

Various constructions of (affine) MV polytopes ¹

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- The infinity crystal

2 Three constructions of MV polytopes

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- From quiver varieties
- From categorification (KLR algebras)
- Sketch of a proof

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- Rank 2 combinatorics

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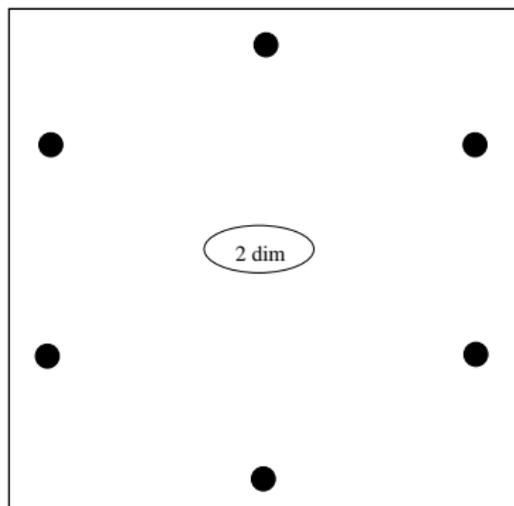
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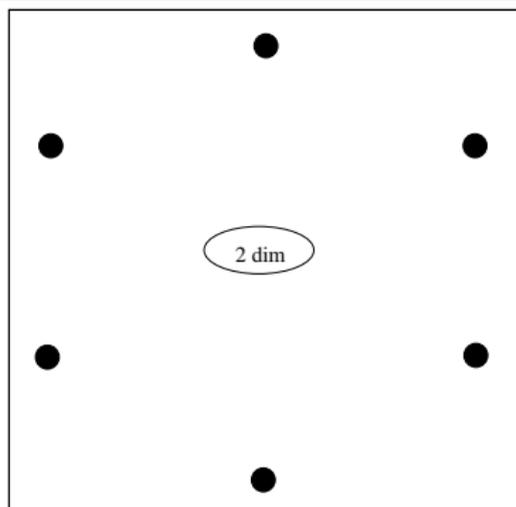
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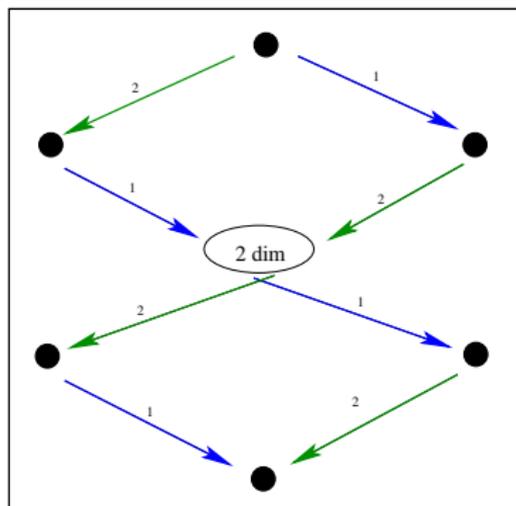
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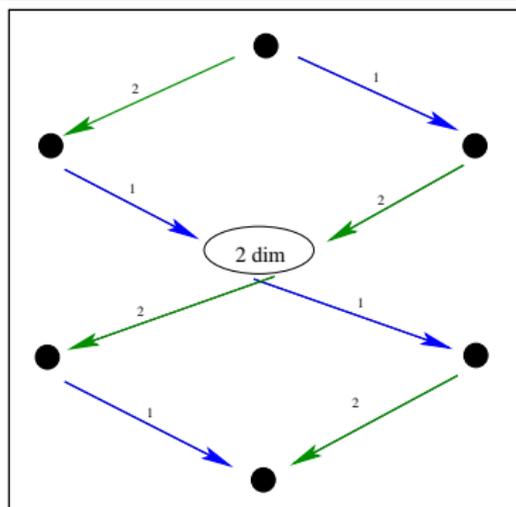
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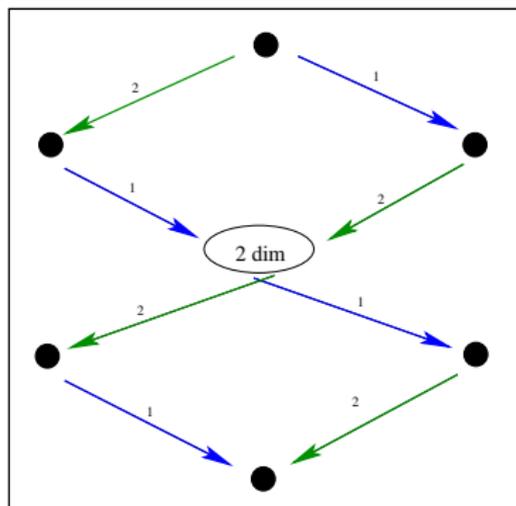
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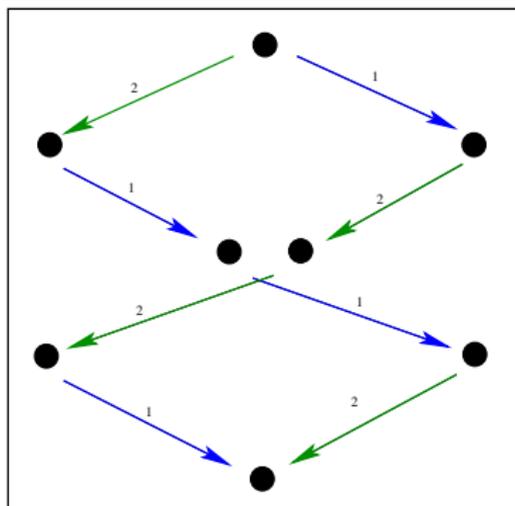
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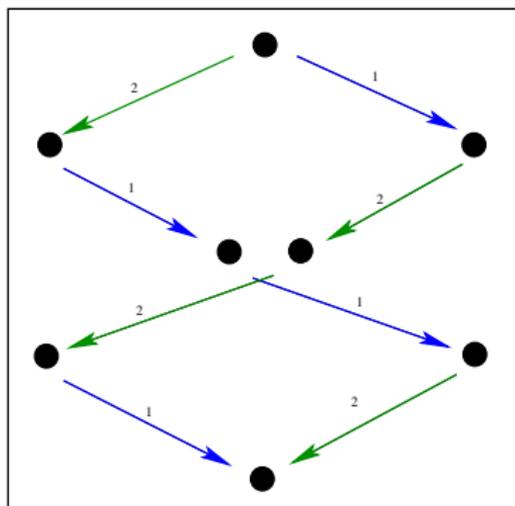
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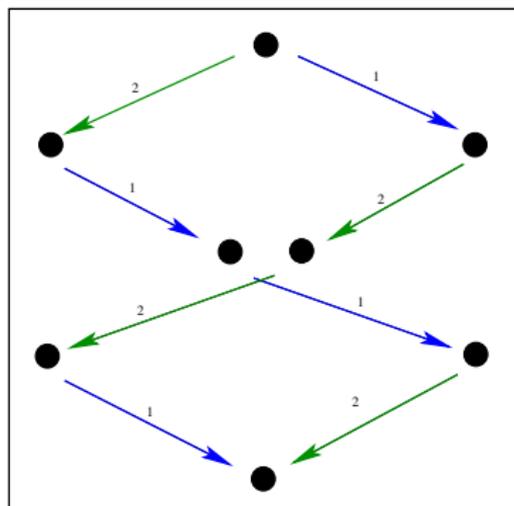
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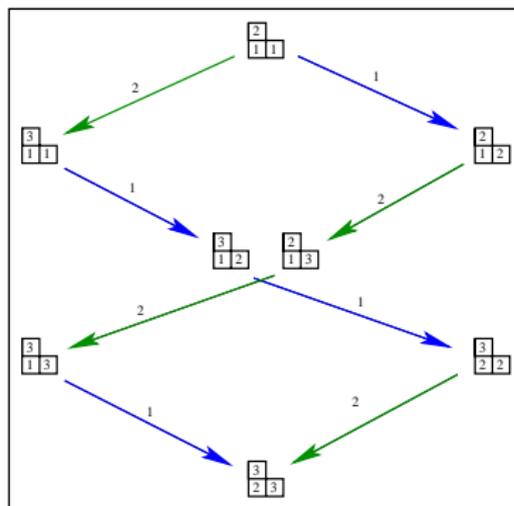
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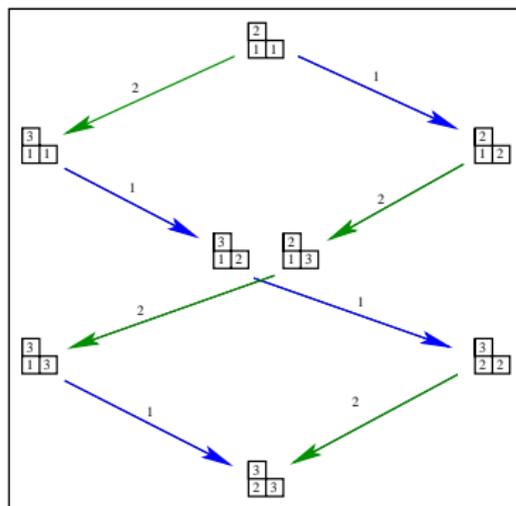
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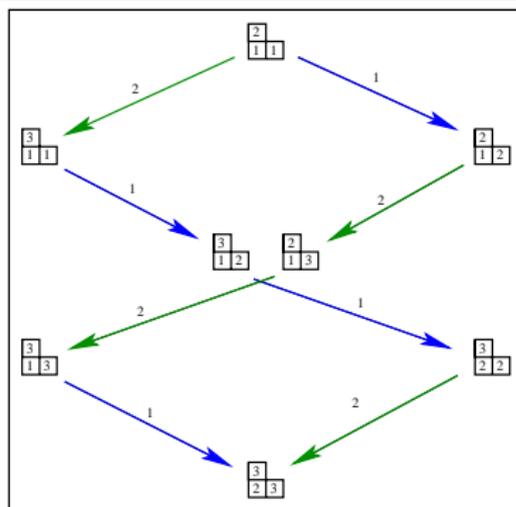
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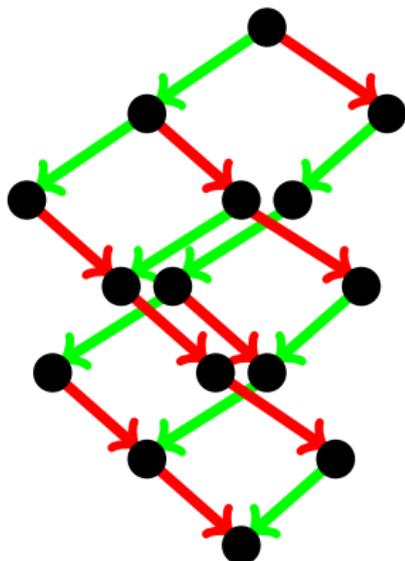
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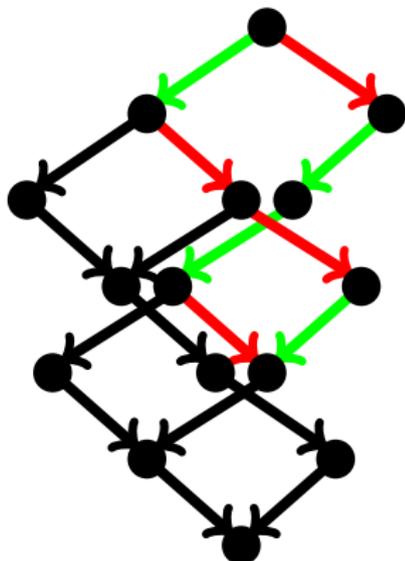
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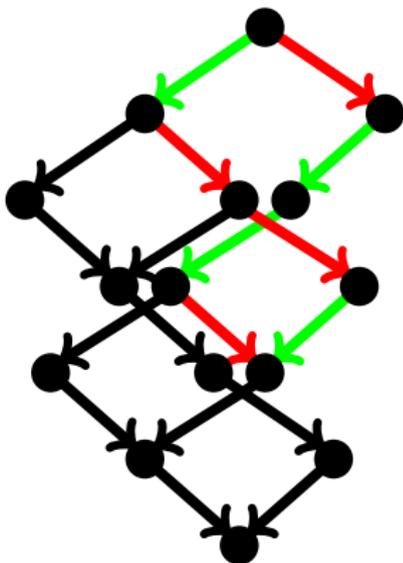
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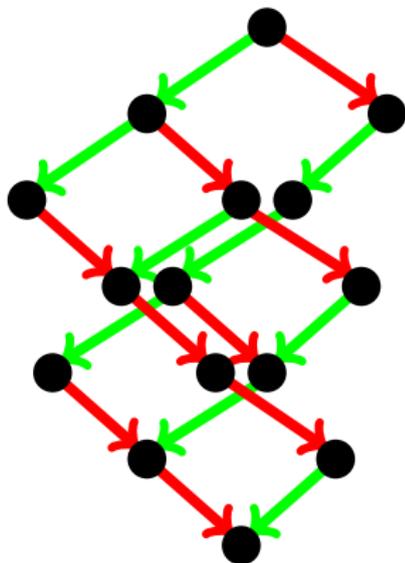
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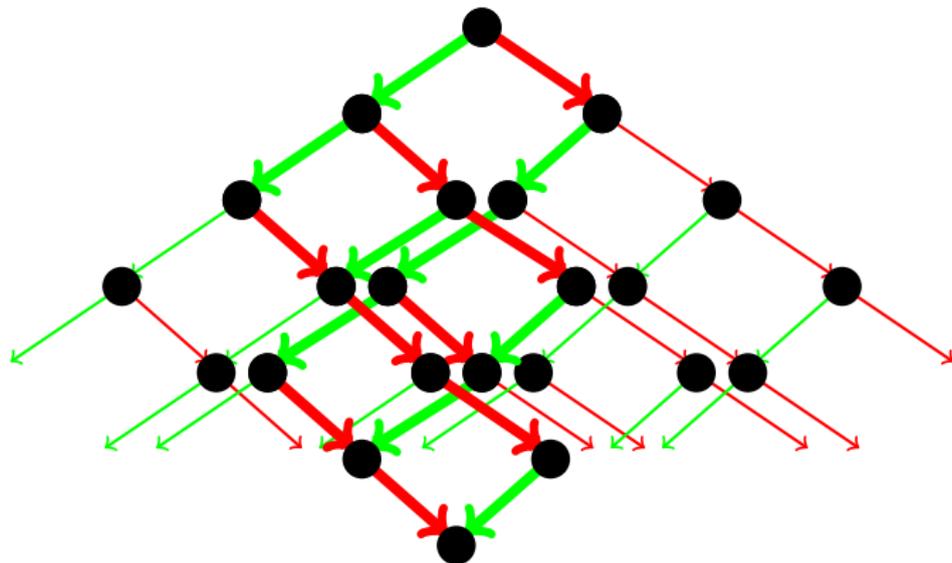
