

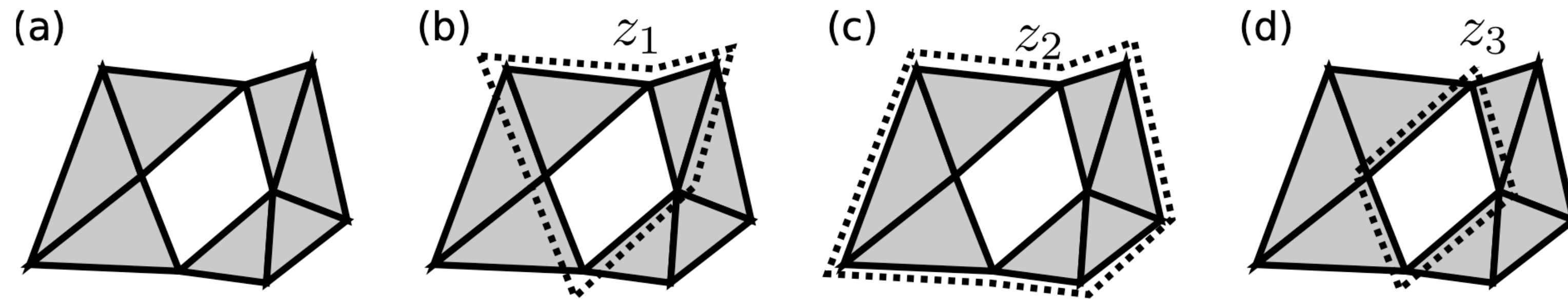
Topological Data Analysis

Lecture 10

Homology representatives

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Homology representatives

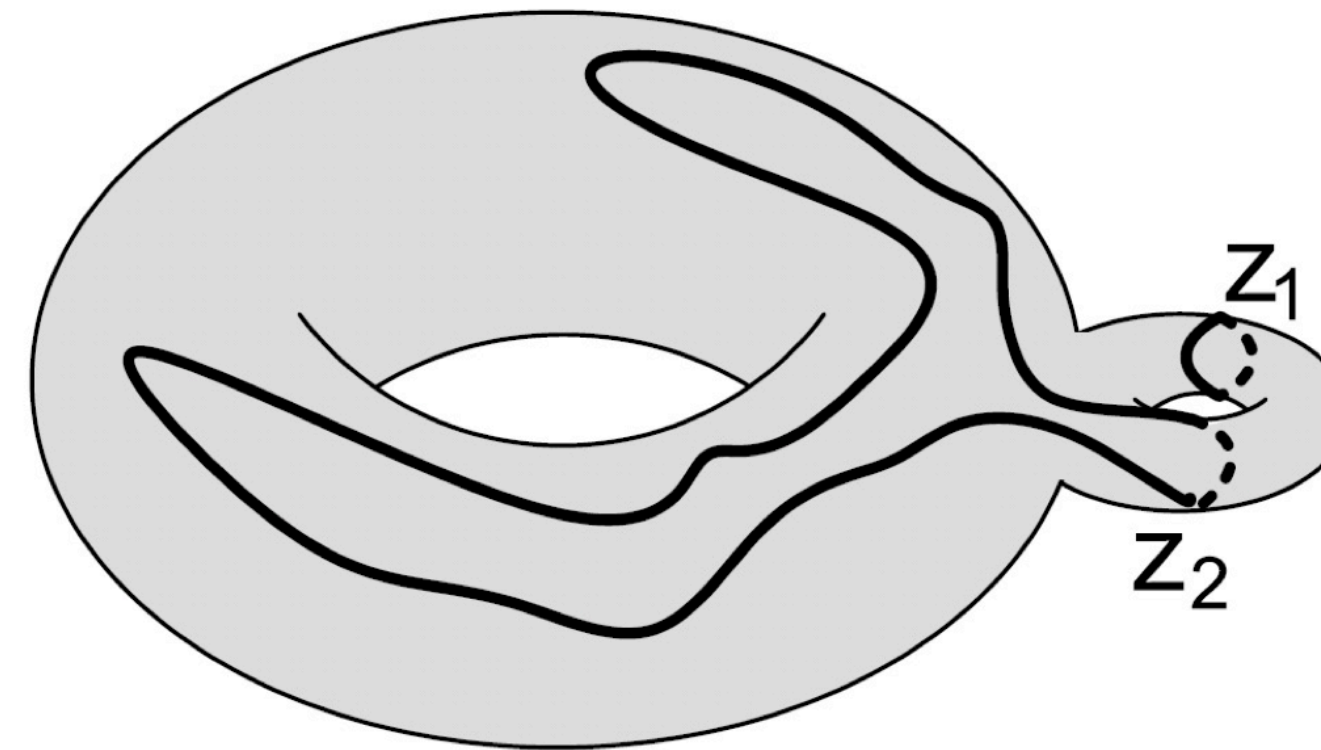
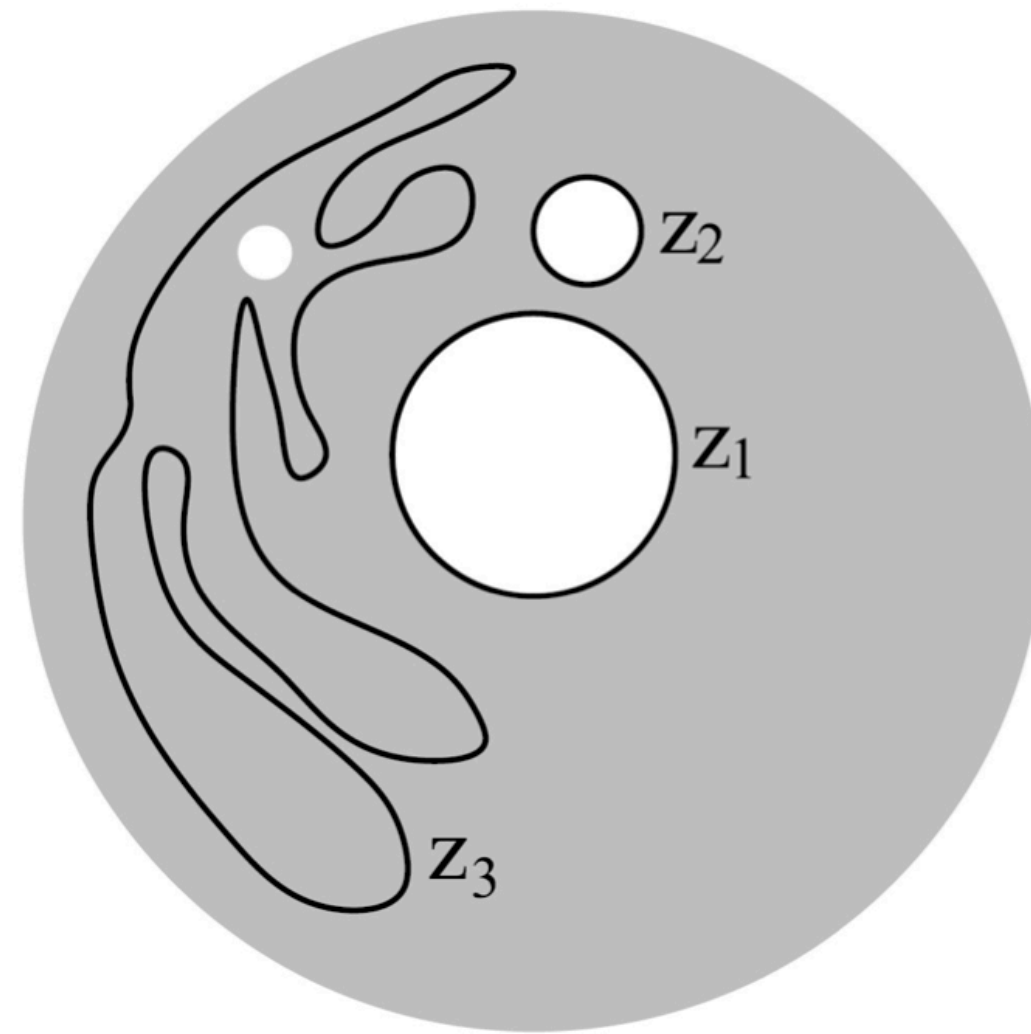


Homologous cycles

$$z \sim z' \iff z - z' \in B_k$$

$$B_k = \{c \in C_k \mid \partial_{k+1}d = c, \text{ for some } d \in C_{k+1}\}$$

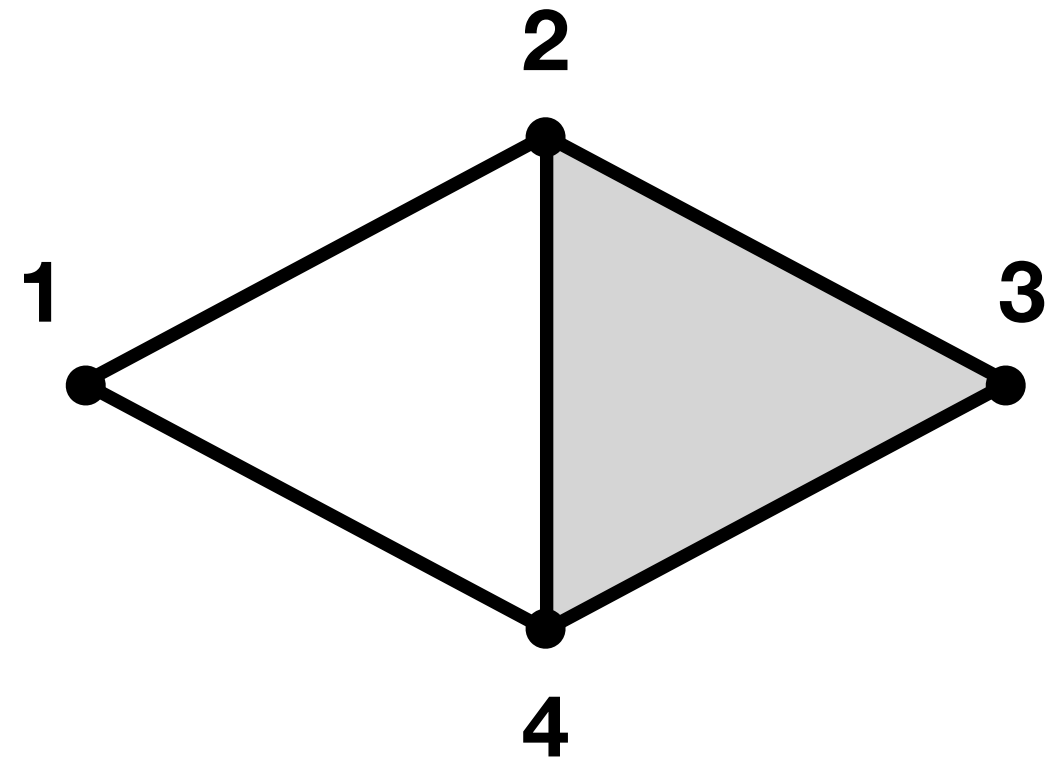
Homology representatives



Optimal cycle

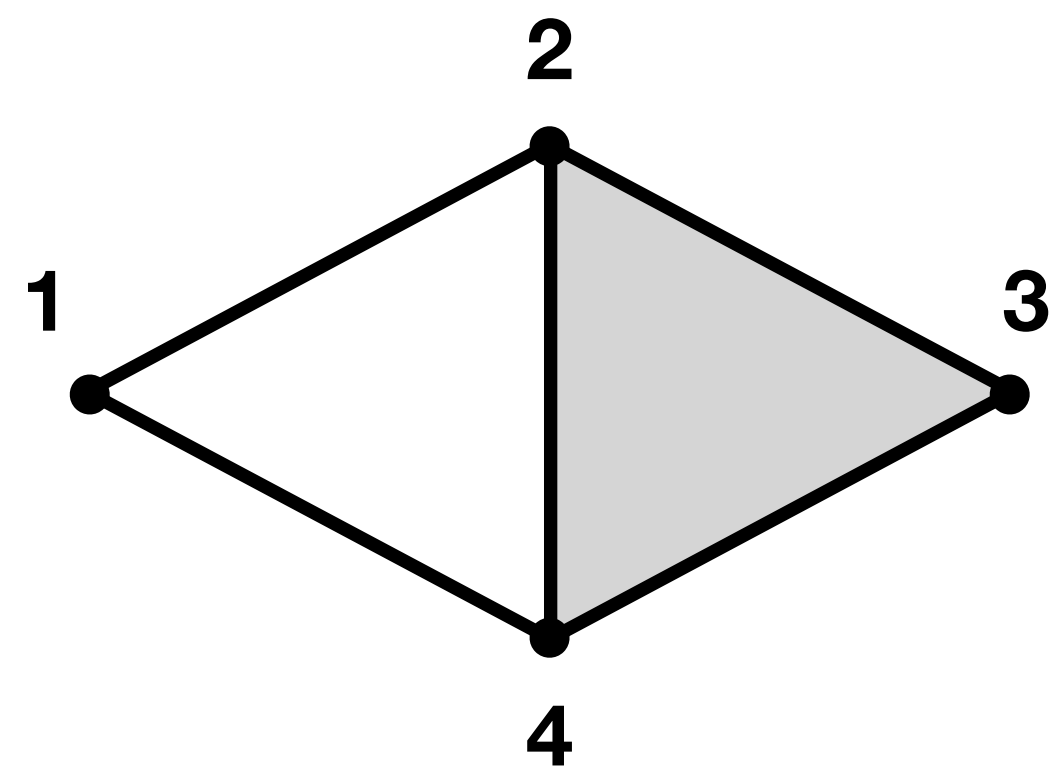
$$z^* = \arg \min_z \ell(z_0) \quad s.t. \quad z \sim z_0$$

