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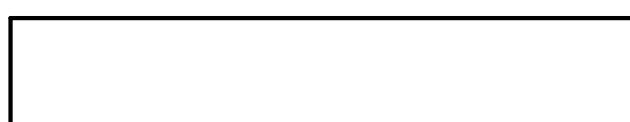


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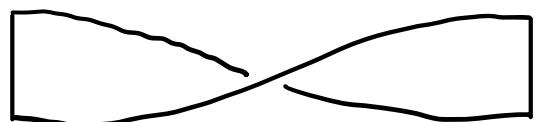
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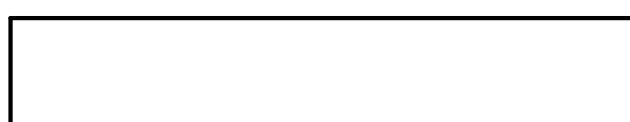


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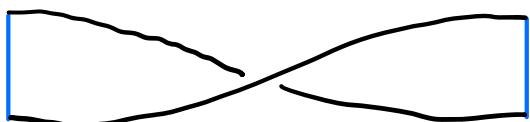
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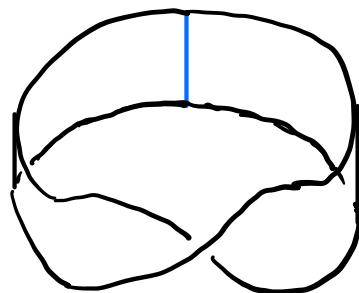
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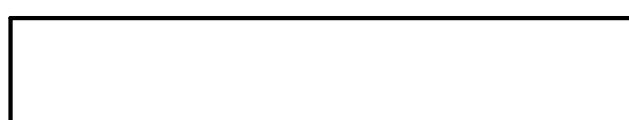
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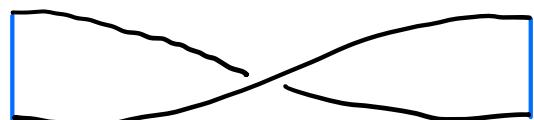
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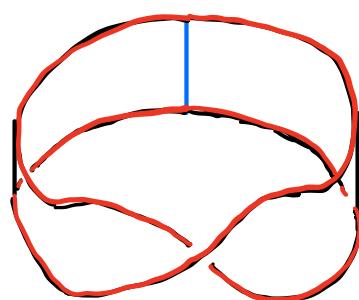
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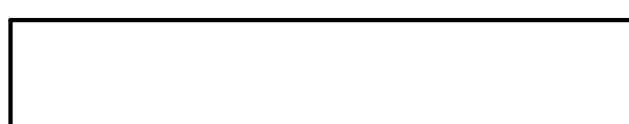


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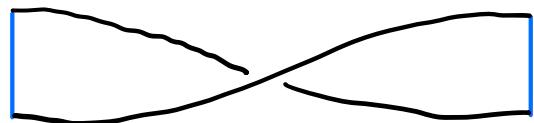
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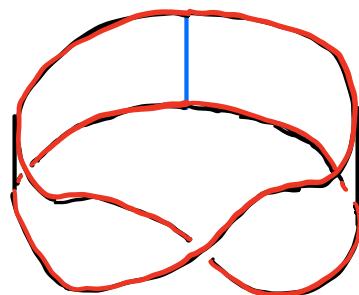
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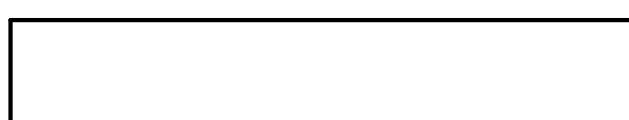
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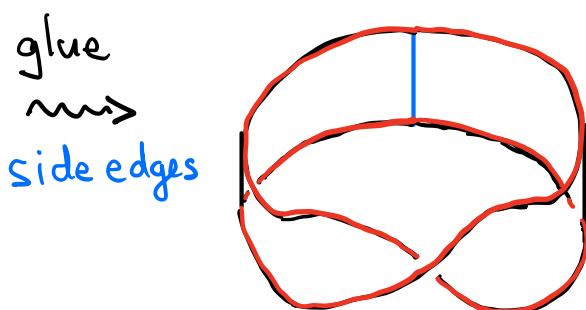
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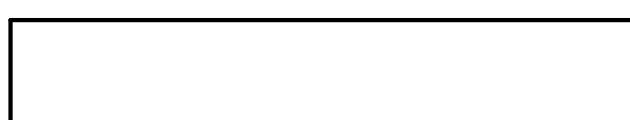
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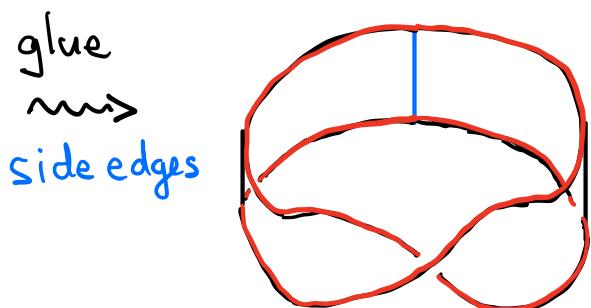
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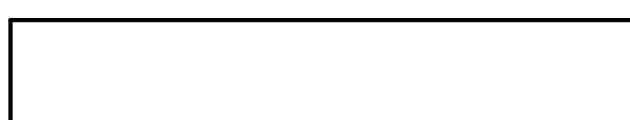
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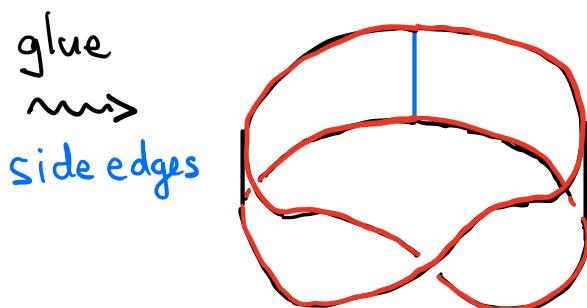
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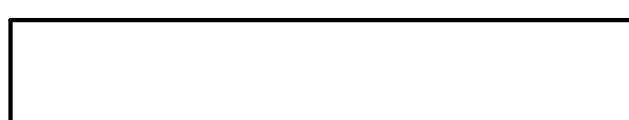
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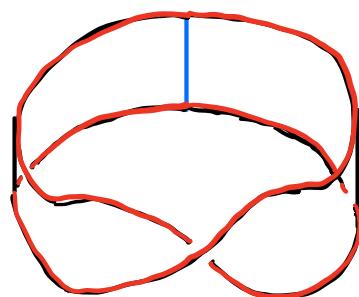
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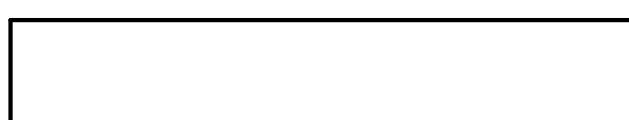
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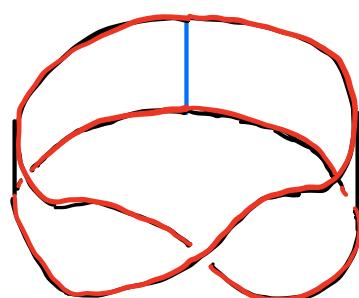
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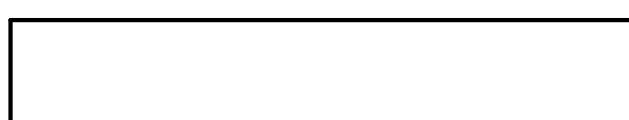
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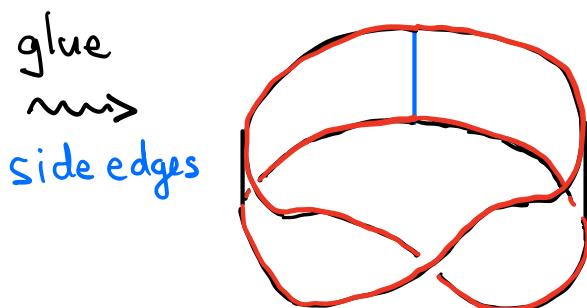
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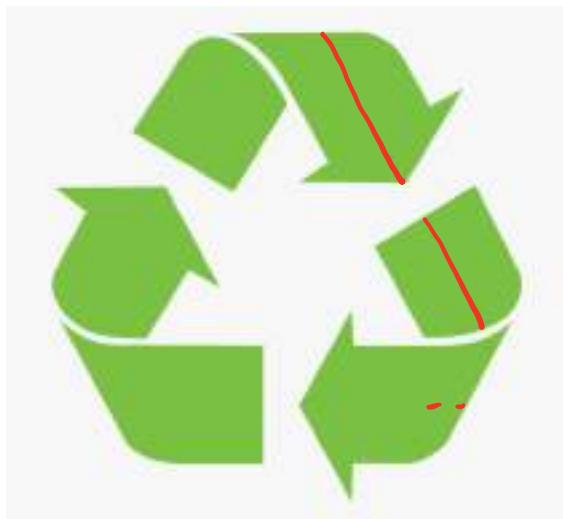


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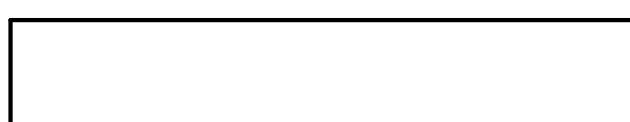
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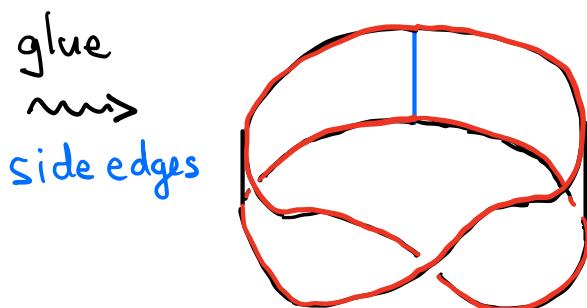
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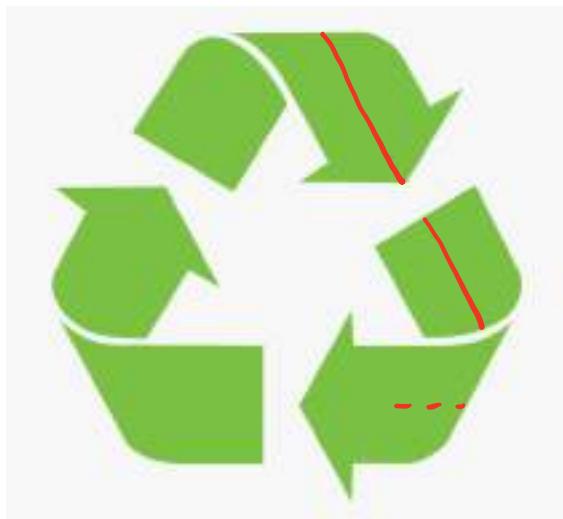


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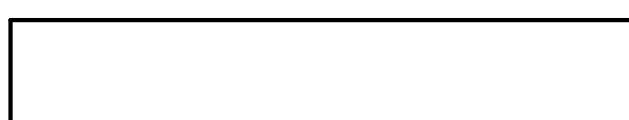
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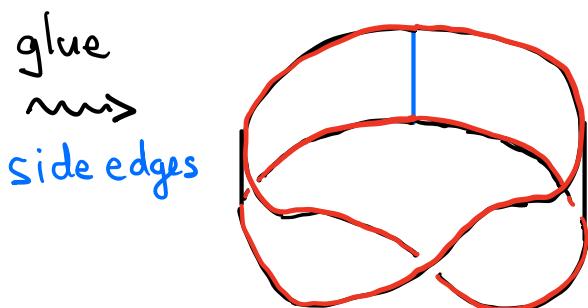
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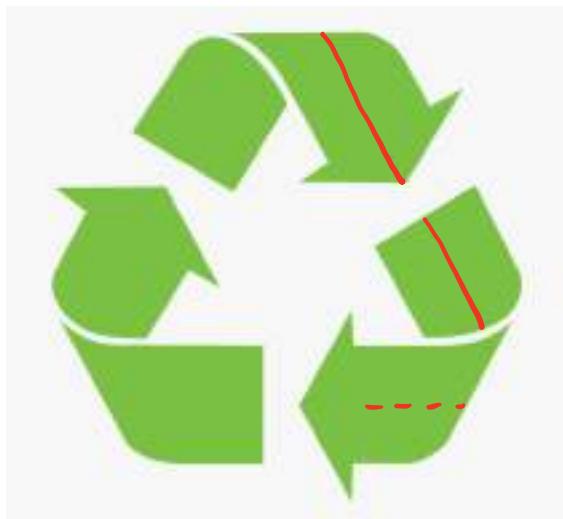


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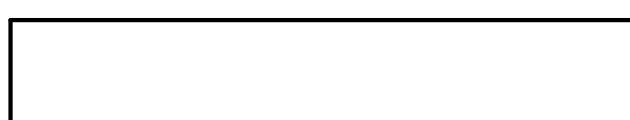
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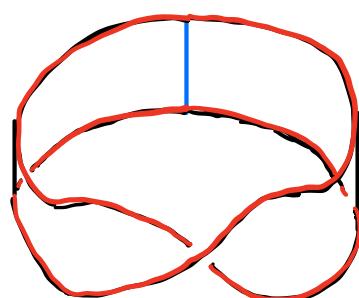
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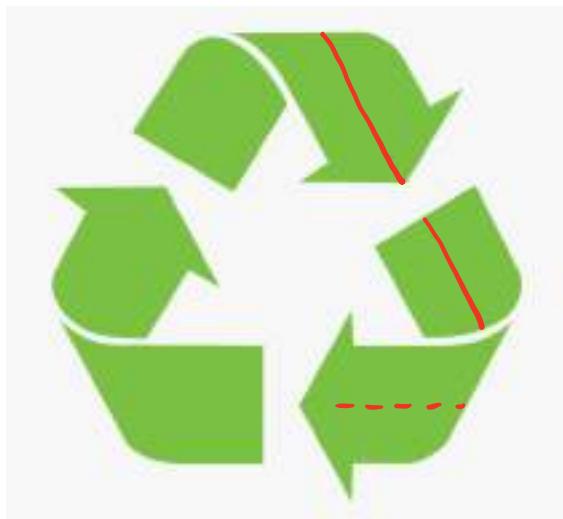


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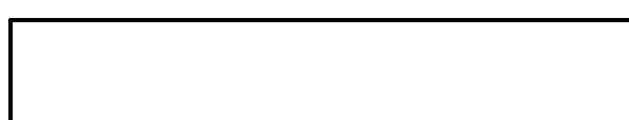
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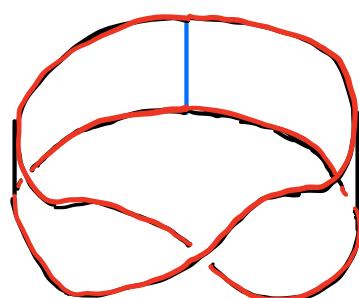
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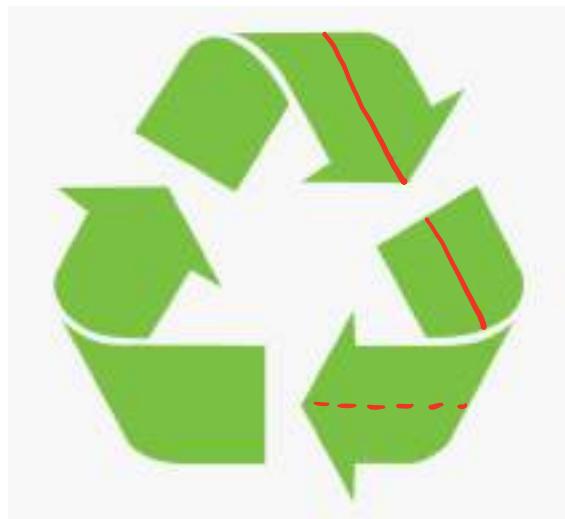


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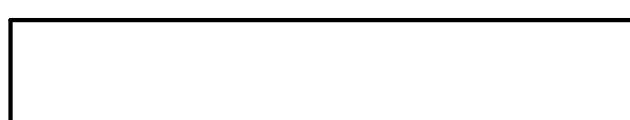
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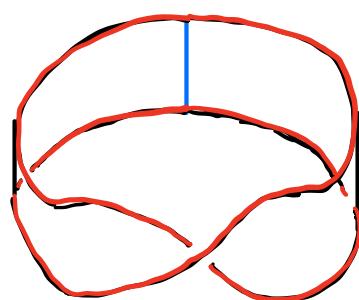
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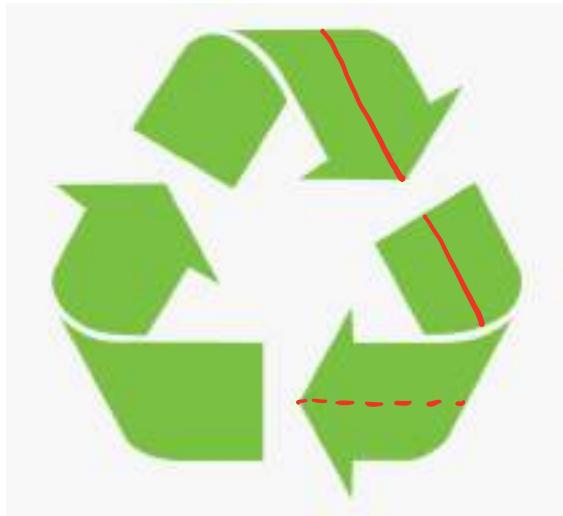


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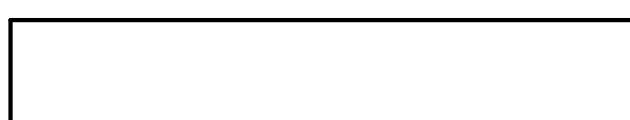
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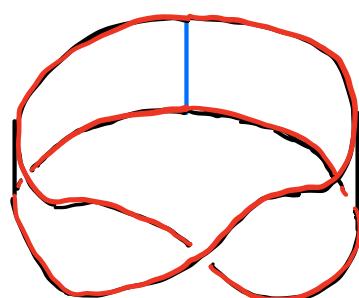
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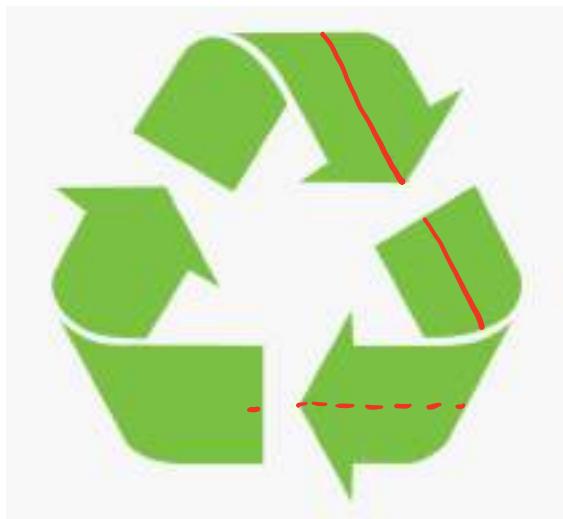


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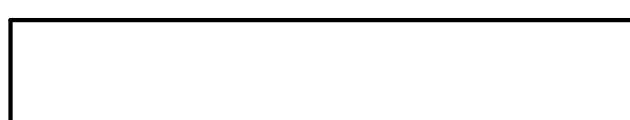
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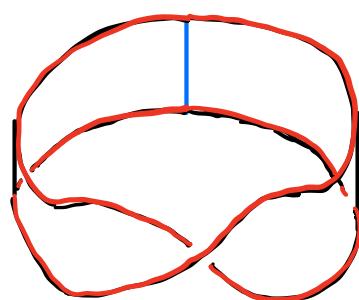
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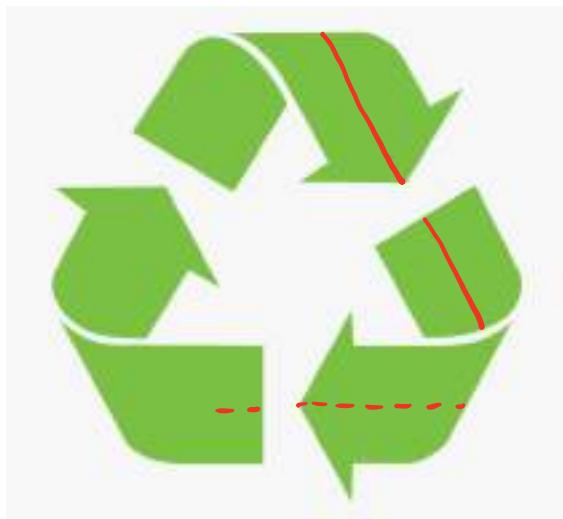


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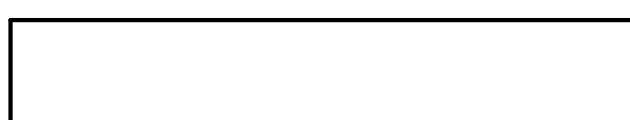
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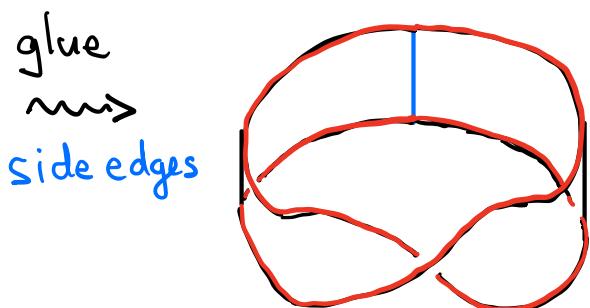
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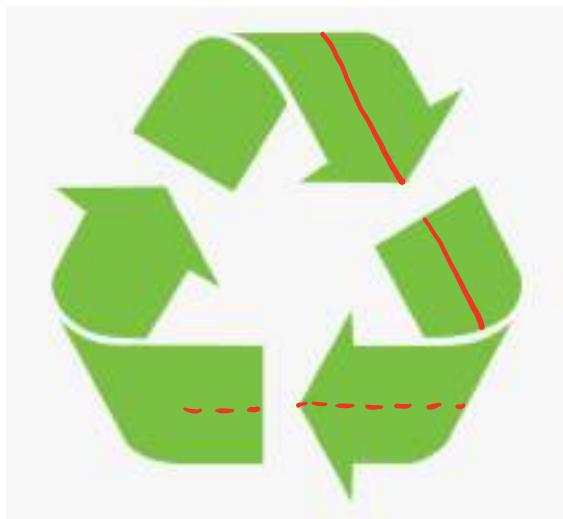


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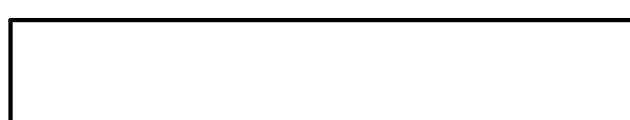
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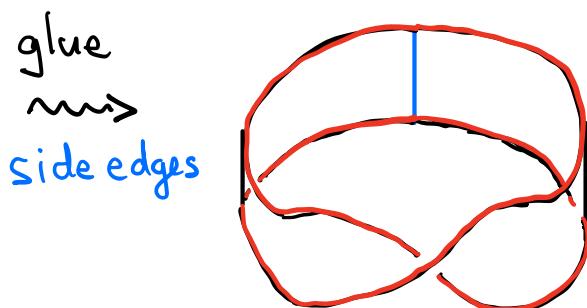
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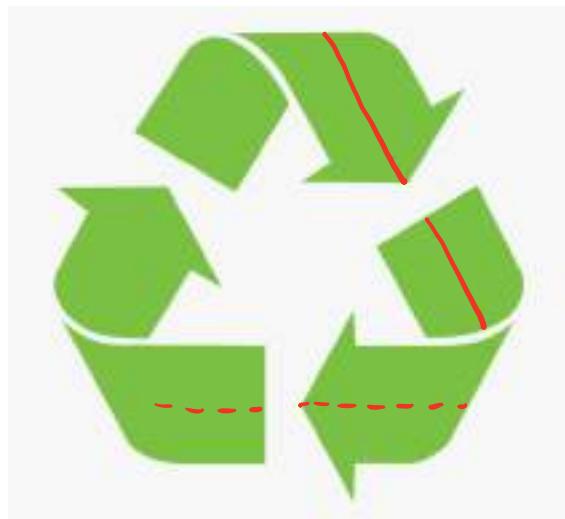


