

# Planar pentagons + K3 surfaces

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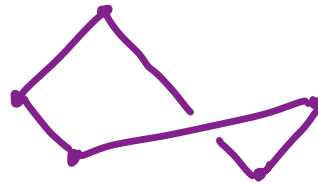
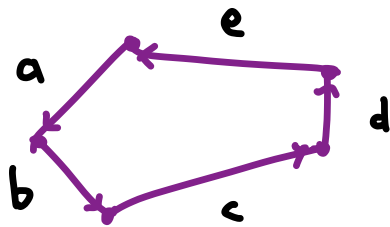
## K3 Automorphisms

Theorem (Oguiso, 2003) For a local family of K3 surfaces,

- a) for fibers  $X_t$  where Picard rank is generic,  $\text{Aut}(X_t)$  can only "jump up"
- b) for special fibers  $X_t$  where Picard rank jumps,  $\text{Aut}(X_t)$  can shrink

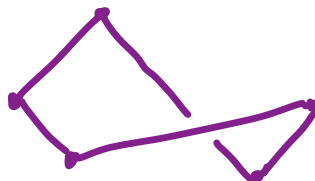
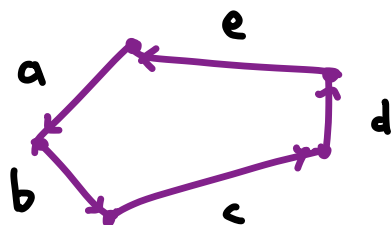
## Planar pentagons

- Fix tuple of side lengths  $(a_1, \dots, a_5) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}^5$
- Let angles vary



$$X_{(a_1, \dots, a_5)} = \{ \text{labeled, oriented planar} \\ \text{pentagons up to } \text{Aut}_+(\mathbb{R}^2) \}$$

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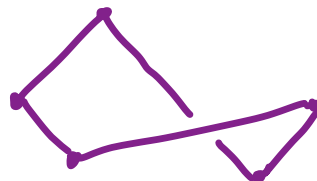
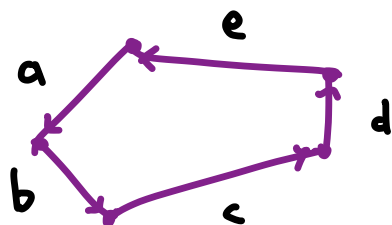
Theorem (Kapovich - Millson, Jaggi, Walker, ...)

If non-empty,  $X(a, b, c, d, e)$  is a 2-dim smooth manifold iff

$$0 \neq a \pm b \pm c \pm d \pm e.$$

- For "equilateral" pentagons,  $X(1, \dots, 1)$  is smooth genus 4 surface
- Also, describes singularities in non-smooth case

# Planar pentagons



Theorem (Cantat - Dujardin, 2023)

$X(a, b, c, d, e) = \mathbb{R}$ -points of  $K3$  surface,  
smooth iff

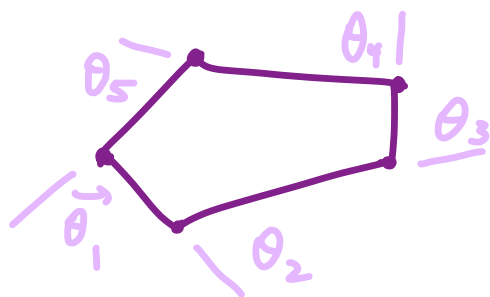
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$\Rightarrow$  family of  $K3$  surfaces

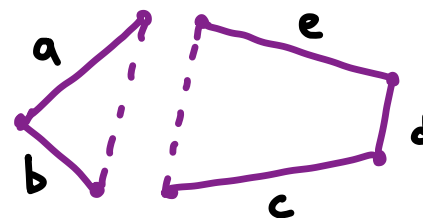
$$\{ X(a, \dots, e) \mid (a, b, c, d, e) \in \mathbb{R}^5, \text{ non-degenerate}^* \}$$

"pentagon surfaces"

