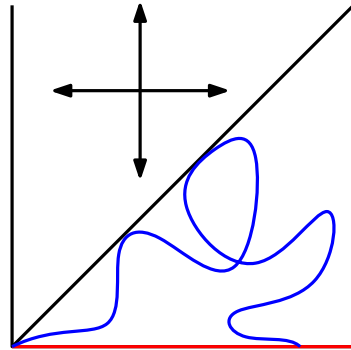


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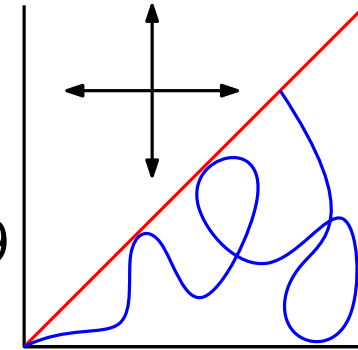


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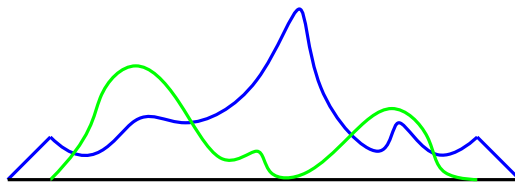
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Bousquet-Mélou Mishna 2009



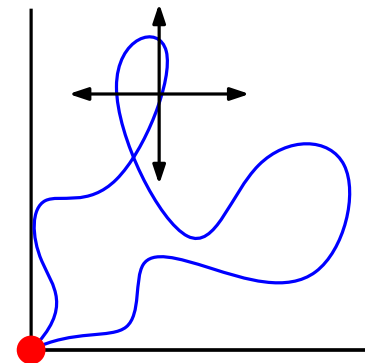
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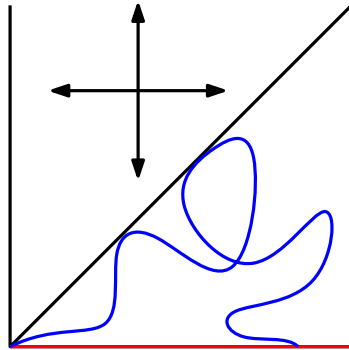
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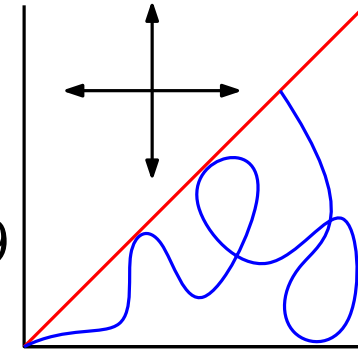
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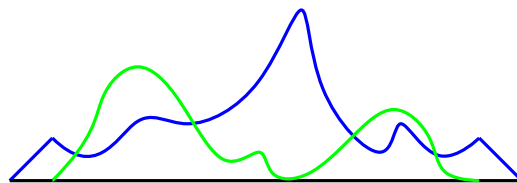
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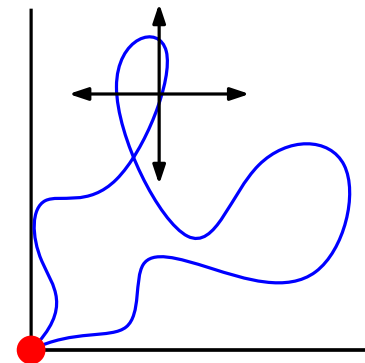


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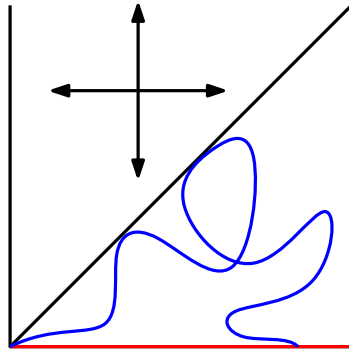


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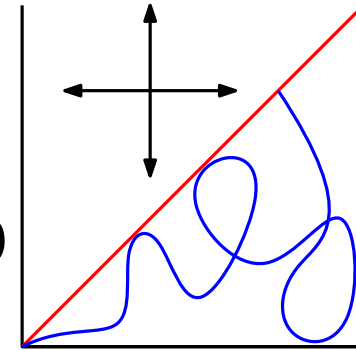
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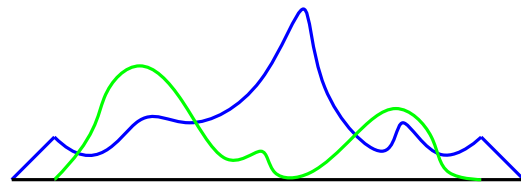
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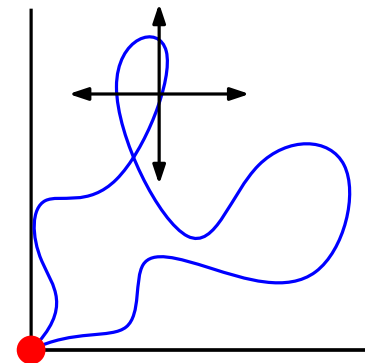


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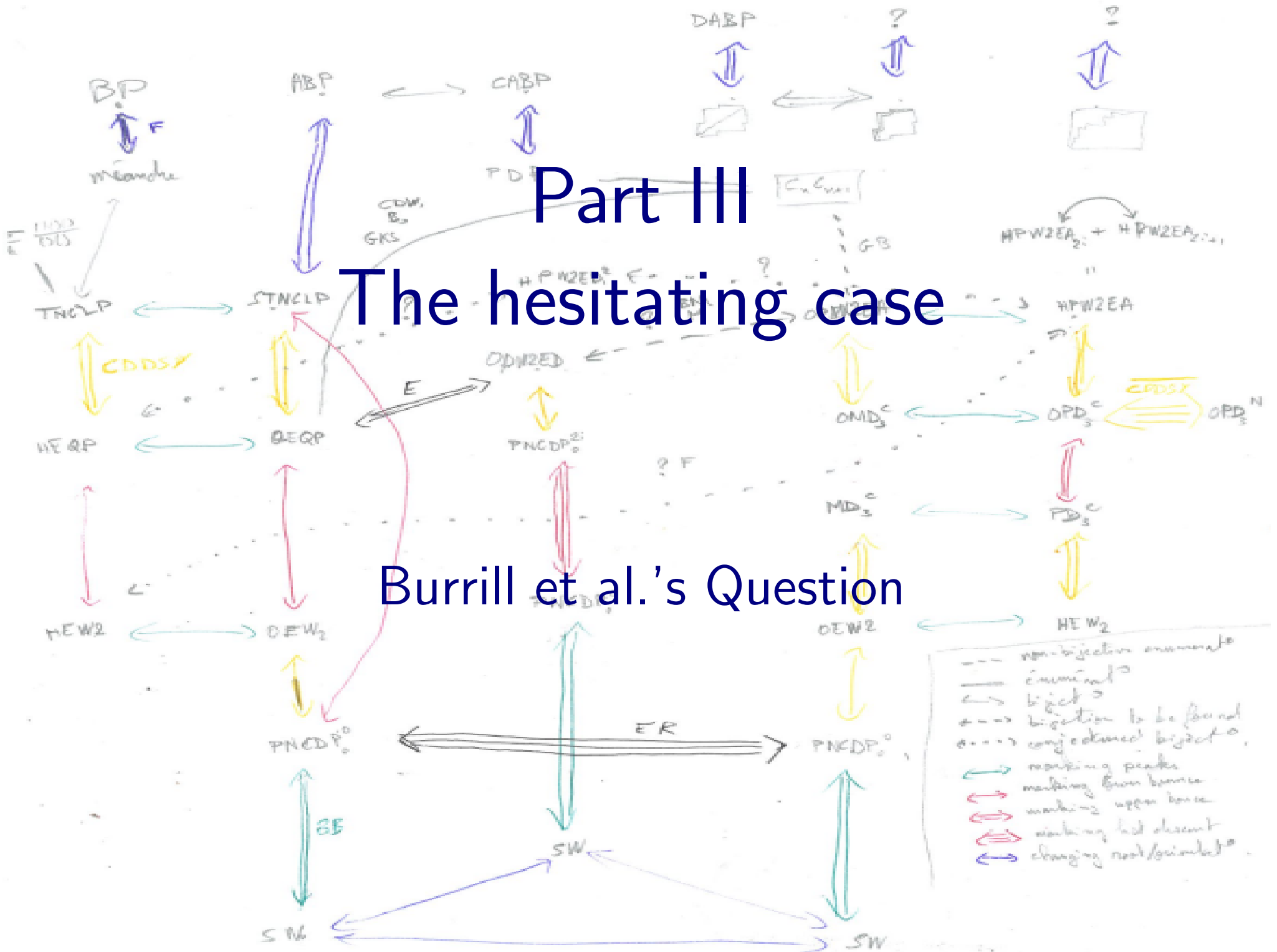




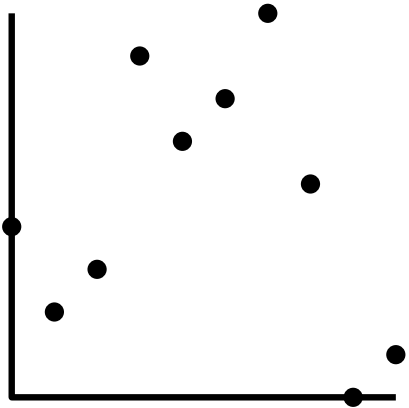
# Part III

## The hesitating case

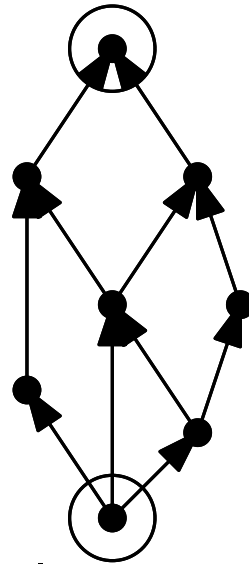
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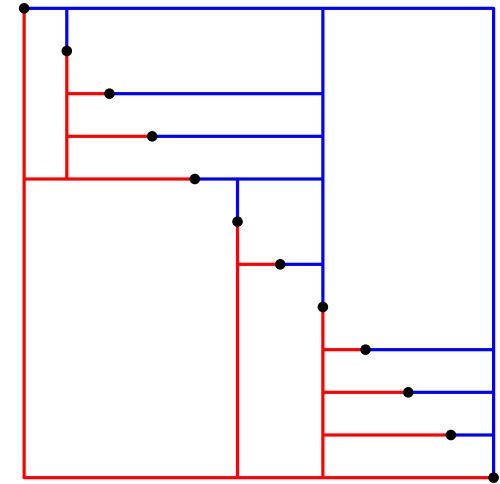
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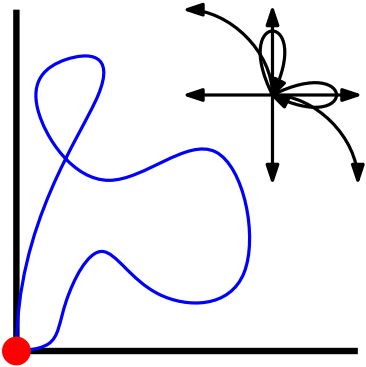
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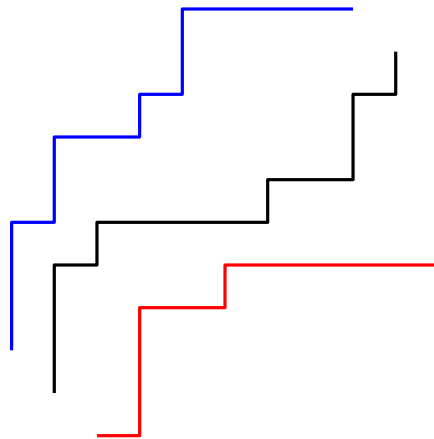
Plane bipolar orientations



Rectangulations of the square



Hesitating excursions  
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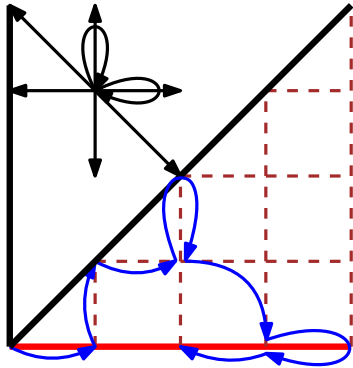


