

Symmetry through Geometry

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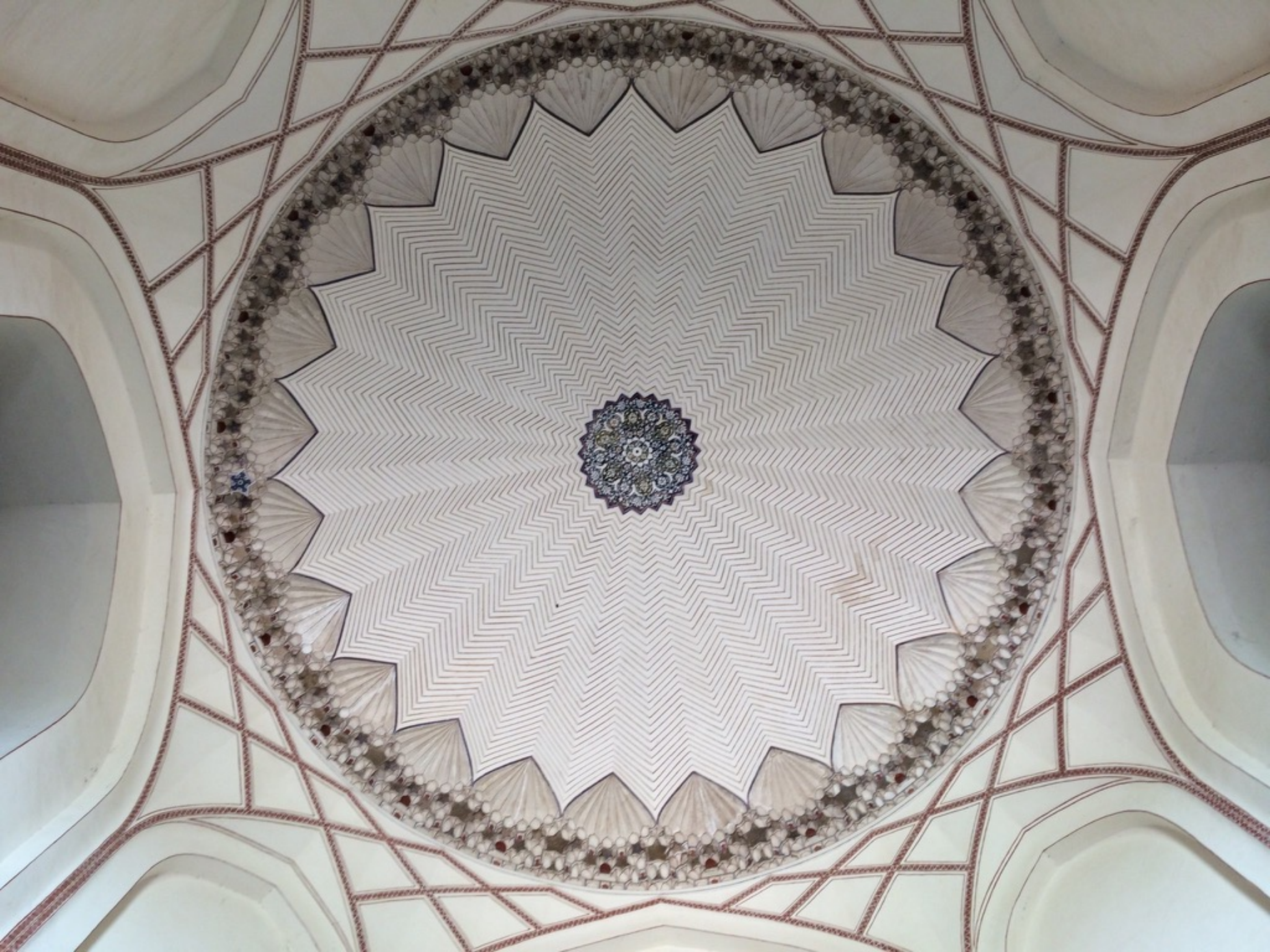


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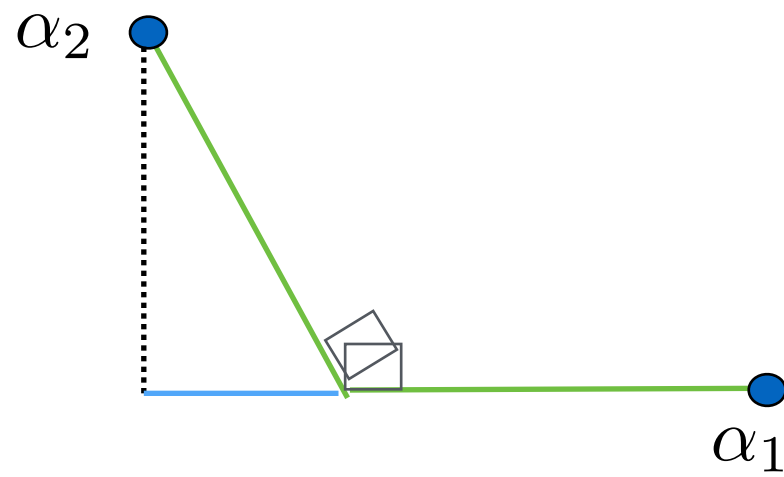




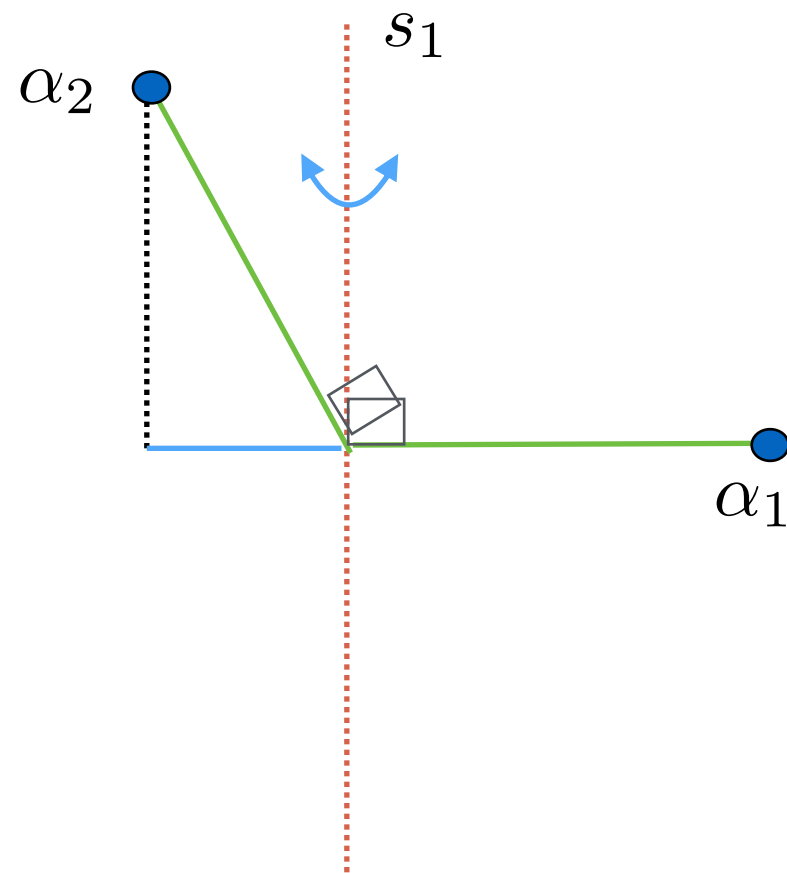
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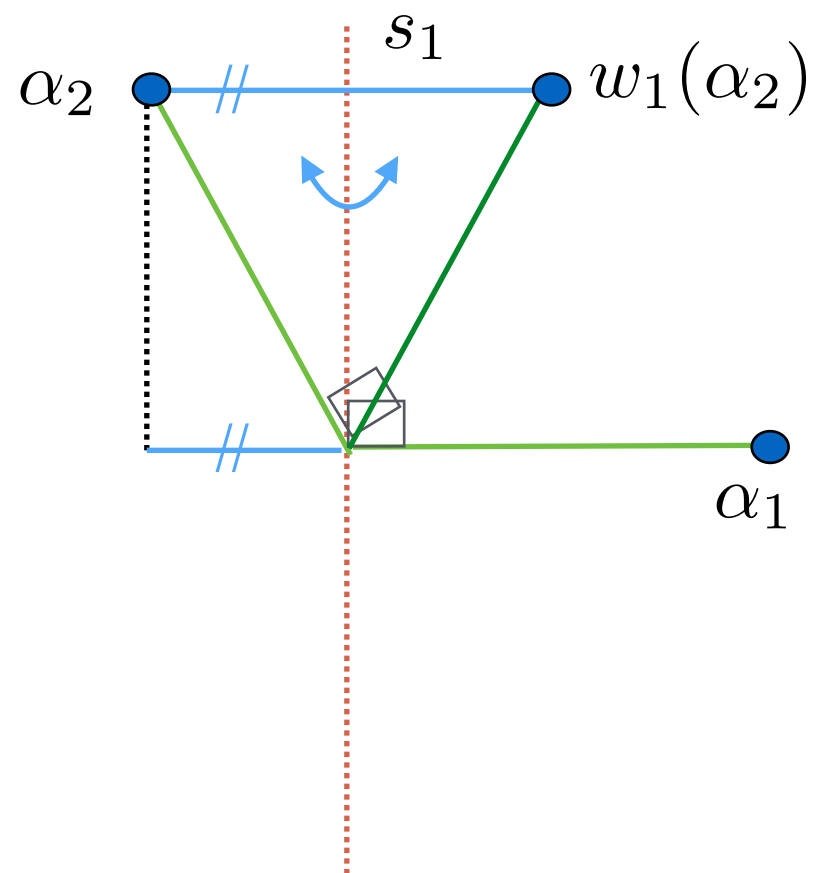
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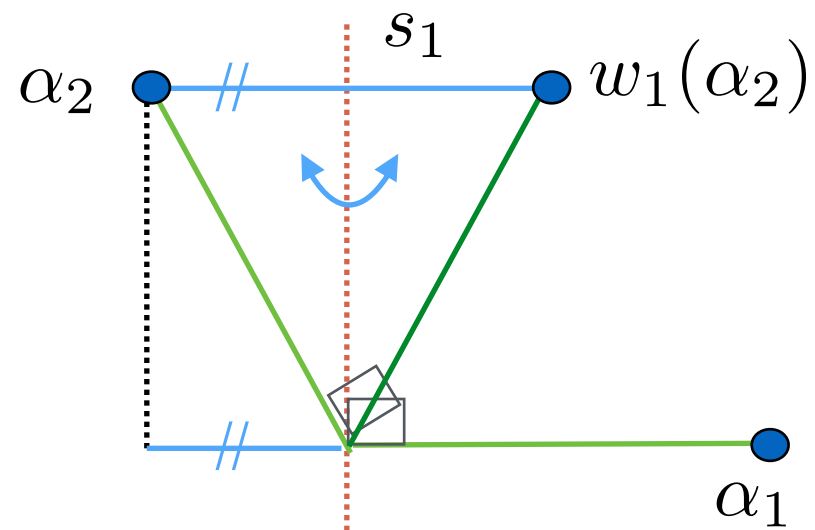
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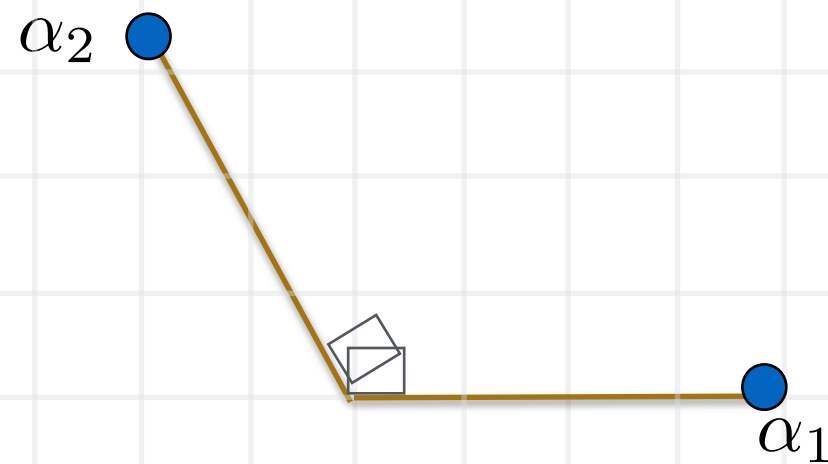


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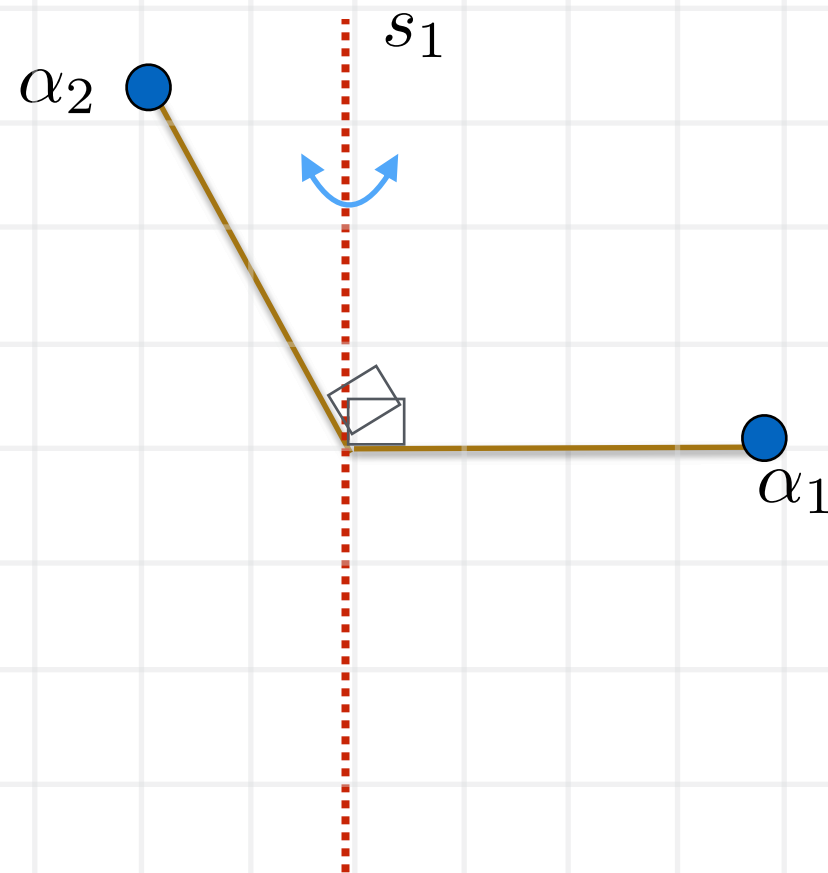
$$\begin{aligned}
 w_1(\alpha_2) &= \alpha_2 - 2 \frac{(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)}{(\alpha_1, \alpha_1)} \alpha_1 \\
 &= (-1, \sqrt{3}) + (2, 0) \\
 &= (1, \sqrt{3})
 \end{aligned}$$

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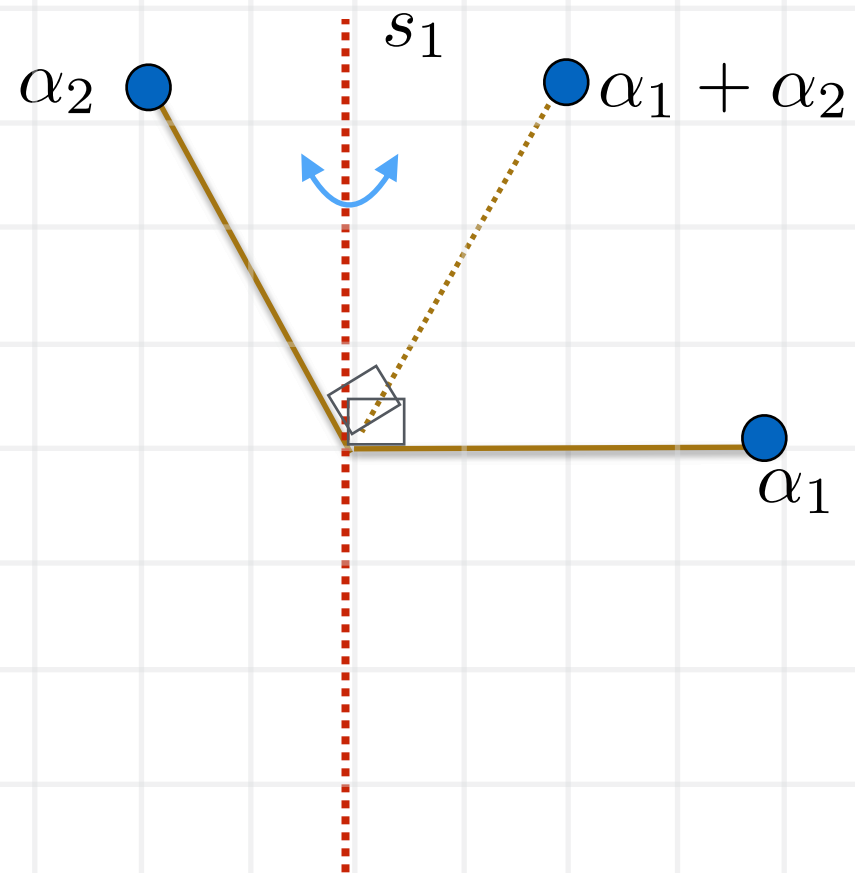
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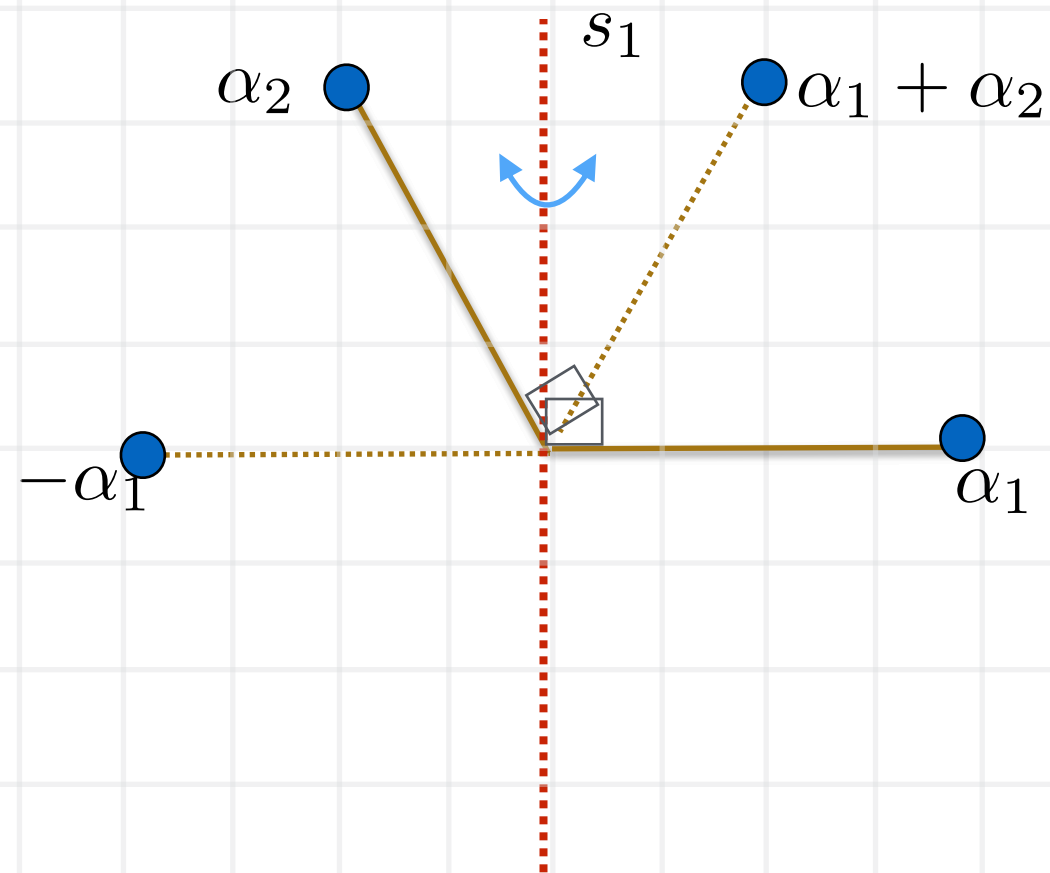
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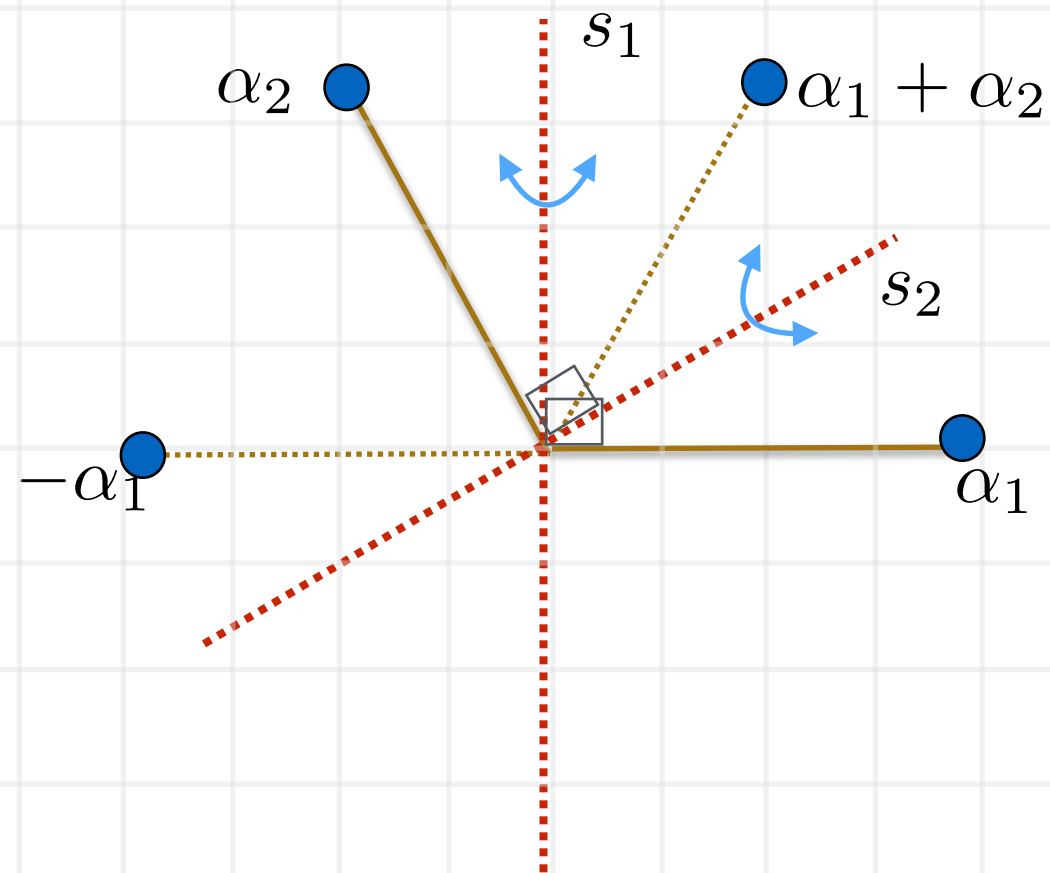
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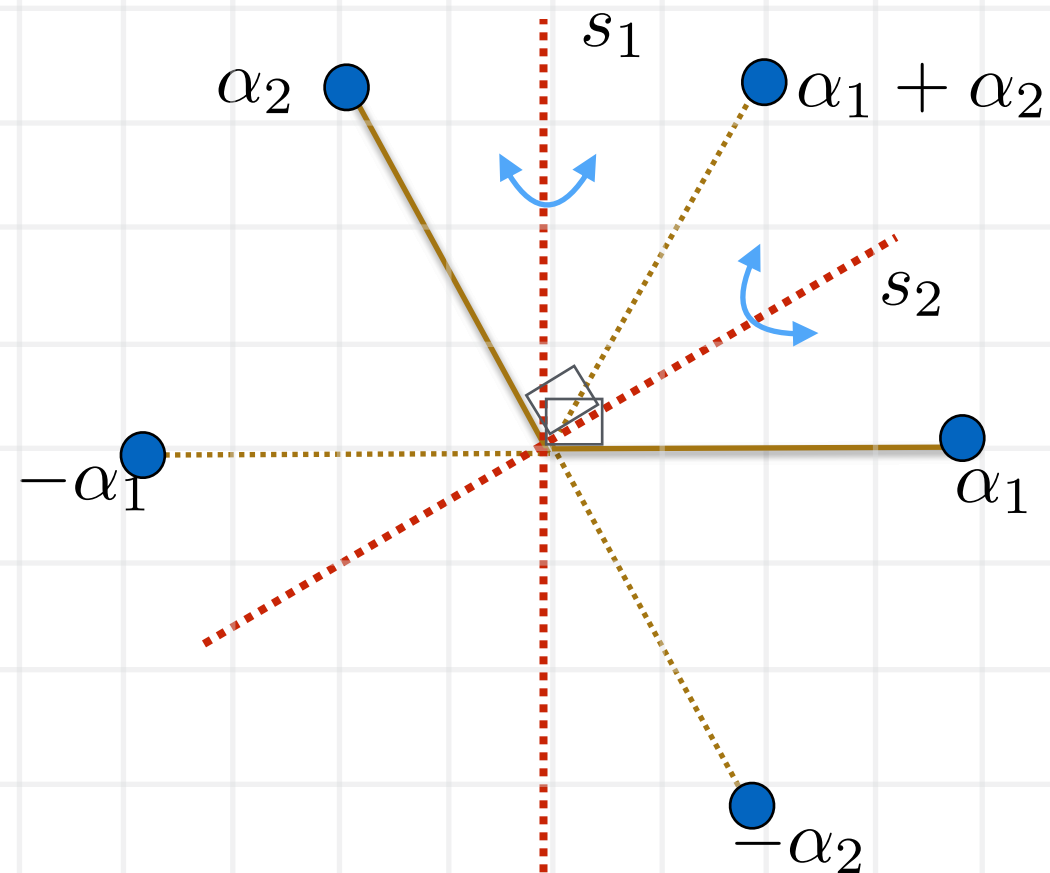
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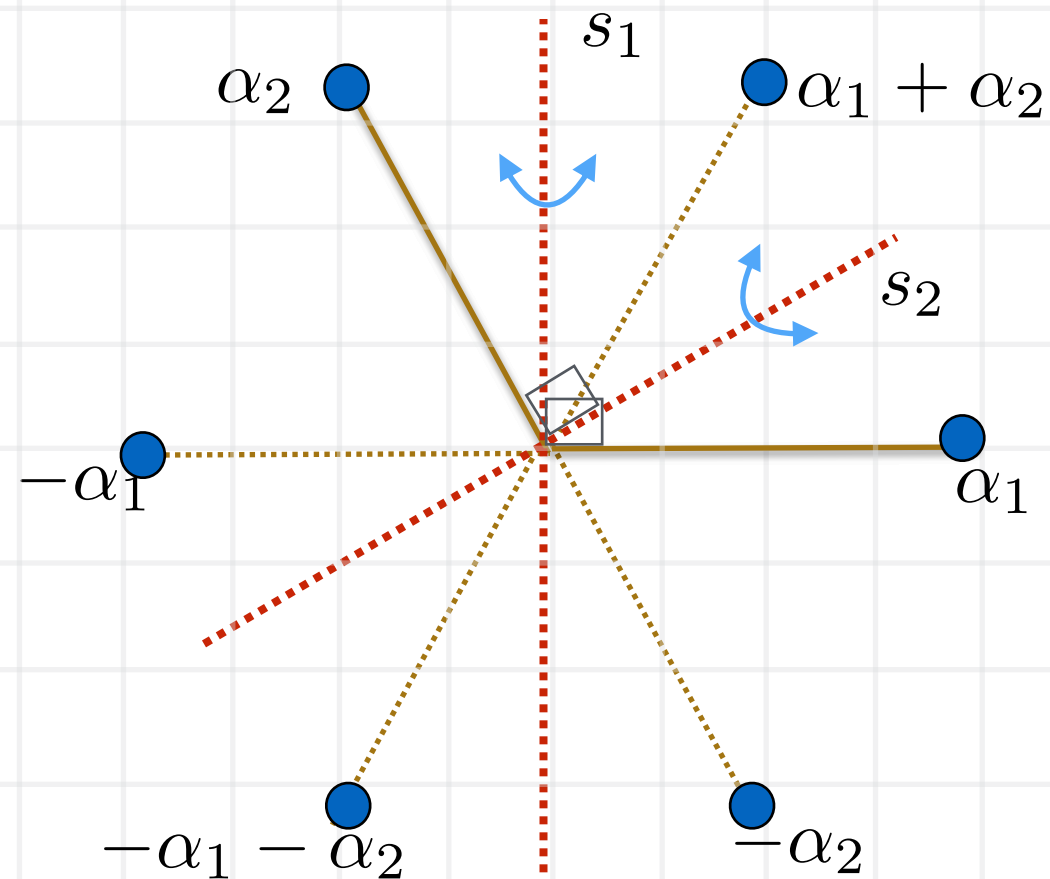
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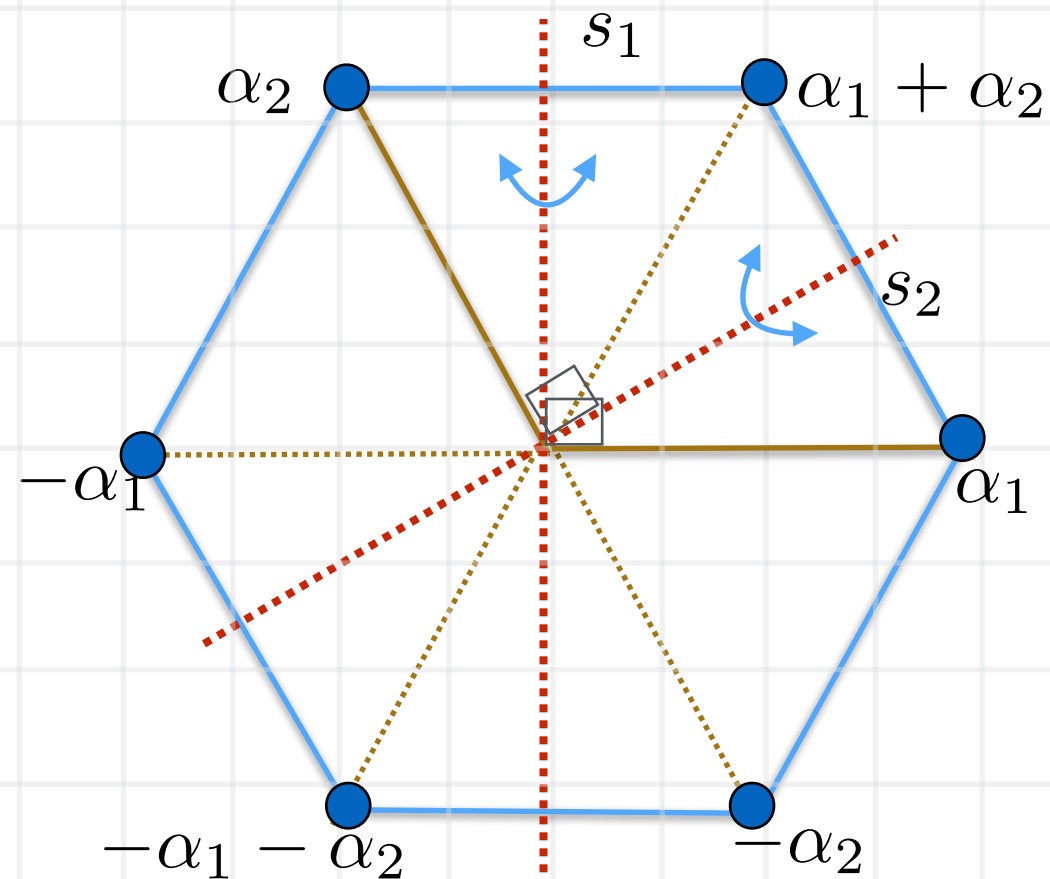
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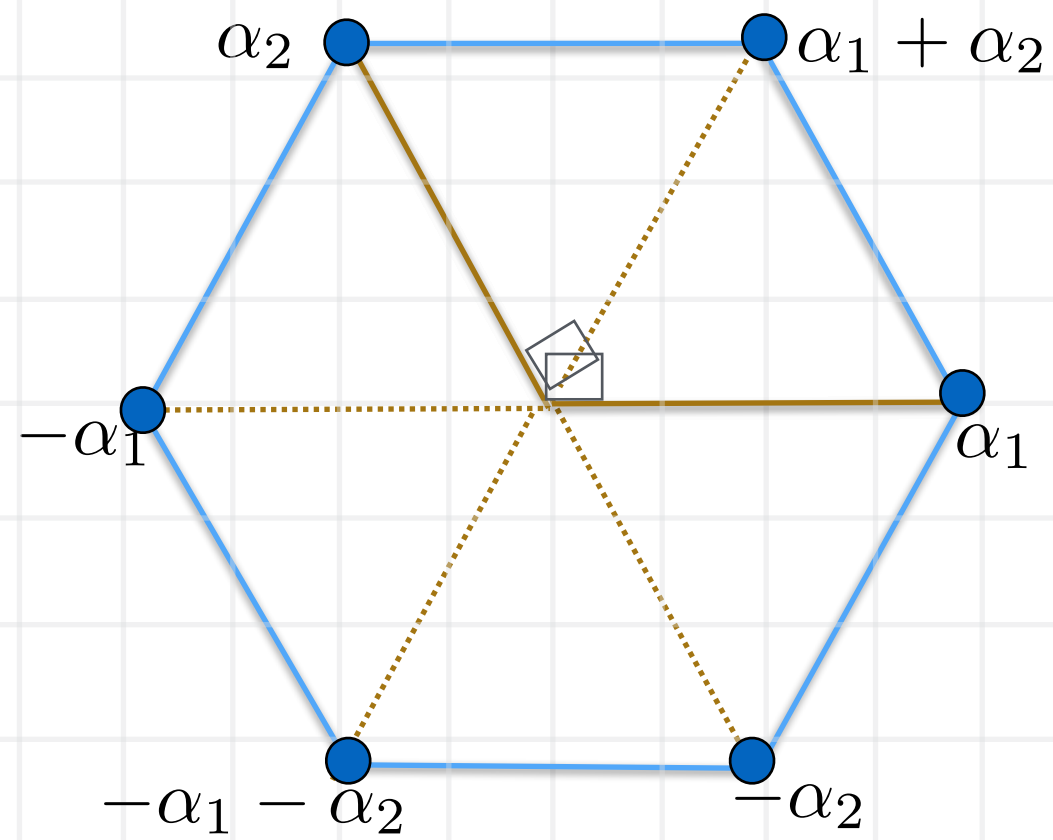


