

# Discrete Convexity for Multiflows and 0-extensions

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**Targets:**

multicommodity flows, 0-extensions,  
discrete metrics, tight spans, Valued CSP,  
modular lattices, CAT(0) complexes,...

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## I. Motivation

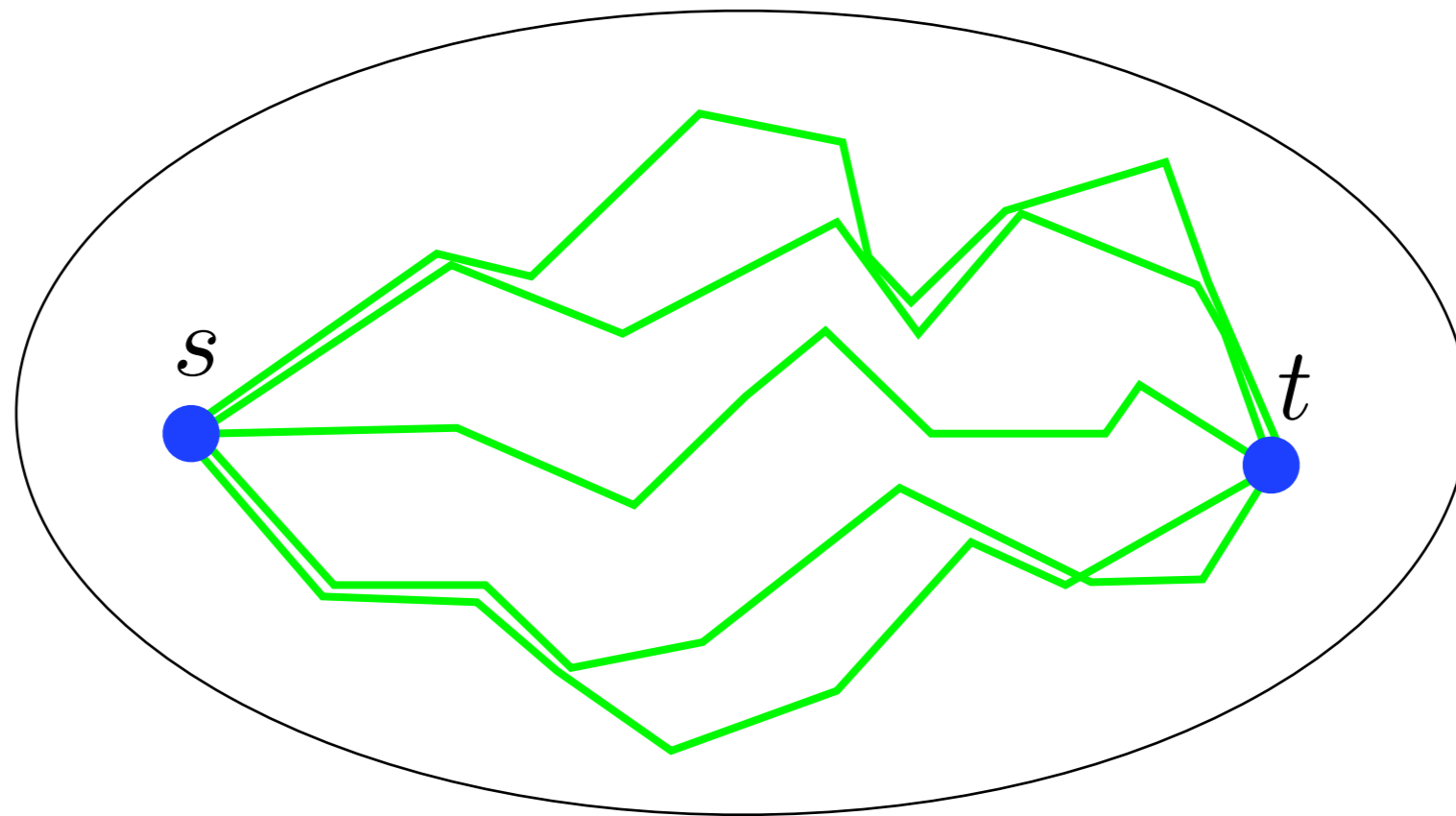
- multiflow combinatorial dualities
- minimum 0-extension problems

## II. Framework

- Submodular functions on modular semilattices
- L-convex functions on modular complexes

# Ford-Fulkerson 56

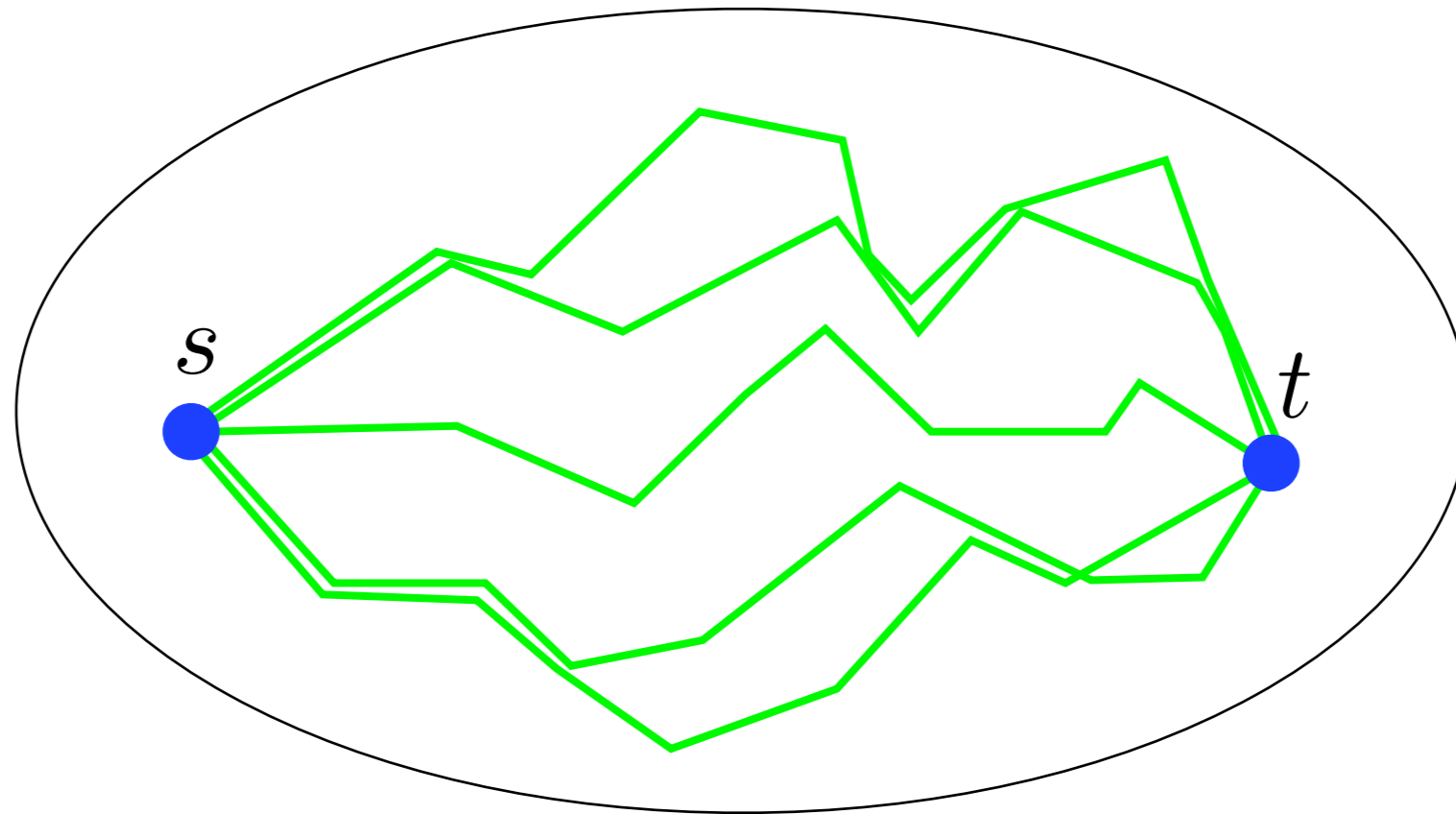
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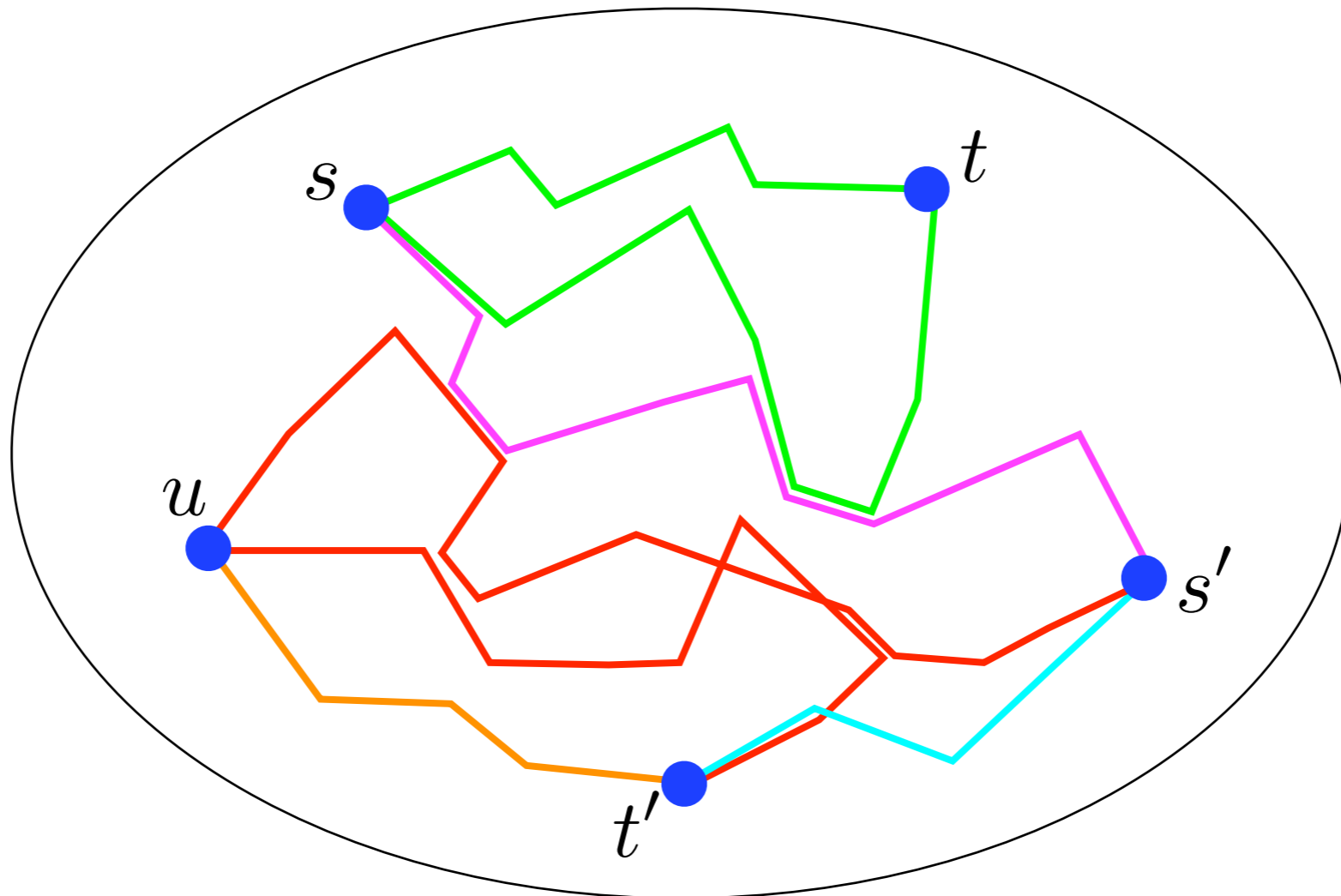