Boundary matrix


$$\mathbf{B} =$$

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 23 | 24 | 34 | 234 |
|----|----------------|---|---|---|----------------|----|----|----|----|----------------|
| 0 | B ₀ | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | B ₁ | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | B ₂ |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
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Boundary matrix

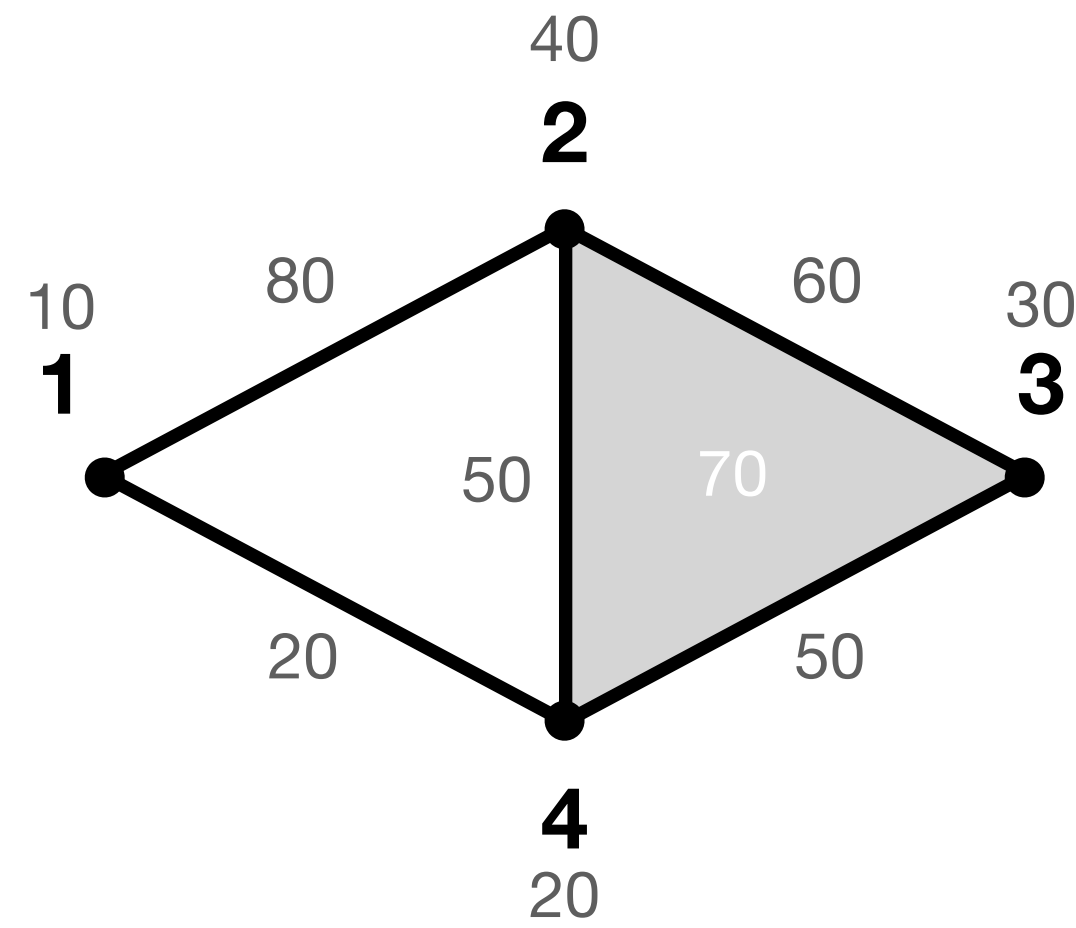


B =

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 23 | 24 | 34 | 234 |
|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 4 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | | | | | | | | | | |

One may skip adding **B**₀ to the full matrix or zero out it

Filtration function



A function $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a filtration function iff, either

$$f(\tau) \leq f(\sigma) \iff \tau \subseteq \sigma \quad \text{(sublevel filtration)}$$

$$f(\tau) \geq f(\sigma) \iff \tau \supseteq \sigma \quad \text{(superlevel filtration)}$$

$$K_t = \{\sigma \in K \mid f(\sigma) \leq t\}$$

sublevel set $t \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

$$K^t = \{\sigma \in K \mid f(\sigma) \geq t\}$$

superlevel set $t \in (+\infty, -\infty)$

A filtration is a sequence of sublevel (superlevel) sets s.t.

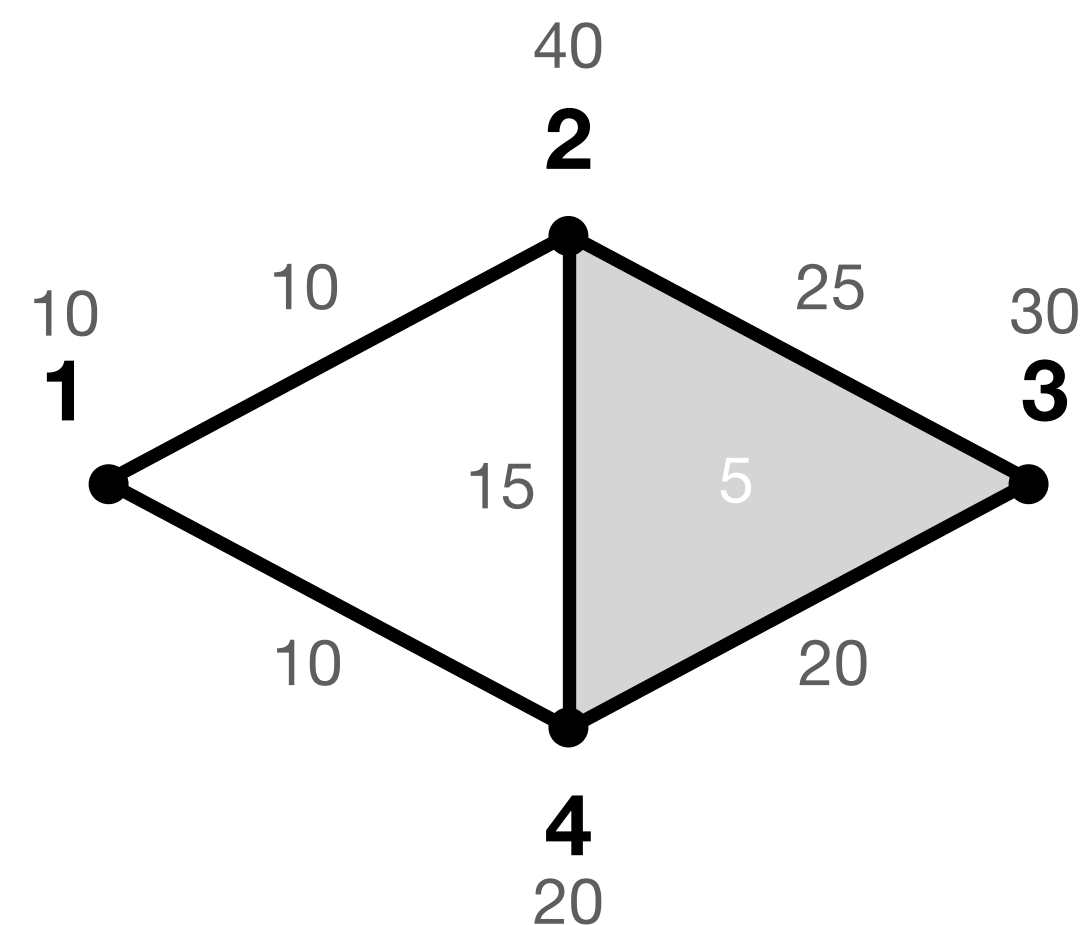
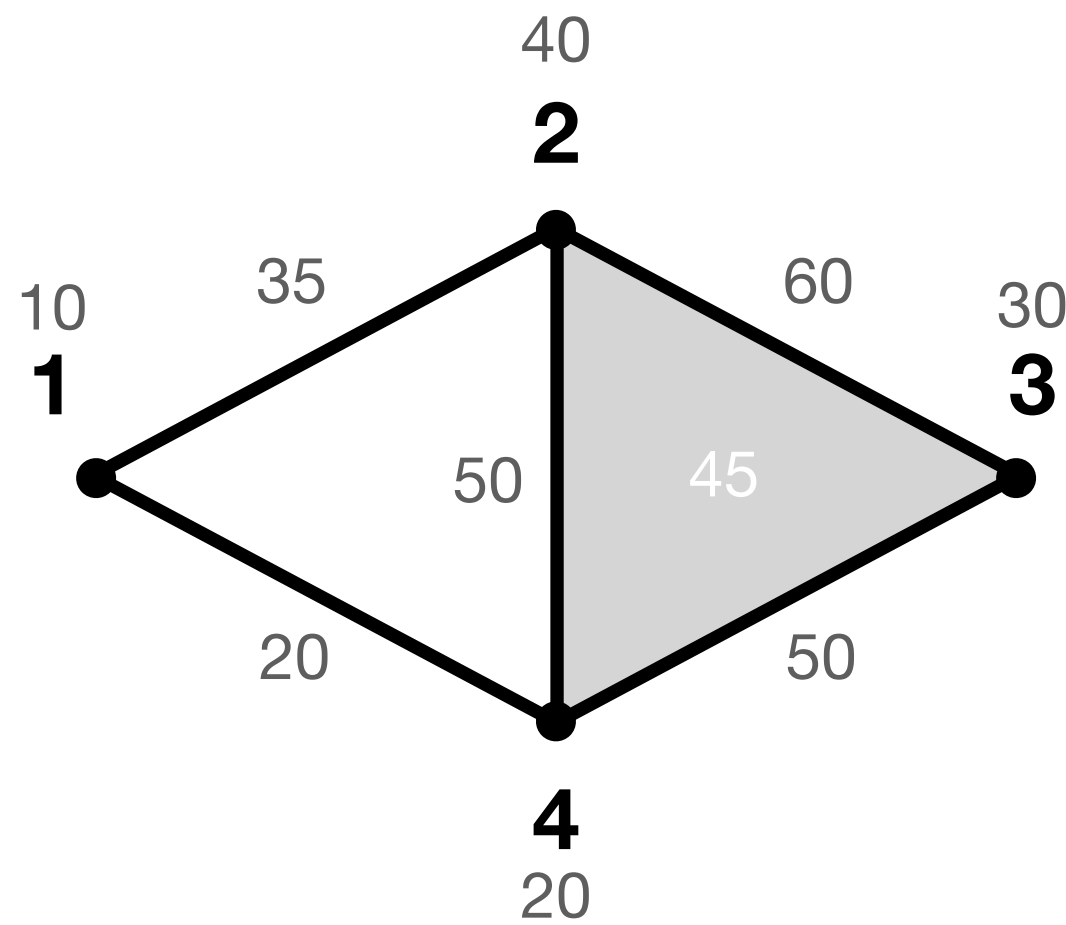
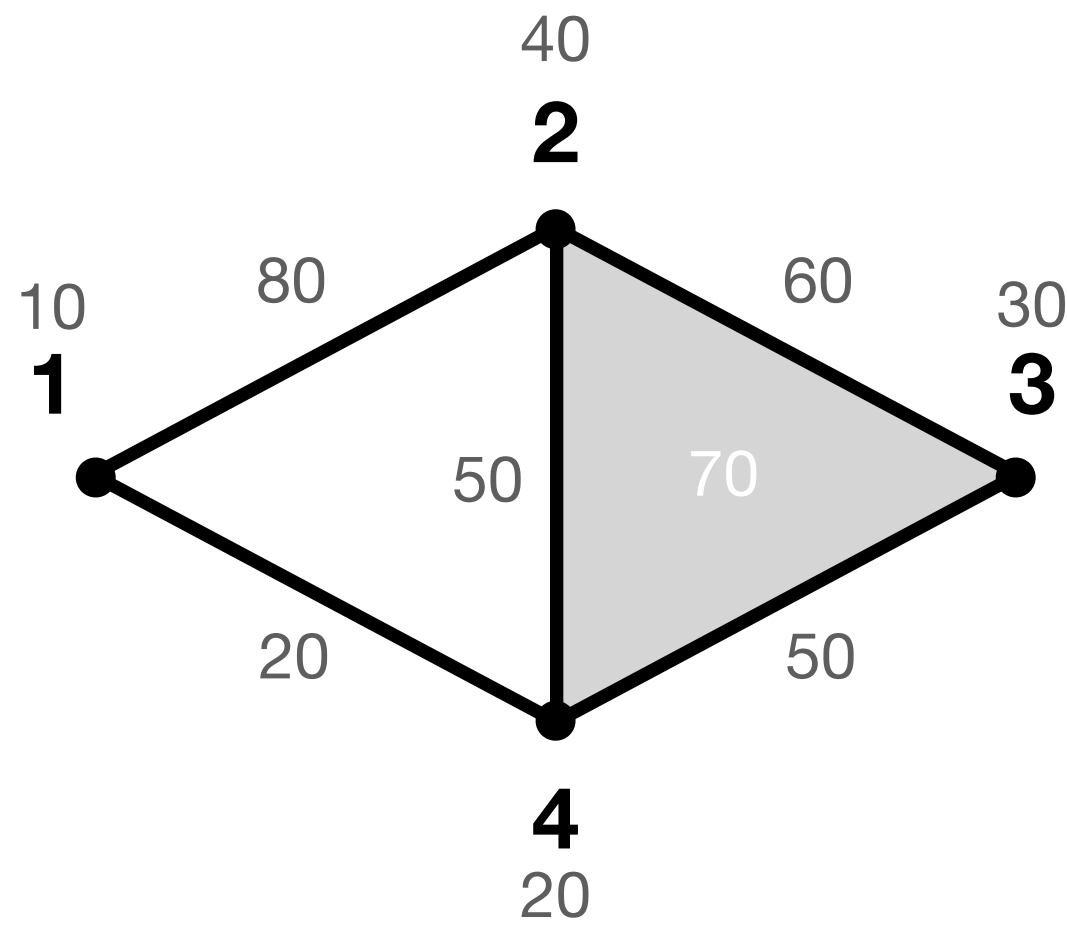
$$\emptyset \subset K_1 \subset K_2 \subset \dots \subset K$$

