

# Universal convex covering problems under affine dihedral group actions

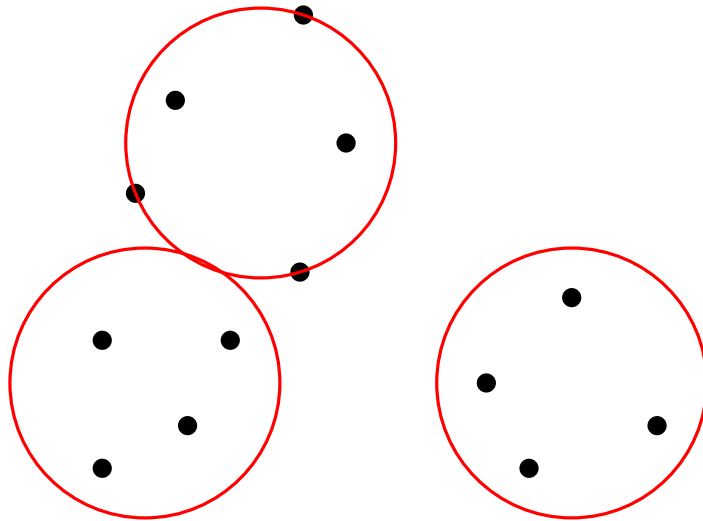
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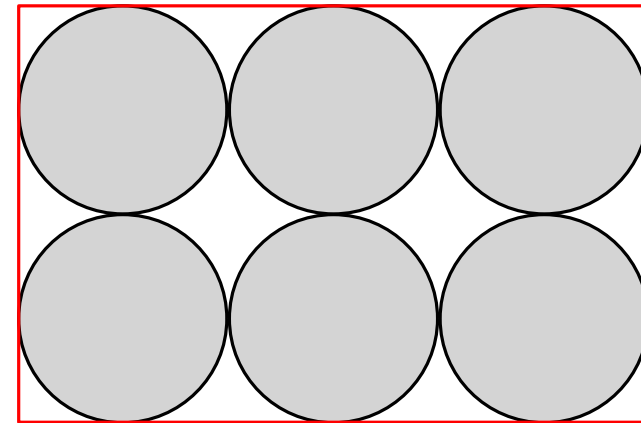
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## < Covering Problem >



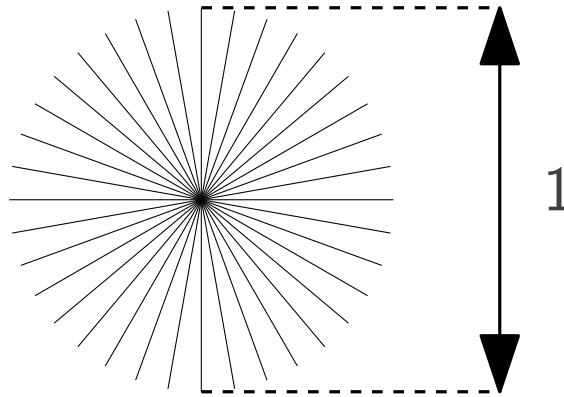
$k$ -center problem



Rectangle covering

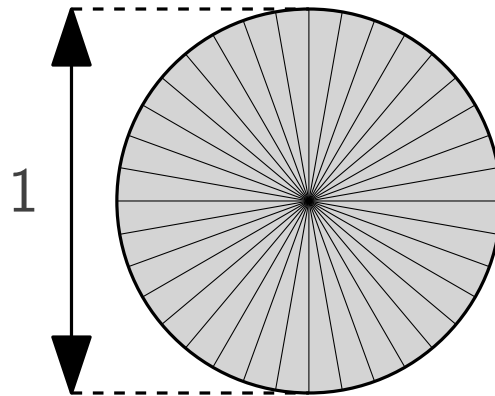
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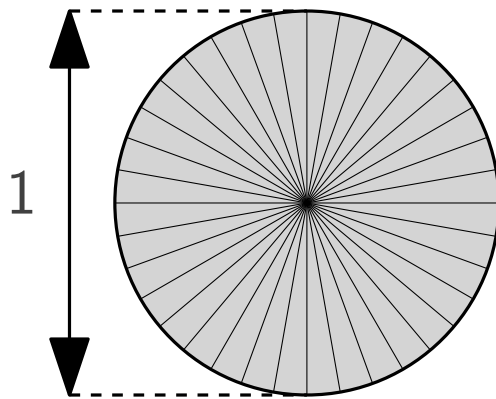
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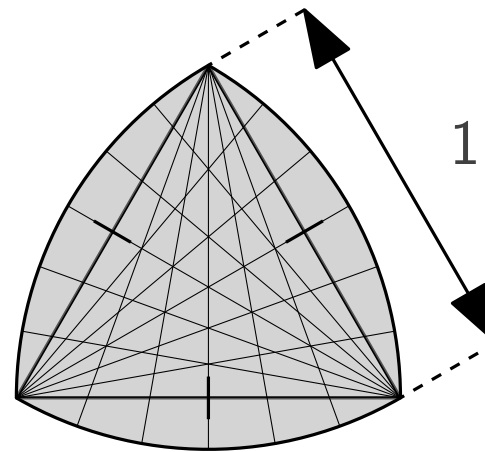
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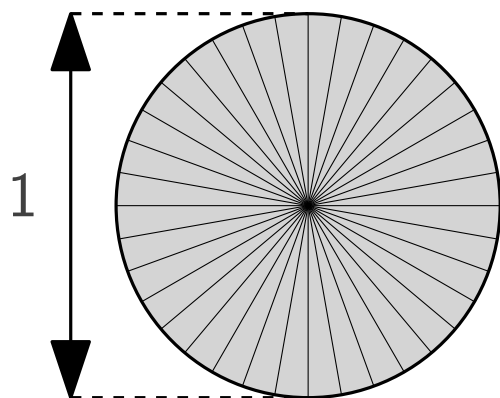
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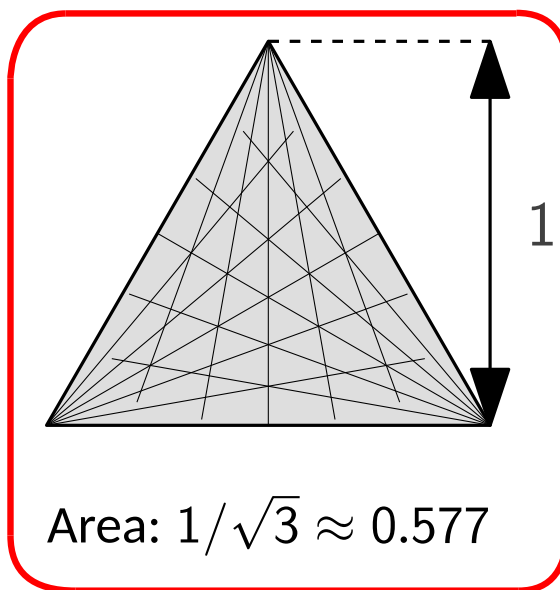
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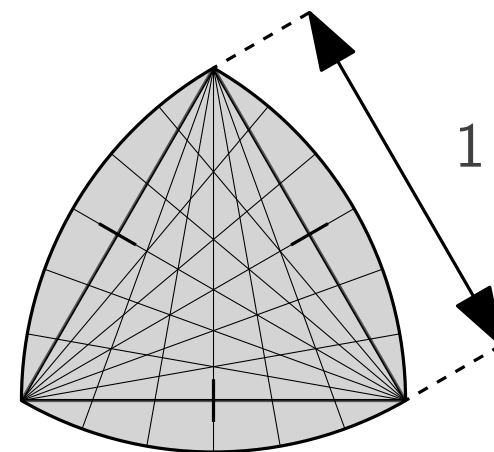
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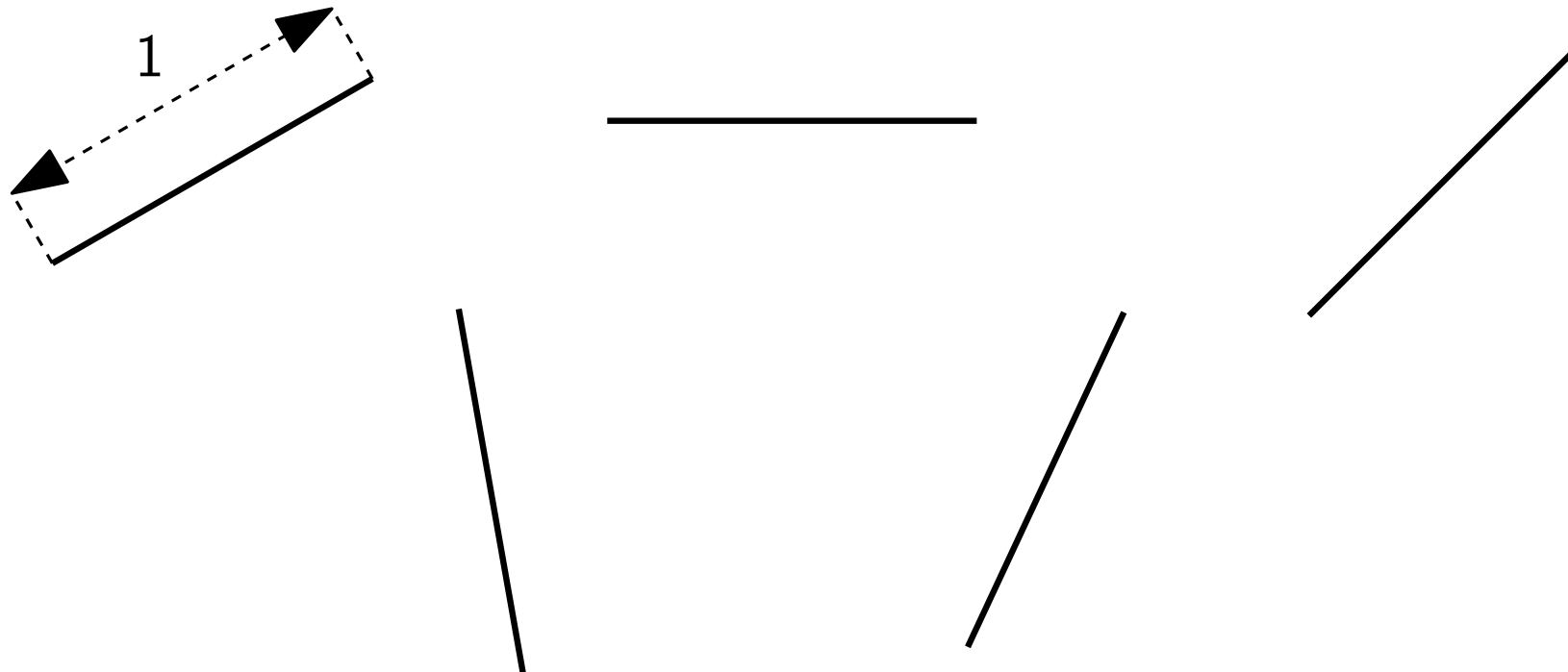


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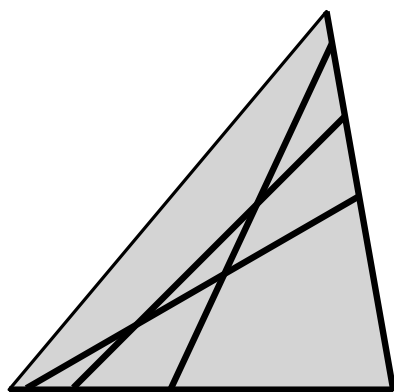
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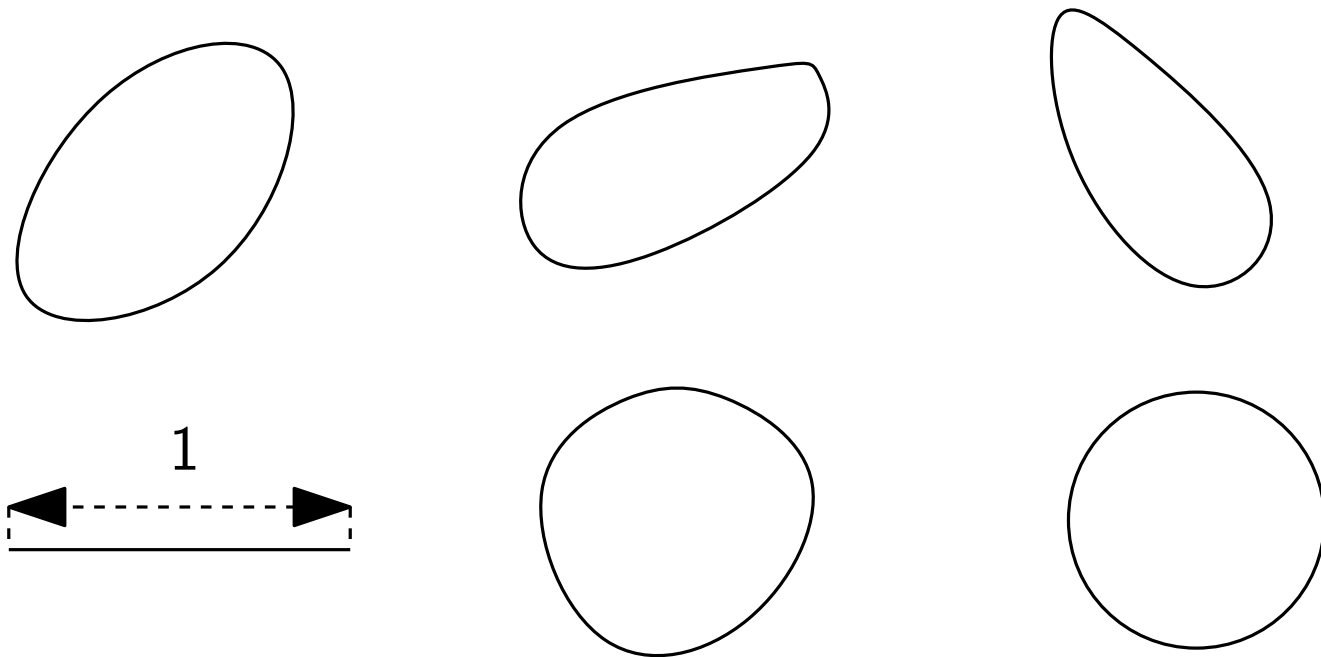
⇒ Construct in  $O(n \log n)$  time\*

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$$0.4^1 \leq (\text{Area}) \leq 0.441^2$$

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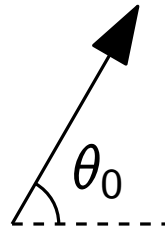
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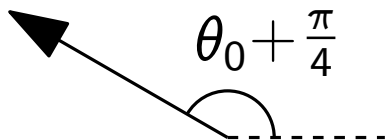
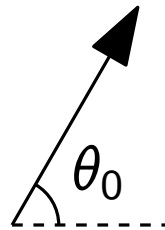
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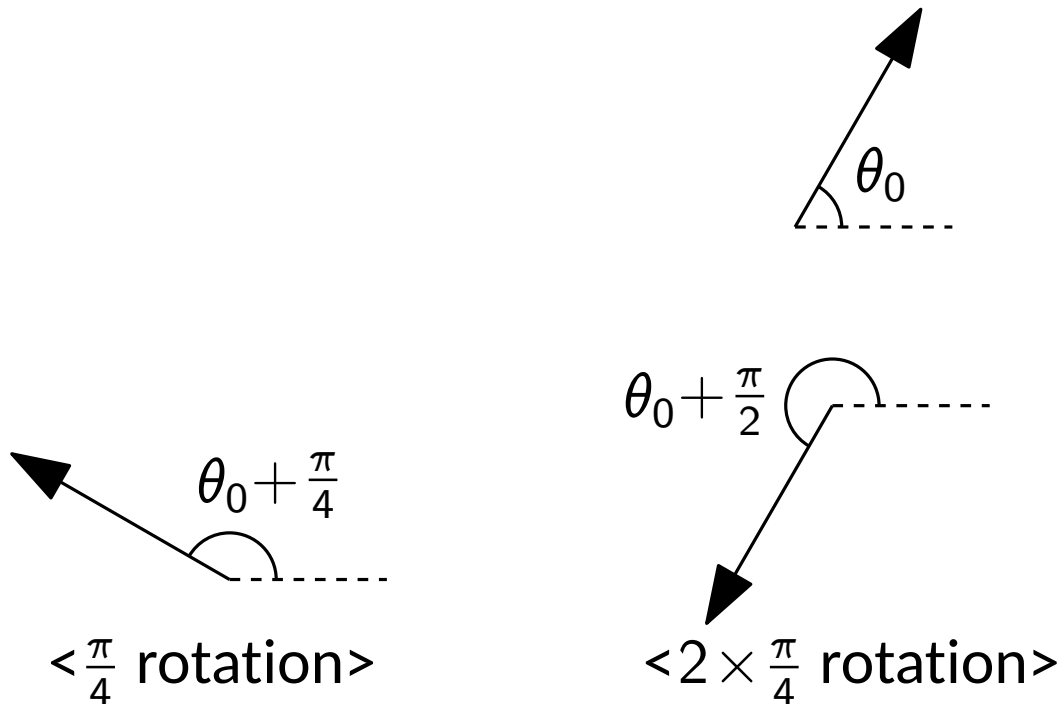