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Is there any analogue for multiflows ?

# (Weighted) Maximum Multiflow Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max.} \quad & \sum \mu_{st} |f_{st}| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f = \{f_{st}\} \end{aligned}$$



$$(V, E, c, \{s, t, u, s', t', \dots\})$$

# Combinatorial Min-max Theorems for special $\mu$

- Hu 1963
- Lovasz, Cherkassky 1976
- Karzanov-Lomonosov 1978
- Karzanov 1989, 1998
- H. 2009 ~



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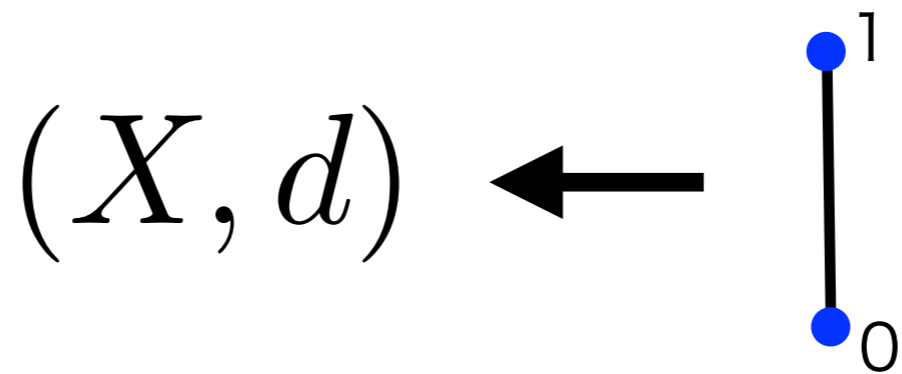
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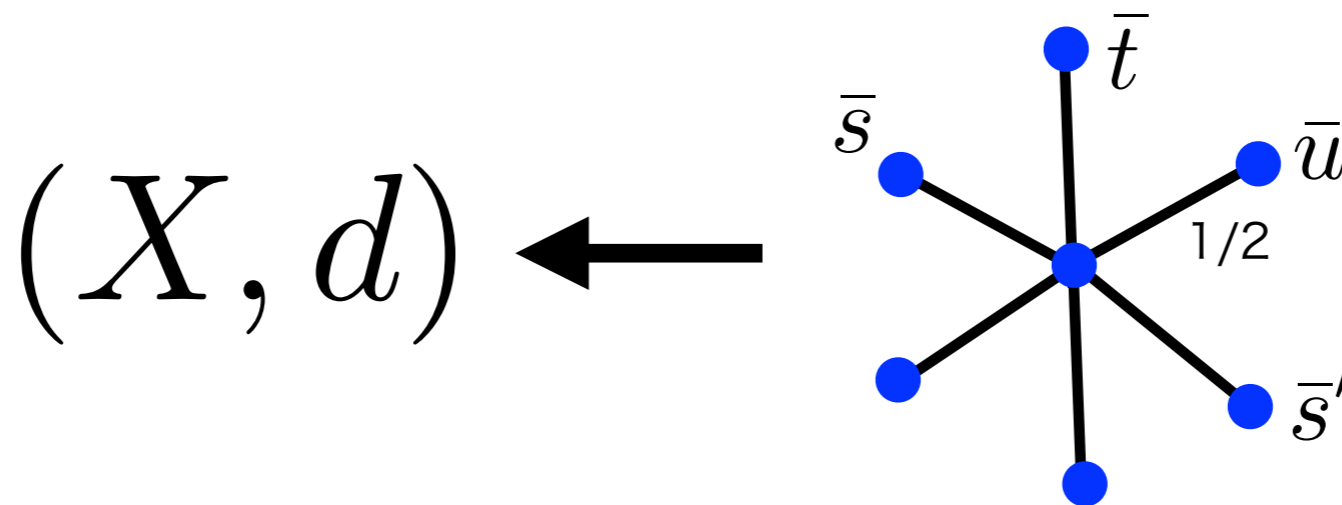
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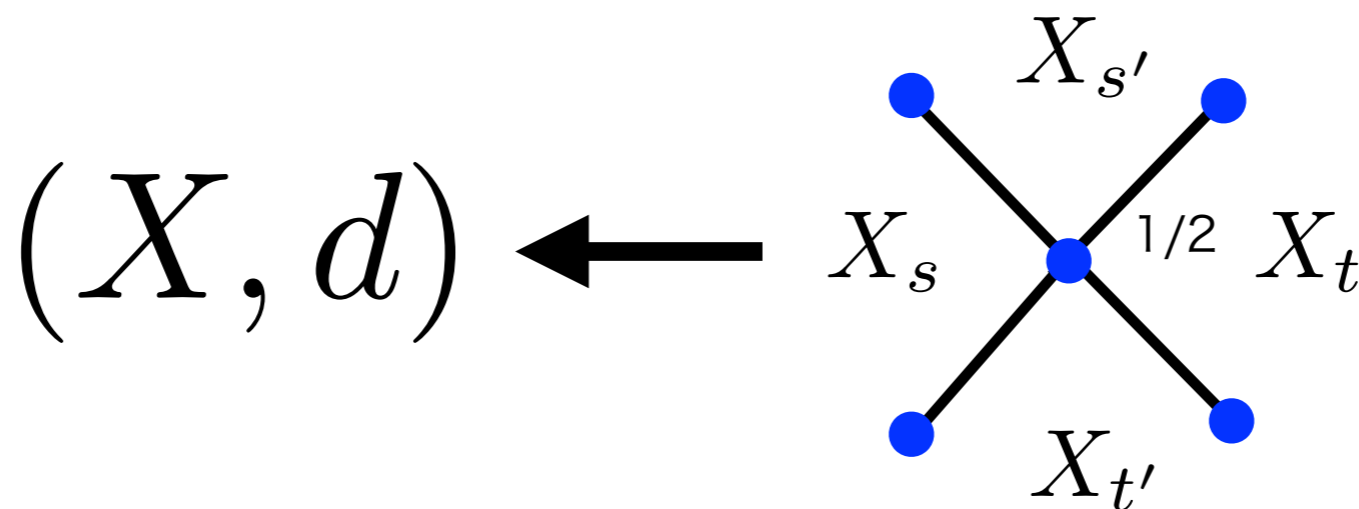
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Is there a **submodularity** concept  
for multiflow min-max ?

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Locate **new facilities**  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  on  $\Gamma$  s.t.  
mutual communication cost

$$\sum_{i,l} b_{il} d_\Gamma(p_i, y_l) + \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} d_\Gamma(p_i, p_j)$$

is minimum

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Rem. Multiflow-dual is (a variation of) **0-EXT**

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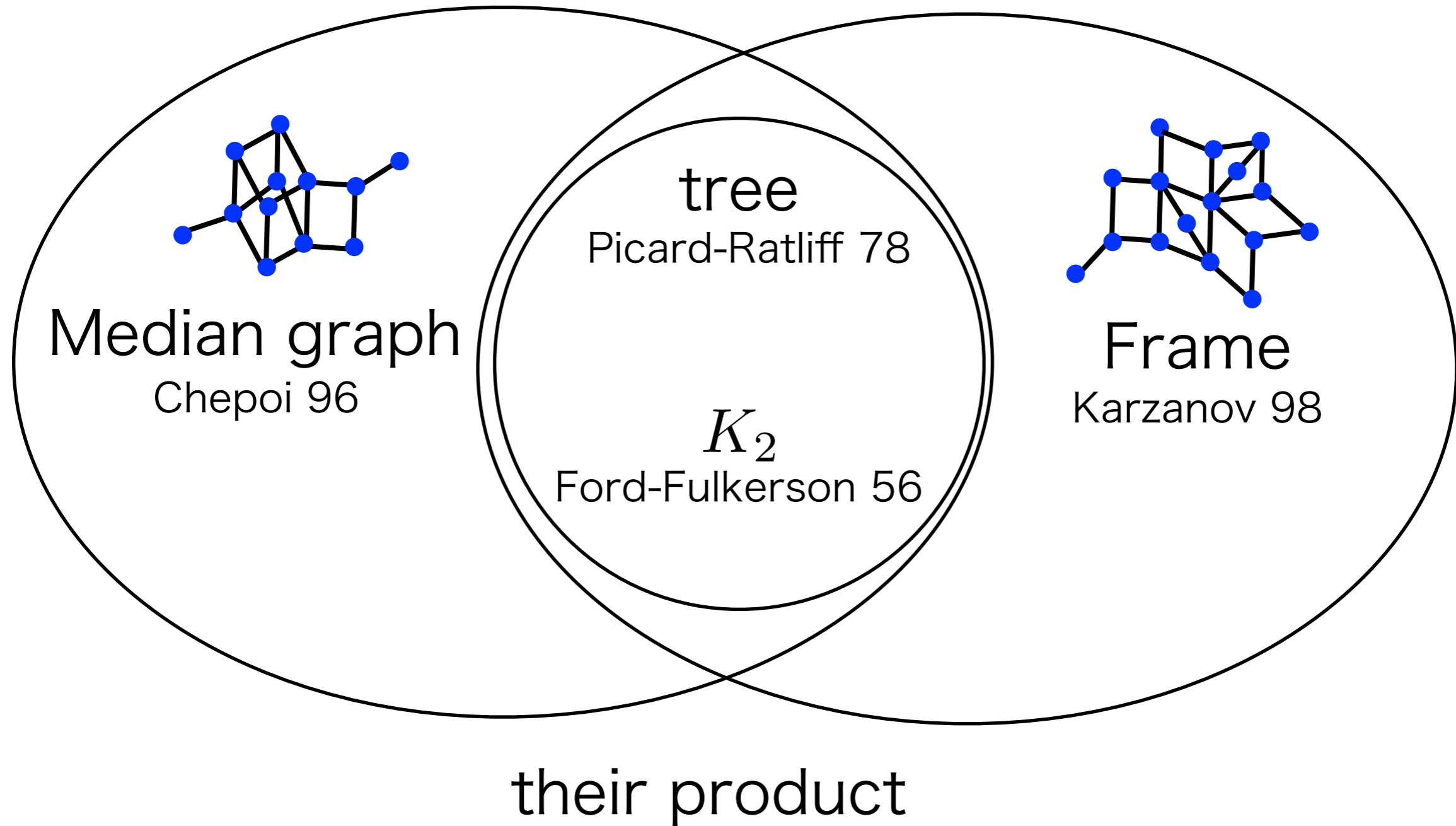


