

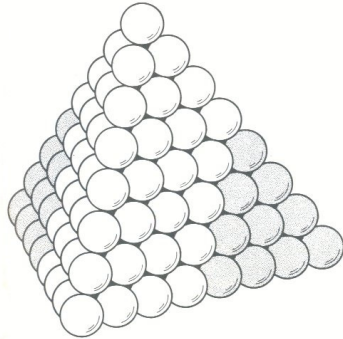
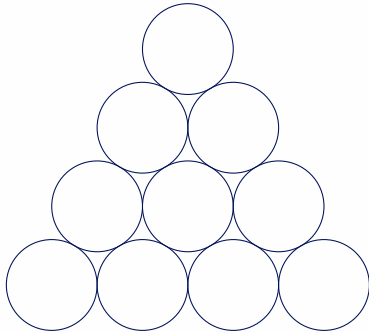
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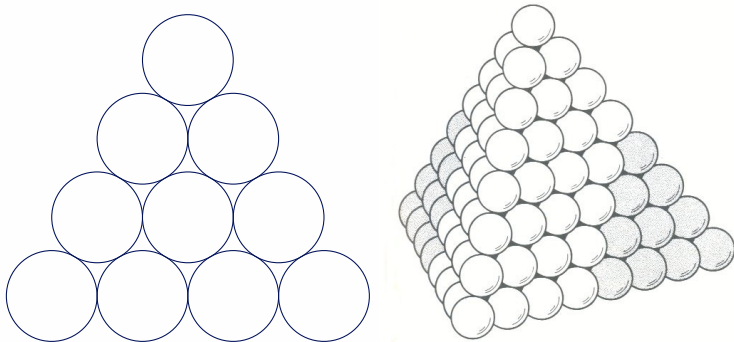
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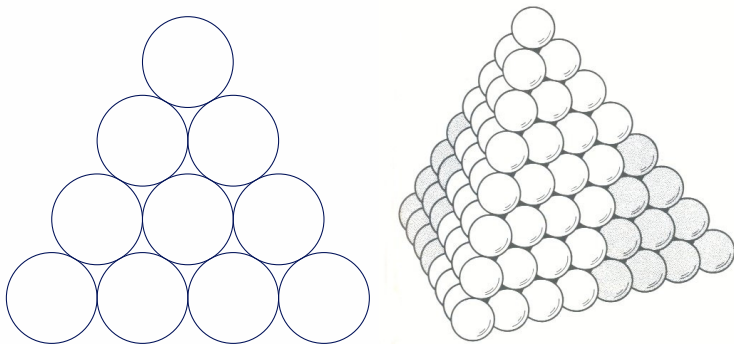


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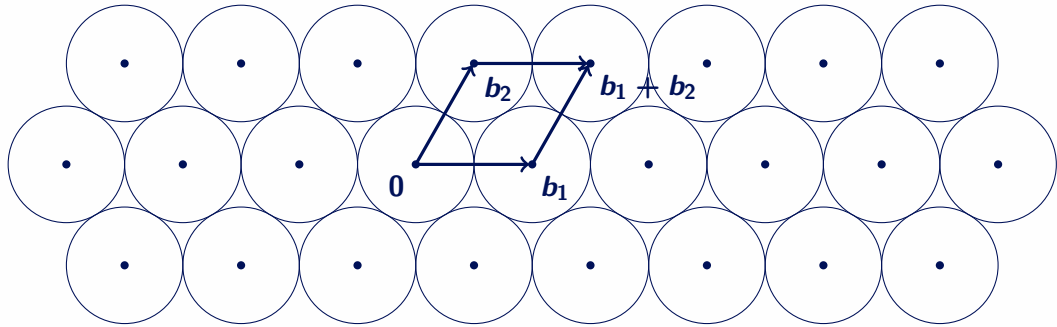
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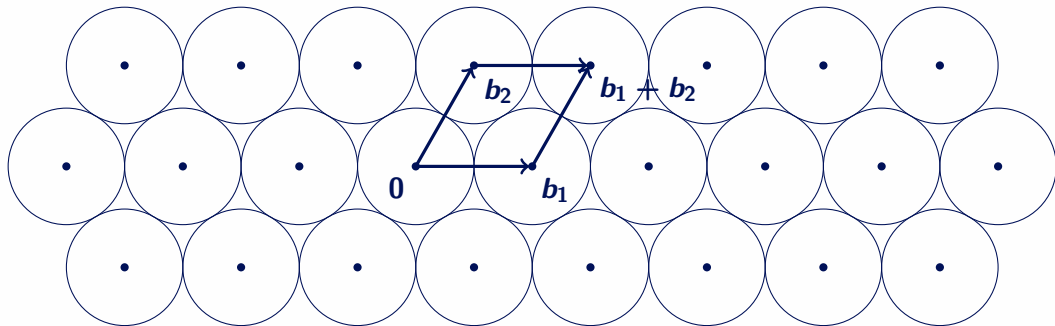