## Planar pentagons: algebraic structure



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cut along  
diagonal



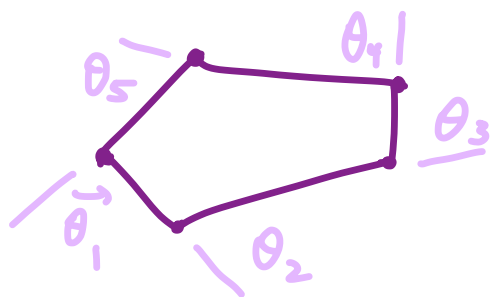
- Trigonometry:

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \cos \theta_1 = c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + 2cd \cos \theta_3 + 2de \cos \theta_4 + 2ce \cos(\theta_3 + \theta_4)$$

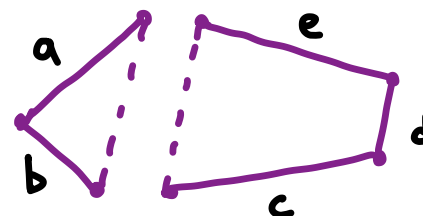
- Substitute  $t = \tan(\theta/2)$ :  $\left[ \cos \theta = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}, \sin \theta = \frac{2t}{1+t^2} \right]$

$$(a-b)^2 + \frac{4ab}{1+t_1^2} = (c-d+e)^2 + \frac{4cd}{1+t_3^2} + \frac{4de}{1+t_4^2} + \frac{4ce(t_3+t_4)^2}{(1+t_3^2)(1+t_4^2)}$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Pentagon surface  $X_{(a,\dots,e)} \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^5$

cut out by  $(\star_1, \dots, \star_5, \dots)$

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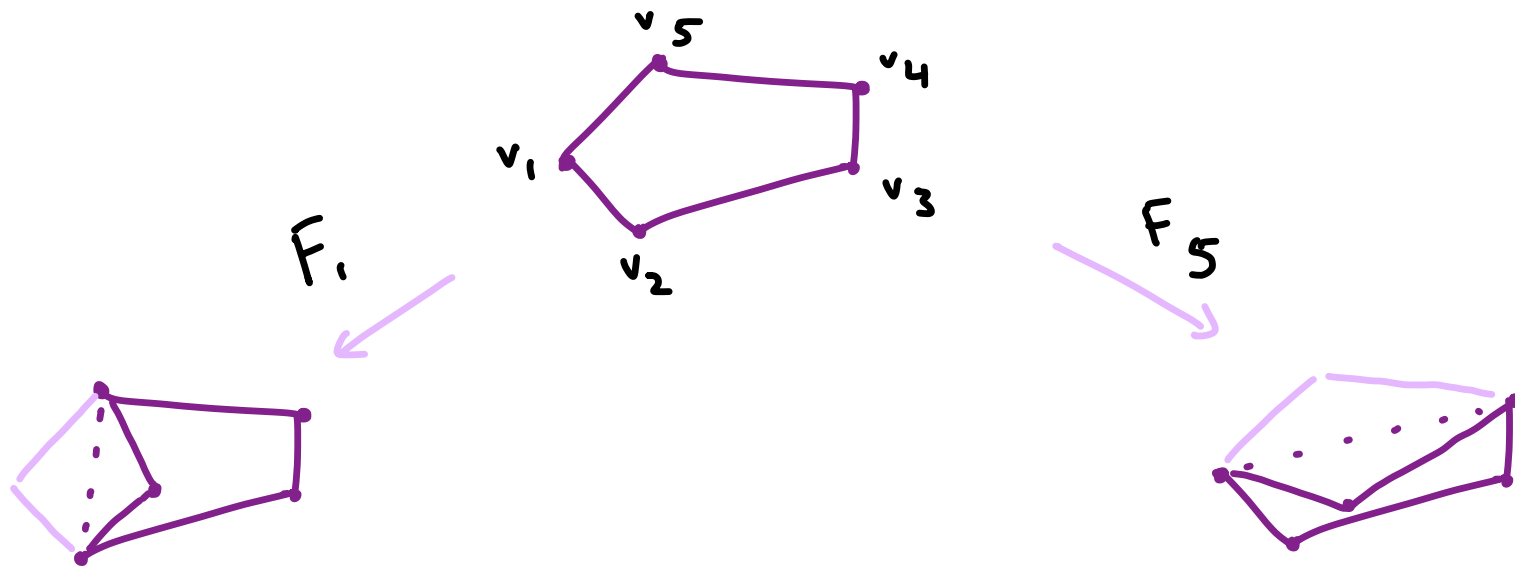
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Rmk.