sublevel filtration

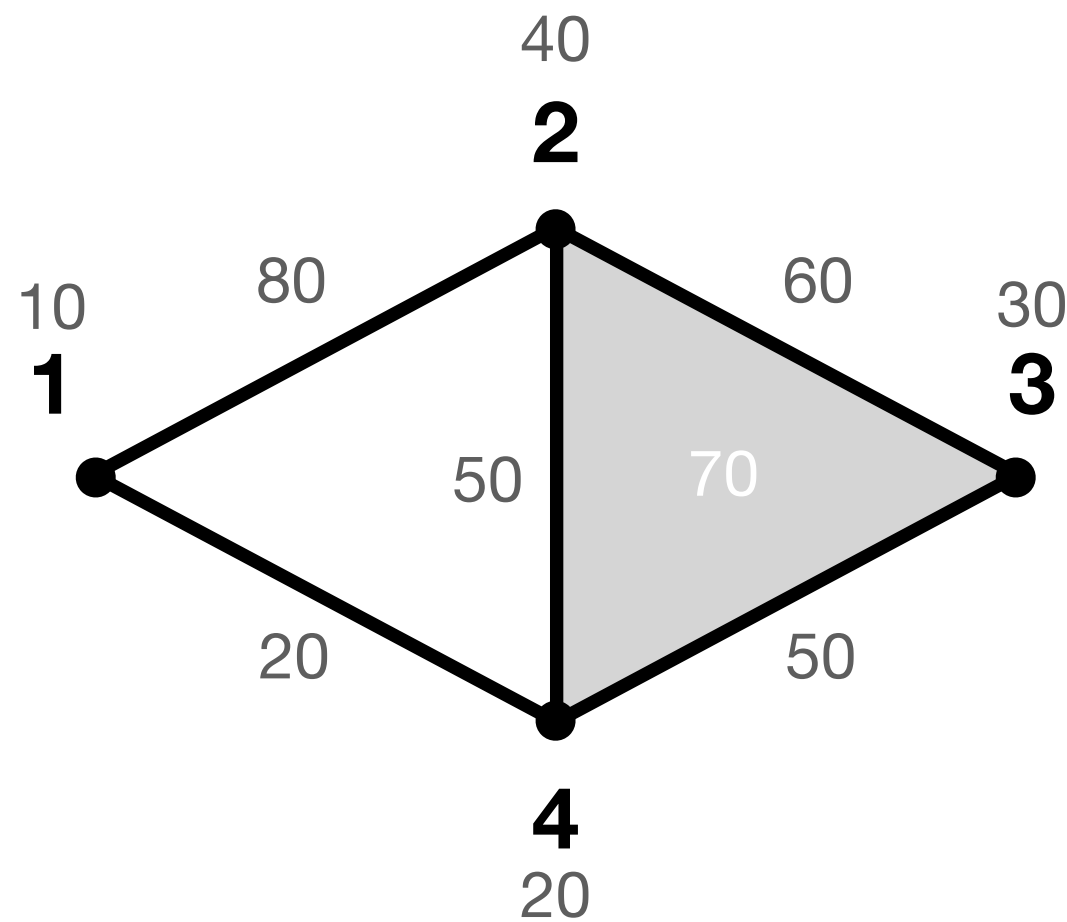
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superlevel filtration

Filtration function



Reordering w.r.t. filtration function



B =

| | 10 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| | 1 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 34 | 23 | 234 | 12 |
| 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 23 | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
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Filtration function provides order on simplices, therefore on columns and rows of the filtration matrix. Ties are broken, first by simplex dimension, second by lexicographic order given by order on vertices.

Boundary matrix reduction

10
1
●

| | 10 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| | 1 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 34 | 23 | 234 | 12 |
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Boundary matrix reduction

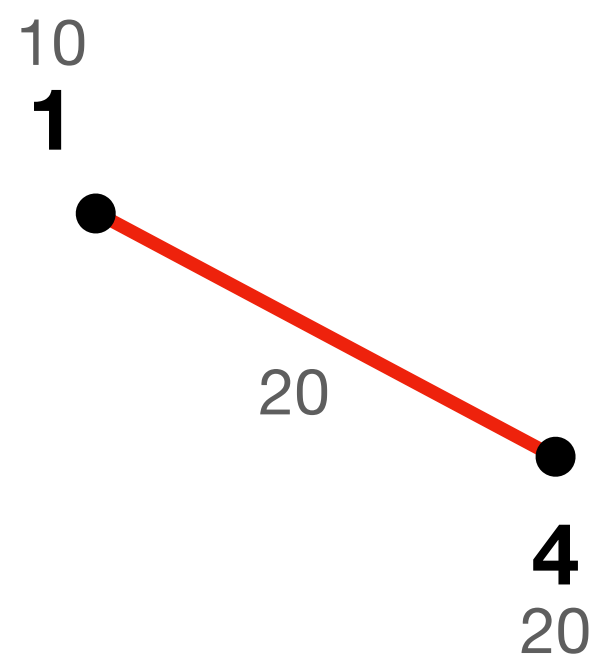
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| | 10 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 |
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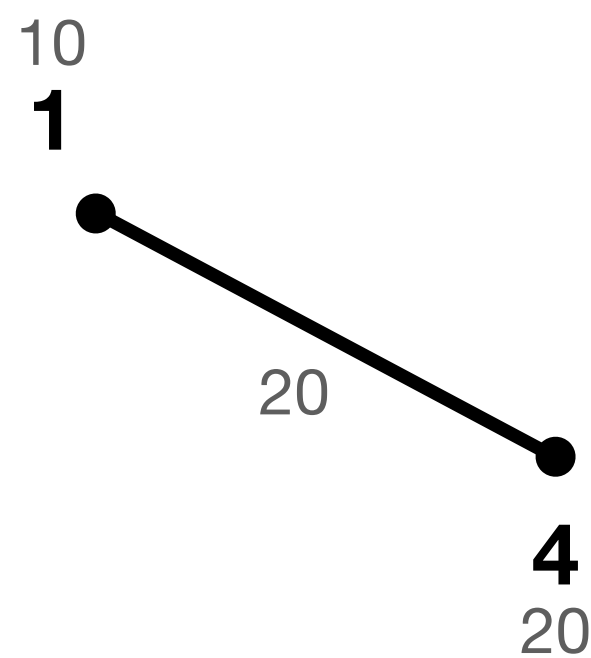
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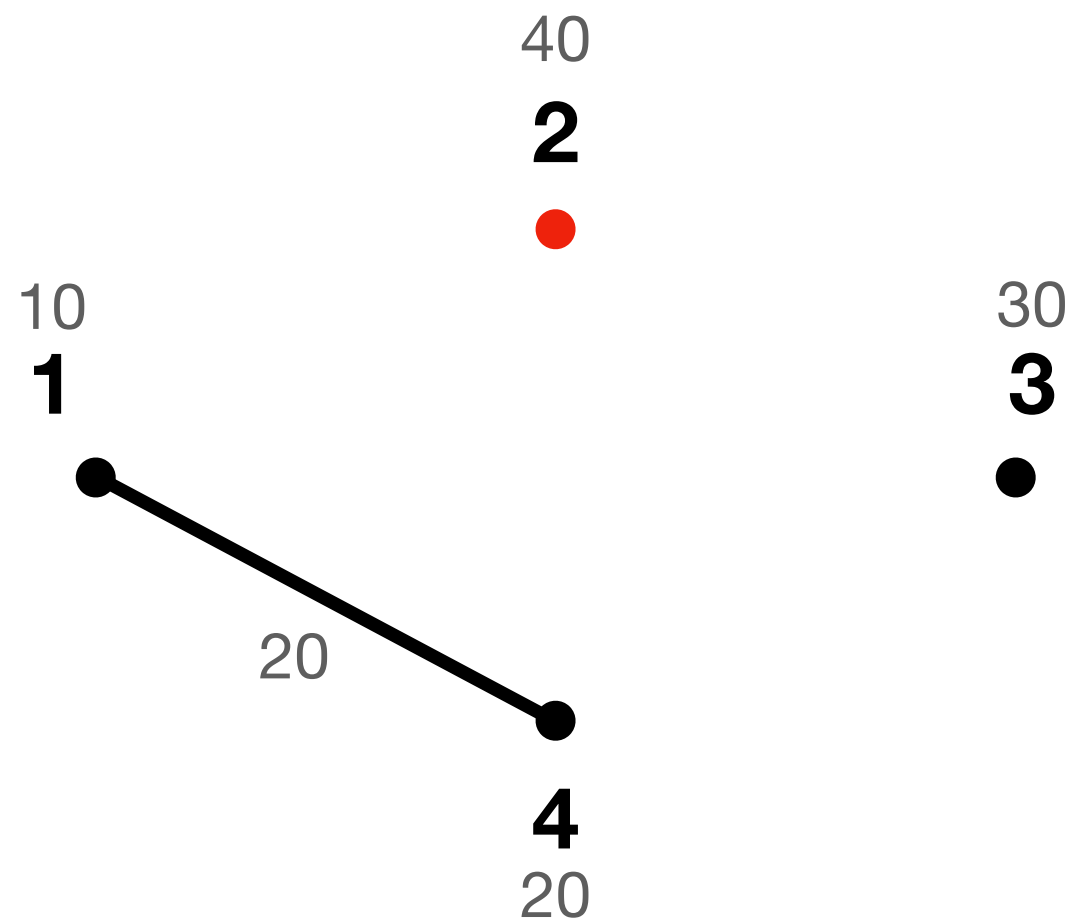
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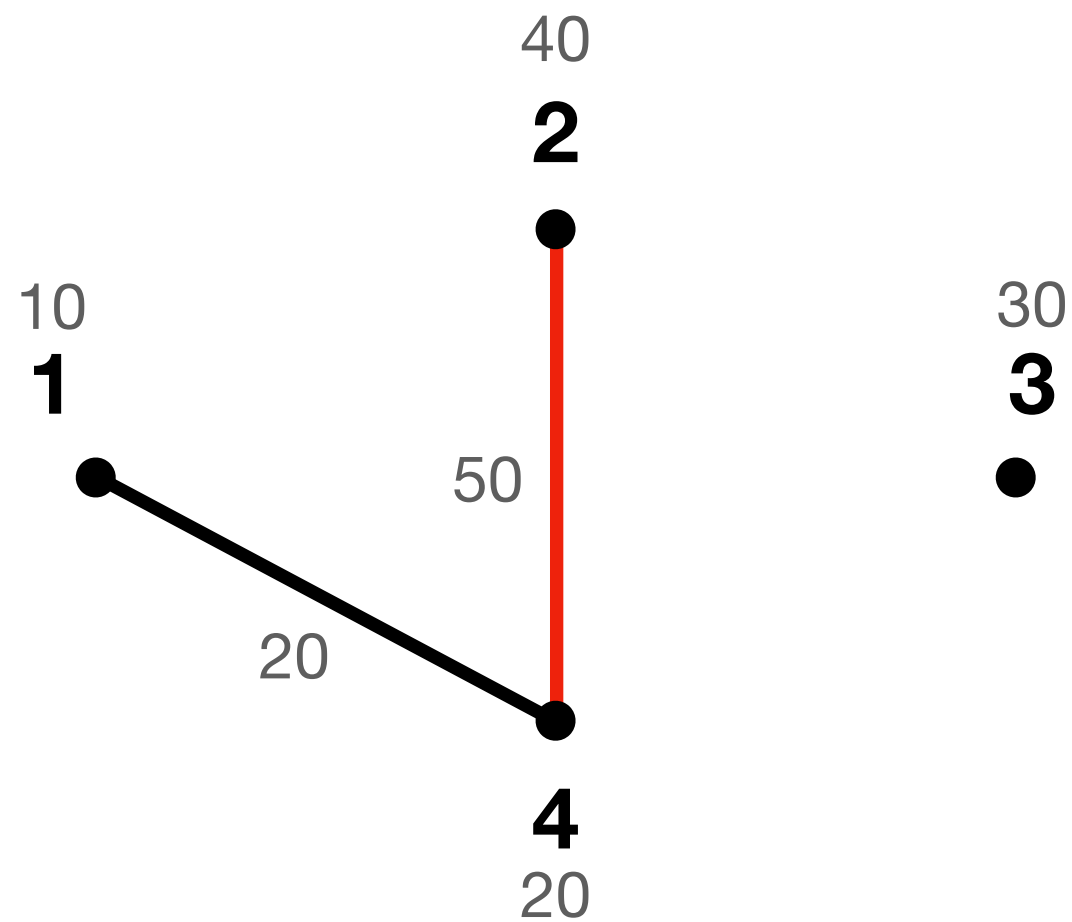
Boundary matrix reduction