Non-crossing  
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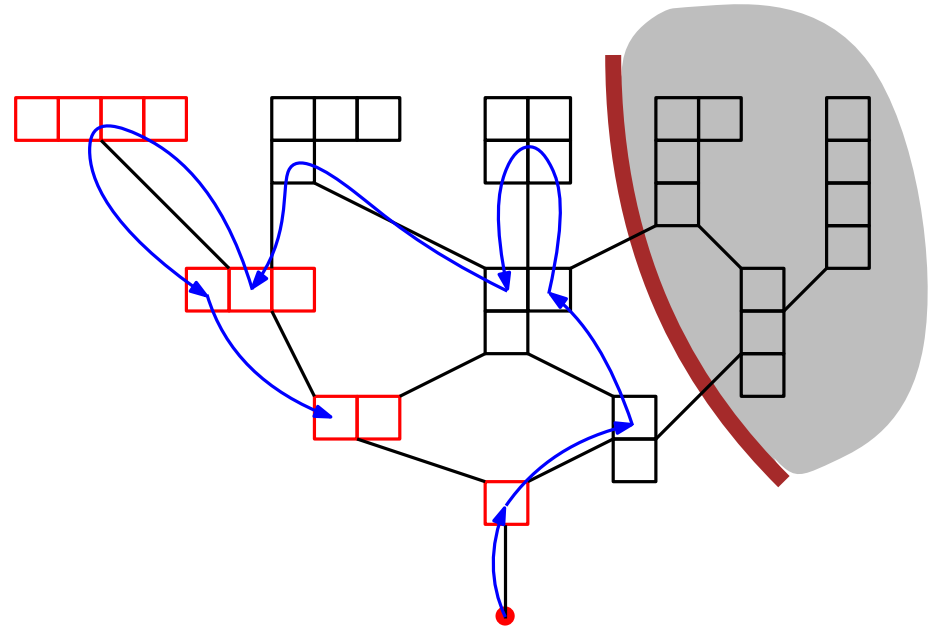
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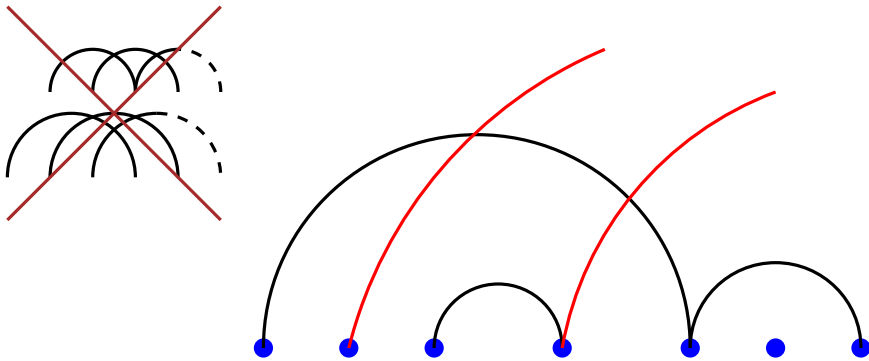
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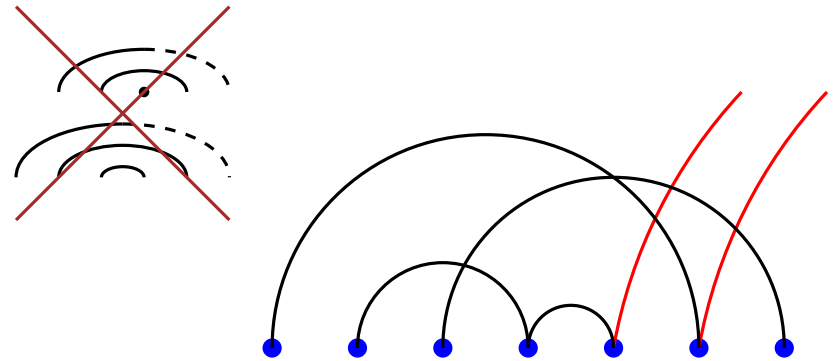
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Open partition diagrams with no enhanced 3-crossings



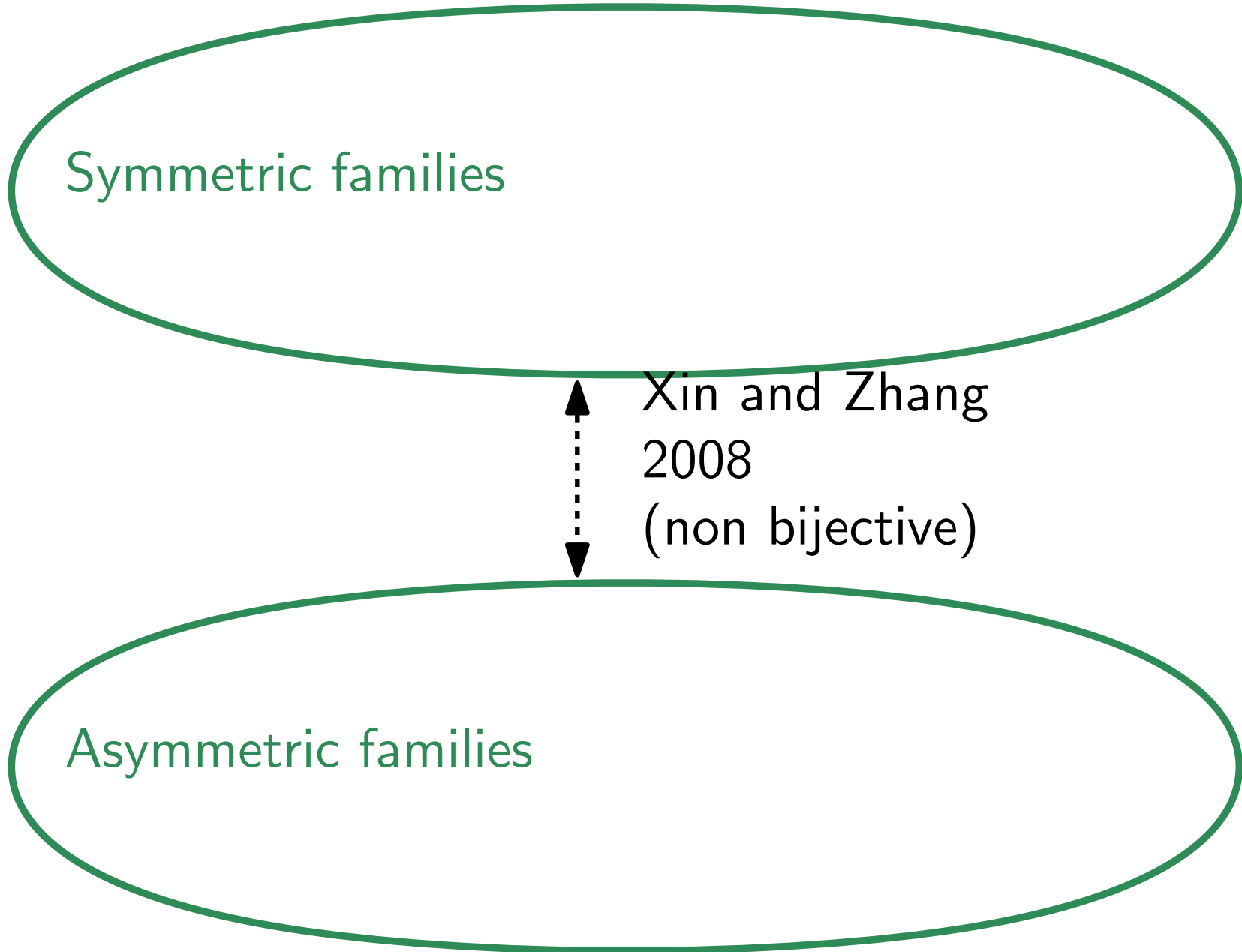
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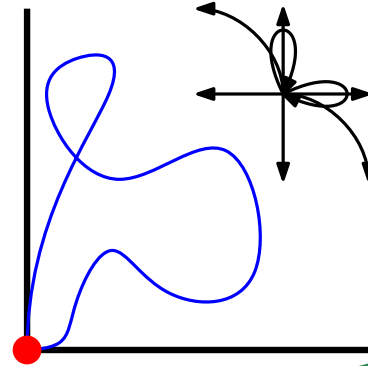
Xin and Zhang  
2008  
(non bijective)

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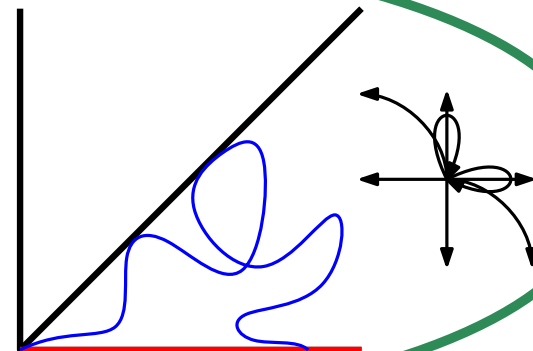
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Strategy:

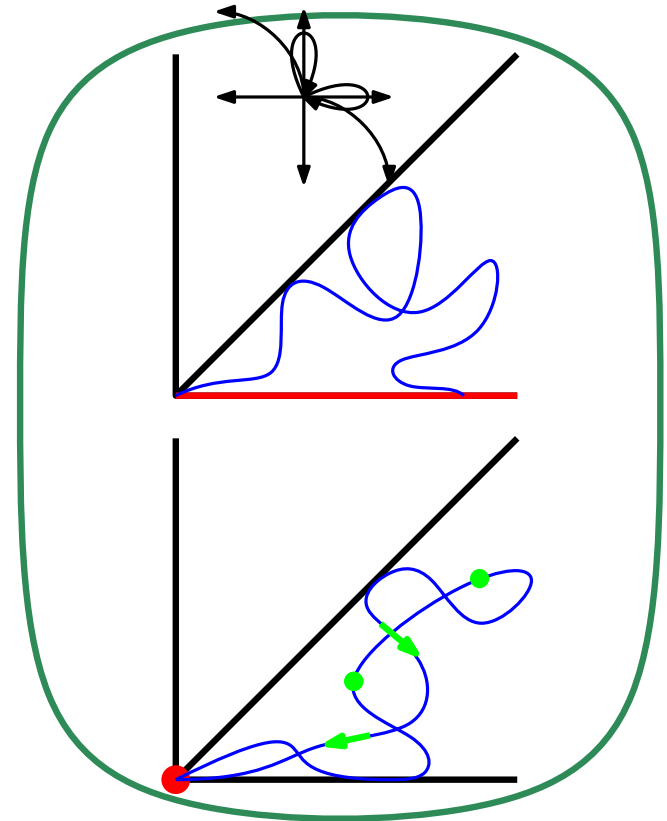
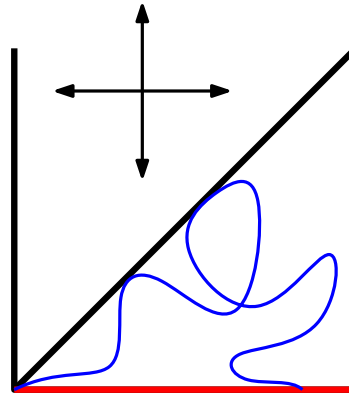
Go through marked excursions in the octant