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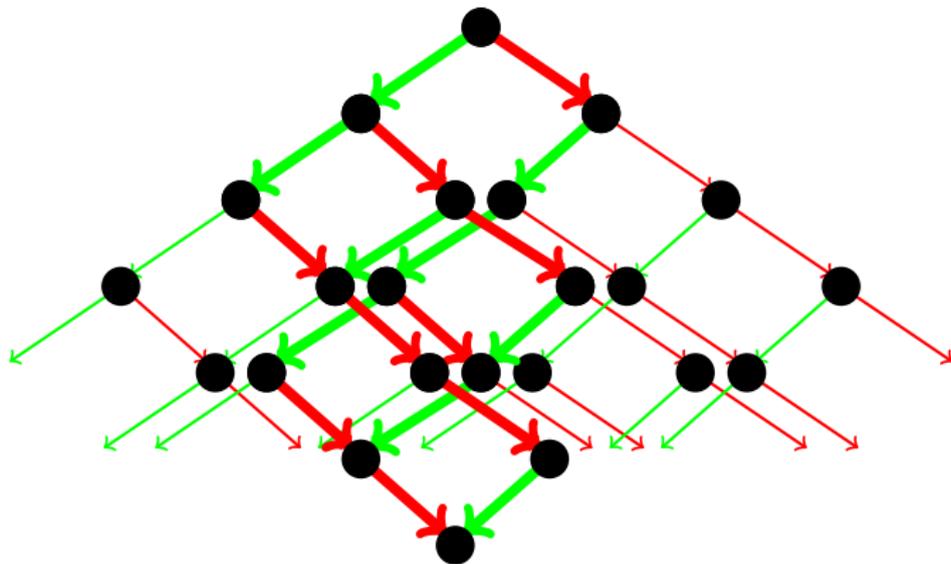
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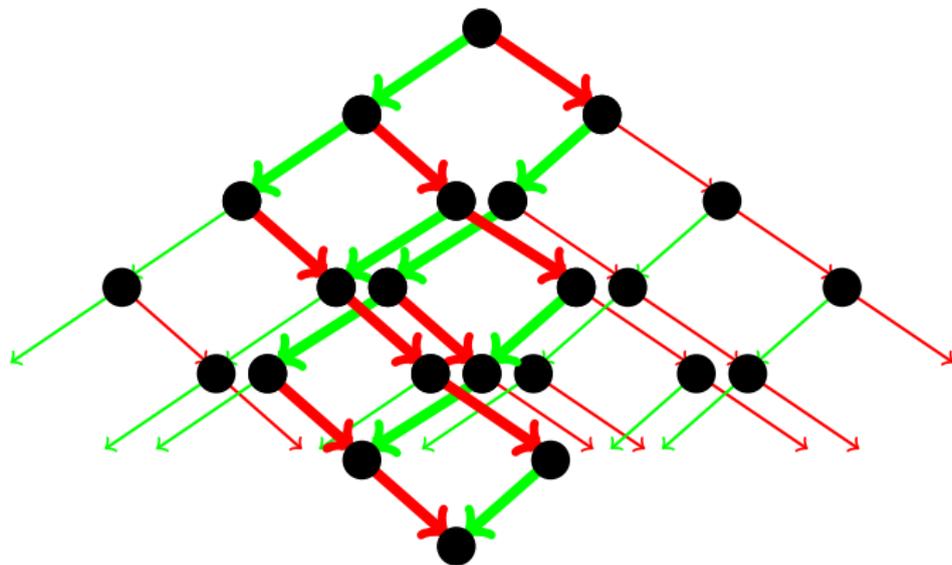
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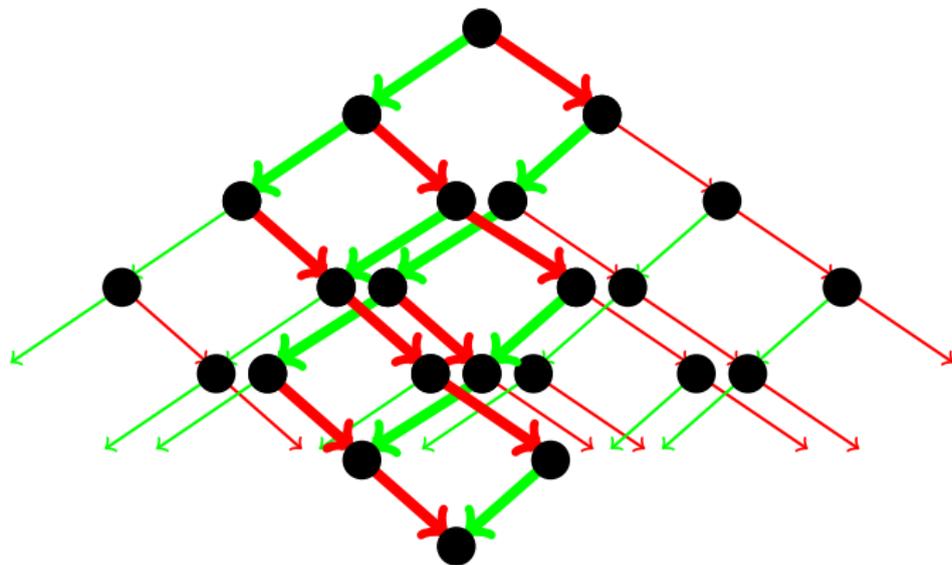
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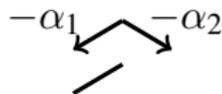
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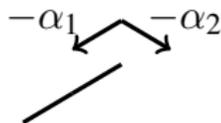
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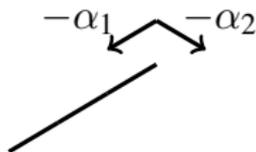
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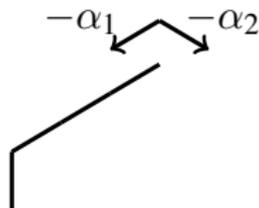
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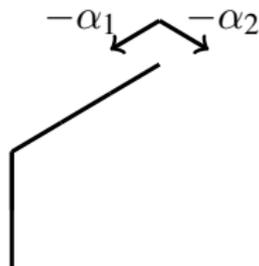
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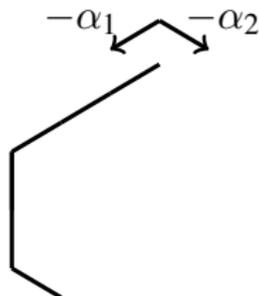
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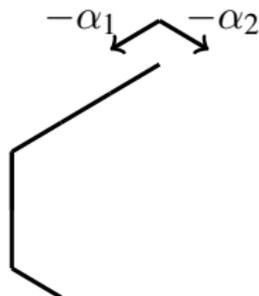
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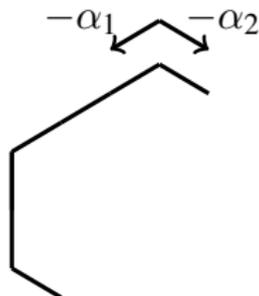
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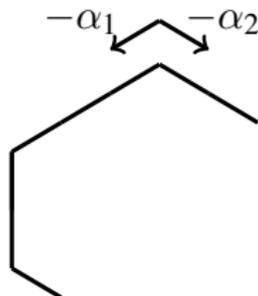
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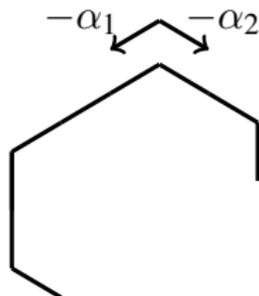
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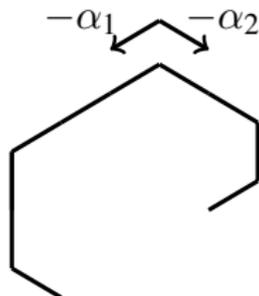
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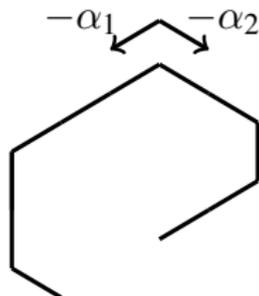
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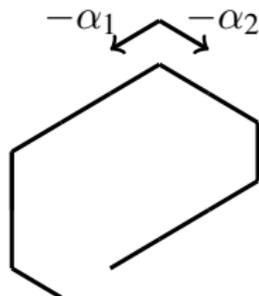
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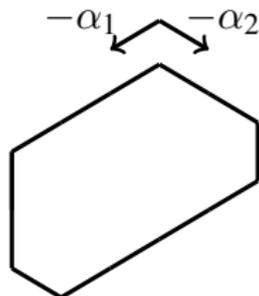
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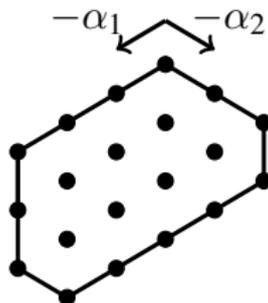
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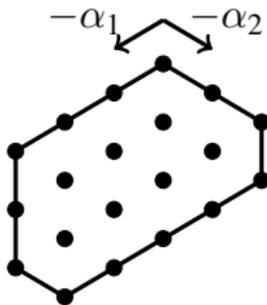
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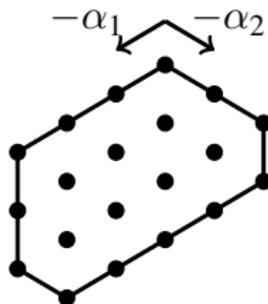
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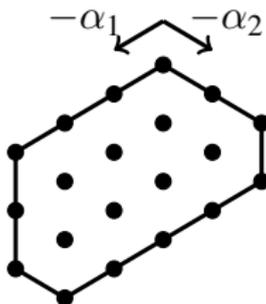