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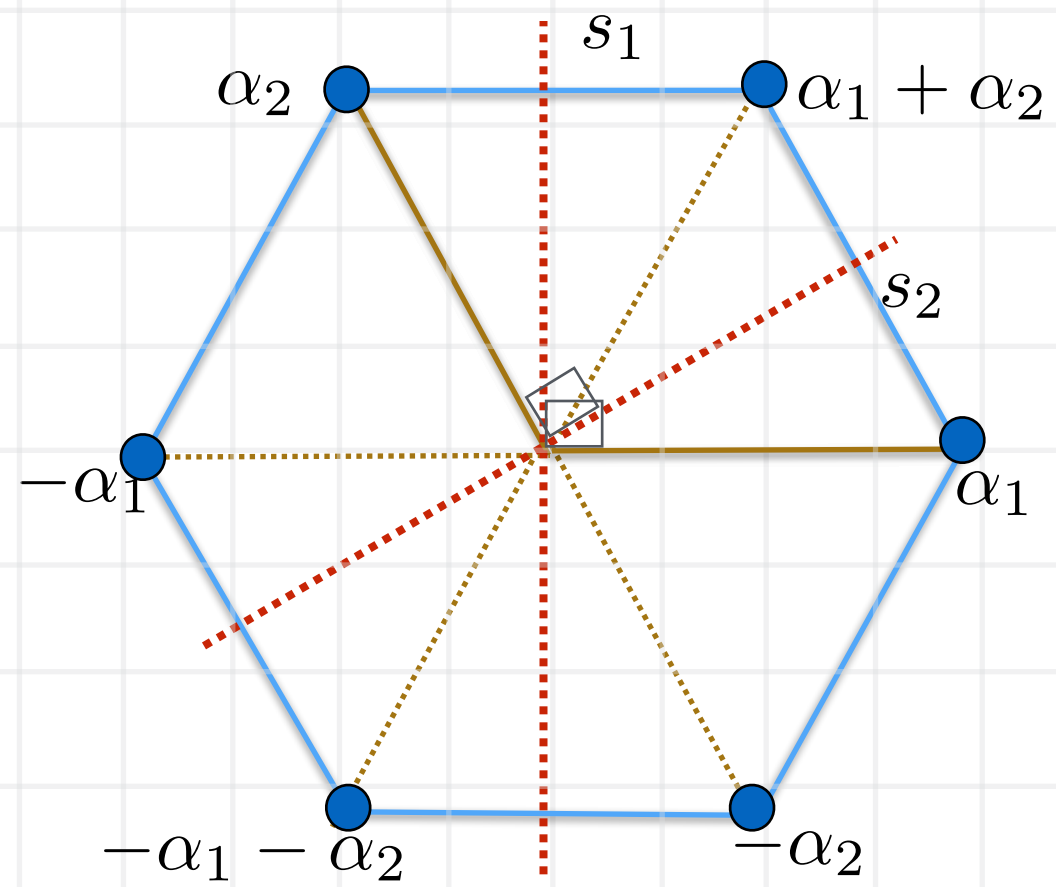
Reflection Groups

- Roots: $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$
- Reflections: $w_i(\alpha_j) = \alpha_j - 2 \frac{(\alpha_i, \alpha_j)}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)} \alpha_i$
- Co-roots: $\check{\alpha}_i = 2 \frac{\alpha_i}{(\alpha_i, \alpha_i)}$
- Weights: h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n
 $(h_i, \check{\alpha}_i) = \delta_{ij}$

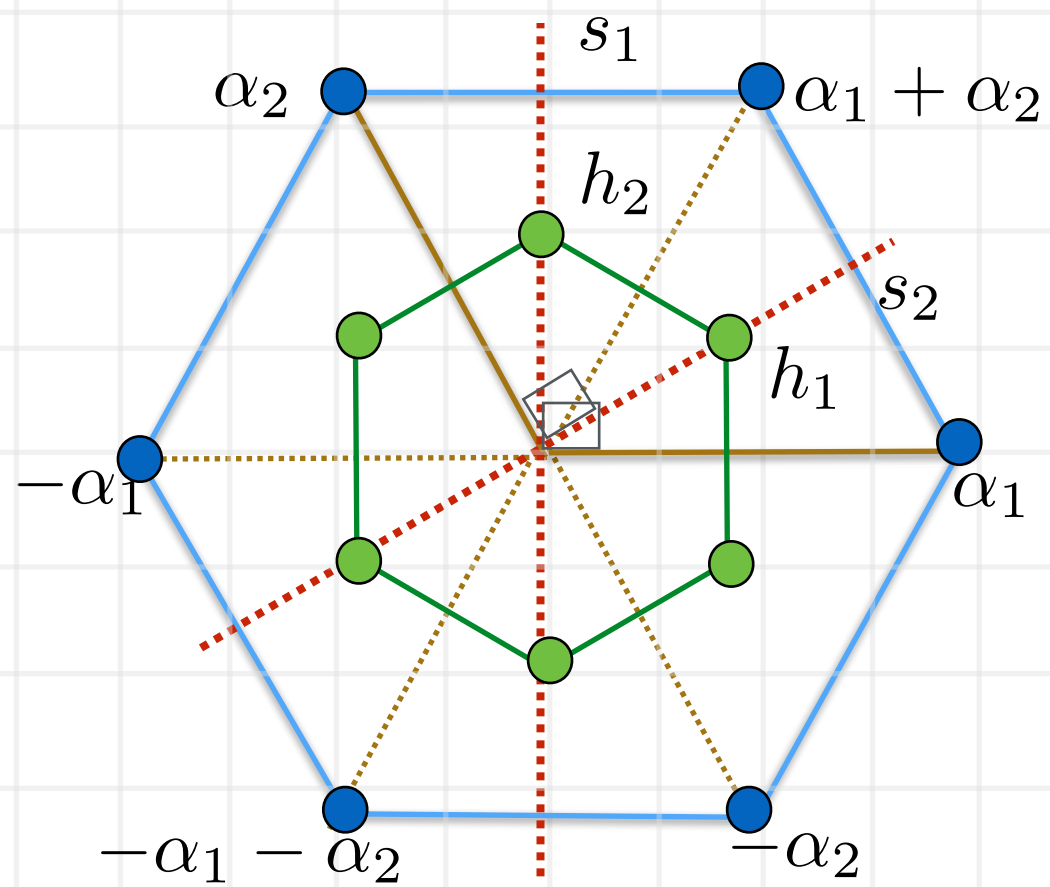
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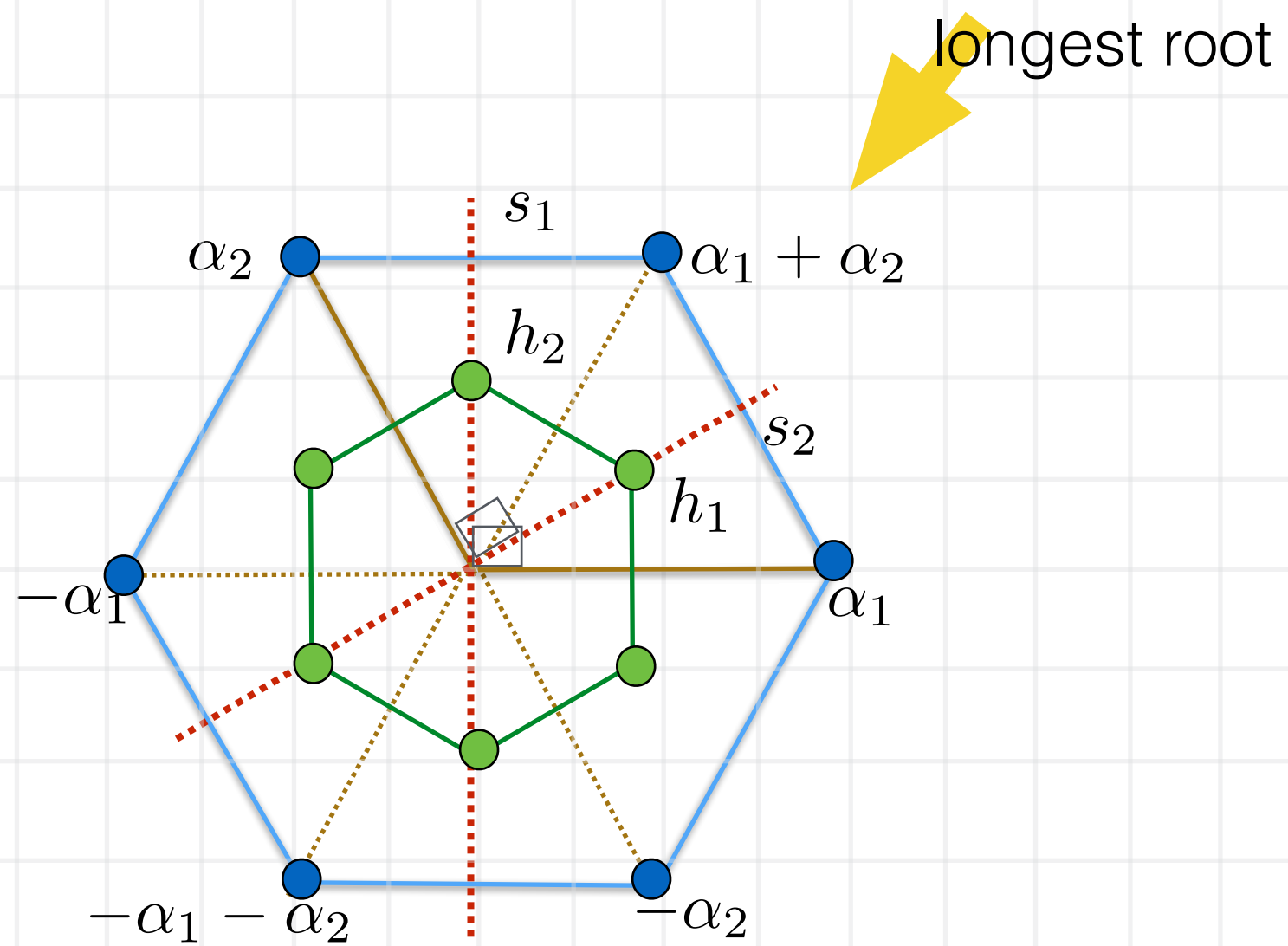
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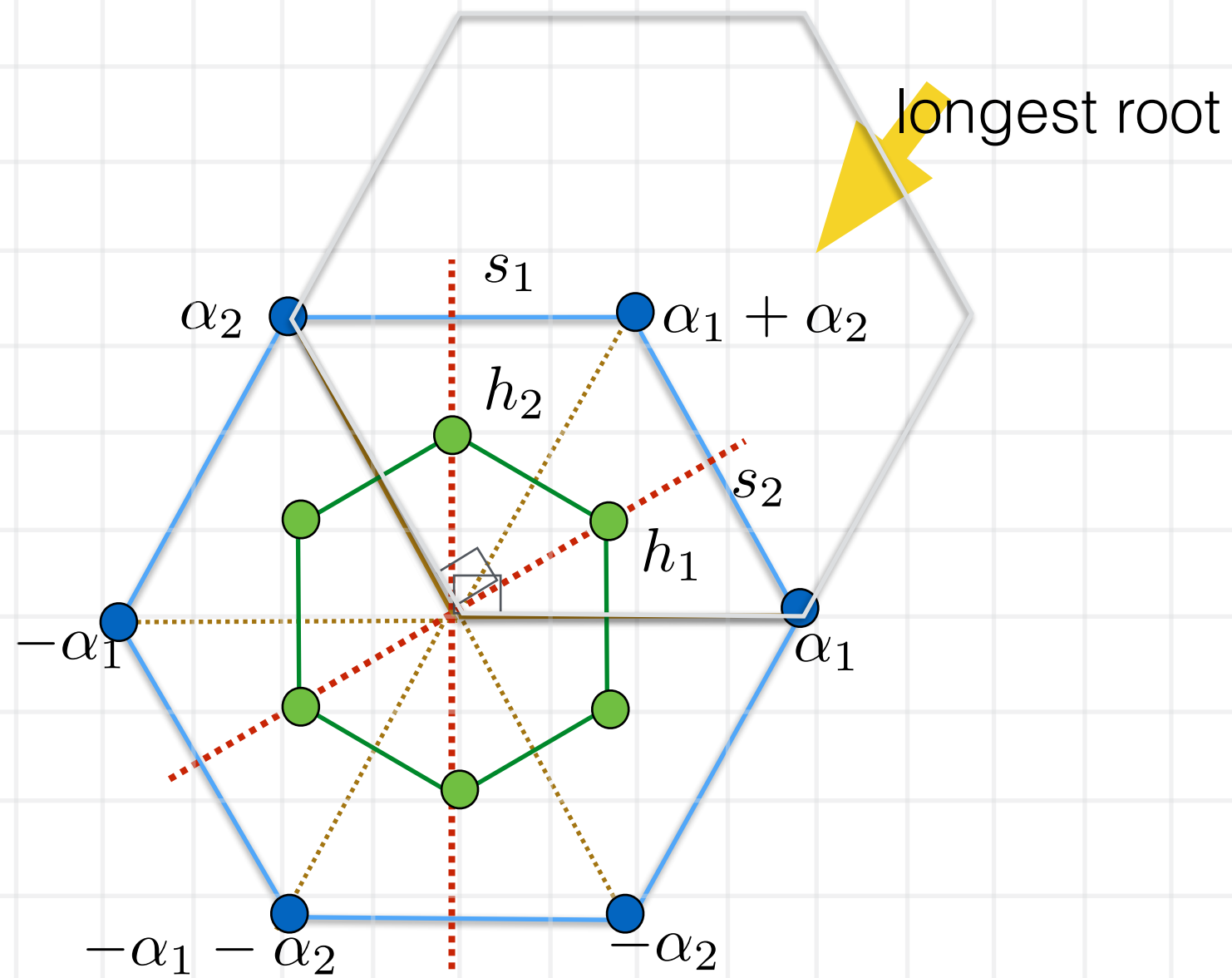
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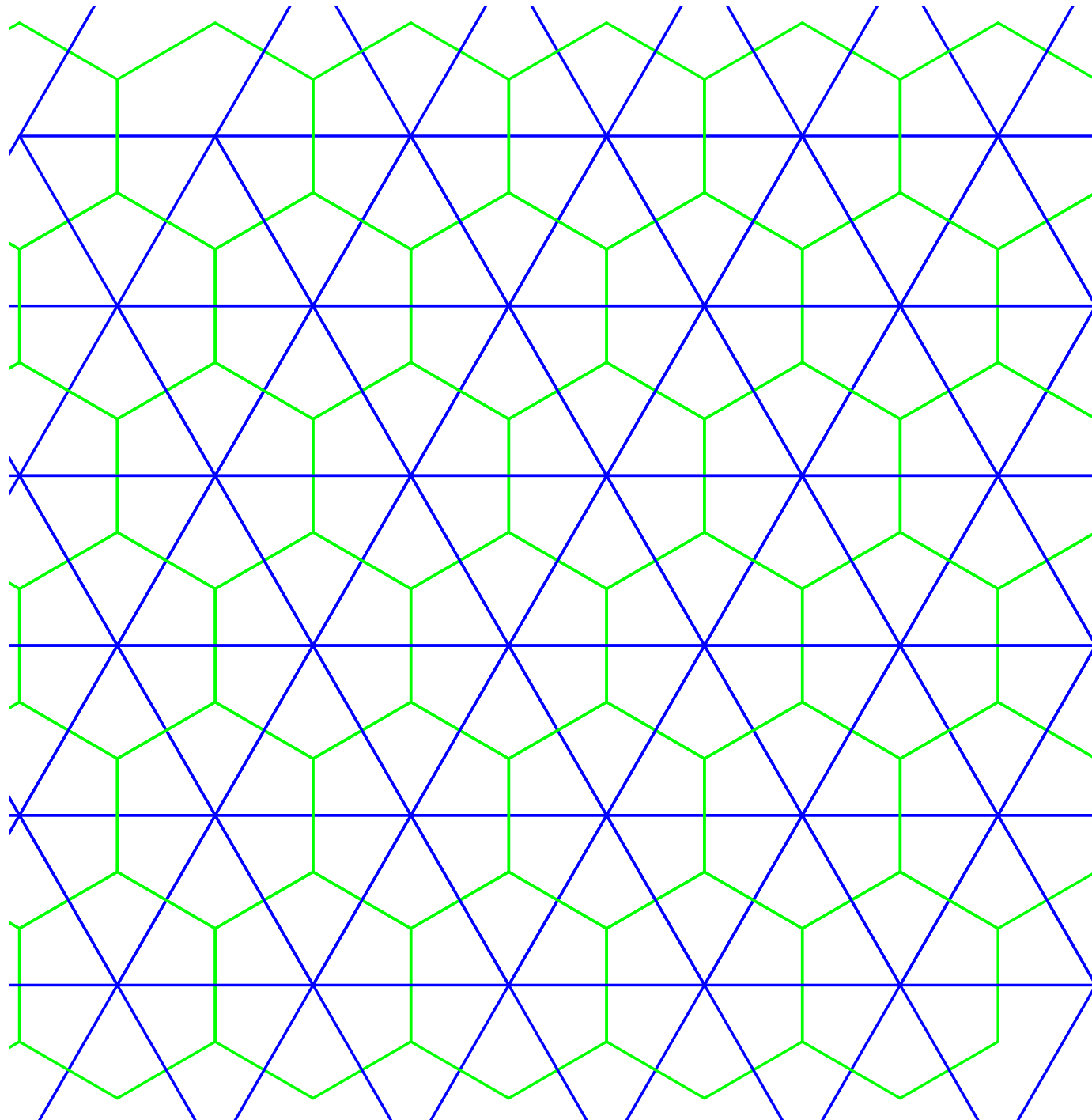


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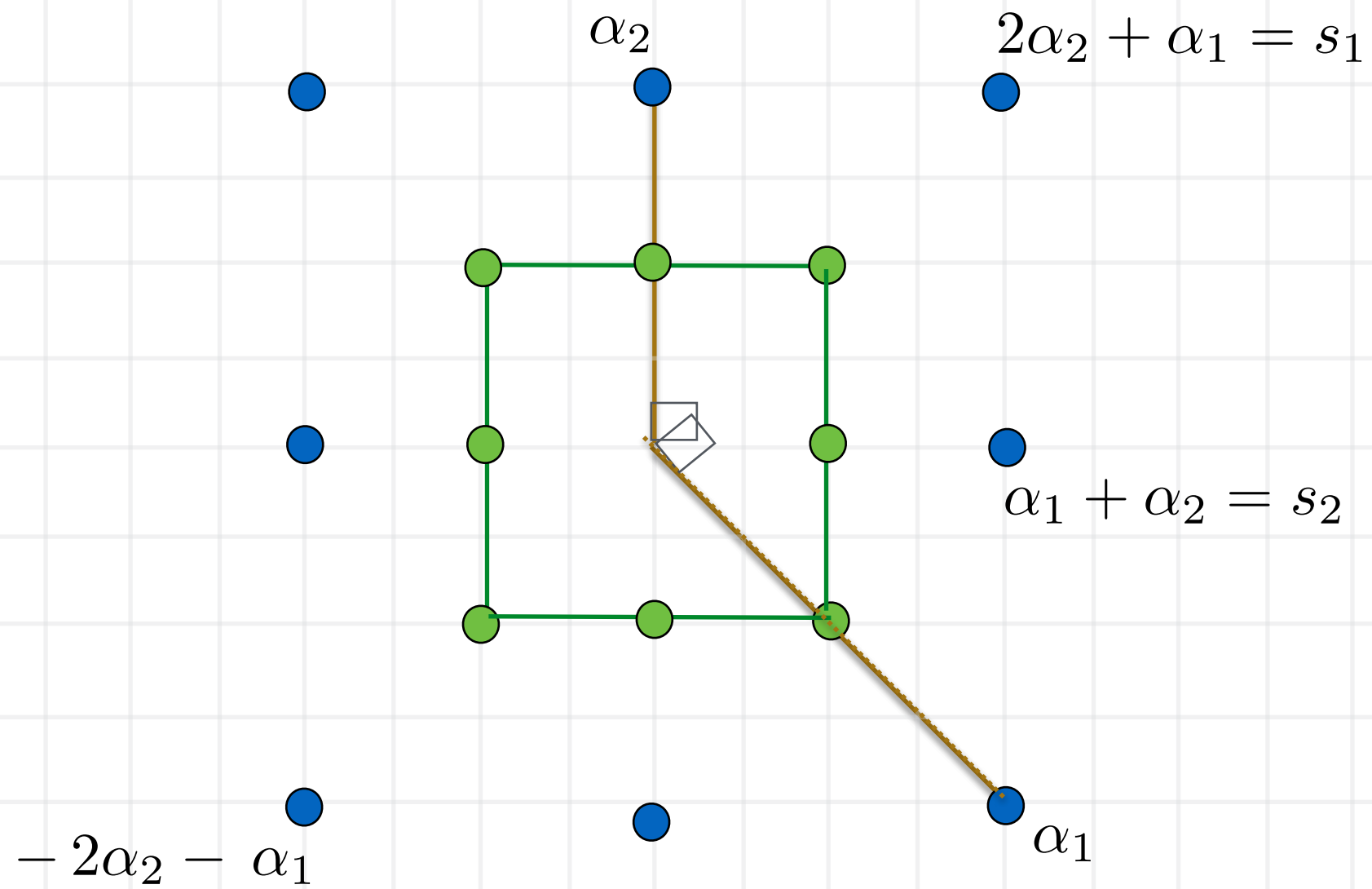