- Equation  $(\star_1)$  is degree  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$  in  $t_1, \dots, t_5$
- Projection  $X_{(a, \dots, e)} \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^5 \twoheadrightarrow (\mathbb{P}^1)^3$  is birational on image
- Generic deg.  $(2, 2, 2)$  hypersurface in  $(\mathbb{P}^1)^3$  is K3



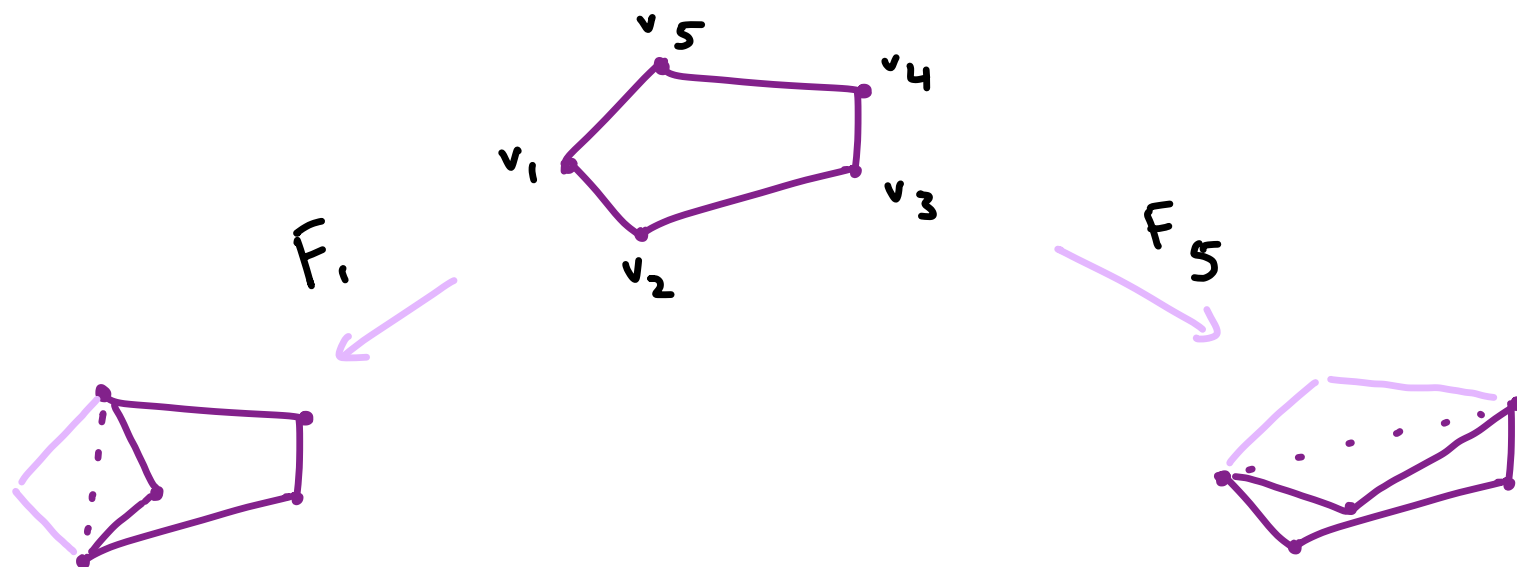
## Planar pentagons : flip automorphisms



Flip operations satisfy :