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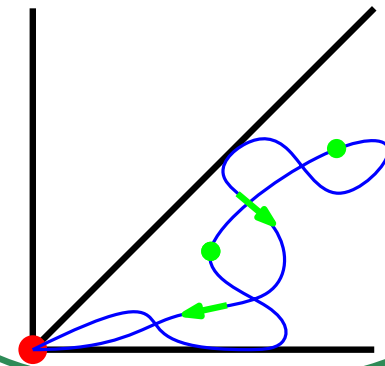
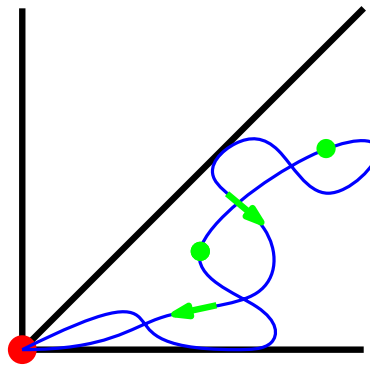
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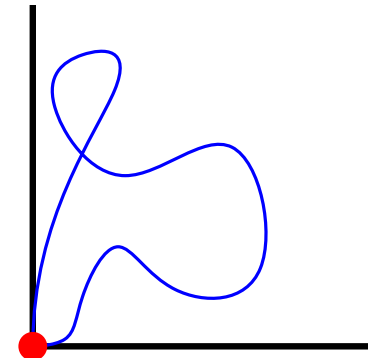
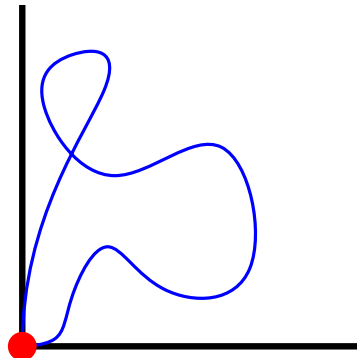
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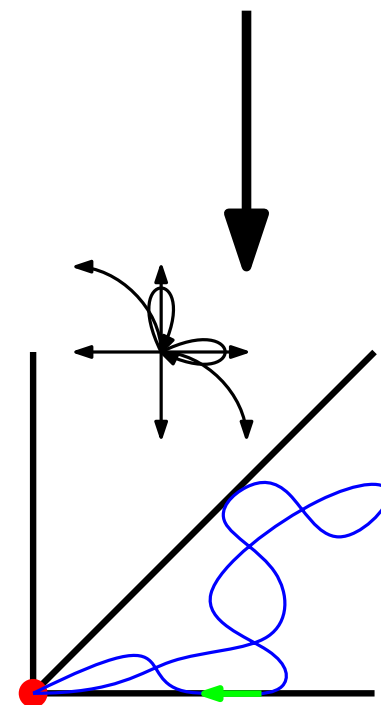
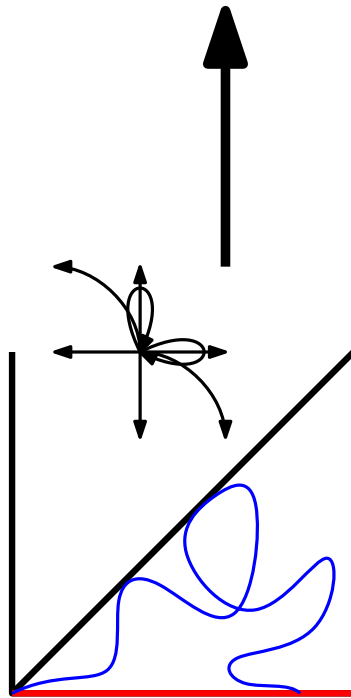
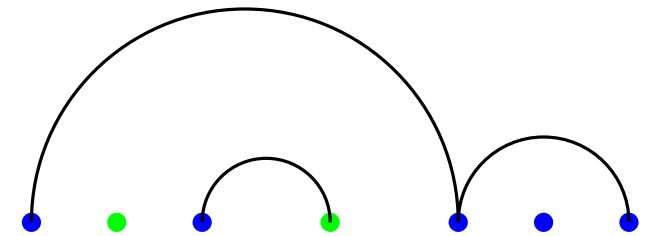
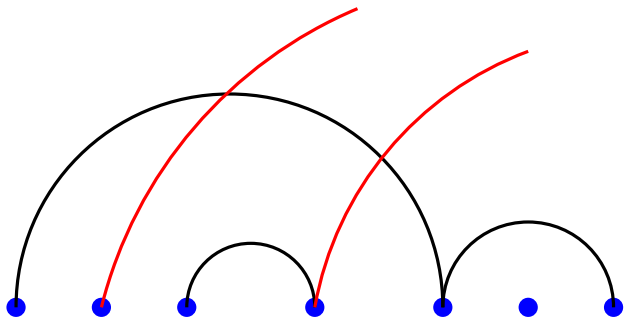
Excursion in the octant with marking



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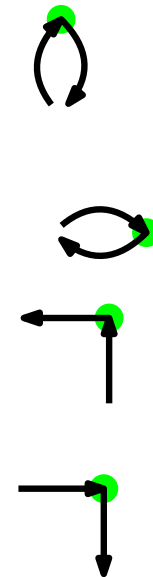
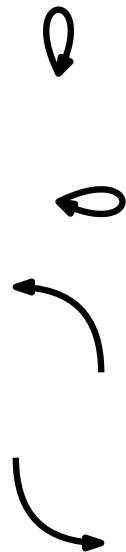
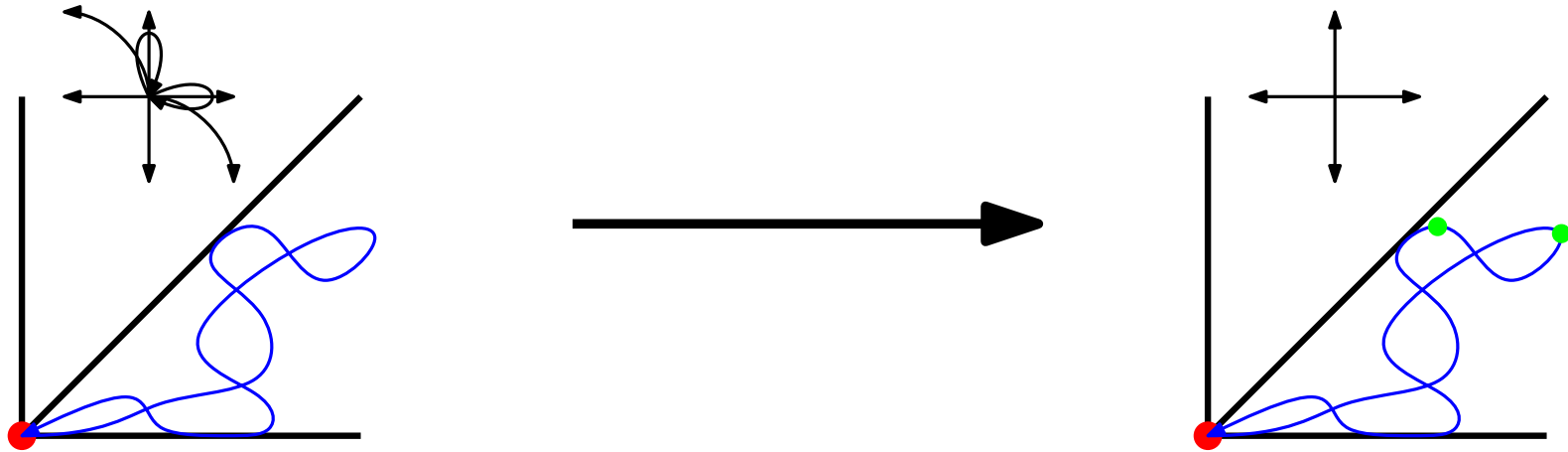
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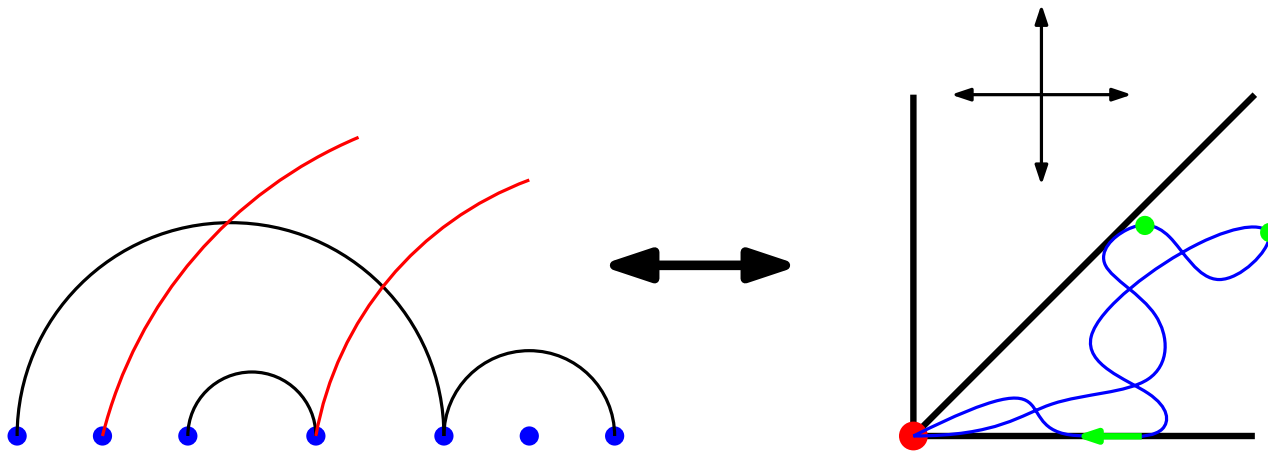
## Strategy:

Go through marked excursions in the octant

Open partition diagrams of length  $n$  without enhanced 3-crossings

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Simple excursions in the octant of length  $n$  with marked peaks and marked *W-steps on the axis*.

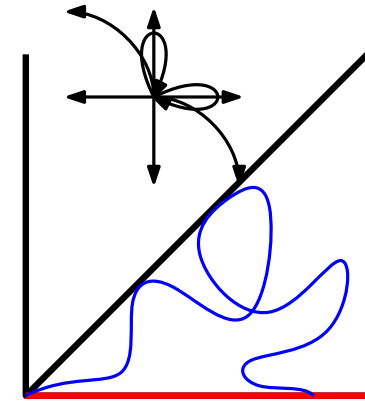
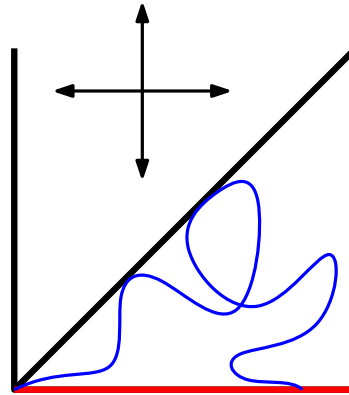


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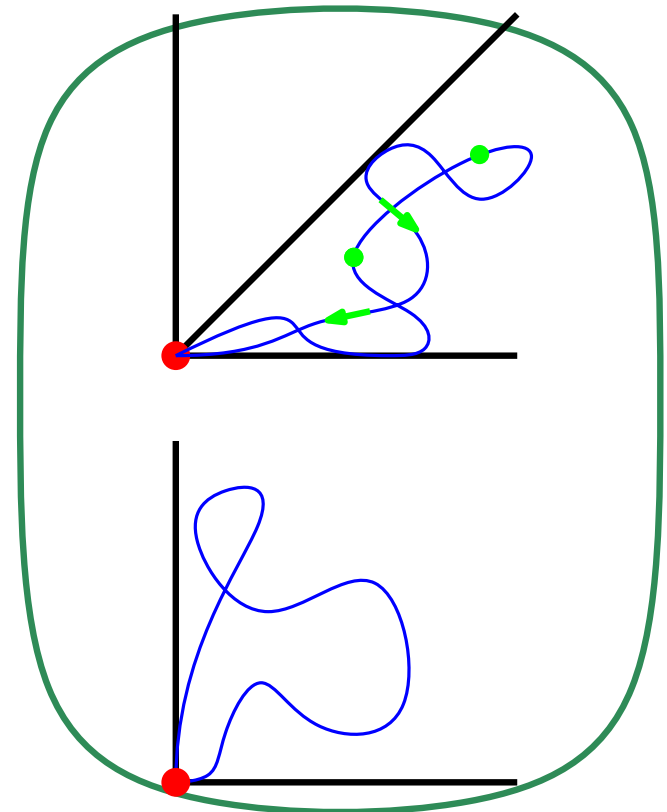
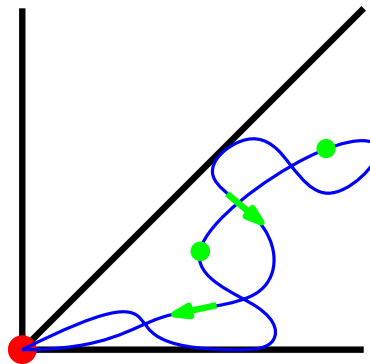
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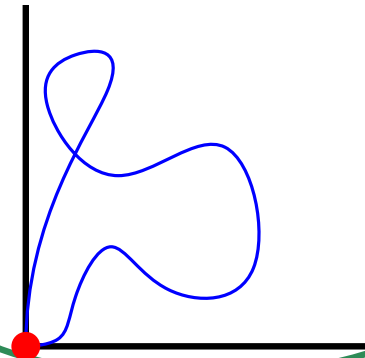
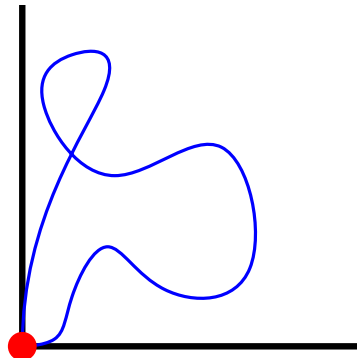
Axis-walk in the octant



