



Phenomenology of D-branes at Toric Singularities

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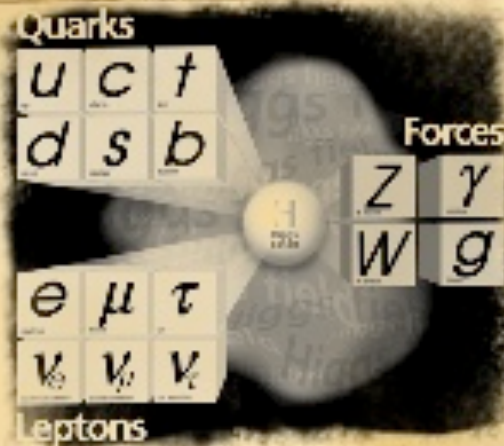
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**Disclaimer: This talk is somewhat
independent of the LHC.**

... string theorists could have talked about this 20 years ago

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**STANDARD MODEL
FROM STRING THEORY**

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under control in Type IIB
(KKLT, LVS)



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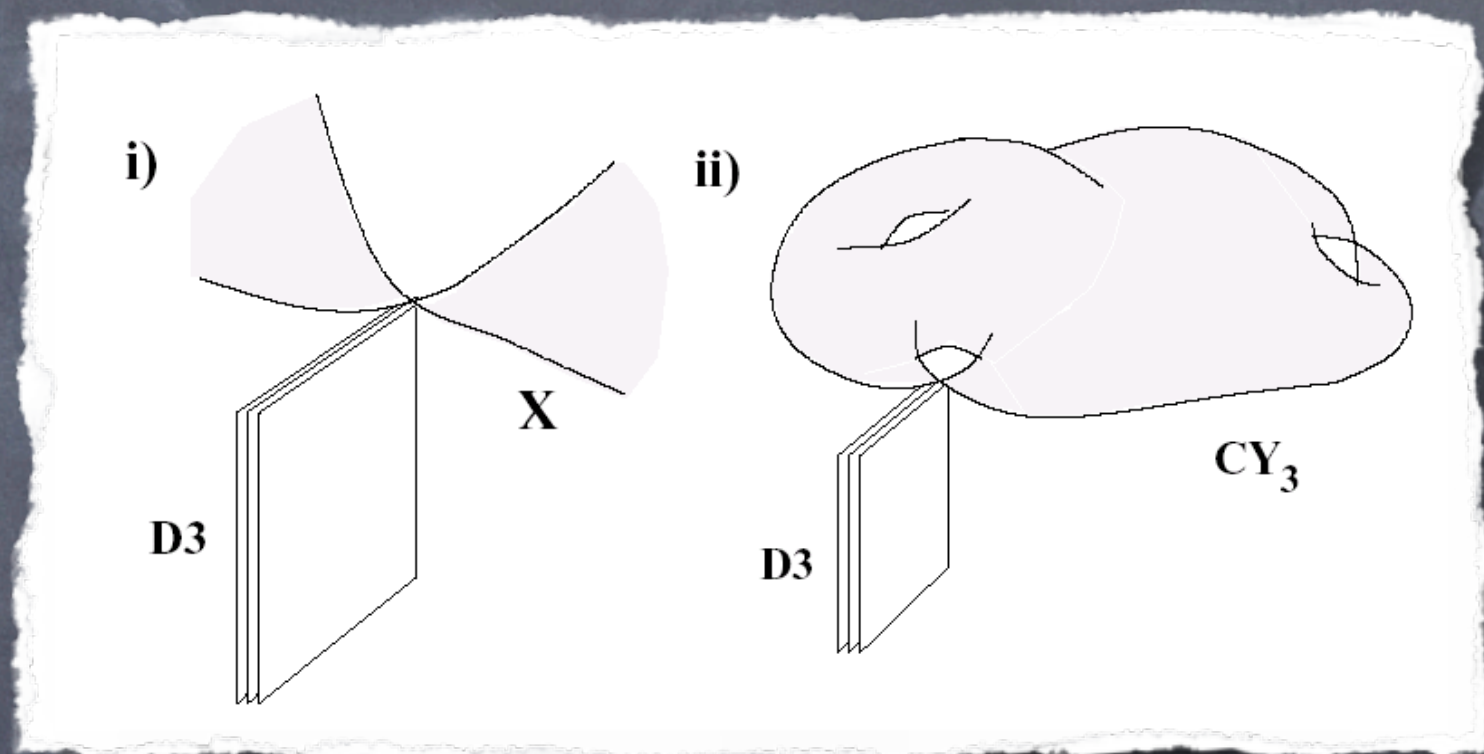
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Perspective: Local Brane Models (within IIB)

... bottom-up model building



Modular String Model Building (in LARGE volume)

e.g.: aldazabal, ibanez, quevedo, uranga (10 years ago),
verlinde, wijnholt (5 years ago)

and what can we get?

Standard (like) Models with fractional (D3/D7) branes at singularities

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Brane models: how good are they to date?

- chiral matter, adjoint and (bi-)fundamental matter
- $U(n)$, $SO(n)$, $Sp(n)$ gauge groups (exceptional gauge groups in F-theory)
- models with the correct matter content

e.g. madrid model, 0105155

- **BUT structure of yukawa couplings, e.g.:**
hierarchy of masses, ckm matrix

... this applies also to F-theory models

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- Why branes at singularities, what gauge theories do we get?
...background and history
- Studying gauge theories with dimers
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yes, we can...

there is enough structure around
to build concrete models with the right ckm.

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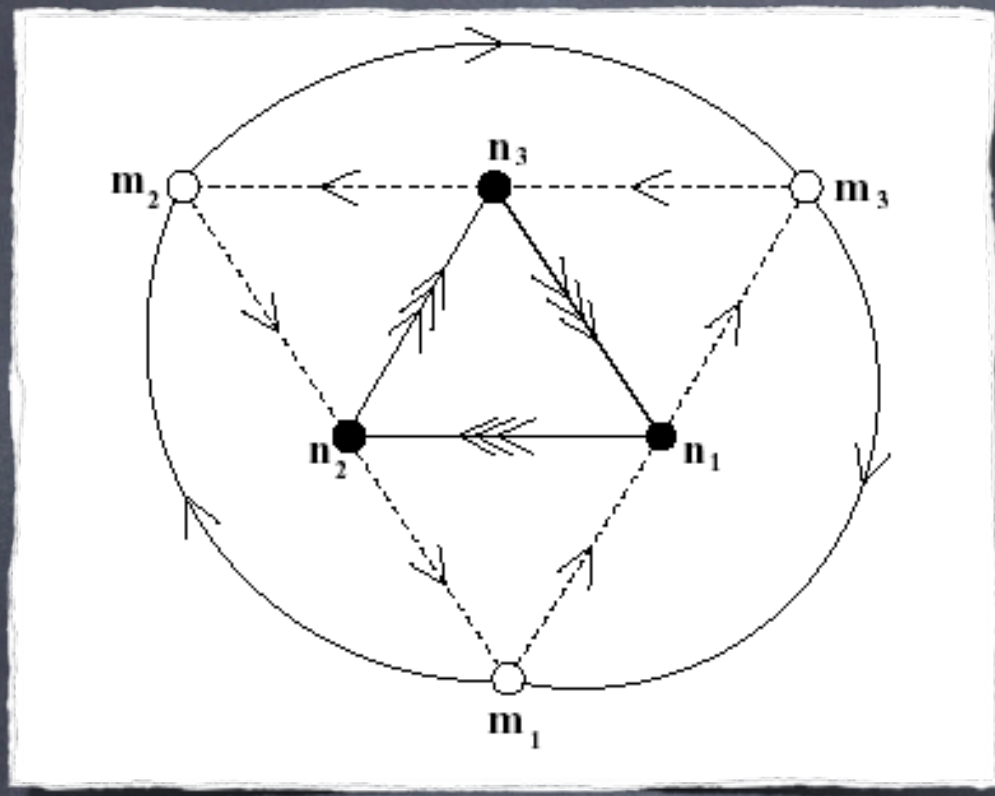
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Hanany et al.

Classic Example: $\mathbb{C}^3/\mathbb{Z}_3$



D3 matter content:

$$3[(n_1, \bar{n}_2, 1), (1, n_2, \bar{n}_3), (\bar{n}_1, 1, n_3)]$$

- n_i D3-branes: $U(n_1) \times U(n_2) \times U(n_3)$
- m_i D7-branes: $U(m_1) \times U(m_2) \times U(m_3)$
- Arrows: bi-fundamental matter
- Anomaly cancellation

$$m_2 = 3(n_3 - n_1) + m_1,$$

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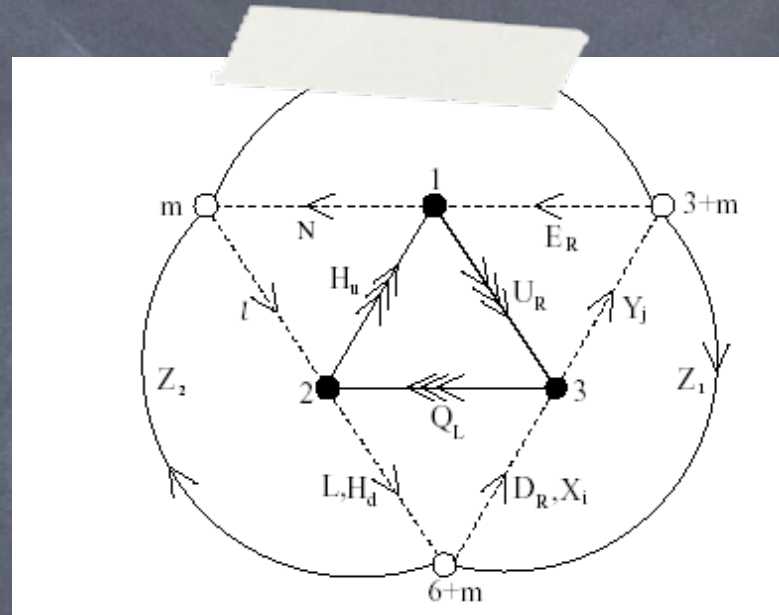
- Hypercharge:

$$Q_{\text{anomaly-free}} = \sum_i \frac{Q_i}{n_i}$$



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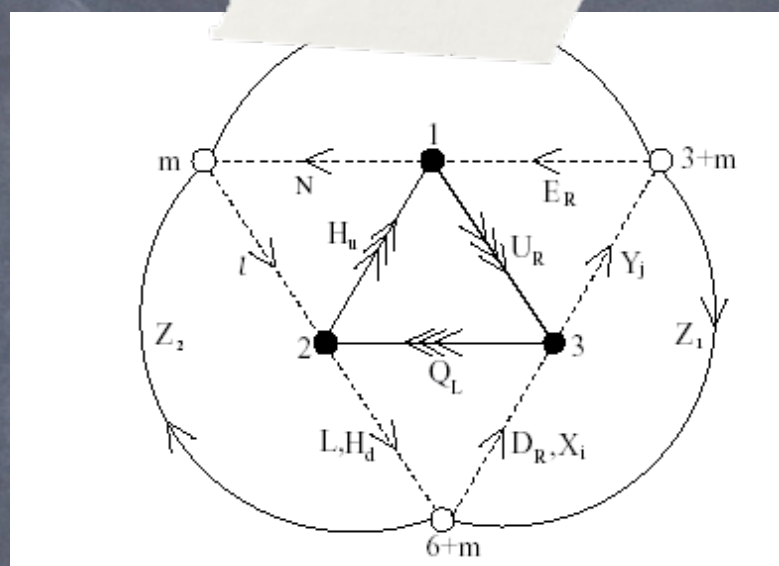
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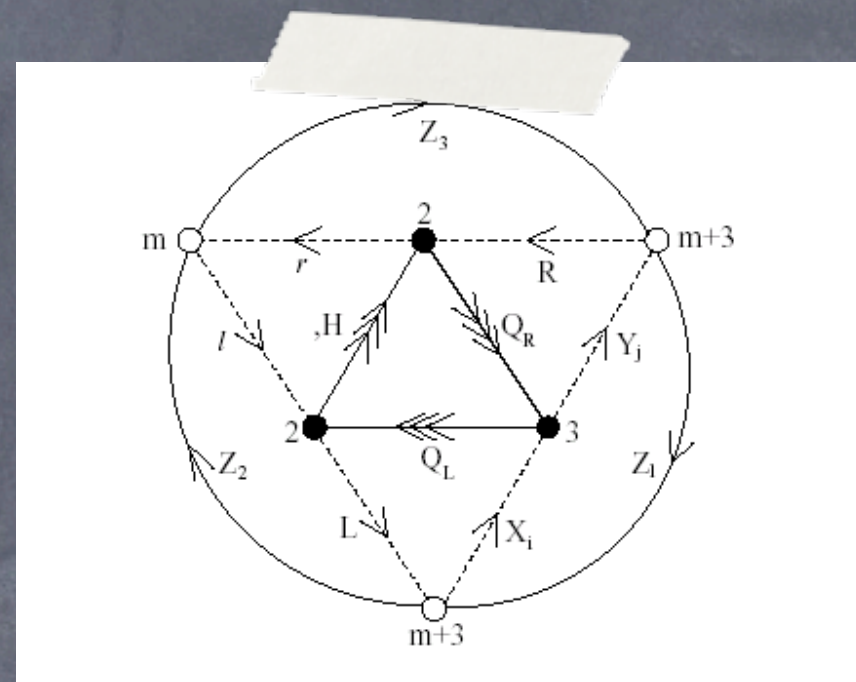


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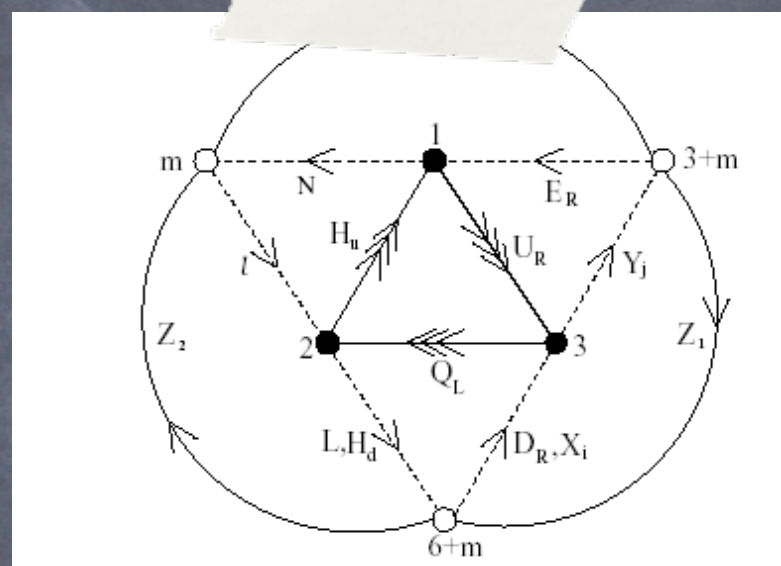
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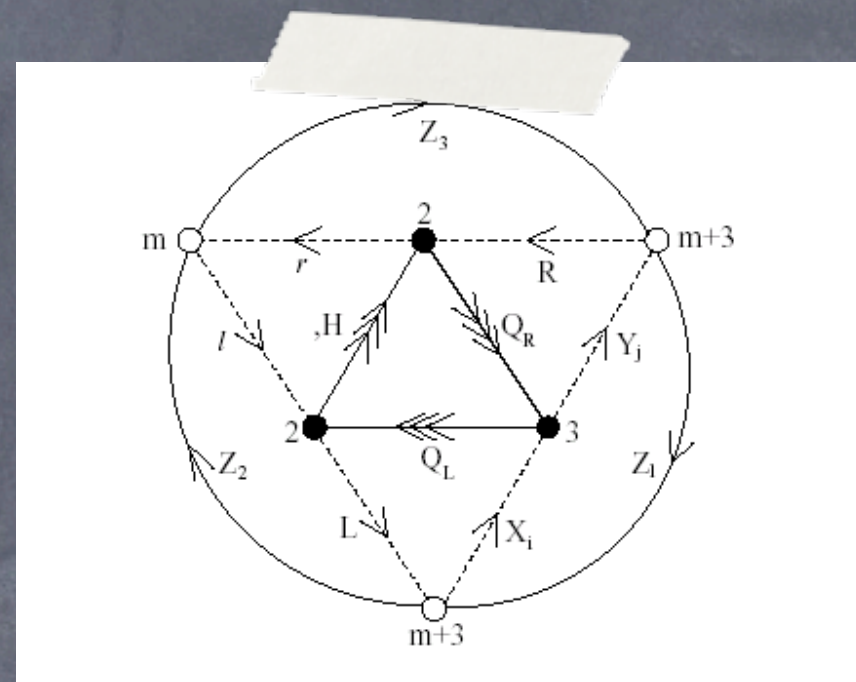


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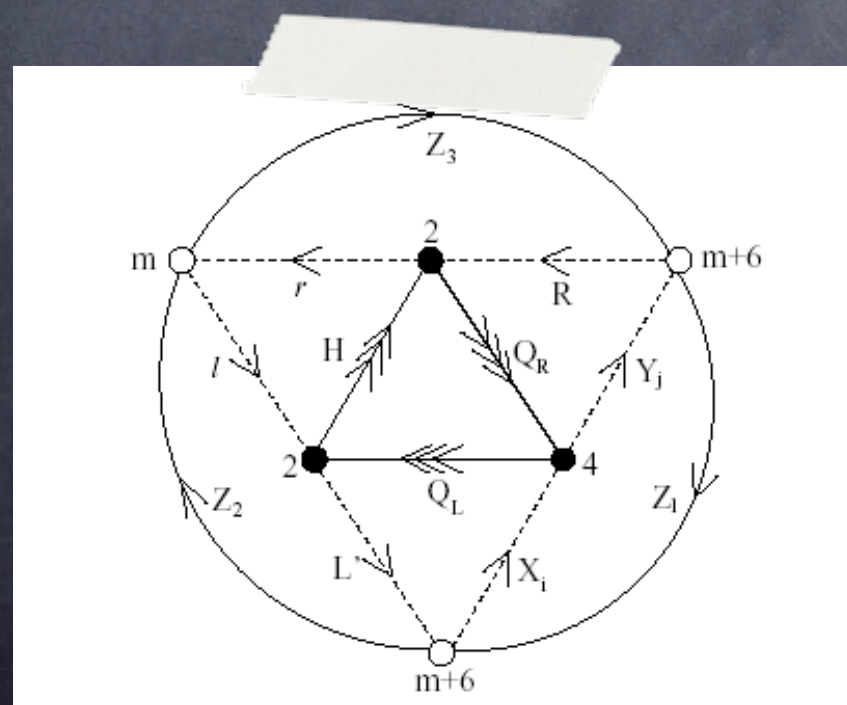
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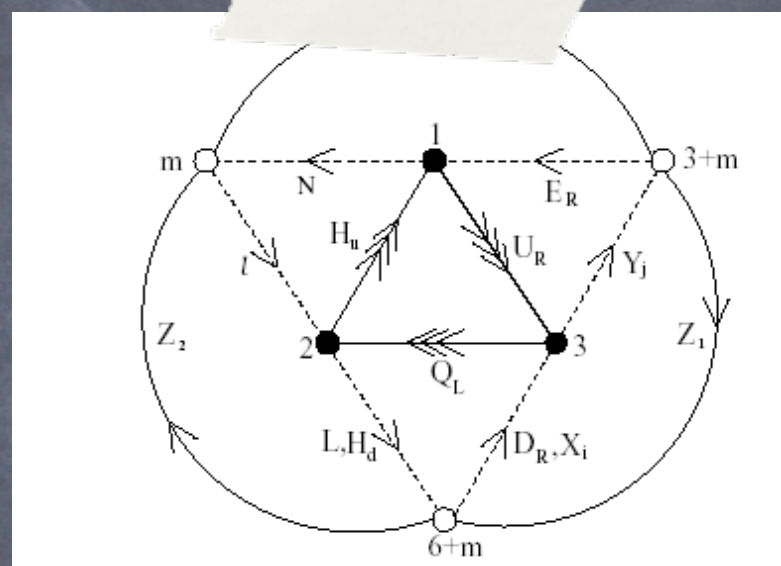
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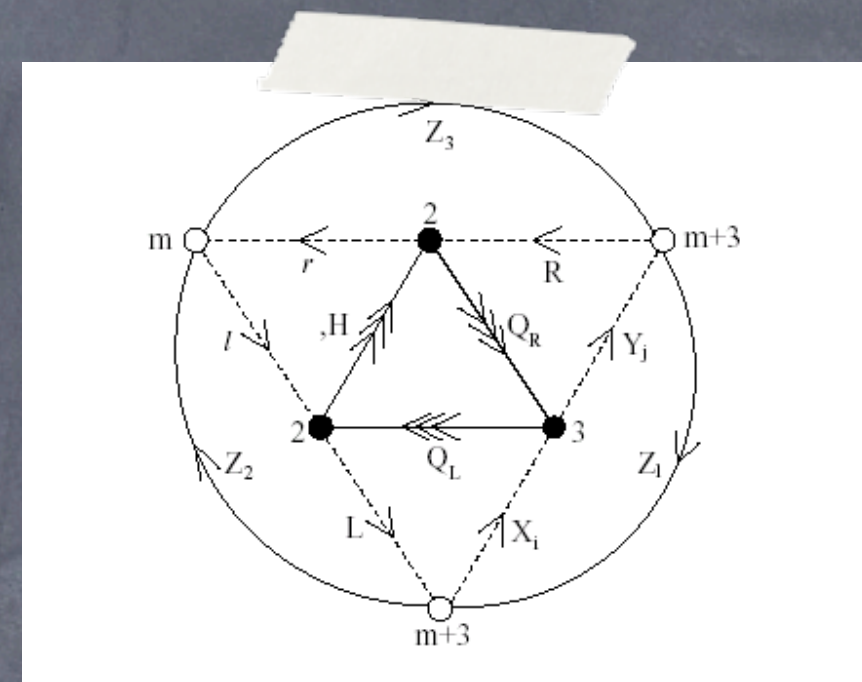


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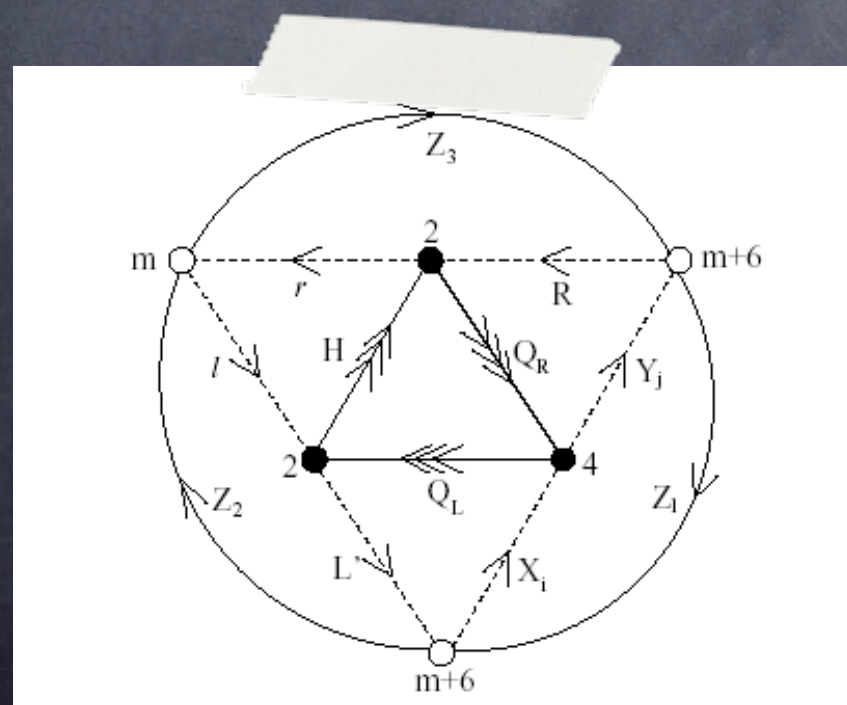
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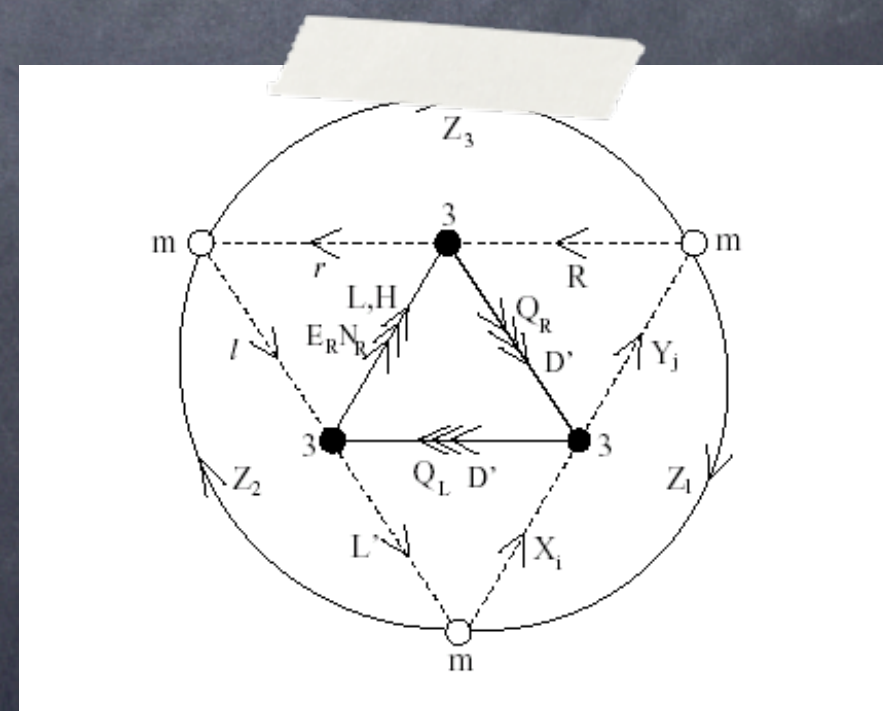
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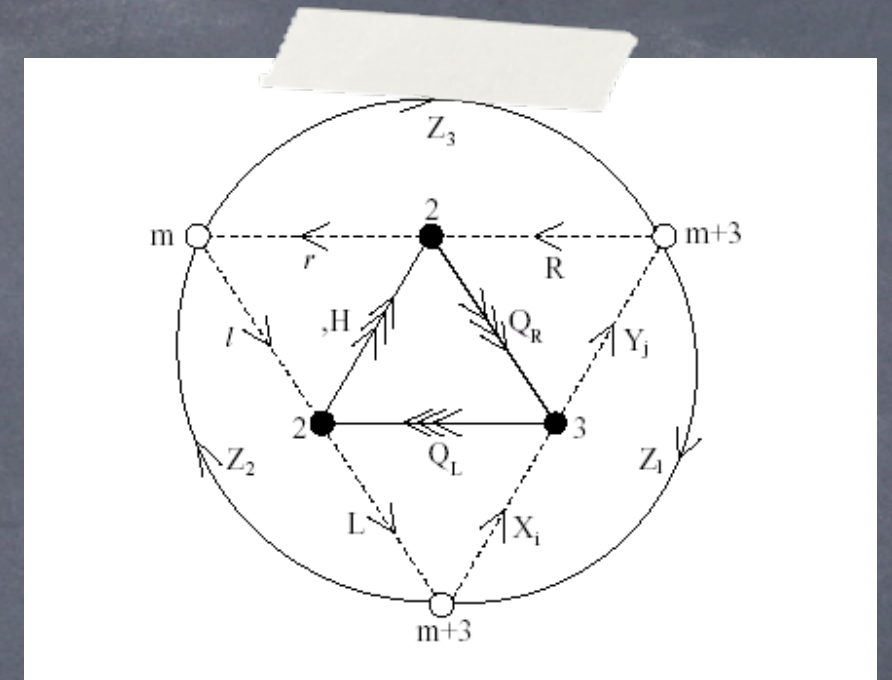
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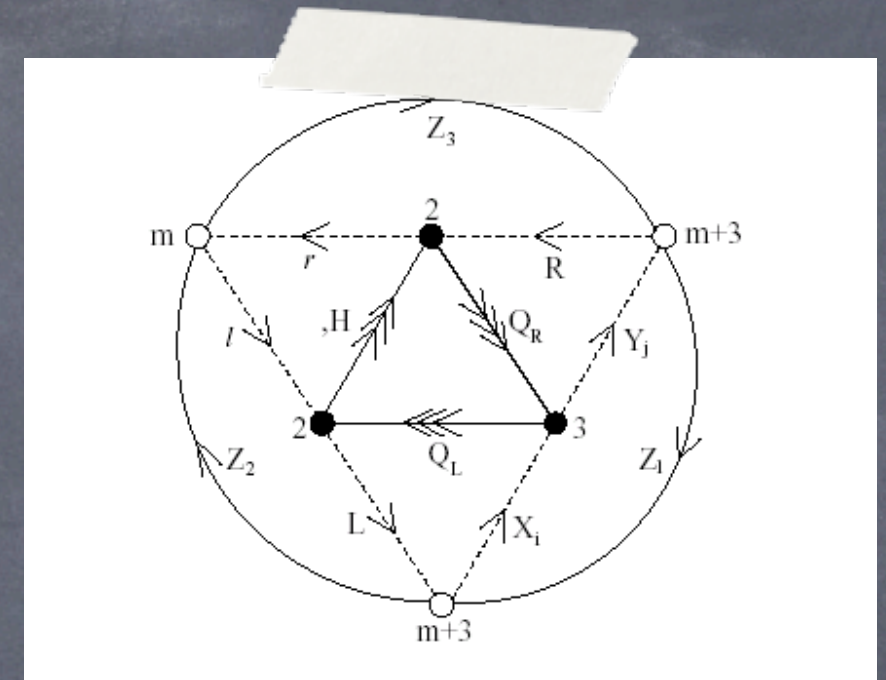


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details in Aldazabal, Ibanez, Quevedo,
Uranga hep-th/0005067

What's bad about the model?



