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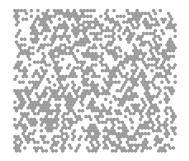
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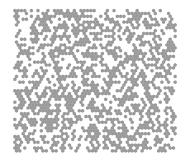
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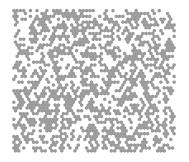
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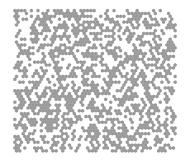
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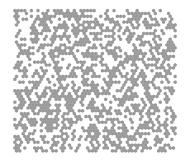
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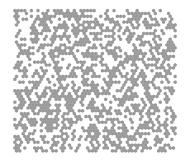
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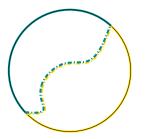
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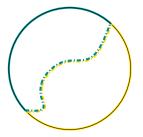
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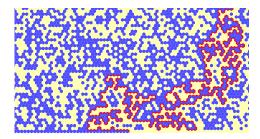
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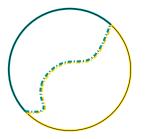
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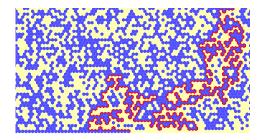




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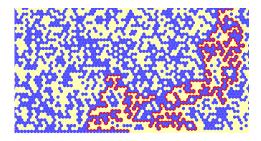


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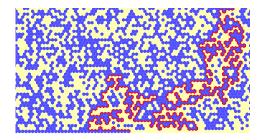


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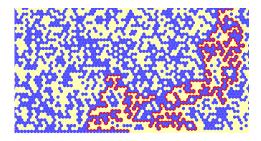


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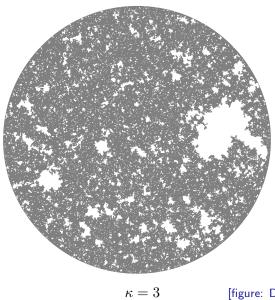
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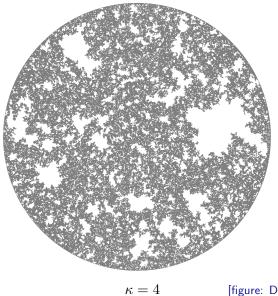


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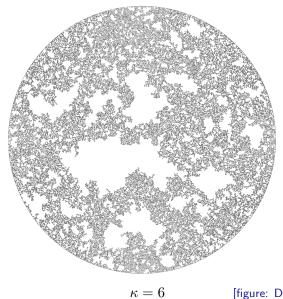
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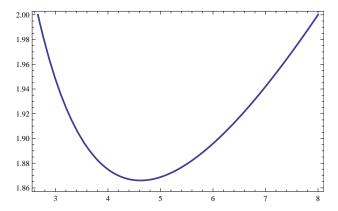
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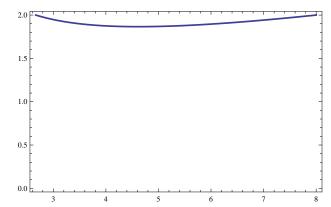
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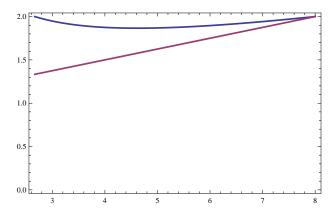
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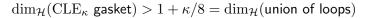
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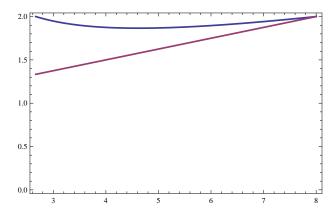
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In fact, gasket is also closure of union of loops for $\kappa > 8/3$

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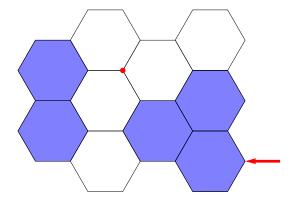
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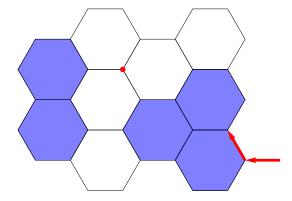
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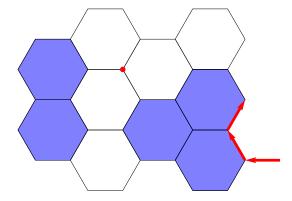
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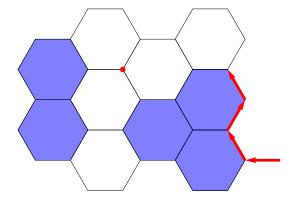
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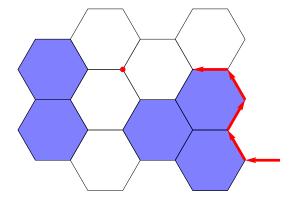
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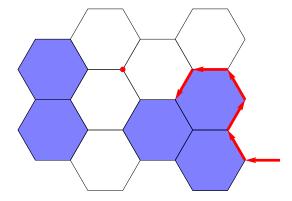