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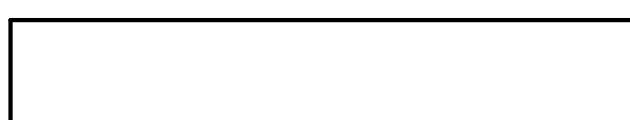
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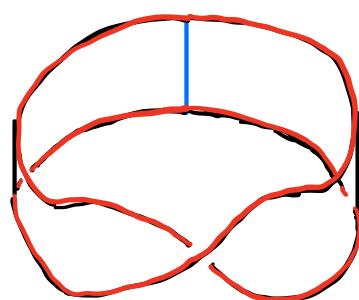
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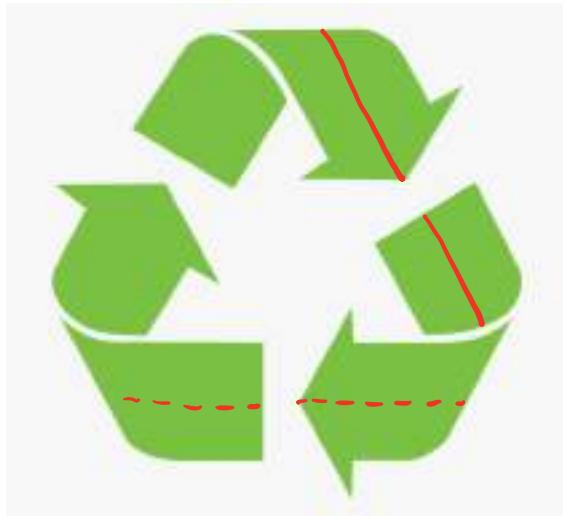


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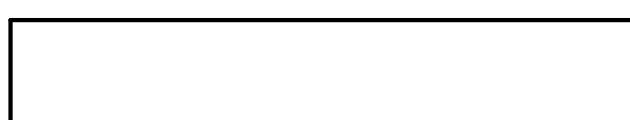
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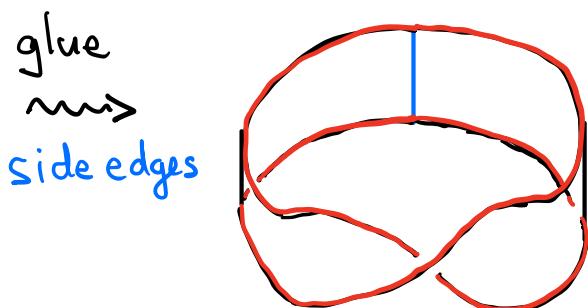
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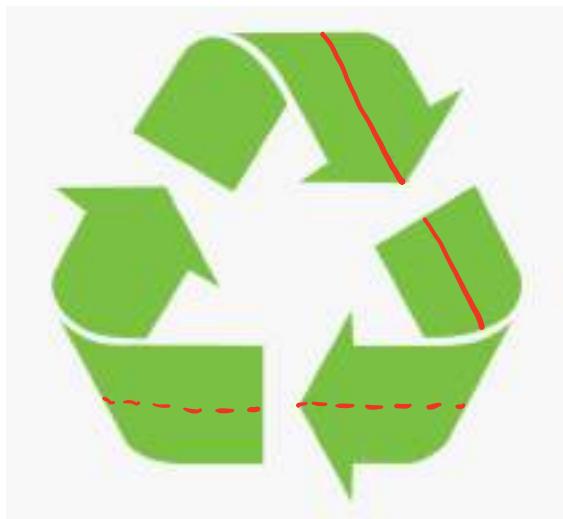


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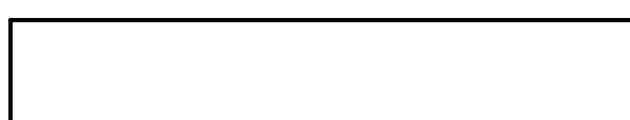
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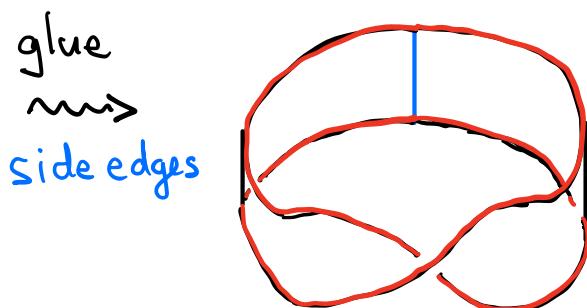
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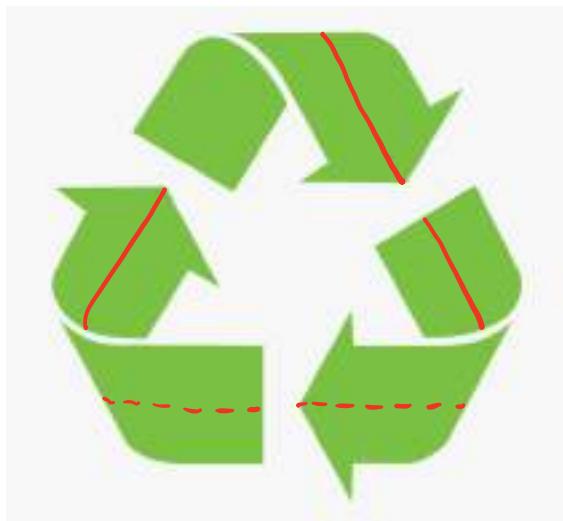


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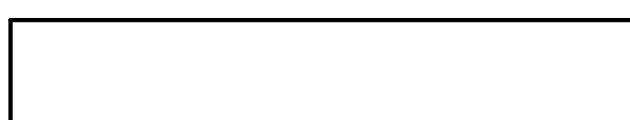
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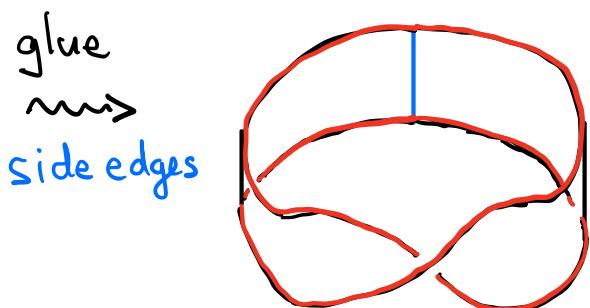
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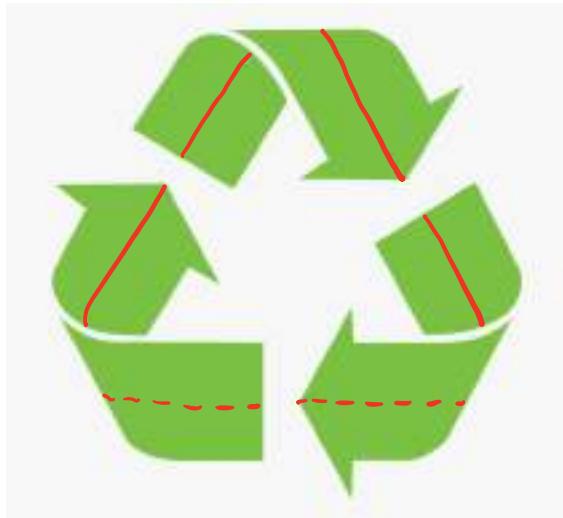


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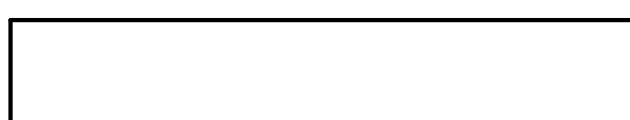
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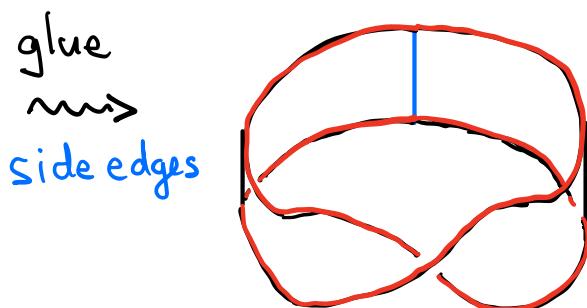
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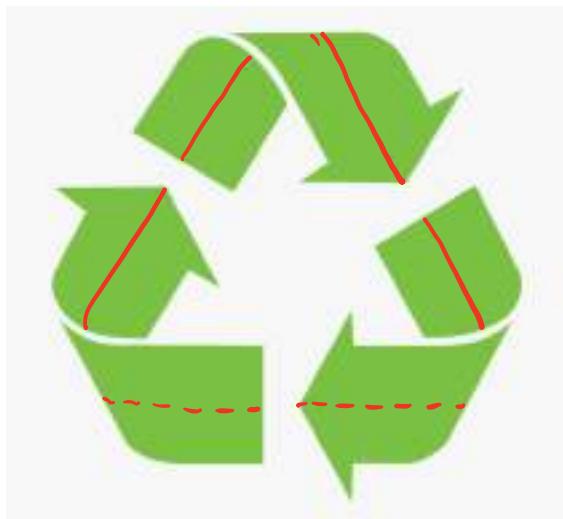


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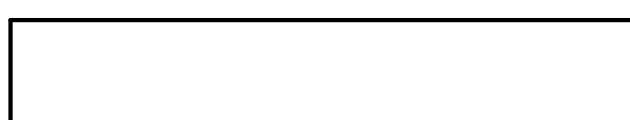
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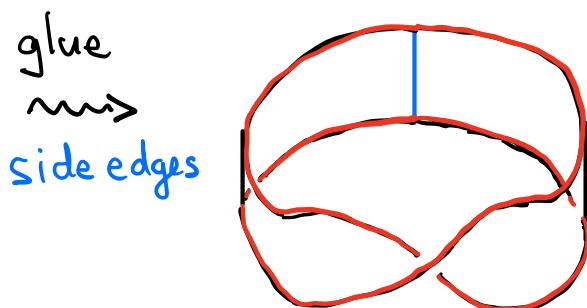
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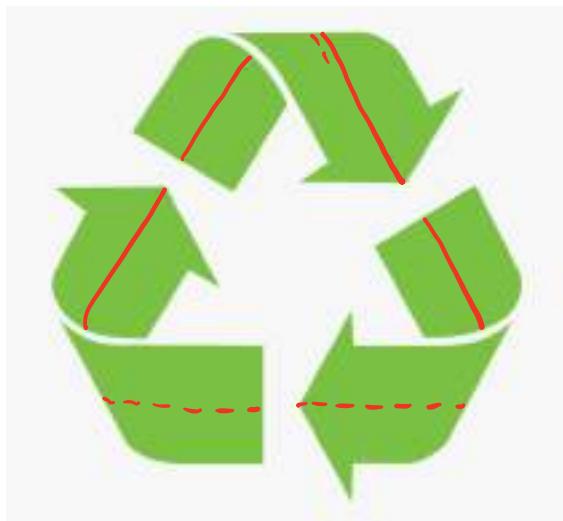


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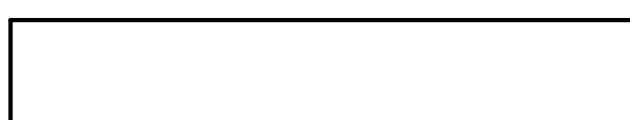
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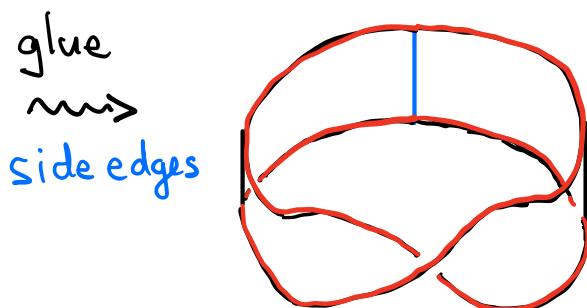
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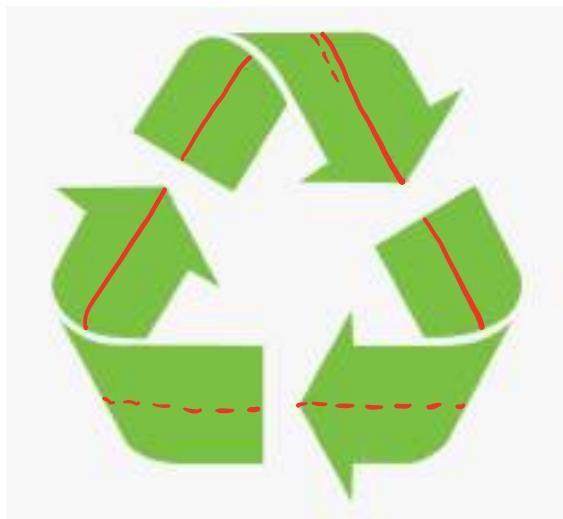


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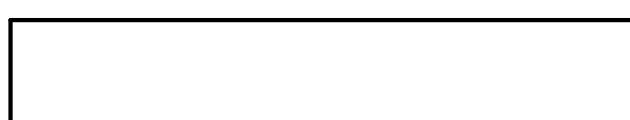
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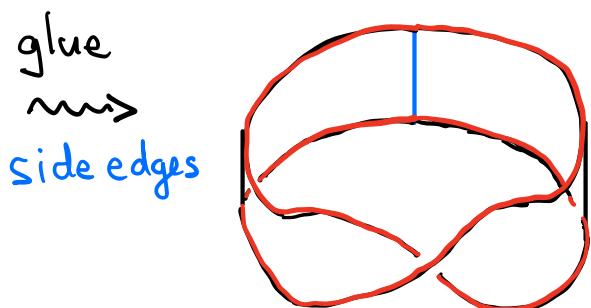
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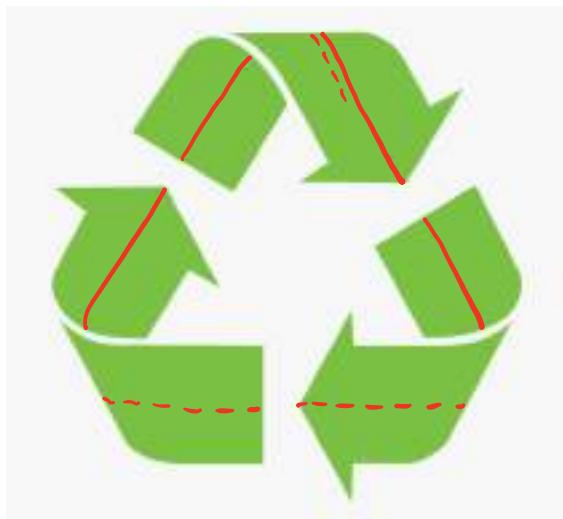


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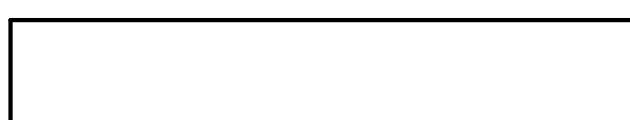
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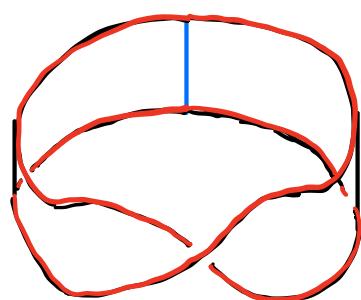
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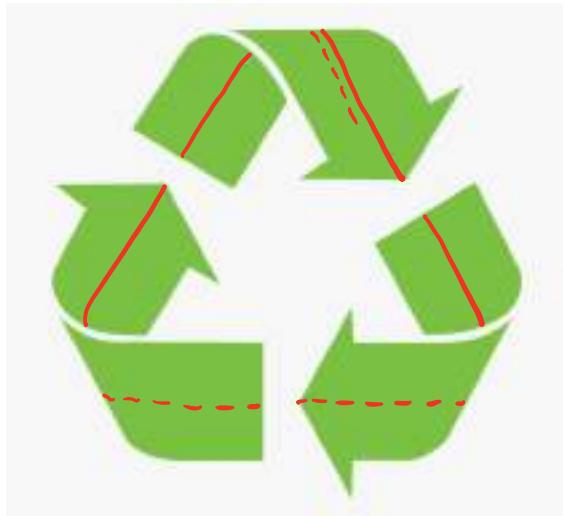


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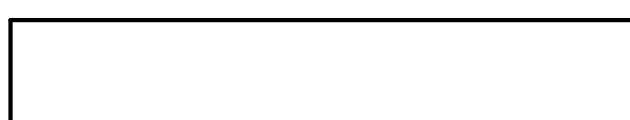
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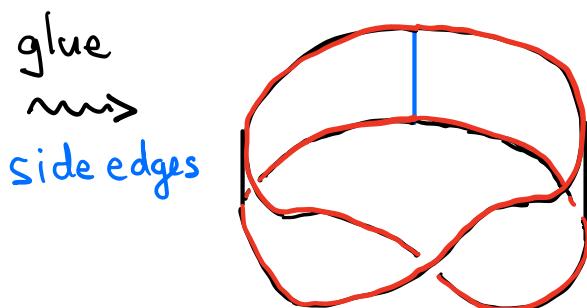
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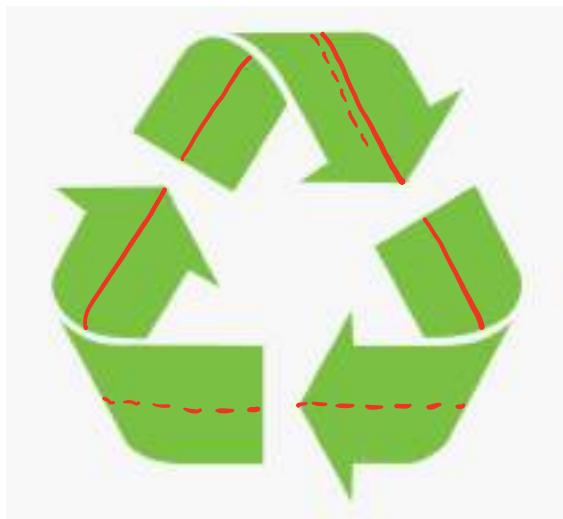


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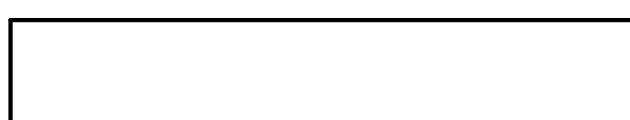
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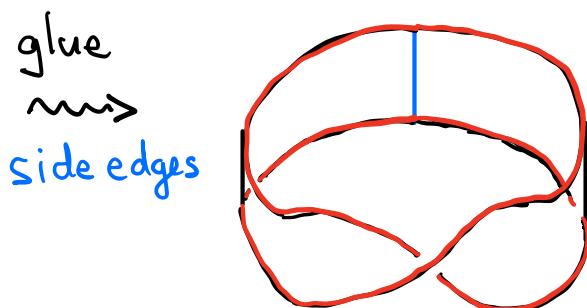
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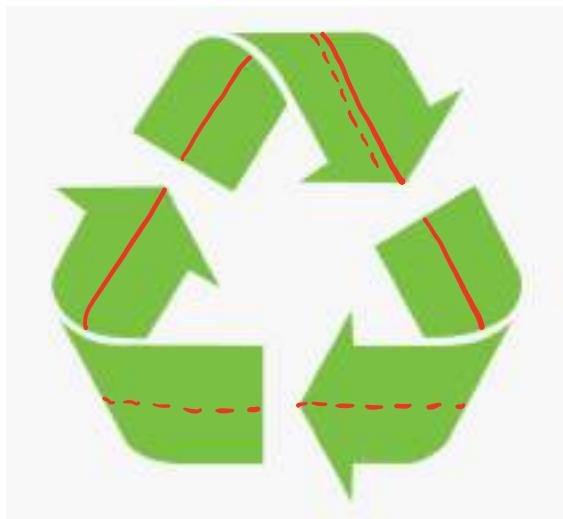


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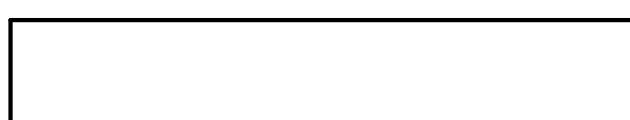
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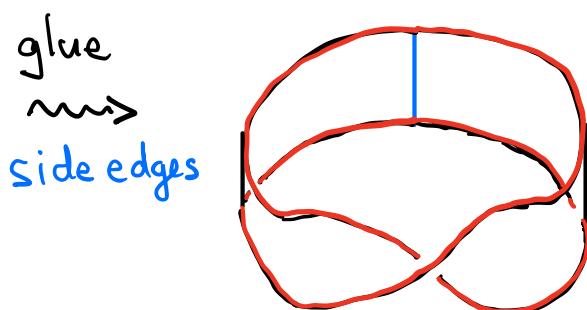
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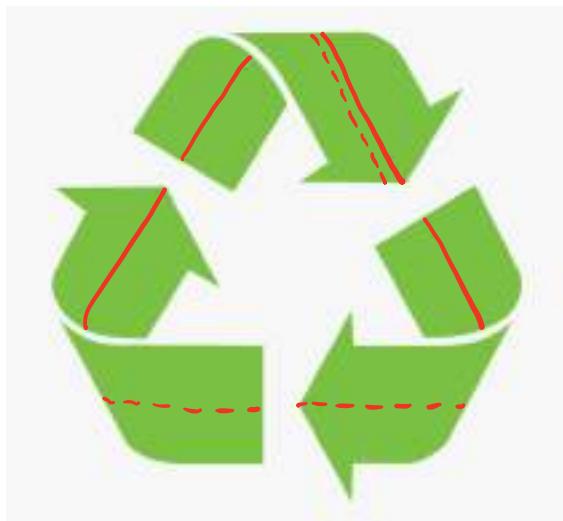


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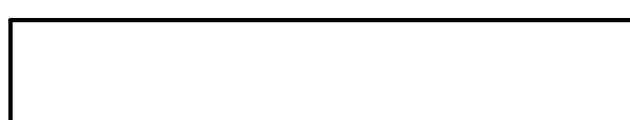
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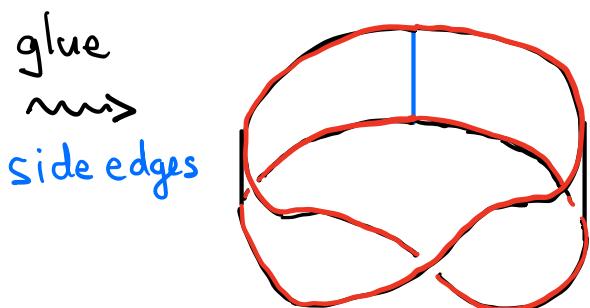
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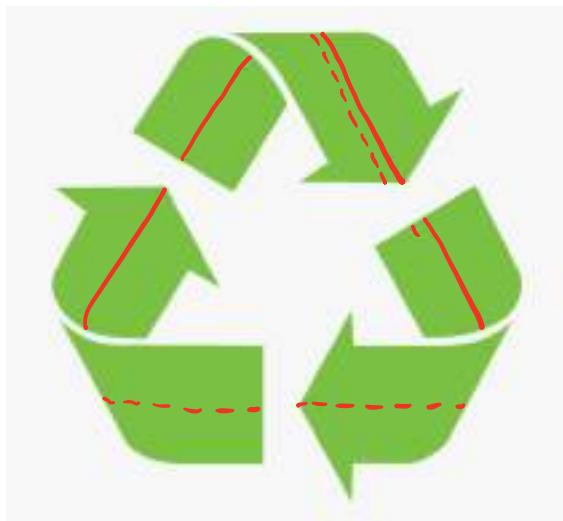