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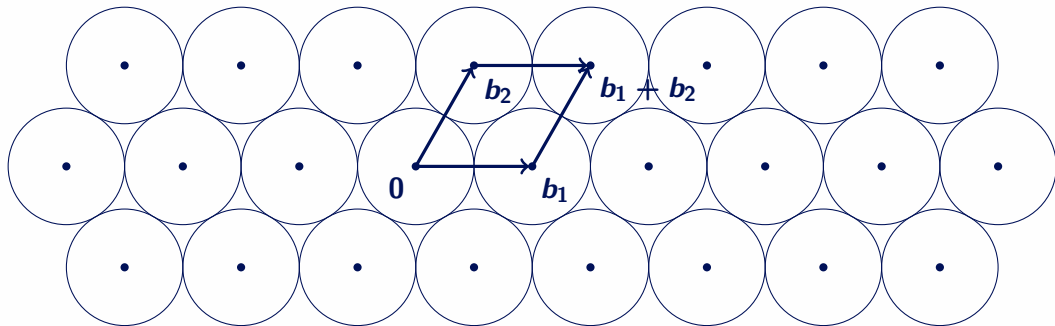


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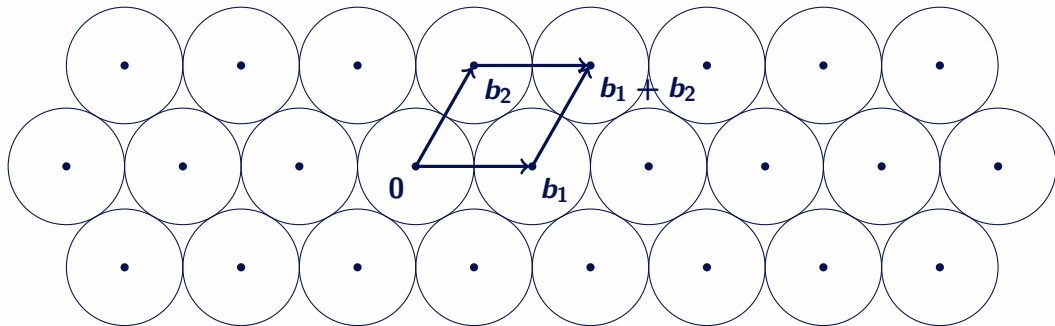
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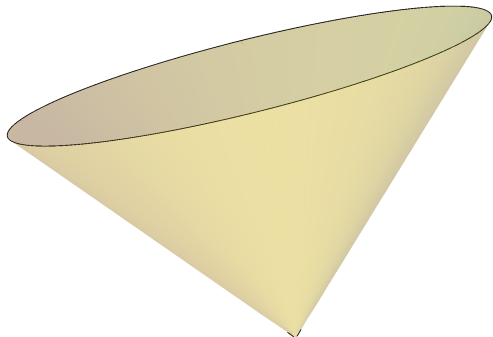
$$\dim(\mathcal{S}^d) = \frac{1}{2}d(d+1) =: n$$

- inner product: (to show these pictures)

$$\langle A, B \rangle := \text{Tr}(A^t B) = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} B_{ij}$$

- $Q \in \mathcal{S}^d$ defines a quadratic form by

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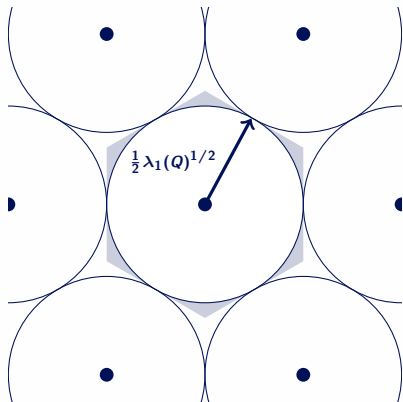


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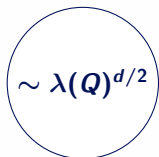
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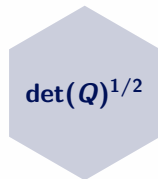
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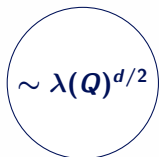
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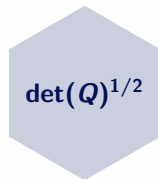

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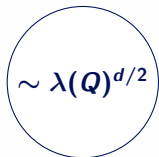

