

Midterm 2 last question

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}/15\mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \\ a & \mapsto & (a \pmod{3}, a \pmod{5}) \end{array}$$

For eg

$$11 \mapsto (2, 1)$$

Fix a prime  $p$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}_p[T] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[T]}{q(T)} \times \frac{\mathbb{F}_p[T]}{s(T)} \\ & q(T) s(T) & \end{array}$$

$$g \mapsto (g \pmod{q(T)}, g \pmod{s(T)})$$

Recall:  $Q(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$   
 Discriminant ( $Q$ ) =  $b^2 - 4ac$   
 $(\Delta(Q))$   
 If  $Q$  &  $Q'$  are equivalent, then  $\Delta(Q)$   
 $= \Delta(Q')$   
 (Converse is false).

$$\Delta(Q) = -100$$

$$Q_1(x,y) = x^2 + 25y^2$$

$$Q_2(x,y) = 5x^2 + 5y^2$$

$$\Delta(Q_1) = -4(25) = -100$$

$$\Delta(Q_2) = -4(25) = -100$$

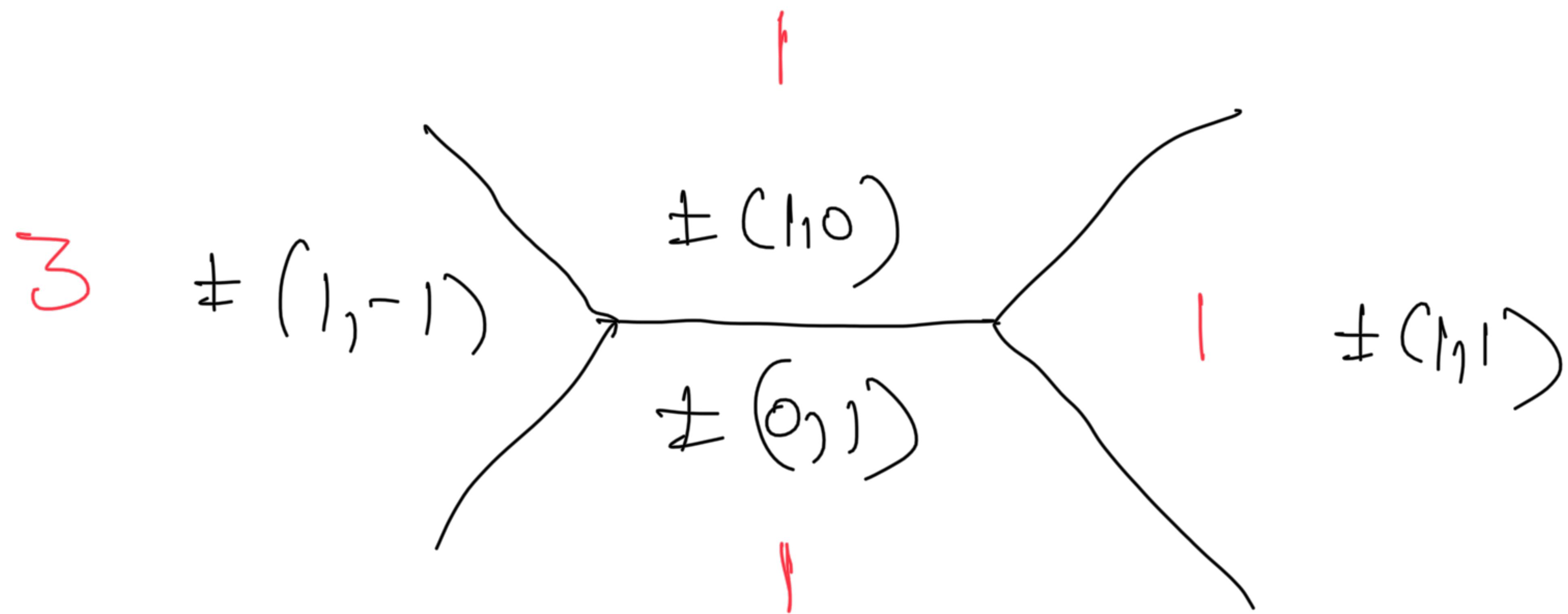
$Q_1$  &  $Q_2$  are not equivalent

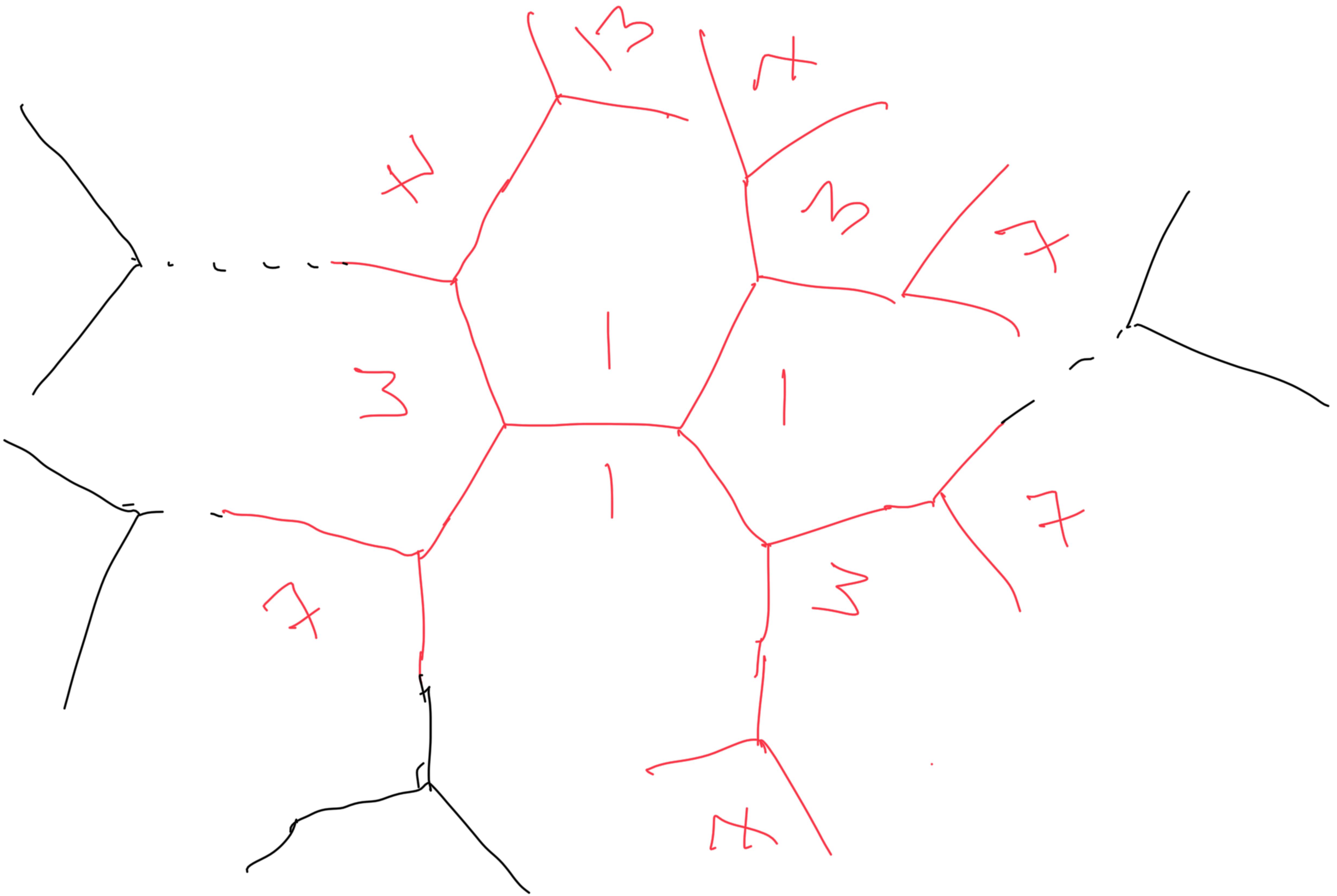
$$Q_1(1,0) = 1$$

$$Q_2(x,y) \neq 1 \quad \text{for any } (x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2.$$

