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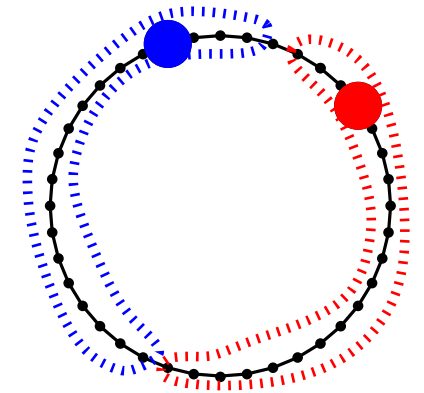
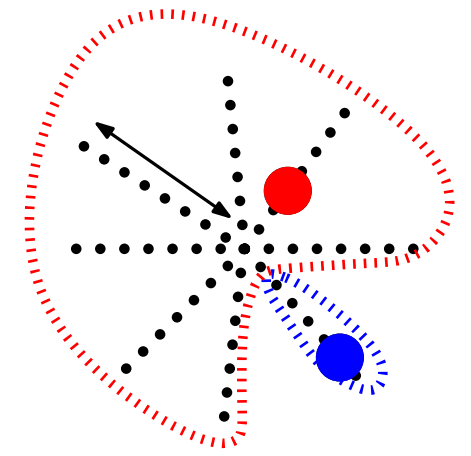
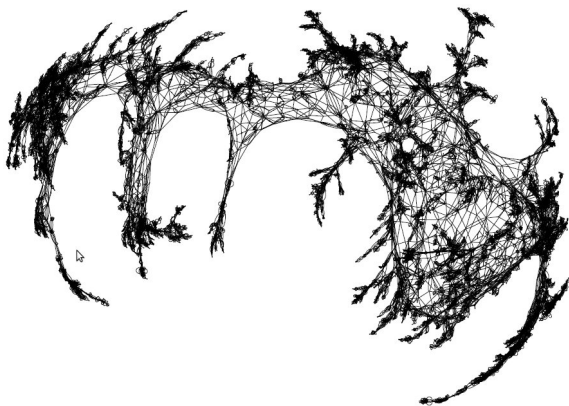
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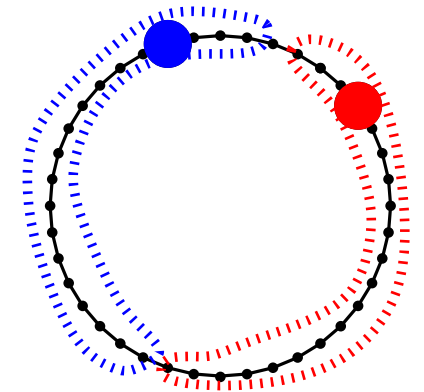
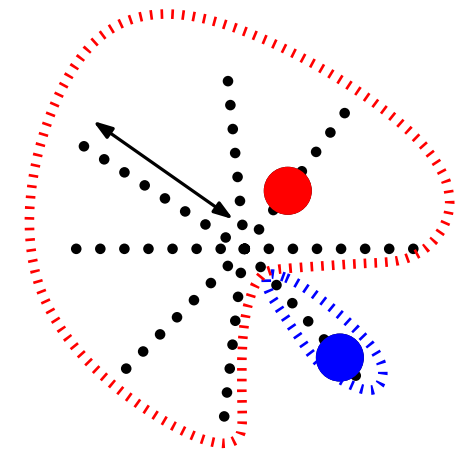
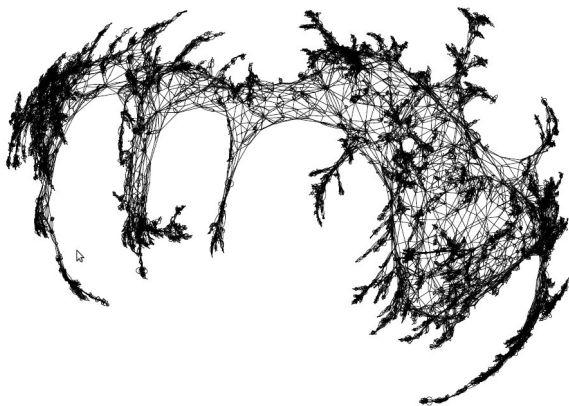
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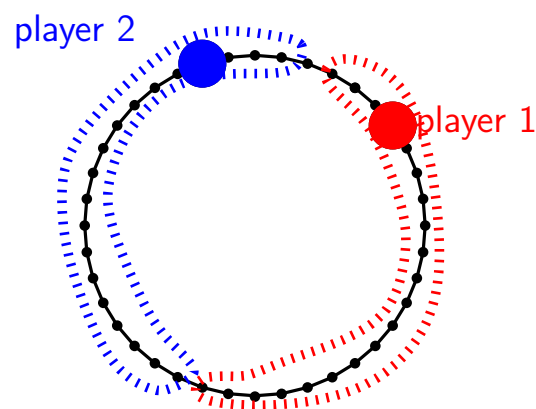
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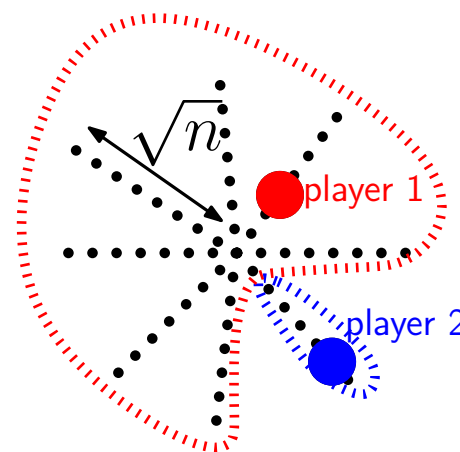
- Question: what is the limit law of the “Voronoi vector”  $(\frac{|V_1|}{n}, \frac{|V_2|}{n}, \dots, \frac{|V_k|}{n})$  ?

