

On the
Number
of Real Zeros
of
Random Sparse Polynomial Systems

or...

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does a random fewnomial system have?



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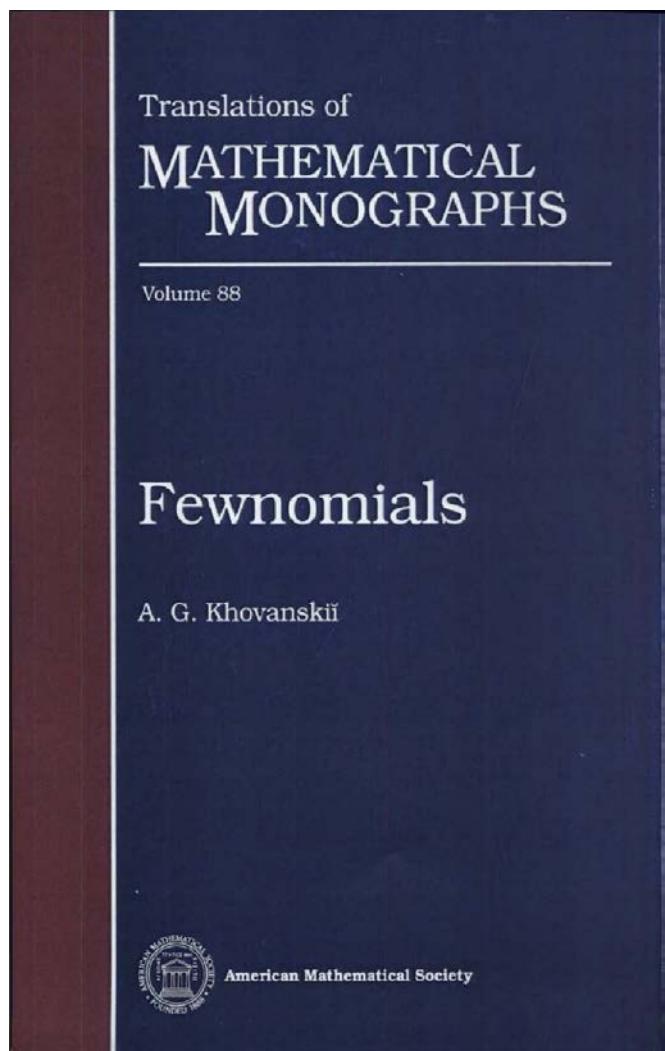
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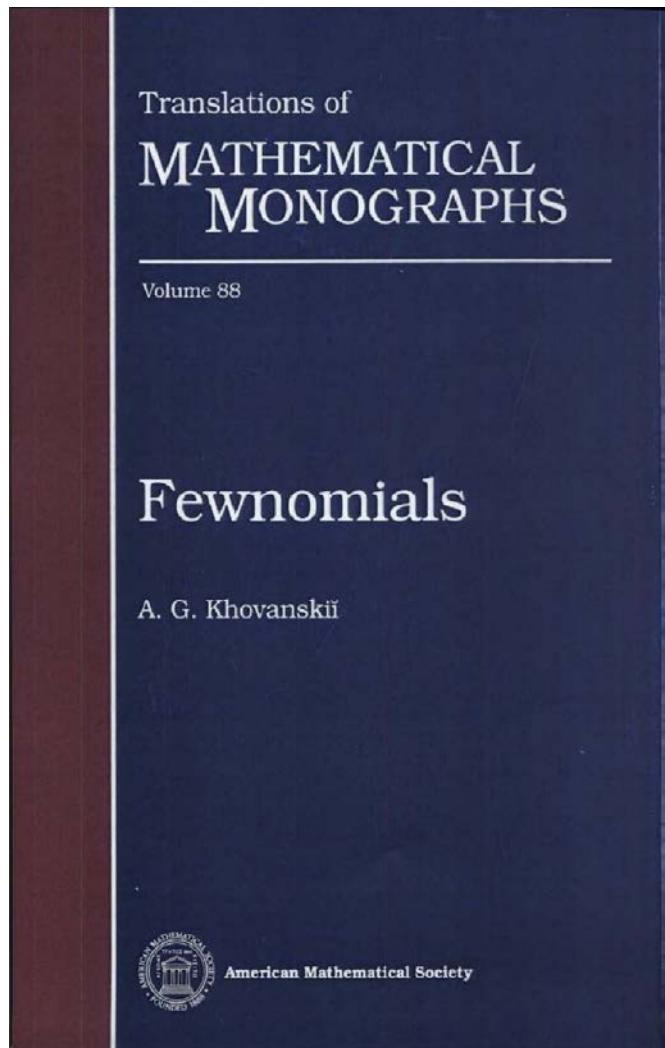
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