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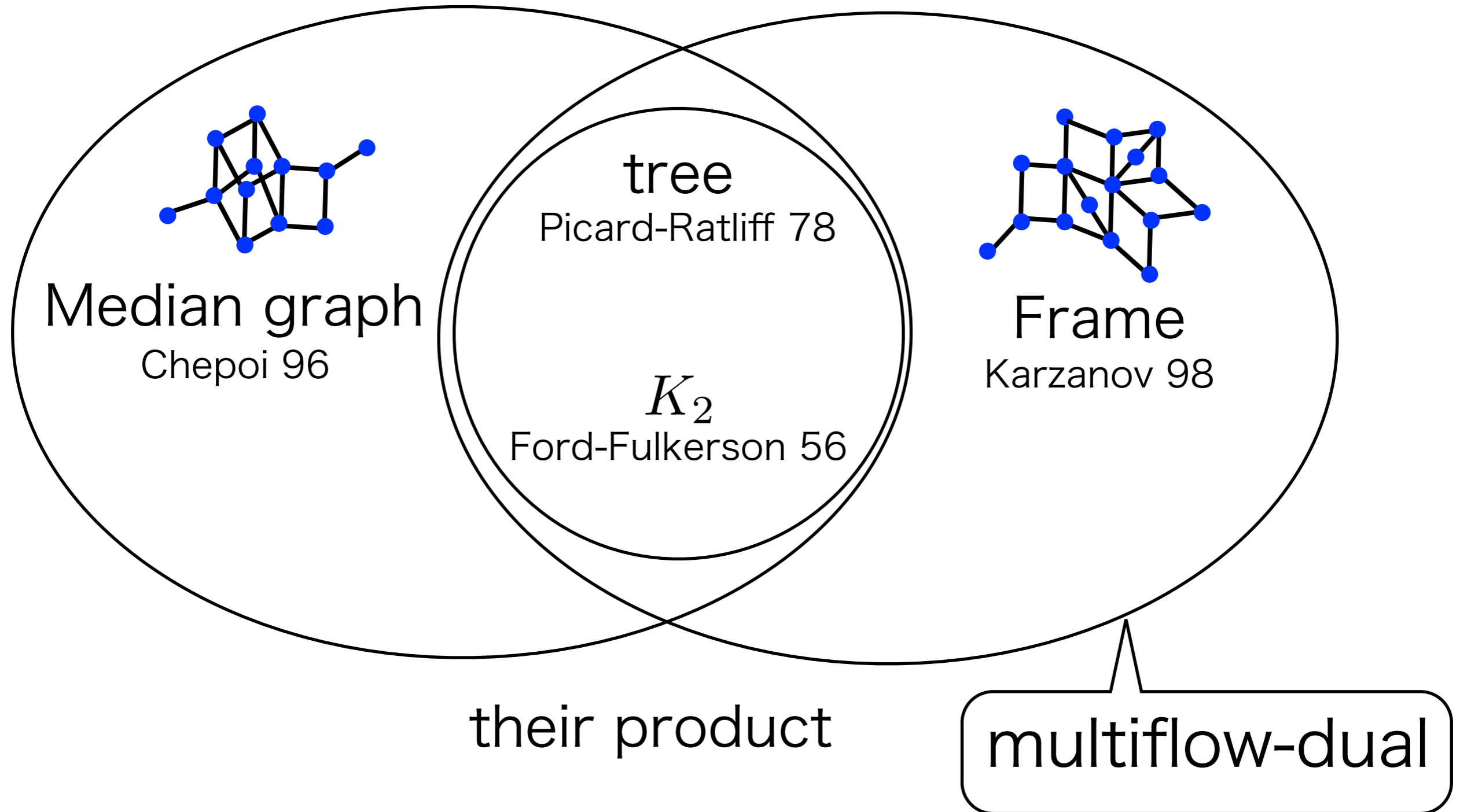
Karzanov 1998, 2004:

What is  $\Gamma$  for which **0-EXT** $[\Gamma]$  is tractable ?

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L-convexity for more general tractable  $\Gamma$  ?

# Our result

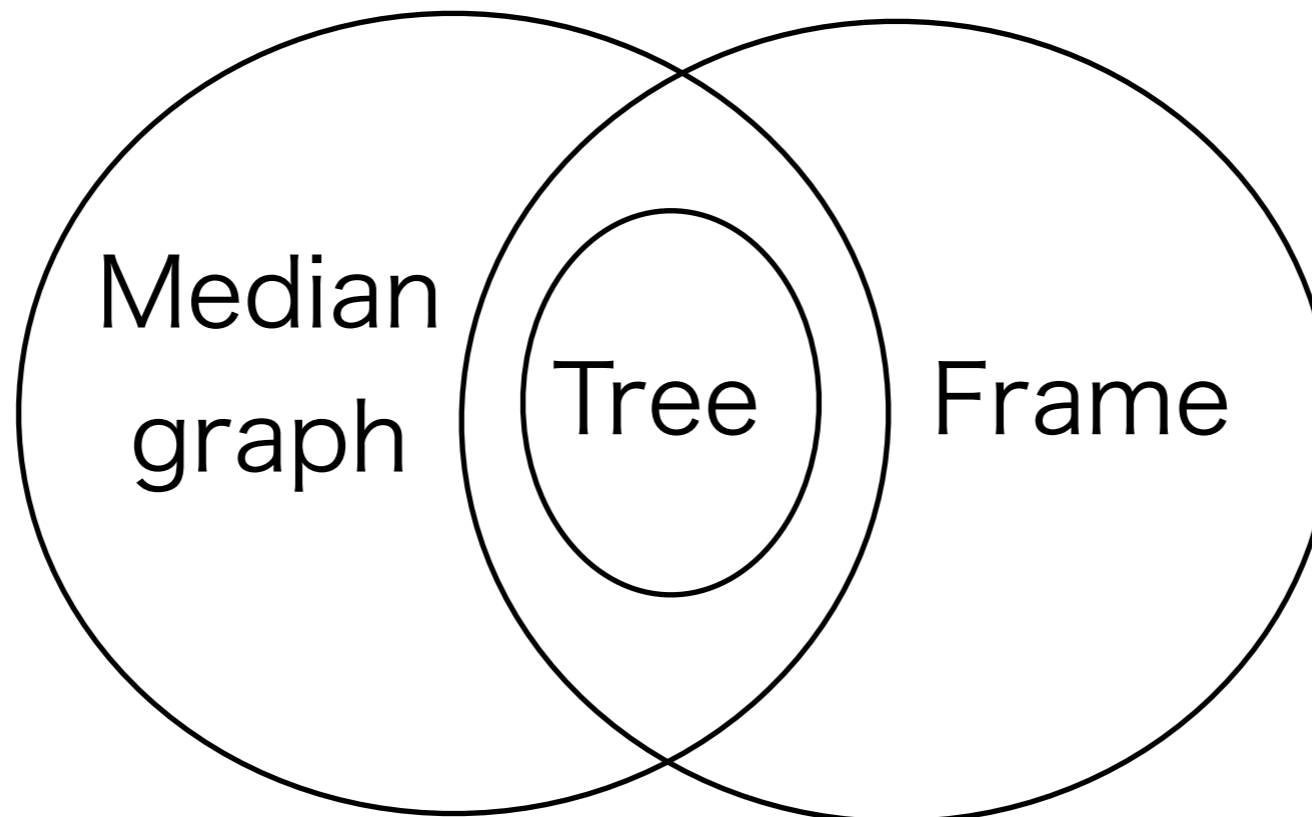
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on certain graph structures  
captures  
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**Thm** (Karzanov 1998)

Otherwise, **0-EXT** $[\Gamma]$  is **NP-hard**

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## Tools

Discrete metric geometry

Bandelt, Chepoi, Dress, Isbell, Van de Vel...