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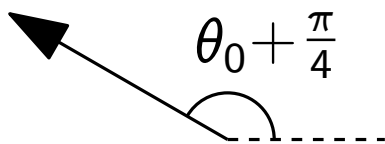
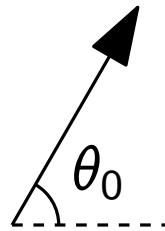
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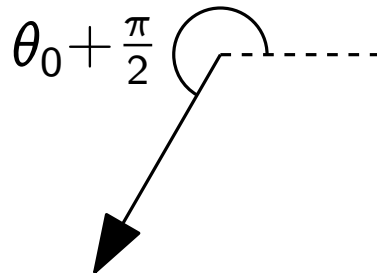
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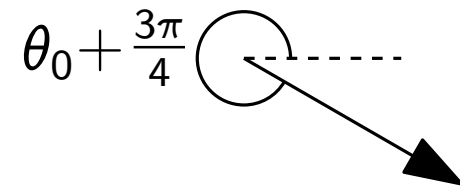
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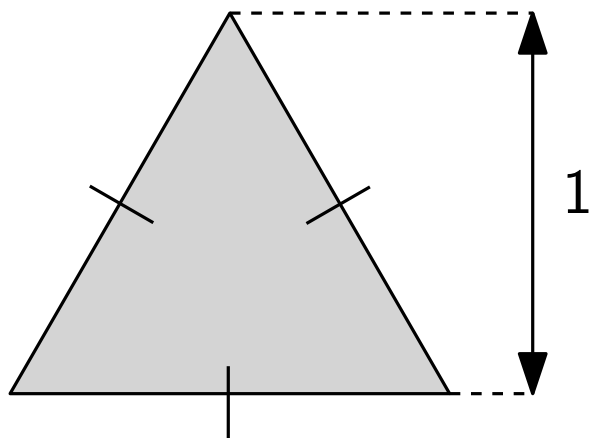


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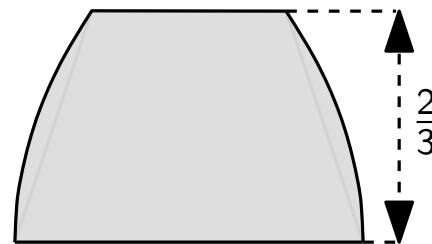
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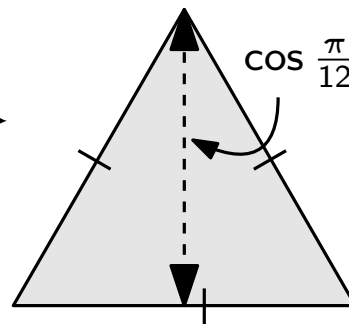
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-  $\frac{2}{3}\pi$  rotations: (Area)  $\leq 0.568^*$   $\Rightarrow$



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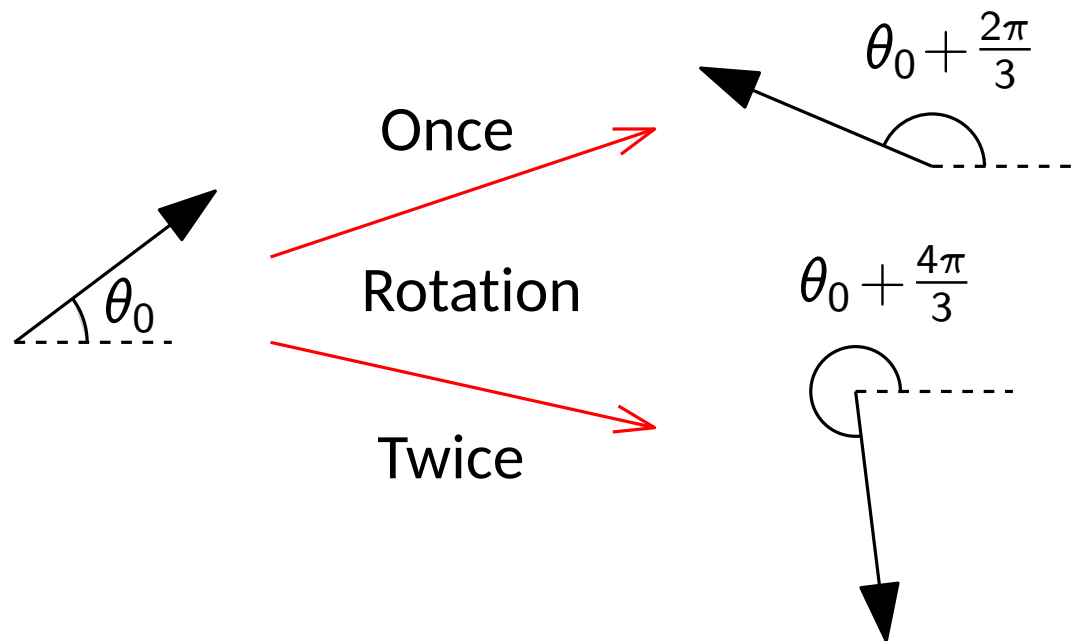
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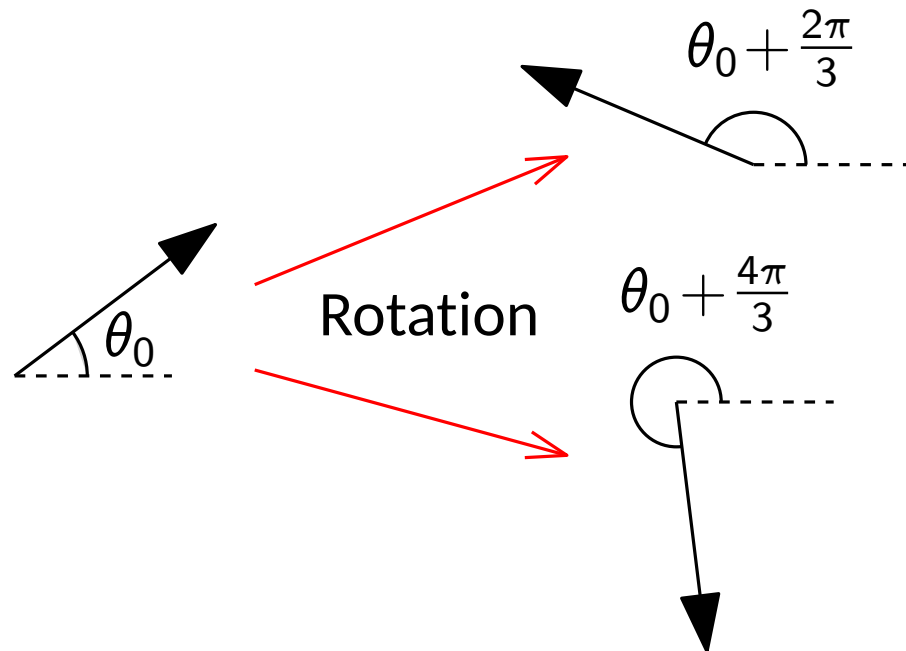
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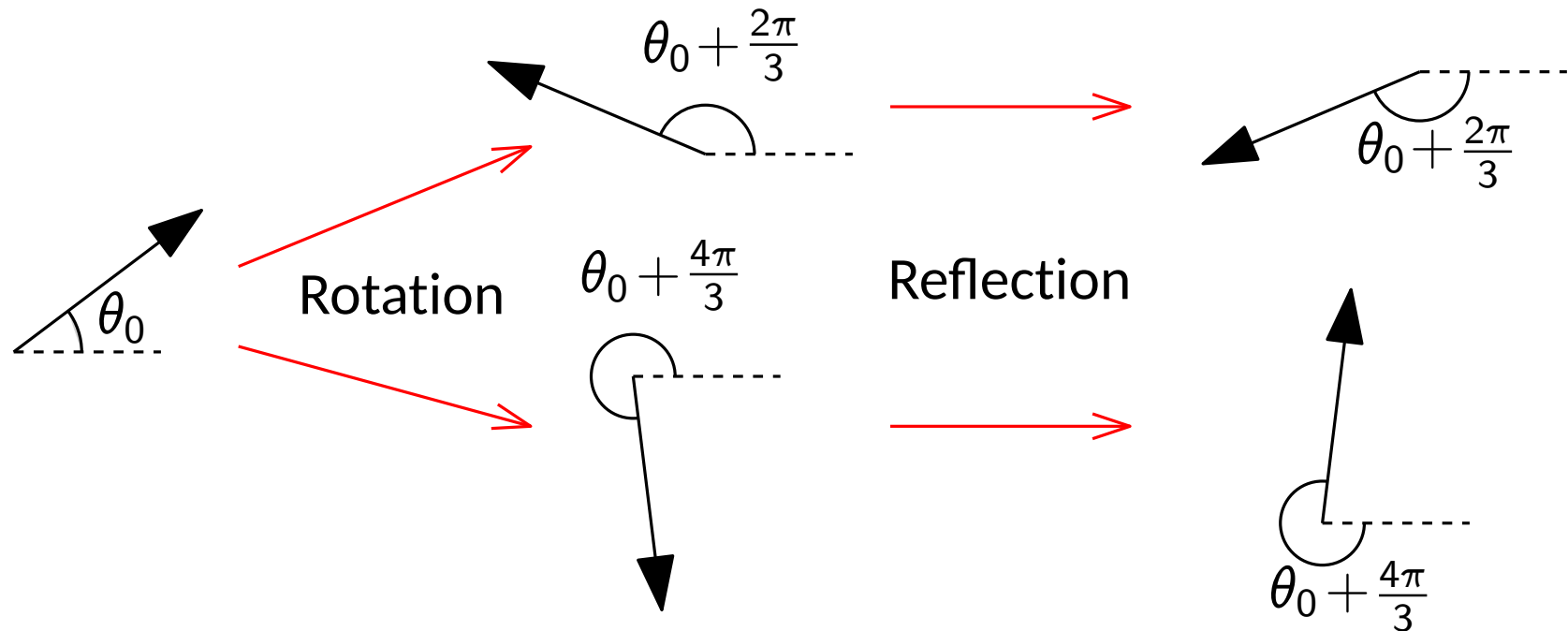


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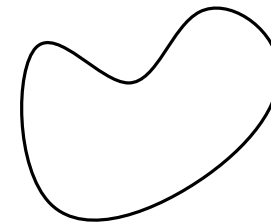
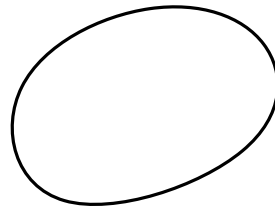
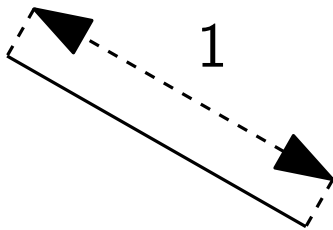
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- Object Set

- $S_C$ : The set of all closed curves with length 2



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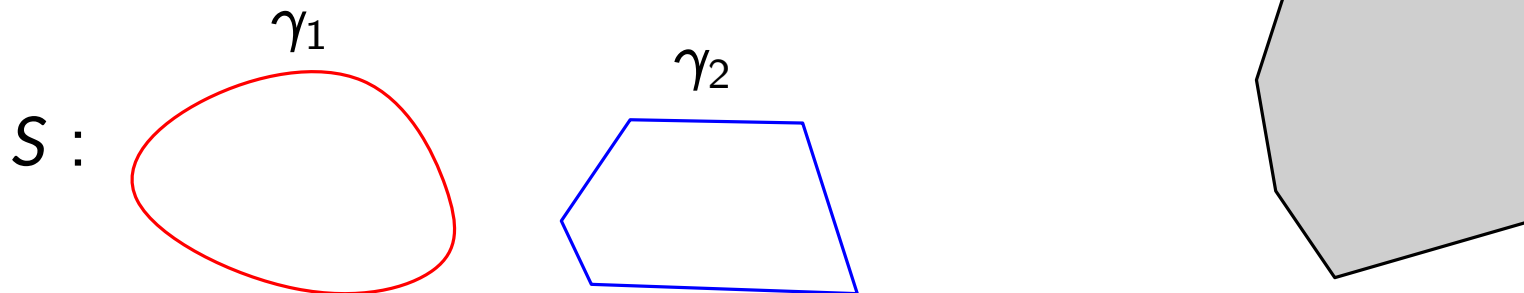
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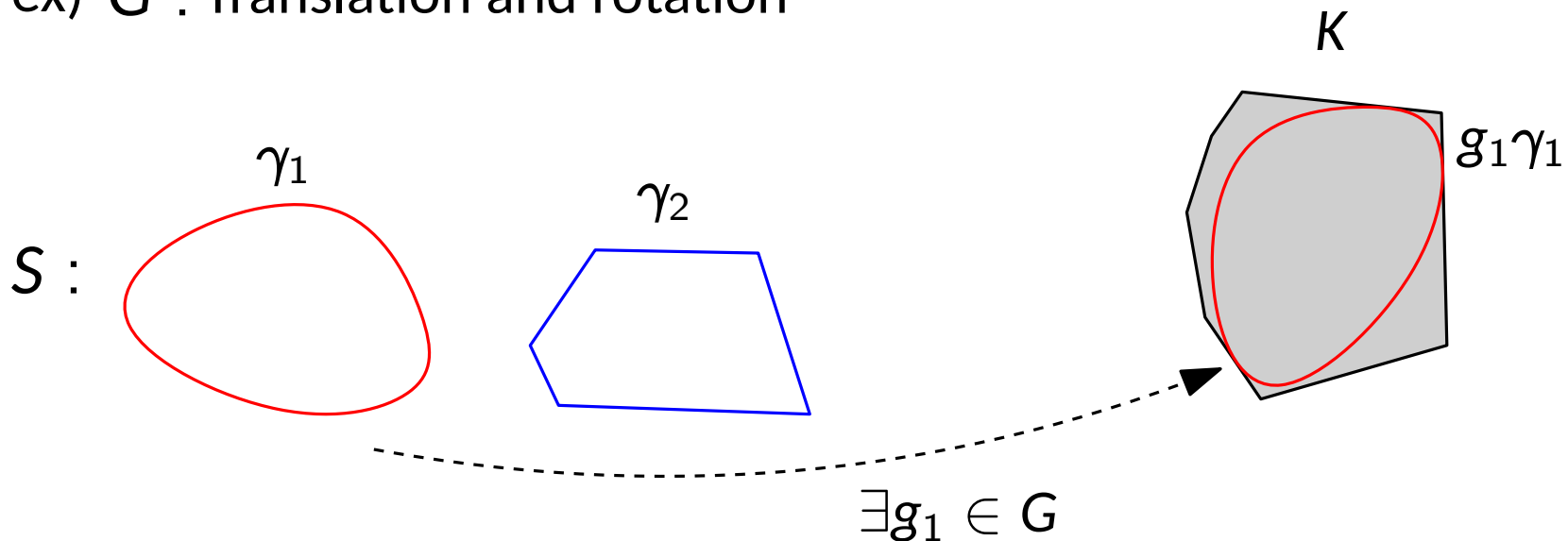
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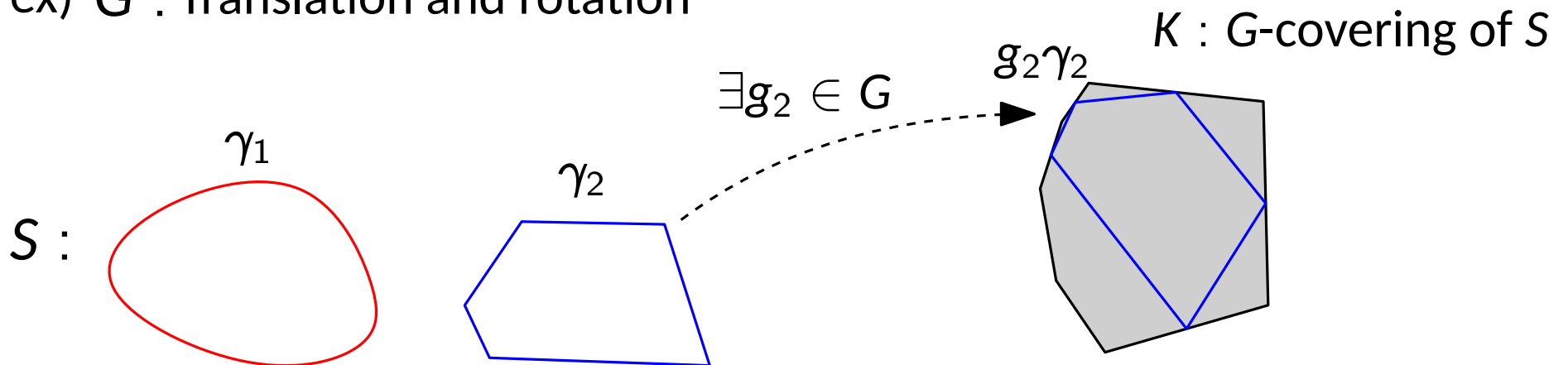