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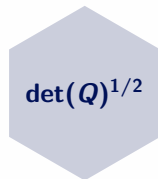
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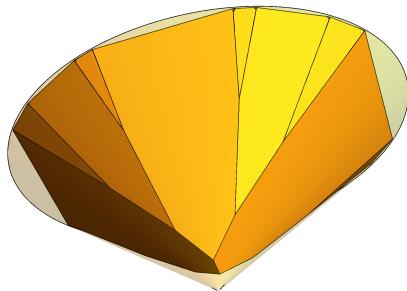
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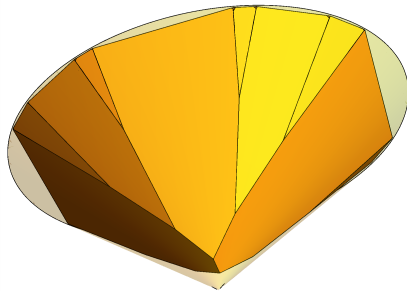
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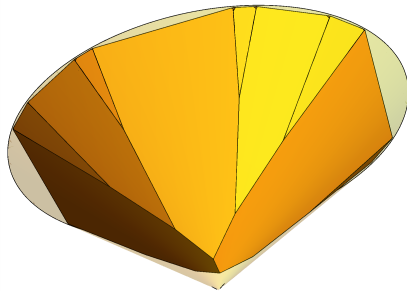
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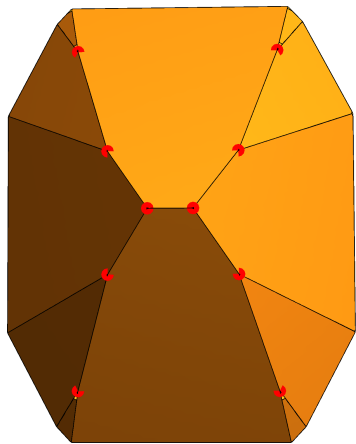
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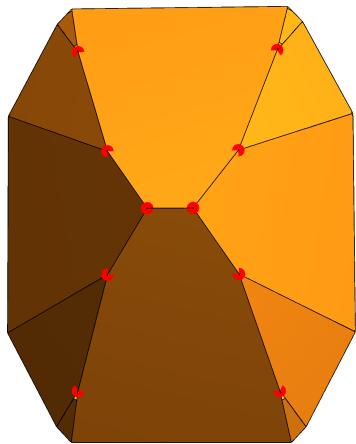
- Minkowski: $\det(Q)^{1/d}$ is (strictly) concave on $\mathcal{S}_{>0}^d$
 \implies Local optima at vertices of \mathcal{P}_λ . (uses that \mathcal{P}_λ is locally finite)

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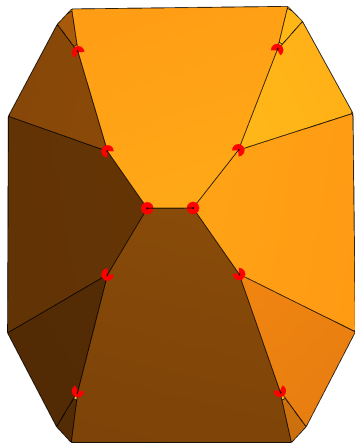
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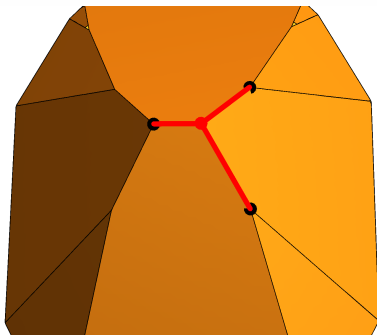
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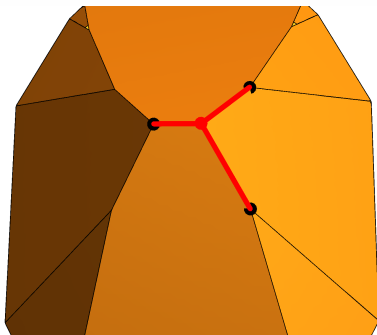
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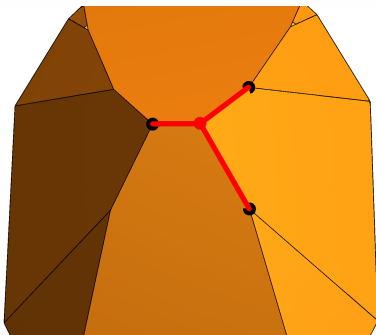
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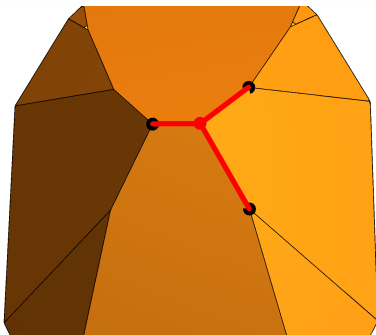
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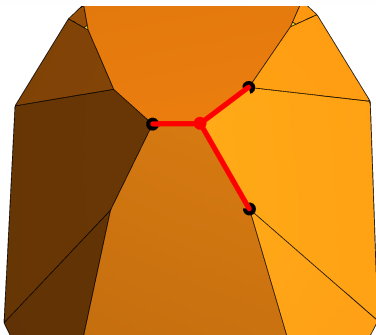
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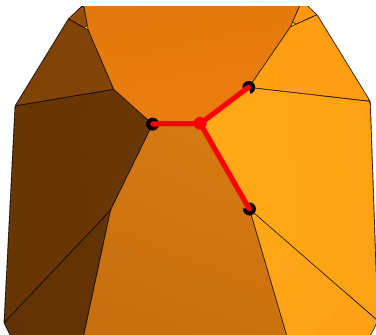


