

Deterministic reaction networks, part II

Parameter region of multistationarity

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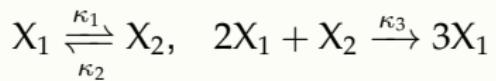
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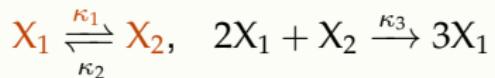
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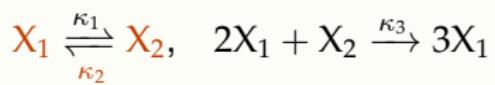
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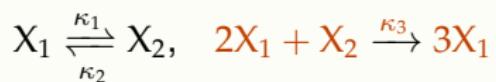
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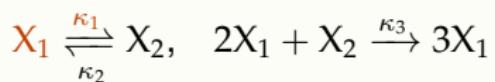
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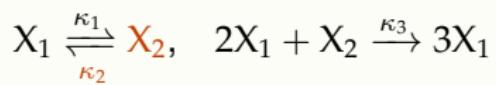
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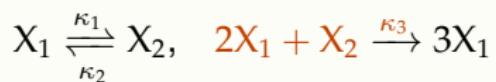
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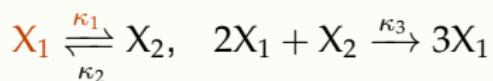
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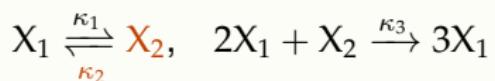
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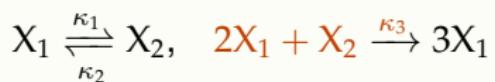
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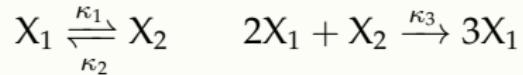
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$$\mathcal{P}_c = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n \mid Wx = c\},$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $W \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ is a fullrank matrix such that $WN = 0$.

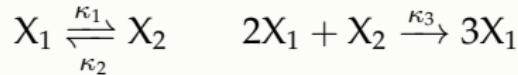
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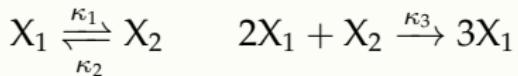
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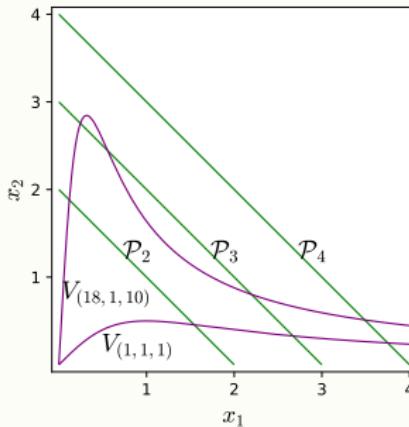
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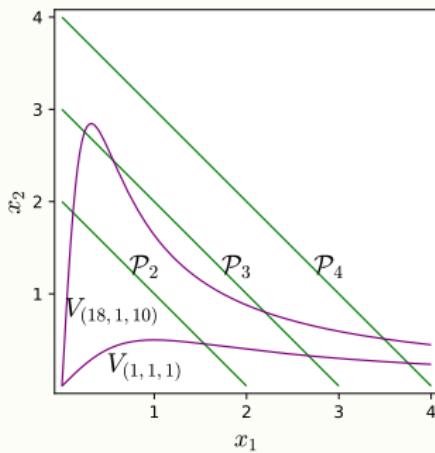


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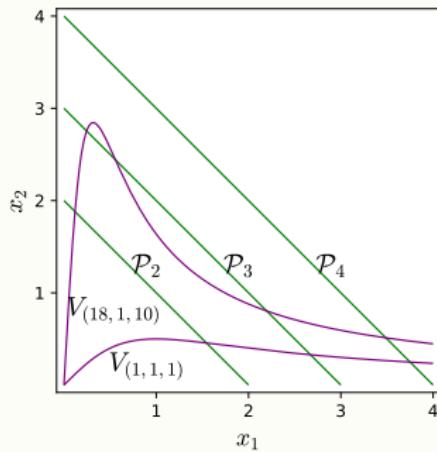


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We call the set of all parameter pairs that enable multistationarity the **parameter region of multistationarity**.

$$\Omega := \{(\kappa, c) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^r \times \mathbb{R}^d \mid \#(V_\kappa \cap \mathcal{P}_c \cap \mathbb{R}_{>0}^n) \geq 2\}$$



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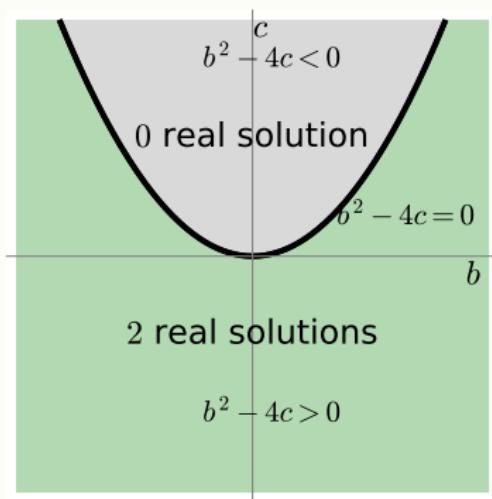
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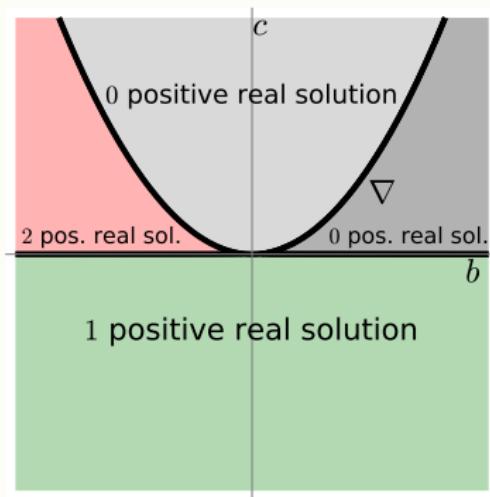
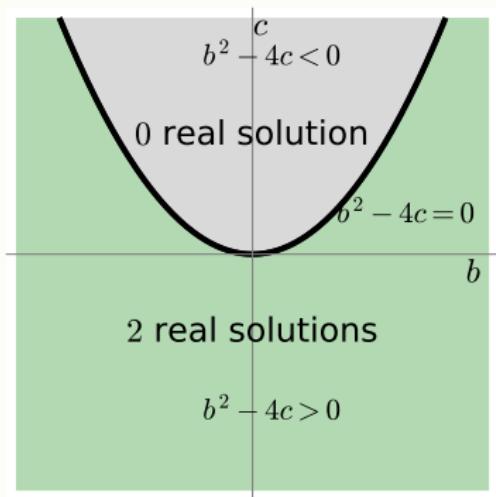
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There is only one cell with at least two positive solutions. This cell is given by the inequalities