Examples with  $k = 2$



Cycle: deterministic  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$

$$\delta_{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}$$



“ $\sqrt{n} \times \sqrt{n}$ -star“: winner takes (almost) all

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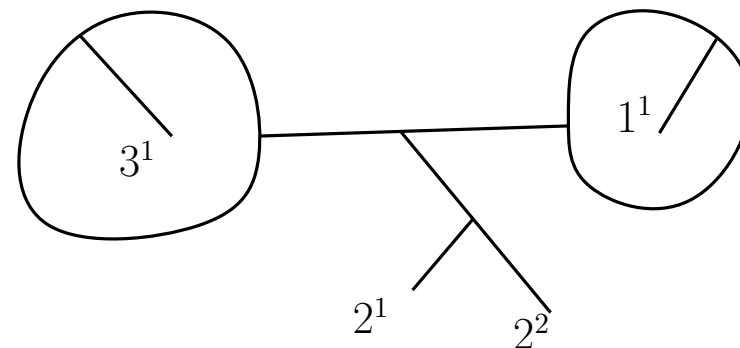
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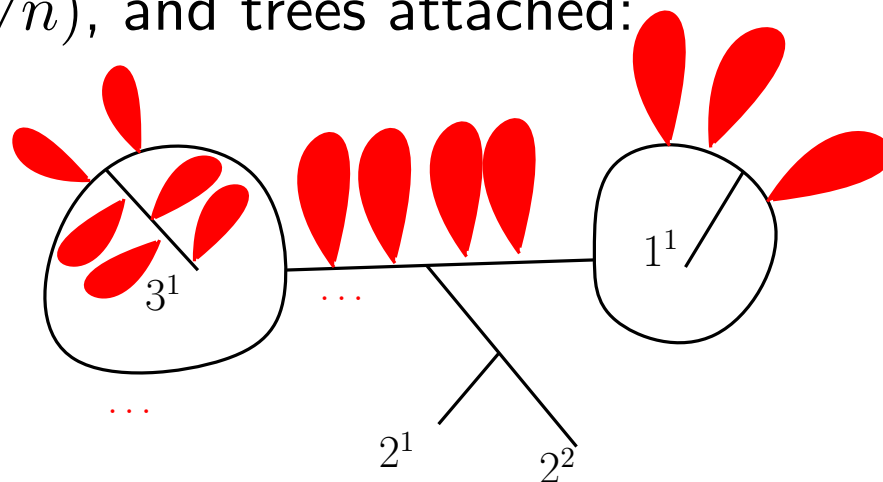
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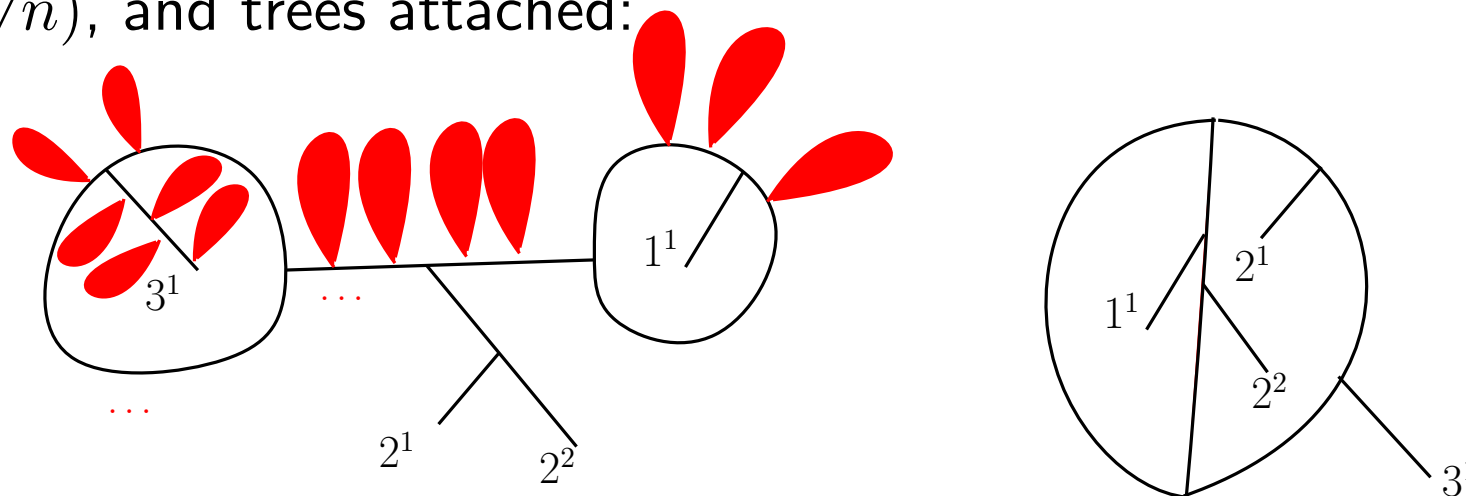
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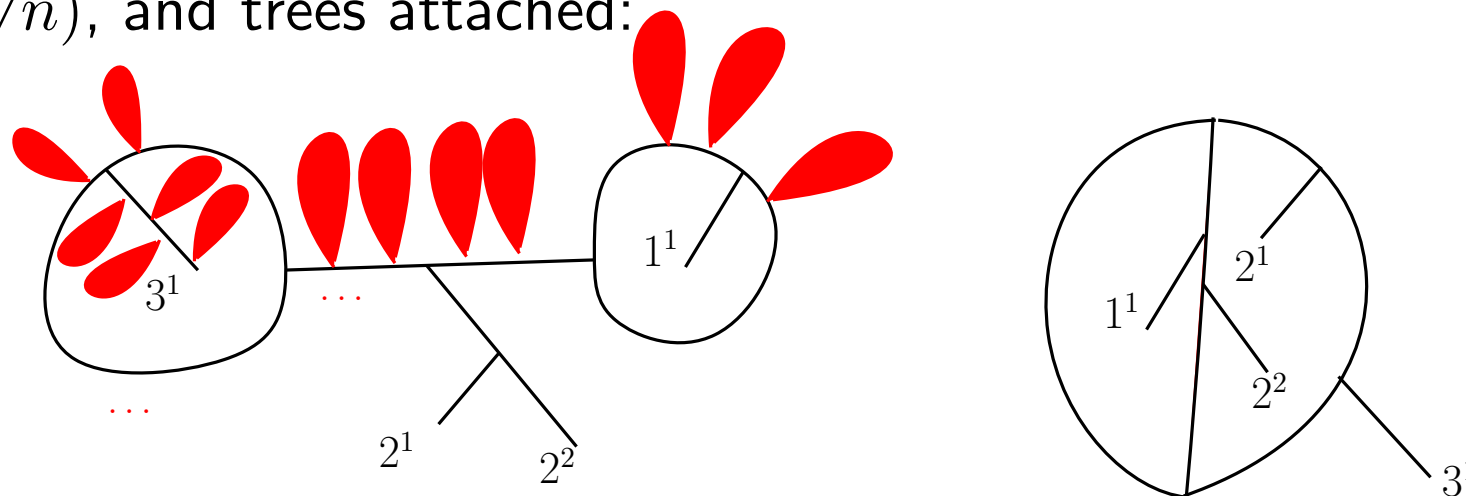
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Note:  $(0; 1; k)$  = uniform plane tree with  $k$  marked points!

