

Dynamics for holographic codes

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Holographic quantum error-correcting codes: toy models for the bulk/boundary correspondence

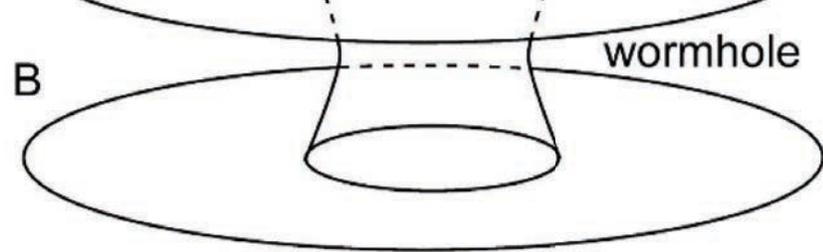
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ABSTRACT: We propose a family of exactly solvable toy models for the AdS/CFT correspondence based on a novel construction of quantum error-correcting codes with a tensor network structure. Our building block is a special type of tensor with maximal entanglement along any bipartition, which gives rise to an isometry from the bulk Hilbert space to the boundary Hilbert space. The entire tensor network is an encoder for a quantum error-correcting code, where the bulk and boundary degrees of freedom may be identified as



(b) Wormhole.

mic code, and the corresponding wormhole geometry.

legs at their horizons, as shown in figure 18b. It with recent speculations about how the length of of the tensor network describing the state [52–54], probably need to incorporate dynamics into our model.

an information science and quantum gravity has ac- tual by a vision of quantum entanglement as the we expect this interface area to continue to grow in communities struggle to develop a common language by the connection between AdS/CFT and quantum

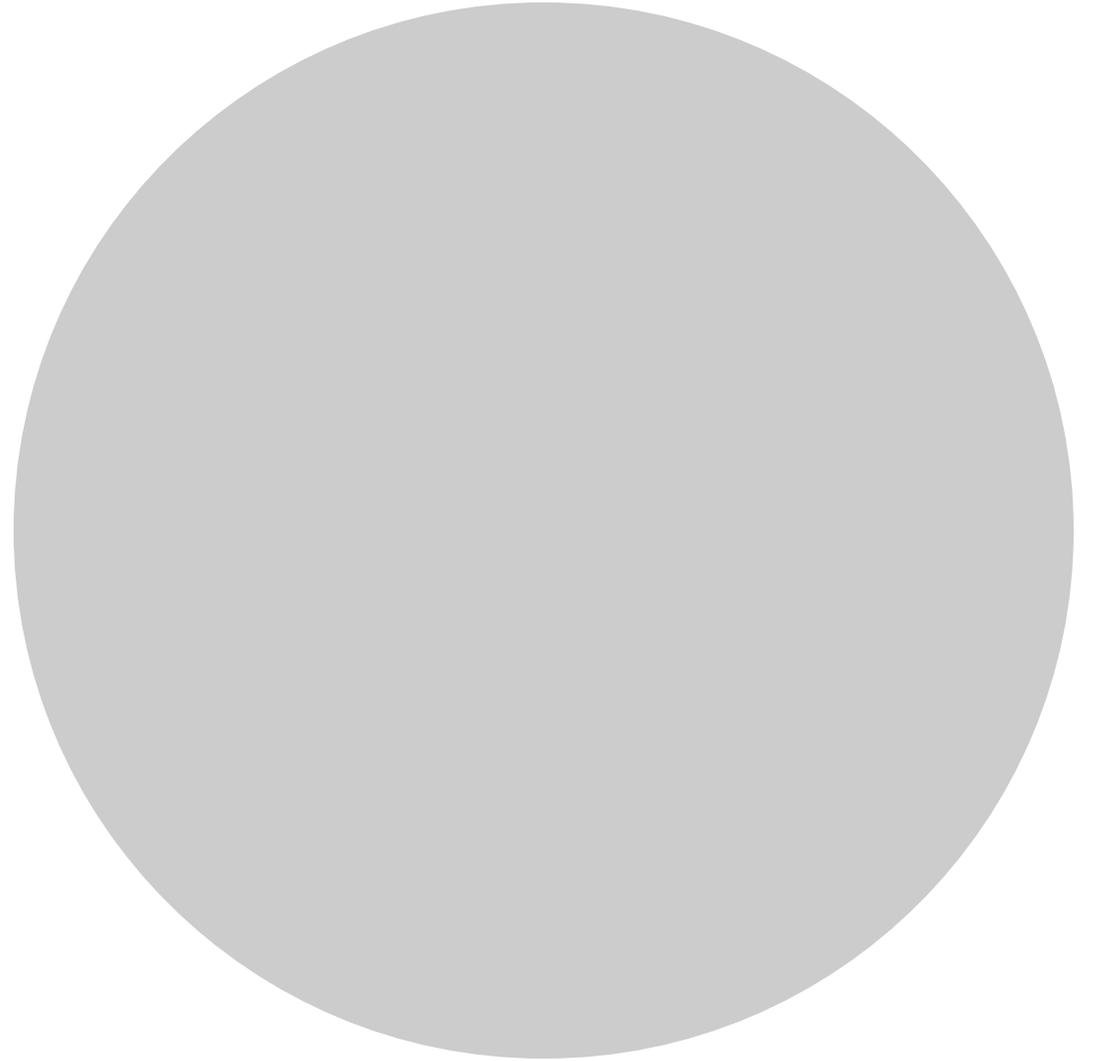
n invariance in a lattice model. What features in our / N corrections in the continuum theory? In AdS/CFT, close to the Planck scale when the bulk theory is weakly coupled, for example the curvature scale is comparable to the Planck length. For other bulk geometries we should study more general tests of holographic duality. A particularly serious drawback of our toy model is that it has reduced any bulk or boundary dynamics. Can holographic codes capture processes like the formation and evaporation of a black hole? We have emphasized that holographic states and codes are not just some aspects of AdS/CFT, but they may also be interesting in principle as models of topological matter. Furthermore, quantum codes like concatenated quantum codes that have been extensively used in quantum computing [44], and might likewise be applicable to protect quantum computers against noise. For this application, a theory of holographic codes in a variety of directions, including error rate and distance, formulating efficient schemes for correcting erasure errors, and finding ways to realize a universal quantum code on the code space.

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**The
Poincaré
disk**

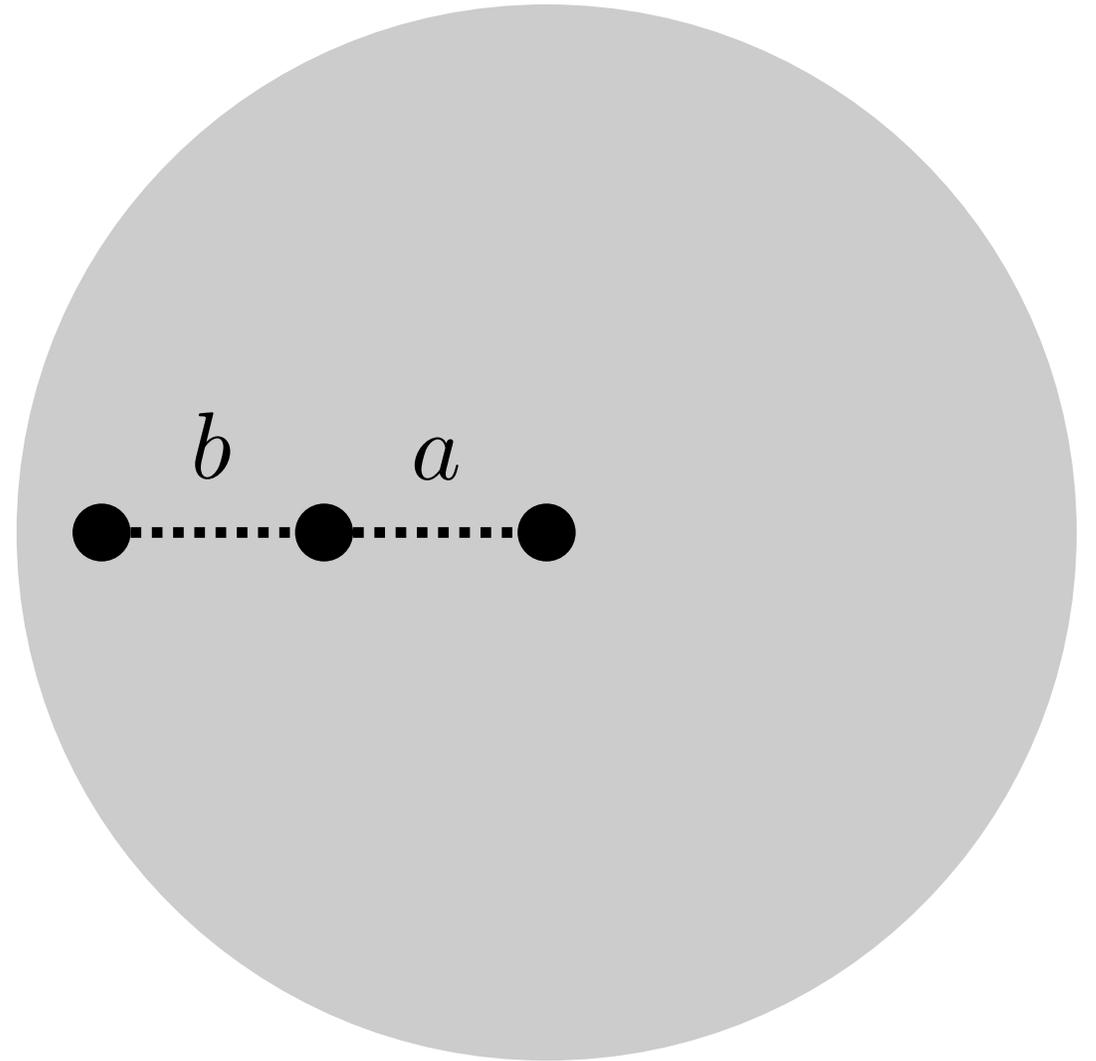
interior of the unit disk



interior of the unit disk

distances are different!

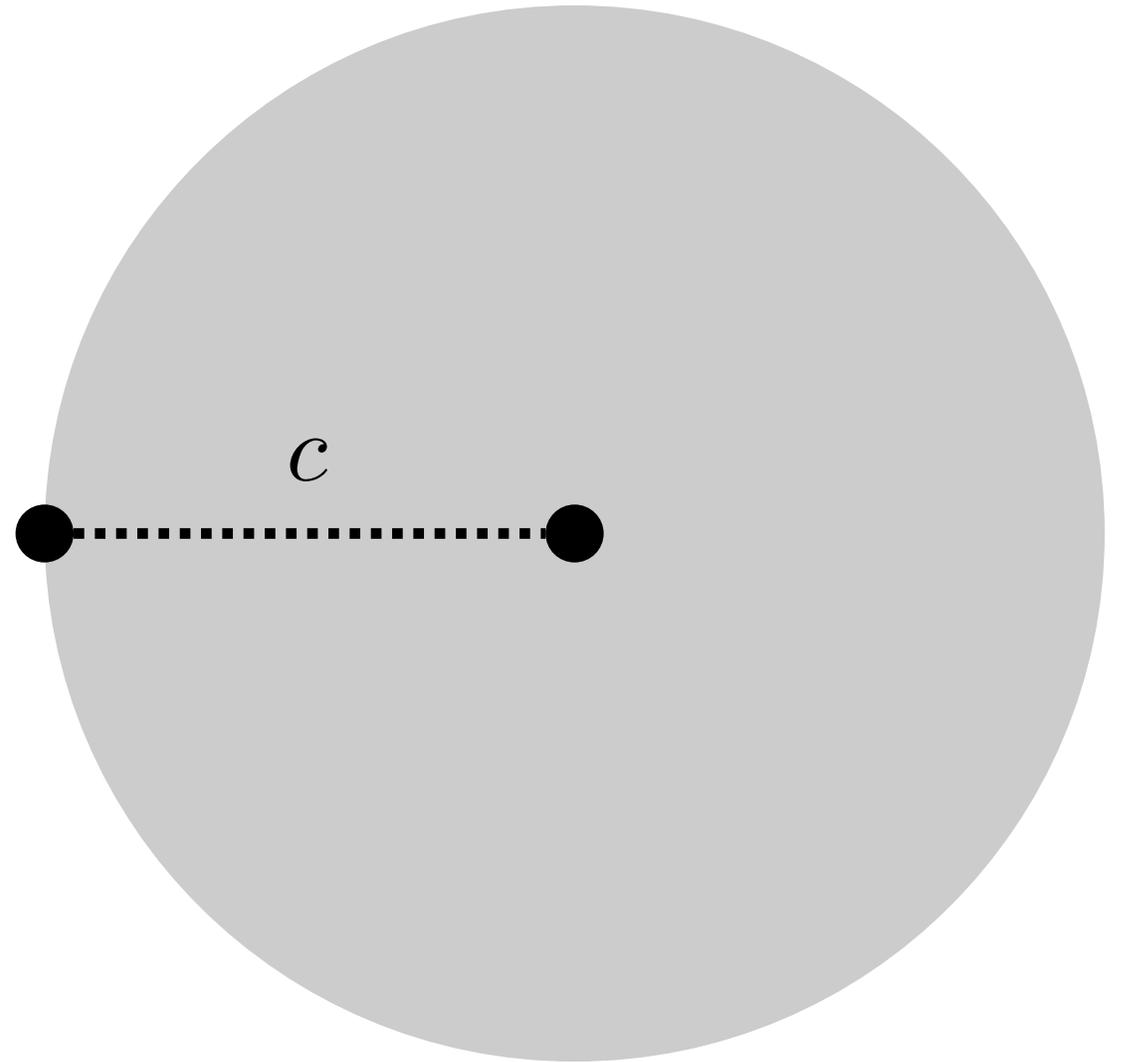
$$|b| > |a|$$



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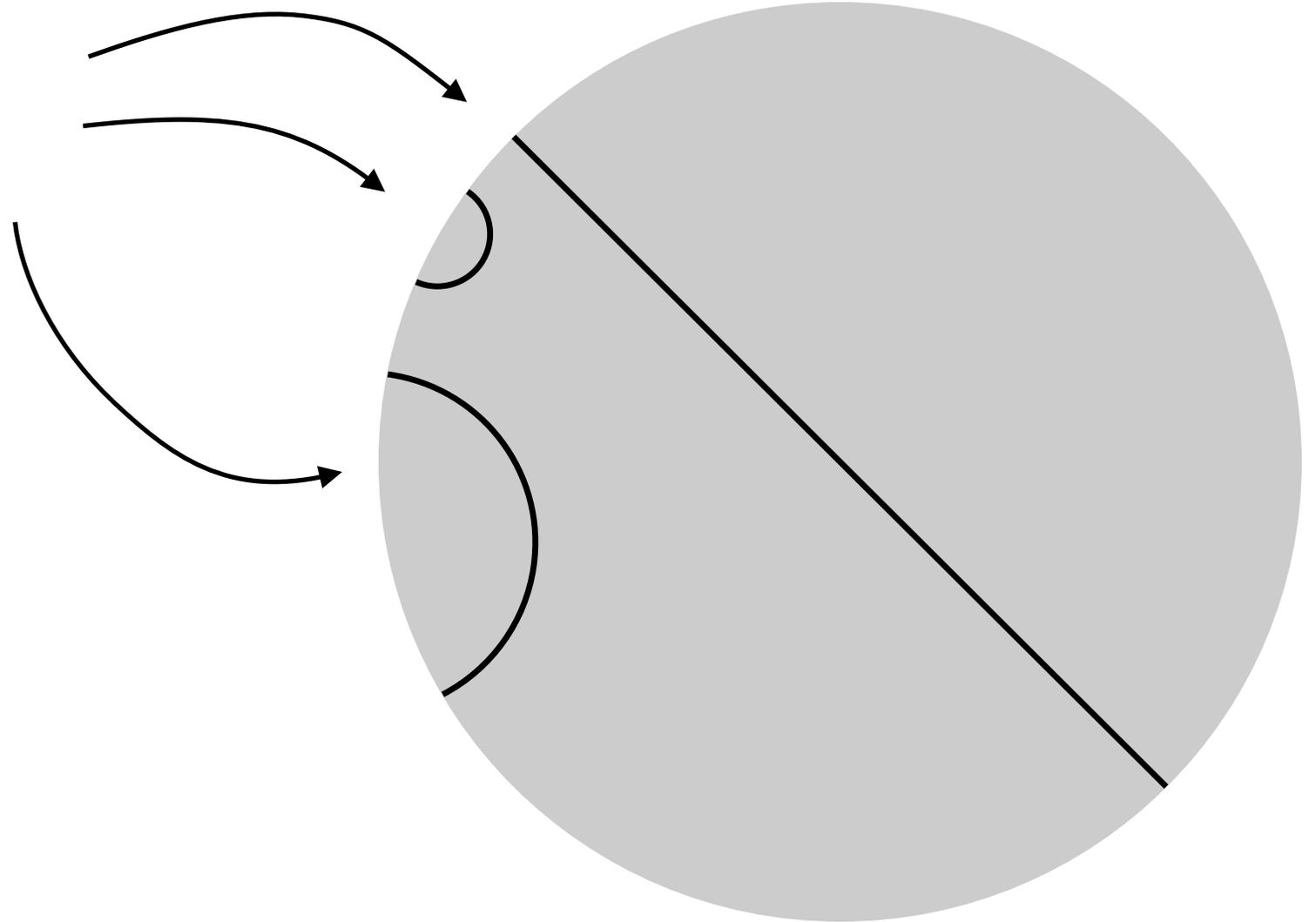
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$$|c| = \infty$$