Translation by longest root

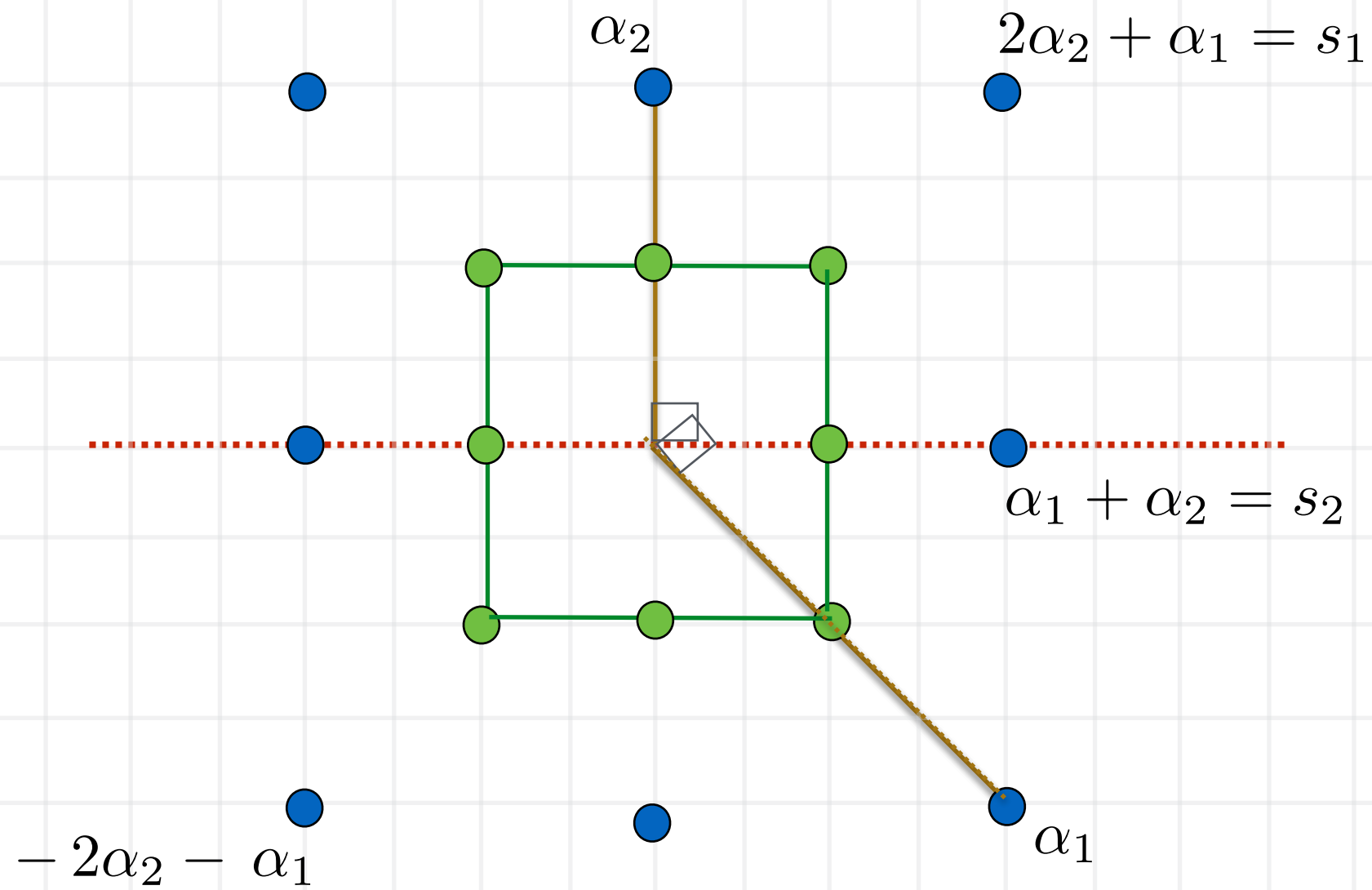
$A_2^{(1)}$



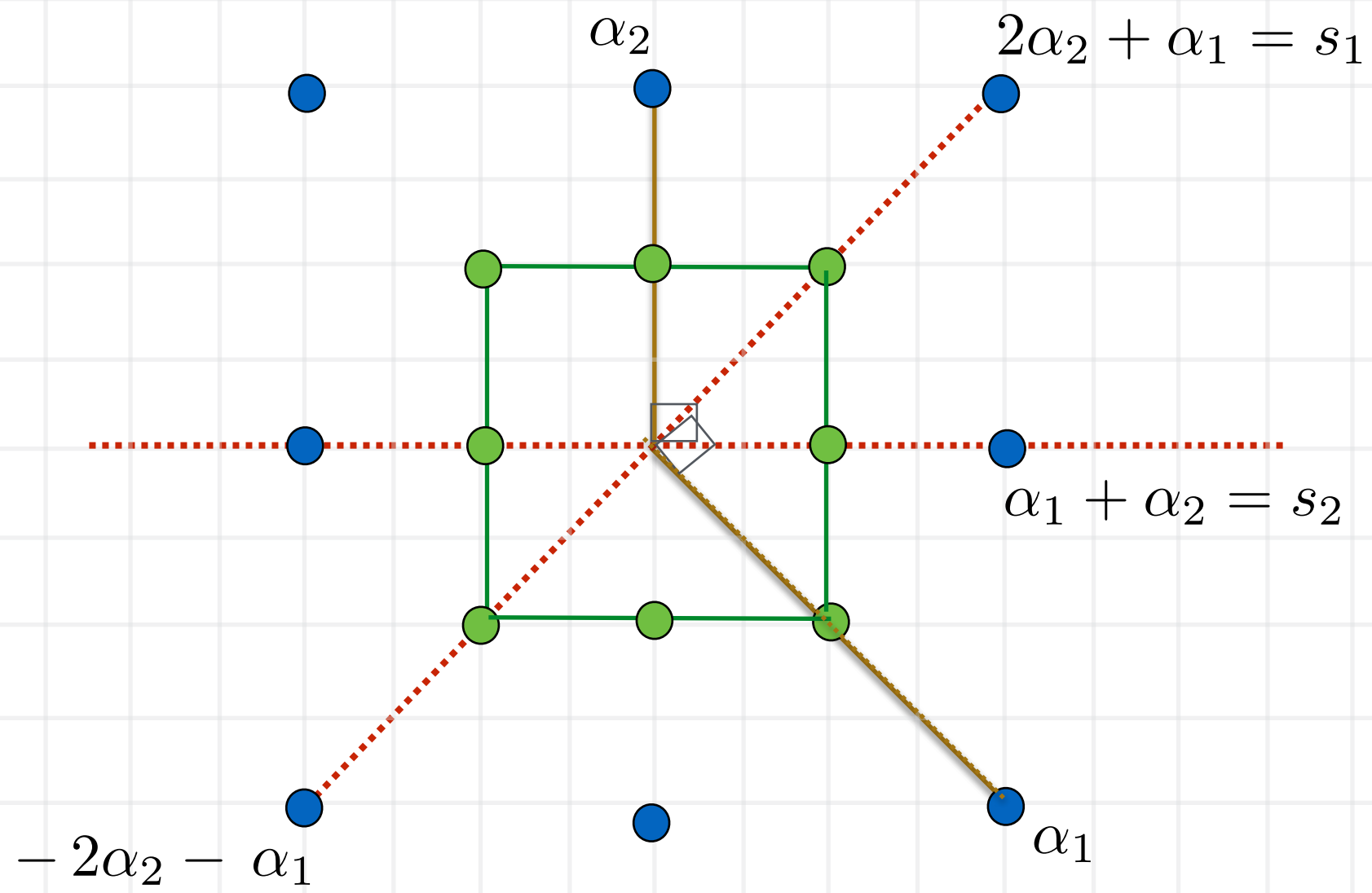
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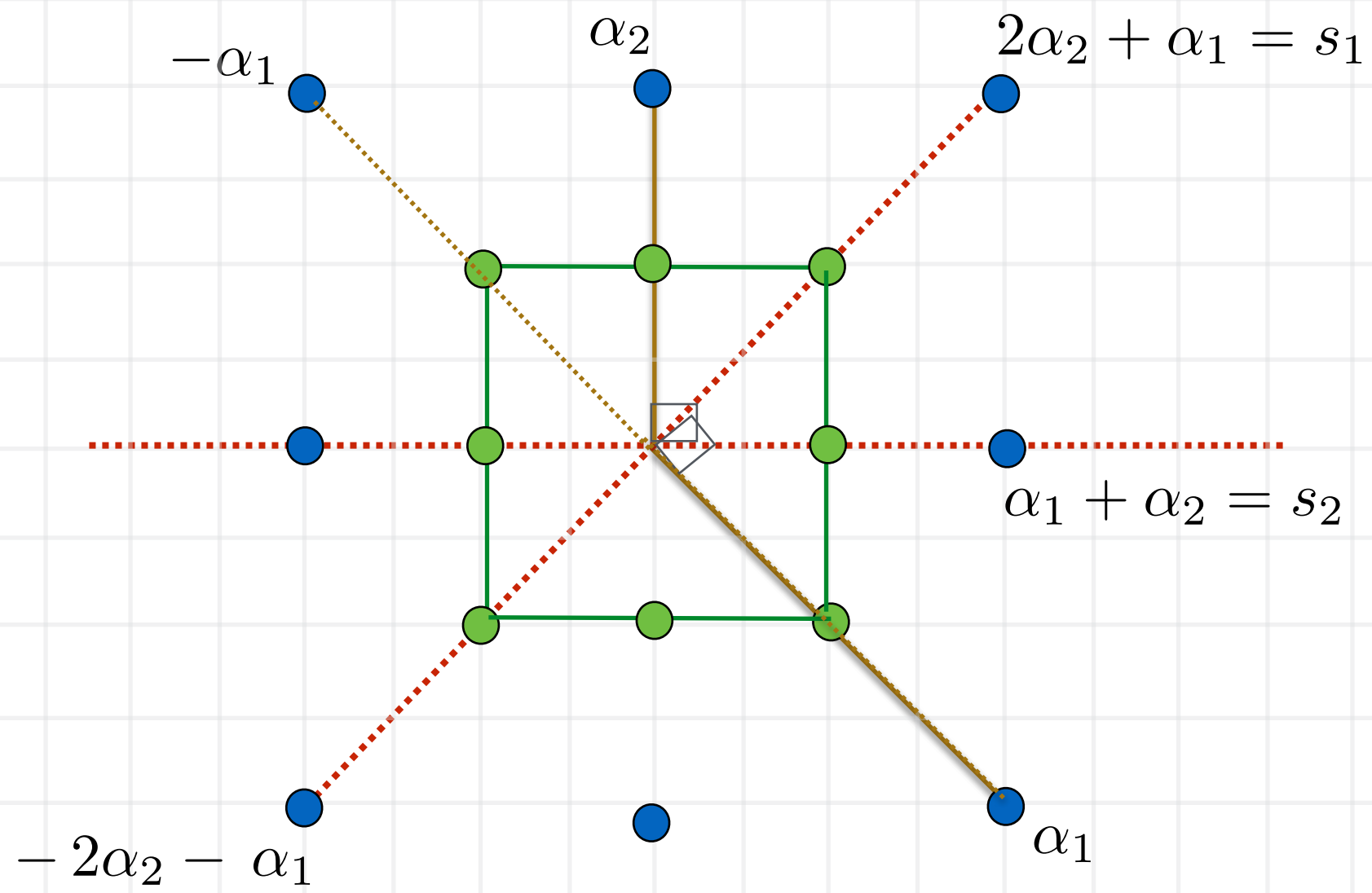
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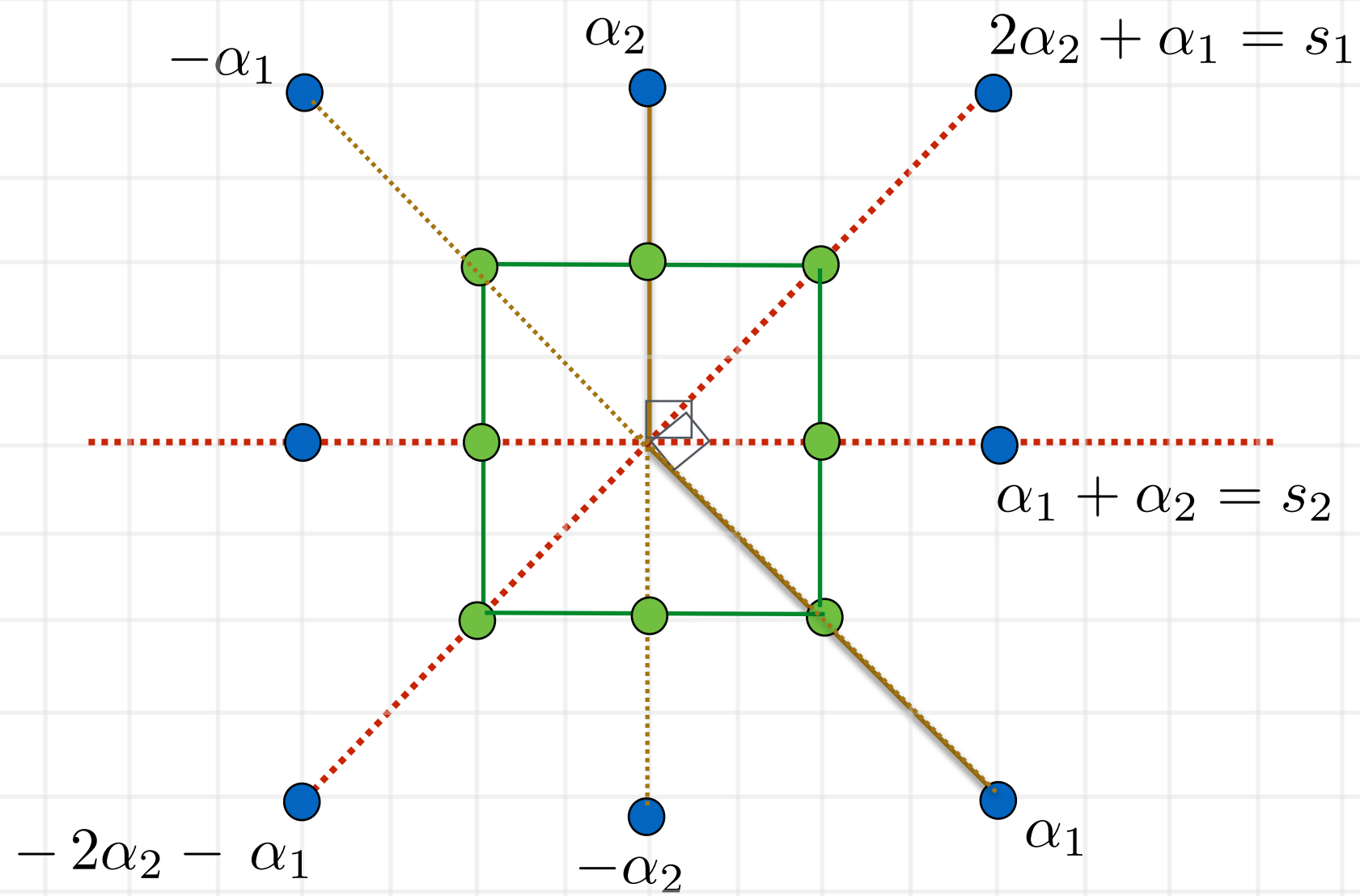
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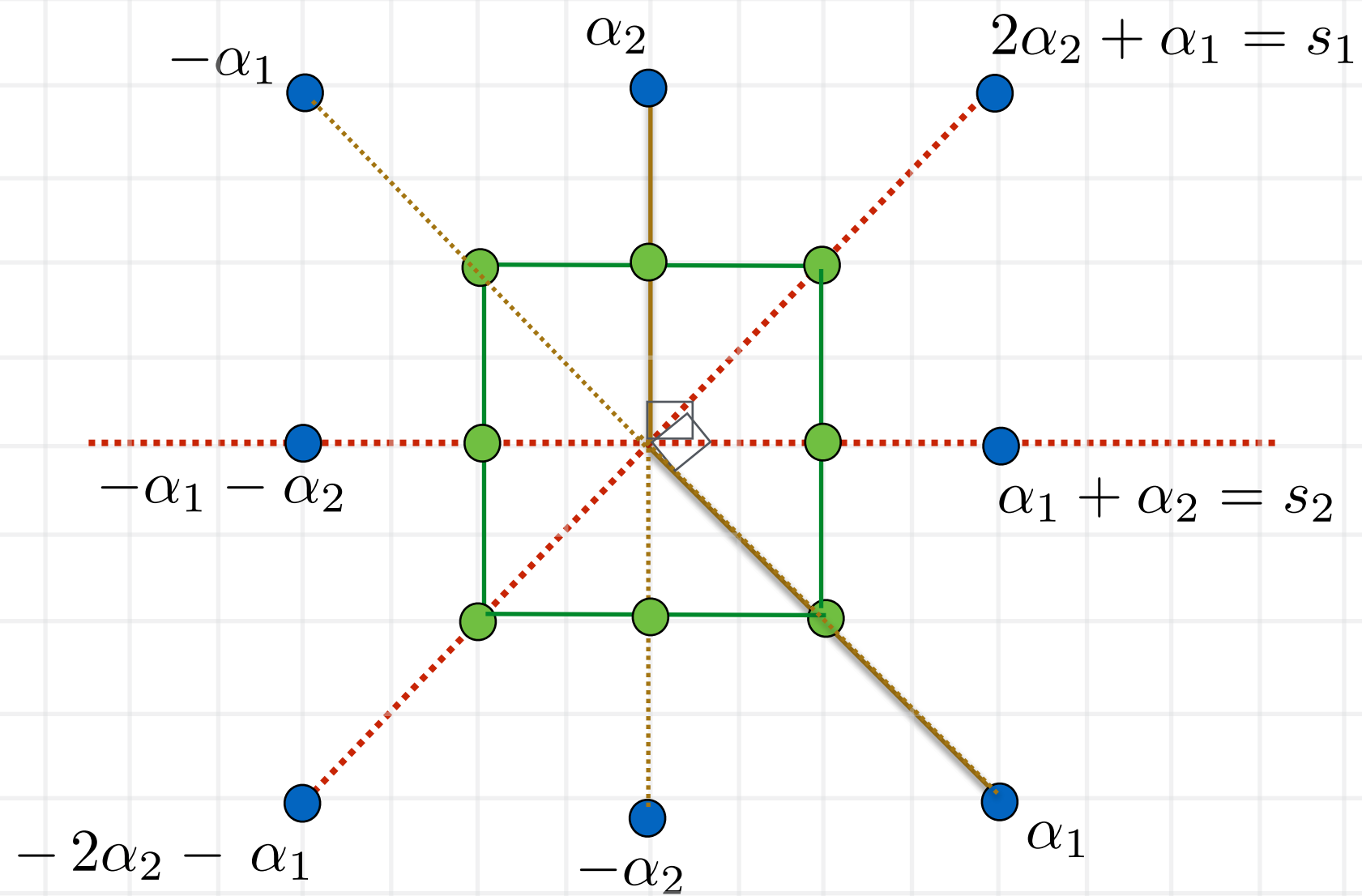
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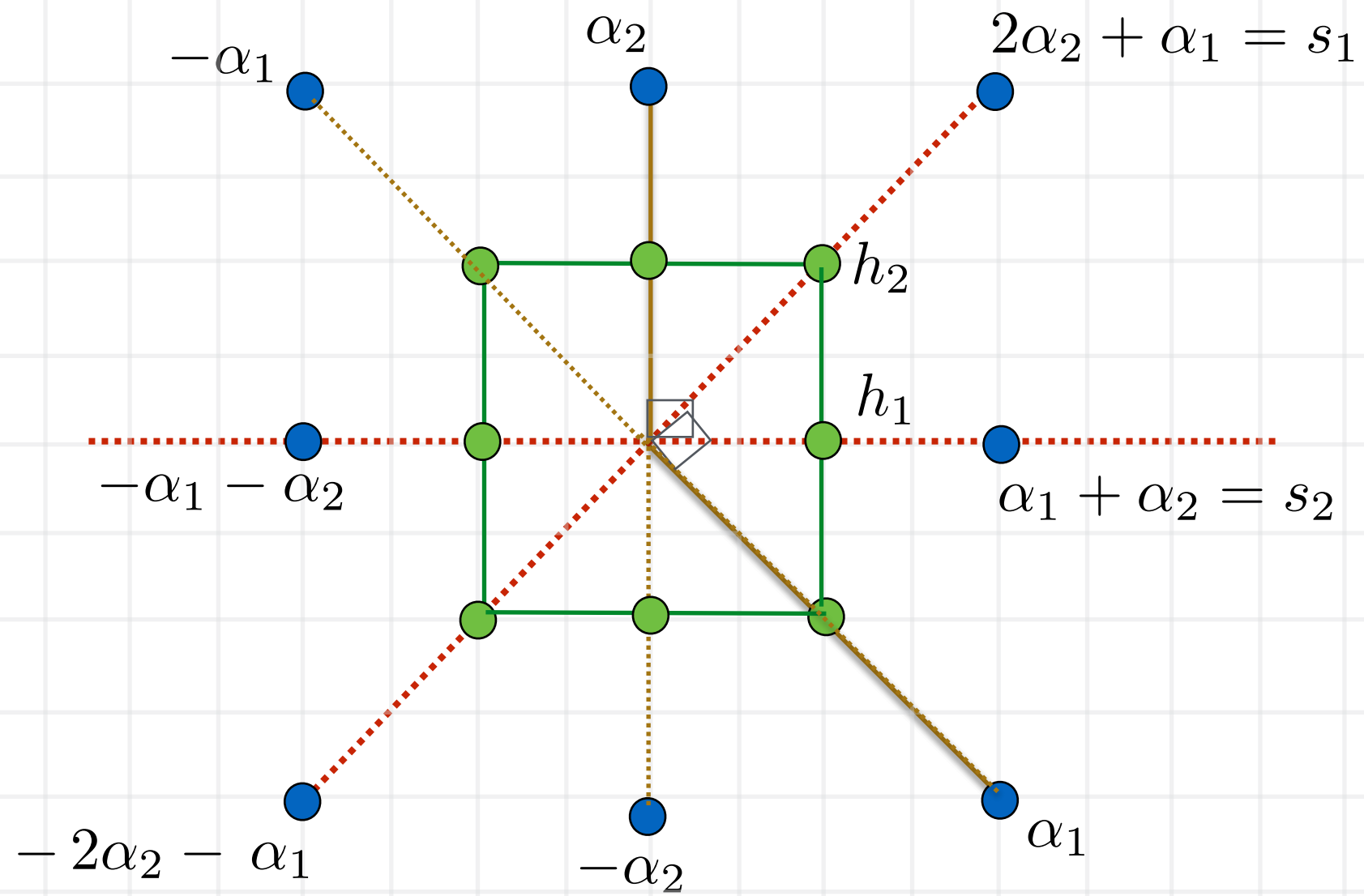
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Crystallographic Property

$$(\alpha_i, \check{\alpha}_j) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_i, \check{\alpha}_j)(\check{\alpha}_i, \alpha_j) = 4 \cos^2(\theta_{\alpha_i \alpha_j}) \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\theta_{\alpha_i \alpha_j}) = 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{\alpha_i \alpha_j} = \pi - \theta_{s_i s_j} = \pi - \frac{\pi}{m_{ij}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{ij} = 2, 3, 4, 6$$

Part I

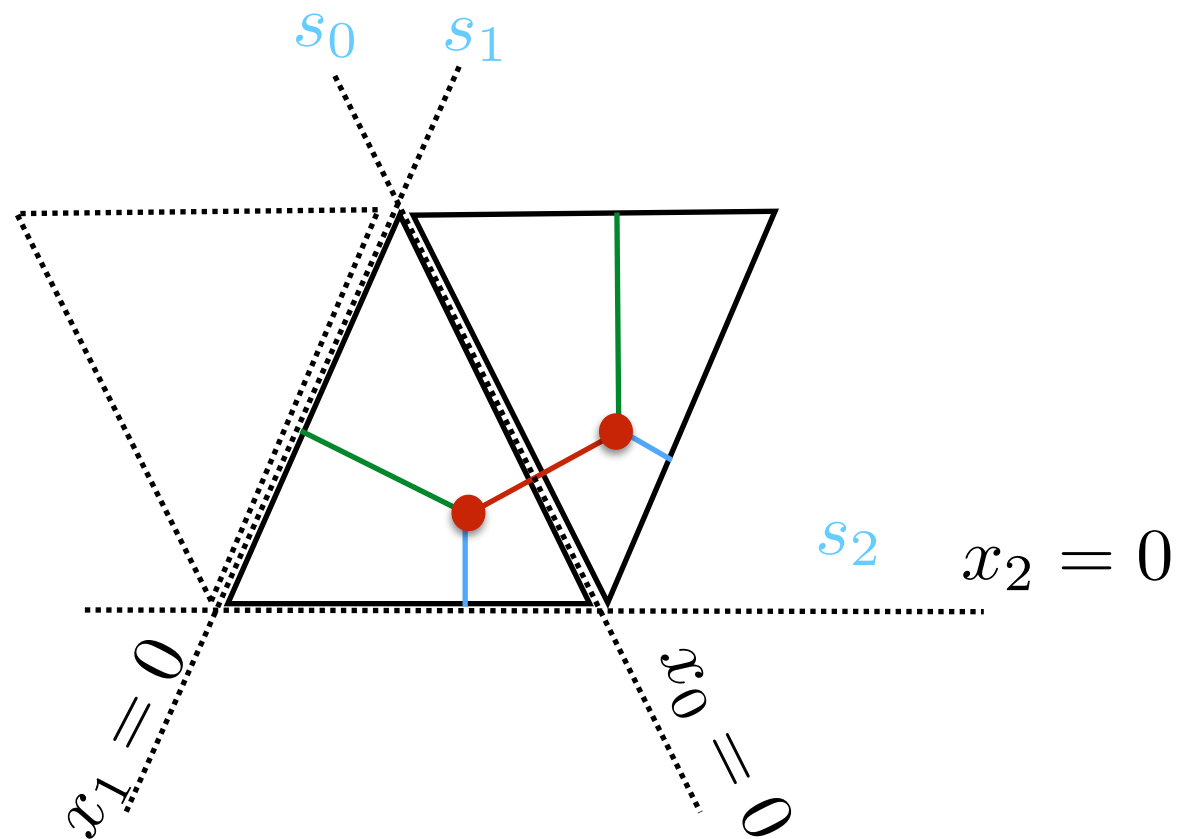
- Lattices
- Dynamics on N -cubes
- Symmetry reductions

On the Lattice

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{W}}(A_2^{(1)}) = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2, \pi \rangle$$