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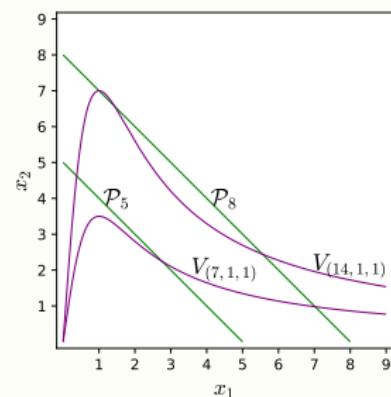
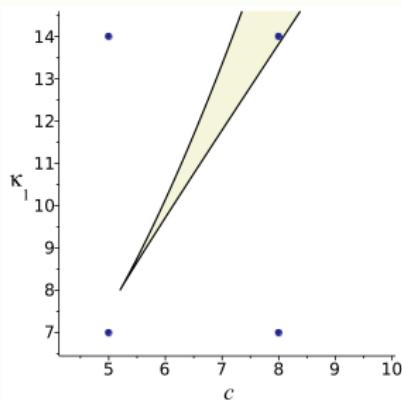
where ξ_3, ξ_4 denote the 3rd and 4th root of the polynomial

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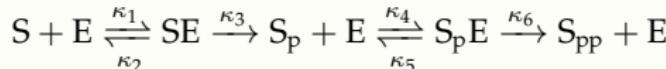
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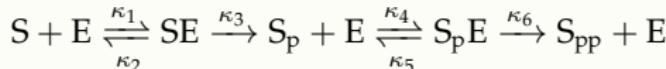
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$$\dot{x}_2 = \kappa_3 x_6 + \kappa_5 x_7 + \kappa_{10} x_9 + \kappa_{13} x_{10} - x_2 x_5 (\kappa_{11} + \kappa_{12}) - \kappa_4 x_2 x_4$$

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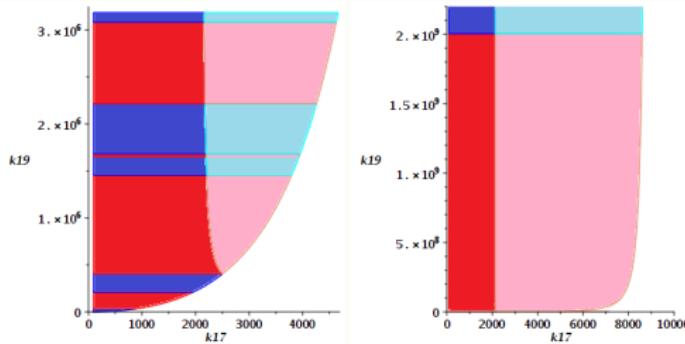
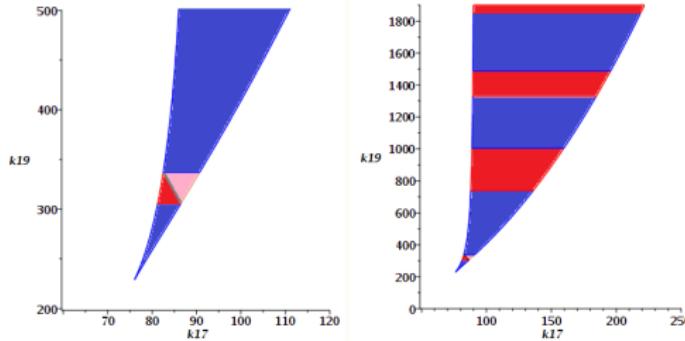
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[Markevich, Hoek, Kholodenko, '04]