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$$\mathbb{C}^3 / \mathbb{Z}_3 = dP0$$

cmq: 0810.5660

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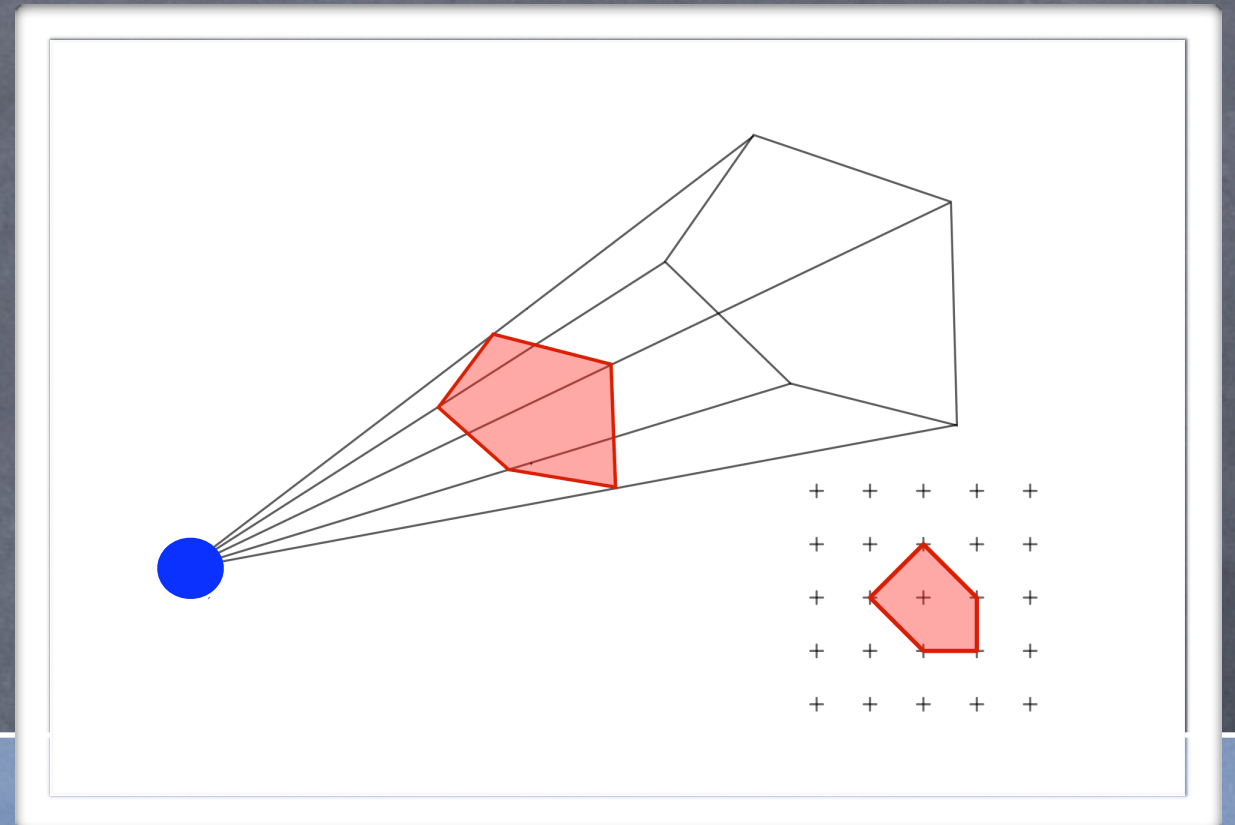
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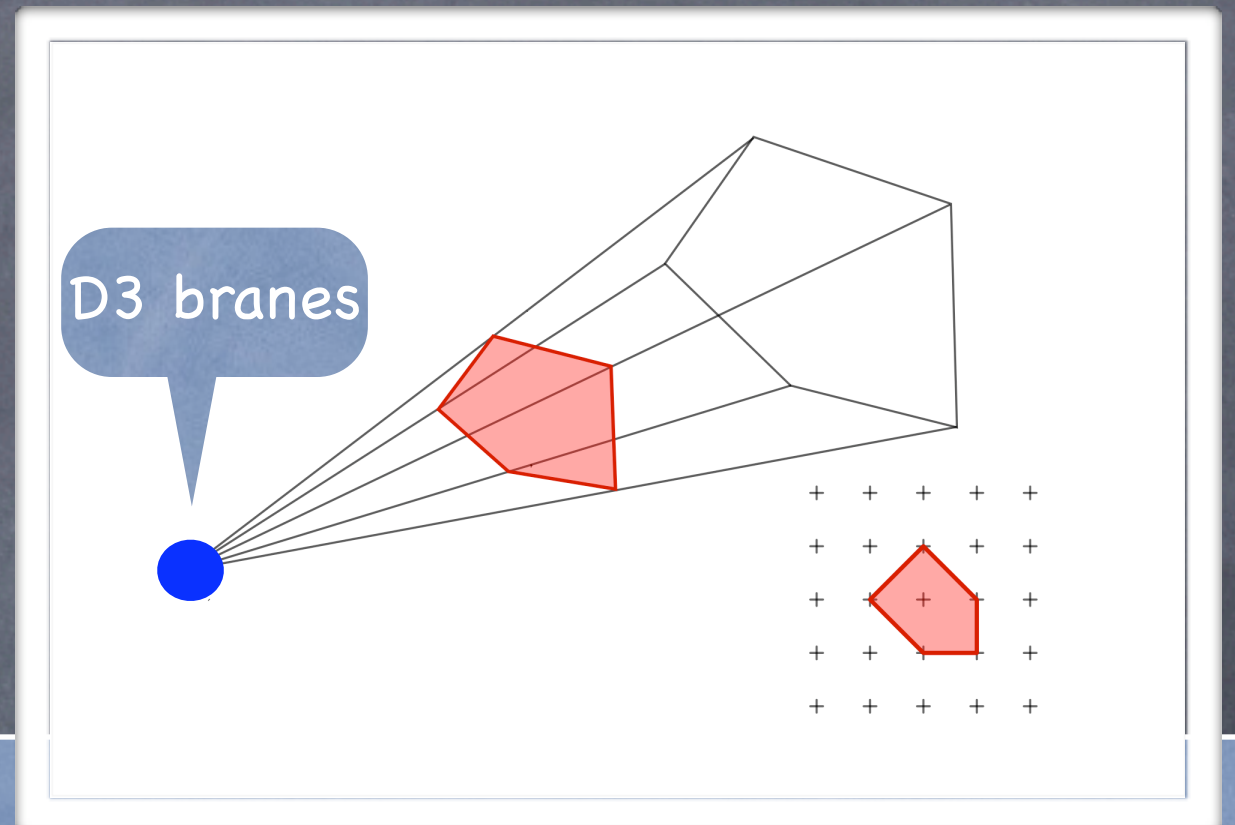
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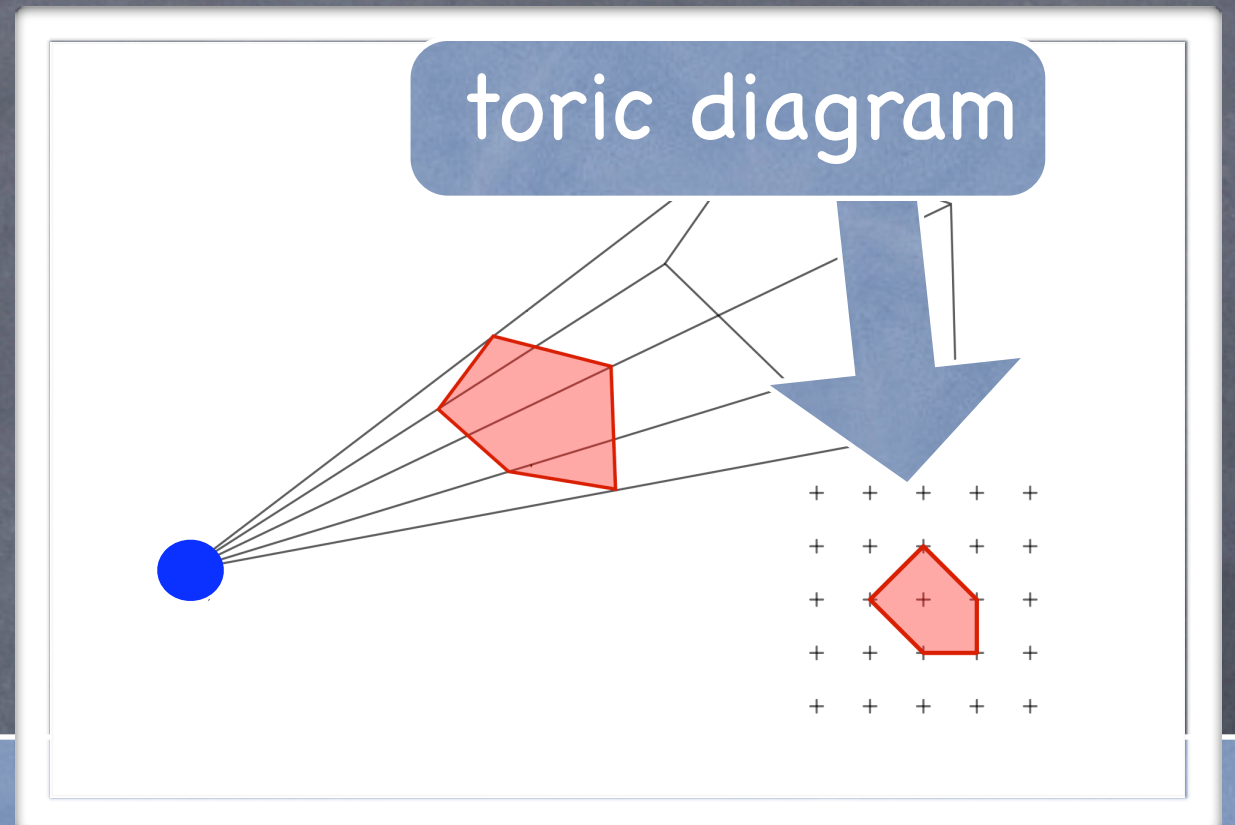
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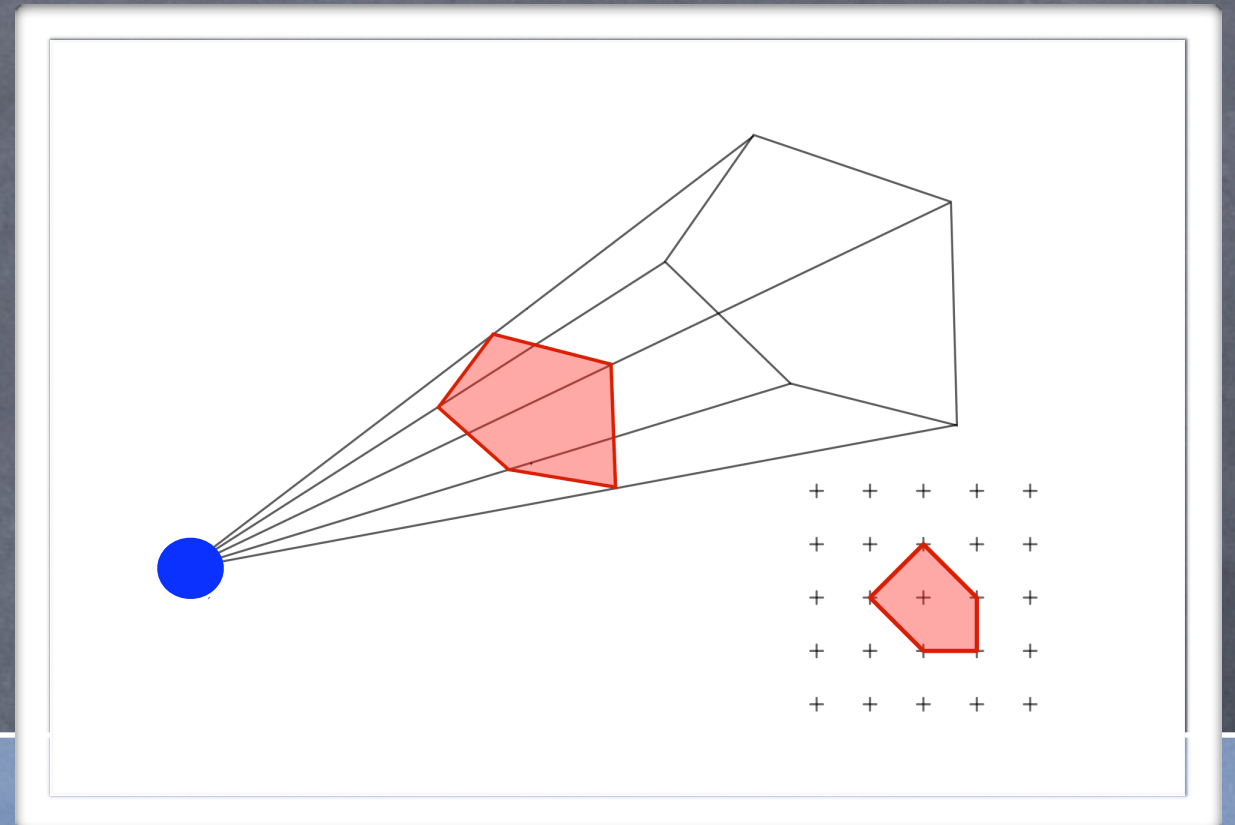
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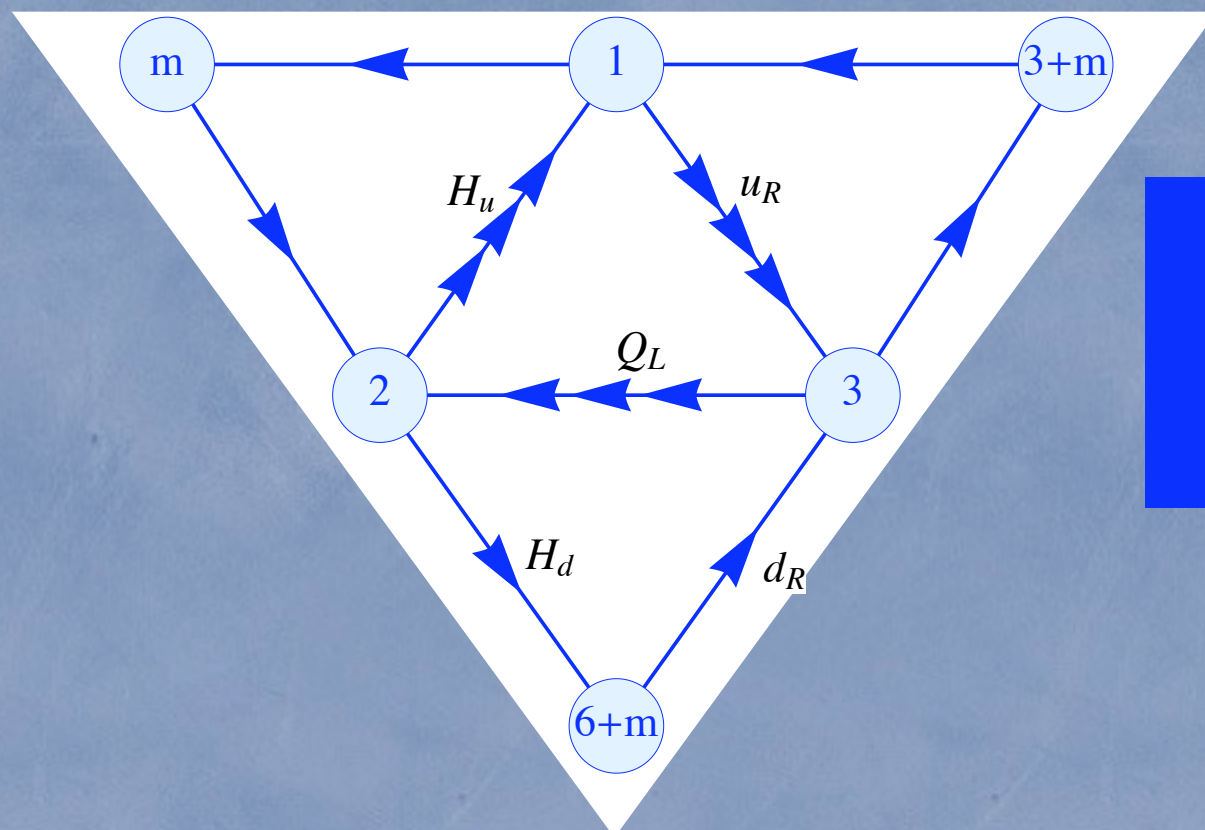
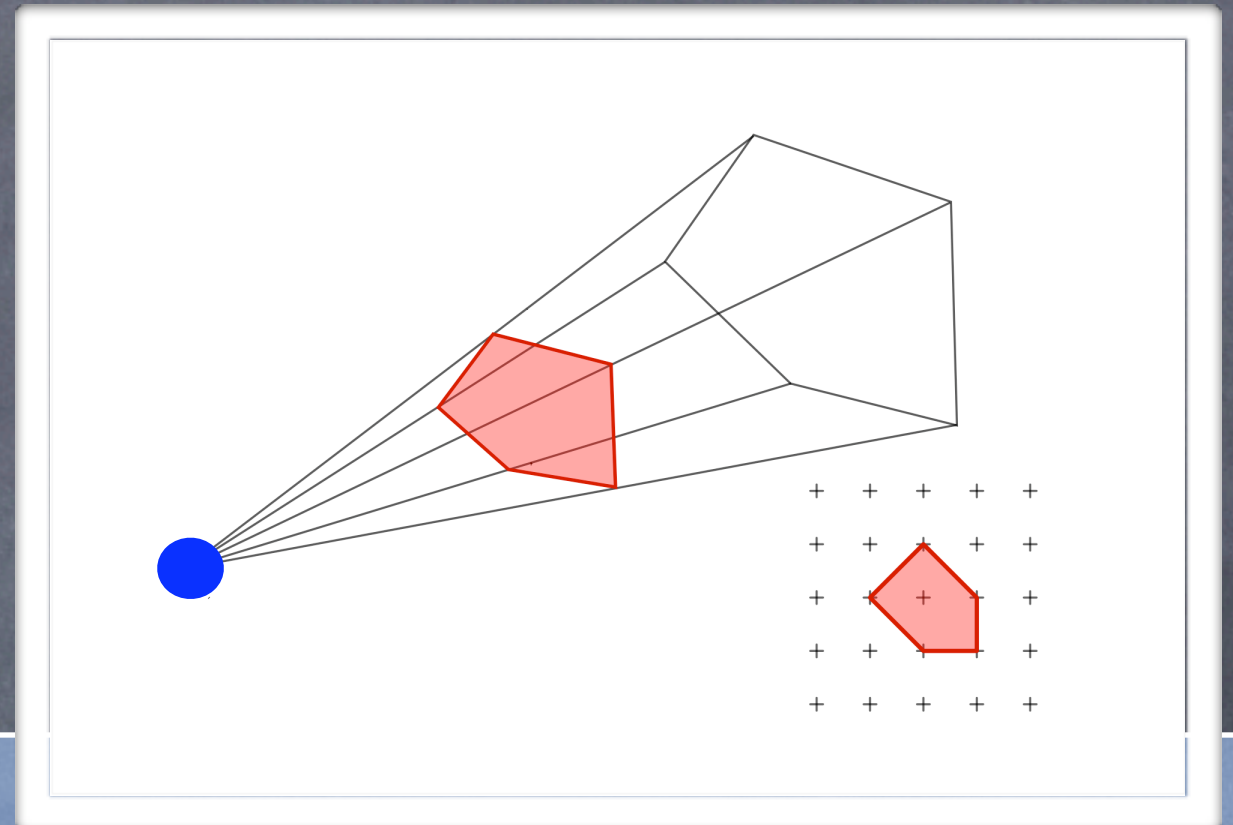


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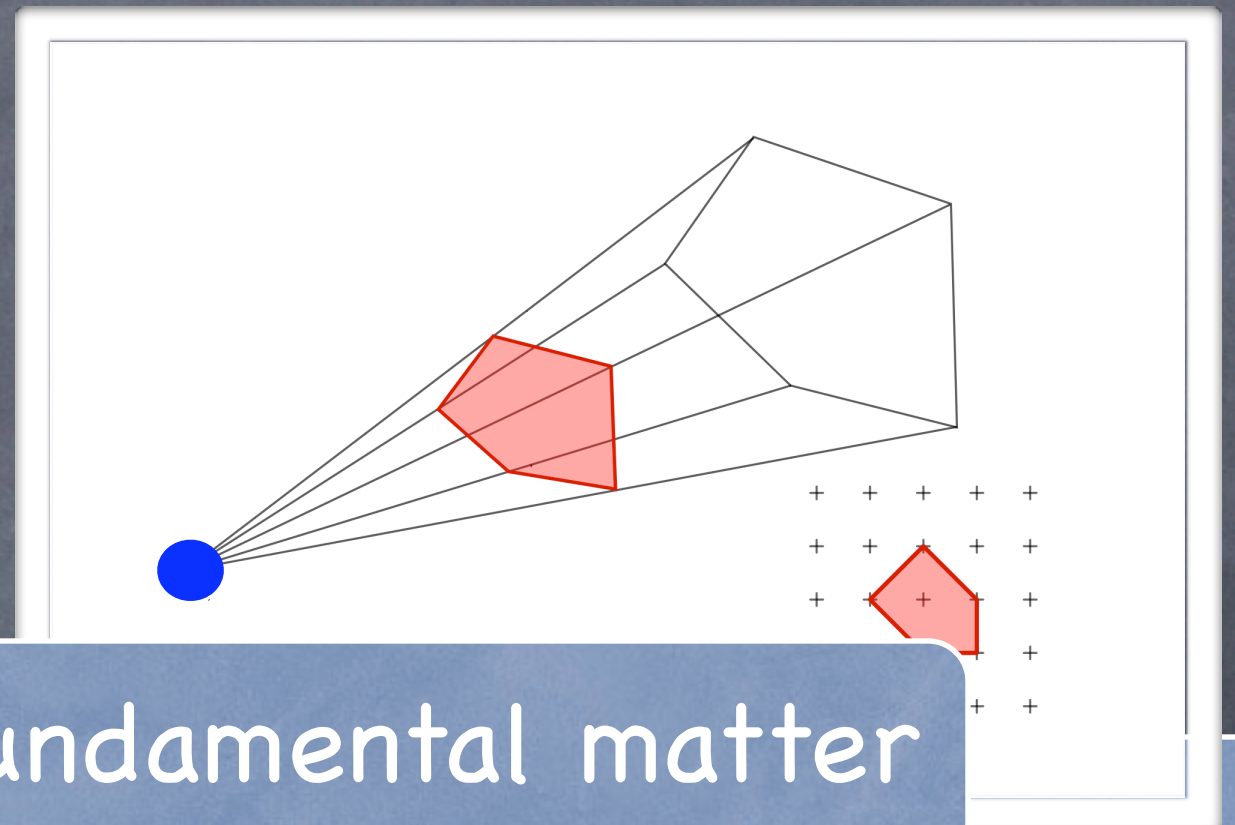