Excursion in the octant with marking

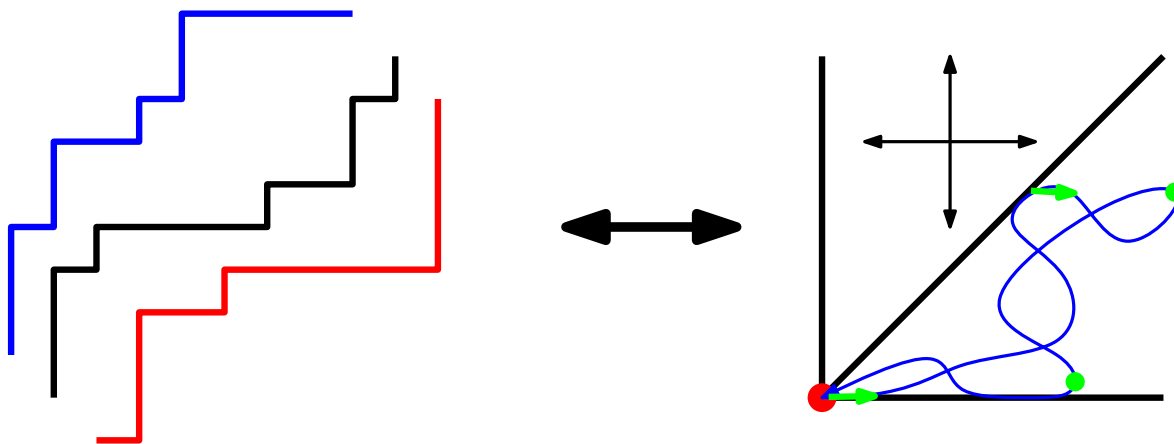


Excursion in the quarter-plane



## Strategy:

Go through marked excursions in the octant



Triples of non-crossing lattice paths of length  $n$   
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Simple excursions in the octant of length  $n$  with  
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## Strategy:

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## Proofs :

- Local operations on pairs of non-crossing Dyck paths. (Elizalde, Rubey 2012)
- Reflection of a Schnyder wood (Courtiel, Fusy, L., Mishna 2017)

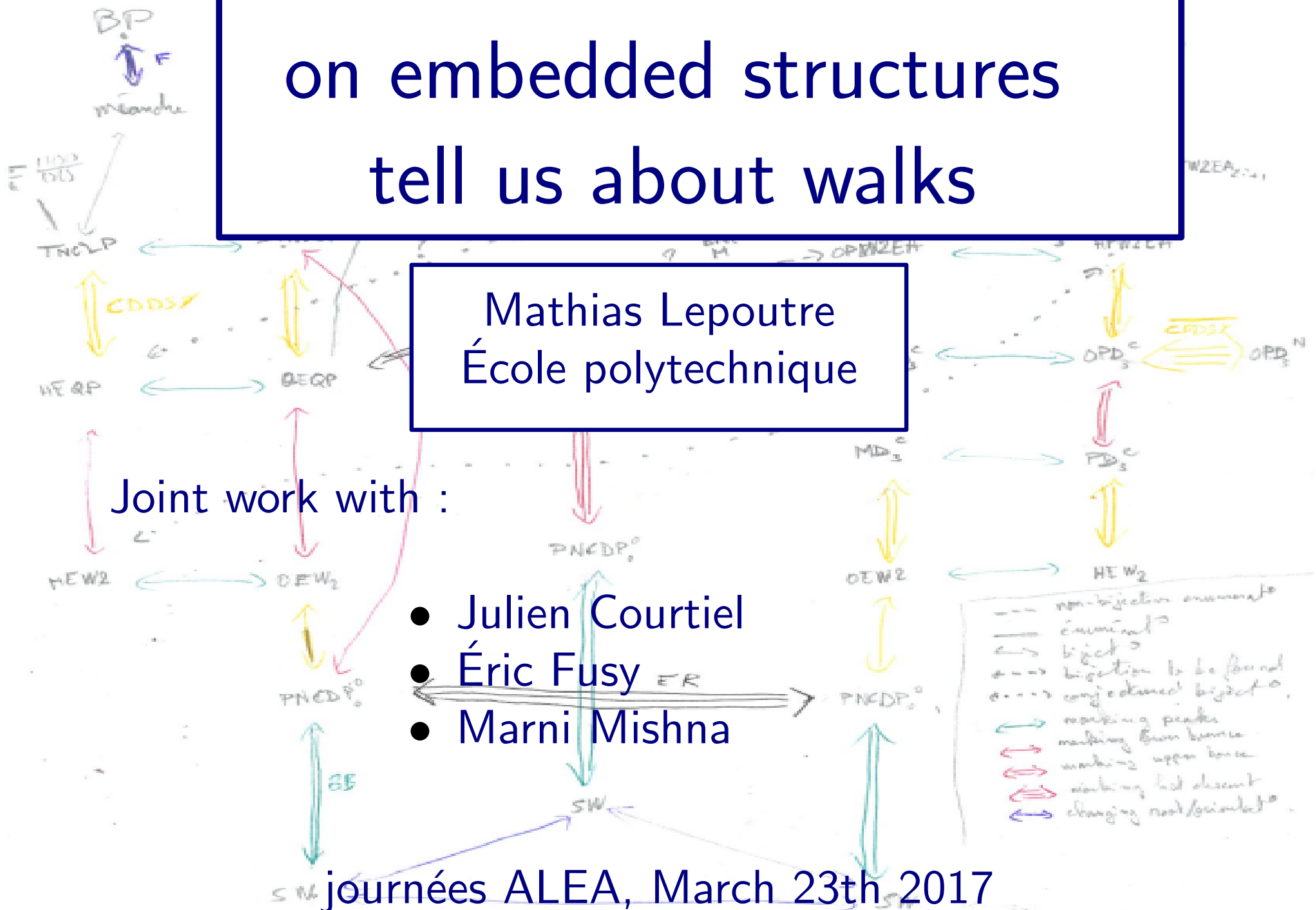
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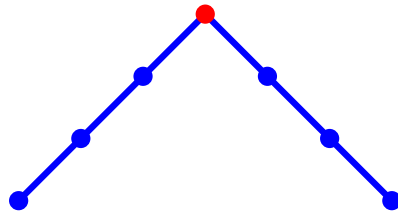
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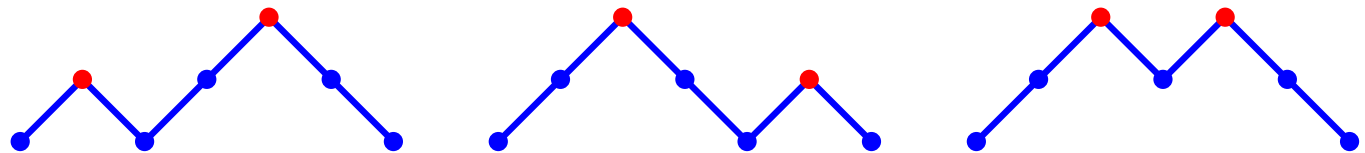
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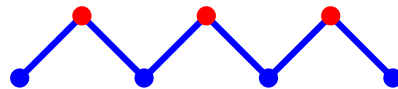
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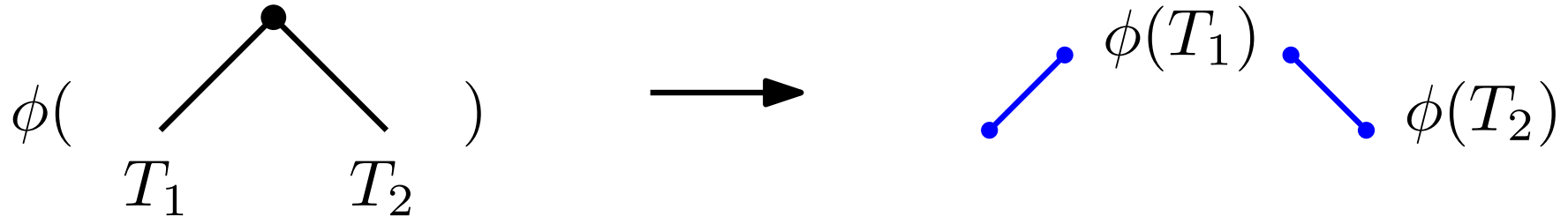
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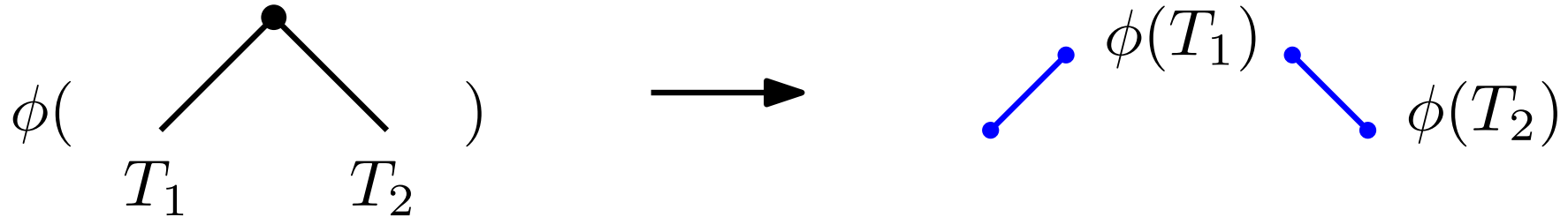
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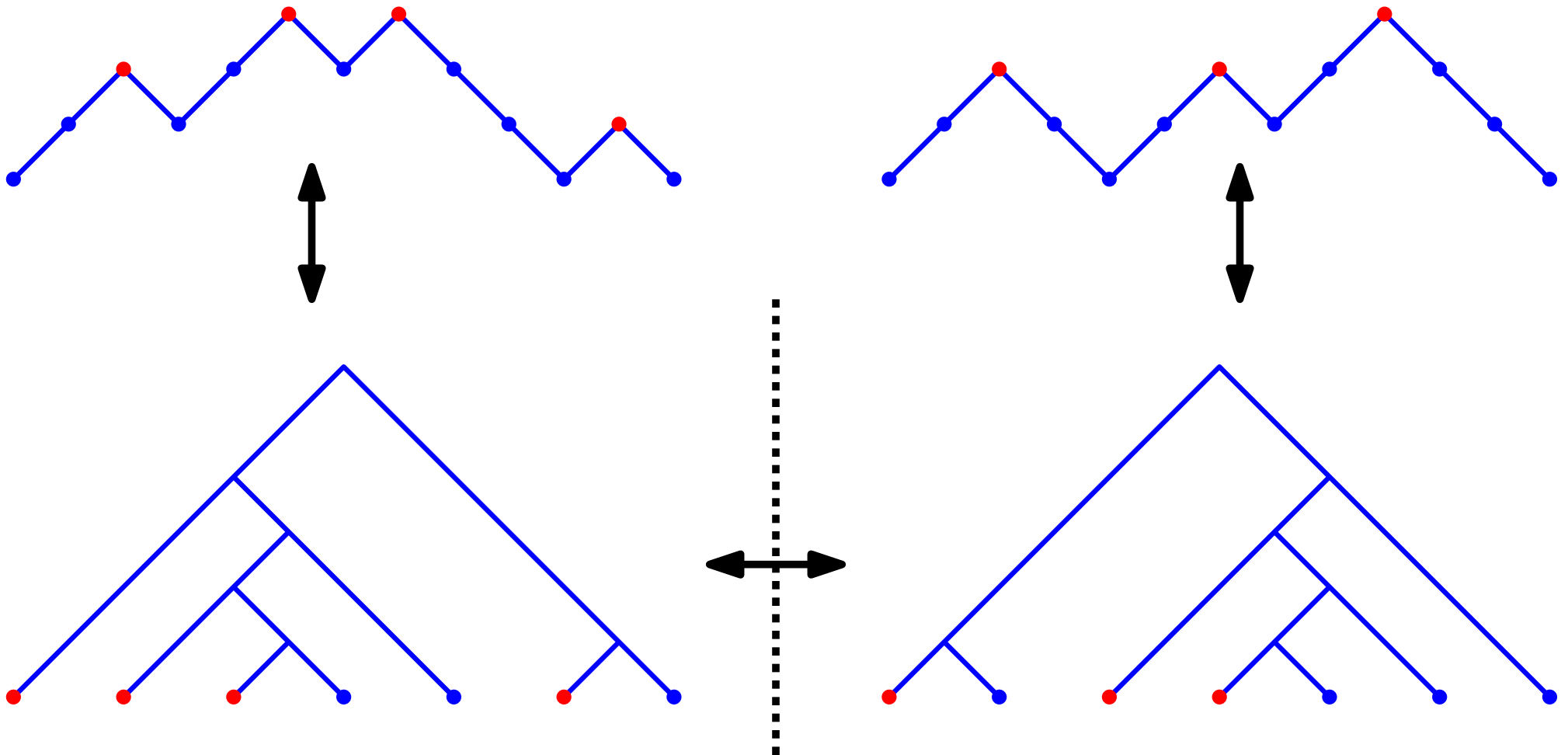
Number of left leaves



