Valuation spaces and metric properties of surface singularities

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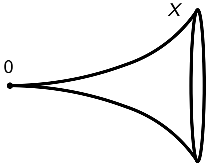

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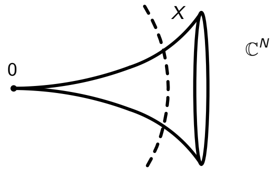

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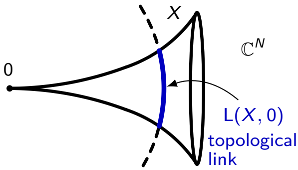

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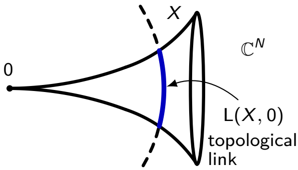

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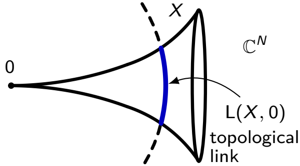

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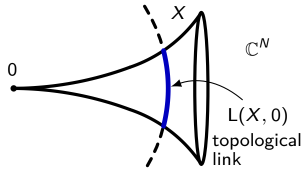

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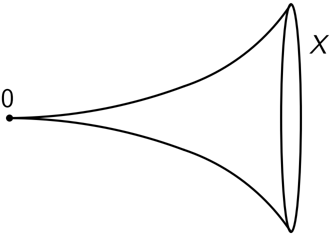

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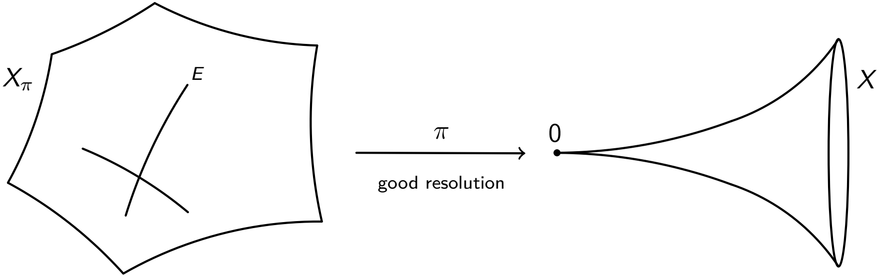

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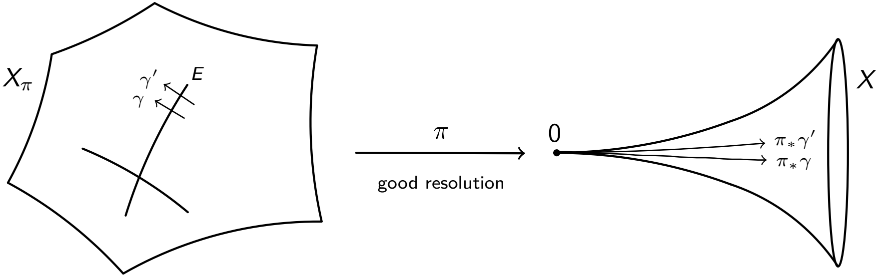

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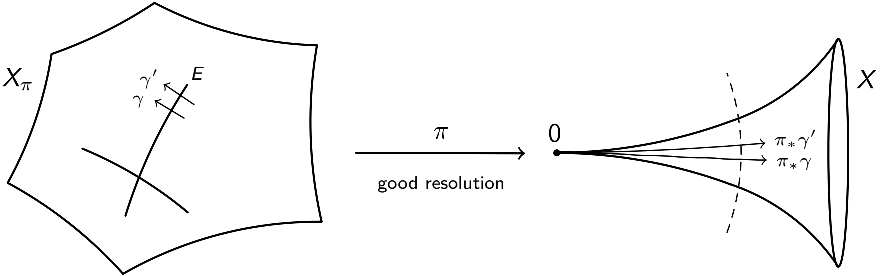