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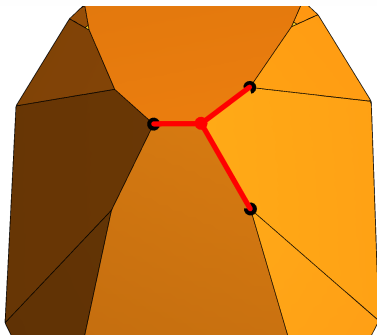
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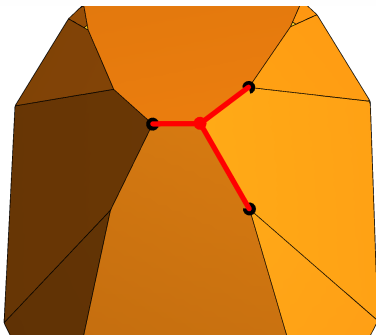
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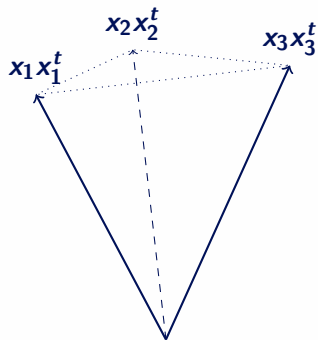
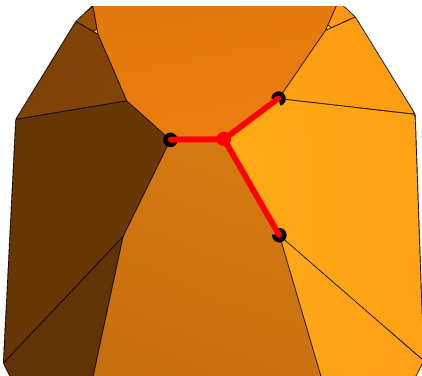
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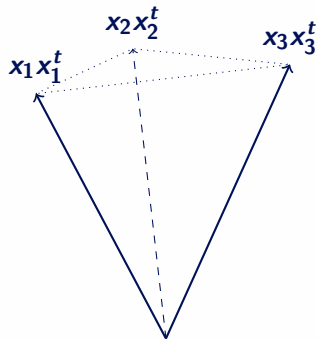
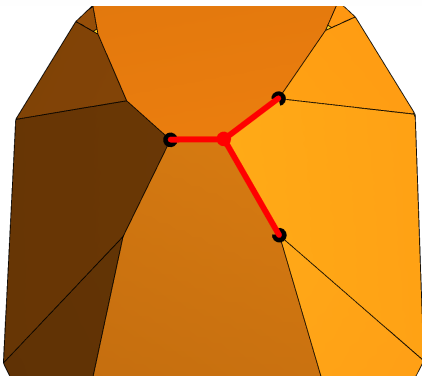
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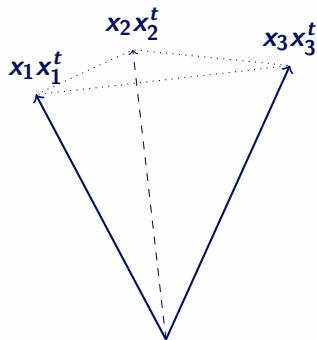
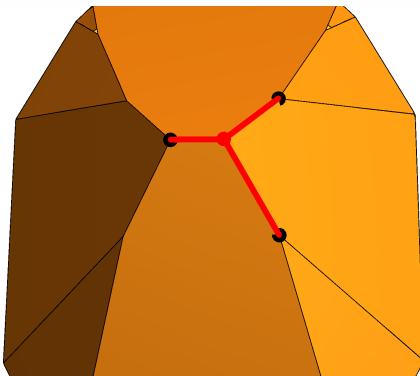
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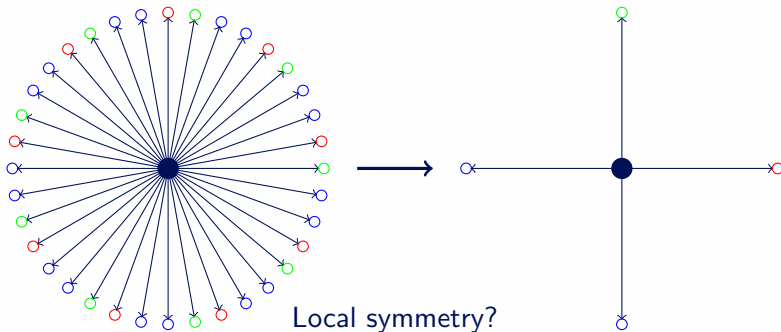
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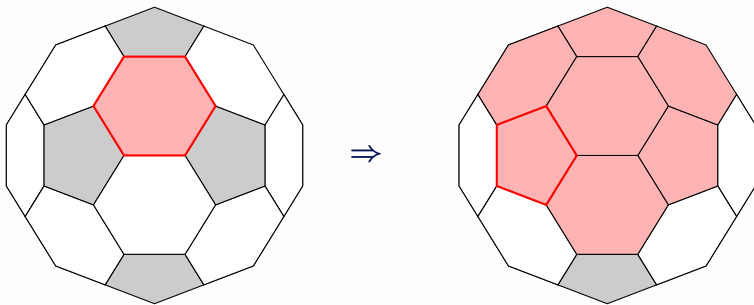
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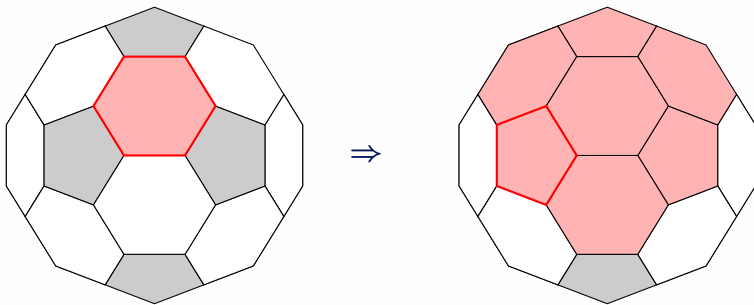
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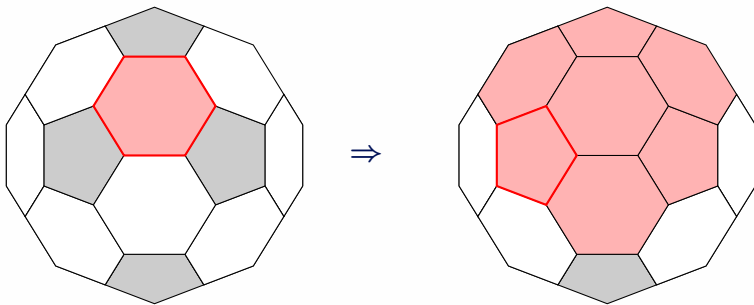
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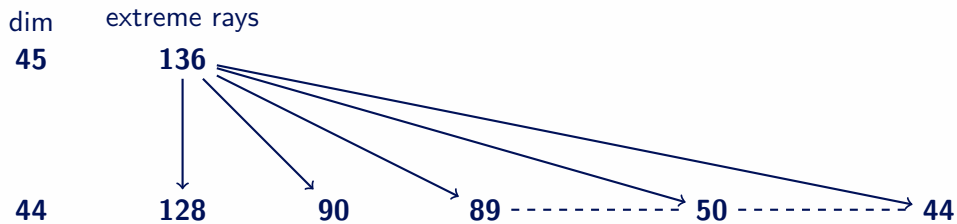
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- Best explained in dual setting: $\mathcal{C} = \text{cone}([y_1, \dots, y_m] \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with $G \subset \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$.