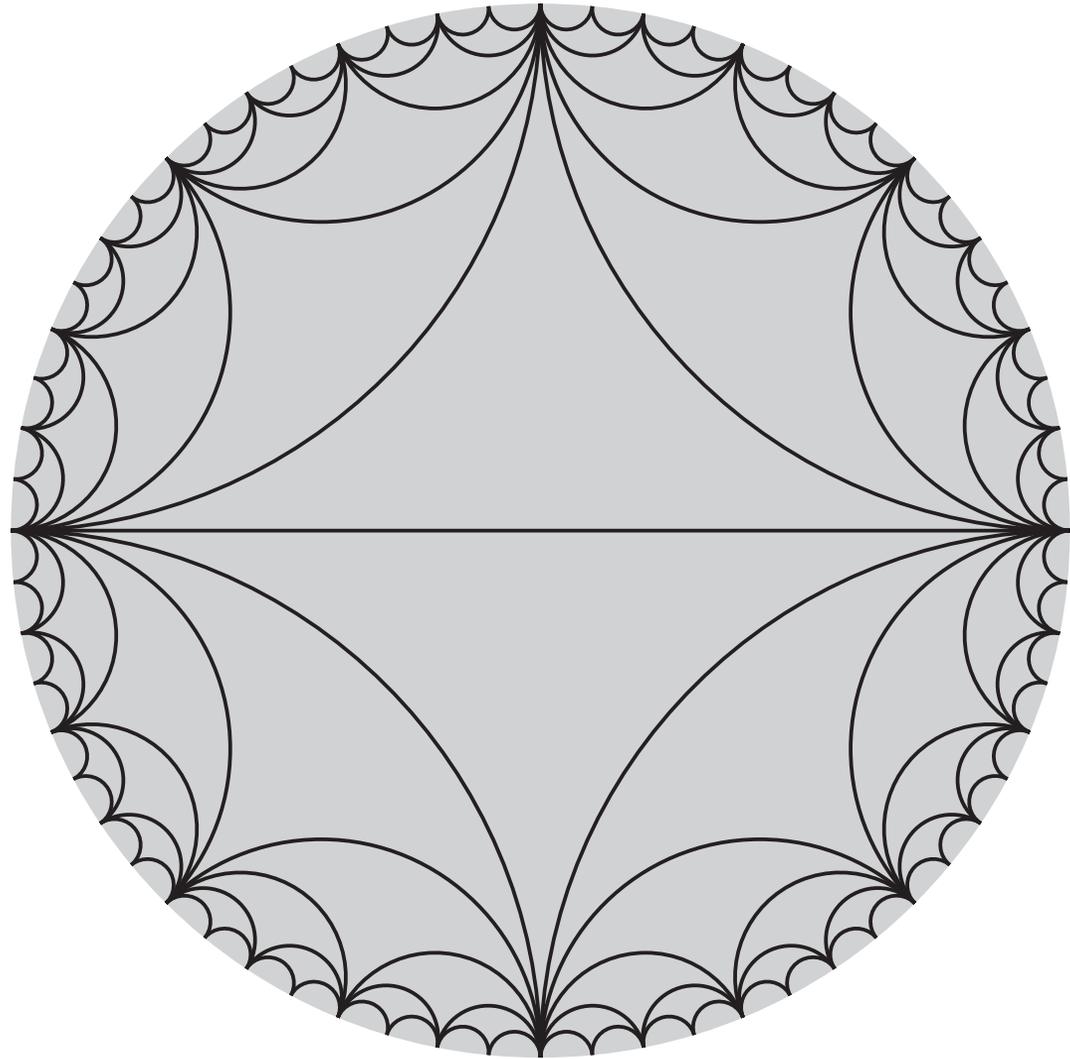
geodesics

are **diameters**
and **circles** that
meet the
boundary at
right angles

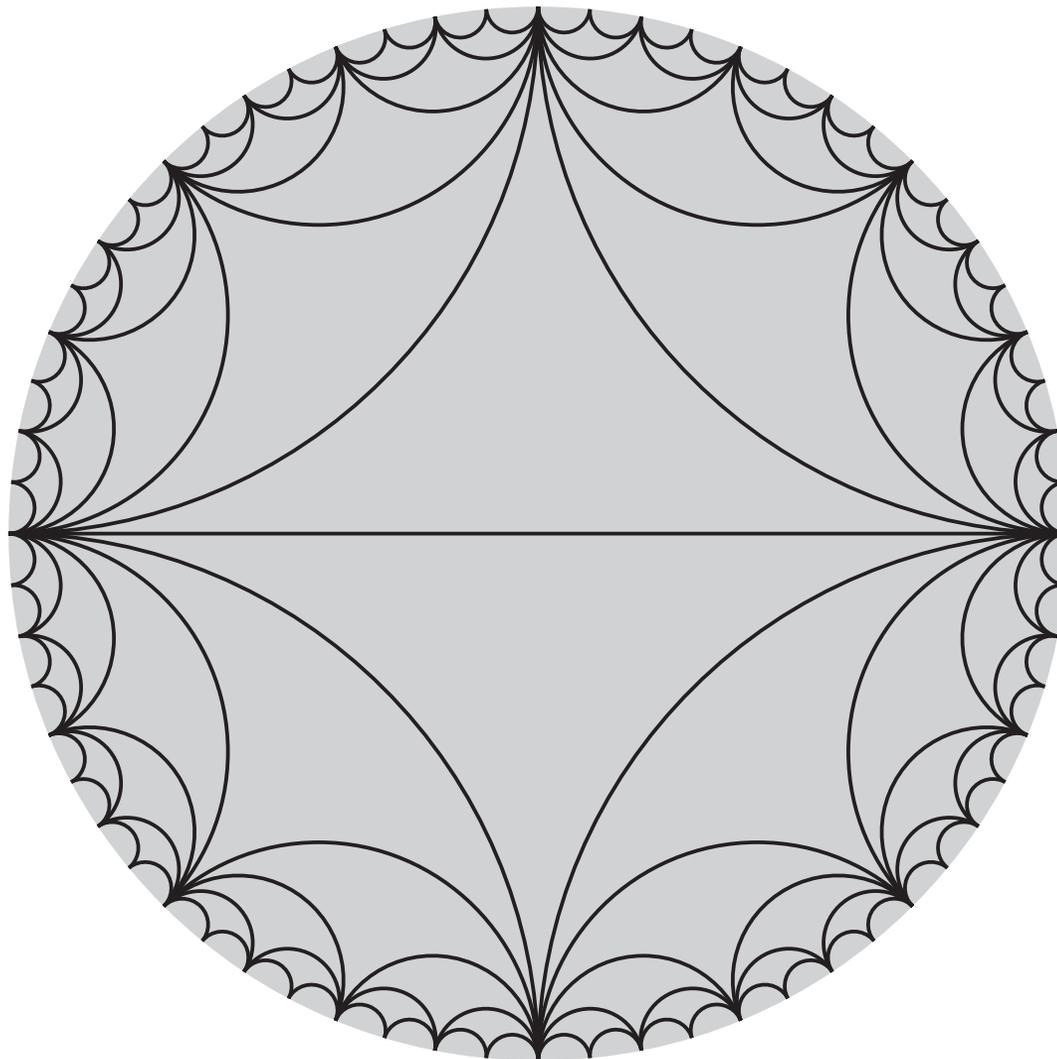




Tessellations

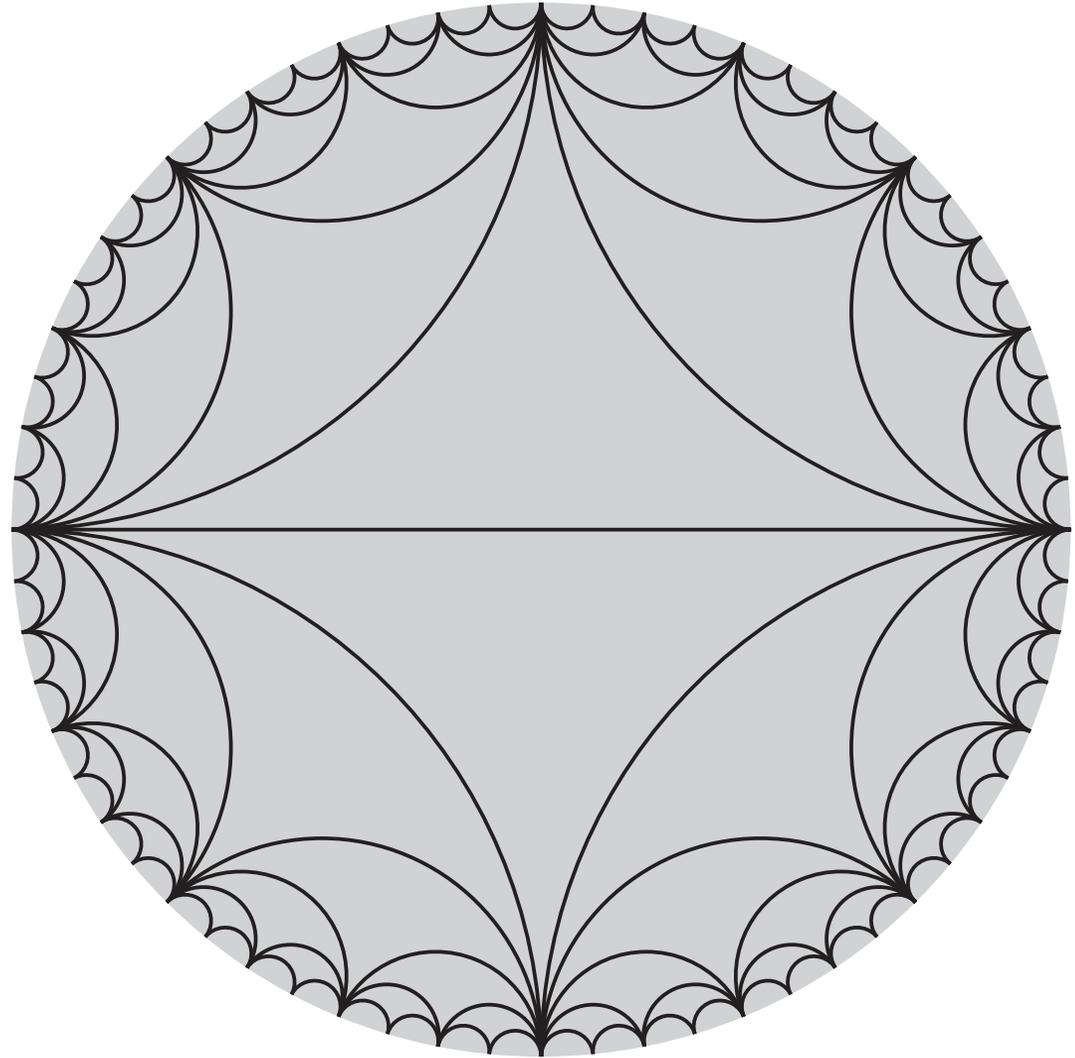


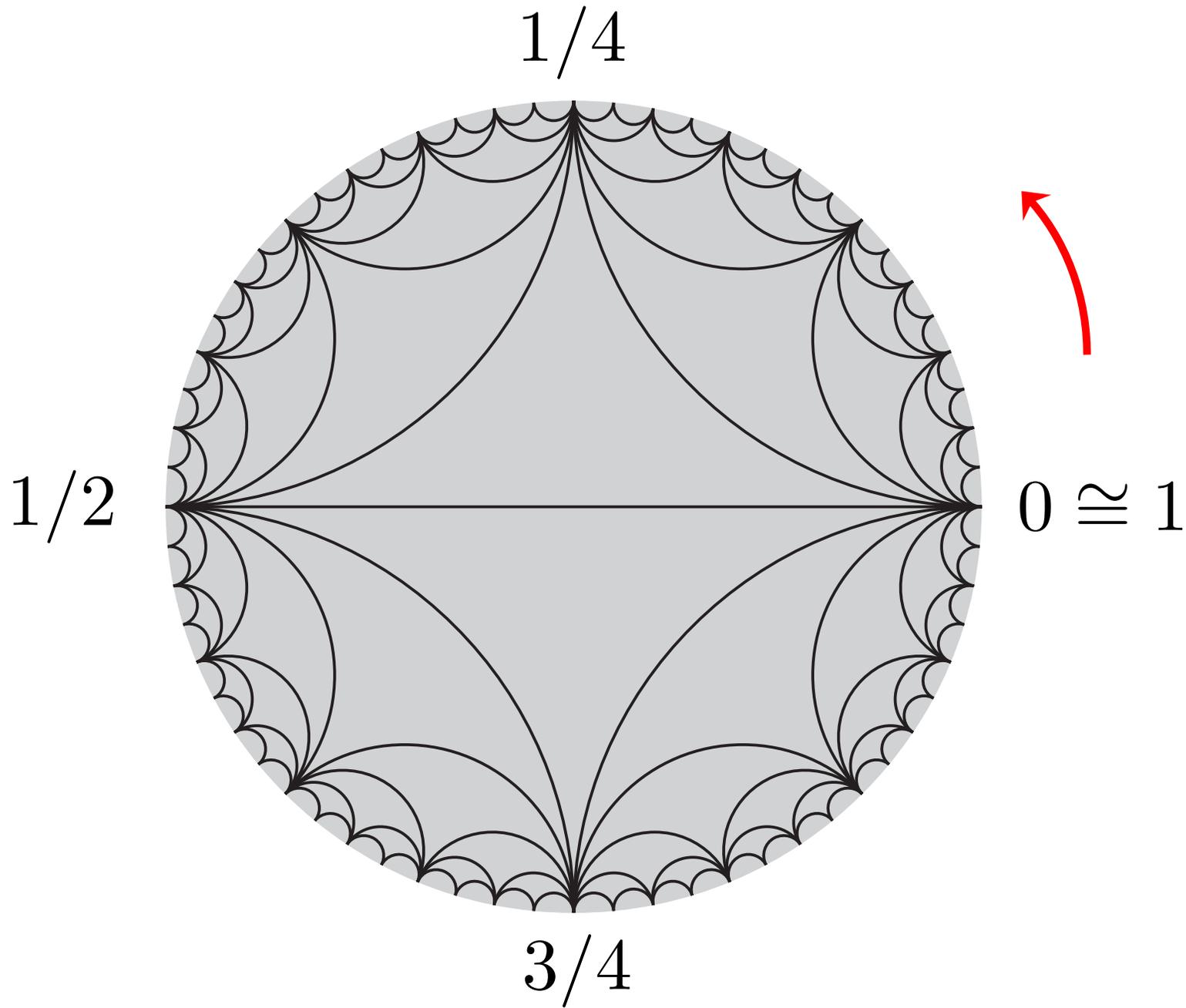
tessellation into **triangles**

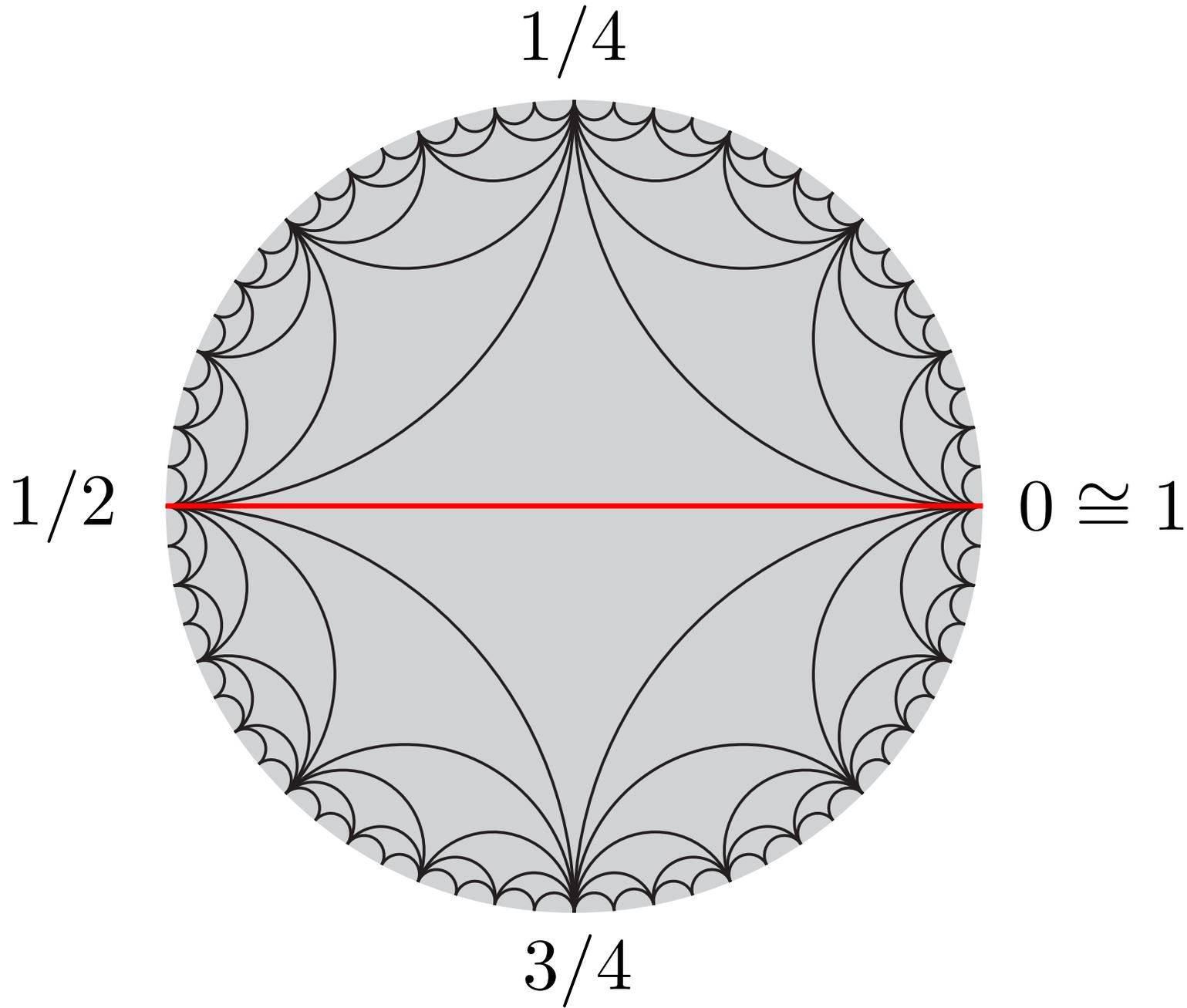


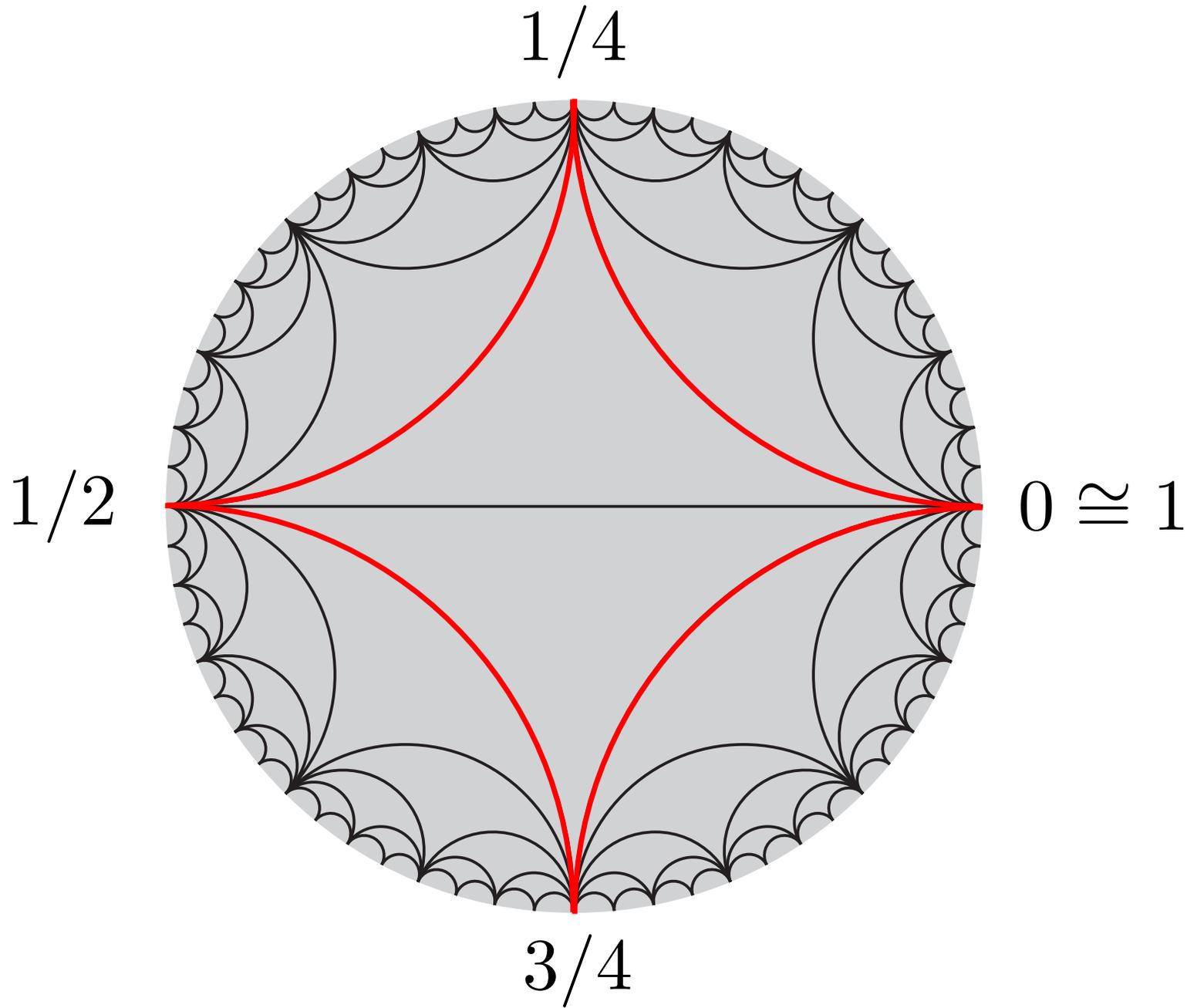
tessellation into **triangles**

all **vertices** of the triangles
lie on the **boundary**

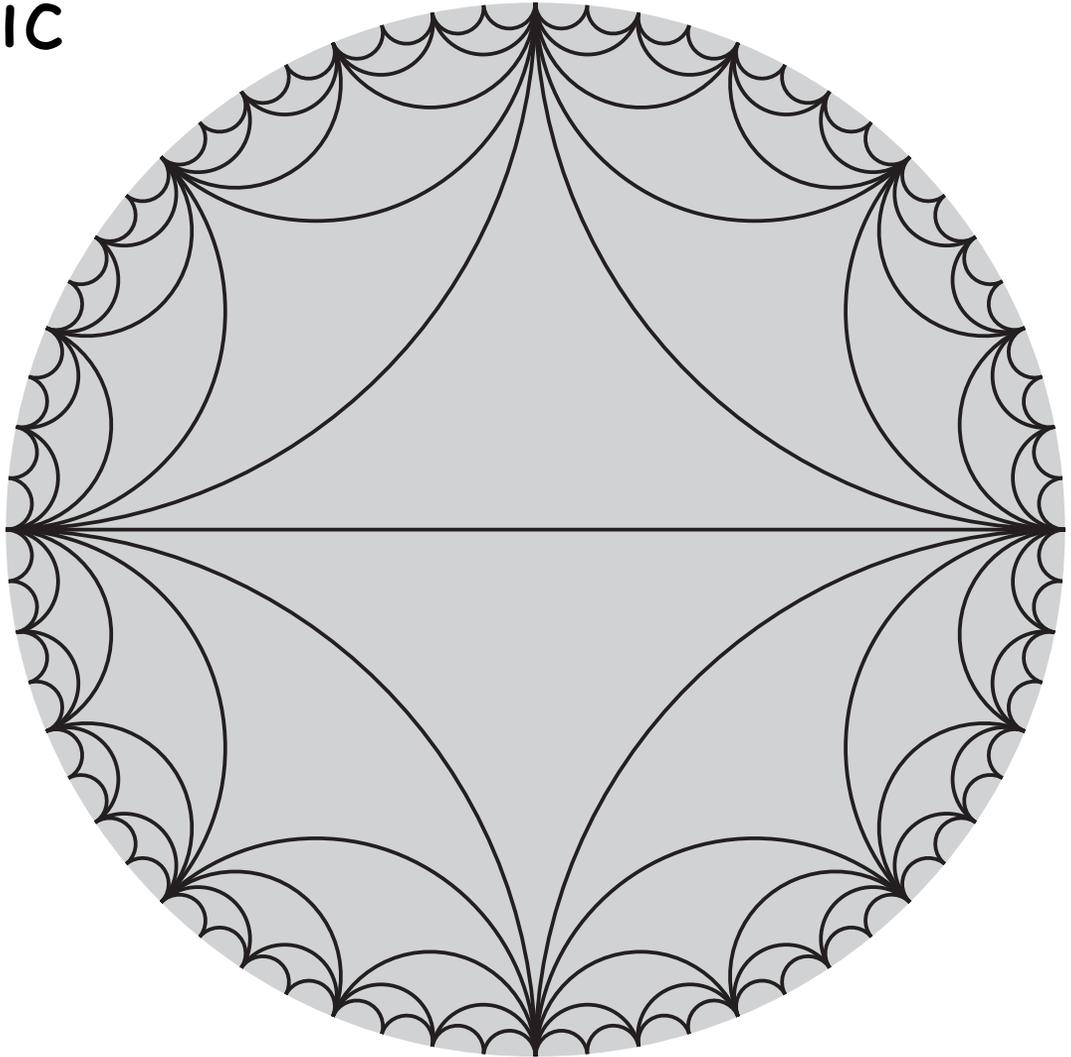
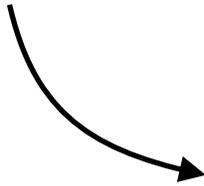








standard dyadic
tessellation



dyadic rational number

$$\frac{a}{2^n}$$

$$(a, n \in \mathbb{N})$$

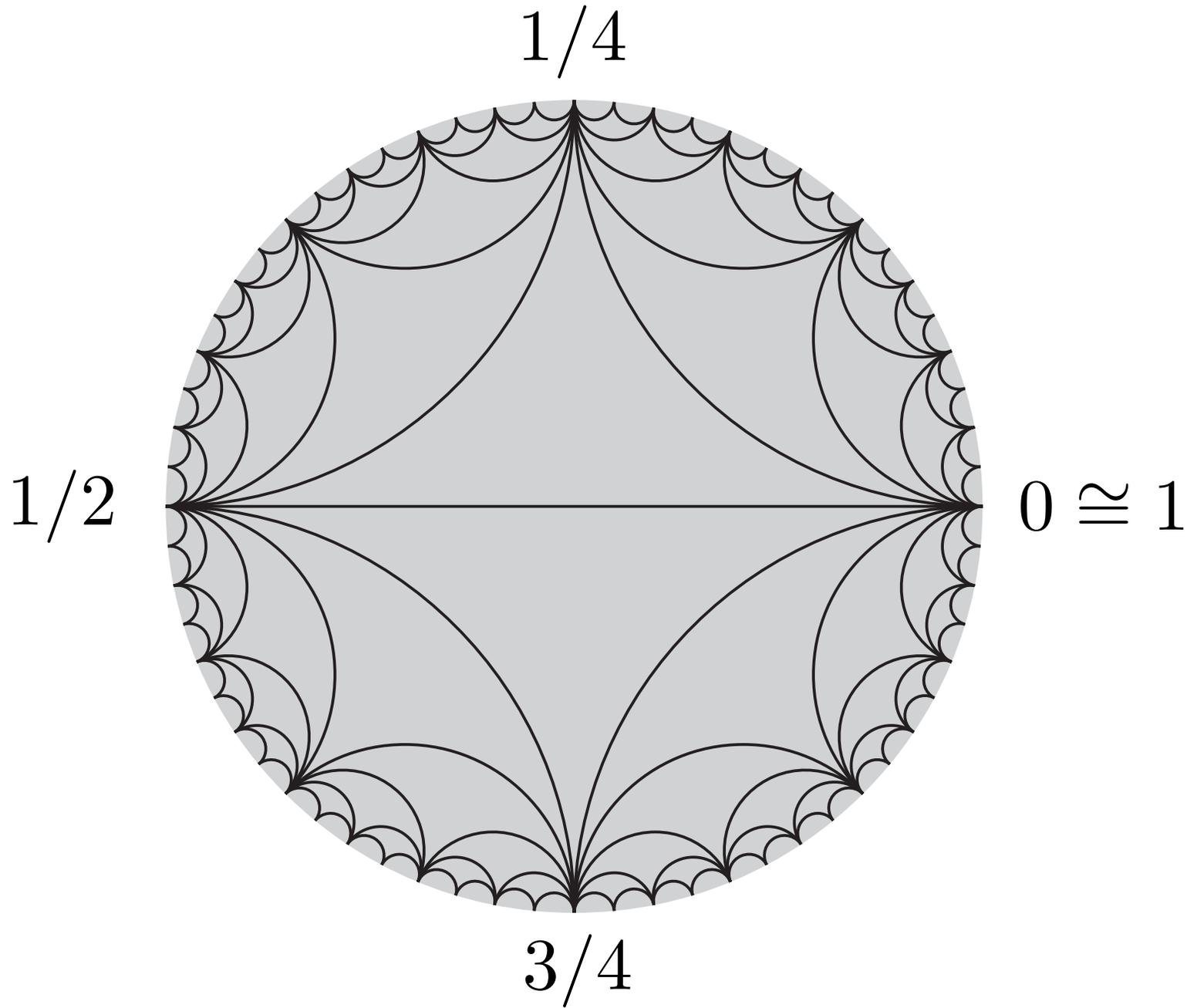
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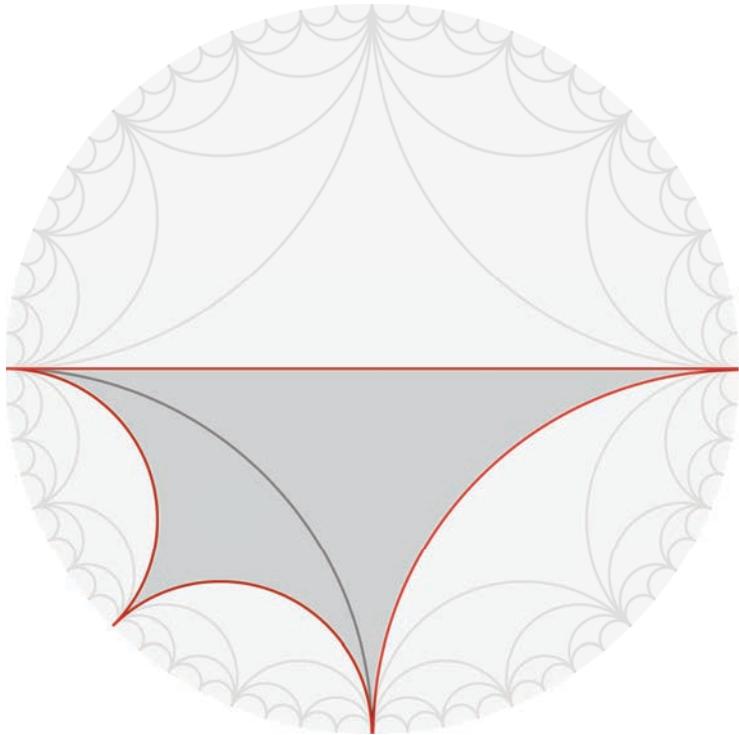
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for example

