

Capturing Changes in Combinatorial Dynamical Systems via Persistent Homology

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Overview & Outline

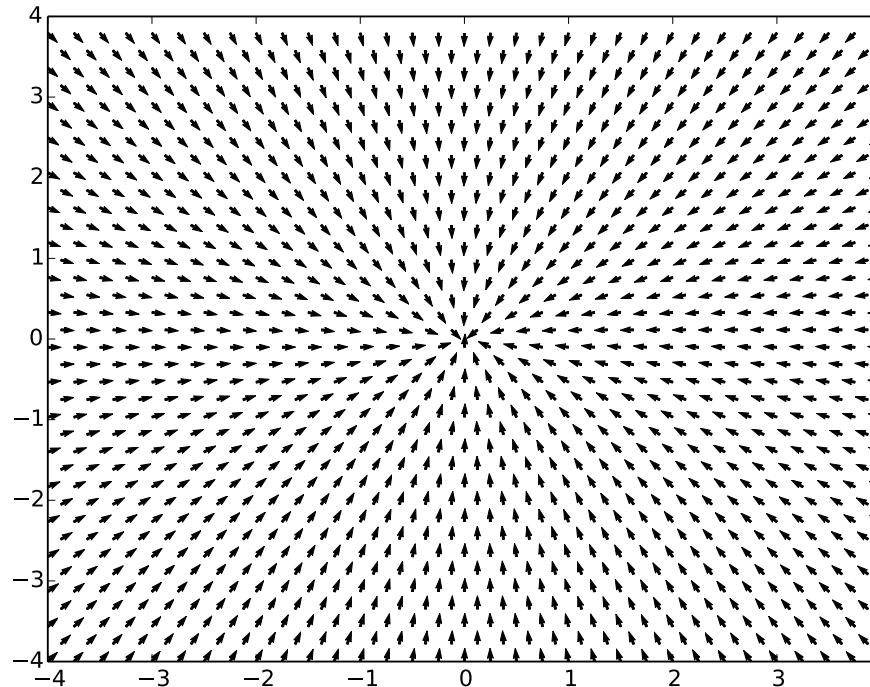
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Motivating Example: Hopf Bifurcation

$$x' = -y + x(\lambda - x^2 - y^2)$$

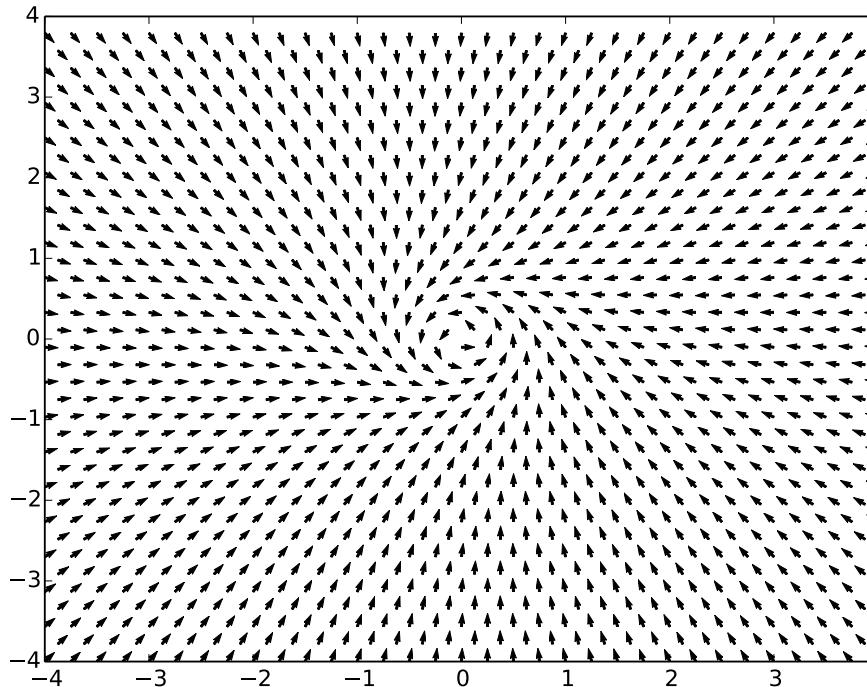
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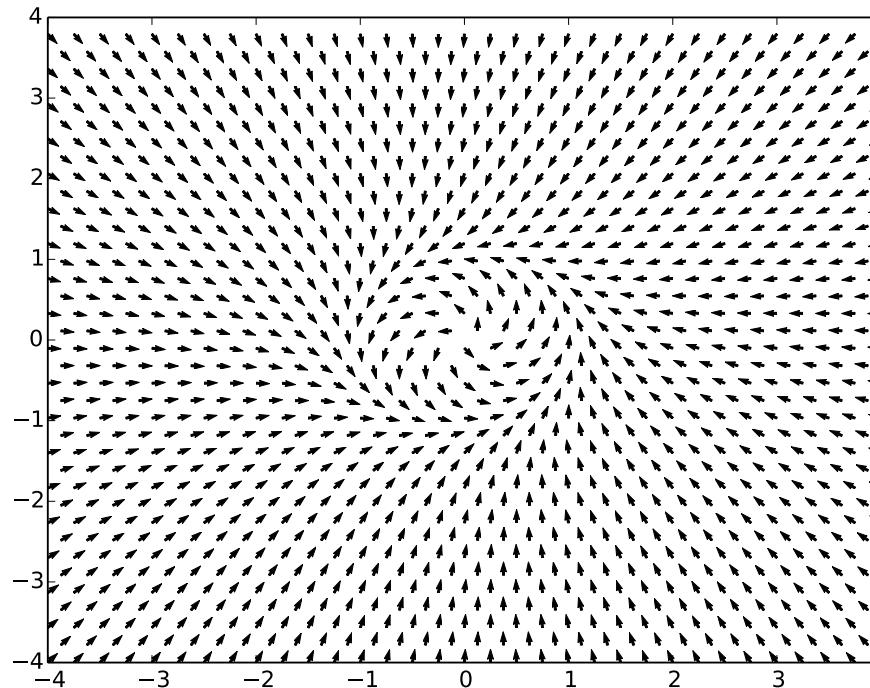
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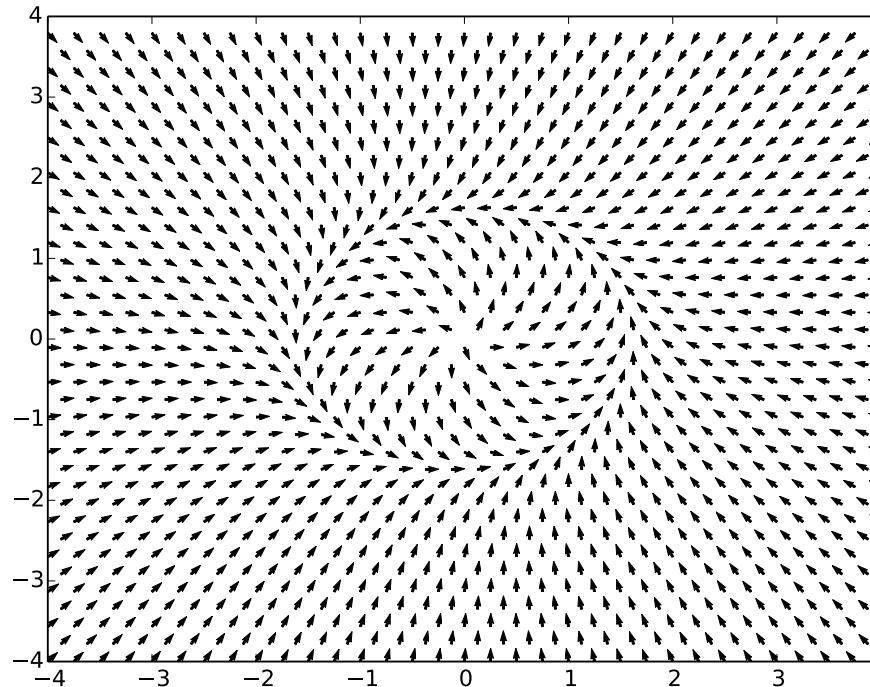
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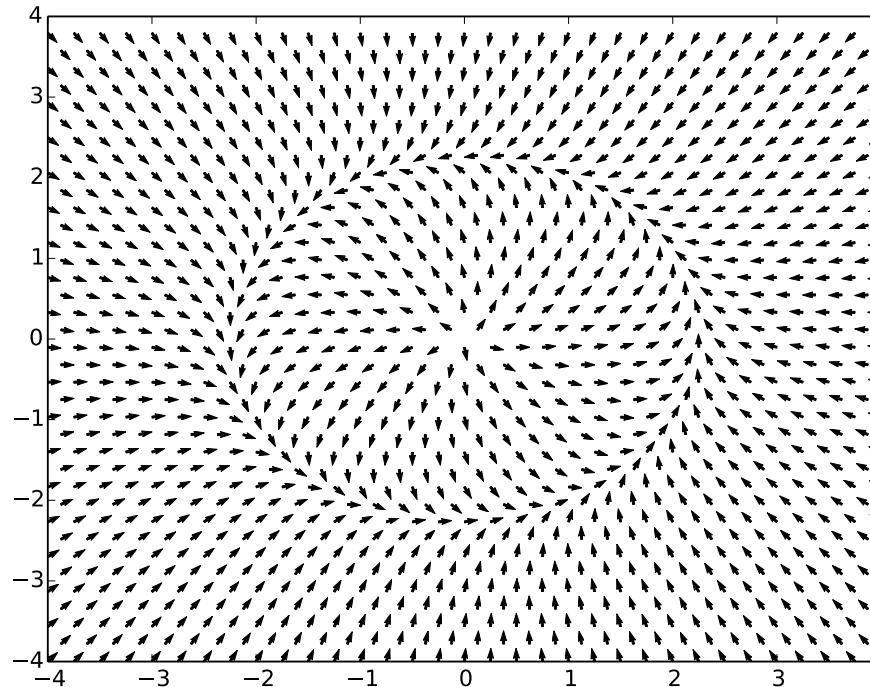
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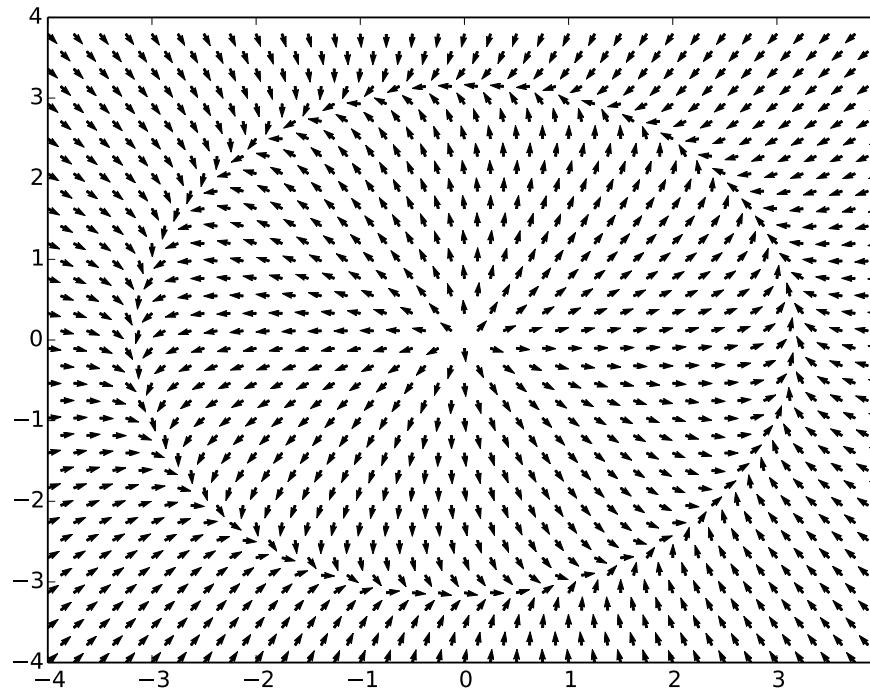
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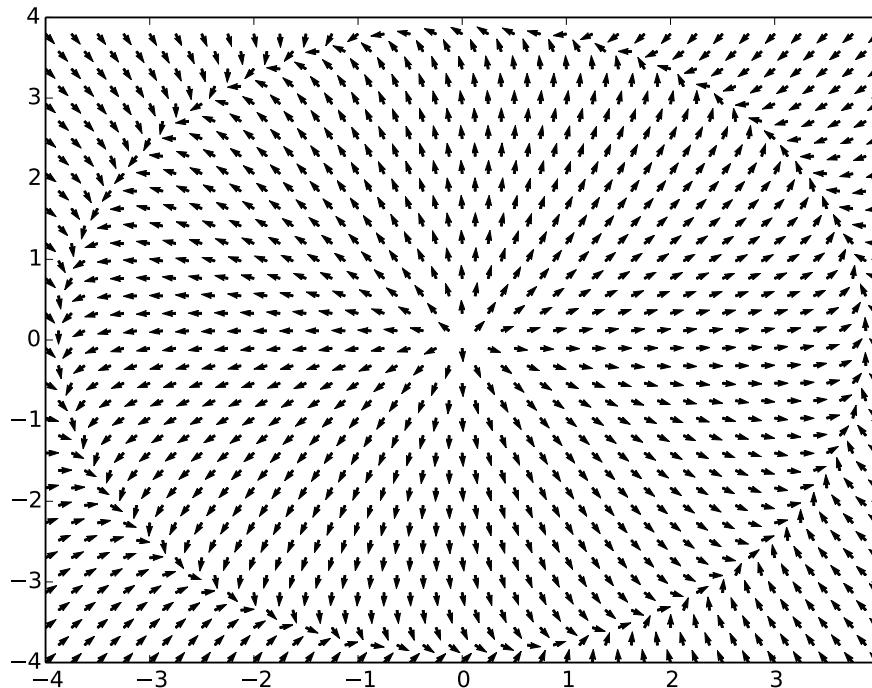
$$\lambda = 5$$

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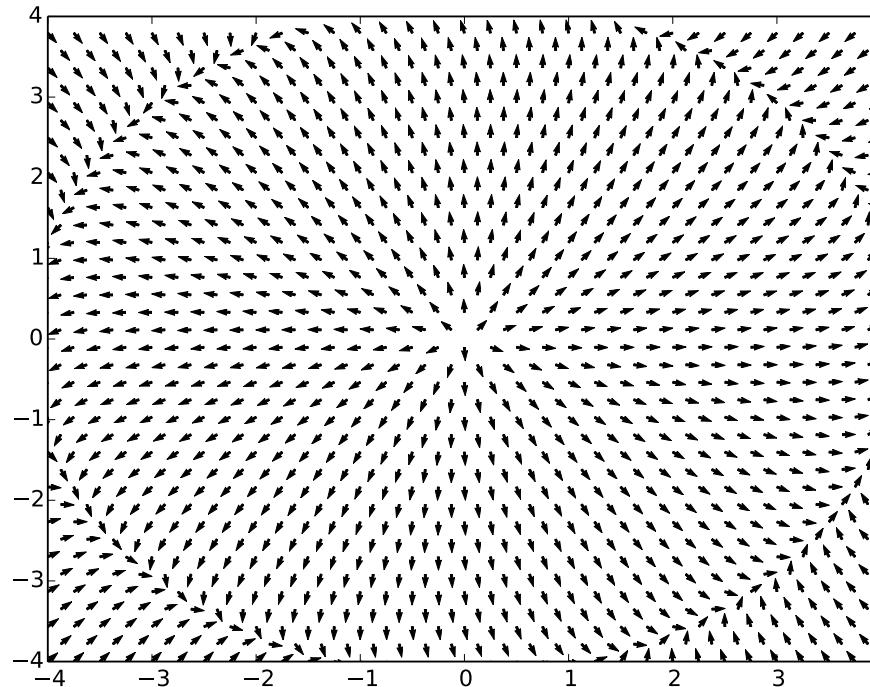
$$\lambda = 10$$

Motivating Example: Hopf Bifurcation



$$\lambda = 15$$

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$$\lambda = 17.5$$

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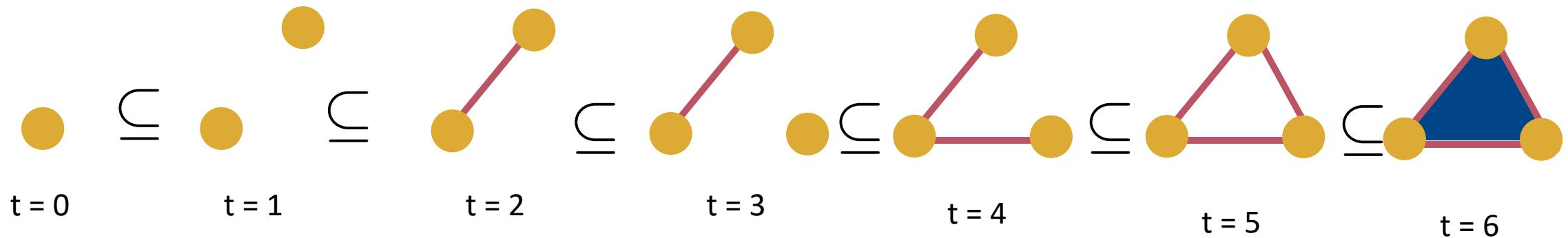
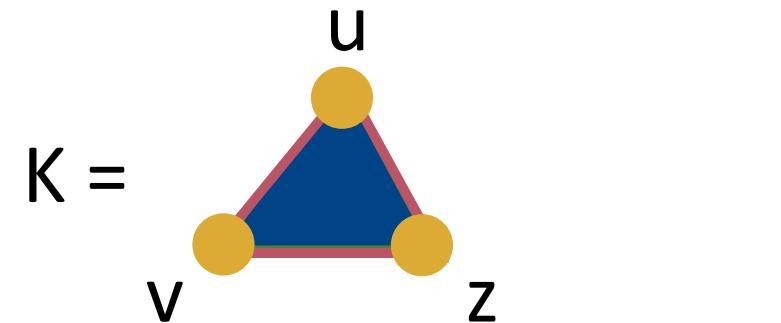
Yes, by using persistence

Persistent Homology

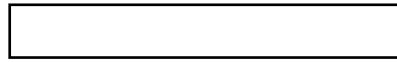
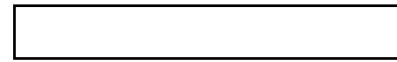
Summarizes changing homology of a filtration [ELZOO]

$$K_1 \subseteq K_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq K_n = K$$

Persistence Example



Dimension: 0



Dimension: 1

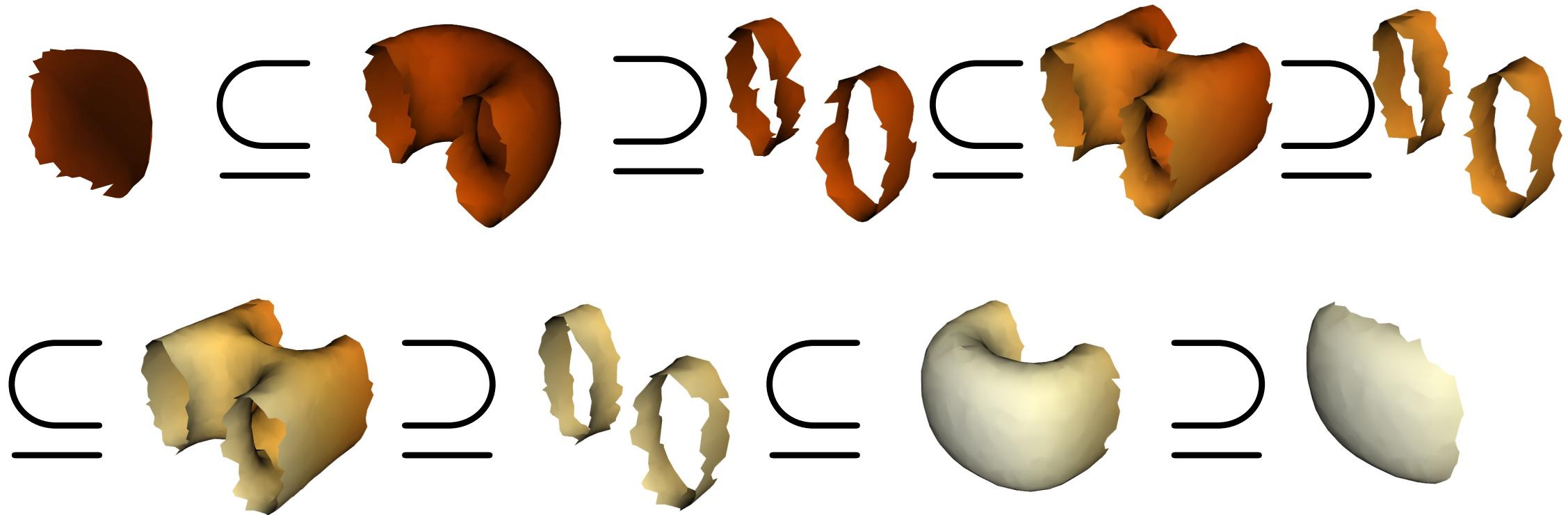
$$K_0 \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset K_3 \subset K_4 \subset K_5 \subset K_6$$

Zigzag Persistence

$$K_1 \subseteq K_2 \supseteq K_3 \subseteq \dots \supseteq K_n$$

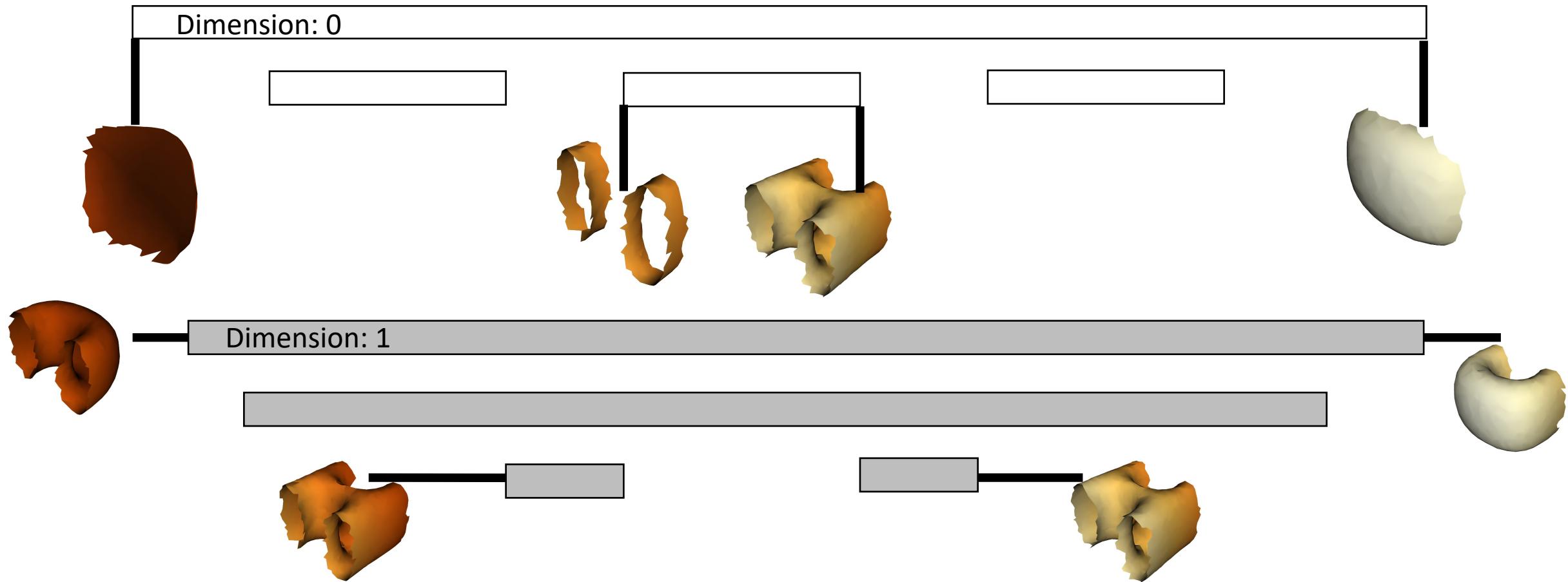


“Level Set” Persistence



[CDM09] [DW07]

Level Set Barcode



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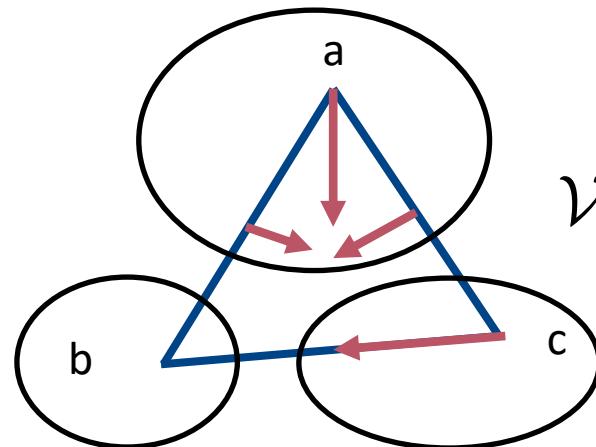
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Multivectors

Let K denote a simplicial complex and \leq denote the face relation.