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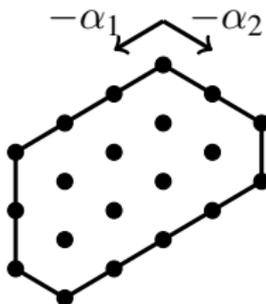
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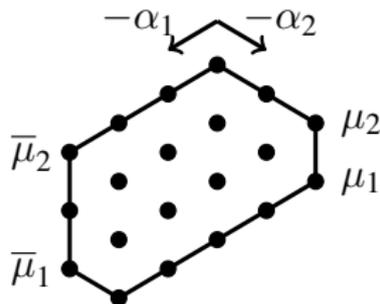
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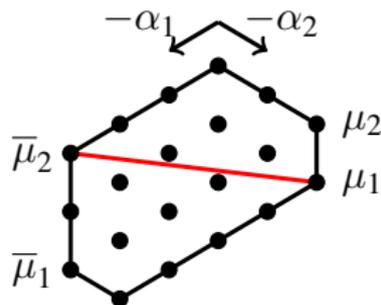
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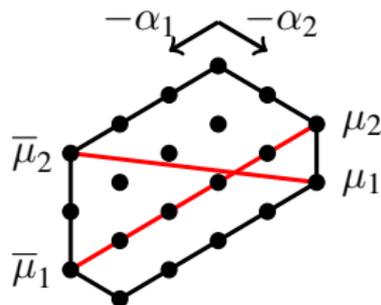
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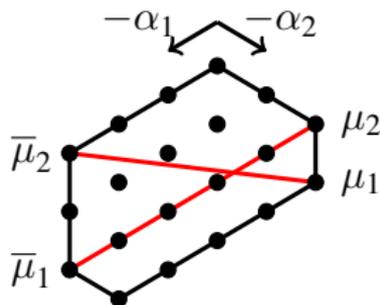
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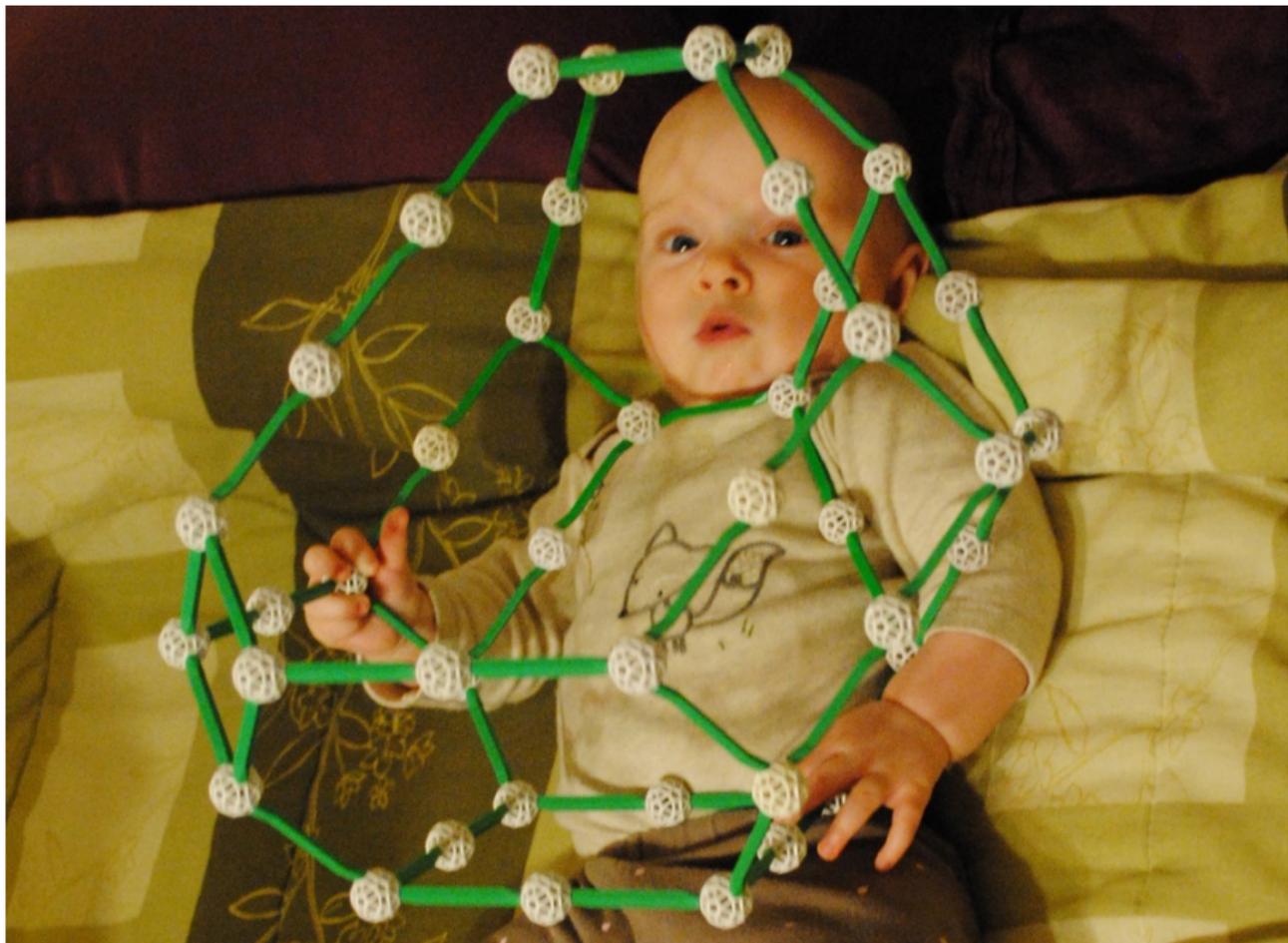


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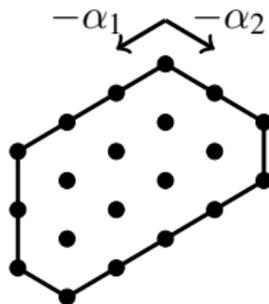


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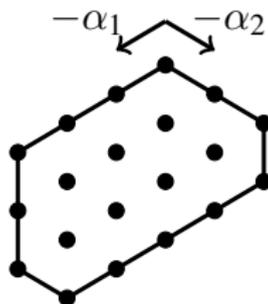


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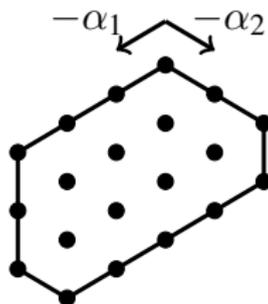


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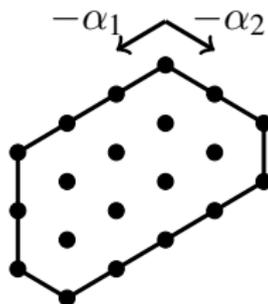
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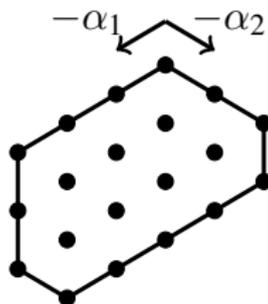
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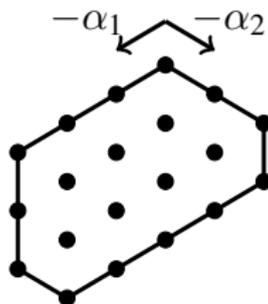
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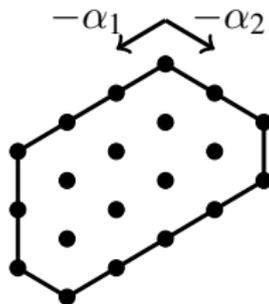
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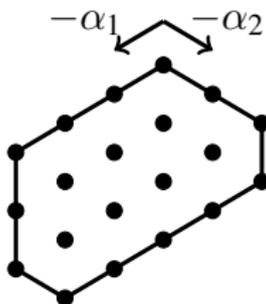