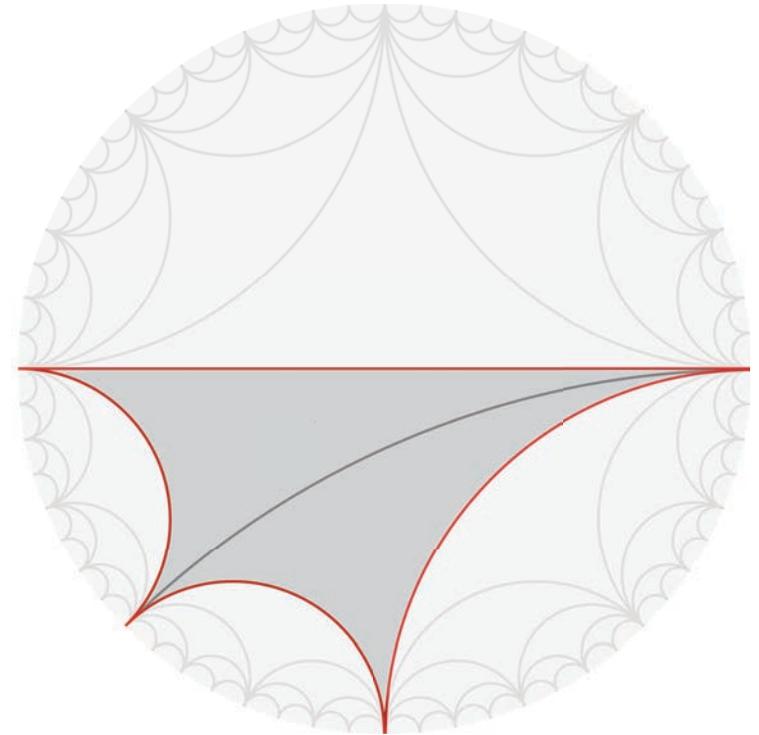
$$\frac{1}{2}, \quad \frac{3}{4}, \quad \frac{7}{8}$$



admissible tessellations:

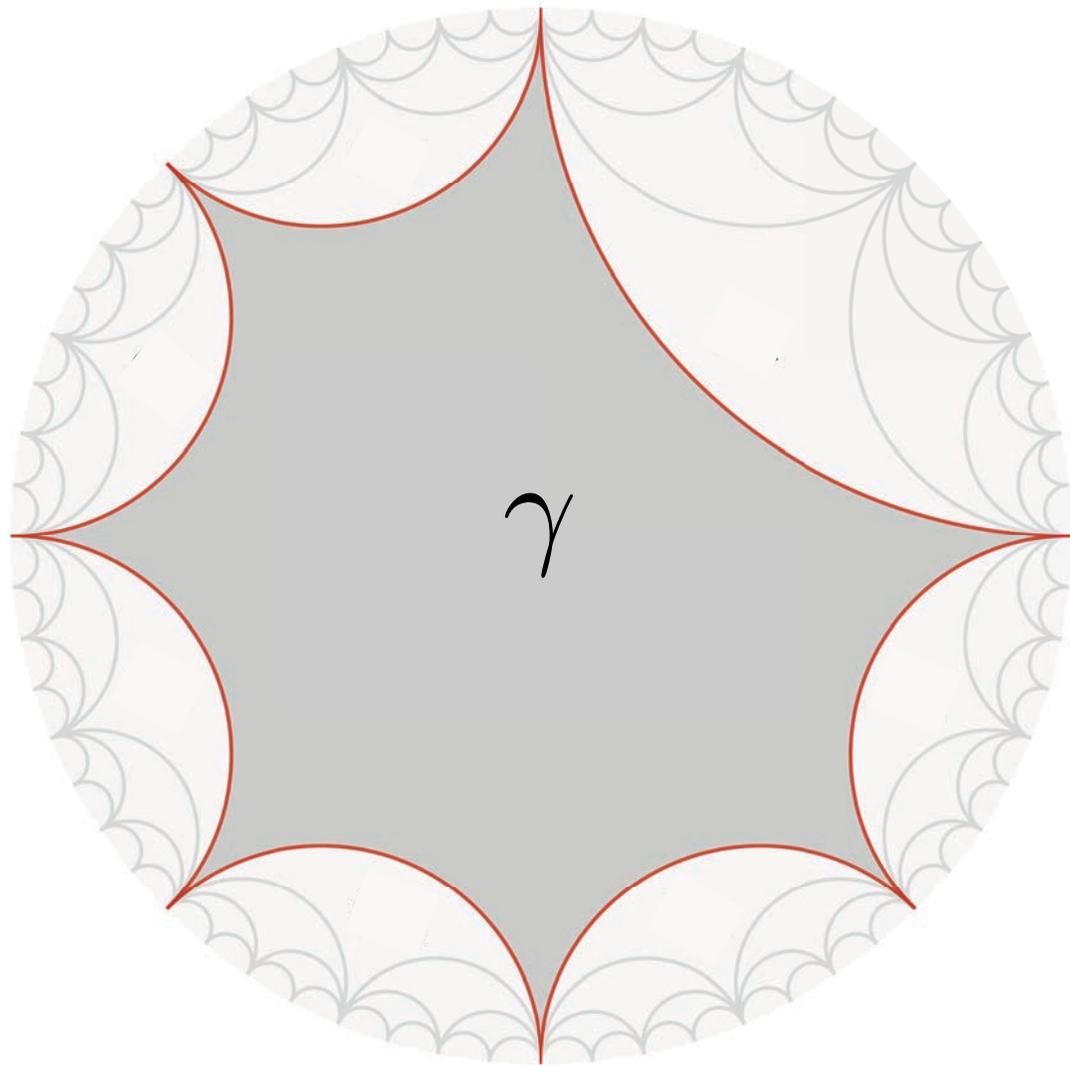


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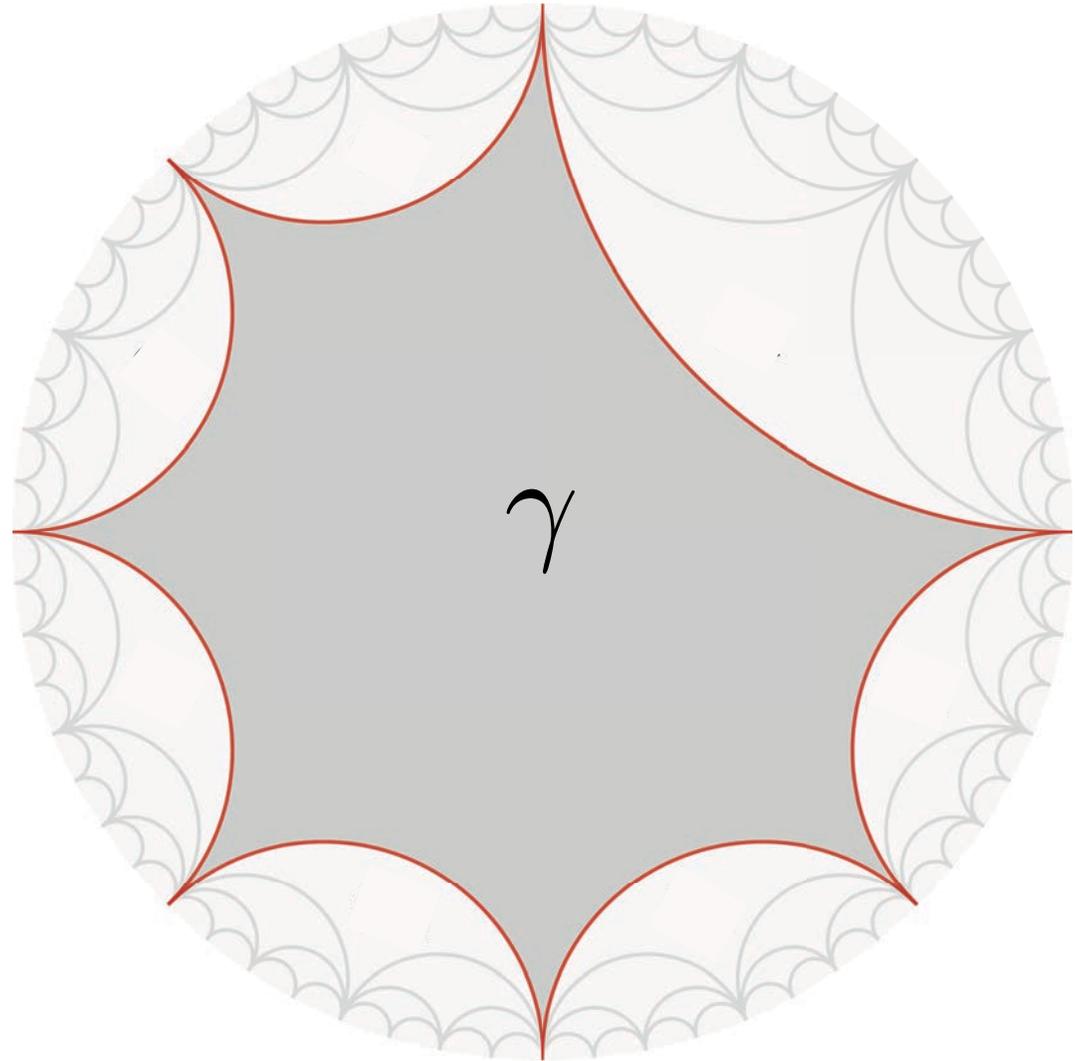


Cutoffs



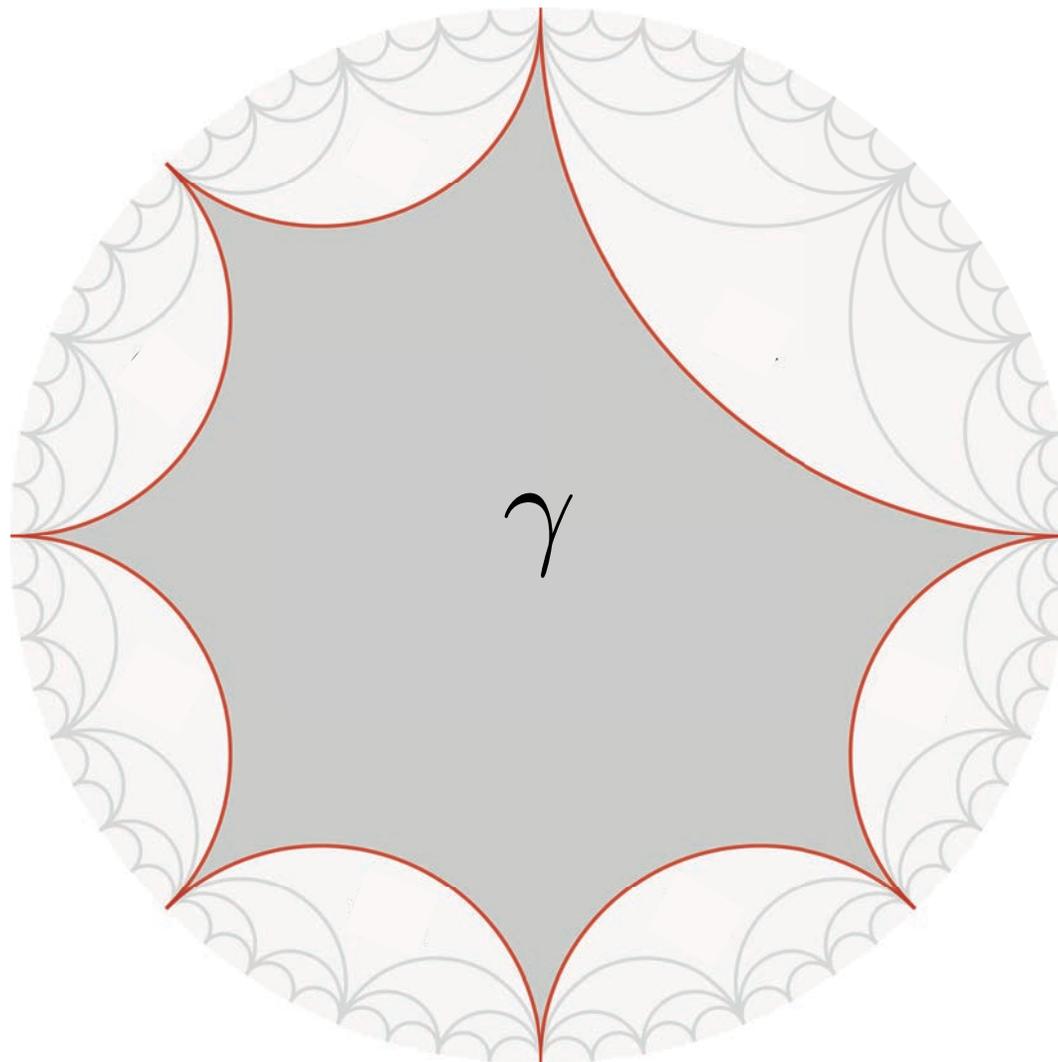


finite volume



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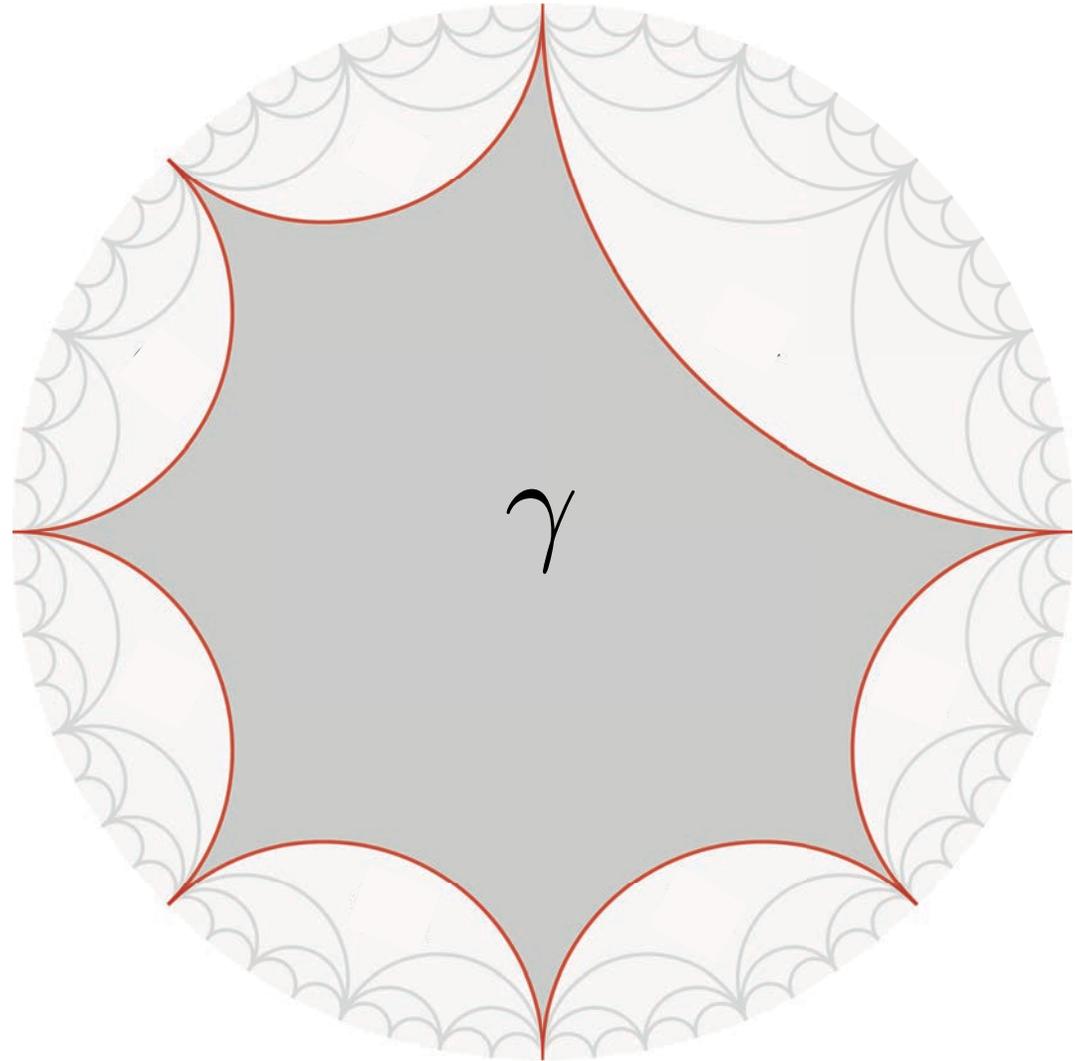
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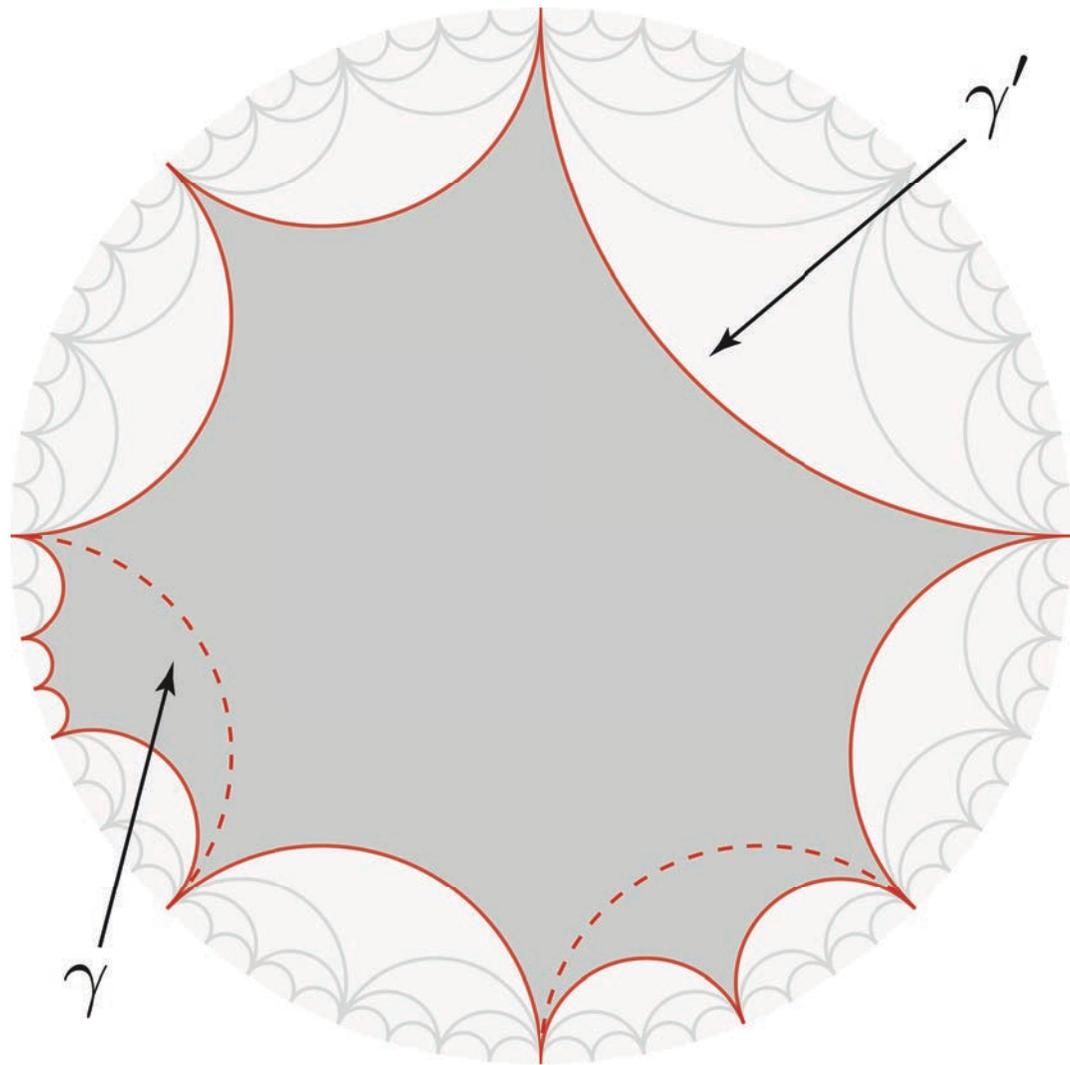


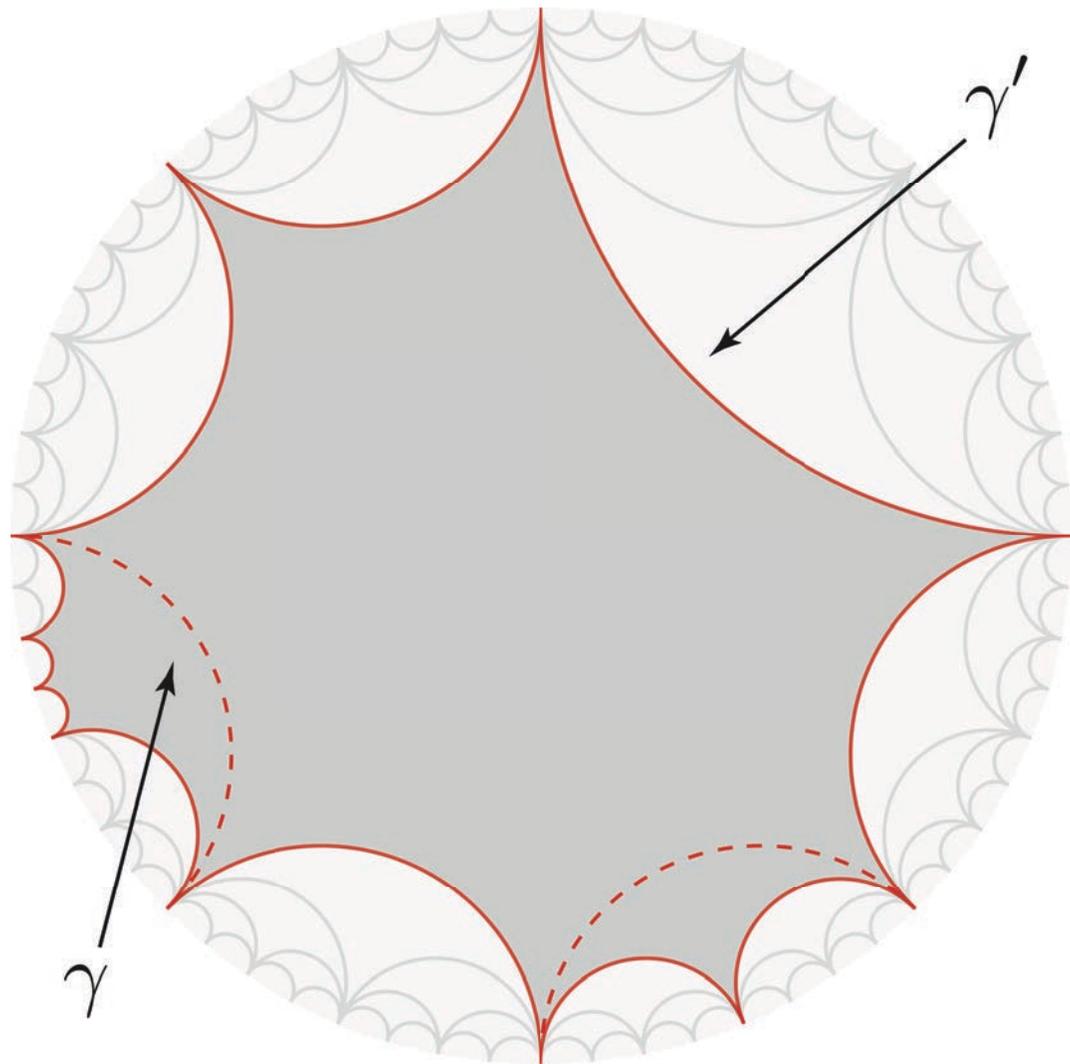
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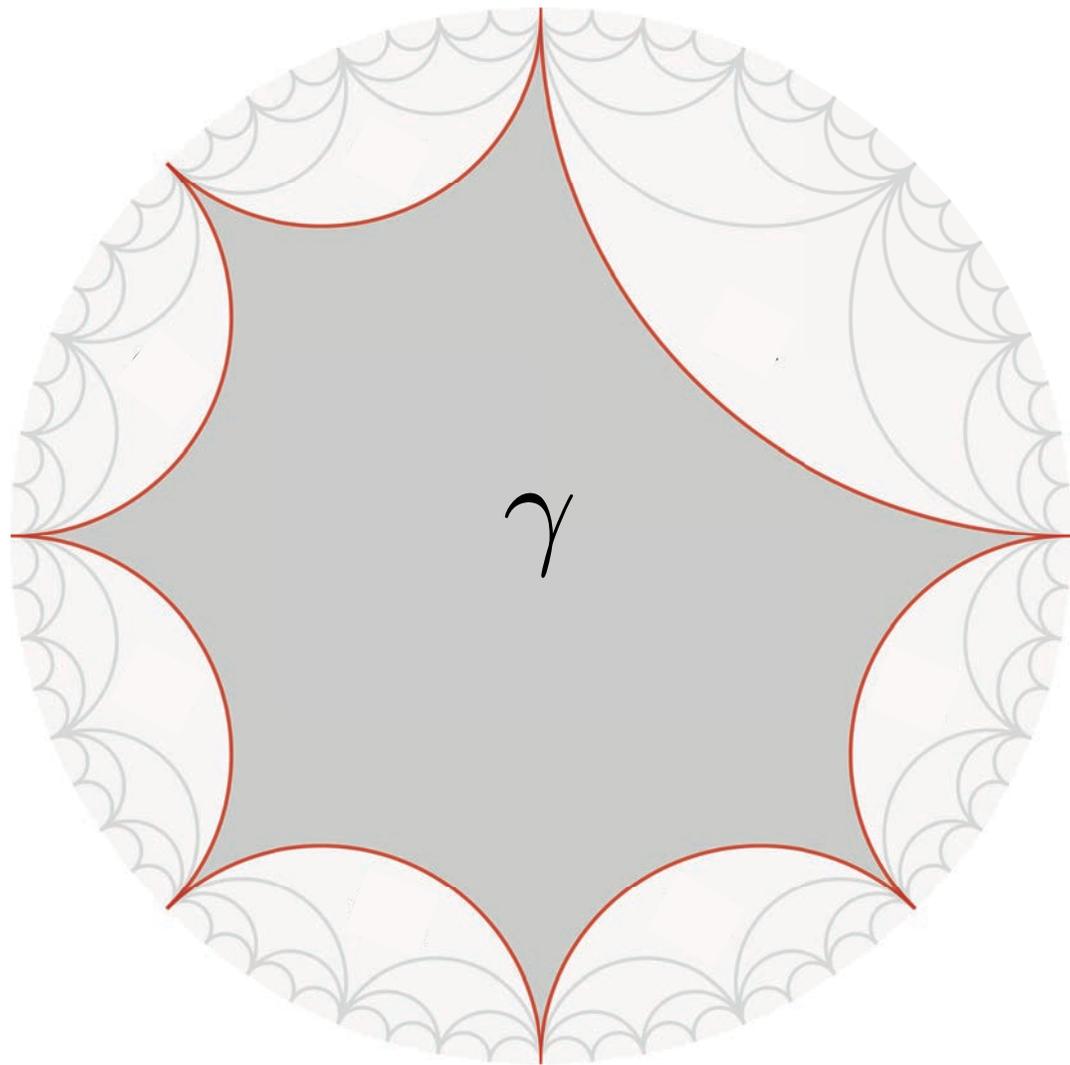
bounded by
closed curve of
finitely many **geodesics**
that come from a
tessellation