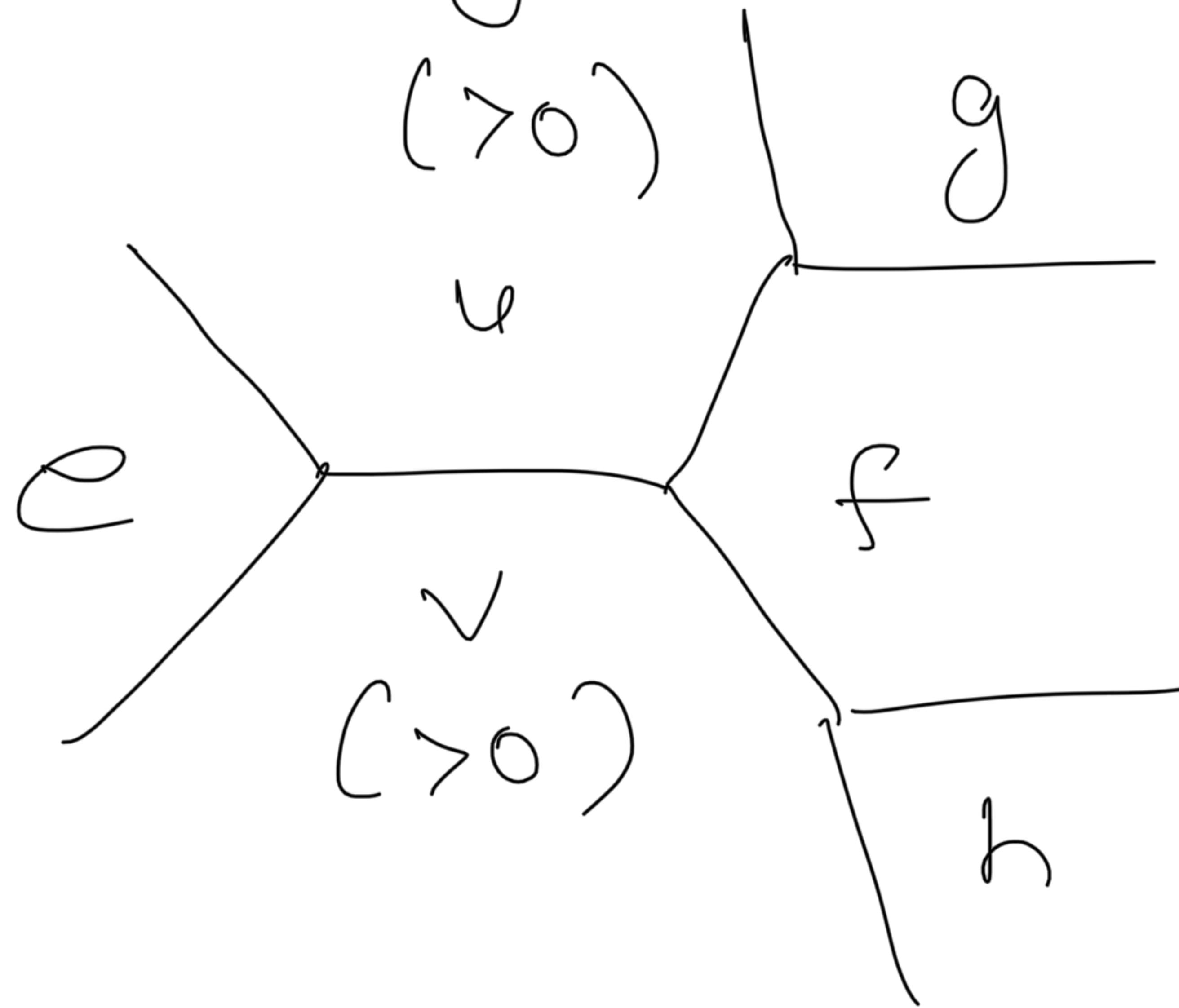
let's analyze range topo graph of

$$x^2 - xy + y^2$$





# Conway's Climbing Principle



Suppose

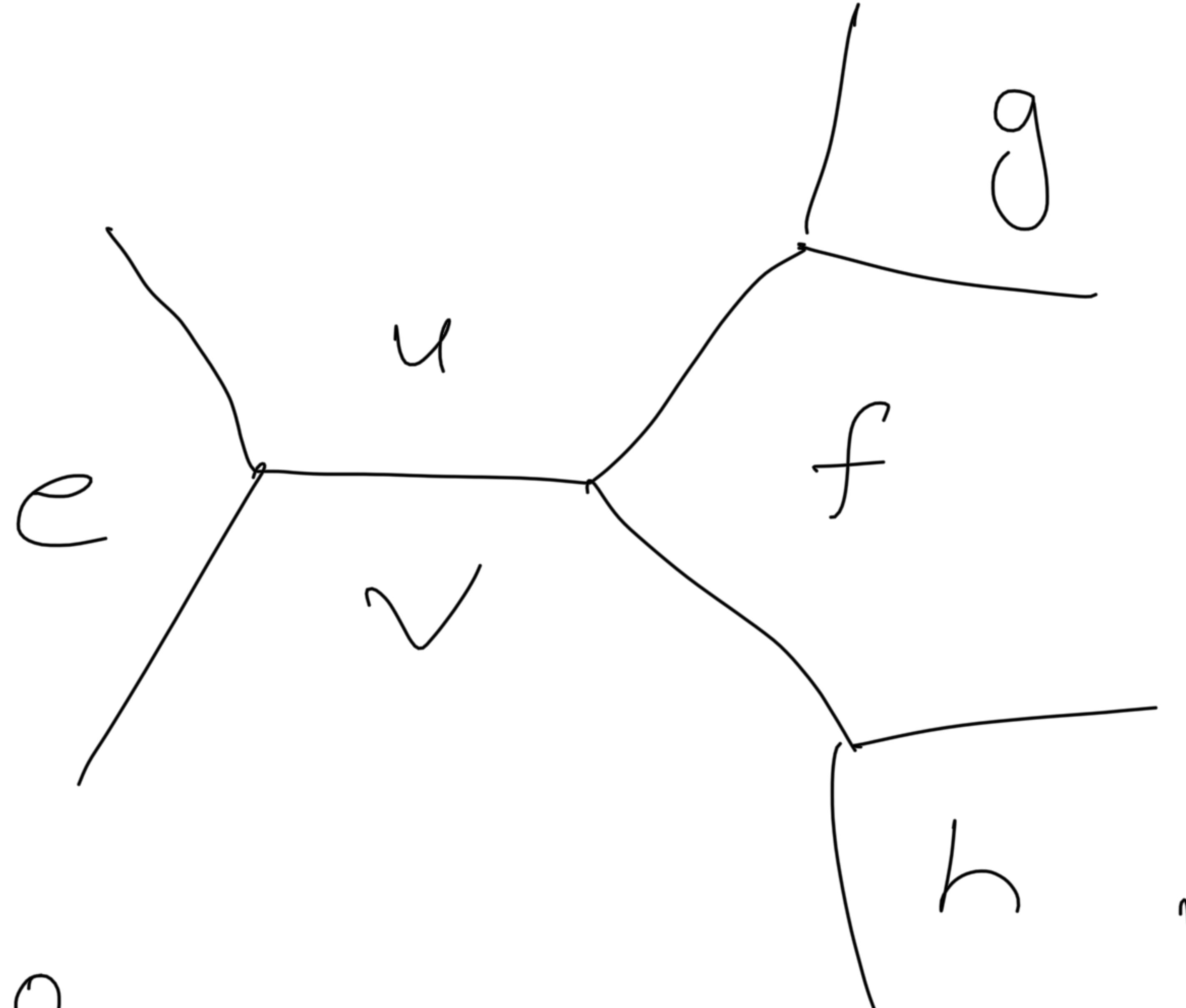
$$e, v+n, f$$

increases

$$e < v+n < f$$

then

$$v < v+n < g \quad \& \quad v < v+f < h$$



$$u > 0$$

$$v < u + u + v < u + f$$

$$v < u + f < g$$

$$u < u + v + v$$

$$< v + f$$

$$< h$$

Find all Solutions of

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7.$$