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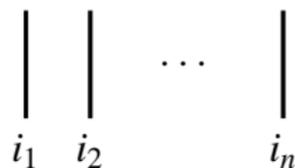
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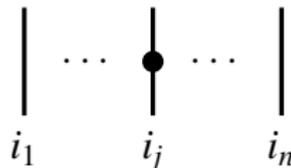
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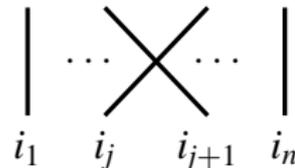
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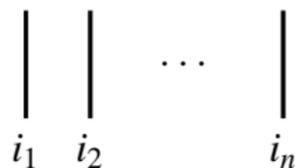
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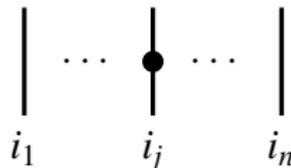
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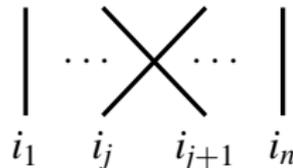
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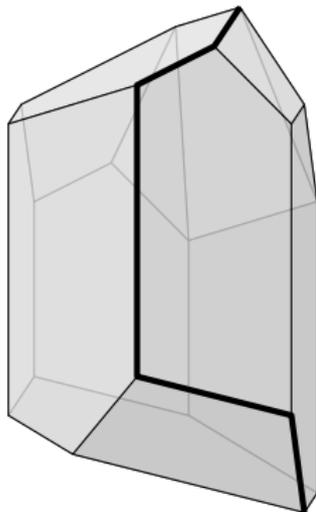
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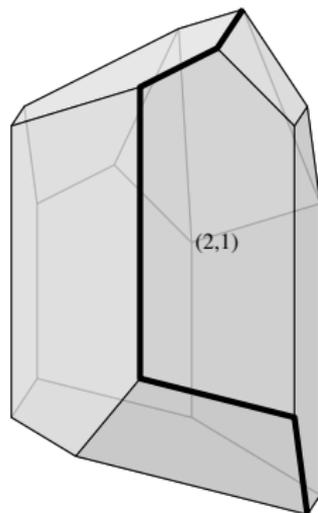
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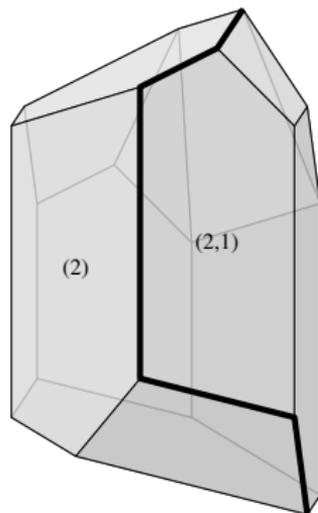
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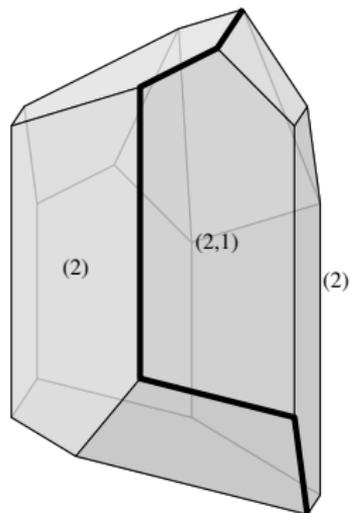
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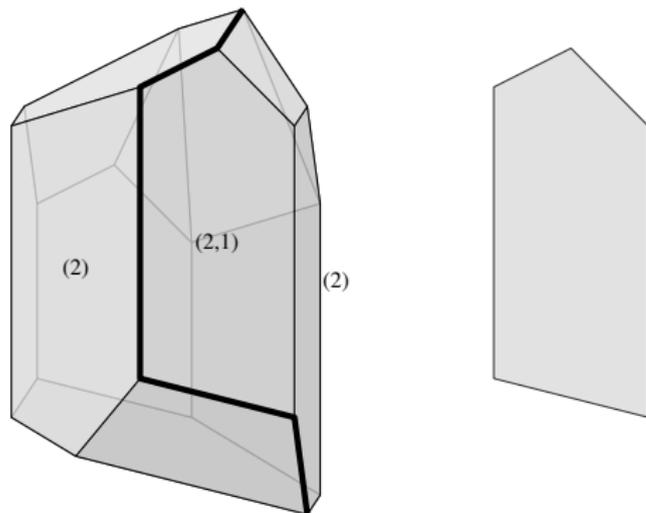
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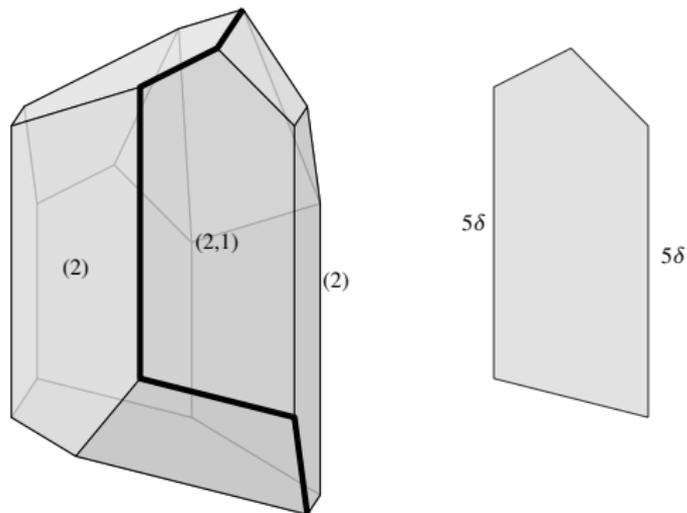
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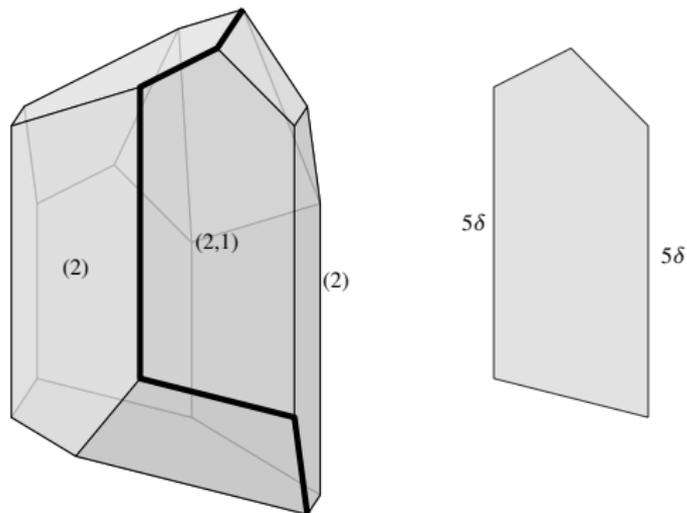
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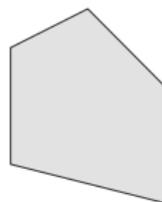
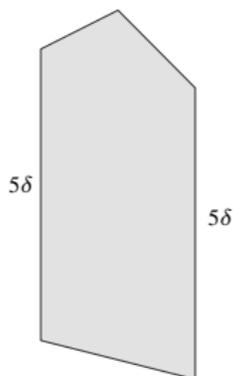
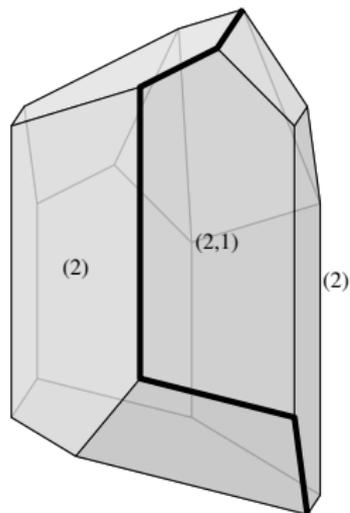
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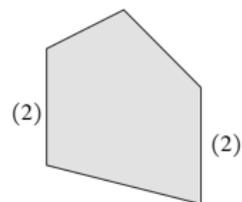
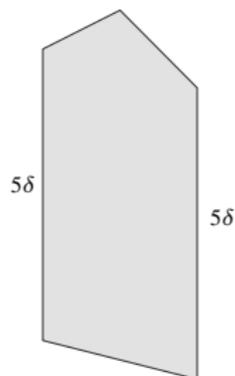
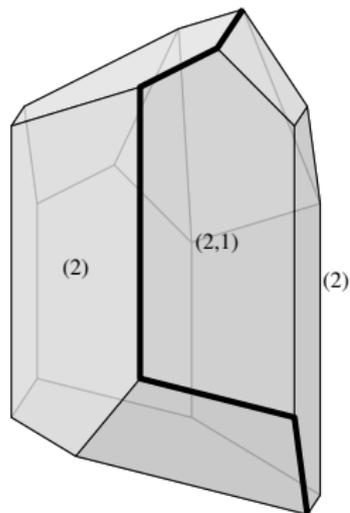
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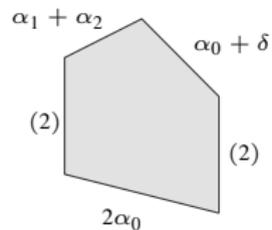
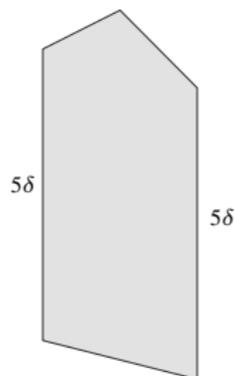
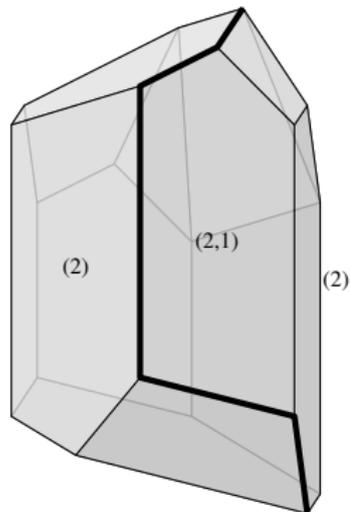
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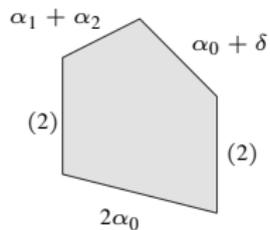
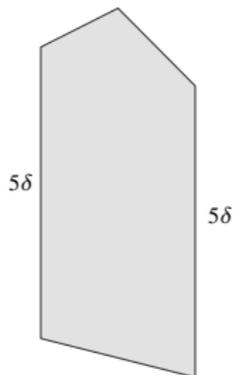
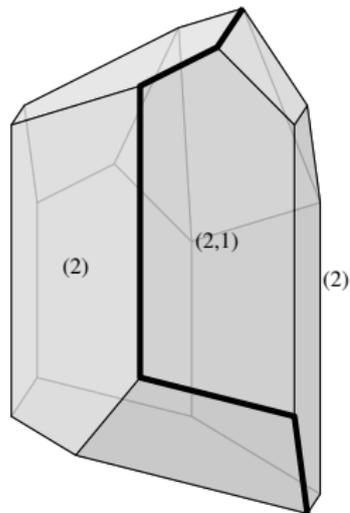
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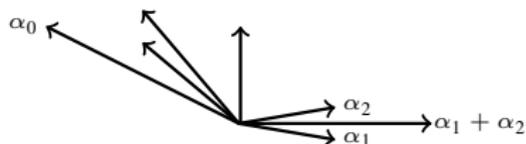
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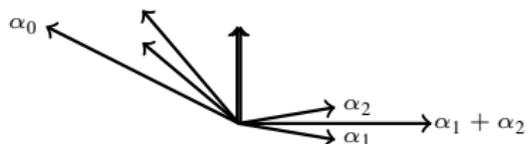
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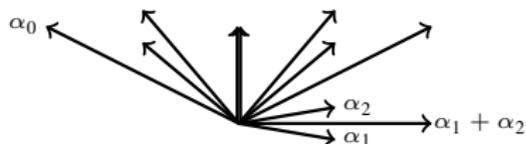
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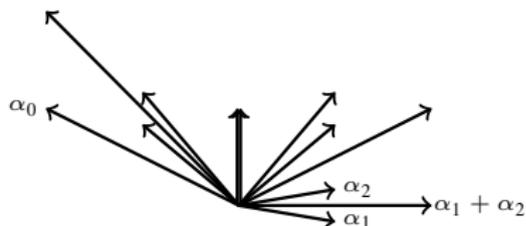
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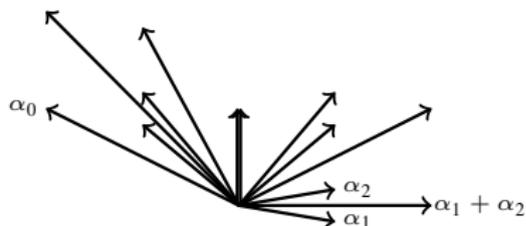