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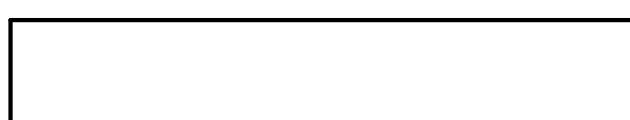
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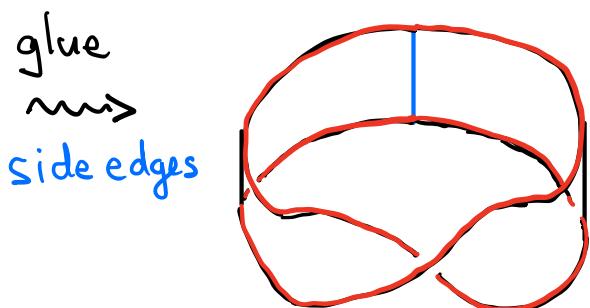
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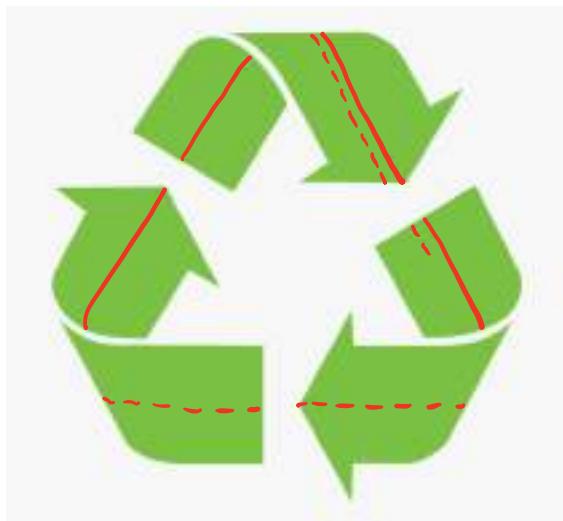


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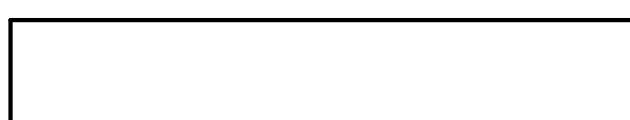
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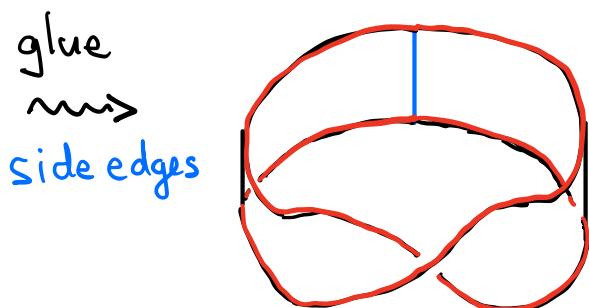
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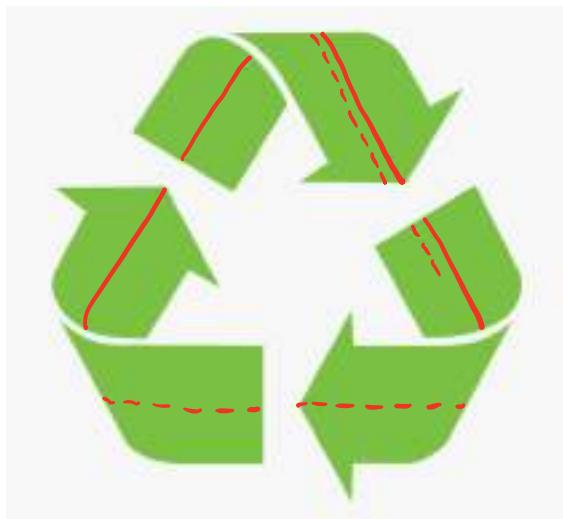


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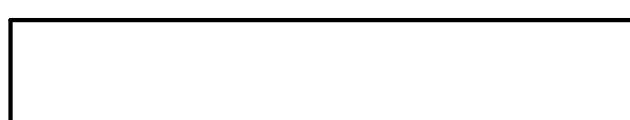
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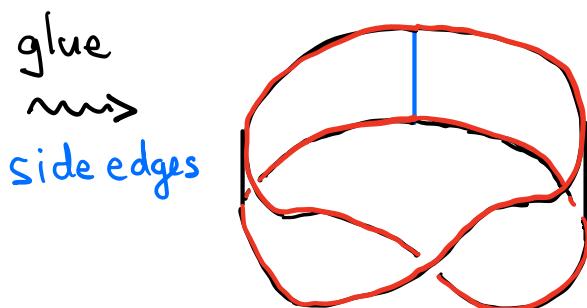
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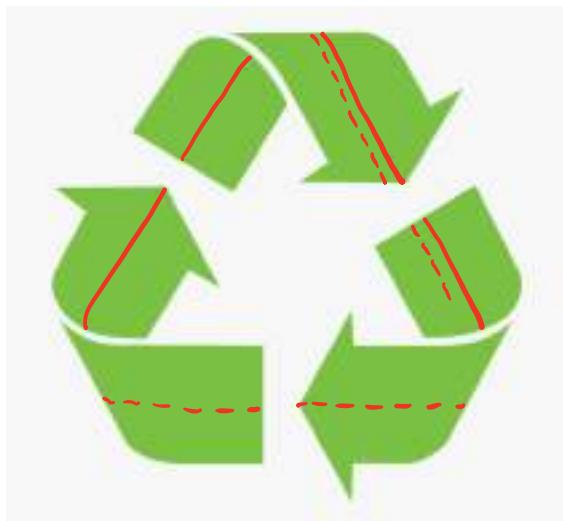


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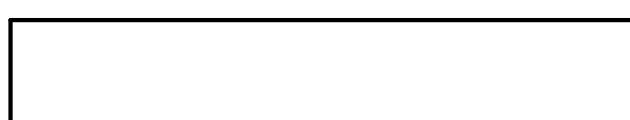
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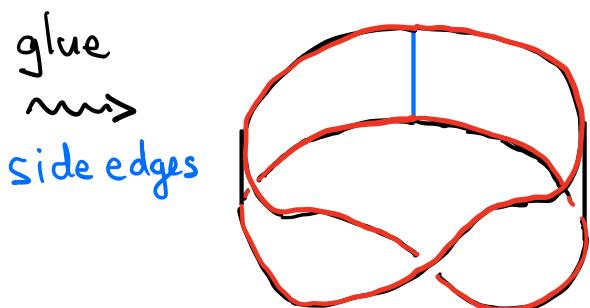
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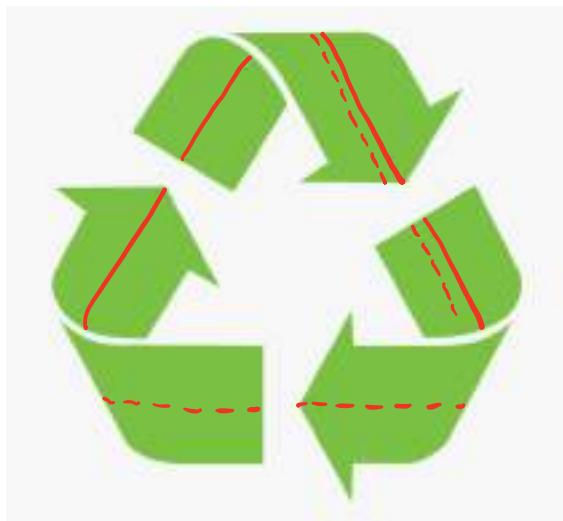


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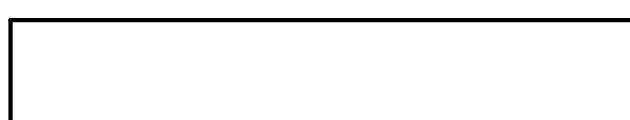
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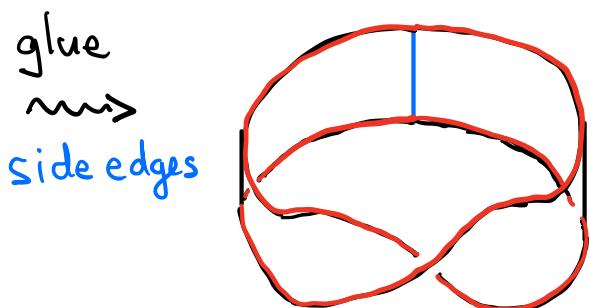
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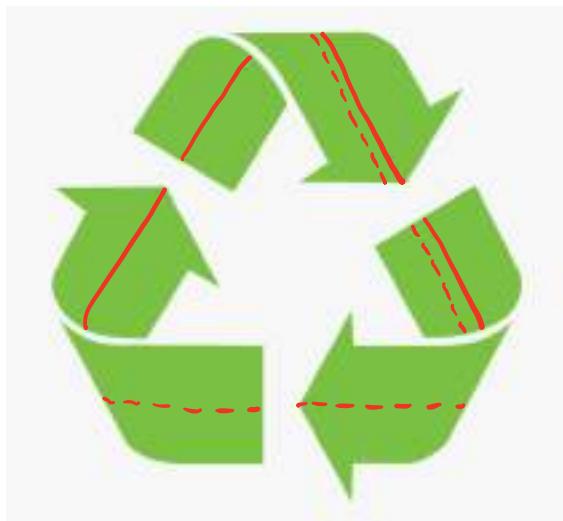


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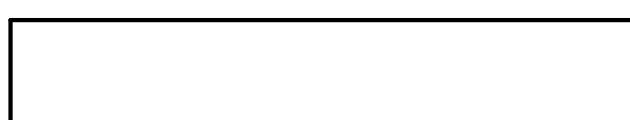
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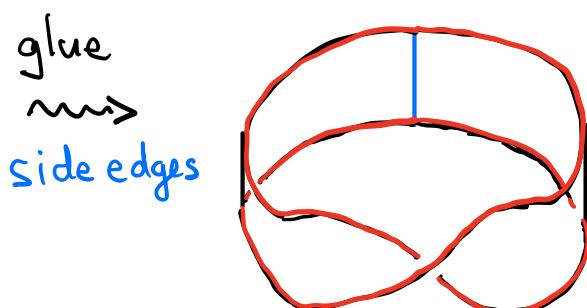
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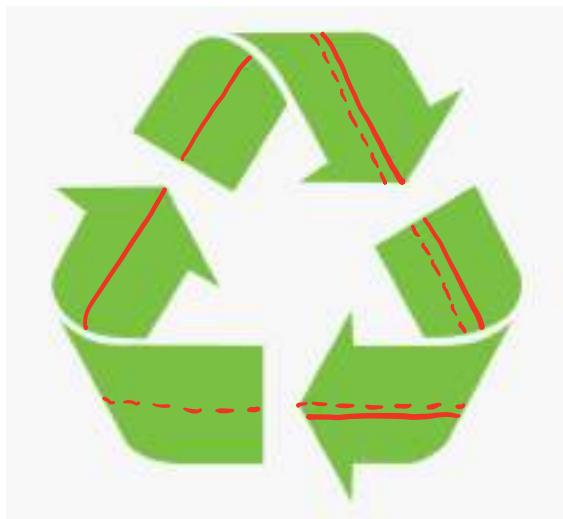


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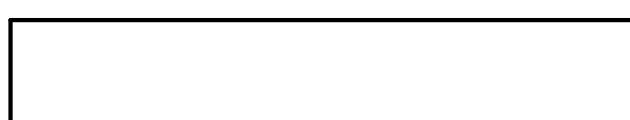
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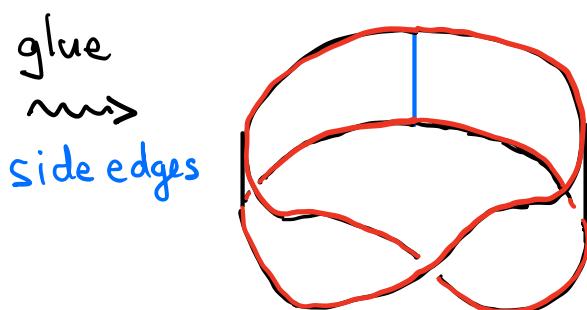
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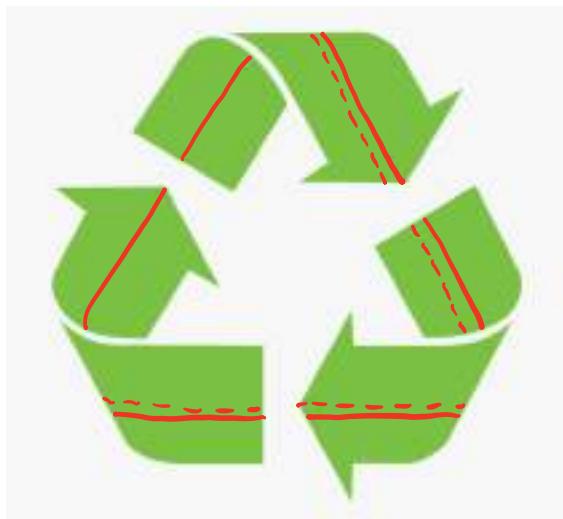


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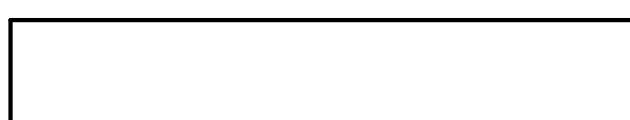
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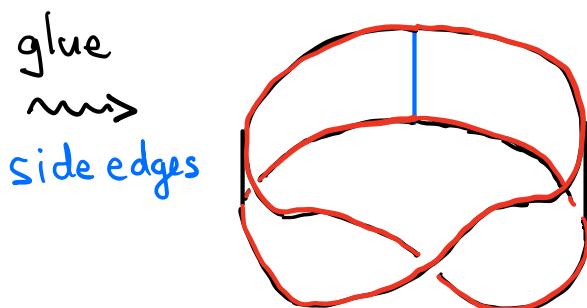
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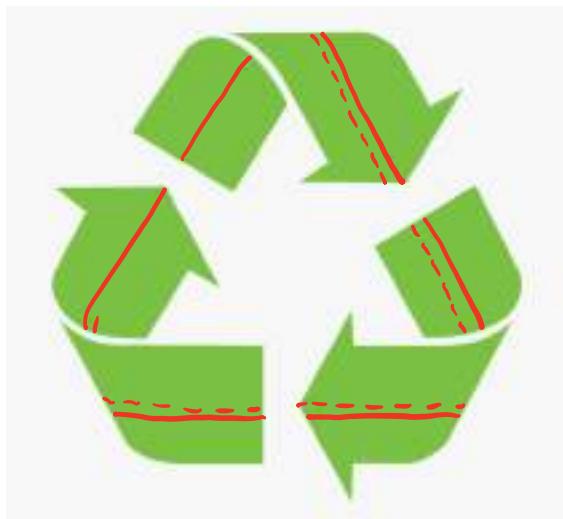


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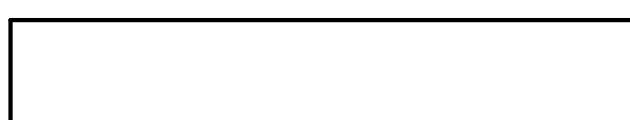
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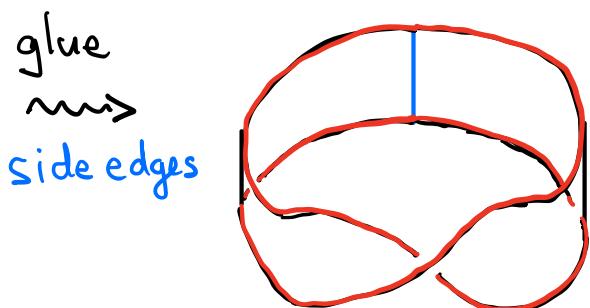
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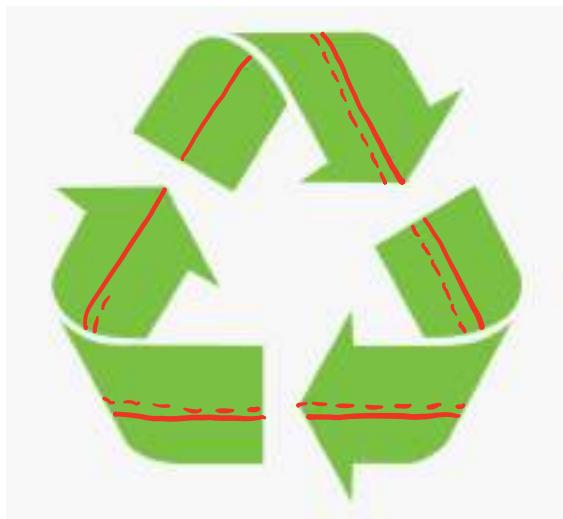


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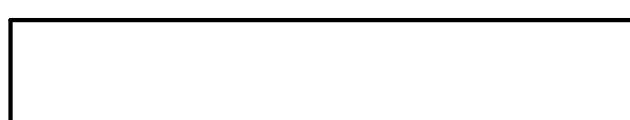
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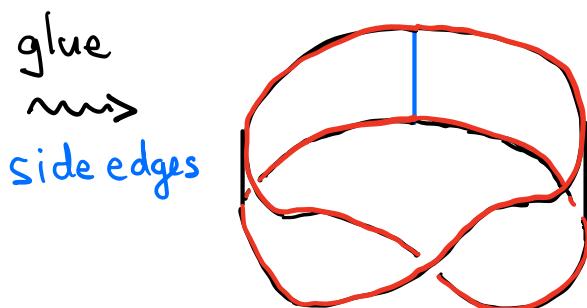
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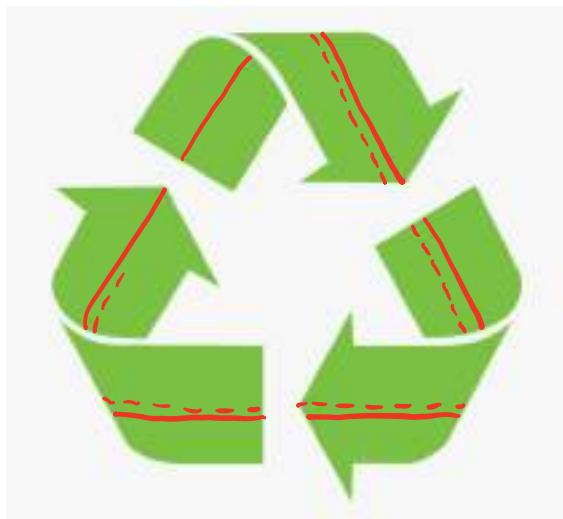


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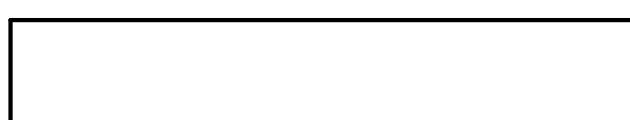
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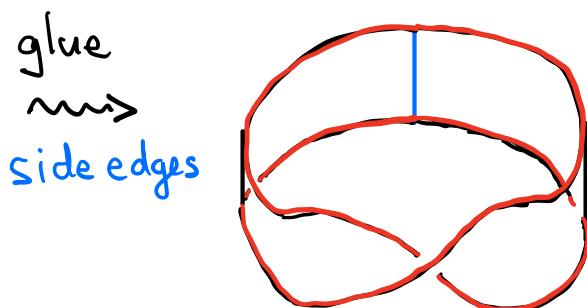
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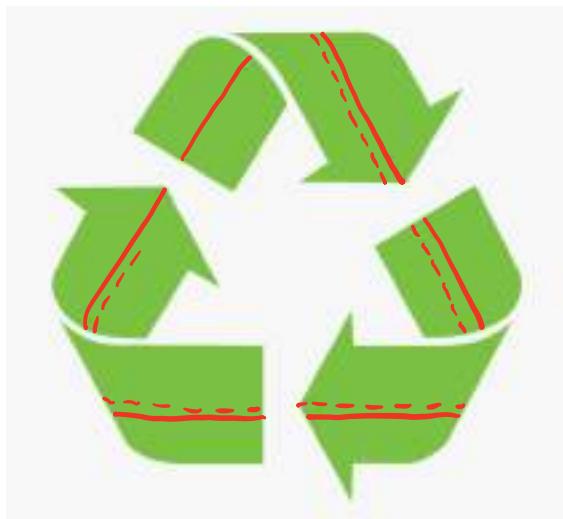


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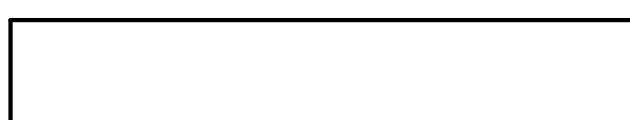
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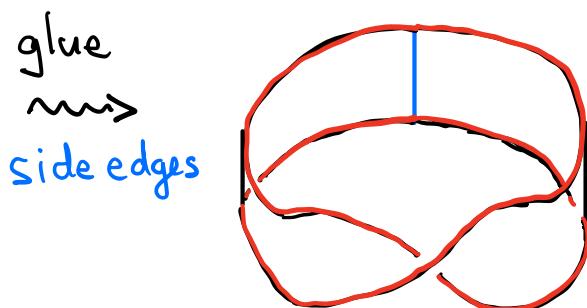
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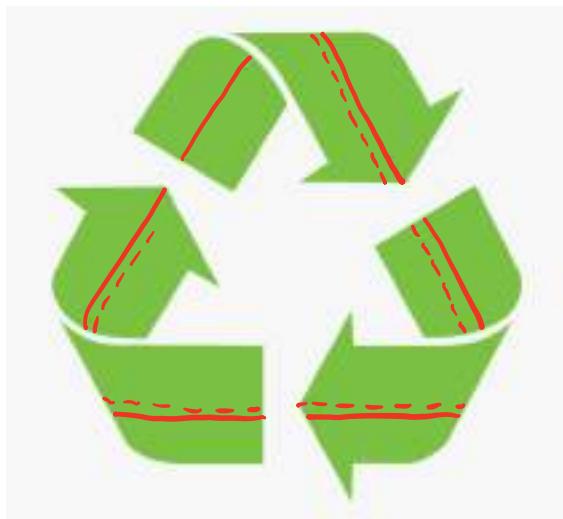