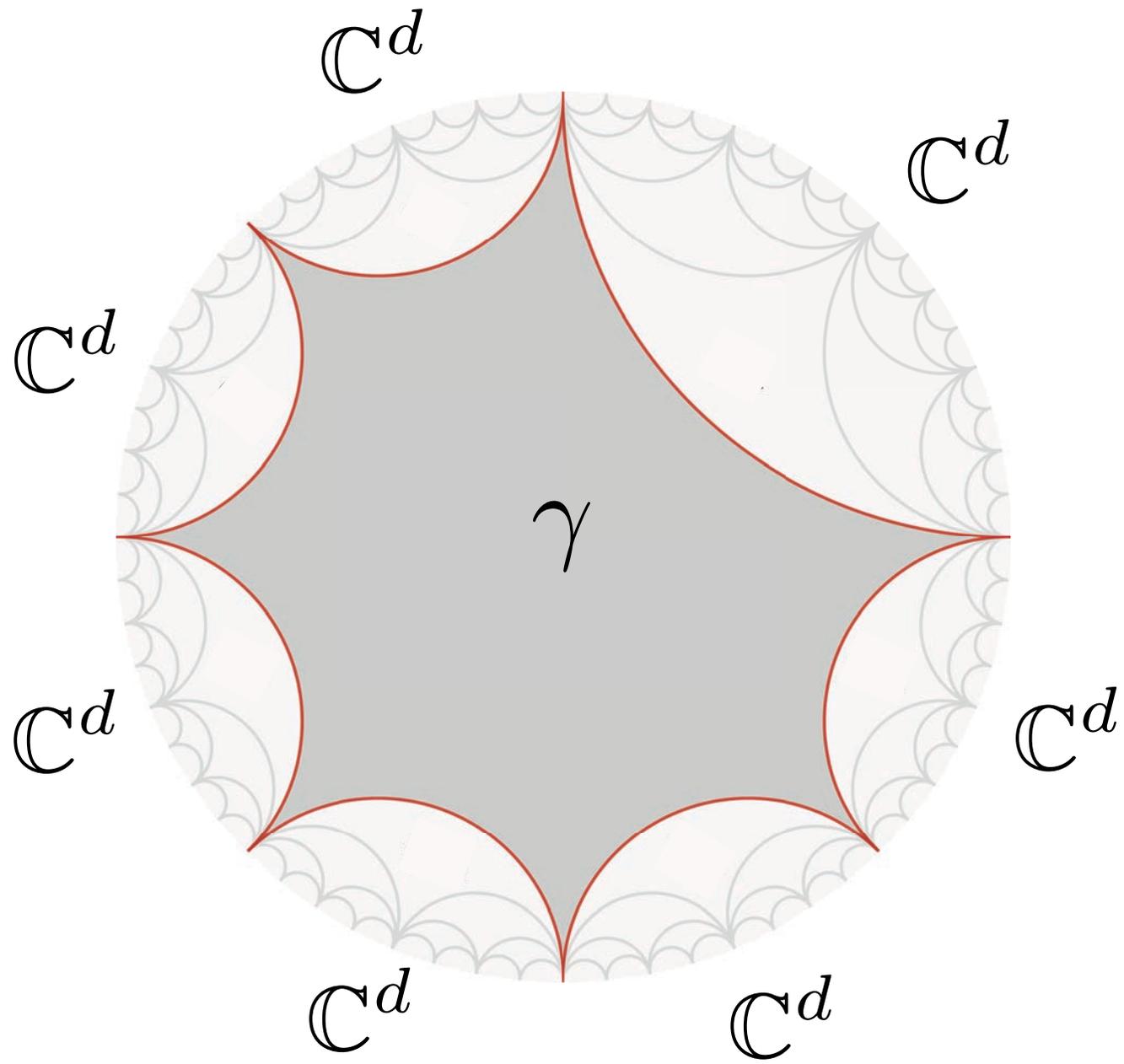


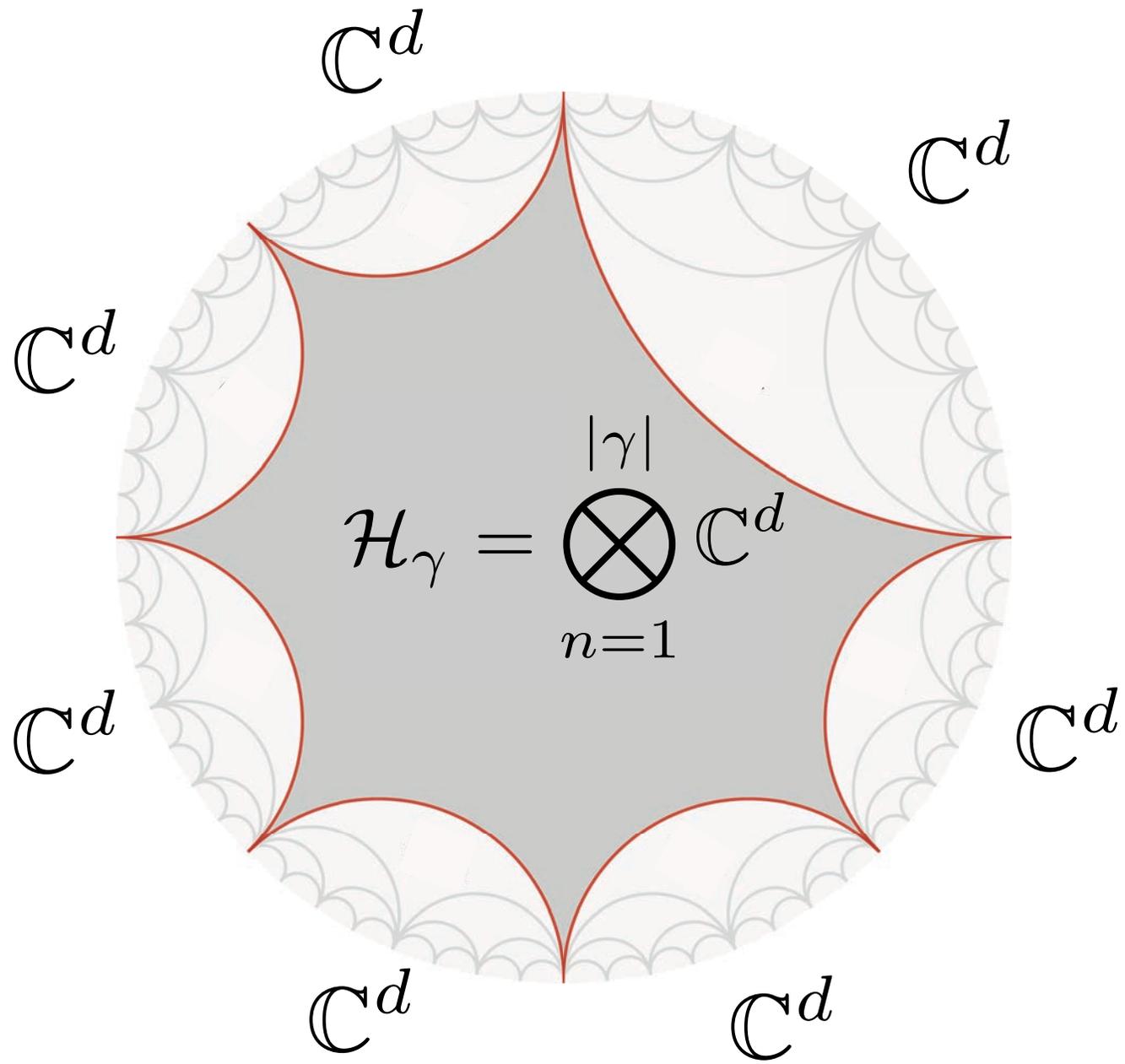




$$\gamma' \geq \gamma$$

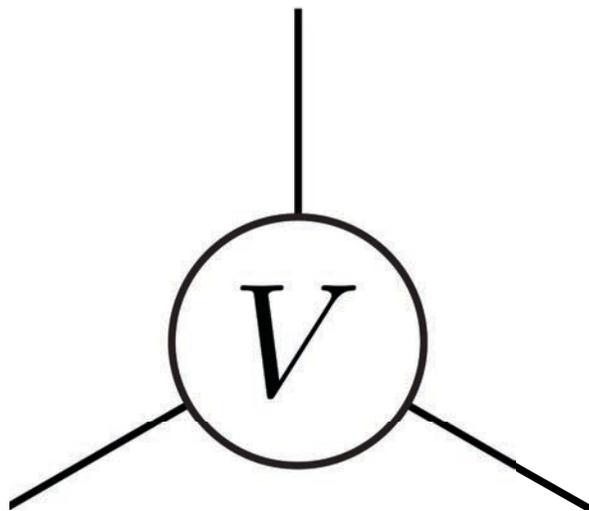


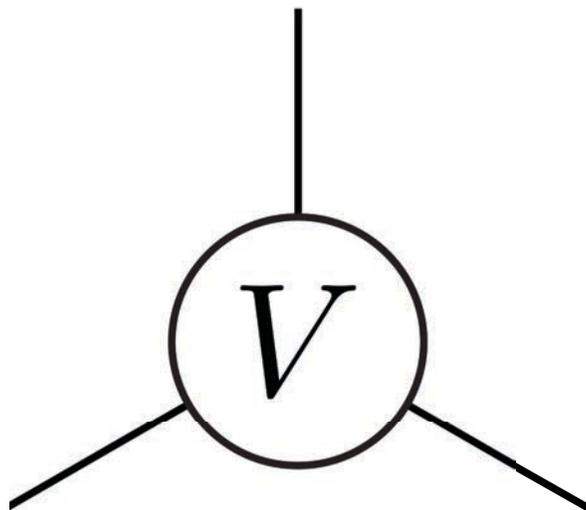




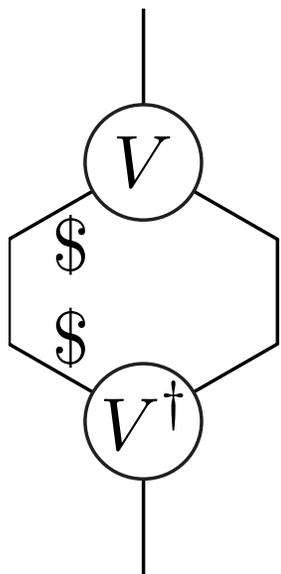
holographic states are elements of these Hilbert spaces

Perfect Tensor

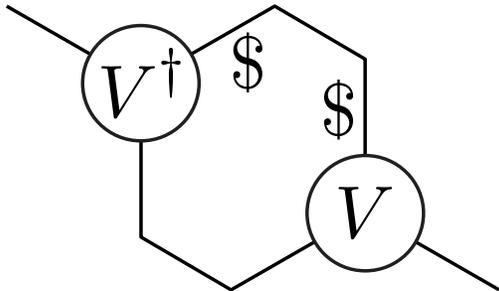




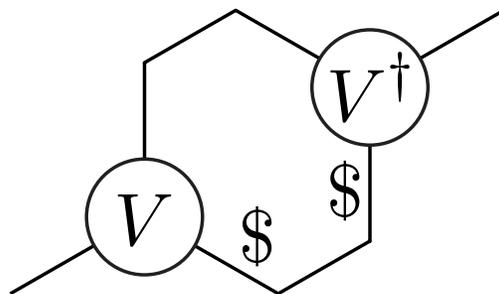
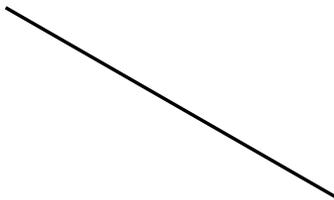
$$V : \mathbb{C}^d \otimes \mathbb{C}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^d$$



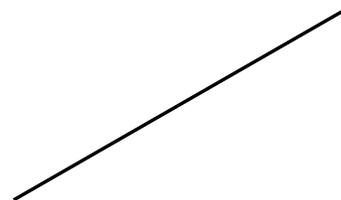
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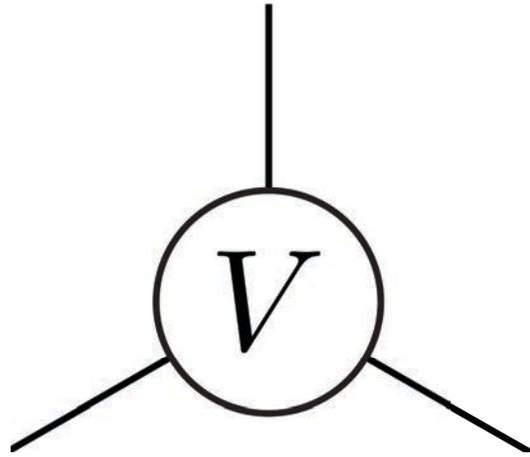


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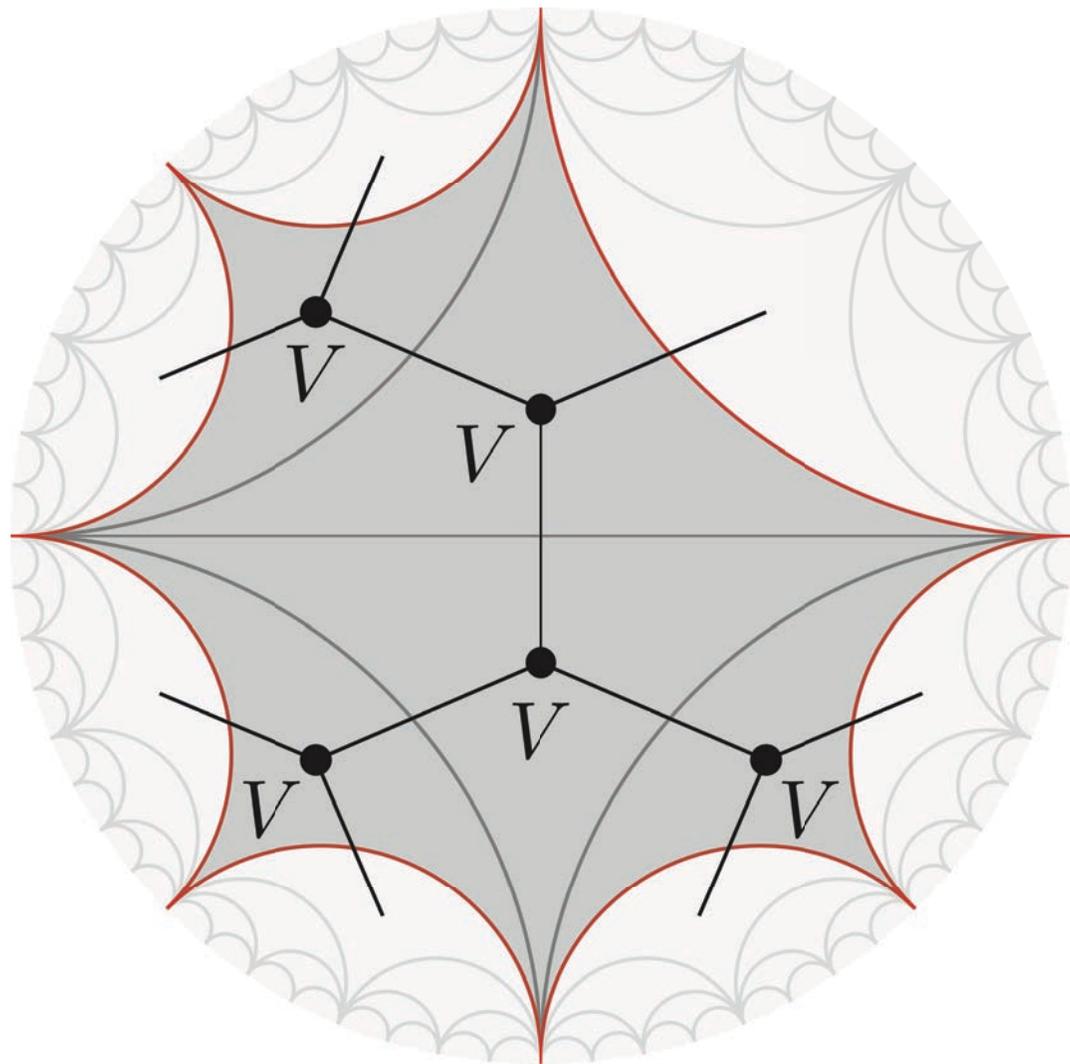
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invariant under rotations

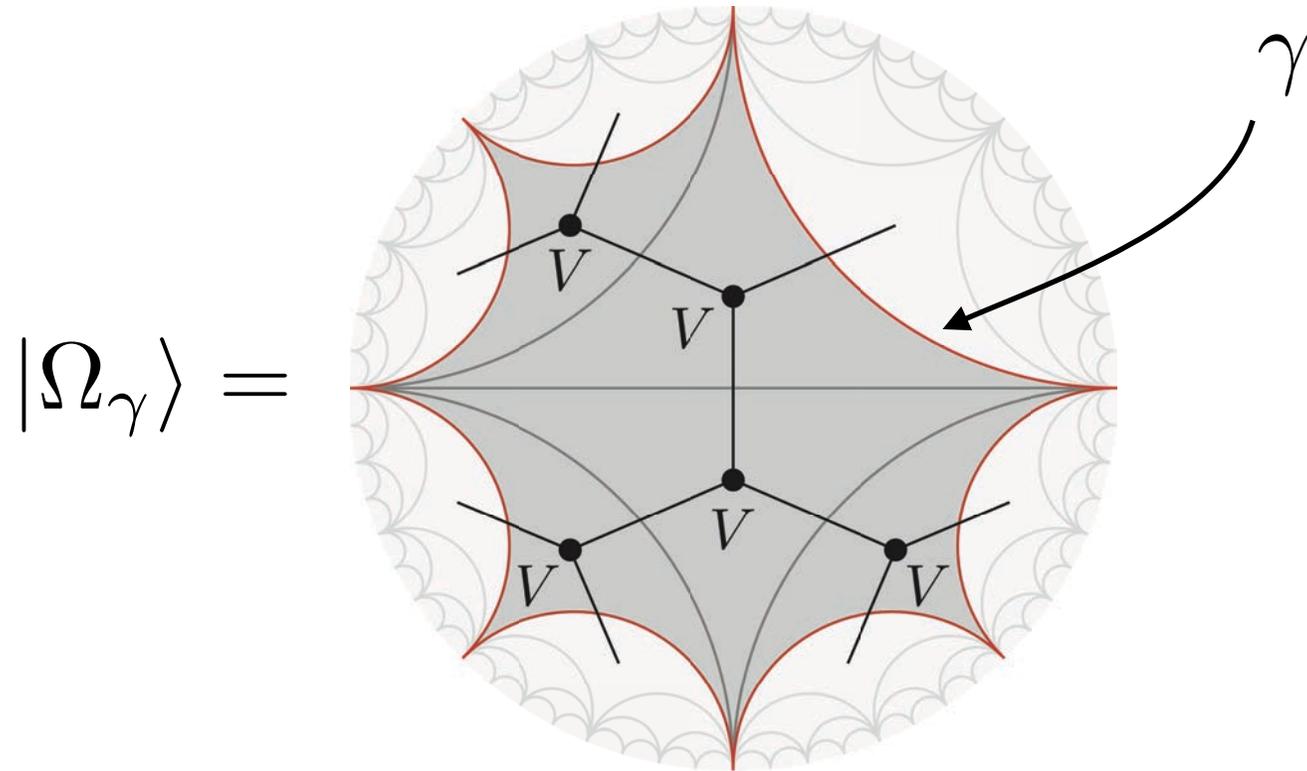
for example,

$$V: \mathbb{C}^3 \otimes \mathbb{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3,$$

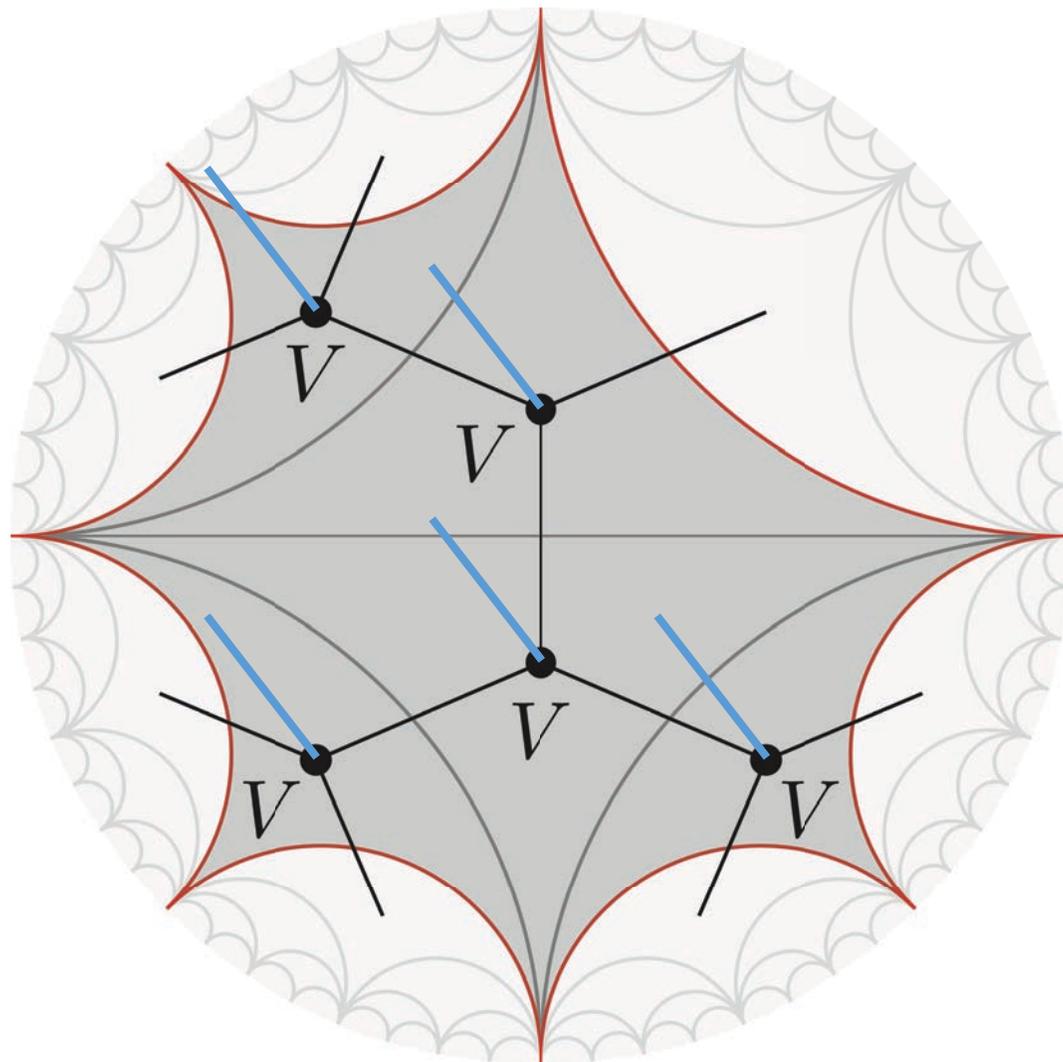
$$\langle j|V|kl\rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = k, k = l, \text{ or } j = l, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