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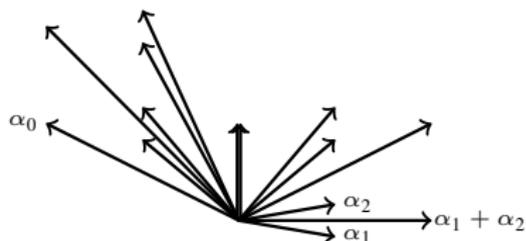
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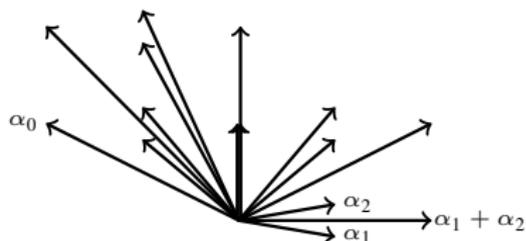
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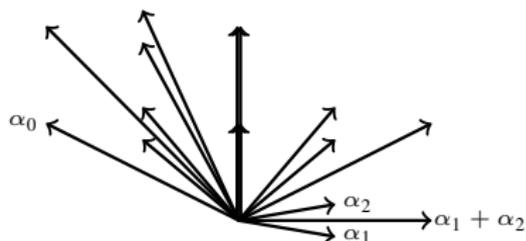
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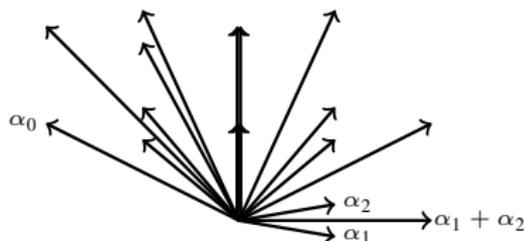
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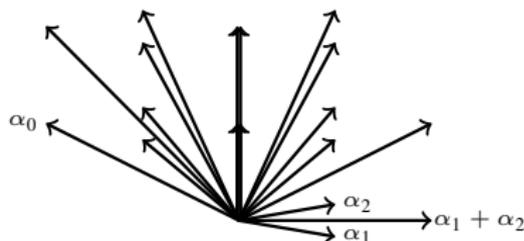
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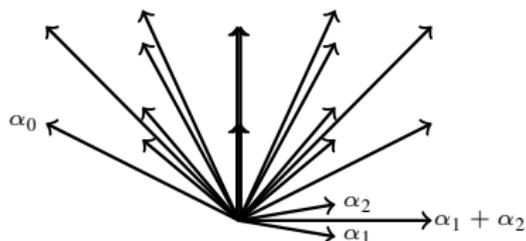
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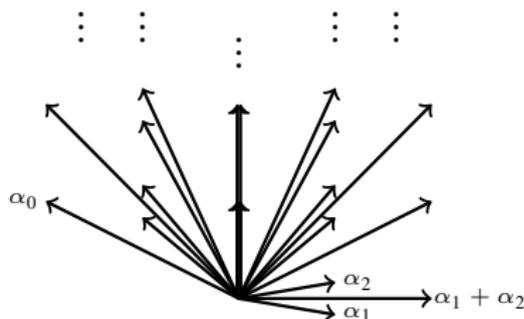
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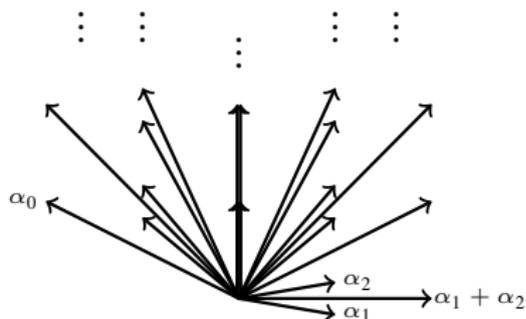
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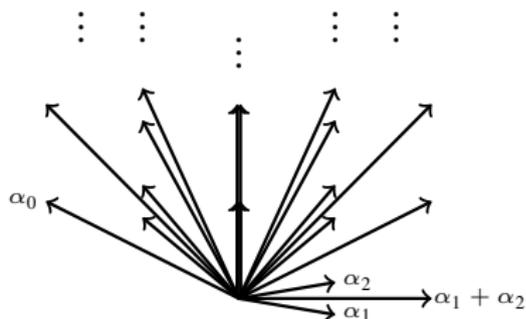
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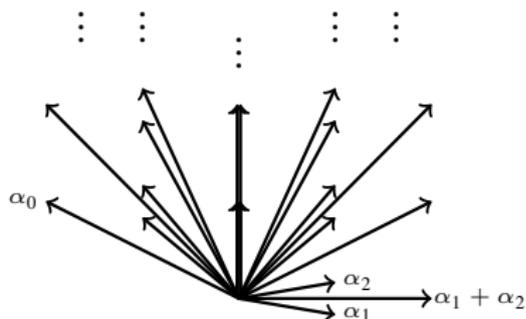
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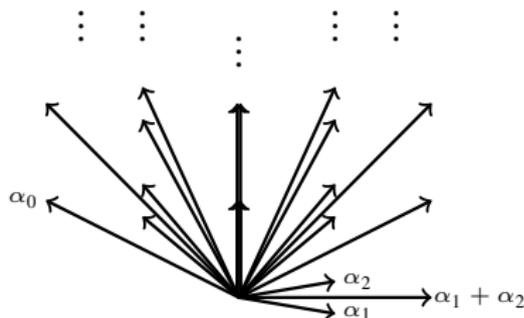
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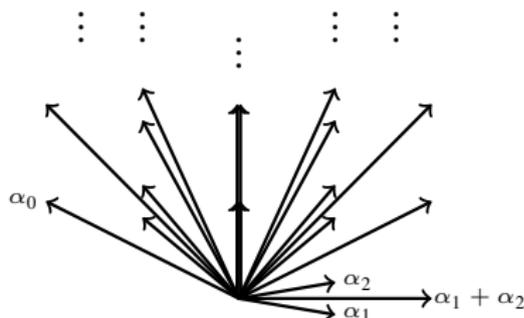
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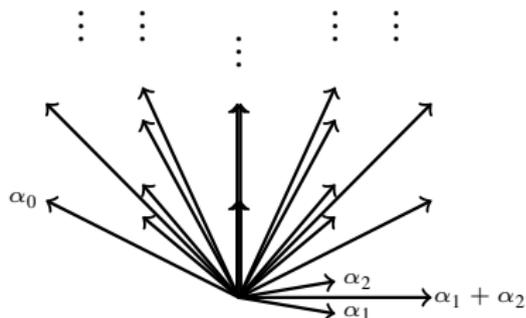
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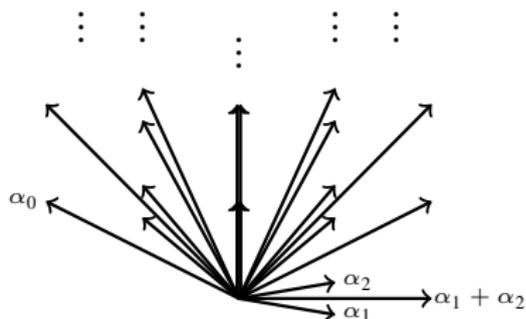
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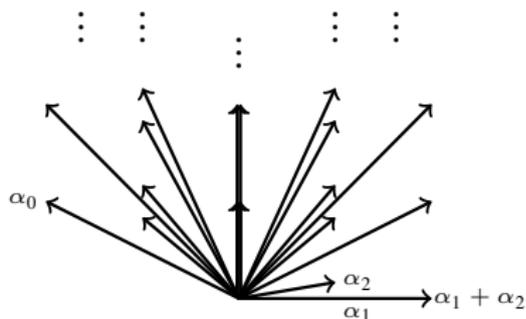
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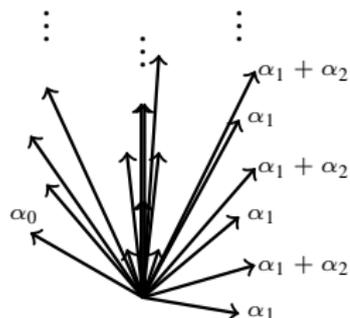
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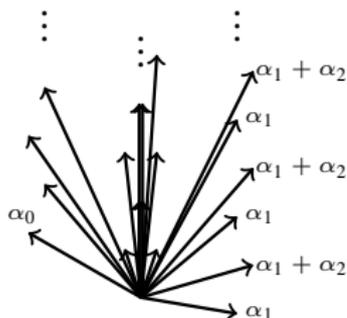
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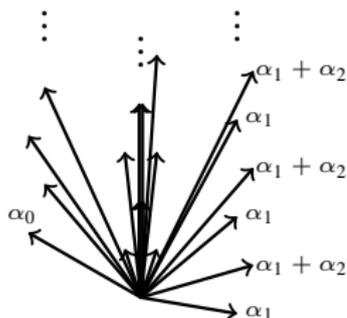
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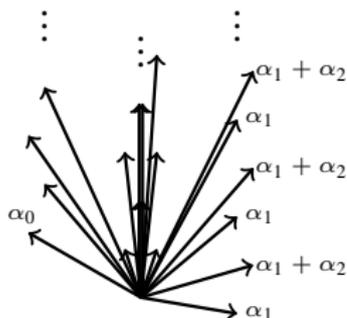
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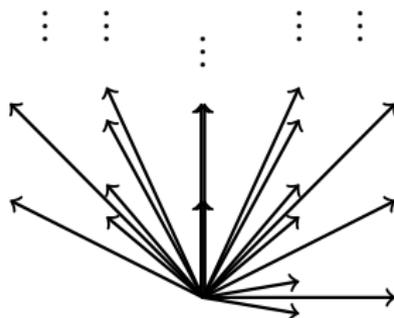
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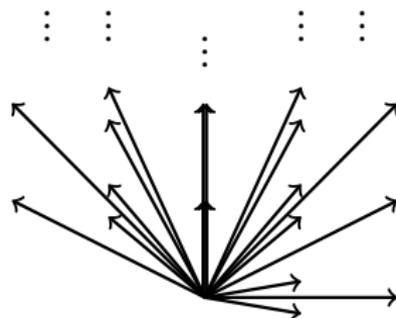
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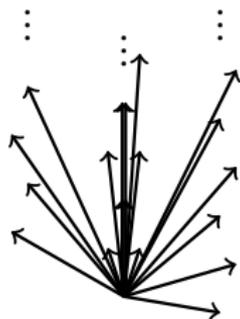
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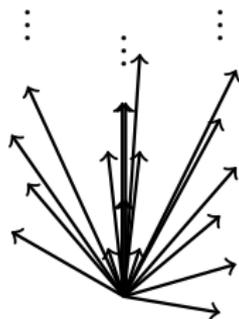
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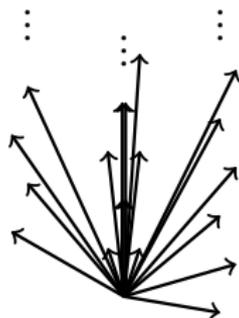
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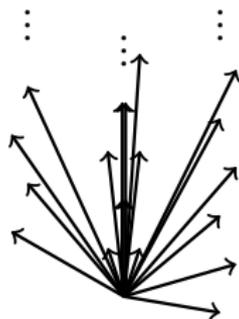
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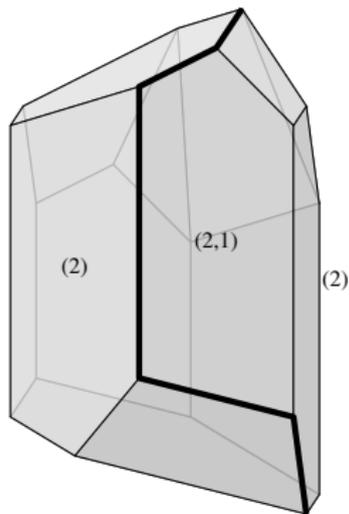