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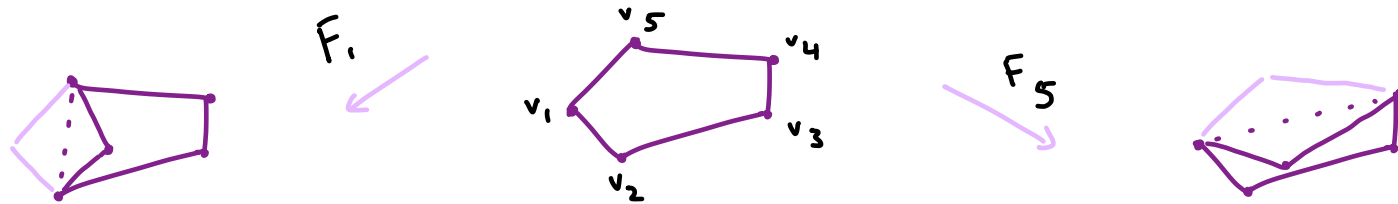
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Coxeter group

$\text{Coxeter}(\text{pentagon})$ ,

... other relations?

## K3 automorphisms of pentagon surfaces



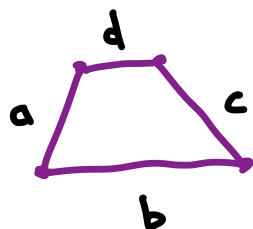
### Conjecture

(i) For general side lengths,  $\text{Aut}(X_{(a, \dots, e)})$  contains  $\text{Coxeter}(\text{pentagon})$  as subgroup of finite index.  
infinite, hyperbolic

(ii) For equal side lengths,  $\text{Aut}(X_{(1, \dots, 1)})$  contains  $\text{Sym}_5$  as subgroup of finite index.  
finite

Q: What are Picard ranks of  $X_{(a, \dots, e)}$ ?

## Aside: Planar quadrilaterals



Theorem (Izmestiev 2018) Planar 4-gons w/ side lengths

$(a, b, c, d)$  are parametrized by the elliptic curve\* possibly degenerate

$$E_{\lambda} = \{ y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda) \} \subset \mathbb{P}^2$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{abcd}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}$$

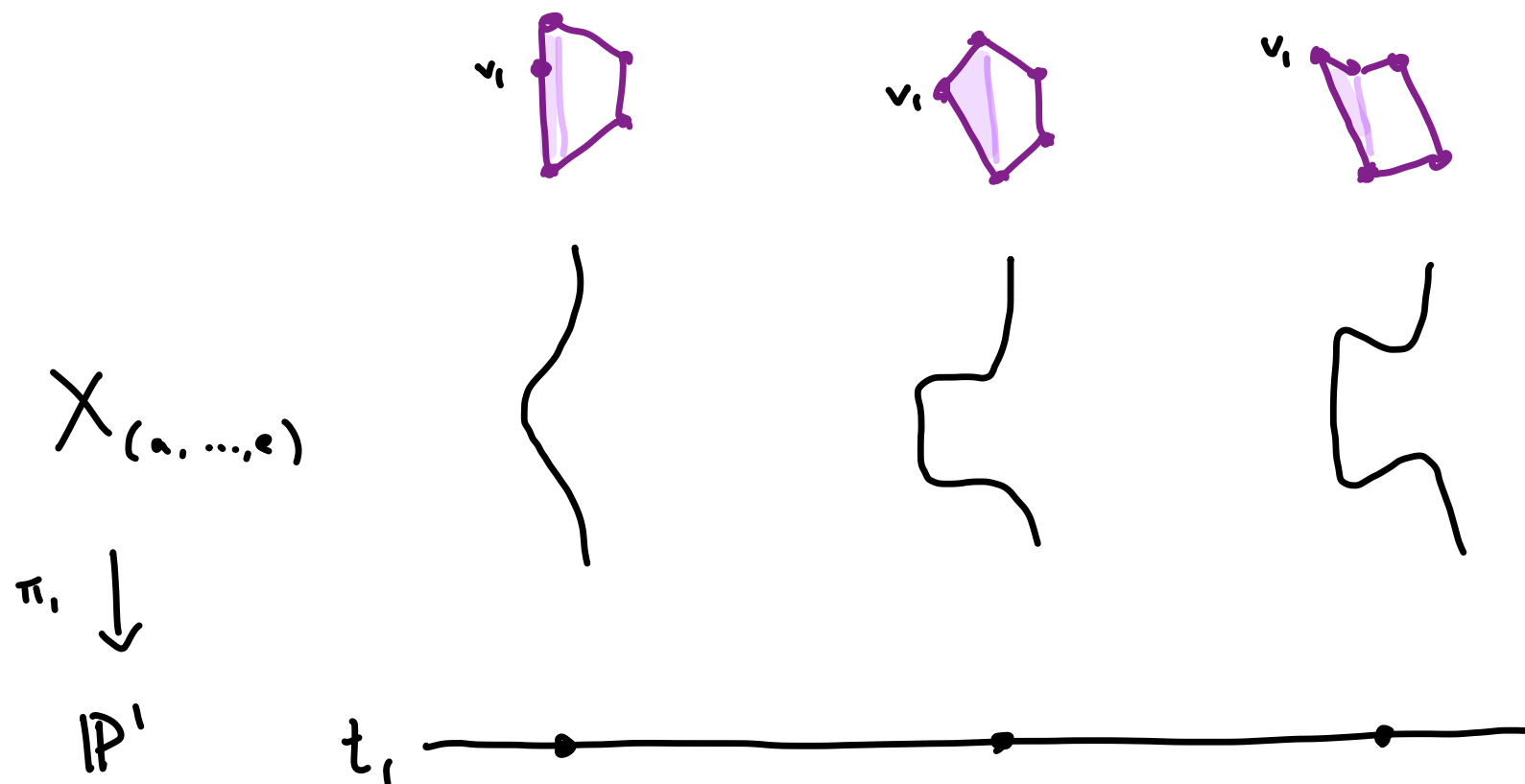
$$\text{and } s = \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c+d).$$