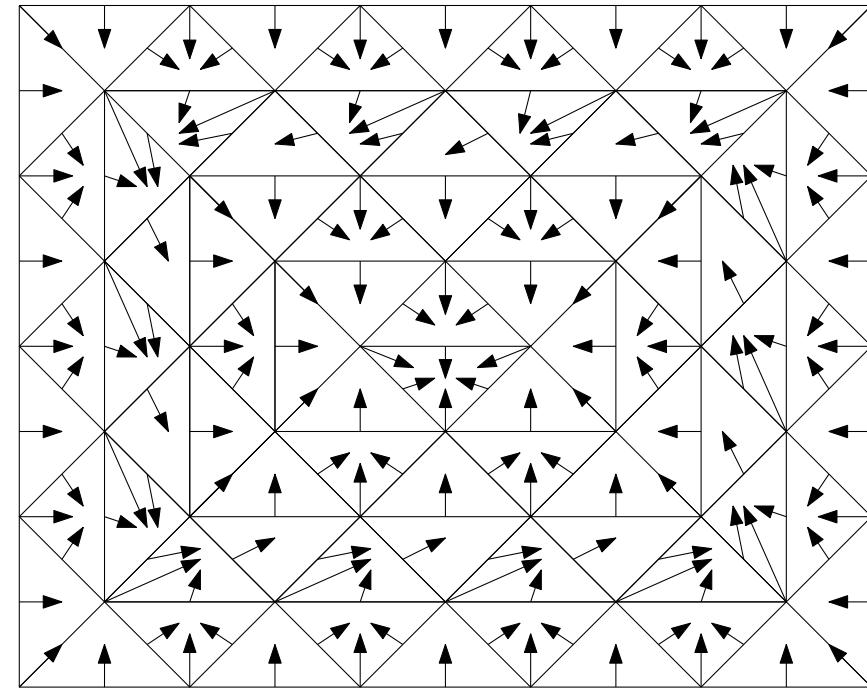
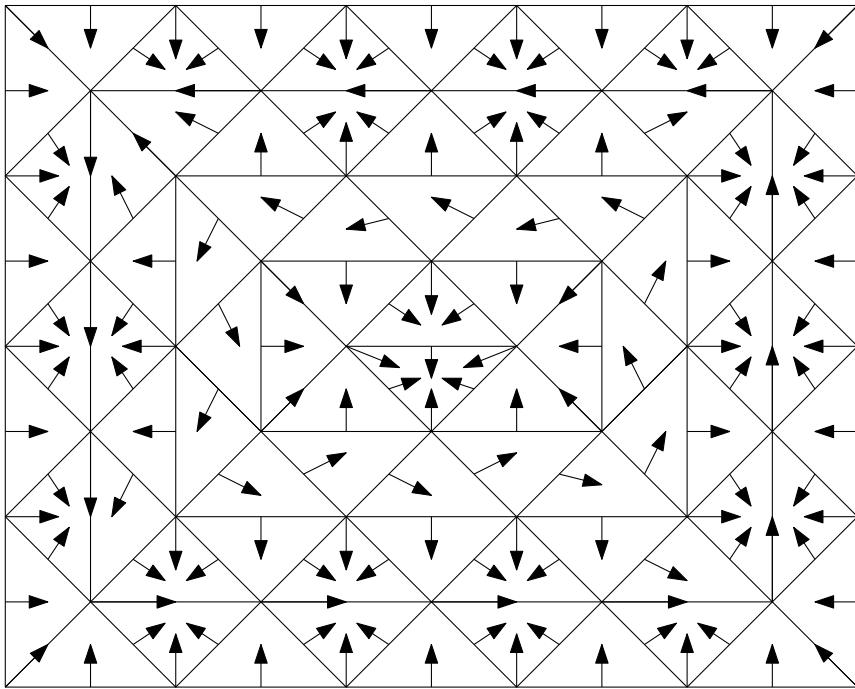
Definition: A multivector V is a convex subset of K with respect to \leq .

Definition: A multivector field \mathcal{V} is a partition of K into multivectors.



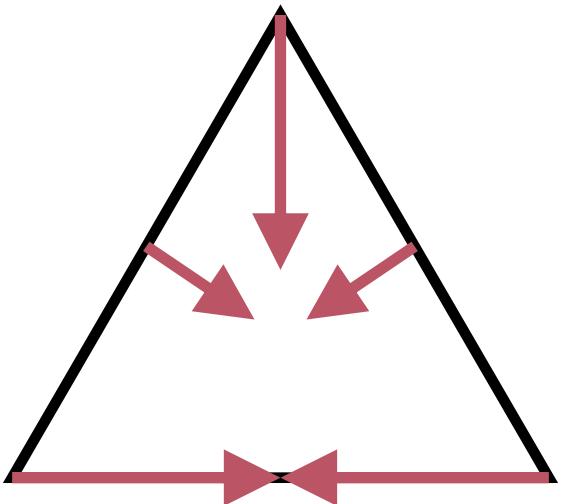
$$\mathcal{V} = \{\{b\}, \{c, bc\}, \{a, ab, ac, abc\}\}$$

Multivector Fields



Multivector Fields as a Dynamical System

$$F_{\mathcal{V}}(\sigma) = [\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}} \cup \text{cl}(\sigma)$$



Multivector field

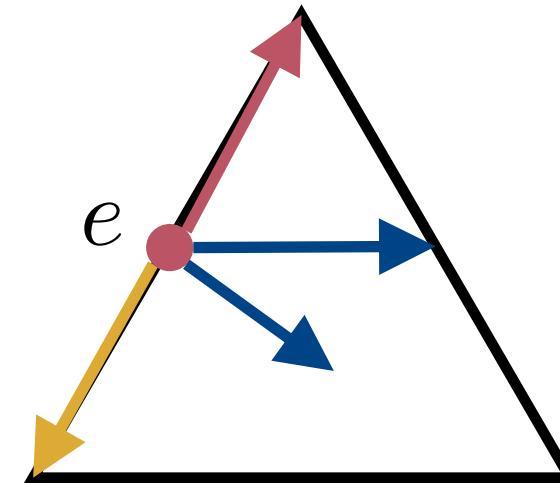


Image of marked edge e

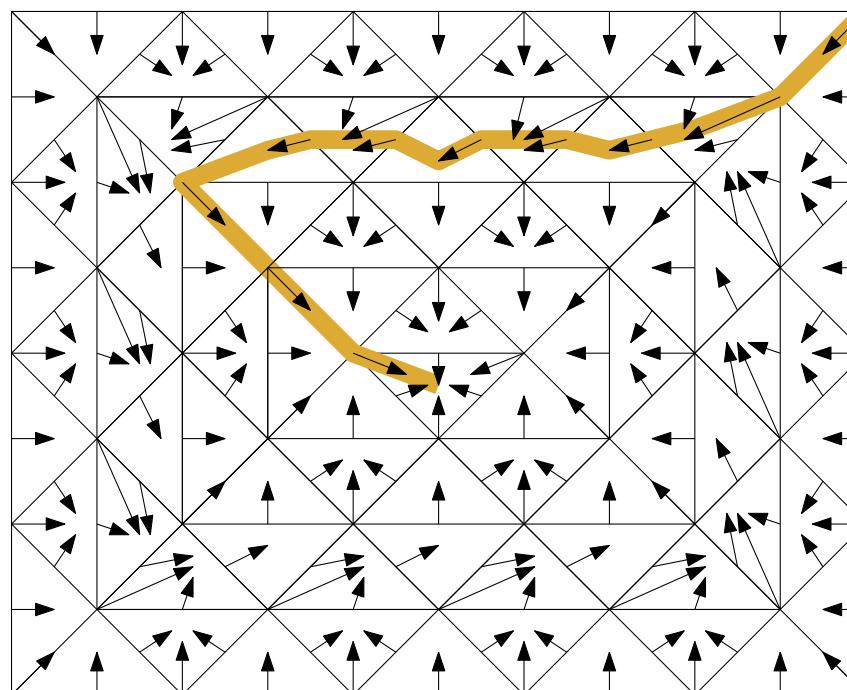
Blue simplices are in $[e]_{\mathcal{V}} \setminus \text{cl}(e)$

Yellow simplices are in $\text{cl}(e) \setminus [e]_{\mathcal{V}}$

Red simplices are in $[e]_{\mathcal{V}} \cap \text{cl}(e)$

Paths

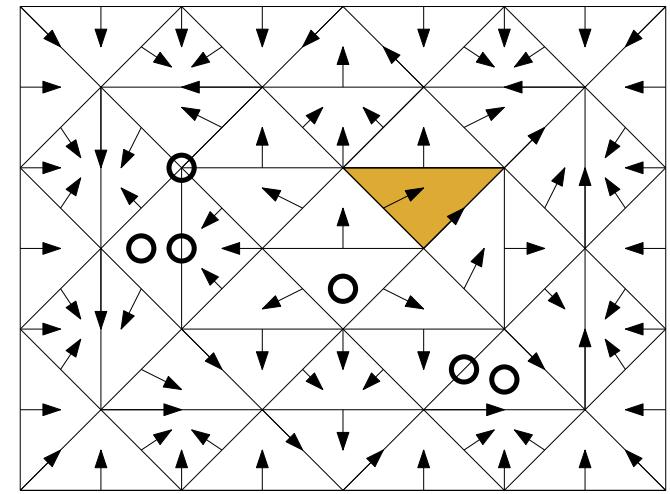
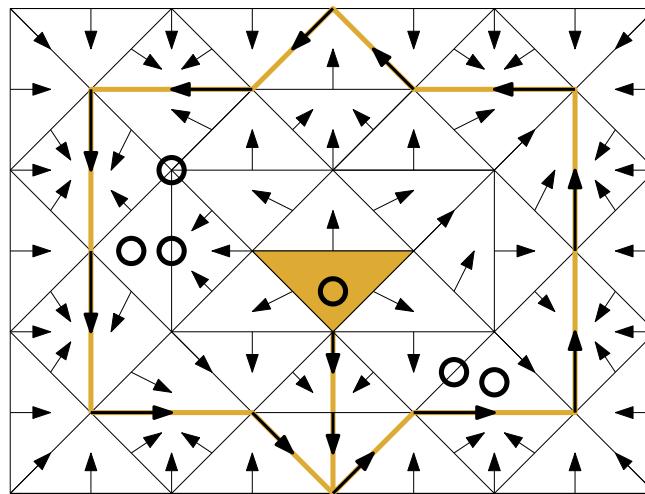
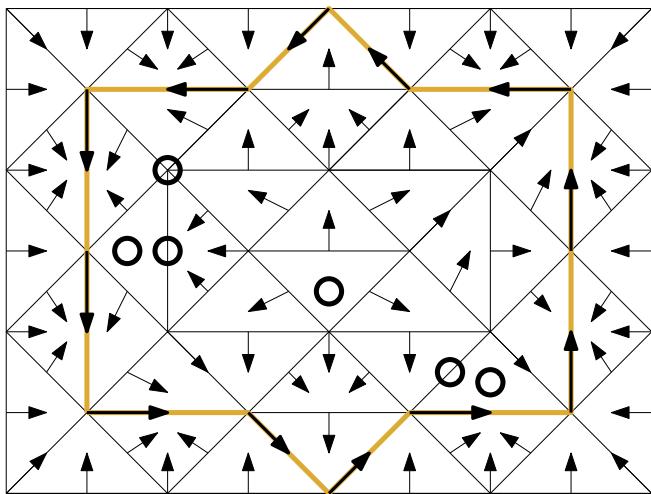
Definition: A path is a finite sequence of simplices $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ such that $\sigma_{i+1} \in F_V(\sigma_i)$



Solutions

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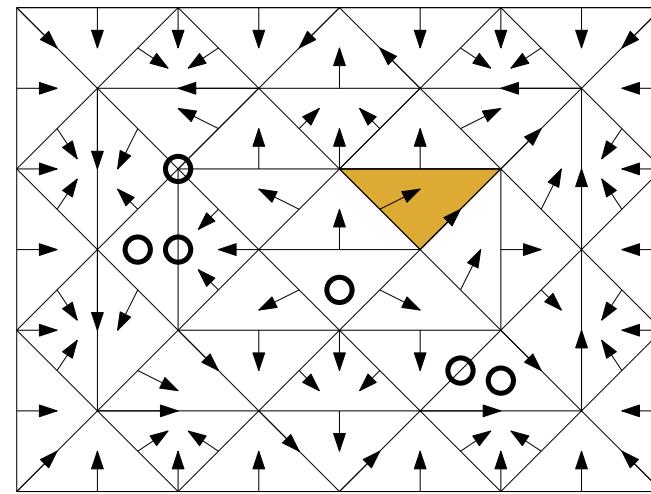
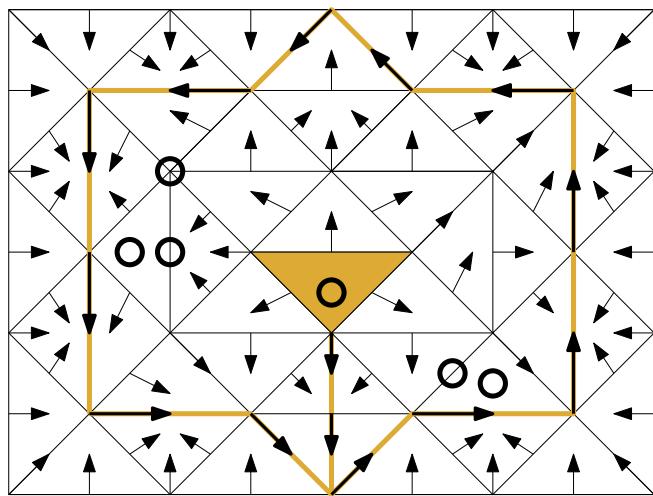
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But as $F_{\mathcal{V}}(\sigma) = [\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}} \cup \text{cl } (\sigma)$, every simplex gives a solution!

Critical Multivectors

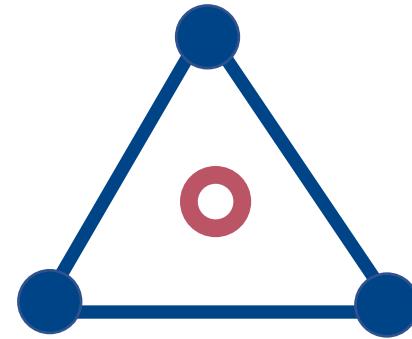
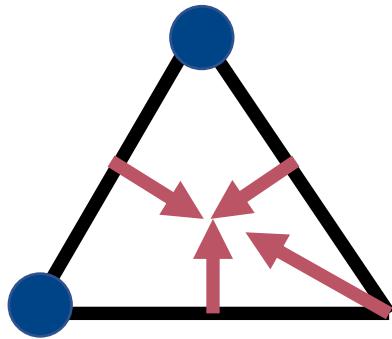
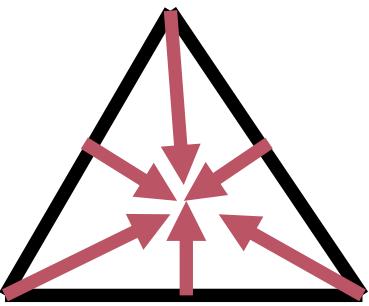
Definition: Let $A \subseteq K$. The mouth of A is defined as

$$\text{mo}(A) := \text{cl}(A) \setminus A$$

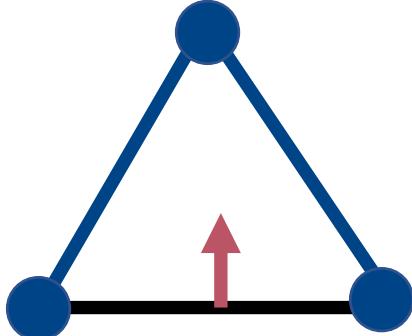
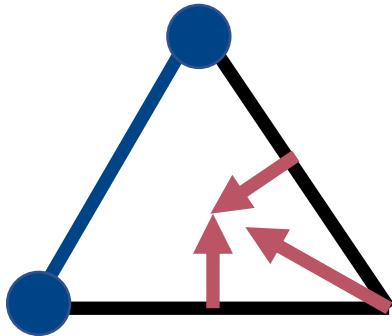
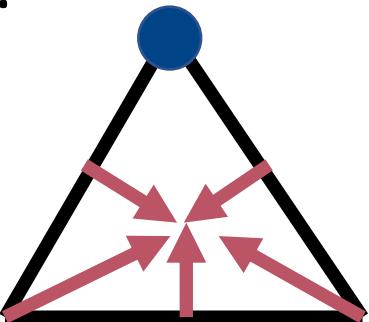
Definition: A multivector $[\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}$ is critical if there exists a k such that $H_k(\text{cl}([\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}), \text{mo}([\sigma]_{\mathcal{V}}))$ is nontrivial.

Critical Multivectors

Critical:

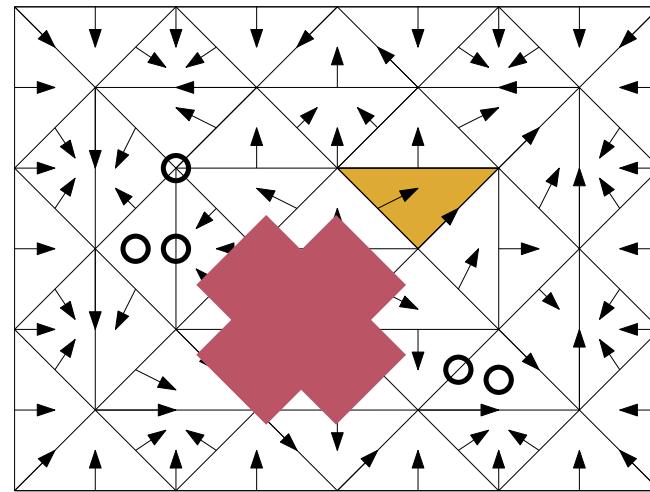
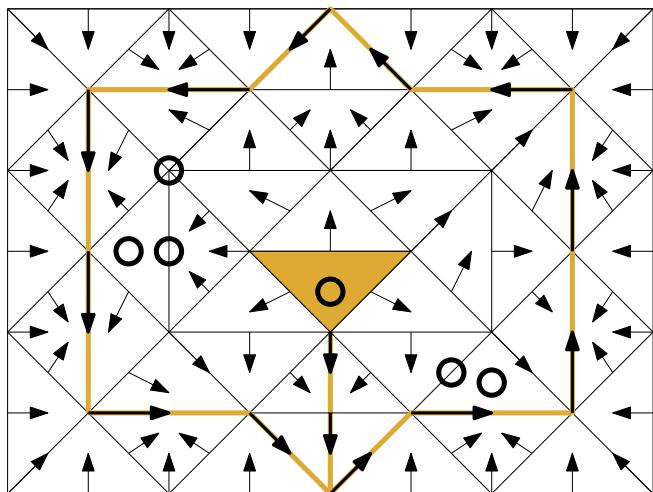


Regular:



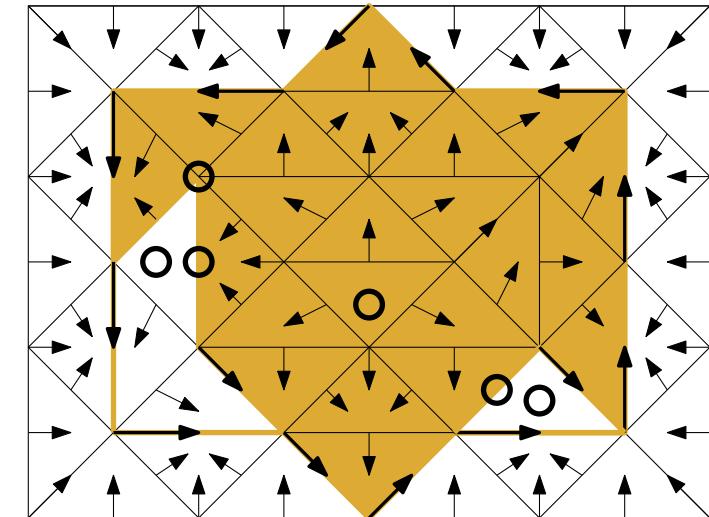
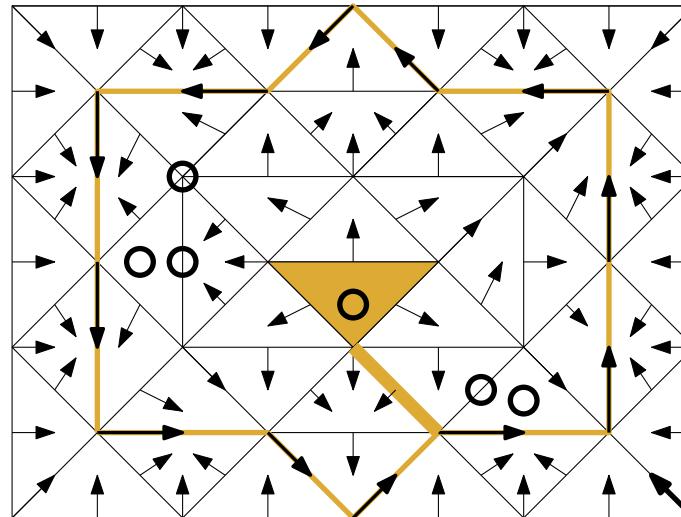
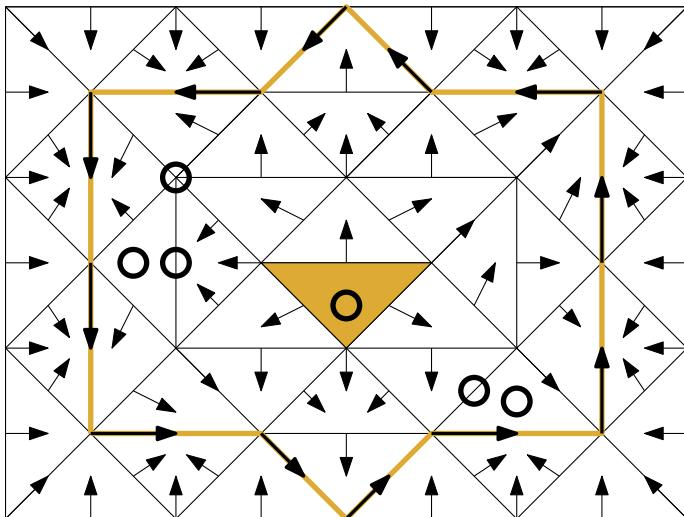
Essential Solutions

Definition: Let $\dots, \sigma_{-1}, \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$ denote a solution. If for each σ_i where $[\sigma_i]_\mathcal{V}$ is noncritical, there exists a $j > i$ and $j' < i$ where $[\sigma_i]_\mathcal{V} \neq [\sigma_j]_\mathcal{V}$ and $[\sigma_i]_\mathcal{V} \neq [\sigma_{j'}]_\mathcal{V}$, then $\dots, \sigma_{-1}, \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$ is an essential solution.