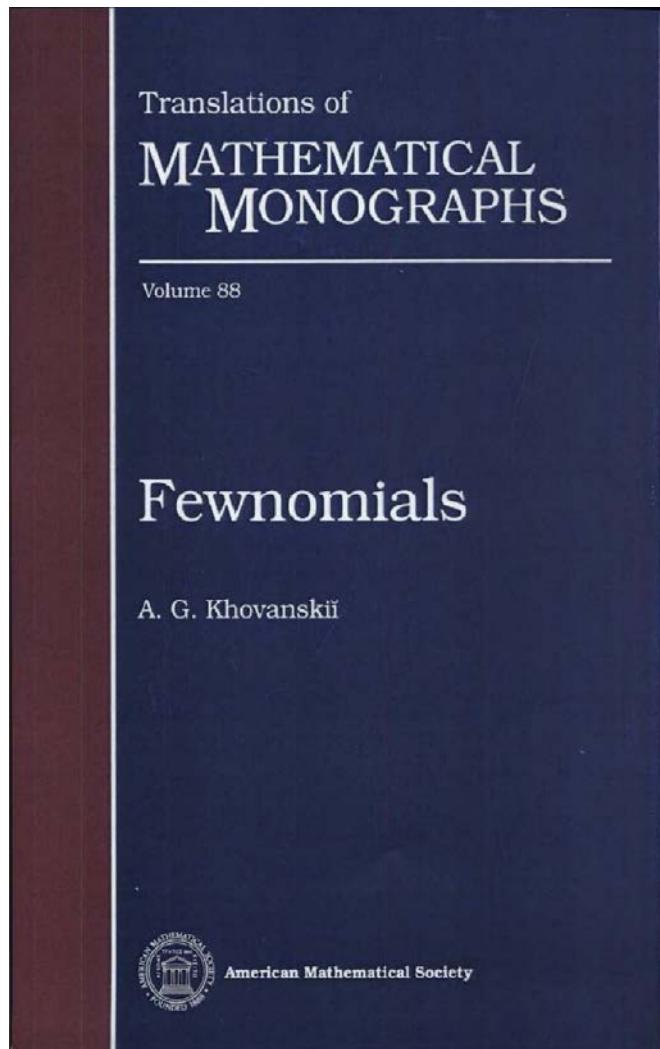


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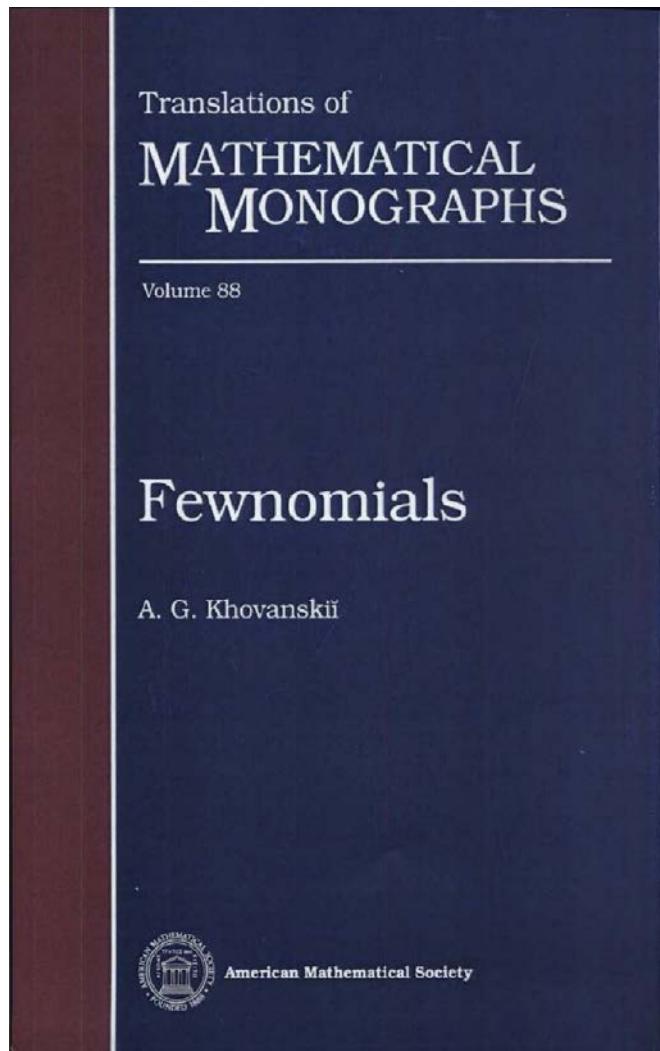
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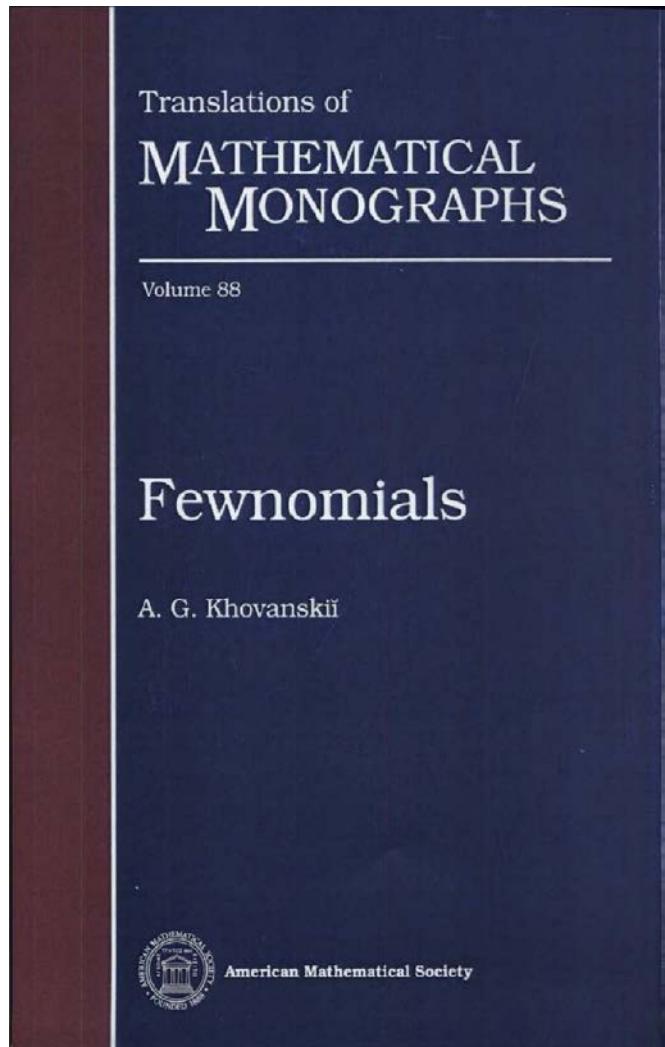