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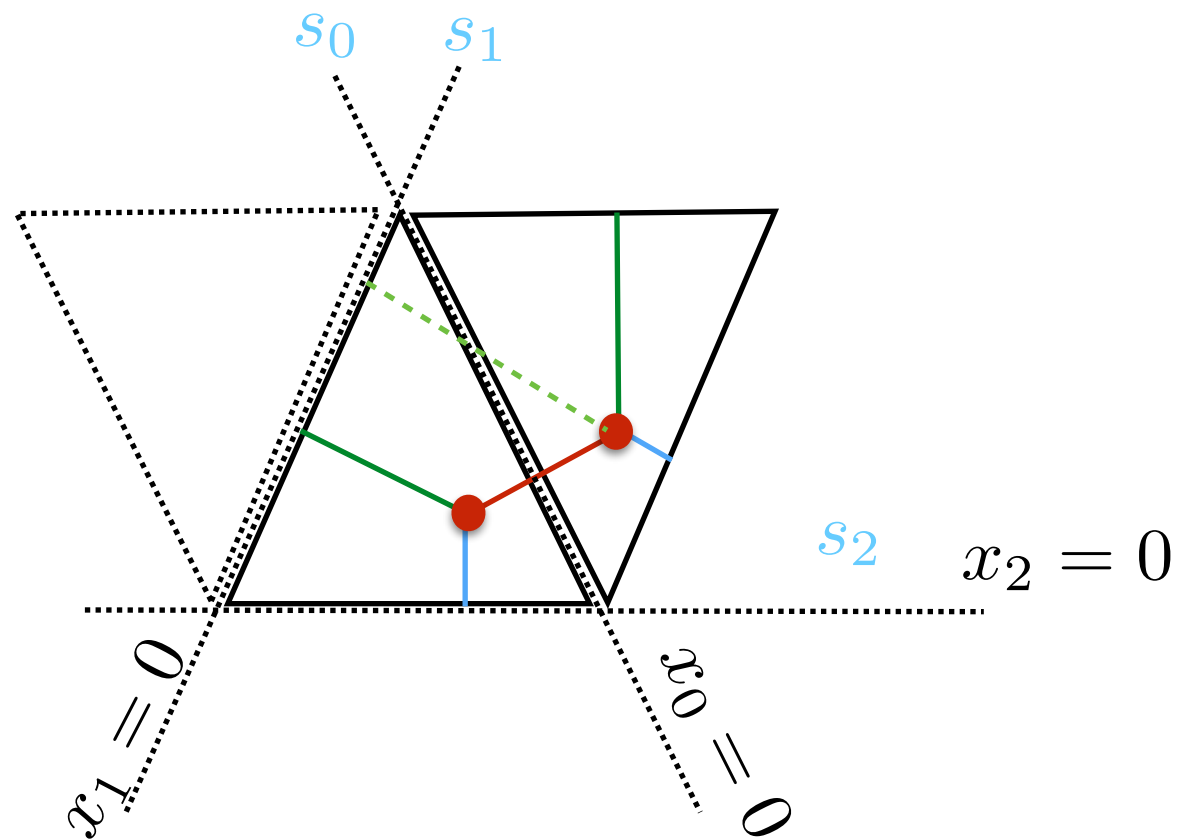
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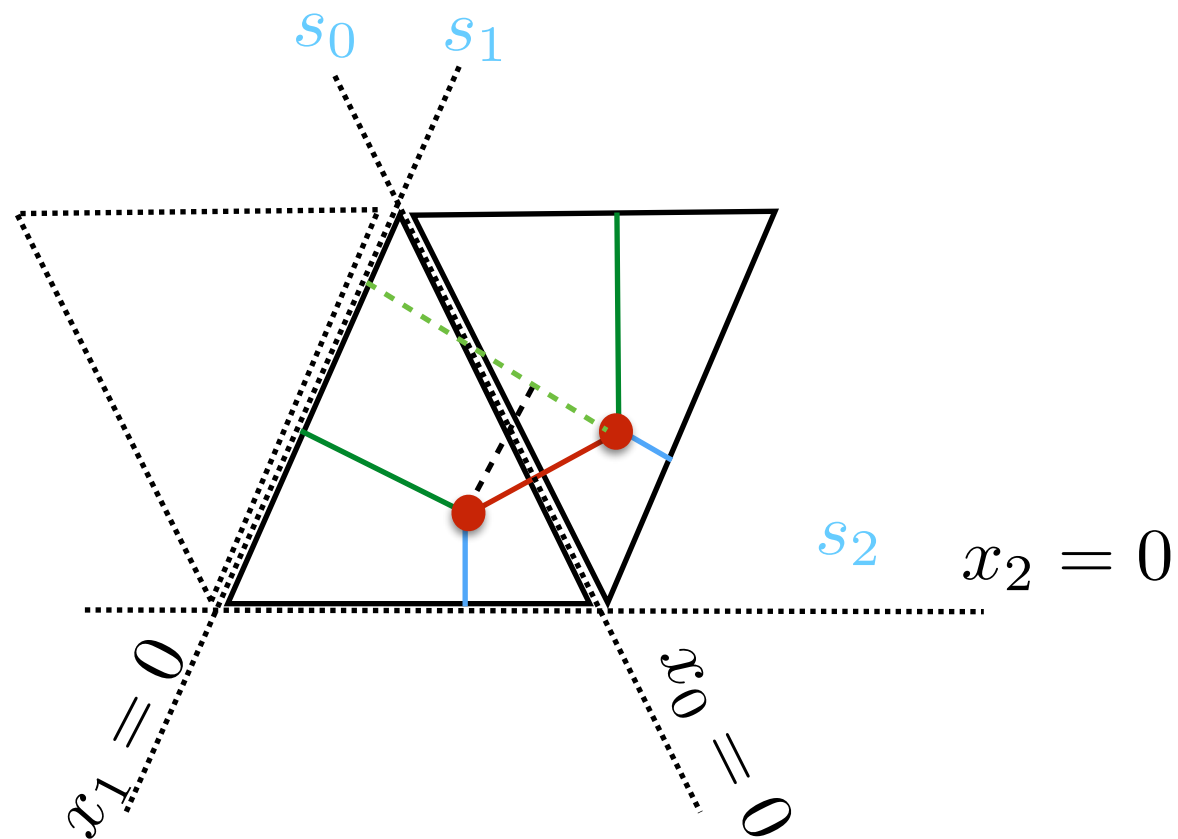
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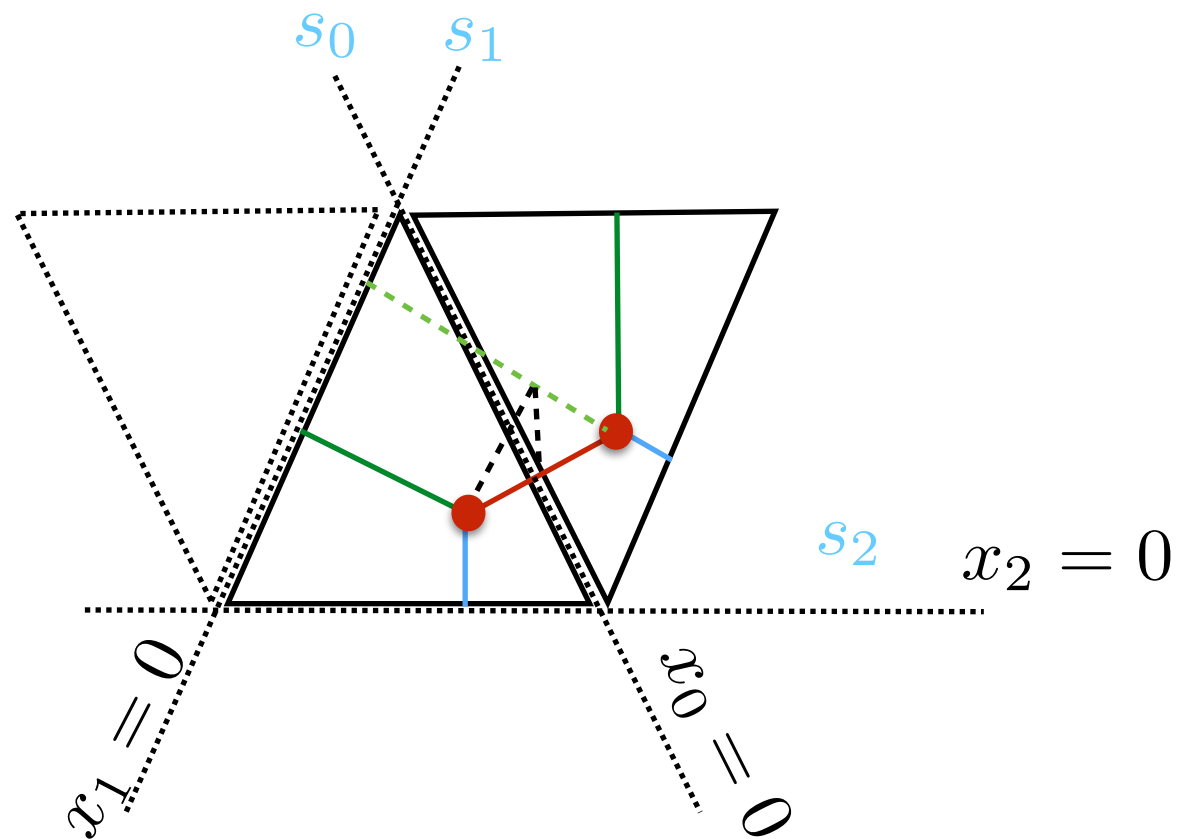
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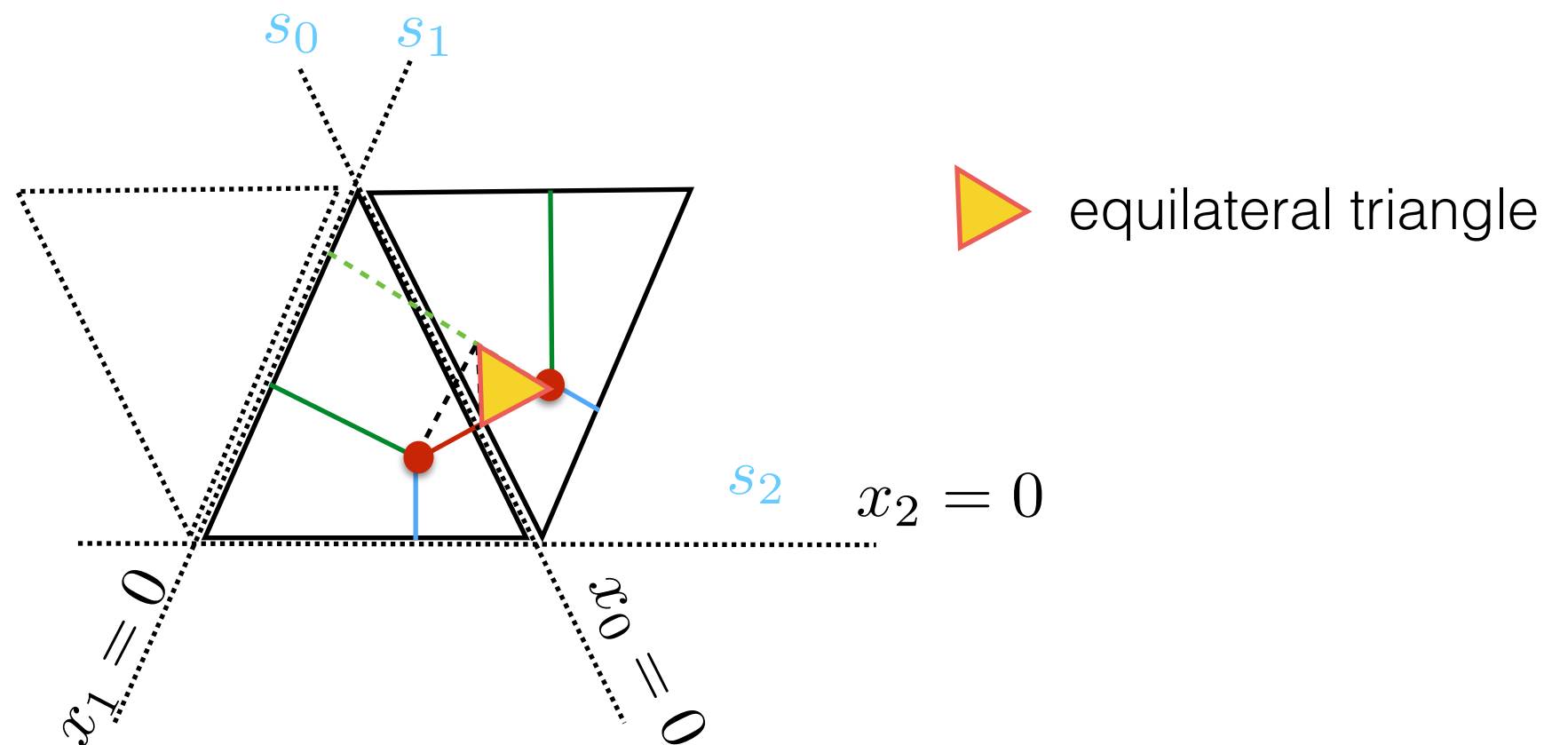
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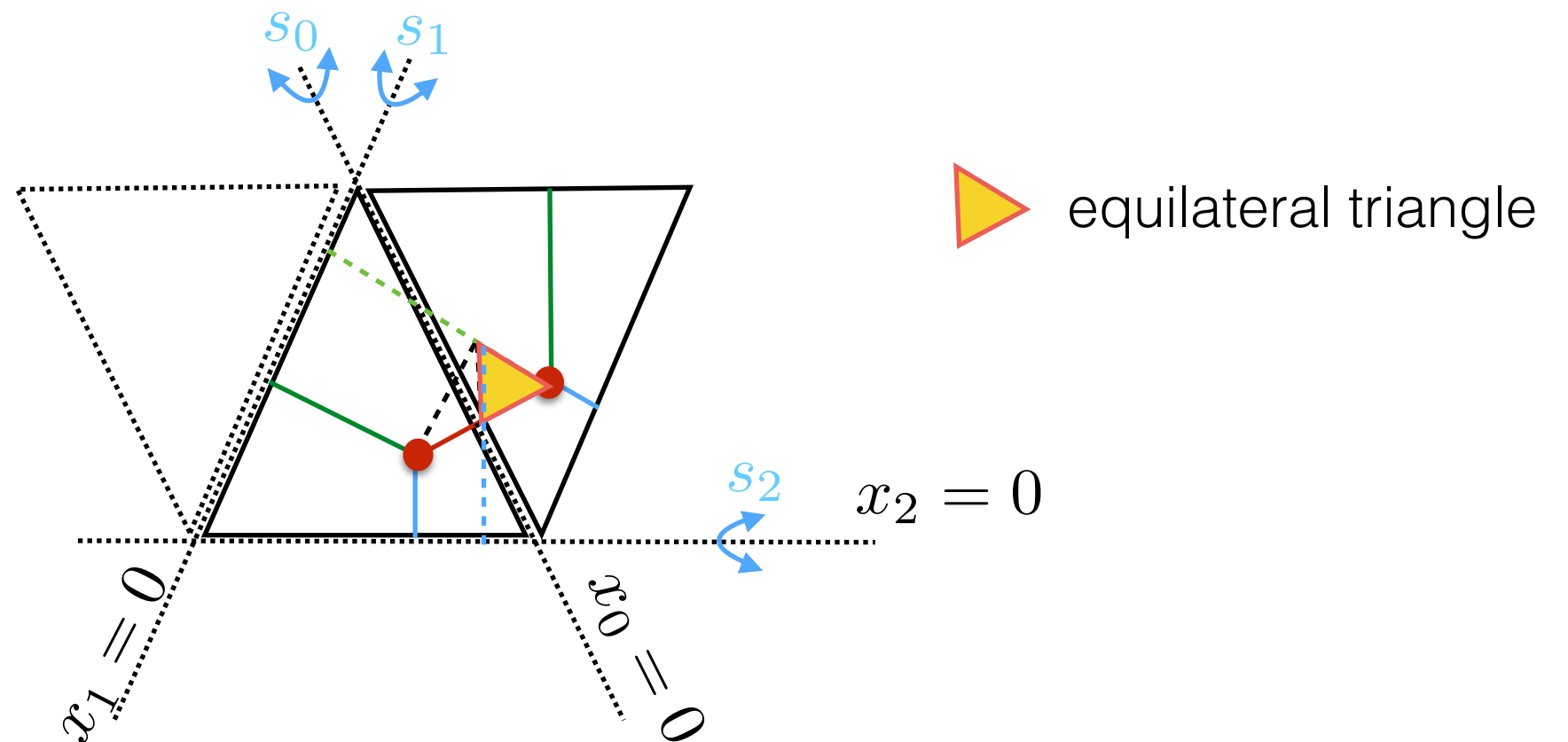
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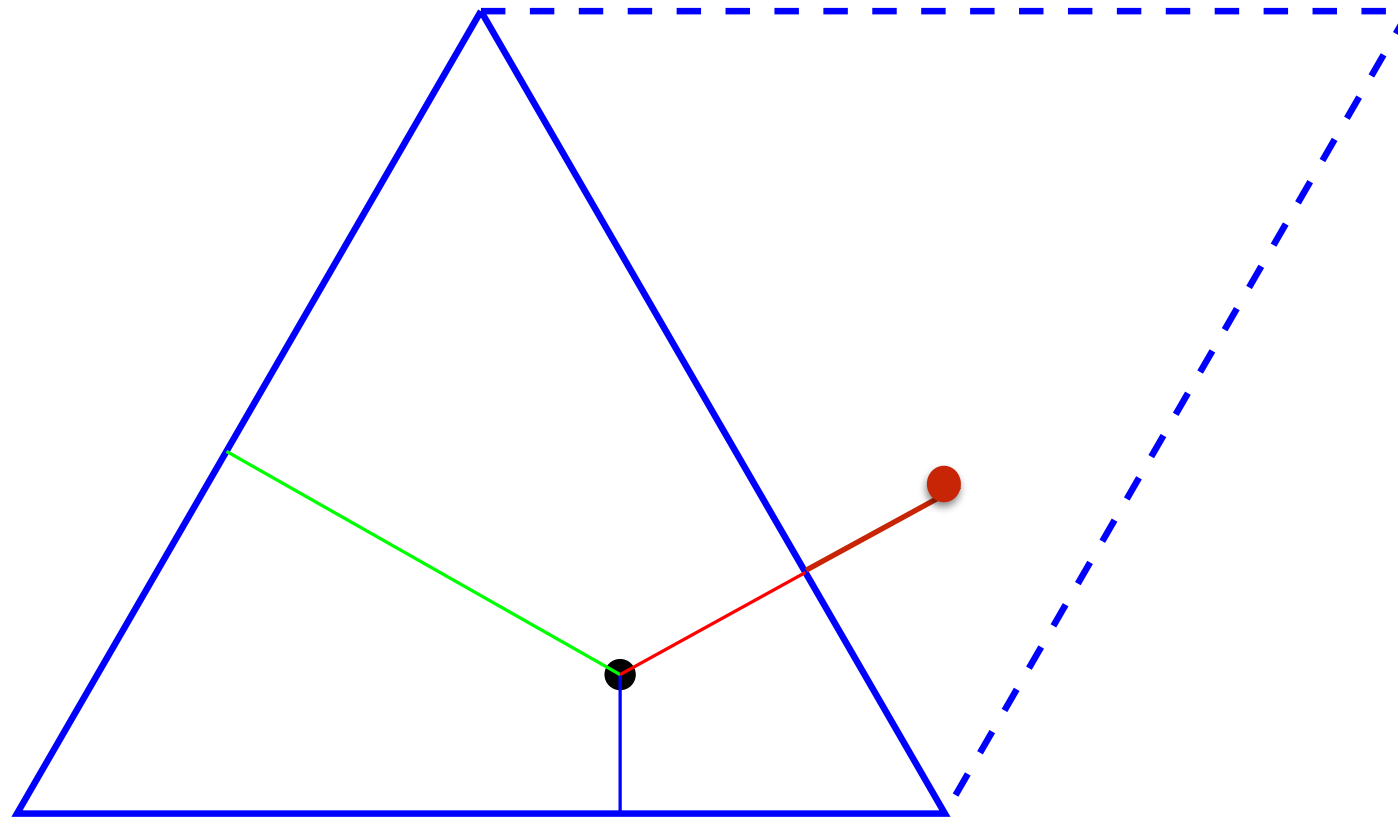
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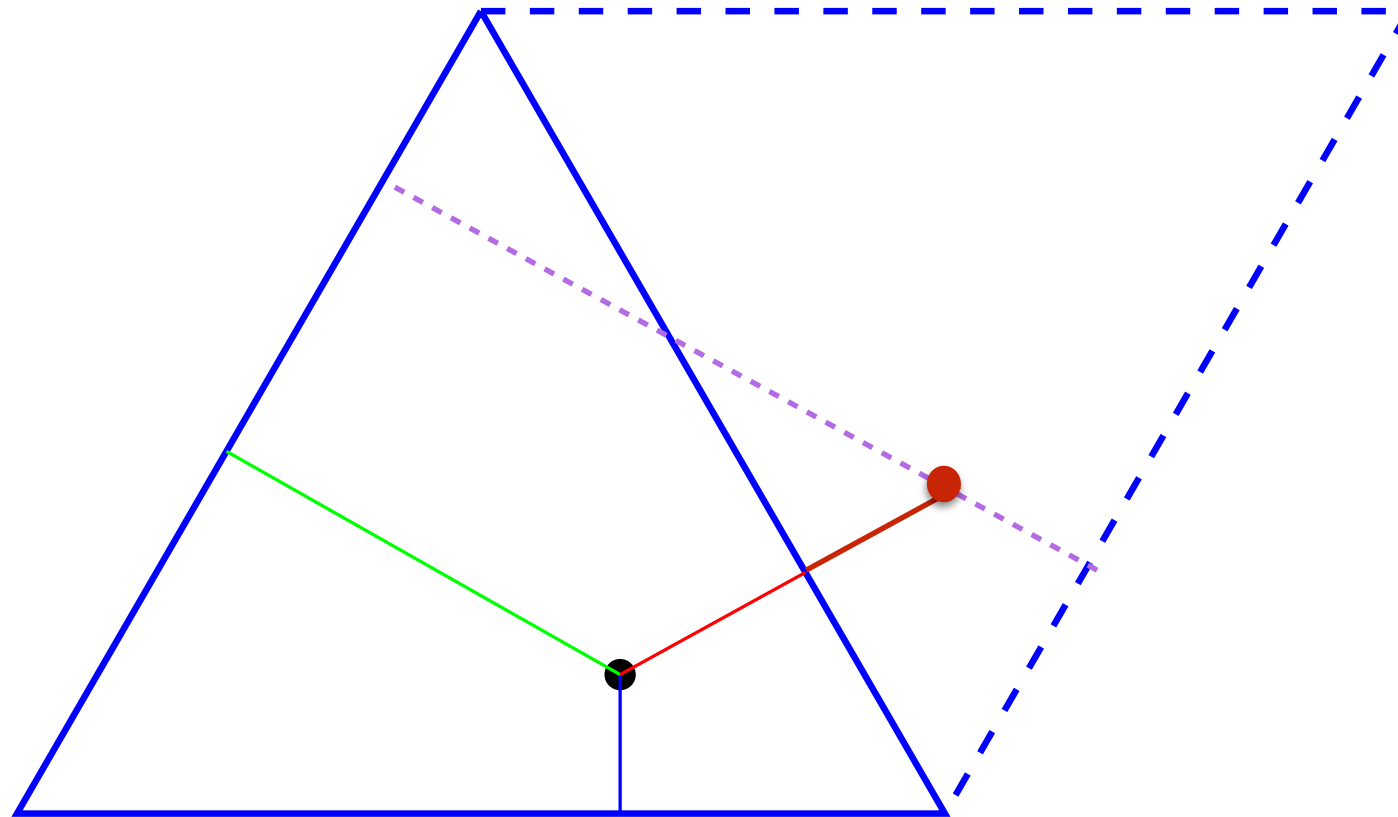
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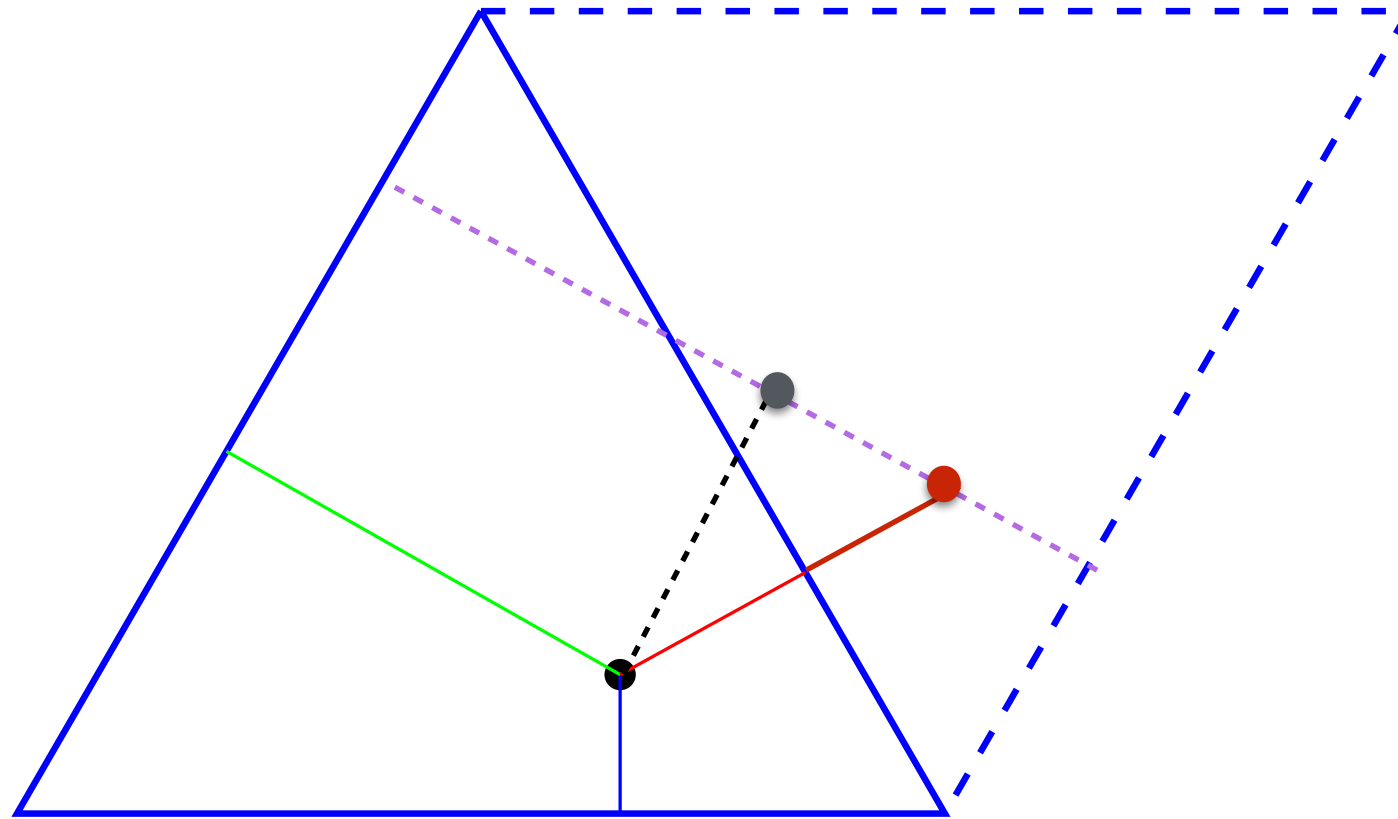
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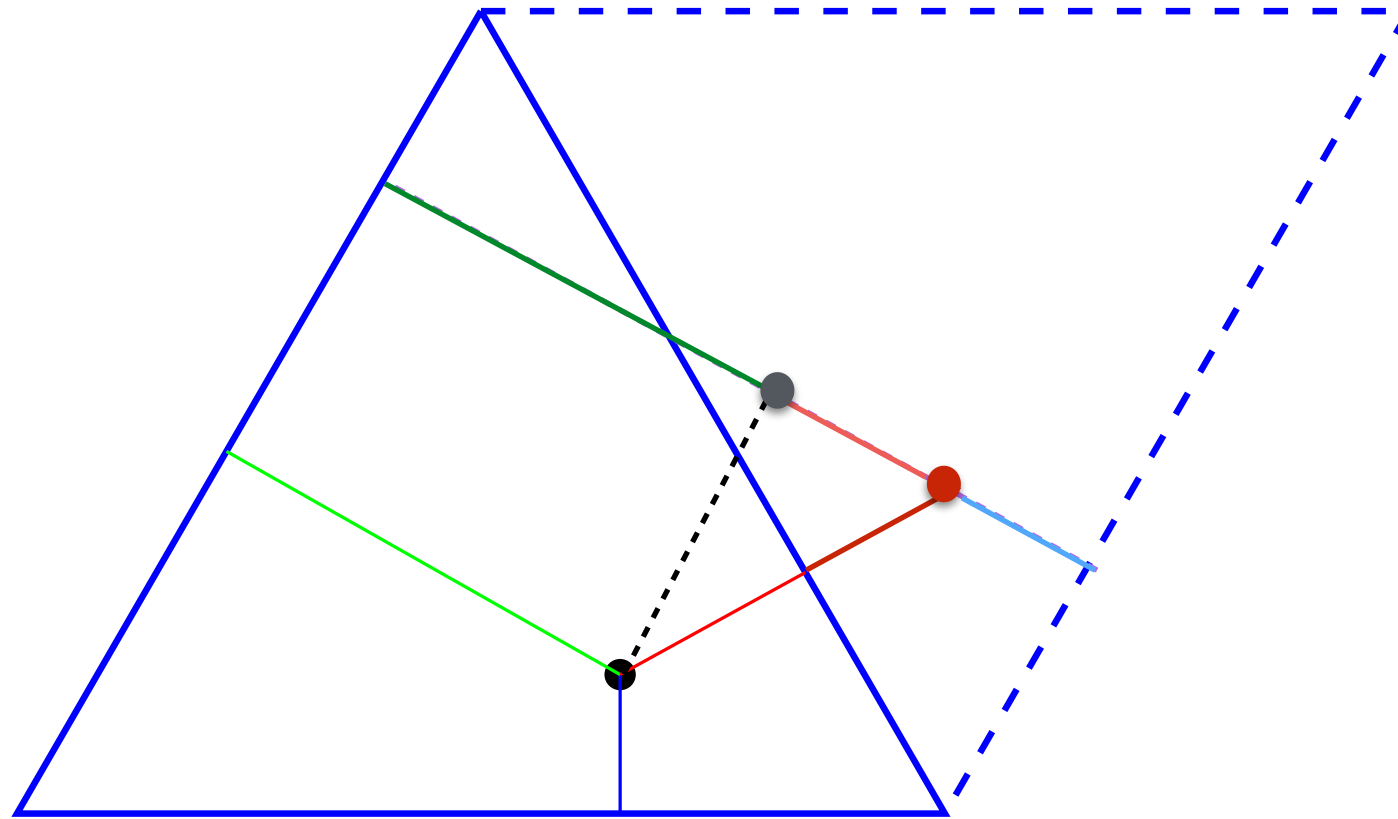
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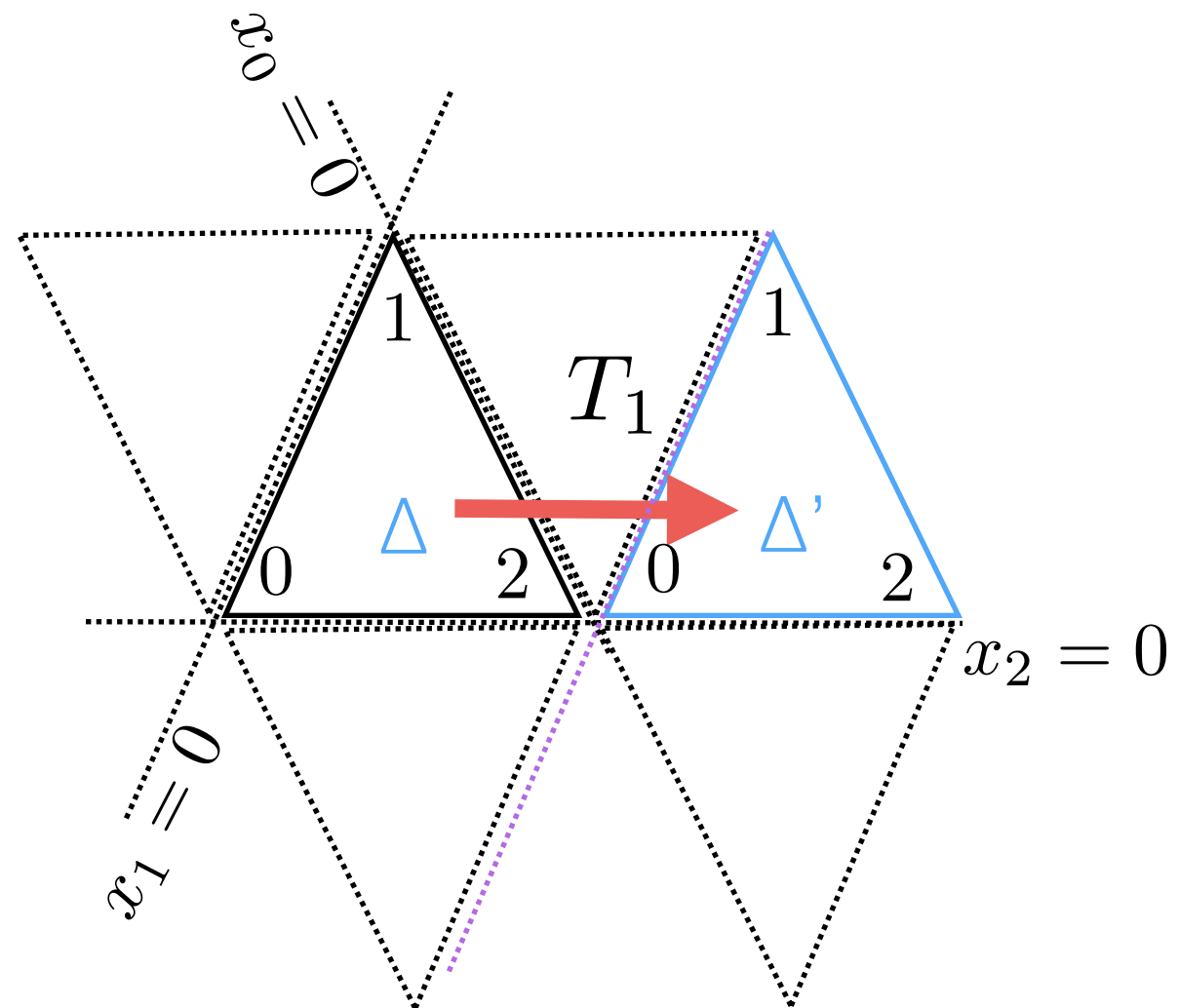
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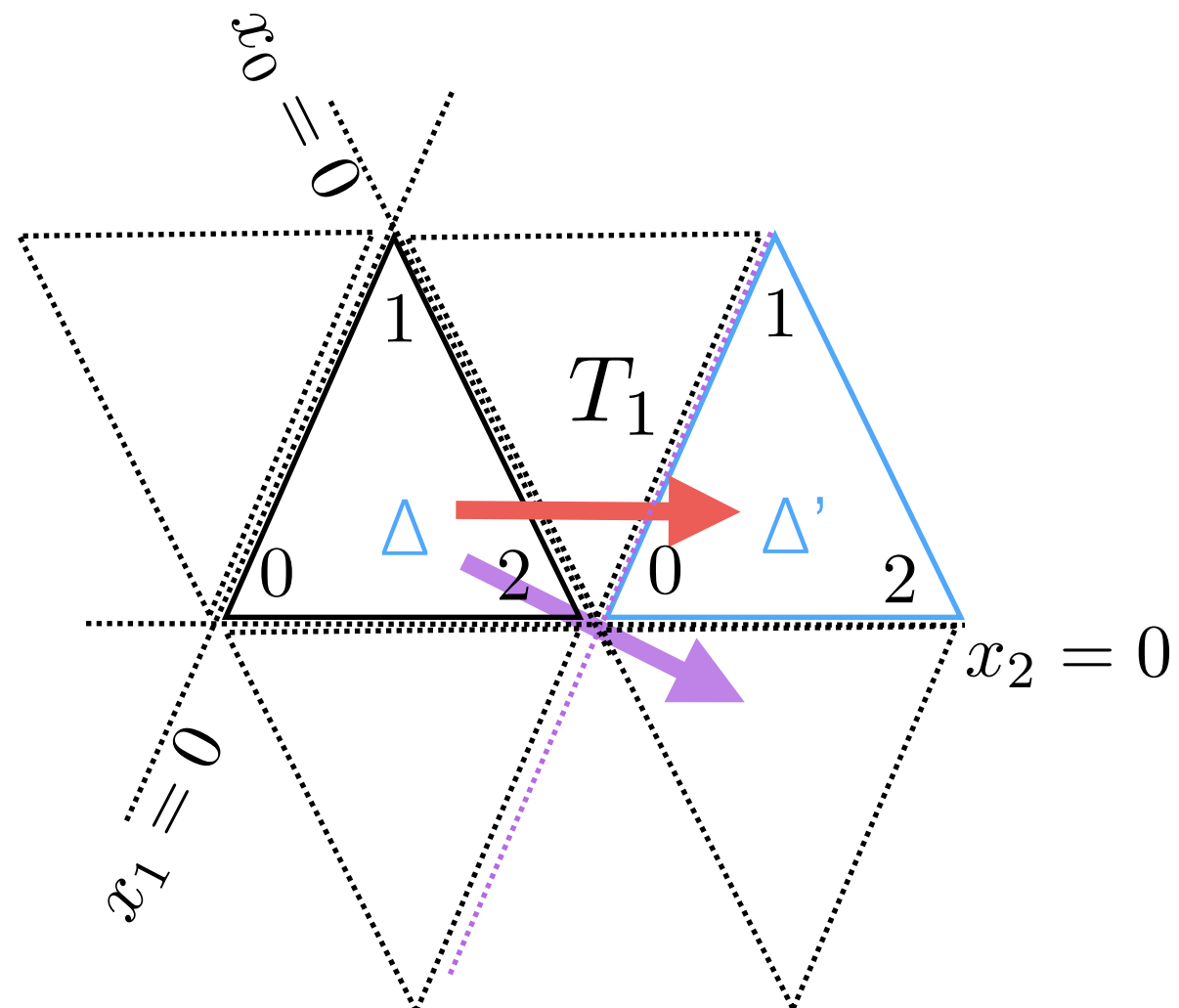