Invariant Sets

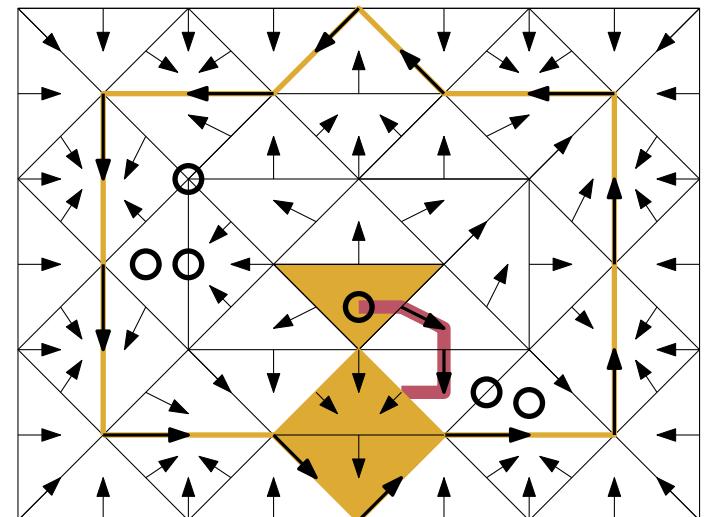
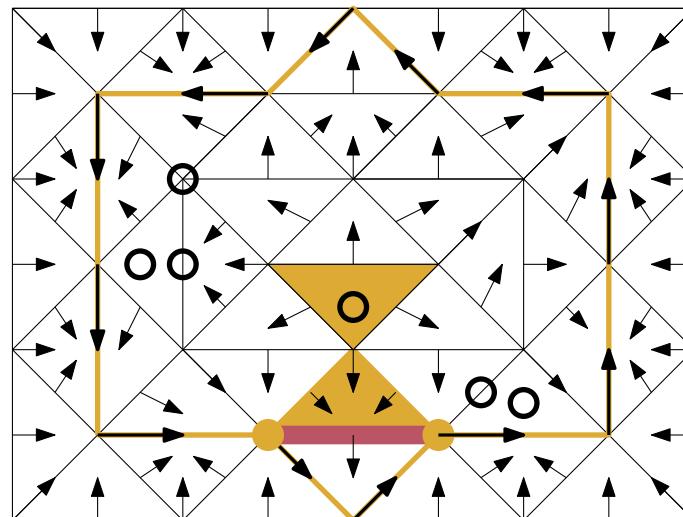
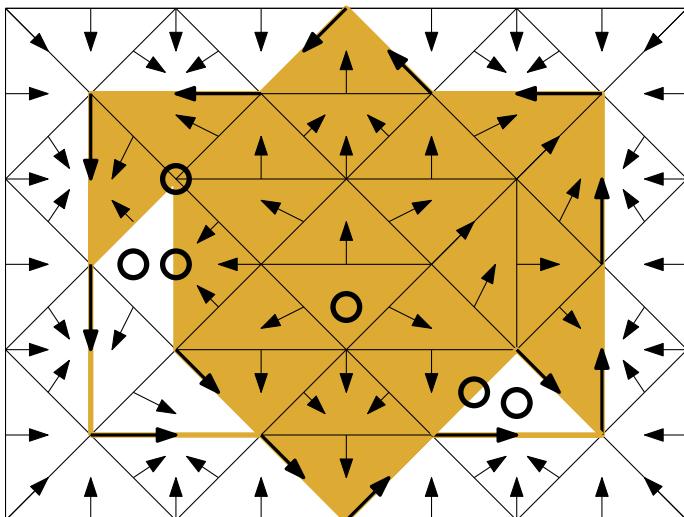
Definition: Let $A \subseteq K$. The invariant part of A , denoted $\text{Inv}(A)$, is the set of simplices in A which appear in an essential solution in A .



If $A = \text{Inv}(A)$, then A is an invariant set.

Isolated Invariant Sets

Definition: Let $A \subseteq N \subseteq K$, where A is an invariant set and N is closed (i.e. $N = \overline{cl}(N)$). If every path in N with endpoints in A is contained in A , then A is an isolated invariant set, and N is an isolating neighborhood for A .

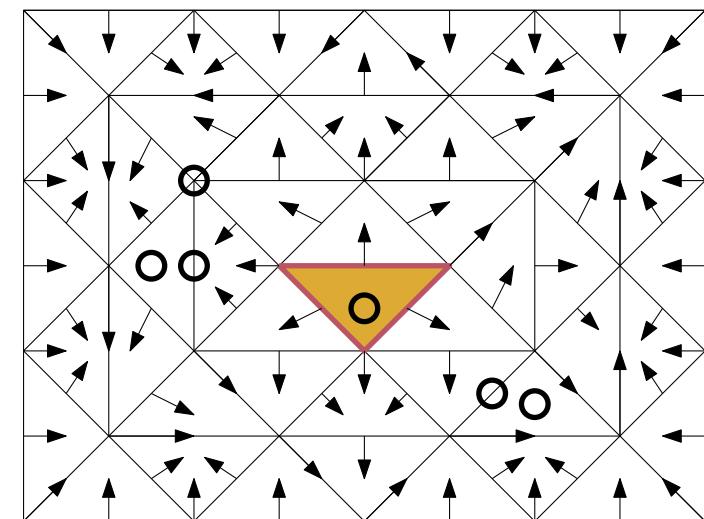


Index Pairs

Definition: Let A be an isolated invariant set, and E and P closed sets such that $E \subseteq P$. If:

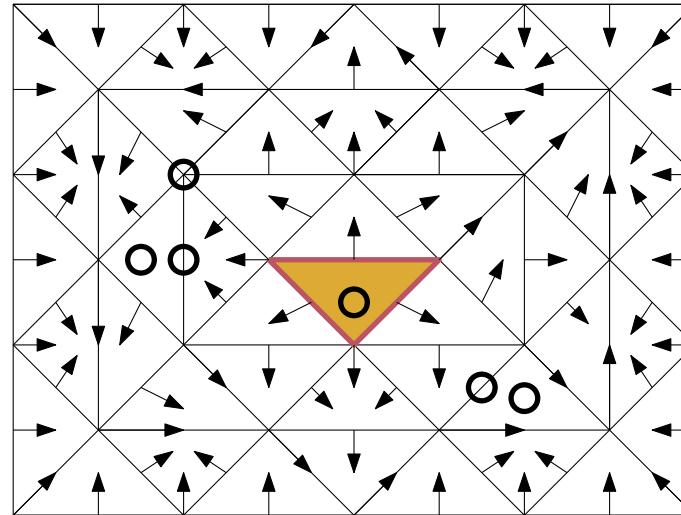
1. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(E) \cap P \subset E$,
2. $F_{\mathcal{V}}(P \setminus E) \subseteq P$, and
3. $A = \text{Inv}(P \setminus E)$

Then (P, E) is an index pair for A .



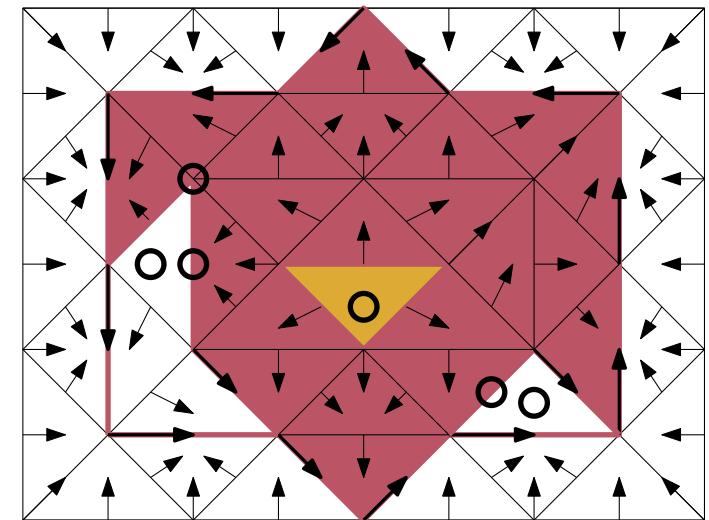
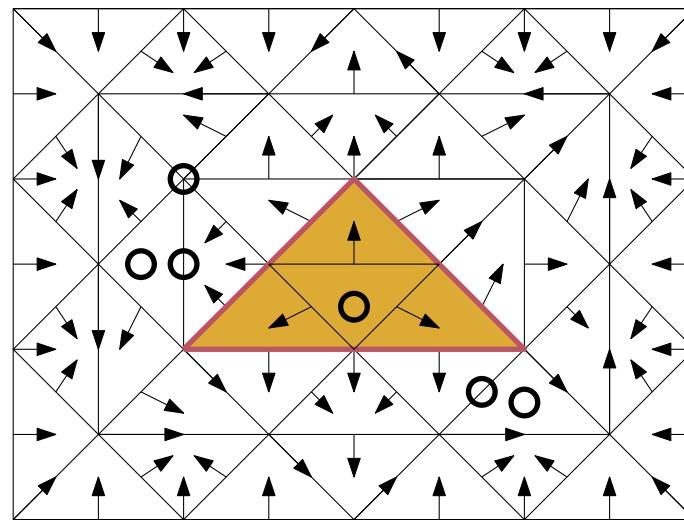
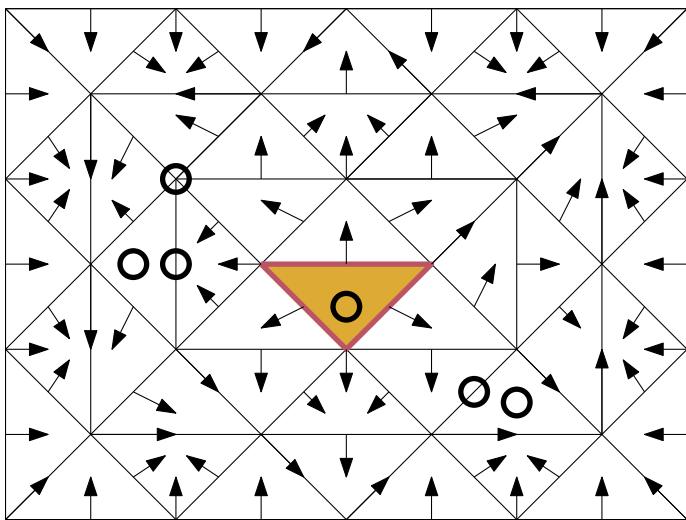
Conley Index

Theorem [LKMW2019]: Let A denote an isolated invariant set. The pair $(\text{cl}(A), \text{mo}(A))$ is an index pair for A .



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Index Pairs are Not Unique

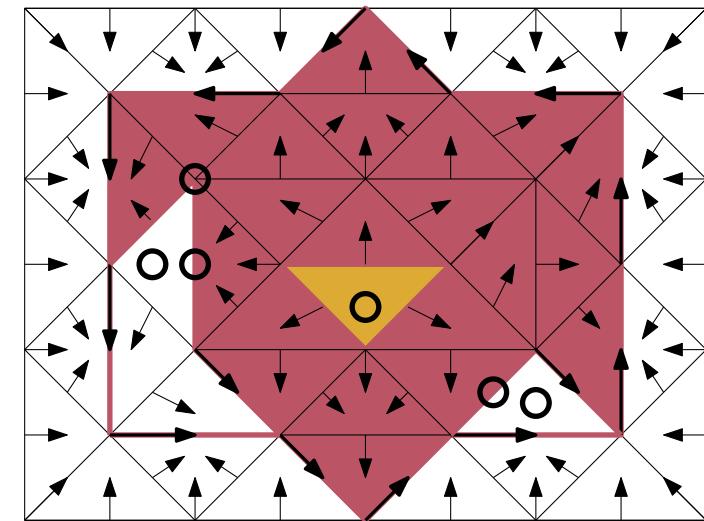
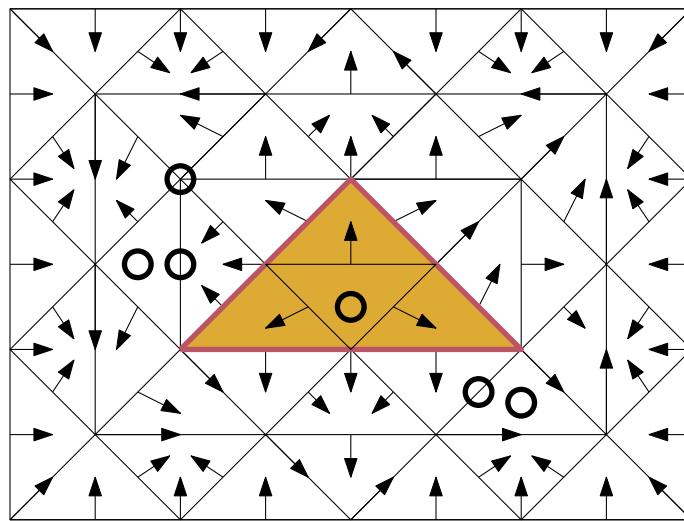
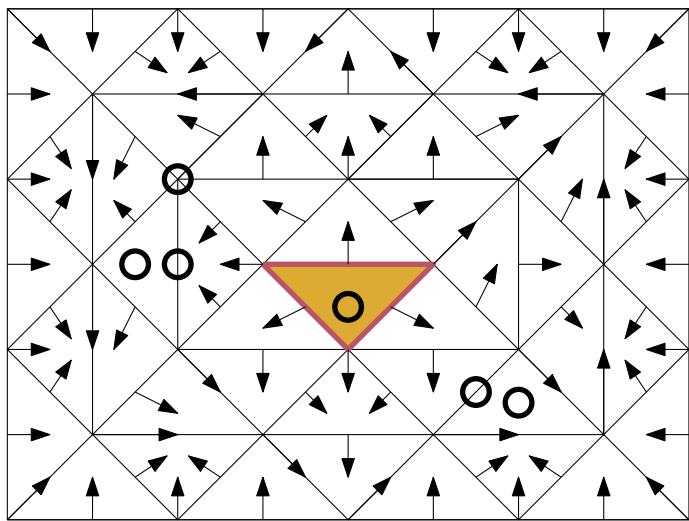


Conley Index

Definition: Let (P, E) be an index pair for A . Then the k-dimensional Conley Index is given by $H_k(P, E)$.

Theorem [LKMW 2019]: The k-dimensional Conley Index for A is well defined.

Conley Indices



$$H_2(R \cup Y, R) = \mathbb{Z}_2$$

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[DMS20] T. K. Dey, M. Mrozek, R. Słęchta. “Persistence of the Conley Index in Combinatorial Dynamical Systems.” SoCG 2020.

Conley Index Persistence

First attempt: for each $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_n$, compute an isolated invariant set, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n and corresponding index pairs.

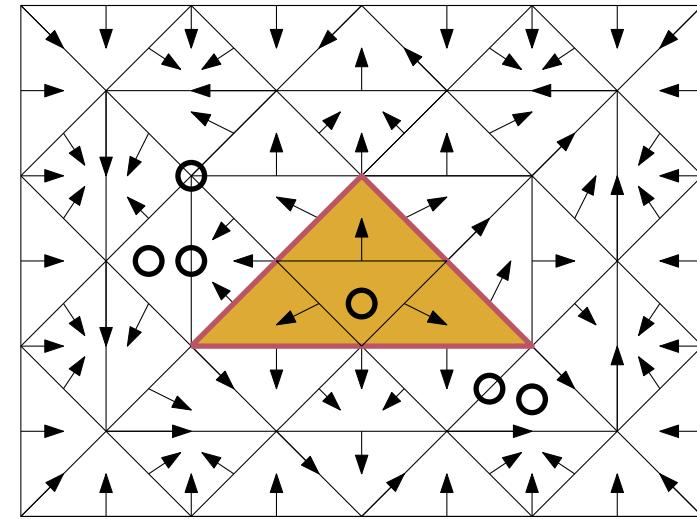
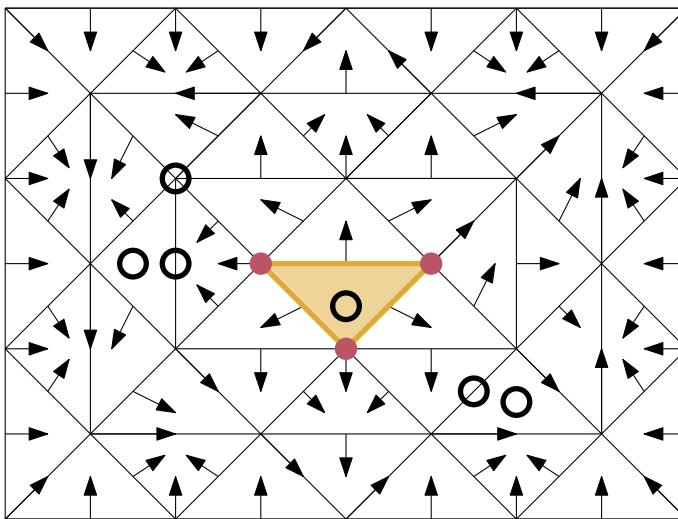
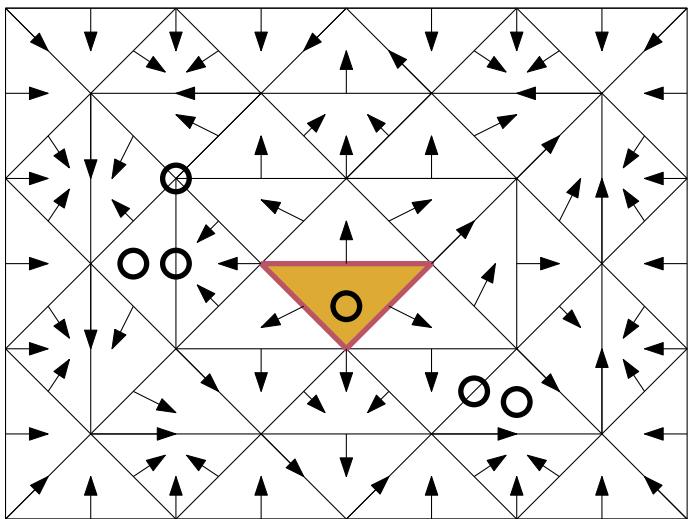
$$(\text{cl}(A_1), \text{mo}(A_1)), (\text{cl}(A_2), \text{mo}(A_2)), \dots, (\text{cl}(A_n), \text{mo}(A_n))$$

Gives a relative zigzag filtration:

$$\dots \subseteq (\text{cl}(A_i), \text{mo}(A_i)) \supseteq (\text{cl}(A_i) \cap \text{cl}(A_{i+1}), \text{mo}(A_i) \cap \text{mo}(A_{i+1})) \subseteq (\text{cl}(A_{i+1}), \text{mo}(A_{i+1})) \supseteq \dots$$

Problem: $(\text{cl}(A_i) \cap \text{cl}(A_{i+1}), \text{mo}(A_i) \cap \text{mo}(A_{i+1}))$ generally not an index pair.

Intersection Example

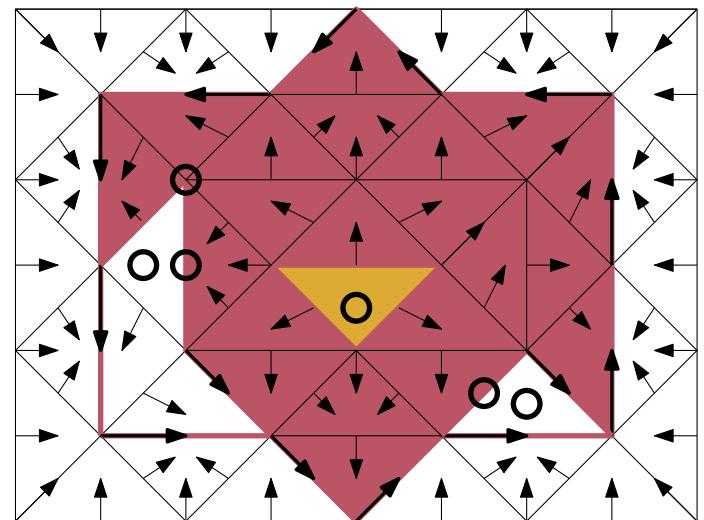


Index Pairs in an Isolating Neighborhood

Let $E \subset P \subseteq N$ for closed P, E, N , and $A \subseteq N$. If:

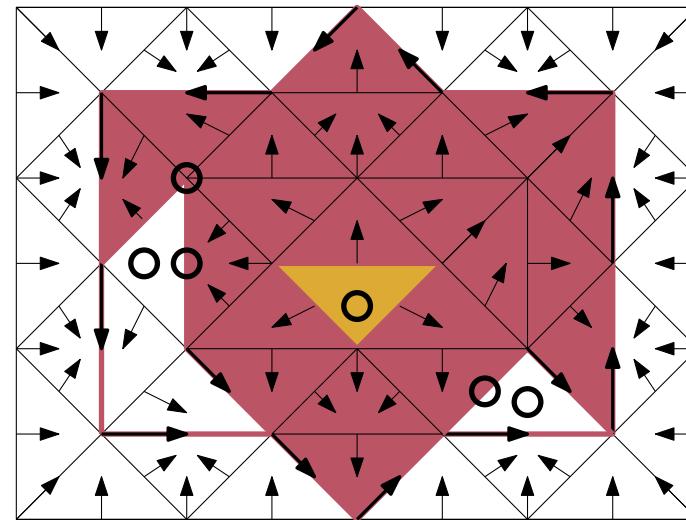
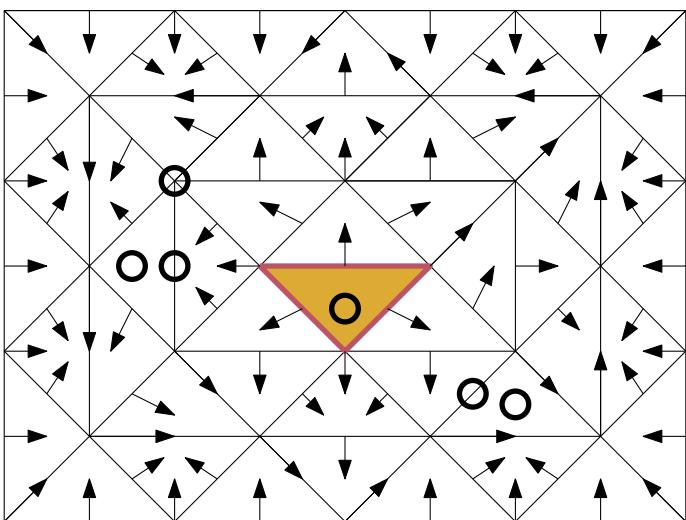
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then (P, E) is an index pair in N .