$$\pm (1, -2)$$

$$\pm (3, 2)$$

$$\pm (2, -1)$$

$$\pm (2, 3)$$

$$\pm (3, 1)$$

$$\pm (1, 3)$$

Is that all ?

Find all solutions of  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 4$

$$\pm (1, 0)$$

$$\pm (0, 1)$$

$$\pm (1, 1)$$

$$\pm (2, 0)$$

$$\pm (0, 2)$$

$$\pm (2, 2)$$

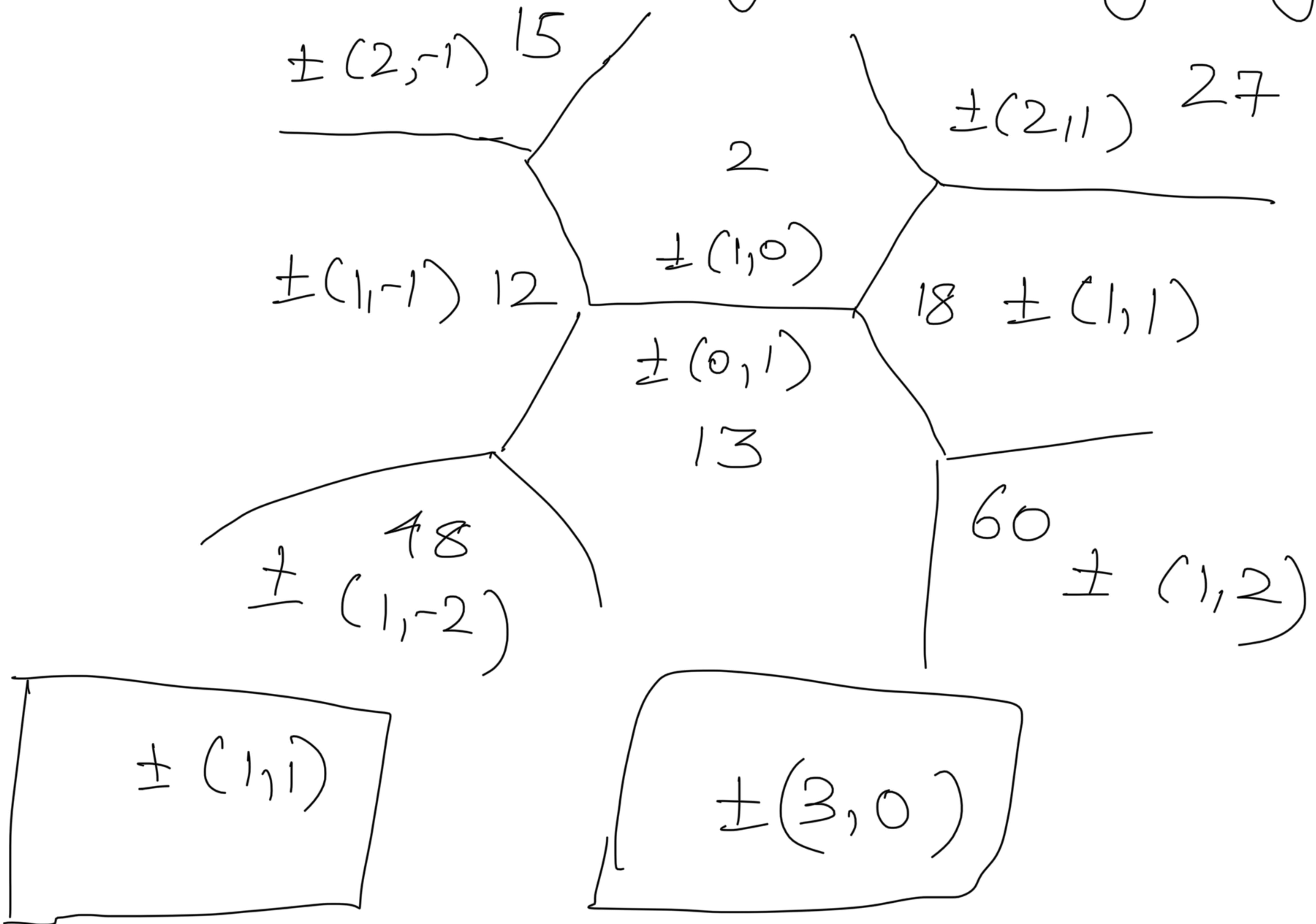
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Find all solutions of  $2x^2 + 3xy + 13y^2 = 18$