Valued CSP & fractional polymorphism

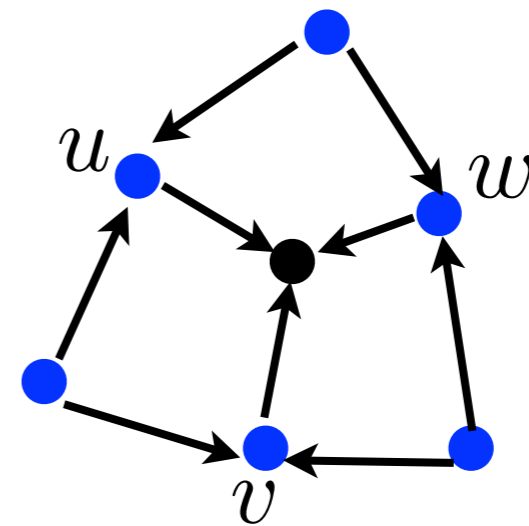
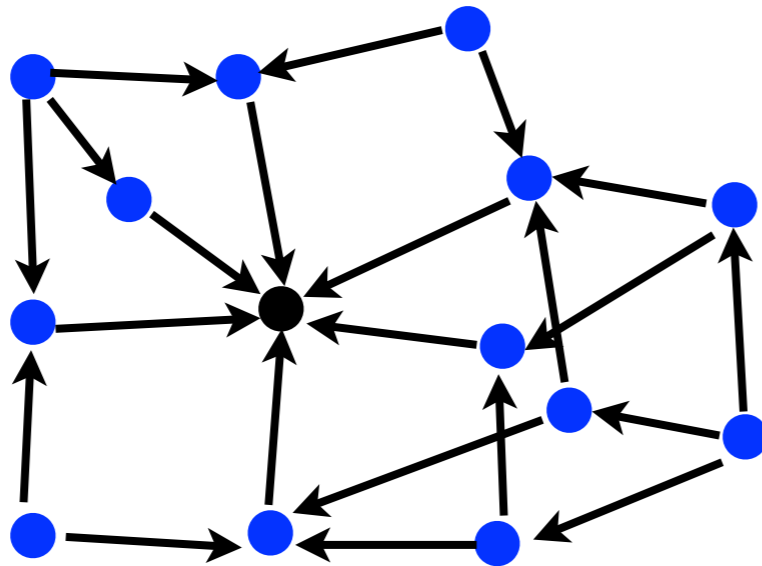
Thapper-Zivny FOCS'12

# Modular semilattice

Bandelt-Van de Vel-Verheul 1993

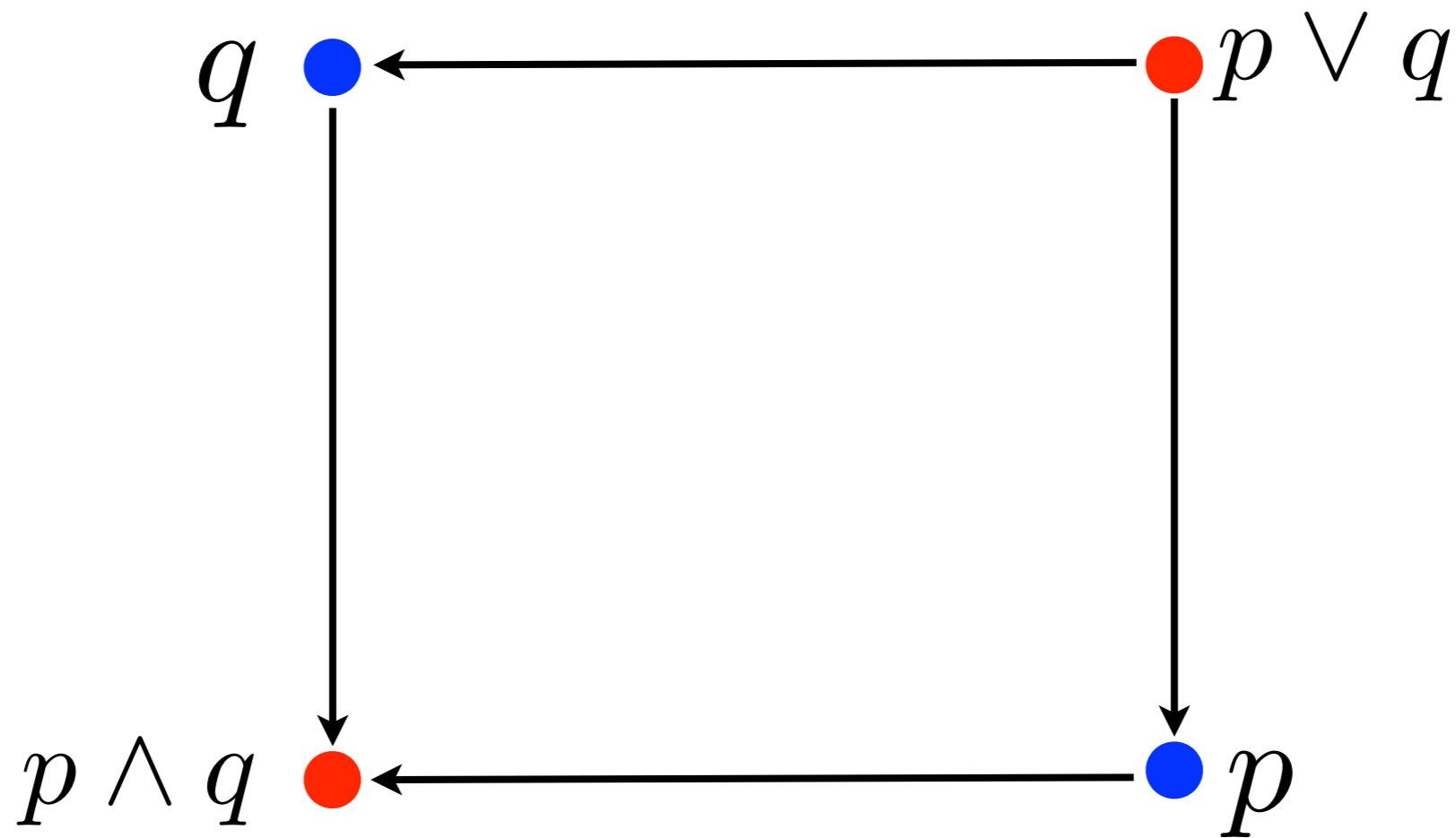
A semilattice  $\mathcal{L}$  is **modular** if

- every lower ideal is modular
- if  $u \vee v, v \vee w, w \vee u$  exist,  
then  $u \vee v \vee w$  exists



not modular !

# Submodularity on $\mathcal{L}$



$$f(p) + f(q) \geq f(p \wedge q) + f(p \vee q)$$

But  $p \vee q$  may not exist ...