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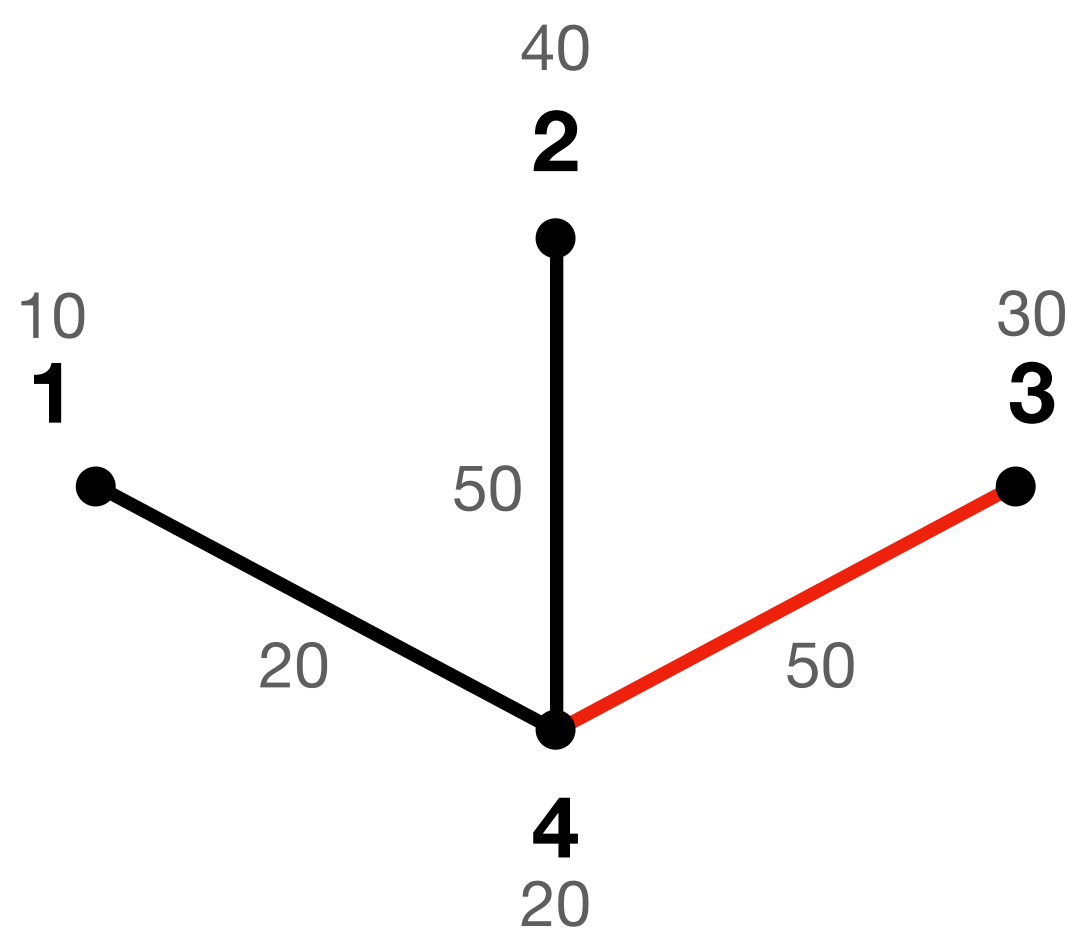
Boundary matrix reduction



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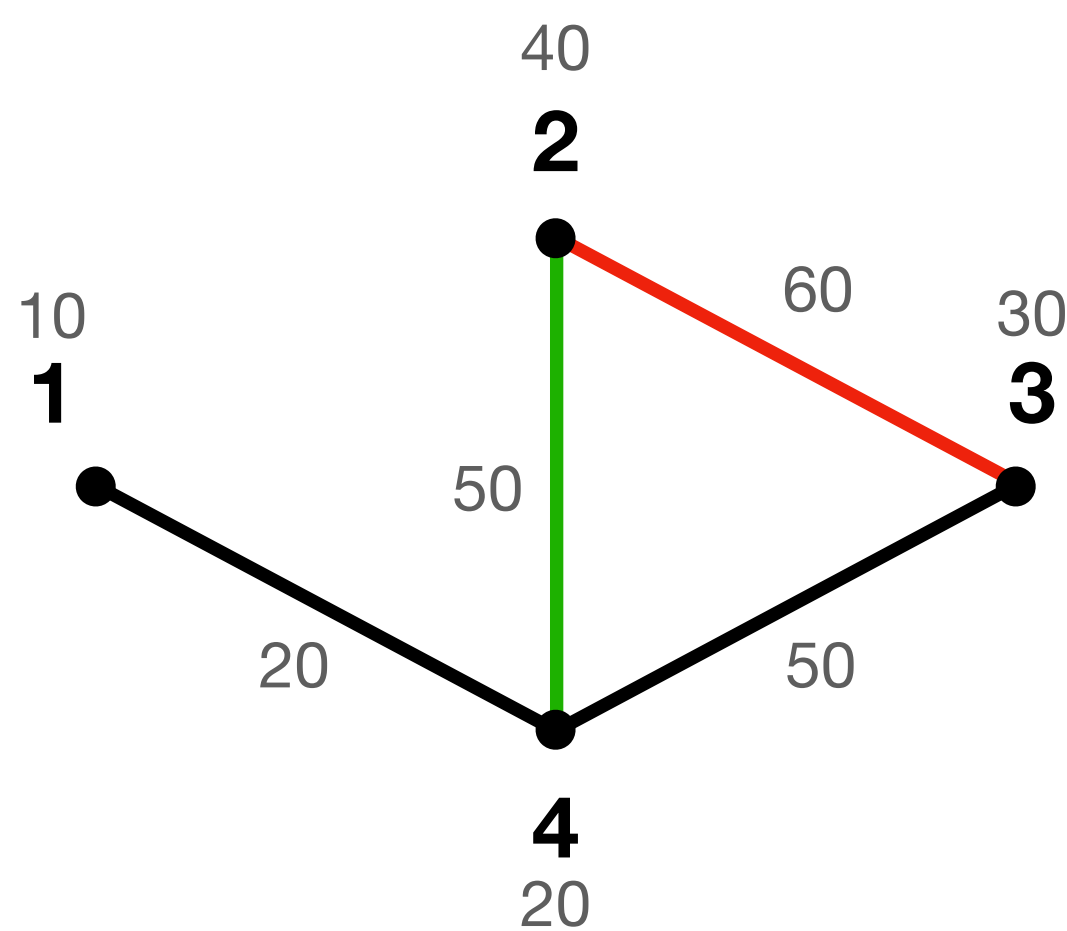
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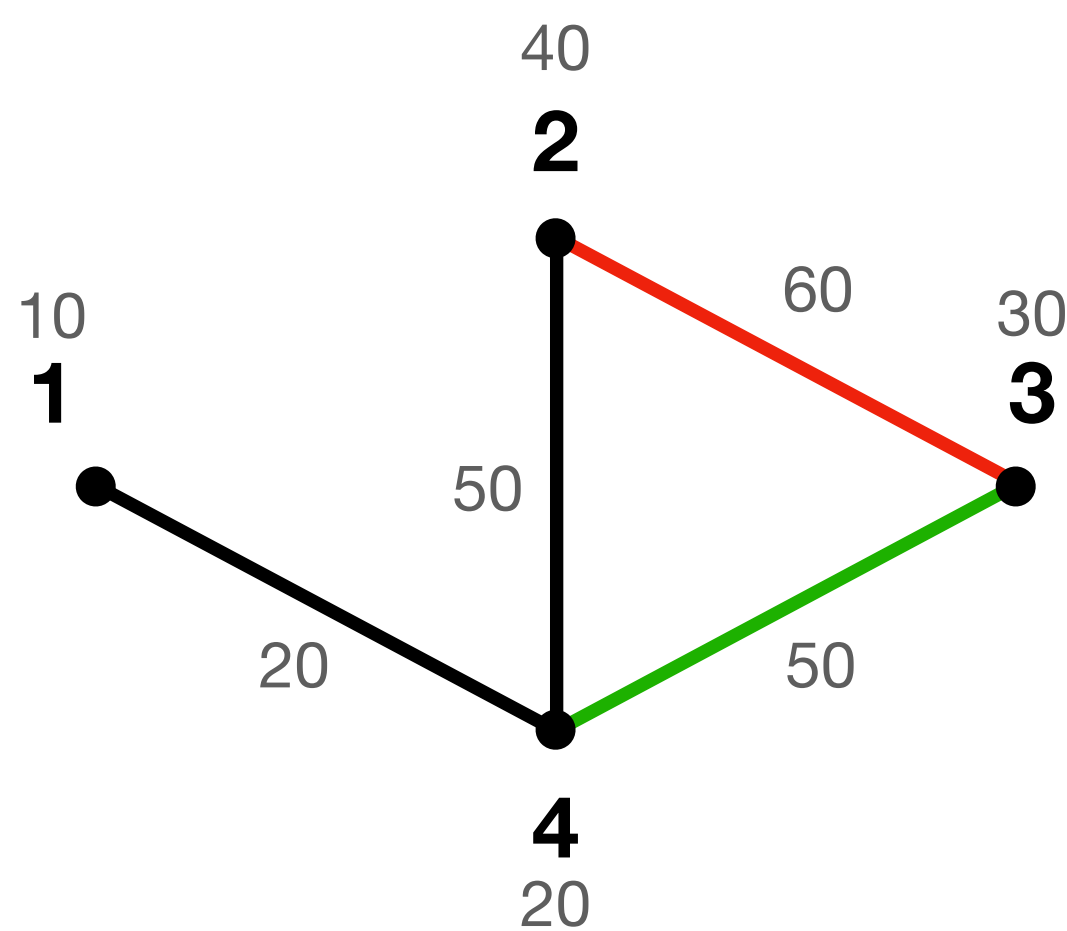
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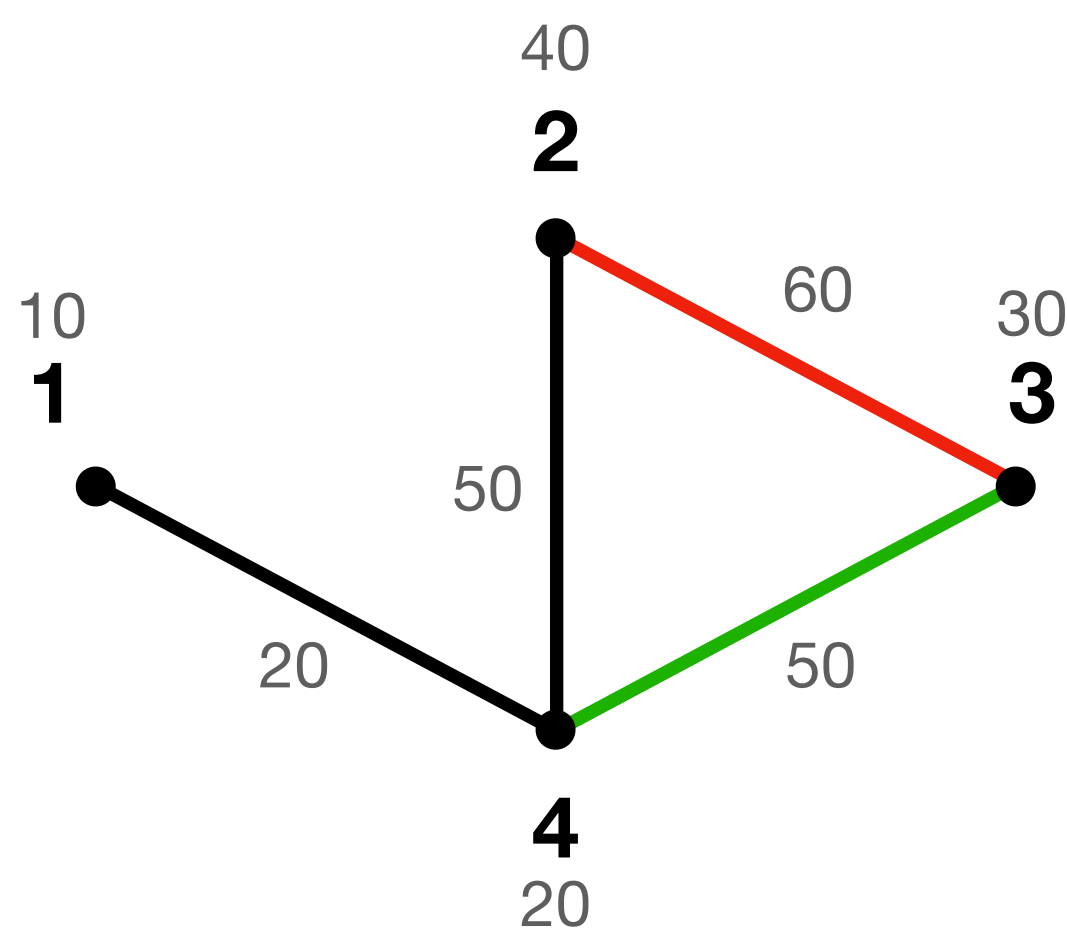


