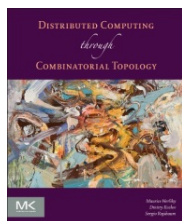


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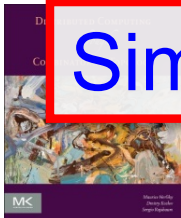
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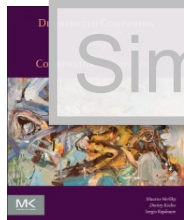
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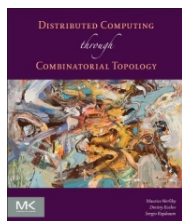
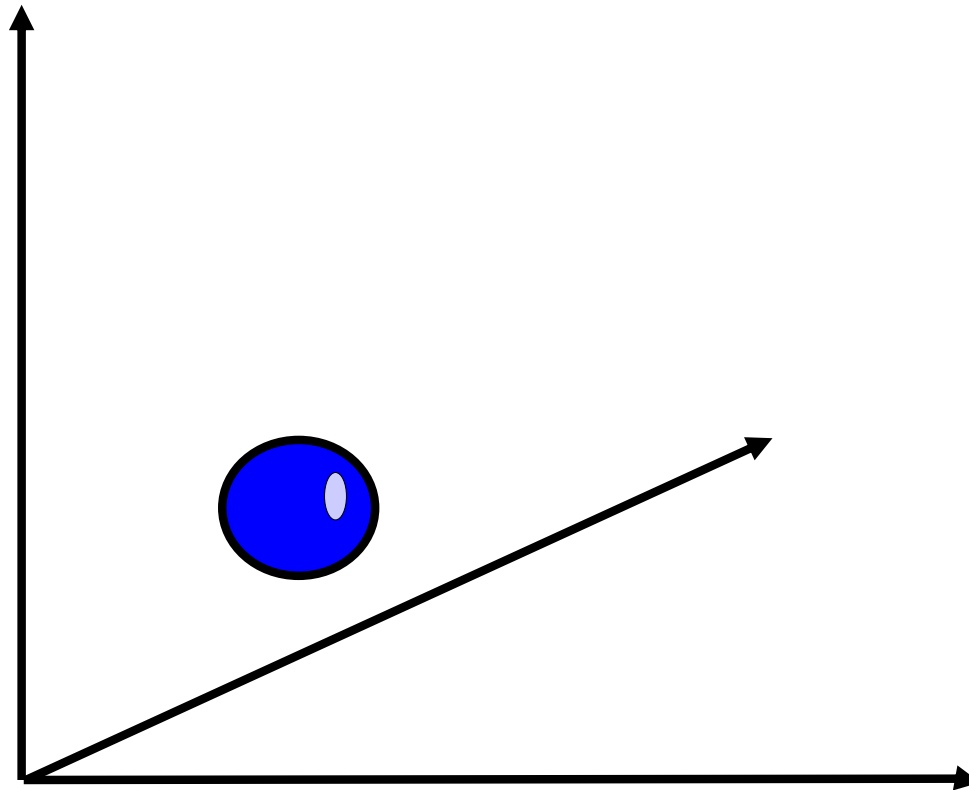
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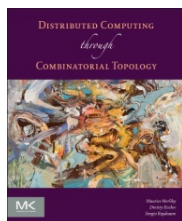
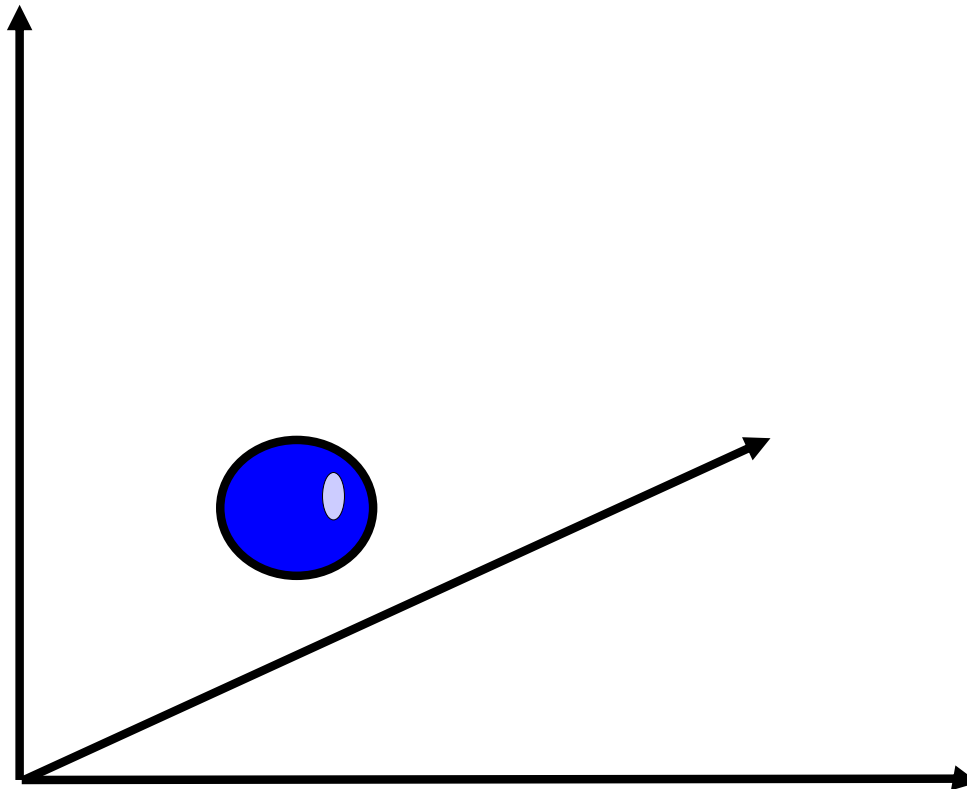


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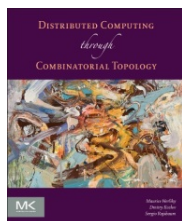
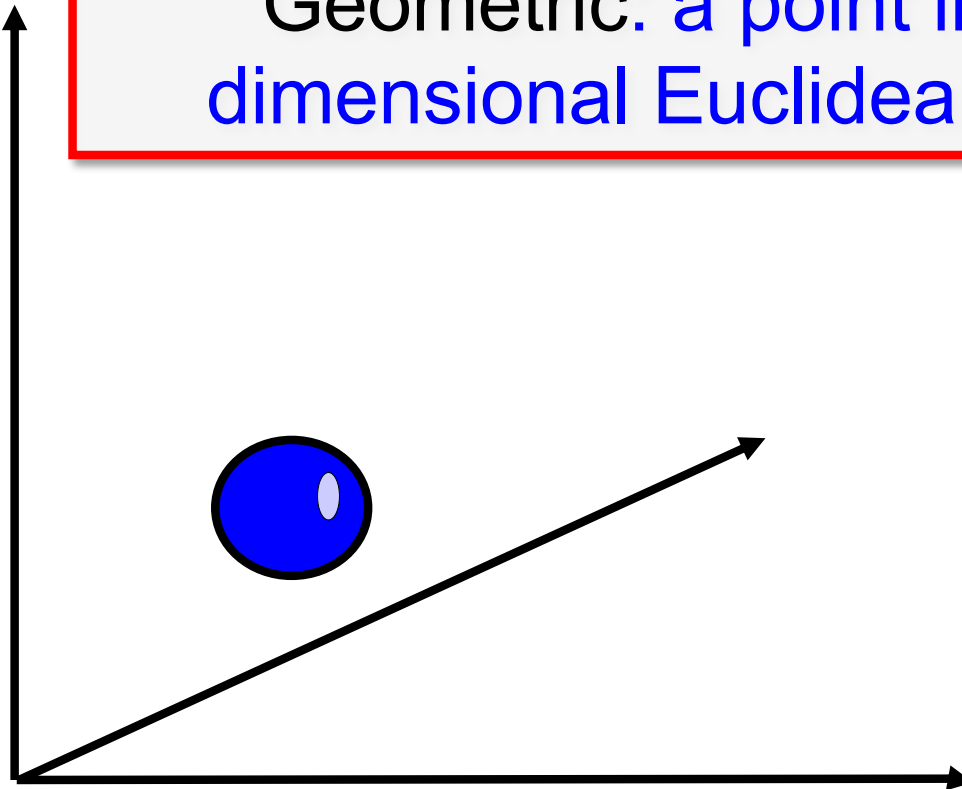
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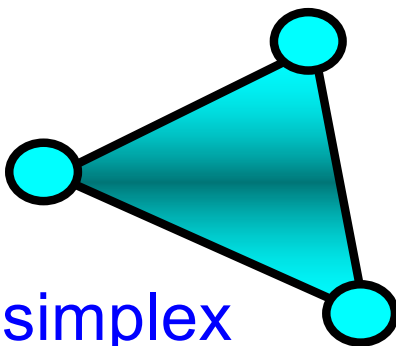
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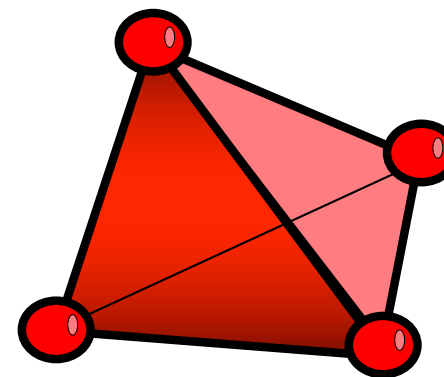
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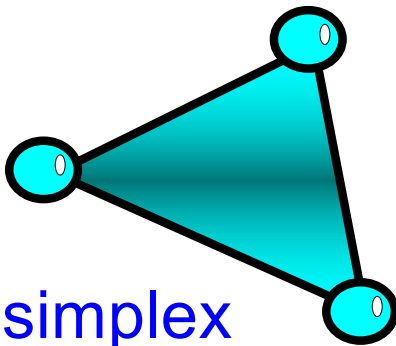
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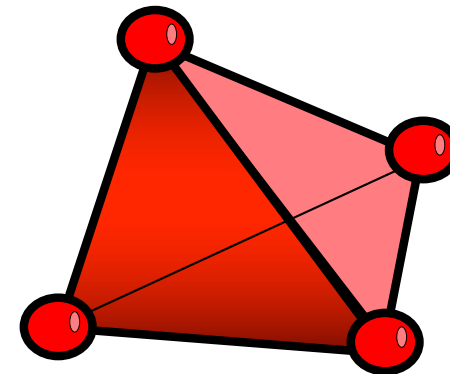
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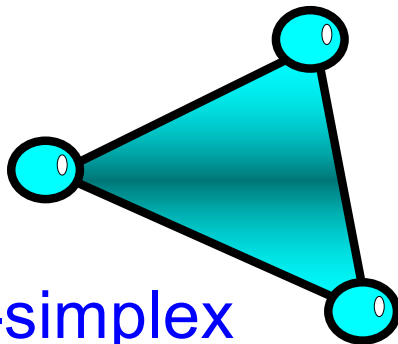
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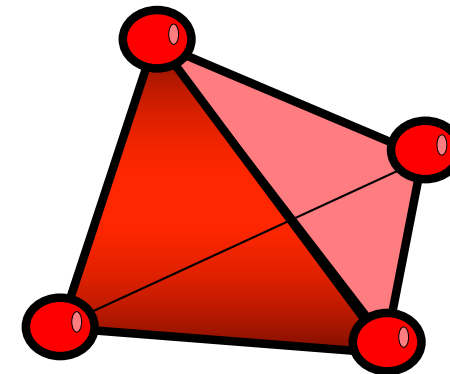
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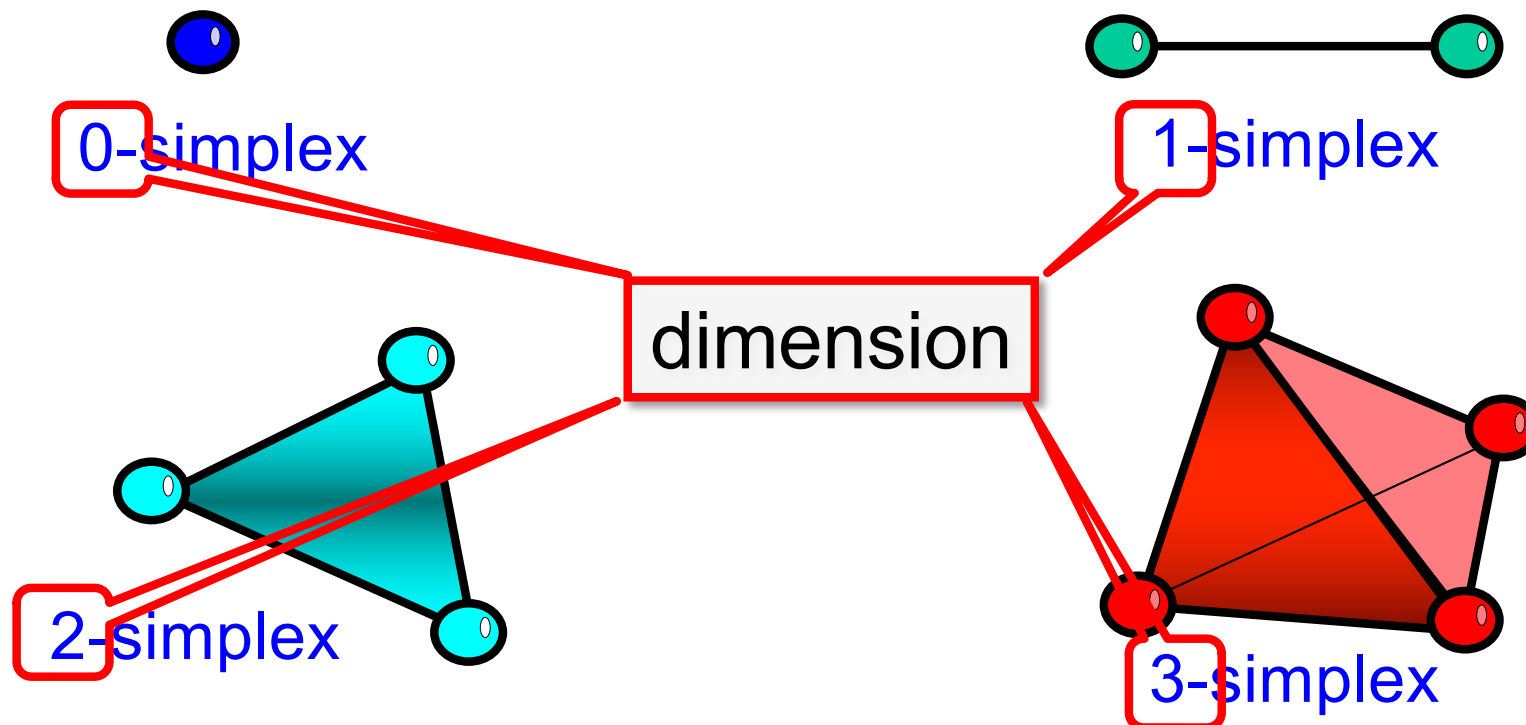
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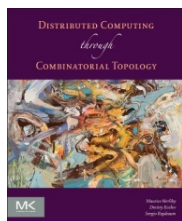
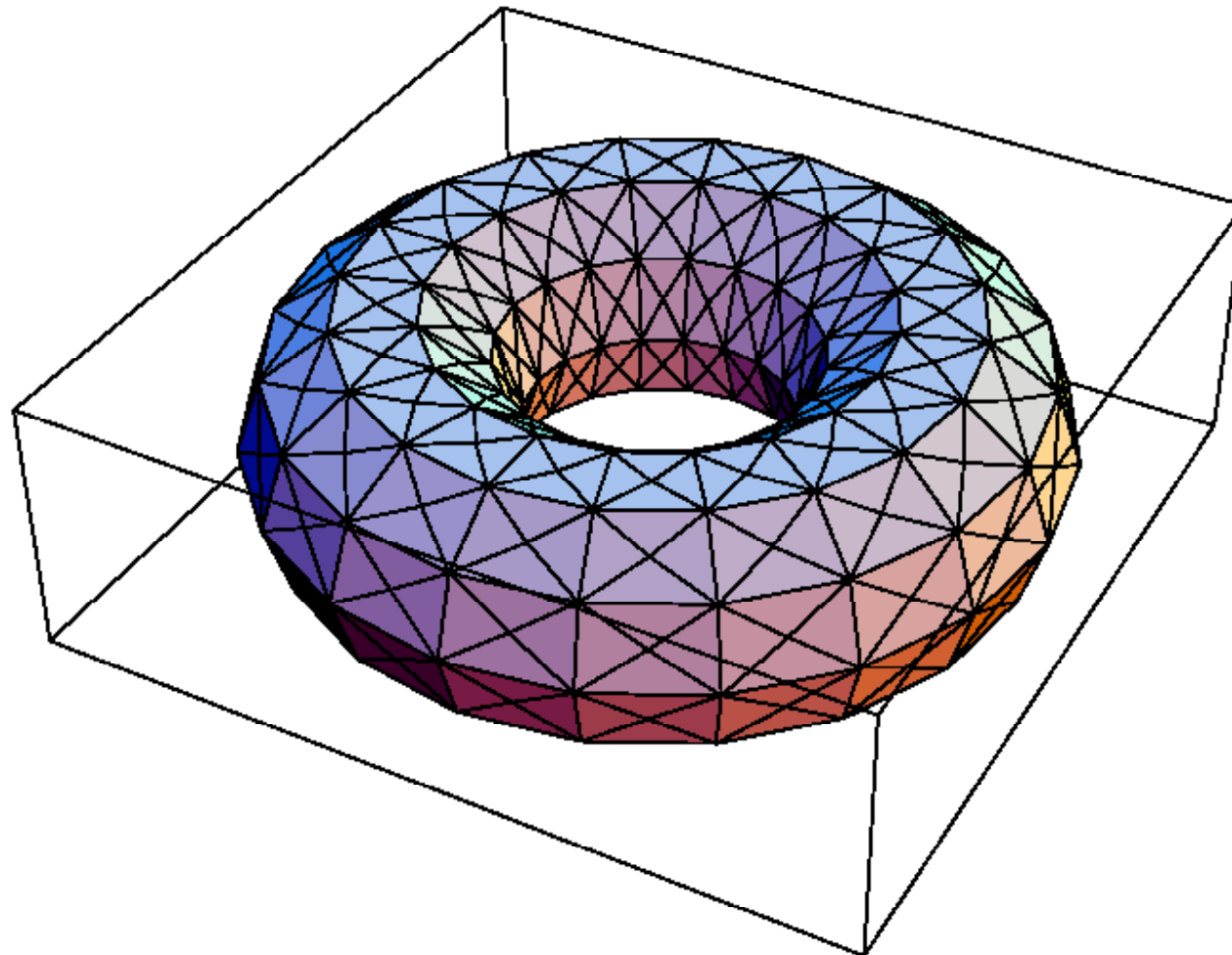
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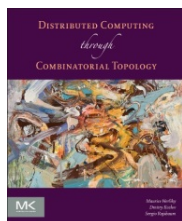
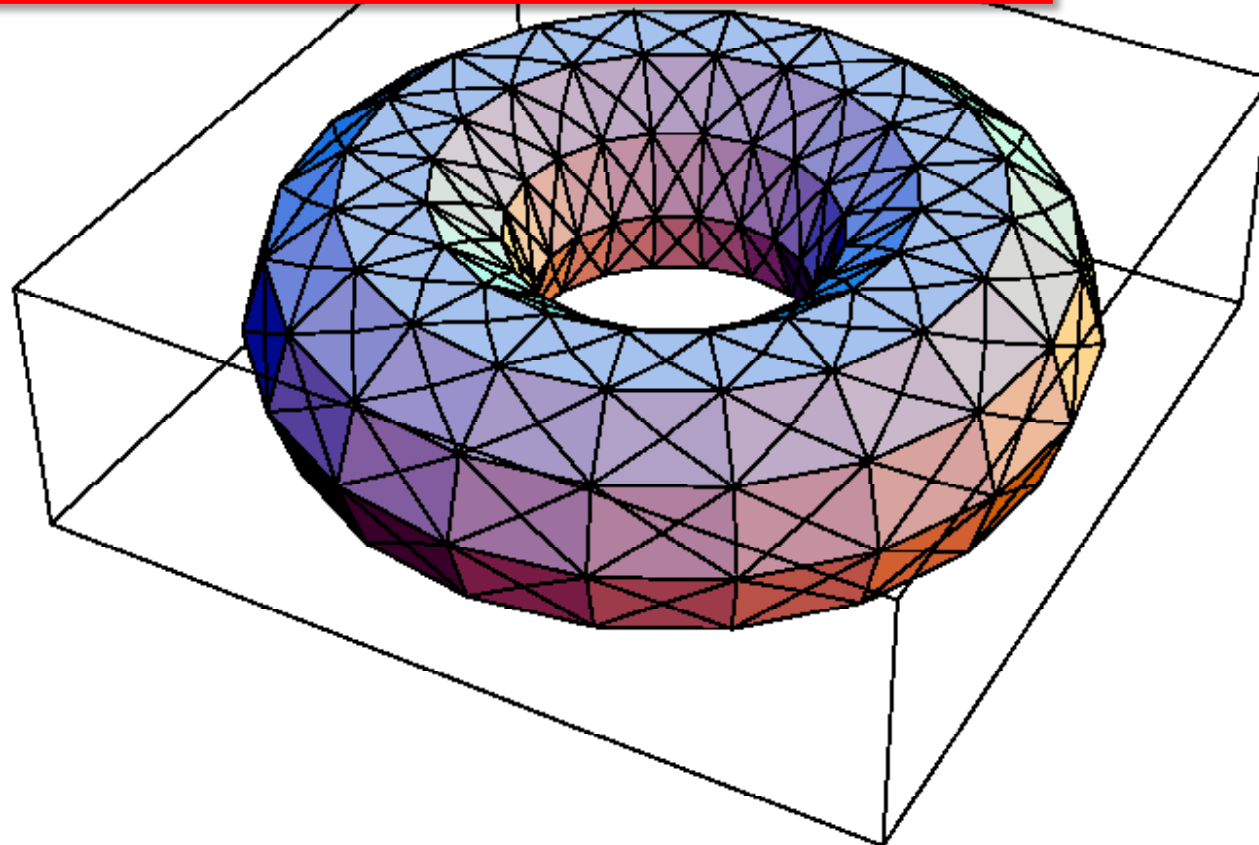