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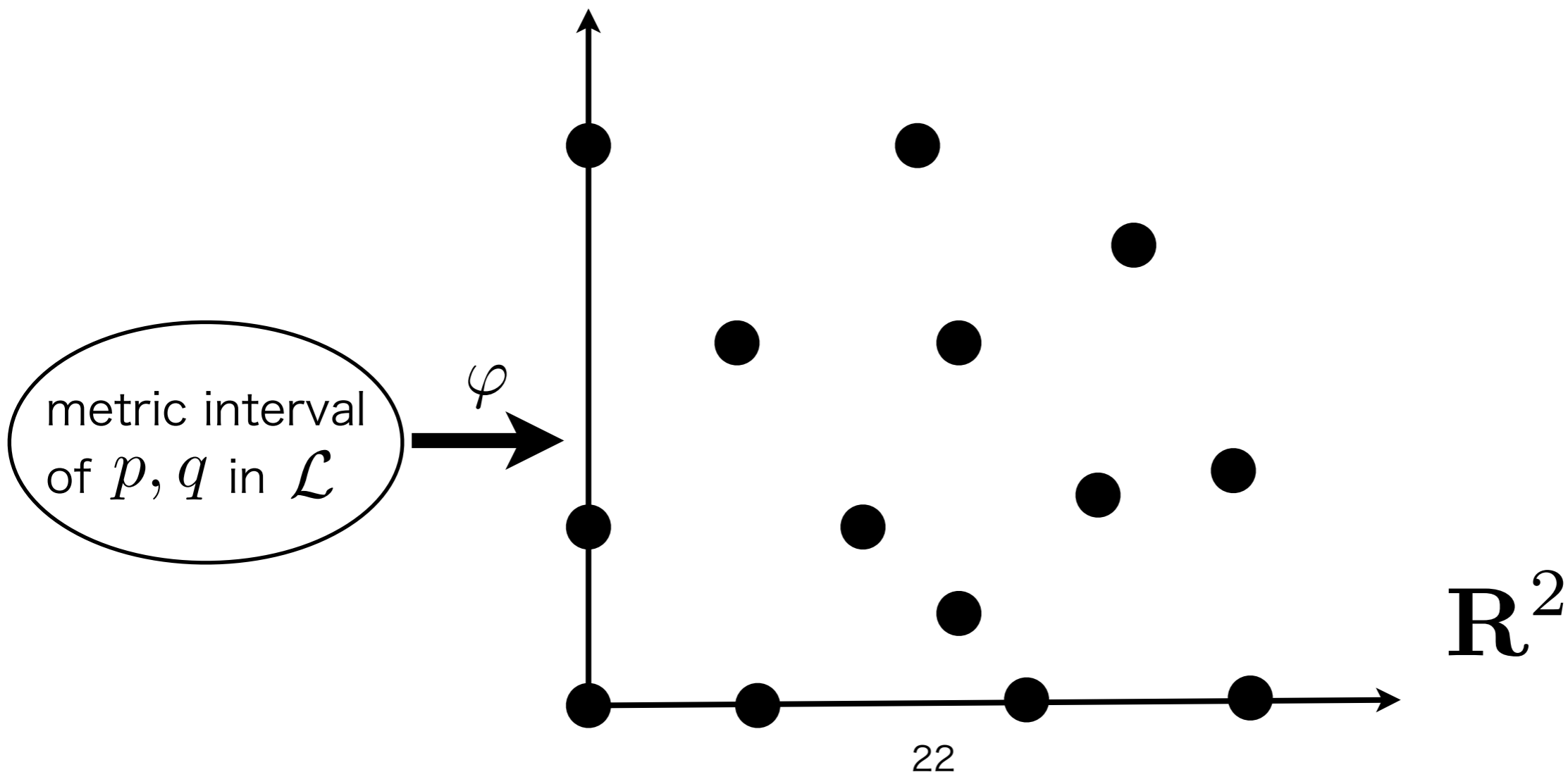
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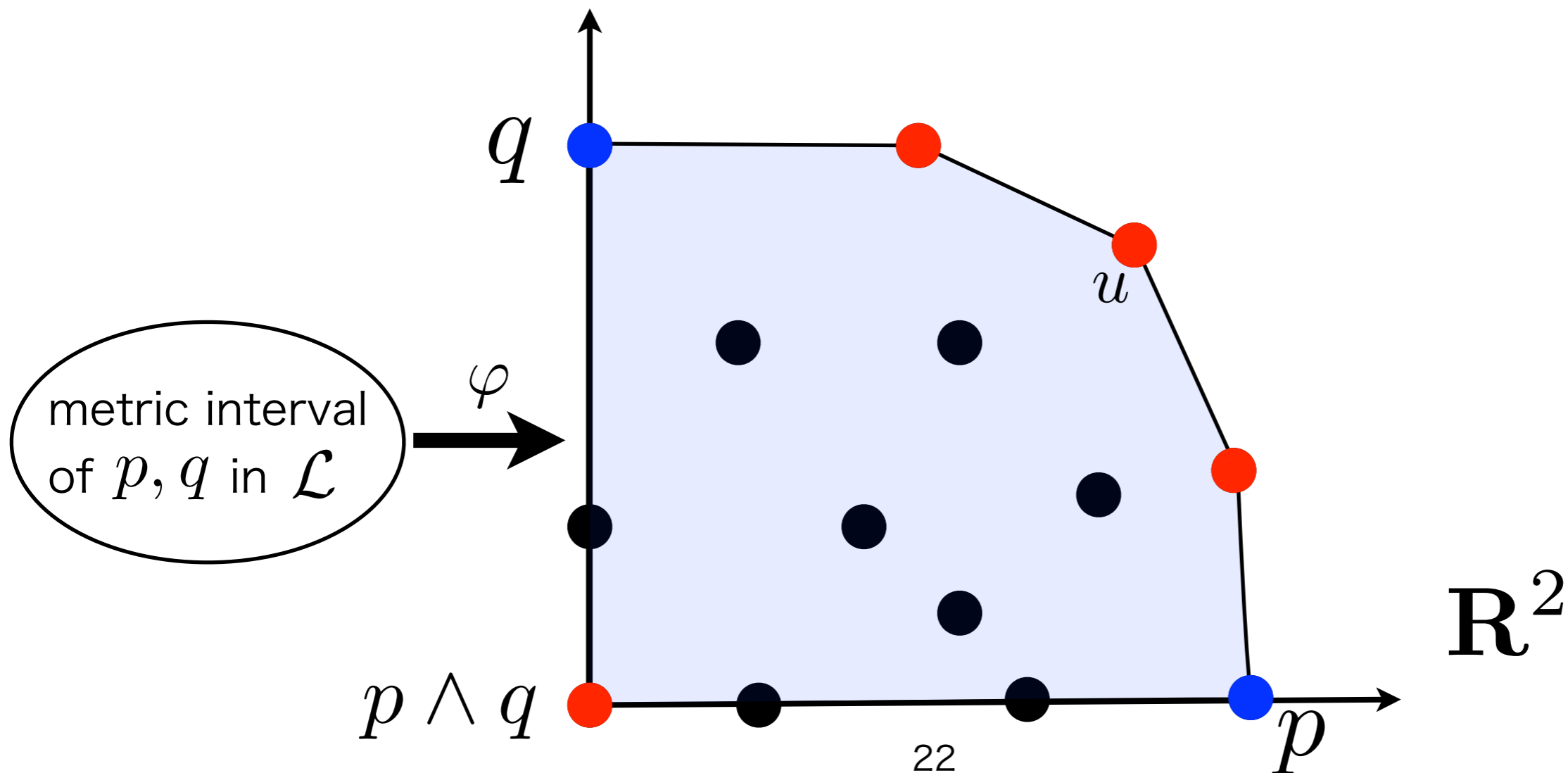
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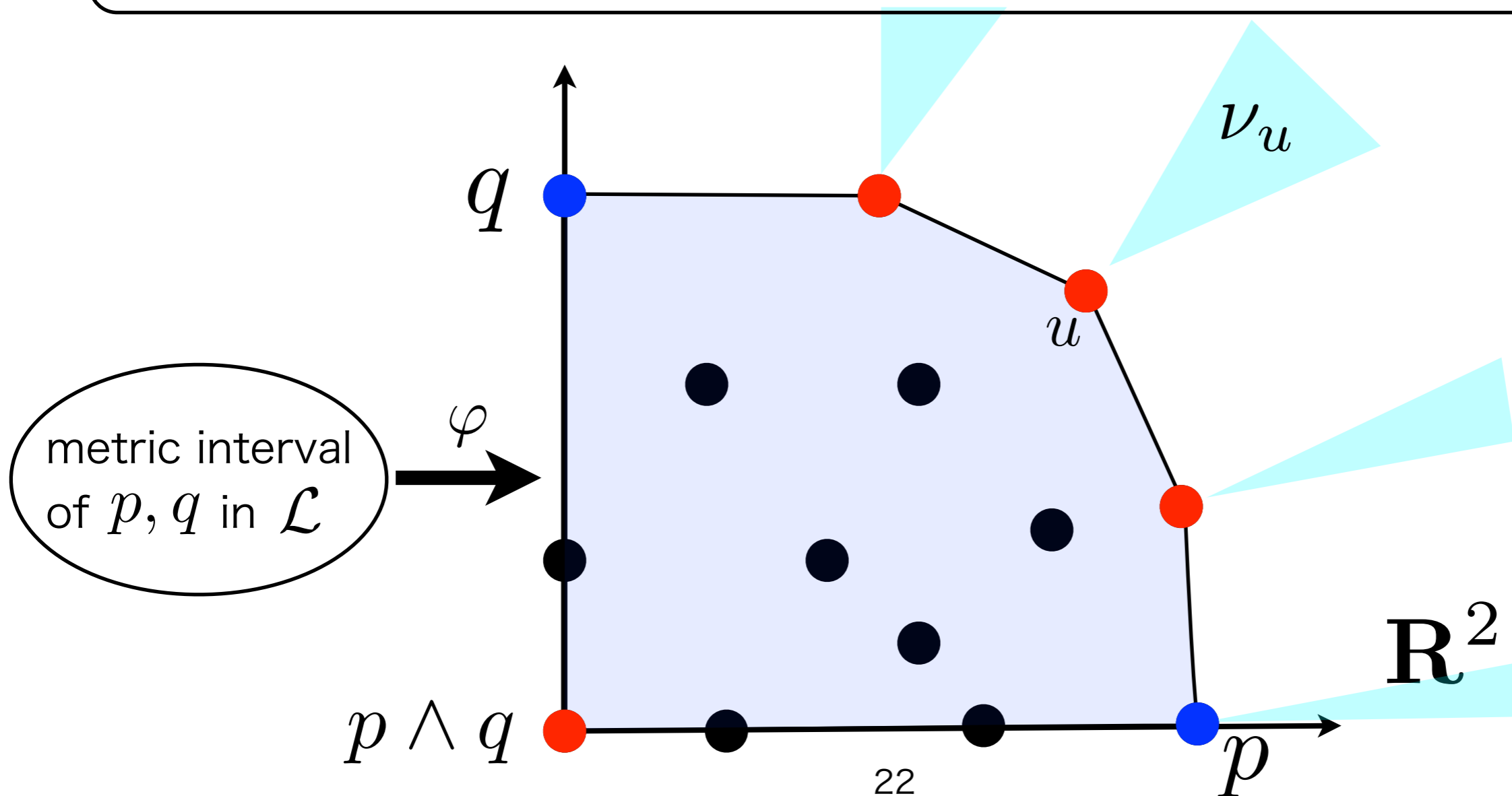




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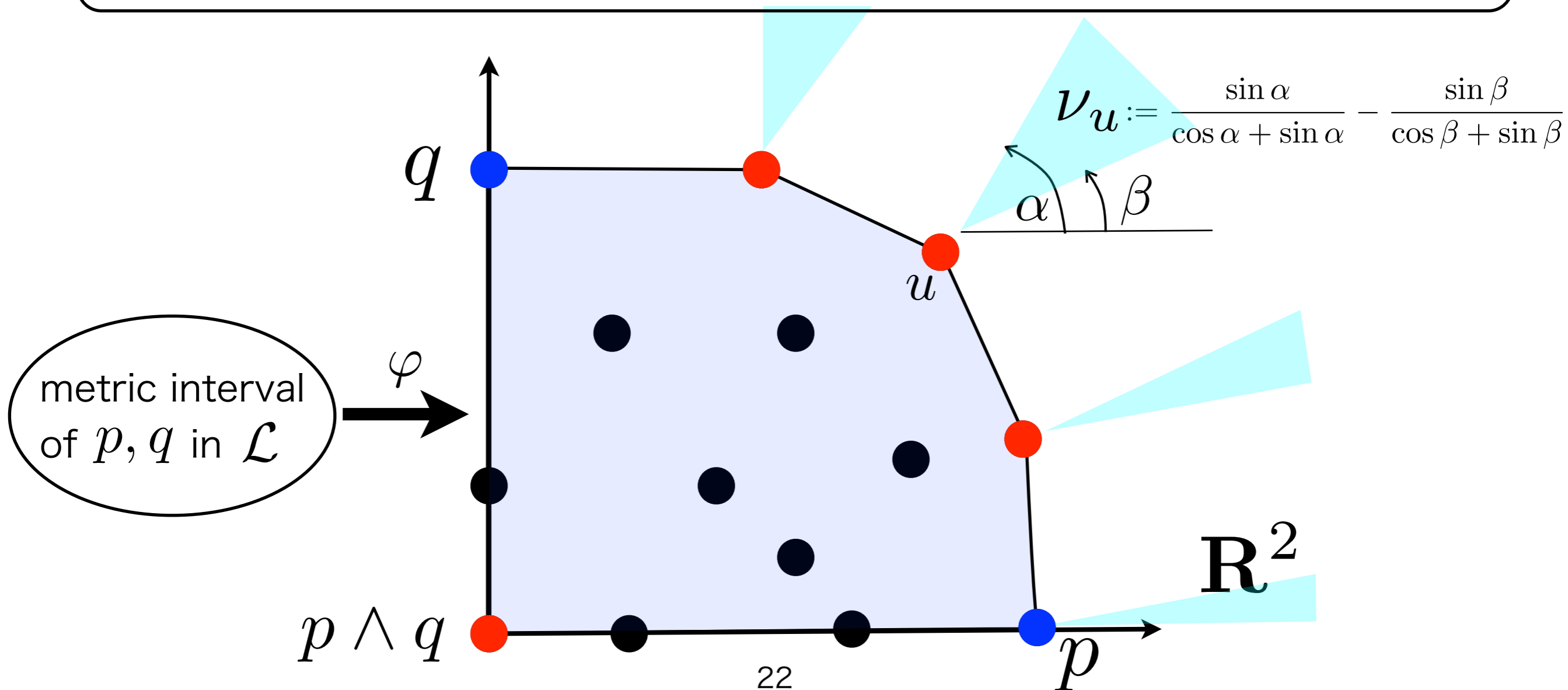
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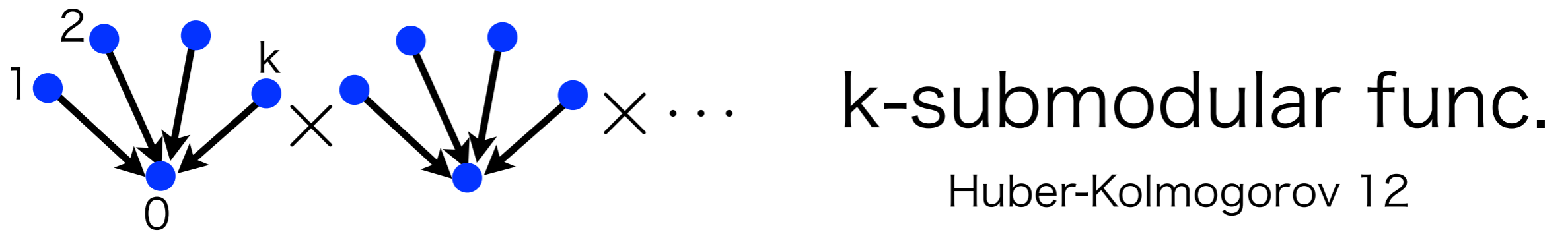
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Fujishige-Tanigawa-Yoshida 13