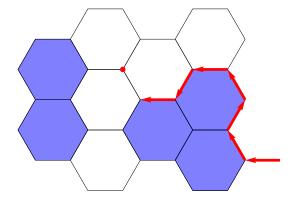


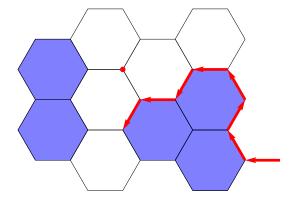


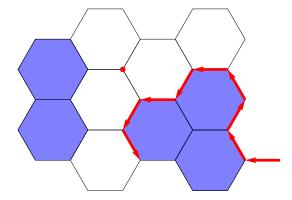




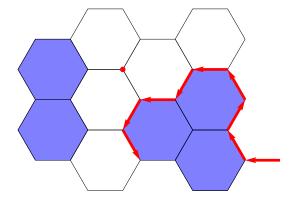








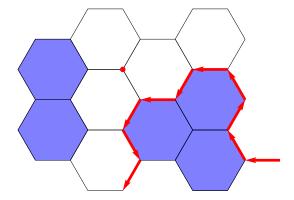
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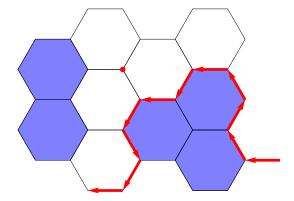
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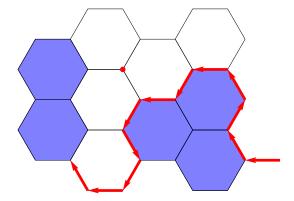
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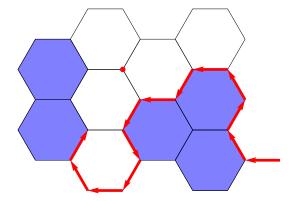
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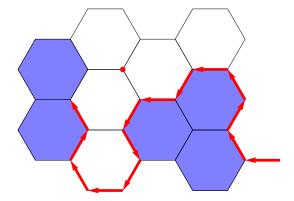
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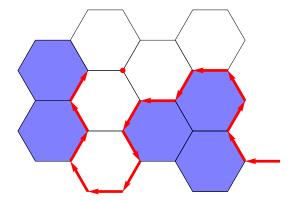
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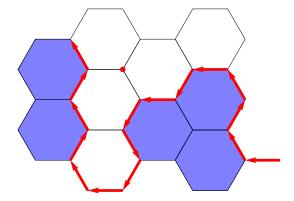
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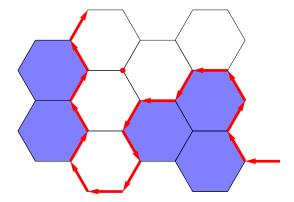
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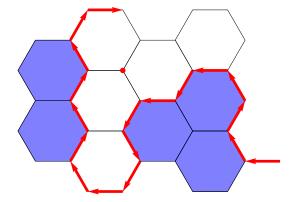
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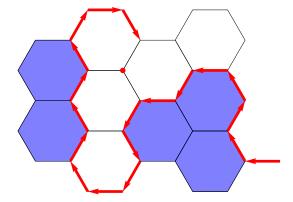
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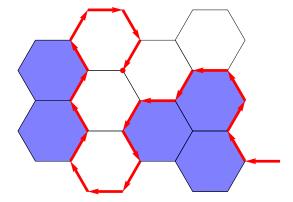
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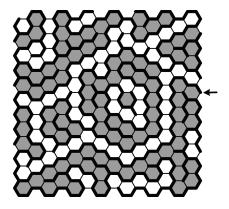
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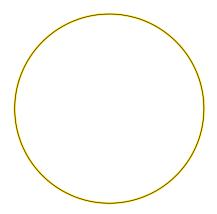