If  $Q(x,y) > 0 \quad \forall (x,y)$  positive definite

If  $Q(x,y) < 0 \quad \forall (x,y)$  negative definite

$\Delta < 0$        $\Delta > 0$   
(positive or  
negative definite)      Indefinite

$$A = -100$$

$$Q_1(x,y) = x^2 + 25y^2$$

not equivalent

$$Q_2(x,y) = 5x^2 + 5y^2$$

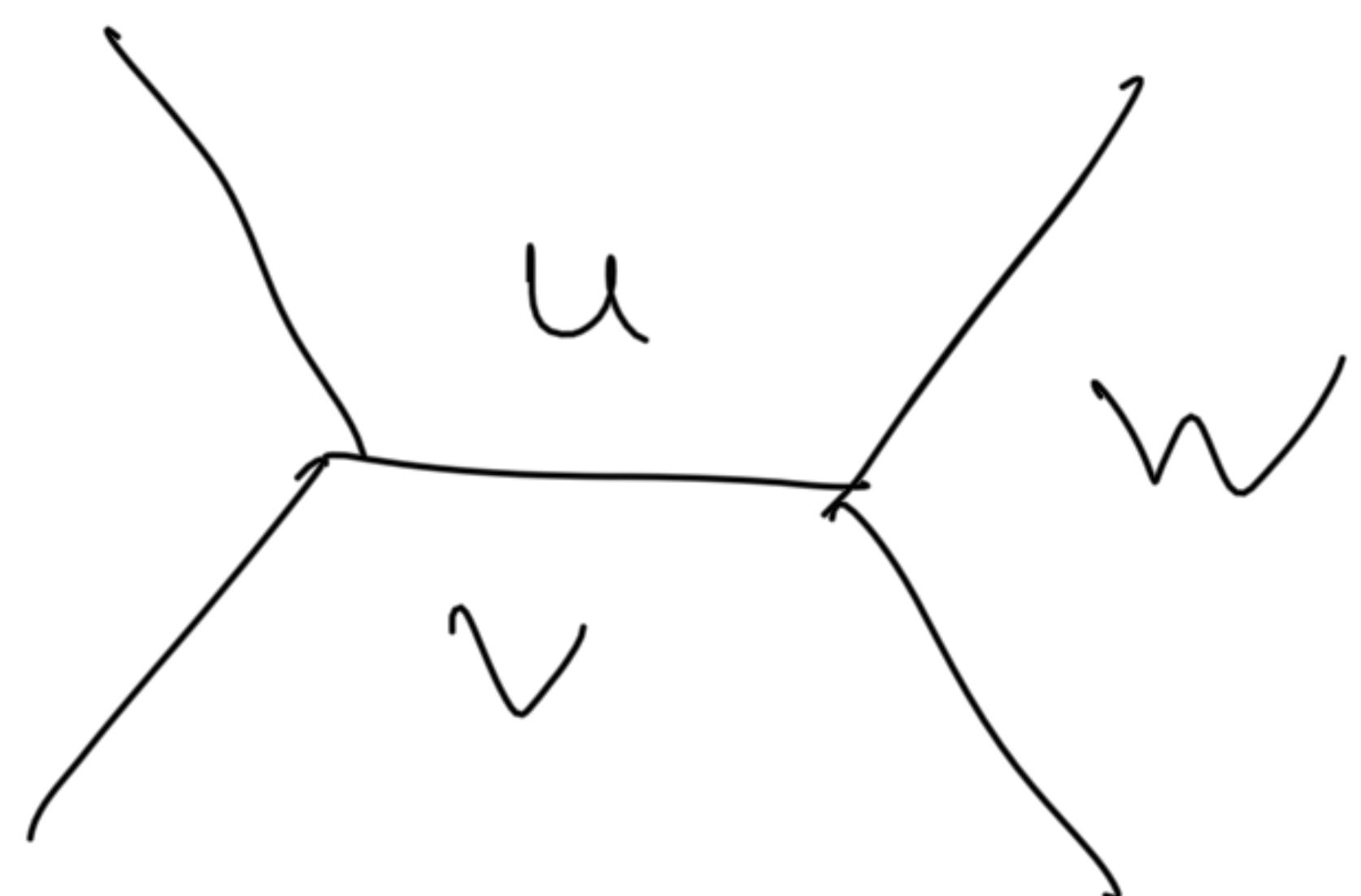
Are these all ?

How do we find all of them ?

By looking at possible range  
topo graphs !

