

 $Q_i$  and  $R_i$  are non-empty paths

 $\forall 0 \leq i < k , R_i \ path \ from \ u_i \ to \ u_{(i+1)mod \ k}$   $Q_i \in P^{u_i}$   $R_i Q_{(i+1)mod \ k} \in P^{u_i}$   $\lambda^{u_i} (R_i Q_{(i+1)mod \ k}) \geq \lambda^{u_i} (Q_i)$ 

 $Q_i$  are spoke paths  $R_i$  are rim paths