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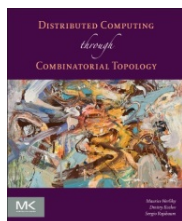
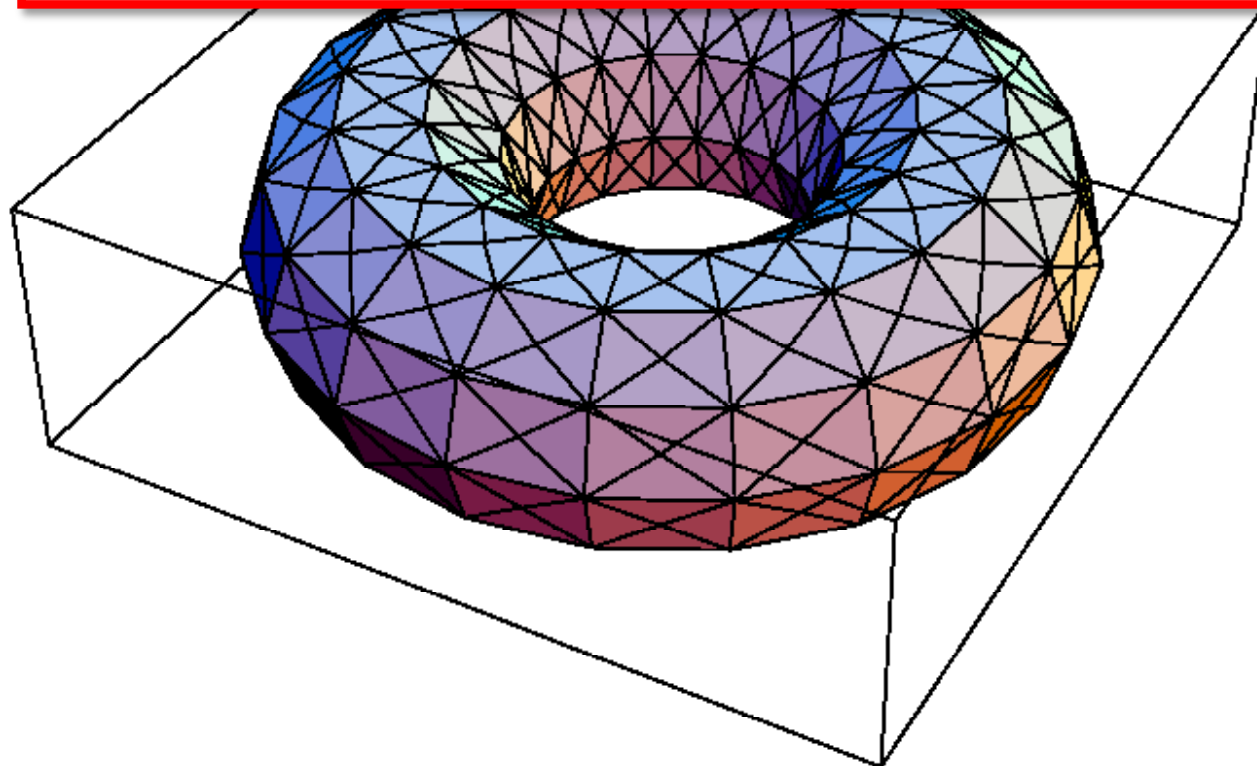
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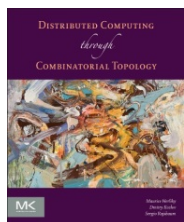
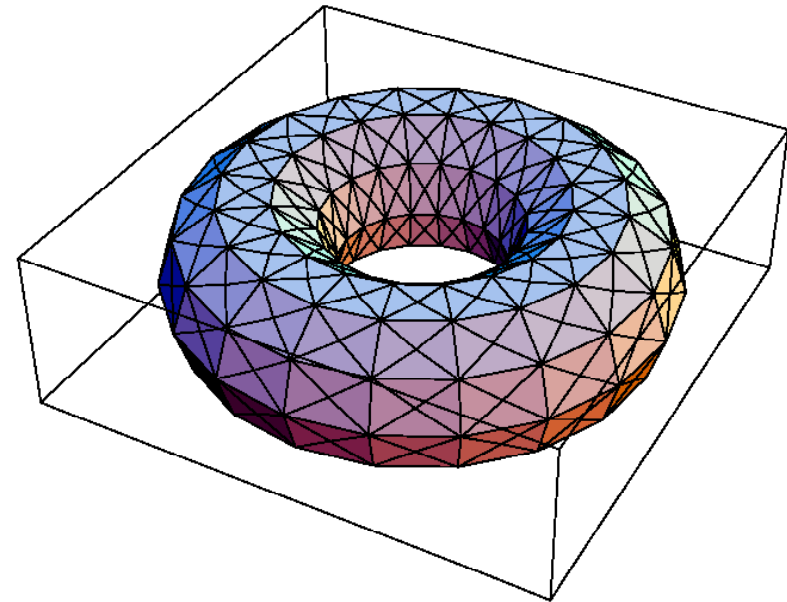
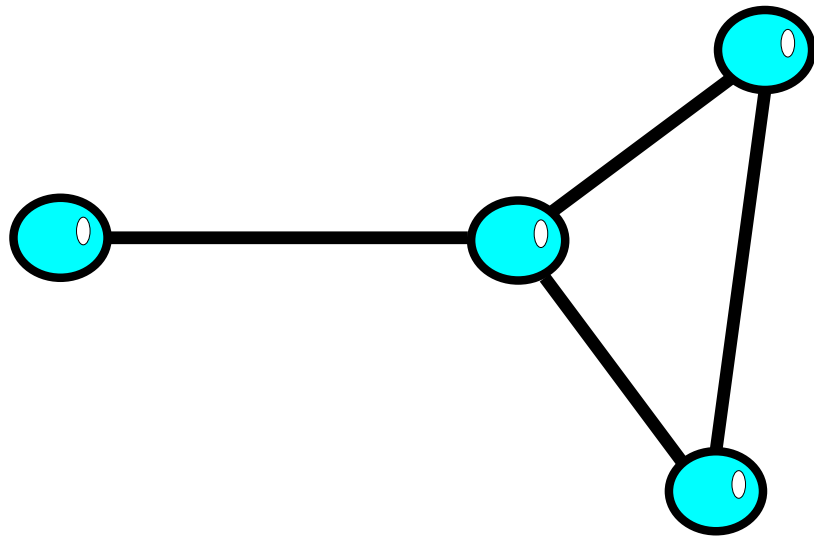
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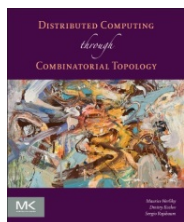
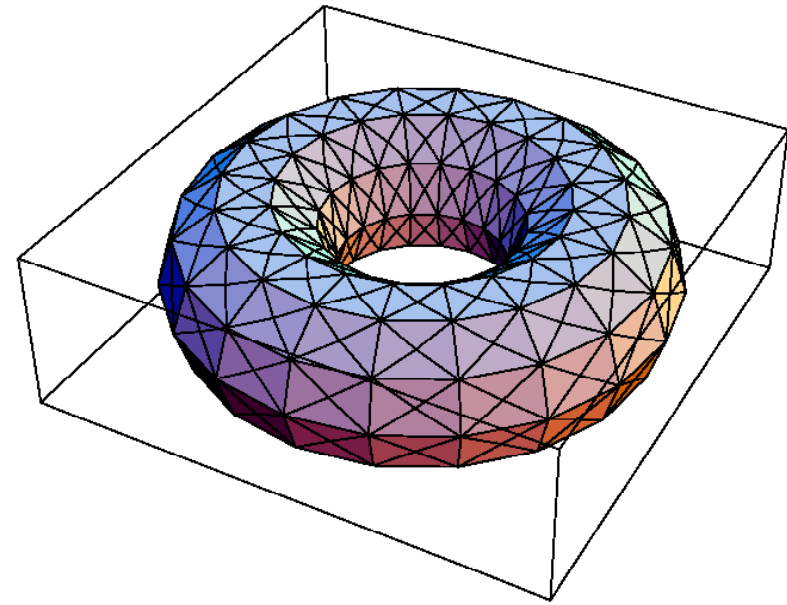
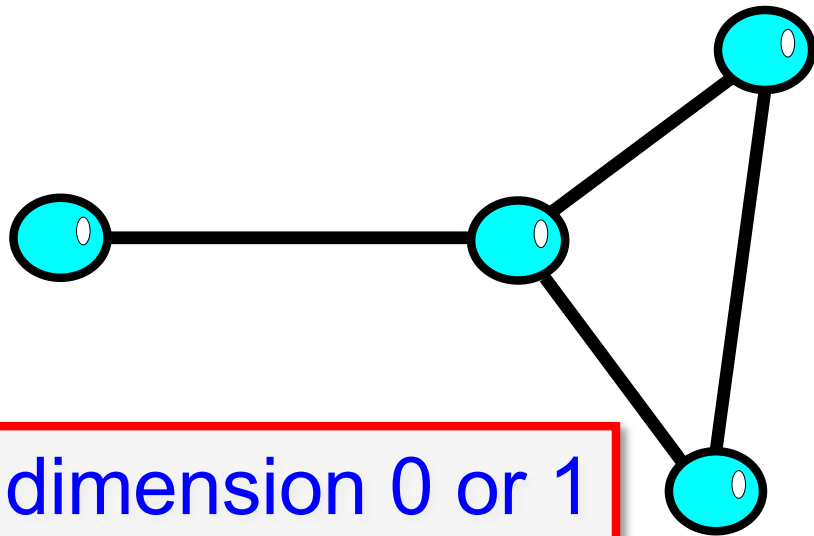
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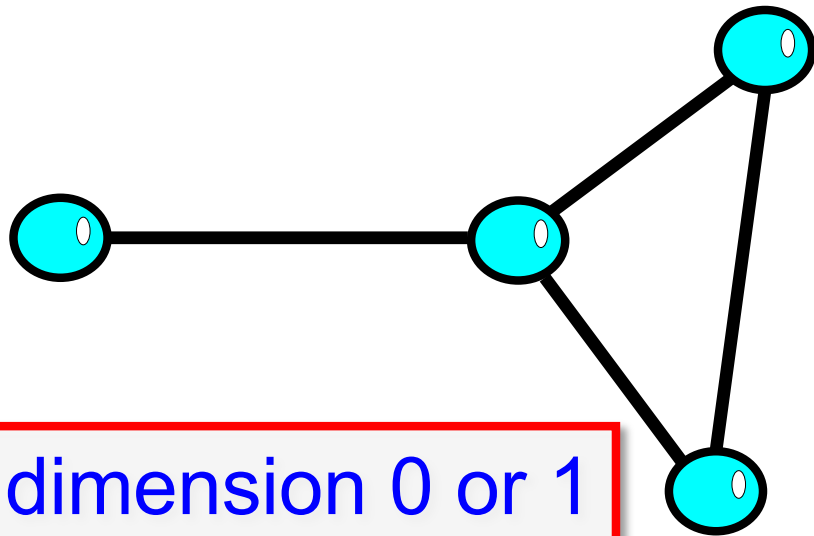
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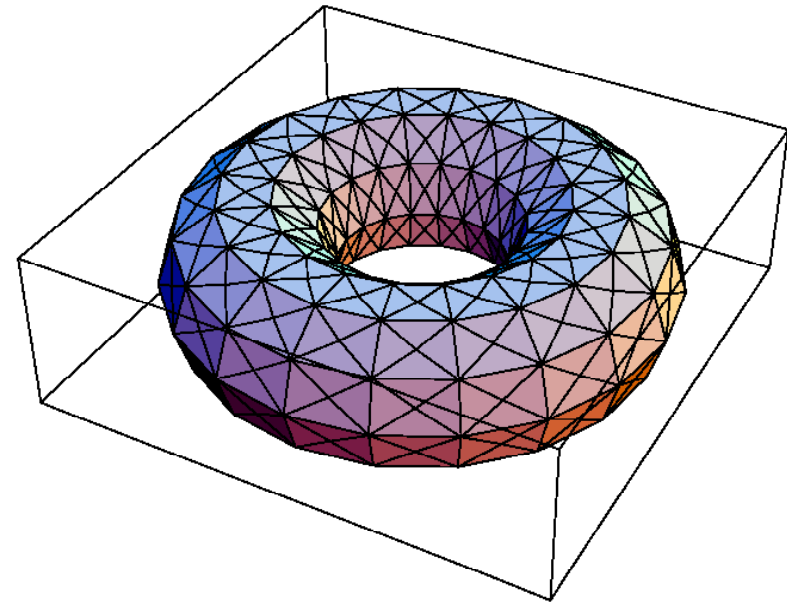
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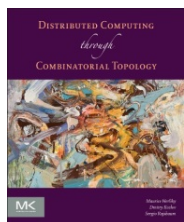
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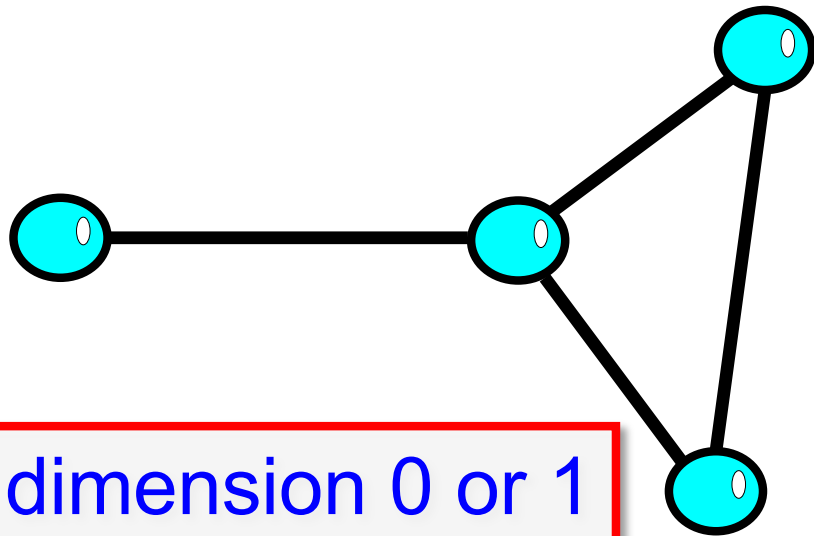
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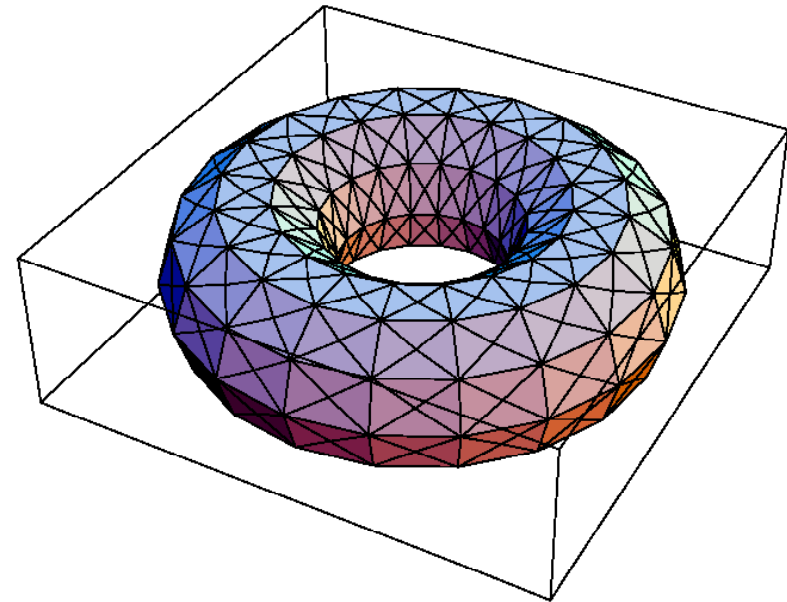
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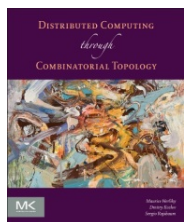
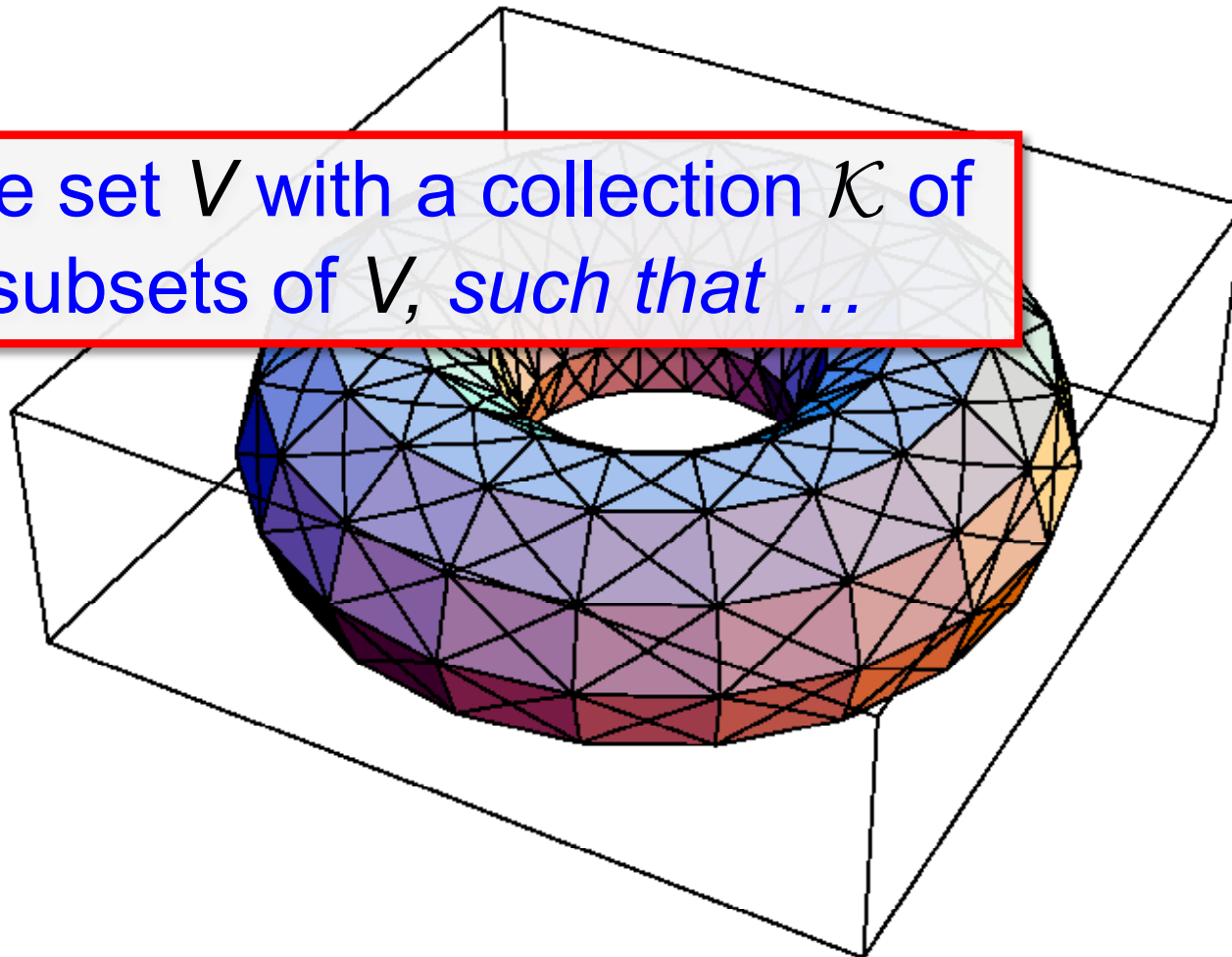
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complexes are a natural *generalization* of graphs



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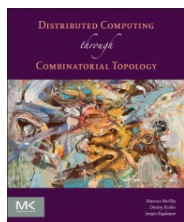
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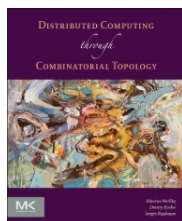


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finite set S with a collection \mathcal{K} of subsets of S , *such that ...*

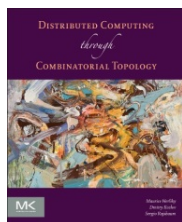
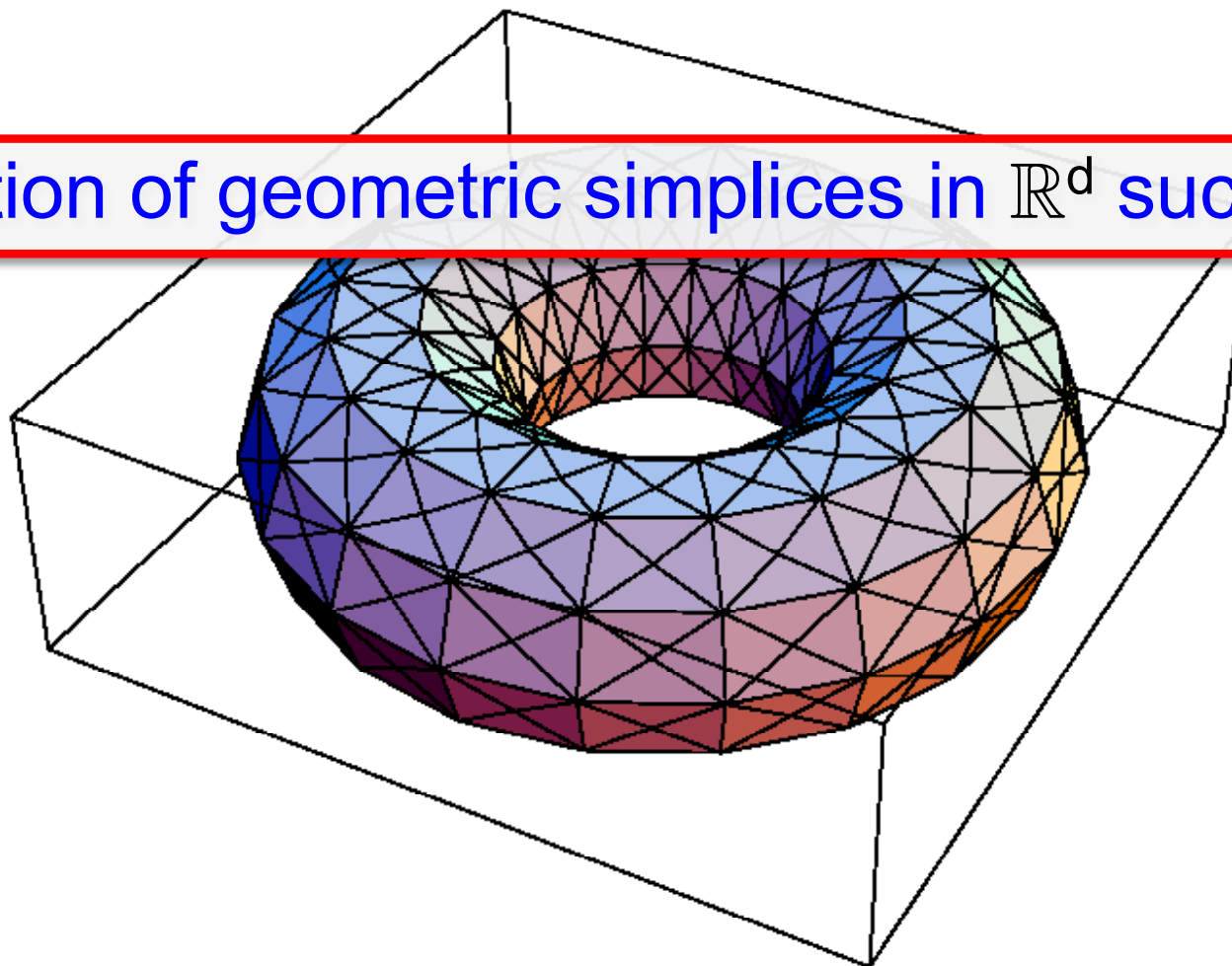
1. for all $s \in S$, $\{s\} \in \mathcal{K}$

2. for all $X \in \mathcal{K}$, and $Y \subset X$, $Y \in \mathcal{K}$



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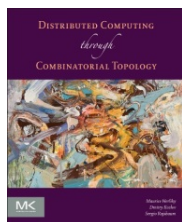
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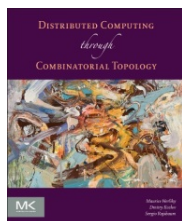


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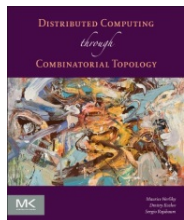
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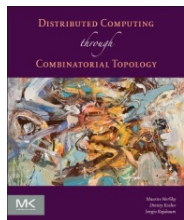
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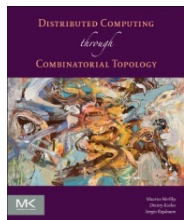
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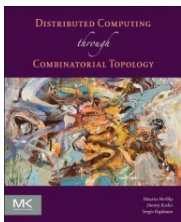
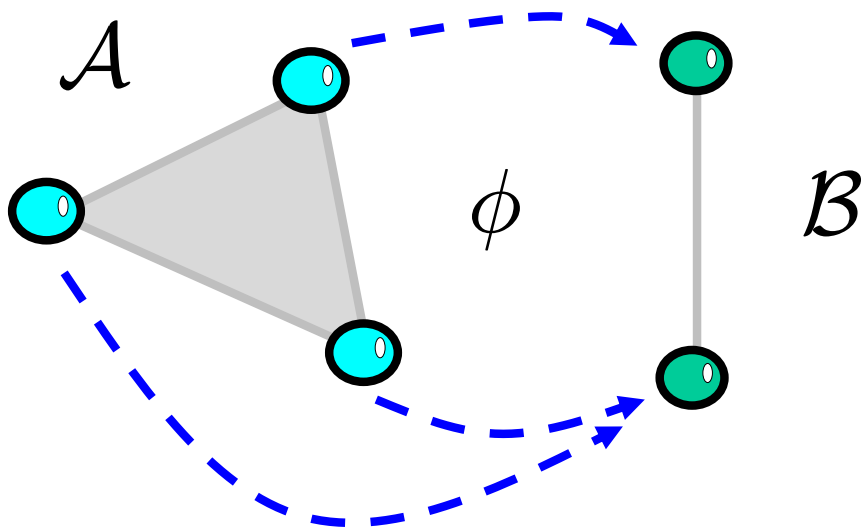
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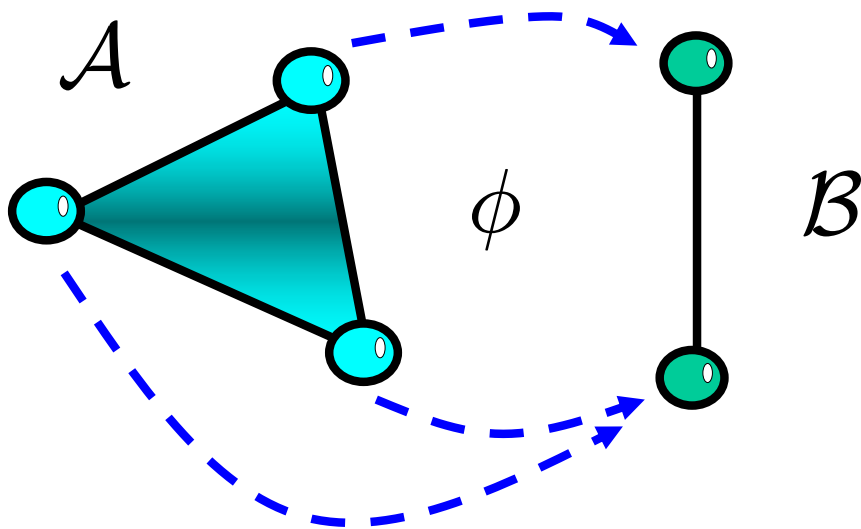


Simplicial Maps

Vertex-to-vertex map ...

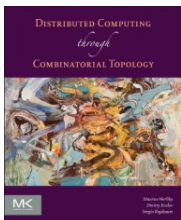


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Vertex-to-vertex map ...
that sends simplexes to simplexes

$$\phi: A \rightarrow B$$



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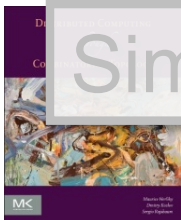
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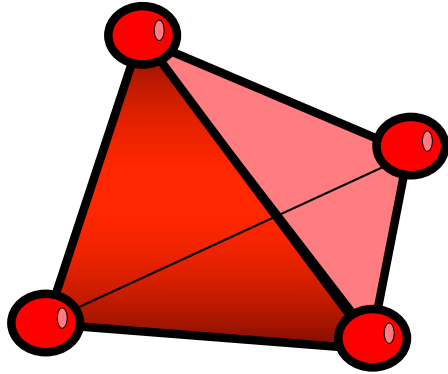
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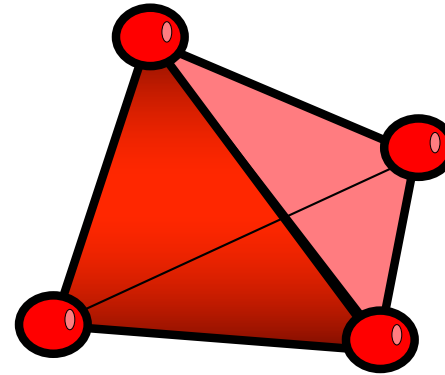


Skeleton



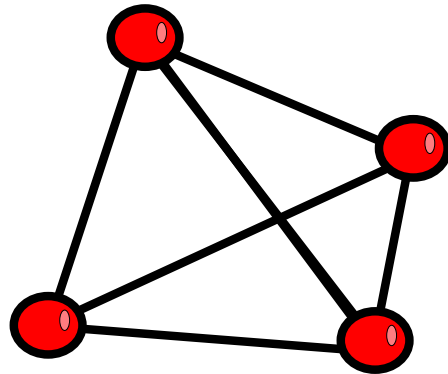
\mathcal{C}

(solid tetrahedron)