Suppose  $Q(x,y) > 0 \quad \forall x,y$

Let  $u$  be the minimum value among all  $Q(x,y)$



$$u \leq v \leq w$$
$$w \leq v + v$$

either

$$u+v = w$$

Double well

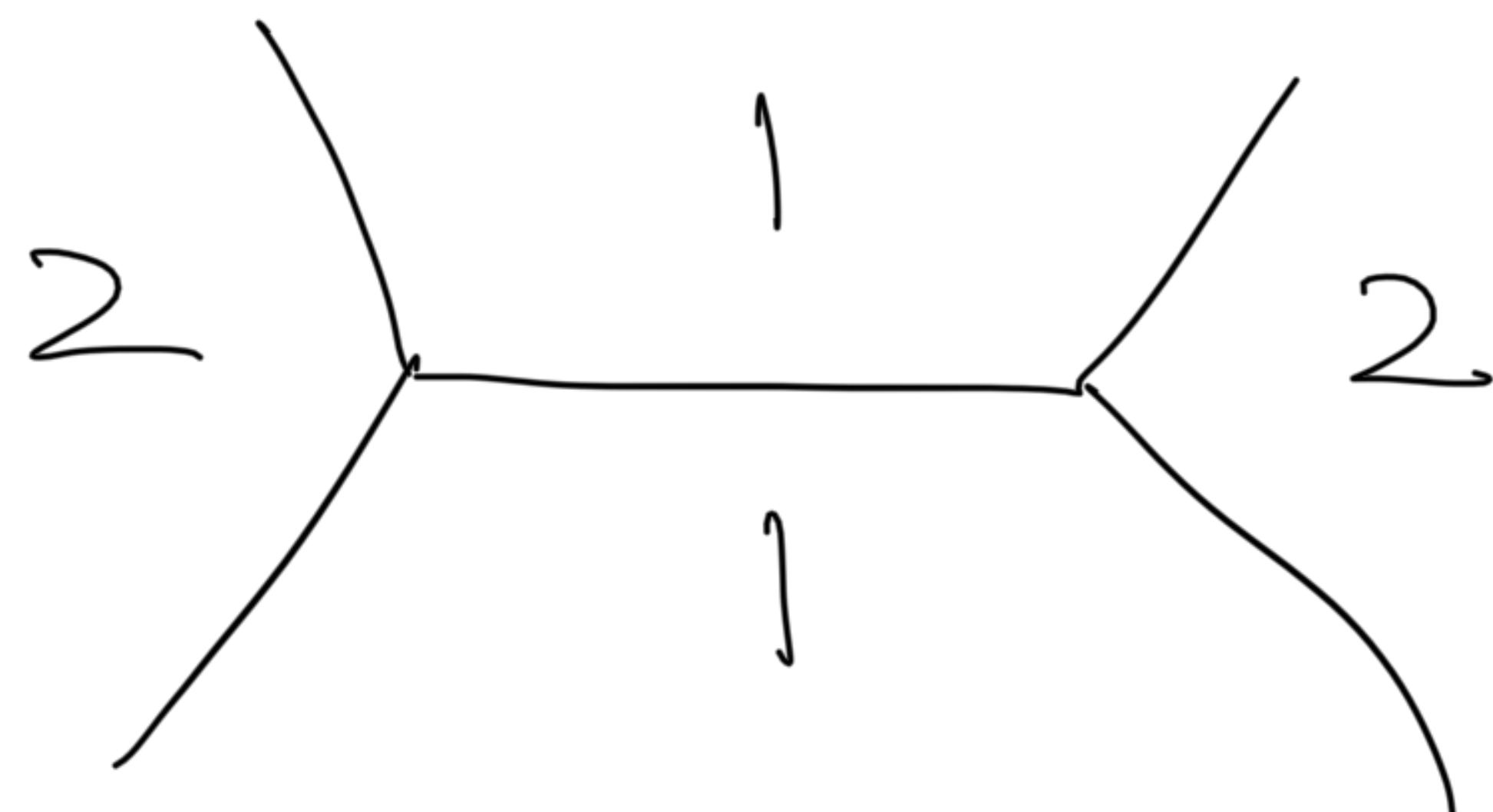
or

$$u+v > w$$

Single well

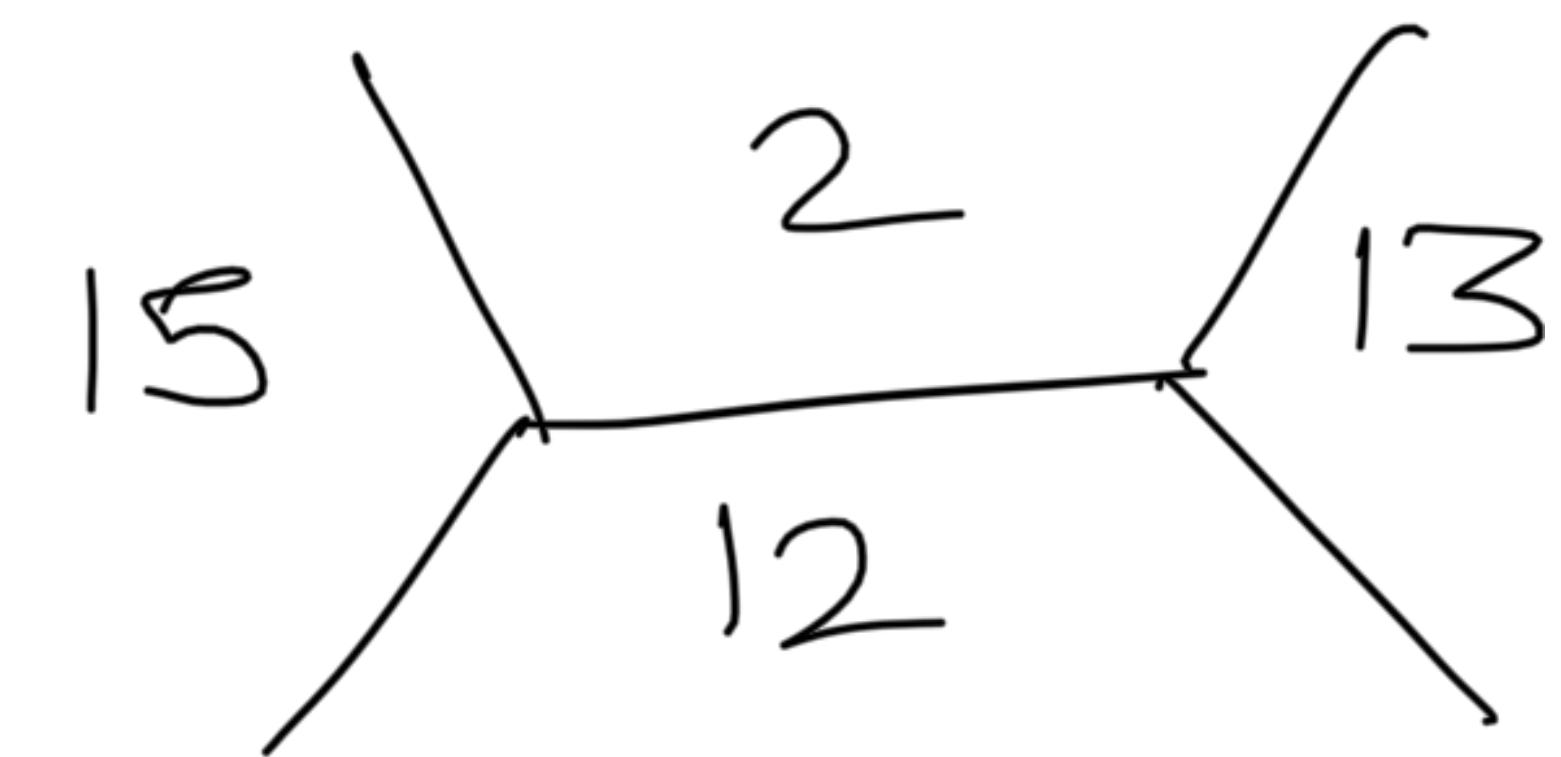
Example of Double well:

$$Q(x,y) = x^2 + y^2$$



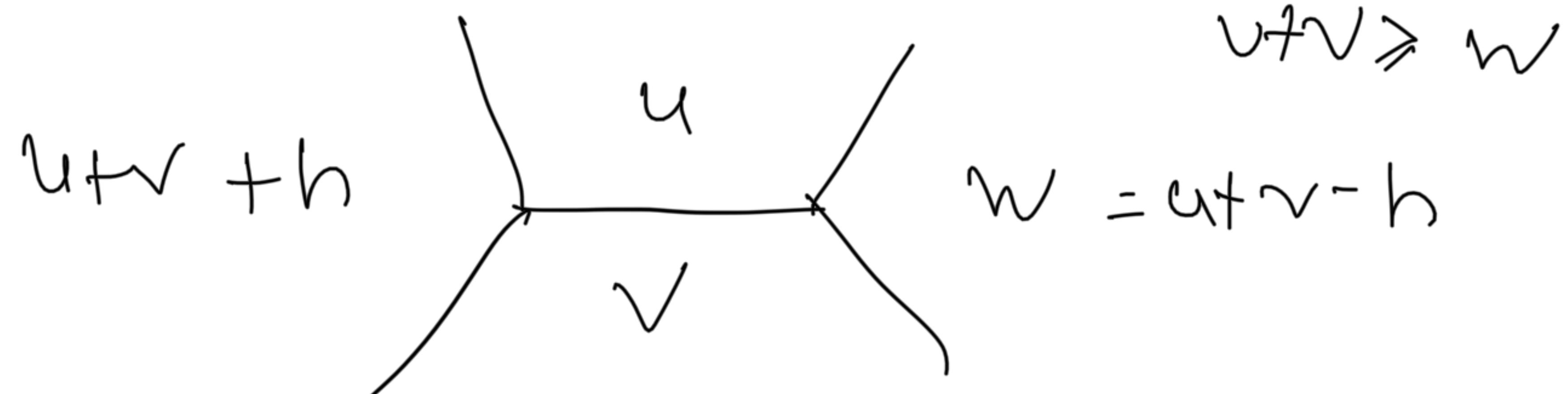
Example of Single well:

$$Q(x,y) = 2x^2 + 3xy + 13y^2$$



Thm: Let  $Q$  be a positive definite binary quadratic form with discriminant  $\Delta$ . Let  $u$  be the smallest non zero value that is taken by  $Q$ . Then  $u \leq \sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{3}}$

Pf: There is exactly one well in range topo graph of  $Q$ .



Recall discriminant =

$$= u^2 + v^2 + w^2 - 2uv - 2vw - 2uw$$

$$= h^2 - 4uv < 0$$

Since  $w \leq u+v \Rightarrow h \geq 0$   
 " "  
 $u+v-h$

$$\begin{array}{c} u \leq v \leq u+v-h \\ \hline \Rightarrow 0 \leq u-h \Rightarrow h \leq u \end{array}$$

So, 
$$0 \leq h \leq u \leq v$$

$$|\Delta| = 4uv - h^2 \geq 4uv - u^2 \gg 4u^2 - u^2 = 3u^2$$

$$3u^2 \leq |\Delta|$$

$$\Rightarrow u \leq \sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{3}}$$

The following is true:

- 1)  $-\sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{3}} \leq u \leq \sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{3}}$
- 2)  $0 \leq h \leq u$
- 3)  $\Delta = h^2 - 4uv$
- 4)
 

$\Delta$ even	$\Rightarrow$	$h$ even
$\Delta$ odd	$\Rightarrow$	$h$ odd

Qn: What are all inequivalent binary quadratic forms of  $\Delta = -100$ ?