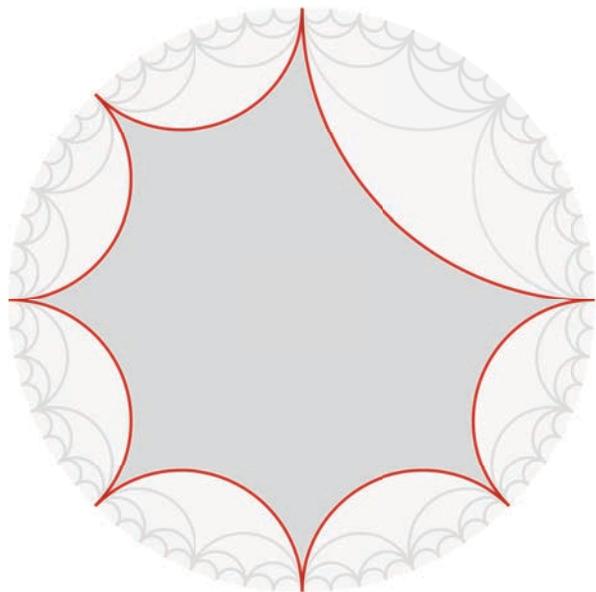
Holographic state



Holographic code

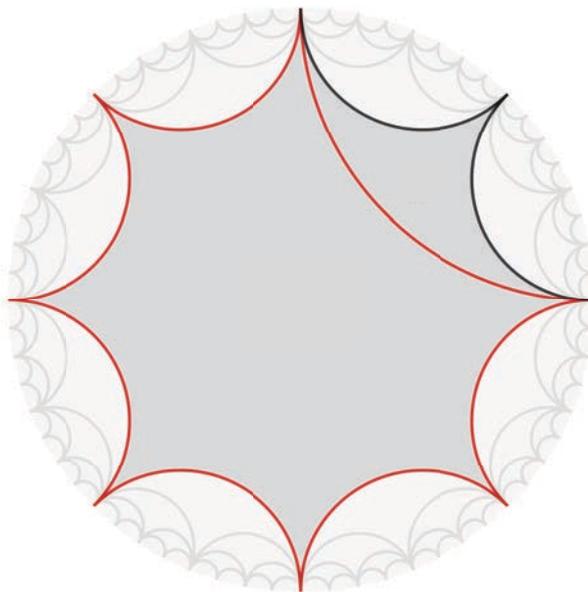


\mathcal{H}_γ



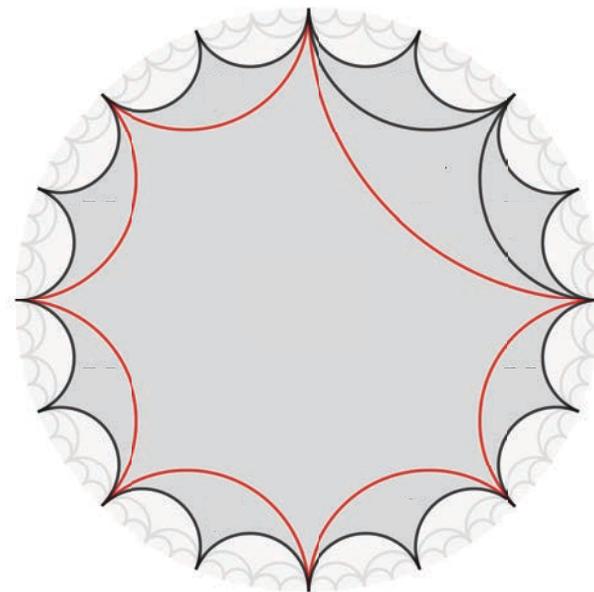
γ

$\mathcal{H}_{\gamma'}$



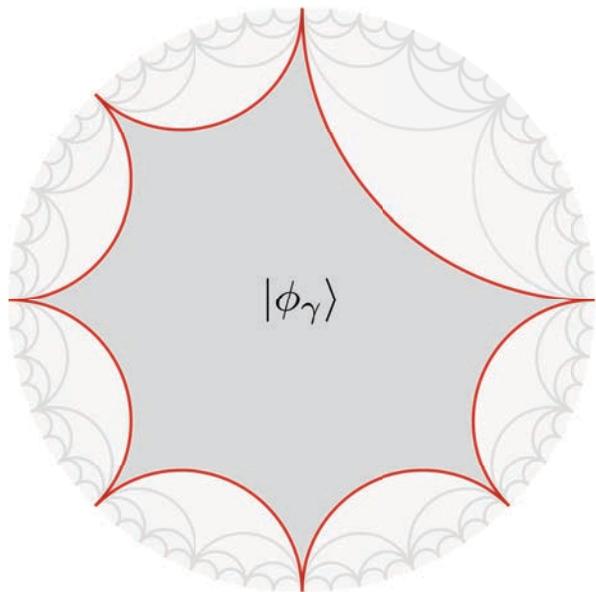
γ'

$\mathcal{H}_{\gamma''}$

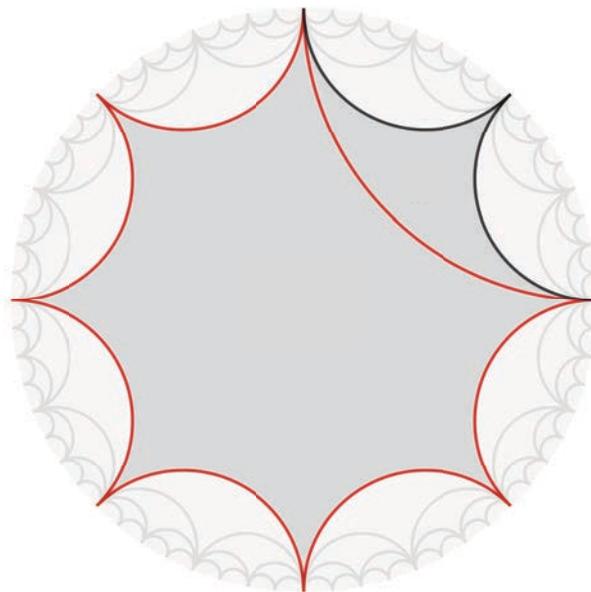


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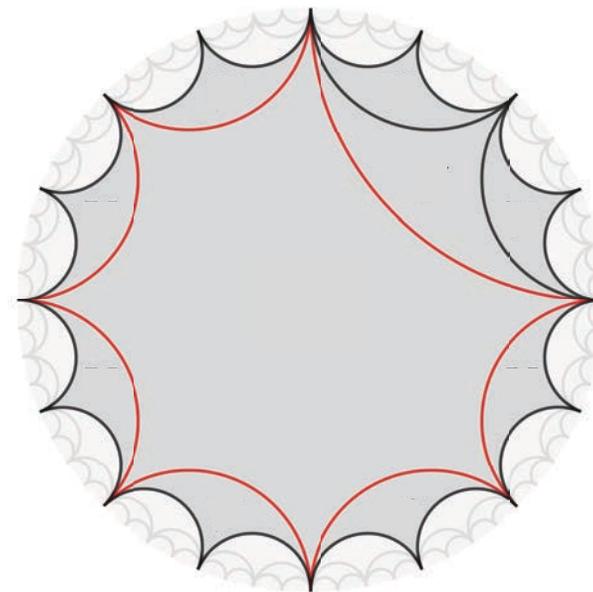
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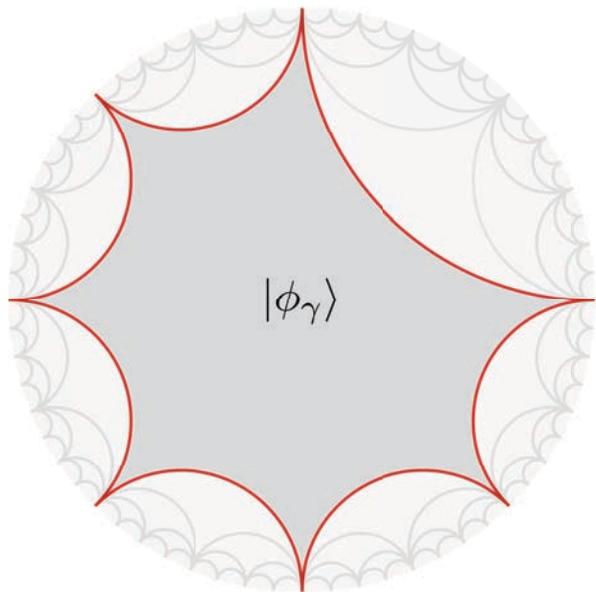
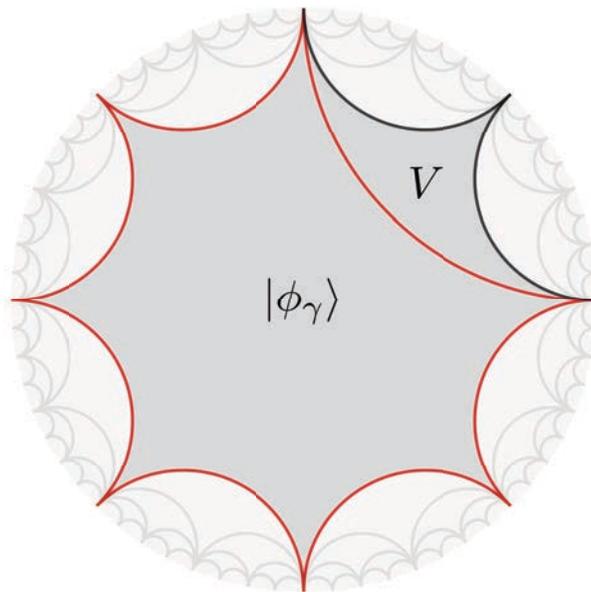
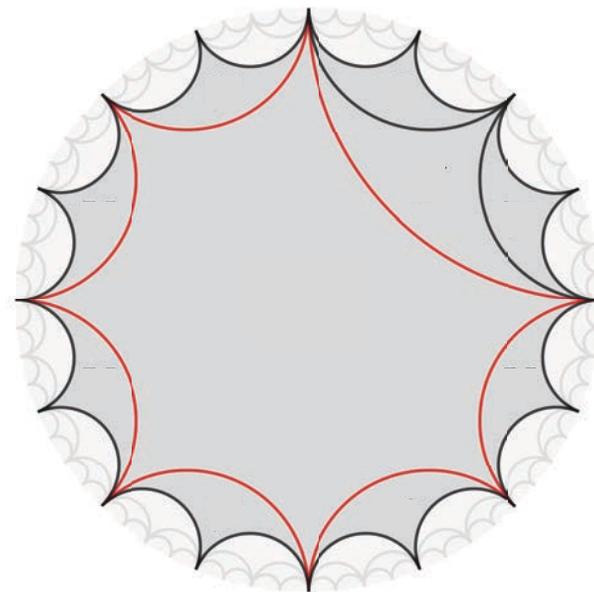


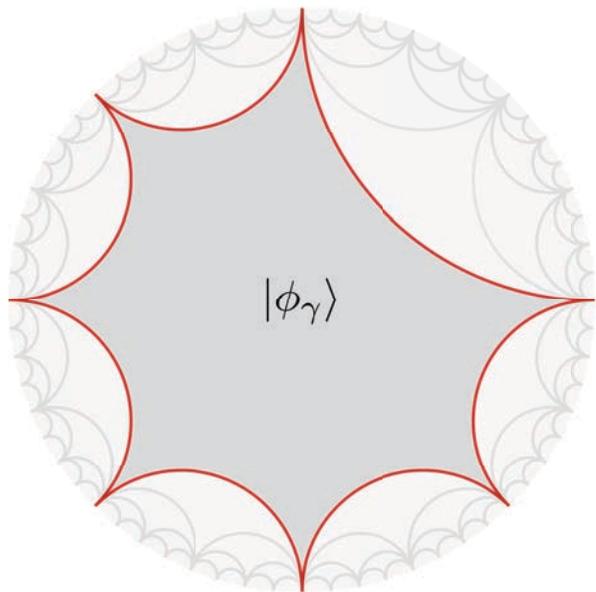
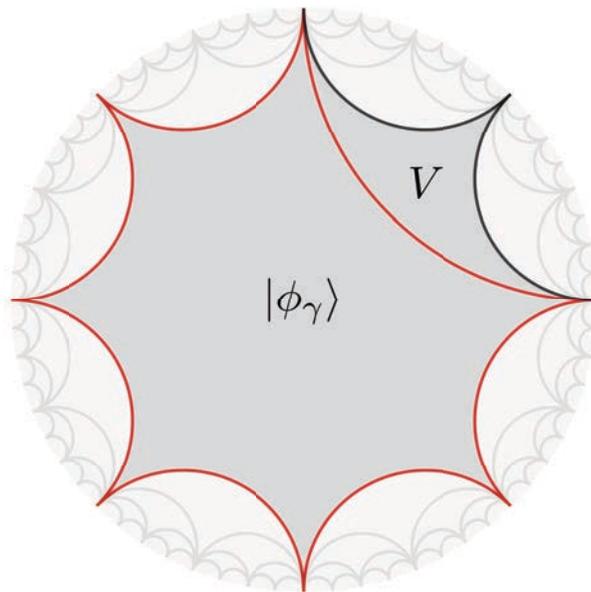
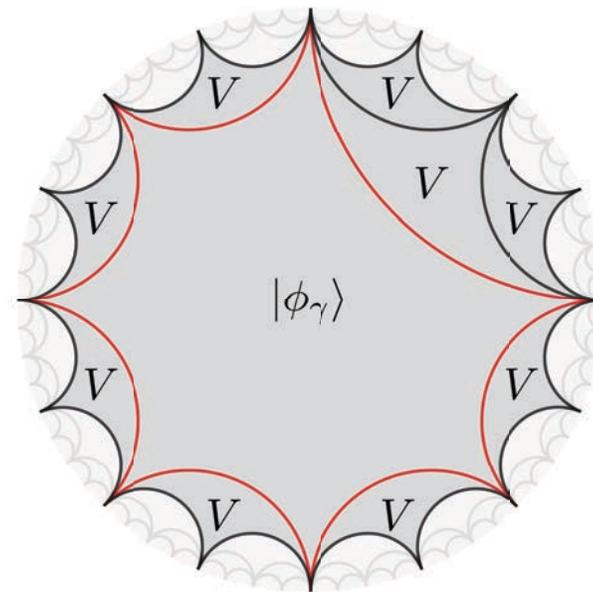
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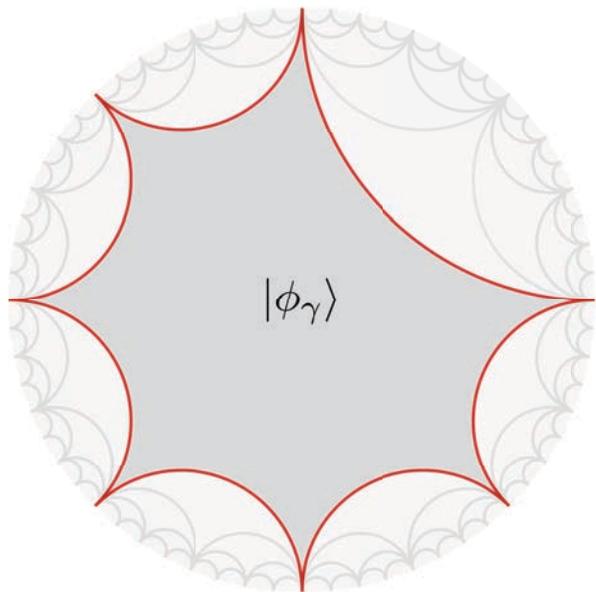
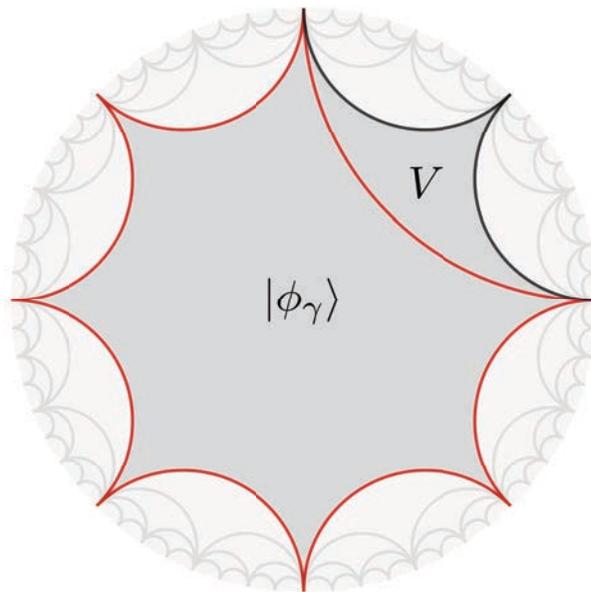
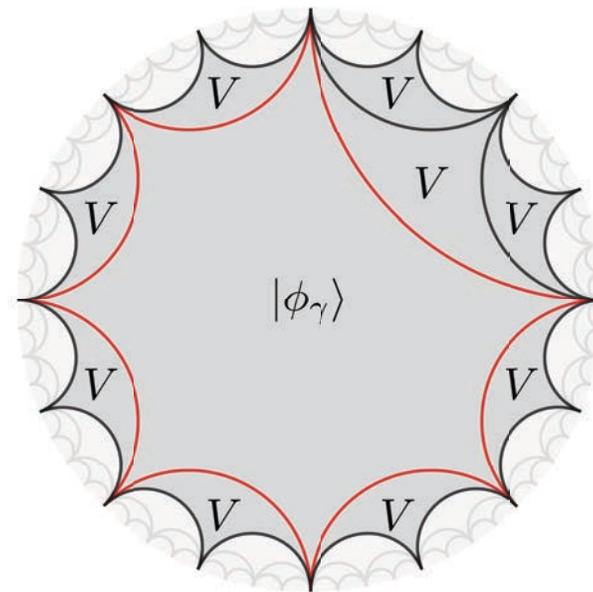


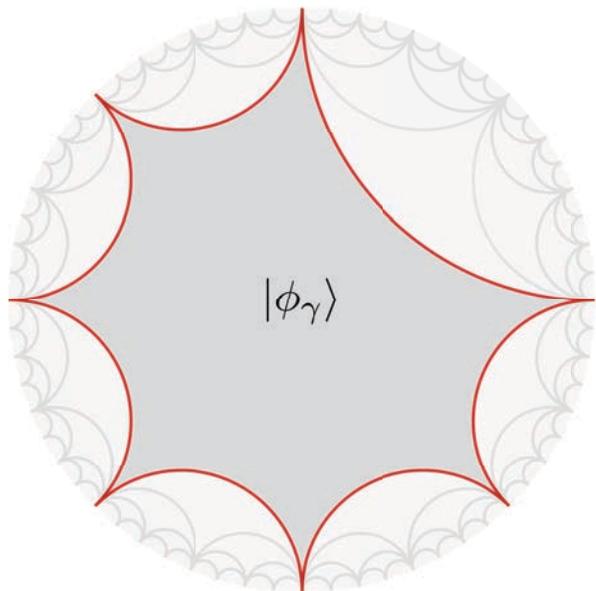
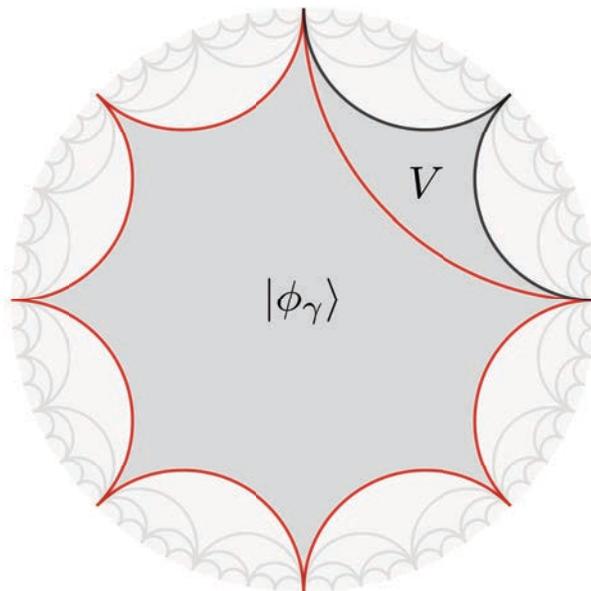
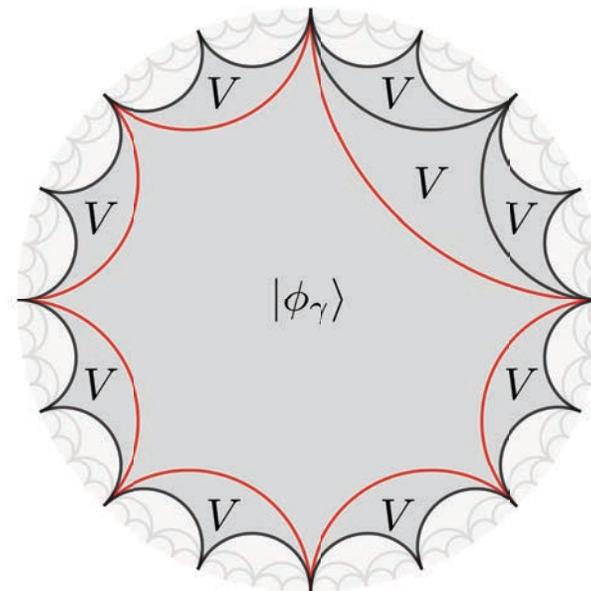
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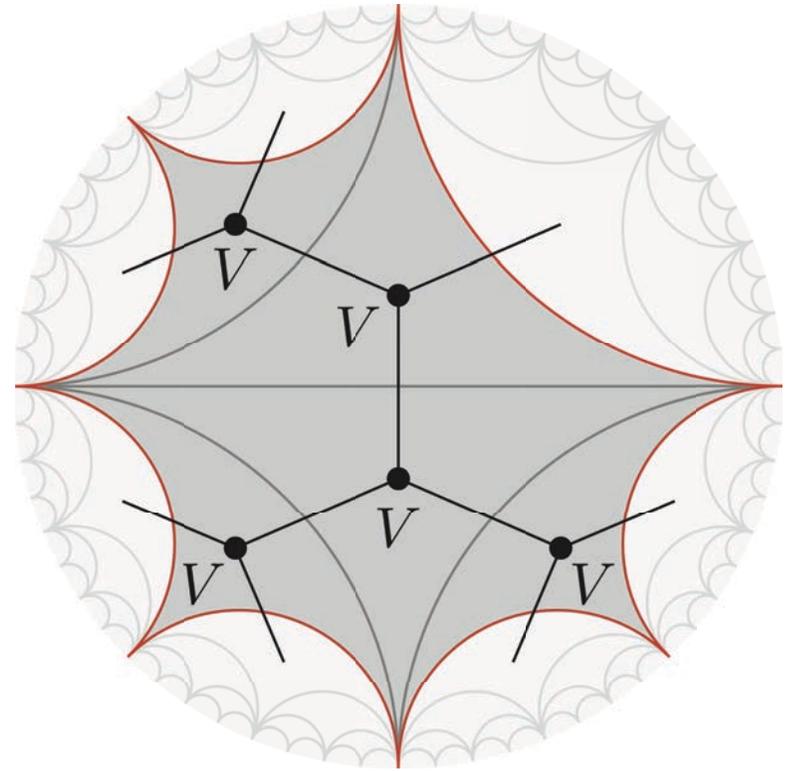
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fine-graining



exactly one holographic state
for every tessellation



Dynamics

Dynamics ?