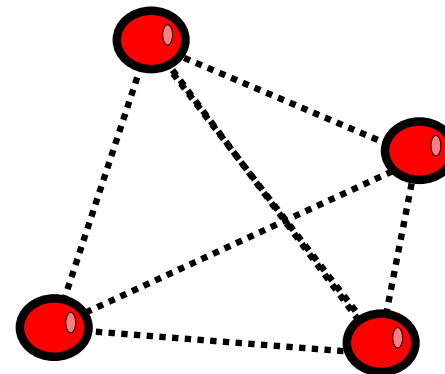


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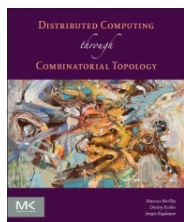
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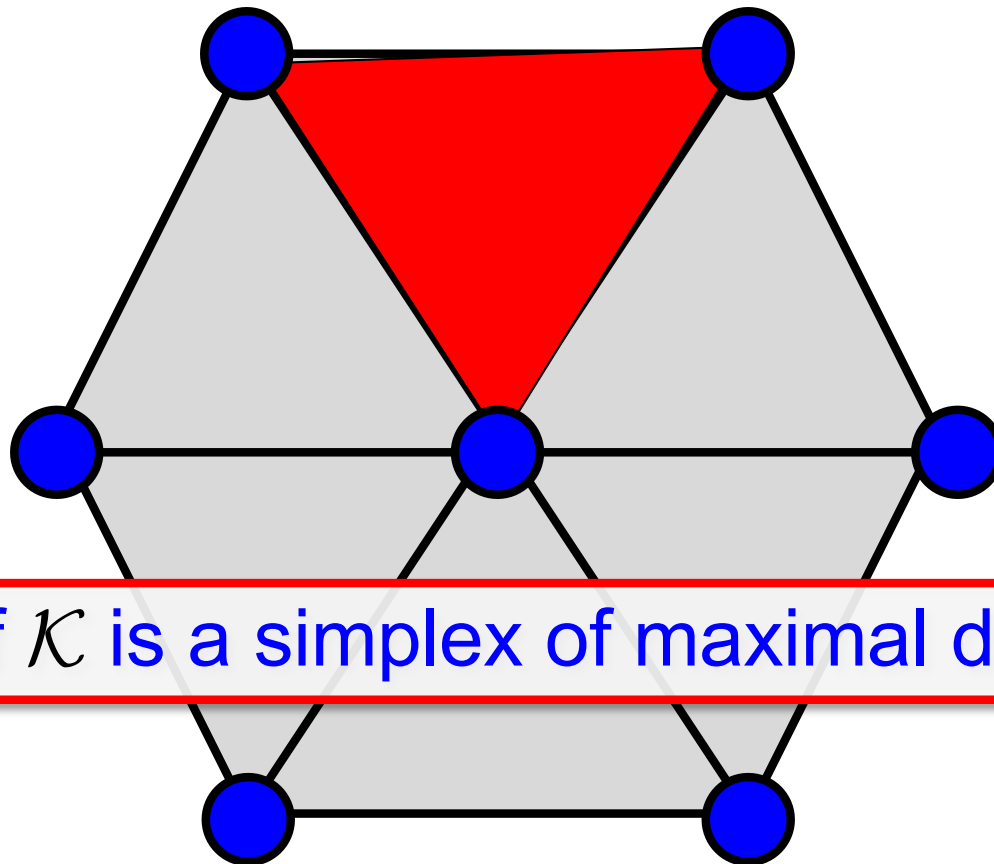
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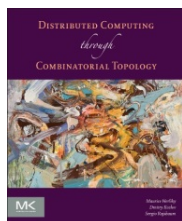
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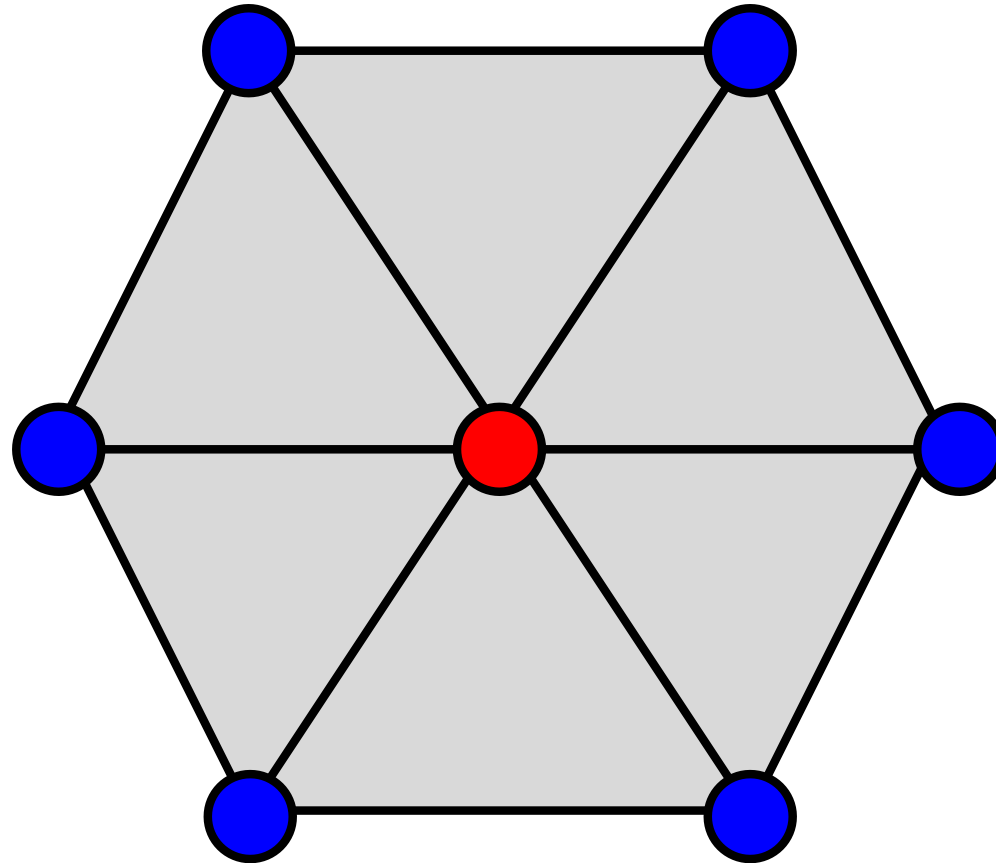
Facet



A facet of \mathcal{K} is a simplex of maximal dimension



Star

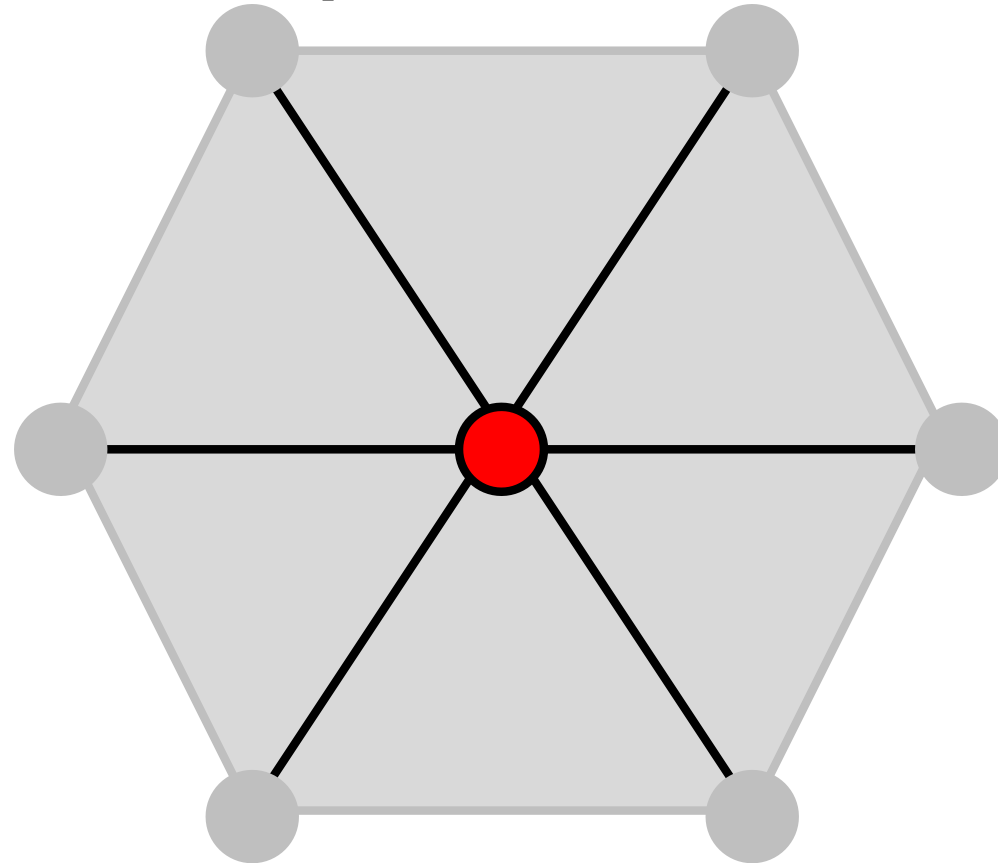


$\text{Star}(\sigma, \mathcal{K})$ is the complex of facets of \mathcal{K} containing σ

Complex



Open Star

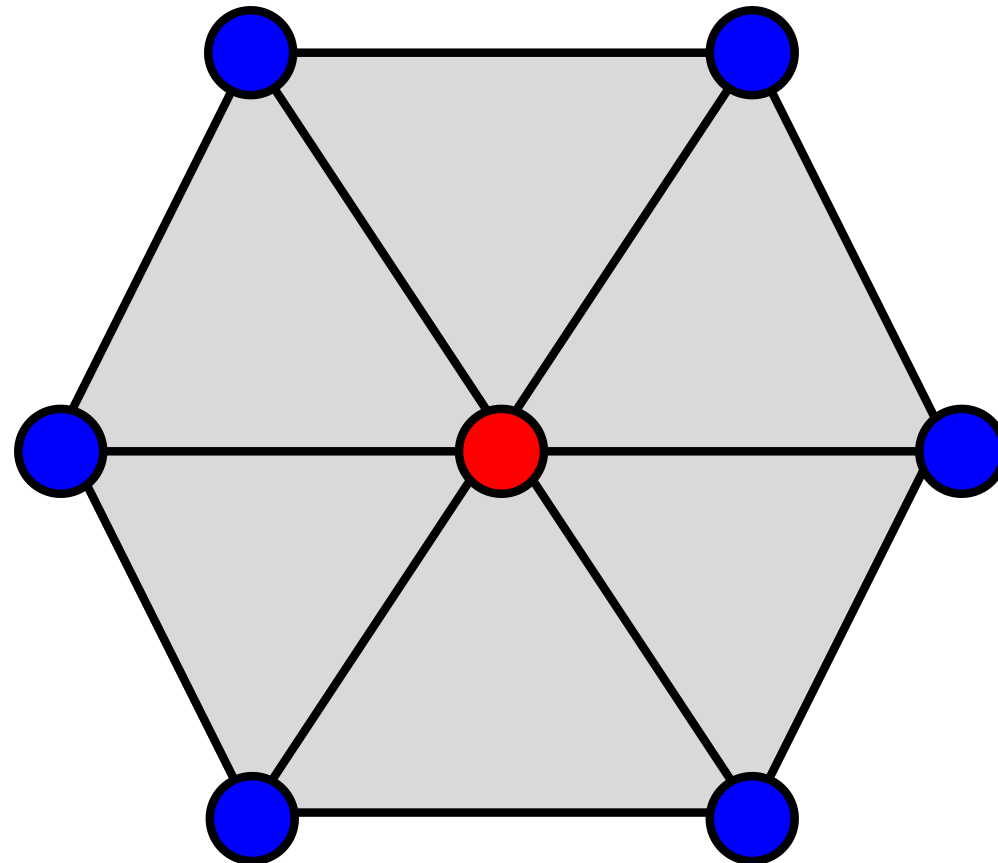


$\text{Star}^o(\sigma, \mathcal{K})$ union of interiors of simplexes containing σ

Point Set



Link

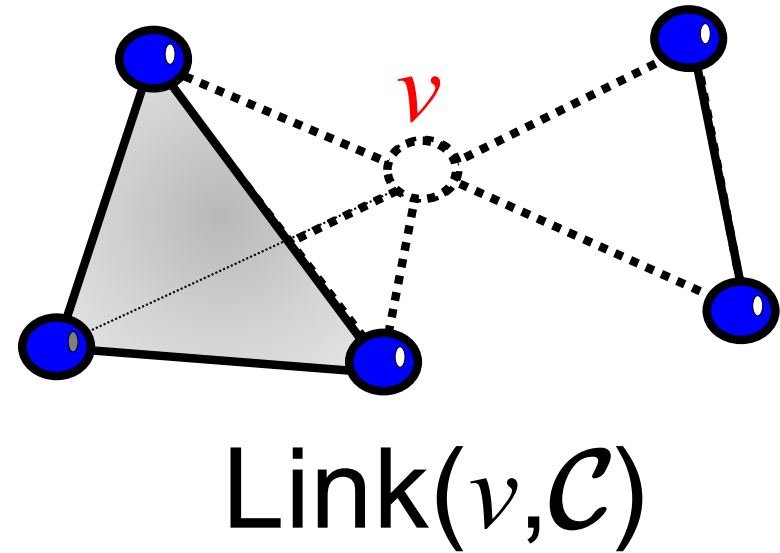
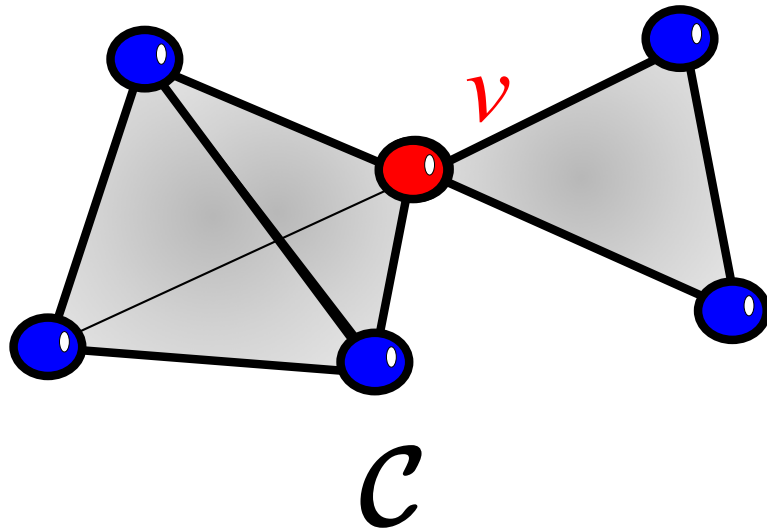


Link(σ, \mathcal{K}) is the complex of simplices of
Star(σ, \mathcal{K}) not containing σ

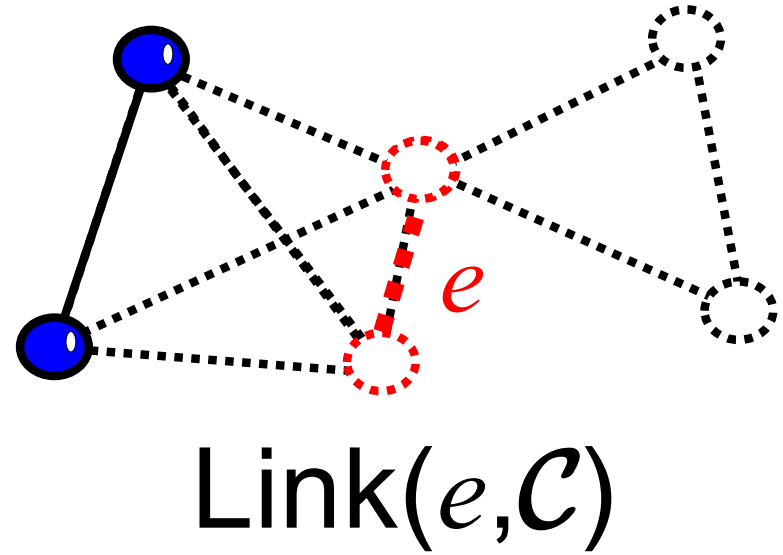
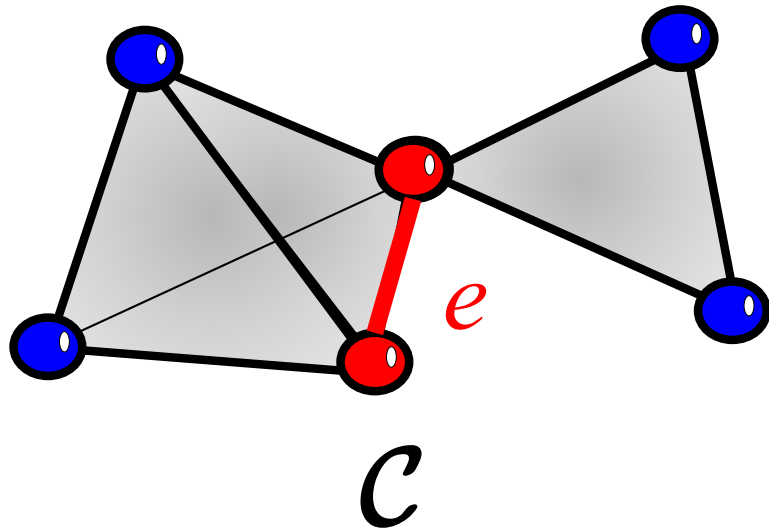
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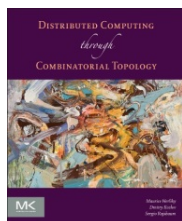
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Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be complexes with disjoint sets of vertices

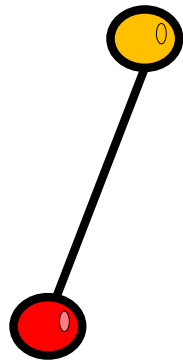
their *join* $\mathcal{A}^*\mathcal{B}$ is the complex

with vertices $V(\mathcal{A}) \cup V(\mathcal{B})$

and simplices $\alpha \cup \beta$, where $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, and $\beta \in \mathcal{B}$.



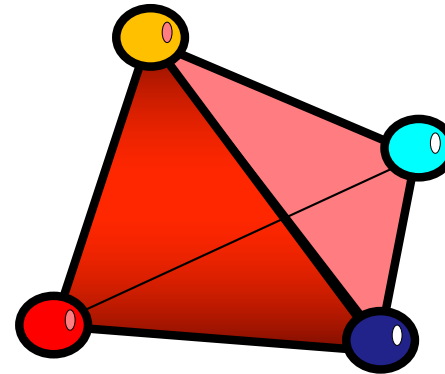
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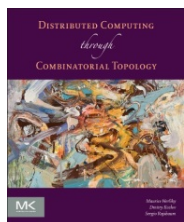
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B



$A*B$



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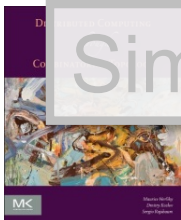
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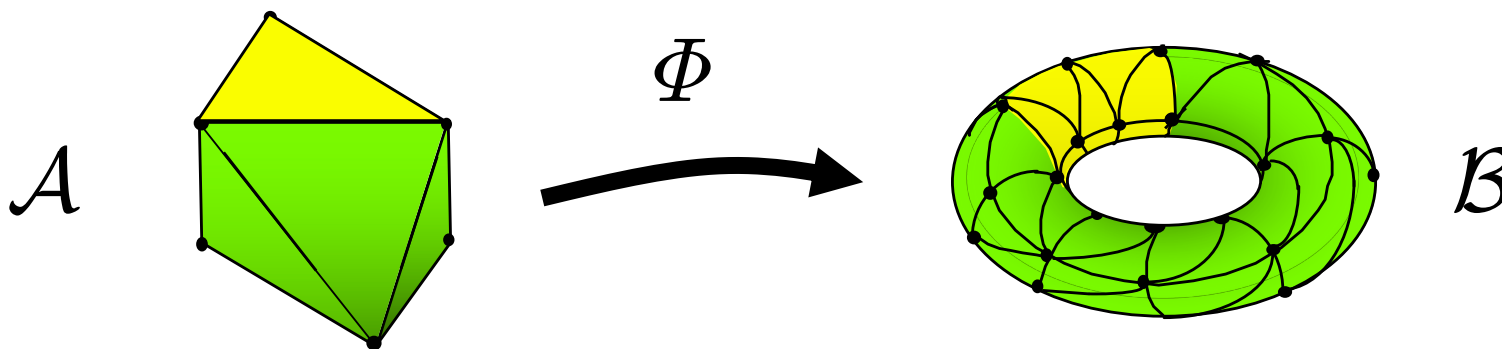
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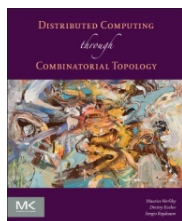
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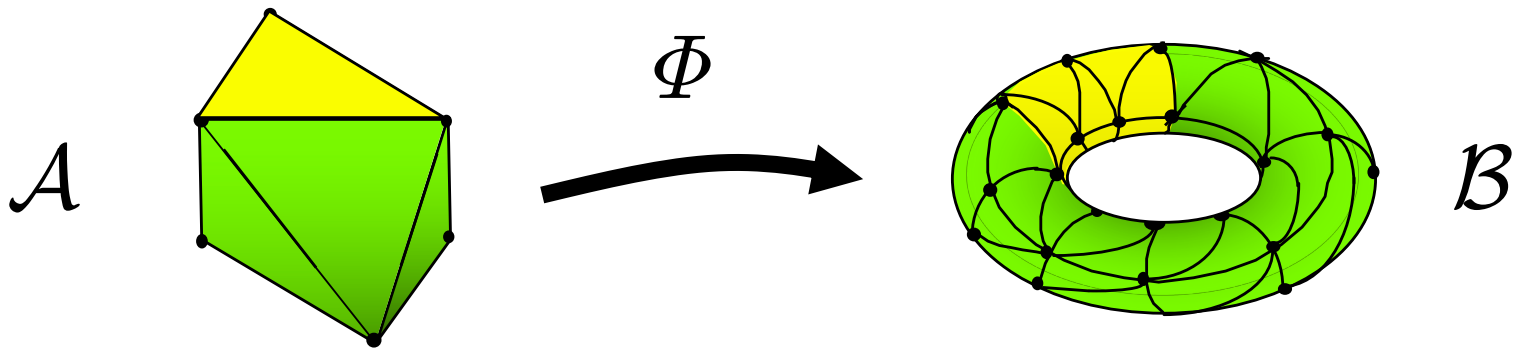
Maps simplex of \mathcal{A}

to subcomplex of \mathcal{B}

$$\Phi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{B}}$$



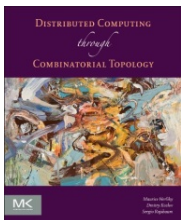
Carrier Maps are Monotonic



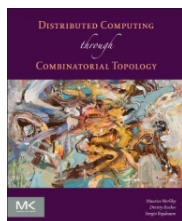
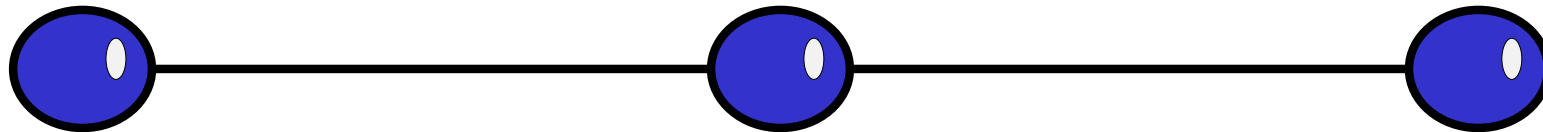
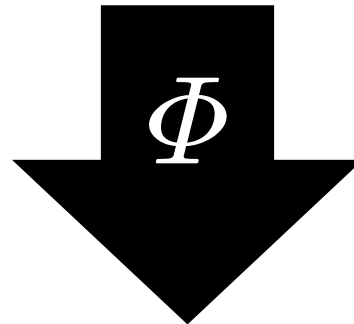
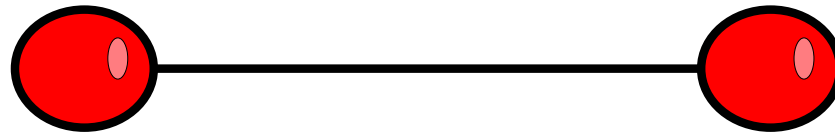
If $\tau \subseteq \sigma$ then $\Phi(\tau) \subseteq \Phi(\sigma)$

or

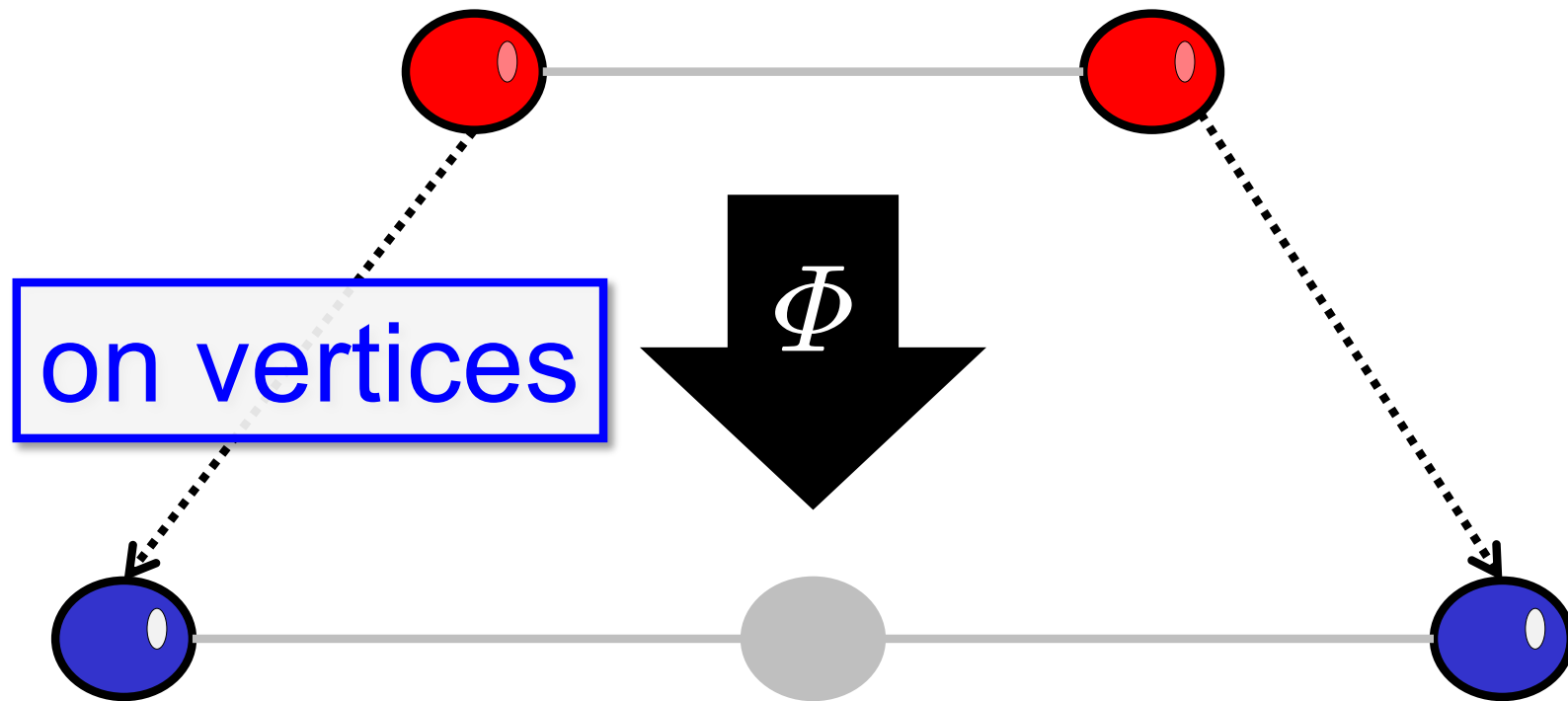
for $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{A}$, $\Phi(\sigma \cap \tau) \subseteq \Phi(\sigma) \cap \Phi(\tau)$