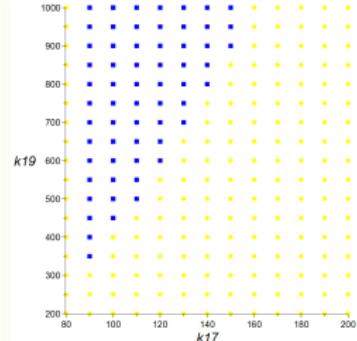
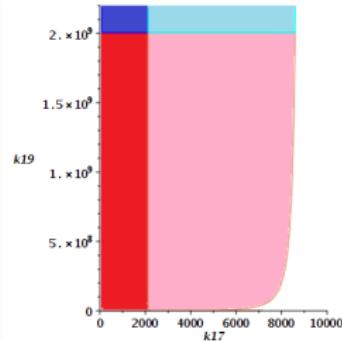
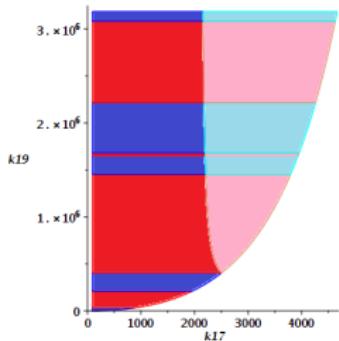
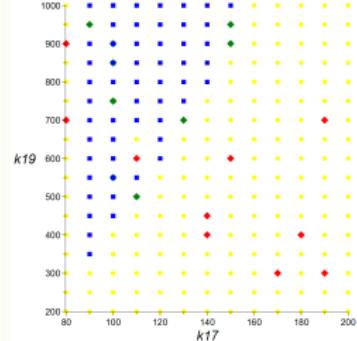
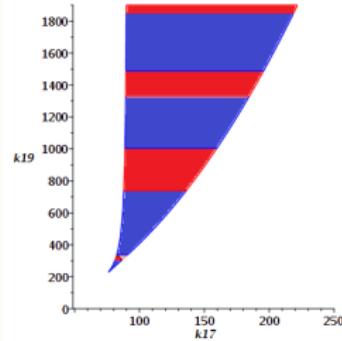
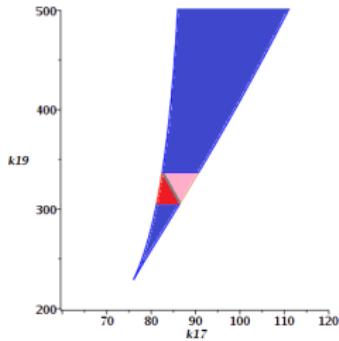
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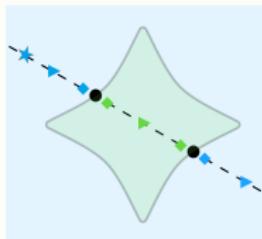
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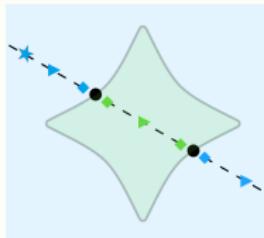
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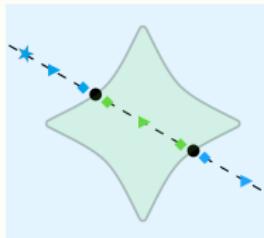
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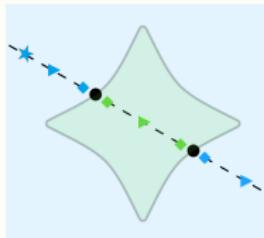
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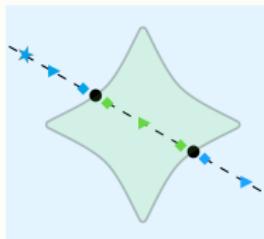
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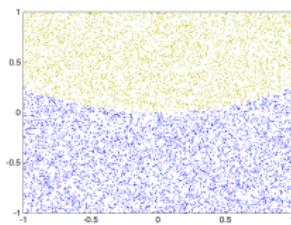
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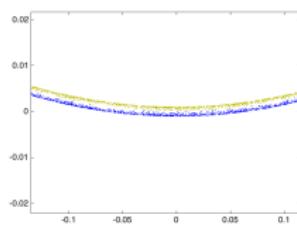
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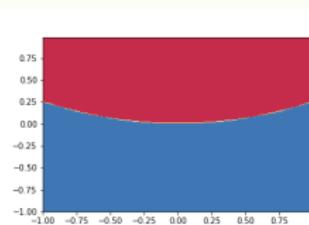
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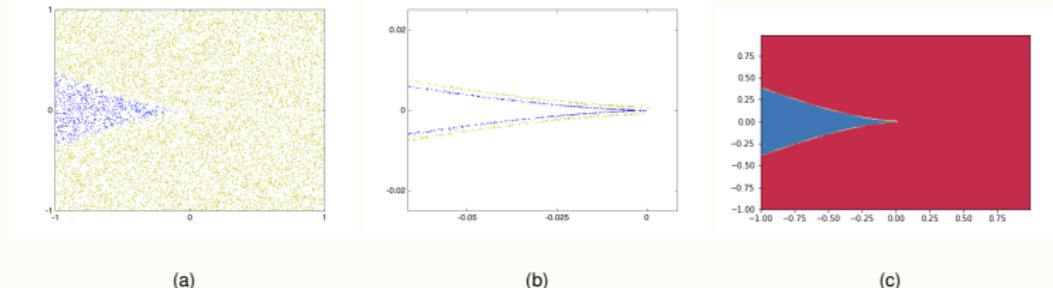


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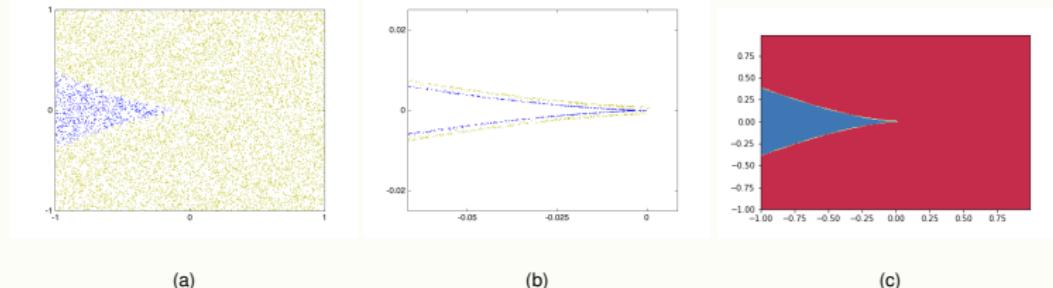
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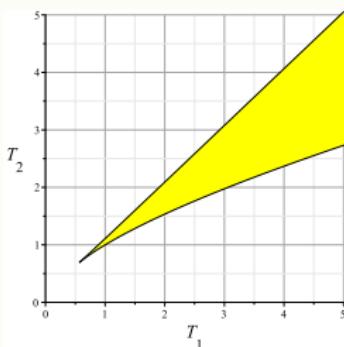
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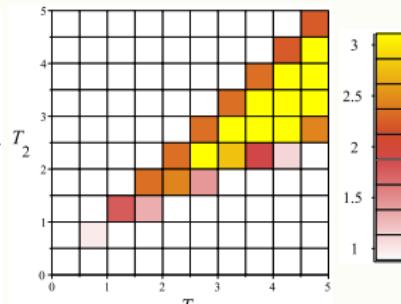
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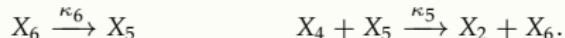
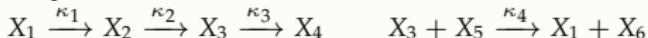