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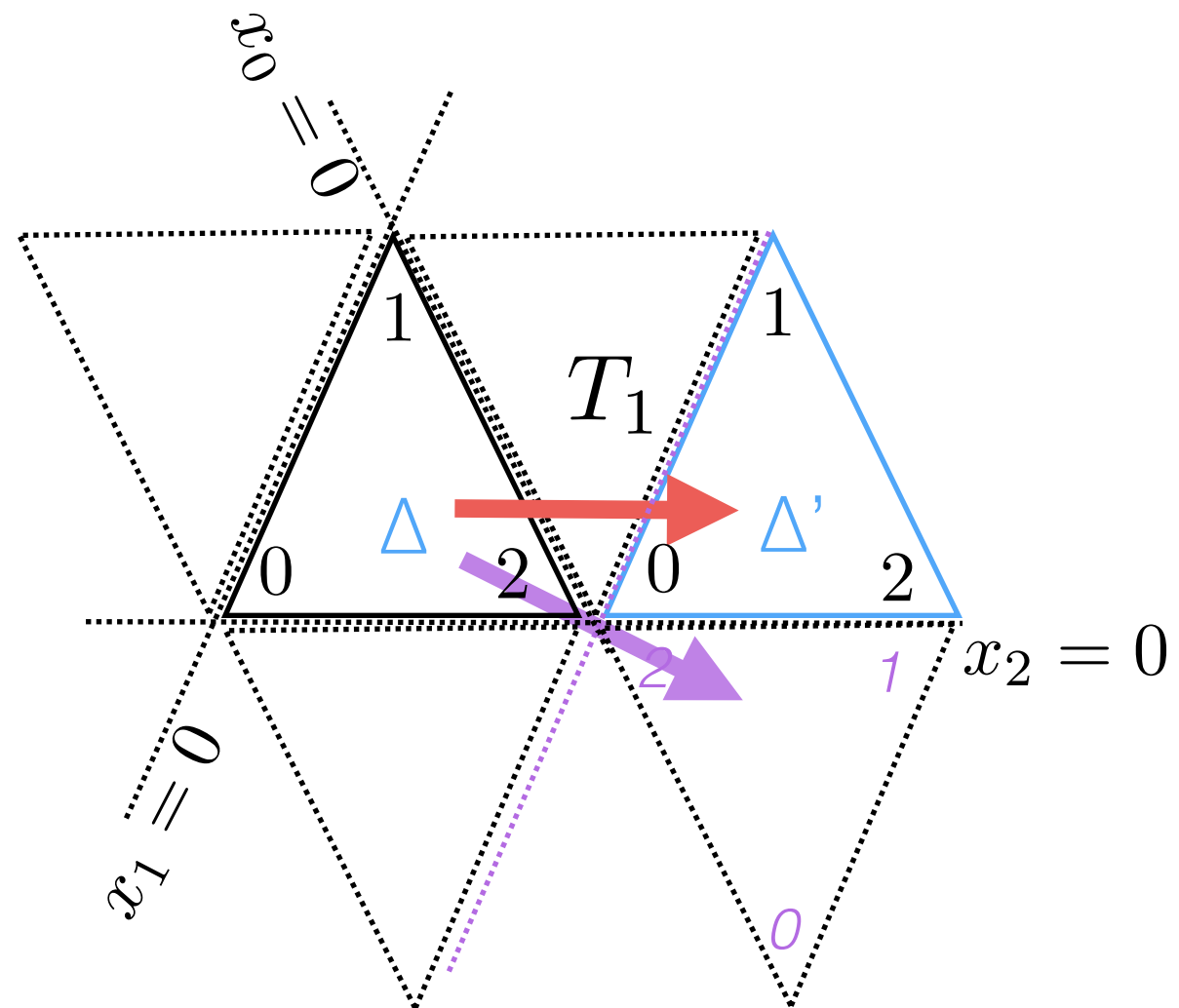
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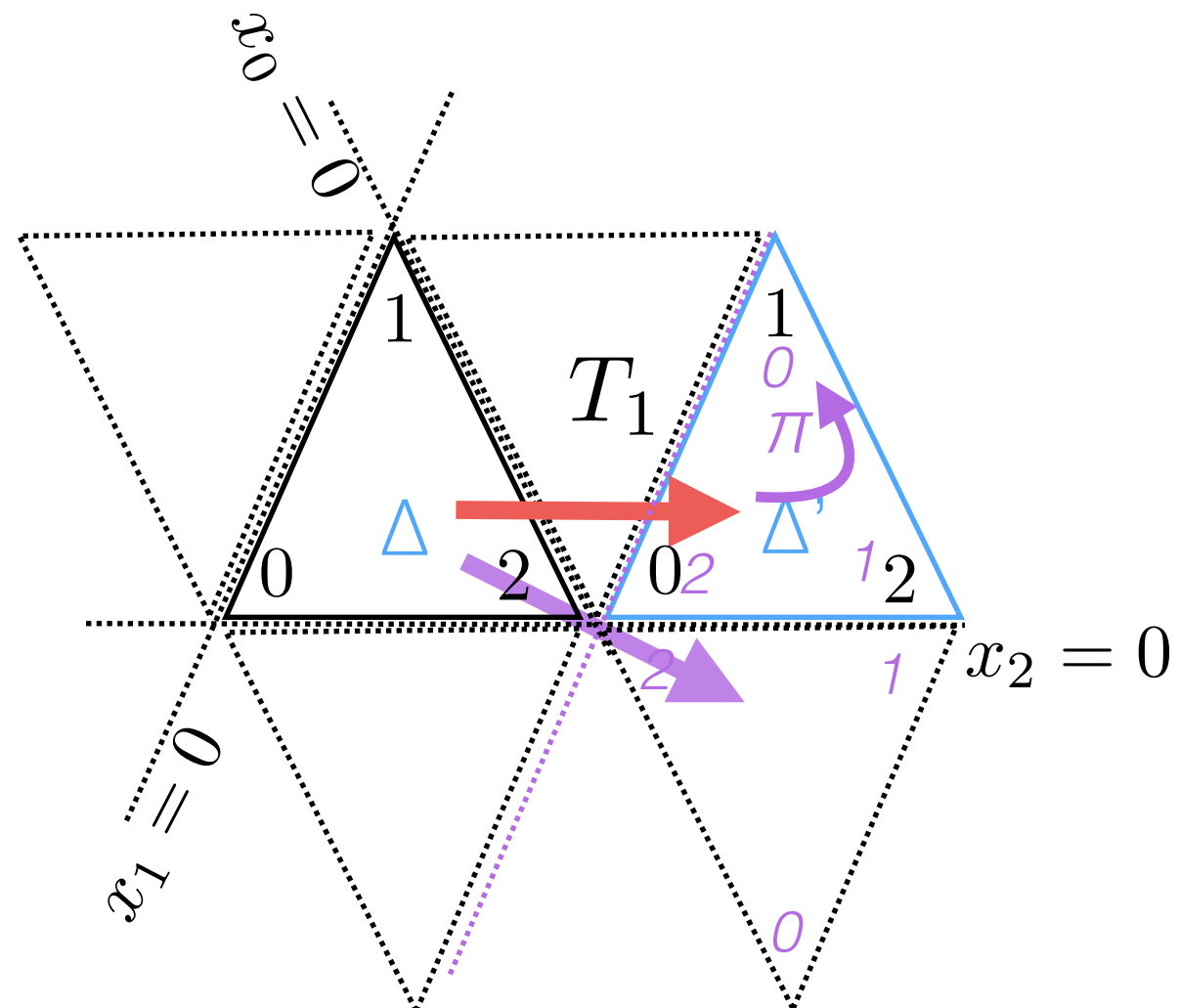
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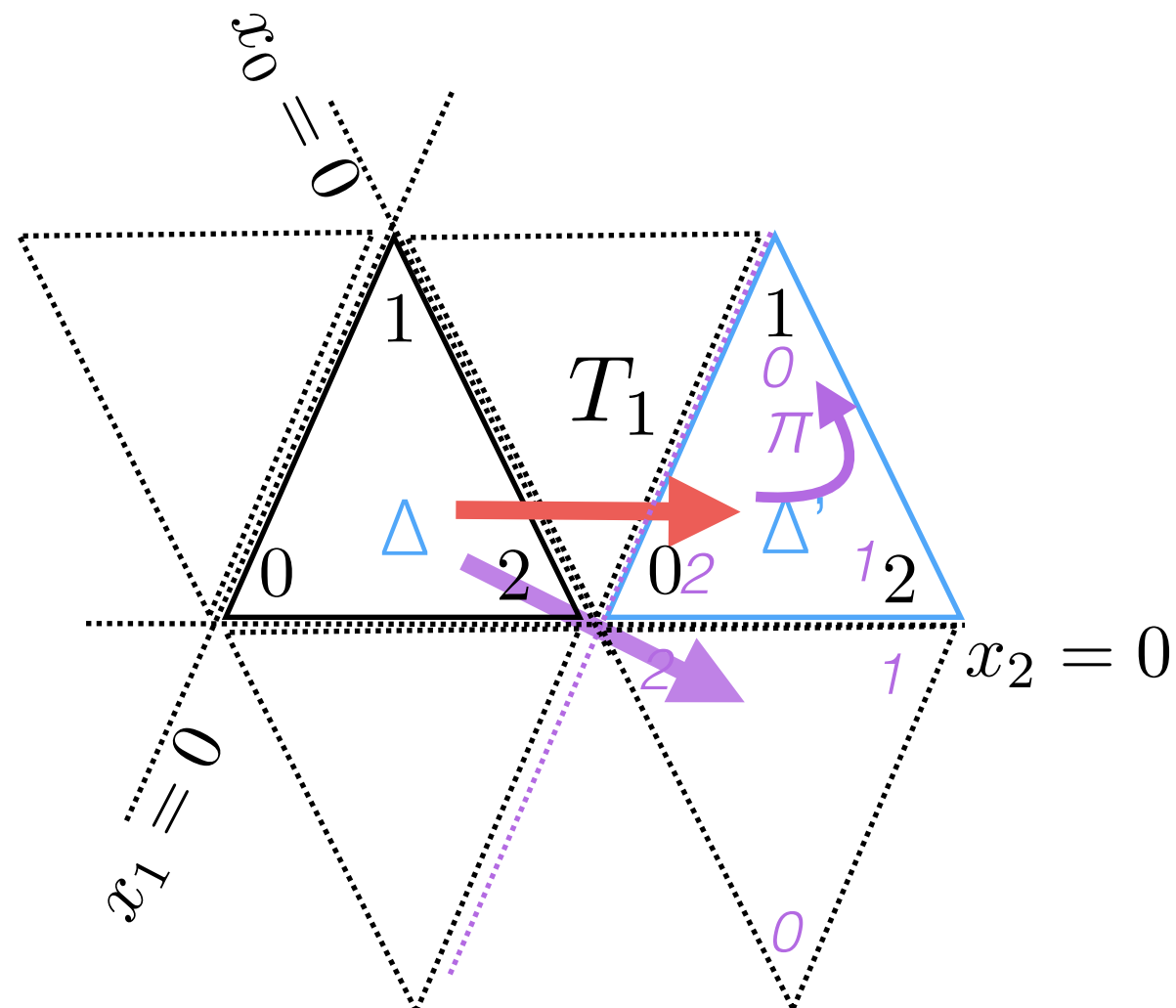
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$$T_1 = \pi s_2 s_1$$

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Cremona Isometries

	x_0	x_1	x_2	f_0	f_1	f_2
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Translations again

Using

$$T_1(a_0) = a_0 + 1, T_1(a_1) = a_1 - 1, T_1(a_2) = a_2$$

Define

$$u_n = T_1^n(f_1), v_n = T_1^n(f_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} u_n + u_{n+1} &= t - v_n - \frac{a_0 + n}{v_n} \\ v_n + v_{n-1} &= t - u_n + \frac{a_1 - n}{u_n} \end{cases}$$

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This is a **discrete Painlevé** equation.

McKay's Correspondence

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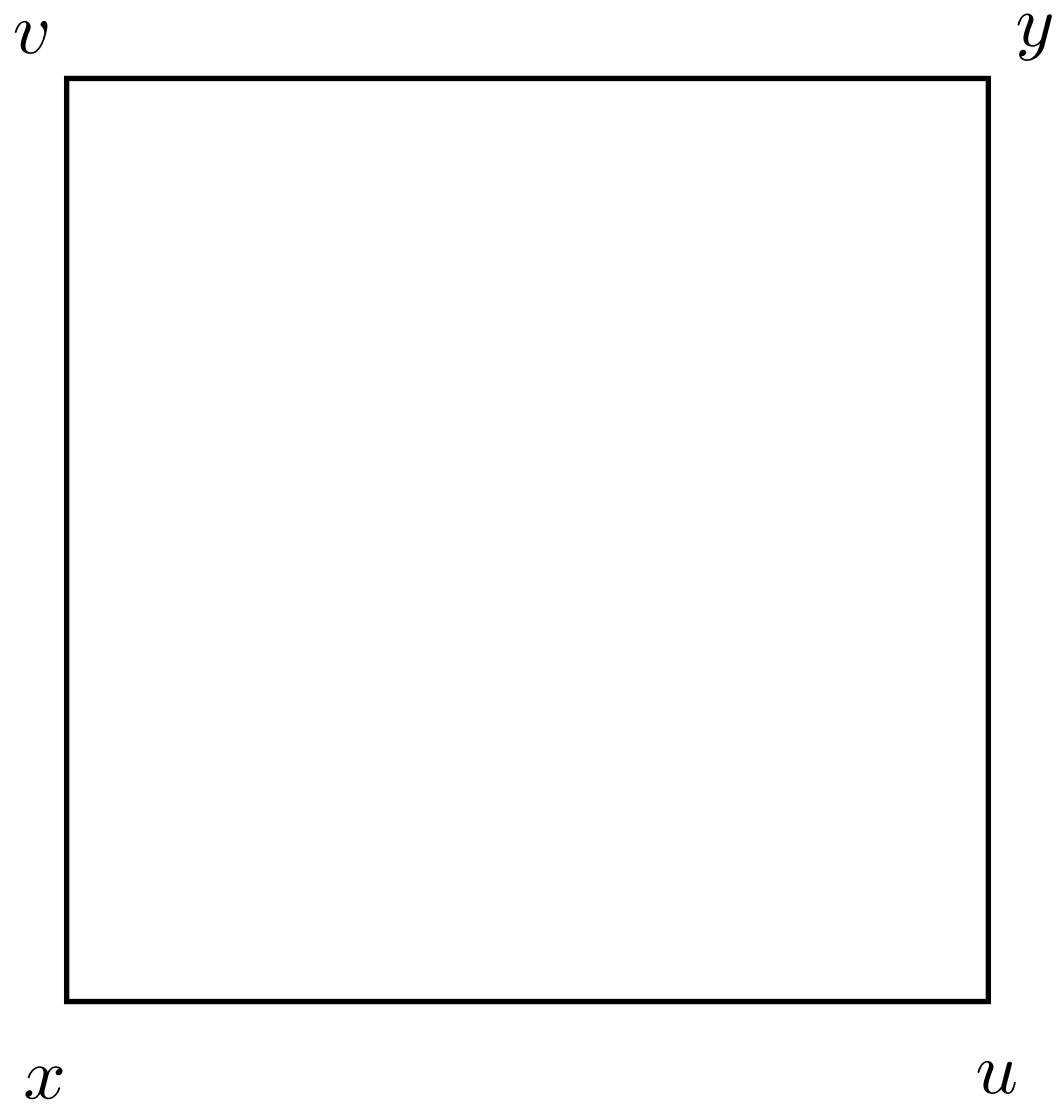
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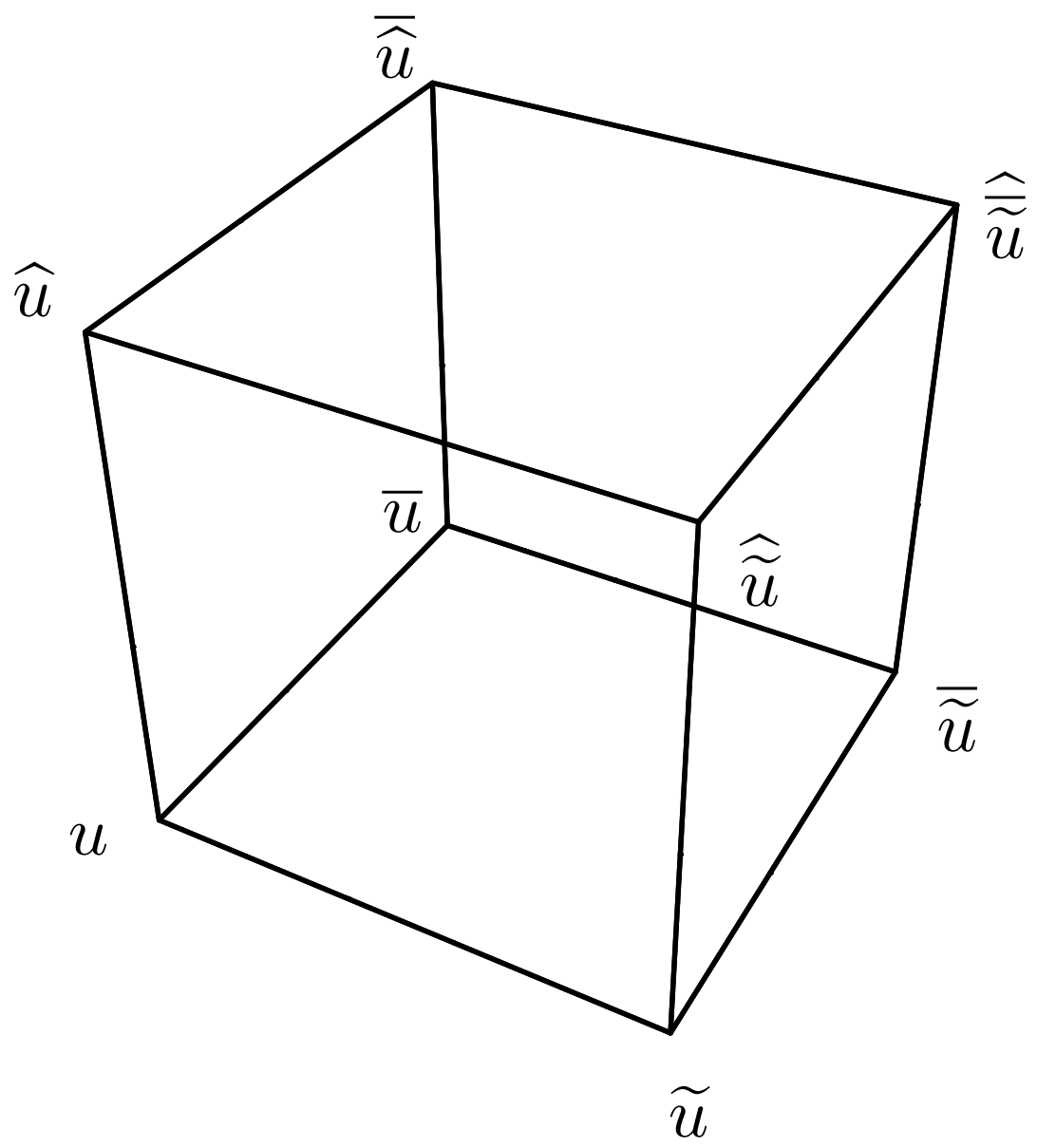
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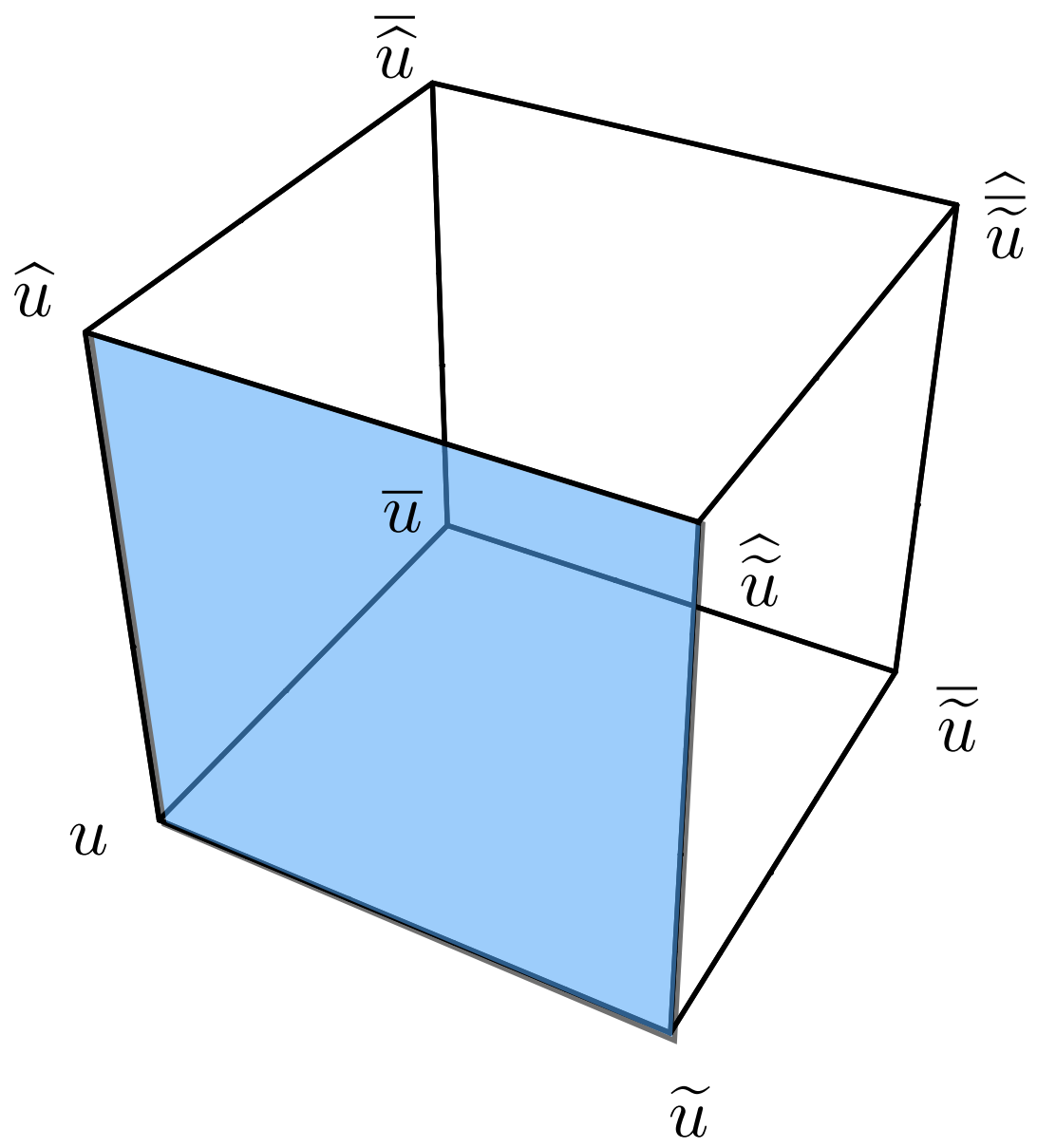
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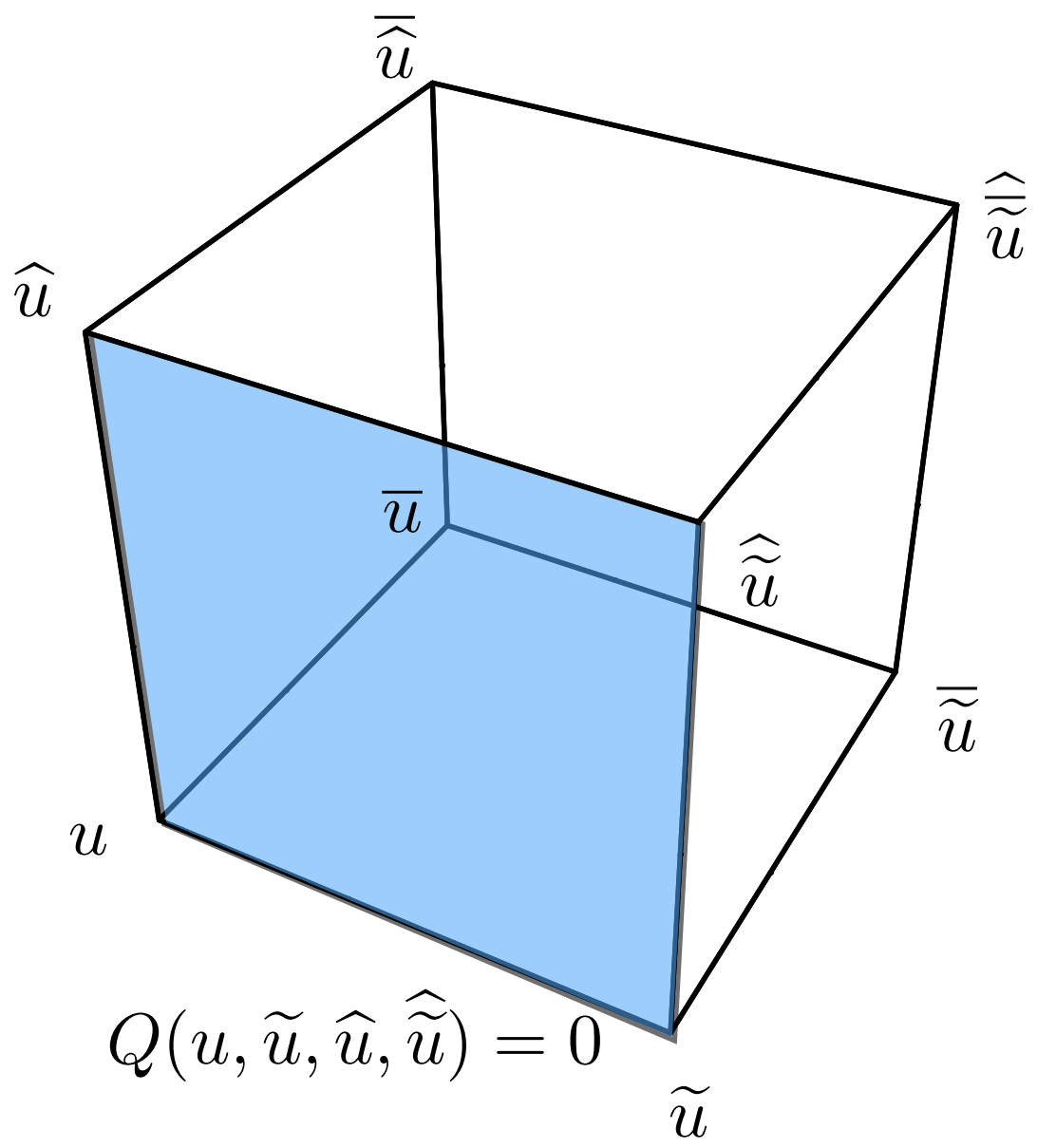
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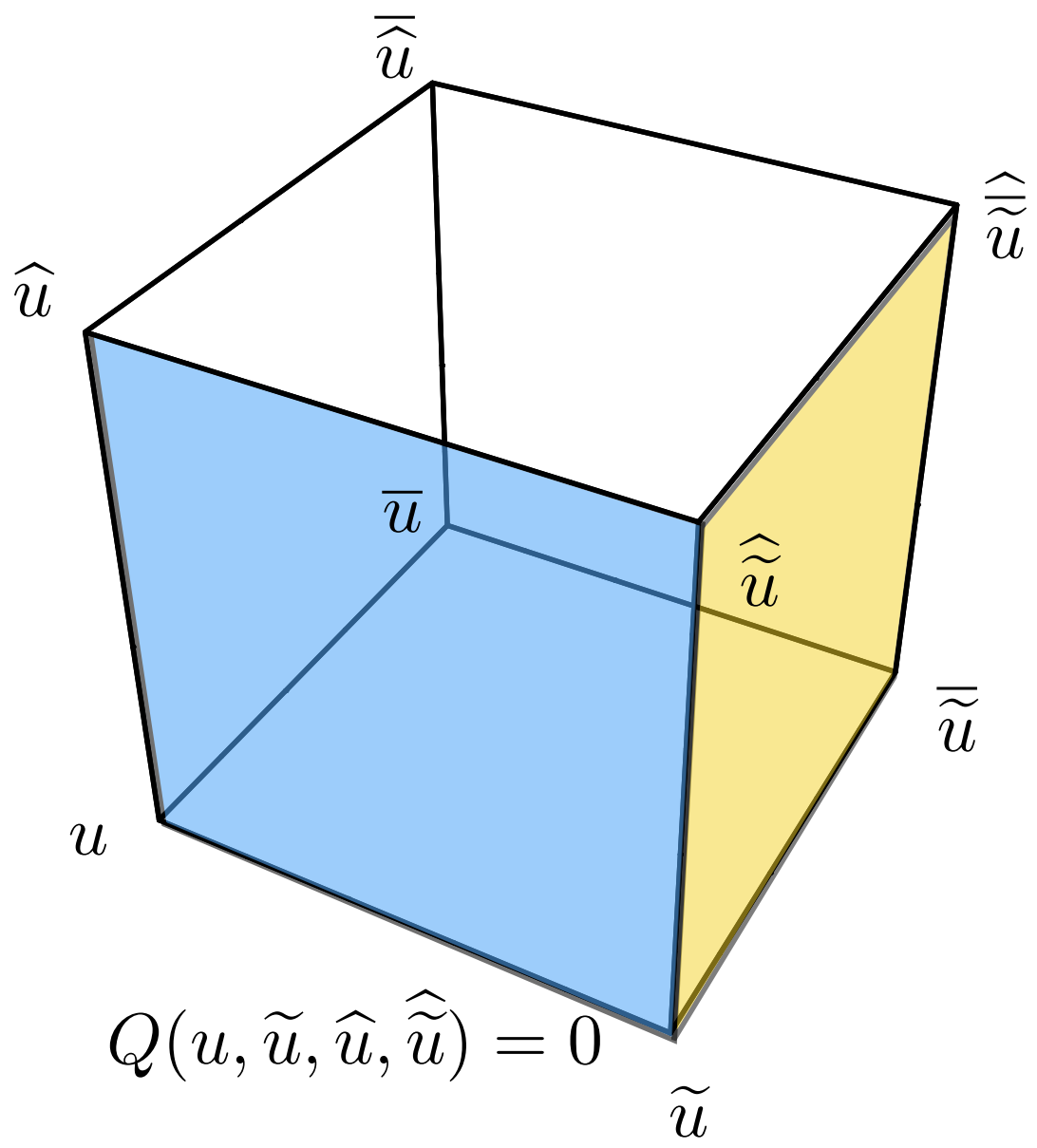