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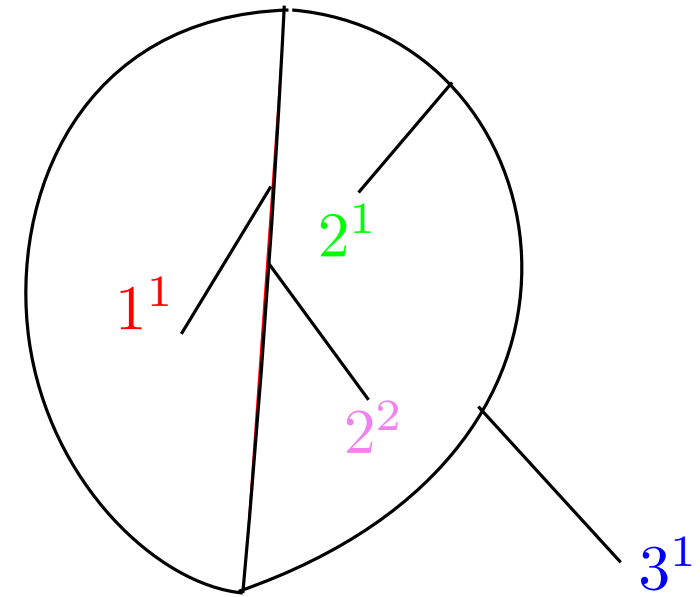
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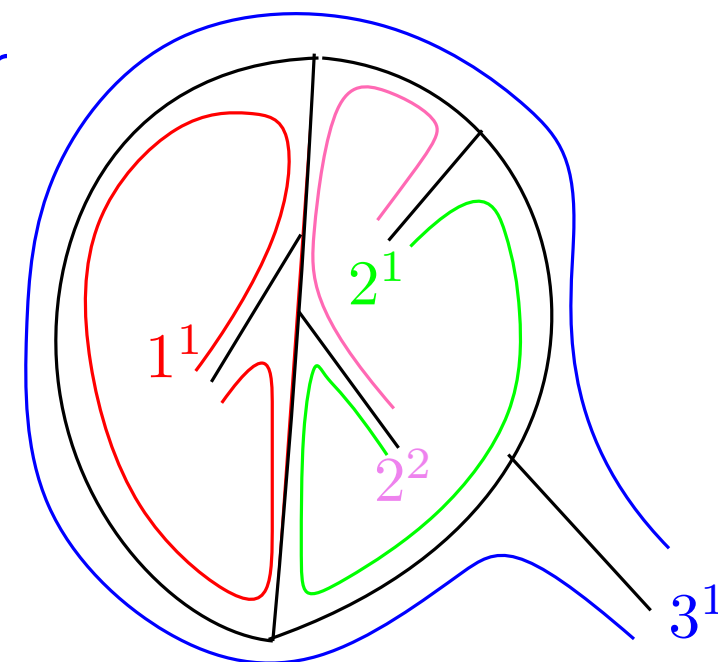
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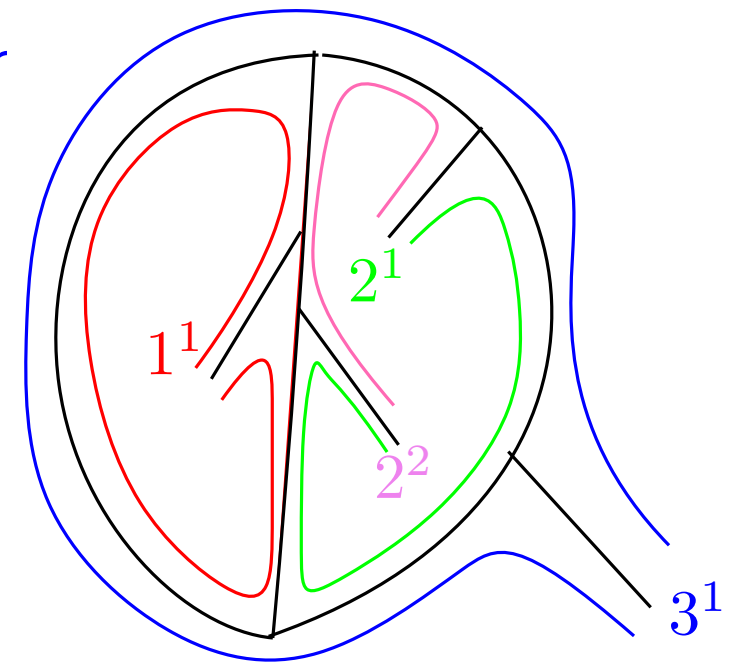
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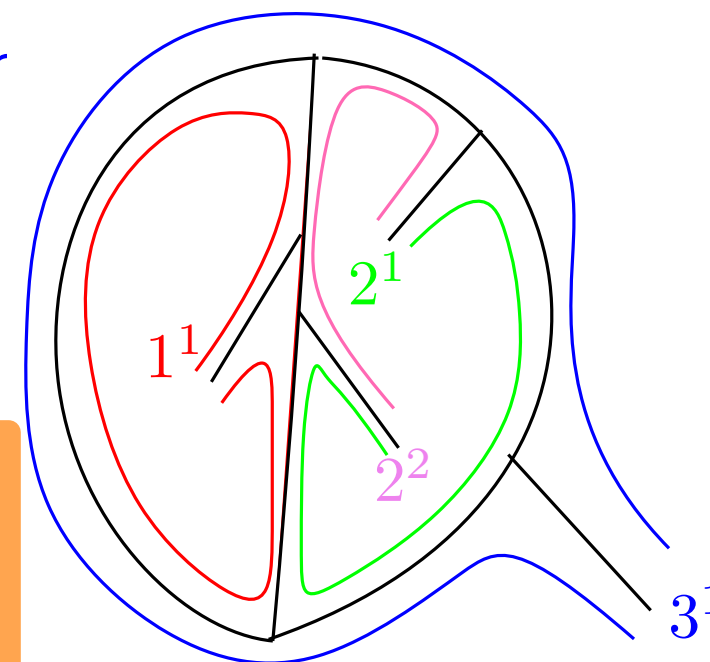
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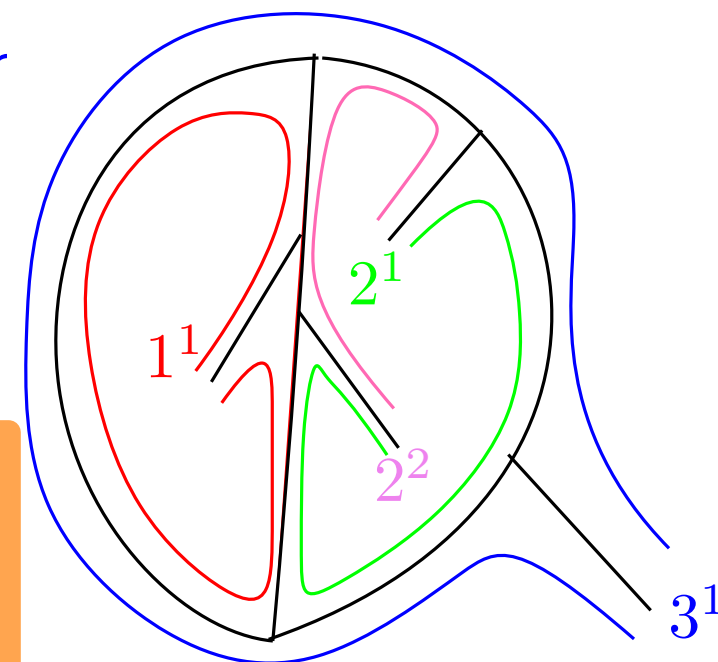