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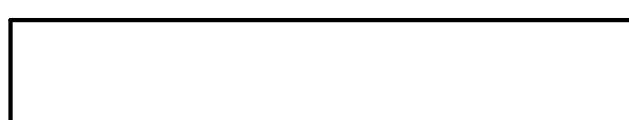
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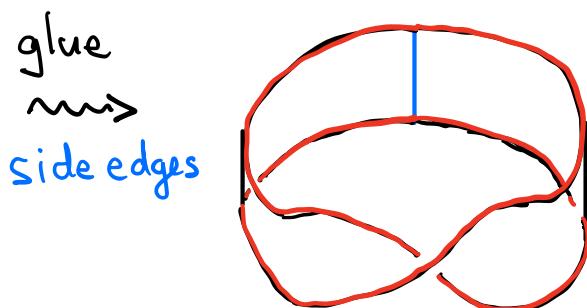
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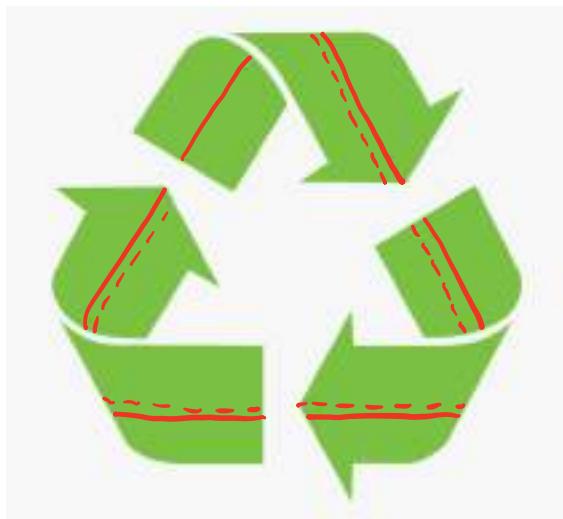


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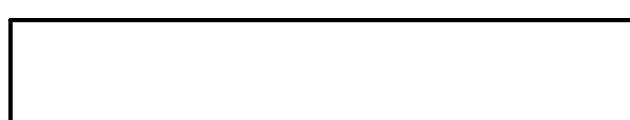
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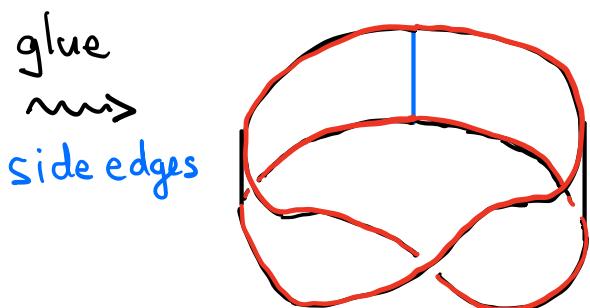
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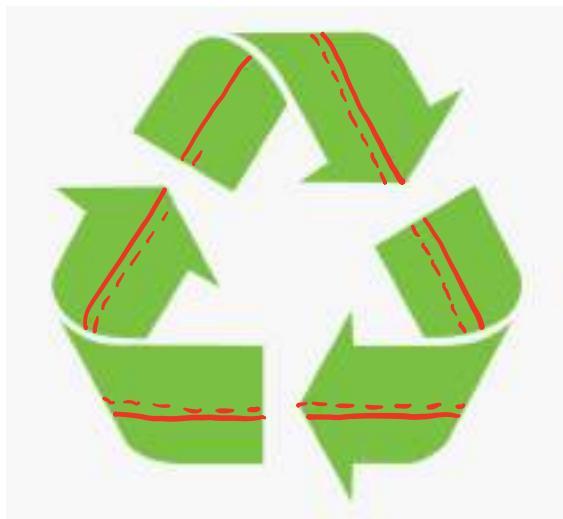


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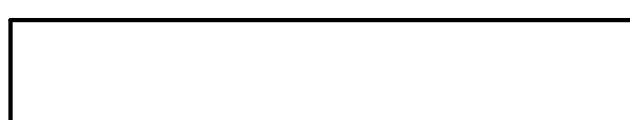
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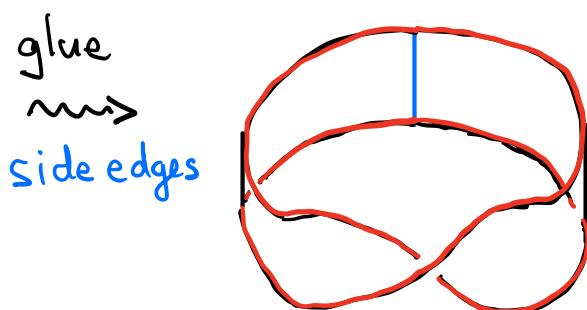
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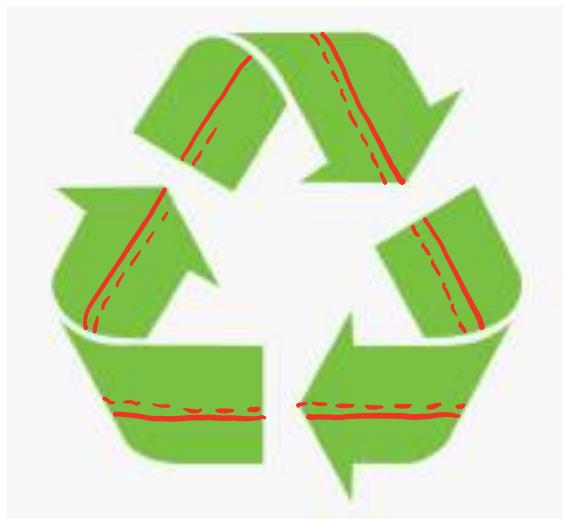


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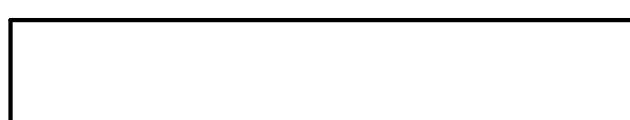
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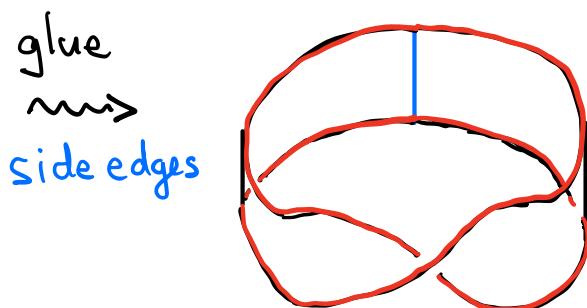
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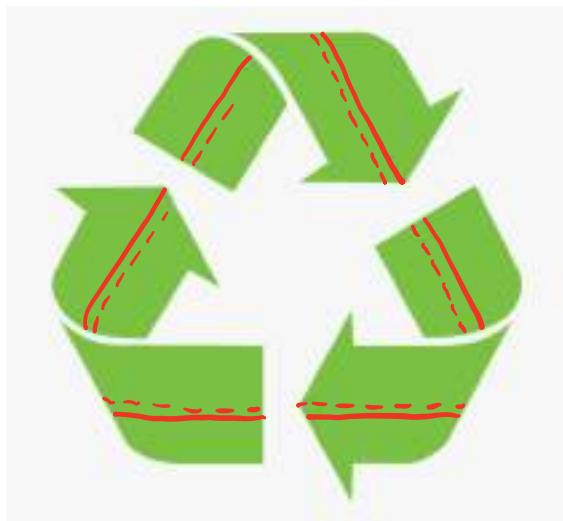


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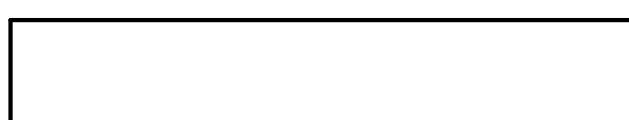
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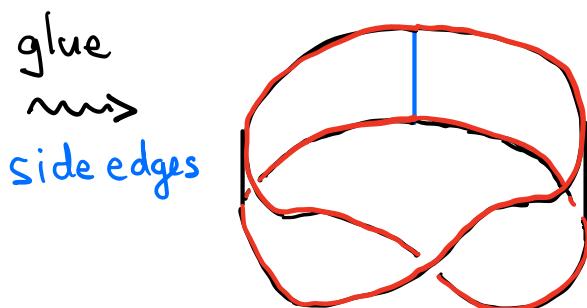
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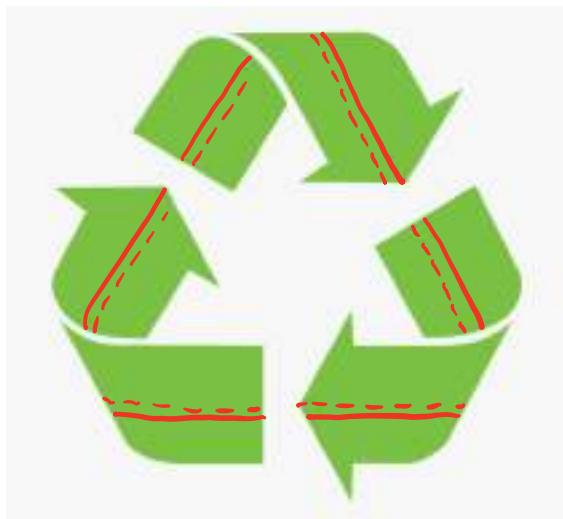


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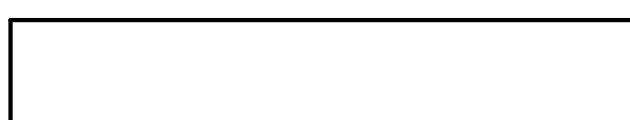
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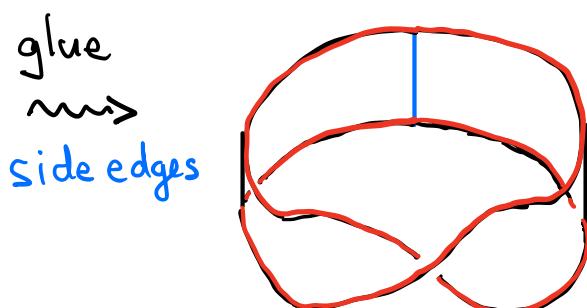
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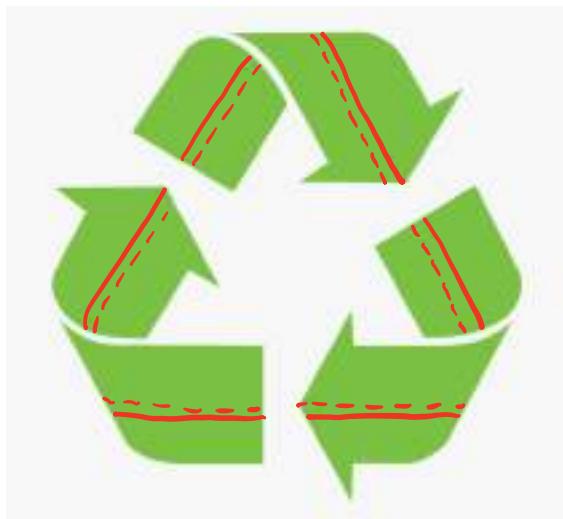


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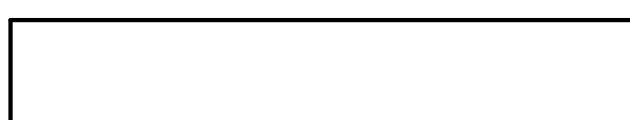
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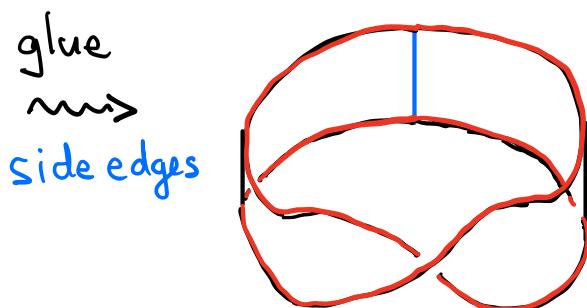
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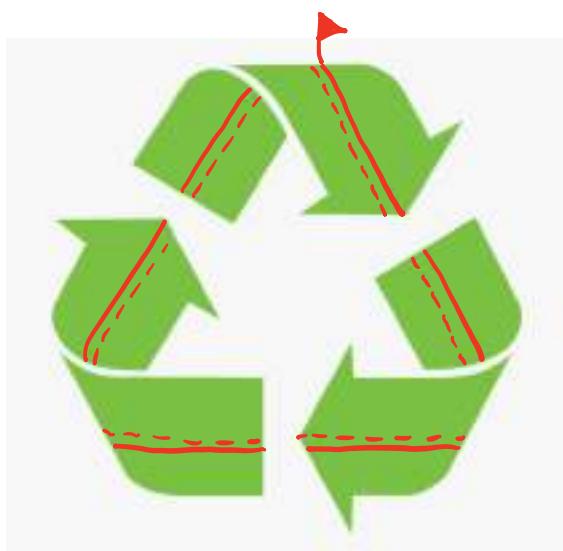


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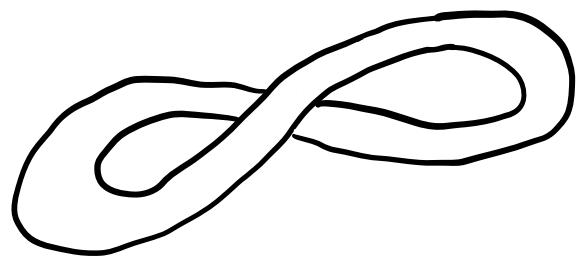
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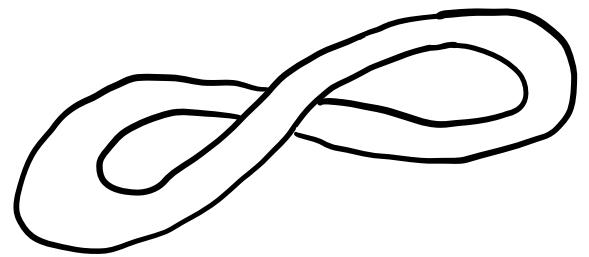
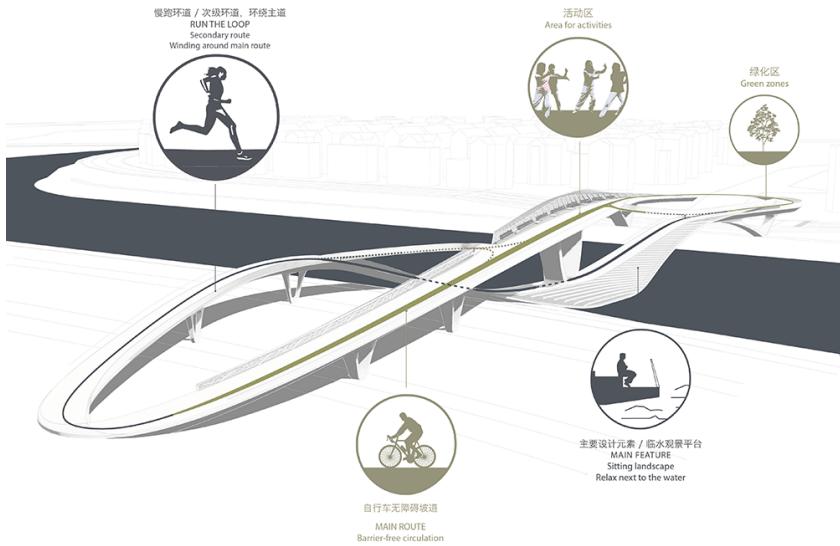


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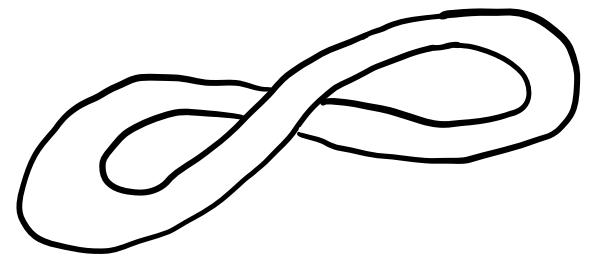
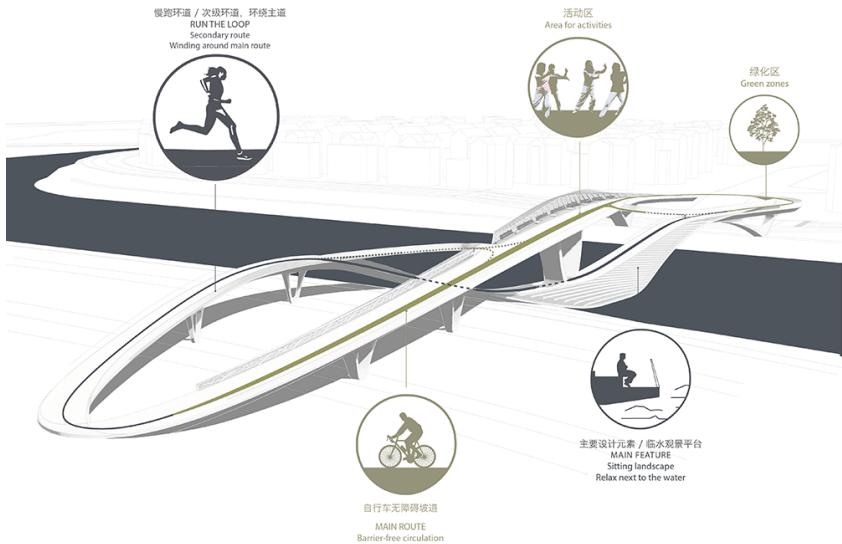


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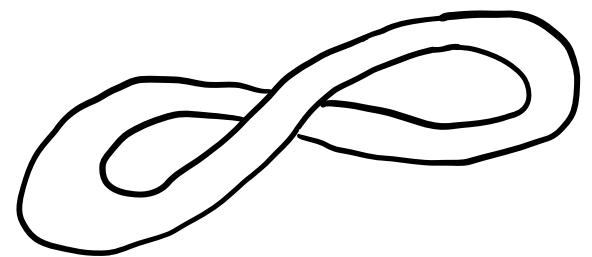
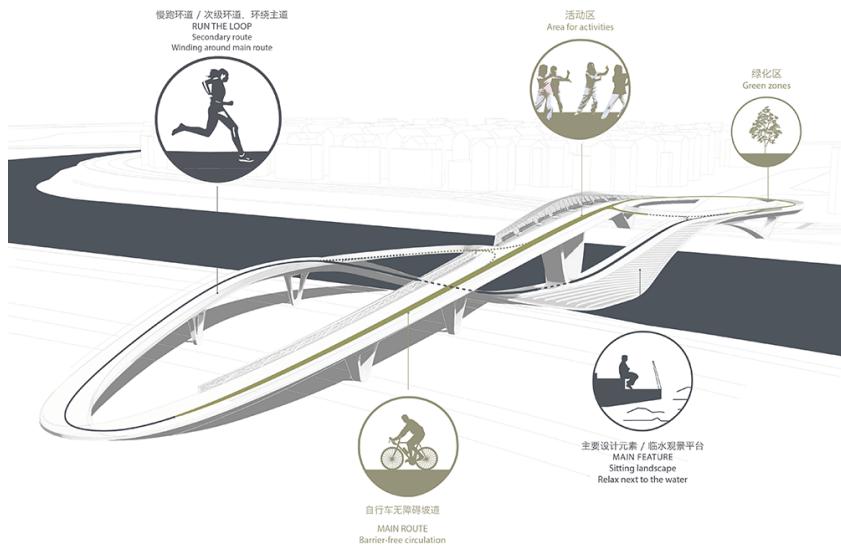


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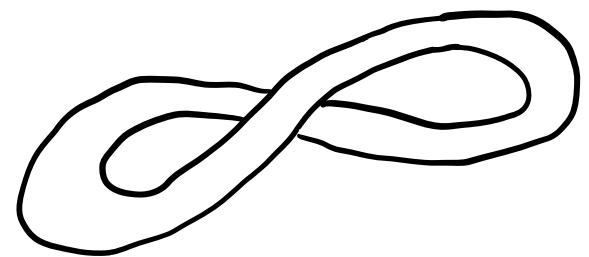
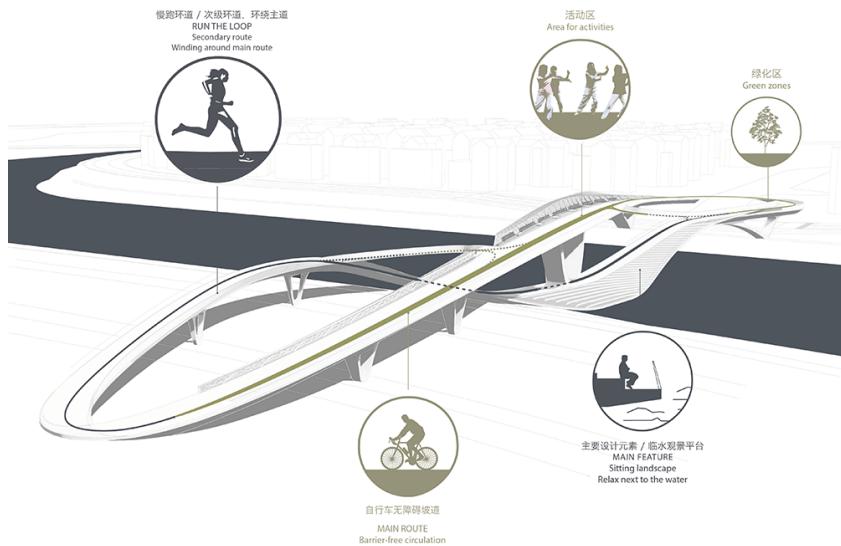
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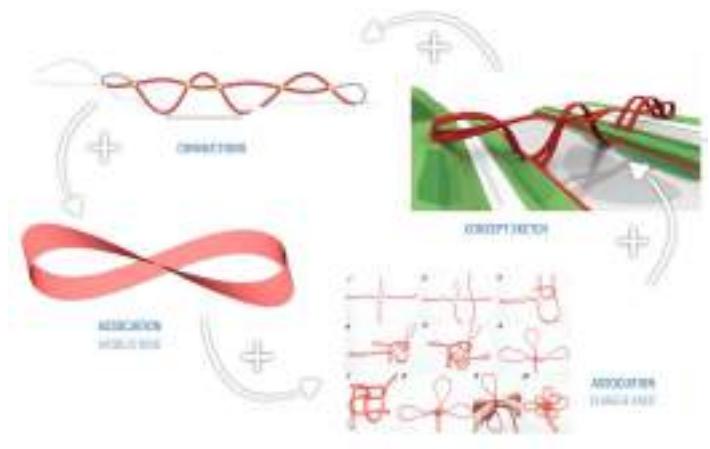


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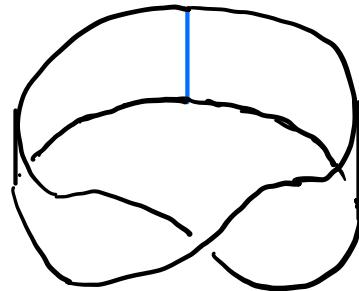