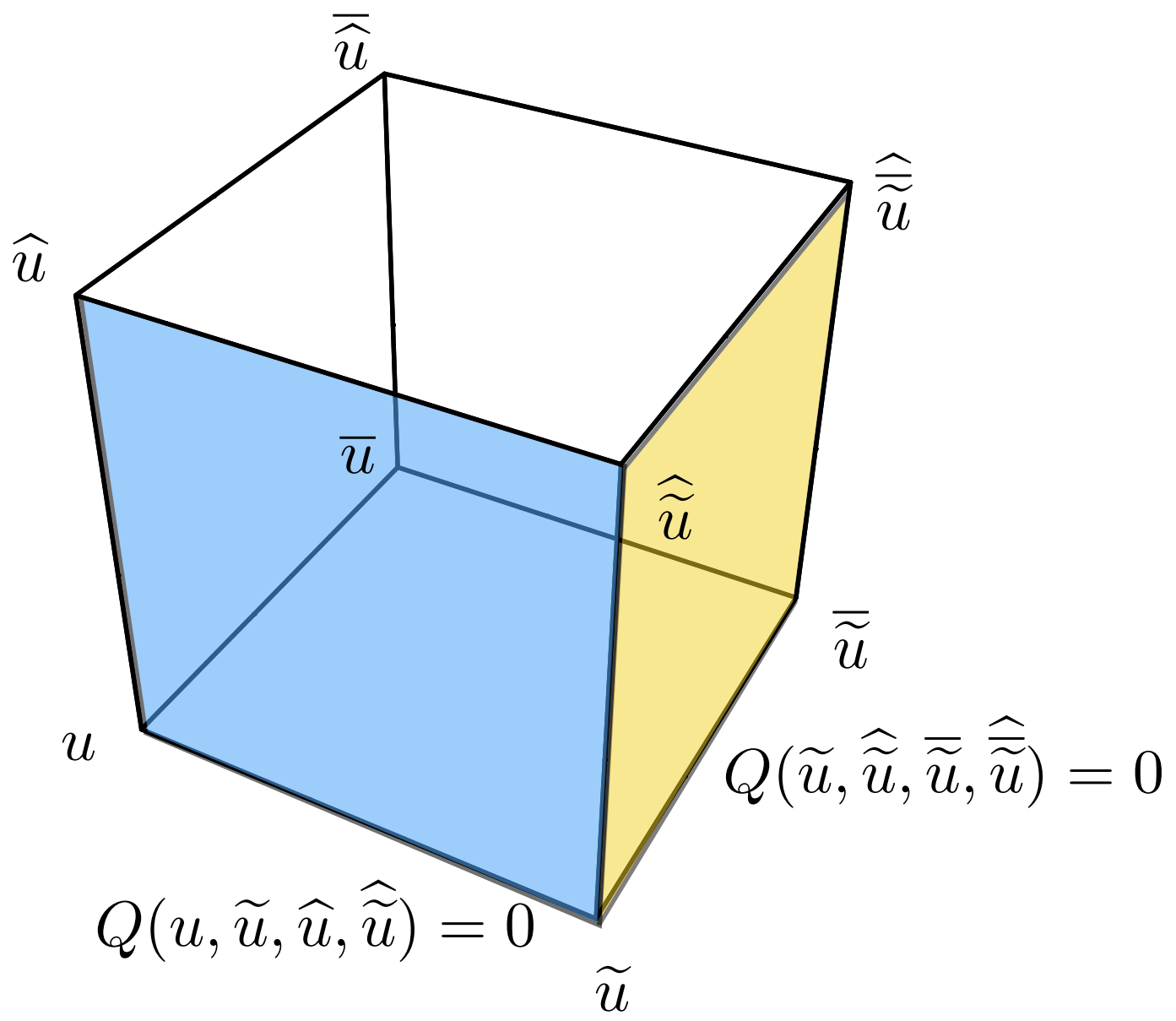
$$Q(x, u, v, y) = 0$$











Consistency around a Cube

Consider $Q(x, u, v, y) = x + u + v + y$

$$u + \tilde{u} + \hat{u} + \hat{\tilde{u}} = 0$$

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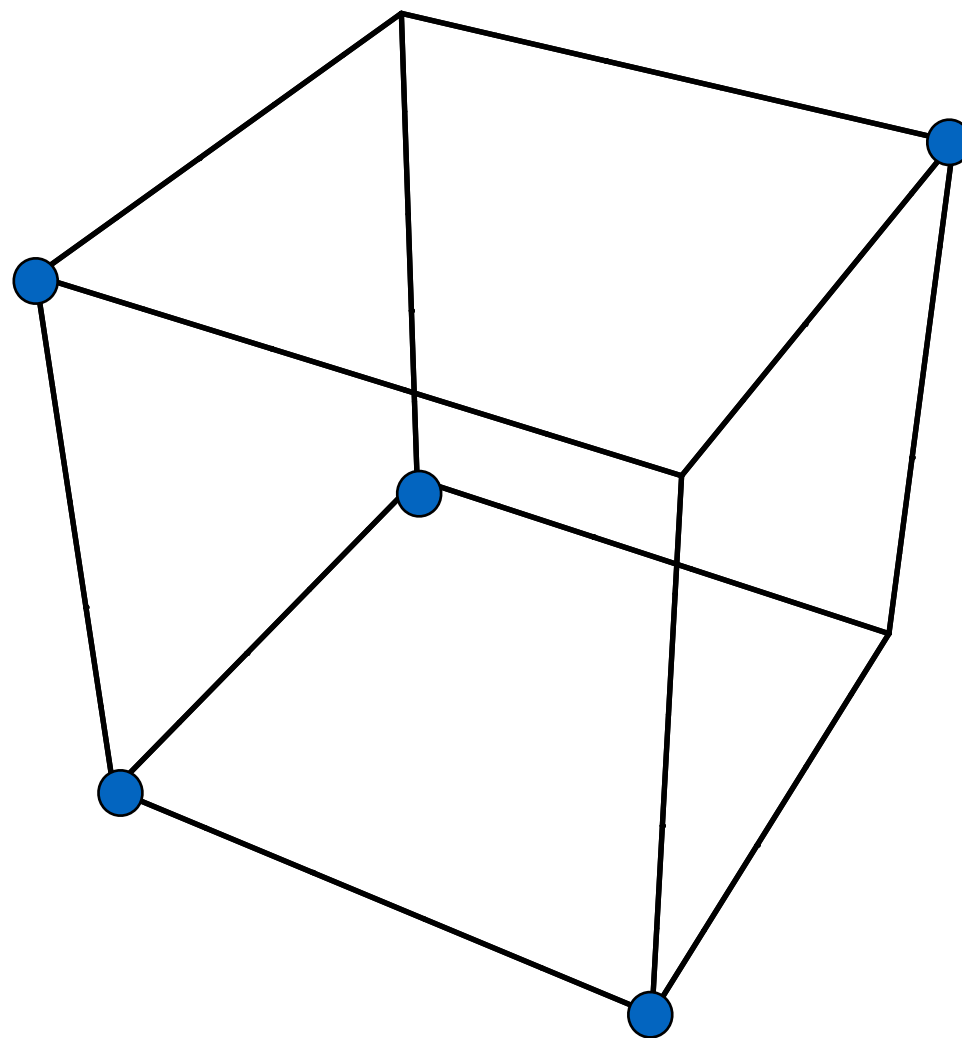
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All 3 paths to the last vertex lead to the same value:

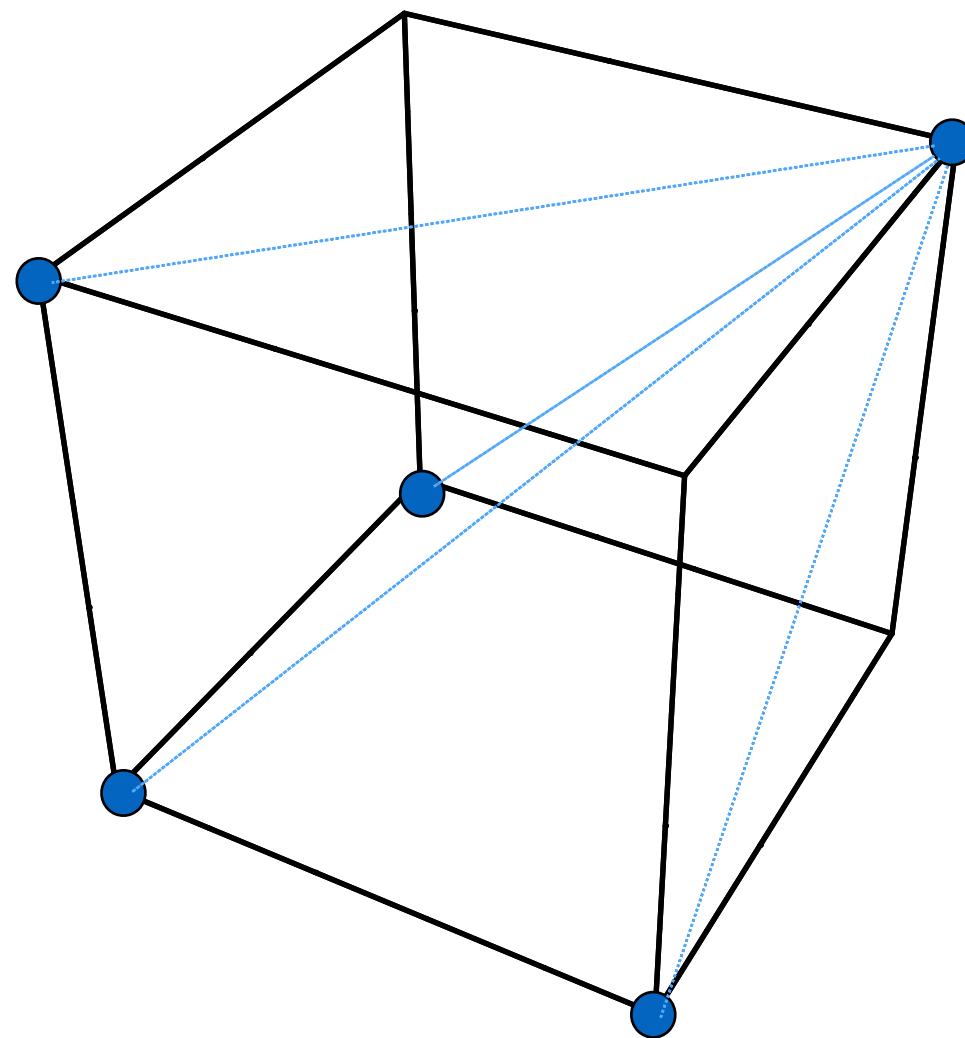
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Tetrahedral Condition



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Are there more examples that are consistent
around a cube?

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Dynamics in 2D

- Given a parameter λ , the *Bäcklund transformation*

$$(\tilde{w} + w)_x = 2\lambda - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{w} - w)^2$$

relates two solutions \tilde{w}, w of the potential KdV equation.

$$w_t = w_{xxx} + 3w_x^2$$

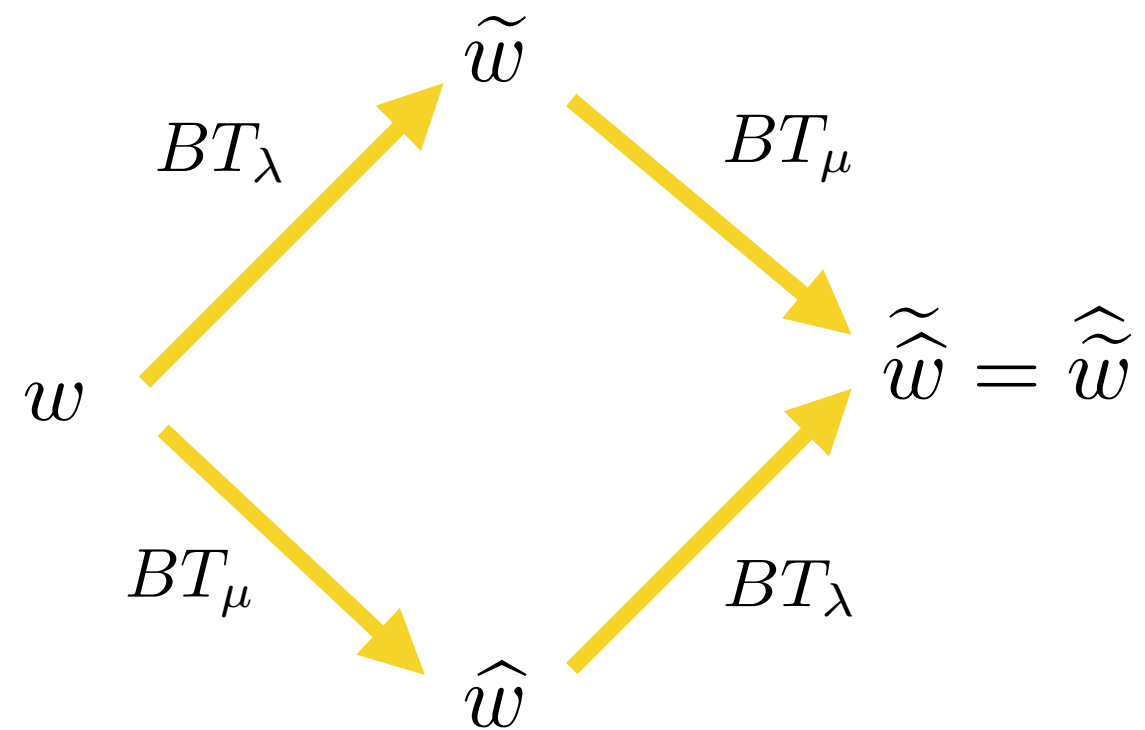
Wahlquist & Estabrook, 1976

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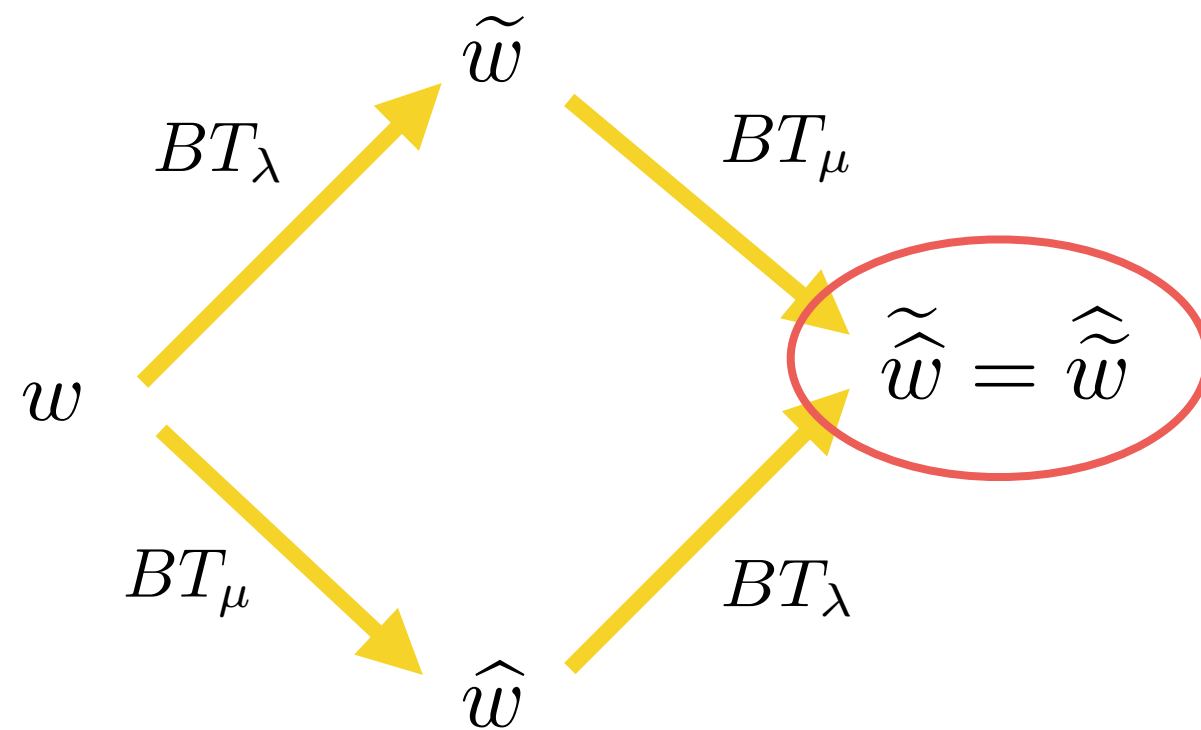
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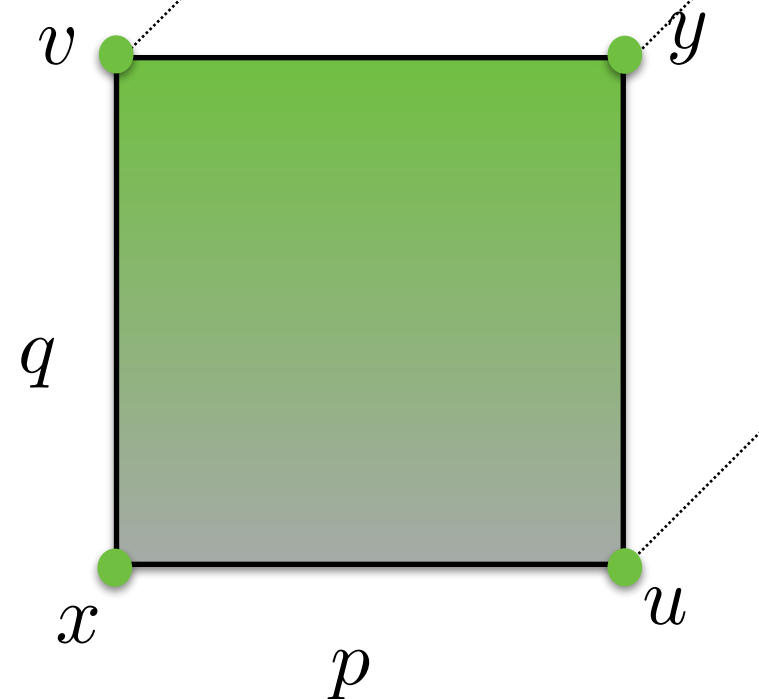
Classification

- Motivated by work of Nijhoff, Capel *et al* (1983—'01) Adler, Bobenko & Suris (2003,2009) classified all affine linear equations