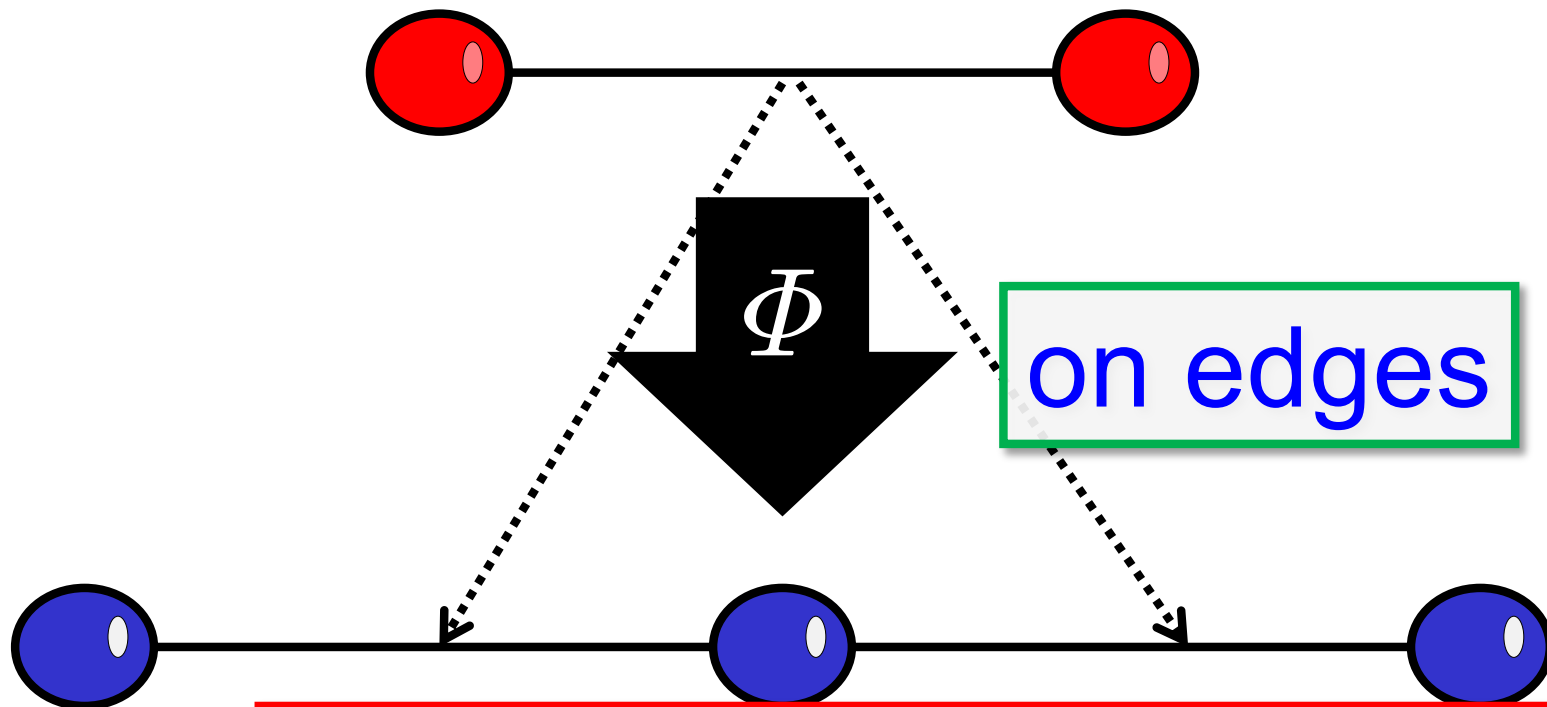
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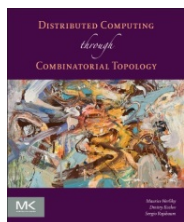
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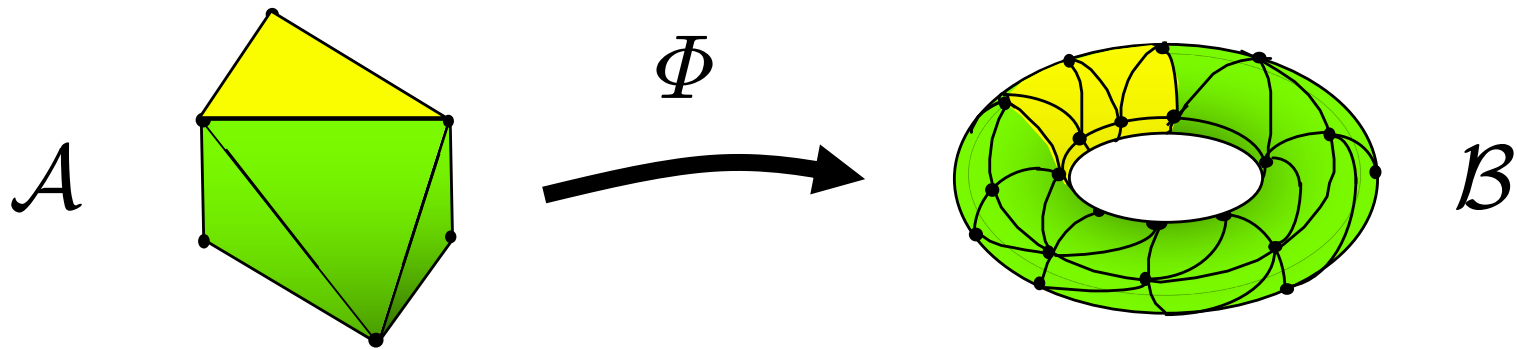
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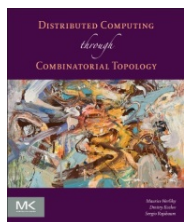
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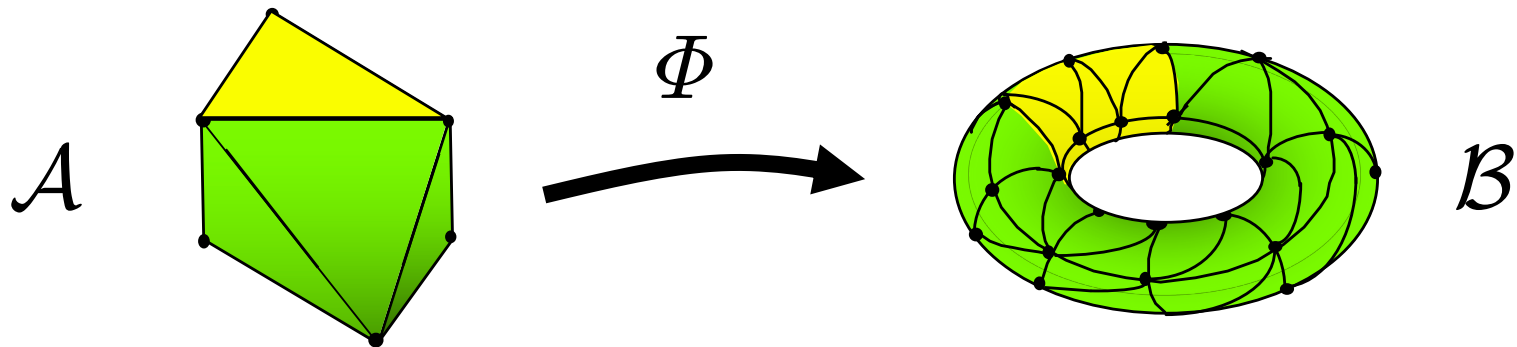
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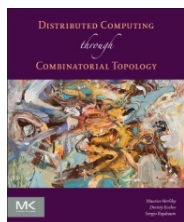


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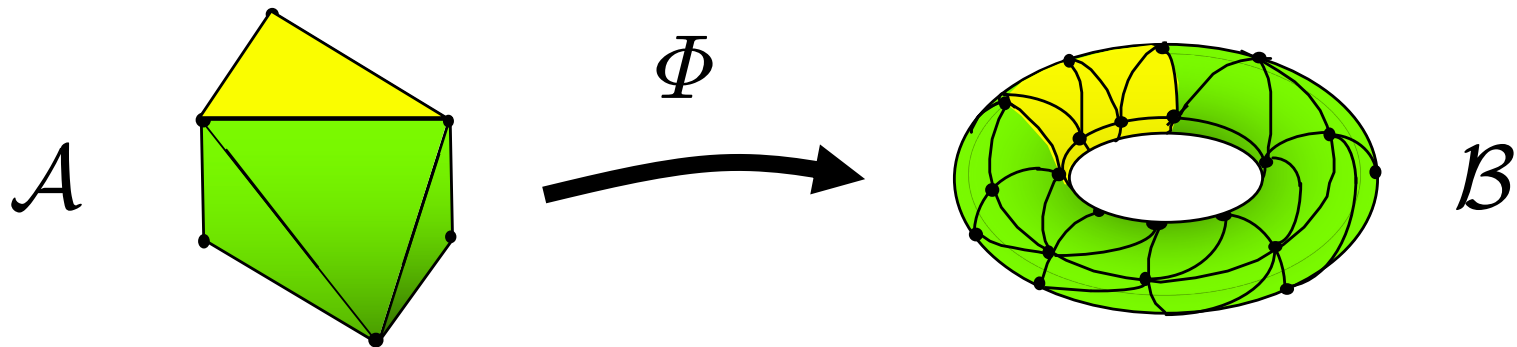


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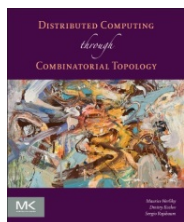
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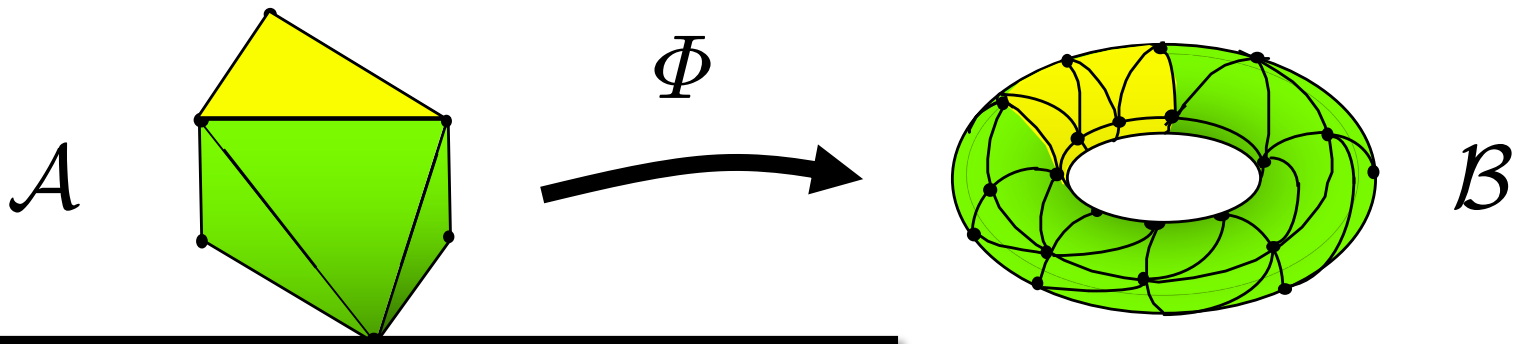
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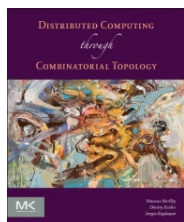
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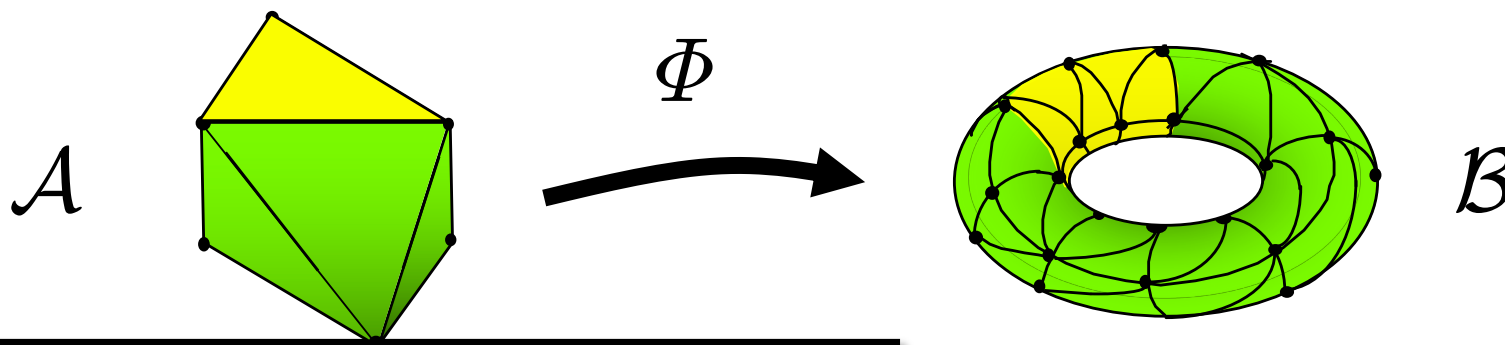
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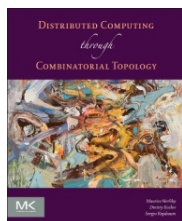
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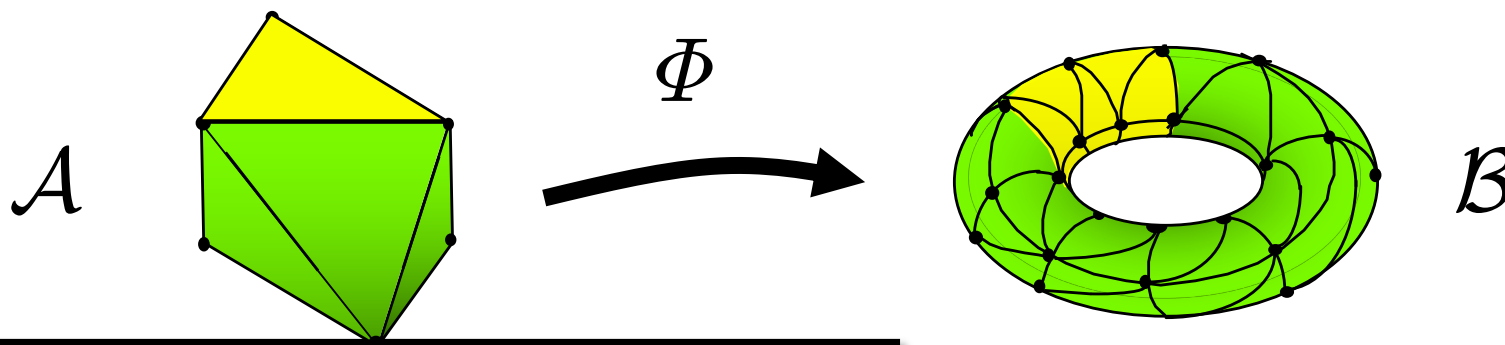
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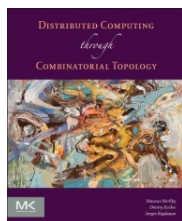


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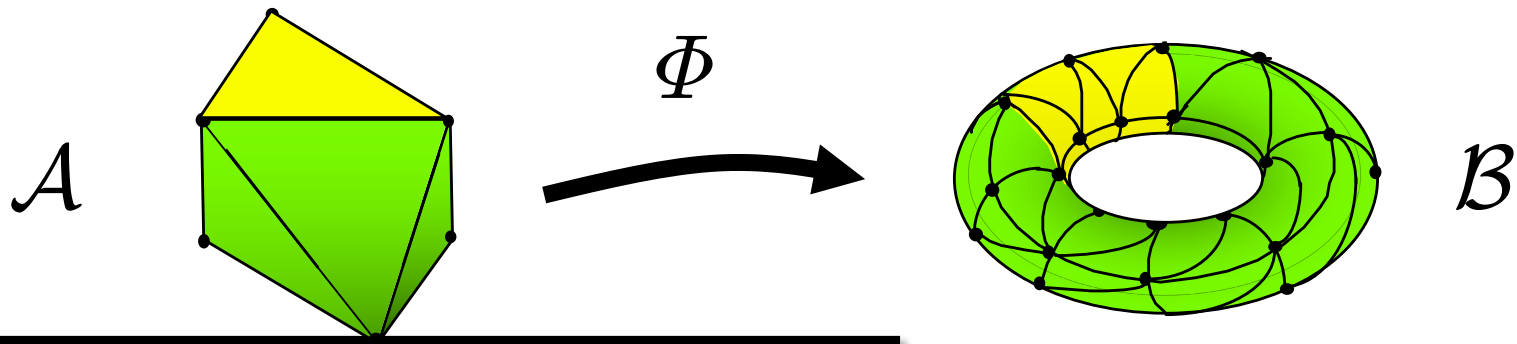
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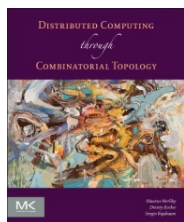
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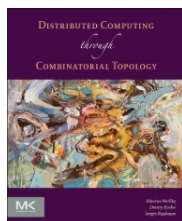


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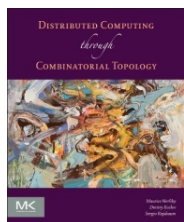
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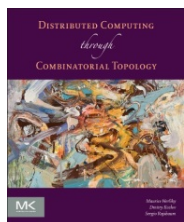
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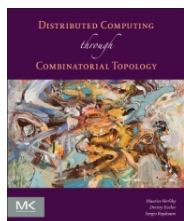


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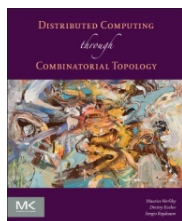
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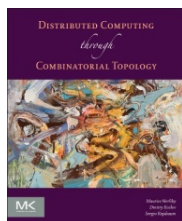
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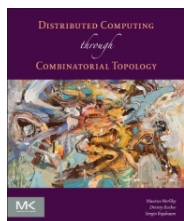
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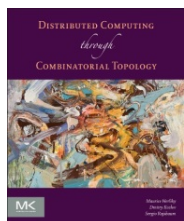


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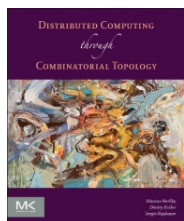
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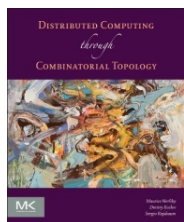
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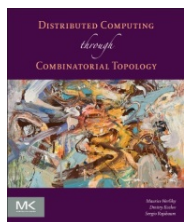
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Theorem

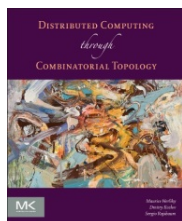
If Φ, Ψ are both

strict

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rigid

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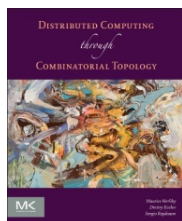


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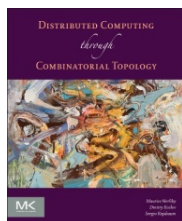
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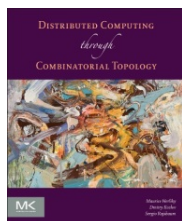
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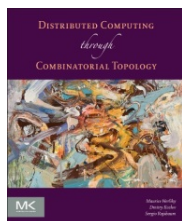


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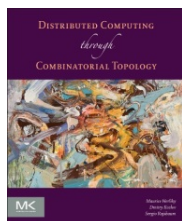
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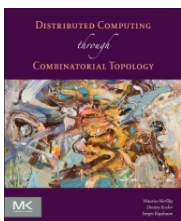
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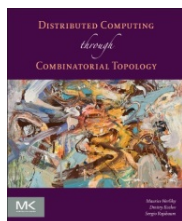
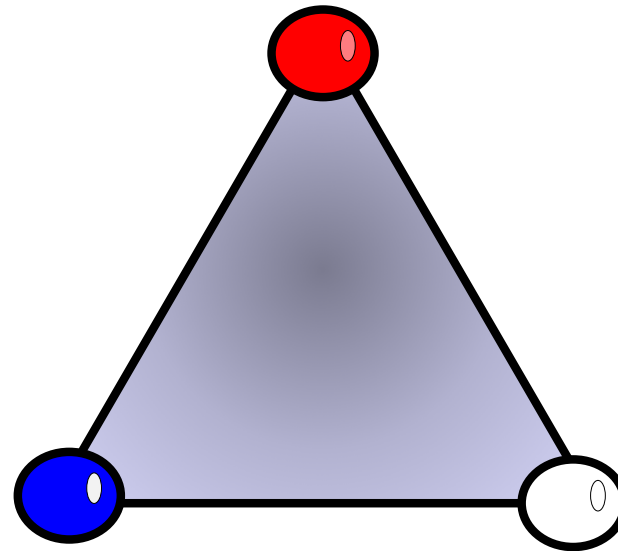
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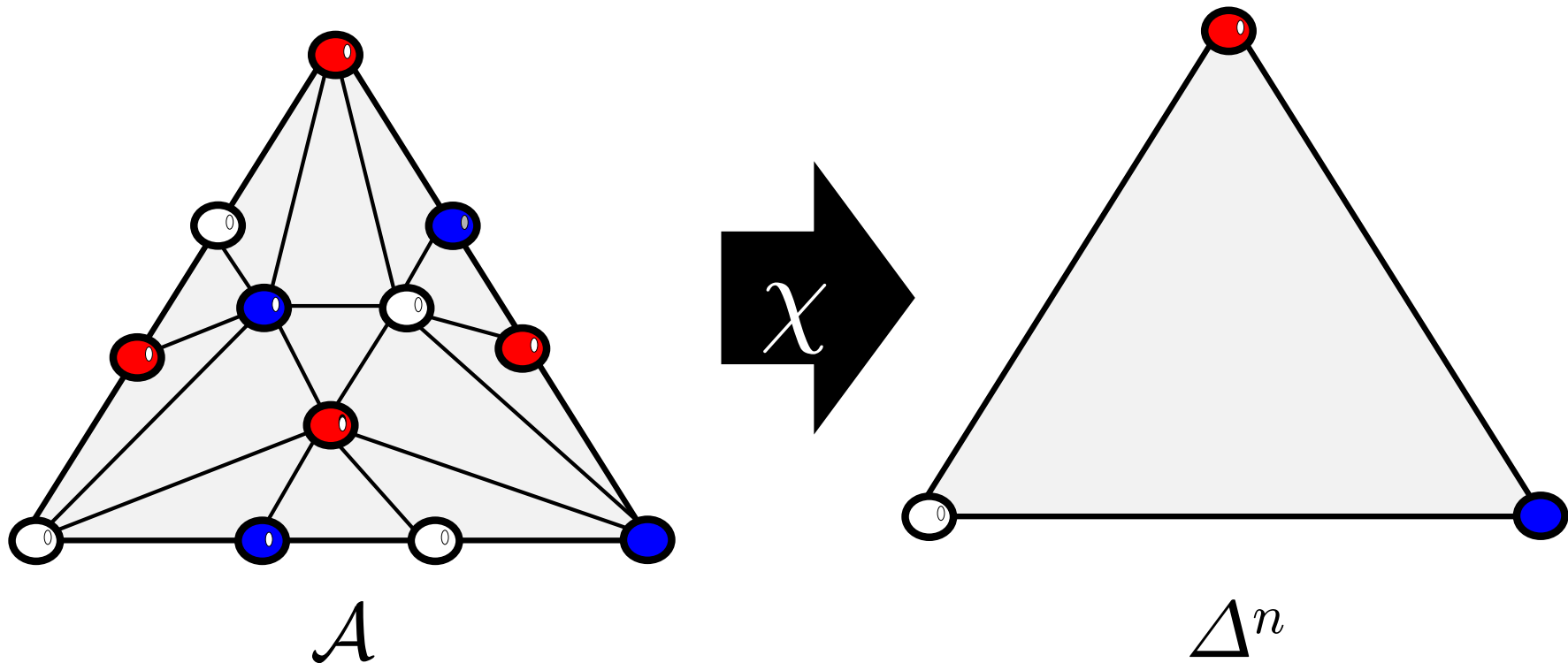


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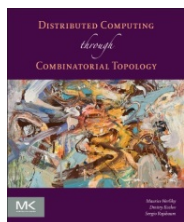
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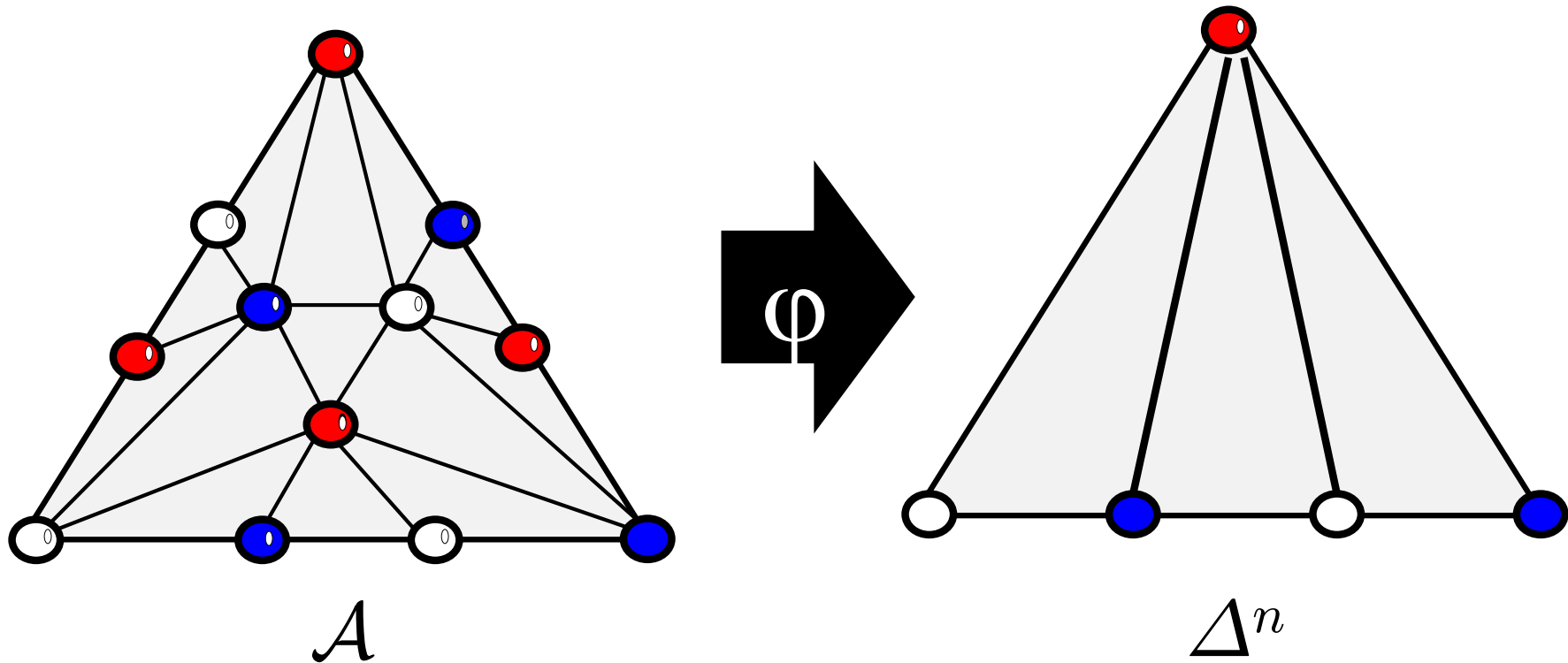
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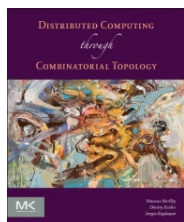
rigid simplicial map