→ Positive definite, let's start by listing all wells.

$$\sqrt{\frac{|\Delta|}{3}} = \sqrt{33 \cdot 33 \dots} < 6$$

$1 \leq u \leq 5$

$h$  must be even,  $0 \leq h \leq u$

$$\Delta = h^2 - 4uv$$

$$\begin{aligned}-100 &= 4 - 4(2v) \\ -26 &\end{aligned}$$

$u$	$h$	$v$	
1	0	25	
2	0	$25/2$	not an integer
2	2	13	
3	0	$100/12$	not integer
3	2	$104/12$	
4	0	$100/16$	
4	2	$104/16$	not integer
4	4	$116/16$	

5	0	5
5	2	$104/20$
5	4	$116/20$

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not integer

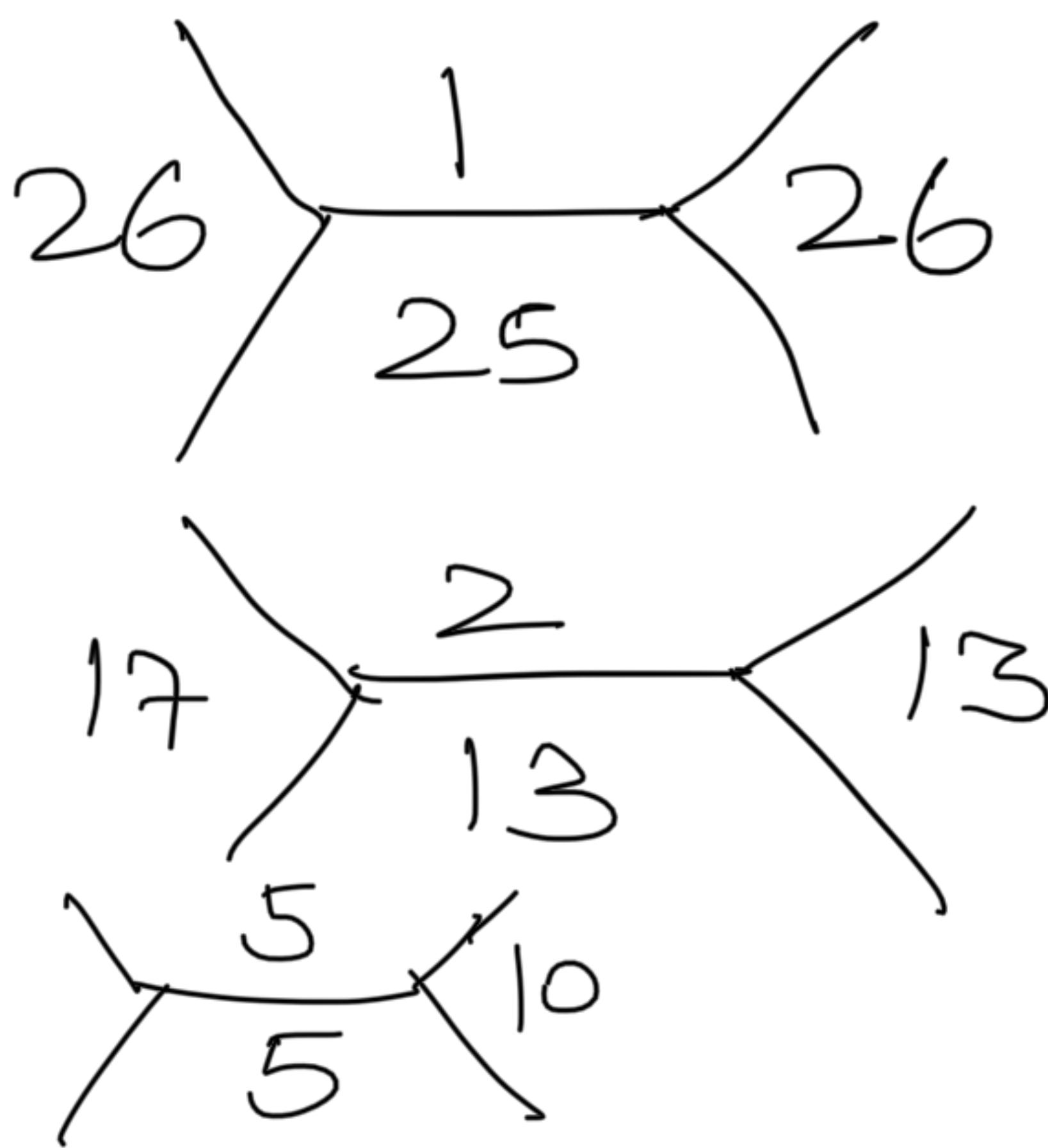
Three inequivalent forms

$$u \ h \nu$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 25$$

$$2 \ 2 \ 13$$

$$50 \ 5$$



$$x^2 + 25y^2$$

$$2x^2 - 2xy + 13y^2$$

$$5x^2 + 5y^2$$