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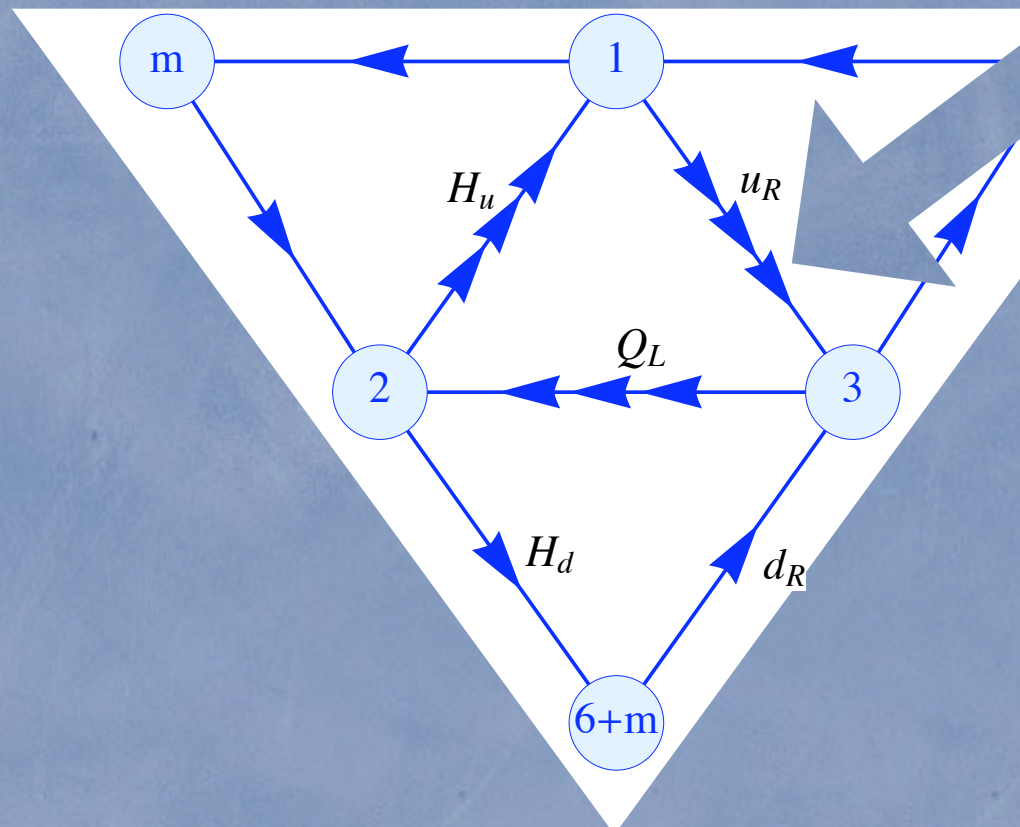
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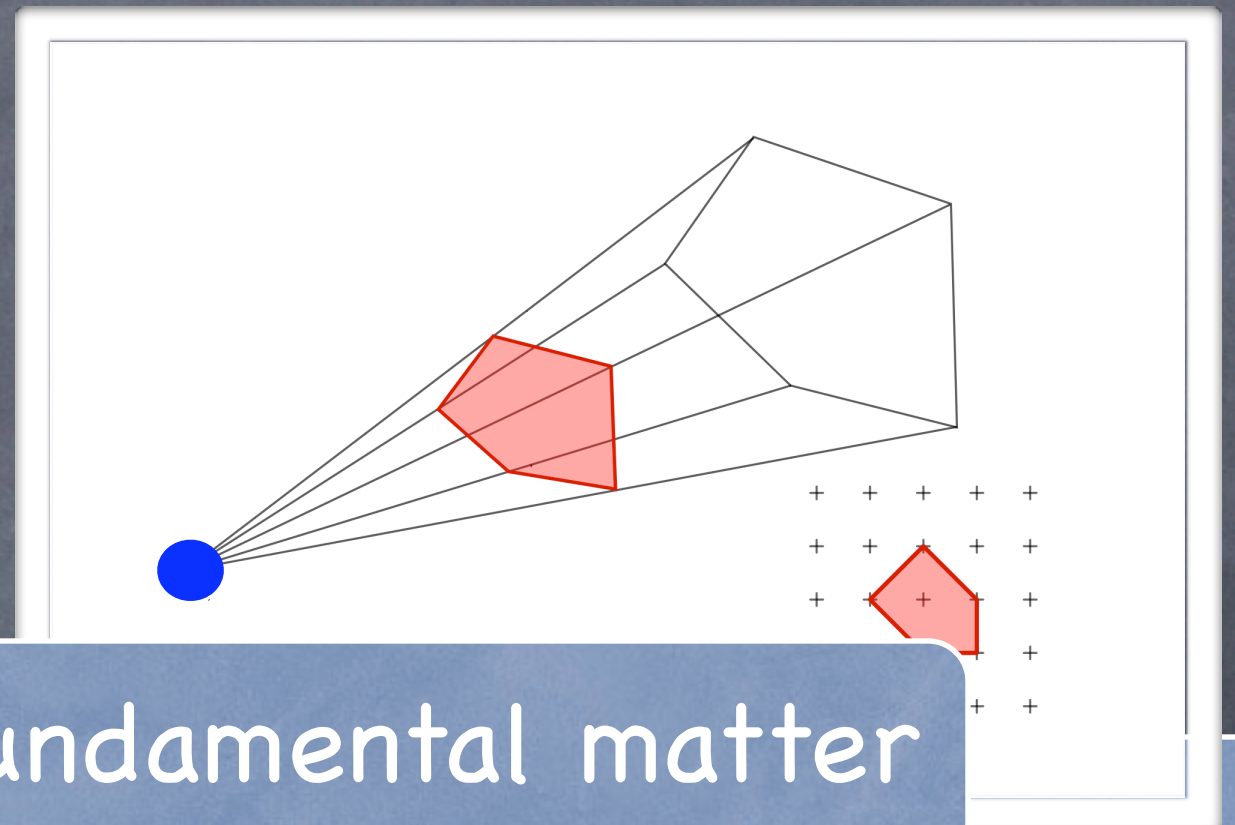


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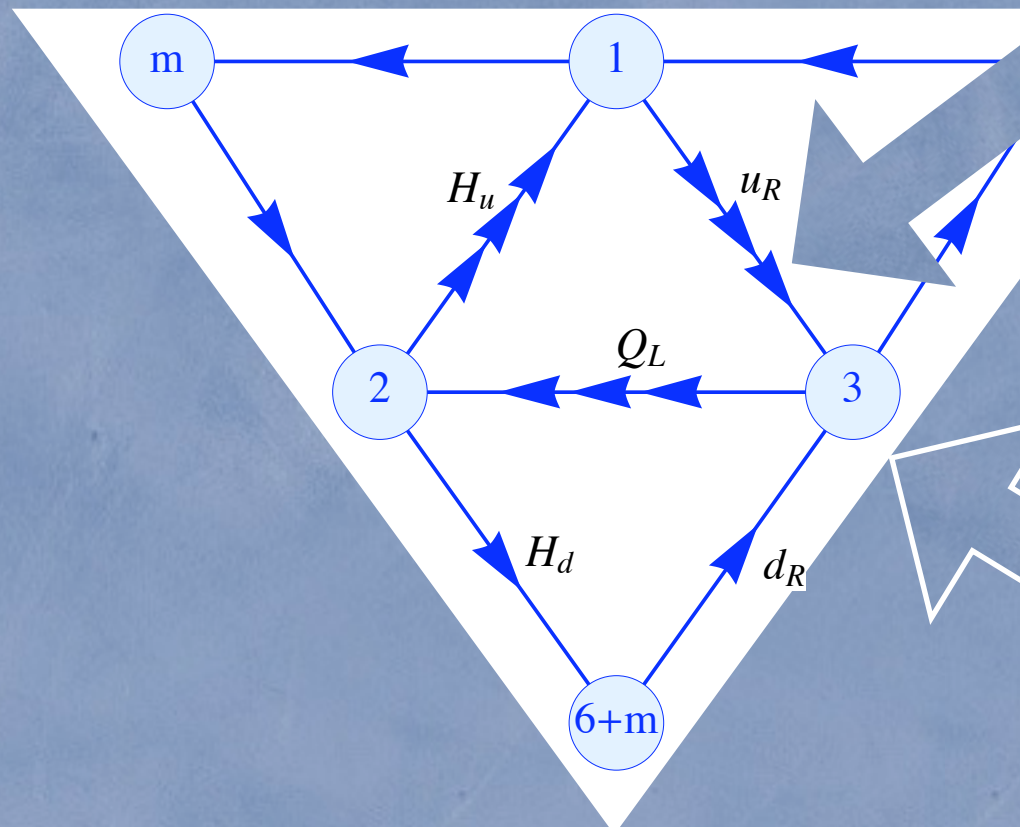
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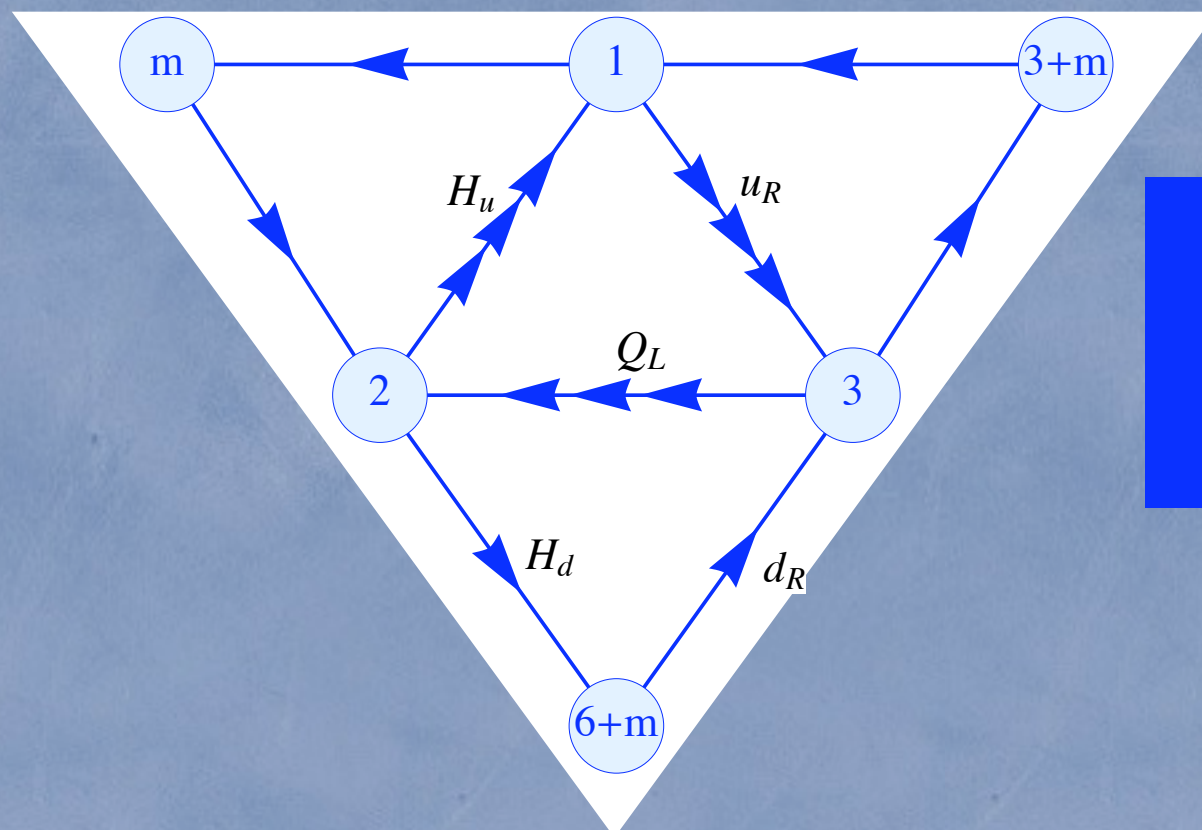
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WARNING
only matter content,
dimer for superpotential

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Question:

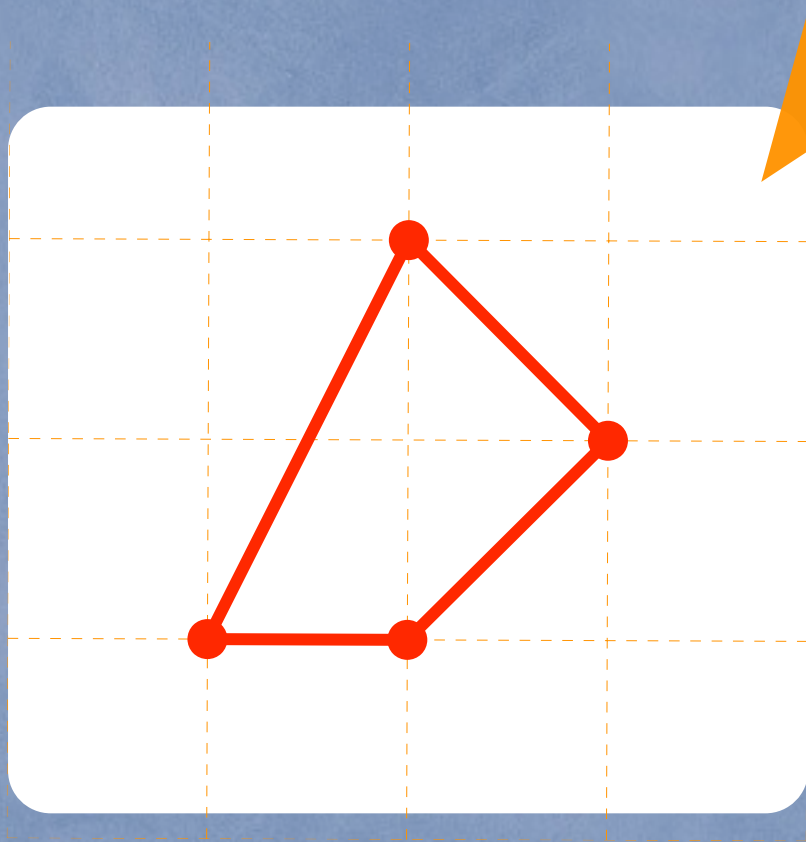
- How to determine the gauge theory associated to a given singularity (inverse problem)?
→ most efficient solution via dimers
- Aside: Dimer techniques useful in understanding gauge theories of M2 branes at singularities (no inverse algorithm)

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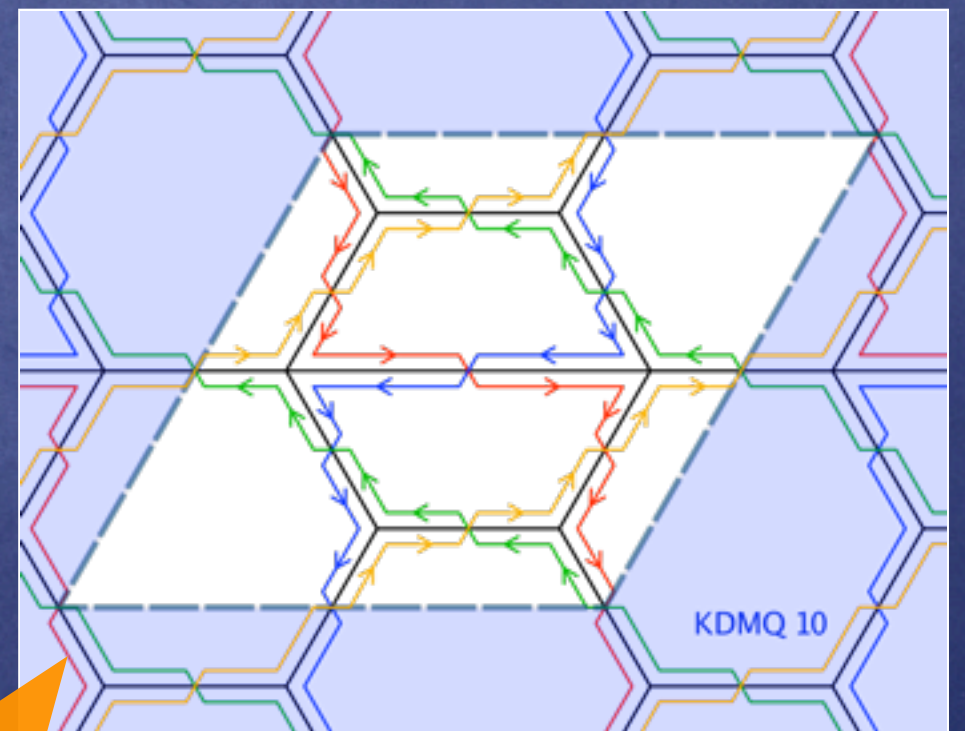
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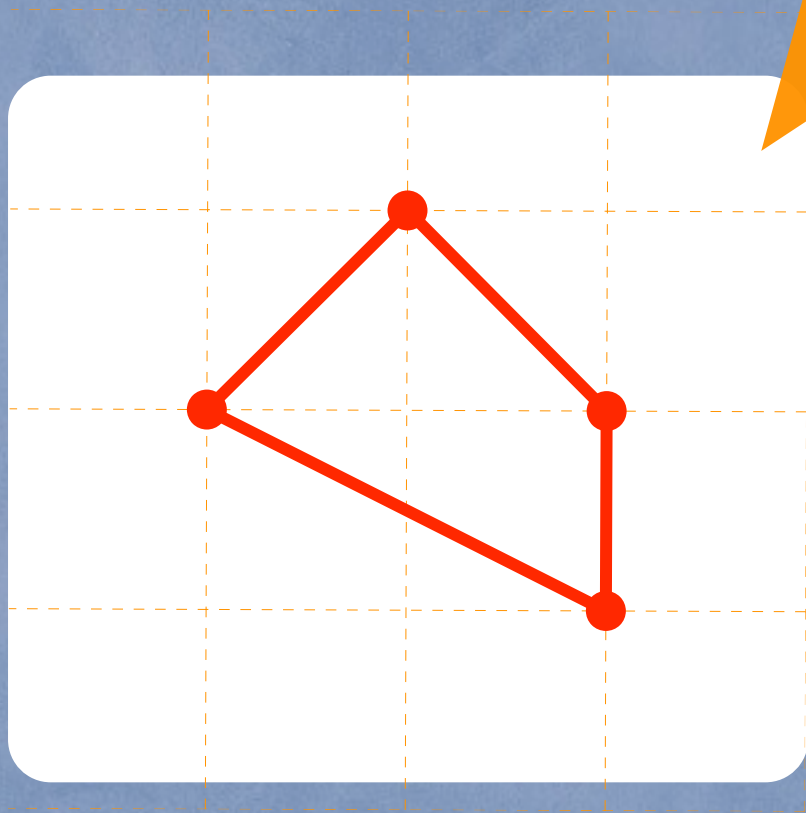
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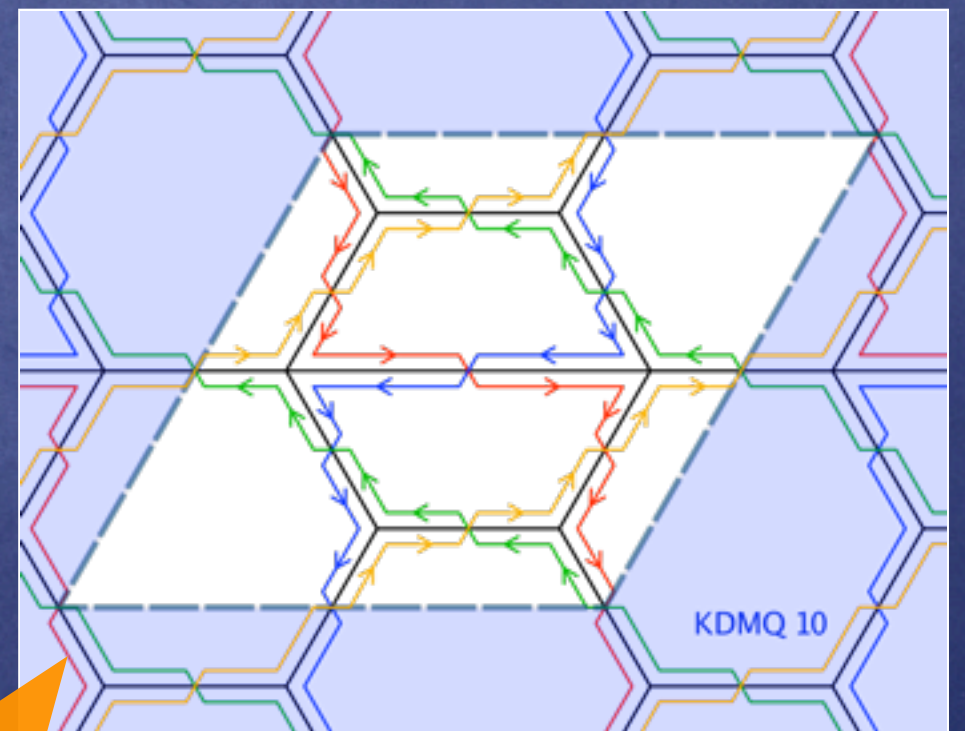
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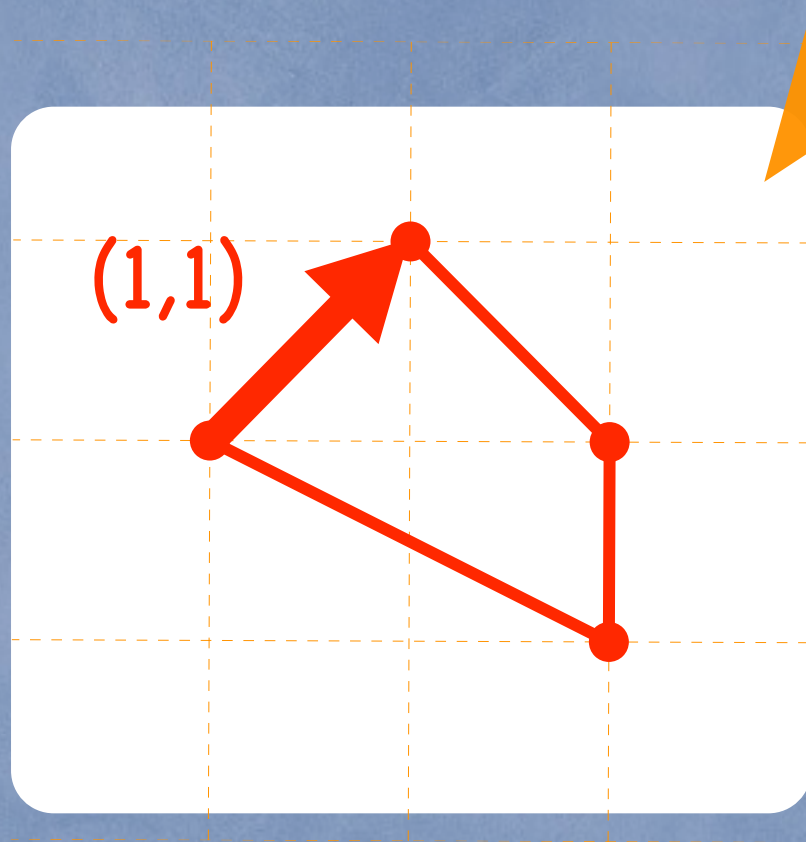
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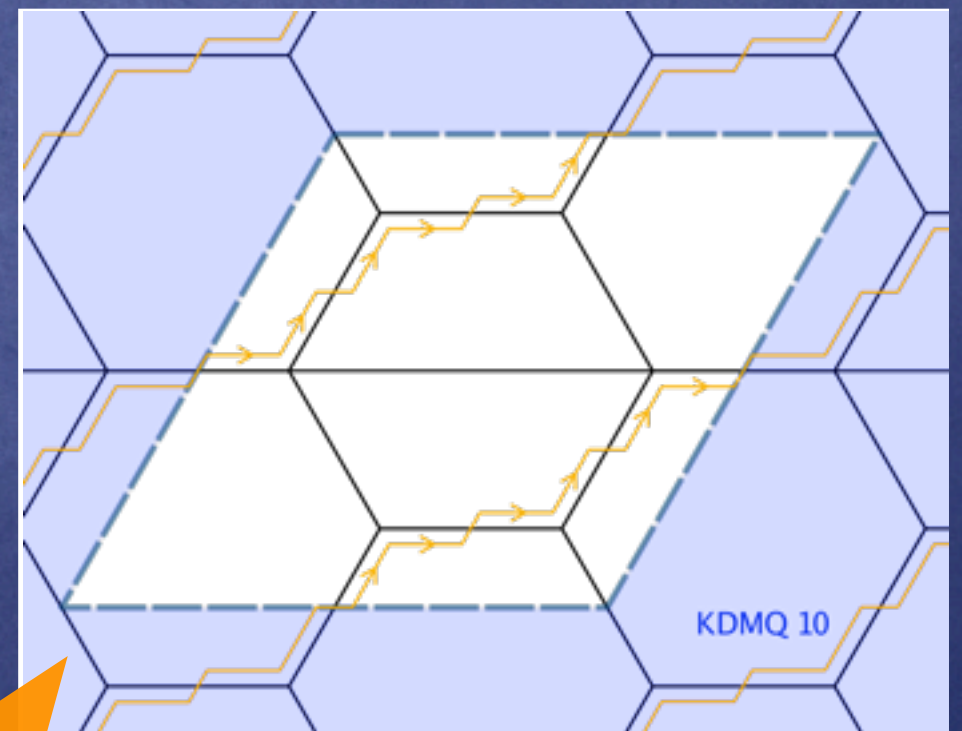
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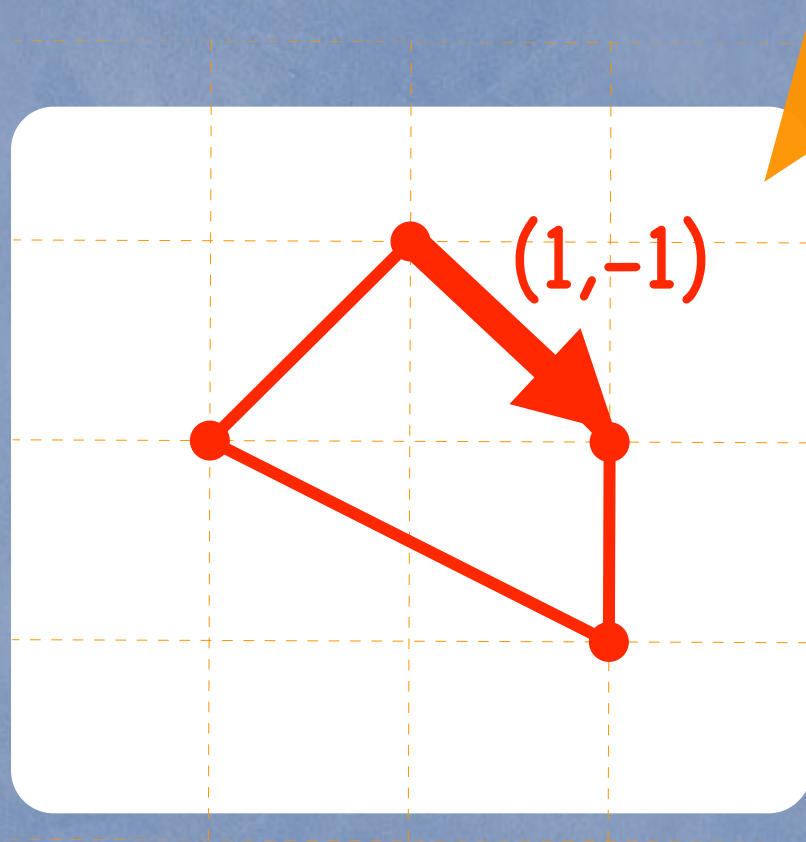
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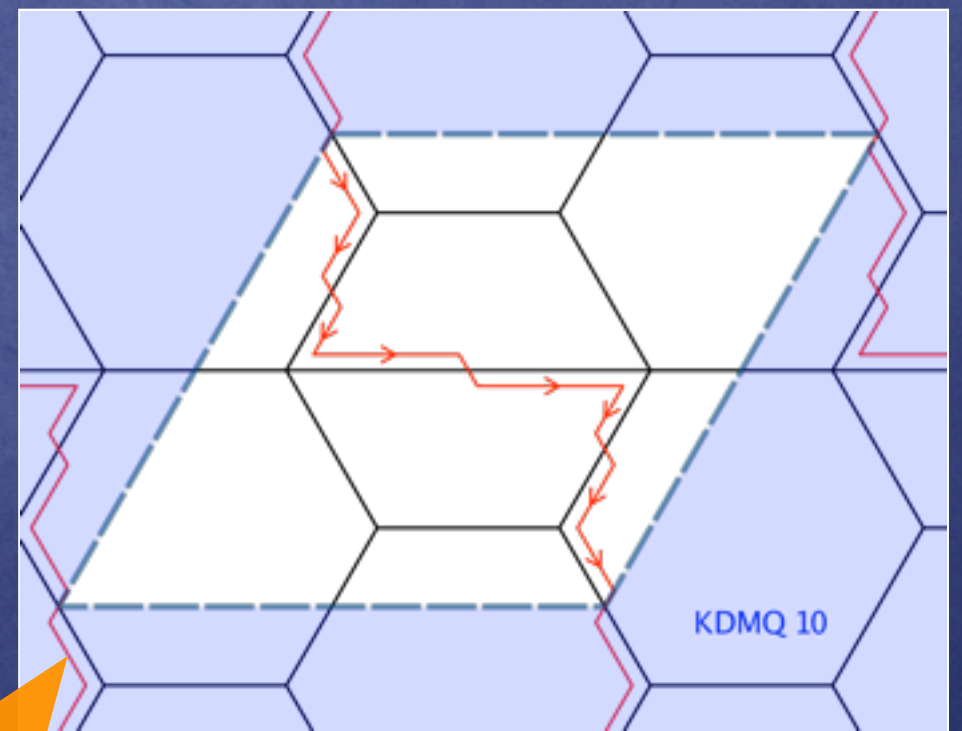
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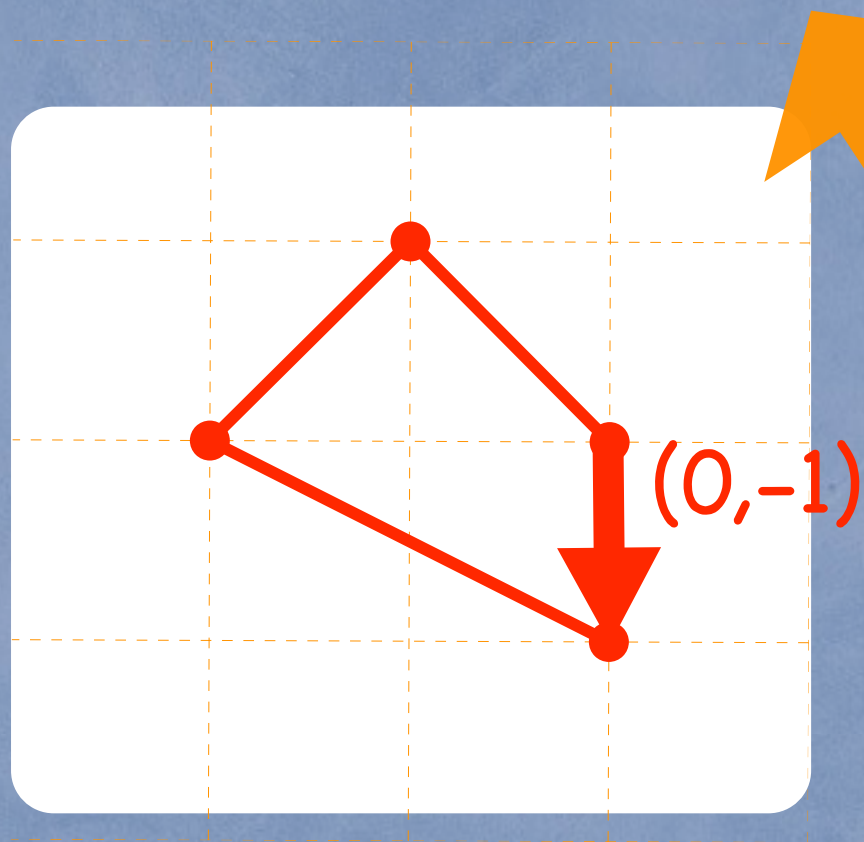
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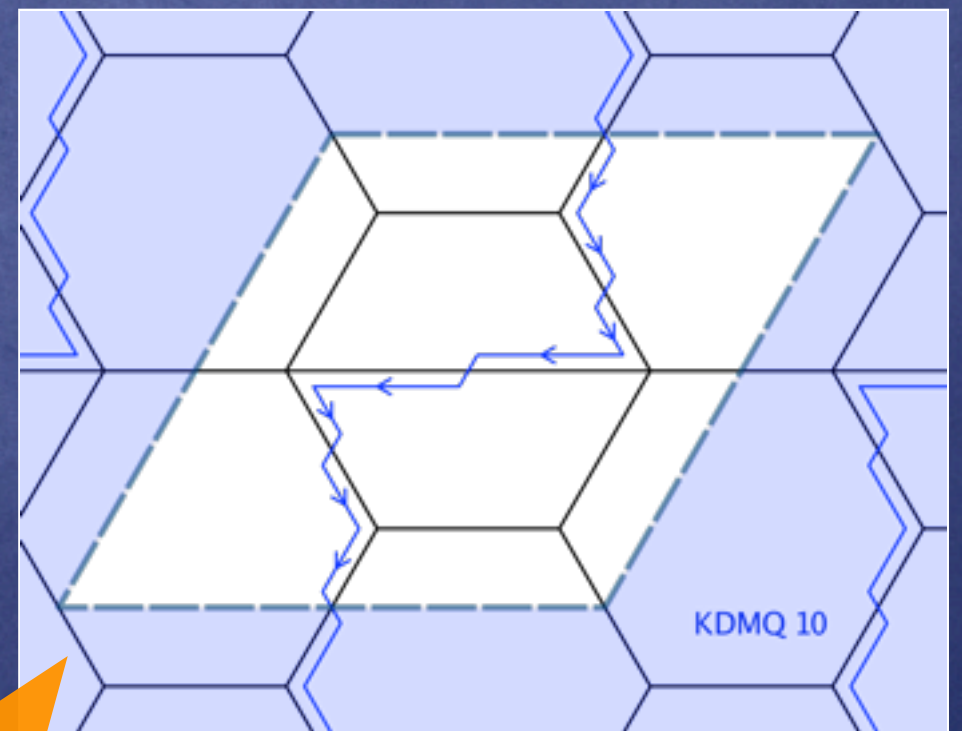
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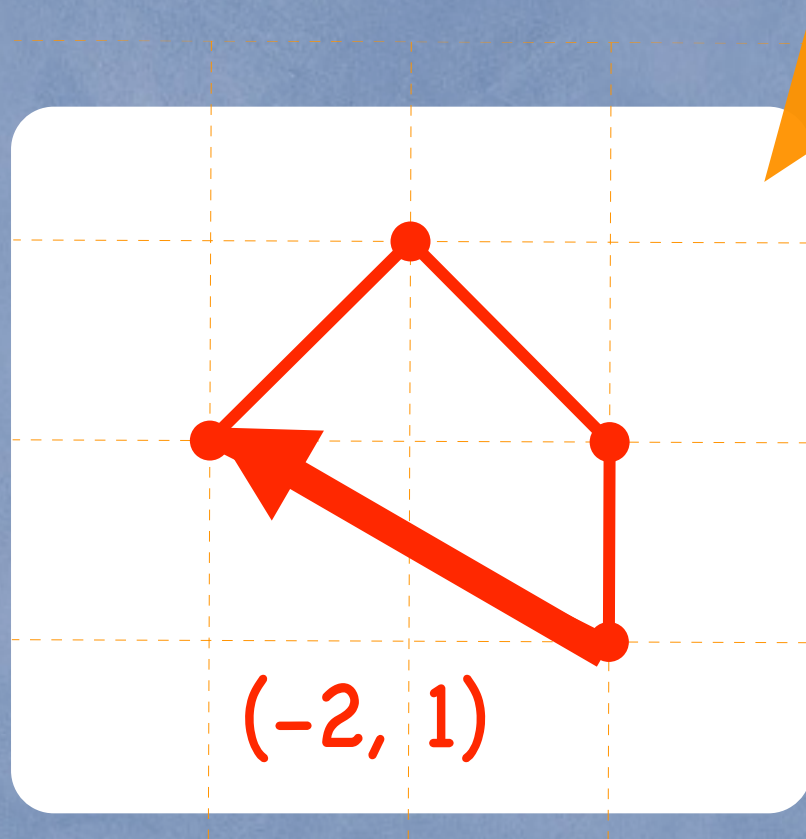
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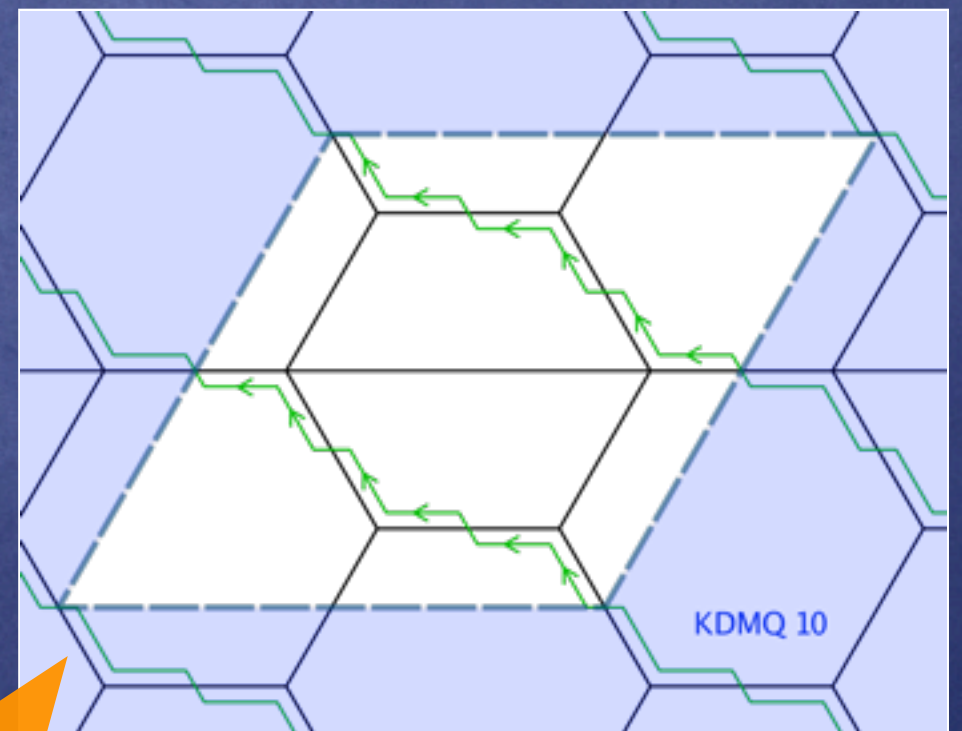
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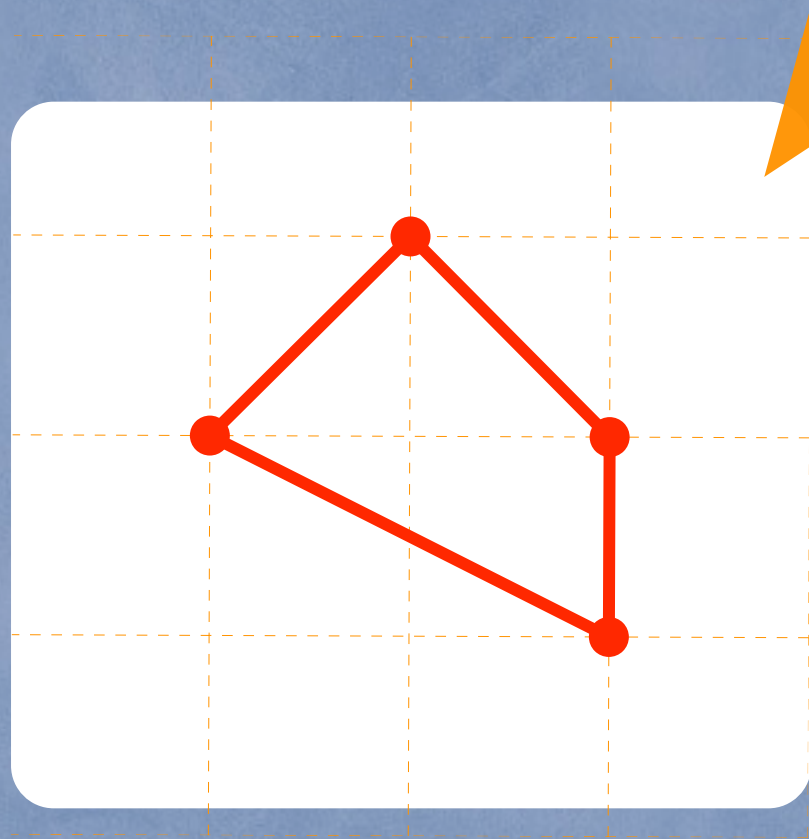
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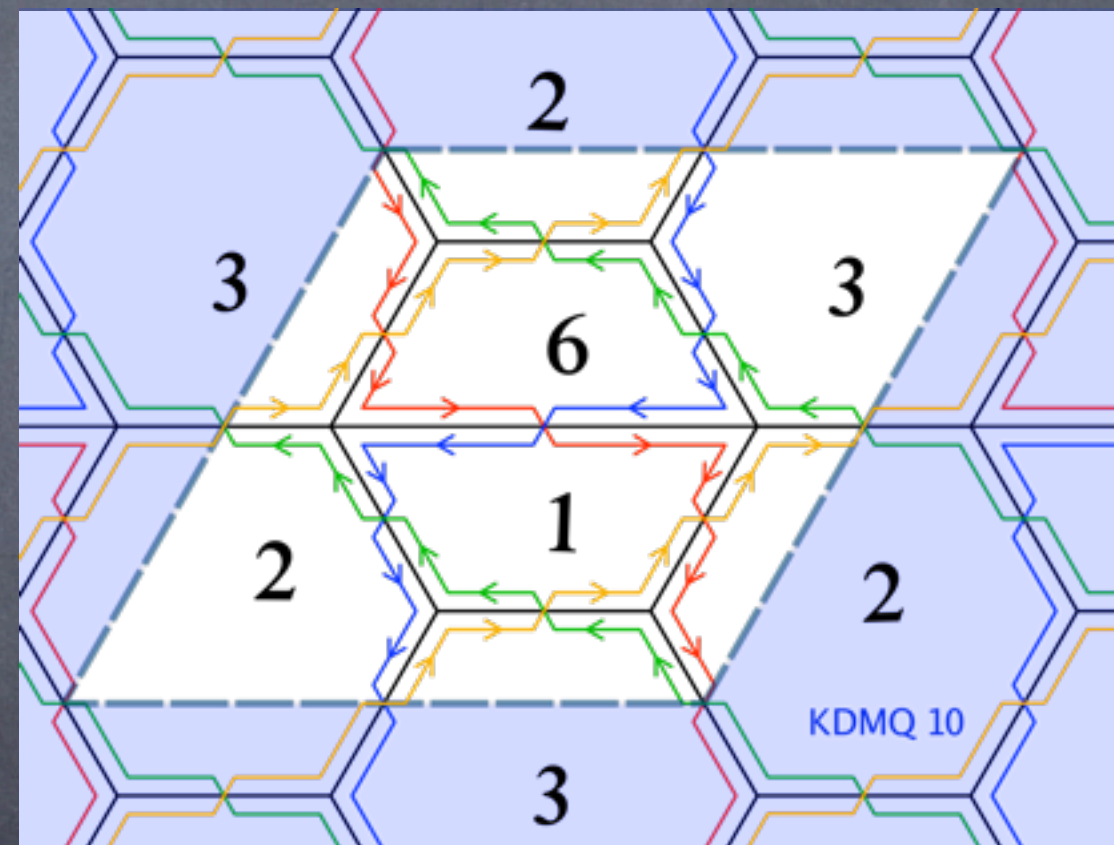