$$Q(w, \tilde{w}, \hat{w}, \hat{\tilde{w}}; p, q) = 0$$

which are multi-dimensionally consistent on a *quad*-graph

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On a 3-cube

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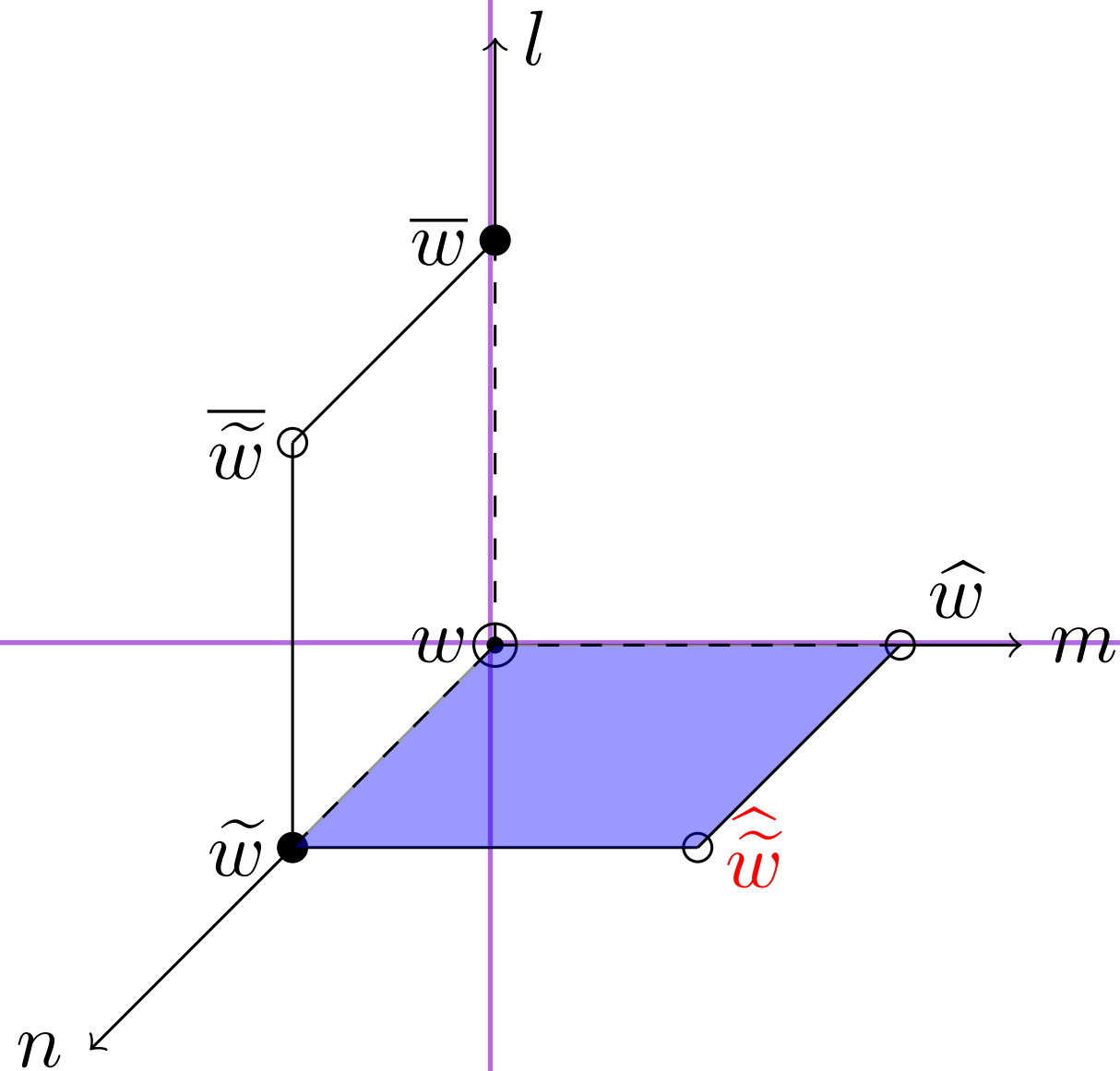
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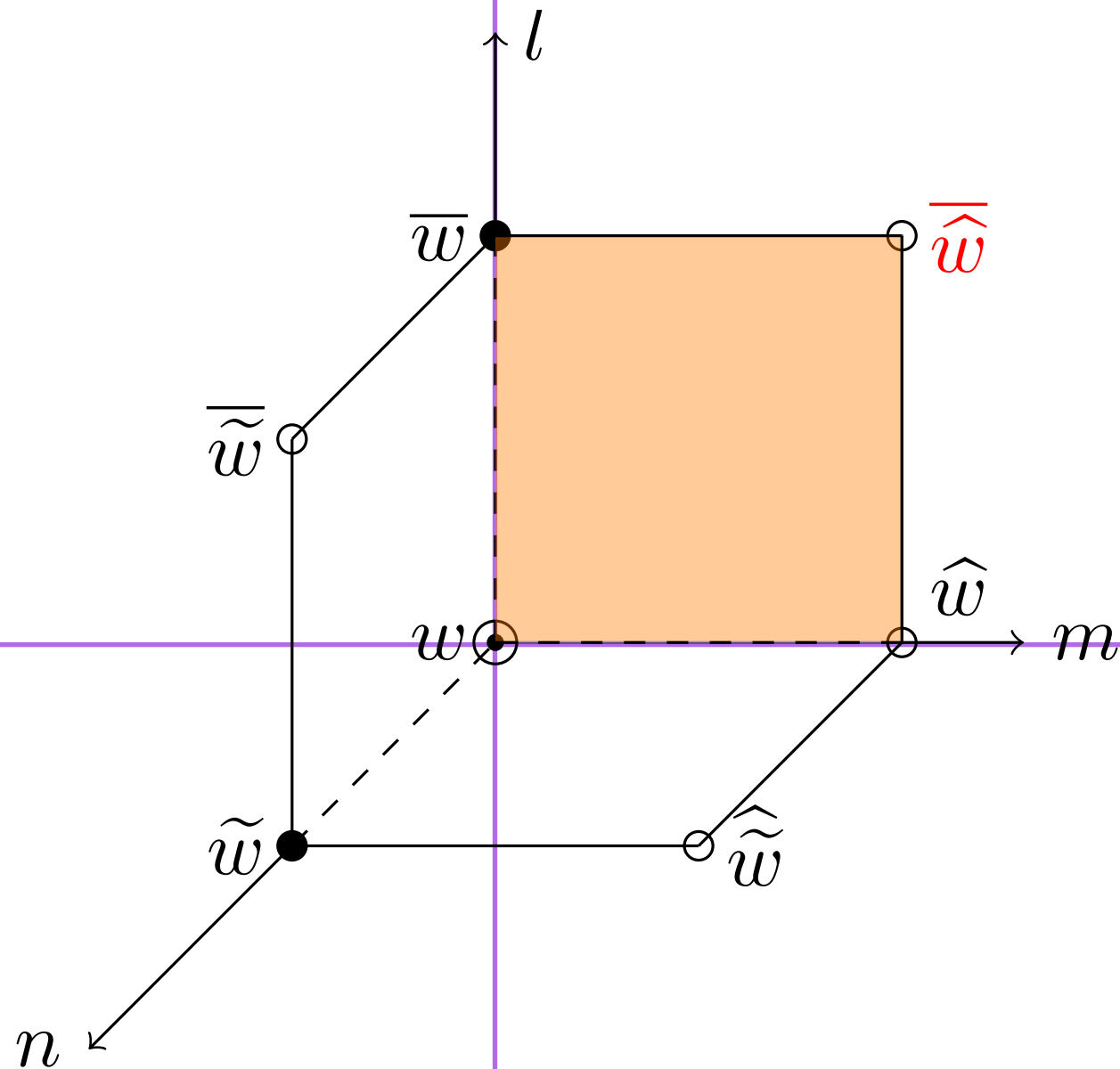
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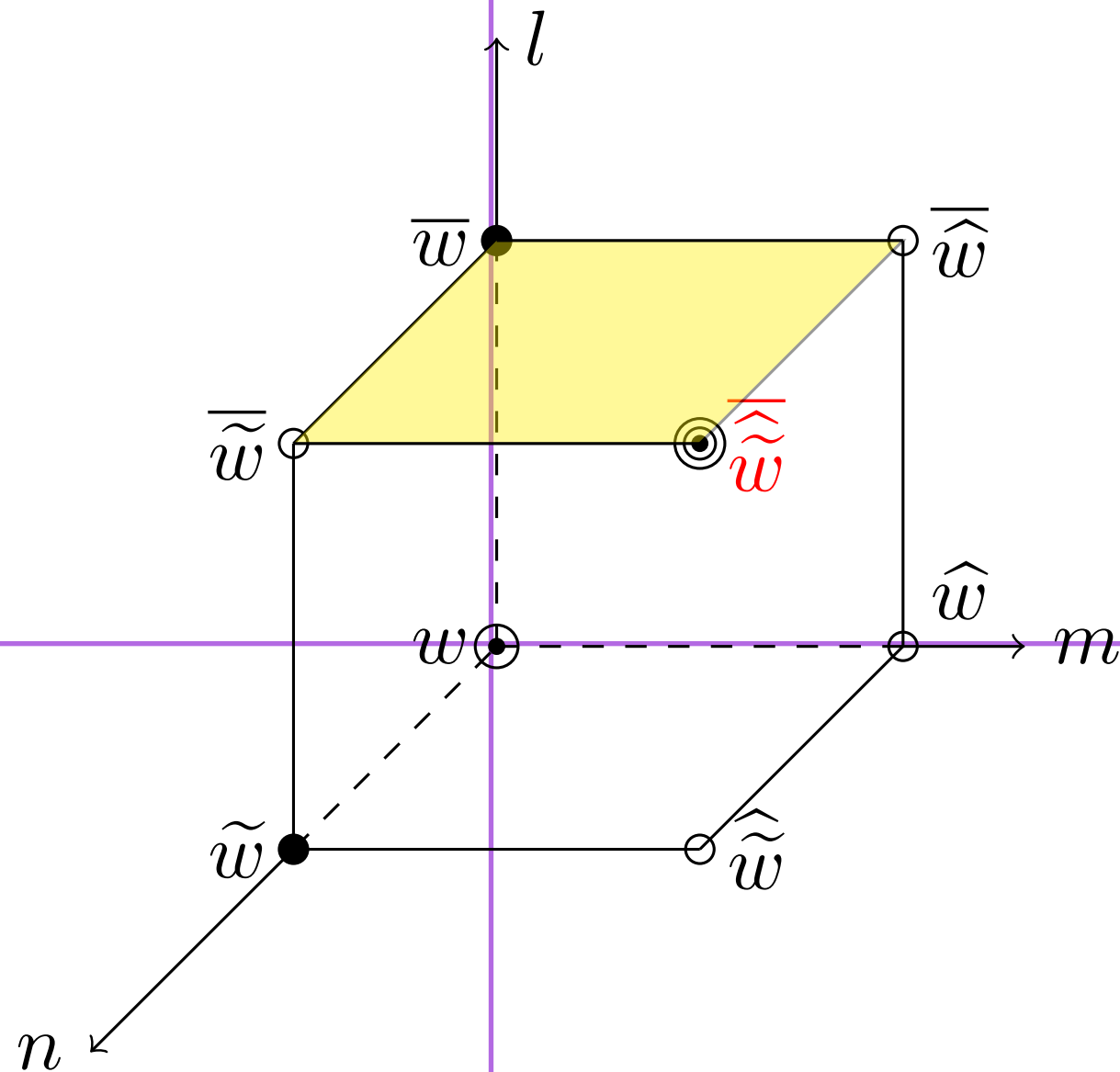
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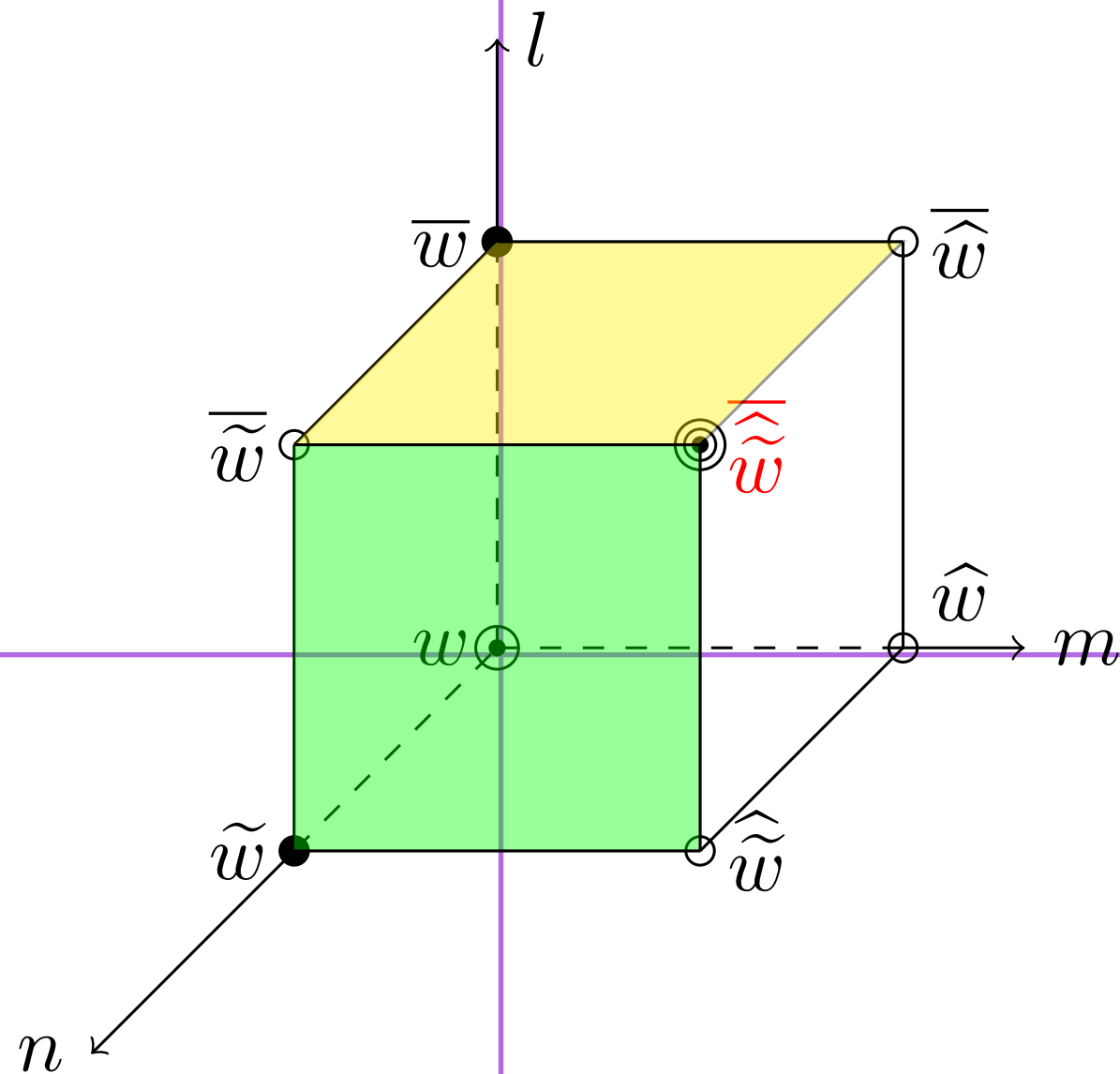
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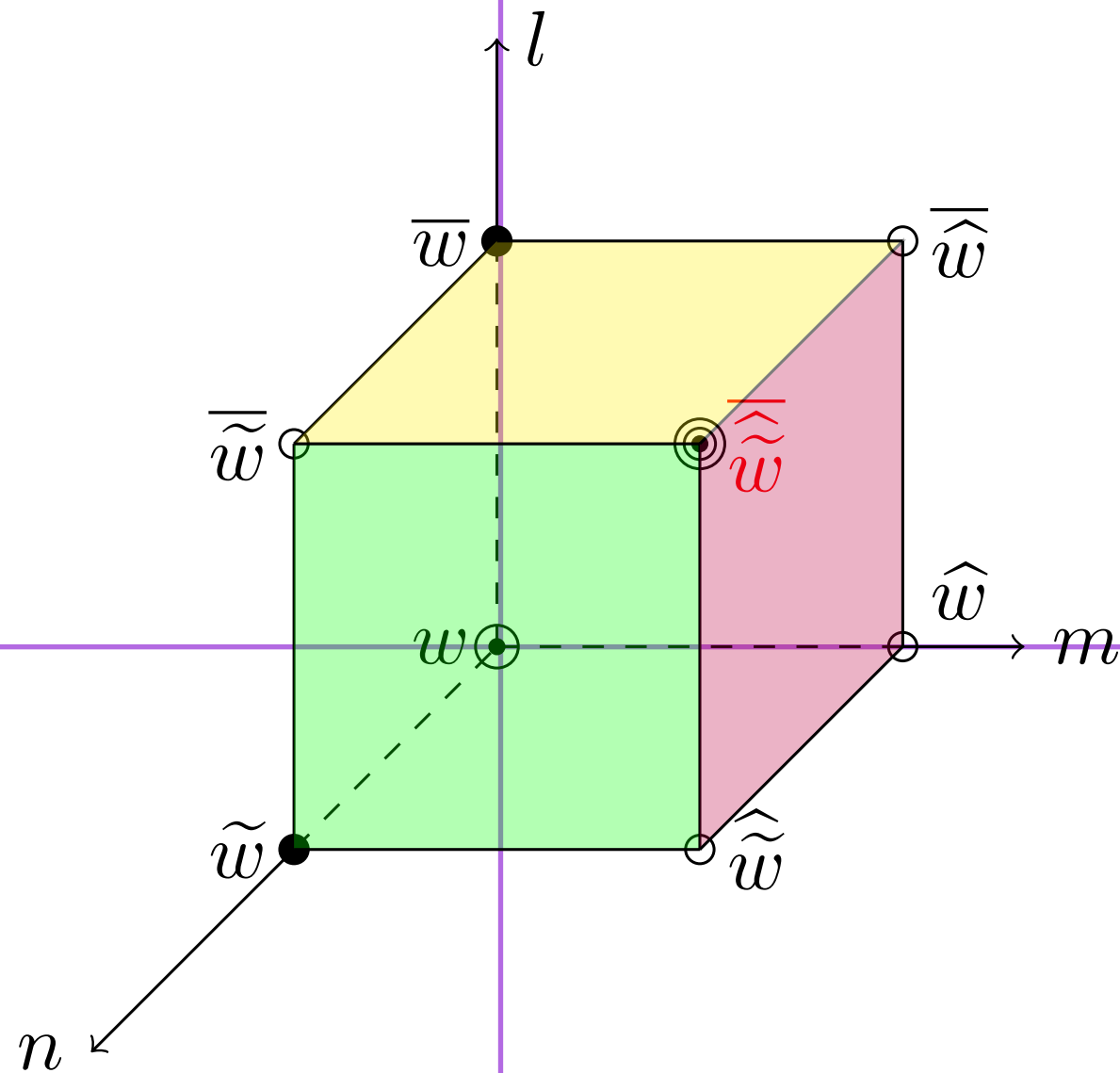
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CAC Equations

$$\begin{aligned} Q4 : \quad & a_0 x u v y + a_1 (x u v + u v y + v y x + y x u) + a_2 (x y + u v) \\ & + \bar{a}_2 (x u + v y) + \tilde{a}_2 (x v + u y) \\ & + a_3 (x + u + v + y) + a_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

CAC Equations

- Three classes of equations all obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} Q4 : \quad & a_0xuvy + a_1(xuv + uv y + vyx + yxu) + a_2(xy + uv) \\ & + \bar{a}_2(xu + vy) + \tilde{a}_2(xv + uy) \\ & + a_3(x + u + v + y) + a_4 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where the coefficients lie on an elliptic curve.

- The two other classes are labelled H and A.

Some ABS Equations

- H1:

$$(x - y)(u - v) + p^2 - q^2 = 0$$

- H3:

$$\mathcal{Q}(xu + vy) - \mathcal{P}(uv + uy) + \frac{p^2 - q^2}{\mathcal{P}\mathcal{Q}} = 0$$

where $\mathcal{P}^2 = a^2 - p^2, \mathcal{Q}^2 = a^2 - q^2$

- Q3:

$$\mathcal{P}(uv + uy) - \mathcal{Q}(xu + vy) - (p^2 - q^2) \left(uv + xy + \frac{\delta^2}{4\mathcal{P}\mathcal{Q}} \right) = 0$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}^2 = (p^2 - a^2)(p^2 - b^2)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}^2 = (q^2 - a^2)(q^2 - b^2)$$

Generalizations

- In the ABS classification, the same equation is placed on each face of the N -cube.
- Different equations can be placed on each face, so long as consistency is maintained.
- Checkerboard and other patterns arise.

Partial Difference Equations

We consider a 4-cube and identify each translation along an edge on as an iteration

$$\overline{u} = u(l + 1, m, n, k)$$

$$\widehat{u} = u(l, m + 1, n, k)$$

$$\widetilde{u} = u(l, m, n + 1, k)$$

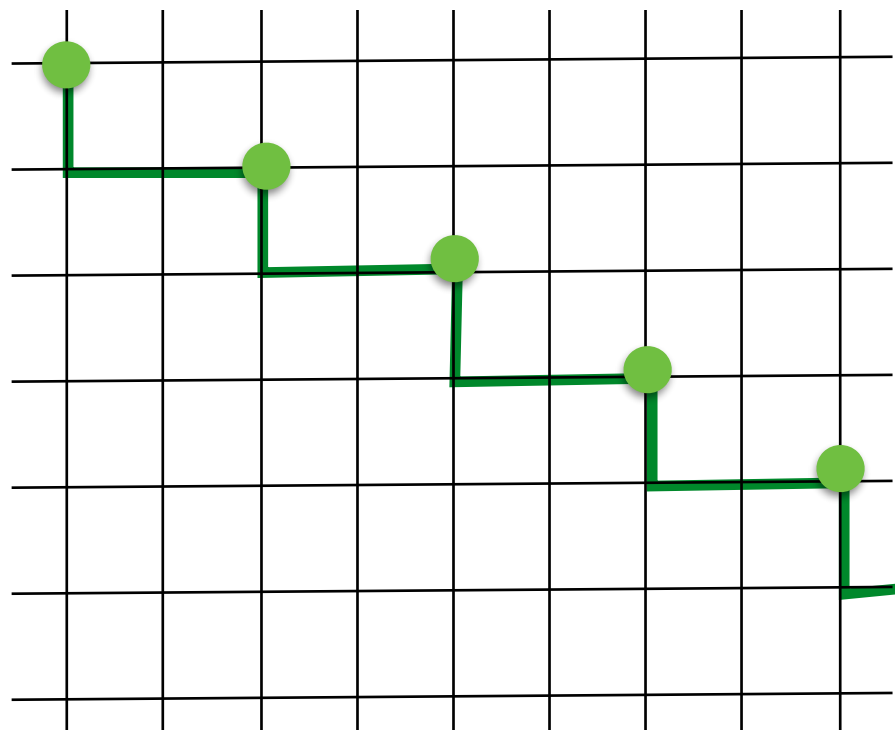
$$\overset{\circ}{u} = u(l, m, n, k + 1)$$

How are any of these partial difference equations related to Cremona isometries?

Part III

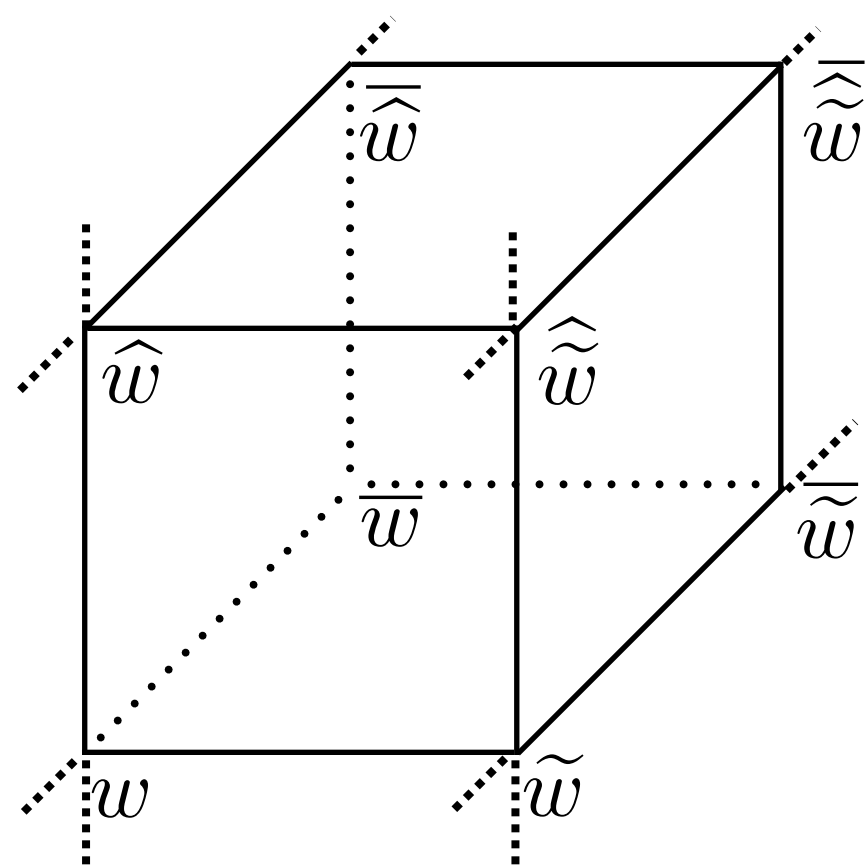
- Lattices
- Dynamics on N -cubes
- Symmetry reductions

Discrete Staircases



$$w(l + 2, k) = w(l, k + 1)$$

$$\mathsf{H3}_{\delta=0}$$

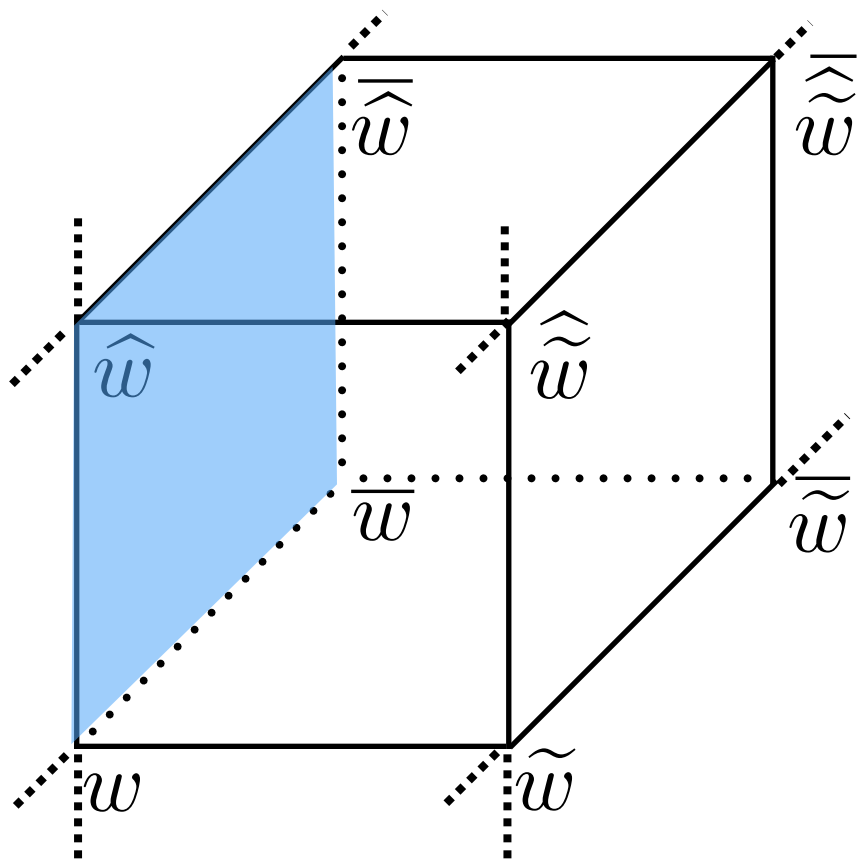


$$\frac{\widehat{\overline{w}}}{w} = \frac{\alpha \overline{w} - \beta \widehat{w}}{\alpha \widehat{w} - \beta \overline{w}}$$

$$w(l, m, k), \alpha = \alpha(l), \beta = \beta(m),$$

$$- : l \mapsto l + 1, \widehat{} : m \mapsto m + 1$$

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Reductions

$$r = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$$

$$\hat{w} = \overline{\overline{w}} \Rightarrow \overline{\overline{\overline{r}}} r = \overline{r} \overline{\overline{r}}$$

- Grammaticos *et al* 2005 showed

$$h = \frac{\overline{\overline{w}}}{\overline{w}} \Rightarrow \overline{h} h \underline{h} = \frac{1 - r h}{r - h}$$

- This is the discrete third q -Painlevé equation (qP₃)
- Many other examples are now known, starting with ad hoc assumptions, such as specific staircases.

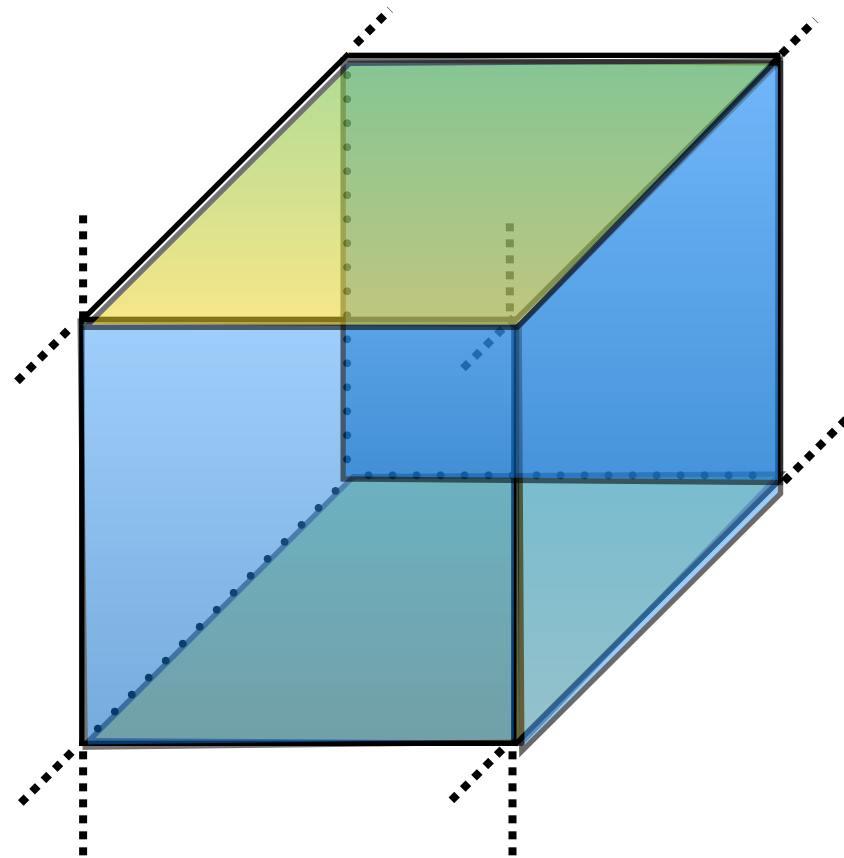
Different Equations on Faces

Boll (20011, 2012) showed that combinations of H3 and H6 provide new consistent systems on the 3-cube, where

$$H6 : \quad xy + uv + \delta_1 xu + \delta_2 vy = 0$$

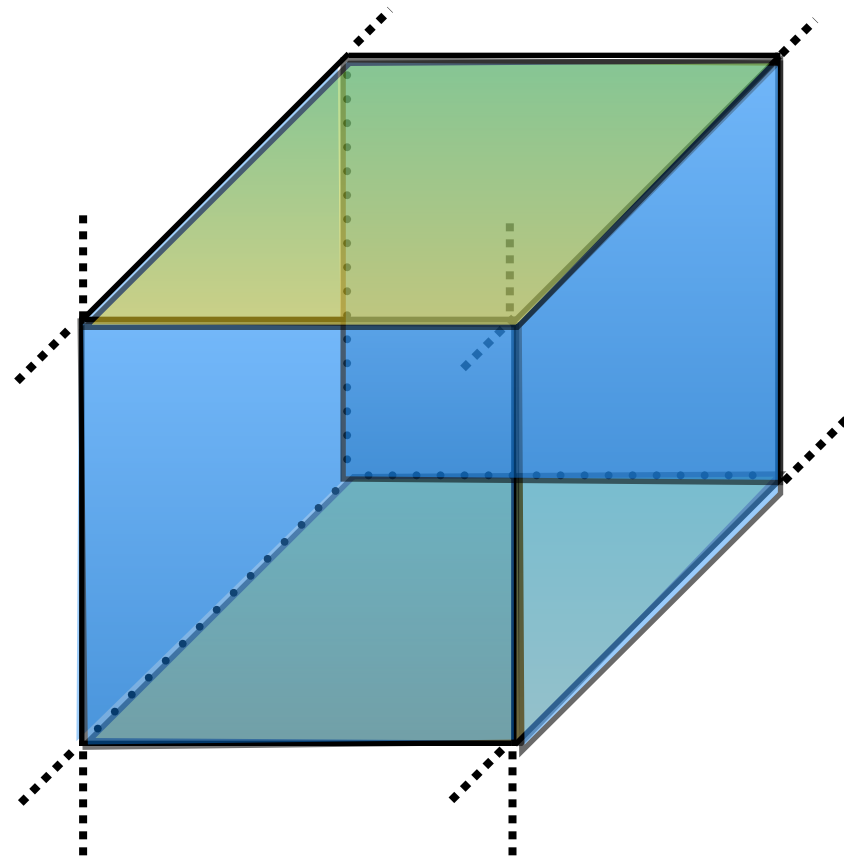
We place H3 ($\delta=0$) on two faces and H6 ($\delta_2=0$) on four faces.