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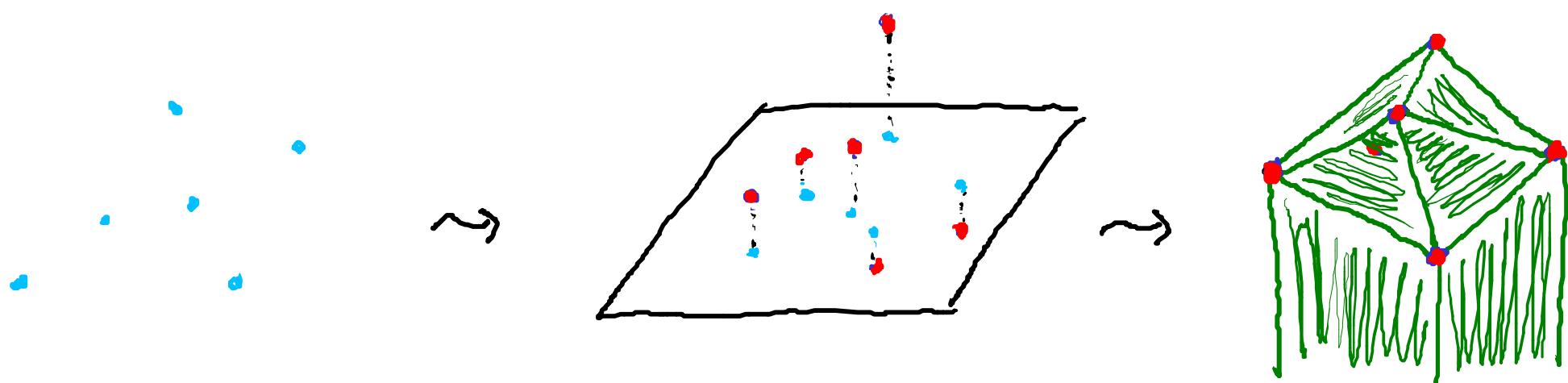
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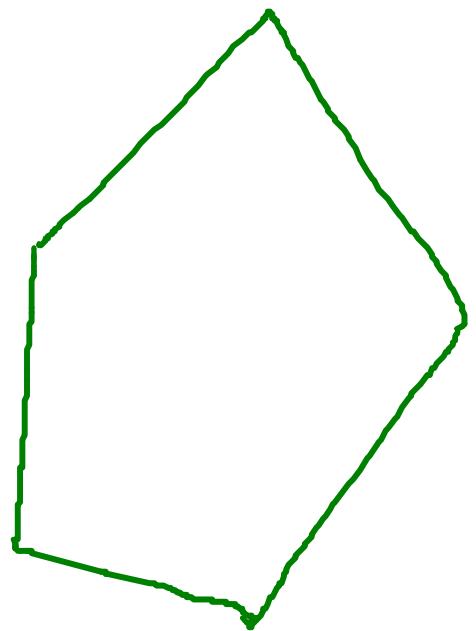