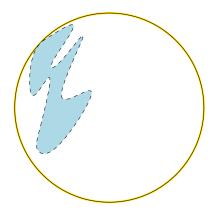
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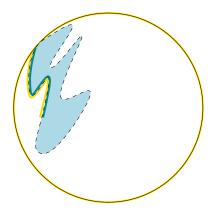
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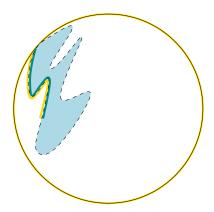




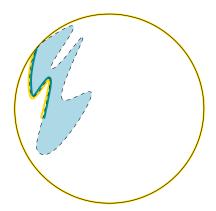
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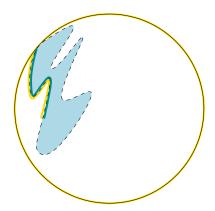
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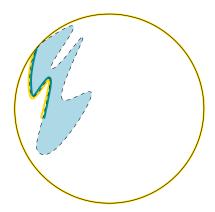
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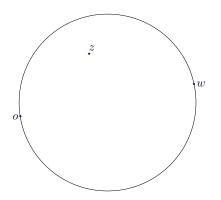
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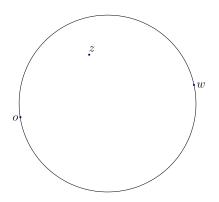
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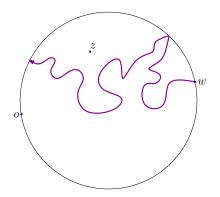
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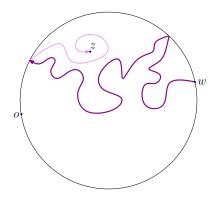
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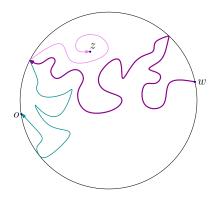
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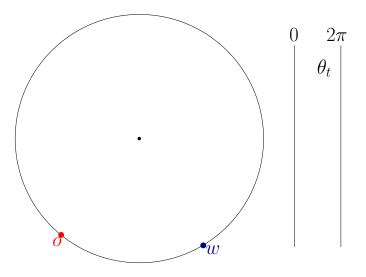
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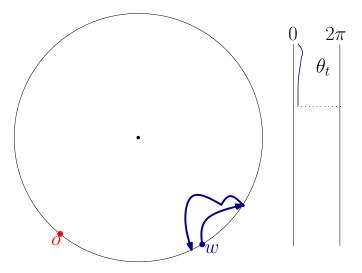
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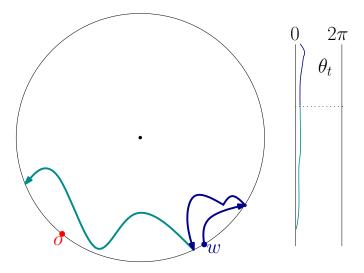
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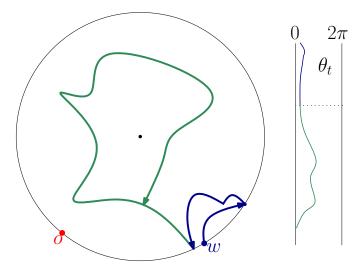
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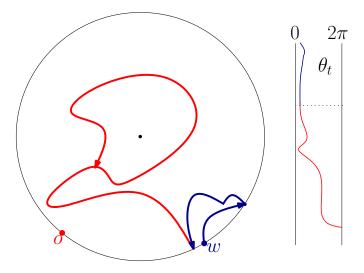
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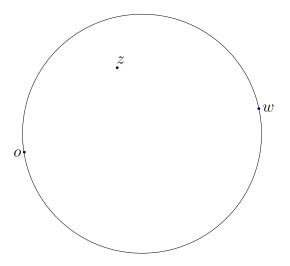