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Boundary matrix reduction

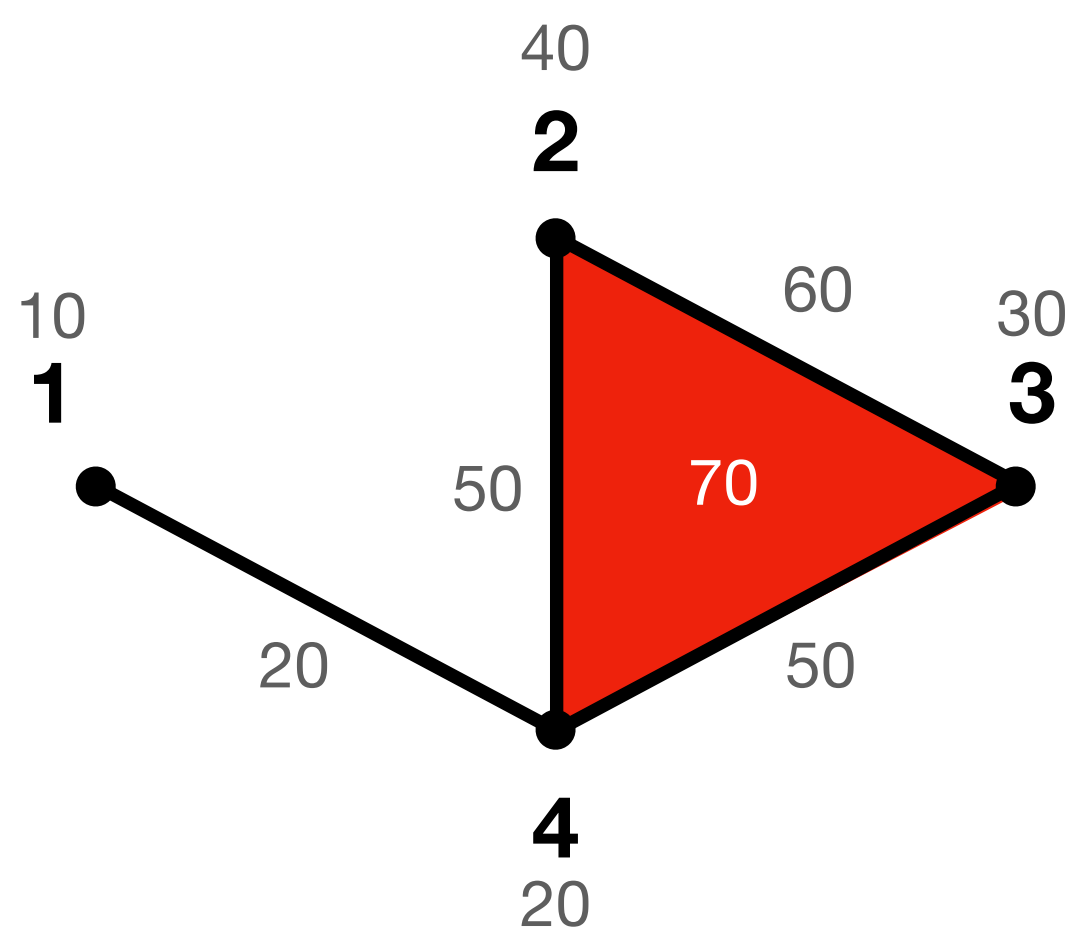


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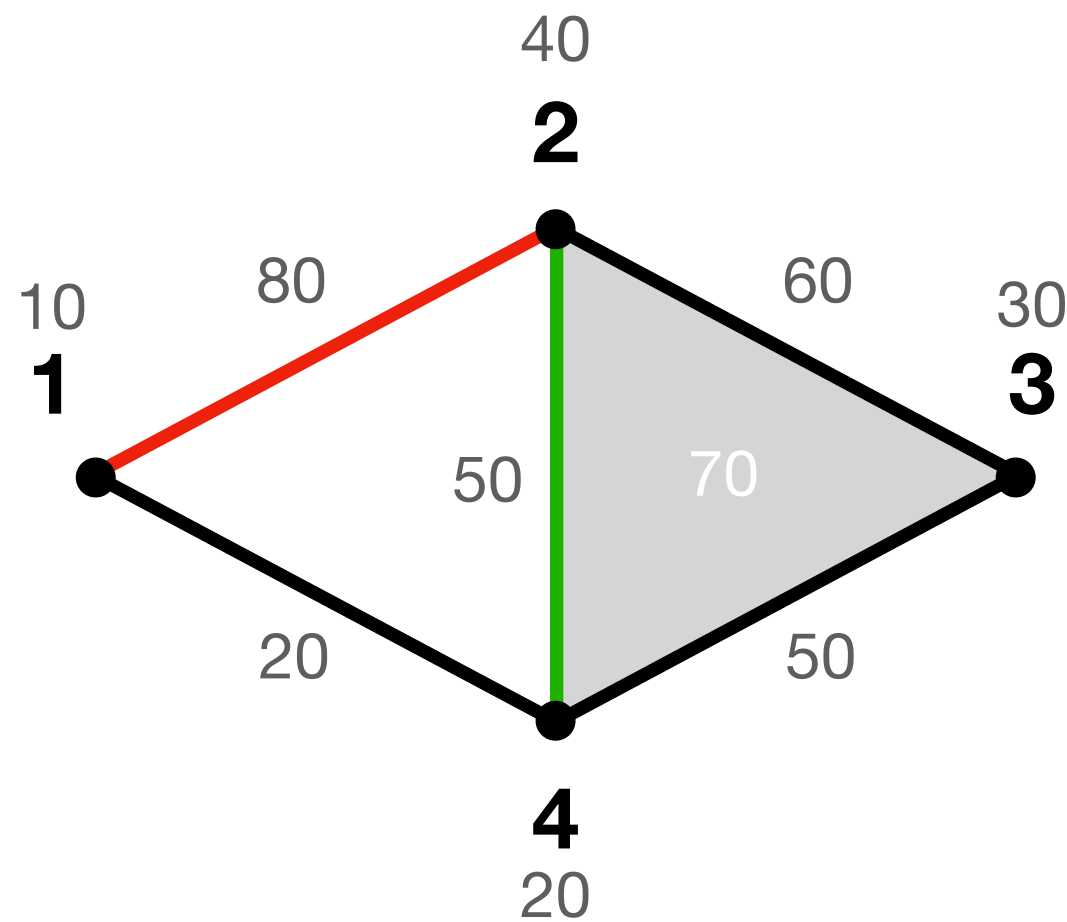