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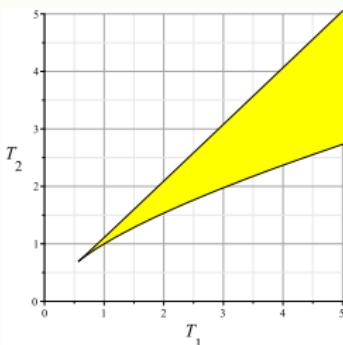
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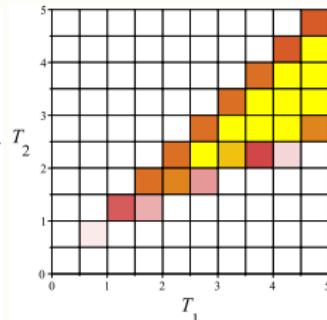
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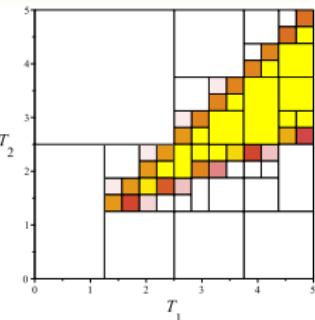
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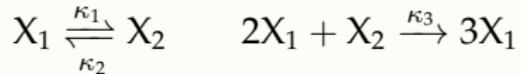
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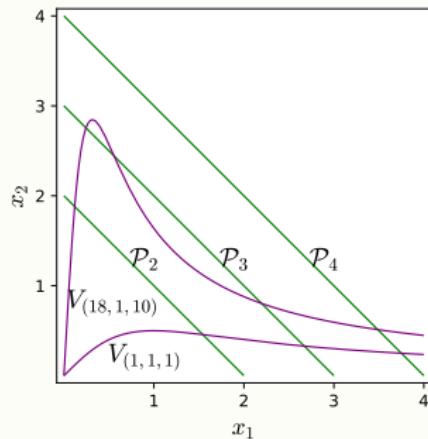
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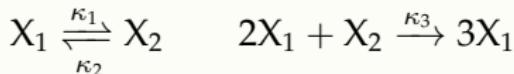
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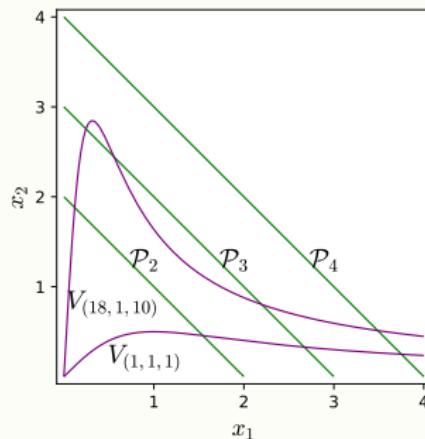


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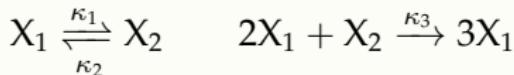


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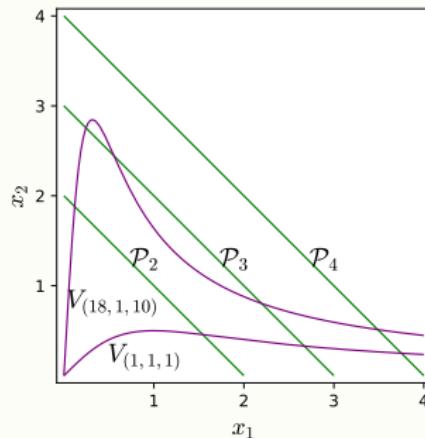
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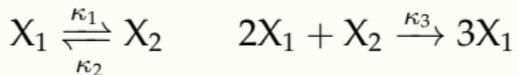
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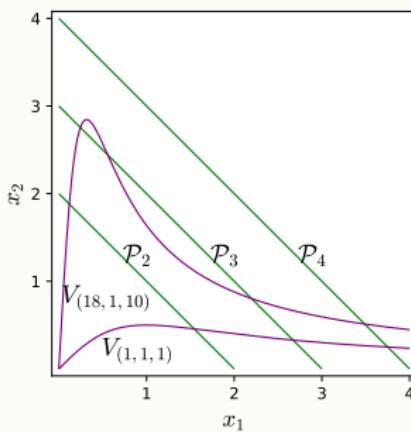


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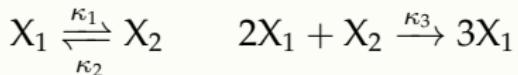


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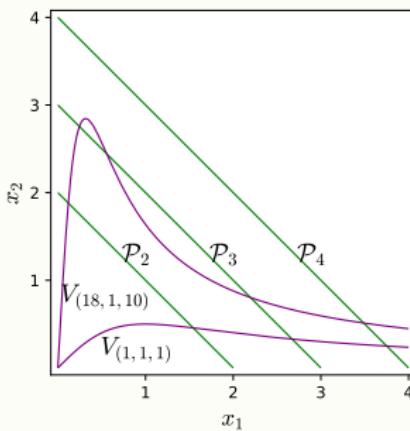