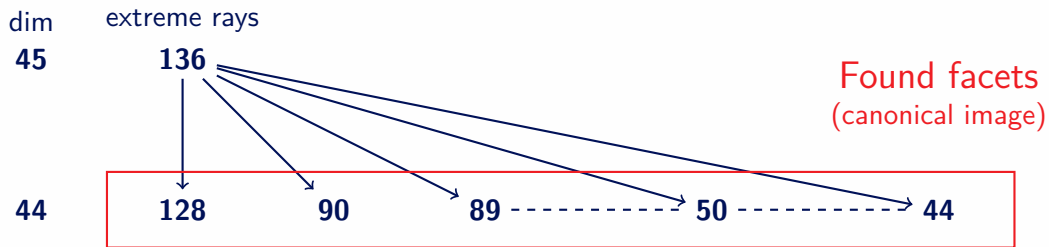
Algorithm: Adjacency Decomposition Method

1. Find at least one facet F .
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 3. For all i
 - compute facet F_i of \mathcal{C} such that $H_i = F \cap F_i$.
 - Keep F_i if G -inequivalent to all found facets.
 4. Repeat (2) and (3) for each new facet.
- Step (2) is again Dual Description problem but dimension $n - 1$ and only with **extreme rays contained in F** .
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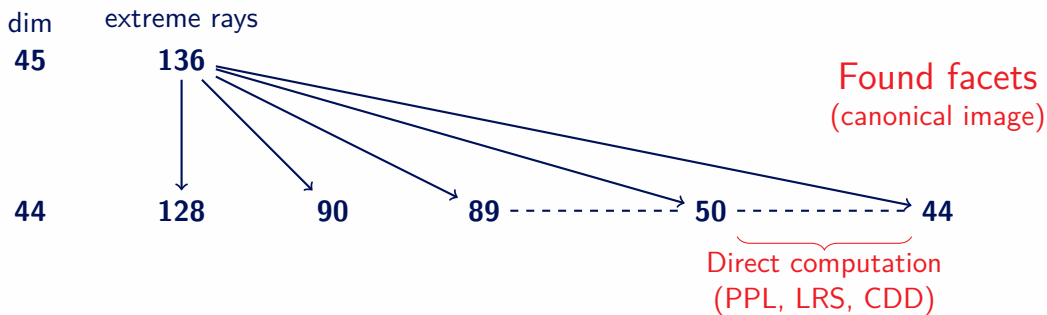
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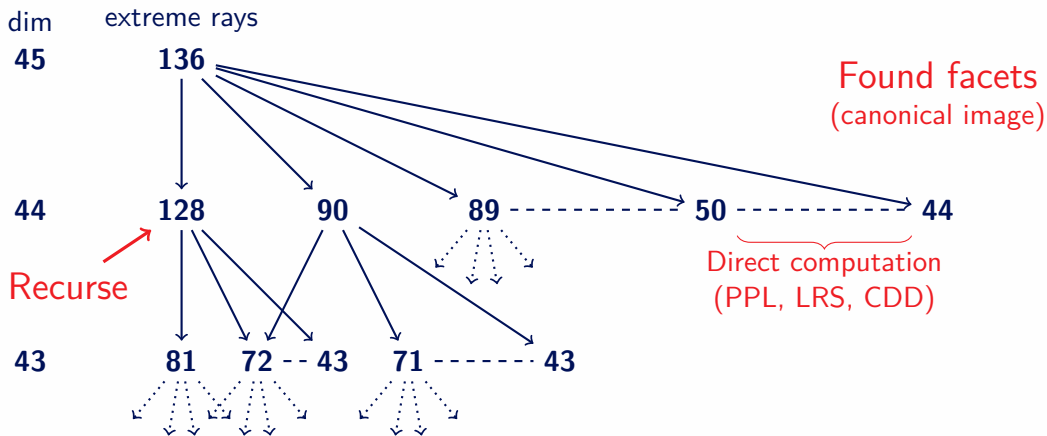
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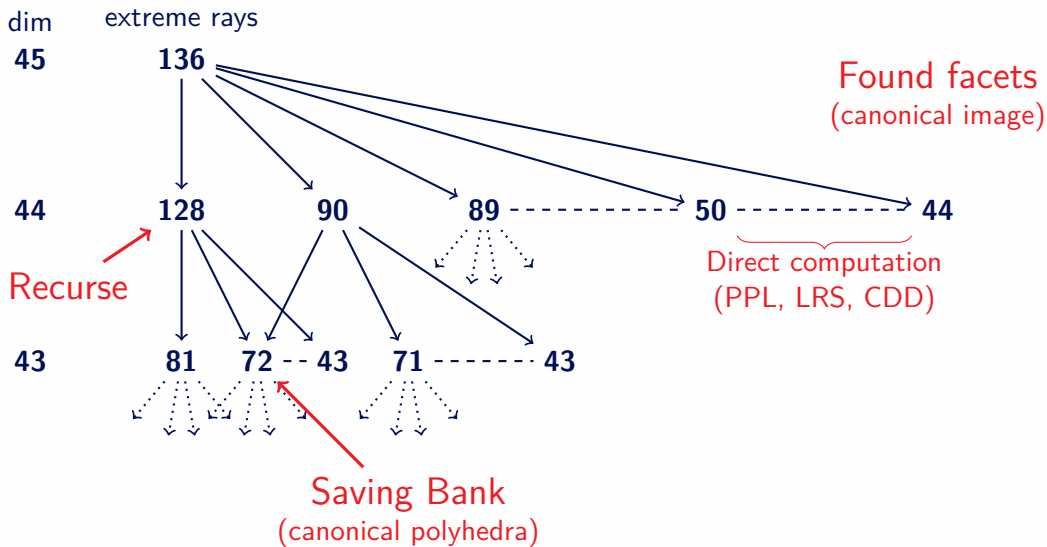