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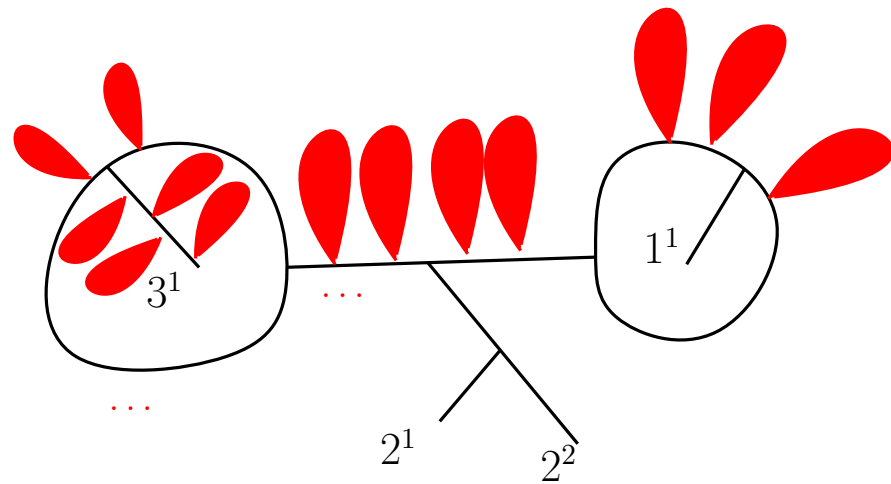
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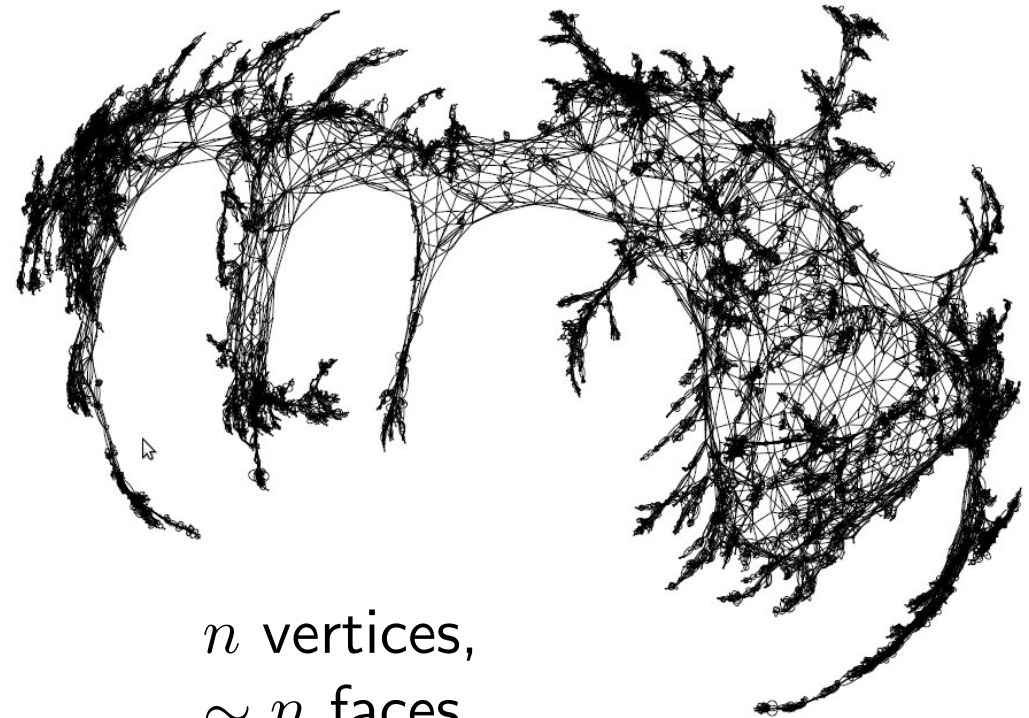
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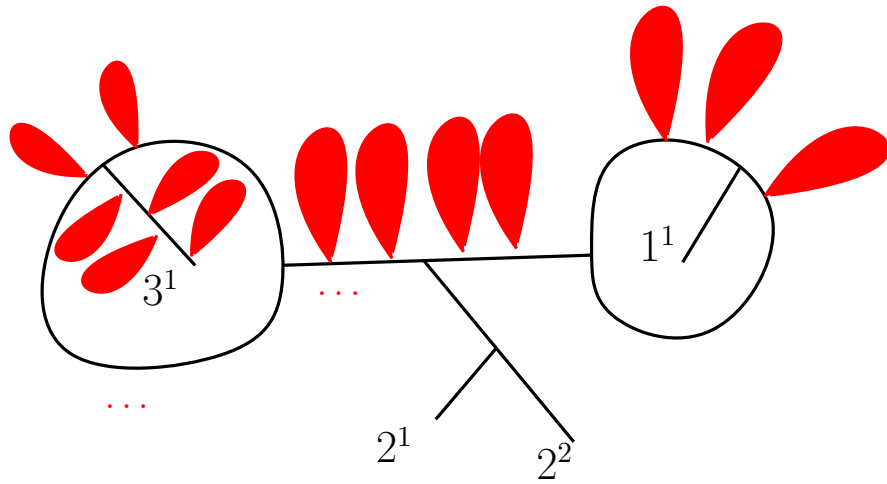
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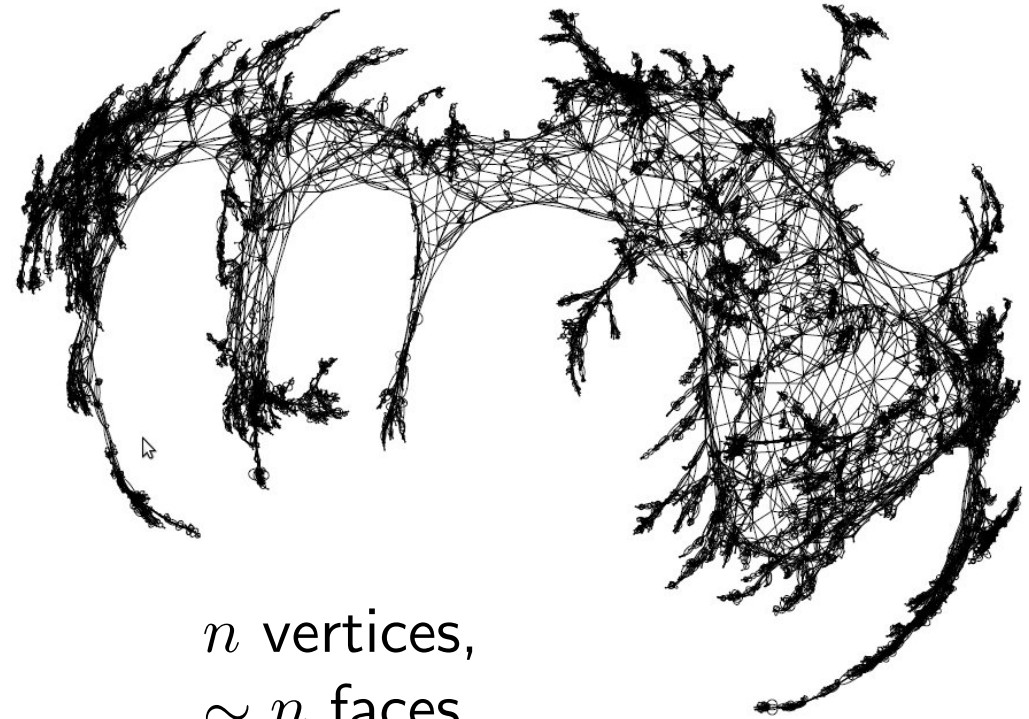