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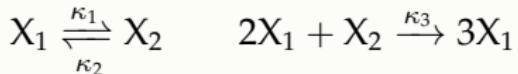


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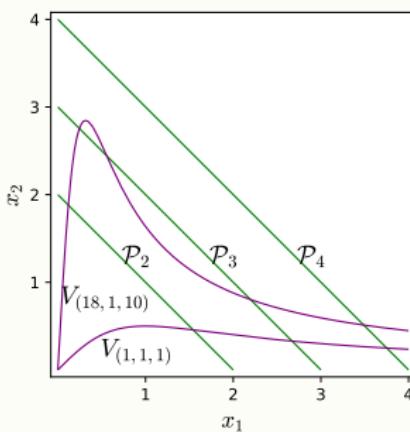
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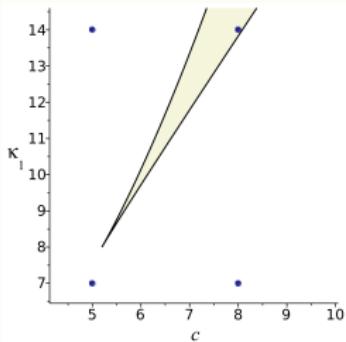
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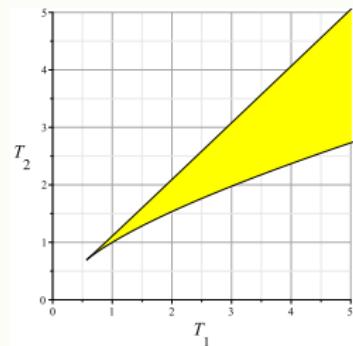
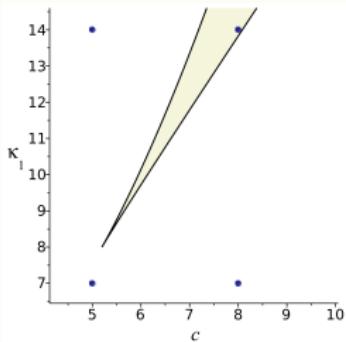
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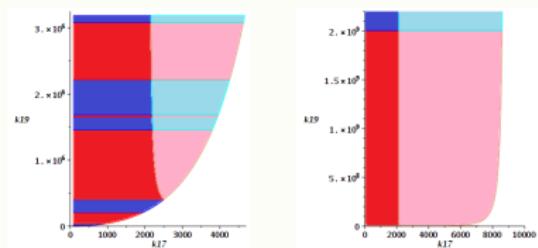
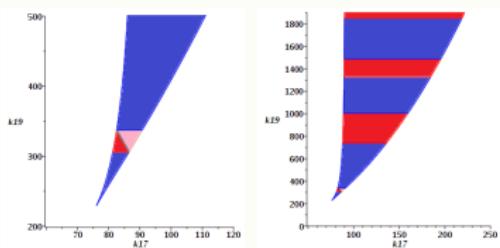
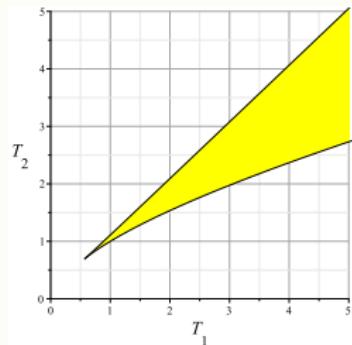
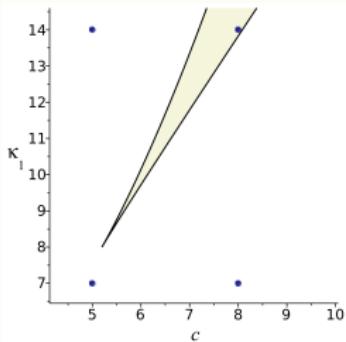
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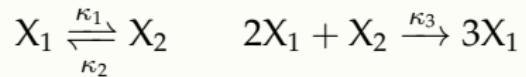
Theorem [Feliu, T., '23]

For a **dissipative** reaction network **without relevant boundary steady states**, there exists a polynomial

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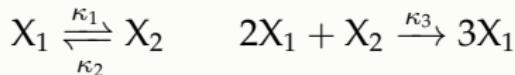
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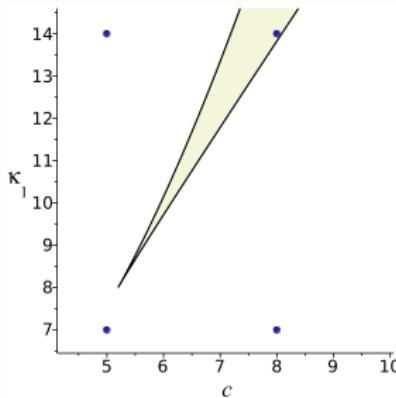
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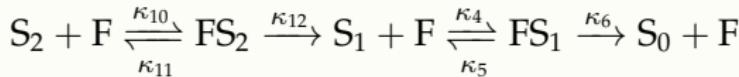
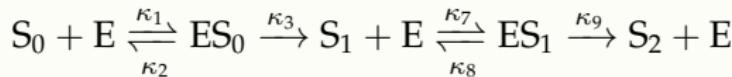
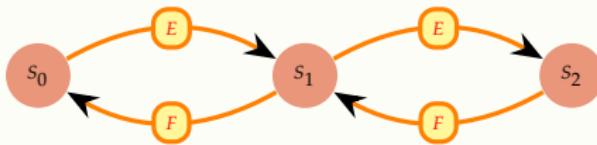
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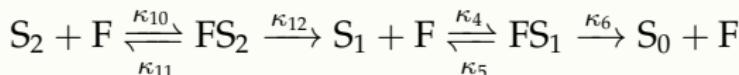
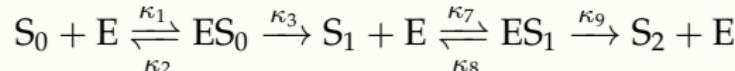
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Example: 2-site phosphorylation system