Finding Index Pairs in N

Theorem [DMS20]: Let A denote an isolated invariant set, and let N denote an isolating neighborhood for A . The pair $(\text{pf}(\text{cl}(A)), \text{pf}(\text{mo}(A)))$ is an index pair in N for A .



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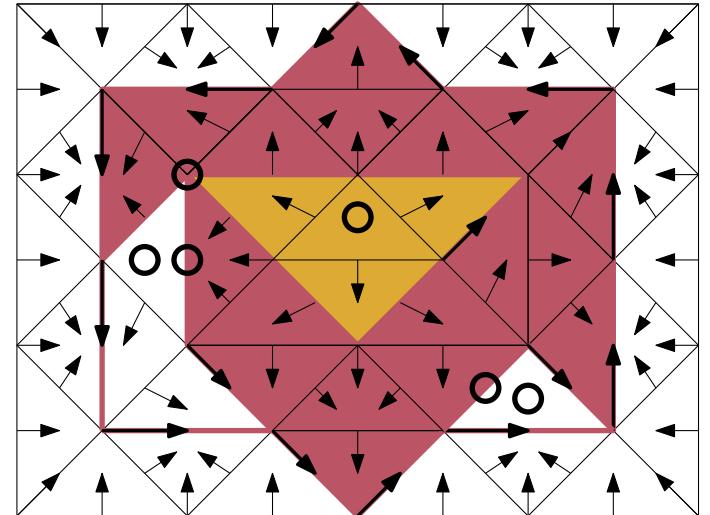
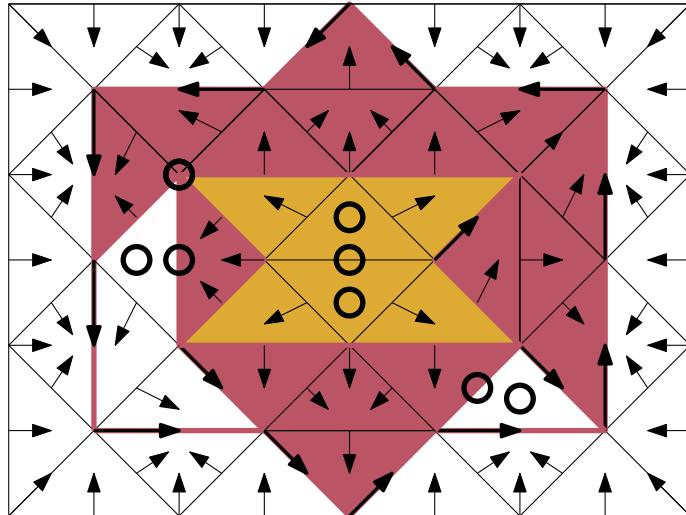
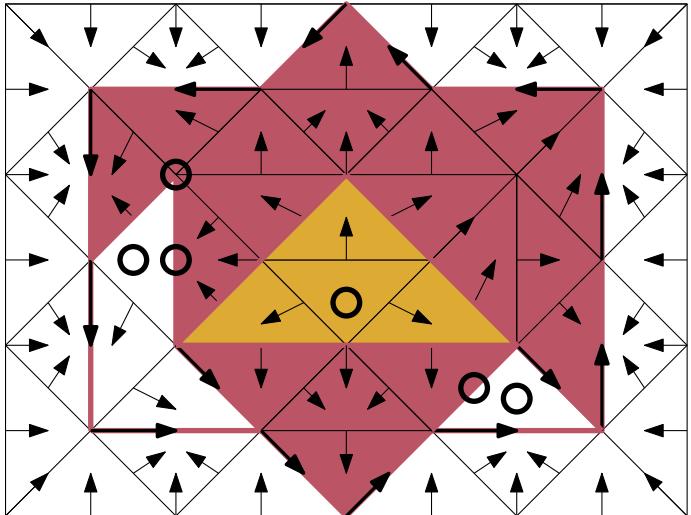
Theorem (DMS20): Index Pairs in N are index pairs.

Definition: Let $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$ denote multivector fields over K . The intersection of multivector fields is given by

$$\mathcal{V}_1 \overline{\cap} \mathcal{V}_2 = \{V_1 \cap V_2 \mid V_1 \in \mathcal{V}_1, V_2 \in \mathcal{V}_2\}$$

Theorem (DMS20): Let $(P_1, E_1), (P_2, E_2)$ denote index pairs in N under $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$. The pair $(P_1 \cap P_2, E_1 \cap E_2)$ is an index pair in N under $\mathcal{V}_1 \overline{\cap} \mathcal{V}_2$ for $\text{Inv}((P_1 \cap P_2) \setminus (E_1 \cap E_2))$

Intersection Example



Dimension: 2

All simplices in N, Yellow union
Red is P, and Red is E

Conley Index Persistence: New Strategy

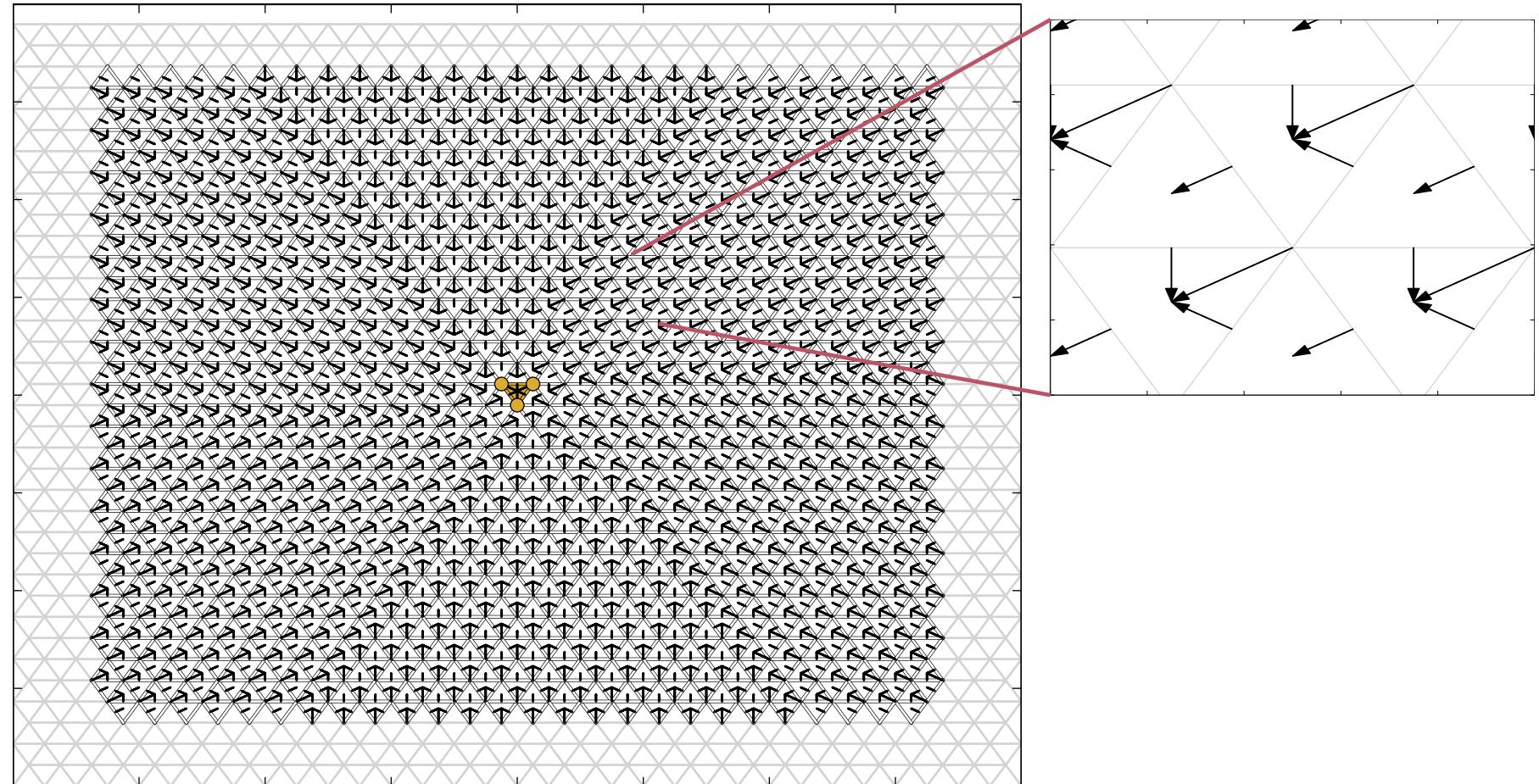
Fix N , and for each $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_n$, compute the maximal invariant set in N , denoted A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n , and corresponding index pairs.