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Boundary matrix reduction

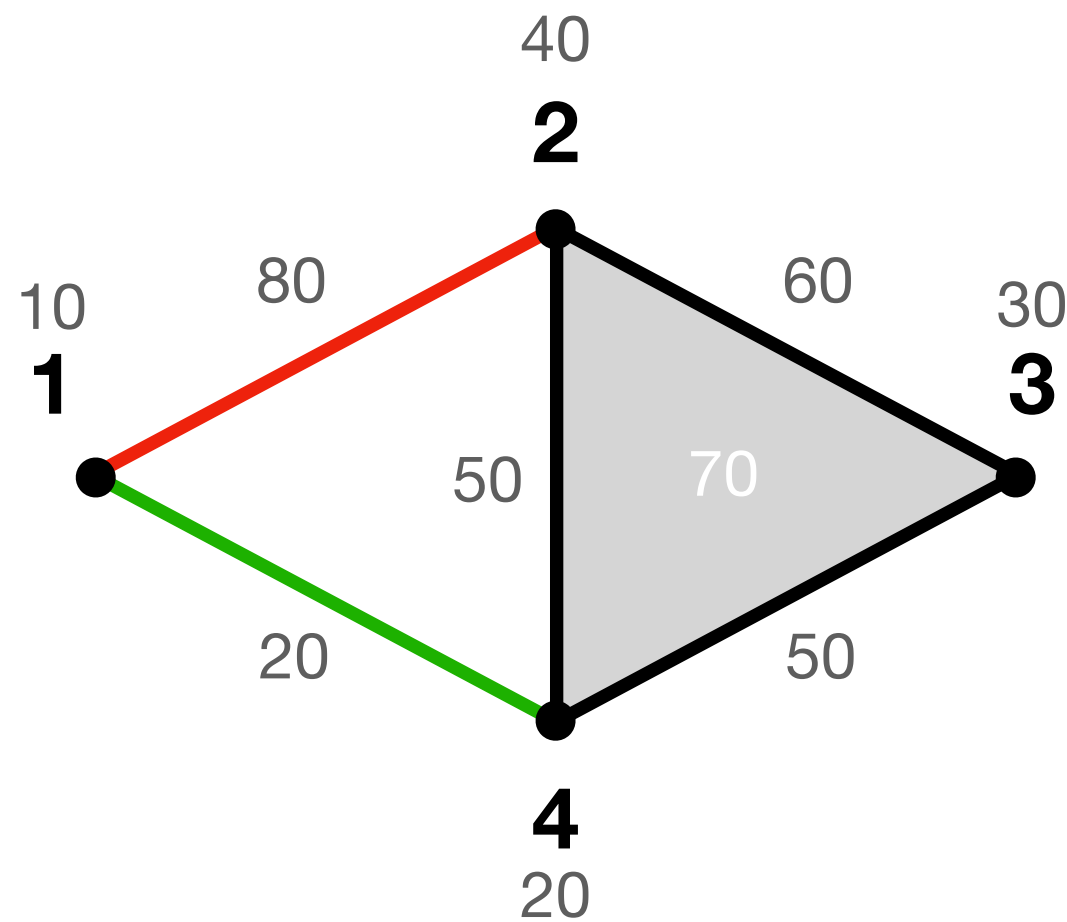


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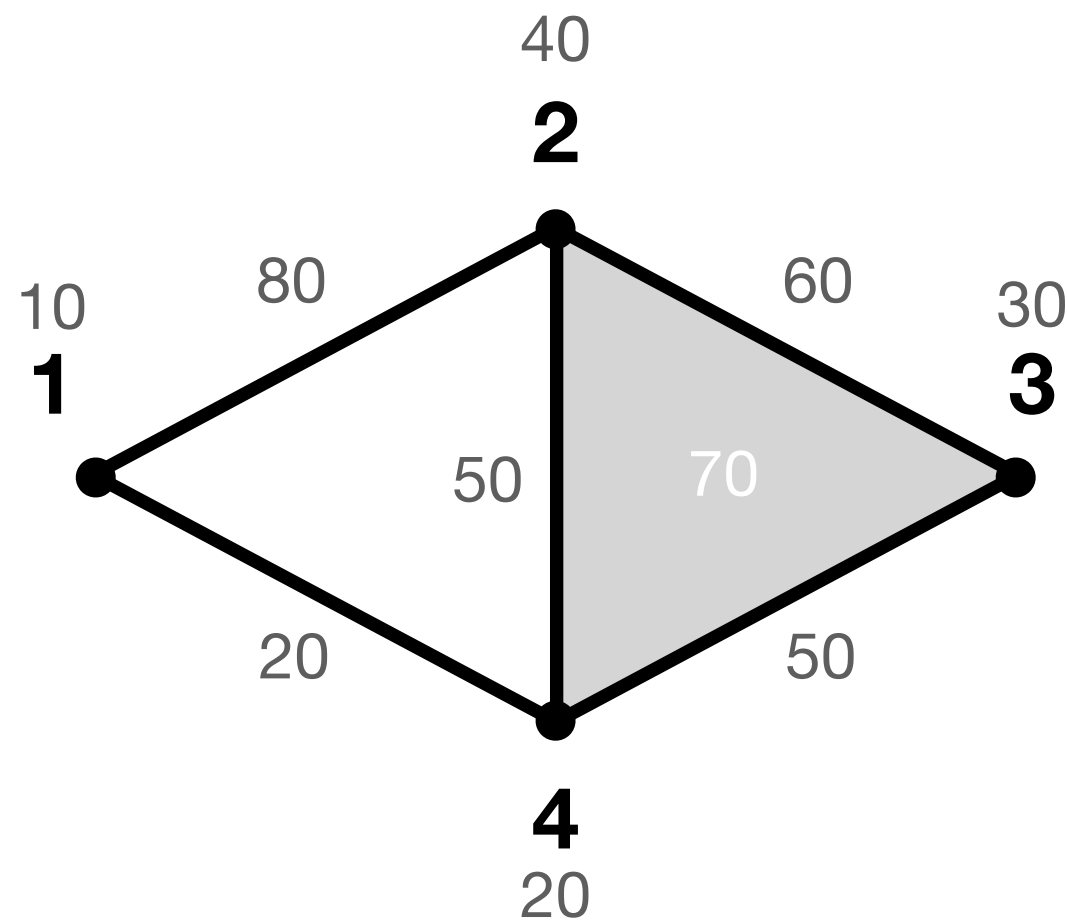
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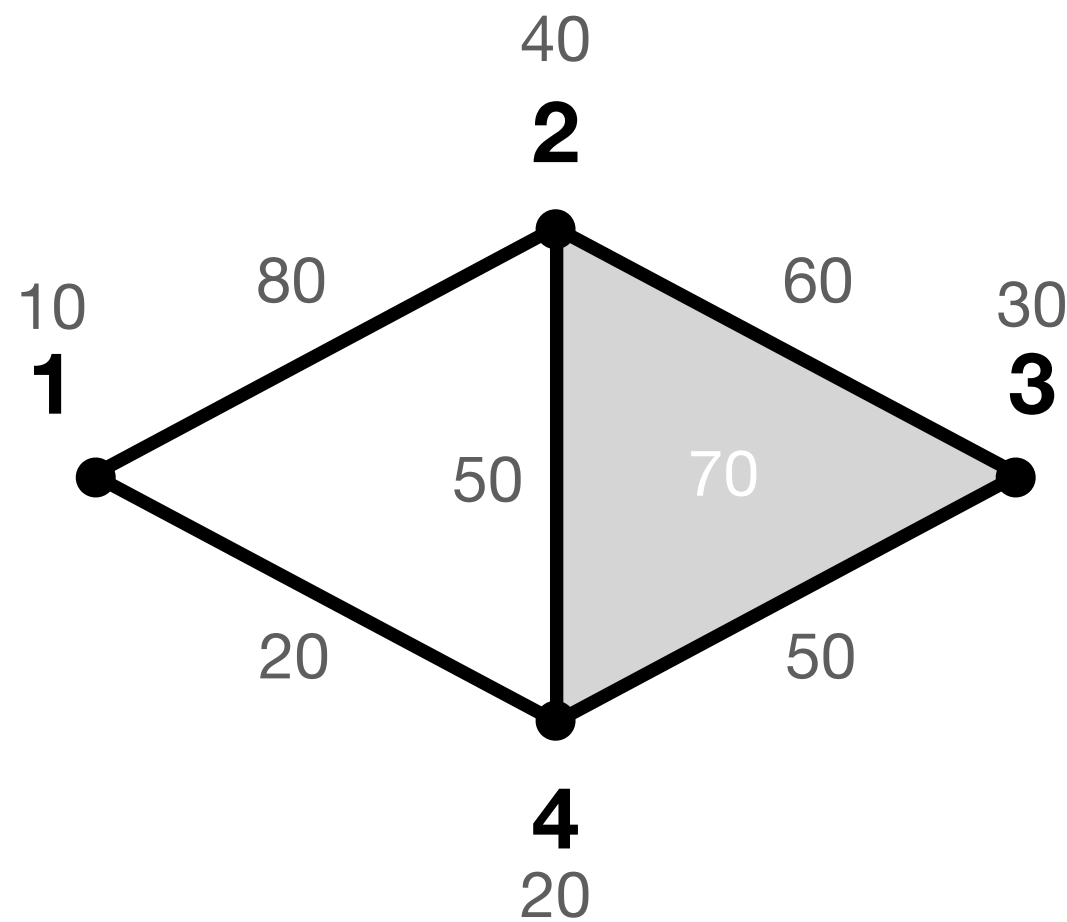


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Matrix is called reduced if
all lowest nonzero elements are in unique rows