Color-Preserving Simplicial Map



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Road Map

Simplicial Complexes

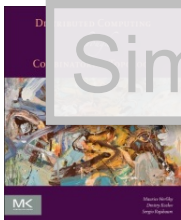
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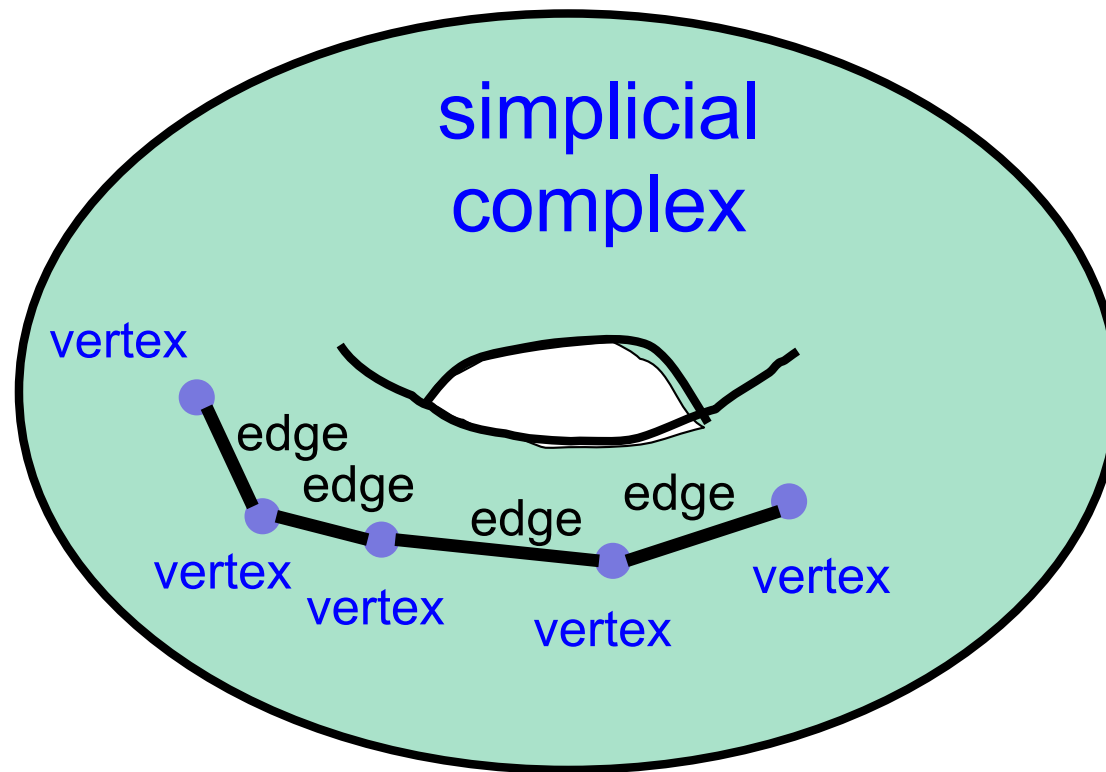
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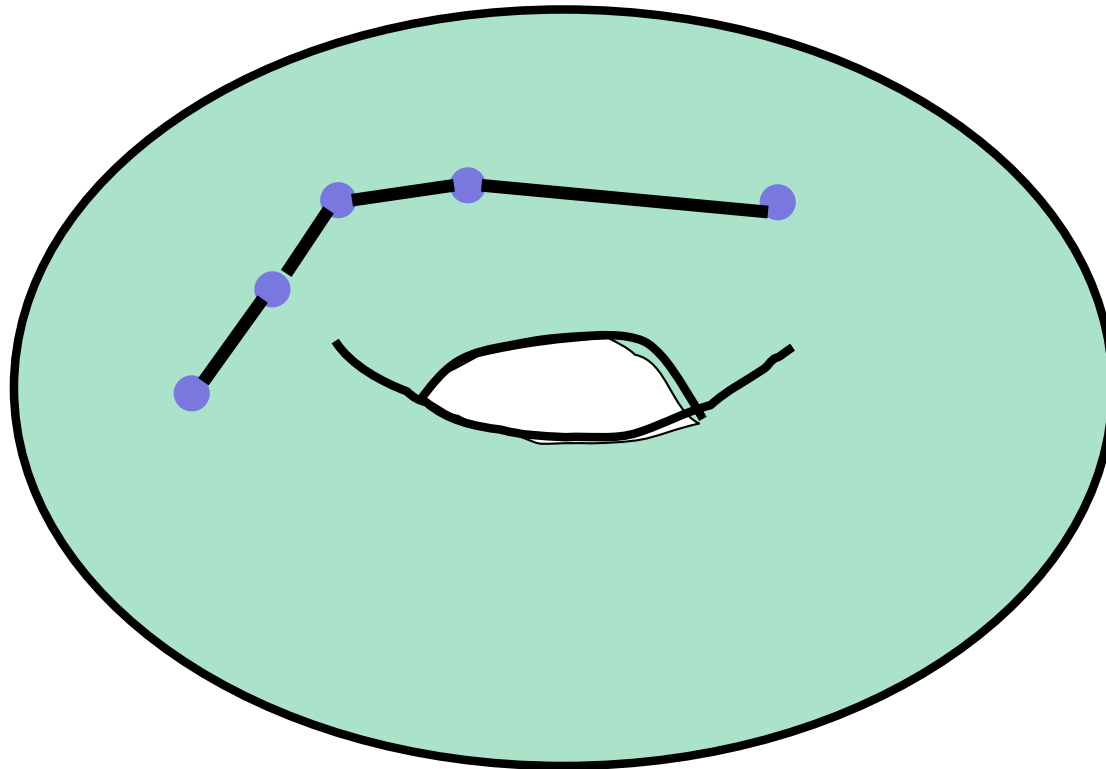
Simplicial & Continuous Approximations



A Path



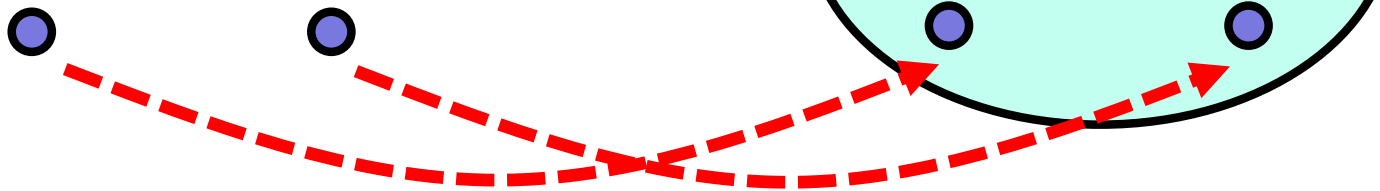
Path Connected



Any two vertexes can be linked by a path

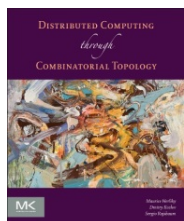
Rethinking Path Connectivity

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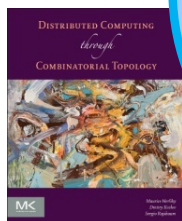
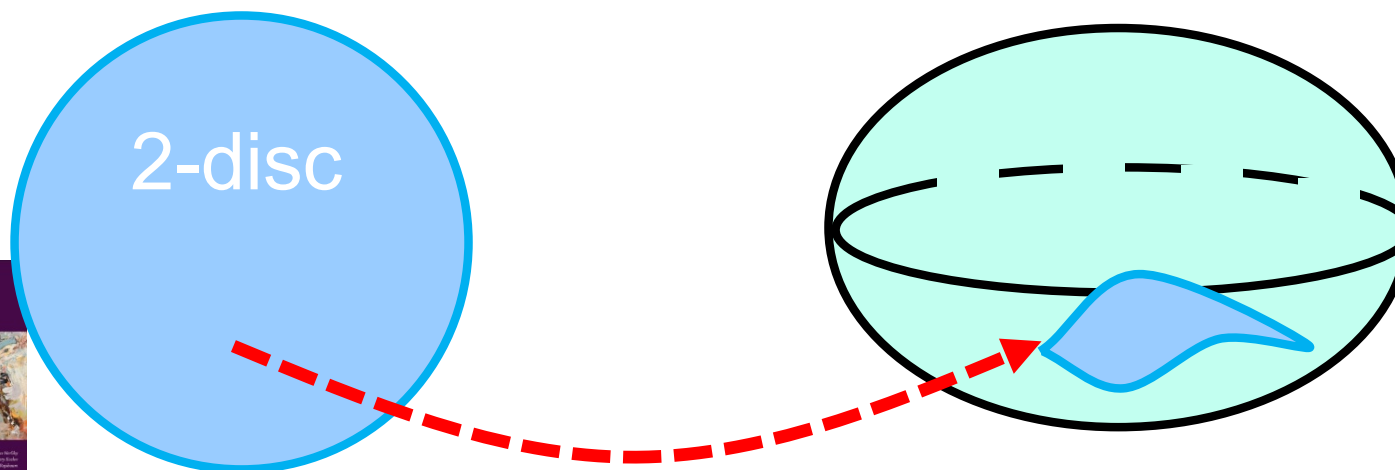
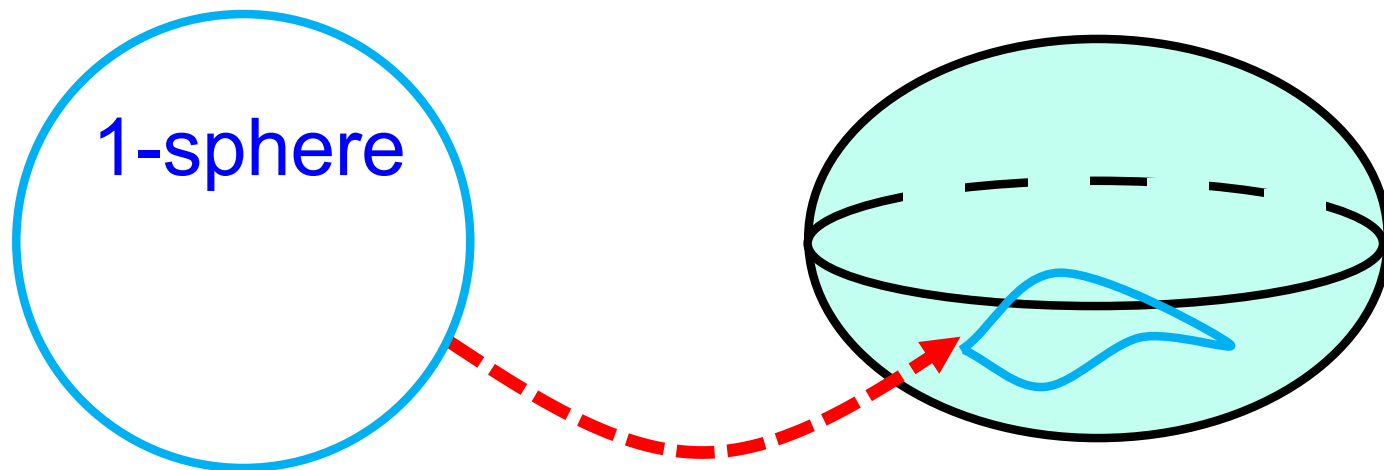


Let's call this complex *0-connected*

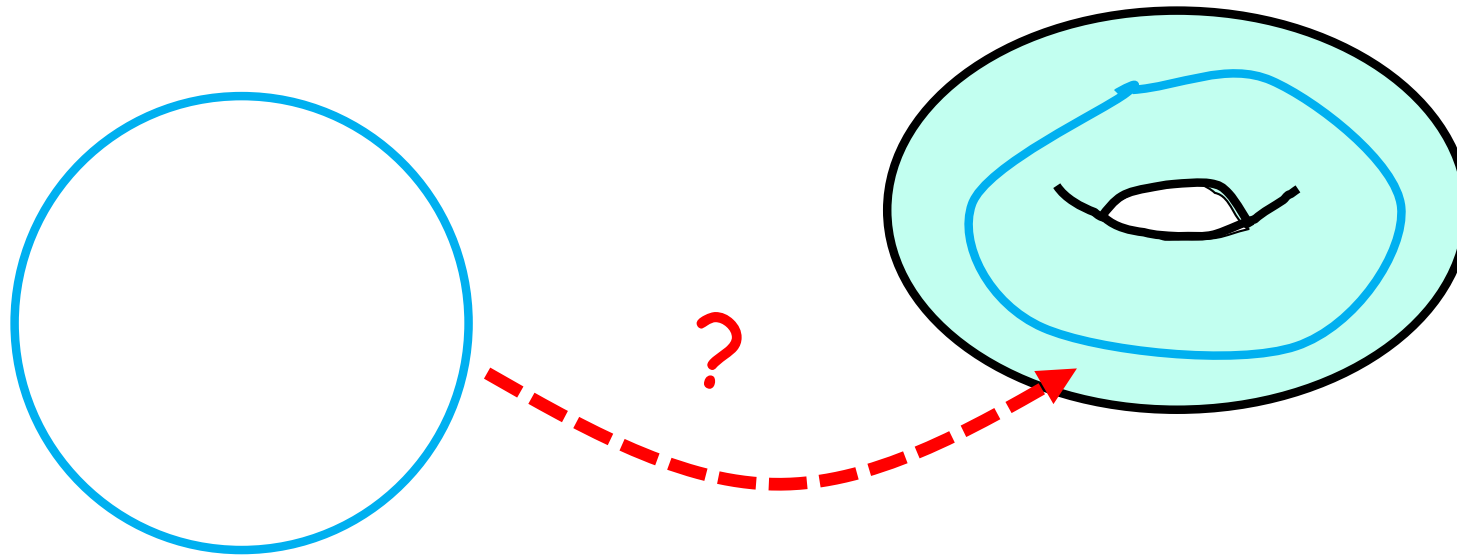
1-disc



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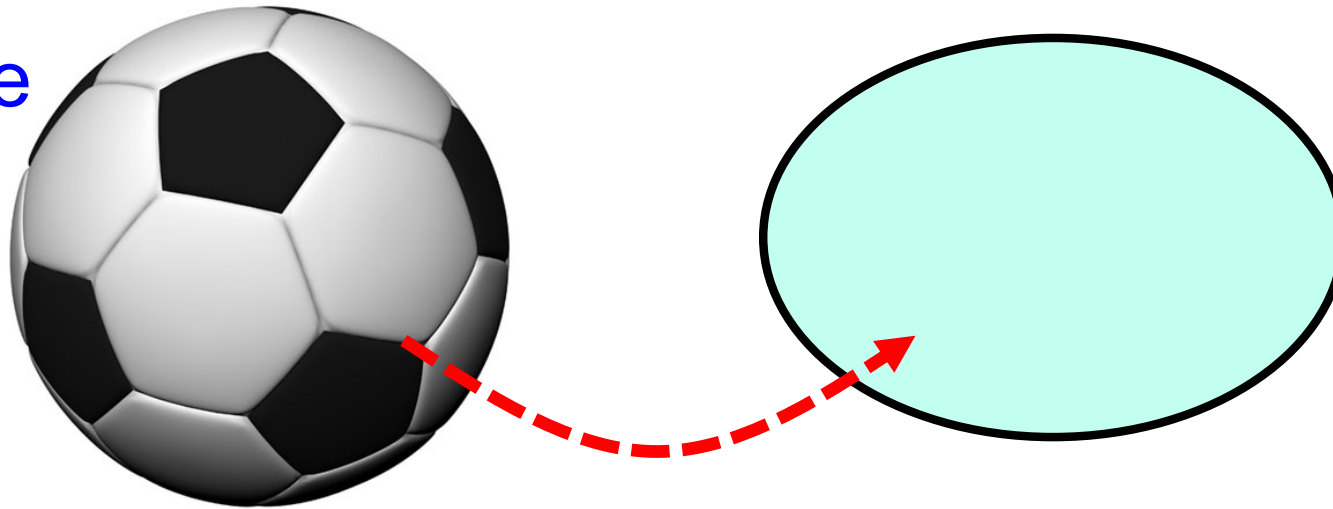


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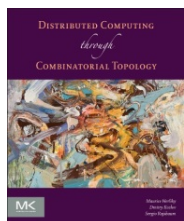
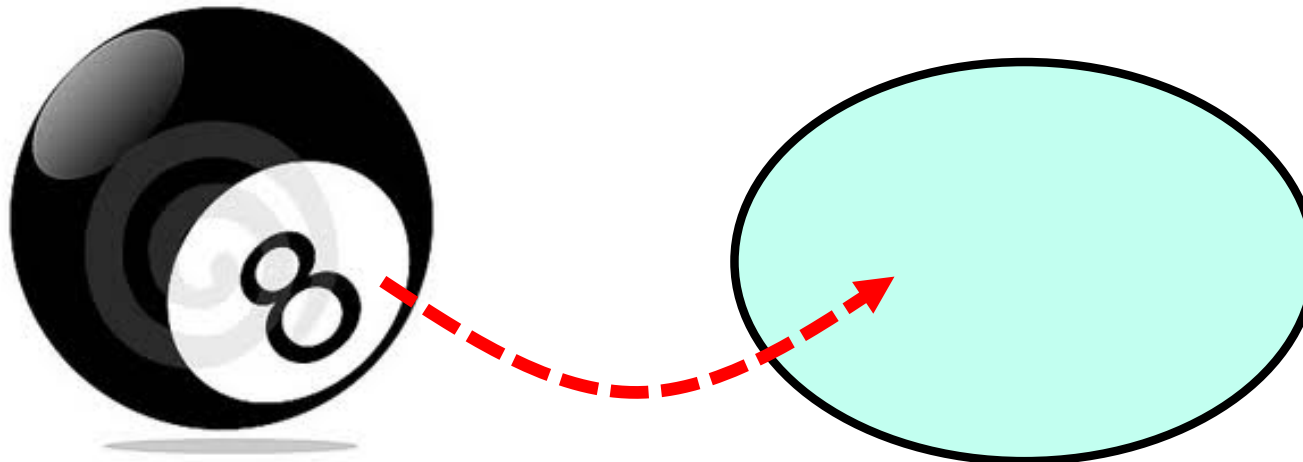


2-Connectivity

2-sphere



3-disk



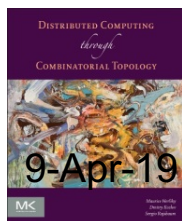
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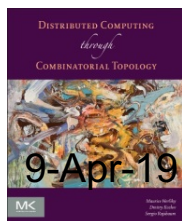
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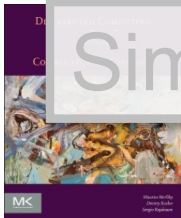
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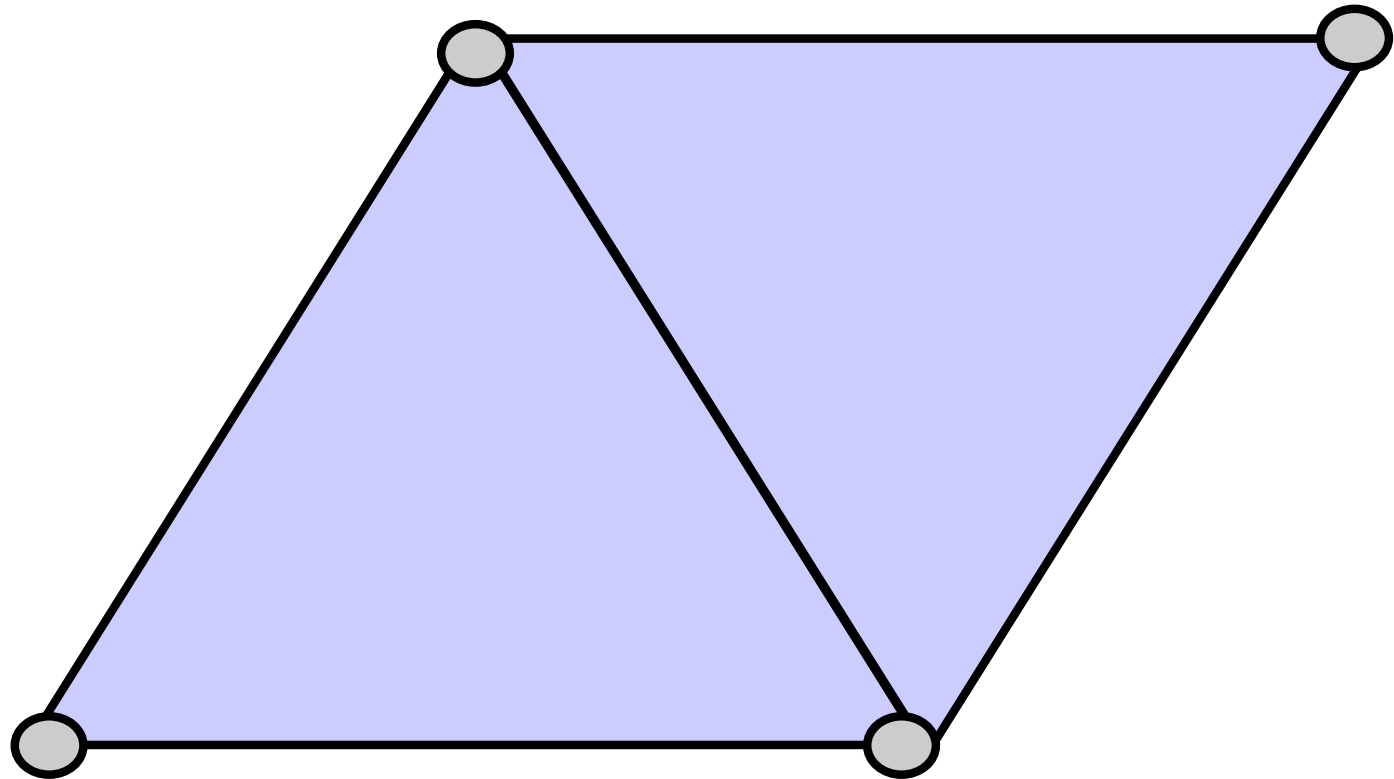
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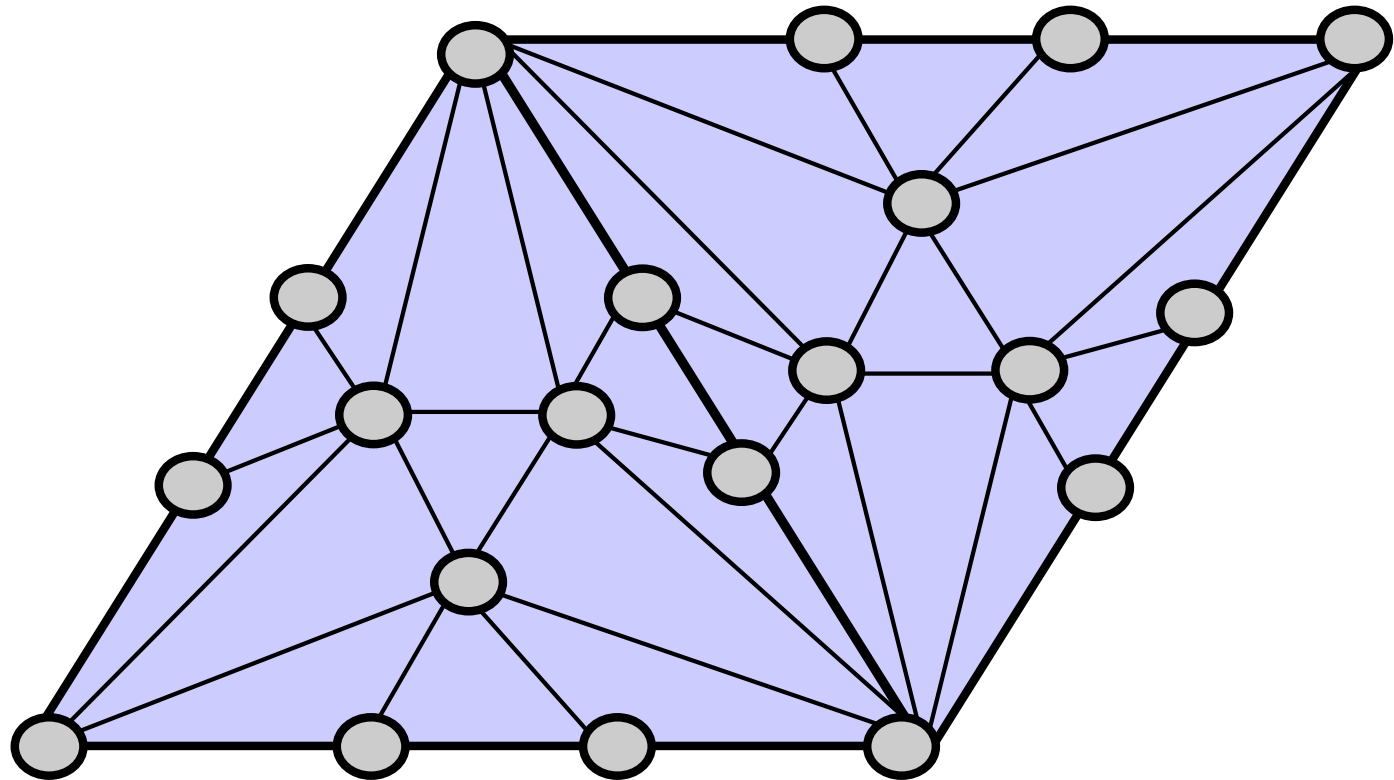
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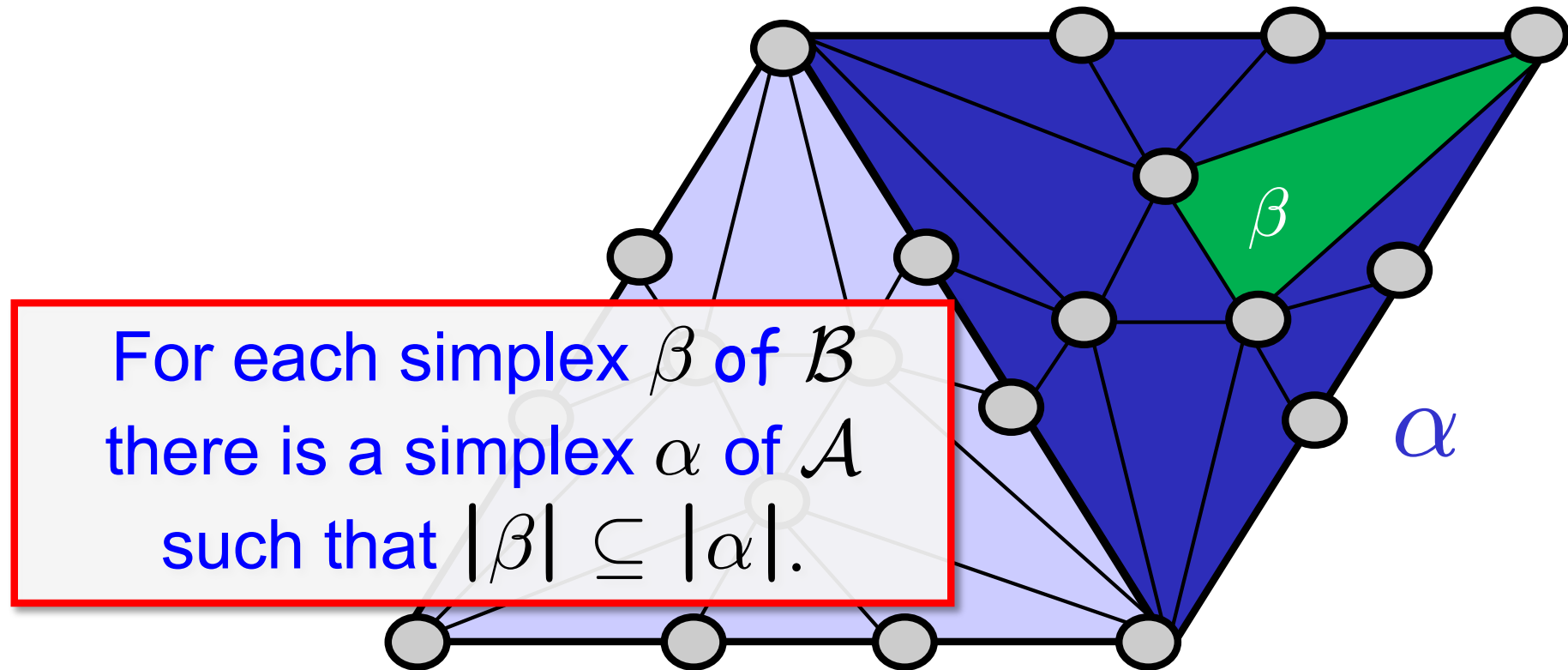
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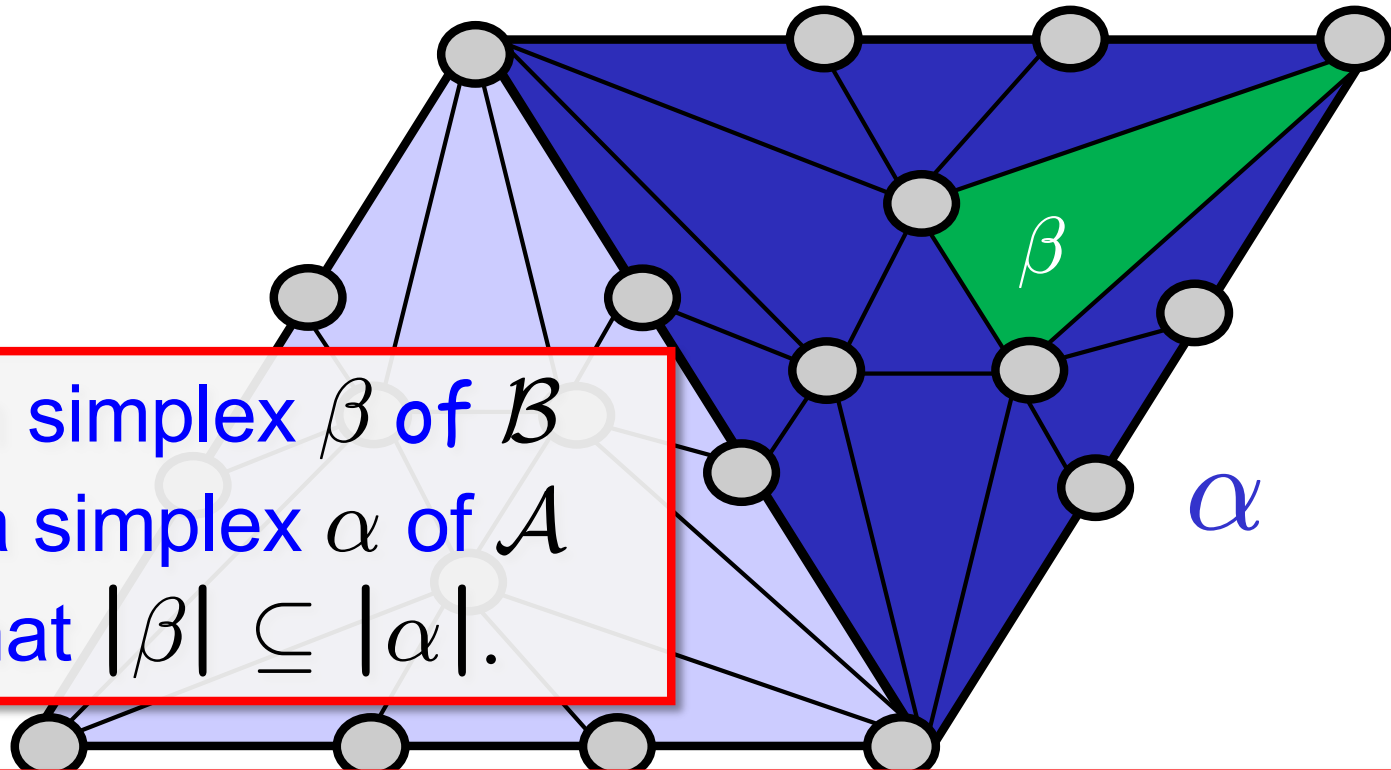
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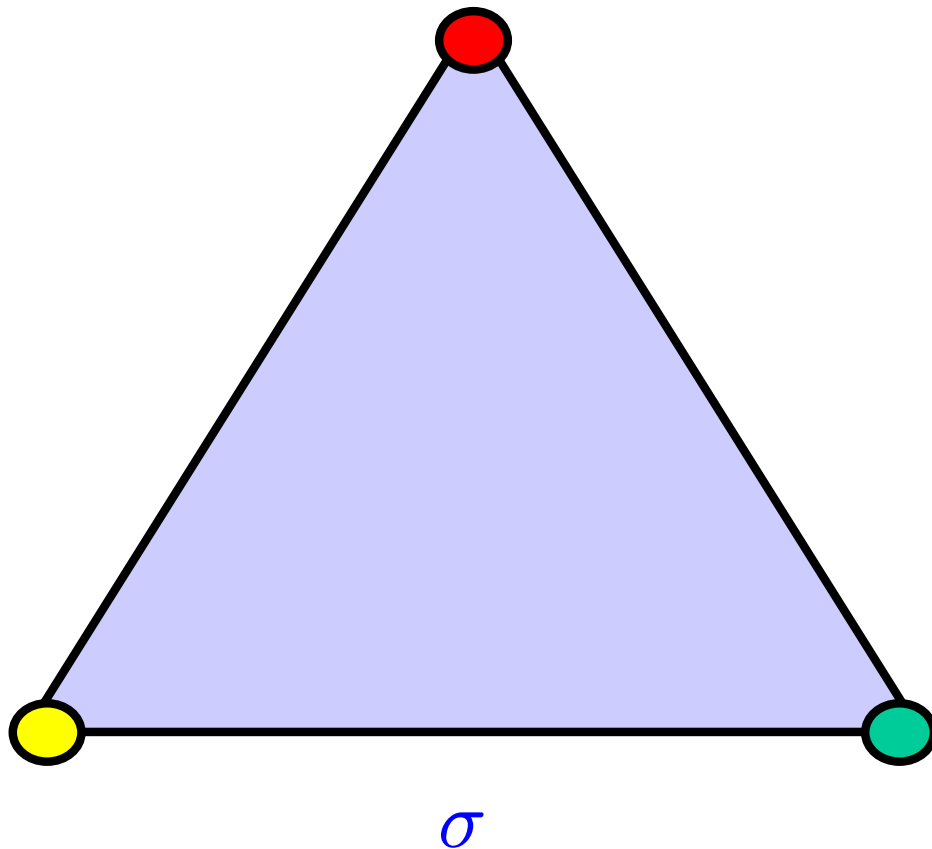
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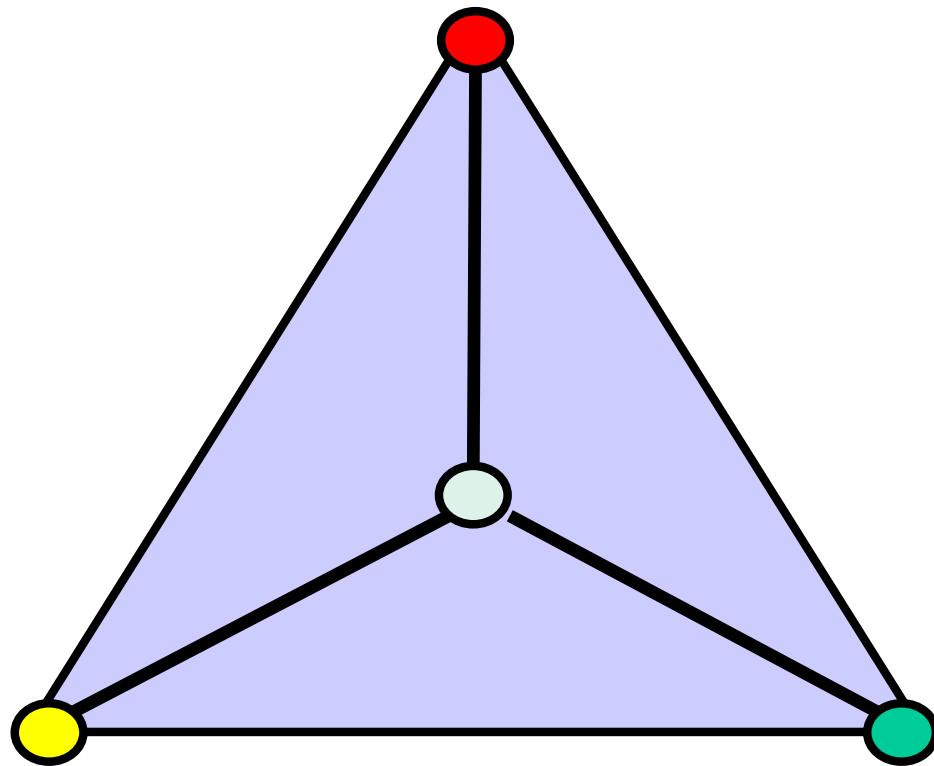
For each simplex β of \mathcal{B}
there is a simplex α of \mathcal{A}
such that $|\beta| \subseteq |\alpha|$.