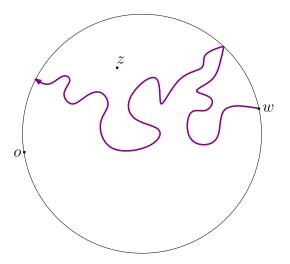




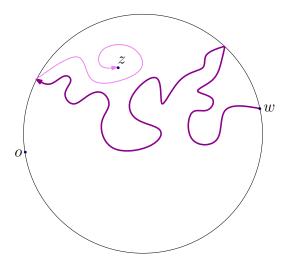
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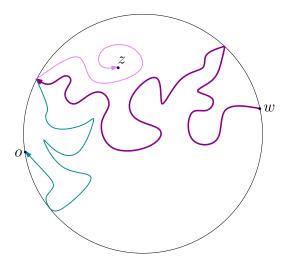
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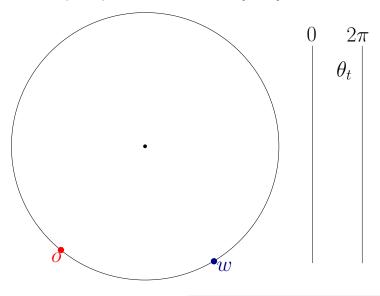
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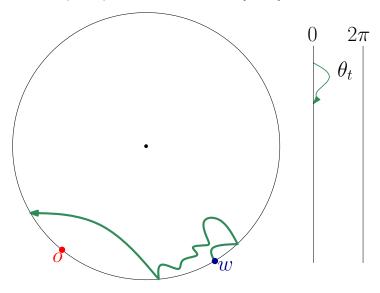
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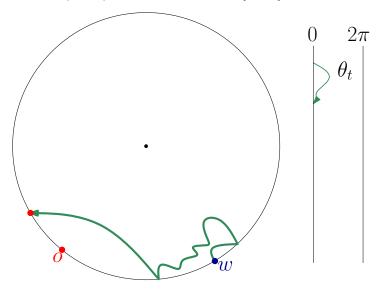
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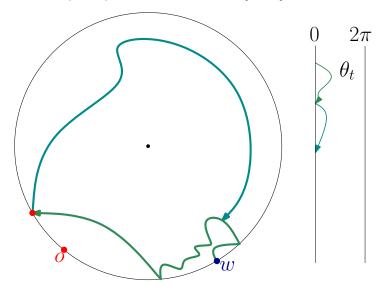
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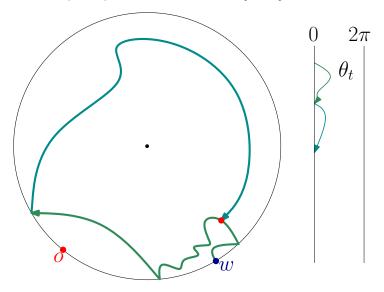


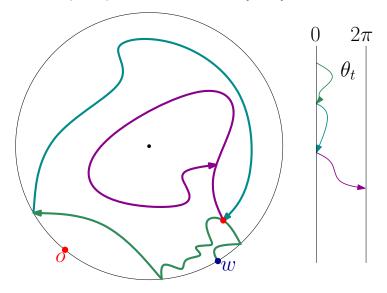
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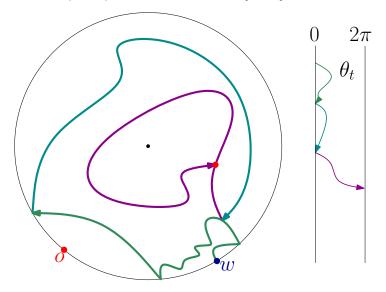
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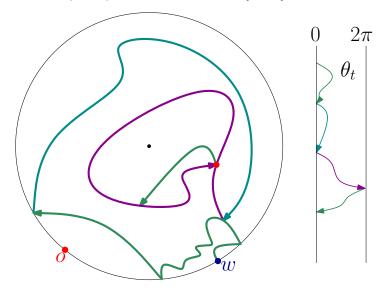