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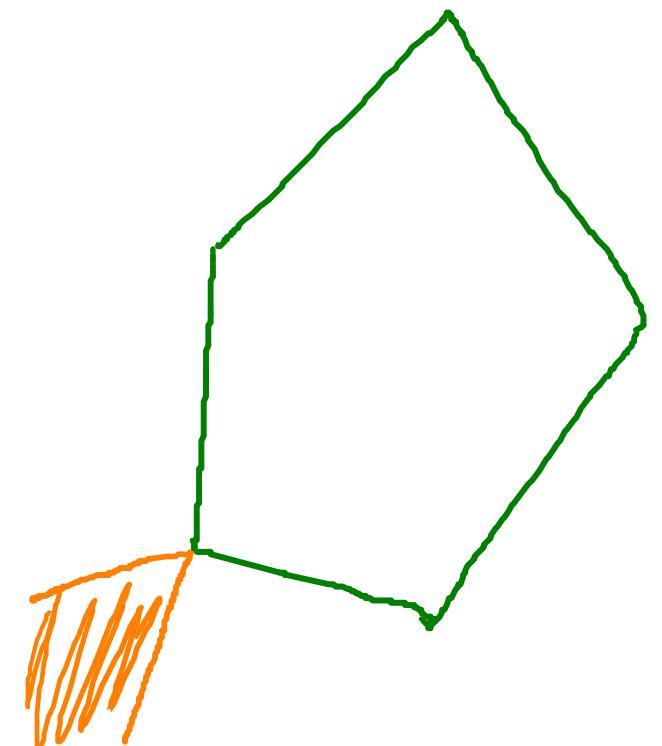
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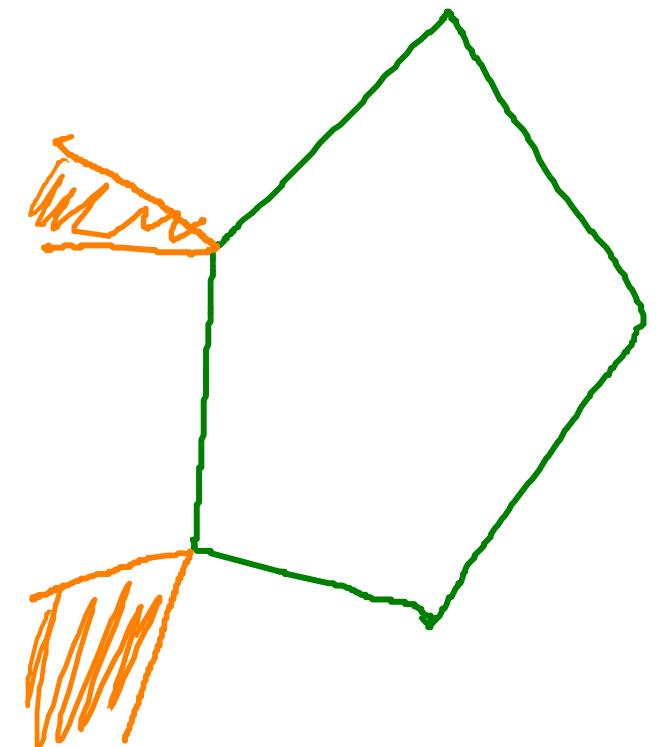