For each simplex α of \mathcal{A} , $|\alpha|$ is the union of a
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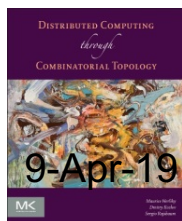
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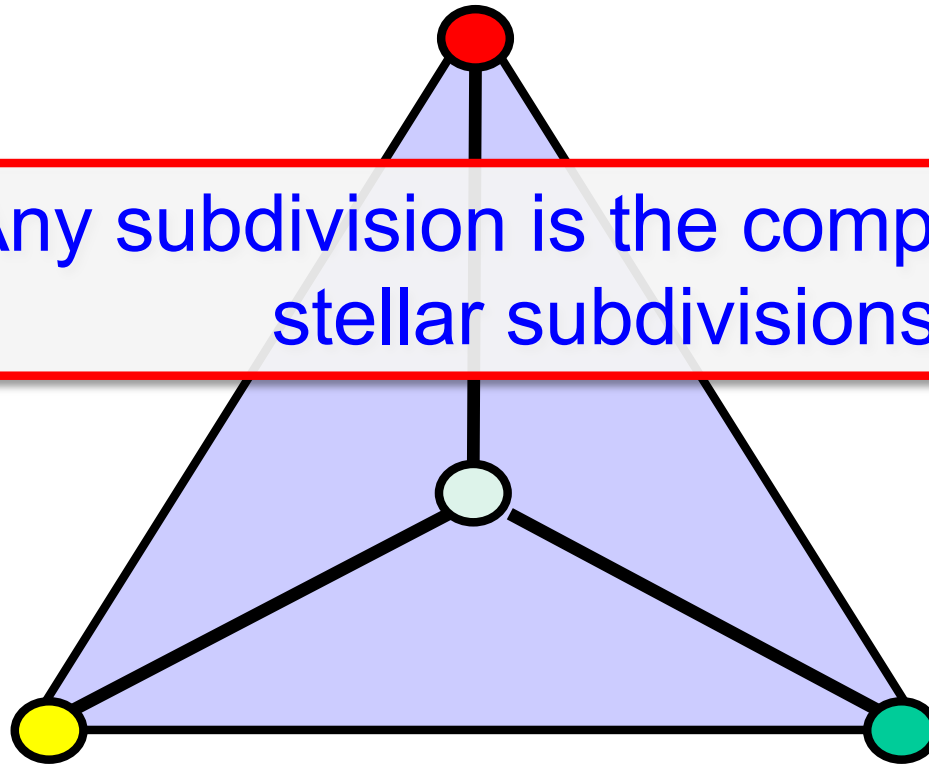


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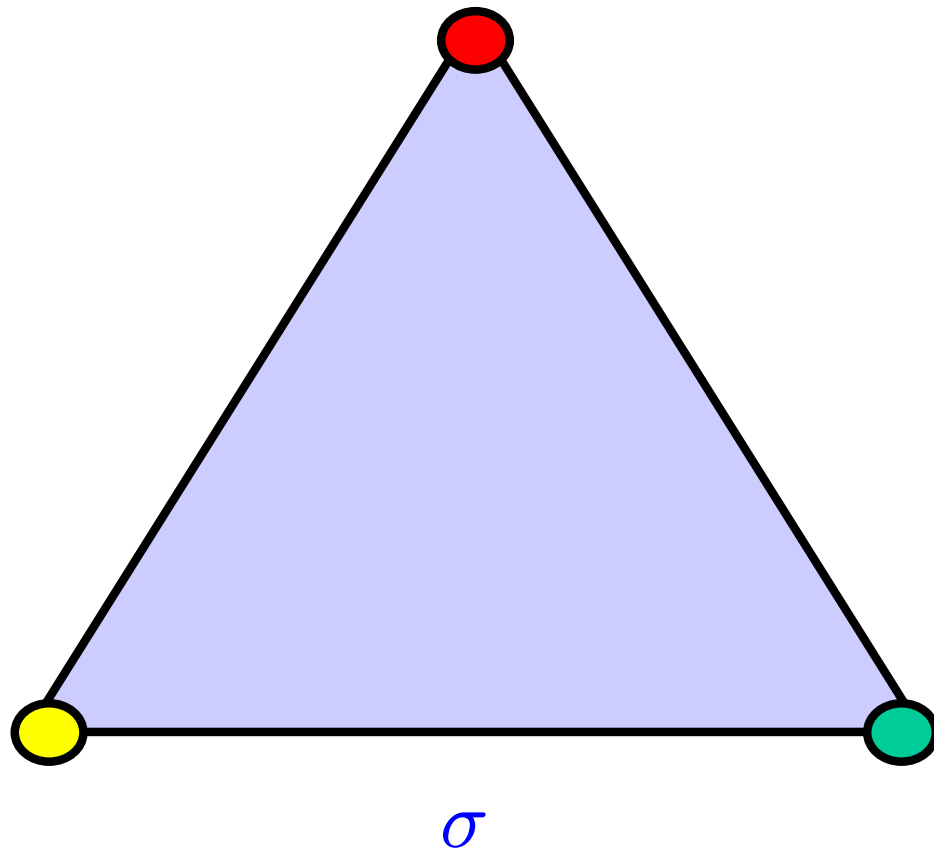
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Any subdivision is the composition of stellar subdivisions

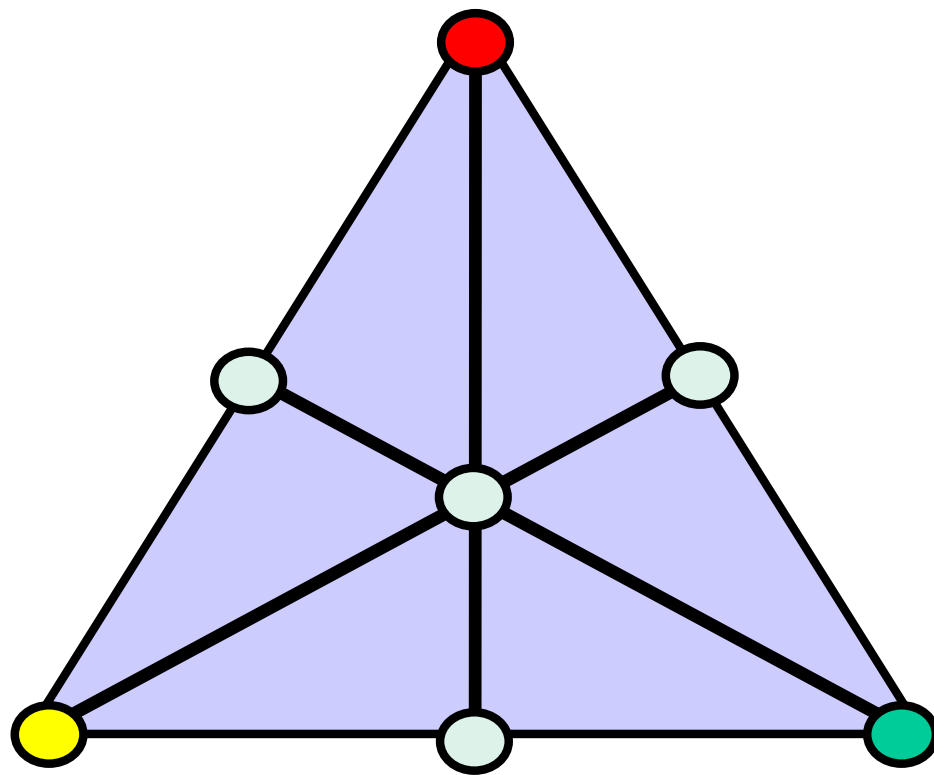


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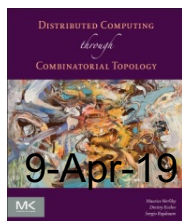


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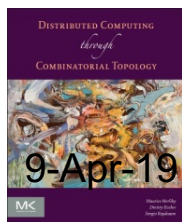
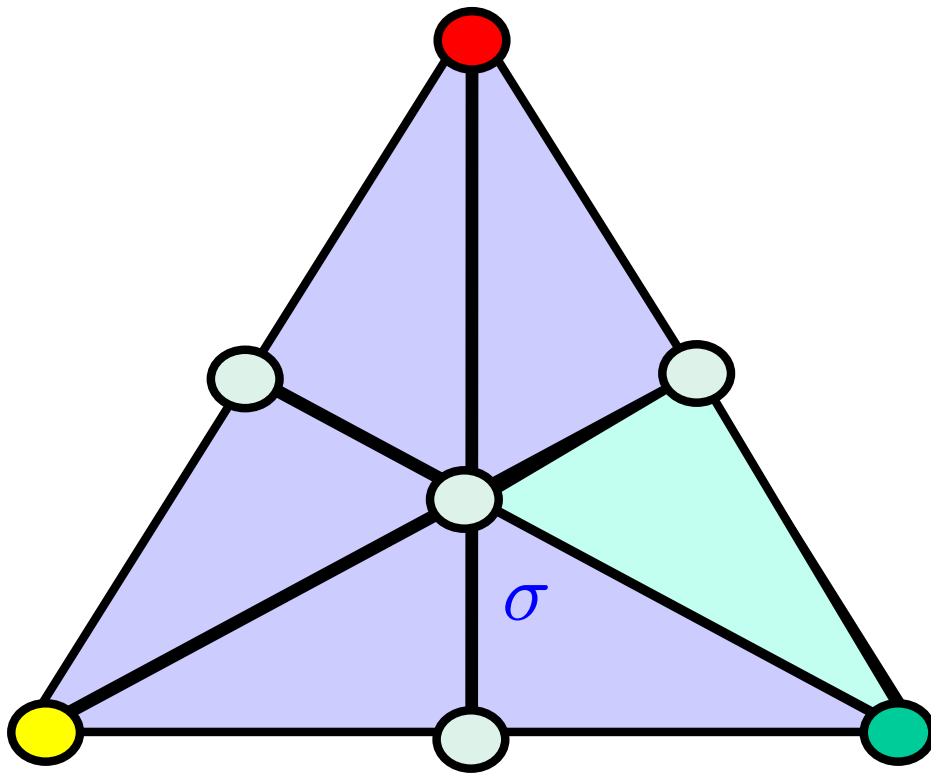


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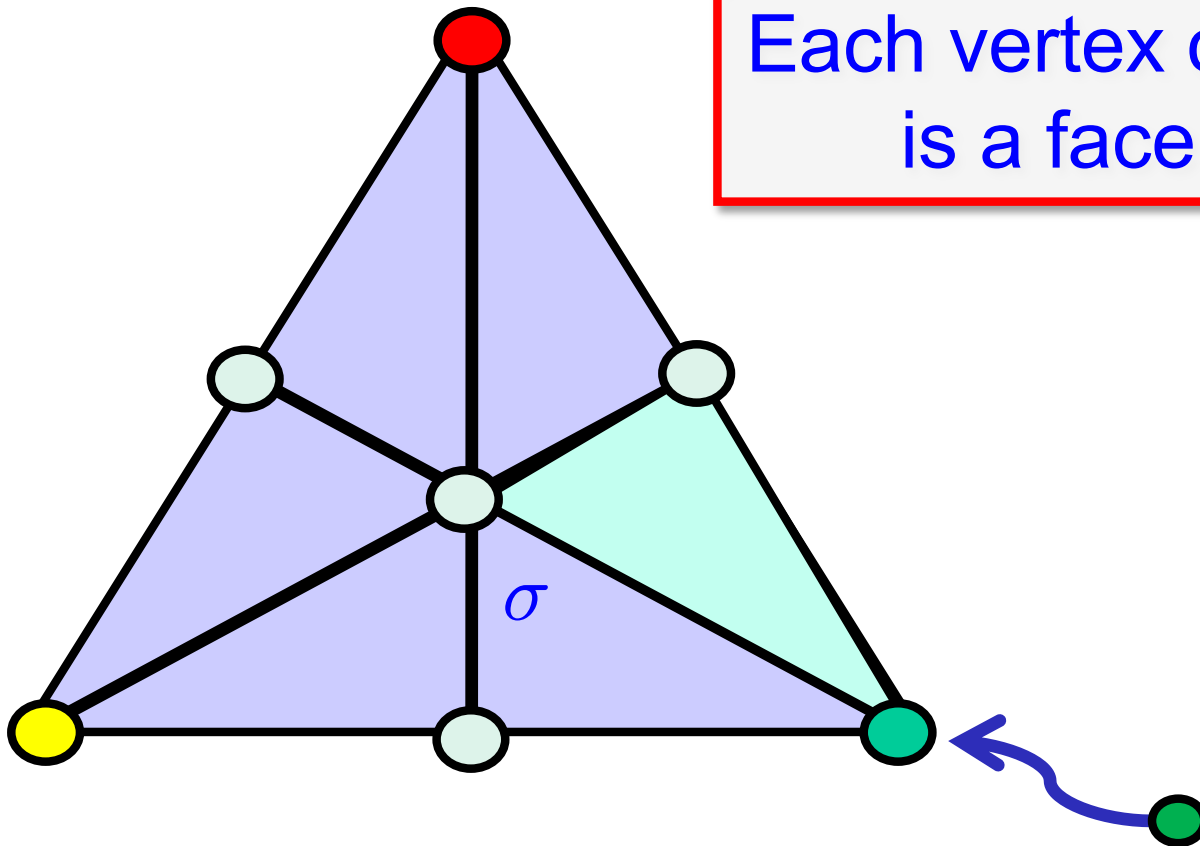


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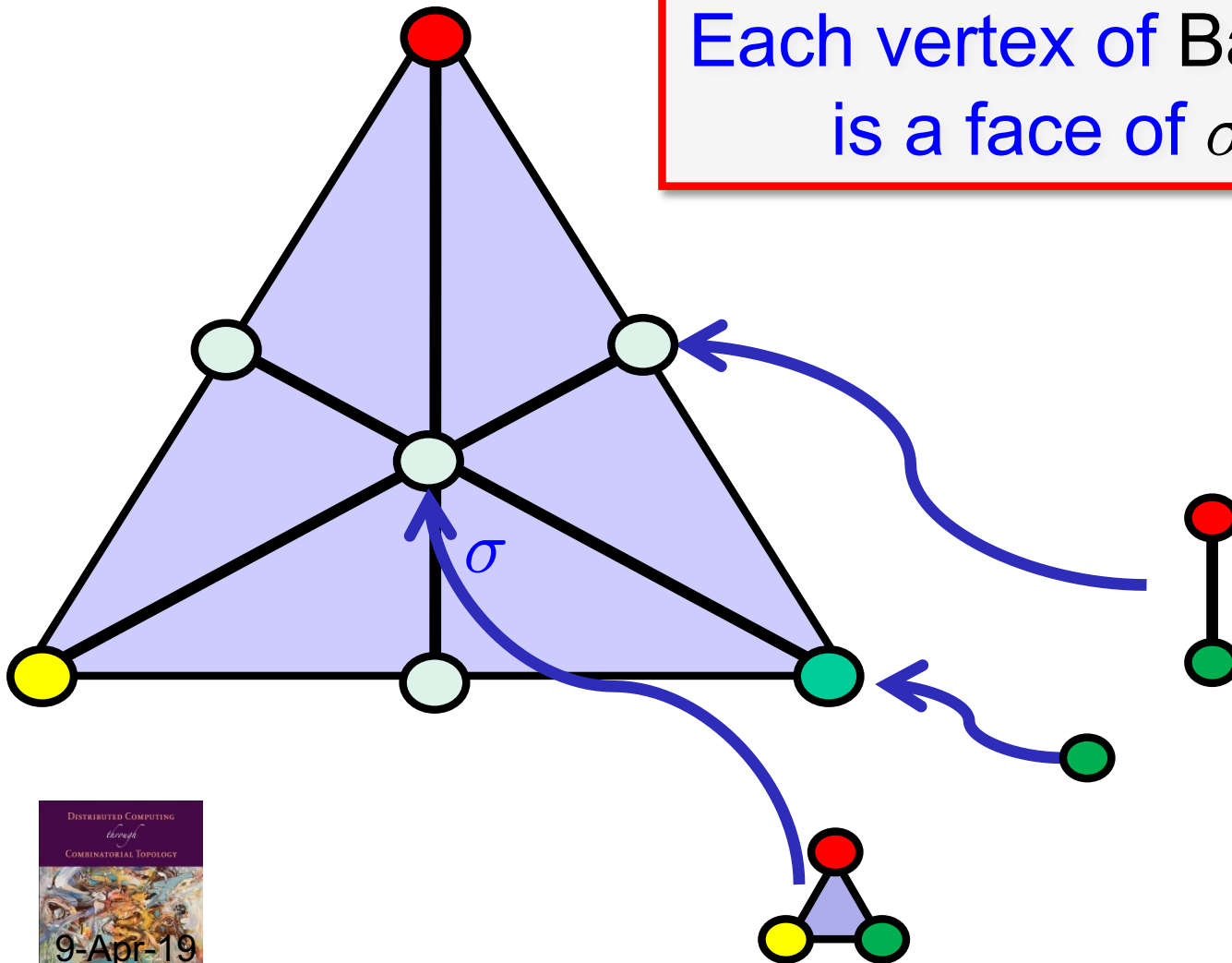
Barycentric Subdivision