Ordinary quantum mechanics

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = U(t)|\psi_0\rangle$$

$$U(t_1 + t_2) = U(t_1)U(t_2)$$

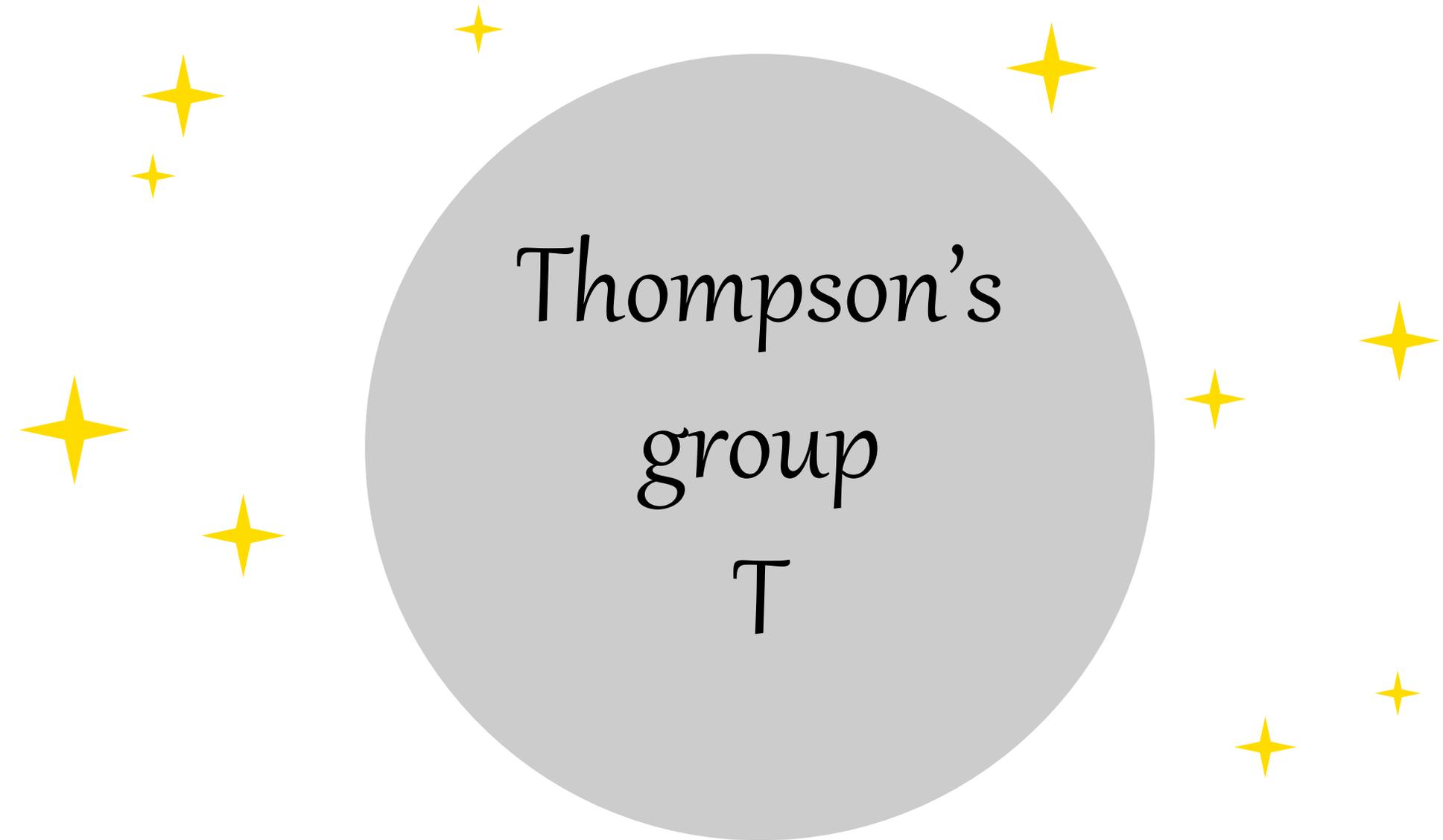
$$U(0) = I$$

here:

$$|f\rangle = U(f)|\Omega\rangle$$

$f \in$ a group G

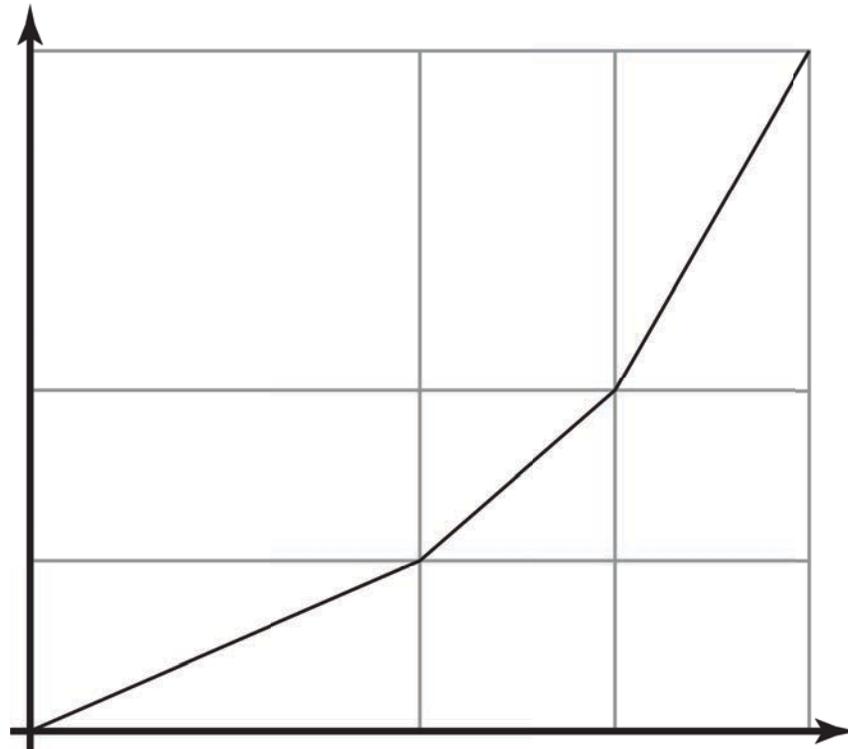
U unitary representation of G



Thompson's
group
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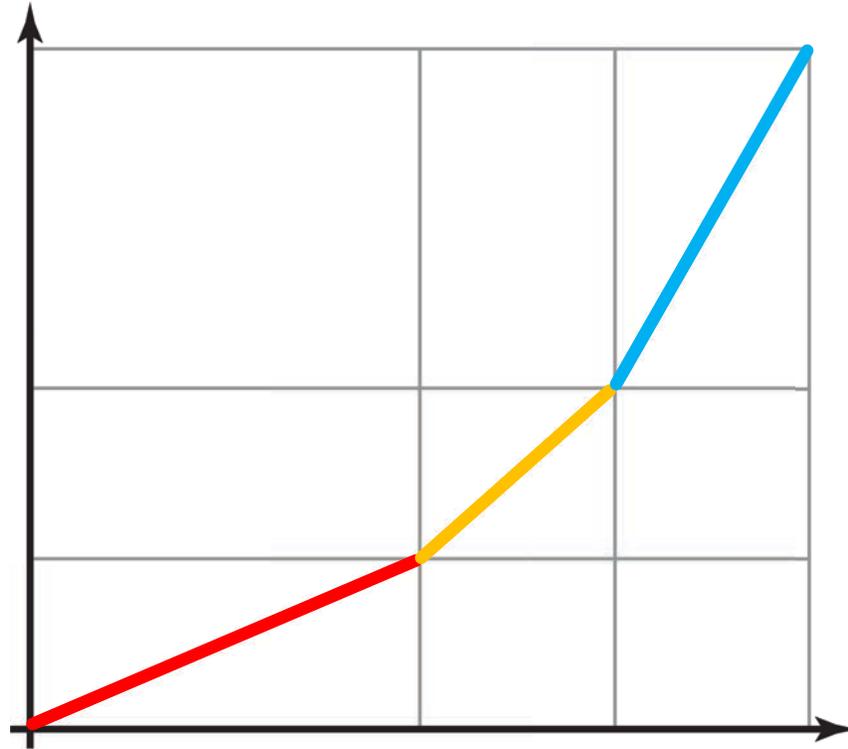
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- map dyadic rational numbers to dyadic rational numbers,
- are differentiable except at finitely many dyadic rational numbers such that
- on intervals of differentiability the slopes are powers of 2.



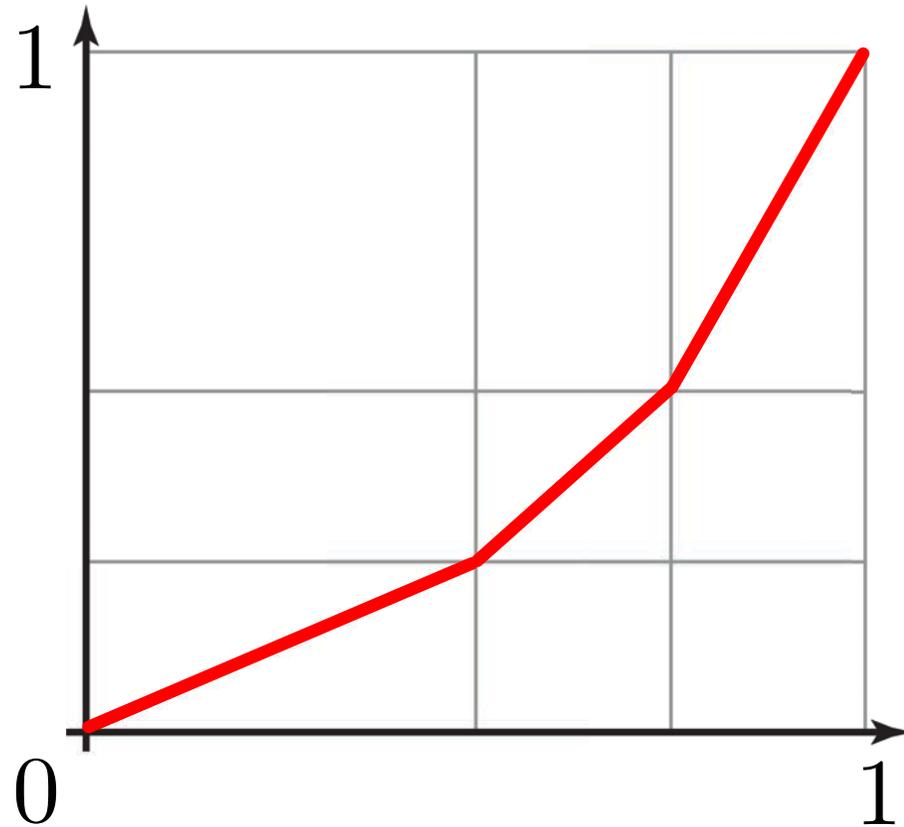
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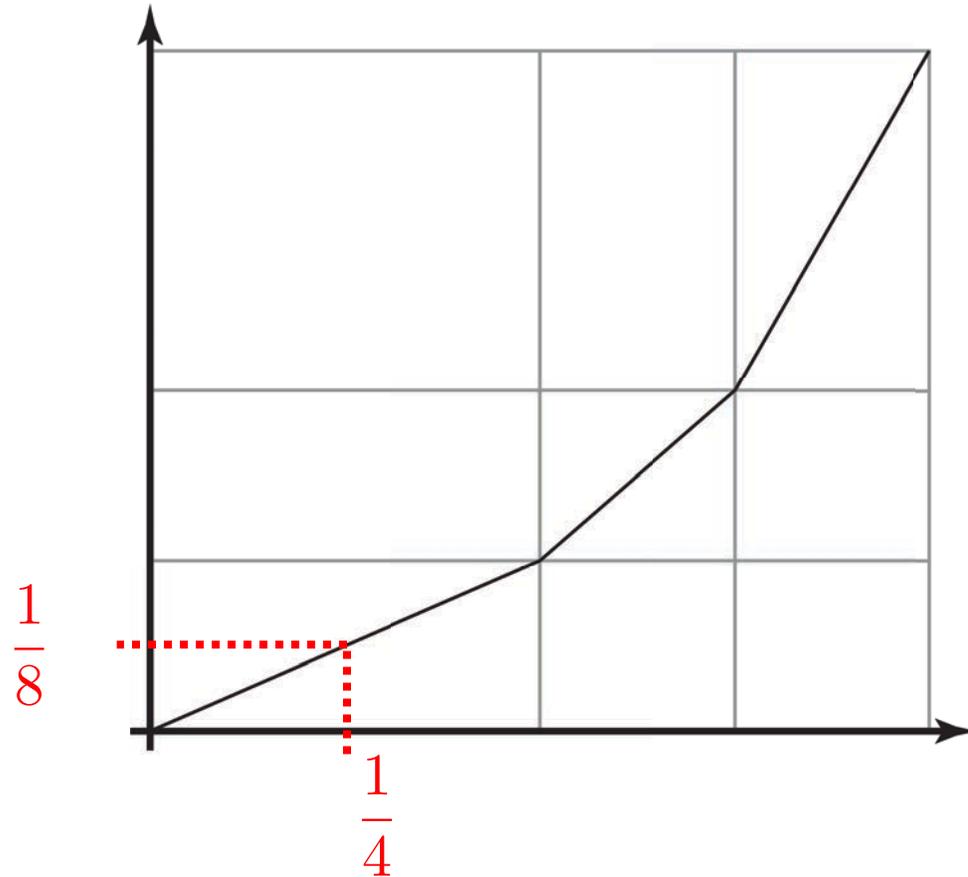
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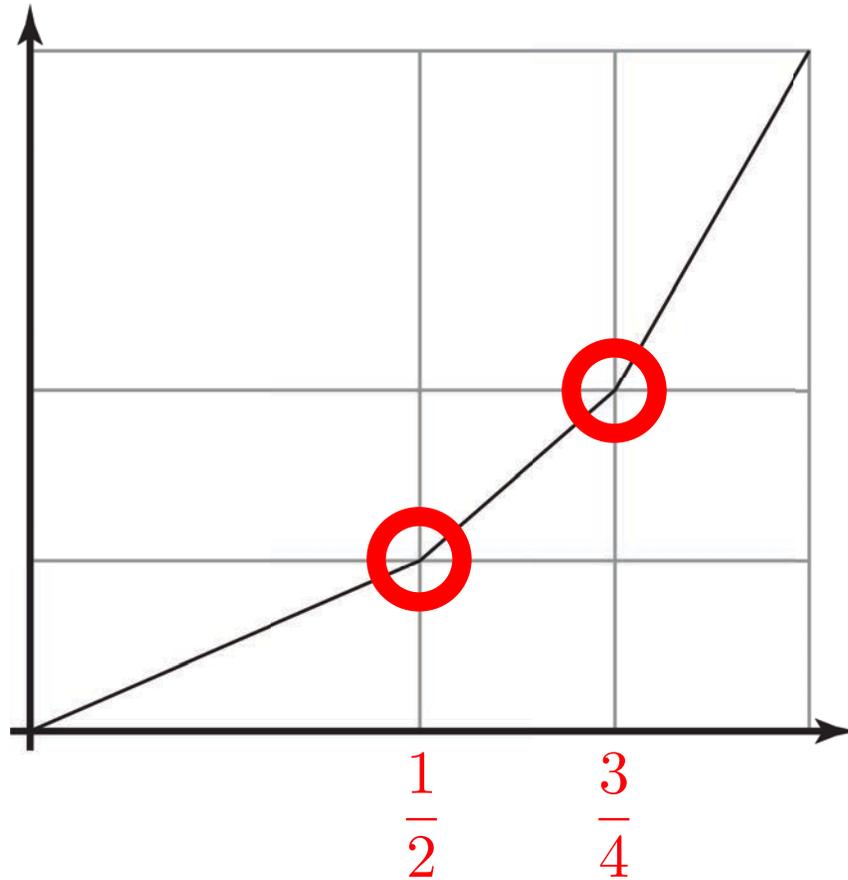
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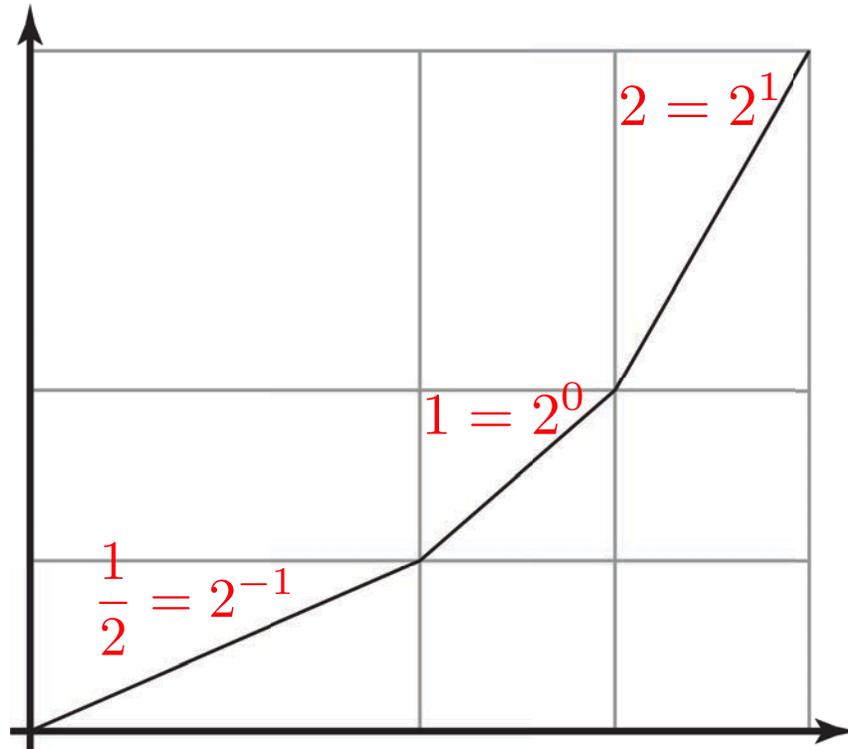
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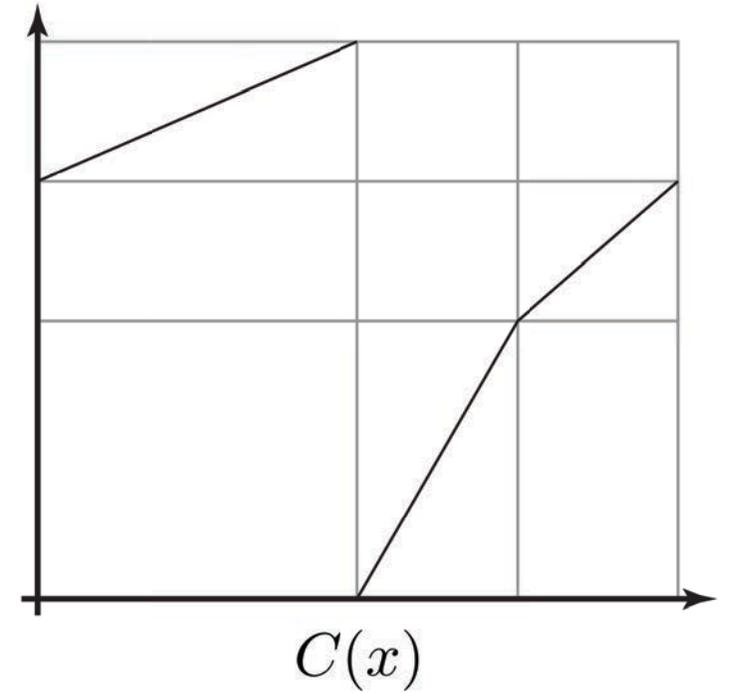
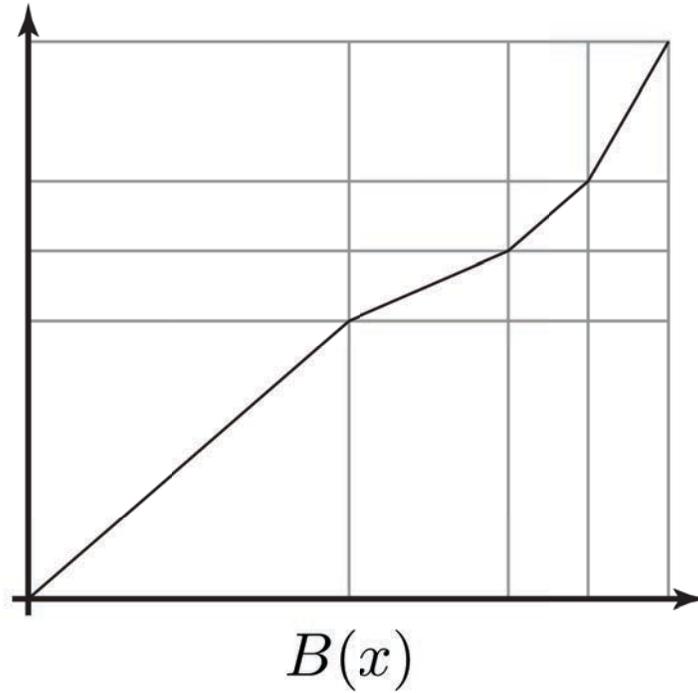
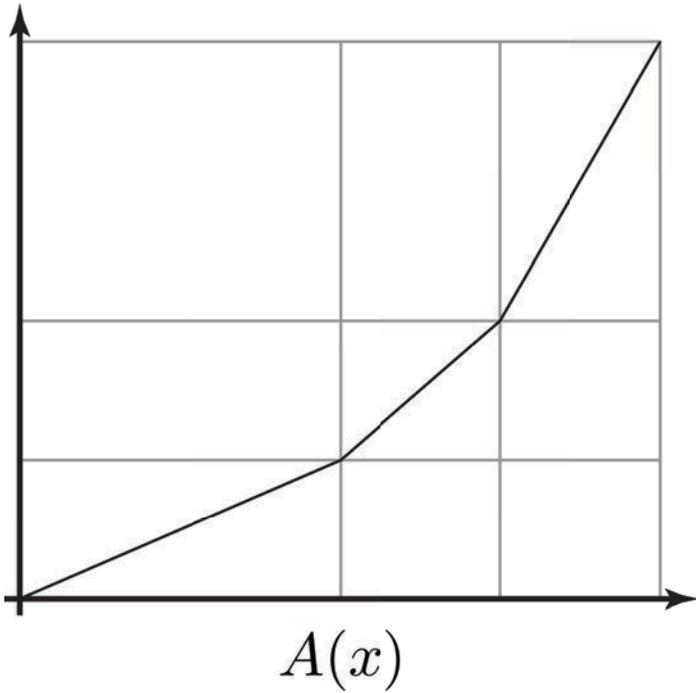


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Generators of T

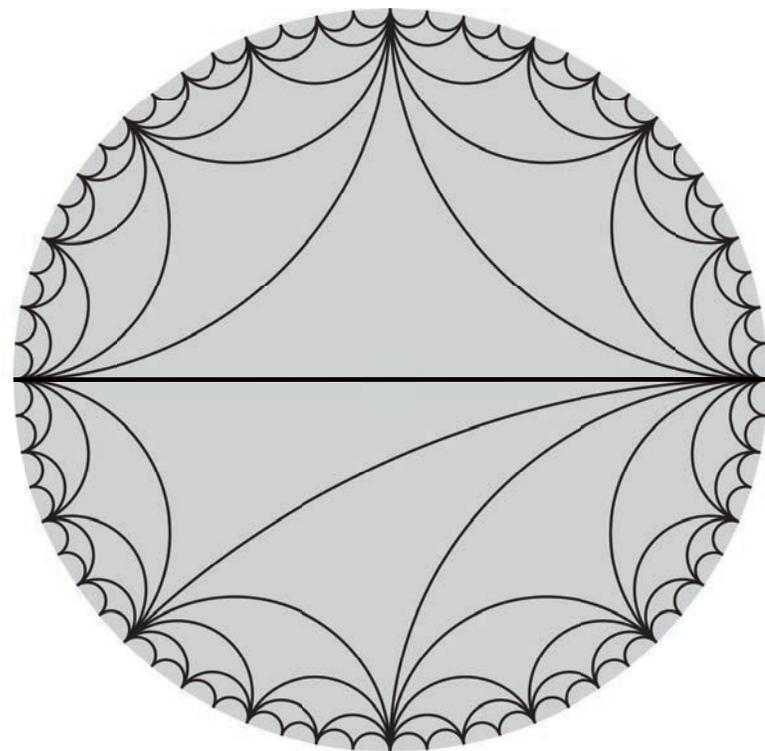
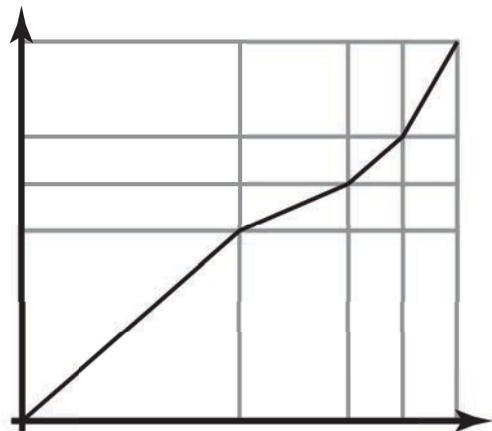
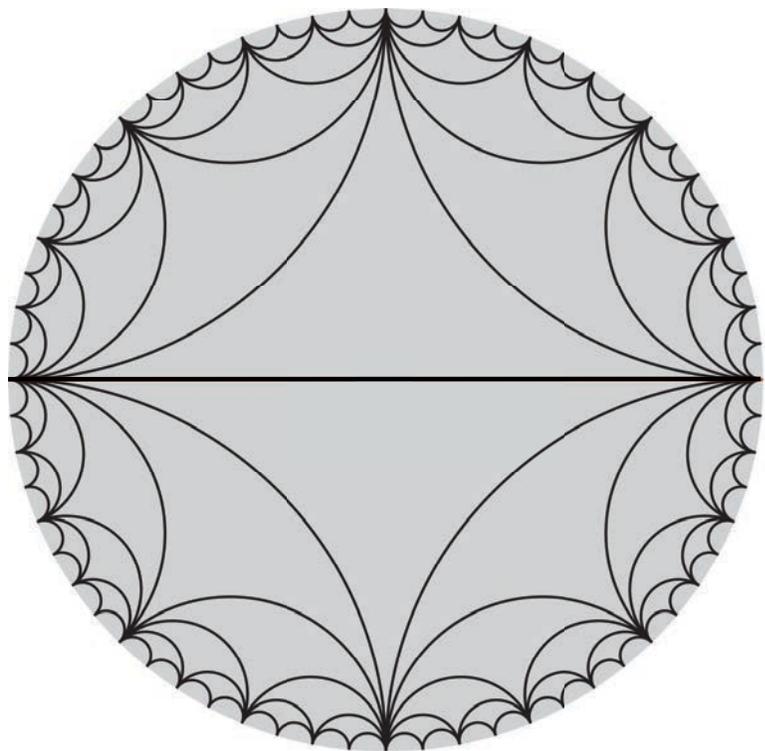


How does Thompson's group T act
on **tessellations**,
cutoffs, and
holographic states?