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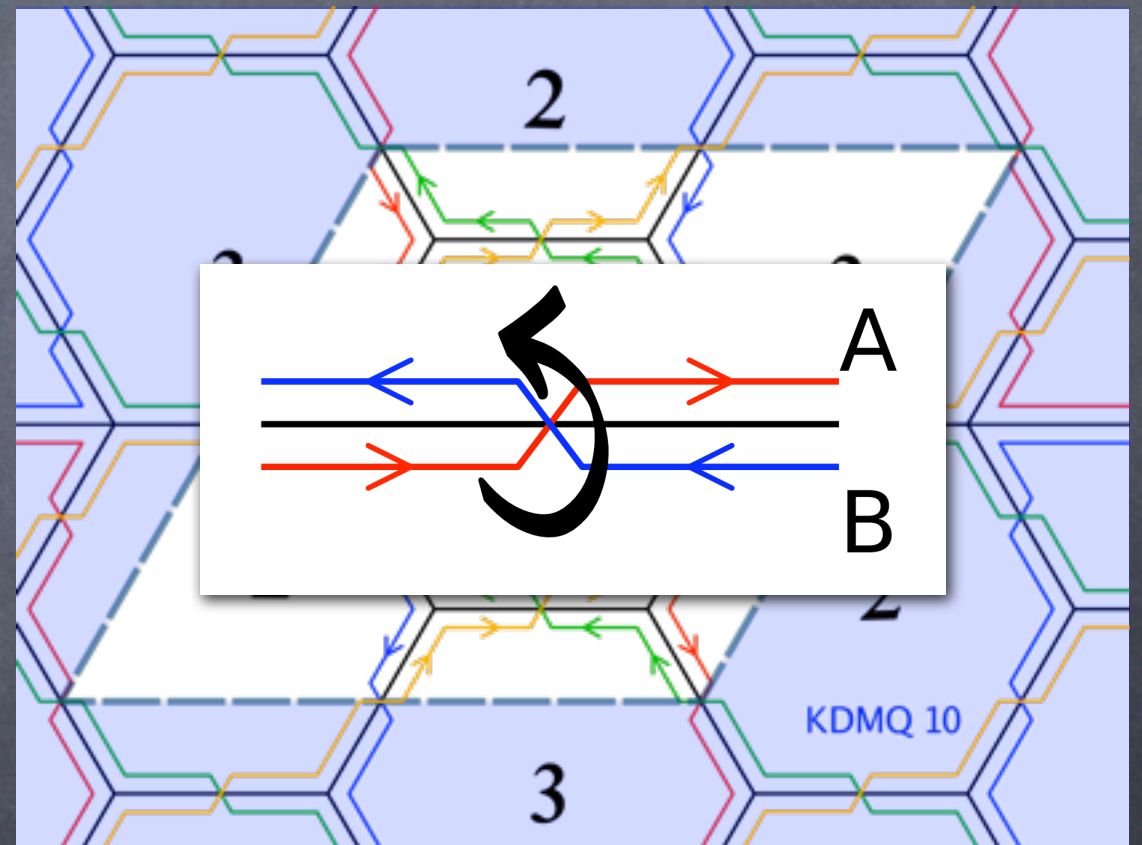
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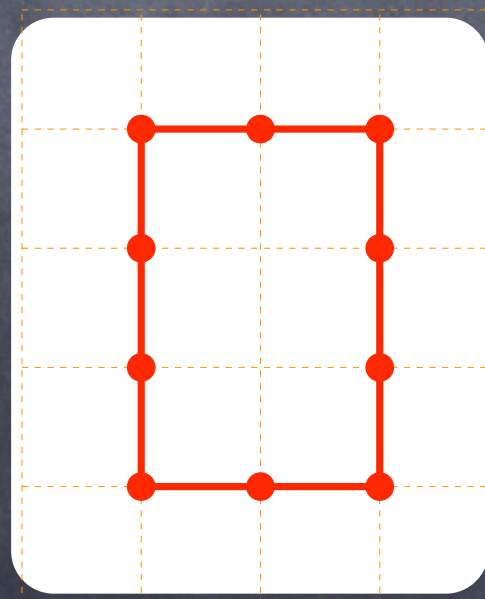
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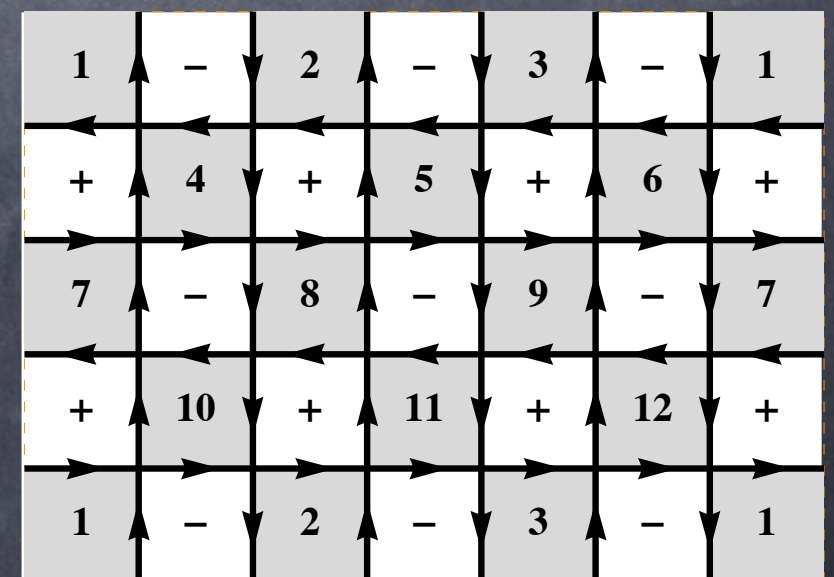
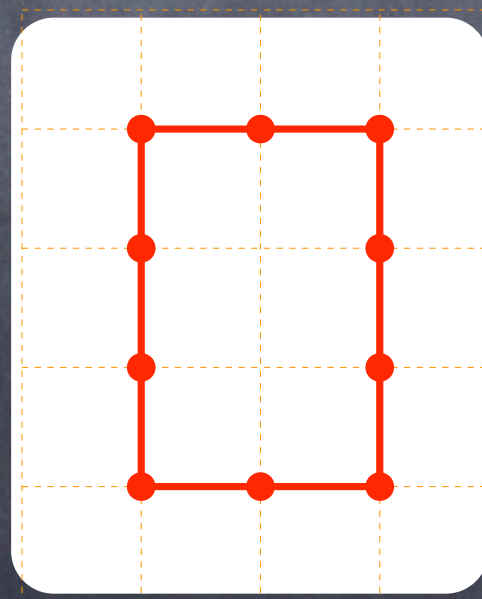
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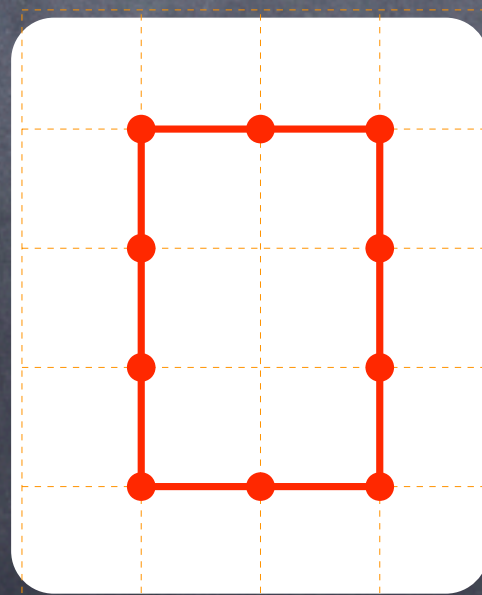
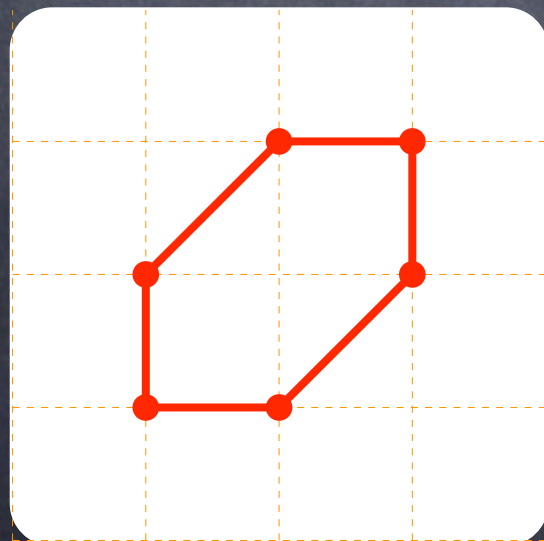
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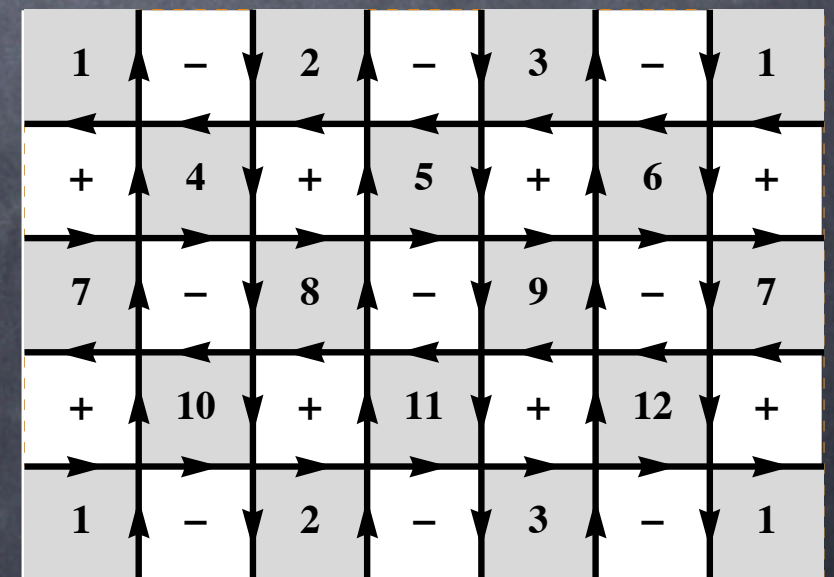
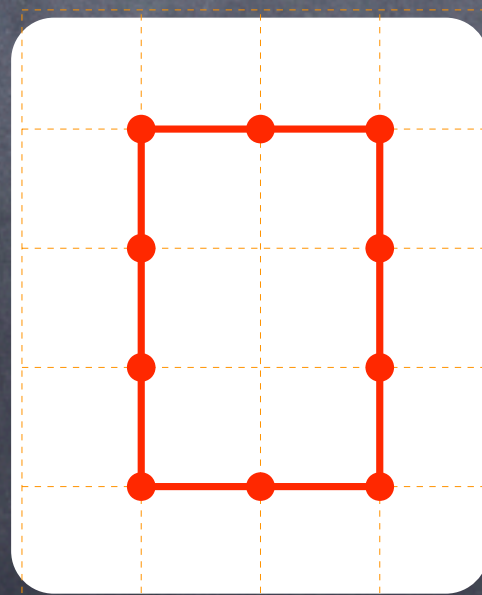
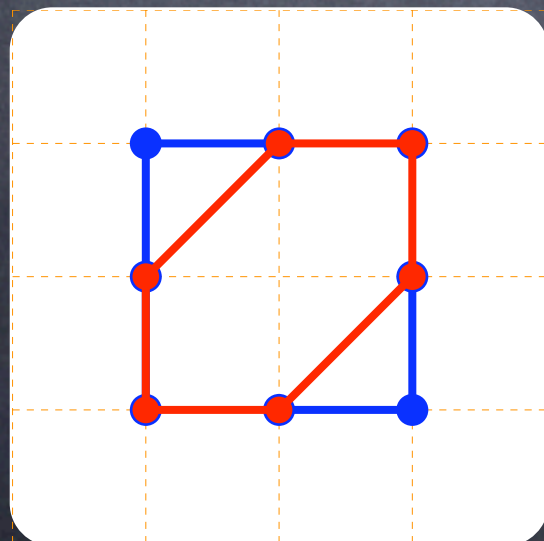
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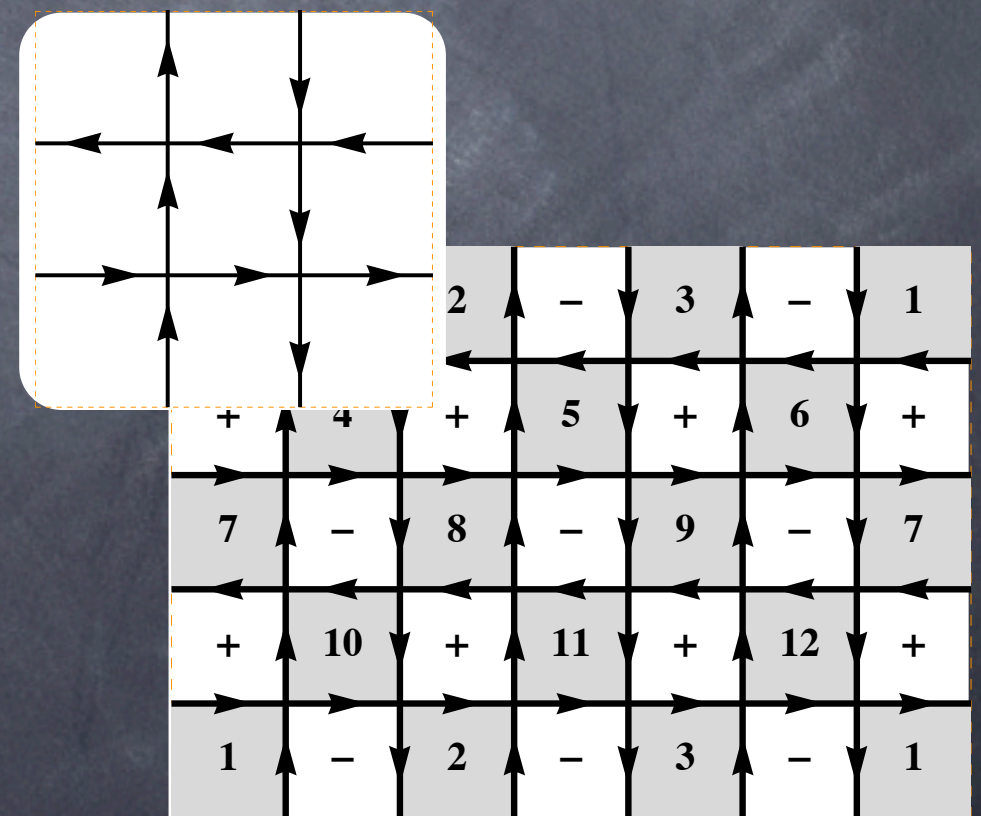
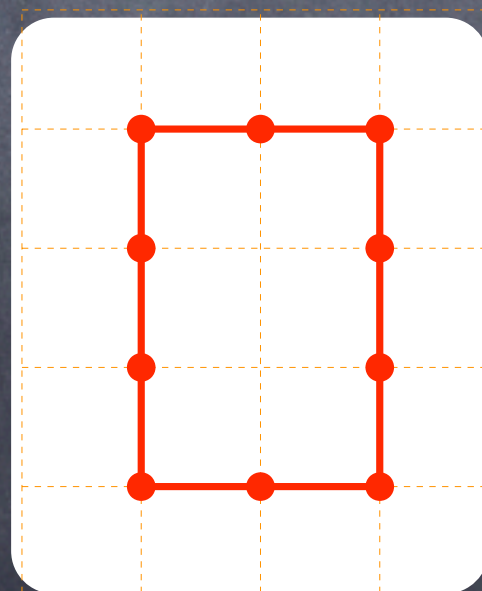
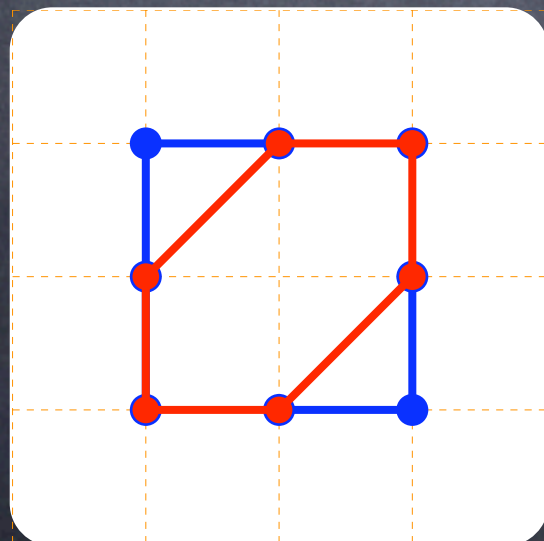
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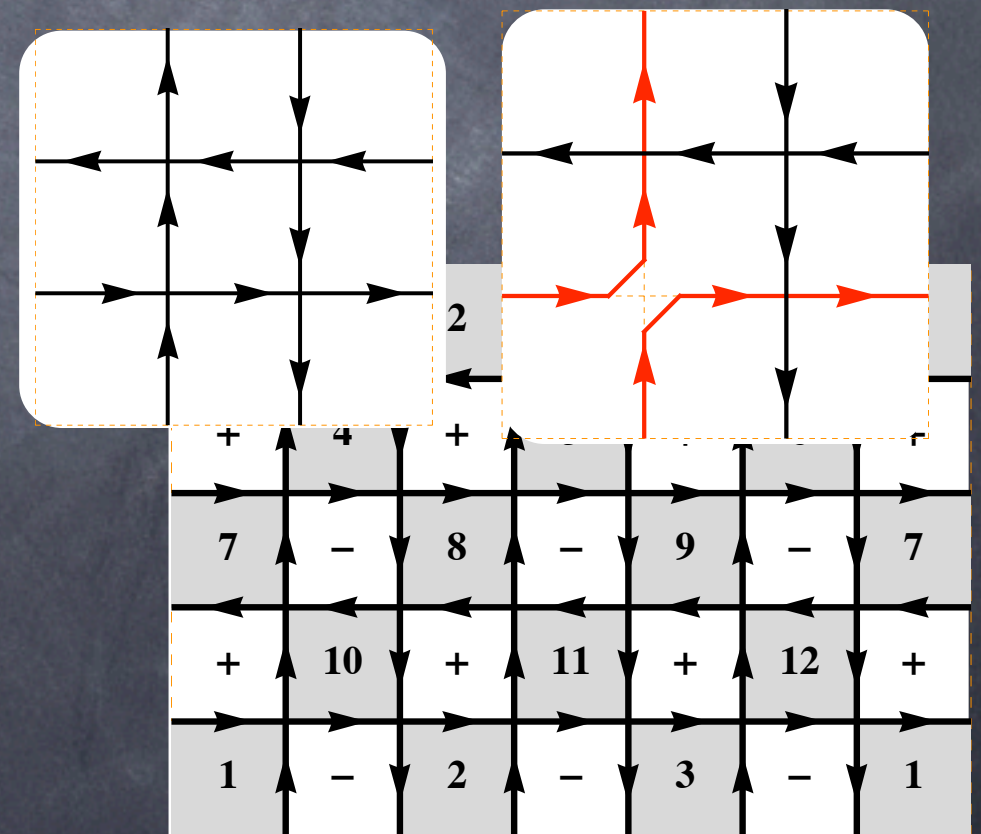
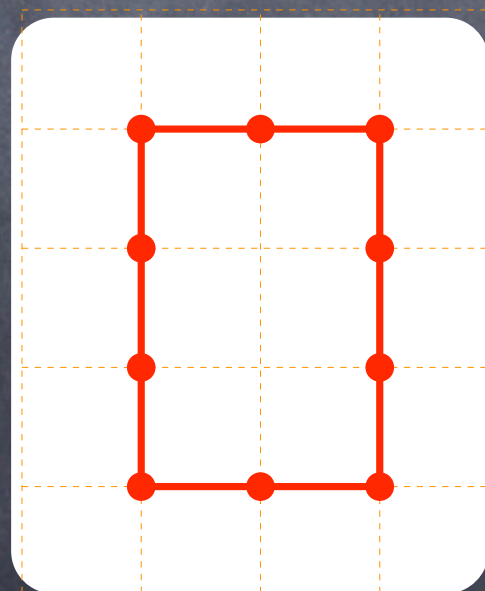
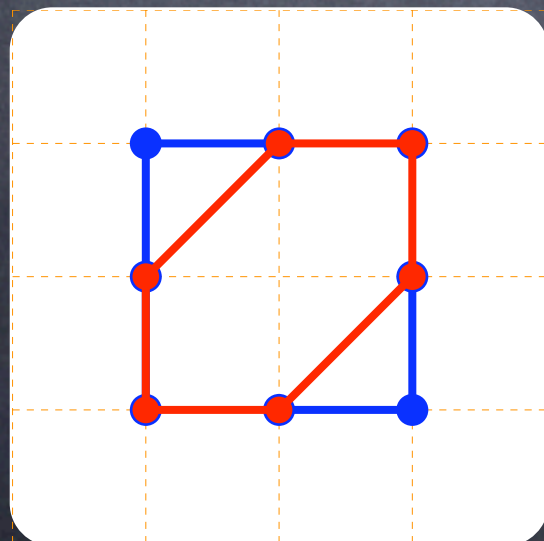
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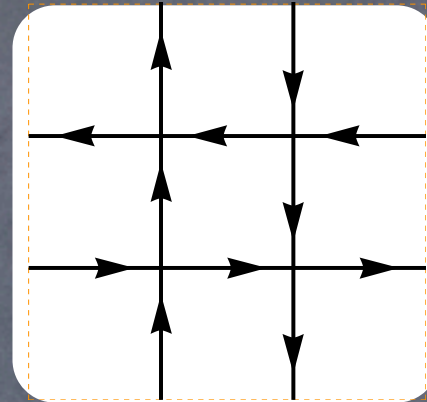
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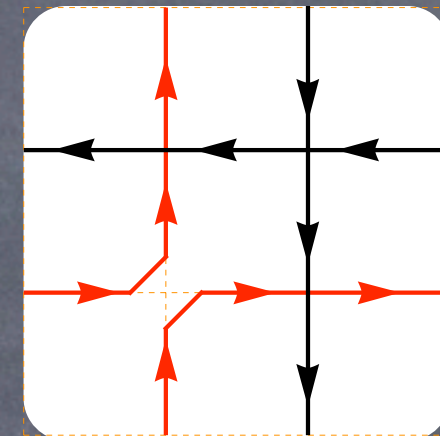
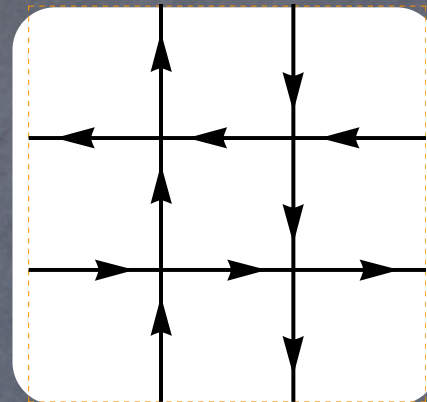
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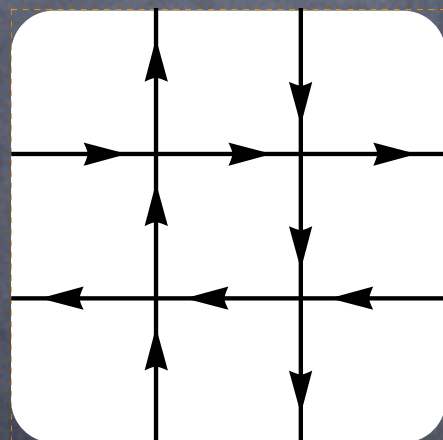
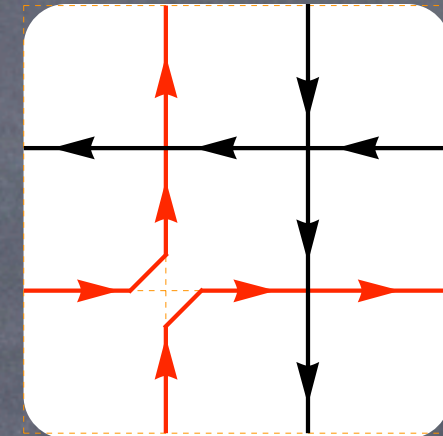
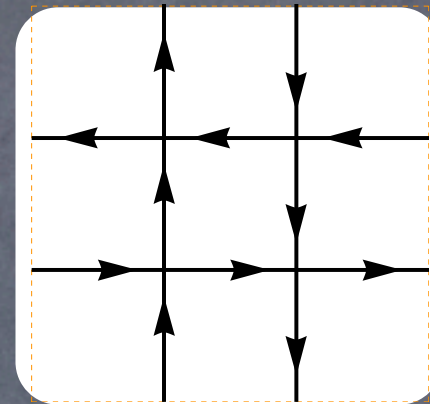
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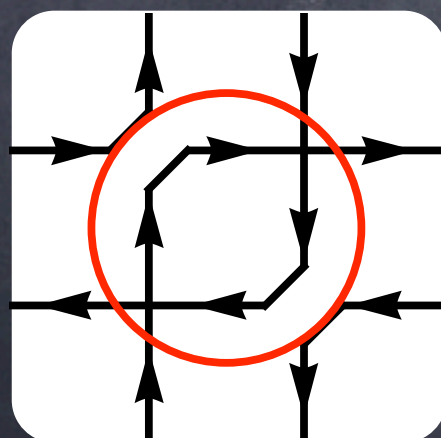
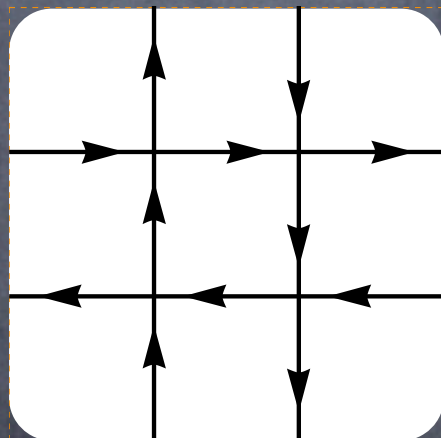
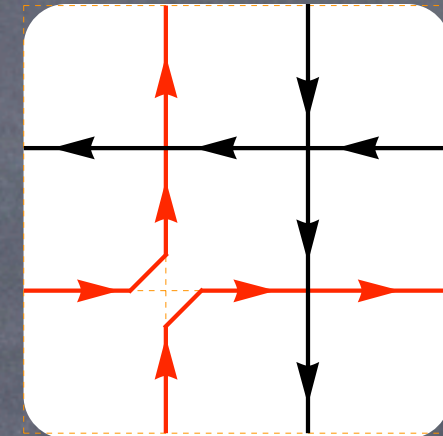
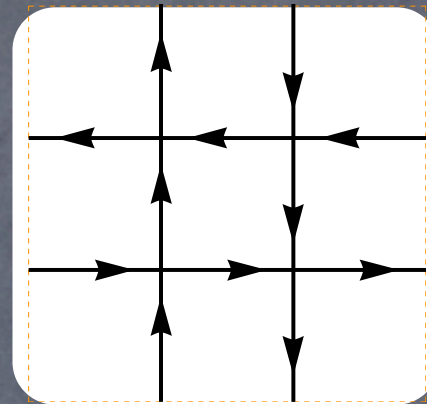
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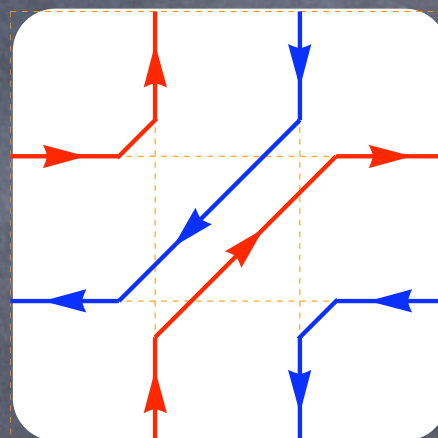
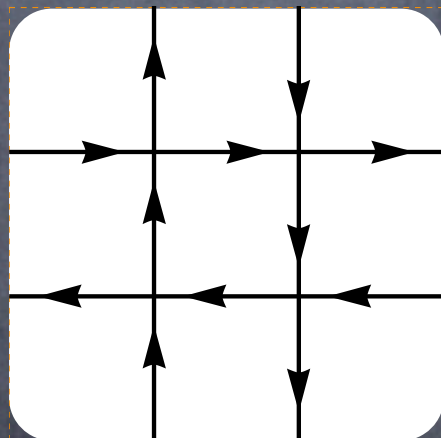
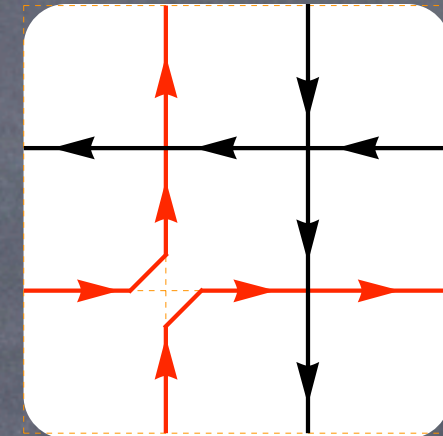
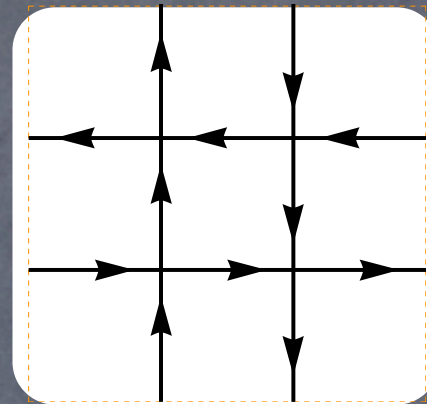
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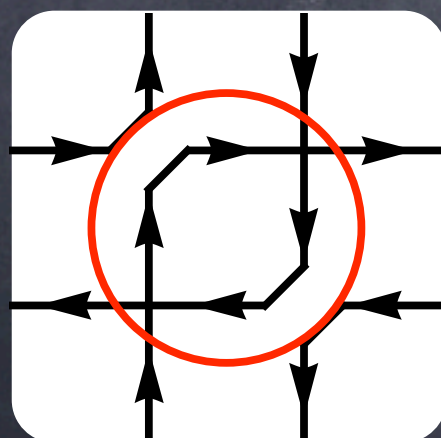