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fractional polymorphism criterion

Thapper-Zivny FOCS'12

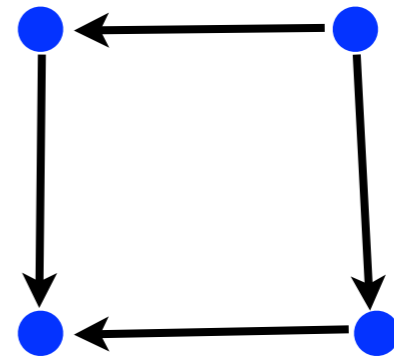


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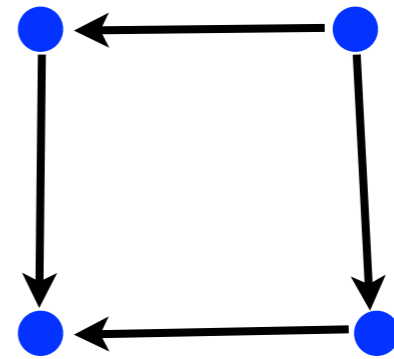
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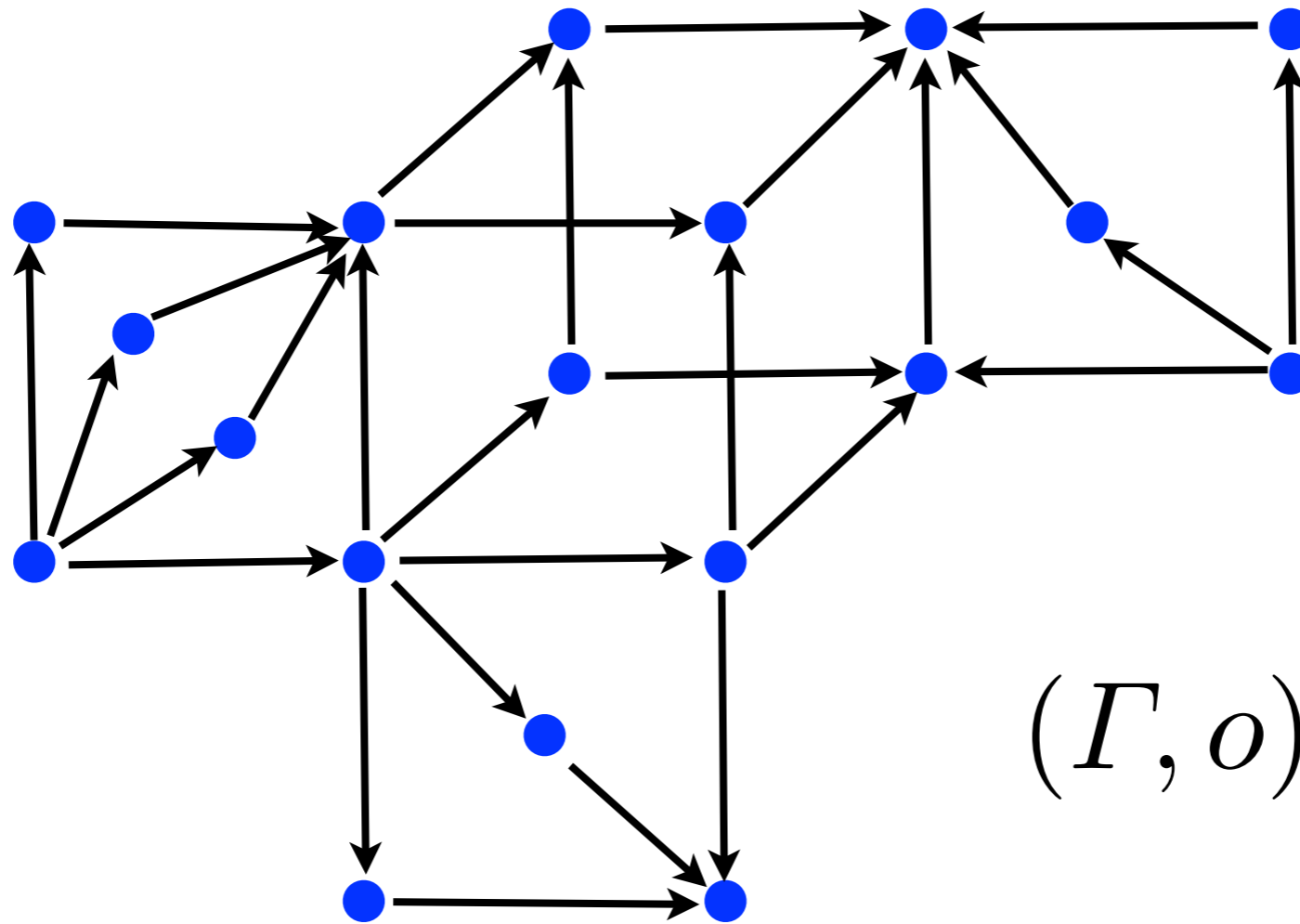
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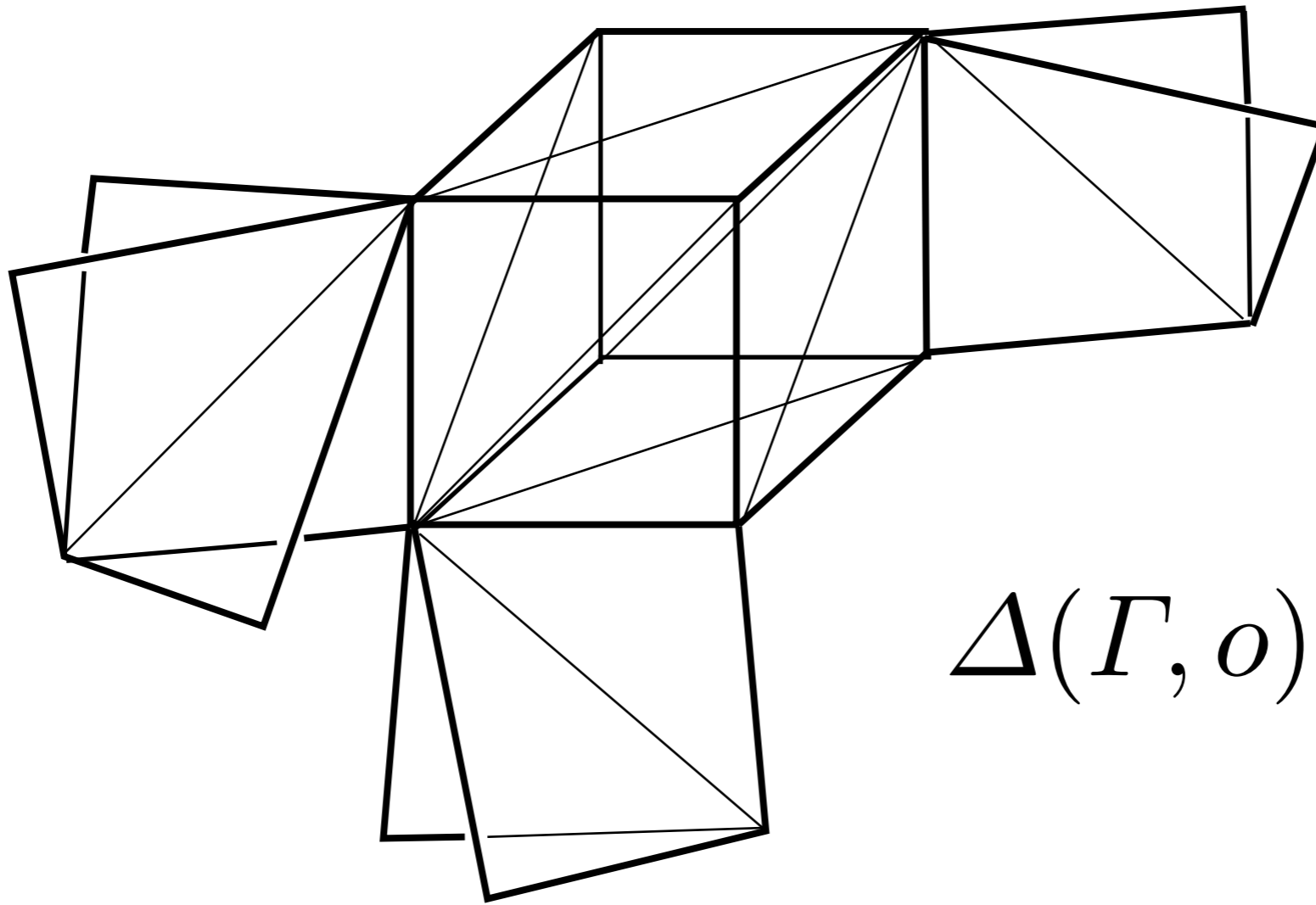