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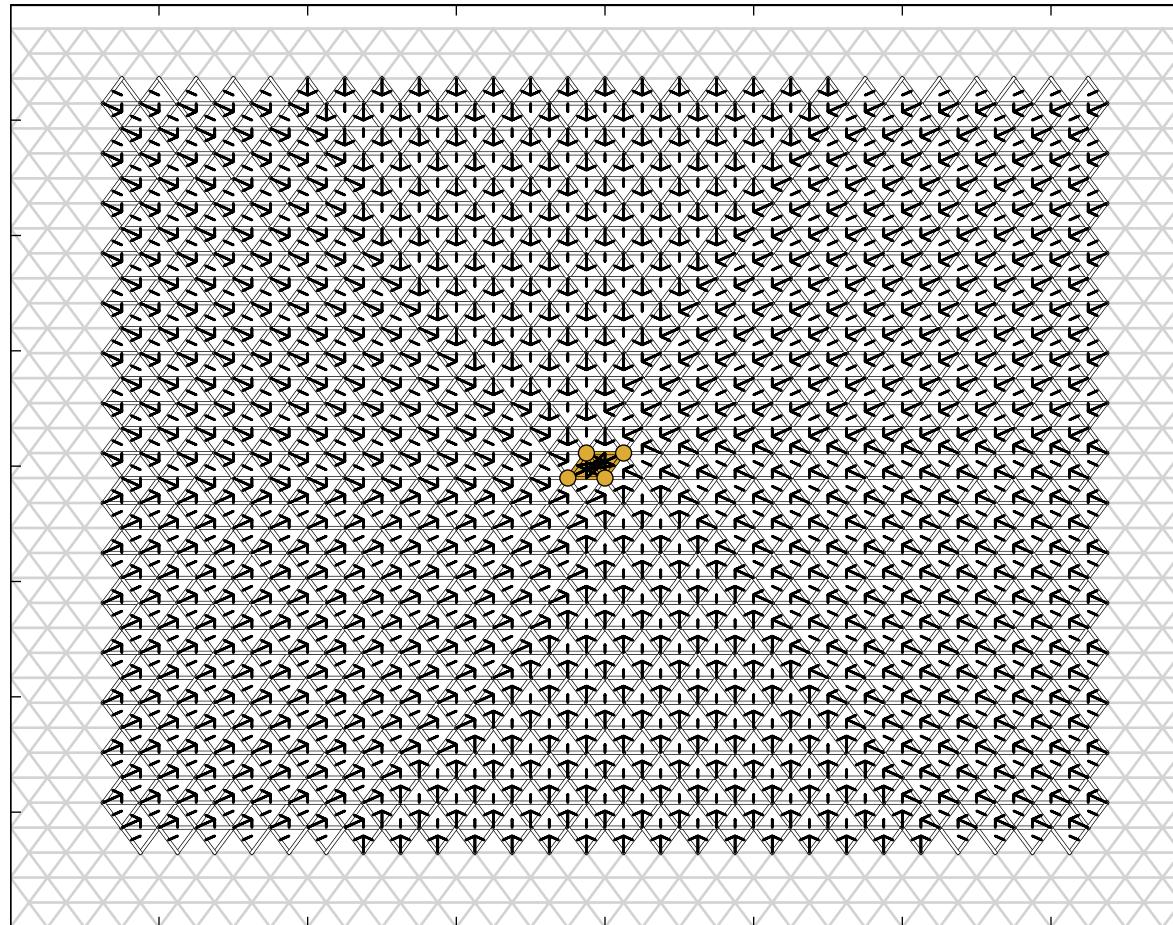
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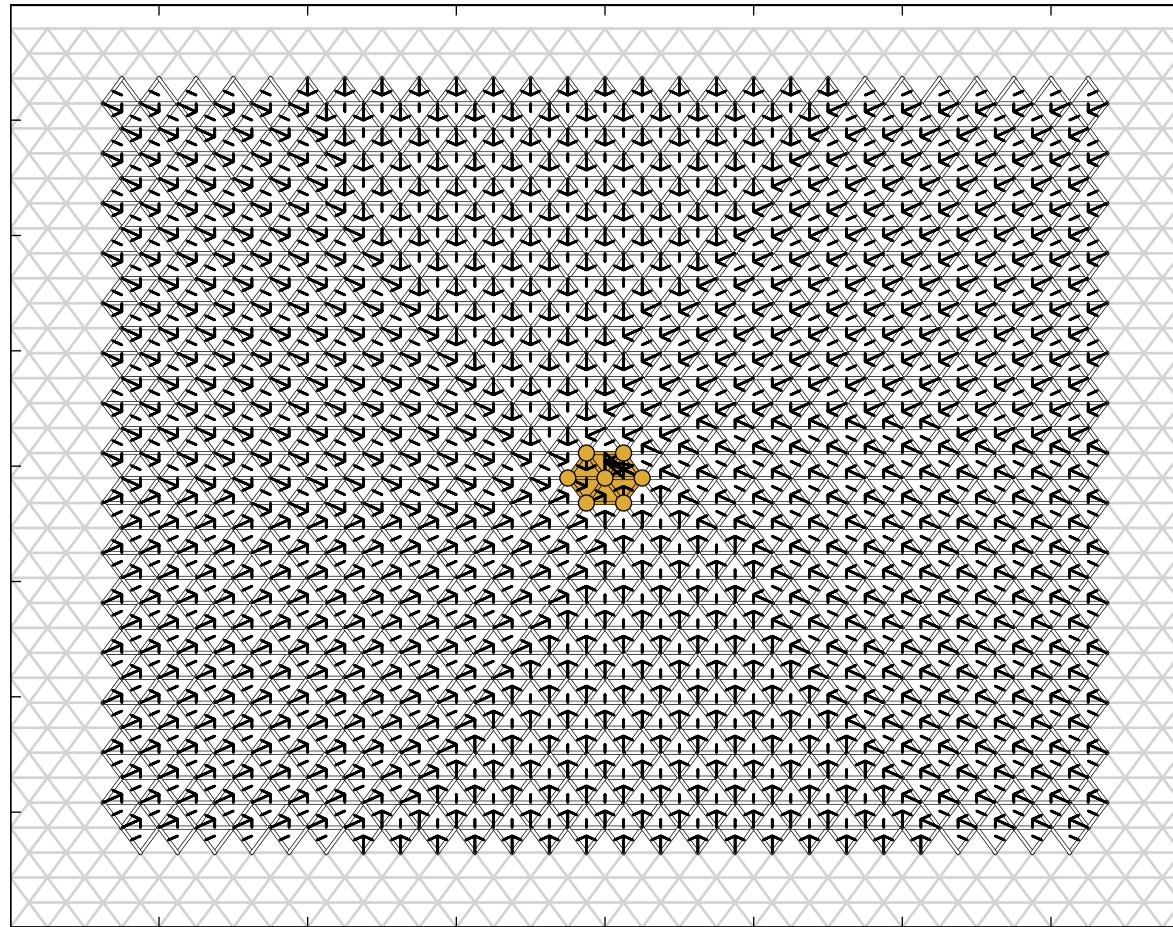
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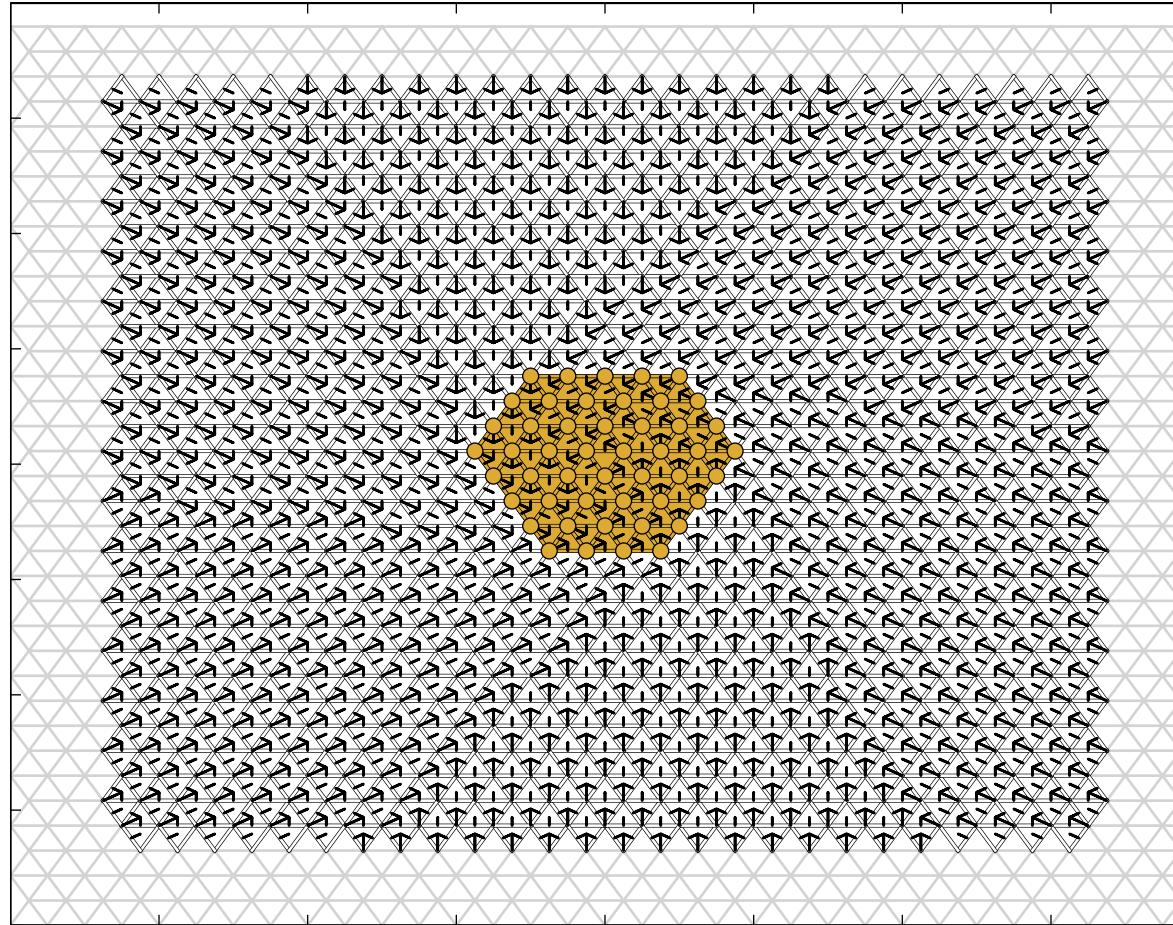
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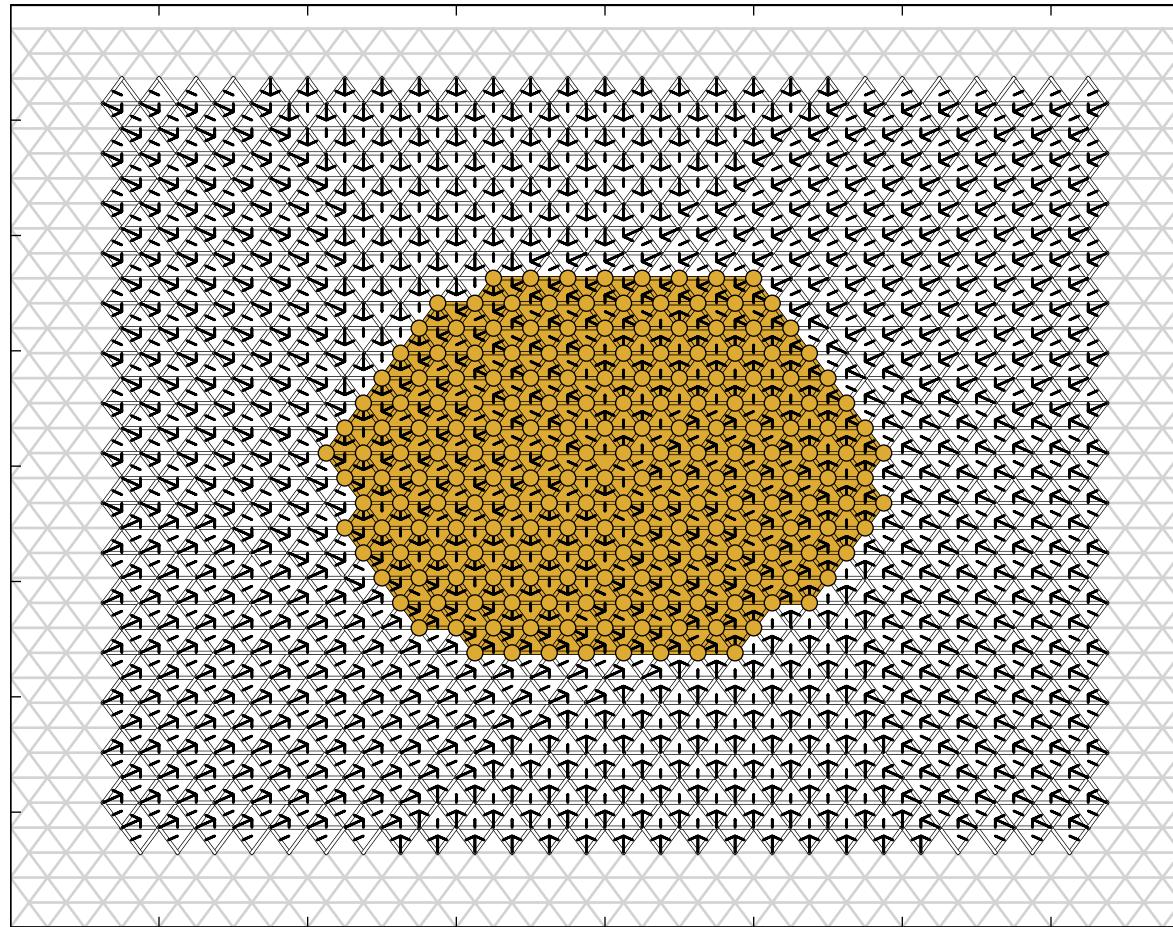
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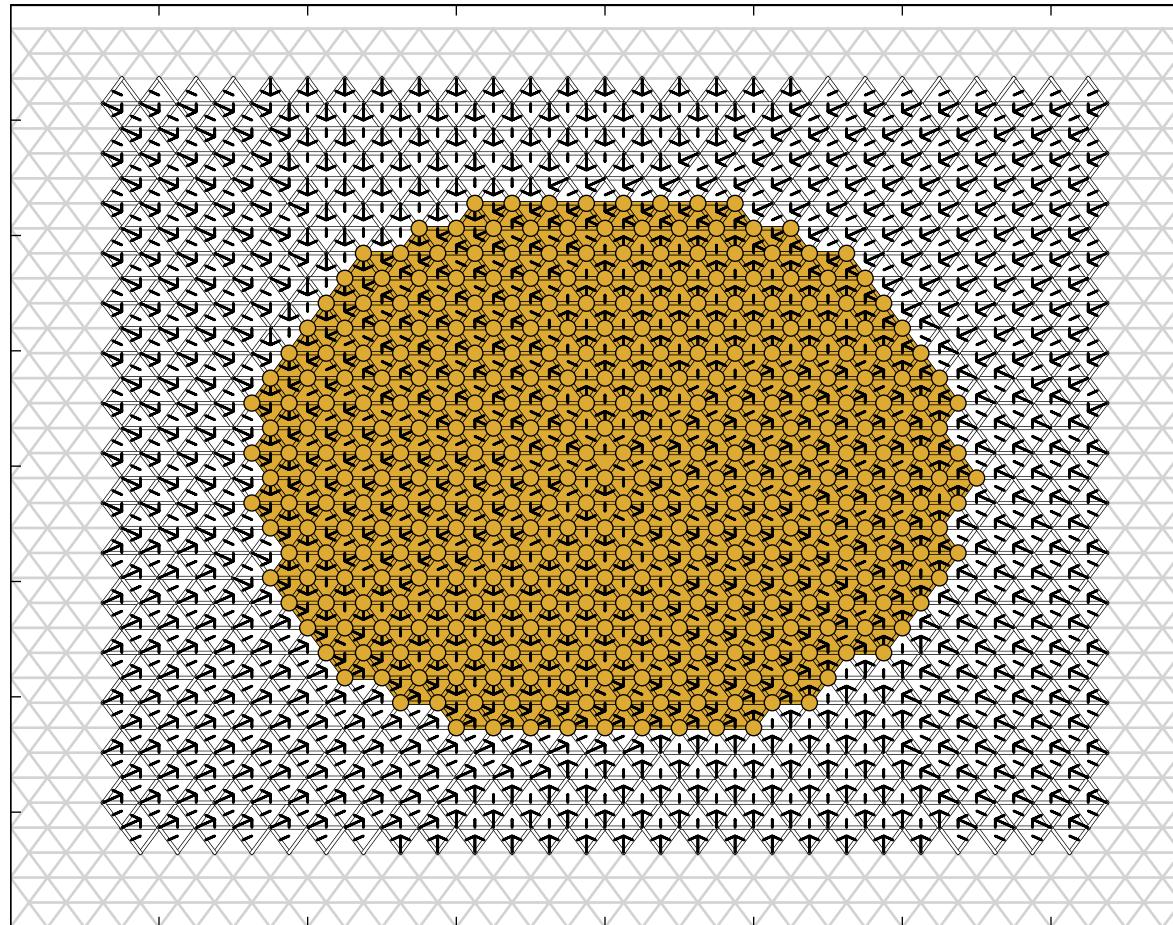
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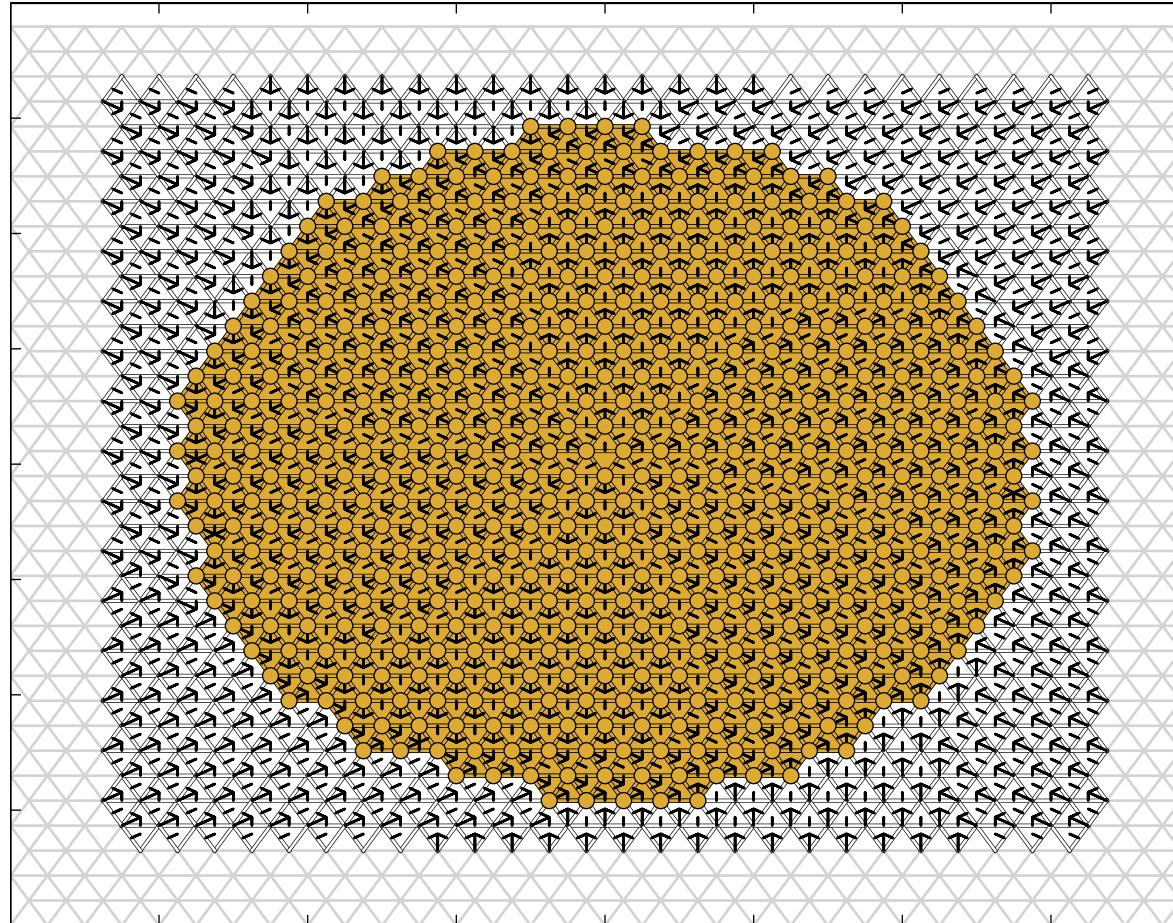
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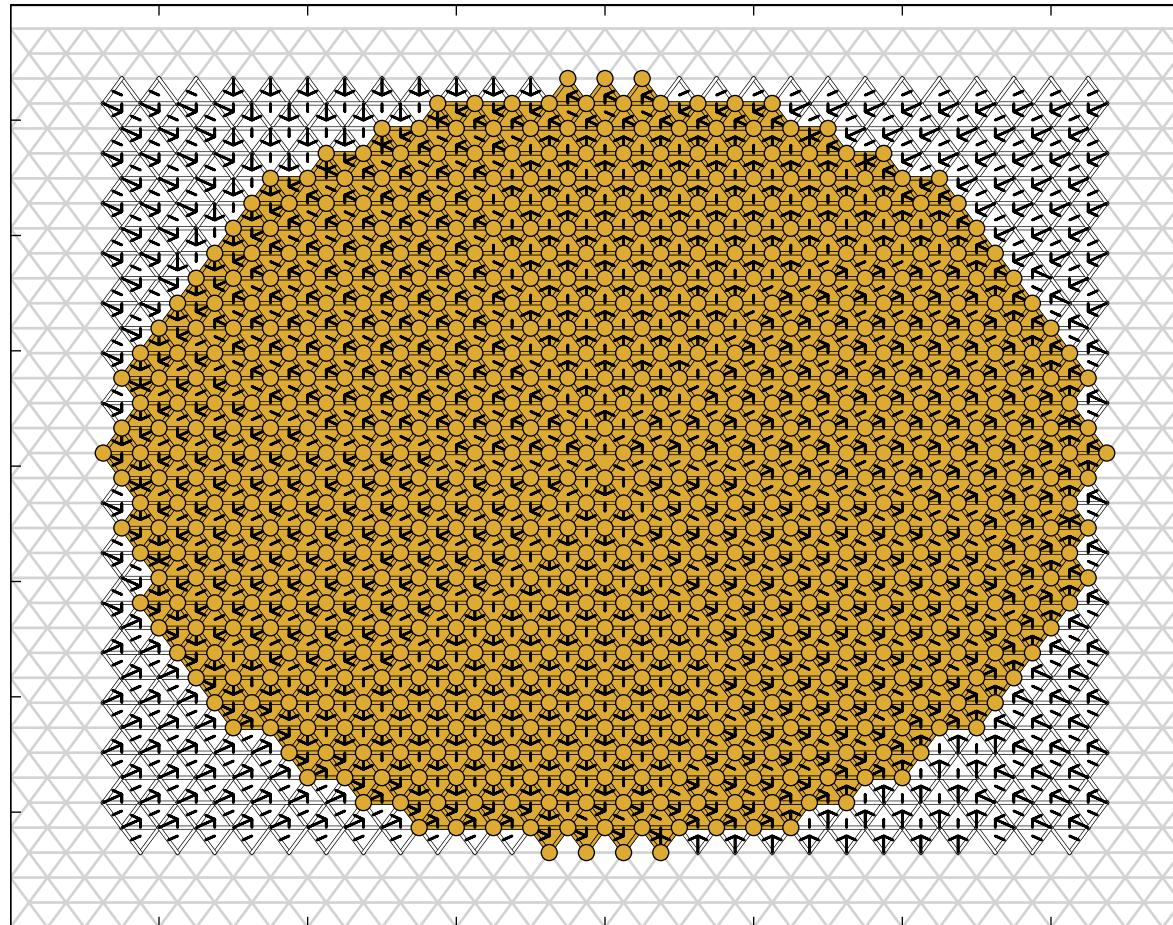
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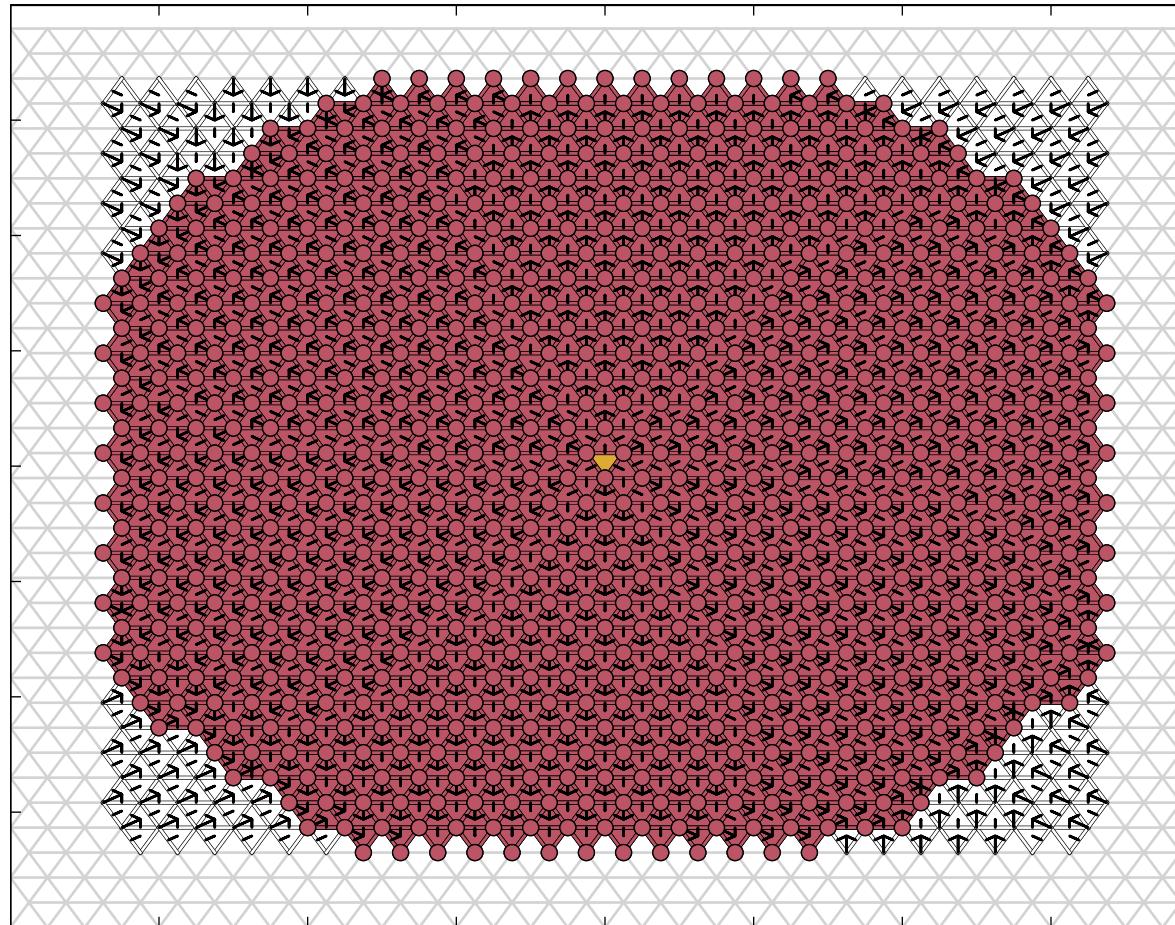
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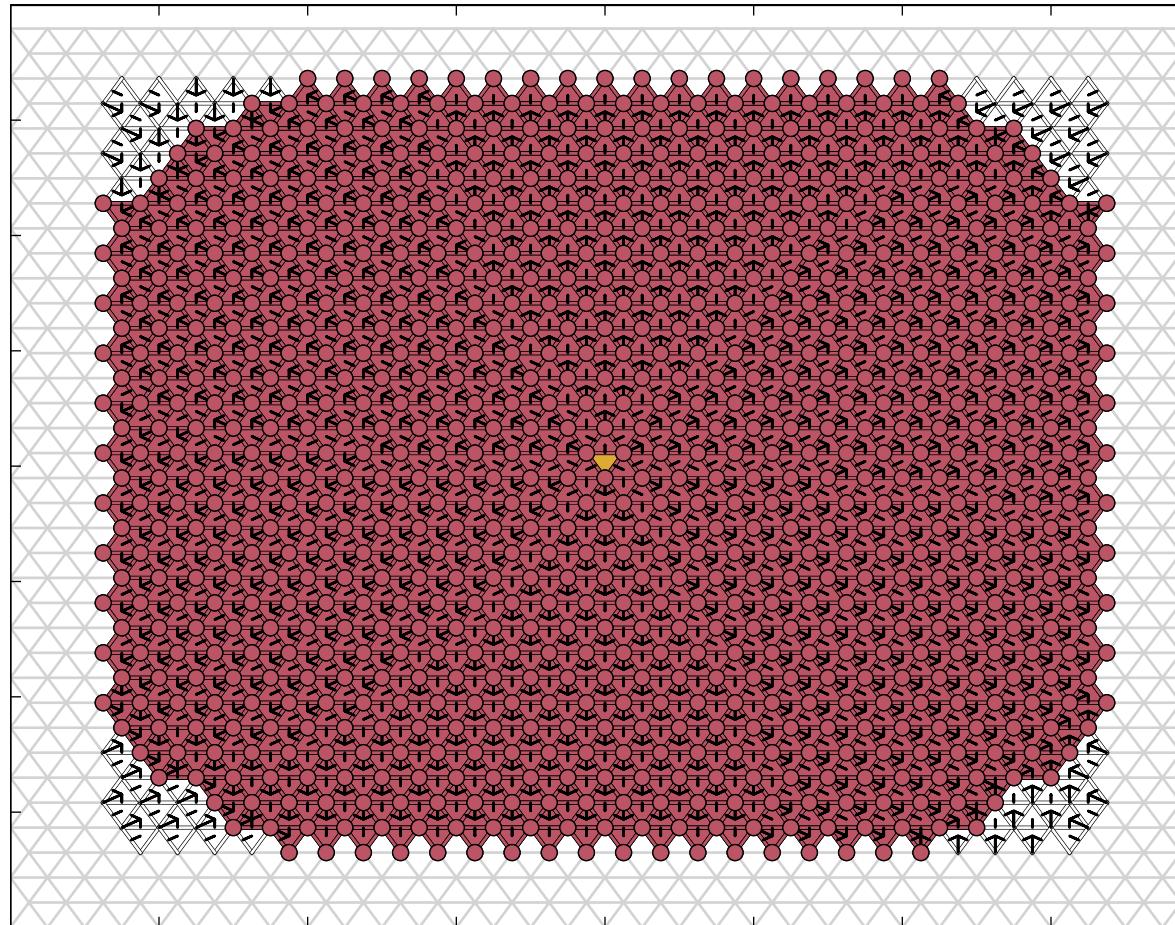
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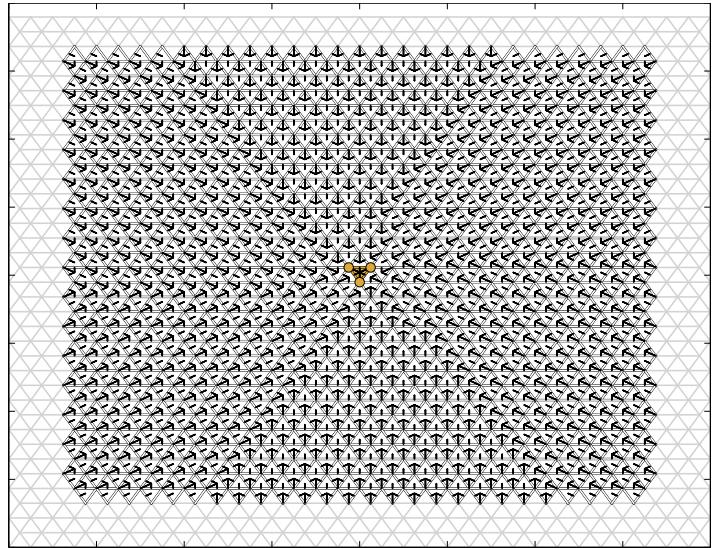
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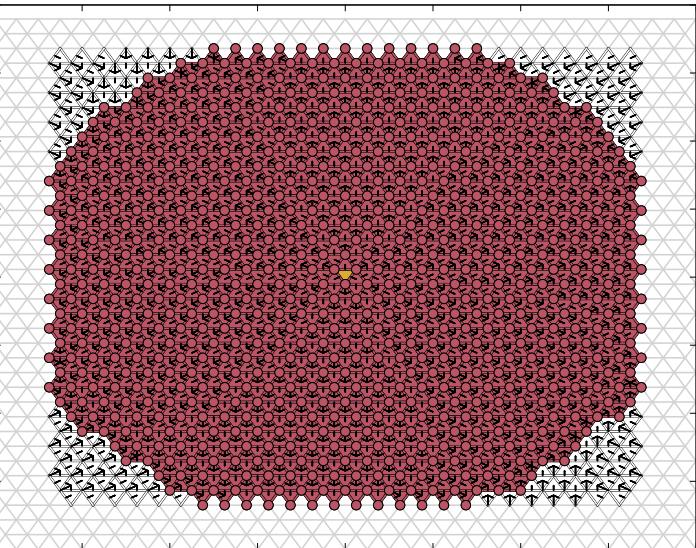
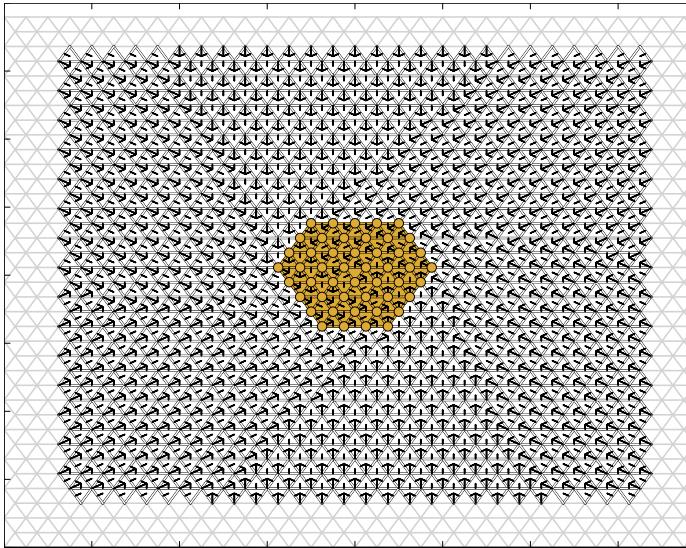
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Conley Index Persistence