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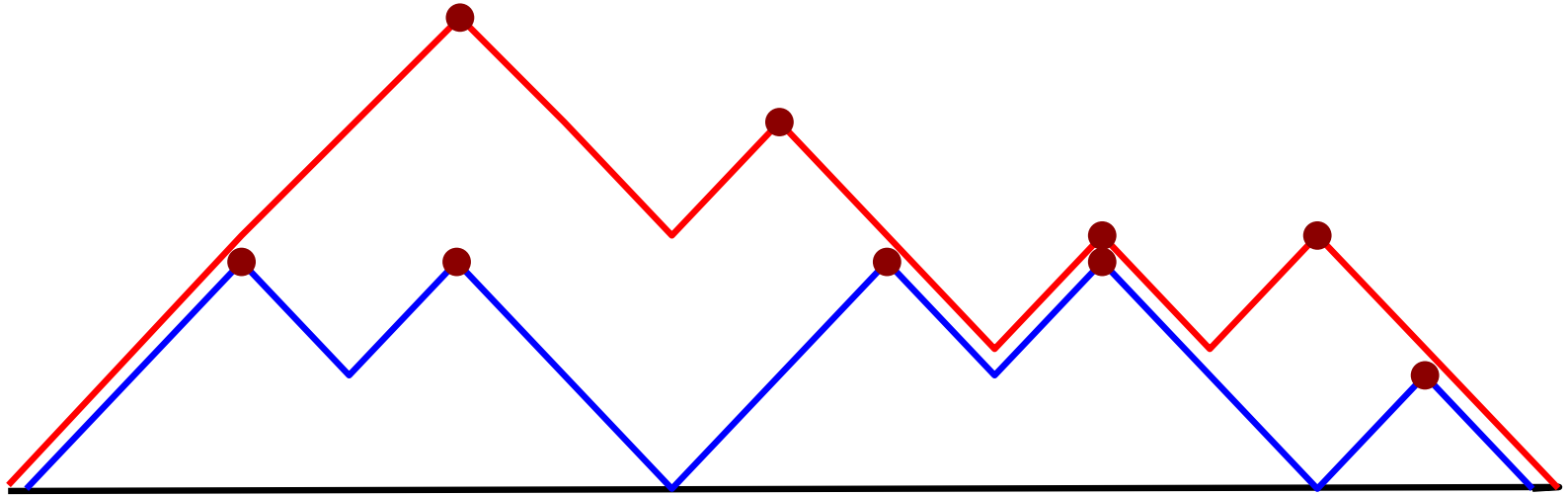
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A bijective proof of Narayana numbers symmetry:



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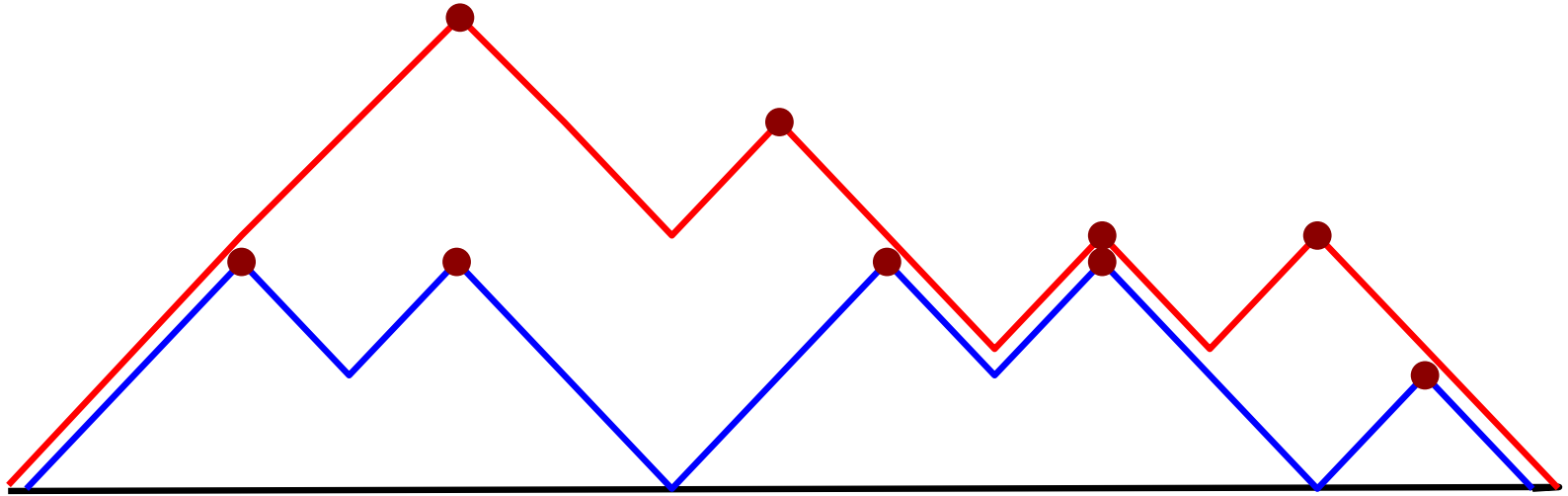
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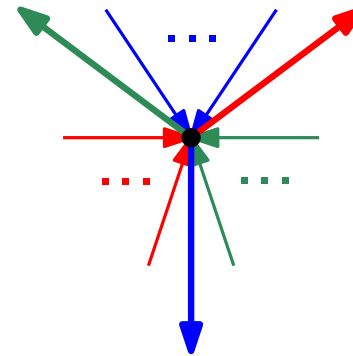
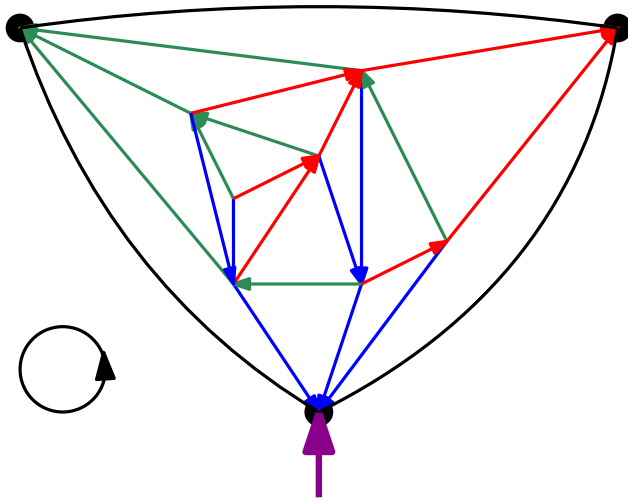


Let  $N(n, p, q)$  be the number of pairs of non-crossing Dyck paths of length  $2n$  with  $p$  upper peaks and  $q$  lower peaks.

Then:  $N(n, p, q) = N(n, n - q + 1, n - p + 1)$

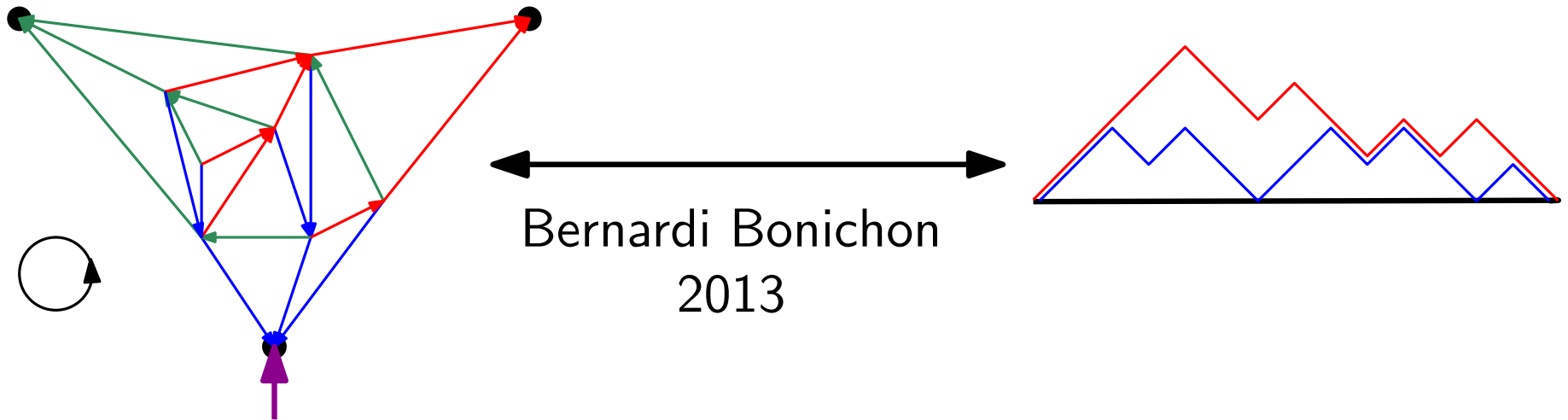
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Schnyder woods of triangulations