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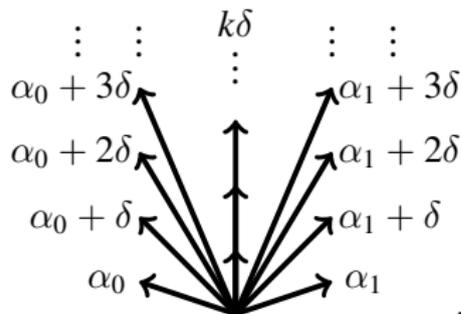
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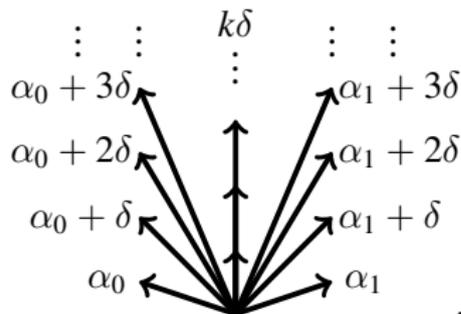
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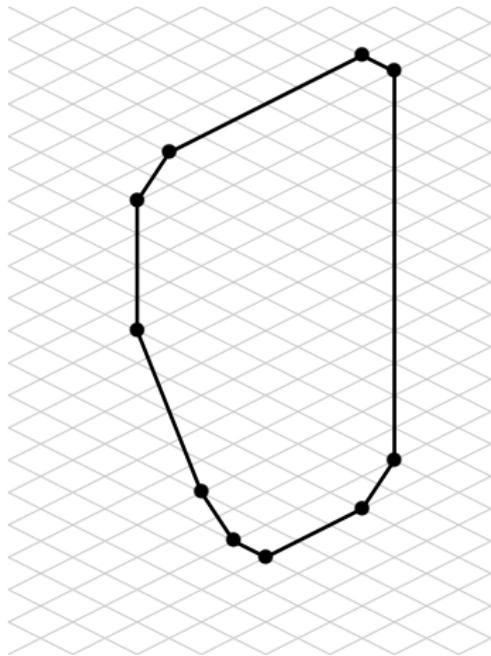
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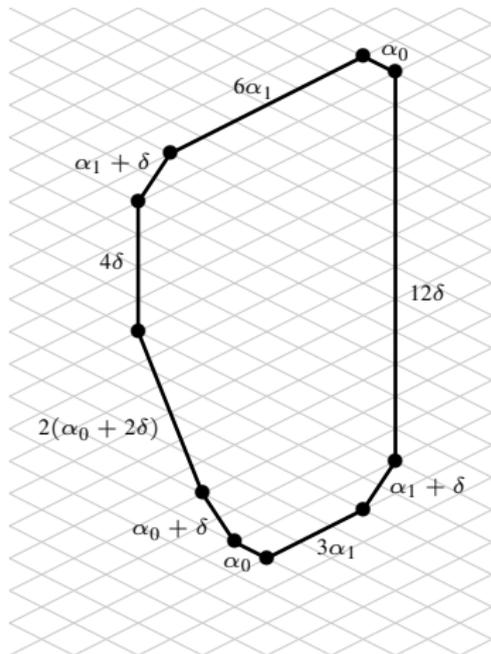
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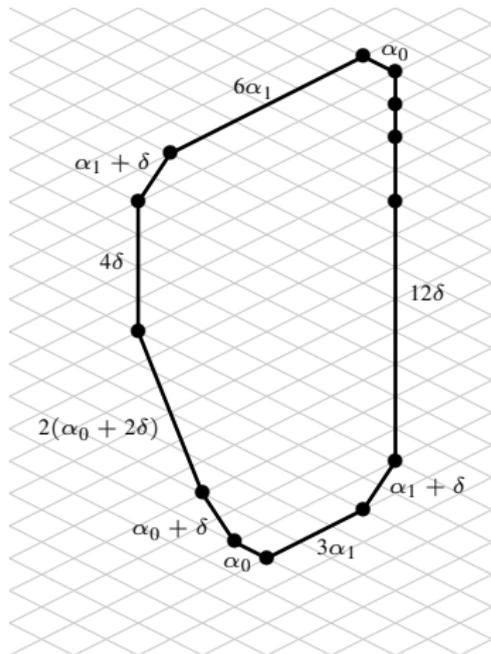