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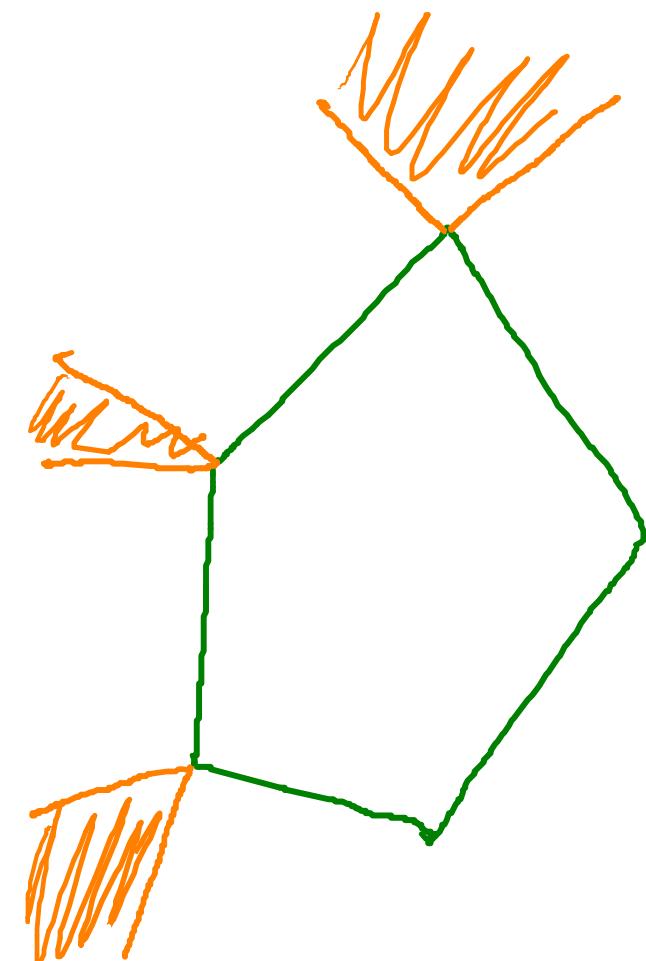
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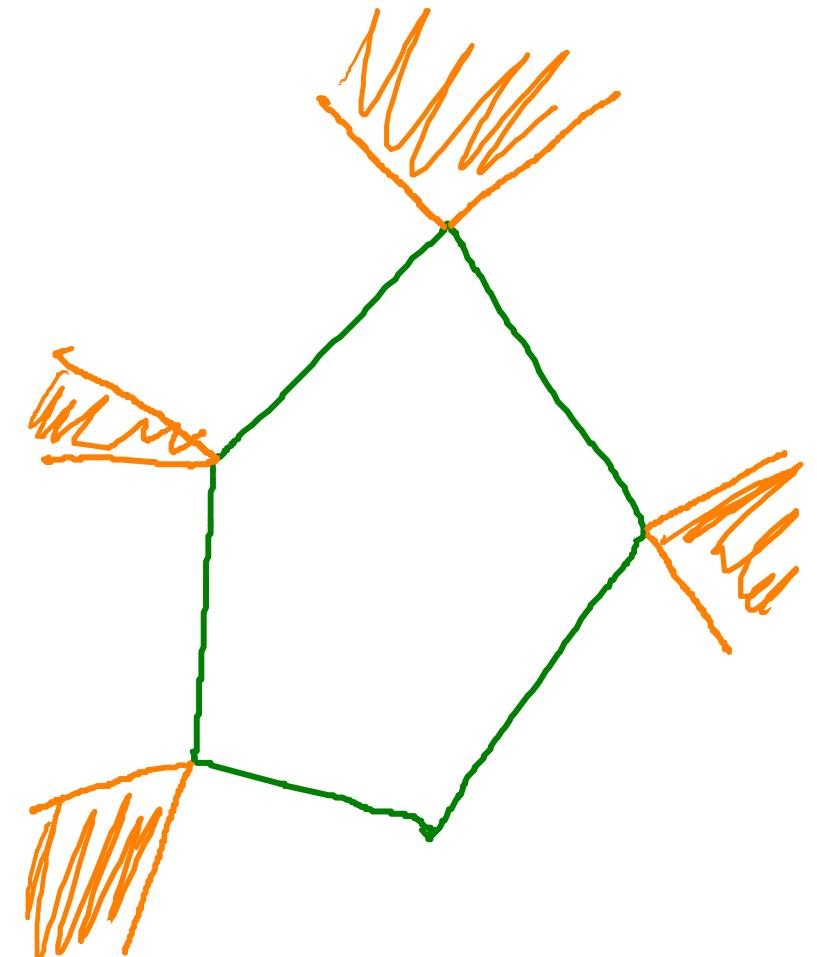
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