Boundary matrix reduction

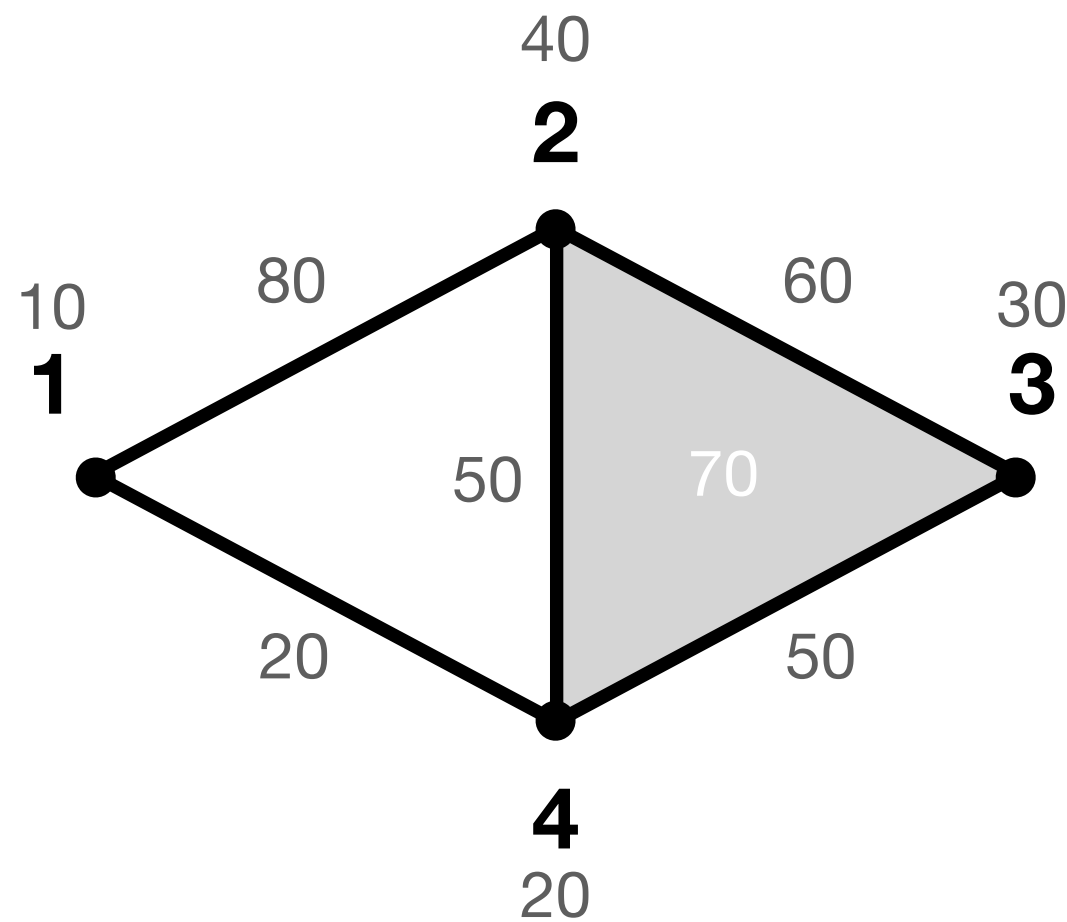


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Extracting information



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Persistence pairing

- (4, 14) 0

(2, 24) 0

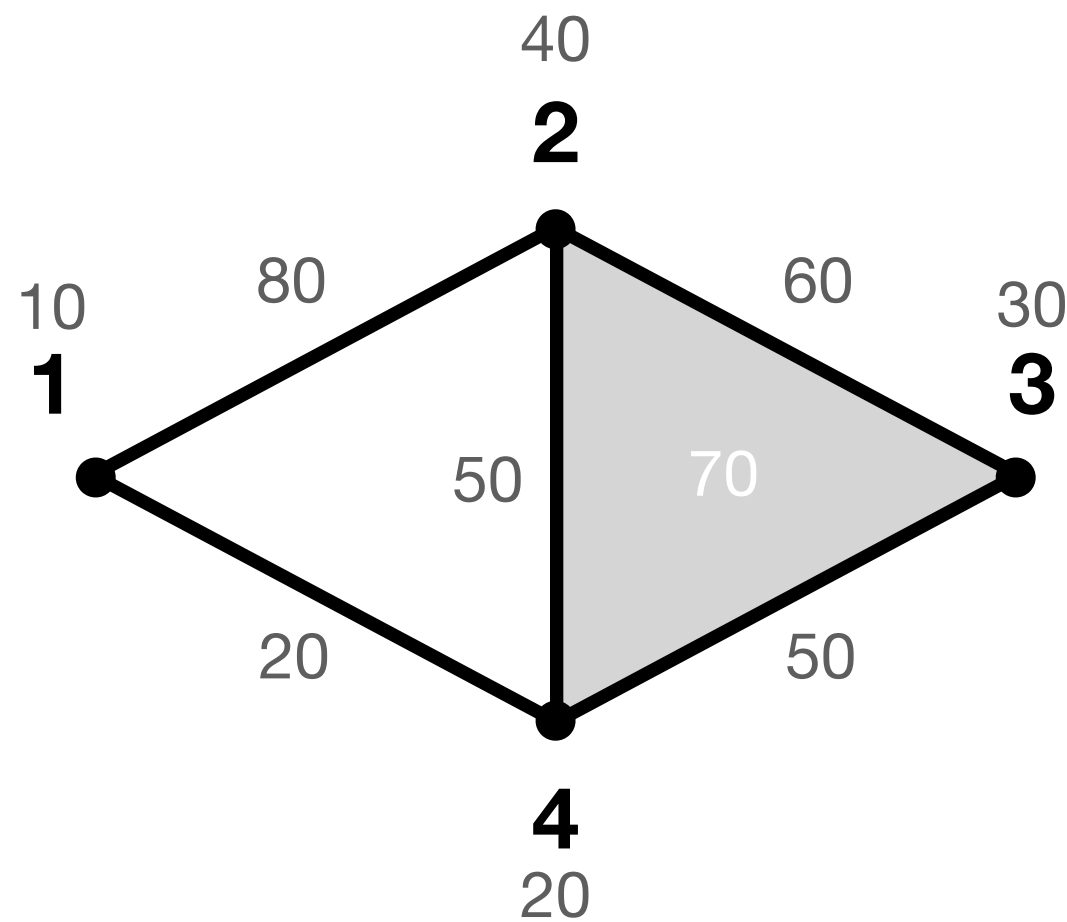
(3, 34) 0

(23, 234) 1
- (1, Ø) 0

(12, Ø) 1

Essential simplices correspond to unpaired empty columns

Extracting information



R =

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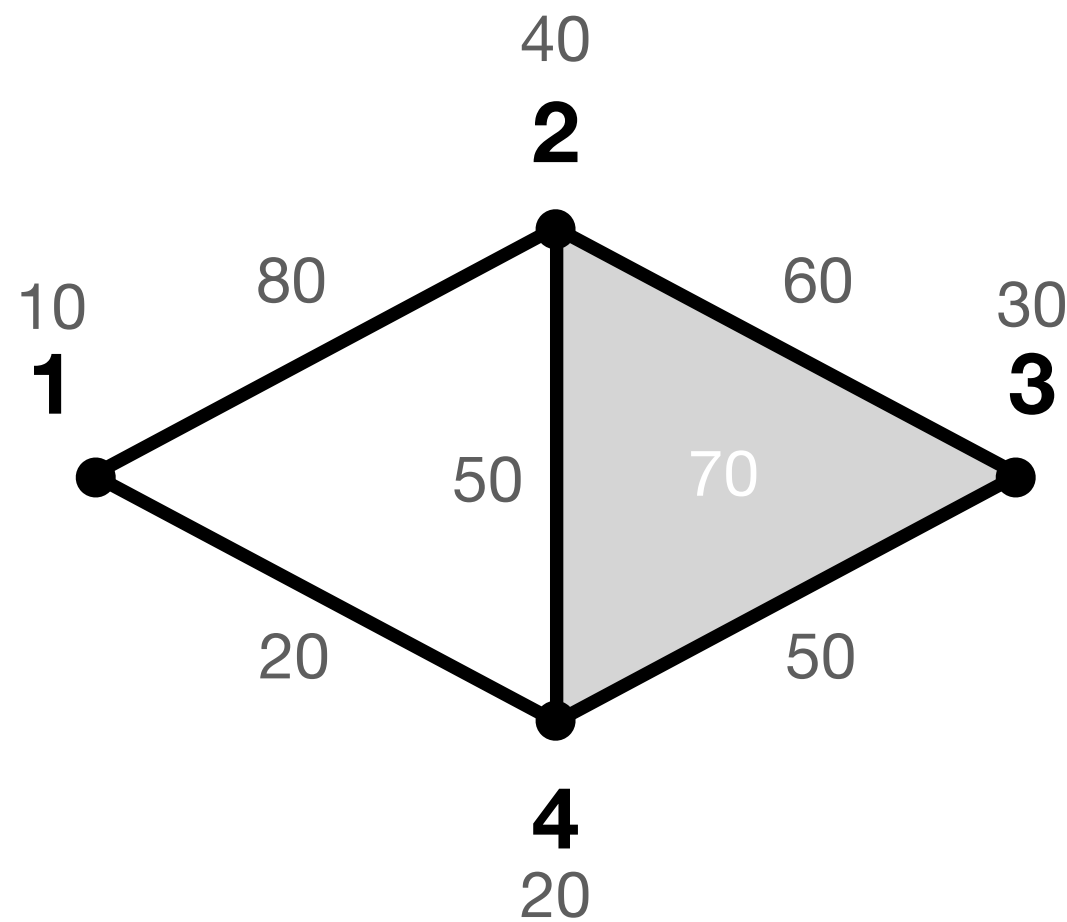
Persistence pairing

(4, 14) 0 (1, ∅) 0
(2, 24) 0 (12, ∅) 1
(3, 34) 0
(23, 234) 1

Persistence diagram

(20, 20) 0 (10, ∅) 0
(40, 50) 0 (80, ∅) 1
(30, 50) 0
(60, 70) 1

Extracting information



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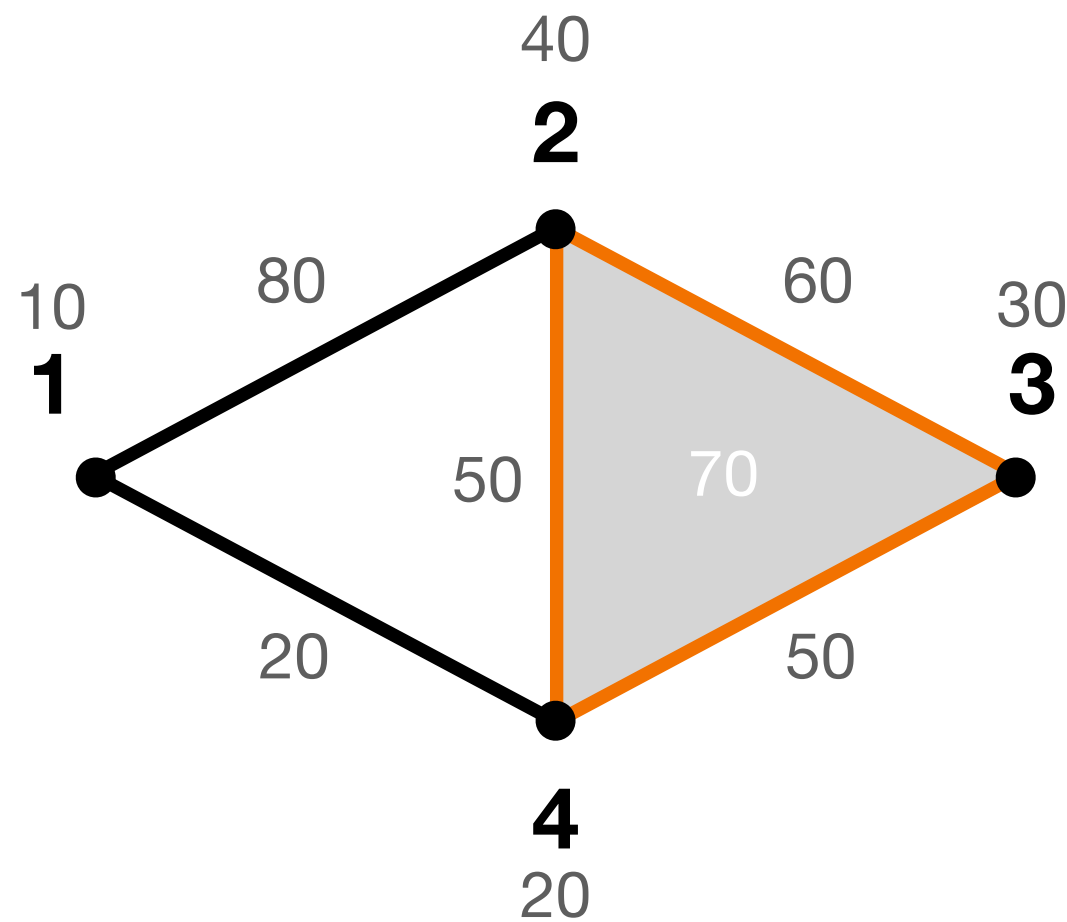
Persistence pairing [representatives]

(4, 14) 0 [4] (1, Ø) 0 [1]
(2, 24) 0 [2] (12, Ø) 1 [12+14+24]
(3, 34) 0 [3]
(23, 234) 1 [23+24+34]

Persistence diagram

(20, 20) 0 (10, Ø) 0
(40, 50) 0 (80, Ø) 1
(30, 50) 0
(60, 70) 1

Representatives

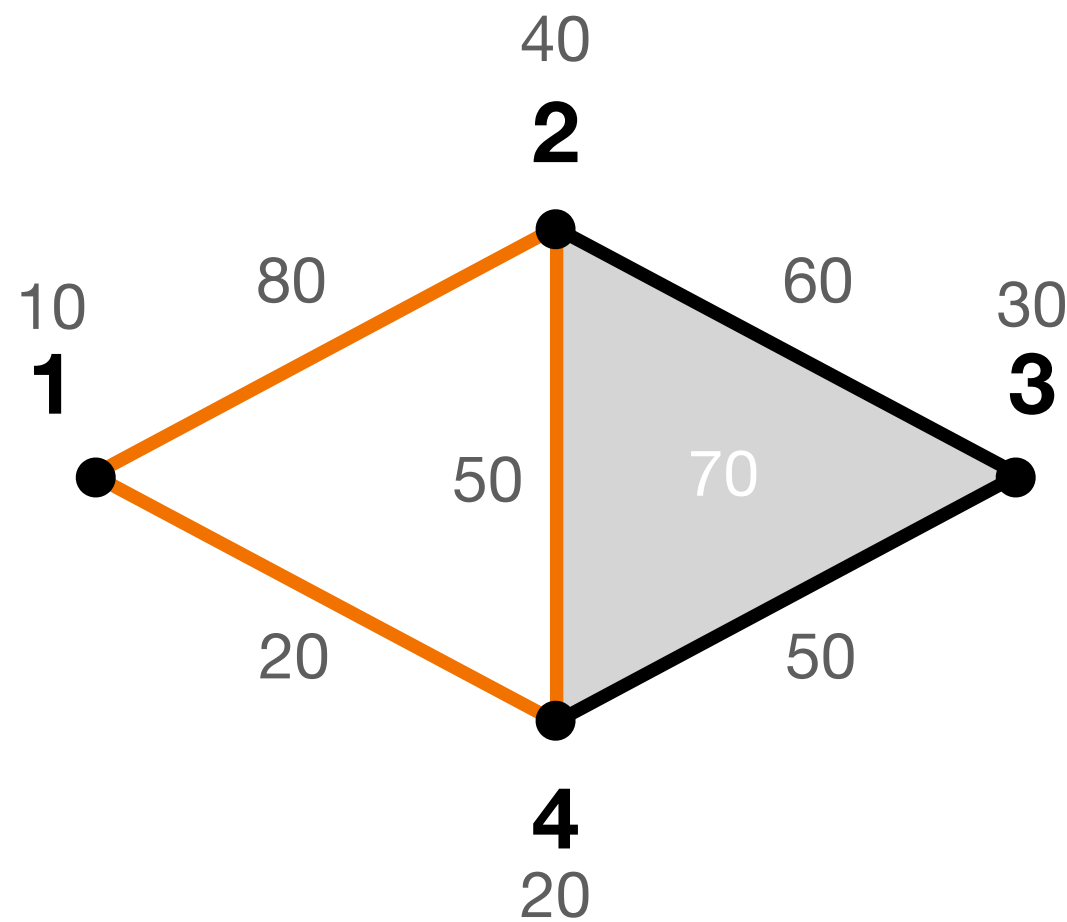


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Representatives



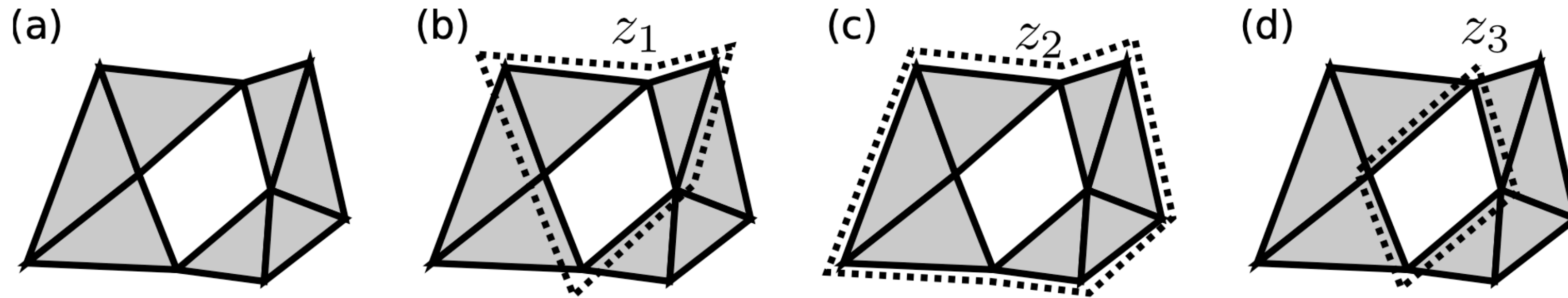
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Optimal representatives



Optimal cycle

minimize $\|z\|_0$ subject to $z \sim z_1$.

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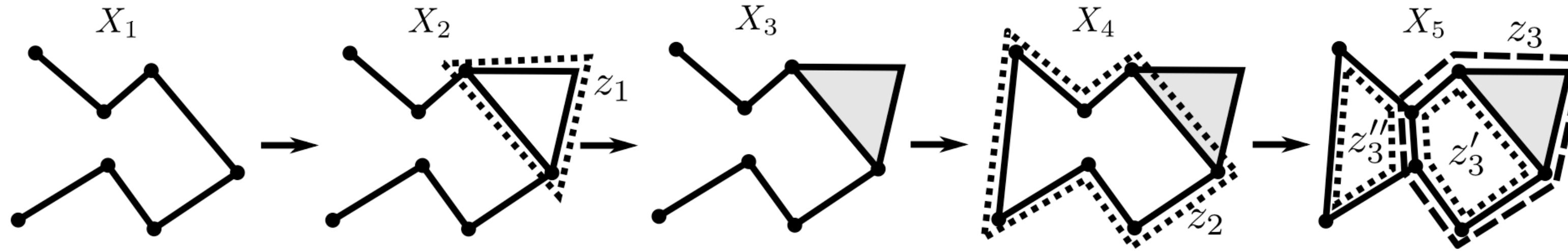
$$z = z_1 + \partial w,$$

$$w \in C_2(X).$$

$$z = z_0 + a_1 \partial w_1 + a_2 \partial w_2 + \dots a_n \partial w_n$$

Representatives

Optimal representatives w.r.t. a filtration — cycles



minimize $\|z\|_0$ subject to

$$z = z_3 + \partial w + k z_2,$$

$$w \in C_2(X_5),$$

$$k \in \mathbb{k}.$$

Algorithm 1 Computing an optimal cycle on a filtration.