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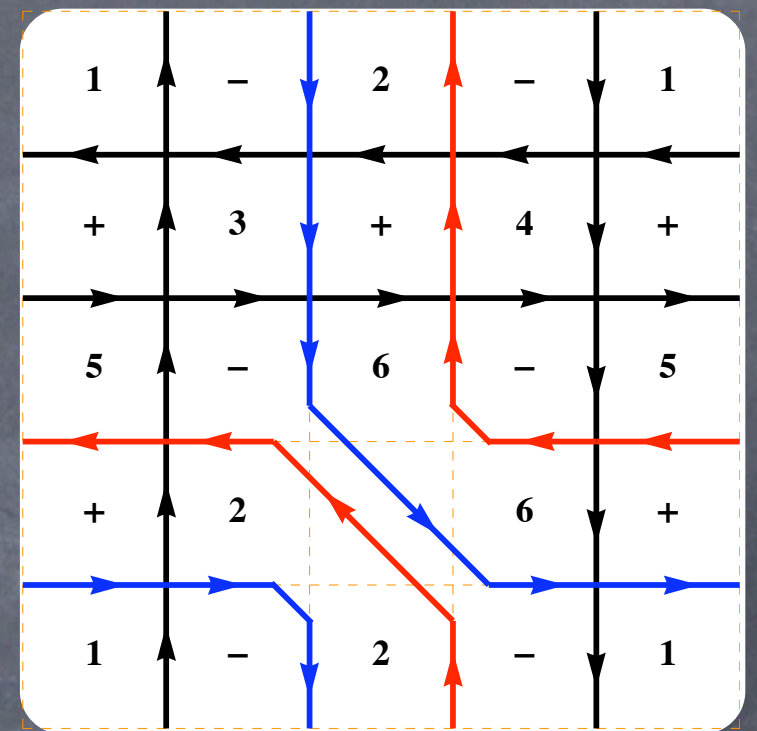
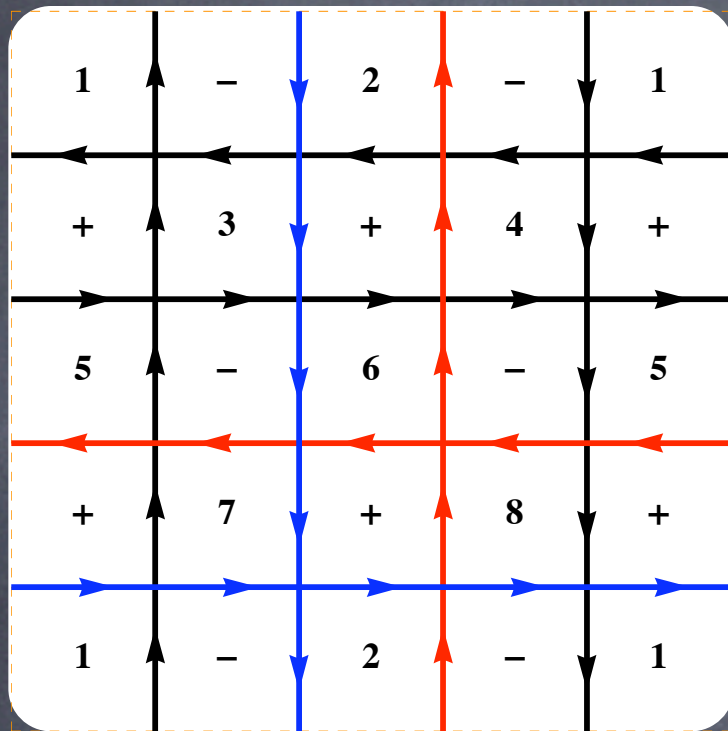
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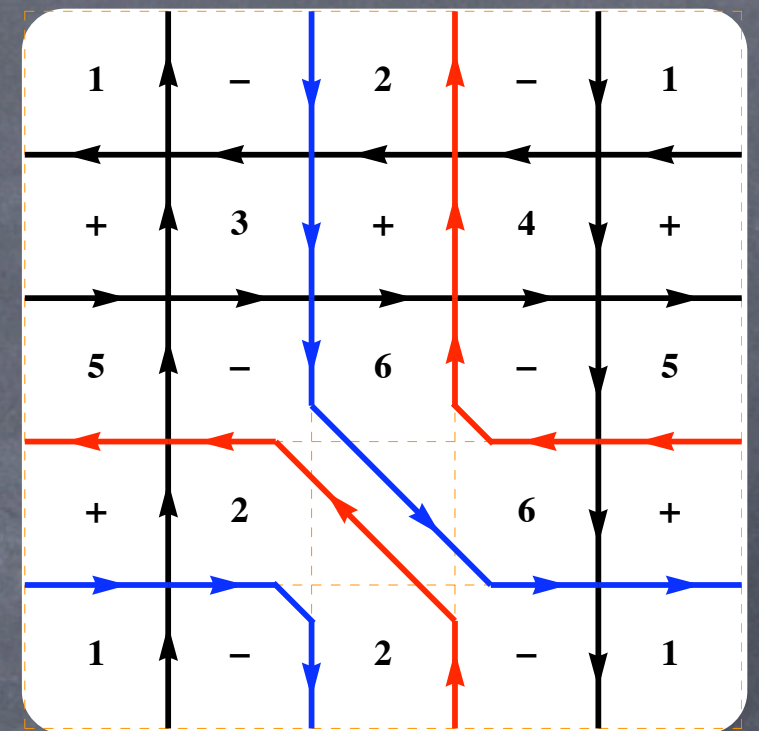
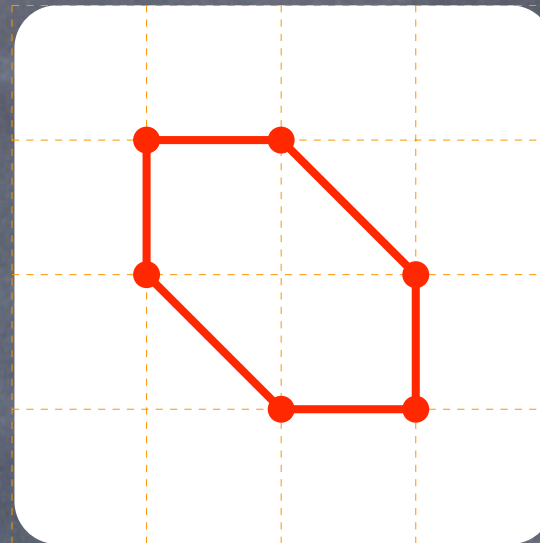
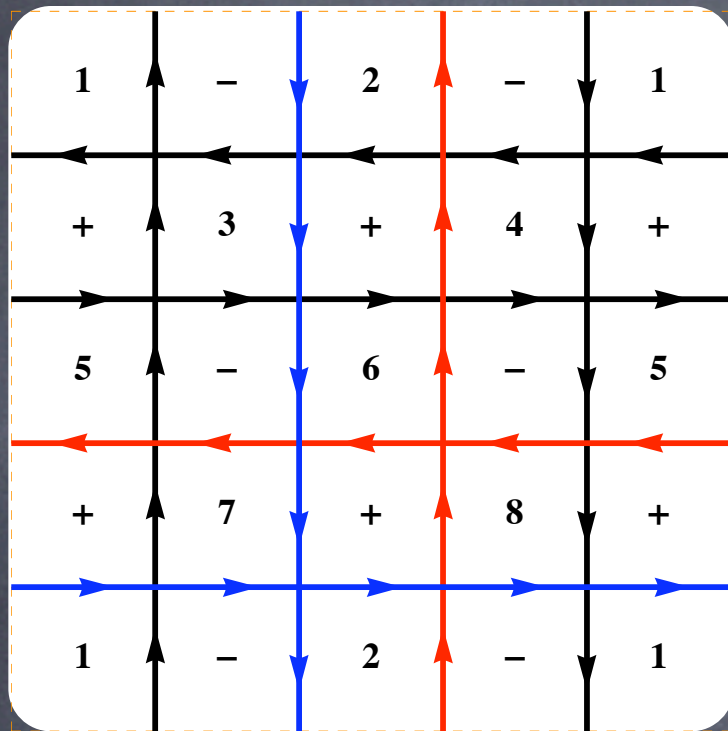
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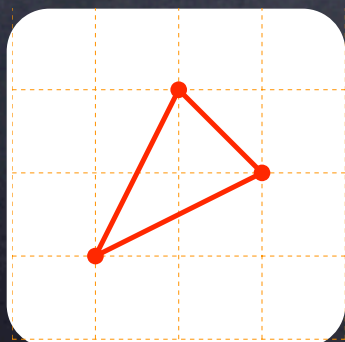
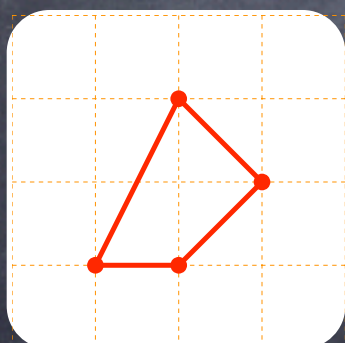
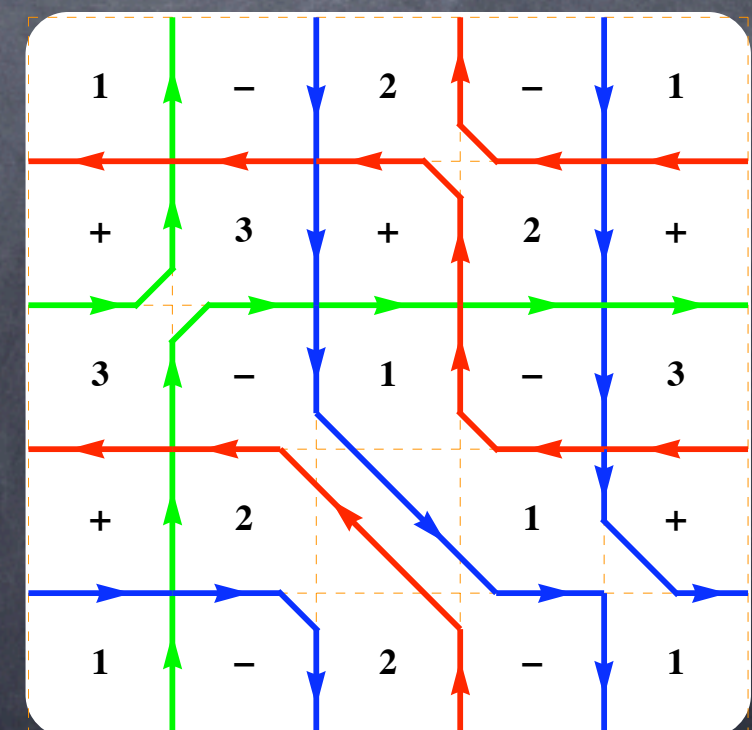
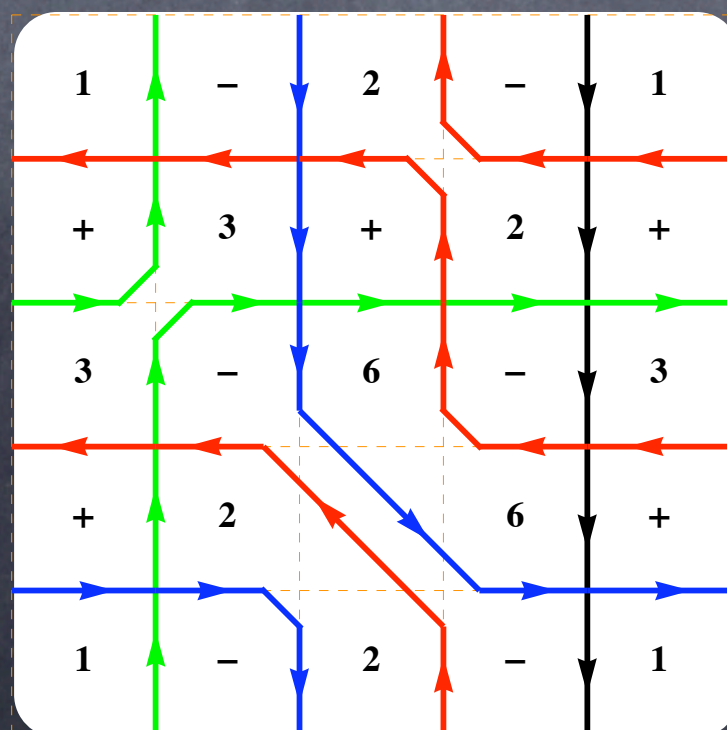
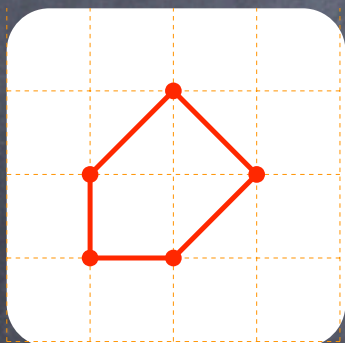
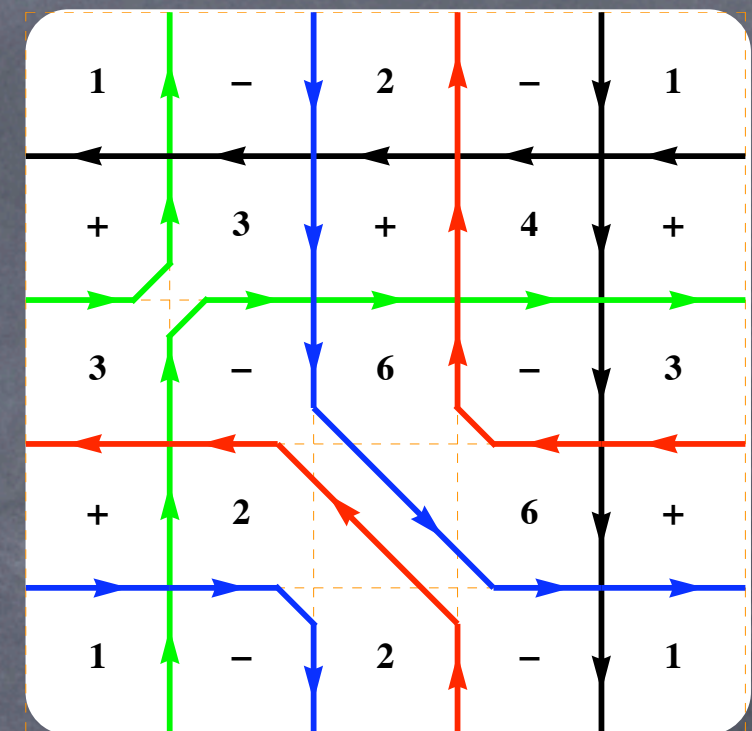
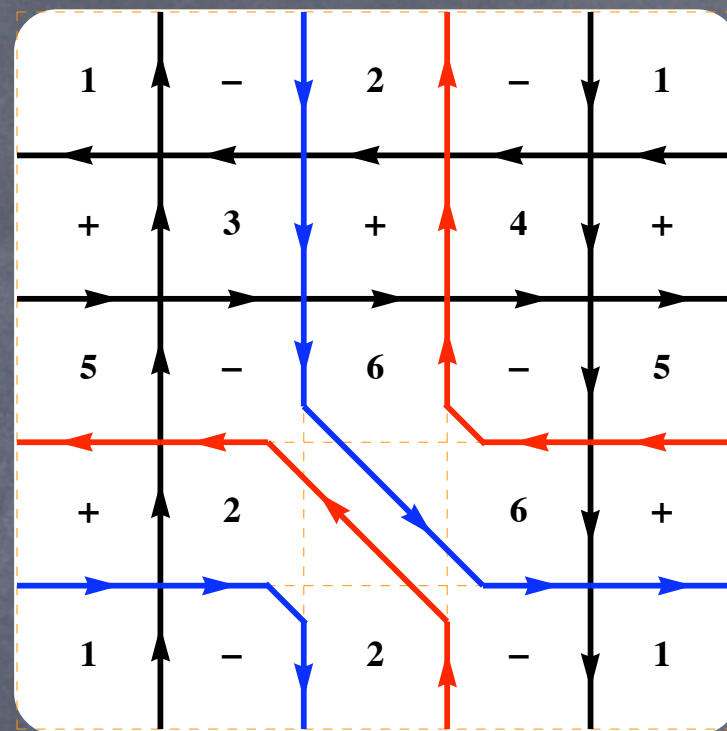
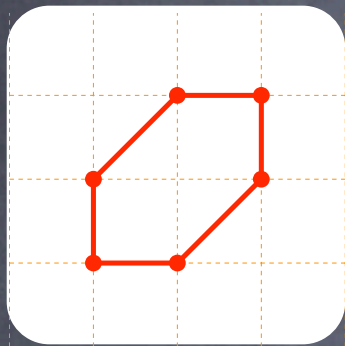
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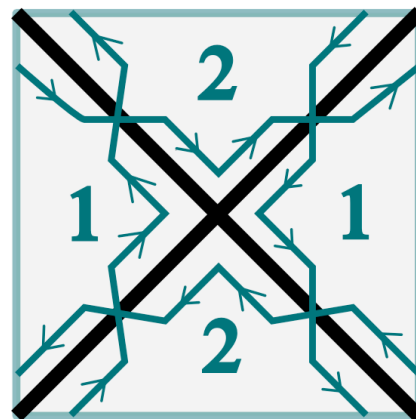
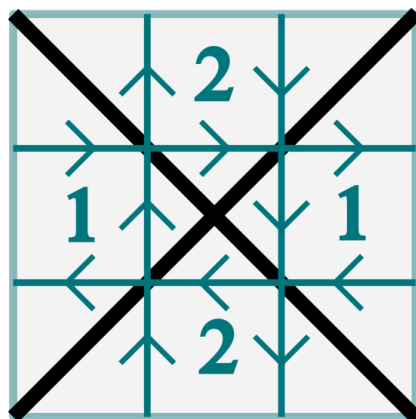
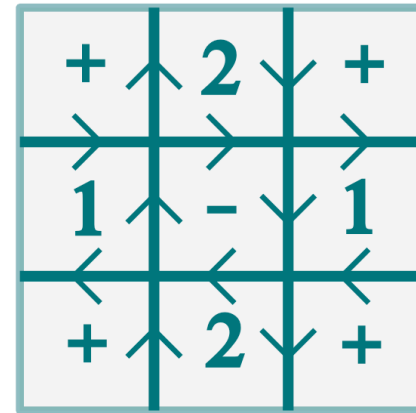
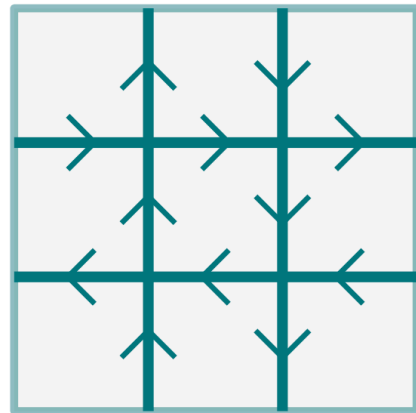
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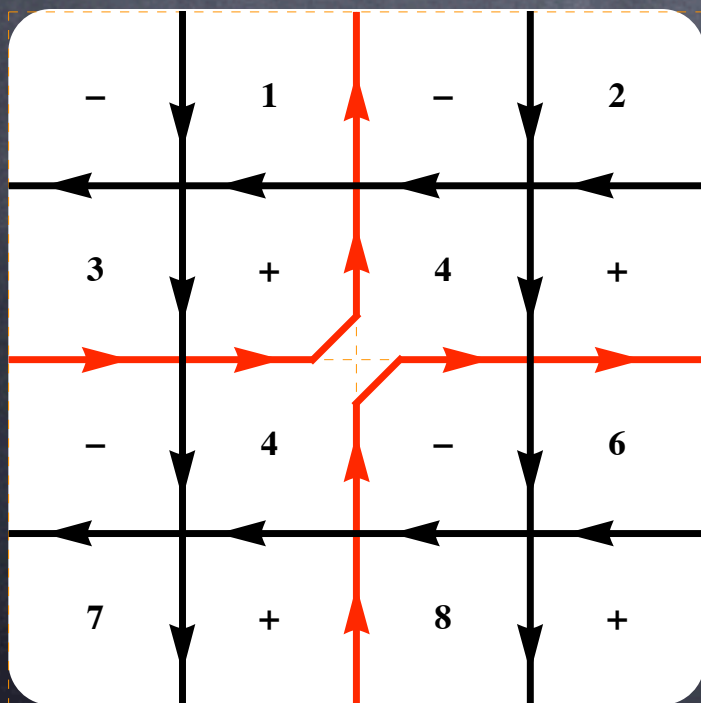
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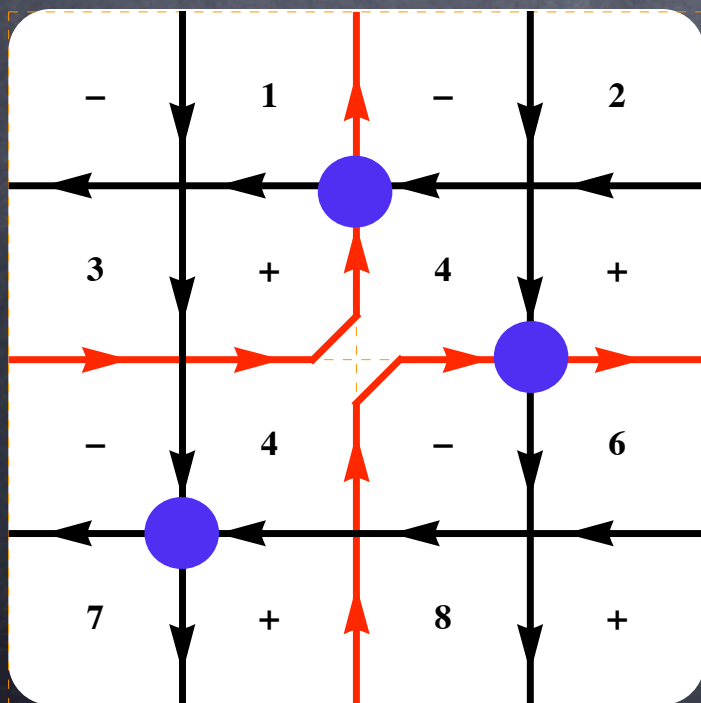