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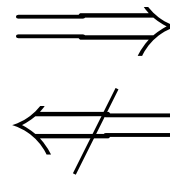
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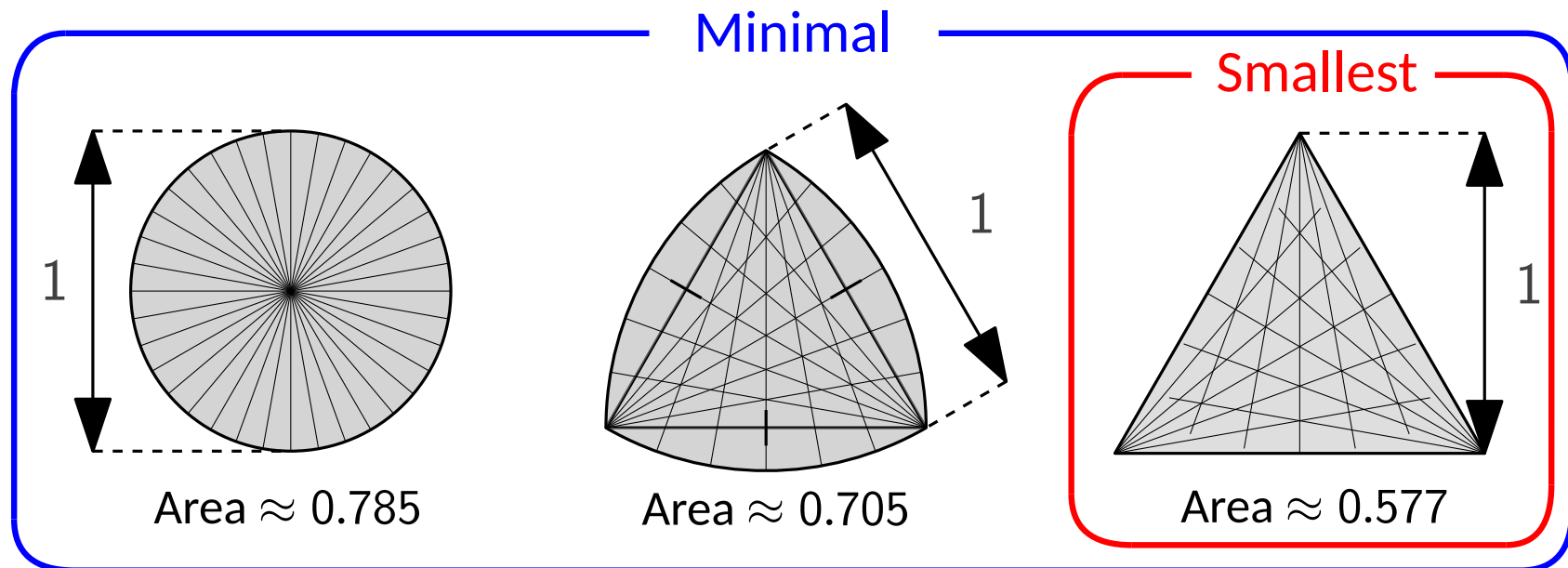
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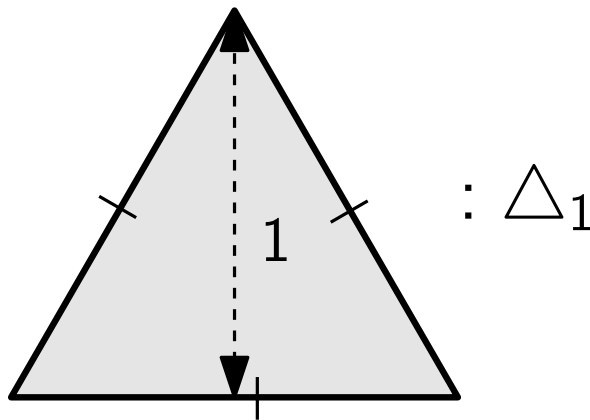
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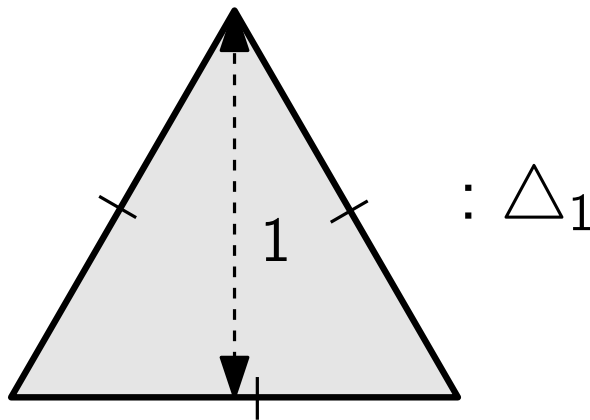
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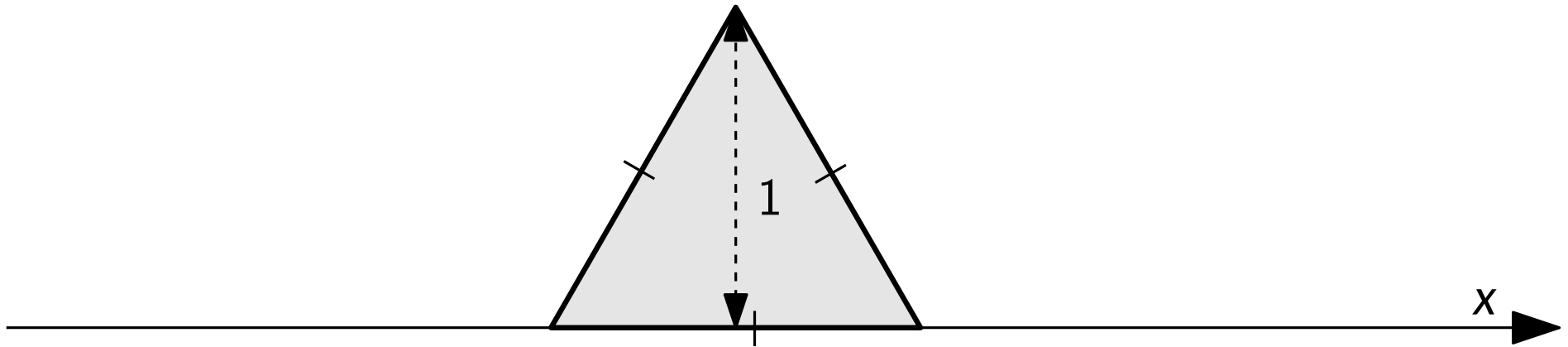
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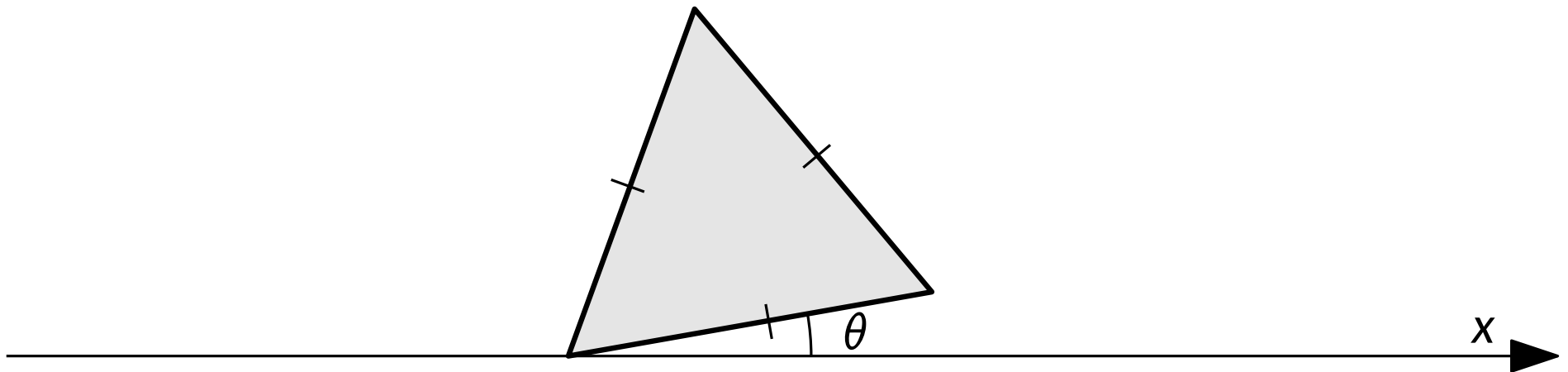
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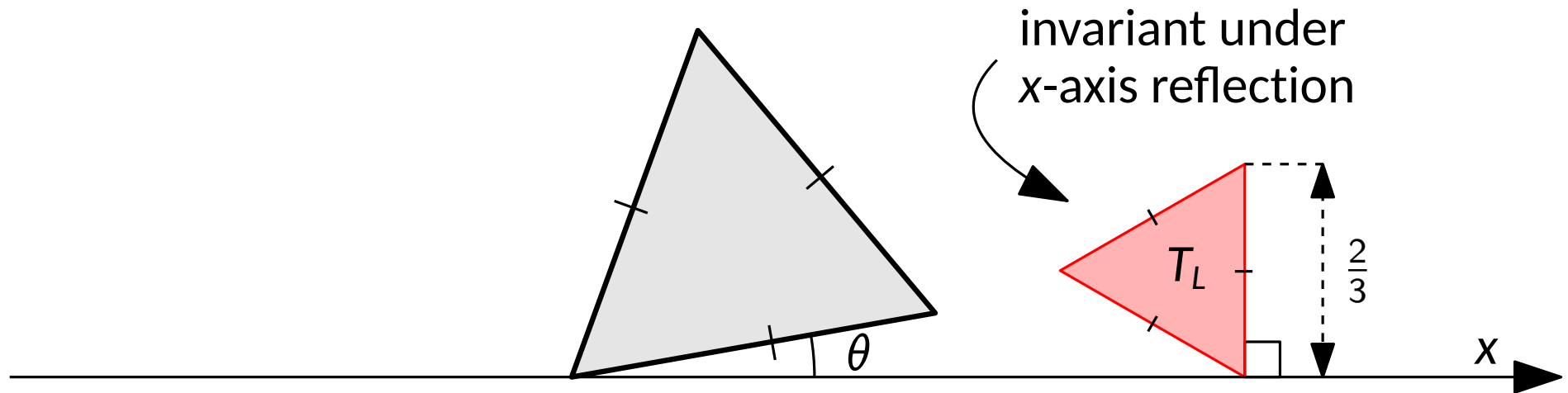
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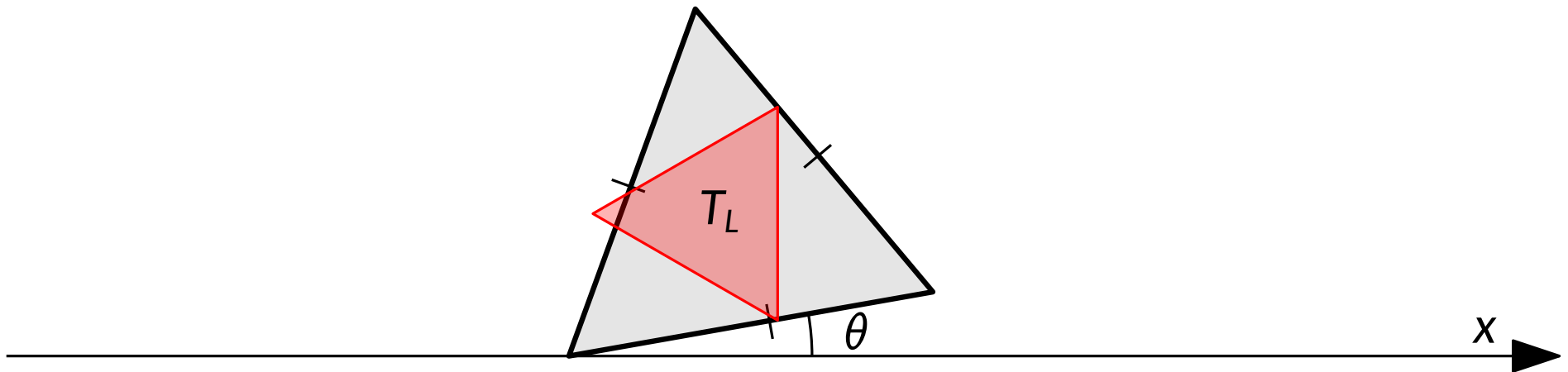
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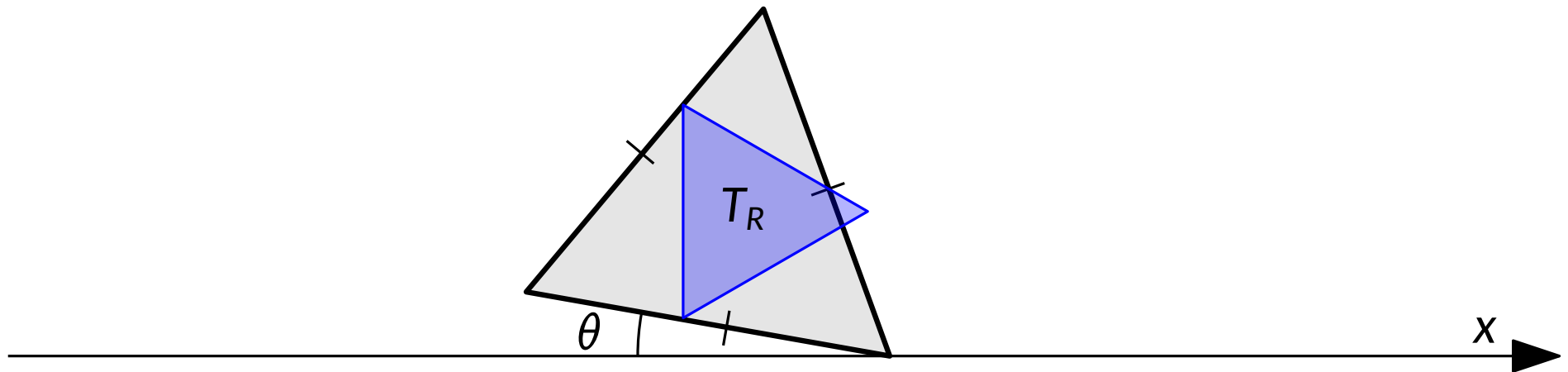
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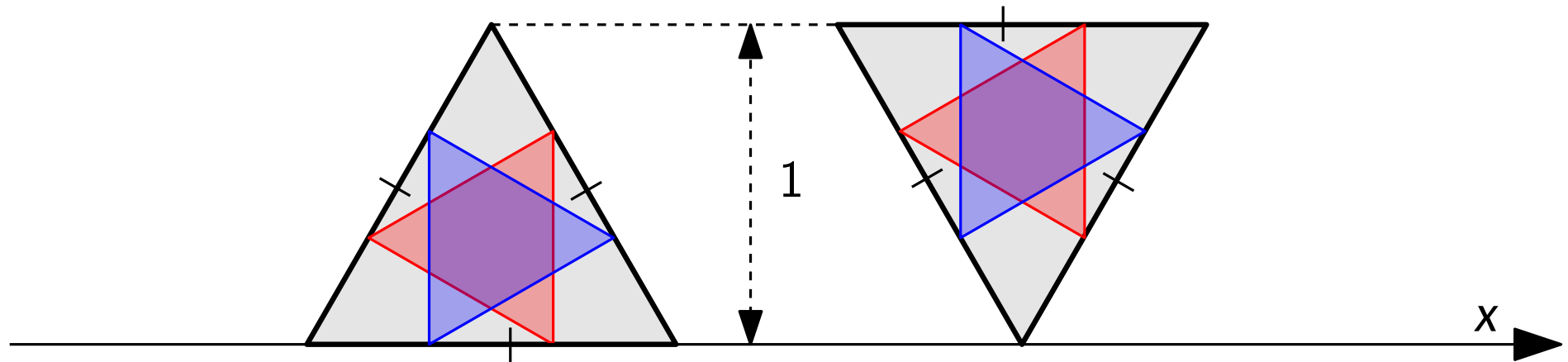
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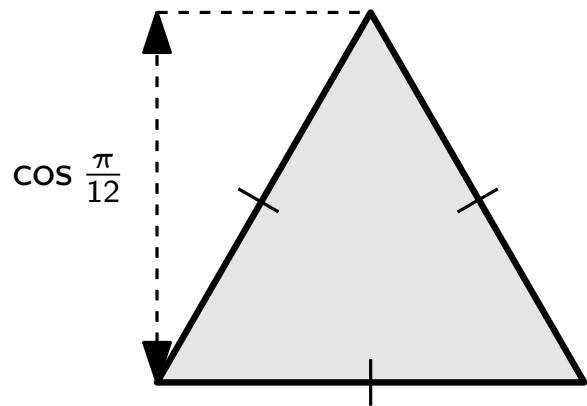
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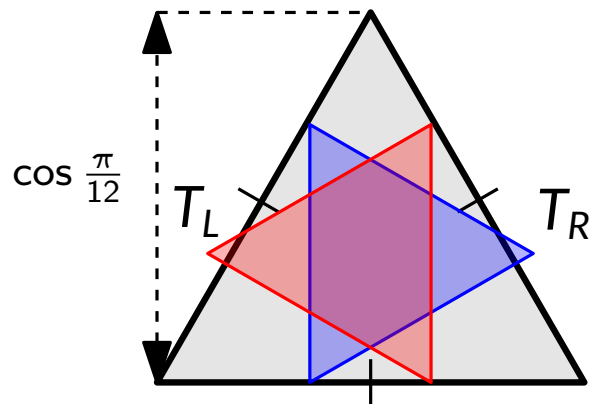
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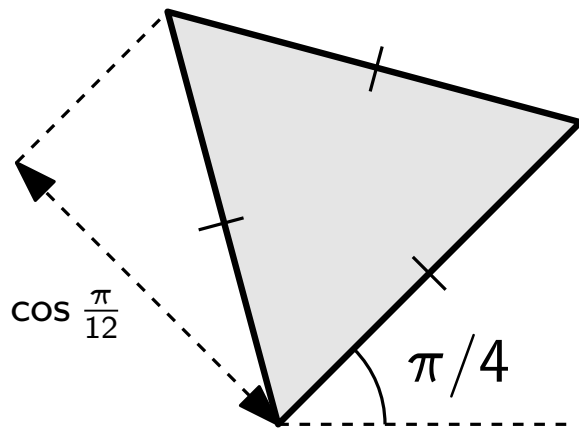
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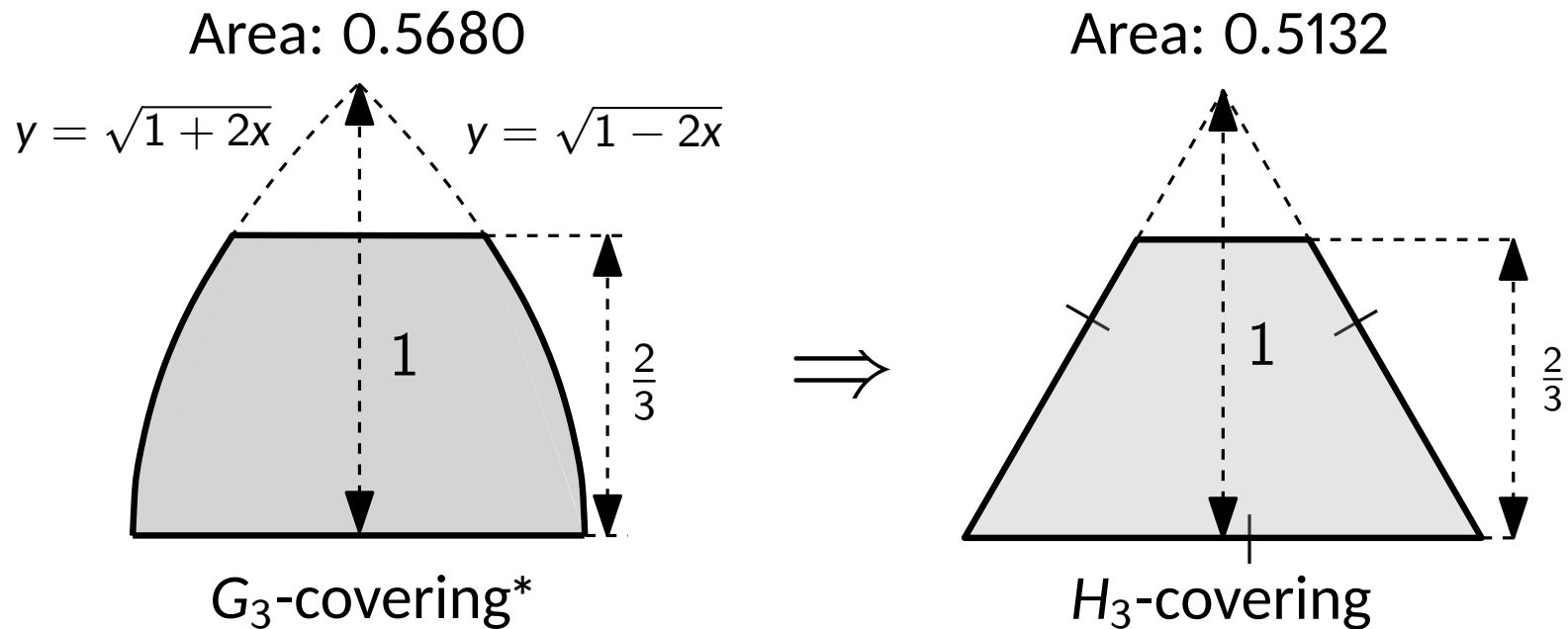