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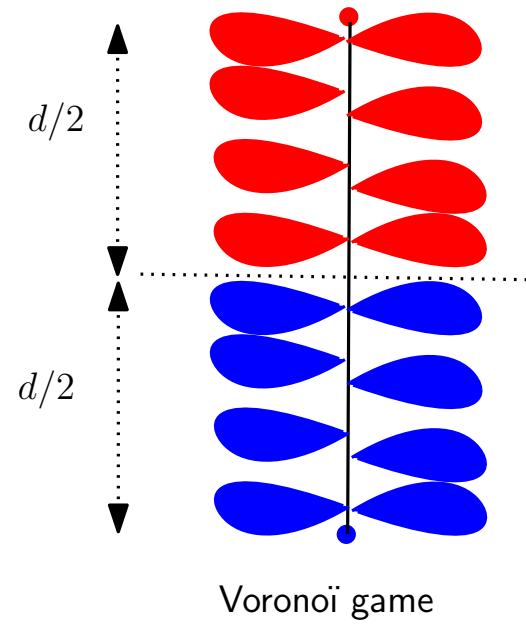
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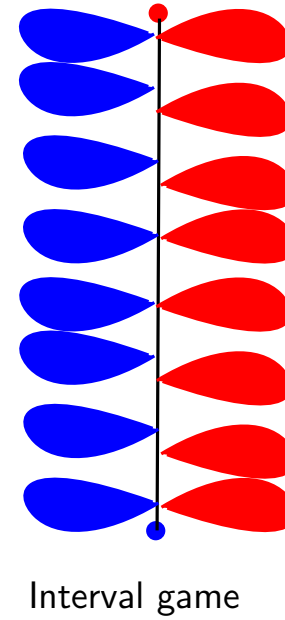
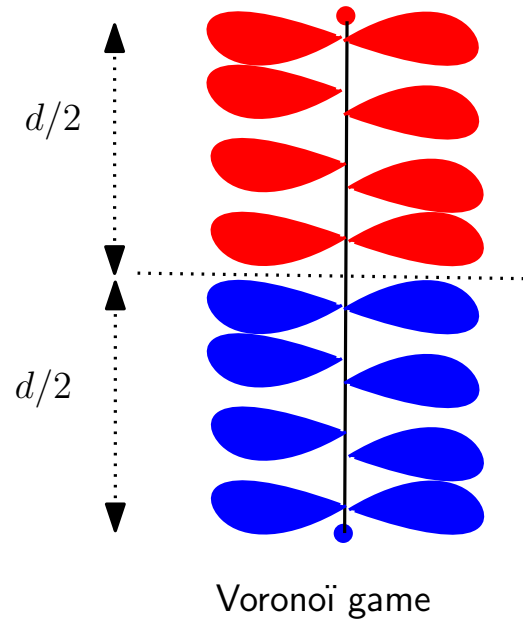
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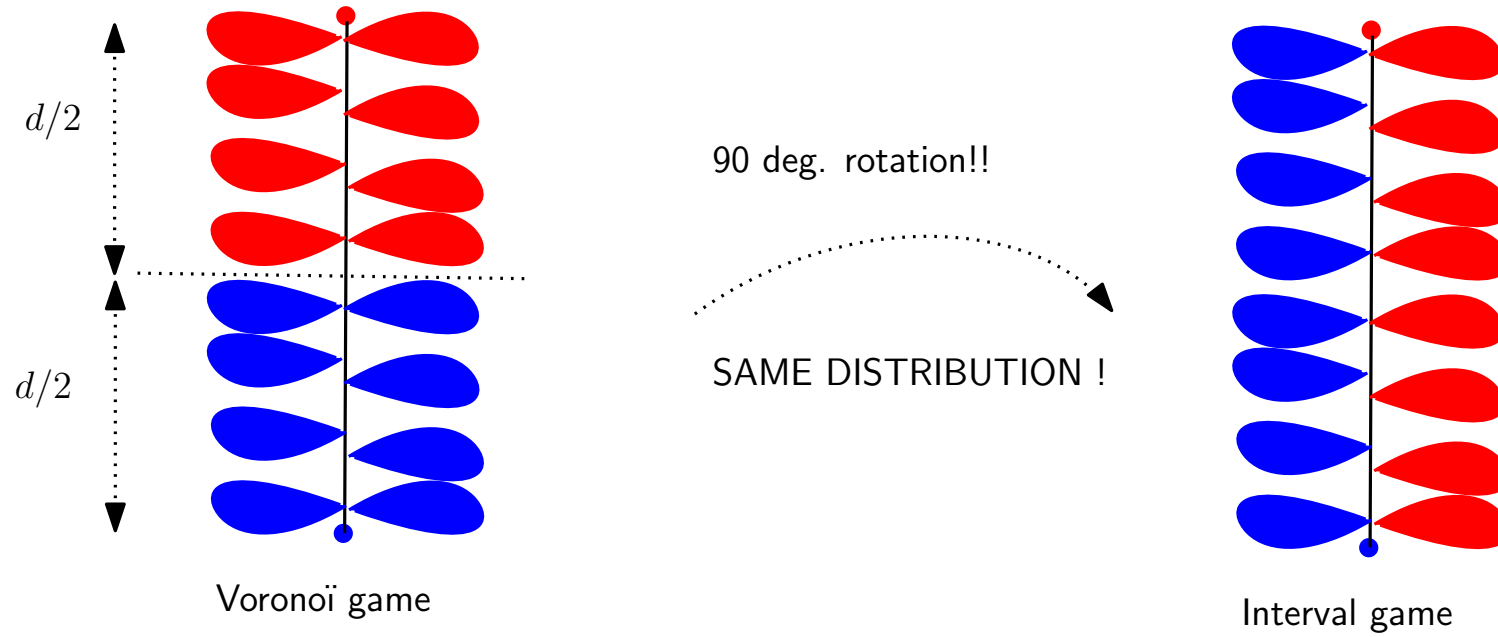
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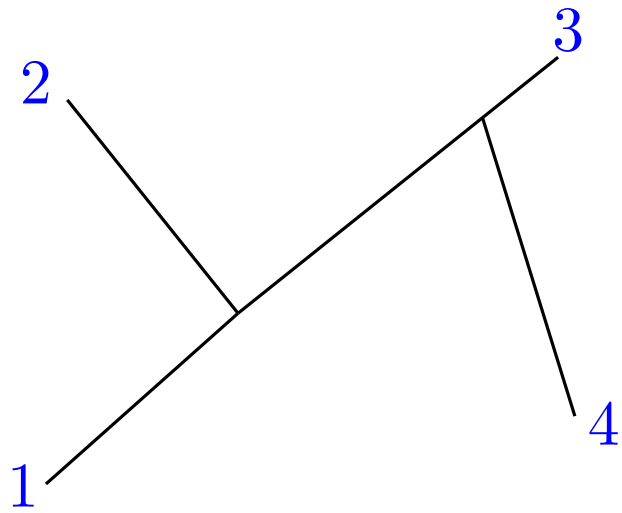
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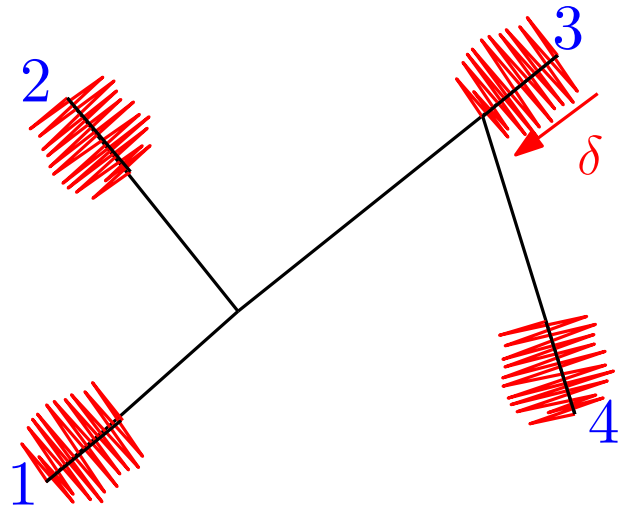