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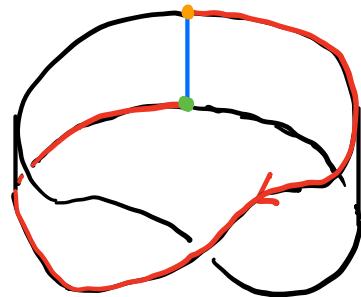
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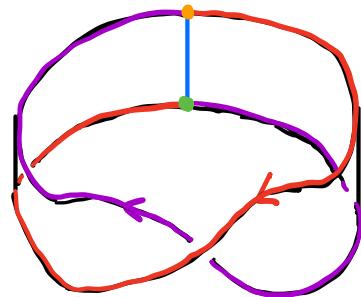
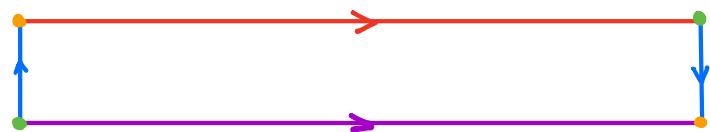
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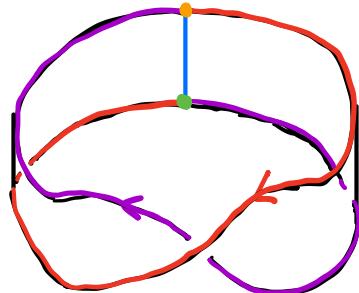
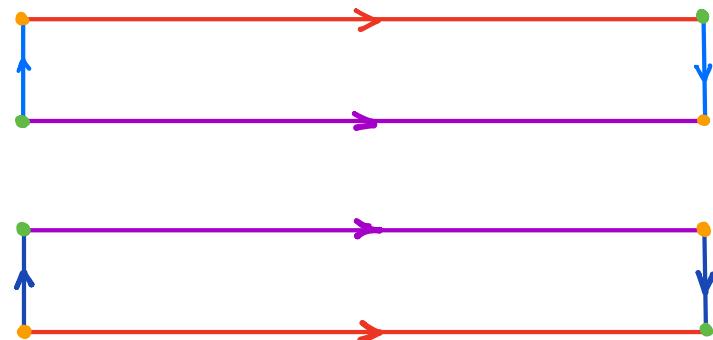
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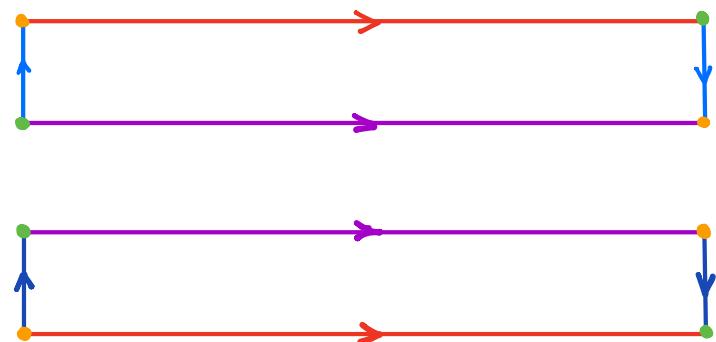
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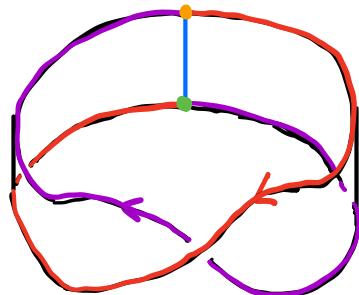


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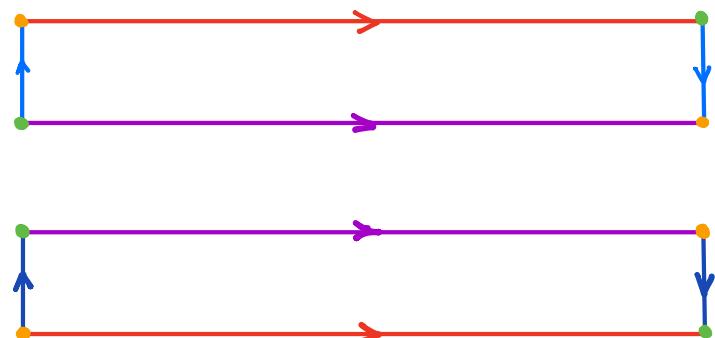


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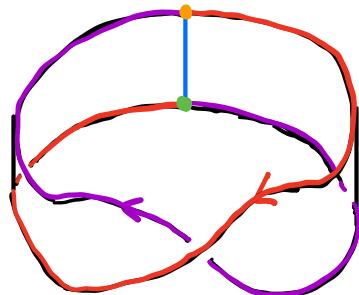
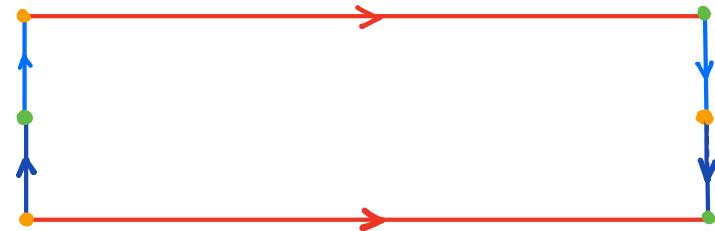


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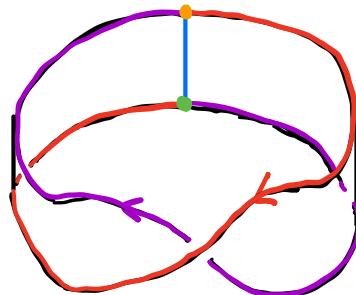
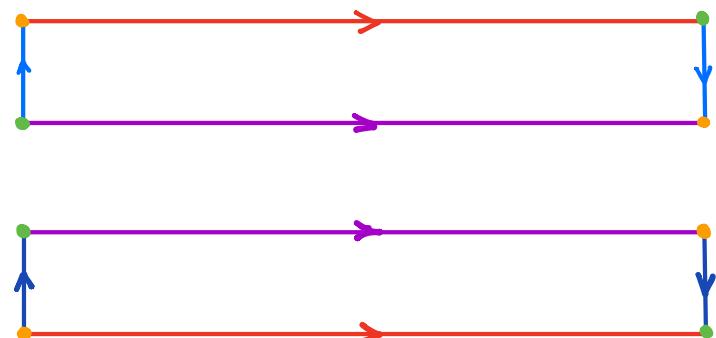


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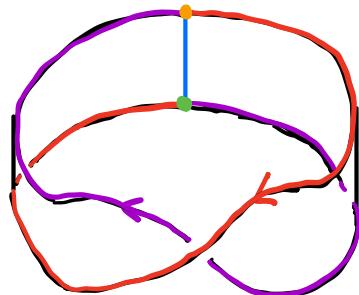
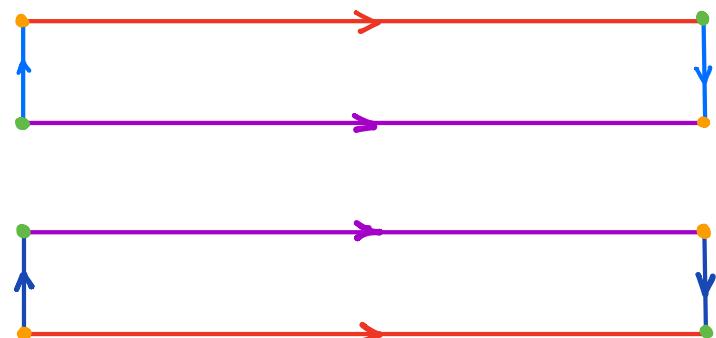
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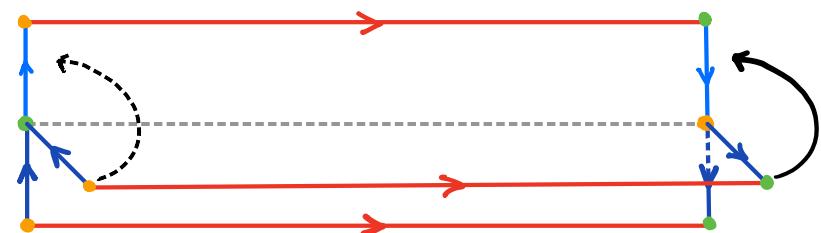
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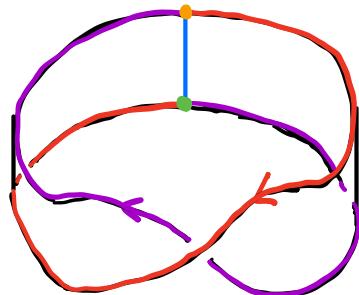
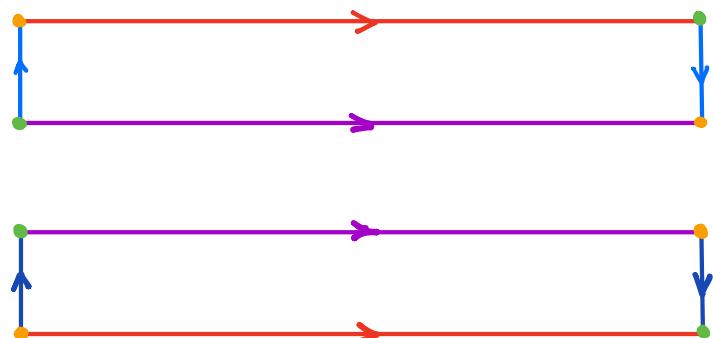


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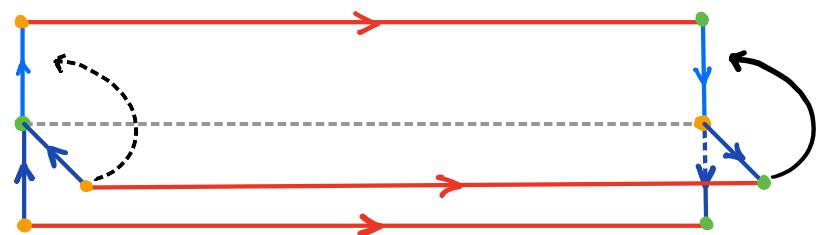


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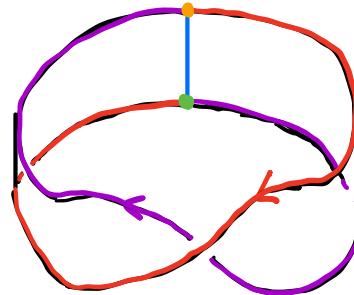
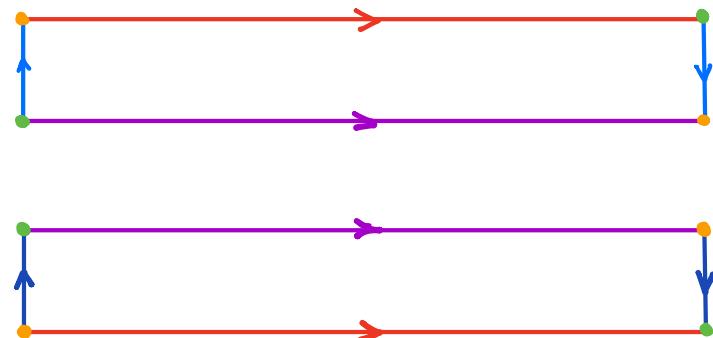


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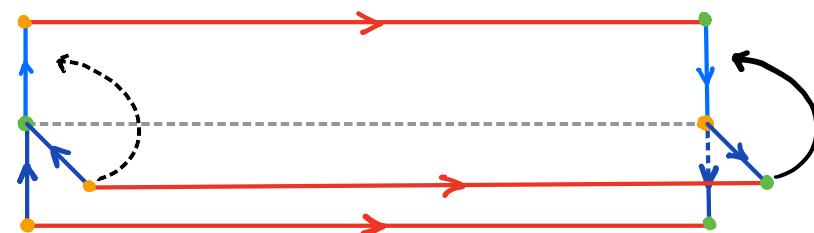


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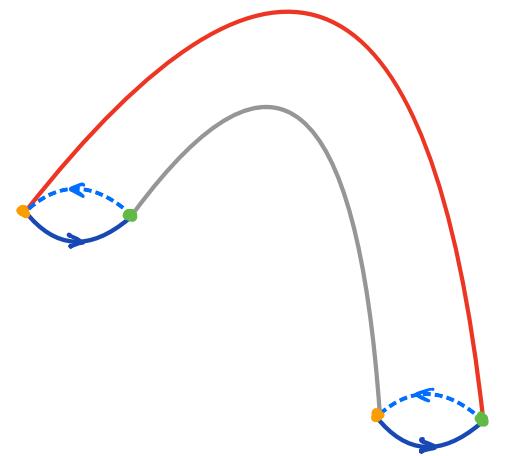
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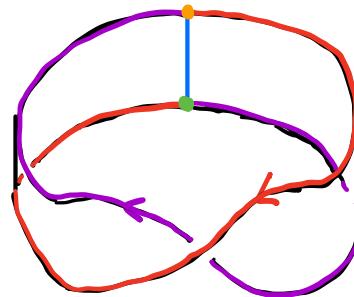
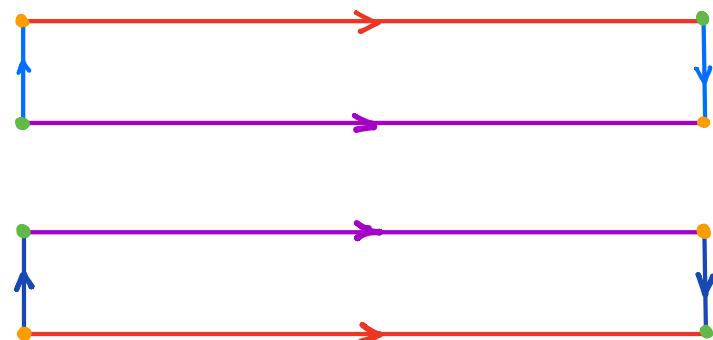


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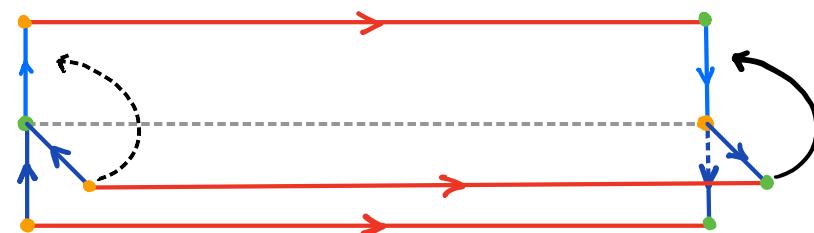


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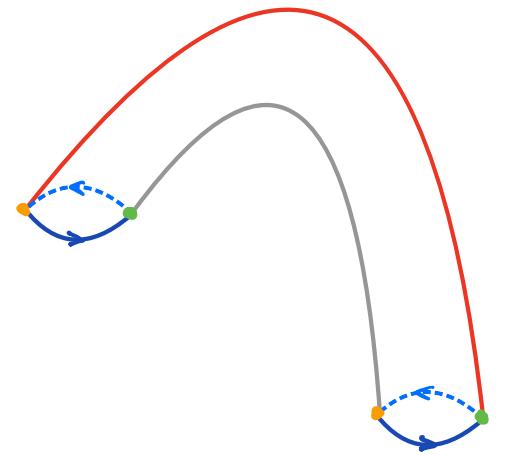
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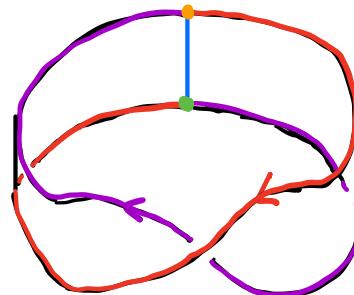
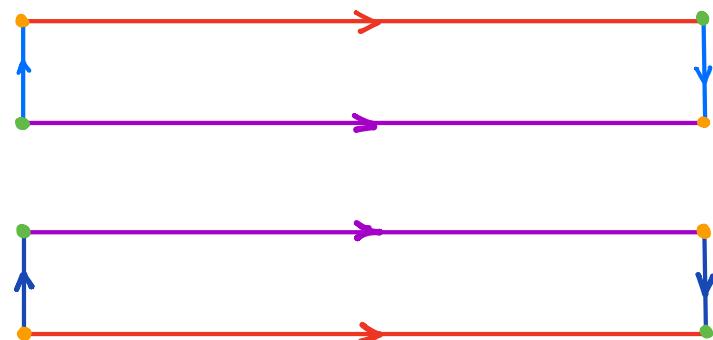
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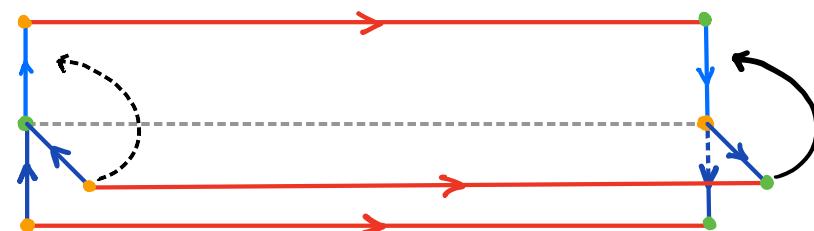
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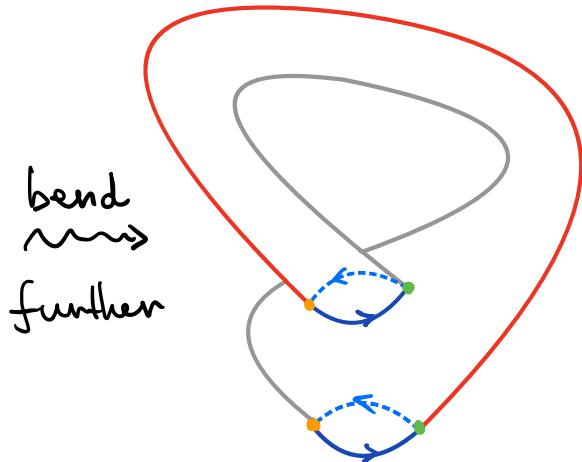
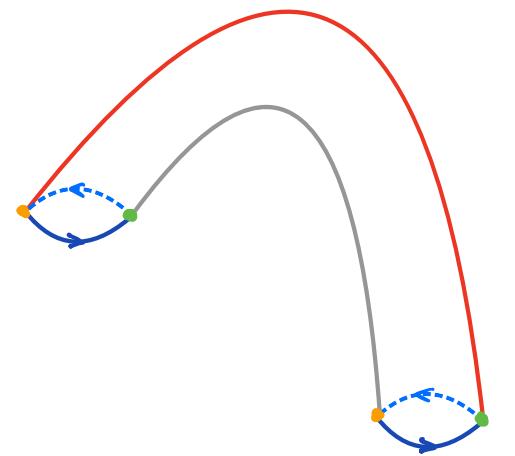
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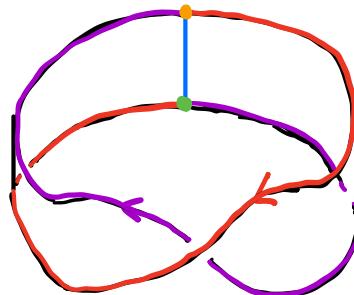
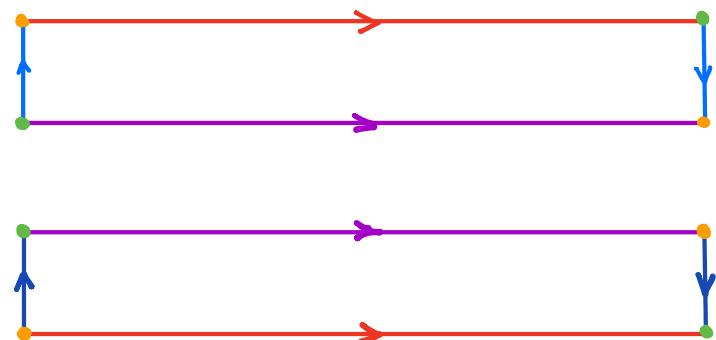
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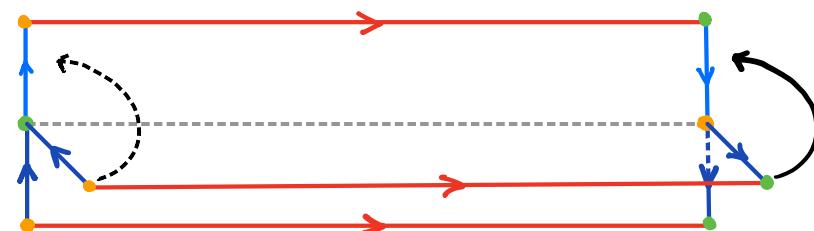
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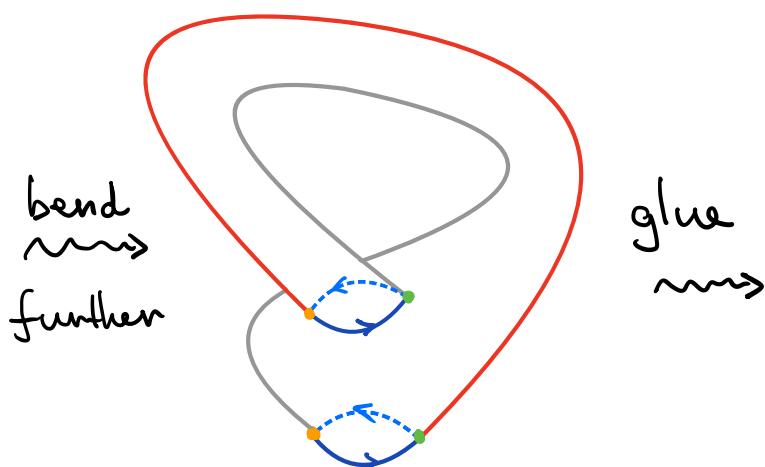
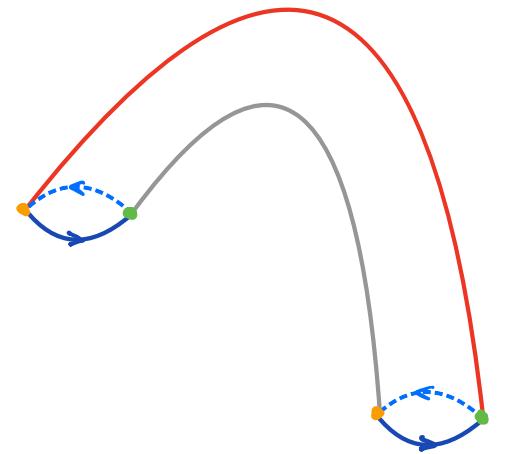
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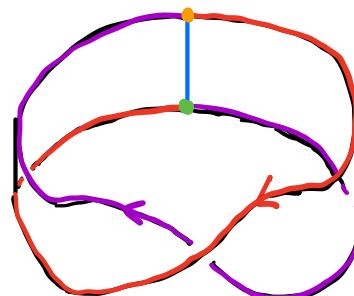
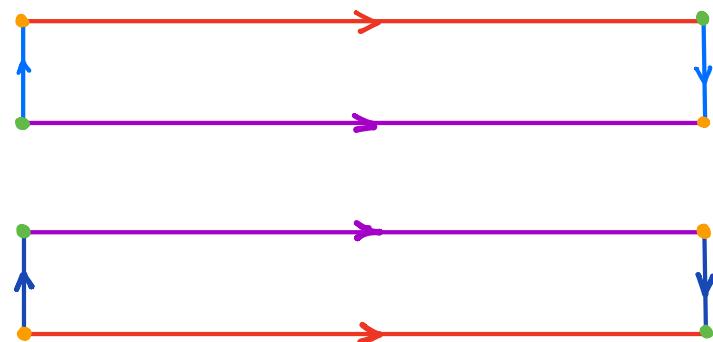


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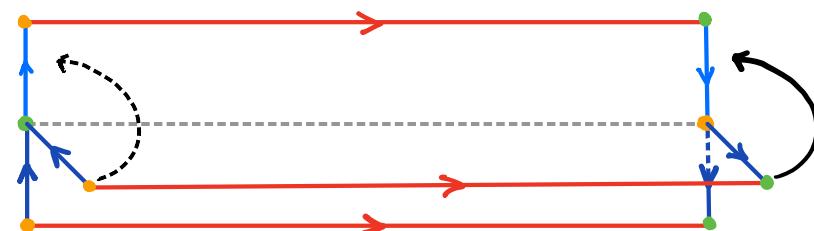