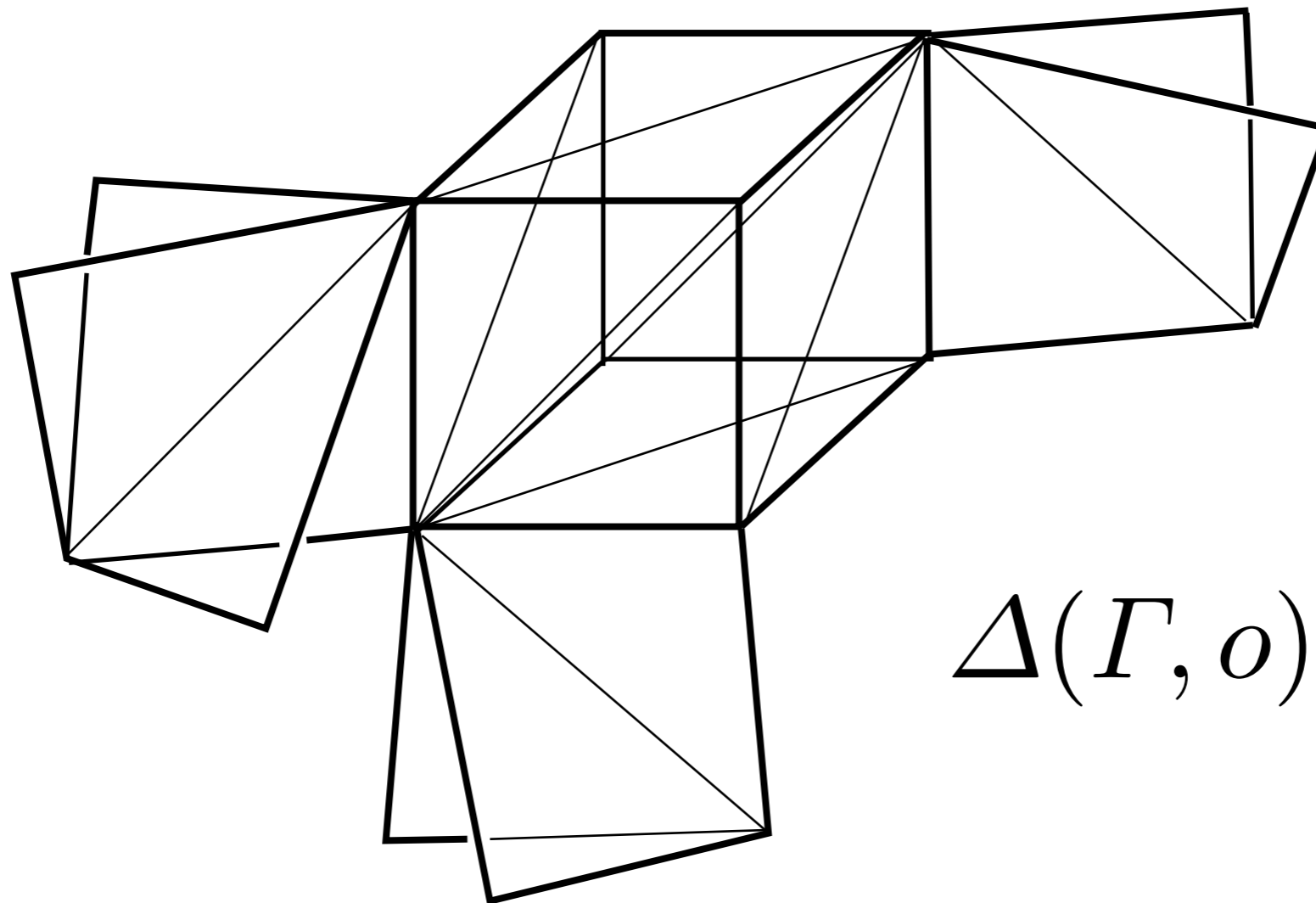
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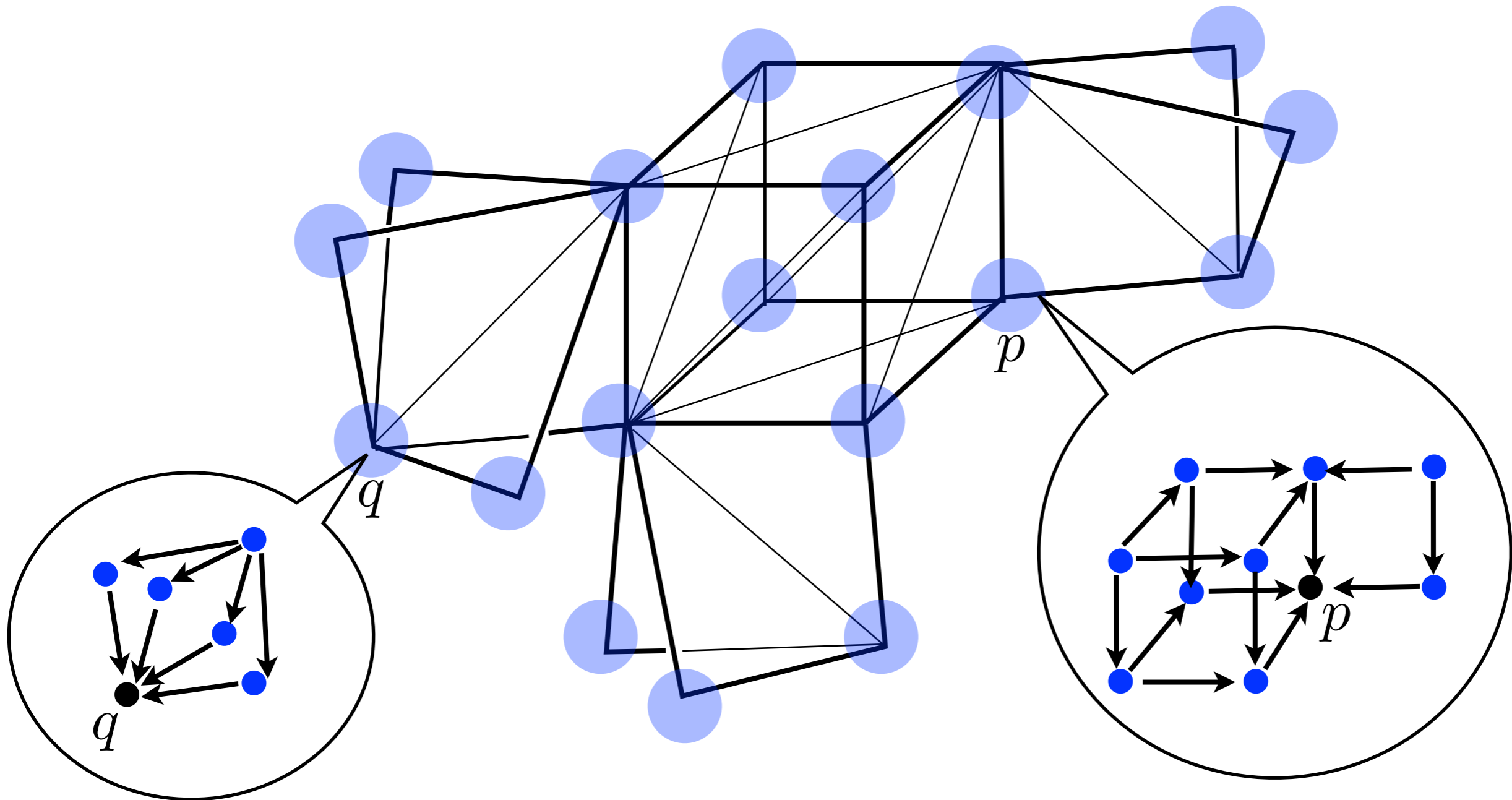




## Lovasz extension

$$g : V_\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{g} : \Delta(\Gamma, o) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$$

Def.  $\mathcal{g}$  is L-convex if  
 $\bar{\mathcal{g}}$  is submodular on  
each neighborhood semilattice



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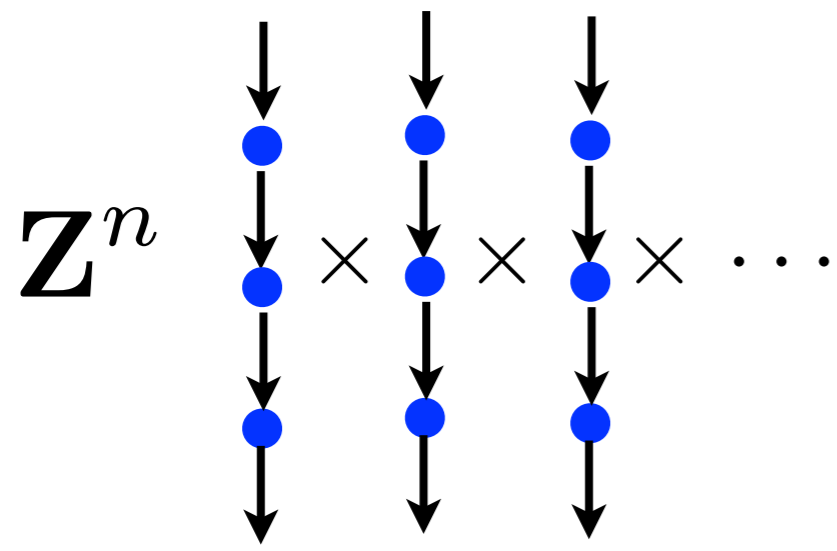
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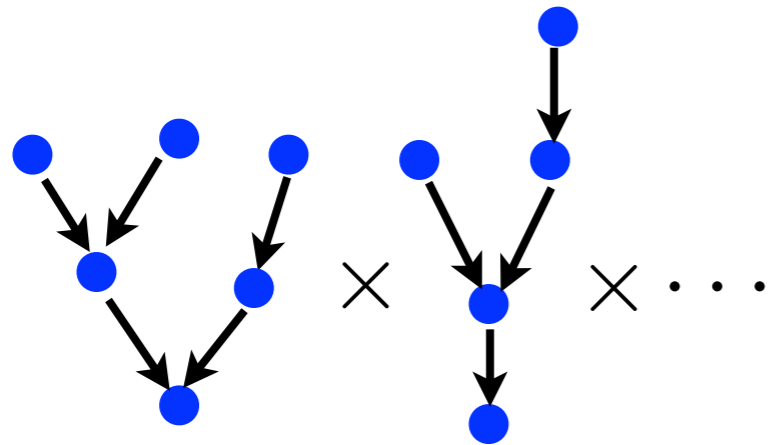


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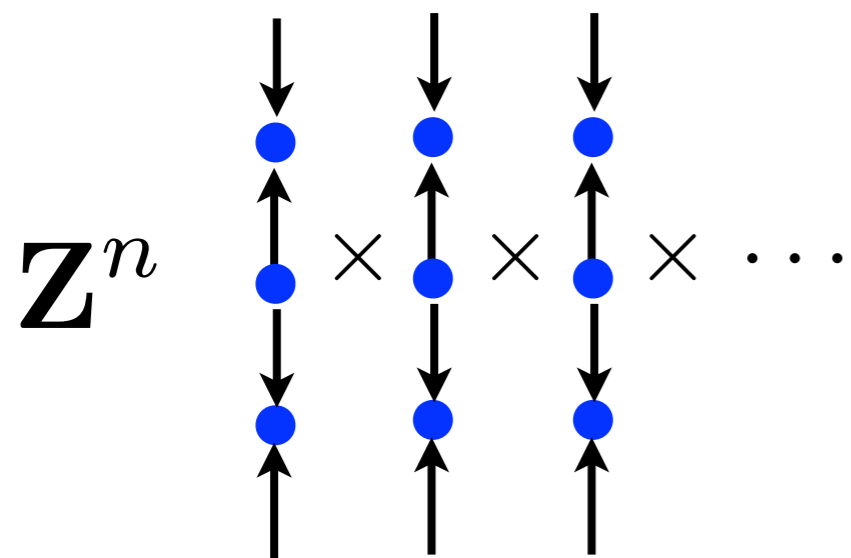
$\mathbb{L}$ -convex func.