Each vertex of Bary σ
is a face of σ

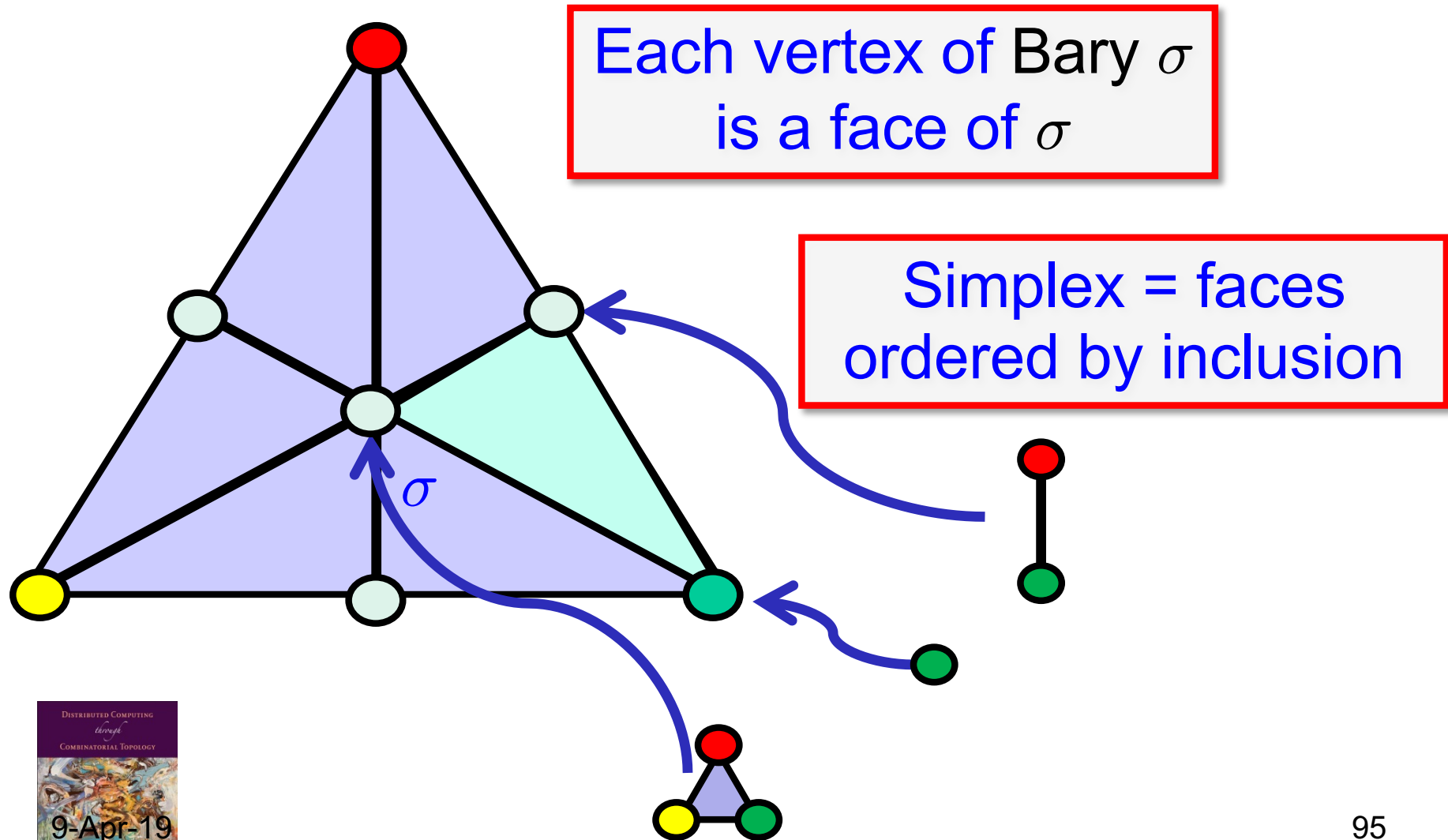


Barycentric Subdivision

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Barycentric Subdivision

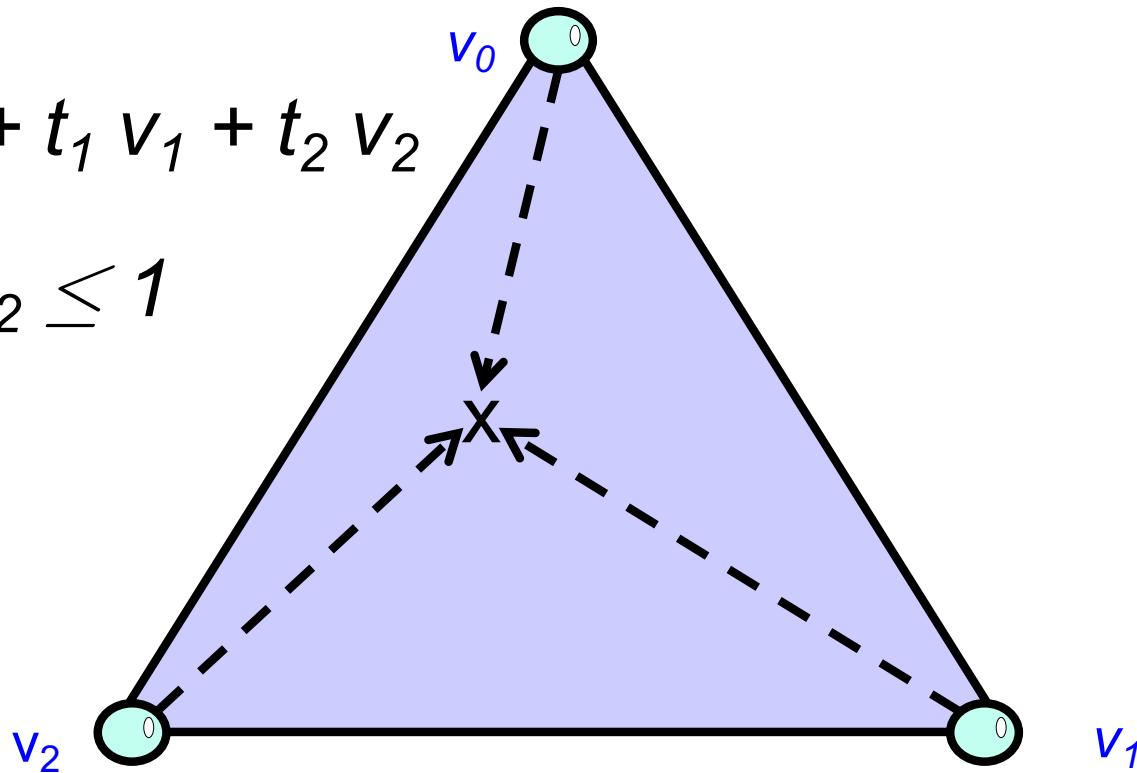


Barycentric Coordinates

$$x = t_0 v_0 + t_1 v_1 + t_2 v_2$$

$$0 \leq t_0, t_1, t_2 \leq 1$$

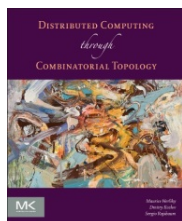
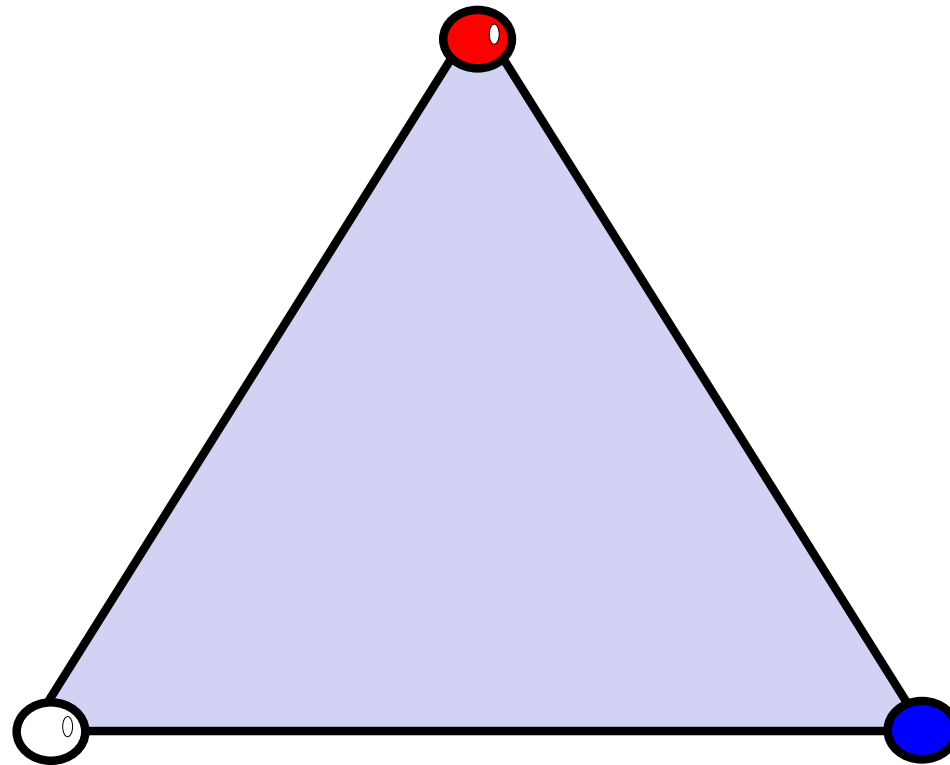
$$\sum_i t_i = 1$$



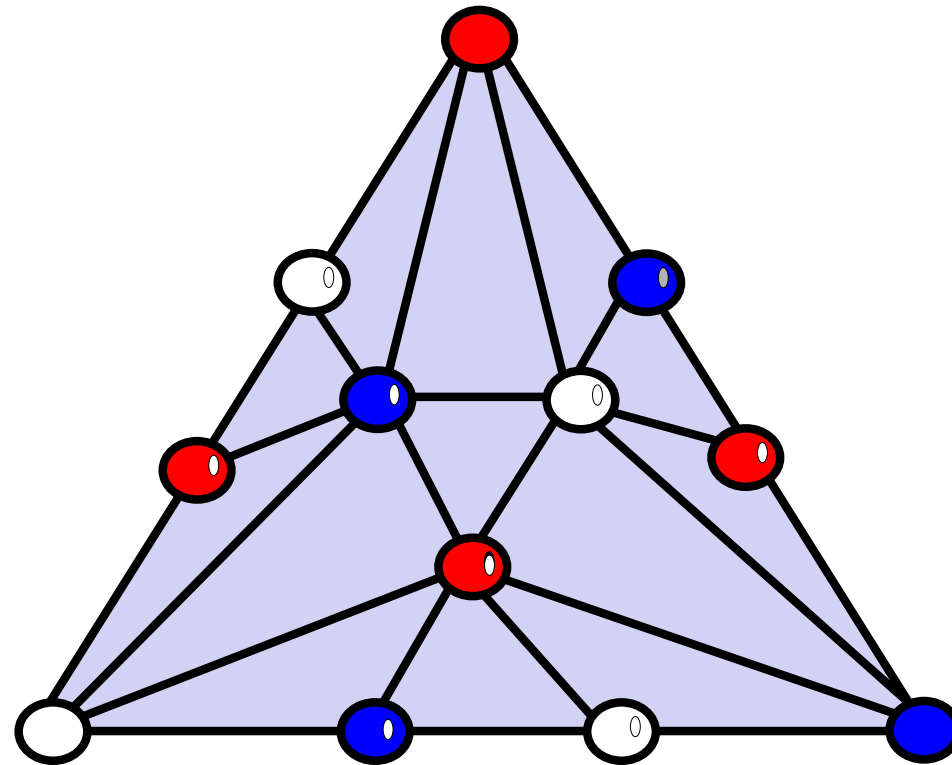
Every point of $|C|$ has a unique representation using barycentric coordinates



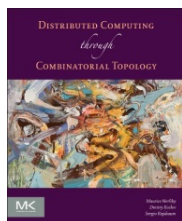
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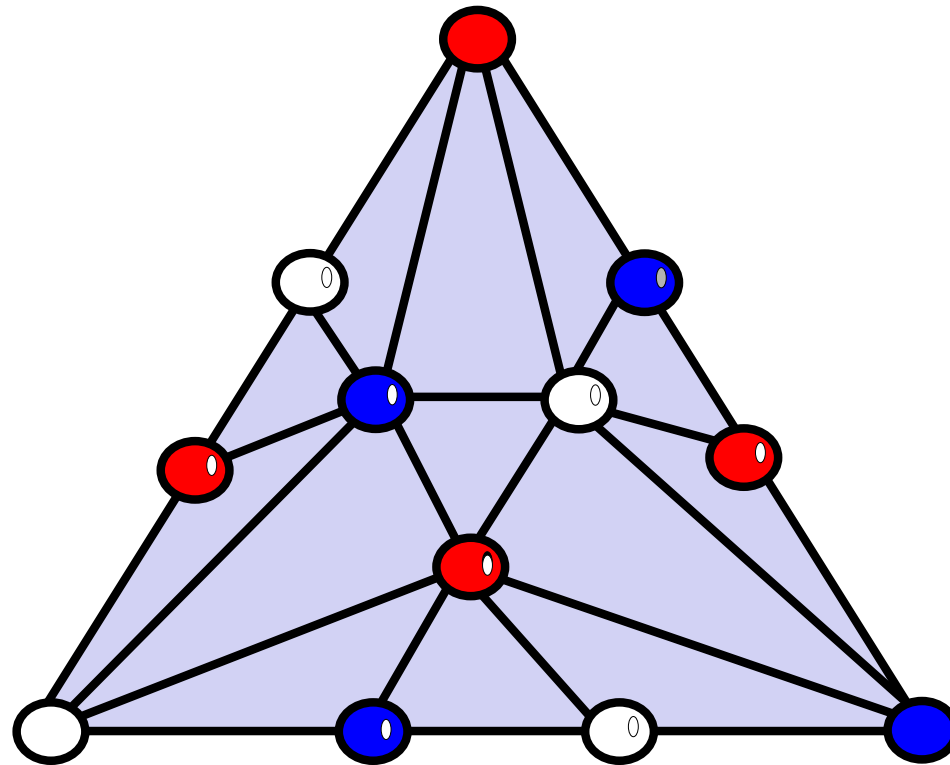
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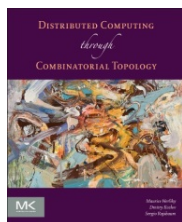


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Chromatic form of
Barycentric



Road Map

Simplicial Complexes

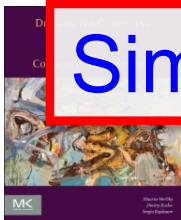
Standard Constructions

Carrier Maps

Connectivity

Subdivisions

Simplicial & Continuous Approximations



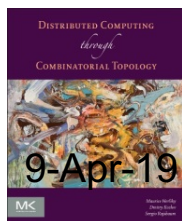
From Simplicial to Continuous

simplicial

$$\phi : A \rightarrow B$$

continuous

$$f : |A| \rightarrow |B|$$



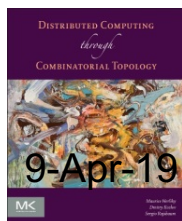
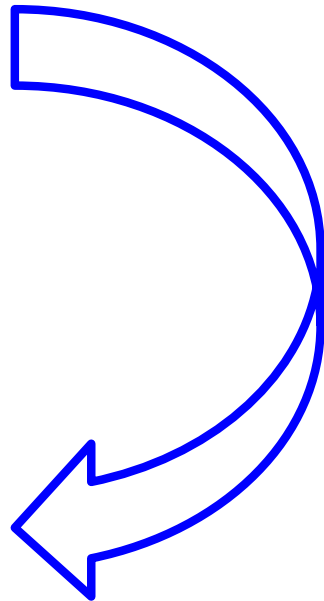
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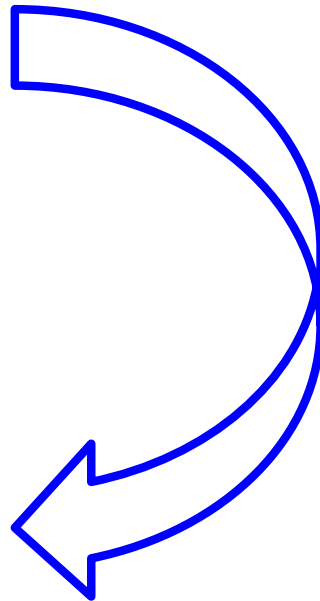
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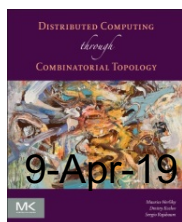
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$$f(x) = \sum_i t_i \cdot |\phi(s_i)|$$

extend over barycentric
coordinates

(piece-wise linear map)



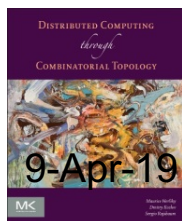
Maps

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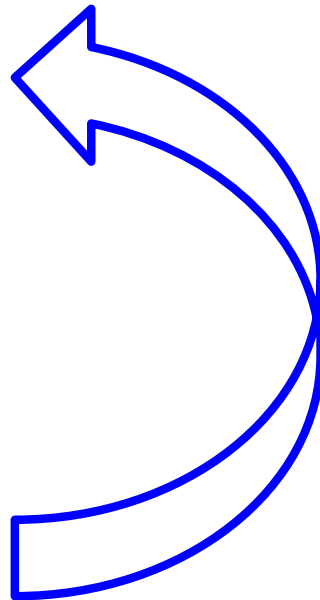
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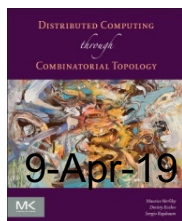
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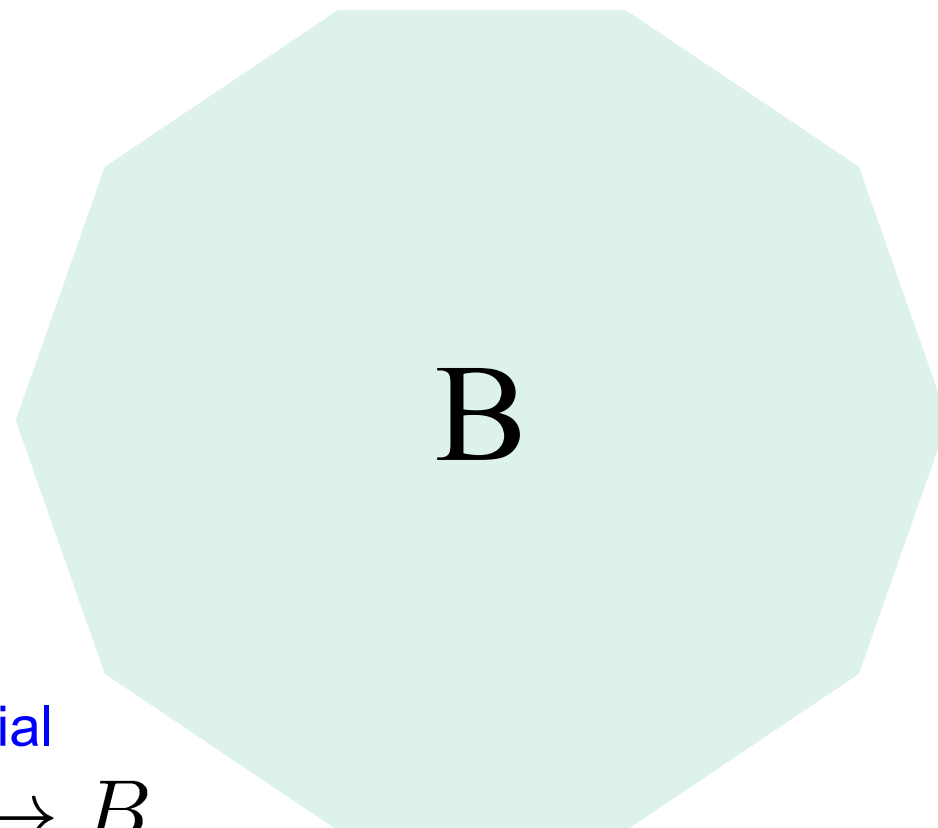
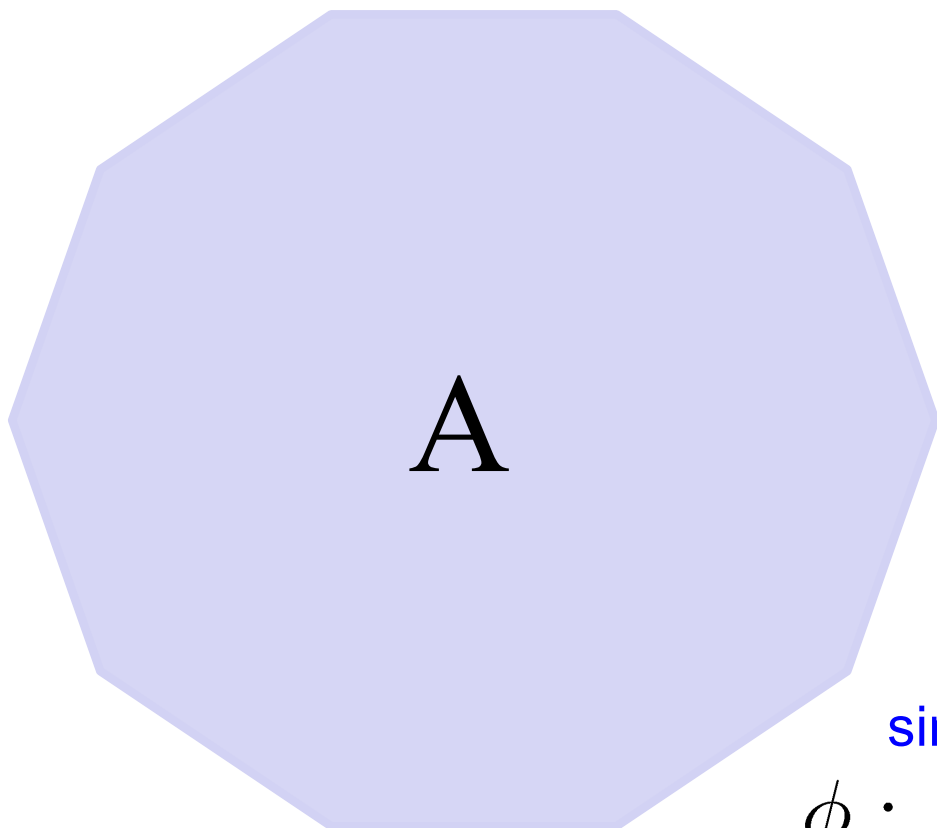
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Simplicial Approximation
Theorem



Simplicial Approximation

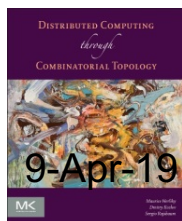


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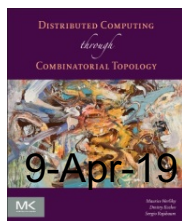
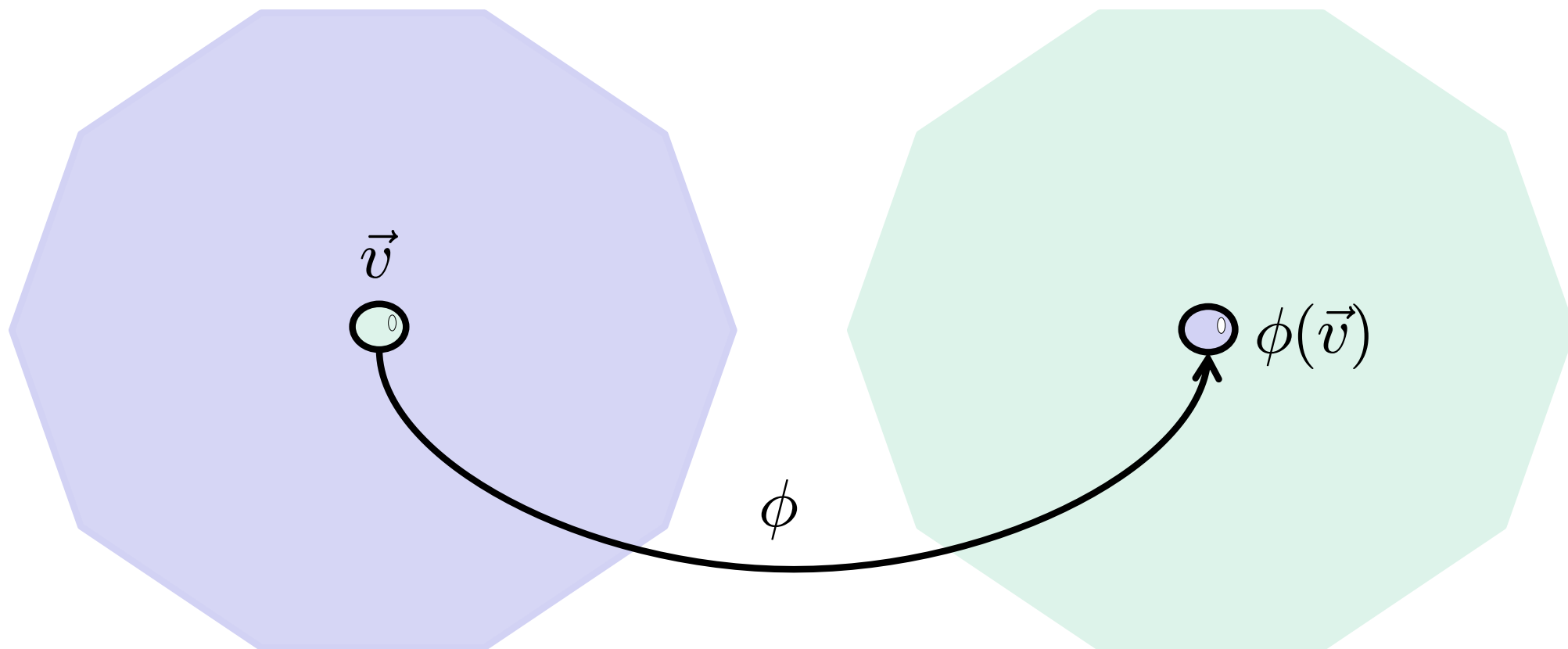
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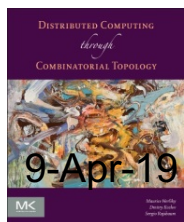
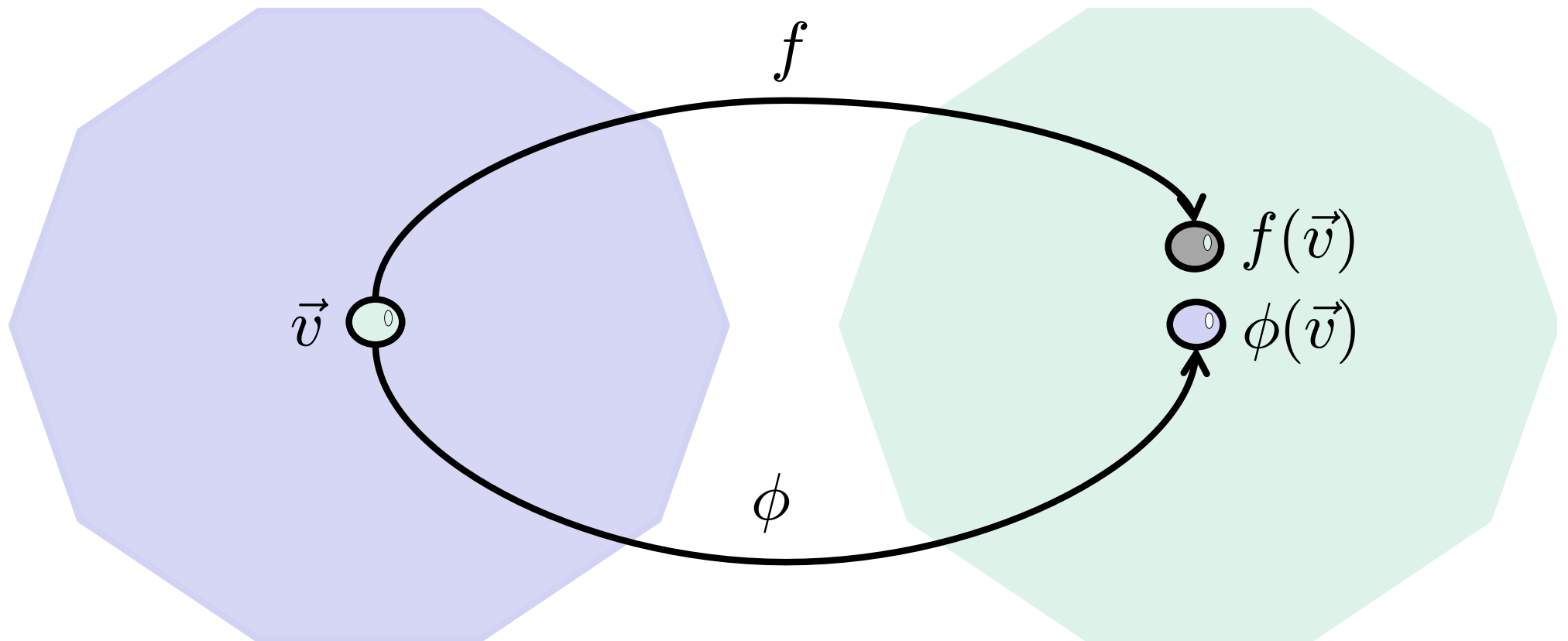
Simplicial Approximation