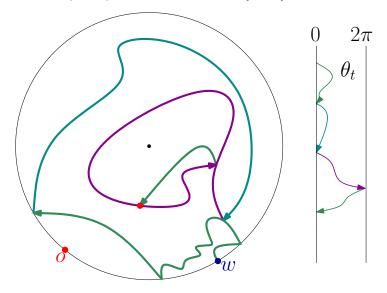


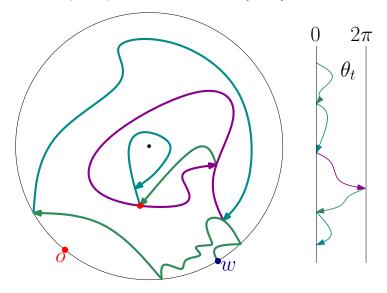


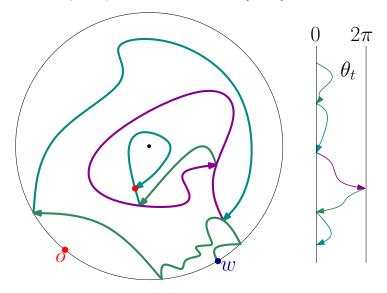












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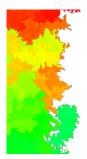
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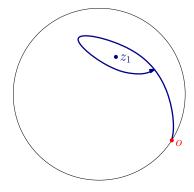
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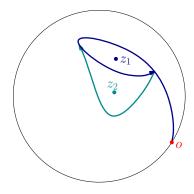
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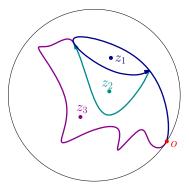
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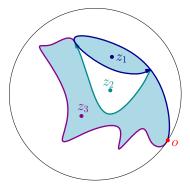
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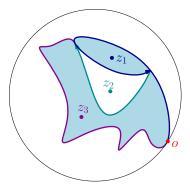


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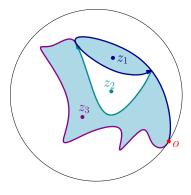
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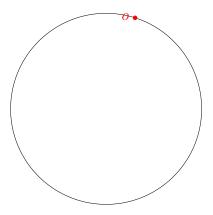
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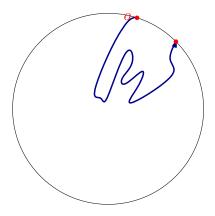
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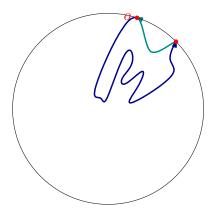
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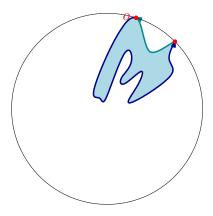


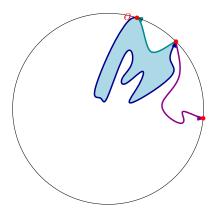
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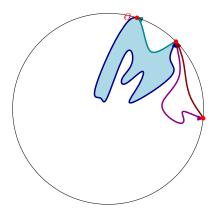


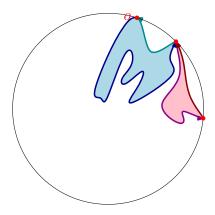




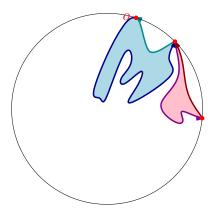






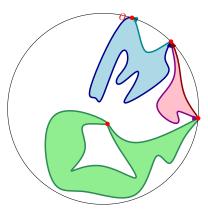


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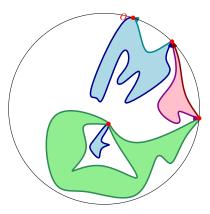
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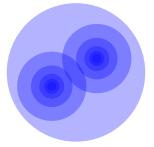
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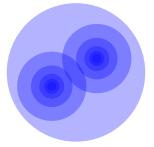
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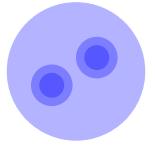
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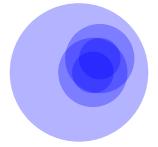
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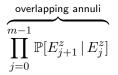
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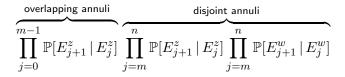


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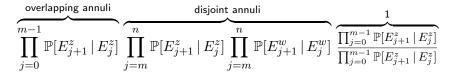


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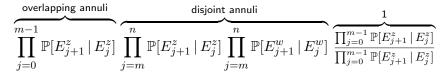


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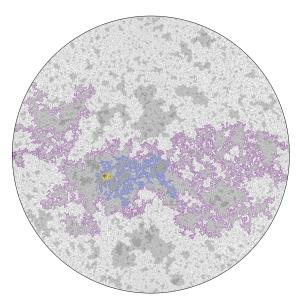
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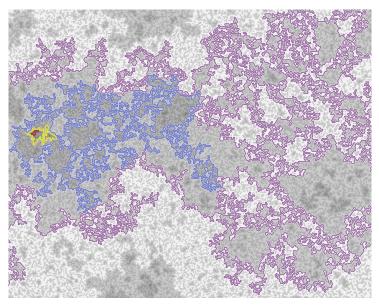
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[figure: Sam Watson and David Wilson]