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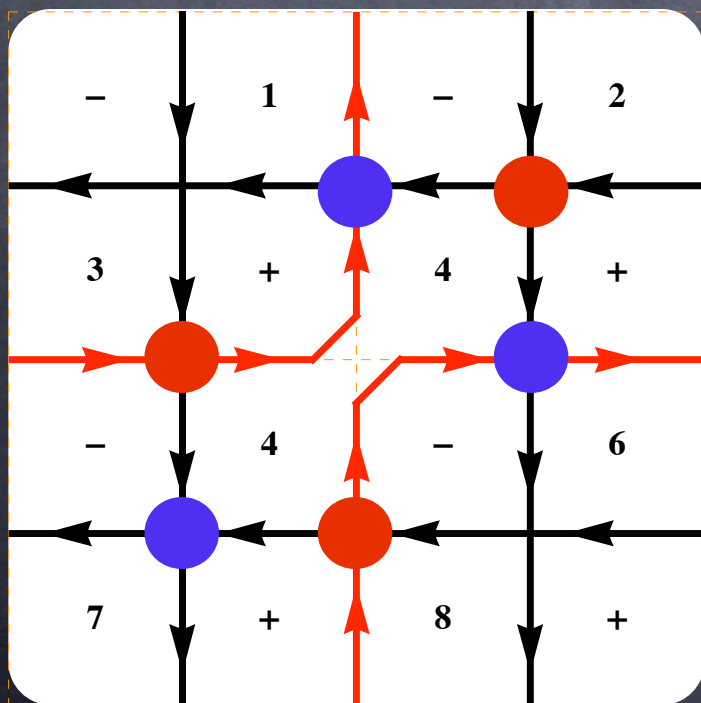


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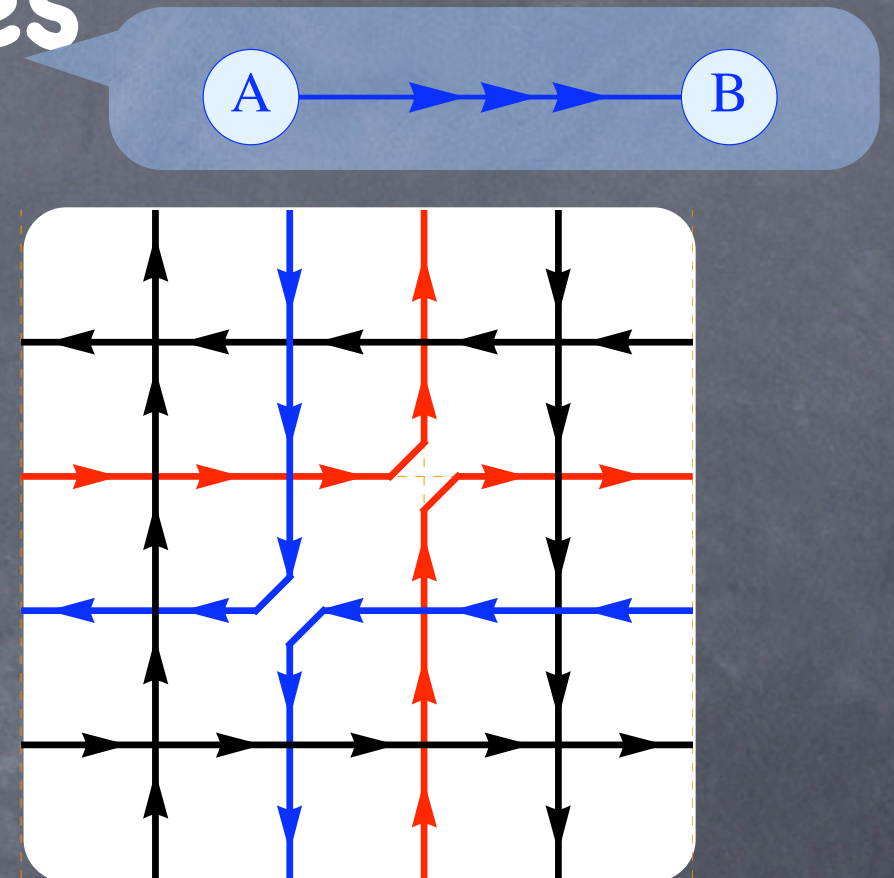
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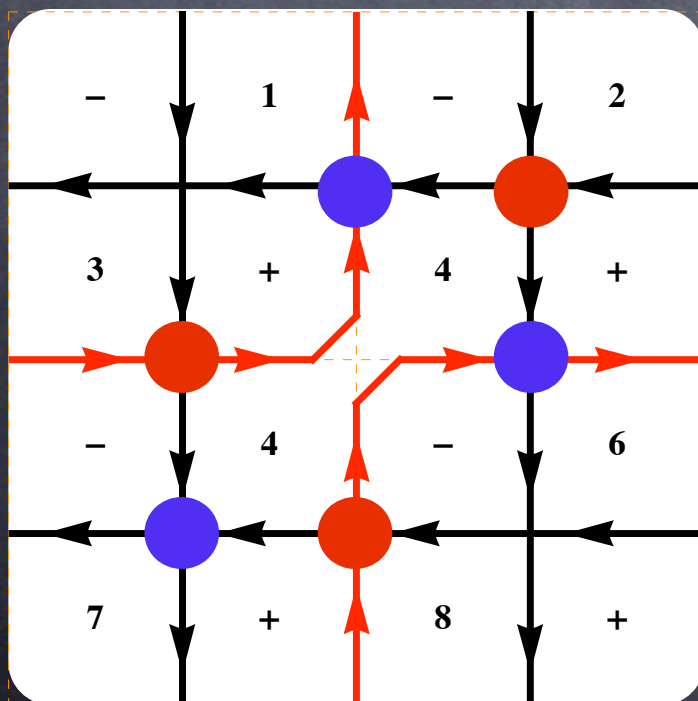


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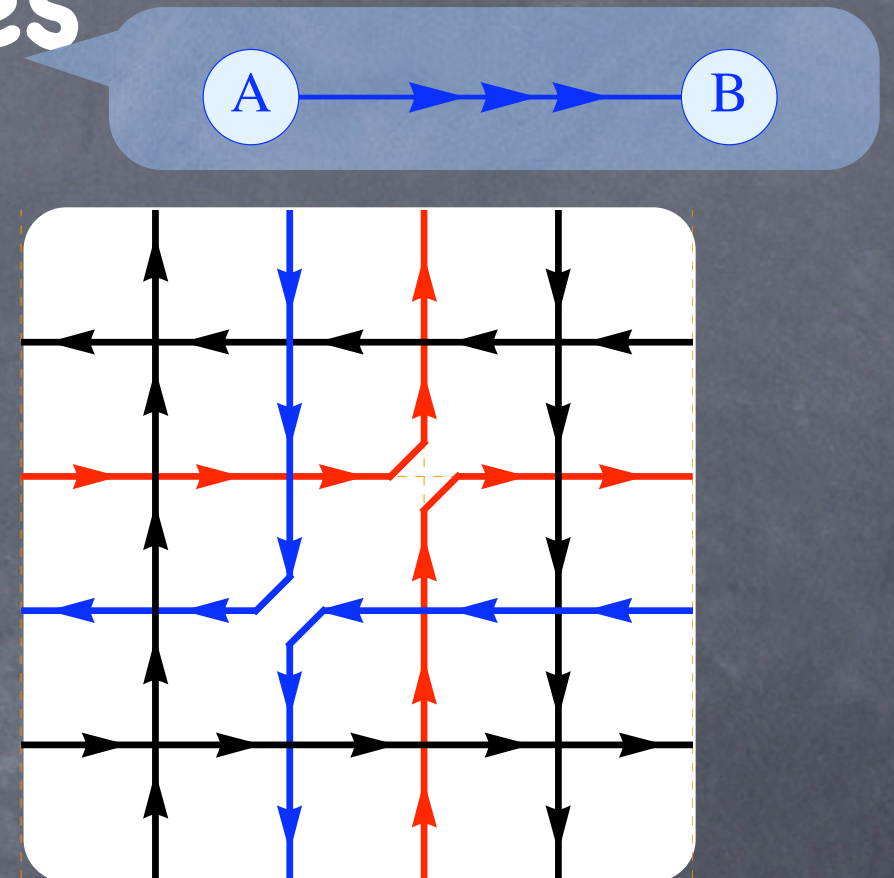


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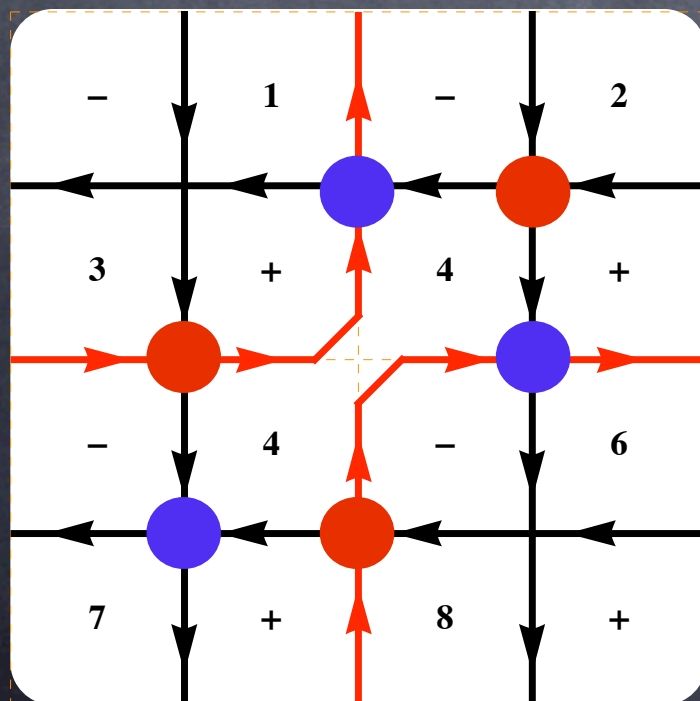


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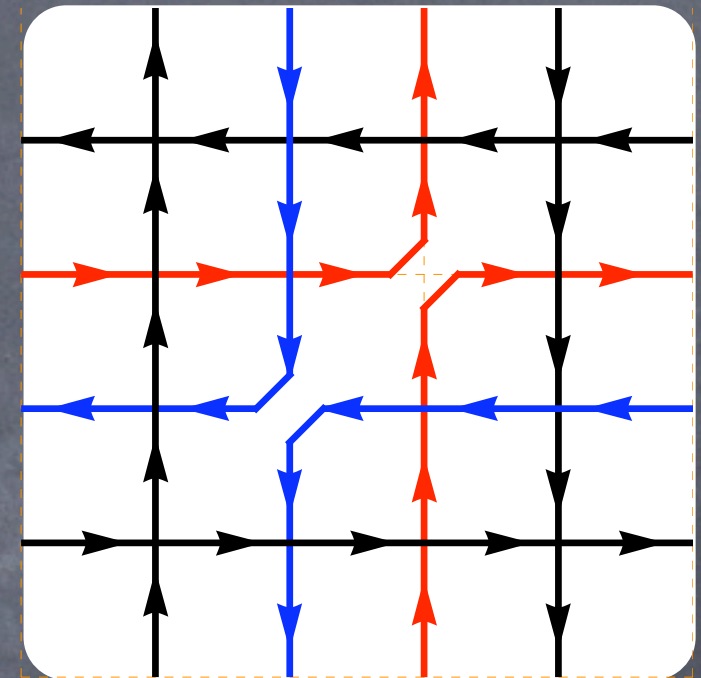
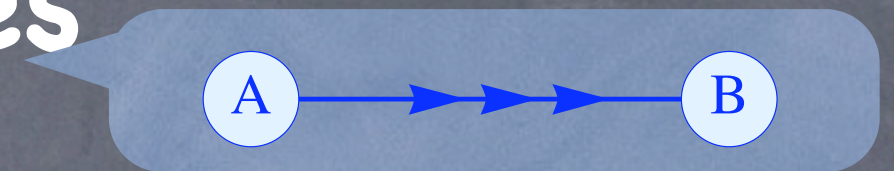
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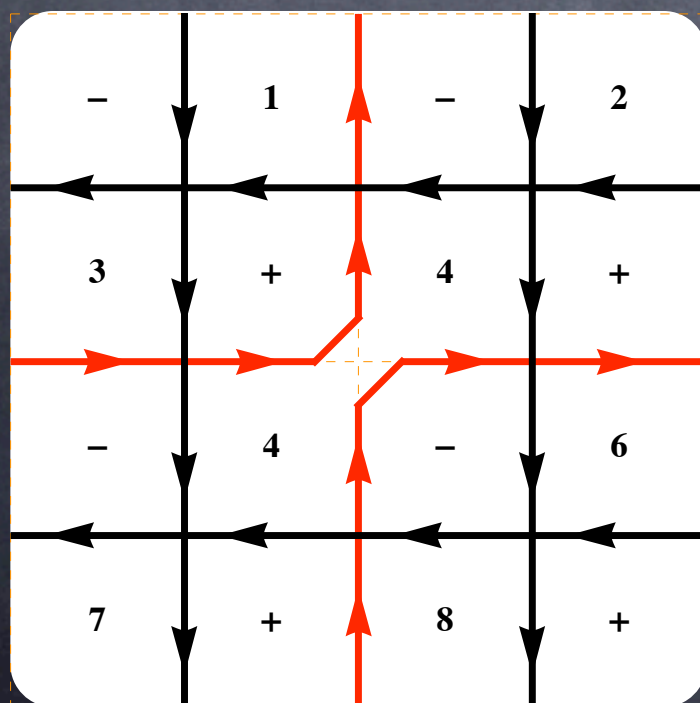
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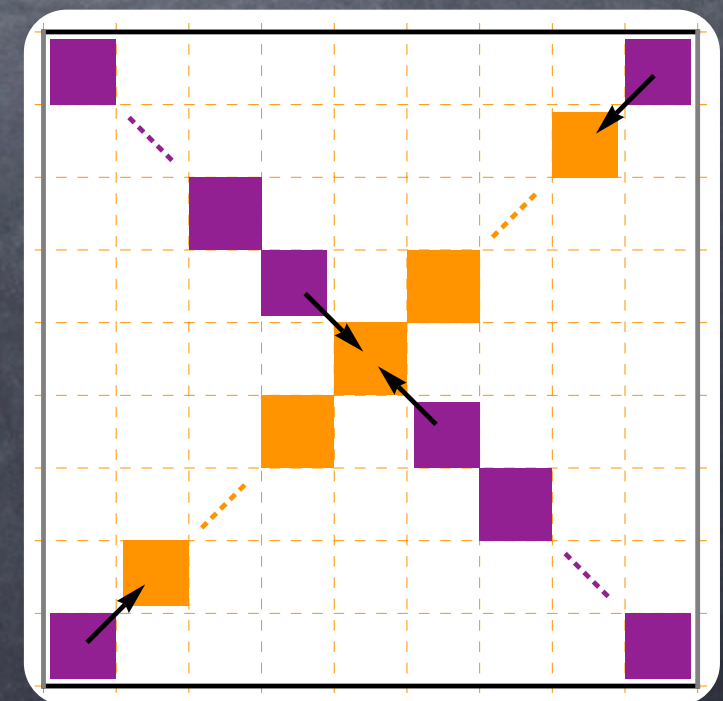