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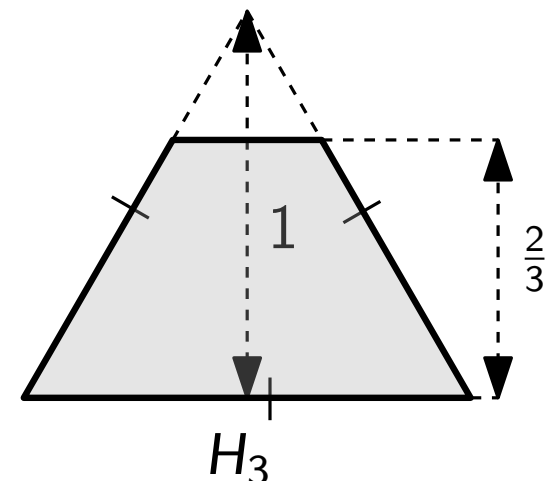
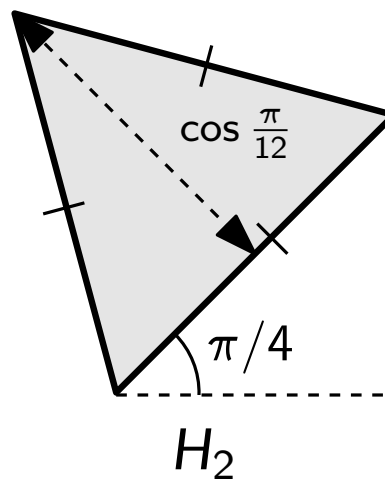
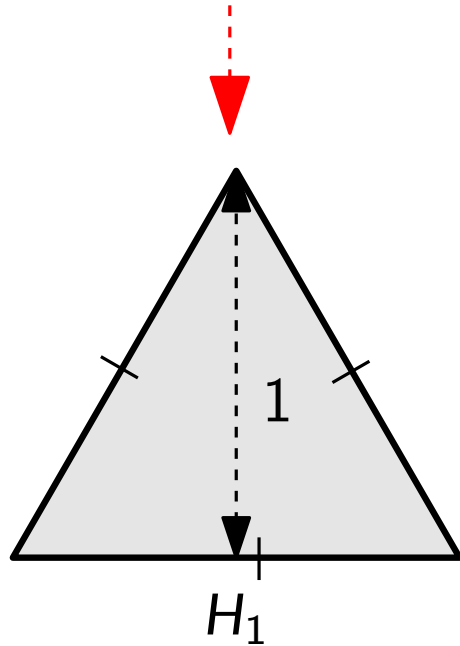
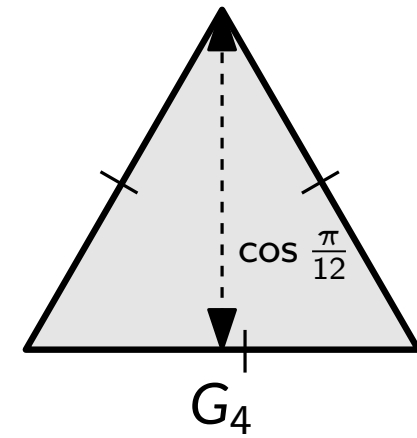
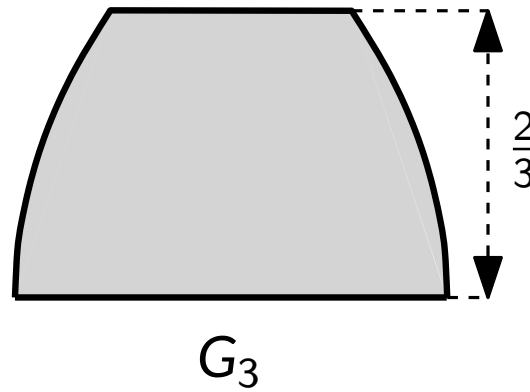
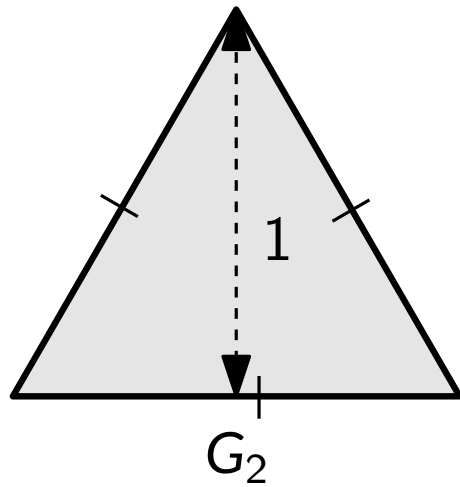
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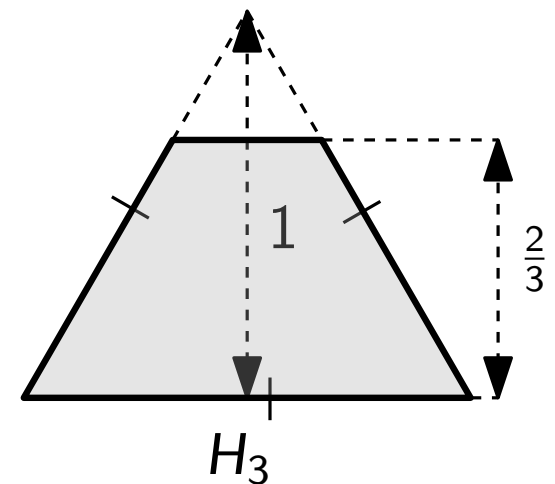
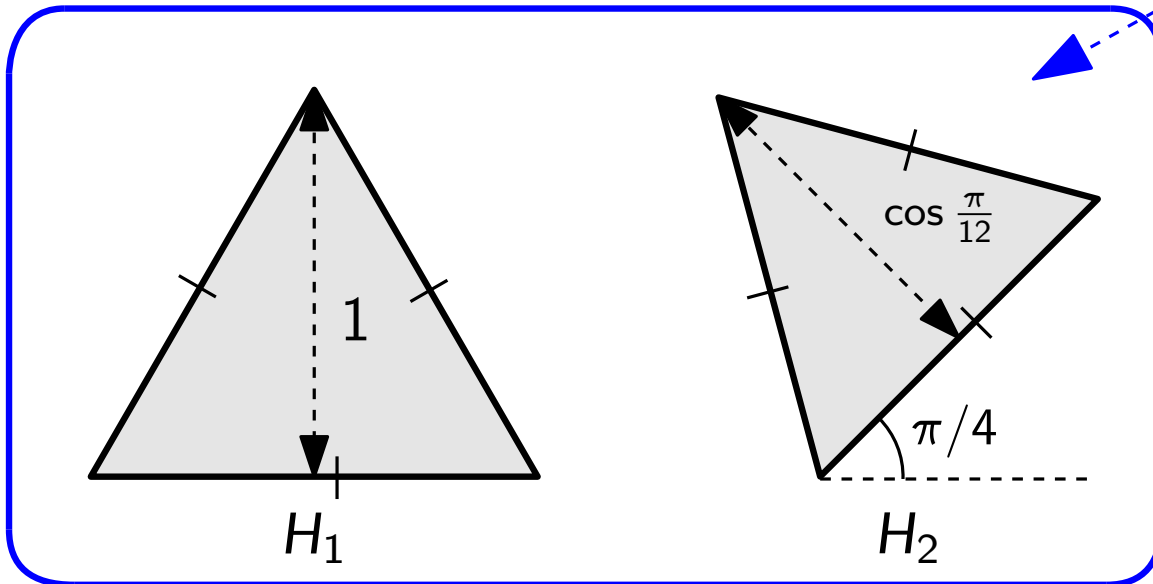
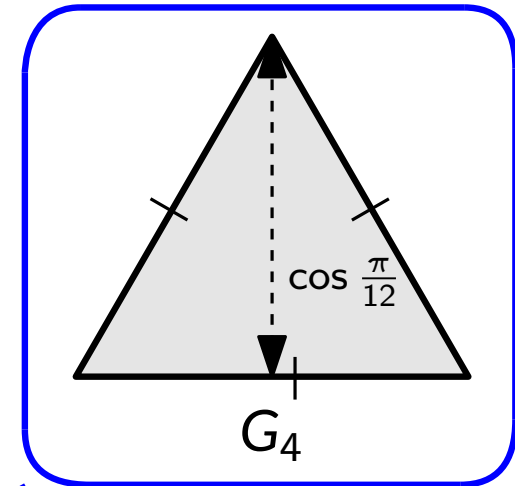
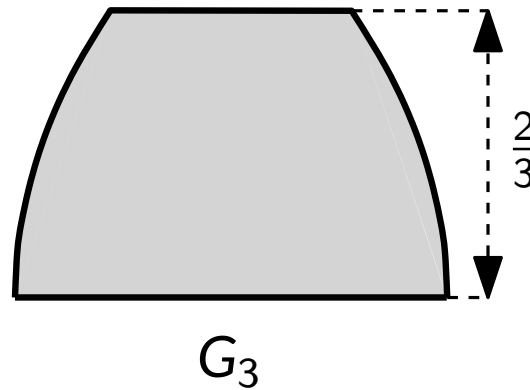
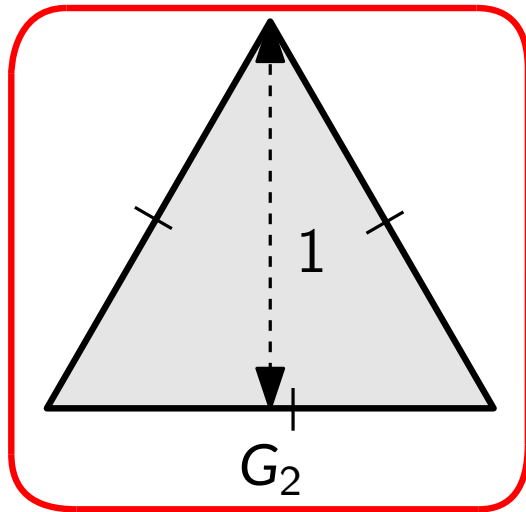
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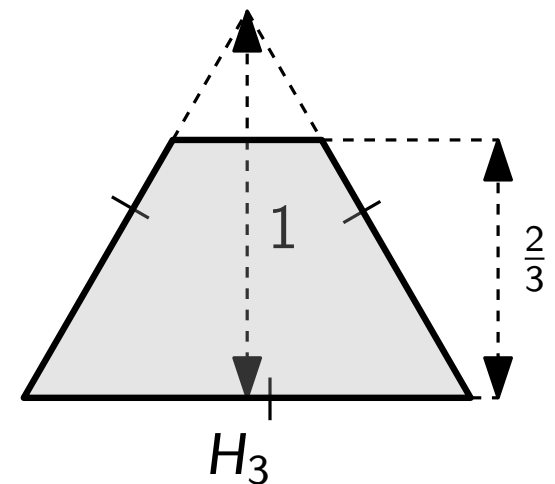
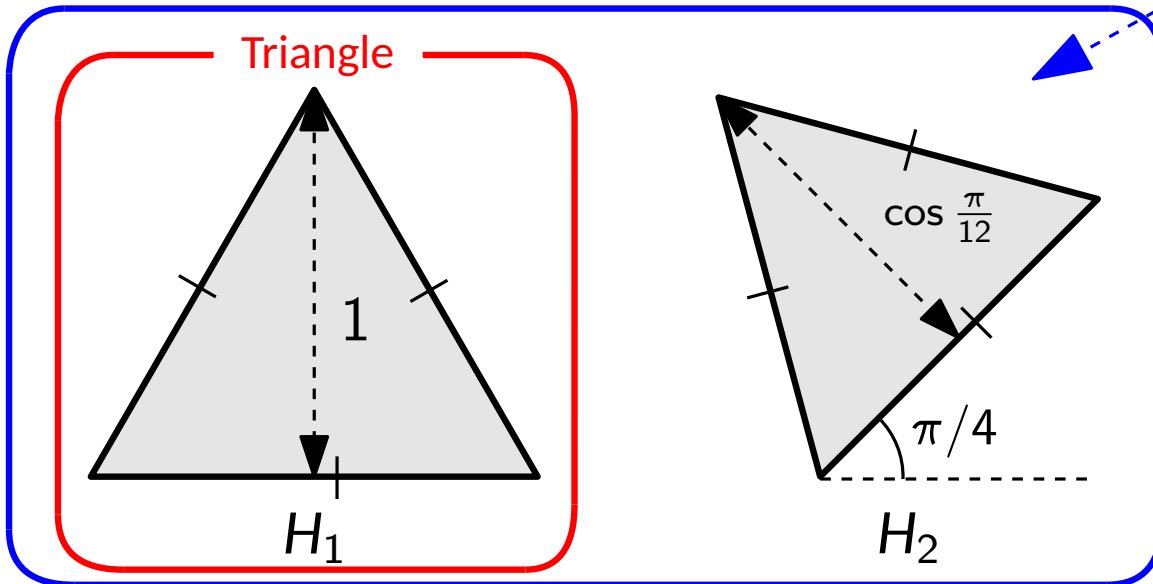
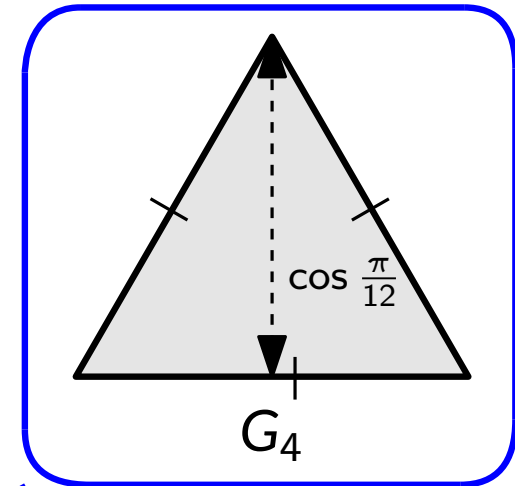
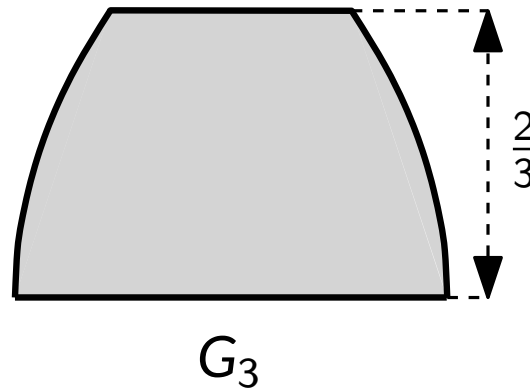
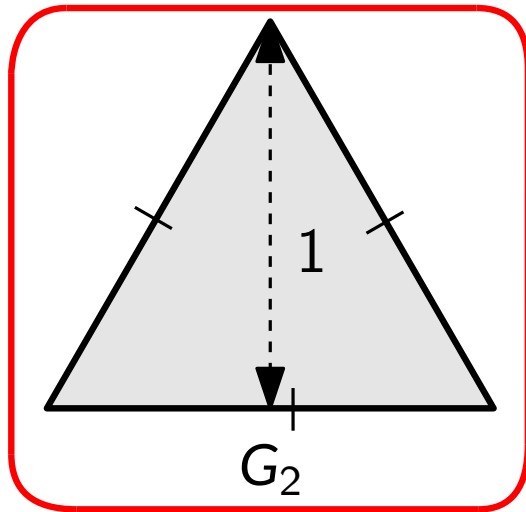
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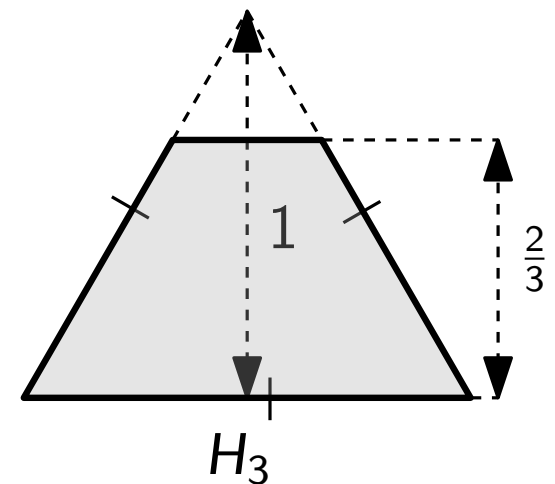
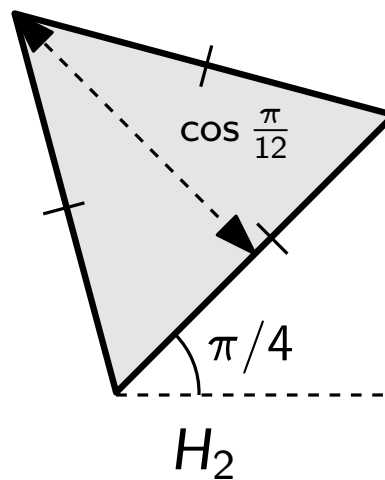