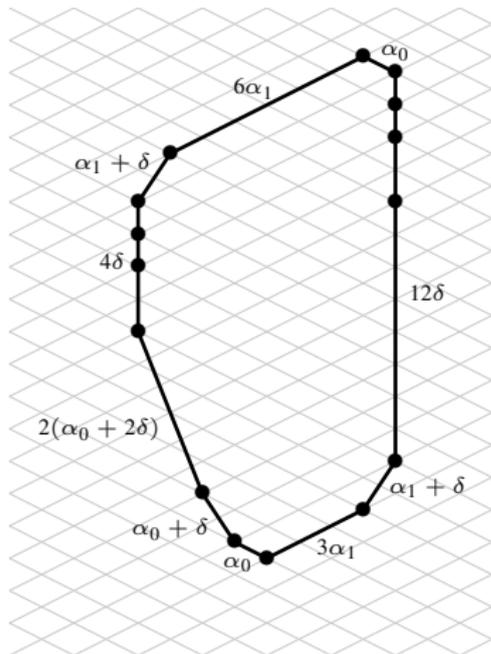
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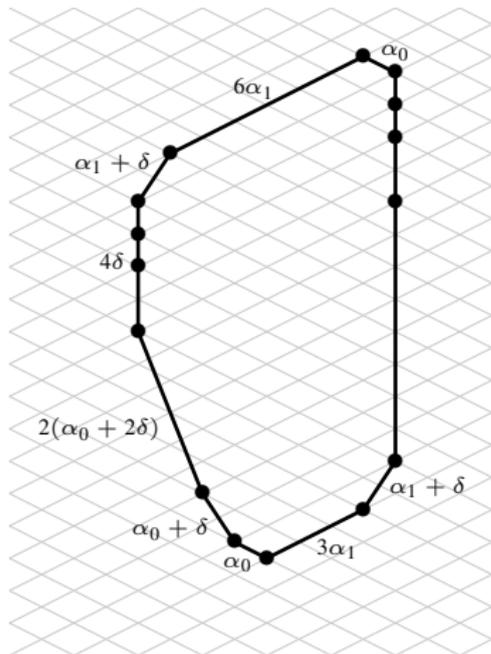
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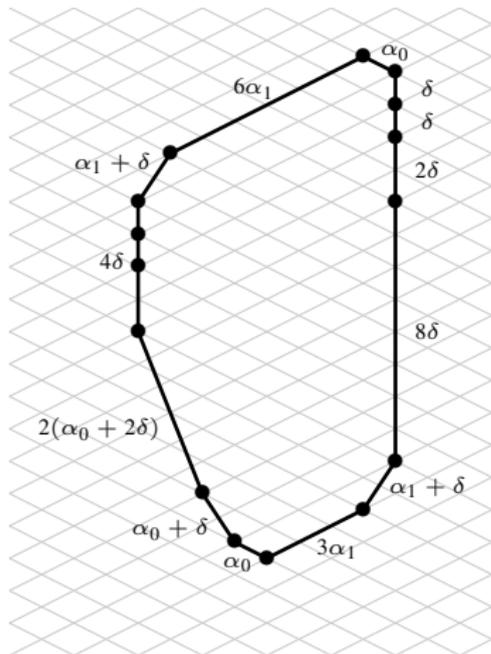
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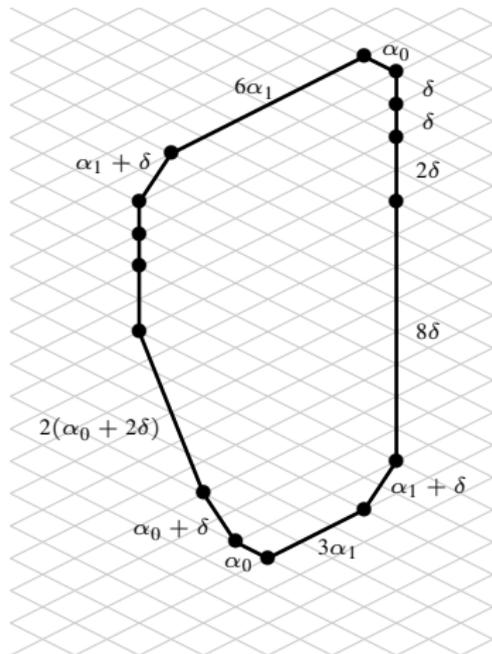
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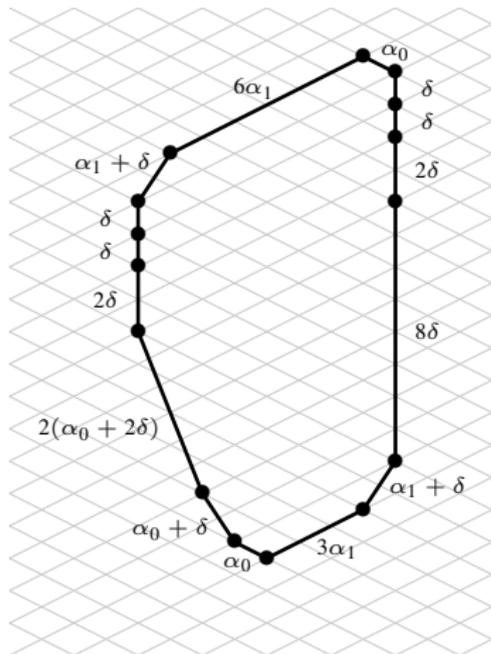
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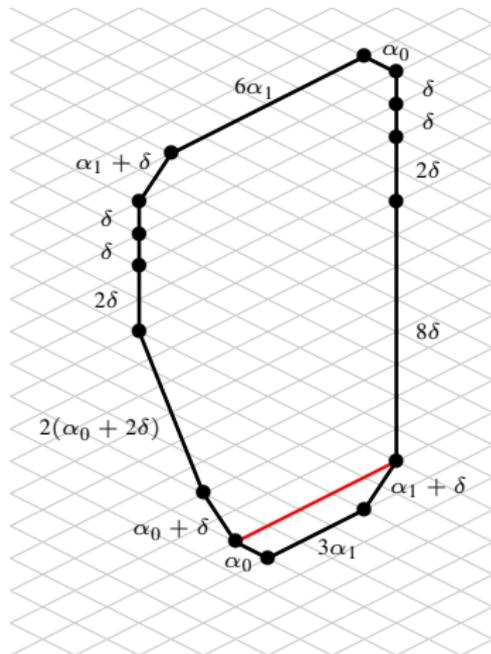
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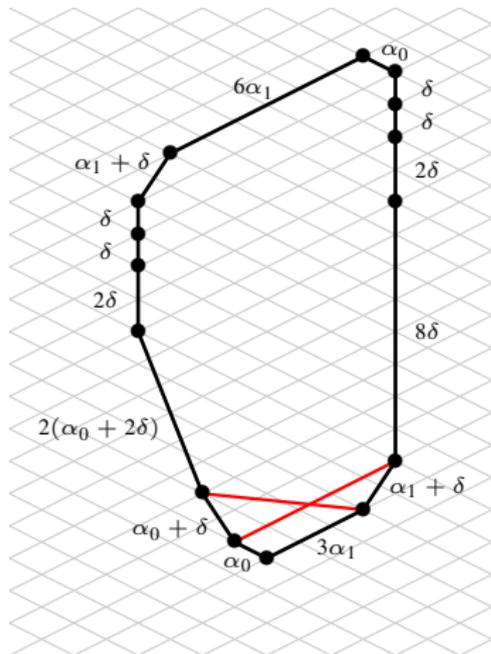
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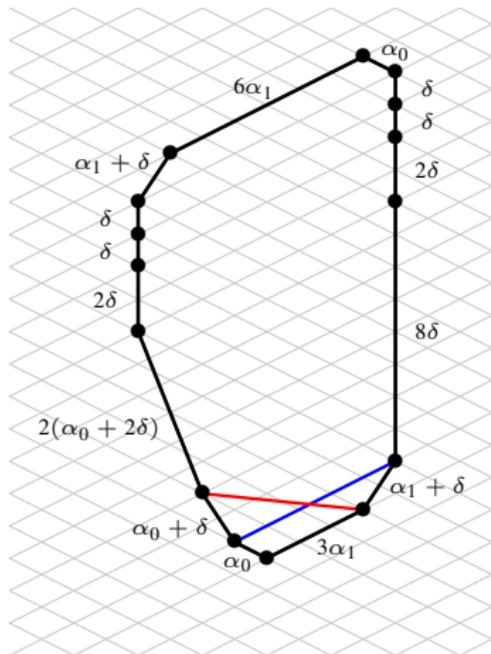
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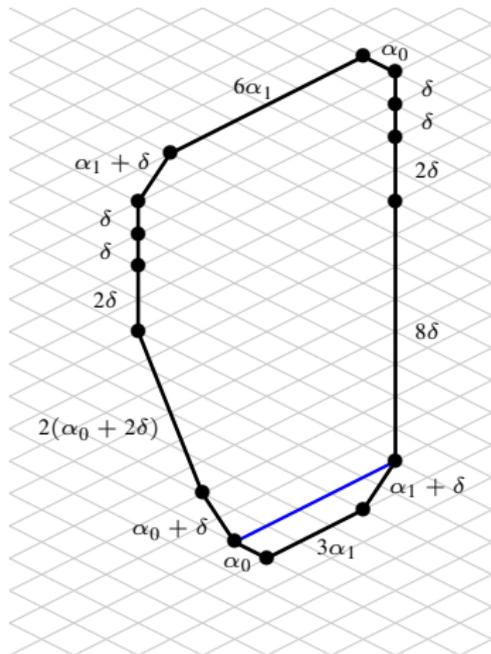
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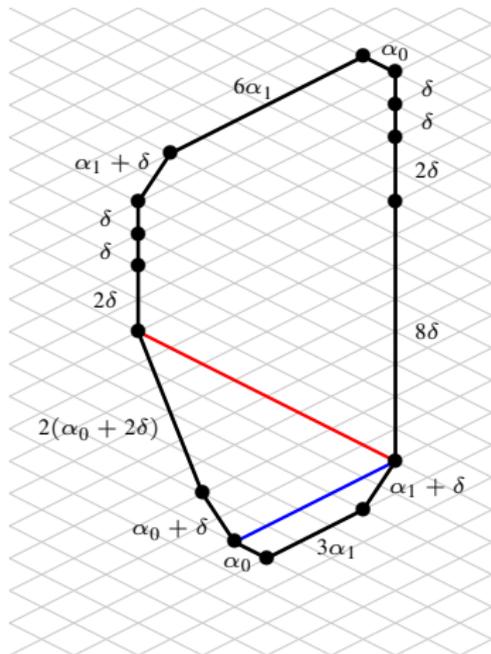
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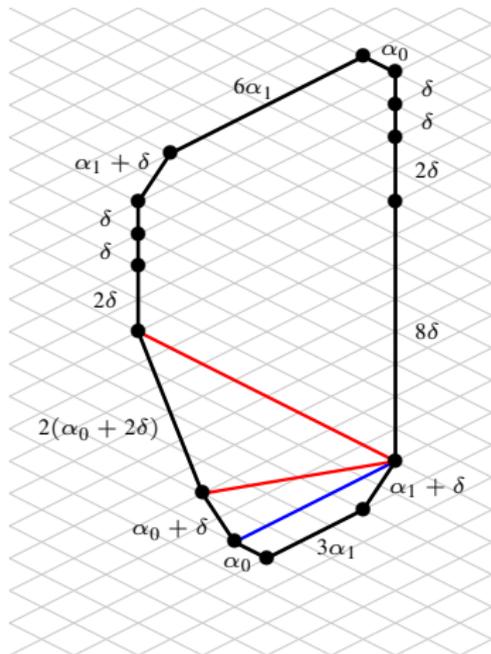
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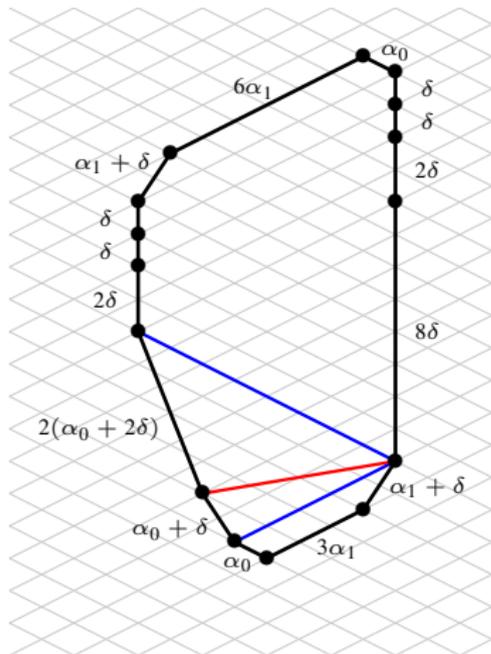
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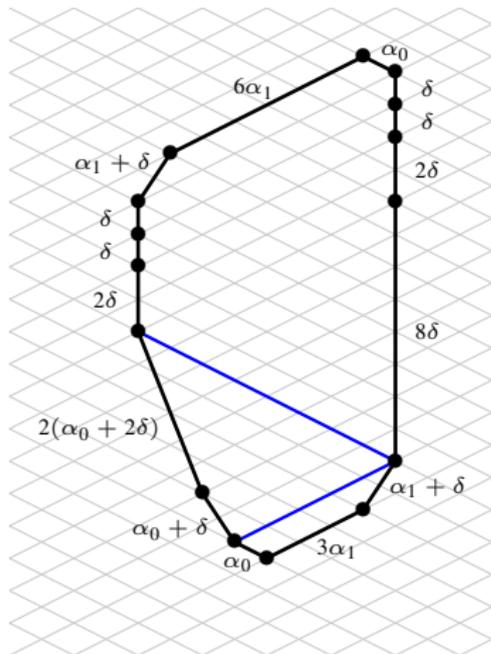
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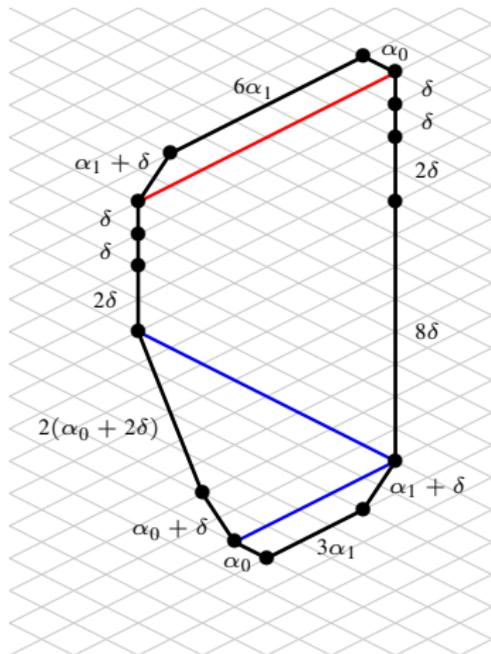