T acts on the **boundary** of the disk.

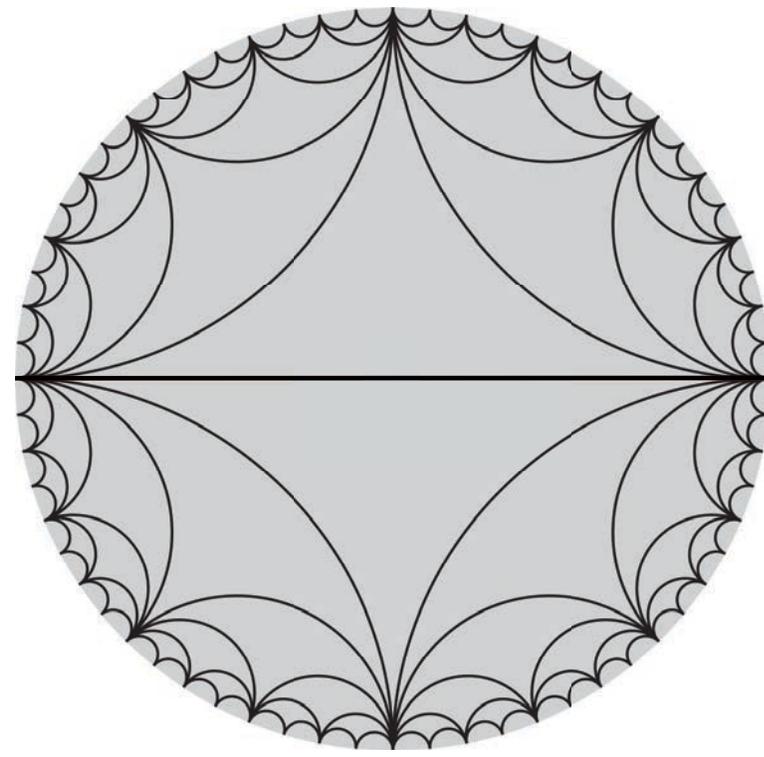
T acts on the **boundary** of the disk.

(All **vertices** of the tessellations
lie on the **boundary**.)

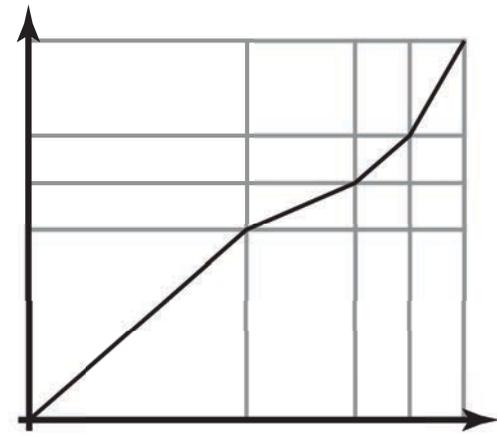


$1/4$

$1/2$

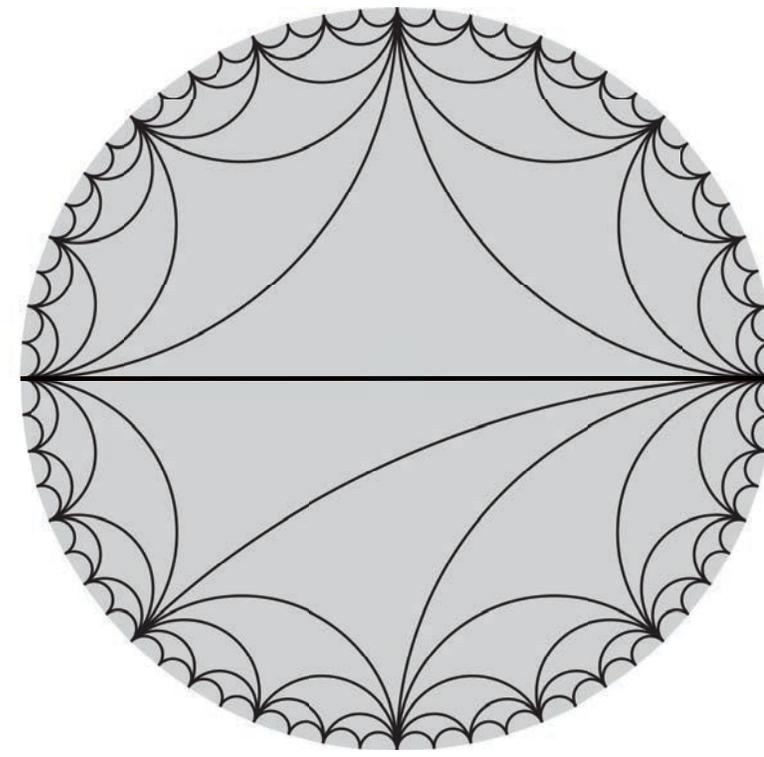


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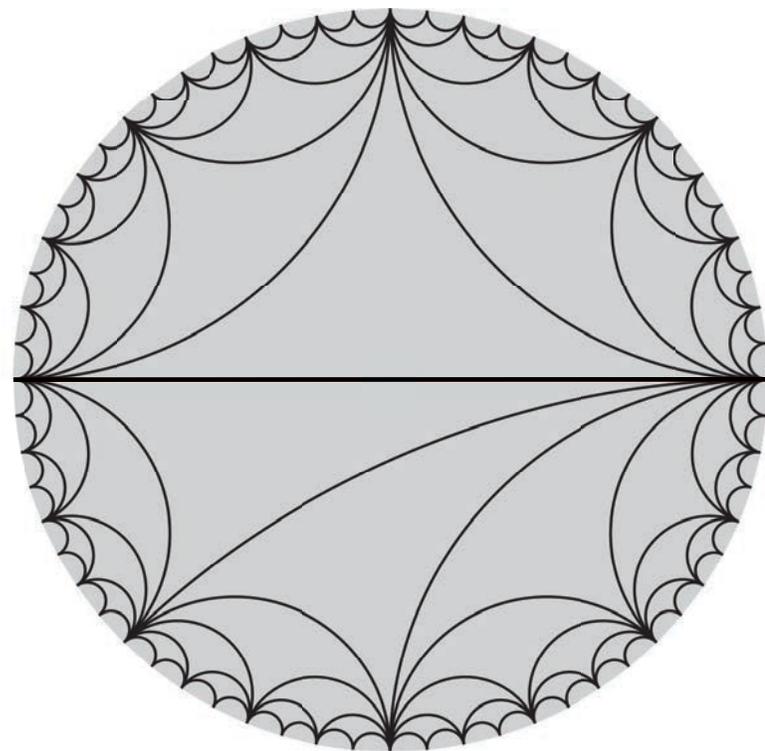
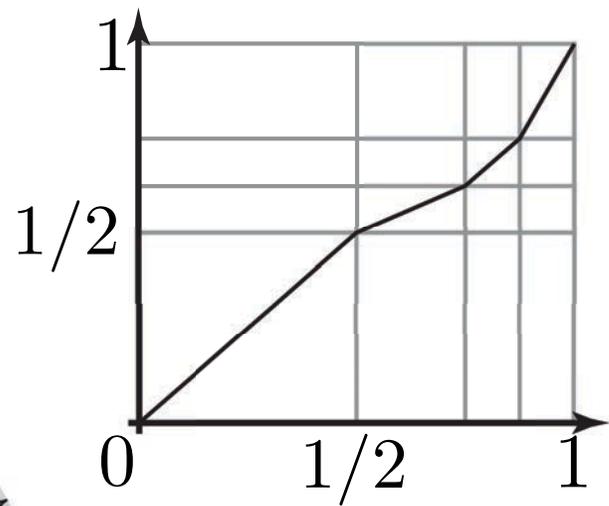
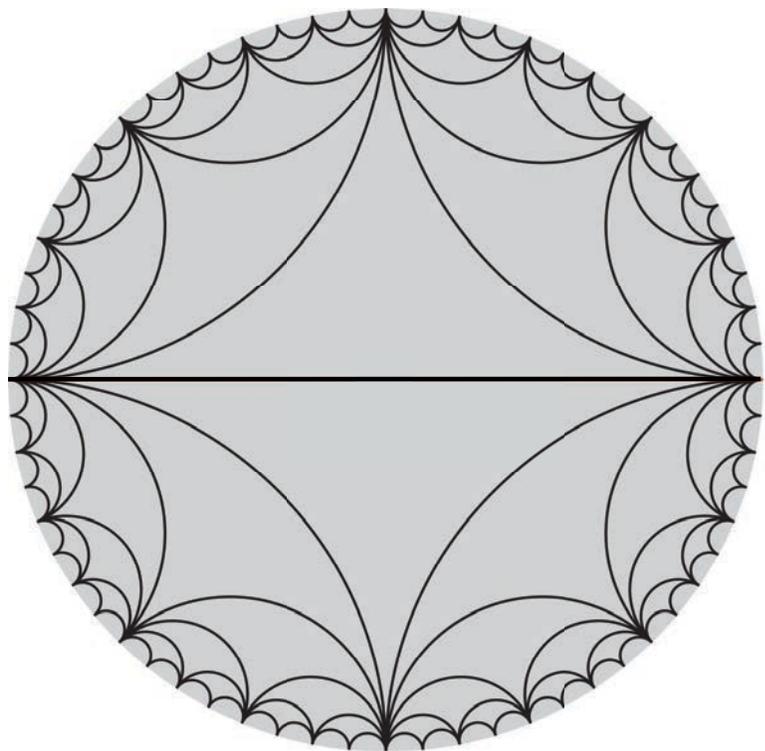
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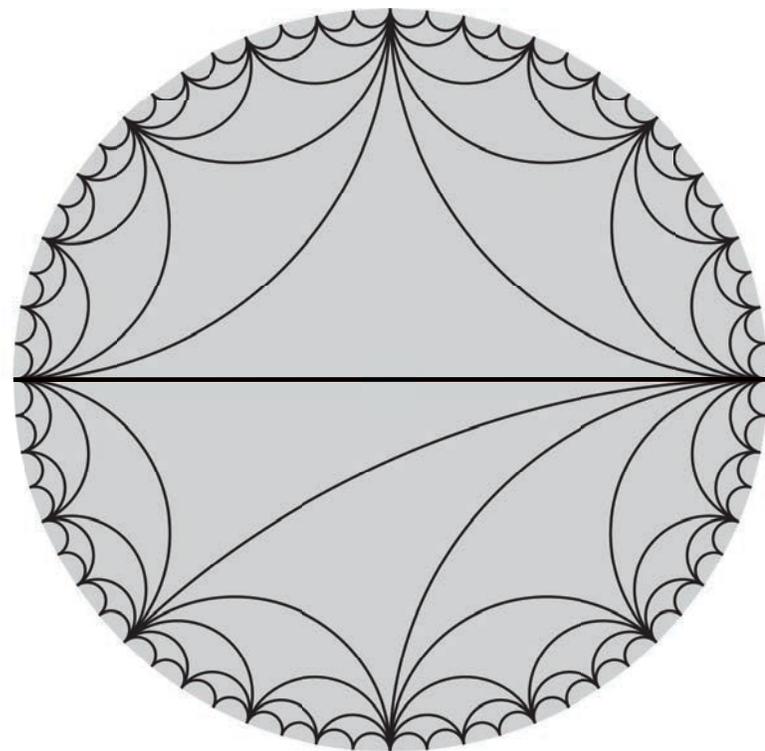
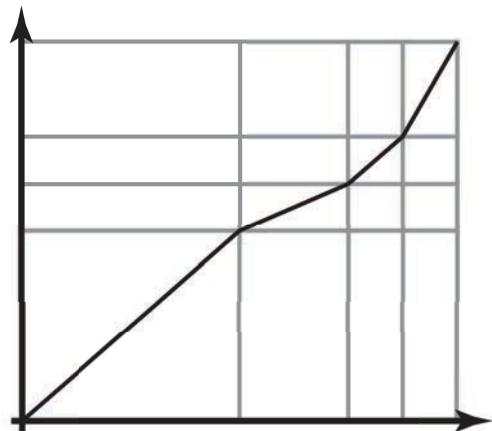
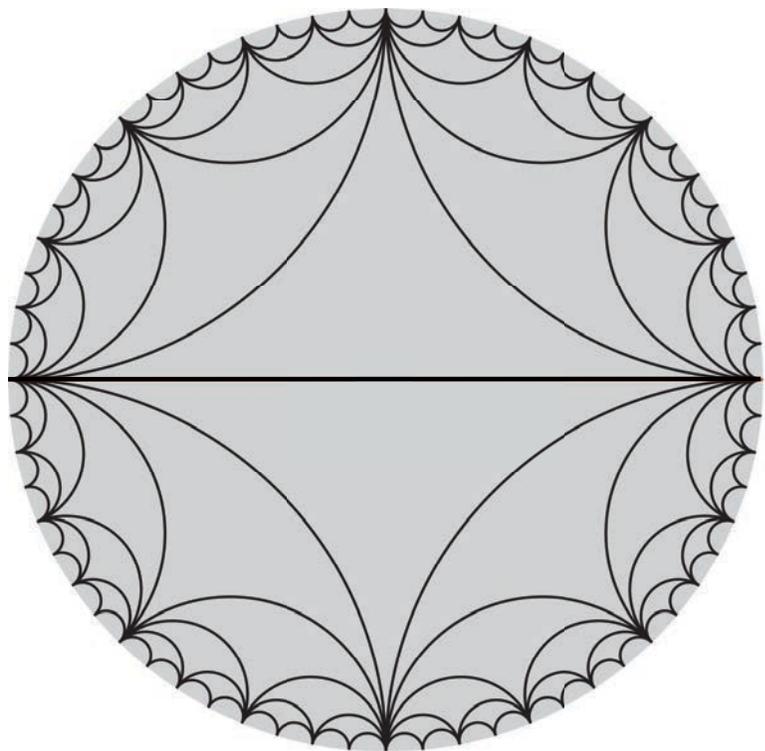
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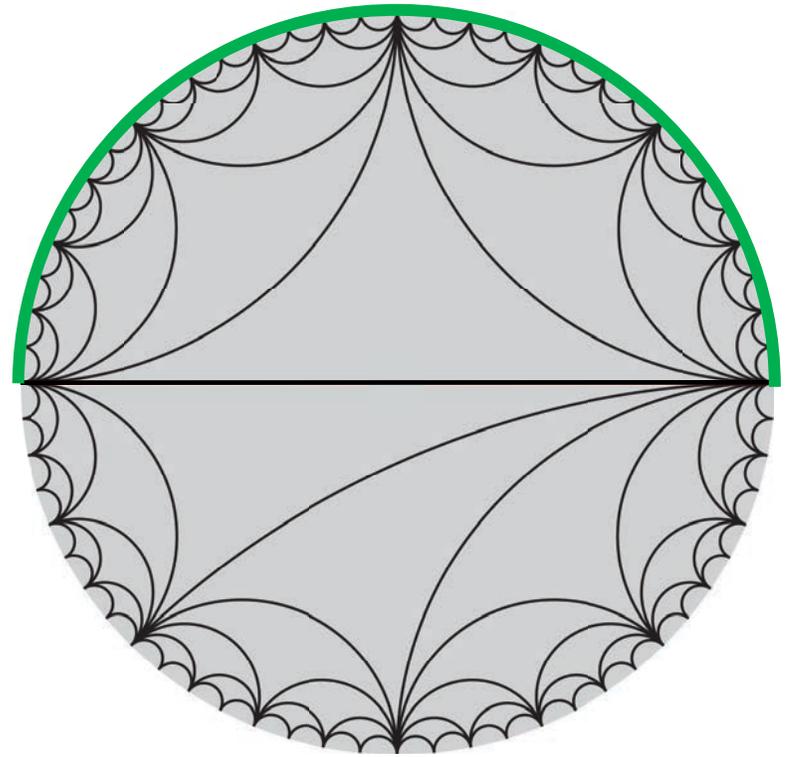
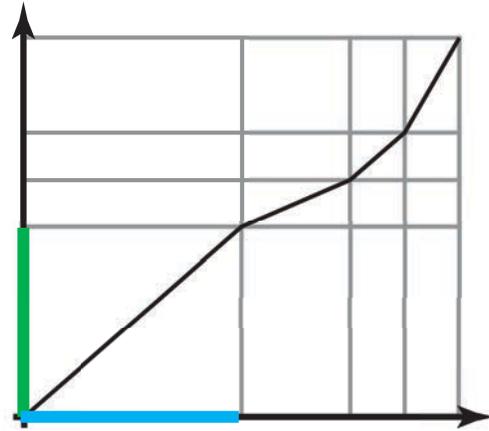
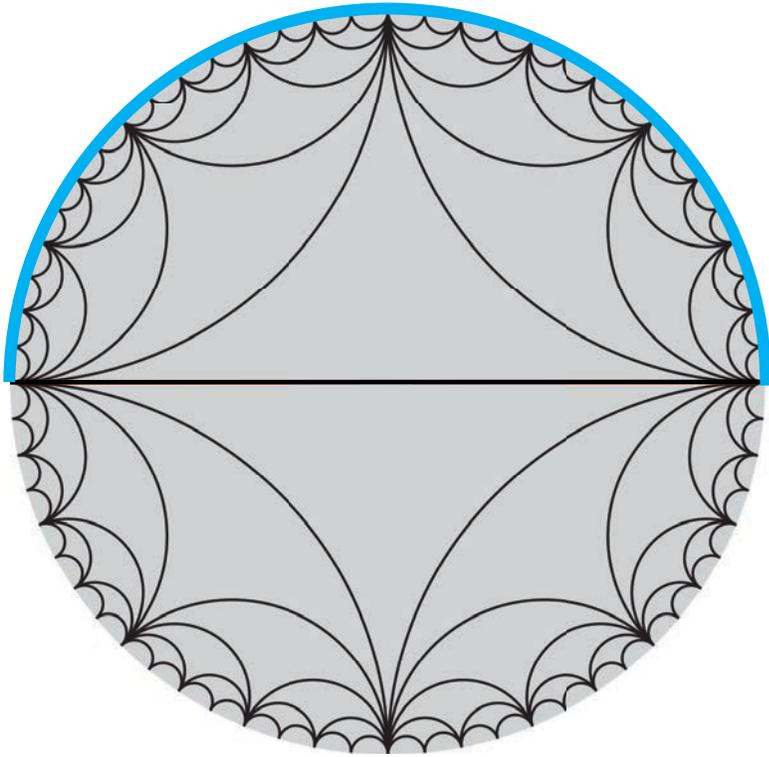