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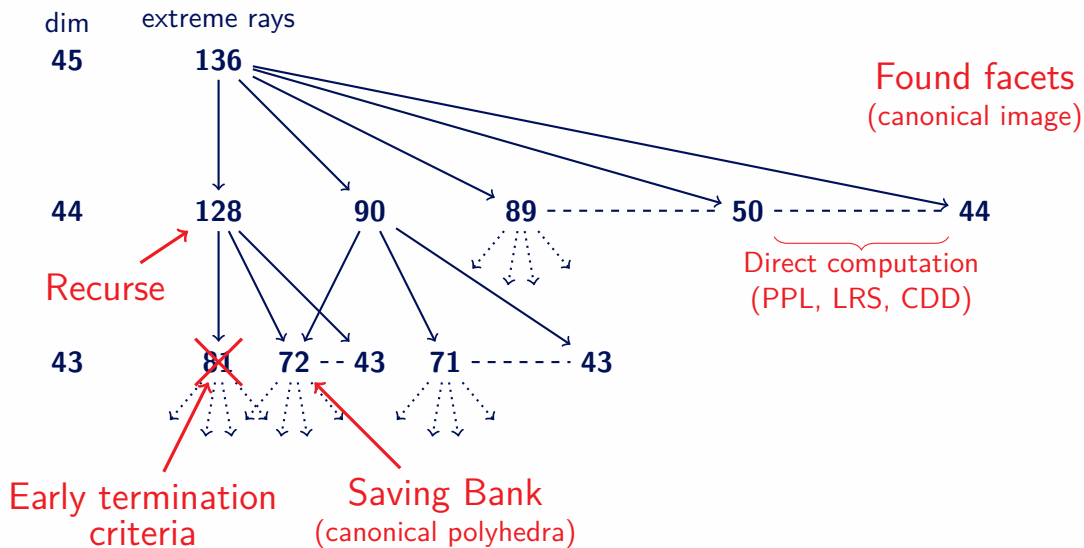
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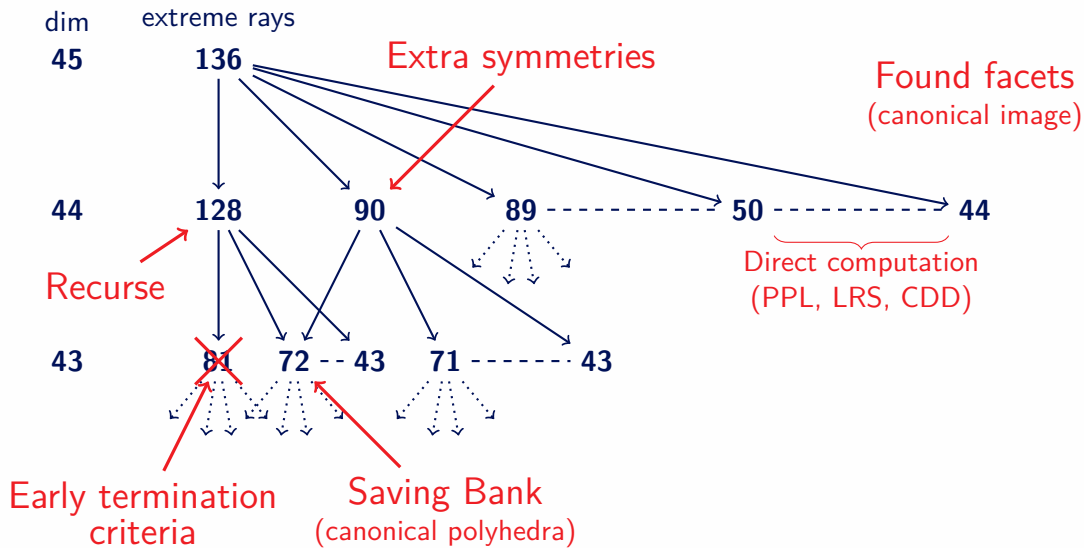
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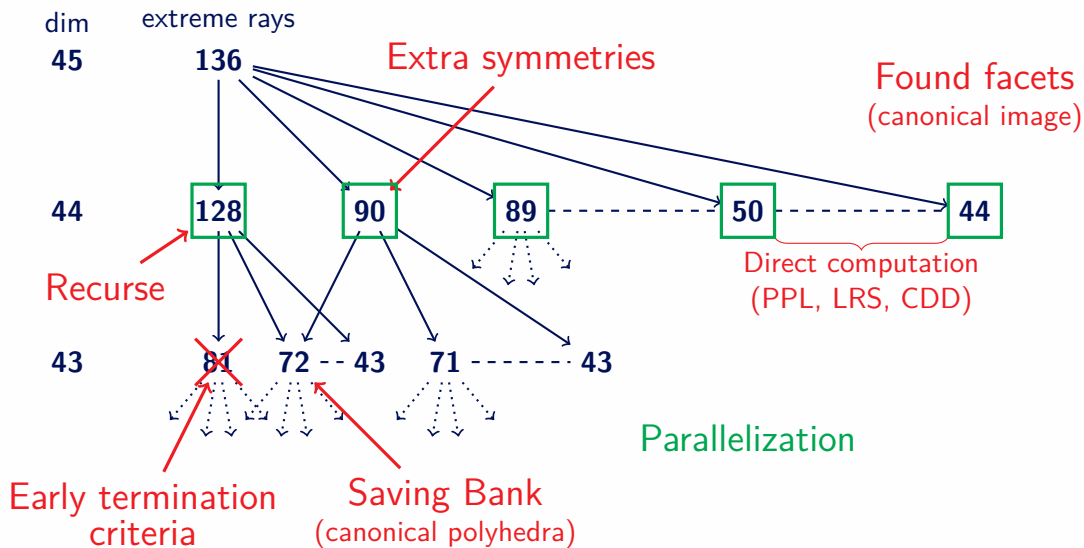
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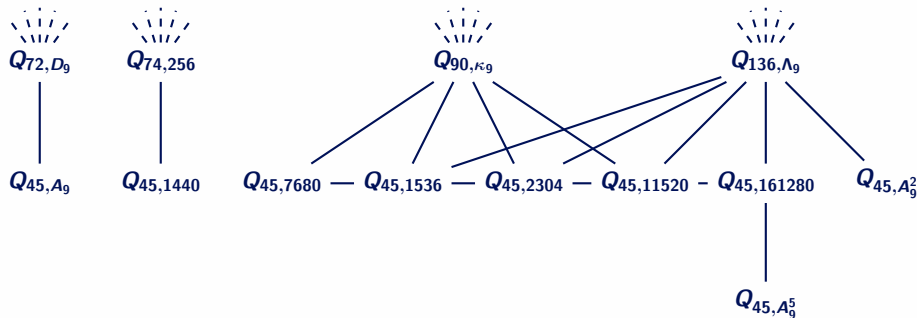