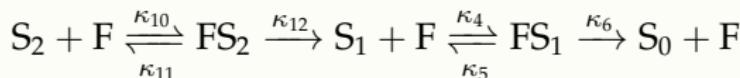
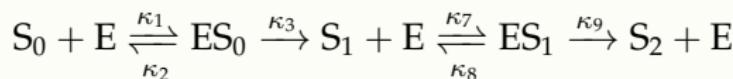
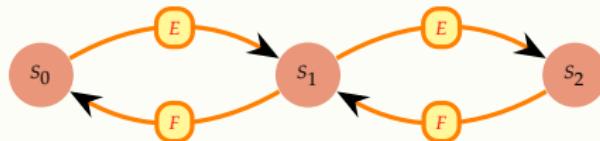
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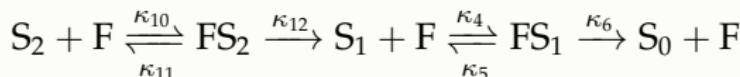
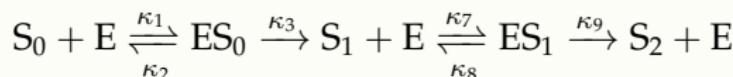
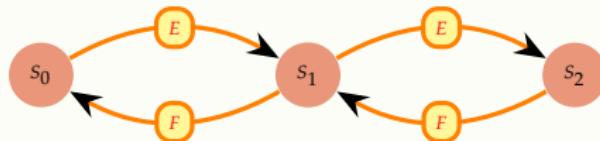
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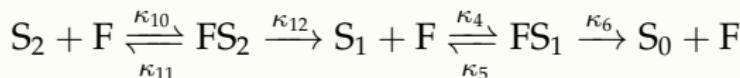
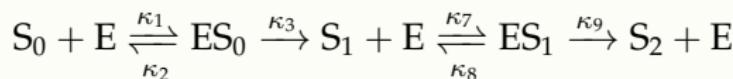
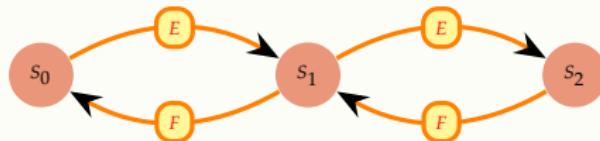
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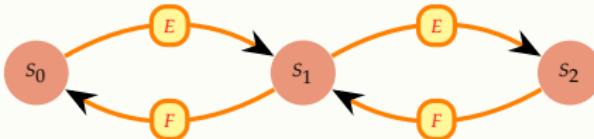
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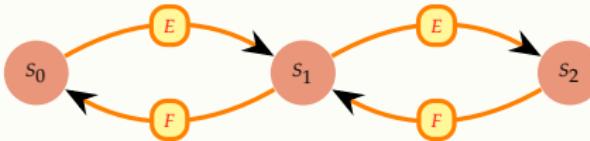
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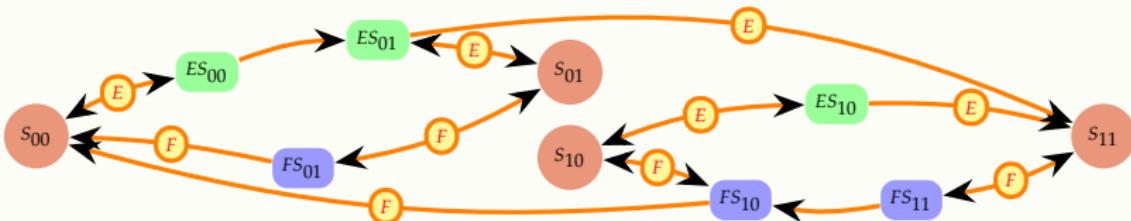
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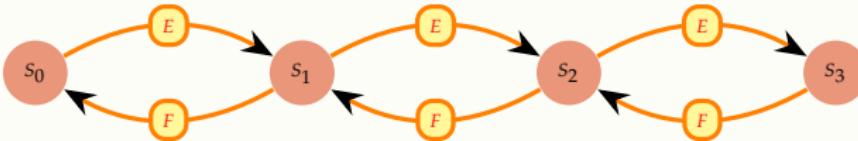


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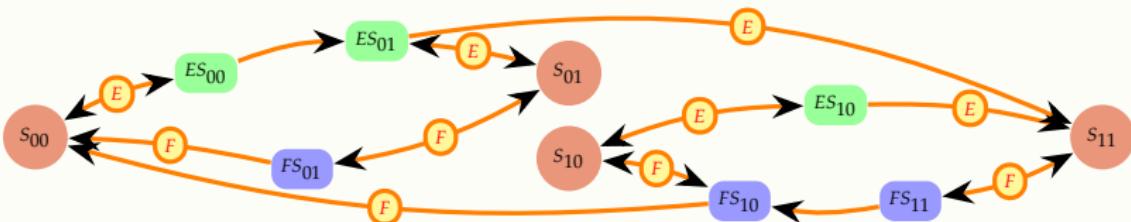


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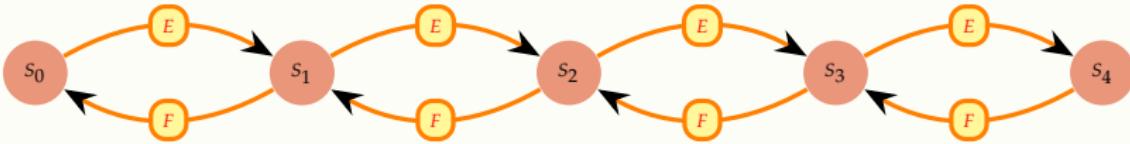