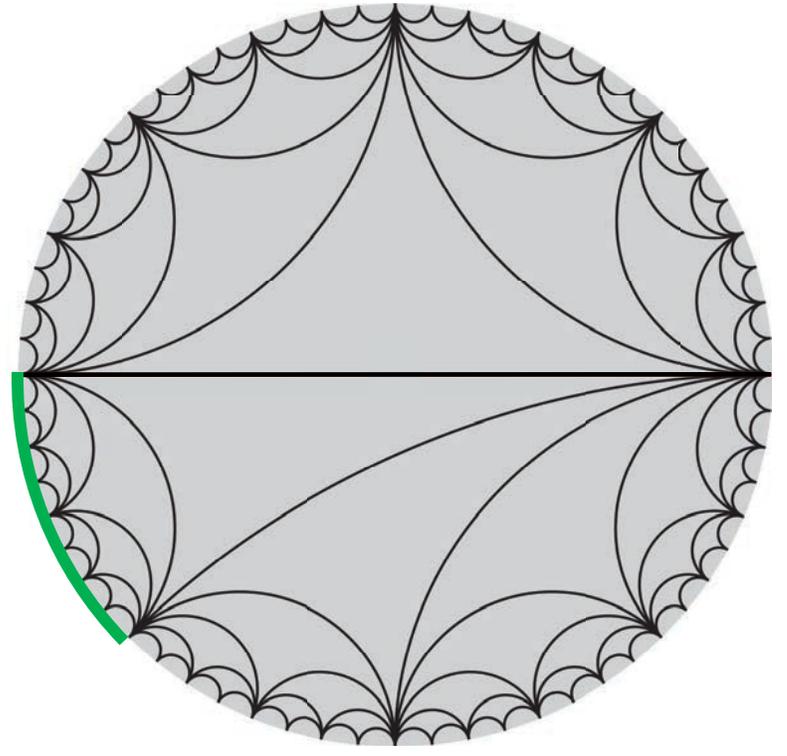
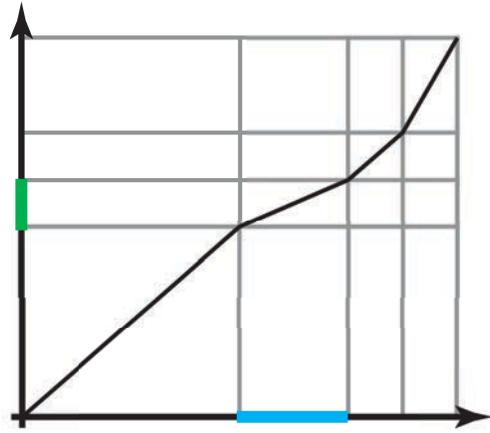
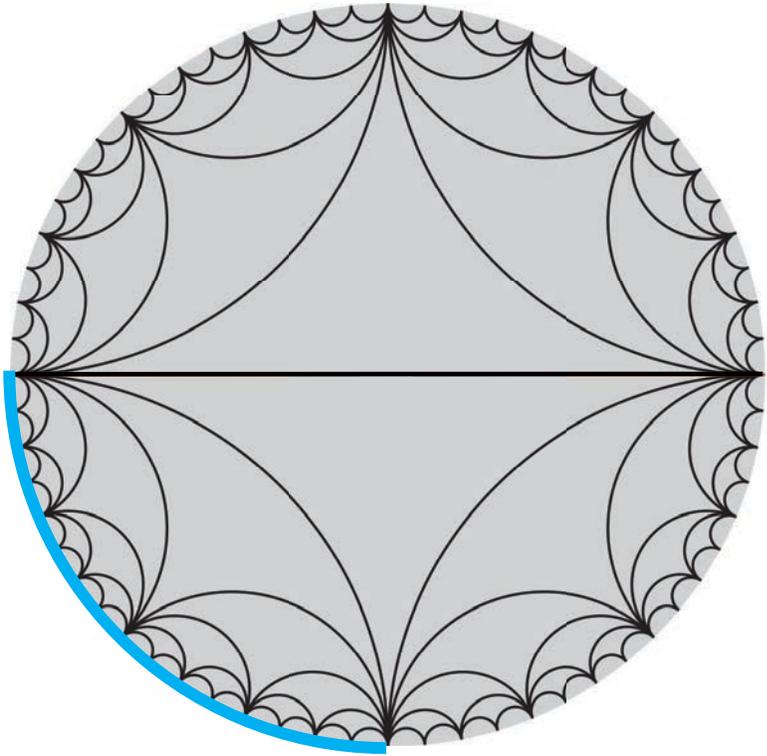
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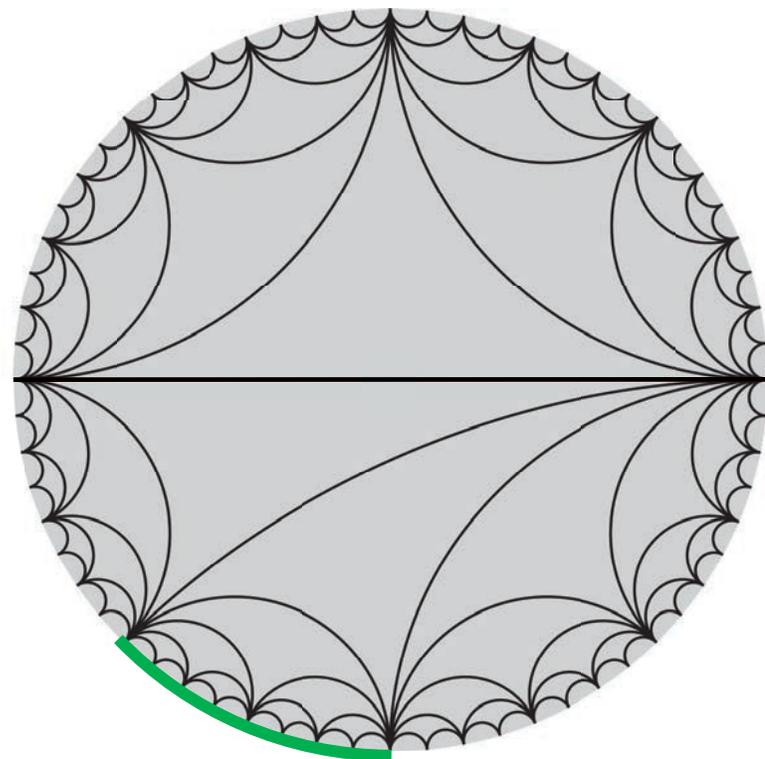
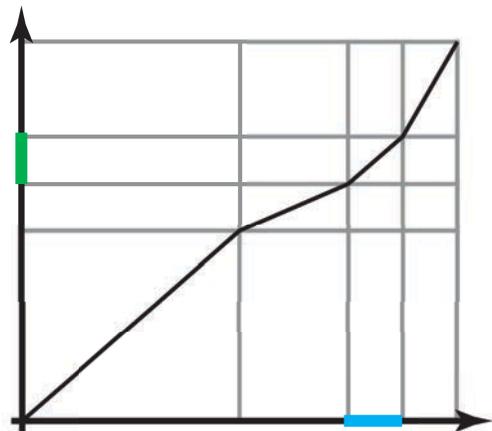
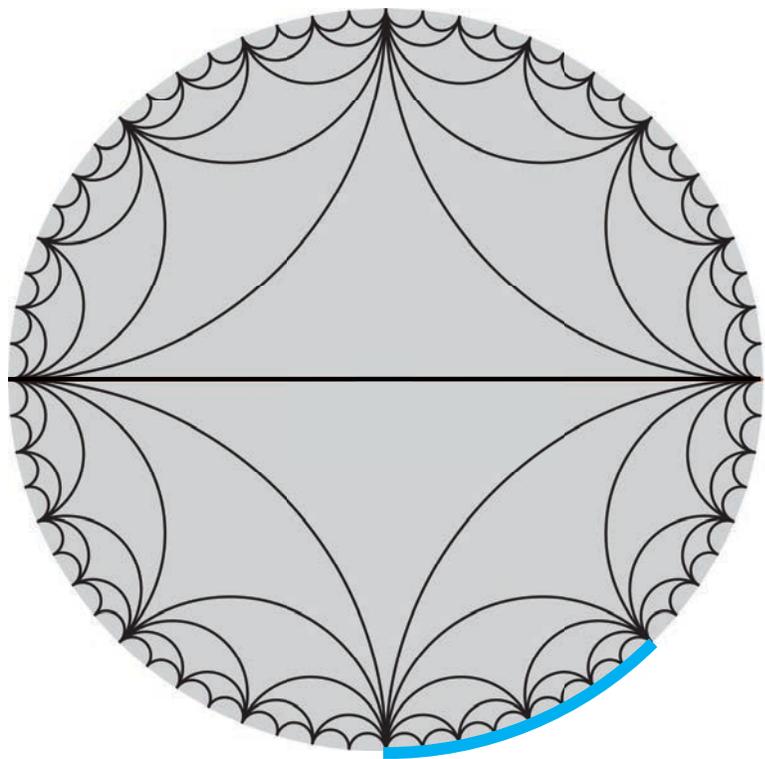
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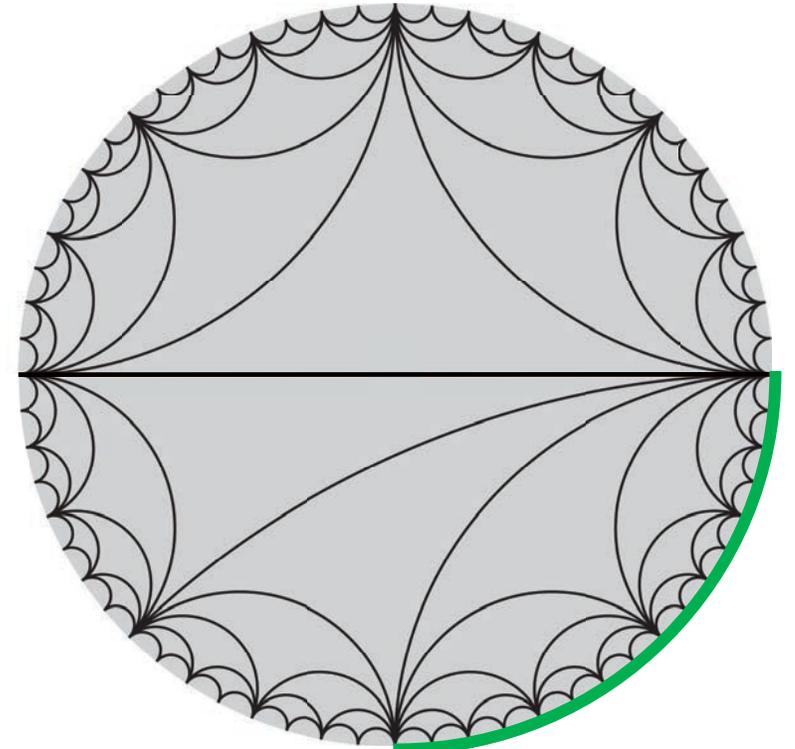
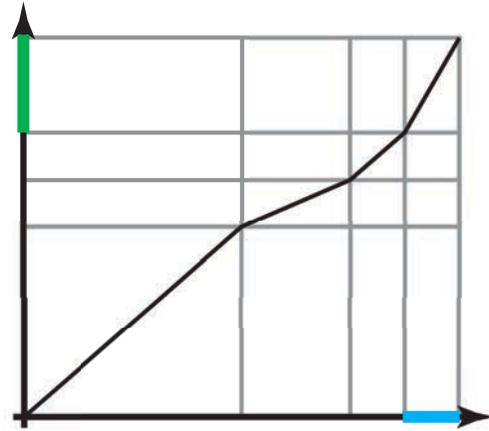
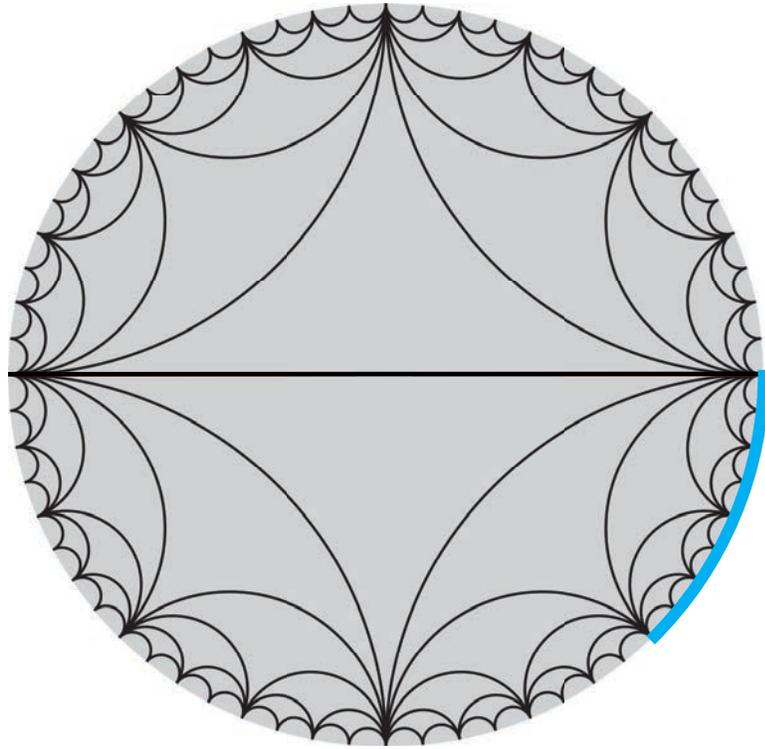


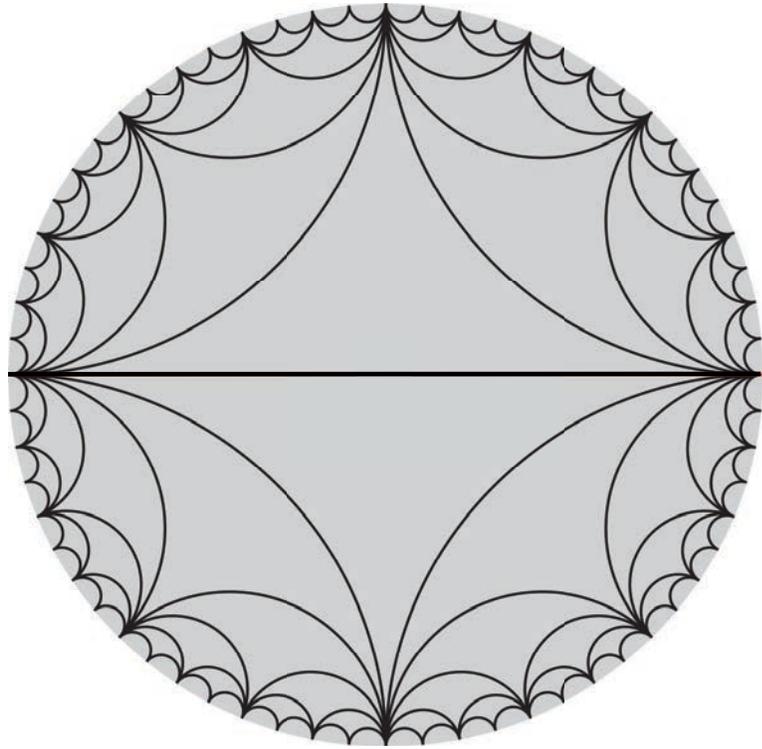




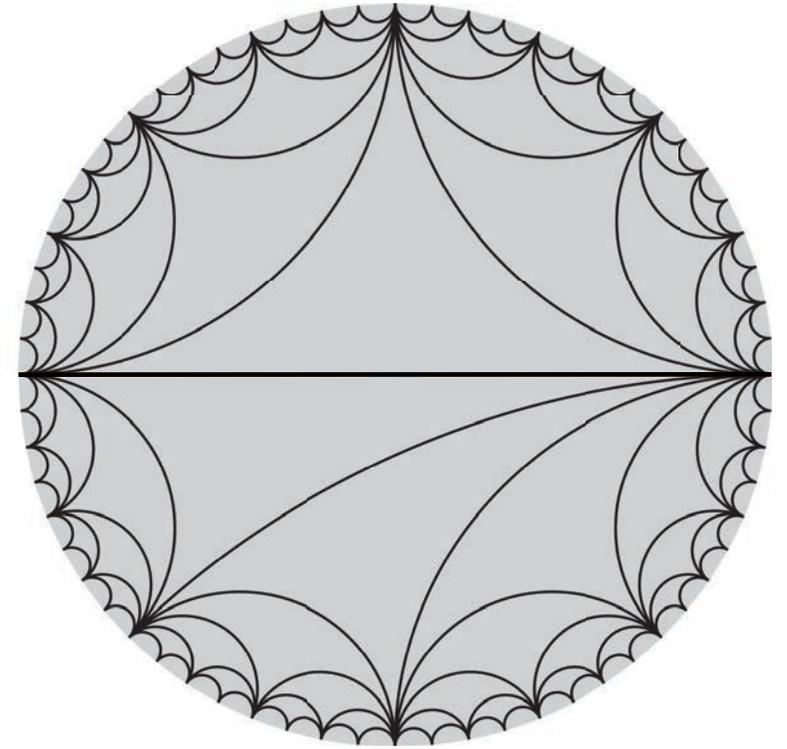
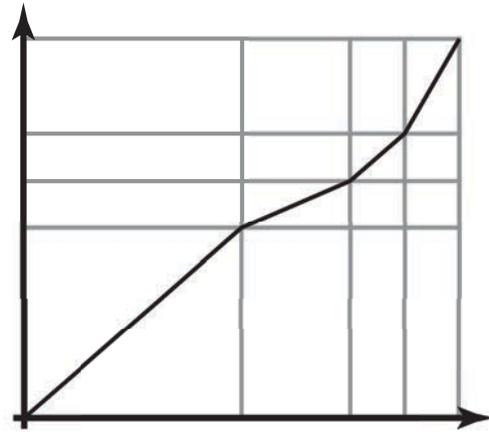




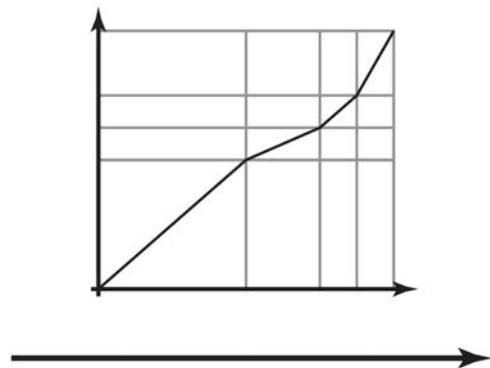
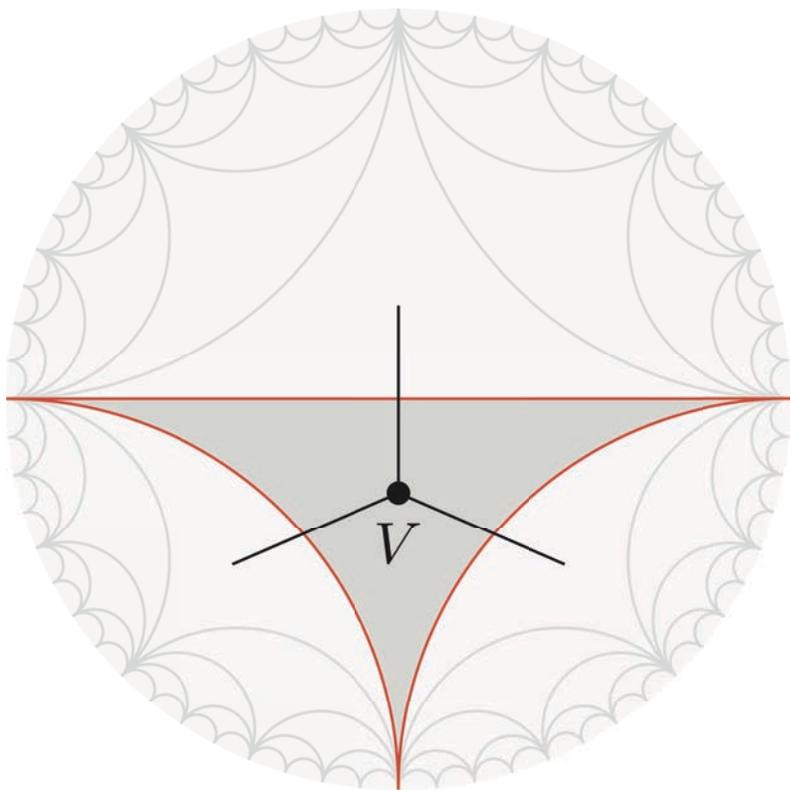




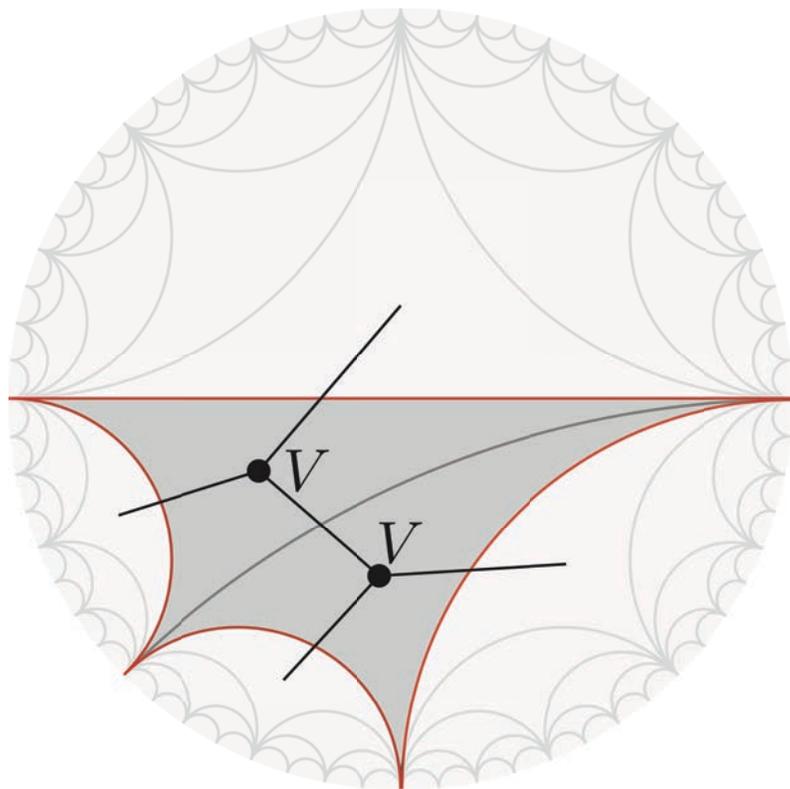
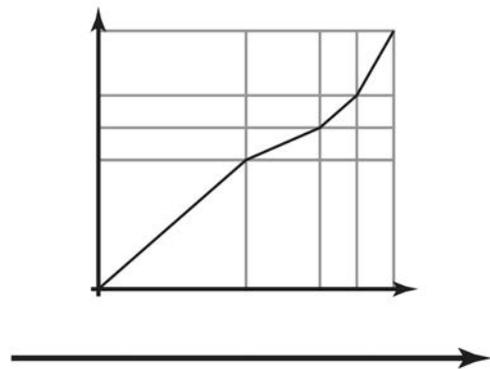
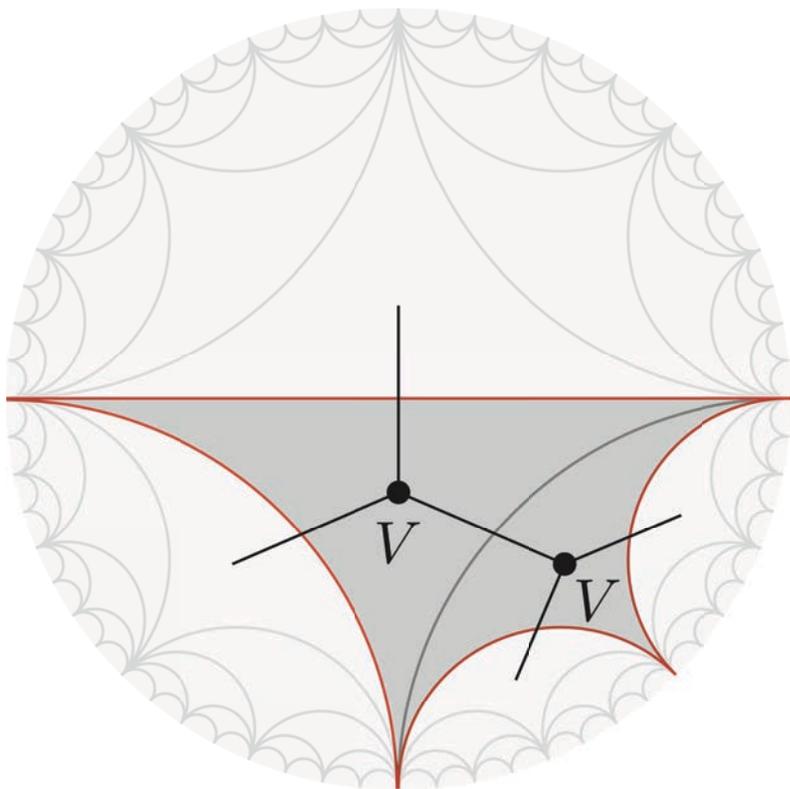
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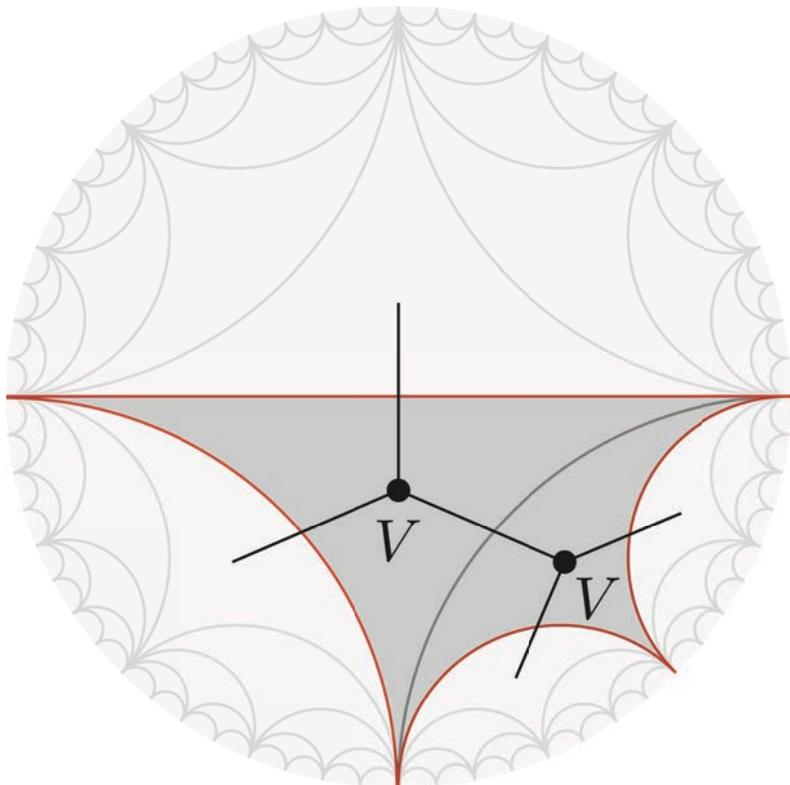


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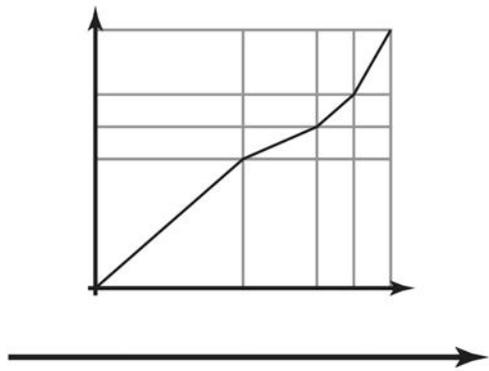


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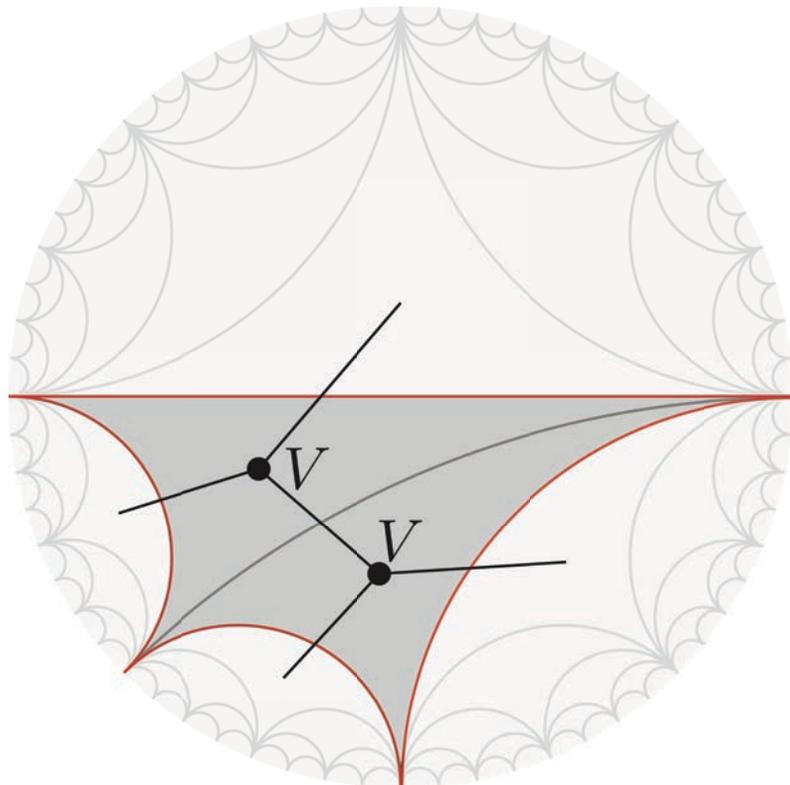




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Theorem (Jones). The action

$$\pi(f)|g\rangle \equiv |fg\rangle$$

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In September 2018 I'll be looking
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