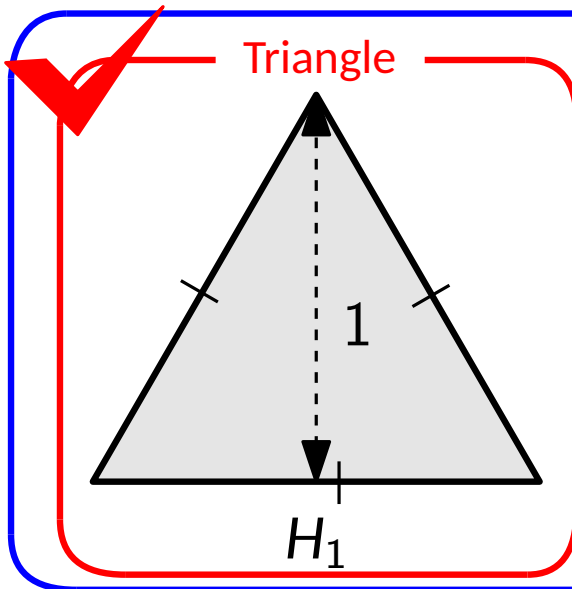
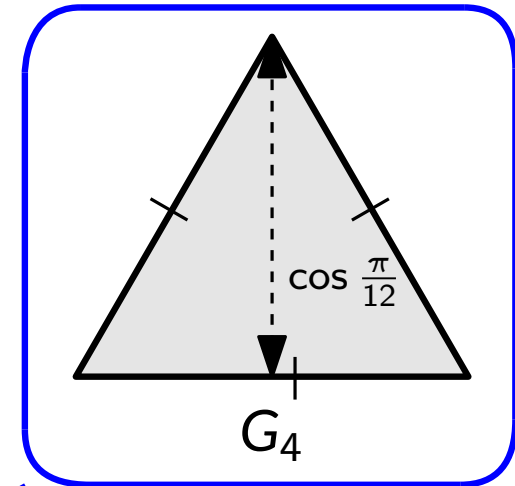
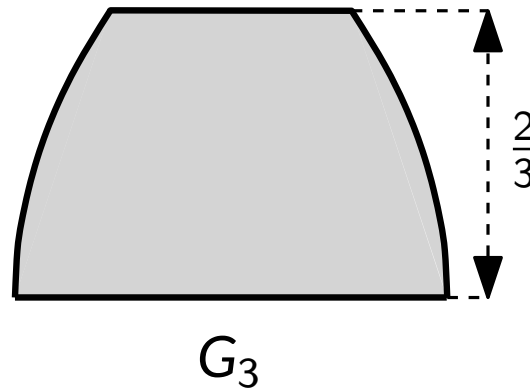
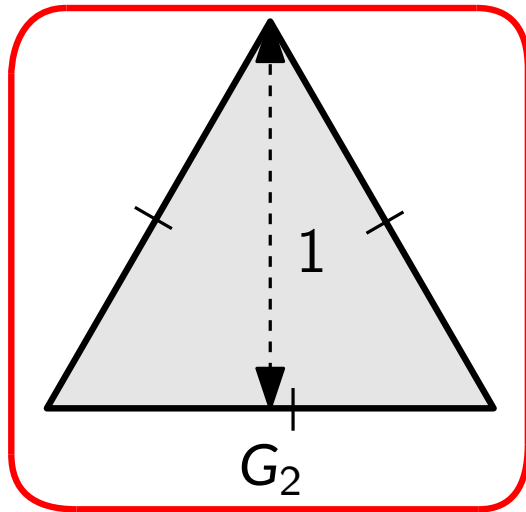
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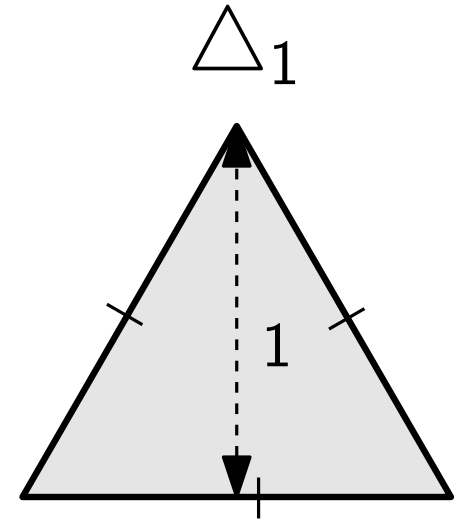
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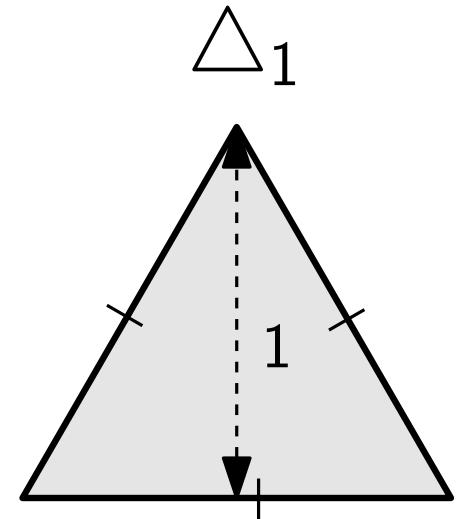
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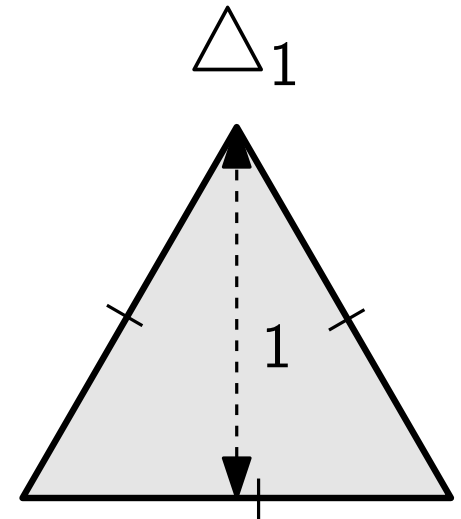
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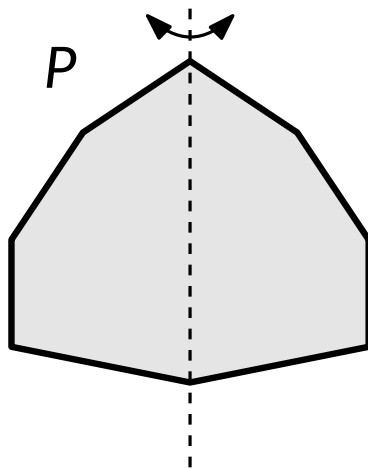
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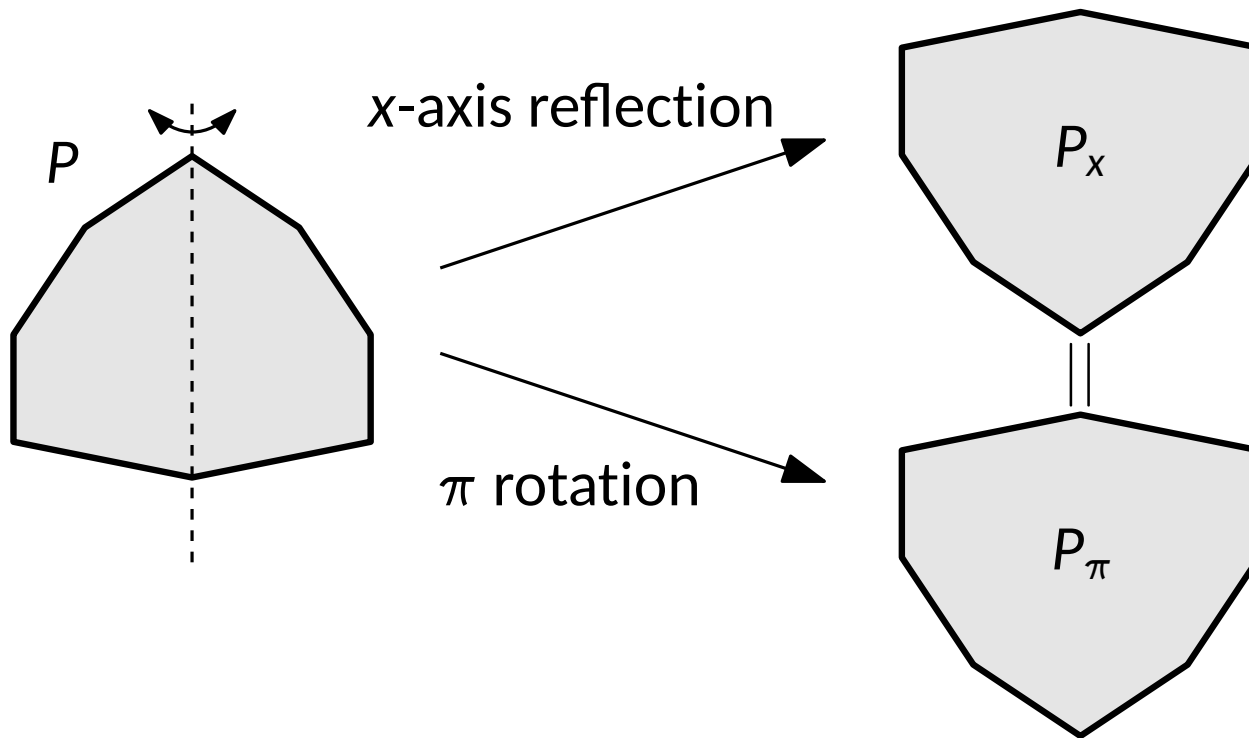
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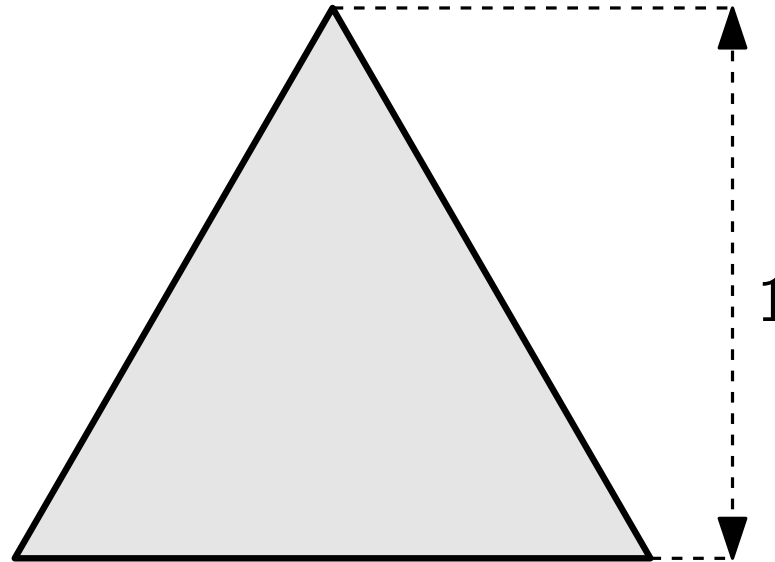
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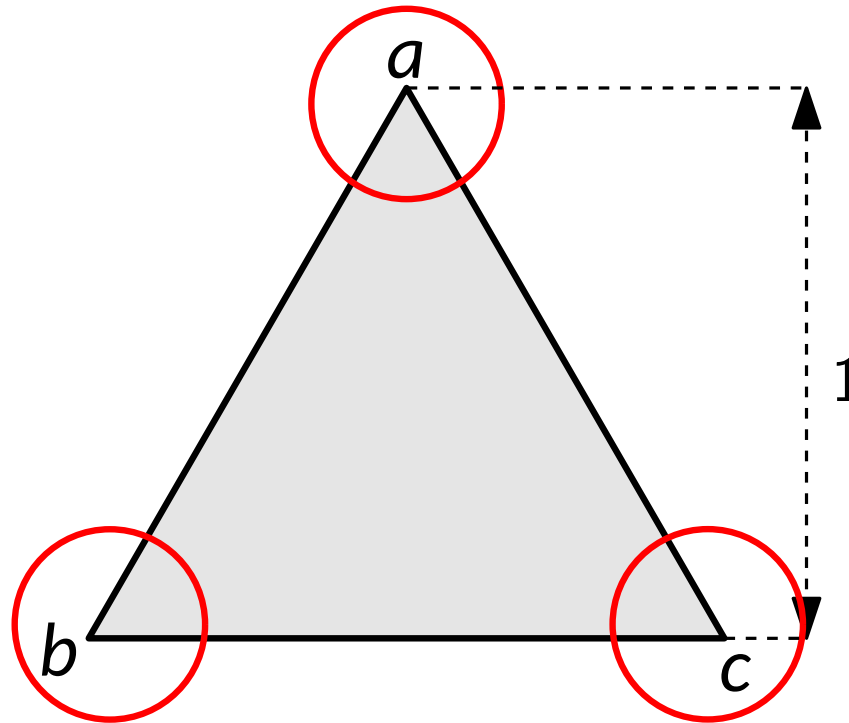
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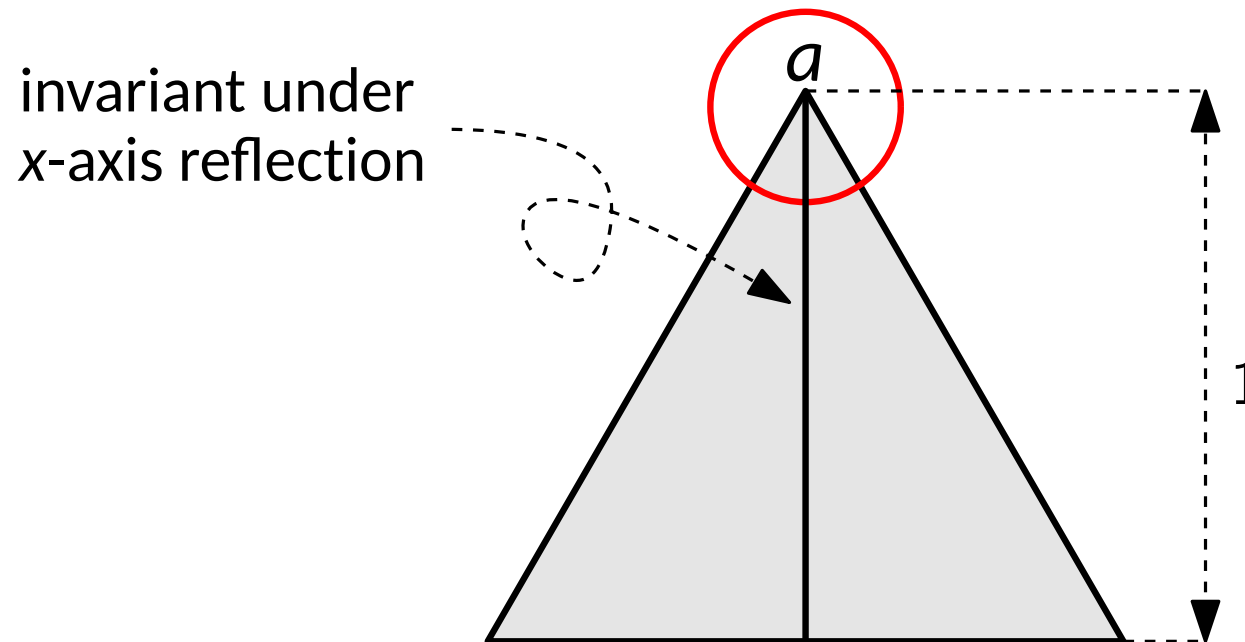