"semi-perimeter"

# Elliptic fibration

• Projection  $X_{(a, \dots, e)} \subset (\mathbb{P}^1)^5 \xrightarrow{\pi_i} \mathbb{P}^1$

remembers angle  $i$ , forgets others

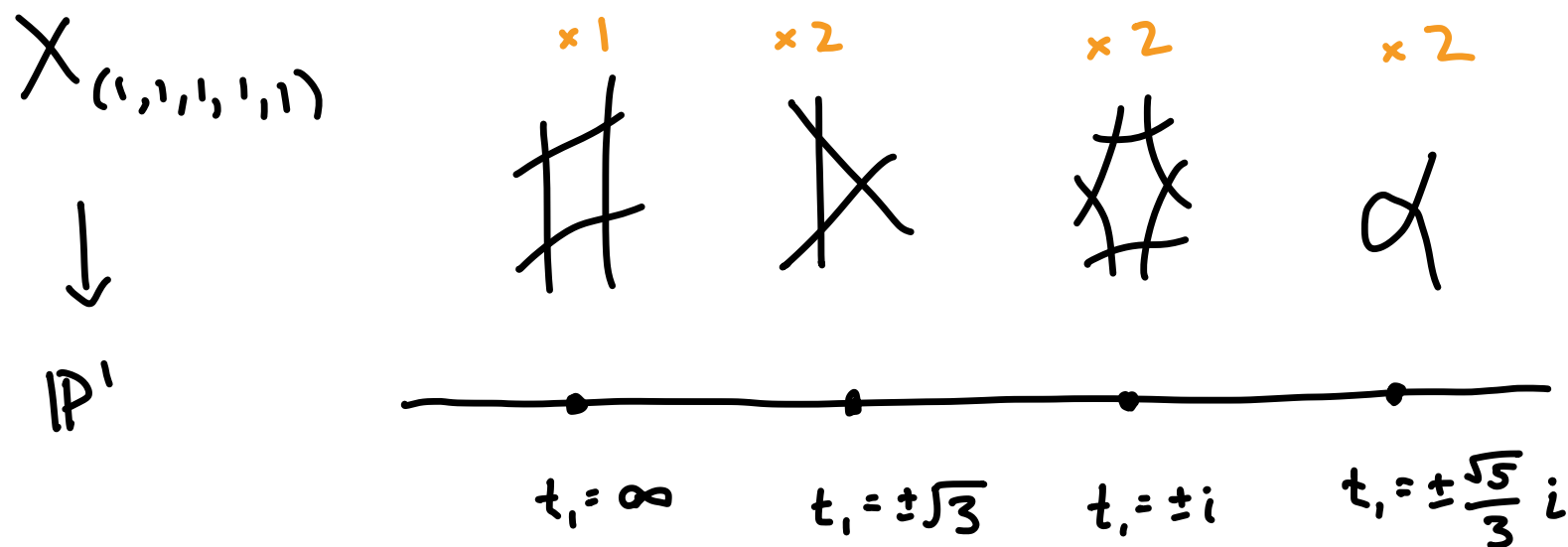