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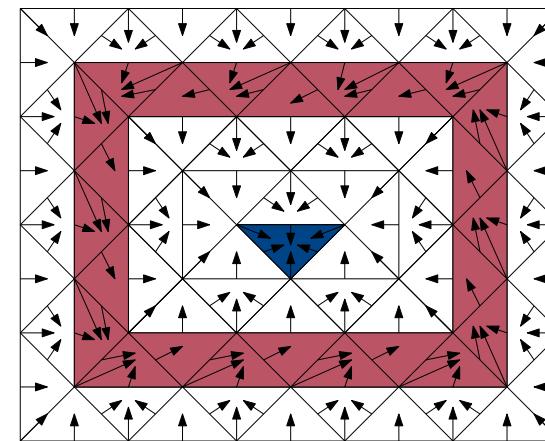
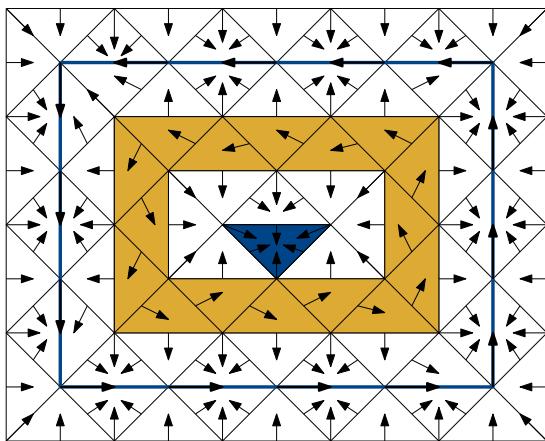
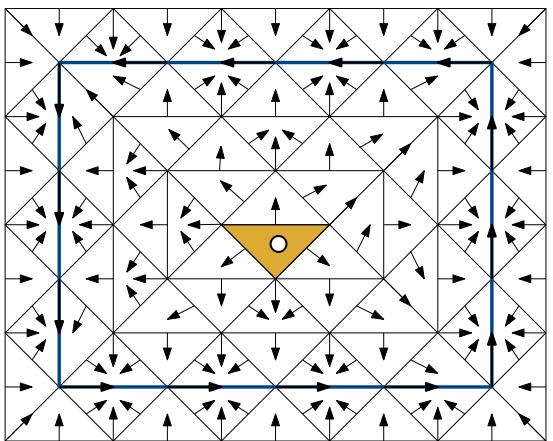
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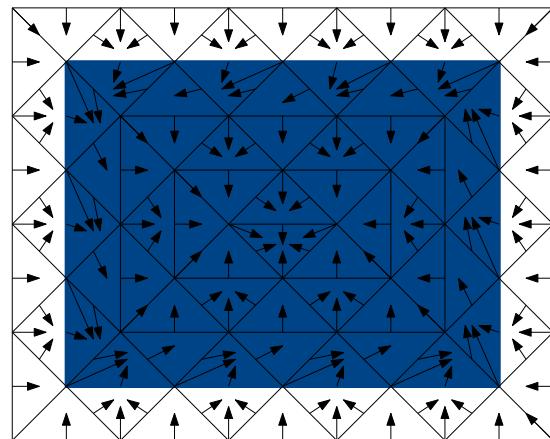
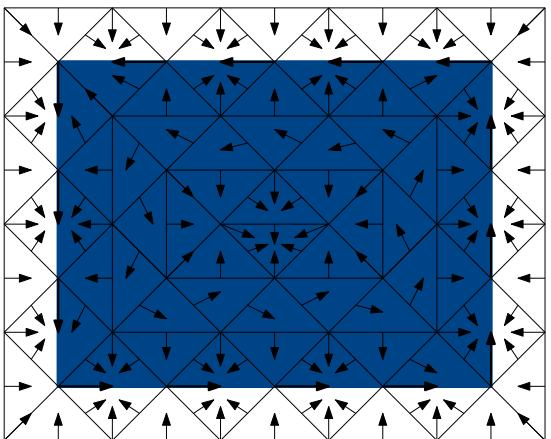
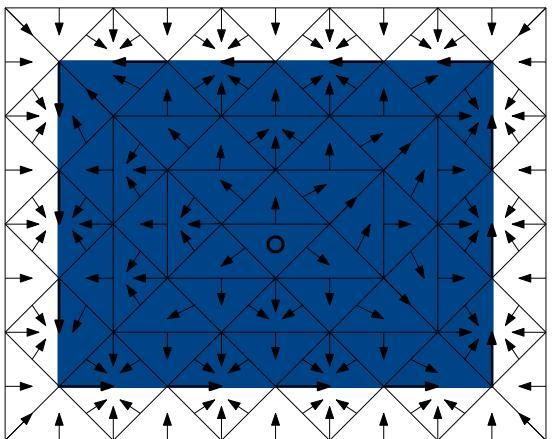
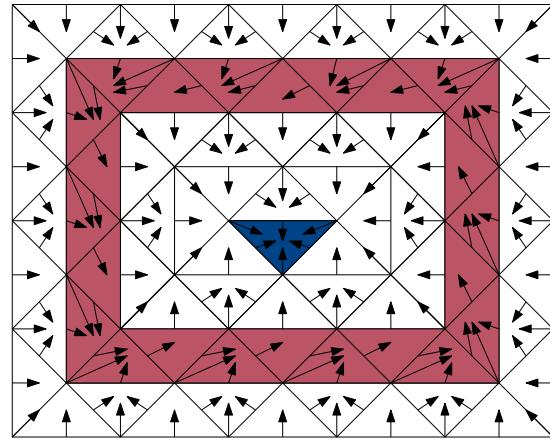
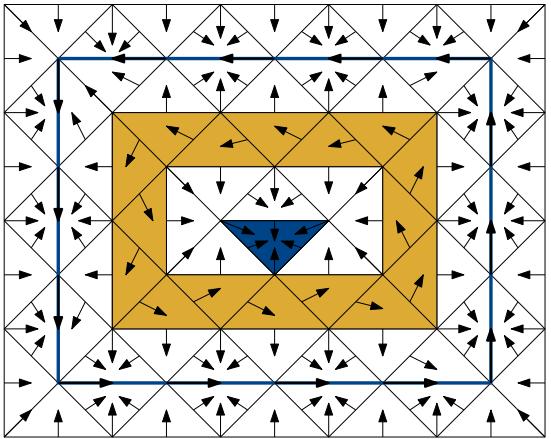
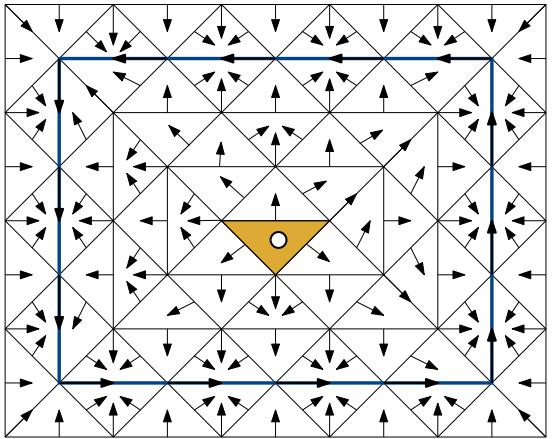
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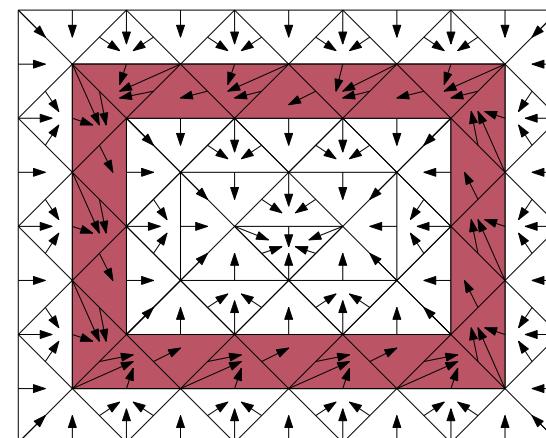
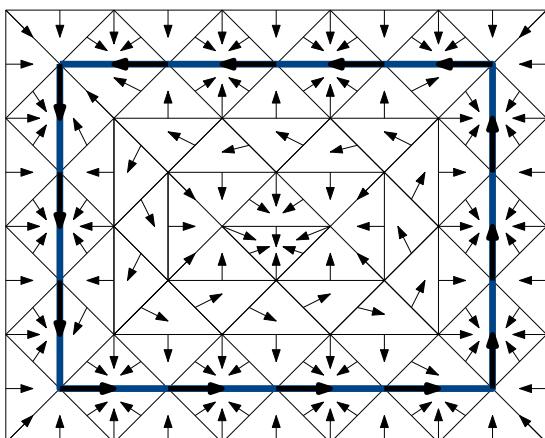
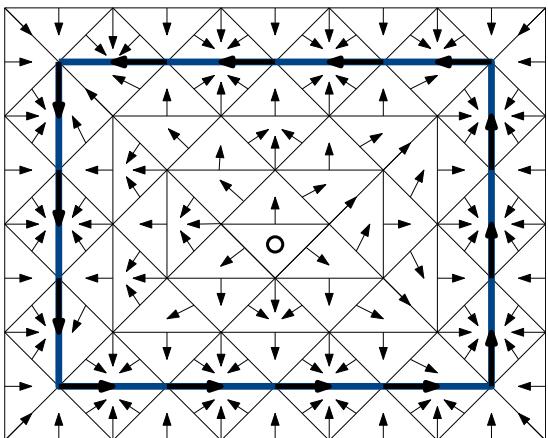
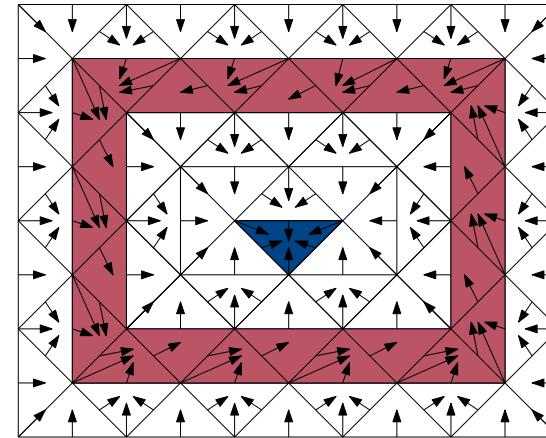
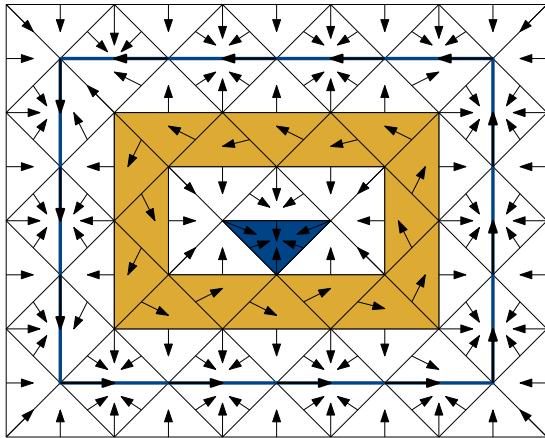
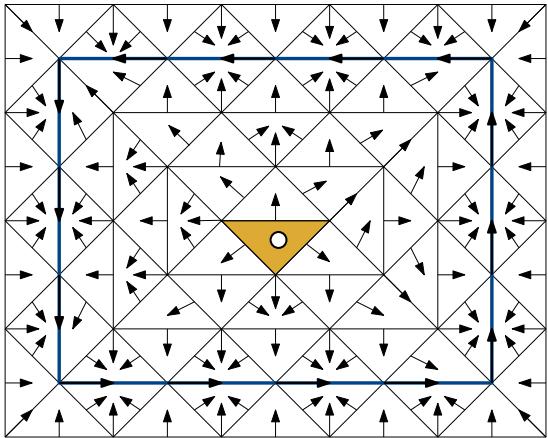


Motivating Example



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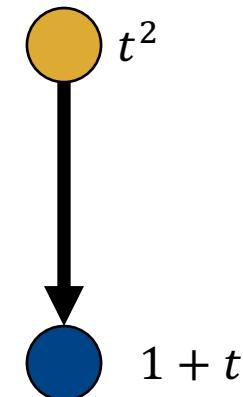
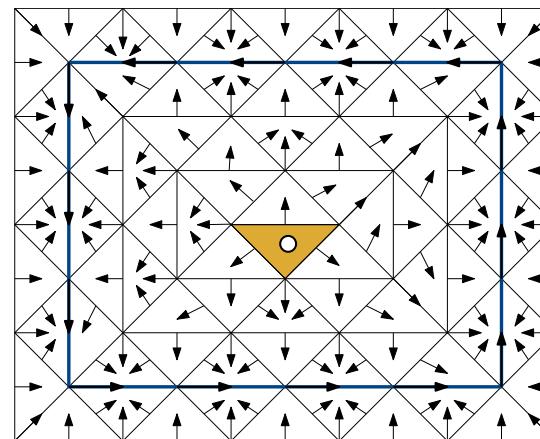
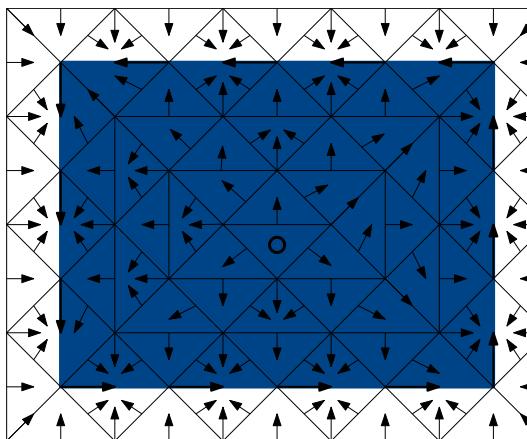


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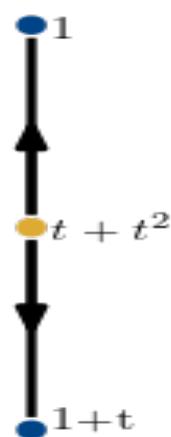
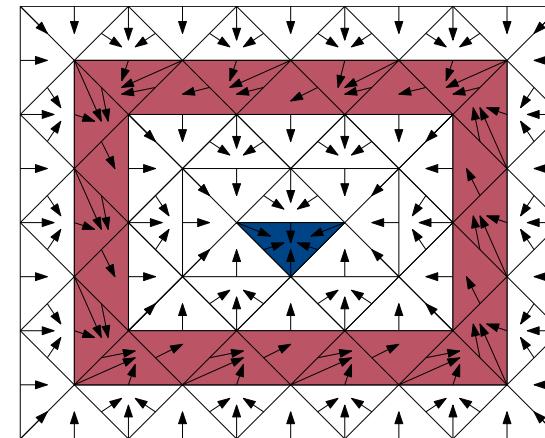
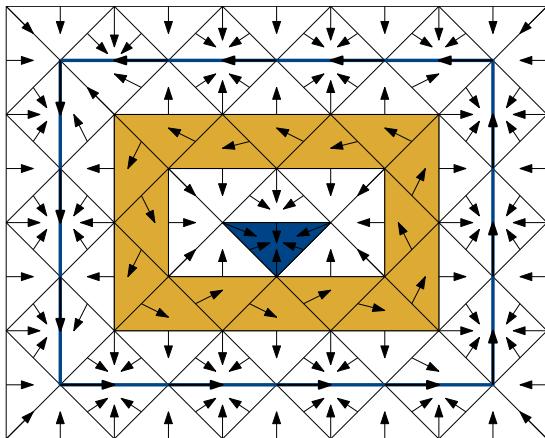
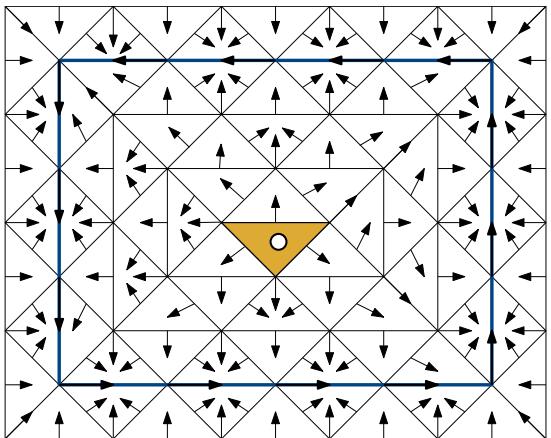
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Conley-Morse Graph

A Morse decomposition graph equipped with information about the Conley Index



Conley-Morse Graph



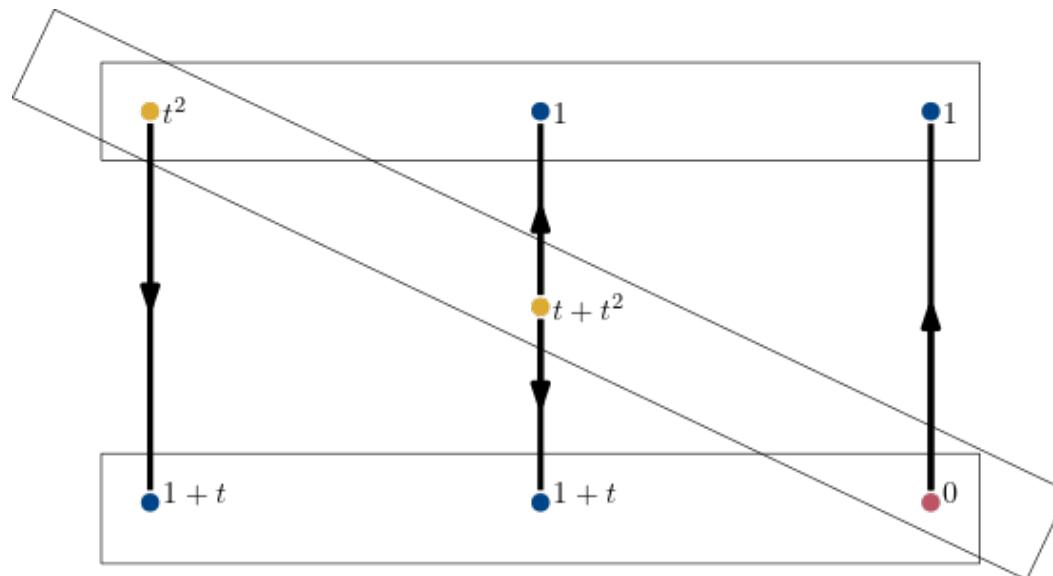
Conley-Morse Graph Persistence

Two types of filtrations:

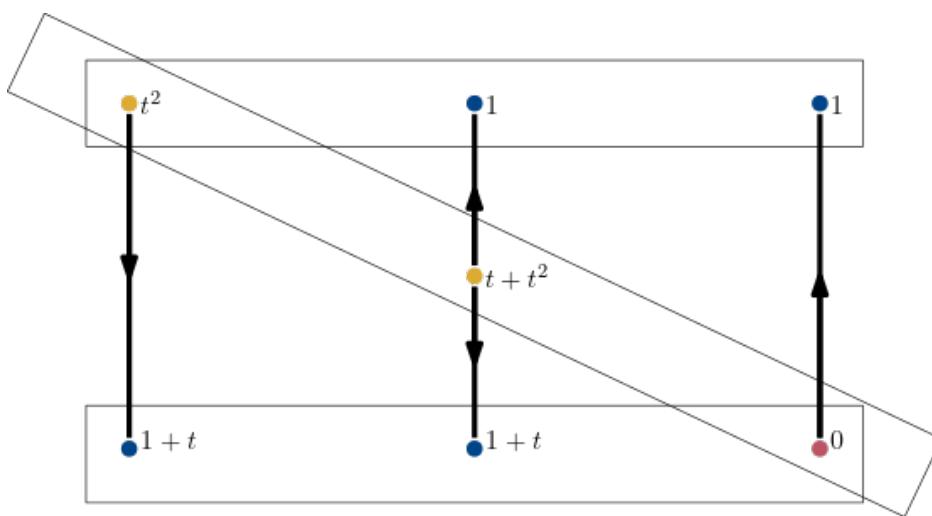
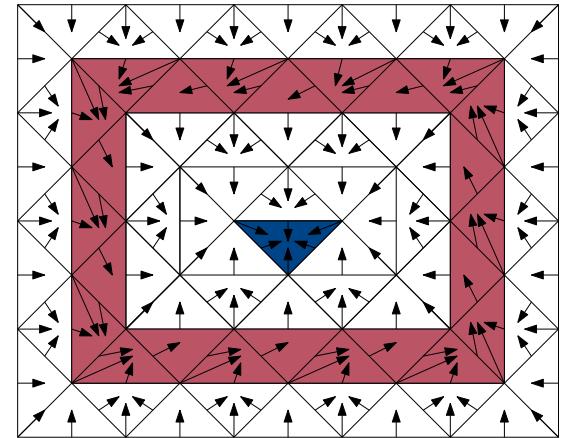
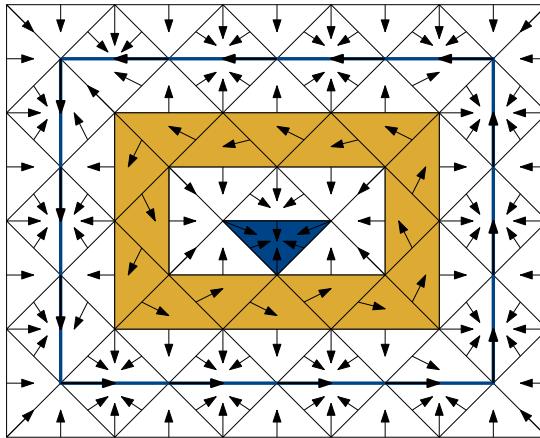
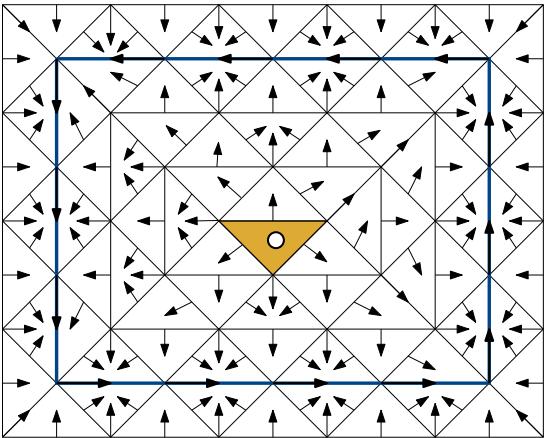
1. Graph Filtrations
2. Conley-Morse Filtrations

Conley-Morse Filtrations

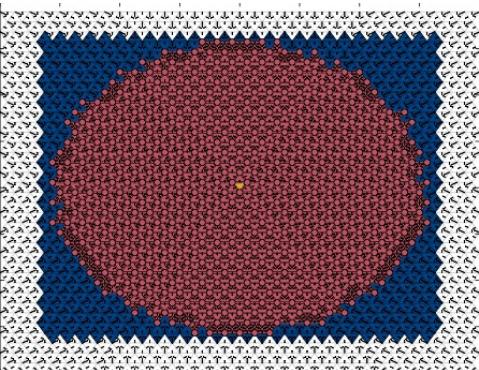
1. Assume every isolated invariant set is isolated by the same N .
2. Fix index pair for each Morse set.
3. Find all “maximal” sequences of index pairs across Conley-Morse graphs with nontrivial intersection.