Favati-Tardella 1990, Murota 1996,  
Fujishige-Murota 2000



tree-submodular func.

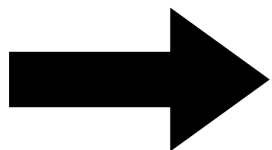
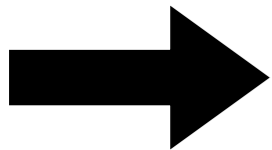
Kolmogorov 2012



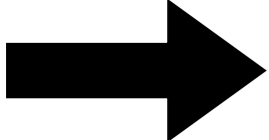
UJ-convex func.

Fujishige 2013

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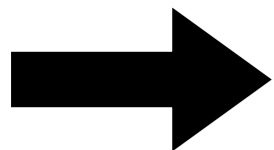


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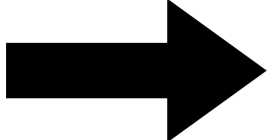
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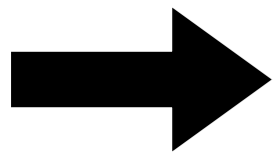
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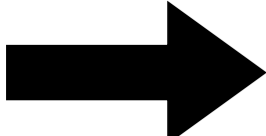
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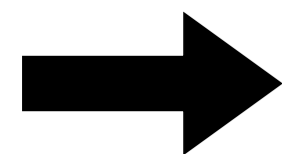
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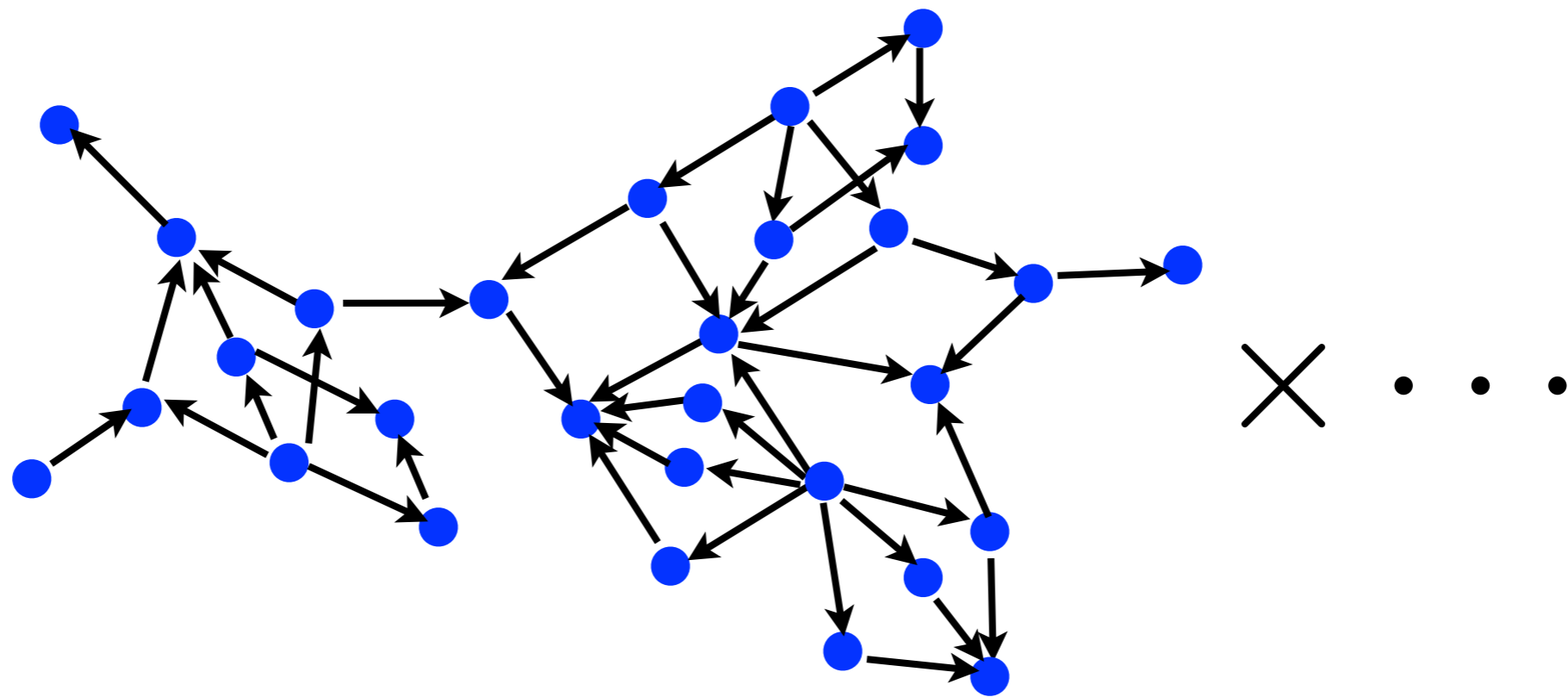
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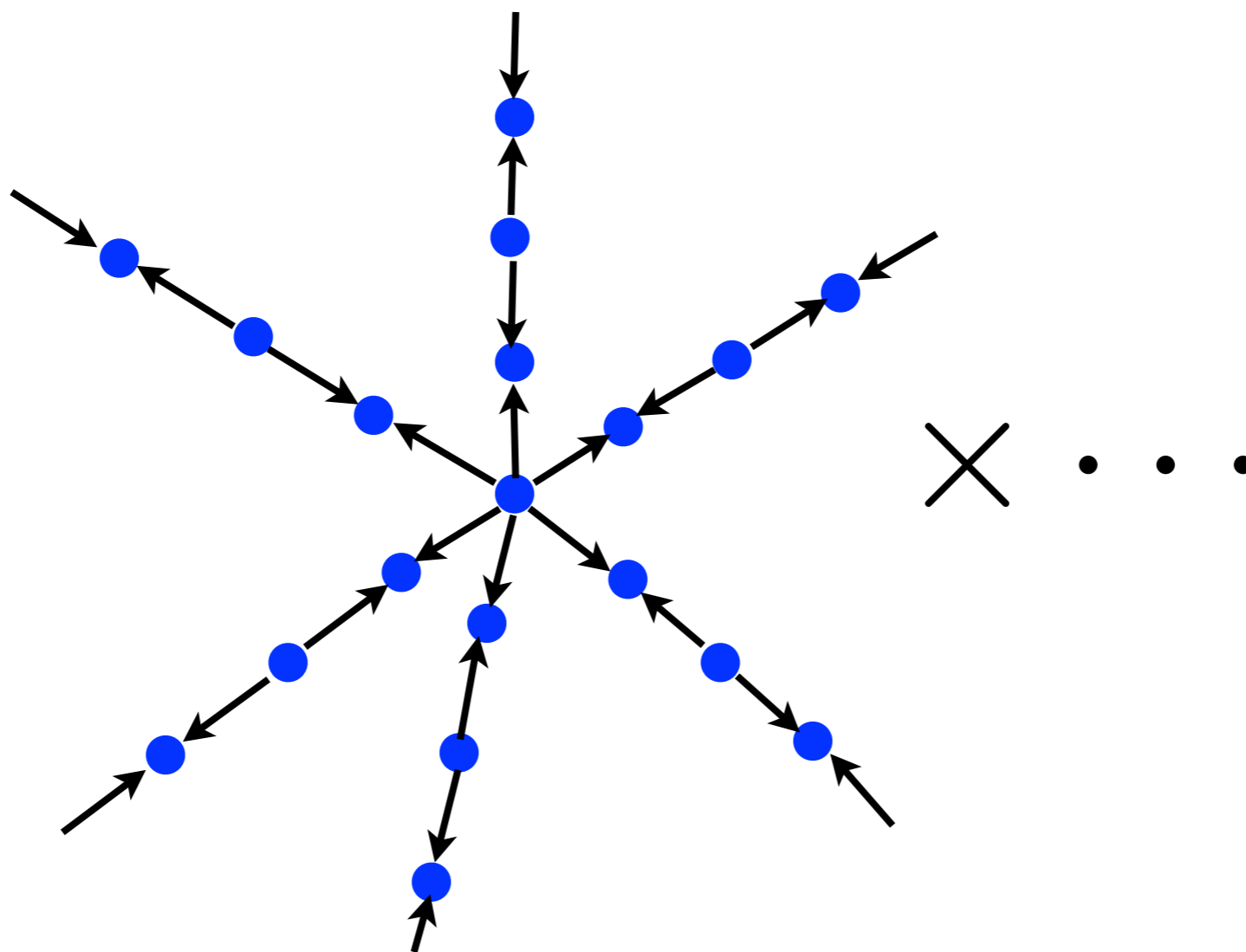
2-dim. modular complex  
 $\cong$  2-dim. tight span

# Mincost free-multiflow

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$$\text{Max. } \sum_{s,t \in S} |f_{st}| - \text{cost}(f) = \text{Min. } * * * *$$

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