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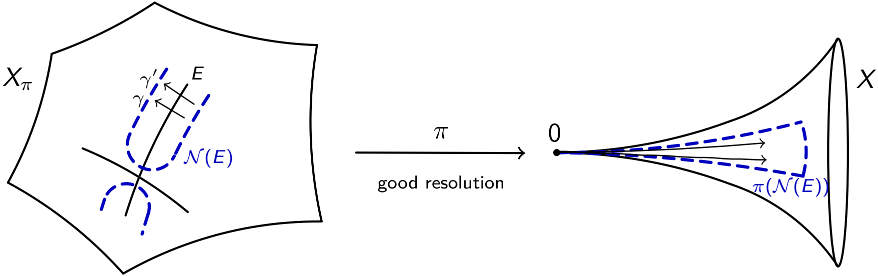

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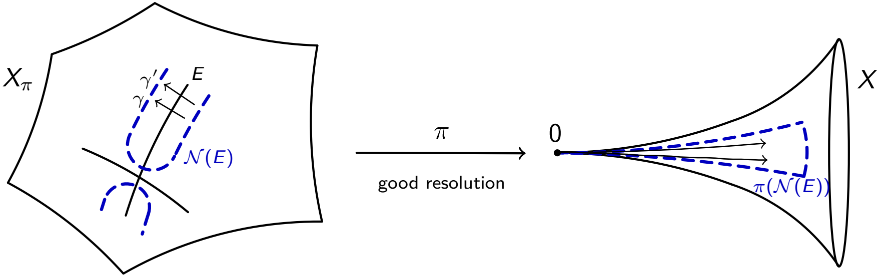

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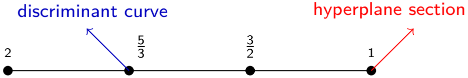

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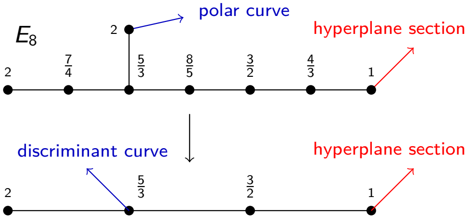

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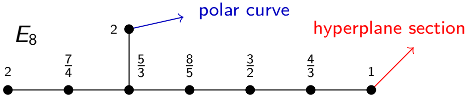

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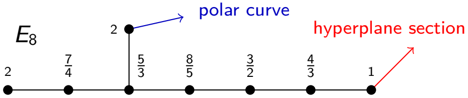

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- the arrows of a **generic** hyperplane section;
- the arrows of the polar curves of a **generic** projection $(X, 0) \to (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$.

This is a consequence of an explicit formula that we will see later.
To get this, we use a new tool: the non-archimedean link of the singularity $(X, 0)$.

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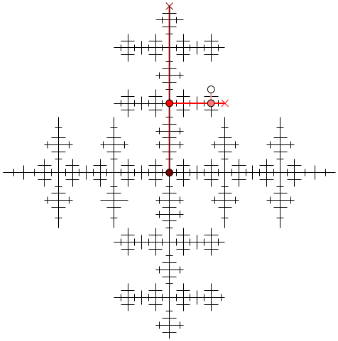

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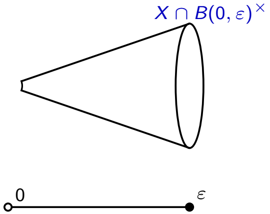

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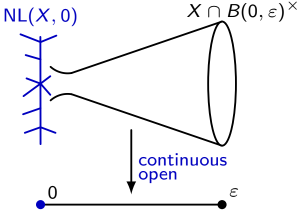

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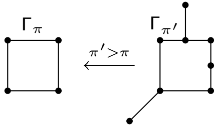

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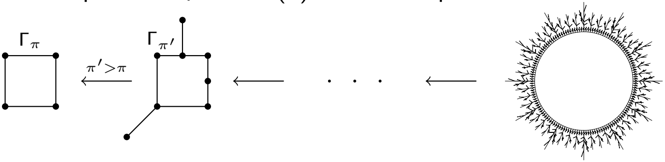