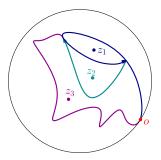
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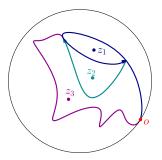
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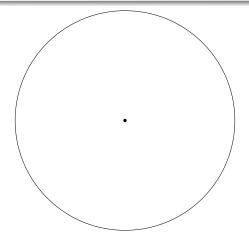
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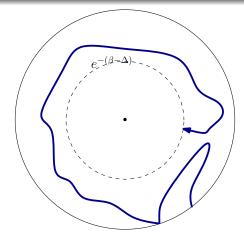
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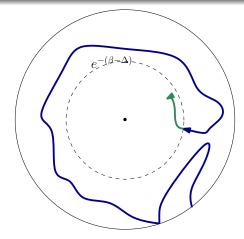


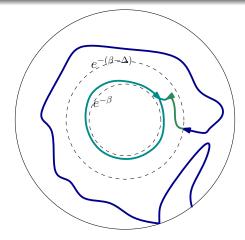
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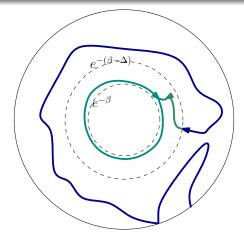
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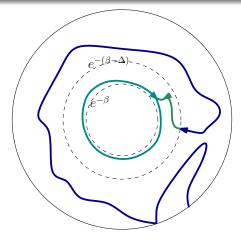




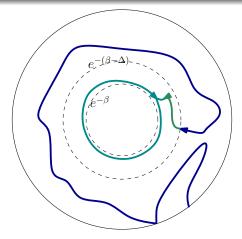




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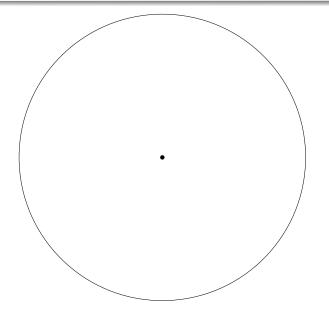
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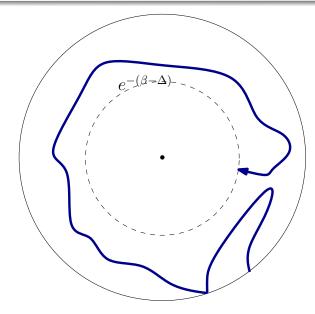
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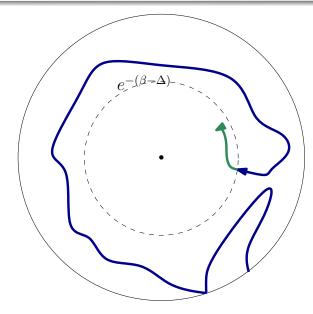
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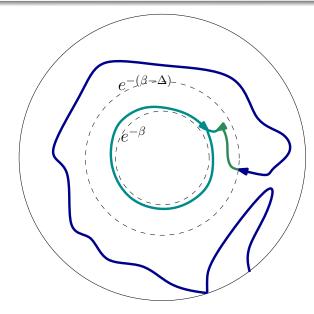
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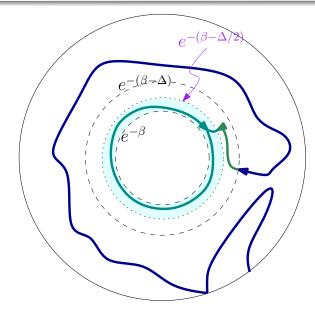
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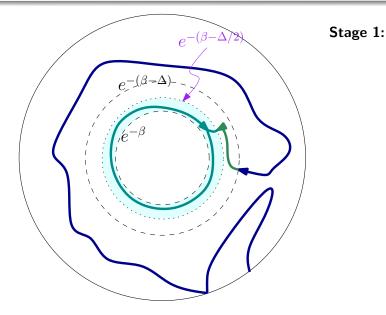