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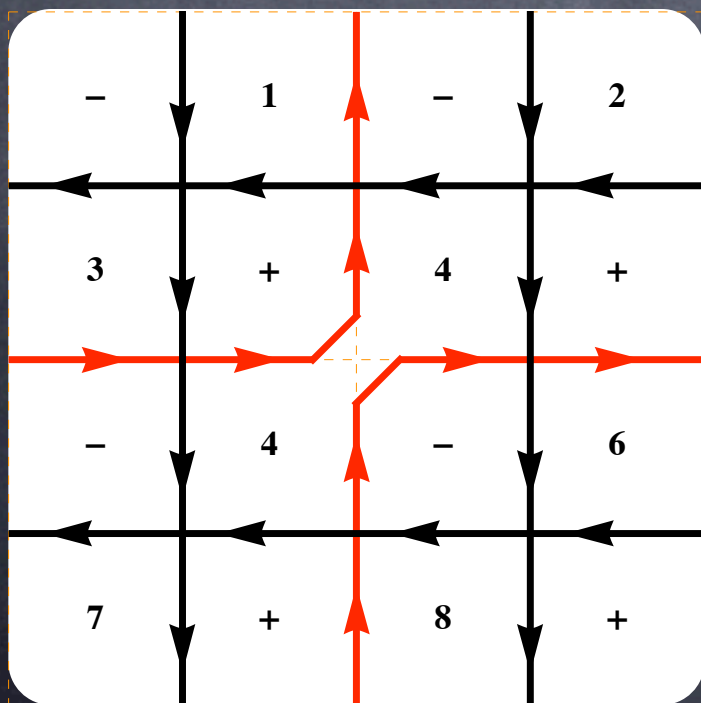
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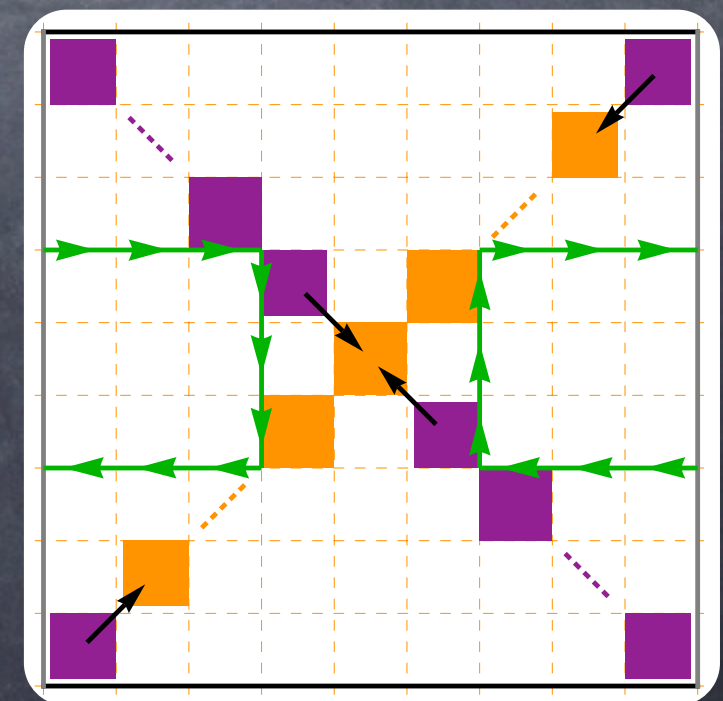
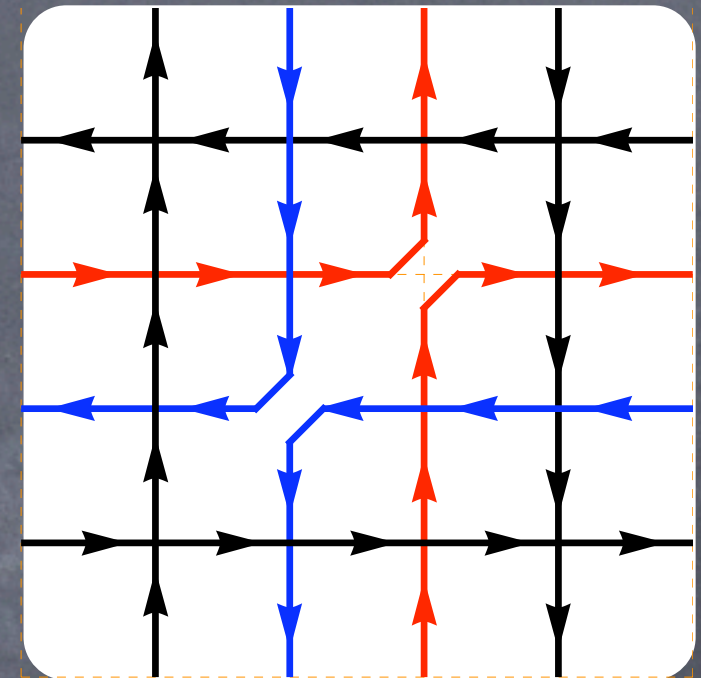
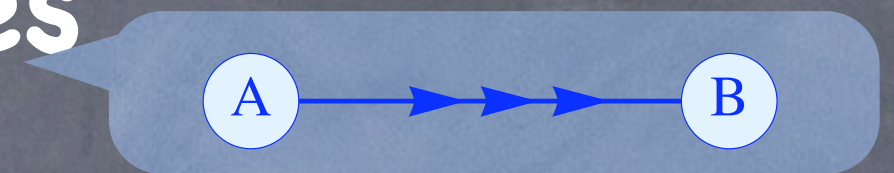
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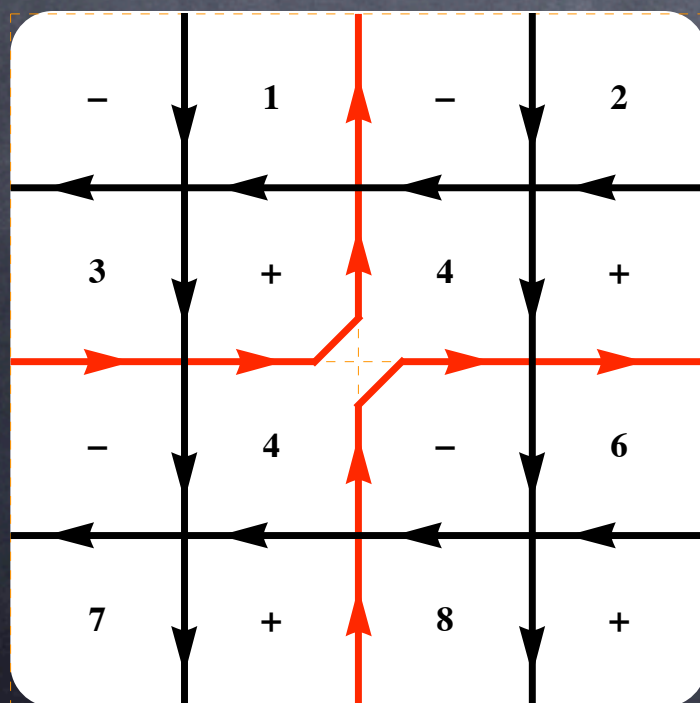
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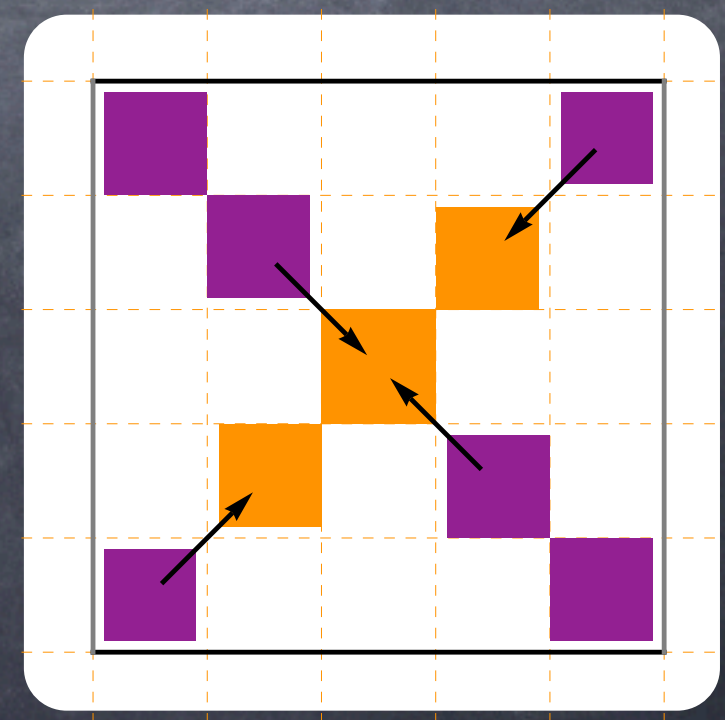
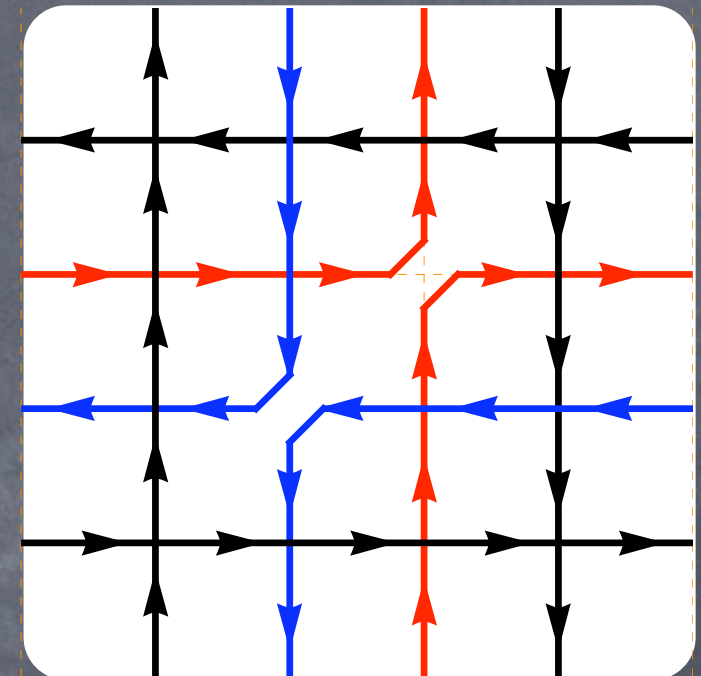
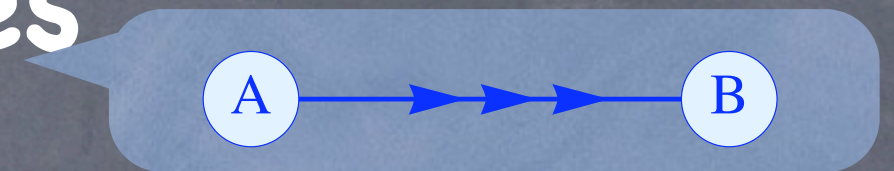
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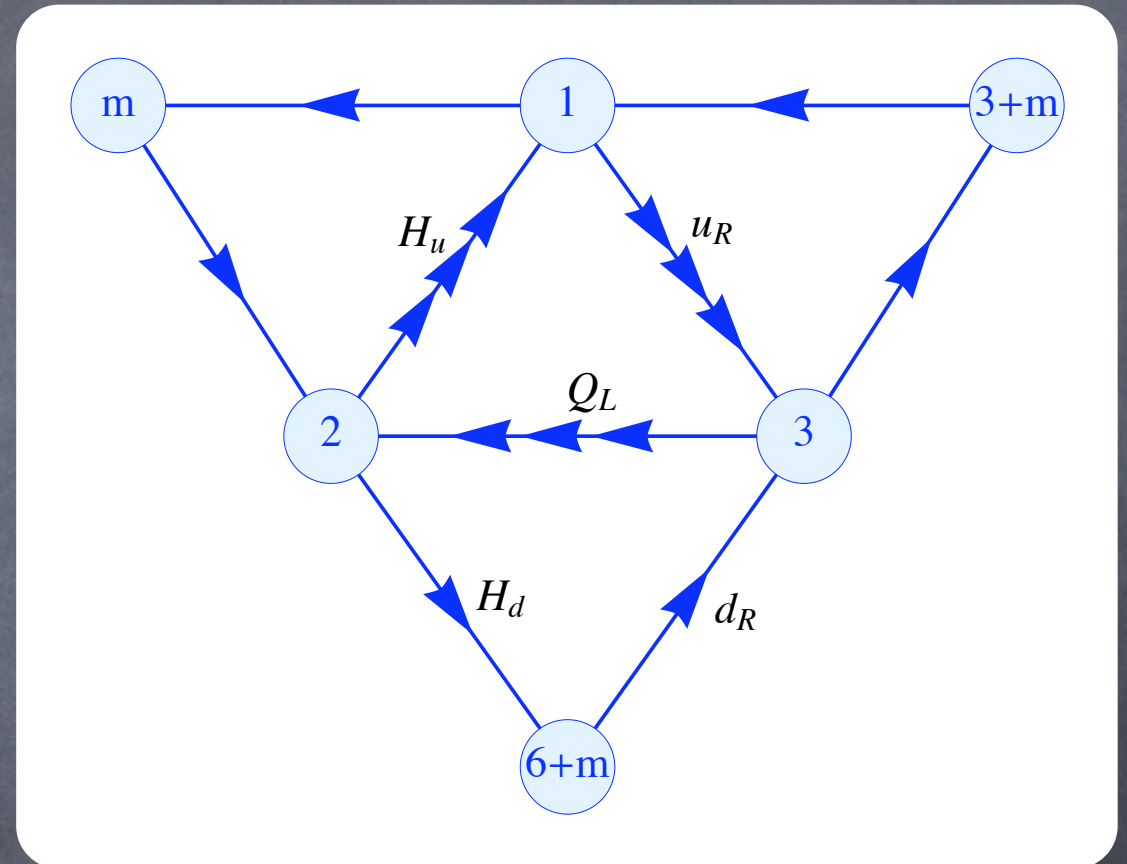
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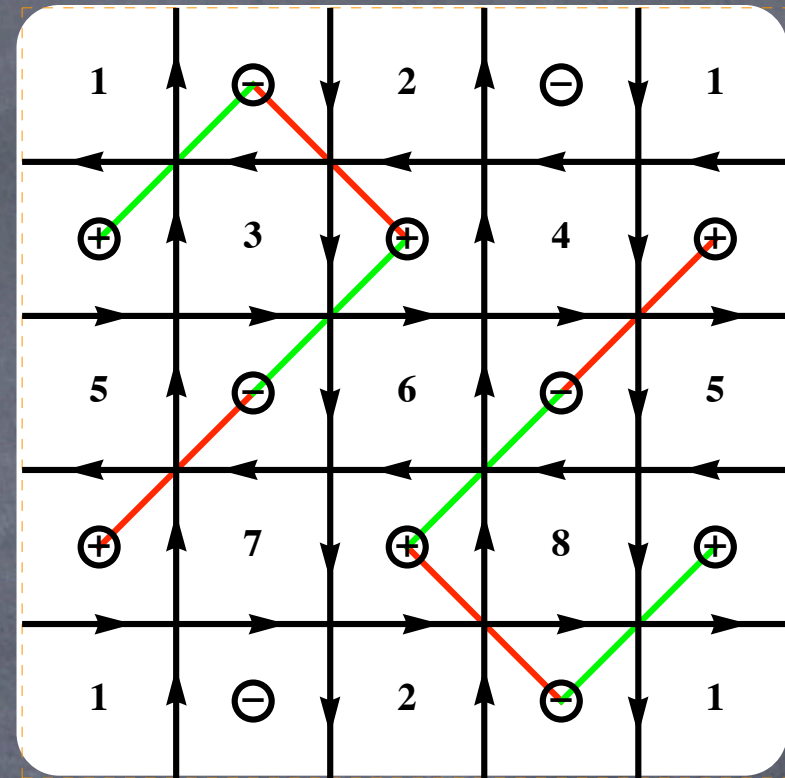


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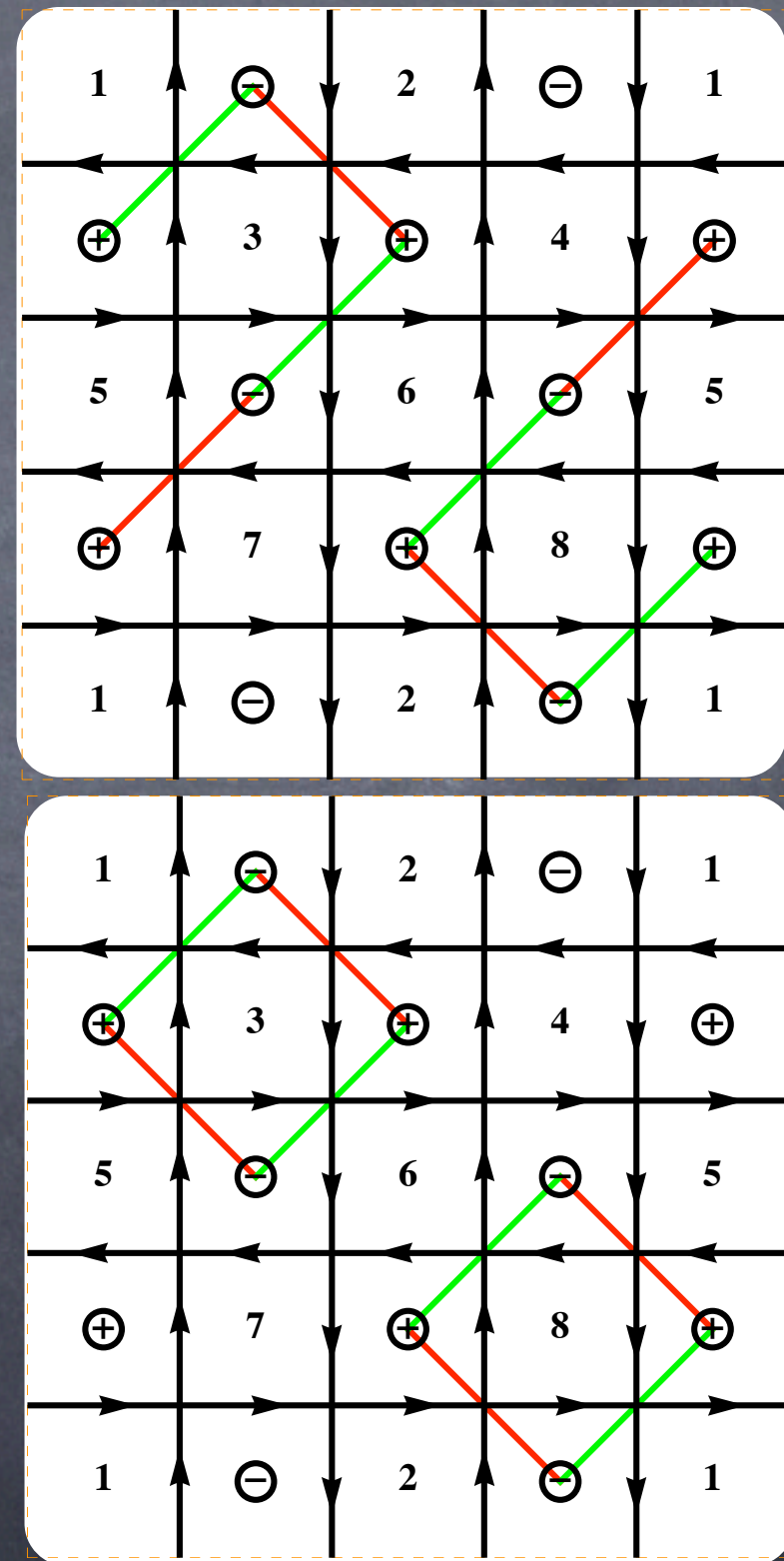
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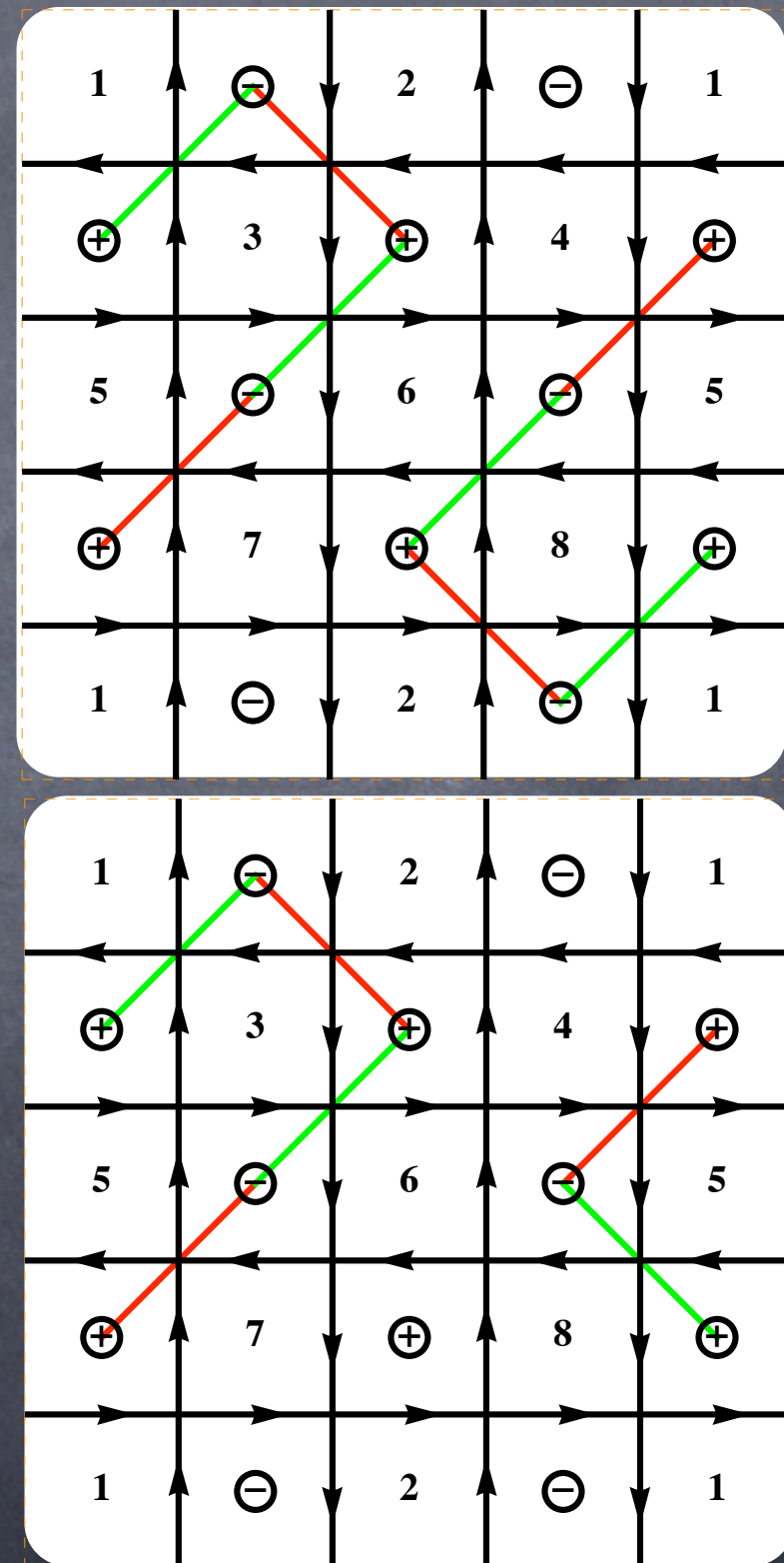
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... back to model building

Flavour mixing: CKM

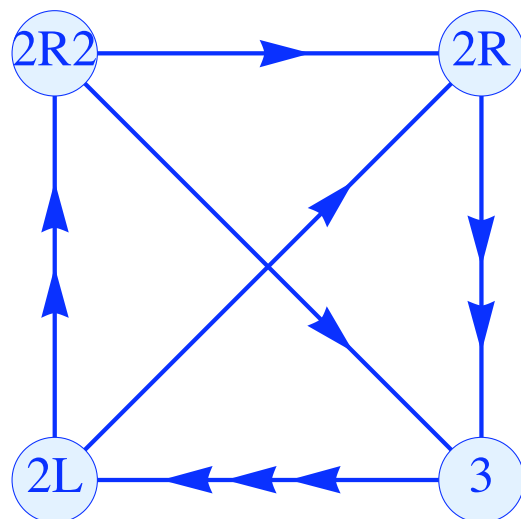
... we have a non-trivial superpotential (Yukawa structure) in these singularity models. What does this imply for model building?