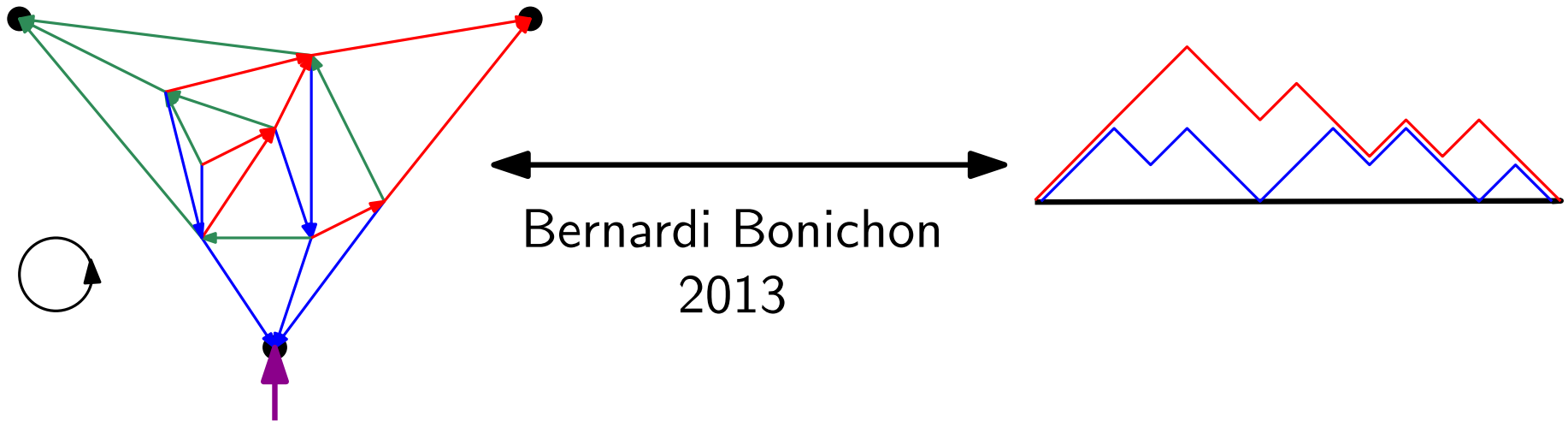
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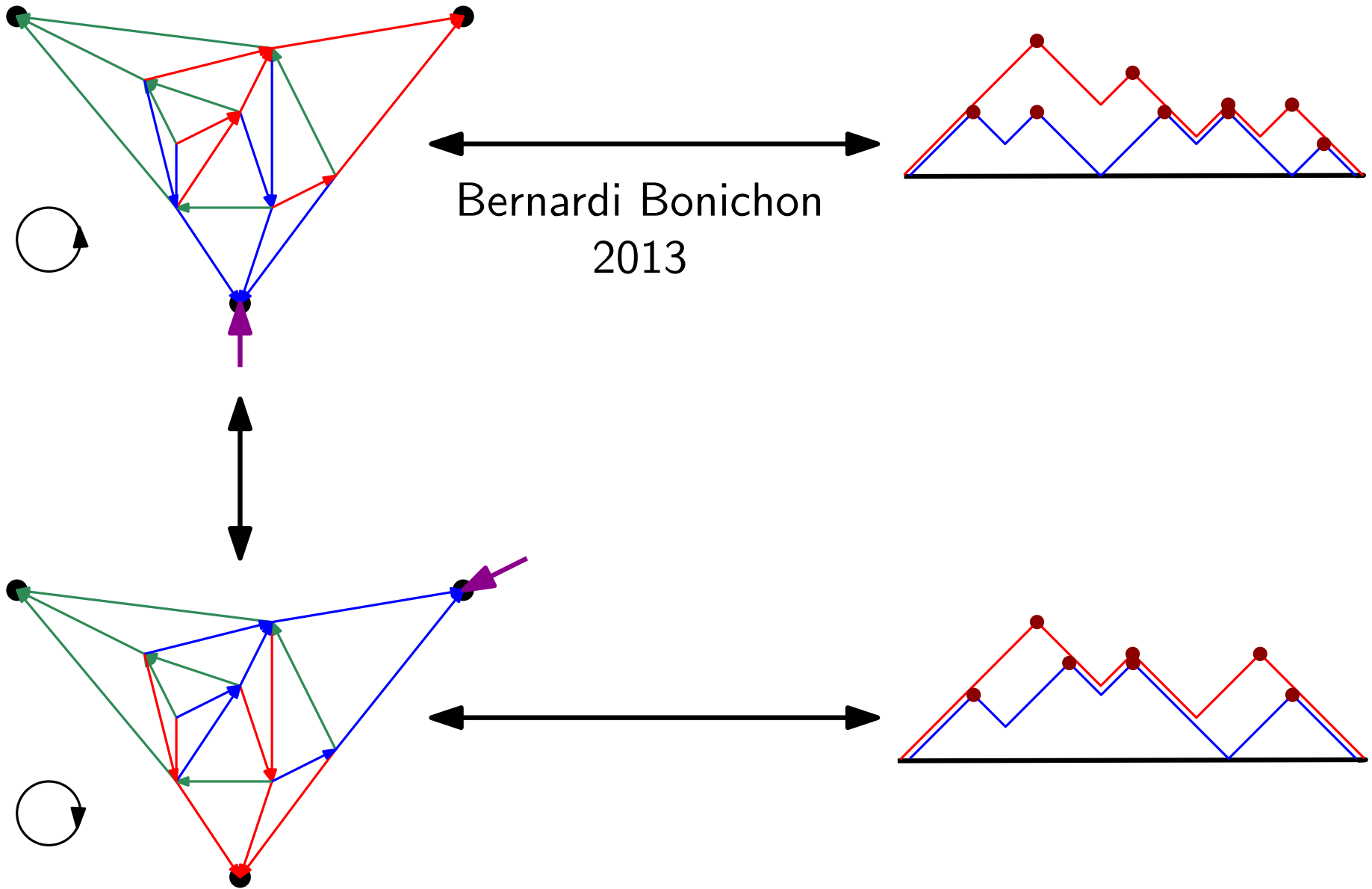
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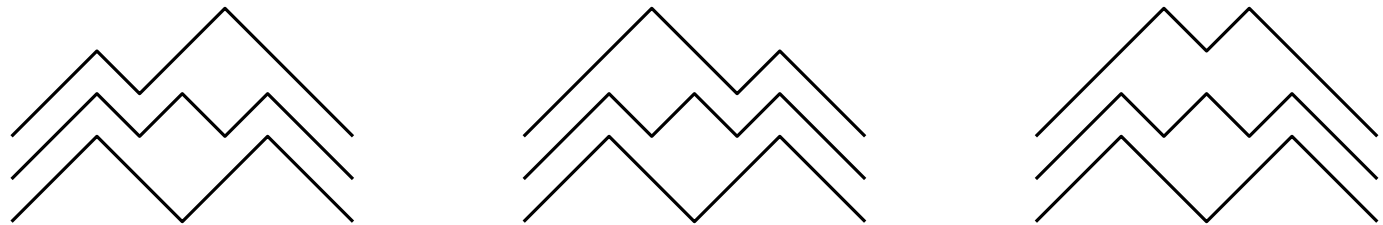
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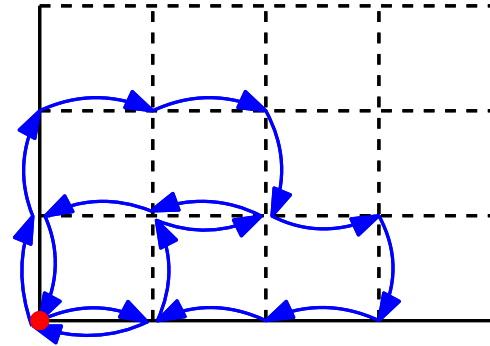
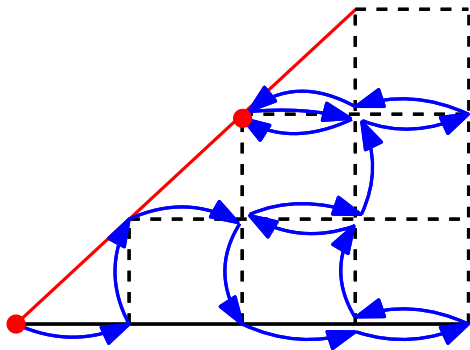
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# A result on walks in the plane

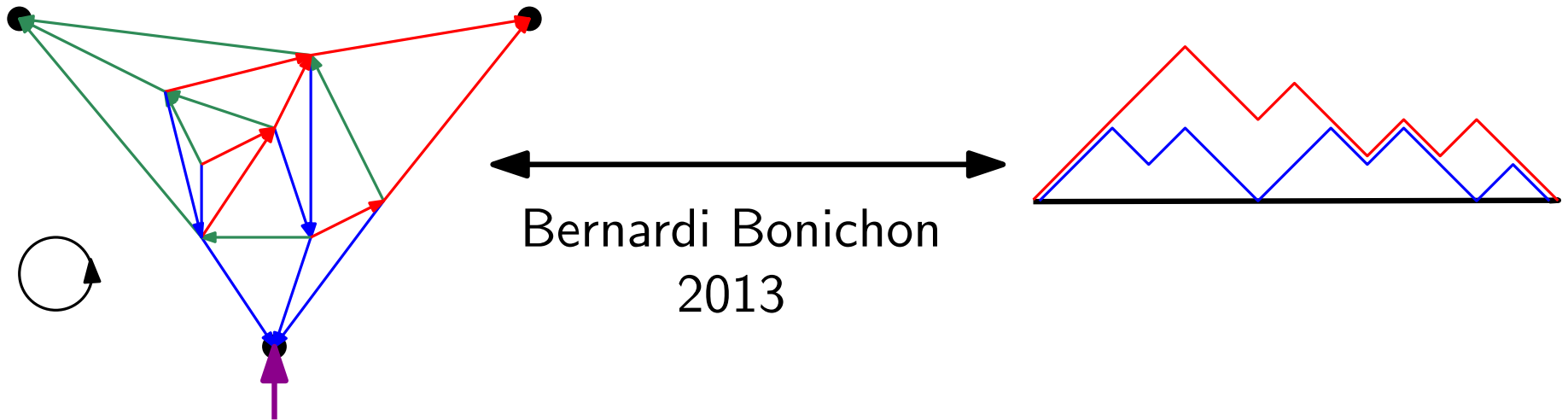


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At given size, there are as many walks in the first octant that end on the  $x$ -axis than excursions in the quarter plane.

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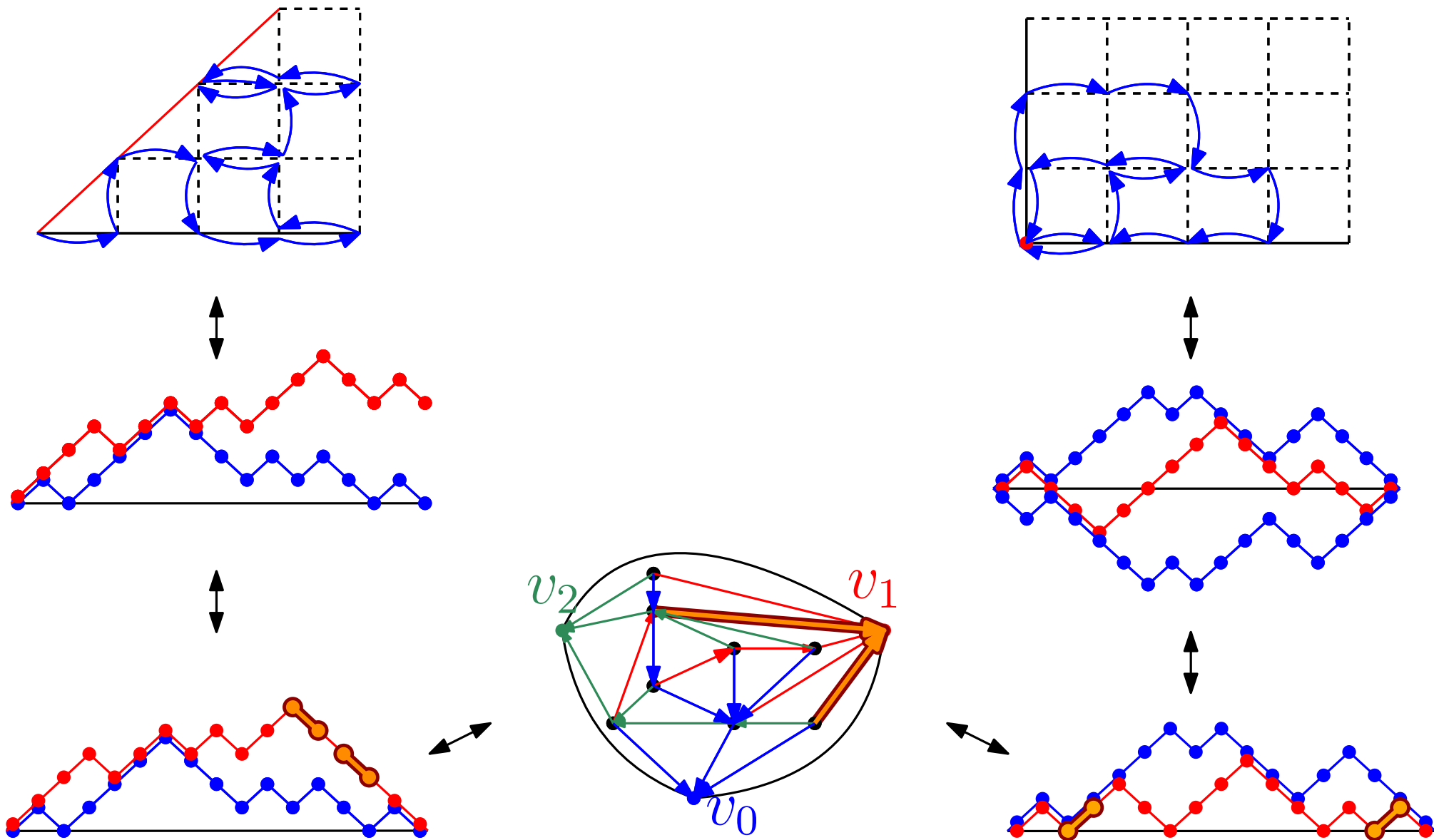
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- Blue root-degree
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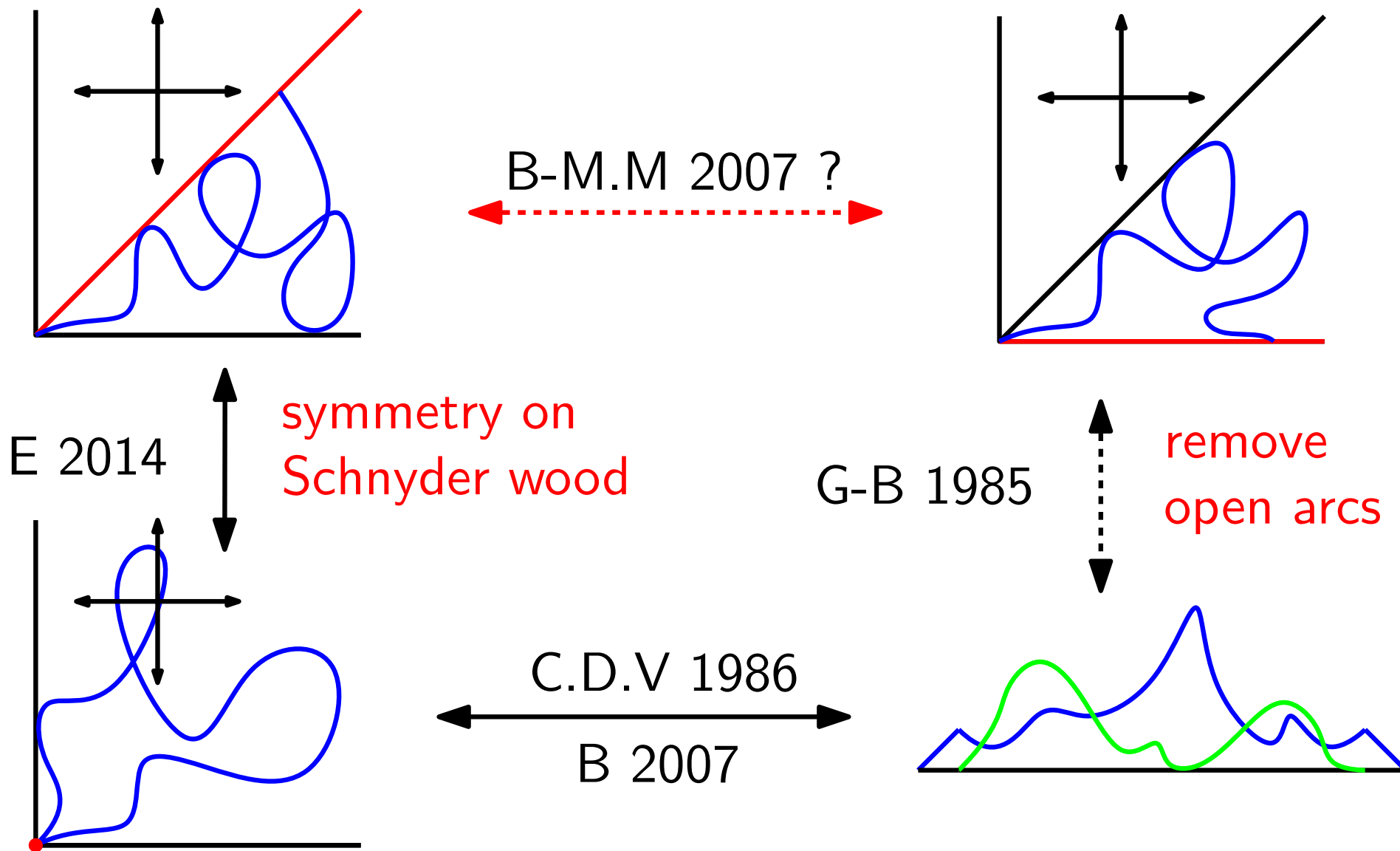