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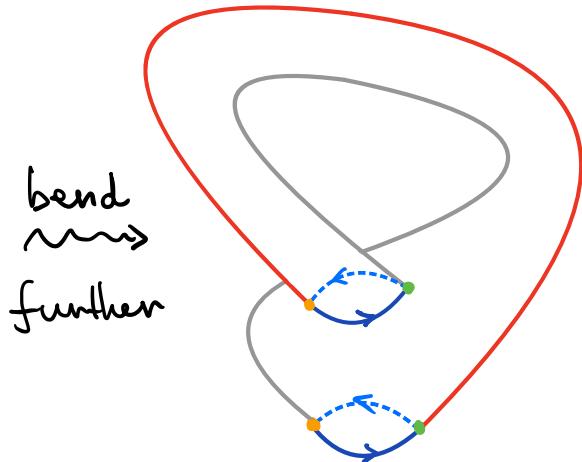
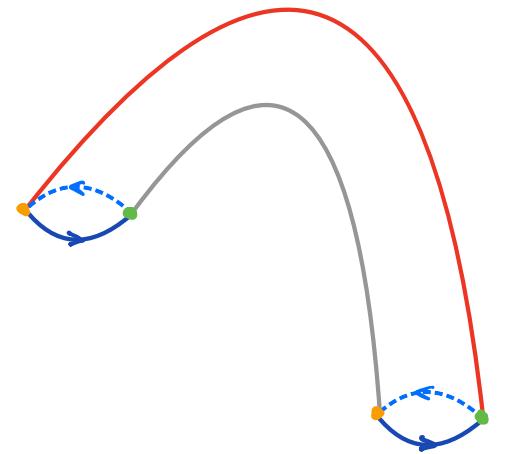
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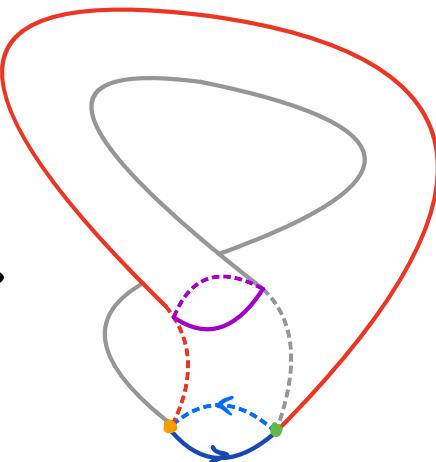


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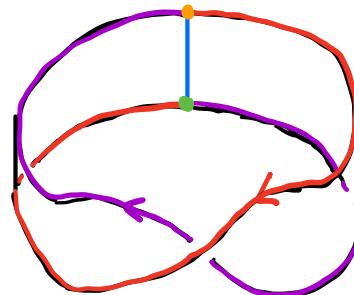
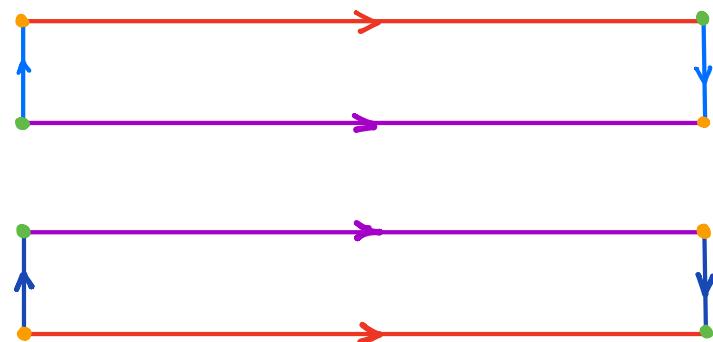
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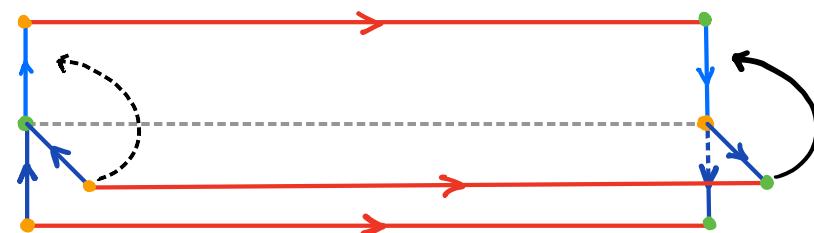


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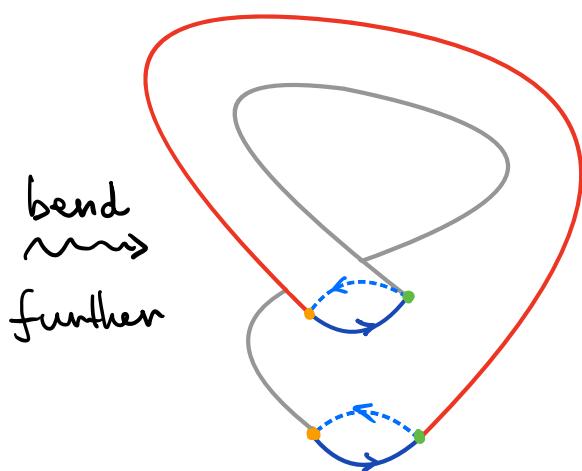
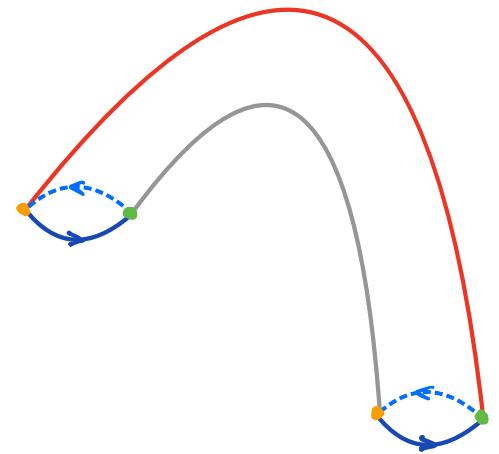
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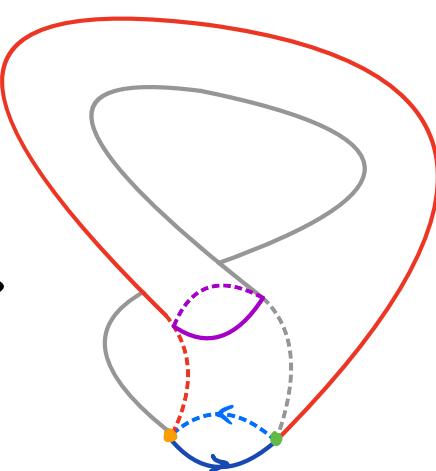


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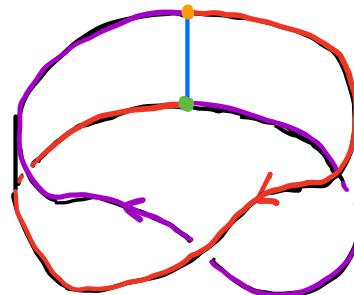
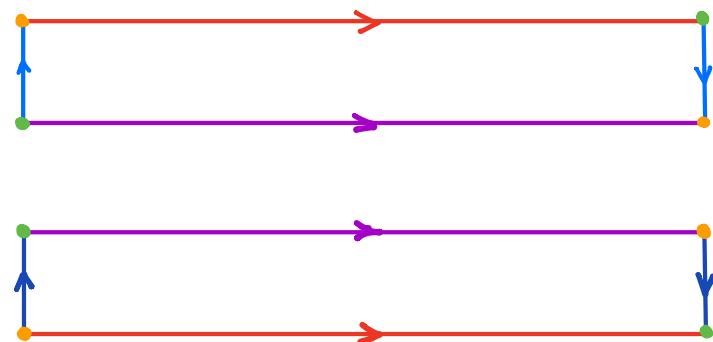
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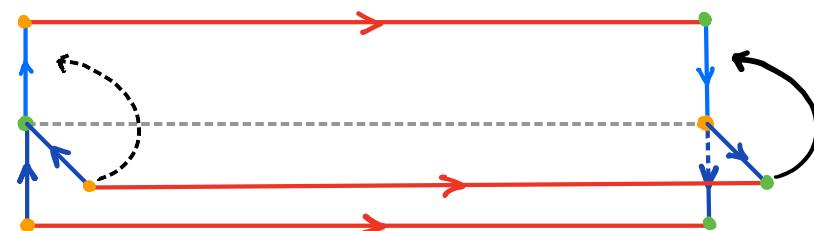


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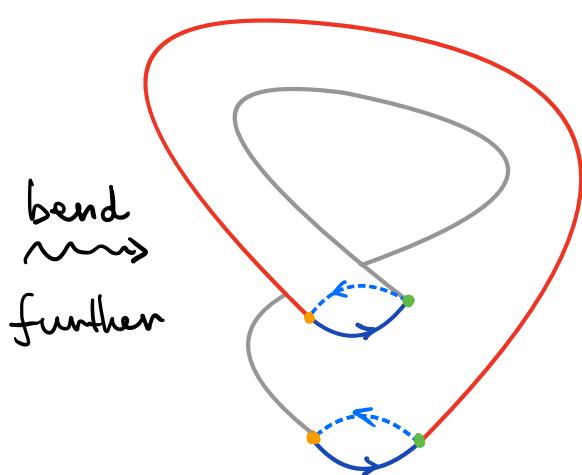
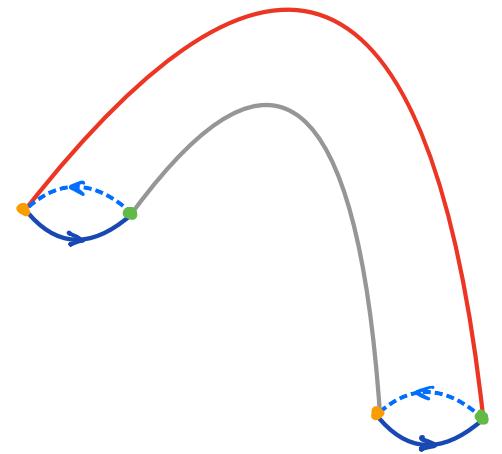
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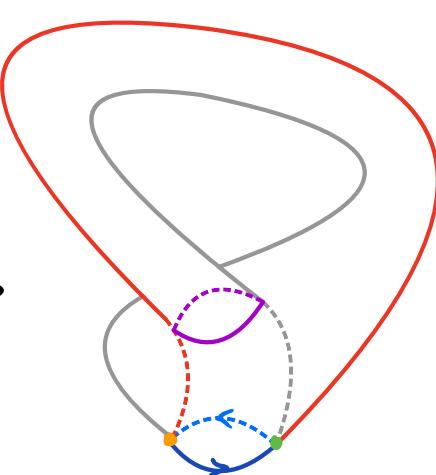


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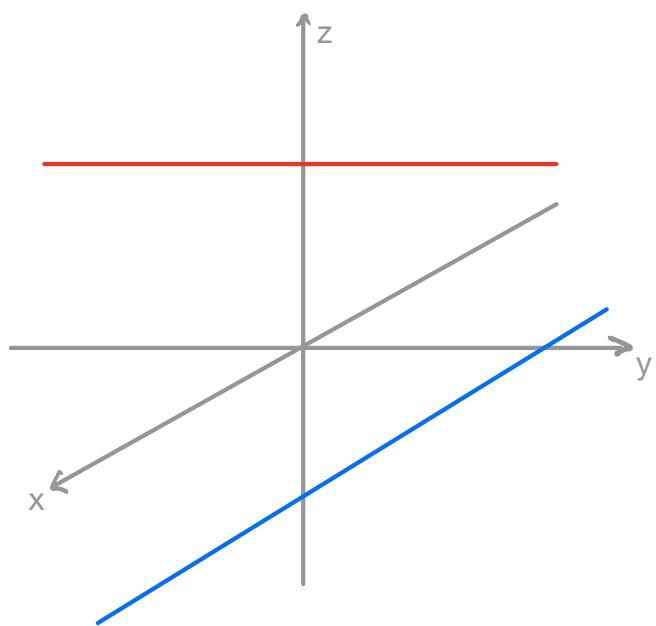
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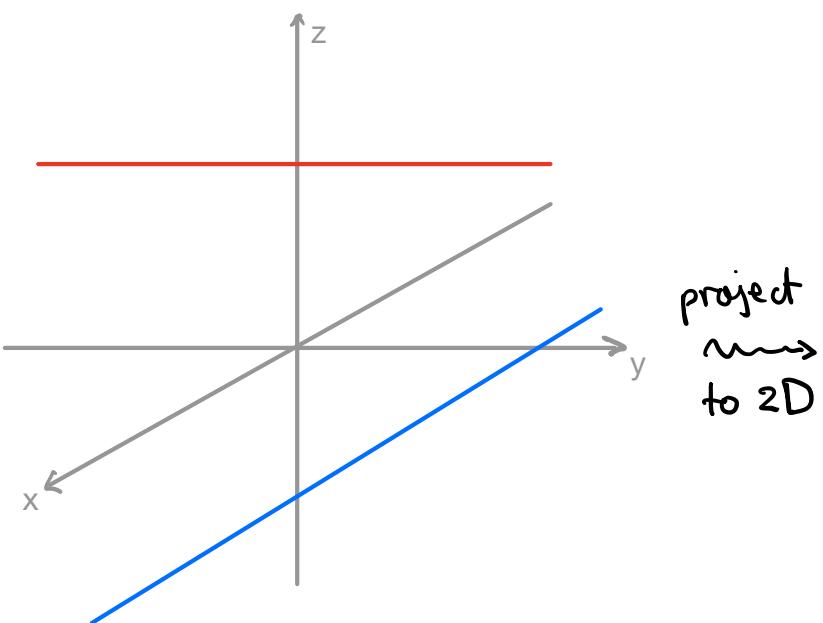
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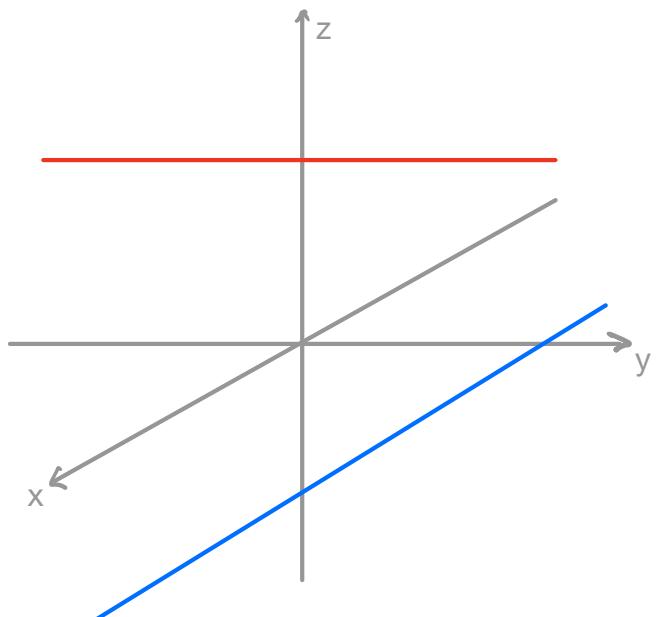
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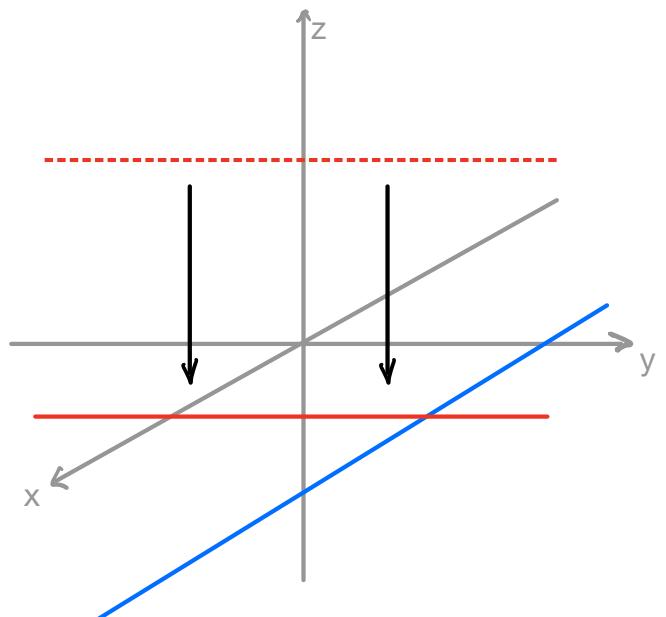
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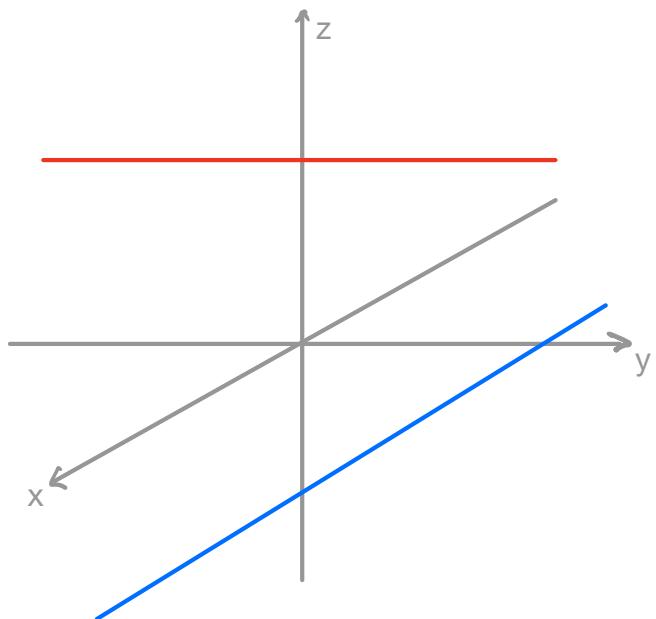
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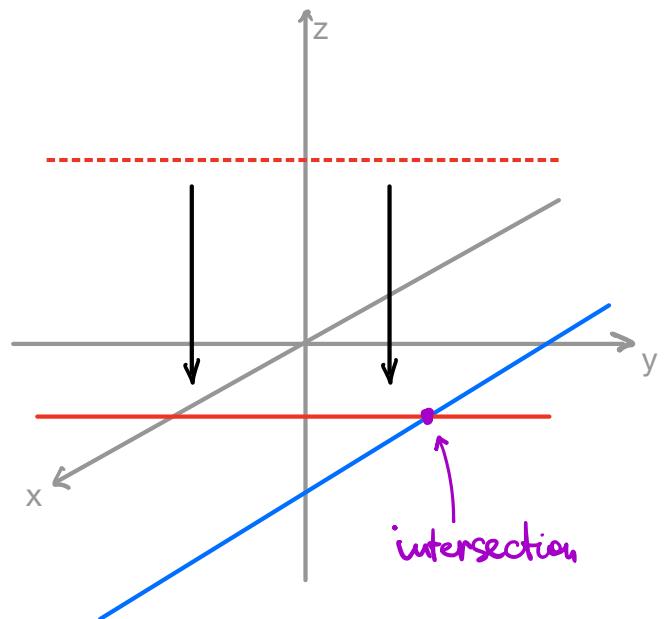
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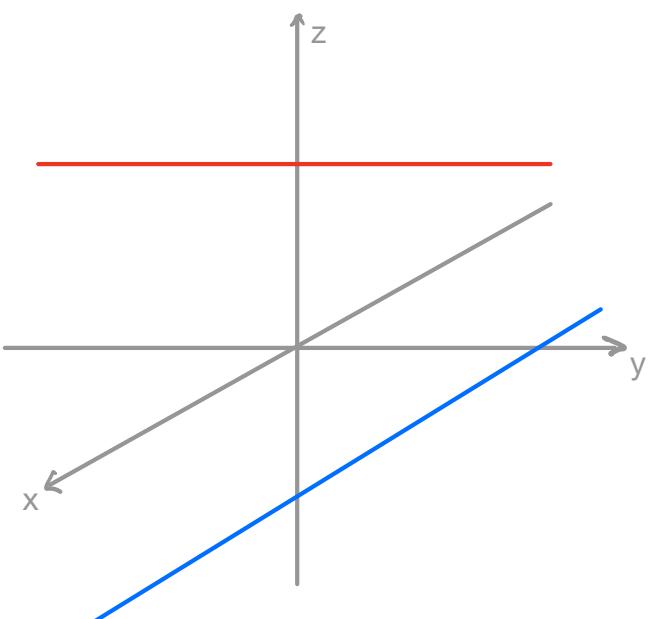
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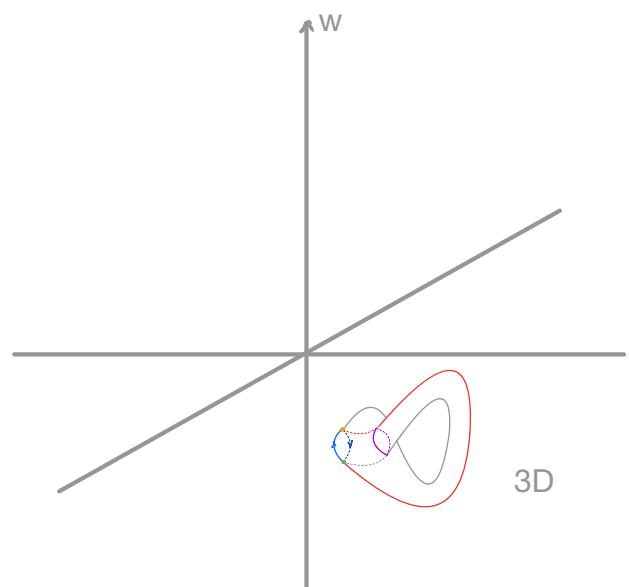
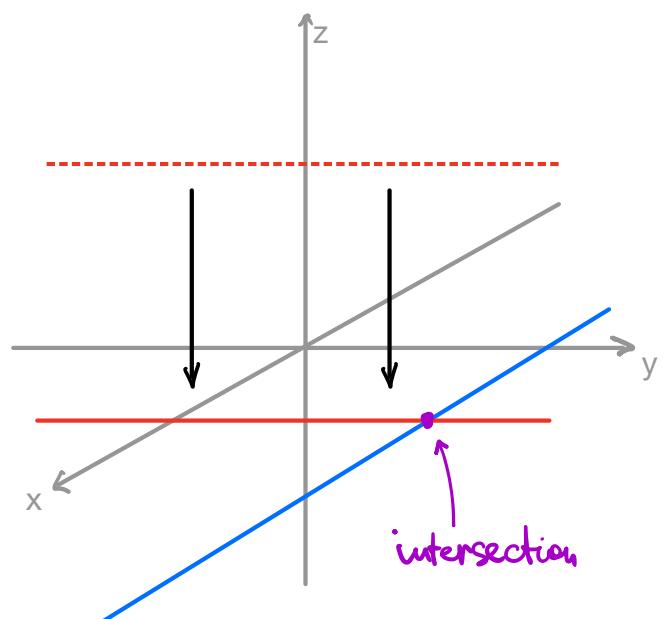
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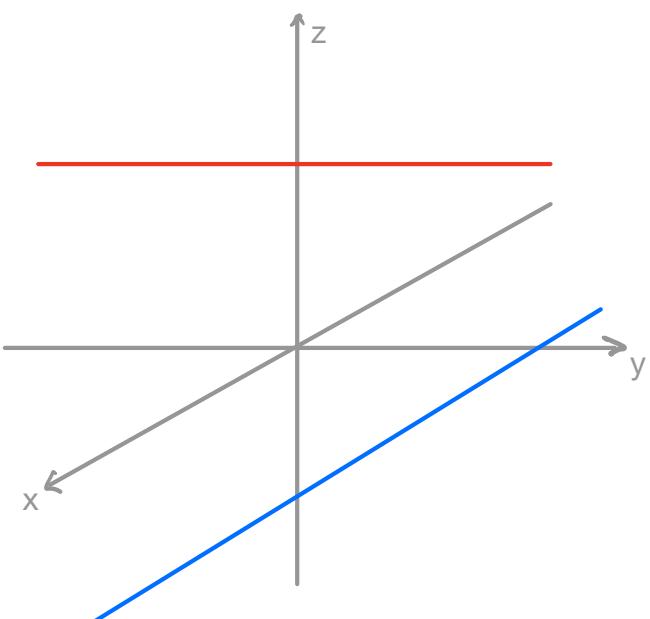
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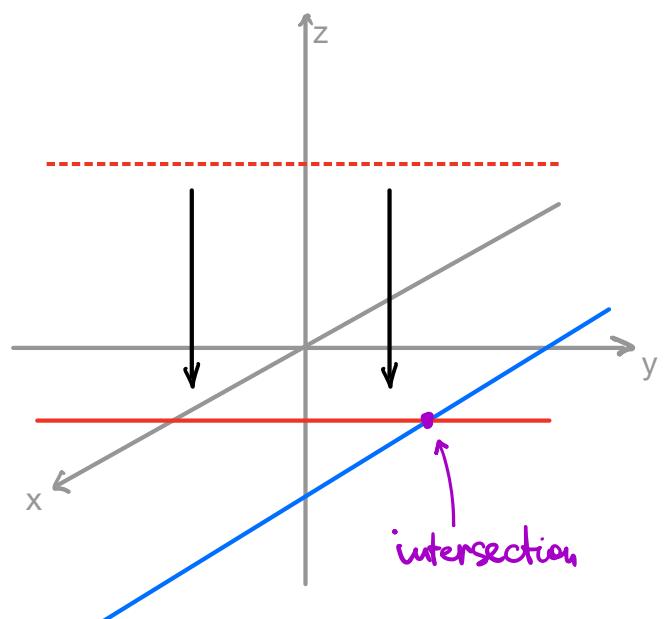
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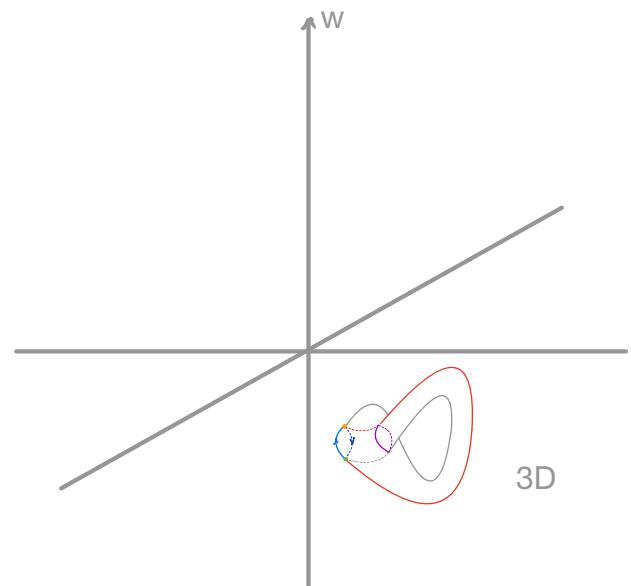