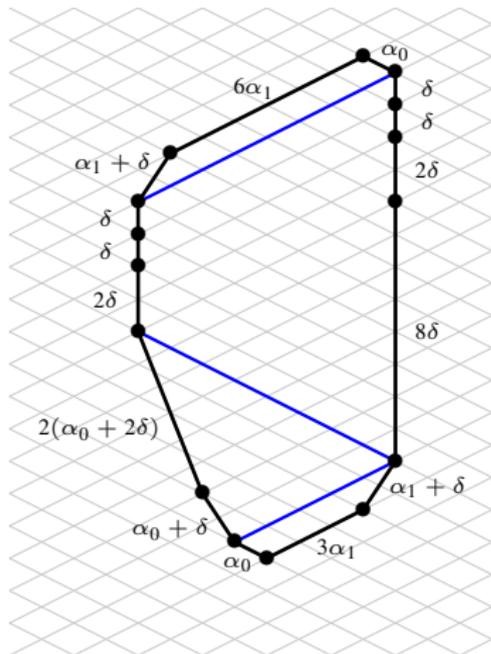
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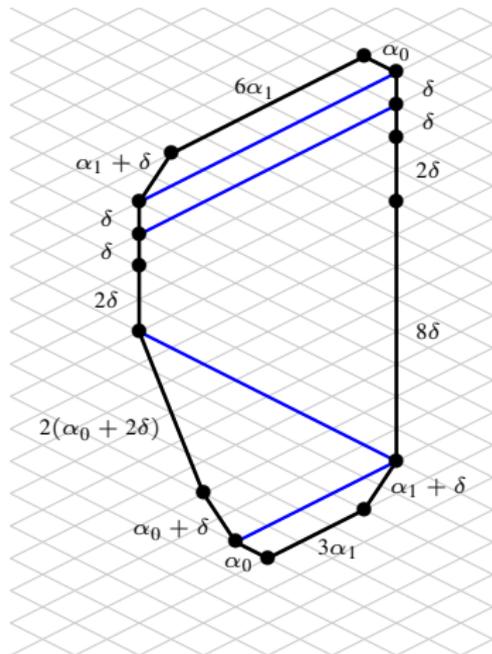
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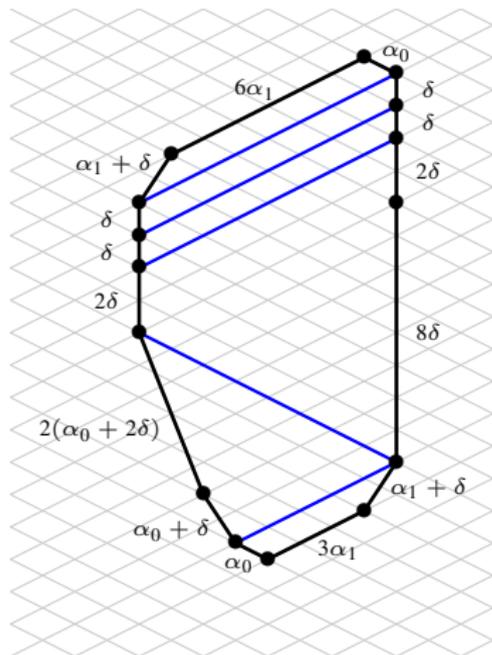
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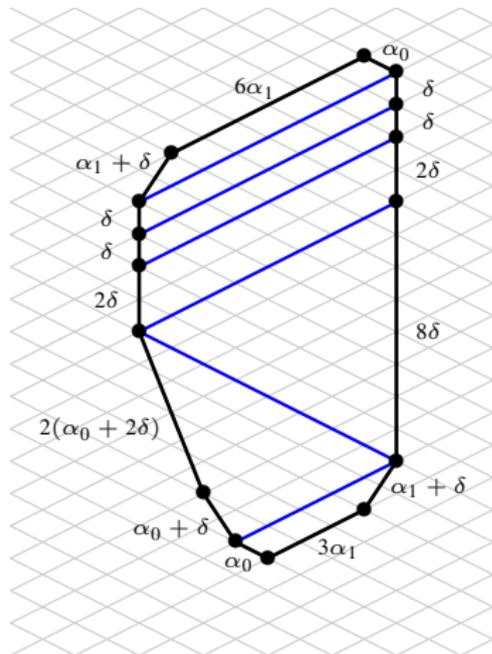
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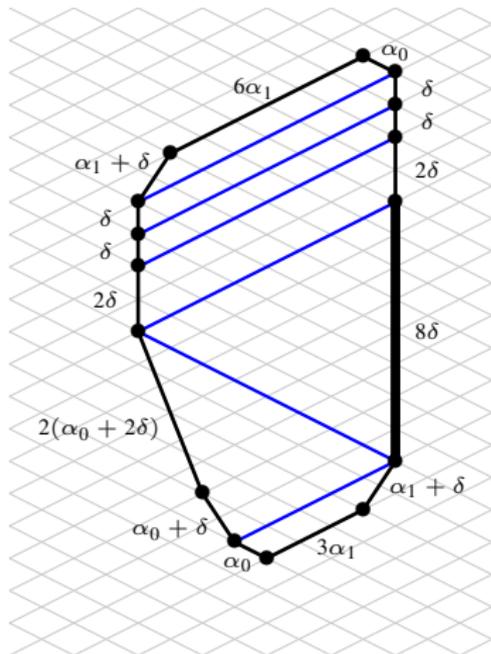
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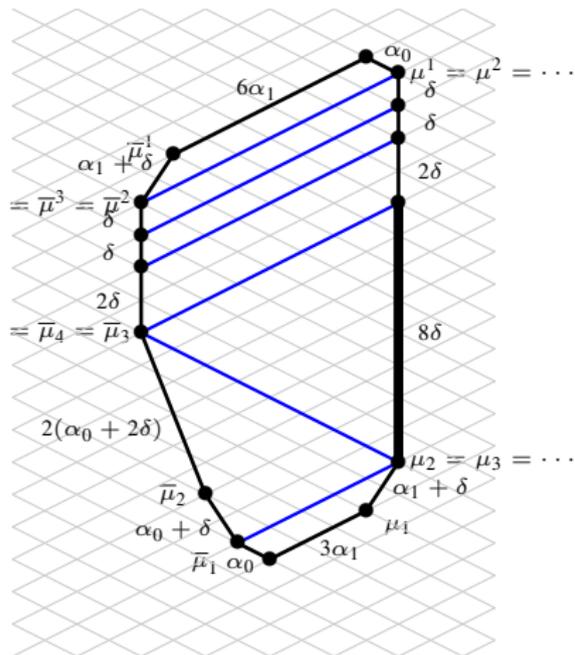
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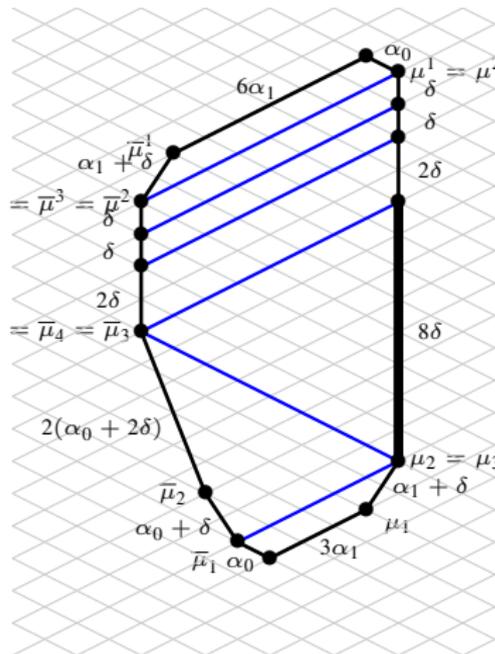
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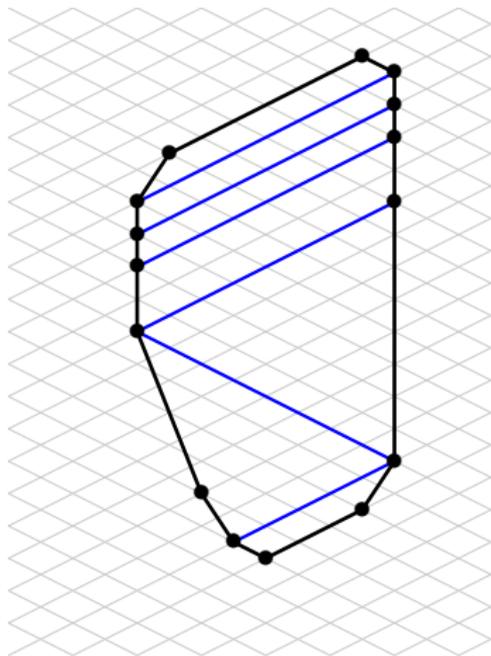
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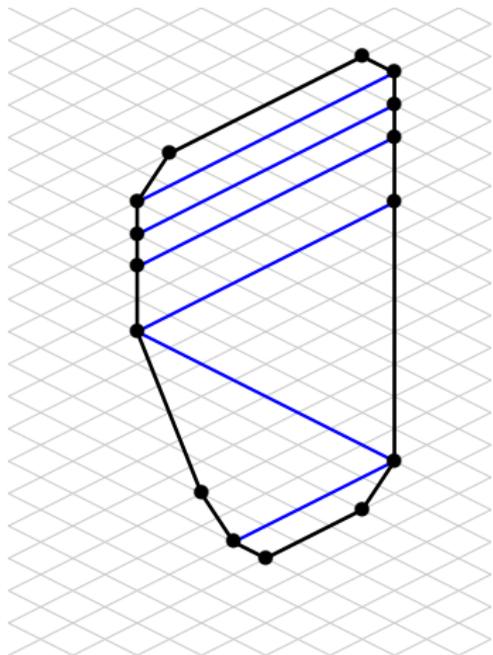
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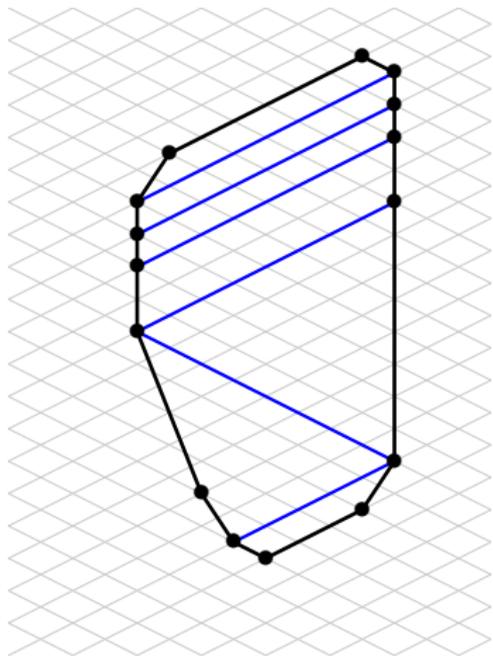


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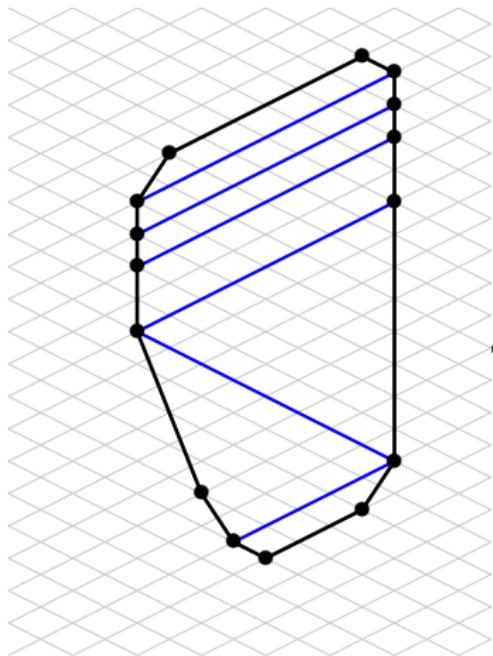
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