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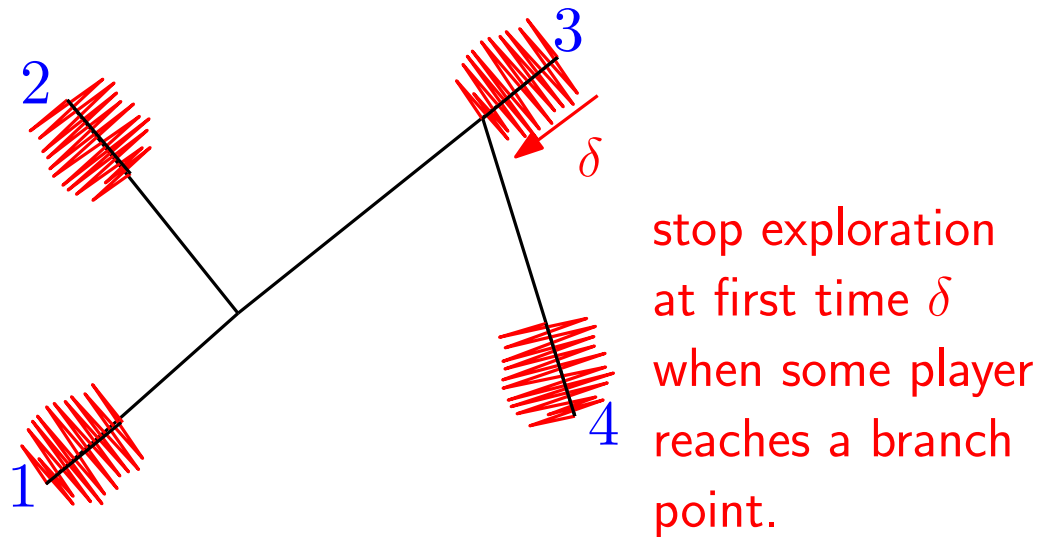
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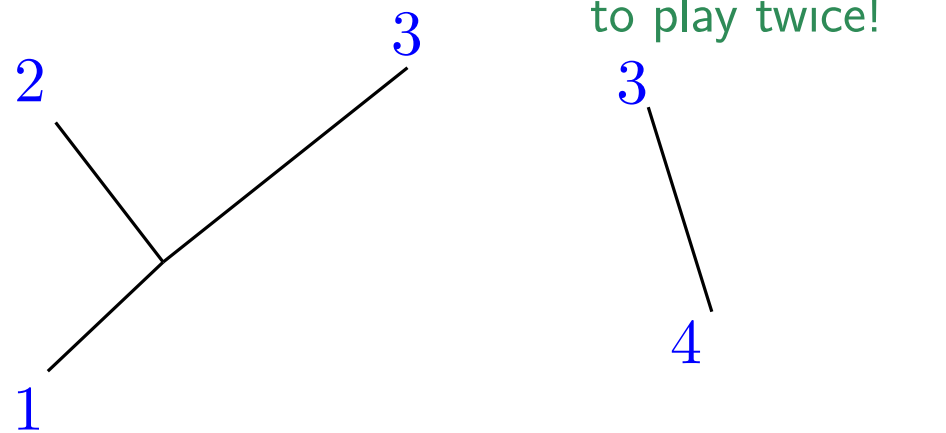
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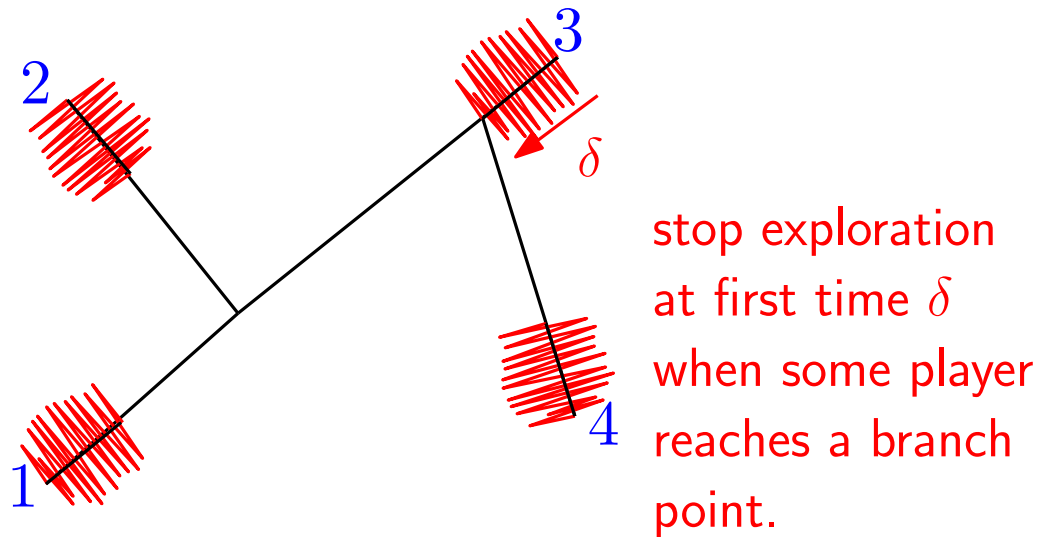


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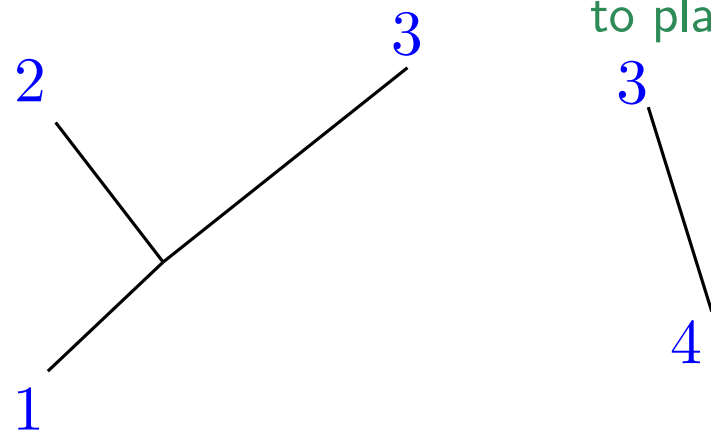