Figure: Part of Voronoi graph showing all perfect forms that are only connected via high-incidence perfect forms.

- All other forms are connected via forms with $|\text{Min } Q| \leq 2 \cdot 58$.

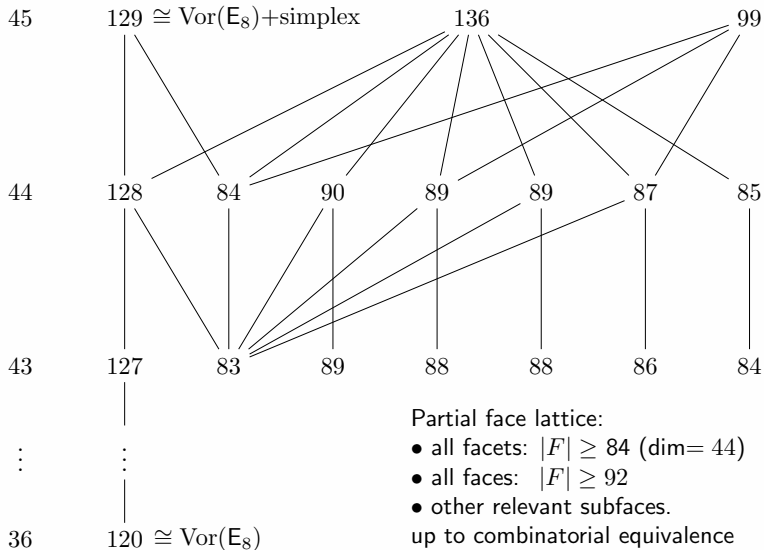
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Canonical functions - Examples

Graph Isomorphism: $X = \{\text{n-vertex graphs } \mathcal{G} = (V, E)\}, G = \text{Sym}(n).$

Well researched area. Babai: canonical function in quasi-polynomial time.

Important: Many practically efficient canonical functions and libraries.

PQF equivalence: $X = S_{>0}^d(\mathbb{Q}), G = \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{Z}), Q \circ U := U^t Q U$

Difficulty: infinite size orbits. **Idea:** G also acts on finite set $\text{Min}(Q)$

“A canonical form for positive definite matrices” [DSHVvW20]. \rightarrow GI

Polyhedral Cone: $X = \{\{v_1, \dots, v_m\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n\}, G = \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{R})$

“Computing symmetry groups of polyhedra” [BDSPRS14] \rightarrow GI

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Permutation group acting on sets: “Minimal and Canonical images” [JJPW19]

Face equivalence

- Each face can be described by the set of rays $F \subset [m]$ contained in it.
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- Define total ordering \preccurlyeq on $\mathcal{P}([m])$, then

$$\theta_m(F) = \min_{\preccurlyeq}(\text{Orb}(G, F))$$

is canonical. Use stabilizer chain to calculate $\theta_m(F)$ without full enumeration.

- (*Minimal and Canonical images*, JJPW, 2017): dynamical ordering tailored for each orbit. Constructed in a canonical way during the algorithm.
- Up to multiple orders of magnitude faster. (**1 min. vs 2 ms** in GAP)
- **Mathieu** ported the GAP routines and the package to C++: **even faster**.