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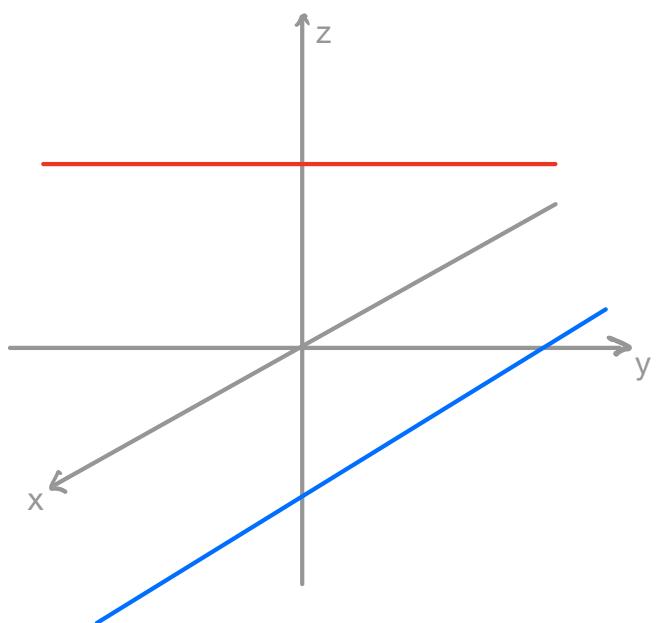
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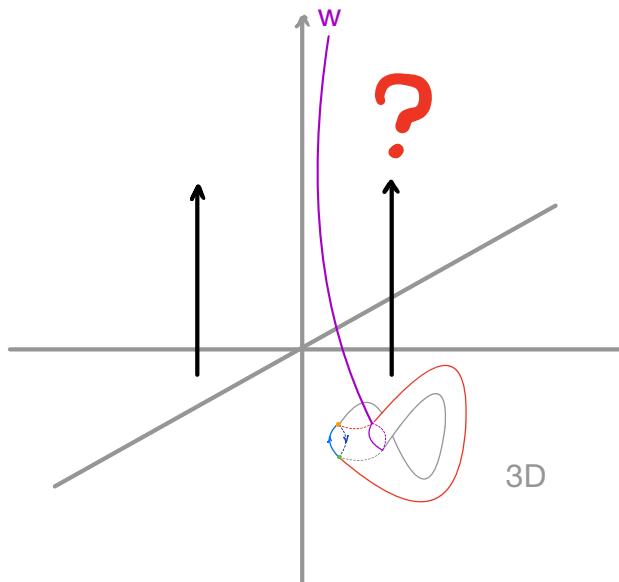
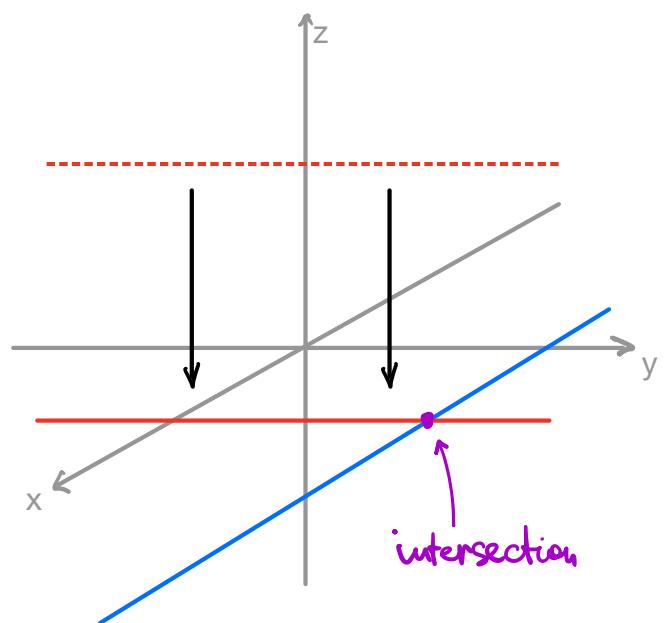


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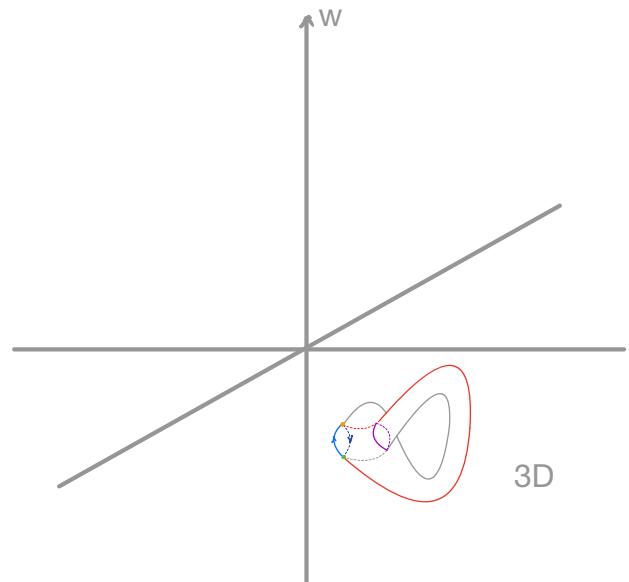
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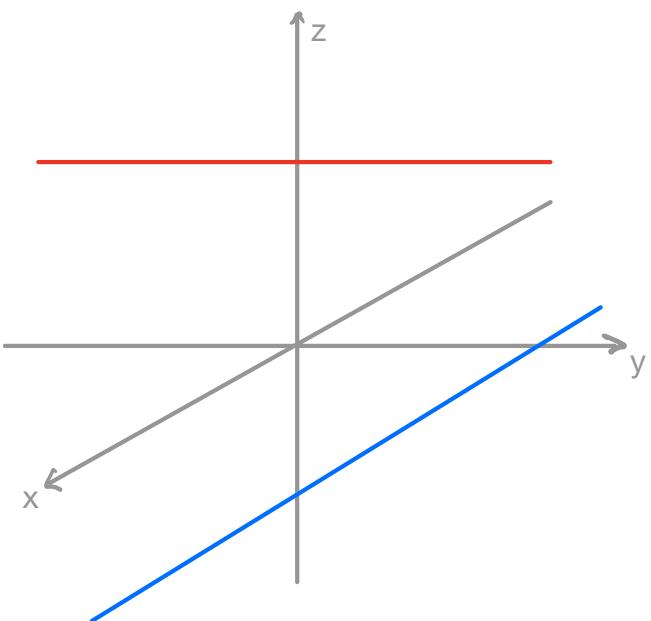
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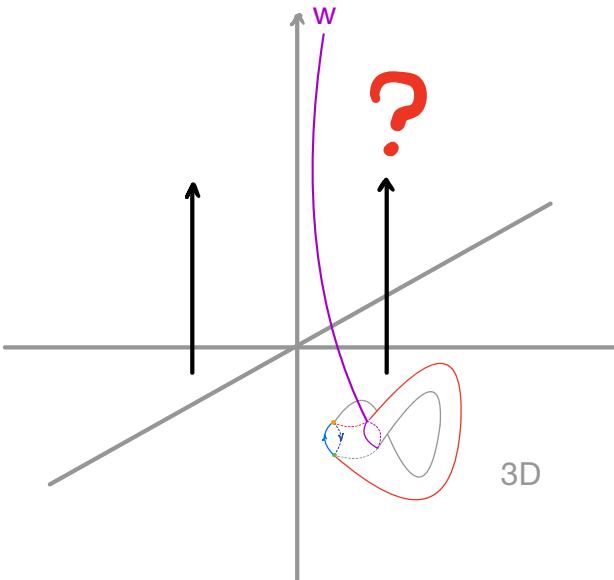
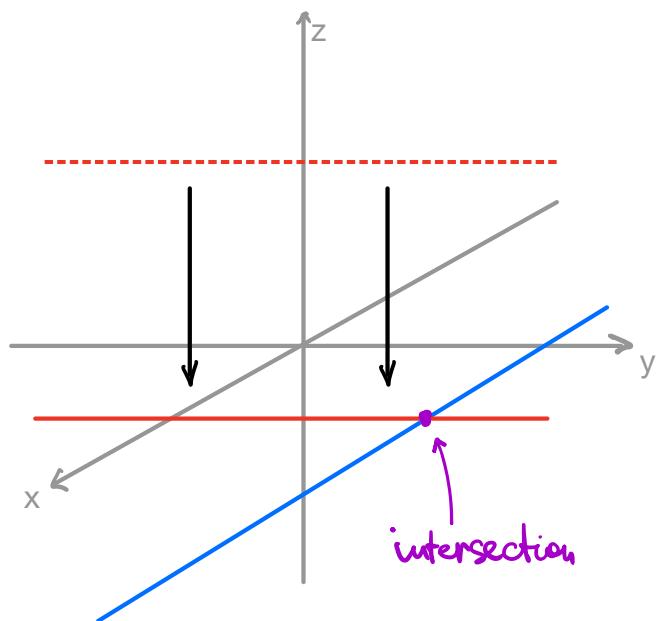
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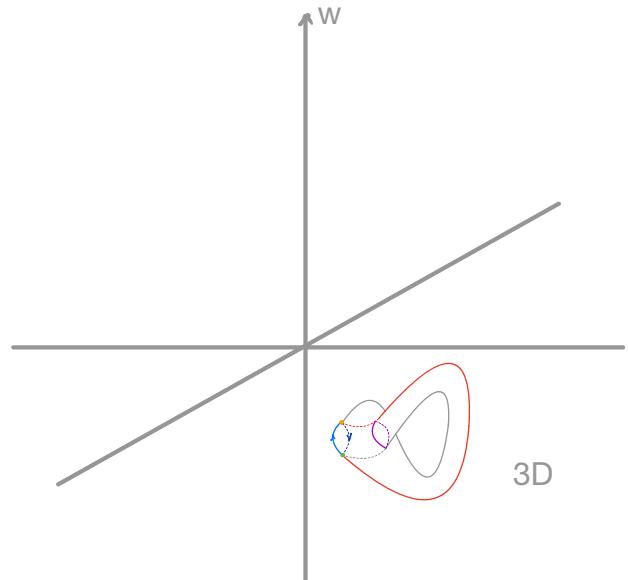
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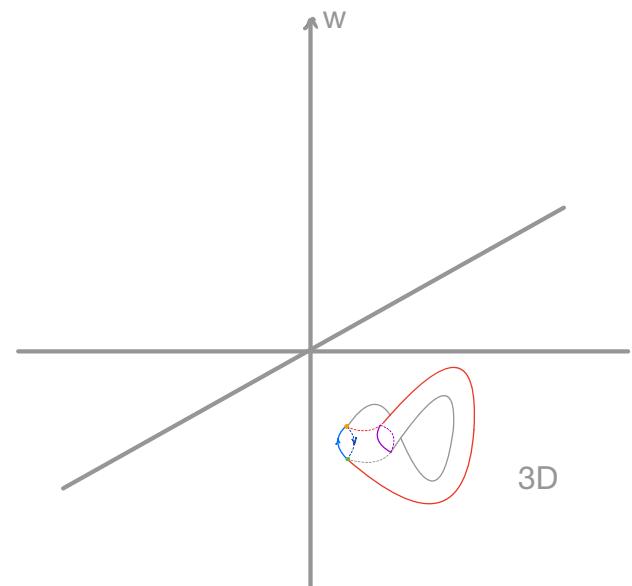
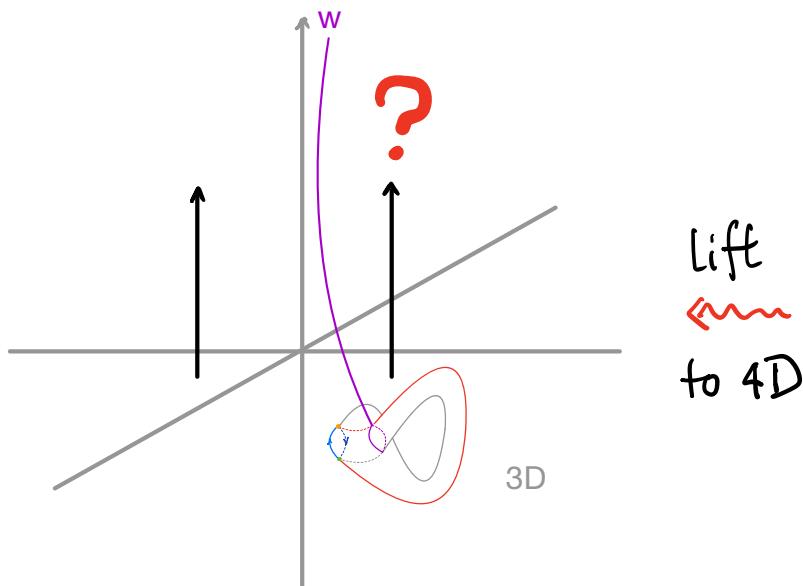
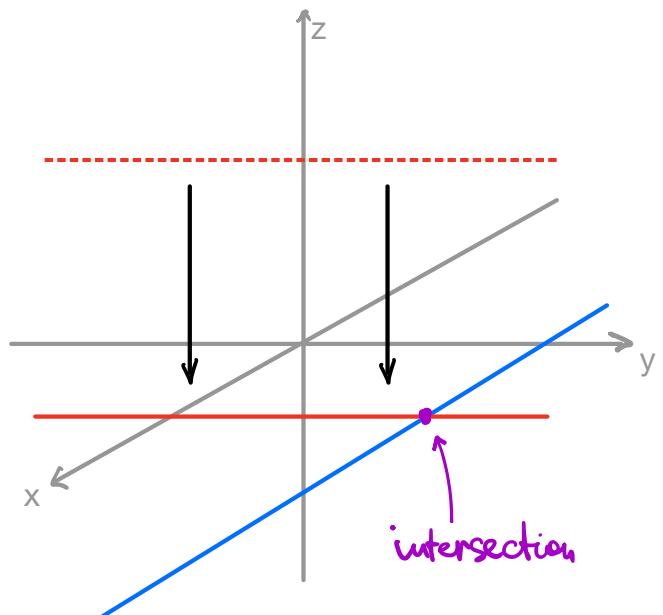
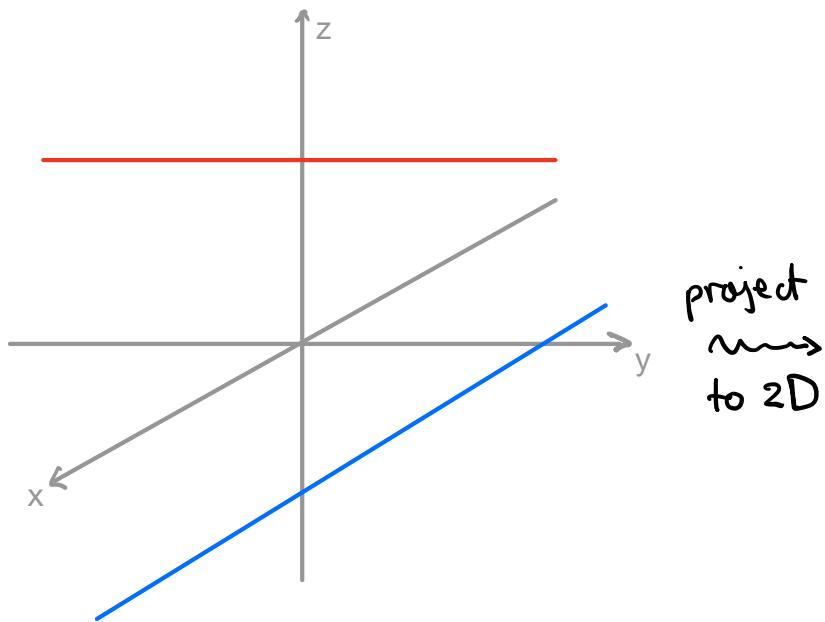


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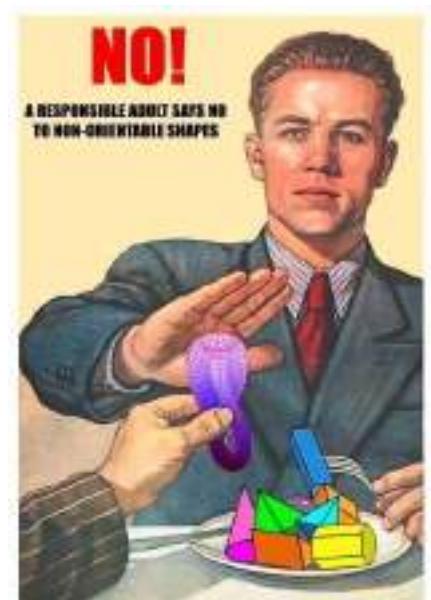


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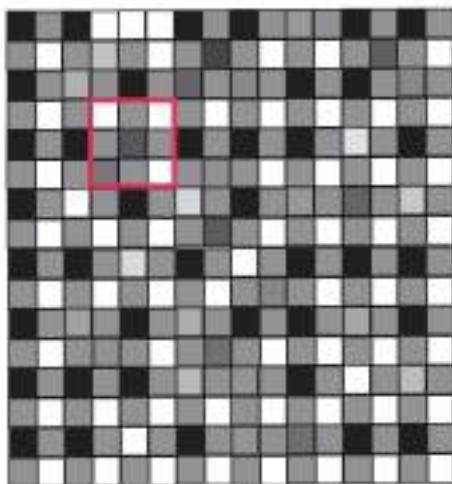
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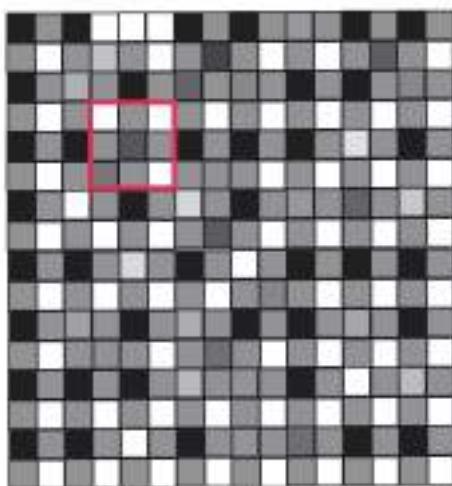
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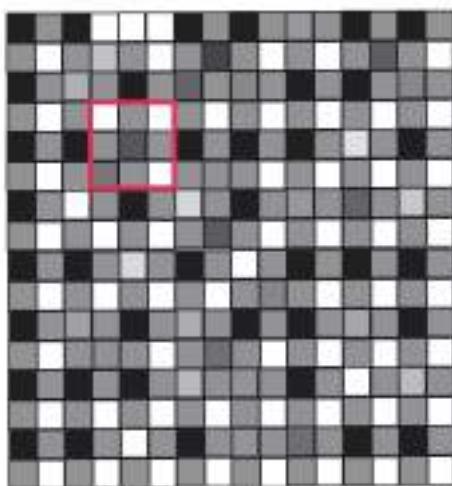
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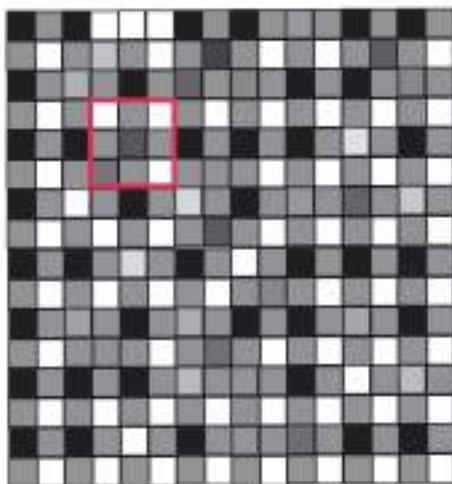
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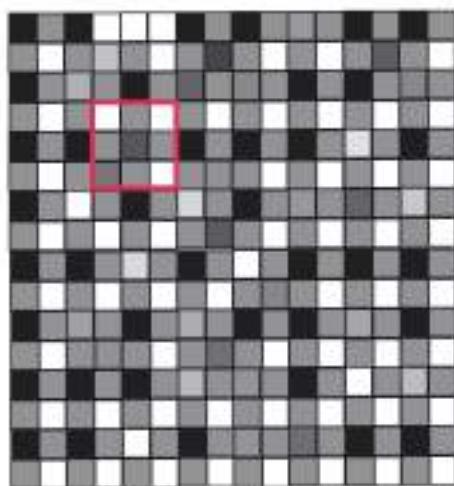
## Example: Natural image statistics

(Lee–Mumford–Petersen 2003, Carlsson–Ishkhanov–de Silva–Zomorodian 2008)

- An image taken by black and white digital camera can be viewed as a vector, with one coordinate for each pixel
- Each pixel has a “gray scale” value, can be thought of as a real number (in reality, takes one of 255 values)
- Typical camera uses tens of thousands of pixels, so images lie in a very high dimensional space, call it *pixel space*,  $\mathbf{P}$