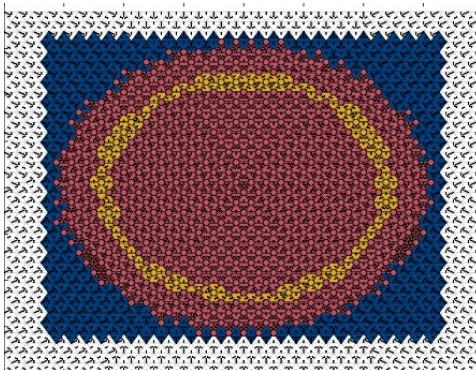
Conley-Morse Filtrations



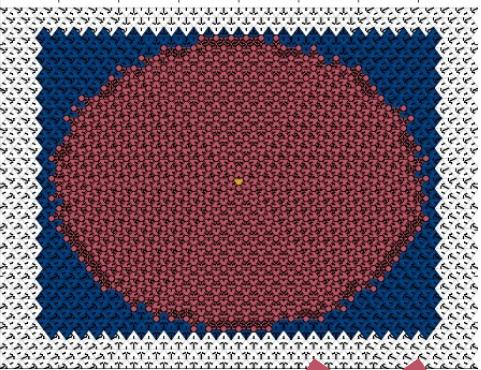
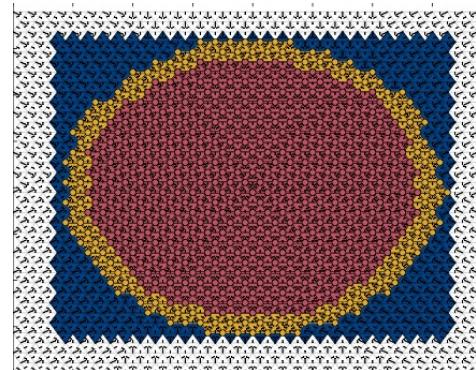
Conley-Morse Barcodes



Dimension: 2



Dimension: 1



Dimension: 2



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Conley-Morse Graph Barcodes

Dimension: 0

Periodic attractor

Dimension: 1

Dimension: 0

Attracting fixed point

Dimension: 2

Repelling fixed point AND periodic repeller

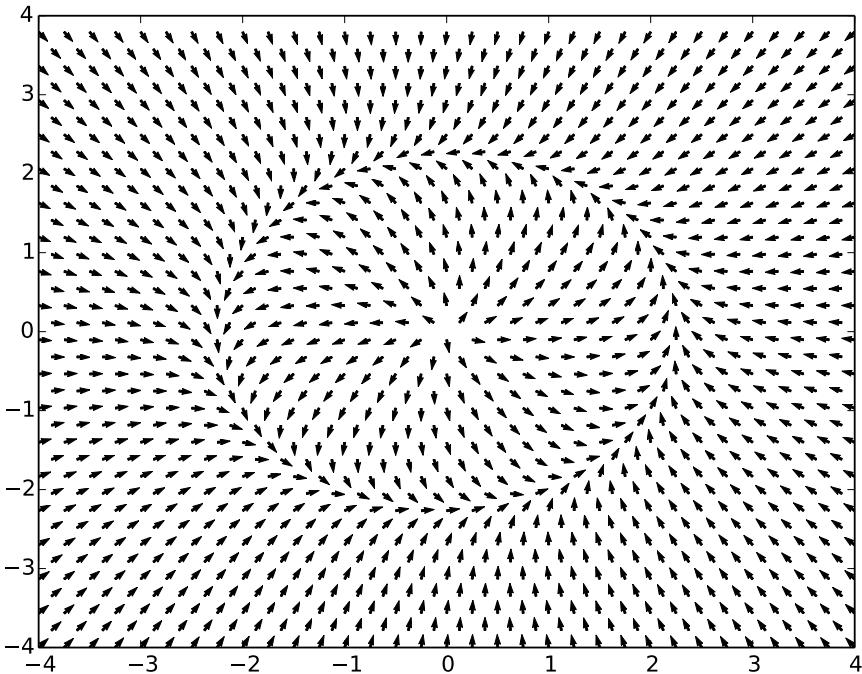
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Dimension: 0 Graph connected component

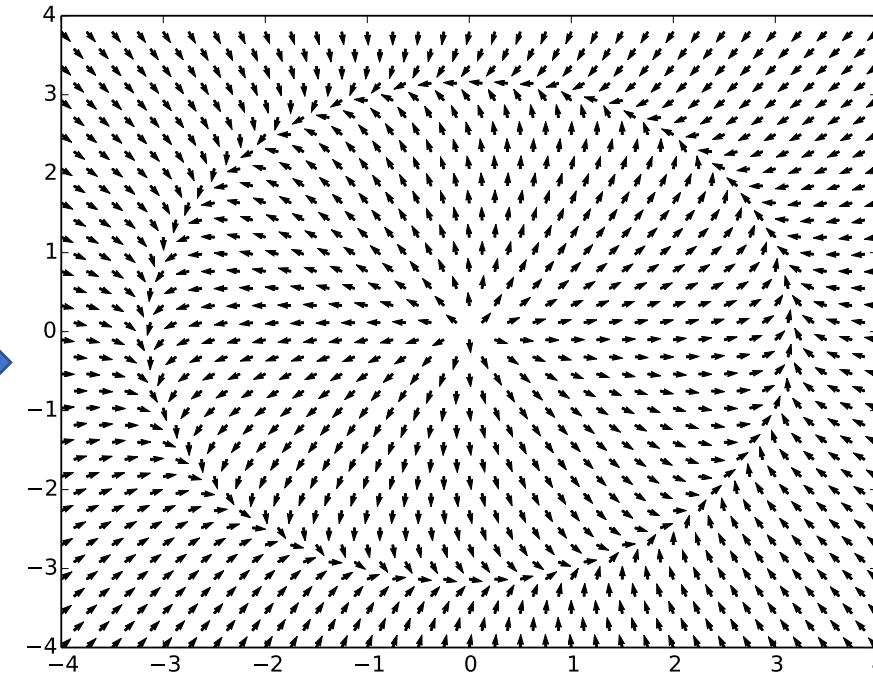
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Classical Continuation



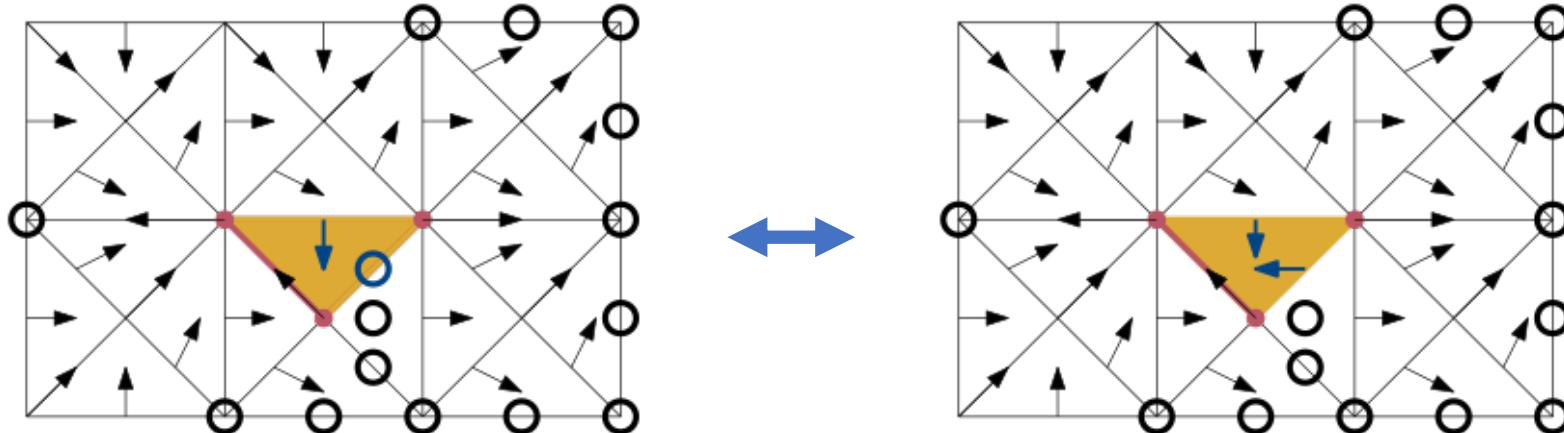
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Combinatorial Continuation

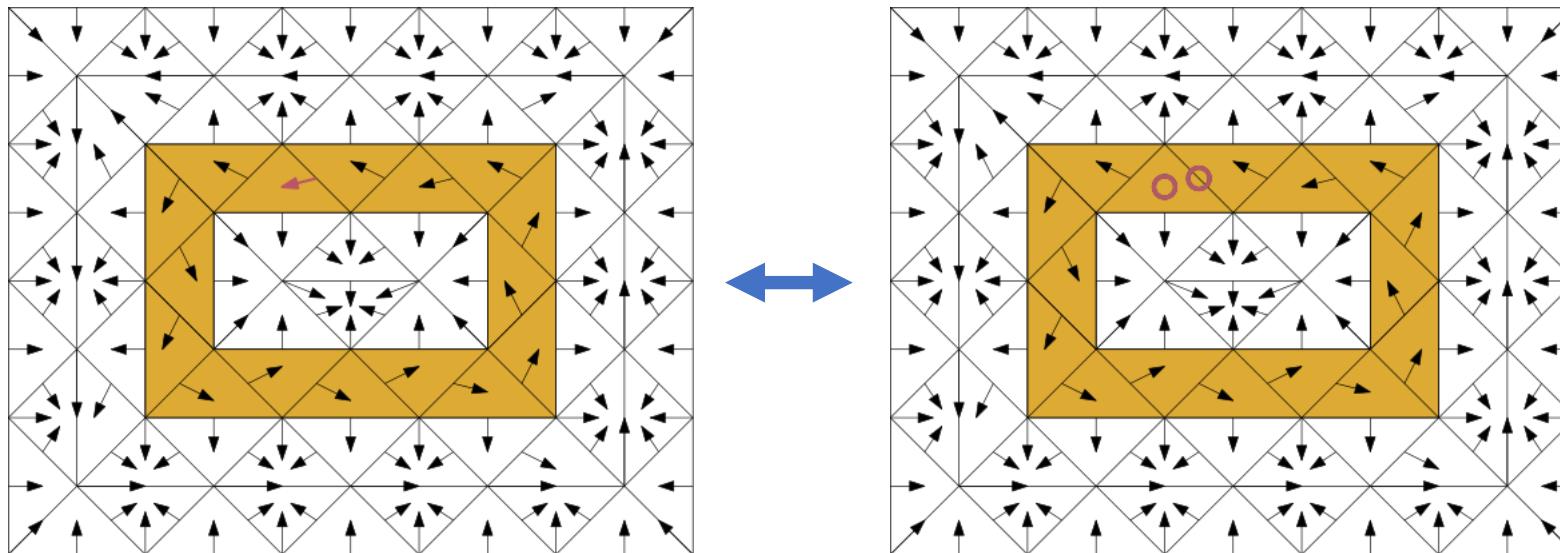
Definition: A sequence of isolated invariant sets is a *continuation* if there is a common index pair for each consecutive pair in the sequence.



Small Perturbations

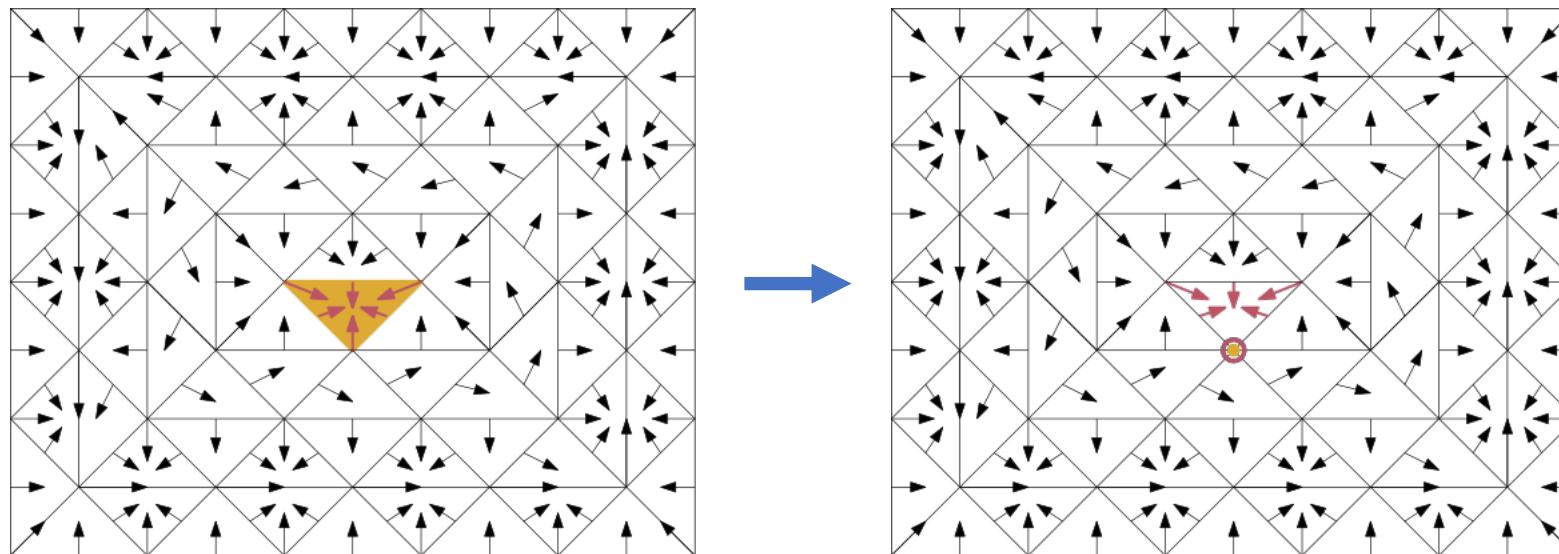
Definition: Let \mathcal{V} denote a multivector field. The multivector field \mathcal{V}' is an *atomic refinement* of \mathcal{V} if $|\mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{V}'| = 1$ and $|\mathcal{V}' \setminus \mathcal{V}| = 2$. Symmetrically, \mathcal{V} is an *atomic coarsening* of \mathcal{V}' .

Theorem[DLMS22]: Every pair of multivector fields can be transformed into each other by a sequence of atomic rearrangements.



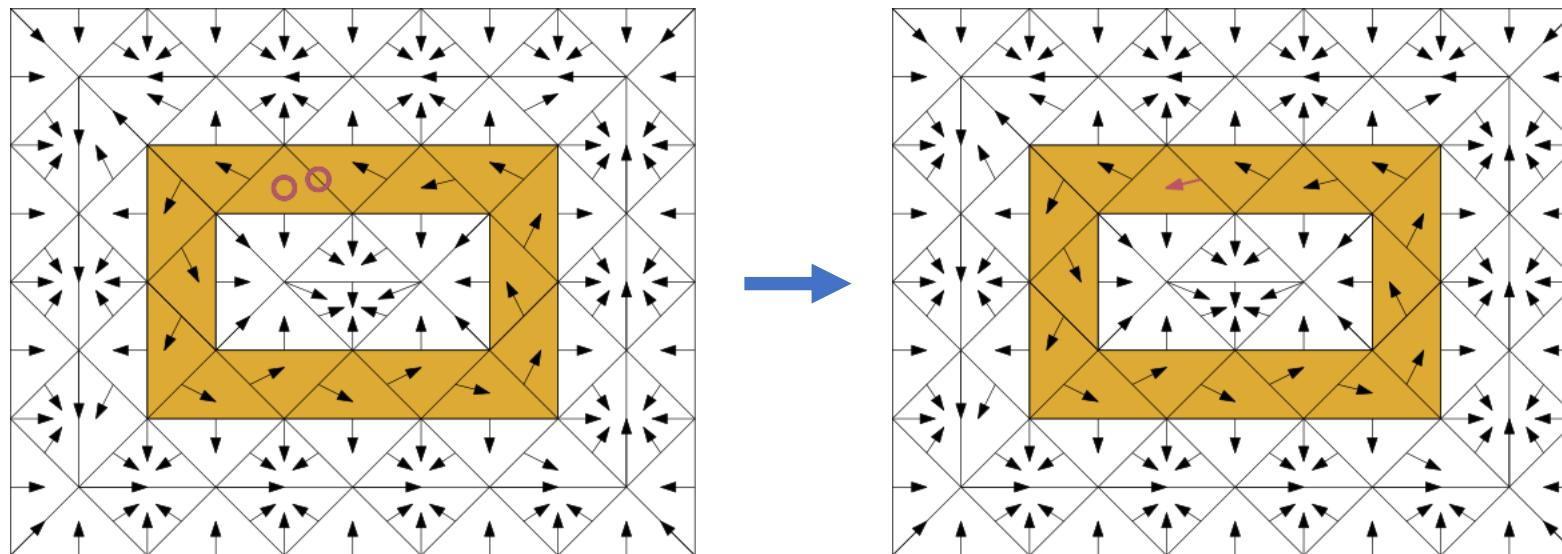
Tracking with Continuation: Case 1

Theorem[DLMS22]: Let S denote an isolated invariant set under \mathcal{V} , and let \mathcal{V}' denote an atomic refinement of \mathcal{V} . Then $\text{Inv}_{\mathcal{V}'}(S)$ is an invariant set and $(\text{cl}(S), \text{mo}(S))$ is an index pair for both.



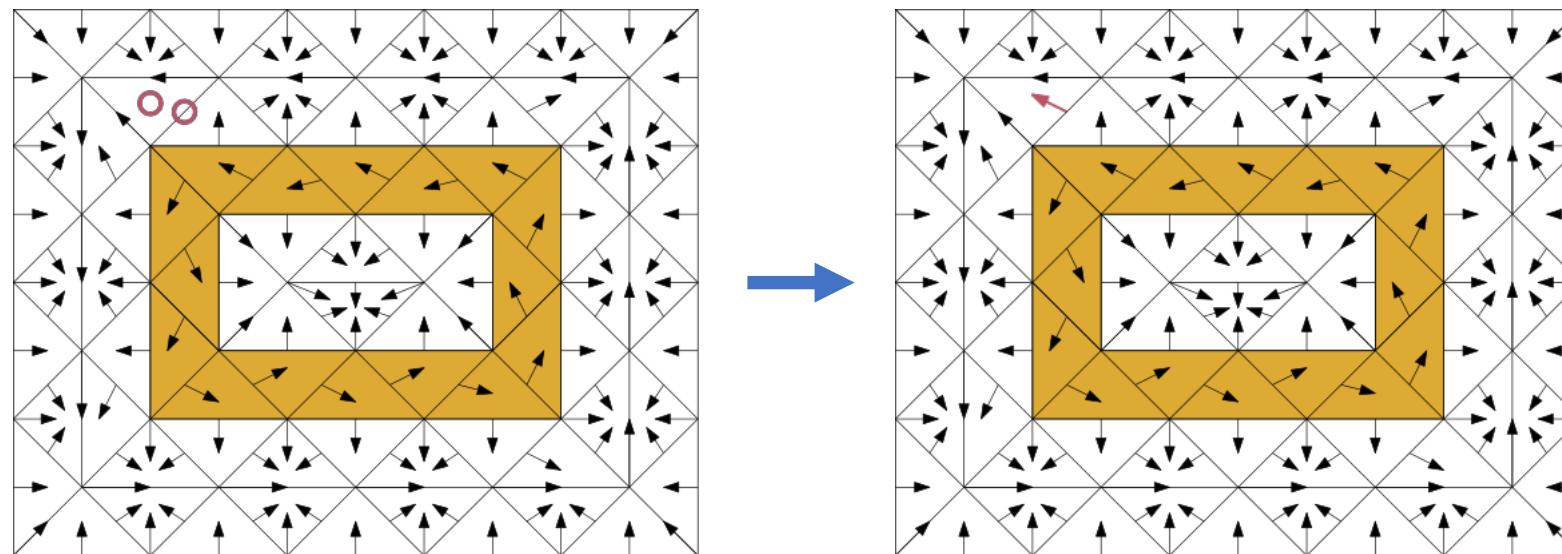
Tracking with Continuation: Case 2

Theorem[DLMS22]: Let S denote an isolated invariant set under \mathcal{V} , and let \mathcal{V}' denote an atomic coarsening of \mathcal{V} where the unique bifurcating multivector is contained in S . Then $\text{Inv}_{\mathcal{V}'}(S)$ is an invariant set and $(\text{cl}(S), \text{mo}(S))$ is an index pair for both.



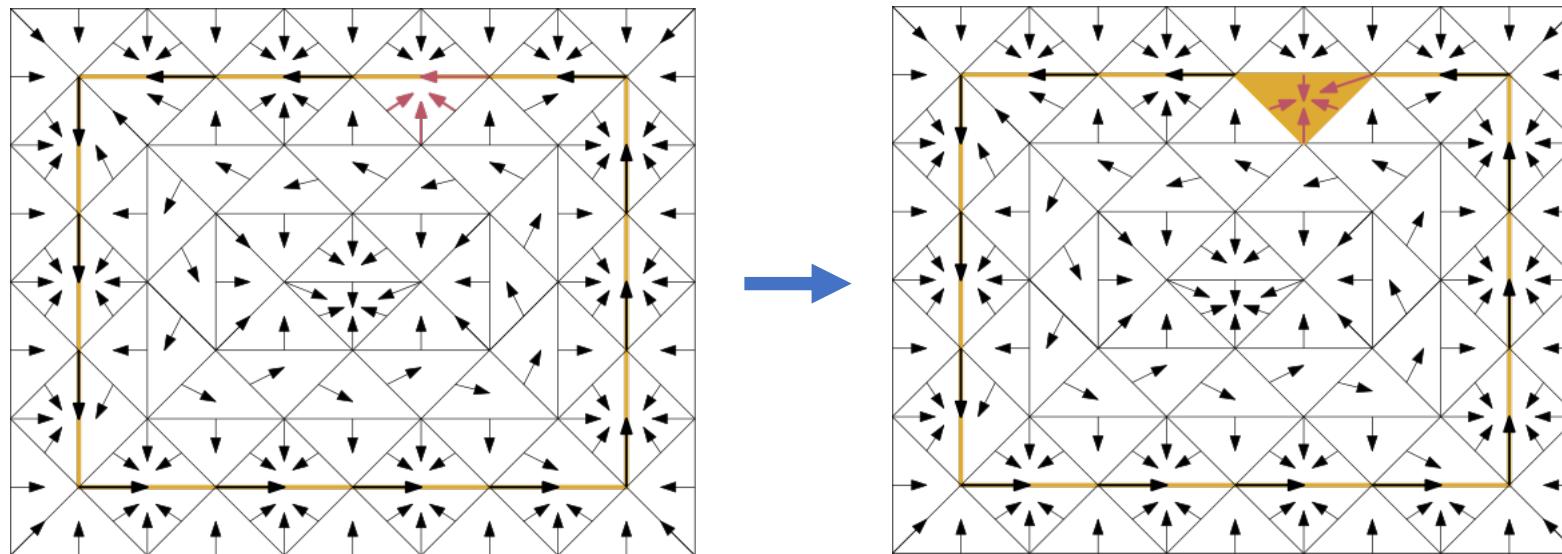
Tracking with Continuation: Case 3

Theorem[DLMS22]: Let S denote an isolated invariant set under \mathcal{V} , and let \mathcal{V}' denote an atomic coarsening of \mathcal{V} where the unique bifurcating multivector does not intersect S . Then $\text{Inv}_{\mathcal{V}'}(S)$ is an invariant set and $(\text{cl}(S), \text{mo}(S))$ is an index pair for both.



Tracking with Continuation: Case 4

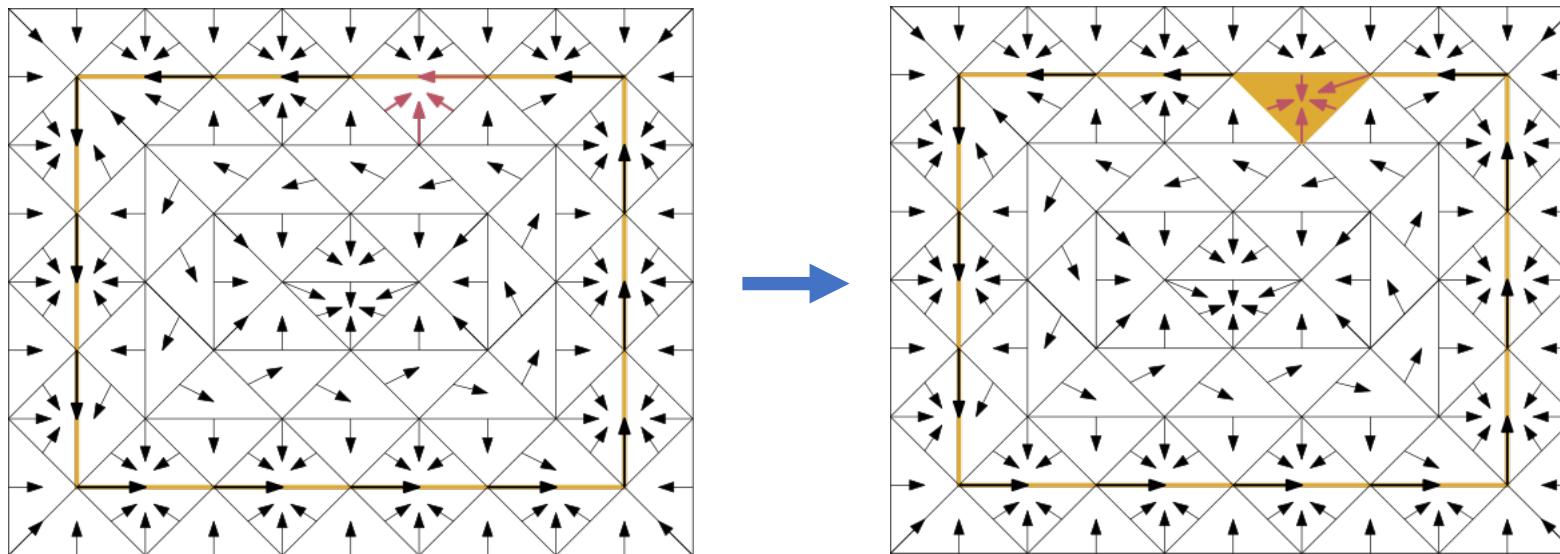
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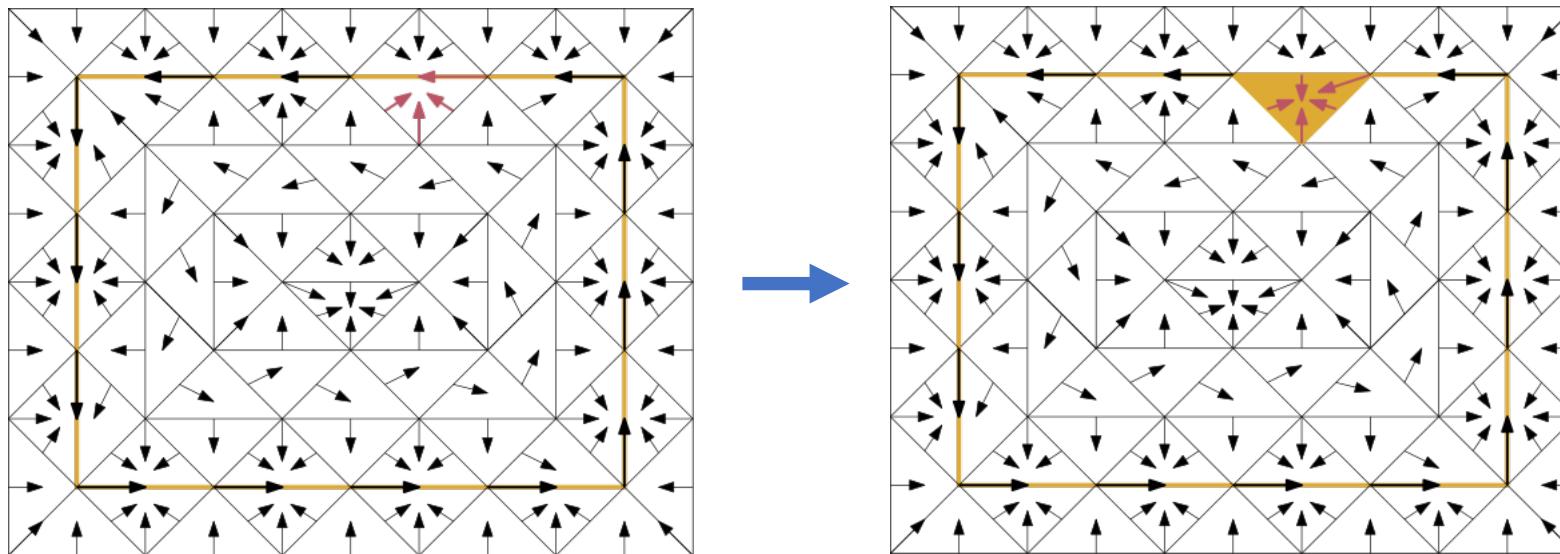
Theorem[DLMS22]: S and $\text{Inv}_{\mathcal{V}'}(A)$ have a common index pair if and only if $(\text{cl}(A), \text{mo}(A))$ an index pair for both of them.