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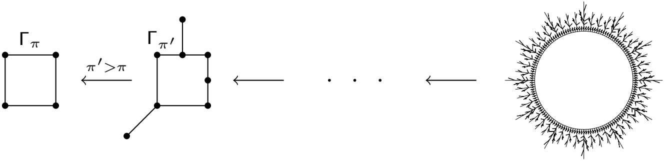

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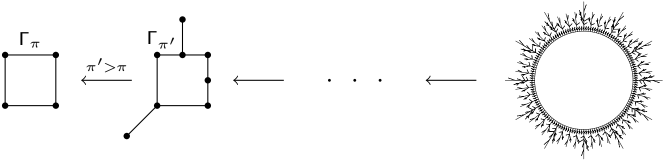

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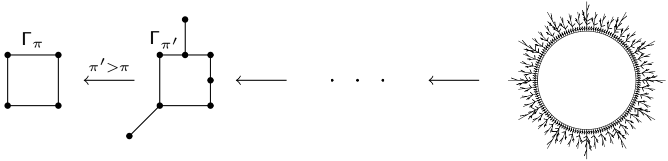

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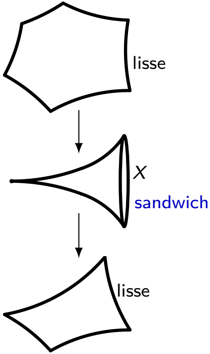

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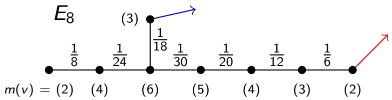

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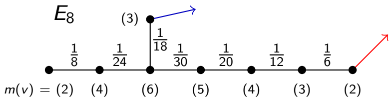

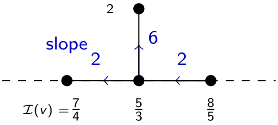

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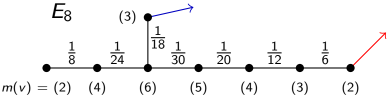

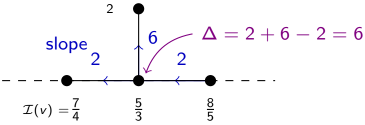

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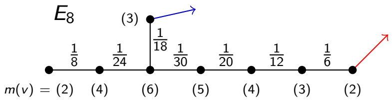

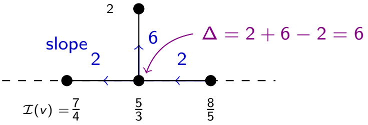

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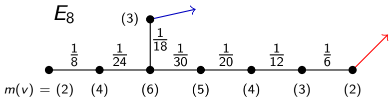

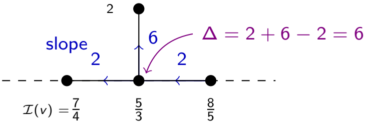

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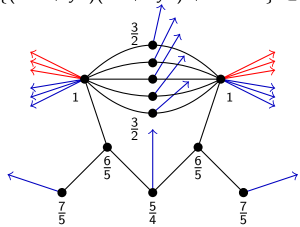

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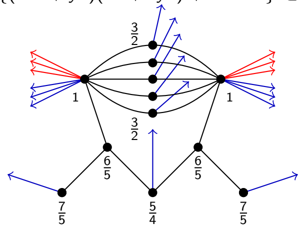

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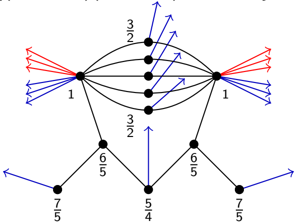

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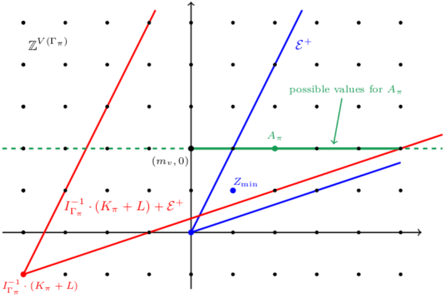

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