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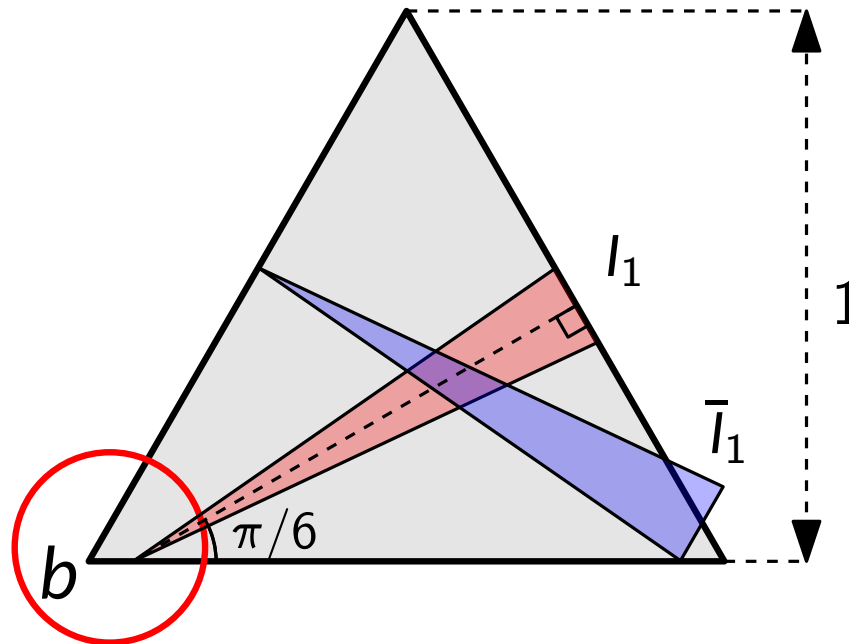
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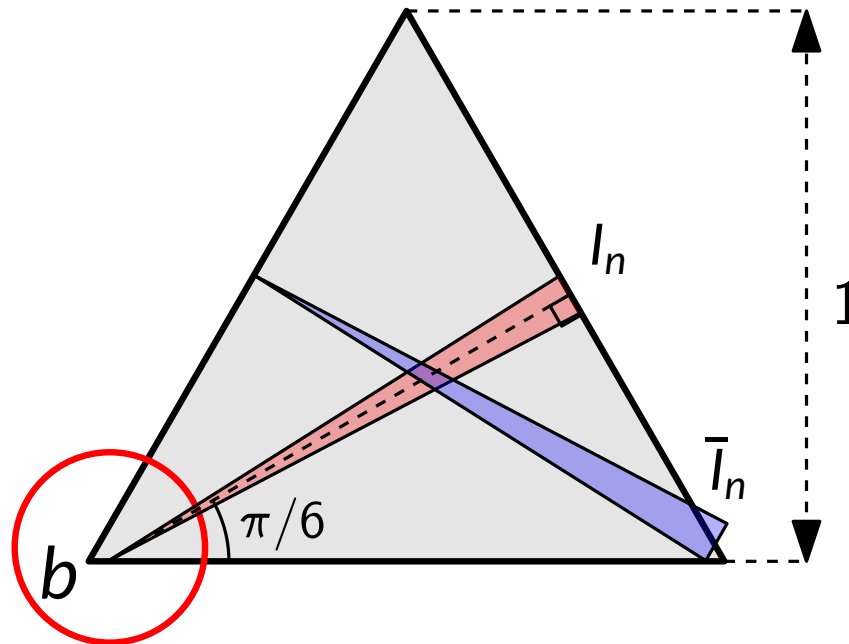
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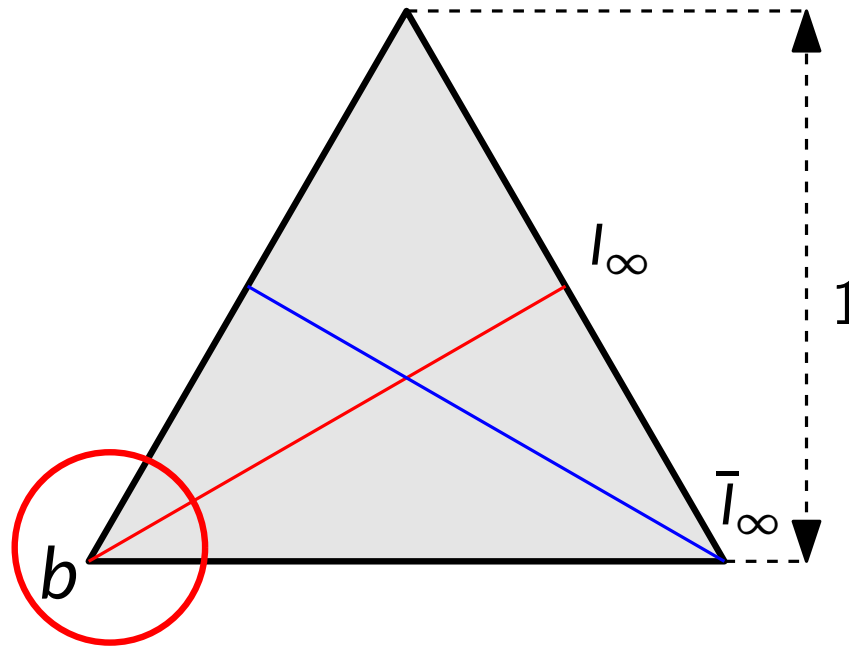
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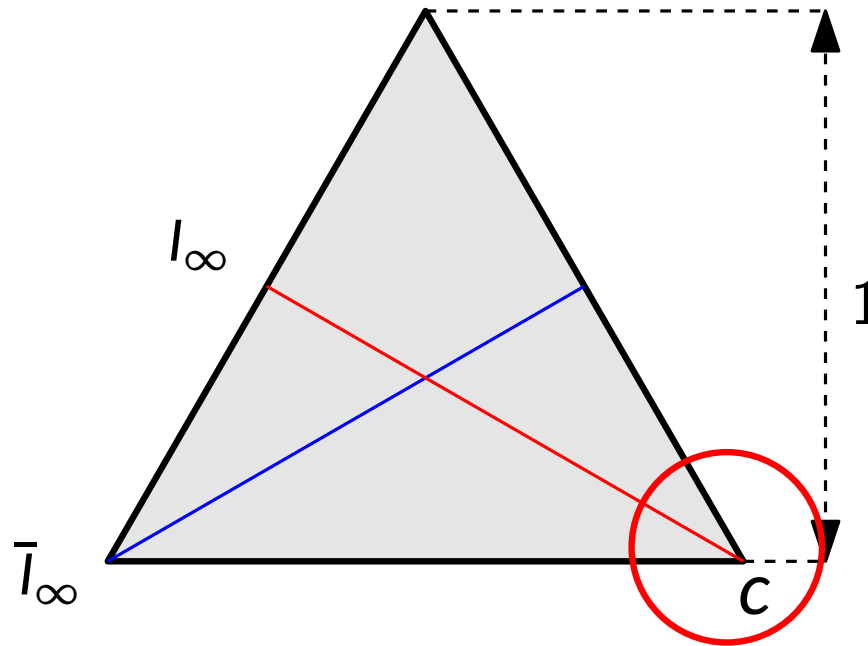
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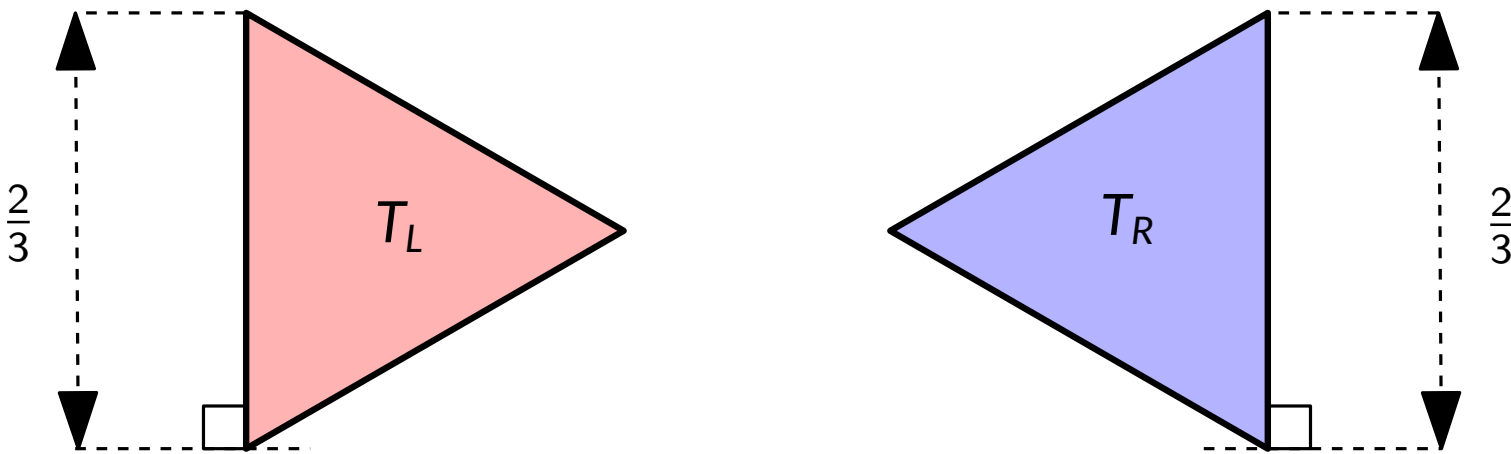
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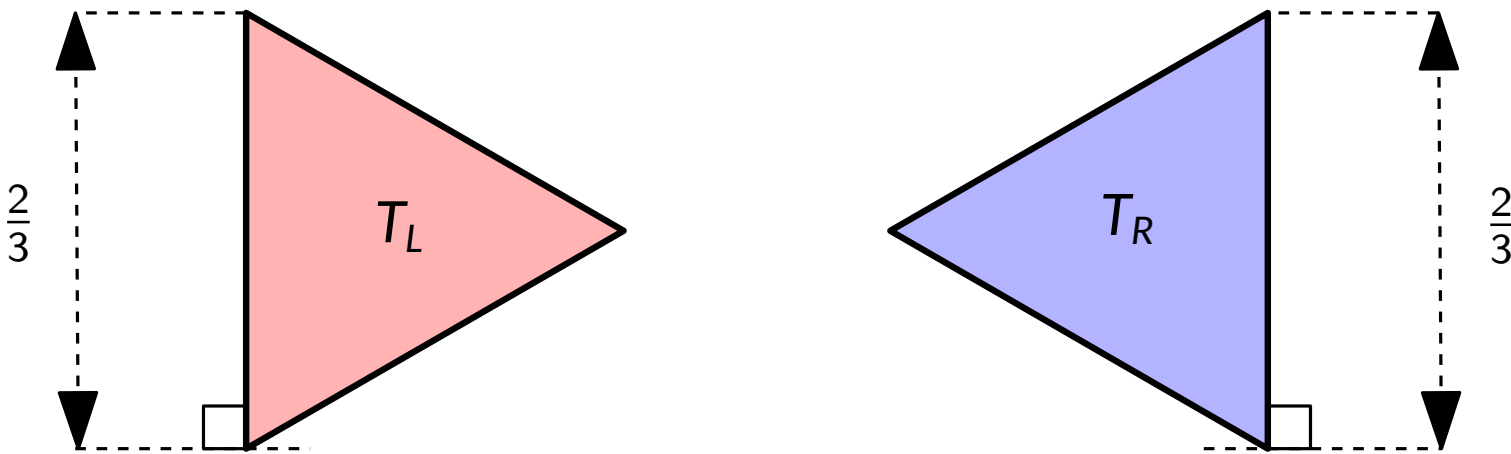
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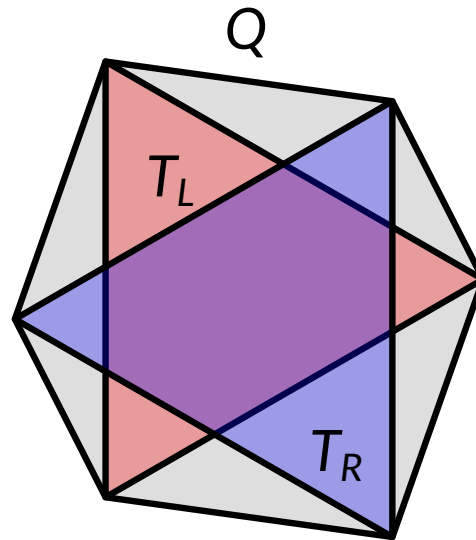
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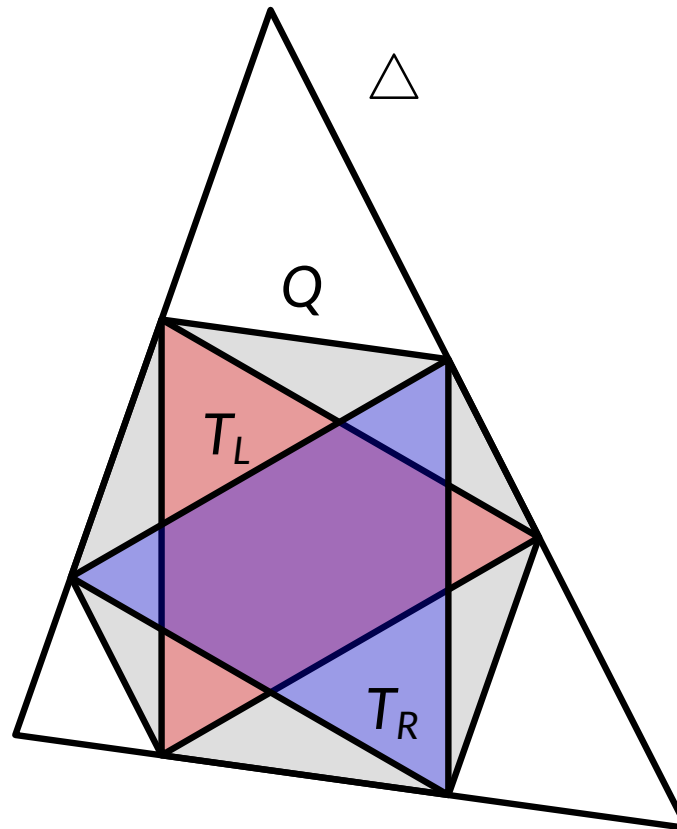
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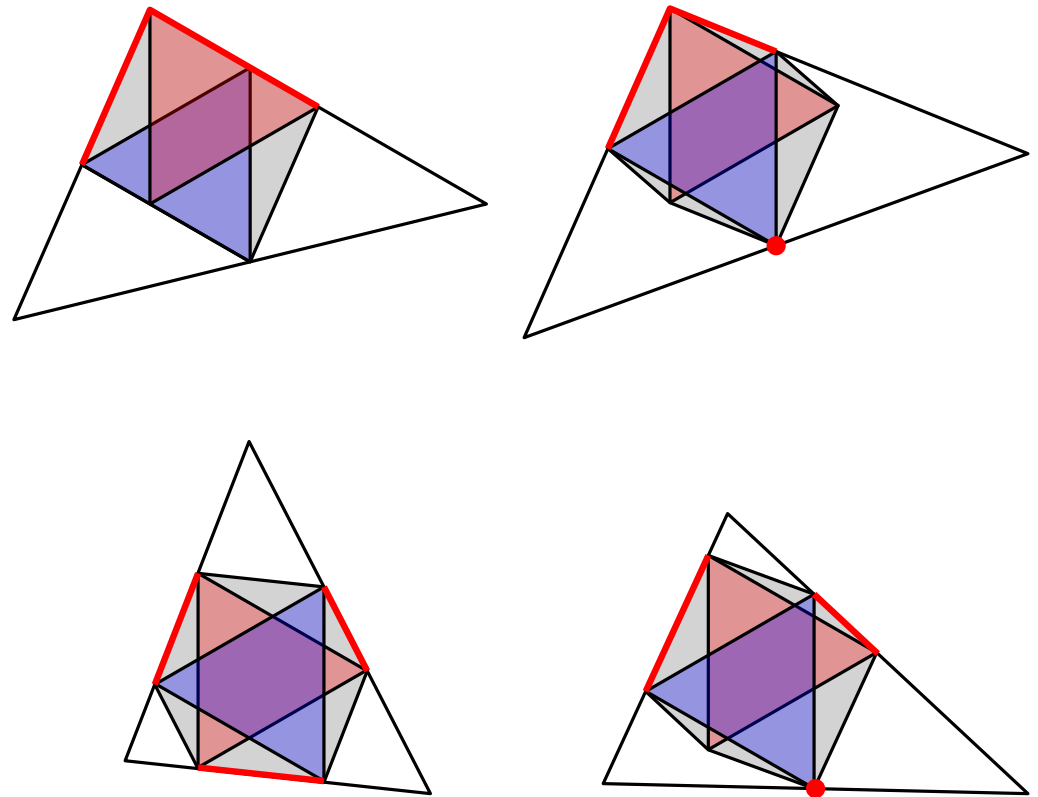
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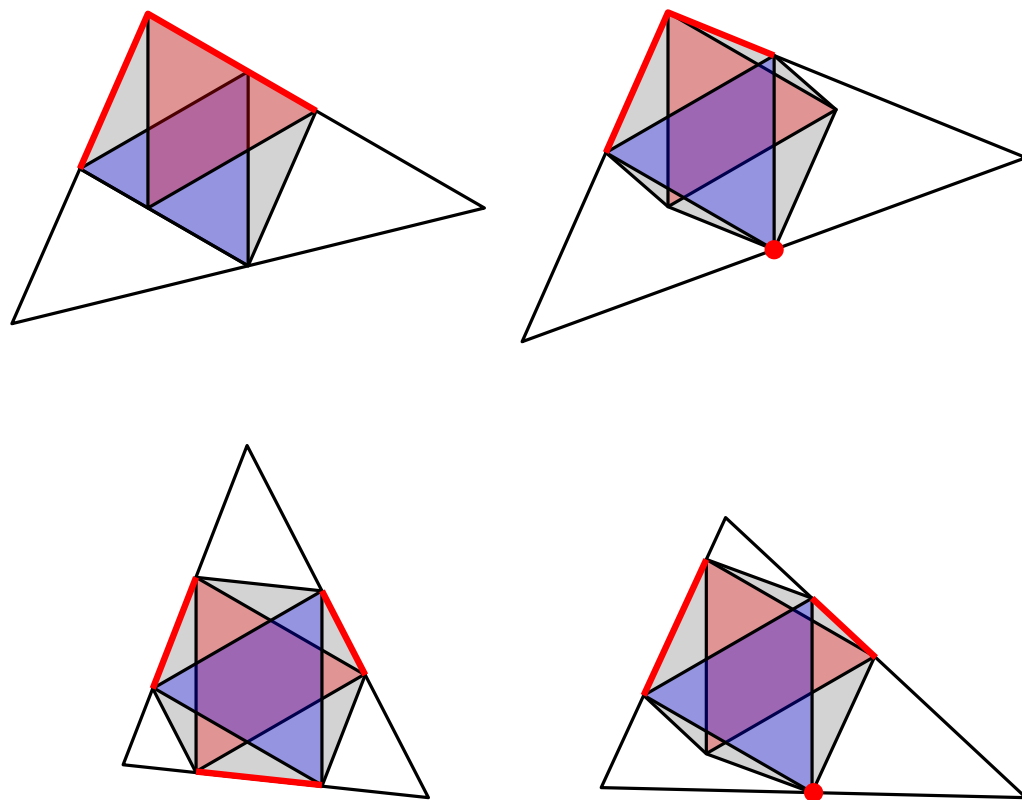