H3 & H6 on 3-cube



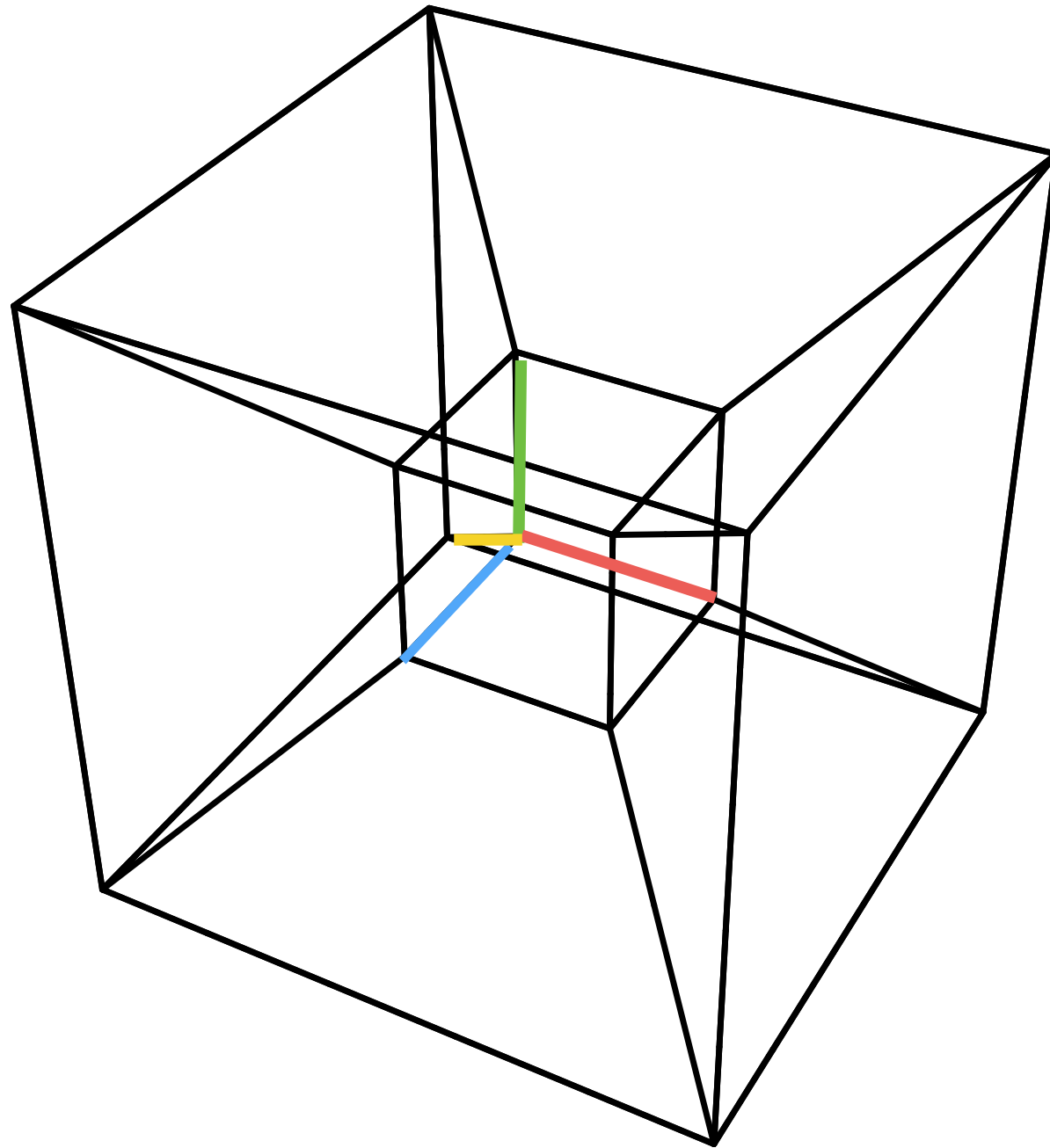
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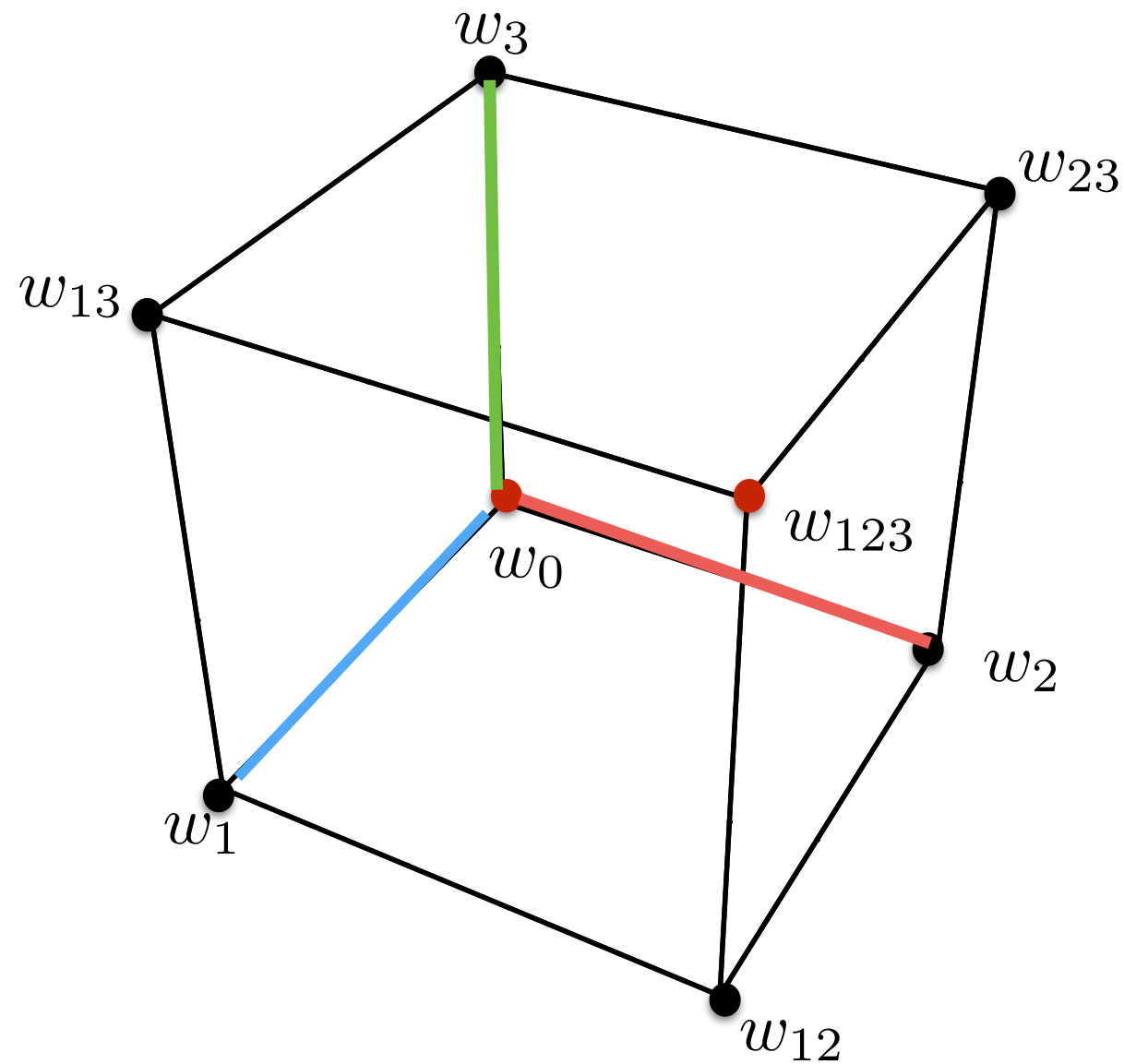
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H3 & H6 on 4-cube



Each sub 3-cube in this 4-cube has 2 copies of H3 and 4 copies of H6 associated to its faces.

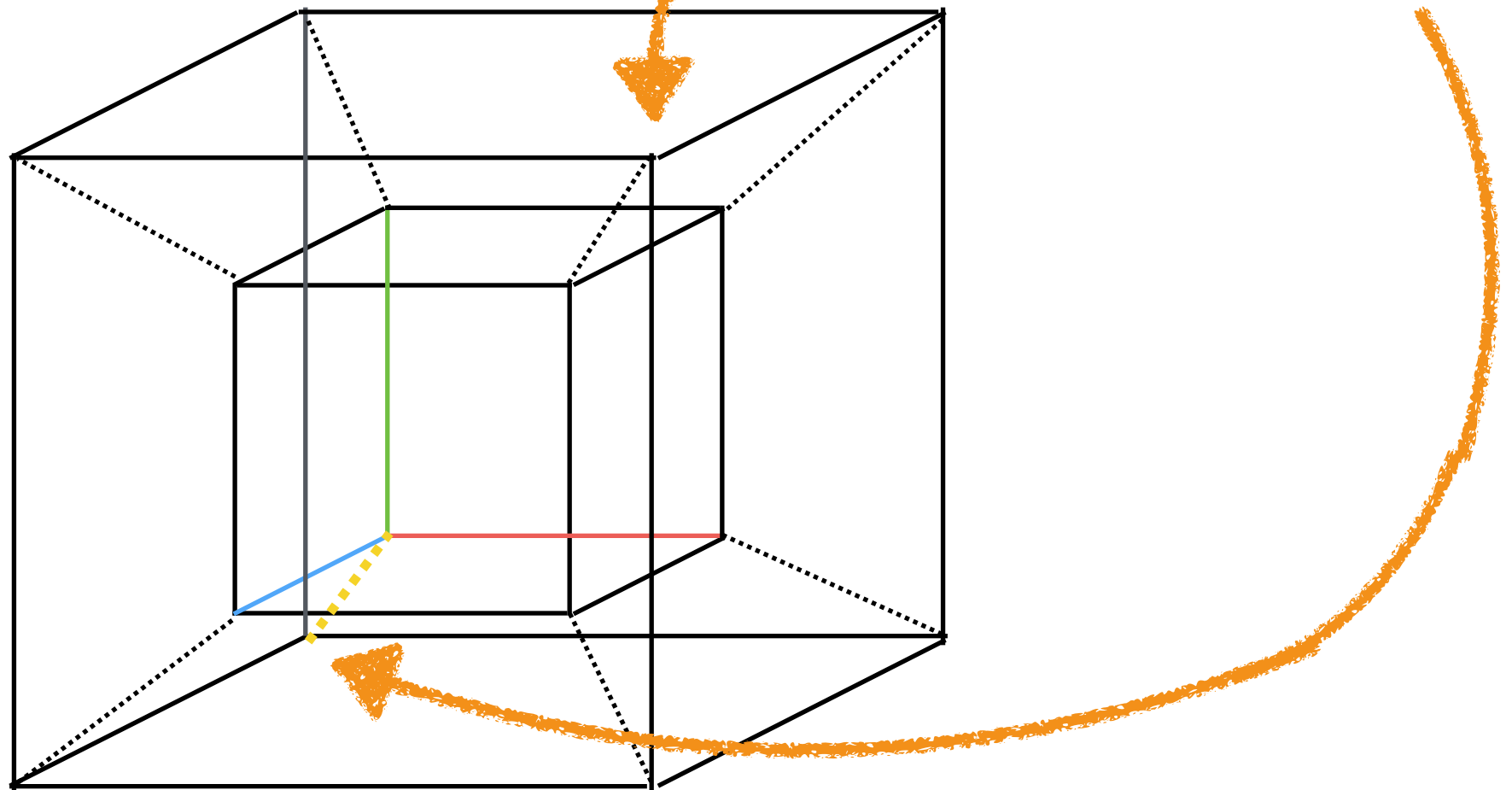
In 3D



Push one corner of the cube to the diagonally opposite corner
 \Rightarrow a hexagon

Reduction

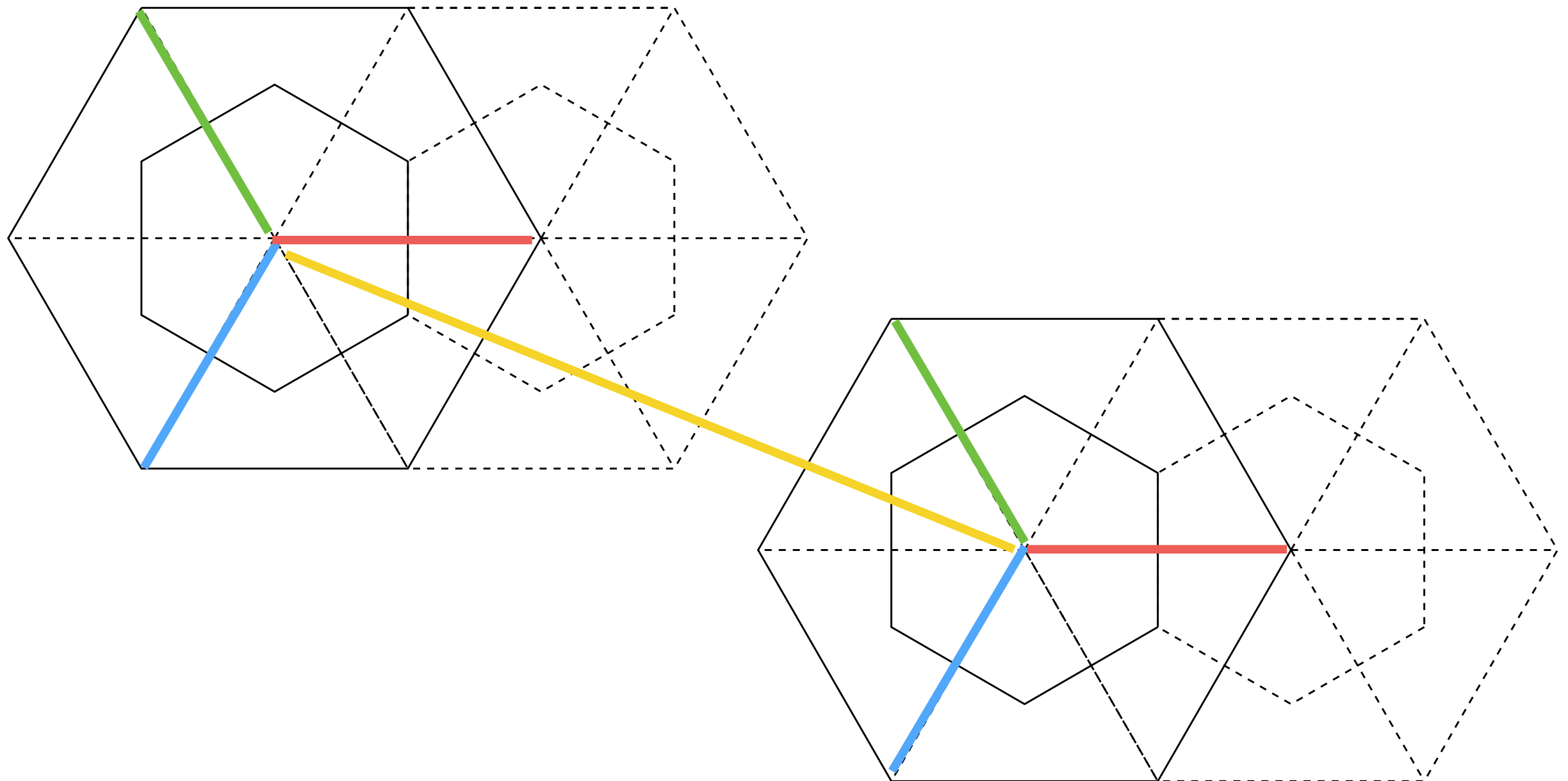
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For both inner and outer corners.

Reduction

$$\hat{\tilde{w}} = -i \lambda w \quad \hat{\tilde{\lambda}} = q \lambda$$



Reductions to q -discrete Painlevé equations

$$q\text{-P}_{\text{IV}}: \begin{cases} f(qt) = ab g(t) \frac{1 + c h(t) (a f(t) + 1)}{1 + a f(t) (b g(t) + 1)}, \\ g(qt) = bc h(t) \frac{1 + a f(t) (b g(t) + 1)}{1 + b g(t) (c h(t) + 1)}, \\ h(qt) = ca f(t) \frac{1 + b g(t) (c h(t) + 1)}{1 + c h(t) (a f(t) + 1)}, \end{cases}$$

$$q\text{-P}_{\text{III}}: \begin{cases} g(qt) = \frac{a}{g(t)f(t)} \frac{1 + tf(t)}{t + f(t)}, \\ f(qt) = \frac{a}{f(t)g(qt)} \frac{1 + btg(qt)}{bt + g(qt)}, \end{cases}$$

$$q\text{-P}_{\text{II}}: f(pt) = \frac{a}{f(p^{-1}t)f(t)} \frac{1 + tf(t)}{t + f(t)},$$

Discrete Monodromy Problems

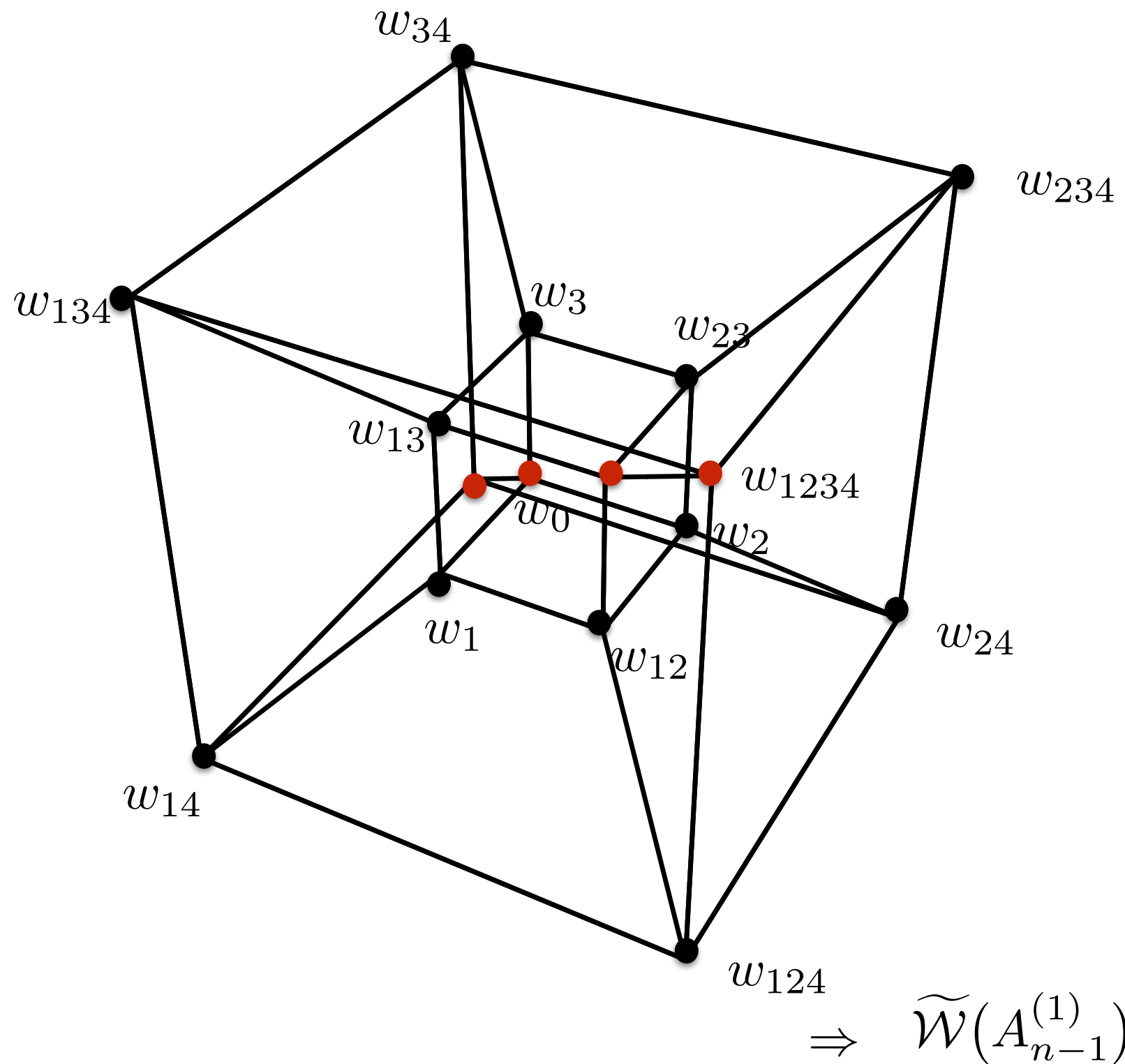
Reductions also provide linear problems, e.g.

$$\phi(qx, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{qt}{h(t)}x & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{qh(t)}{t}x \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{act}{f(t)}x & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{acf(t)}{t}x \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{at}{g(t)}x & 1 \\ -1 & \frac{ag(t)}{t}x \end{pmatrix} \cdot \phi(x, t),$$

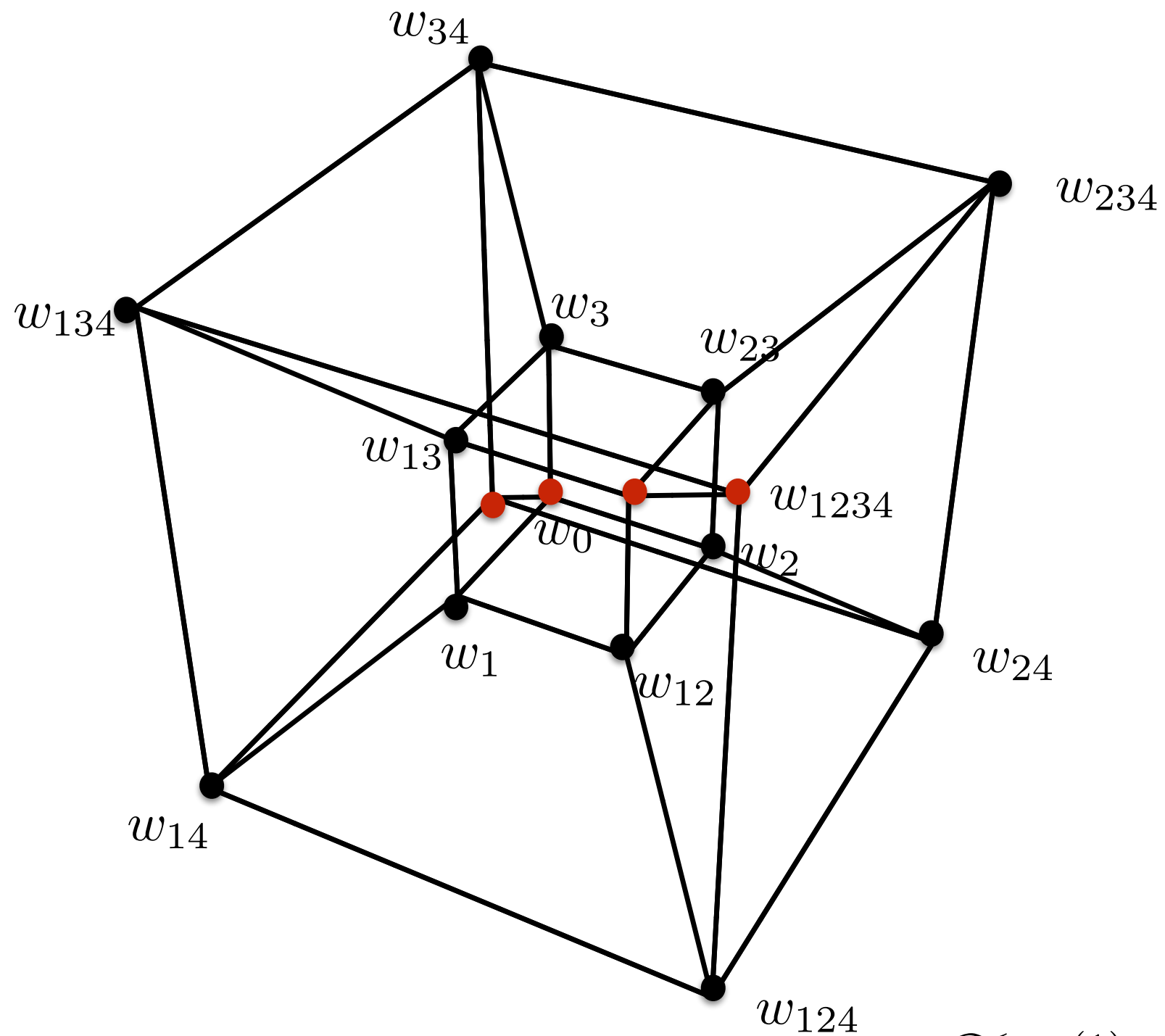
$$\phi(x, qt) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{(qt^2 - 1)h(t)}{(1 + b + bch(t))tg(t)}x & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \phi(x, t).$$

whose compatibility condition is qP_{IV}

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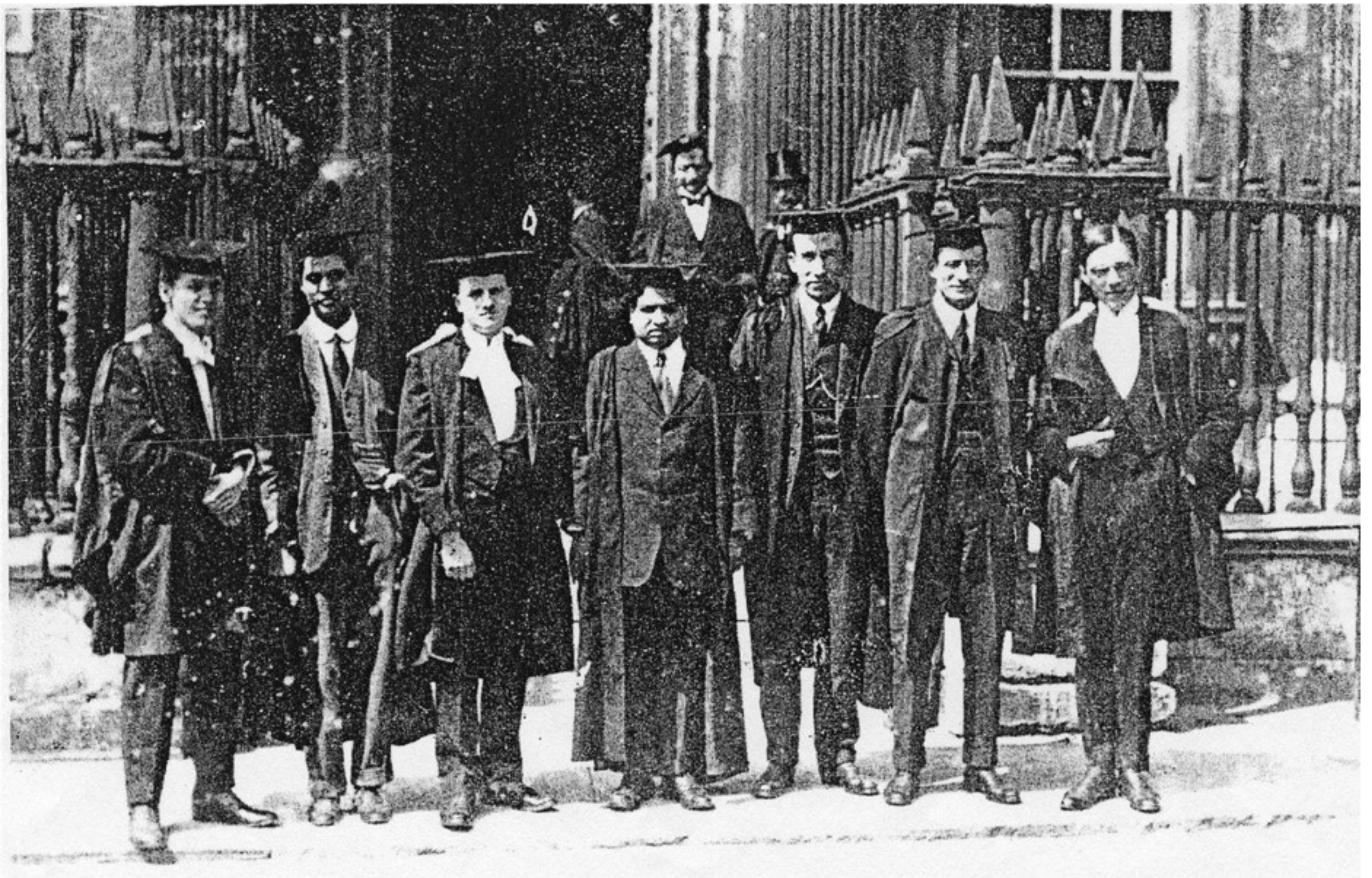


Generalizable to n dimensions $\Rightarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{W}}(A_{n-1}^{(1)})$

Summary

- Reduction of the n-cube leads to q-discrete Painlevé equations of higher dimensions, with symmetry group $W(A_{n-1}^{(1)} + A_1^{(1)})$.
- The symmetry lattice is realised as tessellations of the Voronoi cell of A_{n-1} .
- The lattice equations are found through ω -lattices, related to tau functions of discrete Painlevé equations.
- Other symmetry groups also possible.

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The mathematician's patterns, like those of the painter's or the poet's, must be beautiful, the ideas, like the colours or the words, must fit together in a harmonious way. *GH Hardy, A Mathematician's Apology, 1940*