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Prop. For equilateral pentagons, parametrizing surface has elliptic fibration w/ singular fibers

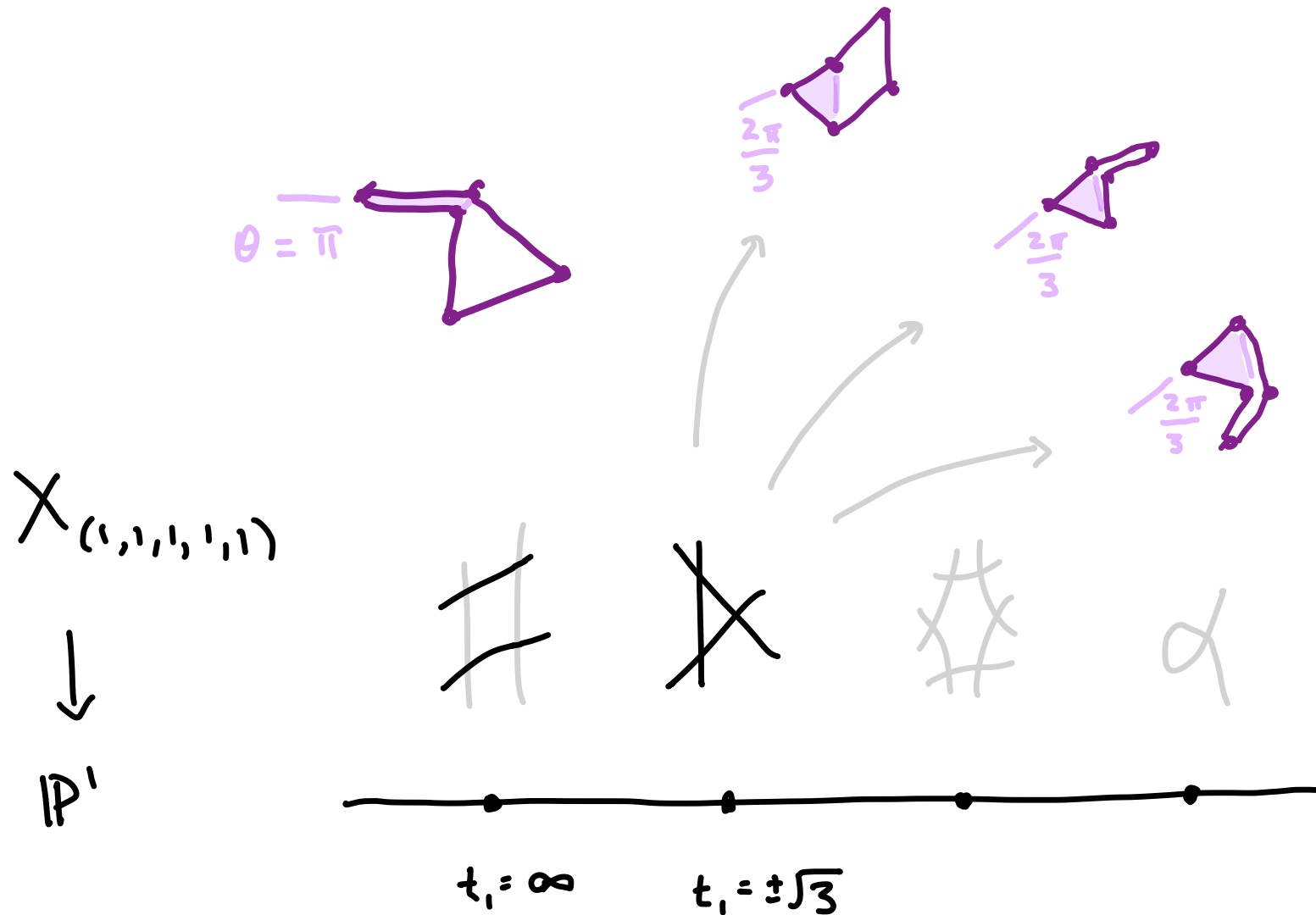
$$2I_1 + 2I_3 + I_4 + 2I_6, \quad \text{so}$$