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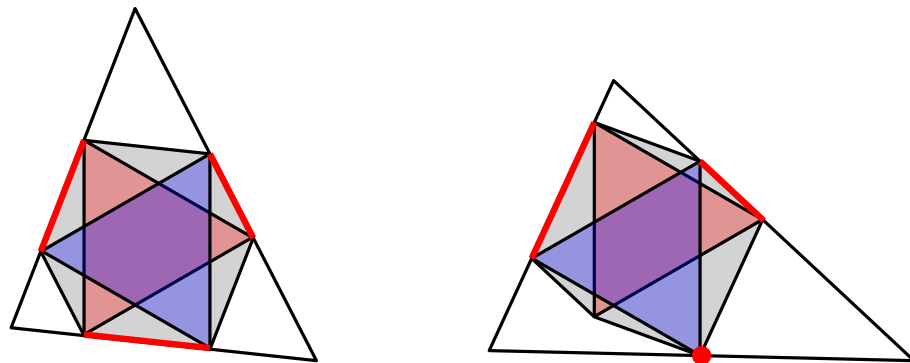
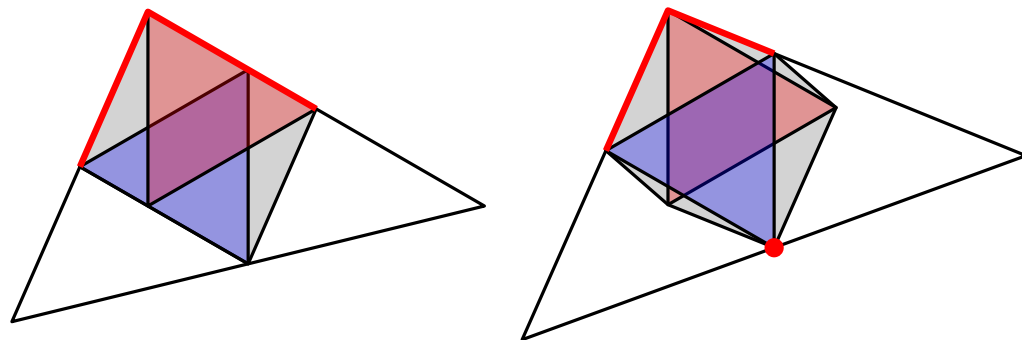
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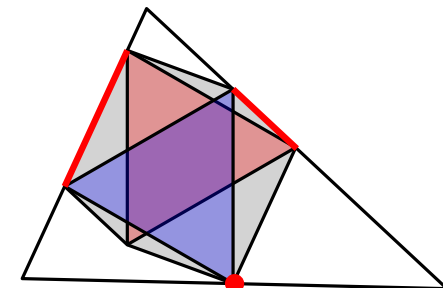
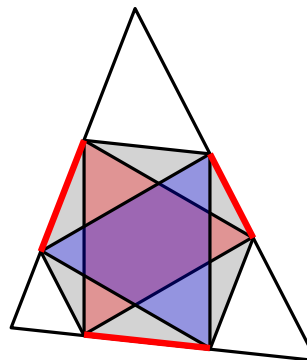
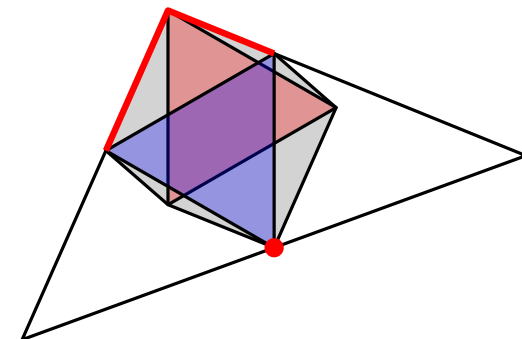
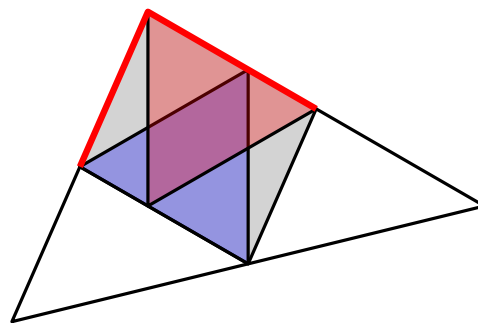
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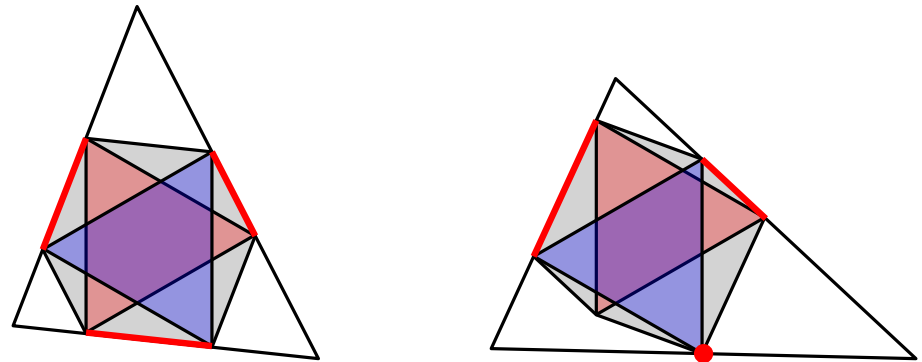
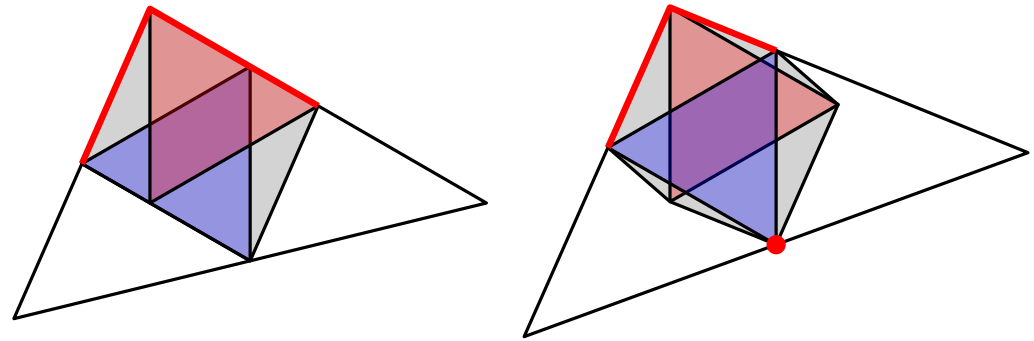
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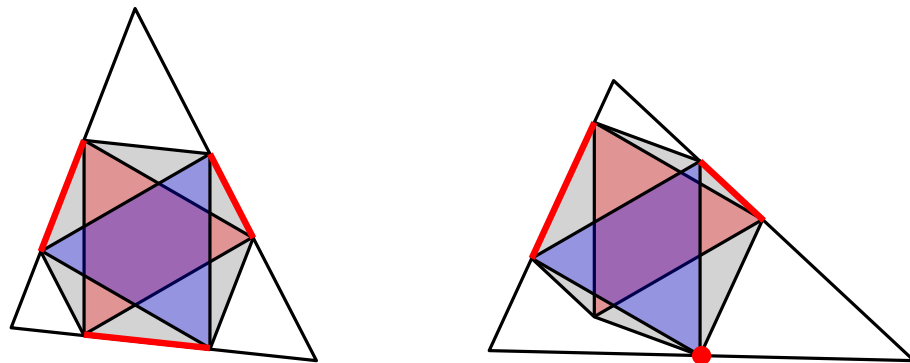
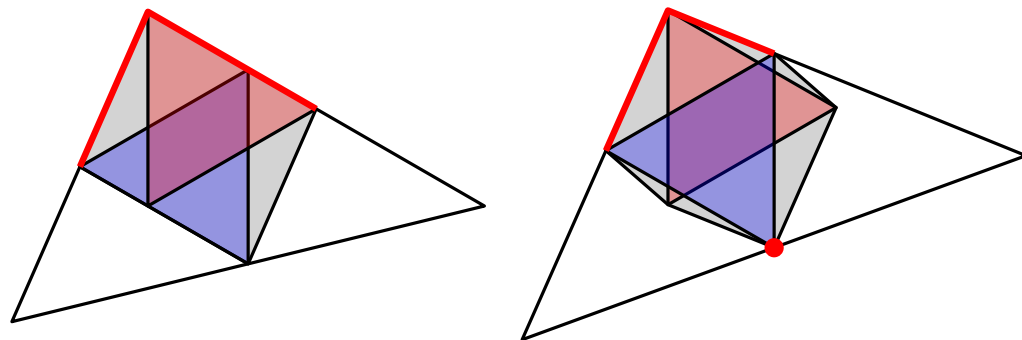
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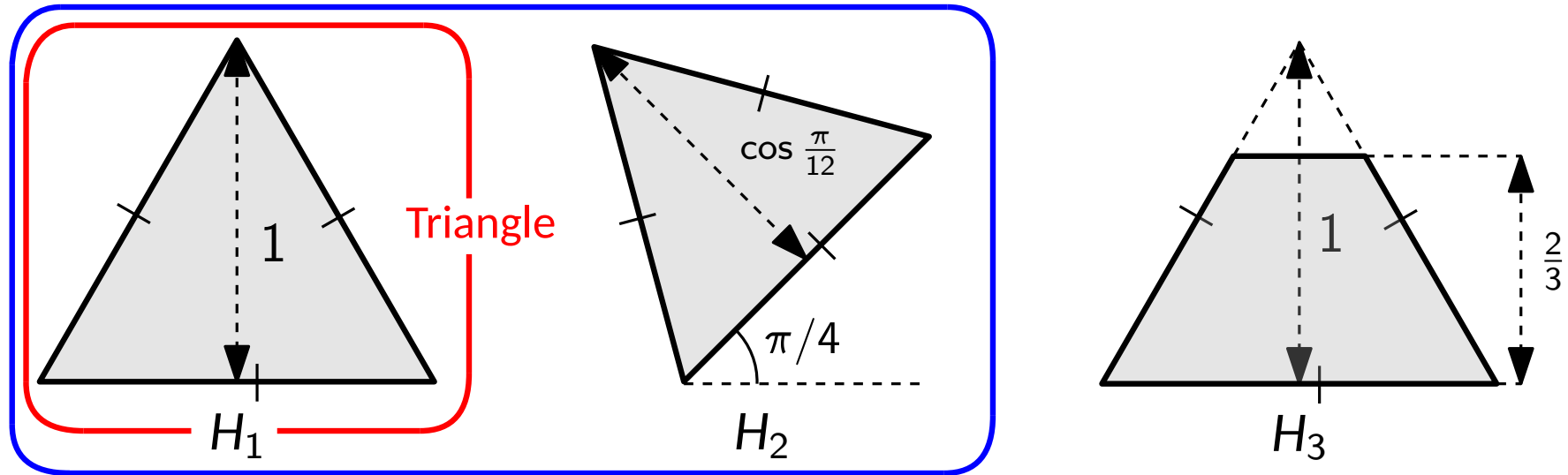
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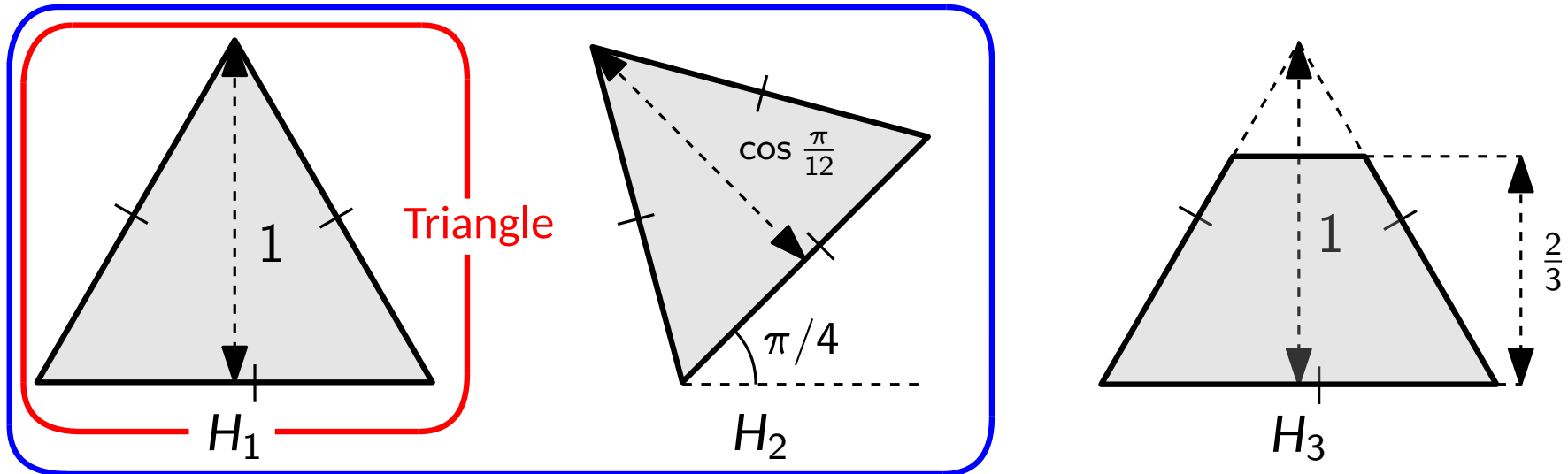
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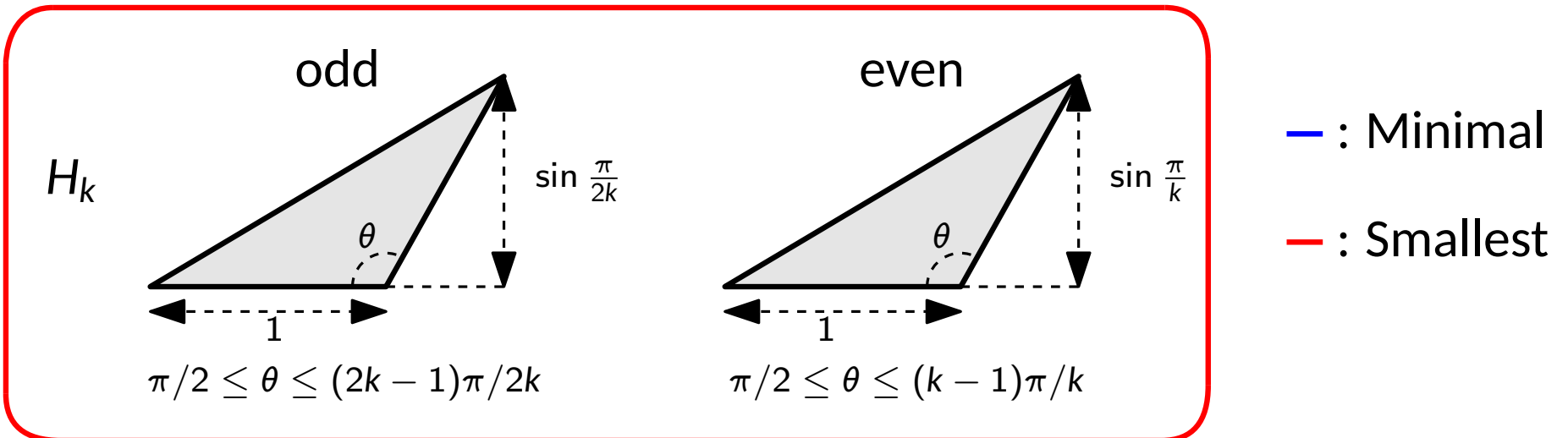
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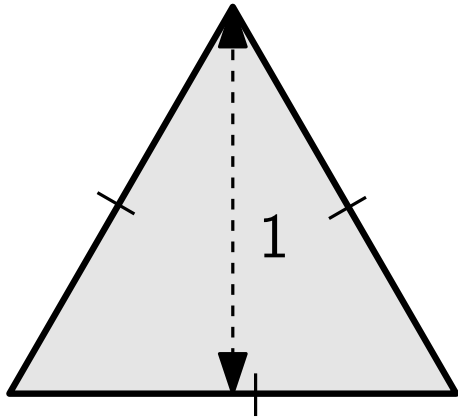
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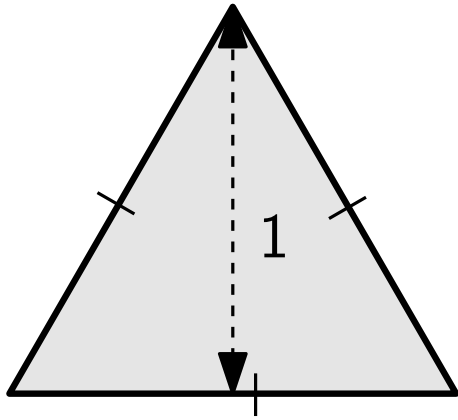
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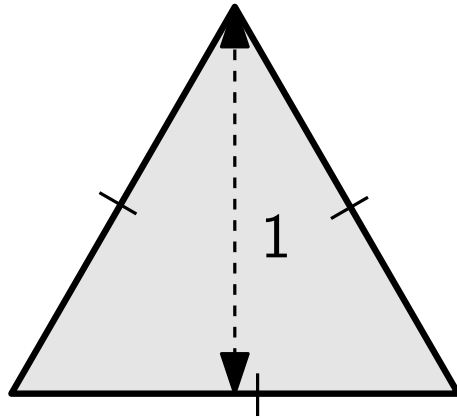