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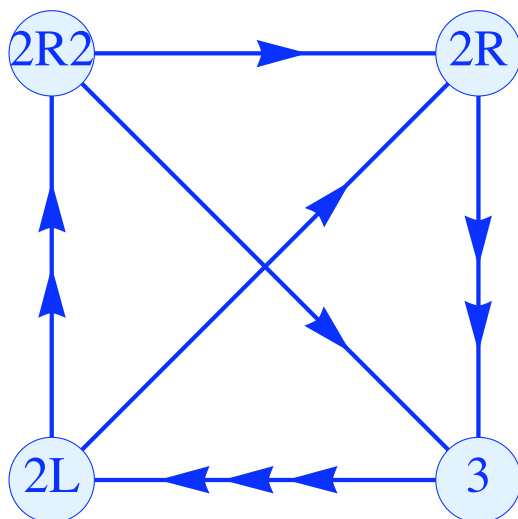
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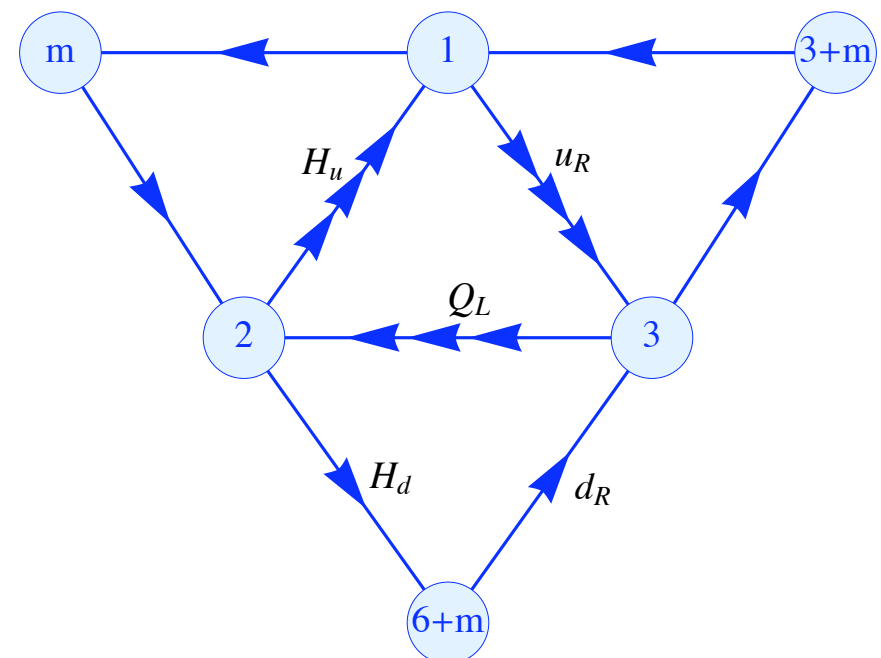
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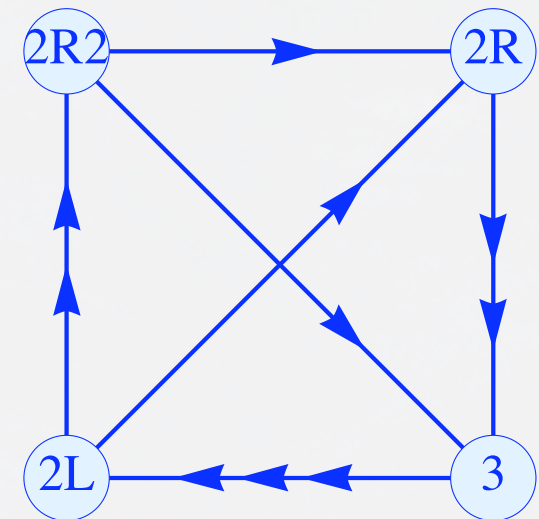


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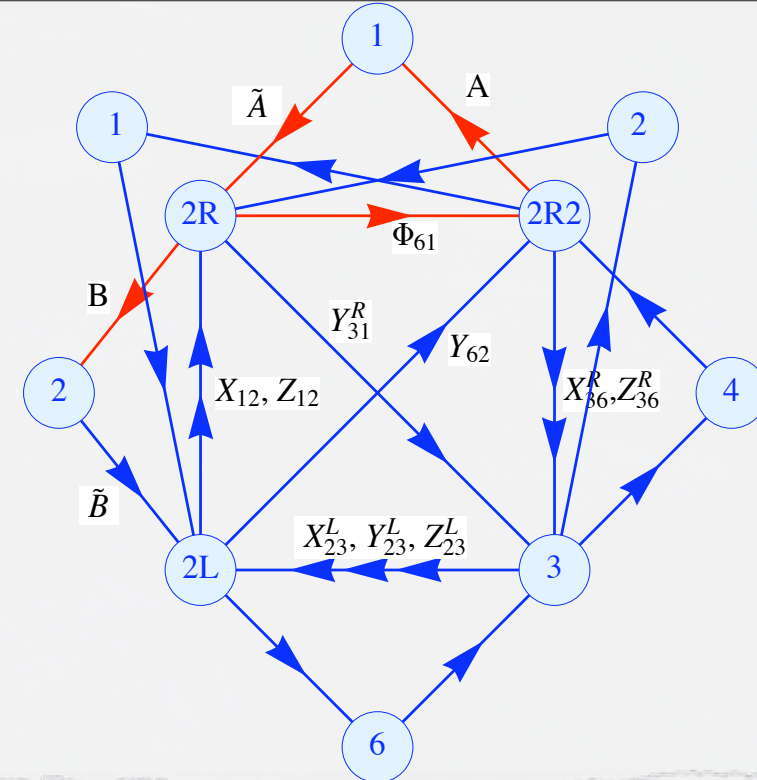
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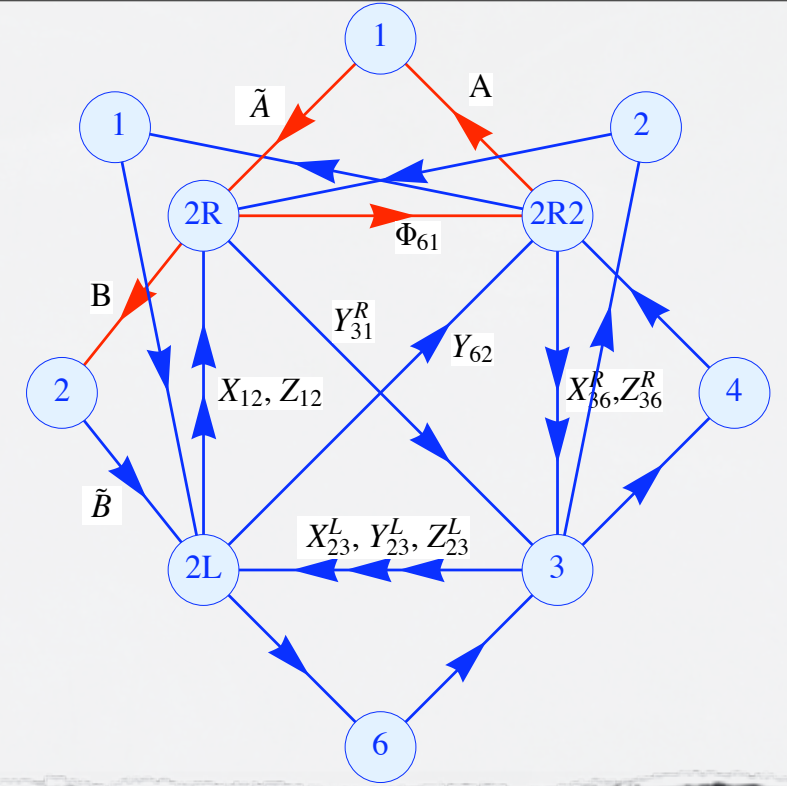
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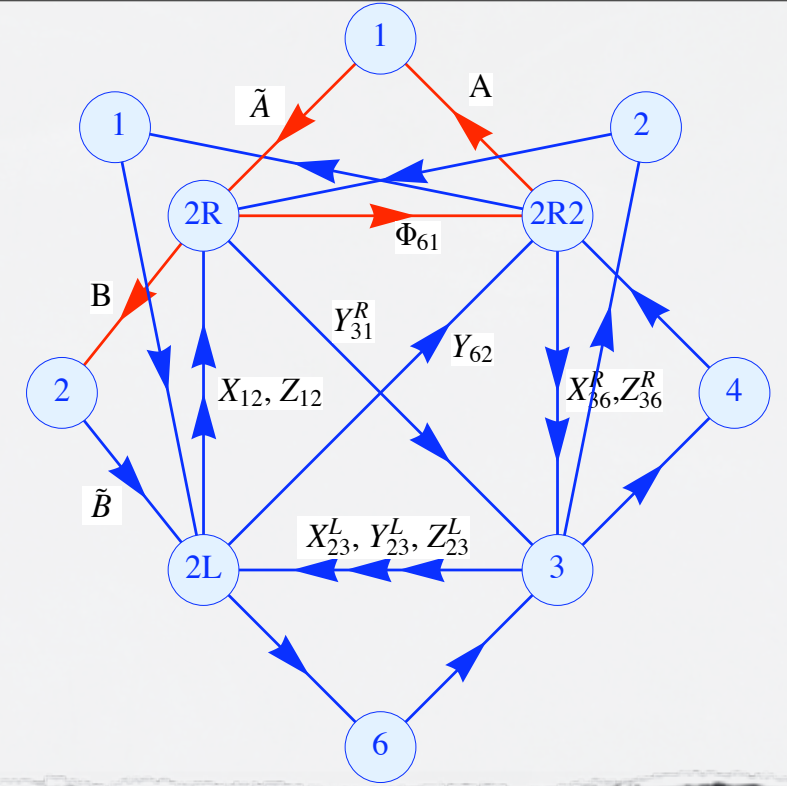


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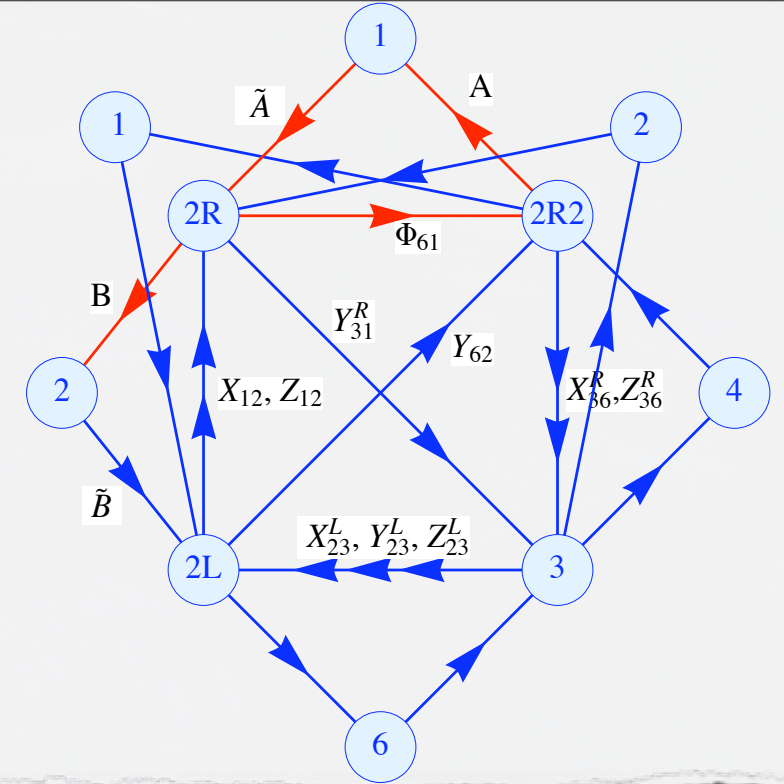
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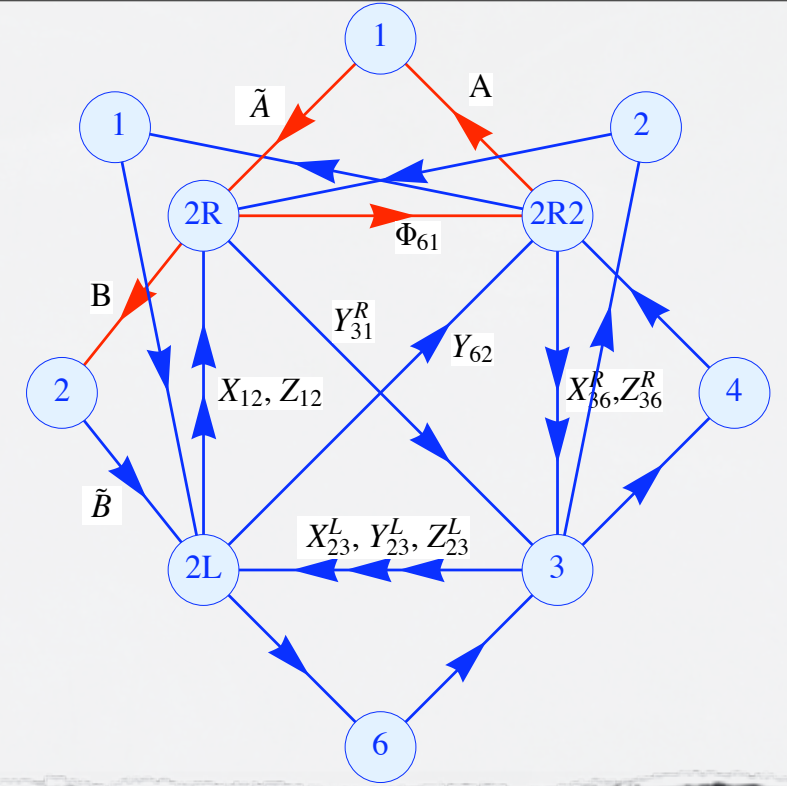
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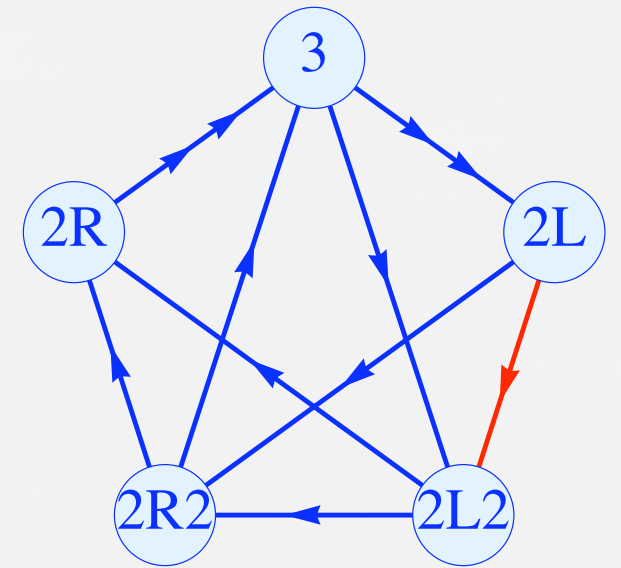
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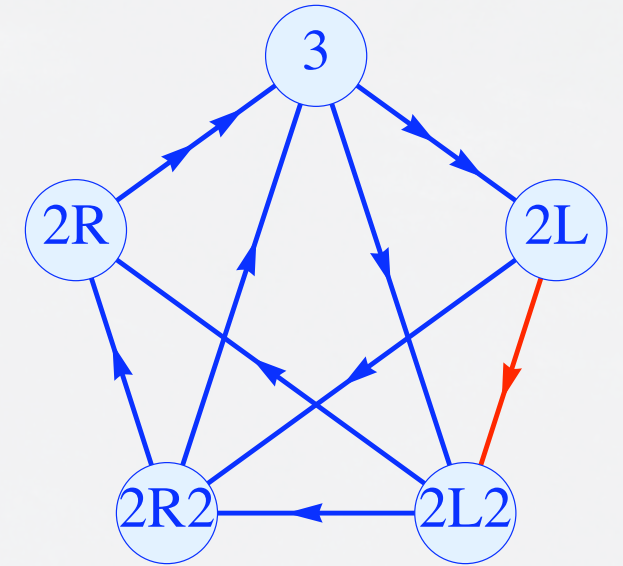
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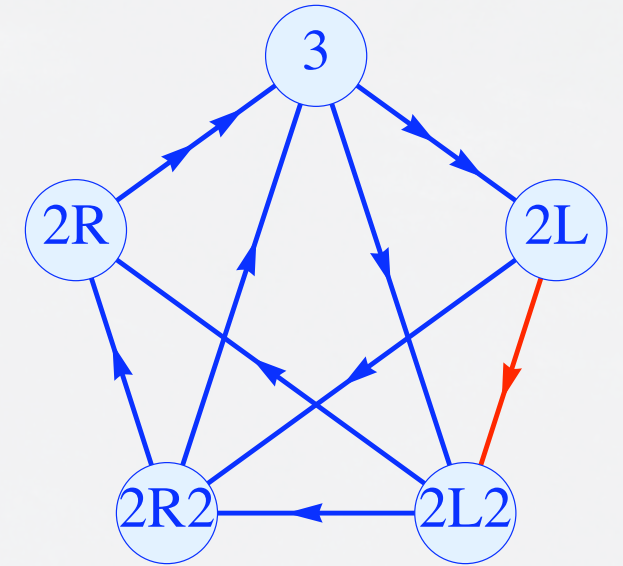
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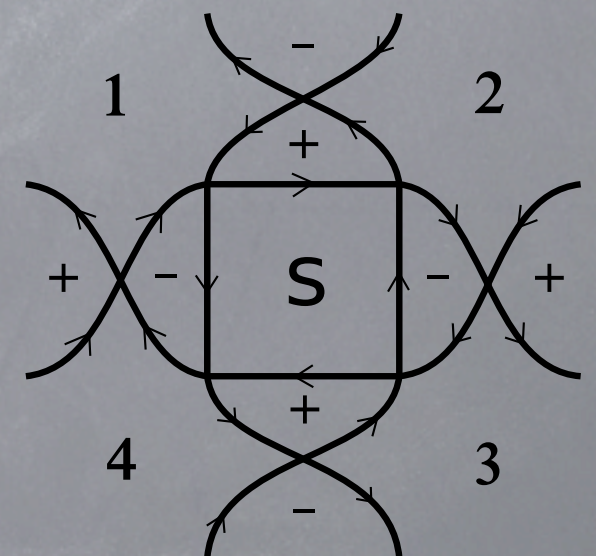
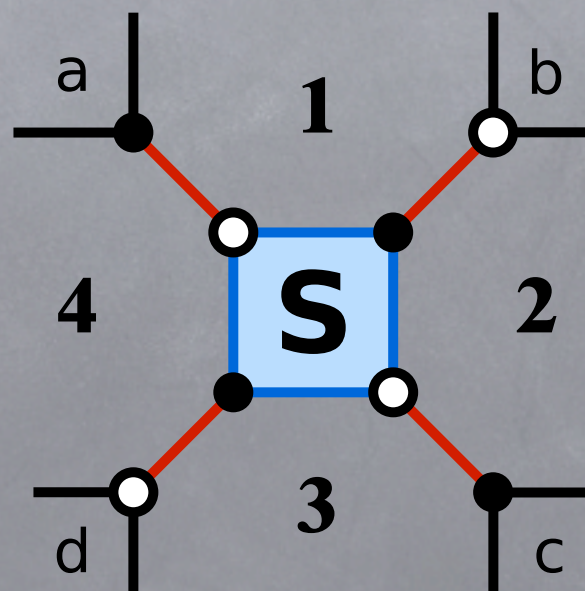
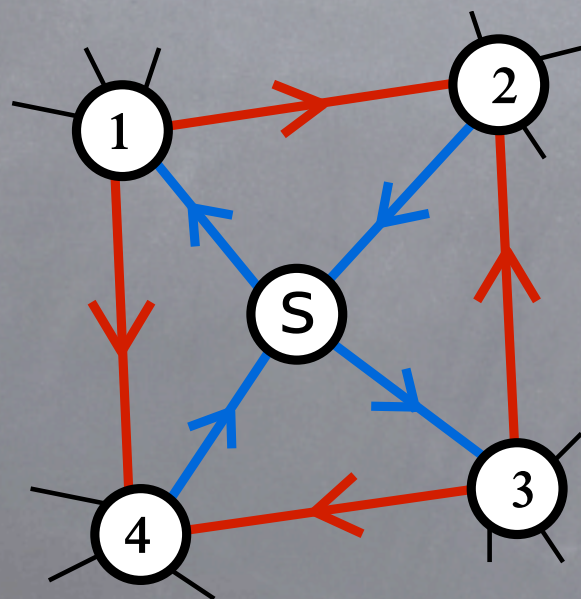
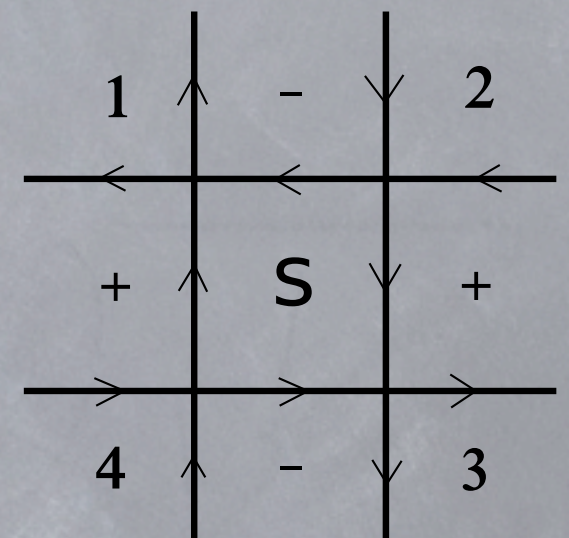
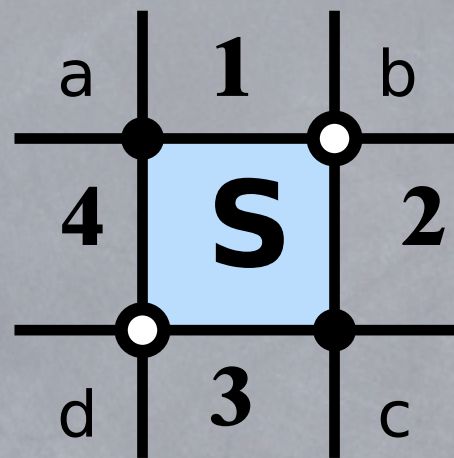
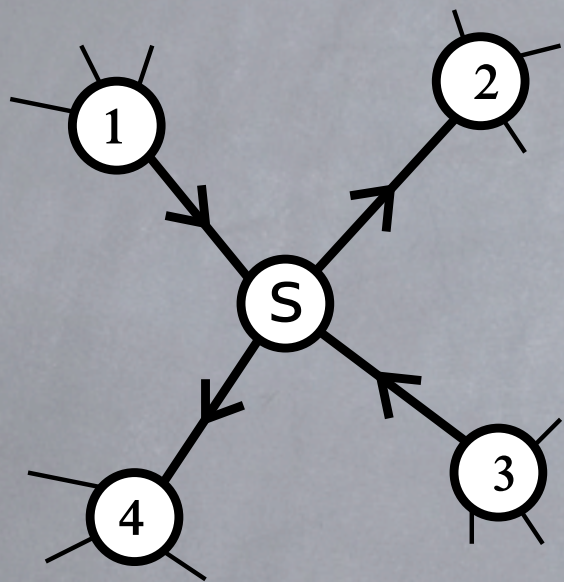
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CP violation: with correct CKM, Jarlskog invariant $J \approx \epsilon^6$

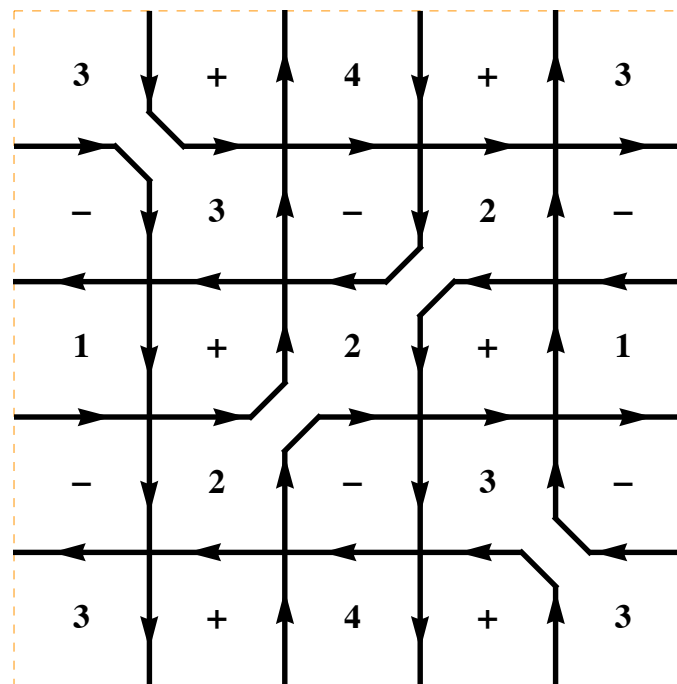
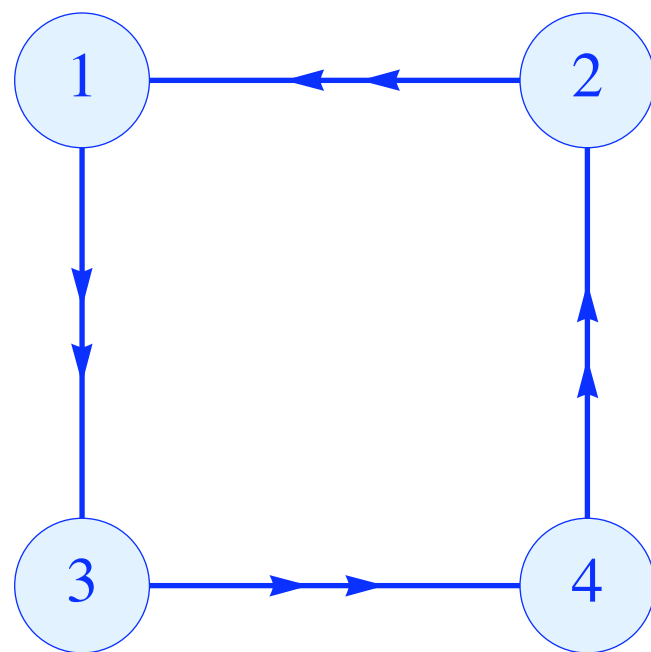
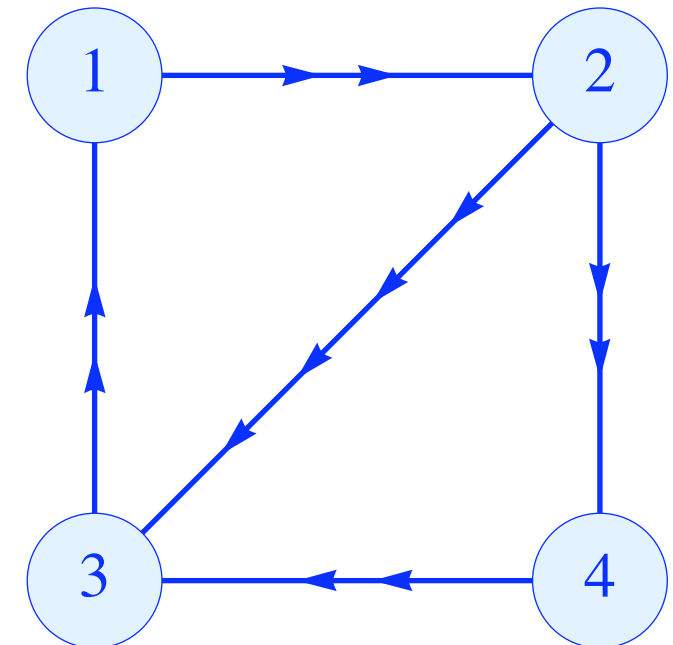
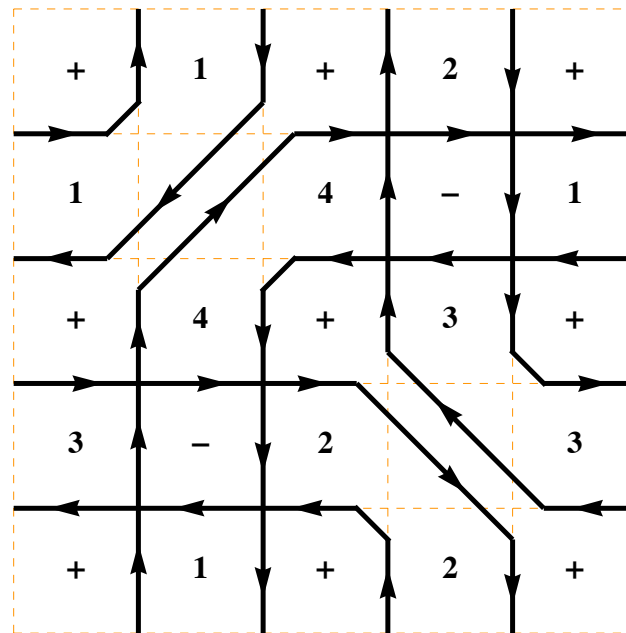
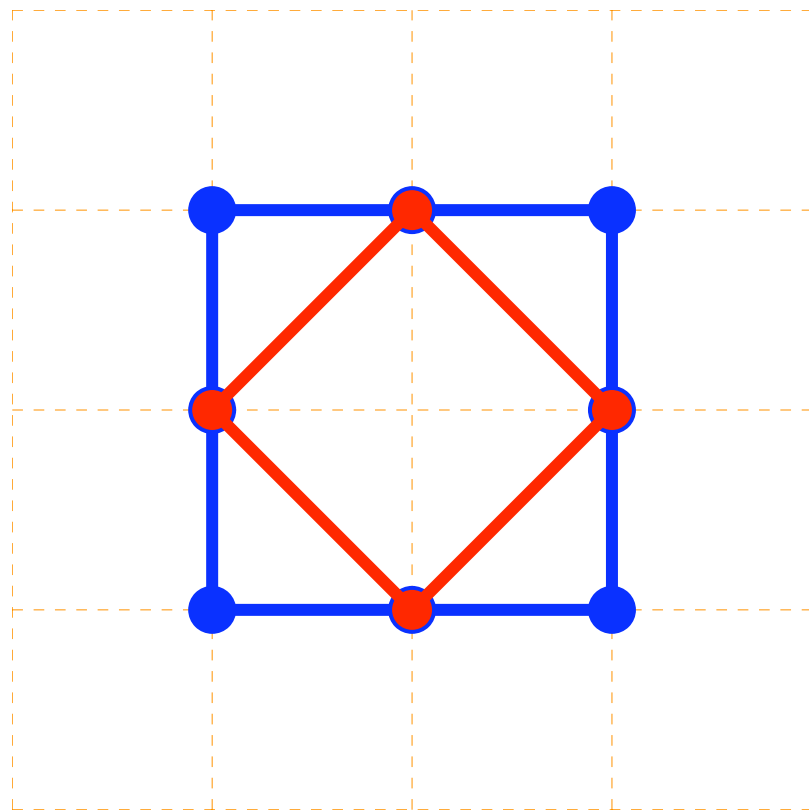
Summary

- D-branes at toric singularities interesting class of models:
- Upper bound of 3 families in toric singularities
- Mass Hierarchies are possible, generic structure $(0, m, M)$.
- Sufficient structure for realistic CKM-matrix & CP-violation (concrete models with this structure)
- Open questions: compact models,
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