Picard rank is  $\geq 19 = 17 + 2$ , Shioda-Tate



# Elliptic fibration

Q: Which fibers are real?



## Elliptic fibration

Prop. For generic-length pentagons, parametrizing surface has elliptic fibration w/ singular fibers

$$8I_1 + 2I_2 + 2I_6, \quad \text{so}$$

$$\text{Picard rank is } \geq 14 = 12 + 2$$

$X_{(a,b,c,d,e)}$



$\mathbb{P}^1$

$\times 2$



$\times 2$



$\times 8$



$$t_1 = \pm i \frac{a+b}{a-b}$$

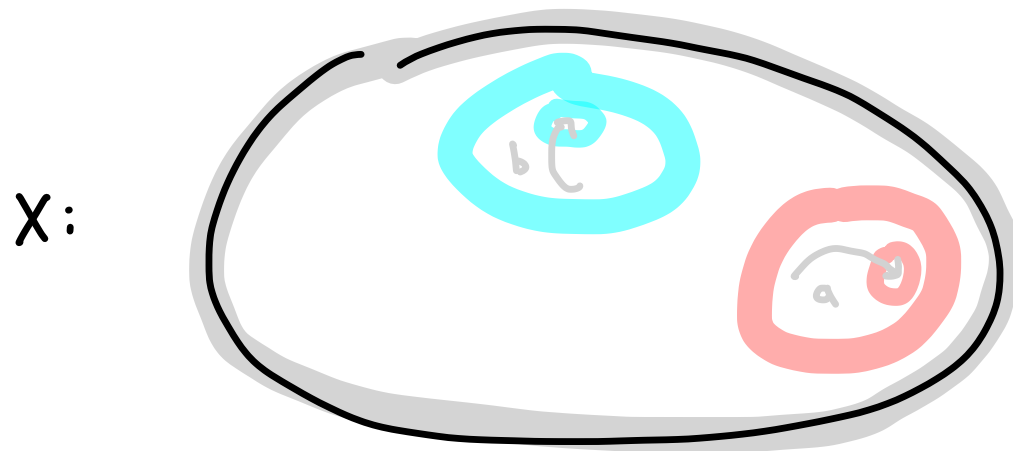
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$$t_1 = \pm \left( \frac{-(c \pm d \pm e)^2 - (a+b)^2}{(c \pm d \pm e)^2 - (a-b)^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