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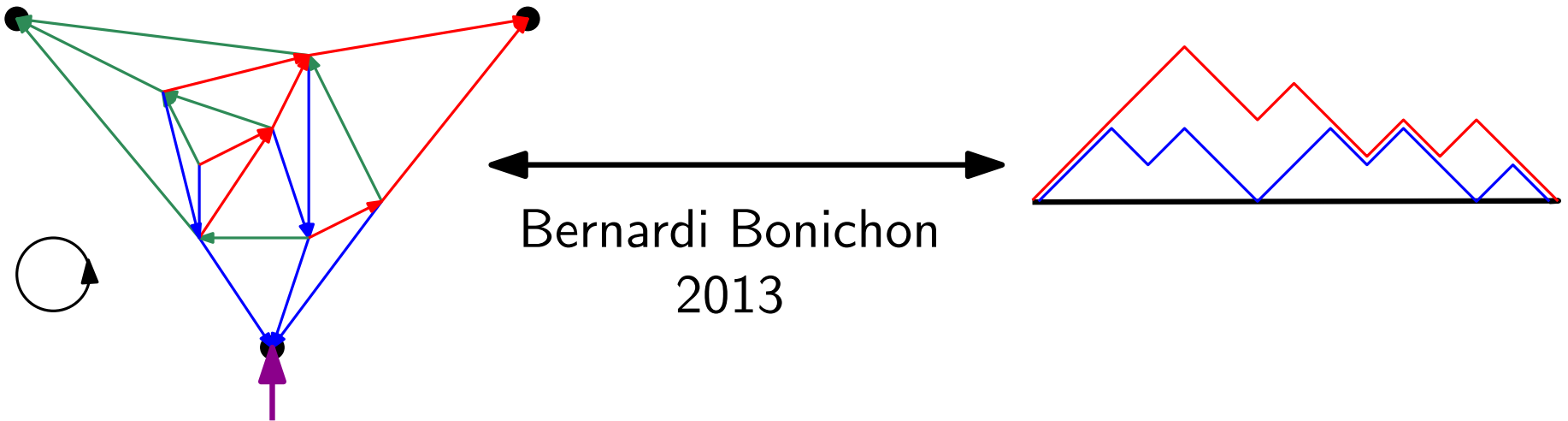
# A look at another problem



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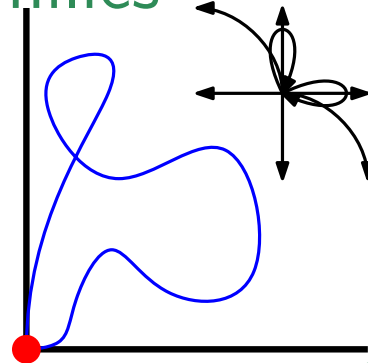
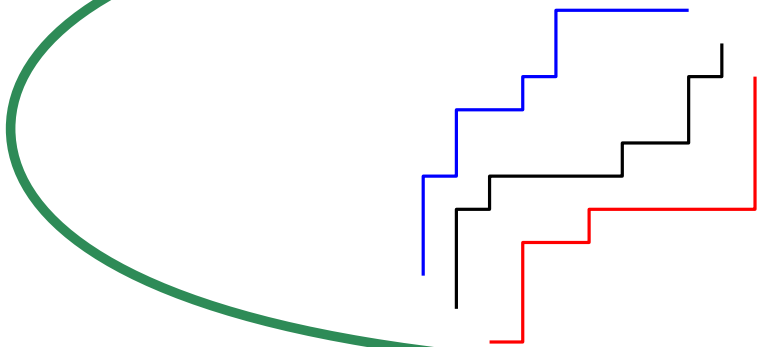
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Symmetric Baxter families



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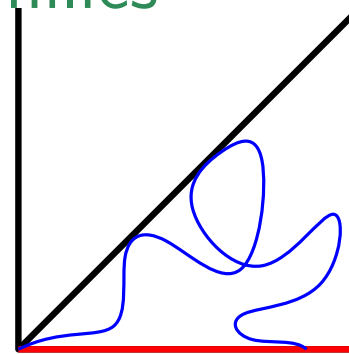
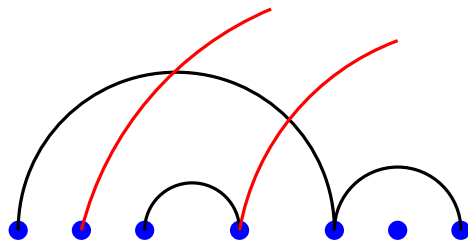
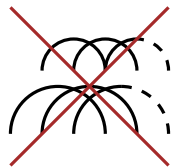


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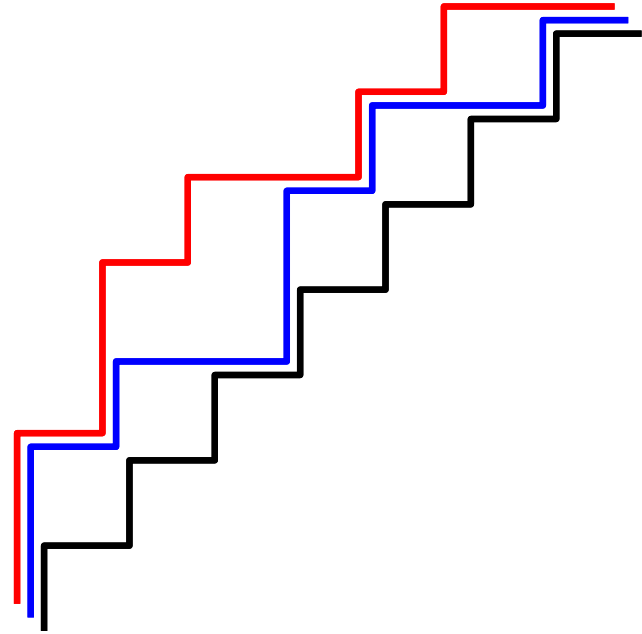
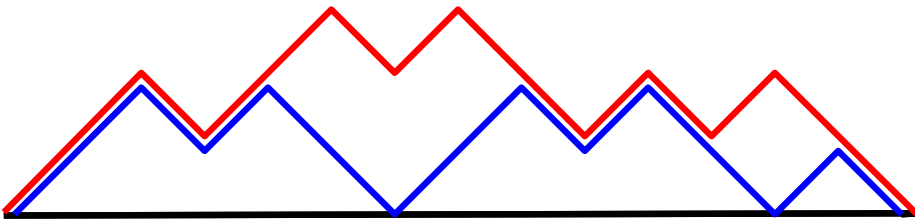


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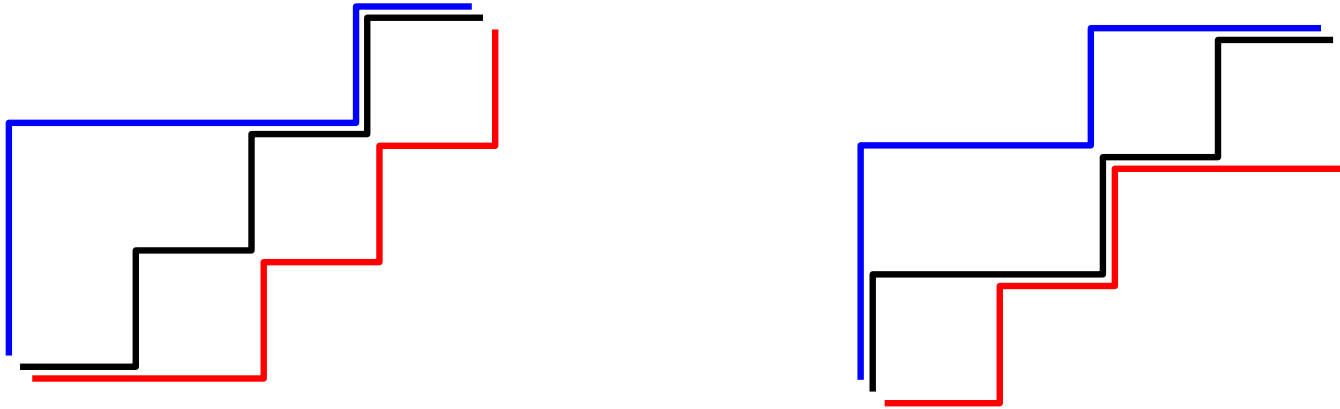