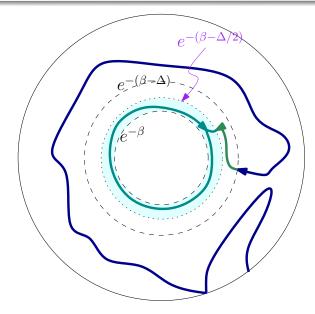




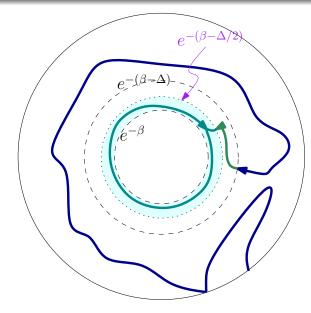




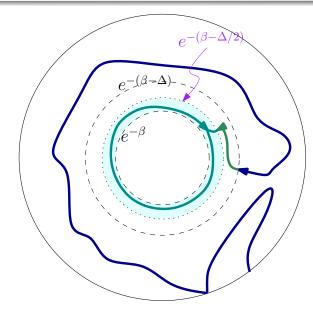
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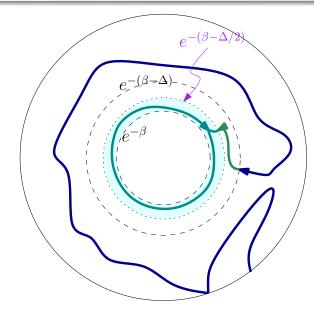


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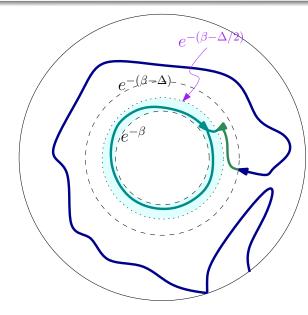
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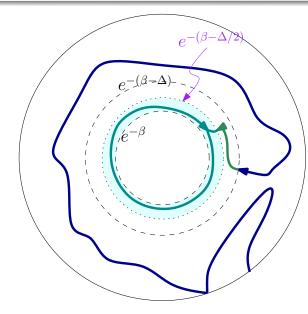
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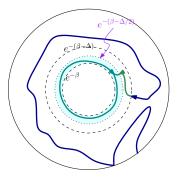
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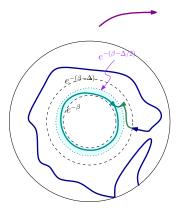
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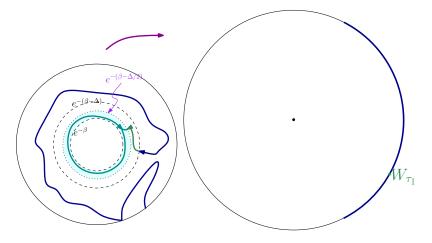


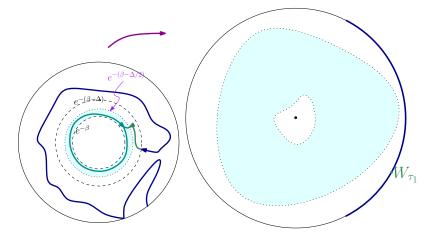
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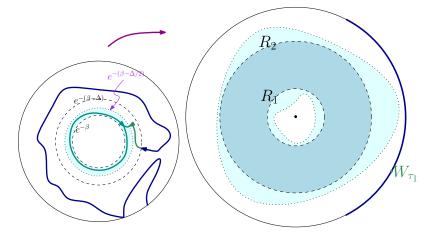
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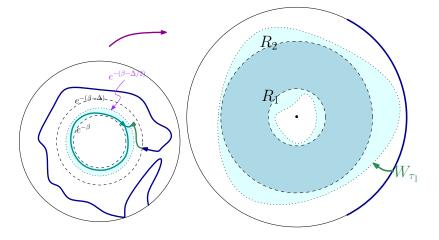