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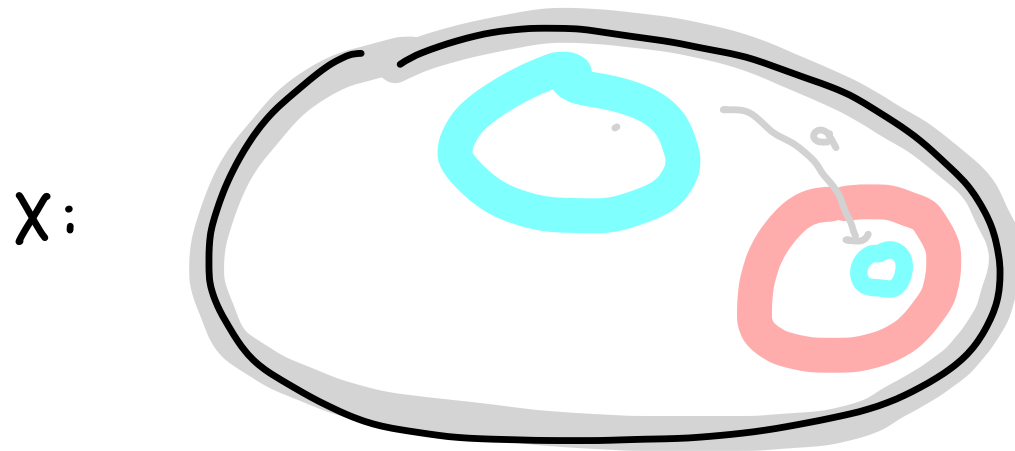
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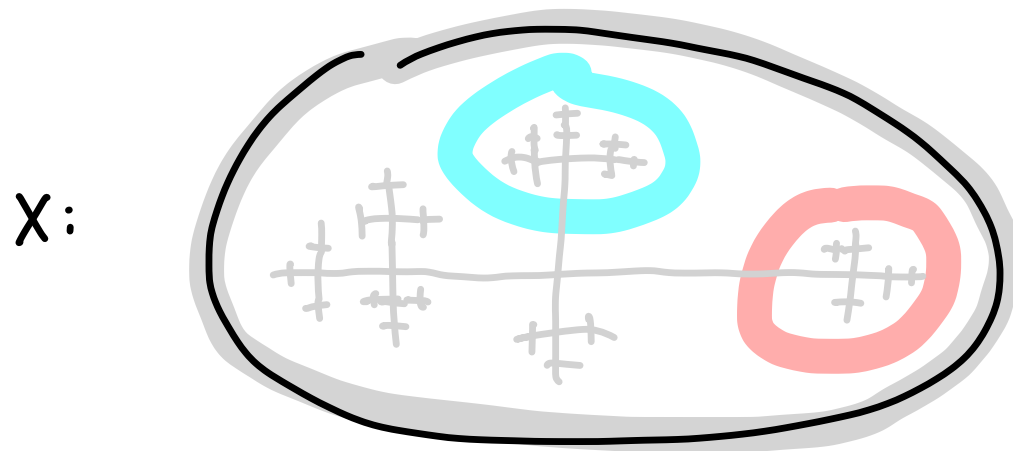
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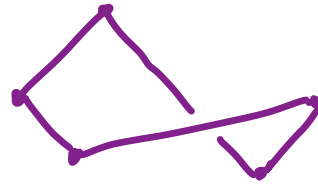
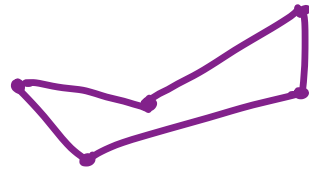
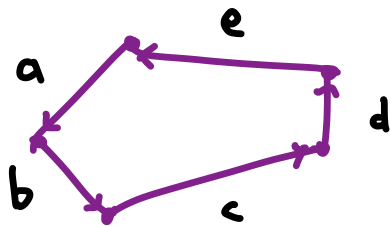
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Proof idea :

- Use ping-pong lemma generalized to right-angled Coxeter groups (Genevois, 2019)
- For subsets  $U_i$ , use fact that every  $X_{(a, \dots, e)}$  contains certain  $\star$  complex points  
 $(\pm i, \pm i, \dots, \pm i)$   
and consider tangent planes here

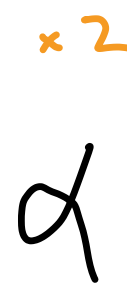
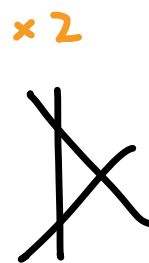
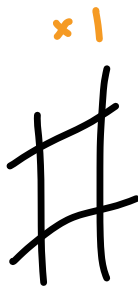


Thank you!

$X_{(1,1,1,1,1)}$



$IP'$



$t_1 = \infty$

$t_1 = \pm\sqrt{3}$

$t_1 = \pm i$

$t_1 = \pm\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}i$