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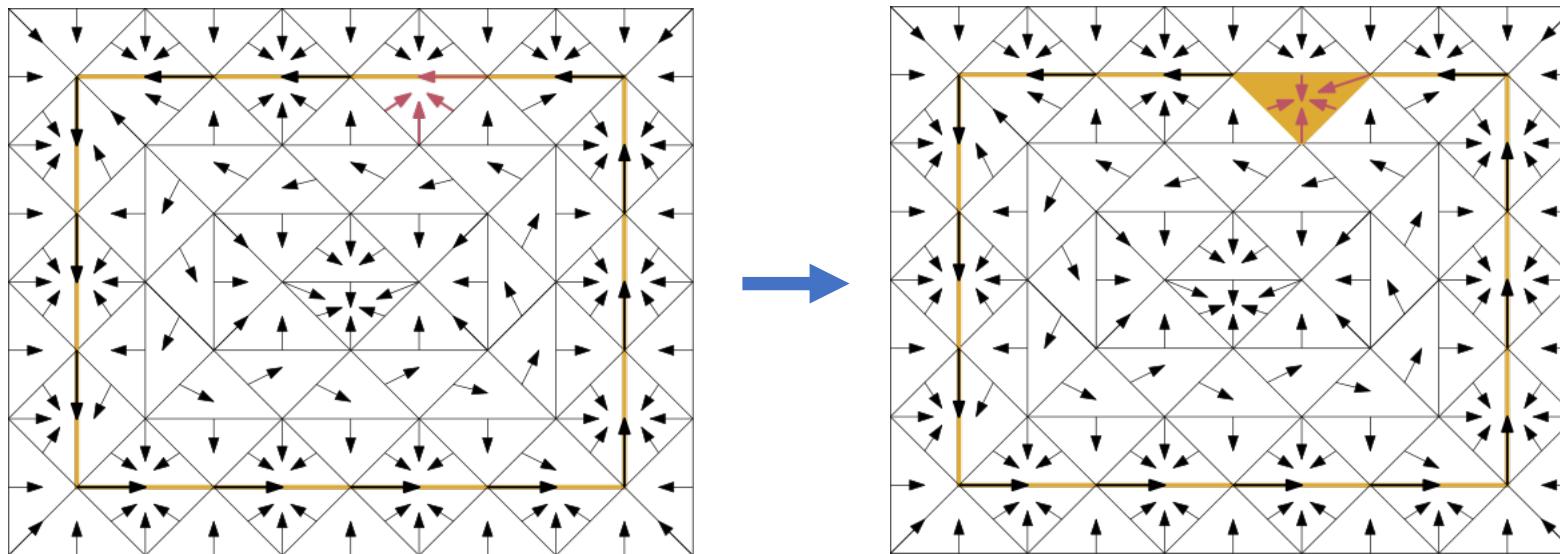
Theorem[DLMS22]: If S and $\text{Inv}_{\mathcal{V}'}(A)$ do not have a common index pair then S does not have a common index pair with any isolated invariant set under



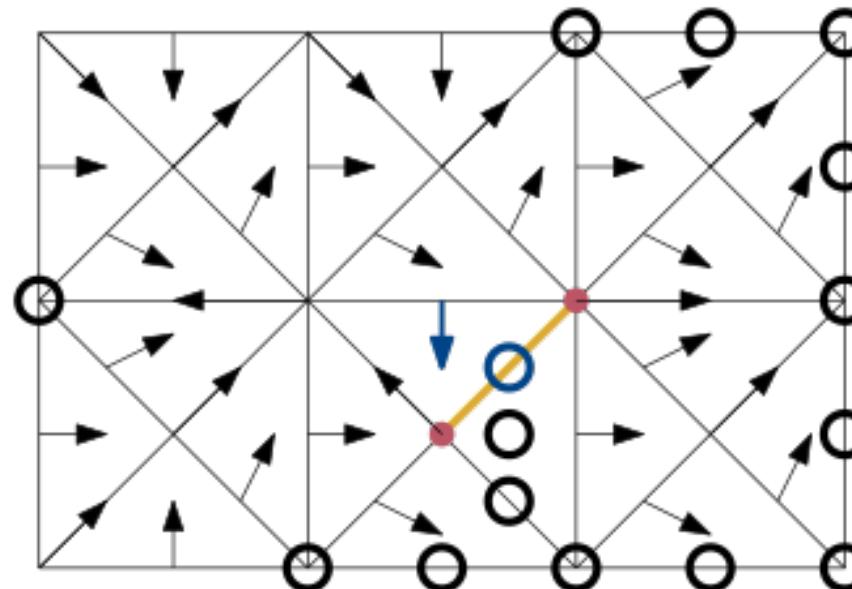
Characterizing Tracked Invariant Sets

Theorem[DLMS22]: If we use the previous rules on a seed S to obtain S' , then S is contained in S' or S' is contained in S .

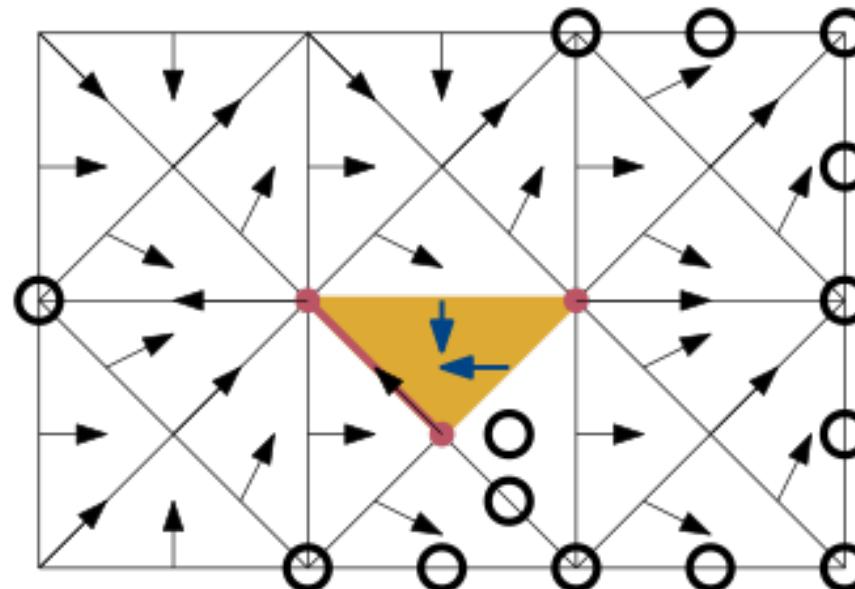
Theorem[DLMS22]: If we use the previous rules on a seed S to obtain S' where S is contained in S' , then S' is the smallest isolated invariant set to which S can continue.



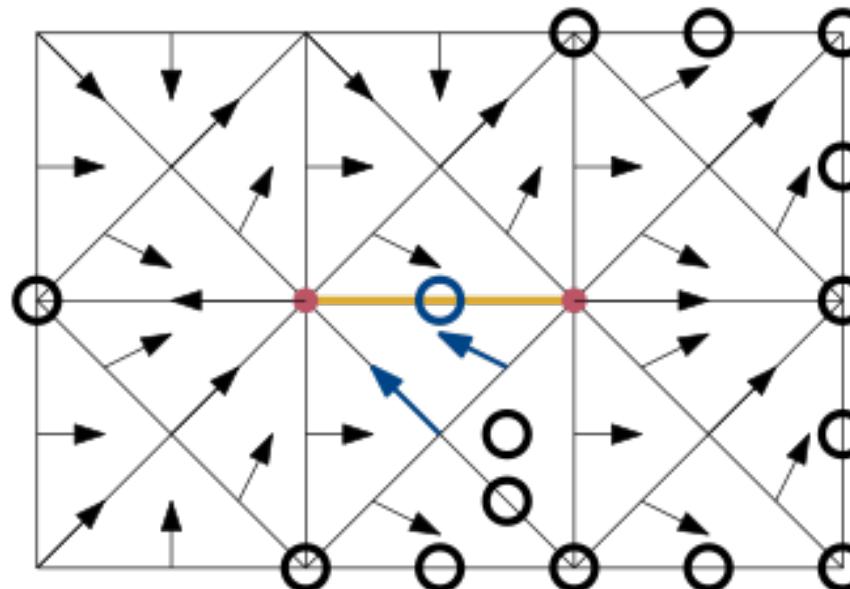
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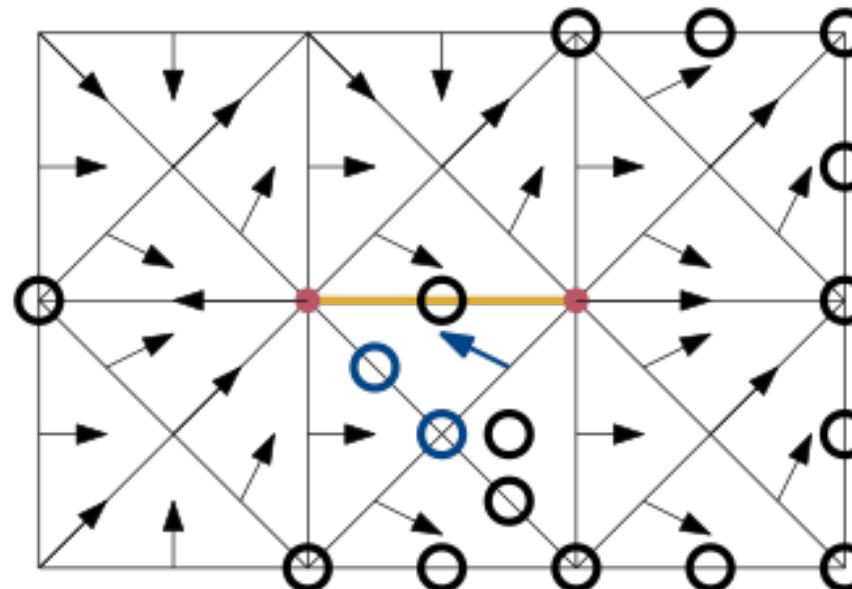
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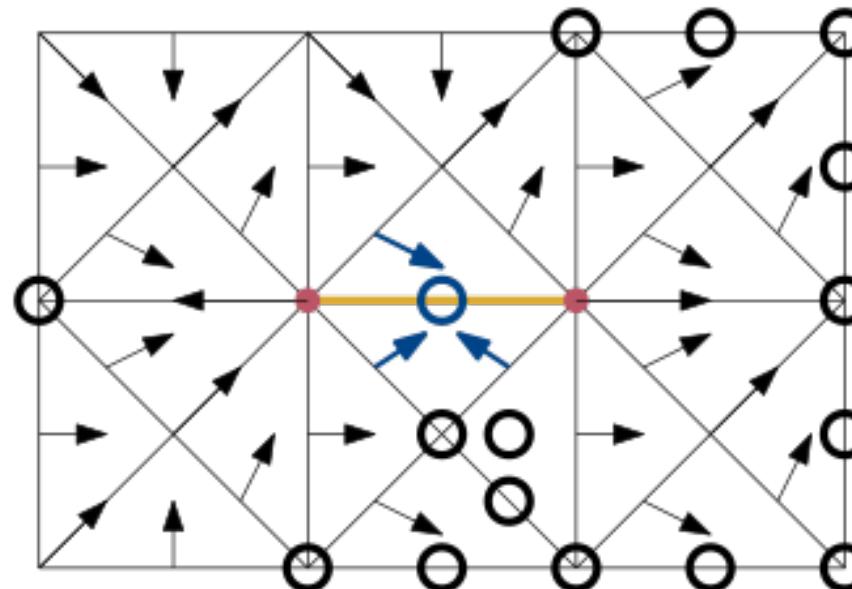
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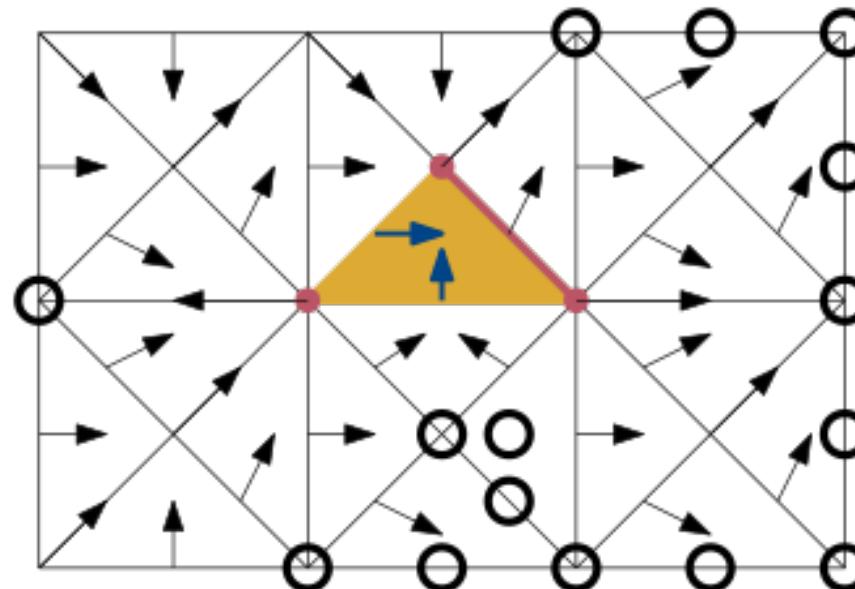
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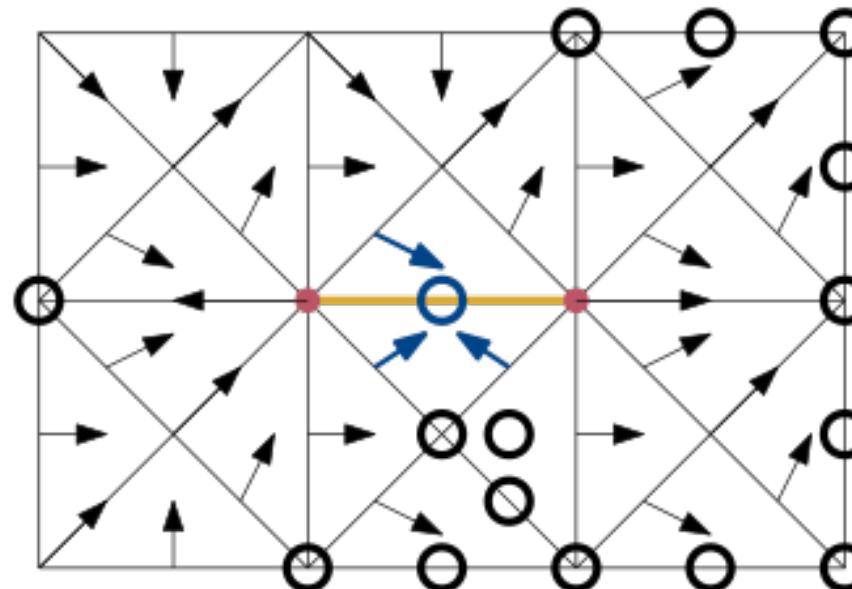
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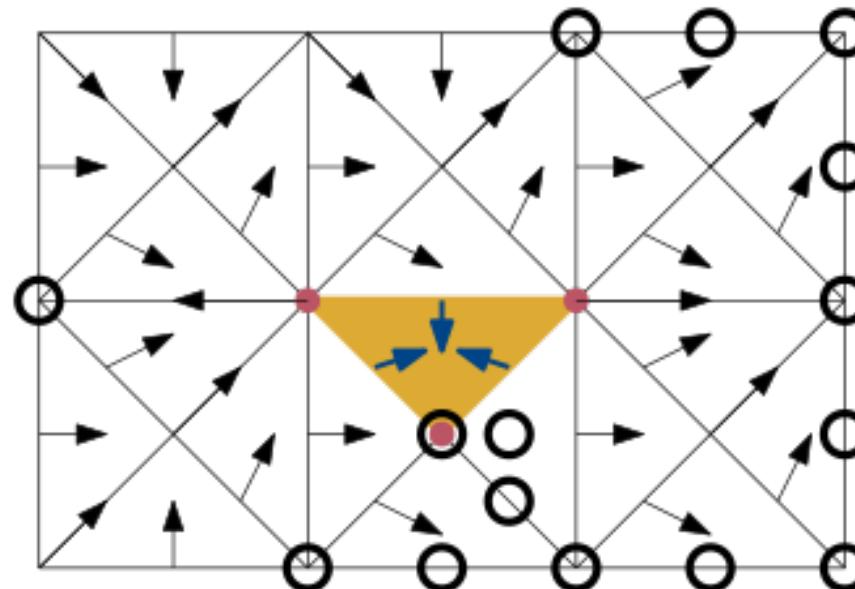
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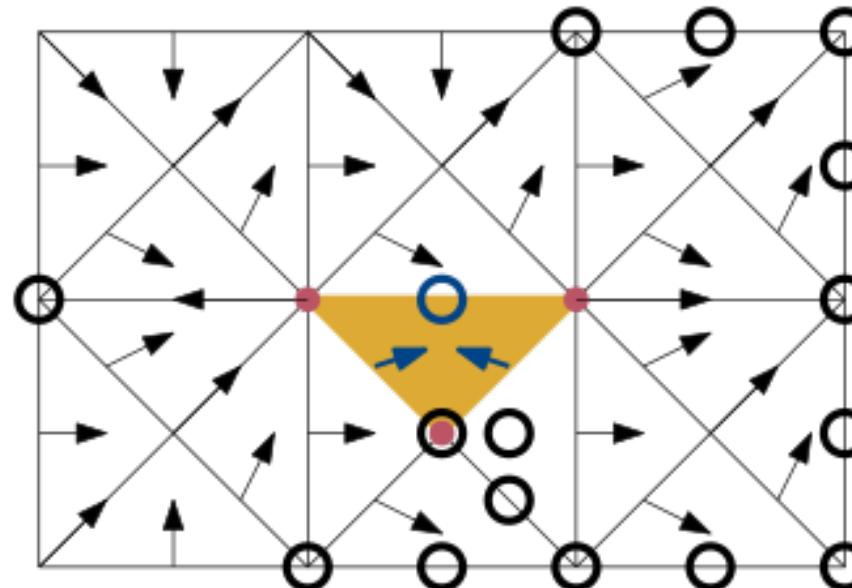


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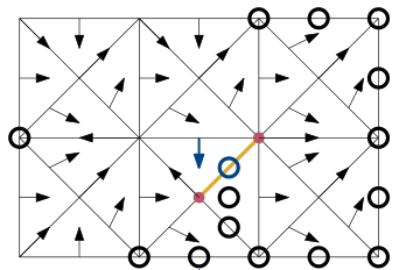
Continuation breaks!!!

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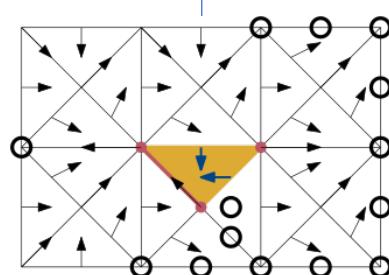
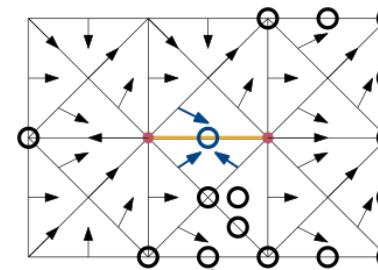


Solution: Persistence

Theorem[DLMS22]: A sequence of index pairs corresponding to a continuation can be converted to a relative zigzag filtration with a “static” barcode.

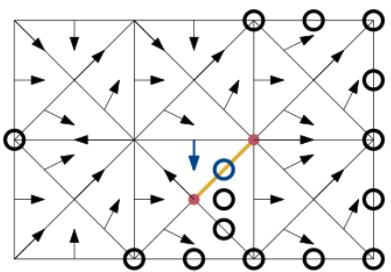


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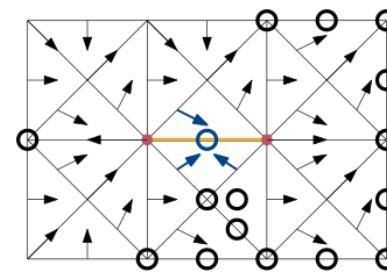


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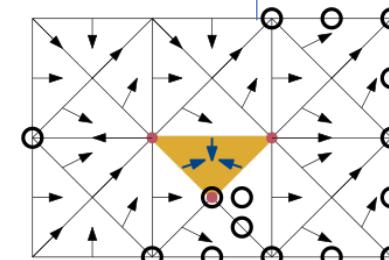
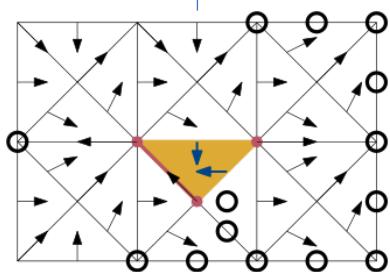
Theorem[DLMS22]: If S and S' don't share an index pair when using case 4, compute persistence instead!



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Conclusion & Future Work

- In this presentation: devised method to capture changes in combinatorial dynamical systems. But...
- Stability?
- Inference?

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