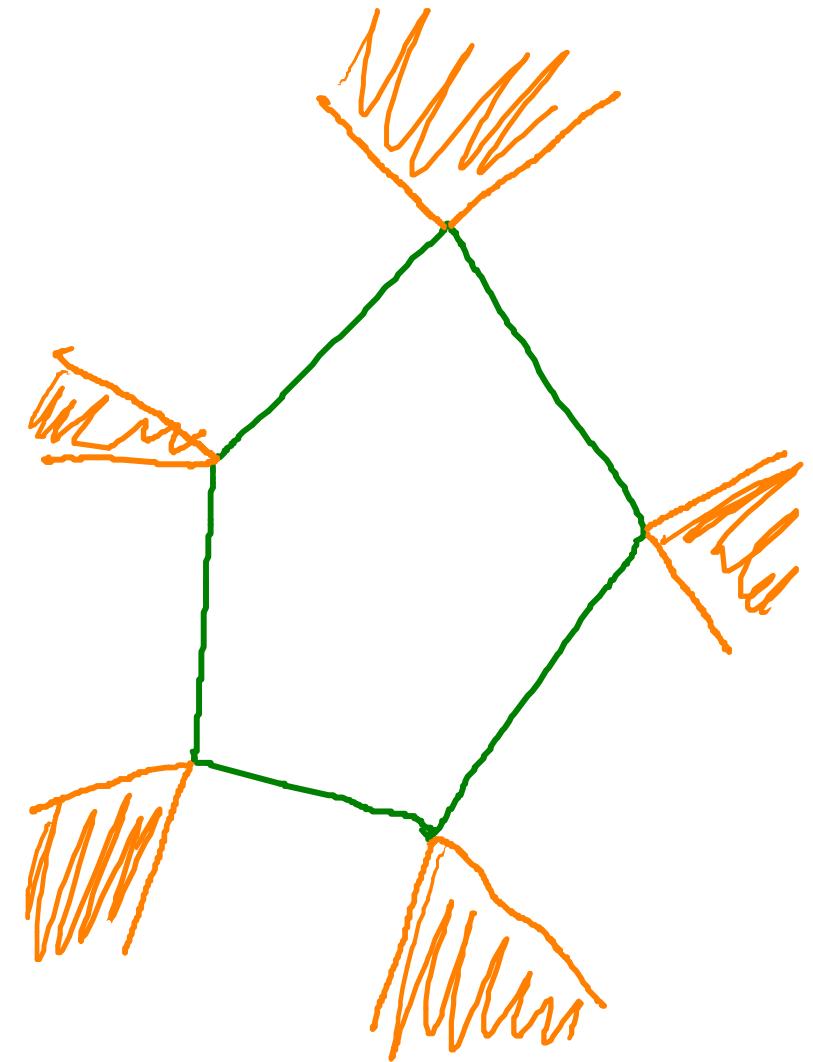
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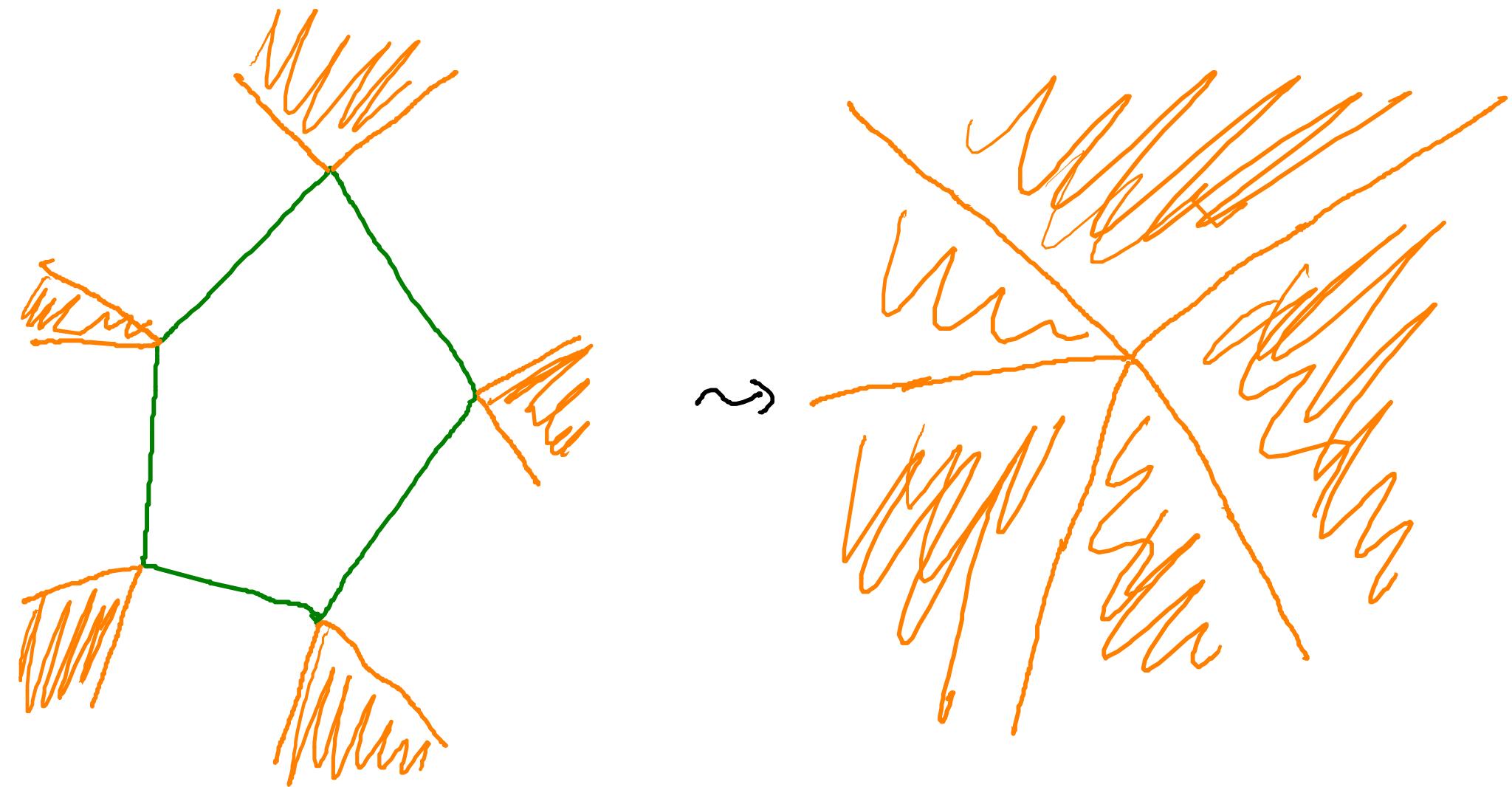
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