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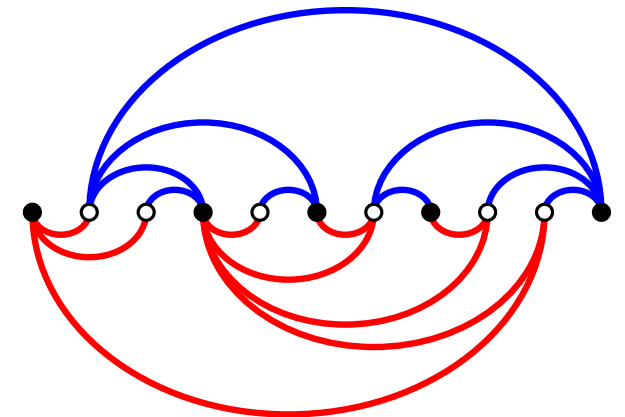
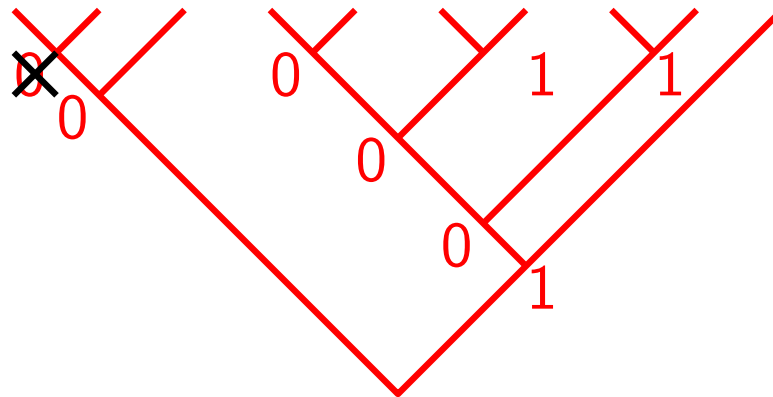
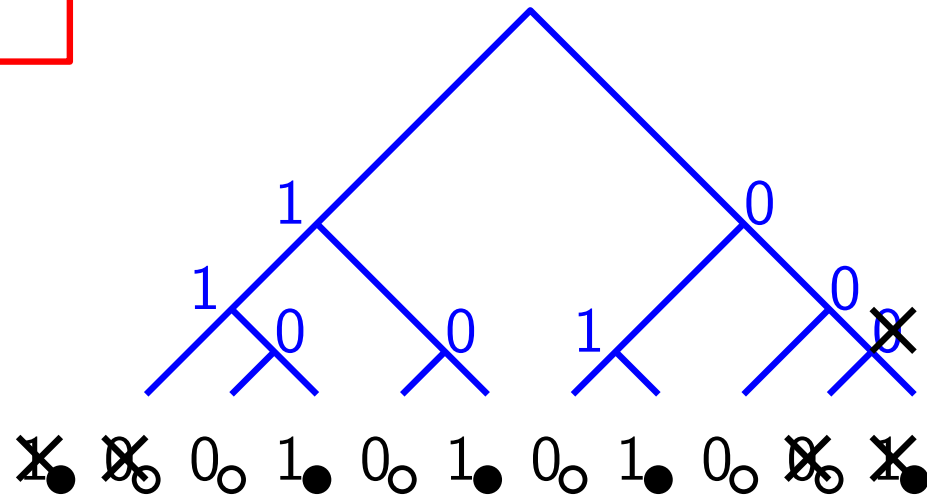
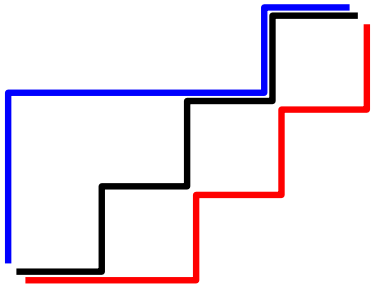


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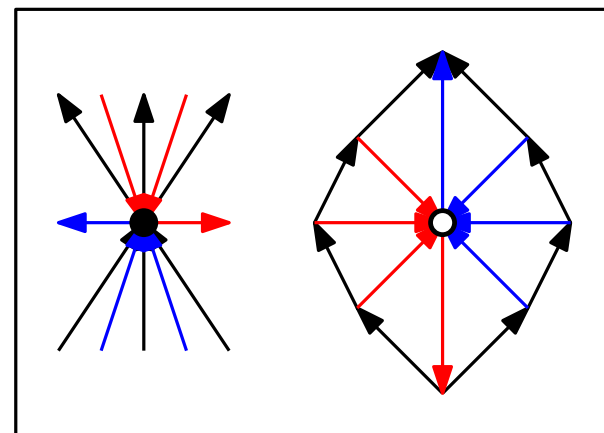
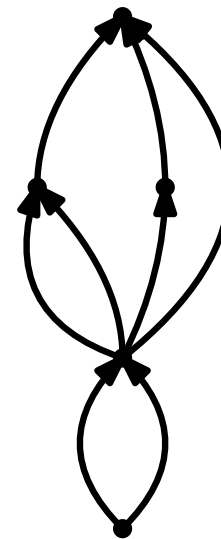
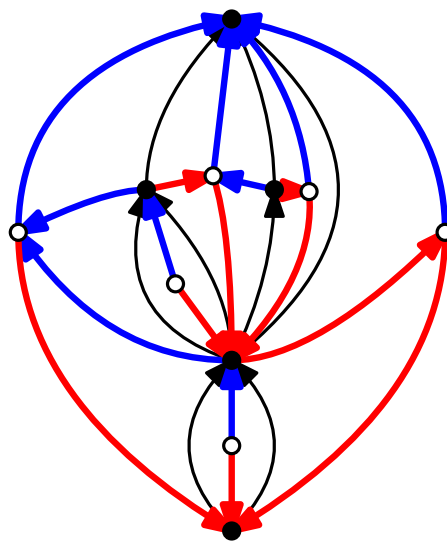
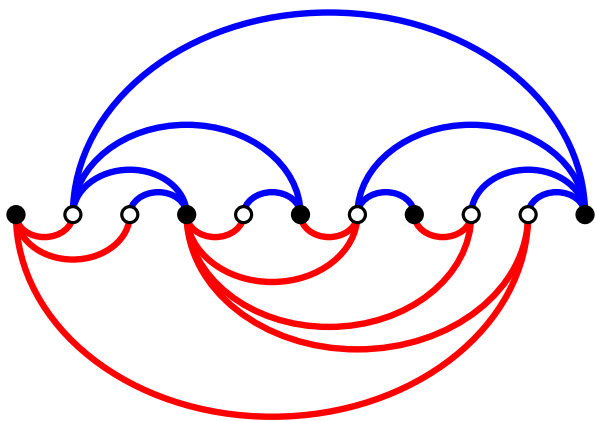


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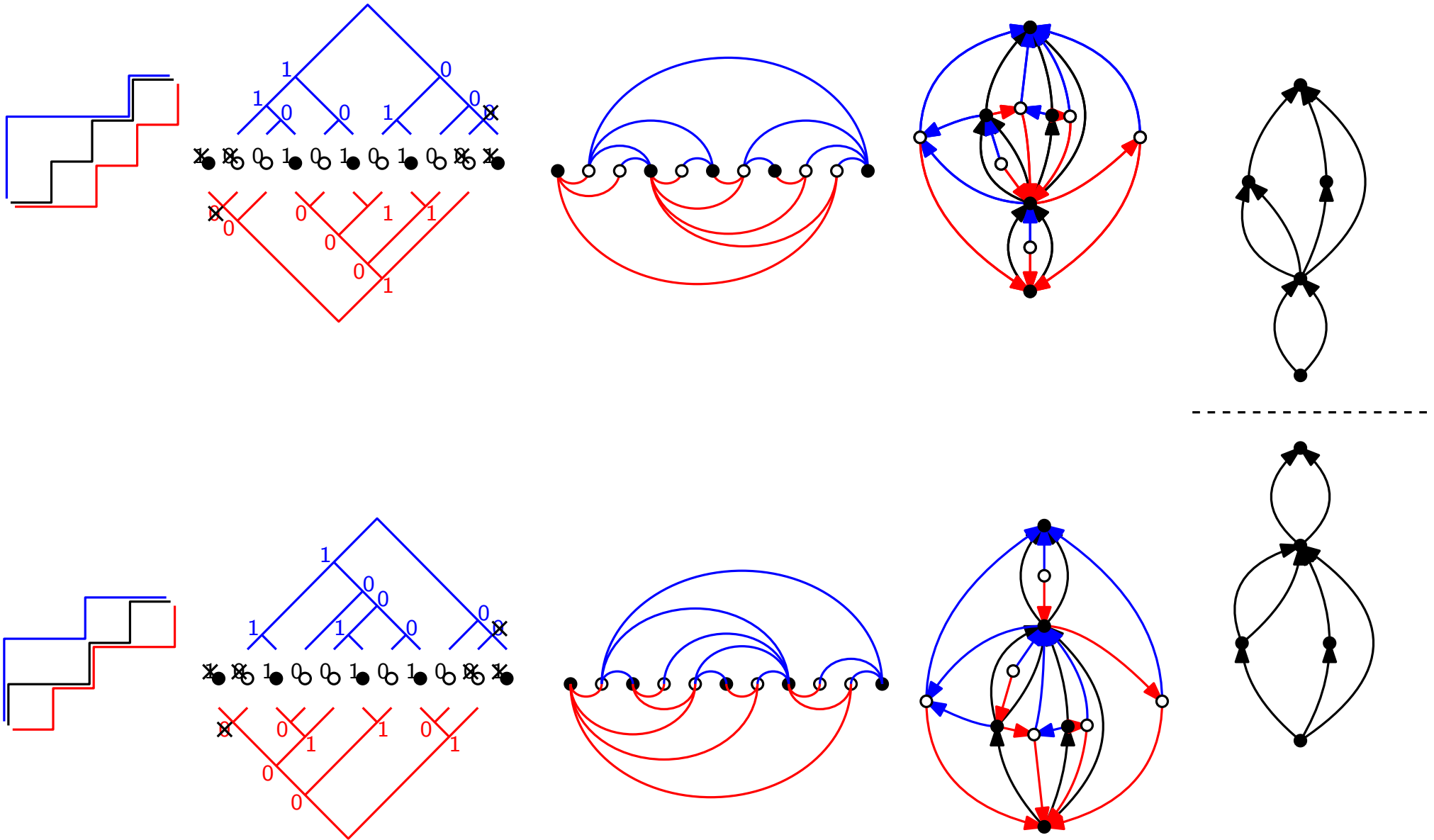
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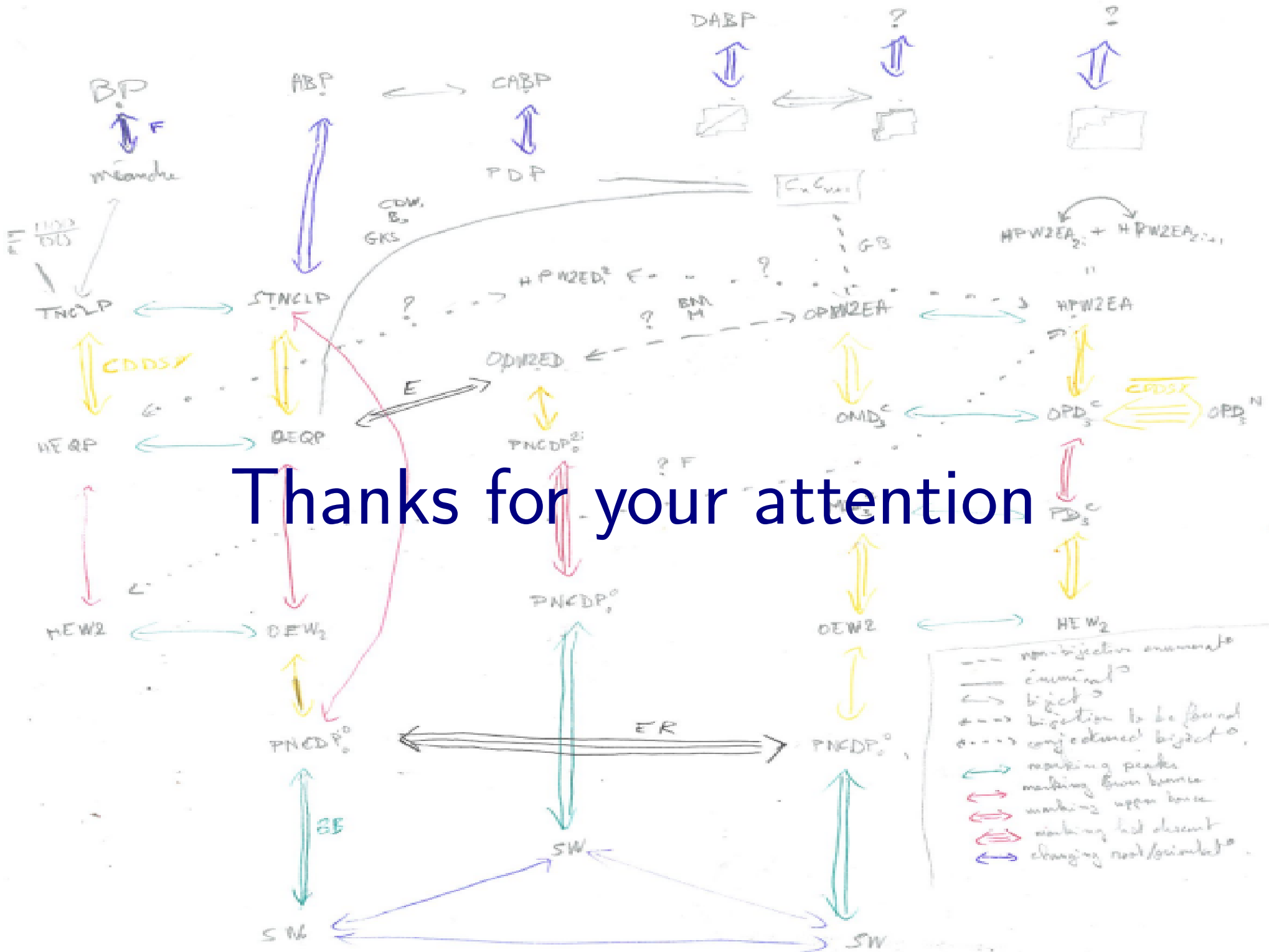


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Thanks for your attention

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