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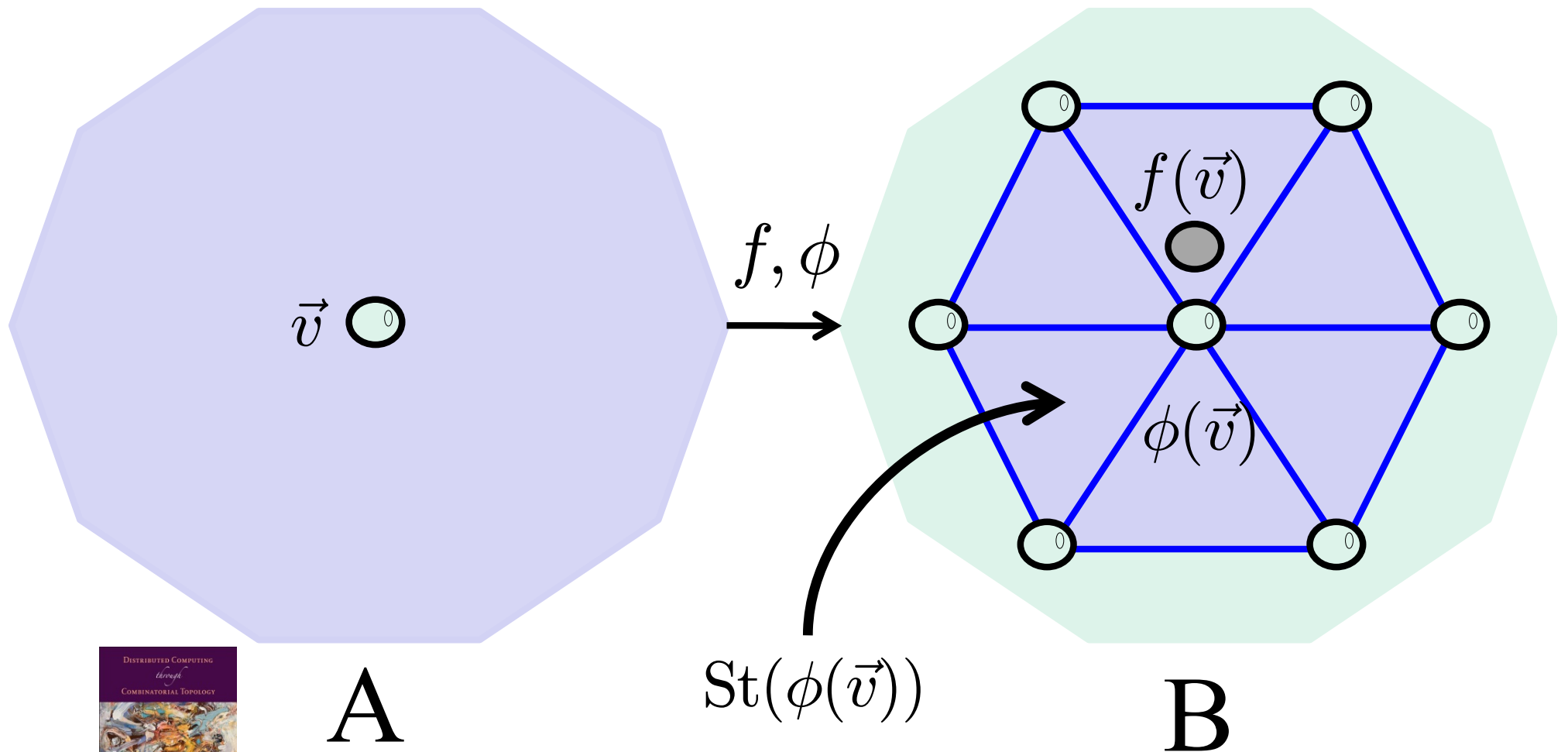
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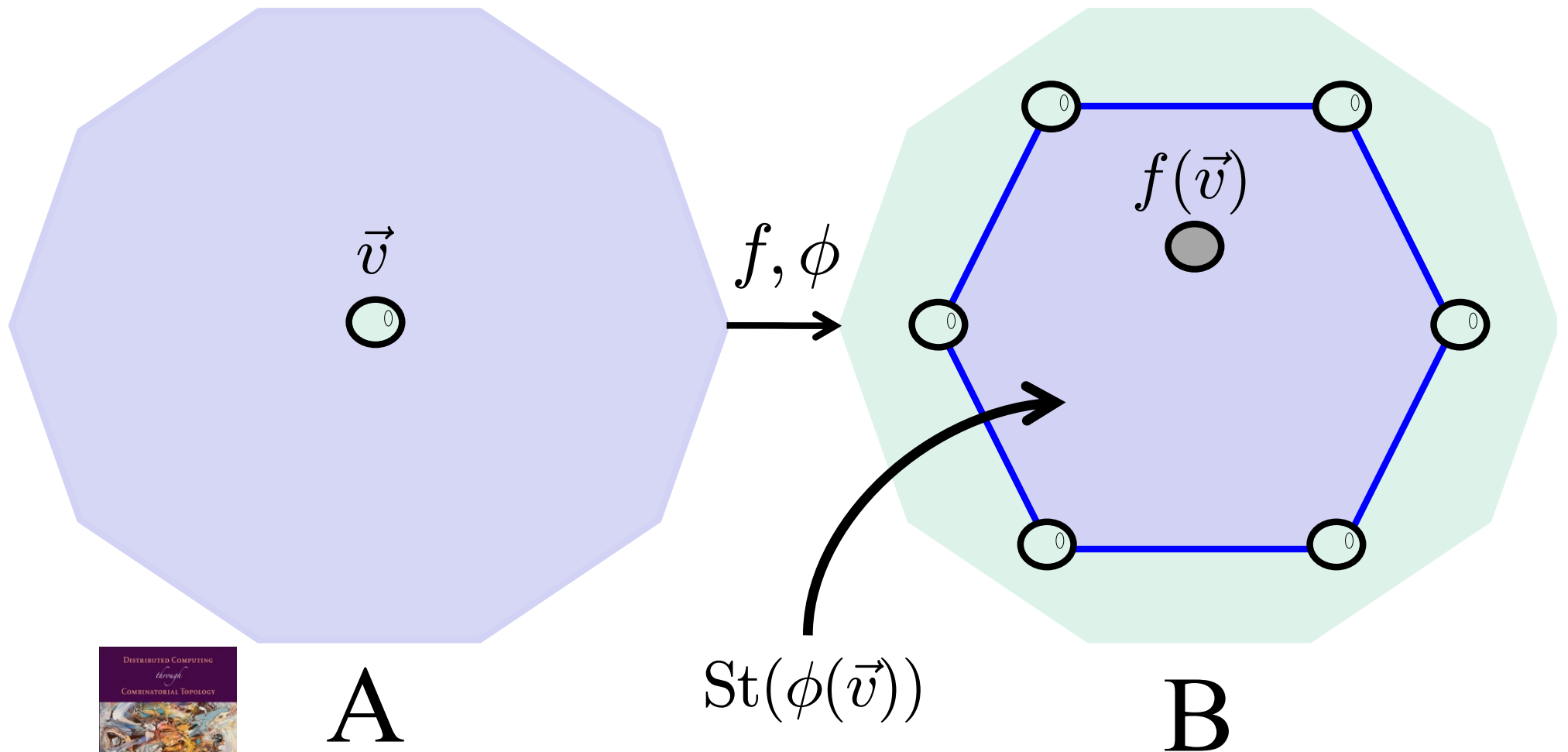
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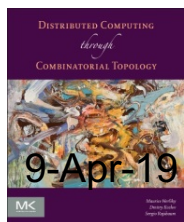
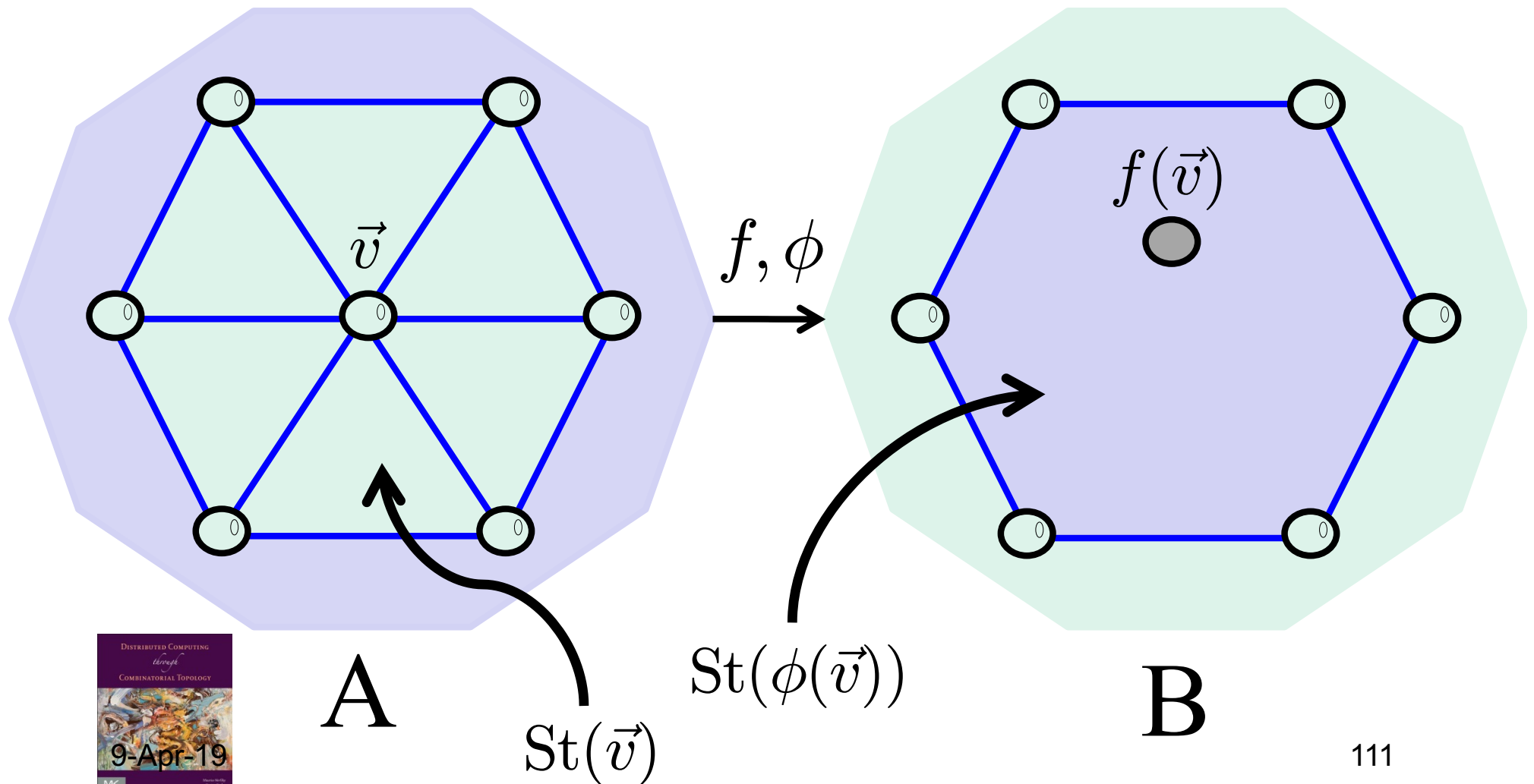
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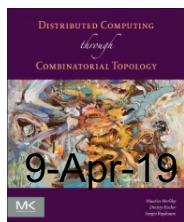
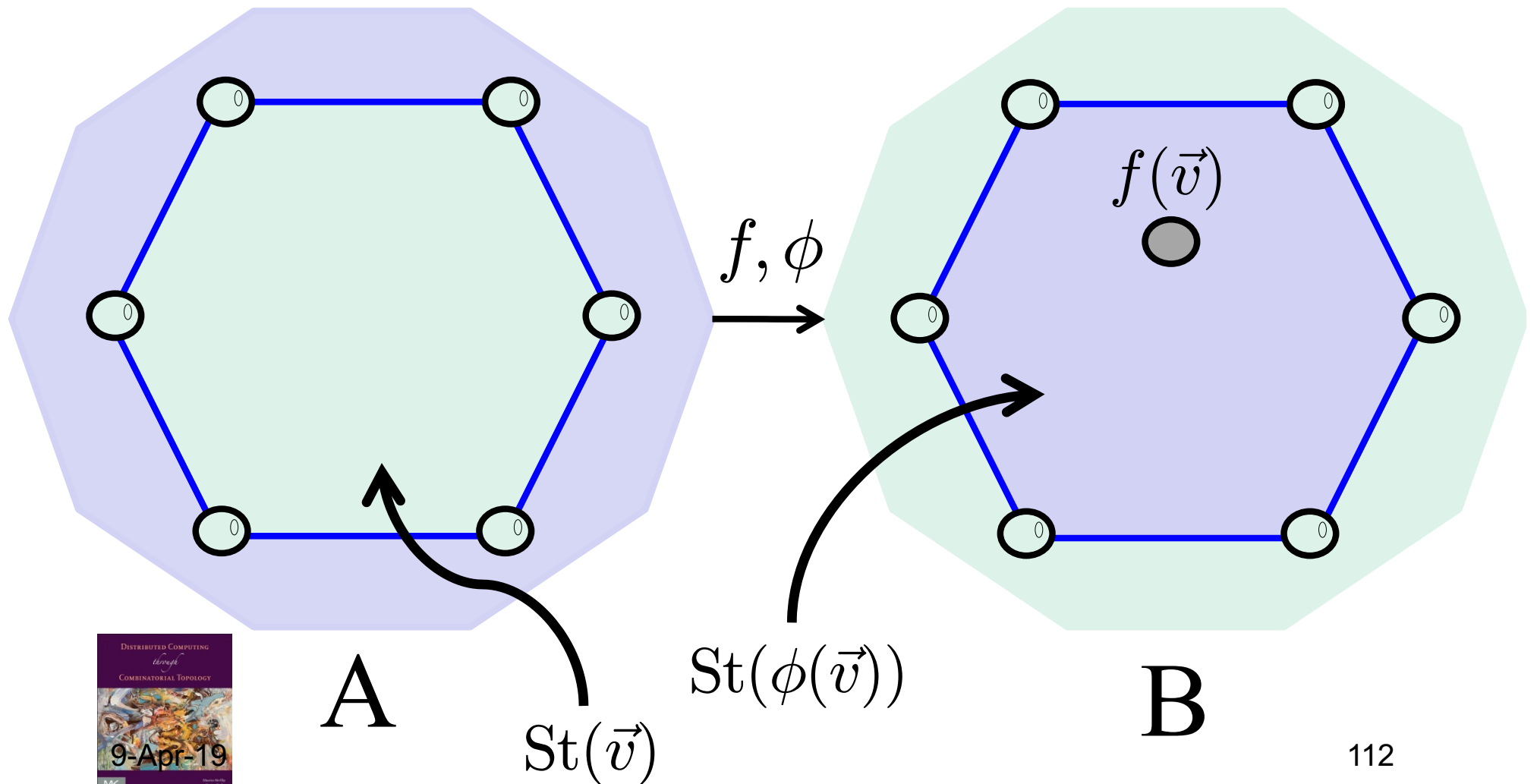
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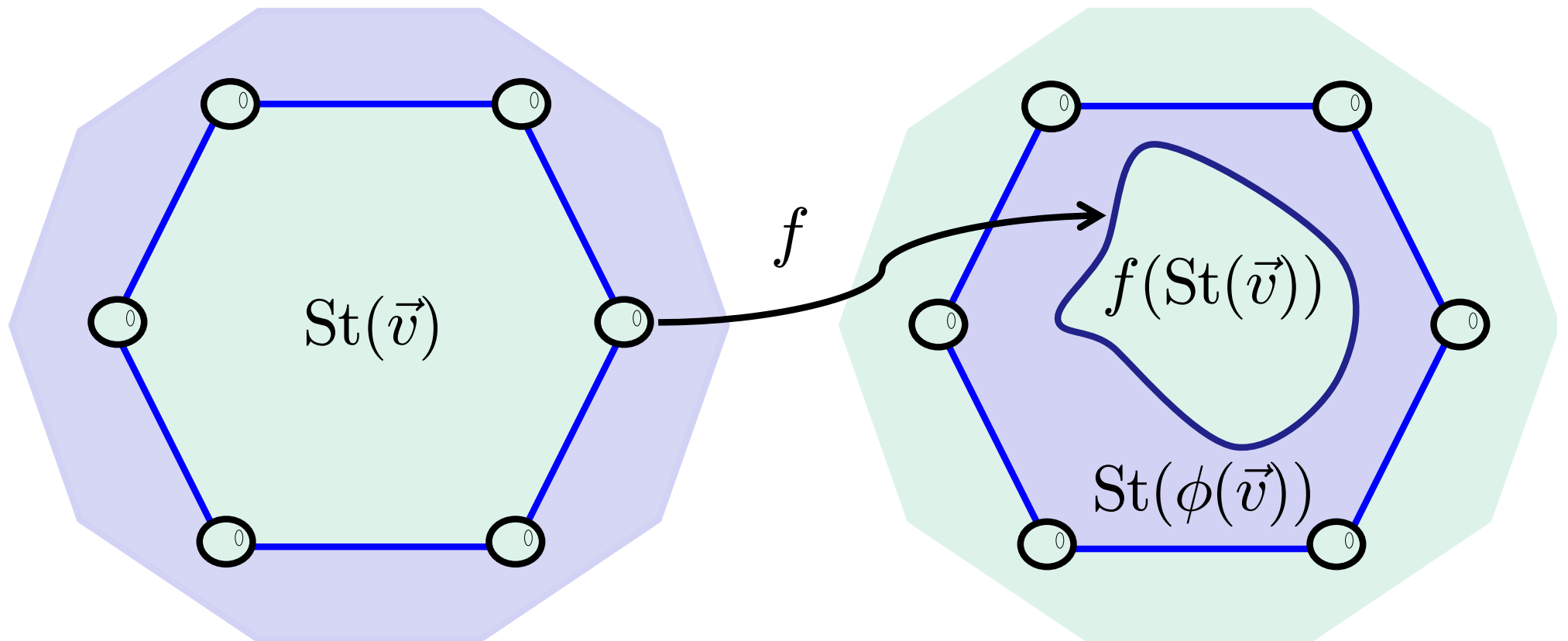
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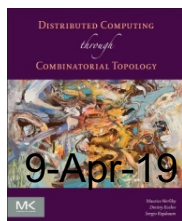


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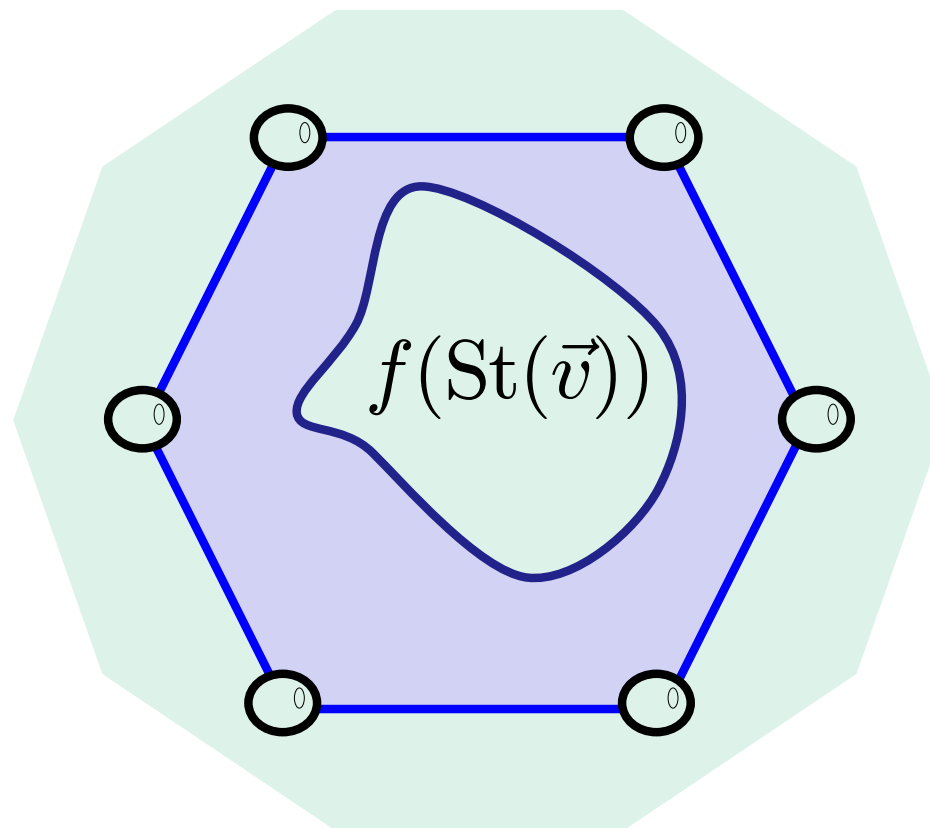


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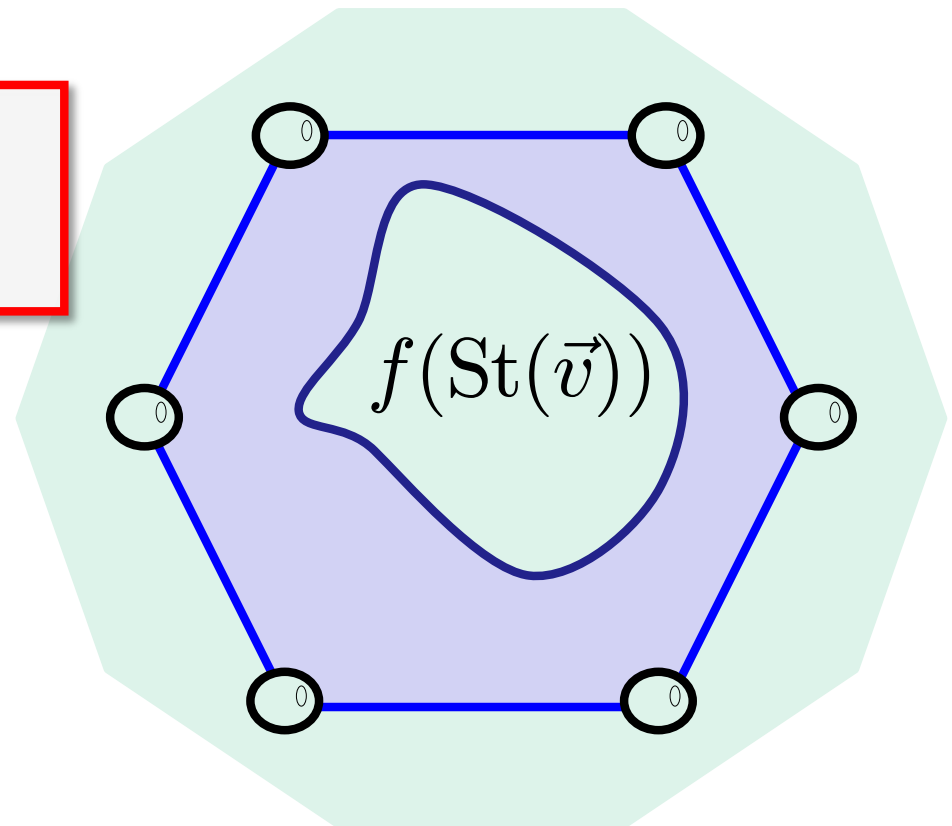
Simplicial Approximation



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Simplicial Approximation

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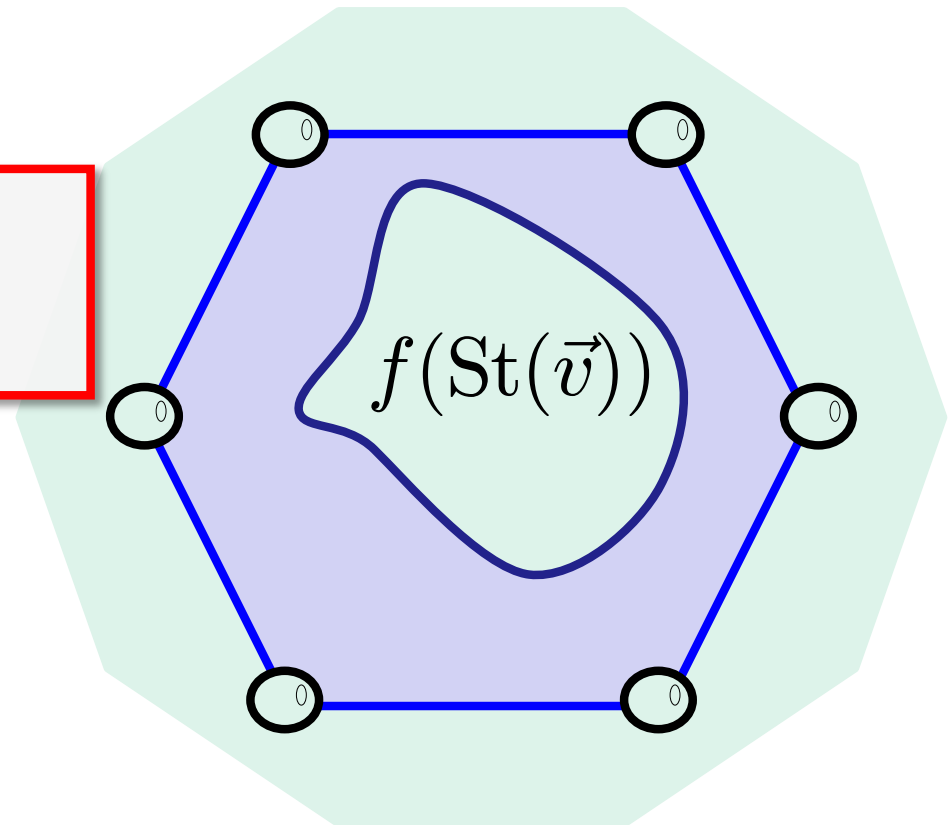
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Simplicial Approximation

ϕ is a simplicial approximation of f if ...

for every v in \mathcal{A} ...

$$f(St^0(\vec{v})) \subseteq St^0(\phi(\vec{v}))$$



B

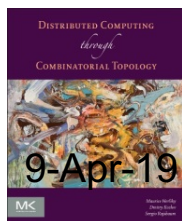
Simplicial Approximation Theorem

- Given a continuous map

$$f : |A| \rightarrow |B|$$

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$$\phi : \text{Bary}^N A \rightarrow B$$



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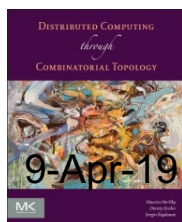
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Actually holds for most other (mesh-shrinking) subdivisions....





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