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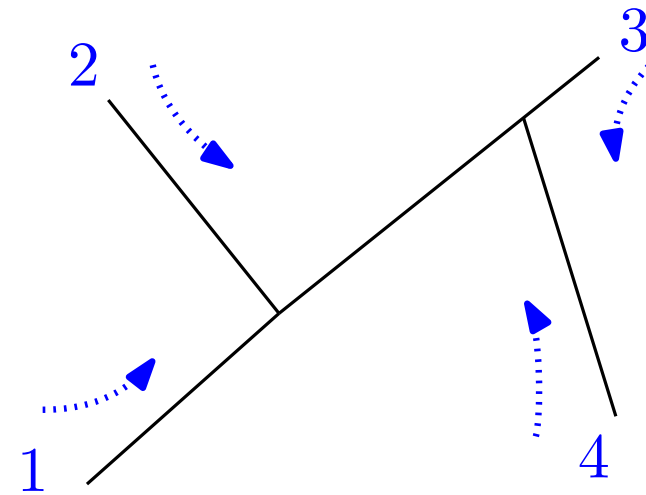
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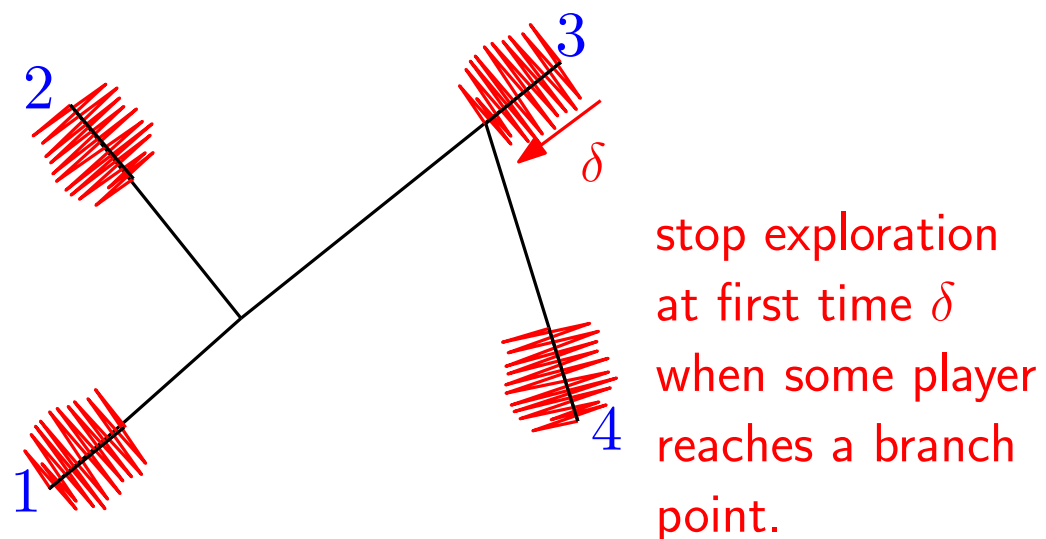
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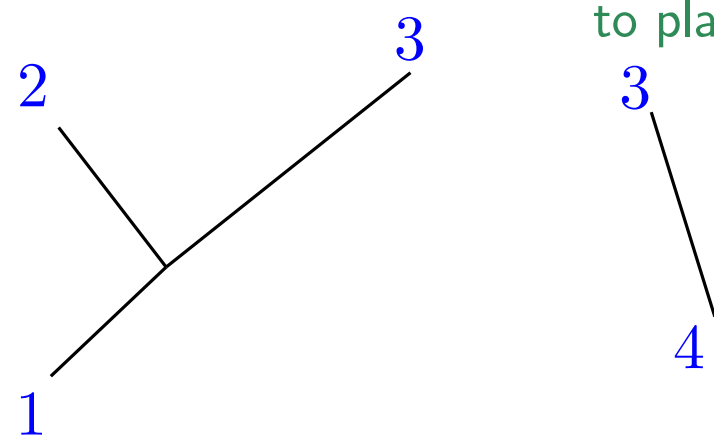
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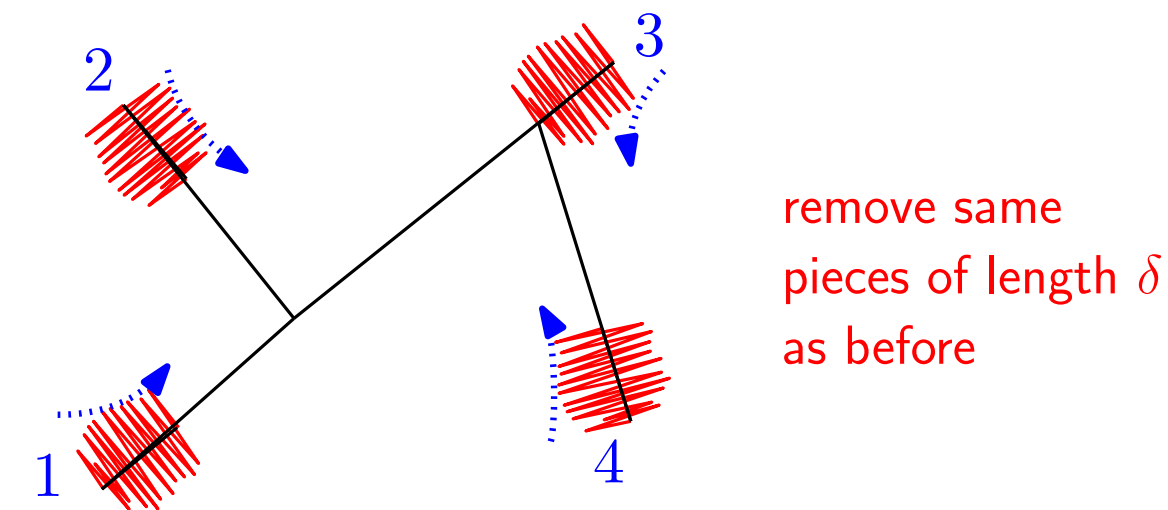
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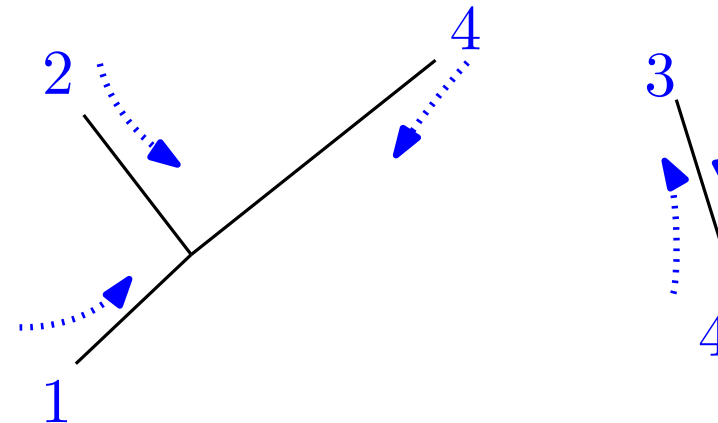
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## Interval Game



problem AGAIN splits in two subproblems, and AGAIN one player plays twice! (here 4)



→ proof complete, by induction!

## Conclusion

We only have a “proof from the book” that doesn’t explain anything...  
But the similarity with the main conjecture is puzzling.

*WHY would a model of random graphs or random geometry would have uniform Voronoi tessellations?*

THANK YOU