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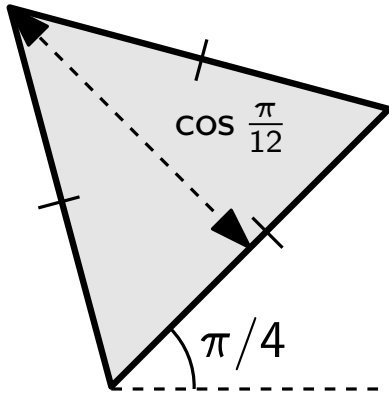
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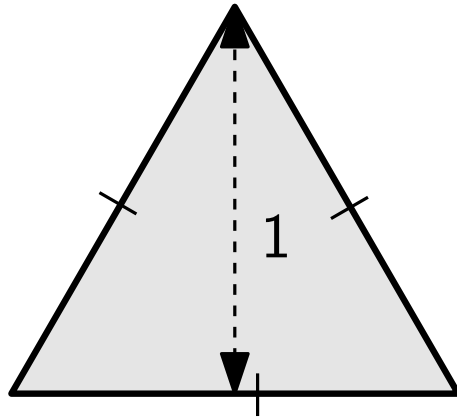
$\Rightarrow$  Is it the smallest-area  $H_1$ -covering of  $S_c$ ?



: A minimal  $G_4$ -covering of  $S_c$

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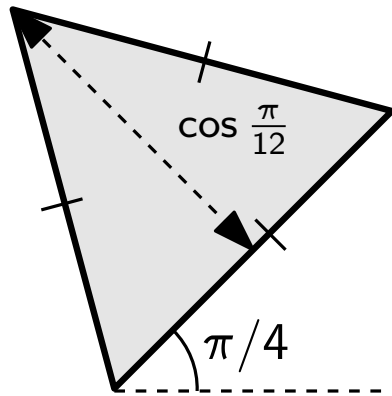
# Future Work



: The smallest-area  $G_2$ -covering of  $S_c$

The smallest-area triangle  $H_1$ -covering of  $S_c$

$\Rightarrow$  Is it the smallest-area  $H_1$ -covering of  $S_c$ ?



: A minimal  $G_4$ -covering of  $S_c$

A minimal  $H_2$ -covering of  $S_c$

$\Rightarrow$  Relation between  $G_{2^k}$ -covering and  $H_{2^k-1}$ -covering

Thank You!!