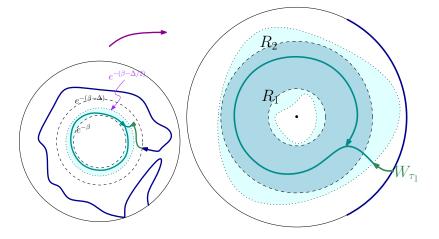


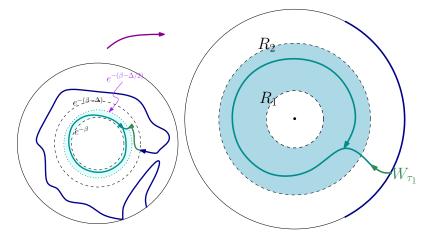




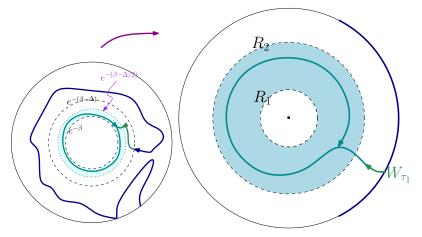








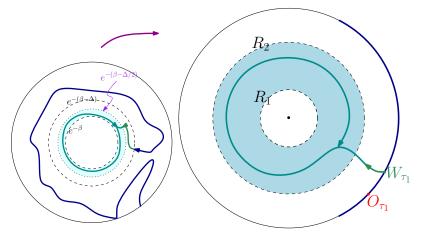
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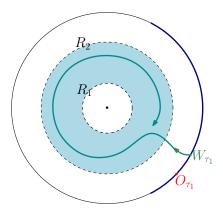


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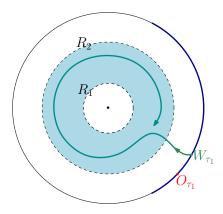
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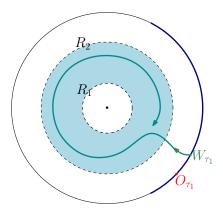


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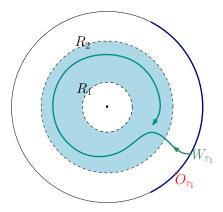
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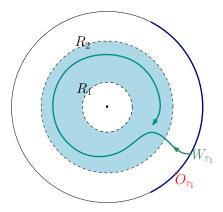
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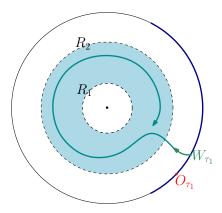
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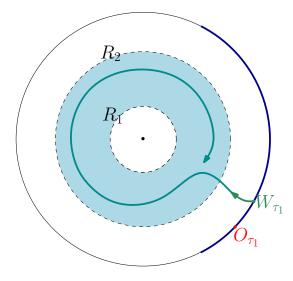
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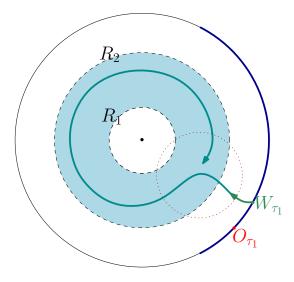
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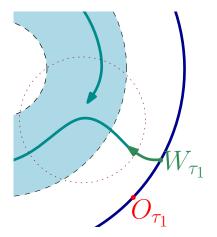
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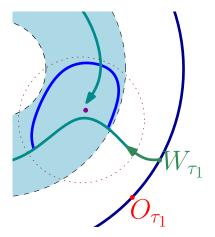
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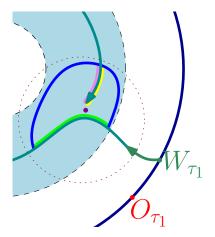


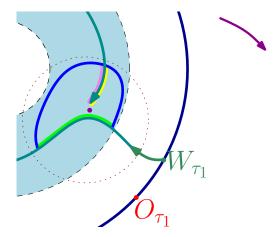
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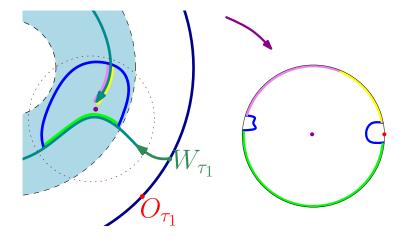


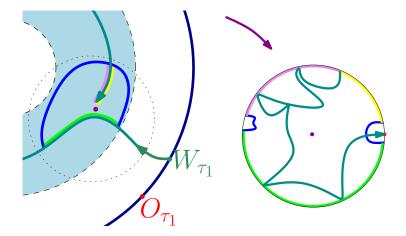


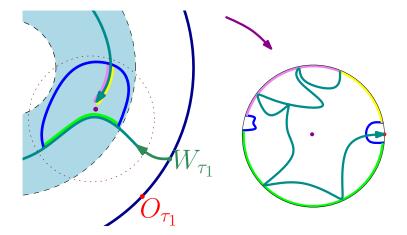










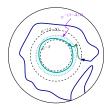


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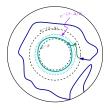
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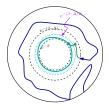
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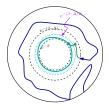


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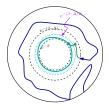


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