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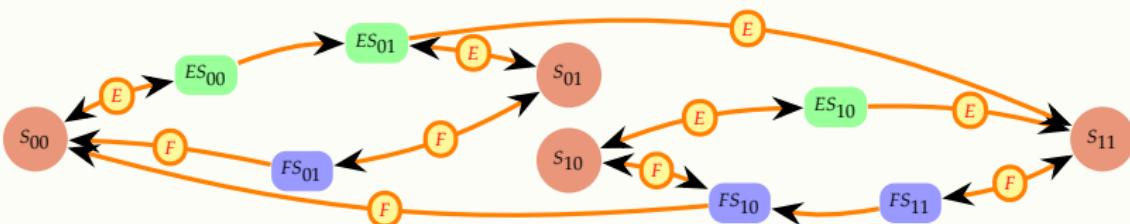


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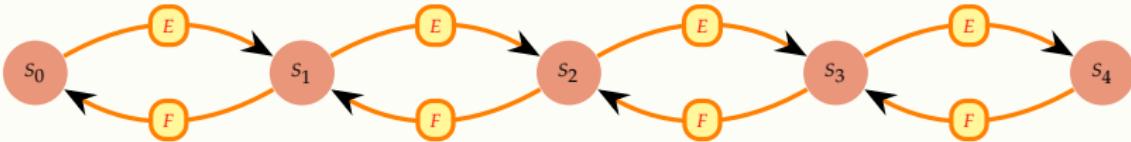


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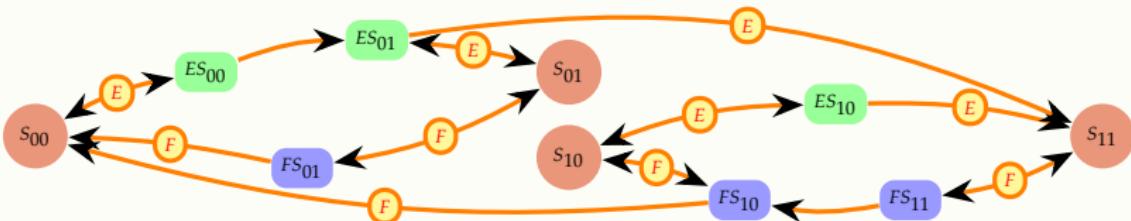