Compute $D_q(\mathbb{X})$ and persistence cycles z_1, \dots, z_n

Have $(b_i, d_i) \in D_q(\mathbb{X})$ be chosen by a user

Solve the following optimization problem:

minimize $\|z\|_1$ subject to

$$z = z_i + \partial w + \sum_{j \in T_i} \alpha_j z_j,$$

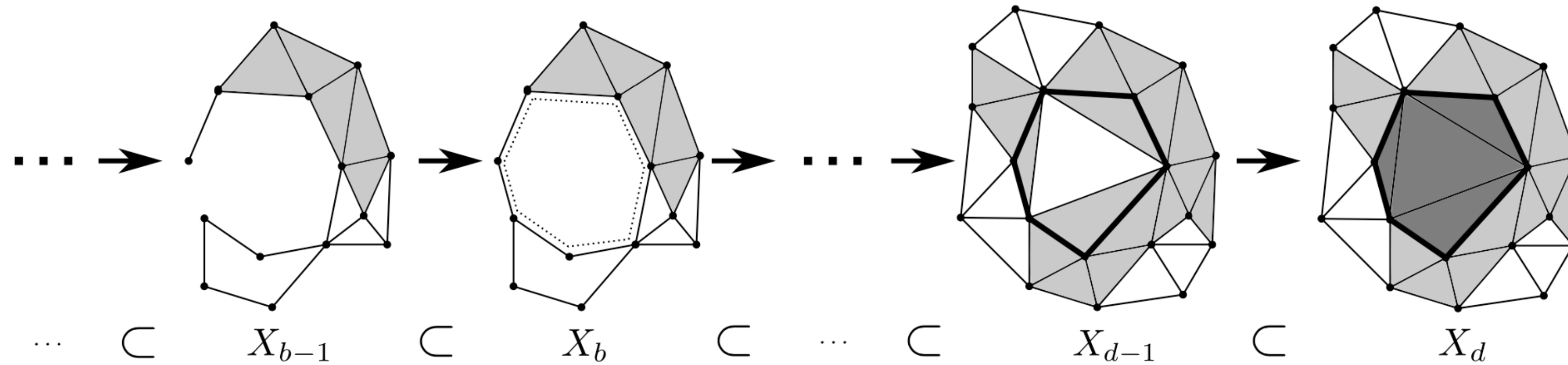
$$w \in C_{q+1}(X_{b_i}),$$

$$\alpha_j \in \mathbb{k},$$

$$\text{where } T_i = \{j \mid b_j < b_i < d_j\}$$

Representatives

Optimal representatives w.r.t. a filtration — volumes



Algorithm 2 Algorithm for a volume-optimal cycle.

procedure VOLUME-OPTIMAL-CYCLE(\mathbb{X}, r)

 Compute the persistence diagram $D_q(\mathbb{X})$

 Have a user choose a birth-death pair $(b_i, d_i) \in D_q(\mathbb{X})$

 Solve the following optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{minimize } \|z\|_1 \text{ subject to} \\
 (14) \quad & z = \sigma_{d_i} + \sum_{\sigma_k \in \mathcal{F}_{q+1}^{(r)}} \alpha_k \sigma_k, \\
 & \tau^*(\partial z) = 0 \text{ for all } \tau \in \mathcal{F}_q^{(r)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Representatives

Scaffolds

Given a graph G a homological scaffold $H(G)$ is a subgraph of G induced by the edges present in the representatives of homology classes.

The *frequency homological scaffold* $H^F(G)$ is the network composed of all the cycle paths corresponding to generators, where an edge e is weighted by the number of different cycles it belongs to.

The *persistence homological scaffold* $H^P(G)$ is the network composed of all the cycle paths corresponding to generators weighted by their persistence.

If an edge e belongs to multiple cycles z_0, z_1, \dots, z_s , its weight is defined as the sum of the generators' persistence.

$$\omega_e^P = \sum_{[z]_i} \mathbf{1}_{e \in [z]_i}$$

$$\omega_e^F = \sum_{[z]_i \mid e \in [z]_i} \pi_{[z]_i}$$

Harmonic representatives

Hodge Laplacian operator

$$C_2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\partial_2} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_2^*} \end{array} C_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\partial_1} \\ \xleftarrow{\partial_1^*} \end{array} C_0$$

$$\mathbf{L}_k = \mathbf{B}_k^T \mathbf{B}_k + \mathbf{B}_{k+1} \mathbf{B}_{k+1}^T$$

Betti numbers via Hodge Laplacian

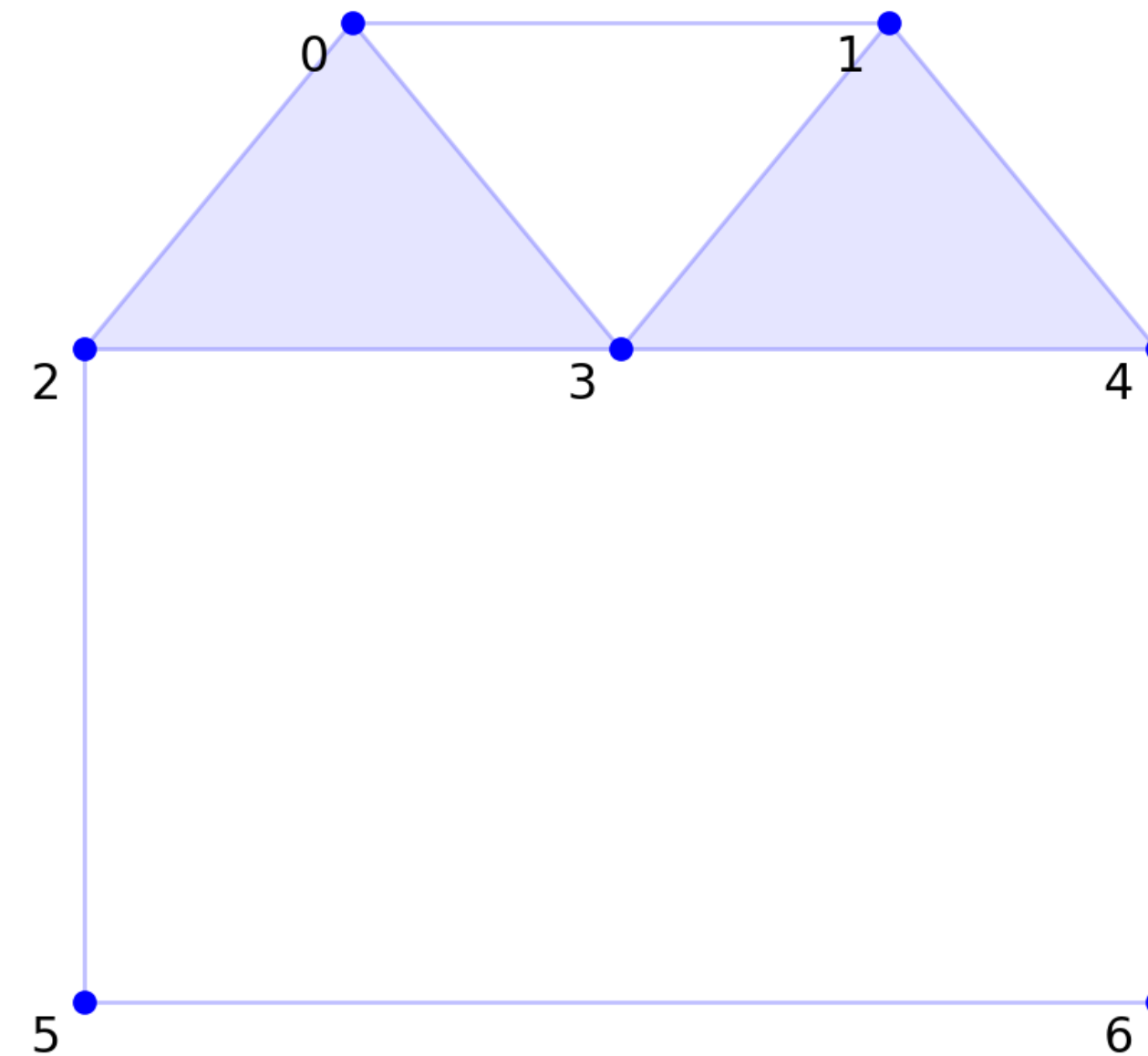
$$\beta_k = \dim \ker(\mathbf{L}_k)$$

Harmonic cycles

$$z_k^H \in \ker L_k$$

Hodge decomposition

$$C_k = \text{im} \partial_{k+1} \oplus \ker L_k \oplus \partial_k^T$$



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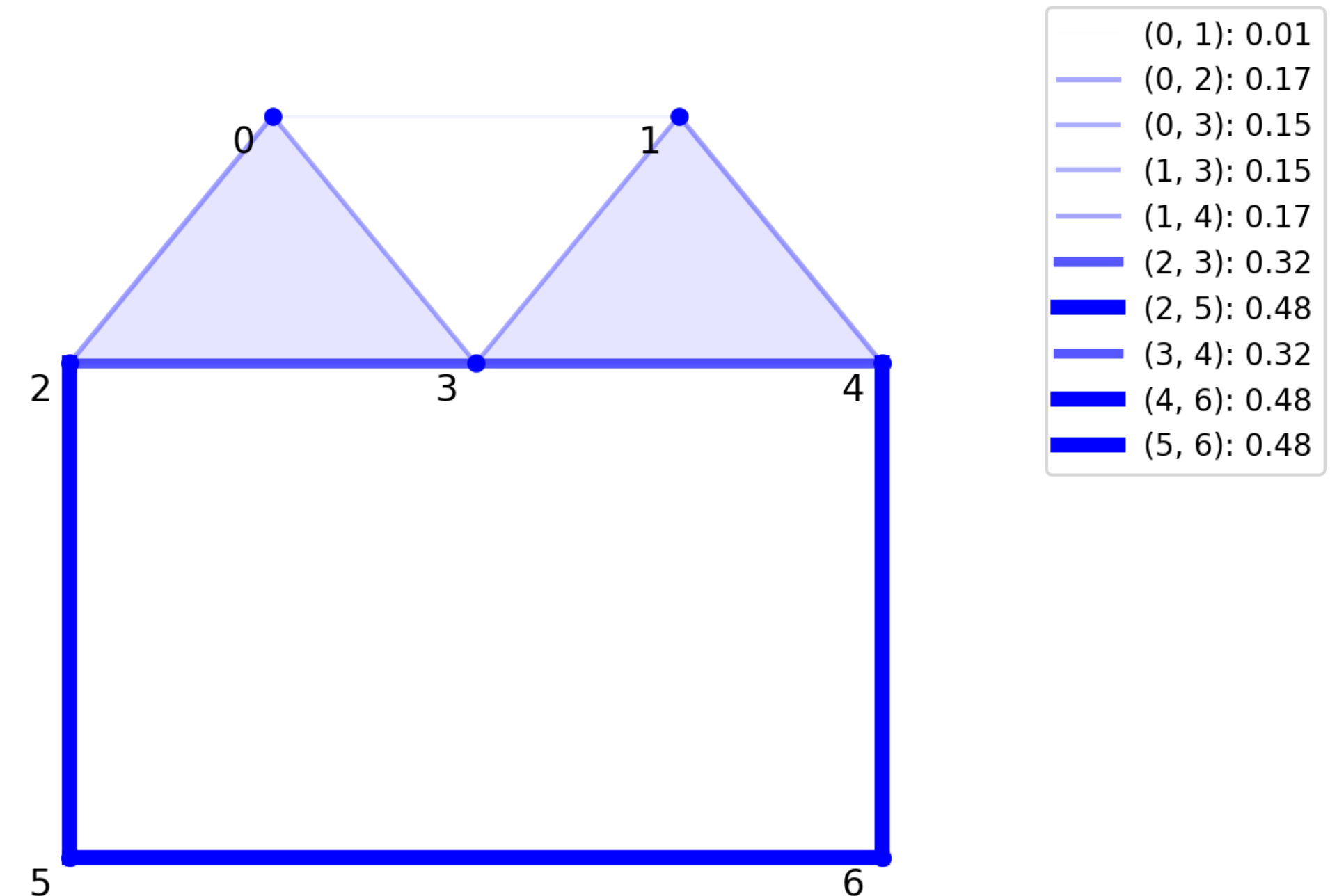
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