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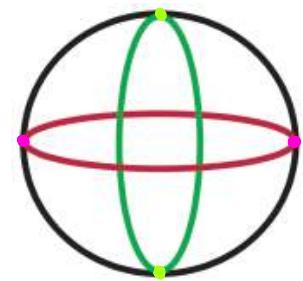
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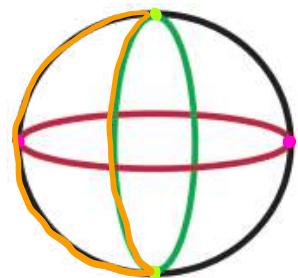
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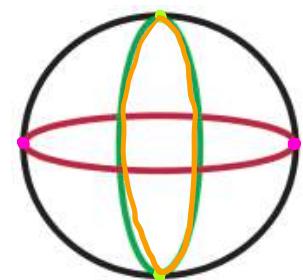
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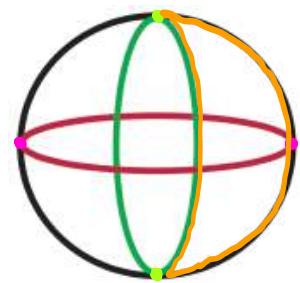
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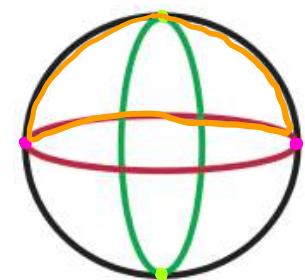
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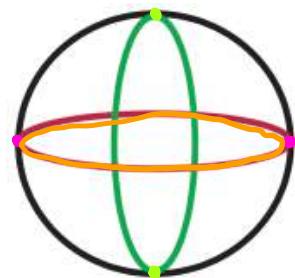
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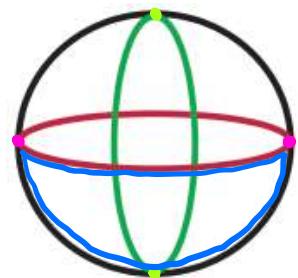
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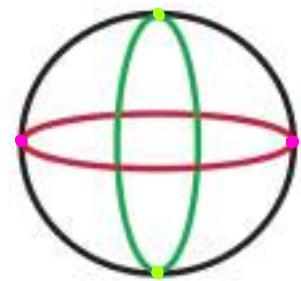
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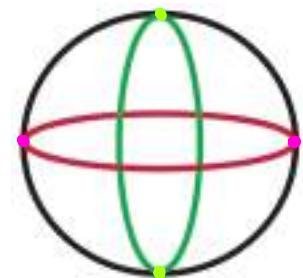
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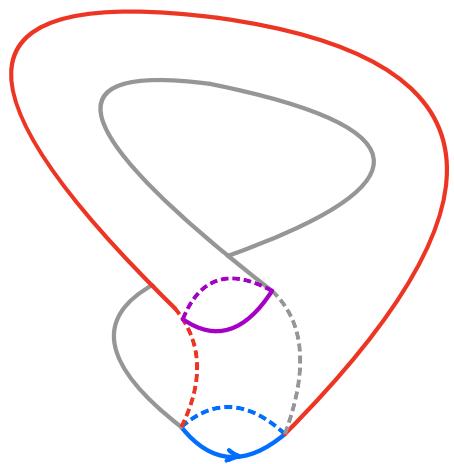
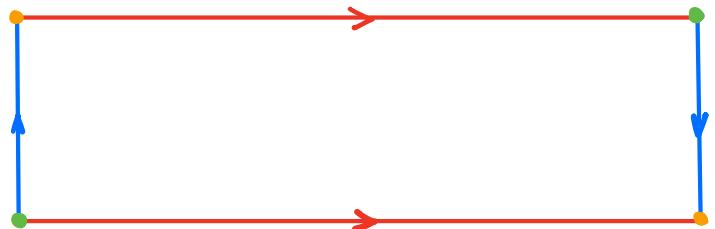


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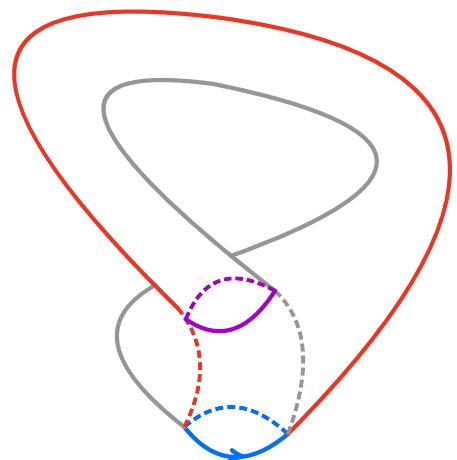
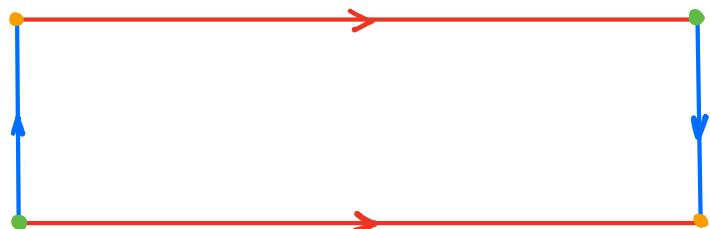
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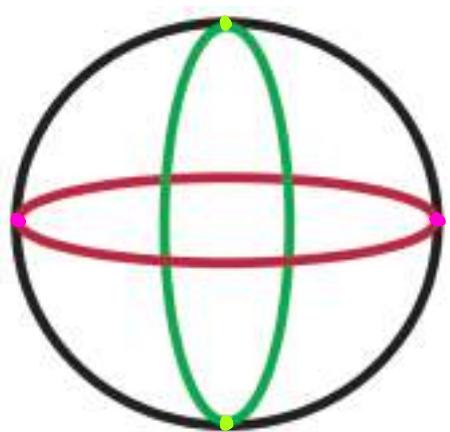


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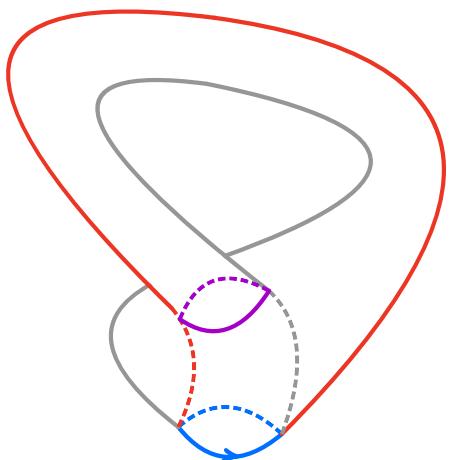
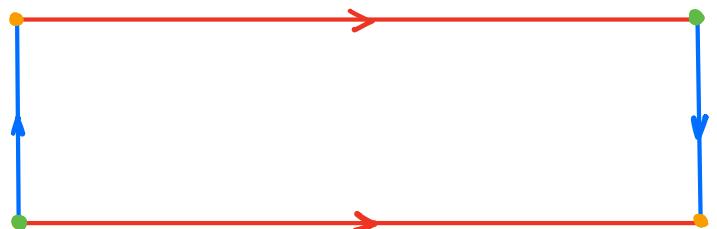


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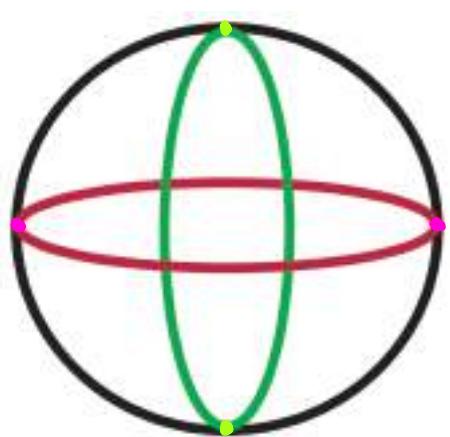
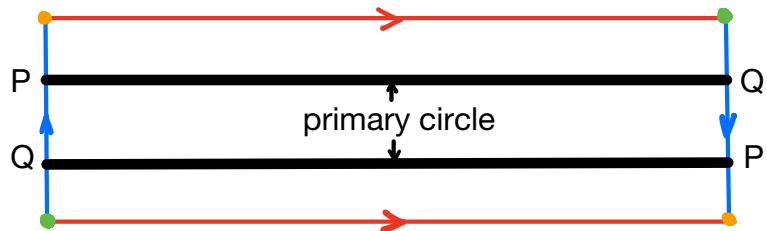


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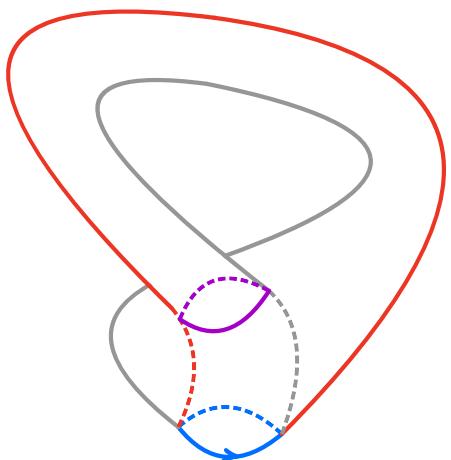
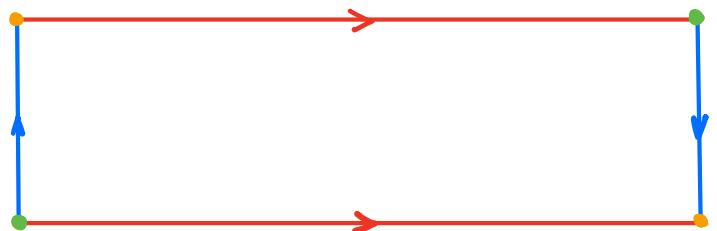


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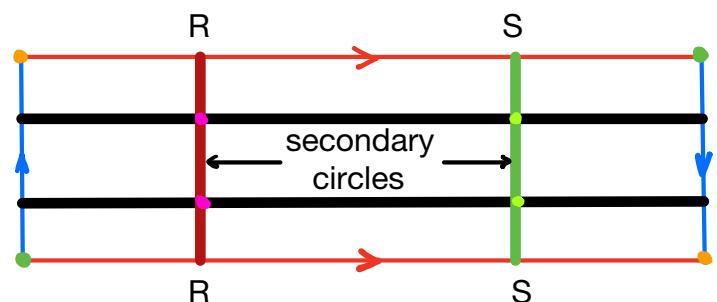
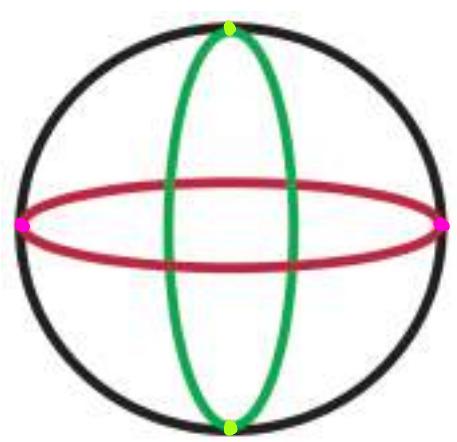
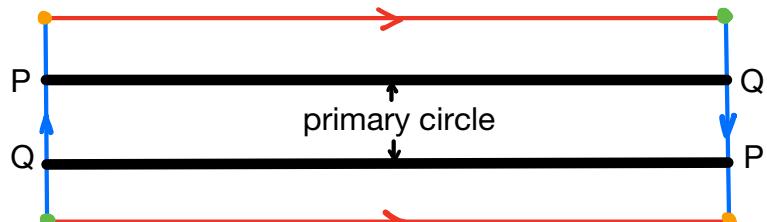


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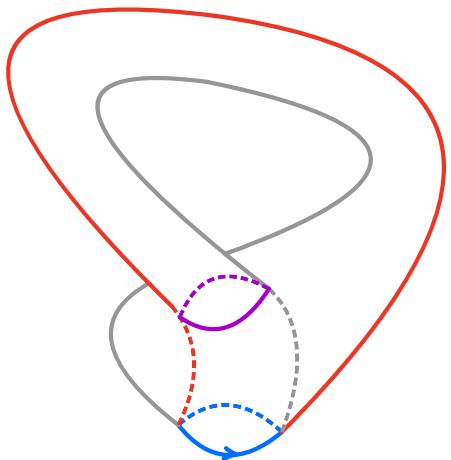
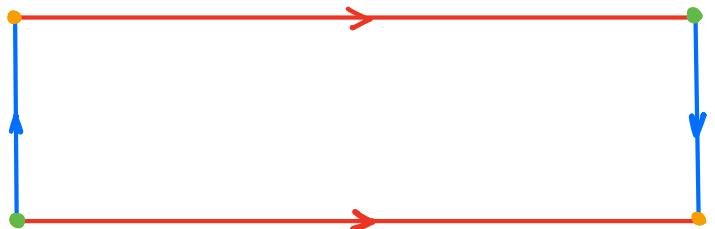


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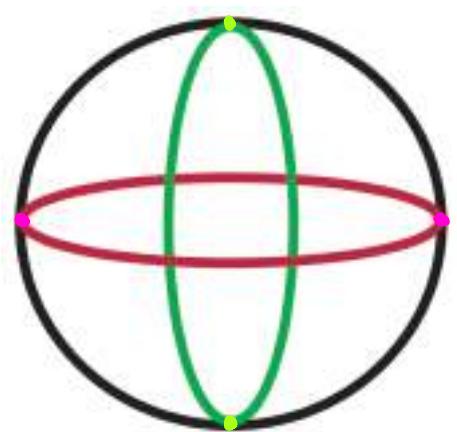
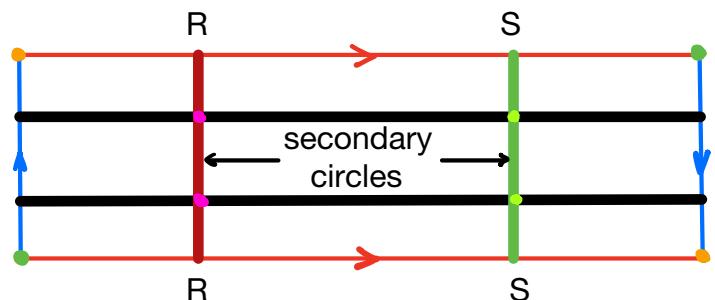
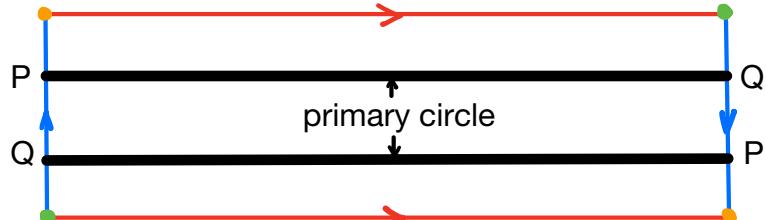


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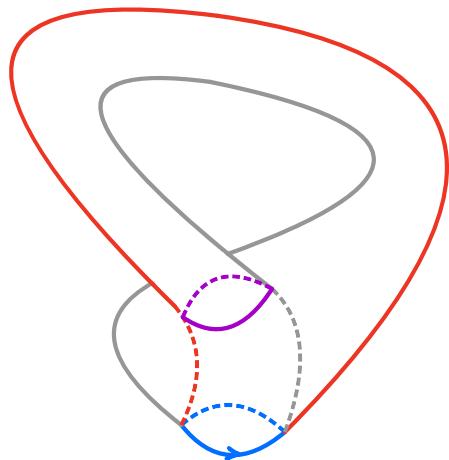
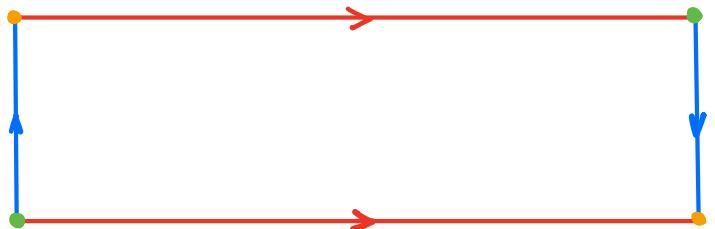


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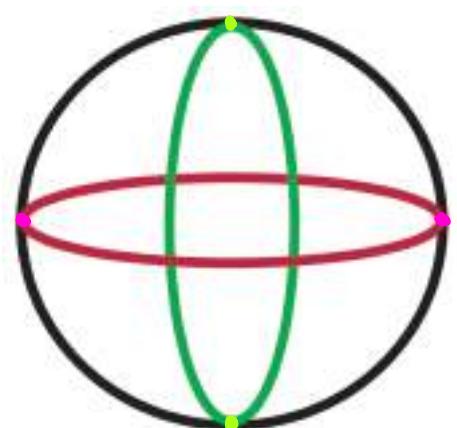
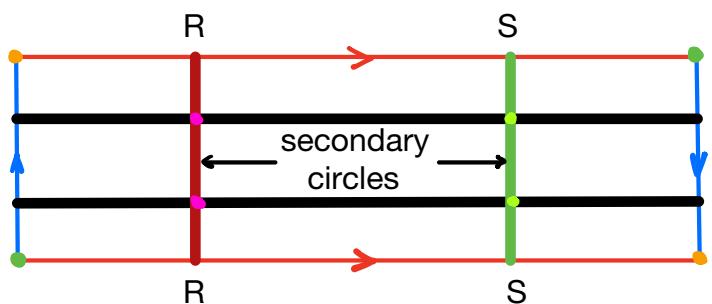
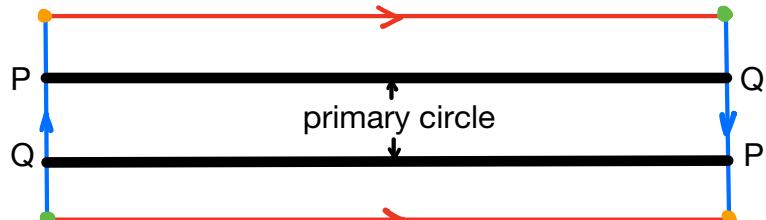
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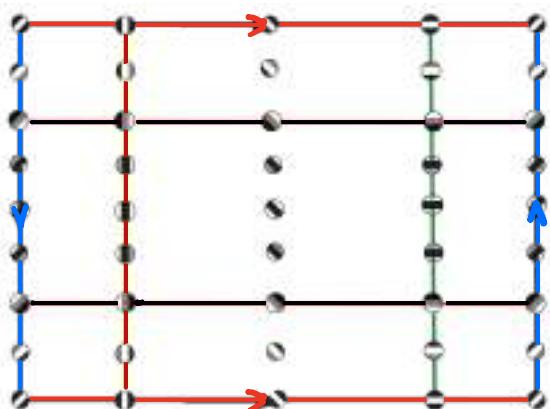


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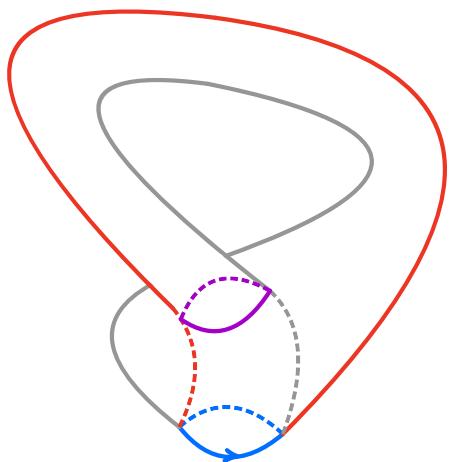
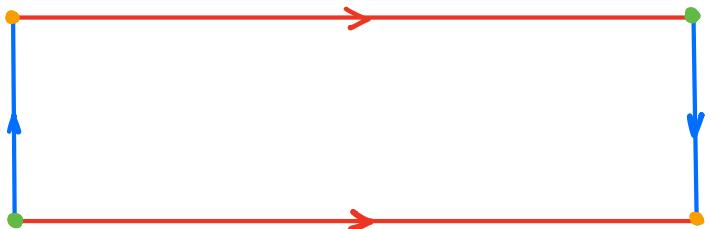
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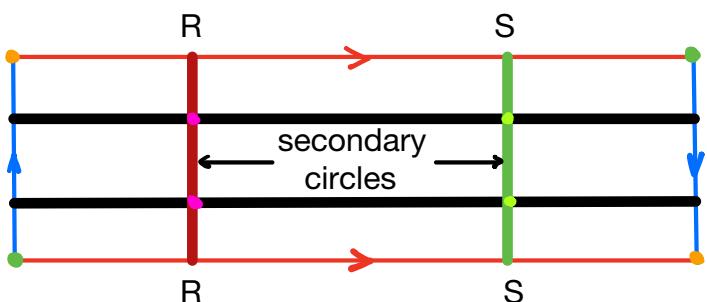
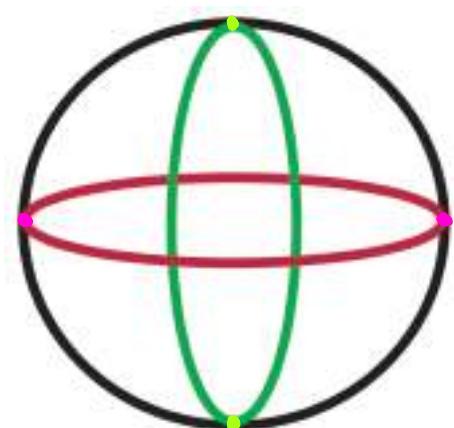
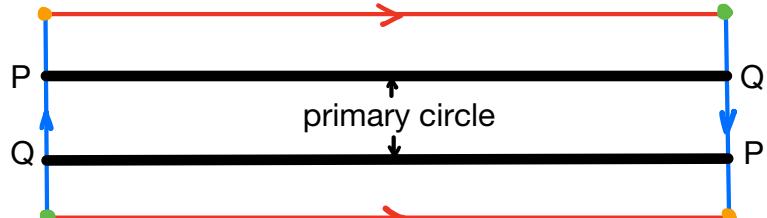


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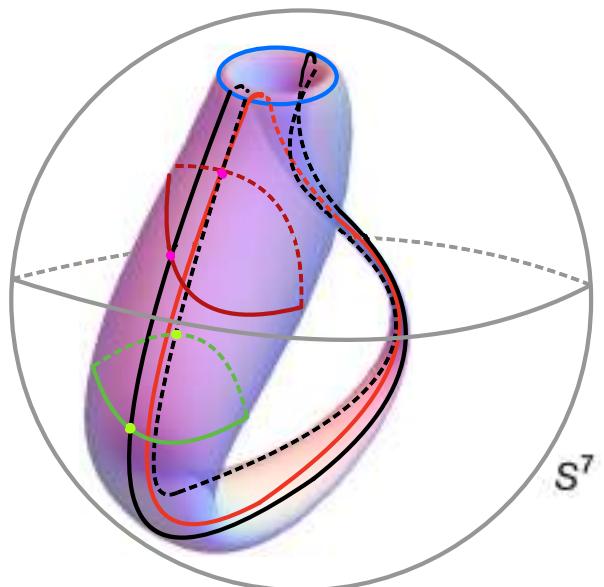
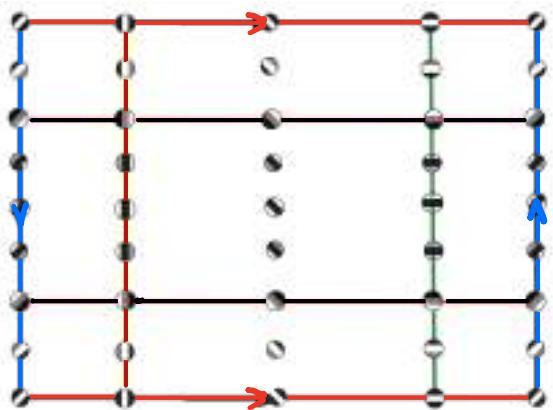


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This talk presents a photonic topological metasurface that introduces an additional degree of freedom to address optical phase engineering by exploring the topological features of non-Hermitian matrices operating near their singular points. Choosing metasurface building blocks to encircle a singularity following an arbitrarily closed trajectory in parameter space, it is able to engineer a topologically protected full-2π-phase on a specific selected polarization channel. The ease of implementation together with its compatibility with other phase-addressing mechanisms bring topological properties into the realm of industrial applications at optical frequencies and prove that metasurface technology represents a convenient and basic to study and validate topological photonic concepts.

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