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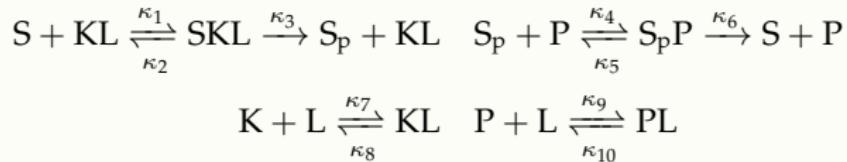
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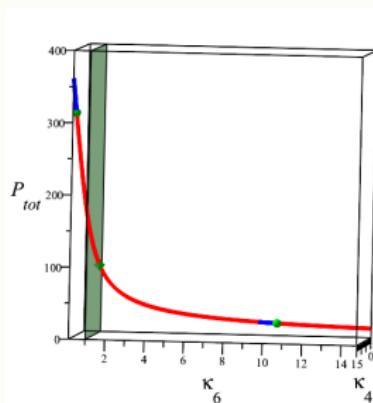
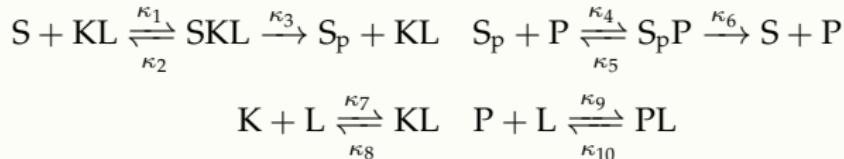
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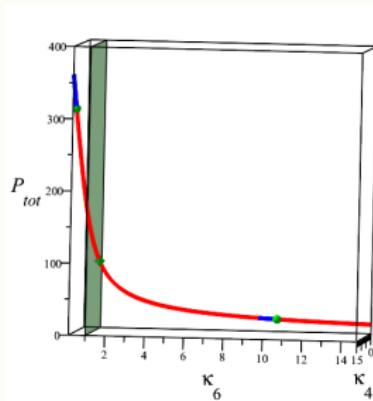
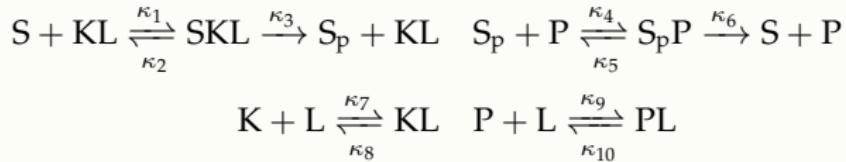
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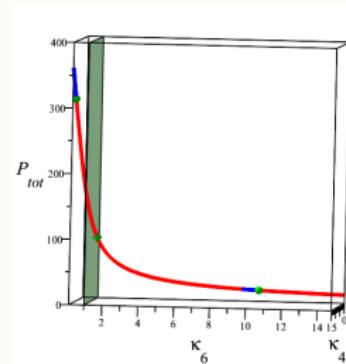
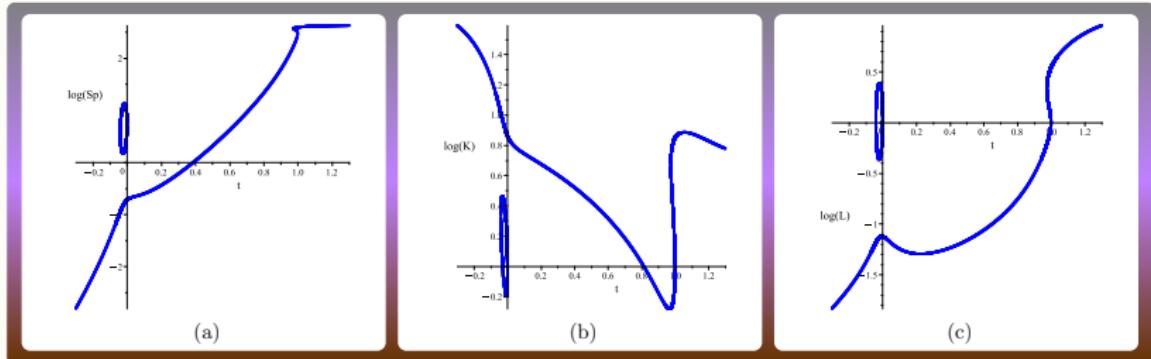
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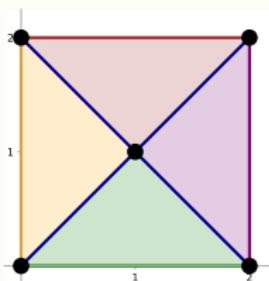
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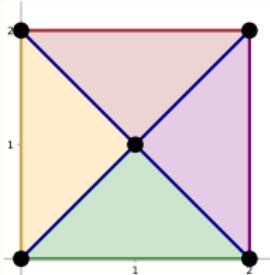
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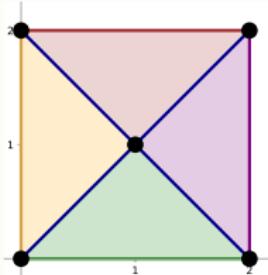
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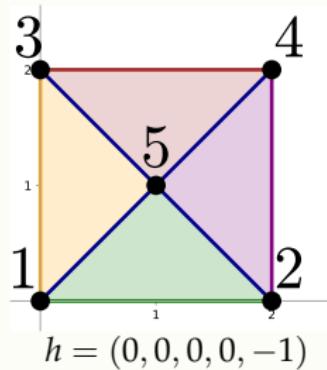
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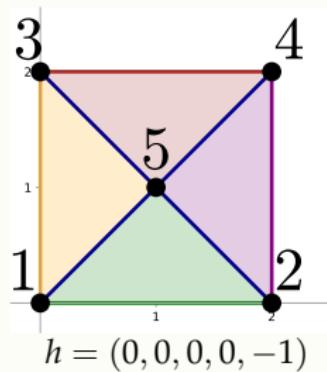
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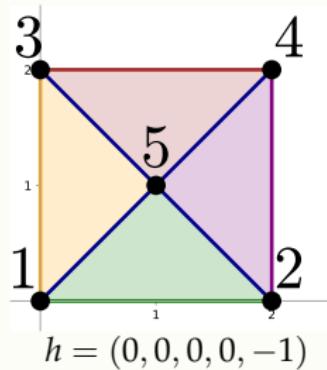
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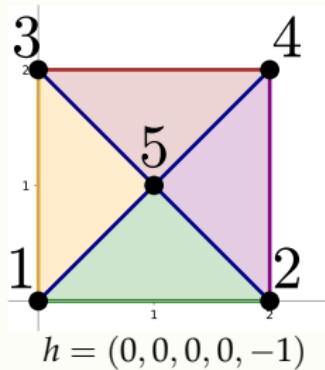
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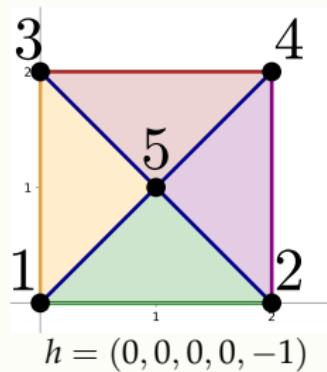


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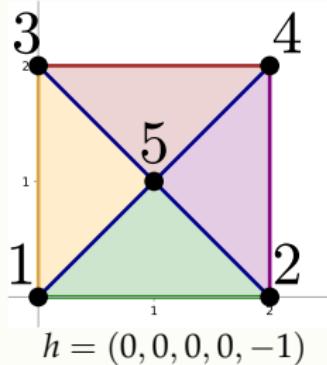
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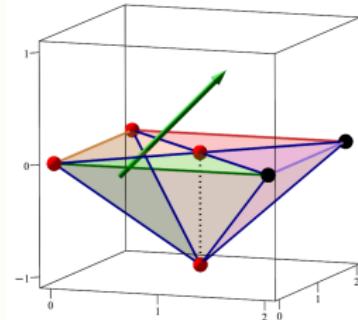
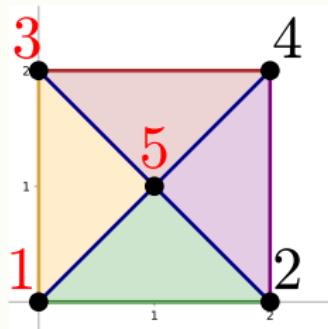
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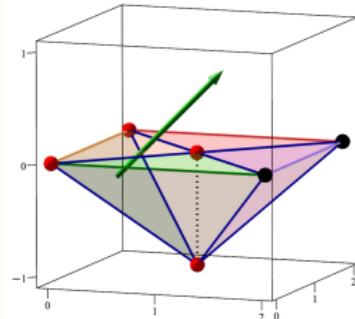
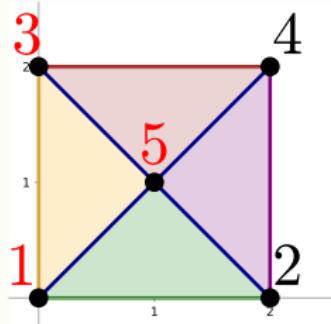
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